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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

DAREDEVIL

NEW YORK CITY HAS A NEW MAYOR – *WILSON FISK*, FORMERLY THE KINGPIN OF CRIME.

FISK'S FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION IN HIS NEW POSITION? OUTLAWING ANY AND ALL COSTUMED VIGILANTES. HIS SECOND? APPOINTING *MATT MURDOCK*, A.K.A. DAREDEVIL, AS HIS DEPUTY MAYOR.

HIS VICTORY WAS SHORT-LIVED, HOWEVER, AS THE DEADLY NINJA CLAN *THE HAND* HAS LAUNCHED THEIR LATEST ASSAULT ON MANHATTAN, AND AFTER ONE OF THEIR BRUTAL ATTACKS LEFT FISK IN CRITICAL CONDITION, MURDOCK FOUND HIMSELF SUDDENLY PROMOTED...TO MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY!

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THE MAYORAL ADMINISTRATION OF MATTHEW MURDOCK.

Hour Two.

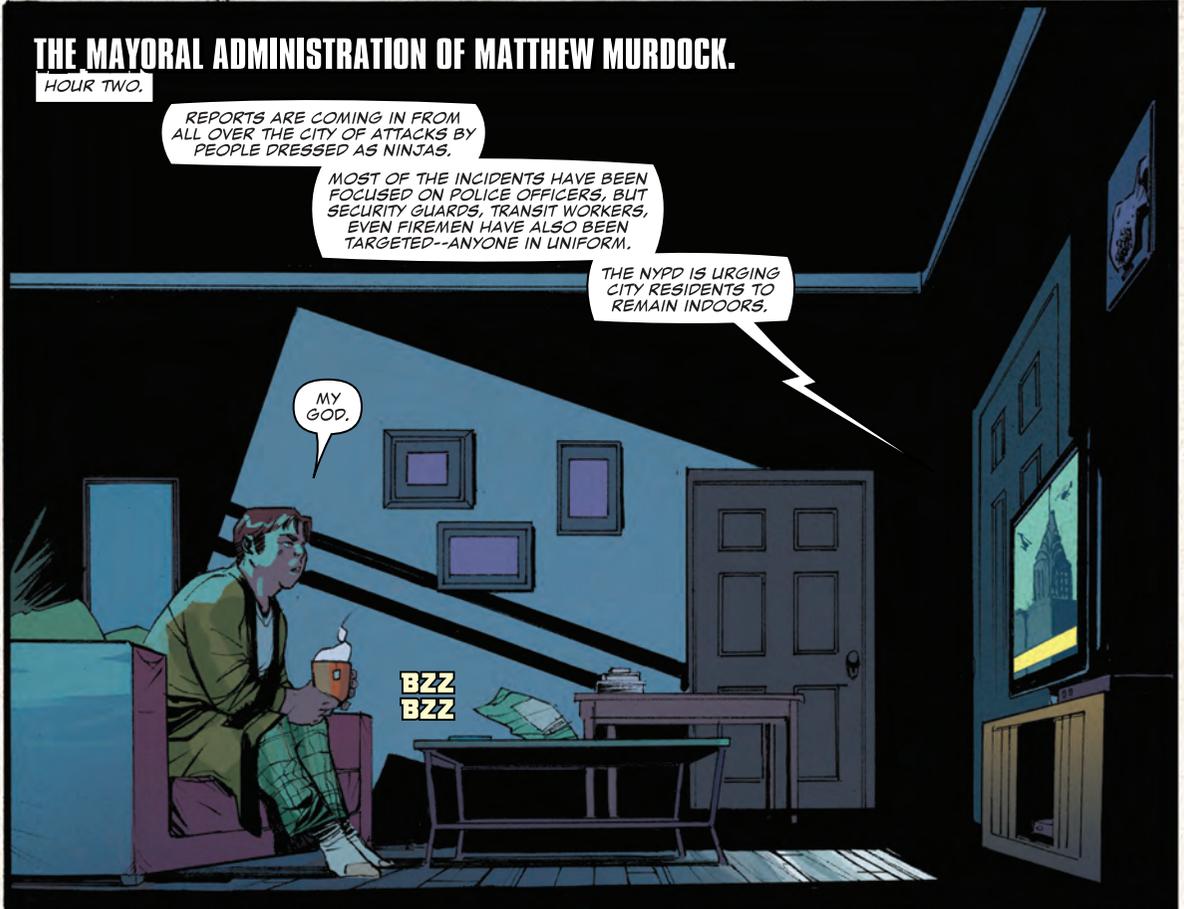
REPORTS ARE COMING IN FROM ALL OVER THE CITY OF ATTACKS BY PEOPLE DRESSED AS NINJAS.

MOST OF THE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON POLICE OFFICERS, BUT SECURITY GUARDS, TRANSIT WORKERS, EVEN FIREMEN HAVE ALSO BEEN TARGETED--ANYONE IN UNIFORM.

THE NYPD IS URGING CITY RESIDENTS TO REMAIN INDOORS.

MY GOD.

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ACTING MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY MATT MURDOCK HAS YET TO ISSUE A STATEMENT.

Matt Murdock



THE CITY IS ON THE VERGE OF PANIC, AND AT THIS POINT WE'RE NOT SURE--

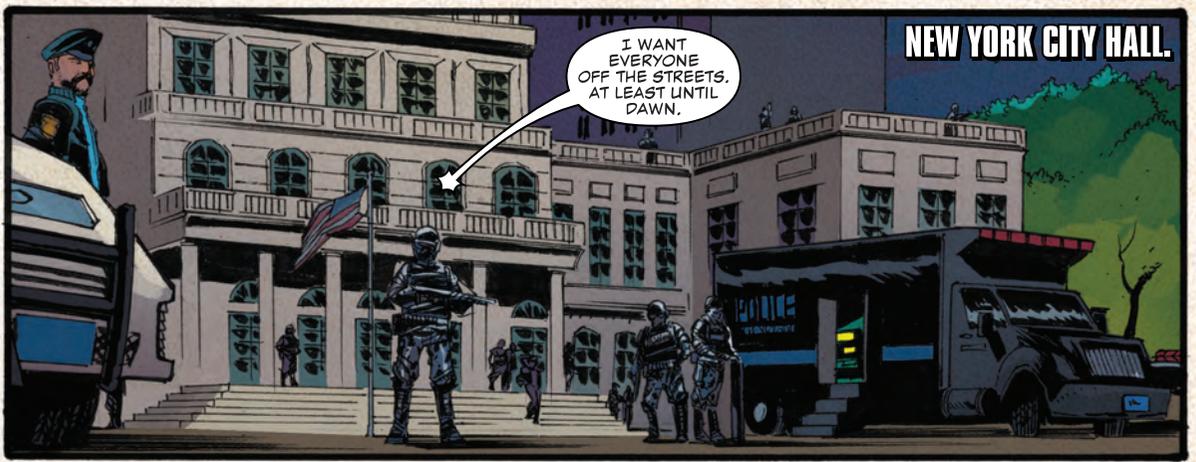
MATT... WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?

FOGGY, YOU REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT IF I NEEDED YOU, I'D CALL?



I'M CALLING.





NEW YORK CITY HALL.

I WANT EVERYONE OFF THE STREETS. AT LEAST UNTIL DAWN.



THE HAND WORKS IN THE DARK. MOSTLY. THE CITY SHOULD BE SAFER IN THE DAYTIME, PROBABLY.

MR. MAYOR, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPULSE, BUT NEW YORK CITY IS A 24-HOUR OPERATION.



ALL SORTS OF BUSINESSES, FROM BODEGAS TO BARS, STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT... THEN YOU'VE GOT HOSPITALS, ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES... SANITATION'S ABOUT TO START THEIR SHIFT.

FEW MORE HOURS AND WE'VE GOT KIDS GOING TO SCHOOL, NOT TO MENTION EVERY OTHER WORKPLACE IN THE CITY OPENING UP.



THE MAYOR CAN CLOSE THE SCHOOLS-- IT HAPPENS ON SNOW DAYS. LET'S DO THAT. THAT'LL KEEP KIDS HOME.

WITH JUST A FEW HOURS' NOTICE? PARENTS WILL HATE THAT.

I DON'T CARE, I'M NOT RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION, AND TO THE KIDS...



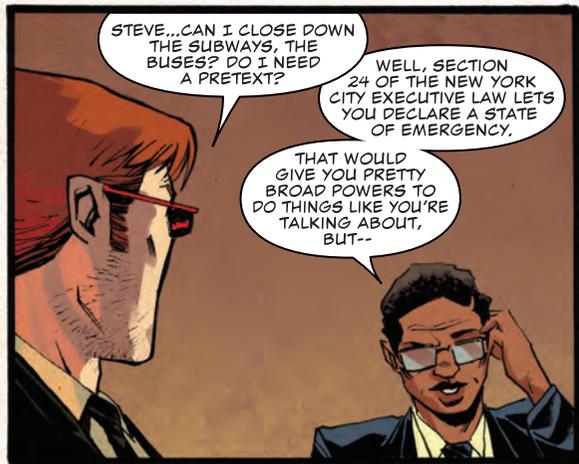
...HELL, I'LL BE A SUPER HERO.



WHAT ELSE? WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE JUST STAY HOME? STAY SAFE?

THESE ARE NEW YORKERS. YOU CAN'T MAKE THEM DO ANYTHING.

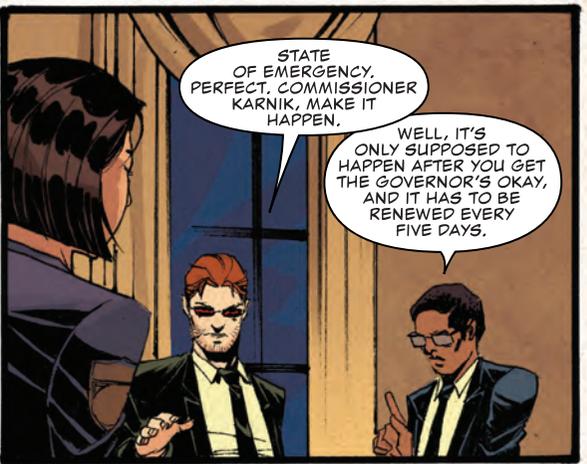
GOOD POINT, COMMISSIONER. I CAN'T STOP PEOPLE FROM GOING OUTSIDE, BUT MAYBE I CAN MAKE IT DIFFICULT.



STEVE...CAN I CLOSE DOWN THE SUBWAYS, THE BUSES? DO I NEED A PRETEXT?

WELL, SECTION 24 OF THE NEW YORK CITY EXECUTIVE LAW LETS YOU DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

THAT WOULD GIVE YOU PRETTY BROAD POWERS TO DO THINGS LIKE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT--



STATE OF EMERGENCY. PERFECT. COMMISSIONER KARNIK, MAKE IT HAPPEN.

WELL, IT'S ONLY SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN AFTER YOU GET THE GOVERNOR'S OKAY, AND IT HAS TO BE RENEWED EVERY FIVE DAYS.



A NINJA CLAN IS TARGETING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN OUR CITY, STEVE. WAKE UP THE GOVERNOR.

IN THE MEANTIME, SHUT DOWN ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND ISSUE A STATEMENT URGING PEOPLE TO STAY HOME.

WE'LL REVISIT THE ISSUE ONCE WE KNOW IT'S SAFE.

AND IF THIS LASTS MORE THAN FIVE DAYS...I THINK WE'LL HAVE BIGGER PROBLEMS.



MR. MAYOR, YOUR VISITOR IS HERE. FOGGY NELSON.

UH...HEY, EVERYONE.

EXCELLENT.

