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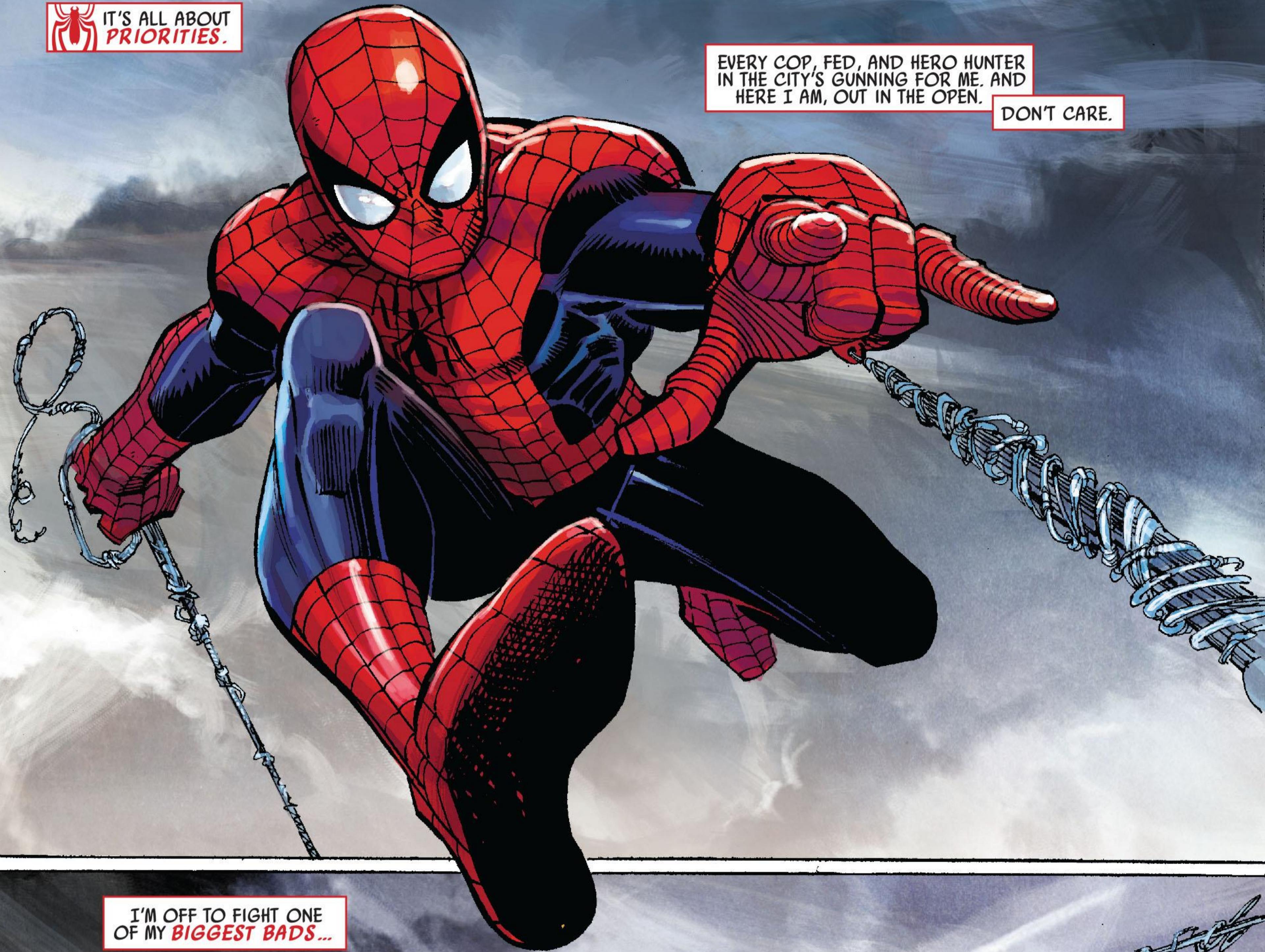
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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IT'S ALL ABOUT
PRIORITIES.



EVERY COP, FED, AND HERO HUNTER
IN THE CITY'S GUNNING FOR ME. AND
HERE I AM, OUT IN THE OPEN.

DON'T CARE.

I'M OFF TO FIGHT ONE
OF MY BIGGEST BADS...



...AND I'M BLOWING MY WAD
GETTING THERE, SWINGING AT
TOP SPEED, RIPPING MY ARMS
OUT OF THEIR SOCKETS.

NOT AN ISSUE.

ONLY TWO THINGS MATTER: VENOM,
THAT INSANE-O, BRAIN-EATING MONSTER
IS AT THE F.E.A.S.T. SHELTER.

AND SO IS MY AUNT MAY!
C'MON! ALMOST THERE!



I PRAY I CAN MAKE IT
BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS.
AND I DO MEAN "PRAY,"
BECAUSE THIS ONE...

...IS GONNA TAKE
A MIRACLE.

YOU'RE A
BLIGHT, VENOM!
A PLAGUE ON
HUMANITY! AND I
SWEAR...

...I'LL RID
THE WORLD OF
YOU ONCE AND
FOR ALL!

The F.E.A.S.T. Homeless Shelter.
ON AVENUE A.

ARGHH!

NEW WAYS TO DIE

PART THREE

THE KILLER CURE

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ANTI-HEROES



In town to help his political pawn, mayoral candidate Randall Crowne, bump back in the polls by catching rogue vigilante and suspected serial killer Spider-Man, Norman Osborn and his Thunderbolts pay a visit to Peter Parker. Stormin' Norman might not remember Peter Parker IS Spider-Man, but he remembers his estranged son's best friend is the city's leading Spider-Man photographer. Issuing a manhunt, Osborn and the Thunderbolts sweep the city. Venom senses his former host at Aunt May's F.E.A.S.T. center and raids the place – only to find not Peter Parker but Eddie Brock, recovering cancer patient and former Venom. As Venom batters Brock, Eddie discovers a new power inside him...the purifying power of ANTI-VENOM!

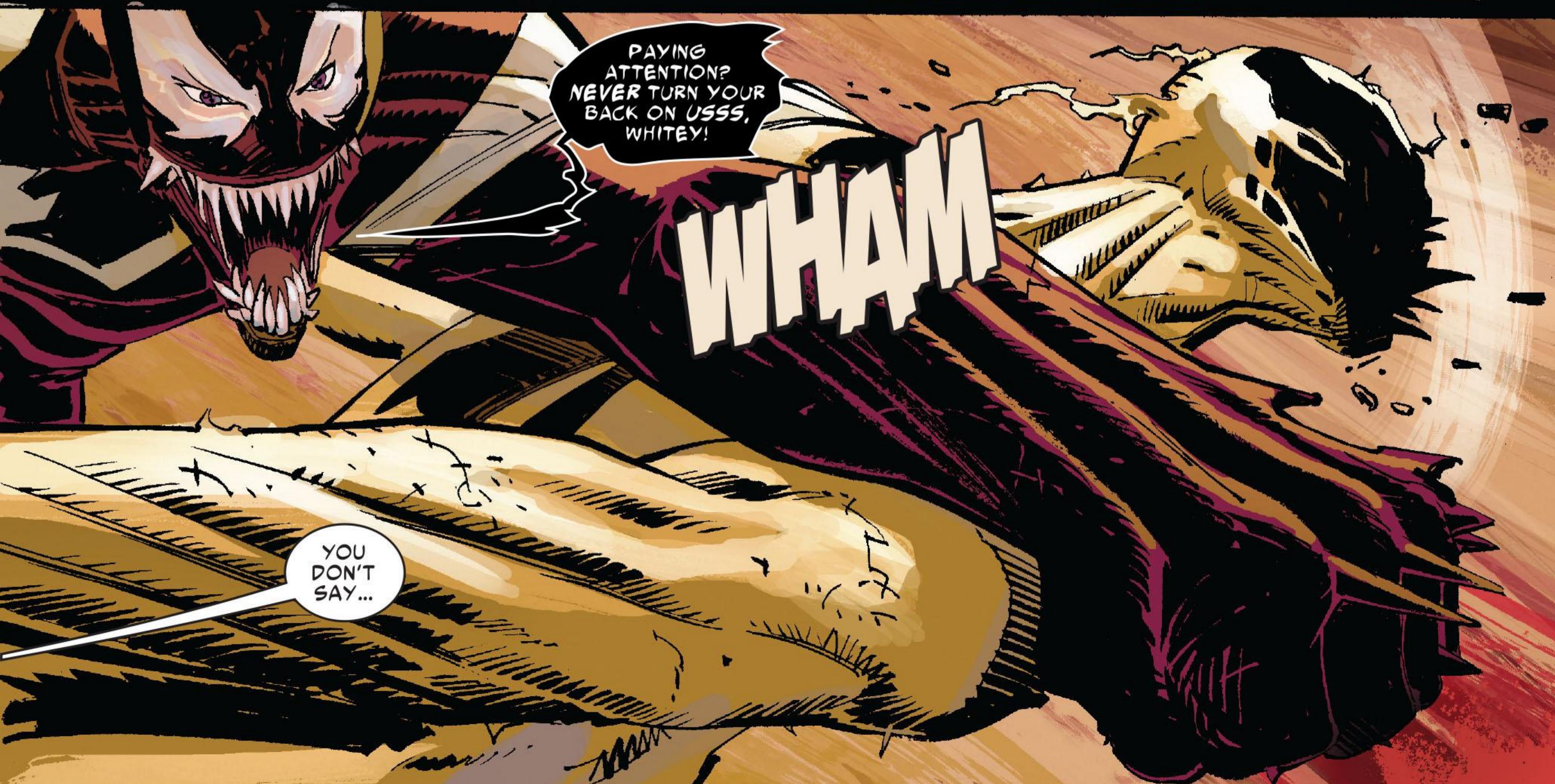
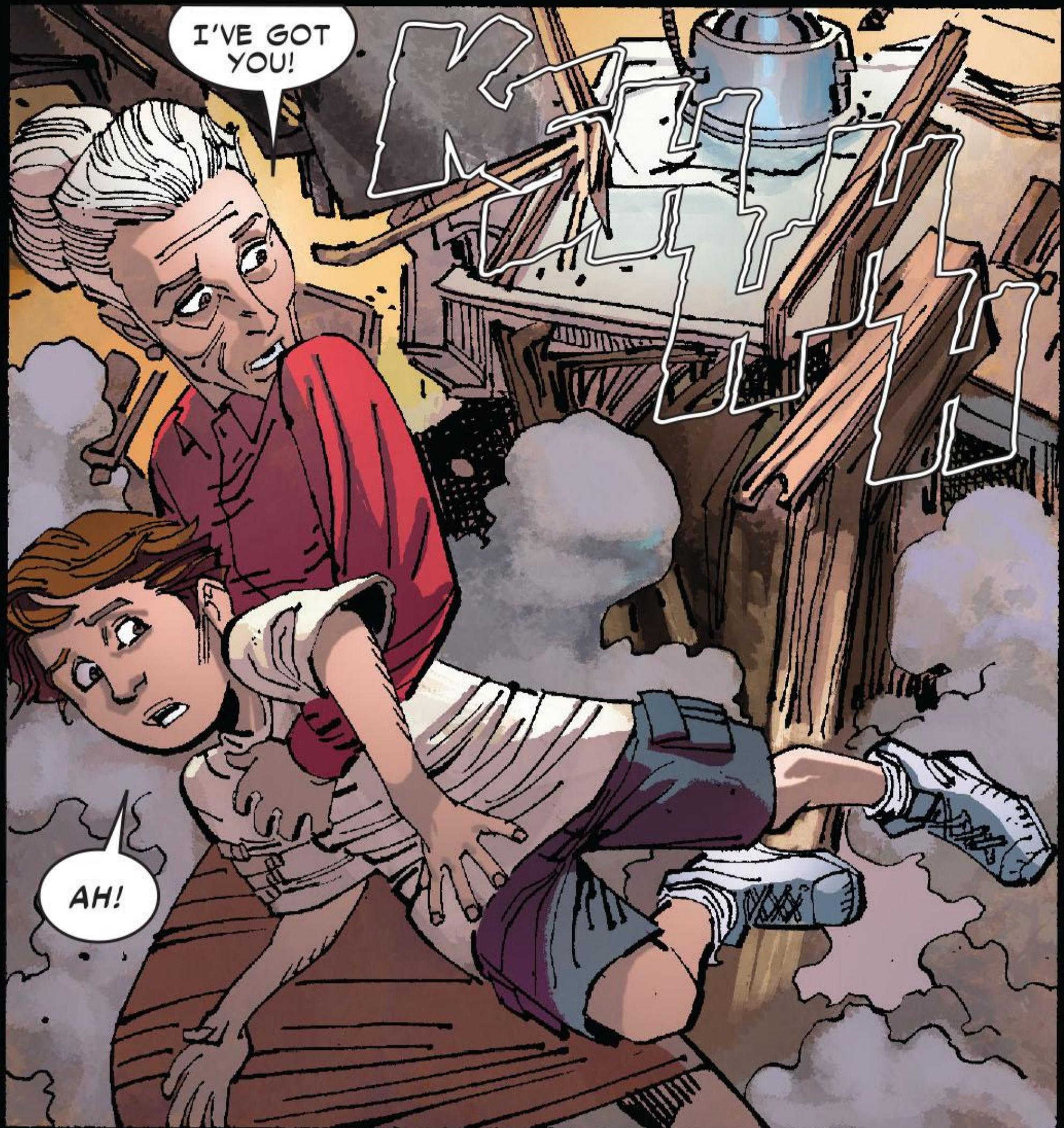
POLICE TIE SPIDER-MAN TO RECENT MURDERS!

EXCLUSIVE TO THE DB!

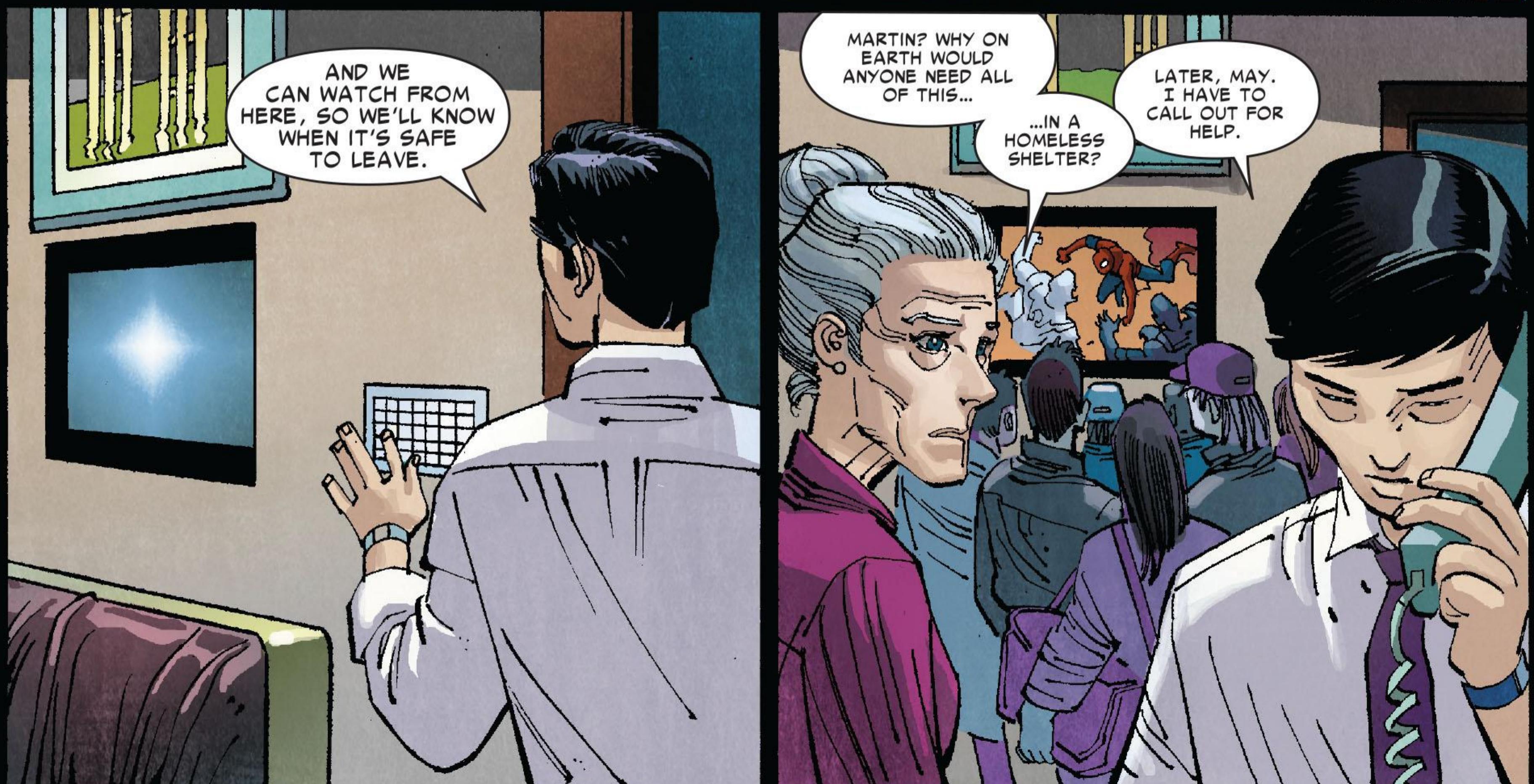
In off-the-record conversations with DB staffers, police have confirmed that Spider-Man is the key suspect in the string of recent murders that has shocked this city. Although police have been reluctant to discuss the specifics of the murders, so-called "Spider Tracers" have definitely been found on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

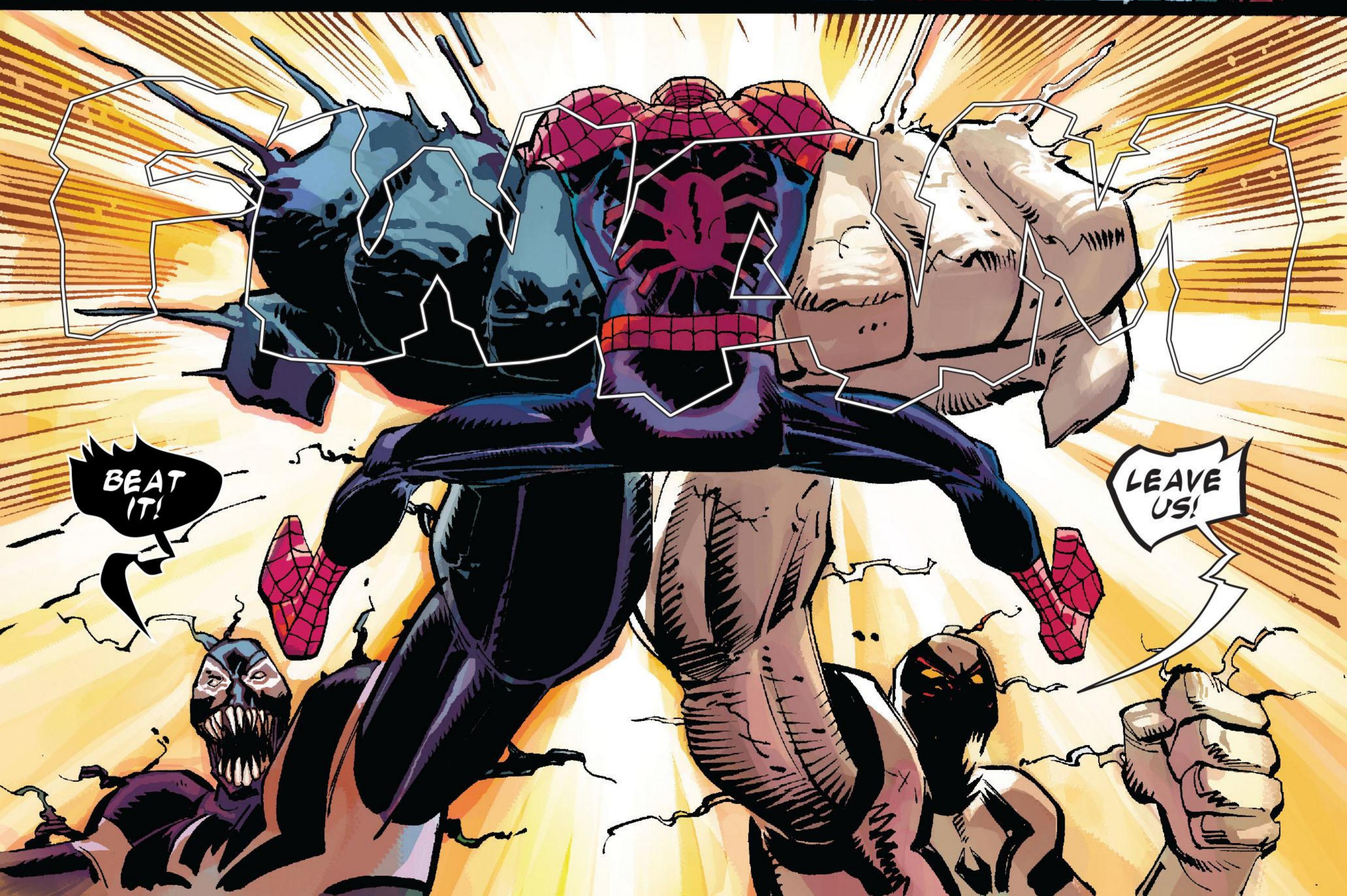
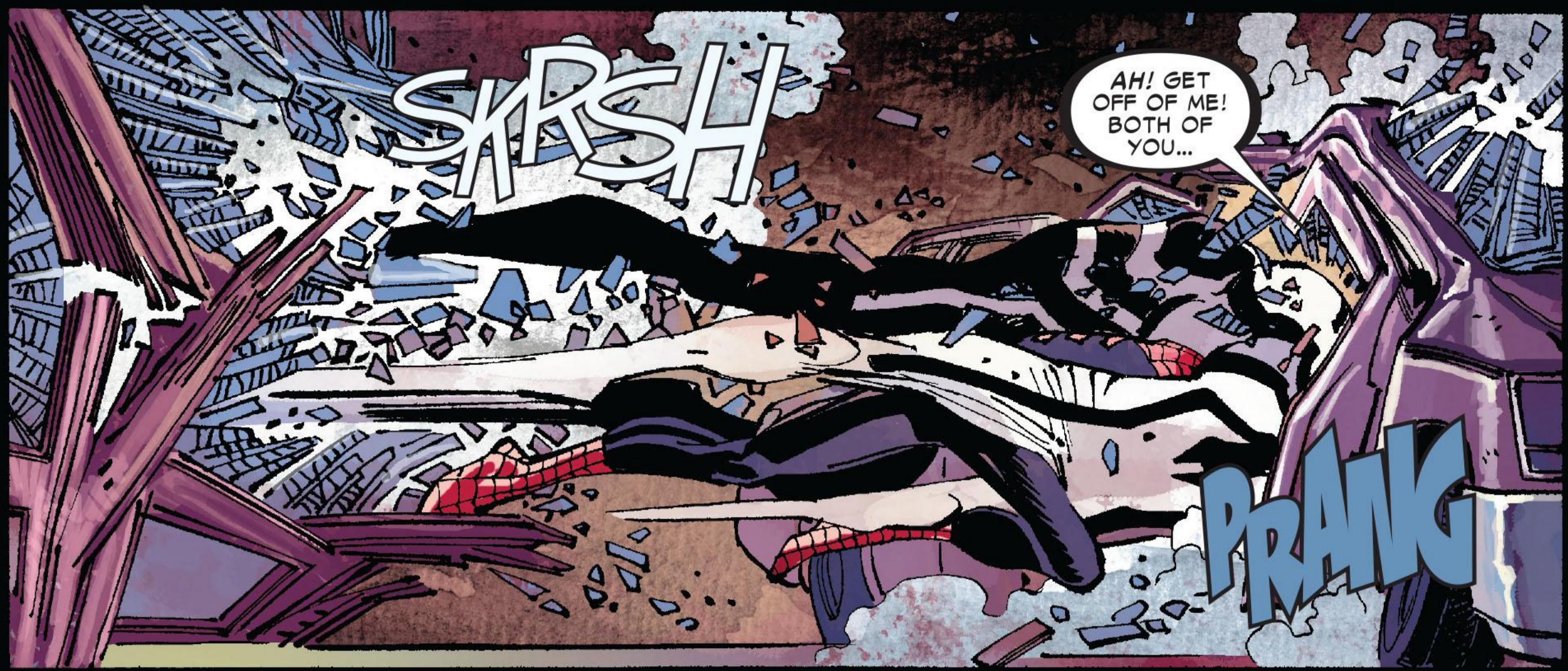
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 OW!

SLOPPY, PARKER. YOU'D
THINK BY NOW YOU
WOULD'VE LEARNED...

...SYMBIOTES
DON'T SET
OFF YOUR SPIDER-SE--



WAK

TUD

UNH...



HAI! DID
YOU--

--SEE
THAT?!



GRAHHH!!



YES,
CROWNE. I'M
EN ROUTE
NOW.



The Zeus.

THE THUNDERBOLTS' MOBILE COMMAND SHIP.



The Home Of Mayoral Candidate Bill Hollister.

OFF GRAMERCY PARK.

THE ELECTION IS STILL A WAYS OFF, BILL. WHO KNOWS HOW LONG WE CAN KEEP THIS LEAD. ALL I'M SAYING IS...

THAT WE EXPLOIT CROWNE'S LATEST SCANDAL? KICK HIM WHEN HE'S DOWN? NO, CARLOS. WE STAY WITH THE ISSUES.

BUT BILL, CROWNE'S CHARACTER IS AN ISSUE.

I PROMISED THE PEOPLE I'D RUN A CLEAN CAMPAIGN, GEORGIA. BESIDES...

...I'M SURE ANTI-CROWNE PAPERS, LIKE FRONT LINE, WILL DO A FINE JOB AIRING RANDALL'S DIRTY LAUNDRY ALL ON THEIR OWN.

NO ATTACK ADS. AND NO SURROGATES DOING OUR DIRTY WORK FOR US. UNDERSTOOD?

Heh. AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE.

YOU GOTTA TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE MAN...

"...GET HIM WHERE HE LIVES."

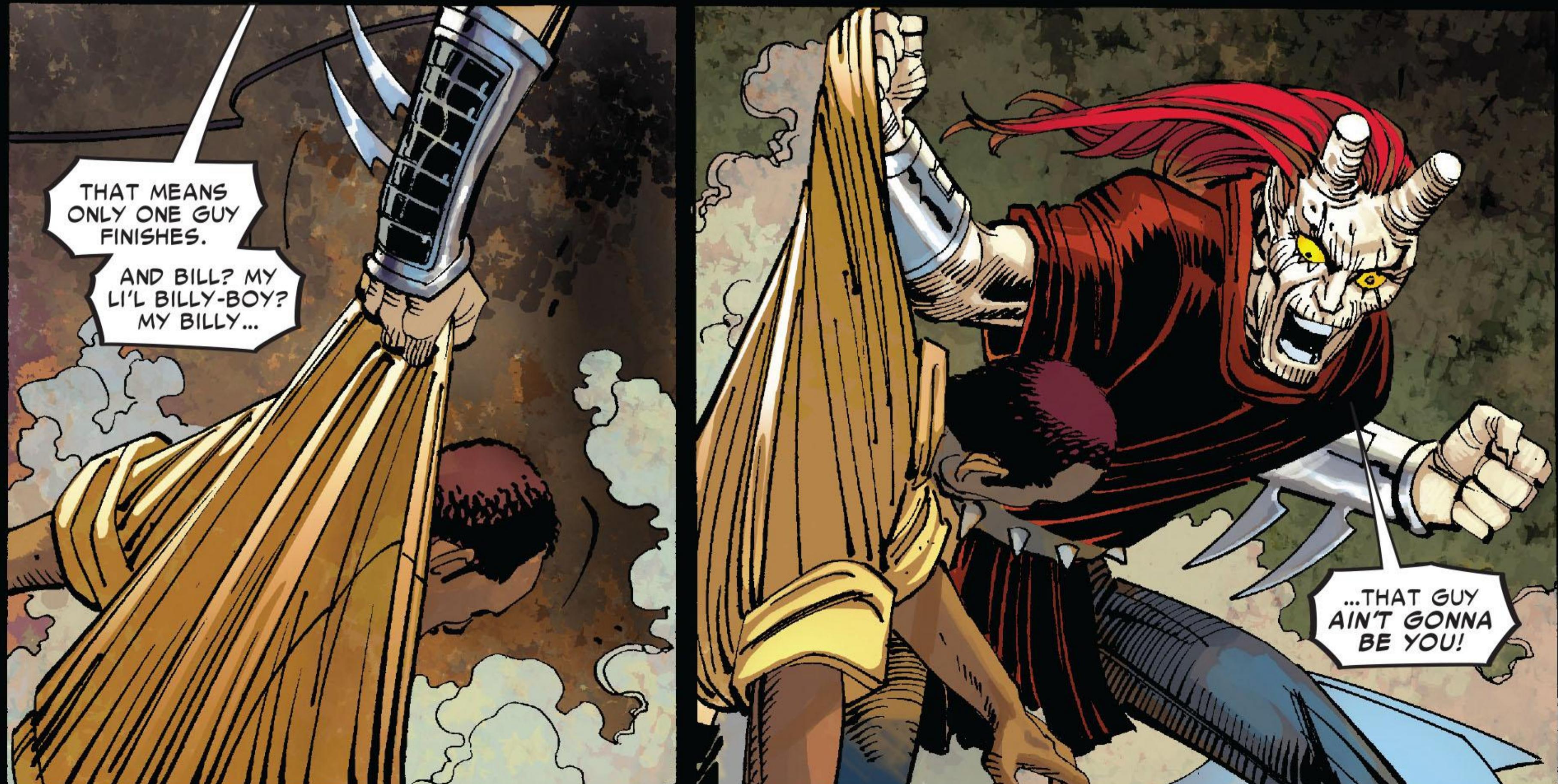
OUT WITH IT, VIN. WHY DO YOU KEEP PULLIN' THIS DETAIL?

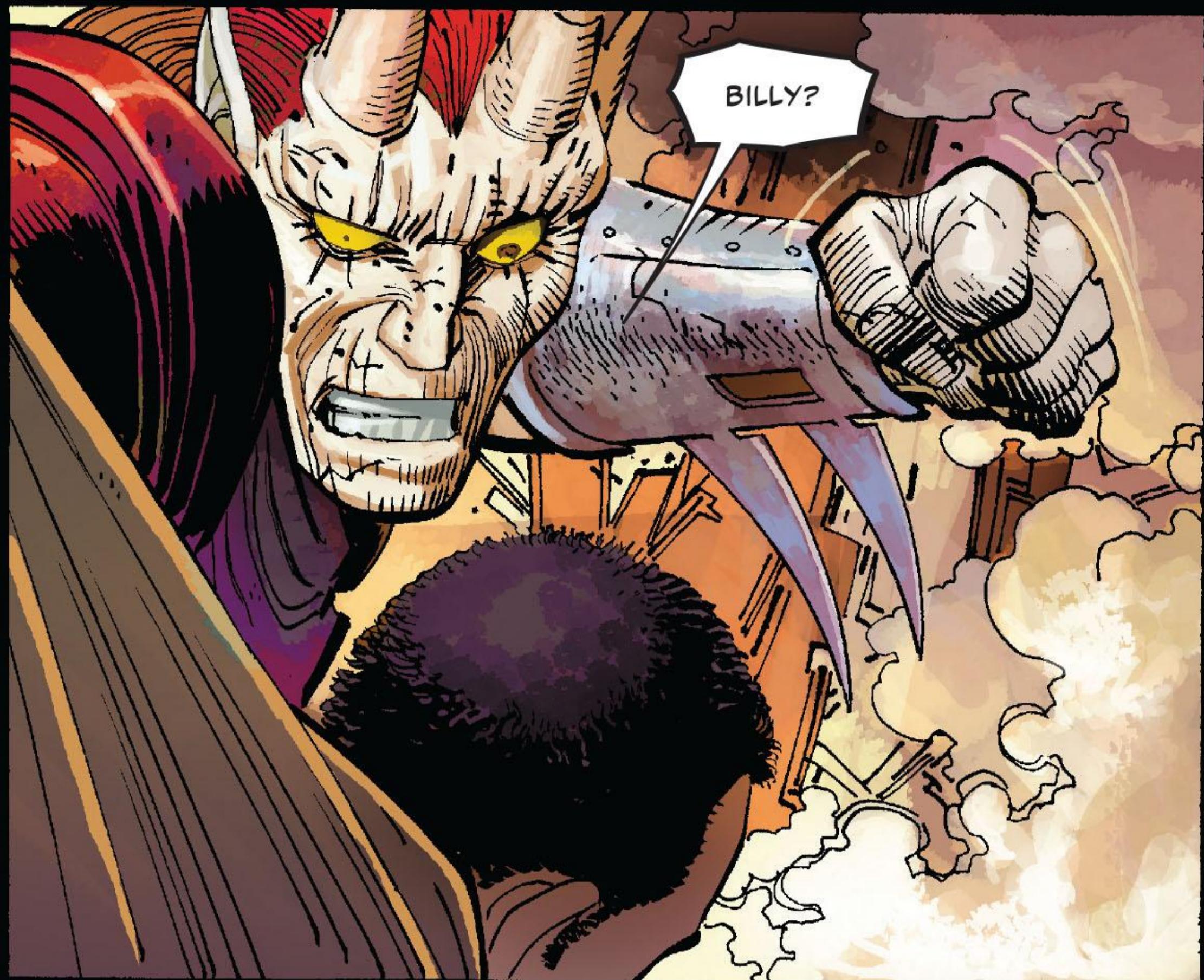
IT'S BECAUSE OF CARLIE, AL. BILL HOLLISTER'S BEEN LIKE A FATHER TO HER.

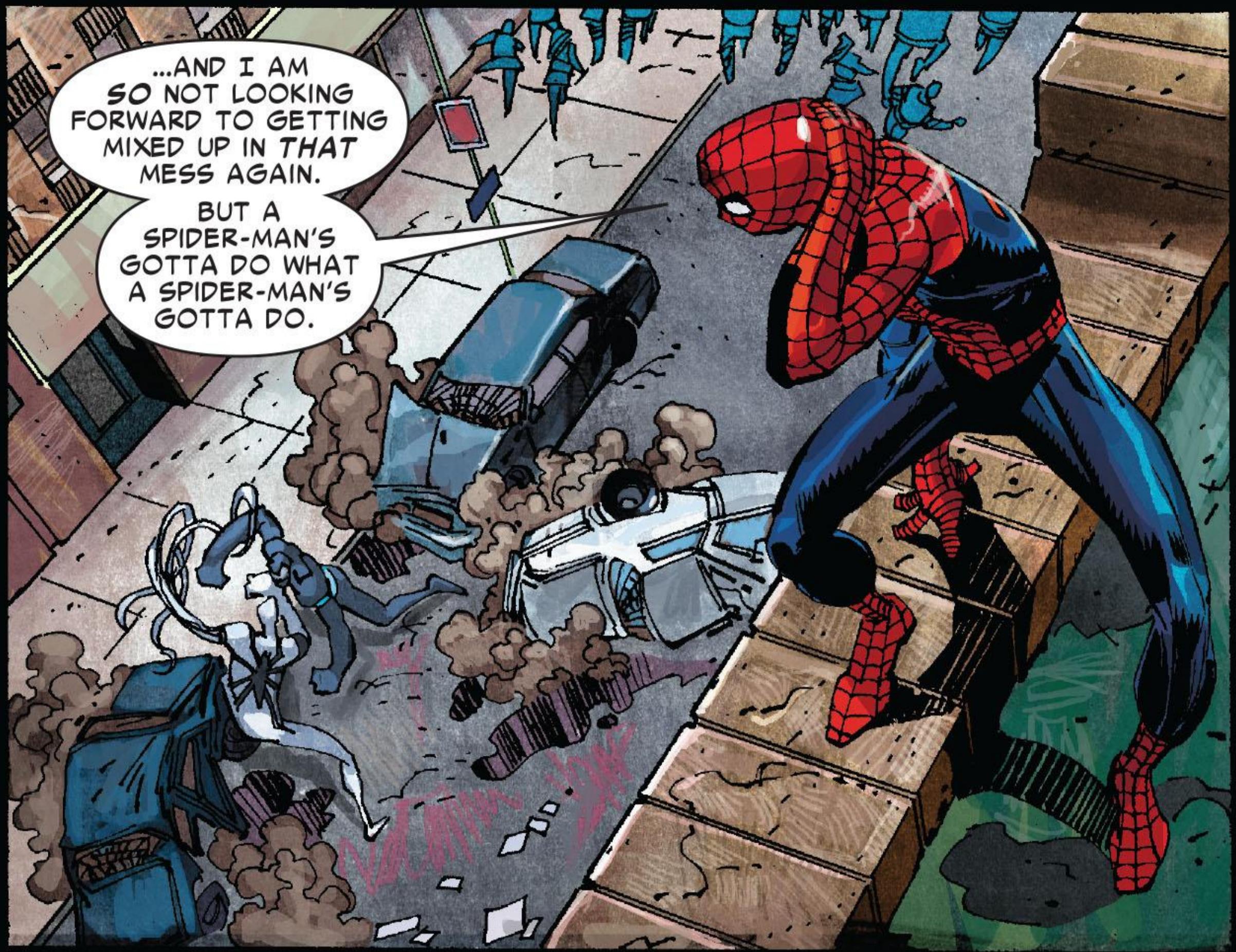
I TOLD HER I'D DO EVERYTHING I COULD TO MAKE SURE HE'S ALL--

FUCK

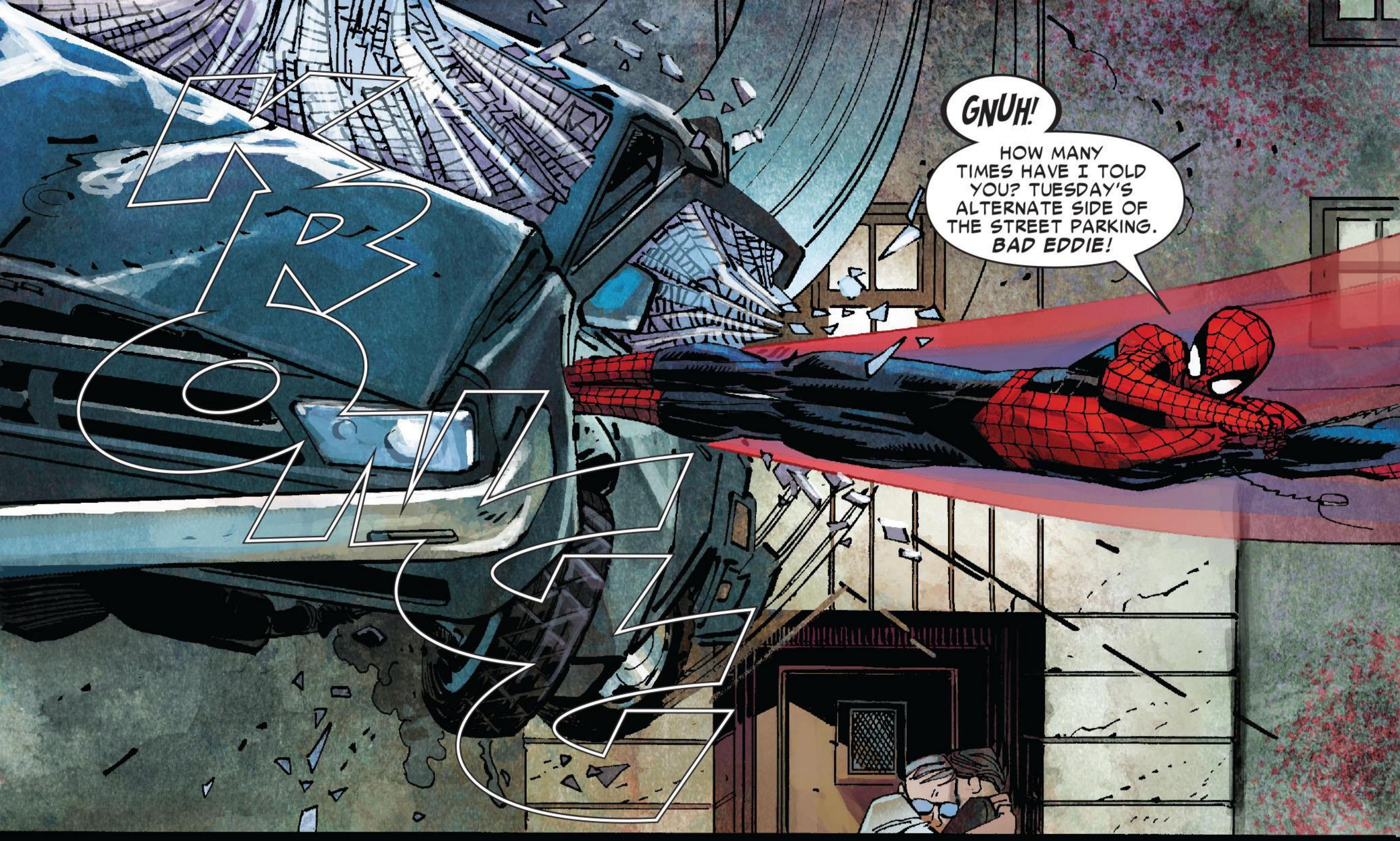


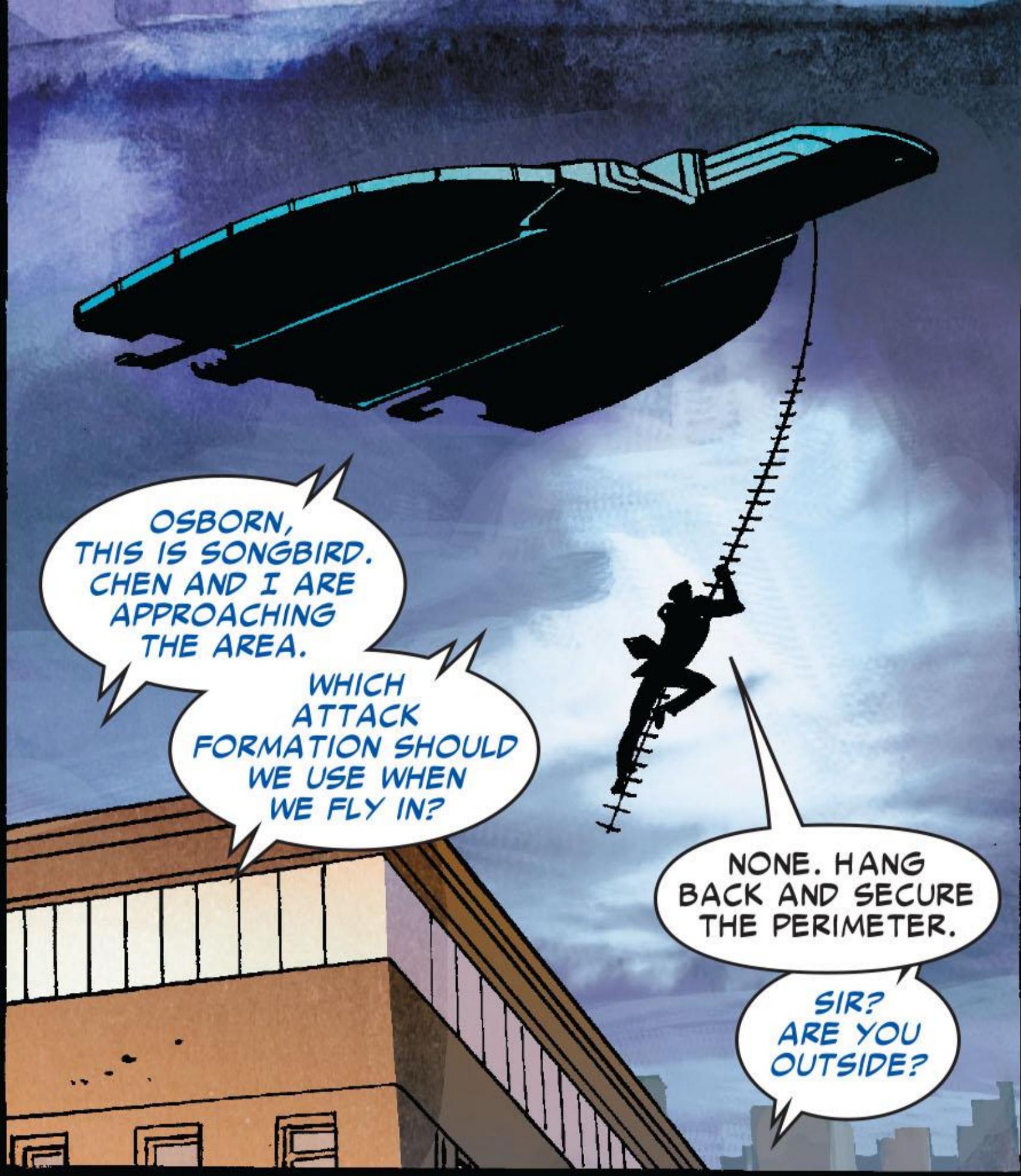


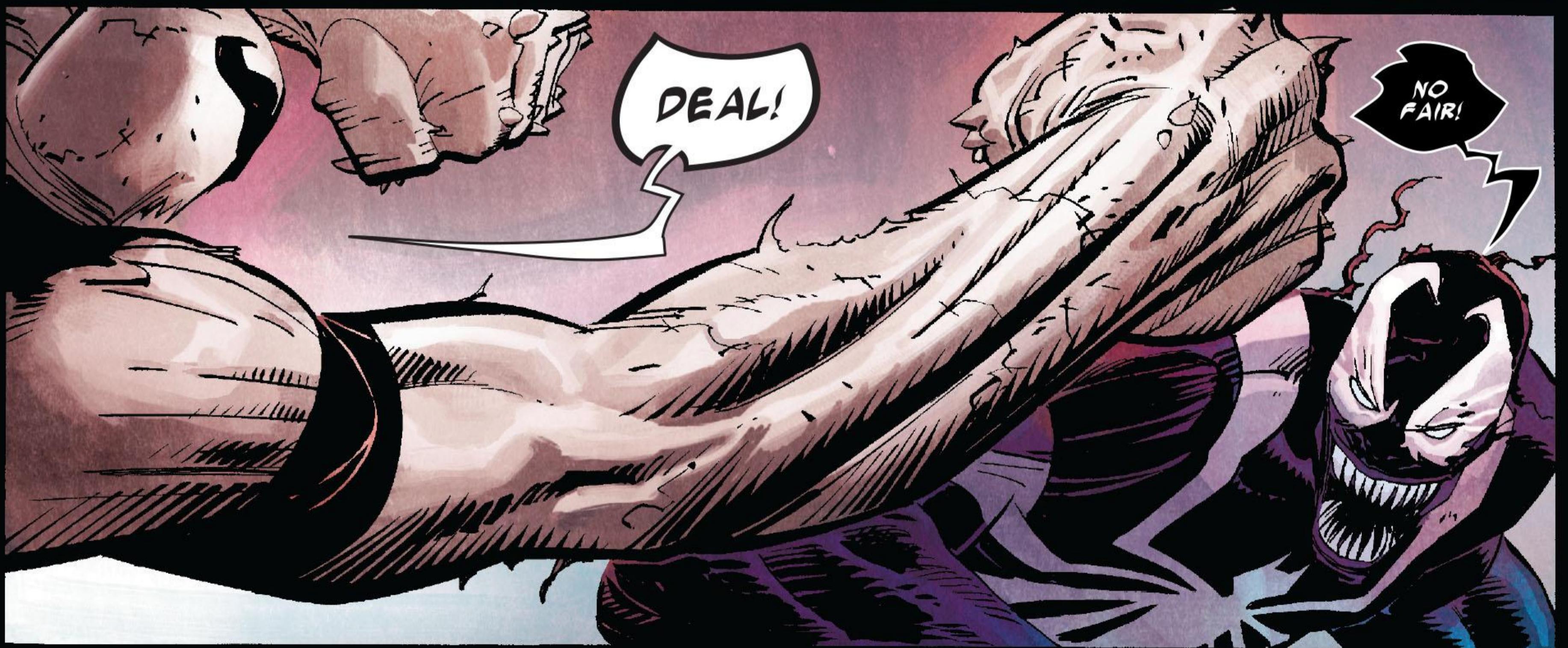


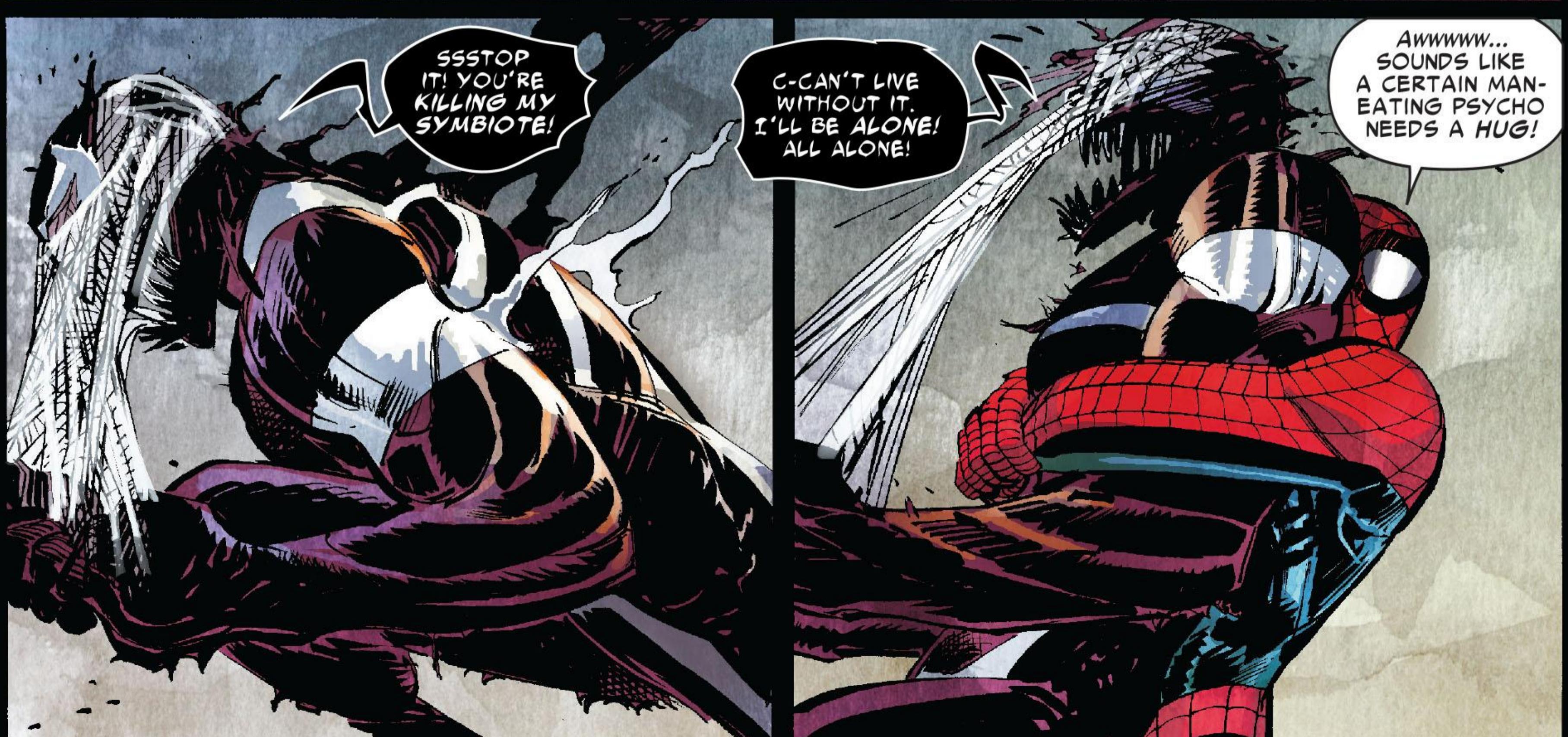
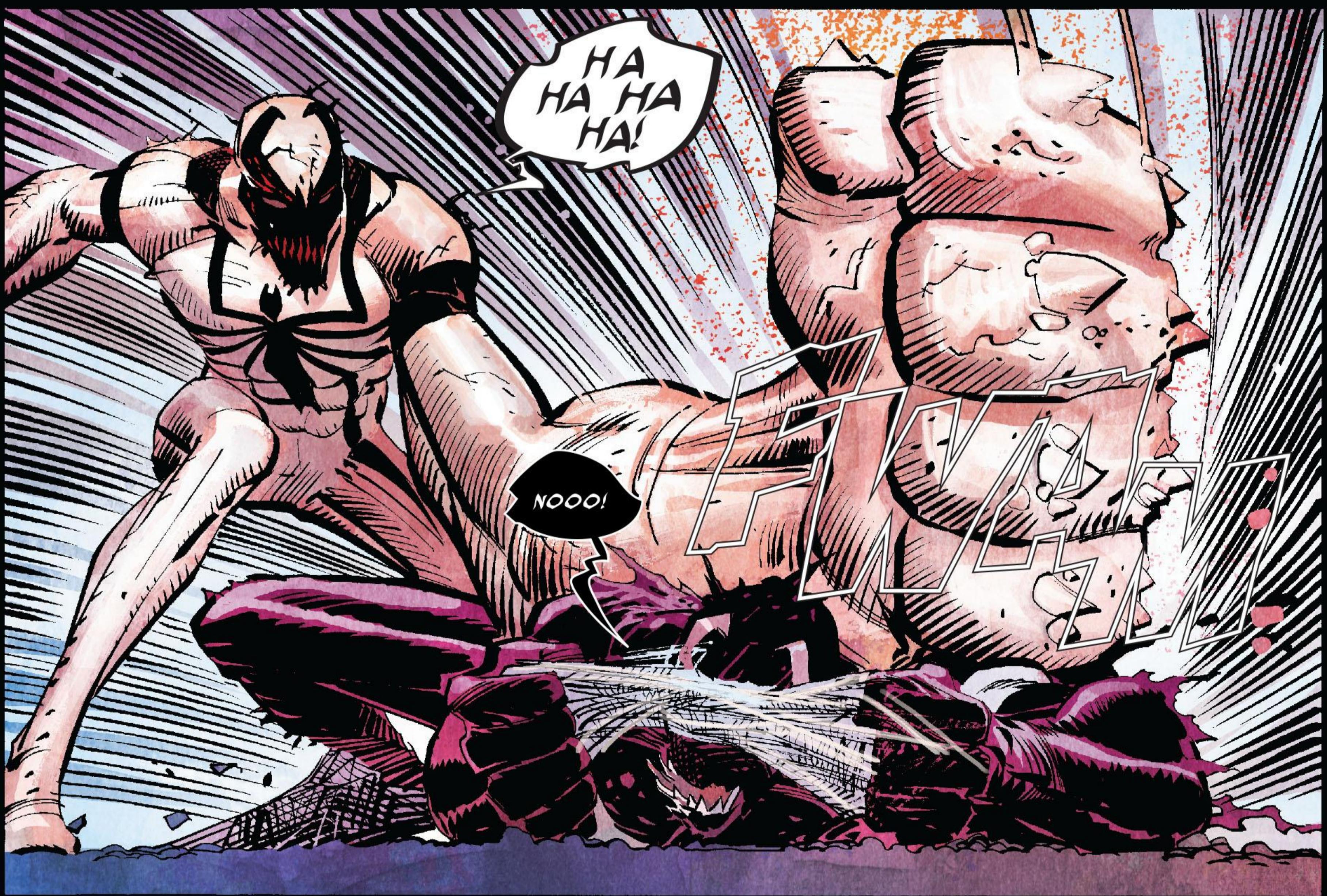














The Office of Front Line.

...THERE'S MORE TO THIS SWEATSHOP SCANDAL THAN WHAT WE'VE GOT. IF THERE WASN'T...

...CROWNE WOULDN'T BE PULLING THIS BLATANT THUNDERBOLTS P.R. STUNT TO DRAW EVERYONE'S ATTENTION.

CHIEF, ABOUT THAT...REPORTS ARE COMING IN THAT THE THUNDERBOLTS ARE FIGHTING SPIDER-MAN RIGHT NOW, DOWN ON AVENUE A...

GREAT. I'M SURE THE DB HAS THAT COVERED. ALONG WITH SONGBIRD'S NEW WEIGHT-LOSS DIET.

AT FRONT LINE WE'LL DEAL WITH THE ACTUAL NEWS. SALLY, YOU SAID YOUR SOURCE HELPED YOU LINK THE SWEATSHOP PROPERTY TO CROWNE INDUSTRIES.

ANY CHANCE I COULD PUMP THEM FOR SOME MORE INFORMATION.

I'LL SEE IF I CAN ARRANGE YOU A SITDOWN WITH "HIM."

THAT'S A START. NEXT, THESE ARE SOME OF THE PICTURES PETER PARKER TOOK OF THE WORKERS AS THEY RAN OFF. PASS THESE AROUND.

THEY'RE ASIAN. POSSIBLY ILLEGAL. AND LOOK...

...ALL OF THEM HAVE THESE STRANGE SETS OF LESIONS. LET'S HAVE SOME DOCTORS LOOK THESE OVER.

AND IT WOULDN'T HURT TO GET PARKER'S TAKE ON THESE SHOTS. HE WAS THERE...

...MAYBE HE COULD SHED SOME LIGHT ON THESE. ANYONE KNOW WHERE HE IS? ANYONE?

-SIGH- AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU PEOPLE WERE REPORTERS.

THERE'S A SPIDER-MAN FIGHT GOING ON DOWNTOWN. WHERE DO YOU THINK PETE IS?

"TAKING PICTURES.
WHERE ELSE?"

KLIK WHRR KLIK

YOU ARE
ALMOST CURED,
MY FRIEND.

SOON YOUR
BODY WILL BE FREE
OF THIS EVIL PARASITE,
AND YOU CAN RETURN
TO YOUR NORMAL
LIFE.

I'LL KILL
YOU FOR THIS.
I SWEAR I'LL
KILL YOU...

SO HE'LL
JUST BE MAC
GARGAN AGAIN?
SWELL. HE WAS
A JERK THEN,
TOO.

WE'LL
SEE...

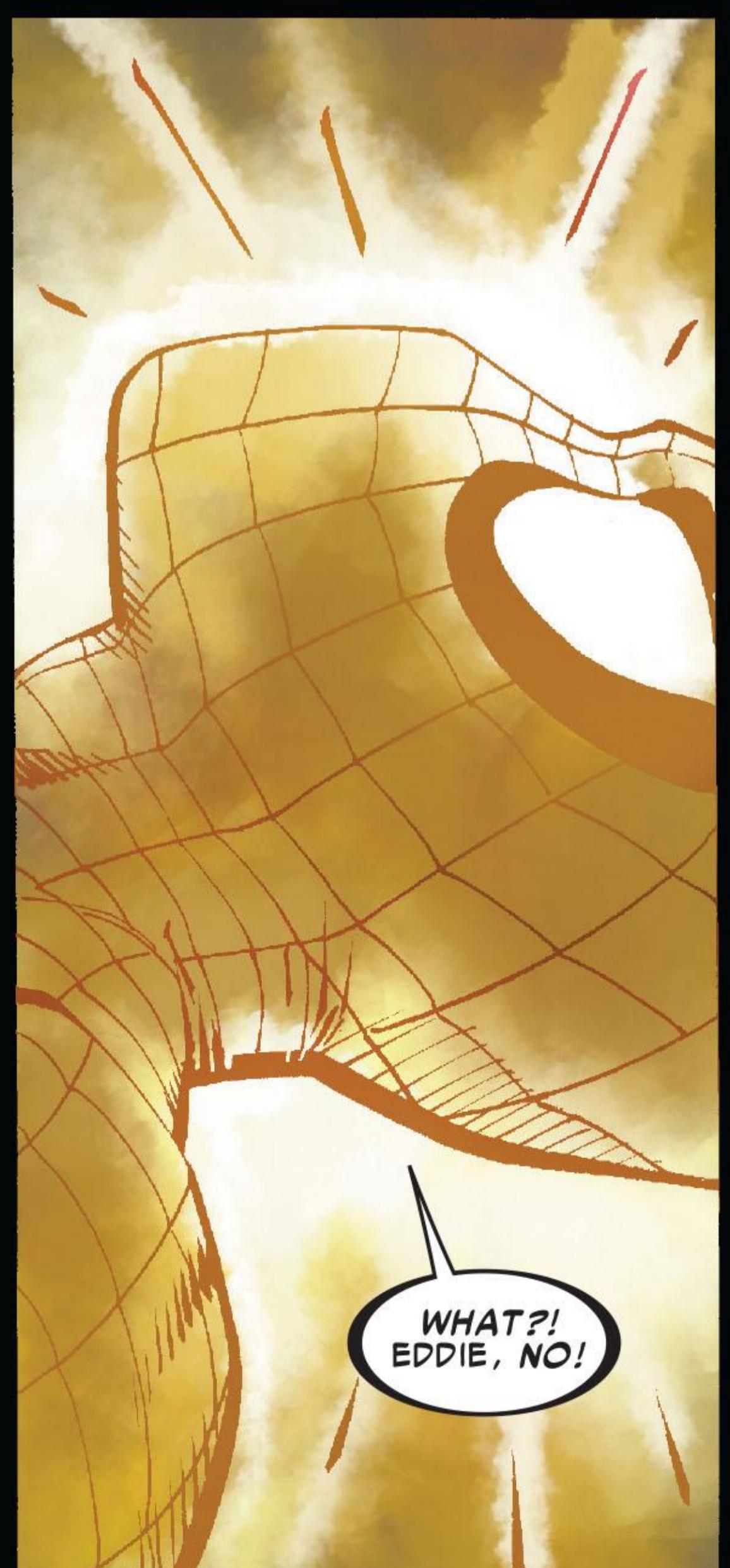
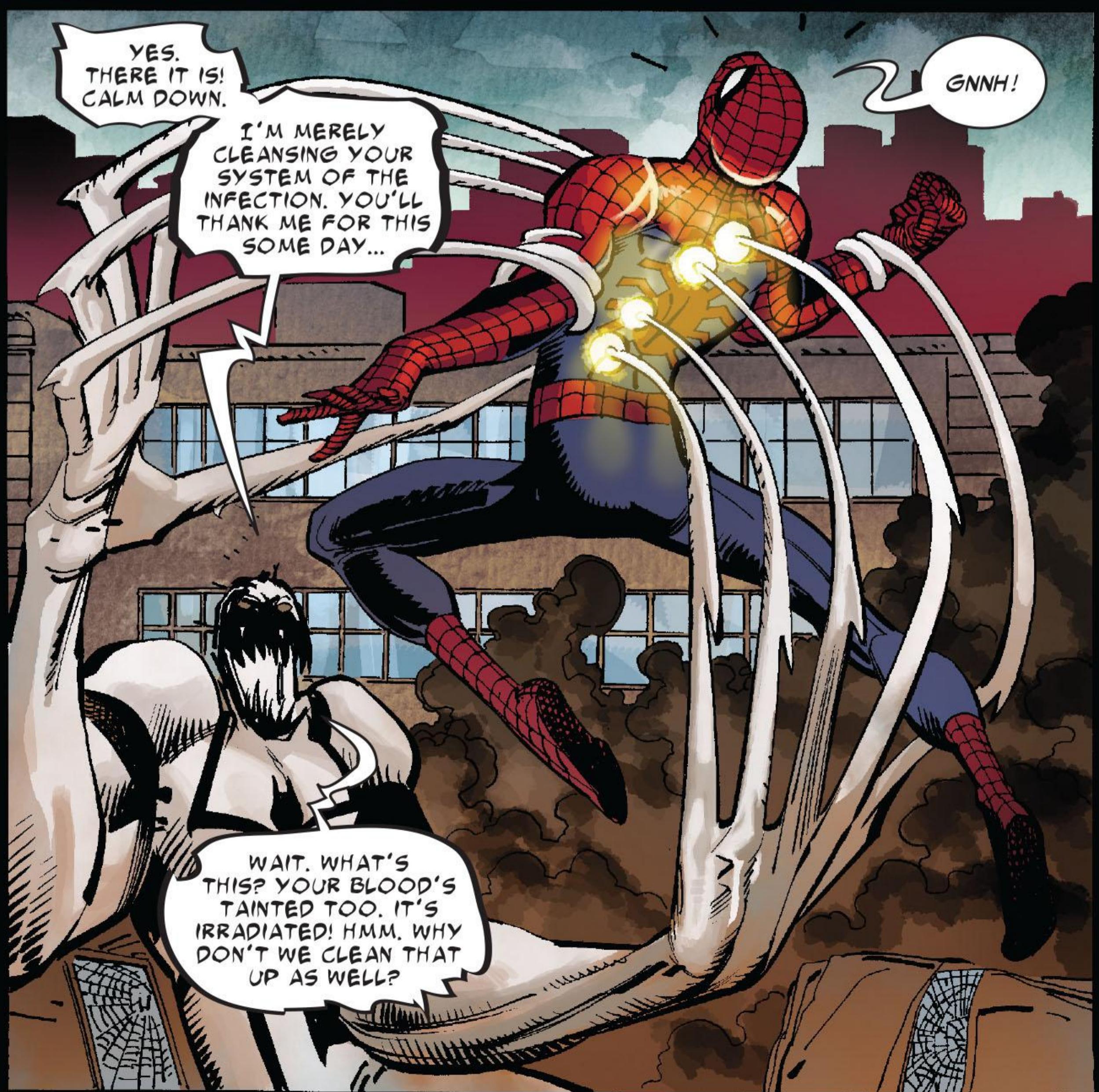
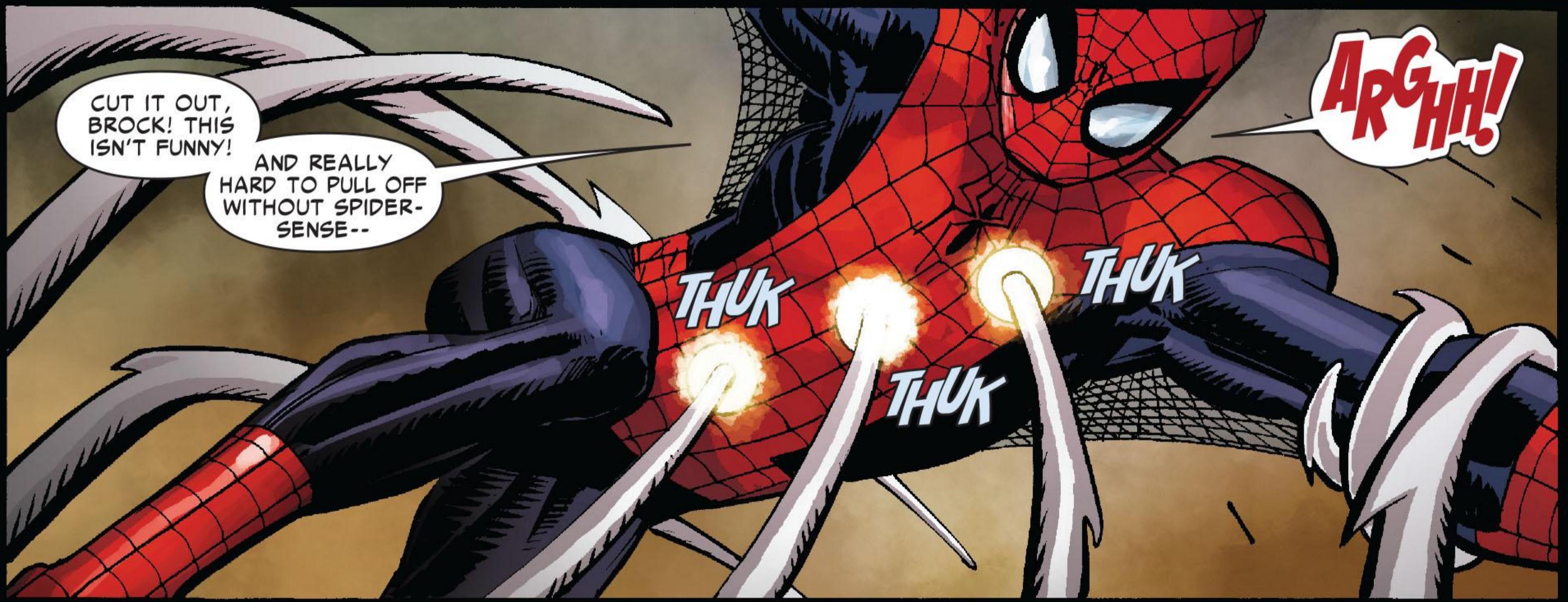
I LIKE TO
BELIEVE THAT
BEFORE I CAME
ACROSS THAT
SYMBIOTE, I
WAS A GOOD
MAN. AND YOU...

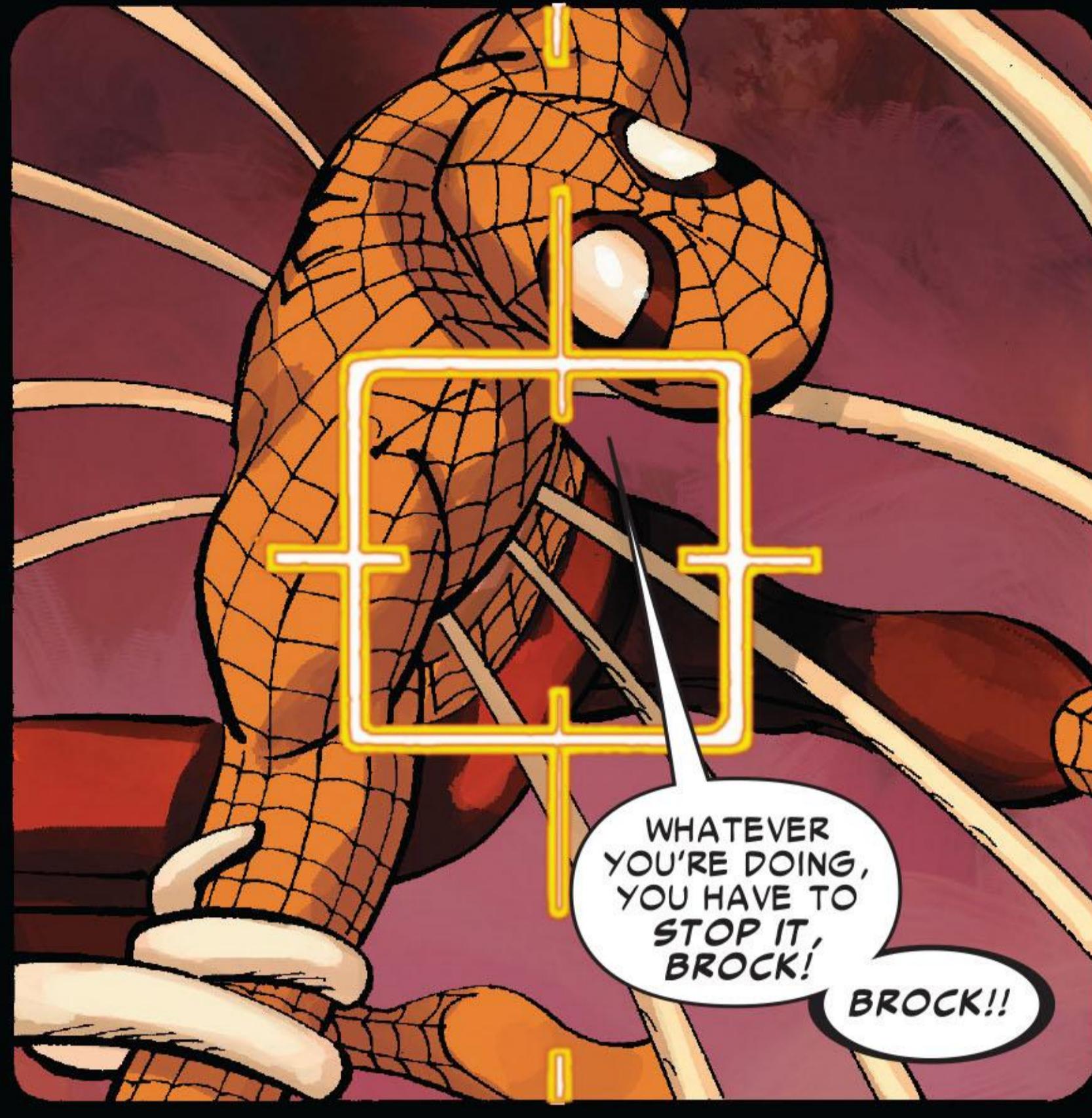
ME WHAT?
EDDIE...

STOP LOOKING
AT ME LIKE I'M
TURNING INTO A BIG
CARTOON HAM.

ALL MY PROBLEMS
WITH YOU HAPPENED
AFTER YOU WERE
INFECTED BY IT, TOO...

WHAT
IF...?







To Be Continued...

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL



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Big week here in the Spidey office. Things are really starting to cook as you can see from our last page. We're heading for a big time, double-sized conclusion in issue #573, so start saving those pennies now. Cancel cable if you have to!

This time out we're starting to look at some mail that's come in about the first couple parts of KRAVEN'S FIRST HUNT as well as some odds and ends as always.

Wacker and crew,

RE: 566. Okay, you got me. Egg on my face with the whole switch-o-change-o with Pete and Vin. I cannot believe a veteran like me falls for a device like that. Oy. Well played. Onto more important matters.

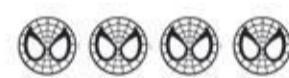
I really miss the old status quo between Pete and Matt Murdock. Their knowledge of each other's identity was a pretty special thing between those two and seeing it be so lopsided now is just awkward. Please re-establish that connection soon.

It was nice to see Vermin again, although I think Pete's attitude toward him could have been a little more therapeutic and less jocular. Unless, of course, the events of "Child Within" never happened due to Harry being alive and all, Pete should be much more sympathetic to Vermin's plight.

This new Kraven chick is growing on me. She's a little freaky, so she has all the Kraven crazy, but does she really have the Kraven cunning? Hopefully next issue will tell.

Speaking of which, 3 WEEKS until the next issue? Sheesh, I guess I got spoiled getting it weekly. Ah well, at least I'm still reading right?

Ronnie Dingman
Louisville KY



Spidey Guys,

First off, I would like to say how much I have been enjoying Brand New Day so far. I did have a question on this issue, though.

While visiting Daredevil, Pete is shown standing on a wall with his shoes on. In previous issues even as early as the Paparazzi Pete arc, he always clings to walls with locked feet, even in this issue he clings to his apartment's ceiling in socks. He cannot cling to walls in shoes, so how did he do it?

Well, in my attempt to win a fabled No-Prize, which I hope you still award, I would like to give my explanation. In his haste to procure DD's costume, Pete ran to Matt Murdock's office in his shoes and when he got there realized he still had his shoes on. Not wanting to risk losing them by carrying them or by putting them away somewhere, after all he needs all of the money he can get currently so he cannot afford new shoes, he simply sprayed some webbing or fluid on the soles in order to give him the stick he needed.

Hope this will calm the frazzled nerves caused by trying to explain that one.

Daniel Agman
Staten Island, NY

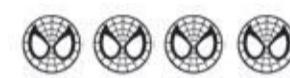
Daniel, I'm not a good enough editor to handle this one alone, so get ready for a Marvel Lettercolumn Team-Up as I rope in trusting Spidey Braintruster Dan Slott to answer your question. (What writer doesn't like being coerced by his editor into working for free?!)

Here comes Danglin' Dan now:

Ah, the great shoes vs. socks wall-crawling debate. This is one that has troubled Spider-Fans throughout the ages, Daniel. From the days of the great and wise Gale to those of that wily whippersnapper Wells, many have pondered. Few have answered. So thanks for stepping up.

Your web solution is clever, though it begs the question, "Wouldn't Spidey's shoes be covered with a zillion dust bunnies?" How about this: Peter Parker pounds so much pavement, that his soles are worn down till they're like socks! Personally, I don't have a problem with it. Why? Because Big John Buscema drew Pete wall-crawling with footwear in ASM #79's "To Prowl No More!" And if Big John Buscema was cool with it, then... 'Nuff Said!

Sorry, Daniel, no No-Prize this time around. The good thing though, is that I'm paying so little attention to the books (just ask my old boss!) that there's bound to be more mix-ups monthly! Good luck cleaning up my messes!



I have been reading Spider-Man since I was about 13 years old, I am now 39. I love the old style, I love the new style and I love everything in between, even the clones. I will always be a loyal Spider-fan

After reading Amazing #566, I have to say I am on the edge of my seat, and I don't know if I will be able to wait three weeks for Kraven Koncludes; this has to be one of the best villains in one of the best story arcs I have seen in a long time.

Oh yeah, one thing, I was hoping you could explain to me. In Amazing #566, when Spider-Man saw Vermin, he mentioned to himself that Vermin, "Nearly killed me once. Right after Mary Jane and I moved in together..." In this Brand New Day, I was under the impression that Peter and Mary Jane had no memory of their pasts. Now my head is saying that this was an oversight by the writer or editor, but my heart is hoping that this is the beginning of a new story line where Peter is beginning to get his memory back. I know my head is probably right, but is there any chance my heart is?

Dennis Darrough
Sacramento, CA

Dennis, you weren't the only reader with that question (Travis Penner from Calgary, Alberta, Canada for one had the same question), so let's deal with it here. There's simply a bit of confusion about Peter and MJ's past (which is totally understandable). We covered it a little bit back in Amazing #546, the first issue of BRAND NEW DAY, but it's worth repeating

The only thing that has changed is that the two of them never got married. They planned to, but didn't. Pete and MJ still loved each other and had a very strong relationship lasting several years. What broke them up is a story waiting to be told and one we're working on right now with current plans to bring it to you next summer...A summer that's shaping up to be one of the biggest summers ever for Spider-Man and the Marvel Universe as a whole.



Hey guys,

I was an avid Spider-Man collector during my childhood. I especially loved the Todd McFarlane Spider-Man series. My absolute favorite enemy is Venom. I even named my black Mazda 3 "The Venomenon."

However, as I grew older I lost interest in Spider-Man due to bland storytelling, series dilution, and not having enough time to read them in medical school.

I recently got back into ASM due to the fresh storylines and creative enemies (kudos to Mr. Negative). I'm doing my surgery training now and all my doctor buddies make fun of me for reading comics on call while they try and sleep. I gotta catch up on web-man somehow! I can't wait for Anti-Venom's debut! I even have a few of my friends picking up issues.

To show that I'm a "normal" guy, I've included a picture of myself with colleagues from the University of Pittsburgh—Division of Plastic Surgery. I hope you print the letter and a picture or two because I will put the letter up in a PowerPoint presentation as a last slide during a conference and will let everyone know that not only does the University of Pittsburgh get published in the best plastic surgery journals but also the greatest comic ever!

Thanks for putting up with my nonsense and also seriously reviving my love for comics.

Benson Pulikkottil - Age 29
Pittsburgh, PA

Benson, who could turn down a request from a group of scientists and doctors working with that Space-Ageiest of materials...plastic! Thanks for all you fine folks have done to the faces of Hollywood's actors and actresses and for the nose, eyes, forehead, teeth, belly, breast (left), buttocks (both) and hands of Marvel hotshot writer Mark Millar.

As a reward for your years of study and banking on the insecurity of millions, here's your picture.



Be sure and let us know how the conference goes. A PowerPoint presentation sounds absolutely thrilling!!!

By the way, Brennan's ready for his free tummy-tuck whenever you're free.



Thanks to the future Doctor Pulikkottil, there's no room to show you next week's cover, but I'll tell ya this...It has Green Goblin fighting Spider-Man on it. Oh, yes it does!

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Simperin' Steve
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