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WHEN TEENAGER GWEN STACY SUITS UP IN HER SYNTHETIC SYMBIOTIC SUIT AND WEB-SHOOTERS, SHE GAINS AMAZING POWERS: A "SPIDER-SENSE" THAT WARNS HER OF DANGER, THE ABILITY TO STICK TO WALLS WITH HER ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER, AND THE ABILITY TO THROW AND SWING FROM WEBS. HER SKILLS AS A DRUMMER THOUGH? THOSE COME NATURALLY. IT'S A CONSTANT STRUGGLE TO BALANCE HER COMMITMENT TO HER BAND, THE MARY JANES, AND HER SUPER-HERO RESPONSIBILITIES AS GHOST-SPIDER. BUT YOU MAY KNOW HER AS...

SPIDER-GWEN: SMASH

The tensions between the Mary Janes band members have gone from a simmer to a boil. SPIDER-GWEN and DAZZLER battled a mesmerized PIXIE during their Chicago show until HULK struck again and made off with the Uncut Gems' bassist, LILA CHENEY! Plus, RICK JONES' chaotic behavior may be the key to everything...

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ONE DAY EARLIER...
DAZZLER AND THE UNCUT GEMS
ONLY AT THE STARK INDUSTRIES ARENA
DAZZLER AND THE UNCUT GEMS
NO, BETTY, YOU DON'T GET THAT YOUR MILD IS MY EXTRA SPICY.
DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS, GLORY.
EXCEPT WHEN YOU ORDER EXTRA SPICY AND THEN THE RAMEN BURNS OUT MY VOCAL CHORDS!
SOUNDS LIKE A "YOU" PROBLEM, NO?
EM JAY, BACK ME UP.
SNAP
WHAT?
WE WERE TALKING TO YOU.
YOU WERE?
CLEARLY HER MIND WAS ELSEWHERE.
YUZU LEMONADE IS HITTING. BE RIGHT BACK.


SO, ARE WE EVER GONNA TALK ABOUT THIS? 'CAUSE THIS DYNAMIC IS GETTING AWKWARD FOR ME.


CAN WE PLEASE NOT? I MAY DIE OF MORTIFICATION.
I DON'T LIKE FEELING LIKE THE THIRD WHEEL, EM.
I'M SORRY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT ME TO SAY.


HOW ABOUT THAT YOU'LL FIGURE THIS ALL OUT AND THEN MAYBE WE CAN ALL MOVE ON?
OR I COULD BUY YOU ICE CREAM?


WAIT, YOU'RE LEAVING?
BATHROOM. BESIDES, YOU'LL GET A BETTER VIEW OF GWEN'S TABLE WITHOUT ME IN YOUR WAY.
GLOR--
SORT YOUR CRAP OUT, EM.


FINE.


STARK INDUSTRIES ARENA
THIS IS OUR ABSOLUTE LAST CHANCE, DAZZLER.
BUT IT'S A FOUR-CITY TOUR, NATASHA!
DON'T BE CUTE. THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT, ALISON.
IT'S HOW I HANDLE MY TENSION.
THAT AND SONG-WRITING.
I'VE ALWAYS FOUND COMFORT IN AN AWKWARDLY PLACED COMMENT.
THOSE MAKE THE BEST LYRICS!
LISTEN, I APPRECIATE THAT SOME PEOPLE RELEASE TENSION BY MAKING QUIPS AND JOKES, BUT I'M NOT KIDDING ABOUT THIS.
WE GET ONE MORE SHOT. GWEN? DO NOT LEAVE ALISON ALONE. UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.
GOT IT.
AND MAYBE GET YOUR FRIEND TO STOP SKULKING AROUND. IT GIVES THE WRONG IMPRESSION.
HUH?
YOUR LEAD SINGER.
OH.
DEAL WITH IT. WE HAVE ENOUGH STALKERS RUNNING AROUND.
I HAVE BEEN MONOPOLIZING YOUR TIME, HAVEN'T I?
WELL, THERE'S BEEN A LOT GOING ON. I WOULD SAY IT'S MERITED. 'SIDES, SHE'S PROBABLY JUST HERE TO BERATE ME. SHE'S VERY GOOD AT THAT.


NAH. SHE MISSES YOU. TAKE THE DAY. SPEND IT WITH YOUR FRIEND. RECONNECT.
EM JAY! OVER HERE!
YOU SURE? NATASHA SAID--
I CAN HANDLE MYSELF FOR A FEW HOURS. TRUST ME...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THEY'LL BE SNATCHED AWAY.
...TIME WITH FRIENDS IS PRECIOUS.
SURPRISE!
EM JAY!
GOT YOU!
GWEN!