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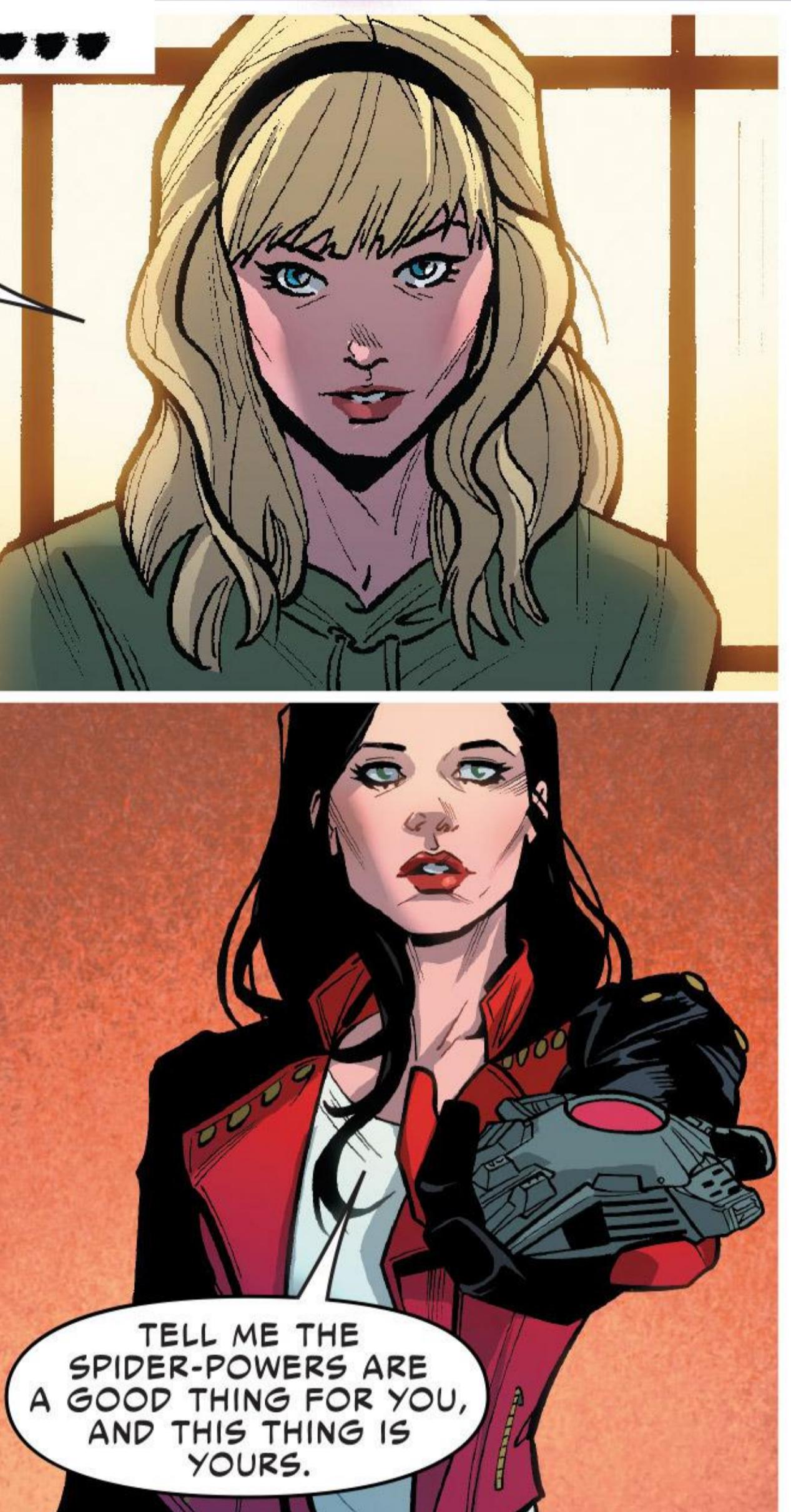
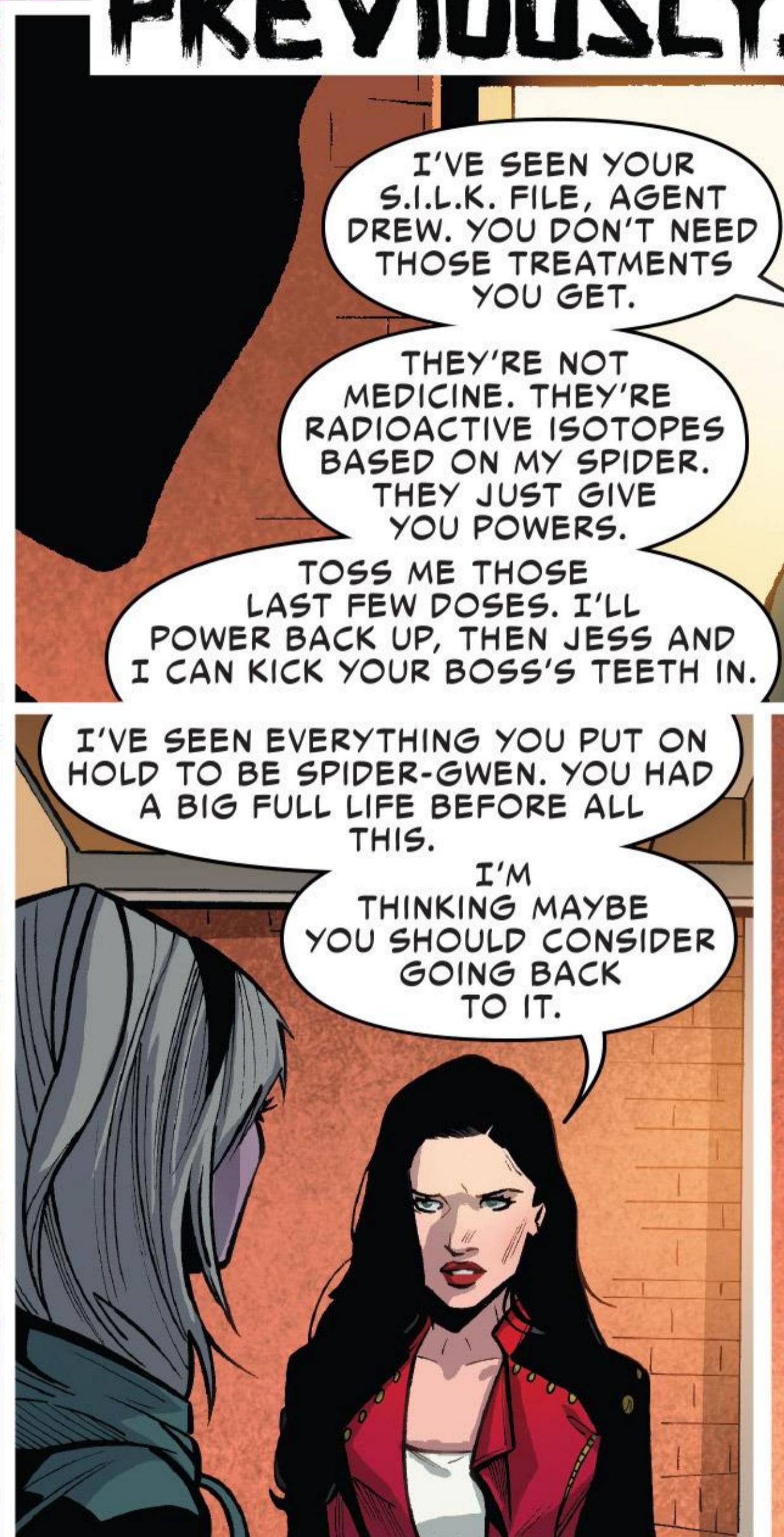
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AS A TEENAGER, GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY A MUTATED SPIDER. THE BITE TRANSFORMED HER, GRANTING HER AMAZING POWERS: A PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK, SHE IS THE DANGEROUS VIGILANTE CALLED SPIDER-WOMAN, BUT YOU KNOW HER AS...

SPIDER-GWEN

PREVIOUSLY...



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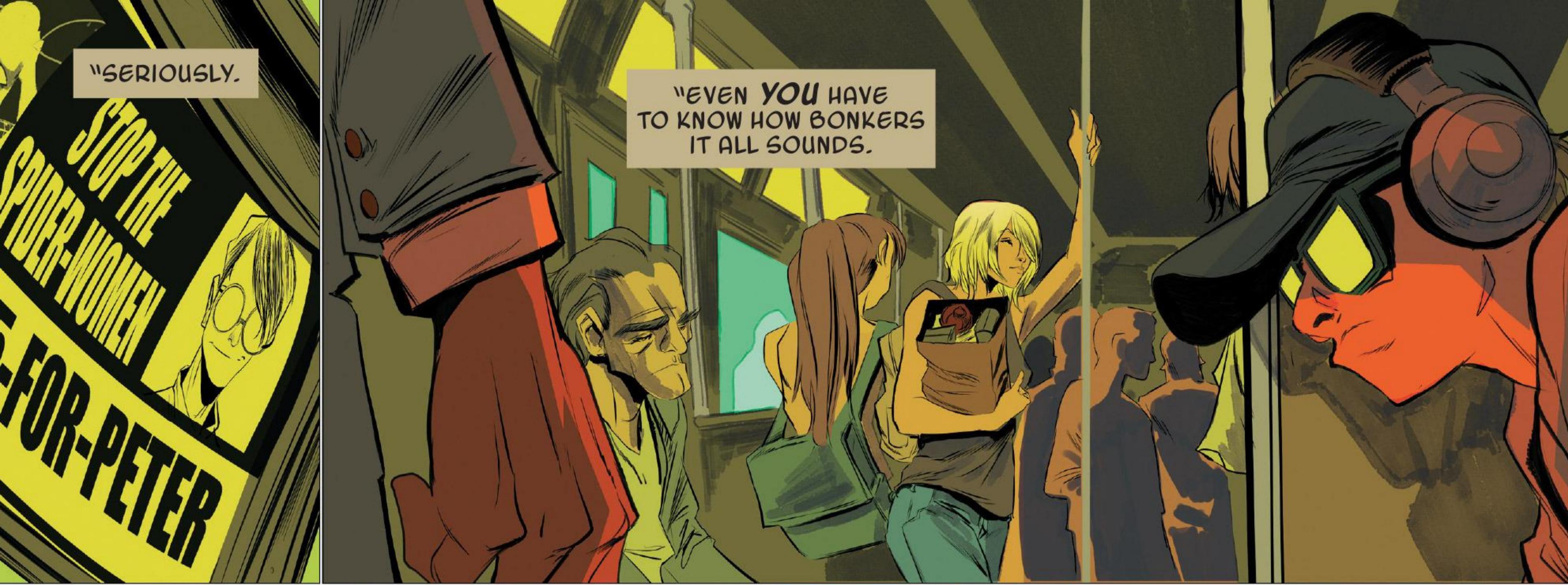
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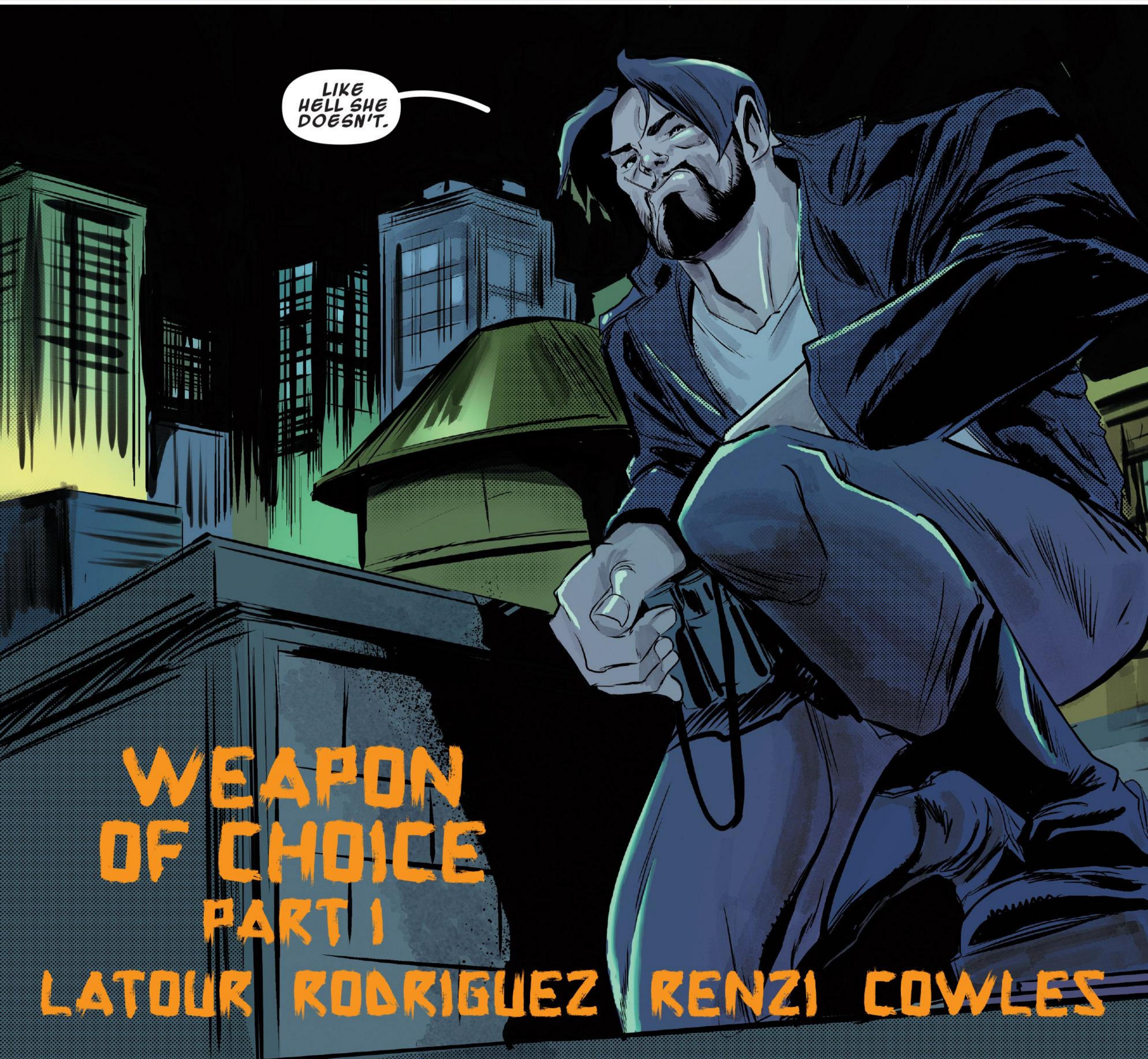
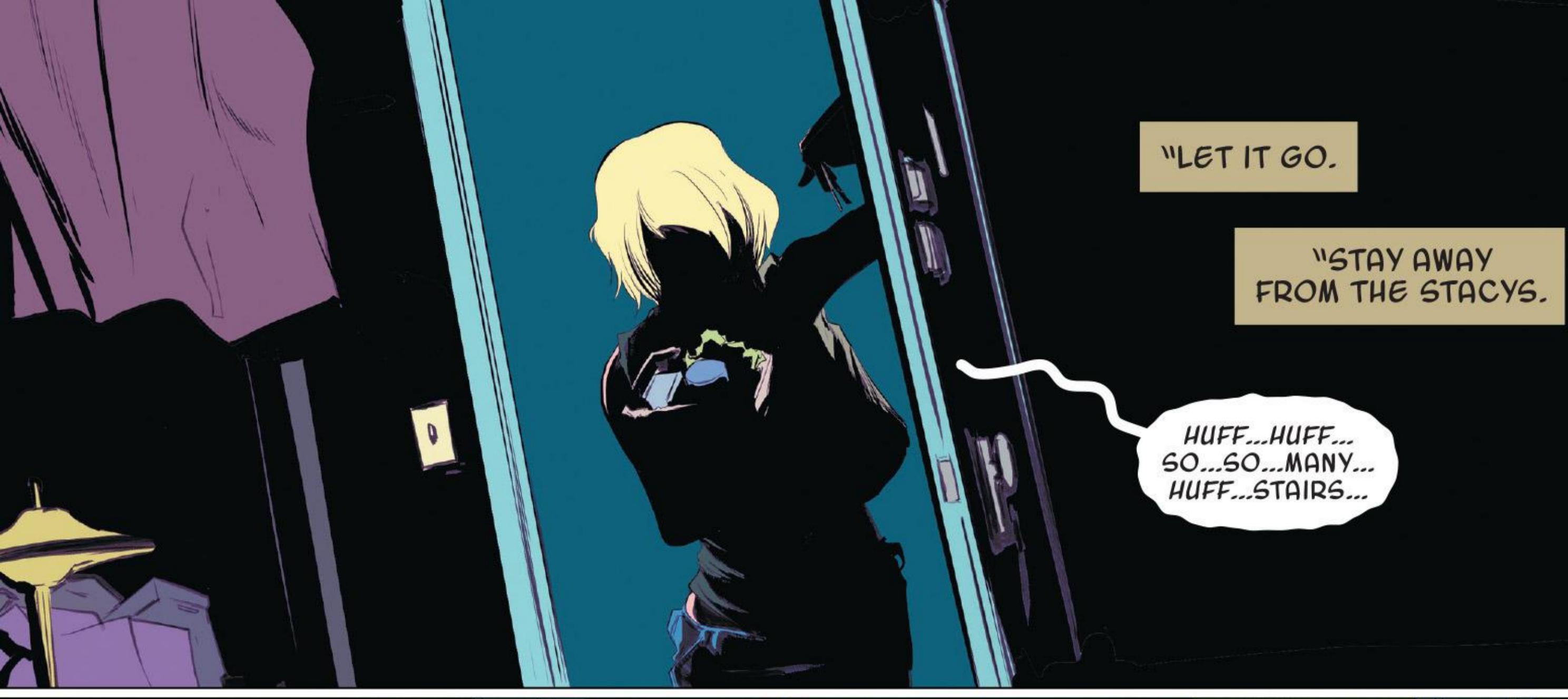
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Spidey walks tall.

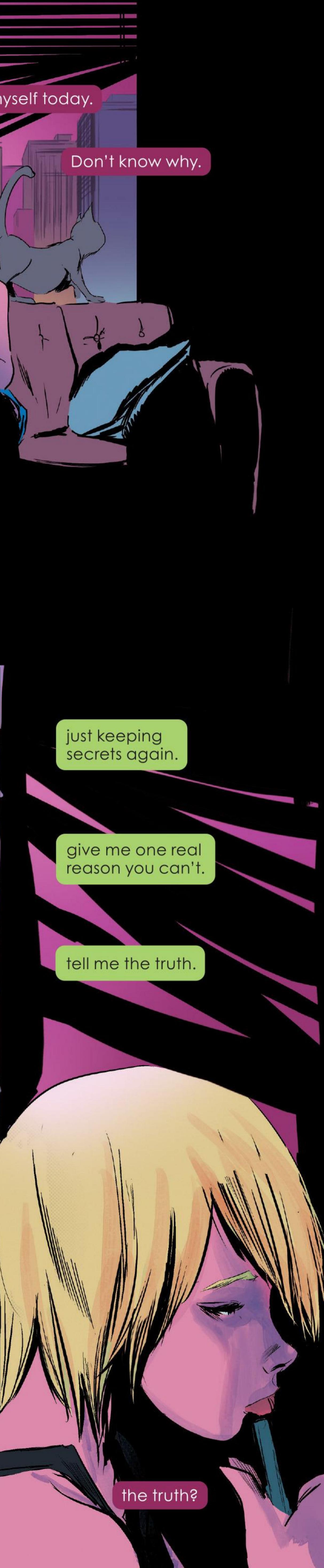
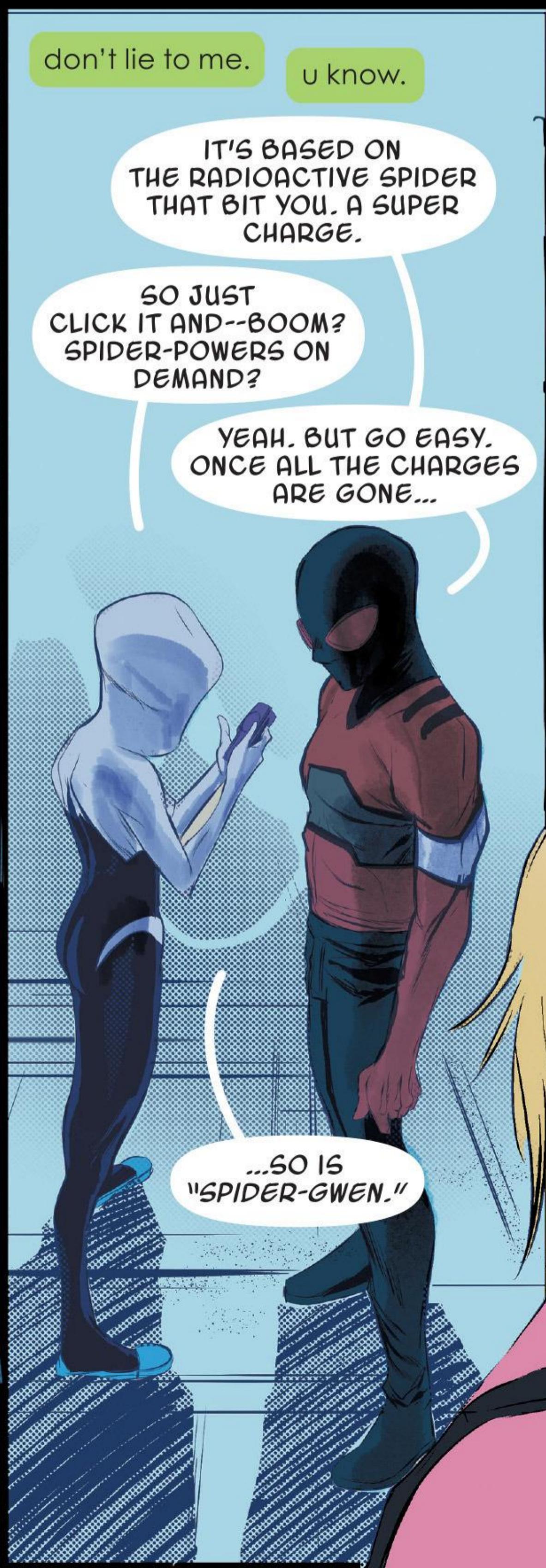
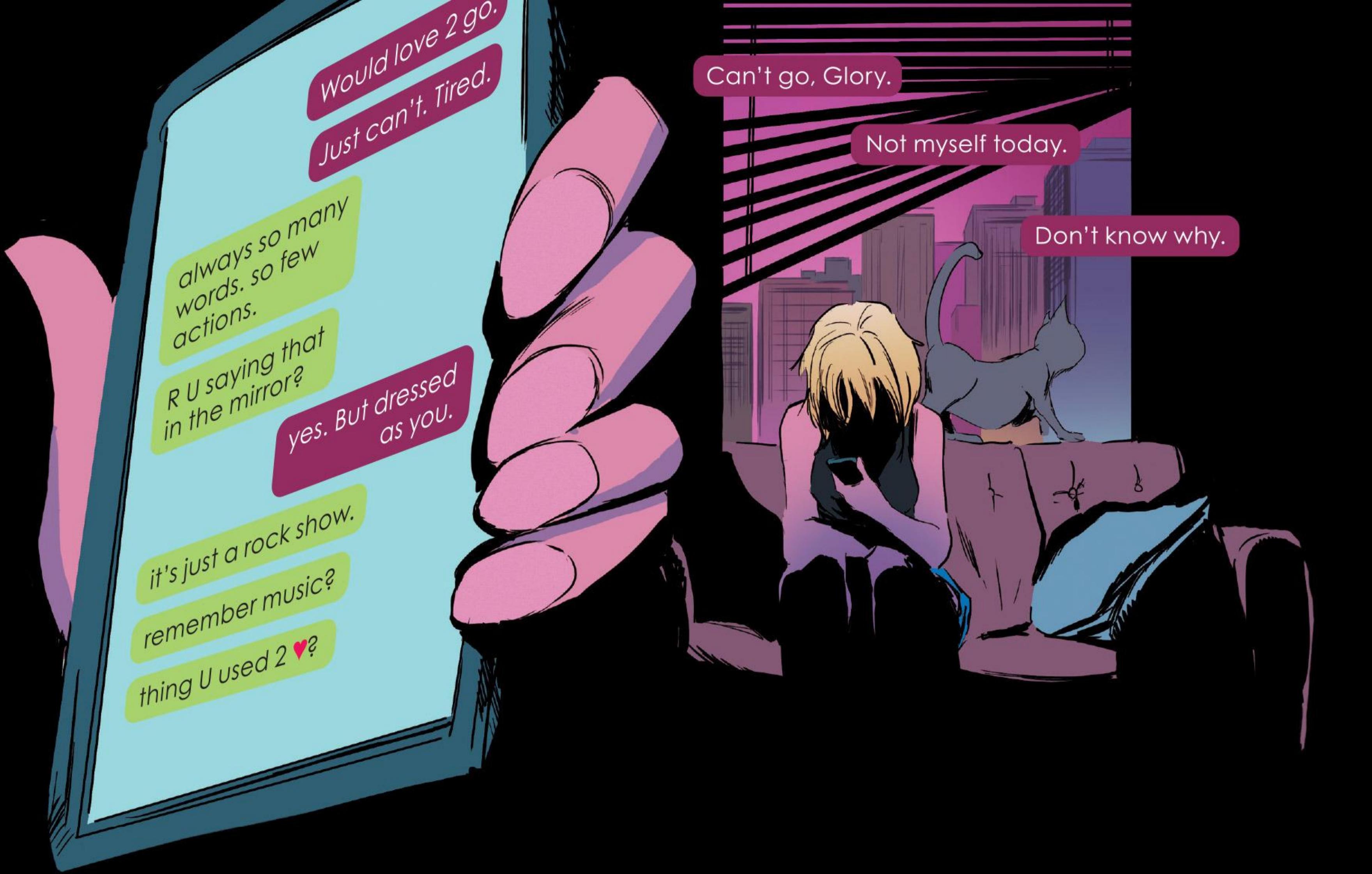
By Ben Urich.

It's been a few weeks since Captain America and the mysterious Spider-Woman were seen taking hands after a battle that swept through several city blocks as well as the subway.









The truth about what I do with my day? Where I go? Why I'm always late? Why I can't do anything?

Why you can't count on me? The TRUTH is I'm SPIDER-WOMAN, Glory. And I hid it from everyone because I feel GUILTY. For lying. For accidentally killing Peter. For thinking all the bad things people

say about me might be right. For feeling like the real me is that mask. Guilty because I'm alone--and I'm afraid I'd rather it be that way. I used to lay awake and wonder why this happened to me? Where was my choice? Do I deserve it? It's taken FOREVER...to accept that what happened to my life isn't all my fault. And now that I'm ready--to do some good--to be Spider-Woman...poof...



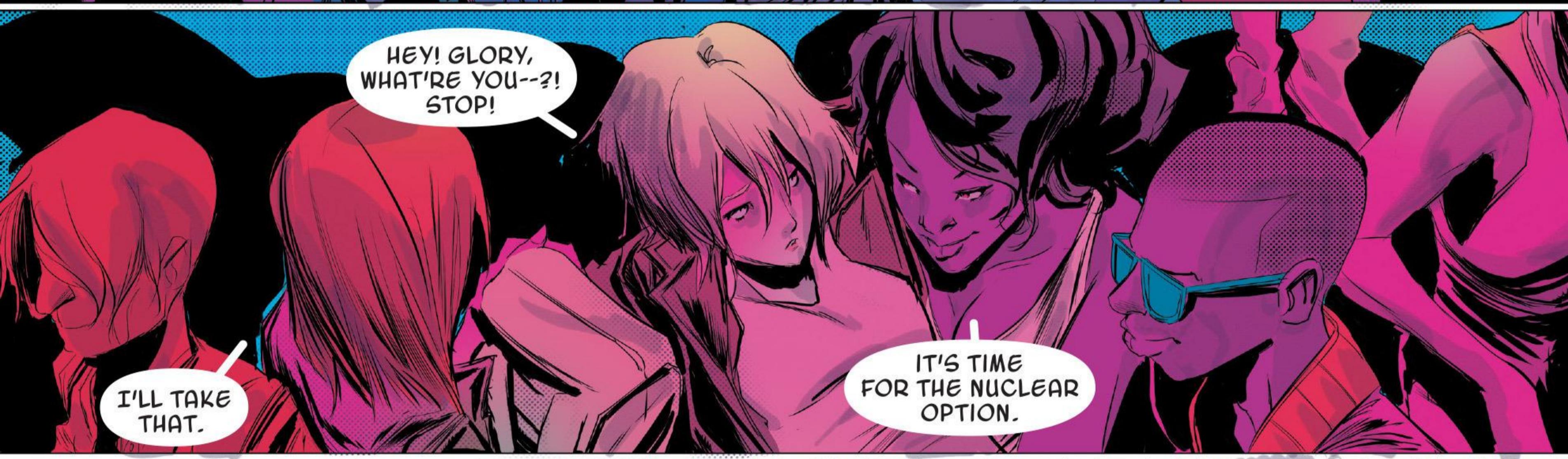
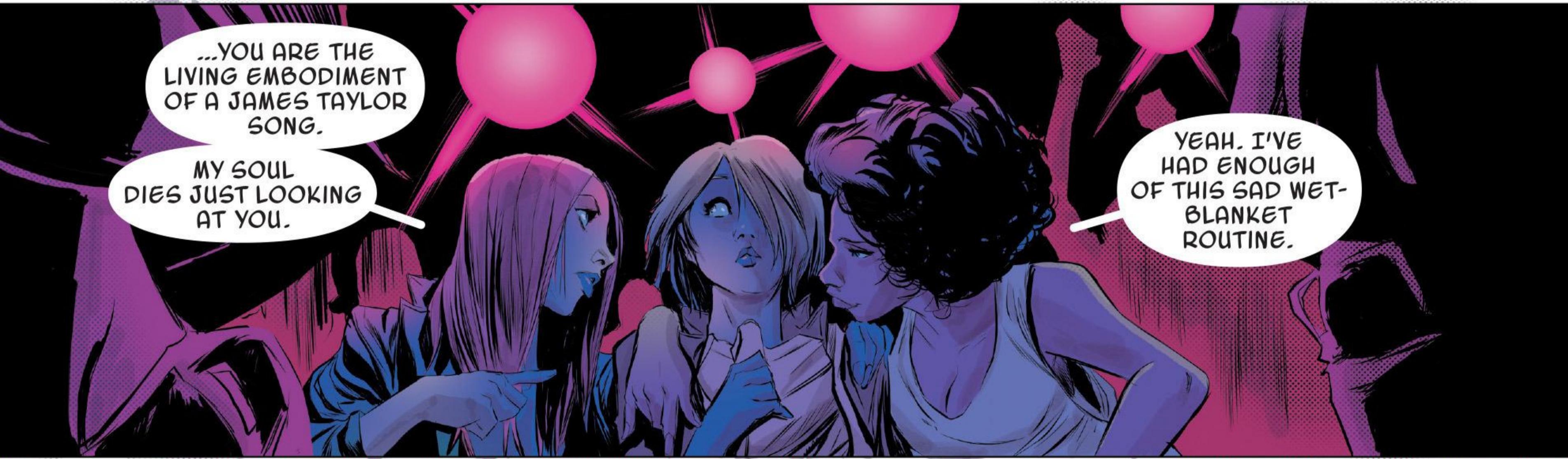
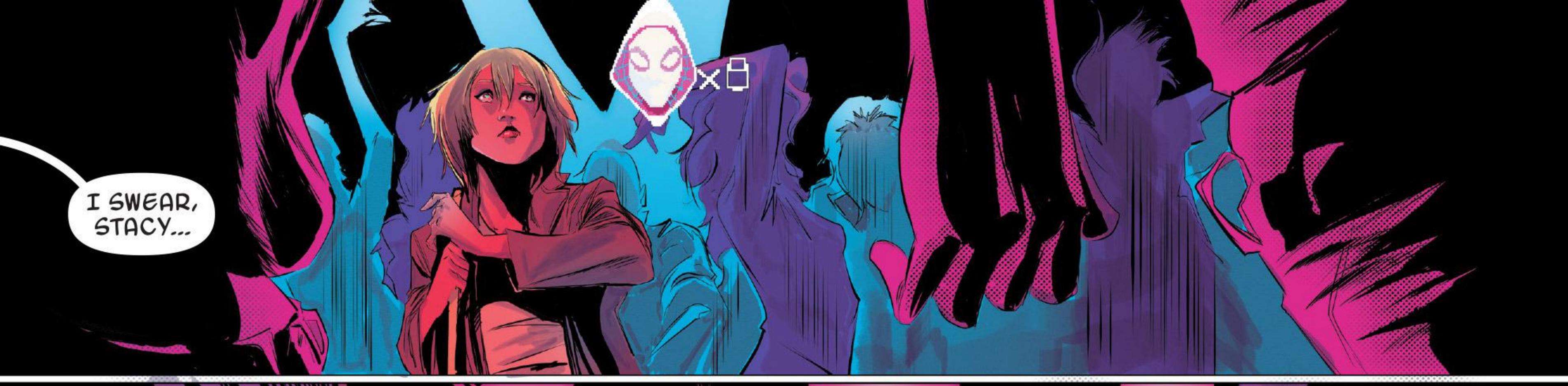
the truth?

Okay.

You win.

STAB OUT
WATCH THAT
ODIN'S RAVEN
EYEEEEE!
FLYMMY!!









GAME OVER

...WHILE
YOU'VE STILL
GOT IT.
C'MON.
TIME TO MOVE
ON.







MAYBE I'VE
ALWAYS BEEN
AFRAID.



MAYBE I LIED
TO MYSELF.

HRRRN...



TOLD MYSELF
WHAT I DID
MATTERED--

HRNNK!



--WHEN REALLY IT
WAS ONLY EVER
ABOUT ME.

C-CHANGE?
GOT ANY
CHANGE?



MAYBE I MADE BEING
SPIDER-WOMAN MATTER
SO MUCH--

I...NO...I...
SORRY...

I'M SO
SORRY...



--BECAUSE I
WAS TERRIFIED
IT DIDN'T.

WAIT UP!

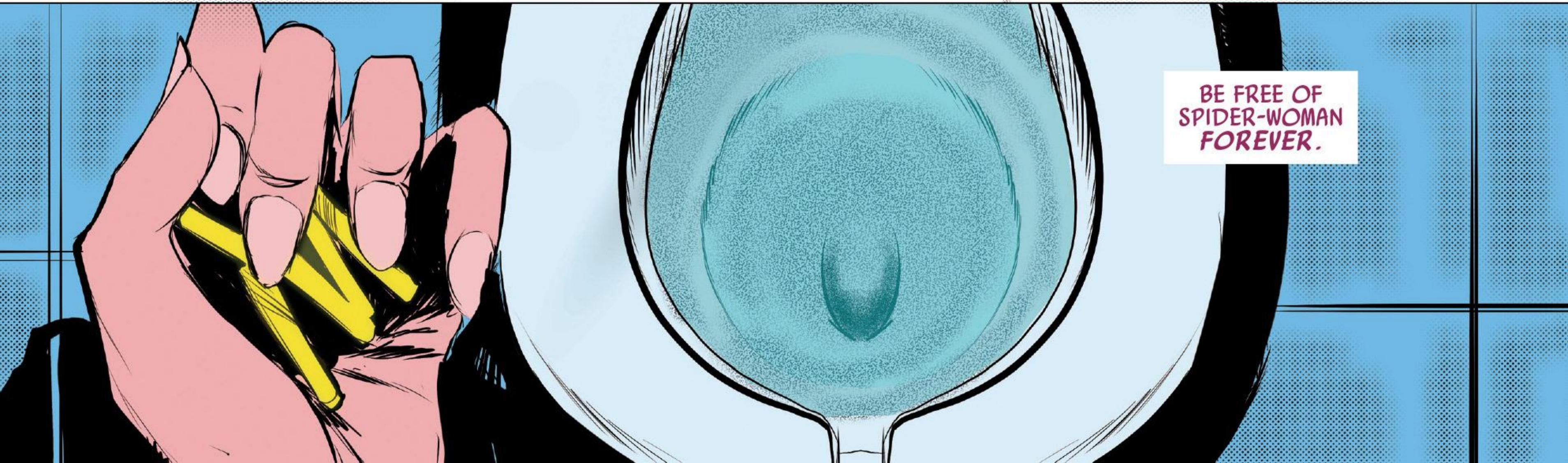
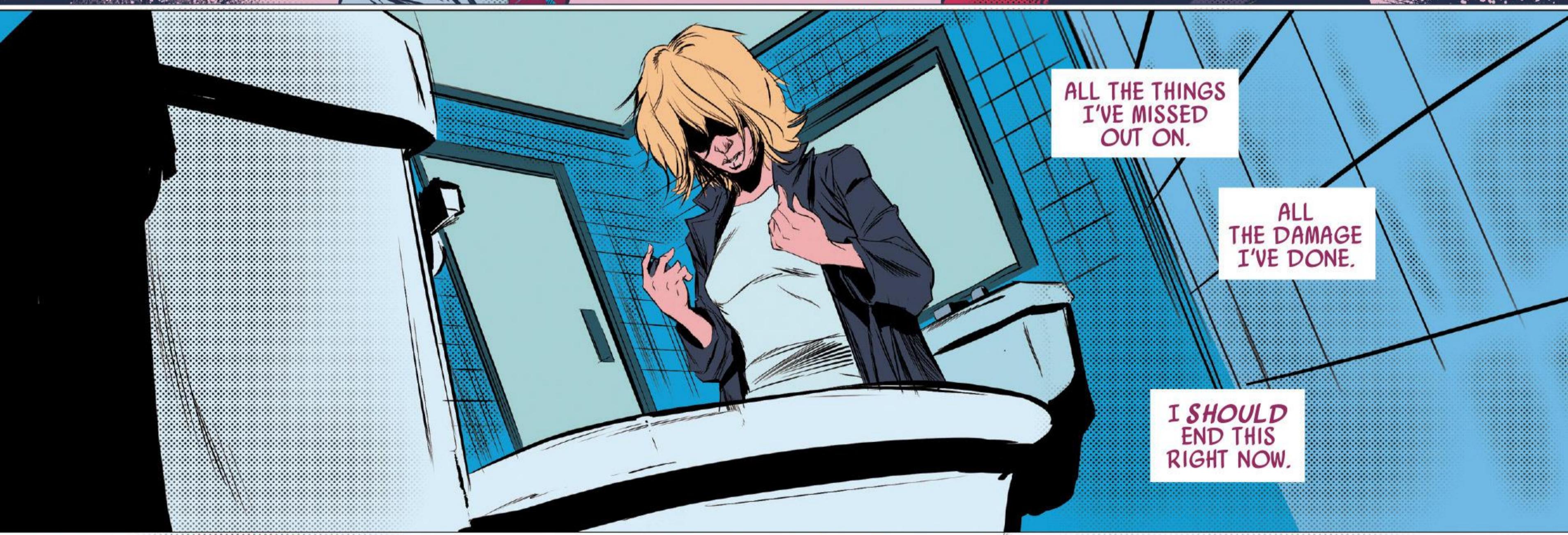


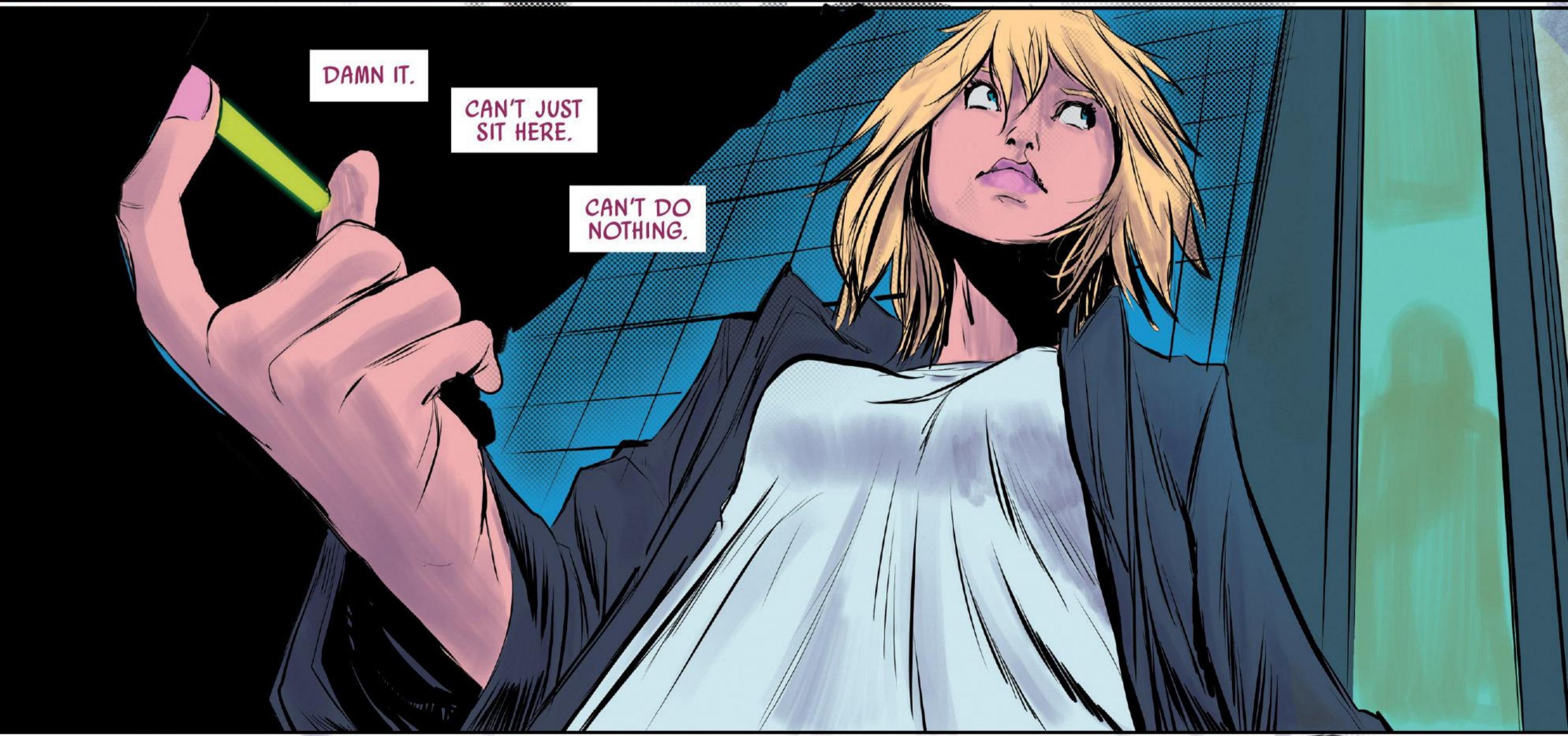


THE STUPID SPIDER-LADY AND THAT GREEN BOOGER!

THEY SMASHED UP MY BUSINESS!

THEY RUINED MY LIFE!





YOU
STUPID, BIG
GUY?

I DUNNO
WHO YOU
THINK YOU
ARE BUT CAN'T
NOBODY
BENCH
PRESS
A--

--BULLET?

RRRRRRRR.

RRRRRRRR.

I...UH...
UM...
PLEASE
DON'T HURT
ME.

WHAT
IN THE--?

NO! NO!
PLEASE!
PLEASE
DON'T!

KRACK

FRANK
CASTLE?

GWEN
STACY.

YOU...YOU
FOLLOWED ME,
DIDN'T YOU?

YOU'VE
BEEN
FOLLOWING
ME.

YOU
CAN'T HIDE
FROM ME.

I
KNOW THE
TRUTH.

WHAT
THE \$%?!

HOW--
YOU'RE
JUST--JUST
A GIRL?





BECAUSE I SAW
THAT SPIDER'S BITE
AS A GIFT...

...AND AS A
CURSE.

NNGH.
BECAUSE I NEVER
HAD A SAY.

BECAUSE I
NEVER REALLY HAD
A CHOICE.

BUT NOW, AT LEAST
FOR A LITTLE WHILE
LONGER...

...I
FINALLY DO.

TO BE CONTINUED...

CINDY 65 (SUPERIOR SILK)

REAL NAME: Cindy Moon

OCCUPATION: Scientist, Social and Industrial Saboteur, Spymaster

LEGAL STATUS: American citizen (Earth 65)

OTHER ALIASES: "Cindy-65", S.I.L.K. Superior

PLACE OF BIRTH: Washington Heights, New York

MARITAL STATUS: Single

KNOWN RELATIVES: Albert Moon Sr. (father, estranged), Nari Moon (mother, estranged), Albert Moon Jr. (brother, estranged)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Leader of S.I.L.K.

BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City (Earth-65)

FIRST APPEARANCE: Spider-Women: Alpha #1

HISTORY: As a high school student attending a science exhibition at OSCORP LABS, Cindy Moon of Earth-65 (A.K.A. Cindy-65) was nearly bitten by a radioactive spider irradiated by a particle accelerator used in the demonstration. With their daughter nearly bitten by a GLOWING spider, the Moons suspected an overt and harmful negligence on the part of the scientists at OSCORP. A lengthy lawsuit against OSCORP followed, during which Dr. Curt Connors, the acting chief of OSCORP'S genetics division, testified under oath that effects of the irradiated spider's bite could have produced a wide range of symptoms in Cindy-65, ranging from superhuman abilities to death.

Increasingly filled with a lingering sense of loss since the near-miss of the spider's bite, Cindy-65 became dually fascinated and mortified with the possibilities of both the powers the spider could have granted and her own death. By comparison, the modest day-to-day life she lived seemed tortuously insignificant. Now obsessed with maximizing her time in life, she sought answers to the questions that haunted her.

With her winnings from an out-of-court settlement with OSCORP, Cindy-65 invested heavily in her own obsessive study of genetics, seeking to recreate and improve upon the radioactive spider which nearly bit her. After years of work, Cindy-65's obsession had nearly depleted her funds and had forced her to cut ties with her own family, but she found herself close to a breakthrough.

That breakthrough came in the form of a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent and S.W.O.R.D. astronaut by the name of Jesse Drew. The lone survivor of a strange alien spider attack (which was totally not like the movie Alien at all...we swear), Drew's blood was infected with a seemingly lethal parasite. Brokering a deal with S.H.I.E.L.D., Cindy-65 began an experiment which ultimately saved Drew's life and also granted him enhanced spider-like powers. It seemed, however, that there was a cost to Drew's cure, as the parasite in his blood could only be kept at bay by a device which flooded his system with a rare isotope similar to the one OSCORP used to irradiate their radioactive spider.

When Cindy-65 refused to recreate or oversee the continuation of her experiments for S.H.I.E.L.D., she suddenly found herself at risk of losing all she'd built. Fortunately for her, the isotope and process used on Drew were known only to her. With this knowledge she blackmailed Agent Drew (A.K.A. Agent 77) into stealing back her research.

The time after this confrontation with S.H.I.E.L.D. is buried in secrecy and redacted, unreliable intel. But what is certain is that a few short years thereafter, Cindy Moon re-emerged from the encounter determined to use her unique worldview, experience, and intellect to form a countermeasure to S.H.I.E.L.D. and what

HEIGHT: 5'7"

WEIGHT: 120 lbs.

EYES: Brown

HAIR: Black

SUPER-POWERS: None.

SKILLS/TALENTS: In addition to world-class intelligence and eidetic memory, Cindy-65 is an expert in the field of genetics and provides gifted insight into advanced robotics, theoretical physics and several other fields of scientific study and application.

Combined with her intelligence, her experience with what lies behind the "secret veil" of the world make her a cunning and devious global strategist. As the head of the super-spy organization S.I.L.K. she has on-the-job training in the most cutting-edge espionage and intelligence-gathering techniques.

She is also a competent martial artist due to her S.I.L.K. training.

WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT: Cindy is in possession of a wide array of advanced technological weapons, many of which were stolen or taken as spoils of war by S.I.L.K. Chief among them is a clawed POWER GLOVE capable of recreating the schematics of any sufficiently studied weapon as a solid light 3D hologram. Among weapons it's recreated are older models of Iron Man's (Earth-616) and Doctor Doom's (Earth-616) armors, Doctor Octopus's (Earth-616) torso-mounted robotic tentacles, and the cybernetic tail of the Scorpion (Earth-616). It has also been shown to house an army of nanotech spider drones.

FUN FACT: Even before her encounter with the spider, Cindy-65 wanted to be so goth in High School. Winona Ryder from Beetlejuice was her hero.

she deemed "the secret masters of the world." Thus, with the help of Agent Drew, Moon formed the shadowy international espionage organization known as S.I.L.K.

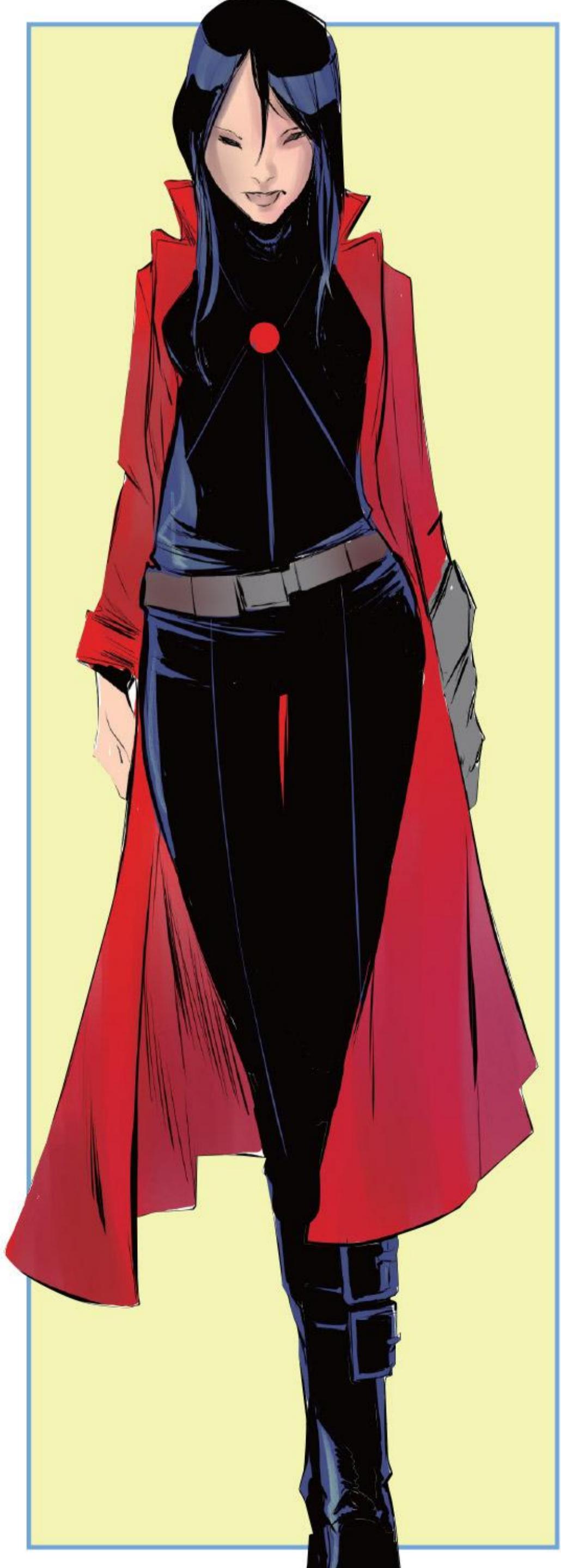
But as Cindy gained more and more influence in the world's affairs, she remained deeply and profoundly obsessed with what could have been. Tempted, yet fearful of the effects it might have if used on herself, Cindy claimed to have released her own irradiated, genetically modified spider into the world in an effort to study and refine the effects of its bite. This, of course, is probably a bunch of baloney, or at least not the full story. Either way, this spider in turn granted Gwen Stacy (see Spider-Woman, A.K.A. Spider-Gwen) her powers with its bite.

Cindy-65 shadowed and studied Gwen as Spider-Woman, and S.I.L.K. began to gather data which it was presumably planning to use to develop a more powerful and effective version of the experiment that granted Gwen her abilities. During the course of their research, however, it was revealed that Stacy was in possession of an astounding interdimensional transportation device, which she used often to visit her fellow Spider-Women Spider-Woman (A.K.A. Jessica Drew) and Silk (Cindy Moon-65's interdimensional counterpart) and share really awesome biscuits

After stealing the interdimensional teleporter from Gwen, Cindy-65 traveled to Earth-616 hoping to use Cindy Moon's identity to steal a vast array of the dimension's powerful and weaponized technologies. Confronted by Silk and Spider-Gwen, Cindy-65 revealed herself as Spider-Gwen's "benefactor," seemingly stripped Gwen of her powers for her defiance and bested the rookie Spider-Women in combat. With Spider-Gwen and Silk defeated, Cindy-65 returned home with her newfound arsenal.

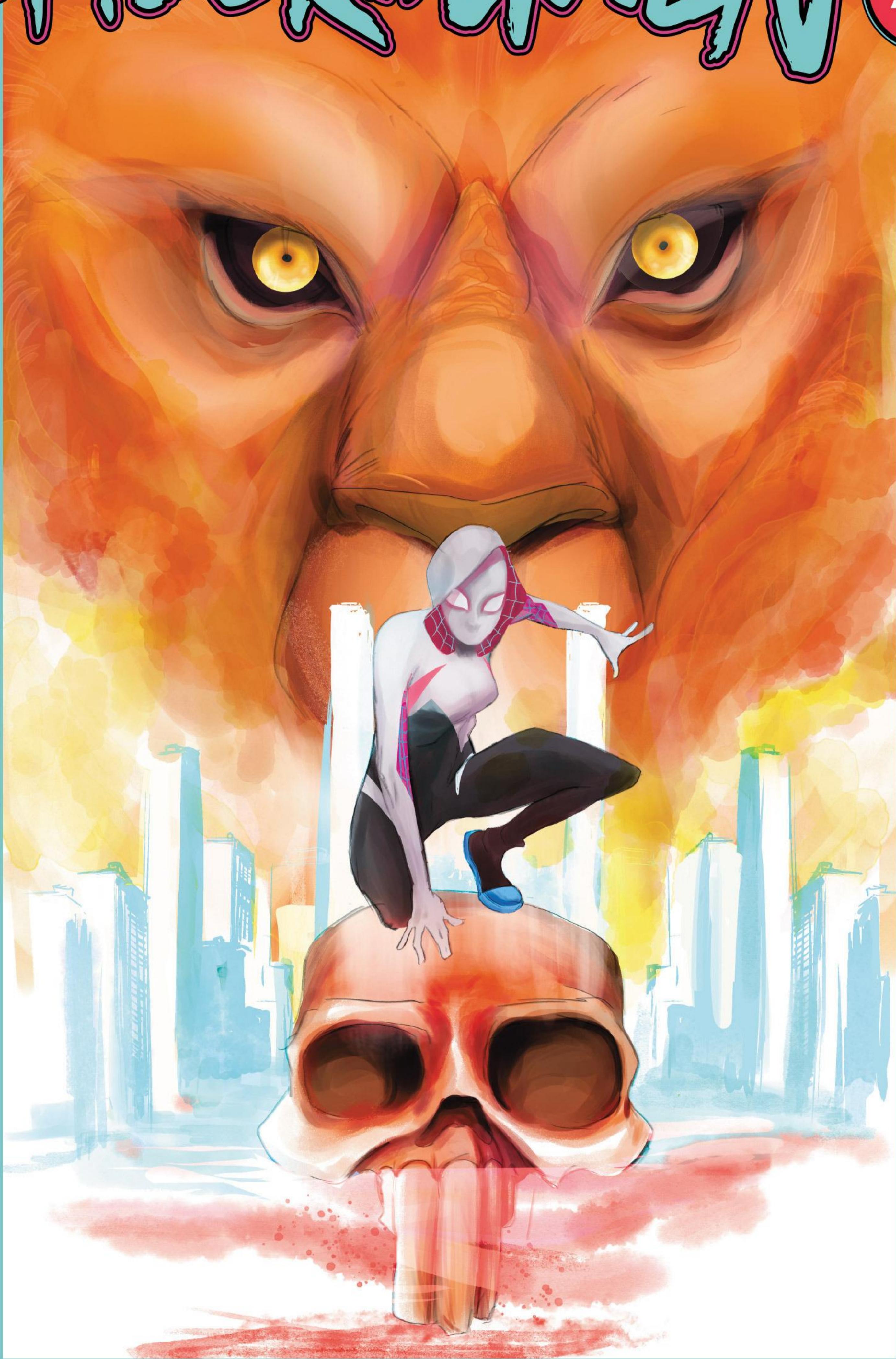
However, Jessica Drew used intel of her gathered from S.I.L.K. to reveal to Agent 77 (Jesse Drew) that Cindy-65 had, in fact, cured him long ago and was using the false pretense of treating his afflictions to keep him loyal to S.I.L.K. In other words, Cindy-65'd been lying to Jesse Drew all along. As retribution, Jesse Drew gave Jessica the location of and access codes to Cindy's secret bunker. There Silk, Jessica Drew, and Spider-Gwen (A.K.A. "The Spider-Women") managed to defeat Cindy-65.

She is currently in the custody of Earth-65's S.H.I.E.L.D., confined to a bunker with only crappy old video game Dangerous Street Garbage to keep her company. ■



SPIDER-GWEN

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