

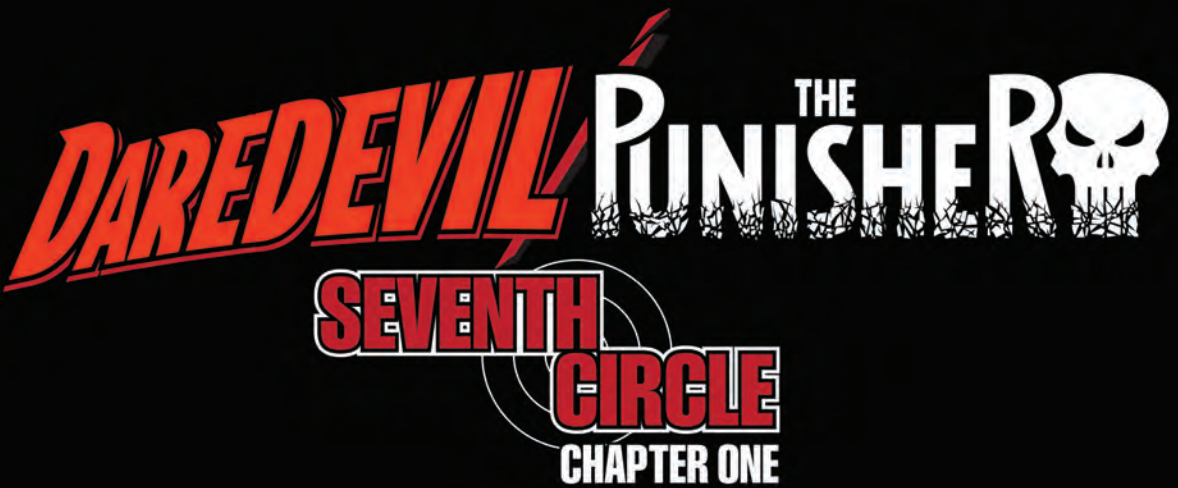
BLINDED IN A FREAK ACCIDENT AS A CHILD, ATTORNEY MATT MURDOCK GAINED HEIGHTENED SENSES, ALLOWING HIM TO FIGHT CRIME AS DAREDEVIL.

WHEN HIS FAMILY WAS MURDERED BY THE MOB, FORMER SOLDIER FRANK CASTLE RENOUNCED EVERYTHING EXCEPT VENGEANCE, BECOMING THE VIGILANTE KNOWN AS THE PUNISHER.

DAREDEVIL **THE PUNISHER**

SEVENTH CIRCLE

CHAPTER ONE



PROSECUTOR MATT MURDOCK ARRANGED FOR GANGSTER SERGEY ANTONOV'S TRANSFER TO TEXAS, AS THE ACCUSED COULDN'T GET A FAIR TRIAL IN NEW YORK CITY. BUT A FAIR TRIAL BECAME THE LEAST OF THE GANGSTER'S WORRIES WHEN THE PUNISHER ATTACKED HIS PRISON TRANSPORT!

DAREDEVIL AND HIS NEW PROTÉGÉ BLINDSPOT RESCUED ANTONOV AND NARROWLY ESCAPED CASTLE'S GRASP. NOW THE HEROES ARE BACK ON THE MOVE, AND IT'S THE PUNISHER WHO'S CAUGHT IN THE CROSSHAIRS...

WRITER CHARLES SOULE LAYOUTS MAST

PENCILS & INKS SZYMON KUDRANSKI COLORS JIM CHARALAMPIDIS

LETTERER VC'S CLAYTON COWLES

PRODUCTION ANNIE CHENG PRODUCTION MANAGER TIM SMITH 3

**ASSISTANT EDITOR CHARLES BEACHAM EDITOR JAKE THOMAS EDITOR IN CHIEF AXEL ALONSO
CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER JOE QUESADA PUBLISHER DAN BUCKLEY EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ALAN FINE**

DAREDEVIL/PUNISHER: SEVENTH CIRCLE No. 3, September 2016. Published Monthly by MARVEL WORLDWIDE, INC., a subsidiary of MARVEL ENTERTAINMENT, L.L.C. OFFICE OF PUBLICATION: 135 West 50th Street, New York, NY 10020. BULK MAIL POSTAGE PAID AT NEW YORK, NY AND AT ADDITIONAL MAILING OFFICES. © 2016 MARVEL. No similarity between any of the names, characters, persons, and/or institutions in this magazine with those of any living or dead person or institution is intended, and any such similarity which may exist is purely coincidental. \$4.99 per copy in the U.S. (GST #R127032852) in the direct market; Canadian Agreement #40668537. Printed in the USA. Subscription rate (U.S. dollars) for 12 issues: U.S. \$26.99; Canada \$42.99; Foreign \$42.99. POSTMASTER: SEND ALL ADDRESS CHANGES TO DAREDEVIL/PUNISHER: SEVENTH CIRCLE, C/O MARVEL SUBSCRIPTIONS P.O. BOX 727 NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11040. TELEPHONE # (888) 511-5480. FAX # (347) 537-2549. subscriptions@marvel.com. ALAN FINE, President, Marvel Entertainment; DAN BUCKLEY, President, TV, Publishing & Brand Management; JOE QUESADA, Chief Creative Officer; TOM BREVOORT, SVP of Publishing; DAVID BOGART, SVP of Business Affairs & Operations, Publishing & Partnership; C.B. CEBULSKI, VP of Brand Management & Development, Asia; DAVID GABRIEL, SVP of Sales & Marketing, Publishing; JEFF YOUNGQUIST, VP of Production & Special Projects; DAN CARR, Executive Director of Publishing Technology; ALEX MORALES, Director of Publishing Operations; SUSAN CRÉSPI, Production Manager; STAN LEE, Chairman Emeritus. For information regarding advertising in Marvel Comics or on Marvel.com, please contact Vit DeBellis, Integrated Sales Manager, at vdebells@marvel.com. For Marvel subscription inquiries, please call 888-511-5480. Manufactured between 06/10/2016 and 06/20/2016 by FRY COMMUNICATIONS, MECHANICSBURG, PA, USA.



I MEAN IT, CASTLE! DOWN ON THE GROUND OR WE SHOOT!



YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION HERE.

DEADLY FORCE IS AUTHORIZED, WHETHER YOU DRAW ON US OR NOT.



NYPD HAS YOU ON OUR MOST-WANTED LIST--YOU'RE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AT ALL TIMES. AN ACTIVE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

JUST LIE DOWN AND LET US TAKE YOU IN. YOU HAVE UNTIL THE COUNT OF THREE.

ONE!

HNH.

TWO!



THREE!



LIGHT HIM UP!



ALL RIGHT, HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO THIS?



WE NEED TO GET ANTONOV TO THE AIRPORT BEFORE THE PUNISHER MANAGES TO KILL HIM.

BUT YOU KNOW HE'LL FIGHT US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

YOU'RE SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO CALL THE COPS TO TAKE HIM?

POSITIVE, I WON'T PUT ANYONE ELSE IN HARM'S WAY OVER THIS.



BUT... ISN'T THAT THEIR JOB?

ANTONOV IS A CRIMINAL, THE POLICE ARE SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH HIM.

IF IT WERE JUST HIM, THEN YES, BUT IT'S NOT. FRANK CASTLE COMPLICATES THE SITUATION. IF WE HADN'T GOTTEN IN THE PUNISHER'S WAY, ANTONOV WOULD ALREADY BE DEAD.

AND...



...THAT WOULD BE SO BAD?



Right here. Right now. This is possibly my most important moment as a teacher.

YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING TO HIM. PUNISHER'S IN YOUR HEAD.



I'M NOT LISTENING TO HIM... BUT WHAT HE SAID ABOUT EVERYONE ANTONOV HURTS BETWEEN NOW AND THE TRIAL BEING ON OUR HEAD--

THAT'S CASTLE'S JUSTIFICATION. KILL PEOPLE FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE, AND FOR WHAT THEY MIGHT DO. IT'S EASIER FOR HIM. SIMPLER.

BUT THERE'S ANOTHER WAY. IT'S HARDER, BUT IT'S BETTER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



ANTONOV WON'T HURT ANYONE BETWEEN NOW AND HIS TRIAL...



...BECAUSE WE WON'T LET HIM.

BILL A SD
ERE O

BANG

KRCK
KRCK

BANG
BANG

KRCKK
KRCKK

BANG
BANG

KRCK
KRCK
KRCK

