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Spider-Man has returned!

A vicious battle between Spider-Man and Morlun seemingly claimed the lives of both predator and prey, but then Peter Parker shed his skin and evolved. Reborn with new powers, enhanced abilities, and miraculously healed injuries, Spider-Man thought that life was finally going his way... that is, until he remembered how he had returned.

Peter had embraced the totemic forces of the spider, and that spider, The Great Weaver, embraced him back.

Soon after, a new creature emerged from the corpse shell that Peter had shed and told Spider-Man that she was the counterpoint-- the living, breathing answer-- to his unorthodox return. Before he could learn more, she escaped to an unknown location and concealed herself within a cocoon.

While Spider-Man has sought counsel from those closest to him, anxieties have plagued him—specifically, the consequences of his miraculous resurrection and his wholehearted embrace of the totemic spider god.

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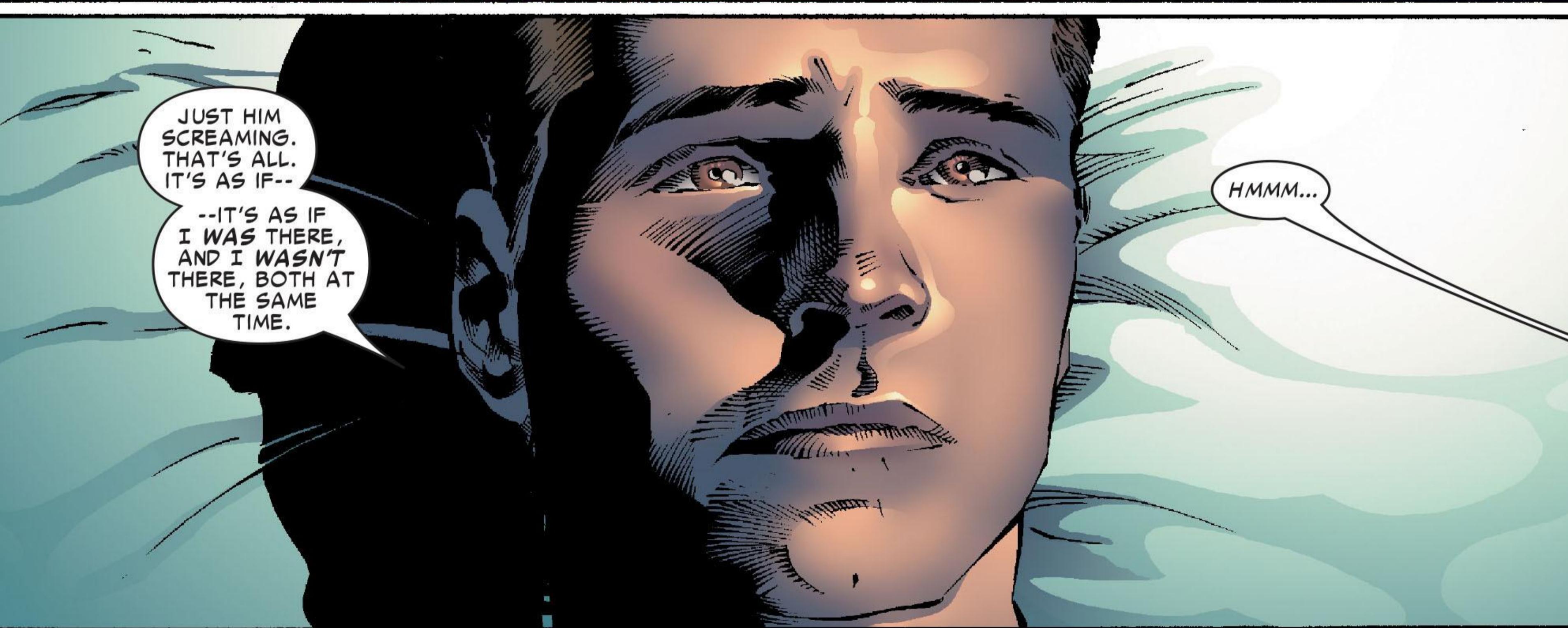
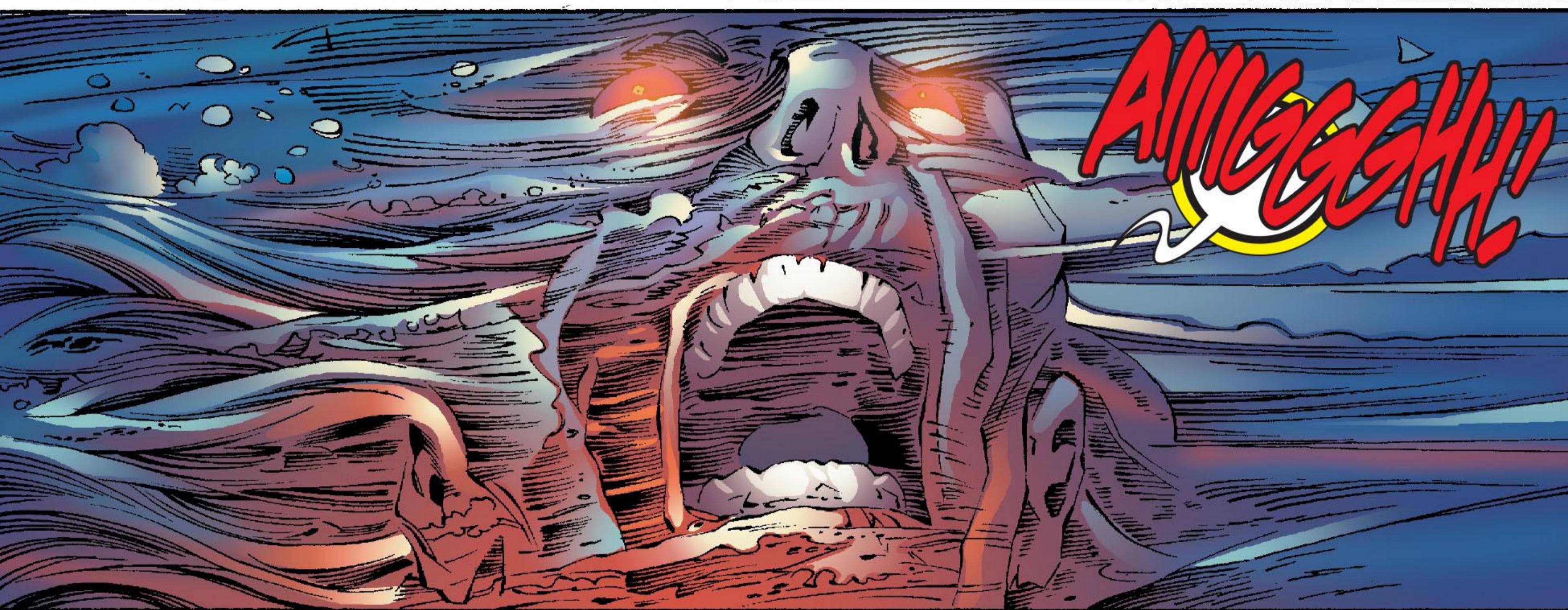
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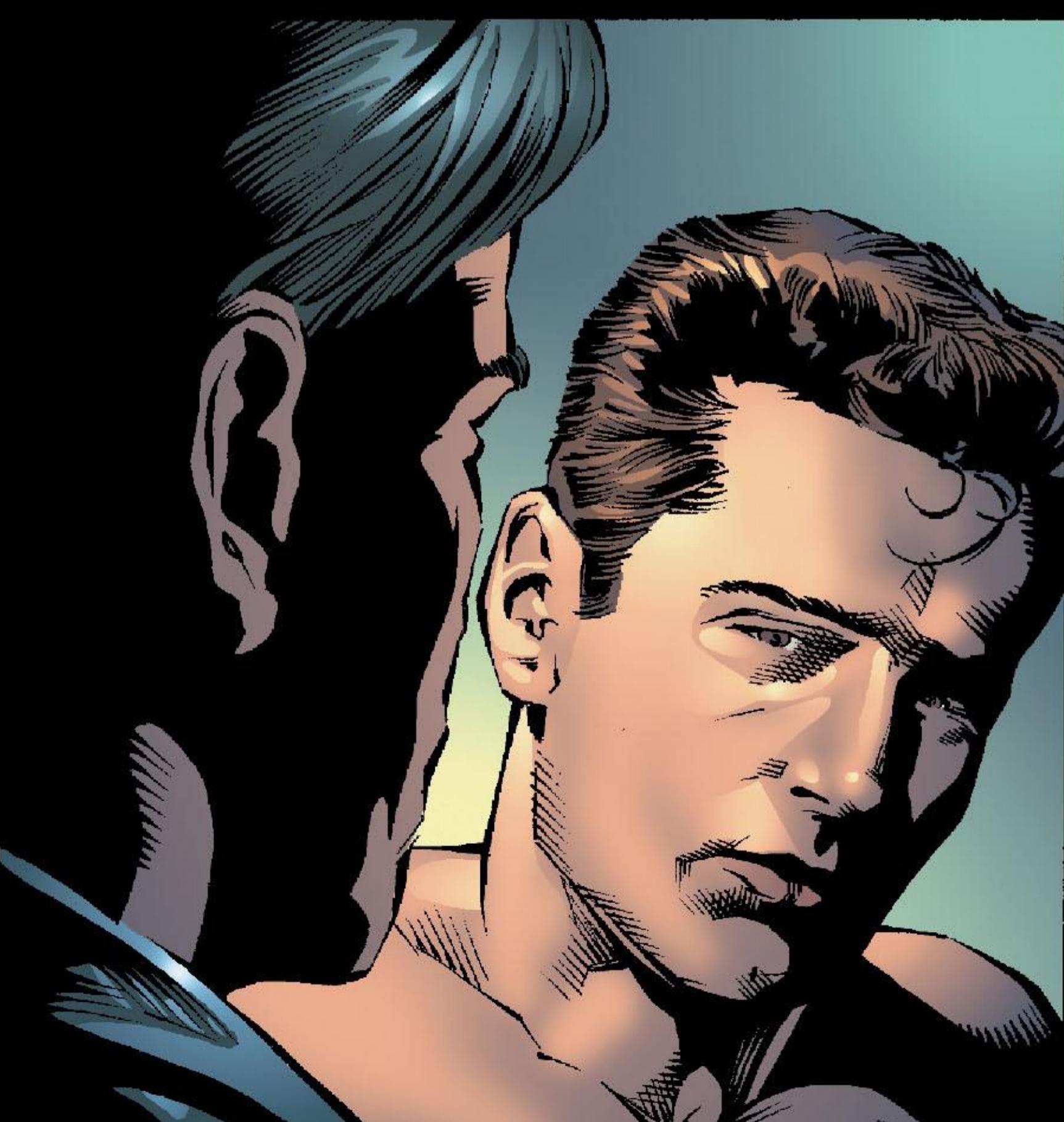
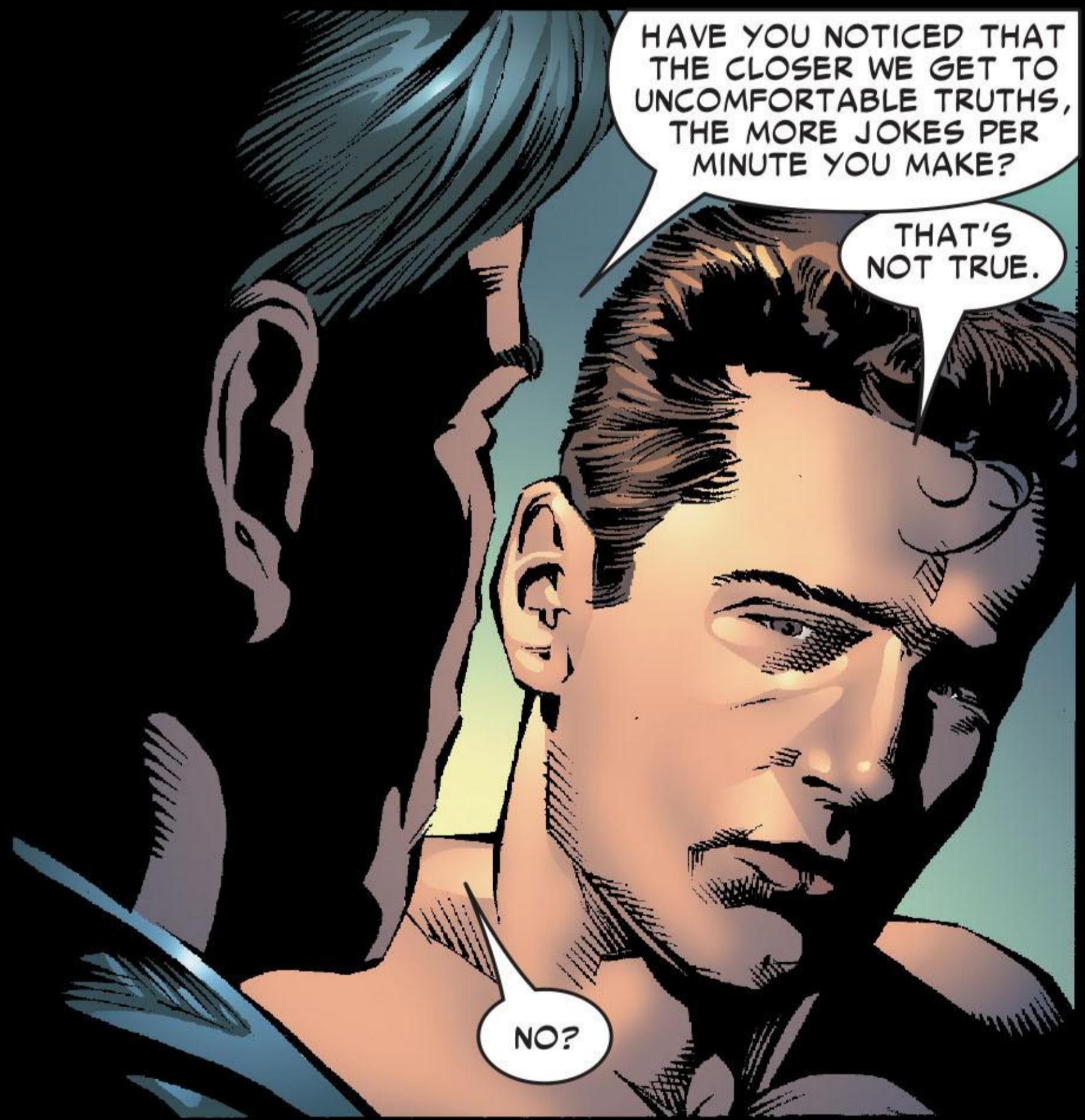
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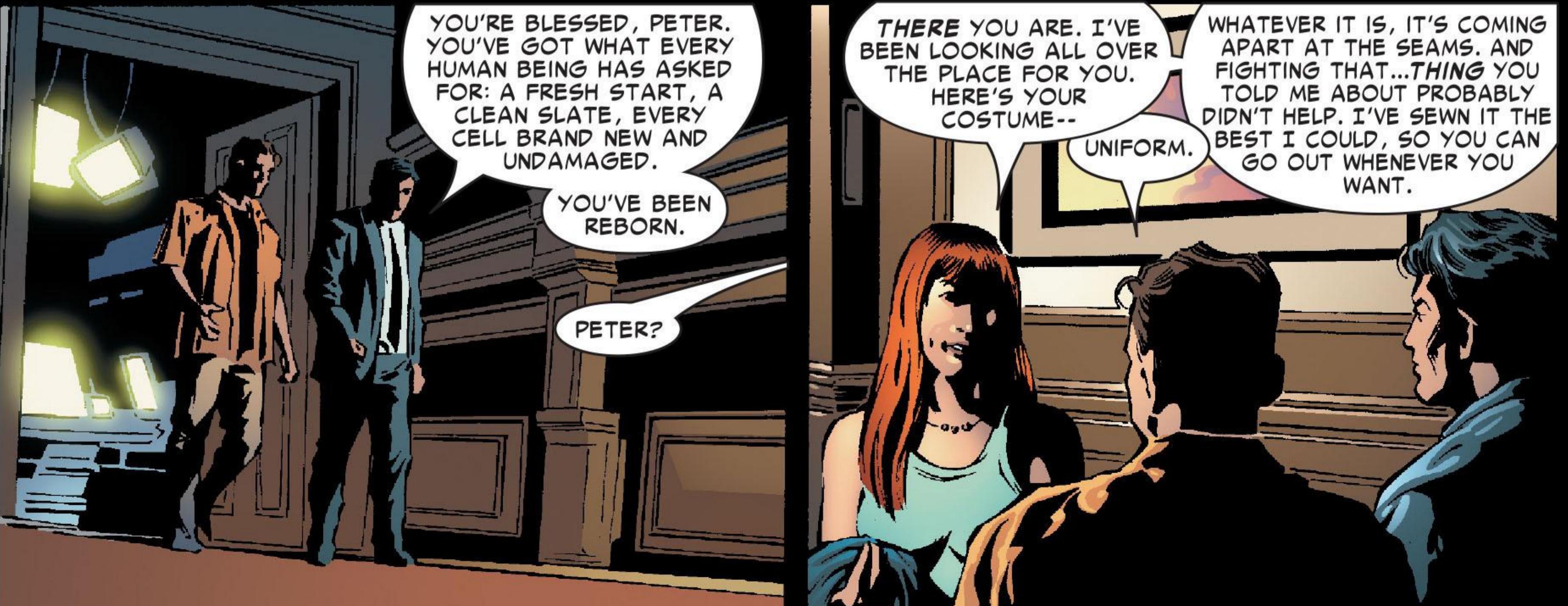
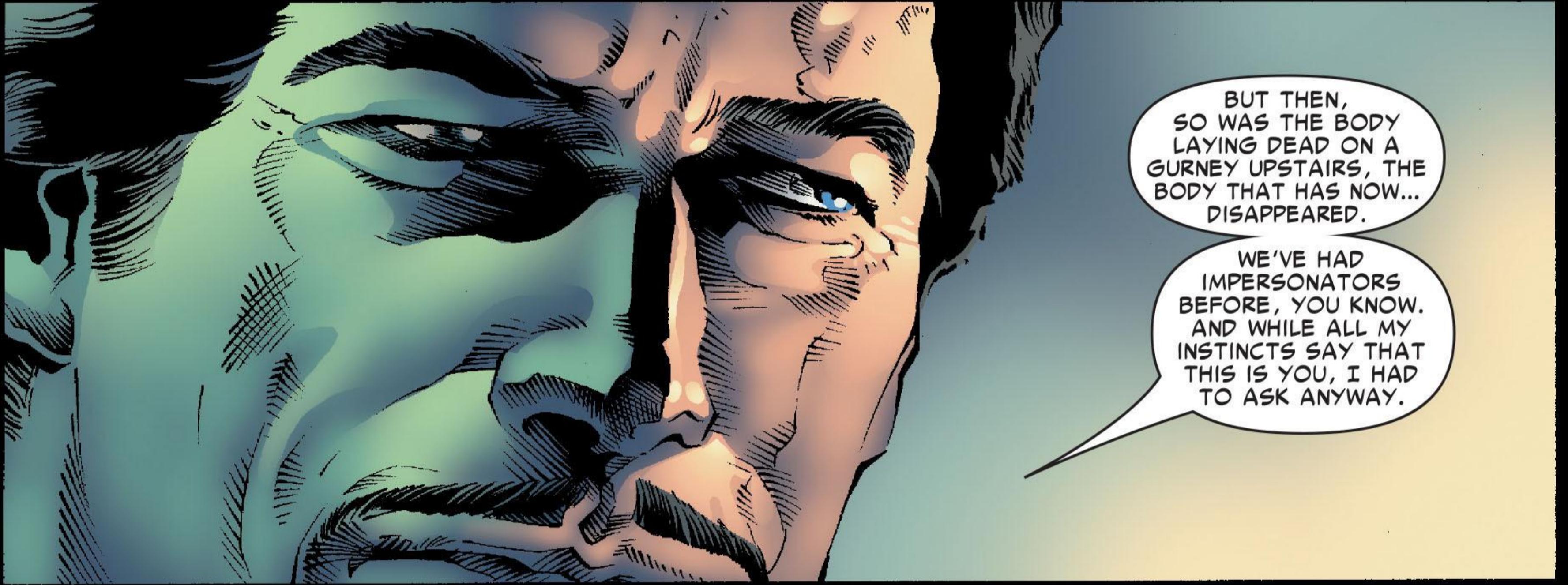
DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING FROM THE MOMENT WHEN MORLUN ATTACKED YOU IN THE HOSPITAL AND YOU--

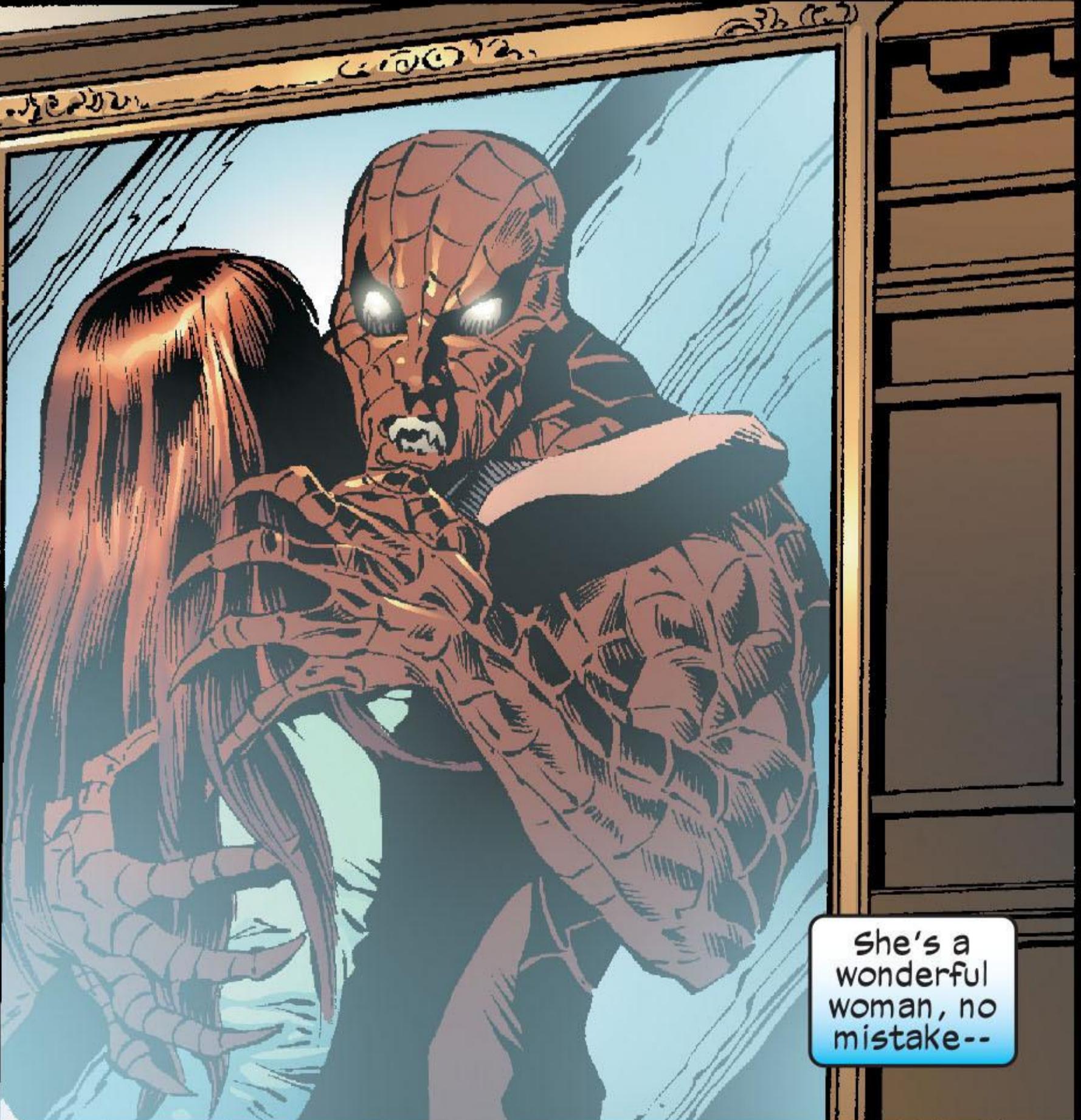
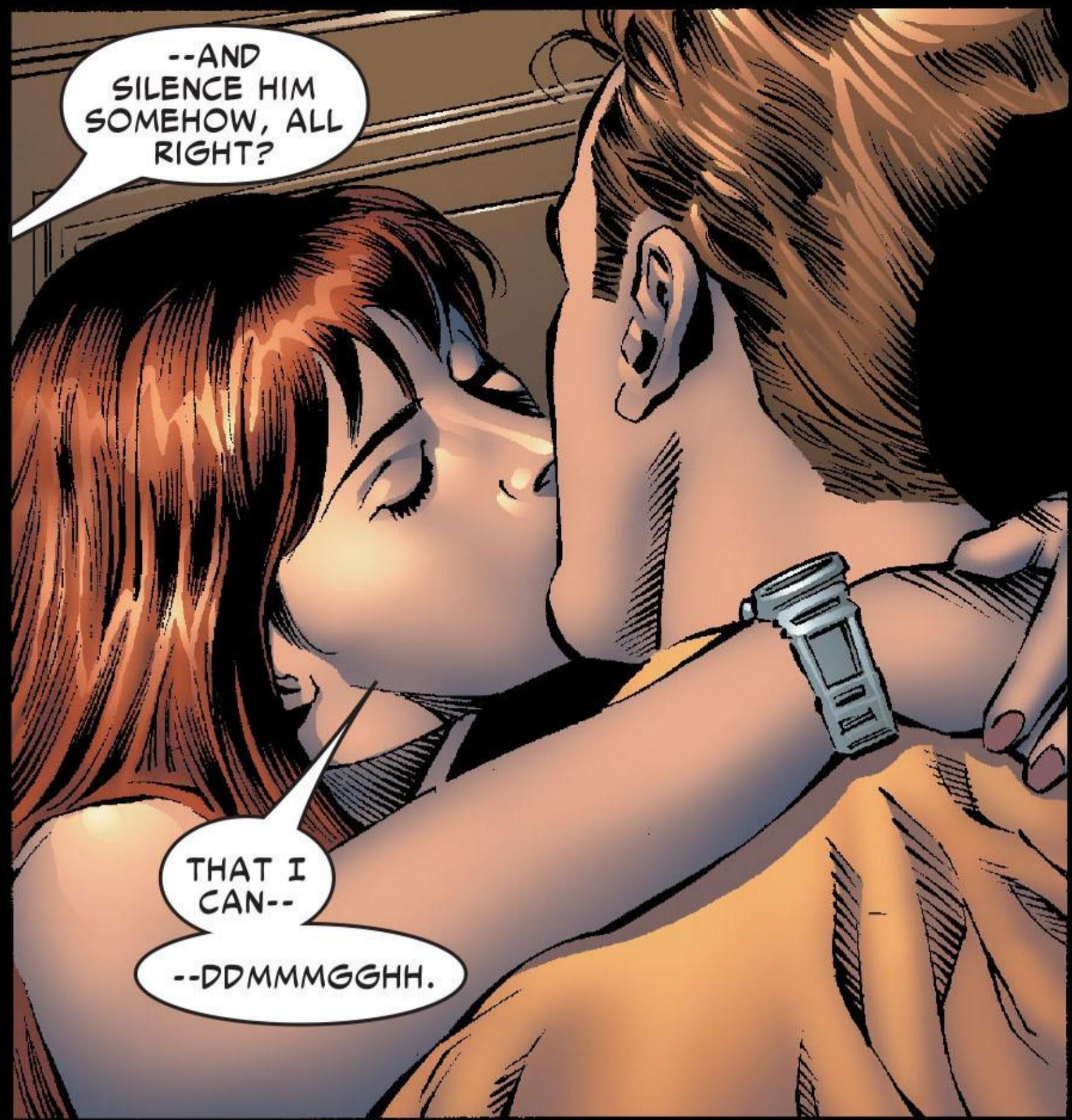
--DID UNTO HIM AS HE WOULD HAVE DONE UNTO YOU?

ANYTHING, PETER?
ANYTHING AT ALL?









--but Martha Stewart she's not. This shirt's already starting to pull apart.

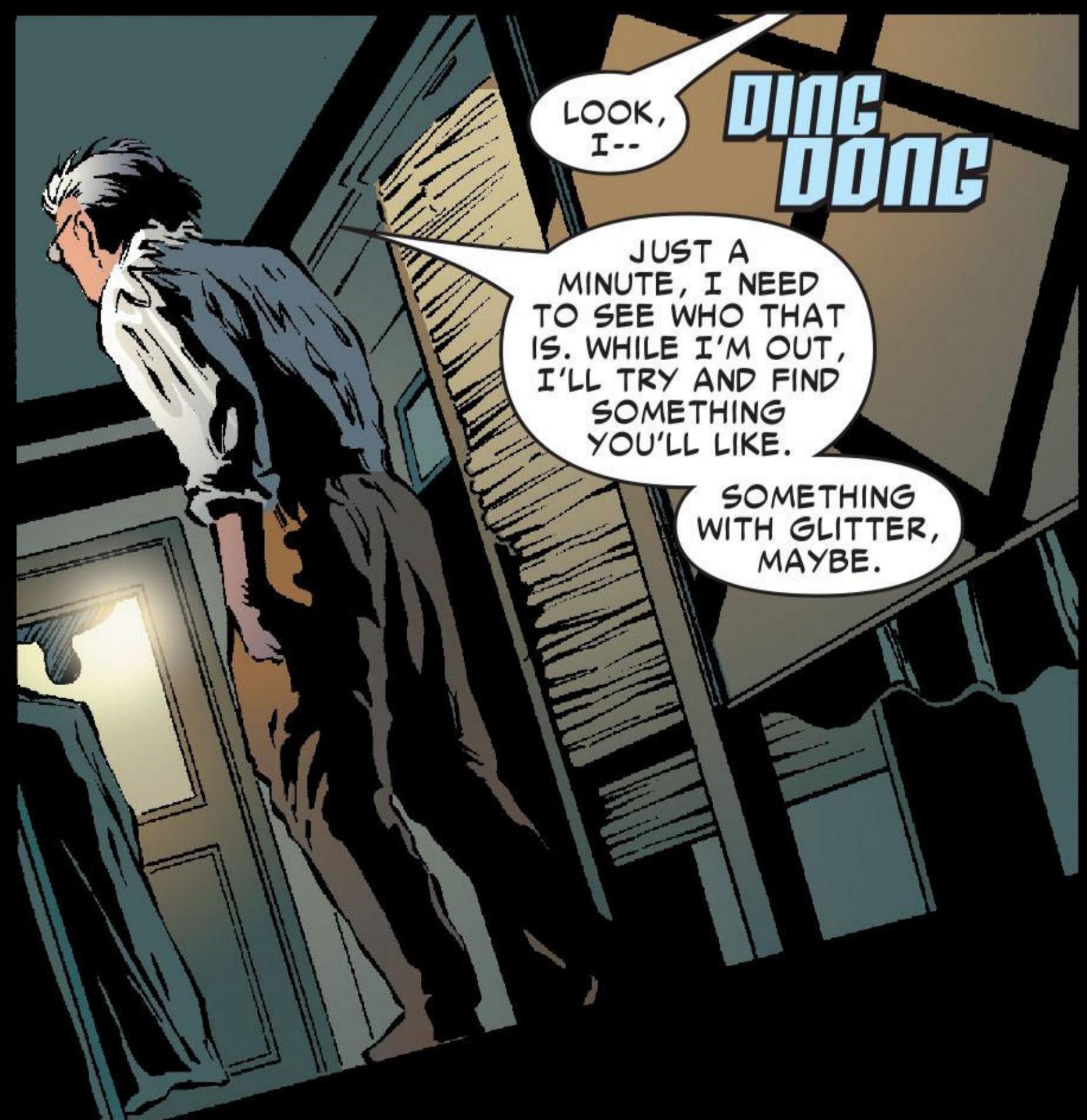
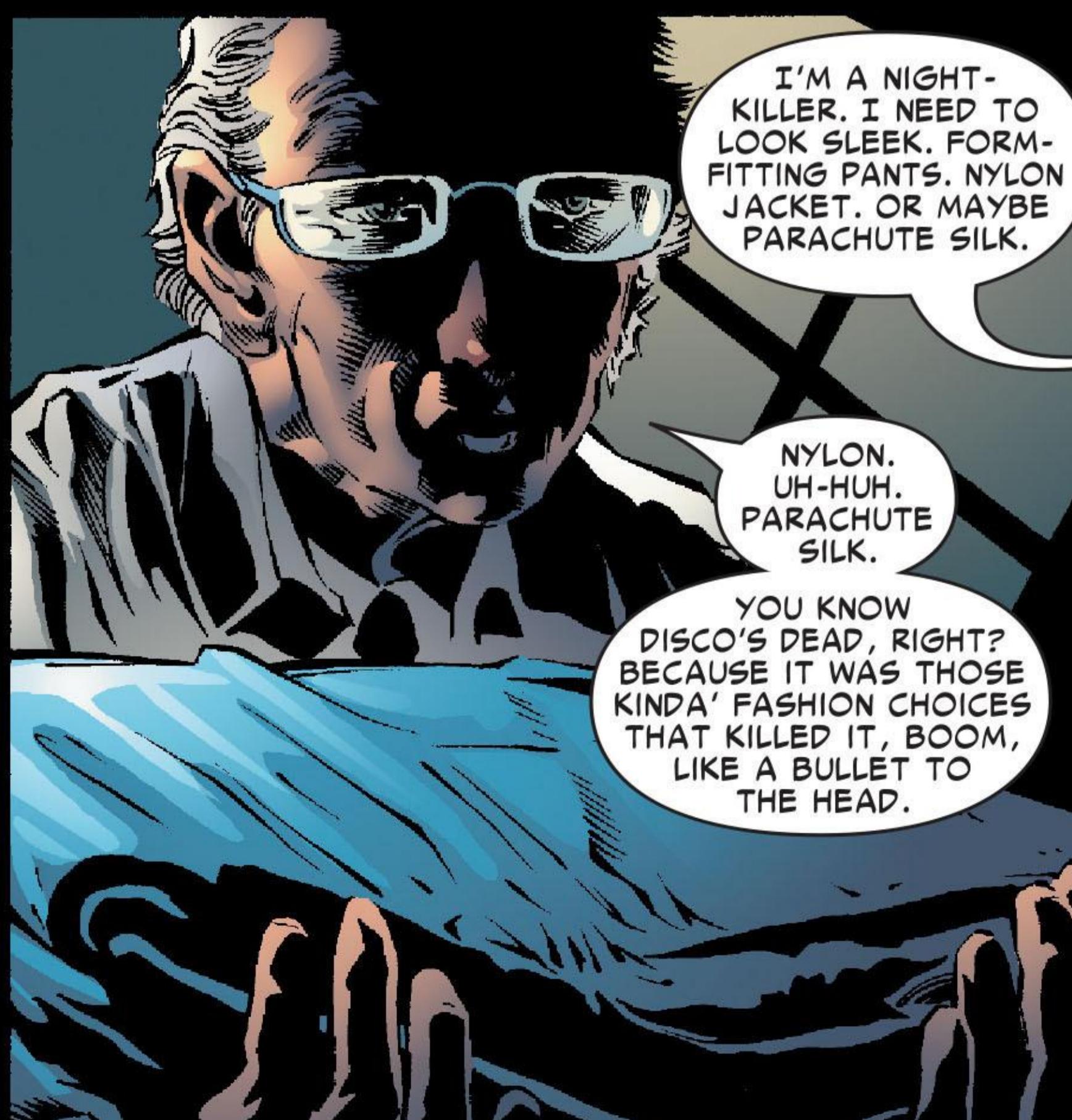
Not that I'm any better. And that's not what she's there for anyway, but still...

Waitaminnit...!



OF COURSE!

Some days I'd like to take my brain right out of my head and kiss it.





BOOM!

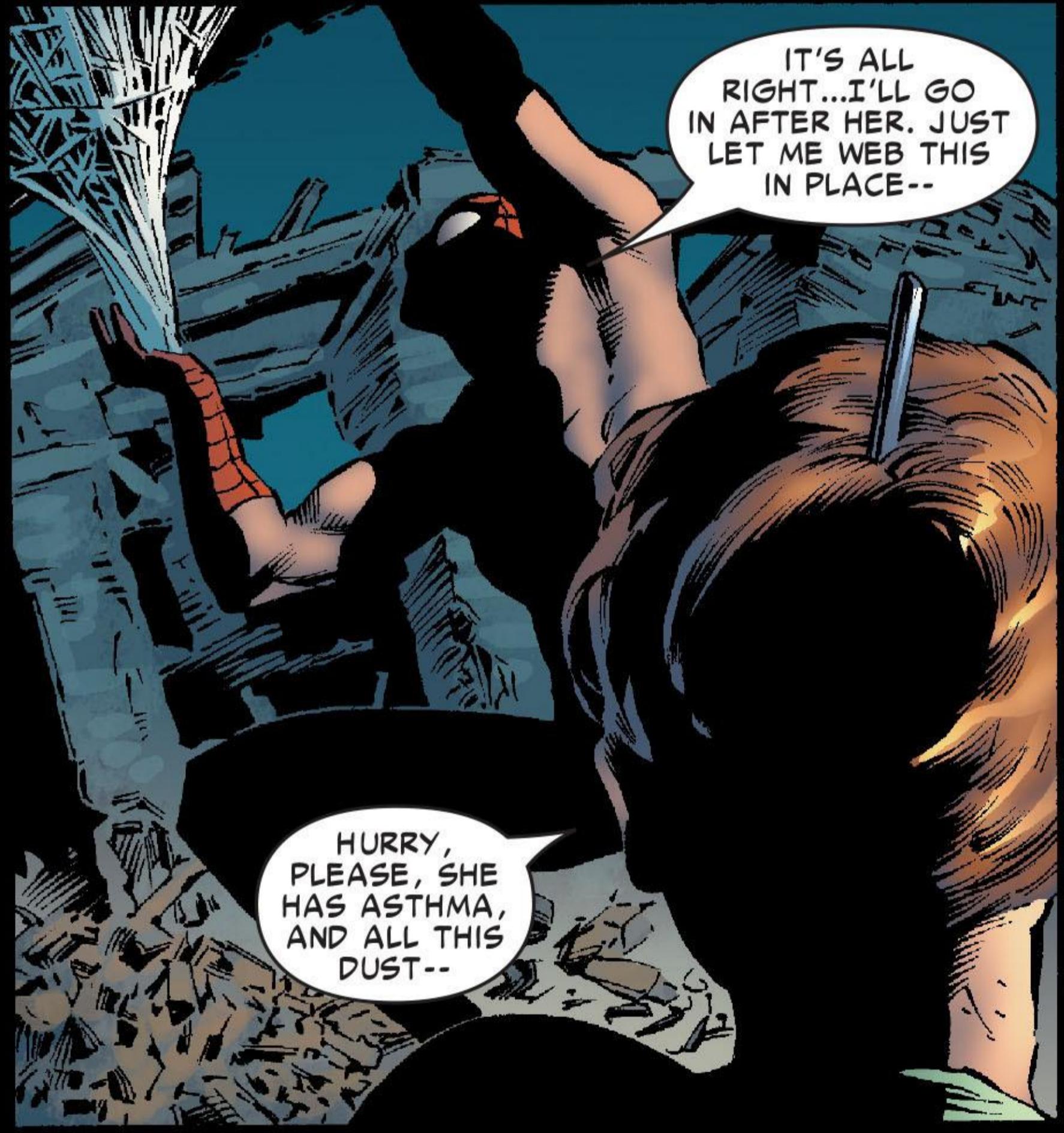


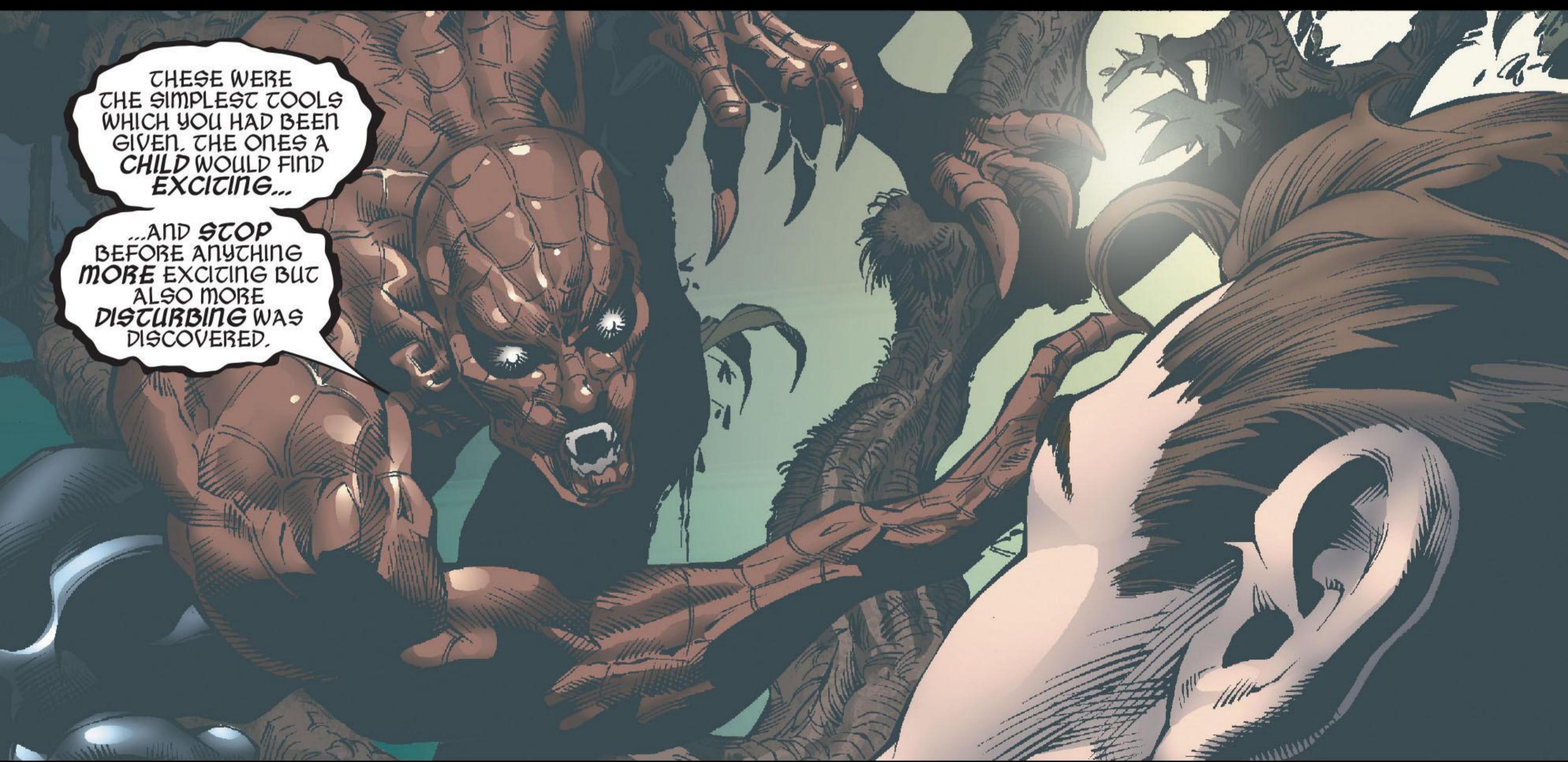
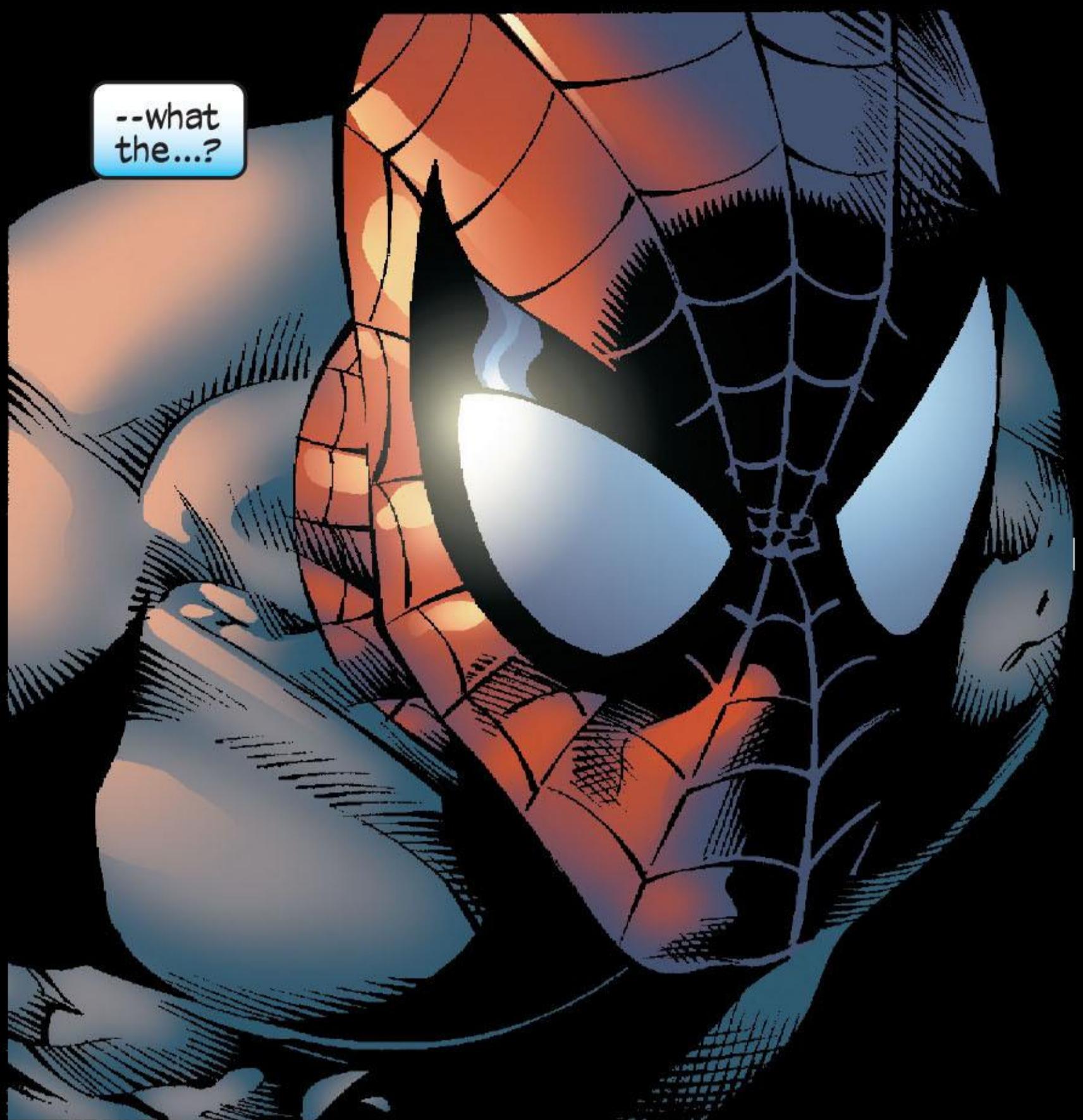
Whatever happened, it killed the power to this whole area. I can hear sirens, but where--

Oh, no...

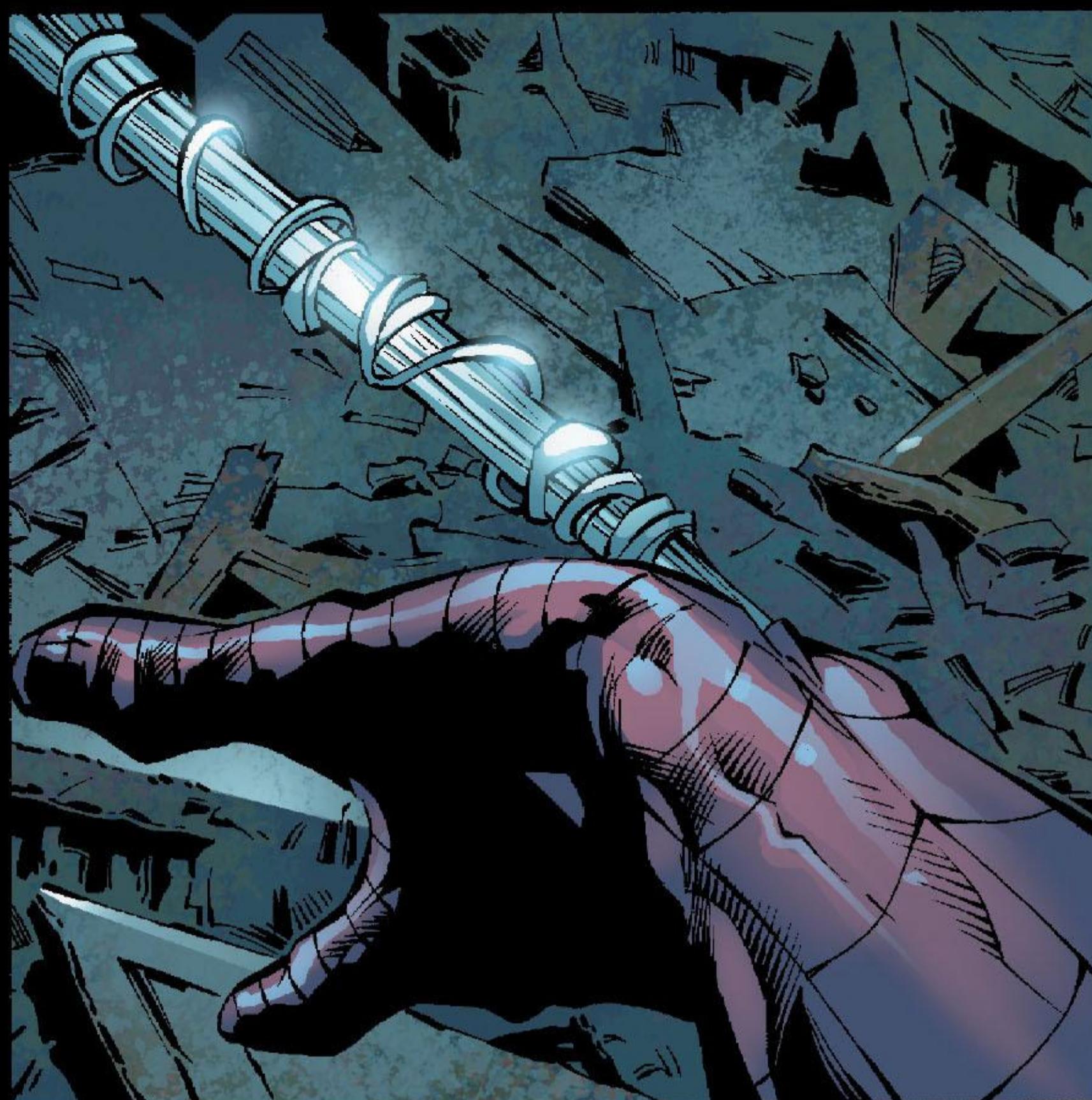








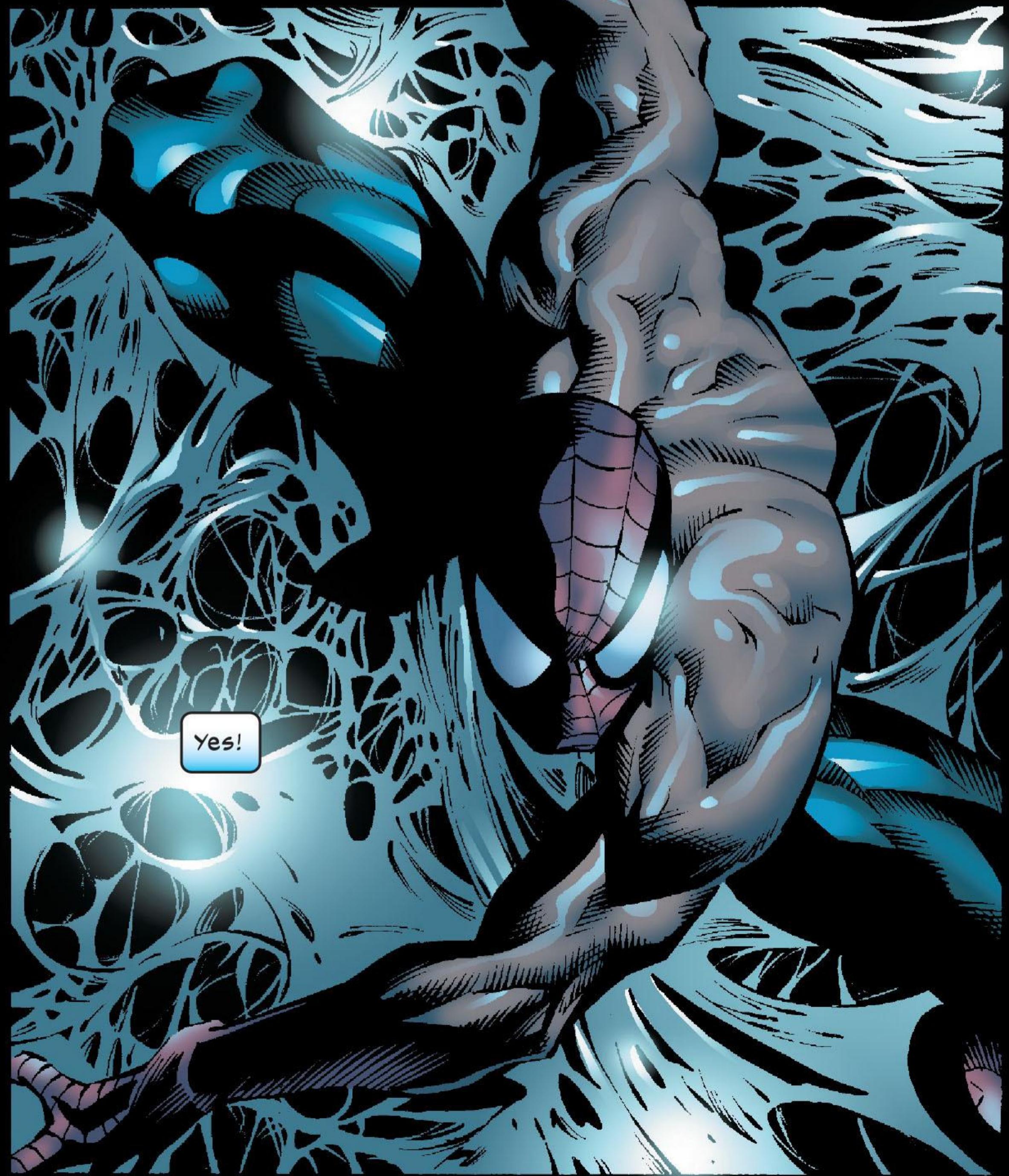
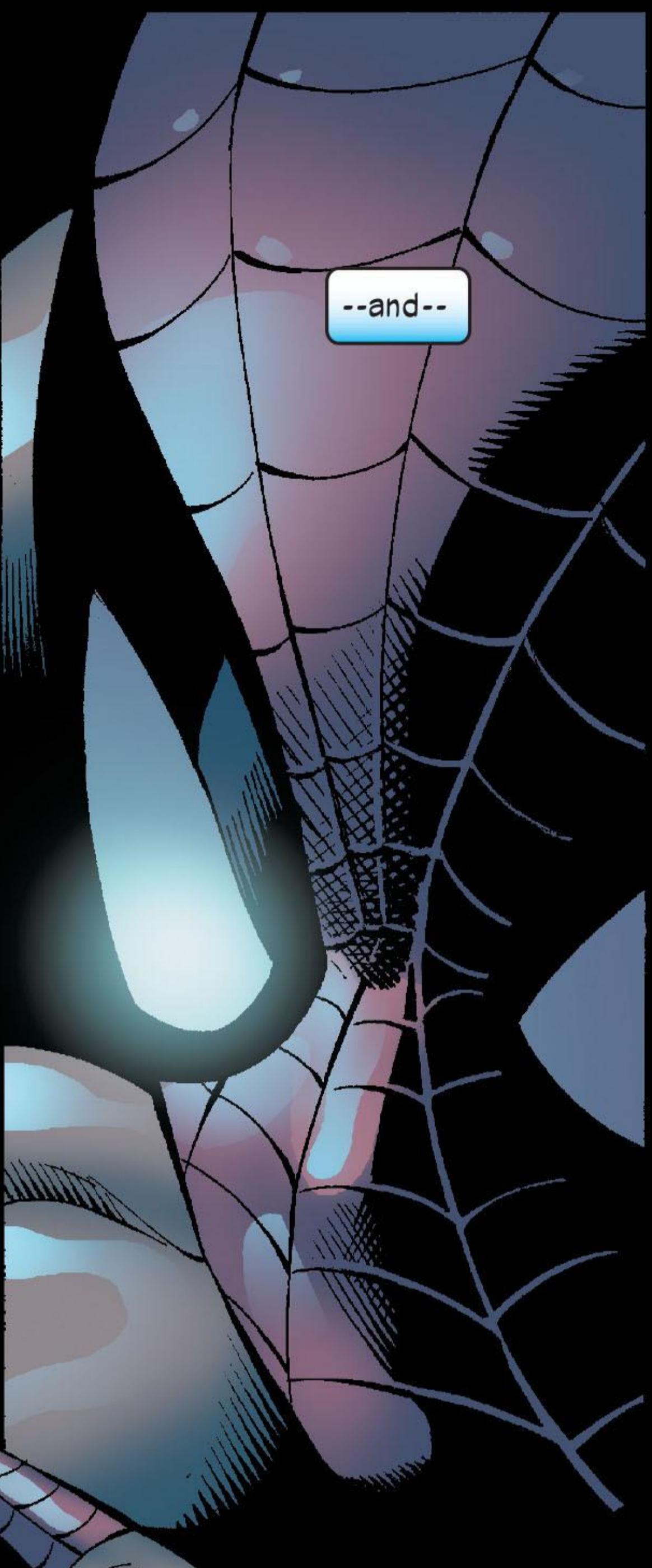


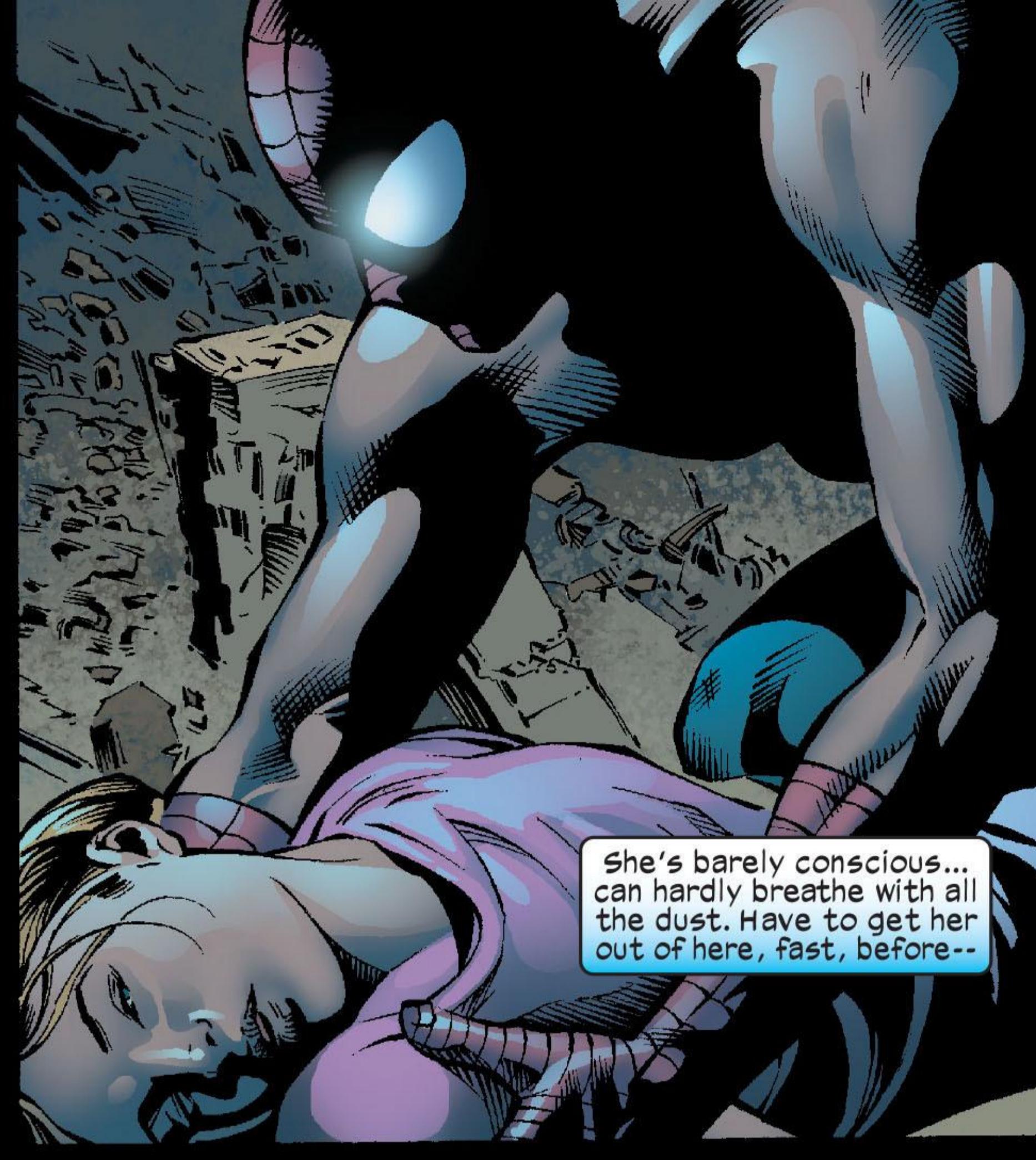


Yes...there it is again.

Vibrations. Traveling through the walls and into the webbing.

The way a spider can feel it when something is caught on its web.

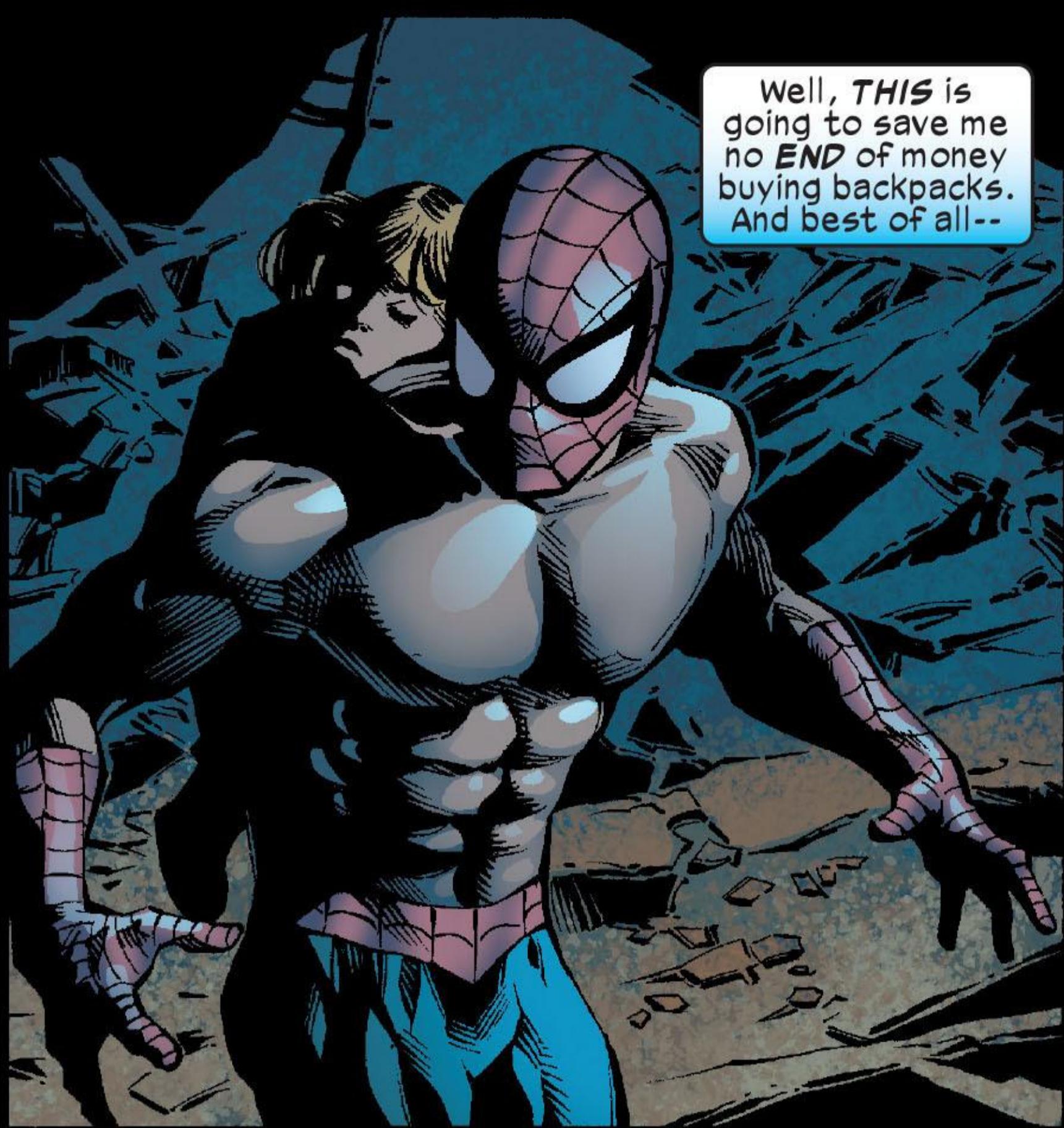




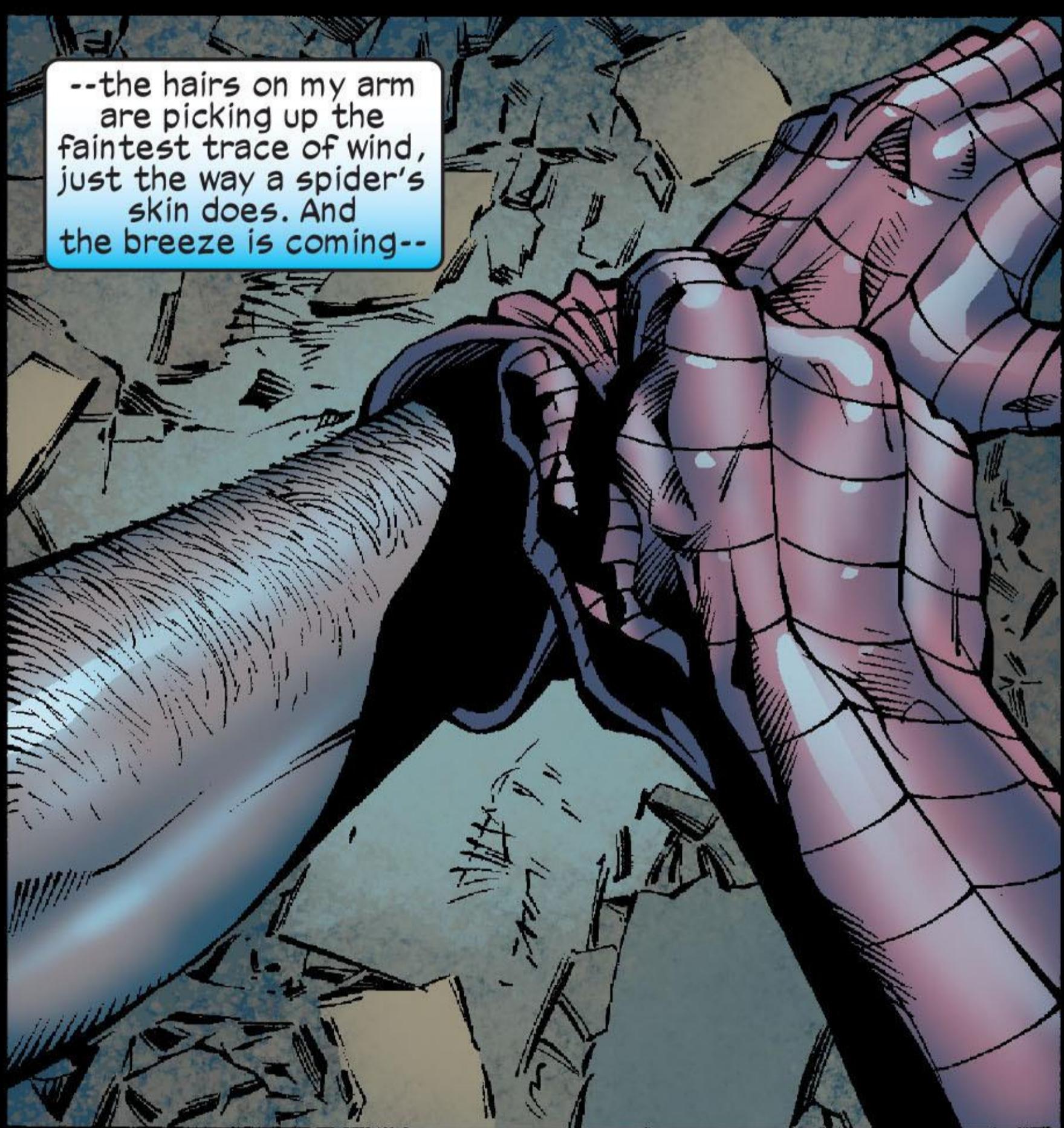
I can feel her settling on my back...the same feeling when I crawl up the side of a building.



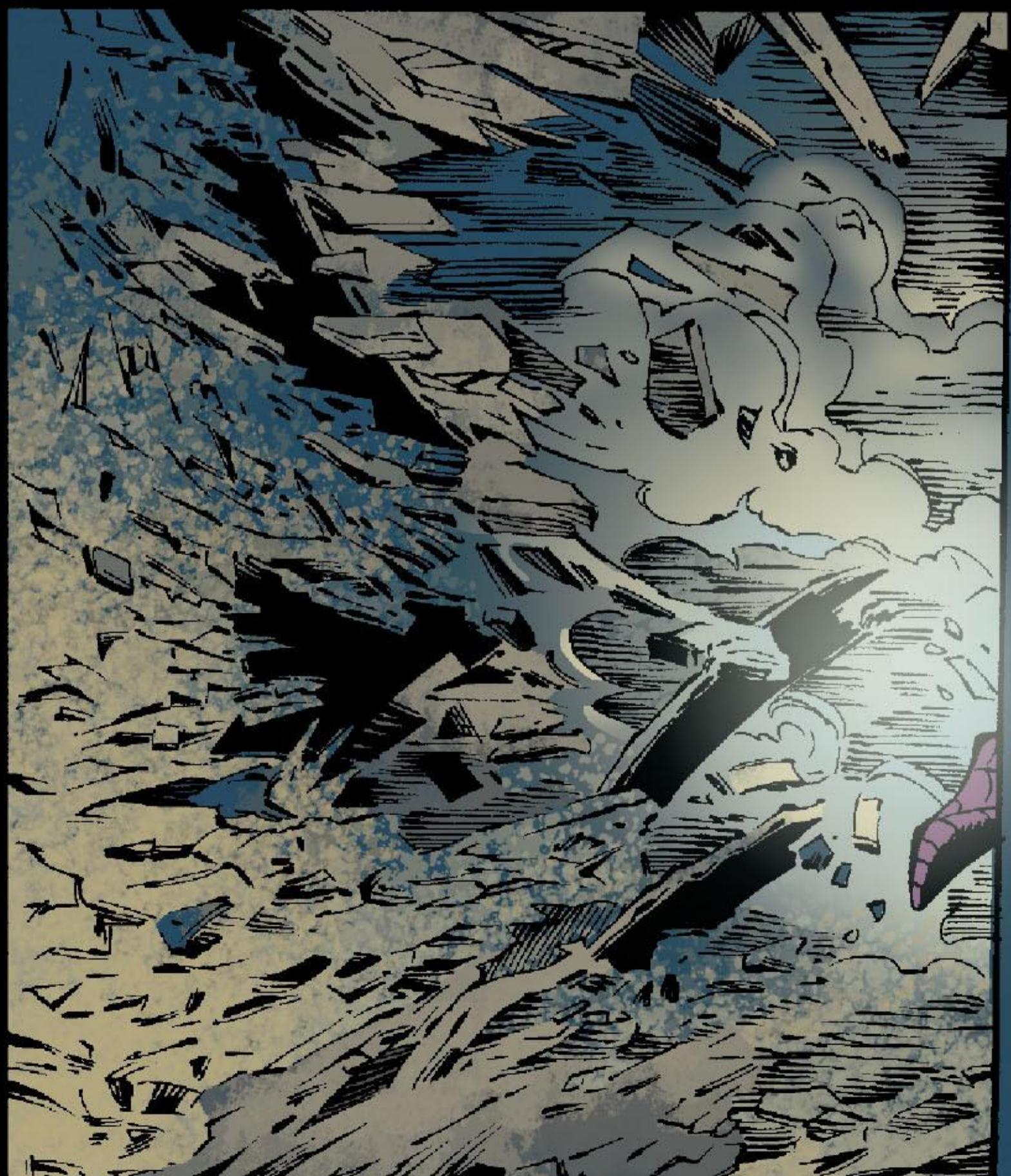
Well, *THIS* is going to save me no *END* of money buying backpacks. And best of all--



--the hairs on my arm are picking up the faintest trace of wind, just the way a spider's skin does. And the breeze is coming--

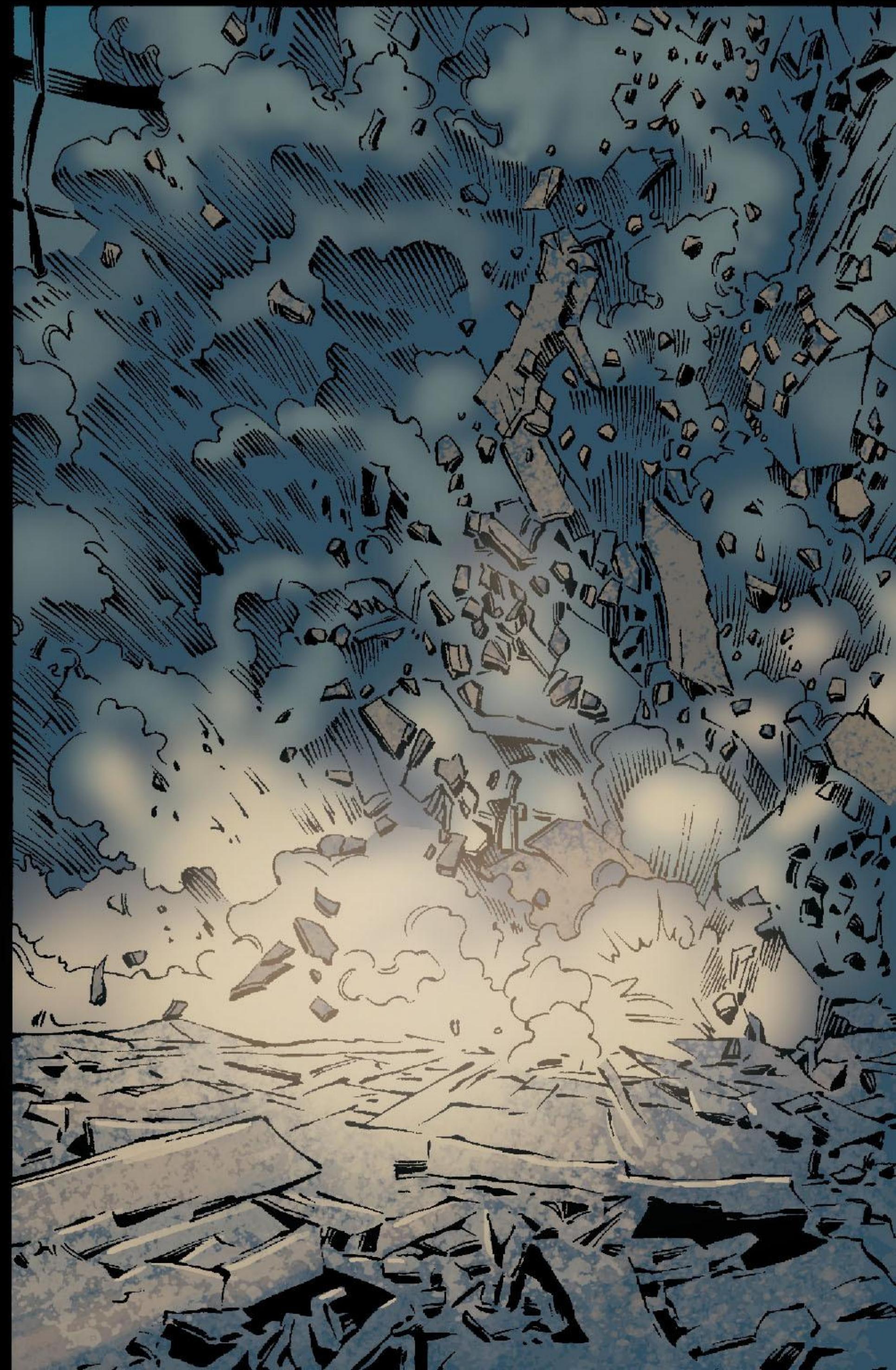
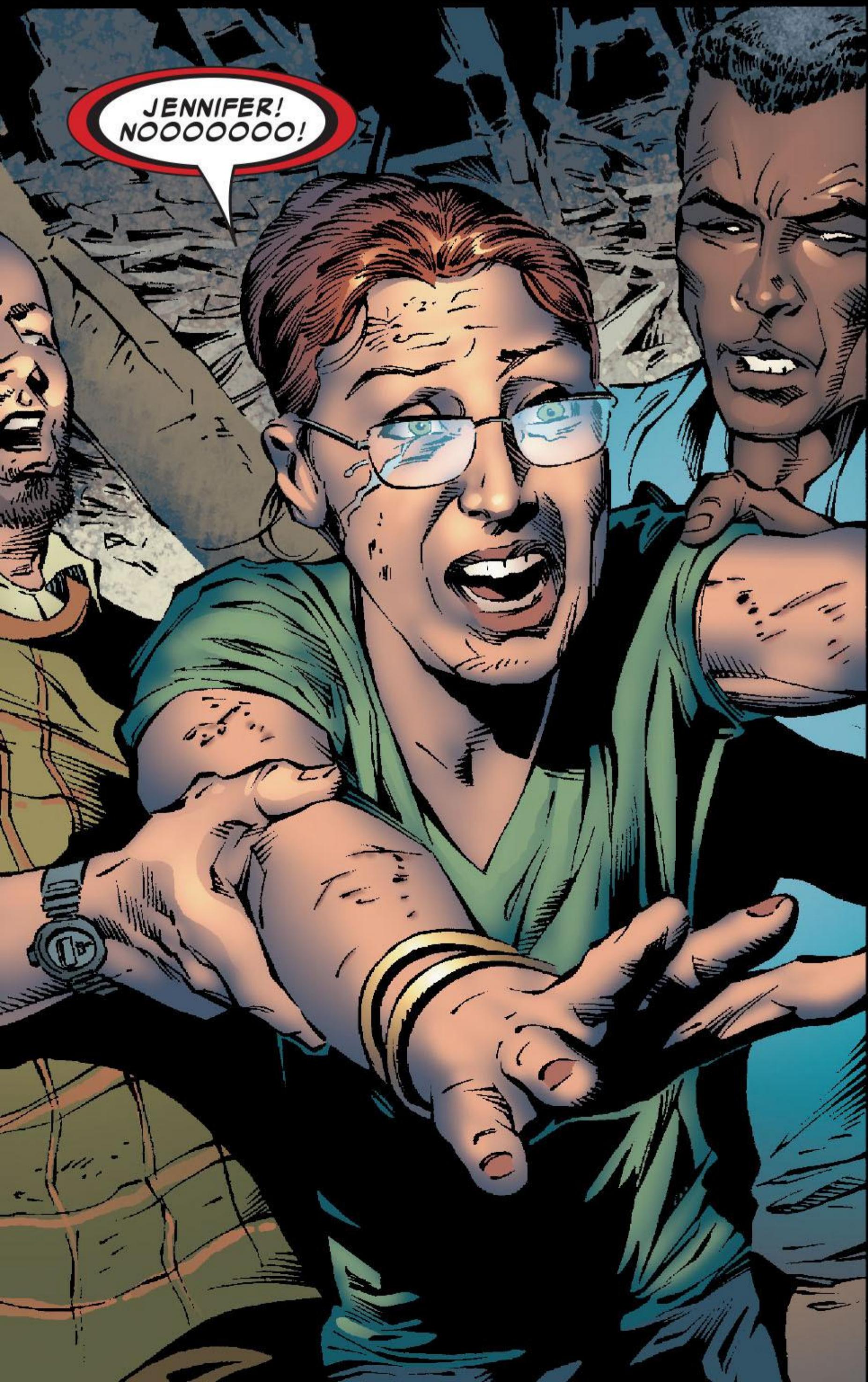


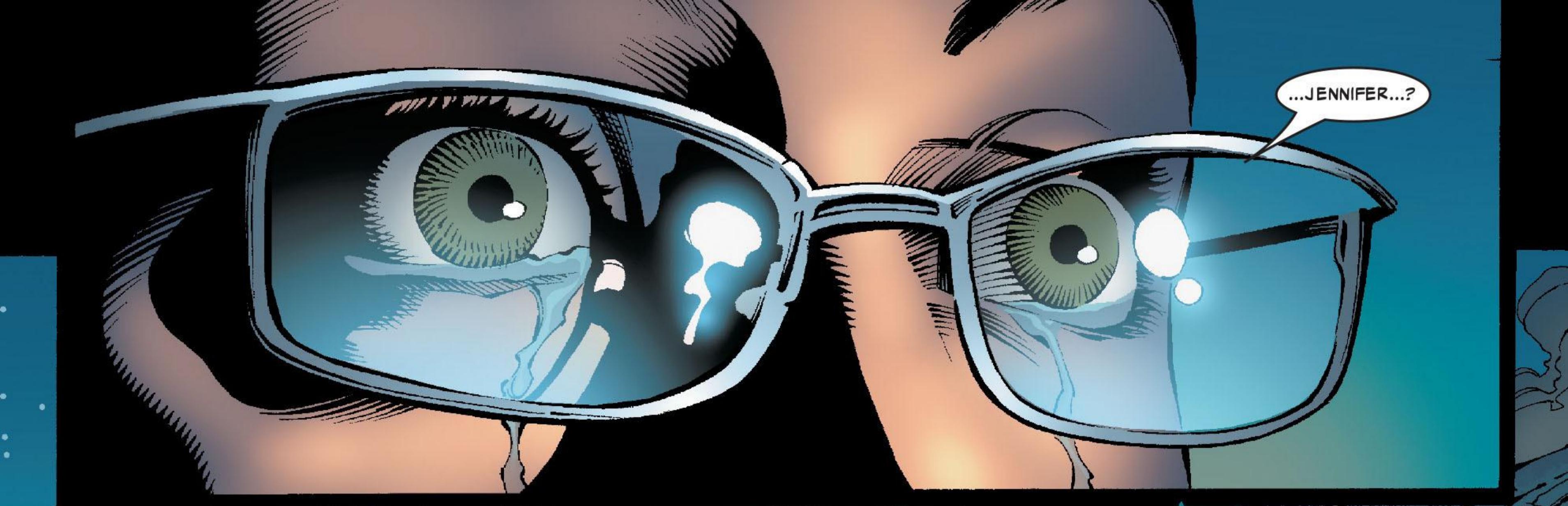
--from *THIS* direction.



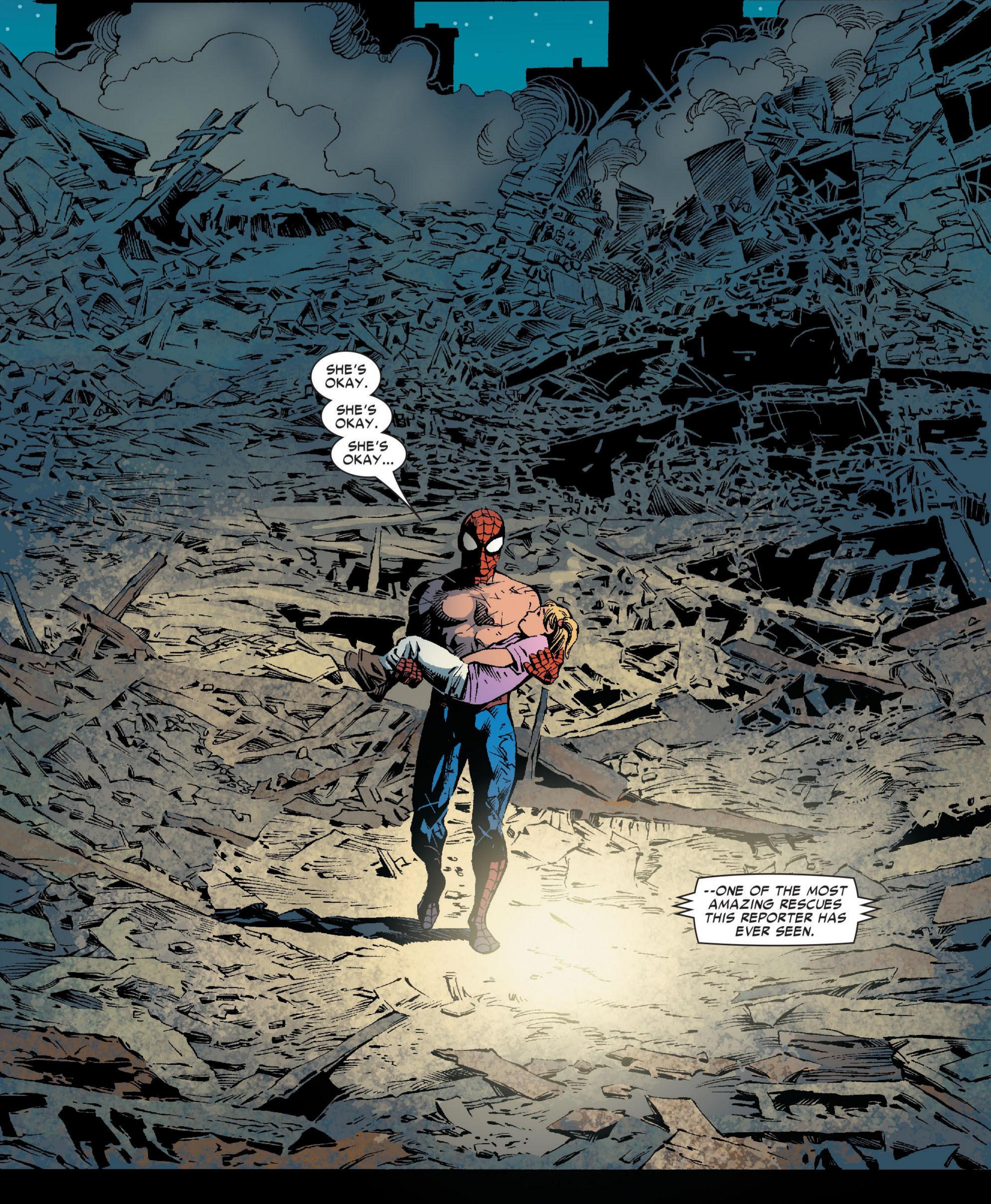
--WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!







...JENNIFER...?



SHE'S
OKAY.

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OKAY...

--ONE OF THE MOST
AMAZING RESCUES
THIS REPORTER HAS
EVER SEEN.

AN ACT OF UNQUESTIONABLE HEROISM BY THE MAN MOST OF NEW YORK THOUGHT WAS DEAD JUST A FEW DAYS AGO.

THOUGH WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS SHIRT IS ANYBODY'S GUESS.

PERHAPS THE WEB-SLINGER IS GOING FOR A NEW, BUFF LOOK. EITHER WAY, THE MOTHER OF THE YOUNG GIRL RESCUED TONIGHT COULDN'T BE HAPPIER--

I KIND OF LIKE YOU WITHOUT THE SHIRT.

YEAH?

AS LONG AS IT WAS A CHOICE THING AND NOT MY SEWING.

NEVER.

MMMM.

SO WHY THE FAR-OFF LOOK, LOVER? YOU DID GOOD TONIGHT.

I KNOW. THESE NEW ABILITIES--

WELL, MAYBE NEW. THAT'S THE THING.

THE DAY I WAS BITTEN BY THAT SPIDER WAS MAYBE THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE.

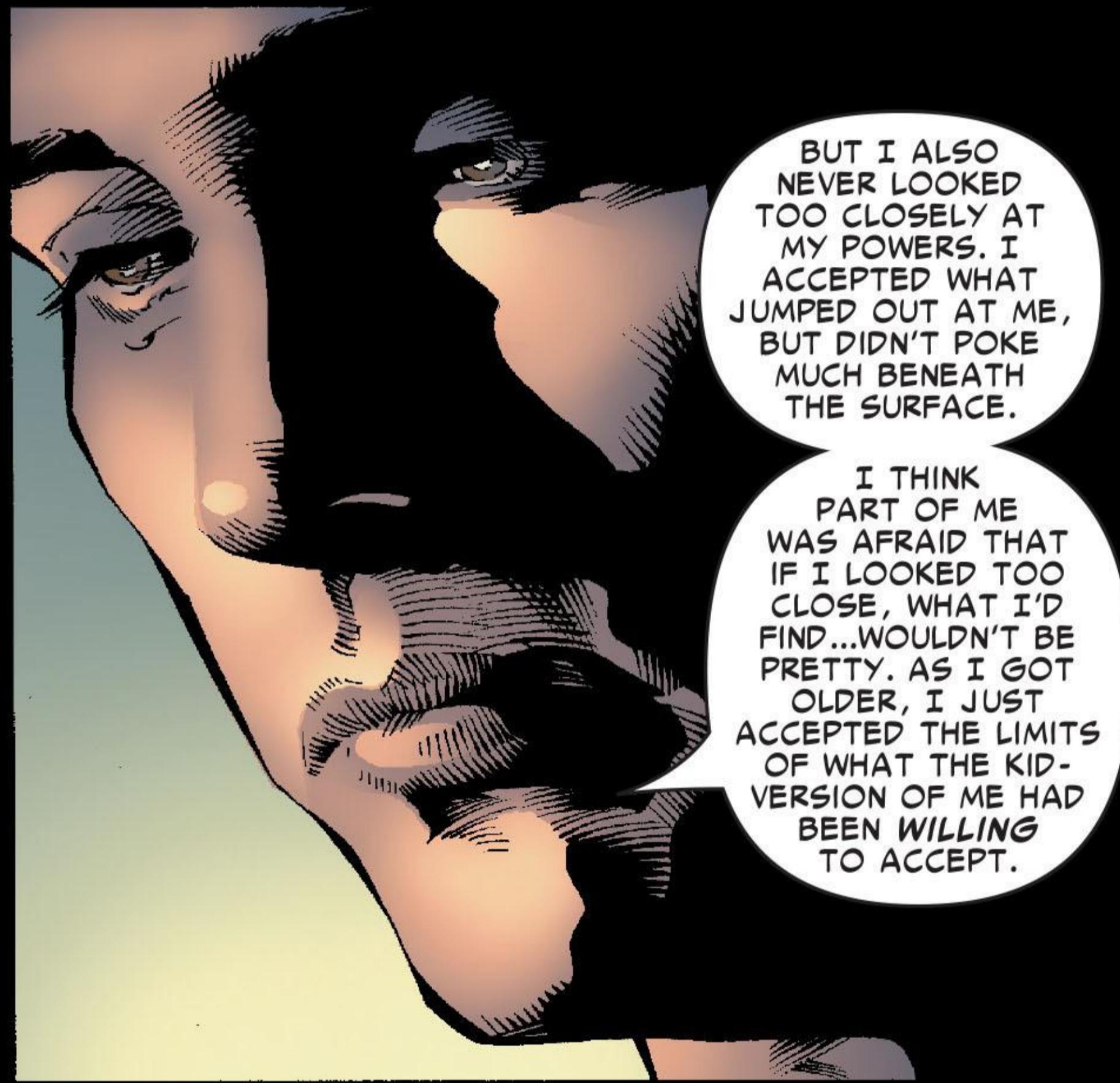
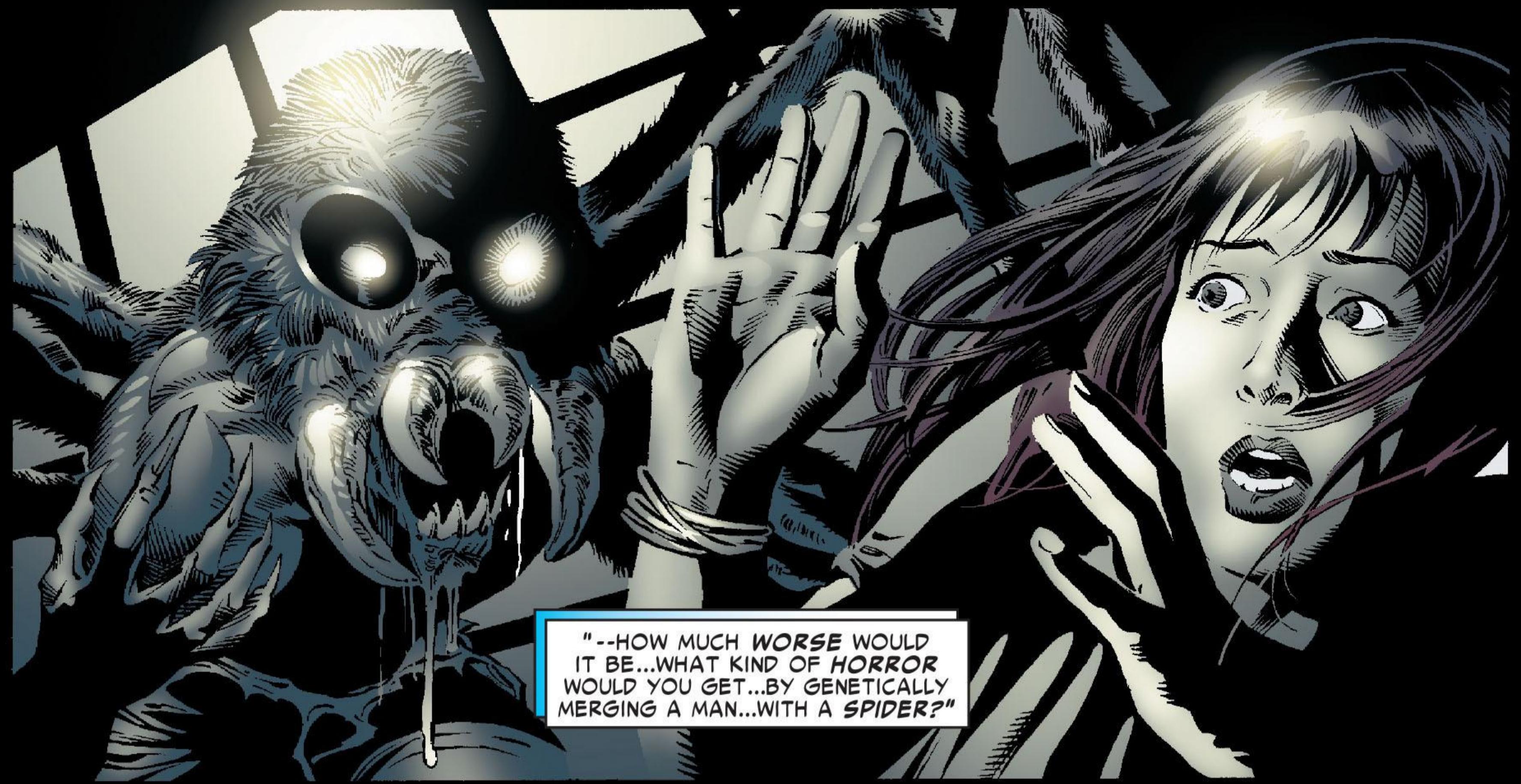
THAT NIGHT...NOT SO MUCH.

SEE, I ALWAYS LOVED SCIENCE FICTION AND HORROR MOVIES. FORBIDDEN PLANET. THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL.

THE FLY.

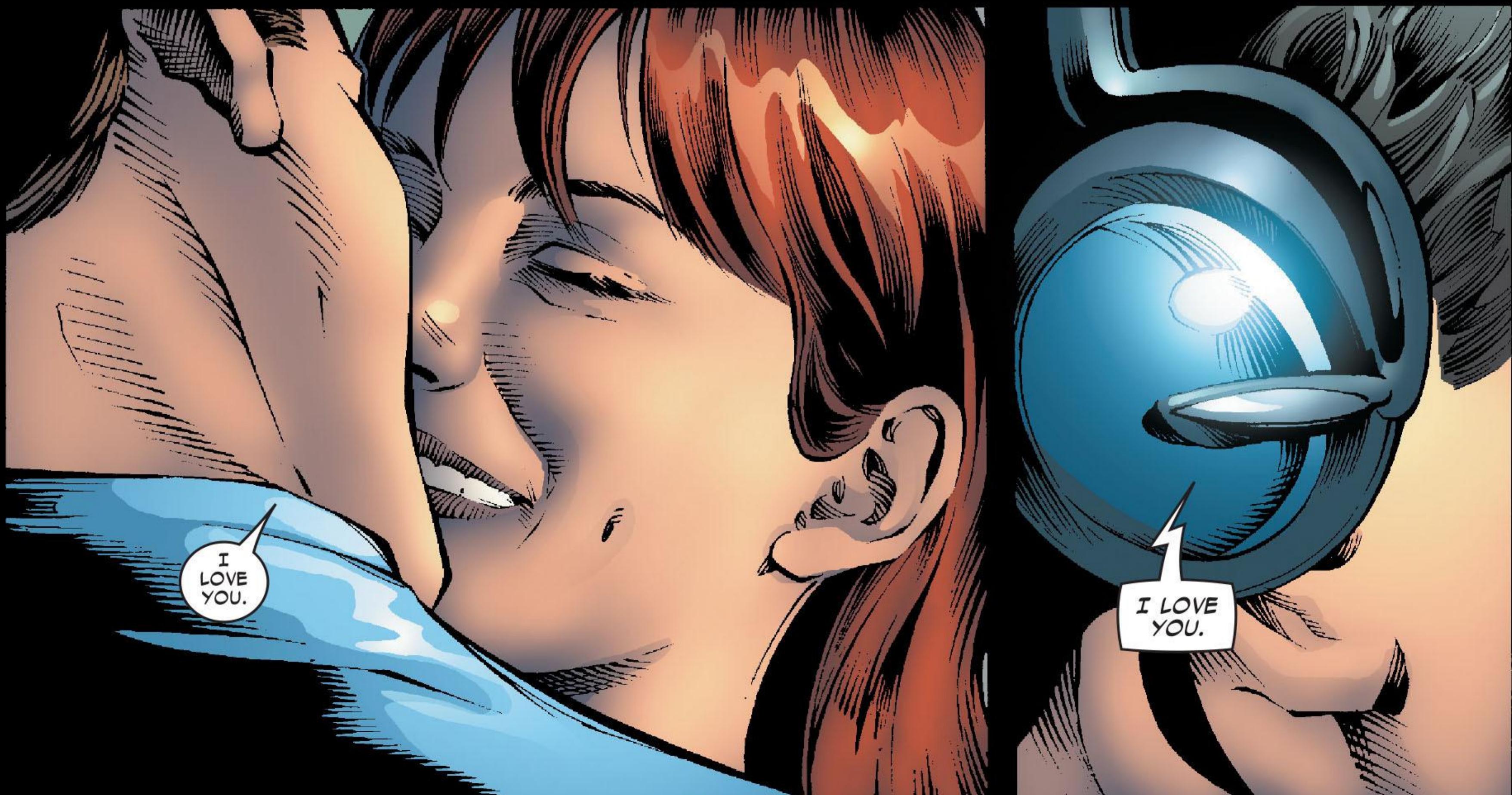
"IT WAS ONE OF THE SCARIEST THINGS I'D EVER SEEN. AND I THOUGHT--

--IF THAT'S WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU GENETICALLY CROSS A MAN WITH SOMETHING AS HARMLESS AS A FLY--



WHEN YOU...CAME OUT OF YOU AND WERE, WELL, REBORN...ALL OF YOUR OLD INJURIES WERE HEALED, WE KNOW THAT, BUT MAYBE...MAYBE YOU WERE HEALED ON THE INSIDE AS WELL.

HOW SO?





SPIDER-MAN: THE OTHER-EVOLVE OR DIE PART TWELVE:

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