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# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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TO  
**DIE**  
**BOOK SIX**

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# THE DB! FOR EVERY BRAND NEWS DAY!



MAYOR'S RACE UPDATE: HOLLISTER "CONVALESCING" IN HOSPITAL BED; CANCELS COLBERT APPEARANCE. RANDALL CROWNE TO VISIT HOSPITAL ON HIS OWN TOUR OF VA HOSPITALS IN QUEENS, AS OUR BRAVEST START THE TRIP BACK HOME TO THE CROWNE THEY DESERVE! MORE ON PAGE L23

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WEDNESDAY

## GREEN ENERGY!



With carte blanche to send his Thunderbolts on the hunt for accused serial killer Spider-Man, Norman Osborn's grip on New York City seems stronger than ever. But his plan to catch Spider-Man blew up in his face when Spidey used the homing technology Osborn developed to track the webhead against T-Bolt assassin, Bullseye. Spidey and his foe-turned-crusader Anti-Venom (aka Eddie Brock) team to take Osborn down. Osborn, however, has plans of his own, donning his Goblin gear and powering his own Venom, Mac Gargan, with his former Scorpion suit and a deadly poison drawn from the blood of the twisted FREAK! But with New York on the brink of urban warfare, more forces than just the super-powered are heading for a final showdown at Oscorp...

## 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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# The Oscorp Building.

ACROSS THE HUDSON RIVER IN JERSEY CITY.

LILY, FOR  
THE LAST TIME.  
GO HOME.

NO. WE'RE  
IN THIS TOGETHER,  
HARRY. WHERE YOU  
GO, I GO.

NOT THIS  
TIME. IT'S  
DIFFERENT.  
HE'S HERE.

I EVER TELL  
YOU WHY MY DAD  
BUILT THIS BRANCH  
OFF THE  
PALISADES?

SO HE'D HAVE  
A CLEAR VIEW  
OF THE GEORGE  
WASHINGTON  
BRIDGE.



INQUIRIES  
EXCLUDED

WHAT DOES  
THAT HAVE TO  
DO WITH  
ANYTHING?

DON'T  
ASK.

YOU!  
WHERE IS  
HE?

WHERE'S  
NORMAN  
OSBORN?

THIS WAY.  
YOUR FATHER'S  
BEEN EXPECTING  
YOU, SIR.

GOOD. I  
WOULDN'T WANT  
TO DISAPPOINT  
HIM.

HARRY,  
WAIT! HARRY!

ALL RIGHT!  
WHAT THE HELL  
ARE YOU PLAYING  
AT?!

YOU BLEW  
UP MY PLACE!  
MY GIRLFRIEND  
COULD'VE BEEN  
KILLED!

I COULD'VE  
BEEN KILLED!

PLEASE, HARRY.  
GIRLFRIENDS? THEY'RE  
REPLACEABLE. AND DON'T  
ACT LIKE YOU HAVEN'T  
DIED BEFORE.

YOU SHOULD  
BE USED TO IT  
BY NOW. WE'RE  
OSBONS. WE  
BOUNCE BACK.

IT'S  
IN OUR  
BLOOD.

# NEW WAYS TO DIE PART SIX WEAPONS OF SELF DESTRUCTION

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WHAT THE--?  
YOU'RE IN  
COSTUME?  
AGAIN!

LOOK, YOU'RE  
GOING TO HAVE  
TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.  
LAST TIME YOU WERE  
UPSET I WAS  
WEARING THE  
MASK.

YOU'RE INSANE!  
HOW COULD YOU--HOW  
COULD ANY FATHER BE  
SO--? WHY THE COFFEE  
BEAN, DAD?  
WHEN I WAS FINALLY  
MAKING SOMETHING  
OF MYSELF--

I DID YOU A FAVOR, BOY.  
YOUR PLACE IS HERE, AT  
OSCORP. BY MY SIDE. YOU  
HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S  
COMING. BUT I DO.

THE WORLD  
COULD BE OURS,  
SON. THE TWO OF US  
TOGETHER? WE'D BE  
INVINCIBLE. NO ONE  
COULD STOP US.

REALLY?  
'CAUSE OFF  
THE TOP OF  
MY HEAD...

"...I CAN THINK  
OF SOMEBODY."

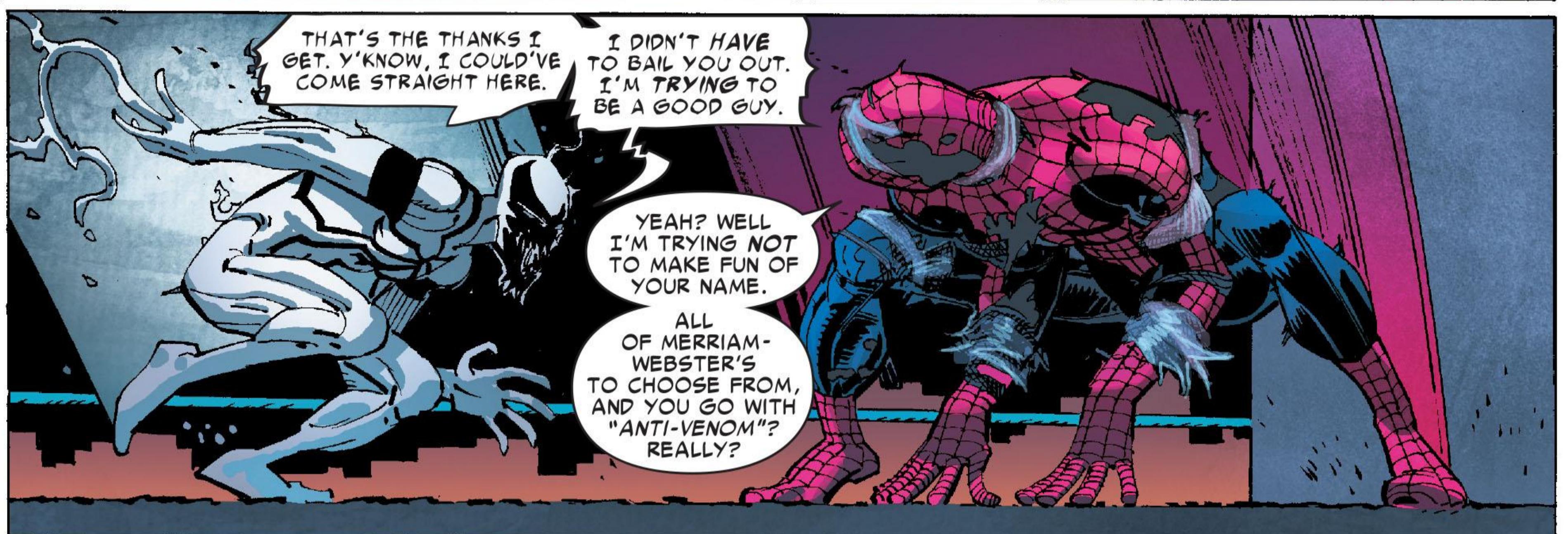
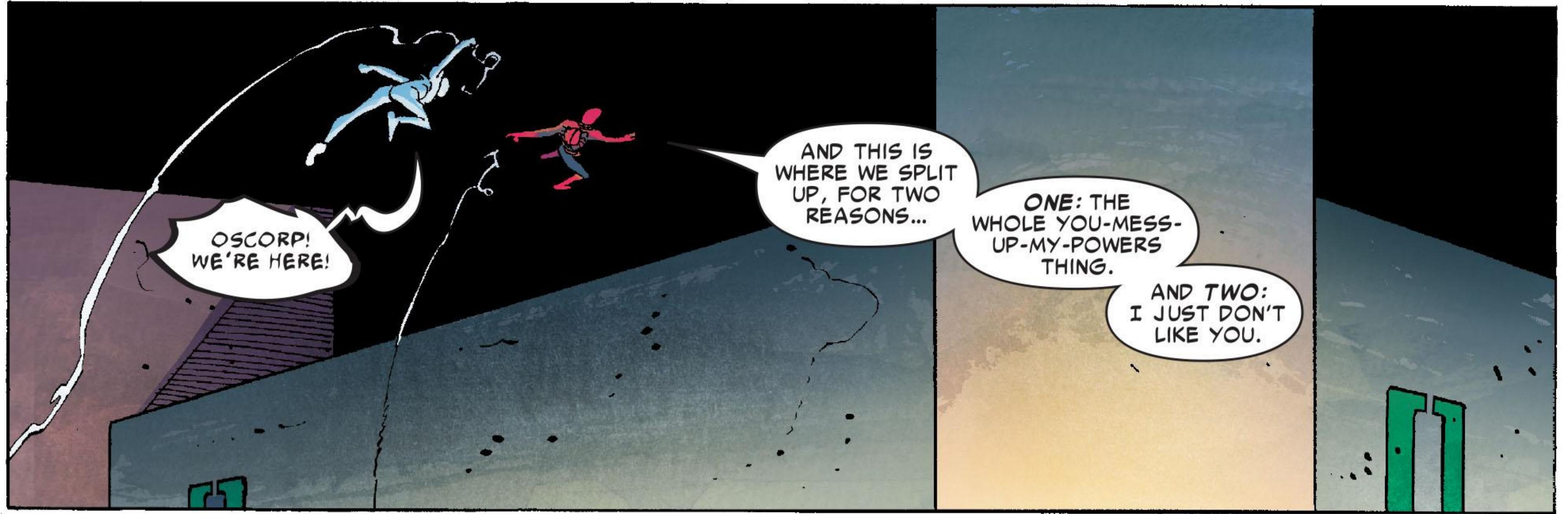
EDDIE,  
YOU'RE DOING  
IT AGAIN.

SORRY.  
QUICK  
REMINDER.  
WHAT HAPPENS IF  
YOU SWING TOO  
CLOSE?

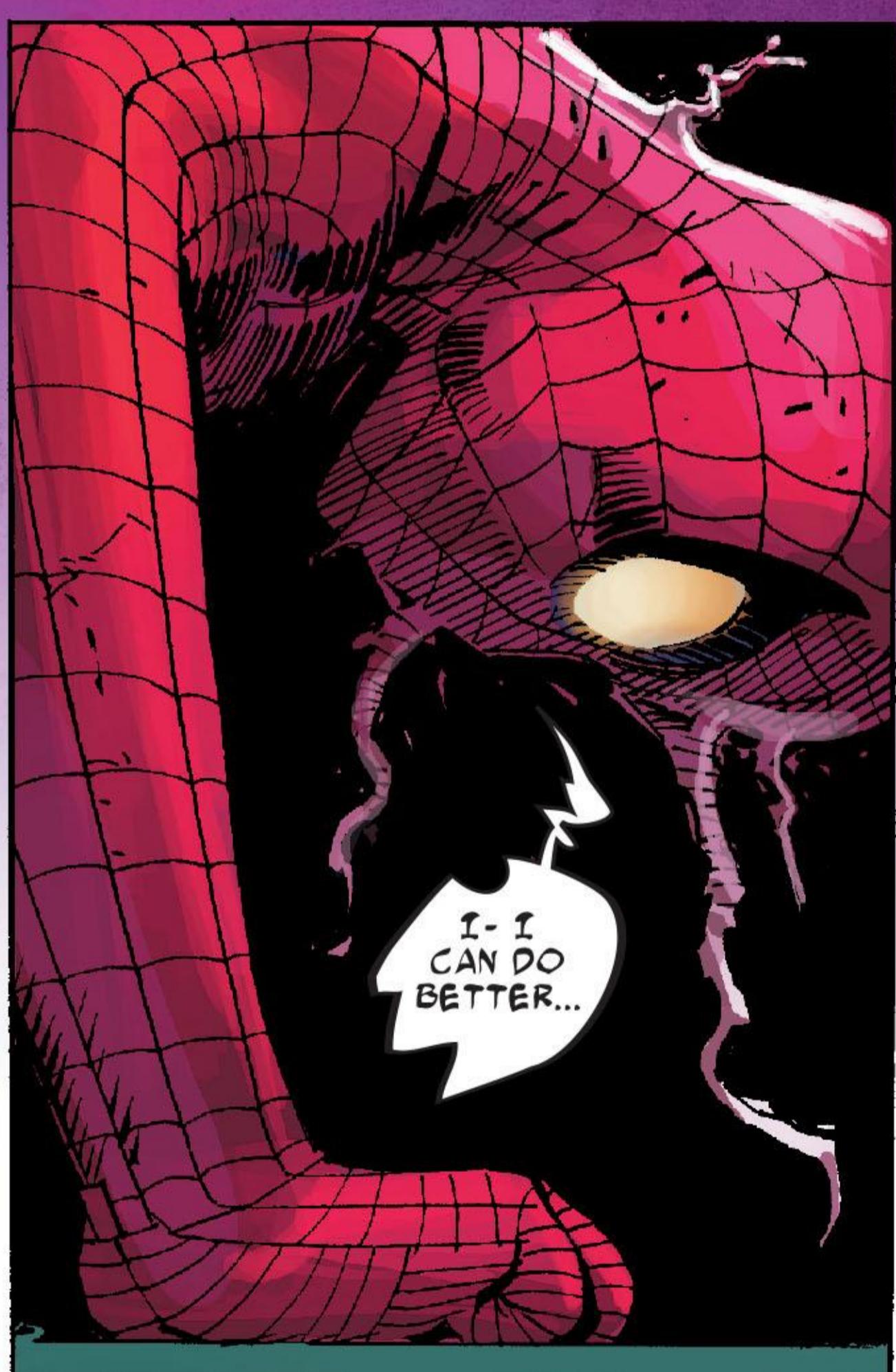
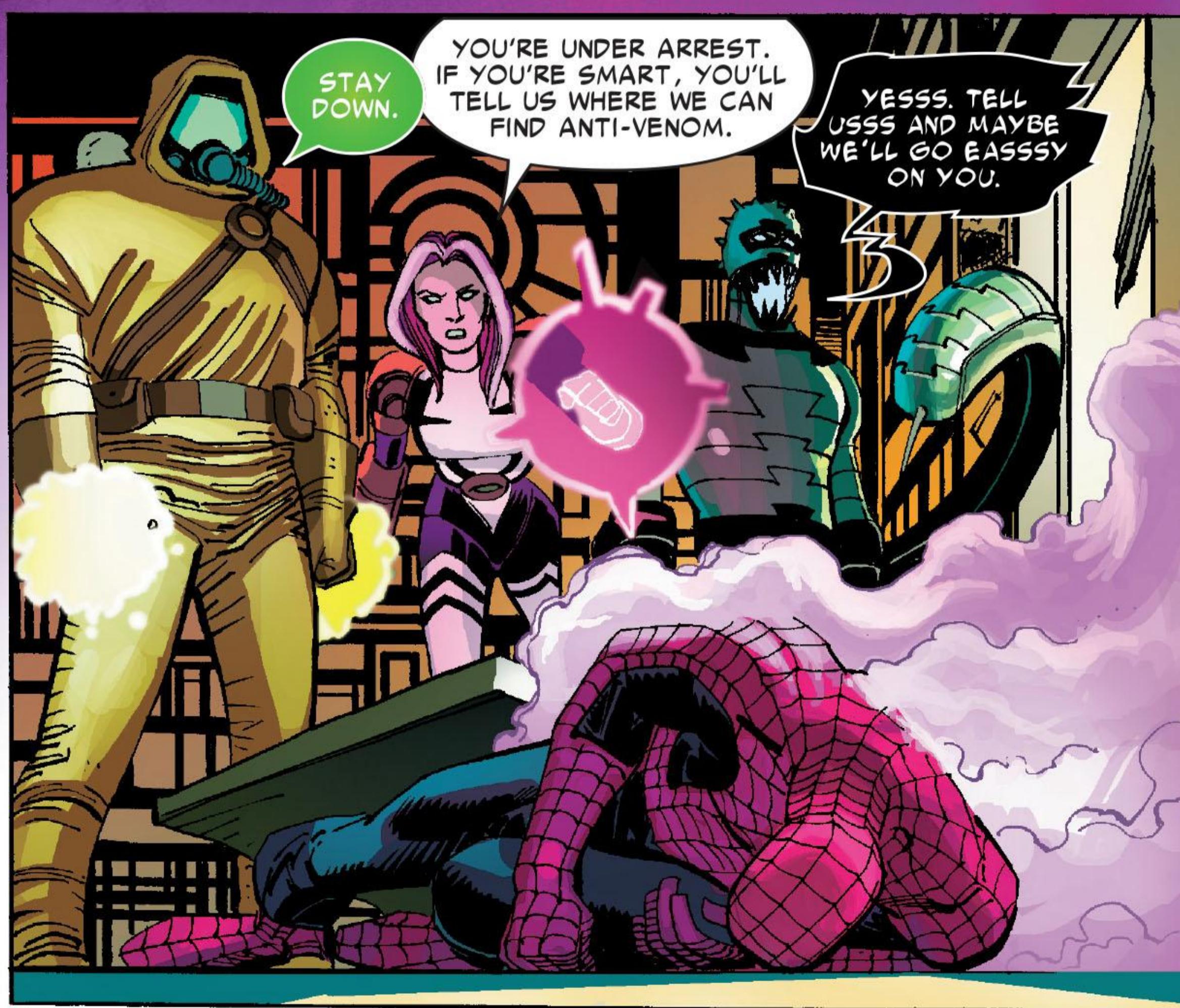
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DON'T WANT  
THAT, DO WE?  
YOUR POWERS  
CUT OUT AND YOU  
COULD FALL TO  
YOUR DEATH.

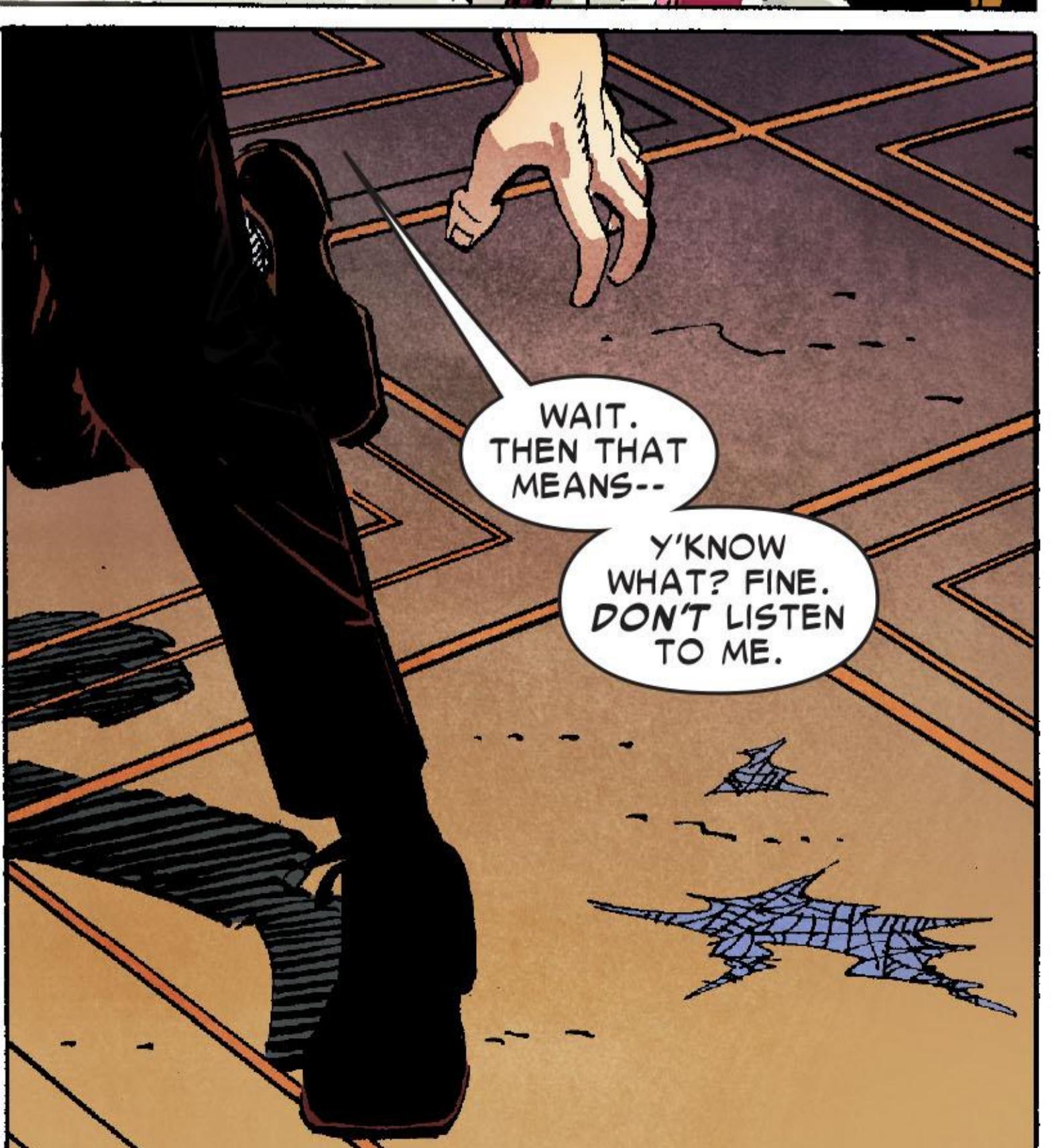
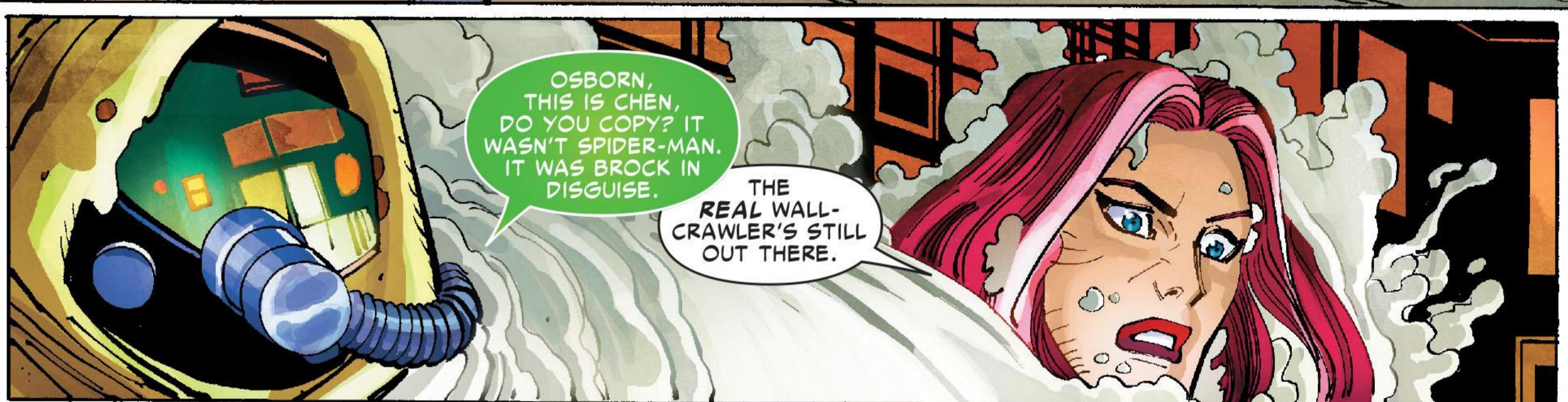
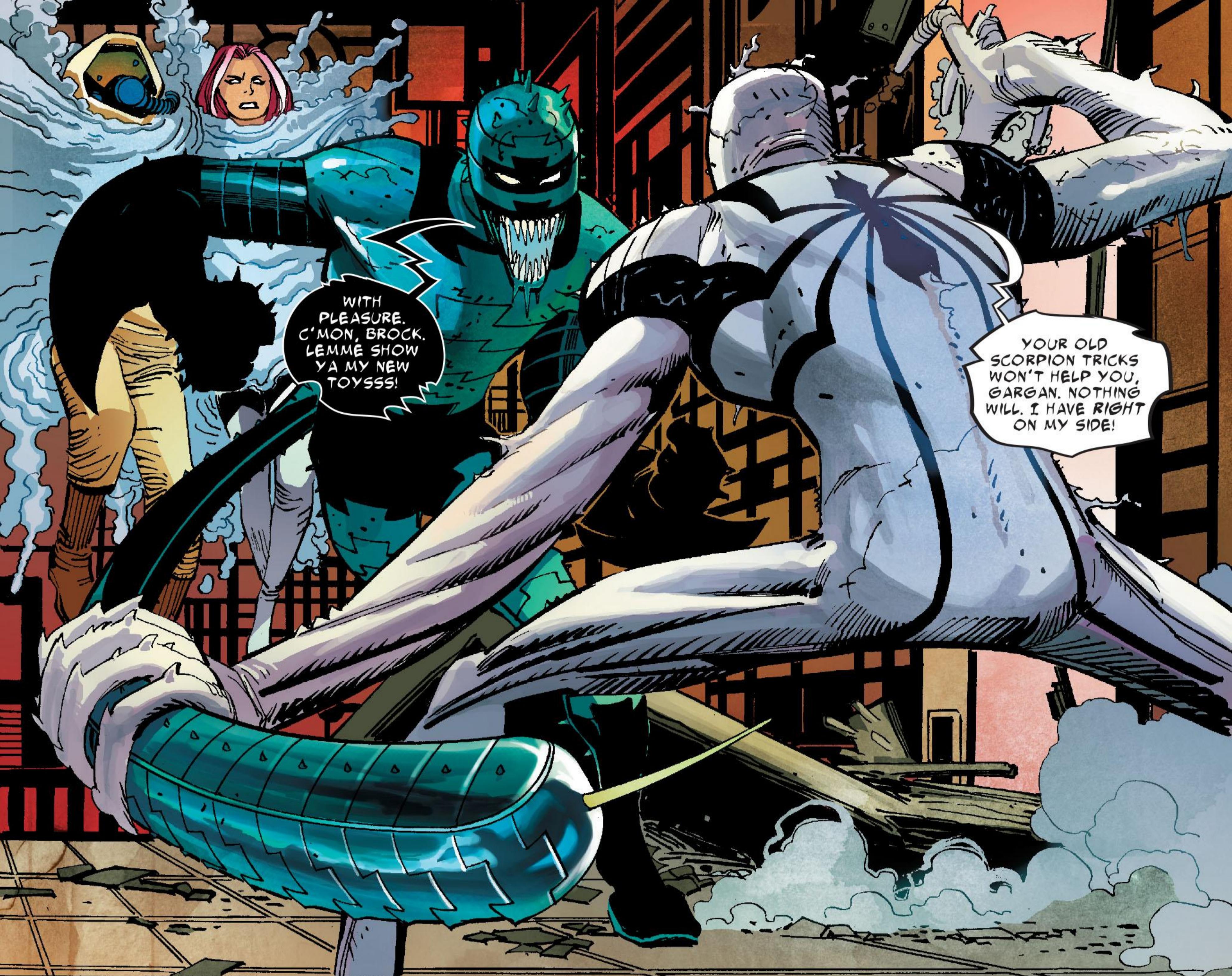
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GOOD. SO  
DON'T MAKE ME  
COME BACK THERE.  
BECAUSE...WELL...  
I CAN'T.





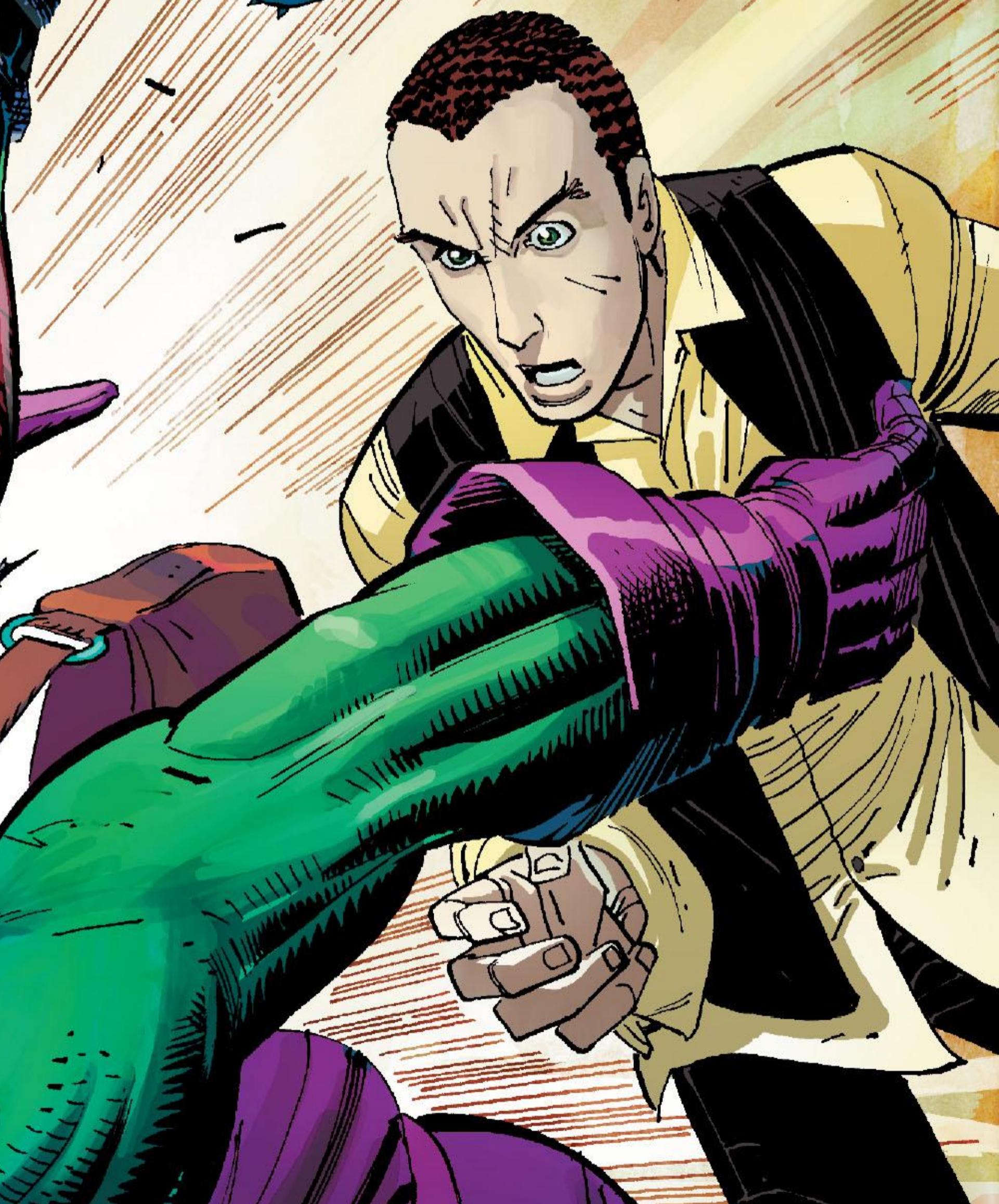


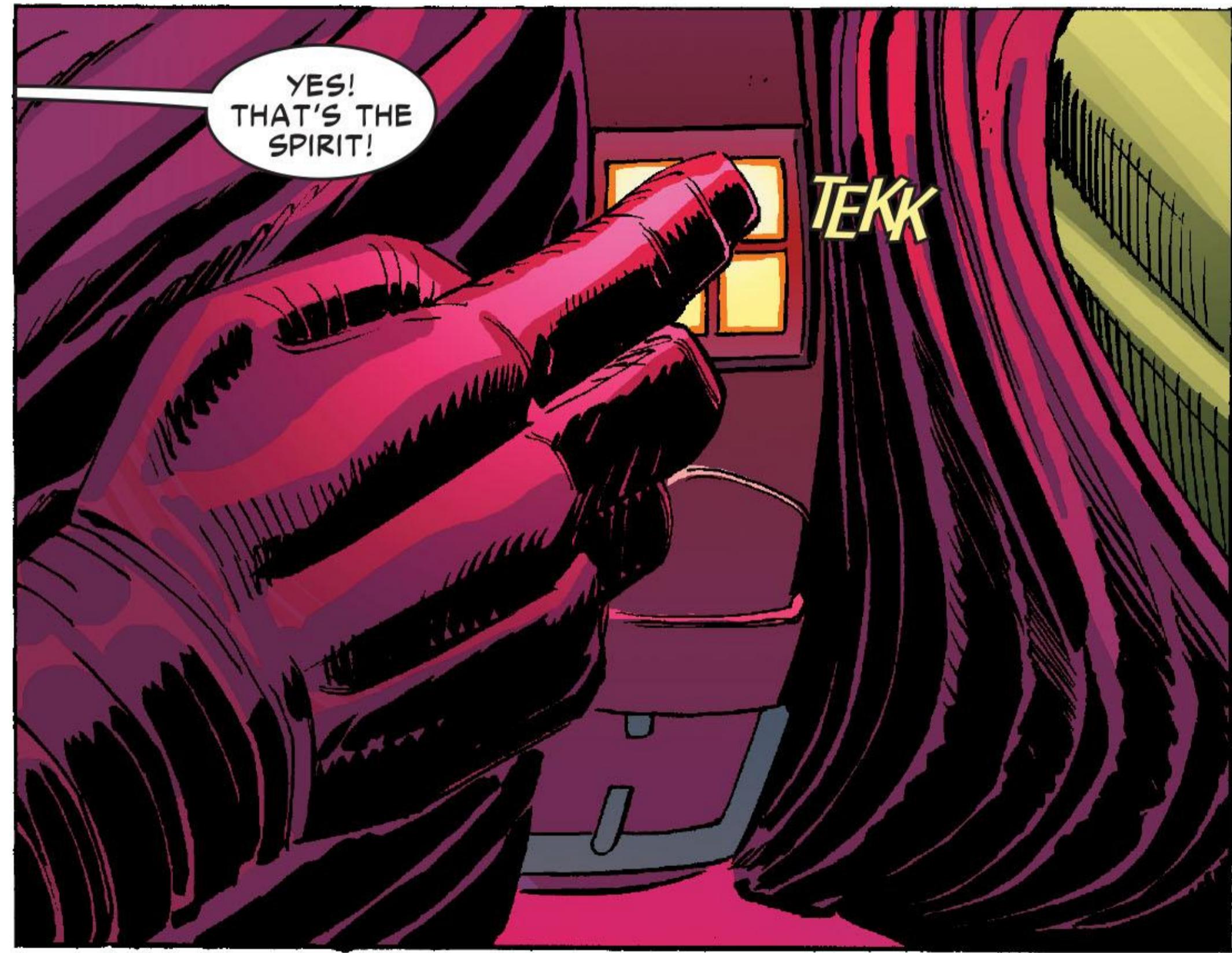




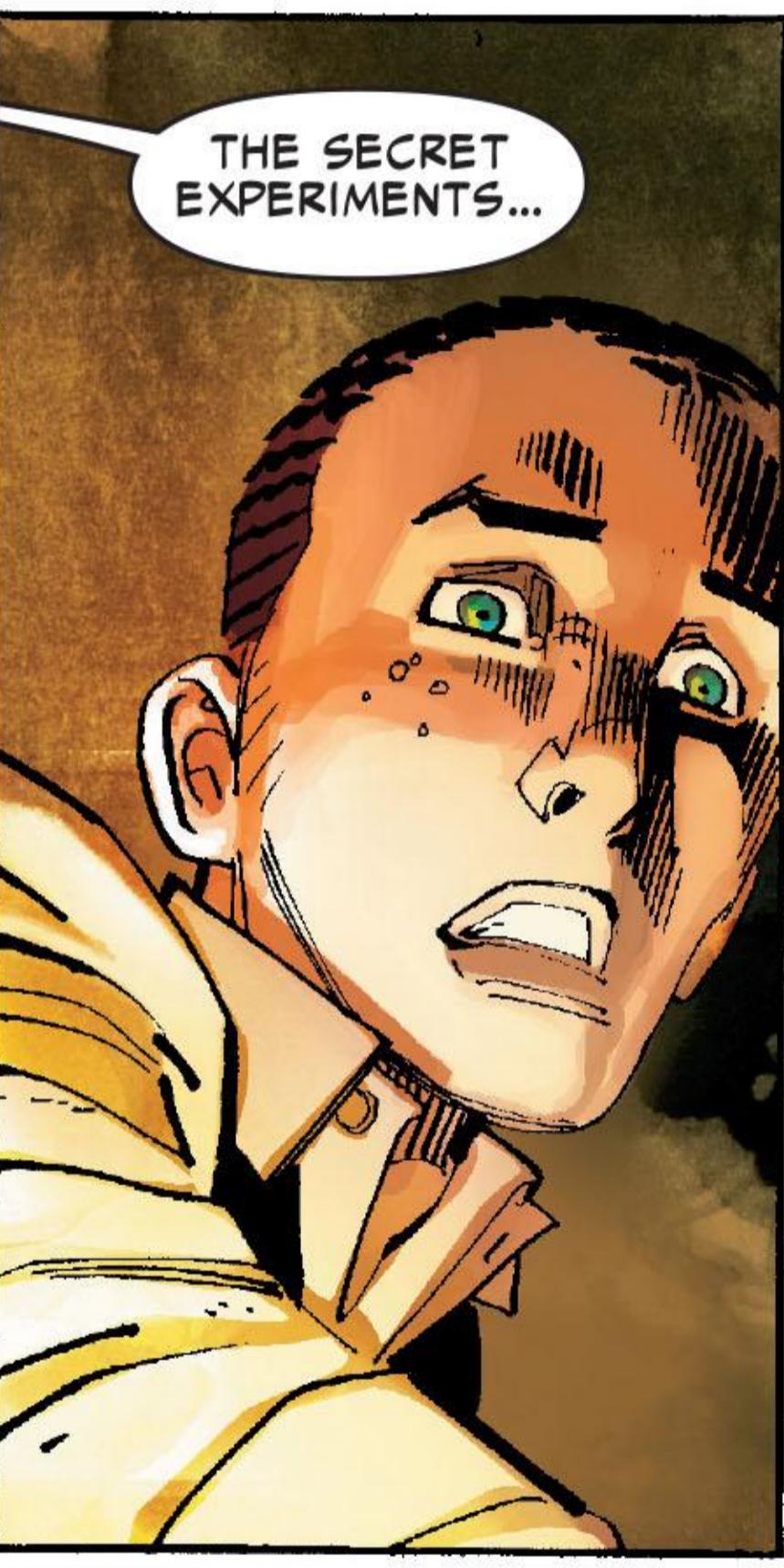
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GO!**

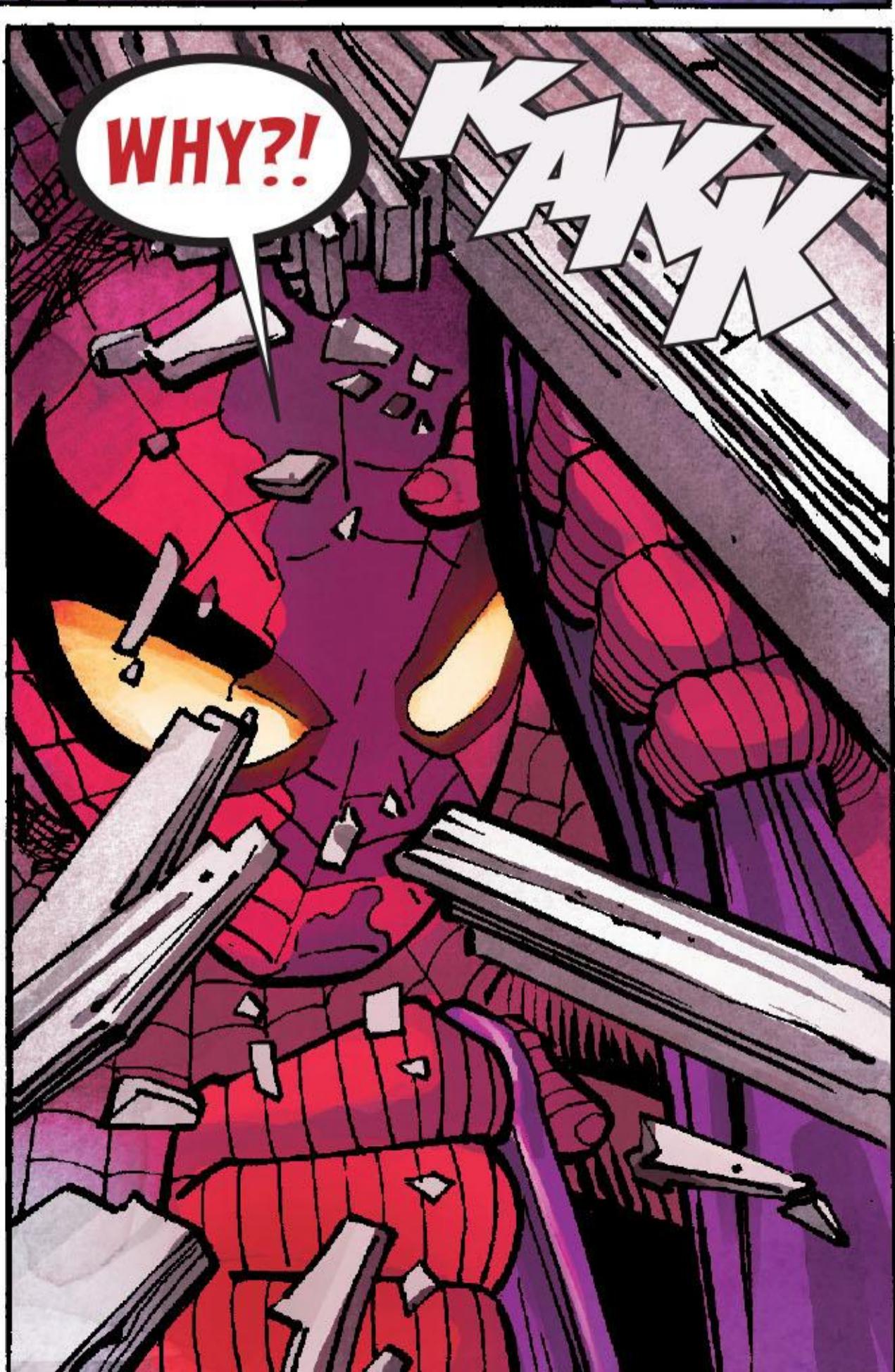
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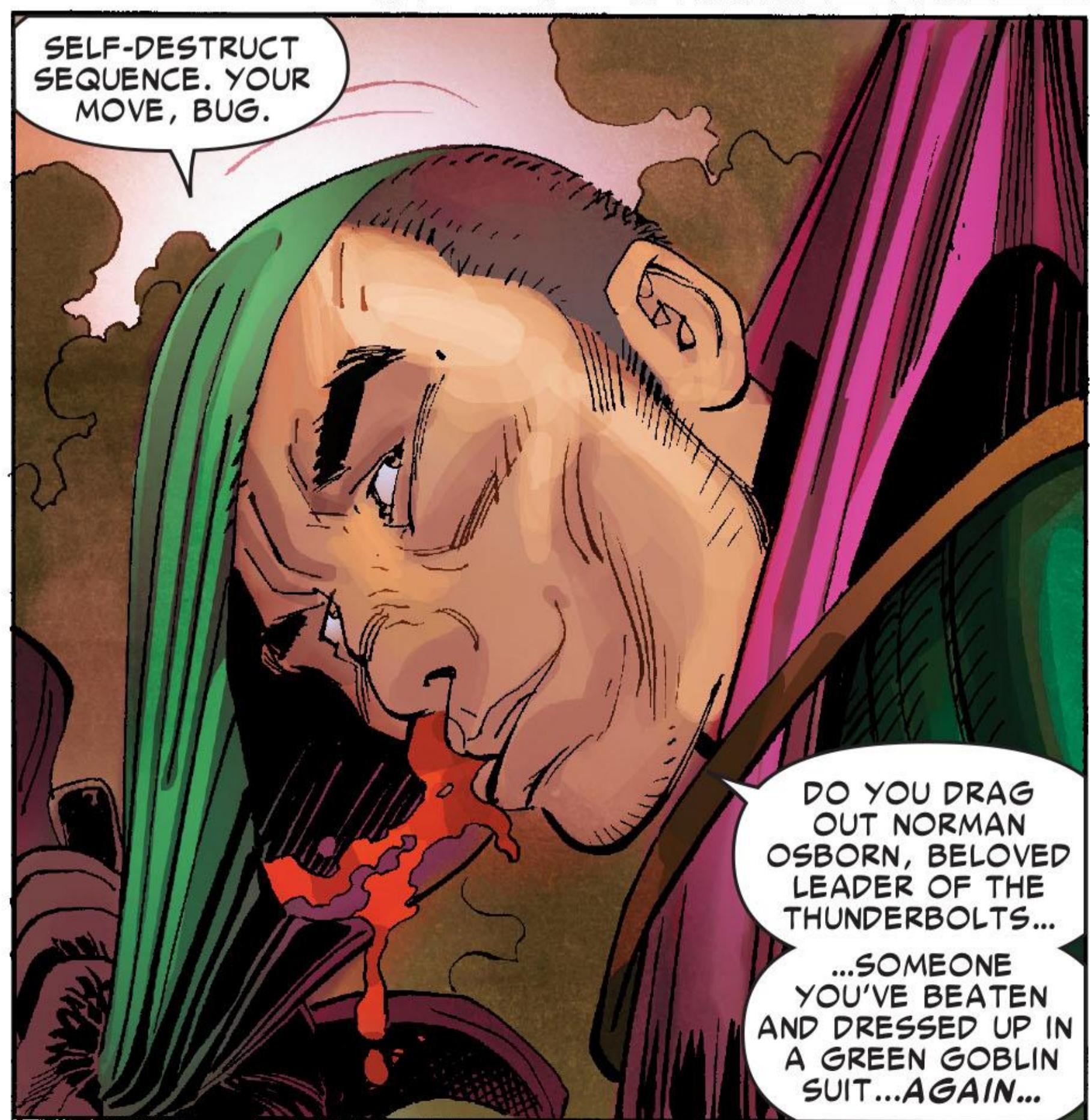
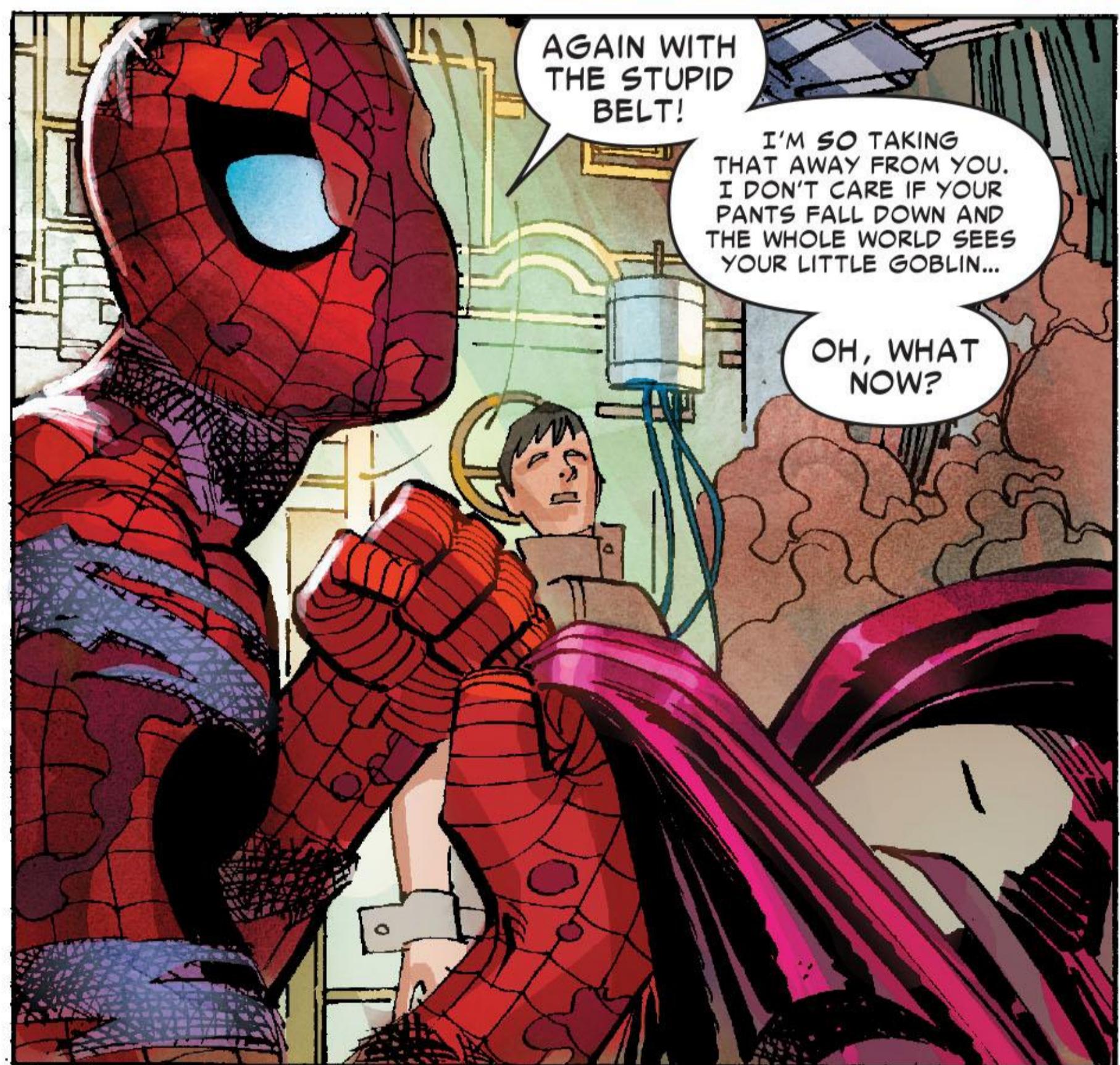


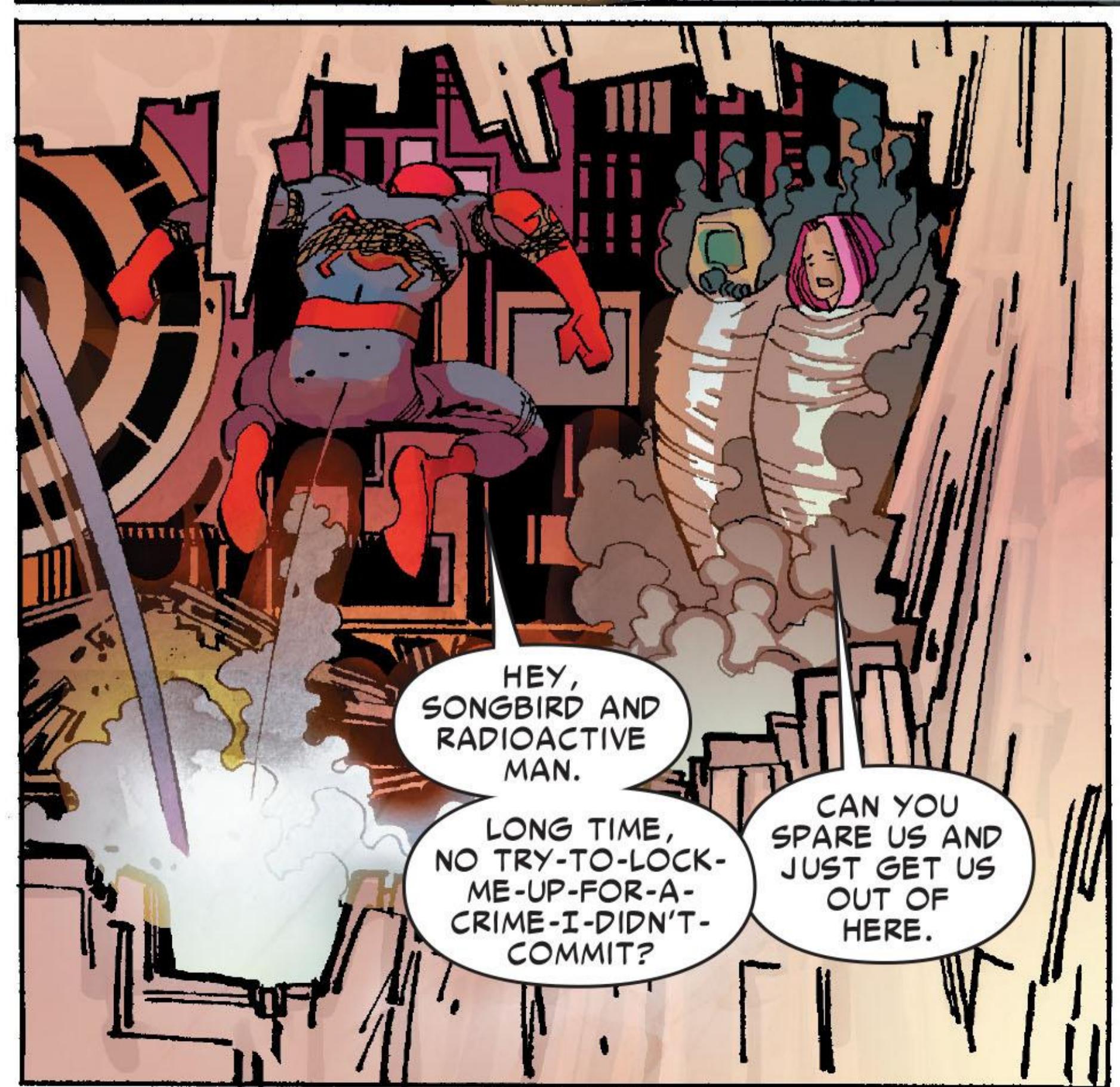
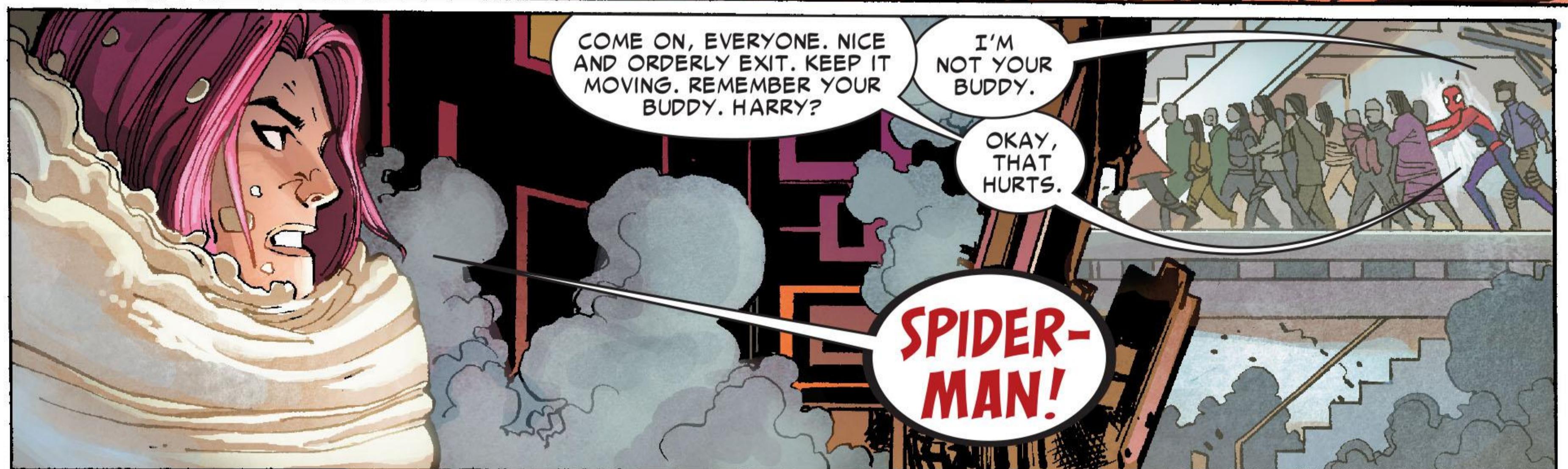




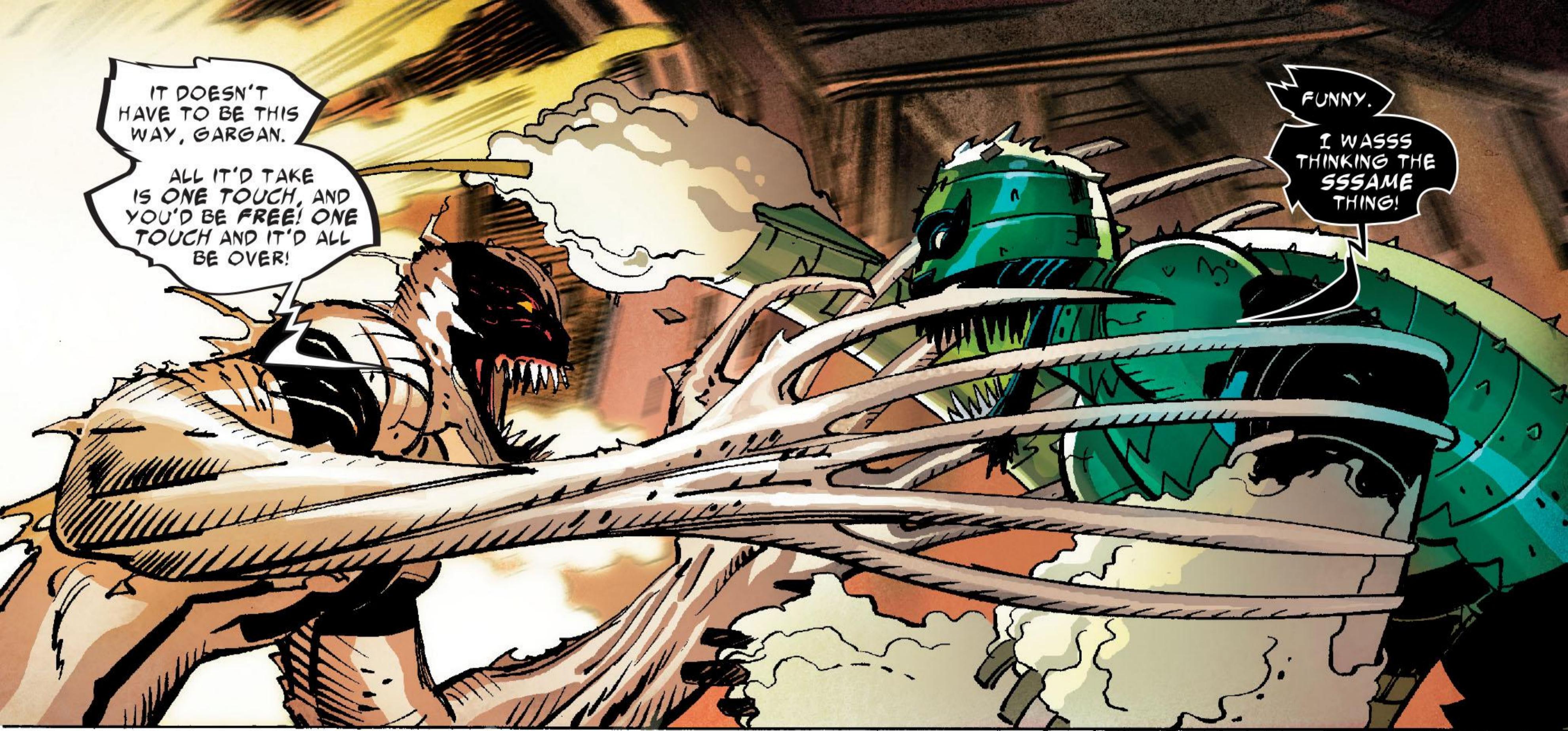




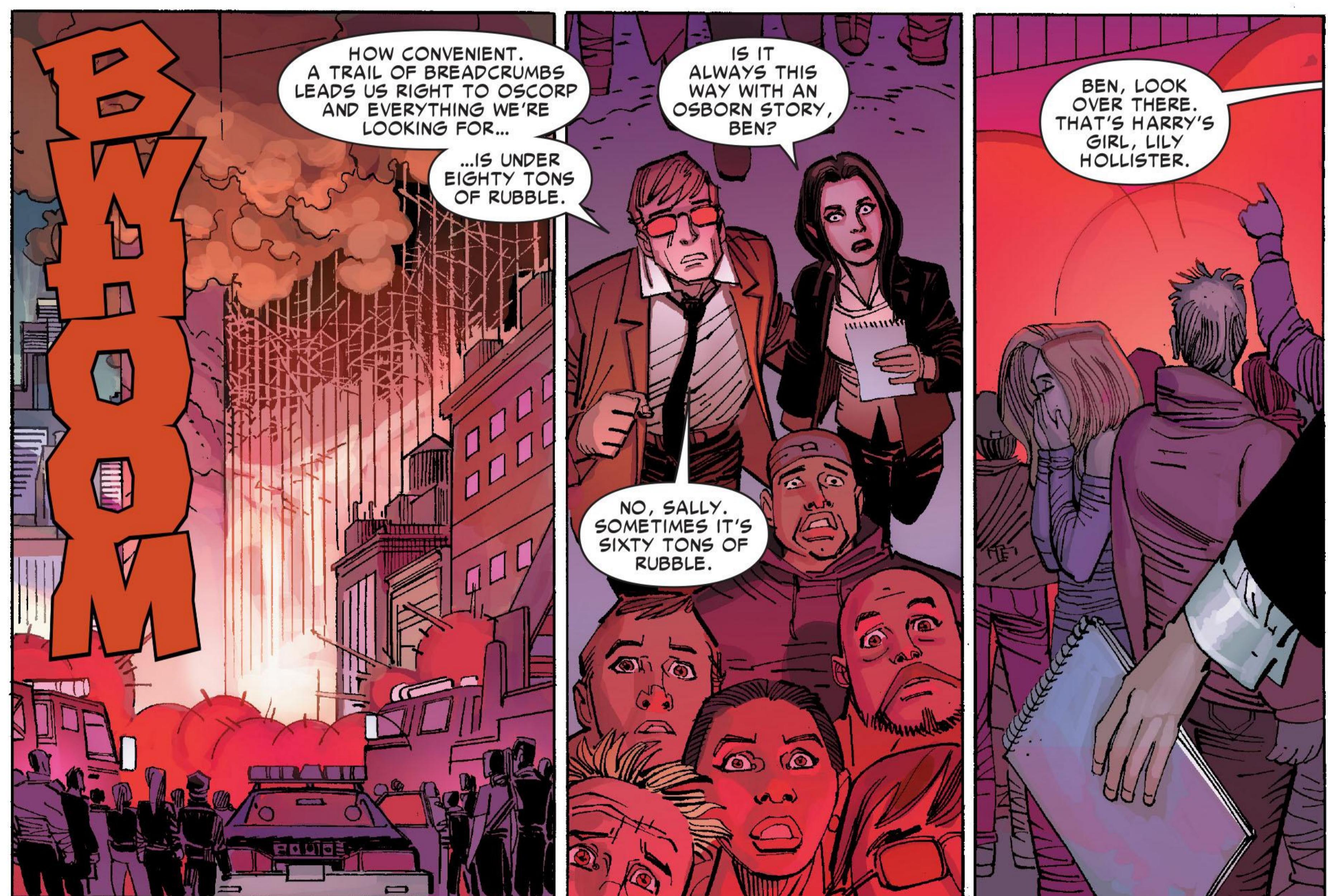






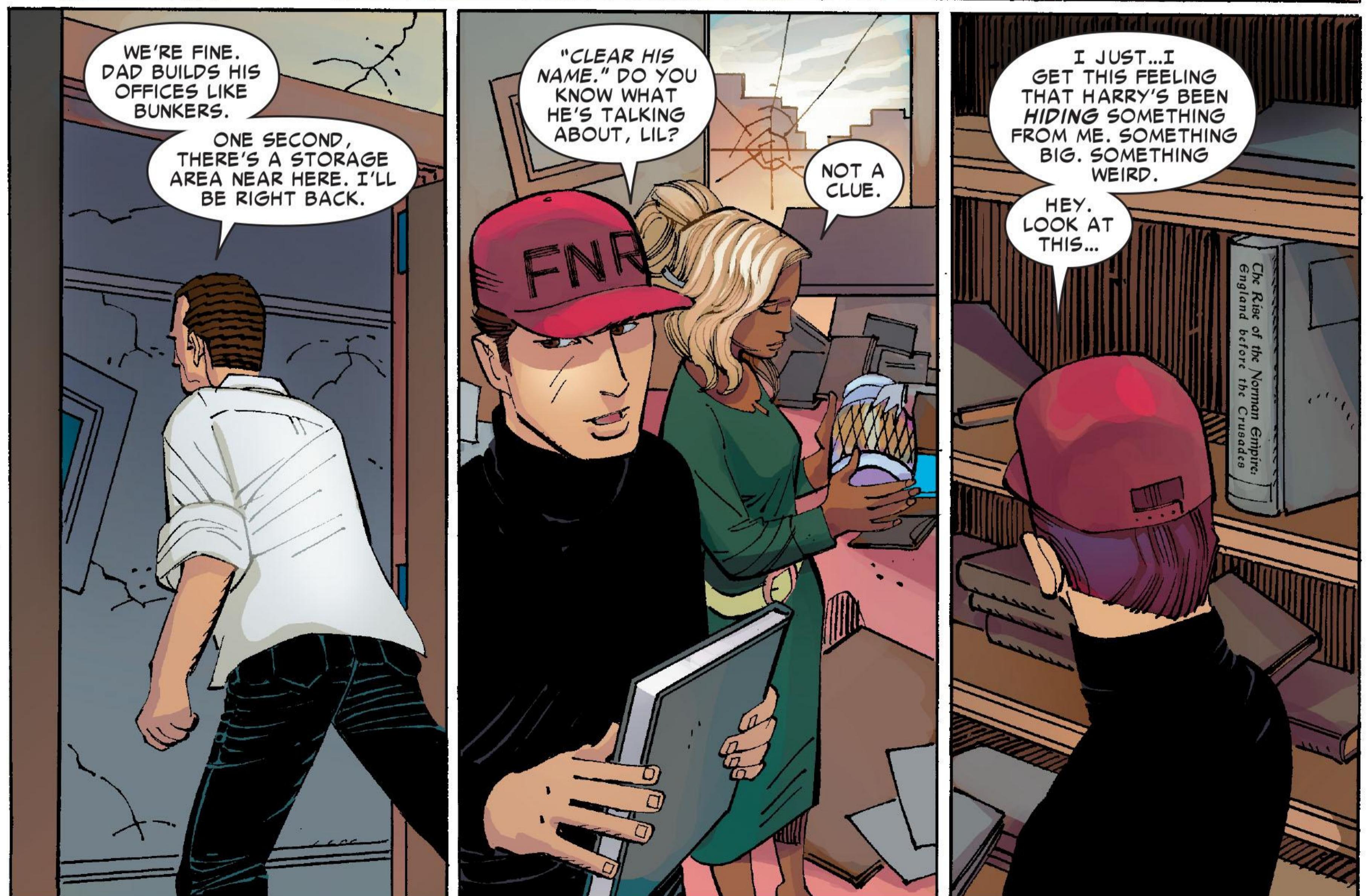
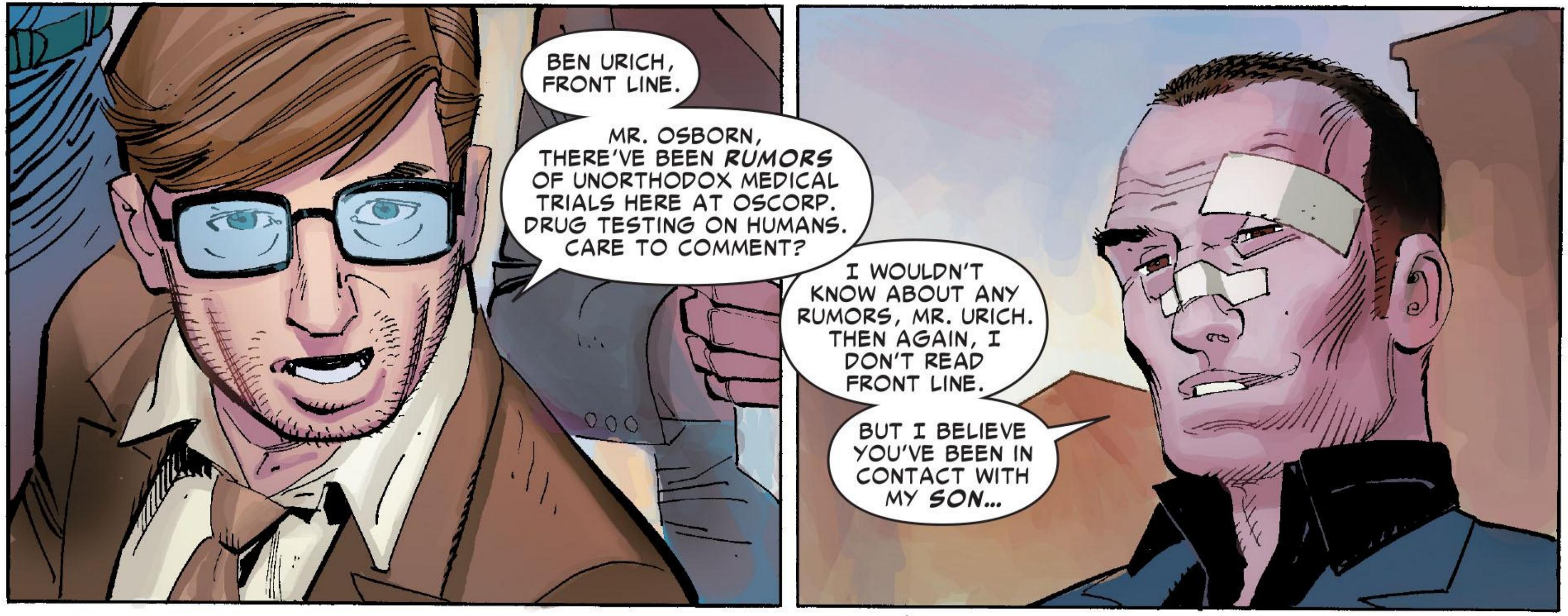


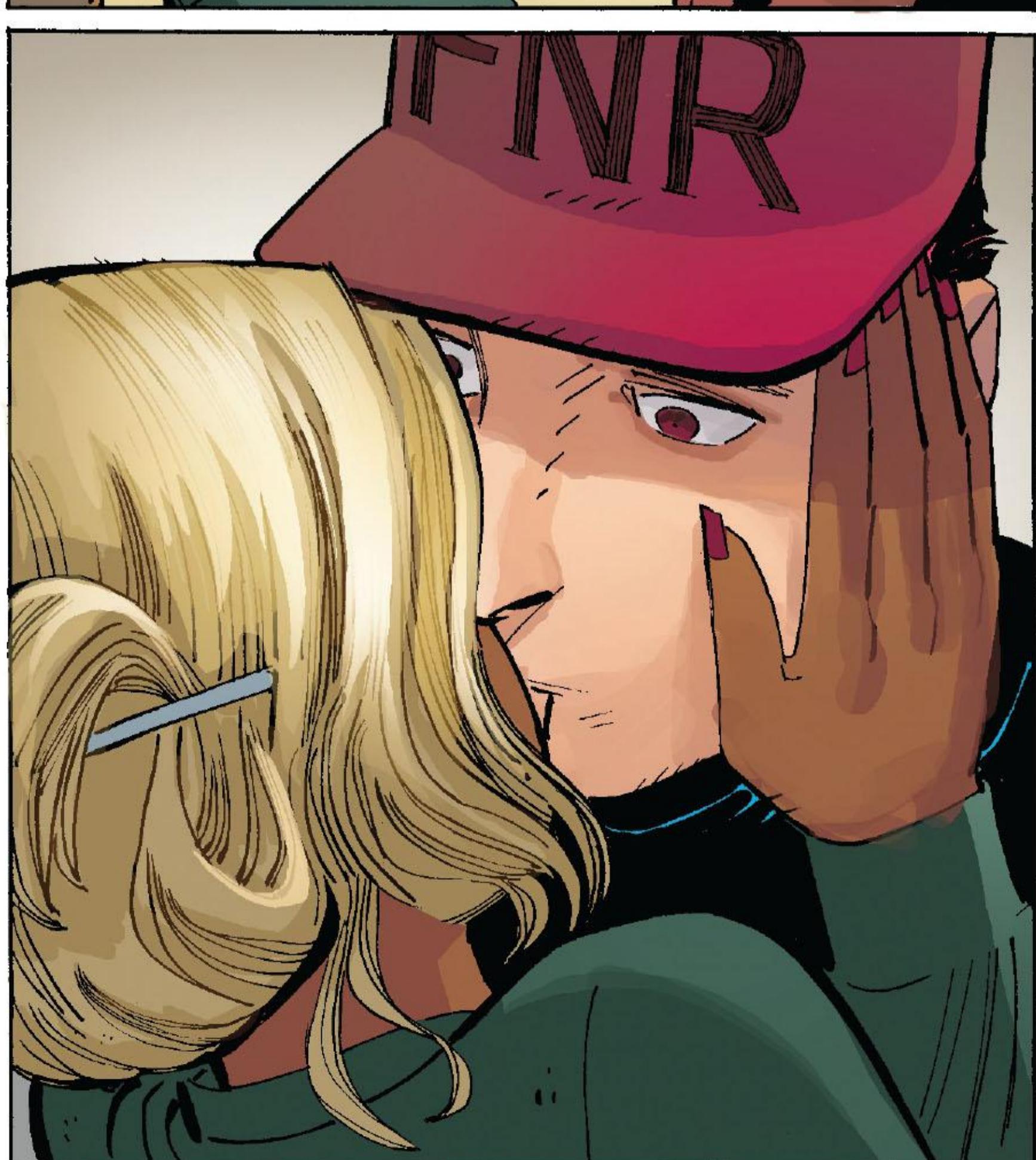
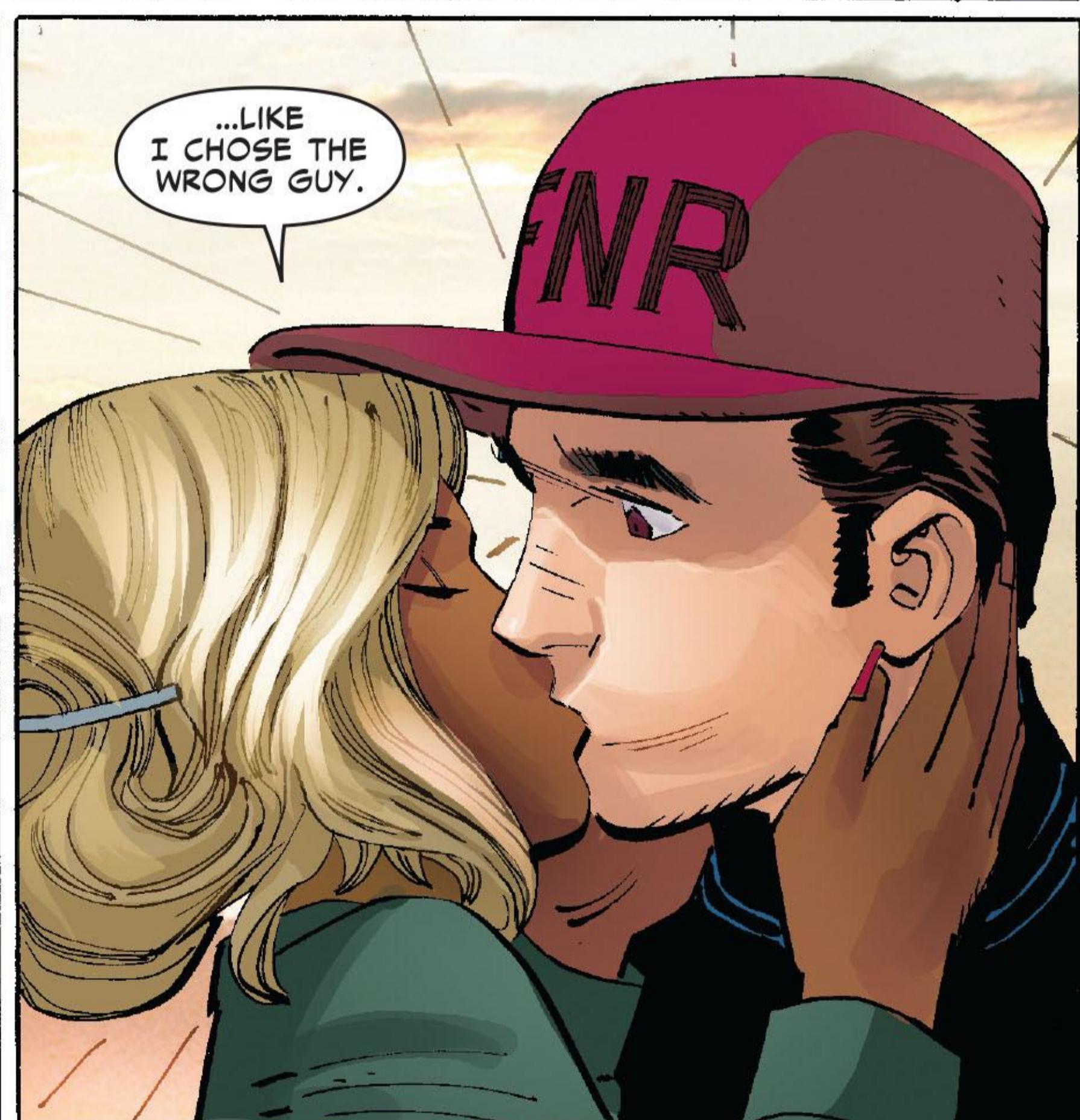
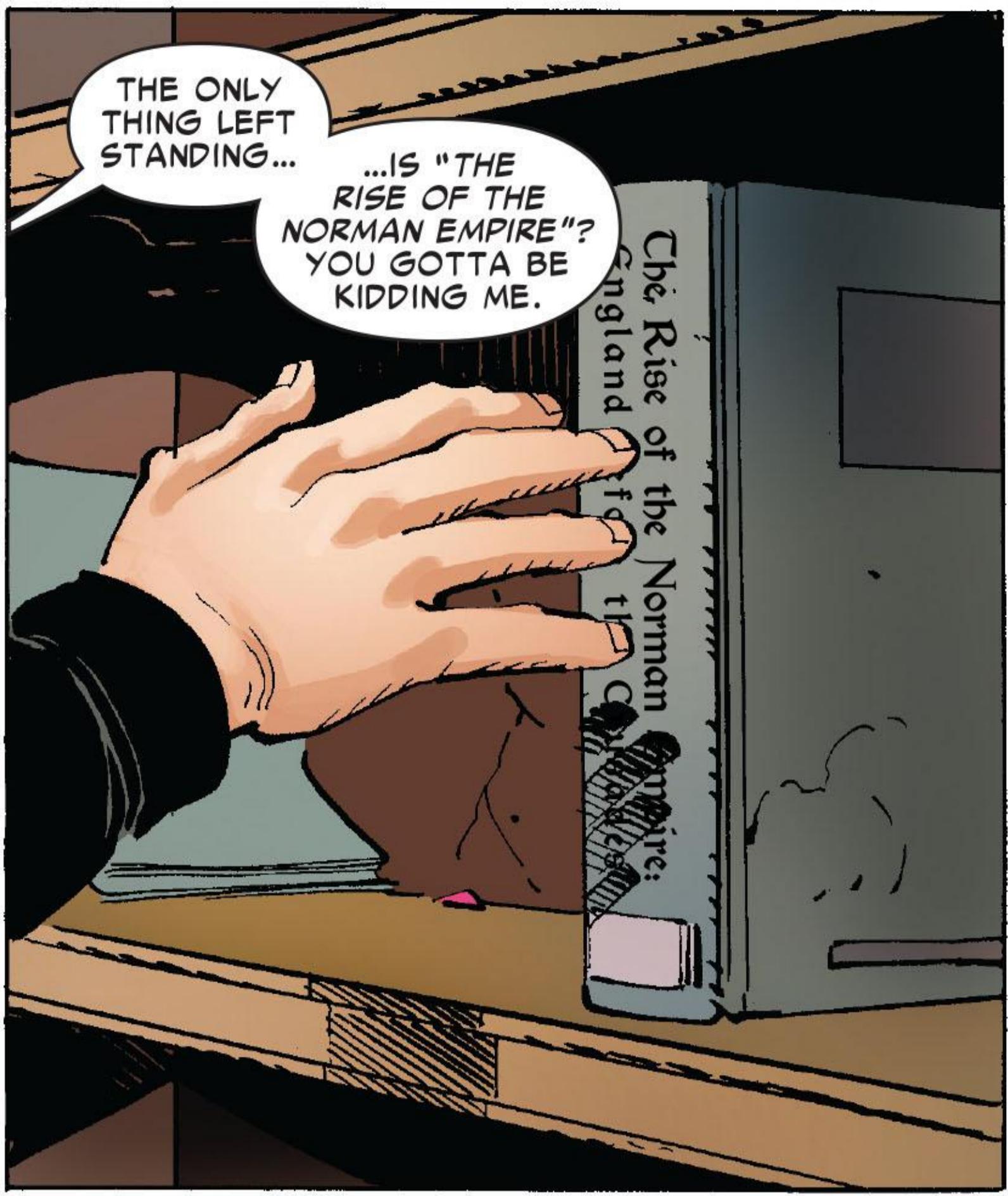


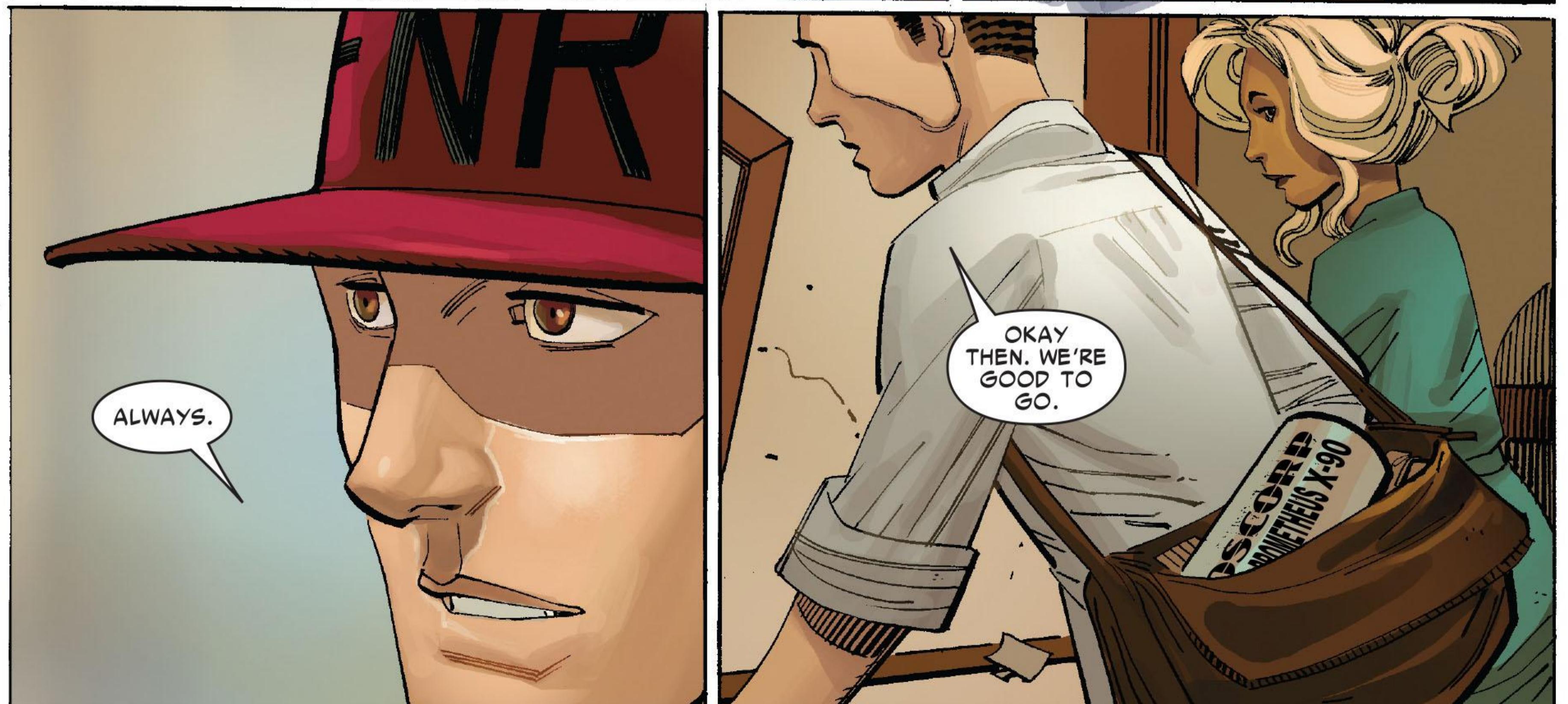
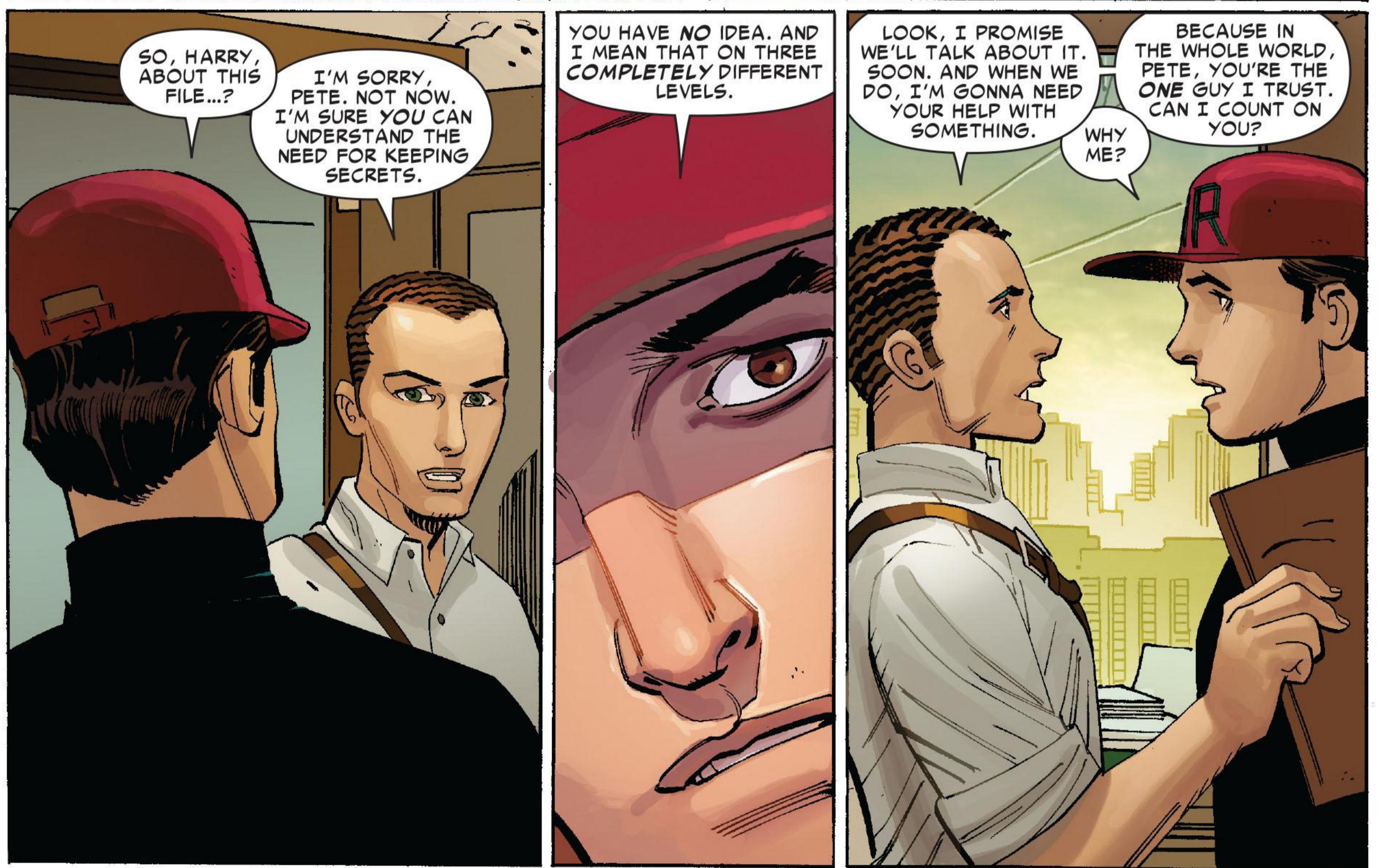












SO, WHAT'S  
MY STORY? 

## THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER REOPENING TOMORROW

I WAS THE DYING  
MAN WHO FOUND A  
NEW REASON TO LIVE...

...FRIENDS AMONG  
STRANGERS, AND  
A HOME WITH THE  
HOMELESS.

DO ANY  
OF YOU  
UNDERSTAND?

IF JUST ONE  
OF YOU WILL TESTIFY,  
WE CAN BRING CHARGES  
AGAINST OSCORP.  
ANYONE?

SALLY,  
MAYBE WE  
SHOULD GET  
MR. LI IN  
HERE.

THEY  
UNDERSTAND YOU,  
BEN. THEY ALSO  
UNDERSTAND THAT  
THEY'RE HERE  
ILLEGALLY...

...AND NONE  
OF THEM WANT  
TO BE SENT...

...BACK HOME?  
BRANT? YOU'RE  
TAKING OFF? ARE  
YOU INSANE?

THIS IS THE STORY  
OF THE CENTURY. FOR  
FRONT LINE OR THE DB.  
AND YOU'RE JUST  
GOING TO WALK  
AWAY?

HOW MANY TIMES  
DO I HAVE TO  
TELL YOU, FLOYD?  
I'M NOT COVERING  
THAT.

I WAS HERE  
TO REPORT ON  
THE F.E.A.S.T. SHELTER  
"MIRACLES." AND THAT  
STORY'S OVER.

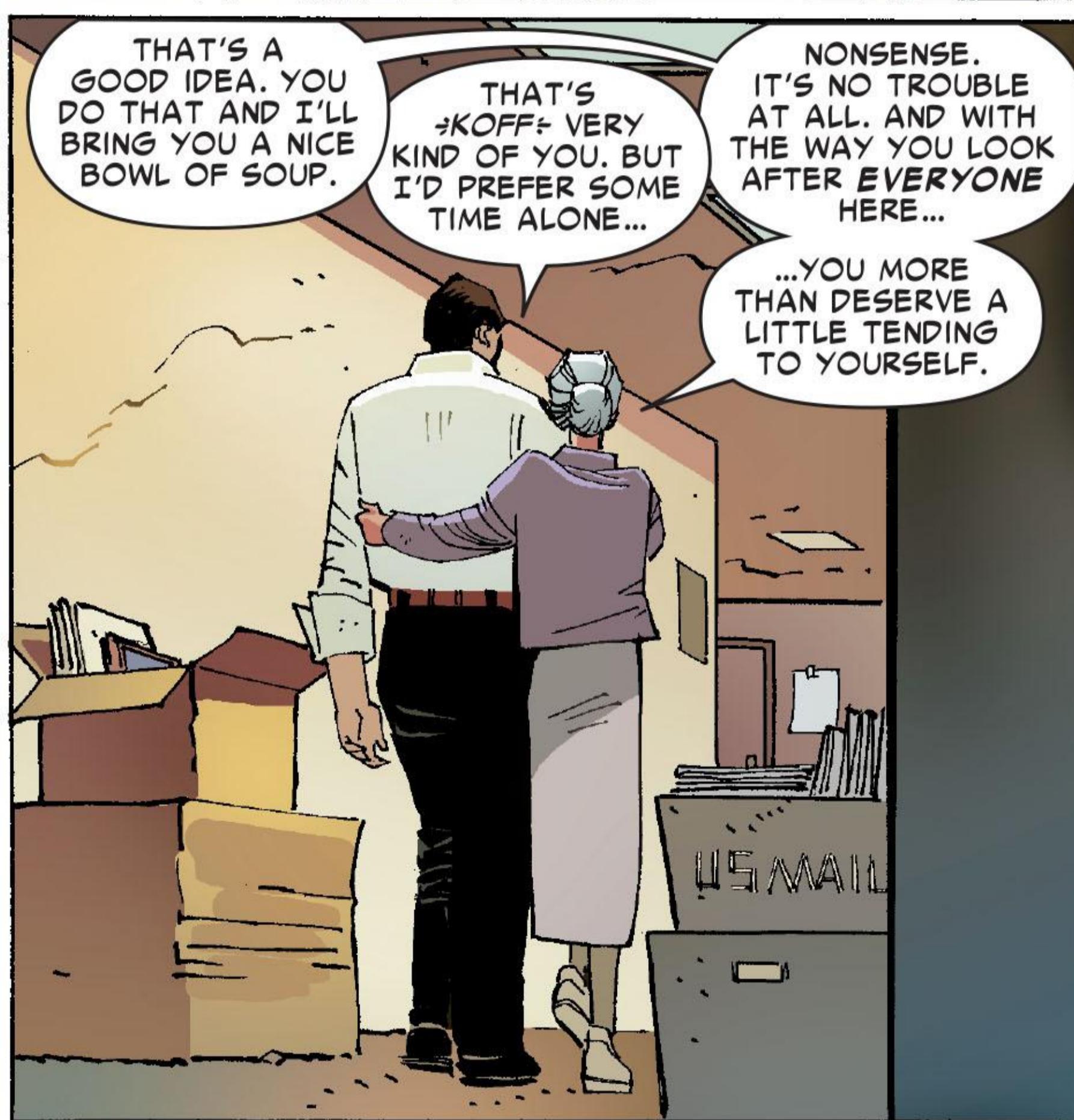
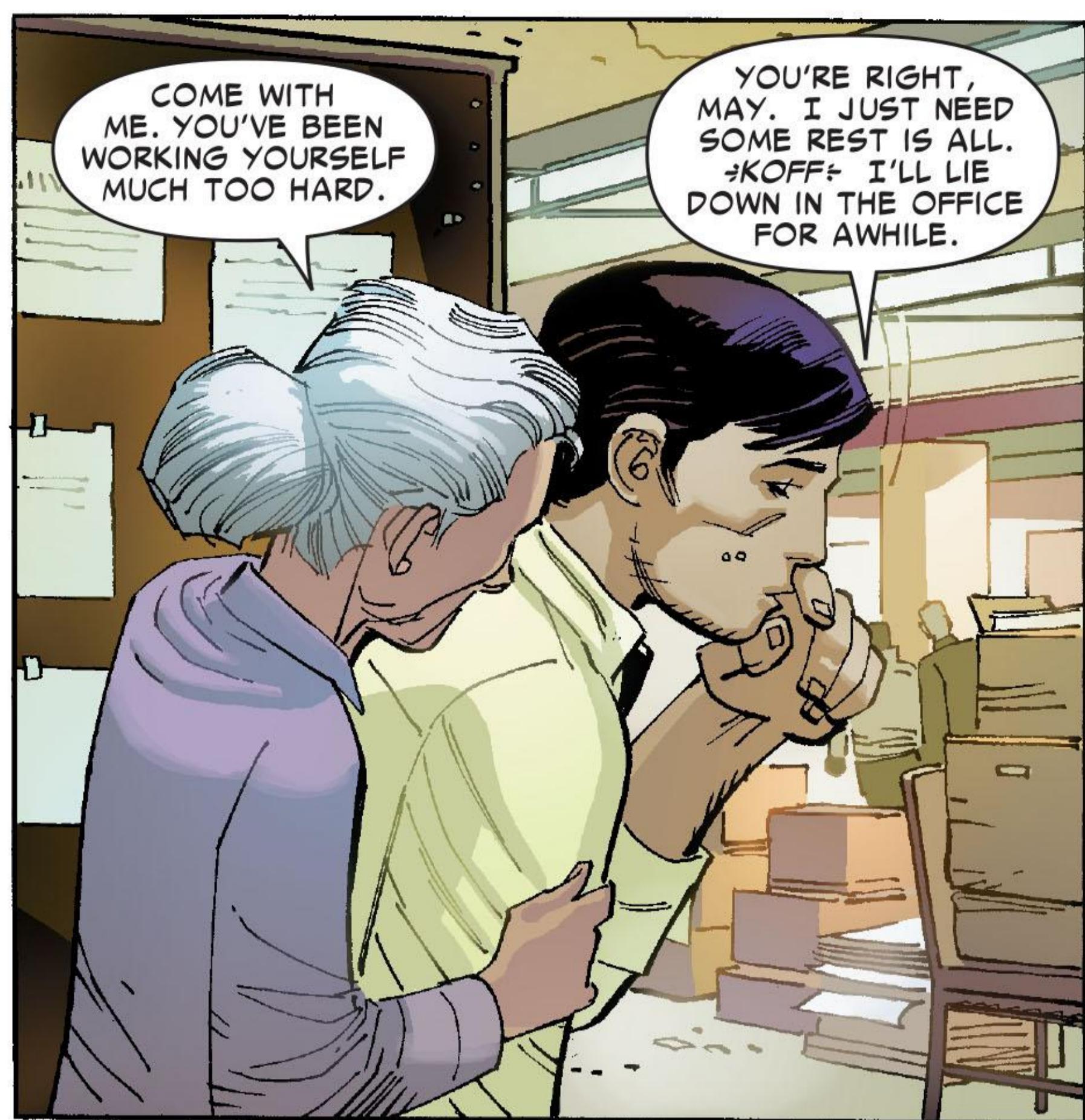
PEOPLE ARE  
GETTING SICK  
AGAIN, RELAPSING  
AT AN ALARMING  
RATE.

LIKE DEXTER  
BENNETT SAID, IT'S  
ALL JUST A LOAD OF  
BUNK. AND FOR A  
MINUTE I ALMOST  
BOUGHT IT.

I ALMOST  
BELIEVED  
MIRACLES COULD  
HAPPEN.

MAYBE  
LATER, LUKAS.  
-KOFF- I'M-I'M  
A LITTLE TIRED  
RIGHT NOW.

MR. LI!  
YOU WANNA  
PLAY?



HE SHOWED ME A SIDE OF HUMANITY I'D LONG FORGOTTEN.

THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER  
REOPENING TOMORROW

I KNOW THERE'S SO MUCH MORE I COULD LEARN FROM HIM.

BUT I CAN'T GO BACK.

WANTED  
DEAD OR ALIVE  
I SIDED WITH SPIDER-MAN.  
I FOUGHT THE THUNDERBOLTS--  
GOVERNMENT AGENTS.

THAT MAKES ME A FUGITIVE. A WANTED MAN.  
BUT NO MATTER...

ALIVE

THIS CITY HAS A SICKNESS. I CAN SEE IT ALL AROUND ME.

IT PREYS ON THE POOR, THE INFIRM,  
ALL THOSE WHO ARE TOO WEAK TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES.

AND I'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH THE CURE.

FROM NOW ON, I AM THE ANTI-VENOM.

The End.

# SO THERE SHALL COME THIS MAN...THIS CANDIDATE!

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A CRISP AUTUMN DAY IN NEW YORK CITY--  
A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER! FOR ON THIS  
DAY, THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF A NATION  
HANG BY A THREAD...A SLENDER THREAD...

...OF E'ER-  
GOSSAMER  
WEBBING!

No. 1

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(AND SO CAN YOU!)

TO Stephen Colbert Presidential Cam

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THE PLACE:  
A POLITICAL RALLY IN  
UNION SQUARE PARK!

THE MAN: KINGMAKER,  
PUNDIT AND PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATE STEPHEN COLBERT  
OF TV'S COLBERT REPORT!

THE OPPORTUNITY:  
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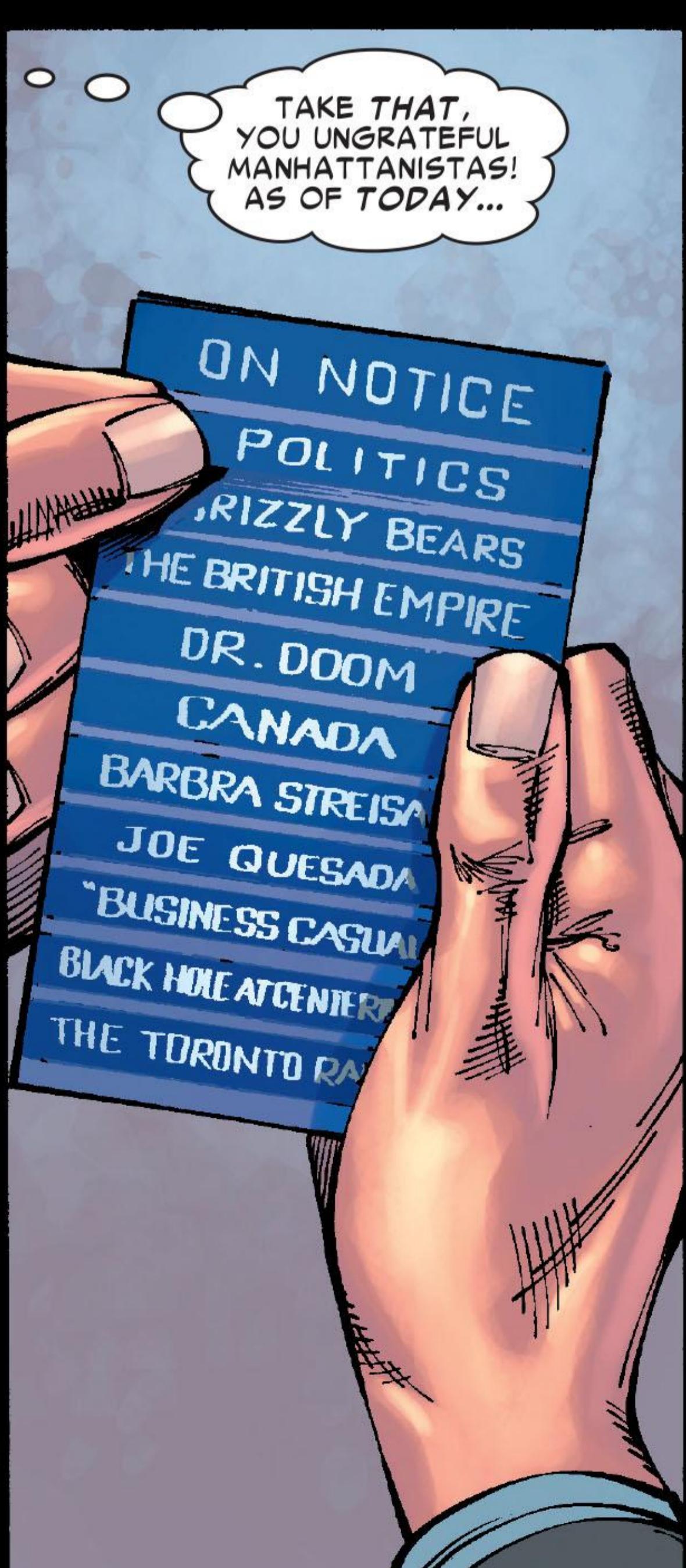
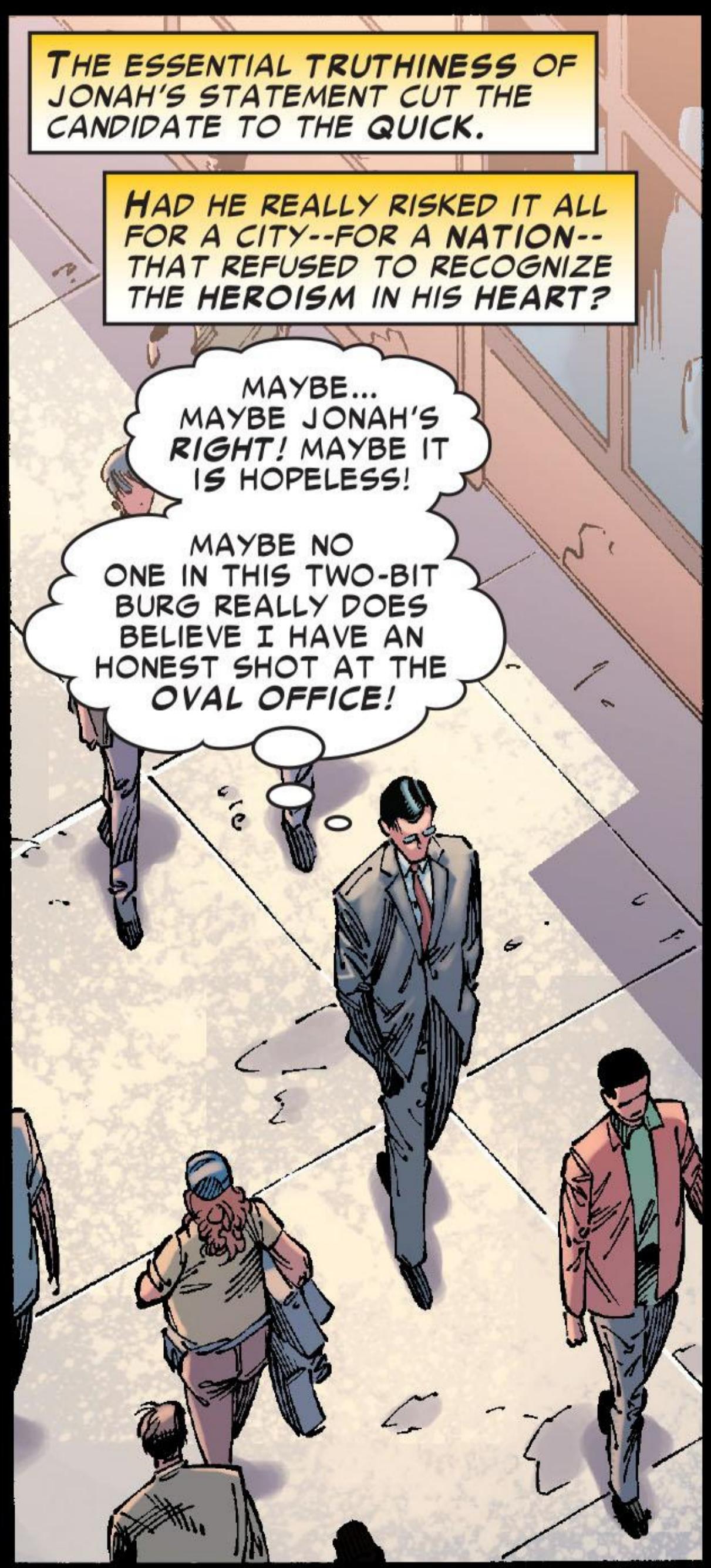
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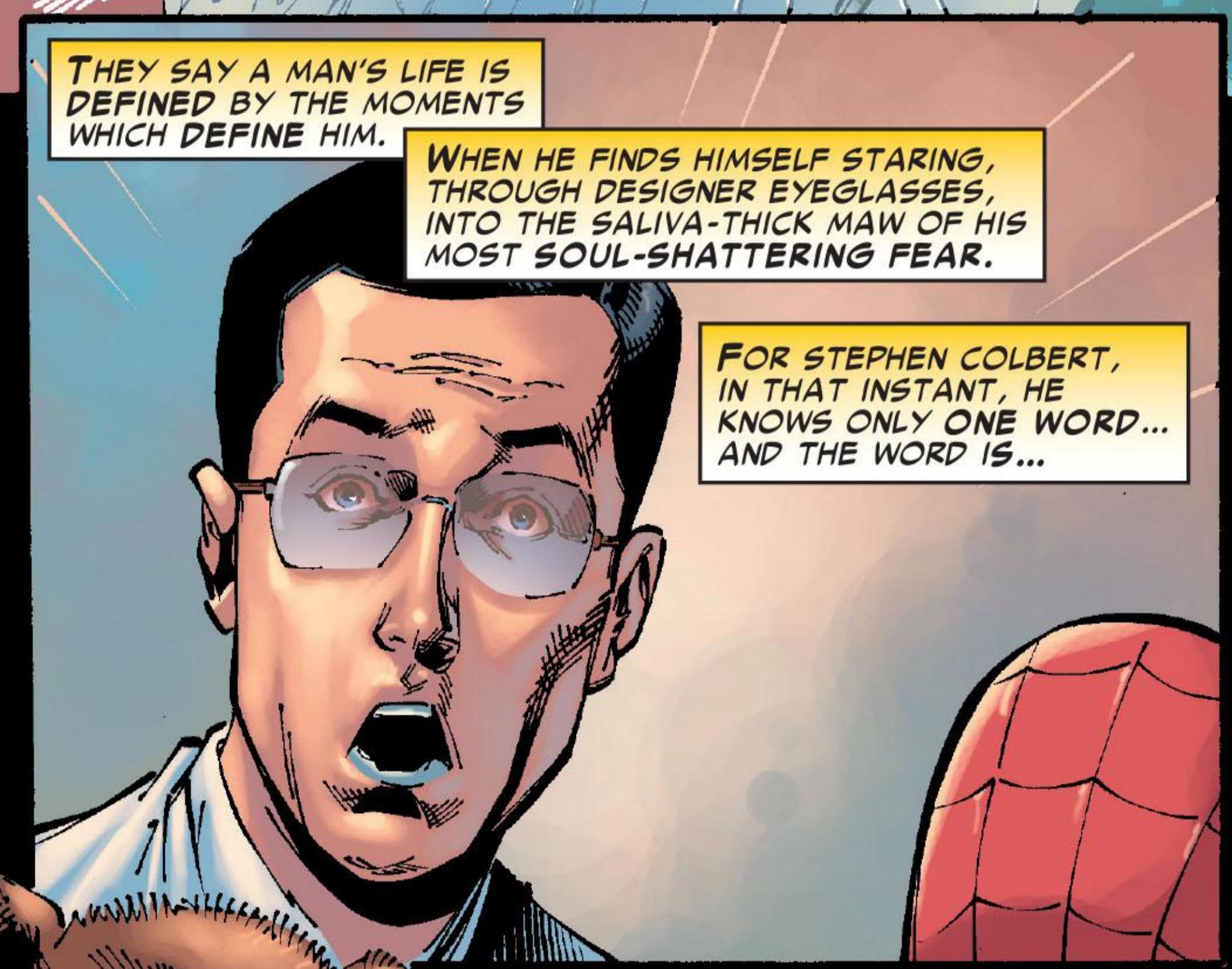
UNDERWELMING.

A HUNDRED  
BUCKS? THE CHECK  
COST MORE THAN THAT  
TO MAKE, YOU OLD  
SKINFLINT! SURE YOU  
CAN AFFORD IT?

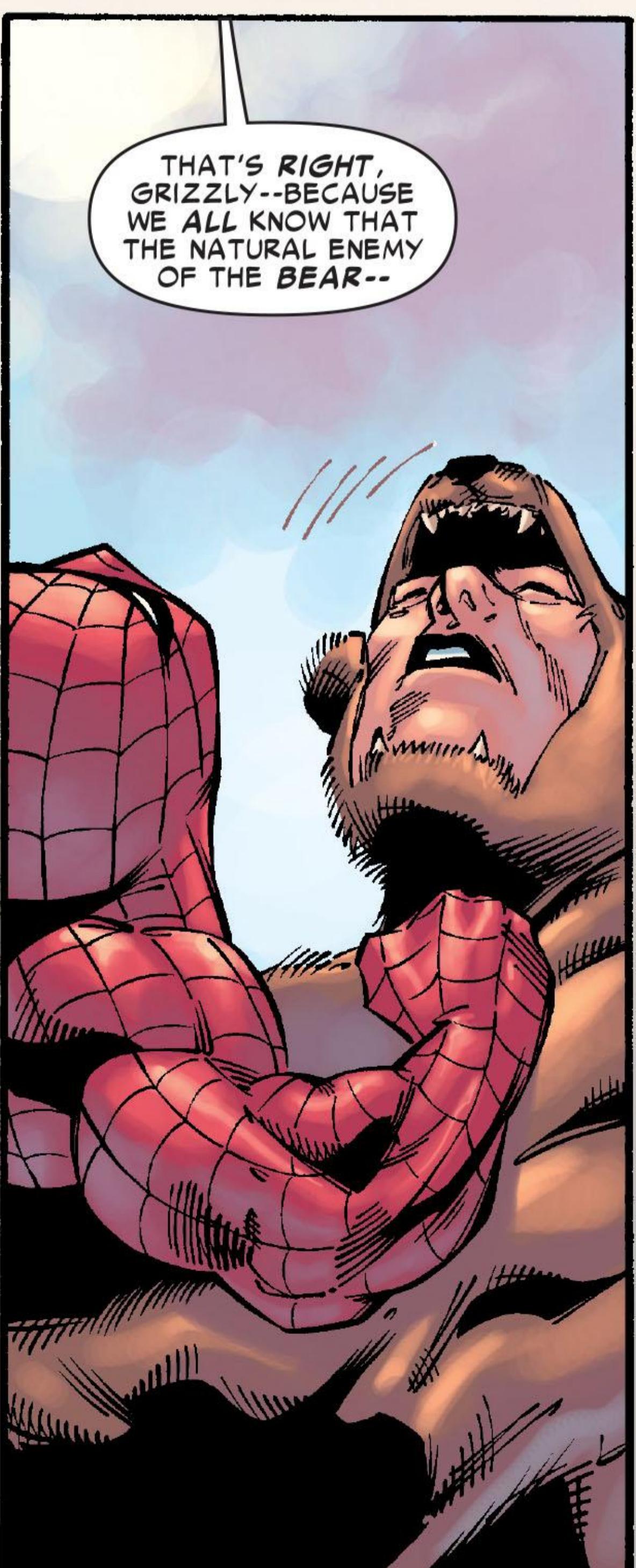
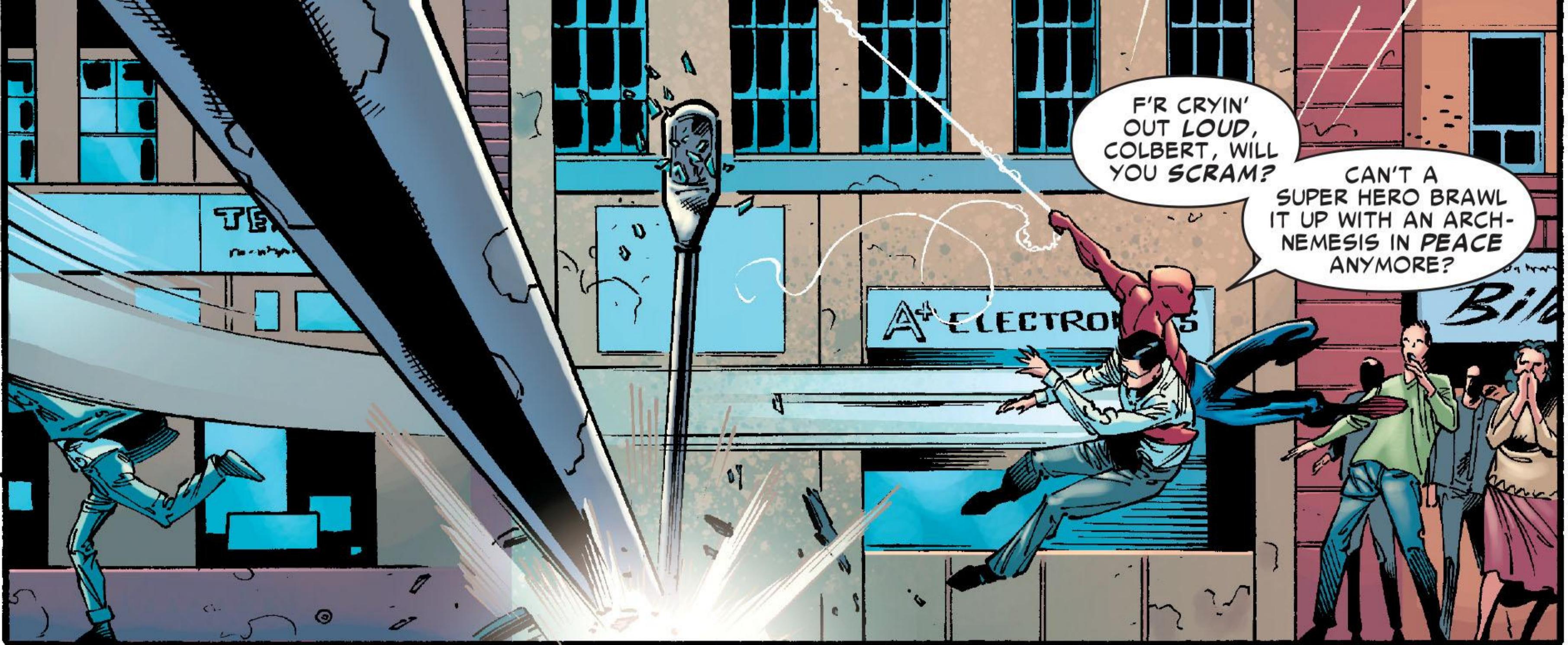
J. JONAH  
JAMESON NEVER  
BACKS A LOSING  
HORSE, M'LAD! HAVE  
YOU SEEN THE  
LATEST POLLS?



...I AM  
STEPHEN COLBERT  
**NO MORE!**











# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL



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We got a huge pile o'news and letters to get to...so what're you readin' this sentence for?! The action starts in the yellow box!

ITEM-A huge round of applause to Dan, John, Klaus, Dean and Cory for their great work on NEW WAYS TO DIE. As I type this, the first 5 parts of the story have sold out across the land (which means you probably aren't even reading this whoever you are) and these guys have delivered on almost-150 pages of this epic. It was a thrill for this editor to watch the story come together and to show my appreciation, Brennan gets to take a 10 minute lunch as opposed to the standard: none.

ITEM-All those sellouts mean that your friends may have missed out on the issues, but no worry, all chapters of this epic have gone back to 2nd printings which should be available over the next few weeks if they aren't already.

ITEM-Time Out New York, the city's finest weekly guide to what happens to be happening, has named Spider-Man one of its 40 favorite New Yorkers. It's literally one of only two lists in the world where you'll find both the names Broadway legend Patti Lupone and Hip-Hop impresario Jay-Z (the other list they were both on is of "People Who Could Beat Up Brennan").

ITEM-Unless you're my mother, you probably read the stories before turning to this letter column which means you must have caught our special backup featuring America's favorite presidential candidate, the red, white and legendary Stephen Colbert, star of Comedy Central's The Colbert Report. It was a joy working with everyone from the show on this one and I wanted to give a special "Tip of the Hat" to Mark Waid, Patrick Olliffe, Serge LaPointe and Rain Beredo for turning this thing around so quickly. Now that I know you can do it, all your deadlines just got shortened by a week.

ITEM-Tom Brennan. Still single. I'll keep you posted. If I need to run another picture, I will. But he'll be fine if you buy AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL 25, on sale now!

ITEM-By the time you read this I will have celebrated 8 years in comics, which means that between me and Executive Editor Tom Brevoort, we have 49 years of experience in bringing you twice-stapled graphi-tainment in its finest form. I mention this only to let you know that even with all of our jaded-ness we came out of September's Spidey retreat more excited than ever about what's coming up over the next 12 months...including the return of Spidey's greatest villains, Peter's blossoming love life and the resolution of many of the book's ongoing mysteries in CHARACTER ASSASSINATION by Marc Guggenheim and John Romita Jr. starting in January.

And with all that out of the way...it's your turn!

Dear Spidey-team,

I just got through reading ASM #569 and I've got to say BRAVO! This is one of the best stories I have seen yet since the revamp of the

Spidey Universe. I have enjoyed the other issues of ASM to this point but this one is like someone just set the hook in my mouth; it is brilliant.

I have never been a fan of the Mac Gargan Venom, but I think I now like him. His character in this is the perfect portrayal of the original Venom's personality especially with the line, "He'sss right in front of usss! The sign ouside saysss FEAST. And that'sss just what we'll do! Feast on hisss brainsss! Venom out!"

I also love the fact Eddie Brock has been brought back into the picture and Anti-Venom is awesome. I can't wait to read the next issue.

John Wimberly  
Marianna, FL



Dear Spider-Mail,

Spider-Man has been my favorite super hero for as long as I can remember. At the end of One More Day, I'll admit that I wasn't pleased with what happened. I didn't think that I would like the new direction that the book had turned in. However, I kept reading and have been enjoying the mix of artists and writers.

I just read issue #568 and it is far and above the best issue so far. I love Dan Slott's writing and John Romita Jr. is simply one of the best Spider-Man artists around. This was the first issue where a whole week until I could read what happened next feels like an eternity.

I hope this creative team is on a regular rotation for Spider-Man from now on, because they knocked this issue out of the park. So until Norman Osborn and Peter Parker become friends... MAKE MINE MARVEL!

Alex Crowson  
Via e-mail



Dear Steve,

I just read ASM #569 and I really can't wait for the next issue. I like that Eddie Brock (the original Venom) is now Anti-Venom and what seems to be the perfect match for Venom, I think it's pretty clever.

The only problem is that poor Eddie was finally rid of the impact Venom had on his mind and now he has to go through it again. I'm so excited to see how this turns out: the city turns on Spider-Man and Norman Osborn gets credited as a hero! Venom face to face with Anti-Venom! And the original Green Goblin in the same city with the new goblin Menace.

This story is true to the title because there really are New Ways To Die!

Javier Barrios  
Via e-mail



Wacker,

As a loooongtime Spidey fan (first issue was Conway's ASM #113--yikes--that's a lotta years ago!) I cannot believe this is the first time I have felt compelled to write in to an editor/creator for any reason.

But, you see, I know and respect what a heavy burden you have taken on and what a jarring change there has been in the books over the past year. And, as the old saying goes: only a baby with a wet diaper welcomes change!

But, the truth is, these changes on Spidey

were needed and long overdue. In my opinion, he had strayed way too far from his humble, street-level roots into an occasionally entertaining but generally joyless hero. I can safely say I have enjoyed the last 8 months of stories more than I have any Spidey stories in decades, yes, decades.

I hope you plan to stay the course and not cave in to the naysayers (who, of course, cry the loudest) and panic over some readers who have left the book. My belief is this title is already picking up new readers with the currently excellent NWTD arc and will settle into a healthy enough sales pattern soon. More importantly, there is a real parity now between the Spidey in ASM and the movie/TV Spidey, which frankly was not there at all in tone over the last 10 years or so.

Anyway, I thank you, Steve, for all the hard work and for having the courage and conviction to do what you are doing. I hope it continues for many years!!

Robert Bongiardino  
Hawthorne, NY

Thanks, Robert, great to have you. Truth is, I thought the last few years under former writer J. Michael Straczynski were undeniably great and while the book generally has a different "feel" than it did under JMS, it's hard for me to see how someone wouldn't love both. JMS' run is a lot to live up to, but we'll keep trying.

That said, however, I think we'd all agree the book is in MUUUCH better editorial hands than it was under Eagle Award winning editor Axel Alonso, who not only knows more crime novelists than a middle-aged shut-in, but edited the accidentally risqué and oft-mentioned-by-him *Spider-Man: Reign*.

And have no worries about sales, New Ways To Die has certainly bumped things up, but Amazing has performed much better than expected under the relentless three times a month schedule, so it's all looking good.

Out of room. See you in seven.

Viva Templar!  
Simperin' Steve  
09/24/08

(Happy Birthday, Alyssa Weiss!)

**Next Week!**

**FLASH THOMPSON:  
REBIRTH!**

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