

CIVIL WAR II

KINGPIN

EARTH'S HEROES RECENTLY PREVENTED A CATAclySMIC EVENT THANKS TO A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES WHO SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO PREDICT THE FUTURE. THOUGH THE JURY'S STILL OUT ON THE MORALITY OF ULYSSES' POWERS, THE HEROES HAVE CRACKED DOWN ON CRIME—PICKING UP WOULD-BE CRIMINALS BEFORE THEY EVEN COMMIT THEIR HEANOUS ACTS.

THIS NEW “PREDICTIVE JUSTICE” HAS MADE IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVEN THE MOST EXPERIENCED CRIMINAL MASTERMINDS TO CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS. BUT FOR SOMEONE AS RESOURCEFUL AS WILSON FISK, A.K.A. THE KINGPIN--NEWLY RETURNED TO MANHATTAN AFTER A STINT AS THE CRIME BOSS OF SAN FRANCISCO--A CIVIL WAR BETWEEN HEROES MEANS OPPORTUNITY...

SHOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK

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"WE ARE EXTRAORDINARY MEN.

"BUT WE ARE CURSED.



"CURSED TO LIVE IN A WORLD THAT HATES AND FEARS THE EXTRAORDINARY.

"THEY ALWAYS OFFERED US THE ILLUSION OF CHOICE...



"BE HUNTED DOWN FOR THE THINGS WE DO.



"OR HIDE.



"BUT EVEN THAT ILLUSION IS GONE NOW.

"AN INHUMAN BOY PULLS OUR NAMES FROM A HAT AND THEN THEY LOCK US UP FOR THINGS HE CLAIMS WE MIGHT DO.



"A REALITY SO BLEAK, SO ORWELLIAN, THAT EVEN SOME OF THEIR OWN CAN'T STOMACH IT. A WAR HAS BROKEN OUT AMONG THEIR RANKS.



"THIS WORLD HAS NEVER BEEN KIND TO US. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN KIND."

"WATCH THE CAR," HE SAYS.

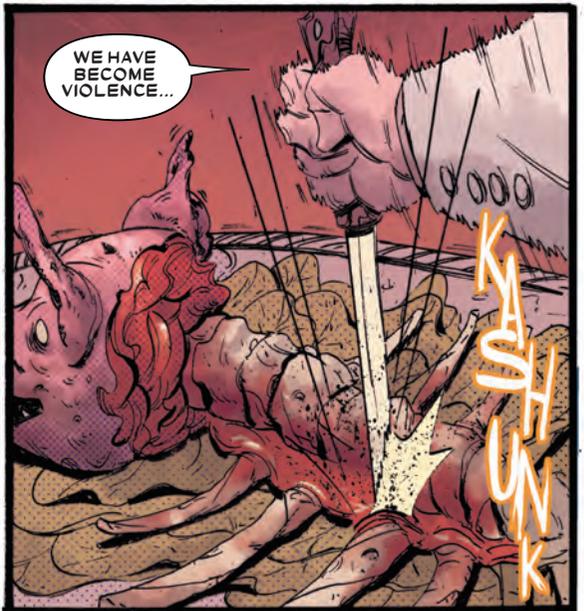


WE HAVE WAVE BEEN TREATED LIKE ANIMALS.



"WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO MAKE DESPERATE CHOICES. VIOLENT CHOICES."

SOMEDAY YOU'LL SHOW ME SOME RESPECT, YOU FAT PIECE OF--



WE HAVE BECOME VIOLENCE...



"BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE."



BUT WE WILL NO LONGER BE DEFINED BY THOSE WHO FEAR US. THOSE WHO FEAR THE EXTRAORDINARY.

FOR TOO LONG, EXTRAORDINARY MEN WOULD NOT DARE TO TAKE WHAT IS THEIRS. BUT NOT US. NOT ANYMORE. SOMETHING REMARKABLE HAS HAPPENED. WHILE THEY FIGHT EACH OTHER OUT THERE, WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR OURSELVES IN HERE.

TONIGHT WAS A CELEBRATION. THE FIRST OF MANY. DRINK UP, MY EXTRAORDINARY MEN.



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