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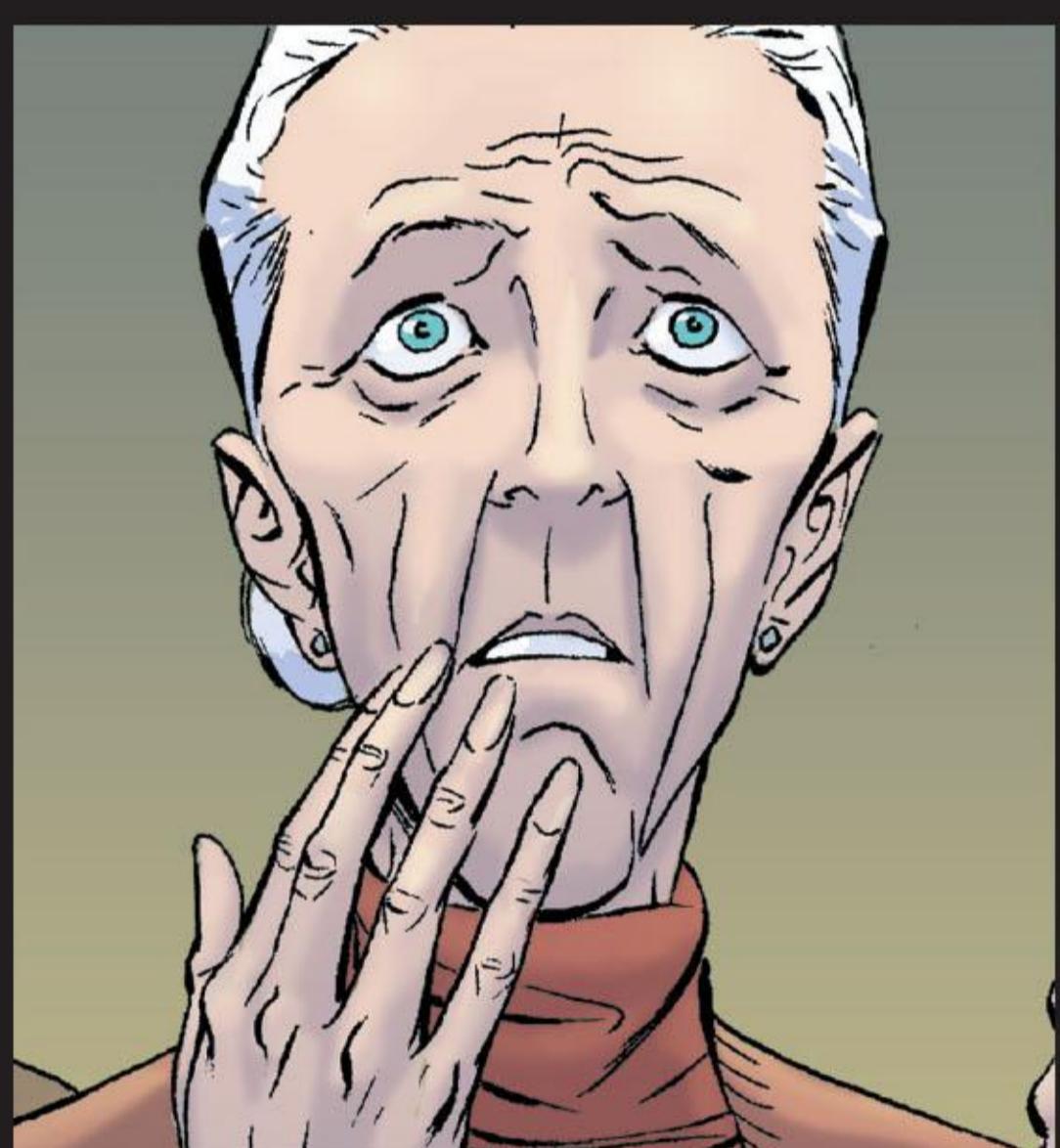


WHY WERE THE FBI IN NEW YORK CITY? AND WHY WERE THEY TALKING TO COUNCILMAN HOLLISTER FOR TWO HOURS? HOLLISTER CAMPAIGN SOURCES SAY "THEY WANTED HIS ADVICE ON SUPERHUMAN CRIME" BUT DB SOURCES SAY THERE'S MORE TO THIS STORY THAN MEETS THE EYE! MORE ON PAGE Q32

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SHOCKING REVELATIONS!



After rescuing a subway car filled with a jury for a mob trial from the Shocker, Spidey's got his own mystery to solve when one of the jurors reveals himself as J. Jonah Jameson Sr., ol' flat top's estranged father. Senior plays a key role in helping Spidey lead the rescue, but disappears when they're above ground.

Pete can appreciate parent issues, as his Aunt's recently taken a job at a local community aide center in downtown Manhattan. Still, May's a capable woman – what kind of trouble could she run into in New York City in broad daylight?

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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CELL PHONES
DRIVE ME CRAZY!

THERE I WAS, HAVING A NICE CHAT
WITH MY AUNT FROM 'WAY
ACROSS TOWN, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN,
THE SIGNAL STARTS CUTTING OUT--

--AT THE **WORST**
POSSIBLE TIME!

AUNT
MAY? YOU'RE
BREAKING UP! SAY
AGAIN--?

FILL IN the **BLANK**

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WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SPIDER-MAN BRAINTRUST--
GALE, GUGGENHEIM & SLOTT

I SAID THE
BANK IS BEING
ROBBED!

"BLANK"--?

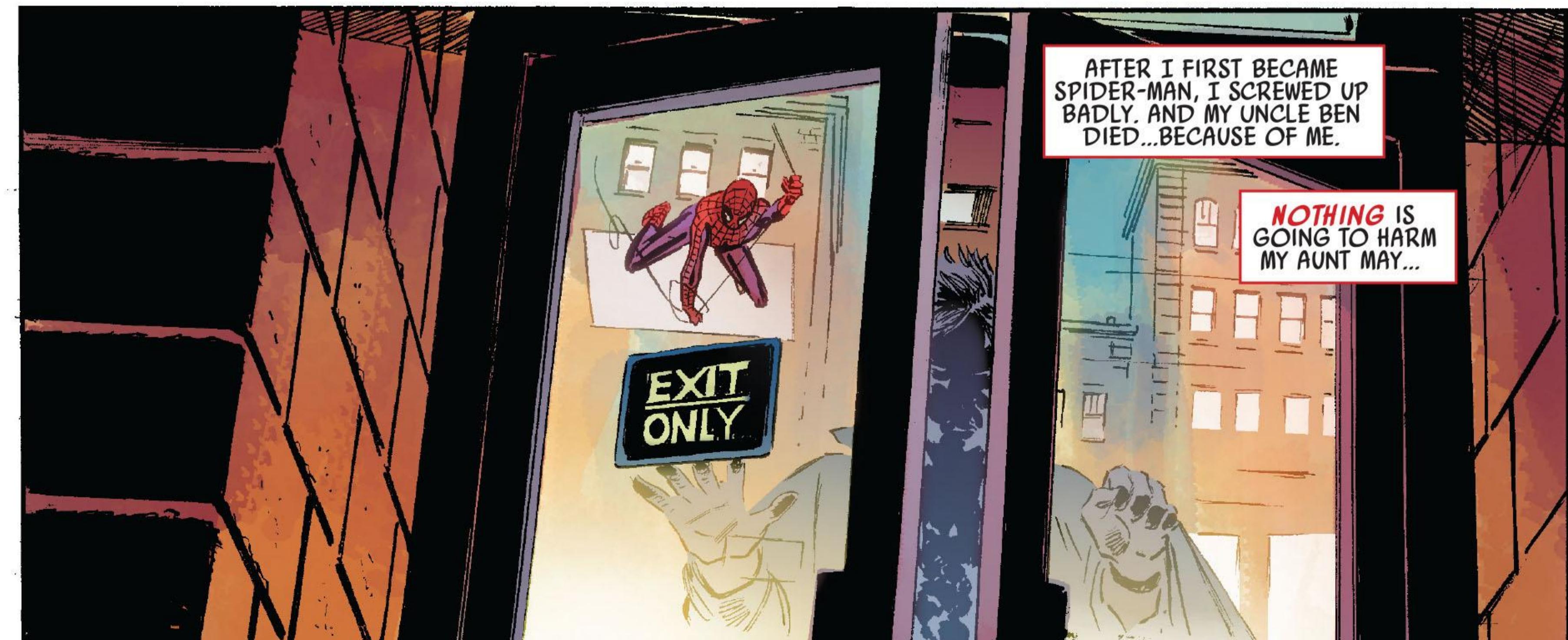
KEEP OUT
OF SIGHT!
STAY SAFE!

I'LL HANG
UP AND CALL
9-1-1--!

BLAM

BY THAT
BLANK MAN
I SAW ON
YOUTUBE.

AUNT
MAY?!



...NOTHING
AND NO
ONE...?!

WHAT THE
DEVIL IS
THIS!?

METROBANK

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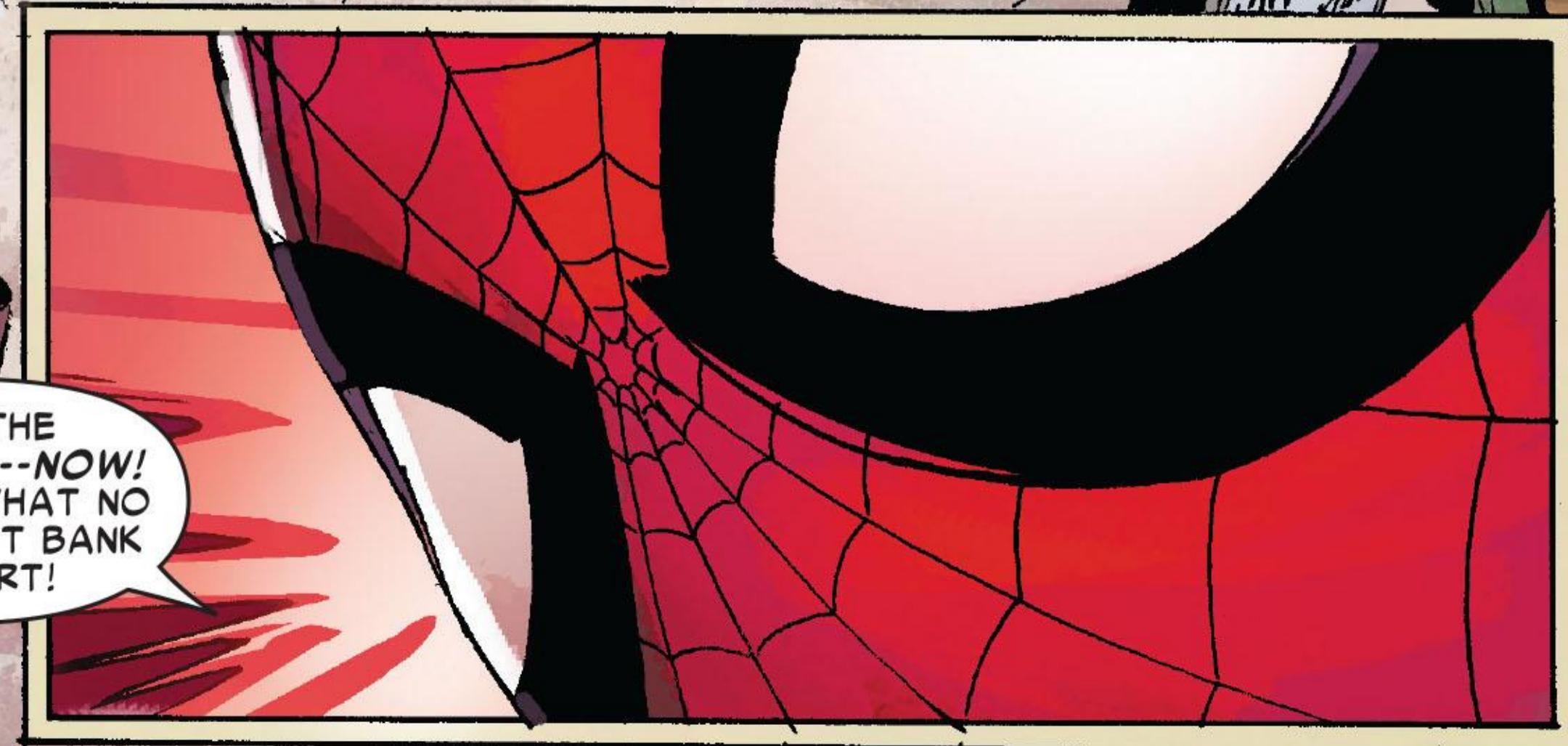
HUH?
SPIDER-MAN?!

I KNOW WHO
I AM. WHO ARE YOU--
GRAY GUY? HALF-TONE
THE FACELESS
WONDER?

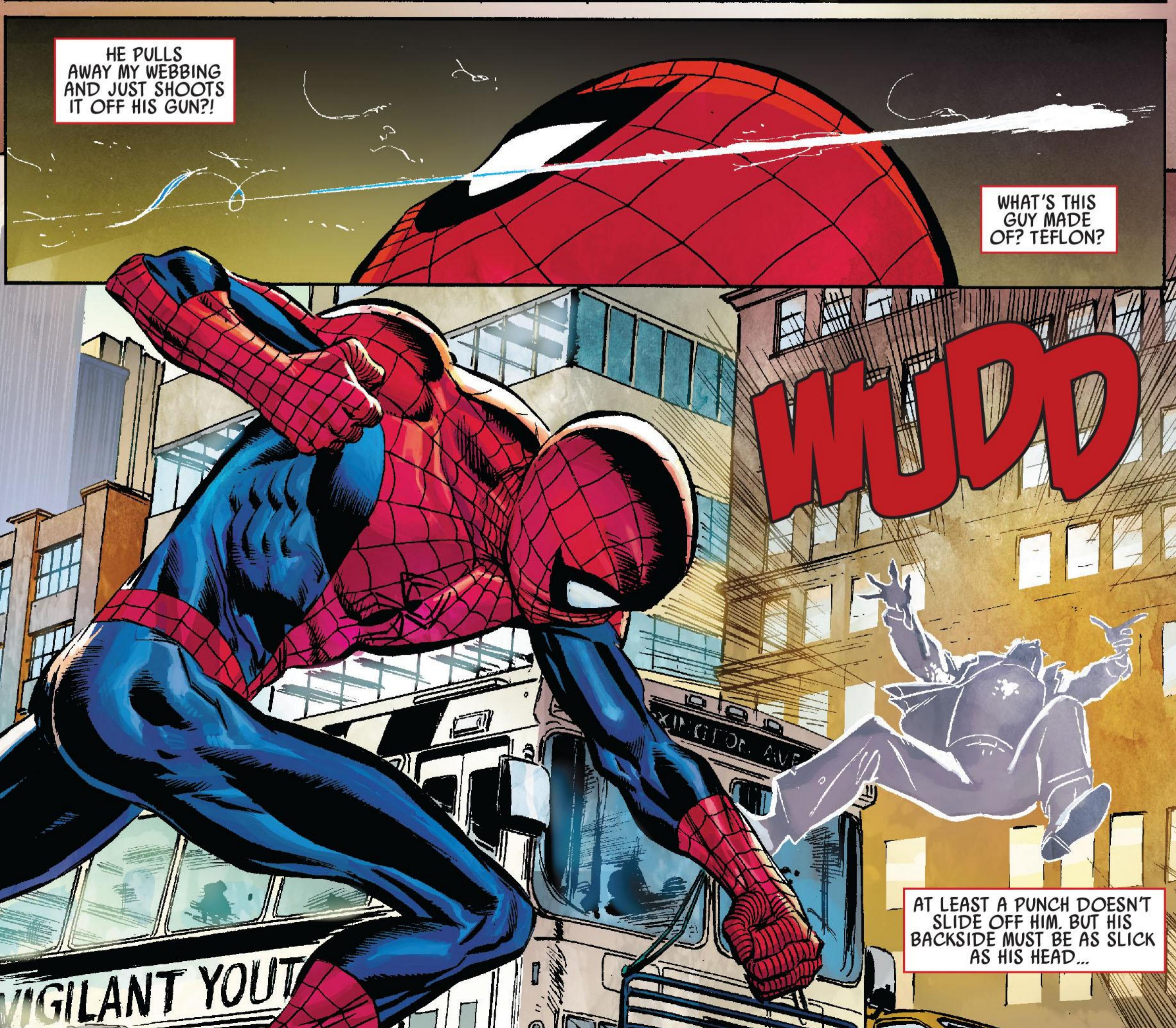
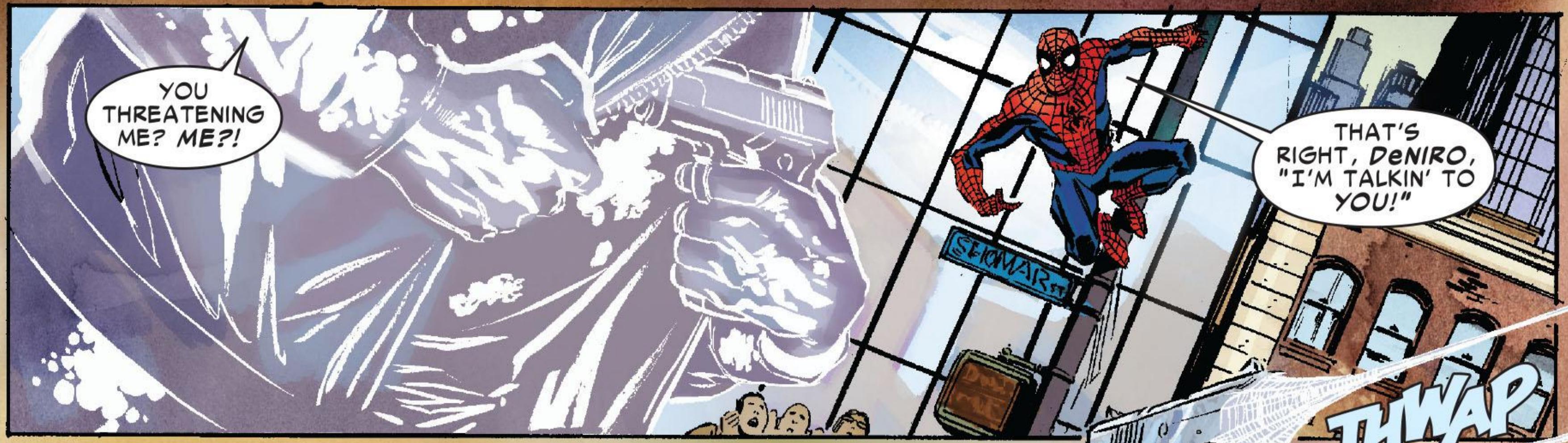


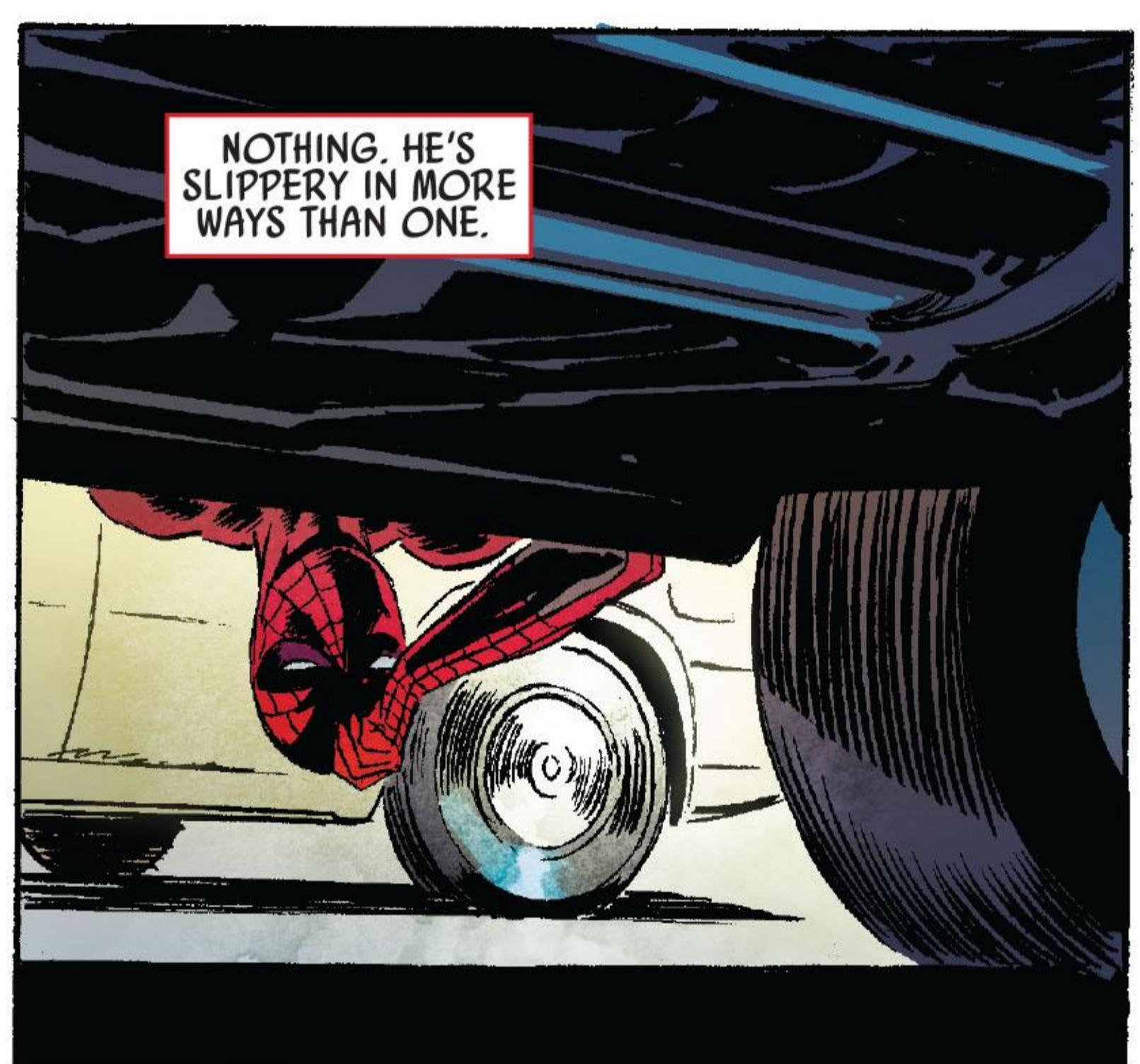
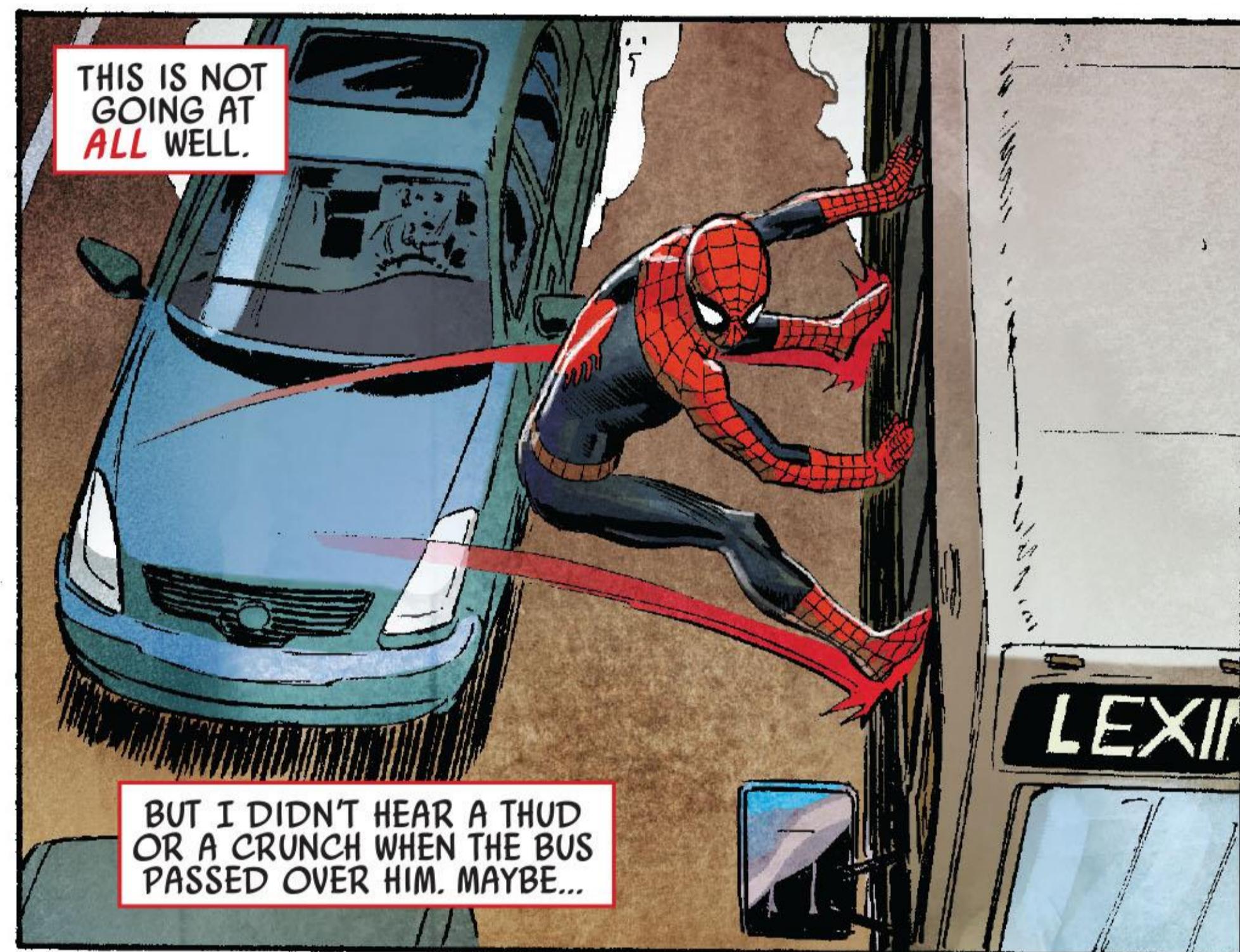
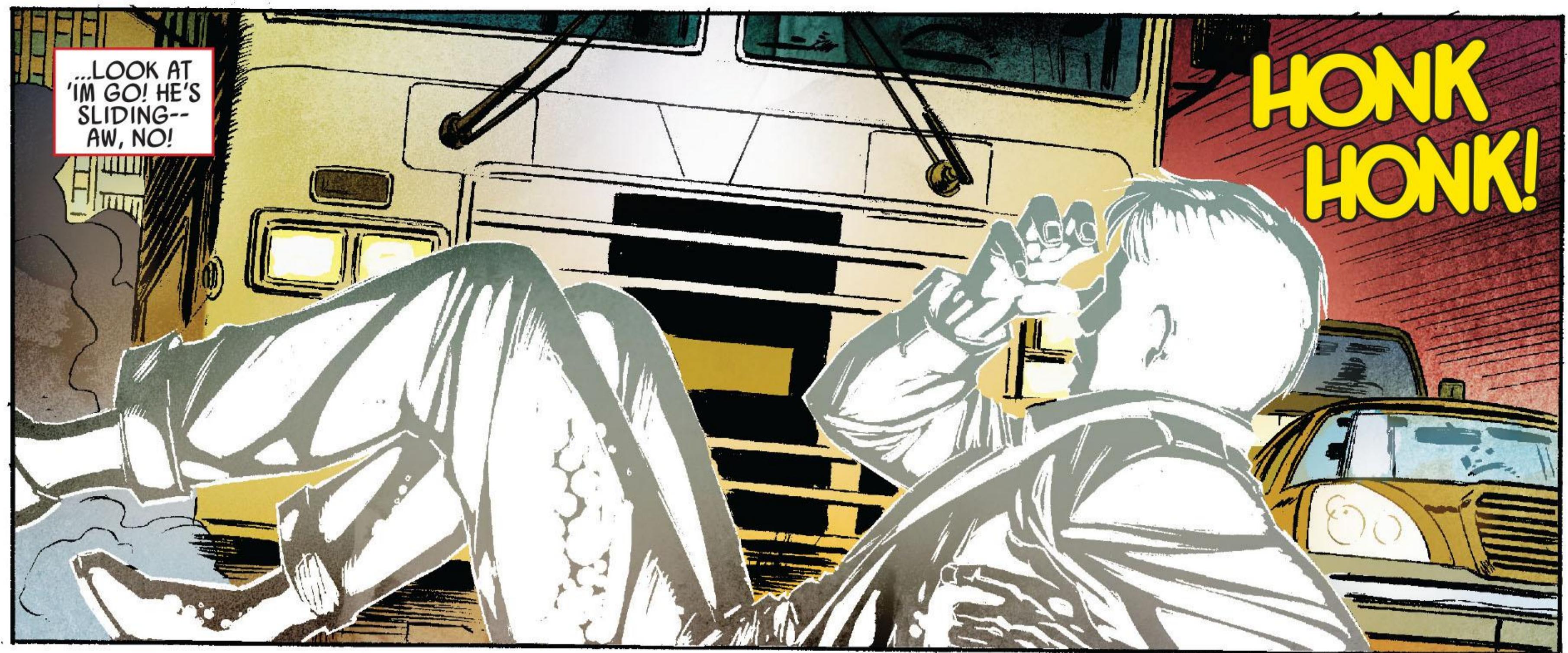
THE BLANK...
OF COURSE
HE IS.

DROP THE
MONEYBAG--NOW!
AND PRAY THAT NO
ONE IN THAT BANK
WAS HURT!



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SHA





NICE TO RUN INTO SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T ACT LIKE I'M PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE--

--UNLIKE MOST OF MY ADORING PUBLIC--

--WHICH OBVIOUSLY BELIEVES TOO MUCH OF WHAT THEY READ IN THE TABLOIDS...

LOOK-- SPIDER-MAN!

HE'S STILL AT LARGE?

WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM?

I WON'T GET MUCH HELP FROM THEM.

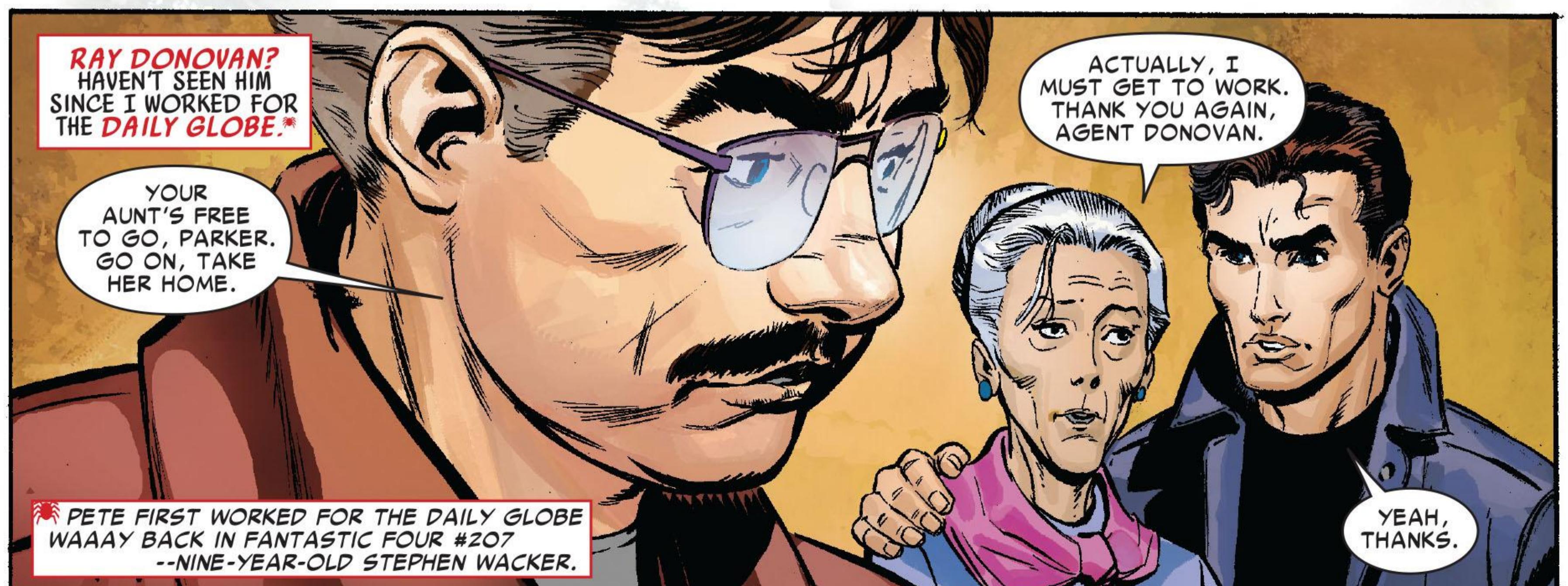
NO SIGN OF BLANK-BOY ANYWHERE. IS HE A QUICK-CHANGE ARTIST?

IF HE SLIPPED INTO THAT SUBWAY, HE COULD BE ANYWHERE BY NOW.

THIS IS GETTING ME NOWHERE FAST.

BETTER DOUBLE-BACK...

...RETRIEVE MY STREET CLOTHES...



The Plaza Hotel.

FIFTH AVENUE AT
CENTRAL PARK SOUTH.

WOW...
WHAT A
RUSH!

BEEN
A LONG
TIME--

--SINCE I
HAD TO THROW
DOWN WITH A
COSTUME.

AND
SPIDER-MAN,
NO LESS!

I TOOK A
PUNCH FROM
SPIDER-MAN--AND
I DIDN'T EVEN
FEEL IT!

IT
WAS RISKY,
COMING TO
NEW YORK--

--BUT YA
GOTTA FOLLOW
THE MONEY. AND,
BABY, DID I!

BROTHER
CLYDE IS LIVIN'
LARGE!

AND ANYBODY
WHO TRIES TO STOP
ME...IS JUST GONNA
DRAW A BLANK!

HAH-HAH-HA!

The Coffee Bean.



WHERE MANHATTAN GETS CAFFEINATED.



AUNT MAY'S BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH IN HER LIFE. SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH A BANK ROBBERY.

beep-a-deep
beep-a-deep

AND WEIRDOES LIKE THE BLANK SHOULDN'T BE GIVING SPIDER-MAN THE SLIP.

HELLO.

ROBBIE! WHAT'S UP?

Front Line.

NEW YORK'S FEISTIEST NEWSPAPER.

ONE OF OUR STRINGERS REPORTED THAT YOUR AUNT WAS AT THE METROBANK BRANCH ROBBED THIS MORNING. SHE'S ALL RIGHT, I HOPE.

SHE IS, ROBBIE. IN FACT, SHE'S TAKING IT BETTER THAN I AM.

MAY'S A STRONG WOMAN, PETER. I UNDERSTAND SPIDER-MAN SHOWED UP?

SO I'M TOLD. HE GOT THERE AND WAS GONE BEFORE I ARRIVED--

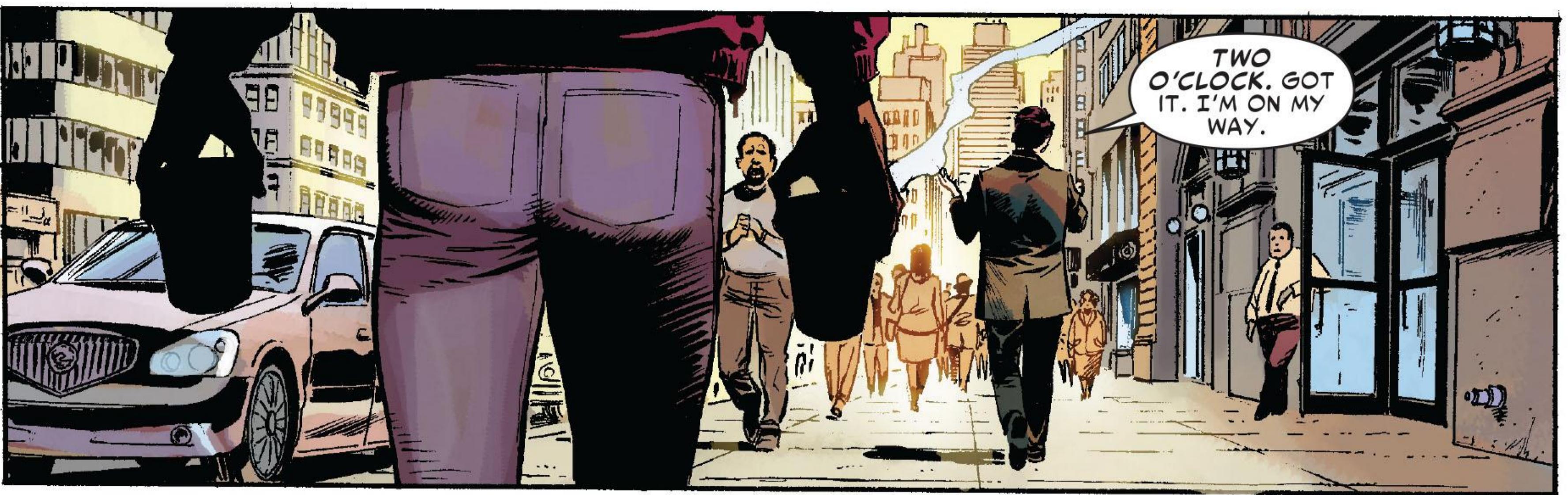
--SO I DIDN'T GET ANY PIX OF HIM OR THIS BLANK CHARACTER. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON HIM THAT ISN'T ALREADY ON GOOGLE?

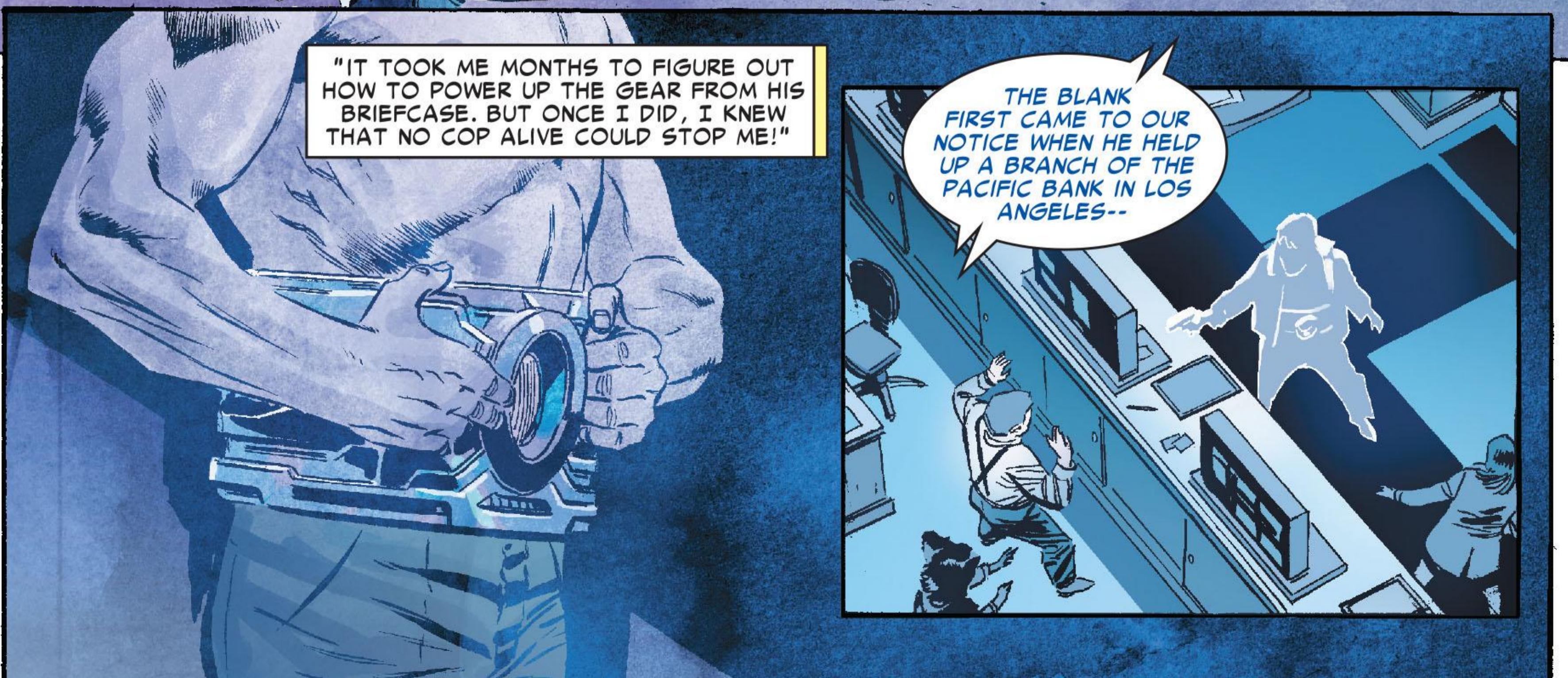
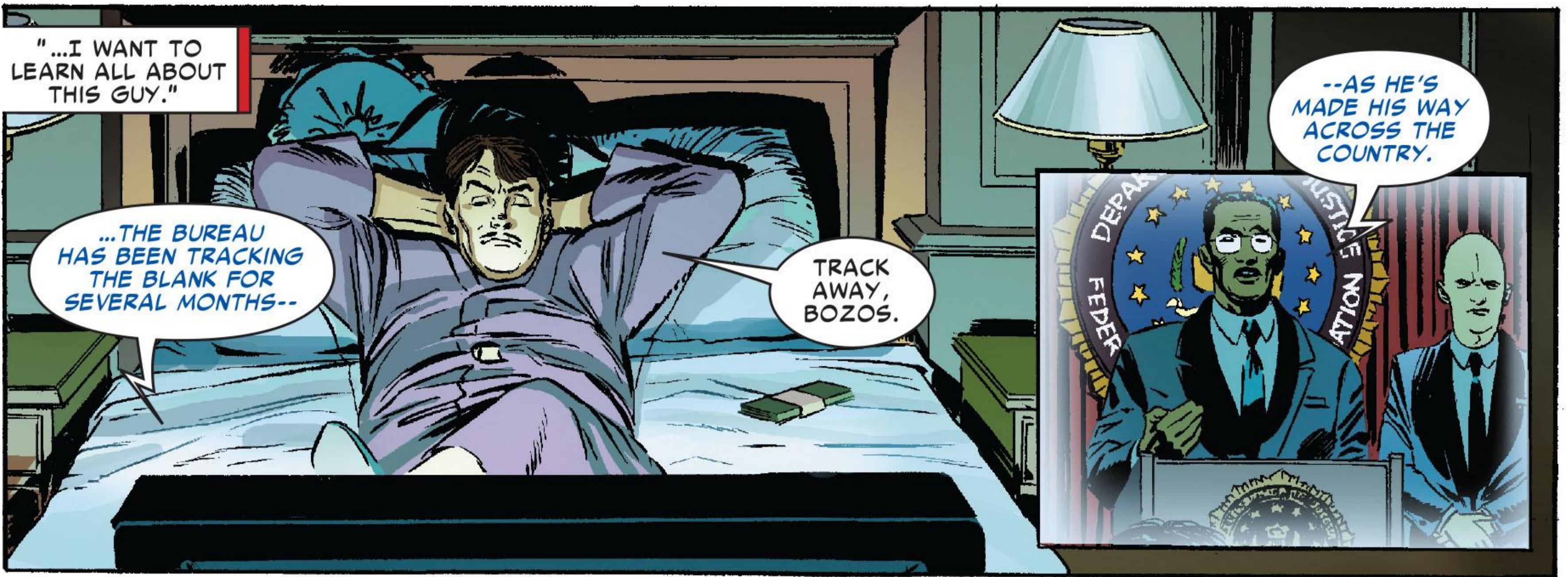
THE BLANK? JUST THAT THE FBI IS TAKING HIM VERY SERIOUSLY. THEY'VE PROMISED MORE INFORMATION AT AN AFTERNOON NEWS BRIEFING.

THE FBI... RIGHT!

SAY, ROBBIE... WHEN IS THAT BRIEFING?







--AND, DESPITE
THE INTERVENTION
OF WONDER MAN,
MADE OFF WITH
75,000
DOLLARS. *

THAT
WAS A SWEET
JOB.

AFTER THE
AVENGERS INTERVENED
IN HIS ROBBERY OF AN
ARMORED CAR--

* IN ISSUE #2 OF THE WEST
COAST AVENGERS MINI-SERIES
--14-YEAR-OLD WACKER

--THE BLANK
FORMED A BRIEF
ALLIANCE WITH THE
SUPER-CRIMINAL
GRAVITON...

"ALLIANCE"?
HE TREATED ME LIKE
A STOOGE! AND THEN,
HE HIT ME WITH HIS
DAMN GRAVITY
WAVE--

--AND
THREW ME OUT
TO SEA! *

* IN W.C.A #3
--14-YEARS-AND-ONE-
MONTH-OLD WACKER

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED
TO GRAVITON, BUT I HOPE HE'S
BURNING IN HELL!"

"I NEARLY DROWNED BEFORE
I WASHED ASHORE ON
CATALINA. AND THAT STILL
WASN'T THE WORST OF IT."

"THAT ENERGY-TOSS SCRAMBLED
THE NANOTECH OF MY FORCE-FIELD
BELT...AND SCRAMBLED
MY CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM."

IT'S ALL
ONE AND THE
SAME NOW.



...EARLIER THIS
YEAR, THE BLANK
BEGAN MAKING HIS WAY
ACROSS THE COUNTRY,
ROBBING BANKS AND
ARMORED CARS
ALONG THE WAY.

I DON'T WANT
TO BE THE BLANK 24/7.
BUT EVERY DAY, IT'S
HARDER TO CONTROL THE
FIELD-EFFECT. THERE'S
A DOCTOR WHO SAYS
HE CAN HELP ME--

--BUT IT'LL
TAKE A LOT
MORE CASH.





WELL, AS NEWS BRIEFINGS GO,
THAT CERTAINLY WAS **BRIEF**.
THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION
IS STILL UNANSWERED...

SO, WHAT'S THE NEXT MOVE?
JUST HOW DO YOU INTEND TO
CATCH THE BLANK?

THAT'S BUREAU
BUSINESS, AND WHO
THE HELL ARE YOU?

I'M ON IT,
DEREK.

PARKER,
COME WITH
ME!

BUT I
NEED TO
KNOW--!

WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW IS
THAT WE'RE DOING
EVERYTHING WE
CAN.

THAT'S IT?
THAT'S ALL
I GET?!

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HE'S A
MENACE! A
REAL--!

YOU'RE OUT
OF BOUNDS,
PARKER!

I KNOW
YOU'RE UPSET,
BUT WE CAN'T
DISCLOSE ANYTHING
MORE.

NOW GO
HOME AND
COOL OFF!

PETE...TRUST
ME...WE'LL BRING
THE BLANK TO
JUSTICE.

YEAH! SEE
THAT YOU
DO.

AND I'LL
SEE WHAT **I**
CAN DO.

THE FBI IS GOOD AT A LOT OF THINGS--
AND DONOVAN'S A CAPABLE GUY--BUT
WHEN IT COMES TO CATCHING SUPER-
CROOKS, I THINK I HAVE A BIT OF AN EDGE.

I KNOW I HAVE A
RESPONSIBILITY.

LET'S SEE...
WEB-SHOOTERS
FULLY LOADED.

MASK FRESHLY
LAUNDERED AND
MINTY FRESH.

WELL,
LAUNDERED
ANYWAY.

STREET
CLOTHES
PACKED TO GO.

OKAY...

...LET'S GO
CATCH A
"FOLK HERO."

FOLK HERO! AND I
GET BLAMED FOR
EVERYTHING SHORT OF
GLOBAL WARMING!

I DON'T LIKE ARMED
ROBBERS IN GENERAL, BUT
THE BLANK MADE A SERIOUS
MISTAKE WHEN HE
PICKED AUNT MAY'S BANK.

AUNT MAY AND UNCLE BEN
WERE THE ONLY PARENTS I KNEW.
MY MOM AND DAD FLEW OFF TO
SERVE THEIR COUNTRY WHEN I
WAS JUST A FEW MONTHS OLD...
THEY NEVER MADE IT BACK.

THE BLANK IS **NOT** GETTING
AWAY FROM ME AGAIN. EVEN
IF I HAVE TO SEARCH EVERY
BOROUGH IN THIS CITY...

...I'M GOING
TO FIND HIM.

UH-HUH...

...RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE.

WOKT

DON'T
TRY TO BE
A HERO...

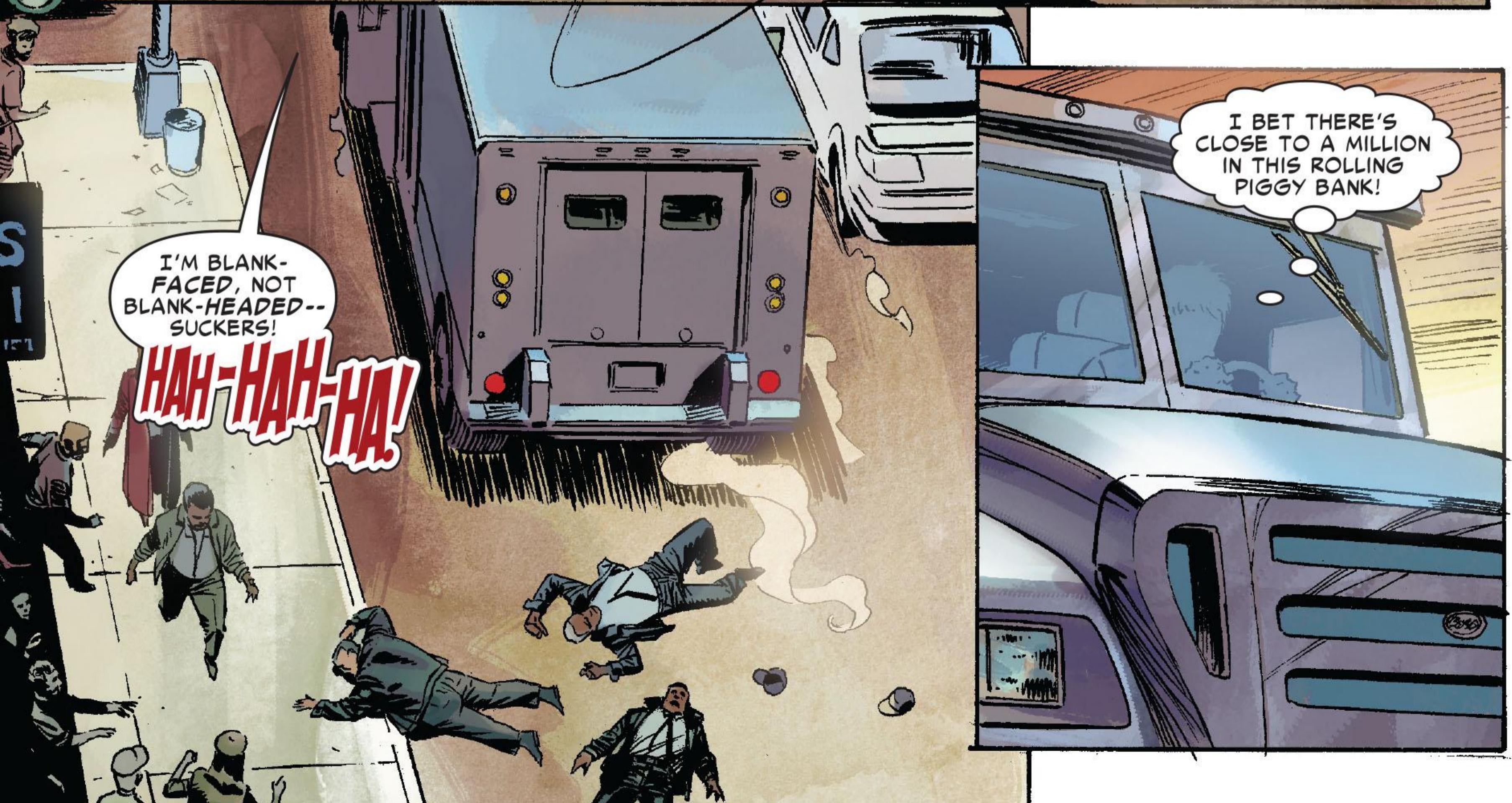
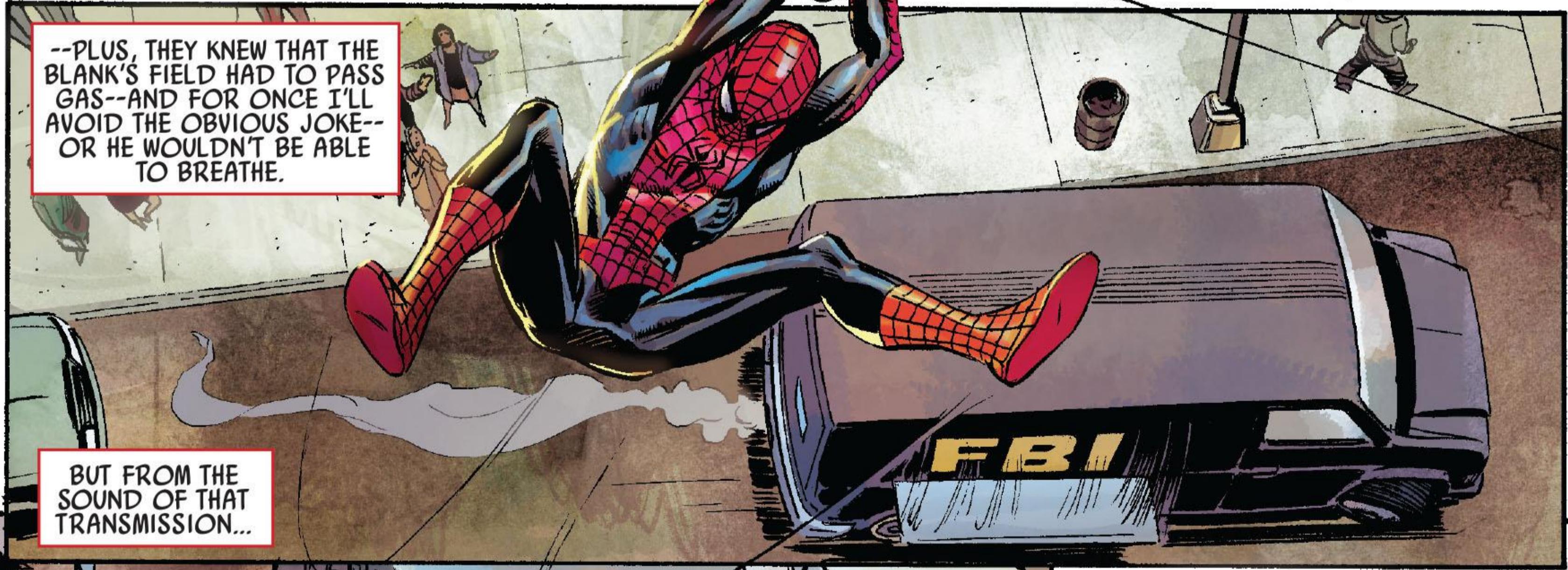
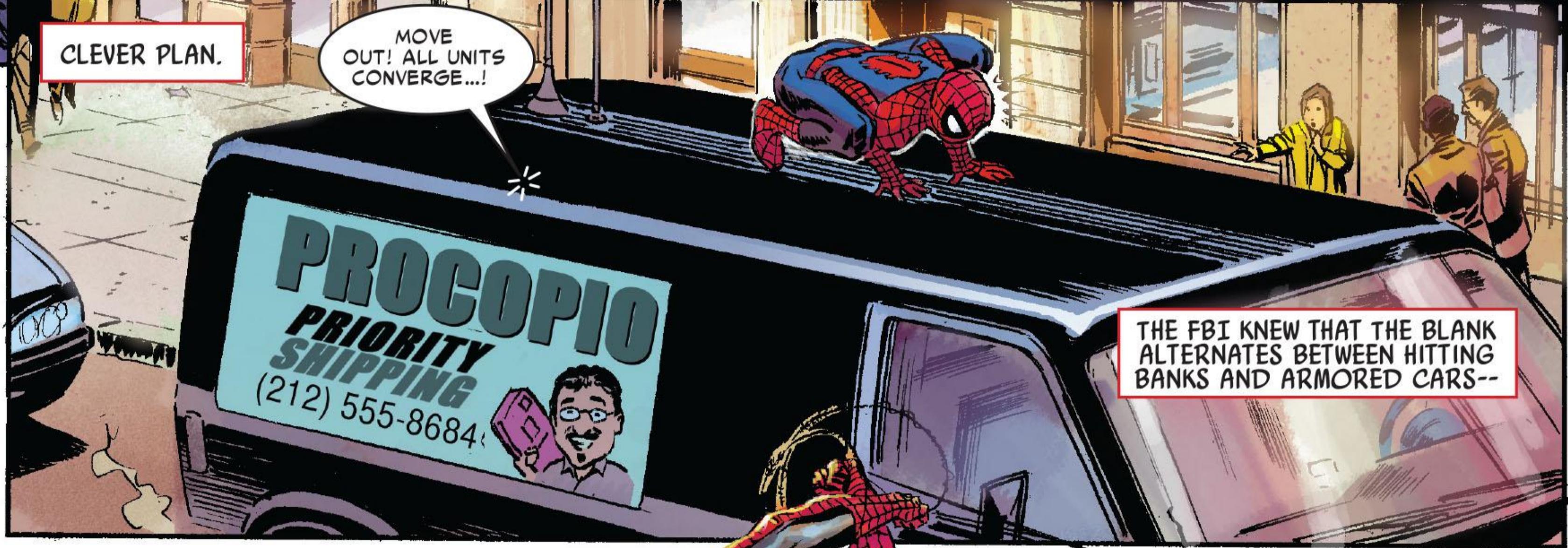
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LET ME
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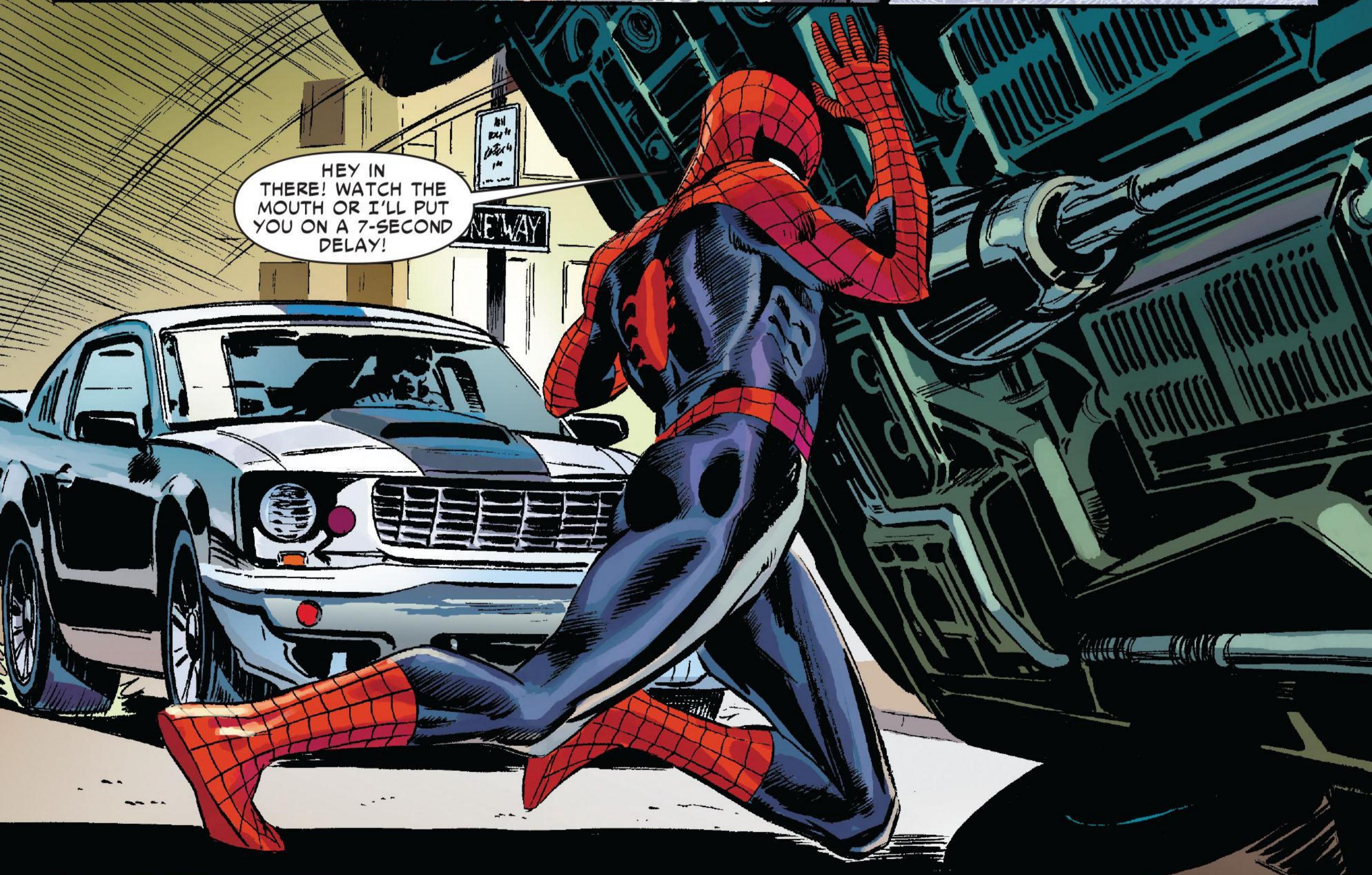
"LET'S GET
SET FOR THE BIG,
BAD BLANK!"

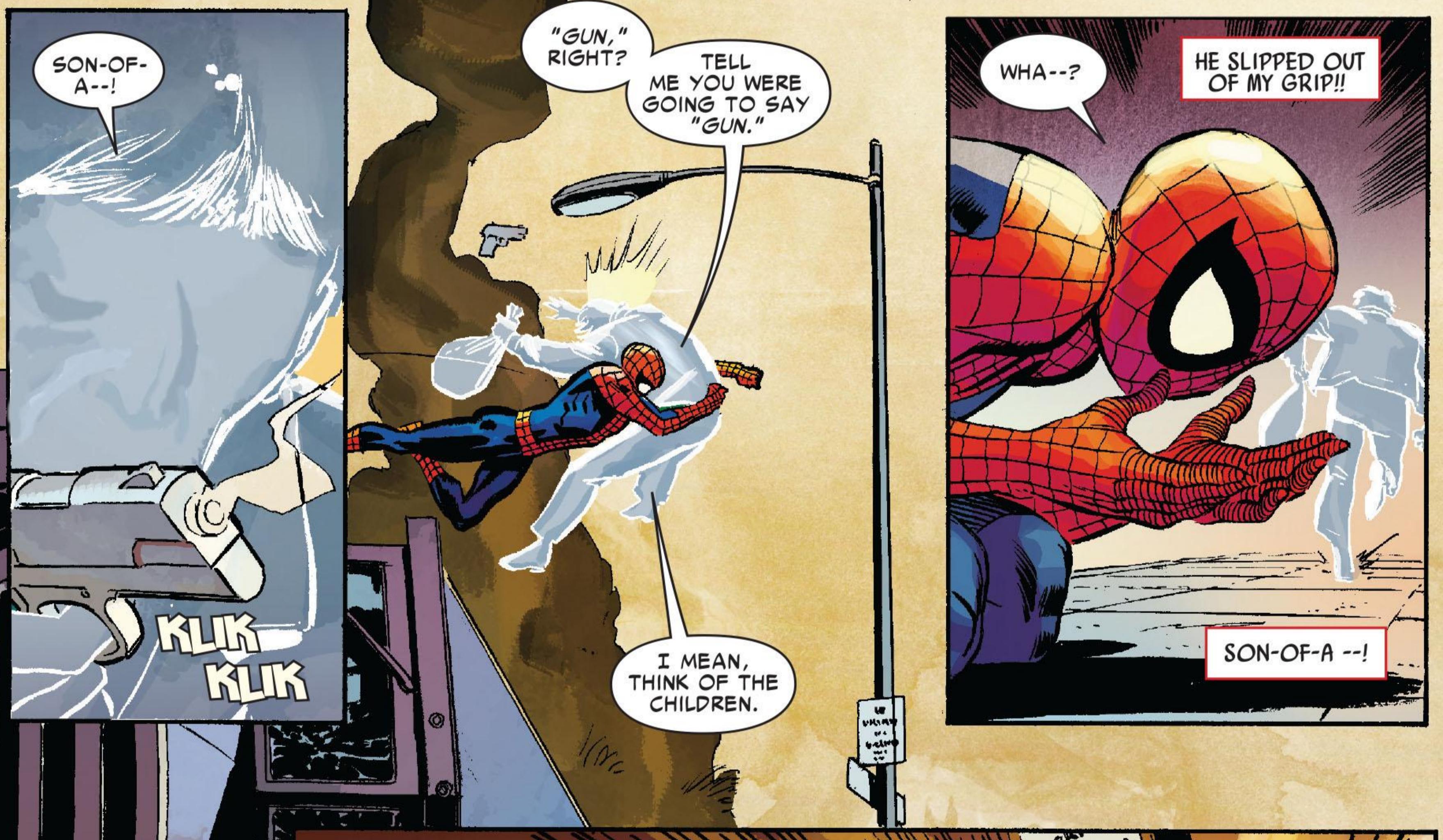
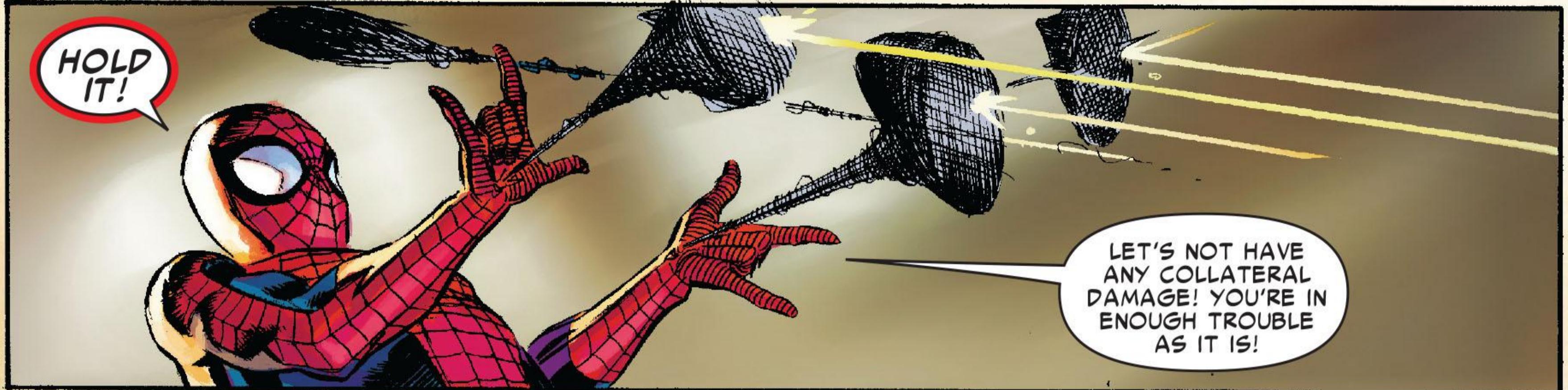
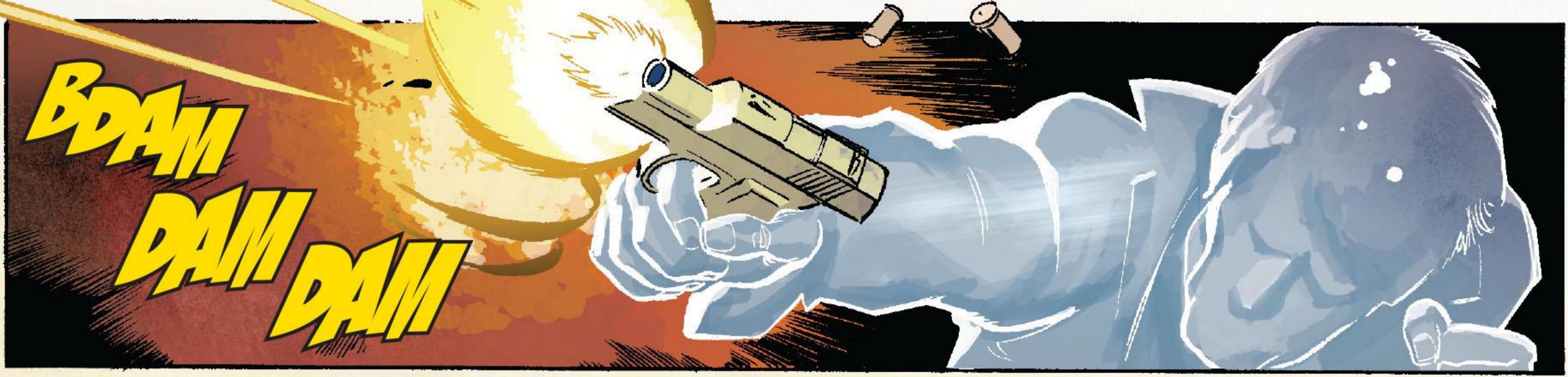
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IDEA--

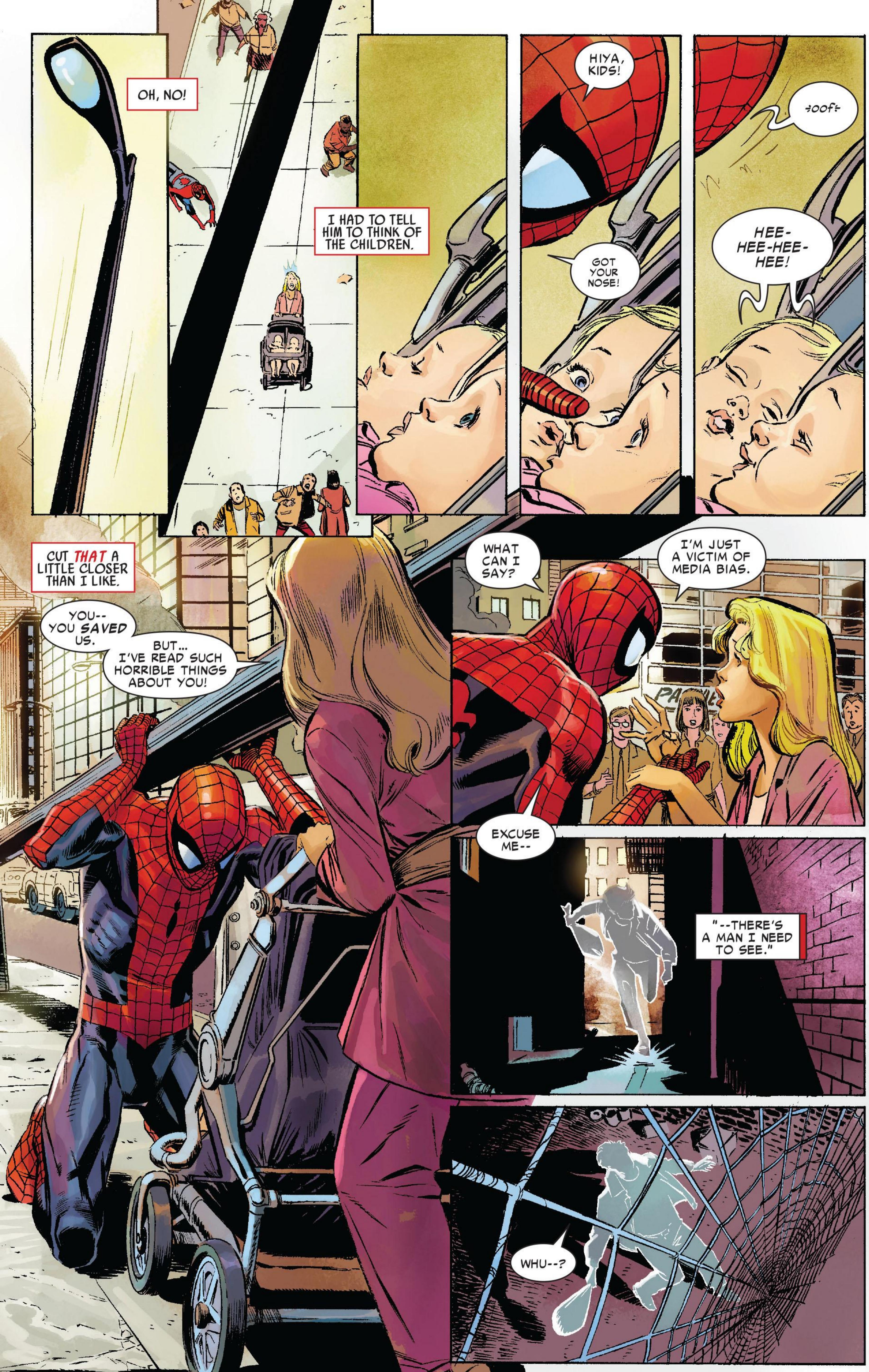
--BUT
I'M PREPARED,
TOO!

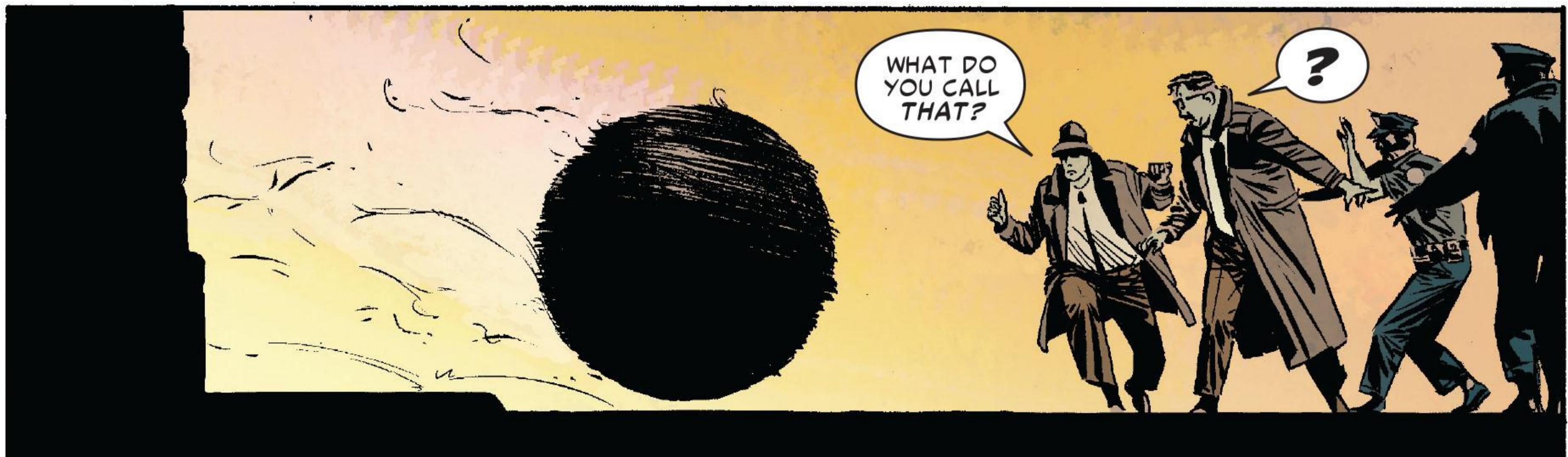
AND MY
GAS MASK FITS
SNUGGER THAN
YOURS!

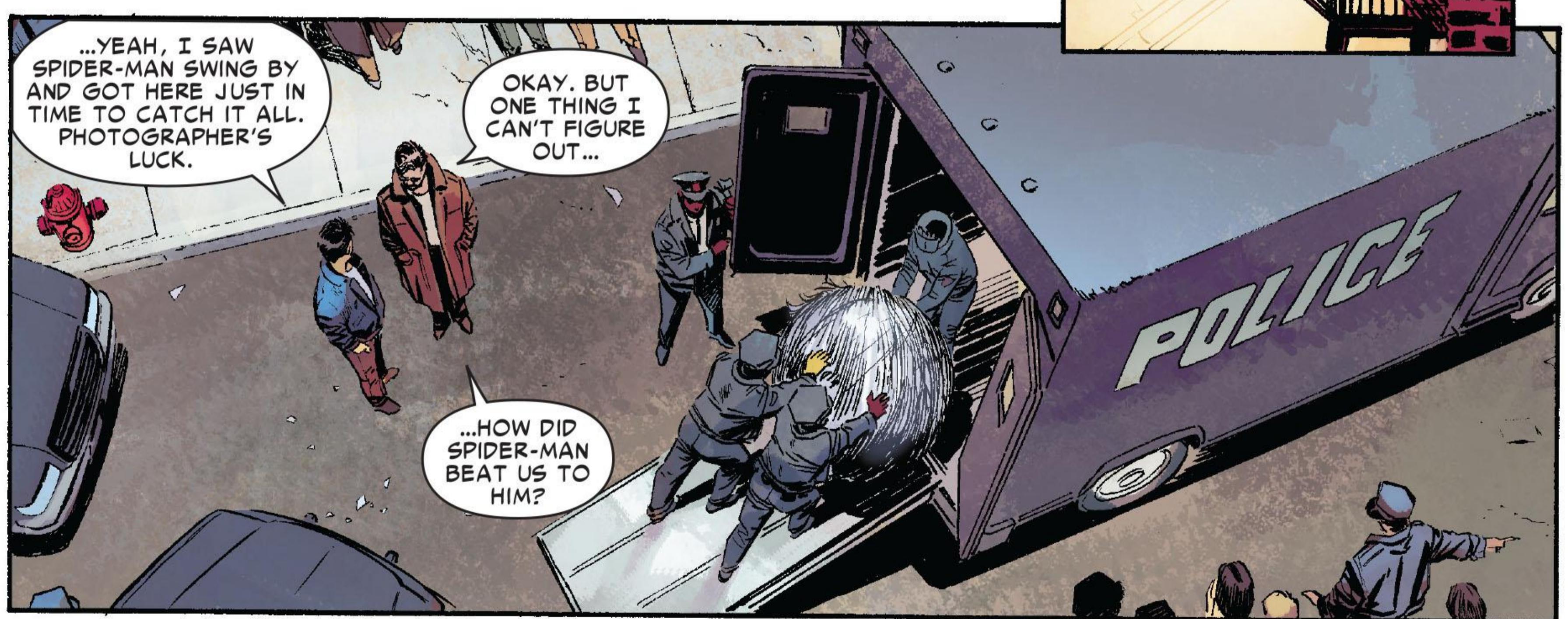


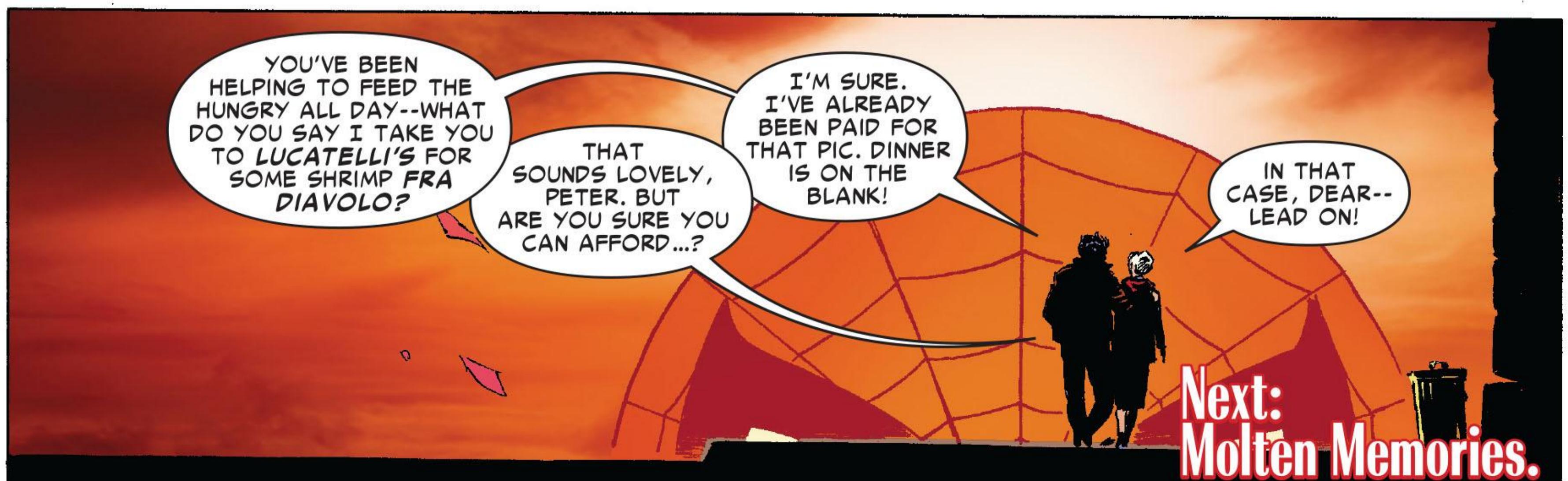
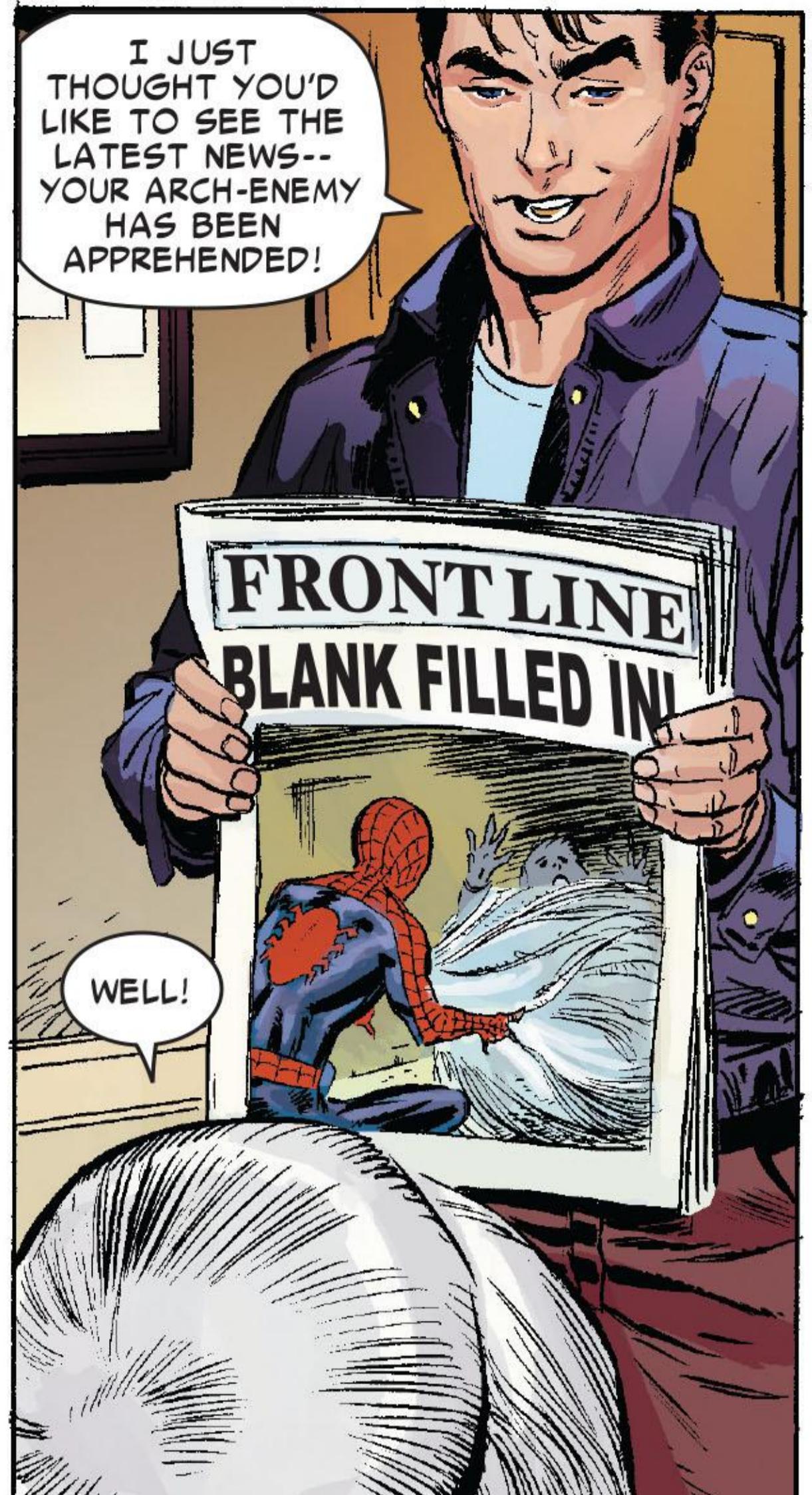












**Next:
Molten Memories.**

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL

What a thrill to have the team of Roger Stern and Lee Weeks drop by for a week. Roger is best known for a long run on *Amazing Spider-Man* that many consider one of the best ever. Lee is not only one of the most requested pencilers in the business on books like *Daredevil* and the recent *Captain Marvel* mini-series, but he also wrote and drew the highly acclaimed *Spider-Man: Death and Destiny* a few years back.

All of us really want to say thanks to both of the guys for stepping in for a week and helping us not miss a beat. Both Roger and Lee worked to fit their story seamlessly into our ongoing escapades and we're thrilled to announce that they'll be back next year for a 3-part epic that includes the phrase "SOMETHING CAN STOP THE JUGGERNAUT!" I'll let you know more as we get closer to it.

And now more of your letters on ASM #574 and the return of Pete's patriotic pal, Flash Thompson. Believe it or not, one of the first letters we got was from the writer of the very issue you hold in your hand:

Steve,

Now that the frenzy of finishing the first Juggernaut plot is out of the way, and I can think of something else for a few hours...it occurred to me that I wanted to send you guys a big thumbs up for *Amazing Spider-Man* #574.

Best Flash Thompson story ever. Beautifully drawn. Wonderfully written.

I hate Guggenheim! Isn't it enough that he created Eli Stone? Does he have to write such great comics, too? I mean, really...how am I supposed to compete with that?

Seriously, please send my best regards to Marc, Barry, and Mark for a job well done.

--Roger

Rog, if it makes you feel any better. Marc's not great at writing everything. He wrote me an e-mail about his schedule once that was just terribly banal and terse. Thanks for writing in though...and before you ask: No, you cannot get paid for this letter.



Dear Marvel,

This is my first time writing to any publication ever. After reading ASM #574 though, and the following story about Jeff Guerin, I did something that I've never done in the 22-plus years of reading comics ... I cried. I didn't shed tears because of sadness or pity mind you, but of pride! Pure pride in my country.

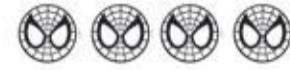
It is refreshing that in a world where most media outlets choose to exploit a story such as Jeff's, you use it to inspire and honor those who deserve our respect and admiration. That amidst all the costumed avengers, there is still room for stories of true, real heroes. As one having a brother in the military, I know what it's like to be proud and scared at the same time. This "war" has been so far removed over the years that any and all news reports just seem like a TV show or a movie. We need stories such as this one to snap people back to reality.

The editor was right when he said "thanks is too small a word." Although if everyone in America were to say it, the message would come through loud and clear. I would like to thank Marvel for this story as well as others like "A Moment of Silence" and ASM #36 (vol. 2) for showing that you can tell an entertaining

story and still have heart. You have definitely made mine Marvel.

So I would like to close by saying God Bless Jeff Guerin, Cpl. Kyle Fernandez, SSG. Brian Hobbs, and all the rest of the brave men and women out there protecting the peace and God Bless America!

Joel Johnson
Omaha, NE



To the team Spidey team:

I just picked up and read Amazing Spider-Man 574 and I would like to say a BIG thank you. I'm the son of an ex-military soldier it's nice to see another media other than TV thanking them for everything they have, are, and will always do to make the world better.

So again Thank you for this great honor for this comic, I will treasure it forever.

Eric Hodge
Via e-mail



Dear folks,

When I read ASM #574 I was touched. It's not up to me whether or not we are at war, so I try not to get political about it. But I do understand that our sons and daughters are overseas risking their lives in our stead. I think that all too often the news headlines or sound bytes go in one ear and out the other because we are so used to hearing about it.

When I read the piece in the letters section about Jeff Guerin, Cpl. Kyle Fernandez and SSG. Brian Hobbs I cried. I'm not afraid or embarrassed about crying or anything like that, but out of the thousands of comics I've read I have never cried before. The issue was very well put together. I really loved how the scenes from Flash's childhood and how Spider-Man inspired him as a hero, and in true humble form, he neglected to mention his difficult upbringing.

I also wanted to note that while there may have been a few issues of ASM since BND that have been so-so, the last arc knocked it out of the park. The Anti-Venom storyline was probably some of the best Spider-Man/Venom stuff I have ever read. "New Ways To Die" was a TOUGH act to follow and you still somehow bumped it up a notch with "Flashbacks."

C. Charles Dodson
Via e-mail



Dear Spider-Mail,

I just finished reading ASM #574 and I wanted to congratulate everyone there at Marvel who works so hard at putting out my favorite comic book three times a month.

I thought that this was a sobering, bittersweet, and just plain fantastic issue. My best friend from high school is currently serving in Afghanistan, so it meant a lot to have the best super hero in comics cheering our soldiers on, regardless of the politics behind these terrible events.

I've been reading Spider-Man comic books since the very moment I learned how to read and I would spend much of my time as a child bugging my parents to death in order to make sure I had all the latest issues. Gradually, I lost interest in the book as I didn't feel like the character resonated enough with me and it just didn't feel fun anymore.

I picked up my first ASM in seven years this past January after hearing about the drastic changes you all made to the story and

I decided to try out the new take on my friend Peter Parker. I've been completely hooked on the book ever since. Both the stories and the art have been absolutely astounding, and the recent "New Ways to Die" storyline had me racing to my local comic shop as fast as I could to get the latest issue every Wednesday.

This book is the best it's ever been in decades and I simply can't get enough of it. My only request from you all is that somehow you bring back Carnage. I remember reading the first story he was in back in 1992, and he has always been one of my favorite villains and one in dire need of a well-written comeback like you just did with Eddie Brock. Thank you for taking the time to read this and as long as every day is a BRAND NEW DAY for the Amazing Spider-Man. Make mine Marvel!

Julian Staton
Via e-mail

We also received great letters from Keith Duff of Oakley, Ill., Alex Galucki, Bill Morra, Mychal Seger, Adrian J. Watts, Matthew Owen, Scott J. Larson, Andy Meakin and many many more. Thanks sincerely to everyone for writing in.



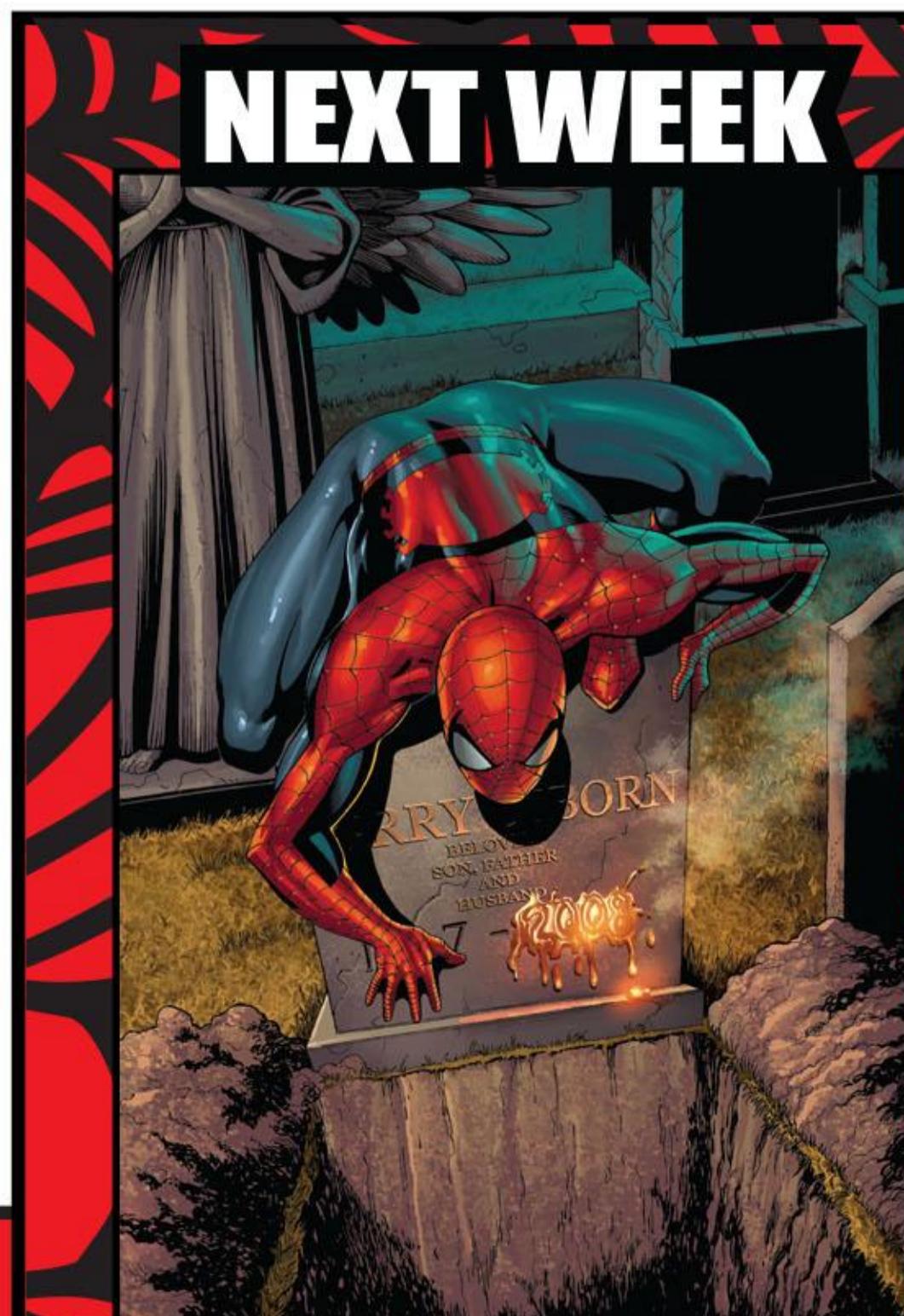
Now I don't want to totally jinx it in case there's a snowstorm or Brennan goes on another bender and I have to bail him out of jail, but next week's issue marks one year of three times a month--and always on time--Spidey.

(and once again on Tom's behalf, I apologize to that one guy minding his own business on 37th Street, stockholders in the Ford Motor Company, mothers everywhere, a lady named Jennifer Treuting, inkers, rap music, everyone on FACEBOOK, orange juice, and of course all registered voters in Pennsylvania. I'll try and watch him more closely.)

So come back for the first part of a story that ends the year right with all the answers you demanded, as Slott, McKone and Lanning bring you: THE TRUTH ABOUT HARRY OSBORN!

Viva Templar
Simperin' Steve
11/20/08

NEXT WEEK



Harry Up and Die Already!

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