

An excerpt from...
"THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF WASPWOMAN"
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SETTING: THE OFFICE OF BERNIE DICKER, AGENT TO THE STARS

CHARACTERS:

BERNIE DICKER: Agent to the star.

WASPWOMAN: Female Super Hero. Tough, self centered and looks fantastic in a figure hugging spandex super hero outfit.

BEFORE THE LIGHTS COME UP WE HEAR:

SOUND: PHONE RINGING

SECRETARY: (O.S.) Bicker and Dicker, Agents To The Stars. Yes, he is. Hold on, please.

LIGHTS UP ON THE OFFICE OF BERNIE DICKER, AGENT TO THE STARS. BERNIE SITS BEHIND HIS CLUTTERED DESK. HIS INTERCOM BUZZES. BERNIE ANSWERS.

BERNIE: Yeah?

SECRETARY: (o.s.) Donny Brook from Miracle Pictures on line one.

BERNIE: I'll take it. *(punches line one)* Donny, how are ya'? Glad to hear it. Couldn't be better. She's on her way in. What can I say? She's tough. But that's how she got to be who she is. Would we be talking if she was any other way? *(intercom buzzes)* Donny, hold on. This may be her. *(pushes intercom button)* Yeah?

SECRETARY: (O.S.) She's here.

(Bernie punches line one)

BERNIE: Donny, she's here. I'll call you as soon as she leaves.

(Bernie hangs up as his door opens. WASPWOMAN enters. She is a full fledged female super hero dressed in a figure hugging, skin tight, black and yellow spandex super hero outfit complete with a cowl that reveals only her eyes and the lower part of her face. This is not dress up costume. This woman is a super hero.)

BERNIE: Waspwoman. How are ya sweetie?

WASPWOMAN: You talkin' to that dirtbag from the studio?

BERNIE: Donny's on your side.

WASPWOMAN: Yeah, sure he is. Has he met my price?

BERNIE: That's what we're here to talk about. Sit down. Take a load off. You want something to drink? Coffee? A nosh, maybe? A nice cheese danish?

WASPWOMAN: Are you kidding? With this outfit? I get a pimple on my ass and it shows up looking like Mount McKinley. You think Captain Marvel has that problem?

BERNIE: Please, sit down.

(She indicates the outfit)

WASPWOMAN: I haven't sat down in the last five years. You think it's easy lookin' this hot?

BERNIE: I want you to look at something.

(Hands her a contract)

WASPWOMAN: What is it?

BERNIE: It's the latest offer from the studio.

WASPWOMAN: This what Batman got?

BERNIE: Well... It's close.

WASPWOMAN: Close? Close only counts in horseshoes and near death experiences.

BERNIE: It's a good offer... I think you should seriously consider it.

WASPWOMAN: Not a chance in hell. I'm not settling for a buck less than what the *(sarcastically)* "caped crusader" got. Do you believe that guy? And what's with him and that "wonder boy," anyway? If you ask me the whole bat thing is just his way of compensating.

BERNIE: Let's try to stay on the subject. About the offer...

WASPWOMAN: They came to me... I didn't go to them.

BERNIE: Granted. But when you consider...

WASPWOMAN: Just remind them that they're dealing with Waspwoman here, not some pea brained model-actress-whatever.

BERNIE: They know that. That's why they made the offer in the first place. Superheroes are big box office.

WASPWOMAN: I'm not giving an inch on this... Not now. Not ever...

BERNIE: It's not personal. This is business. A little give. A little take.

WASPWOMAN: I've been cleaning up the garbage in this town far too long to buckle under to some latte sipping bean counter.

BERNIE: No one's asking you to buckle.

WASPWOMAN: I've had to work longer, harder and smarter than any of them to get where I am. I've had to kick more butt and put away more slime balls than Superman, Captain America and Spiderman combined.

BERNIE: You're record speaks for....

WASPWOMAN: And you know why? Because I'm female, that's why.

BERNIE: We all know you're female. It's very hard to miss. And that's a big part of why they want to do this movie.

WASPWOMAN: If I was a man, they'd be giving me the keys to the freakin' city.

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