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When high school student Peter Parker was bitten by a radioactive spider, he gained the proportionate strength, agility, and abilities of the arachnid. More importantly, he learned that with great power comes great responsibility.

After he had already revealed his secret identity to the United States Government per the Superhuman Registration Act, Peter found himself at odds with Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, and his registration agenda. The decision to leave Stark's side made Peter a fugitive, forced into hiding in a sleazy motel with his wife, Mary Jane, and his Aunt May.

Returning to the motel one evening, after the conclusion of the super hero Civil War, Peter was met by an attempt on his life. He acted quickly enough to save himself and Mary Jane from harm, but the bullet meant for him instead struck Aunt May.

Frantic to save May's life, Peter rushed her to the hospital, webslinging across the city in plain sight. Not knowing how else to help her, Peter resolved to do the only thing he could: hunt down the men responsible. Little did he know, though, that the trail leading to the shooter would also lead right to the man who took out the hit: Wilson Fisk, a.k.a. the Kingpin of crime.



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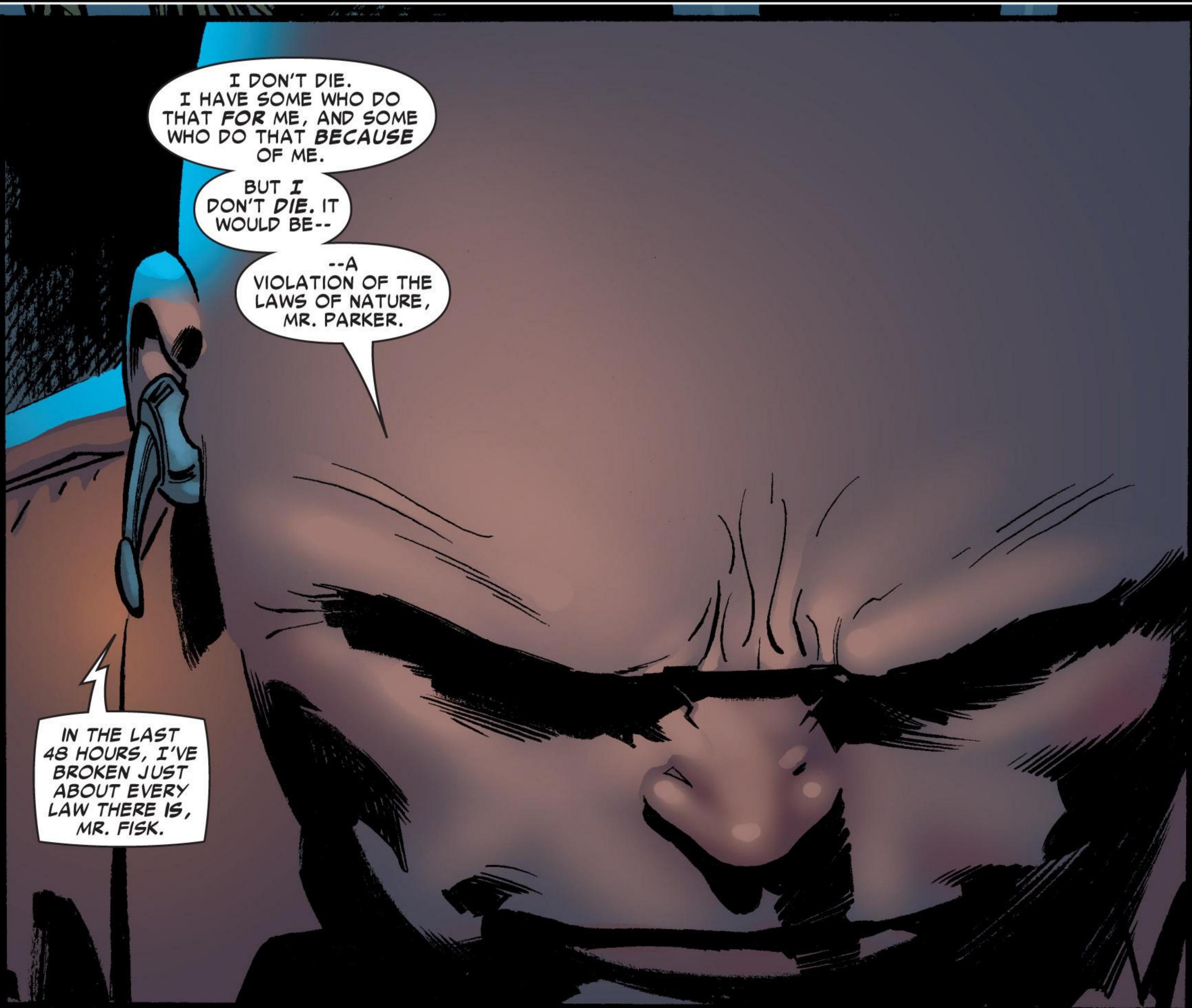
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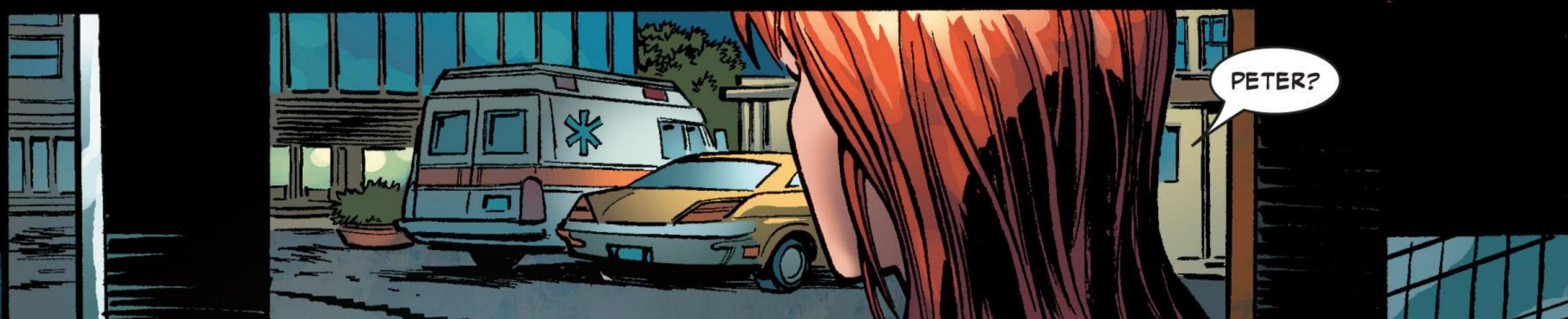
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REASONABLY  
SO, CHARLIE.  
YOU?

GOOD. WELL,  
YOU KNOW. ALLERGIES  
SOMETIMES. IT'S THIS  
GLOBAL WARMING THING,  
RAISES THE POLLEN  
COUNT. I--

I NEED YOU  
TO DO SOMETHING  
FOR ME, CHARLIE.



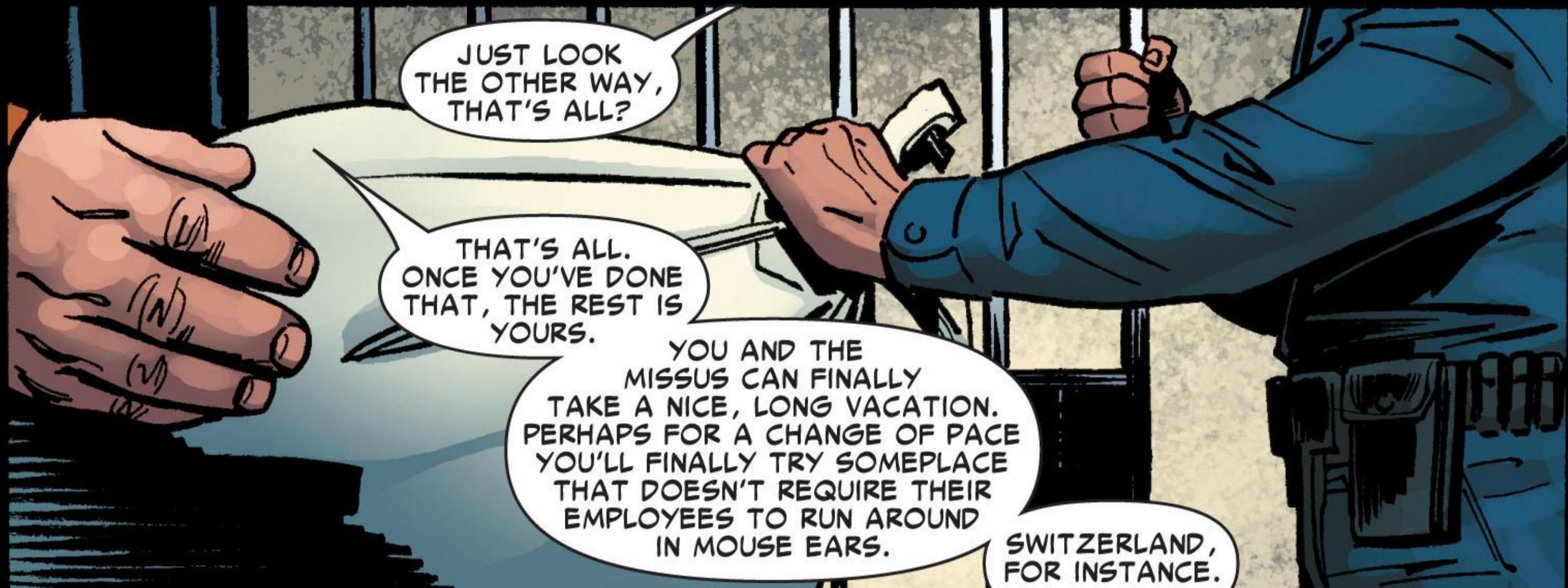
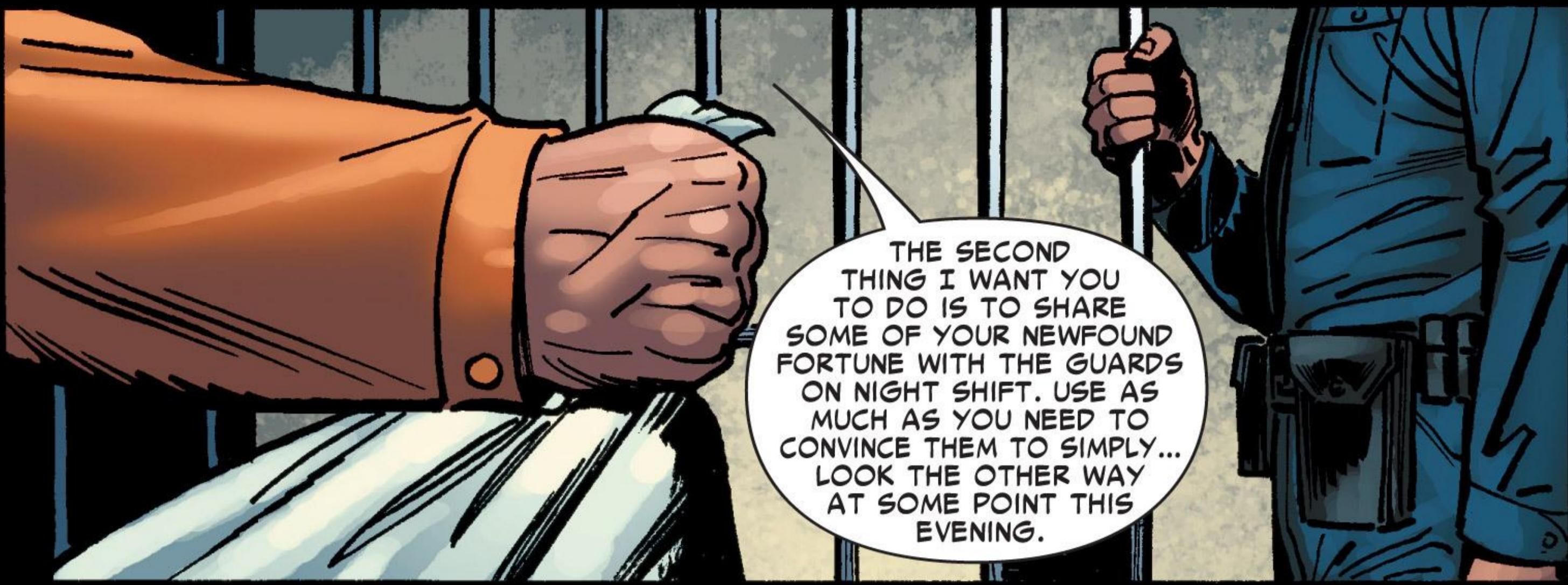
WHEN I FIRST  
ARRIVED IN THIS PLACE,  
THERE WAS SOME  
THOUGHT THAT I MIGHT  
BE STUCK HERE FOR A  
VERY, VERY LONG TIME.  
SO I MADE SURE THAT  
THERE WERE AMPLE--

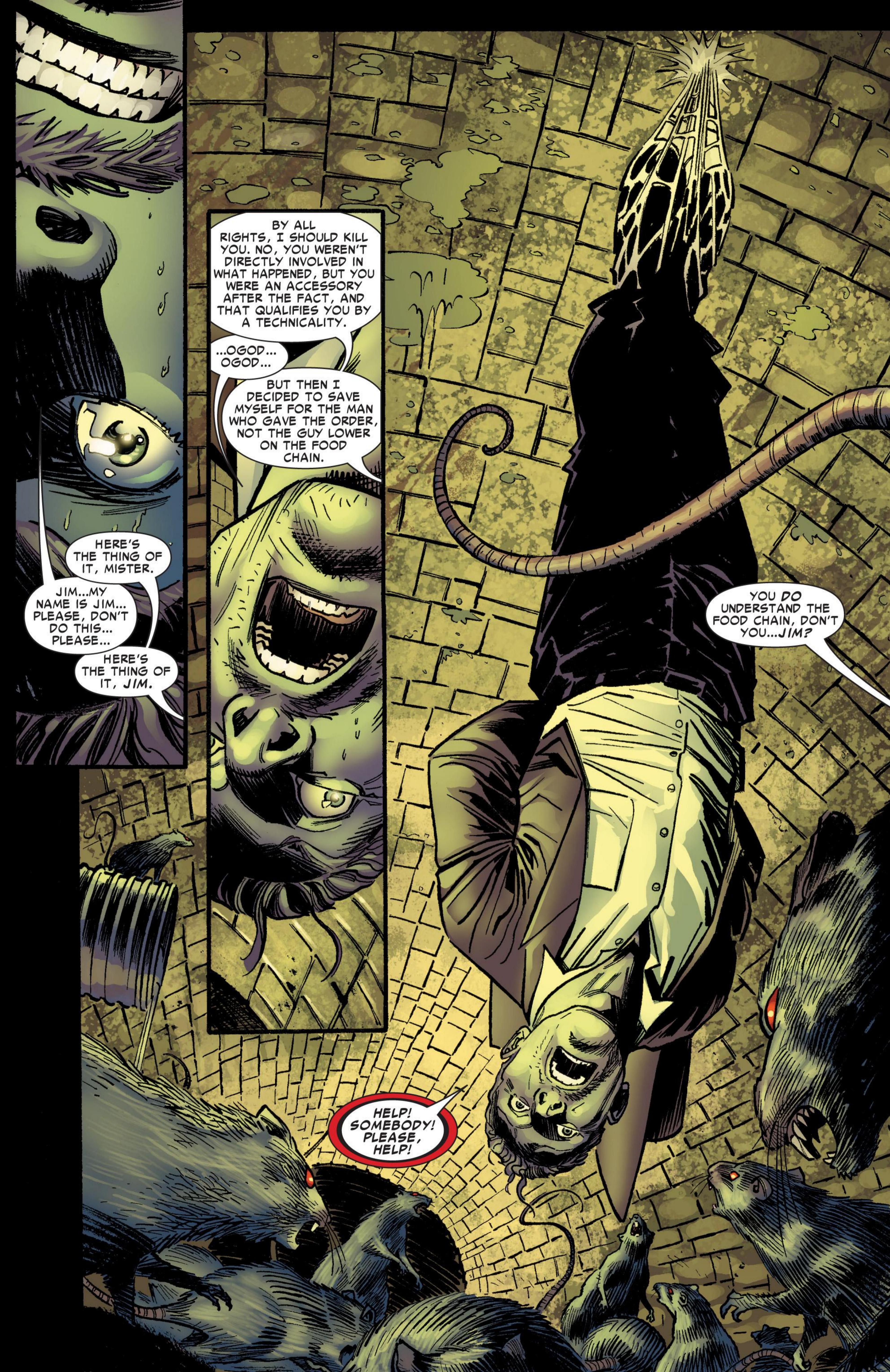
--SUPPLIES--

--AROUND  
SHOULD THEY  
EVER BE  
REQUIRED.











NO?  
THEN LET ME  
EXPLAIN.



THE FOOD  
CHAIN CONSISTS  
OF TWO PARTS.  
PREDATORS AND  
PREY.



PREDATORS...  
WELL, I DON'T  
THINK I REALLY  
NEED TO EXPLAIN  
THAT, DO I?



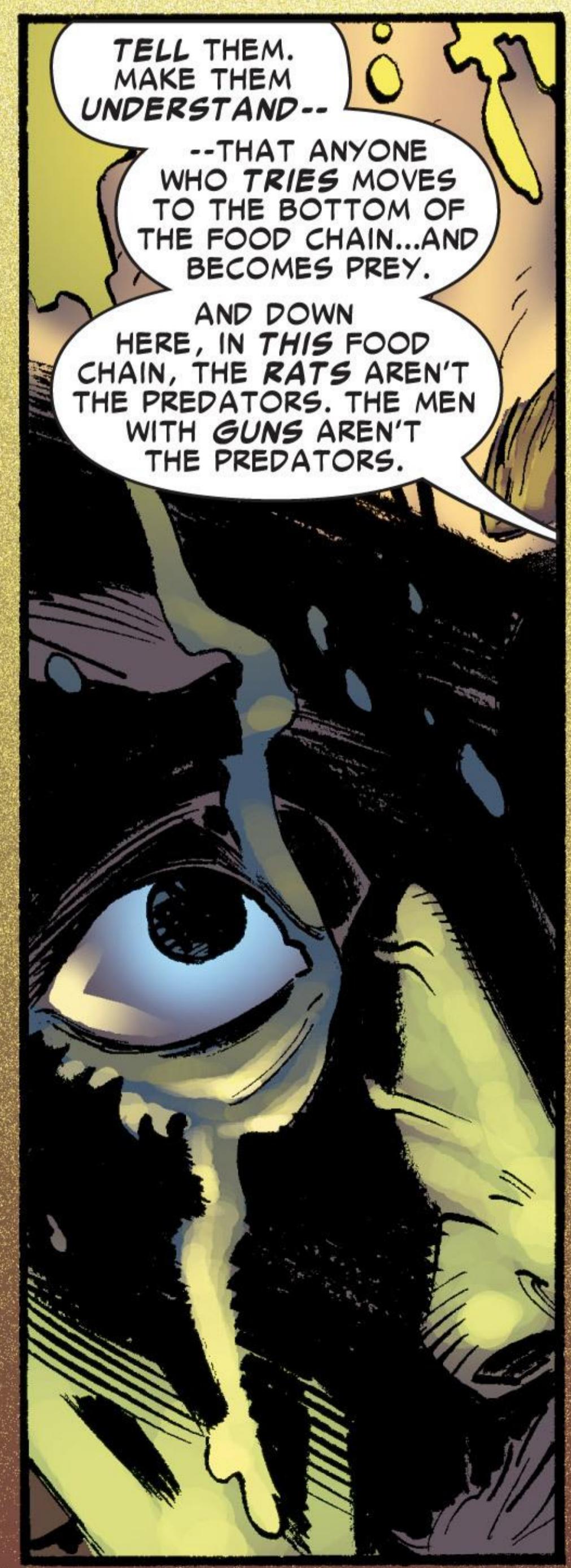
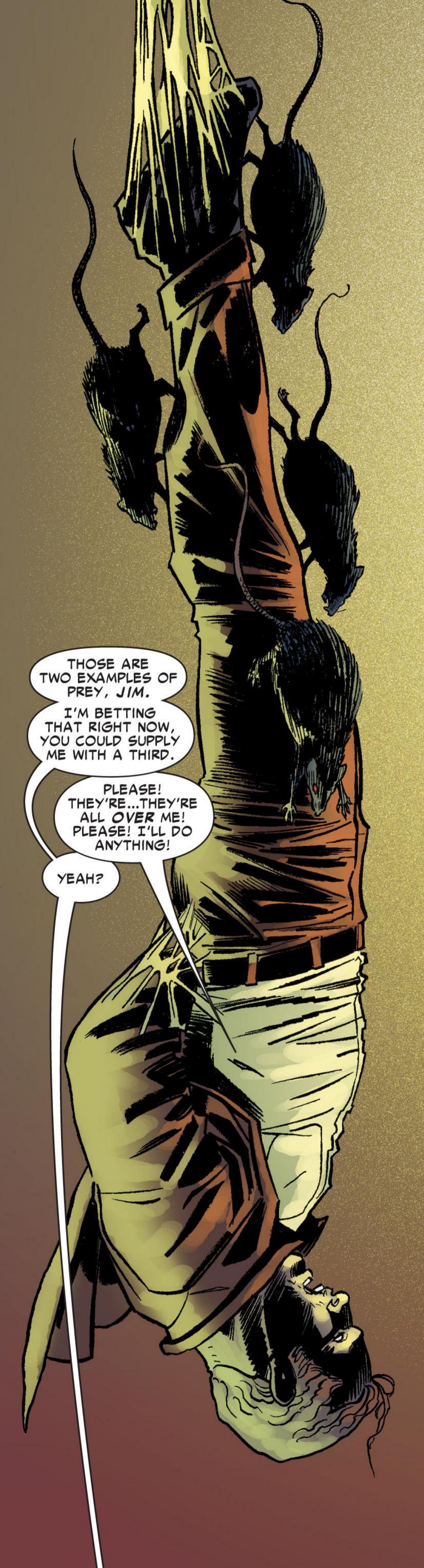
PREDATORS  
FEED ON PREY, AND  
WE MAY DEFINE PREY AS  
SOMETHING INCAPABLE  
OF DEFENDING ITSELF  
IN PROPORTION TO  
THE ATTACK.

A DEER  
AGAINST A WOLF,  
FOR INSTANCE.

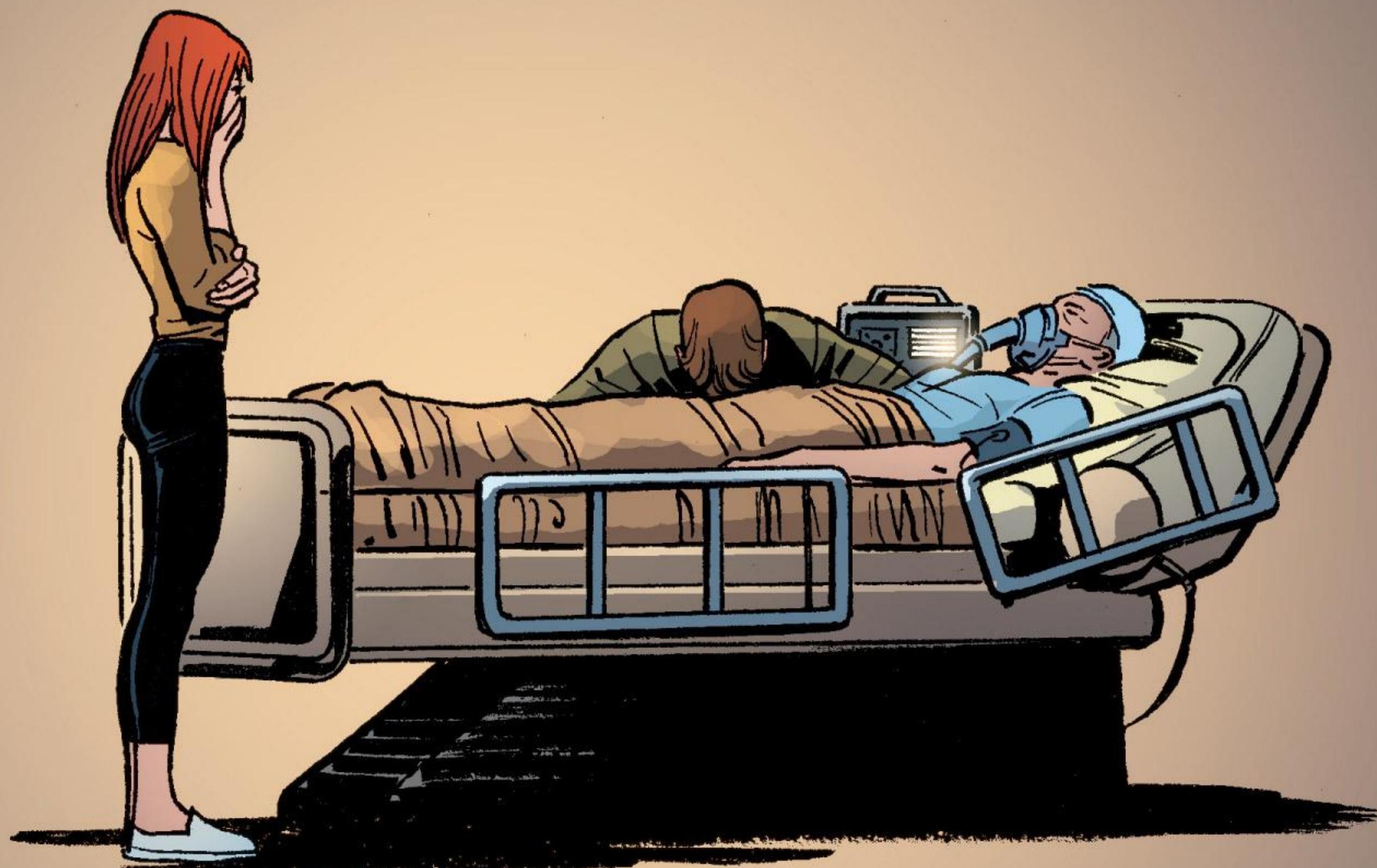


OR AN OLD--  
--DEFENSELESS--  
--WOMAN--

--AGAINST  
A MAN WITH A  
HIGH-POWERED  
RIFLE!



I  
AM.



HAS THERE  
BEEN ANY CHANGE?  
ANY CHANGE AT  
ALL?

NO...AT  
LEAST NONE FOR  
THE BETTER.

THE MACHINES ARE THE ONLY  
THINGS KEEPING HER ALIVE RIGHT  
NOW. HER BRAIN IS UNDAMAGED SO  
FAR, BUT THE REST OF HER BODY  
HAS JUST...SHUT DOWN. IF WE LOST  
POWER, FOR EVEN A MOMENT--

UNDERSTOOD.

THERE'S  
A SOMETHING  
ELSE.  
AND  
SOMETHING  
ELSE.

I'M PAYING FOR THIS IN CASH  
WITH EVERYTHING WE WERE ABLE  
TO TAKE OUT OF OUR SAVINGS,  
BUT IT'S GOING FAST. WHAT ALL  
THIS COSTS--THE EXTREME  
MEASURES, A PRIVATE ROOM,  
CRITICAL CARE--WE'RE BURNING  
THROUGH THAT MONEY WITH  
A SPEED THAT'S JUST  
FRIGHTENING.

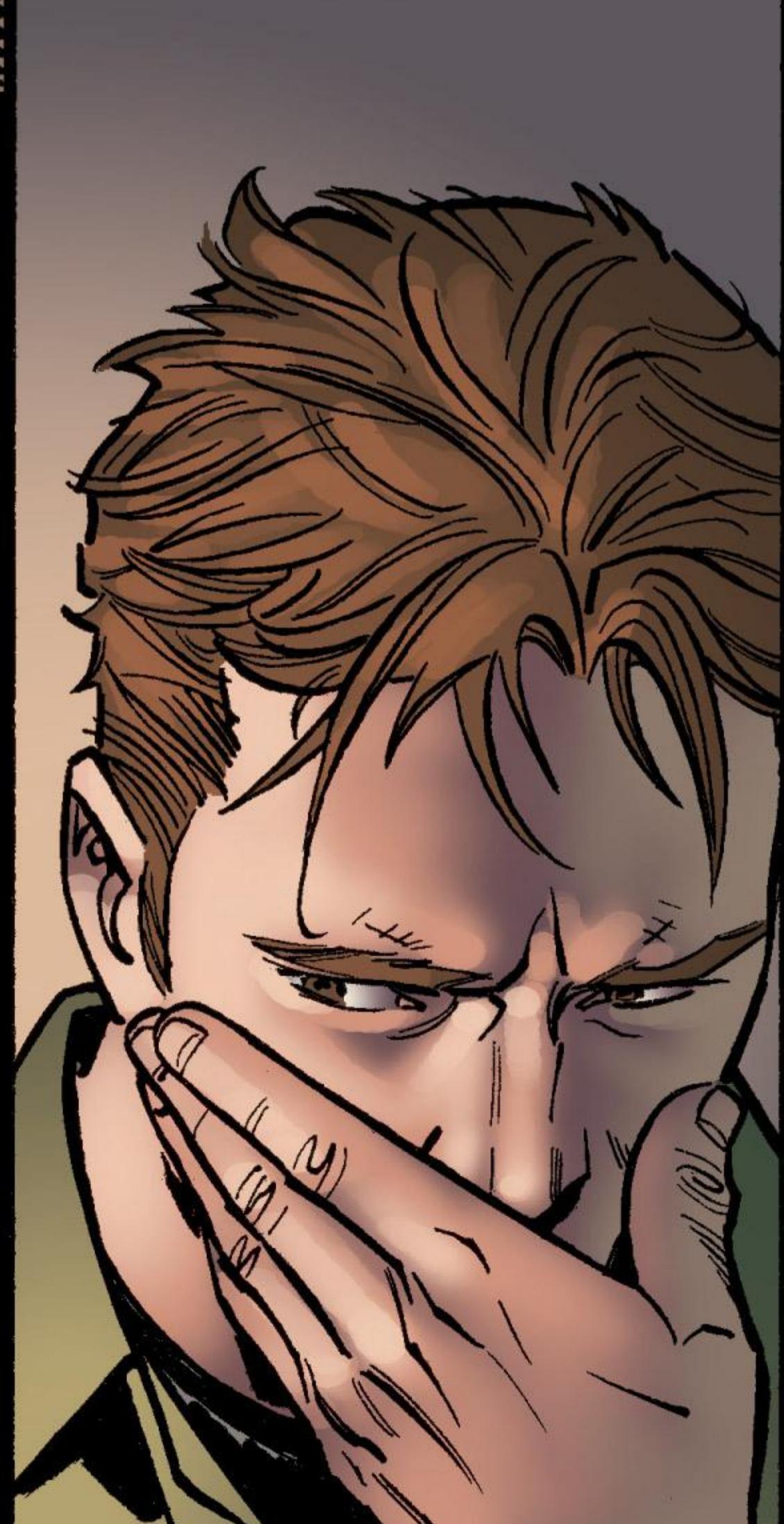
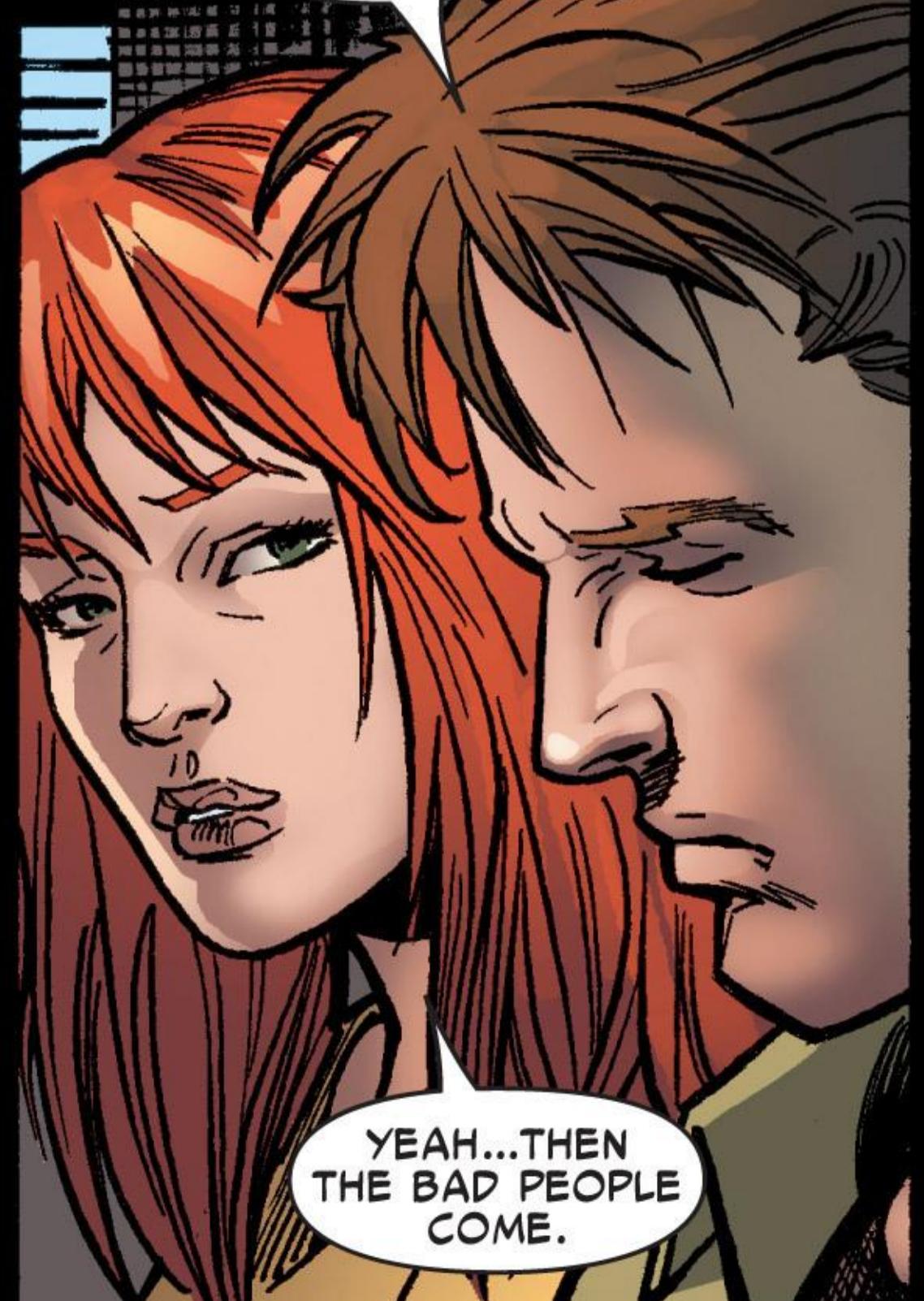
THEN I'LL  
GET MORE MONEY,  
SOMEHOW, I--  
IT'S  
NOT JUST  
THAT.

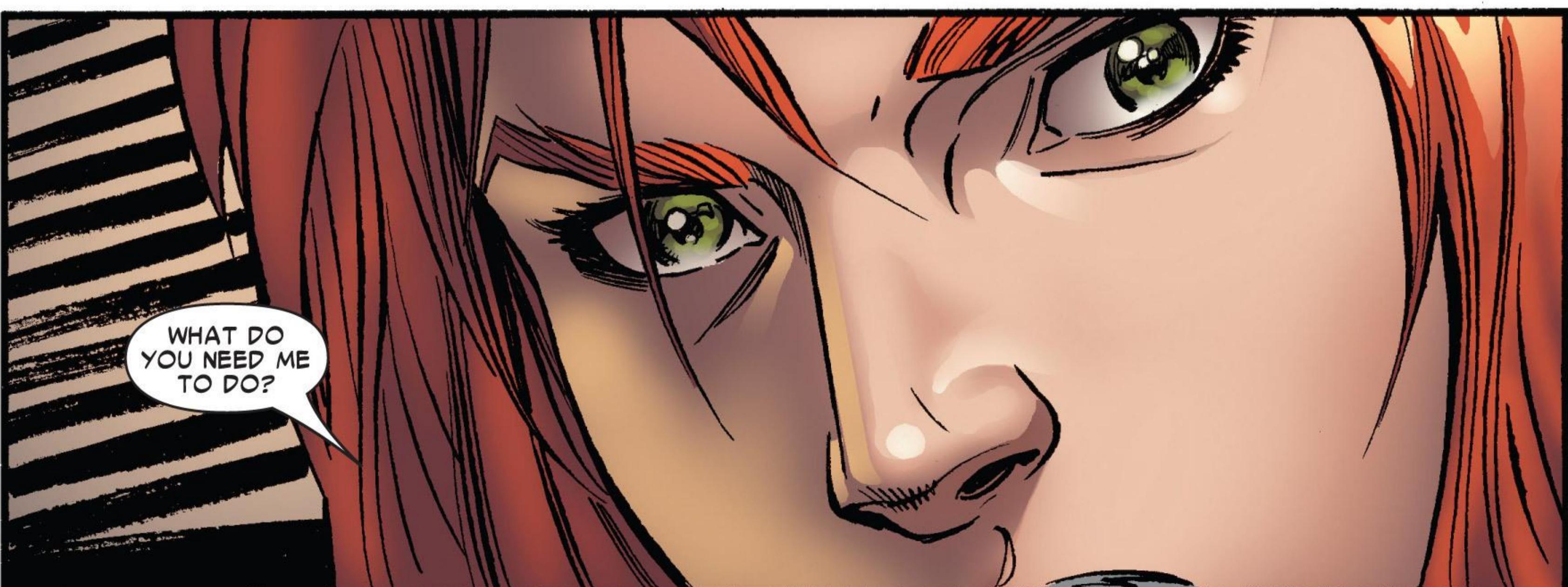
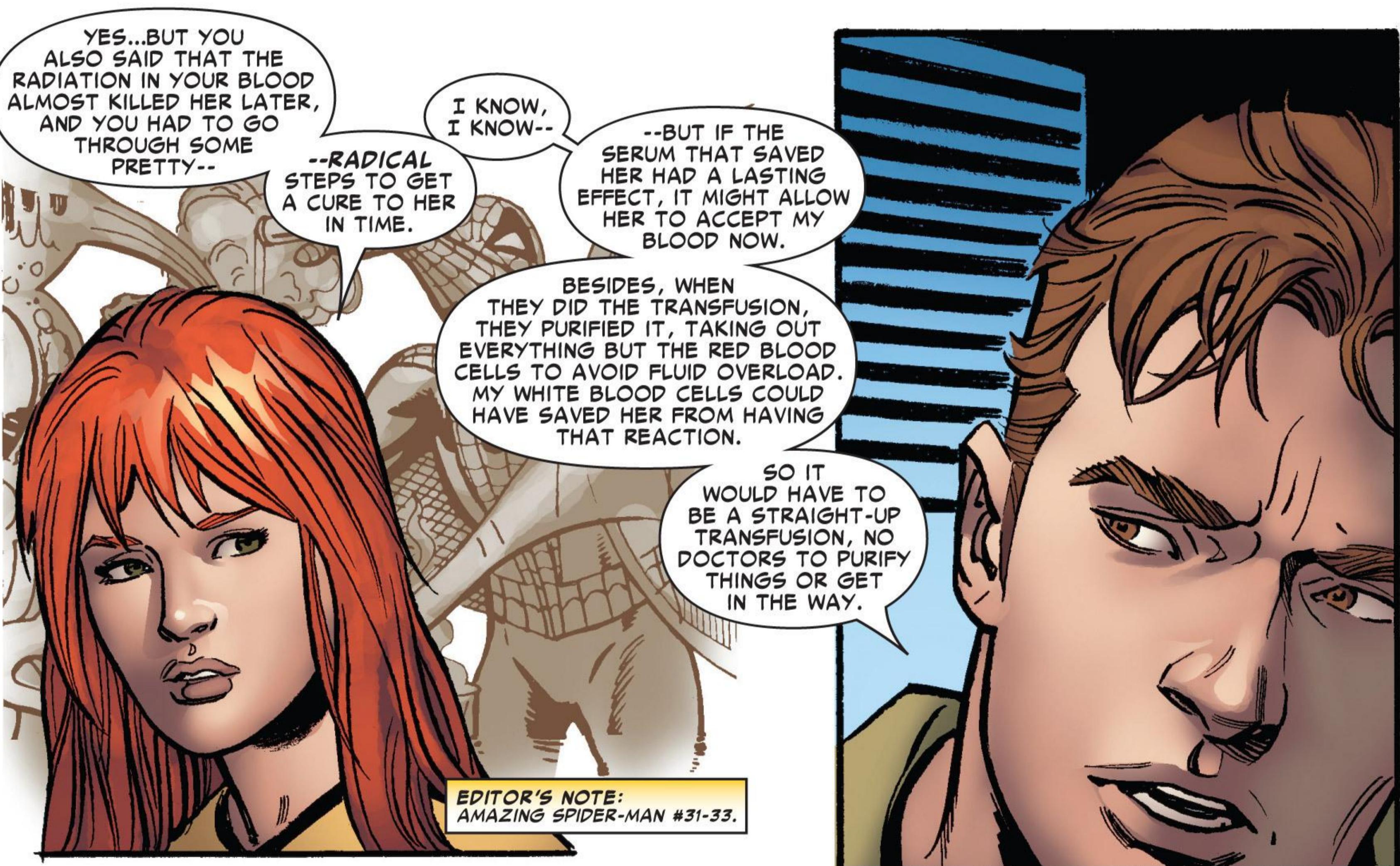
NOBODY PAYS FOR MEDICAL CARE  
IN CASH UPFRONT, IT ALWAYS  
GOES THROUGH AN INSURANCE  
COMPANY...UNLESS YOU'RE TRYING  
NOT TO BE NOTICED BY THE LAW  
OR SOMEBODY ELSE. THE MORE  
WE PAY CASH, THE MORE WE  
DRAW ATTENTION TO HER  
SITUATION.

SOONER OR LATER,  
SHE'S GOING TO BE NOTICED.  
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, IT'S ONLY  
A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE  
THEY FIGURE OUT WHO SHE IS,  
AND WHO YOU ARE. AND  
THEN--

THEN THE  
BAD PEOPLE  
COME.

YEAH...THEN  
THE BAD PEOPLE  
COME.





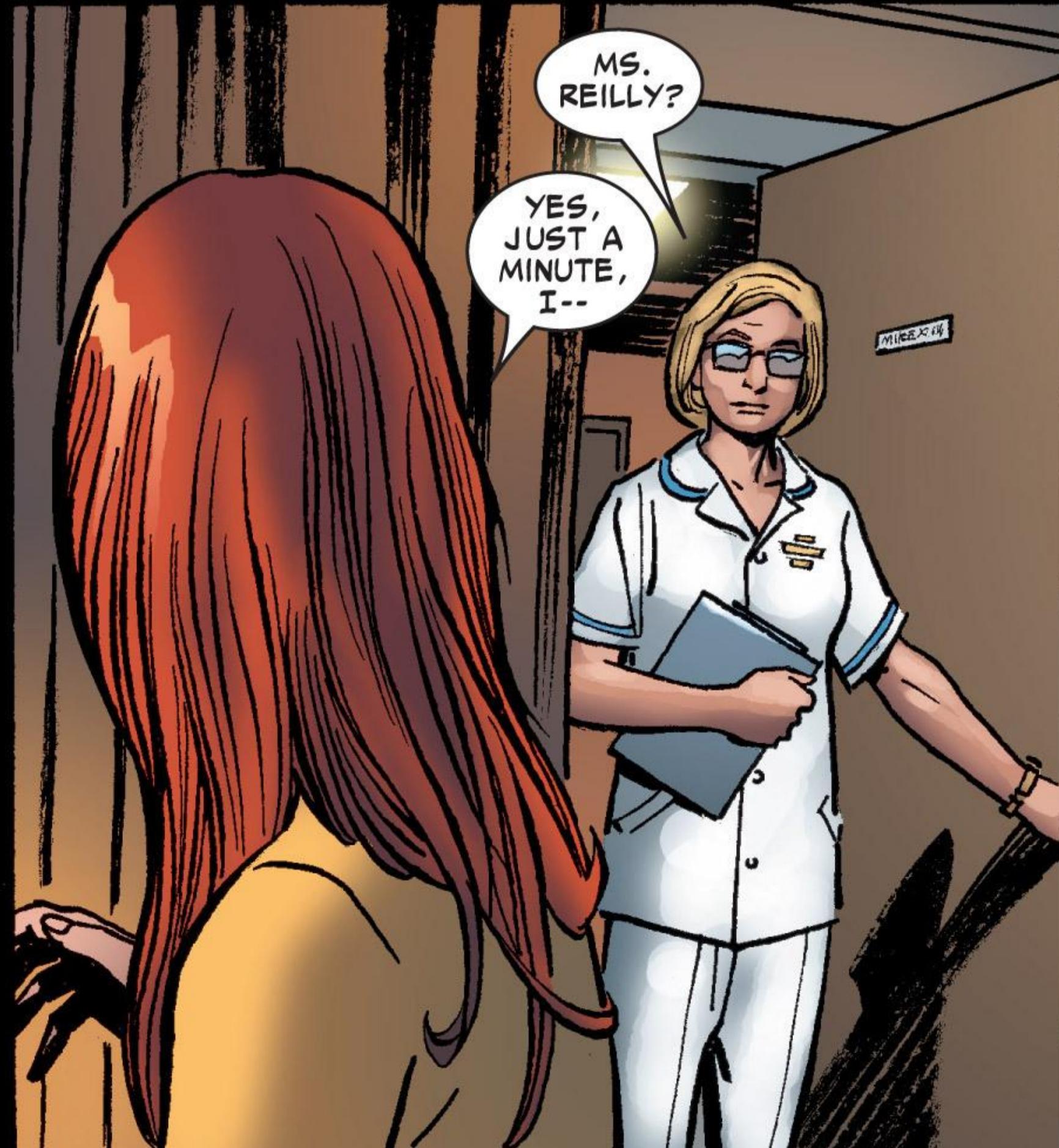
"I KNOW HOW TO DO IT, ALL I NEED IS THE EQUIPMENT."

"WE'LL NEED INTRAVENOUS TUBING, SHARPS, AND AN EMERGENCY STERILE TRANSFUSION KIT, PROBABLY MARKED ON THE FIRST AID BOXES AS GIVING SETS AND CANNULAE."

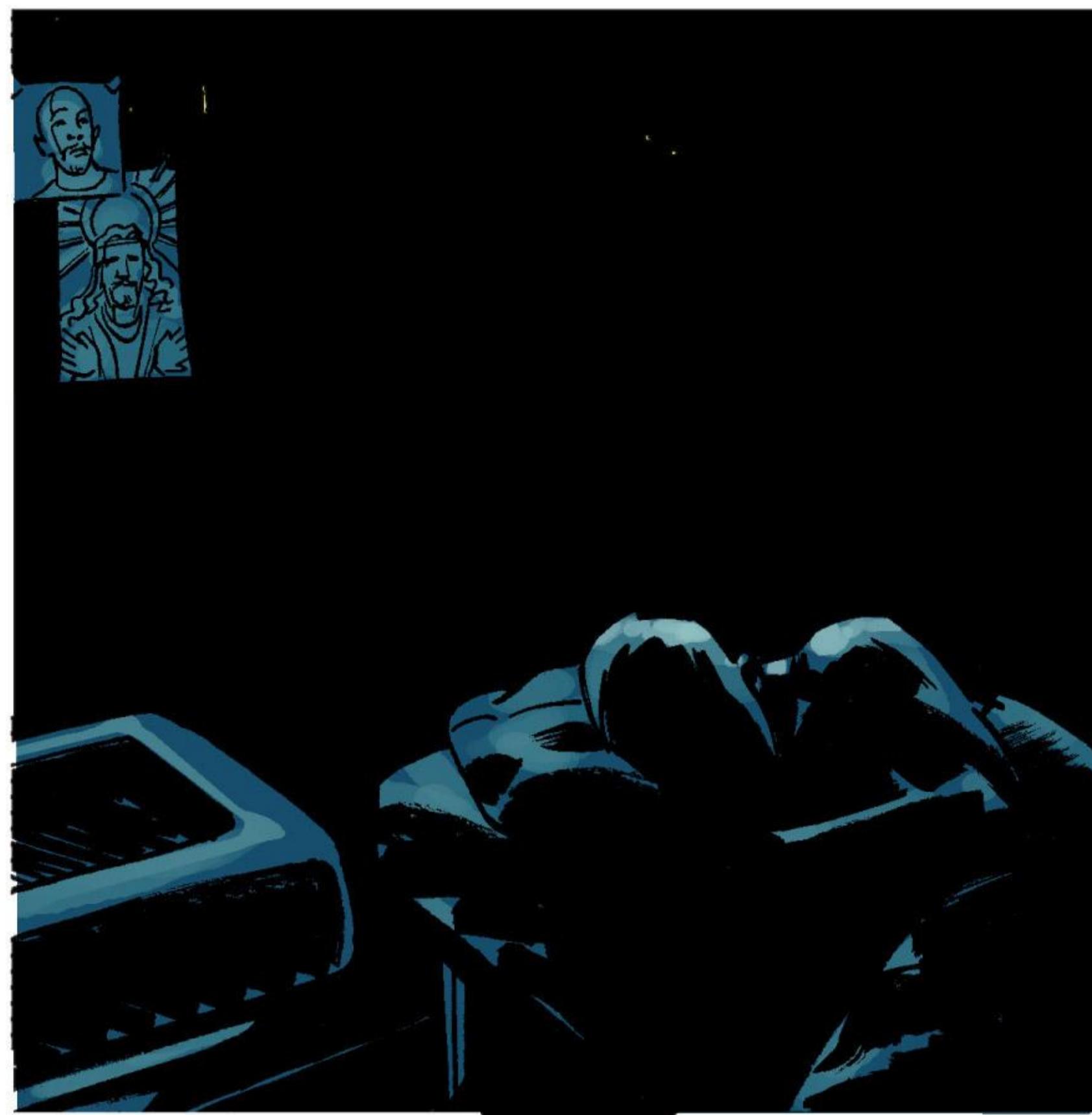
"I DECIDED A LONG TIME AGO THAT THIS WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO TRY AGAIN EXCEPT UNDER ONE CIRCUMSTANCE."

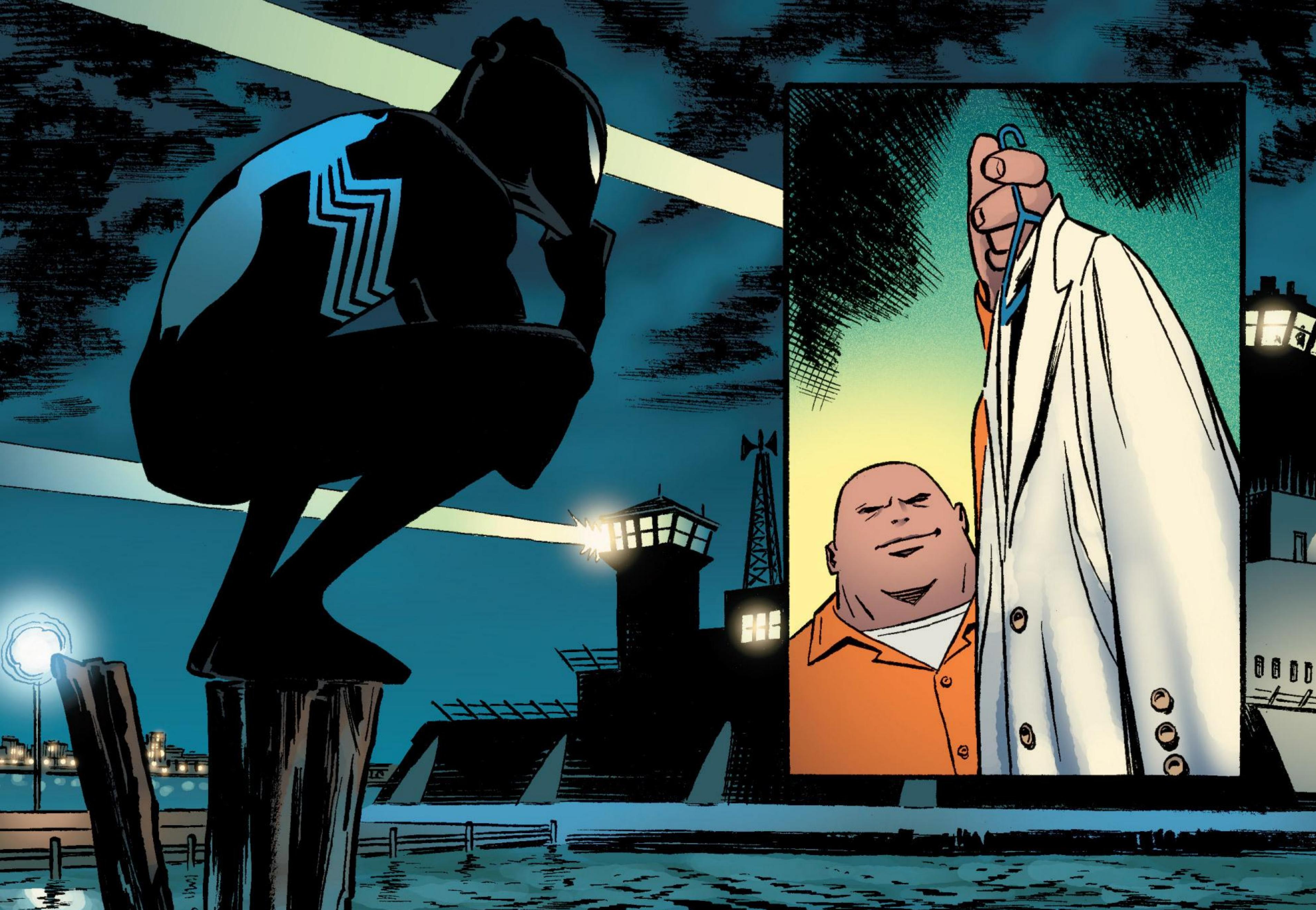
"WHAT CIRCUMSTANCE IS THAT, PETER?"

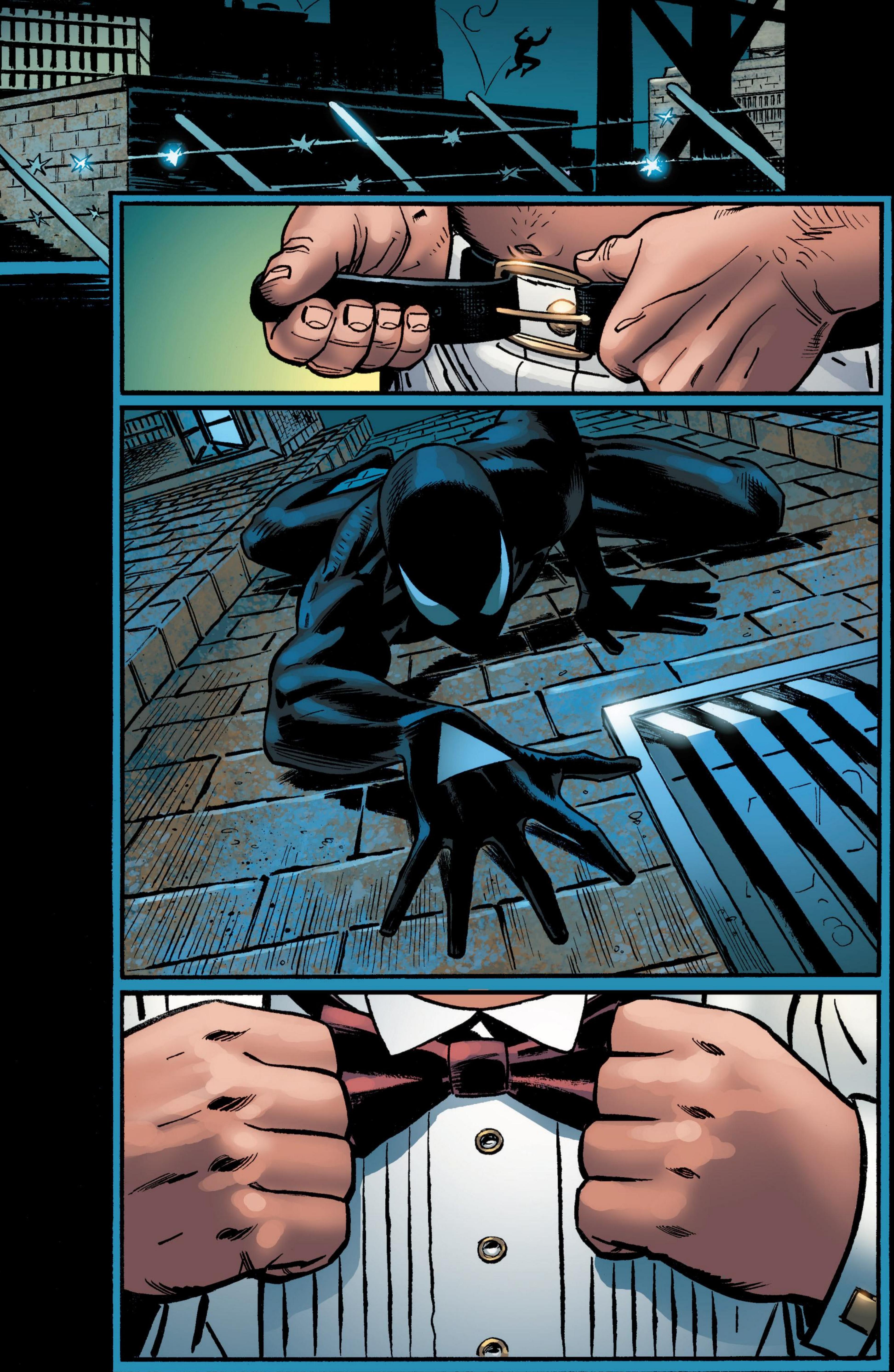
"WHEN NEITHER ONE OF US HAS ANYTHING LEFT TO LOSE."

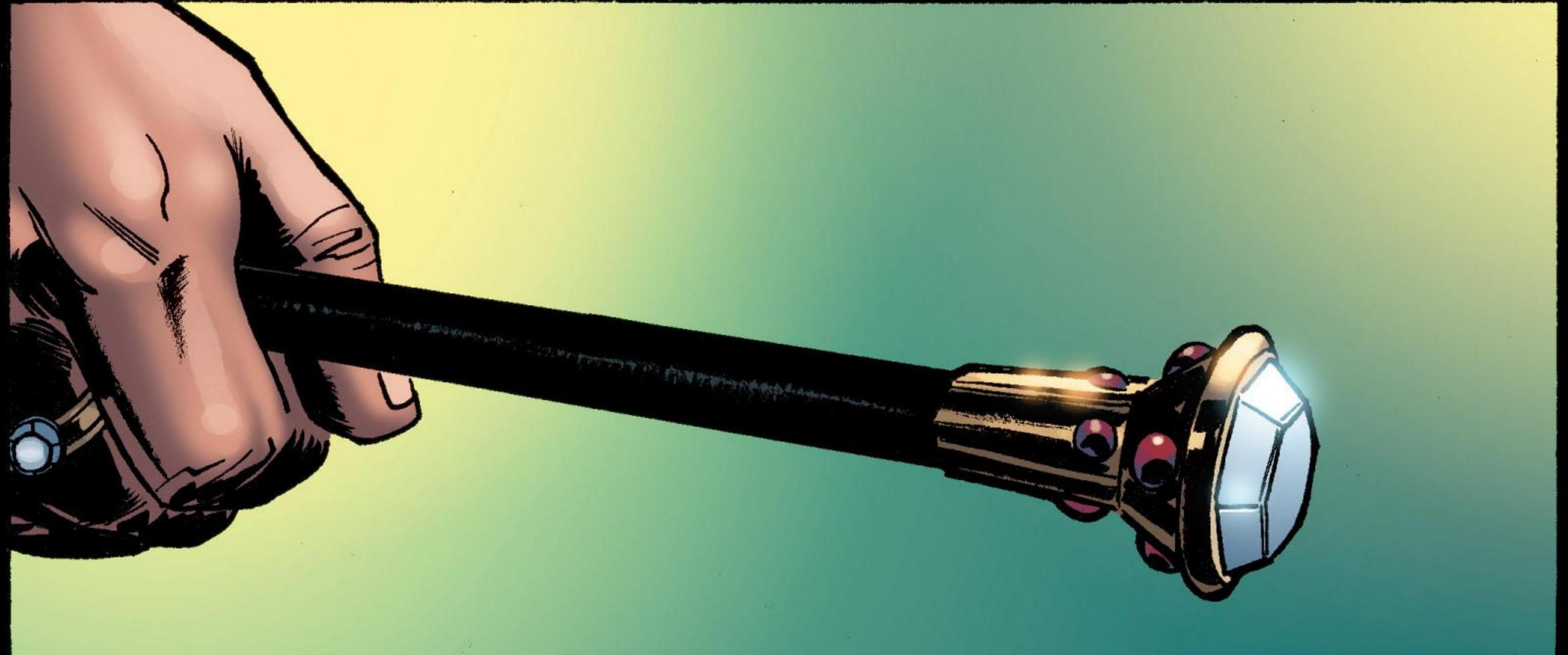
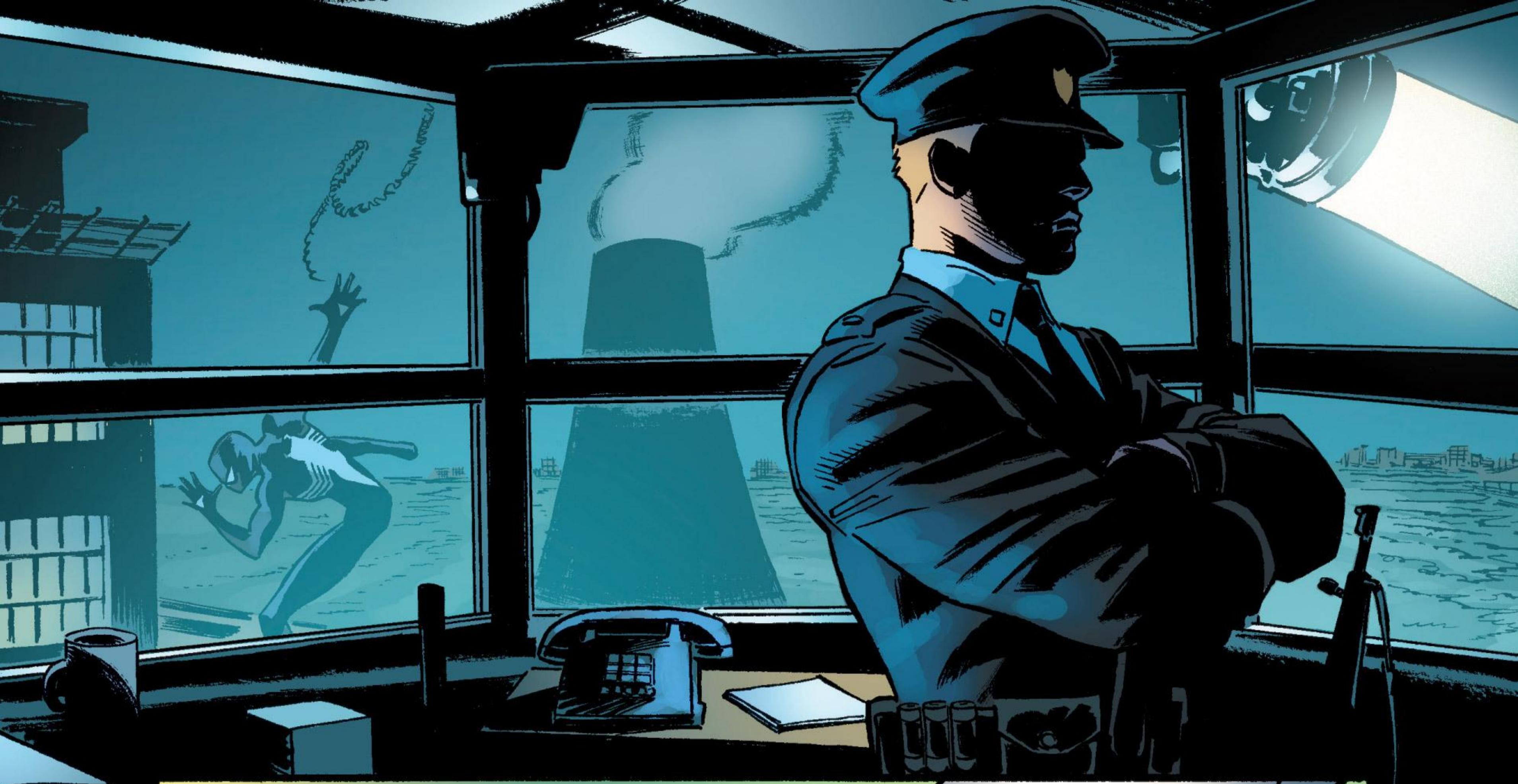


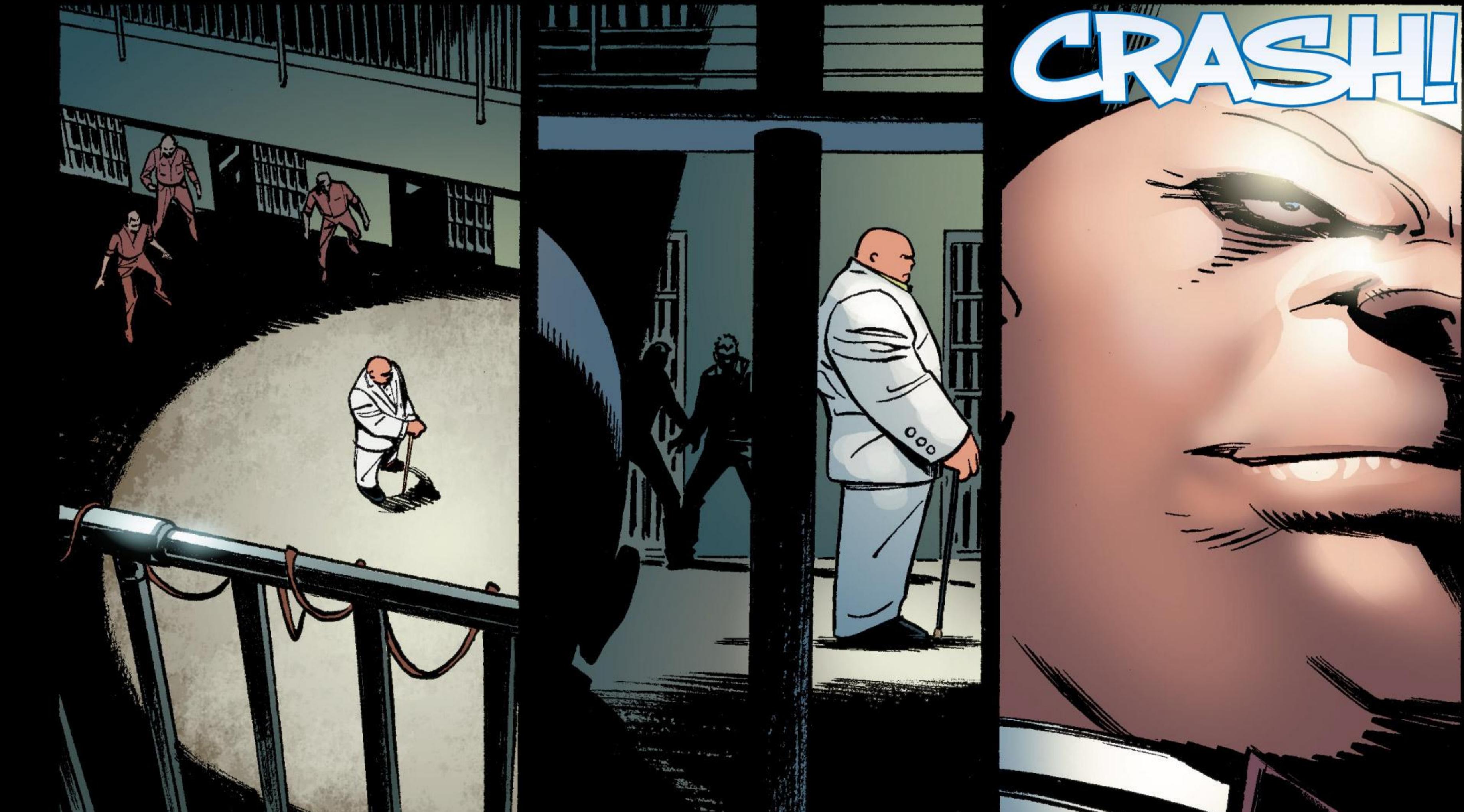
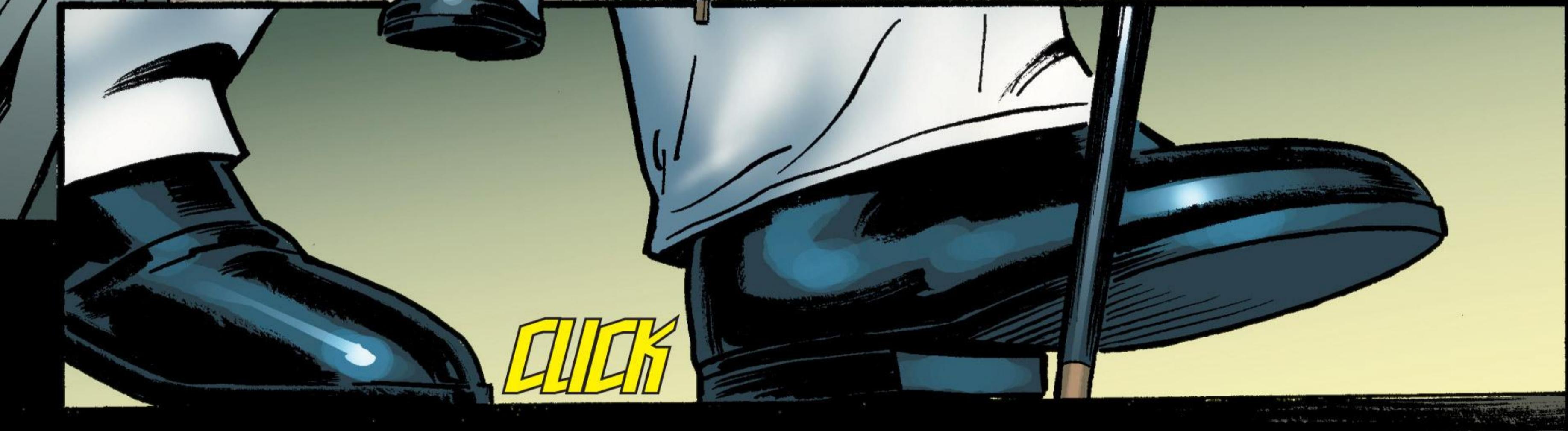












END  
OF  
THE ROAD,  
FISK.

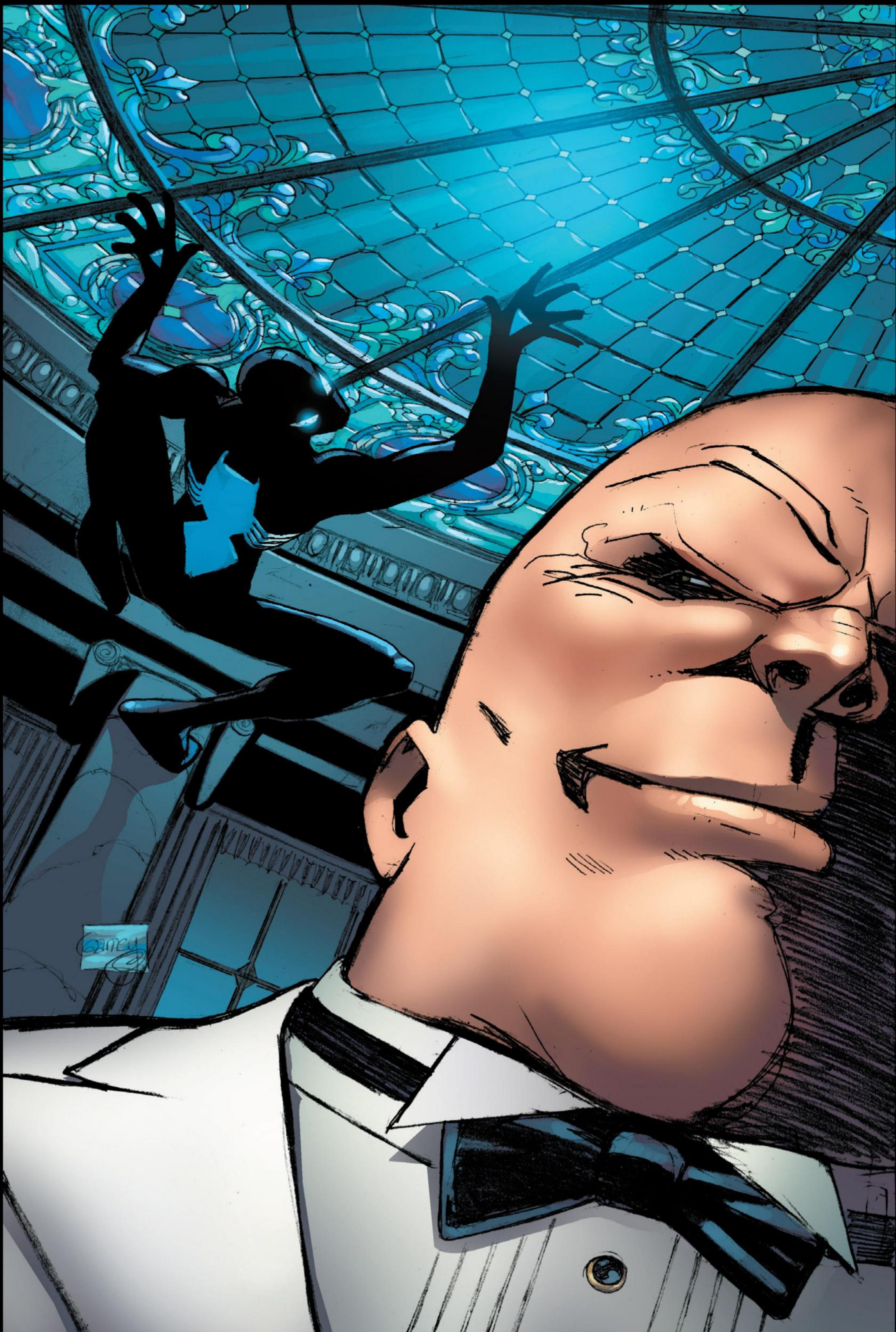
YOU.

ME.

**RIGHT  
NOW.**

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