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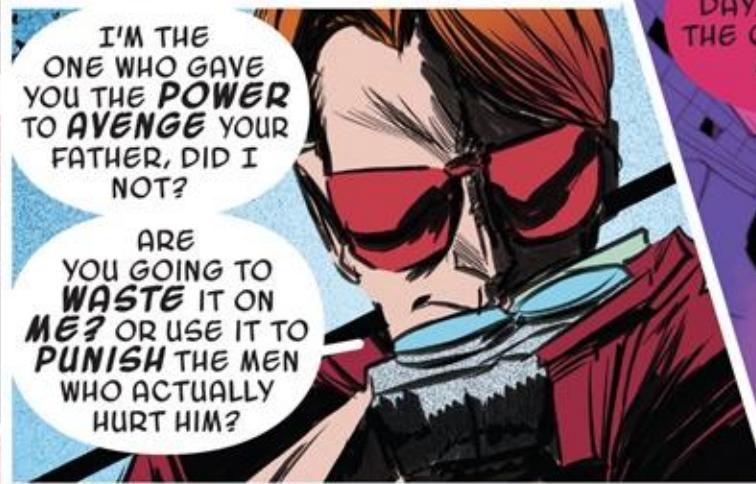
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AS A TEENAGER, GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY A MUTATED SPIDER. THE BITE TRANSFORMED HER, GRANTING HER AMAZING POWERS: A PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. BUT THOSE GIFTS WERE TAKEN AWAY WHEN A SUPER VILLAIN FURTHER TAMPERED WITH HER GENETICS, AND GWEN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO EMBRACE A SYMBIOTIC PARASITE CALLED VENOM TO RESTORE THEM. TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK, SHE IS THE DANGEROUS OUTLAW CALLED SPIDER-WOMAN, BUT YOU KNOW HER AS...

SPIDER-GWEN

PREVIOUSLY...



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THE MARY JANE CANCELED

WHEN I FIRST PUT ON MY MASK...

...I WASN'T DOING IT TO HIDE.

I NEVER SET OUT TO LIE TO ANYONE.

I JUST HAD TOO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES.

TOO MANY EXPECTATIONS.

I KNEW THAT NO MATTER WHAT I COULD DO NOW, OR WHAT I'D BECOME--



--I'D ALWAYS BE GWEN TO YOU.

YOU'D NEVER LET ME GROW. OR CHANGE. NOT REALLY.

SO I THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO PRETEND NOTHING CHANGED. TO LET GWEN STACY REMAIN SOMEONE YOU COULD UNDERSTAND.

SO I SPLIT MY LIFE IN TWO.

LIVED TWO HALVES OF NOTHING.



FOR A VERY LONG TIME, I'VE BEEN SCARED TO ADMIT THAT.

TERRIFIED THAT SAYING IT ALOUD WOULD MAKE IT TRUE.



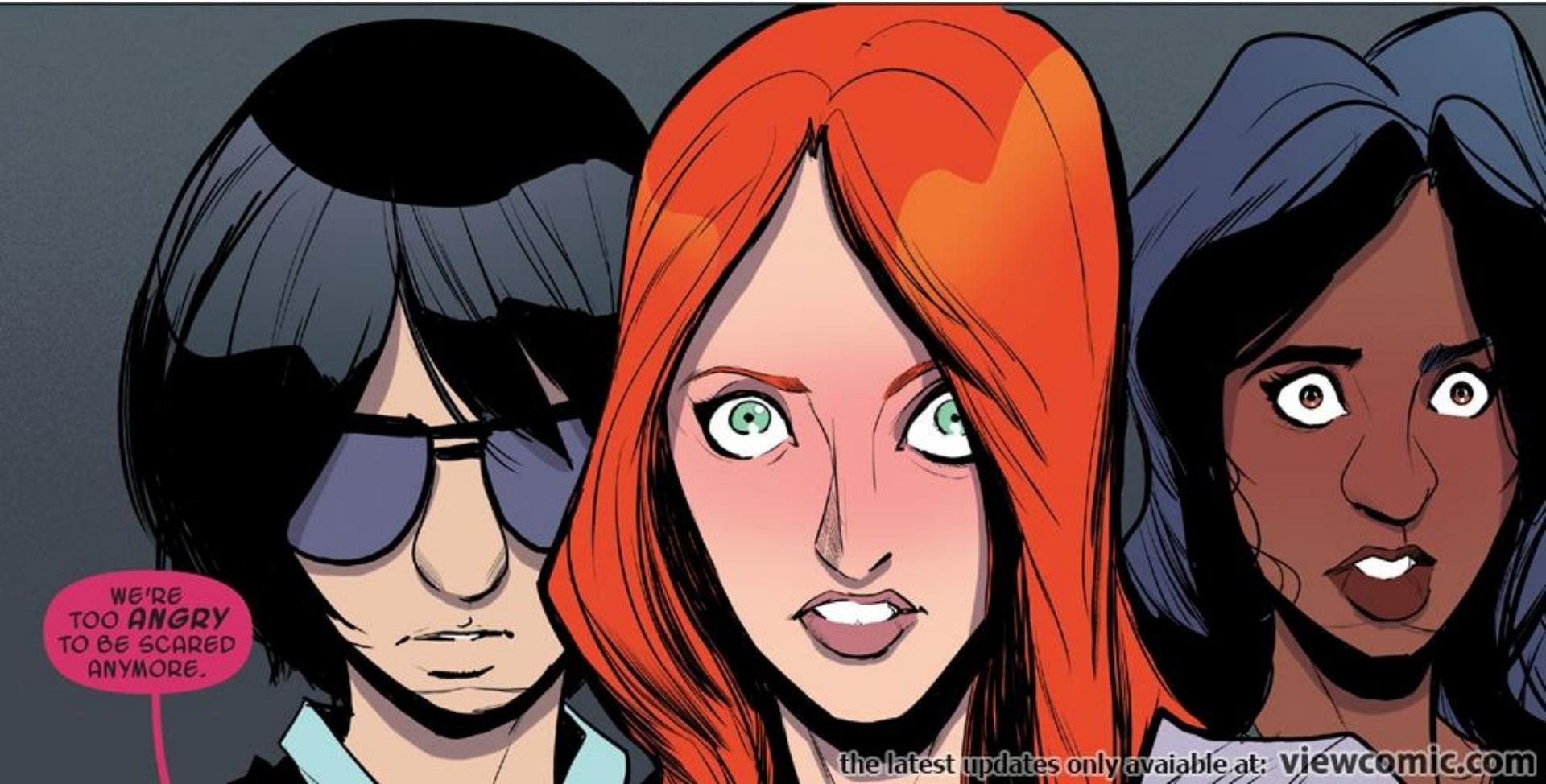
BUT NOW?

WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR LIES.

WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY.

HSSSS

TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, WE HAVE TO BE WHOLE.



WE'RE TOO ANGRY TO BE SCARED ANYMORE.



HURRNNGH...

HEH.
"WHY?"

YOU'RE
ROADKILL, RICHIE--
THE HIGHWAY'S ALREADY
GIVEN YOU YOUR
ANSWERS.

"WHY DIDN'T
I SHOW SOME SELF-
CONTROL?"

"WHY
COULDN'T I
JUST KEEP QUIET
ABOUT CAPTAIN
STACY?"

AH, THOSE
PESKY LITTLE SECRETS.
THEY HAVE A WAY OF KEEPING
YOU, DON'T THEY,
RICHIE?

AS A
PROFESSIONAL PUPPET
MASTER, I FULLY UNDERSTAND
THE BURDEN OF
KNOWLEDGE.

THE INNER
WAR BETWEEN THE
ARTISTE, STANDING
INVISIBLY BEHIND
THE WORK...

...AND THE
ENTERTAINER,
JUST DYING FOR
APPLAUSE.

AND
THAT'S "WHY" THIS
IS HAPPENING TO
YOU--

YOU'RE ONLY STILL
BREATHING BECAUSE
YOU WON'T BE MUCH
LONGER.

BECAUSE,
IN THE END, I'M
MORE LIKE YOU
THAN ANYONE
WILL EVER
KNOW.

I NEED
AN AUDIENCE,
RICHIE.

I NEED
A PRIEST....

"...I NEED **SOMEONE**
TO KNOW WHY."

MATT...?

MATTHEW...
SON...WHERE
ARE YOU?

I
CAN'T...CAN'T
SEE...

MOM?
MOM, HOLD
ON. PLEASE...HELP
IS...JUST...

CLOSER...
MATT...

I
CAN'T...JUST
NEED...

...NEED
TO SEE
YOUR...

MOM?

YEAH,
WE HEARD YOUR
"ANSWER."

BUT "NO"
WON'T DO. YOU
FIGHT FOR
US, "BATTLIN'
JACK."

MEANIN'
YOU ONLY
WIN WHEN BOSS
SILVERMANE
SAYS YOU
WIN.

SO WHEN
WE TELL YOU TO
TAKE A DIVE? YOU
PINCH YOUR NOSE
AND ASK--

"--HOW
DEEP?"

YOUR
WINNER AND NEW
CHAMPIOONNN...

BATTLIN' JACK
MUUURRDOCK!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

BAT

GYM

C'MON,
HE'S A BLIND
KID. WHAT'S HE
GONNA--

YOU HEARD
SILVERMANE--

--NO
WITNESSES.

click

WHAT THE--
HNGH!

BLAM
BLAM

KRUNCH

AIEEGGGH!



MARGARET
MURDOCK

JONATHAN
MURDOCK

SURE, CHAOS
AND ORDER...YEAH,
BOTH SIDES OF THE
UNIVERSE DONE
YA WRONG.

AIN'T NO
DOUBT 'BOUT
THAT.

BUT FOR
ALL LIFE'S TAKEN
FROM YA--

--IT'S
GIVEN YA
POWER.

A
PURPOSE
MOST FOLKS'D
CHEAT, LIE AN'
DIE FOR.

THERE'S
A WAR ON,
MATT.

AGAINST
THE GREED
AN' NEGLIGENCE
THAT TOOK YER
MOMMA.

TO STOP
THE KINDA MEN
WHO RUINED YER
POP.

I'M A FIVE-
STAR GENERAL,
SON--



--AN' I NEED
ME SOME GOOD
SOLDIERS."

IT'S OVER,
SILVERMANE.

YER
AS YESTERDAY
AS YER CHEAP
SUITS.

HEH. I SEE
YOU FOUND
YOURSELF A
NEW FRIEND,
STICK--

FUNNY. I
FOUND ME A FEW
OF MY OWN.

BAMF

BAMF

MASTER
STICK?

KIRIGI.
GET
BEHIND ME,
MATTHEW.



THE BOY?

A CHILD
DID ALL OF
THIS?

AND YOU
DARE TO STILL
BREATHE?

WHERE
IS YOUR
HONOR?

B-BUT
MASTER
SAMURA...

HE--HE MOVES AS IF TEN
STEPS AHEAD.

WITH THE
SIGHT OF A THOUSAND
EYES!

FEH.
FOOL.

THE BOY'S
POWER DID NOT
BEST YOU. EVEN
WITHOUT EYES,
STICK COULD
SEE...

HE HAS
NOTHING
LEFT.

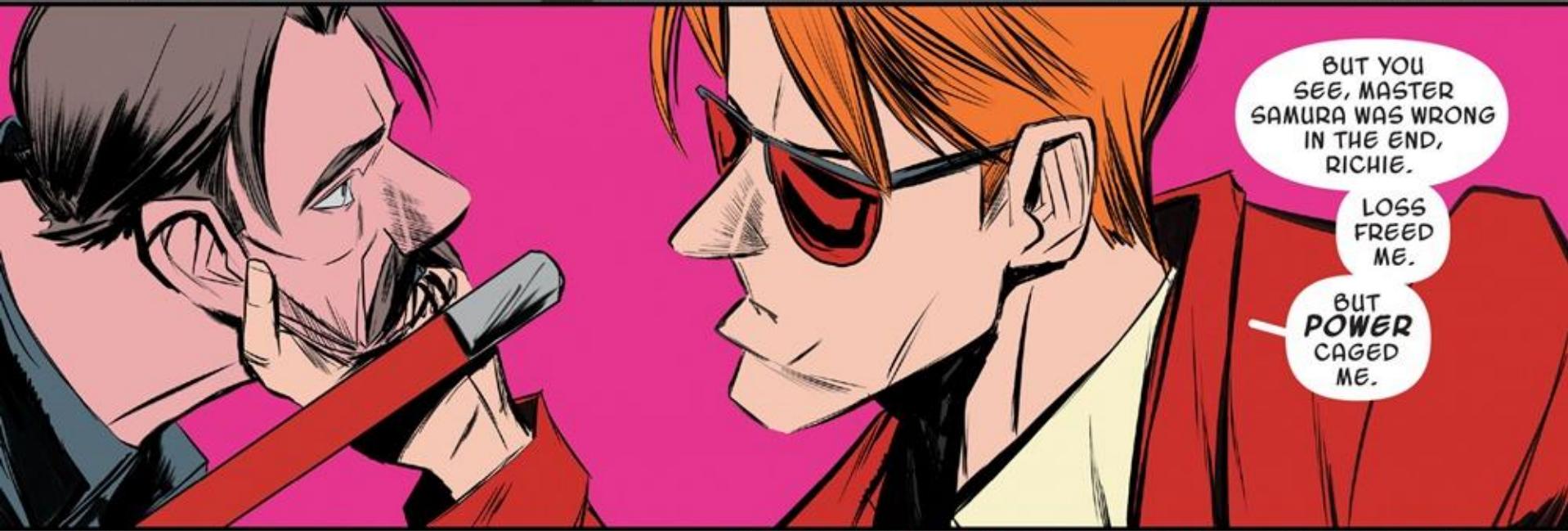
NOTHING
TO FEAR.

NOTHING
TO HIDE.

"WITHOUT A LIFE
TO CAGE HIM..."

"...HE CAN BE
ANYTHING."

"AND SO I JOINED
THE HAND..."



SOON
EVEN
THE HAND
FEARED
ME.

SO
THEY DID
WHAT ANY PARENT
WOULD
DO.

THEY
SENT ME
AWAY.

NEW
YORK WAS
INTENDED TO
OCCUPY ME. TO BE
MY SCRATCHING
POST.

"POSITIONED BESIDE
FISK, I BROKE MAN'S
LAWS FROM WITHIN
AND WITHOUT.

"AND WHEN THAT
WASN'T ENOUGH, I
BURIED MY KNIFE
DEEP IN HIS BACK--

--AND
TOOK ALL
HE HAD.

"JUST LIKE THAT I SIMPLY
REACHED OUT AND DID
THE IMPOSSIBLE.

"I'D NEVER
BEEN SO HIGH.

"OR FELT
SO LOW.

"THERE WAS NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.
ALL THAT LAY AHEAD WAS BLOOD
SIMPLY FOR THE SAKE OF BLOOD.

"I'D LIE AWAKE WISHING IT
WERE TAKEN AWAY, FEARING
THAT IT WOULD BE.

"BECAUSE I
KNEW THAT NOT
ONLY WOULD I
DO IT ALL AGAIN...

"...BUT THAT NO
ONE ELSE
COULD STOP ME.

"BUT BEFORE
I COULD...

"...I SAW
HER...

THE MARY JAMES

CANCELED

--AND I KNEW I WAS NO LONGER ALONE."

LOOK,
I KNOW THIS
IS...
...WELL,
IT'S A
LOT.

I DON'T
KNOW WHY I EXPECT
YOU TO FOLLOW
THIS.

OR TO EVER
UNDERSTAND...

I'VE
LIED TO YOU
SO LONG.

I DON'T
KNOW WHY I
EXPECT YOU TO
EVER BELIEVE
ME.

OR
TO TRUST
ME.

OR EVER
FORGIVE
ME.

IT'S JUST...
IF WHAT'S LEFT
OF GWEN STACY
HAS TO DIE...

...I NEEDED
YOU TO KNOW
WHAT I DID IT
ALL FOR.

I NEEDED
YOU TO KNOW
WHY.





"...THIS IS YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY."

HRRNG...

BEFORE
SPIDER-WOMAN,
I WAS ALONE,
YOU SEE.

WHO ELSE
COULD KNOW
WHAT IT FEELS LIKE
TO FACE SUCH
TEMPTATION?

TO
WIELD **REAL**
POWER?

AND IN THAT
MOMENT WHEN I
SAW HER, I THOUGHT--
YES, OF COURSE. OF
COURSE SHE'LL
UNDERSTAND.

YET,
AFTER ALL
I'VE SHOWN
HER...

...SHE STILL
RESISTS.

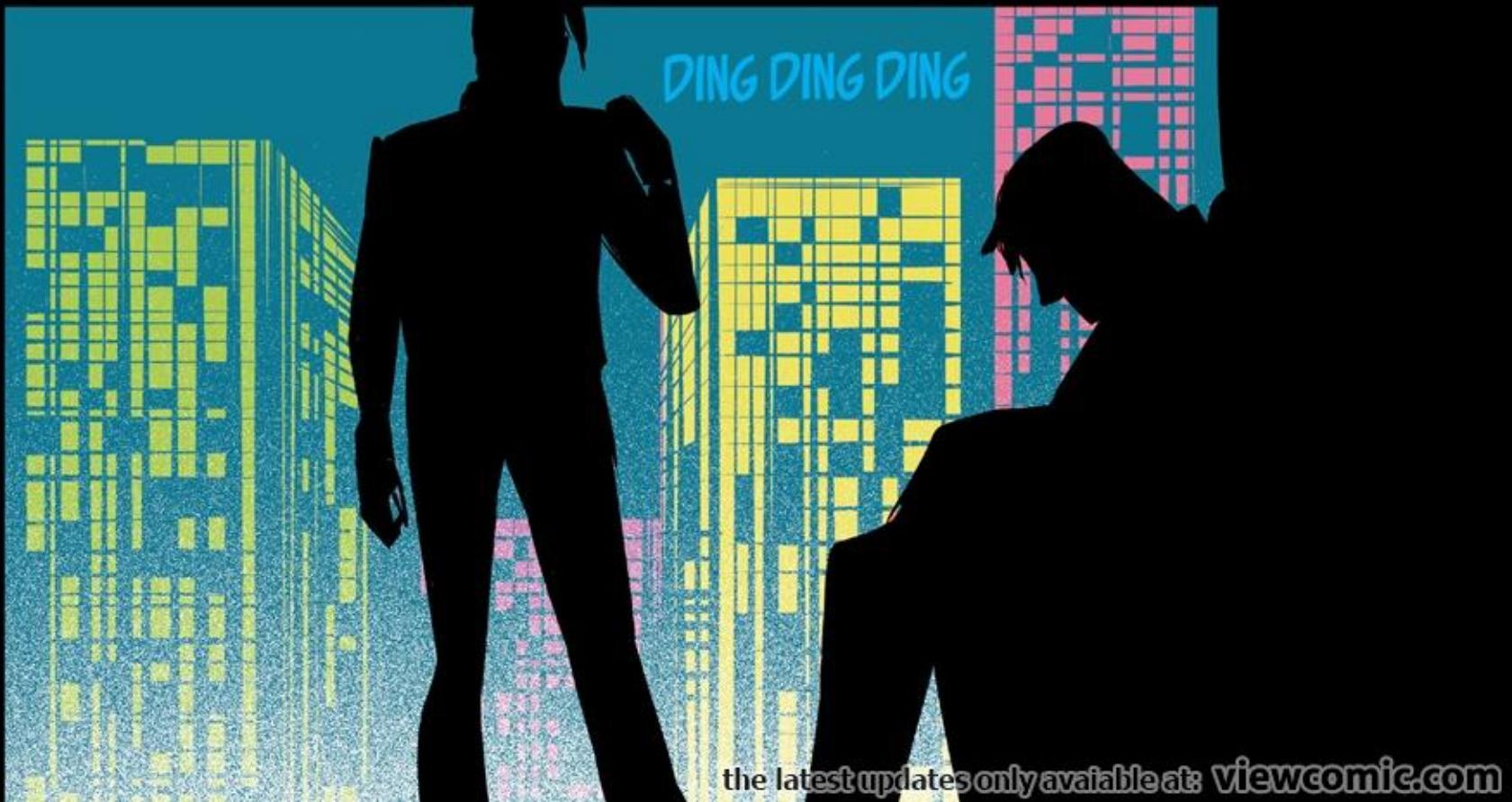
CLINGS TO HER
STUPID, CHILDISH
MORALITY.

I WANTED
HER AT MY
SIDE.

BUT IF
GWEN STACY WON'T
BE TURNED...

I WON'T
BE...

...I CANNOT
BE THE ONLY ONE
WHOM POWER HAS
CORRUPTED.





BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA

BUDDAT
DAT DAT
DAT

OH
GOD, WHAT'S
HE--

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA

AIIIEEEGGGH!

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA

BANG BANG
BANG

DON'T LET
HIM GET OUT OF
THIS LOB--

BoOoOom

MASTER
MURDOCK!

WE HAVE
AN INTRUDER.
THE BUILDING IS
UNDER ATTACK.
IT'S--

YES.

DEPLOY
YOUR NINJA,
OTOMO.

IF
IT'S A WAR HE
WANTS...



"...IT'S A WAR FRANK CASTLE WILL GET."

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