

THE UNBELIEVABLE GWENPOOL

YO, TRUE BELIEVERS, IT'S **GWEN POOLE**: NEWLY MINTED MEMBER OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE AND MEGA-RELUCTANT M.O.D.O.K. HENCHMAN!

IT TURNS OUT THE FIRST FEW WEEKS AS "LACKEY OF EVIL" IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS ANY OTHER CRAPPY SUMMER JOB...WEIRD CO-WORKERS, LOTS OF PAPERWORK AND A POWER-TRIPPING BOSS.

EXCEPT THE CO-WORKER IS MY CO-HENCHMAN **BATROC**, WHO CAUGHT ONTO MY SECRET IDENTITY (NO-POWERS MCGEE), AND THE PAPERWORK IS REVEALING THAT I'M NOT TECHNICALLY FROM THIS DIMENSION. LUCKILY, **DOCTOR STRANGE** DID ME A SERIOUS SOLID AND WORKED SOME OF HIS SOCIAL SECURITY SORCERY--AND NOW, AS FAR AS ANYONE IS CONCERNED, IT'S LIKE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE. TOTALLY NORMAL.

BUT YOU KNOW WHO HATES NORMAL? NONE OTHER THAN THE POWER-TRIPPING-EST BOSS OF ALL BOSSES: **M.O.D.O.K.!**



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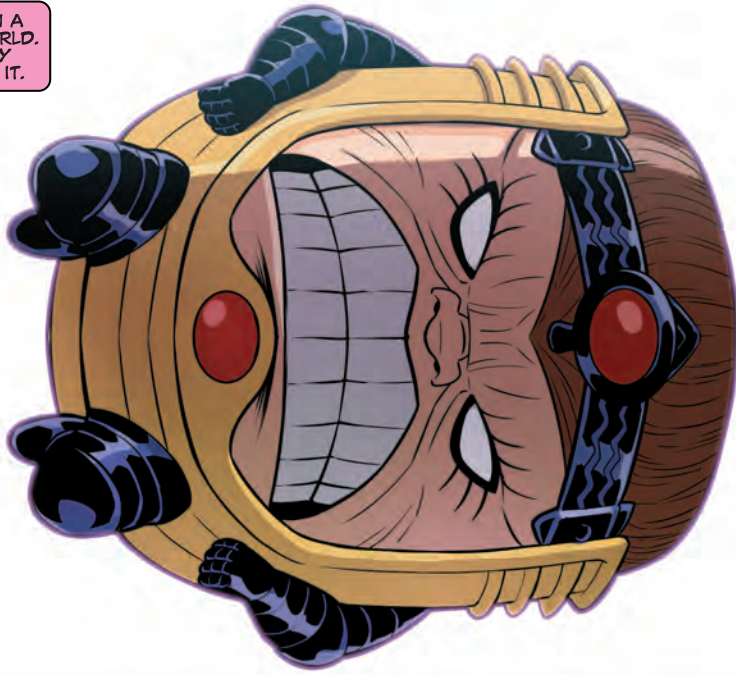
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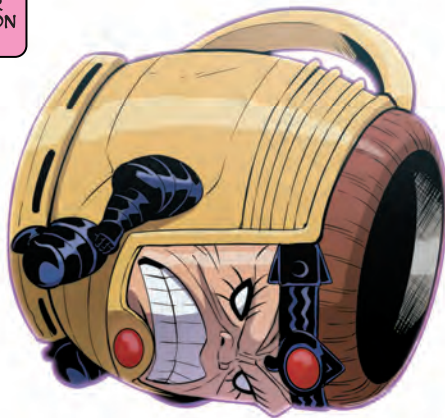
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I'M LIVING IN A
FICTIONAL WORLD.
I'M NEARLY
POSITIVE OF IT.



HERE, SUPER HEROES AND
SUPER VILLAINS FIGHT OVER
THE SAME FIVE-ISH THINGS ON
A PRETTY REGULAR BASIS:

-POWER
-LOVE
-INFINITY GEMS
-MONEY
-MISCELLANY



IT'S A SCARY PLACE
FOR A NORMAL PERSON
WITH NO POWERS.



BUT I THINK
I'M GETTING
THE HANG OF IT.



TRES BIEN, GWEN. YOU APPEAR TO HAVE A KNACK FOR FIREARMS...

WORD UP!

...IF YOUR TARGET IS STATIONARY, OR ON AN EASILY TRACKABLE PATH, AND YOU ARE ALSO STATIONARY, WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO AIM.

IT'S A START.

IT IS. IT IS.



YOUR HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT IS STILL, HOWEVER...

HYAH! HEY! WHAT?

...ZE WORST.

GHOEK



WE HAVE A TEAM MEETING SOON, AND PRESUMABLY AN ASSIGNMENT.

WE WILL RESUME TRAINING LATER, BUT IF ON THIS MISSION YOU ARE FORCED INTO CLOSE QUARTERS COMBAT UNDERSTAND YOU ARE MOST LIKELY COMPLETELY OUTMATCHED.

FIGHT DIRTY.

GOUGE EYES. DESTROY... CROTCHES. USE ZE EXPLOSIVES YOU LIKE SO MUCH.

NICE.

I SHOULD'NT HAVE WASTED TIME TEACHING YOU LEG SWEEPS FIRST.

BUT THEY'RE SO FUN!

ZUT!

I STARTED OUT THINKING I WAS THE HERO. I HAD TO BE, RIGHT? WE'RE ALL THE PROTAGONISTS IN OUR OWN STORIES!

BUT THROUGH NO FAULT OF MY OWN, I ENDED UP WORKING FOR M.O.D.O.K. AND HIS MERCENARY ORGANIZATION.

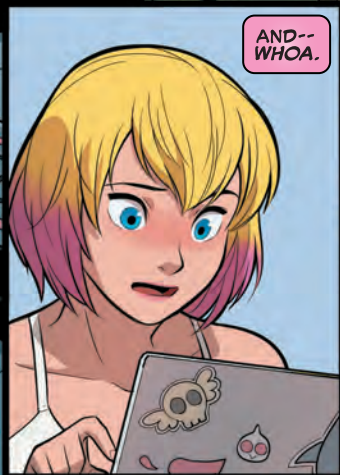


A HENCHMAN. NOT THE HERO.

BUT IT PAYS PRETTY WELL! I MEAN, ONCE I WAS ABLE TO SET UP A BANK ACCOUNT IN THE SUPER HERO WORLD.



LOOK AT ALL THESE GUNS AND STUFF I CAN GET.



AND-- WHOA.

Date	Description	Debit	Credit
11/20/2016	BIG RONNIES CSTM	\$500,000.00	
11/18/2016	LUIGI'S	\$20.00	
11/14/2016	NOT JUST GUNS	\$2540.00	
11/08/2016	NOTHING BUT SWORDS	\$140.00	

\$0.09
Closing Bank Balance

I SEE BANKS WORK THE SAME HERE AS THEY DO IN THE REAL WORLD.

TIME TO EARN SOME MORE MERC BUCKS.

THERE'S A ROGUE DETACHMENT OF ATLANTEANS WHO HAVE BEGUN DIGGING AN UNDERWATER TUNNEL BENEATH MANHATTAN.

APPARENTLY THEY'VE PICKED A SPOT THAT'S TECHNICALLY PORT AUTHORITY PROPERTY, WHICH MEANS NEW YORK CITY CAN'T JUST DEAL WITH IT.

AND BECAUSE THEY'RE ATLANTEANS, THERE COULD BE A WHOLE DIPLOMATIC ISSUE...

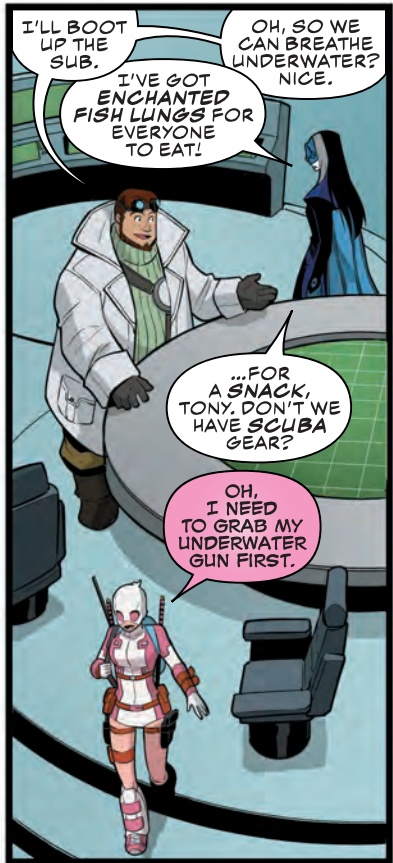
SO THE CLIENT WOULD LIKE US TO JUST GO IN THERE AND KILL THEM.



AH, MY SPECIALTIES--
(KICKS)

--DO NOT WORK SO WELL UNDERWATER.

USE A GUN, BATROC. I KNOW YOU KNOW HOW.



I'LL BOOT UP THE SUB.

I'VE GOT ENCHANTED FISH LUNGS FOR EVERYONE TO EAT!

OH, SO WE CAN BREATHE UNDERWATER? NICE.

...FOR A SNACK, TONY, DON'T WE HAVE SCUBA GEAR?

OH, I NEED TO GRAB MY UNDERWATER GUN FIRST.



GWEN, YOU WON'T BE GOING.

WHAT?



BUT WE NEED--

YOU'LL BE FINE! HAVE A GOOD ASSASSINATION!

GWEN, PLEASE SIT.