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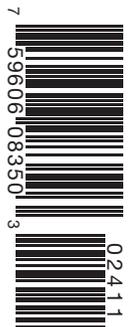
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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

# DAREDEVIL

MATT MURDOCK WON HIS FIRST VICTORY IN THE NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT. HAVING CONVINCED THE COURT TO ALLOW DAREDEVIL TO TESTIFY AS A WITNESS WITHOUT REVEALING HIS TRUE IDENTITY (WHICH, UNBEKNOWNST TO THE WORLD AT LARGE, IS MATT MURDOCK), A PRECEDENT WAS SET THAT COULD LEGITIMIZE SUPER HEROES' INVOLVEMENT IN THE LEGAL PROCESS. BUT THERE ARE THOSE THAT ARE UNHAPPY WITH MATT'S AGENDA—AMONG THEM WILSON FISK (A.K.A. THE KINGPIN), WHO HAS BEGUN A TWO-PRONGED STRIKE AGAINST MATT. FISK HAS SECRETLY HIRED THE EXPERT KNOWN ONLY AS LEGAL TO FIGHT MURDOCK IN COURT, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY ENGAGING TOMBSTONE AS PLAN B TO SNUFF OUT MURDOCK ON THE STREETS. MATT HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO PRESS ON...

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## DAILY BUGLE

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# MATT MURDOCK:

# LOSER



A.D.A.  
Matthew Murdock.  
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### Assistant District Attorney Matthew Murdock Drops the Ball at State Court of Appeals

There was once a time when Matthew Murdock was considered one of the best lawyers in New York City. Those days, when he was working in private practice as a criminal defense attorney, must seem like a distant memory to the beleaguered A.D.A. The highest court in the state, the New York State Court of Appeals, ruled against him recently in a 4-3 decision in *People v. Sluggan*. We don't know whose idea it was to put infamous vigilante Daredevil on the stand as a witness, but the high court didn't go for it, and Murdock's getting the blame. We say rightly so - after all, this paper's position on these so-called "crime fighters" is well known, and anything that tries to legitimize their activities is a no-go zone! The court's decision was based on a number of

THIS IS  
UNACCEPTABLE.

NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.



CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC?

FUN HEADLINE?

MM, I AM HOLDING UP A COPY OF THE DAILY BUGLE, WHICH IS GLEEFULLY REPORTING YOUR FAILURE TO PERSUADE THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE RIGHTNESS OF YOUR ARGUMENT.

NOT REALLY, MR. MURDOCK, AND ALTHOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE IT...

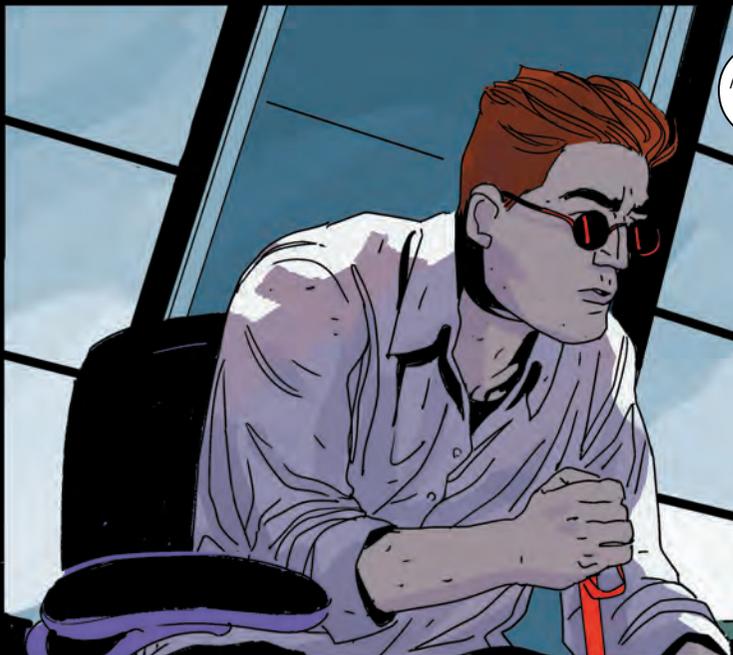
...EVERYONE ELSE CAN, I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN CALLS FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, ALBANY...IT PUTS ME IN A TERRIBLE POSITION.

AH, WAIT. YOU ASKED THAT I BE SPECIFIC.



THERE'S STILL ONE MORE LEVEL OF APPEAL. I COULD FILE FOR CERTIORARI...TAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP.

I WON AT TRIAL LEVEL, AND THEN AGAIN AT THE FIRST APPEAL, THE DECISION I DID LOSE WAS SPLIT, 4-3. IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS A SLAM DUNK FOR THE OTHER SIDE.



...YOU'LL LOOK LIKE A MANIAC, TILTING AT WINDMILLS. IT'LL END YOUR CAREER.

WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME.

I WON'T STOP YOU--IT'S STILL YOUR CASE-- BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN. D.A. RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL ARE OFF-LIMITS, AS FAR AS THIS OFFICE IS CONCERNED...



IT PUTS YOU IN A TERRIBLE POSITION.



IT'S NOT SO MUCH THE LOSS, EVERYONE LOSES A CASE FROM TIME TO TIME.

IT'S THE SPECTACLE, AND HOW IT REFLECTS ON THIS OFFICE.

YOU PUT A VIGILANTE ON THE STAND, MATT! DAREDEVIL. I CAN'T BELIEVE I LET YOU DO IT.

IF IT HAD WORKED, THAT WOULD BE ONE THING, BUT...

IT STILL COULD, SIR.



MY GOD, I THINK YOU'RE SERIOUS.

MATT, LOOK. IF YOU MANAGE TO PULL THIS OFF, SURE, IT COULD TURN EVERYTHING AROUND.

BUT IF THEY DON'T AGREE TO HEAR THE CASE, OR WORSE, IF THEY DO AND YOU LOSE...



...YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS.

MIDTOWN.

YOU ACTUALLY BEAT MURDOCK.

I HAD MY DOUBTS, LEGAL, BUT YOU DID WELL.

LOOKS LIKE THE LAW WAS ON MY SIDE, FOR ONCE.

NO, MR. FISK. THAT IS NOT CORRECT.

THE LAW IS ON NO ONE'S SIDE. IT CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT ANY POSITION, IF THE ATTORNEY MAKING THE RELEVANT ARGUMENTS IS SUFFICIENTLY SKILLED.

THE LAW IS AN ABSTRACTION. A TOOL. NAY, AN INSTRUMENT TO BE PLAYED.

MR. MURDOCK AND I ARE BOTH VIRTUOSOS. THE JUSTICES SIMPLY ENJOYED MY TUNE MORE THAN HIS.

SO, THE LAW'S NOT ON MY SIDE...

...BUT YOU ARE.

AREN'T I LUCKY.

LUCK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, MR. FISK. YOU ARE MY CLIENT.

UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOU ARE NOT, HOWEVER... YES. I AM...

... "ON YOUR SIDE."