

AS A CHILD, JESSICA DREW FELL ILL WITH A FATAL DISEASE. TO SAVE HER LIFE, HER SCIENTIST-FATHER INJECTED HER WITH A SERUM OF SPIDER BLOOD. THE INJECTION WORKED, BUT IT ALSO GAVE HER UNBELIEVABLE SPIDER-LIKE POWERS. WITH THIS POWER, JESSICA BECAME

SPIDER-WOMAN

JESSICA DREW QUIT THE AVENGERS TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE AND HELP NORMAL PEOPLE.

FIRST UP? ACE-REPORTER BEN URICH, WHO NEEDED AN ASSIST FINDING THE MISSING FAMILIES OF A NUMBER OF SUPER VILLAINS. ONE OF THOSE VILLAINS? ROGER GOCKING, AKA PORCUPINE. TURNS OUT HE'S NOT SUCH A BAD GUY, AFTER ALL.

NOW, SHE, BEN, AND ROGER ARE ON THE ROAD, STRIKING OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, LOOKING FOR A CASE OR TWO MORE.

BEFORE THE END OF THE WORLD, THAT IS.

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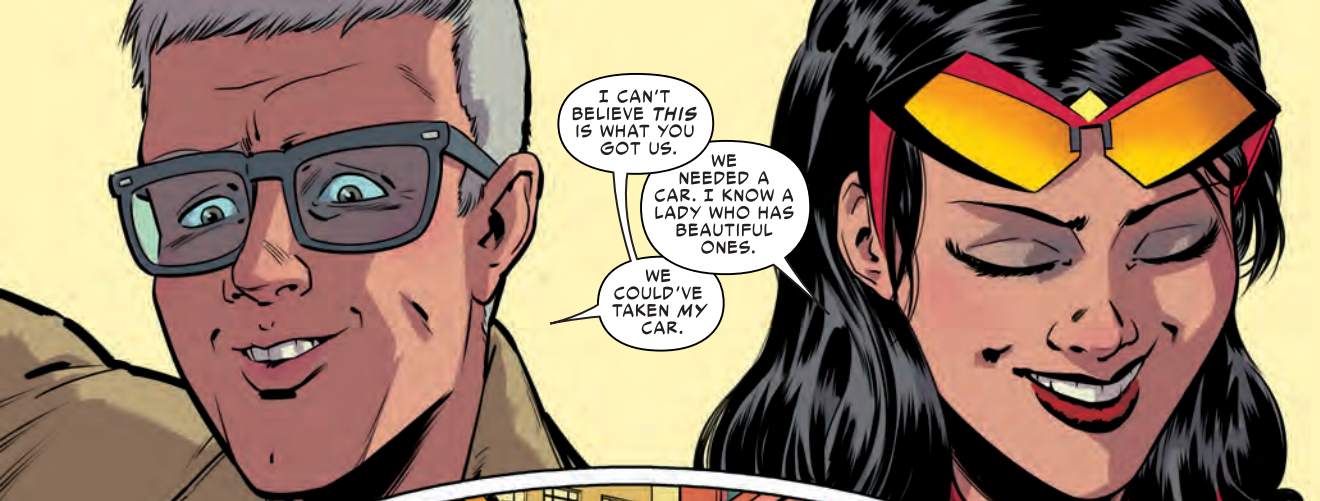
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I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT YOU GOT US.

WE NEEDED A CAR. I KNOW A LADY WHO HAS BEAUTIFUL ONES.

WE COULD'VE TAKEN MY CAR.



YOU STILL CAN. I'M TAKING THIS.

IT'S JUST SO... CONSPICUOUS.

ARE WE PLANNING ON HIDING?

YOU NEED TO QUIT THINKING OF ME AS PHILLIP MARLOWE.

JESSICA DREW?



THANKS.

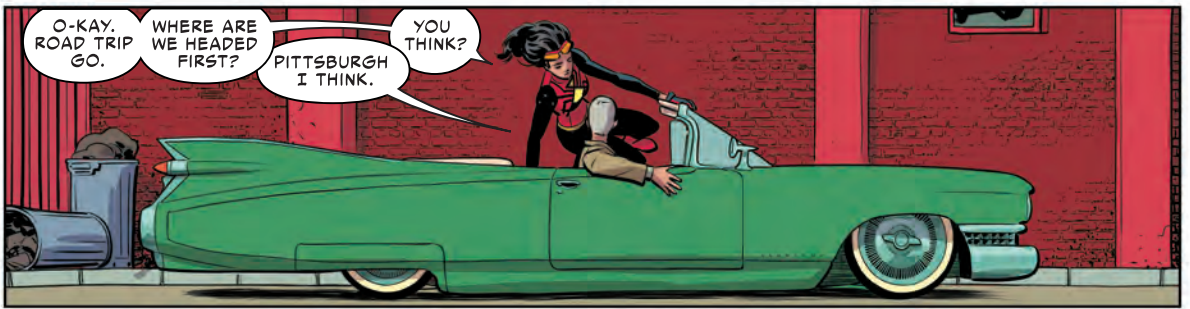
I'M A SUPER HERO, URICH.

A SUPER HERO WHOSE SECRET IDENTITY...

...CLEARLY ISN'T FARING WELL IN THIS...

...INTERNET AGE.

SLAM



O-KAY. ROAD TRIP GO.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED FIRST?

PITTSBURGH I THINK.

YOU THINK?



URICH, WHERE ARE THE CASE FILES?

THEY'LL BE HERE SHORTLY.

PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T--



I'M COMING! I'M COMING!

STOPPED TO PICK UP SOME ROAD GRUB.

SORRY.

NO YOU AREN'T SORRY.



WELL, HOW'S PORCUPINE SUPPOSED TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF IF YOU DON'T SHOW HIM HOW?

SHUT UP.



A WEEK ON THE ROAD! SOLVING CASES! PUNCHING NOSES IN SERVICE TO THE COMMON MAN!

HONORED JUST TO BE INVITED, MAN.

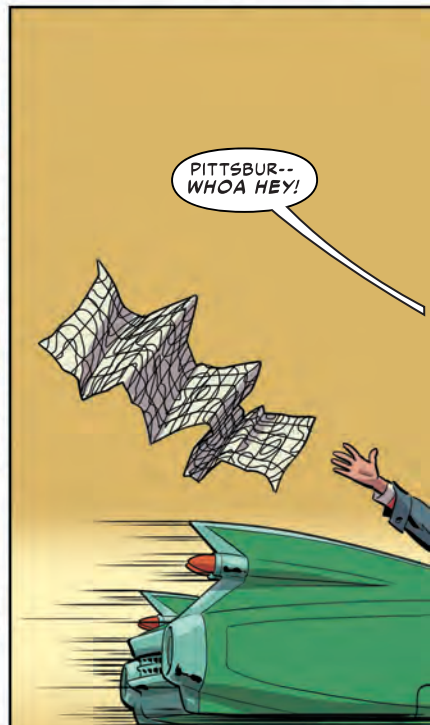
WHICH IS WHY I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT STUDYING THE CASE FILES AND DRAWING US UP A ROUTE.



IT'LL BE FINE.

GRRMMBBLL...

NEXT STOP...



PITTSBUR-- WHOA HEY!

Lazy River Retirement Home--
Outside Pittsburgh, PA.
Multiple incidents of savagely violent
assaults in the vicinity (according to
eyewitnesses) perpetrated by elderly
residents. Homicidal rage? Local
police uncooperative.

OKAY,
MASTER P. TIME
TO TAKE YOUR WEAK
SAUCE B-MOVIE
DOOMSDAY
PLOT--

--AND
CRAM IT UP
YOUR HELL
HO--

OUCH!

YOUR
DISGUSTING--

--STINK-
MOUTHED HAND
DEMON--

SMACK

--BIT
ME ON
MY--

KRAS

--FACE
MEAT!

THUD

GAH!
GRANNY,
NO!

NOW
I KNOW
HOW THIS
LOOKS
BUT...

JUST GET
IN THE CAR,
ROGER.





Blarney Island at Grass Lake. Antioch, IL. A string of college student drownings and other drug-related deaths. Unsubstantiated reports of someone called The Blue Man "washing minds away" with his "Clearwater." Local cops calling it Urban Legend.

