





MANHATTAN

THE ABSORBING MAN IS ONE OF OUR MOST POWERFUL ENEMIES. HIS PRIMARY WEAKNESS IS THAT HE'S STILL A PETTY CRIMINAL AT HEART, MOTIVATED BY GREED AND REVENGE.

IF HE'S SO DANGEROUS, WHY NOT KILL HIM WHILE HE'S HELPLESS?

HELLO, FINESSE...DUE PROCESS OF LAW? YOU DON'T EXECUTE PEOPLE WITHOUT A TRIAL.

NOW THAT'S PRICELESS. REPTIL THINKS WE LIVE IN THE WORLD HE READ ABOUT IN CIVICS CLASS.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HAZMAT, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS STILL MEAN SOMETHING.

BESIDES, I'M NOT SURE HE CAN BE KILLED. THE ABSORBING MAN CAN TAKE ON THE PROPERTIES OF ANYTHING HE TOUCHES. MATTER, ENERGY, MAGIC...

OKAY, BUT WHY DO THEY LET HIM KEEP HIS BALL AND CHAIN? I MEAN, LIKE, MELT IT DOWN OR SOMETHING.

IT'S BEEN TRIED, METTLE. BUT IT'S LIKE AN EXTENSION OF HIS BODY. IT CHANGES AS HE DOES.

HOW DO YOU KNOCK HIM OUT, IF HE CAN ABSORB ANYTHING?

HIS MIND. TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION KEEPS HIM IN A SLEEP STATE. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT LESSON, VEIL.

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW POWERFUL AN OPPONENT IS. IF THEIR MIND IS HUMAN, IT'S THEIR WEAK POINT. AN INCREDIBLY FRAGILE CONSTRUCT THAT CAN BE UTTERLY SHATTERED F...

...IF FORCED TO CONFRONT SOMETHING IT'S NOT EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH.

UHM...DID WE JUST GO OVER A POT HOLE OR IS THAT THING--

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