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# THE DB! FOR EVERY BRAND NEWS DAY!



WHICH CANDIDATE WILL PROTECT YOU FROM NOTORIOUS SERIAL KILLER SPIDER-MAN? NORMAN OSBORN'S MAN CROWNE OR BLEEDING-HEART HOLLISTER? ALSO, LEAD TRACER-KILLINGS INVESTIGATOR QUENTIN PALONE UP FOR COMMENDATION. MORE ON PAGE T18

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## FIREWALLED



With the heat from police investigation into the Spider-Tracer killings at an all time high, Pete takes a well needed escape from the city alongside his best pal, Harry Osborn, to Jersey to see Harry's ex-wife, Liz Allan, and their son, Normie. Pete and Harry discuss Harry's mysterious return after his alleged death years ago, while taking on his father's Green Goblin mantle. Norman made a pact with Mysterio to cover up the circumstances of Harry's "death" and keep him in seclusion.

Meanwhile, Liz Allan and Normie took on the unenviable task of caring for Liz's half-brother, Mark Raxton, the Molten Man, whose health and mental stability have rapidly deteriorated. Harry plans to help Liz sort through ways to help her afford to care for her brother, but it's clear Raxton's anger at Osborn may have driven him past helping...

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EVERY FAMILY HAS  
ITS SECRETS. TAKE  
HARRY AND LIZ:

HE USED TO BE A GREEN  
GOBLIN. PLUS HE'S KINDA  
BACK FROM THE DEAD.

YOU REALLY  
NEED TO CALM DOWN,  
MARK. THIS CAN'T BE  
GOOD FOR YOU.

THAT'SSS  
FUNNY. ADVICE  
FROMM A DEAD  
MANNN.

AND LIZ? HER BROTHER'S  
THE MOLTEN MAN. AND SHE  
WAS KEEPING HIM LOCKED  
UP IN A SPARE ROOM.

EASY, RAXTON.  
I KNOW--IN YOUR  
STATE--THIS MIGHT BE  
CONFUSING. BUT I WAS  
NEVER REALLY DEAD,  
I WAS--

YOU WILLL  
BEEE. FURR WHAT  
YOU PUT LIZ  
THROUGH...

I'M GONNA  
KILL YOU, OZZBORN!  
IF ITZZ THE LASST  
THING I DO!

MARK, STOP  
THIS! YOU'RE  
BURNING UP!

IF WE  
DON'T GET YOU  
BACK TO YOUR  
CONTAINMENT  
ROOM--

LIZ!  
MOVE!

PETE?!

THAT  
ROOM'S  
NOT THERE  
ANYMORE.

AND  
NEITHER'S  
MOST OF YOUR  
HOUSE!

# MIND ON FIRE

PART TWO:  
BURNING QUESTIONS

AS FOR ME, GOOD OL' **UNCLE PETE**? I'VE GOT A SECRET, TOO.

C'MON, LET'S GET YOU AND NORMIE OUT OF HERE.

...BEFORE THE REST OF THIS PLACE COMES DOWN!

BUT WHAT ABOUT MARK? AND IF HE GETS A HOLD OF HARRY--

WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT AFTER WE GET YOUR SON CLEAR.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

OKAY, OUT THE BACK. I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

BUT PETER--  
GO!

THAT'S TWO SAFE, ONE TO GO.

OH, RIGHT. **MY** SECRET? I'VE GOT THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH OF A SPIDER.

KTAM

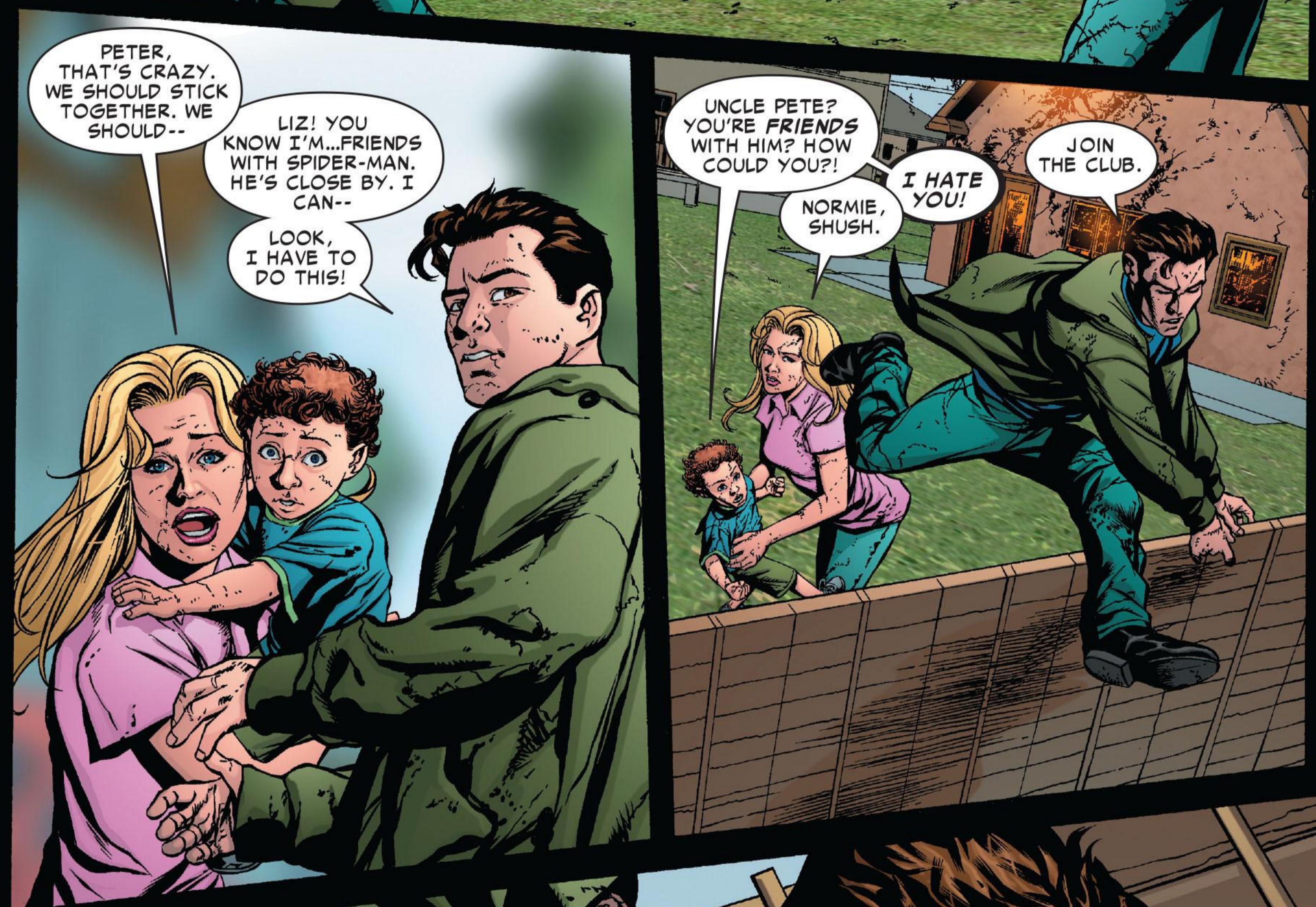
WHAT'S **NOT** A SECRET: I'M A CERTIFIED GENIUS.

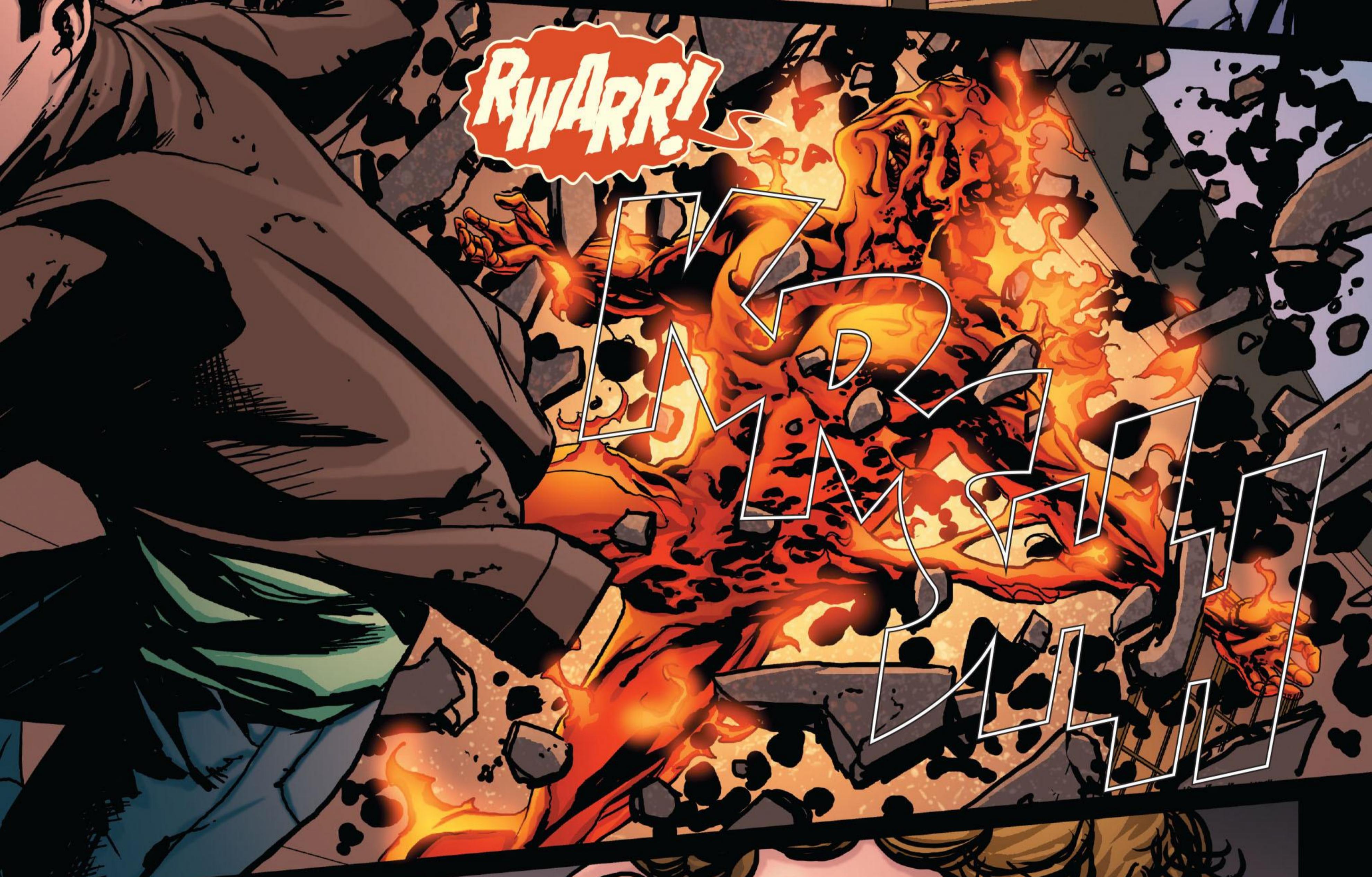
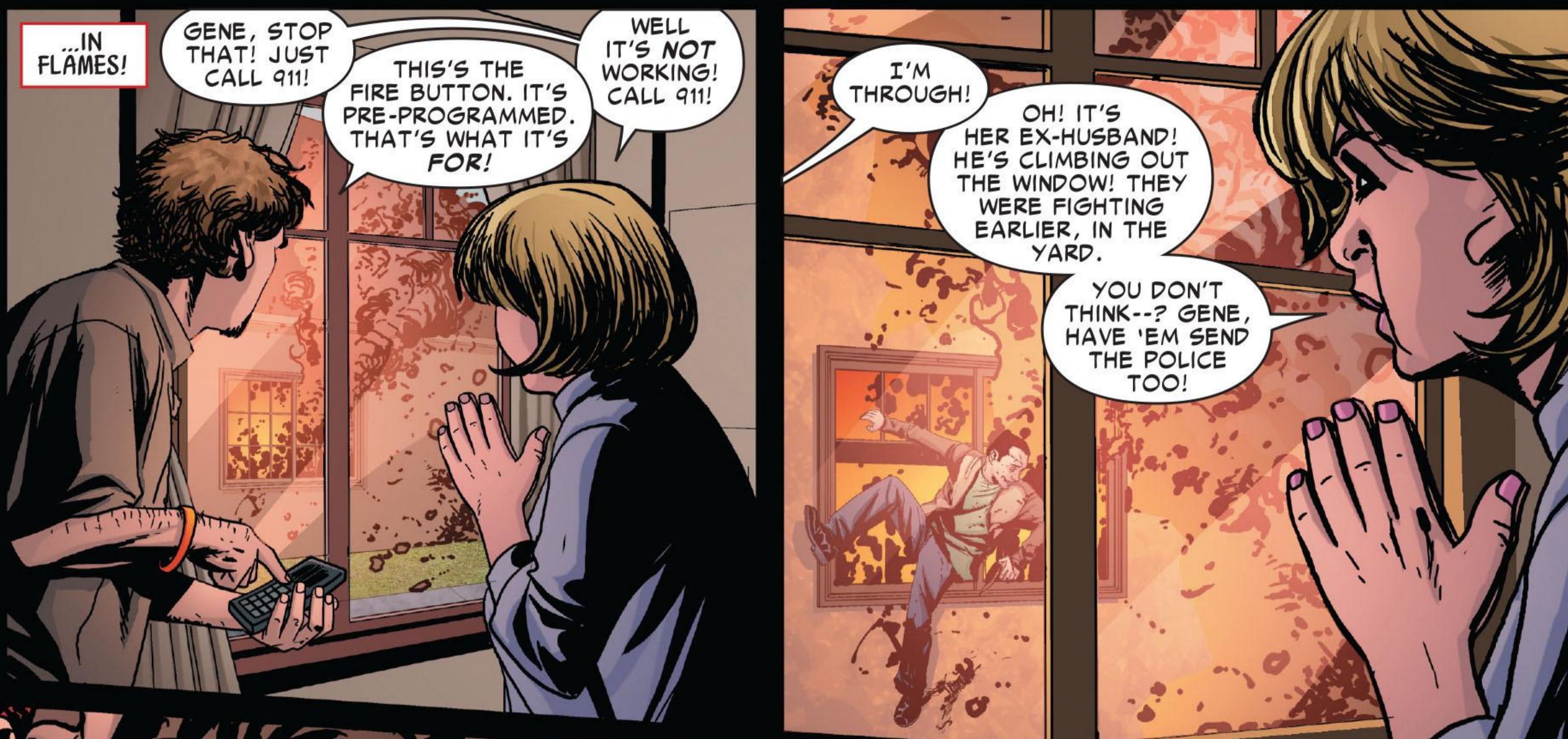
MARK!  
I CAN EXPLAIN--

REALLY, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE NUMBER OF CALCULATIONS I CAN DO ON THE FLY.

LIKE, SAY, THE WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION AND RELATIONSHIP...









C'MON!  
SPOILERS!

THANKS,  
OSBORN. WAY TO  
RUIN MY SNAZZY  
INTRO!

NOW MY  
TIMING'S  
OFF.

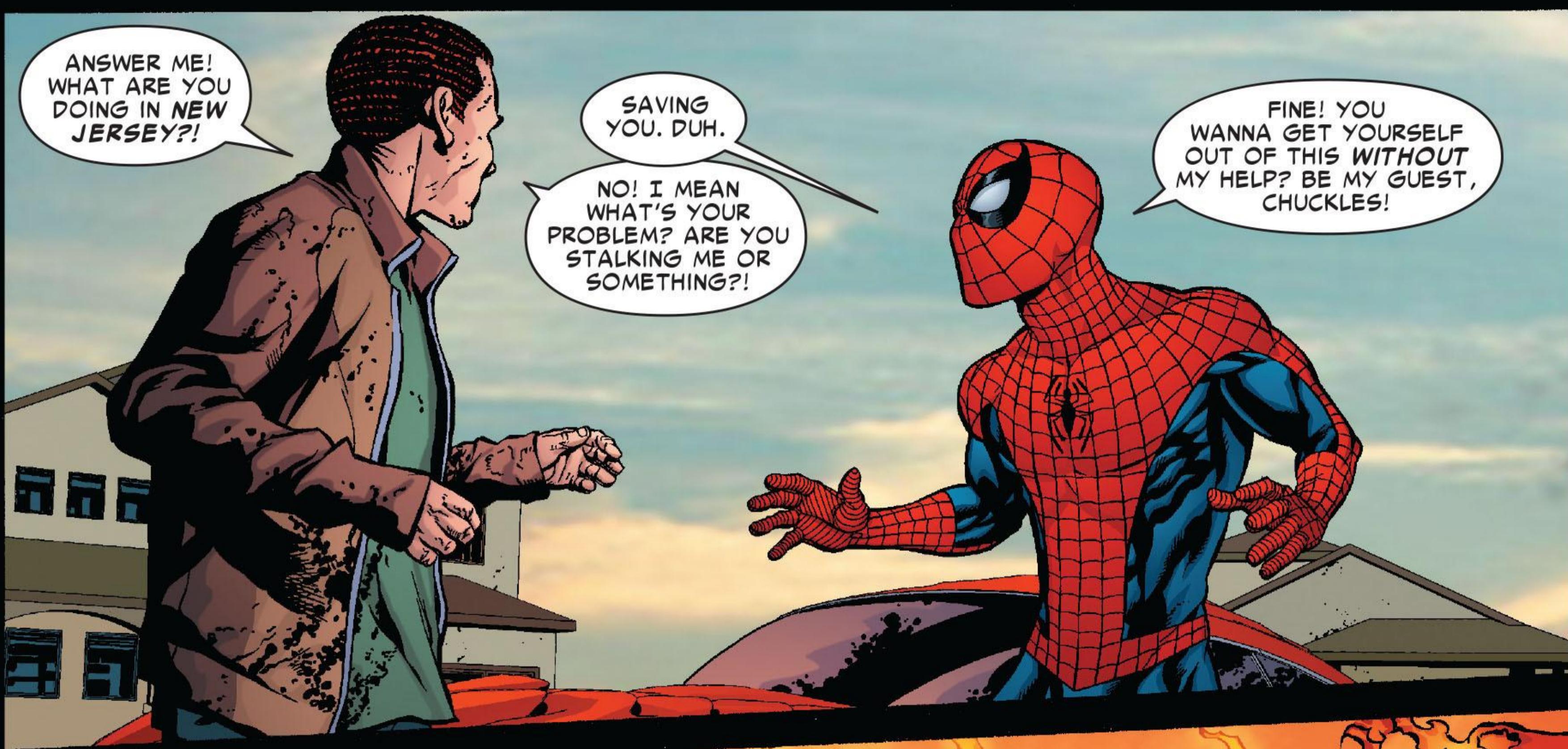
AND I HAD  
SOME REALLY  
GOOD PATTER  
READY TOO.

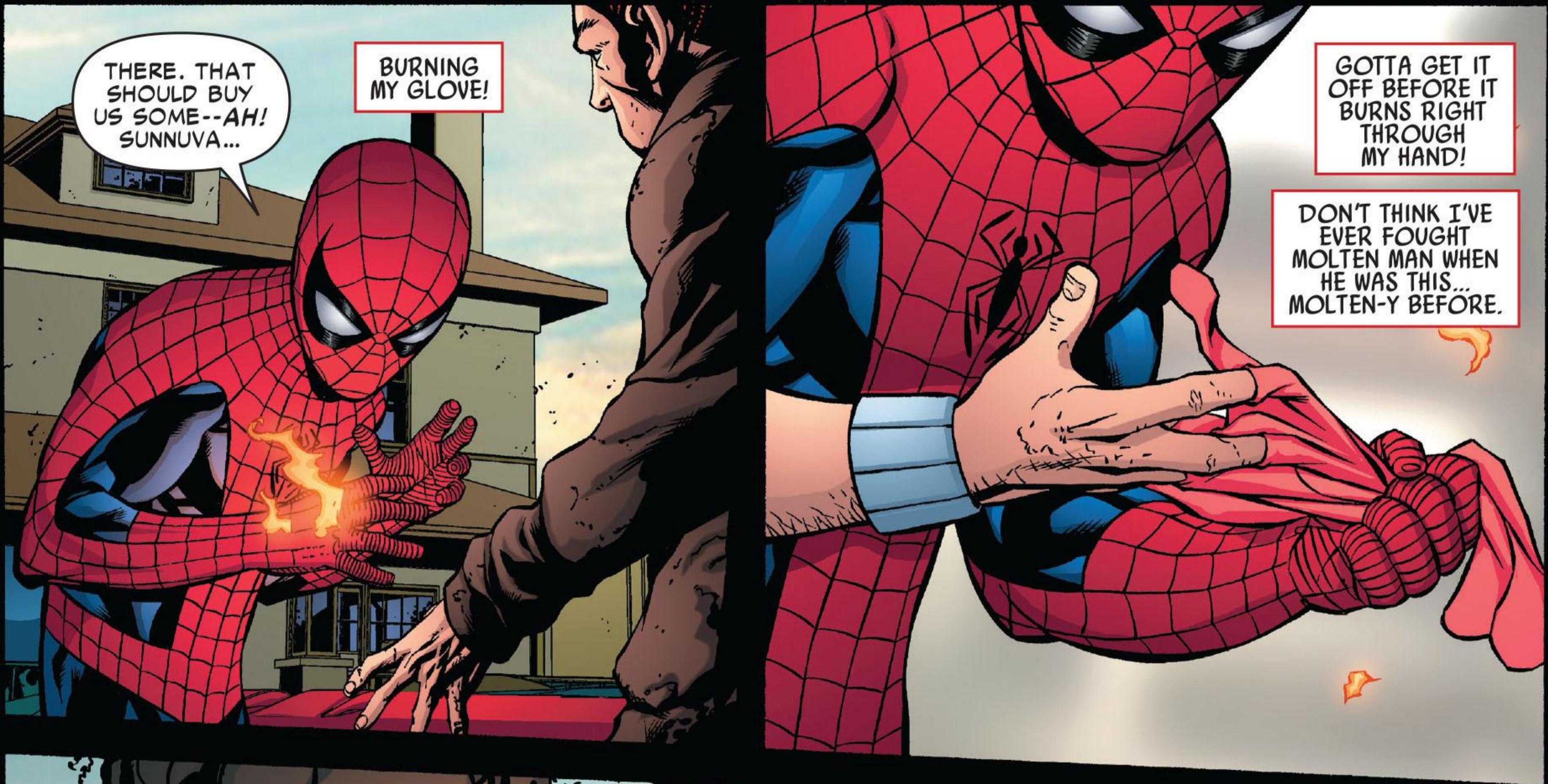
I WAS GONNA  
RIFF ON HOW GOLDEN  
BOY HERE LOOKS LIKE  
AN OSCAR.

AND THEN I  
WAS GOING TO  
THANK MY AGENT  
AND MEMBERS OF  
THE ACADEMY.

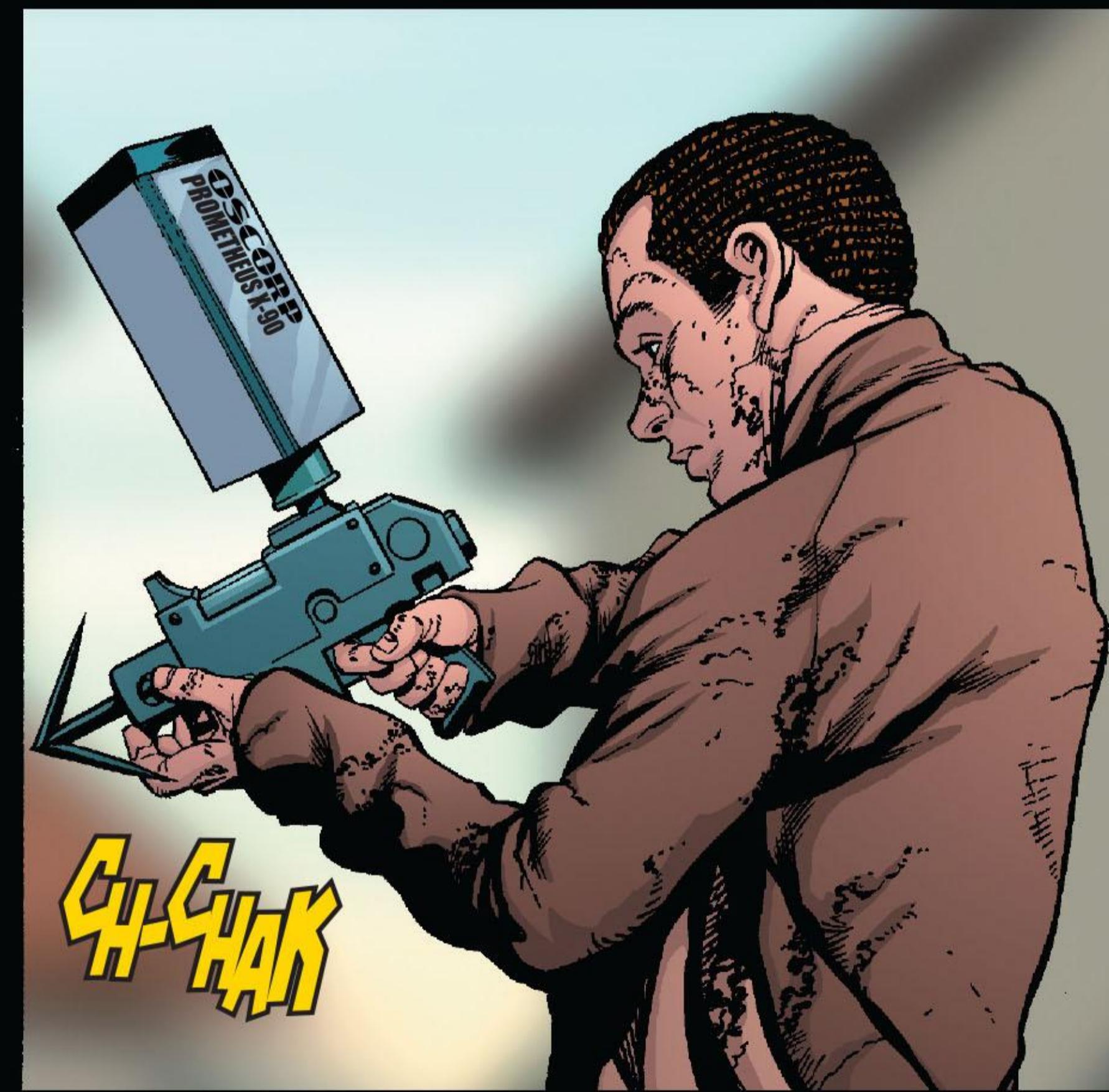
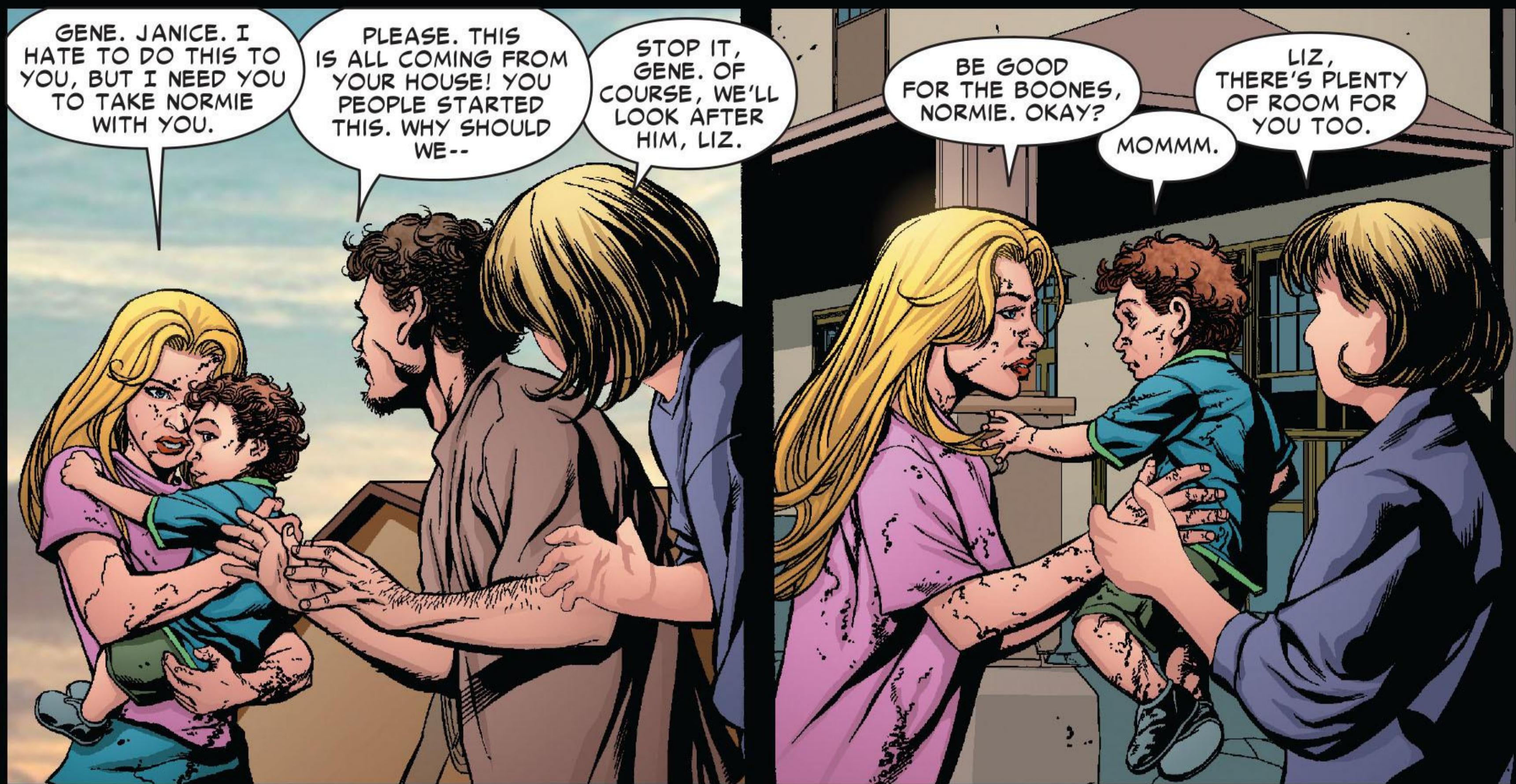
BUT I'M  
JUST NOT  
FEELING IT  
N--

OW!  
HOT!  
HOT! HOT!





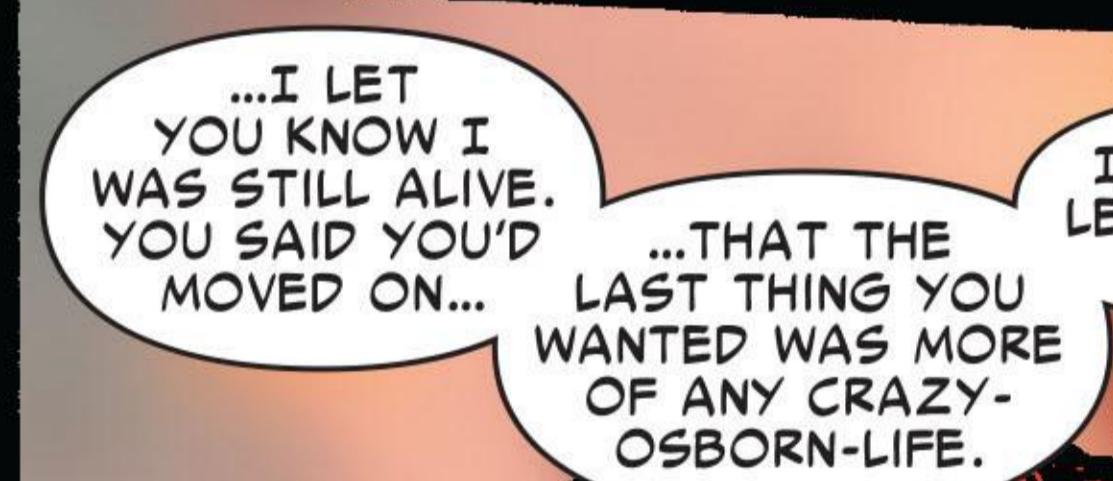






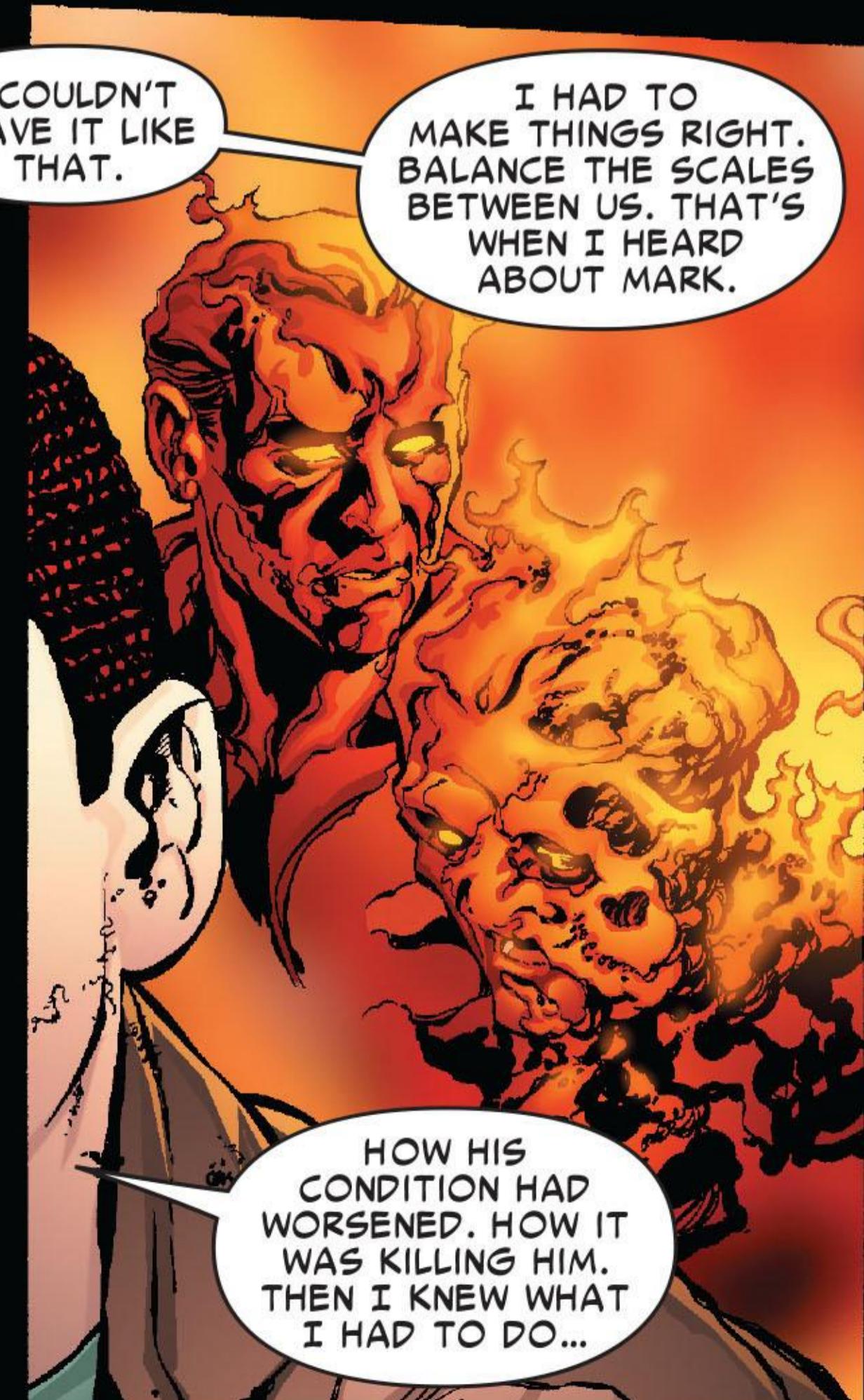


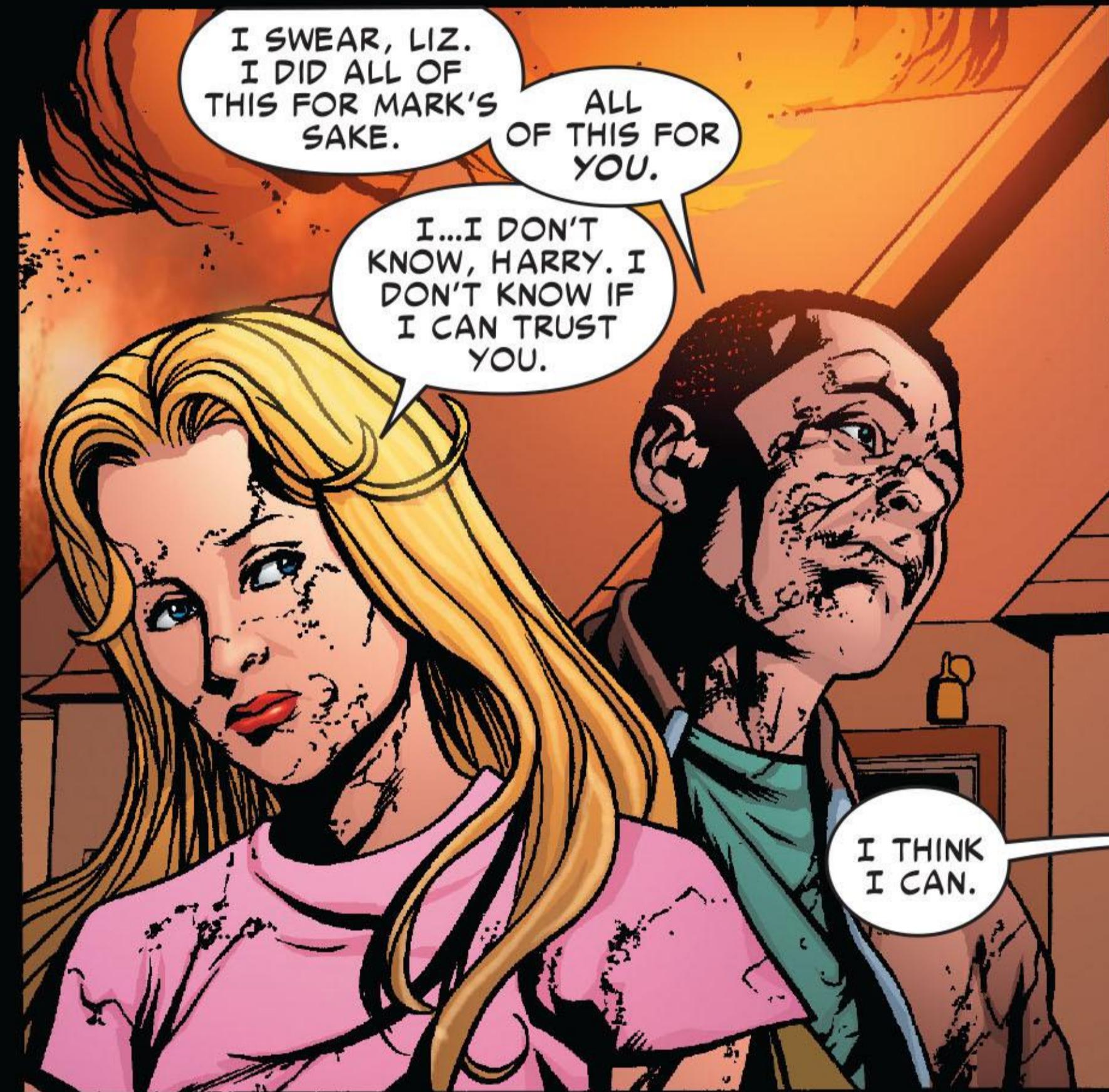
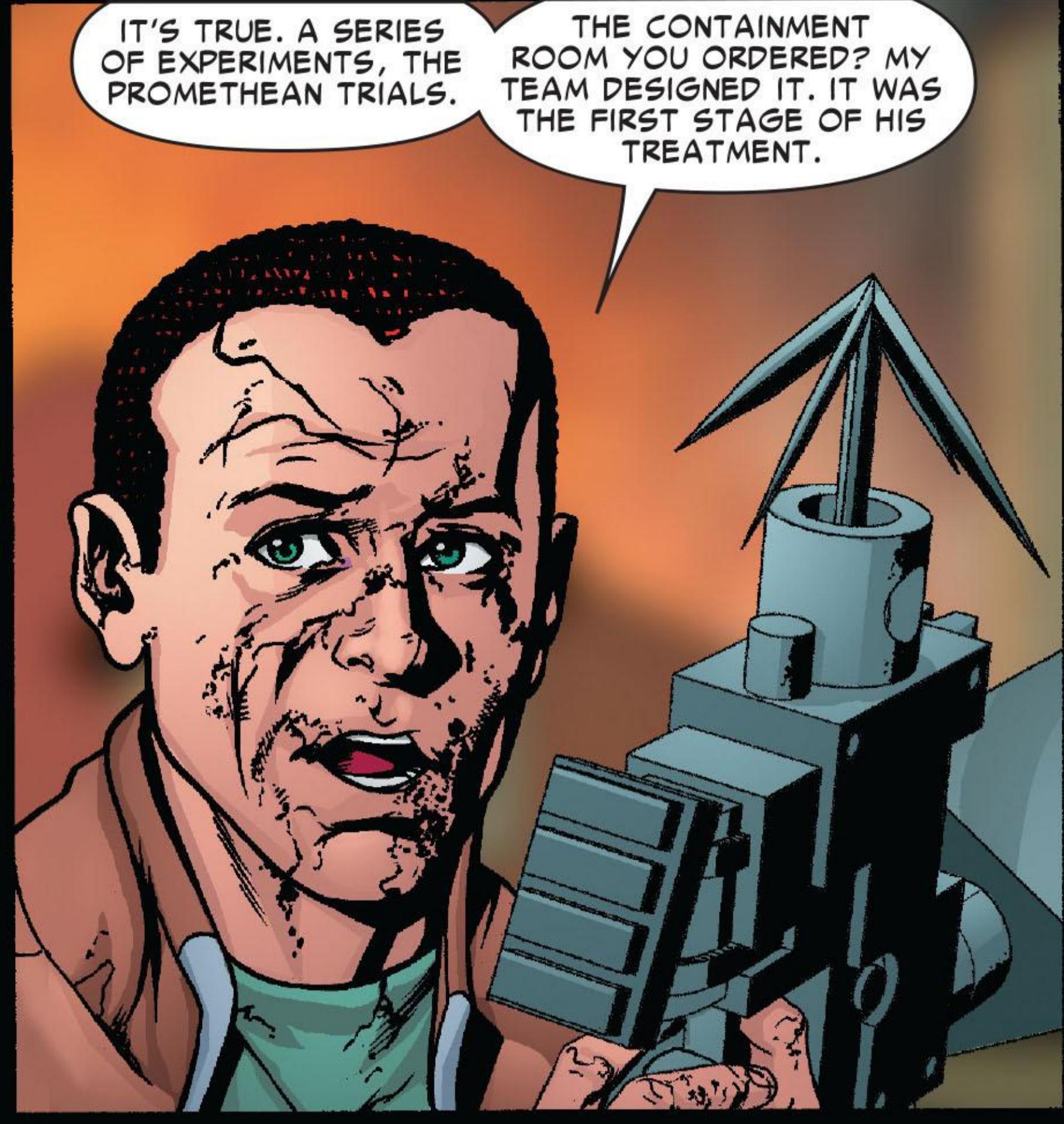


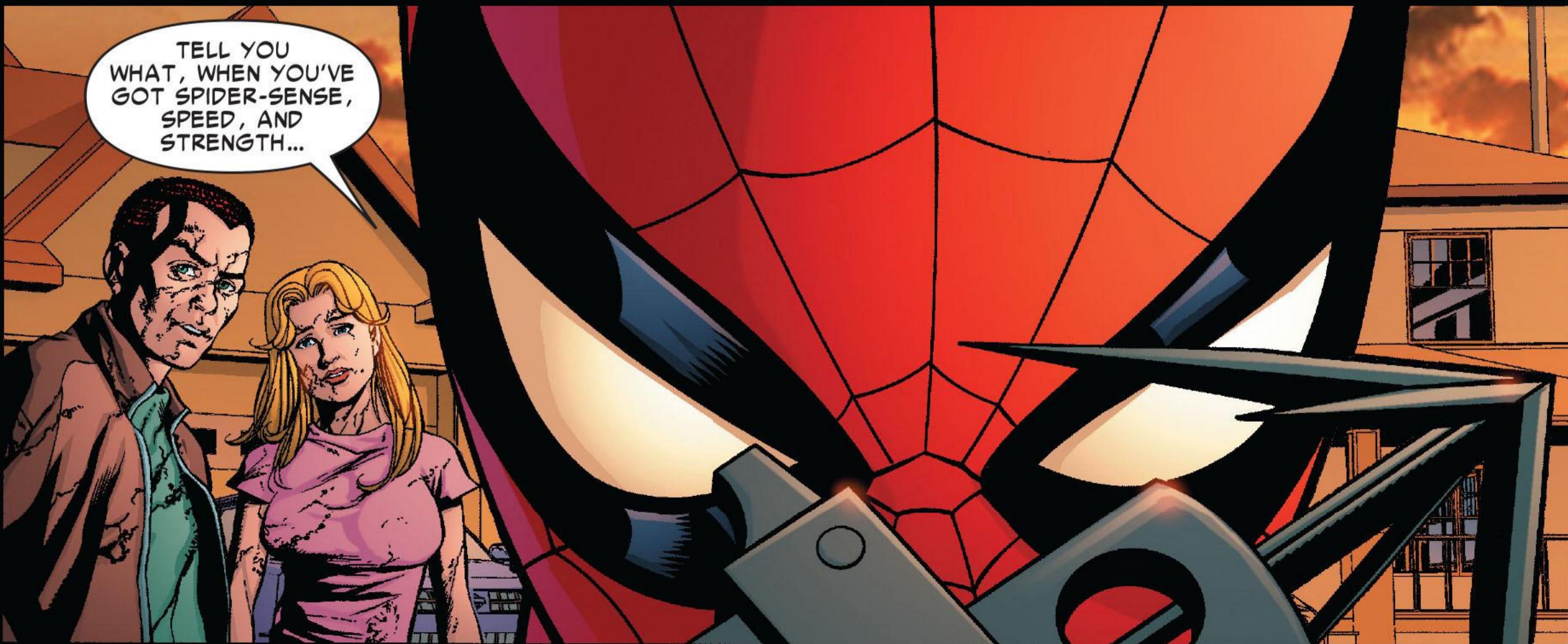
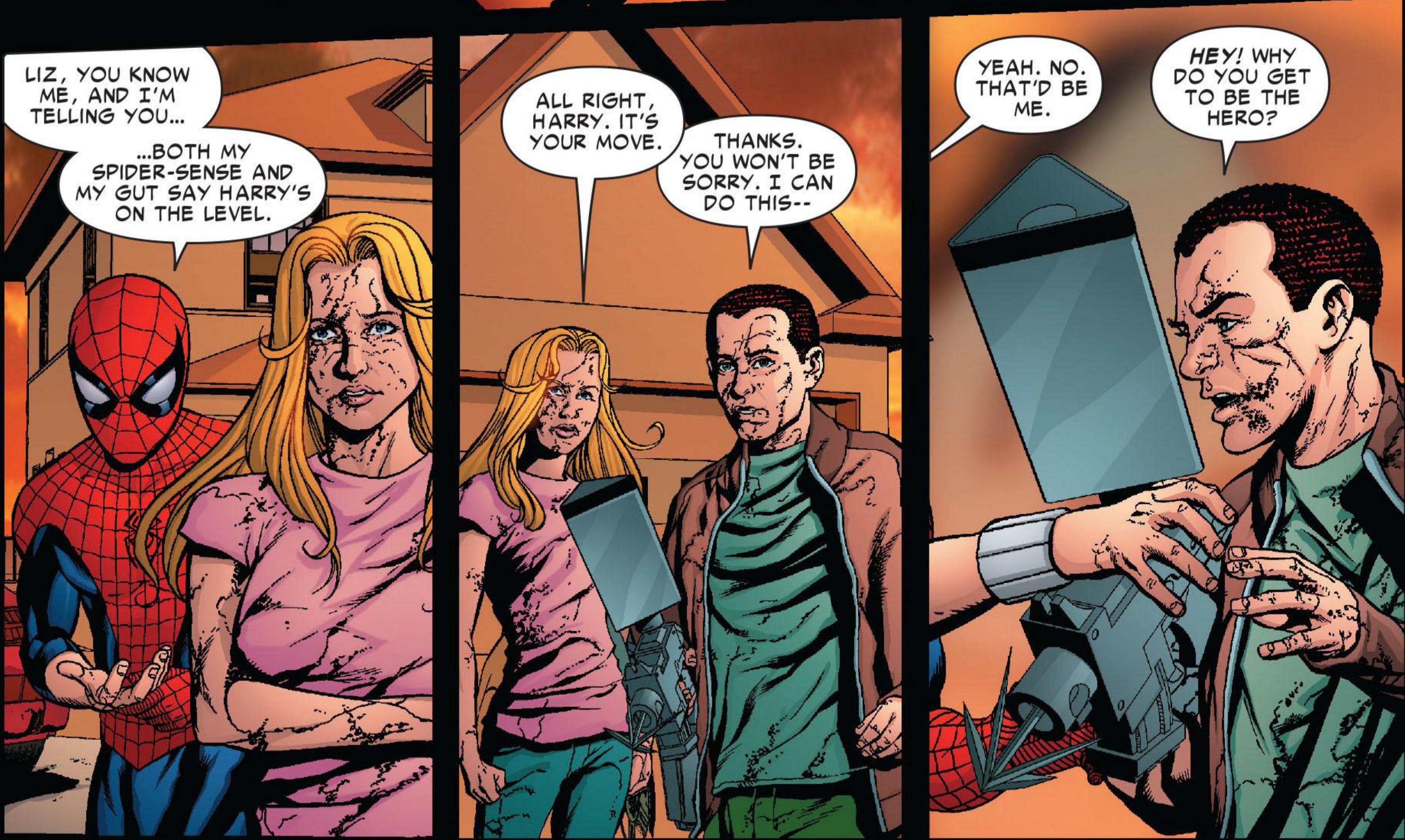


I COULDN'T  
LEAVE IT LIKE  
THAT.

I HAD TO  
MAKE THINGS RIGHT.  
BALANCE THE SCALES  
BETWEEN US. THAT'S  
WHEN I HEARD  
ABOUT MARK.







"...YOU CAN CHARGE  
THE BIG, CHEESED-  
OFF METAL GUY!"

I'M  
BURRNING,  
SPIDERRR-MAN!  
BURRRNING  
ALIVE!

AND YOU  
CAN ALL  
BURN WITH  
ME!

AHHH!

AHH!

YOU AND  
OZZBORN!  
YOU CAN  
BOTH BURRN  
IN HE--

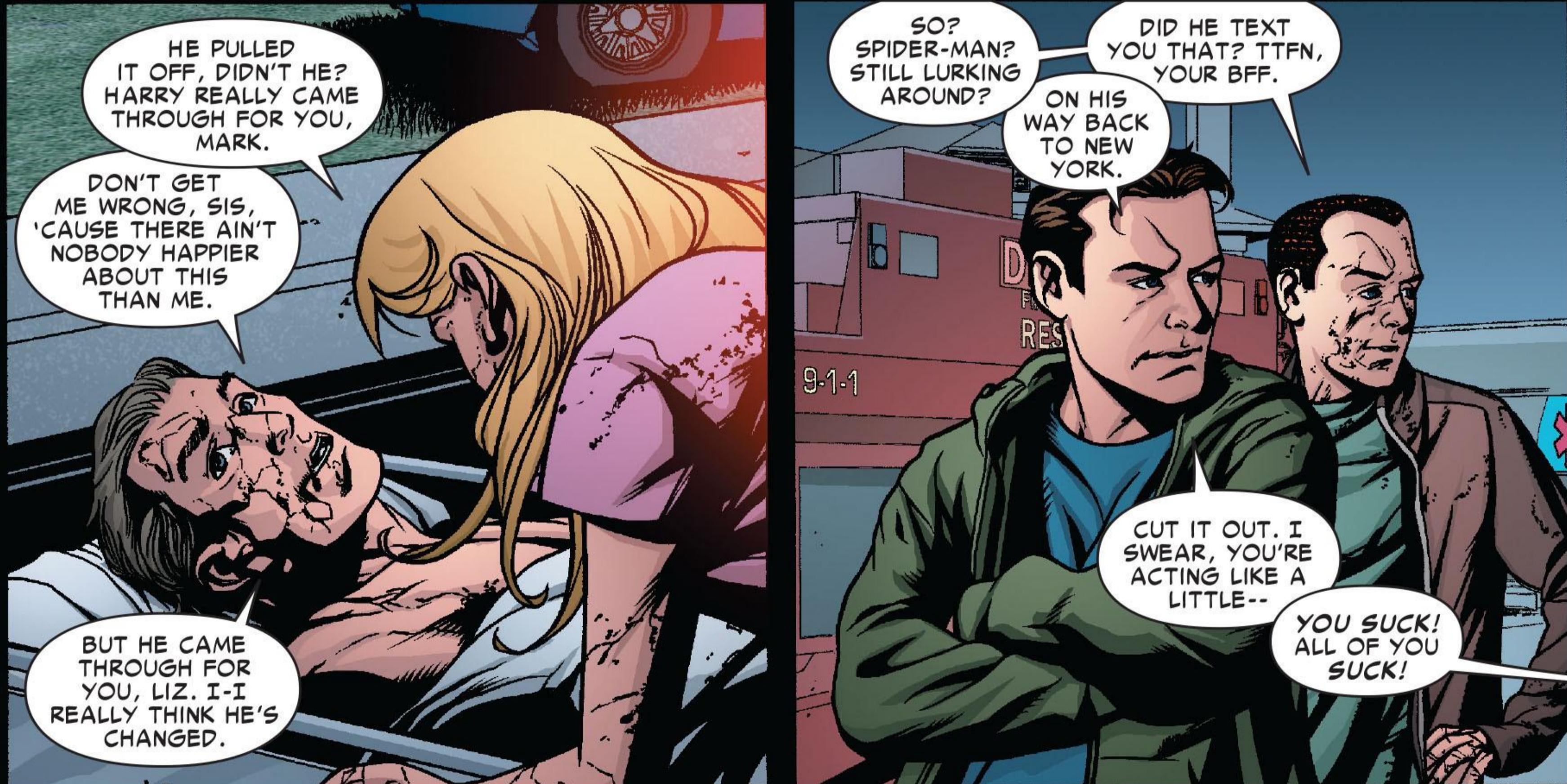
YEAH,  
MARK? AND  
YOU CAN...

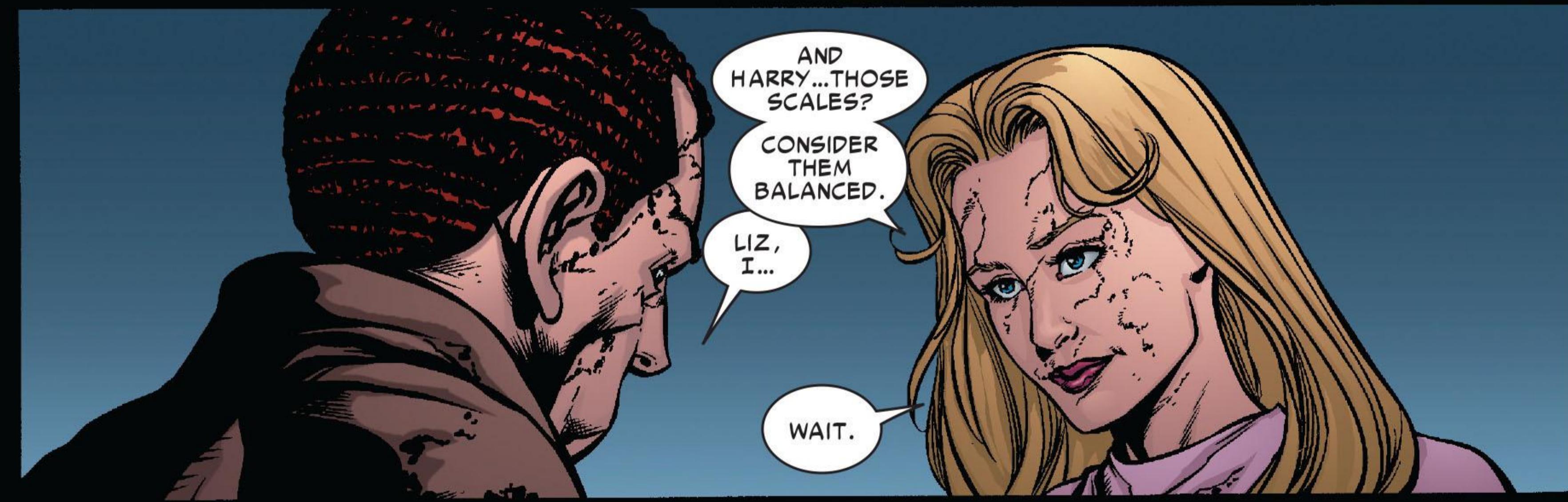
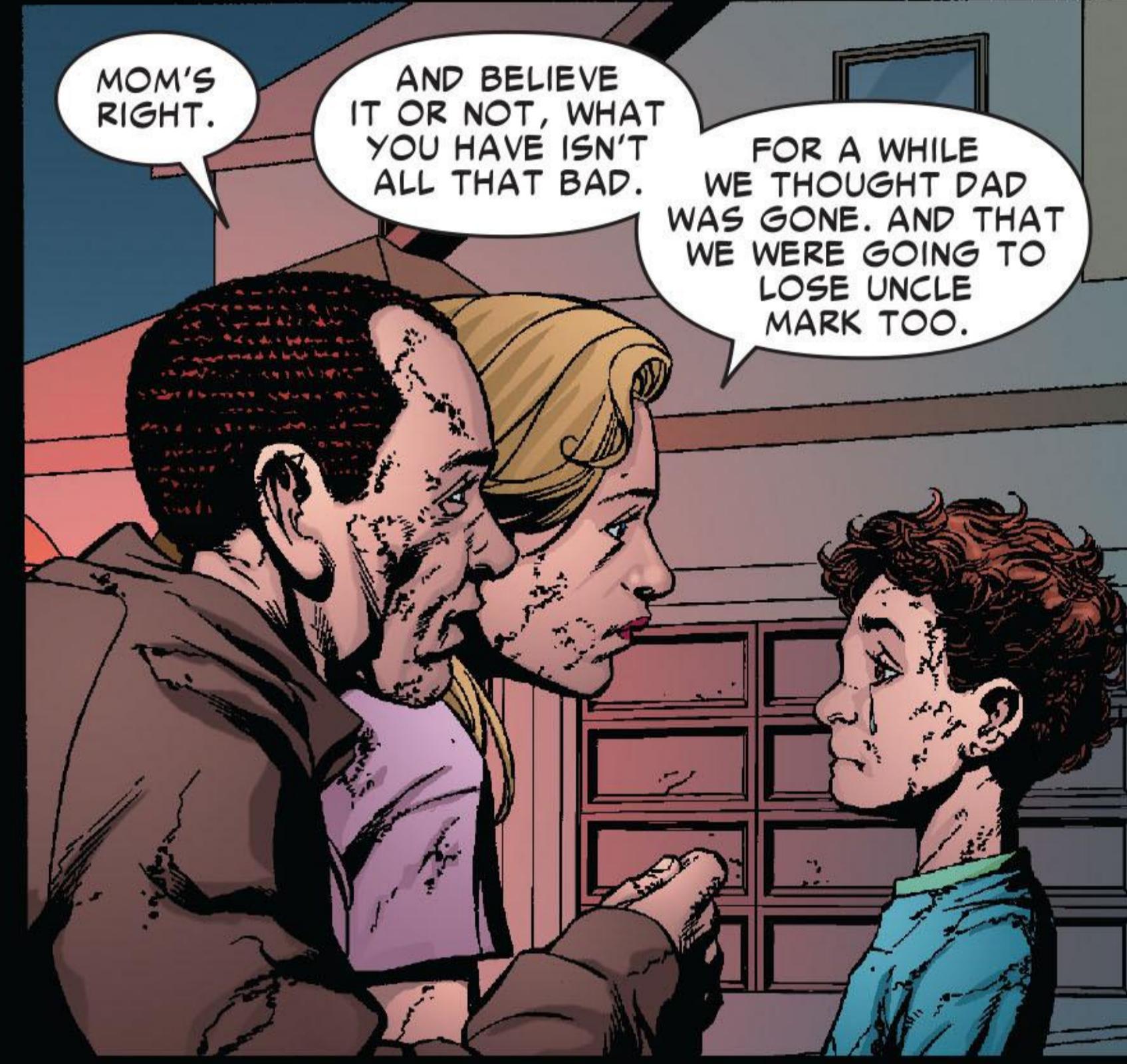
...JUST  
CHILLAX.

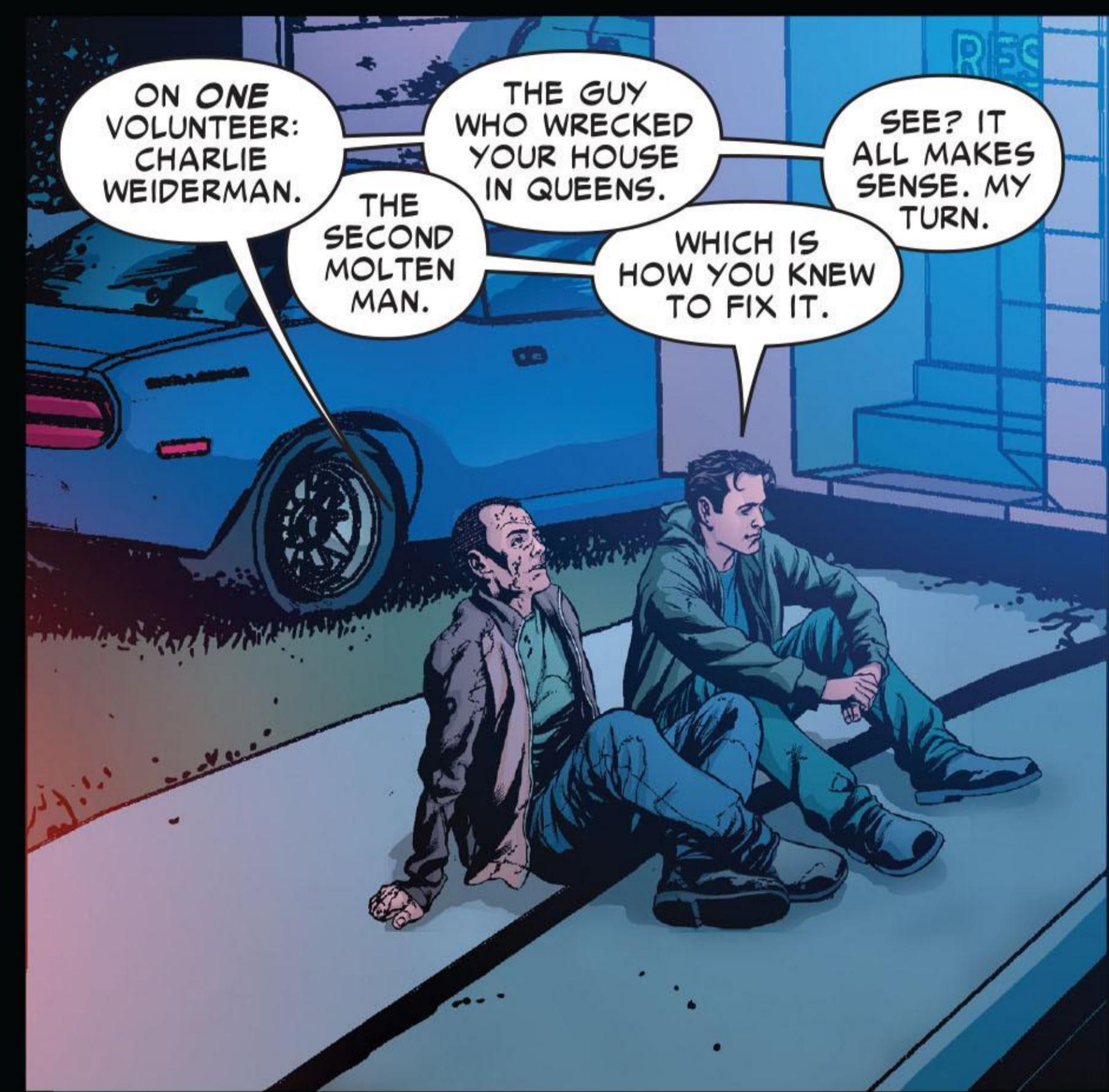
KCHUK

GYEAH

"HE DIDN'T  
SAY THAT."







## Epilogue.



## The Bookie's Office.

DOWNSTAIRS FROM THE BAR WITH NO NAME.



Next time: The Secret Life of Betty Brant...

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No real letter column this week. Instead, welcome to the beginning of a new tradition! The First Annual Amazing Spider-Mail End-of-the-Year lists for 2008!

Each year we here at the Spidey office will give our official countdown of various things we feel like ranking. Enjoy!

## Writer with most issues of Amazing Spider-Man in 2008.

- 1) Dan Slott – 13.33 issues\*
- 2) Marc Guggenheim – 7.33 issues\*
- 3) Bob Gale – 6.33 issues\*
- 4) Zeb Wells – 4 issues
- 5) Mark Waid and Joe Kelly-2 issue each
- 6) Roger Stern – 1 issue

\*ASM #564 was a jam issue with 3 writers

## 2008 Spidey penciler with most difficult to pronounce names.

- 1) Chris Bachalo
- 2) Paulo Siqueira
- 3) Phil Jimenez
- 4) Fozwell Fxpltk

## Favorite member of Spidey Editorial (NOT INCLUDING Stephen Wacker version).

- 1) Tom Brennan
- 2) Tom Brevoort
- 57) Joe Quesada

## Top misspellings of Geoff Johns.

- 1) Jeph Jons
- 2) Guff Groin
- 3) Jefe Melendez
- 4) Juff Jones
- 5) Sterling Gates

## Most annoying songs sung by Stephen Wacker while rest of office trying to work.

- 1) Cast Aways - Backyardigans
- 2) Don't Mean Nothin' - Richard Marx
- 3) Chasing Pavement - Adele
- 4) Welcome Back Kotter theme - John Sebastian (and I didn't have to even look it up)

## Comics Professional most mocked in Spidey-office in 2008.

- 1) Tom Brennan
- 2) Joe Quesada (only by Brevoort though. I think you're great)
- 3) Klaus Janson (only by me though, they think you're great)
- 4) Bill Rosemann

## Best Film.

1) Weird. Marvel's computer will only let me type "Iron Man" here. However, I really think Danny Boyle's "Iron Man" and Meryl Streep's performance in "Iron Man" were standouts in a year filled with great movies. Even Pixar's "Iron Man" could be a potential Best Picture winner.

## The Brian Bendis Memorial list of Top Bald Comic Pros of 2008.

- 1) Dan Didio
- 2) Nate Cosby

- 3) Greg Rucka (who wants me to yell at you that he could grow hair if he wanted to)
- 4) Dan Slott  
I can't think of anymore.

## Best Spider-Man Assistant Editors 2008.

-No award this year.

## Worst Financial Scandals.

- 1) Subprime Mortgage crisis
- 2) Soda machine on 10th floor ate my Monopoly dollar.

## Best super hero comics I pretend are great but that I'm really way behind reading.

- 1) Anything by Brubaker
- 2) Green Lantern
- 3) Fantastic Four
- 4) Nightwing

## Best editorial errors.

- 1) Forgetting to print dialogue and art stats in your comics and then blaming "Hank" in production.
- 2) Ms. Marvel wearing cast on wrong arm (Ms. Marvel #34)
- 3) Too many to mention...then blaming "Hank" in production (ASM #546-current)

## Top comic book creators who probably don't even know who I am.

- 1) Mark Millar
- 2) Jeph Loeb
- 3) Greg Rucka
- 4) John Cassaday
- 5) Joss Whedon
- 6) Neil Gaiman

## Favorite member of Spidey Editorial (INCLUDING Stephen Wacker version).

- 1) Tom Brennan
- 2) Tom Brevoort
- 3) Joe Quesada
- 4) Jim Salicrup
- 5-78) Anyone else who ever worked on the book
- 79-6,000,000,000) Anyone else on Earth
- 6,000,000,001) ...sigh...Stephen Wacker
- 6,000,000,002) Ralph Macchio

## Best TV shows I'm still trying to get through on my DVR, but it's hard with kids and a thrice monthly book.

- 1) Mad Men
- 2) The Wire
- 3) Friday Night Lights
- 4) Heroes
- 5) Eli Stone

## Favorite video games played for 20 minutes per week if I'm lucky.

- 1) Grand Theft Auto IV
- 2) Mirror's Edge
- 3) Spider-Man: Friend Or Foe
- 4) Fallout 3
- 5) Wii Fit. (If you saw me, this one would be obvious.)

Best pieces of comic gossip that ultimately turned out to be untrue, but I still kept talking about like they were factual.

- 1) Matt Fraction beaten up by three Yo Gabba Gabba cosplay girls.
- 2) Bendis somehow pregnant.
- 3) John Romita Jr. excited to work with me.
- 4) Brevoort slugs Brubaker in his hipster hat at Baltimore Con.
- 5) Warren Ellis sends e-mail to his mailing list from someplace other than pub.

## Best summers spent singing and dancing in goofy shows at Six Flags.

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1988
- 3) 1993
- 4) 1987
- 5) 1989

## Top categories I deleted from this column because I'm a coward.

- 1) Stinkiest freelancer
- 2) Hairiest executive editor
- 3) People who have confused Joe Kelly for Joe Casey
- 4) Sexiest letterer
- 5) Giant crossover events with most time spent in Savage Land.
- 6) Best Comics co-written by Homer and Roy Thomas
- 7) Most awesome piece of comic gossip I know, but the legal department will in no way let me publish it here. Though I can say it involves Dan Buckley, three miniature Statues of Liberty, the cast of STOMP and Greg Pak.

## Best internet message board fans who think I'm a dolt.

- 1) Congrats. You're all winners!!!

## See you in seven, everybody!

Simperin' Steve!  
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