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SPIDER-MEN

"SITTING
IN A
TREE"
PART 4



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AS A TEENAGER, GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY A MUTATED SPIDER. THE BITE TRANSFORMED HER, GRANTING HER AMAZING POWERS: A PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK, SHE IS THE DANGEROUS VIGILANTE CALLED SPIDER-WOMAN, BUT YOU KNOW HER AS...

SPIDER-GWEN

PREVIOUSLY...



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THE UNIVERSE FORMERLY KNOWN AS GIG.

C'MON--
HURRY UP, WILL
YA?!

THIS AIN'T
THE BOONIES,
YOU EARTH-65
HICKS!

THIS
IS THE REAL
BROOKLYN!

EIGHT MILLION
SUPER HERO STORIES
IN THIS CITY.

FOR ALL
WE KNOW, THAT
GUARD IS SECRETLY
THE PORCUPINE OR
SOMETHIN'!

WAIT...
"THE PORKY
PINE"?

LAUGH
IT UP, SMART
GUY.

YOU GOT
NO CLUE WHO THE
PORCUPINE WORKS
WITH, DO YA?

HAHAHAHA

LEMME
GUESS--PIOTR
PLATYPUS?

AW, MAN. MY
KIDS LOVE PIOTR
PLATYPUS.

NO, YOU
IDIOTS! HE WORKS
WITH--

NUH-
UH-UH!

THEY'LL NEVER
PASS THE TEST IF
YOU DO THEIR
HOMEWORK!

THUMP

SPIDER-MAN?!

NICE
GUESS BUT NO,
SWEATER-BRO.

SPIDER-WOMAN.

THE
PORCUPINE WORKS
WITH SPIDER-WOMAN.

WELL,
ONE OF
'EM, ANYWAY.
THERE'S A
FEW.

I MEANT A FEW
SPIDER-WOMEN,
BUT I DUNNO--

--MAYBE
THERE'S A FEW
PORCUPINES NOW,
TOO?

I
MEAN, WHY
NOT...

"...EVERYTHING
GETS A SPIN-OFF
THESE DAYS."

UNGF!
STUPID
PORTAL!

RRRGH.
BOOTS ON THE
GROUND! **BOOTS!**
NOT **BUTTS!**

OH, MAN.
PLEASE LET US
ACTUALLY BE
HOME.
I CAN'T
DEAL WITH THAT
KARAOKE EARTH
AGAIN.

TO ME,
YOUR EARTH
IS KARAOKE,
MILES.

PING
PING
PING

YOU
HAVE ARRIVED AT
EARTH-616.

UM...

REALIGNMENT
MODE INITIATING.

PLEASE AWAIT
FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS.

INSTRUCTIONS?!
WHAT KIND OF
INSTRUCTIONS?!

I...DON'T KNOW.
MY TELEPORTER
WATCH HAS NEVER
TALKED.

RRRGH!
WHAT THE HECK
IS EVEN FREAKING
GOING ON?!

WE DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR THIS,
GWEN! I **NEED** TO
FIND MY DAD!

UM...
MILES...

SITTIN' IN A TREE PART 4

LATOUR
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RENZI
COWLES

I
THINK WE'RE
EXACTLY WHERE
WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO BE.

S.I.L.K.
AGENTS.

BUT
HOW--WHO DID
THIS?

C'MON, GWEN.
IT'S **OBVIOUS** WHO
DID THIS...

HELLO, CITIZEN, I'M YOUR
FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD
SPIDER-MAN.

FOR YOUR
SAFETY, PLEASE GIVE
THESE SHADY TYPES A WIDE
BERTH UNTIL THE PROPER
AUTHORITIES
ARRIVE.

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MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE DOWNLOAD
MY WEB APP.

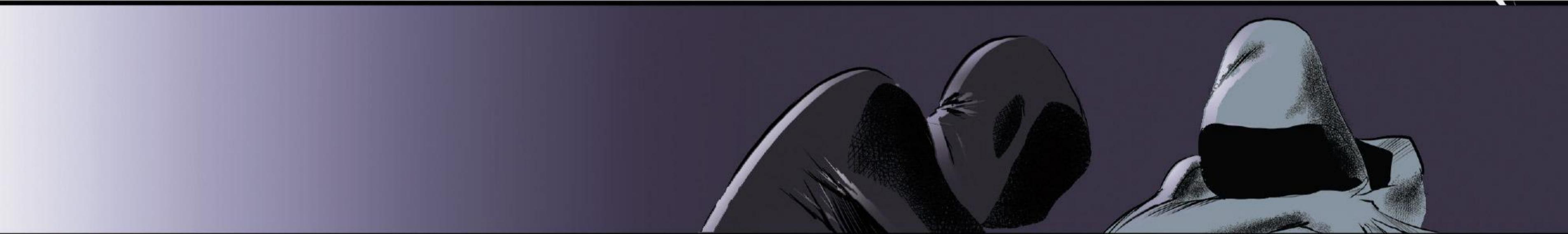
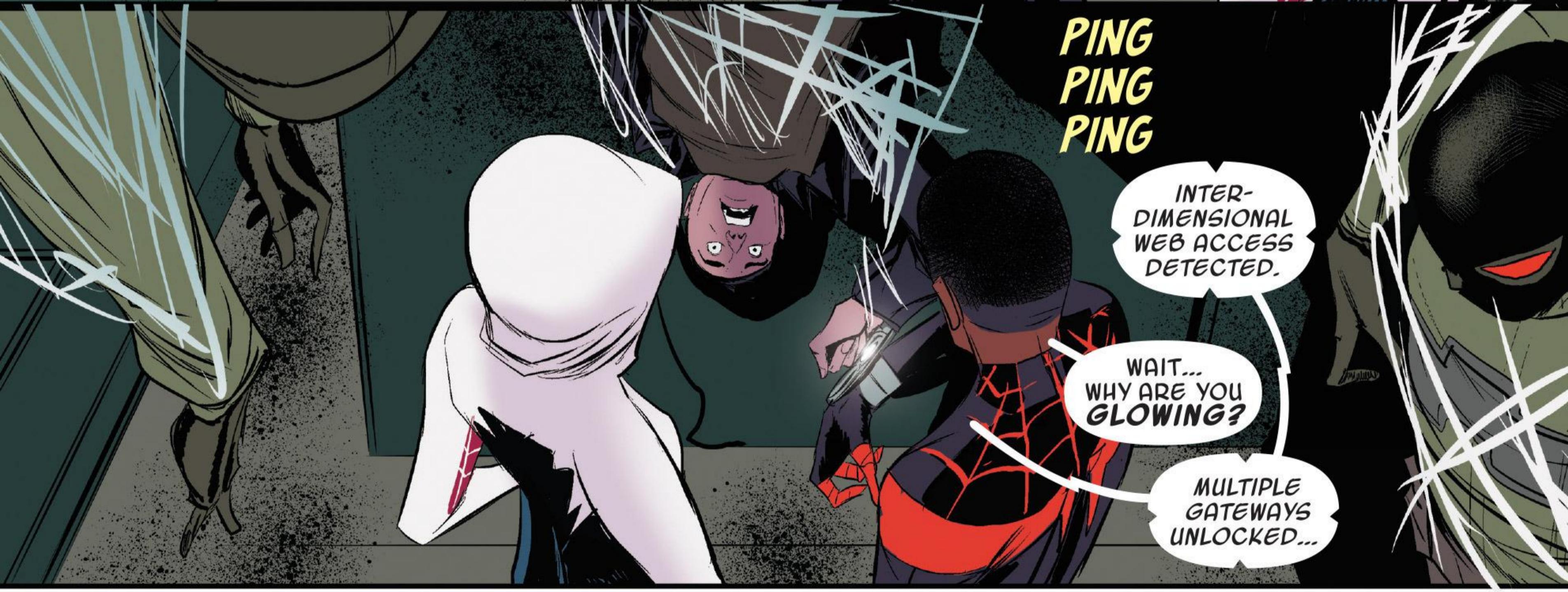
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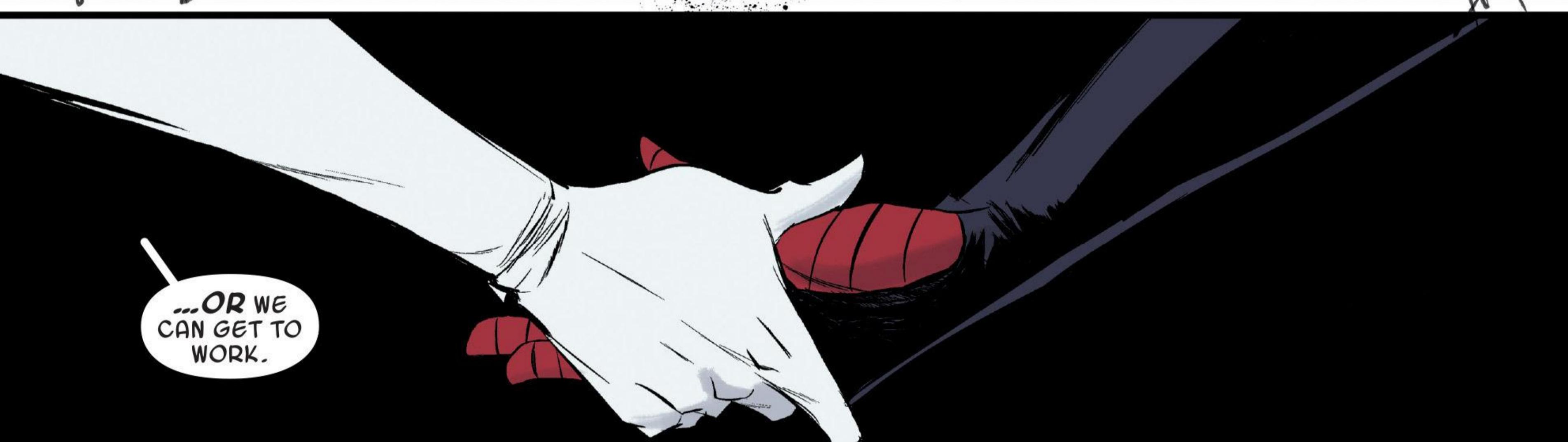
BECAUSE
INTERNET!

=SIGH=

BROOKLYN
IS SUPPOSED TO
BE MY BEAT.









SO S.I.L.K.
DUPLICATED
THE GATEWAY WATCH
THEY STOLE FROM
ME.*

AND EVEN
WITH CINDY-65 IN
PRISON, THEY'RE STILL
HOPPING OVER HERE TO
STEAL MORE DUSTY
OLD SUPER-
WEAPONS?

AND THE
BATTERIES TO
RUN THEM.

*SEE SPIDER-WOMEN.

AND SELLING
IT ALL TO THE HIGHEST
BIDDER.

BUT WHAT
DO THEY NEED
MONEY FOR WHEN THEY
CAN JUST JUMP
BETWEEN--

OH, MAN.
THAT'S GOTTA
BE IT!

YEAH.
GOTTA
BE.

SORRY. THOUGHT
THIS WAS WHERE WE BLURT
THE ANSWER OUT AT THE
SAME TIME.

WHAT'S
GOTTA BE
IT?

HEH.
THAT THING ON
YOUR WRIST,
DORKUS.

THE WATCH IS
AN INTER-DIMENSIONAL
GATEWAY, RIGHT?

MY REED
RICHARDS BUILT
ONE, BUT THERE'S ONLY
ONE OF HIM PER
EARTH.

I BET
IT'S REALLY HARD
AND COSTLY FOR
RUN-OF-THE-MILL
MAD SCIENTISTS
TO DO.

SO, THE STOLEN
EARTH-616 TECH S.I.L.K.
WAS SELLING IS TO PAY
FOR SOMETHING LIKE
THAT?

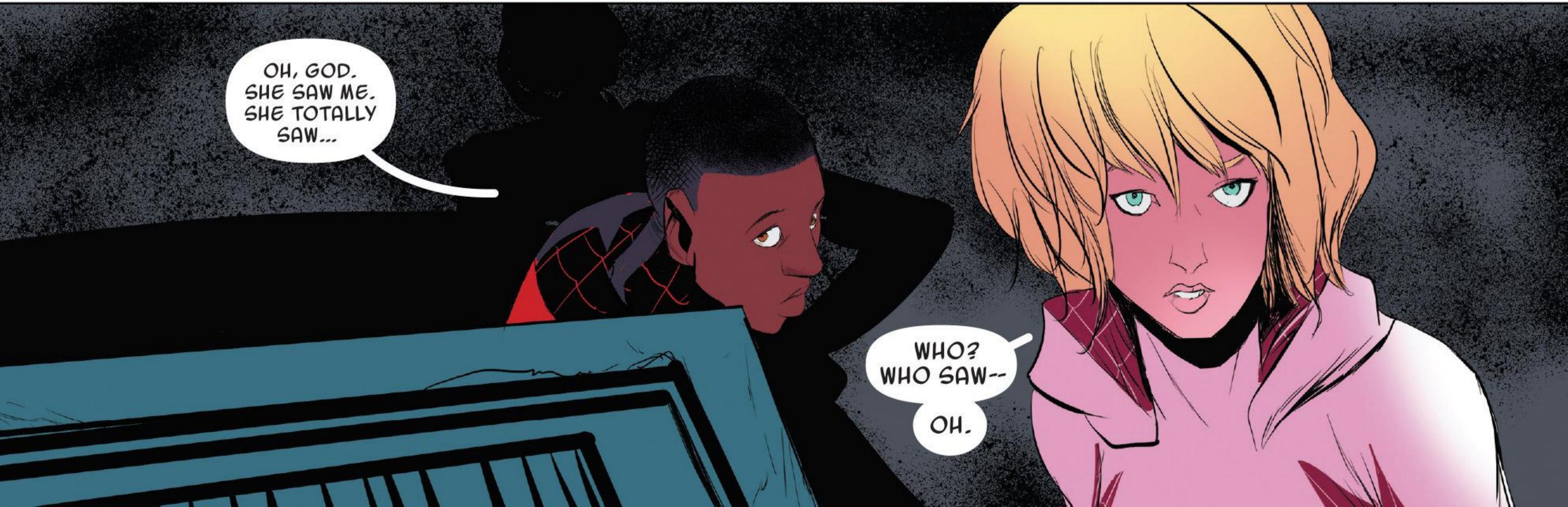
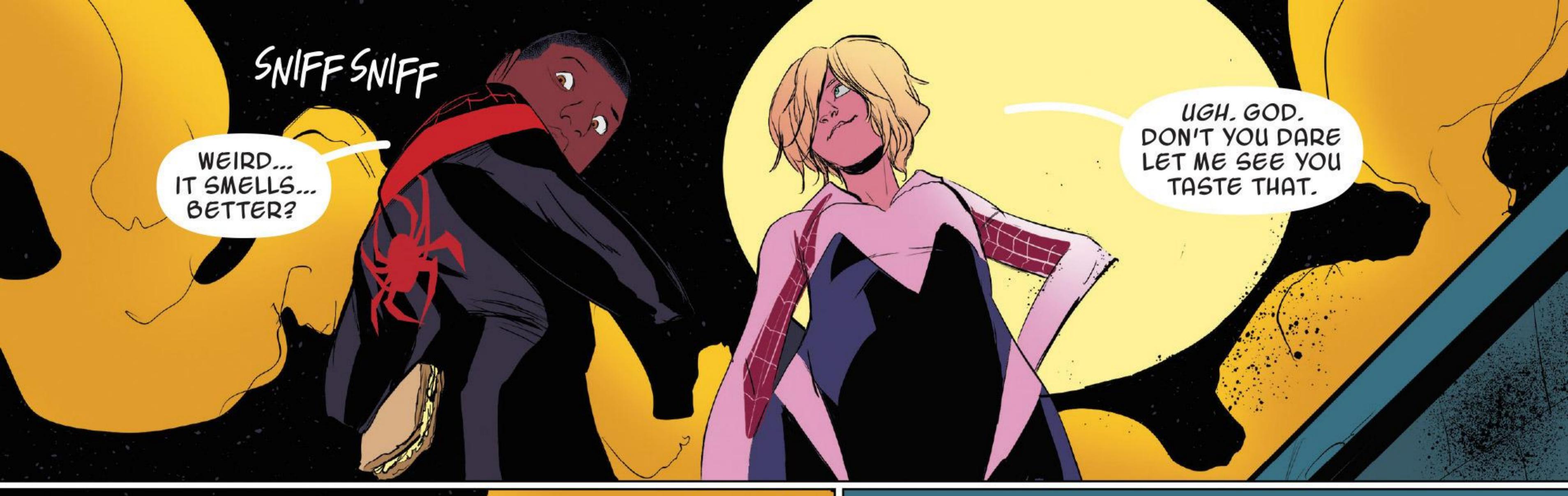
OH, MAN.
DIMENSION HOPPING
SUPER-SPIES...NOT
GOOD.

NOPE.

AND IF
THE S.I.L.K. AGENTS
THAT DISAPPEARED BACK
THERE ARE ANY
INDICATION...









MMMKAY, WELL...HI,
I'M MS. MARVEL. I'M A
FRIEND AND TEAMMATE
OF SPIDER-MAN'S.

AND
YOU ARE? ER--
SPIDER-GIRL?
OR--

WOMAN.
SPIDER-WOMAN,
ACTUALLY.

REALLY?
ANOTHER ONE,
HUH? COOL.

SO YOU'RE
ON A TEAM-UP. A
MISSION?

A CASE.
IT'S MORE LIKE
A...

IT'S,
UH...PERSONAL...A
SPIDER-PERSONAL
KINDA...

I MEAN I...I
WOULD'VE CALLED
THE CHAMPIONS,
BUT--

IT'S JUST
A TEAM-UP.

MMMM-
HMM...

YOU'RE MORE
THAN WELCOME
TO JOIN US, MS.
MARVEL.

IN FACT,
WE COULD
REALLY USE THE
HELP. RIGHT,
MILES?

GREAT.
THANK YOU,
SPIDER-
WOMAN.

I MEAN,
WHAT ELSE
WAS I GONNA
DO, BINGE
NETFLIX?

UM...
GUYS...
WAIT...GWEN,
I THOUGHT
WE SAID
NO--

YOU SAID
NO ADULTS,
MILES. BUT MS.
MARVEL'S FINE,
RIGHT?

RIGHT.
SO IT'S A
TEAM-UP.

WHAT'S
"NETFLIX"?

WHAT? YOU
DON'T--

WHOA.
ARE YOU THE
SPIDER-WOMAN THAT
GREW UP LOCKED IN
A BUNKER?

OH,
GOD.

SO.

SO?

I SAW
HOW YOU GUYS
WERE, UM...YOU'RE
SURE THAT I'M
NOT--

OH,
GOD, HURRY UP,
MILES.

LOOK, HE'S
EASY TO RELATE
TO, OKAY?

LIKE--FINALLY
A SPIDER-PERSON I
CAN TALK TO WHO DOESN'T
REMIND ME OF
PETER.

OR
SMELL LIKE
BACON.

=SIGH= WHY
CAN'T MILES AND I
BE FRIENDS?

UM...MY
PARENTS ARE
FRIENDS.

OH, GOD.

I'M JUST
SAYING, YOU SEEM
WELL-INTENTIONED
AND ALL, BUT--

--BUT
MILES...HE'S THE
BEST.

JUST
DON'T HURT
HIM.



LISTEN, MY DAD USED TO BE INTO SOME BAD STUFF, OKAY?

IF NOT FOR MY MOM AND, WELL, ME--HE MIGHT HAVE ENDED UP JUST LIKE THE SCORPION.

AND IF THAT'S IN HIM, IF THAT'S IN ME--I--

LOOK, THERE'S ANOTHER SPIDER-MAN. BUT I'M THE ONLY ME.

AND YOU'RE THE ONLY YOU. THE ONLY GWEN.

SO HOW WE DO THIS MEANS MORE, OKAY?

MILES... I--I'M SORRY. I'M JUST SO, SO TWISTED UP LATELY.

BACK HOME, EVERYONE ALWAYS MISUNDERSTANDS. ALWAYS BLAMES ME.

I'M JUST USED TO HAVING TO DO WHATEVER IT...

...TAKES.

WHAT THE HELL, GARY?!

WE ONLY WENT LIKE...20 FEET!

I FORGOT A DECIMAL POINT, OKAY, RANDY?! GEEZ, SUE ME!

UM...
THIS IS
THEM, RIGHT?
THE S.I.L.K.
GUYS?

THESE
AREN'T JUST
RANDOM THEMED
CROOKS?

THWOMP

THOSE
SWEATERS
ARE STUPID
ITCHY.

MORE LIKE
AGENTS OF
W.O.O.L...

WAIT...S.I.L.K. BEAMED
INSIDE. STOLE THE BATTERIES
UNDER OUR NOSES...

AND THEN
ONLY MADE IT A
FEW FEET ON THEIR
JUMP BACK
HOME!

"WE STILL HAVE
A CHANCE."

"THEY HAVEN'T
PERFECTED THEIR
TRANSPORTERS
YET."

C'MON!
CALIBRATE,
YOU STUPID--!
CALIBRATE!

NOT GETTIN'
STUCK IN THE
NOLTE-VERSE
AGAIN!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

HERE, TAKE
THE TRANSPORTER
THINGY...

WAIT,
WHAT?!

THEY'RE
GONNA JUMP
BACK TO THE
SCORPION.

AND I'M
GOING WITH
THEM.

WHAT? MILES,
NO. YOU COULD END
UP ANYWHERE.



WHOA.

GREETINGS,
GWEN STACY--

PLEASE
ENTER--
HASTILY.

WAIT--
NO WAY!

WE DON'T
KNOW WHO SENT
THAT THING. I CAN'T
JUST LET
YOU--

I--
I THINK I HAVE
TO.

YOU STAY.
TELL THE CHAMPIONS.
STOP S.I.L.K. IF THEY
COME BACK.

NO WAY.
YOU CAN'T
DO THIS ALONE.
I'M COMING
WITH--

NO, MS.
MARVEL. I'M SORRY--
BUT MILES AND I GOT
INTO THIS MESS
TOGETHER.

AND
TOGETHER'S
OUR ONLY WAY
OUT.

TO BE CONTINUED
IN SPIDER-MAN #14.

MS. MARVEL

REAL NAME: Kamala Khan

OCCUPATION: Student

LEGAL STATUS: United States Citizen (Earth-616)

PLACE OF BIRTH: Jersey City, New Jersey

MARITAL STATUS: Single

KEY RELATIVES: Naani Khan (grandmother), Yusuf Khan (father), Muneeba Khan (mother), Aamir Khan (brother), Tyesha Hillman (sister-in-law)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Avengers (former member), Champions (leader)

BASE OF OPERATIONS: Jersey City

FIRST APPEARANCE: Captain Marvel Vol. 7 #14

PARTIAL HISTORY: Kamala Khan is a Pakistani-American born in Jersey City, New Jersey, where her parents settled after moving from Karachi, Pakistan. Despite her respect for her traditional upbringing, Kamala has always held geeky interests and a fascination with American pop culture, most specifically the fandom of super heroes. The career of Carol Danvers, the previous Ms. Marvel and current Captain Marvel, has always especially captivated Kamala.

One night, Kamala snuck out of her house against her parents' wishes to attend a party on the Jersey waterfront, only to be teased and ostracized by her classmates upon arrival. Leaving the party in disappointment, Kamala was enveloped by the mutagenic Terrigen Mists that descended upon Jersey City. Falling unconscious, her body formed a bioorganic cocoon upon exposure and she underwent the Inhuman transformation known as Terrigenesis. During the transformation, she had a vision of Carol Danvers chastising her for disobeying her parents and asking her what she wanted in life. Kamala replied, "I want to be you." Kamala awoke and burst free of her cocoon wearing a replica of Danvers' previous Ms. Marvel costume, and her physical appearance had changed to look exactly like Danvers as a result of her reverence for Danvers and a subconscious desire to fit in.

Disoriented and alarmed by the sudden change, Kamala panicked and, as a result, her body repeatedly altered itself as she struggled to gain control over her shape-shifting powers. But when her classmate Zoe wandered too far from the party and fell into the nearby river, Kamala instinctively came to her rescue by enlarging her hand to pull Zoe out of the water. Torn between the pride she felt in rescuing Zoe and the clear realization that merely looking like her idol was not enough to make her happy or fulfilled, Kamala returned home, where she was promptly grounded by her parents for sneaking out.

Days later, Kamala went to visit her friend Bruno during his shift at the local convenience store only to find him dealing with a thief trying to rob the place. Kamala morphed into Captain Marvel and intervened, but was shot as the thief escaped. Unable to use her polymorphic abilities as she healed, Kamala told Bruno about her transformation. Bruno likewise revealed a secret of his own: his brother Vick was in fact the robber, and had fallen in league with someone called the "Inventor."

HEIGHT: 5'4" (variable)

WEIGHT: 125 lbs. (variable)

EYES: Brown

HAIR: Brown

SUPER-POWERS: Ms. Marvel is a human with latent Inhuman genetics that were activated by the Terrigen Mists. Her enhanced Inhuman biology naturally increased her metabolism, physical endurance, and stamina. In addition, Kamala's Terrigenesis imbued her with polymorphic shape-shifting abilities.

As a polymorph, Kamala can stretch, deform, expand, or compress her entire body or parts thereof for a variety of uses, such as elongation of her limbs, torso, and neck, as well as extreme size alteration. She also possesses an accelerated healing factor, the ability to project a bioluminescent glow while morphing, and the ability to alter her physical appearance in order to disguise herself and mimic others.

SKILLS/TALENTS: Kamala is a talented writer and regularly spends her free time writing super hero fan fiction.

FUN FACT: See, no matter what anyone tells you, sometimes awesome stuff does come from New Jersey, okay?

Kamala traced Vick's escape to an abandoned house in Greenville, where she found Vick tied up in the basement as punishment for his botched heist. Kamala's initial rescue attempt failed as she was overpowered by an army of robot spiders.

Returning home, Kamala was met by her parents, who were upset, disappointed, and scared for their daughter. Her parents expressed their concern, and revealed that Kamala was born when her mother was believed to be unable to conceive children and thus was considered to be special. Kamala took their words to heart and spent the next day with Bruno training to be a better super hero. A short time later, she returned to the Inventor's house in Greenville and successfully rescued Vick, incurring the Inventor's wrath for her actions. Undeterred, Kamala swore that she would protect Jersey City from him as Ms. Marvel.

After a few more attacks from the Inventor, Kamala went into the sewers to investigate strange noises, which led to a team-up with the mutant X-Man known as Wolverine. Deducing that Kamala was part Inhuman, Wolverine made a call to Queen Medusa of the Inhuman royal family and informed her of Kamala's existence. Medusa sent the teleporting royal pet, Lockjaw, to aid Kamala and to keep an eye on her.

As Kamala's efforts as a super hero gained her more recognition, she was recruited by the Avengers to join their super hero team, along with the other teenaged heroes Nova (Sam Alexander) and Spider-Man (Miles Morales). Led by Captain America (Sam Wilson) and a few other veterans, the three youngest Avengers trained and fought alongside many of the heroes who inspired them.

But in time a rift developed between the older and younger generations of Avengers. Upset and confused about why disagreements among friends had led to a second all-out superhuman civil war, Nova and Spider-Man quit the Avengers. Kamala remained on the team for a short while longer, but even she quit eventually, frustrated and upset by the Avengers' apparent apathy about the trail of destruction left in their wake. Despite their best intentions, Kamala felt that the Avengers should be taking a more active role in alleviating some of the collateral damage from their various skirmishes. The older Avengers dismissed her concerns, but Kamala was adamant and quit the team.

She rendezvoused with Spider-Man and Nova, and together the three of them devised an idea for a new super hero team, one consisting of younger heroes, with a stated objective of finding a less overtly destructive way of stopping superhuman threats. Called the Champions, the team consists of Ms. Marvel, Spider-Man, Nova, the Totally Awesome Hulk, and Viv, the daughter of Vision, and Cyclops.

And, despite her place as the leader of the Champions, Kamala continues to make time to patrol and protect her community in Jersey City as Ms. Marvel. ■



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NEXT: SPIDER-MAN #14



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AFTER
ROMITA

SITTING IN A TREE CHECKLIST

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