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ARE
YOU?!

FRIEND OR
FORGOTTEN?!

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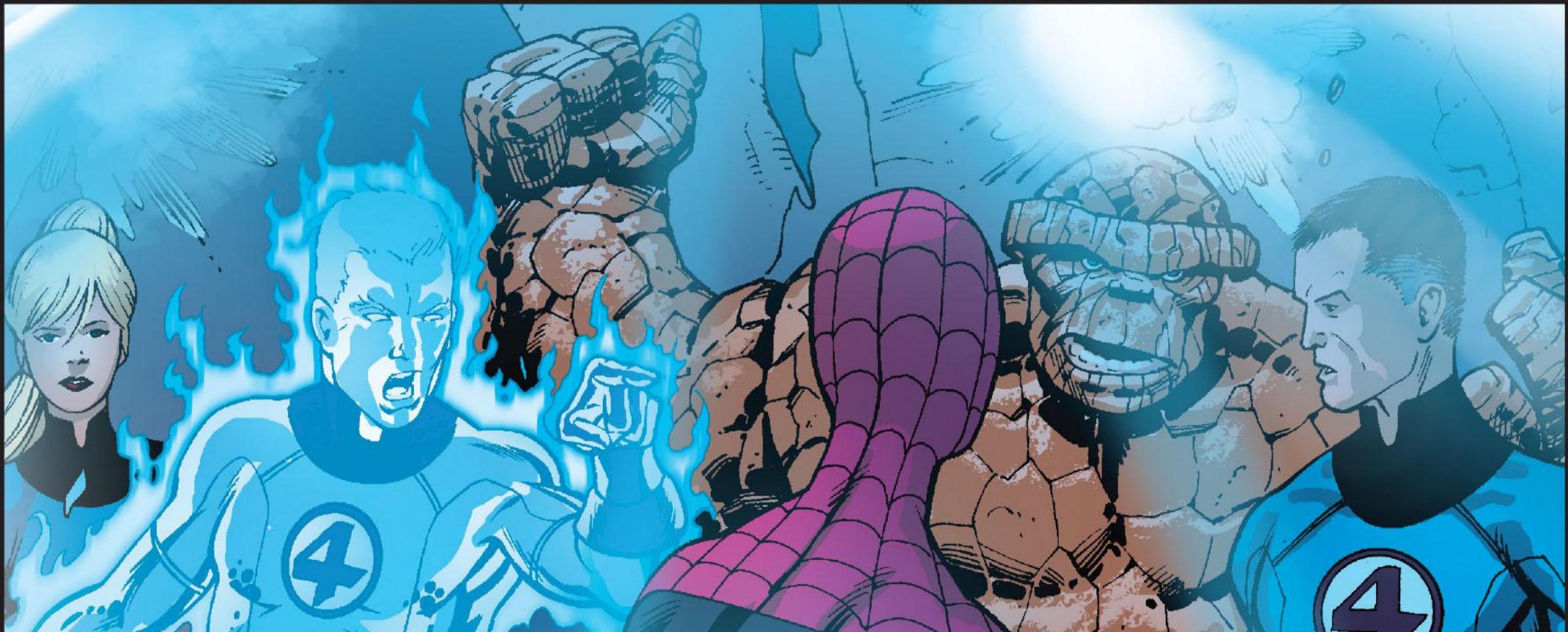


GANGLAND BUFFET IN THE BRONX! FIVE BODIES FOUND MASSACRED OFF THE HUB ARE I.D'D AS MEMBERS OF THE KARNELLI CRIME FAMILY AND GFL2K. POLICE HAVE NO SUSPECTS, WITH ONE SOURCE CLAIMING "NO WAY A MAN DID THIS - THIS'S GOTTA BE AN ANIMAL."

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FIVE FOR FIGHTING!



When a distress signal from the Macroverse calls specifically for Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four, Spidey and the first family of super heroes set out dimension hopping to investigate. It's not the best time for Peter Parker to be off grid, though, as his best friend Harry Osborn has seemingly fallen off the wagon after discovering his would-be fiancée, Lily Hollister, was secretly the villainous Menace who terrorized New York for the better part of a year. He's also leaving his beloved Aunt May without someone to look after her, but such is the price of super hero-dom.

In the Macroverse, Spidey and the FF discover the signals they found weren't distress calls but rather prayers – the five heroes are seen as gods to those of the Macroverse – they've even built idols of them. Johnny Storm notices that the statue of Spider-Man wears no mask, and the features on his face have been worn down to hide his identity. The Four then remember that they once knew Spider-Man's true identity, but now can't remember the face they saw. As tempers flare, The Thing and Invisible Woman try to separate Johnny and Spidey, while Mr. Fantastic tries to alert all of them to a bizarre fluctuation in time, but protests are to no avail when Torch hurls a fireball at Spidey's mask, forcing him to remove it, and shocking the group at what lies underneath...

DECLUN & LI REFUSE TO MAKE THREE!

By Betty Brant

Major party candidates Martin Li, billionaire philanthropist of the F.E.A.S.T. Center, and Walter Declun, former Damage Control CEO, both took steps today to bar any third party candidates from their upcoming debate in the New York Mayor's race. Although both have publicly supported the rights of any/all comers to the election, the sudden recall has dragged a ton of freaks out of the woodwork. Officials at the board of elections reported today that a petition to put "The Hypno Hustler" on the ballot was submitted with 10,000 signatures attached. But while the joke candidates try to squeeze their fifteen minutes of fame for whatever they can get, are some legit contenders being squeezed out? (more on page A11)

FACE FRONT

PART 2: 'NUFF SAID!

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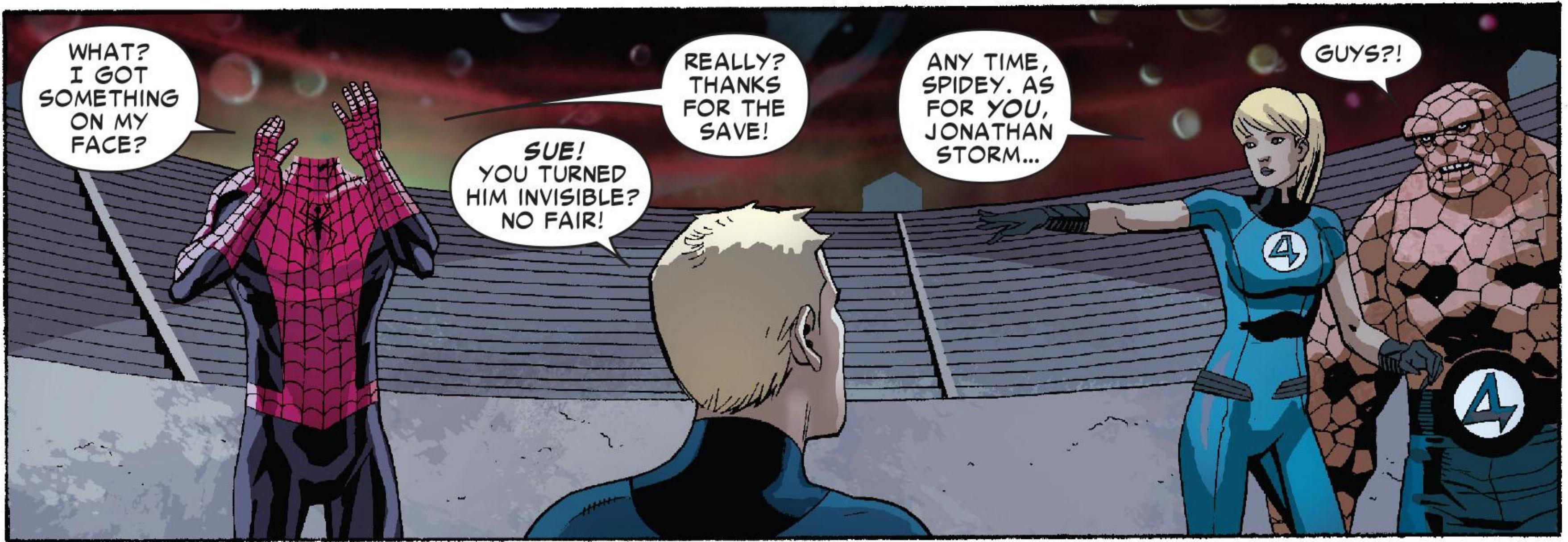
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SLOTT & WAID - WEB-HEADS

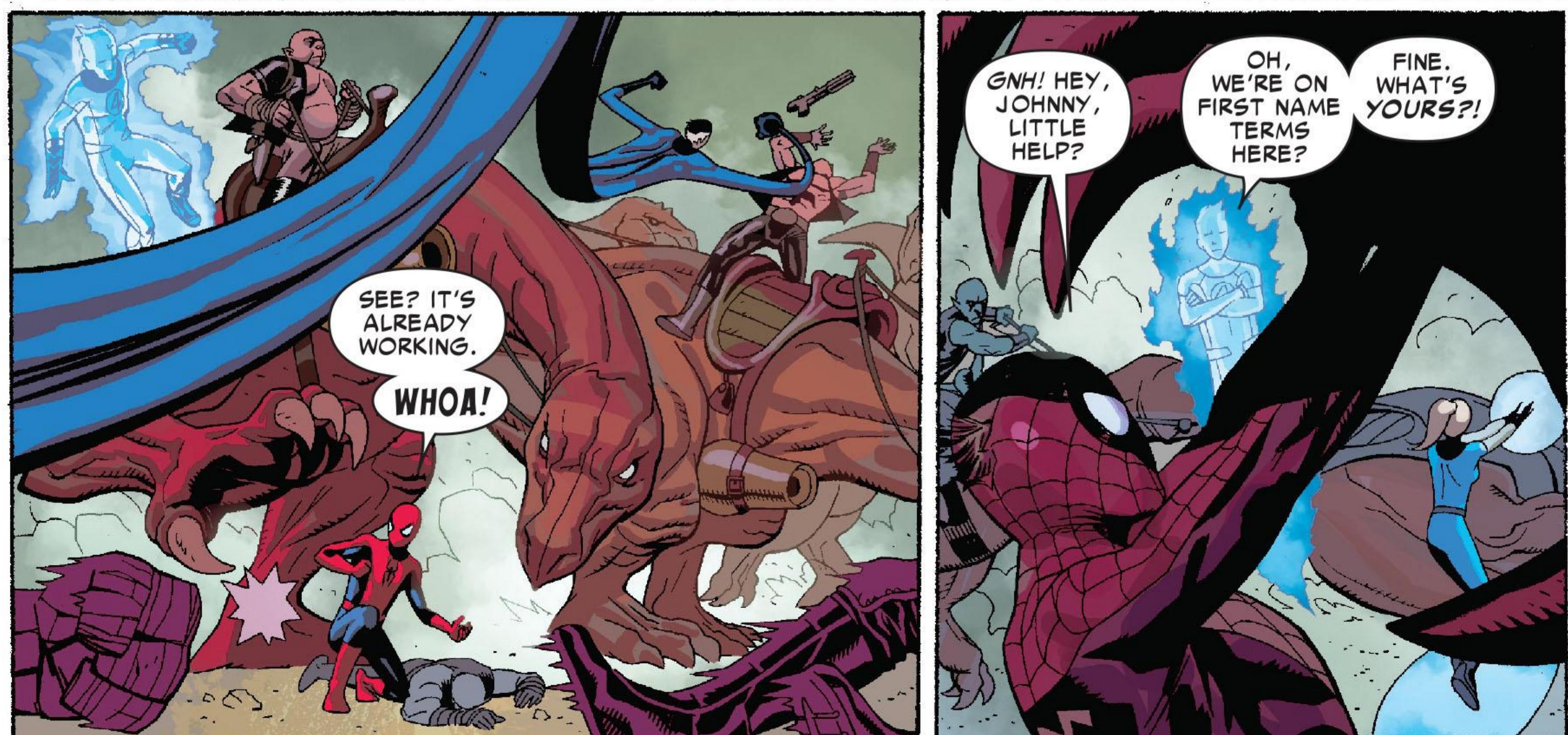
YOU
WANTED TO
SEE ME WITHOUT
MY MASK?
FINE!

I HOPE
YOU'RE PROUD
OF YOURSELF,
TORCH!

WHAT
THE---?! THAT--
THAT AIN'T
RIGHT!









SO? DR. RICHARDS, I'M ASSUMING YOU DID THE MATH.

IF WE DO STAY AND HELP MR. HAPPY HELMET OVER HERE...

...HOW MUCH EARTH TIME WILL WE MISS?

BY MY CALCULATIONS...

Back On Earth...

HAROLD THEOPOLIS OSBORN, YOU'RE A WRECK.

MMFINE, CARLIE. THANKS FOR GETTIN' ME THROUGH THE WORST OF IT. BYE NOW.

THE WORST OF IT? NO. THIS WAS THE EASY PART.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BABYSIT ME. I'VE BEEN TO A.A. BEFORE.

THAT'S THE POINT. MY DAD WENT TO A.A. MAYBE IF HE KEPT GOING, HE'D STILL BE HERE.

I'M NOT LETTING YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT.

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

...SHE HAD THIS WHOLE SECRET LIFE, THIS OTHER SIDE TO HER.

IF I LOVED HER SO MUCH, WHY COULDN'T I SEE IT?

HARRY. HER OWN FATHER DIDN'T KNOW. LILY WAS LIKE A SISTER TO ME, AND I COULDN'T SEE IT.

MY FIRST THIRTY DAYS. CLEAN AND SOBER. I-I OWE YOU, CARLIE COOPER.

WHEN NO ONE ELSE WAS THERE FOR ME...

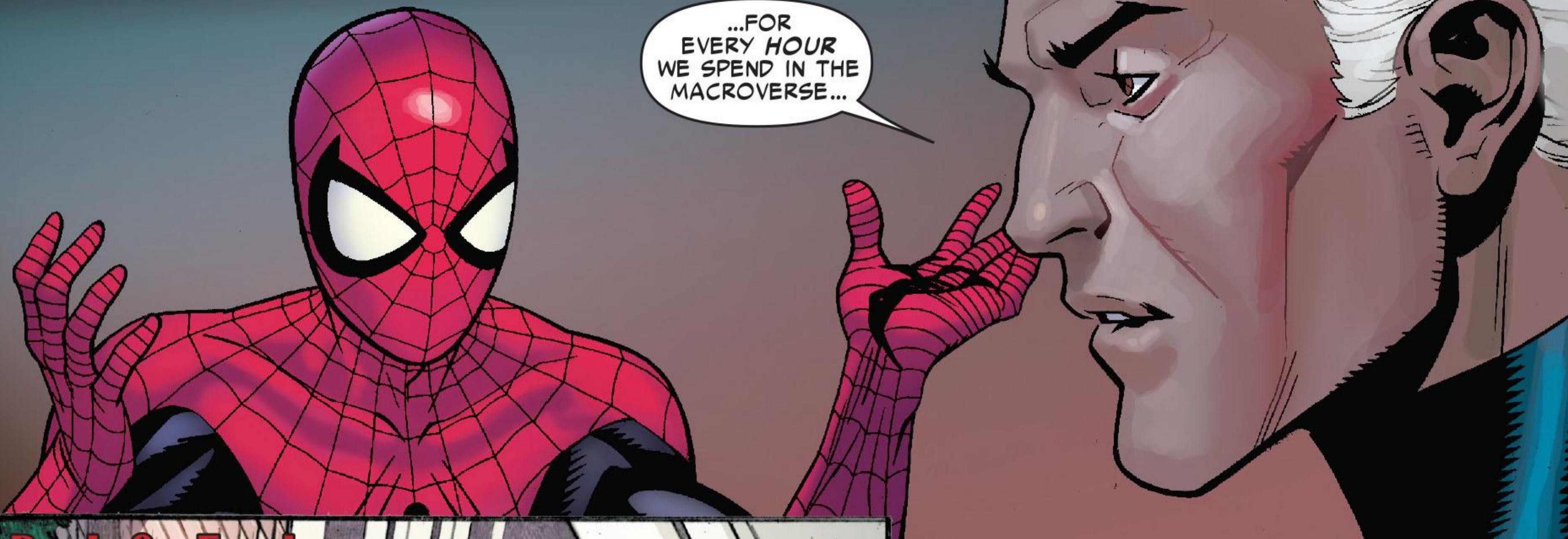
YOU'RE NOT ALONE.



SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

...FOR
EVERY HOUR
WE SPEND IN THE
MACROVERSE...



Back On Earth...

MARLA!
I KNOW
YOU'RE IN
THERE!

AND IF
YOU EVER
WANT TO SEE
ANOTHER DIME OUT
OF J. JONAH
JAMESON...

...YOU'LL
COME TO
YOUR SENSES
AND RESUME
THIS MARRIAGE
IMMEDIATELY!

YOU
HEAR ME?!
THIS IS YOUR
ONE AND
ONLY--

PP
MARLA,
DEAREST. IT'S
ME AGAIN...

LOOK, I
CAN BE THE
BIGGER MAN.
NOT THAT
YOU'RE A
MAN.

WHAT I'M
TRYING TO
SAY IS THAT I'VE
GROWN IN OUR
TIME APART...

...AND I'M
MORE THAN
WILLING TO FORGIVE
YOUR VILE BETRAYALS
AND THE WAYS YOU'VE
SULLIED MY GOOD
NAME.

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

IT'S ME AGAIN,
MARLA. I WANTED
TO TELL
YOU...

I UNDERSTAND.
I KNOW WHY YOU
SOLD THE BUGLE.
BECAUSE YOU
LOVE ME.

OR LOVED
ME. WHETHER
AN OLD COOT LIKE
ME DESERVED IT
OR NOT.

JONAH? I
KNOW YOU'RE
OUT THERE.
AGAIN.

ALL RIGHT.
COME BY
TONIGHT AT SEVEN.
TAKE ME TO MY
FAVORITE RESTAURANT.
AND WE'LL
TALK.

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT



Back on Earth...

ROBBIE,
HAVE YOU SEEN
PARKER? I THINK
HE'S DUCKING
ME.

SORRY,
NORAH. PETE
HASN'T BEEN
BY FRONT LINE
IN WEEKS.

SAY...MY
SON RANDY
DROPPED BY FOR
LUNCH. BUT I'M BUSY
GETTING TOMORROW'S
ISSUE OUT. MAYBE
THE TWO OF
YOU COULD--

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

AWSOME
SHOW!

HOW'D
YOU SCORE
TICKETS TO
NEW FOUND
GLORY?

PRESS
PASSES. YOUR
DAD'S ALWAYS
TOSSING ME NICE
PERKS. LIKE
YOU!

WHAT?!

I SAID,
"YOU'RE
A NICE
PERK."

WHAT?!

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

HANGING WITH YOU IS
PRETTY COOL, WINTERS. WE'RE GOING RIGHT
I'M GETTING USED TO
THIS ALL-ACCESS
TREATMENT.

LOOK AT THIS.
PAST THE TICKET
LINE.

YEAH. IT'S
CALLED PAYING
BY PHONE,
GENIUS.

YOU'RE
LUCKY YOU
MAKE GOOD ARM
CANDY,
ROBERTSON.

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

REALLY?
YOU WANT TO
SEE THAT MOVIE
AGAIN? I MEAN IT
WAS GOOD AND
ALL, BUT...

WELL, I
THOUGHT MAYBE
THIS TIME WE
COULD GO...

...AND NOT
WATCH THE
MOVIE.

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

...BACK ON EARTH.

NO!

Back On Earth...

REALLY?
ANY RELATION
TO J. JONAH
JAMESON?

MARTIN LI FOR MAYU

I'M HIS
FATHER.

WELL,
MR. JAMESON,
I'M FLATTERED.
BUT AS YOU CAN
SEE, THINGS ARE BUSY
HERE. PERHAPS
ANOTHER
TIME--

--A KID
COLT MOVIE.
NOW HOW
ON EARTH DID
YOU KNOW I
WAS SUCH
A FAN?

IT'S YOUR
HAIR. YOU
WEAR IT LIKE
GRACE KELLY DID
IN "HERO OF
THE WEST."

BUT OF
COURSE, SHE
COULDN'T HOLD
A CANDLE TO
YOU, MAY.

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

HMM.
REMIND ME
TO THANK BETTY
BRANT FOR
SETTING US
UP.

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

--TOO
SOON FOR
ANOTHER
MOVIE?

JAY,
AFTER THE
BALLET, THE KNICKS
GAME, AND TWO
TRIPS TO THE
MUSEUM...

...GOING
TO THE MOVIES
IS JUST MY
SPEED.

THIS
PLACE IS SO
FANCY, JAY. HOW
DID YOU EVER
GET US IN
HERE?

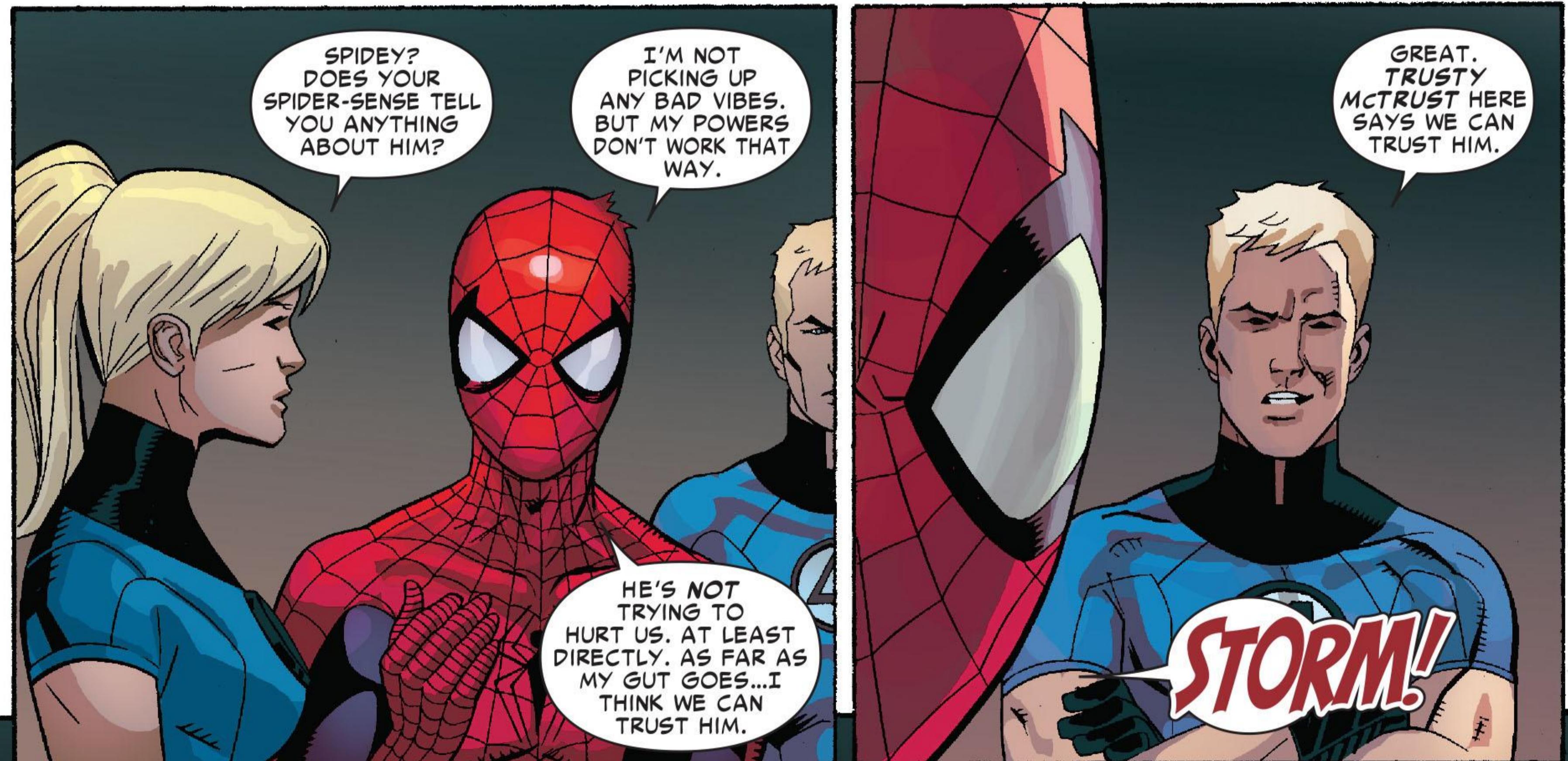
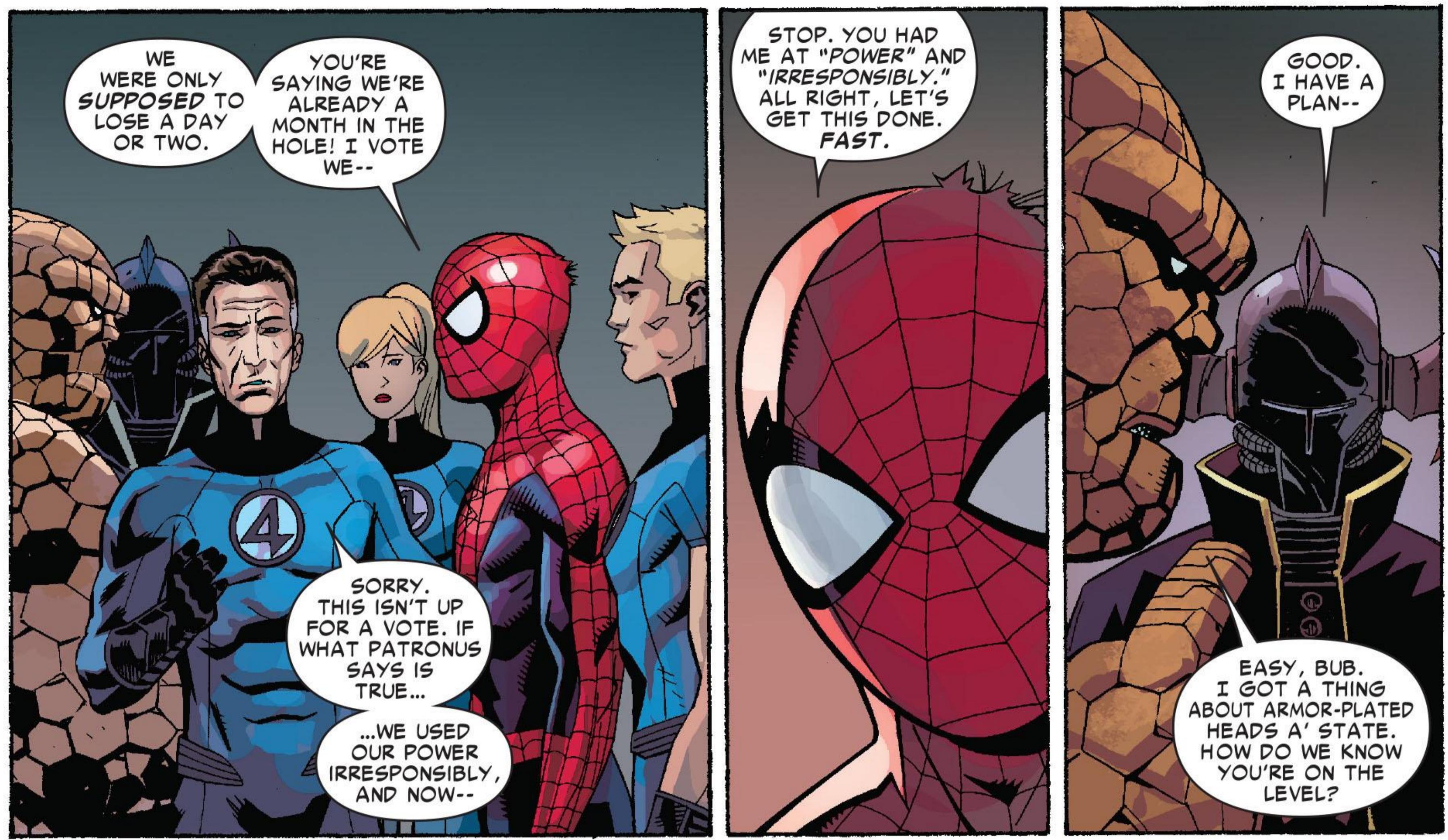
BEATS
ME. I JUST GAVE
THEM MY NAME AND
THEY WALKED US
RIGHT IN.

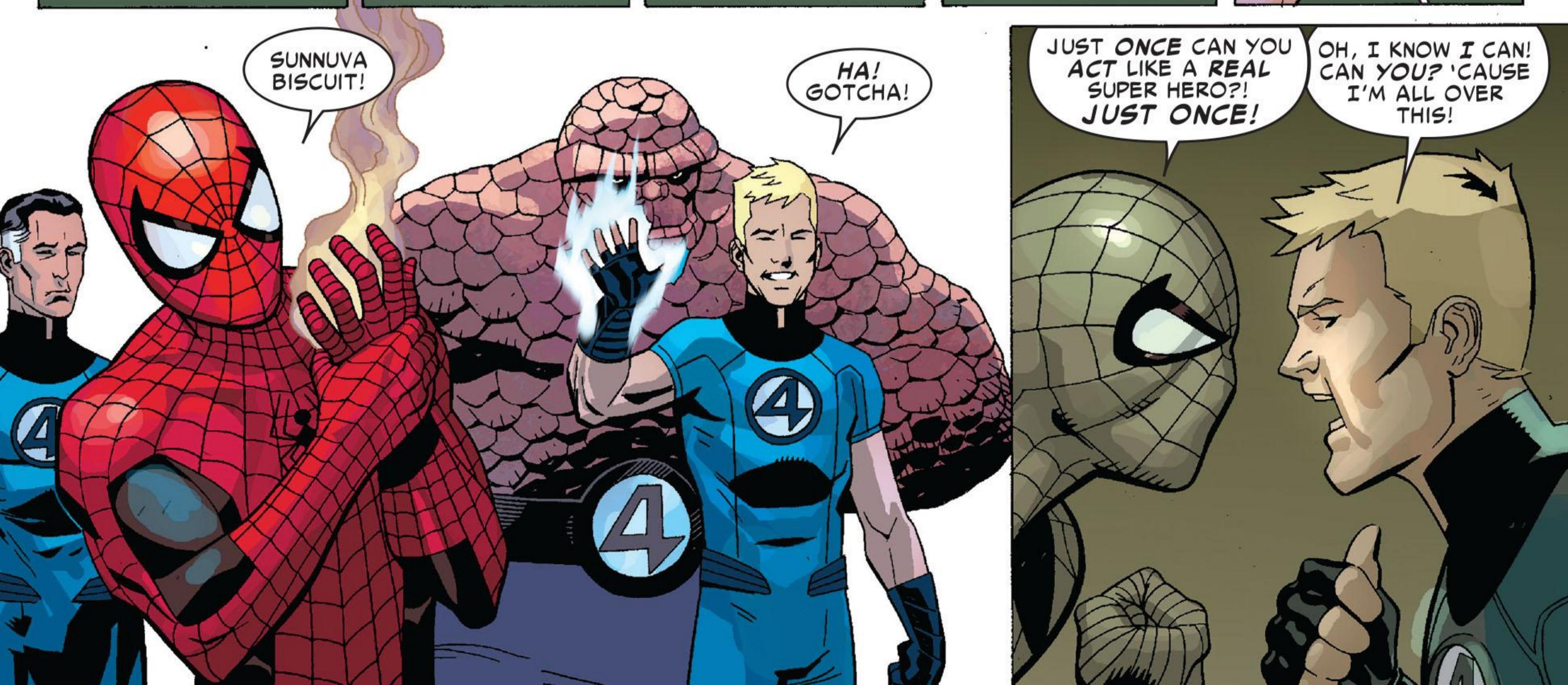
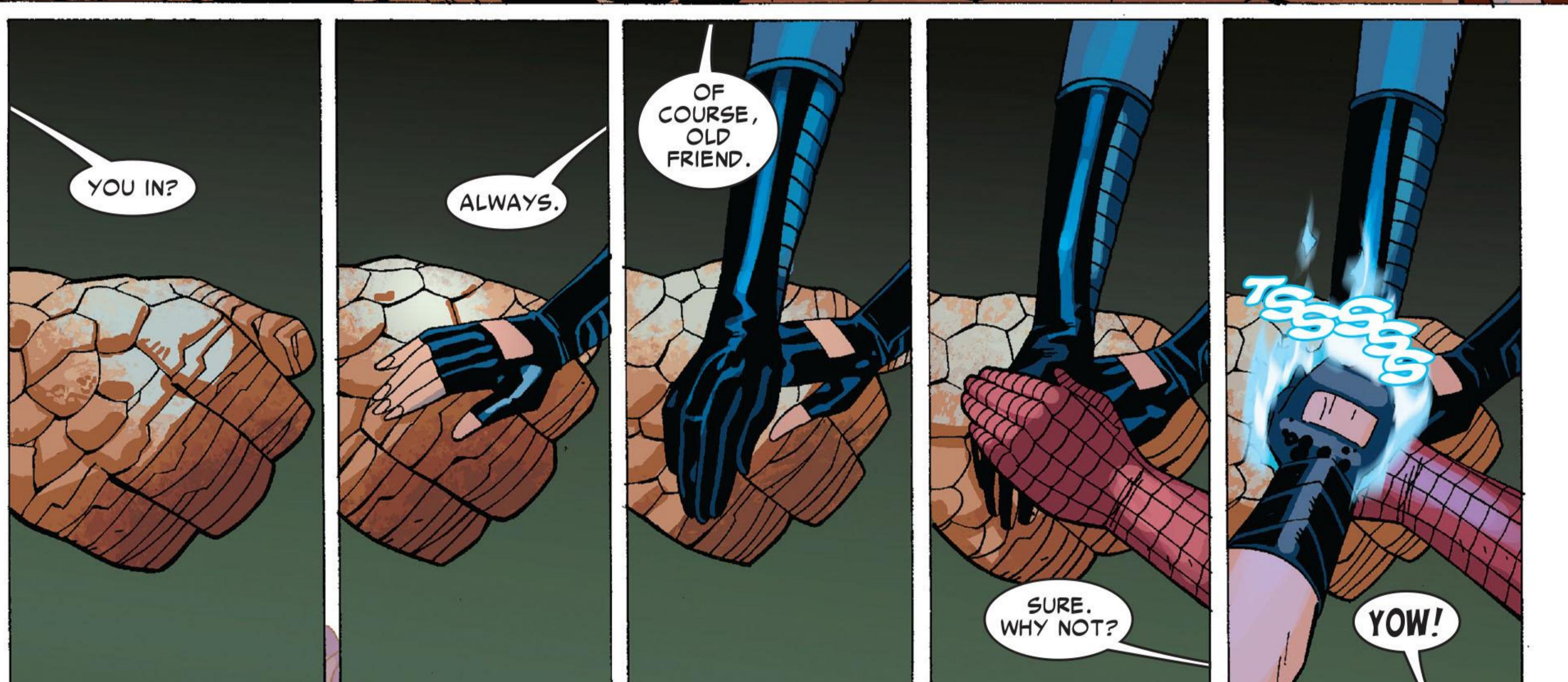
OF COURSE
I HAVE A
RESERVATION, YOU
MENU-WAVING
MISCREANT!

NOW GET
ME THE
MANAGER! GET
ME A TABLE!
GET ME THE
WINE LIST!

SUN/MON/TUE/WEDS/THUR/FRI/SAT

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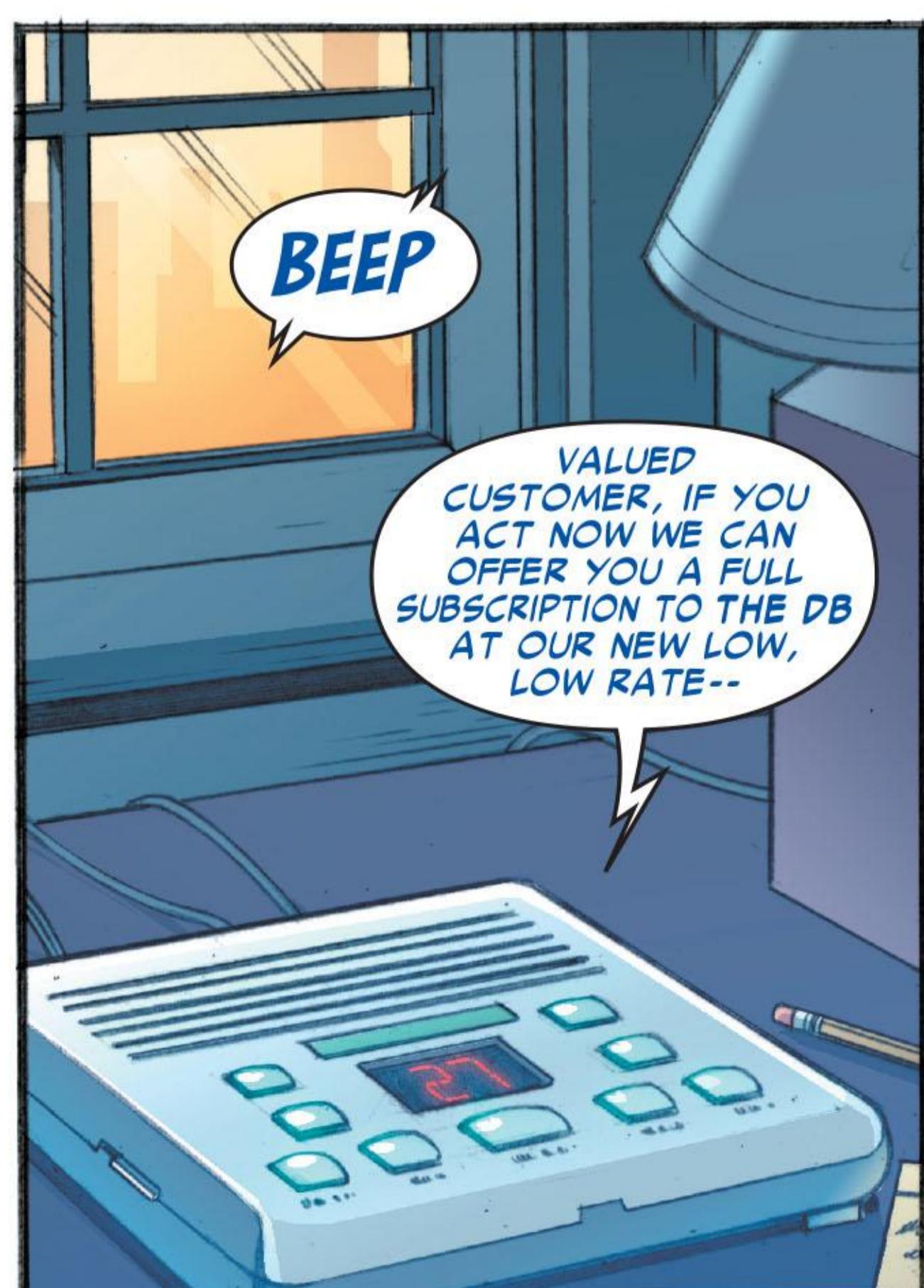
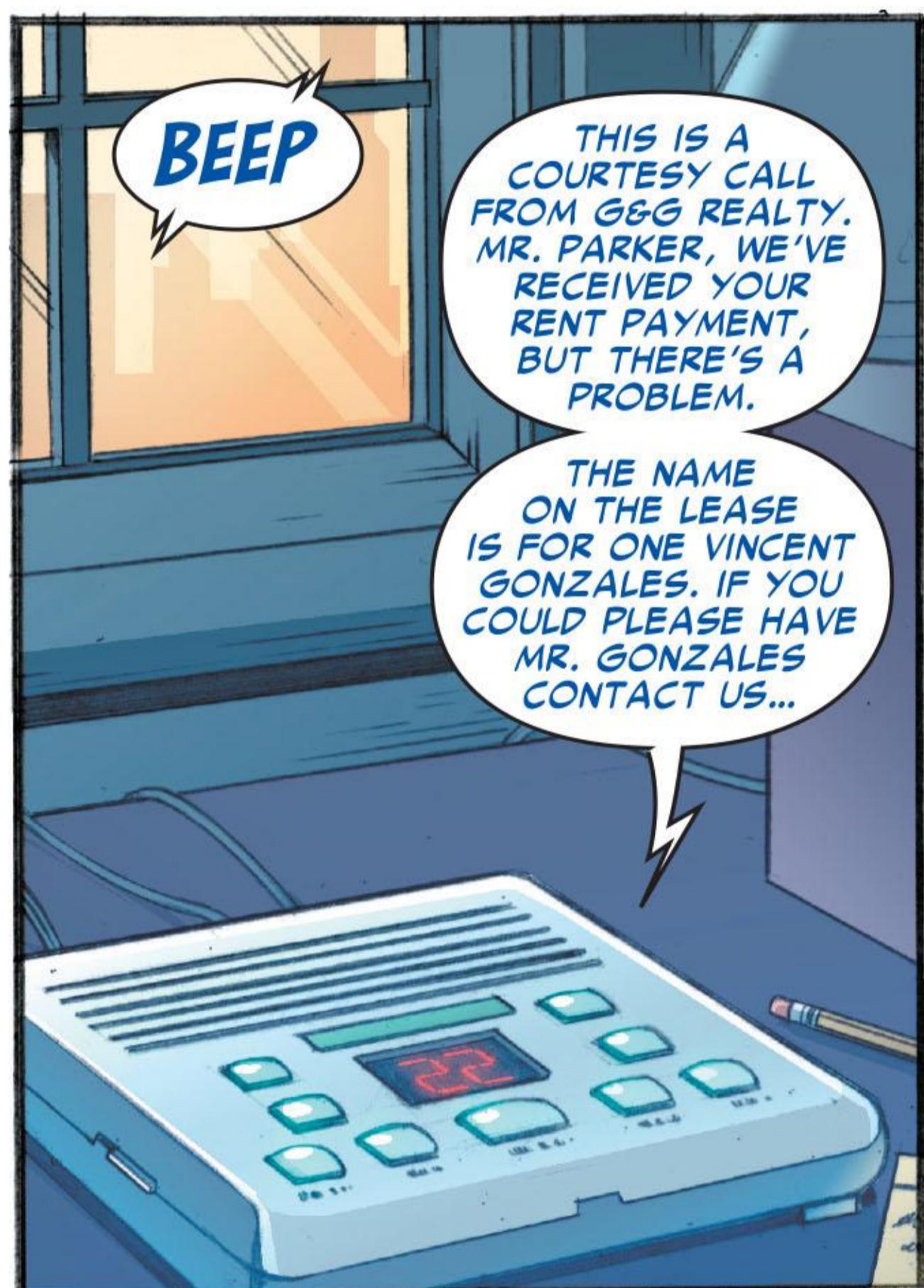
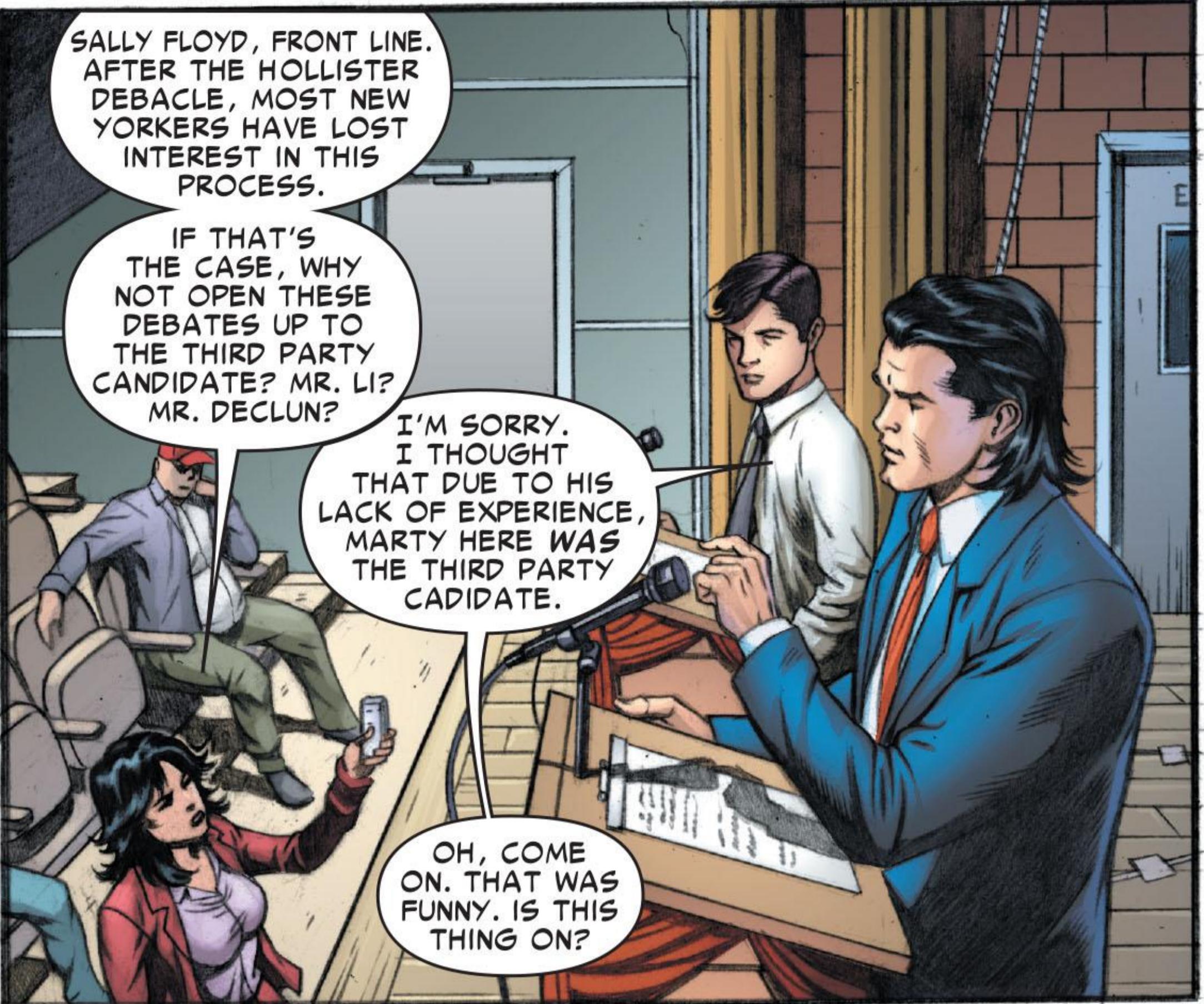
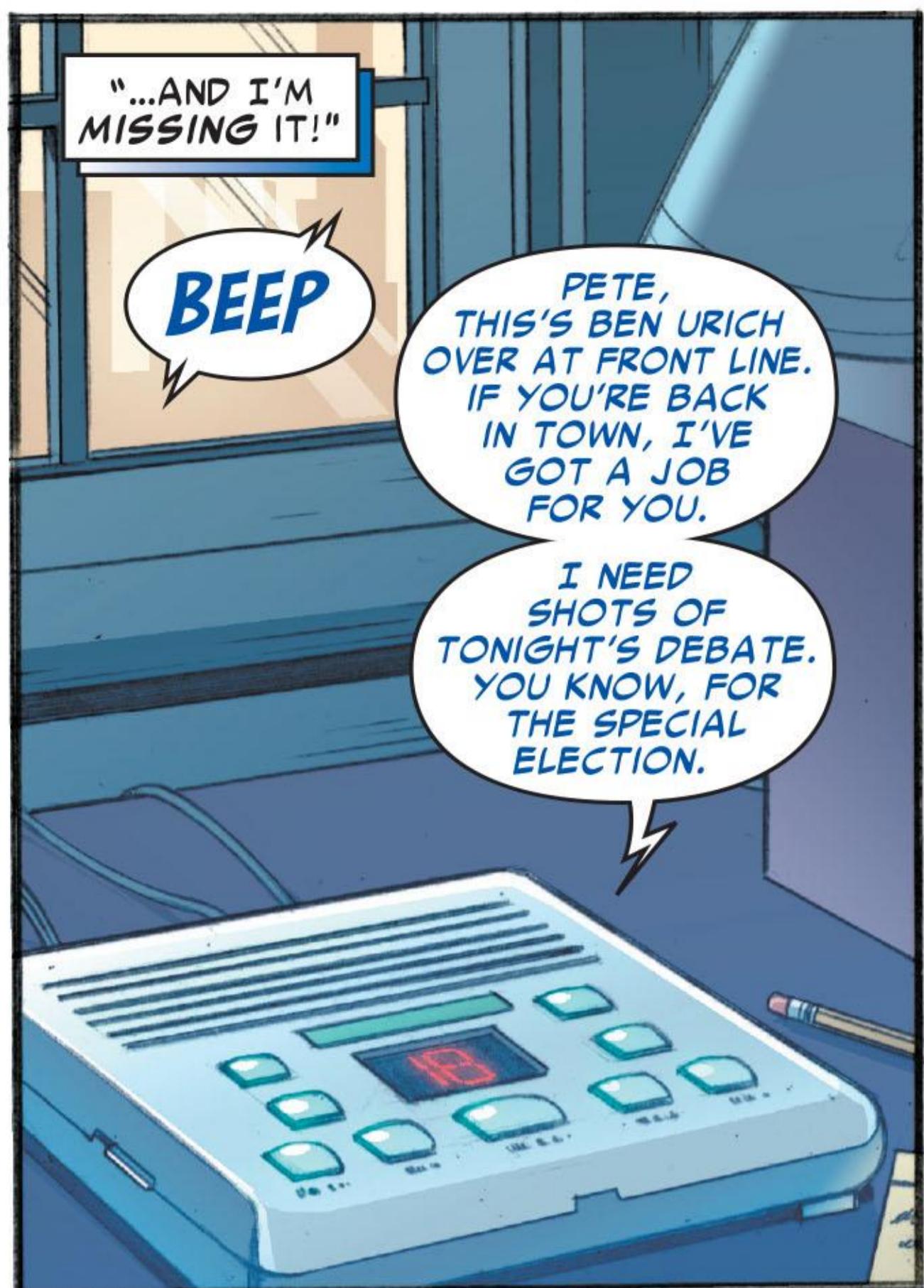


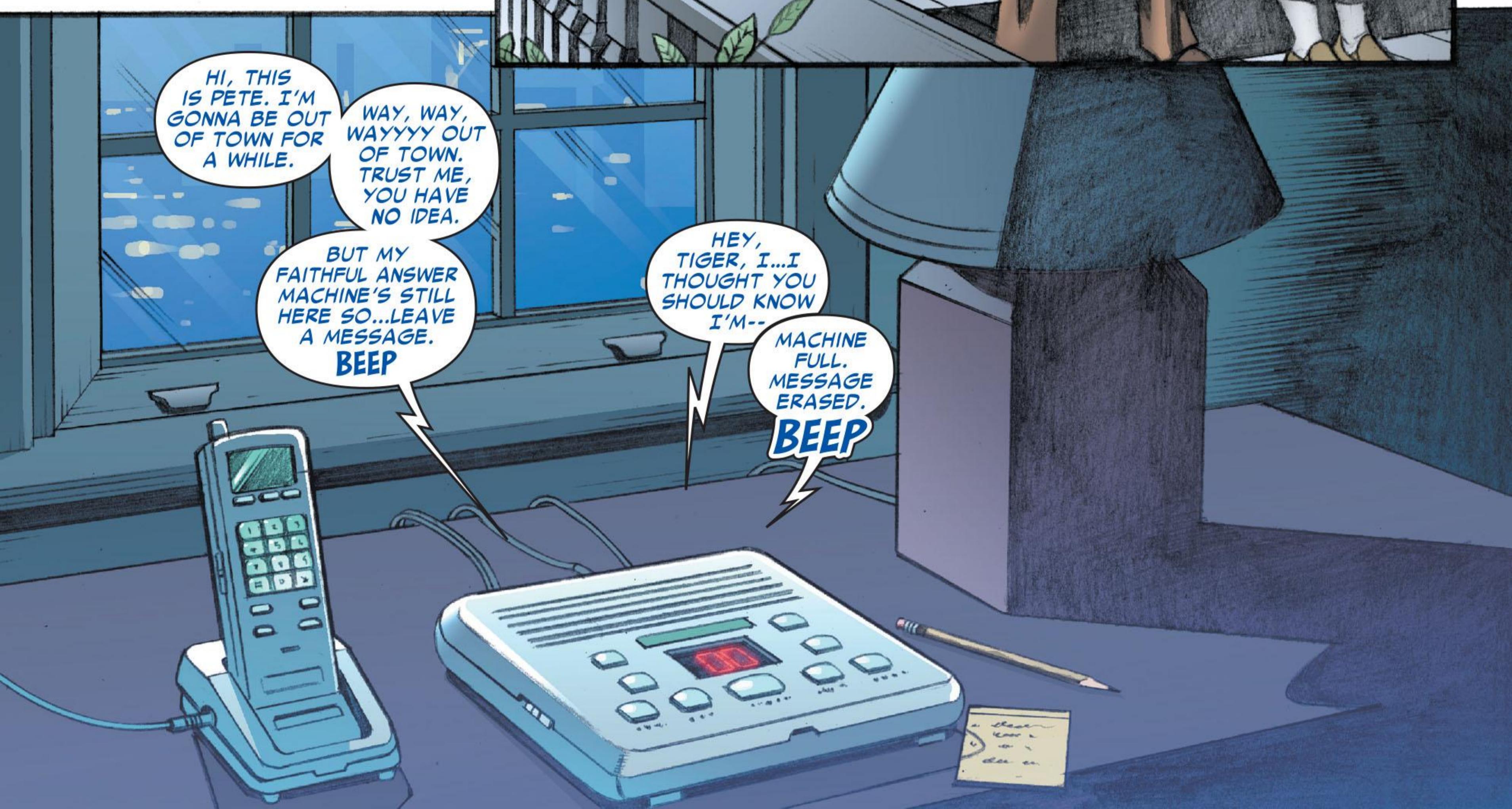
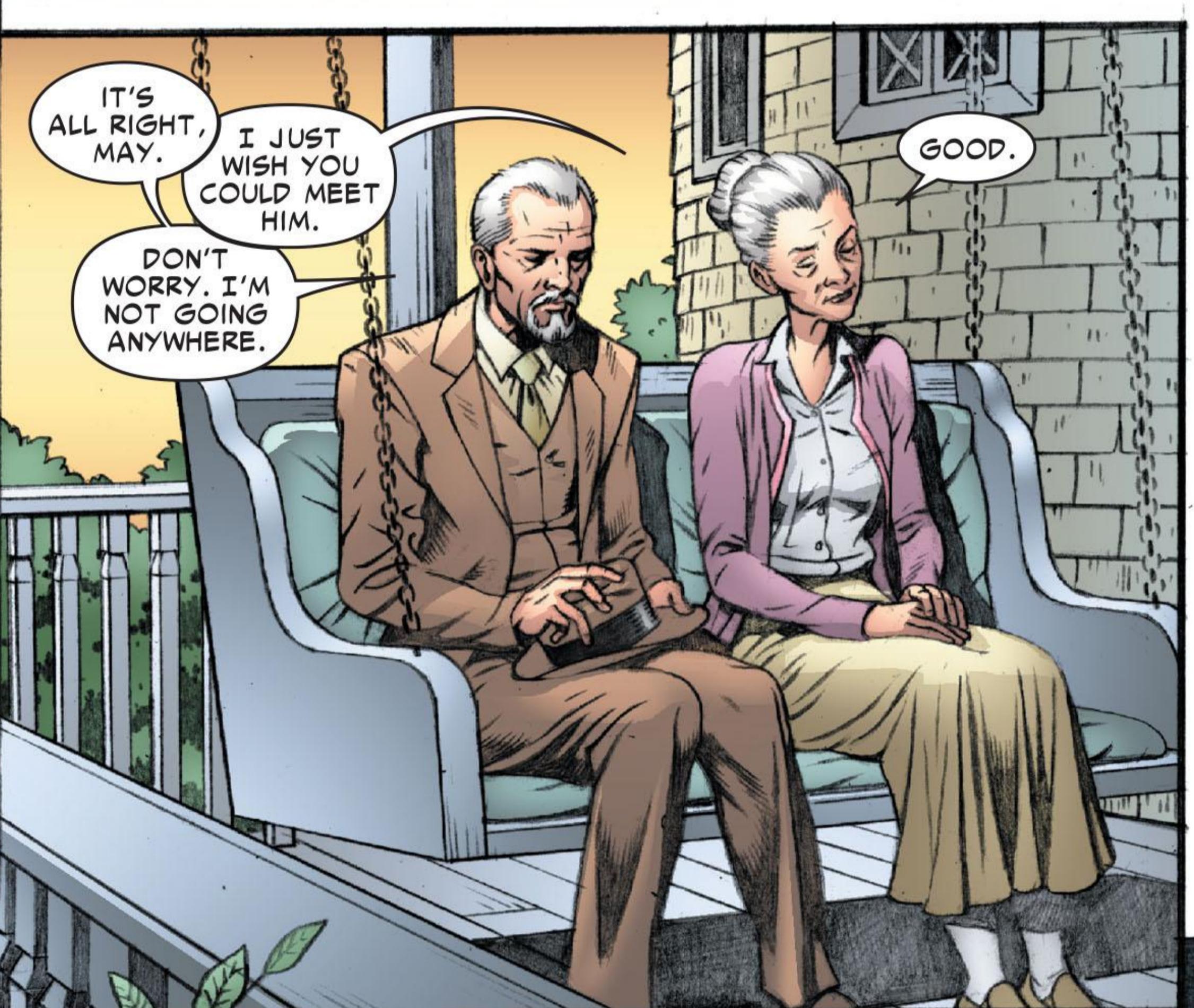
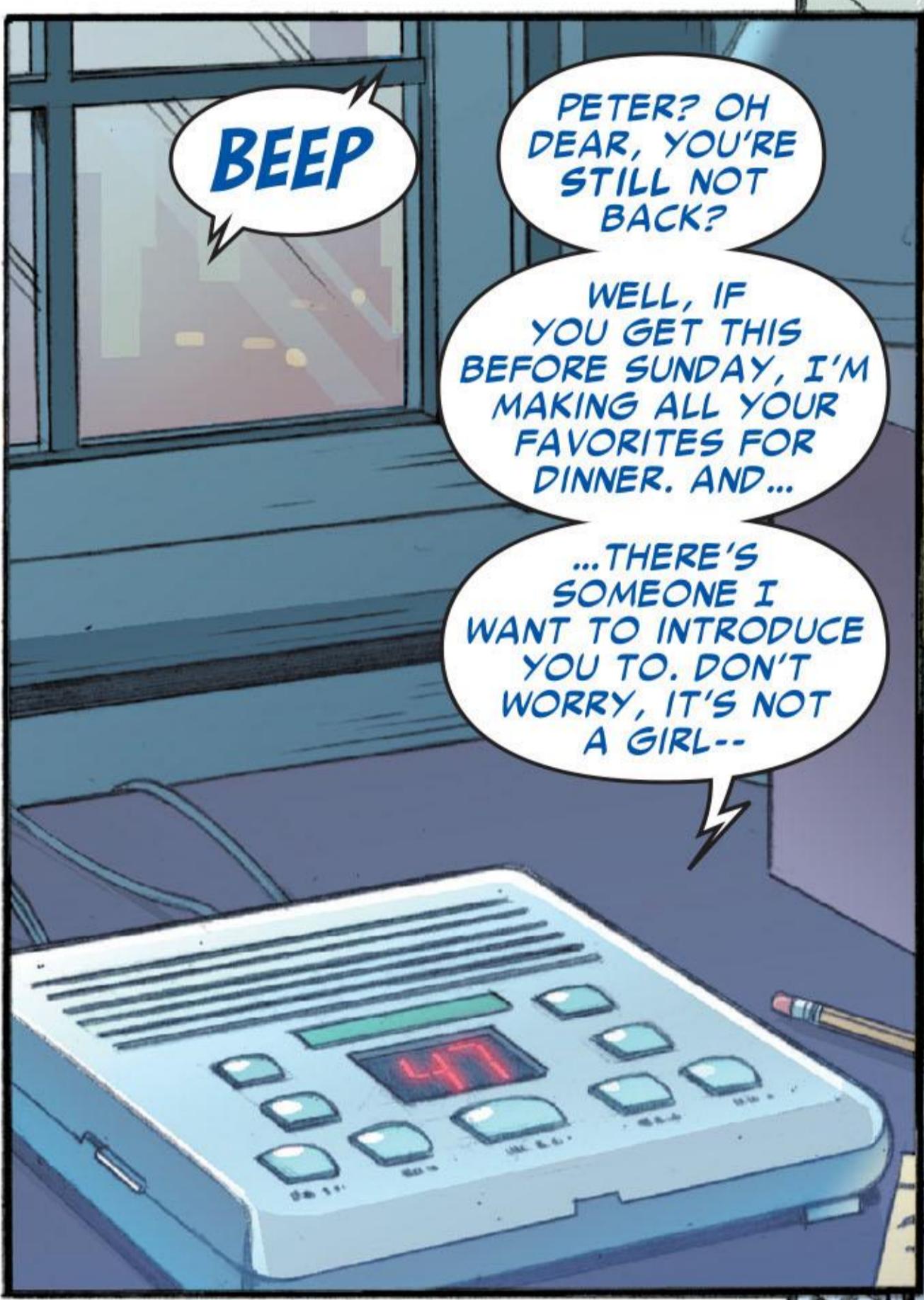
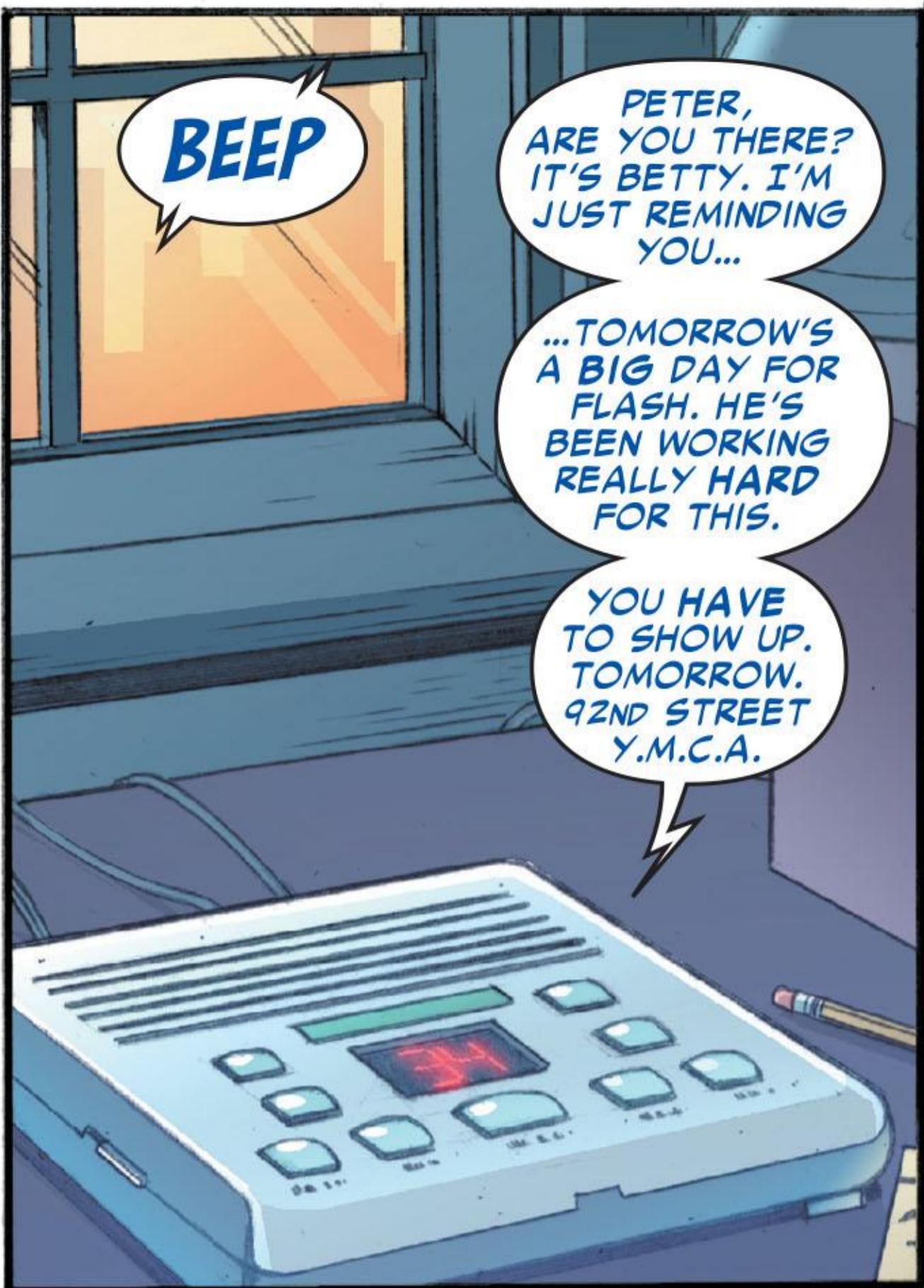


The Heart Of The Dregan Empire.





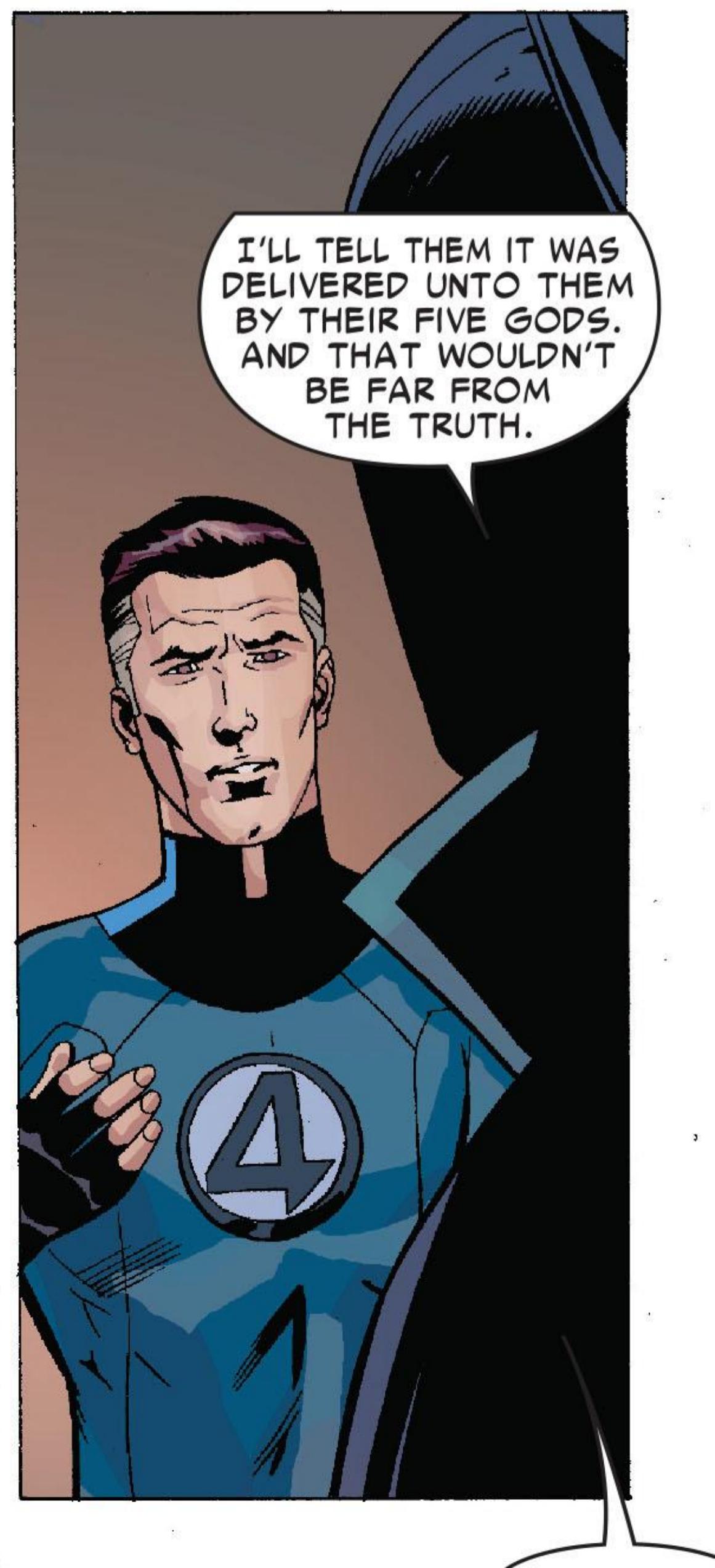


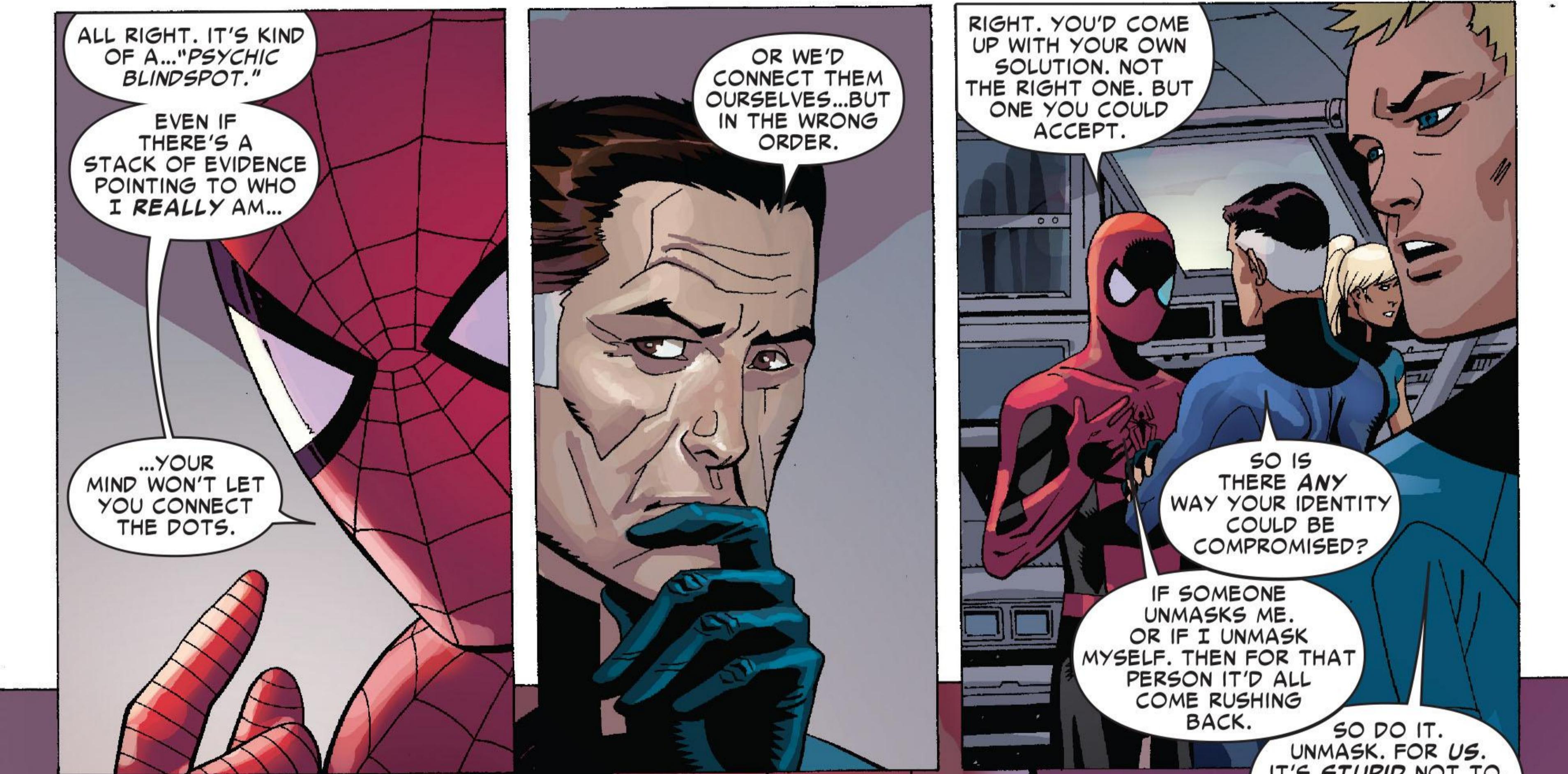
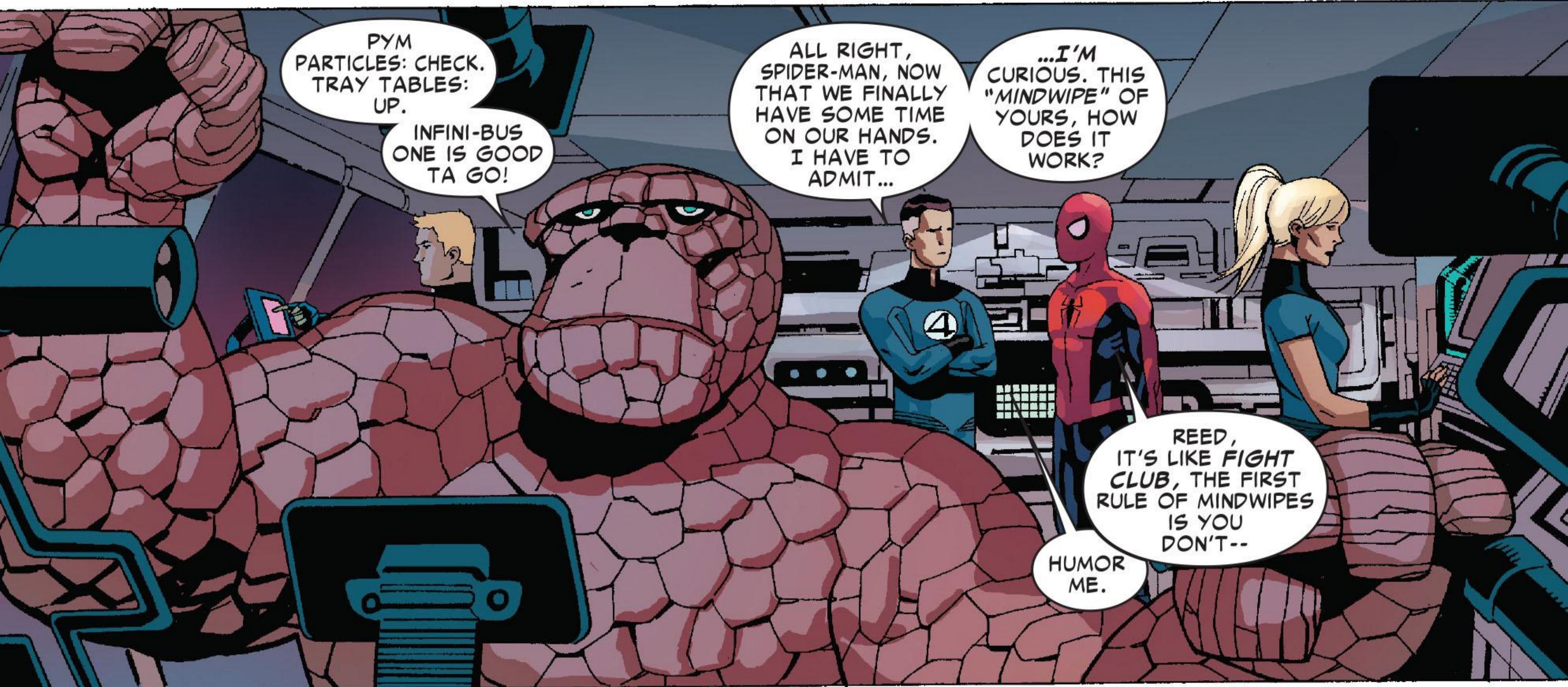


The Royal Throne Room of Dregan.









WHAT IF
WE HAD "PSYCHIC
BLINDSPOTS"
TOO?

STRETCHY
GUY SAYS
WHAT?

LET ME TAKE
SOME READINGS.
I'LL DUPLICATE YOUR
"FIREWALLS". THEN
WE COULD SHARE
AND KEEP YOUR
SECRET, TOO.

I-I
DUNNO...



HEY, IT'S
LIKE BEN
SAID...

WHEN YOU'RE WITH US,
YOU'RE NOT JUST PART OF
A TEAM. YOU'RE PART
OF A FAMILY.

WE
WON'T LET
YOU DOWN.

PROMISE.

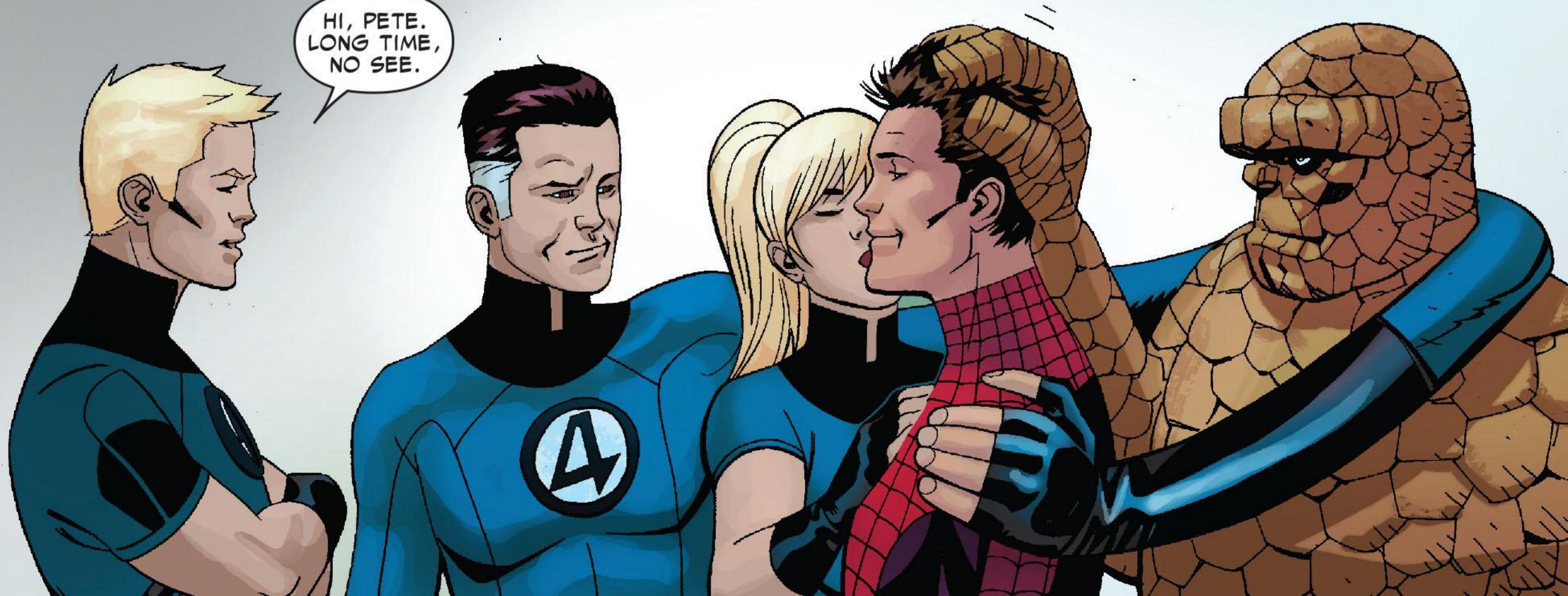
...
ALL
RIGHT. I GOTTA
WARN YOU,
THE WAY THIS
WORKS...

...ONCE
YOU SEE ME,
IT'LL ALL COME
BACK TO
YOU.

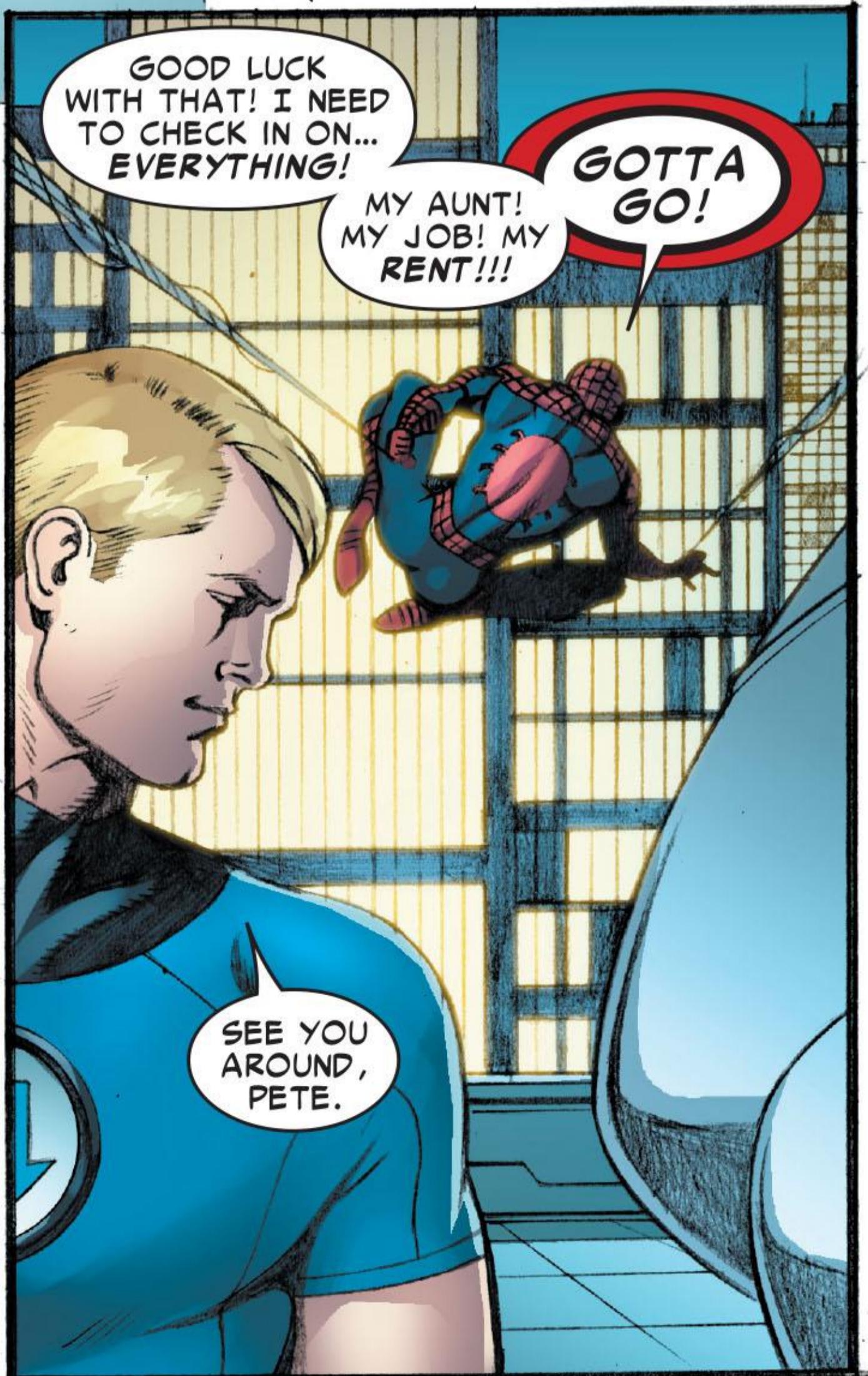
YOU'LL
REMEMBER
EVERYTHING.

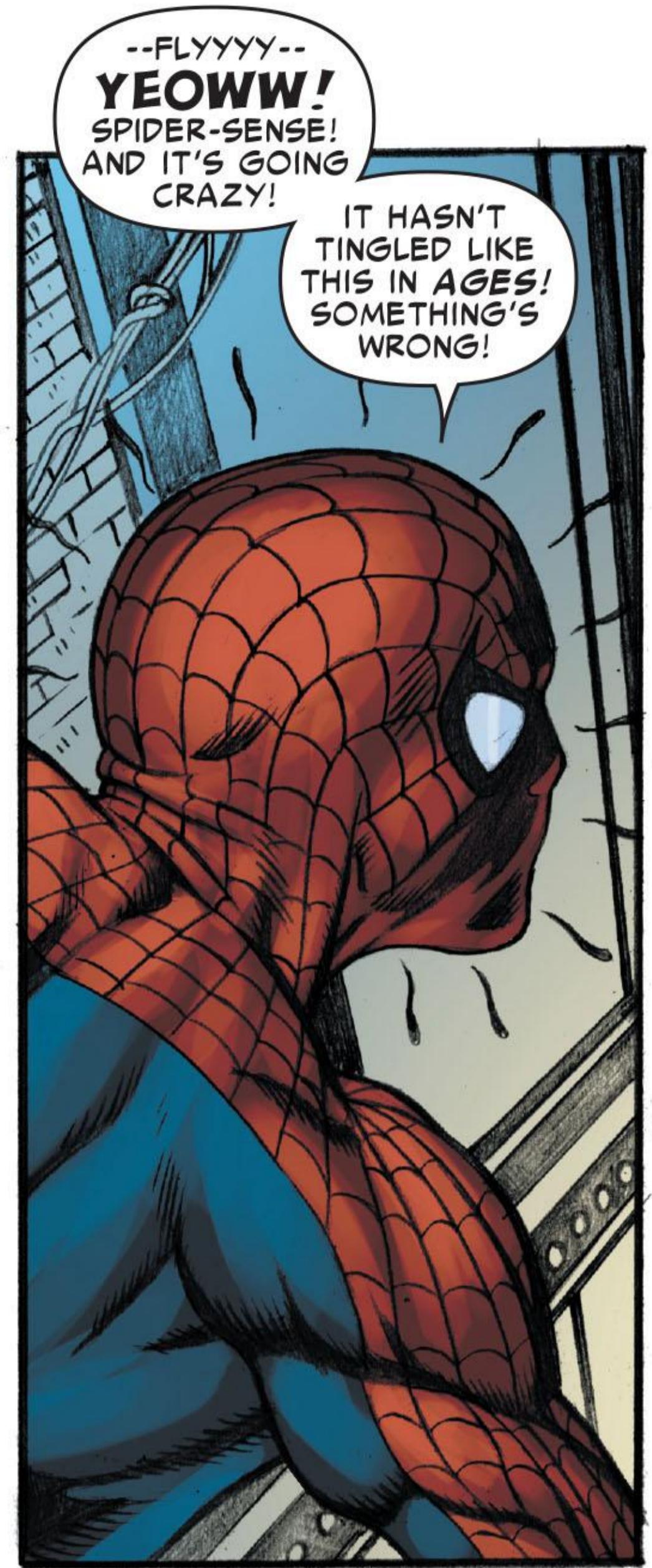


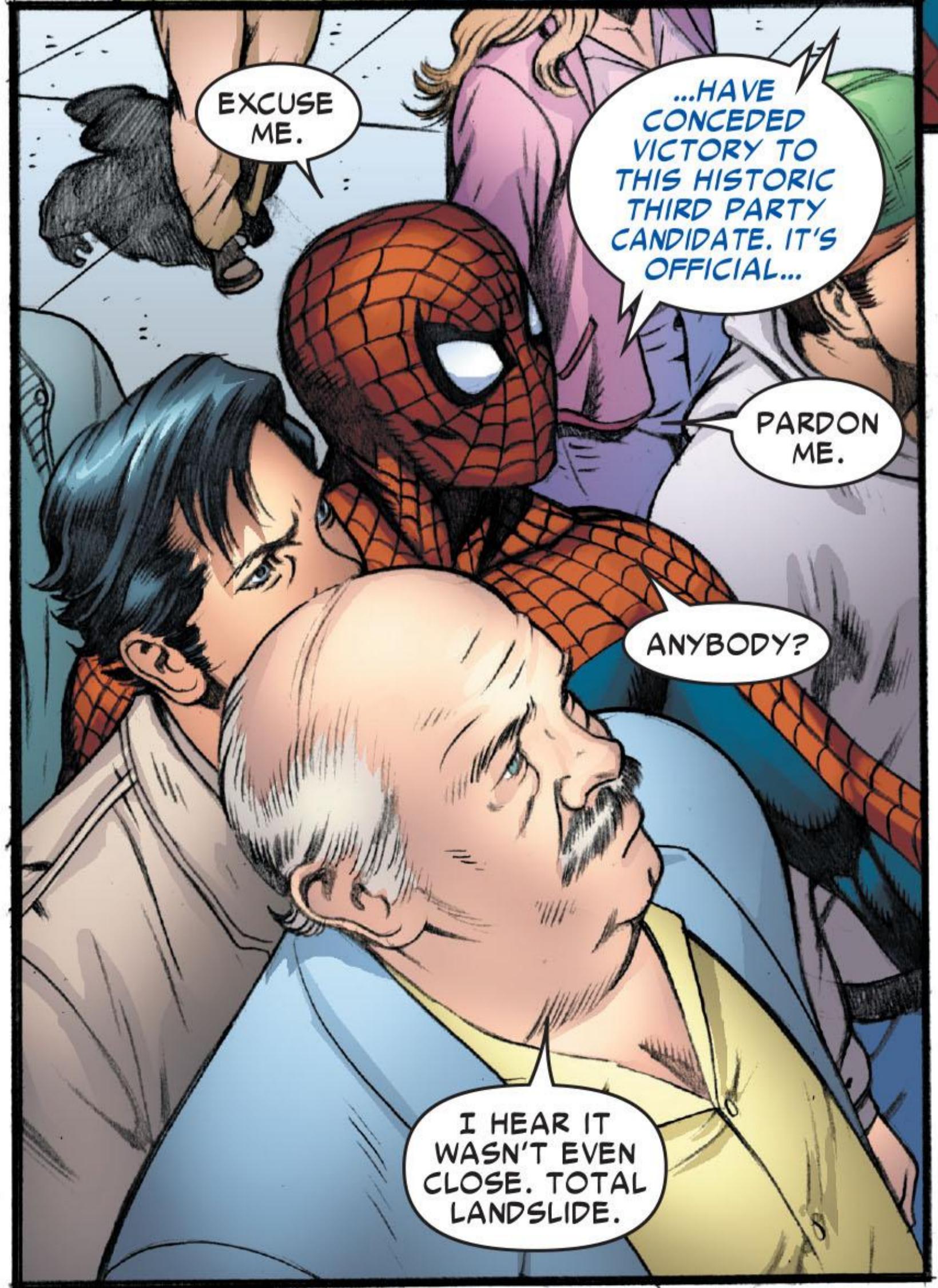
HI, PETE.
LONG TIME,
NO SEE.



The Baxter Building.







J. JONAH
JAMESON!

'NUFF SAID!

J.J.J. WINS

JAMESON, MAYOR ELECT

GOTTA
BE A DREAM.
A PRANK.
A HOAX.

LALALALA
THIS IS NOT
HAPPENING!

NOT A DREAM! NOT A HOAX! NOT A CHANCE IN THE WORLD THIS
IS GONNA END WELL FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK (HEY, THAT'S US!!)

Next: More On Mayor Jameson, Aunt May's Love Life (eww)...
and The Debut of The Vulture In... **Spider-Man: 24/7!**

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL



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Once again, I'm creating this column on the day the book is due to the printers. All hail the lettering and compositing work done by our very own Joe Caramagna because he's the person I'm putting through heck, by waiting until the last minute to do my work. Yes, the 38-year-old Stephen Wacker is very similar to the 13-year-old Stephen Wacker. If only I would apply myself...sigh...

Anyway enough about me, this page is about you...talking about me! Let's get to the gripe!

Dear Wacker and Crew,

Issue #583 was a real, down-to-earth treat. Ever since "New Ways to Die," Amazing Spider-Man has been a rip-roaring roller coaster of action and adventure from Hammerhead, Punisher, the Shocker and the Molten Man – but issues such as this are what makes Spidey special and it was so nice to have a story from Betty's perspective.

Last year, I read the first few Essential Spider-Man collections and Betty was an integral part of the supporting cast and in recent years, I felt like she hadn't had much time to shine, but this story really rectified that problem. It's nice to see how important Peter is to her – they're almost like brother and sister nowadays, which is a nice touch. I really enjoy Mark Waid's Spidey stories so far; maybe in the future he could write a larger story? And Barry Kitson's art is perfect for a story of this tone. I'd also love to see more of his art grace these pages. I can't wait until the upcoming "Character Assassination," but luckily I only have until next week to get the first part.

Before I go, I just thought I'd mention that recently, at work (I teach special needs children), the children I teach noticed I had a Spidey key-ring and they all got really excited. This spurred one child to start drawing an action scene of Spider-Man fighting Venom and a She-Venom that he invented himself. Thanks for making my job a little easier by making a character that's accessible on so many levels.

Keep up the good work, and until Peter turns out to be the Spider-tracer killer, Make Mine Marvel!

Jordan Risedbury-Crisp
London, England



Jordan, you have perhaps the most British sounding name I've heard! It's like if my last name was "hamburger," "blanket-with-armholes," or "cowboy."

You make some fine points about Betty. Back at our first Spidey retreat in 2006, the writers spent a lot of time on Betty and her relation to Pete, but plans to focus on her kept getting moved around. Suffice to say, she's a big part of Peter's supporting cast and will continue to be.

I'm also glad you pointed out the Essential Spider-Man library because it seems like it's growing every month. Currently we have FOURTEEN(!) volumes available with more coming out every day thanks to the hard working Mark Beazley and John Denning over in the Marvel collections department. Here's a checklist if you're looking to dig into some classic Spidey stories:

Essential Spider-Man Vol. 1-9
Essential Peter Parker, the Spectacular Spider-Man Vol. 1-3

Essential Marvel Team-Up Vol. 1-2

And one last thing, if your students have some interesting Spider-Man pictures, send them in! You can't keep that stuff to yourself!



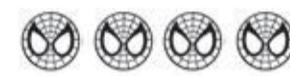
Dear Steve,
RE: The Inauguration Story in #583

Well, even though the real president fumbled the oath, at least in the Marvel Universe, he recited it perfectly. Thanks for sending Spidey to the inaugural.

Until J. Jonah Jameson is appointed Deputy Press Secretary, Make Mine Marvel!

Dave Strickhouse
York, PA

As, you can see, Dave, we have much more nefarious plans for Jonah.



Hey Everyone,

So I'm a teenager actually starting as a new comic book collector and I am proud of being one. I'm mostly a fan of Spider-Man for a reason. Just now I'm going through the same thing that Peter Parker did when he was in high school – getting bullied, having troubles – but the one thing that gets me through the day is that Peter, even though all these things happen, like fighting Shocker, Kingpin, Chameleon, etc., he always thinks positively.

Because of that, because of you guys, because of Marvel, some of us are still happy and positive, that even though we had a bad day, we have a better future. Thank You, really,

Jessi Aldana
San Francisco, CA
Age 15

Hey S.Wacker,

I just wanted to congratulate you and your team on a truly outstanding year of Spidey comics. He was always my hero growing up (I even met him once at the opening of a local laundromat) but I was alienated by the extreme 90s and haven't read a 616 Spider-Man comic regularly until Dan and JRJ's "New Ways to Die."

You guys have successfully mined the heart of what makes Spider-Man great while building on the myth in brand new directions. Whether it's giving just due to his supporting cast (Flash, Harry, Betty) or writing quips that are genuinely funny, the writing team has drafted a hero we can care about. Although another fine individual makes a guest appearance in #583, it's the main story that reminds us that, even in his everyday life, Pete is a guy you would want as a friend.

I'm really looking forward to his BND encounters with longtime pal Johnny Storm and would love a collected version of Dan Slott's "Spidey/Human Torch" mini to accompany it (pretty please). Anyone who can make me tear up over the Spider-buggy is all right in my book.

On art, Marcos Martin and Chris Bachalo couldn't be further apart in terms of style, but both are modern masters of laying out the page and infuse the book with the energy and pop art cool that it deserves.

For me, the major find of the year was Paolo Rivera on interiors. He's the first artist in awhile to capture both the creepy and muscular appearance of Spidey. His art is the lovechild of Ditko and Romita living in Europe and palling around with

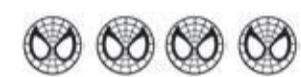
Paul Pope. When are we going to see more of him in '09?

Cheers to more ASM in '09,
Michael Lapinski
Brooklyn

Paolo Rivera, or The Brooklyn Barracuda, recently did a couple of variant covers for Spidey including last month's, Wolverines-Playing-Poker. Take a look:



Next up for him is a YOUNG ALLIES one-shot written by our very own Roger Stern. Look for it in June.

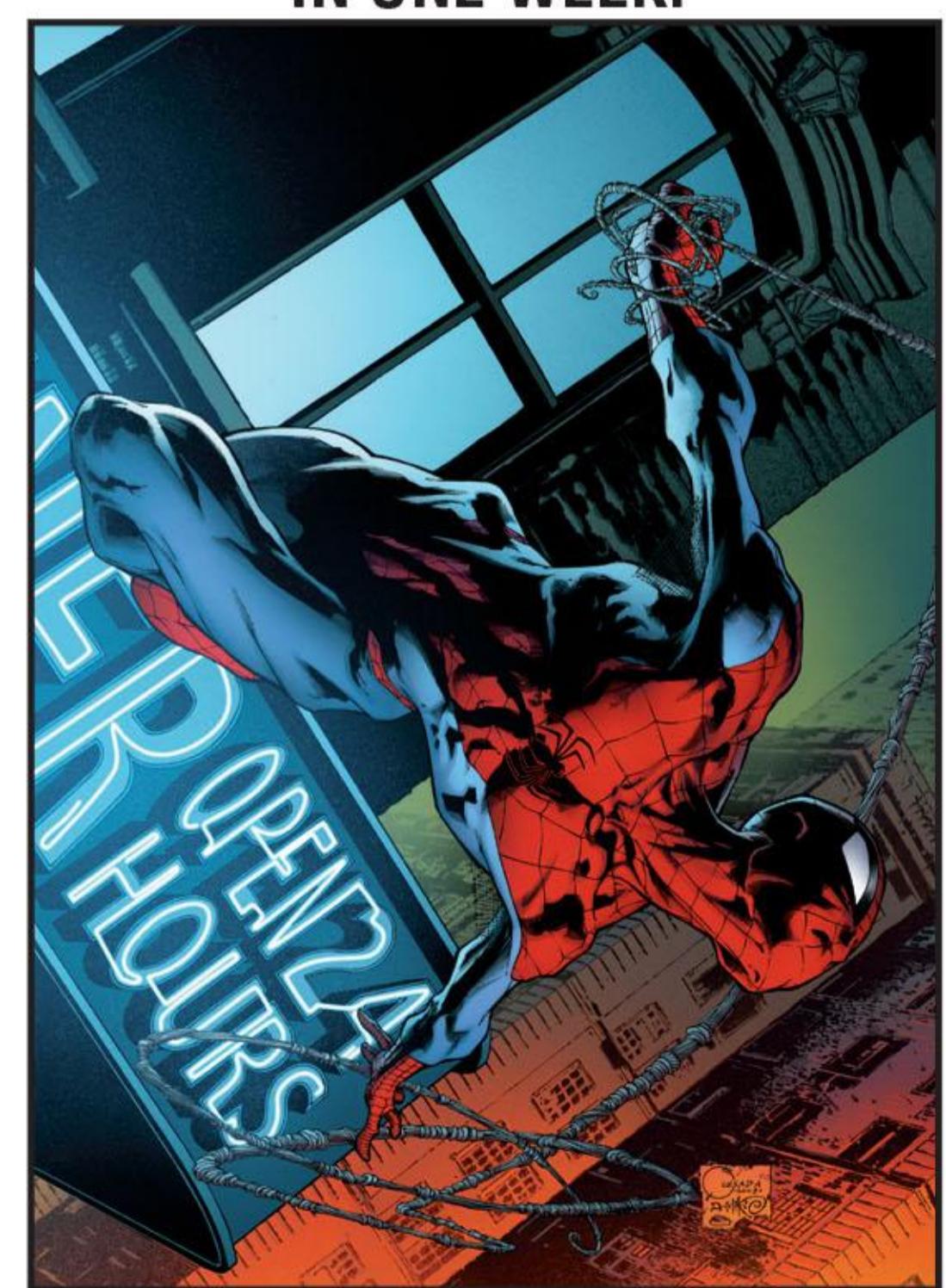


That's it for this week. In seven days, we're starting the next Spider-Man mini-epic "24/7" by Mark Waid and Mike McKone. All of this leading up to the giant-sized, world-rattling changes of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #600.

If you got friends who ain't been keeping up with Spidey, ya better drag them in now or they're going to regret it!

Viva Templar!
Simperin' Steve
3/13/09- uh-boy, this one's late!

IN ONE WEEK:



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(Thanks, Rick Springfield!)

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