

MARVEL COMICS PROUDLY PRESENTS:

FRANK CASTLE WAS A DECORATED MARINE, AN UPSTANDING CITIZEN, AND A FAMILY MAN. THEN HIS FAMILY WAS TAKEN FROM HIM WHEN THEY WERE ACCIDENTALLY KILLED IN A BRUTAL MOB HIT. FROM THAT DAY, HE BECAME A FORCE OF COLD, CALCULATED RETRIBUTION AND VIGILANTISM. FRANK CASTLE DIED WITH HIS FAMILY. NOW, THERE IS ONLY...

# THE PUNISHER

FRANK CASTLE in  
**WORLD WAR FRANK**  
part one

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DURING THE SECRET EMPIRE, THE DECEPTIVE EVIL STEVE ROGERS  
CONSPIRITED THE PUNISHER TO UNKNOWINGLY DO HIS DIRTY  
WORK. AFTER, FRANK GOT HIS HANDS ON A WAR MACHINE ARMOR AND TRIED  
TO PAY FOR HIS ACTIONS BY TAKING OUT EVIL STEVE. HE NO LONGER HAS  
THE ARMOR, BUT THE MISSION TO ATONE FOR HIS ROLE IN HYDRA NATION—AS WELL AS THE  
TASTE THE WAR MACHINE ARMOR GAVE HIM FOR BIGGER GAME—REMAIN.

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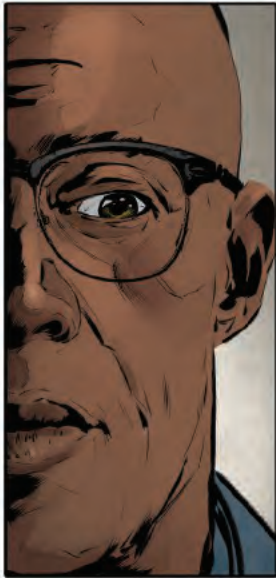
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ZURICH,  
SWITZERLAND.



THIS IS  
PREPOSTEROUS.  
WE'RE LEAVING.



MY APOLOGIES  
FOR THE WAIT,  
AMBASSADOR  
FOUREL. MY  
NAME IS GARRON  
WINSLOW.

I'M NOT SURE  
IF YOU REMEMBER  
ME, WE MET A FEW  
YEARS BACK  
DURING THAT WHOLE  
UNFORTUNATE  
MAKLIAN  
INCIDENT.



OH...  
YES, I  
REMEMBER  
YOU.

AS I TOLD  
YOUR PERSON  
ON THE PHONE,  
NEITHER  
I NOR THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENT  
WOULD  
EVER STOOP TO  
NEGOTIATING  
WITH  
TERRORISTS.

YOU WILL  
GIVE US BACK  
OUR SHIP AND ITS  
CREW, UNHARMED.  
THAT IS OUR  
UNALTERABLE  
POSITION.



I'M AFRAID  
YOU HAVE  
MISUNDERSTOOD  
A FEW THINGS,  
AMBASSADOR  
FOUREL.

FIRST, I AM  
NOT A **TERRORIST**,  
AS YOU SO HUMOROUSLY  
IMPLIED. I AM A DIPLOMATIC  
AMBASSADOR, LIKE  
YOURSELF, FROM THE  
NATION OF BAGALIA.

SECOND,  
WE KNOW  
NOTHING ABOUT  
YOUR MISSING  
SHIP.



AND FINALLY,  
I AM NOT THE  
PERSON YOU ARE  
HERE TO SPEAK  
WITH.

BUT  
HERE HE  
IS NOW.



WHAT THE BLOODY HELL?! TRYING TO TRICK ME INTO MEETING WITH BARON ZEMO?

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? WE'RE DONE HERE.

THAT IS QUITE UNFORTUNATE, AMBASSADOR FOUREL. I REALLY THOUGHT WE COULD BE FRIENDS.

WE SHARE SO MANY INTERESTS.



I ALSO LOVE SKIING IN THE FRENCH ALPS, FOR EXAMPLE.

IT'S SUCH A DANGEROUS HOBBY, THOUGH.

THAT'S WHERE YOUR FAMILY IS RIGHT NOW, NO?



I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THEM. THEY'RE OFF THE MOUNTAIN ALREADY.

I BELIEVE THEY JUST STOPPED INTO LA TABLE DU 20. THE ORANGE SORBET THERE IS A FAVORITE OF MINE.



WHAT DO YOU WANT? YOU KNOW I CAN'T ALLOW HYDRA INTO MY COUNTRY, ZEMO.

FIRST OF ALL, DAVID, I'M NOT YOUR OLD COLLEGE FLATMATE OR DRINKING BUDDY. YOU WILL ADDRESS ME AS BARON ZEMO.

AS TO YOUR QUESTION, I CAN ASSURE YOU HYDRA HAS NO INTEREST IN THE SETTING SUN THAT IS THE BRITISH "EMPIRE." I'M HERE TO TALK BUSINESS.



THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEW RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY IN THE DOCKLANDS AREA OF LONDON THAT, FOR REASONS I CAN'T BEGIN TO GUESS AT, HAS BEEN HELD UP FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

DOCKLANDS... YOU MEAN THE ROXXON FACILITY? WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO--

IF YOU USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO HELP MAKE THIS FACILITY A REALITY, I WOULD USE MY NOT-INCONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE TO SEE IF I COULD FIND YOUR MISSING SHIP'S CREW...



I WOULDN'T HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE FOR THE SHIP OR CARGO, THOUGH. YOU KNOW HOW THOSE PIRATES ARE.

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK.

ROXXON

HEY! WHAT THE HELL?! YOU AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE HERE FOR ANOTHER TWO HOURS!

EASY, BIG MAN. YOU'RE MAD BECAUSE WE'RE EARLY?

WE HAVE SECURITY PROTOCOLS TO MAINTAIN. DOCKING CLEARANCES TO FOLLOW. PALMS TO GREASE. SNEAKING CARGO OFF A HIJACKED FREIGHTER ISN'T EASY AND YOU HYDRA GUYS--



BLAAM



WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! TELL THEM TO GET ZEMO'S CRATE IN THE S.U.V. NOW!



IN! IN! IN!



IT'S LOADED, WE'RE LEAVING.

SIR, WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE CARGO? AND THE MEN?

**BOOM!!!**



##\$%! THEM.



THIS IS SECURITY OFFICER VEDHA. THE PACKAGE IS SECURED BUT WE RAN INTO SOME COMPLICATIONS.





WE'RE GOING TO NEED A CLEANUP TEAM AT THE DOCKS.

I WANT SECURITY AT THE FACILITY ON HIGH ALERT.

ALL PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR OUR TWO I.D.-TAGGED SECURITY CARS WERE LEFT--

UMM... SIR?



WHO'S DRIVING THAT TRUCK?



ATTENTION, DRIVER OF THE ROXXON TRUCK, THIS IS ARJUN VEDHA, HEAD OF ROXXON SECURITY.

THAT TRUCK WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE THE DOCKS. IDENTIFY YOURSELF.



YOU KNOW WHO I AM.