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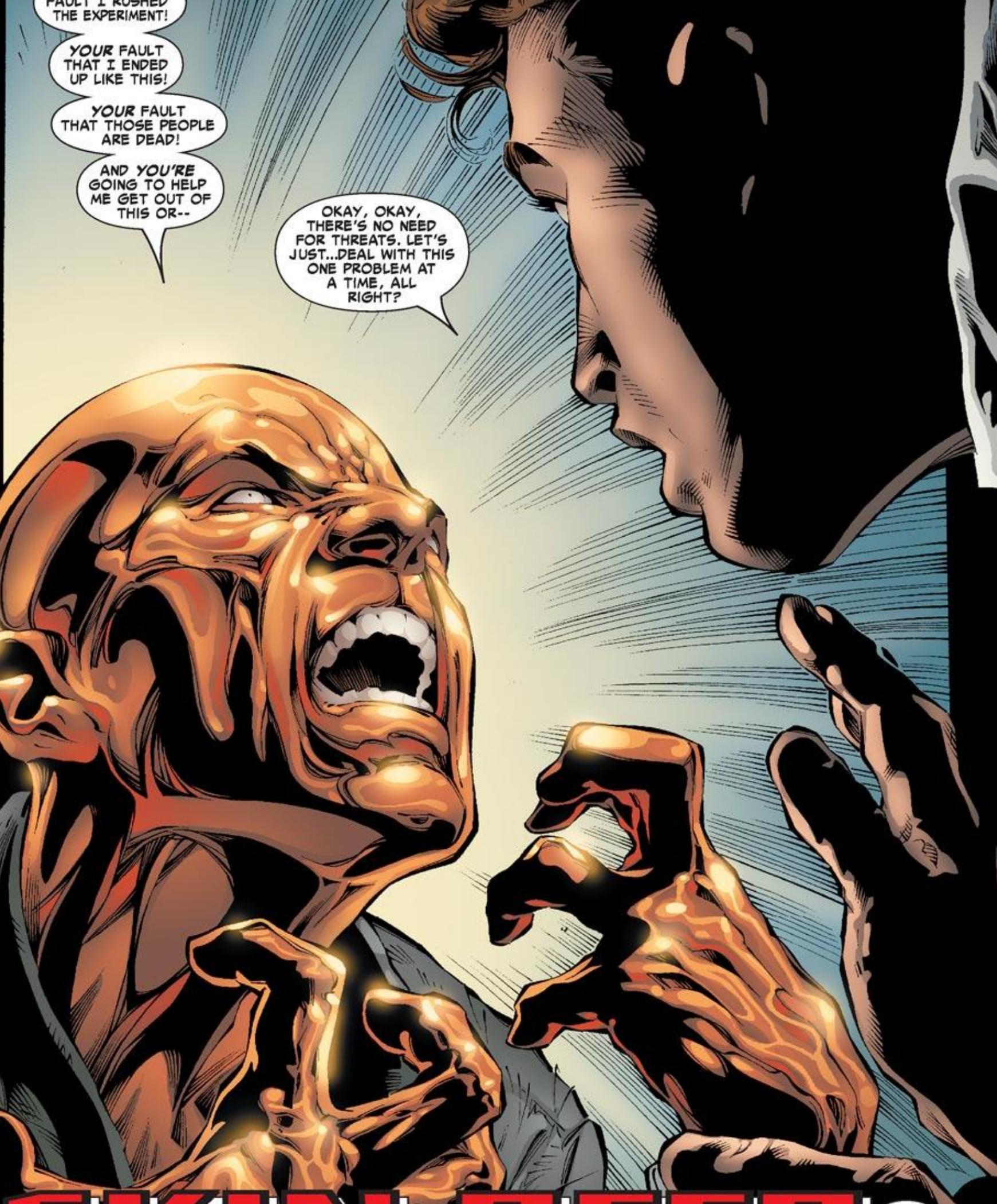
Skin Deep

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IT'S YOUR FAULT I RUSHED THE EXPERIMENT!
YOUR FAULT THAT I ENDED UP LIKE THIS!
YOUR FAULT THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE DEAD!
AND YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME GET OUT OF THIS OR--

OKAY, OKAY,
THERE'S NO NEED
FOR THREATS. LET'S
JUST...DEAL WITH THIS
ONE PROBLEM AT
A TIME, ALL
RIGHT?



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Got to be careful...between the chemicals in the skinsuit, and the fact that Charlie was never exactly that stable in the first place, this could go very bad, very fast.

YOU SAID IT YOURSELF,
THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THE
POLICE FROM ASSOCIATING YOU
WITH THE EXPLOSION AT THE
LAB IS TO GET THAT SKINSUIT
OFF...BUT THAT REQUIRES
RESOURCES AND MONEY
WE DON'T HAVE--

NO, YOU'RE
WRONG.

I SAID I CAN'T ACCESS MY ACCOUNTS,
NOT IN THE AMOUNTS I NEED, LOOKING
LIKE THIS. BUT IT'LL TAKE THEM AT
LEAST A DAY TO FREEZE WHAT'S LEFT
OF THE MONEY FROM STARK
INDUSTRIES, AND WE CAN GET THE
MONEY OUT BEFORE THEM.

THAT IS,
YOU CAN GET
IT OUT.

I'LL GO BY MY PLACE, SEE IF I CAN
GET TO MY CHECKS. I'LL WRITE ONE
OUT TO YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT'S
LEFT. I'LL MEET YOU AT THE UNITED
BANK ON THIRD IN TWO HOURS, THEN
WAIT WHILE YOU GO IN AND
CASH IT.

CHARLIE, THAT'S
AN AWFUL LOT OF
MONEY, I--

I
KNOW.



SEE, THAT'S THE ONLY DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN US. YOU GOT LUCKY. YOU
HAD FAMILY, AND FRIENDS, AND YOU
GOT MJ AND...AND YOU HAD EVERY
BREAK I NEVER HAD.

WELL, NOW THAT'S
GOING TO CHANGE. YOU'RE
GOING TO GIVE ME MY BREAK.
I SUFFERED FOR IT AND I'M
ENTITLED TO IT. SO DON'T
SCREW IT UP.



Did I actually think
that this COULD go
very bad, very fast?

COULD implies
the future tense.

This is
ALREADY
real bad.

I should've **KNOWN** this was going to happen. Friend or not, guilt over the past or not, I should've known better.

When am I going to learn to listen to the fairy godmother voice in the back of my head that tells me when I'm about to do something massively stupid?

YOU SEE, PETER, THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. THOSE WHO LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO, AND WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE IN THE FUTURE...AND THOSE WHO LOOK TO THE PAST FOR REASONS WHY THEY CAN'T BE ANYTHING MORE THAN WHAT THEY ARE.

THEY BLAME EVERYONE ELSE FOR THEIR MISTAKES, AND SO THEY CAN NEVER MOVE FORWARD.

SO IF SOMEBODY LIKE THAT COMES ASKING FOR A FAVOR...TELL 'EM TO DROP DEAD.

NOW PUT DOWN THAT GLASS SLIPPER, GO OUT THERE AND GET ME SOME PICTURES OF THE ROYAL BALL.

Okay, that settles it. I am in need of some serious, serious counseling.





LISTEN...WHEN YOU'RE DONE HERE, I WANT YOU TO SWING BY AND GET AUNT MAY, AND CHECK BOTH OF YOU INTO A HOTEL.

WHY?

THINGS WITH CHARLIE HAVE GONE SOUTH IN A BIG WAY. I THINK I CAN TURN IT AROUND, BUT THE THING IS, HE KNOWS WHERE WE LIVE, HE KNOWS WHERE MAY LIVES, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE OKAY IF THINGS BLOW UP.

"PETER, IS THIS THE SAME CHARLIE WEIDEMAN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT? I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS THE BIGGEST GEEK SINCE--

--WELL, SINCE YOU."

"HE WAS, MJ. BUT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THINGS CHANGE.

"AND WHEN THEY CHANGE, THEY CHANGE FAST..."

"...AND NOT ALWAYS FOR THE BETTER."

MJ...

RIGHT--

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, PETER...YOU JUST DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO. WE'LL BE FINE.

"WITH ANY LUCK,
THIS WON'T BE AS
BAD AS YOU THINK."

--CONTINUING OUR
COVERAGE OF THE
MASSIVE EXPLOSION
LAST NIGHT AT THE
DELANCEY INDUSTRIAL
PARK.

AS REPORTED FIRST IN OUR BROADCAST
THIS MORNING, THE FACILITY IN QUESTION
WAS RENTED TO A MR. CHARLES WEIDERMAN,
WHO HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE THE
BLAST THAT ROCKED THIS END OF TOWN.

THOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN
ABLE TO LEARN MUCH ABOUT MR.
WEIDERMAN, ONE INDIVIDUAL HAS
COME FORWARD WHO SAYS HE
KNEW HIM IN EARLIER YEARS.

NO...NO...

YEAH, I KNEW
CHARLIE WEINERMAN--I
MEAN, WEIDERMAN--WHEN
I WAS IN SCHOOL, BACK
WHEN IT WAS STILL
CALLED MIDTOWN
HIGH.

I WAS WATCHING TV
IN MY HOUSE BACK THERE
WITH MY WIFE, AND WE
WERE JUST, Y'KNOW,
SNUGGLING--

ANYWAY, I SAW THE
NAME AND THE PICTURE,
AND I SAID TO HER, HEY,
SHEILA, THAT'S THAT GUY
WE KNEW FROM HIGH
SCHOOL!

RICH, WE'RE
ON TEEVEE...
GIGGLE....



TELL YOU THE
TRUTH, HE WAS
A WEIRD GUY,
EVEN THEN.

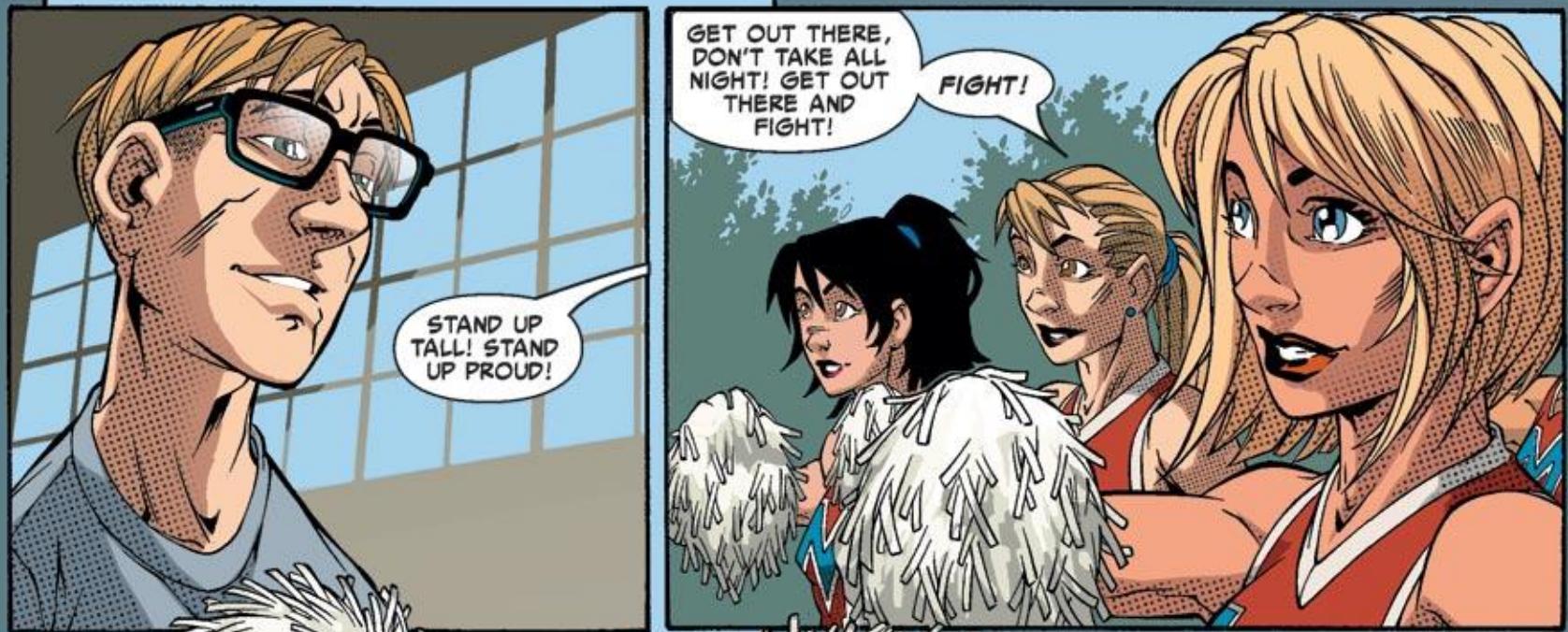
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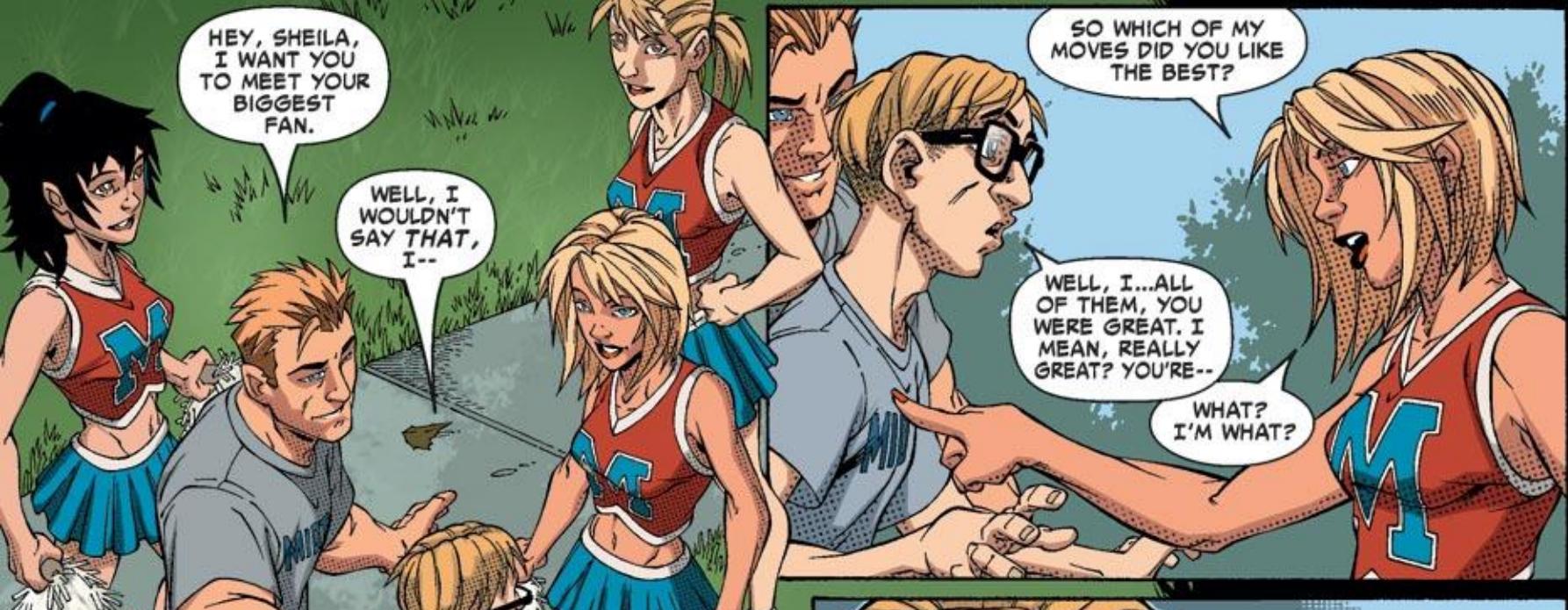
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WEIRD, Y'KNOW? NEVER
GOT ALONG WITH
ANYBODY. AND I MEAN
ANYBODY.

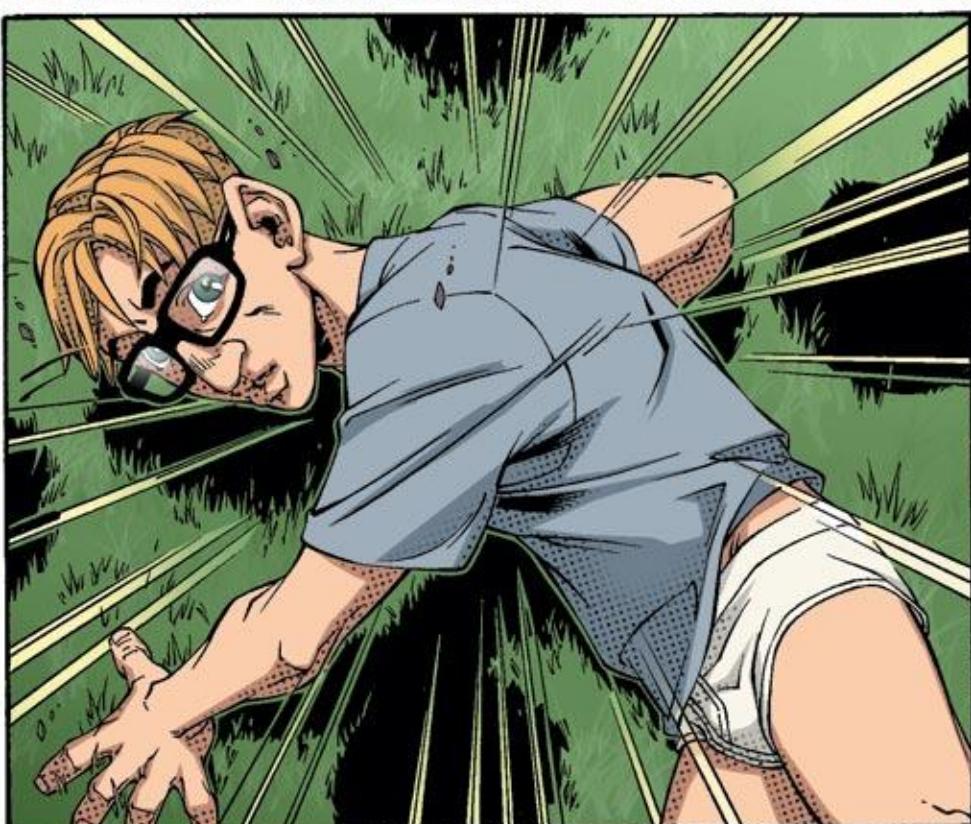
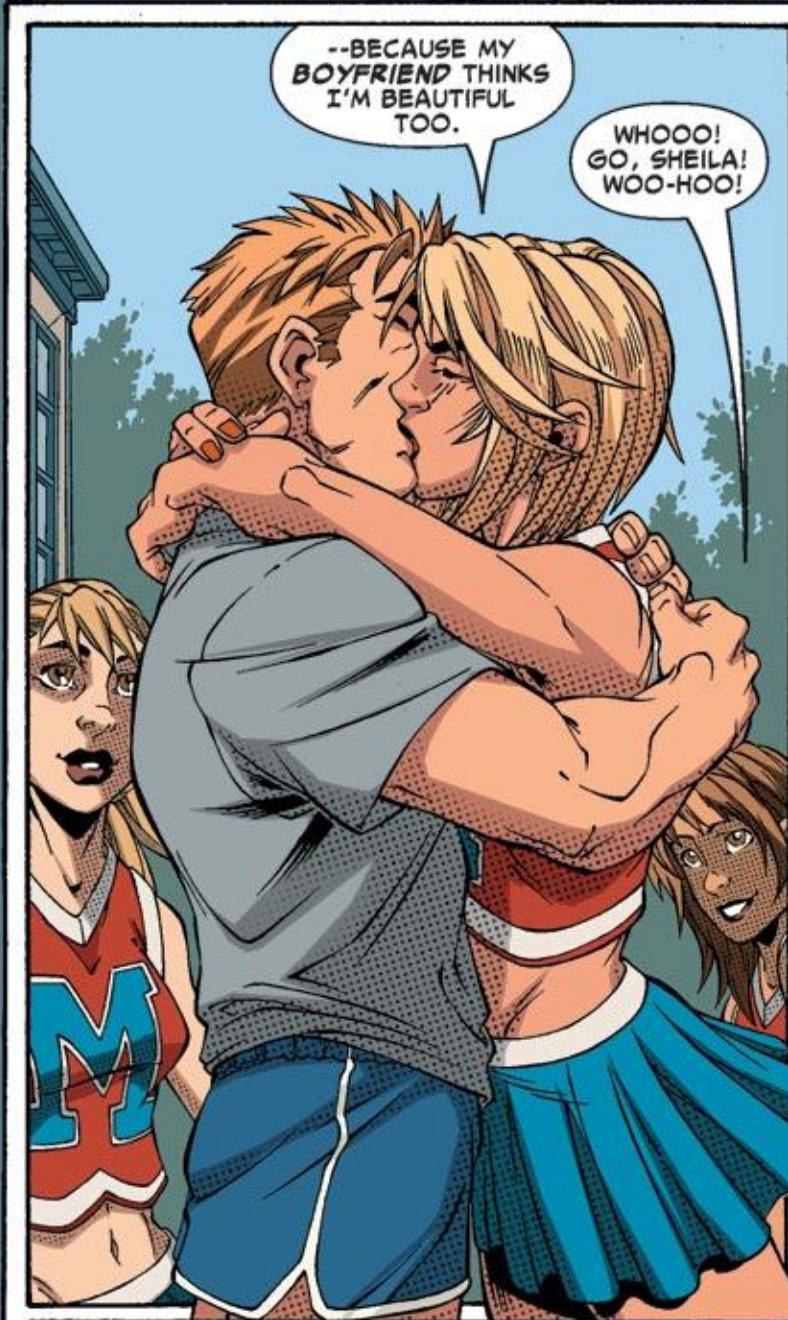
BECAUSE I'M A GOOD GUY,
I DID ALL I COULD TO HELP
HIM, Y'KNOW? BE A FRIEND
AND ALL. BECAUSE THAT'S
JUST THE KIND OF PERSON
I AM, Y'KNOW?

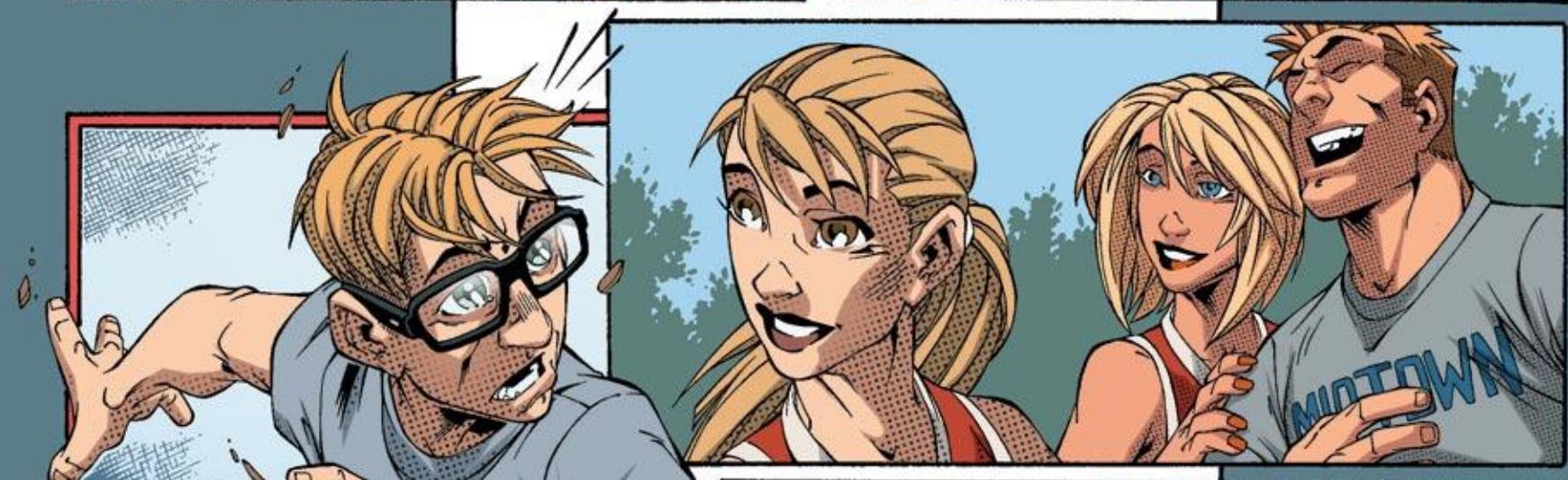
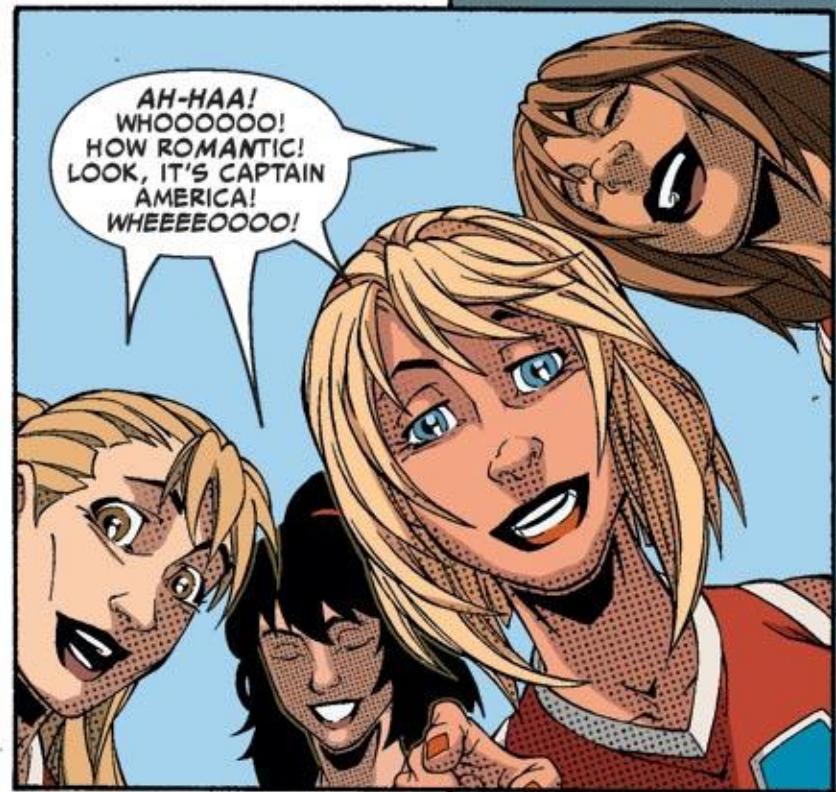
BUT SOME
PEOPLE JUST
DON'T APPRECIATE
THAT...Y'KNOW?

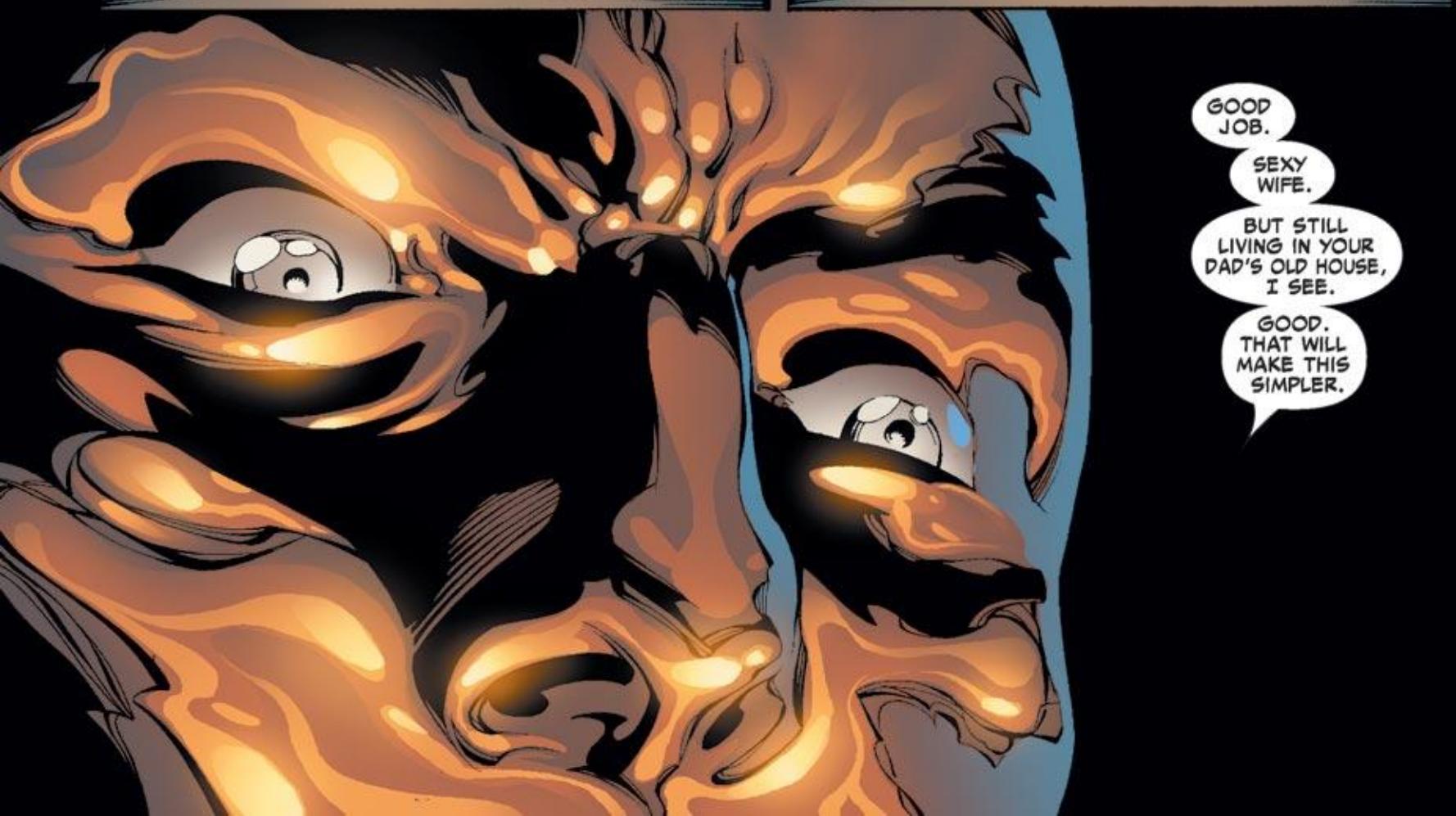
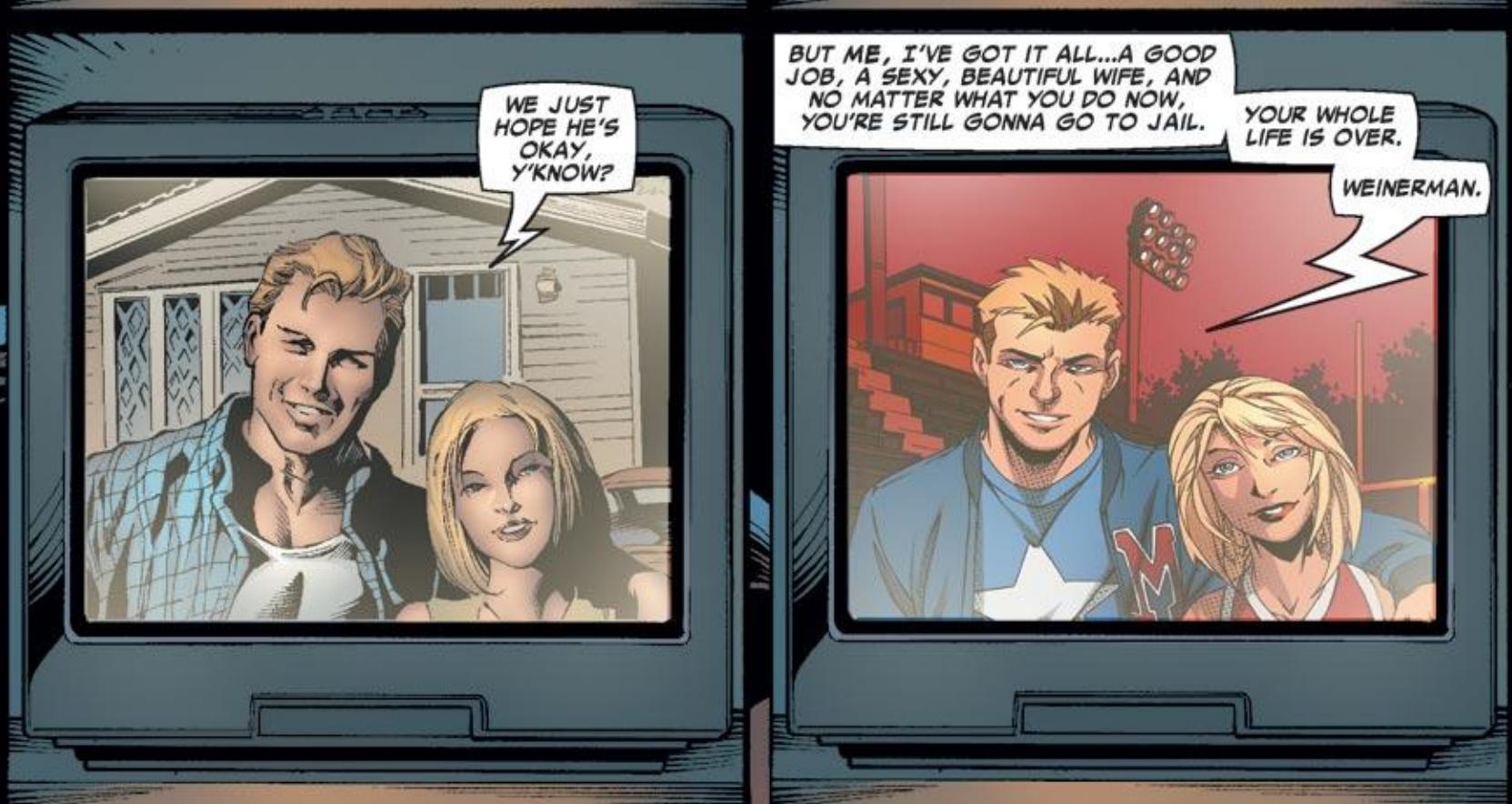
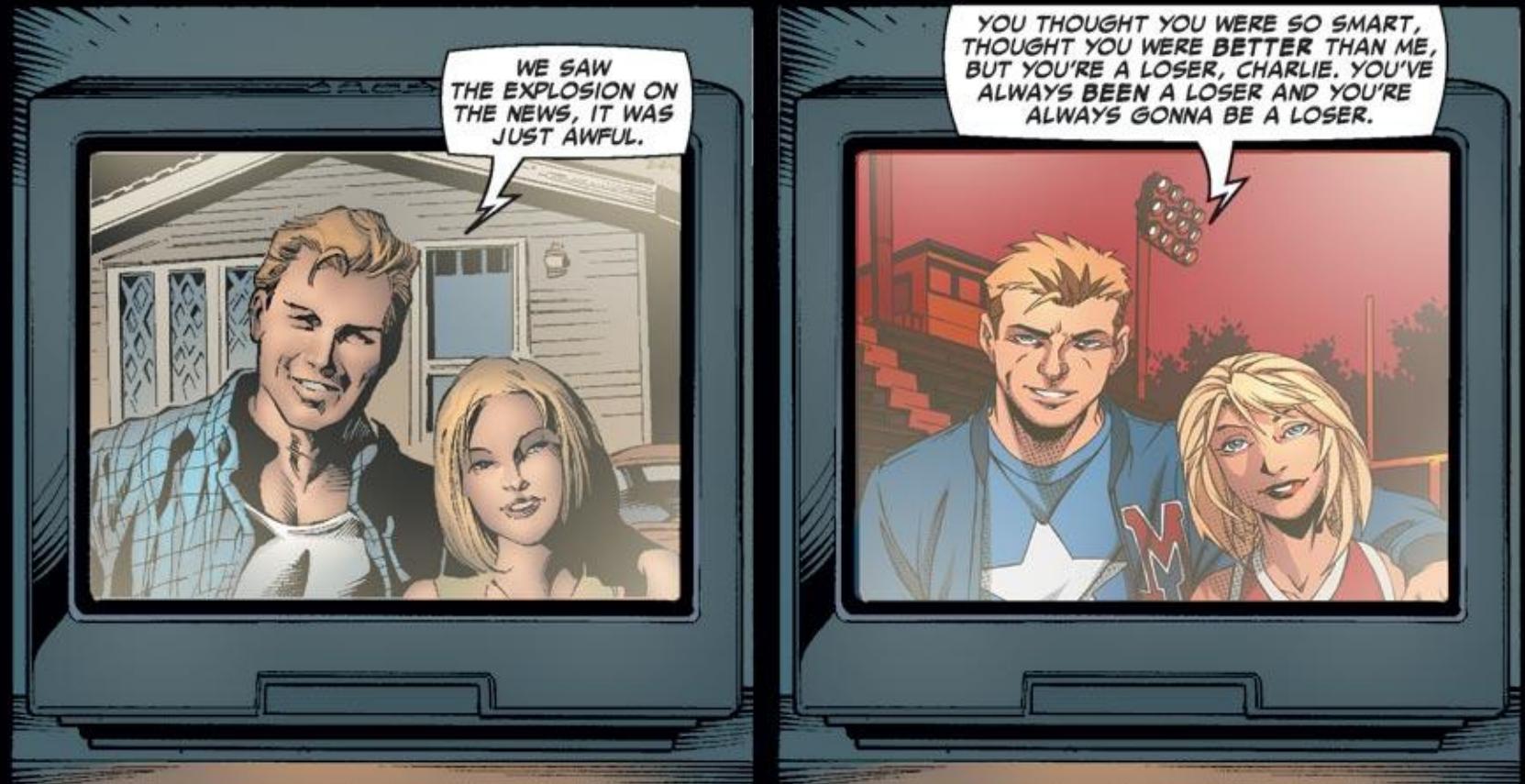


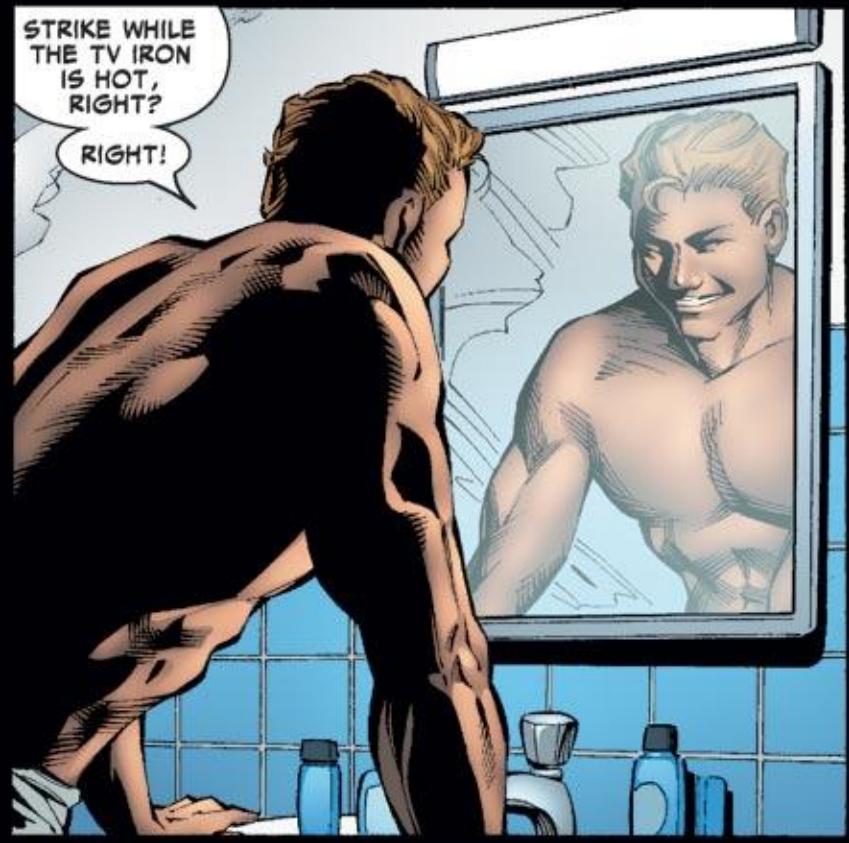












SINCE YOU NEVER PAID ATTENTION IN SCIENCE CLASS... EXCEPT TO COPY FROM OTHER PEOPLE'S TESTS...LET ME GIVE YOU A FREE AFTER-CLASS LESSON.



VIBRANIUM CAN ABSORB THE SOUND OF AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION AND TURN IT INTO A WHISPER.

OR, PROPERLY ATTUNED, IT CAN VIBRATE AT A FREQUENCY THAT CAN SHATTER LEAD AND SPLIT DIAMONDS.

SO I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHAT IT COULD DO TO HUMAN FLESH AND BONE. AND I NEED A TEST SPECIMEN.

SATISFACTORY PARTICIPATION WILL BE HALF YOUR GRADE, SO PAY ATTENTION.



NO...NO... NOOO!

AAAAAAAHHHHH!



Where is he?

Charlie should have shown up by now, but there's not a trace of--

Good old spidey-sense... now where is he? Where --

Bingo.

Now all I need is a justification to go down there and get involved.

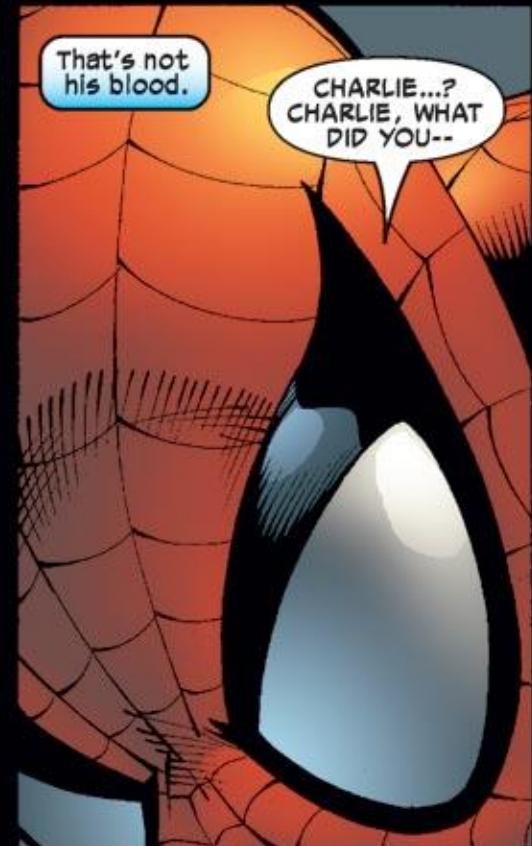
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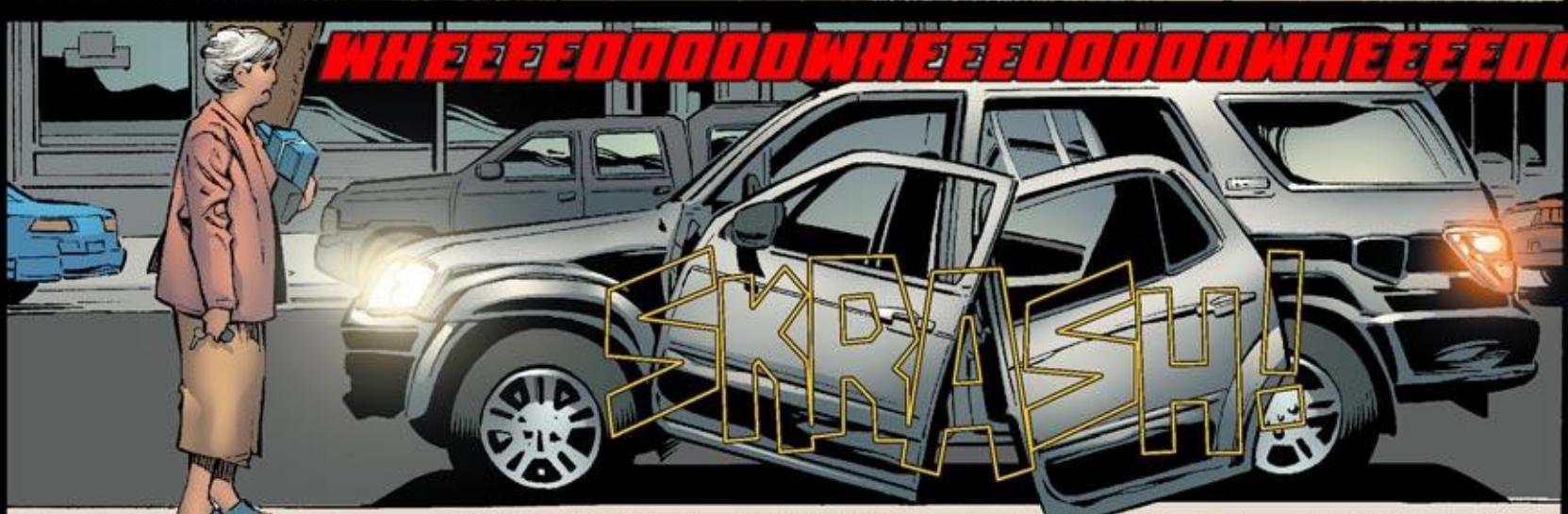


*SEE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #23!
ON SALE NOW, TRUE BELIEVER!









--I NEVER,
EVER BLUFF.

AUNT MAY?
YOU THERE? IT'S
CHARLIE. PETER'S
FRIEND.

LET ME SHOW
YOU HOW LITTLE
HE THINKS YOUR
LIFE IS WORTH.

To be
continued...