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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

THE
ENFORCERS
ARE RIGHT ON
MY TAIL!

MUST...
GET...BUMPER
CAR...UP TO...
THREE...MILES...
PER HOUR!!

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FACE IT, FANS!

WE'RE AS SURPRISED AS YOU ARE
THAT QUESADA APPROVED THIS
COVER. BUT ONCE YOU READ...

**CRISIS ON
CONNEY ISLAND**

YOU'LL BE GLAD HE DID!

GALE
McKONE
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THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF SPIDER-MAN



BROOKLYN BOMBSHELL! HOLLISTER DOWN IN OWN DISTRICT!
DB POLL FINDS CROWNE CANDIDATE MOST NYCERS "WOULD
LOOK UP FROM THEIR iPHONES FOR" MORE ON PAGE H18

JUNE 18, 2008

WEDNESDAY

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-SHAM!



When the boisterous Bookie bilks the Bar With No Name's residents with a staged fight between a faux Spider-Man and super-loser, the Basher, the Bookie finds himself on the wrong side of Ox, Montana and Fancy Dan – The Enforcers! Meanwhile, the recently unemployed Peter Parker goes to document the event, hoping to make a few bucks freelancing (and keep his new roommate, Vin Gonzales, from discovering he's out of work). When the fake Spidey shows up, Pete jumps into action, taking both down and unmasking the fraud as his new nemesis, Screwball. She leads him to the local villain hangout – and Spidey's met by some unhappy faces!

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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SO SPIDER-MAN WALKS INTO A BAR AND...

WHOA! I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS MANY VILLAINS, THUGS, AND LOWLIFES IN ONE PLACE SINCE I WATCHED C-SPAN'S COVERAGE OF CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

GUYS, PLEASE!
I KNOW YOU ALL CAN'T WAIT FOR ME TO GIVE YOU YOUR OWN OFFICIAL CUSTOMIZED SPIDER-MAN BRUISE MARKS, BUT ONE AT A TIME!

AND NO,
KNOCKED-OUT
TEETH ARE NOT
COVERED BY
CITY HEALTH
INSURANCE.

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SPIDEY'S BRAINTRUST

THIRTY SECONDS AGO, SPIDER-MAN, ACTING ON A TIP, WALKED INTO "THE BAR WITH NO NAME" LOOKING FOR THE BOOKIE, WHO HAD HIRED SCREWBALL TO IMPERSONATE HIM. CLEARLY, SPIDEY IS ABOUT AS WELCOME HERE AS A LIVE RAT AT A TUPPERWARE PARTY.

"BOB, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT A
"TUPPERWARE PARTY" IS. -STEVE

IF I'D THOUGHT THIS THROUGH BETTER, I WOULD HAVE COME IN AS PETER PARKER...

...BUT CLEARLY, MY BELIEF THAT THIS "BOOKIE" HAS SOME CONNECTION TO THE SPIDER-TRACER KILLINGS CLODED MY JUDGMENT.

ANYBODY HERE GOT A PIANO? BECAUSE I DO BARROOM BRAWLS A LOT BETTER WHEN THERE'S HONKY-TONK MUSIC.

HOLD THAT THOUGHT, GENTLEMEN!

WHACK!

SORRY, PAL, THAT'S NOT MY BRAND.

FORTUNATELY, MOST OF THESE GUYS HAVE HAD SO MUCH TO DRINK THAT THEY'D JUST AS SOON POUND EACH OTHER.

I GUESS SOMEBODY'LL BE GOING TO "POOL CUES 'R US" TOMORROW!



TWEEEEEE

ENOUGH!

JEEZ, DEKE,
YOU COULD BLOW
OUT A GUY'S
EARDRUMS LIKE
THAT!

THIS PLACE IS A
SANCTUARY, REMEMBER?
A SANCTUARY IF YOU'VE
GOT A RECORD, AND A
SANCTUARY IF YOU'VE
GOT THE HEAT ON!

I DON'T HAVE FOND FEELINGS
FOR SPIDER-MAN, BUT HE CAME
IN QUIET AND DIDN'T START THIS.
AND HE'S DEFINITELY ON
THE HOT LIST.

SO IF HE WANTS
TO GET TANKED
WITHOUT GETTING
HASSLED, HE GETS
A PASS.

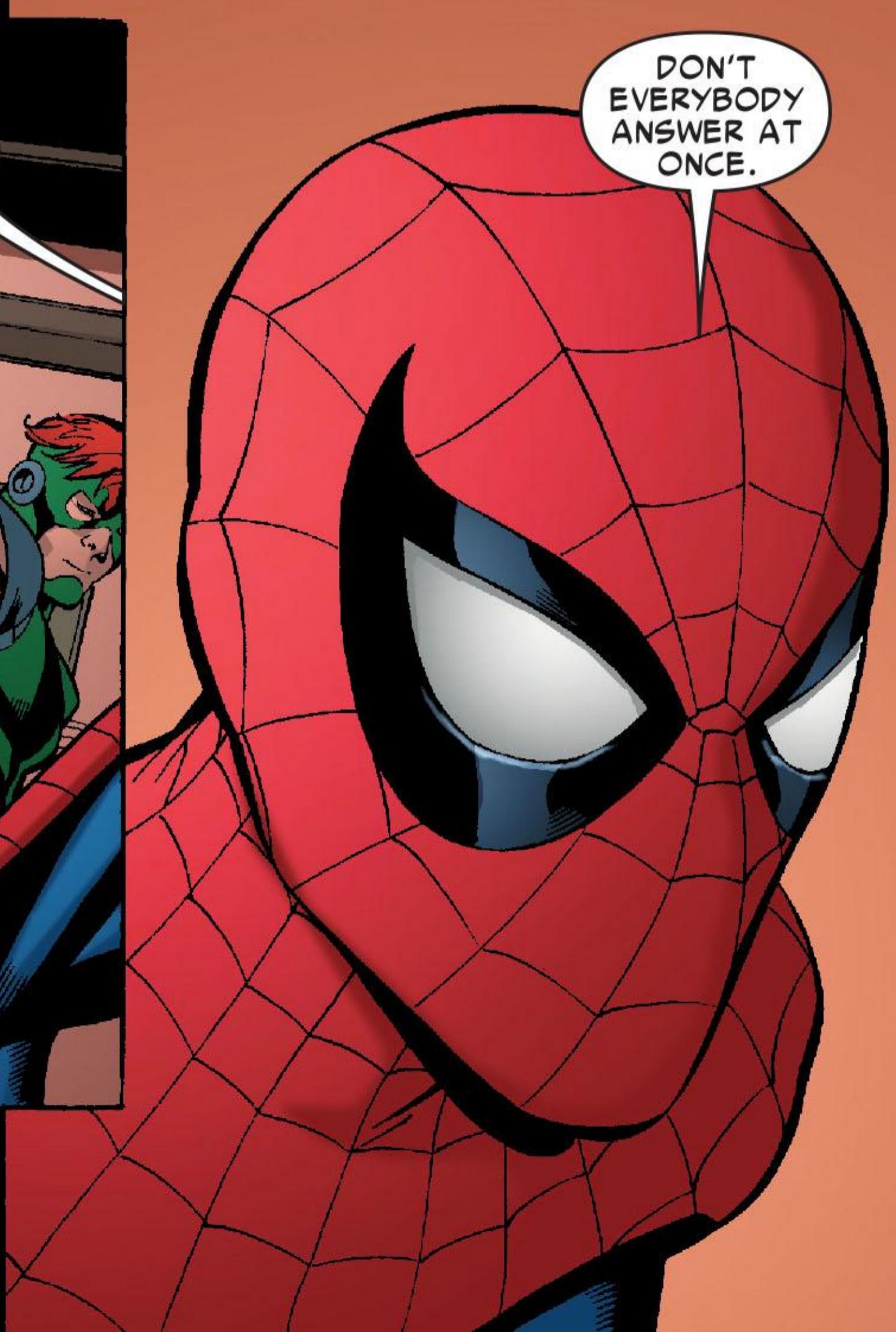
NOW WHAT CAN
I GET YA,
SPIDER-MAN?

INFORMATION,
ACTUALLY. I'M
LOOKING FOR A GUY
CALLED "THE BOOKIE."
IS HE HERE? AND IF
NOT, WHERE CAN I
FIND HIM?

WHO KNEW
THAT THE TRUE PATH
TO WORLD PEACE MIGHT
BE THROUGH ADULT
BEVERAGES...
...BESIDES
TONY STARK,
I MEAN.

DON'T
EVERYBODY
ANSWER AT
ONCE.

ANYONE?





I'M SERIOUS.
SOMEBODY IN HERE
KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT
THIS "BOOKIE", AND I'M
NOT LEAVING UNTIL
I FIND OUT.

SO IF SOME
HEADS GET SMASHED
AND SOME PROPERTY GETS
DAMAGED ALONG THE
WAY, FINE BY ME.



LOOK, WEB-HEAD.
WE DIDN'T COME
HERE FOR A FIGHT.
WE CAME TO
TOSS BACK SOME
BREWS.

SO WHATEVER
BUSINESS OR SIDE-
BETS YOU GOT
WITH THE BOOKIE,
IT AIN'T OUR
CONCERN.

YEAH. I DIDN'T LAY
ANY BETS DOWN WITH
HIM ON THAT BASHER
BUSINESS.

WELL, I DID,
SO I WOULDN'T
MIND HAVING A
PIECE OF HIM.



BARTENDER! SPECIAL LIMITED OFFER! YOU CAN TELL ME WHERE THE BOOKIE IS...

...OR YOU CAN CLEAN UP A HUGE, GIGANTIC MESS THAT I'M GUESSING YOU'RE NOT INSURED FOR.

LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS, I SWEAR!

FUNNY, THESE GENTLEMEN JUST TOLD ME THAT HE DOES BUSINESS HERE. AND YOU DON'T LOOK STUPID ENOUGH TO NOT CHARGE HIM A FEE FOR DOING THAT.

SO, I'M GONNA COUNT TO THREE, DEKE--AND I ASSURE YOU, I GOT STRAIGHT A'S IN MATH.

ONE...

OKAY, LISTEN, I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS RIGHT NOW...

TWO!

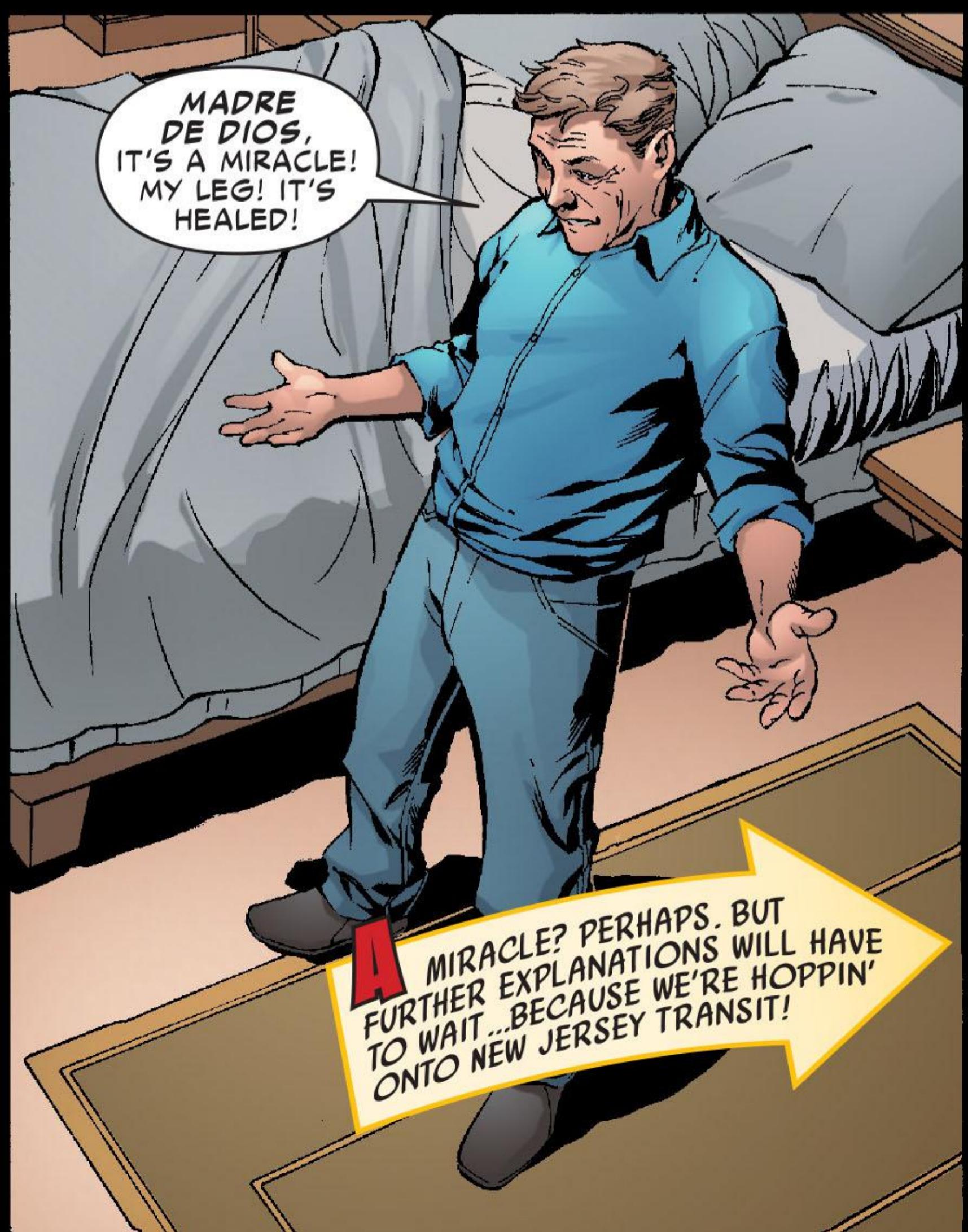
...BUT I KNOW WHERE HE LIVES.

JERSEY.

IF THERE'S ONE PLACE I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE GOING TONIGHT. IT'S JERSEY. I MIGHT HAVE TO STOP AND GET A MAP...AND A MULLET.

WELL, AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE N.Y.P.D.

YEAH, IT'S DEKE. THERE'S SOMETHING YOU OUGHTA KNOW...



The Ladue Residence.

MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

--IDER-MAN! I
HEARD YOU WERE
COMING! THANK GOD!
YOU GOTTA HELP ME
SAVE MY SON!

JOHNNY!
THE BOOKIE! HE'S
BEEN KIDNAPPED!

KIDNAPPED?

BY THE
ENFORCERS.
OX, FANCY DAN,
AND MONTANA.

I KNOW
WHO THEY
ARE.

SOMETHING
STINKS, AND IT'S
NOT JUST THIS
GUY'S TOBACCO
BREATH.

WHEN THEY FOUND OUT THEY WERE
SCAMMED WITH THAT FAKE
SPIDER-MAN TODAY, THEY GOT TICKED.
THEY SAY THEY'RE GONNA TORTURE
HIM UNLESS I BRING 'EM THE
10Gs THEY LOST.

BUT NOW THAT
YOU'RE HERE, WE CAN
GET TO CONEY ISLAND
AND RESCUE HIM!

CALL THE
POLICE.
THAT'S WHAT
THEY DO.

I ALREADY DID!
THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE
ME! PLEASE, SPIDER-MAN
-COUGH, COUGH- YOU
HAVE TO DO THIS!

NO, I DON'T.
BUT THERE'S A
REGISTERED HERO
CALLED JACKPOT.
CONTACT HER. THIS IS
RIGHT UP HER ALLEY.

SHE'S TOO
LOW-RENT! PLEASE!
YOU'RE SPIDER-MAN!
YOU SAVE PEOPLE
IN TROUBLE!

IF THEY KILL
JOHNNY, YA WANT
THAT ON YOUR
CONSCIENCE?

MOI? I'M A
DANGEROUS
SERIAL KILLER,
REMEMBER?

AW, THAT'S
ALL A BUNCHA
BULL! YOU'RE
BEING FRAMED!

YOU'RE A HERO,
AND HEROES DON'T
LET PEOPLE GET HURT!
EVEN WHEN THEY'RE A
BUM LIKE MY SON!

HOW DO YOU
KNOW I'M BEING
FRAMED?

-FERGIT IT!
-KAFF! -KAFF! YOU
DON'T WANT TO HELP
ME THEN I AIN'T
TELLIN' YA--





"Coney Island!"

OKAY, BOOKIE,
I'LL LET YOU SET THE
ODDS ON THIS! WHAT'S
GONNA HAPPEN FIRST? WILL
YOU HURL, OR BLACK OUT,
OR FALL OFF? AND HOW
MANY SPINS WILL
IT TAKE?

NO! PLEASE,
OX! I'VE GOT A WEAK
HEART! I COULD DIE! I
SAID I WAS SORRY!

I SWEAR
I'LL MAKE IT UP TO
YOU! I DON'T WANNA
BET ON THIS!

TOUGH! WE GOT YOUR
VIDEO MAN TRANSMITTING
TO THE BAR. AND I'M
BETTING ALL OUR FRIENDS
THERE DO WANNA BET.

WE ON,
POLINSKY?

YES, SIR!
FOR THE PAST
FIVE MINUTES!

ALL RIGHT,
GUYS! LAY YOUR
BETS WITH DEKE
AND WE'LL SETTLE
OUT LATER.

A SAWBUCK
SAYS HE PUKE
IN 18.

BLACKOUT
BY 15.

HE'LL SPEW
AT 22.

TWO HUNDRED SAYS
HE'S "SPRAY PUREE"
BY 20 REV'S.

YOU'RE
ON, DAN!

START 'ER UP,
MONTANA.

WOW,
GUYS, THIS IS
AN AWESOME
SHOT!

DAAAAADD!!

Meanwhile...

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY TO BROOKLYN...

MUMBLING.
MUMBLING.

YOU'VE BEEN MUMBLING ALL NIGHT. KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY.

HUH? SORRY,
IT'S MY NERVES. IT'S SCARY HERE. I THOUGHT
YOU'D CARRY ME AND SWING ACROSS THE
ROOFTOPS.

YEAH, WELL,
WEBBING'S EXPENSIVE,
PUBLIC TRANSIT IS FASTER,
AND YOU'VE GOT
TOBACCO BREATH.

SAY, DO YOU
SWEAT UNDER THAT
MASK? 'CAUSE IT
NEVER LOOKS WET, SO
I FIGURE IT'S MADE
FROM A DIAPER OR
SOMETHING.

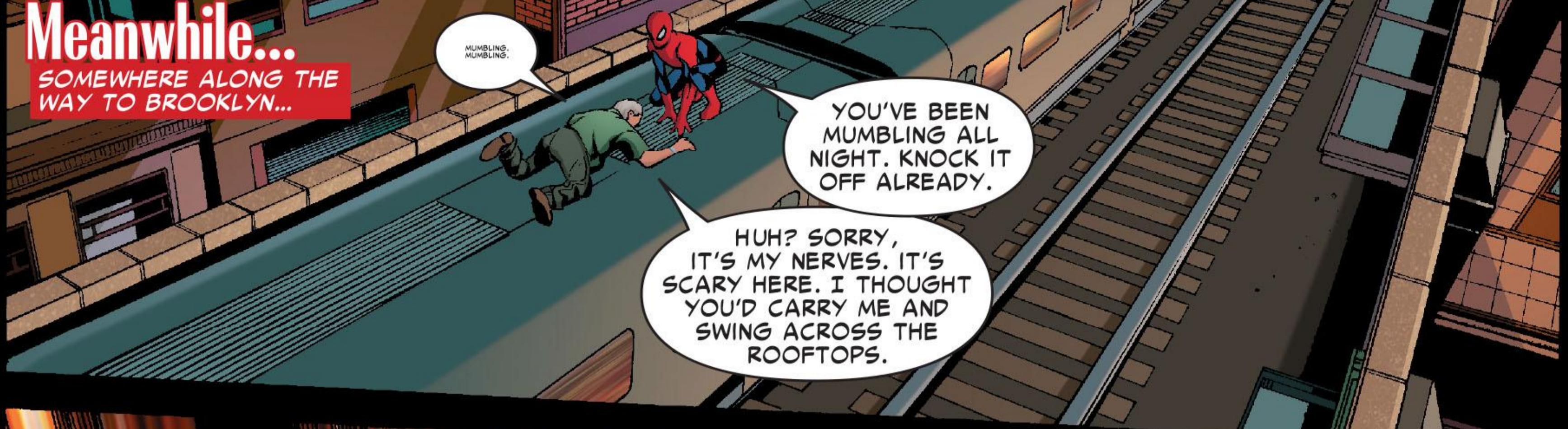
TO SETTLE
A BET I ONCE--

HOLD ON
TIGHT TO THAT
THOUGHT--
--HEY!!!

AND YOU
NEED TO KNOW
THIS...WHY?

--AND
TO ME!

WE'RE
CHANGING
TRAINS FOR
CONEY
ISLAND!





Eventually...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE ALL THESE
RIDES ARE RUNNING.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO
BE CONSERVING
ENERGY!

THE
ENFORCERS
PROBABLY GET A
KICKBACK FROM
CON ED.

WOA--
TRACK REPAIR?
AND IT'S ON? THIS
CAN'T BE GOOD.

NO!!!
PLEASE!!
STOP!!

THAT'S
HIM! HURRY,
SPIDER-MAN!

HIT HIM WITH
YOUR CAR, IT'S TWENTY
POINTS. HIT HIM IN THE HEAD
WITH A BASEBALL, IT'S
A HUNDRED POINTS!

NO! THIS
IS DANGEROUS!
STOP!

AWW, THIS
AIN'T DANGEROUS. JUST
WAIT! WE'RE WARMING UP
THE "LIGHTNING" FOR YA!
WITH THOSE BUSTED
TRACKS, THAT'LL REALLY
BE DANGEROUS!

YOU
BROADCASTIN'
ALL THIS,
POLINSKY?

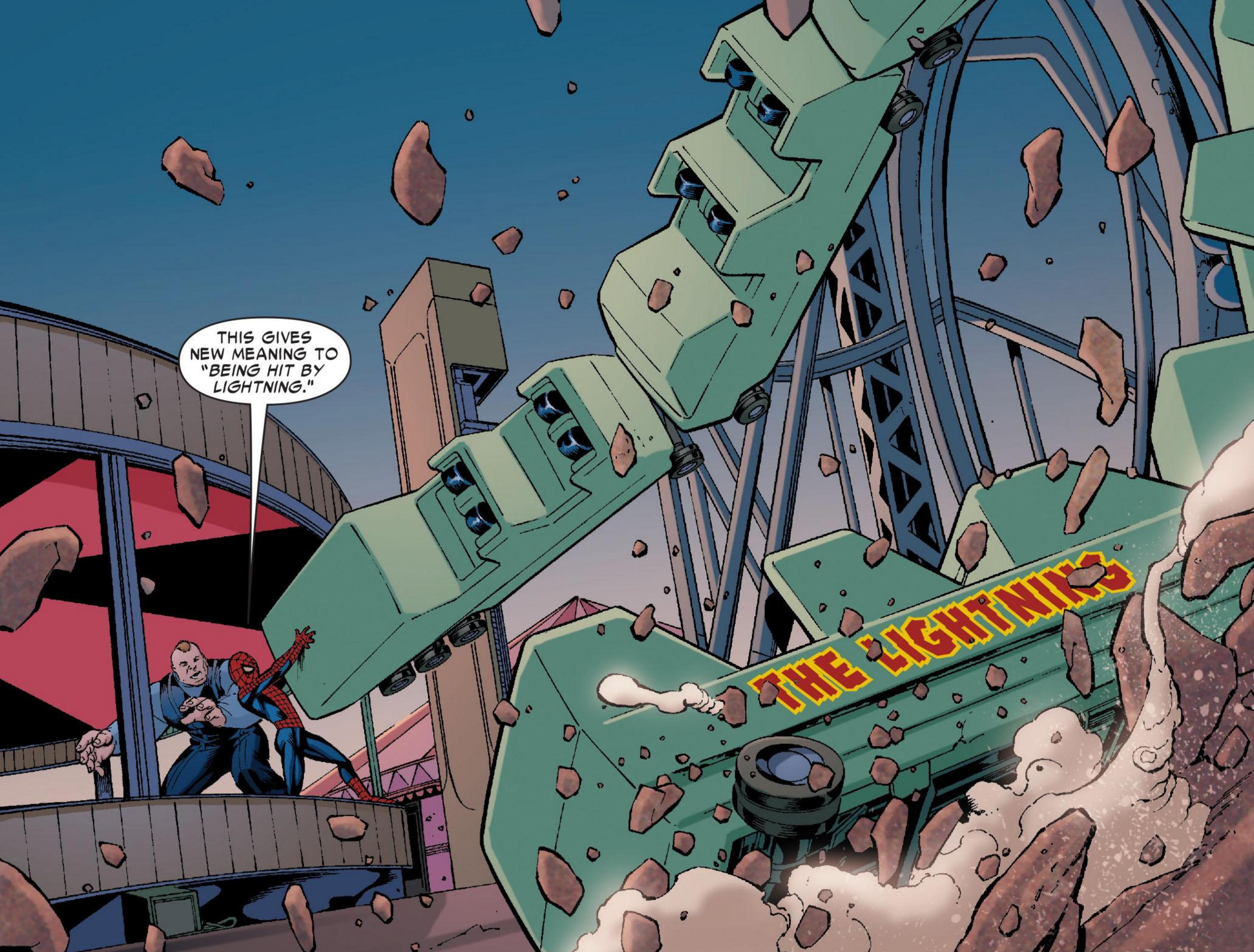
IN NON-
INTERLACED
H-D, SIR!











THIS GIVES
NEW MEANING TO
"BEING HIT BY
LIGHTNING."



HOLD IT, OX! YOU CAN'T JUST SURRENDER! THAT'S SPIDER-MAN--YOUR ARCH-ENEMY! YOU GOTTA FIGHT HIM! IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL MESS UP MY ODDS!

YOUR ODDS?

YOUR ODDS???

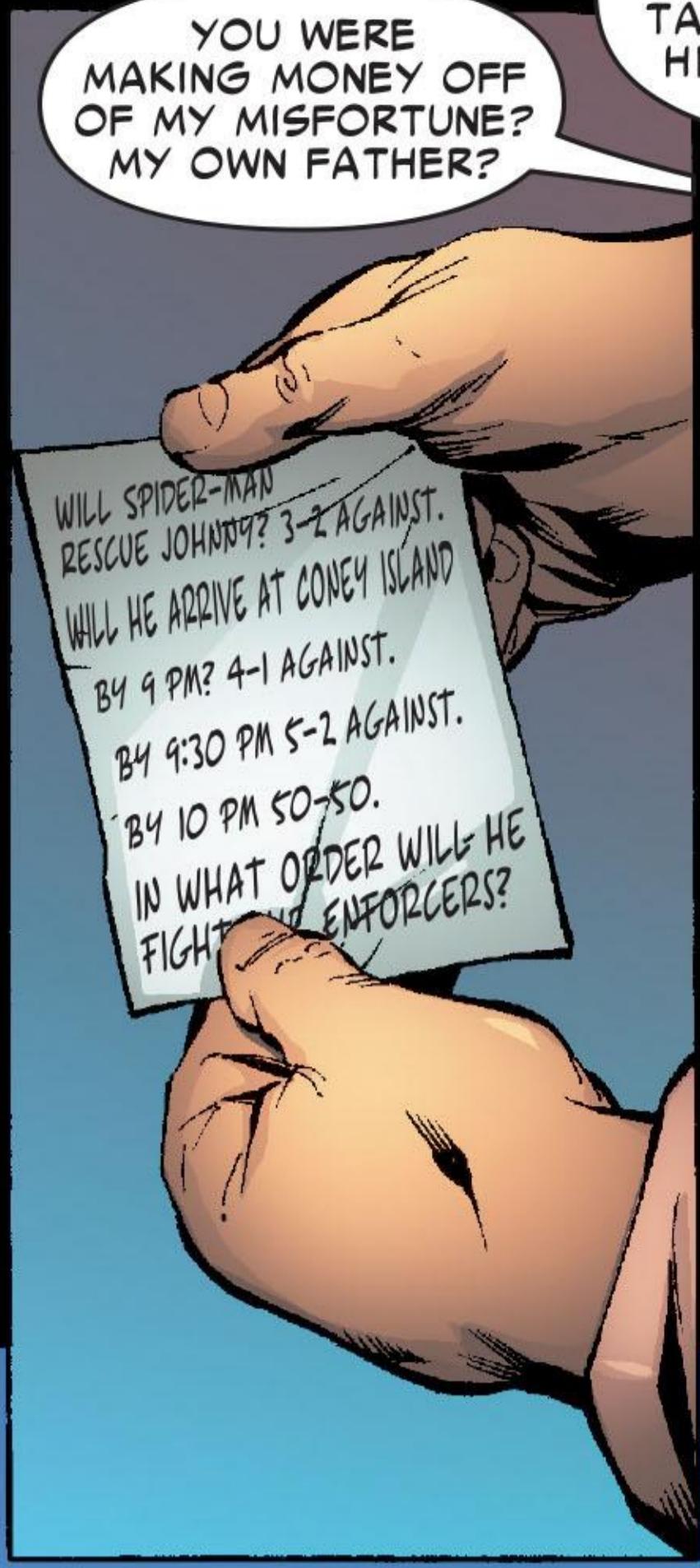
HEY, I'LL GO QUIETLY. I OWE YOU THAT.

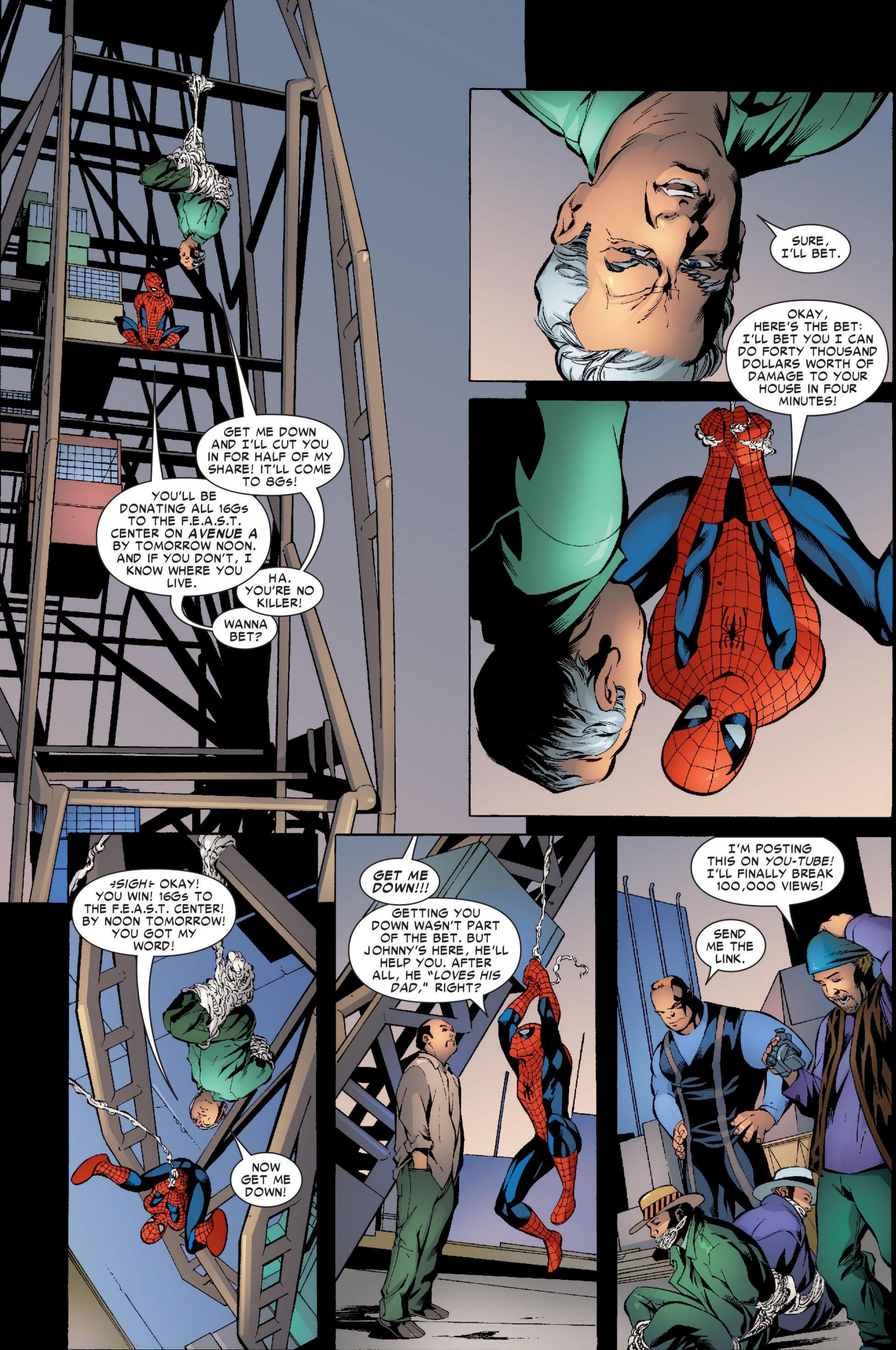
A LITTLE JAIL TIME BEATS A LOT OF HOSPITAL TIME... OR MORGUE TIME.

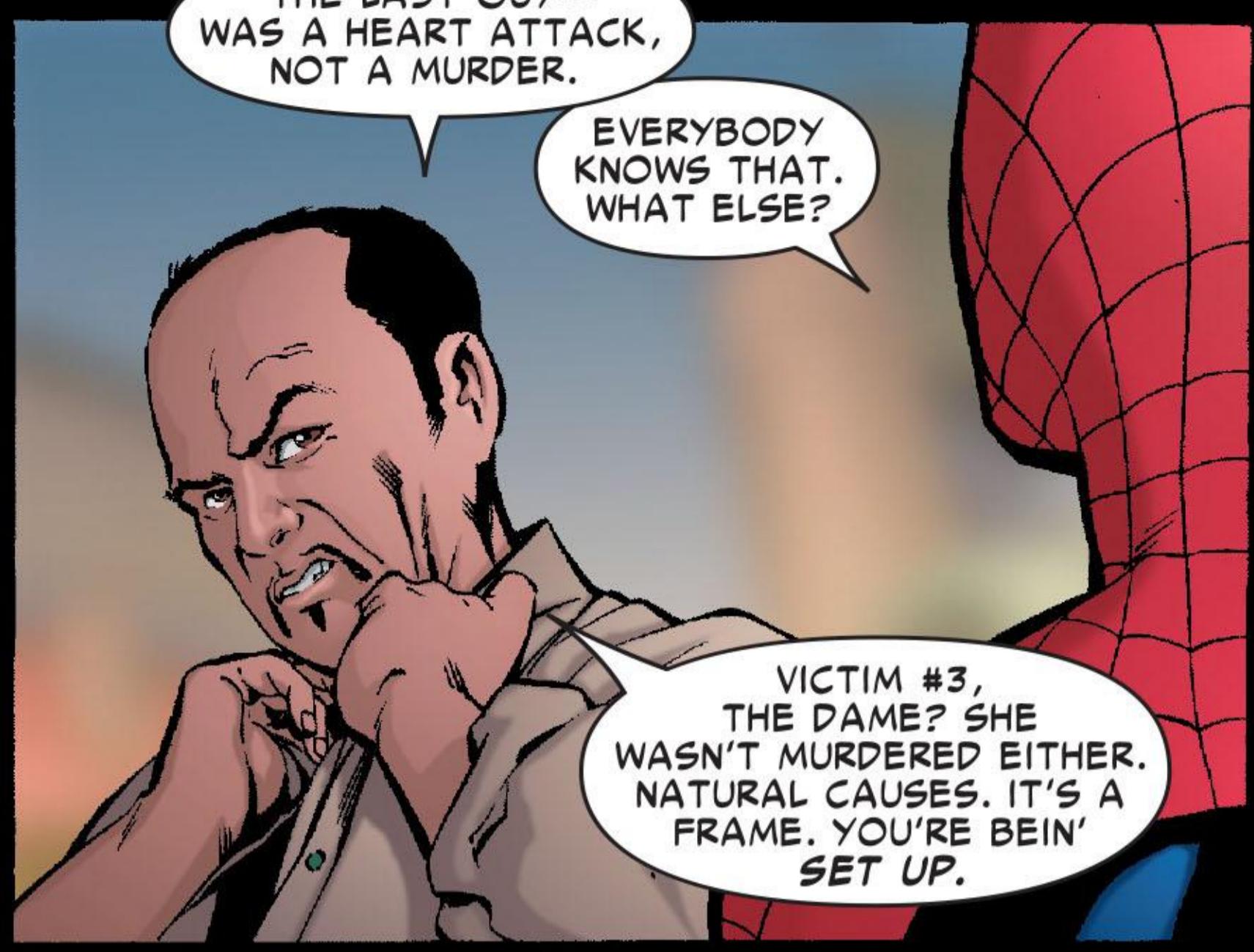
YOUR ODDS?!?

HEH.

=COUGH=
=COUGH=
=COUGH=
OOOPS.







"AND AN APOLOGY, DAD.
I NEED AN APOLOGY!
WITH GROVELING!"

THERE'S
NOTHING LIKE
THE LOVE BETWEEN
A FATHER AND
SON.



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Some comments on last month's issue #558 as well as some other random thoughts that have come over the transom...and if anyone can tell me what a "transom" is, that'd be great.

Dear Spider-Office,

I just finished reading Amazing Spider-Man #558! Nice that this was just a self-contained story--something we haven't seen in these pages in so long! Good to see Bob Gale back a second time for this thing we call Brand New Day! The debut of Barry Kitson in these pages! Finally! Last time we saw his work on a Spider-Man comic was on the cover of Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man Annual #1. I hope we see more of his work on this title in the future!

So looks like Pete may be moving out soon making Aunt May happy. I remember during the high school years when Flash Thompson hated Pete and liked Spider-Man and now we're seeing the opposite with Vin hating Spidey and liking Peter. Speaking of Flash, any chance of seeing him again soon?

Good to see JJJ out of the hospital but sorry to see that he and Marla are having problems. Okay, let's work on getting JJJ back at the Bugle and getting DB himself out of there. (Where was DB this issue?)

The return of Freak! Last time I wrote, I referred to him as "probably the ugliest Spidey villain I've ever laid eyes on." For some reason, he seems less ugly here. Maybe it's because of the rendering by Mr. Kitson. Well, good riddance to Freak and hope he stays in that freezer at Oscorp! While I'm glad I won't be seeing Freak any time soon, I'd like to see more Menace so we can learn more about this mysterious character. Good to know that Dr. Connors will make more appearances! This is really feeling like Classic Spidey again! Kudos to everyone at the Spider-Office!

Oliver Villar
Via e-mail

More Kitson? You got it! Currently he's in Skrull land handling the art on SECRET INVASION: FANTASTIC FOUR but will be back here later in the year.

As for where Dexter was, as we saw in the recent PETER PARKER: PAPARAZZI arc, there's a lot more to Bennett than meets the eye. So just

because you don't see him in a story doesn't mean his presence isn't felt.

Dear Web-heads,

I'm wondering what does it take to get a letter printed in this fine publication? I've been writing since the ending of OMD and giving you guys nothing but rave reviews. I even did a rhyme and defended OMD and BND...to no end. I've been a longtime fan of Spidey, but I feel like I'm getting the shaft from both ends. At the comic shops and by the creators, give me a leg to stand on over here.

In closing I also want to say it was cool (in issue #558) that you put "ASM006" on the license plate of Dr. Connors' rented car -- paying homage to the first Lizard appearance in *Amazing Spider-Man* #6.

The letter is "ok to print" but I doubt you will, but thanks though for a good read.

Chris Plersch
Amityville NY

Nice catch, Chris (and you, too, Alistair Clark and Tom Smith). Unfortunately, begging is unseemly and we won't be printing your letter. Sorry.

Now onto one last comment about Pete wearing a Yankees jacket back during April's Winter Deity Saga...

Spider-Gang,

How hard is it to get? The Yankees' jacket was a gift from Aunt May, right? Obviously the old bat (pun intended) got her NY teams mixed up, but of course it wouldn't matter to Peter. He was obviously more touched by the selflessness of his Aunt who, while living on a very meager fixed income, ponied up the cash to get such a nice gift for her beloved nephew.

So she got the team wrong! So what?! The woman could write a freakin' dissertation on buckwheat pancakes but didn't get her nephew's favorite sports team right, and you all act like the multiverse is falling apart. NUFF SAID!

Psst... just curious, do you guys still give out No-Prizes? Just wondered for no reason in particular.

Mike Jones
Via e-mail



Dear Spider-Mail,

As I'm reading issue #557 I see in the snowy background (where Spidey is crouched on a stoplight) a deli by the name of ANDRU'S! Keep up the good work, guys!

Claudio Spizzeri
Bradford, Ontario

Boy, you guys catch everything. That was indeed a salute to longtime Spidey artist Ross Andru. Other issues have included nods to Gil Kane and the friendliest face at Marvel, Flo Steinberg. Happy huntin'!



That's it for this week. We'll see ya the first week of July for a special story written by Slott, Gale and Guggenheim together! It's one Spidey adventure--with three different points of view!

Viva Templar!

--Simperin' Steve
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