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*Heroes' Farewell*

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# THE ROAD BACK

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PARDON MY SUSPICIOUS MIND, BUT --

-- BASED ON THE WAY YOU DELIVERY MEN ARE ALSO TRYING TO PULVERIZE MY EVER-SUNNY PERSONALITY --

-- I'M INCLINED TO BELIEVE YOUR PRODUCT ISN'T EXACTLY KOSHER!

I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND IF I SNAG ONE OF YOUR CASES, AND --

KRASH

-- WHOOPS!

-- CLUMSY ME!

I ACCIDENTALLY SPILLED YOUR SHINY NEW ILLEGAL ARMAMENTS ALL OVER THE STREET!

DON'T WORRY! I PROMISE TO PICK THEM UP --

SAVAT

AND SO, FOUR MINUTES, FIVE MORE THWIPS, AND SEVEN KNOCKOUT PUNCHES LATER...

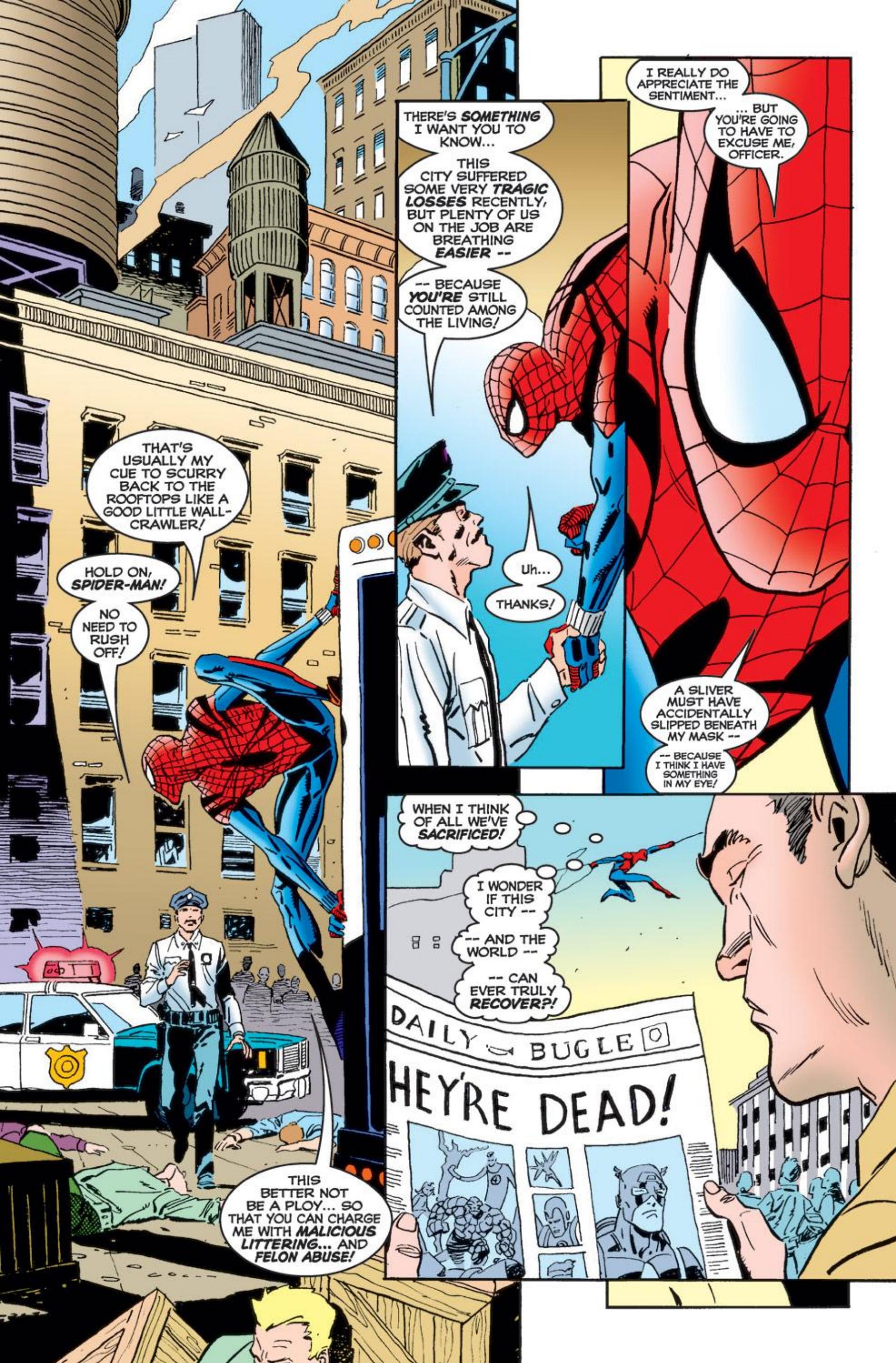
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Uh-Oh...

-- AFTER I'VE FINISHED PUTTING YOU DOWN!

LOOKS LIKE AN ENTERPRISING CITIZEN MANAGED TO FIND A WORKING PHONE --

-- AND DIAL 911!



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ELSEWHERE,  
AT THAT VERY  
MOMENT...

LOOK  
AT THEM,  
ROBBIE!

THEY'RE  
ALL SUCH  
GOOD  
PEOPLE.

I REALLY  
HATE THIS --!

YOU'RE THE  
PUBLISHER, JONAH!  
YOU CAN STILL  
PREVENT IT!

THERE'S  
GOT TO BE  
ANOTHER  
SOLUTION!

I THOUGHT  
THE SAME...  
AT FIRST!

BUT I  
COULDN'T MAKE  
THE NUMBERS  
AGREE WITH  
ME!

DECLINING  
REVENUES FROM  
ADVERTISING AND  
READERSHIP, PLUS THE  
ADDED EXPENSE OF  
REPAIRING THE RECENT  
DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING  
HAVE FORCED THIS DECISION!

WE HAVE... NO  
CHOICE.

DID YOU SEE  
THEIR FACES?

I WONDER  
WHAT THEY'RE  
DISCUSSING?!

I CAN  
GUESS...

I HOPE  
YOU DON'T  
MEAN --

CUTBACKS!

... AND  
IT ISN'T A  
WORD ANY OF  
US WANT TO  
HEAR!

THOUGH OFFICIALLY CALLED THE "MUSEUM MILE,"  
THE SECTION OF FIFTH AVENUE WHICH BORDERS  
THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CENTRAL PARK IS  
ALSO KNOWN AS "MILLIONAIRES' ROW"...

I RECEIVED SOME RATHER DISTRESSING NEWS FROM MY ASSOCIATES.

SPIDER-MAN APPARENTLY INTERFERED WITH THEIR ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE SHIPMENT --

-- WHICH WAS INTENDED FOR MY RIVAL, FORTUNATO.

THE GUNS -- AND MY PEOPLE -- ARE NOW IN POLICE CUSTODY.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO **Liberate** THEM?

HARDLY NECESSARY, DELILAH. MY LAWYERS ARE ALREADY ARRANGING BAIL --

-- AND THE KEY PROPERTY CLERKS WILL SOON RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE BRIBES.

ORGANIZED CRIME CURRENTLY FACES A MOST CRITICAL JUNCTURE.

NOT ONLY IS THERE A VACANCY AT THE TOP THANKS TO THE FALL OF THE FORMER KINGPIN OF CRIME --

-- BUT THIS CITY RECENTLY LOST ITS MOST POWERFUL PROTECTORS!

AND I CAN SHOW YOU HOW TO FULLY EXPLOIT BOTH OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES!

W-HO ARE YOU?

OTHER MEN CALL ME SCRIER --

-- BUT YOU MAY ADDRESS ME AS YOUR FUTURE PARTNER!

MEANWHILE, IN A FAR LESS AFFLUENT PART OF TOWN...

A CERTAIN FAMILIAR WEB-SPINNER COMMUTES HOME IN HIS OWN UNIQUE MANNER.

LEONARDI ART SUPPLIES

BEN REILLY HAS BEEN ON THE GO OR ALMOST THIRTY-SIX HOURS.

HE'S ON THE VERGE OF EXHAUSTION --

-- DESIRING NOTHING MORE THAN A HOT SHOWER AND A LONG SNOOZE!

BUT, EVEN AS HE NEARS HIS APARTMENT...

UH-OH! MY SPIDER-SENSE IS SUDDENLY WARNING ME TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

I WONDER WHAT'S UP?

I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED --!

JIMMY SIX IS CATCHING HIS AFTERNOON SOAPS!

THIS IS JUST GREAT! MY CIVVIES ARE INSIDE... WHERE I CAN'T REACH' EM!

I KNOW I OWE THE BIG LUG FOR SAVING MY LIFE -- \*

-- BUT I NEVER EXPECTED HIM TO MOVE IN WITH ME!

\* AS SHOWN IN SPIDER-MAN #70 - Ralf.

OOKAY! AN UNWANTED ROOMMATE MAY SEEM LIKE A PETTY ANNOYANCE --

-- COMPARED TO THE DAYS WHEN PETE AND I WERE SORTING OUT WHICH OF US WAS THE ORIGINAL PARKER --

-- AND WHO WAS THE CLONE --

-- BUT WE SPIDER-MEN GET REAL TESTY WHEN WE'RE DENIED OUR BEAUTY REST!

AND SPEAKING OF PETER PARKER...

YETI  
MOOR

A GIRL! MARY JANE AND I ARE ABOUT TO BECOME THE PROUD PARENTS OF A BABY GIRL! \*

I... I AM SO HAPPY... BUT I... CAN'T STOP WORRYING!

WHAT KIND OF WORLD WILL MY LITTLE GIRL HAVE TO FACE?

WILL THINGS EVER LIGHTEN UP, OR WILL THEY CONTINUE GROWING DARKER AND -- HEYYY!

\* THEY RECENTLY HEARD THE HAPPY NEWS IN SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN #9 - Rugrat Ralf.

WHAT'S GOING ON, GLORY?

WHY DOES EVERYONE LOOK SO DEPRESSED?

Y-YOU HAVEN'T HEARD --?!  
THE DAILY BUGLE IS DOWNSIZING!

WHAT?!

THEY'RE LAYING OFF NEARLY A HUNDRED PEOPLE!

KATE CUSHING AND MOST OF OUR PAID INTERNS ARE ALREADY GONE.

I HEAR ONE POOR KID FAINTED WHEN HE WAS TERMINATED!

SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER CASUALTY!

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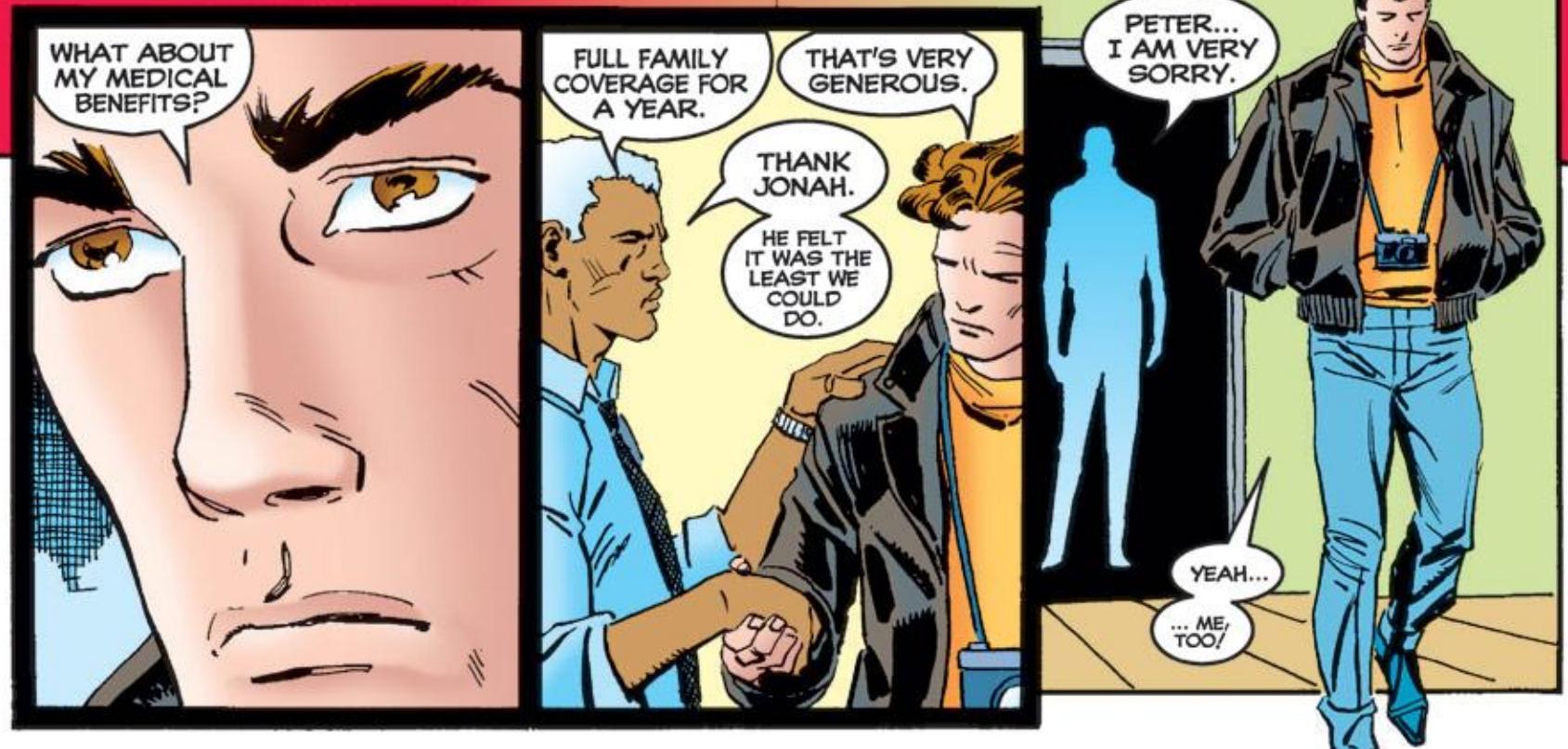
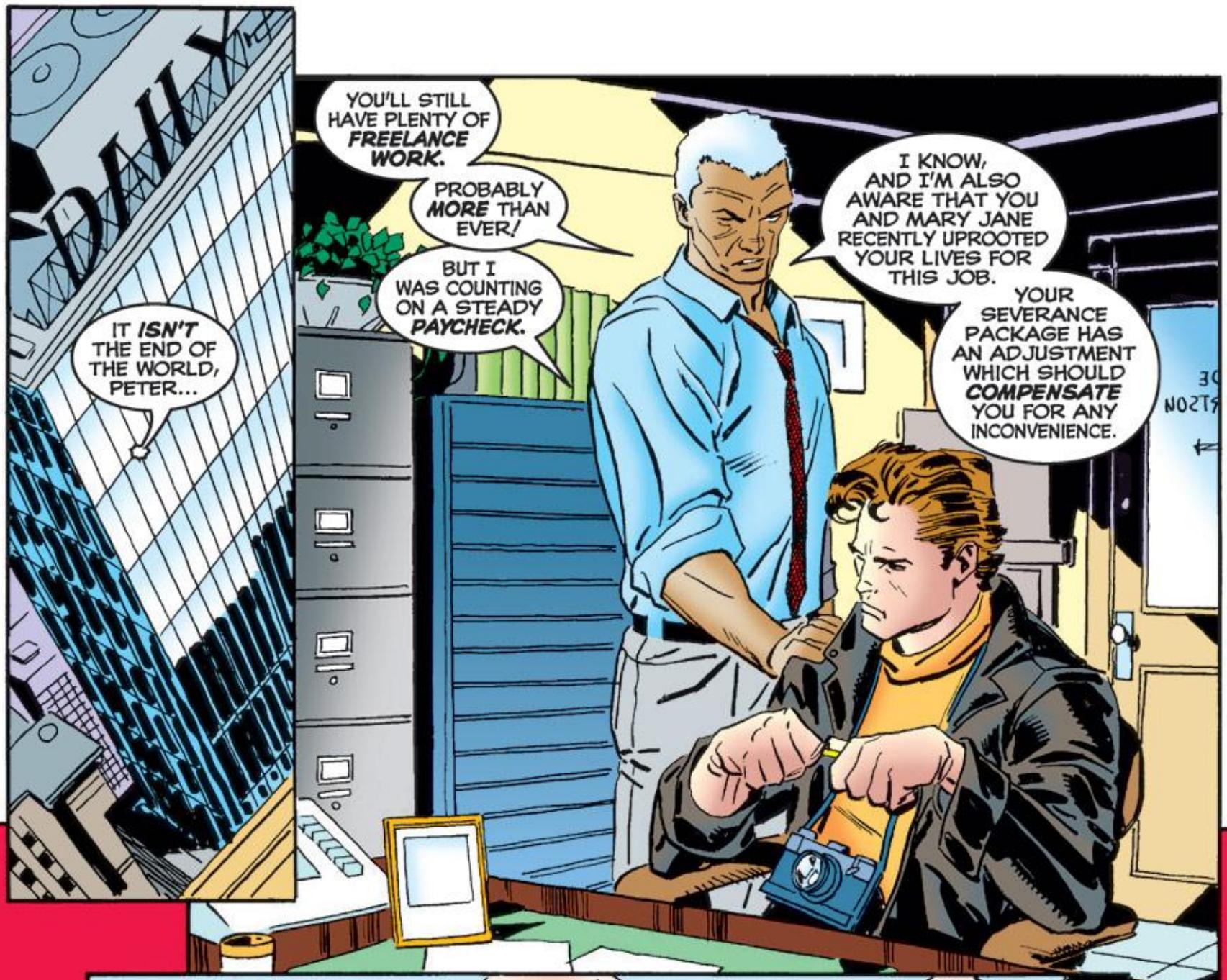
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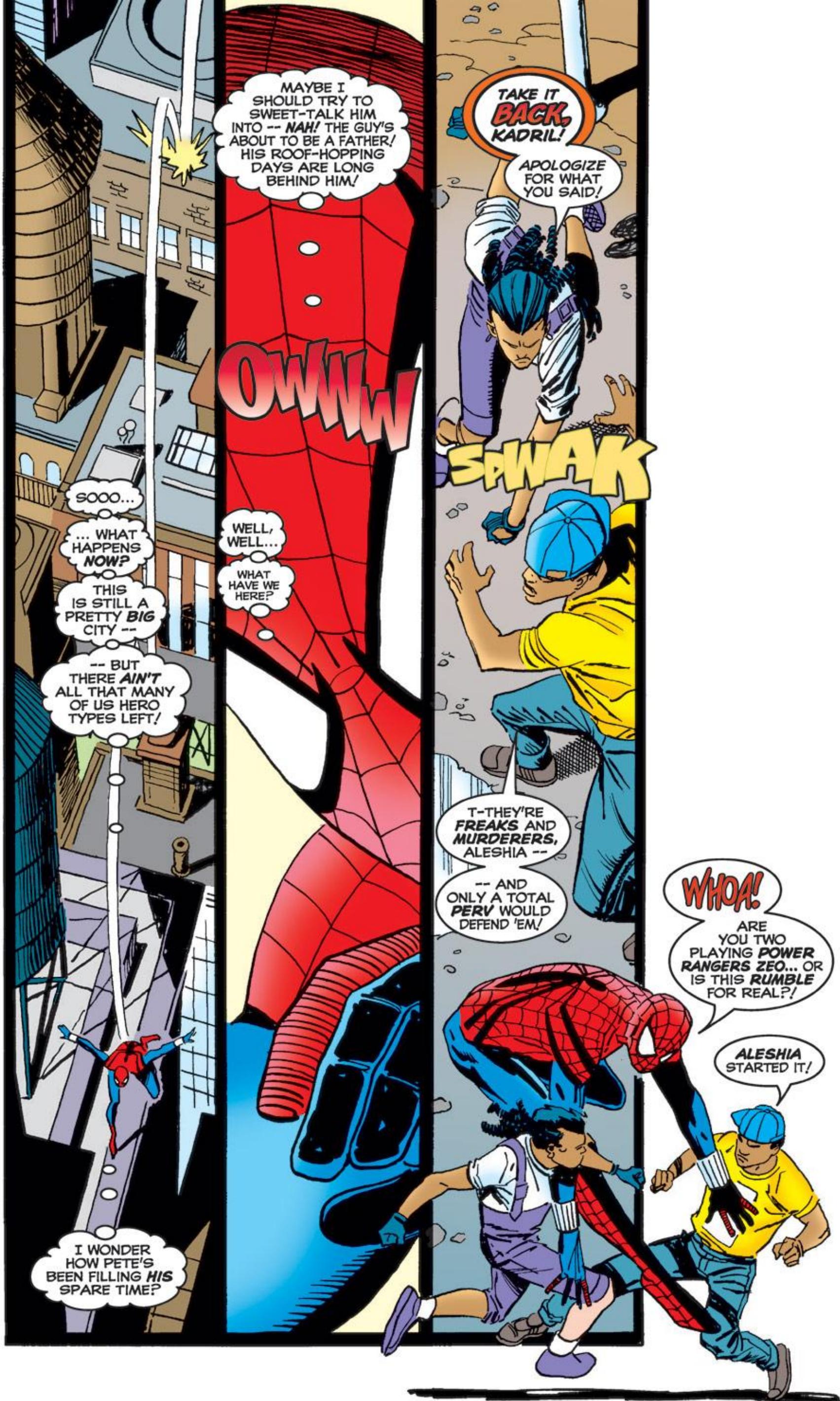
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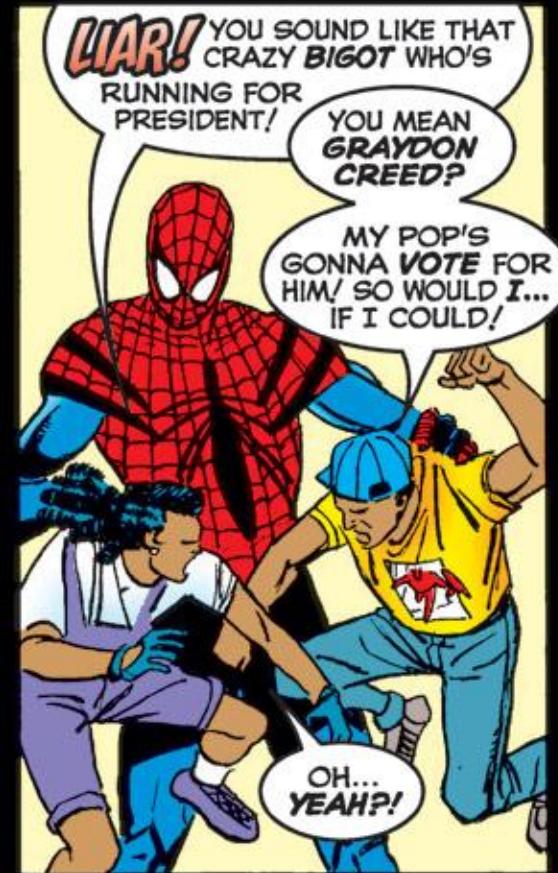
HAVE YOU AND JAMESON GONE CRAZY?!













WHILE THEY MAY HAVE HAD THEIR PERSONAL FAULTS AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS, THEY STILL PUT THEIR **LIVES** ON THE LINE... TIME AND TIME AGAIN!

FIGHTING UNBEATABLE FOES!

STRIVING AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS!

WINNING IN THE FACE OF CERTAIN DEFEAT!



TRUE HEROES IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD!



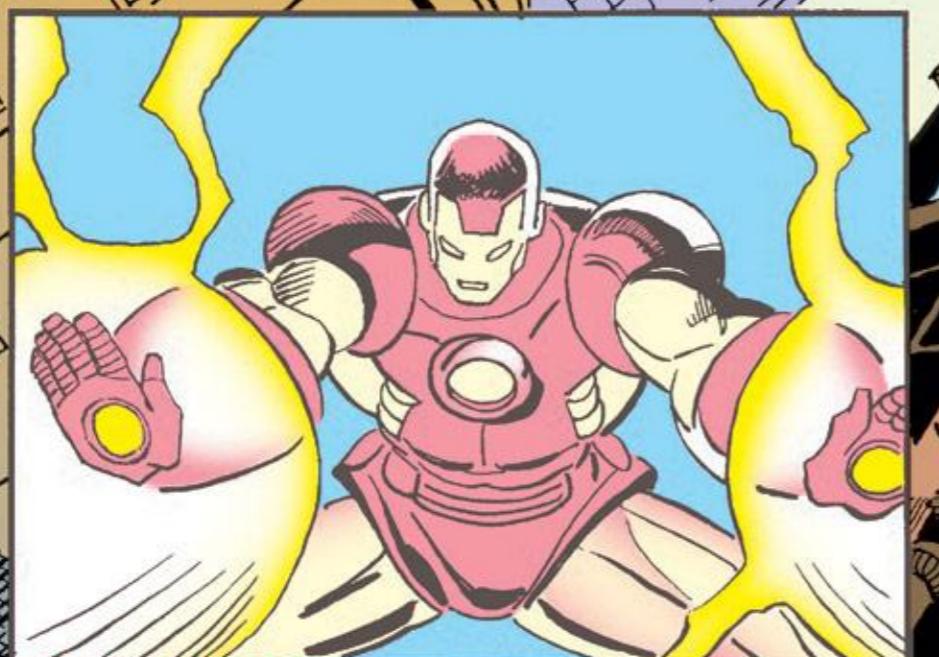
ARGUING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, AND TRYING TO ASSIGN BLAME, WON'T BRING THEM BACK!

IT ONLY DIMINISHES THEIR SACRIFICE!

REMEMBER THEM AS THEY WERE!

HONOR THEM BY FOLLOWING THEIR PRINCIPLES --

-- AND LIVING THE BEST LIFE YOU CAN!



IT IS MOST FORTUITOUS THAT THE STRUGGLE TO UNITE THE VARIOUS CRIMELORDS COINCIDES --

-- WITH THE TIMELY DEMISE OF SO MANY COSTUMED VIGILANTES!

OUR MUTUAL EMPLOYER MUST BE PLEASED.

AFRAID NOT, SCRIER.

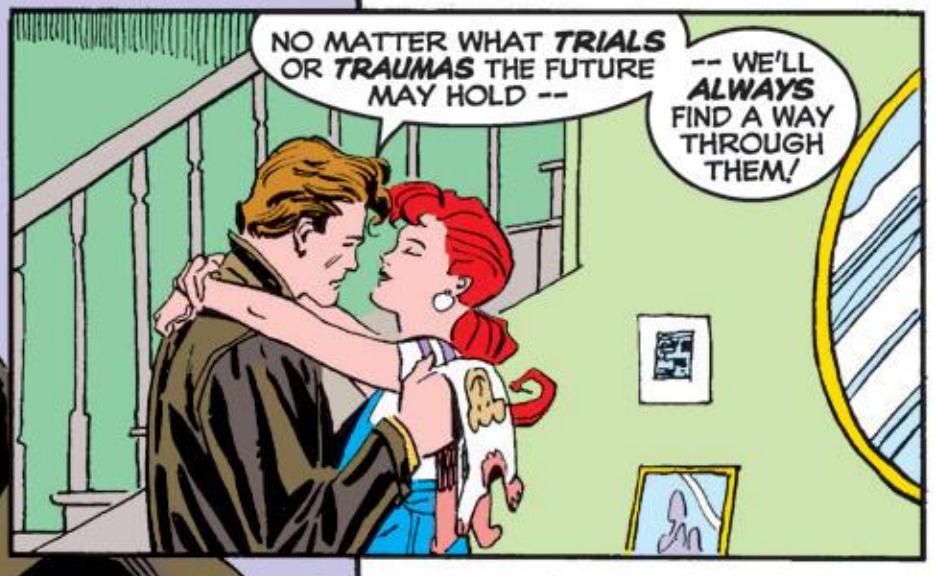
HIS ATTENTION IS CURRENTLY FOCUSED ON A PROJECT WHICH IS --

-- FAR MORE PERSONAL IN NATURE!

REALLY?  
TELL ME MORE...













Dedicated to  
Stan Lee and Jack Kirby,  
Who Created the Greatest Universe Of All!