

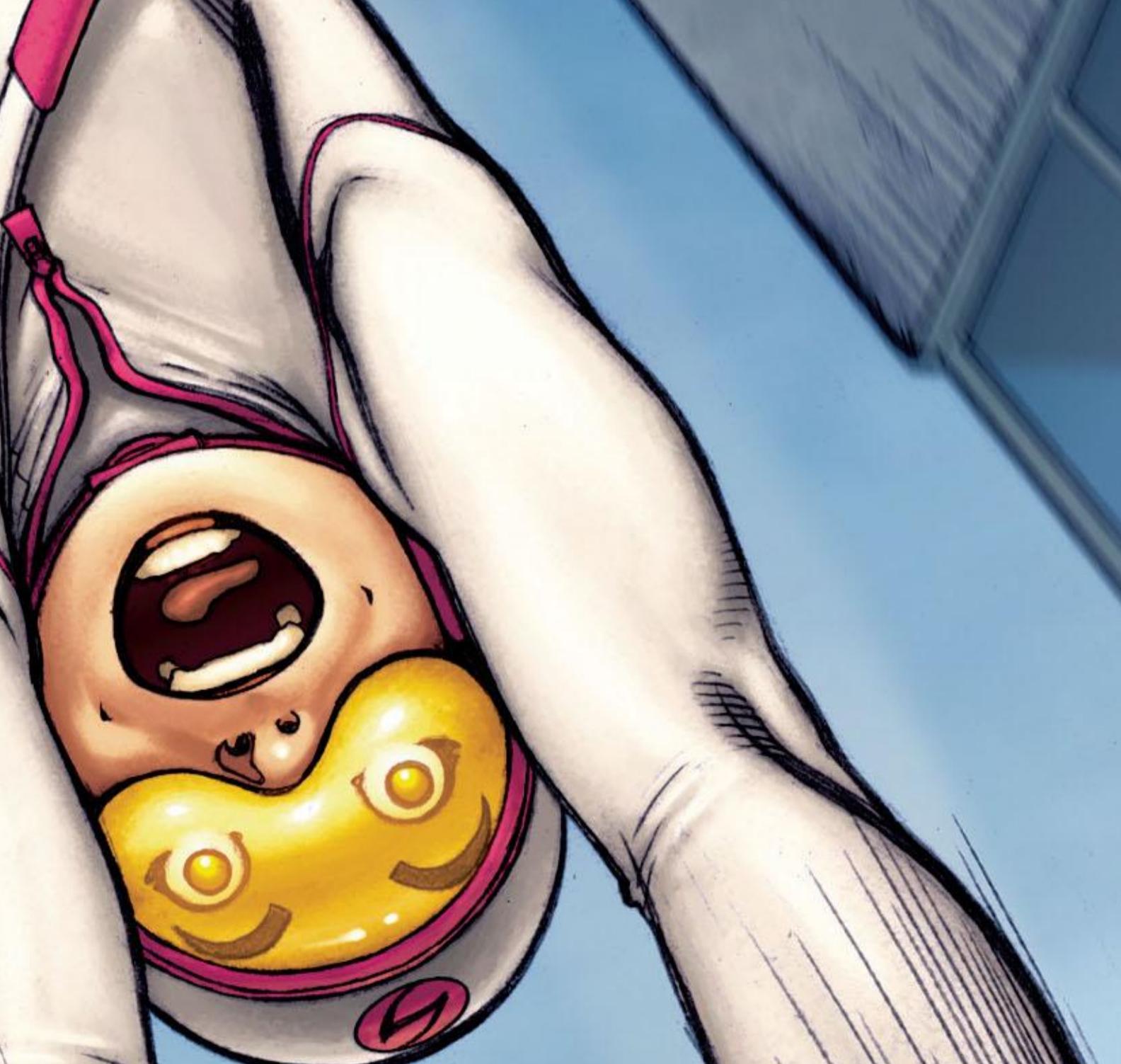
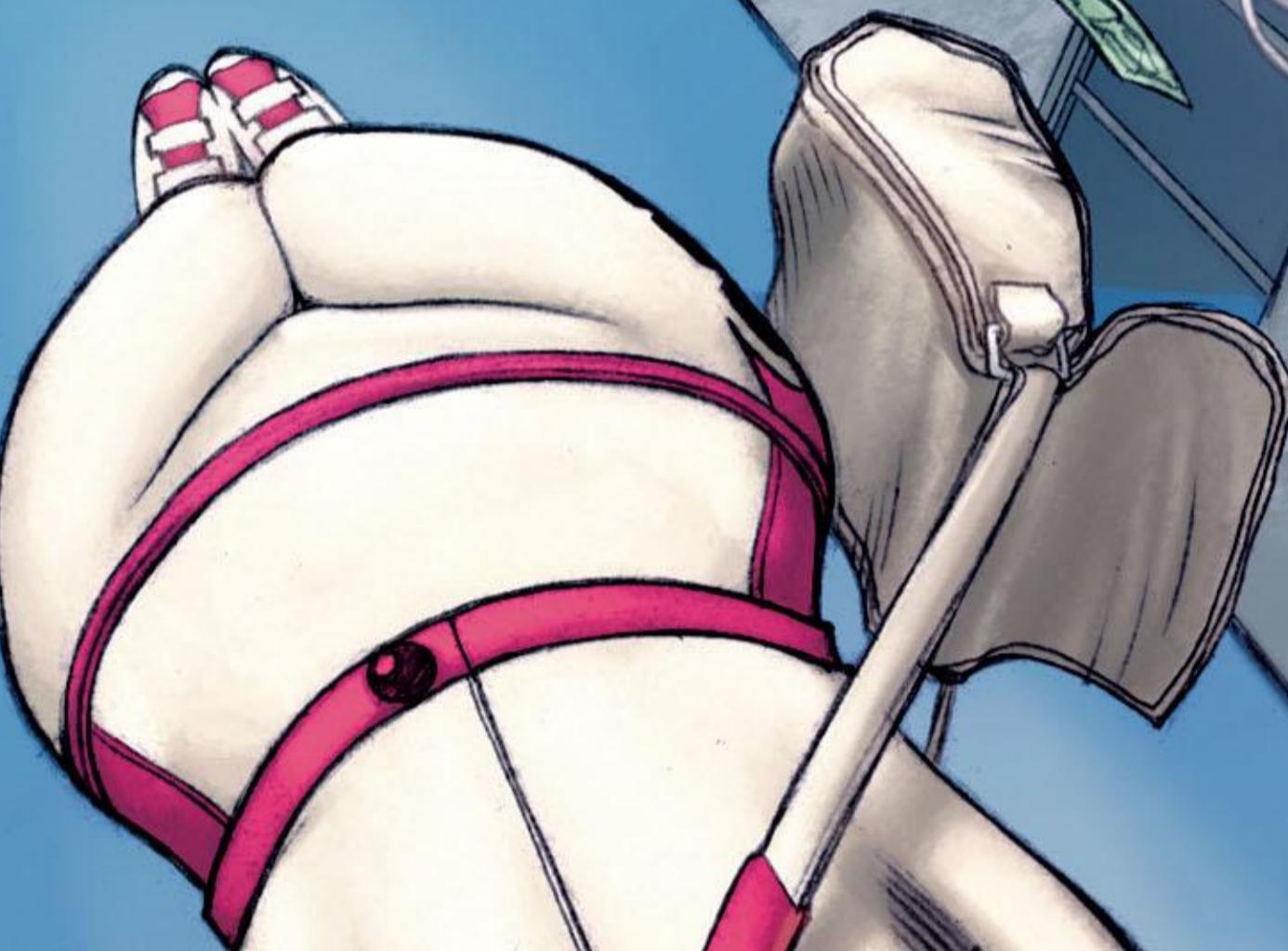
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COLD DAYS AND HOT NIGHTS – HOLLISTER'S DAUGHTER PARTIES ALL NIGHT WHILE CITY DIGS OUT ALL DAY. ALSO, WITNESSES SEE LEAPING LARCENER COMMITTING HOPPING HEISTS ACROSS MANHATTAN. IS SHE IN CAHOOTS WITH SPIDER-MAN? – MORE ON PAGE D12

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FREAKSHOW'S OVER!



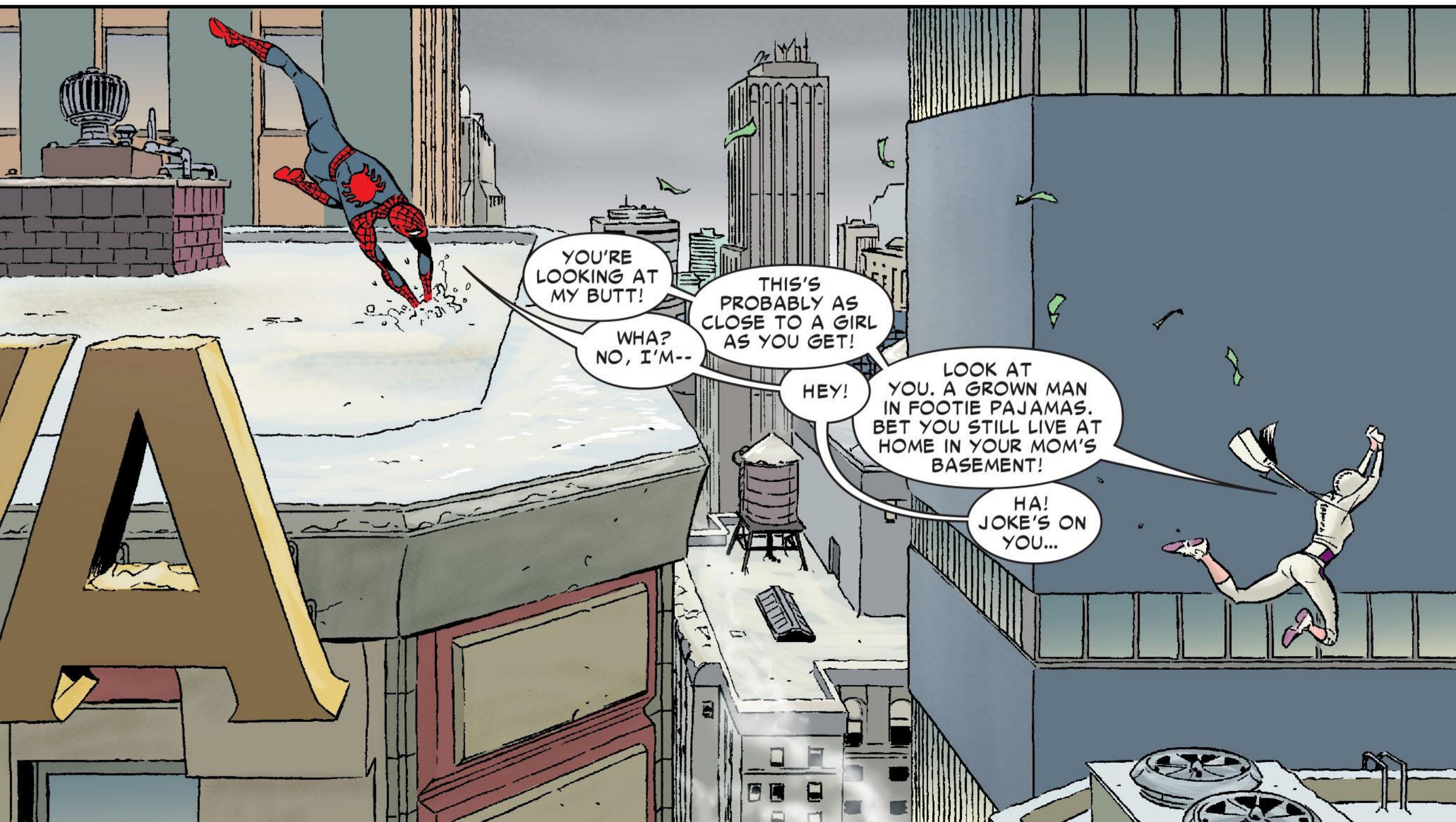
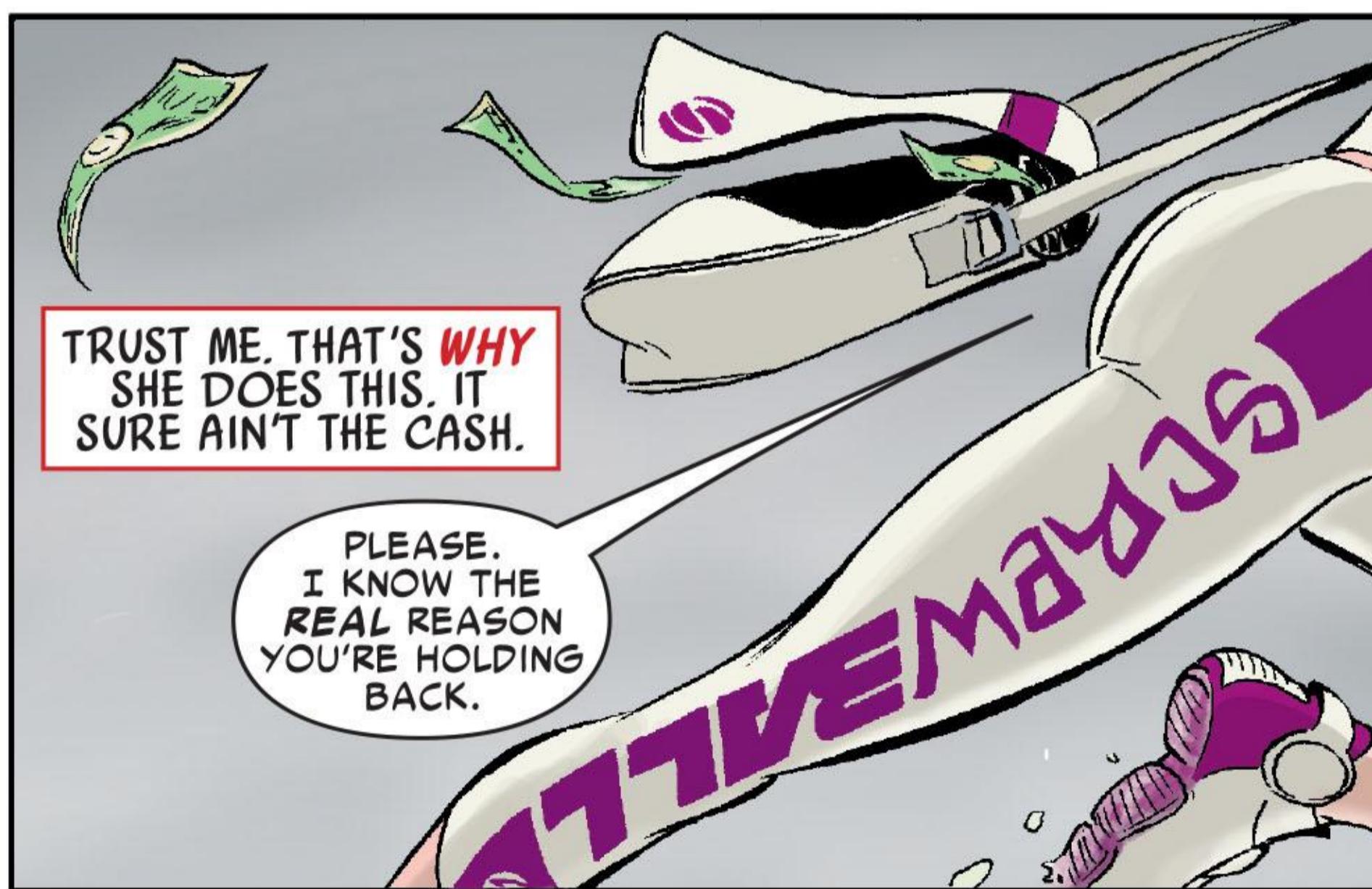
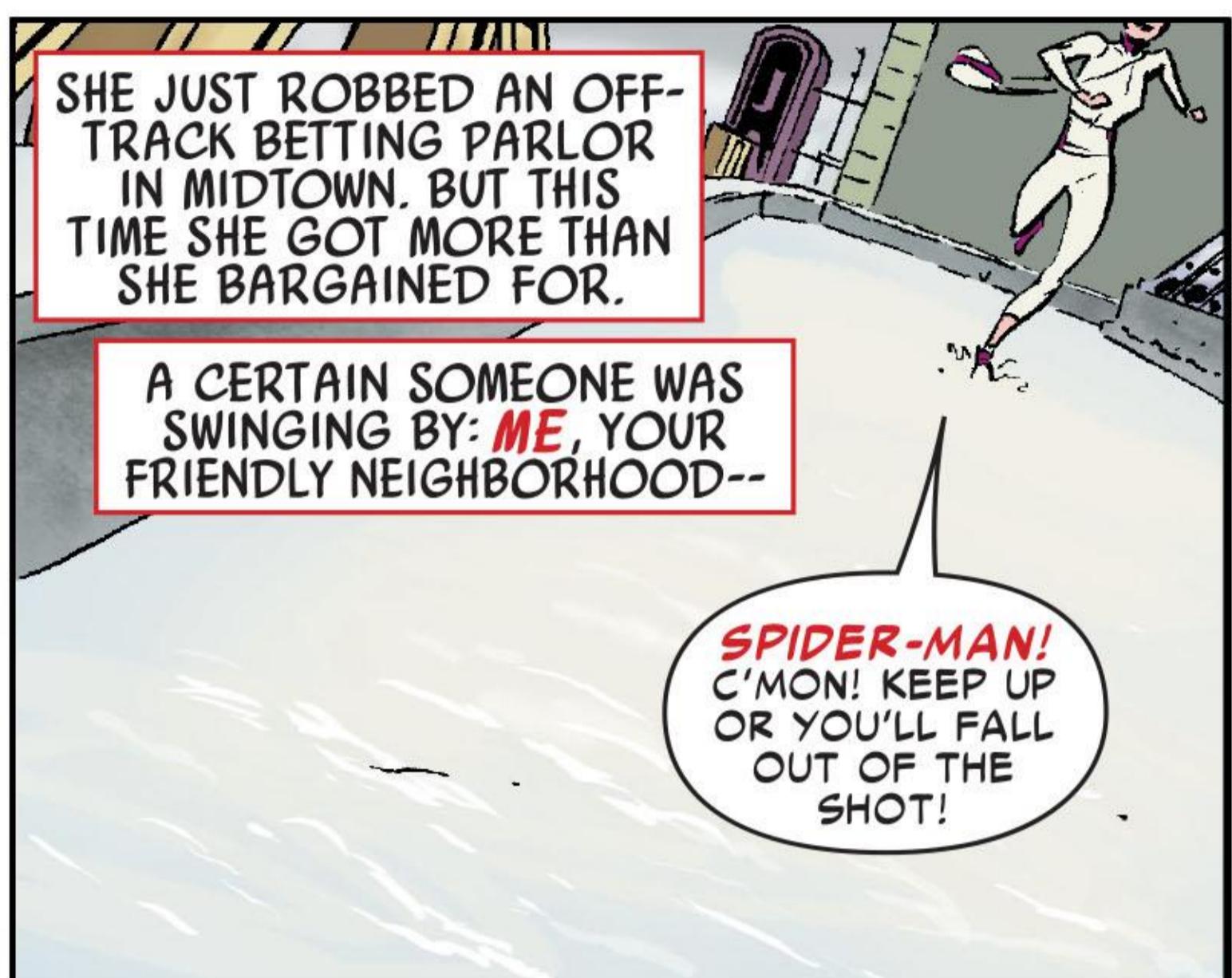
Spidey's drug-abusing beastly foe, Freak, resurfaced after New York's blizzard finally came to an end. With the help of Dr. Curt Connors, Freak was subdued and taken away – by Oscorp. Things ain't too much easier for Spidey, though – Menace raises his ugly jowls at a Hollister campaign rally, threatening Hollister and his family – including daughter, Lily. But some things are looking up – Pete's found a roommate in police officer (and Spider-Man foe) Vin Gonzales. Y'know, maybe things ARE looking up for Spidey. With the change of weather, maybe it's time for a walk across town. Or a dash. Or a high-speed chase...


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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WHILE ATTENDING A DEMONSTRATION IN RADIOLOGY, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT **PETER PARKER** WAS BITTEN BY A SPIDER WHICH HAD ACCIDENTALLY BEEN EXPOSED TO **RADIOACTIVE RAYS**. THROUGH A MIRACLE OF SCIENCE, PETER SOON FOUND THAT HE HAD **GAINED** THE SPIDER'S POWERS...AND HAD, IN EFFECT, BECOME A HUMAN SPIDER! FROM THAT DAY ON HE WAS...

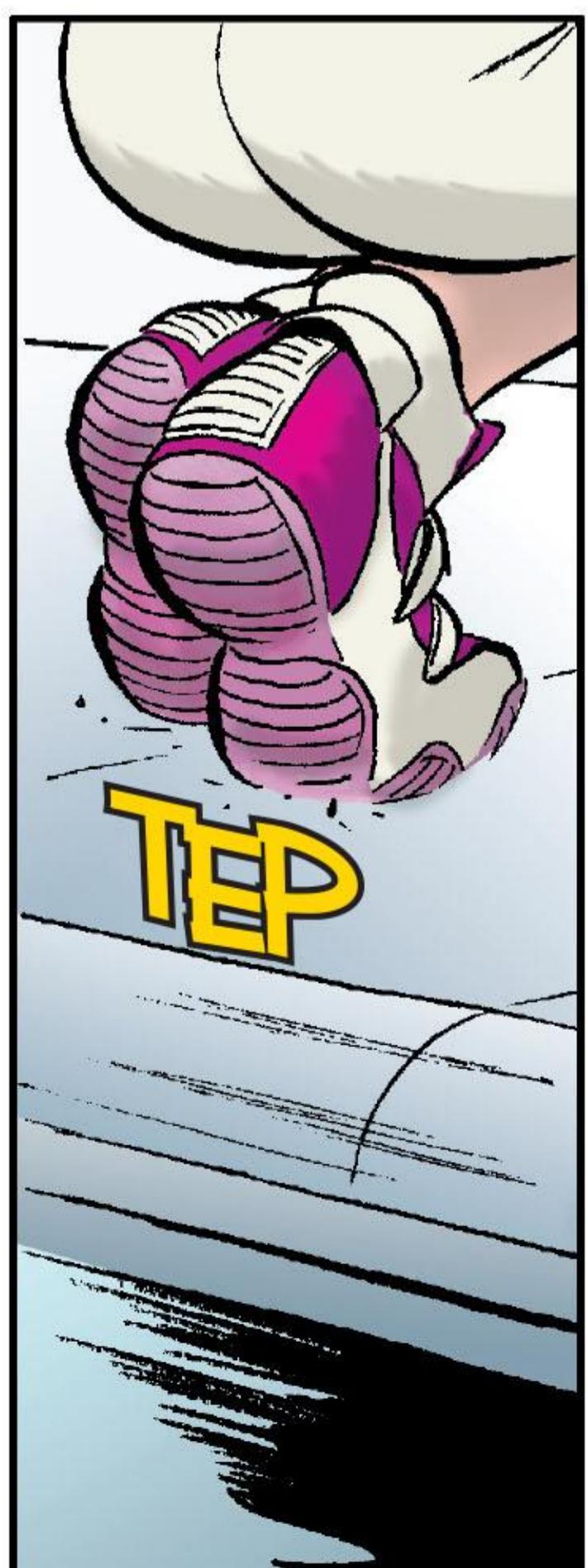
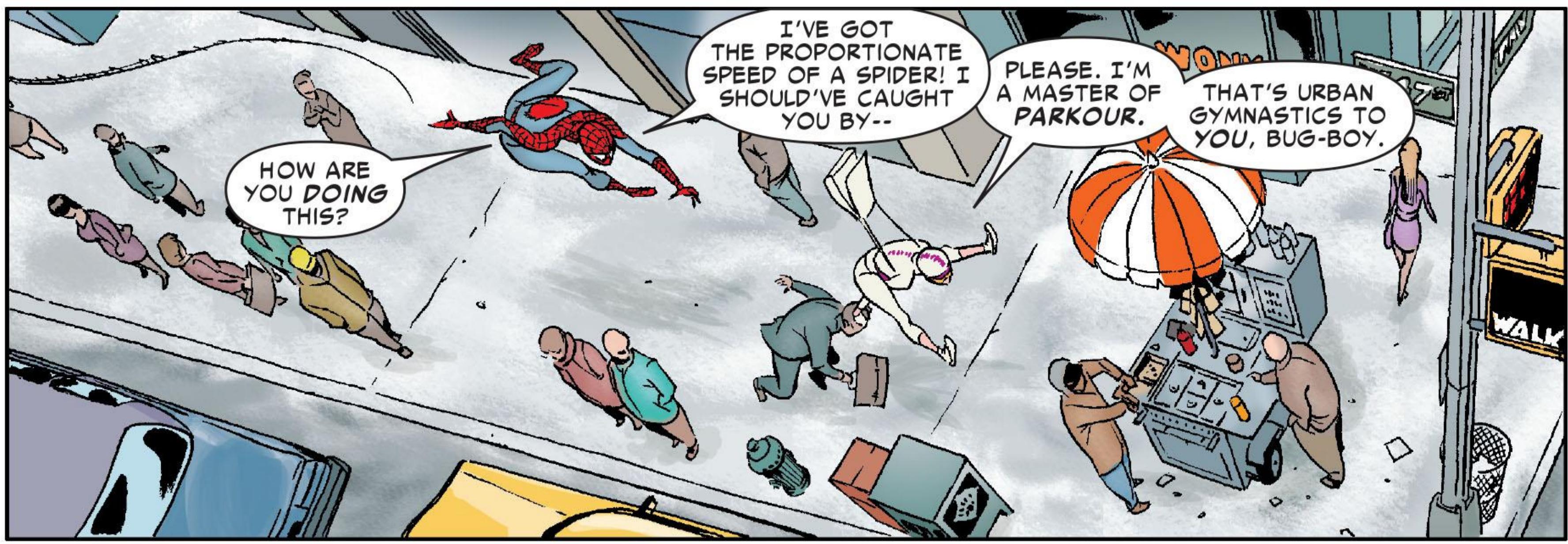
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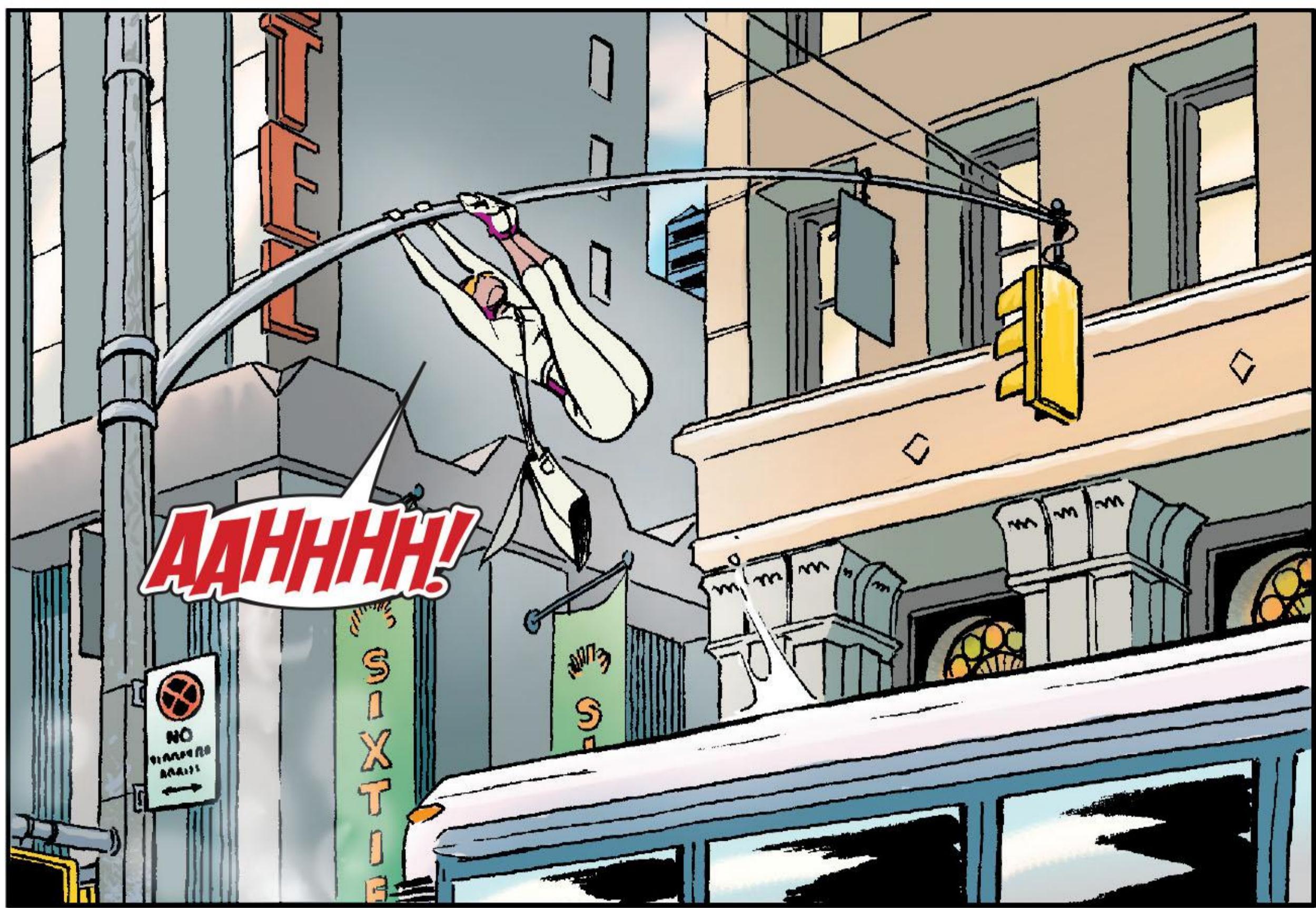
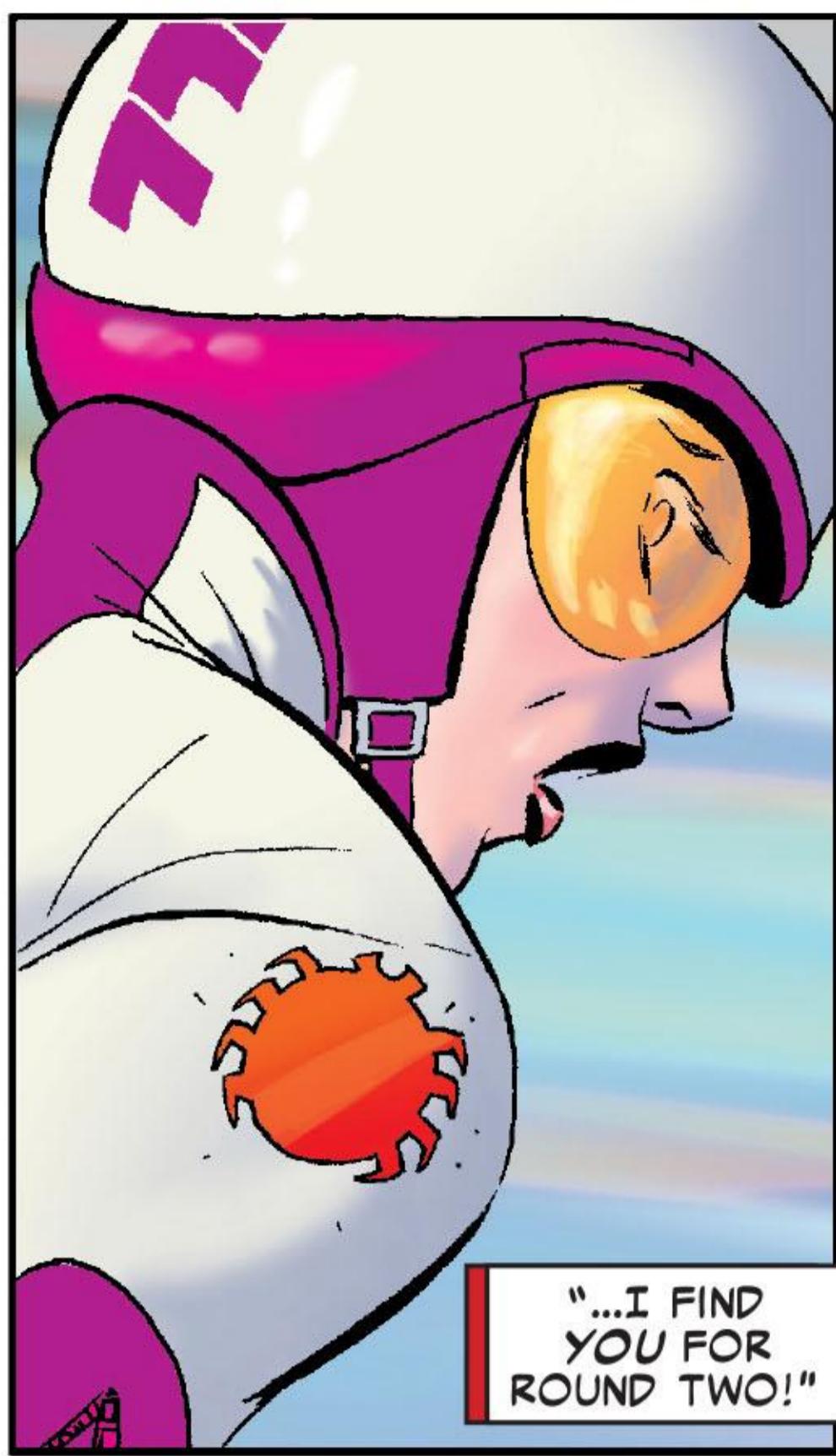
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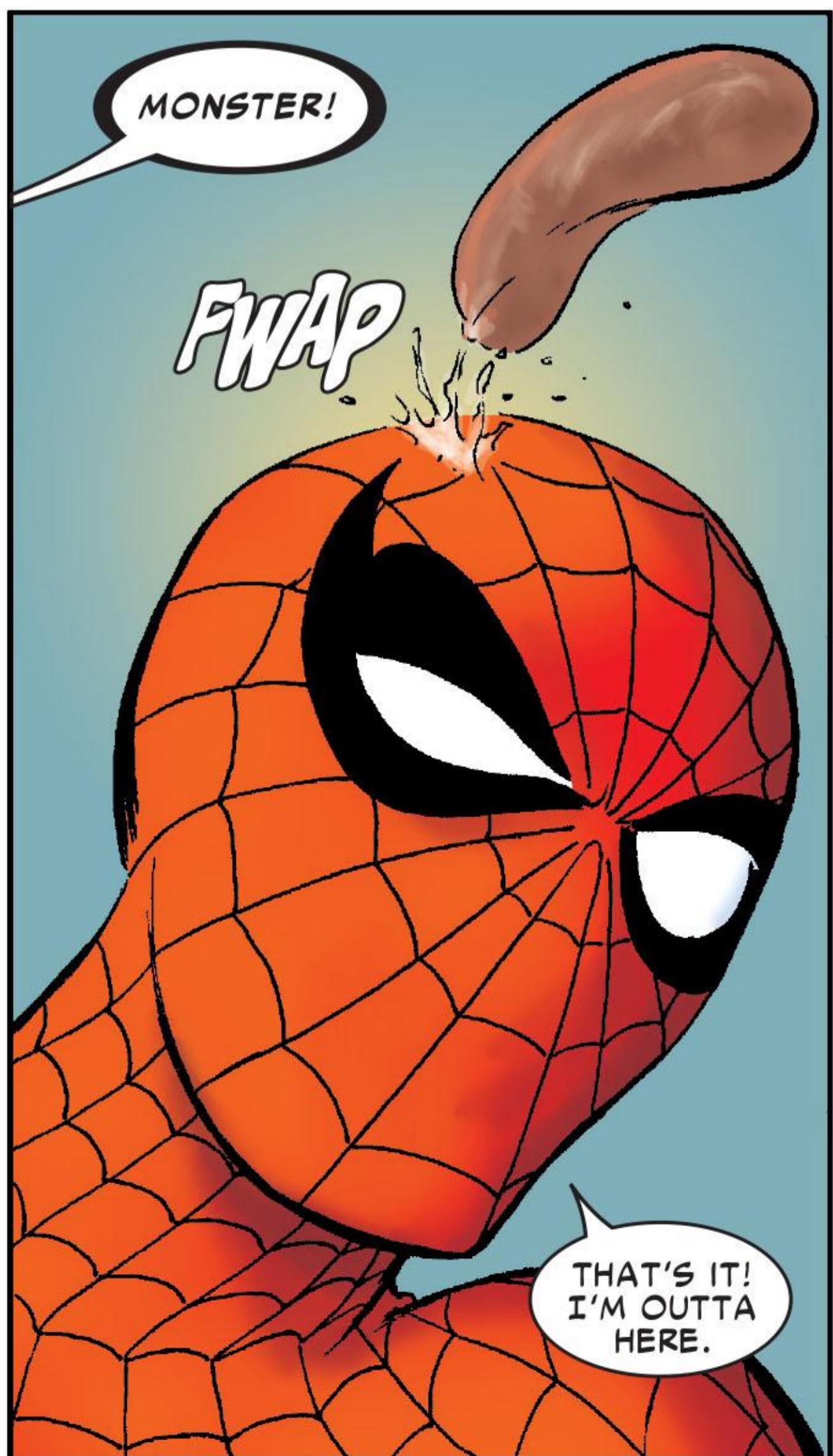
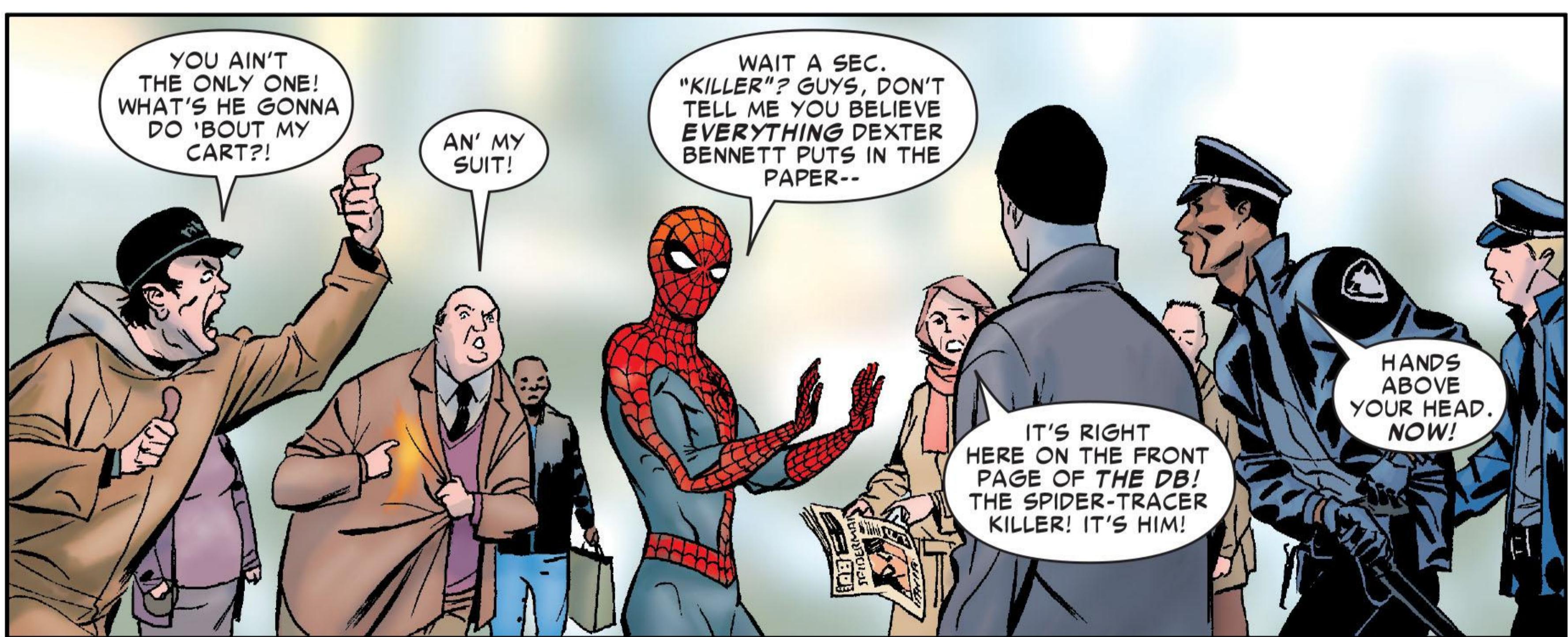
THE MONEY SHOT

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SO, WHAT NOW?



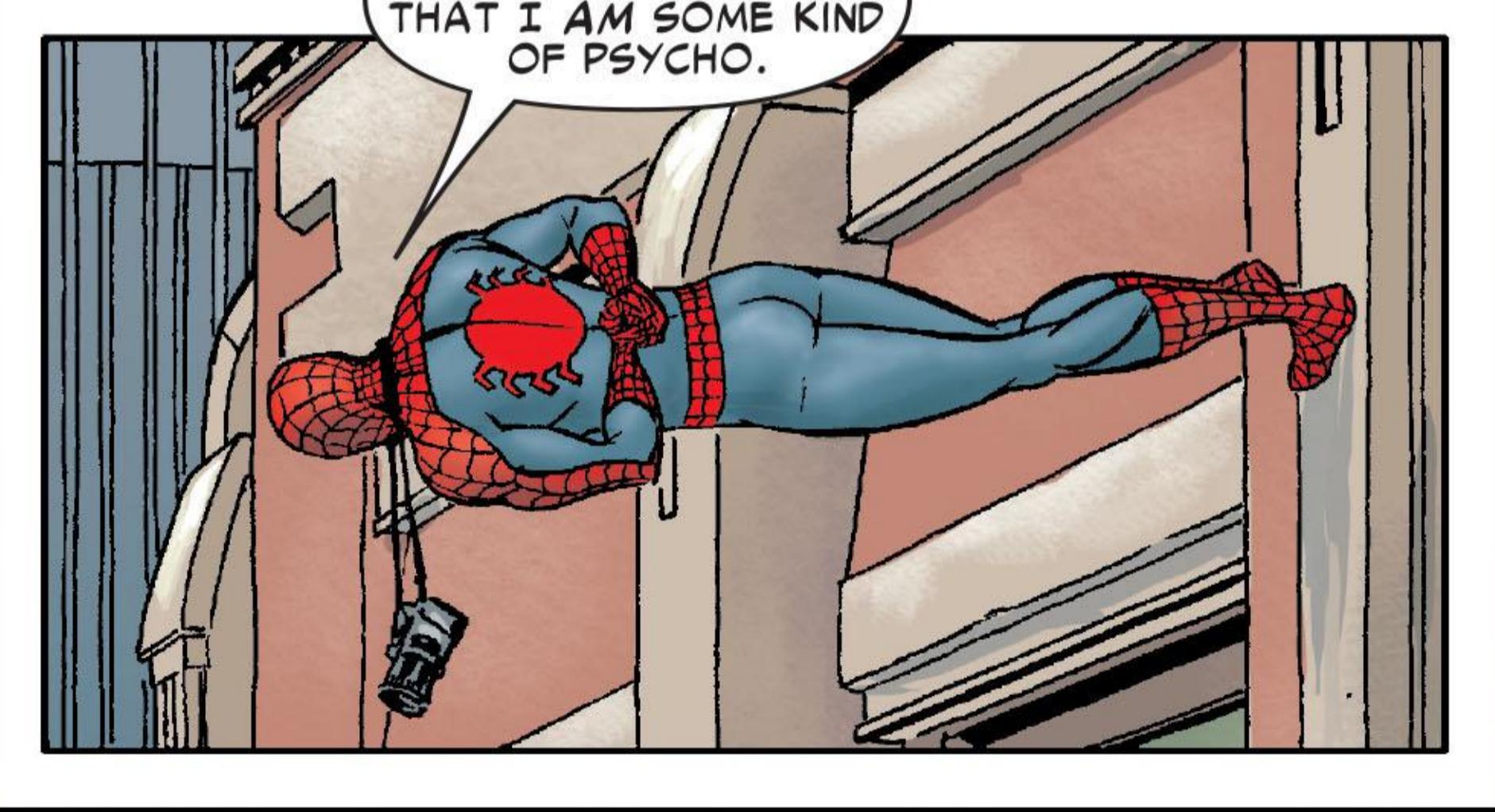
MY CAMERA'S GOT PLENTY OF SHOTS.

BUT IF I GIVE 'EM OVER TO DEXTER BENNETT...

...HE'LL JUST FIND A WAY TO TWIST 'EM IN TOMORROW'S DB...



...AND MAKE EVERYBODY THINK THAT I AM SOME KIND OF PSYCHO.



ON THE OTHER HAND ...

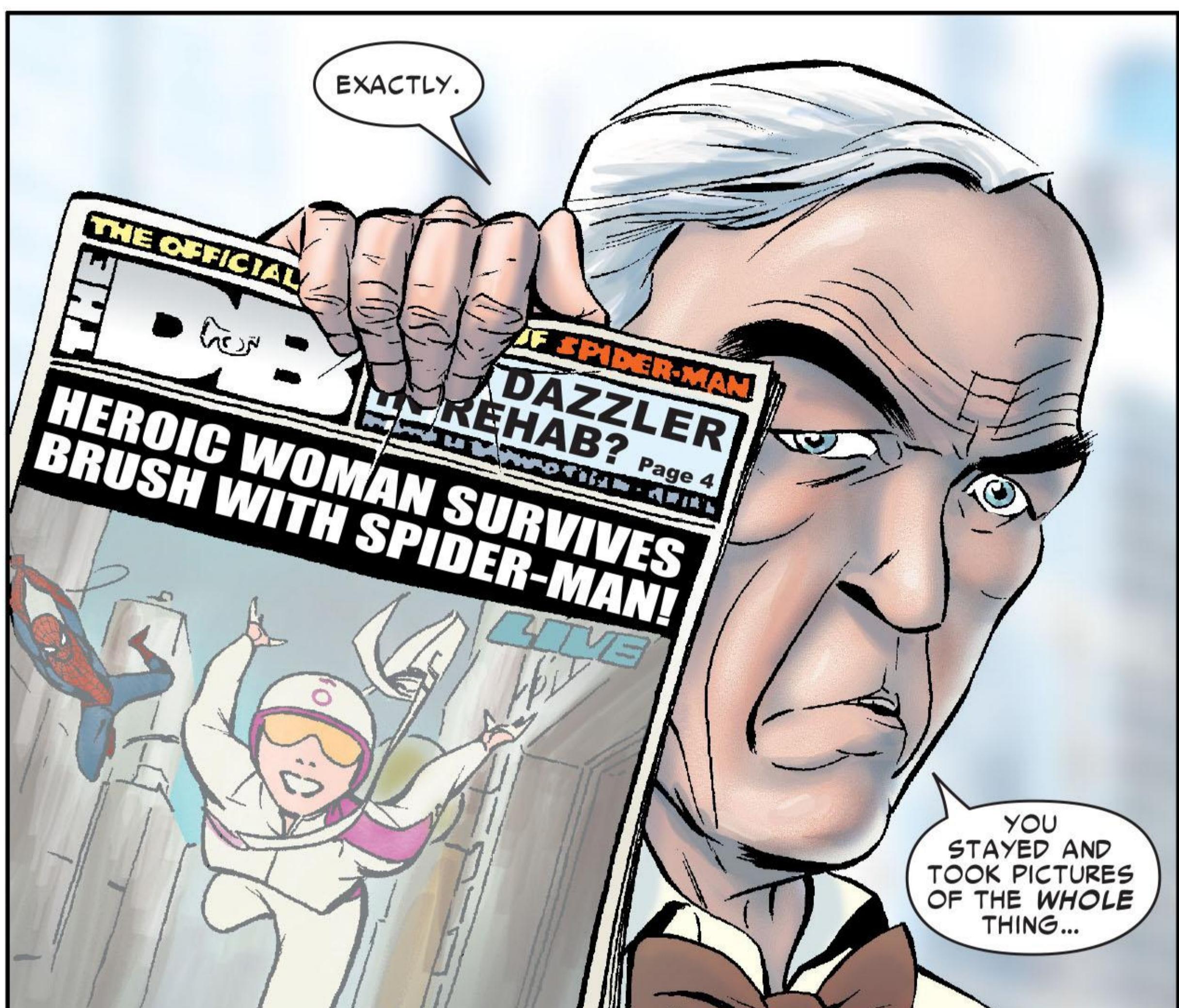
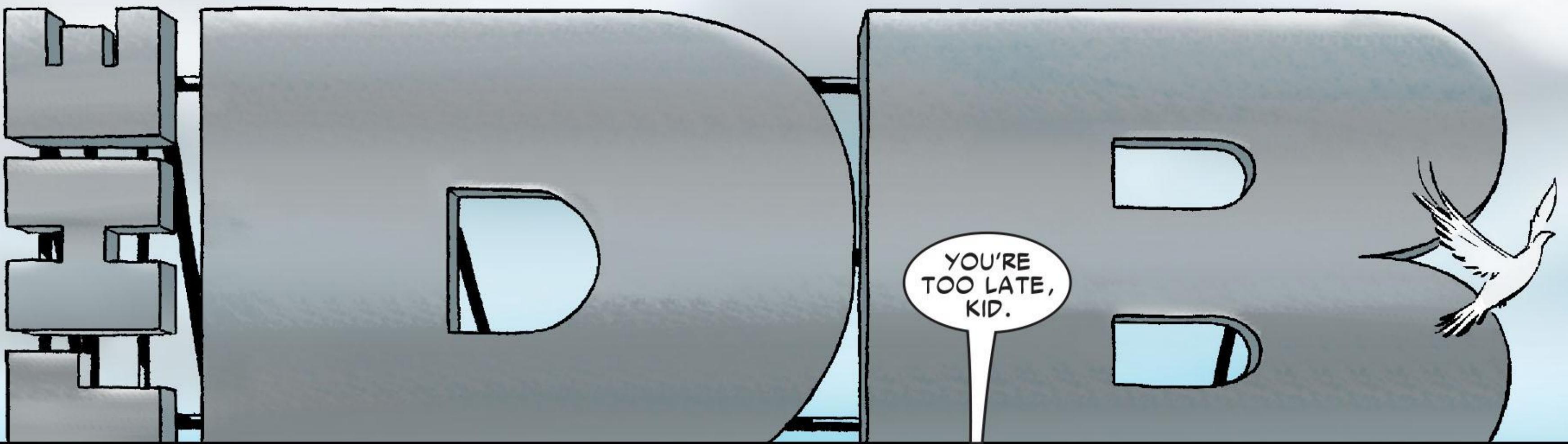


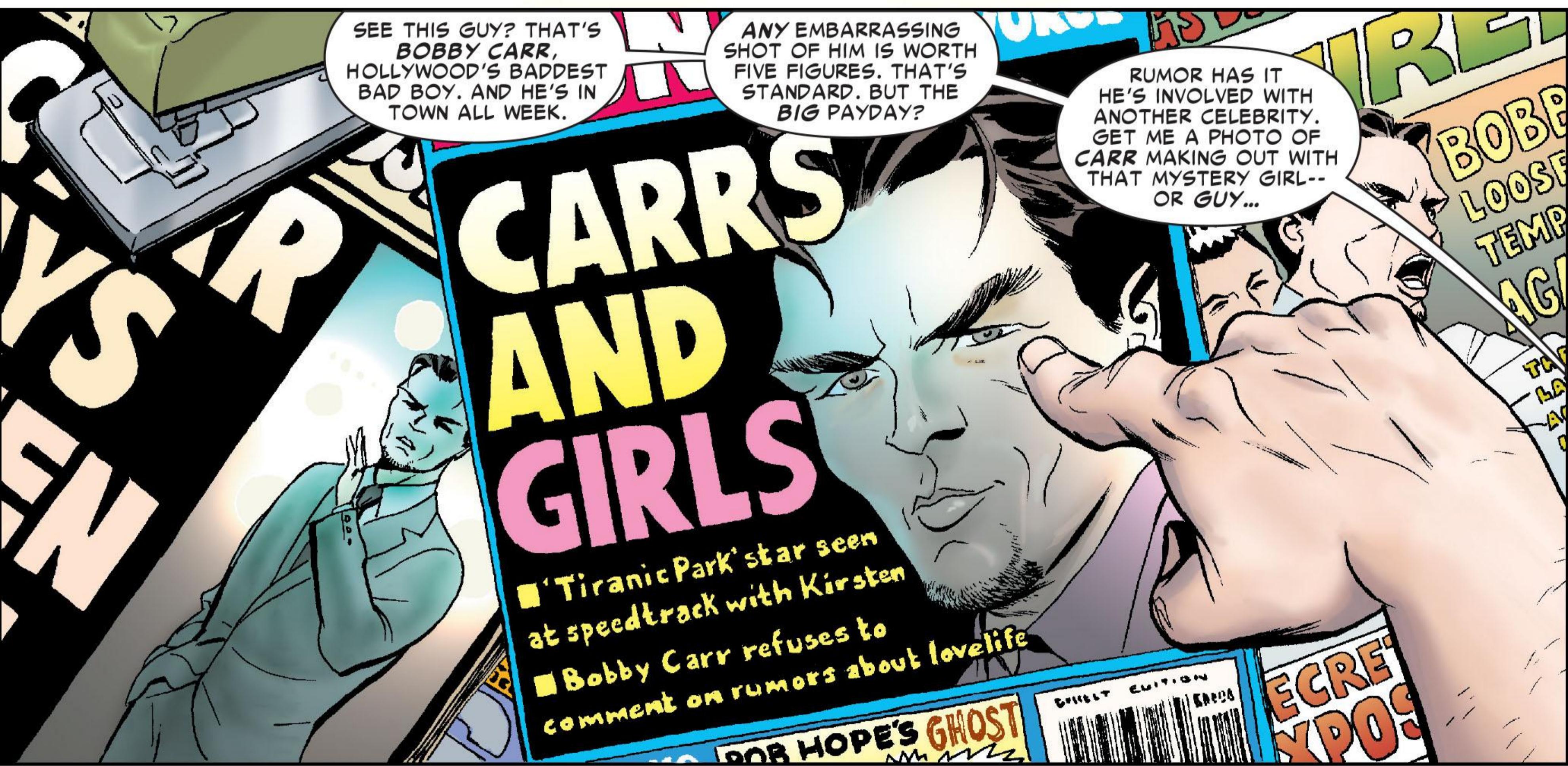
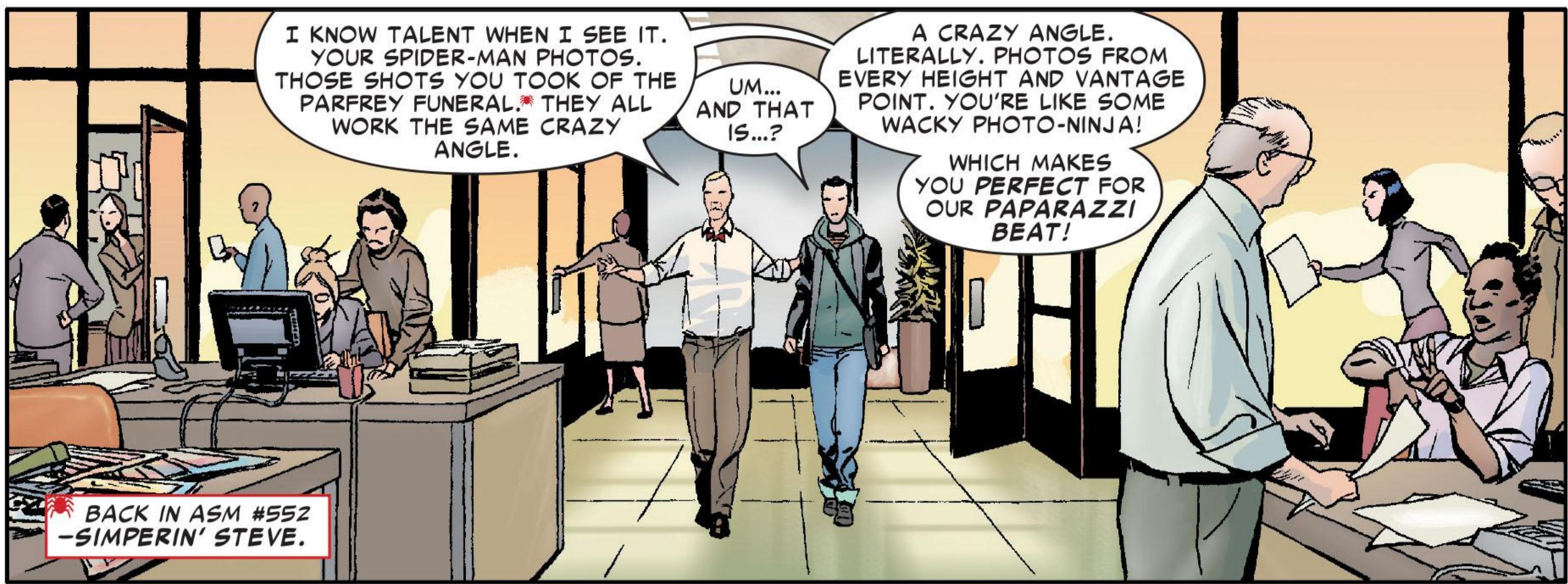
...OL' DEX HAS A WAY OF BACKING UP THE MONEY TRUCK FOR GOOD SHOTS.

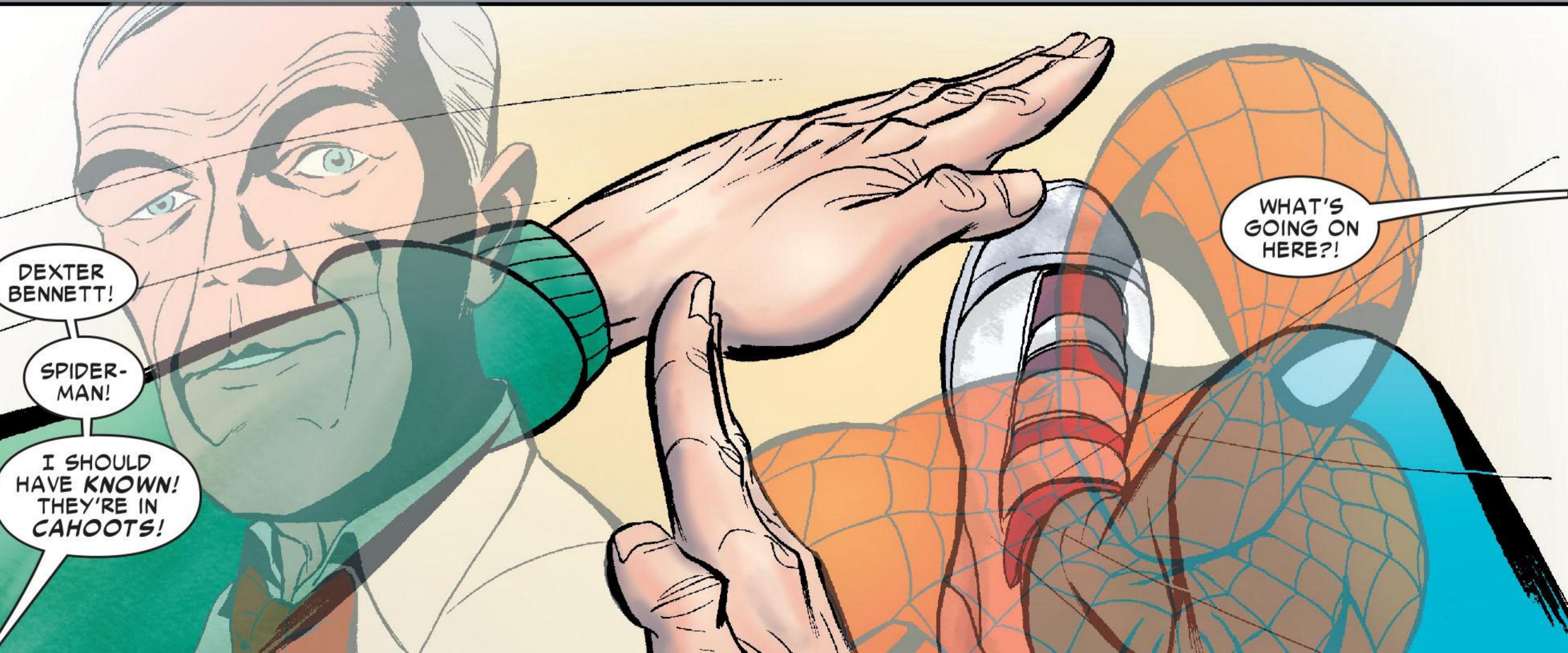
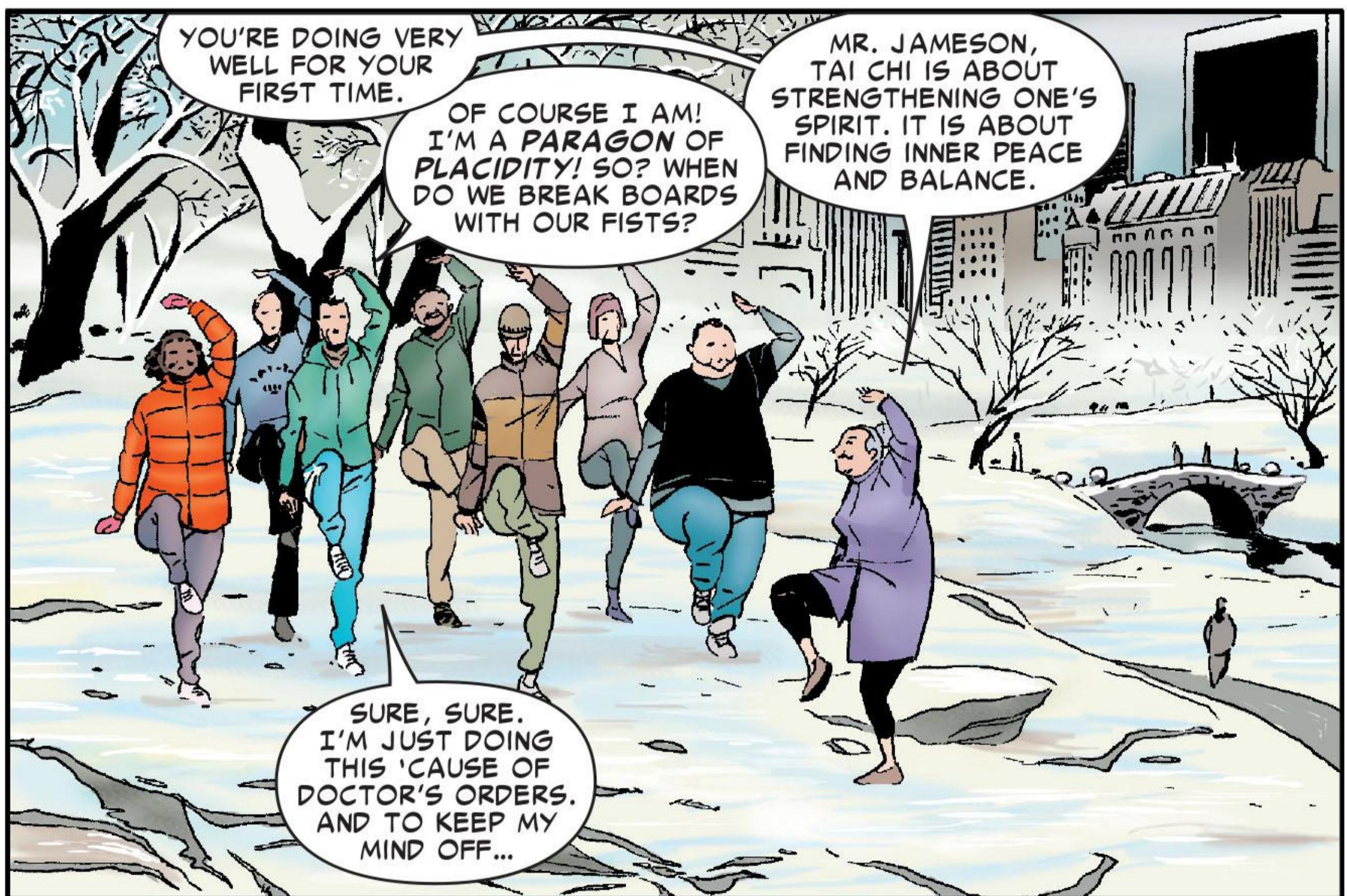
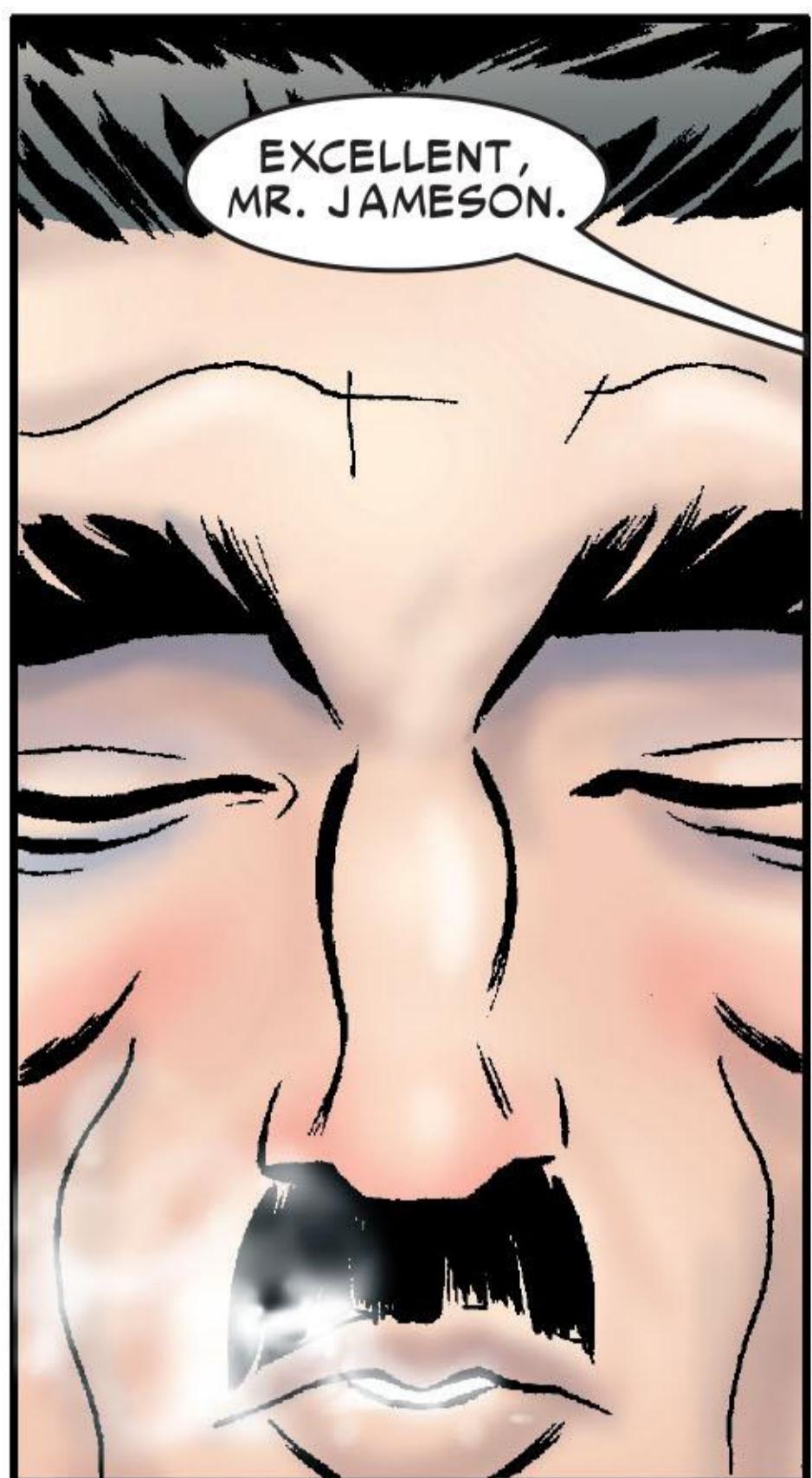
AND WITH THAT KIND OF DOUGH, I COULD GET OUT OF AUNT MAY'S, GET MY OWN PLACE, AND FINALLY GET BACK ON MY FEET AGAIN.

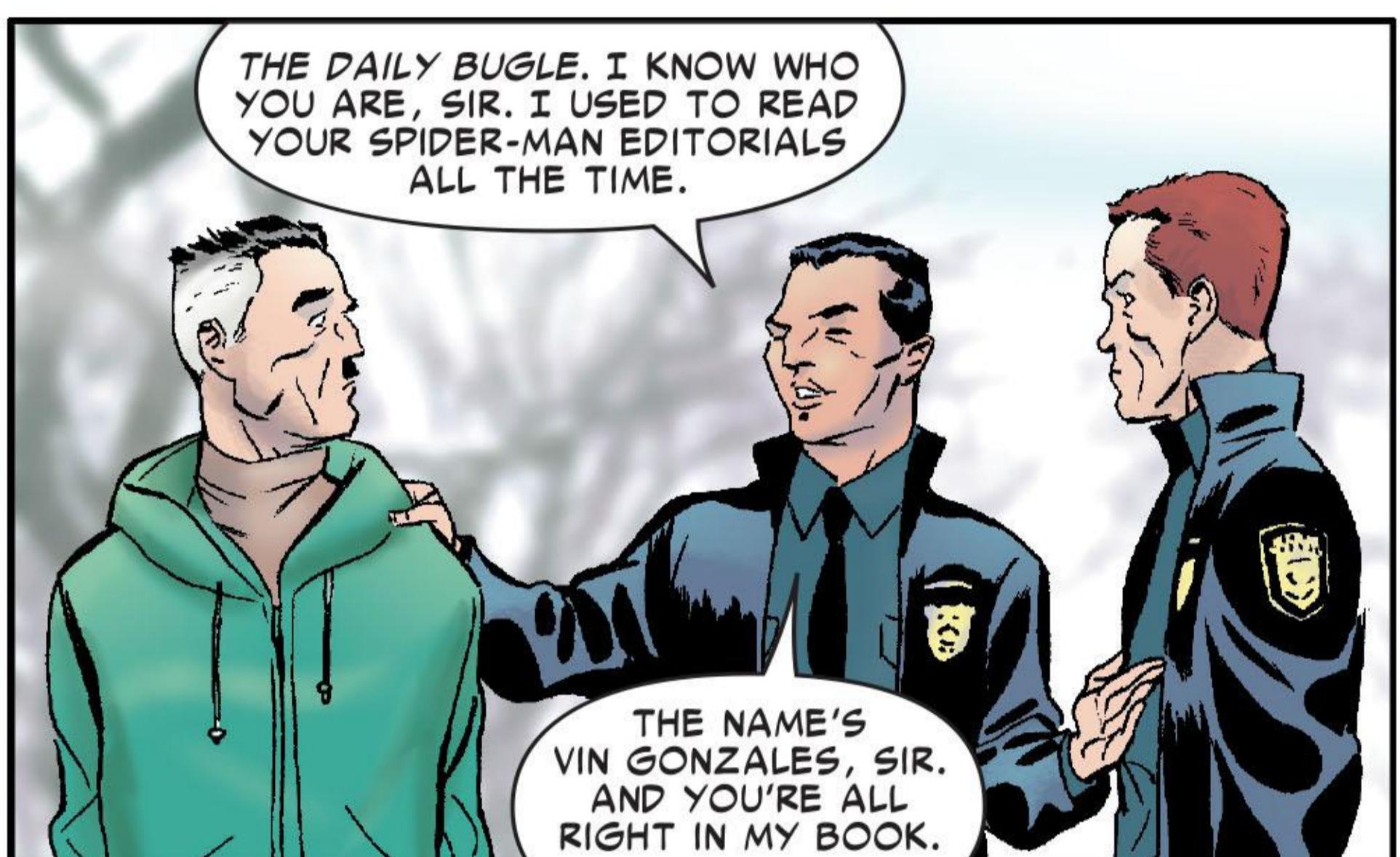
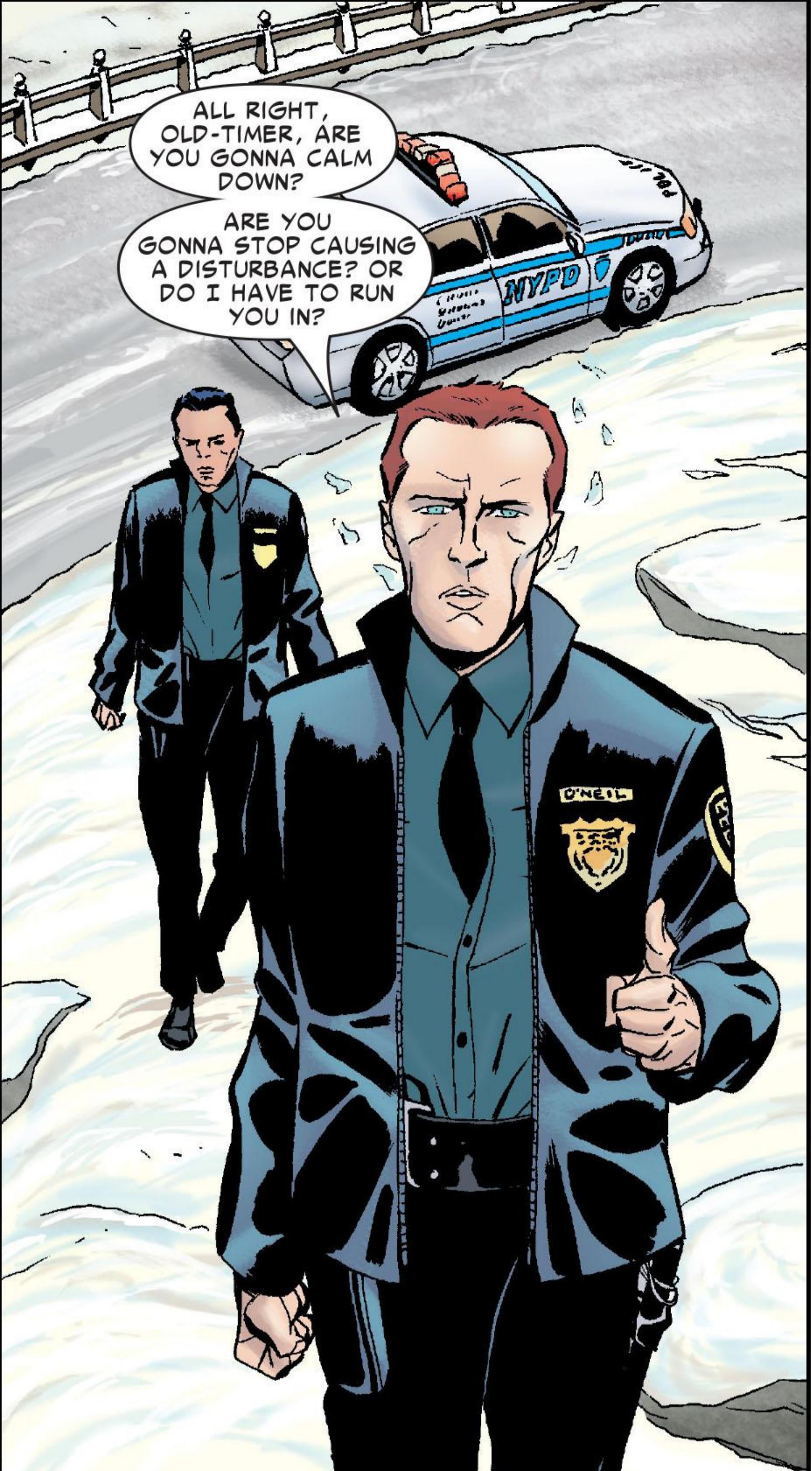
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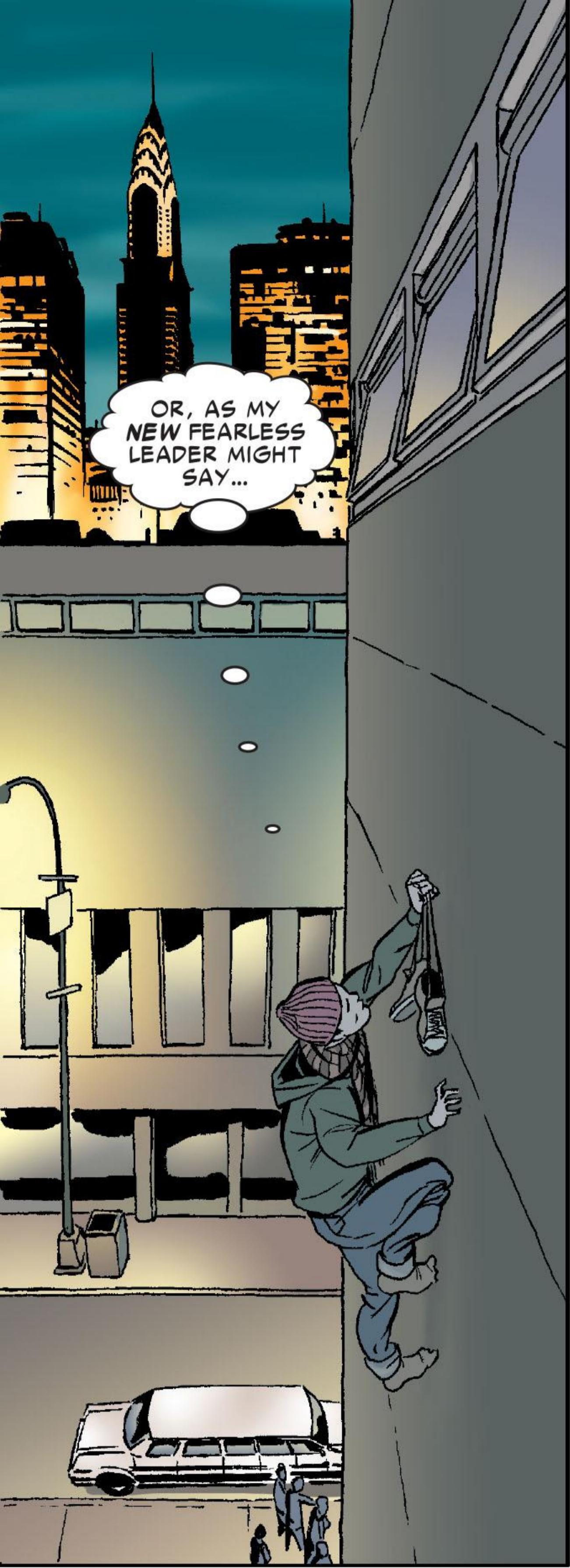


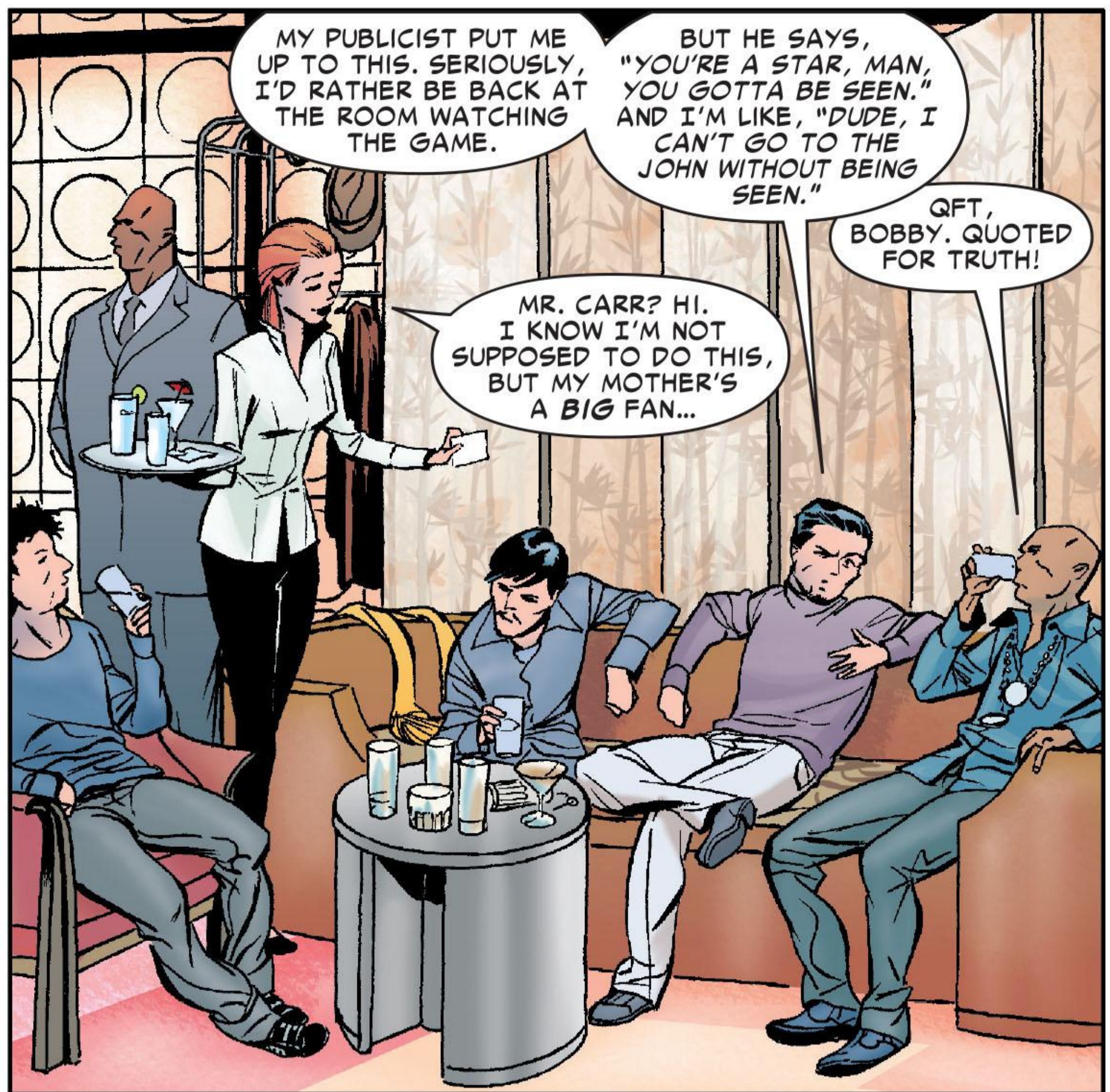


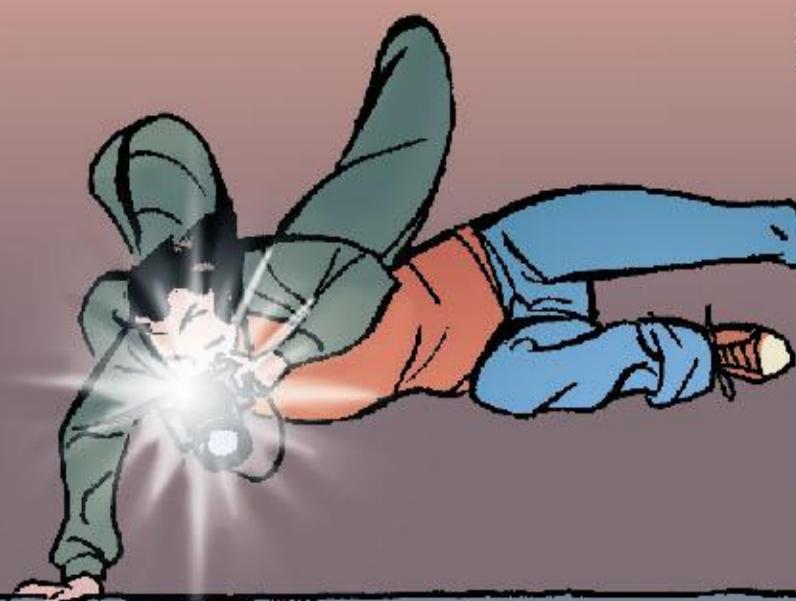












THIS GUY'S ALL OVER THE PLACE!

HOW ARE YOU NOT CATCHING HIM?!

HE'S LIKE SOME KINDA ACROBAT! LIKE ONE OF THOSE PARKOUR GUYS!

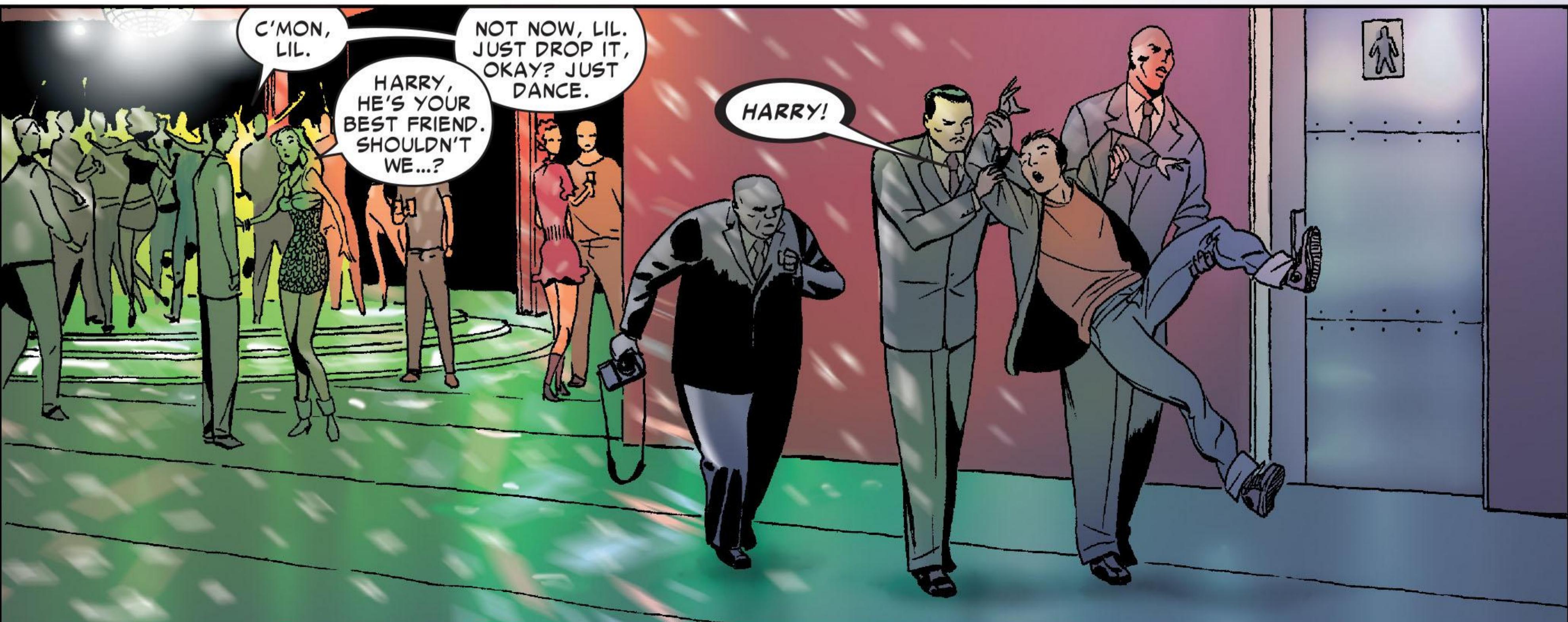
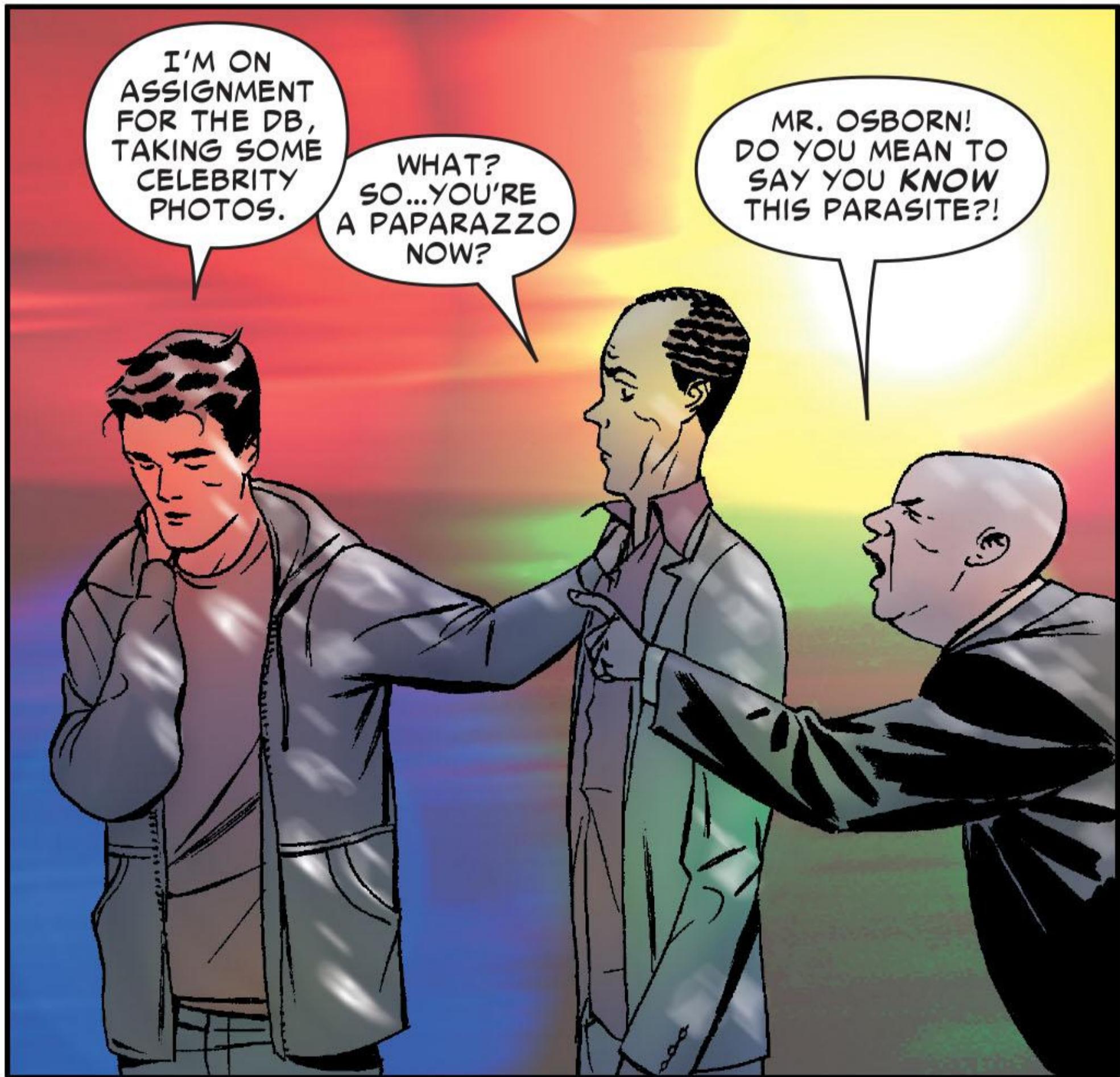
YEP. AND I'VE GOT THE PARKOUR LUCK!

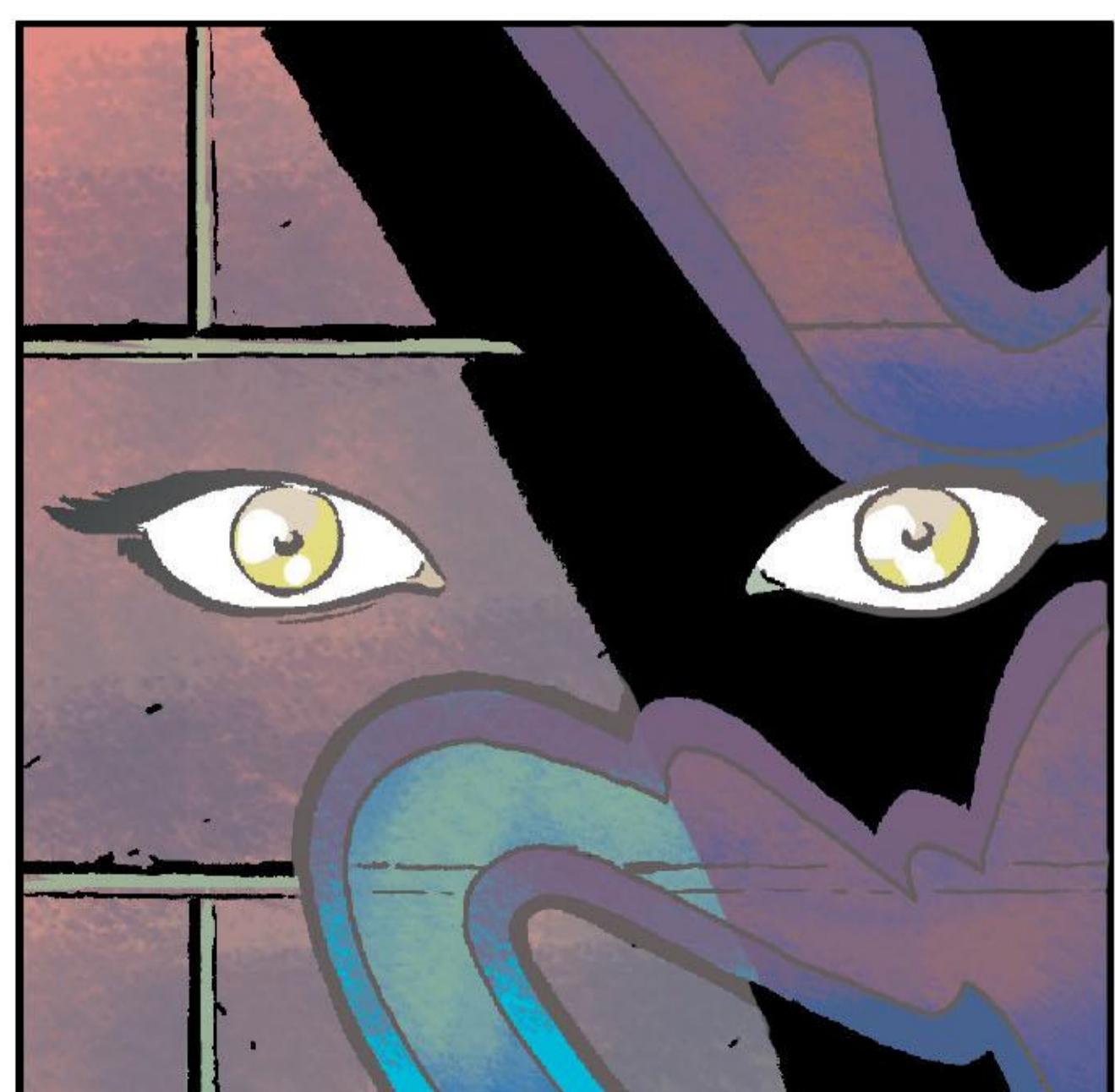
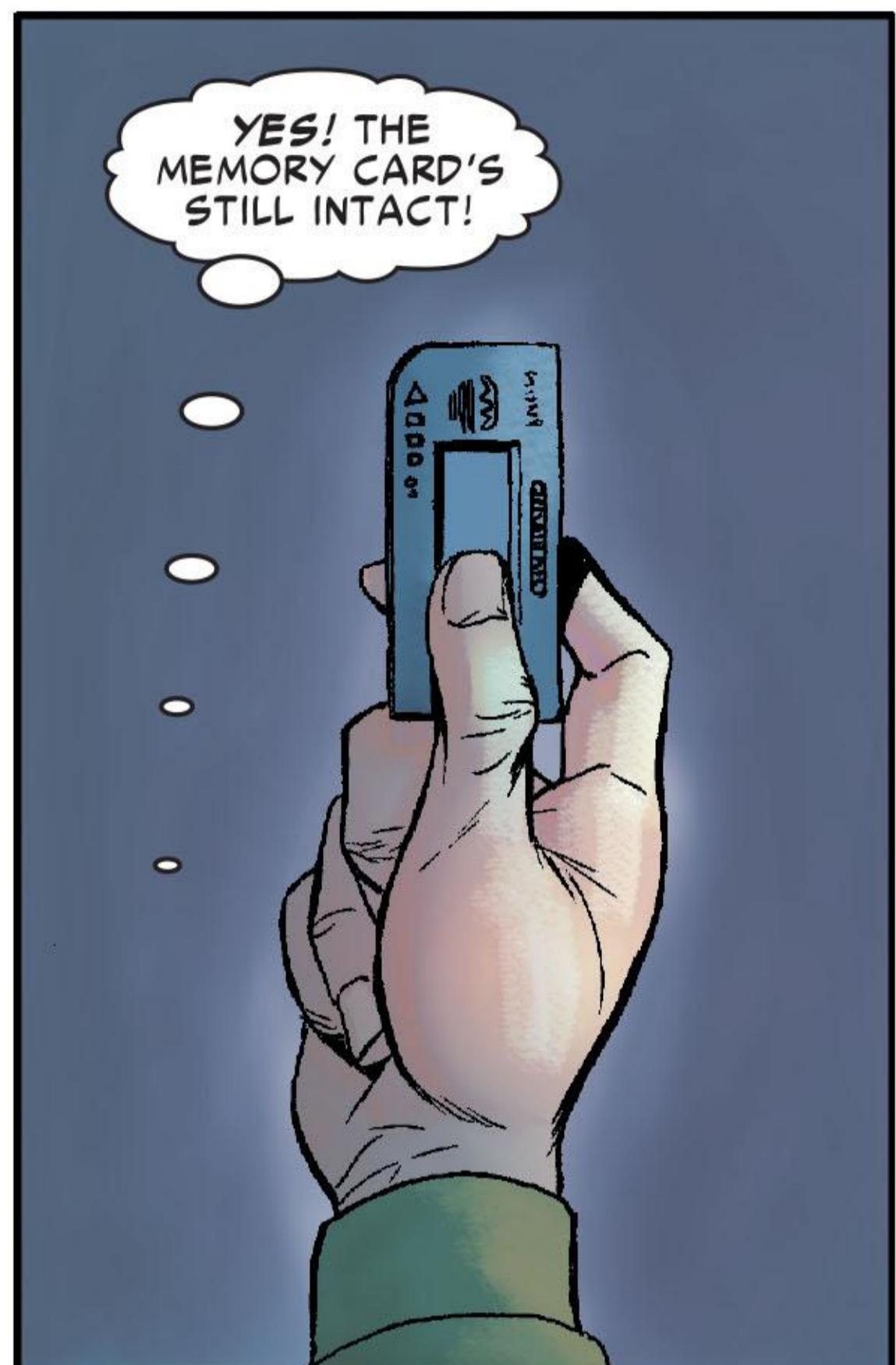
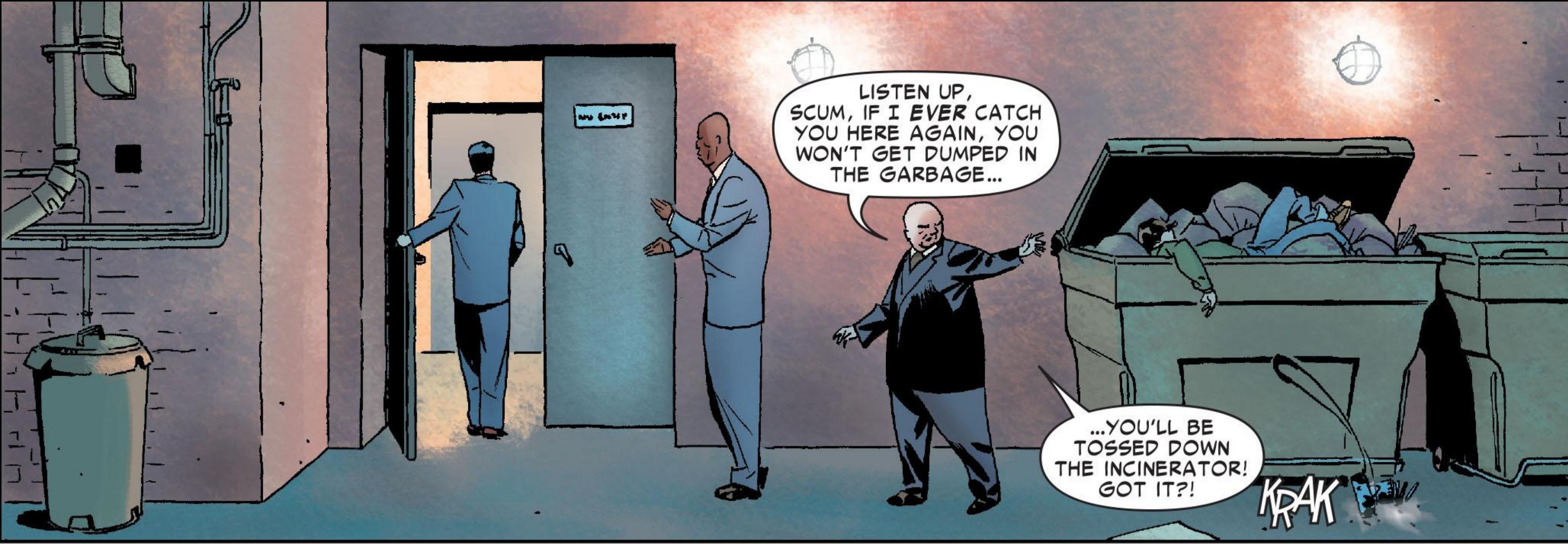
HEY! I SAW THAT ONLINE! YOU STOLE THAT FROM SCREWBALL!

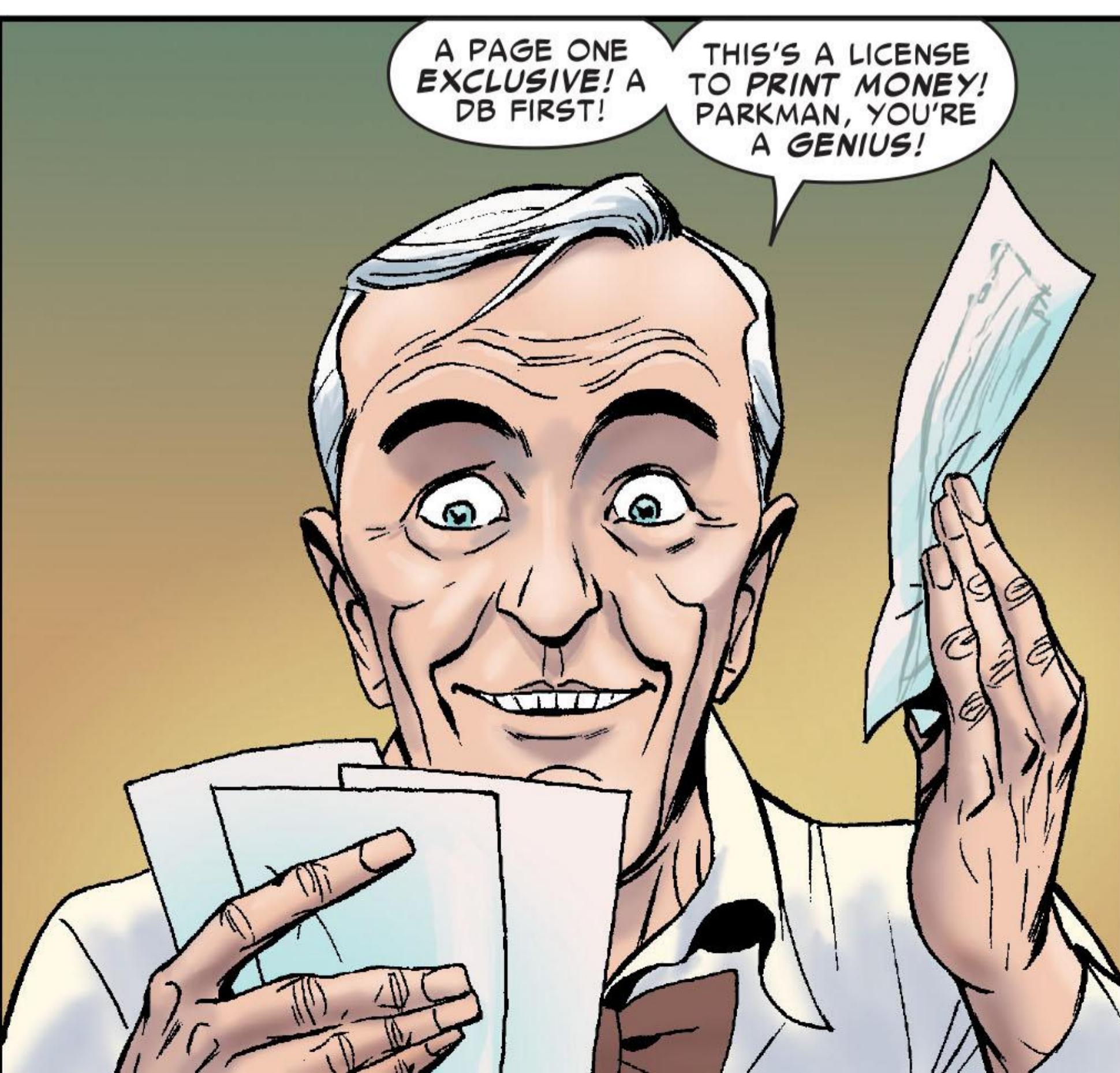
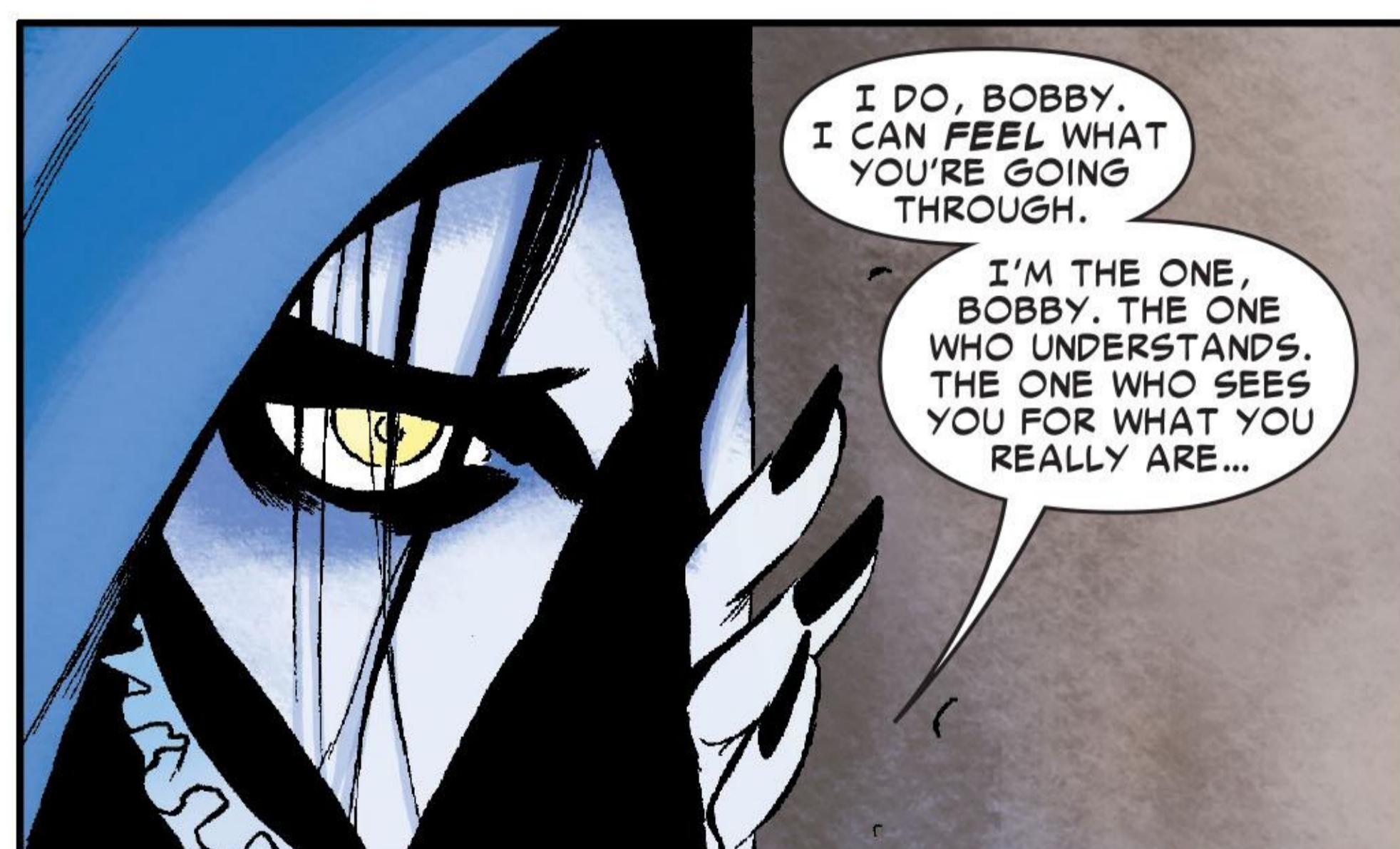
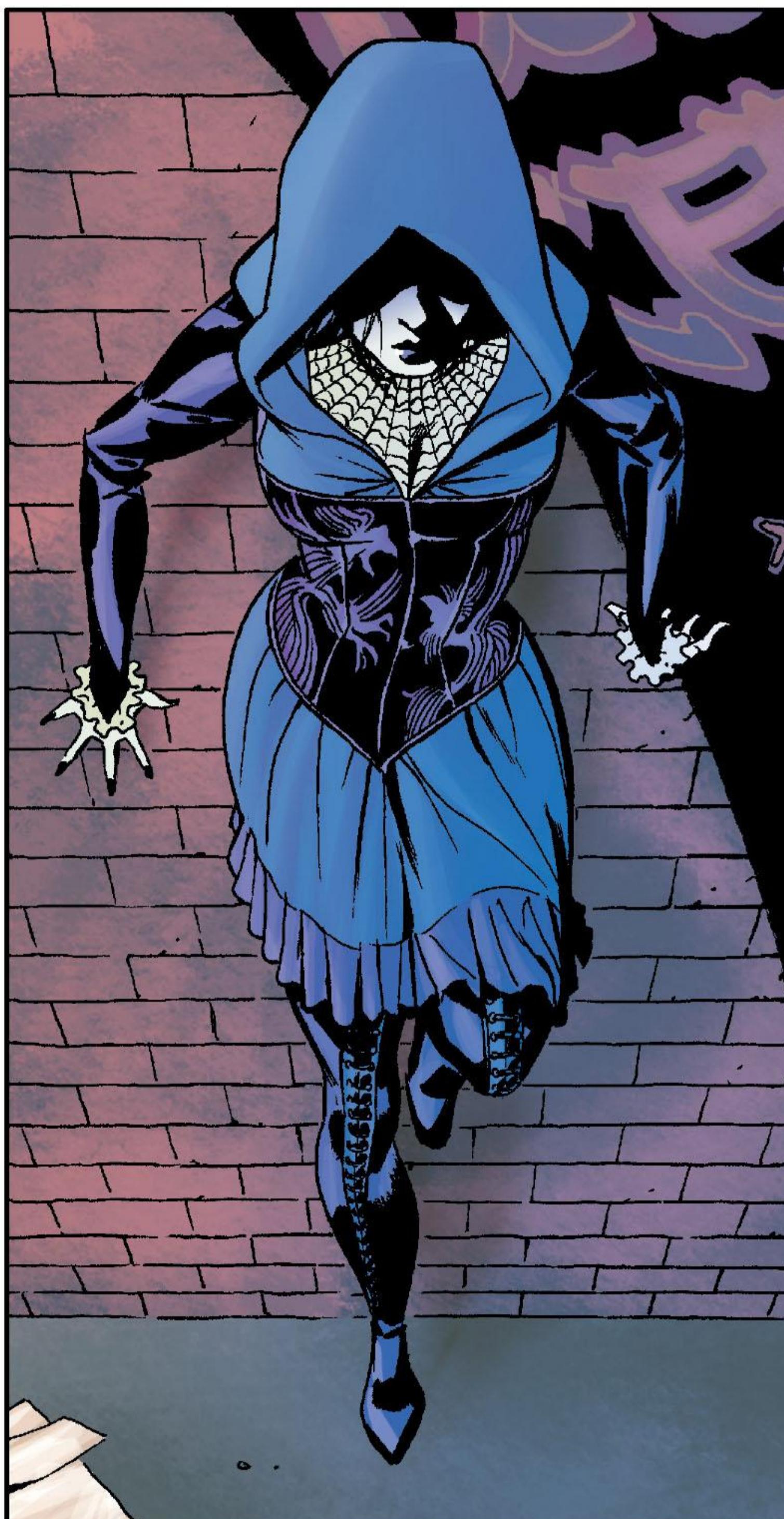
YO! HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

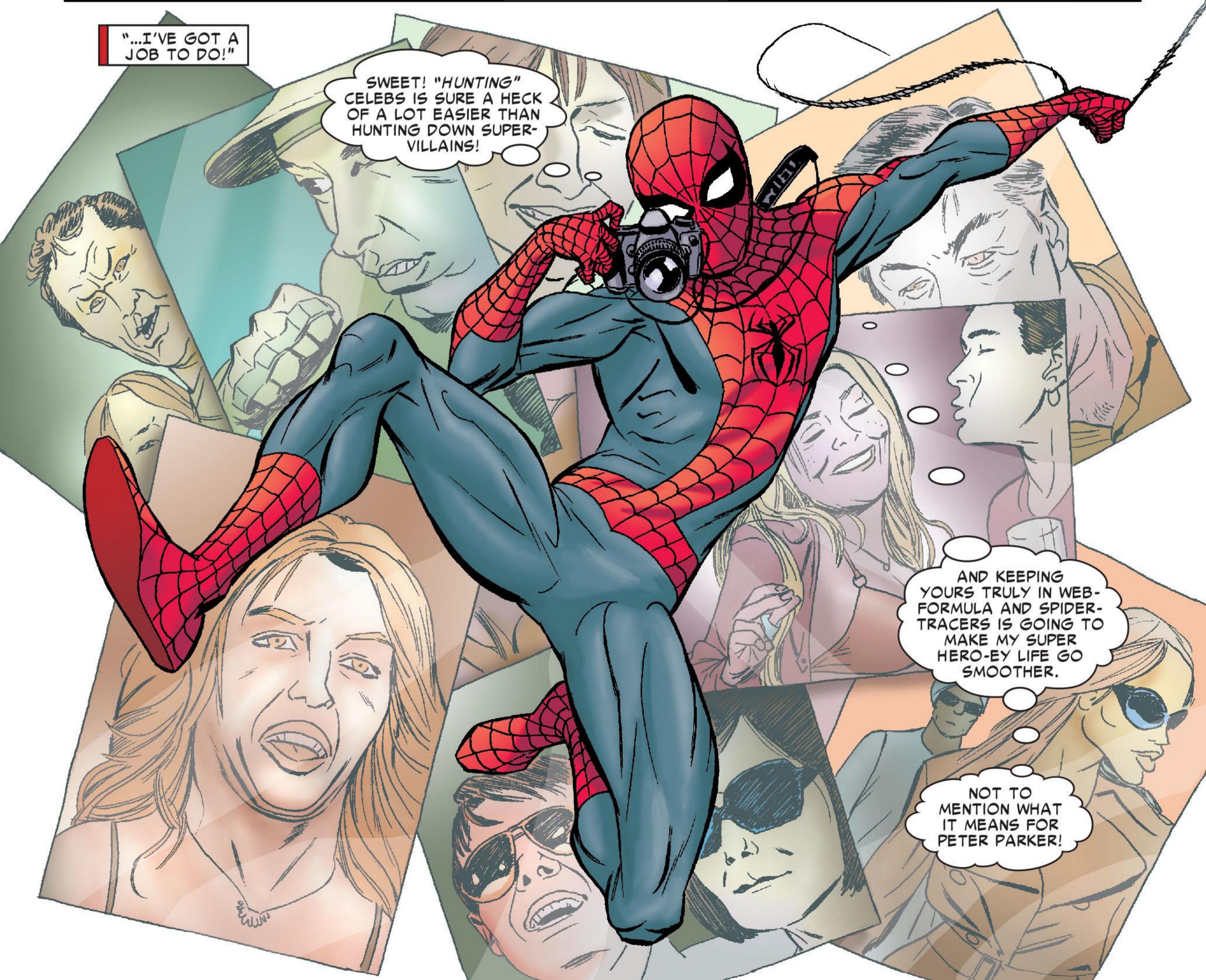
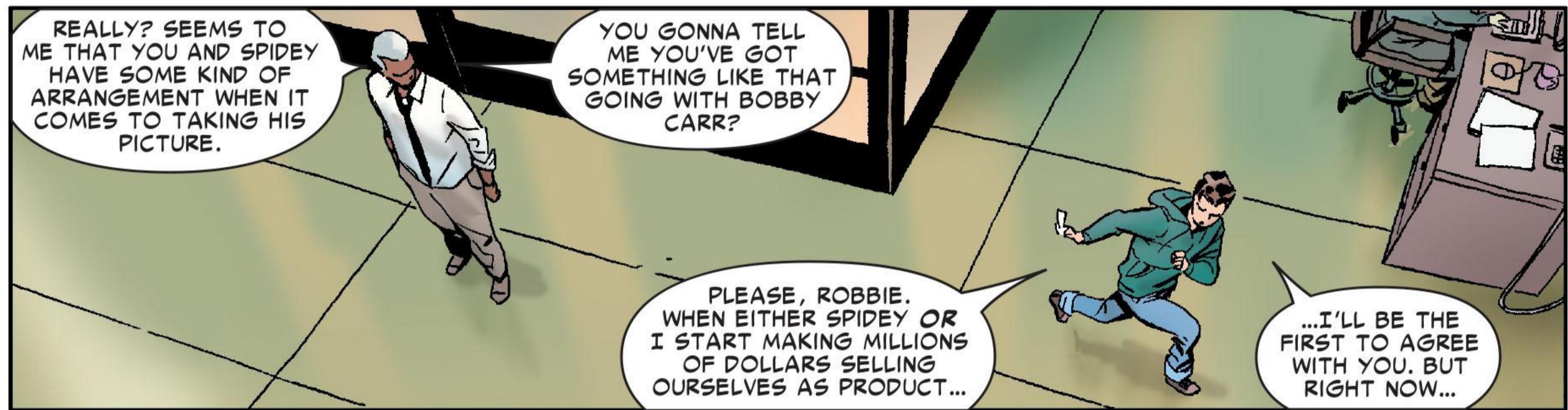
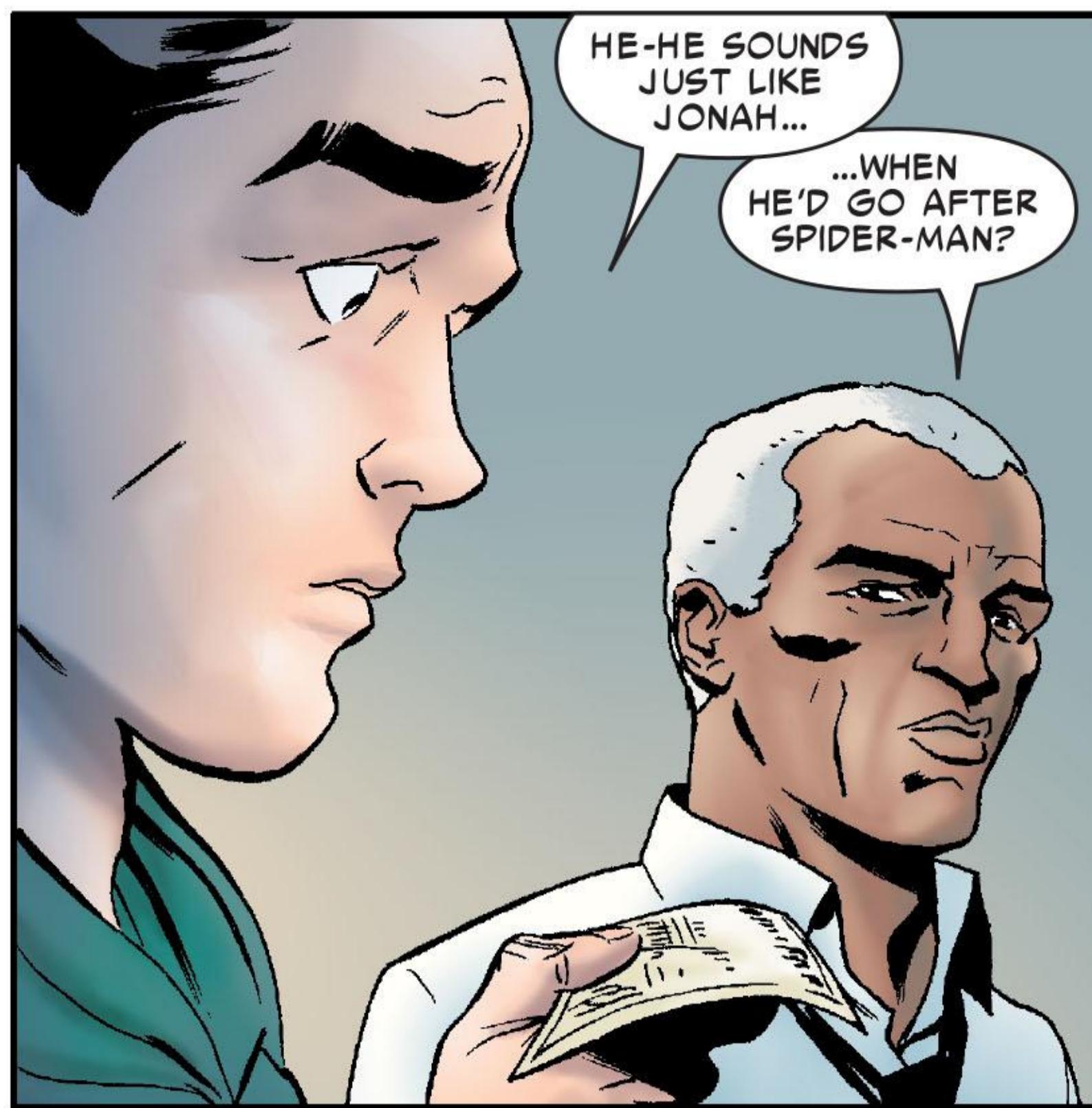


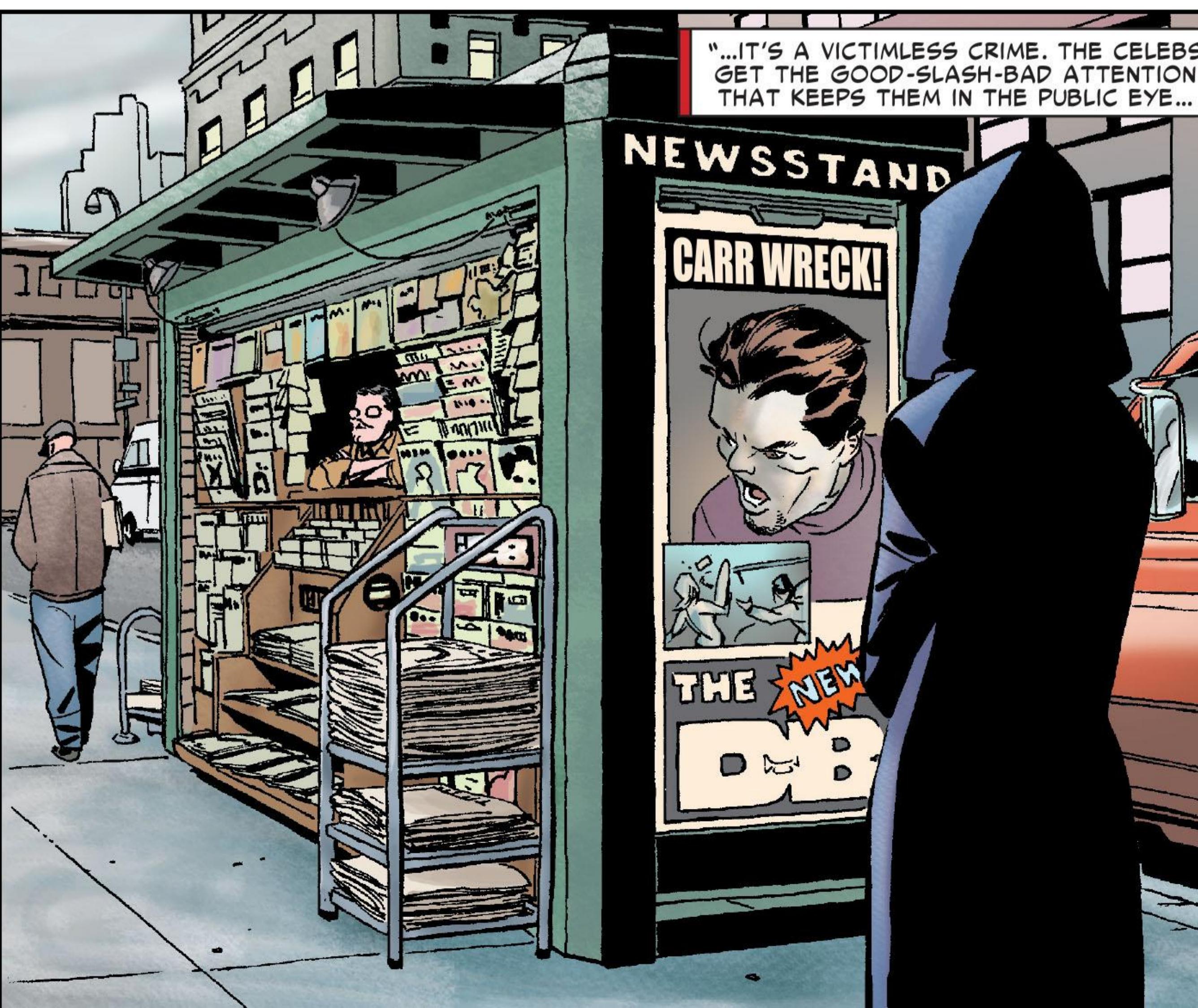
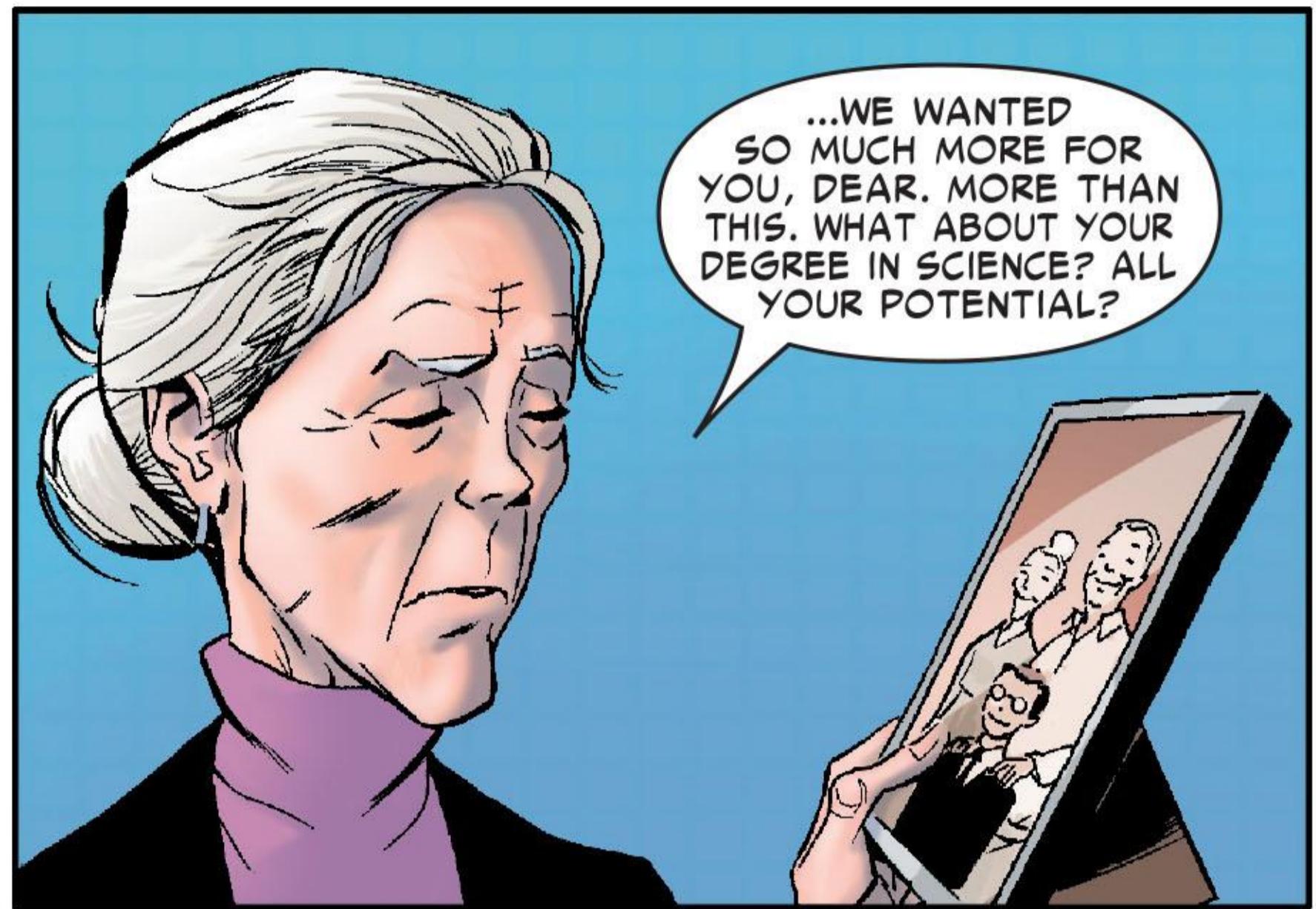
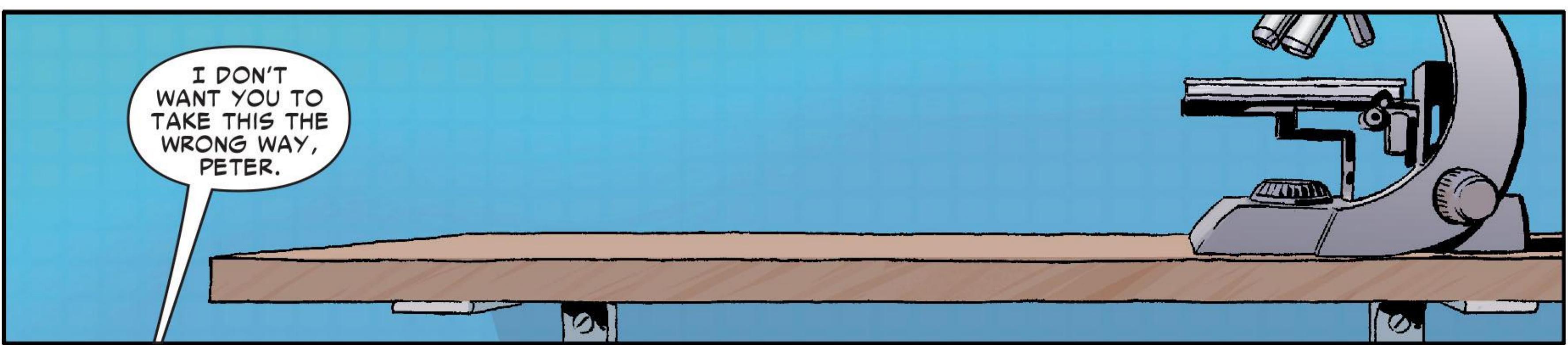


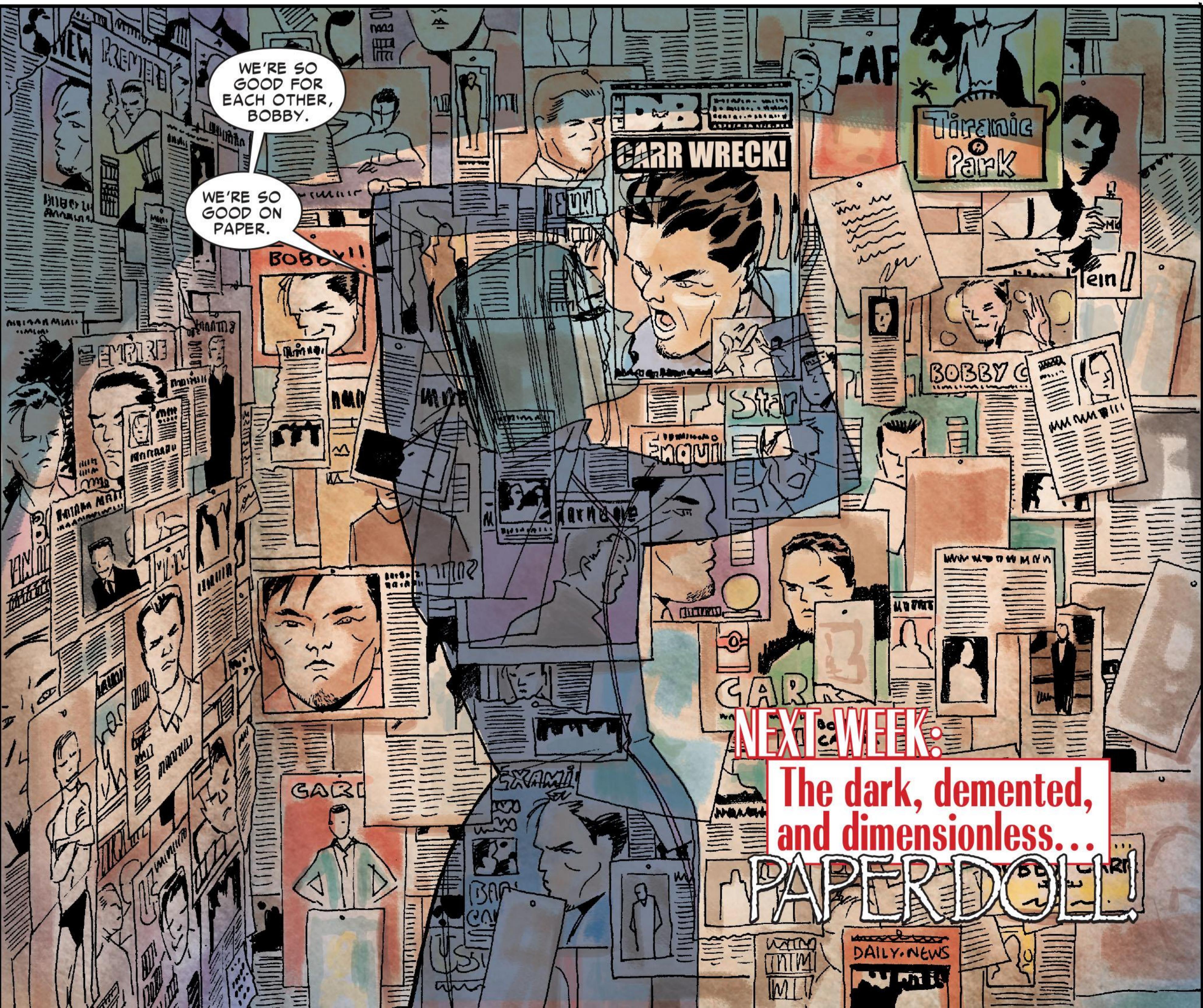












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Simperin' Steve back atcha with another episode of Spider-Mail. Everyone say, "Bienvenidos!" to Spanish sex symbol Marcos Martin as he joins us at the drawing board for Dan Slott's three-parter. Dan's a sex symbol in his own right over here at Marvel, but given how the rest of us look, that's not saying much.

Okay let's find out what you're thinkin'!

Dear Spider-crew,

I began a subscription to ASM just as BND started. I was, like many others, a bit skeptical--but after the first story arc, and now seeing this next one develop, my fears have been completely overcome!

One thing I just have to give a HUGE tip-of-the-hat to is the length of the issues. Is it just me, or are they getting longer? I tried to read #553 on the bus ride to campus this morning. Normally I can get through an average book and a bit in the half hour ride, but today was not even able to finish the issue! That, combined with the nearly weekly printing of the title, is a marvelous thing. If Spidey books are going to continue to be this long, I'm going to be very, very happy!!

Andrew Kloiber
Kitchener, Ontario (Canada)

Dear Spidey Brain Trust,

First of all, I'm writing to praise the art of Phil Jimenez in ASM #552-554. His Peter Parker and backgrounds remind me of George Perez, while his Spider-Man is very McFarlane-esque in its anatomy, and his Freak is beautifully grotesque. He also draws the most recognizable New York that I've seen in comics for a long time. I hope to see many more issues from him. ...especially a reunion with Dan Slott.

As for Bob Gale, it was cool how he updated the Lizard formula with the science of stem cell research. Very modern. I also enjoyed seeing Curt Connors again, it's been awhile. I think Dr. Connors should get Peter back his teaching job and you give him his own group of "sweat hogs". That would be hilarious not to mention giving him a new obstacle for changing into Spider-Man.

Well, until the Spider-Mobile becomes a DeLorean with a flux-capacitor, I'll be seeing you in the funny pages.

Todd Matthy
Bronxville, NY

Spider-clones,

As I was watching opening day baseball and reading ASM #555, I noticed the crucial error! Peter says he has a Yankees

jacket... and I realized he's a stated Mets fan!

He's from Queens, for goodness sake. He's gone to Mets games with Uncle Ben (see PP:SM #33), gotten "married" to MJ at Shea Stadium, and has worn a Mets hat!

No self-respecting Mets fan would buy a Yankees jacket. Wacker, do your research before you let these issues get printed! Or did One More Day turn Spidey into a Yankees fan? Errors aside, it was nice to see Petey give a shout-out to BEN REILLY (who needs to be resurrected!).

Justin Anthony Dede
Displaced Mets fan in DC

Okay, a couple things, Justin. First of all, there's no such thing as a "self-respecting Mets fan". It's an oxymoron that eats itself.

Second of all, you are correct, Peter Parker is a Mets fan and as much as I'd LOOOOVE to revise that little tidbit from Spidey's history, I have to admit that it does fit into Peter's character that he'd follow a team prone to breaking so many hearts (see "LIFE OF QUESADA, JOE" for more examples of constant heartbreak).

Now I'd love to be able to say that this was simple editorial oversight on my part due to moving 66 pages out this door EVERY! FREAKIN' MONTH!!! GAAAHHH!!!! MOMMY!!!!!!

Ahem...

However, I can't point the fickle finger of fault at so hard-working and lovable a wonderful working-class father of two such as myself.

So the truest answer I can give is that Brevoort and Brennan should have caught it. Believe me, I'm as disappointed in them as you are.

And on behalf of fans everywhere who are still trying to blame Tom Glavine...I apologize.

Dear Spider-Mail,

I think Crowne definitely has something to do with Menace and Parfrey's murder.

Also, I love the classic feel to Spidey's Brand New Day. Keep up the good quality, and keep the new super-villains coming (and keep them coming back for more)!

John Turner
United Kingdom

Dear Editors,

I'm torn. I enjoy the new storylines, but mourn the loss of what to me was a great strength of the Spidey Universe: his marriage to MJ. It leaves me curious:

instead of removing MJ completely with Brand New Day, why not just write about the "Lost Files"? Transport readers back in time to before his marriage. You get single Peter, without losing those readers who resent MJ's removal.

It is all purely personal taste of course, and I recall readers writing about their distaste for Spidey's black costume resulting in its removal, only to discover later that most really did like the black costume. However, MJ and Peter being wholly devoted to each other was a strength that won't be easily replaced. I do appreciate May not dying as a result of Peter being Spidey, but we've read that tale before (Uncle Ben and Gwen to name two).

Keep up the good work, and I'm still pulling for BND ending with Peter and MJ reuniting, in a love that can't be broken, even by the rewriting of the past!

Daniel Milburn
Boulder, CO

Without revealing too much, Daniel, make sure and tell us what you think after reading the next two issues. And, for you marriage fans, I hope you're reading our sister-book (or is that daughter-book?), AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL, which is starting a new storyline this month mysteriously called Brand New May...and it promises to reveal a secret that might change everything you know about Peter, Mary Jane and their arachno-powered daughter. Tell 'em Steve sent ya!



And that wraps it up for another week. We'll see ya next time for a page 22 you may want to start complaining about now while it's still cool!

-Simperin' Steve
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