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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
FEATURING THE HULK AND DEADPOOL!



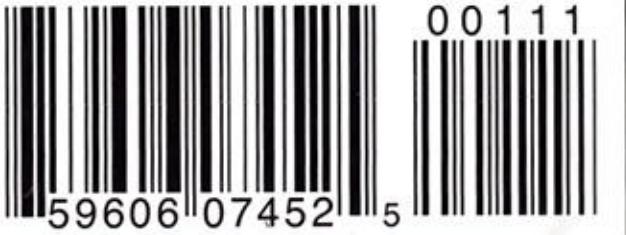
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"IF IT **SEEMS** TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS."

THAT'S ONE OF THOSE UNCLE BEN-"**ISMS**," ONE OF THOSE BITS OF FOLKSY WISDOM HE USED AS HE WAS TRYING TO GET ME TO BE MY BEST.

IT'S ESPECIALLY APROPOS HERE.

IN **THIS** PLACE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, INTRODUCING
the **AMAZING SPIDER!**

HIS LIFE **DEFINITELY** FALLS UNDER THE TOO-GOOD-TO-BE-TRUE CATEGORY.

BUT I'M TELLIN' YA--

--AT LEAST FOR A **WHILE**--

IDENTITY WARS, PART 1

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--A GUY
COULD GET
USED TO THIS.

HIYA,
DOC!

I'M HERE TO
FIGHT MEGLOMANIACAL
MAD SCIENTIST SUPER VILLAINS
WITH PREHENSILE, TITANIUM-
COATED ARTIFICIAL
APPENDAGES--AND CHEW
BUBBLE GUM.

THREE
GUESSES WHAT
I'M ALL OUT
OF!

NO--NOT
YOU! NOT
NOW!

I'M NOT COMPLETELY
SOLD ON THIS COSTUME,
BUT THERE'S NO DENYING
IT'S A LITTLE MORE
EFFECTIVE THAN
MY **USUAL** DUDS.

IT SEEMS LIKE
IT ACTUALLY
INSPIRES **FEAR**
FROM THE BAD
GUYS.

WHERE YA
GOIN', DOC? WE'RE
JUST GETTIN'
STARTED!

HEY, I
KNOW! MAYBE WE
SHOULD JUST ARM-
WRESTLE--

--AT LEAST
THAT WAY,
MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE
A FIGHTING
CHANCE.

AND EVERYBODY
ELSE SEEMS PRETTY
IMPRESSIONED, TOO.

WOO-HOO!
IT'S THE
SPIDER!

AMAZING
AS ALWAYS!

GET 'IM,
SPIDER!

AND I DO MEAN
EVERYBODY.

I WANT
IT ON THE FRONT
PAGE, ROBERTSON!
EVERY EDITION! ABOVE
THE FOLD, HEADLINE IN
CAPS WITH THREE
EXCLAMATION POINTS!

"THE AMAZING
SPIDER SAVES THE
CITY... AGAIN!!!"

SORRY,
OTTO.

SOME
GUYS HAVE
ALL THE
LUCK--
--AND
AT LEAST
FOR TODAY,
IT LOOKS LIKE
I'M ONE OF
'EM!

IT'S THE
PERFECT
WORLD.

THE
PERFECT
LIFE.

SSKRAASH



AMAZING
CP

A Few Days Earlier...

IT EVEN COMES WITH A CORPORATE MOGUL SECRET IDENTITY, A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR MANSION--

ARE YOU KIDDING?! YOU HAVE A MANSION??!

--AND THE MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR SECRET BASE AND LABORATORY **BENEATH** SAID MANSION.

TAKE IT EASY, BIG FELLA. YOU NEED REST.

UHHH...

ONLY IT'S NOT **MY** WORLD.

PLEASE, PARKER...I CAN BE BACK ON MY FEET IN ANOTHER DAY OR TWO.

I JUST NEED YOU TO STAND IN UNTIL THEN...SO THE AMAZING SPIDER HAS A PRESENCE IN THE CITY...

BUT WHO AM I TO RESIST A PRETTY FACE?

THIS CITY...IT NEEDS THE SPIDER. I HAVE A...A RESPONSIBILITY.

IT WON'T BE FOR LONG, NOT WITH MY ACCELERATED HEALING...

THEN I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP YOU-- AND YOUR FRIENDS-- GET HOME.

I'M JUST THE STUNT DOUBLE.

'SPECIALY IF IT'S MY OWN.'

DO WE HAVE A DEAL?

I...I...

IT ALL STARTED A WHOLE REALITY AWAY...

...ON THE EARTH
I CALL HOME.

Even Earlier...

I'M TELLING
YOU, THINGS ARE
JUST GREAT!

I CLOSE
MY EYES AND
TRY TO IMAGINE THE
PERFECT WORLD, AND
IT JUST DOESN'T GET
ANY BETTER THAN
THIS!

THIS IS
THE LIFE, PETER
PARKER!

HOW
MANY YEARS DID I
SPEND AS J. JONAH
JAMESON'S PERSONAL
WHIPPING BOY?

STRUGGLING
AS A
PHOTOGRAPHER.

I'M TELLING YOU, TAKING THIS
JOB AT HORIZON LABS IS
THE BEST THING THAT EVER
HAPPENED TO ME.

WOULD
YOU PLEASE
PIPE DOWN,
PARKER?

YOU'RE A YOUNG
GUY...MODERATELY
ATTRACTIVE...MARGINALLY
PERSONABLE.

DON'T YOU
HAVE BETTER THINGS
TO DO AT ONE IN THE
MORNING THAN MONITOR
THE RATE OF ENHANCED
ANTIPARTICLE NEUTRINO
DECAY?

DON'T
YOU HAVE A
LIFE?

A LIFE?
SURE, I GOT
A COUPLE
OF 'EM.

C'MON.
LEMME GET
YOU SOME
COFFEE.

HEY! WHAT
DO YOU MEAN
"MODERATELY"?

DEAD-POOL

TO MISSION CONTROL.

I'M IN.

I HAD TO WADE THROUGH A QUARTER-MILE OF RAW SEWAGE, SCALE AN ELECTRIFIED FENCE, DISABLE A LASER TRIPWIRE SECURITY ARRAY, CLIMB THROUGH FIFTY-FIVE STORIES OF VENTILATION DUCTS AND RAPPÉL DOWN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT.

BUT I'M IN.

DO ME A FAVOR, PARKER...

...MAYBE YOU SHOULD STICK WITH THE DECAF.

AND WITH FIFTY-FIVE SECONDS TO SPARE.





HOW'D
HE KNOW
THAT?

HOW DID I
KNOW THAT?

He explains
it in the next
panel. *Shush!*

I DON'T
KNOW, BUT HE'S
RIGHT.

THE DEVICE USES BRAINWAVES
TO TUNE TO THE FREQUENCY
OF A SPECIFIC PARALLEL
UNIVERSE, AND OPENS A
SLIGHT, TEMPORARY BRIDGE
BETWEEN OUR REALITY--
AND THEIRS.

IT'S STILL
IN THE PROTOTYPE
STAGES, AND EVEN WITH ALL
THE COMBINED BRAINPOWER
OF HORIZON TECH EGGHEADS,
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE
PERFECTED FOR DECADES.
AT LEAST ACCORDING TO
THE SCHEMATICS THE
JANITOR SWIPE
FOR US.

THE FEEDBACK,
YOU SEE, IS FATAL
TO THE ORDINARY
HUMAN BRAIN.

BUT WITH
YOUR HEALING ABILITY,
DEADPOOL, AND A BRAIN
THAT CONTINUALLY
REGENERATES--

ETCETERA,
ETCETERA.

SHUNK

NOW, DEADPOOL,
CONCENTRATE. FIND
US A WORLD FULL
OF MONEY.

AND
NOBODY TO
STOP US.

LOOK
FOR RICHES.
WEALTH.
VALUABLE
THINGS.

NEW MUTANTS #98,
C.G.C. SLABBED AND
GRADED 9.8?

Shut up and
concentrate,
Wilson!

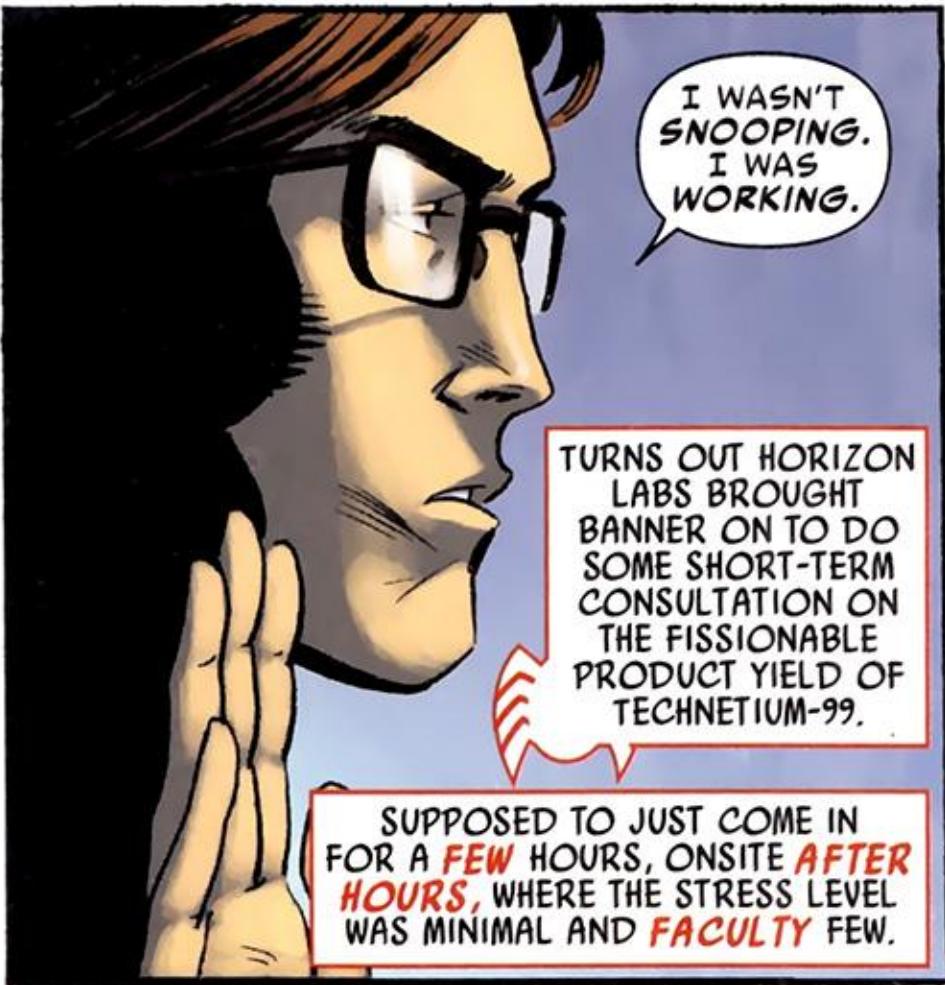
BOSS!

WE GOT A
PROBLEM.

CAUGHT THIS
GUY SNOOPING
AROUND
OUTSIDE.

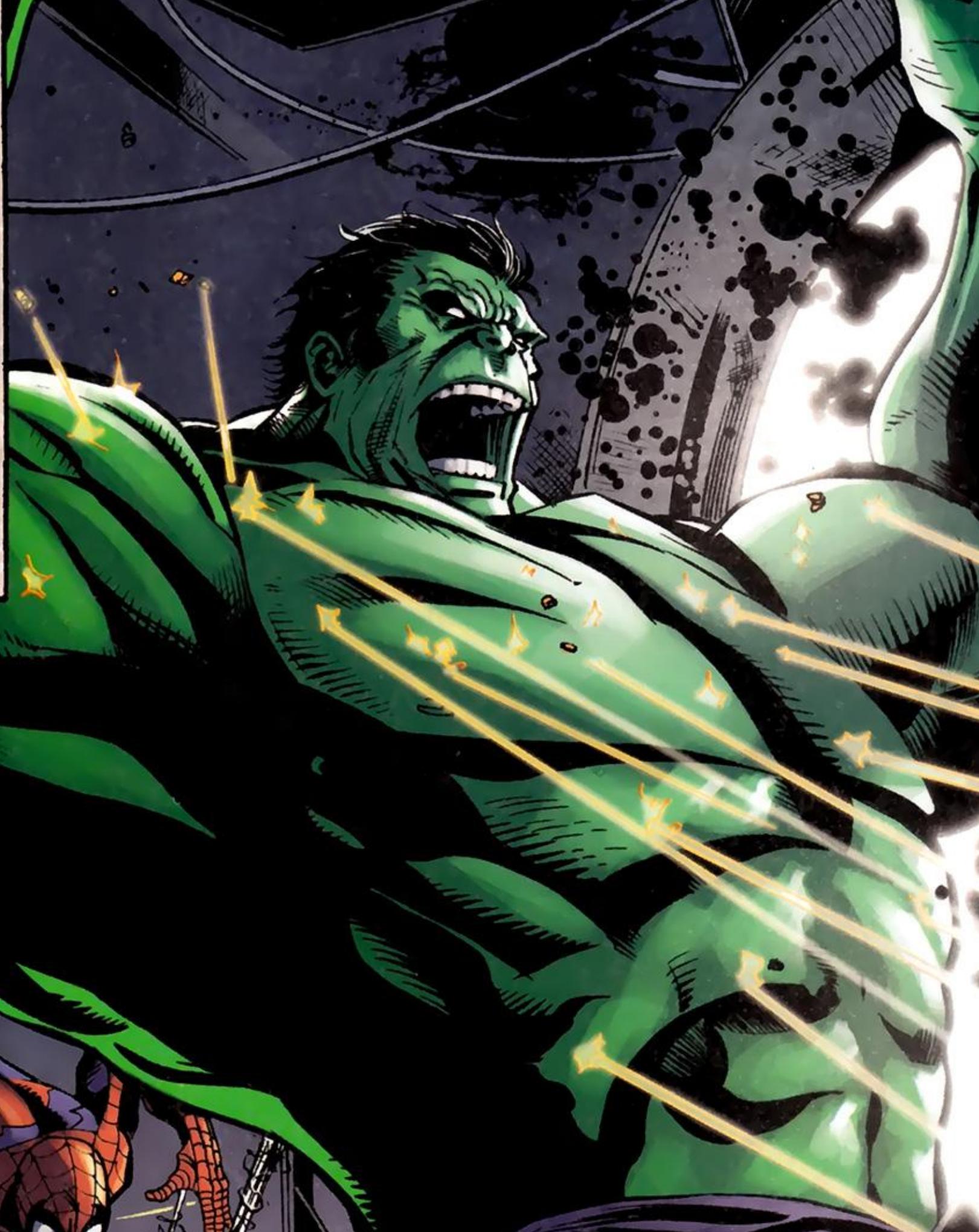
THAT "GUY" WAS
THE BRILLIANT
DR. BRUCE BANNER.

WHAT?!





HEY, GUYS,
I HEARD A
NOISE--



THE HULK HAD
ALREADY TORN THE
ROOM HALF APART.



AND THE LITTLE GUY
I PEGGED AS THE
RINGLEADER WAS SHOUTING
ABOUT THE COMPUTERS
OVERLOADING AND A
MASSIVE SYSTEM FAILURE
AS A RESULT--



YOU COULD HEAR DEADPOOL'S
FRYING SYNAPSES POPPING
LIKE POPCORN.

THEN THERE
WAS THAT POWER
OVERLOAD.

Ummmmmmmmmm

YOU SEE WHERE
THIS IS HEADED,
RIGHT?

MFWASH

HERE.



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I GUESS BANNER FIGURED--AND
RIGHTLY SO--THERE'D BE NO SECRET
IDENTITY ISSUES BETWEEN US SPIDERS--

--SO I GOT PUT ON
DOPPELGANGER DUTY
WHILE HE WAITED FOR
SECURITY TO HAUL OFF
THE BAD GUYS.

COME ON,
SPIDER-FRIEND.
WE'LL GET YOU
PATCHED UP
LICKETY-SPLIT.

NO...
NO
HOSPITALS...NO
DOCTORS...

I HAVE MY OWN
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT...
BACK AT THE WEB. WE
CAN TAKE THE SPIDER-
CAR THERE.

YOU HAVE
A SPIDER-
CAR?!

AND WHAT
IN THE WIDE
WORLD IS "THE
WEB"?

MY LAIR.

YOU
HAVE A
LAIR?!

AND THAT...

THAT'S HOW
I ENDED UP AS THE
AMAZING SPIDER.



I DON'T WANT TO
WALK TOO MANY MILES
IN THESE SHOES.

BUT AT LEAST
I'M TREADING
ON FAMILIAR
GROUND.

WELL WELL
WELL, IF IT ISN'T
MY OLD PAL
RHINO!

WHO
ISN'T REALLY
THE RHINO I
KNOW.

AND WHO
CERTAINLY ISN'T
MY OLD PAL.

HUH? YOU
MAKING JOKES
NOW, SPIDER?

WHAT ARE
YOU, SOME KINDA
COMEDIAN ALL OF
A SUDDEN?

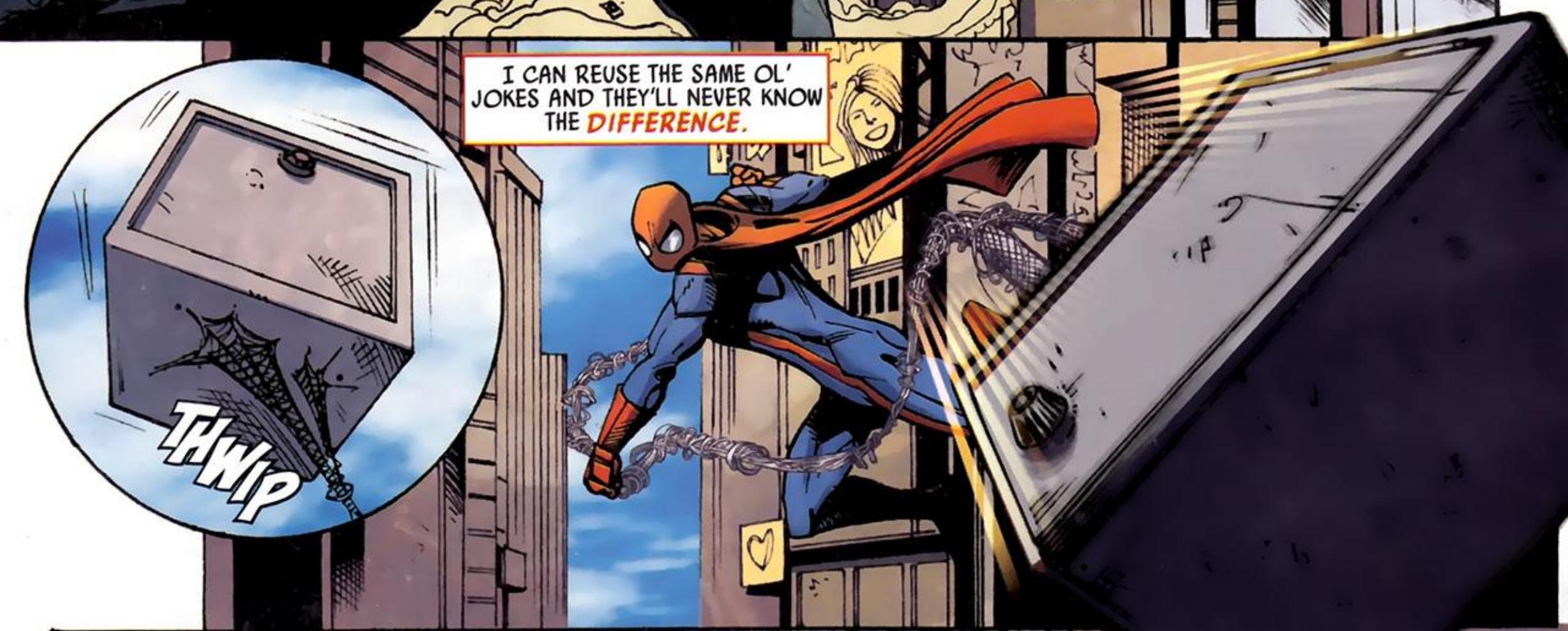
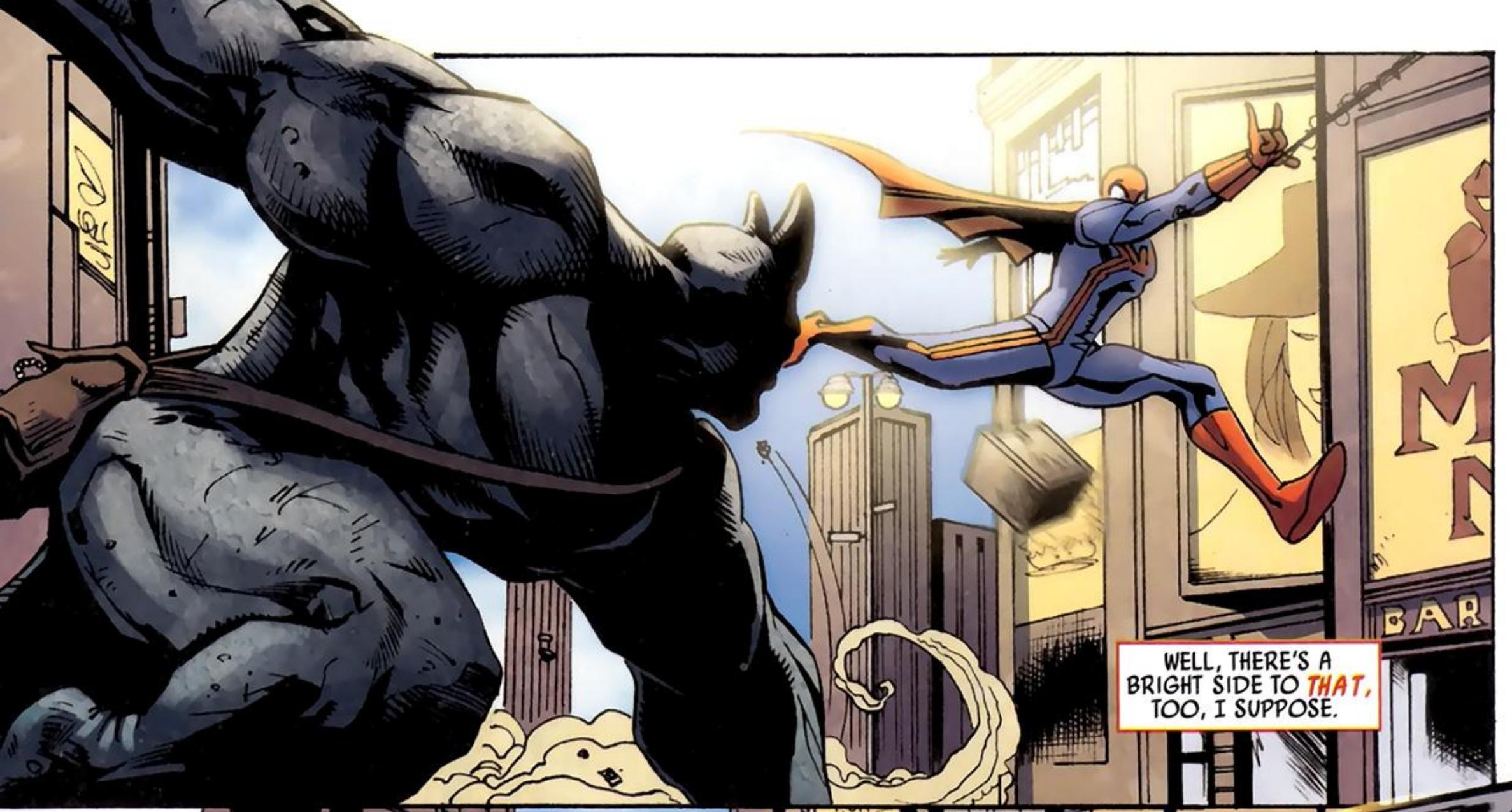
"ALL OF A
SUDDEN"?

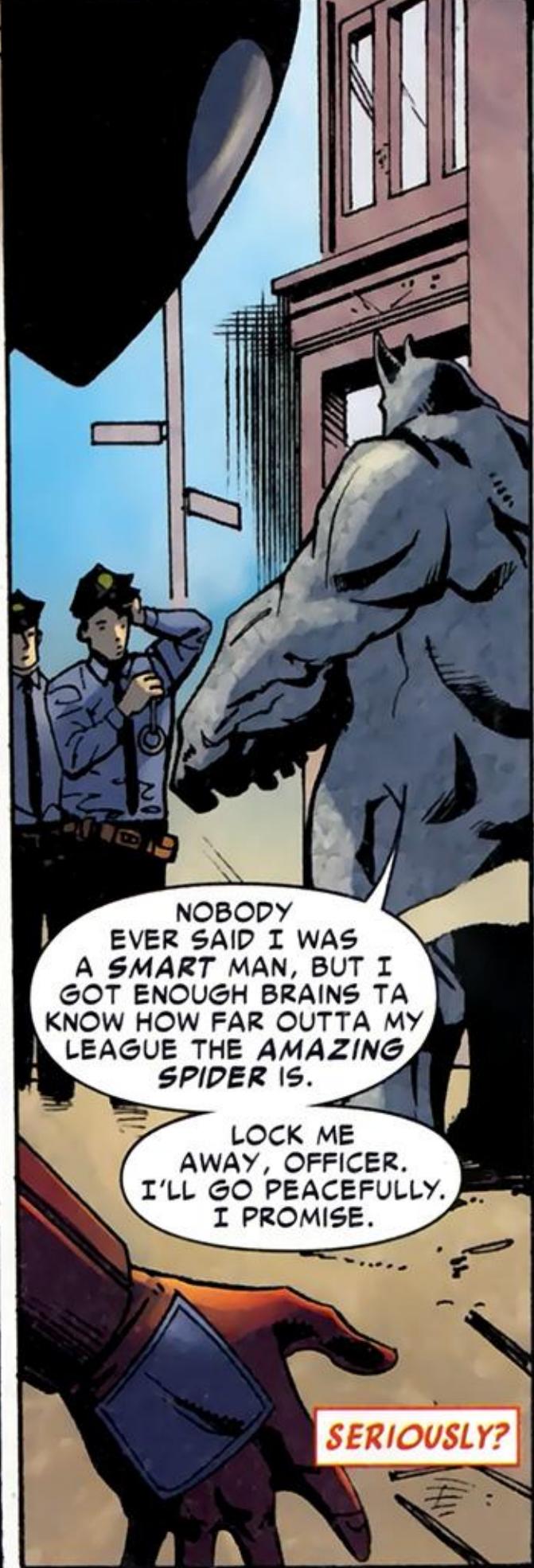
I'LL HAVE
YOU KNOW, FELLA,
I'VE BEEN HONING
THIS SCHTICK FOR
YEARS.

FASLAM

ARE YOU
TELLING ME THE
SPIDER-MAN OF THIS
WORLD DON'T MAKE
WITH THE WITTY
BANTER?

HA! I TOLD YOU
THIS WORLD WAS TOO
GOOD TO BE TRUE!

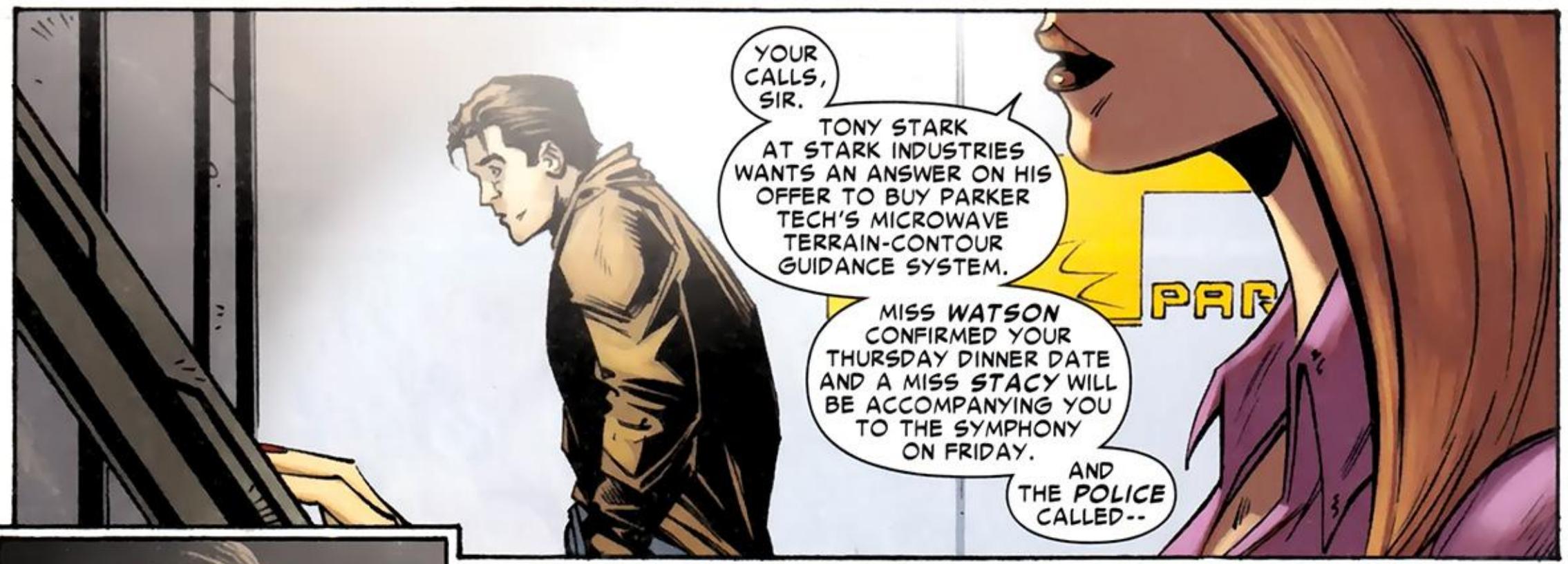
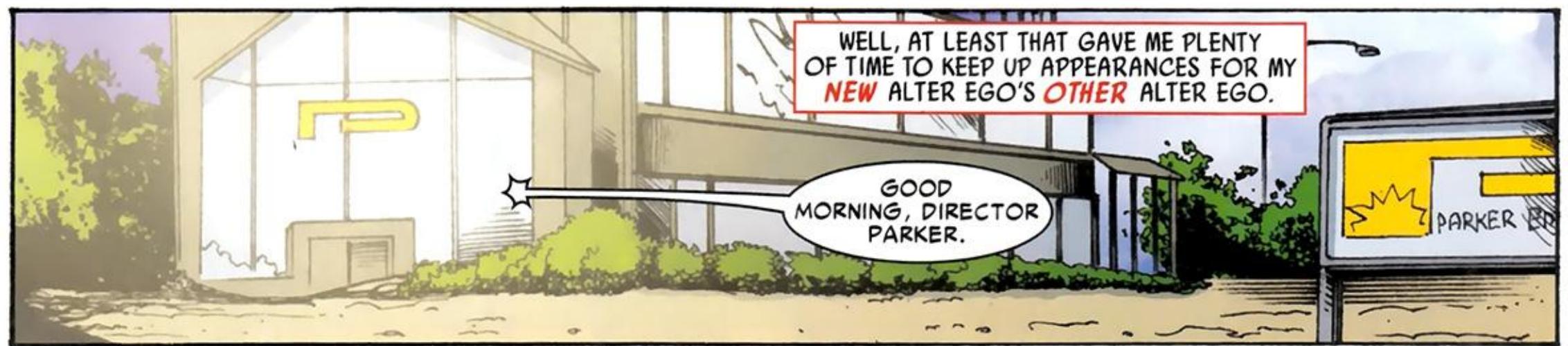






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I SPENT SOME TIME
GETTING UP TO DATE ON
PARKER TECHNOLOGIES.



TONS OF PAPER WORK.
TURNS OUT **THIS** PETER PARKER
HAD A PRETTY HANDS-ON ROLE
IN PARKER TECHNOLOGIES'
INTERDIMENSIONAL RESEARCH.

NOT ONLY THAT,
IT SEEMS LIKE HE
WAS **ALREADY**
AWARE OF **ME**.

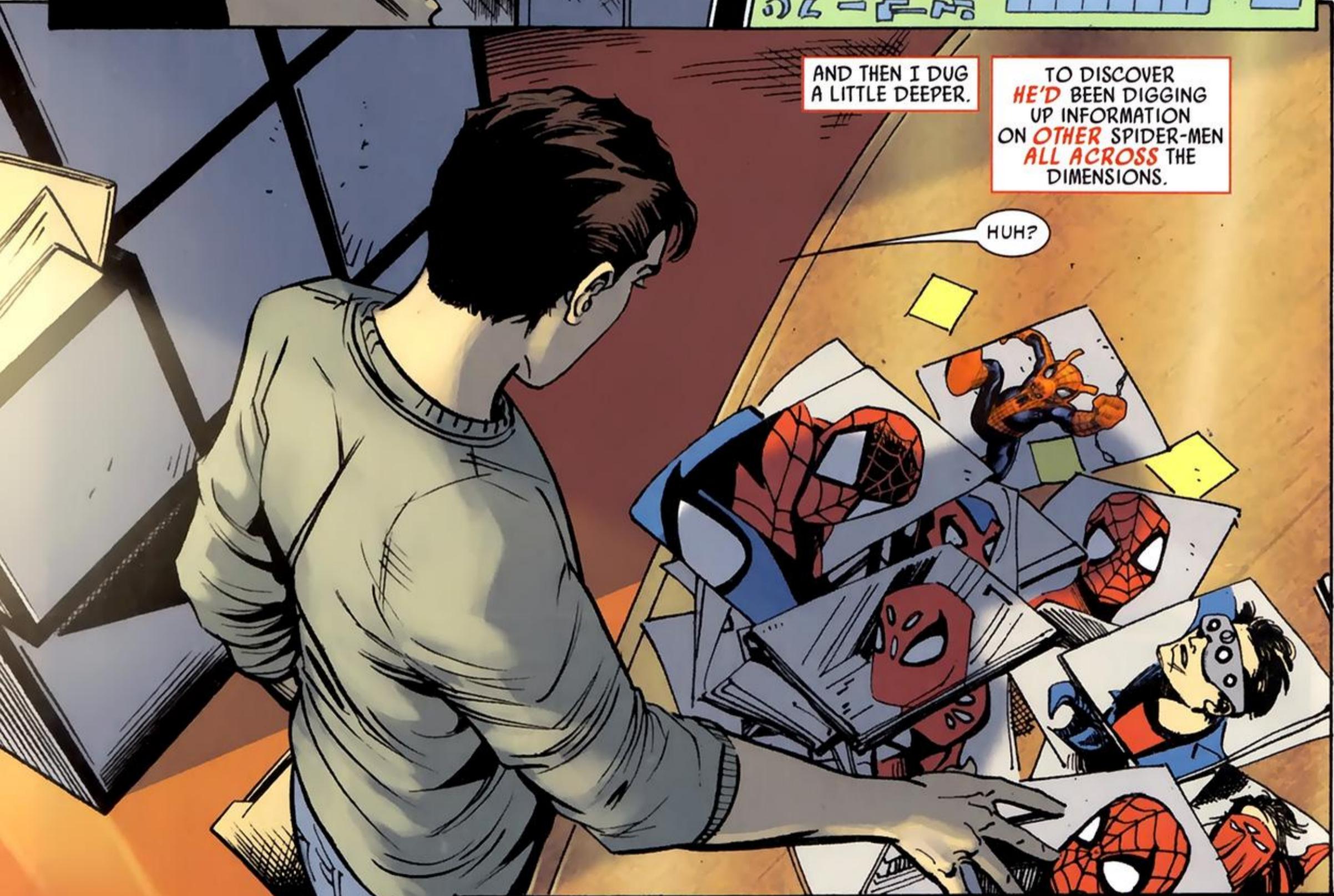


PARKER, PETER A.K.A. SPIDER-MAN

AND THEN I DUG
A LITTLE DEEPER.

TO DISCOVER
HE'D BEEN DIGGING
UP INFORMATION
ON **OTHER SPIDER-MEN**
ALL ACROSS THE
DIMENSIONS.

HUH?



I WOULD HAVE INVESTIGATED FURTHER, EXCEPT FOR MY NEXT BOMBSHELL DISCOVERY.

SITTING ON
PARKER'S DESK
IN A FRAMED
8-BY-10.



ANY QUESTIONS
I HAD COULD WAIT.

AT LEAST, UNTIL
I'D GOTTEN THIS
DONE.

UNTIL I GOT
A CHANCE TO
SEE HIM.

HELLO,
PETER.

BEN.

OR SHOULD
I SAY...SPIDER-
MAN.
YOU--YOU
KNOW?

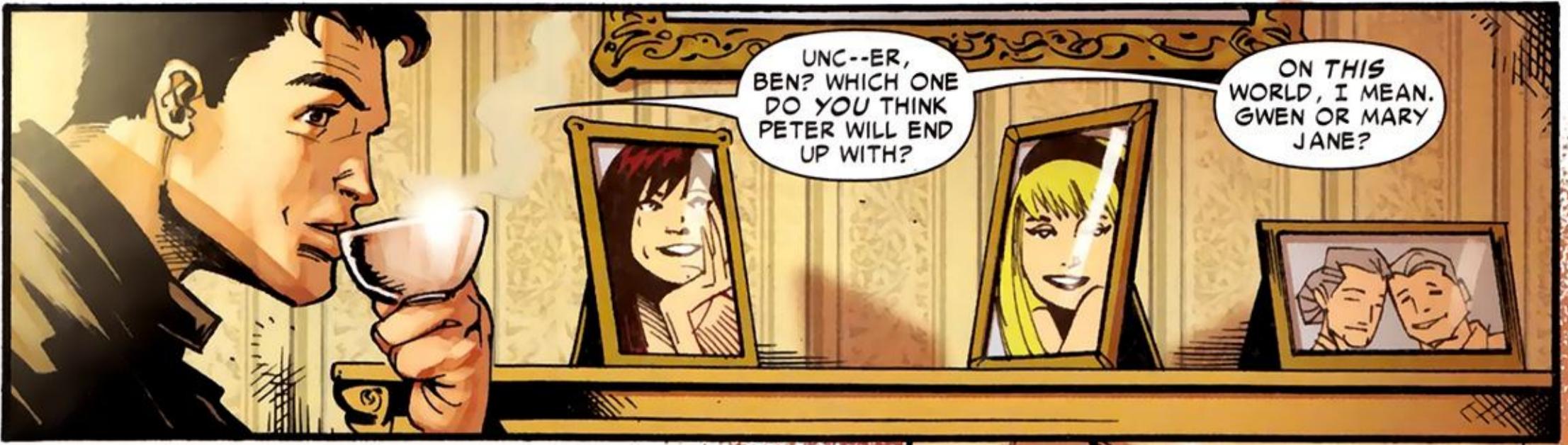
OF COURSE
I DO. MY PETER
ILLED ME IN.

HE'S BACK
ON HIS FEET,
THANKS TO YOU. AND
WITH A LITTLE MORE
HELP FROM YOU, SOON
HE'LL BE ONE HUNDRED
PERCENT.

NOW COME
IN. WE'VE GOT
A LOT TO TALK
ABOUT.











IDIOT! YOU LET HIM TRICK YOU INTO LOSING CONTROL.

YOU'RE WEAK, PETER. YOU NEED TO FEED.

THAT'S WEAK?

HE HITS LIKE A FREIGHT TRAIN.
I'M THE ONE FEELING WEAK.



THWIP

AT LEAST I'M OUT OF THE RESTRAINTS.

I CAN'T LET HIM HIT ME AGAIN.

MAYBE I CAN STILL STRIKE WHERE HE'S MOST VULNERABLE.

IS IT WORTH IT?



IS THAT THE PROBLEM, PARKER?

THE MORE POWER YOU TAKE, THE MORE YOU NEED?

THWIP
THWIP
THWIP

AND CLEARLY, I CAN'T HURT HIM.



BUT IF I KNOW PETER PARKER--

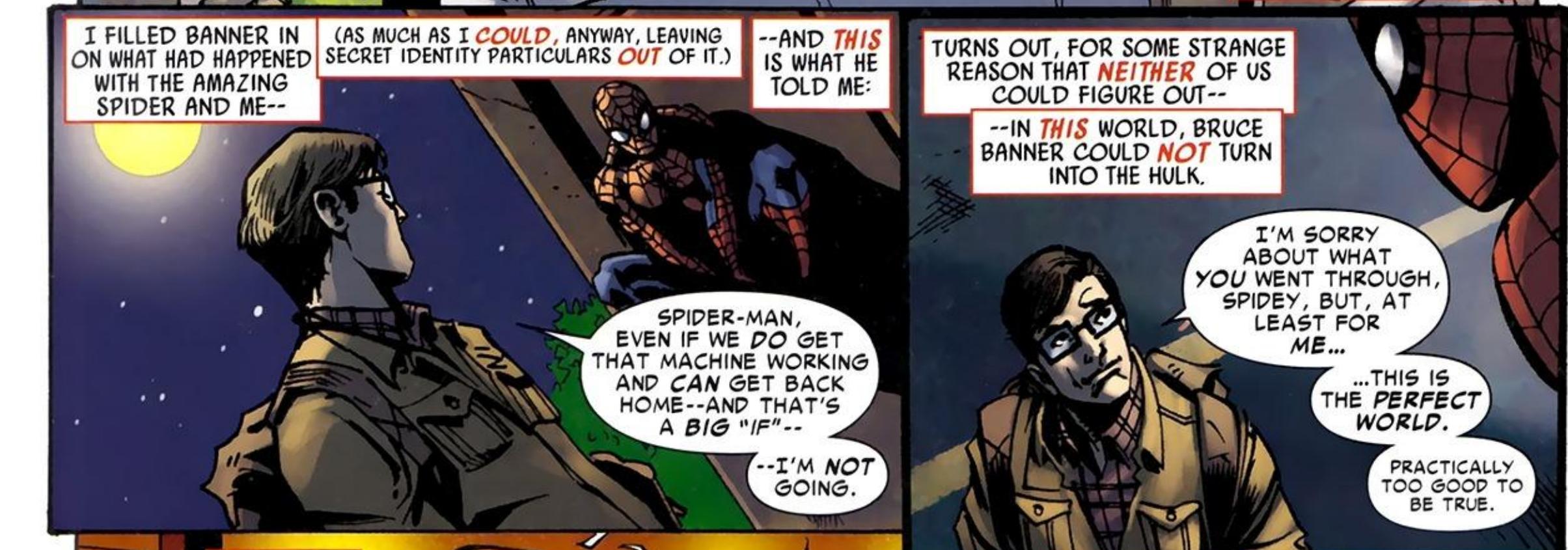
AND I DO--







Epilogue:



BY NIGHT, I FOUGHT CRIME AS THE AMAZING SPIDER.

EVEN THOUGH JUST PUTTING ON THE SUIT LEFT A REALLY BAD TASTE IN MY MOUTH.

NONE OF THOSE BIG-TIME OUT-OF-MY-LEAGUE VILLAINS THAT THE AMAZING SPIDER TANGLED WITH ON A REGULAR BASIS HAVE REARED THEIR UGLY HEADS.

AT LEAST, NOT YET.

AND MAYBE I COULD GET USED TO THIS.

YOU GOT US, SPIDER.

WE GIVE UP.

AW, COME ON. NOBODY WANTS TO EVEN THROW A PUNCH?

EVEN IF I PUT ONE HAND BEHIND MY BACK?
WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

I JUST DON'T WANT TO.

I WANT TO GO HOME.

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Deadpool Annual #1,
and concluded in
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GREAT,
HUH?! NOW...

NEXT ISSUE!



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