

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 IS THE GREATEST SPIDER-THEMED SUPERSPY ON THE PLANET (FORGET WHAT YOU'VE HEARD), BUT SHE'S TAKING A BREAK FROM THE ESPIONAGE FOR AN EVEN GREATER ADVENTURE: MOTHERHOOD!

JESS HAS NO INTEREST IN LETTING HER PREGNANCY GET IN THE WAY OF HELPING PEOPLE, THOUGH, AND HAS CALLED IN BEN URICH (ACE REPORTER FOR THE DAILY BUGLE) AND ROGER GOCKING (THE REFORMED CRIMINAL PORCUPINE) TO HELP WITH HER INVESTIGATIONS WHILE SHE CALLS THE SHOTS FROM THE SIDELINES.

AS PART OF HER MATERNITY LEAVE, JESS ALSO ACCEPTED AN OFFER FROM HER BEST FRIEND CAROL DANVERS (AKA CAPTAIN MARVEL) TO VISIT A MATERNITY WARD RUN BY THE INTERGALACTIC PEACEKEEPING FORCE ALPHA FLIGHT.

HER ROUTINE VISIT TOOK A SURPRISE TURN WHEN A SQUAD OF SKRULL SOLDIERS TOOK THE MATERNITY WARD HOSTAGE!

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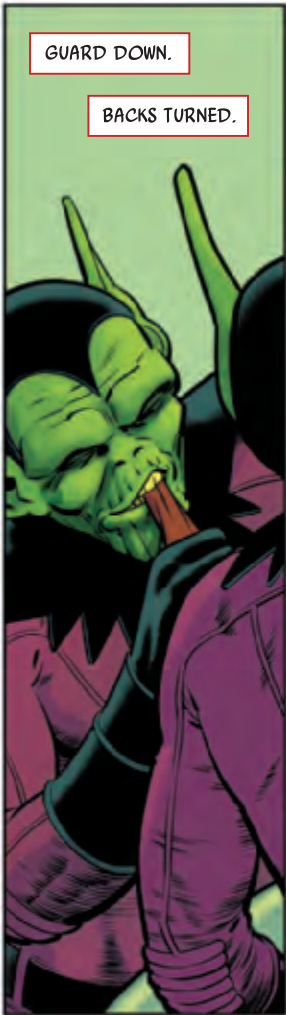
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SPACE TRASH.



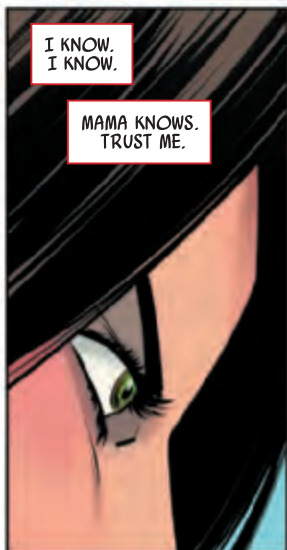
GUARD DOWN.

BACKS TURNED.



JUST A
ROOM FULL
OF PREGNANT
WOMEN.

NOT GIVING US A
SECOND THOUGHT.



I KNOW.
I KNOW.

MAMA KNOWS.
TRUST ME.

THEY'VE LEFT
THEMSELVES
WIDE OPEN.

I'D ONLY NEED
FIVE SECONDS
DISTRACTION
TO MAKE GREEN
STAINS.



BUT...

NO.



MUCH AS
I'D LOVE TO
CRACK THESE
NUMBSKRULLS...



WITH GREAT
BABY--

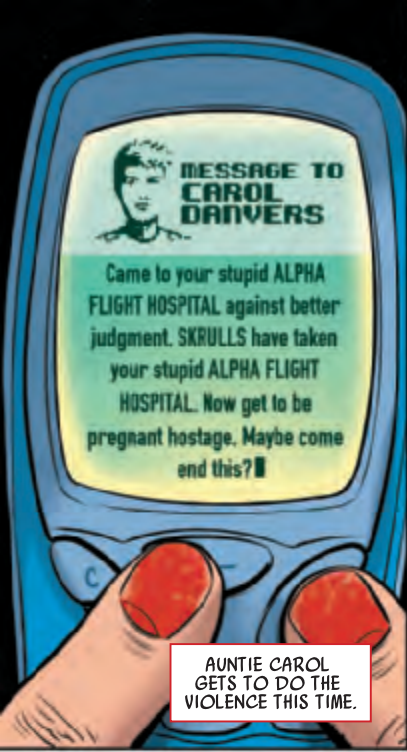
--COMES THE
CRUSHING WEIGHT
OF PARENTAL
RESPONSIBILITY.



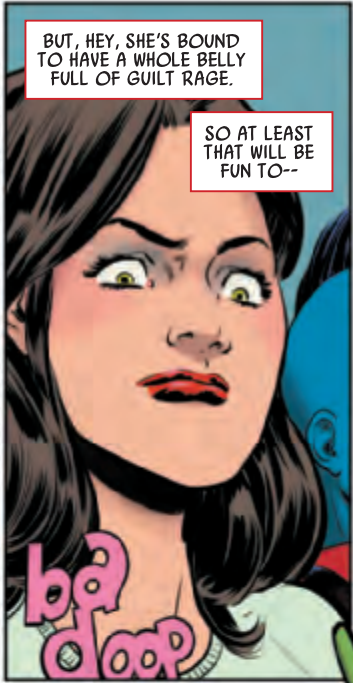
SO MAMA
WILL JUST
SIT HERE--

--CHOKING
BACK PRIDE
AND KEEPING
YOU SAFE.





AUNTIE CAROL GETS TO DO THE VIOLENCE THIS TIME.



BUT, HEY, SHE'S BOUND TO HAVE A WHOLE BELLY FULL OF GUILT RAGE.

SO AT LEAST THAT WILL BE FUN TO--

ba doop



WE'VE TAKEN THIS ENTIRE HOSPITAL. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COOPERATE AND YOU'LL LIVE...



HMM...



I MEAN... YOU'RE RIGHT.

THERE'S JUST THE TWO OF THEM.



...UNLESS YOU WANT US TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOU.



AND THEY ARE REALLY, REALLY...

YOU! ON YOUR FEET, NOW!

...ASKING FOR IT.

WE CAN PROBABLY CALL AUNTIE CAROL FROM THE NURSES' STATION.

THAT COULD BE THE END OF IT.

OKAY. FINE.

BUT JUST THESE TWO.