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SPIDER-MAN

SLOTT

Charlie Cooper, who performed autopsy on the first victim, reached for commu-

flattened body was earlier today, that of Sean P. f the entertainment industry's well known and Rockwell.

"The Paper Doll Killings"

MARTIN



**KILLER
BABY**

**CARR:
Will he lash
it again?**

**AMAZING SIMILARITIES!
RODRIGUEZ**

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however, Jackpot of New York's licensed heroes had to say, "The Paper Doll Killings are cases of isolation. There is no

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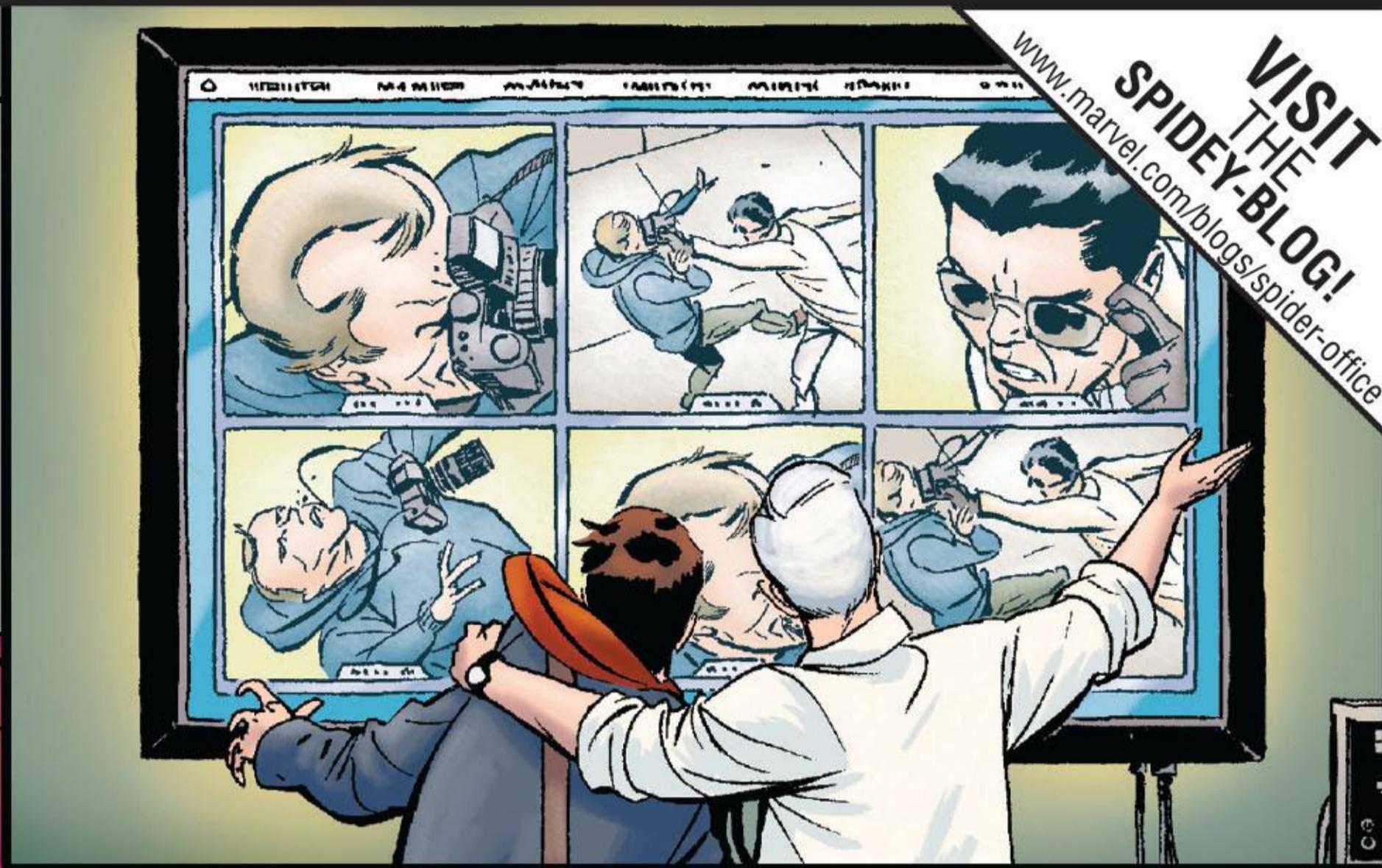


MAYOR'S RACE A HORSERACE! HOLLISTER'S BROOKLYN BLITZ
-- FUNDRAISER AT B.A.M. BRINGS IN UPPER-CLASS CASH, BUT
POLLS SHOW KING'S COUNTY IS CROWNE'D - MORE ON PAGE F15

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FROM PAPER CUTS TO FLATLINES!



Presenting pop culture's praiseworthy paparazzo, Peter Parker! Using his wall-crawling abilities to get candid celebrity shots, Pete's a super hero by night and a DB goldmine by day. Tasked to cover Hollywood bad boy Bobby Carr, Spidey stumbles into defending him from Paper Doll, a density-distorting super stalker whose body manipulation can render her paper thin...and flatten the life out of unsuspecting victims. As she closes in on Carr, Spider-Man does too – not only for photo payday, but to protect Carr's life AND the life of Carr's mystery girlfriend...Mary Jane Watson!

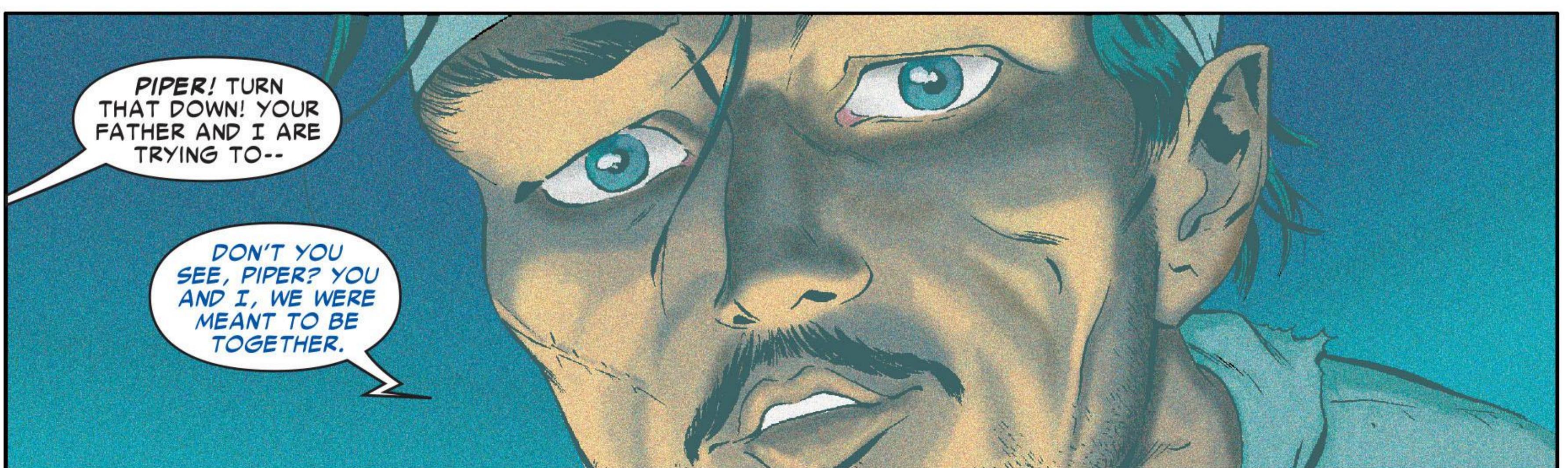
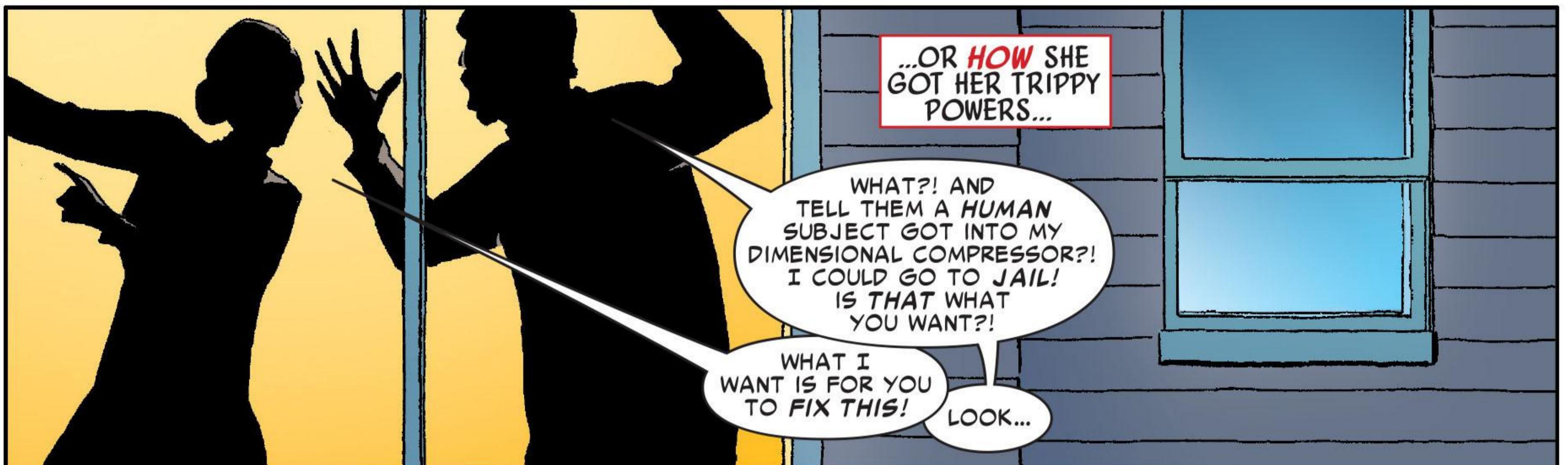
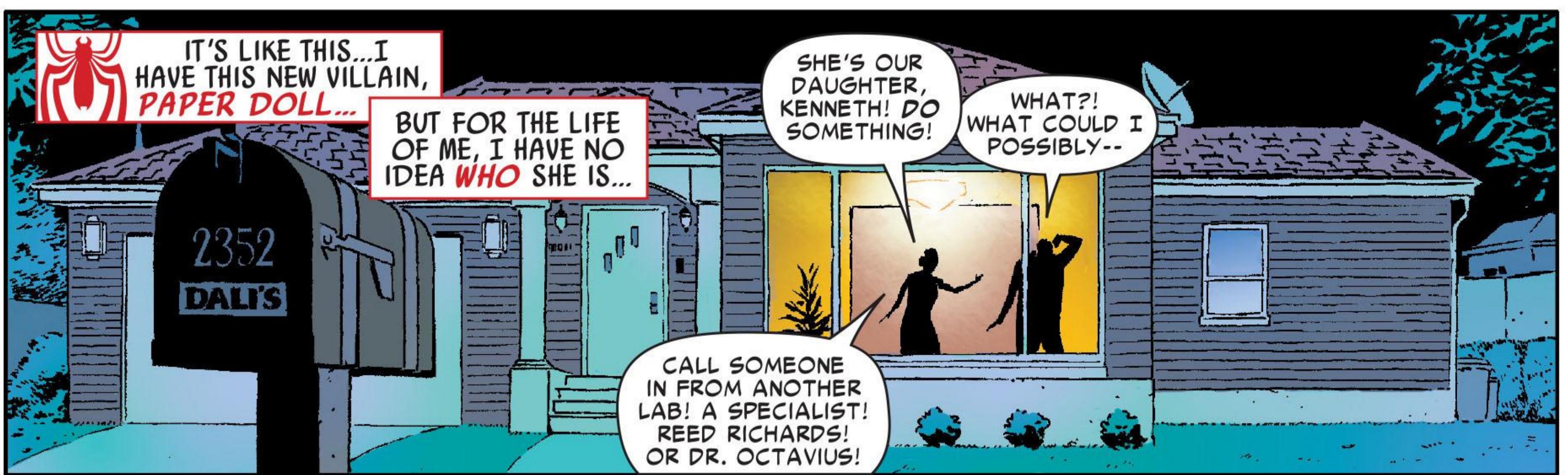
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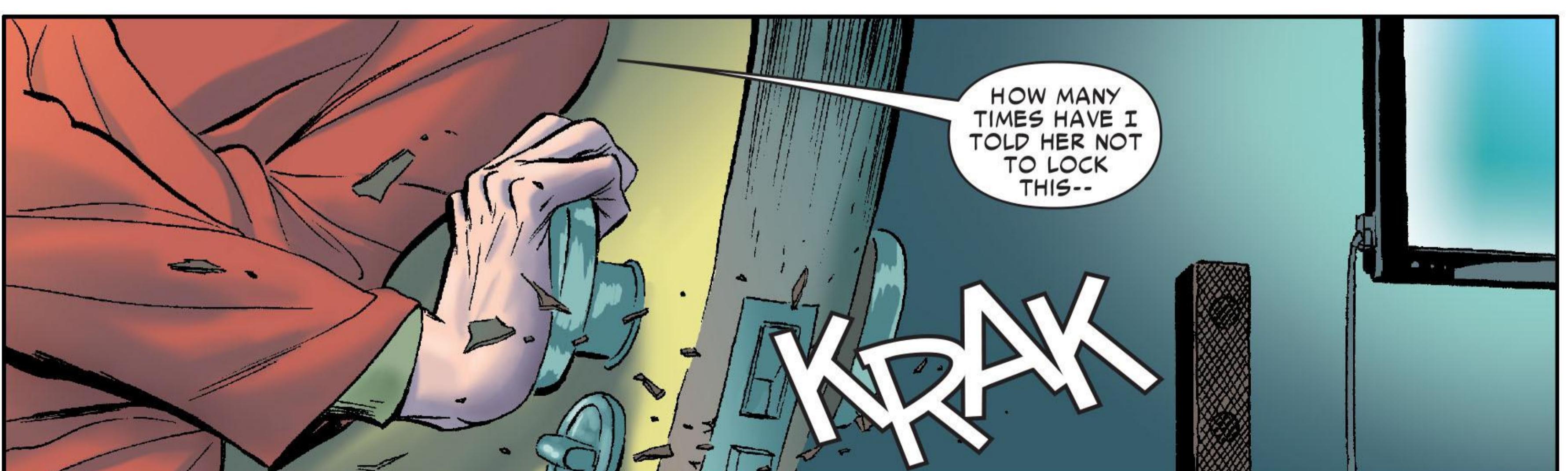
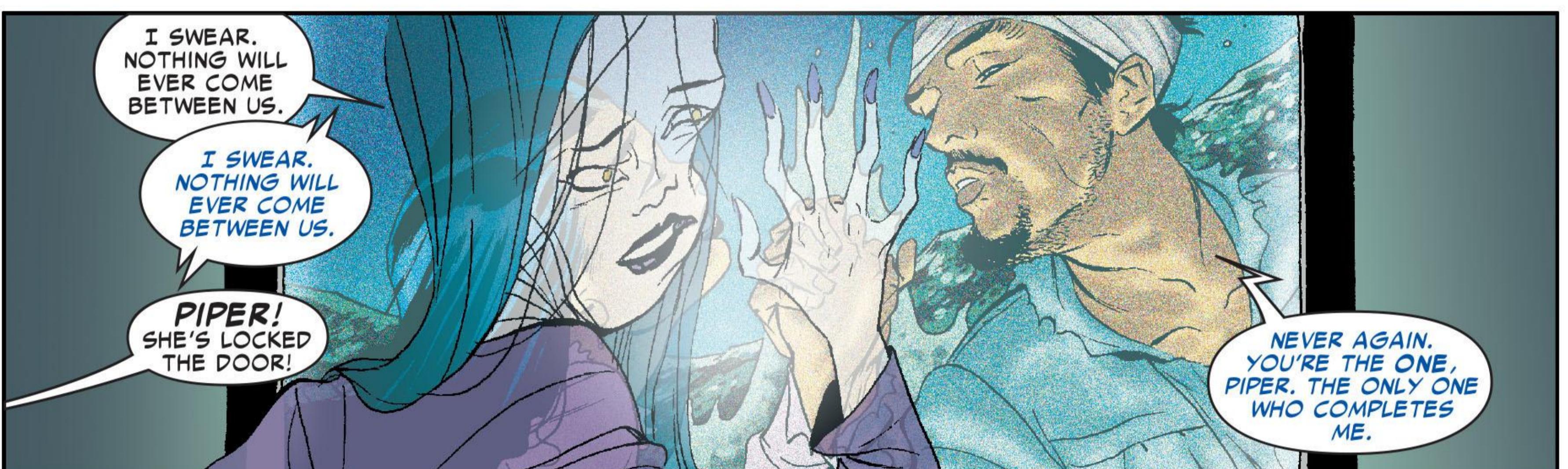
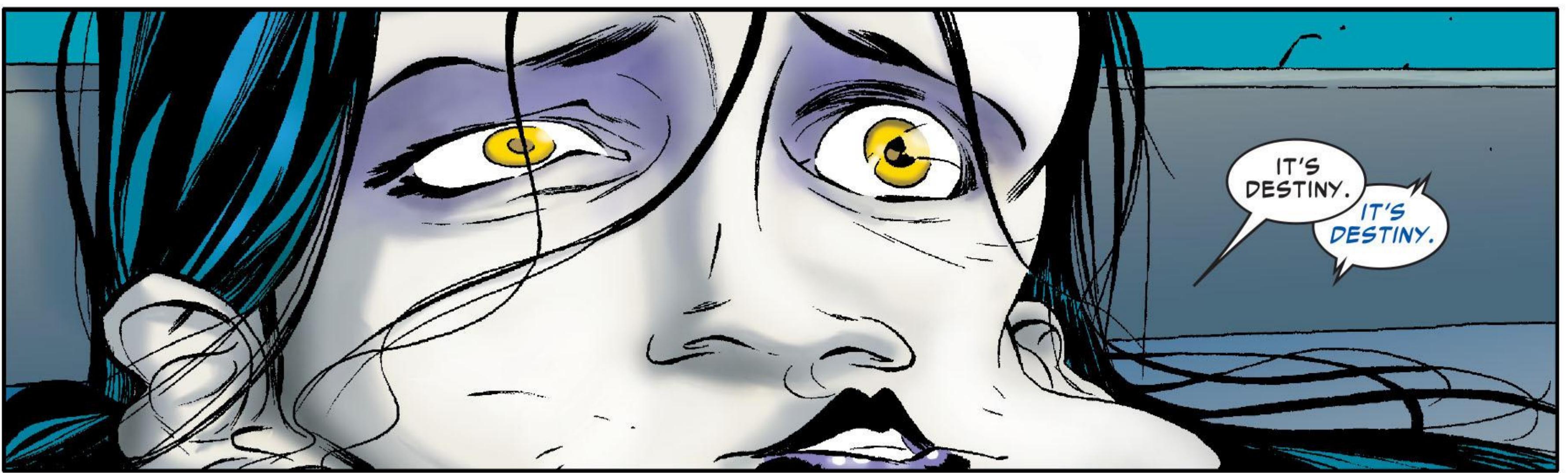
EXCLUSIVE TO THE DB!

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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**EX-
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FINALLY FOUND
'THE ONE'?**

HOLLYWOOD'S GOLDEN
WILDE MISTERIOUS WOMAN

THE
ONE?

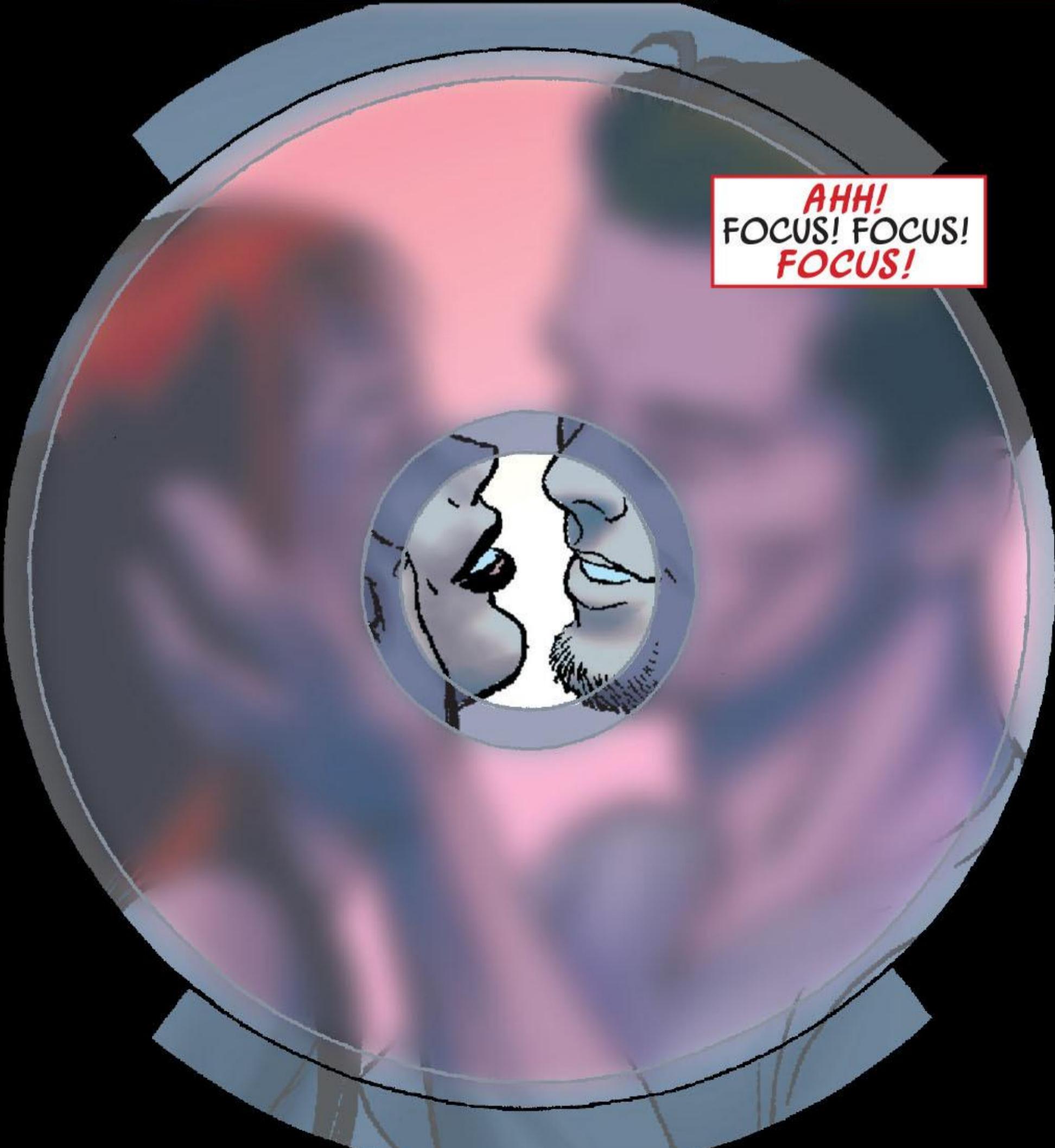
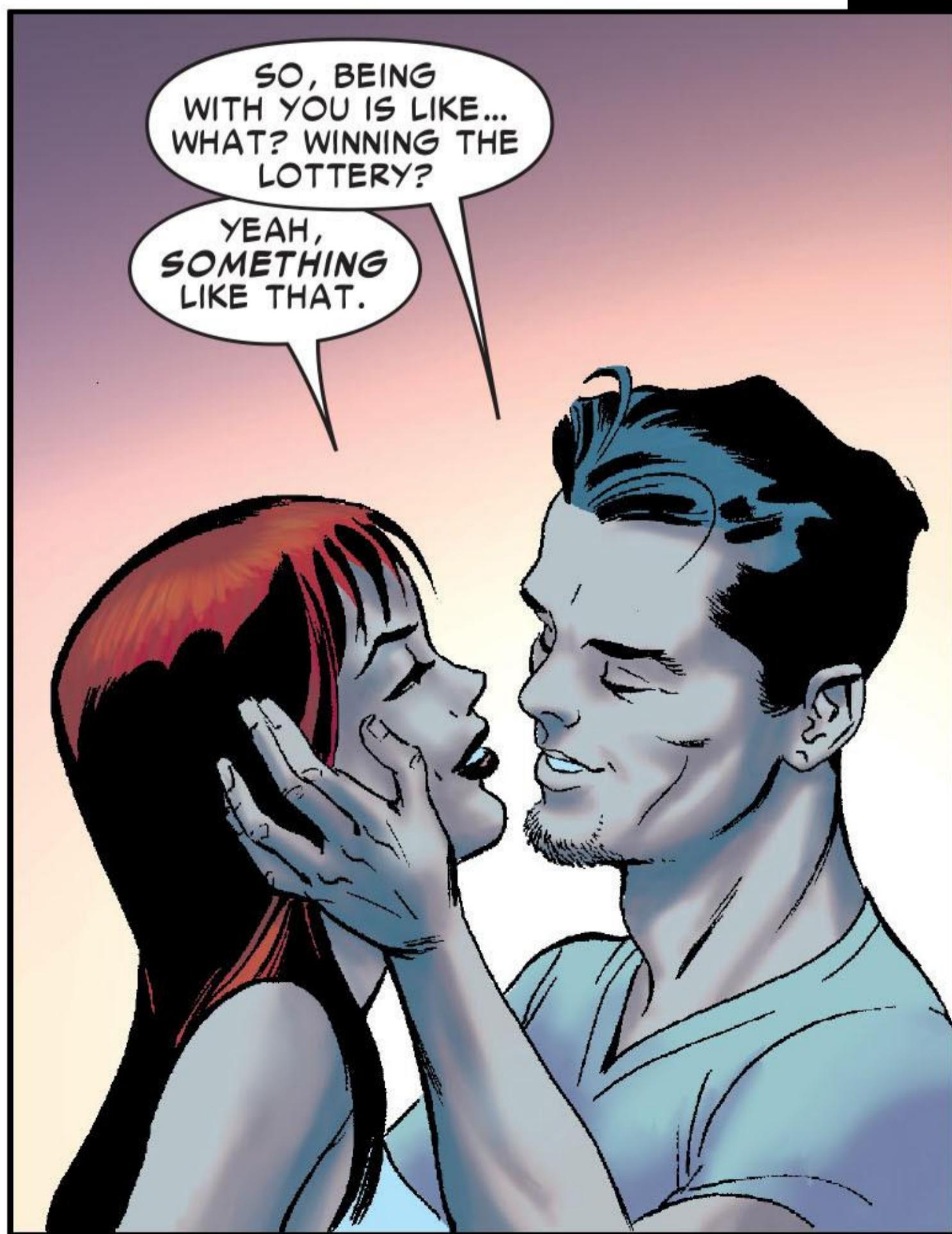
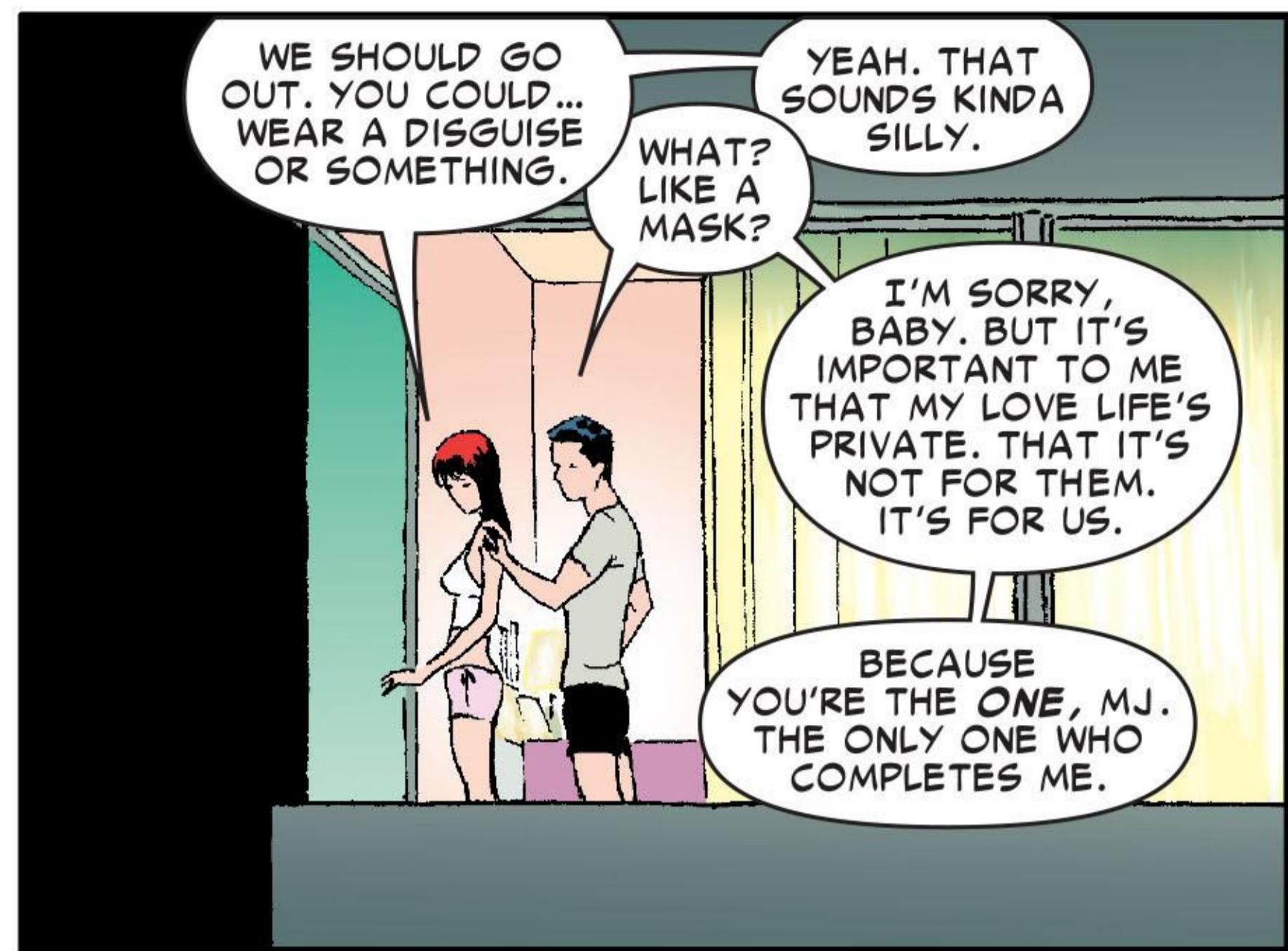
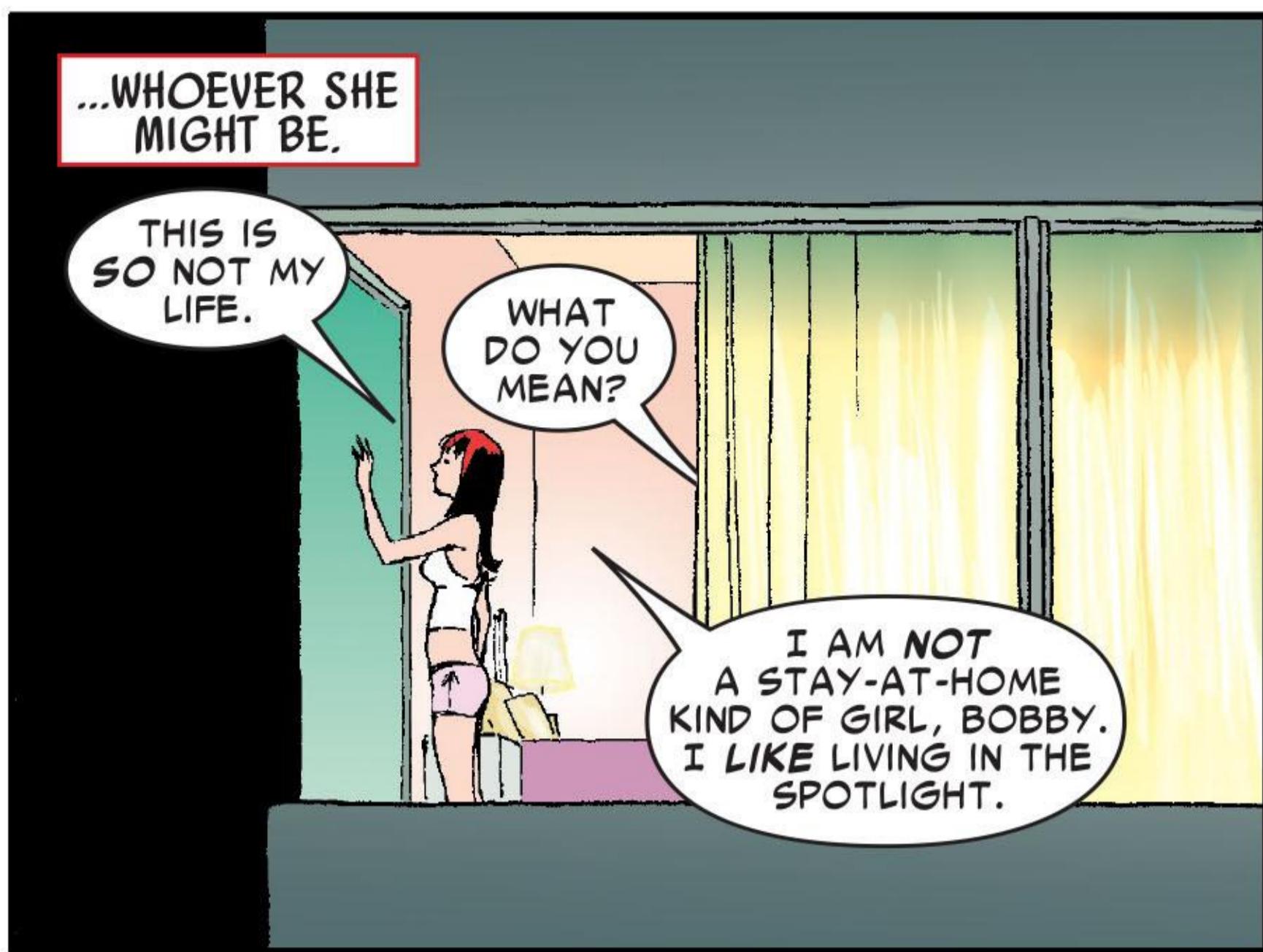
...BUT IN THE HERE AND NOW,
I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD
GUESS **WHERE** IT'S GOING...

THE
ONE?!

SHRIP

...AND SOMETHING TELLS ME
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE
BOBBY CARR'S GIRLFRIEND
RIGHT ABOUT NOW...

SHE'S NOT
THE ONE. SHE
CAN'T BE.



DARN IT! SHE MOVED! ALMOST HAD IT. ALMOST HAD A SHOT OF BOBBY CARR'S "MYSTERY GIRL".

GREAT. NOW ALL I KNOW IS THAT SHE WEARS HER HAIR LIKE JACKPOT.

KLIK

LIKE EVERY TENTH GIRL IN NEW YORK, I SWEAR, STRAIGHT BACK AND DYED RED IS THE NEW BLONDE.

(NOTE TO SELF. STOP READING THE MAGAZINES ON AUNT MAY'S COFFEE TABLE.)

ALL RIGHT, I KNOW THIS LOOKS BAD. LIKE I'M ONE OF THOSE SLEAZY, MUCKRAKING PAPARAZZI...

...BUT THERE'S A **REALLY** GOOD REASON FOR THAT...

I AM ONE. I'VE BEEN ONE FOR DAYS...

BENNETT, LISTEN TO ME! THIS BOBBY CARR/PAPARAZZI NONSENSE HAS GOT TO STOP!

EVERY TIME WE SHOW CARR MIXING IT UP WITH SOMEONE, THEY GET TARGETED BY THE PAPER DOLL KILLER.

IF WE DO PRINT A CLEAR SHOT OF CARR'S "MYSTERY GIRL", WE MAY AS WELL BE TAKING OUT A HIT ON HER!

PETER PARKER: PAPARAZZI

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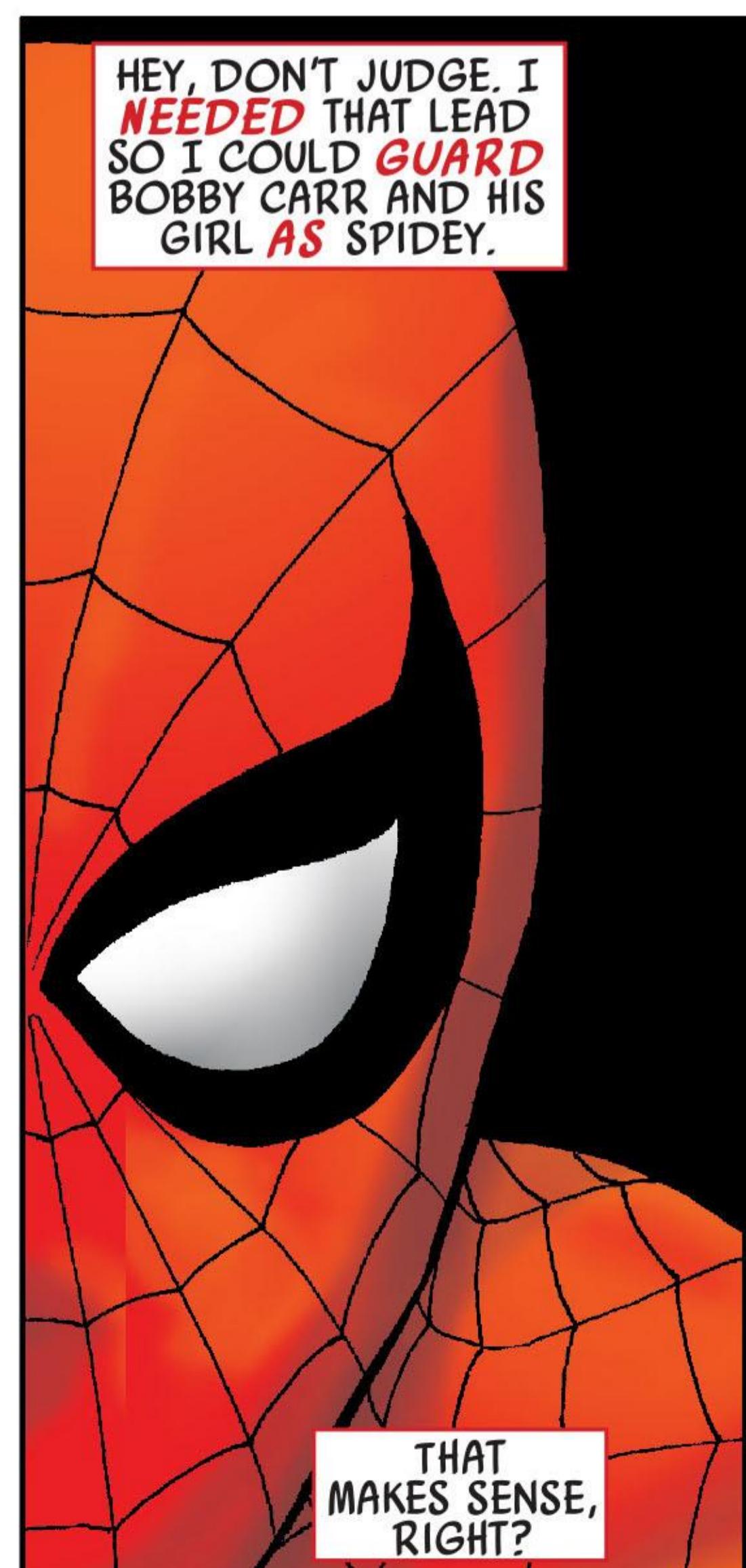
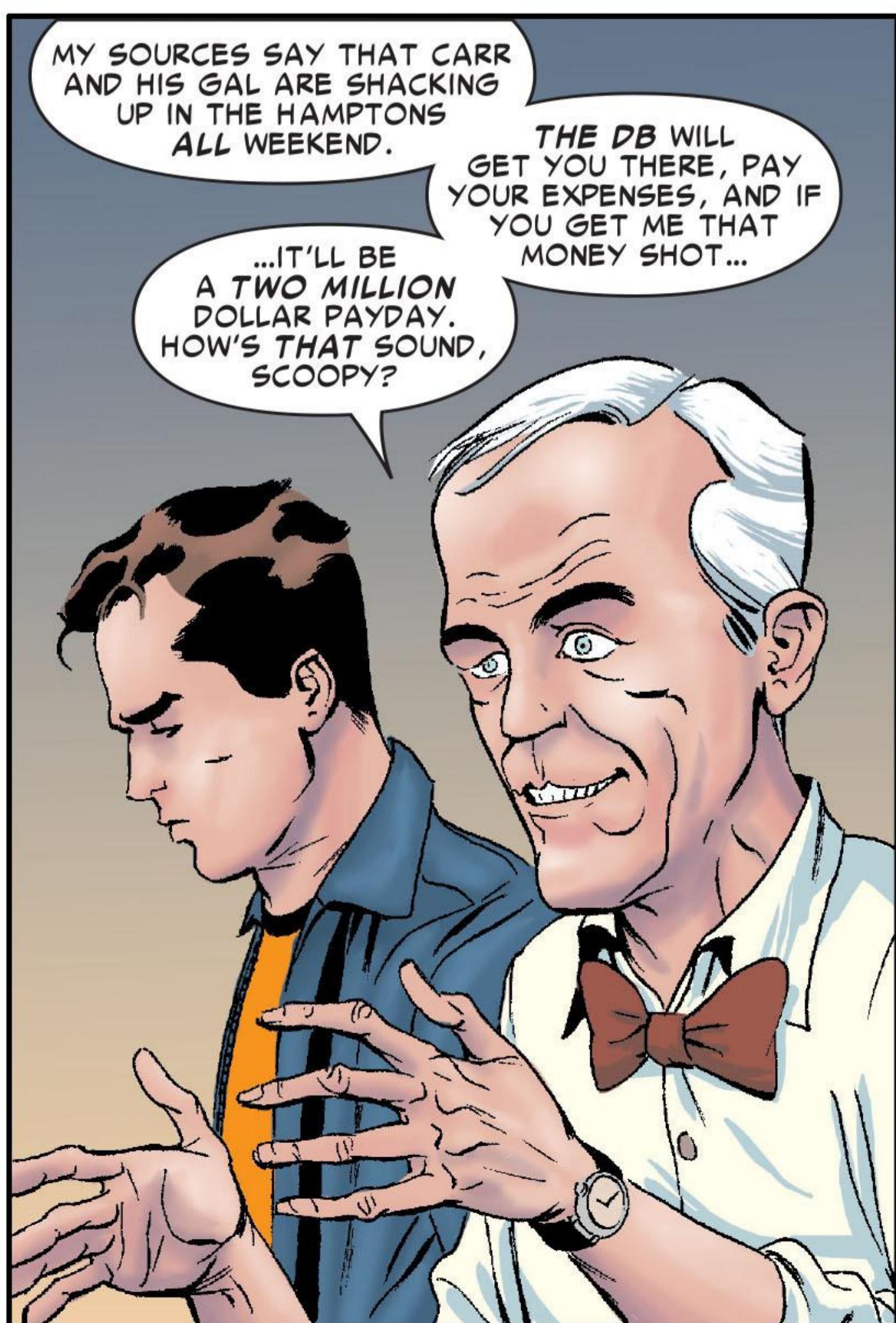
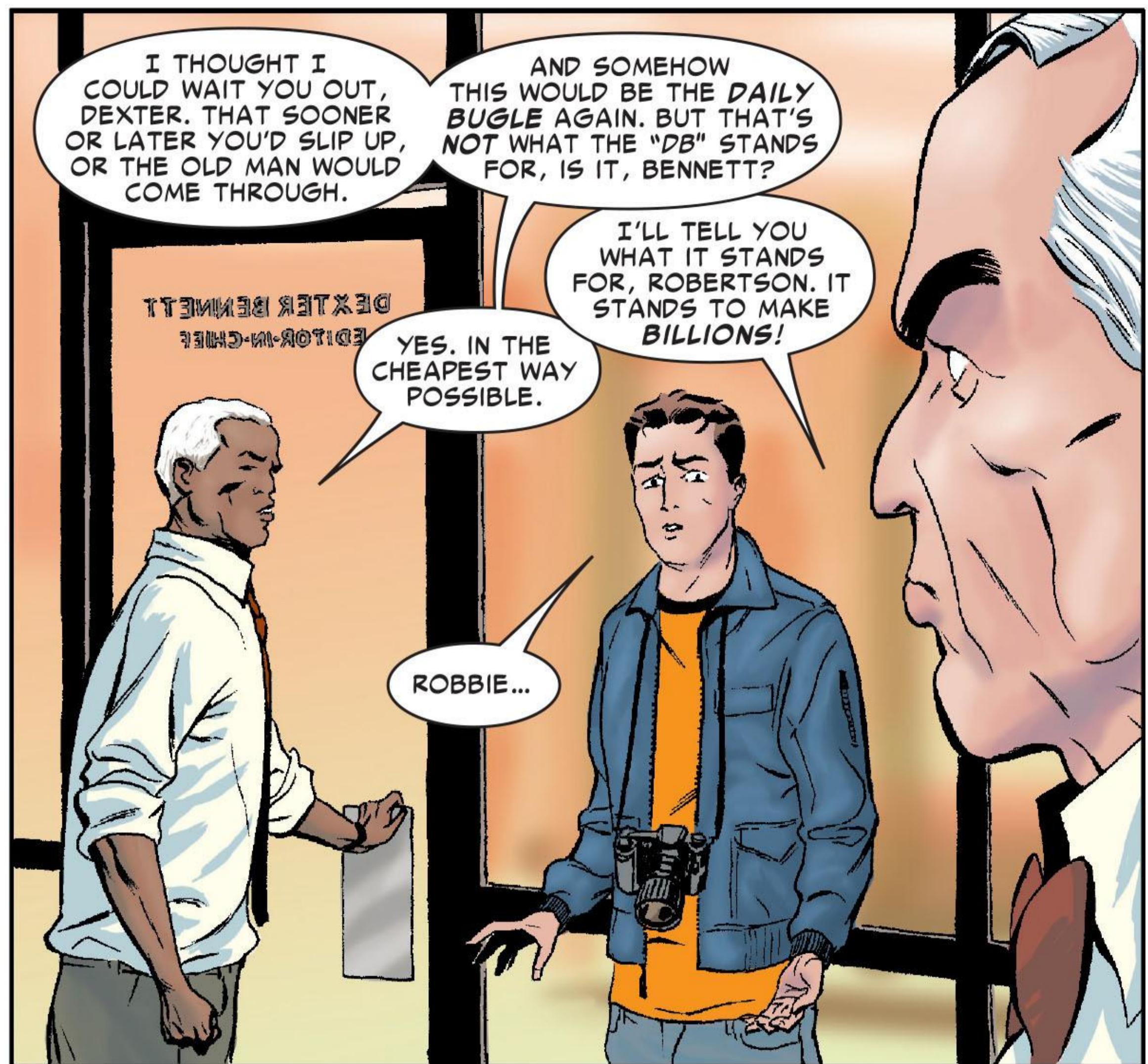
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OH, I'M SEEING A HIT ALL RIGHT, ROBERTSON. I'M SEEING SALES OF THE DB HITTING AN ALL-TIME HIGH!



AND THIS GIANT ZOOM LENS? IT'S HELPING ME KEEP AN EYE ON 'EM.

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TELESCOPIC VISION LIKE SOME **OTHER** HEROES I COULD MENTION.

I'VE SEEN THAT BEFORE! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS...

...WHENEVER PAPER DOLL USES HER POWERS TO SMOOSH SOMETHING FLAT!

SHLSSH

GOTTA GO! BUT, Y'KNOW, IF I **DO** CATCH PAPER DOLL...

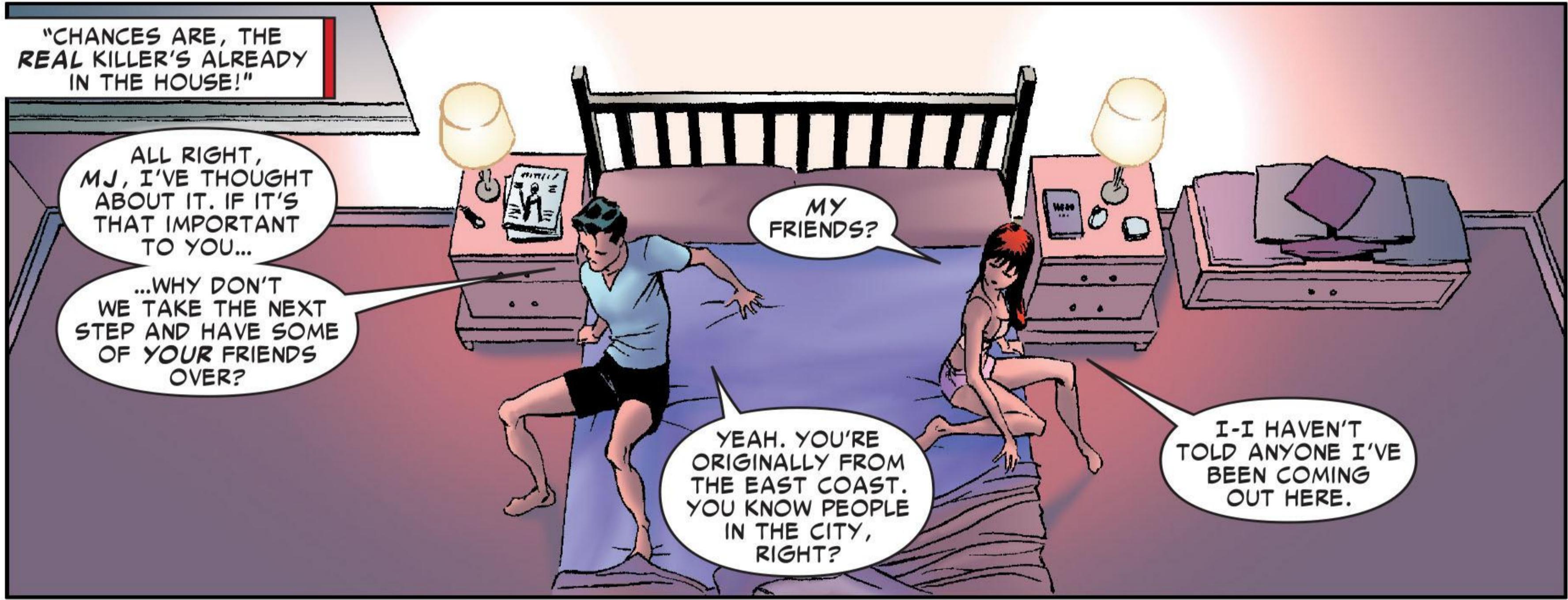
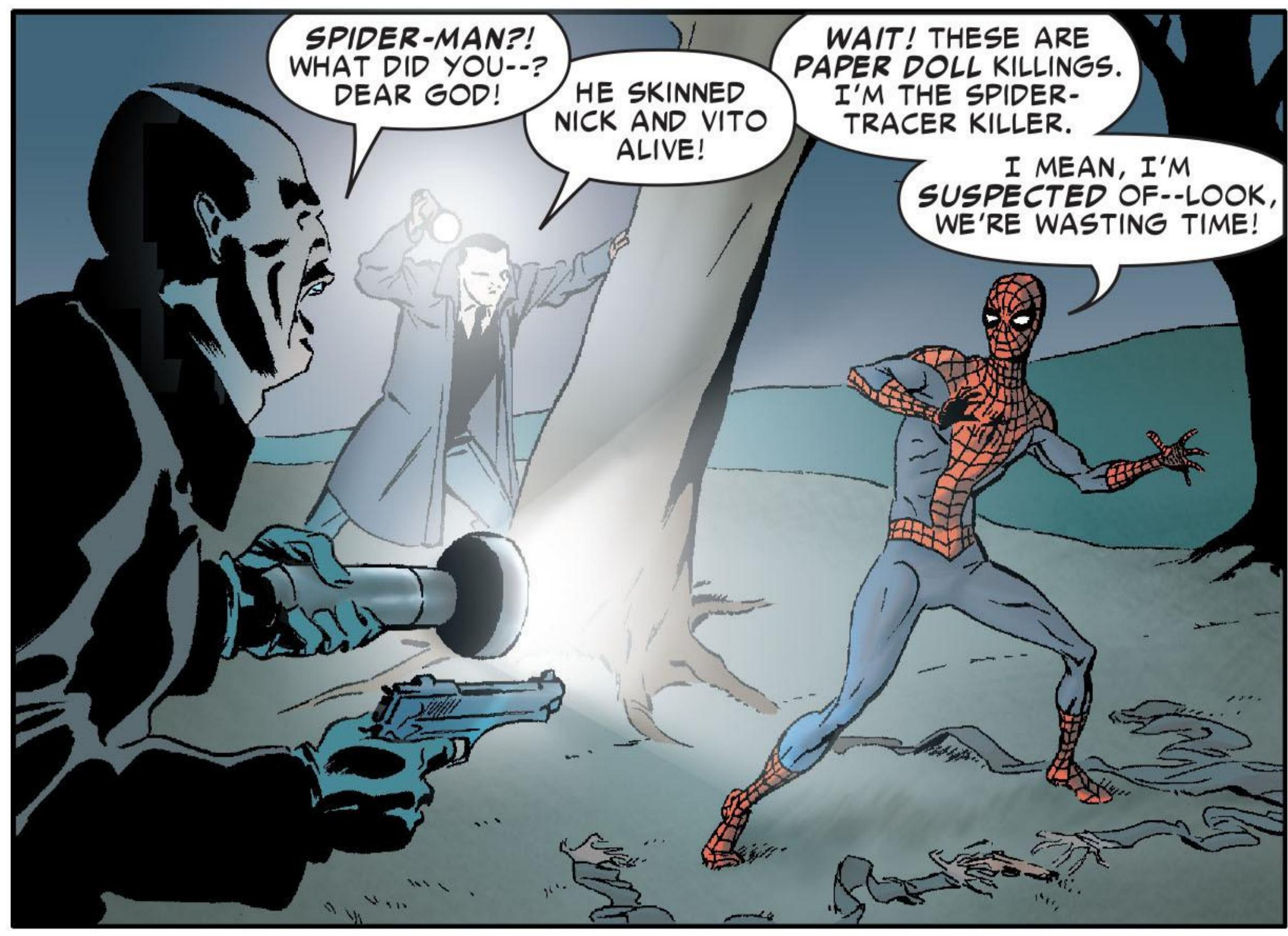
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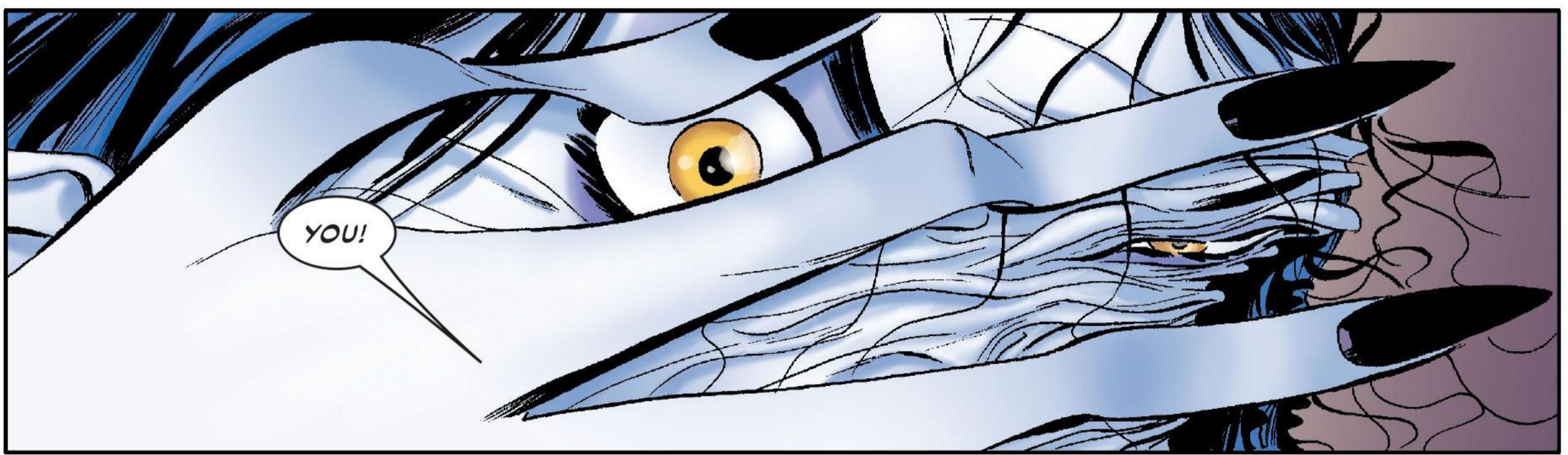
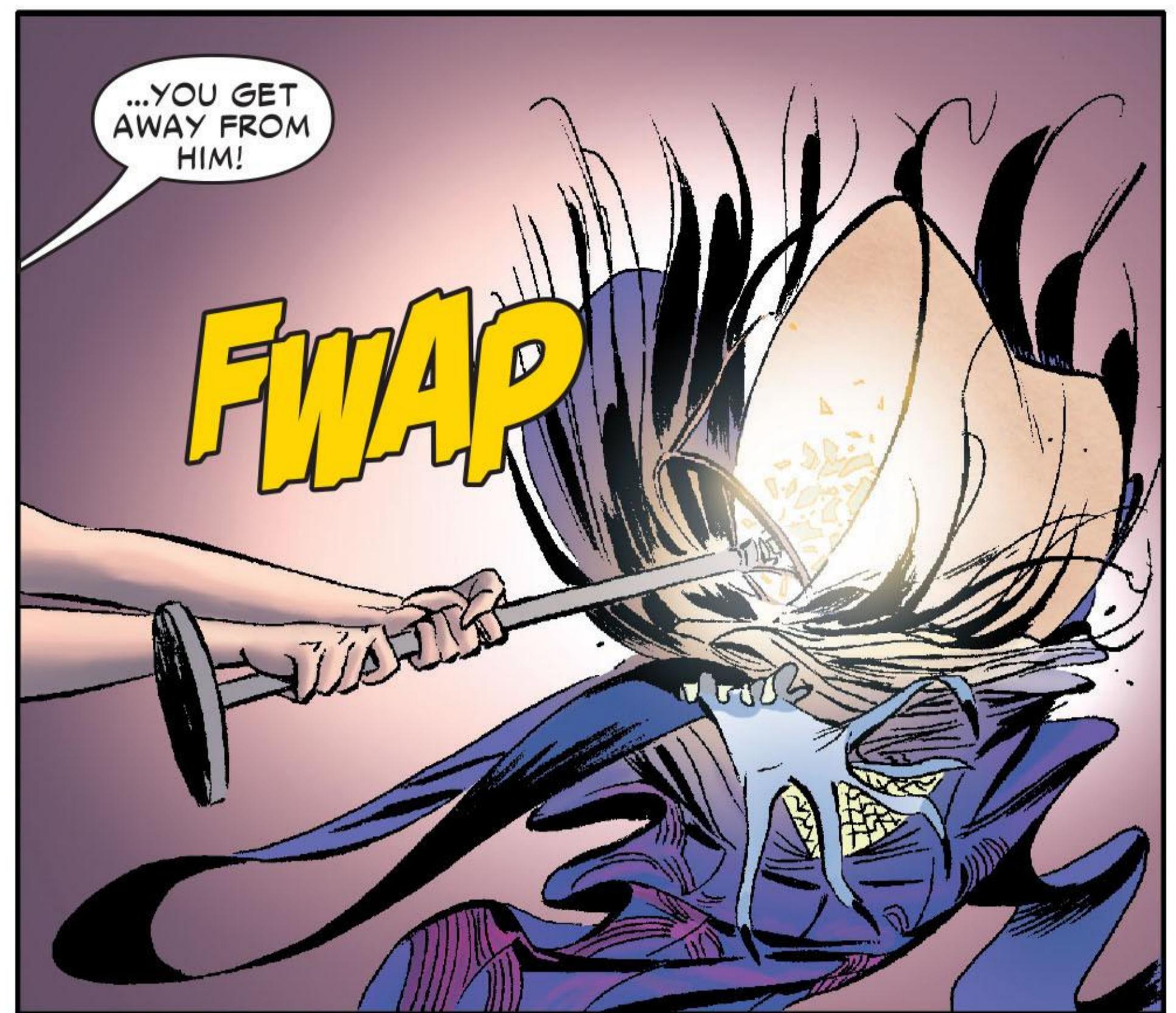
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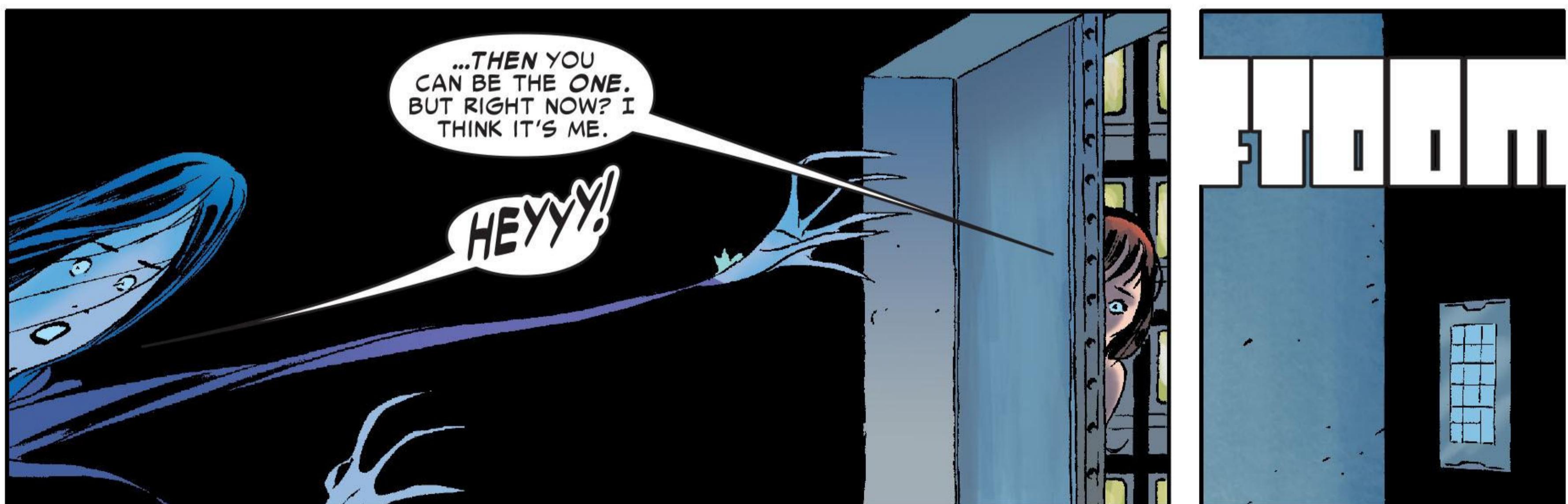
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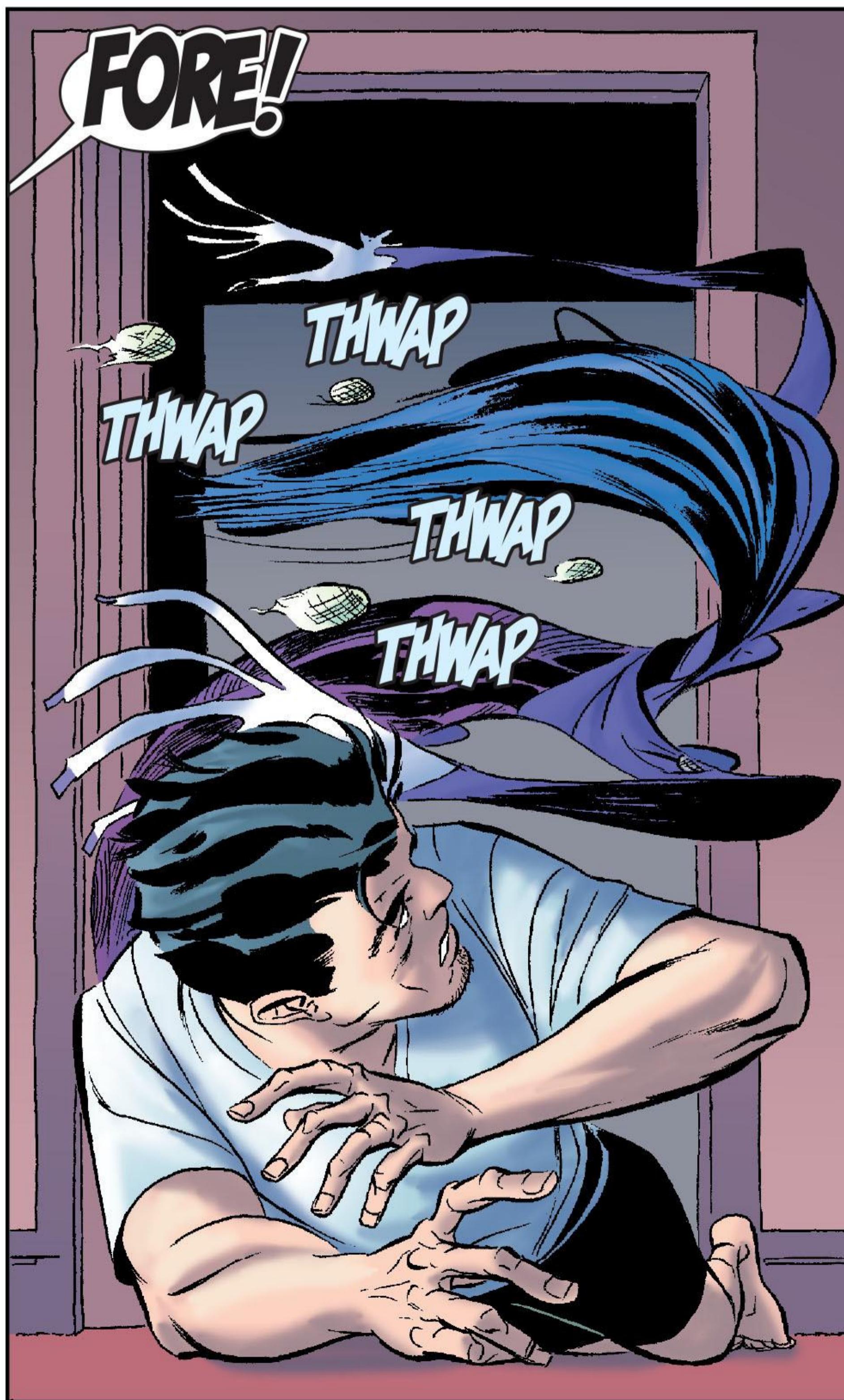
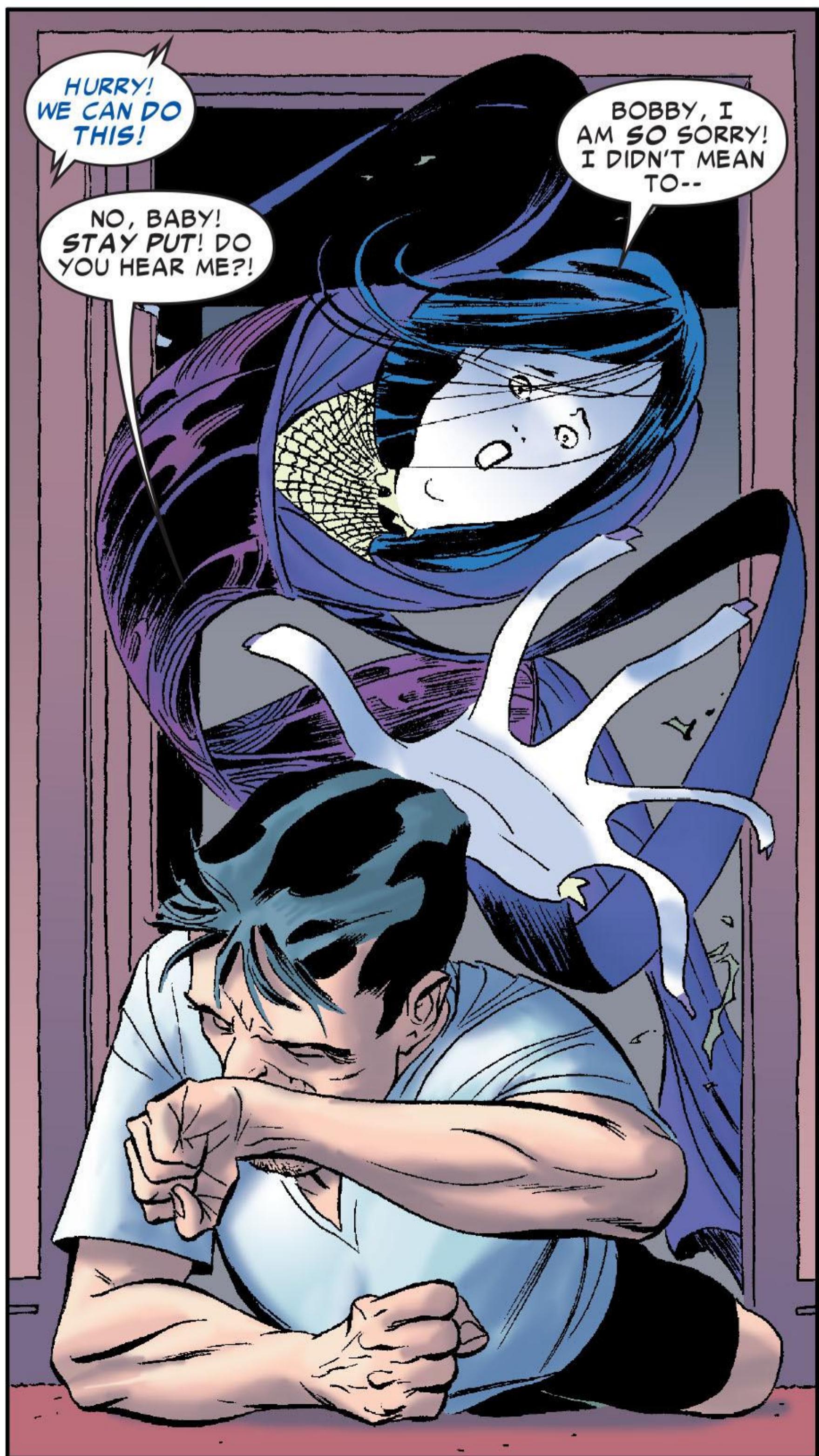
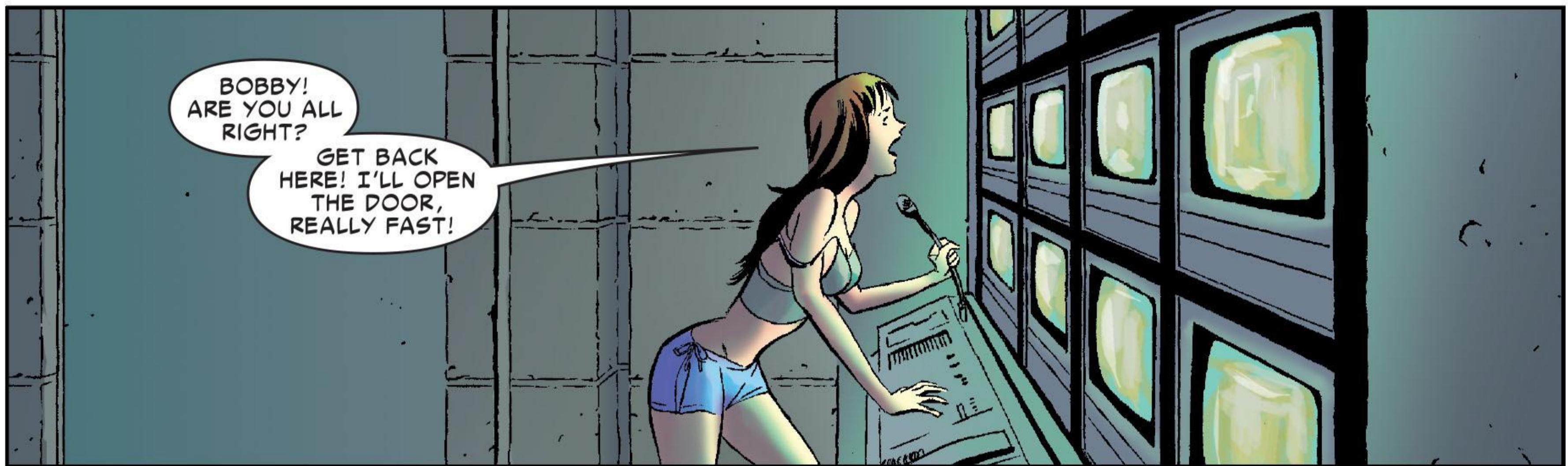
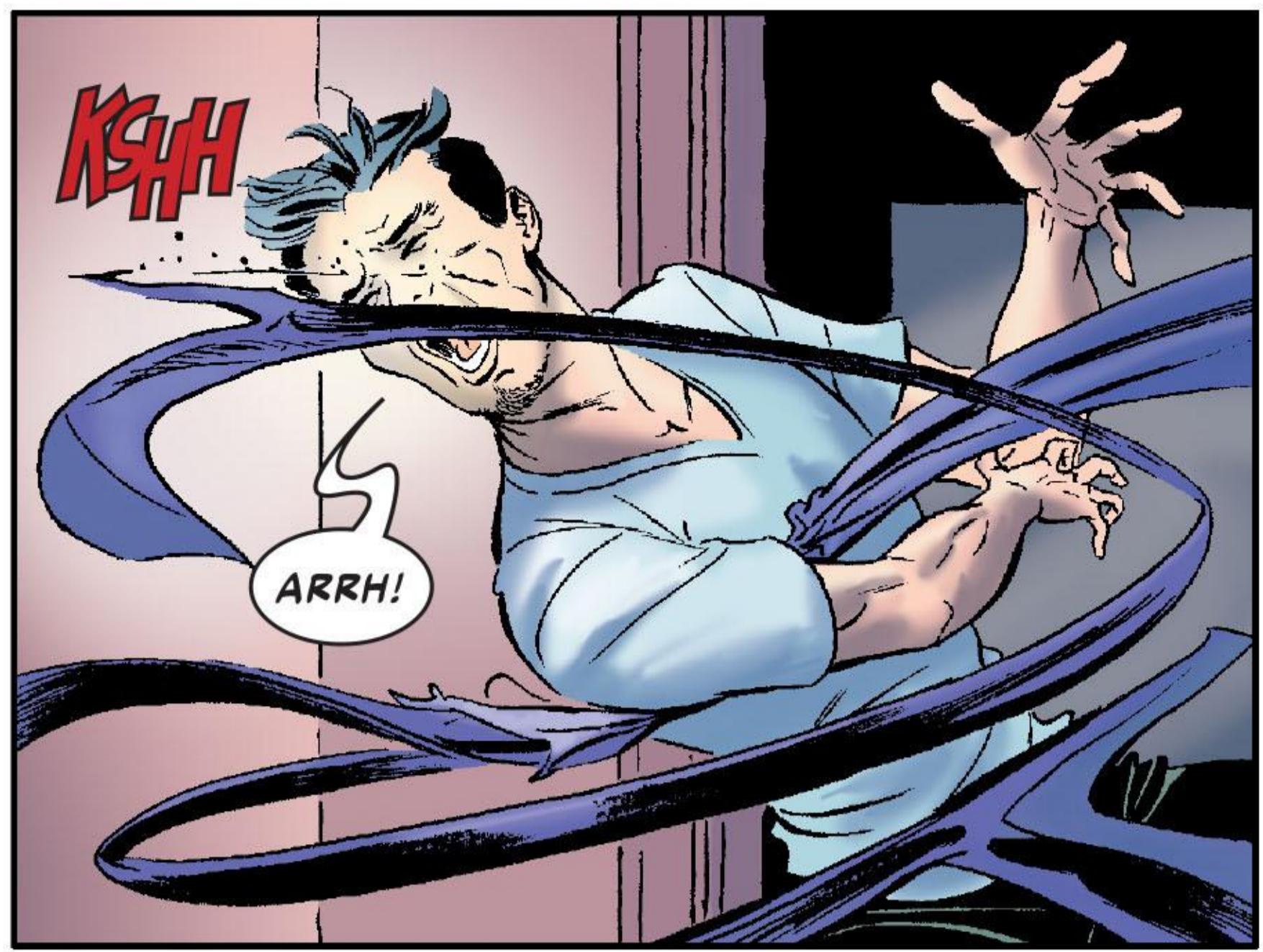
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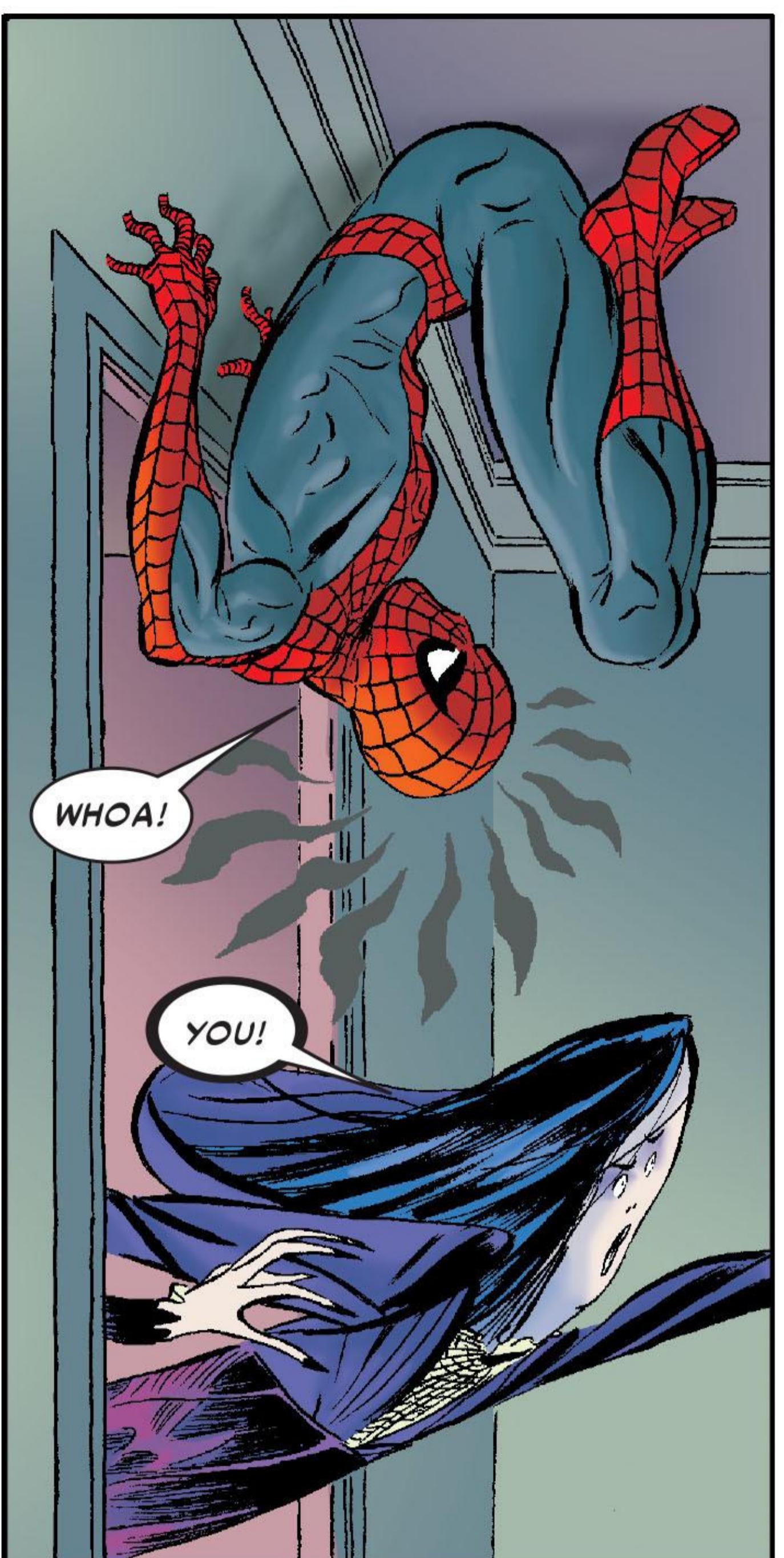












CLOSE ONE.

SO, THE PANIC ROOM, HUH?

YOU'D FIGURE A BA-ZILLIONAIRE LIKE CARR COULD AFFORD BETTER SPEAKERS.

IT'S LIKE I PULLED UP TO A WENDY'S.

HEY, FOCUS.

WHAT?! DO I WANT FRIES WITH THAT?

ALWAYS WITH THE JOKES.

ALWAYS? DO I KNOW YOU?

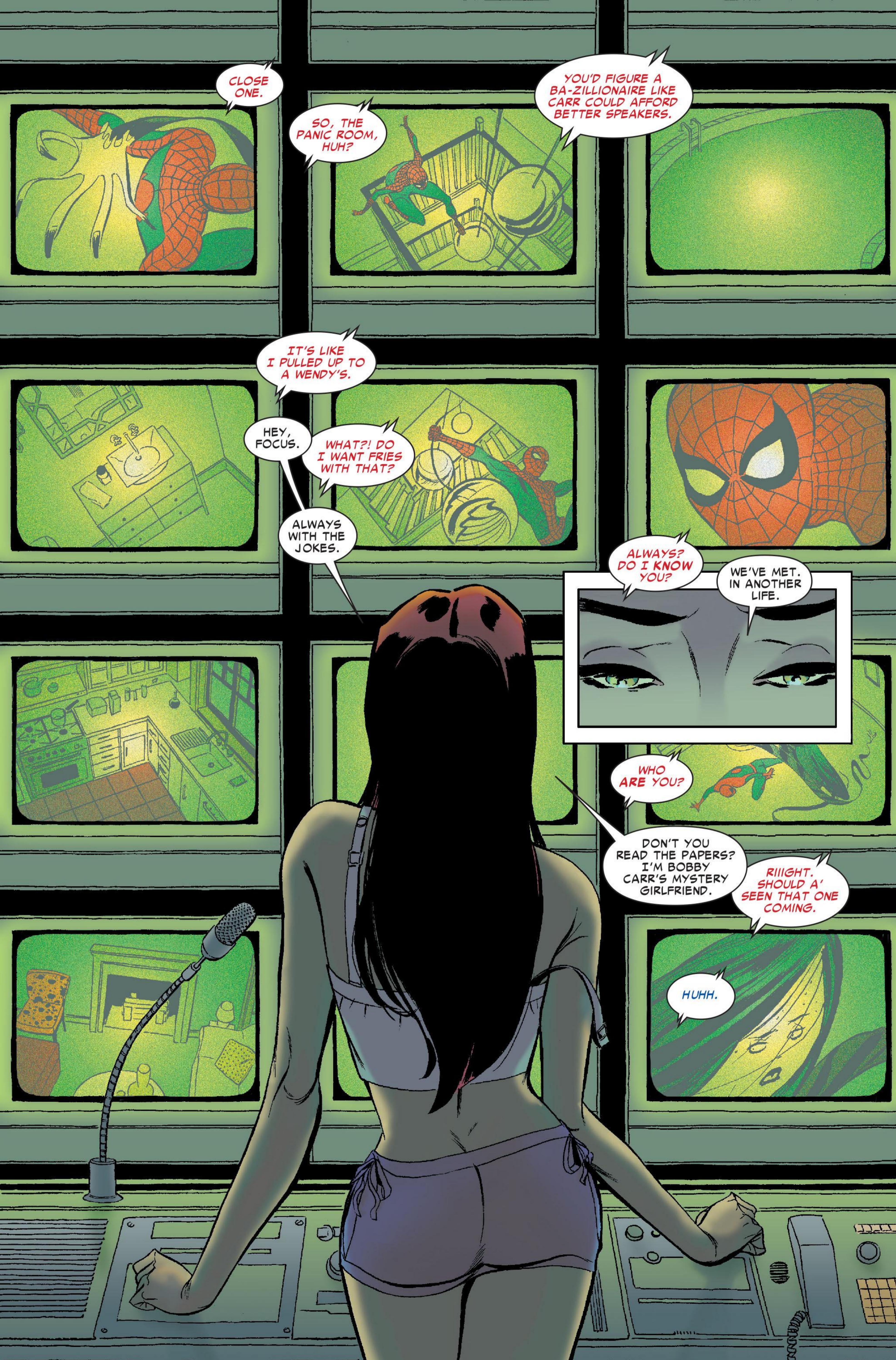
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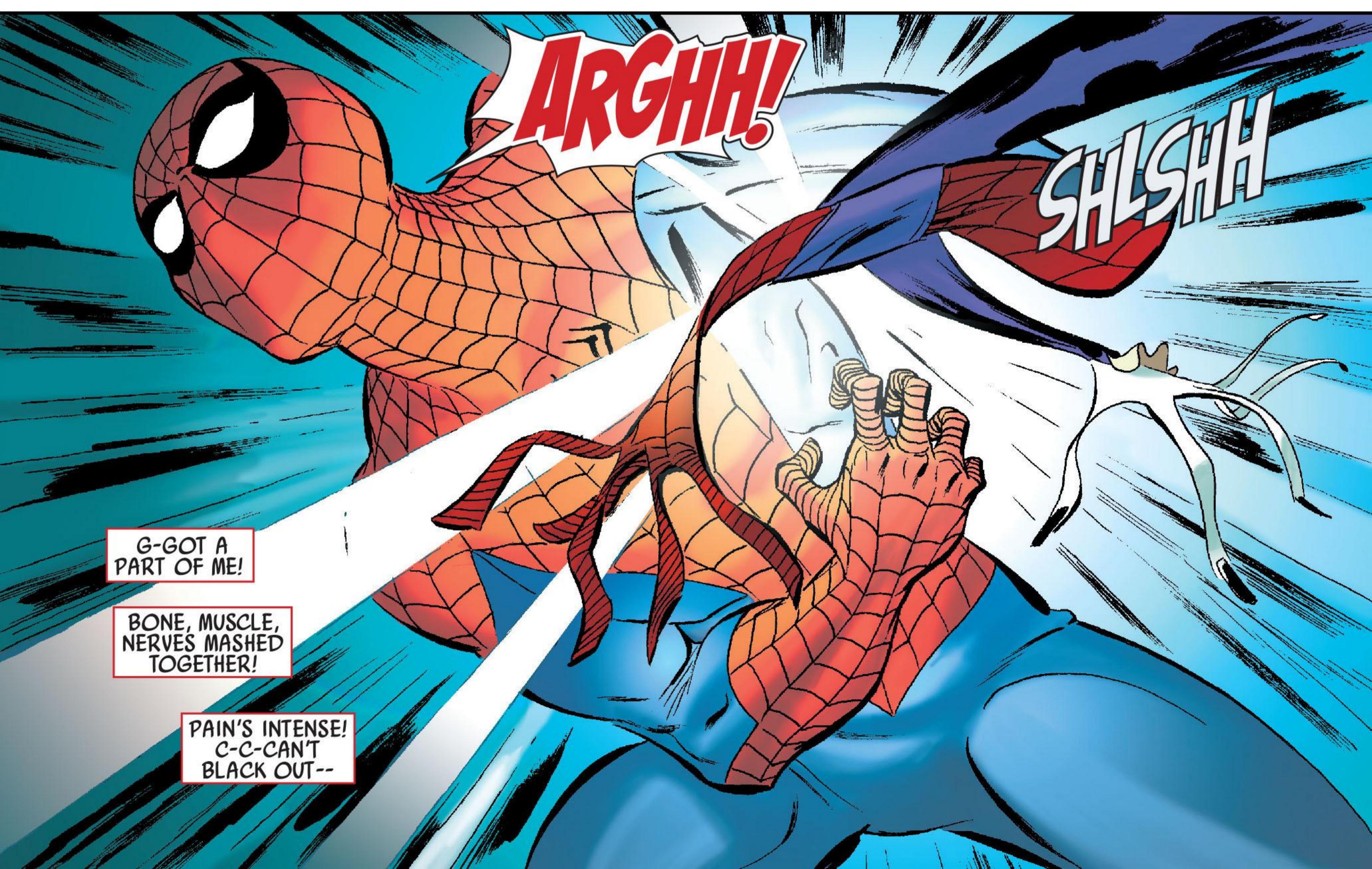
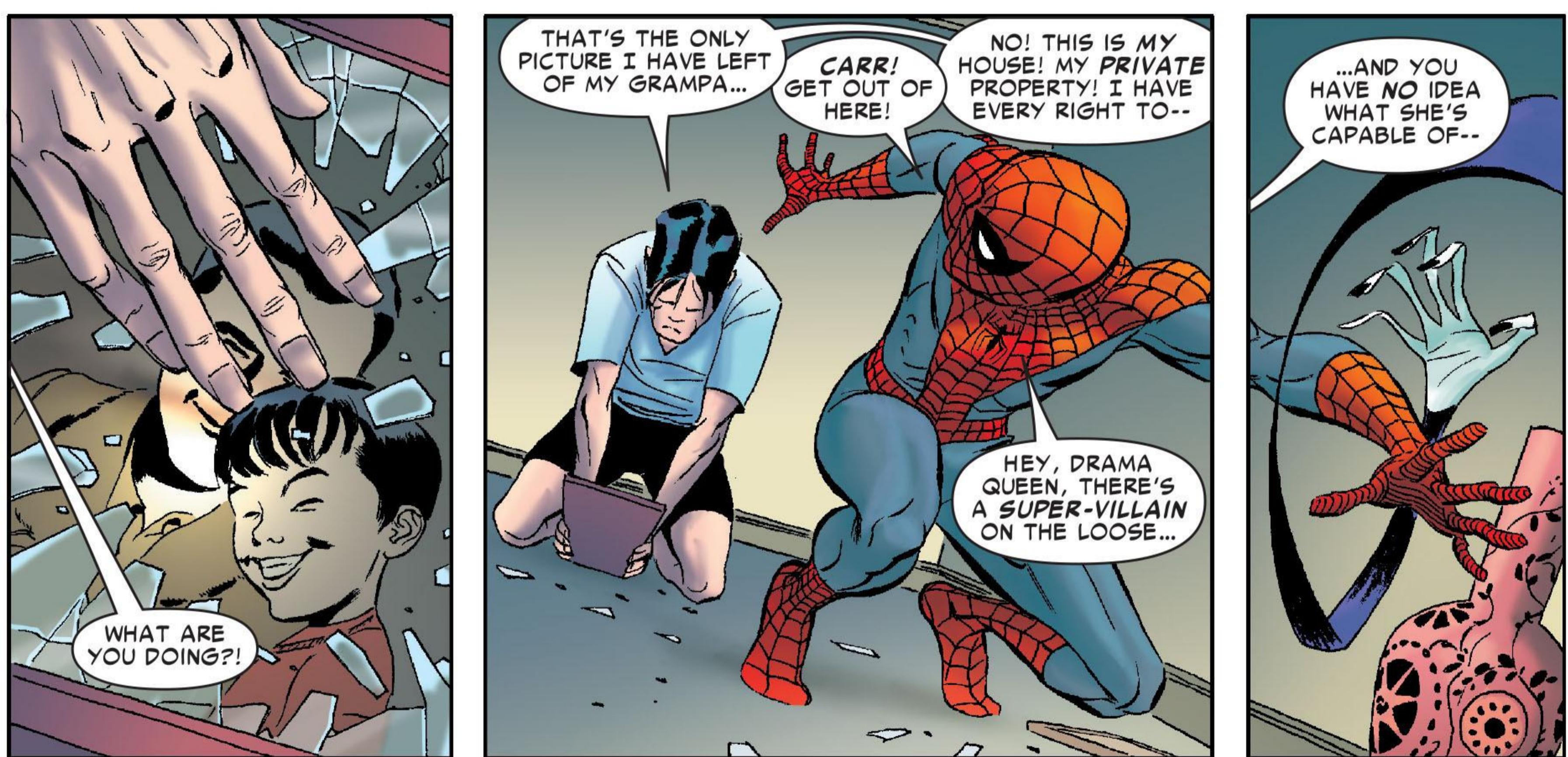
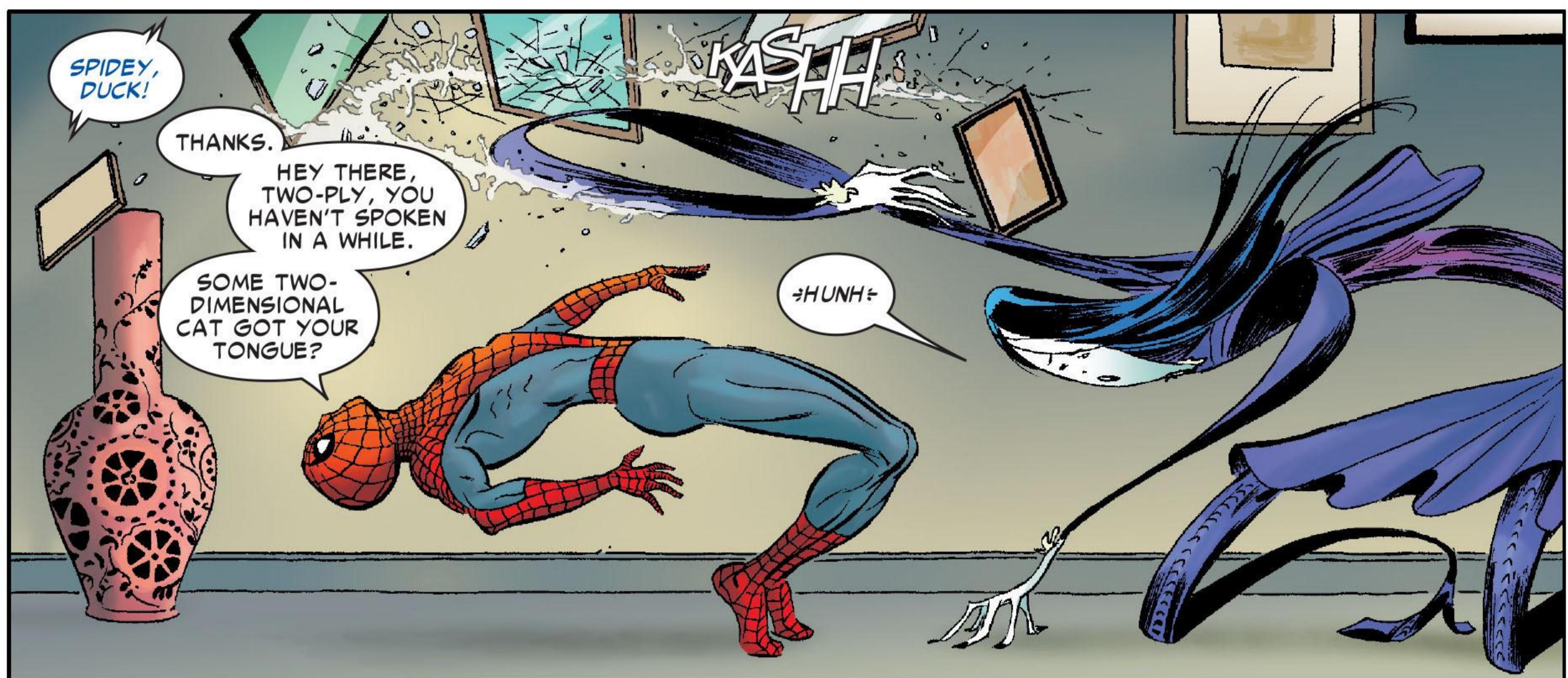
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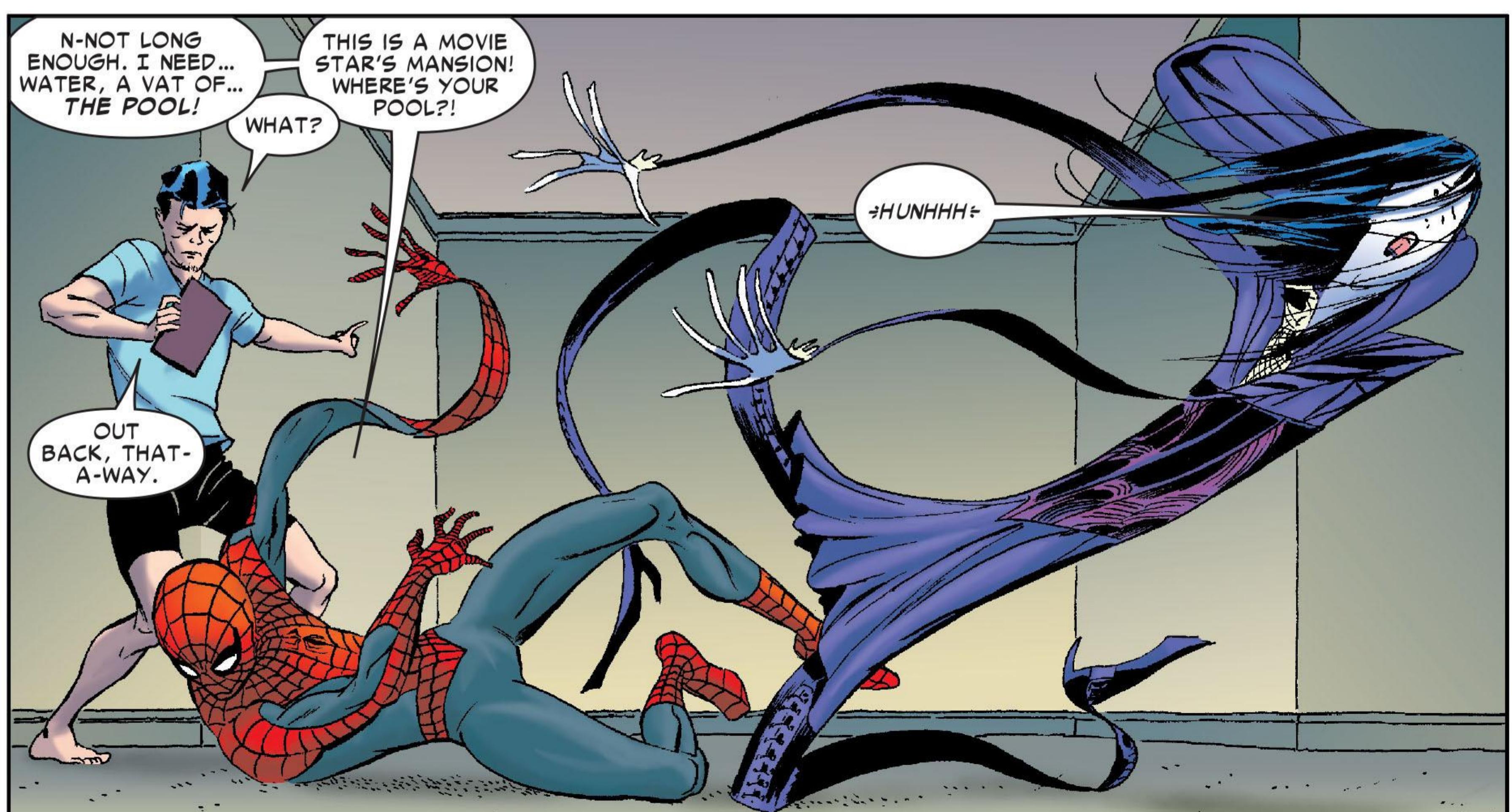
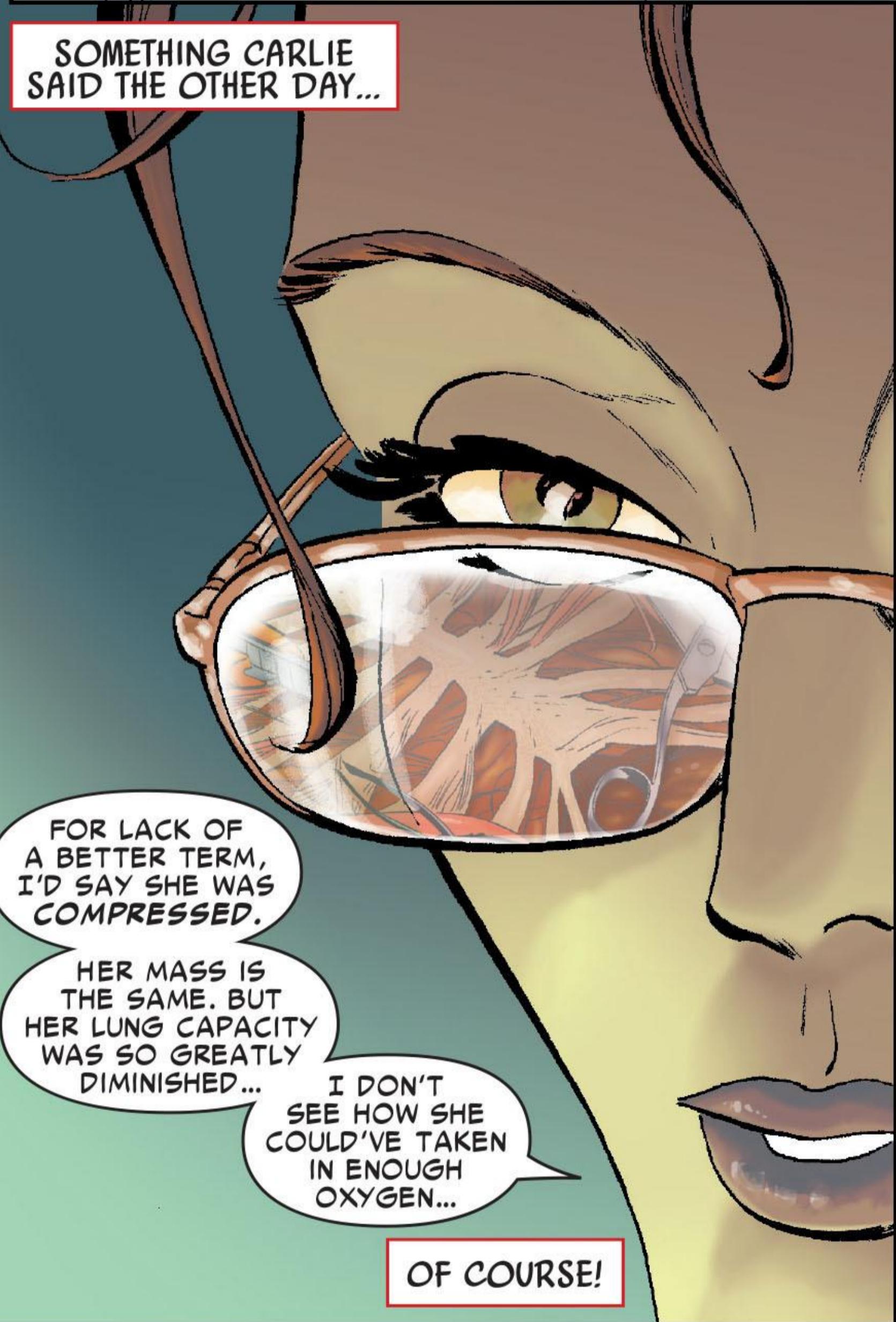
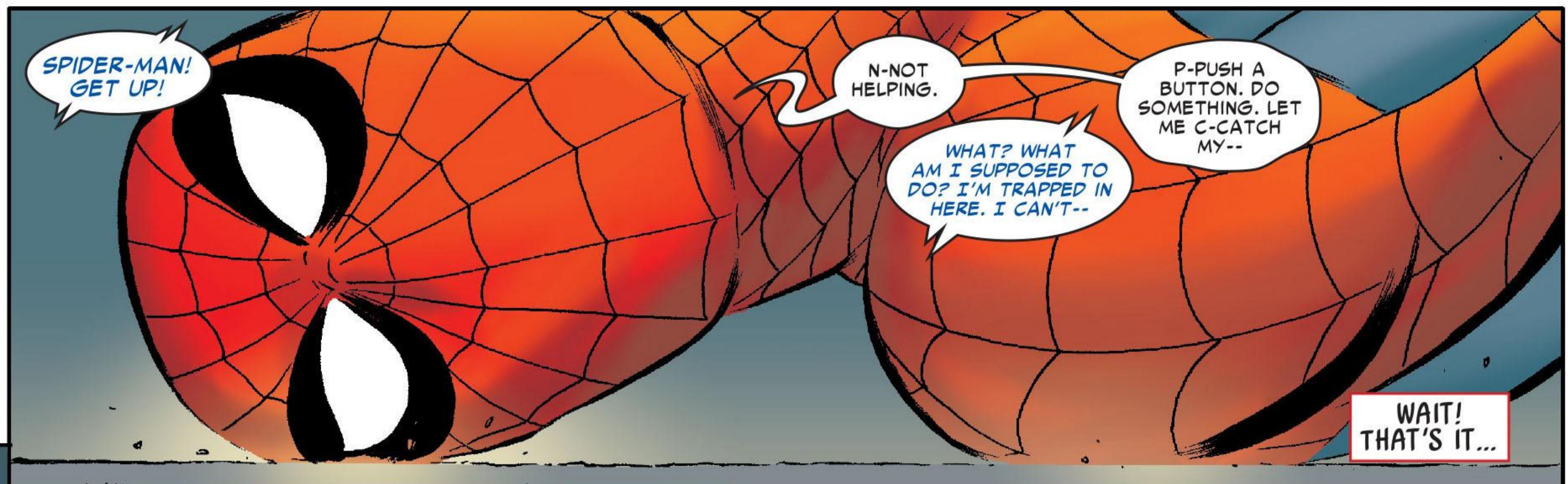
DON'T YOU READ THE PAPERS?
I'M BOBBY CARR'S MYSTERY GIRLFRIEND.

RIIGHT. SHOULD A' SEEN THAT ONE COMING.

HUHH.







CARR, IF I
MAKE IT THROUGH
THIS, FEEL FREE TO
SEND ME A BILL.

A BILL?
FOR WHAT?
OH NO...

KCHOOOM

HER SPEECH
IS SHORT AND
CHOPPY.

AND THEN THERE
ARE THOSE LITTLE
GASPS SHE MAKES.

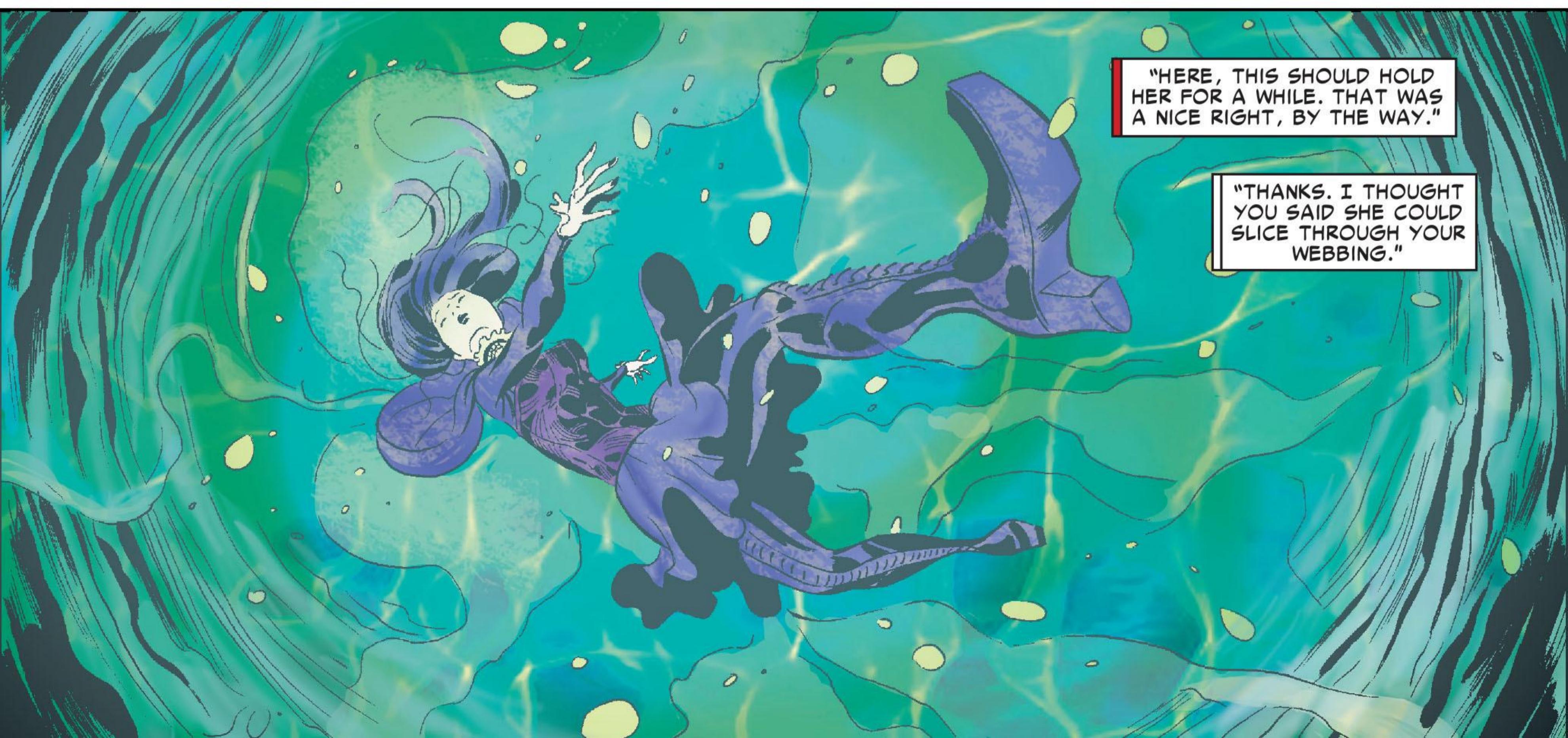
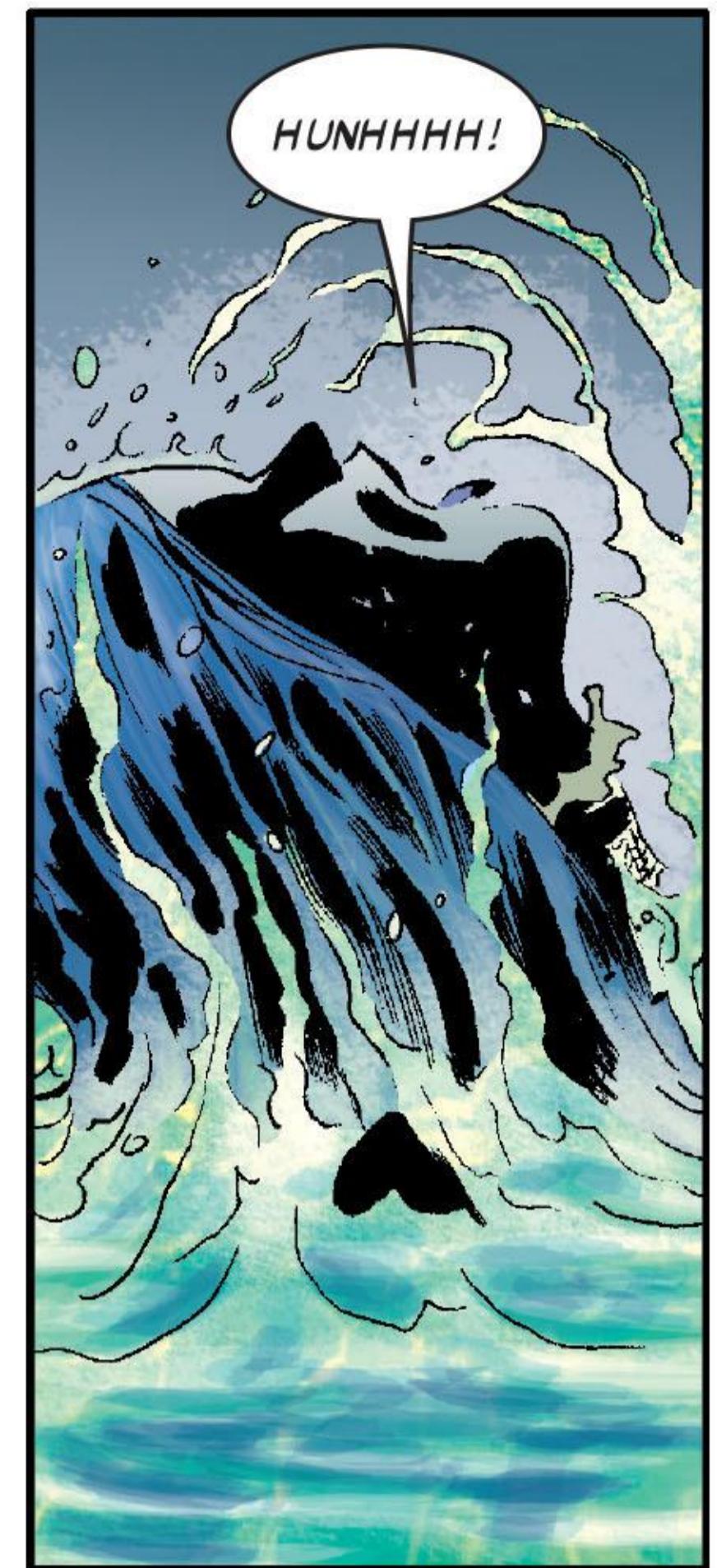
I SHOULD'VE
CAUGHT
IT SOONER.

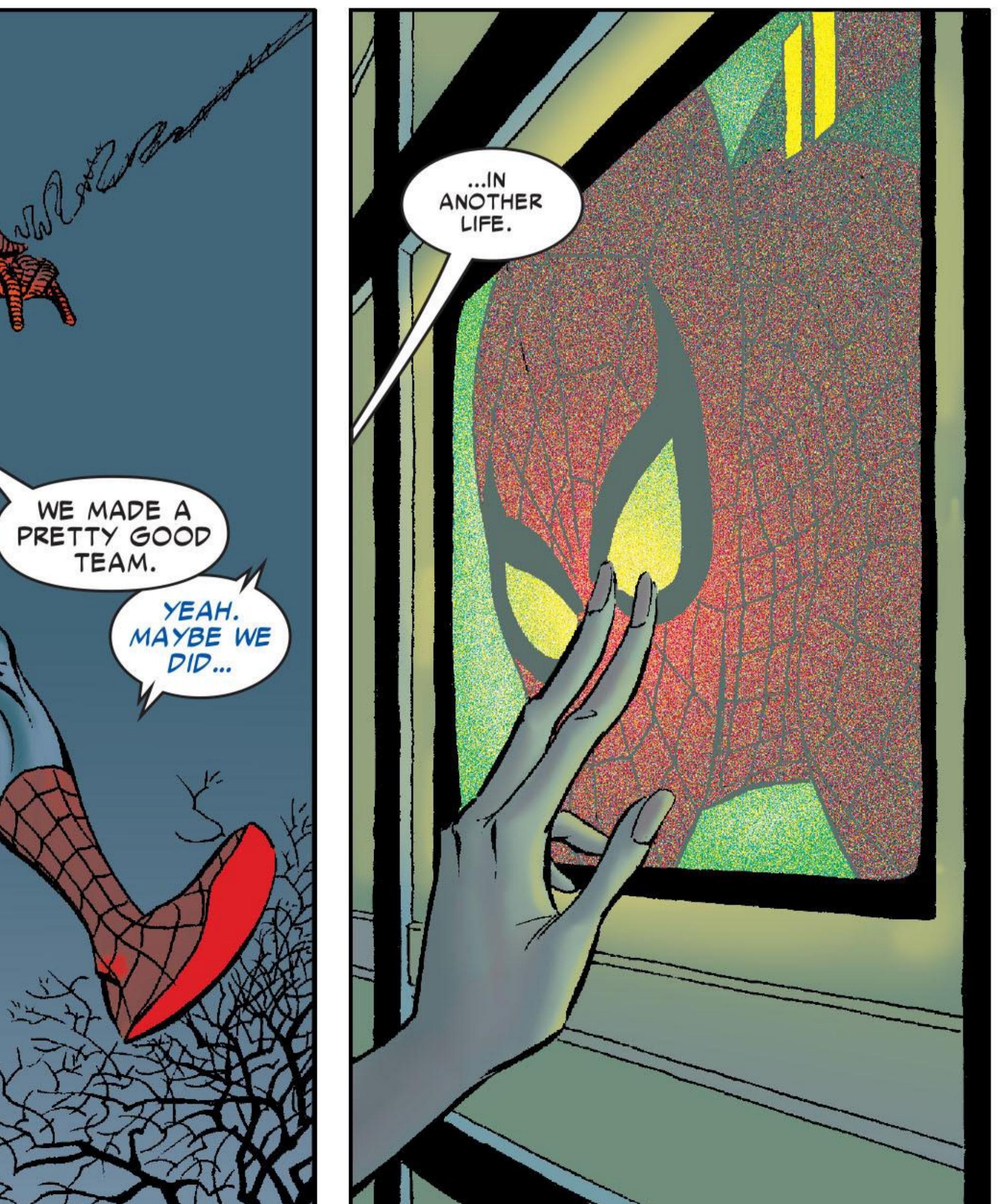
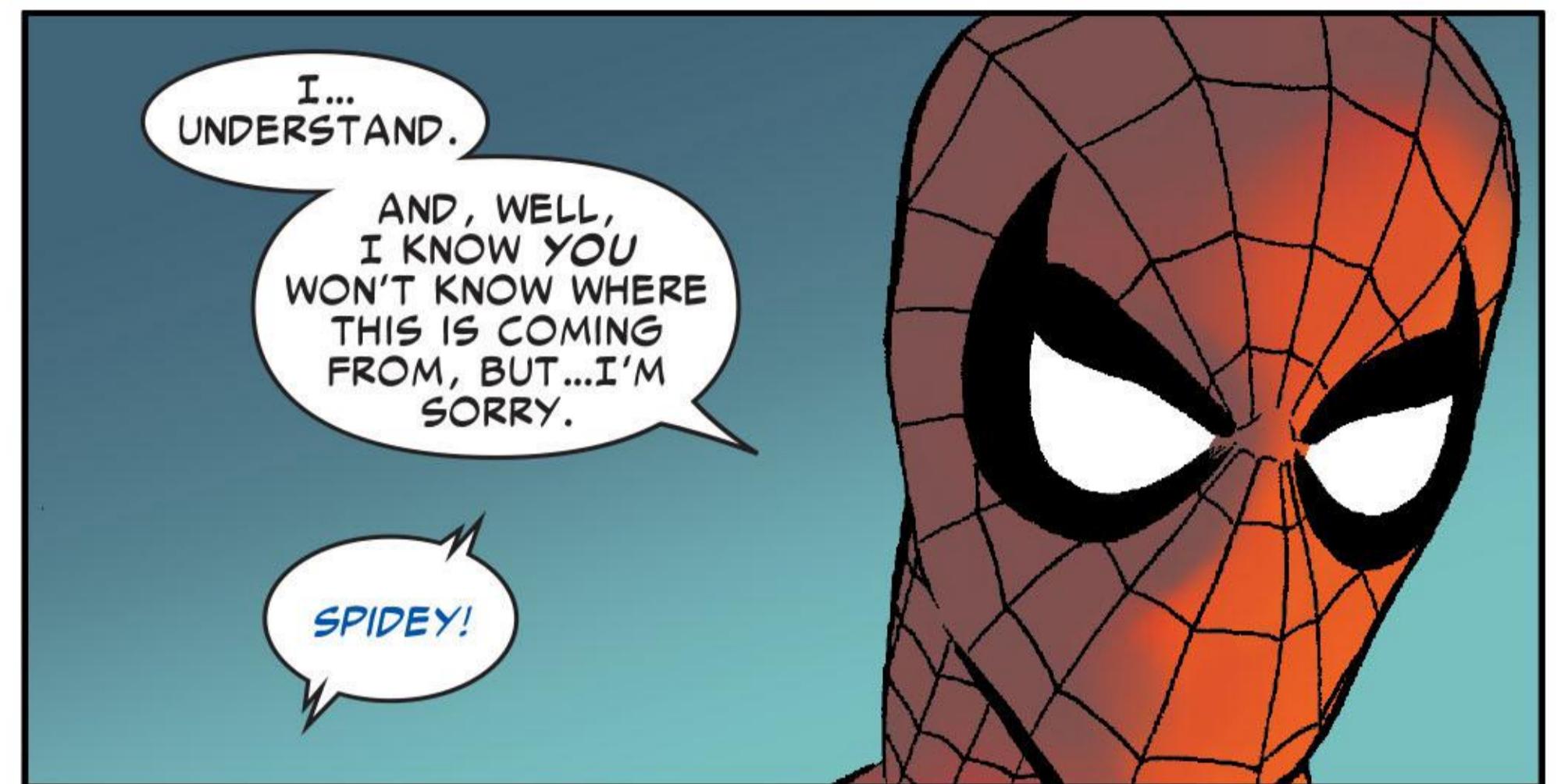
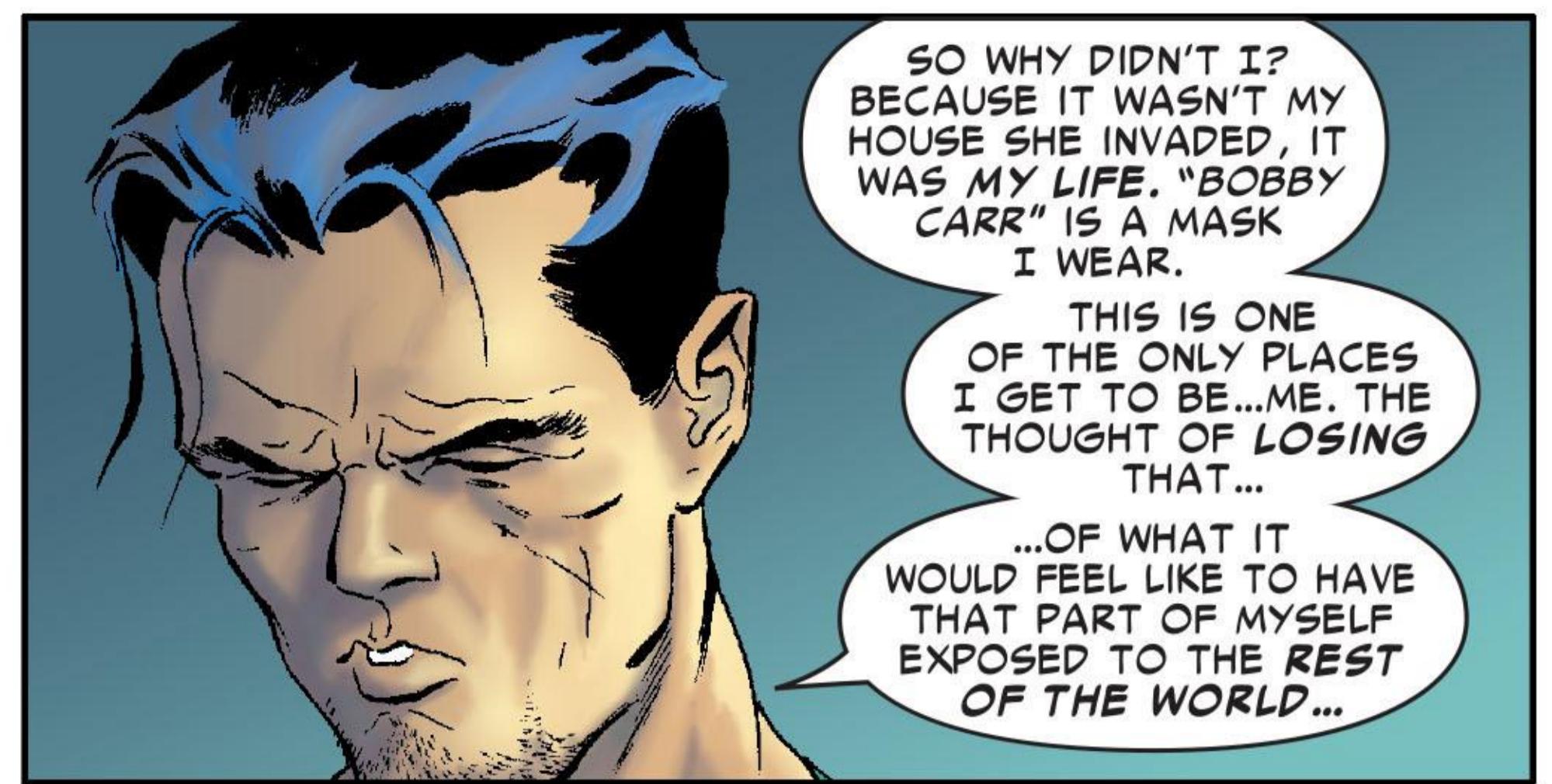
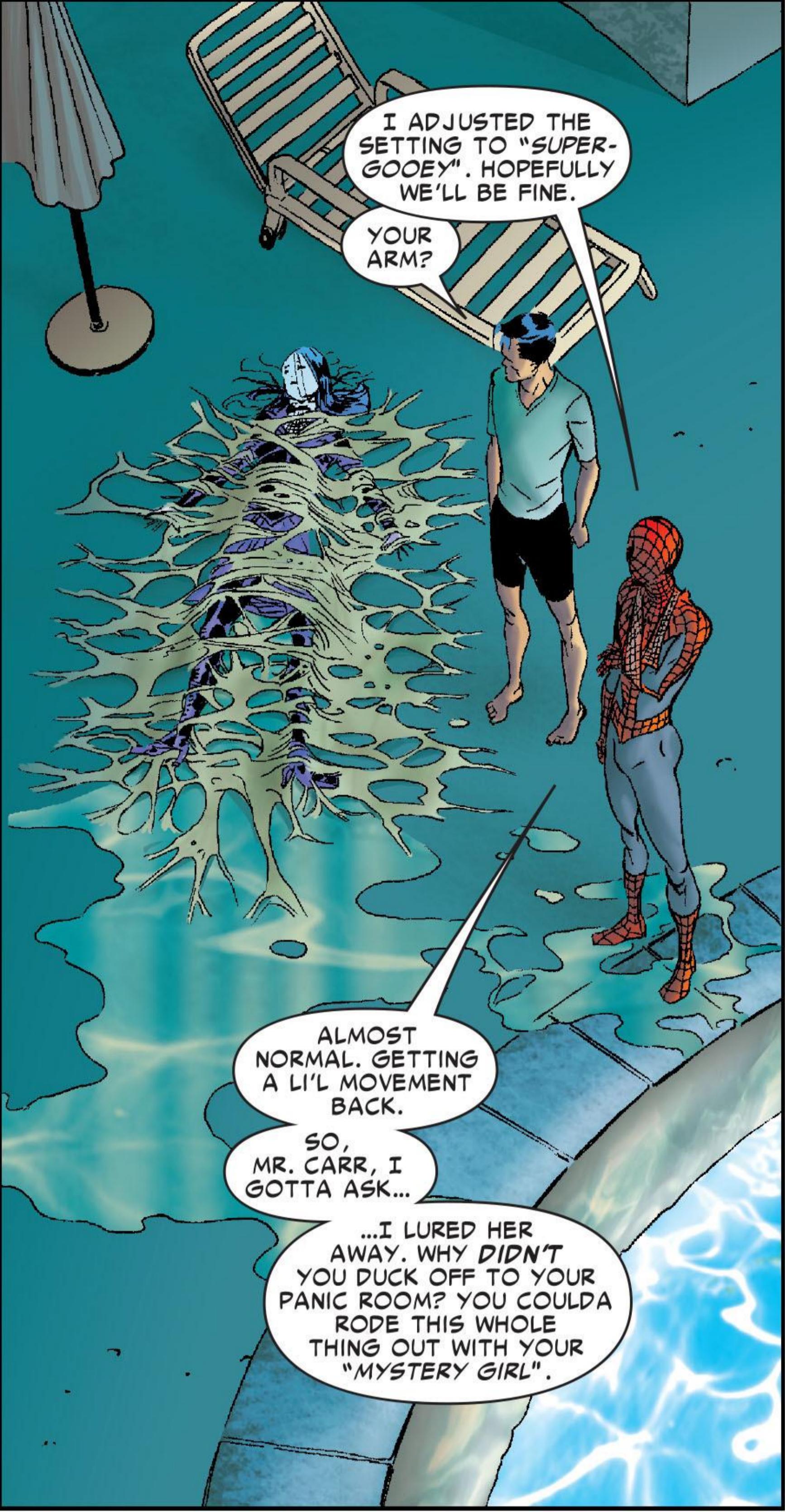
THIS GIRL'S LUNGS
ARE AS FLAT AS
TWO STANDARD
SIZE ENVELOPES.

SPASHH

IT WON'T
TAKE LONG...

...IF I CAN
JUST HOLD ON!





HERE'S THE DEAL, MISTER BENNETT. ON THIS MEMORY CARD...

...I'M PRETTY SURE THAT I'VE GOT SHOTS OF SPIDER-MAN TAKING DOWN THE PAPER DOLL KILLER.

AND THERE'S MORE ON HERE. MAYBE EVEN SNAPS OF CARR'S "MYSTERY GIRL." BUT I'M NOT EVEN GONNA LOOK.

THAT'S PART OF CARR'S PRIVATE LIFE, AND I'M GOING TO RESPECT THAT. NOW IF YOU WANT THE SHOTS OF SPIDEY, I'M READY TO--

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! IF YOU'VE GOT SNAPS OF THE GIRL BOBBY CARR IS SHACKING UP WITH...

...WHO GIVES A FLYING FIG ABOUT SPIDER-MAN?! GIVE ME THAT THING!

SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, DEX.

SNAP

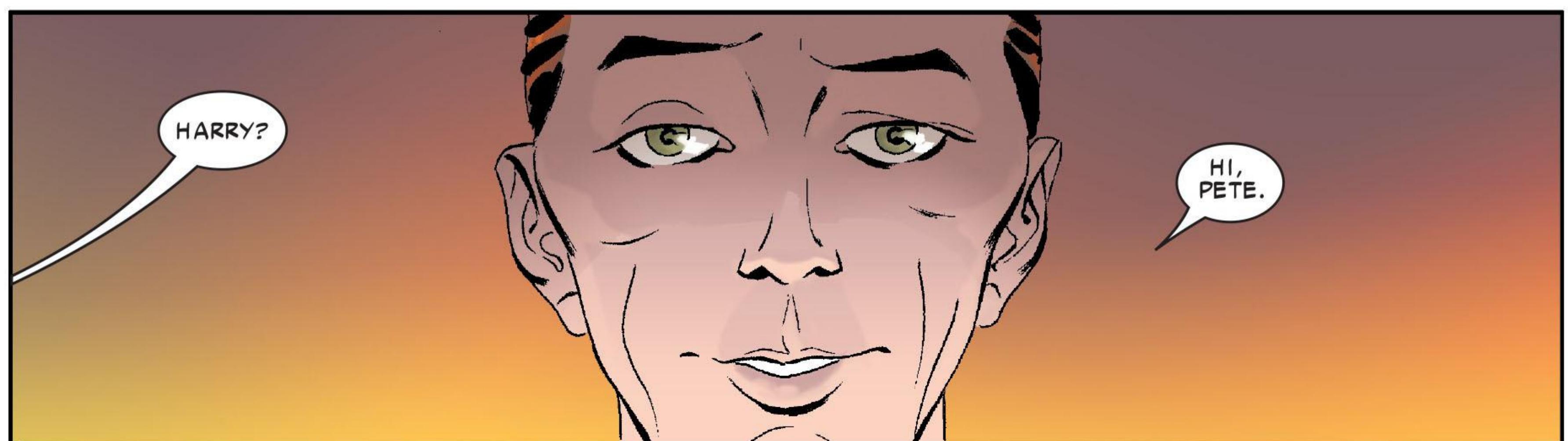
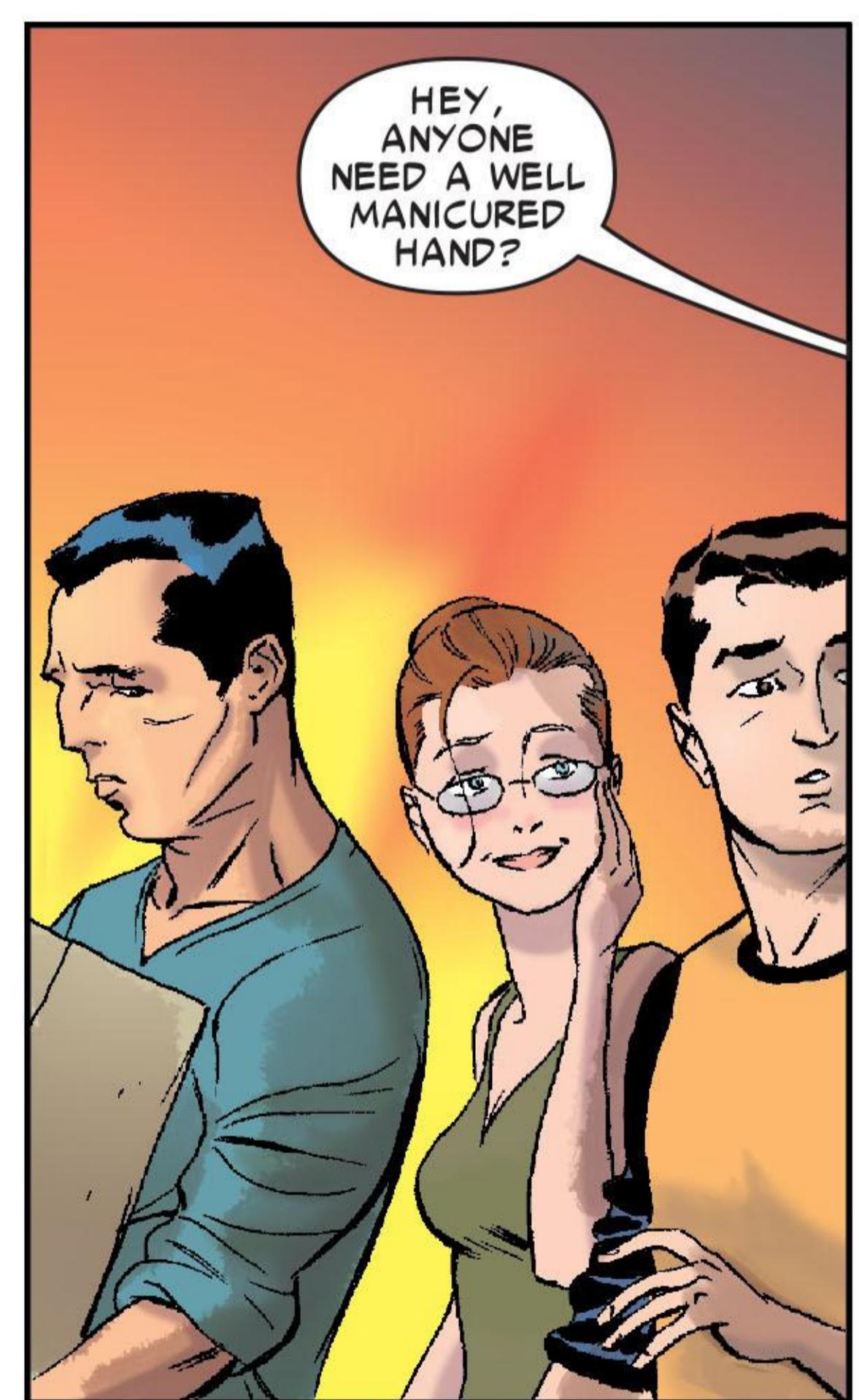
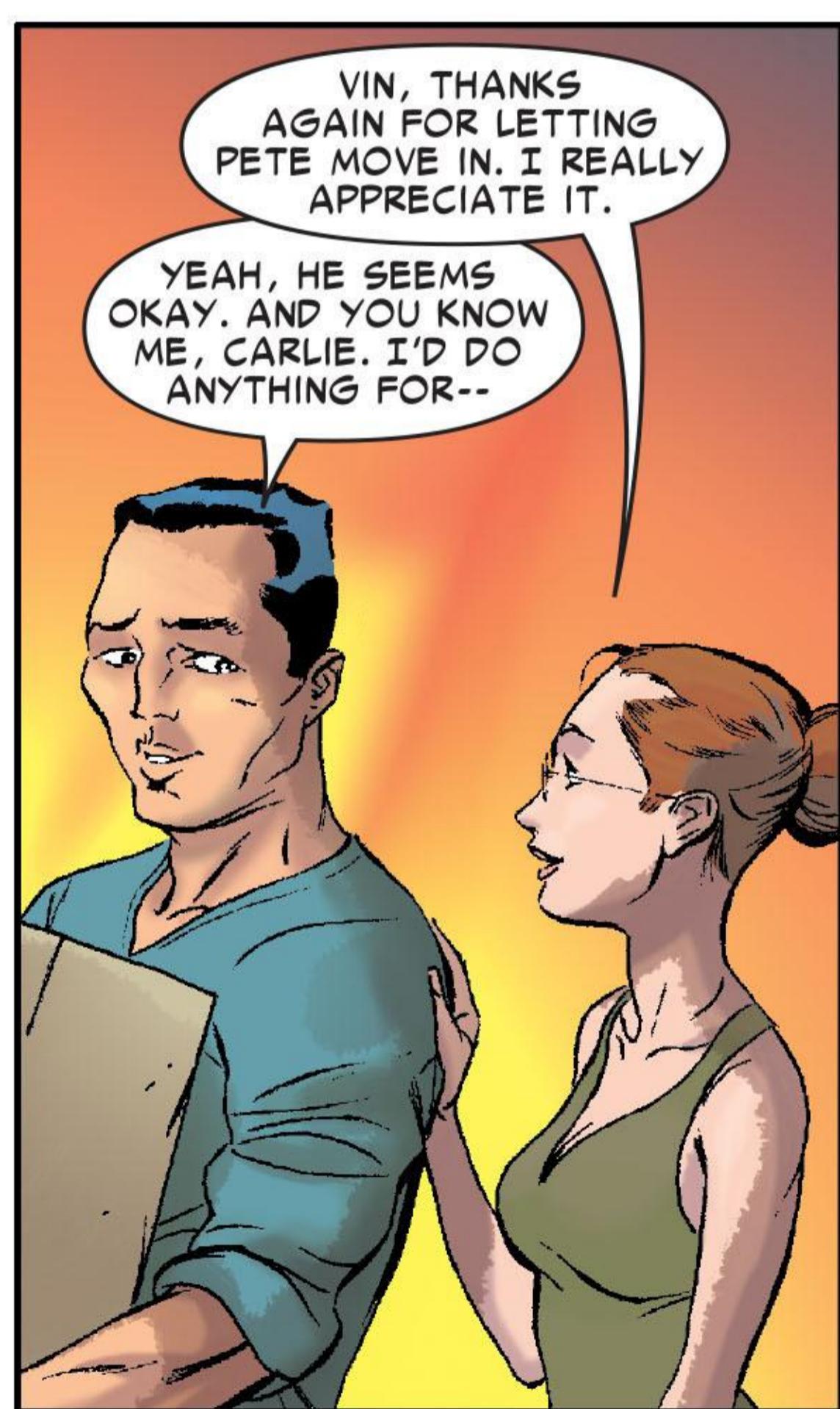
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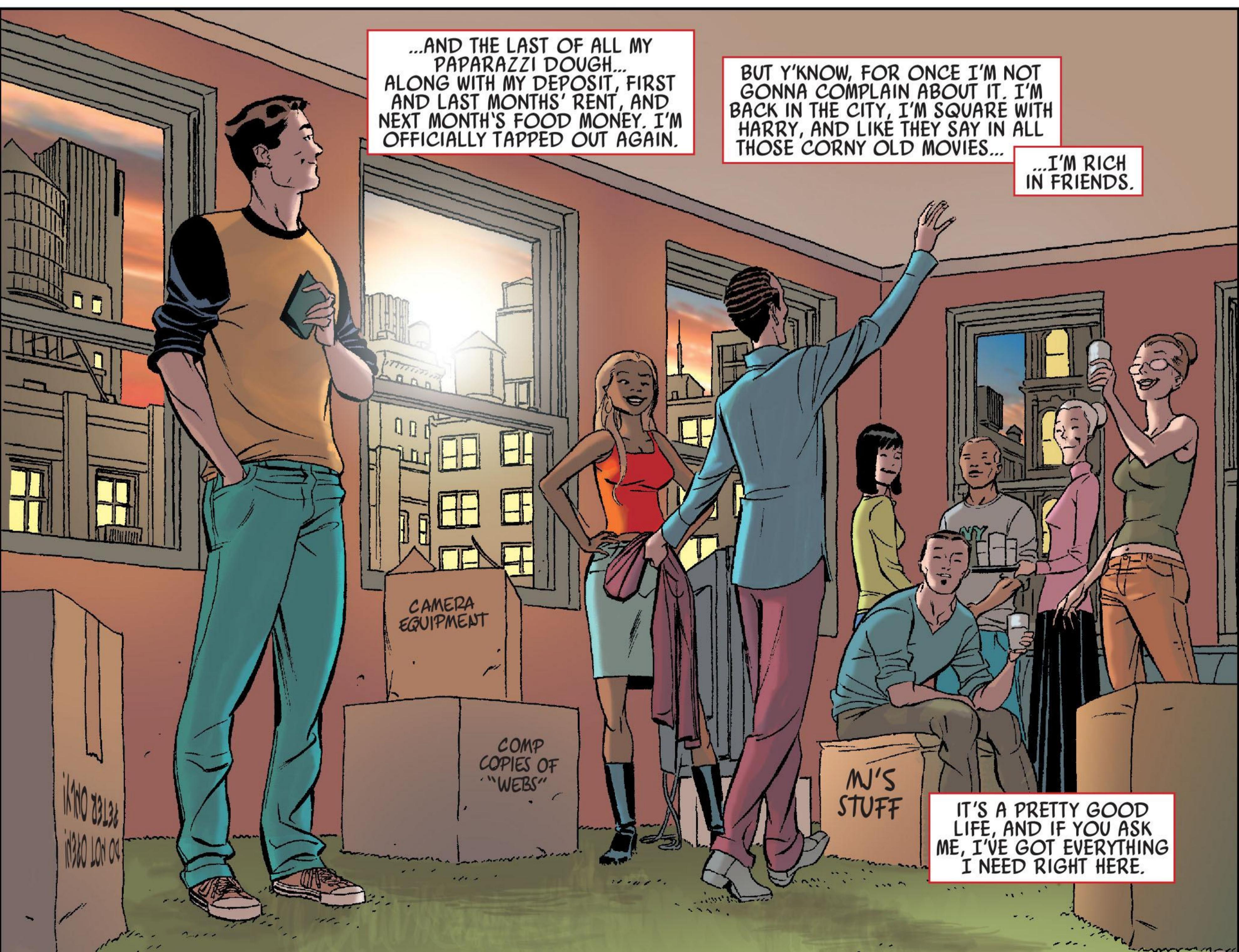
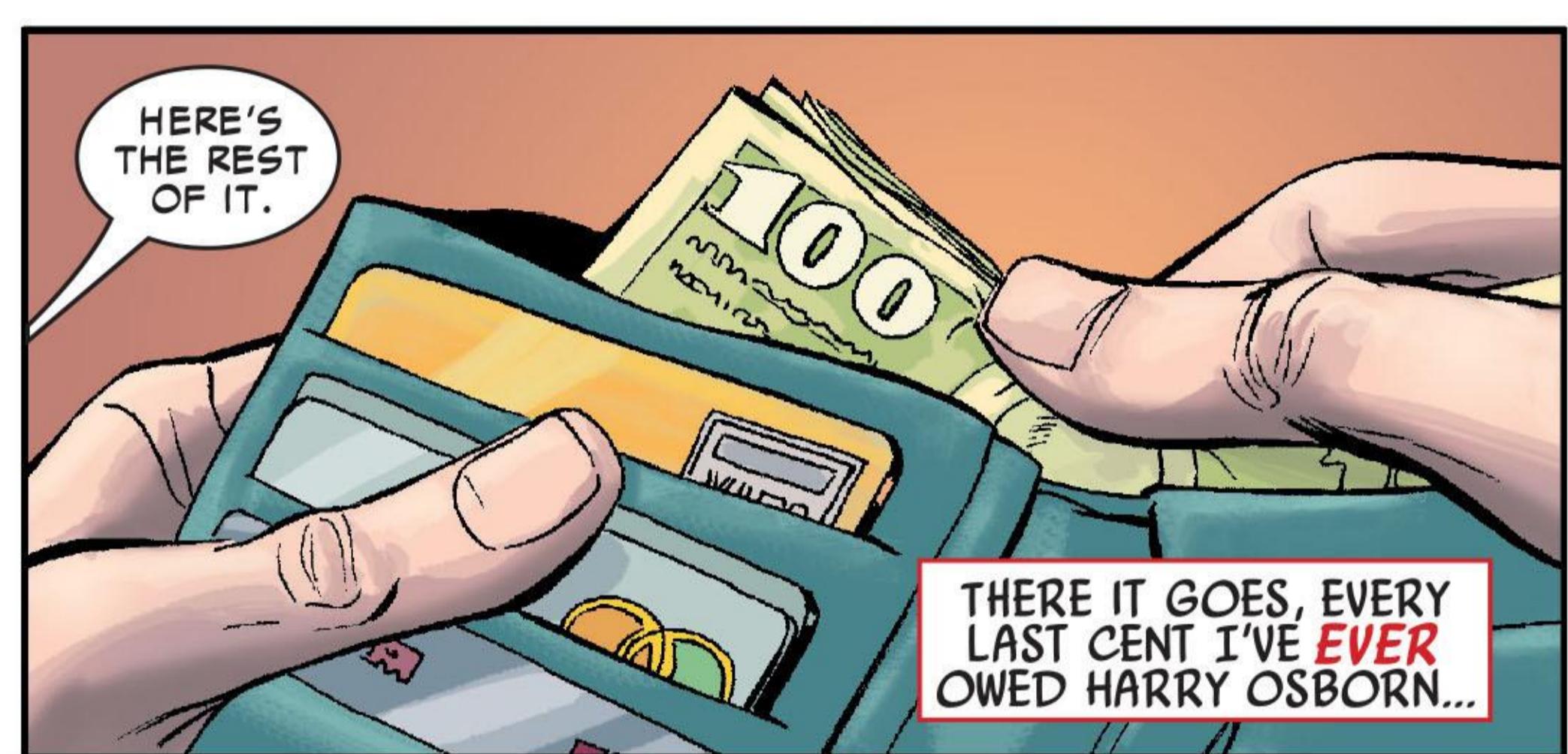
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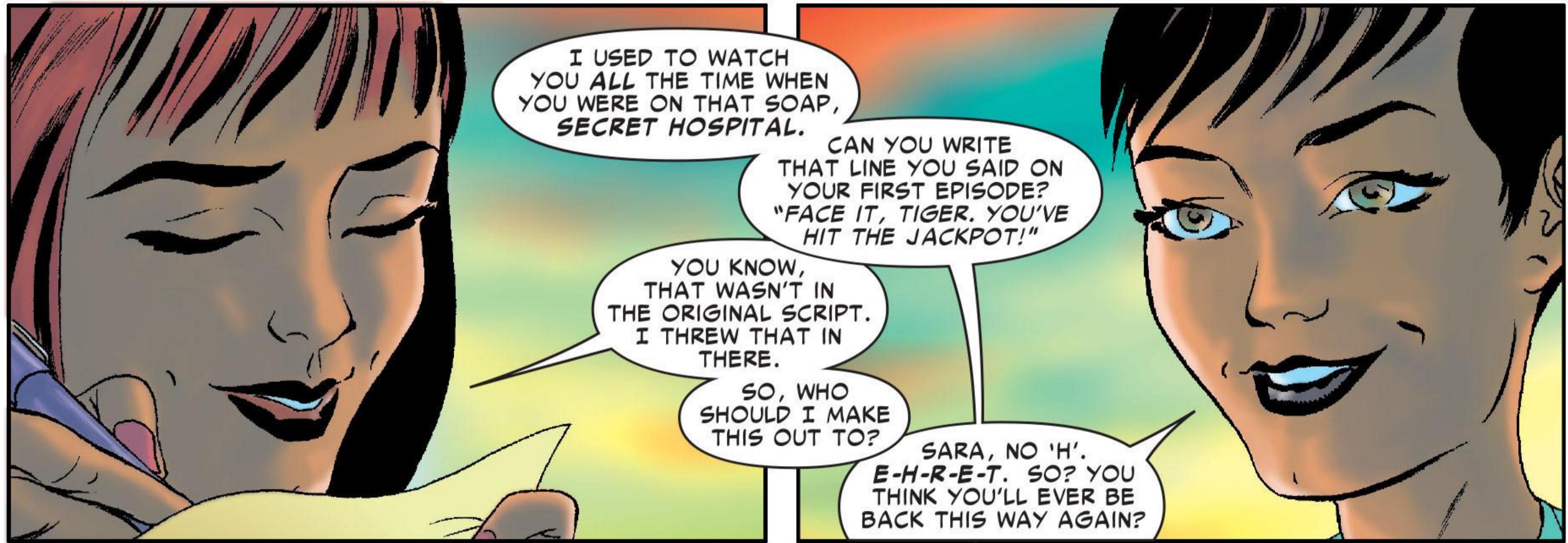
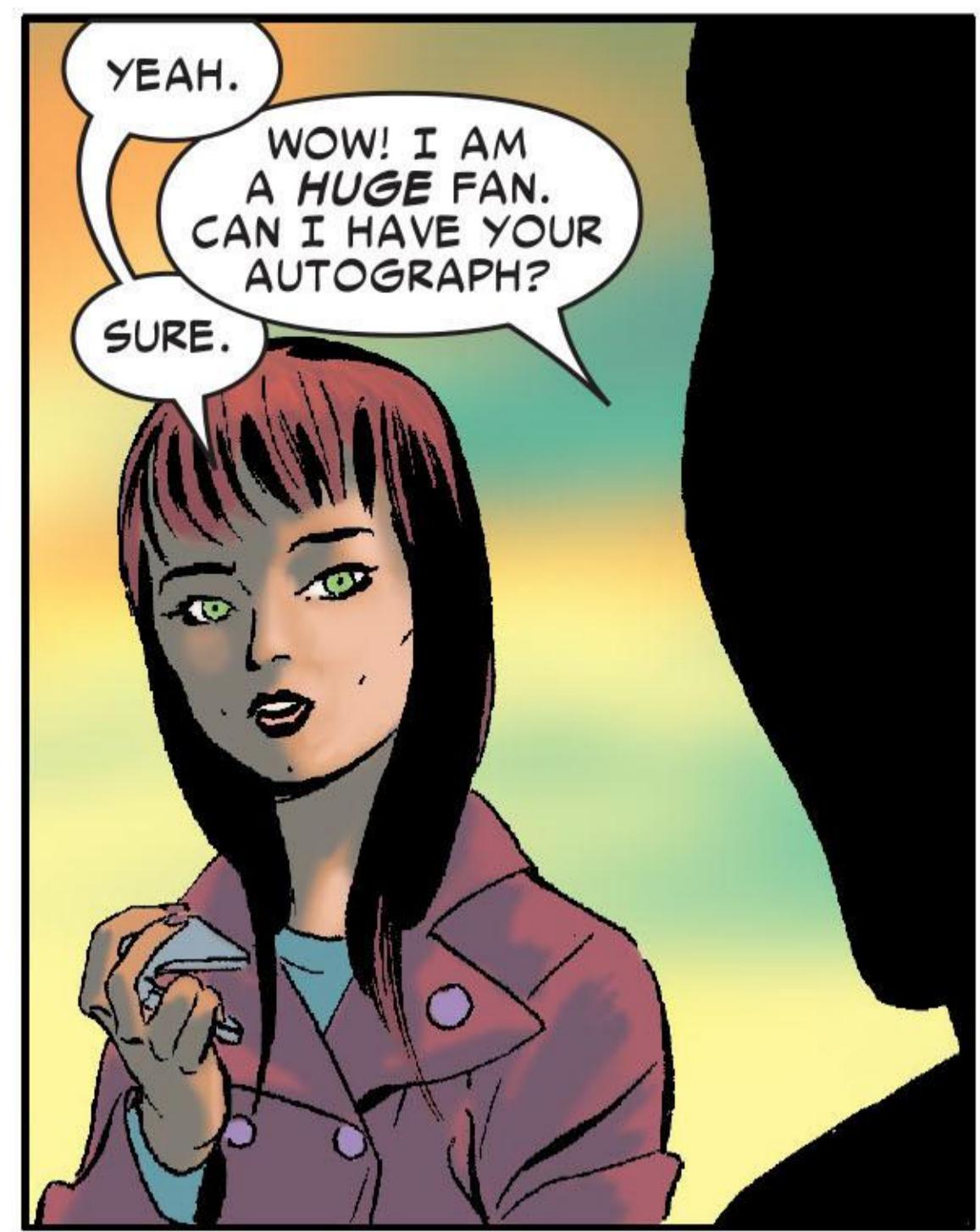
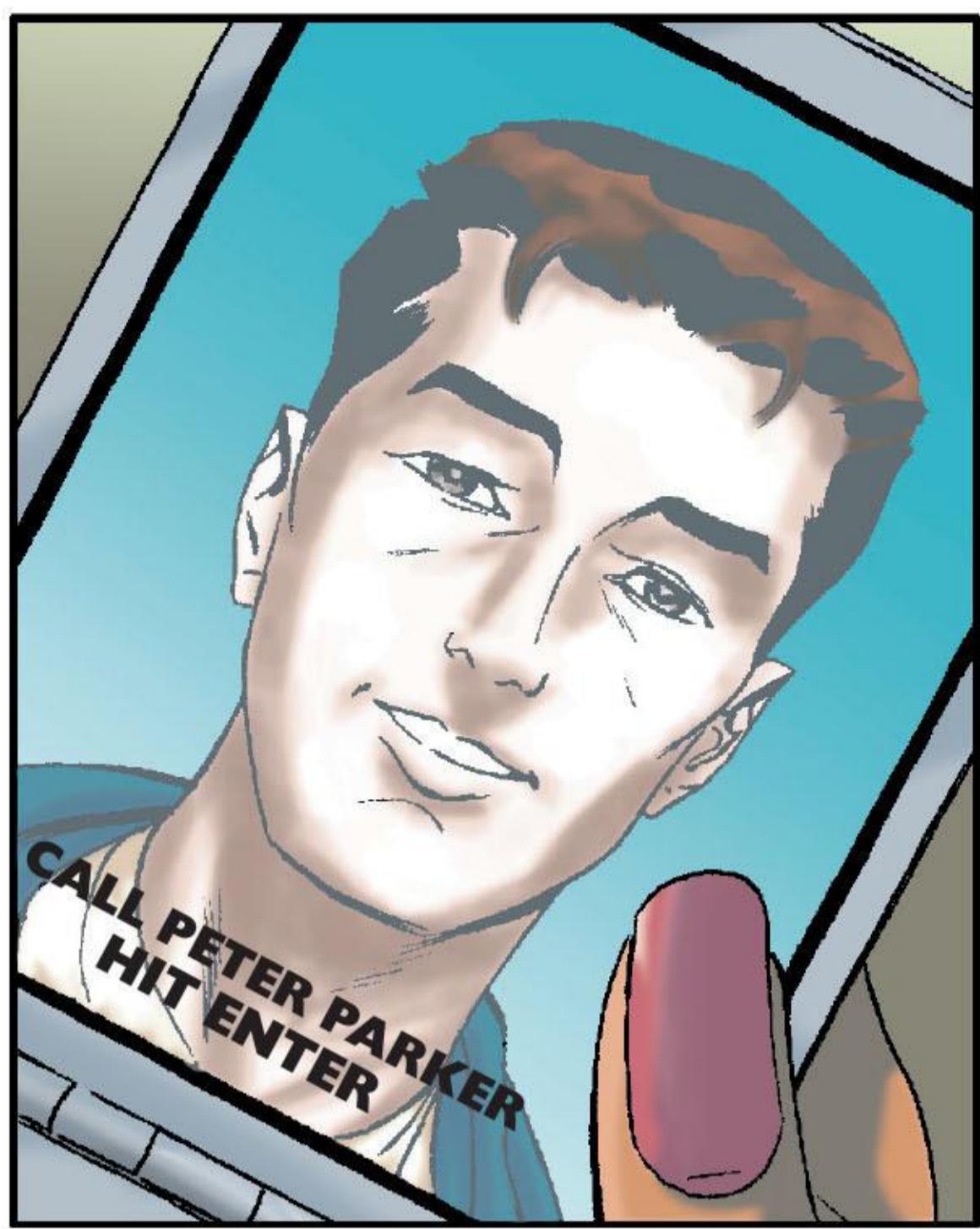
OH, I NEVER GET SOMEONE'S NAME WRONG ONCE THEY'RE ON MY LIST.

AND YOU,
PETER BENJAMIN PARKER...

...SON OF RICHARD AND MARY, EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE, MIDTOWN HIGH HONOR STUDENT, BORN EIGHT POUNDS AND NINE OUNCES...







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SECRETS BEHIND THE COMICS #1738:
Did you know that this part of the letter column is the hardest part to write? I mean there's only so many clever ways to say that we're now dipping into the mailbag... and with three of these a month, I pretty much used them all up back in March.

So with that said, let's plunge into the sack what's holdin' the letters and discuss 555-557!

Love the Bachalo art, not to mention the different artists every month.

Just wondering if this will be a semi-rotation or will any other artist get a shot. Do they just ask? Do you pick it out of a hat? Or must they get some Spider-Man ink to prove they are willing to go that far in the name of Spidey?

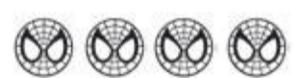
I'd love to see a J. Scott Campbell illustrated Spidey (just a thought).

David Brooke
Harwich, MA

David, there are several artists in our pool and they're chosen based on availability and appropriateness for the story. Bachalo, for example, is a personal favorite of mine for many years and fit perfectly for the story introducing the mysteriously malevolent Deity in 555-557, so he got the nod.

Going forward we have a great mixture of some of the best artists in the industry... all of whom could help their chances if they got a Spider-Man tattoo as you suggest.

As for Campbell on Spider-Man...if he gets the now REQUIRED tattoo, he's in.



A few issues back the call went out to a generation of Spider-Man sycophants such as yourself to help creatively explain what looked to be a continuity mishap in the pages of #555 (wherein Doctor Strange appeared to Spider-Man and Wolverine despite having left the Avengers in the pages of their own book several months previous).

Many of you were angered to even be asked, some of you responded with some sort of in-joke about "it's magic, we don't have to answer", but most of you rose to the challenge of finding an in-story solution.

While some were more complicated than others, we finally settled on a winner. Take it away, Tom Huxley!

Dear Wack'n'Bren,

I think that despite having quit the Avengers, Doctor Strange invites Spidey and Logan over for breakfast every morning just because he secretly enjoys watching the look on Wong's face as he realizes he's going to have to tidy up after them. He's a mischievous one, that Doctor.

Tom Huxley
Manchester, UK

Short, pithy, and easy to understand. I love it! The only thing that would have made it better would be if you had somehow

managed to insult Guggenheim in the body of the solution.

Regardless, look for your No-Prize to be winging its way over the Atlantic just as soon as Brennan finishes about 900 other things I told him to do.

By the way we also got other ---almost good enough -- answers from Jeffrey Christiansen, Peter Ruggiero, Matt Howlett, and Chris Plersch. Thanks to everyone who wrote in (Except you, Brevoort. The things you said were uncalled for).

Dear Spidey Braintrust,

I have been following the events of "Brand New Day" since it started. At first I was skeptical of the storylines, but you have shown Spidey in a new light. In issue 555, on Jonah's table it said "Colbert '08." This is funny because I saw that episode of The Colbert Report where Joe Quesada said Stephen Colbert was a potential candidate in the Marvel Universe. I was happy to see that he lived up to his word.

I want to bring to your attention an issue about Carlie Cooper. I was reading an old issue of Moon Knight from 1985 where Blue Beard kidnapped a bunch of important ladies, and one of the cops investigating the crime scene had the last name of Cooper. Does this happen to be Carlie's "good cop" daddy as referred to in ASM#548? I hope to see this question printed in an issue because I would love to know the answer. Have you indeed thought this out? Well, until next week...

Mikey Higgins, age 13
Noblesville, Indiana

Mikey, Stephen Colbert is indeed running for President in the Marvel U. and considering the New York mayoral campaign running right here in the Spidey books, can a team-up with the Bent Ear-d one be far behind? I smell a wall-crawling running mate!

As for Carlie's connection to the cop from a 1985 issue of Moon Knight: that's a fantastic catch! I'm not giving any answers here, but I will join America in wondering how a 13-year-old in Noblesville, Indiana came across a 25-year-old Moon Knight comic! What? You got a time machine or somethin'?

Jeez, aren't there new Moon Knight comics to read? I mean, seriously! Quesada always tells me every Marvel comic before August of 2000 stinks. So what are you doin', man?!?!

Dear Mr. Wacker,

Just as with any other medium, with any other practitioner of an art, the writers of comic books have a responsibility to both their work and to its viewers, its readers, its fans. It is my belief that this responsibility has not only been forgotten, it has been violated.

It is one thing to change aspects of a fictional character's life; it is another thing entirely to change the character himself.

The character Spider-Man has always been beset by troubles of every kind, from financial woes to the deaths of loved ones (such as his beloved uncle, his first true love, and his doting aunt ... several times). Through thick and thin, Spider-Man and his alter-ego have accepted responsibility. Now, does it seem odd that a man who has faced so much hardship, and worked so hard for what little he has, would throw it all away for anything?

Now, as to the main purpose of this letter: can the readers of Marvel Comics be appeased? In short, yes. It may take time. It may take work. However, it is possible. Many theories have been given, in letters and on the message boards, of how the "Mephisto mess-up" can be repaired. I leave it up to the writers to decide (although I would encourage avoiding a magical solution).

Brekken Armstrong
(aka Quentin_Beck on the Marvel message boards)

Hello Spider-Men.

I own a comic shop in Victoria, British Columbia and I must say that not only is the new direction of Amazing Spider-Man doing great for business, but it's also been great fun to read. I'm a long-time Spidey collector myself and I've invested a huge portion of my life in studying his exploits. They've rarely entertained me as much as they are now.

Not since the McFarlane run of Amazing have I anticipated New Comic Book Day so eagerly. I've just finished issue #557 (finally ahead of Fantastic Four!) and thought it was the most beautiful one in your run yet. It reminded me of the classic Charles Vess backup story from issue #277 (my favorite issue). Bachalo sure makes for a moody winter scene.

Bravo and please keep it up.

Gareth Gaudin
Legends Comics & Books
Victoria, BC

Gareth, Brekken. Brekken, Gareth. You two can fight it out. Me? I got comics to get out the door and a Brennan that needs to be walked so he doesn't wet himself ... again!

Until next time...

Viva Templar!
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