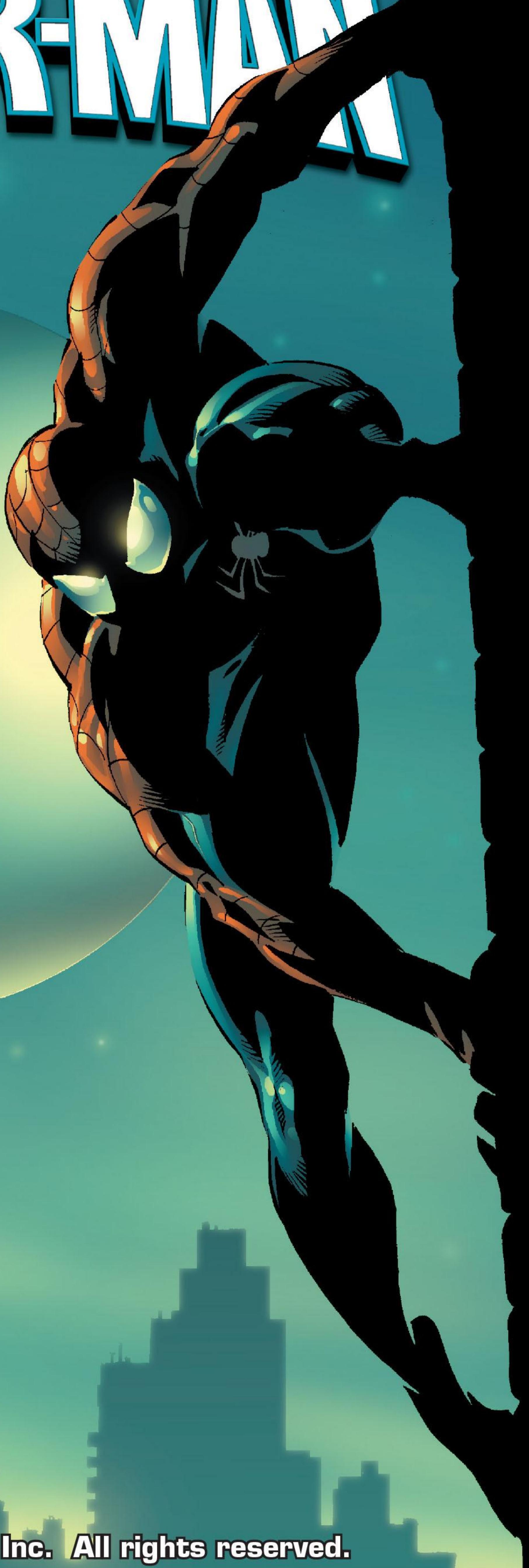


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Four simultaneous attacks by powered guys with HYDRA insignia and an uncanny resemblance to members of the Avengers, past and present.

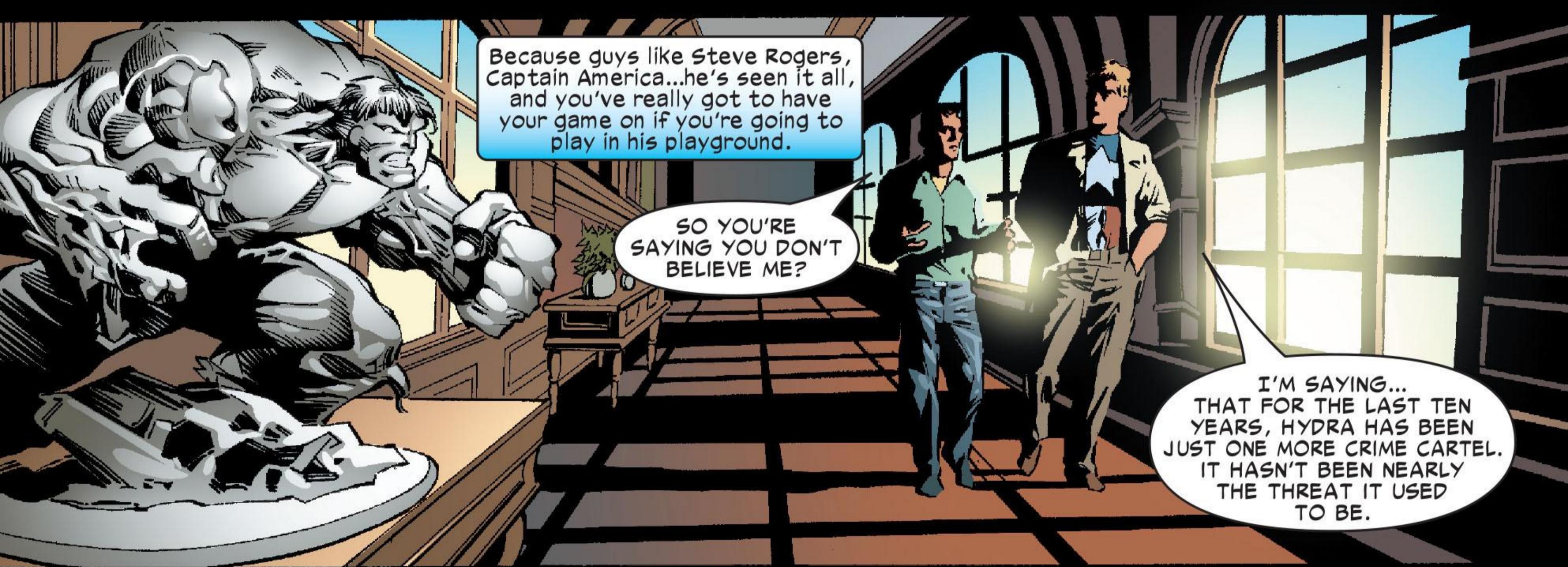
In each case, the good guys drove off the bad guys.

Some might call that a victory.

I call it a diversion. A feint.

A set-up, designed to make us think we were dealing with a series of ill-planned robberies, when in fact it was an expertly timed maneuver to divert attention from their efforts to smuggle something into the country.

The problem is figuring out what the heck it all means before it's too late, and convincing the others that I'm right...especially since I'm still the new kid on the block around here.

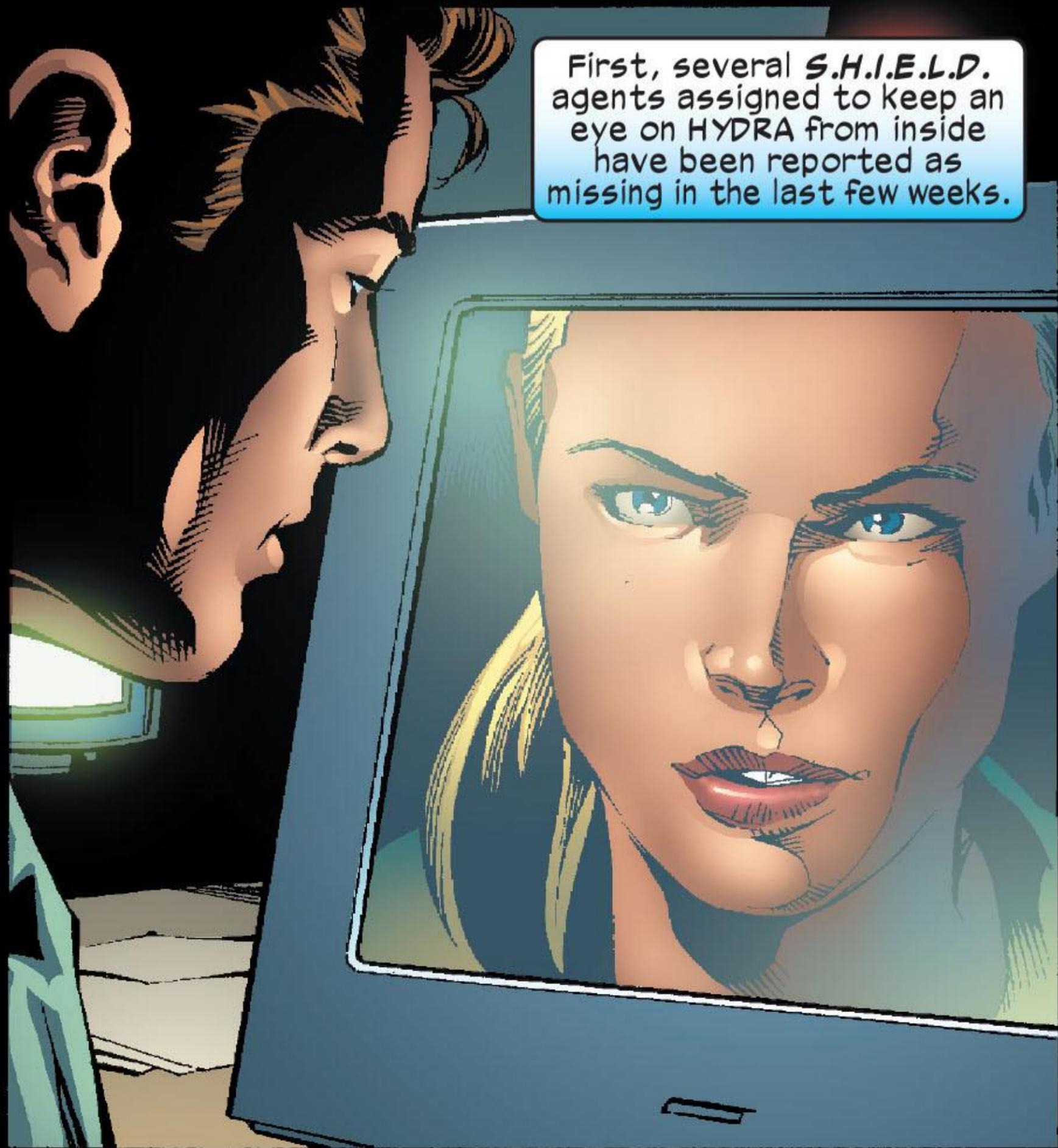
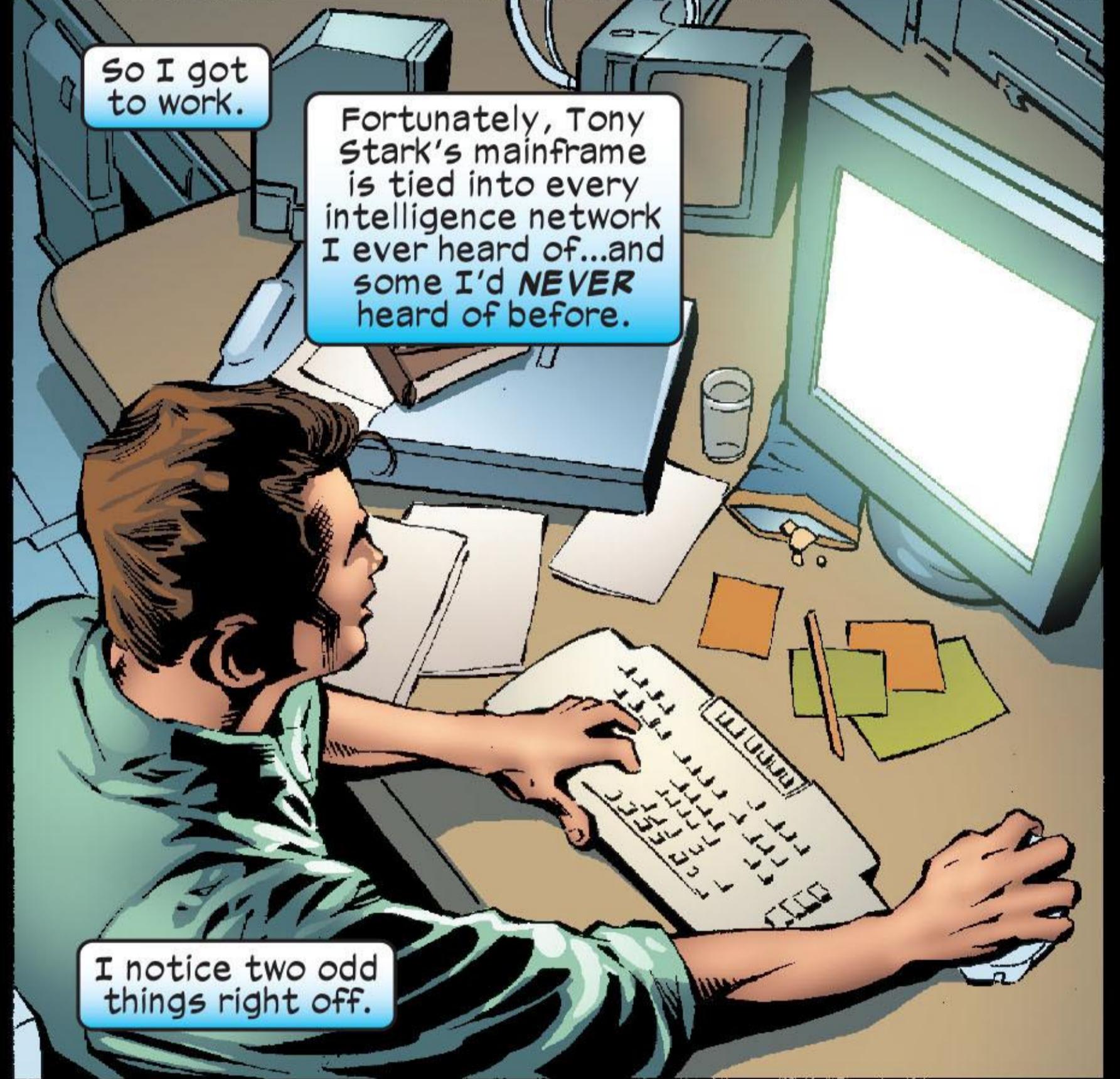
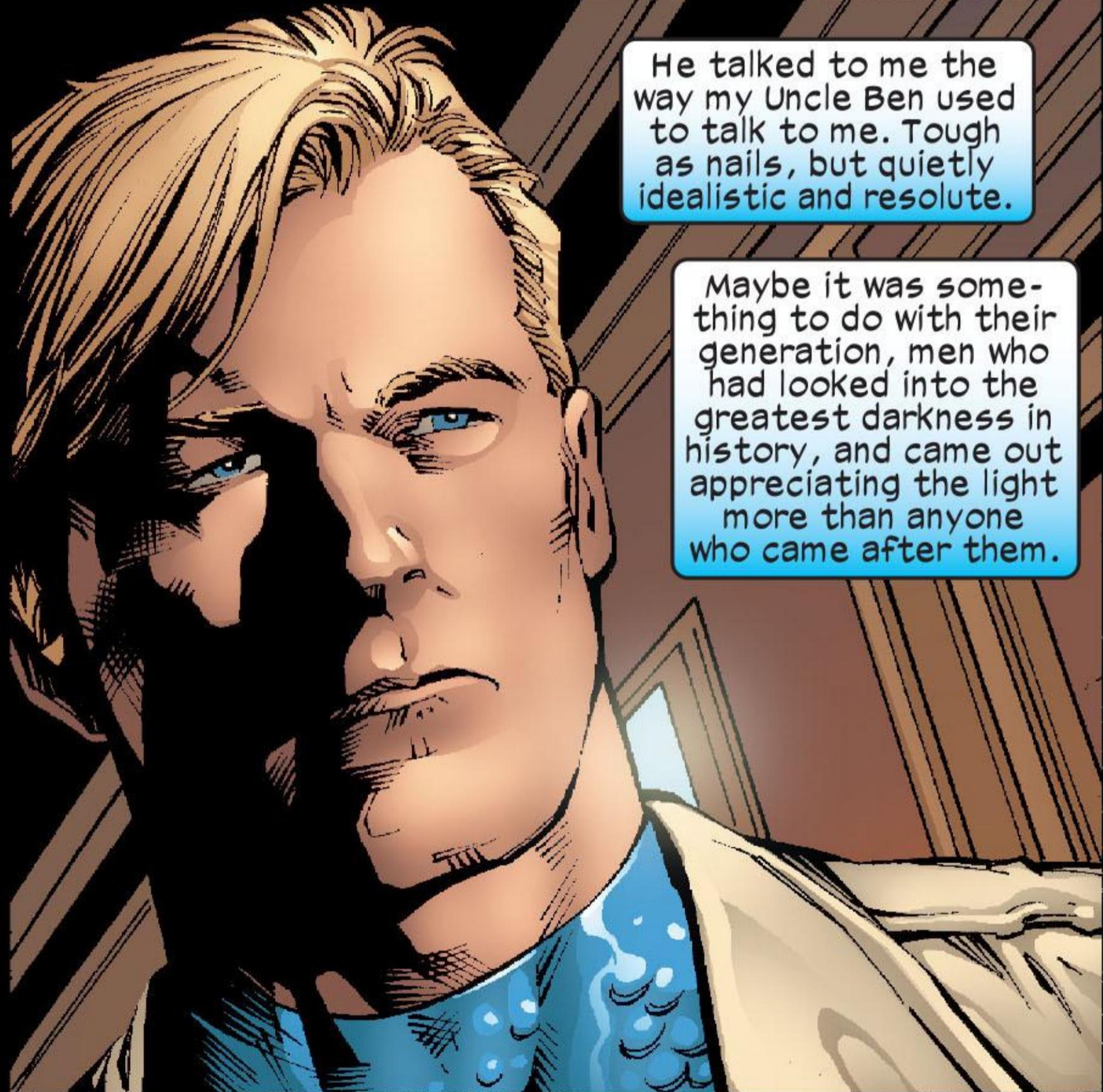


"AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WHEN IT WAS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE SUPREMACIST IDEALS OF THE NAZIS, HYDRA WAS A REAL THREAT TO THE WORLD.



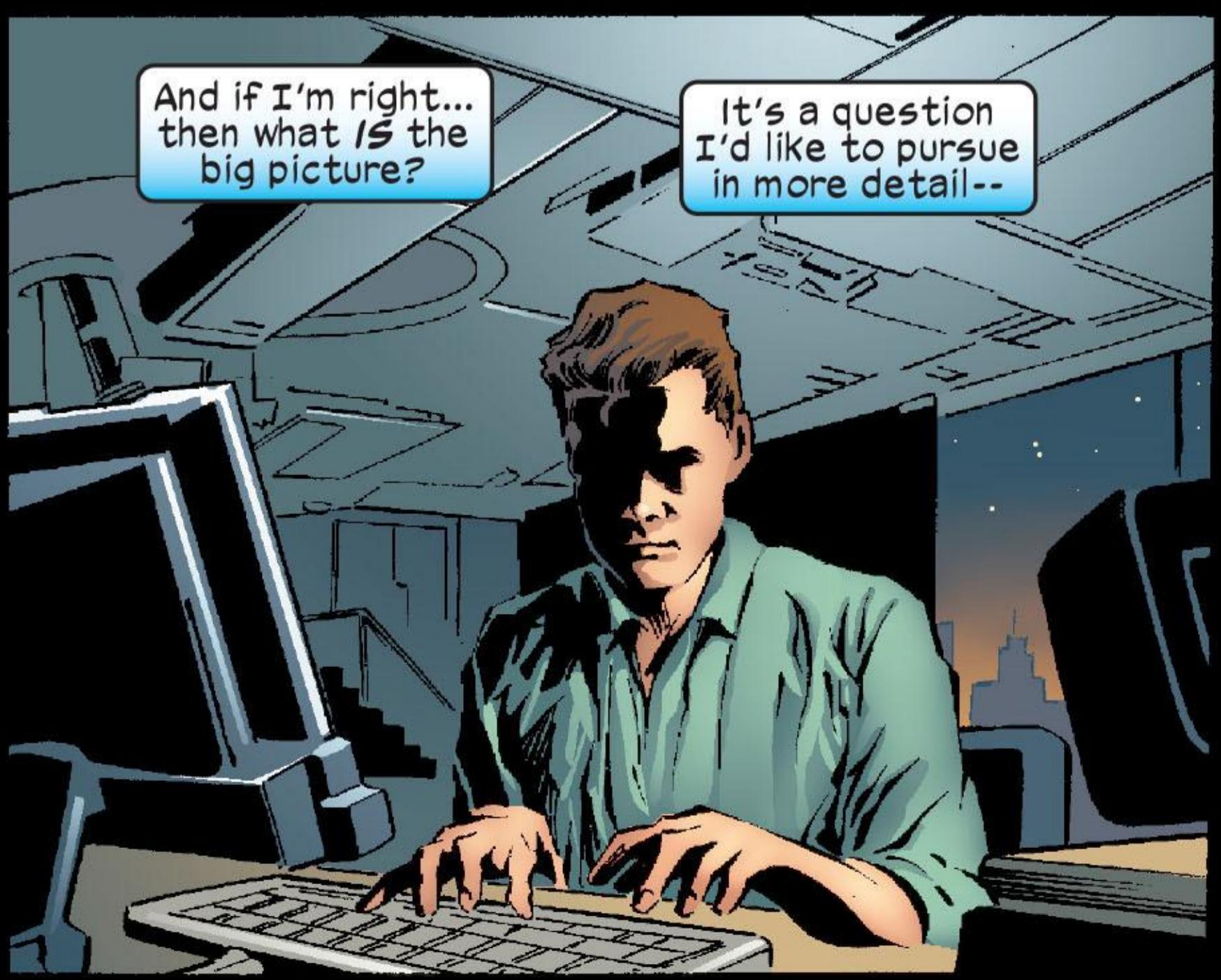
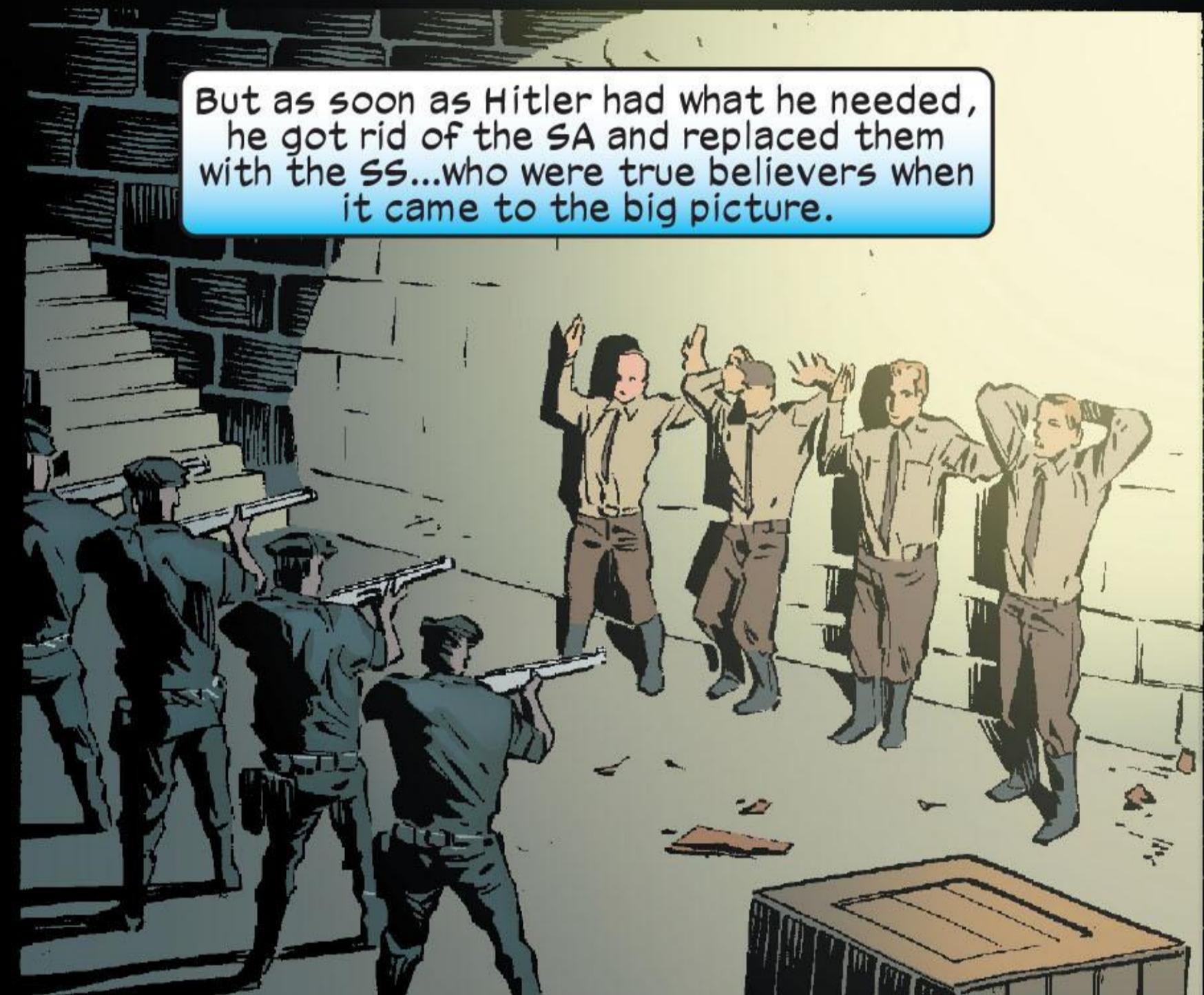
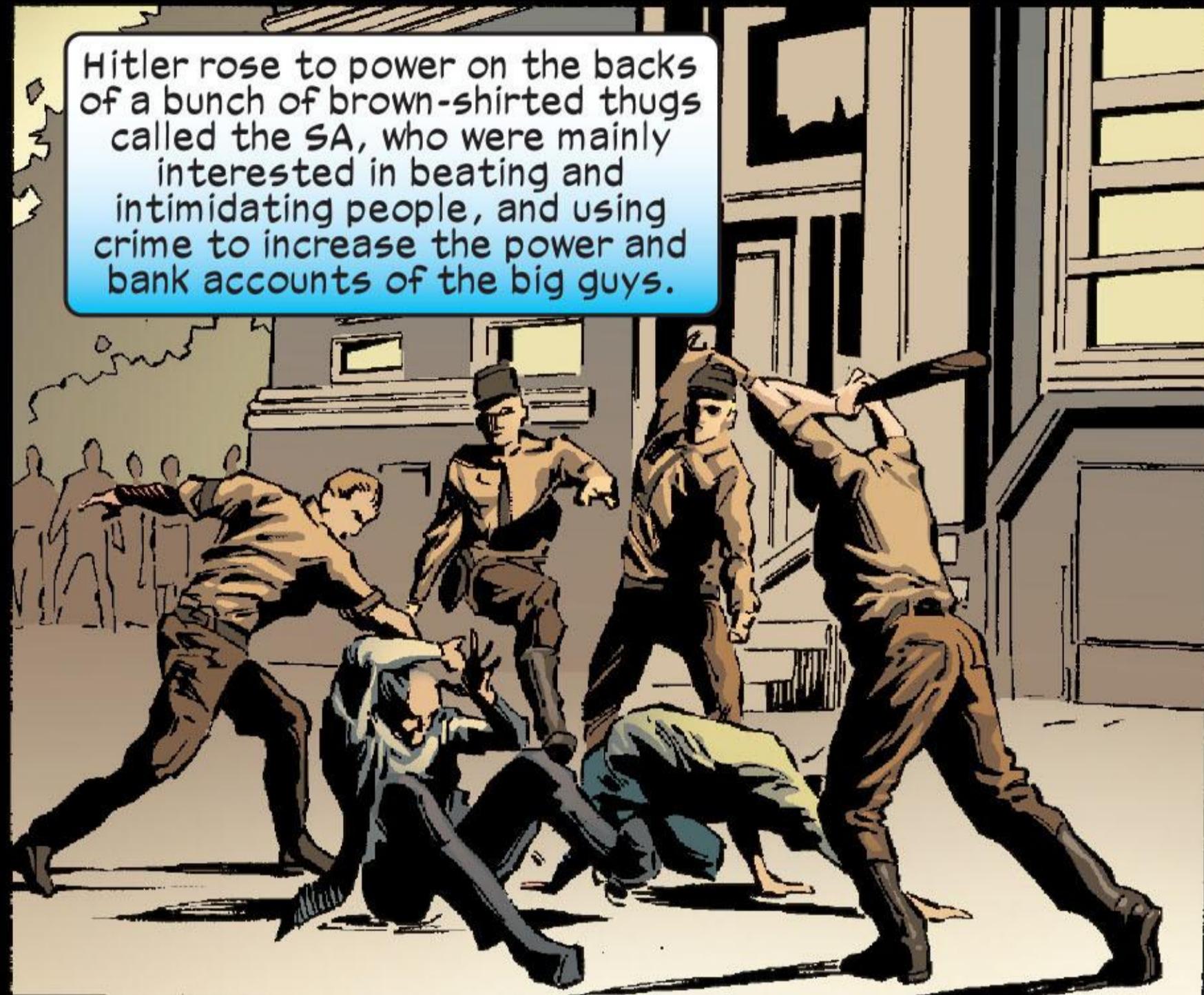


And as he walked away from me, I realized something.

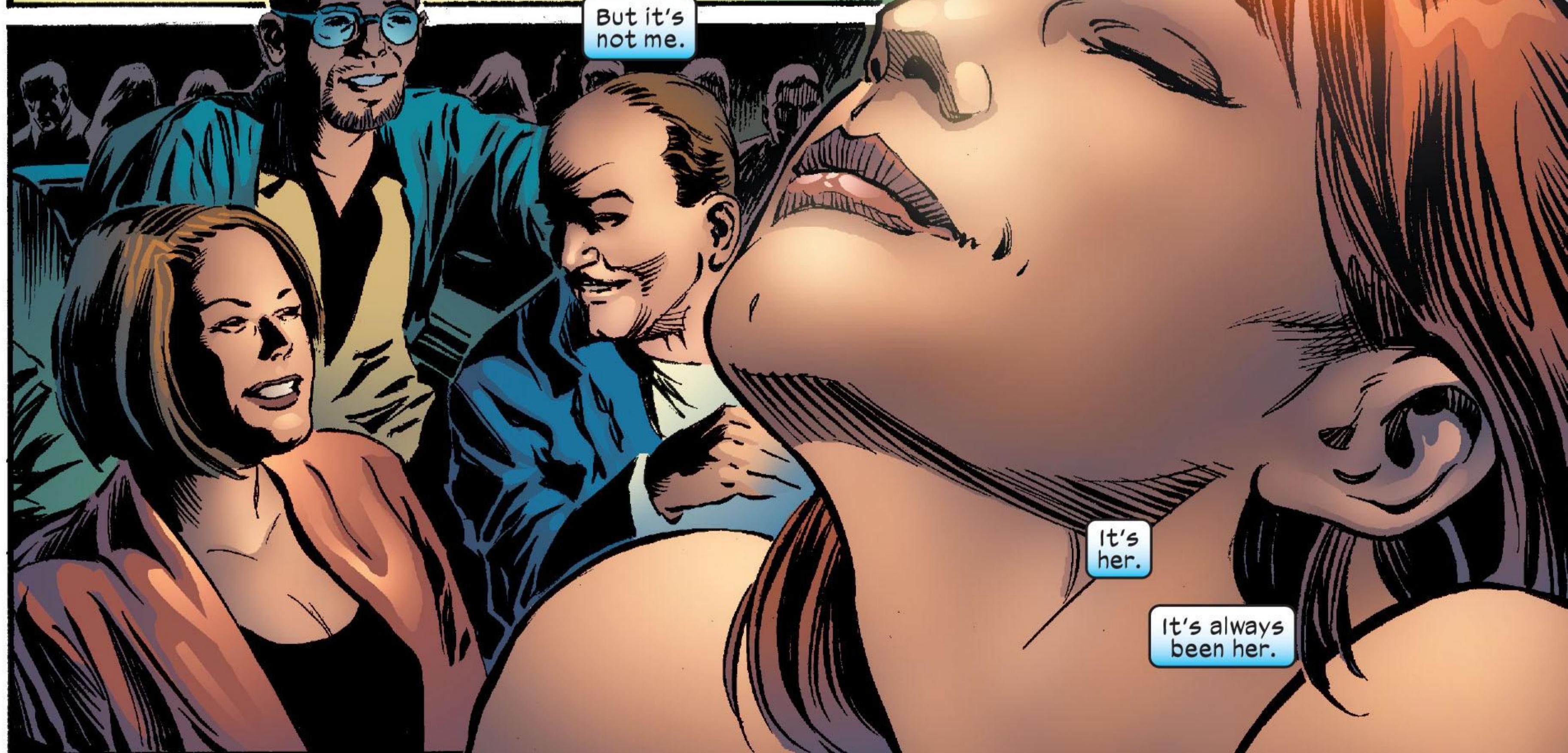


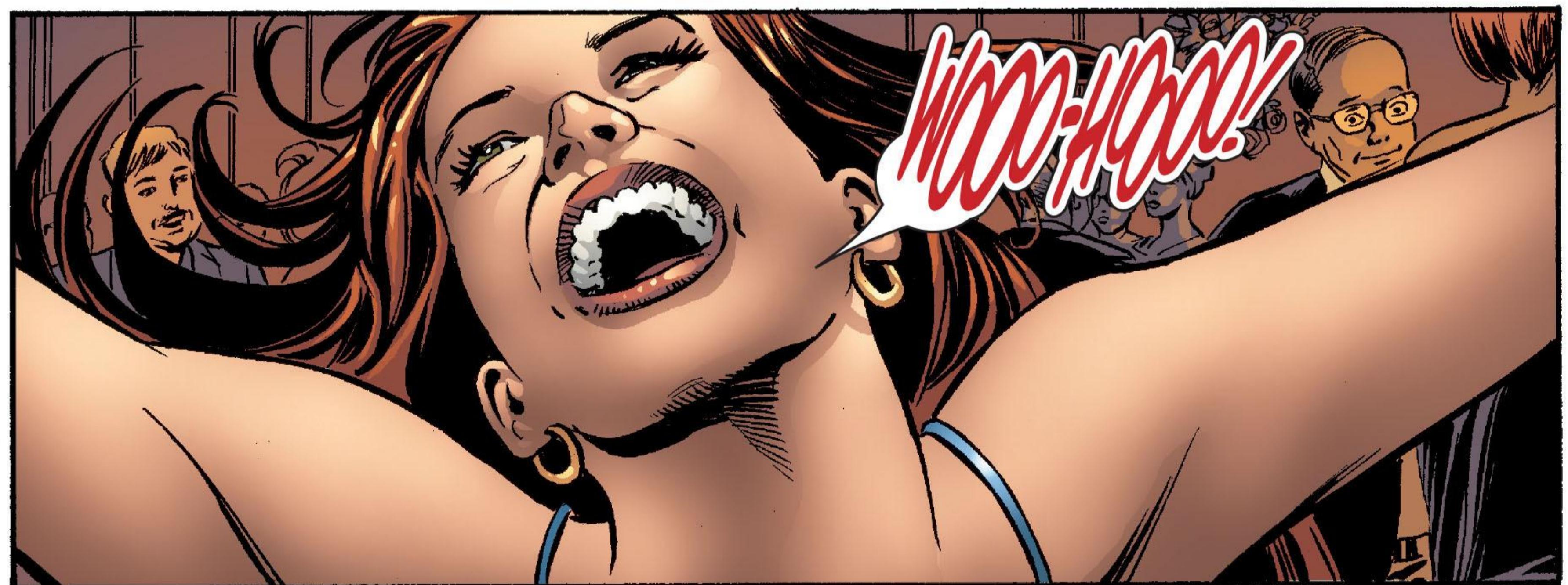
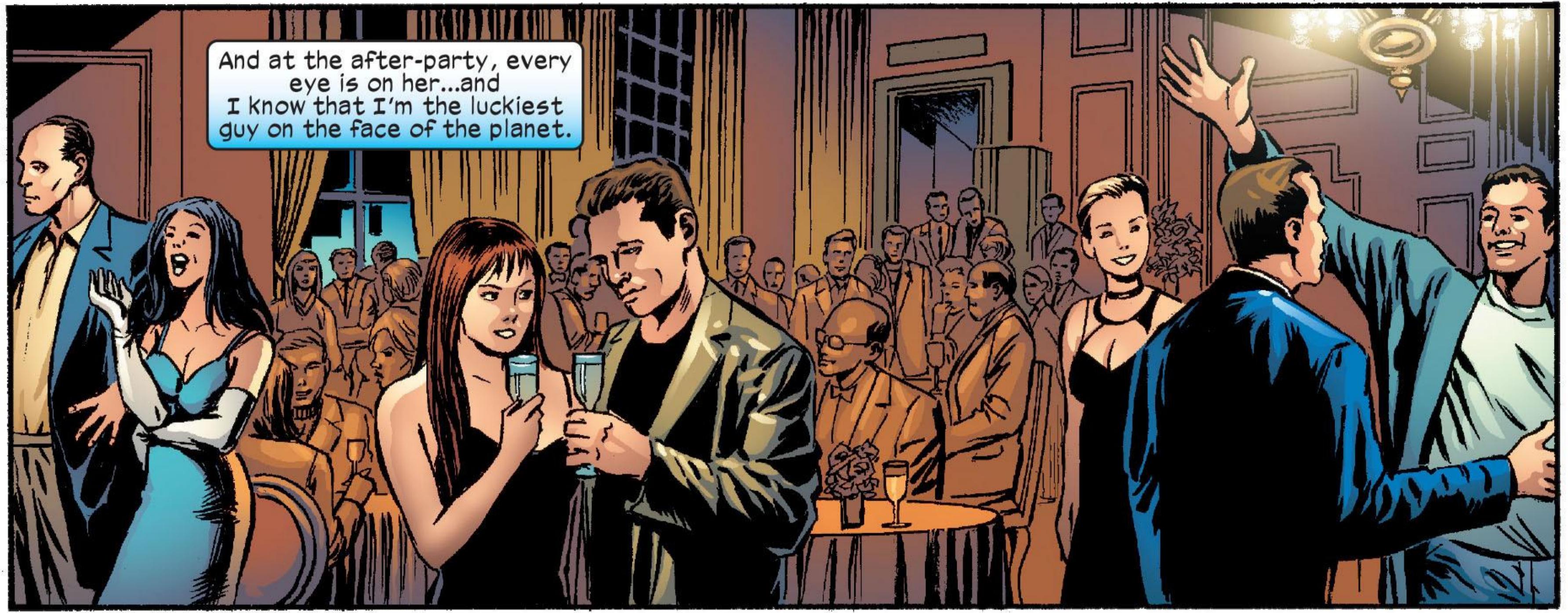


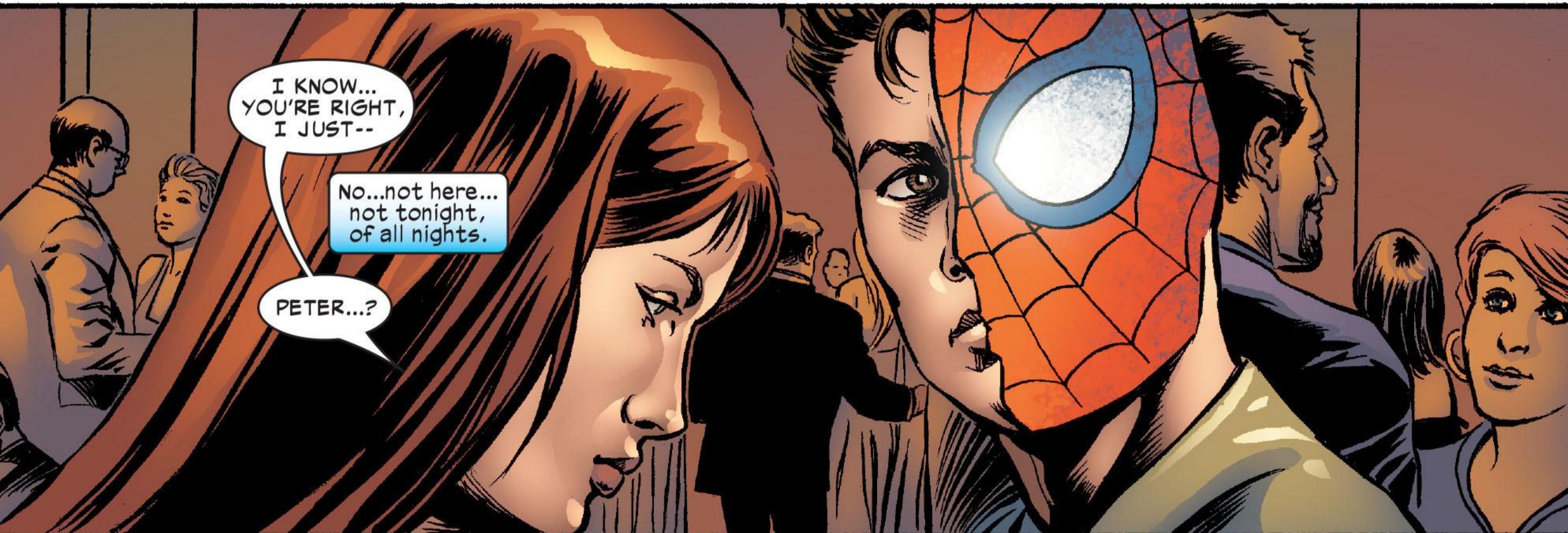
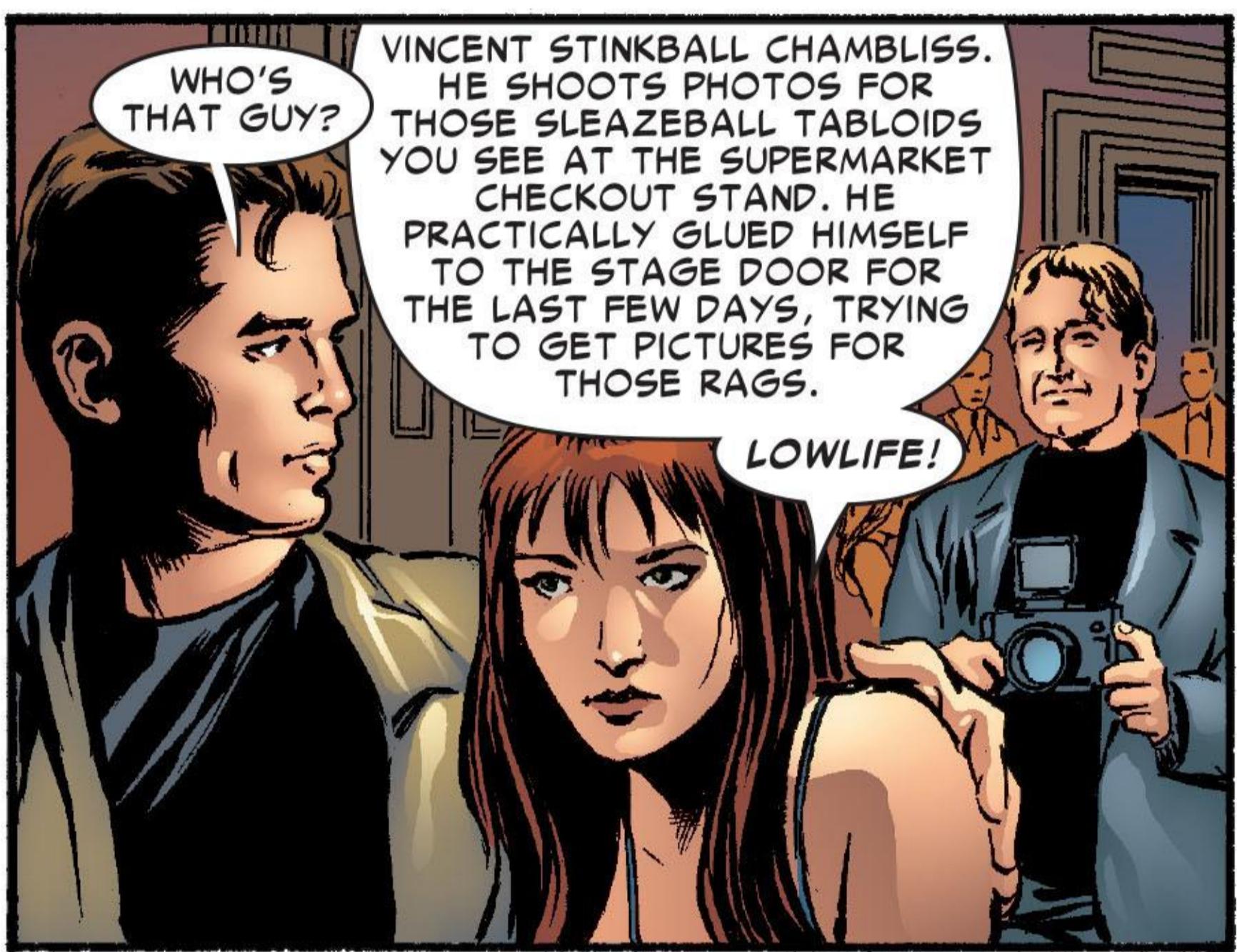
Then I remember what Steve said about how the worst of these guys were true believers in Nazi ideals and traditions...and another possibility comes to mind.

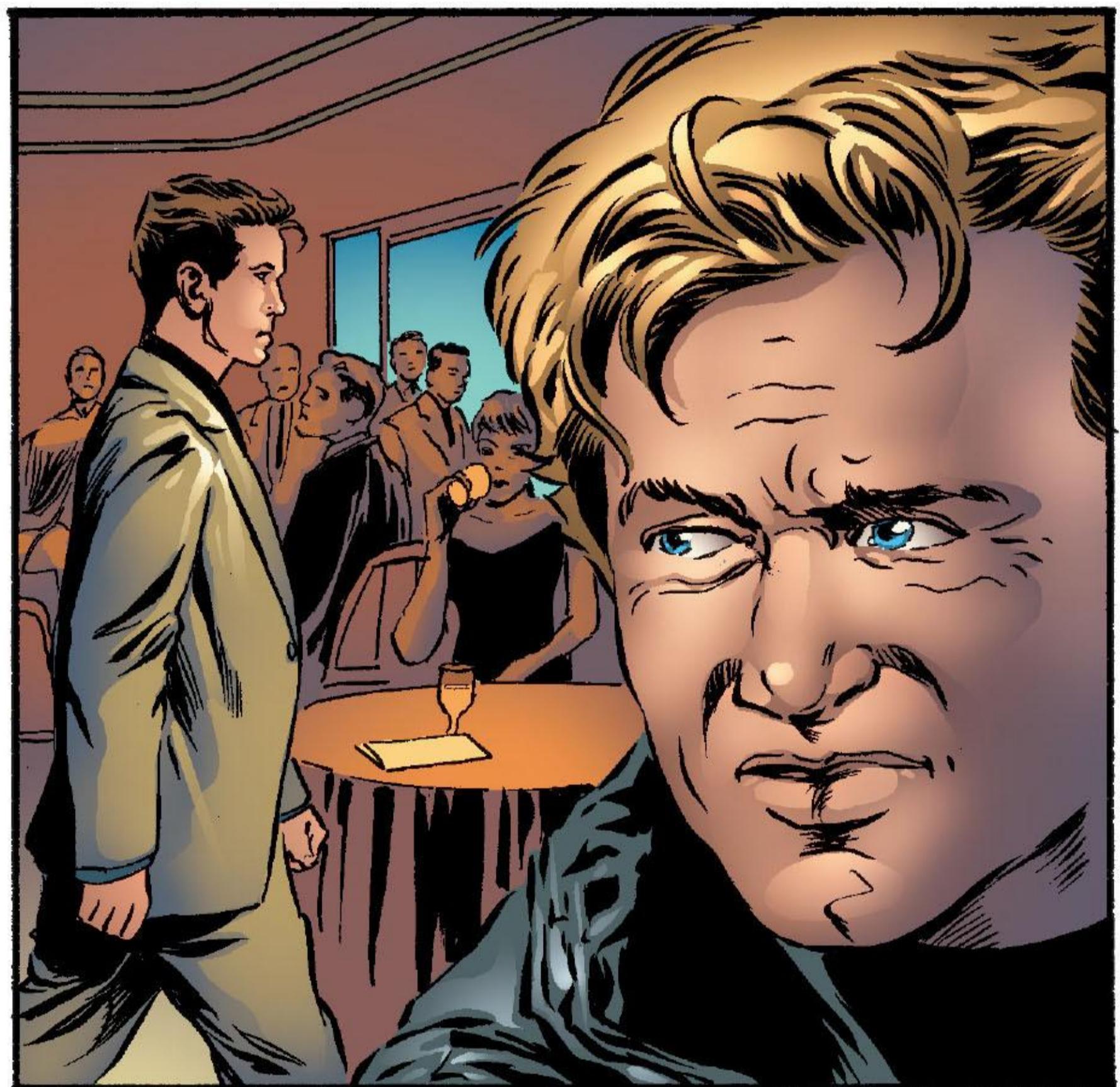
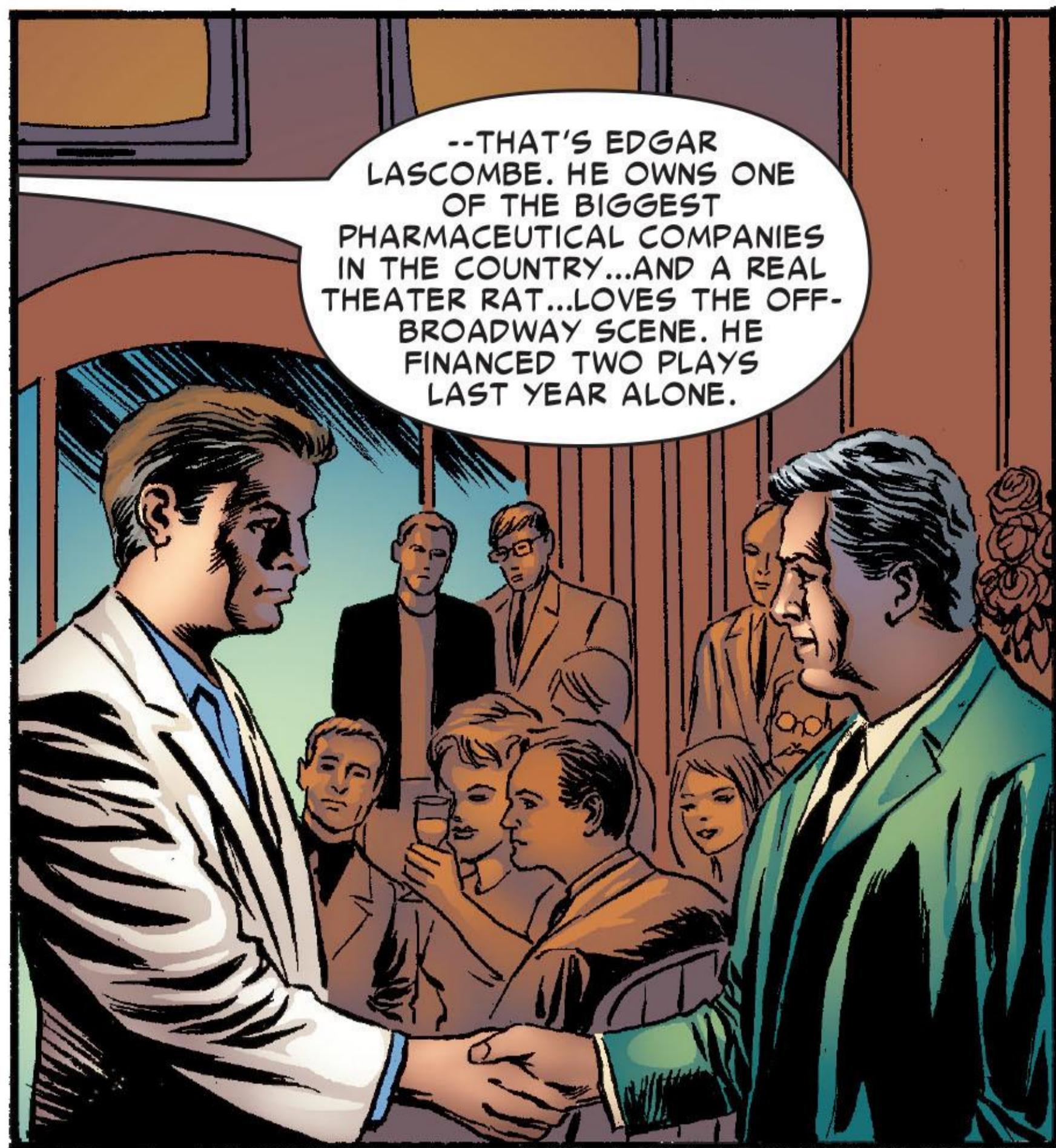












--I'LL JUST CATCH A LIFT."

I don't understand why my spider-sense is working overtime on this, but it's never led me astray yet.

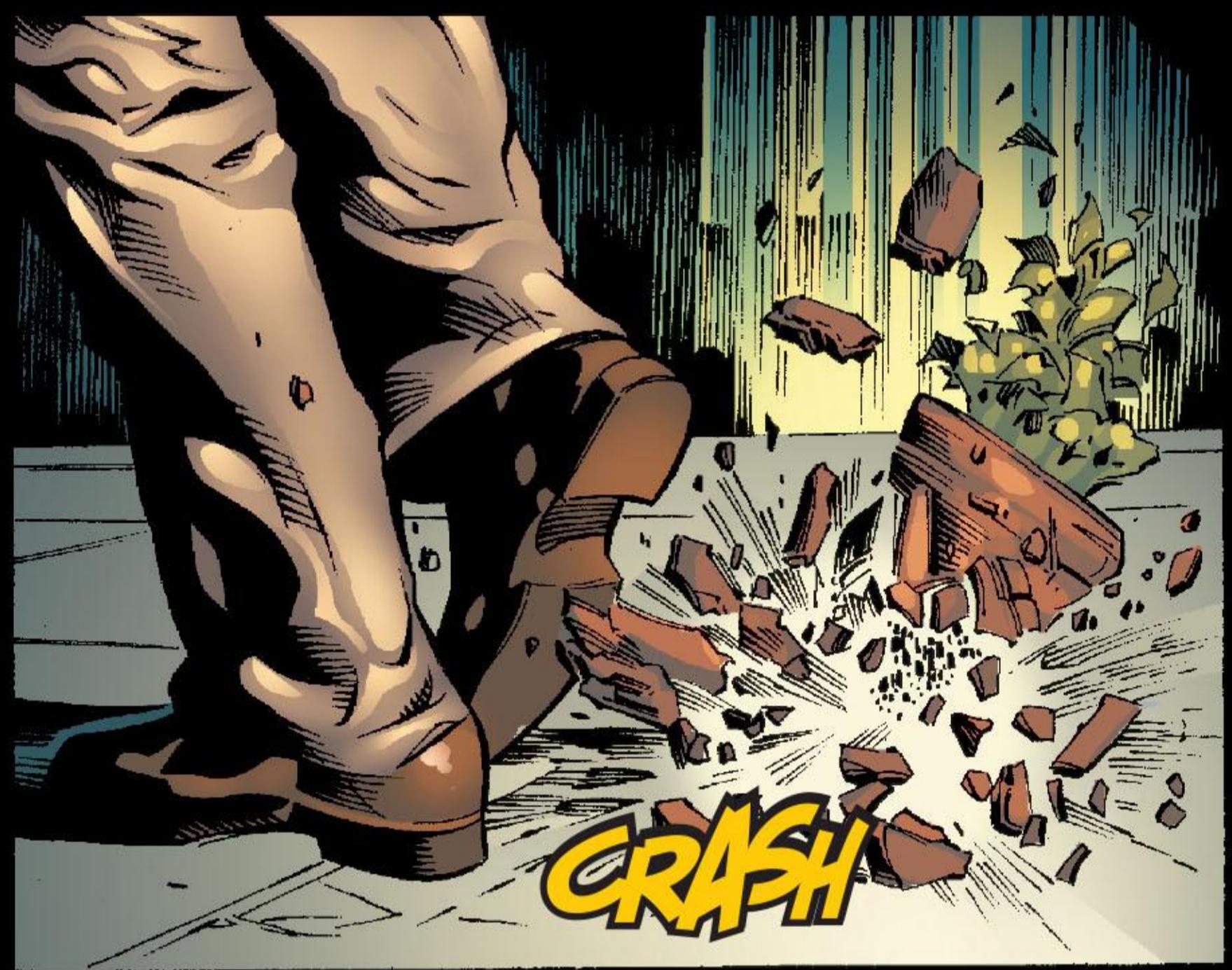
Well, except that time it told me there was something wrong in the girl's locker room back in high school.

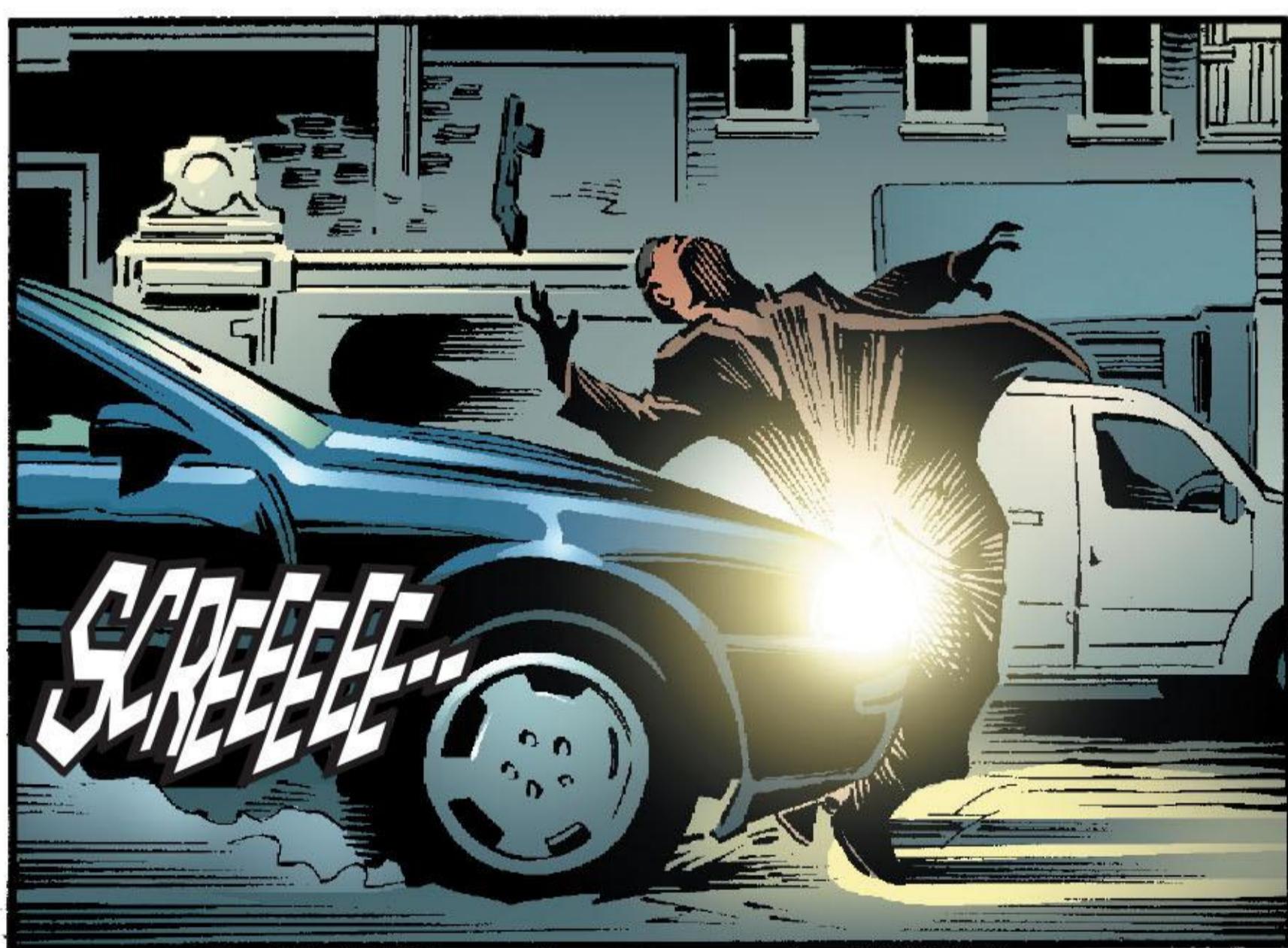
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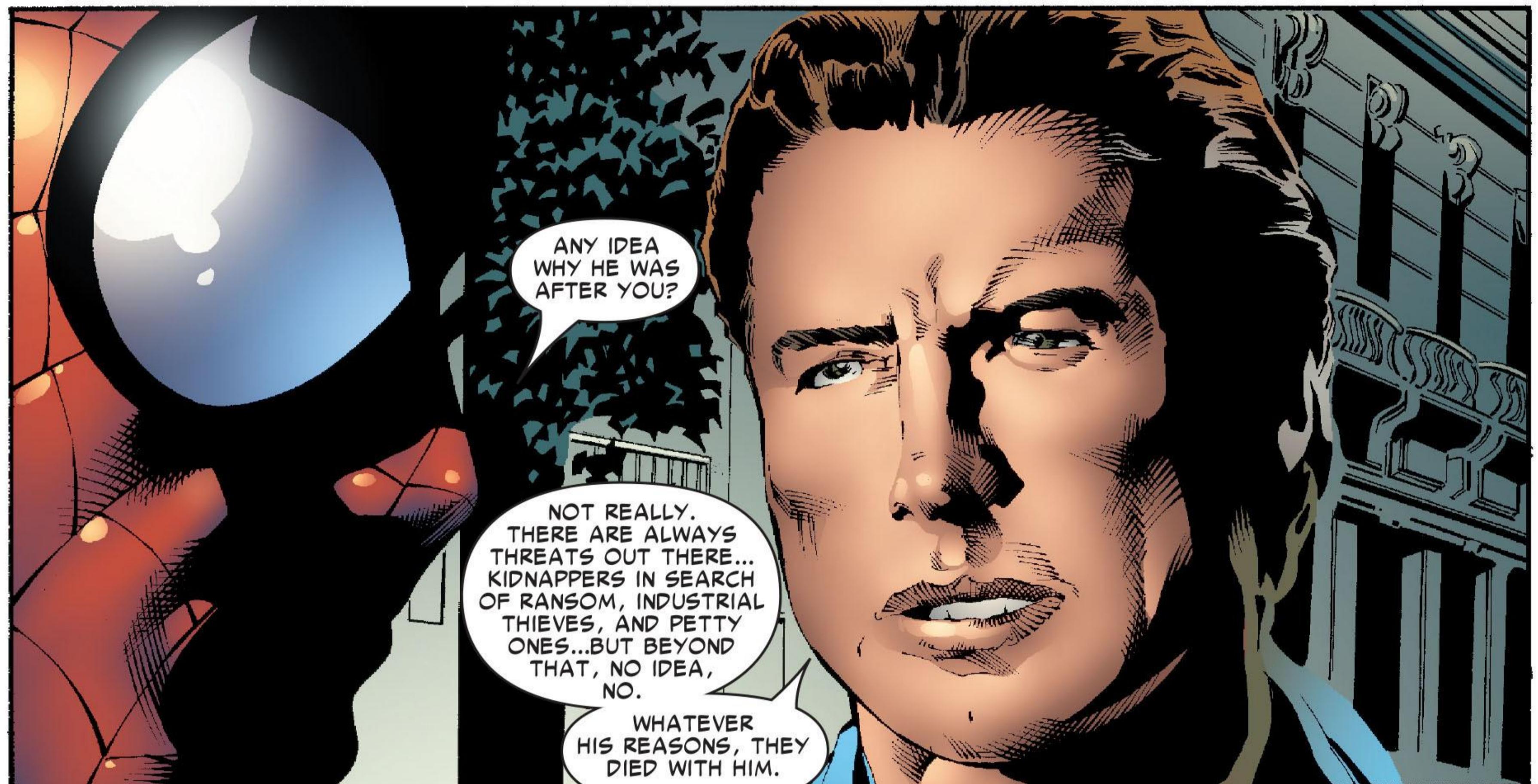
End of the line, let's see where this goes.

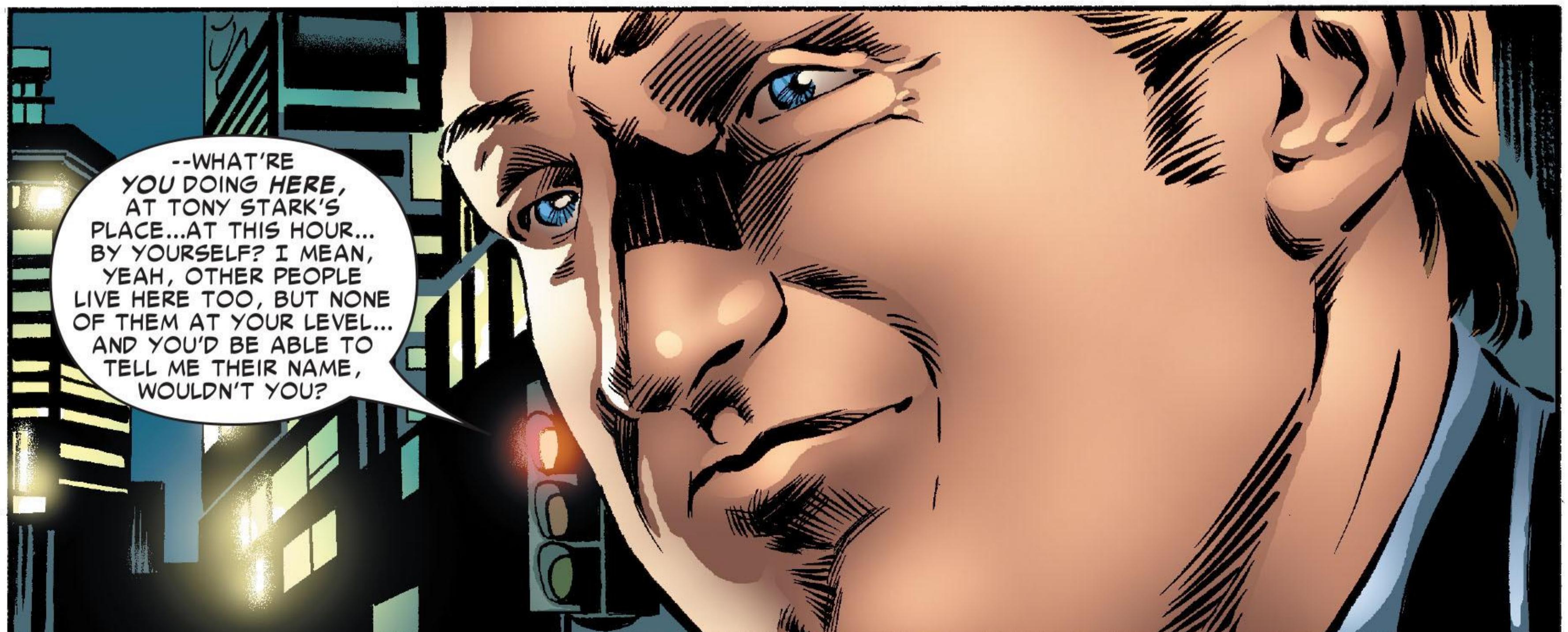
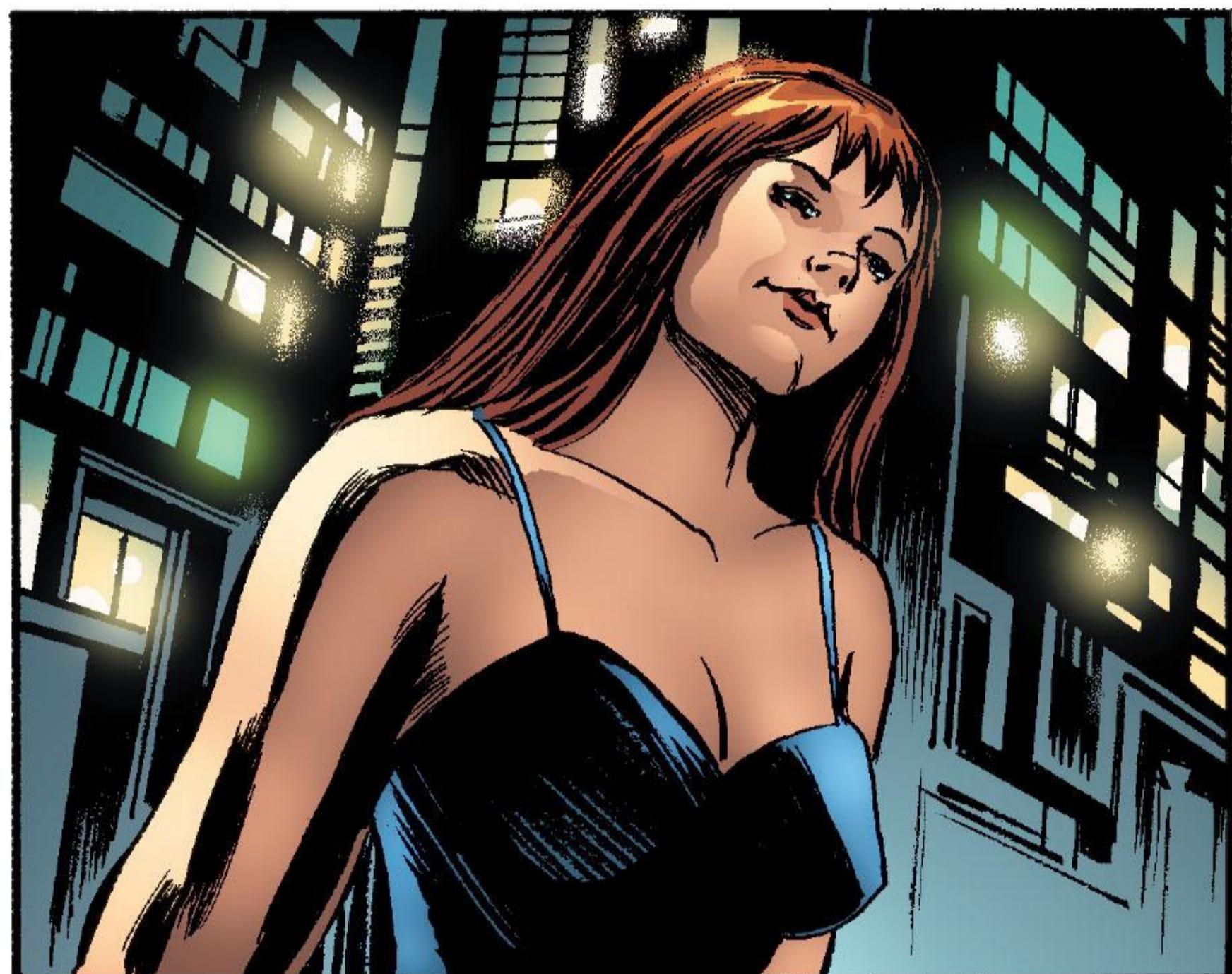
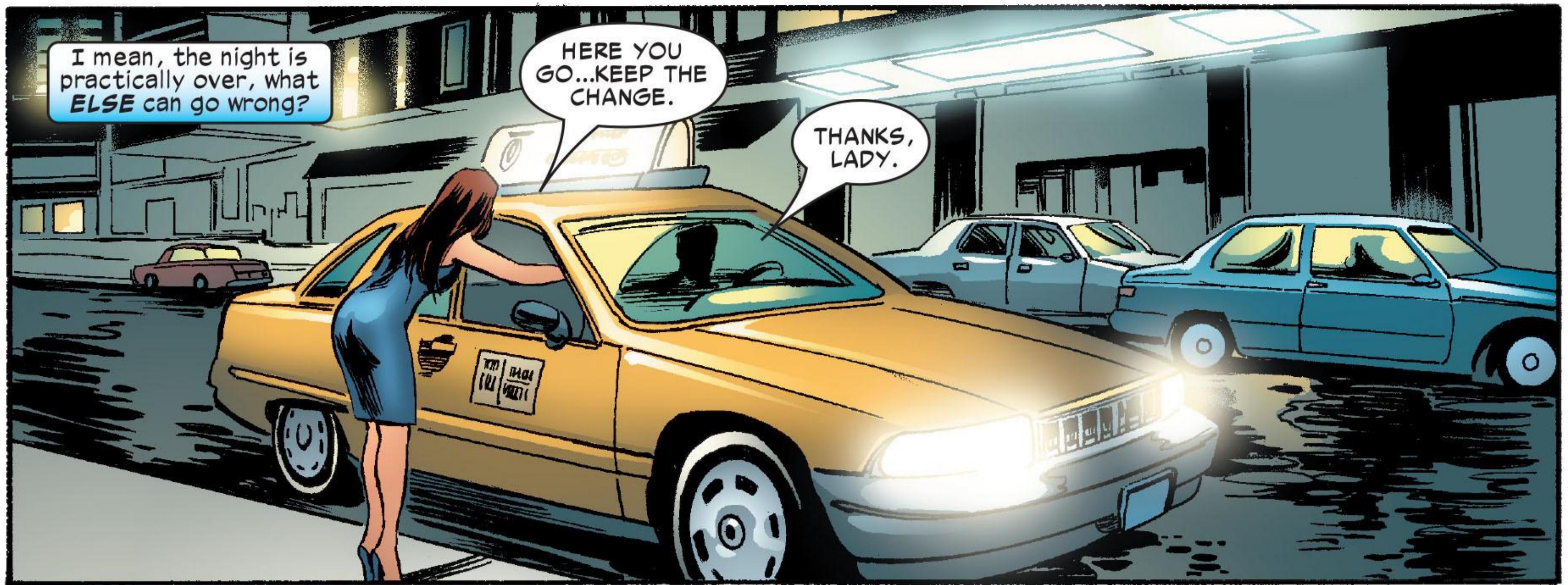
And that HYDRA symbol on his ring definitely counts as really bad sign number two.

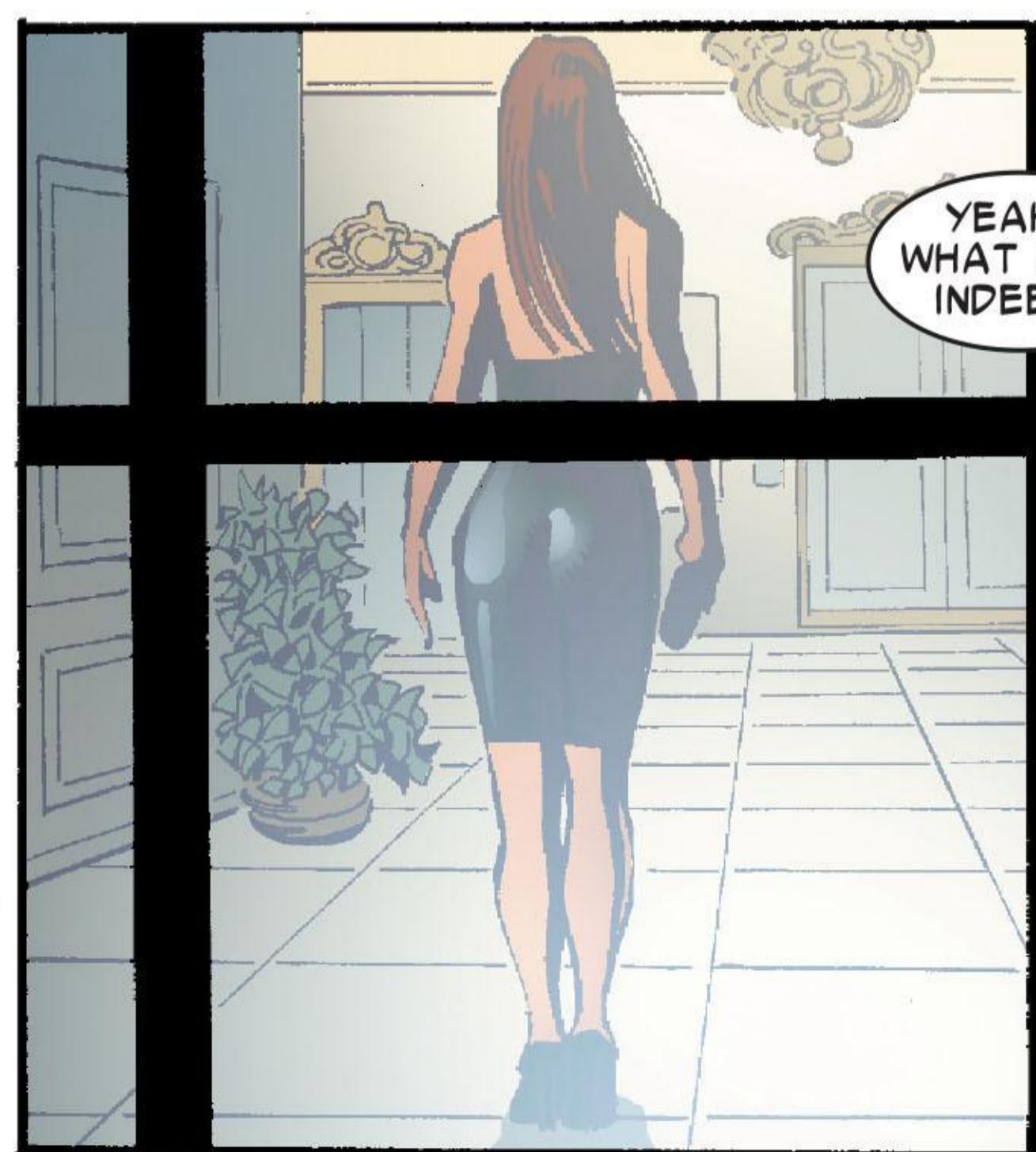
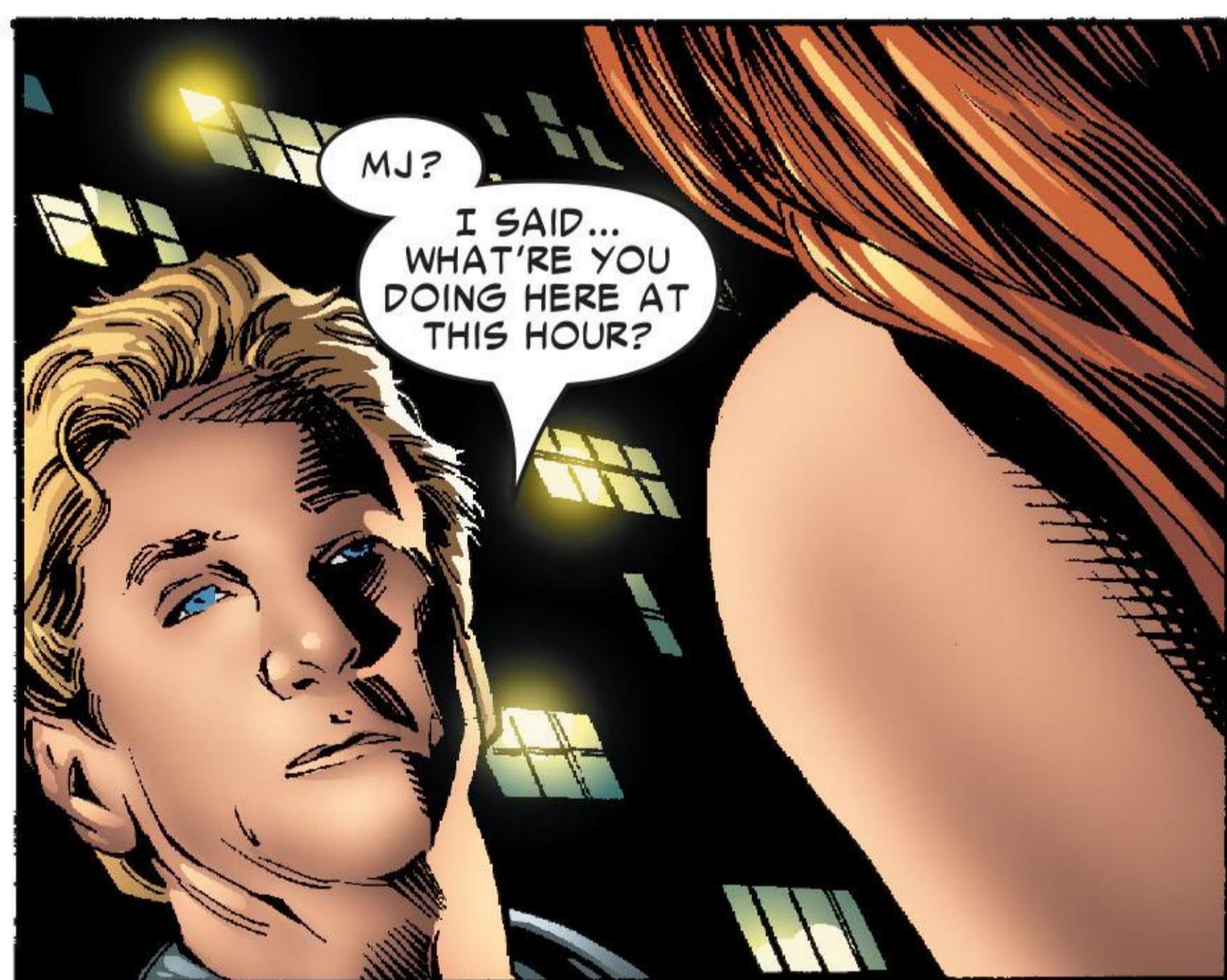
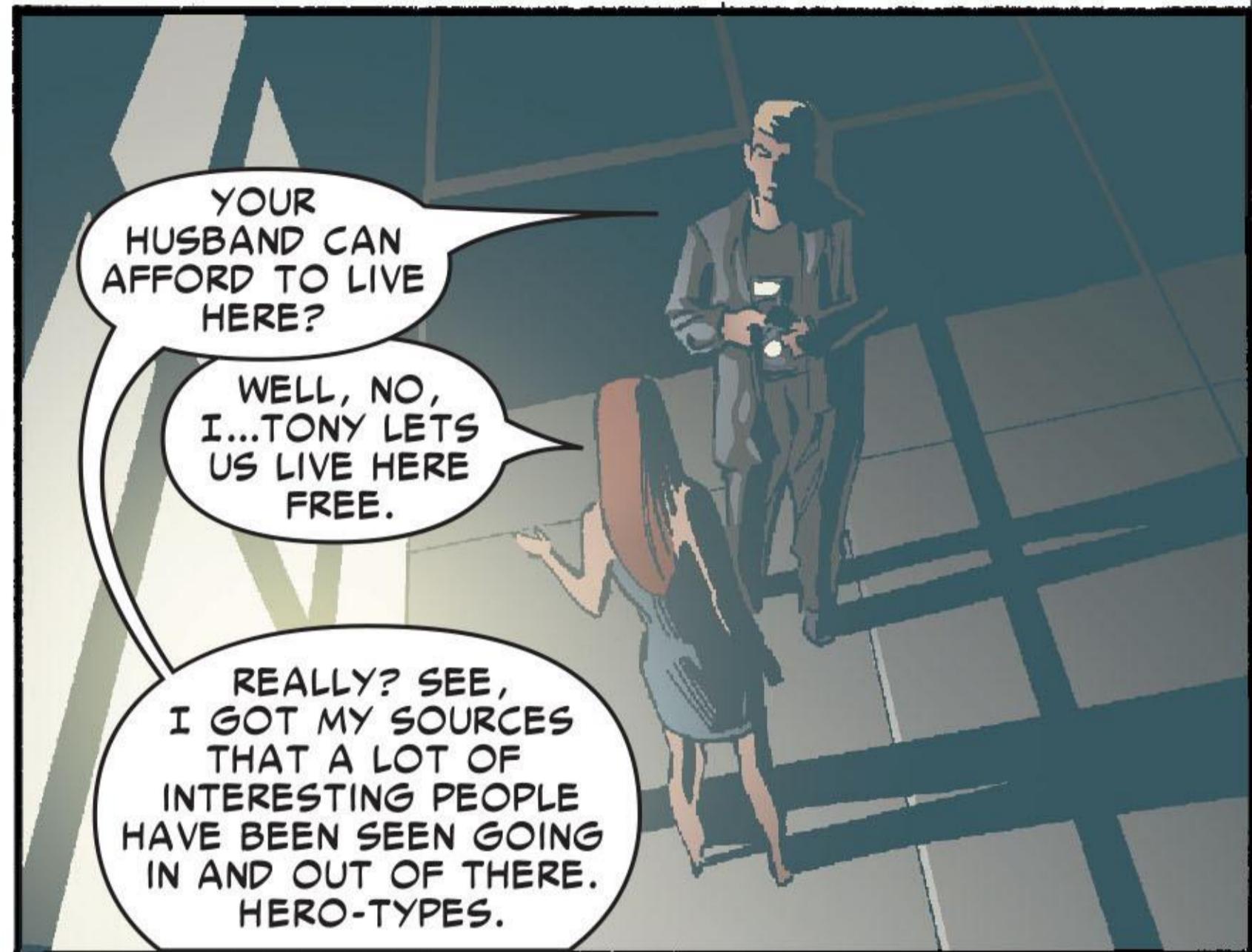
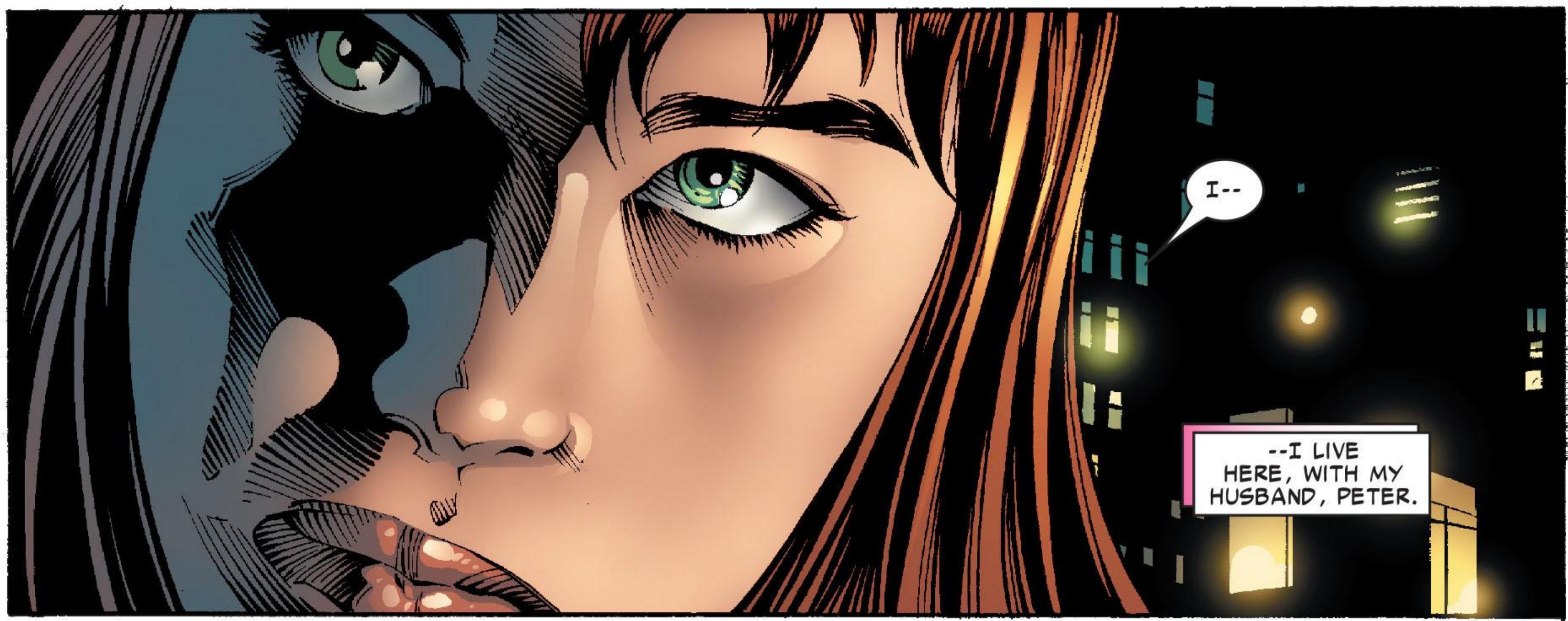
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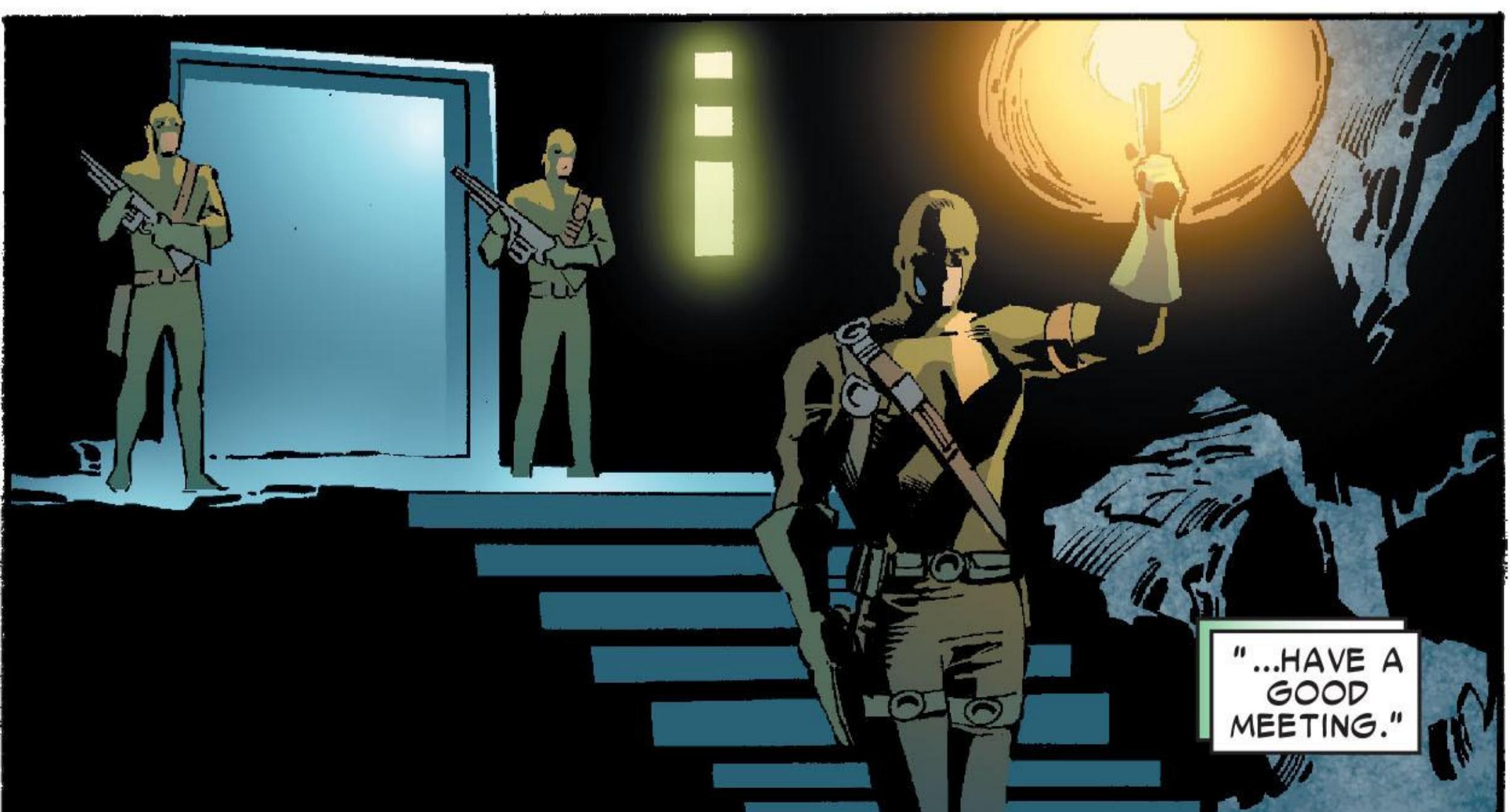
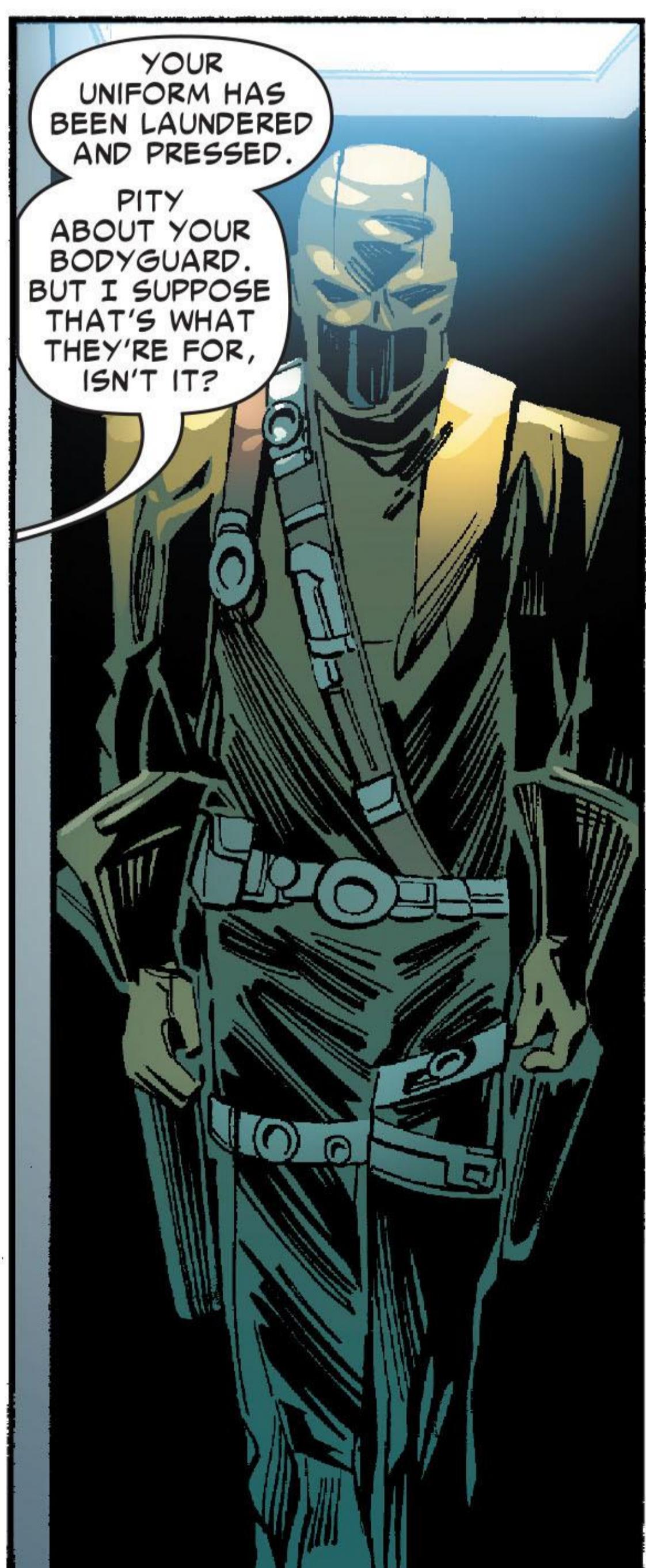














EACH OF YOU REPRESENTS A FOREIGN INTEREST WHO WISHES TO SEE IF HYDRA'S BITE CAN NOW MATCH OUR BARK. WE HAVE NOT ASKED FOR MONEY OR SUPPORT FROM ANY OF YOU...ONLY YOUR RESPECT, AND A SEAT AT THE TABLE AS PLAYERS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE.

YOU'VE ALL BEEN FIGHTING A WAR OF ATTRITION AGAINST THE WEST. A LITTLE VICTORY HERE, A STALEMATE THERE... WE ARE TRYING A DIFFERENT WAY. WE ARE GOING TO ANSWER A SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE QUESTION.

AND THAT QUESTION IS THIS:

HOW DO YOU KILL A COUNTRY?

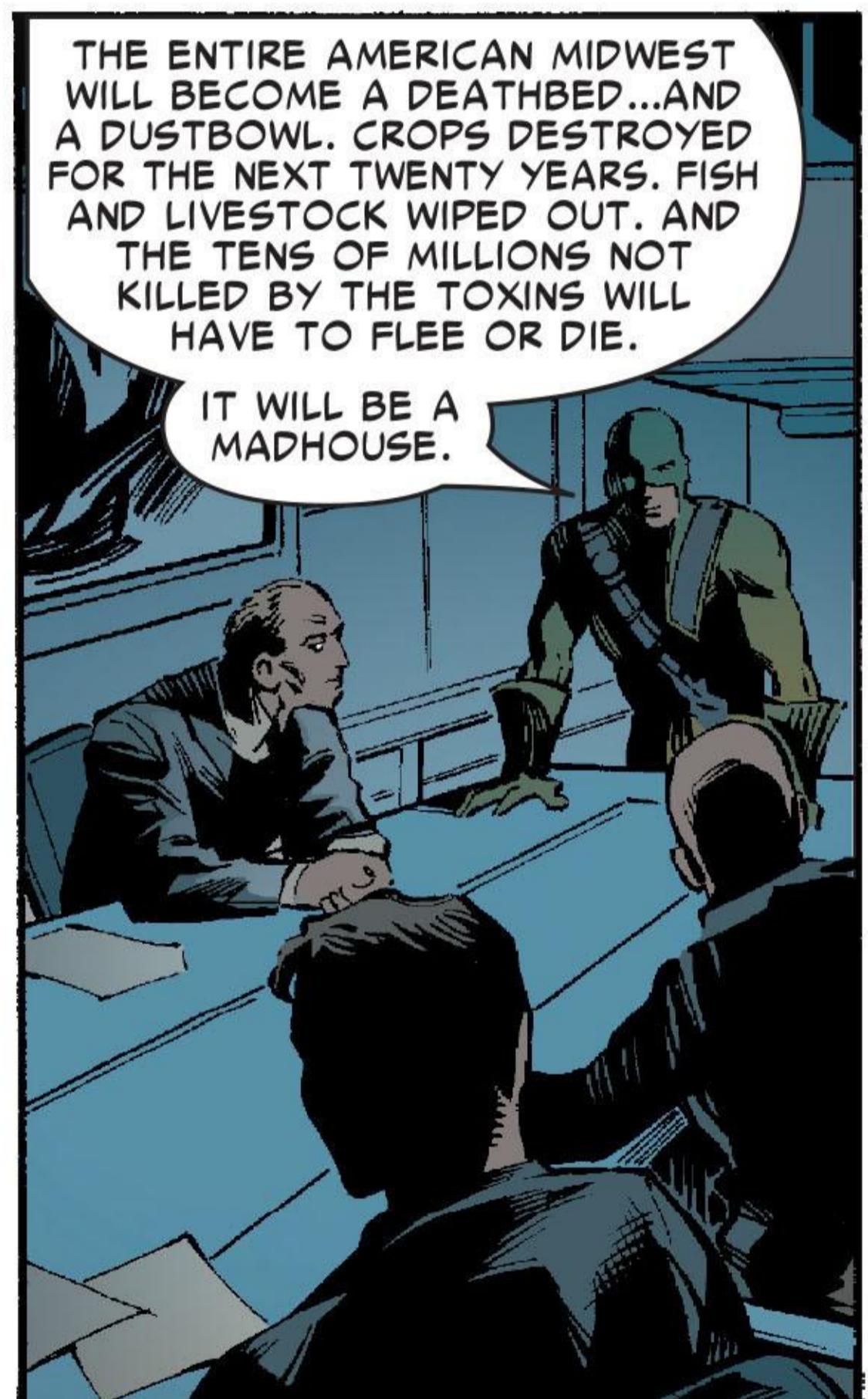
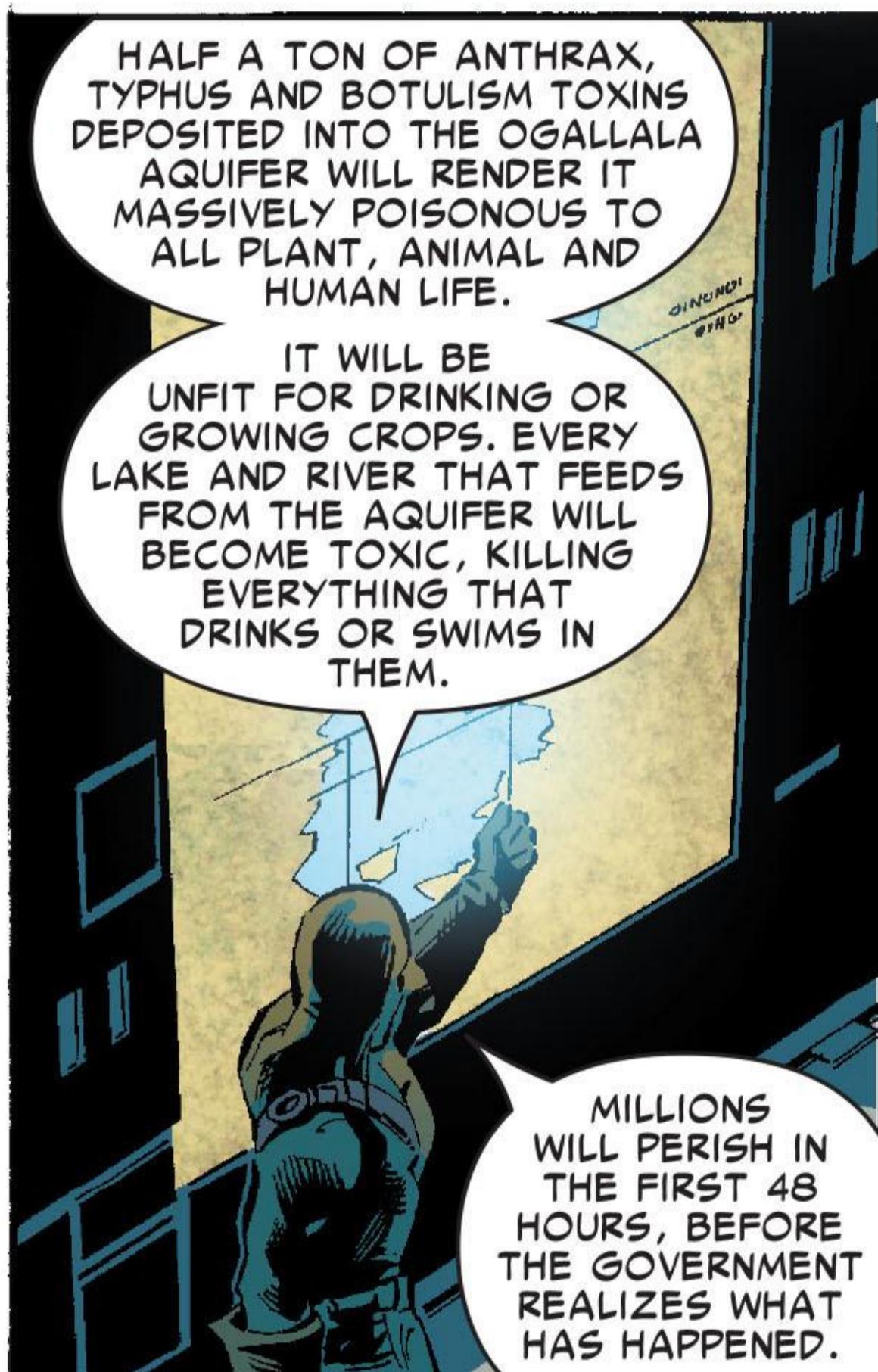
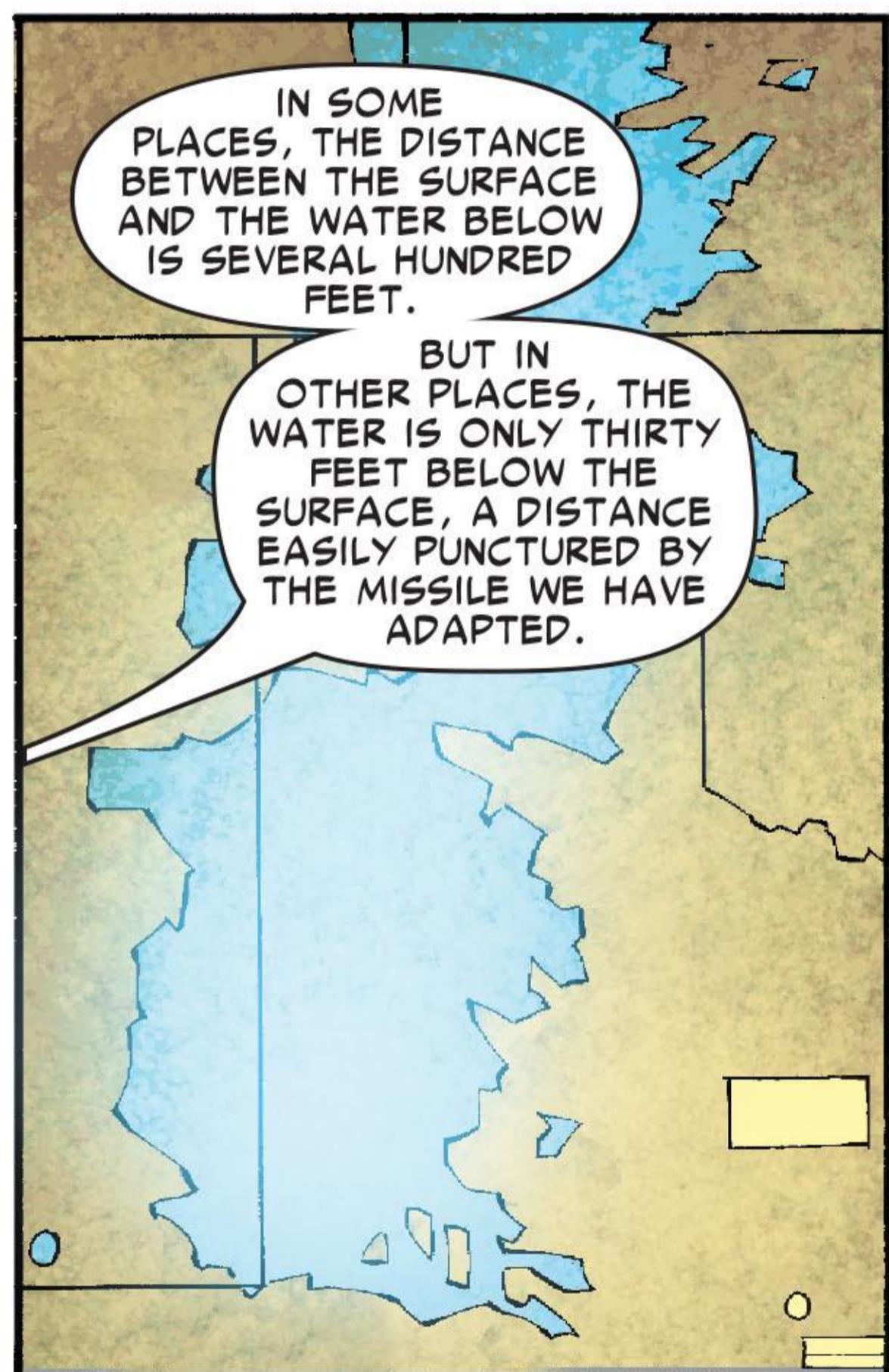
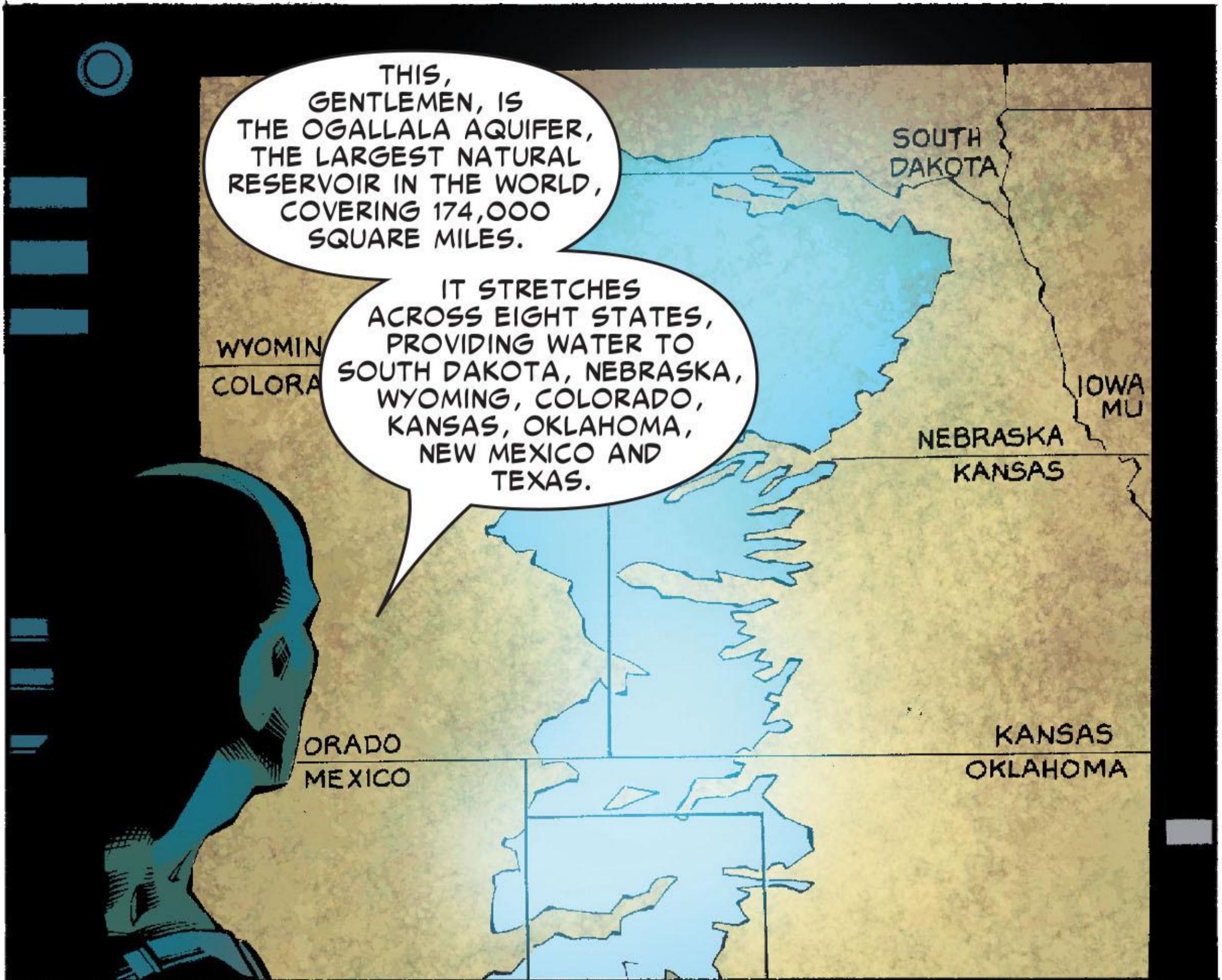
NOT SO MUCH KILL ALL ITS PEOPLE...THOUGH MANY WILL PERISH IN THIS... HOW DO YOU KILL THE NATION ITSELF?

"IN A STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY ELSEWHERE IN THIS COMPLEX, A HALF TON OF GENETICALLY ENHANCED BACILLI OF ANTHRAX, TYPHUS AND BOTULISM TOXINS ARE BEING READIED FOR DELIVERY."

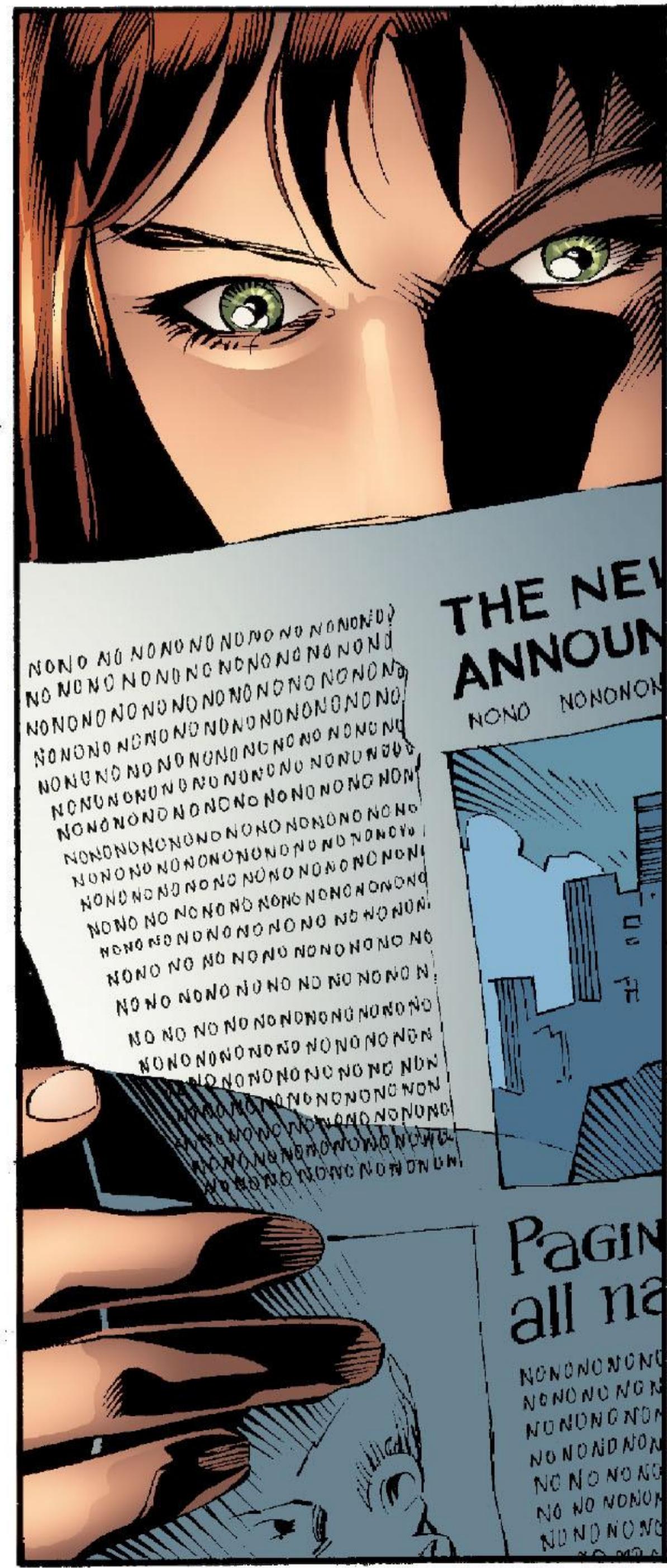
OTHERS MIGHT CHOOSE TO USE THIS TO STRIKE AT A CITY...AND THEY WOULD SUCCEED IN KILLING EVERYONE IN THAT CITY. BUT ONLY THOSE PEOPLE.

AFTERWARD, AS WE HAVE SEEN, THE REST OF THE NATION WOULD RISE UP AND STRIKE DOWN THOSE RESPONSIBLE. THE NATION WOULD REMAIN.

"IN ANOTHER SECURE LOCATION, A MODIFIED SCUD MISSILE IS BEING READIED FOR USE."







DAILY TATTLE

MARRIED MODEL IN LOVE NEST TRYST WITH TONY STAR



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