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BIG BLIZZARD BATTERS BIG APPLE! THE STORM THAT CAME FROM NOWHERE IS HERE! WHEN WILL YOU DIG OUT?

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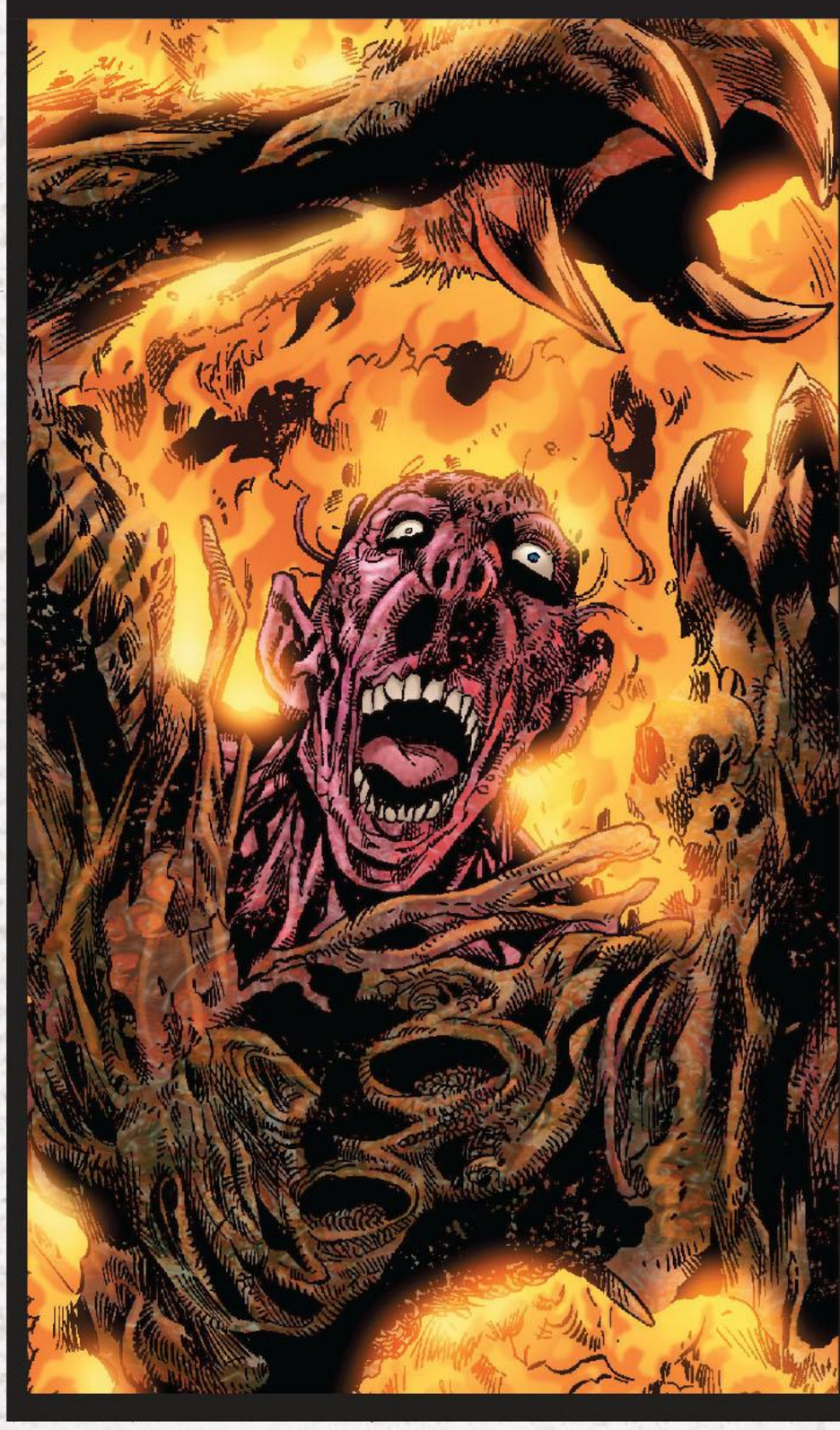
COLD CASE...



Whew! After battling the ferocious FREAK, a junkie-turned-monster (thanks to America's top scientist, Curt Connors), Peter Parker was lucky to get out with his life intact – if not his costume, shredded in the fire. Down to this last spare (and caught photographing the scene in his underwear by new friend, Officer Vin Gonzales), Spidey returns to the DB for a handsome payday. But where is Freak? Doc Connors theorized the creature has returned to his Chrysalis state, and with an impending snowstorm, would stay in hibernation. So things are looking up for Spidey, right? Sure, he still needs to move out of Aunt May's place, but how weird could his roommate options in New York City be? And besides…he's got some cash and a little snow never hurt anybody. Right? …right?

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POLICE TIE SPIDER-MAN TO RECENT MURDERS!

EXCLUSIVE TO THE DB!

In off the record conversations with DB staffers, police have confirmed that Spider-Man is the key suspect in the string of recent murders that has shocked this city. Although police have been reluctant to discuss the specifics of the murders, so-called "Spider Tracers" have definitely been found on each victim, leaving no doubt as to the involvement of Spider-Man. Spider-Man is already wanted for violations of…

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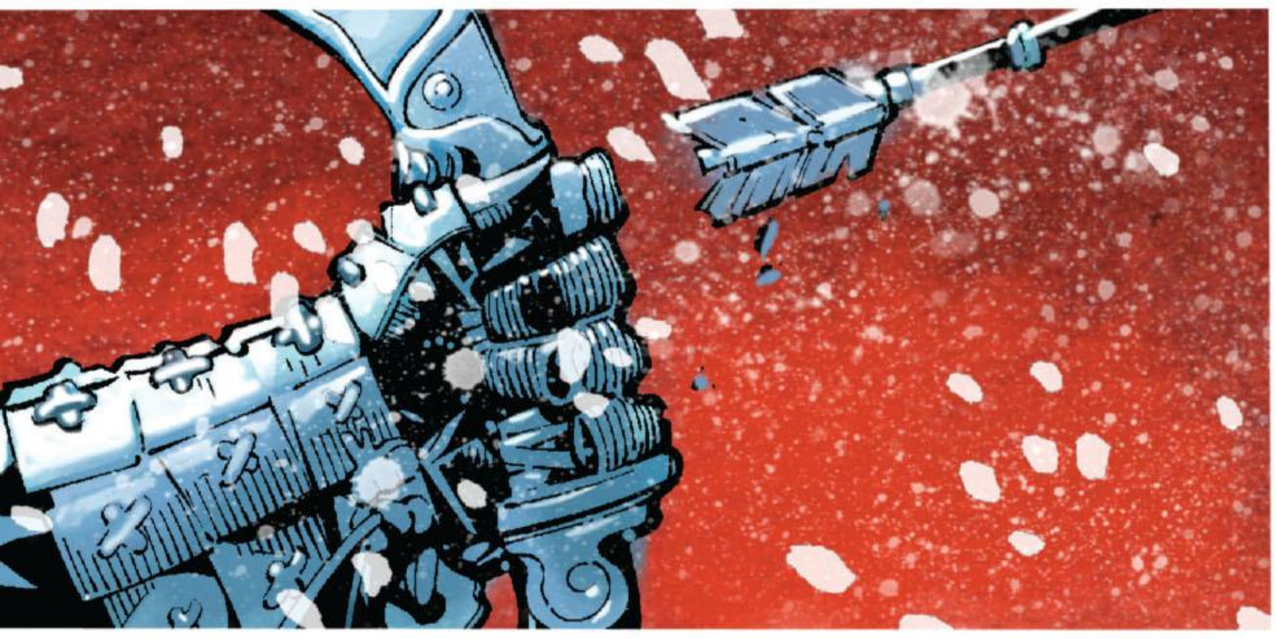

THUNK!

BUT AUNT MAY DOESN'T BUY THE FUN CEREAL, AND A FREE BREAKFAST IS A FREE BREAKFAST.

WHIT

BUT, OBVIOUSLY, I SHOULD HAVE JUST LEFT.

WHILE ATTENDING A DEMONSTRATION IN RADIOLOGY, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT **PETER PARKER** WAS BITTEN BY A SPIDER WHICH HAD ACCIDENTALLY BEEN EXPOSED TO **RADIOACTIVE RAYS.** THROUGH A MIRACLE OF SCIENCE, PETER SOON FOUND THAT HE HAD **GAINED** THE SPIDER'S POWERS...AND HAD, IN EFFECT, BECOME A HUMAN SPIDER! FROM THAT DAY ON HE WAS...

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HEY, WOLVERINE... IS THIS YOUR *FRUIT LOOT?*

STARBUCK'S SOON!!!

THINK ANYONE WOULD MISS A BOWL?

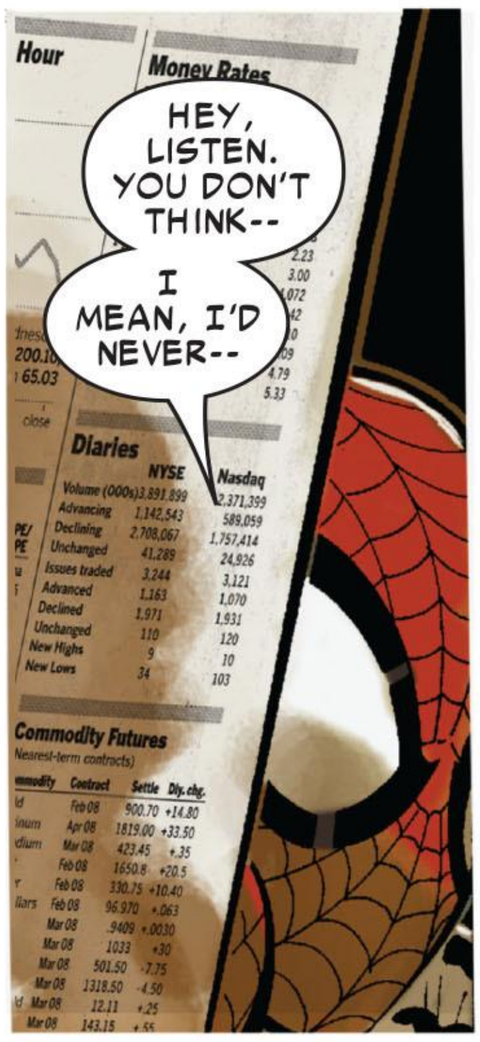
DON'T KNOW.

THINK ANYONE WOULD MISS THE PRIZE?

I AIN'T RATTIN' ON YA. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN THAT.

FRUIT LOOT

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



ISN'T IT A LITTLE EARLY FOR LEVITATION, DOC?

I AM THE MASTER OF MYSTICISM TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, SPIDER-MAN.

JUST AS YOU ARE AN *AVENGER*, SECRETLY OR OTHERWISE. WE MUST HELP EACH OTHER.
LOOK, I'VE GOT NO PROBLEM PITCHING IN WHEN THE SKRULLS ATTACK OR WHATEVER, BUT I CAN HANDLE MY SOLO CAREER.
SOME THINGS ARE JUST *MY* PROBLEM. *MY* RESPONSIBILITY.

VERY WELL, IF YOU'RE SURE MY ASSISTANCE ISN'T REQUIRED...
WELL, I'VE GOT TWENTY BLOCKS TO GO IN THIS BLIZZARD.
IF YOU CAN MAKE IT *STOP SNOWING*, I'D APPRECIATE IT.

HMMM. I WILL NOT STOP THE SNOW, BUT PERHAPS I CAN TELL YOU WHEN IT WILL CEASE.
YEAH, THIS IS A GOOD USE OF HIS TIME.
I WAS KIND OF JOKING...

VERIUM, EQUINU, HELERIUM.

YOU'RE USING OUR SORCERER SUPREME AS A WEATHERMAN...
I HAVE A LOT TO DO TODAY...

HRRRNNNNN!
THUNK

THE STORM COMES NOT FROM THE NORTH, EAST, WEST OR SOUTH...

BUT FROM THE VOID, FROM DARKNESS' MOUTH.

THERE IS NO TIME, THE END IS NEAR, IN BLACKNESS DIES, ALL WE HOLD DEAR.

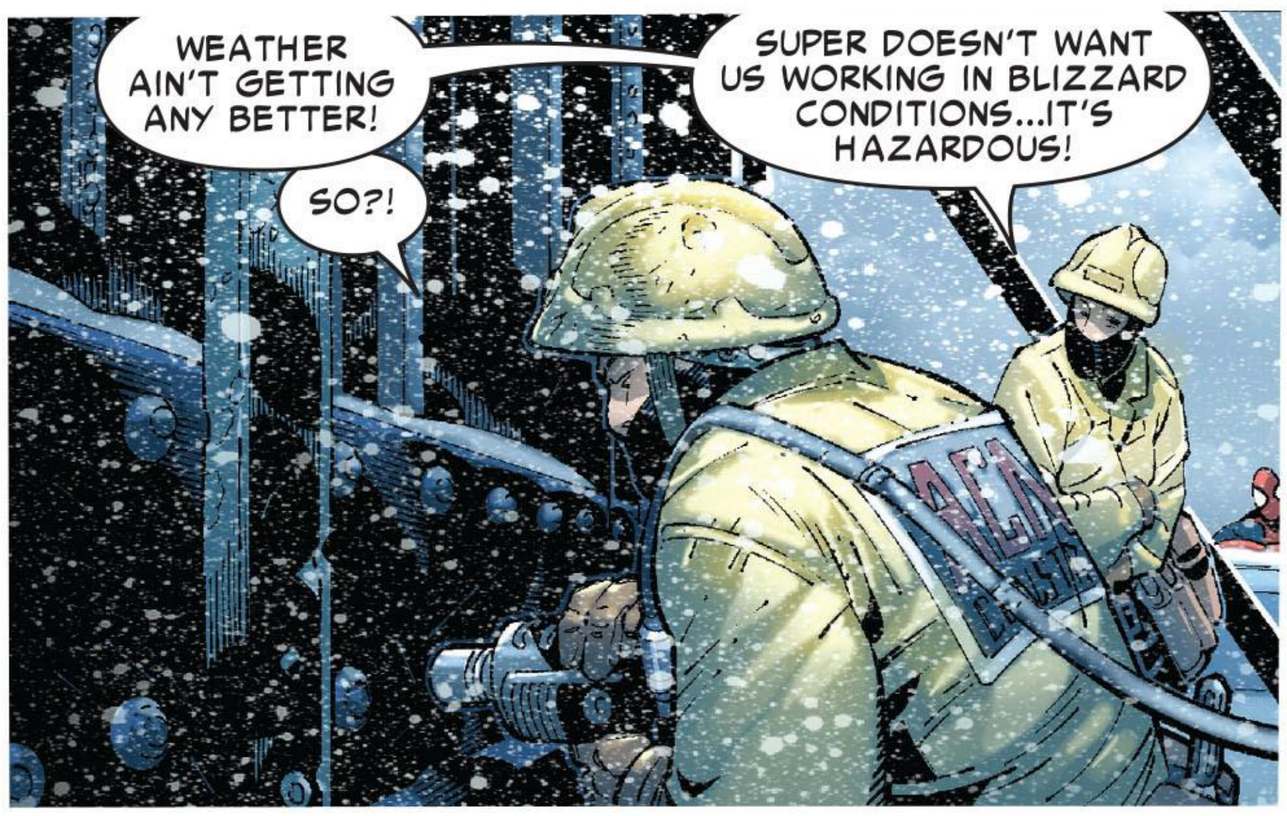
FROM THE SNOW, A THREAT EMERGES, EYES OF RED, WITH MURDEROUS URGES.

THE DOCTOR SLEEPS. HE IS SPENT.
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
ONE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL WHICH QUESTIONS ARE ASKED OF THE UNIVERSE...
SOMETIMES THE RESPONSE CAN BE QUITE...
...INTENSE.
PLEASE, YOU MUST LEAVE HIM TO REST.
DOC WENT COMATOSE TO TELL US SOMETHING WAS GOING DOWN ON BLEEKER STREET TONIGHT. WE'RE GONNA BE THERE.
WHERE'S EVERYONE ELSE?
DON'T KNOW. LOOKS LIKE YOU AIN'T THE ONLY ONE WITH A "SOLO CAREER."
SPEAKING OF, I'VE GOT TO GO.
FOUR O'CLOCK. DON'T BE LATE.
YEAH, YEAH. I'LL BE THERE.
THAT'LL MAKE *ONE* JOB I'M NOT LATE FOR...

COME ON! WE GOTTA GO!

BRATTA BRATTA

LEMME FINISH!

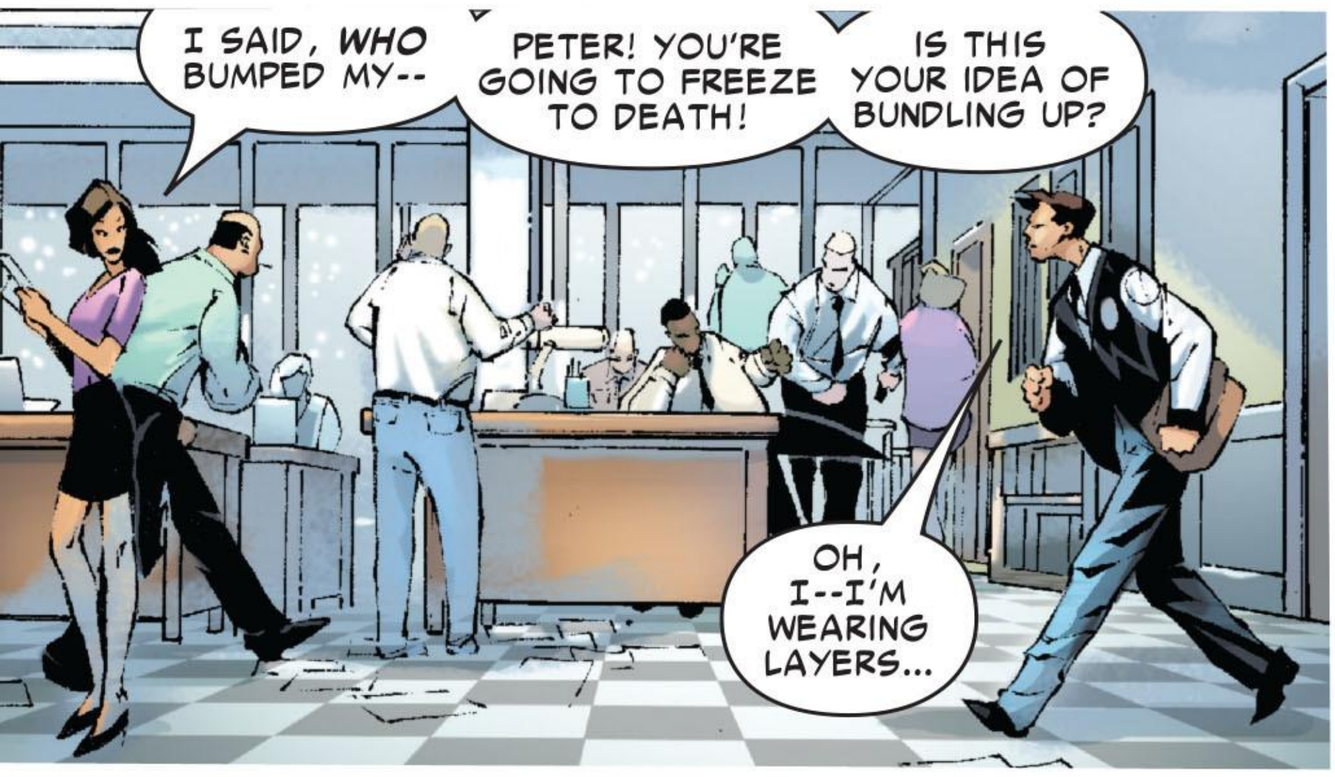


THEY WORK YOU GUYS RAIN OR SHINE, HUH?
I WISH. I'M LOSING OVERTIME RIGHT NOW 'CUZ THEY DON'T WANT US PLAYIN' IN THE SNOW...

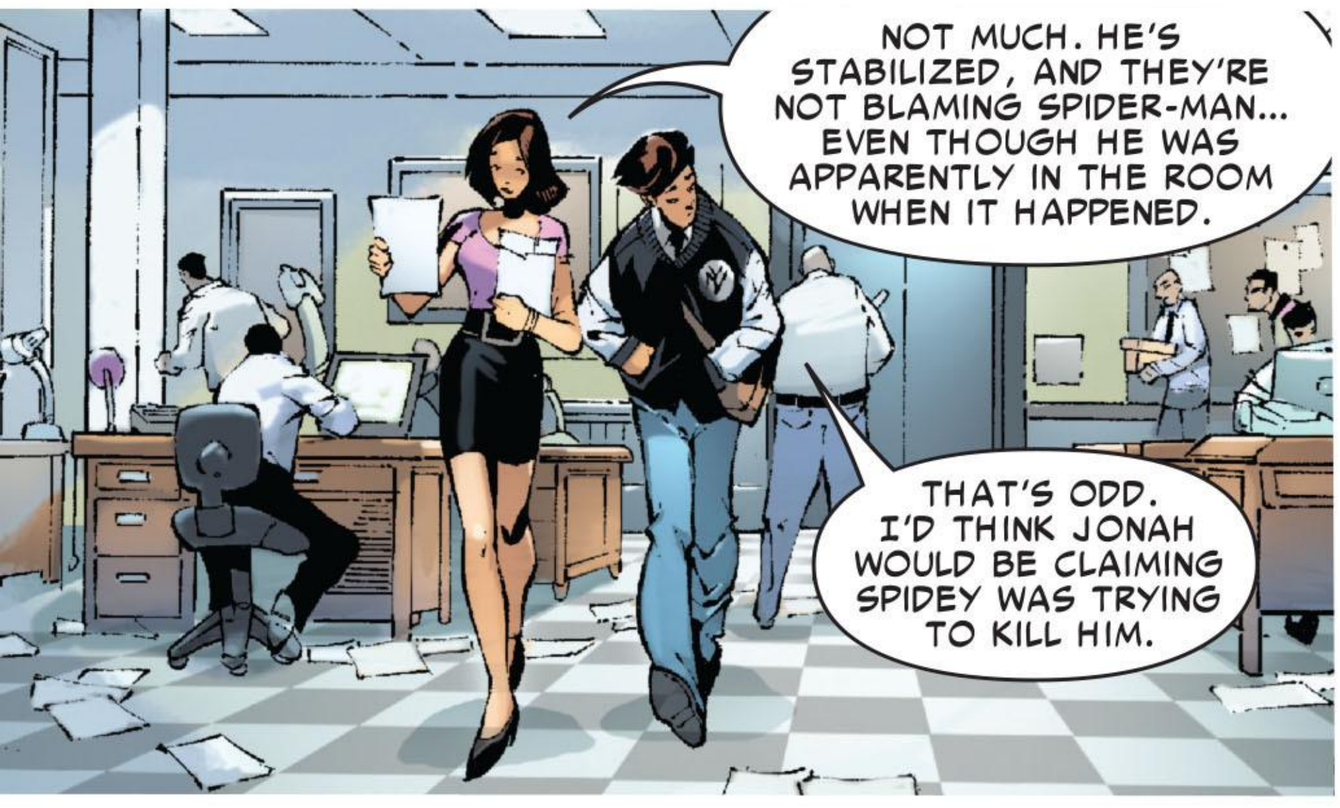
THEY'RE JUST SENSITIVE TO HAZARDS AFTER SPIDER-MAN KNOCKED RYAN AND BILL OFF THE ROOF...
YEAH, AND NOW RYAN'S SUING HIM FOR WHAT, MILLIONS? I COULD USE THAT KIND OF ACCIDENT.

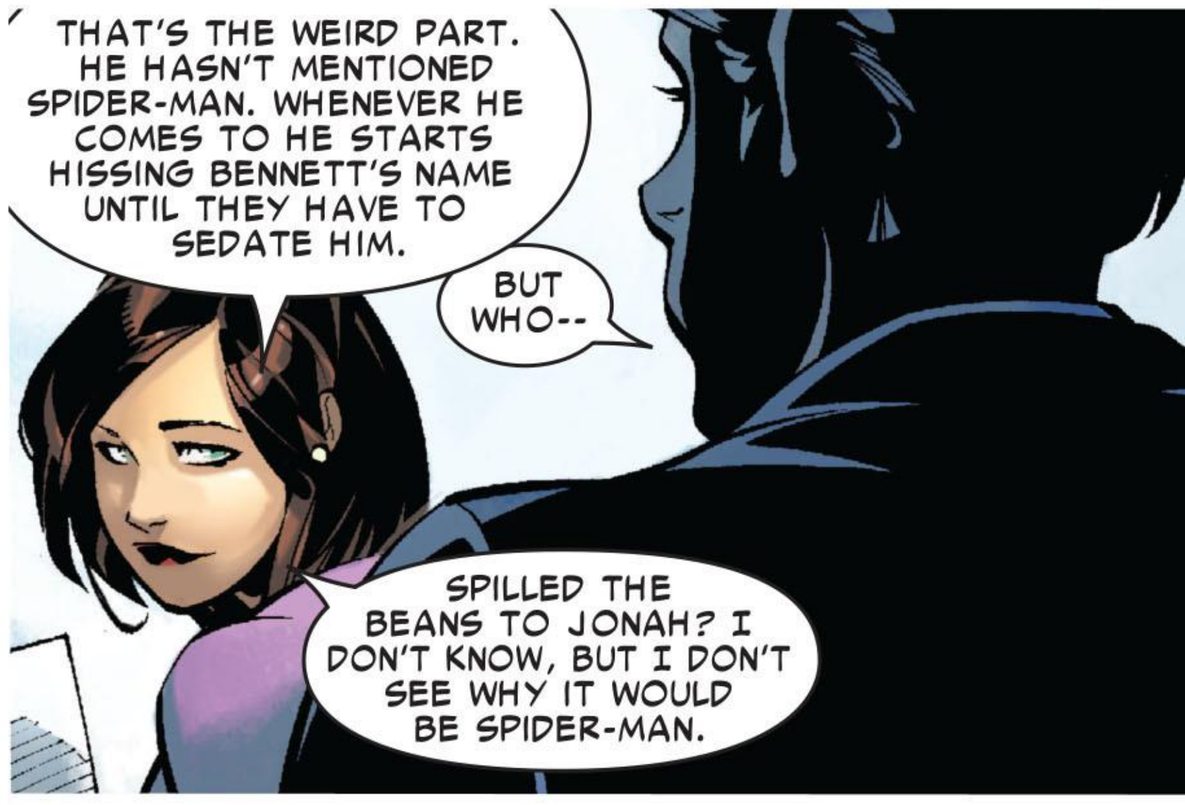
AH, THEY'RE DUMBER THAN YOU ARE. NO ONE KNOWS WHO SPIDER-MAN IS...
YOU'D HAVE BETTER LUCK SUING THE SNOW.

THAT'S A GOOD POINT. THANKS, GUYS!
DING!
WHO BUMPED MY HOLLISTER STORY TO PAGE SIX?!


I SAID, WHO BUMPED MY--
PETER! YOU'RE GOING TO FREEZE TO DEATH!
IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF BUNDLING UP?
OH, I--I'M WEARING LAYERS...

OH, MY GOD. LONG UNDERWEAR?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT. LOOK, BETTY, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT JONAH'S SECOND HEART ATTACK.


NOT MUCH. HE'S STABILIZED, AND THEY'RE NOT BLAMING SPIDER-MAN... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS APPARENTLY IN THE ROOM WHEN IT HAPPENED.
THAT'S ODD. I'D THINK JONAH WOULD BE CLAIMING SPIDEY WAS TRYING TO KILL HIM.


THAT'S THE WEIRD PART. HE HASN'T MENTIONED SPIDER-MAN. WHENEVER HE COMES TO HE STARTS HISSING BENNETT'S NAME UNTIL THEY HAVE TO SEDATE HIM.
BUT WHO--
SPILLED THE BEANS TO JONAH? I DON'T KNOW, BUT I DON'T SEE WHY IT WOULD BE SPIDER-MAN.

AND IF YOU ASSUME IT WAS SOMEONE IN THIS OFFICE WHO WANTED TO HURT HIM, I THINK IT'S FAIRLY EASY TO NARROW IT DOWN...
R-REALLY?
NO! NOT REALLY! THAT'S MY LITTLE JOKE. IT COULD BE ANYONE FROM ROBBIE TO A KID IN THE MAIL ROOM.
OH, RIGHT. GOOD ONE, BETTY.
JEEZ, PARKER. YOU LOOK STRESSED, EVEN FOR YOU...
IT MUST BE THE WEATHER, YOU KNOW--
DING!
PALMER!!
"STEALTHY SNOWSTORM SIDESWIPES CITY!" I CAN SEE THE FRONT PAGE NOW!
RIGHT OUT OF NOWHERE, AND IT COULD BE THE BIGGEST NEWS STORY OF THE YEAR!
PALMER, I WANT YOU UP BEFORE THE SUN TOMORROW GETTING PICTURES OF THE CLEANUP EFFORT!
BUT I LIVE IN QUEENS!
I'M NOT MUMBLING, YOU'RE STILL WEARING YOUR EARMUFFS...
I CAN'T HEAR YOU! STOP MUMBLING!
OKAY, WELL... I'LL GIVE YOU THAT ONE.
I'M NOT GOING TO BE IN THE CITY TOMORROW. I LIVE AT MY AUNT'S HOUSE IN QUEENS.
YOU LIVE WITH YOUR AUNT... IN QUEENS?
ISN'T THAT KIND OF EMBARRASSING?
YEAH, OKAY...I'LL GIVE YOU THAT ONE.
NO EXCUSES, PALMER. MAKE AN IGLOO IF YOU HAVE TO...

"...JUST GET OUT THERE AND DO YOUR JOB!"

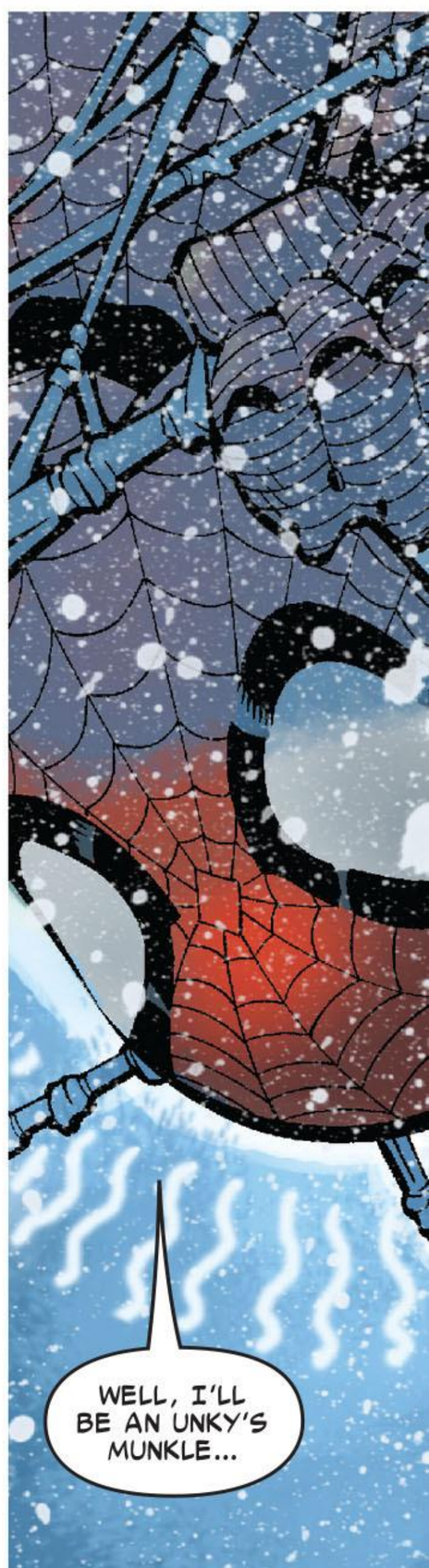
STUPID DEXTER BENNETT... EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...

COME ON, WOLVERINE! WHERE ARE YOU...?

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.

JEEZ, MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE WEBBED UP MY JACKET WITH THE REST OF MY CIVIES...

B-BUT I REMEMBER HOW RIDICULOUS A BLUE HOODY LOOKS OVER THIS COSTUME, I DOUBT A YANKEES JACKET WOULD BE MUCH BETTER--



"FROM THE SNOW, A THREAT EMERGES, EYES OF RED, WITH MURDEROUS URGES..."

P-PLEASE... I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING. YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY.

UH, EXCUSE ME...

IF YOU'RE OUT HUNTING NERDS FOR SPORT I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M *PERSONALLY* OFFENDED.

SLAM!

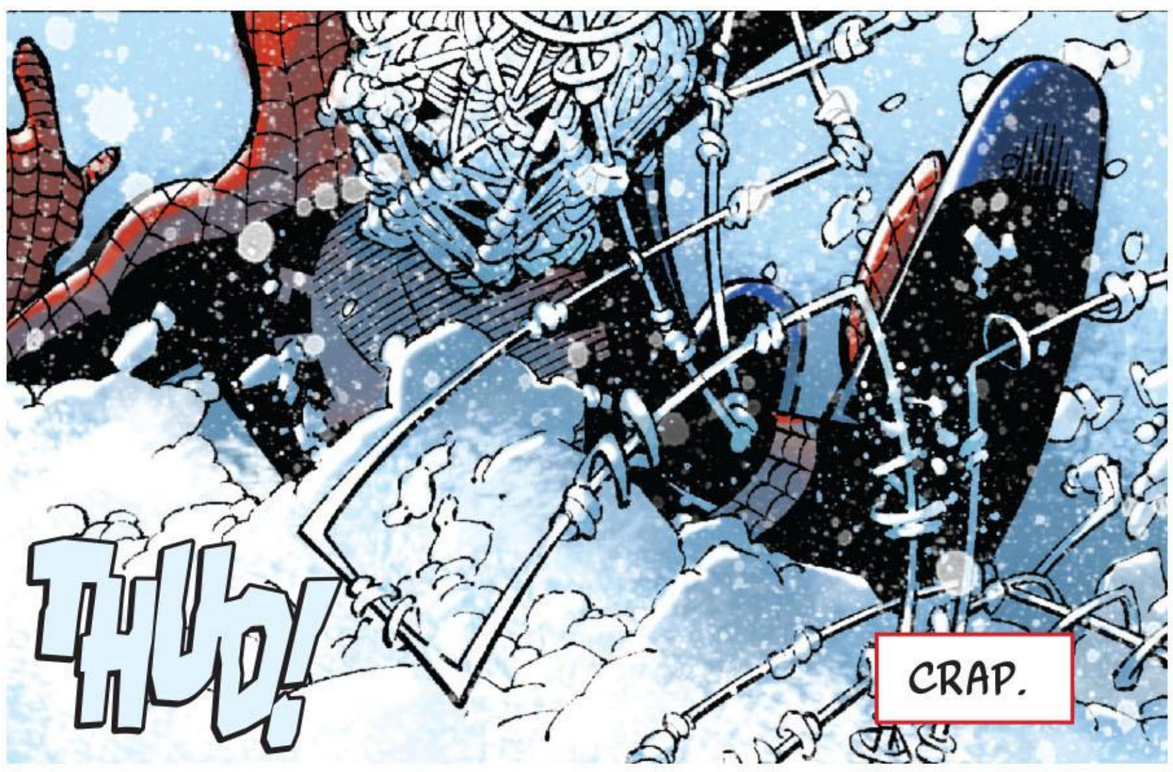
OKAY, I HAVE TO ADMIT THROWING NERDS IS KIND OF FUN...

YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT MORE ARROWS AT ME, AREN'T YOU?

I KNEW IT!
AS I WAS SAYING...
I SHOULD HAVE LEFT THE AVENGERS' HIDEOUT WHEN I HAD A CHANCE...
BUT, NOOOOOO.
I HAD TO HAVE A BOWL OF FRUIT LOOT.

THUNK!
THUNK!
THUNK!
NOW I HAVE TO GRAB MY GEAR AND SEE IF I CAN GET MY CAMERA SET UP. NEED TO MAKE SURE I HAVE A JOB AFTER THIS FIGHT IS THROUGH...

SNIPT
JUST ONCE I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO WORRY ABOUT ONE THING AT A...


THUD!
CRAP.

CAN'T WATCH MY STUFF AND FIGHT WEIRD NINJAS AT THE SAME TIME

HAVE TO DITCH MY STUFF QUICK...

SHUNK

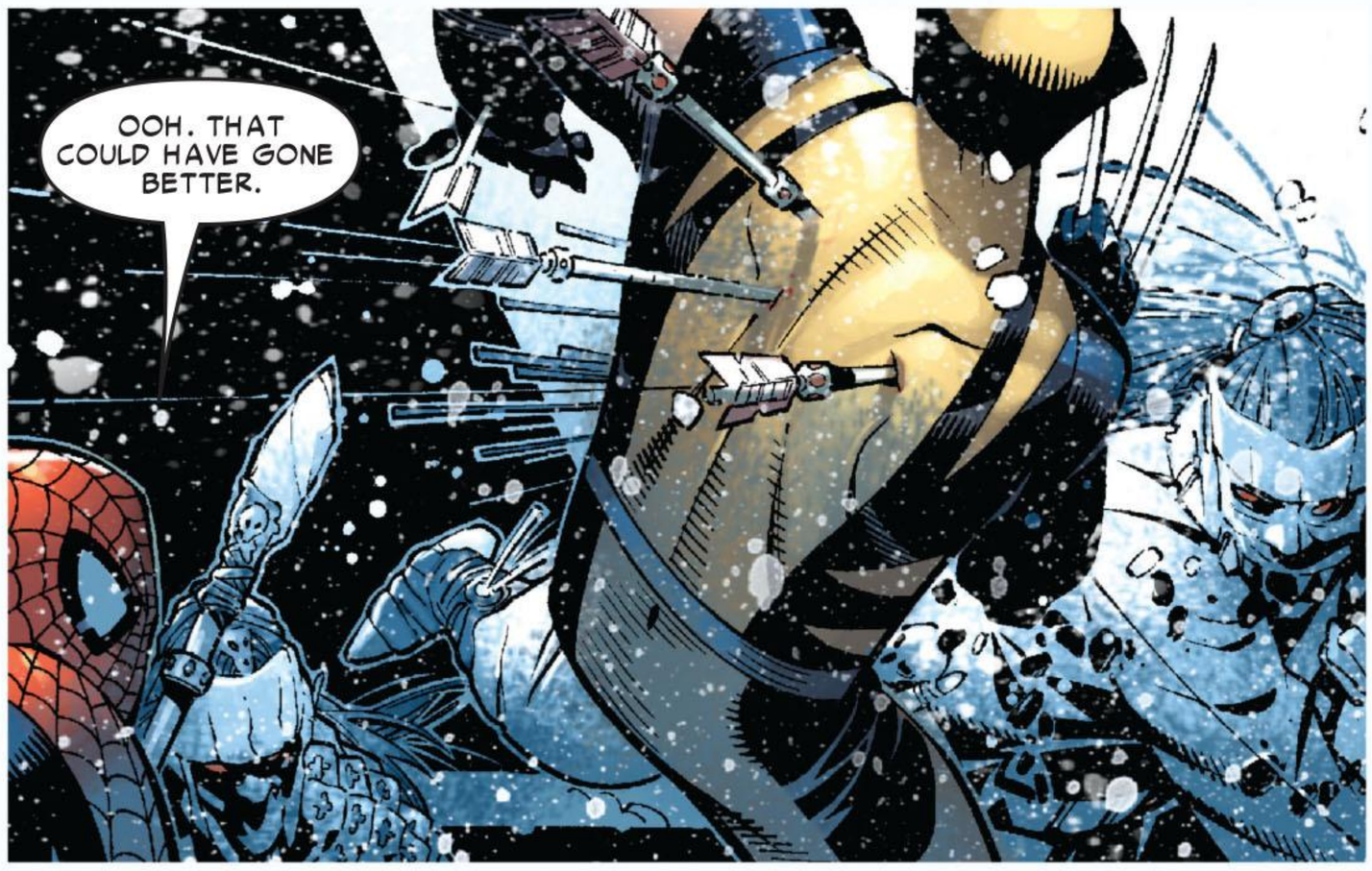
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO DRAW THEM OUT.
WAIT A MINUTE, YOU USED ME AS BAIT?!
HAD TO BE SURE OF THEIR NUMBERS...
THERE ARE THREE, ALL RIGHT?!

RELAX, I CAN COUNT THAT HIGH.

IN FACT, I CAN DO IT TWICE.
SNIKT

YEARRGGHH!!
HEY! LET GO OF THOSE...

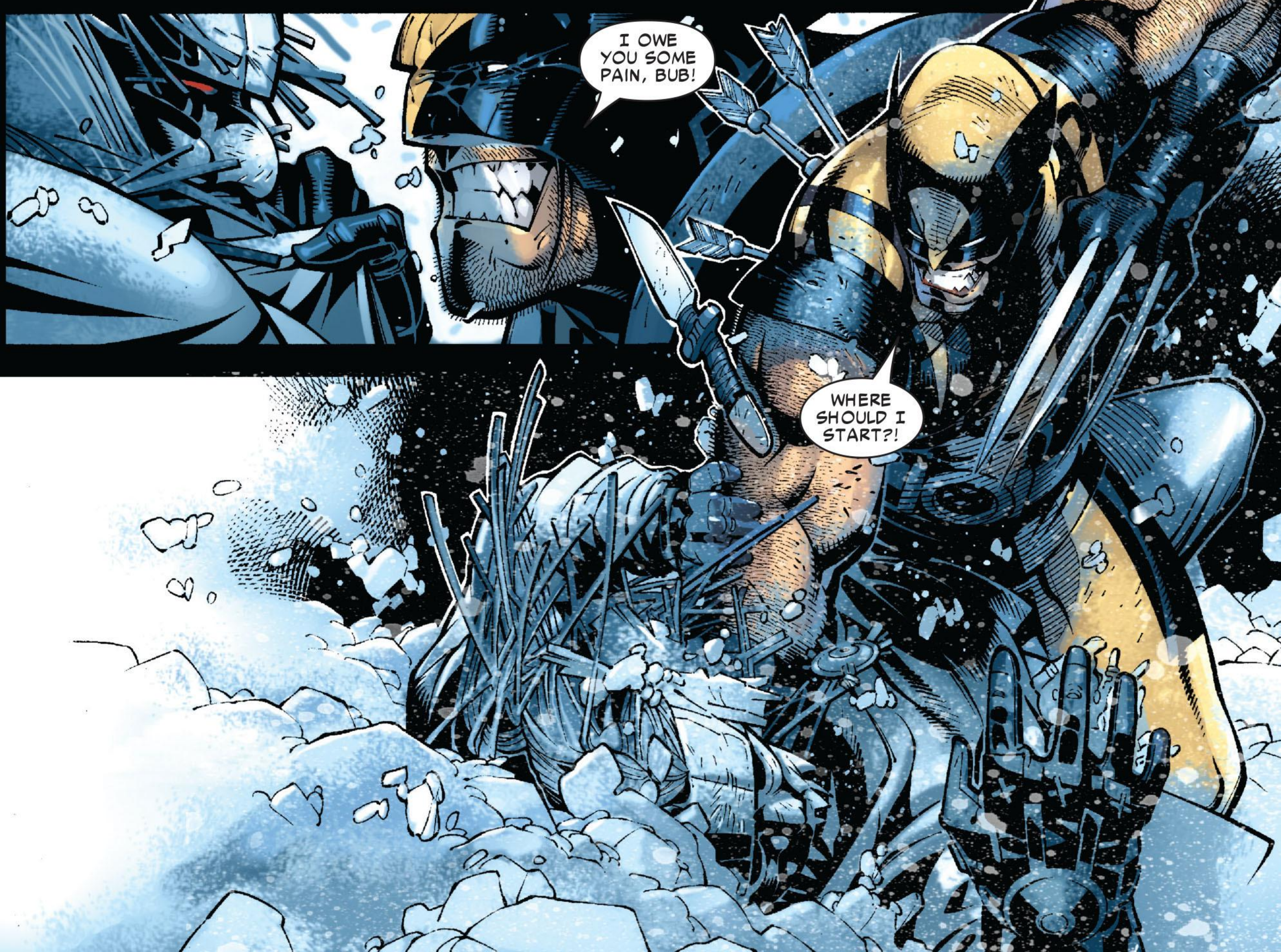
...ARROWS.
SPRANG!!


OOH. THAT COULD HAVE GONE BETTER.

STILL, SHOOTING THE MUTANT WITH A HEALING FACTOR PROBABLY WASN'T THE BEST USE OF YOUR ARROWS. YOU'RE JUST GOING TO MAKE HIM...

MAD...
GARRRR!

SHANK!


I OWE YOU SOME PAIN, BUB!
WHERE SHOULD I START?!

WHOA!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GONNA SEE IF HE GIVES AS GOOD AS HE GETS!
NOBODY DIES TODAY.

GIL's GRILL
SSSSST
SSSSST

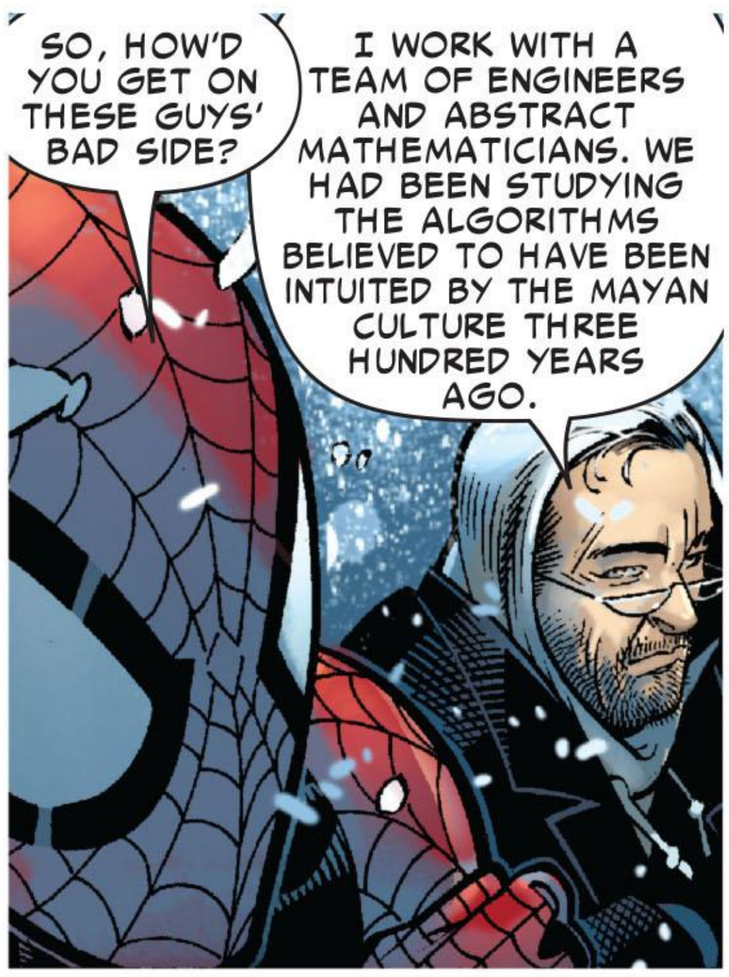
SSSSST
SSSSST
HUFF
HNNN
GIL's GRILL

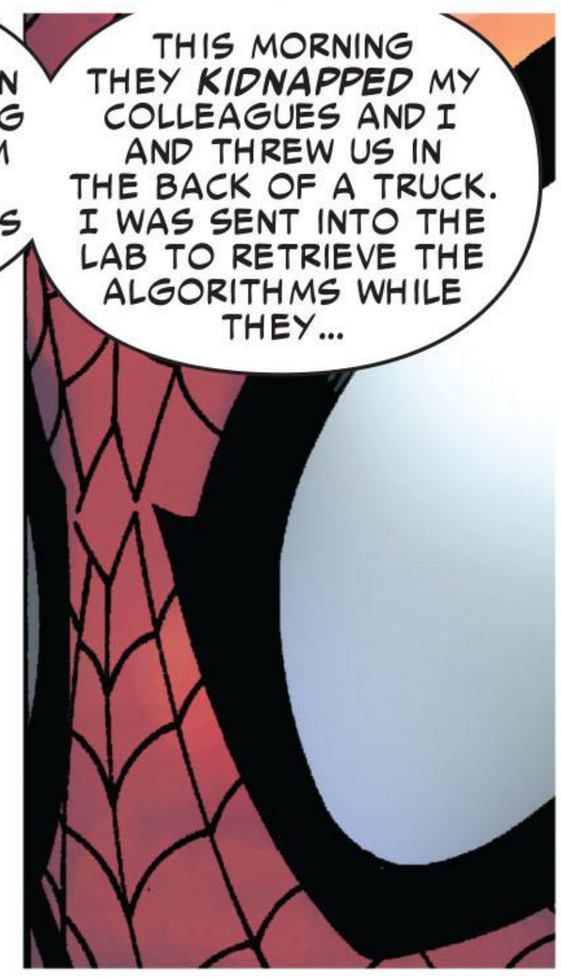
W-WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME, SPIDER-MAN?
THERE'S A POLICE STATION AT THE END OF THIS BLOCK. WE CAN DROP THESE GUYS OFF AND KEEP YOU WARM UNTIL THE WEATHER BREAKS.
BUT WHAT ABOUT *YOU?* SURELY YOU CAN'T STAY OUT IN THE COLD?
GIL's GRILL

I...I CAN'T STAY IN A POLICE STATION EITHER...I'M WANTED FOR MURDER.
ACTUALLY, A BUNCH OF MURDERS...

HEY, DON'T WORRY. I DIDN'T DO IT.

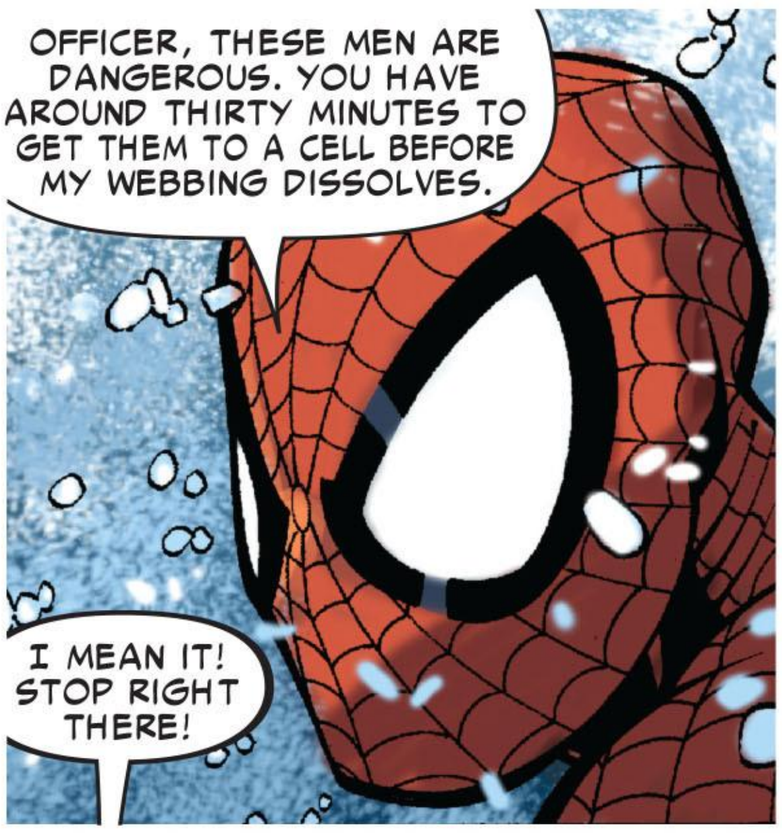
Fifth Precint.
19 ELIZABETH STREET.
5TH PRECINCT
KNOCK! KNOCK!
OPEN UP! WE GOT CRIMINALS OUT HERE.





THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE, LOCKED IN THE TRUCK!
YES! YOU HAVE TO GO BACK! IT IS A GRAY MEATPACKING TRUCK...YOU HAVE TO FIND IT. THEY'LL *FREEZE* TO DEATH, PLEASE!!
IN THE COLD?
HOLY CROW...

YOU HAVE TO GO BACK!
O'NEIL, GET OVER HERE!
IT'S SPIDER-MAN, AGAIN!
÷SIGH÷


OFFICER, THESE MEN ARE DANGEROUS. YOU HAVE AROUND THIRTY MINUTES TO GET THEM TO A CELL BEFORE MY WEBBING DISSOLVES.
I MEAN IT! STOP RIGHT THERE!

I CAN'T.

I SAID, FREEZE!!

YEAH...

I PROBABLY WILL.

NEXT WEEK... THE DEITY...

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL

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NO-PRIZE ALERT!

If you've been a regular reader of the New Avengers, you know full well that our first scene has to fall into a weird place continuity-wise since good ol' Doc Strange is no longer with the team currently and when he left Spidey was still wearing his Back-In-Black dungarees.

Now I could bore you with a long explanation about how this story was written and conceived long before those events, but had to be pushed back when Brand New Day started later than expected, but that's a pretty dull answer (the truth always is).

So I'm turning to you rough-and-tumble readers. You're used to the backflips of logistical continuity conundrums, so I'm sure someone out there can figure this out for us…and the prize? A real official Spidey-centric No-Prize straight for the dilapidated desk of Executive Editor "Titian-esque" Tom Brevoort.

So get explainin' and in the meantime, we'll get to the complainin'…

Time once again, fellow followers of current comic-book correspondence, to dip our moist, sweaty fan-hands into the dark nether-regions of Marvel's mildewed mailbag. So saddle up, grab a cup'o somethin' and let's get to letters:

Dear Spidey Brain Trust,

I was just reading Amazing Spider-Man #552 and I noticed something, it rocks! Brand New Day was a really good idea because some old long-lost characters are back, with even cooler new bad guys! There haven't been comics like this since the 90s if ya know what I mean. Keep makin' those sweet comics!

Kelsey Robinson
Wauconda, IL

P.S.: Jimenez makes Spidey look so comic-like an' awesome!

We agree with ya about Phil Jimenez, Kelsey. He's been a really fun addition to the crew here and we think you're gonna get even more jazzed by his next story coming up in July with Guggenheim in the writer's seat.

And, I'll warn ya right now, I've read plenty of 90s comics, so I know a backhanded compliment when I read it!! Believe me, we would never do anything as crass as using variant covers or guest-stars like Wolverine to boost interest and sales in our thrice-monthly escapades…that's out-of-date 1990s thinking! I mean seriously, what's next? We could maybe break Spidey's back and publish a new spin-off called Extreme Spidey-Force 2000! Hmmm…..

Dear Web-heads:

I can't stand you guys. You made me shed tears with the end of "One More Day" and then you destroy everything I loved about my favorite comics character. As much as it pained me, I swore off ASM right then and there.

But darn you for piquing my curiosity with your promises of new and exciting stories. Darn you for promising new supporting characters and new villains. But most of all, darn your coming through on all counts. I can't wait to see where ya'll take Spidey the rest of the year. You've got a full head of steam, now keep this train going. May the Might of Marvel March through Eternity!

Tyler Watson
Via e-mail

Hola, Spidey Brain Trust,

I had to laugh out loud when I saw the list of donors to Councilman Hollister's campaign (ASM #552 page 16).

First, Tom Brevoort is way too cheap, and publisher Dan Buckley ought to be making enough money to give lots more than 35 bucks! But I really chuckled to see the original TV Spider-Man actor N(icholas) Hammond donating a respectable $500! Hey, I loved that wonky, short-lived TV series back in the late 70s! Anybody else catch that tip of the hat?

Peter Wallace
Atlanta, GA

You were the first, Peter, so congratulations. There are several other hidden Easter eggs in all of our issues so far for that rare reader who actually pays attention to the pages they're gawkin' at. We here at Spidey Sentral believe in packing a book full. Like a succulent Nathan's hot dog, every issue of ASM is bursting out of its sodium-drenched hot-doggy skin. So happy hunting…and Brennan, go get me a hot dog! Pronto!

We're getting more mail and e-mail by the week, so for good or ill, BRAND NEW DAY seems to be touching a nerve with you folks. We can't fit everyone's letters so we just want once again to thank everyone who wrote over the last couple weeks including: Phil Hayden, Troy Bonsall, Jeff Boarts, Chris Hassan, Mark O'Burson, Joe Rock, Shawn Wen, Adam Davis, Max Lacey, Brian Collins, Steven Hirst, John Staltaro, Alvis Darroch, Alejandro Fernandez, Clay Adams, Marco Floydd, Mike Pachniak, Darryl Ward, Rich Mills, and Todd Matthy. Phew.

Take care of yourselves and we'll see ya in seven! BRENNAN, WHERE"S MY *%$&*$ HOT DOG?!??!

-Simperin' Steve
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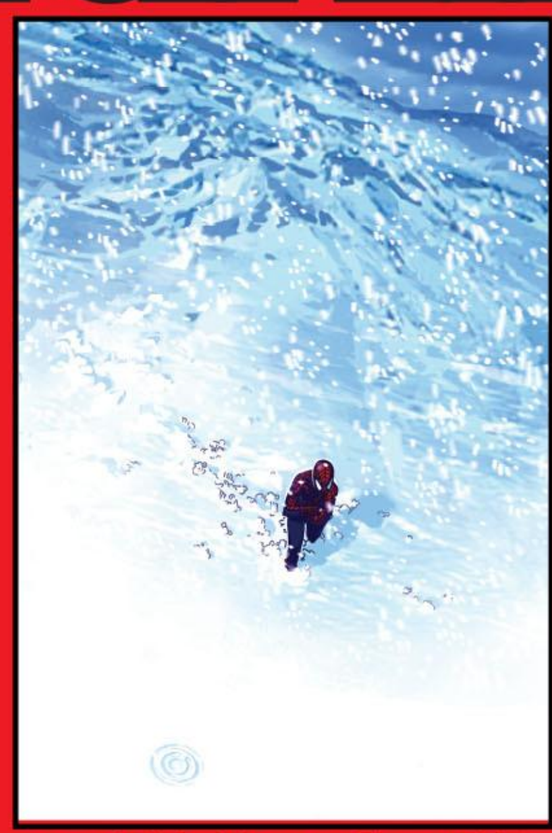

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