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THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN



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ON THE OUTSIDE, THE H.E.A.R.T. CLINIC IS A CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, PROVIDING FREE HEALTH CARE TO NEW YORK'S LESS FORTUNATE...

...BUT BENEATH THE SURFACE...

H.E.A.R.T. CLINIC
Hospital for Emergency Aid
and Recuperative Therapy

...IS A SECRET MEDICAL FACILITY, OFFERING PROCEDURES MOST INSURANCE PROVIDERS WOULD CALL UNWARRANTED...

...RADICAL...

...AND MOSTLY, TOO EXPENSIVE.

BUT IF YOU ASK THE CLINIC'S FOUNDER, DR. ELIAS WIRTHAM, WHAT IT IS HE OFFERS HERE...

...HE'D SAY, "HOPE."

DR. WIRTHAM?
I--I DON'T LIKE
THIS. PLEASE
TAKE IT OFF.

DON'T WORRY,
AMY. THAT'S A
MAGIC HELMET...

...IT'S GOING TO
HELP US FIND OUT
WHY YOU'RE
SICK.

CAN WE PUT IT ON
PINKY? MAKE HIM
BETTER TOO?

ABSOLUTELY.
PINKY THE
PENGUIN'S NEXT.

THE SCANNER'S
WORKING?

PERFECTLY.
BUT I KNOW
THERE'S MORE
THAT DEVICE
CAN DO.

DIDN'T HAPPEN
TO STEAL A
MANUAL WITH IT
AS WELL, PIP
YOU?

SORRY, DR.
VARGAS. BUT THE
ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS
HOW TO ACCESS ALL
ITS FUNCTIONS...

...IS ITS
INVENTOR, OTTO
OCTAVIUS. AND,
UNFORTUNATELY, THE
MAN'S DEAD.



THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN



OTTO OCTAVIUS IS A MAN WHO CHEATED DEATH, BUT AT A PRICE. WHEN HE EXCHANGED BODIES WITH PETER PARKER, HE GAINED THE AMAZING SKILLS OF SPIDER-MAN—AND ALL OF PETER'S MEMORIES. OTTO FINALLY UNDERSTANDS PETER'S MISSION OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.



BUT A TINY PIECE OF PETER PARKER IS STILL THERE IN THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN'S BRAIN, WATCHING OTTO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE AND TRYING TO KEEP THE REFORMED VILLAIN IN CHECK.



WHEN THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN CAME ACROSS THE VIGILANTE, CARDIAC, ATTEMPTING TO STEAL ONE OF DOCTOR OCTOPUS' OLD INVENTIONS, OCTAVIUS BEGAN TO BRUTALLY ASSAULT HIM. WHEN PETER PARKER TRIED TO TAKE CONTROL AND STOP OCTAVIUS, CARDIAC MADE HIS MISTAKE. BUT NOT BEFORE OCTAVIUS COULD TAG HIM WITH A SPIDER-TRACER.



THE AVENGERS CALLED IN SPIDER-MAN TO QUESTION HIS RECENT BRUTAL ATTACKS. OCTAVIUS RESPONDED WITH VIOLENCE, SPARKING A CONFRONTATION WITH THEM.

TROUBLED MIND PART TWO: PROOF POSITIVE

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MIGHTIEST HEROES.

SPIDER-MAN!
I'M GIVING YOU
AN ORDER,
MISTER!

YOU WILL
STAND DOWN
IMMEDIATELY
AND SUBMIT TO
OUR TESTS!

NEVER!

RAK

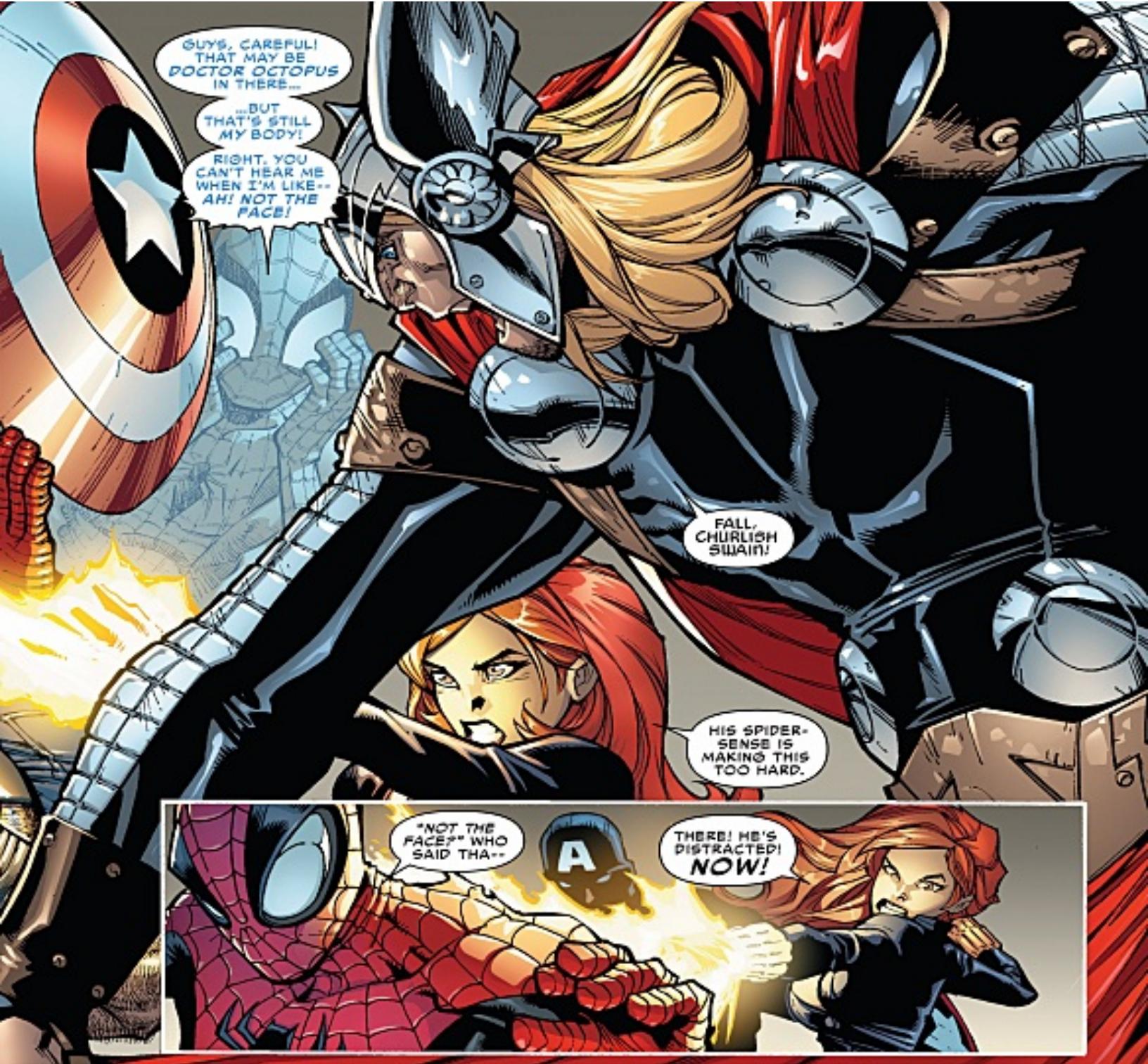
WRONG PLAY,
KID. AND HERE'S
WHERE YOU PAY
FOR IT!

ON IT!

YEAH.
WE'RE DONE
HERE.

VZAM





"...WE FINALLY GOT
TO THE BOTTOM
OF THIS!"

I HAVE A
PRETTY GOOD
IDEA WHO'S REALLY
INSIDE THAT SUIT,
AND I'M TELLING
YOU...

...IT'S
NOT SPIDER-
MAN!

THE
PROBLEM IS
PROVING IT.

EMPIRICALLY.
SCIENTIFICALLY.
BEYOND A
REASONABLE
DOUBT.

HONESTLY,
AT THIS STAGE, I'M
NOT COMFORTABLE
TELLING ANYONE
MY THEORY...

Prospect Heights, Brooklyn.

THE APARTMENT OF
OFFICER CARLIE COOPER.

...OR EVEN
SAYING IT
OUT LOUD, IT
JUST SOUNDS
SO...

...LUDICROUS.

BUT YOU KNOW
ME, I DON'T GO
INTO SITUATIONS LIKE
THIS HALF-COCKED. I'M
GONNA NEED HELP
ON THIS ONE.

FROM ME?
COOPER, IT'S
BECAUSE OF
YOU THAT
I'M...

--ON A
"LEAVE OF
ABSENCE." WHY
WOULD I HELP
YOU?

ONE,
BECAUSE I
DIDN'T TURN
YOU IN.

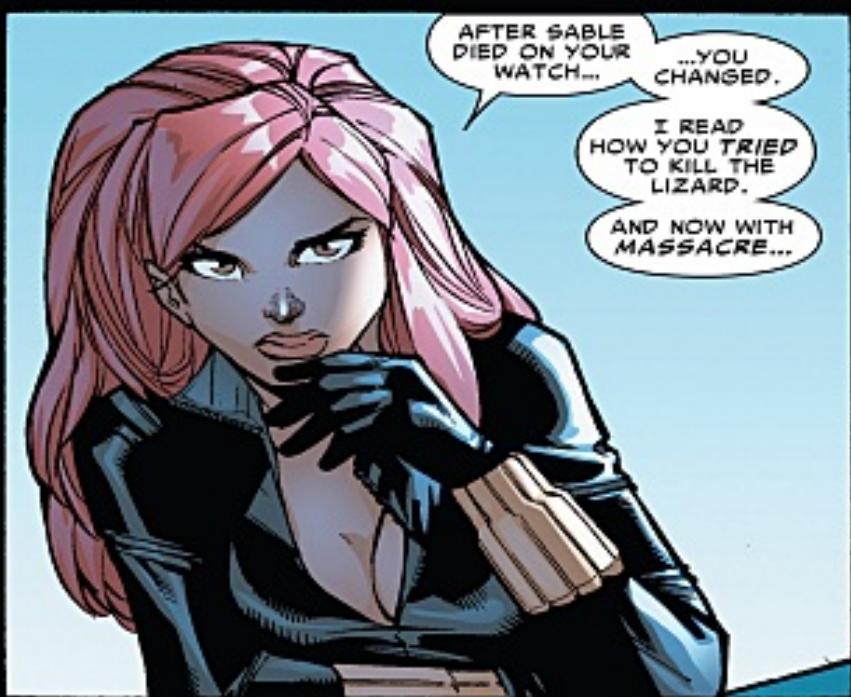
TWO,
YOU'RE A
GOOD PERSON.
AND THREE...

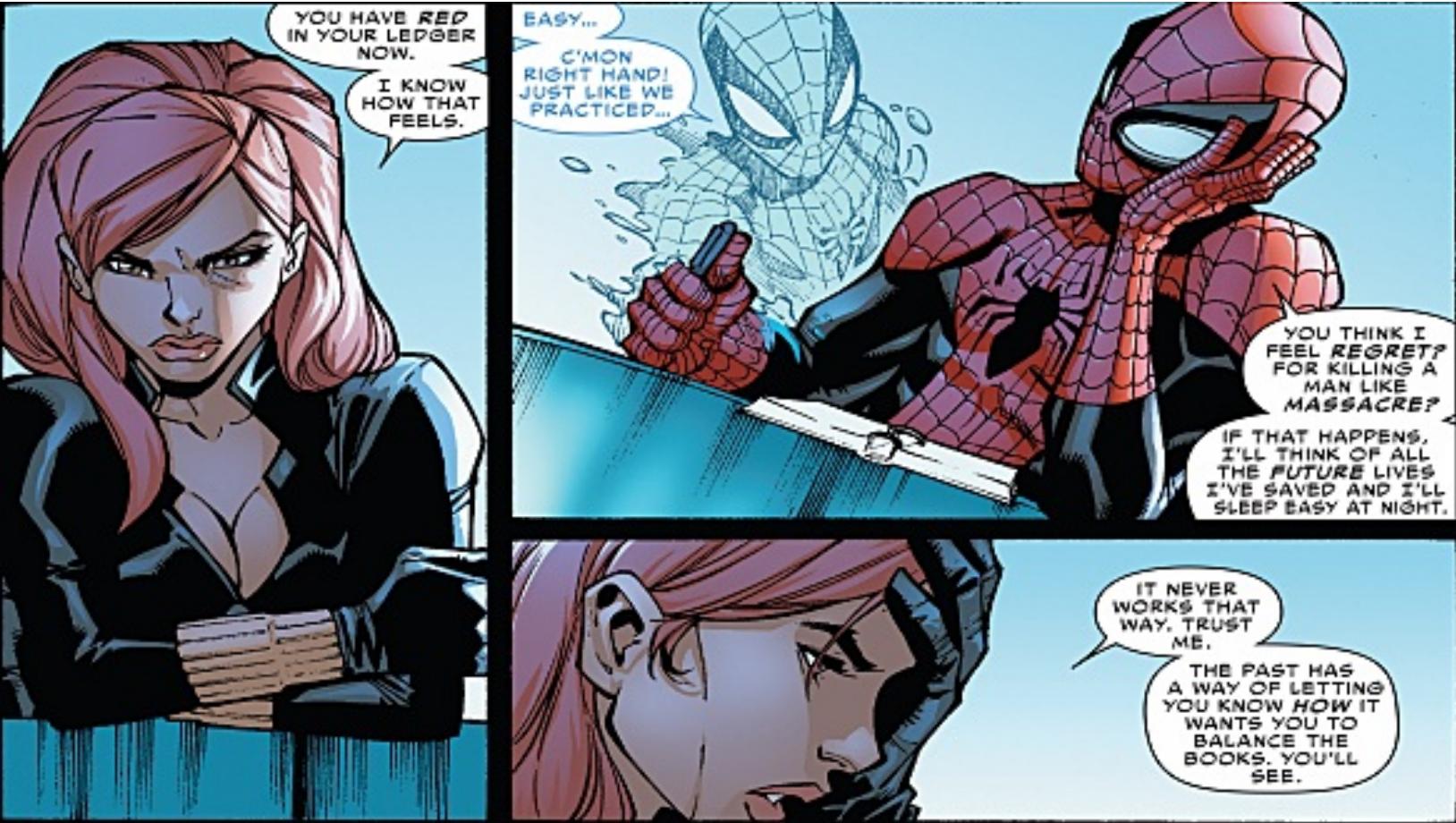
WHAT
IF I'M
RIGHT?

OKAY,
YOU WIN.
LET'S DO
THIS.









I CAN'T BELIEVE NONE OF THEM WERE SMART ENOUGH TO NOTICE THAT DEVIATION IN MY BRAIN PATTERN!

IT'S JUST DUMB LUCK THAT IRON MAN IS BUSY GALLIVANTING THROUGH SPACE...

...AND GIANT-MAN'S OFF SOMEWHERE PLAYING WITH HIS TOYS.

THANK GOD THE ONLY AVENGERS ON CALL WERE A BUNCH OF BUTTON-PUSHING MONKEYS...

...WHO PROBABLY CAN'T EVEN PROGRAM A DVR!

AH! MY LAB AT HORIZON...

OUT OF MY WAY!

PETER? WHAT'S THE MATTER? CAN WE--?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. NOT TO THE LIKES OF YOU!

I HAVE TO STUDY THIS DATA IMMEDIATELY.

AH! NO. ARE YOU ON TO ME, DOCTOR?

HUM

THESE ARE INCONCLUSIVE! I NEED A BETTER SCAN OF MY BRAIN...

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VERY
WELL THEN--

**THE DIE IS
CAST!**

WHAT IN
GOD'S NAME
ARE YOU
DOING?!

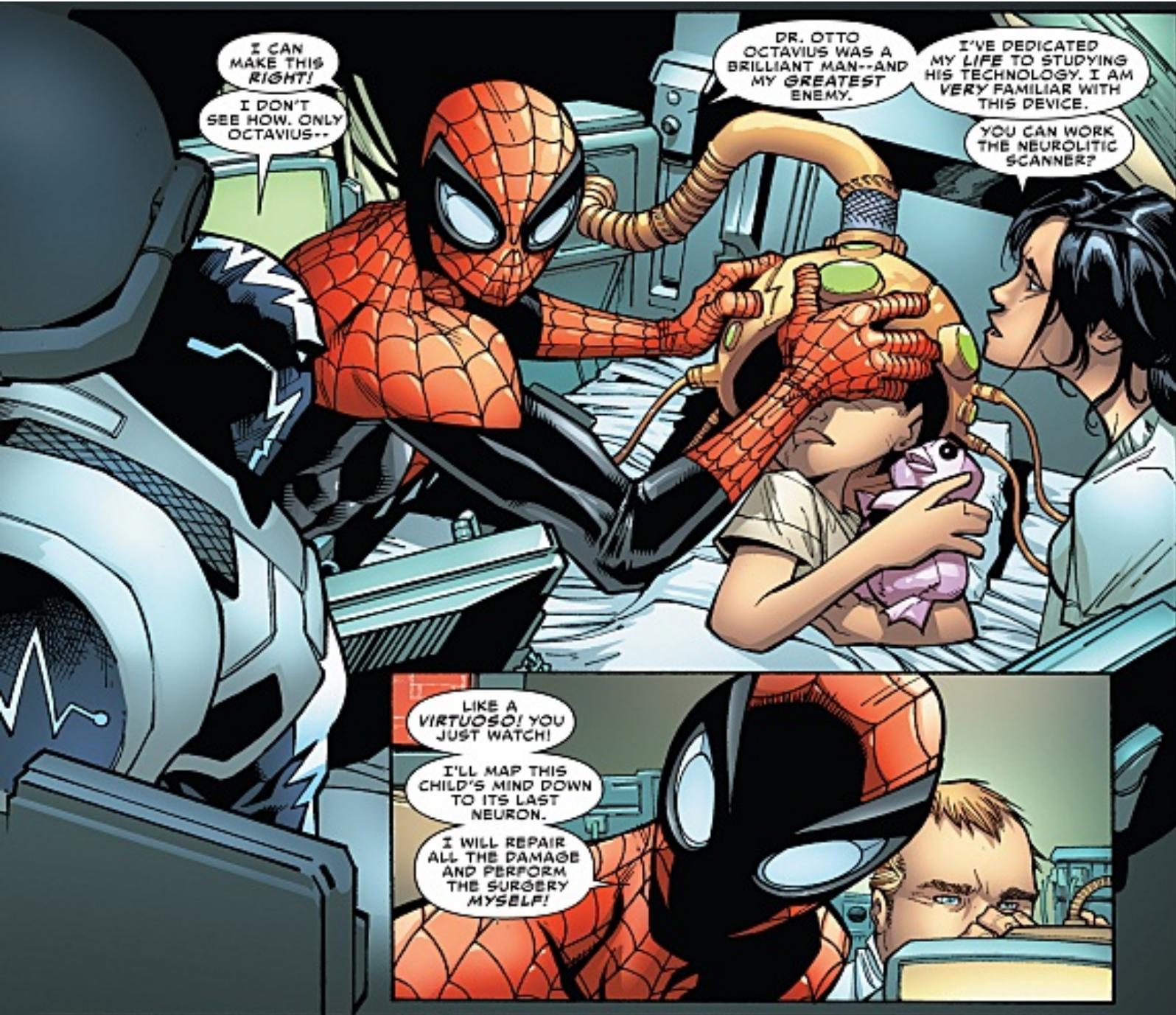
STOP
IT THIS
INSTANT!











I MUST BE OUT OF MY MIND. I
DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE,
YOUR CREDENTIALS...

...IF YOU'RE
EVEN A DOCTOR
OR JUST A MAN
IN A MASK...

SAYS
CARDIAC.

SPIDER-MAN?
YOUR HAND, IT'S
TREMBLING.

IT WILL
PASS.



YOU WERE
BRILLIANT BACK
THERE. ALL THESE
YEARS WE FOUGHT--
I NEVER KNEW.

UNDER THAT
MASK WAS A
MAN OF SUCH
SKILL!

I WAS WRONG
ABOUT YOU TOO.
LOOK AT ALL
OF THIS...

—A SECRET
UNDERGROUND
BASE, IMPRESSIVE
EQUIPMENT,
MINIONS.

WORKING
OUTSIDE THE
LAW, BUT DOING
GOOD, I APPROVE.
IN FACT...



—ANYTHING YOU OR THIS
PLACE NEEDS OF ME, ALL
YOU HAVE TO DO
IS ASK.

THANK
YOU. NOW
ABOUT THE
SCANNER.



YOU NEED IT
FOR SOMETHING,
DON'T YOU?

ONLY FOR A
LITTLE WHILE.
I PROMISE TO
RETURN IT.

THEN IT'S
YOURS, MY
FRIEND. USE
IT IN GOOD
HEALTH.

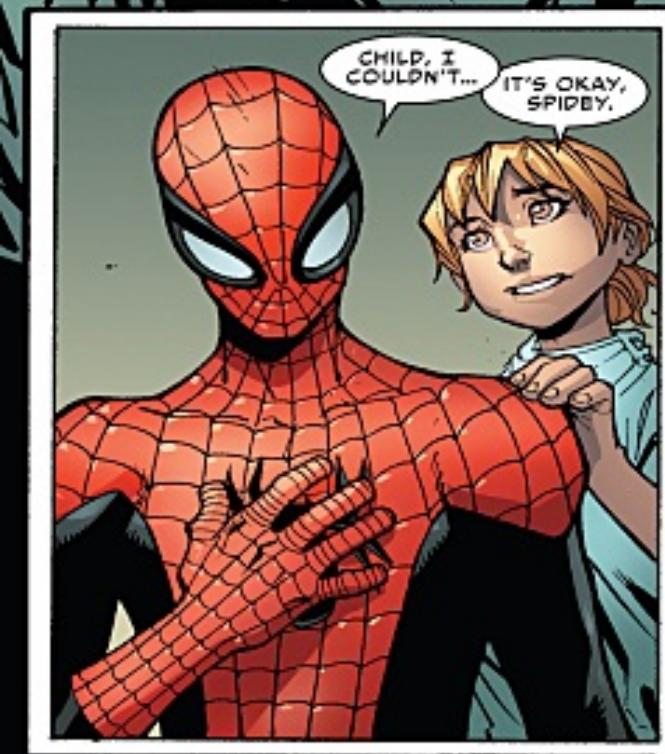
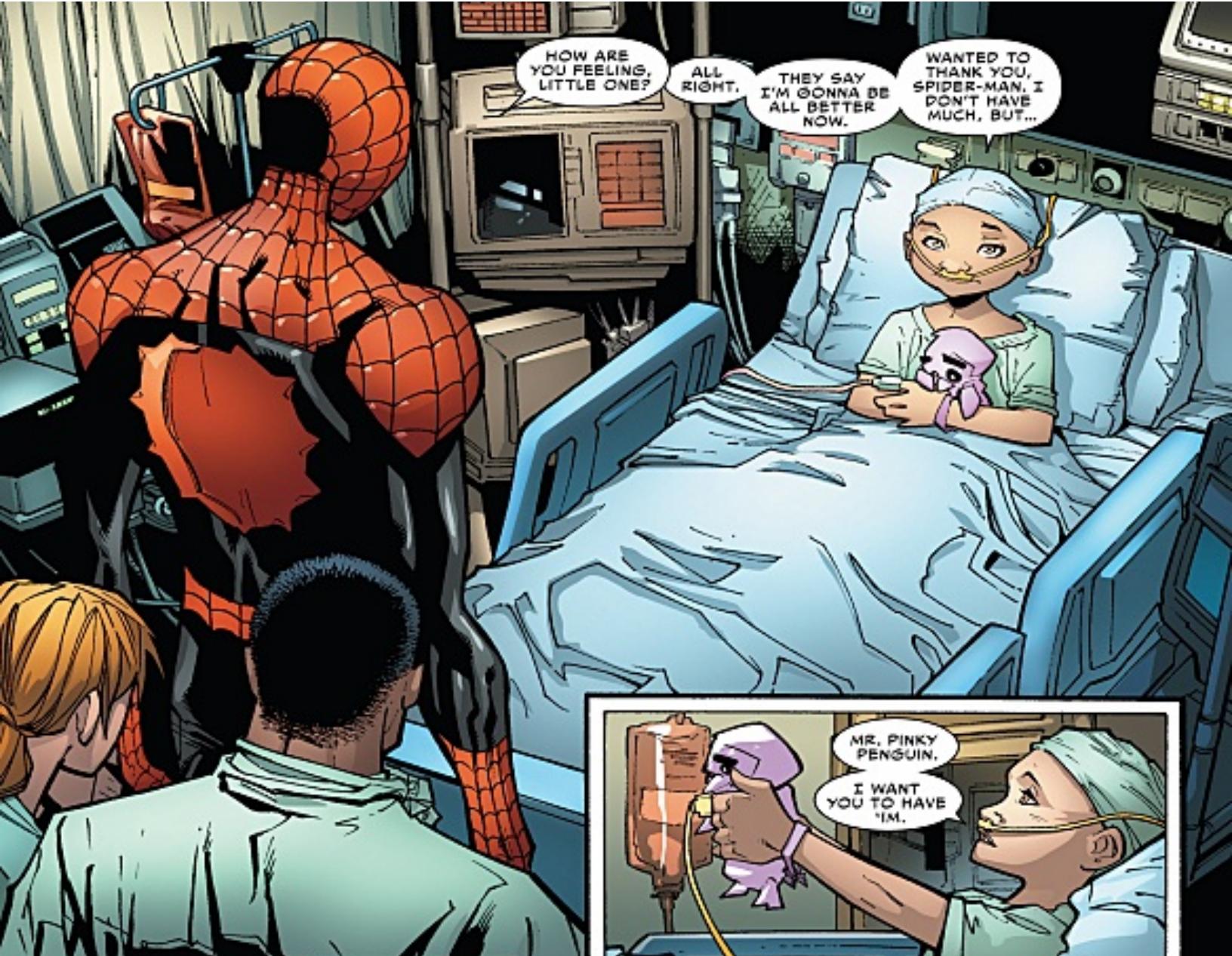
AW,
CRAP.

CARDIAC!
WHY'D YOU
HAVE TO GO
AND DO
THAT?

DOCTORS?
OUR PATIENT'S
UP, AND SHE'S
ASKING FOR
YOU.

BOTH OF
YOU.







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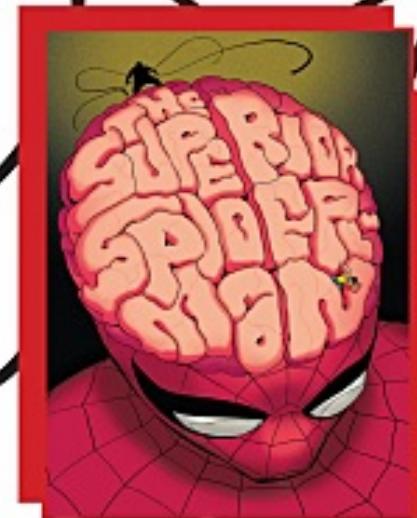
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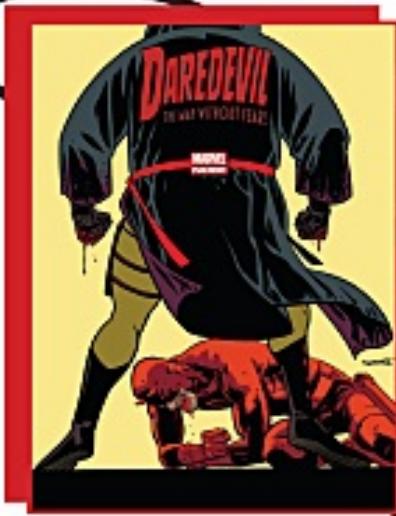
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DAREDEVIL #25



SCARLET SPIDER #16



CAPTAIN MARVEL #12