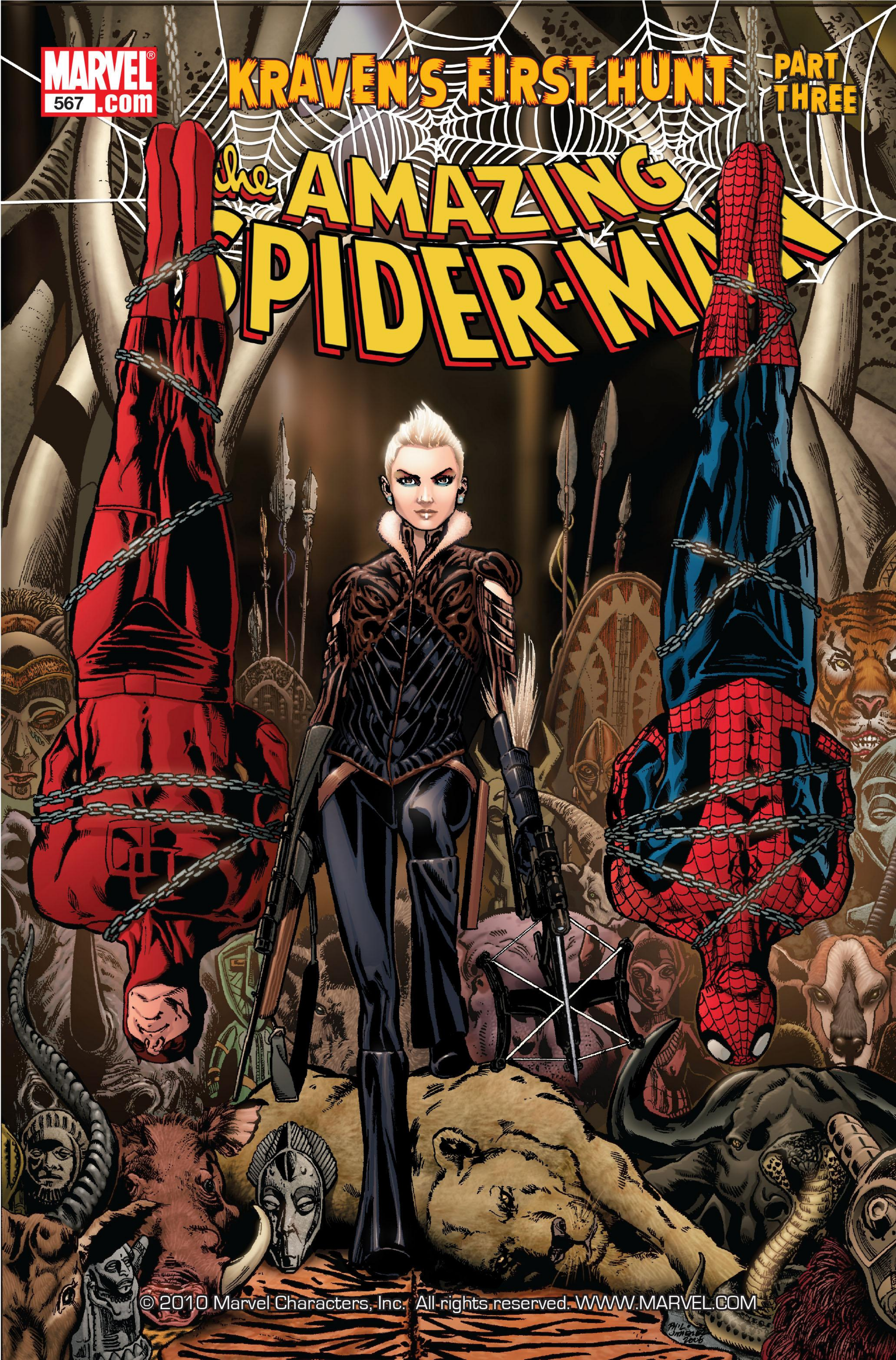
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BIG ENDORSEMENTS SOON? GOV'T BIGWIG TO ENDORSE CROWNE NEXT WEEK. CAMPAIGN WON'T NAME NAMES, BUT SOURCE SAYS HOLLISTER WILL BE "SEEIN' GREEN!" MORE ON PAGE J26

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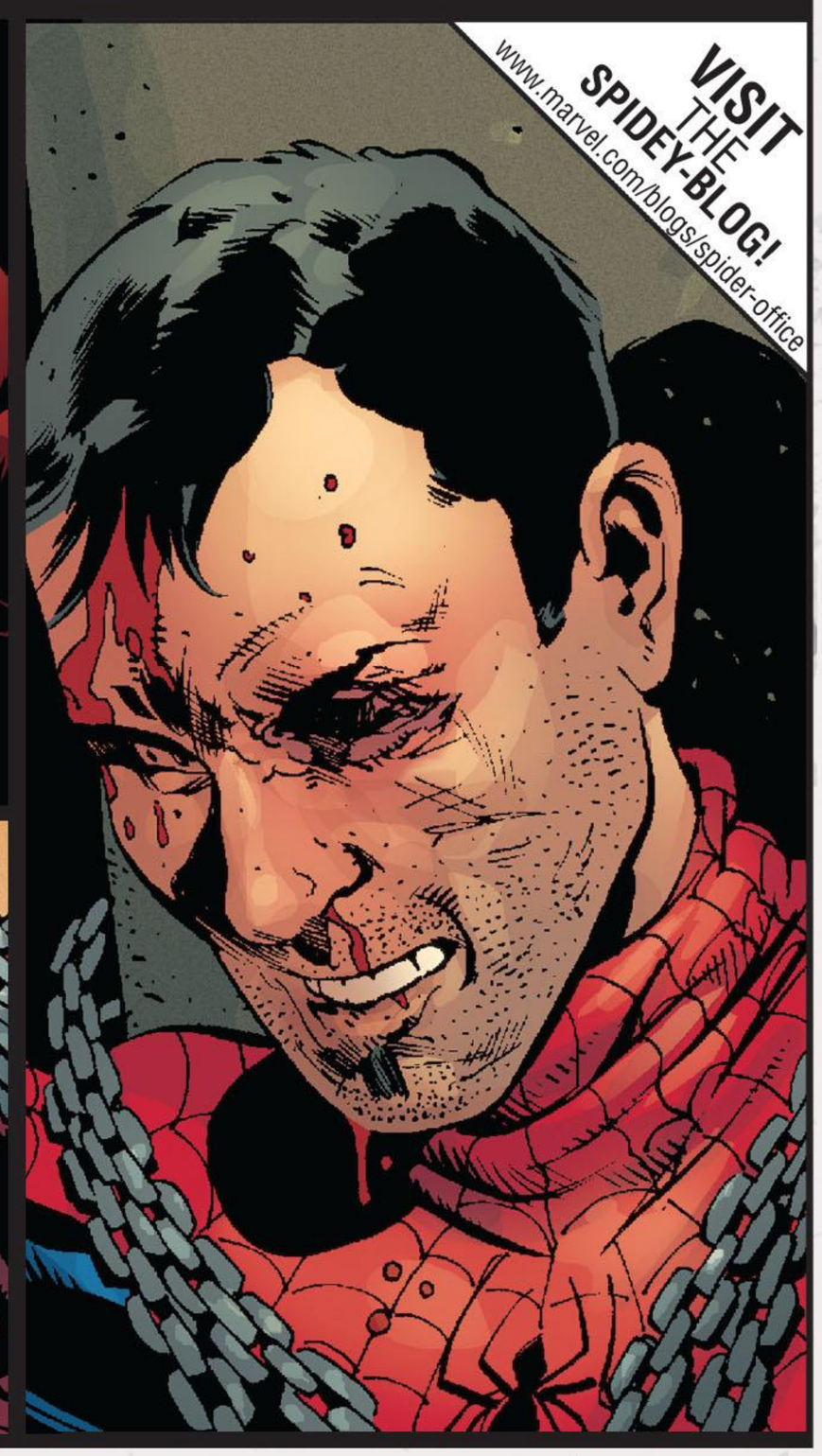
A MOST DANGEROUS GAME...



A mysterious new Kraven is on the hunt for Spider-Man – and she thinks she's discovered his true identity when she captures Peter Parker's roommate, Vin Gonzales! Jacking him up with MGH, she forces Vin into the Spider-Man costume and sends him off to try and survive a hunt in the New York City sewers. Meanwhile, Peter Parker, out a costume, borrows one of Daredevil's uniforms and goes on a hunt of his own. Tracking Vin down to the tunnels of New York City, Spidey discovers he's not the only victim of this new Kraven when he's attacked by his subterranean foe, VERMIN!

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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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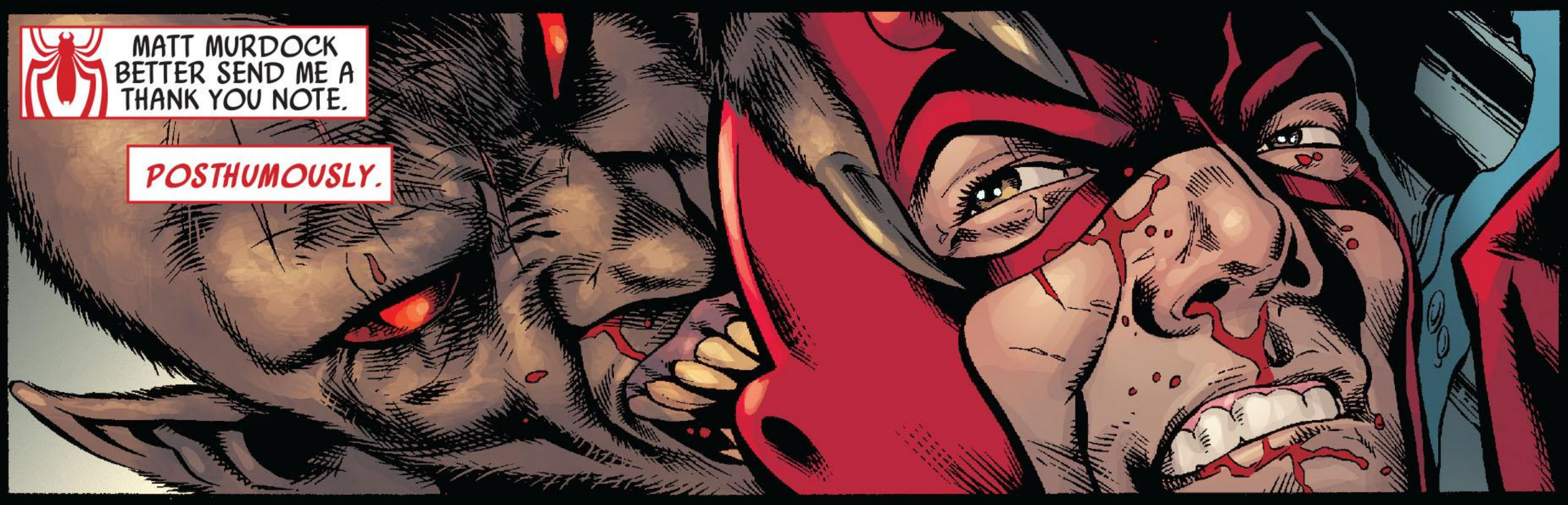

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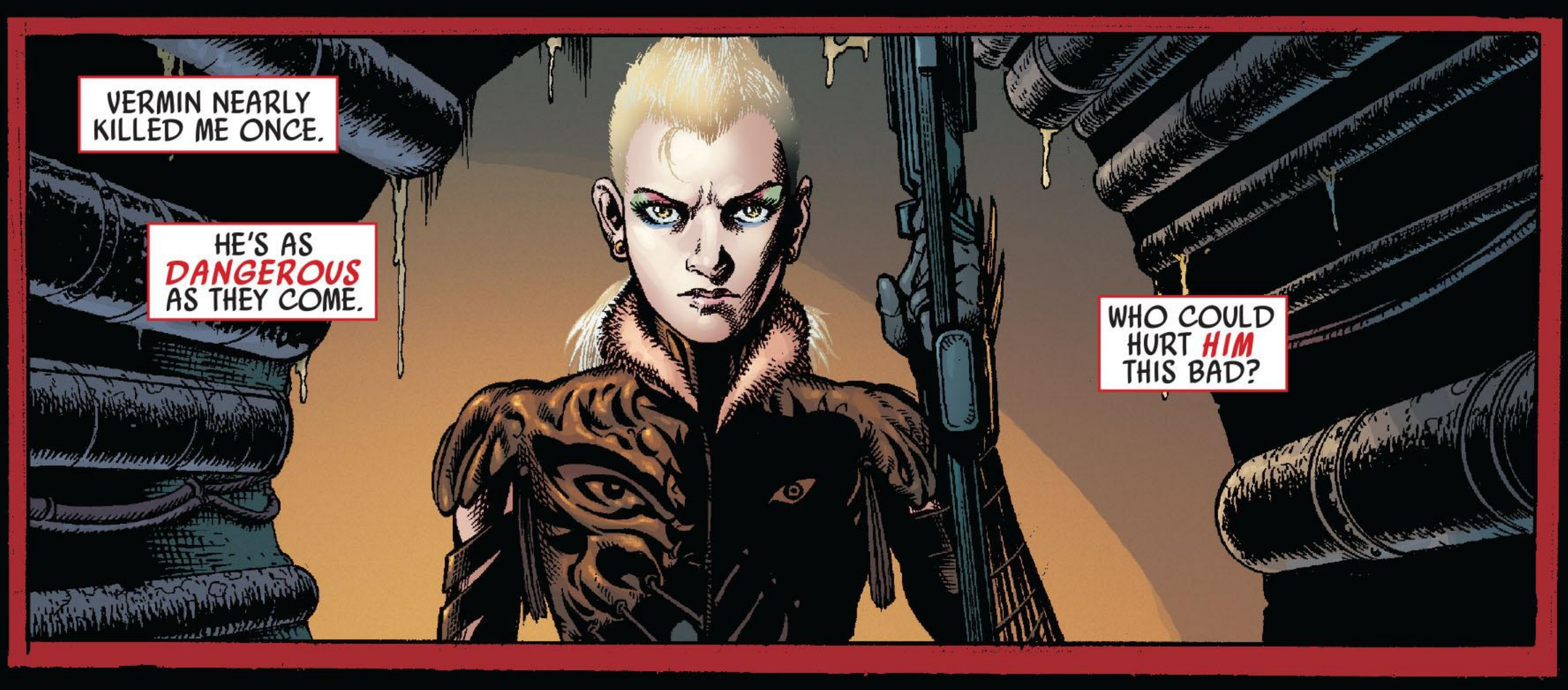
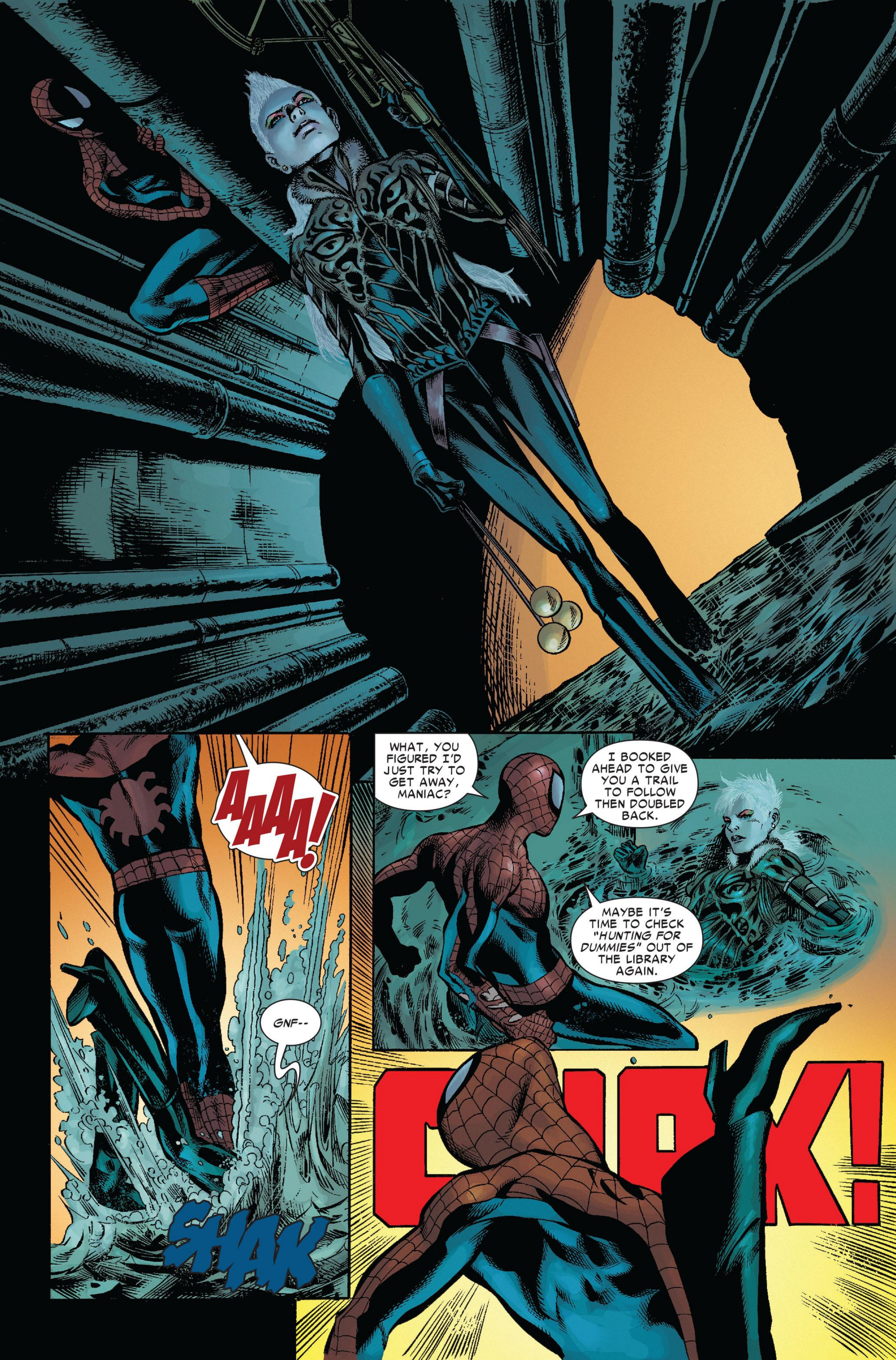
I'M COO-COO FOR COCOA PUFFS, LASHING OUT ON RAW INSTINCT.
AND I REALIZE...
...THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE VERMIN.
HE USED TO BE HUMAN ONCE, AND I'VE SEEN FIRST-HAND THAT THERE'S A SHRED OF THAT HUMANITY STILL LEFT IN HIM.
SOMEWHERE.
AND I'VE ALWAYS HAD SOME COMPASSION FOR THAT LOST PERSON.

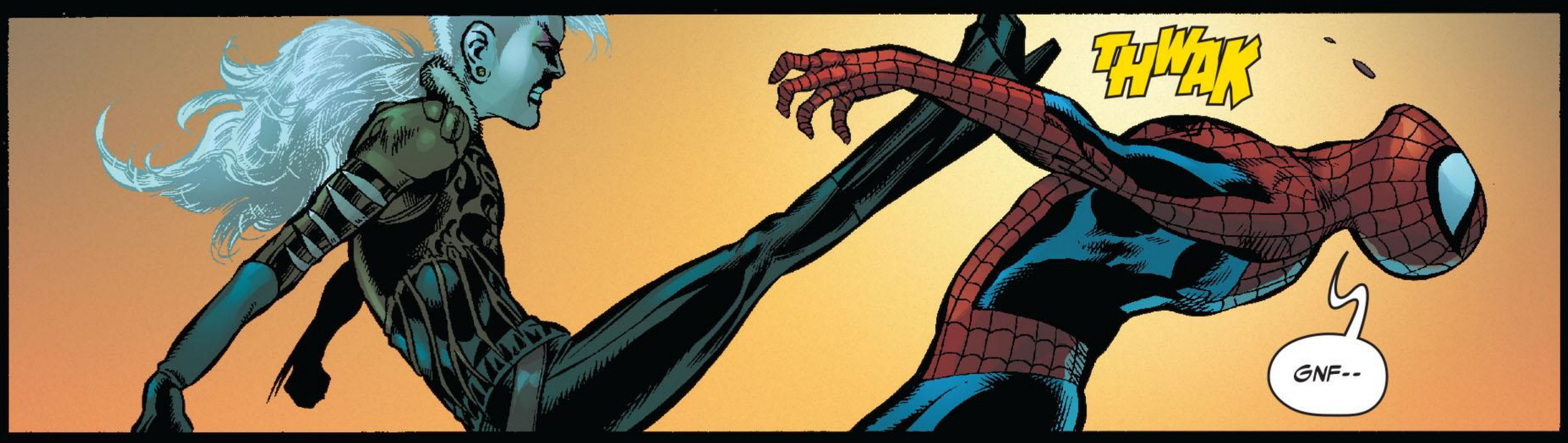

VERMIN NEARLY KILLED ME ONCE.
HE'S AS DANGEROUS AS THEY COME.
WHO COULD HURT HIM THIS BAD?

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.
THWIP
THE POOR GUY'S UNDERSTANDABLY CONFUSED...
IMPOSSSSSSSSIBLE! IMPOSSSSSSSSSSIBLE!
POSSSSIBLE.
NNONO nononononono NONONO!
SSSSSSSSPIDER-MAN MAKESSSSSSSSS THE WEBS! HE MAKESSSSSSSS THEM.
AND HE'SSSSS UNDER! HE'SSSSSS UNDER!
MY BLOOD CHILLS.
DOES VERMIN MEAN UNDER GROUND? AS IN "SIX FEET UNDER"?
AM I TOO LATE?
WHERE IS HE?
TELL ME WHERE HE IS. WHERE IS SPIDER-MAN?
Under. Underground.
OH, GOD...

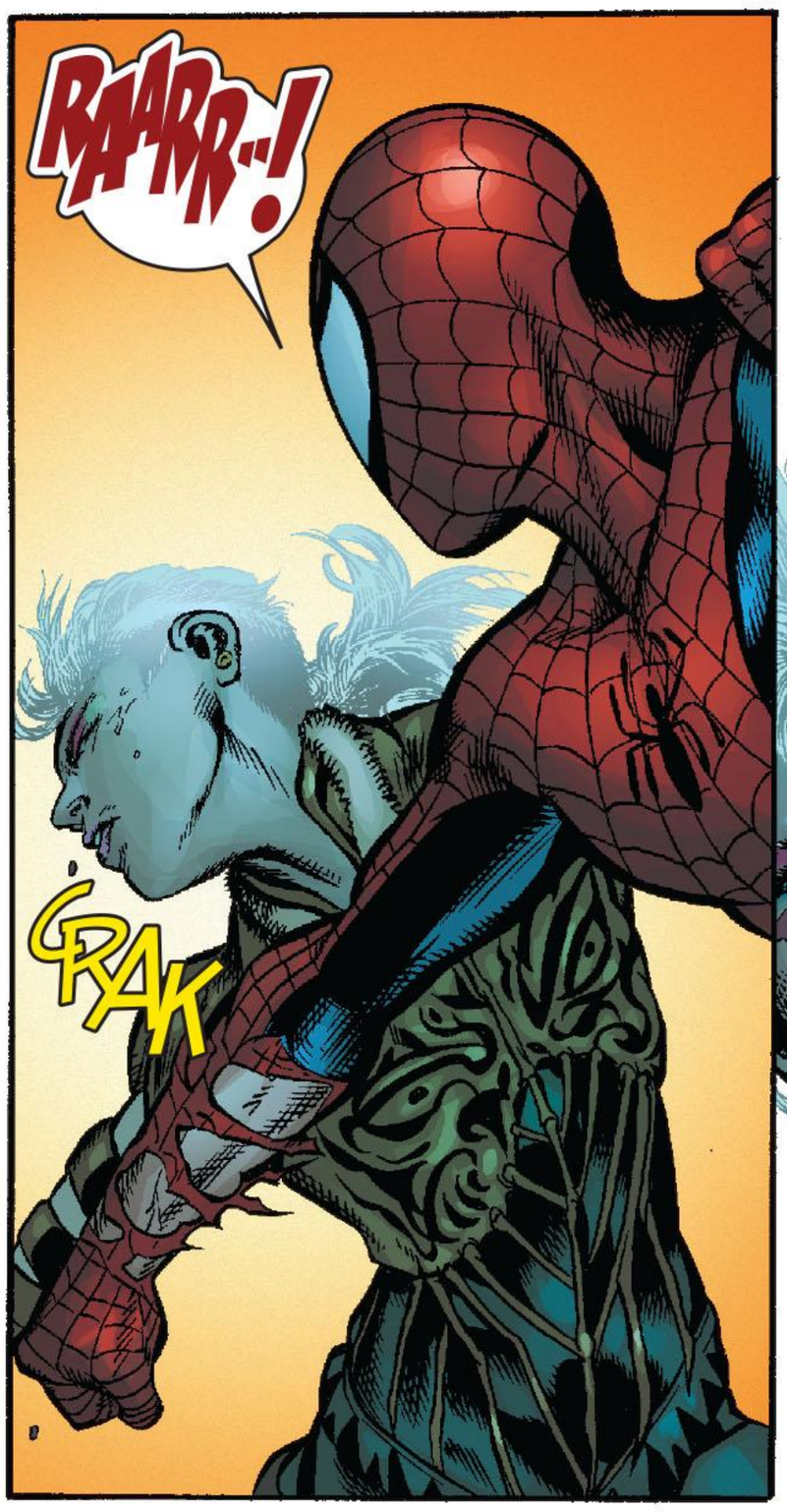
WHERE?!
IN THE TUNNELSSSSSS. IN MY TUNNELS. MY TUNNELS.
DID HE DO THIS TO YOU?
She did.
SHE?
THE GIRL.
SAYS EARLIER TONIGHT HE SOLD SOME TO A GIRL. SHE ASKED FOR SOMETHING THAT'D BOOST SPIDER-MAN'S POWERS.
SAYS SHE BRAGGED ABOUT HOW SHE HAD HIM TRUSSED UP SOMEWHERE.
VERMIN... EDWARD...
I NEED YOU TO SHOW ME.
NYC


AAAA!
GNF--
SHAK
WHAT, YOU FIGURED I'D JUST TRY TO GET AWAY, MANIAC?
I BOOKED AHEAD TO GIVE YOU A TRAIL TO FOLLOW THEN DOUBLED BACK.
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO CHECK "HUNTING FOR DUMMIES" OUT OF THE LIBRARY AGAIN.
CLIPK!

÷HRRR÷
GNGAH--

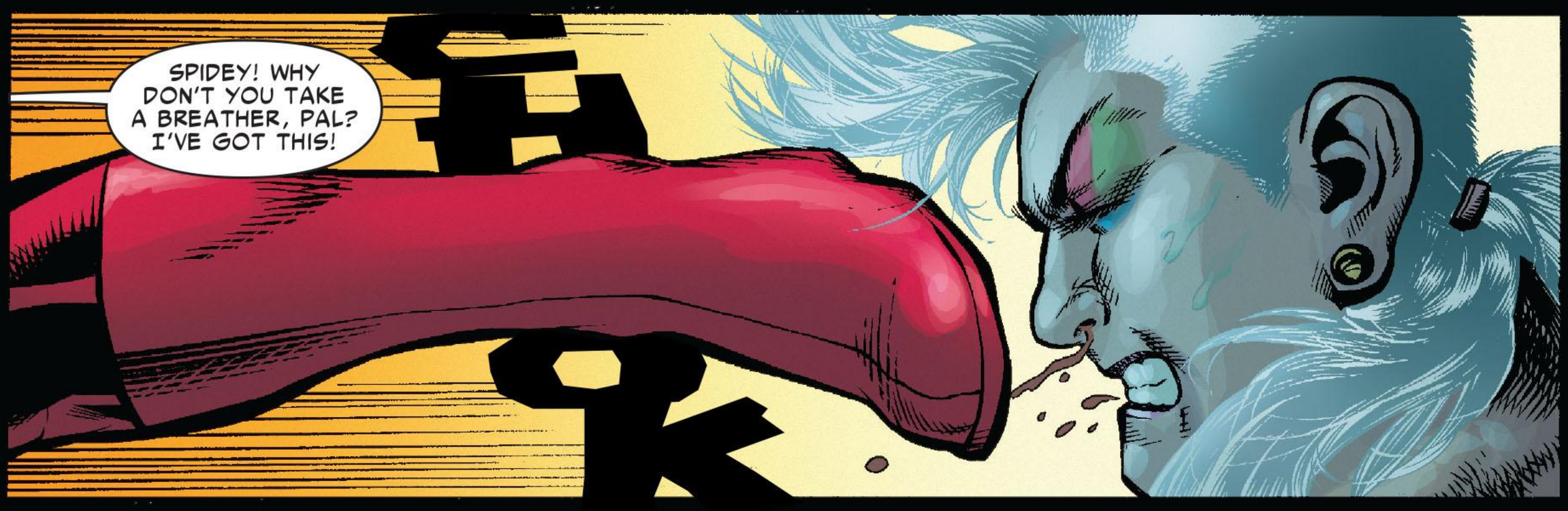

THWAK
GNF--

PERHAPS WE SHOULD START BY SEVERING SOME NERVES.


RAARR--!
CRAK

COME ON!
SHRRRRAAAP

YOU WILL BEG FOR MERCY THAT WILL NOT BE COMING.
I HATE TO CORRECT YOU, BUT...
...MERCY JUST ARRIVED.
OR AT LEAST, THE CAVALRY.
SORRY ABOUT THE "MERCY" JOKE. THAT'S NOT REALLY ALL THAT FUNNY. BUT, Y'KNOW, SPIDER-MAN IS THE WITTY ONE.
NOT TO MENTION MORE HANDSOME AND LOVABLE. I'M ACTUALLY QUITE JEALOUS OF HIM, TRULY.


SPIDEY! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREATHER, PAL? I'VE GOT THIS!
FUCK

YOU FALL GOOD! WHAT IS THAT, KUNG FU?

KRAV MAGA.

GESUNDHEIT.

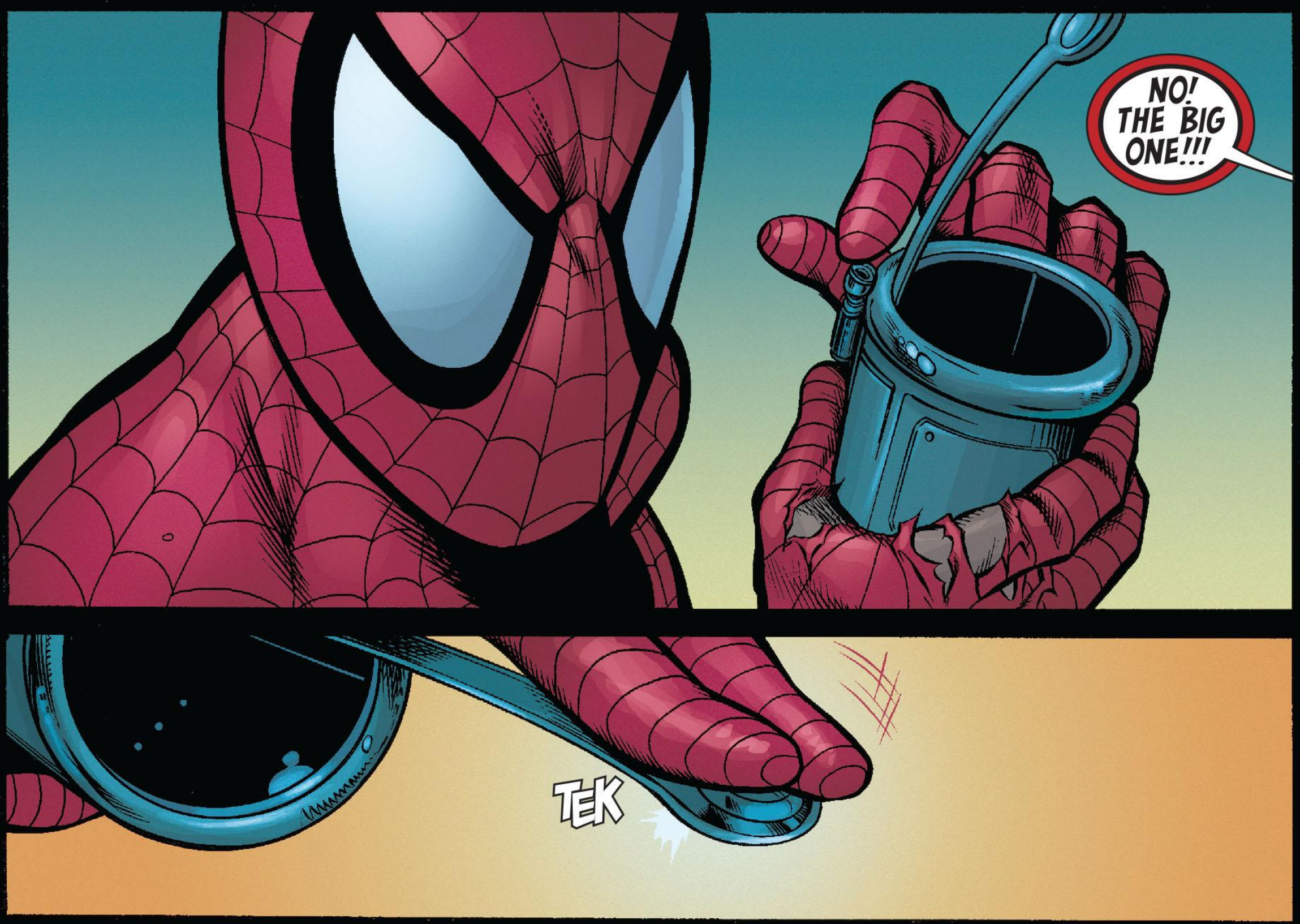
SPIDEY, GET OUT OF HERE!

DONE.

AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING?
HK--
GNF--
VI--SPIDEY!!! GET DOWN!
I AM NOWHERE NEAR DONE WITH YOU YET.
JUST STAY RIGHT THERE.
YOUR FRIEND WILL NOT TAKE A MINUTE.
YEAH, I FIGURE IT'LL ONLY TAKE ME ABOUT THIRTY SECONDS.
TO DIE?
OOO--OO! GOOD ONE.
BUT BEFORE I DIE I GOT ONE MORE TRICK UP MY SLEEVE.

HEY, SPIDEY!
YOU FORGOT THIS!
THE HELL--?
YOUR WEB-SHOOTER, REMEMBER?!
AS IN, THE THING THAT SHOOTS WEBS?!

JUST PRESS THE DAMN BUTTON!


NO! THE BIG ONE!!!
TEK

THWIP

THWAP
SEE? JUST LIKE RIDING A BIKE.
GRRARR--
DON'T BOTHER. THOSE WEBS ARE UNBREAKABLE, UNLESS YOU'VE GOT SOME KINDA SUPER-STRENGTH I DON'T KNOW ABOUT.
YOU HANDLE THAT THING LIKE A PRO.
I MEAN, 'CAUSE YOU ARE A PRO.
AT THAT.
THE WEB-SHOOTING THING...
NOW, LET'S FIND A WAY OUT OF--
WHAT WAS IT YOU SAID? "SUPER-STRENGTH"?
SOMETHING YOU "DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT," APPARENTLY.

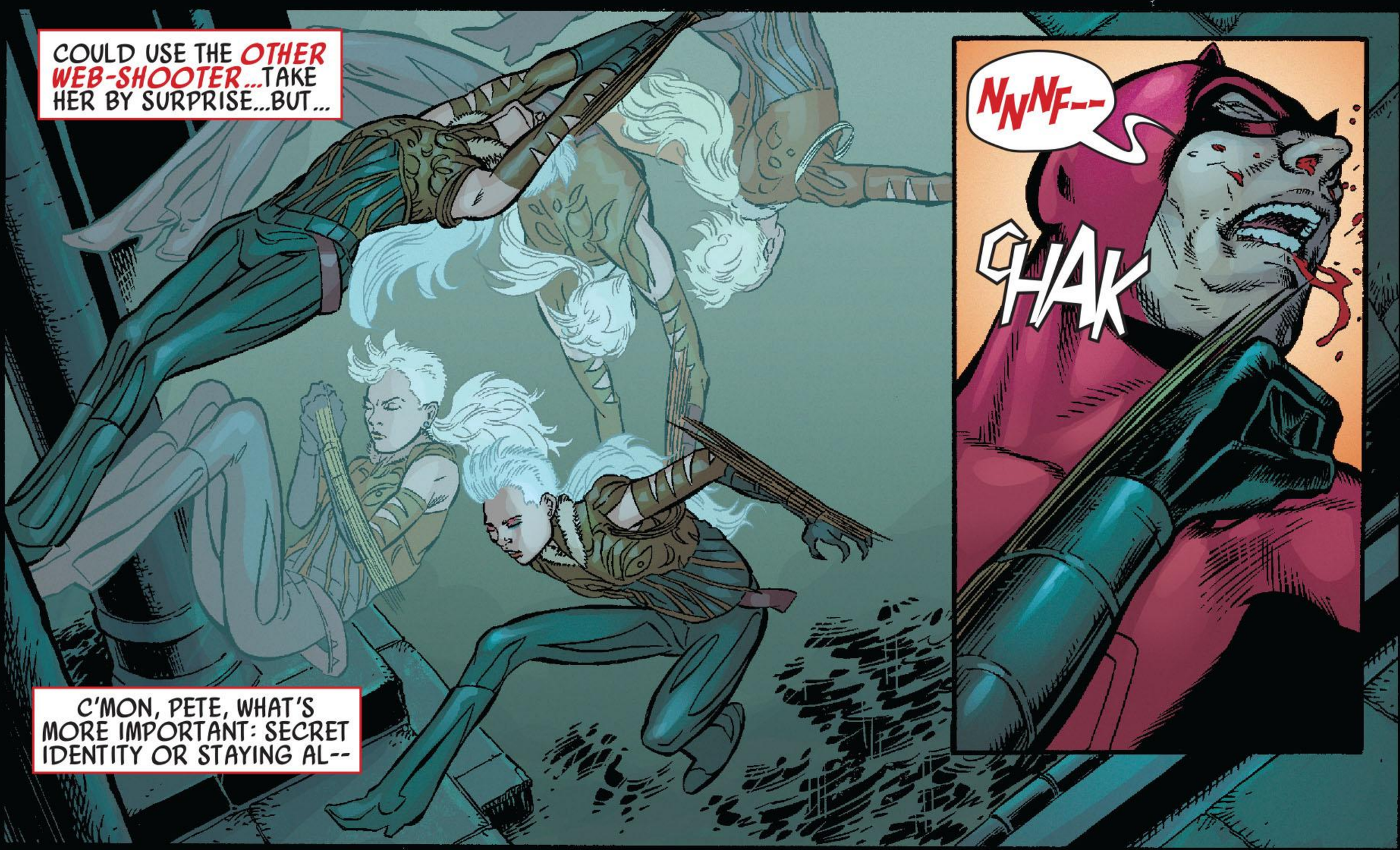
CARE TO REPEAT THAT?
I BELIEVE HE SAID...
"DAREDEVIL IS GONNA KICK YOUR TAIL."
THOUGH HE USED A MUCH DIRTIER WORD.
OR IF HE DIDN'T SAY THAT, HE REALLY SHOULD'VE, 'CAUSE THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.
KI-YAH!
GNF--
CHOK

CHOK
PAK

CHAK

HEF--
GGG--
ARAARRR!!
TOO--

--FAST.
SHE'S TOO FAST...


COULD USE THE OTHER WEB-SHOOTER...TAKE HER BY SURPRISE...BUT...
NNNF--
CHAK
C'MON, PETE, WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT: SECRET IDENTITY OR STAYING AL--

GAH--
HEH. HEH.
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE SO AMUSING?
NOTHING. JUST...WELL, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS...
"PLEASE DO NOT KILL ME"?
NO...
THWAK
...SPIDER-MAN'S GONNA SAVE ME!

YOU OKAY?
SHE'S FAST.
I NOTICED. NOT SURE WE CAN BOTH TAKE HER, THE SHAPE WE'RE IN.

GRRAARRGHH!!!

...I THINK THE SECOND CAVALRY JUST ARRIVED.

Defiler! Invader! Hurter!

GNF--!

WHAT THE HOLY HELL IS THAT?

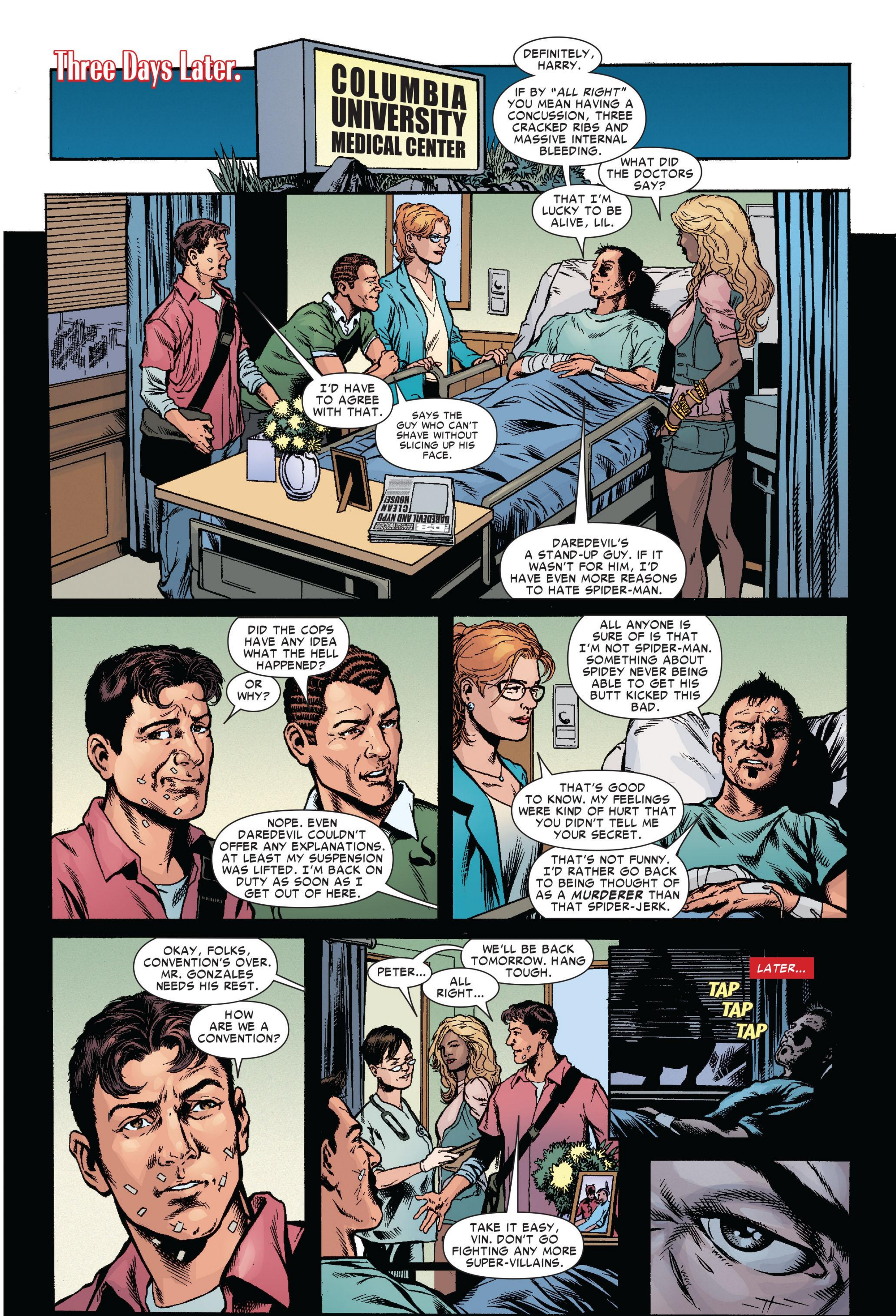
LONG STORY.

FOR A SECOND, I ACTUALLY THINK I SHOULD HELP THAT GIRL--WHOEVER SHE IS--OUT.

BUT VIN'S ON HIS LAST LEGS HERE AND I'M NOT EXACTLY IN ANY KINDA SHAPE TO GO ANOTHER FIFTEEN ROUNDS WITH SHORT, DARK AND SMELLY AGAIN.

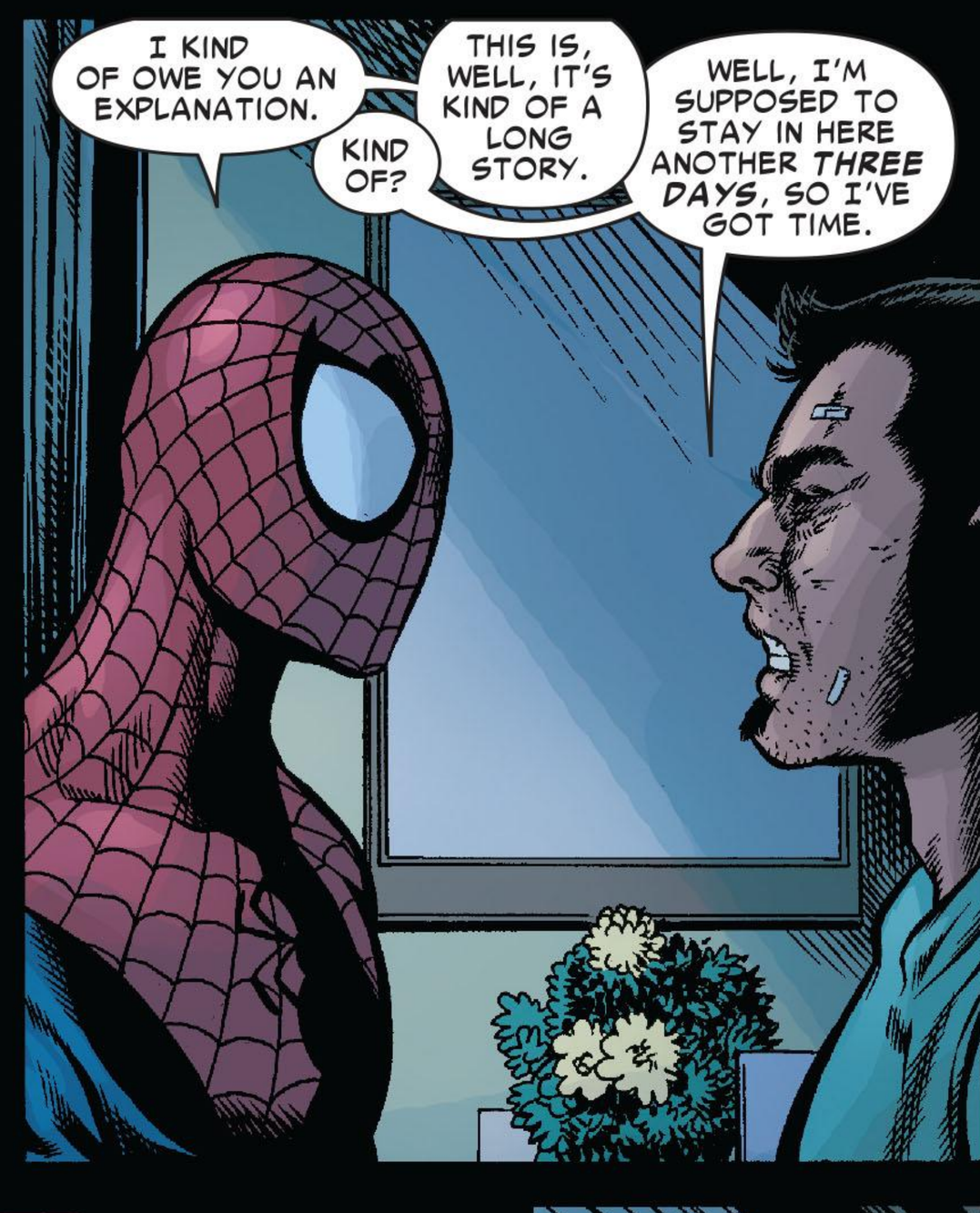
C'MON SPIDEY...LET'S GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL...

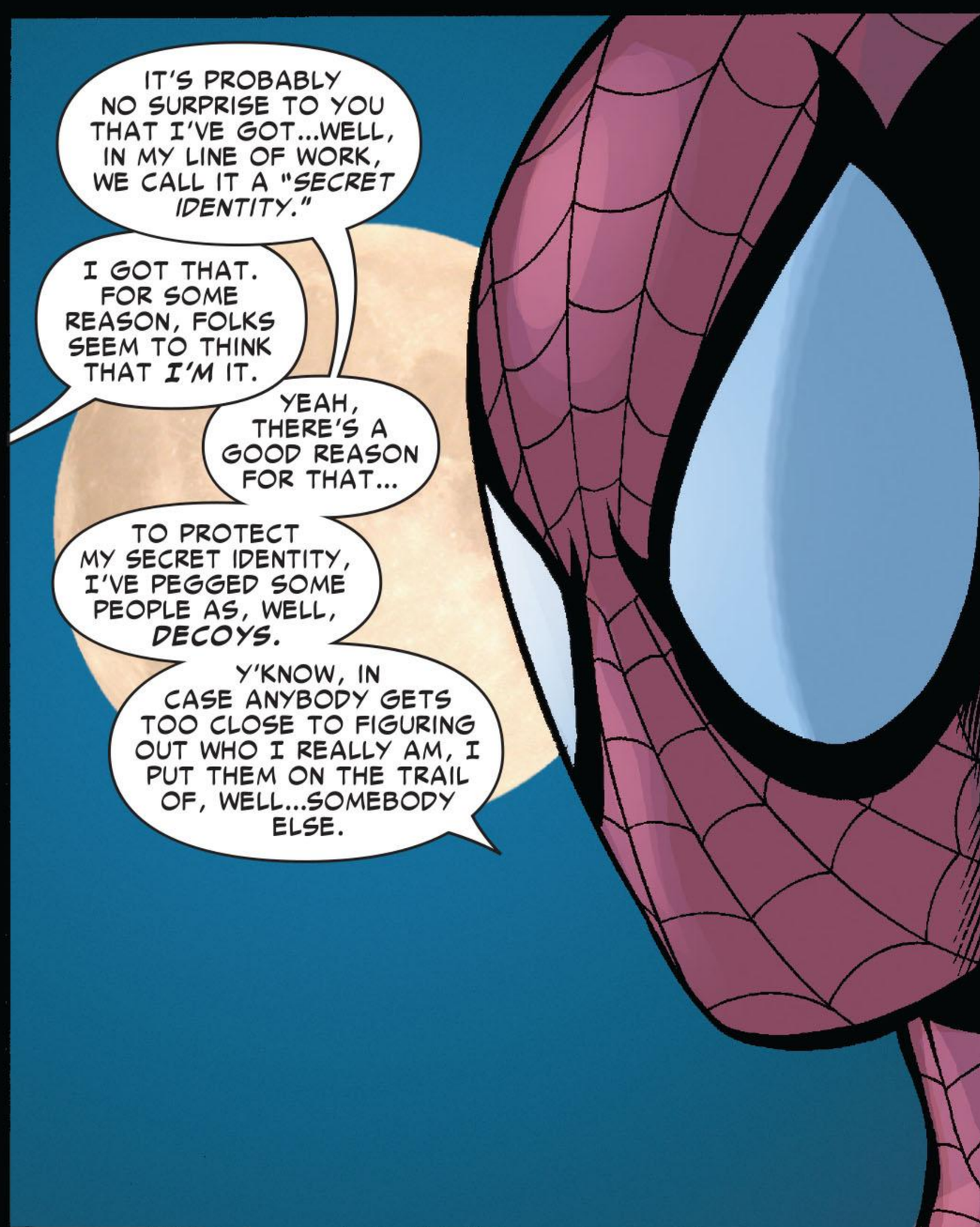
"ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?"


Three Days Later.
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
DEFINITELY, HARRY.
IF BY "ALL RIGHT" YOU MEAN HAVING A CONCUSSION, THREE CRACKED RIBS AND MASSIVE INTERNAL BLEEDING.
WHAT DID THE DOCTORS SAY?
THAT I'M LUCKY TO BE ALIVE, LIL.
I'D HAVE TO AGREE WITH THAT.
SAYS THE GUY WHO CAN'T SHAVE WITHOUT SLICING UP HIS FACE.
DAREDEVIL'S A STAND-UP GUY. IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM, I'D HAVE EVEN MORE REASONS TO HATE SPIDER-MAN.
DID THE COPS HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?
OR WHY?
NOPE. EVEN DAREDEVIL COULDN'T OFFER ANY EXPLANATIONS. AT LEAST MY SUSPENSION WAS LIFTED. I'M BACK ON DUTY AS SOON AS I GET OUT OF HERE.
ALL ANYONE IS SURE OF IS THAT I'M NOT SPIDER-MAN. SOMETHING ABOUT SPIDEY NEVER BEING ABLE TO GET HIS BUTT KICKED THIS BAD.
THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW. MY FEELINGS WERE KIND OF HURT THAT YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOUR SECRET.
THAT'S NOT FUNNY. I'D RATHER GO BACK TO BEING THOUGHT OF AS A MURDERER THAN THAT SPIDER-JERK.
OKAY, FOLKS, CONVENTION'S OVER. MR. GONZALES NEEDS HIS REST.
HOW ARE WE A CONVENTION?
PETER...
ALL RIGHT...
WE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW. HANG TOUGH.
TAKE IT EASY, VIN. DON'T GO FIGHTING ANY MORE SUPER-VILLAINS.
LATER...
TAP TAP TAP

TAP
TAP
TAP

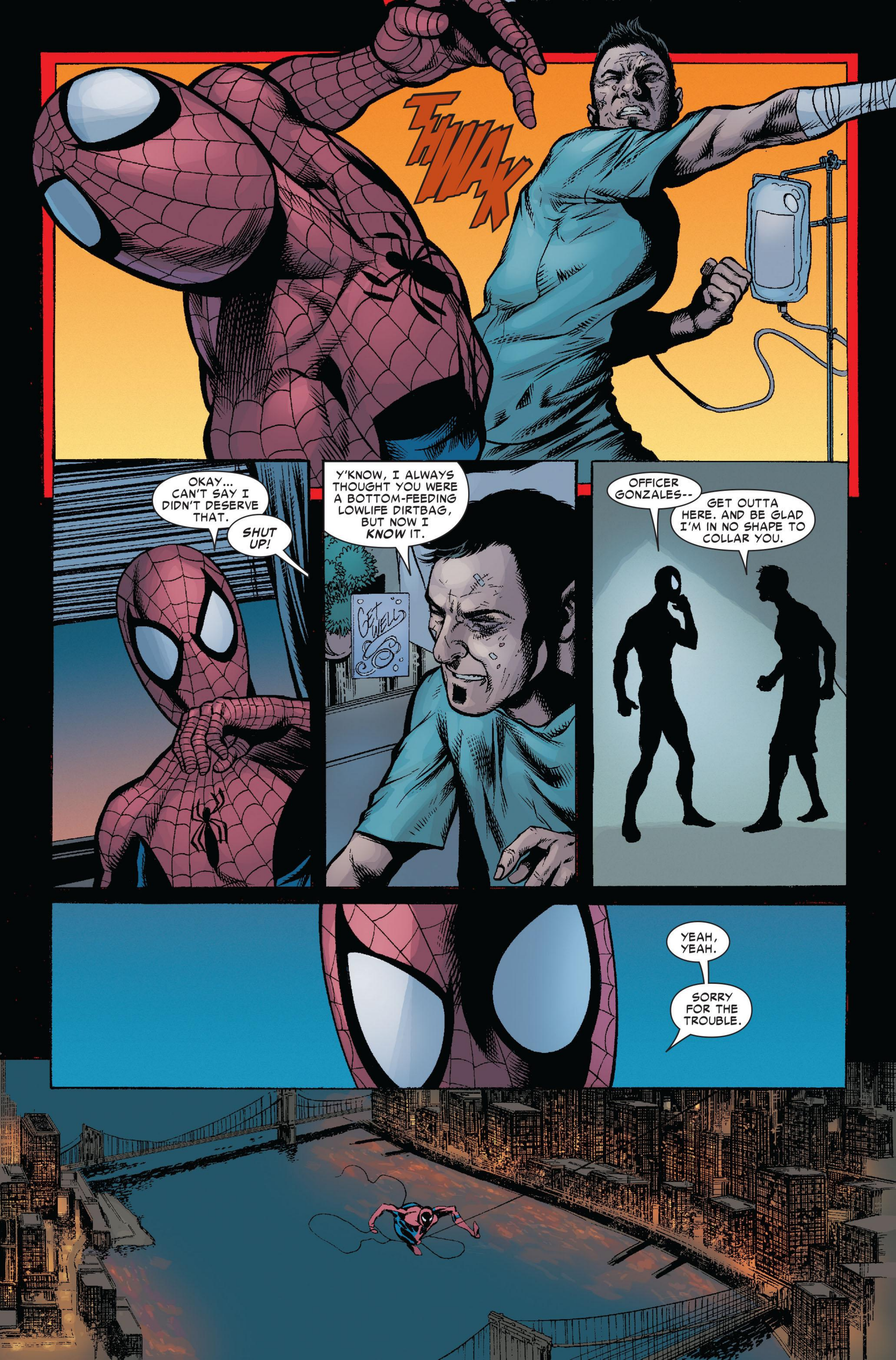
HI.
THANKS. IT'S NEW. MIND IF I COME IN?
NICE COSTUME.


I KIND OF OWE YOU AN EXPLANATION.
KIND OF?
THIS IS, WELL, IT'S KIND OF A LONG STORY.
WELL, I'M SUPPOSED TO STAY IN HERE ANOTHER THREE DAYS, SO I'VE GOT TIME.

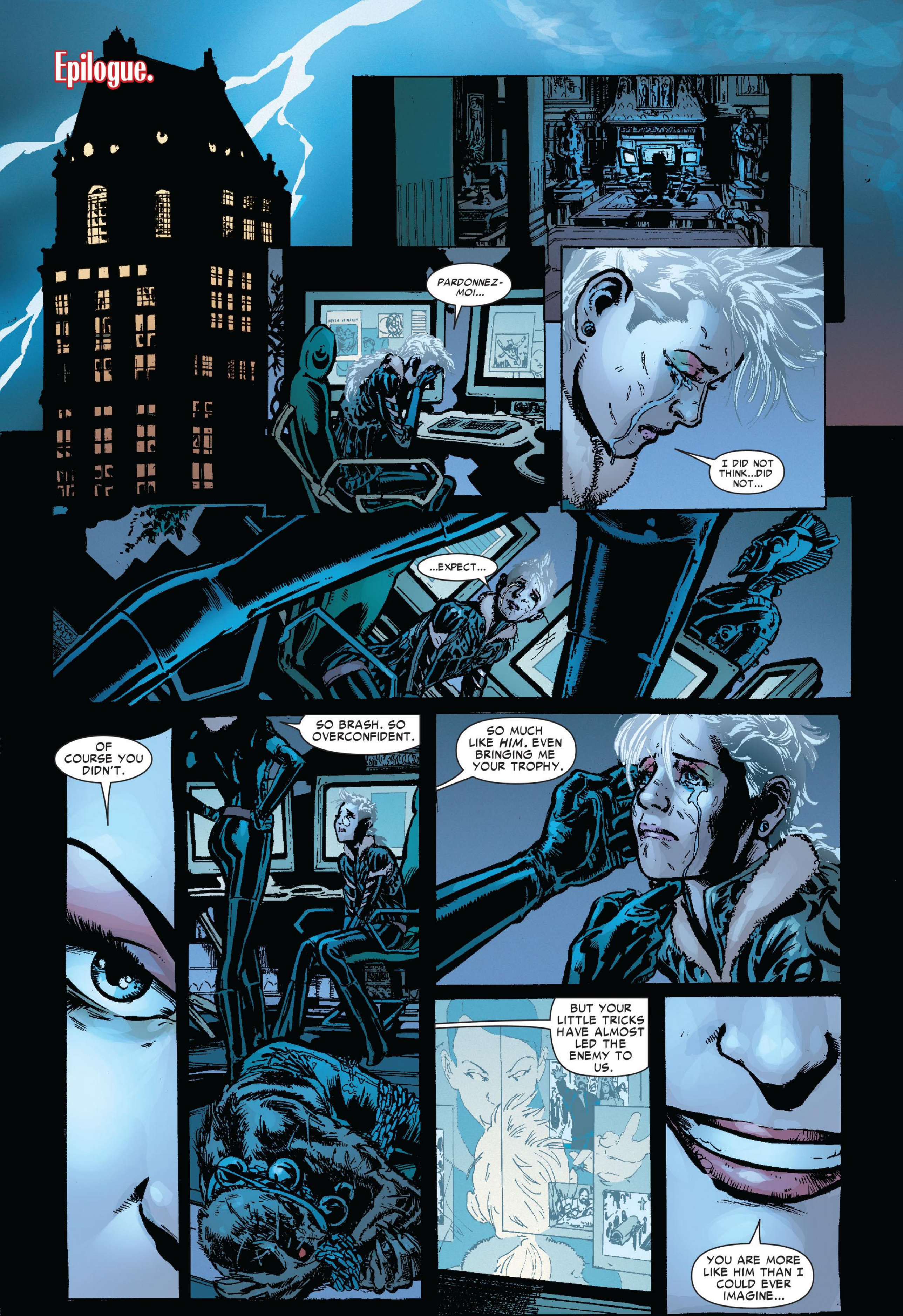

IT'S PROBABLY NO SURPRISE TO YOU THAT I'VE GOT...WELL, IN MY LINE OF WORK, WE CALL IT A "SECRET IDENTITY."
I GOT THAT. FOR SOME REASON, FOLKS SEEM TO THINK THAT I'M IT.
YEAH, THERE'S A GOOD REASON FOR THAT...
TO PROTECT MY SECRET IDENTITY, I'VE PEGGED SOME PEOPLE AS, WELL, DECOYS.
Y'KNOW, IN CASE ANYBODY GETS TOO CLOSE TO FIGURING OUT WHO I REALLY AM, I PUT THEM ON THE TRAIL OF, WELL...SOMEBODY ELSE.

SOMEBODY LIKE YOU.

YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT BUILD...YOU LIVE IN MANHATTAN...THE COP THING IS REAL HELPFUL...


THWAK
OKAY... CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T DESERVE THAT.
SHUT UP!
Y'KNOW, I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A BOTTOM-FEEDING LOWLIFE DIRTBAG, BUT NOW I KNOW IT.
GET WELL
OFFICER GONZALES--
GET OUTTA HERE. AND BE GLAD I'M IN NO SHAPE TO COLLAR YOU.
YEAH, YEAH.
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.

Epilogue.


PARDONNEZ-MOI...
I DID NOT THINK...DID NOT...
...EXPECT...
OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T.
SO BRASH. SO OVERCONFIDENT.
SO MUCH LIKE *HIM*. EVEN BRINGING ME YOUR TROPHY.
BUT YOUR LITTLE TRICKS HAVE ALMOST LED THE ENEMY TO US.
YOU ARE MORE LIKE HIM THAN I COULD EVER IMAGINE...

MY LITTLE ANA, YOU ARE EVERY BIT...
SNIK
...DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL.
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Kraven's daughter?! Oh yes, we dared. From the e-mails the past couple weeks it seems many of you were scared we had forgotten about the plethora of new Kravens that have showed up over the past few years to take over Sergei's mantle, but rest assured they are not forgotten. In fact, Phact Phindin' Phil Jimenez used his researching skills to create an entire Kravinoff Family tree and over the last few issues we've laid some seeds down that will continue to grow throughout the next few months leading to next summer's Spidey event called "Sin–"HEY, IT'S THE MAILMAN! Let's see what he brought us. (Mostly snail mail this week, so keep the letters comin'):

Spidey gang,

I loved when Spider-Man pulled his mask off in Civil War. It was unbelievable. I loved when Peter Parker and Mary Jane were married. It was believable.

But one of the most amazing things, one of the most spectacular -- is Brand New Day.

Good stories -- *great* stories -- don't come from playing it safe. If that were the case, Gwen Stacy would've grabbed Peter's web and pulled herself up, said thank you, and they'd have lived happily ever after with matching tattoos.

Moments that define who a character is, who they've become and furthermore, are becoming, come from risk. They come from evolution. To read the same story, the same situation, panel after panel… page after page… book after book… would be a waste.

Where's the growth in that? Where's the danger?

So yes, things have changed in Spidey's world. There's a new status quo. And I commend you guys on it. Things are the most interesting they've been for the wall-crawler, at least in my eyes, in a very long time…and they have the most potential.

It's a Brand New Day for a Brand New Fan. And my Spidey sense is tinglin'!

Ryan Jent
Tarpon Springs, FL

Dear Spider-People,

Brand New Day just keeps getting better and better. Issue 562 was great and I'm looking forward to the conclusion. Hopefully, Spidey can drive a bumper car better than he could the Spider-Mobile. Keep up the excellent work.

Rob Shelor
via e-mail

P.S. Any chance Stan would step into the rotation and write a couple of issues?

Rob, I had the pleasure of meeting Stan at the New York Comic Convention recently. He grabbed me to tell me how much he was digging what we were doing and gave some sound editorial advice. I mentioned to him that he was welcome back anytime. The guy's busier than a roomful of Jeph Loeb's assistants though, so we'll see what happens. Thanks for the suggestion.

Dear BND crew,

This book really has something special going on. I just finished reading Issue 563 and let me say this, Gale/McKone's styles remind me of Lee/Ditko. Gale's Spider-Man is exactly how Spidey is supposed to be and McKone's art is right up there with some of the biggest names to ever be on this title. Should the 3 times a month thing ever end, this is the team to put on this book.

Last issue had me cracking up and laughing out loud, which seems to be a recurring theme in it like it was in the `60s which I know from reading the Marvel Masterworks.

Now a little bit of critiscm about some of BND I understand that you're going in a new direction and you're trying to be like the older `60s issues and that's awesome but enough with these lame villians of the week. I know you're bringing in some older villians, try to keep to that trend some more to balance it out. Other than that though, my hat's off to the BND crew and thanks you for making Spidey-Spidey again.

So until you bring back Uncle Ben,
Make Mine Marvel!

Mickey Thompson
via e-mail

Hmmm…bring back Uncle Ben? Not a bad idea…

Glad you were happy with the combo of Bob and Mike, Mickey. We were too. Heck, I'm just glad Bob and Mike are still even talking to me after I screwed up the coloring in #562 and told Jeromy Cox to color the main action sequence as a night scene when it was clearly supposed to be "high noon"! Honestly though, with three issues a month, who has time to read these things?

Luckily only a handful of you noticed, so if I don't bring it up most people won't even know I made the error. I'll just ask Brennan to cut out the last few sentences before this goes to press. Hope he's not still sore about that last performance evaluation I gave him.

Dear Spider-Mail,

I would like to comment on ASM #564. The mag was great and some parts were funny! Like, Bennett almost getting killed 3 times, and boy, was that funny! Also, the school bus in the story, the bus number was 564. Just like the number of that issue! Man, sometimes, you guys do some weird stuff! Also, when is Overdrive gonna pop up again?

Well, I hope it will be soon! And I think there was a villain Spidey fought named Override, wasn't there? Yeah, I think there was! So, if Override is not dead, could you have, like, an Override vs. Overdrive arc please? Because that would be awesome! That's all I had to say.

Well, see ya later guys! And until Spidey meets Harry Potter, Make Mine Marvel!!!

Joshua Reinke, Age 10
Edina, MN

I dunno if I can make Spidey and Harry Potter happen, but what about Spidey meeting a getting-on-the-portly-side 38-year old editor with a krik in his neck and Wii Fit age of 53?! THAT I can do for ya, kid.

Okay, readers, that's it for this round. Get some rest over the next seven days because next week we start our first big Spidey epic: NEW WAYS TO DIE! It's written by Dan Slott with art by John Romita Jr., Klaus Janson and Dean White with a backup story by living legends Mark Waid and Adi Granov and (if you're lucky enough to find one) a beautiful variant cover by Alex Ross. That should be enough for you right there, but I like you so here's more…Norman Osborn. Green Goblin. Venom. The Thunderbolts…and the debut of Anti-Venom

NEW WAYS TO DIE…there are more than you think.

Viva Templar!
-Simperin' Steve

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