

AS A CHILD, JESSICA DREW'S FATHER RESCUED HER FROM A FATAL ILLNESS USING A SERUM OF SPIDER BLOOD. THE CONCOCTION NOT ONLY CURED HER, BUT GRANTED HER ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, ENHANCED AGILITY AND SPEED, AND THE ABILITY TO FIRE BIOKINETIC "VENOM BLASTS" FROM HER FINGERTIPS. SHE HAS WORKED AS AN AVENGER, AN AGENT OF HYDRA, AND A SPY, BUT YOU CAN CALL HER...

SPIDER-WOMAN

JESSICA DREW RARELY GETS A BREAK. BEING A SINGLE MOM, A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, AND A SUPER HERO DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH TIME FOR... WELL, ANYTHING.

FORTUNATELY, *DAILY BUGLE* REPORTER BEN URICH AND REFORMED CRIMINAL ROGER GOCKING [A.K.A. THE PORCUPINE] ARE THE BEST BABYSITTERS A GIRL COULD ASK FOR. AND AFTER TAKING HIS OLD PAL THE SANDMAN DOWN ALL BY HIMSELF, ROGER HAS NOT ONLY PROVEN THAT HE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS NOW, BUT ALSO THAT HE CAN HANDLE HIMSELF IN A FIGHT.

BUT IN THE WORLD OF WEB-SLINGING, WALL-CRAWLING, AND SPIDER-SLEUTHING TROUBLE IS NEVER FAR...



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PEOPLE LIKE TO ASK ME HOW I JUGGLE ALL THE DIFFERENT CRAZY IN MY LIFE--

--WITHOUT LOSING MY DAMNED MIND.

THE RESPONSE IS OFTEN A LAZY JOKE, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, GO #5% YOURSELF.

BUT THE TRUTH IS YOU JUST PRETEND THE OTHER JUGGLED BALLS, THE ONES IN THE AIR, HAVE CEASED TO EXIST.

WHICHEVER BALL YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE IN HAND, THAT'S YOUR WHOLE WORLD.

HAS TO BE.

NO WAY I COULD CHASE THIS FROZEN JACKASS ALL OVER HELL RIGHT NOW--

--IF I WERE UP HERE WORRYING ABOUT MY KID'S EAR INFECTION.



WUT?

IN THE SAME WAY THAT TOMORROW MORNING WHEN I'M WATCHING GERRY EAT A SLICE OF CINNAMON TOAST FROM THE MIDDLE OUT...

...I WON'T CARE AT ALL ABOUT THE UNSOLVED CASE FILES BEN KEEPS PILING ON MY DESK.

IT'S A BIT COLD, YEAH. BUT NECESSARY.





IT'S HOW I COPE WITH THE NEVER-ENDING WORKING MOM GUILT.

AND I KNOW I'M LUCKY.

I HAVE ROGER... AND SOMETIMES BEN.

TRUST THOSE GUYS COMPLETELY.

THEY COVER THAT BIT--



--SO I CAN GET THIS ONE.

YOU KNOW WHAT, LADY?

I DO NOT.

THIS WAS A SMASH-AND-GRAB NIGHT. WASN'T PLANNING ON HURTING ANYBODY.

BUT IF IT'S A TUSSELE WITH THE BLIZZARD YOU WANT--



MMM. "WANT" IS A STRONG WORD.

--FEEL THE FROST!

YEAH...
THAT IS TERRIBLY COLD.

BUT SEE, I'VE GOT THAT REAL THICK SUPER HERO SKIN, SO...

THUMPETY THUMP THUMP.

THUMPETY THUMP THUMP.



AW... NUTS.

LOOK AT FROSTY GO!

KRAK

