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SECTOR FOUR IS CLEAR.

SPIDER-GIRL HERE.

I'M SWINGING OVER 40TH STREET BETWEEN 5TH AND MADISON.

THAT'S SECTOR EIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE CHART.

YEAH.

SURE.

WHATEVER!

ANYWAY, ALL'S QUIET.

THIS IS LADY-HAWK--

--AND I'VE GOT A SIGHTING IN SECTOR SIX!

Y-YOU THINK IT'S THEM?!

CAN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO CONFIRM ...BUT SOMEONE'S TRYING TO SET A NEW DISTANCE RECORD IN THE THUG TOSS.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, OSBORN? MY SISTER NEEDS BACKUP.

SECTOR SIX, TEAM--SWARM! SWARM!

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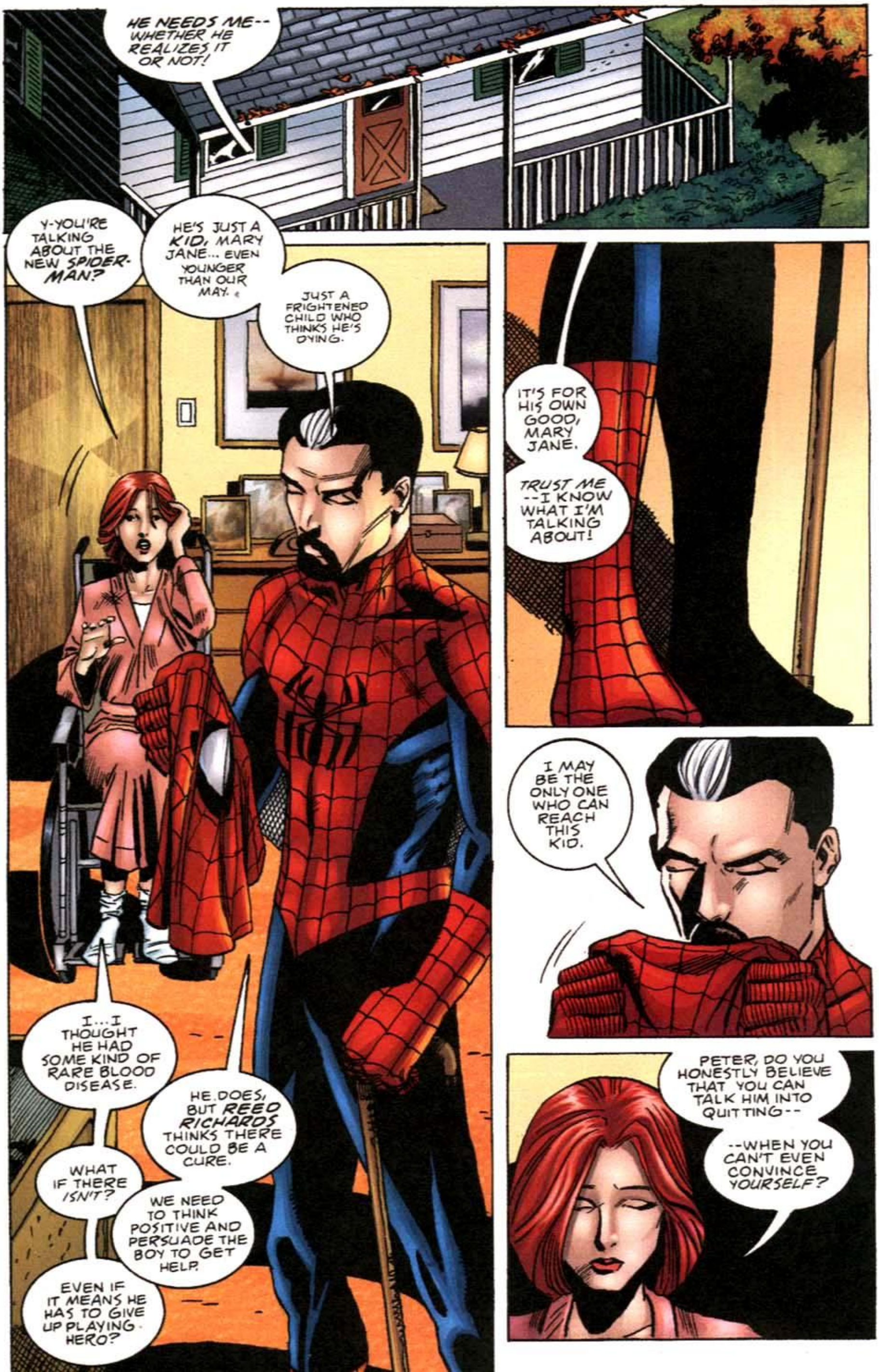
RAPTOR, THE BUZZ, LADYHAWK, THE GREEN GOBLIN, AND... OF COURSE... SPIDER-GIRL.
WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED?
MIND TELLING ME THE PURPOSE OF THIS...THIS... LEGION OF MORONS?
WELLLLLLL, THERE'S THIS GANG WAR BETWEEN THE KINGPIN AND SOME GUY NAMED CANIS FOR CONTROL OF THE UNDER-WORLD...

OLD NEWS, GIRL!
I ALREADY BROUGHT HORNHEAD UP TO SPEED ON HOW MR. NOBODY--THE KINGPIN'S BUTTON MAN--ACCIDENTALLY ACED CRAZY EIGHT.
"ACCIDENTALLY?"
WHAT PART OF GANG WAR DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, EINSTEIN?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE--SOME KIND OF SUPER-POWERED FLY?!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING--A GUY PRETENDING TO BE SPIDER-MAN!

GLAD TO SEE THE BOYS PLAYING SO NICELY.
UHHHHH... FELLAS? YOU FORGOT ALL ABOUT FUNNY FACE.
HE IS...WAS ...CRAZY EIGHT'S BROTHER, AND THAT'S WHY HE AND HIS MOM ARE ON A VENGEANCE SPREE.

WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING, PEOPLE --TO CAPTURE THE FACES AND END THE GANG WAR!
I SUGGEST WE PUT OUR DIFFERENCES ASIDE, AND--
FORGET IT!
I ONLY AGREED TO WORK WITH THE SPIDER-BOY.
AND HE'S ALREADY ONE PARTNER TOO MANY.


HE NEEDS ME-- WHETHER HE REALIZES IT OR NOT!
Y-YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE NEW SPIDER-MAN?
HE'S JUST A KID, MARY JANE... EVEN YOUNGER THAN OUR MAY.
JUST A FRIGHTENED CHILD WHO THINKS HE'S DYING.
IT'S FOR HIS OWN GOOD, MARY JANE.
TRUST ME --I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!
I MAY BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REACH THIS KID.
I...I THOUGHT HE HAD SOME KIND OF RARE BLOOD DISEASE.
HE DOES, BUT REED RICHARDS THINKS THERE COULD BE A CURE.
WHAT IF THERE ISN'T?
WE NEED TO THINK POSITIVE AND PERSUADE THE BOY TO GET HELP.
EVEN IF IT MEANS HE HAS TO GIVE UP PLAYING HERO?
PETER, DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN TALK HIM INTO QUITTING--
--WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN CONVINCE YOURSELF?

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COME ON! NO! YOU CAN'T BE HIM.
HE WAS MUCH TOO KLUTZY TO SURVIVE ALL THESE YEARS.
ALTHOUGH YOUR JAW DOES HAVE A FAMILIAR RING TO IT.

YOU GUYS BETTER GET WHILE THE GETTING IS--HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
HATE T'BREAK IT TO YA, SWEETHEART--BUT WE WORK FOR CANIS, AND THERE'S A HEFTY BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD.
CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT DIDN'T MY FRIENDS AND I JUST SAVE YOU FROM FUNNY FACE AND HIS MOM?
YEAH, THANKS FOR THAT.

THAT'S IT!
NO MORE MS. NICE GAL!

KEEP BACK, RAPTOR--WHILE I PUT THE STING ON FUNNY FACE!
OH, SURE! I'LL JUST OOH AND AHH WHILE YOU MAKE LIKE A BIG, BRAVE HERO-MAN.
I...I DIDN'T MEAN TO SOUND PATRONIZING.
RIIIIGHT!

IT WAS FUN TO CATCH UP ON OLD TIMES WITH THE GOBLIN, BUT YOU'RE THE ONE I REALLY WANTED TO MEET.
I UNDERSTAND MY ELDEST SON IS DEAD BECAUSE OF YOU, MISSY.
UH-OH!

THANK YOU...
RYKERS
I AM SO GLAD YOU ACCEPTED MY INVITATION, CANIS.
IT SEEMED THE RIGHT THING TO DO, KINGPIN... ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU COULDN'T COME TO ME.
THE RECENT UNPLEASANTNESS BETWEEN US CONTINUES TO ESCALATE AND GROW EVEN MORE COMPLICATED.

SADLY SO.
NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE TO CONTEND WITH THE AUTHORITIES, EACH OTHER, AND THE OCCASIONAL COSTUMED ADVENTURER--
--BUT NOW FUNNY FACE AND HIS MOTHER HAVE MADE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CONDUCT OUR DAY-TO-DAY AFFAIRS.

I AGREE.
WE NEED TO PUT OUR DIFFERENCES ASIDE, AND GET BACK TO BUSINESS.

INDEED, AND I'M CERTAIN THAT WE CAN ARRIVE AT A JUST AND EQUITABLE TRUCE.
HIS ACTIONS HAVE COST US BOTH A LOT OF UNNECESSARY GRIEF AND MONEY.
OF COURSE, AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, I AM CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH MR. NOBODY.

AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL, I HAVE ALREADY DISMISSED HIM FROM MY EMPLOY--
--AND HE IS NO LONGER UNDER MY PROTECTION.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MONEY, BUD!

YOU WON'T NEED IT WHERE YOU'RE HEADED.

SPIDER-MAN! DARKDEVIL!

H-HOW DID YOU FIND ME--?!

YOU MUST HAVE ANNOYED SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT.

EVERY STREET PUNK WE RAN ACROSS SEEMED ANXIOUS TO DIVULGE YOUR ADDRESS.

TH-THE KINGPIN! HE MUST HAVE TURNED ME OUT!

OOOO! AN UNGRATEFUL CRIME LORD --IMAGINE THAT!

YOU WANT TO GIVE UP NOW, OR DO YOU INSIST ON A RITUAL FIGHT SCENE?

DON'T GET TOO COCKY, KID-- THIS GUY'S A STONE KILLER!

BIG WHOOP! IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, I'M A LOT STRONGER AND FAR MORE AGILE THAN YOUR AVERAGE STREET--
OWWWW!

H-HE DIVED INTO THE WALL.
MAN 'O' MAN, I HATE WHEN HE DOES THAT!
WARNED YOU ABOUT THE COCKINESS.
NOBODY EARNED HIS NAME BECAUSE HE CAN TELEPORT AND BECOME INTANGIBLE.
DUHHH! HOW'S ABOUT WE SKIP THE LECTURE--
--AND JUMP RIGHT TO THE PART WHERE YOU TELL ME HOW TO STOP HIM!

THAT SOUNDS A LOT LIKE CHEATING, KID.
AND I THOUGHT YOU GOOD GUYS ALWAYS PLAYED FAIR.
UNLIKE A BAD GUY LIKE ME WHO WON'T ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE TOUCHED--
--BUT FEELS PERFECTLY JUSTIFIED IN TEMPORARILY BECOMING SOLID WHENEVER HE WANTS TO GET OFF A FEW ROUNDS.
STUFF FAIRNESS!
I'M GONNA KICK YOUR EVER-LOVIN' BUTT!

THIS ISN'T WORKING THE WAY YOU PLANNED, GIRL--OR IS IT?
TH-THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THESE GUYS... AND I... I NEEDS MORE ROOM TO MANEUVER PROPERLY.
YEAH... AND I COULD USE A CUP OF PEPPERMINT TEA.
STOP WHINING, RAPTOR--AND ACT LIKE A HERO! IT'S OUR JOB TO DEAL WITH THE SMALL FRY WHILE THE OTHERS TACKLE THE FACES.

YOU TOLD THE GANG THAT YOU WANTED TO APPREHEND FUNNY FACE AND HIS MOM... BUT THAT WAS A LIE.
OUT OF MY WAY, GOBLIN --YOU'RE RUINING MY SHOT!
-:UGGN:- AND THAT'S ALWAYS MY CHIEF CONCERN WHENEVER I'M -:UFFFT:- BEING PUMMELED BY A PSYCHO.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU TWO WORKED TOGETHER?
YOU BICKER LIKE AN OLD MARRIED COUPLE --NOT THAT THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT!

RAPTOR, LADYHAWK, BUZZ, AND THE GOBLIN--THE TRUTH IS, YOU'RE JUST USING THEM!
RAPTOR-- BEHIND YOU!
THERE'S A MAN WITH AN UZI!

YOU SET THE OTHERS UP TO DISTRACT FUNNY FACE--
--SO THAT YOU'D GET SOME ALONE TIME WITH HIS MOM!
CRAZY EIGHT MIGHT HAVE SEEMED LIKE A RUN-OF-THE-MILL COSTUMED LUNATIC TO YOU, GIRL--
--BUT HE WAS MY SON--

--AND I LOVED HIM!
HOO-BOY! YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

KWAA-TWOOM!
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE KINGPIN OR ANYONE ELSE THINKS -- I'M THE BEST AT WHAT I DO!
NOT ONLY DO I HAVE GREAT POWERS AND PLENTY OF FIREPOWER, BUT I ALWAYS PLAN AHEAD.
I STRATEGICALLY PLACED A FEW DOZEN GAS CANISTERS AROUND MY LOT, JUST IN CASE I EVER FACED AN OCCASION LIKE THIS.
THIS HAS BEEN A REAL BLAST, GUYS -- BUT I'M AFRAID THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME FOR ME TO COLLECT MY MONEY AND SAY GOODBYE.
I NEED TO DISCUSS MY SEVERANCE PACKAGE WITH A CERTAIN FAT MAN.
SINCE YOU CAN ALSO TELEPORT, DEVILMAN, YOU GET TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ZAPPING TO SAFETY--
--OR TRYING TO SLIP BETWEEN MY BULLETS AND THE KID!
THWAKK!
OF COURSE, THERE'S A THIRD OPTION--
--THOUGH I CAN'T REALLY SEE IT GAINING YOUR SUPPORT!

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AARGH HHHHH!

I LOVE MY LITTLE TOYS, DON'T YOU?

YOU MAY HAVE TEMPORARILY PUT THE BUZZ OUT OF ACTION--

--BUT YOU'LL NEVER STOP THE GREEN GOBLIN!

-YAWN- YOU WANT TO SCARE CROOKS?

HERE'S A HINT --TONE DOWN THE MELODRAMA AND WATCH MORE NYPD BLUE!

MAKE YOUR STUPID JOKES, FUNNY FACE, BUT I'LL STILL--

KISS PAVEMENT WHEN I'VE TIRED OF THE DANCE?

WH-WHAT THE --?!

YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO YOUR COSTUME, MAN!

YOU DON'T HAVE THE MOVES OR WIT FOR THE BIG SHOW--

--AND YOUR TOTAL INEPTNESS COULD BECOME A REAL HEALTH HAZARD TO YOUR FRIENDS!

-SIGH- WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT!

I WAS HOPING FOR A LITTLE ACTION, AND ENDED UP WITH THE ALL-LOSERS SQUAD.

OH, WELL! MAYBE MOM'S HAVING BETTER LUCK...

MY SON IS DEAD BECAUSE OF YOU!
BUZZ... GOBLIN... ANYONE ?!
THEY'RE ALL OFF-LINE, SPIDER-GIRL.
D-DO YOU MEAN THEY'RE ...?!
NO... AT LEAST NOT YET...THEY'RE ALL STILL BREATHING ...BUT... WELLLLL...
YEAH.
GOTCHA!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE CHATTING WITH, SWEETIE--BUT I DO WISH YOU'D DIRECT YOUR FULL ATTENTION TOWARD ME.
I'D HATE FOR YOU TO MISS YOUR OWN DEATH.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.
LISTEN TO ME, LADY-- I ACCEPT SOME OF THE BLAME FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO CRAZY EIGHT.

I BELIEVE MY JOB IS TO PROTECT PEOPLE--ALL PEOPLE --AND HE SHOULDN'T HAVE DIED ON MY WATCH.
HE'D STILL BE ALIVE, IF ONLY I WERE FASTER, SMARTER, OR... OR SOMETHING!

I FAILED HIM...AND FAILED MYSELF...AND YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW MUCH THAT HAUNTS ME.
BUT THIS WON'T BRING HIM BACK!
NOTHING CAN!

YOU STILL HAVE ANOTHER SON, AND YOU SHOULDN'T BE PUTTING HIM AT RISK.
HE NEEDS TIME TO GRIEVE--AND SO DO YOU!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU BLATHERING ABOUT, GIRL?

I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF VIOLENCE! NEVER WAS! NEVER WILL BE!

THE MORE I HURT YOU, THE MORE YOU WILL WANT TO HURT ME--AND THE CIRCLE WILL JUST CONTINUE AND CONTINUE UNTIL ONE OF US DIES.

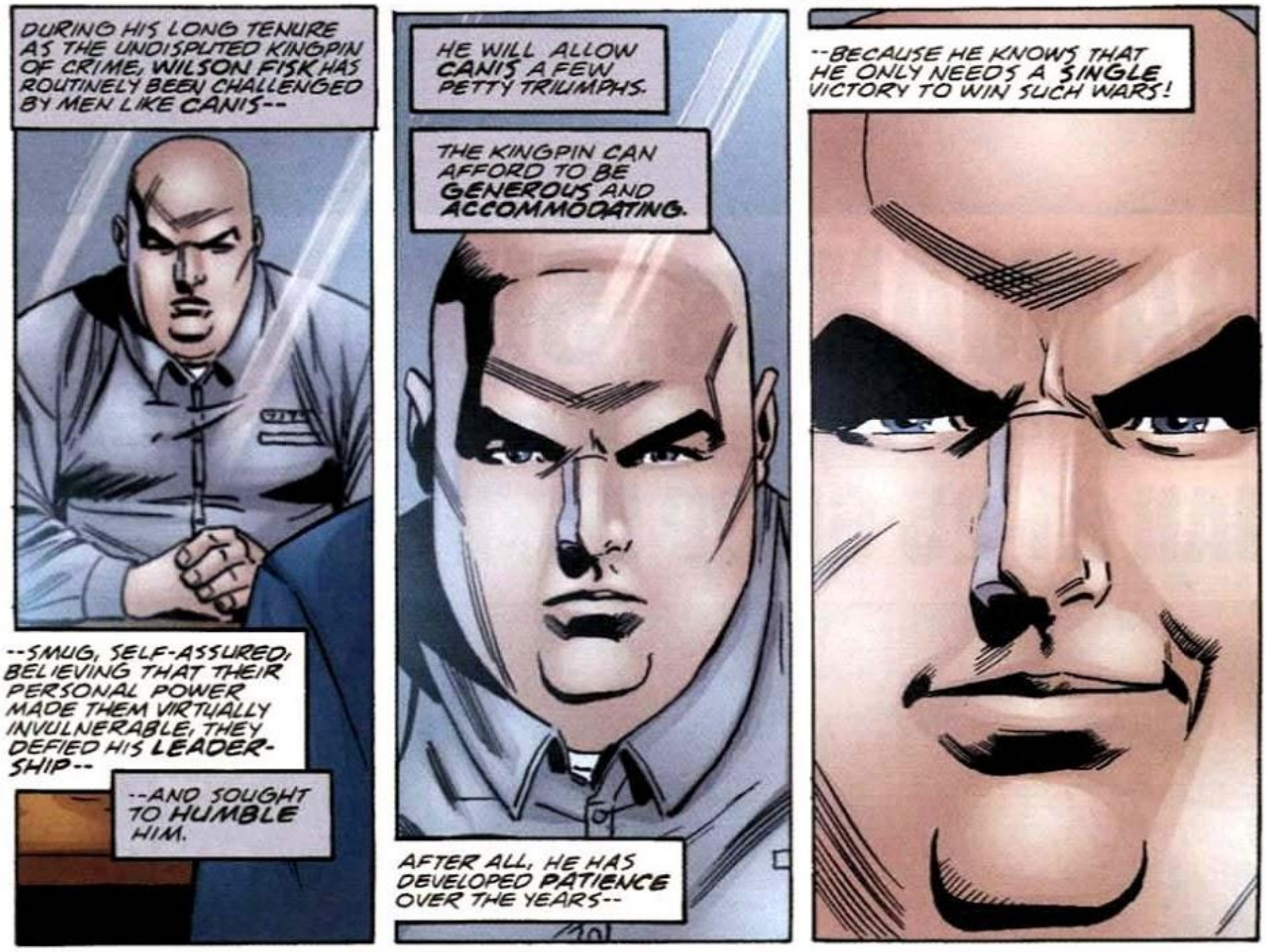
THEN IT WILL START ALL OVER AGAIN... BECAUSE SOMEONE ALWAYS DEMANDS VENGEANCE.

WE HAVE TO BREAK THE CIRCLE!

WE HAVE TO STOP THE VIOLENCE!

WE HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY!

WE DID IT, GUYS!
THE COPS HAVE MR. NOBODY IN CUSTODY--
--AND THEY'VE STRIPPED OFF HIS GIZMOS SO THAT HE CAN'T PULL A DISAPPEARING ACT.
THANK YOU FOR THAT OH-SO-UNNECESSARY BIT OF EXPOSITION.
DON'T BE SUCH A STIFF, DARKDEVIL! I'M EXCITED BECAUSE THE THREE OF US MAKE A GREAT TEAM.
WHO SHALL WE GO AFTER NEXT-- CANIS OR FUNNY FACE?
ABOUT THAT...
I'M THINKING IT'S TIME TO REVIVE MY SOLO CAREER.
B-BUT I THOUGHT YOU AND I WERE REALLY STARTING TO BOND.
IMAGINE THAT!
AWWWW, GO ON!
WHO NEEDS YOU, ANYWAY?
SPIDER-MAN AND I WILL DO JUST FINE ON OUR OWN.
LISTEN...ABOUT THIS COSTUME THING--I'M WILLING TO CHANGE! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THIS TEAM WORK.
HECK, I'D EVEN WEAR THAT OLD SCARLET SPIDER OUTFIT.
PLEASE SIMMER DOWN, GERRY...
SURE, SPIDEY...I JUST ...HEY! H-HOW DO YOU KNOW MY REAL...OH, MAN! OF COURSE! WHAT AM I THINKING?
YOU'RE SPIDER-MAN, THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE!
THE WHAT --?!
I HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR CAREER.
AND I'LL GLADLY ANSWER THEM ALL... IF YOU AGREE TO HELP ME SAVE A YOUNG MAN'S LIFE.
NO PROBLEM, MAN! THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M HERE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
GERRY...
...YOU NEED TO GO INTO TEMPORARY RETIREMENT.



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WHAT--?!
P-PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE JOKING!

WH-WHAT'S THE BIG PROBLEM? I ENDED THE FIGHT, DIDN'T I?
BY MAKING A DEAL WITH ANGEL FACE AND FUNNY FACE?!
I-IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. I JUST AGREED TO LET THEM GO IF THEY PROMISED TO STOP MAKING WITH THE VIOLENCE AND LEAVE THE CITY.
YOU REALIZE YOU ONLY DUMPED THEM ON SOMEONE ELSE.
ACTUALLY, I WAS KIND OF HOPING THEY'D USE THE TIME TO GIVE THE WHOLE CRIME BIZ A RE-THINK.

IS THIS GIRL NAIVE... OR JUST PLAIN STUPID?!
YOU CAN'T NEGOTIATE WITH PSYCHOS.
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND SPIDER-GIRL.
SHE OFTEN TRIES TO REDEEM HER ENEMIES.

AND SHE'S HAD A PRETTY GOOD TRACK RECORD...
...UNTIL NOW!

OKAY, MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE CONSULTED WITH YOU GUYS BEFORE I OPENED MY MOUTH, BUT --C'MON--ISN'T EVERYONE ENTITLED TO A SECOND CHANCE?!
JUST LOOK AT US-- NOBODY THINKS OF THE GREEN GOBLIN AS A HERO!
BOTH THE BUZZ AND RAPTOR ARE WANTED BY THE AUTHORITIES.
AND LADYHAWK ...WELLL...
...I GUESS THIS REALLY DOESN'T APPLY TO YOU.

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT--
--AND I DON'T FEEL BOUND BY THIS NONSENSE!
WAIT UP, HAWK! I'M WITH YOU.
WH-WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, LADY?
THOSE PEOPLE ARE KILLERS.
KILLERS!

I KNOW FUNNY FACE HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF MURDER...
OKAY, MAYBE THE STATE NEVER MADE A CASE AGAINST HIM, BUT THERE'S DEFINITELY BLOOD ON ANGEL FACE'S HANDS.
I'M GOING TO PRAY--FOR YOUR SAKE--THAT SHE HOLDS HERSELF AND HER SON TO YOUR DEAL...
...OR THERE'LL BE BLOOD ON YOURS, TOO!

OH, MAN!
OH, MAN!
EASY, HON...I-I'M SURE THINGS WILL WORK OUT.
WH-WHAT DO YOU THINK, RAPTOR?
PLEASE! I NEED TO HEAR THE TRUTH.
D-DID I SCREW UP?

BIG TIME.

I OWE YOU, PETER--AND I NEED YOU TO THANK SPIDER-MAN FOR ME.
HE SOMEHOW CONVINCED MY SON TO GO FOR TREATMENTS.
GERRY HAS A CHANCE NOW.
I HOPE EVERYTHING WORKS OUT, JESSICA.
IT WILL.
IT MUST.

UHHHH, MOM--?
CAB'S WAITING.
WE GOTTA GO.
GERRY, HAVE YOU MET PETER PARKER?
YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE OLD FRIENDS.

PARKER, HUH?
YOU'RE THE GUY WHO USED TO PHOTOGRAPH THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN BACK IN THE DAY, AND--
OH, MAN-O-MAN!

IT'S A REAL HONOR TO MEET YOU, SIR.
I HOPE YOU'LL COME SEE ME WHEN YOU'RE FEELING BETTER, SON.
IT'S A DEAL! YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF GERRY DREW.
I'LL HOLD YOU TO THAT PROMISE.

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU HAVENT TOLD ME, MR. PARKER?
WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN, MS. CARPENTER?
LET'S START WITH THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN...
...I THOUGHT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD.
IMAGINE THAT!

YOUR INTENTIONS WERE GOOD, GIRL.

YOU ONLY WANTED TO BREAK THE CIRCLE OF VIOLENCE, BUT...

BUT...

OH, GOD!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

M-MAY --?

I...I'M SO GLAD I RAN INTO YOU.

Y-YOU GOT A MINUTE?

UHHHH... NO... NOT REALLY...

THIS *ISN'T* A GOOD TIME FOR ME, NANCY.