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# DAREDEVIL



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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE.

AFTER A BATTLE AGAINST THE HAND, MATT'S SOUL WAS FRACTURED, INFECTED BY THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND POSSESSED THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM, INCLUDING HIS FORMER LEGAL PARTNER, FOGGY NELSON. POSSESSED BY PRIDE, FOGGY TOOK MATT TO COURT TO SHUT DOWN SAINT NICHOLAS', THE CHURCH AND YOUTH HOME WHERE MATT HAS BEEN WORKING.

FUELED BY HIS OWN SELF-LOATHING AND CRISIS OF FAITH FOLLOWING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JASON, ONE OF THE WARDS OF ST. NICK'S, MATT CONCEDED THE CASE. FRUSTRATED BY MATT'S REFUSAL TO LITIGATE, PRIDE EXORCISED ITSELF WITH THE PROMISE OF RETRIBUTION IN THE FORM OF ITS BROTHER WRATH.

FREED FROM PRIDE, FOGGY REVEALED THE WHEREABOUTS OF JASON--WHO HAS BEEN POSSESSED BY THE FINAL DEVIL: WRATH!

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WELL,  
WHAT WILL IT BE,  
DAREDEVIL?

WHO  
LIVES, AND WHO  
DIES?

FORTY STORIES ABOVE  
MANHATTAN, THE DEVIL  
WRATH, A MONSTER  
BORN OF MY RAGE, HAS  
POSSESSED A CHILD  
I WAS SUPPOSED  
TO PROTECT.

WRATH HAS ABDUCTED  
MY BEST FRIEND FOGGY  
NELSON AND BULLSEYE,  
MY WORST ENEMY.

IT WANTS ME TO  
CHOOSE ONE OF  
THEM TO SACRIFICE.



**WHAM**

LEAVE  
FOGGY  
ALONE!

WH-WHAT  
AM I, CHOPPED  
LIVER?

N-NOT  
GOING OUT LIKE  
THIS. NO #60%  
WAY.

COME  
ON, WRATH/  
YOU'RE NOT HERE  
FOR THEM. YOU'RE  
HERE FOR  
ME!

SO  
COME AND  
GET IT

UNH!



THE THINKING PART OF ME KNOWS I CAN'T DEFEAT WRATH WITH VIOLENCE AND ANGER.



IT KNOWS MY ONLY CHANCE HERE IS TO DENY THE DEVIL'S POWER BY CHOOSING PEACE OVER MY OWN FURY.



BUT THE PART OF ME THAT FEELS DOESN'T CARE.



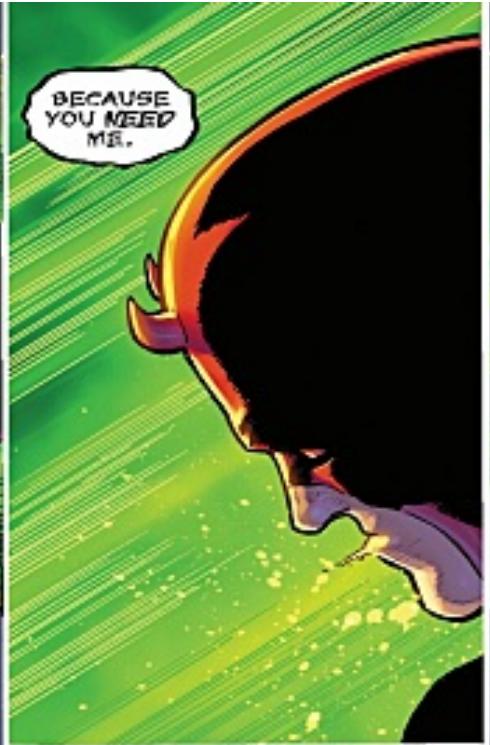
MY FATHER'S DEATH. CHILDHOOD IN HELL'S KITCHEN. THE ENDLESS PARADE OF PEOPLE WHO'VE TRIED TO KILL ME.



ONE THING'S KEPT ME GOING THROUGH ALL OF IT--

--MY  
ANGER.





YOU HEAR THAT? THIS FREAK CAME AFTER ME BECAUSE OF YOU, HORNHEAD!

YOUR WEIRD-ASS BEEF COST ME AN ARM, YOU WORTHLESS HORNHEAD!

BUT I'M GONNA TAKE A LOT MORE THAN THAT FROM YOU.

CRASH

ONE OF US LIVES AND ONE DIES, HUM?

EASY CHOICE FROM WHERE I'M SITTIN'

NNNNH...







IF I WAS TRULY  
A MAN OF GOD,  
I WOULD AGONIZE  
OVER MY DECISION.

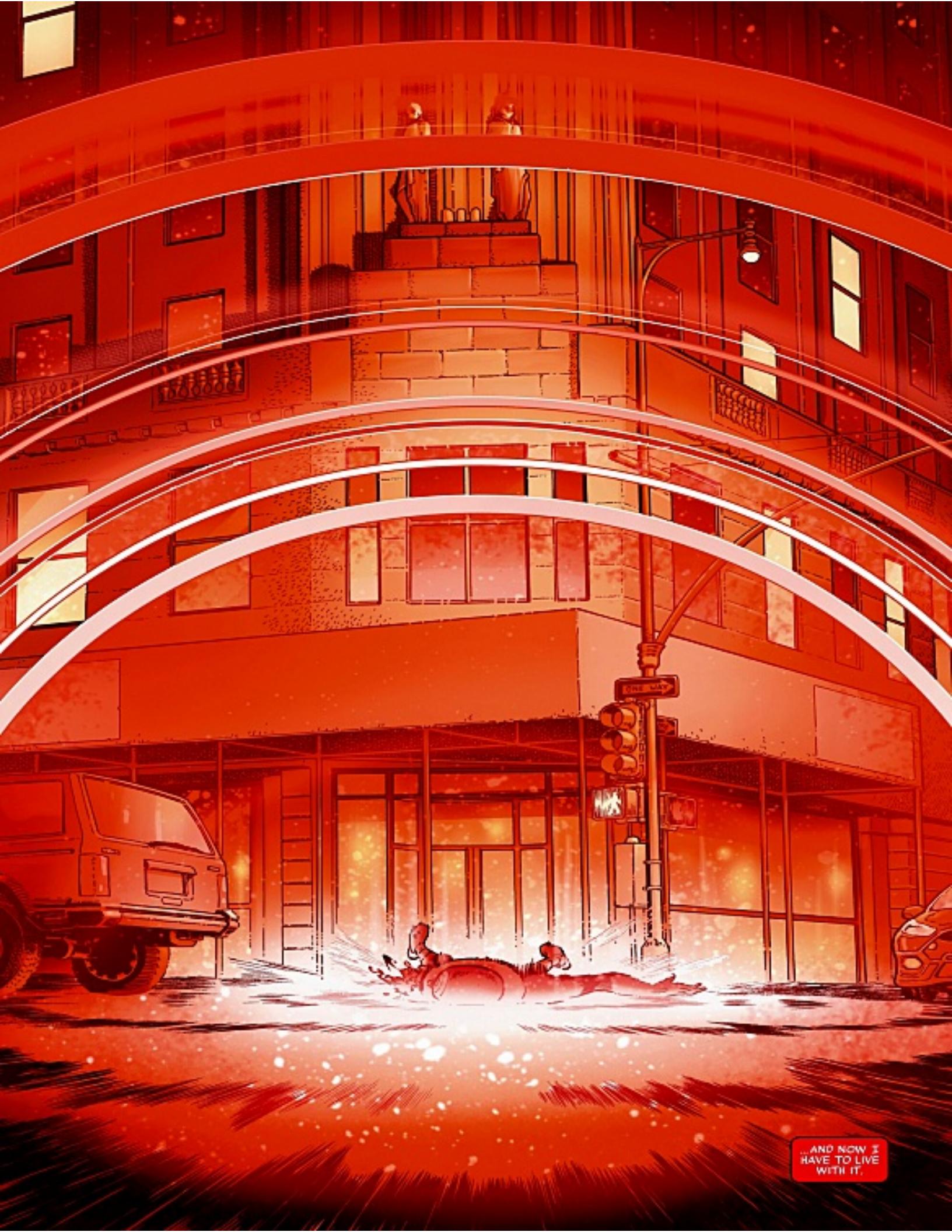
BUT I'VE  
NEVER FELT  
MORE LIKE  
A DEVIL.



I THROW  
BULLSEYE A  
LIFELINE WHILE  
CATCHING  
FOGGY.

BUT IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER.

I MADE MY  
CHOICE...



...AND NOW I  
HAVE TO LIVE  
WITH IT.



AND JUST LIKE THAT, THE DEVIL WRATH IS GONE.

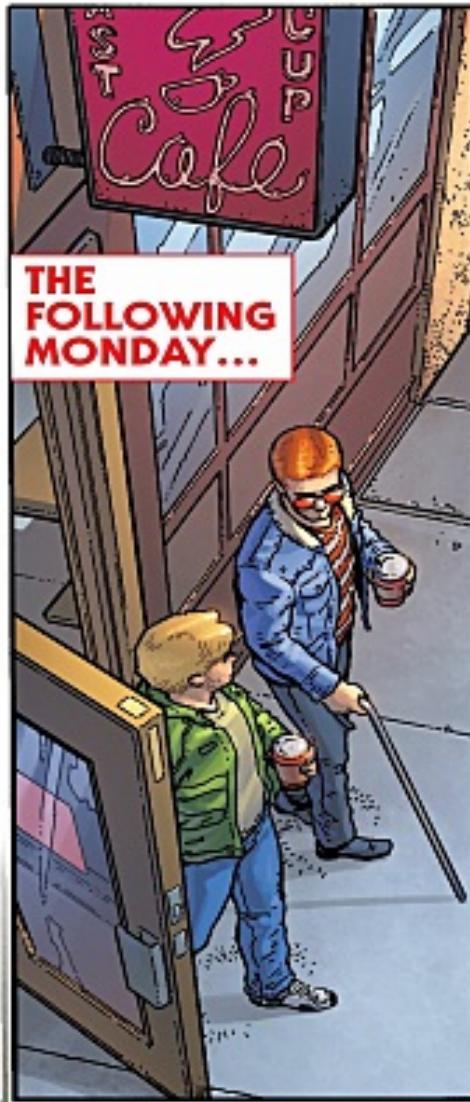
I CAN FEEL IN MY SOUL  
THAT IT HASN'T JUST  
TELEPORTED AWAY, IT'S  
RETURNED TO HELL.

BUT WRATH  
WASN'T DRIVEN  
BACK BY THE  
WORD OF GOD.

IT WENT HOME  
BECAUSE IT  
DID ITS JOB.

IT DIDN'T DRAG  
ME BACK TO HELL  
BECAUSE IT  
DOESN'T NEED TO.

IT'S ALREADY  
PROVEN WHAT  
I AM.

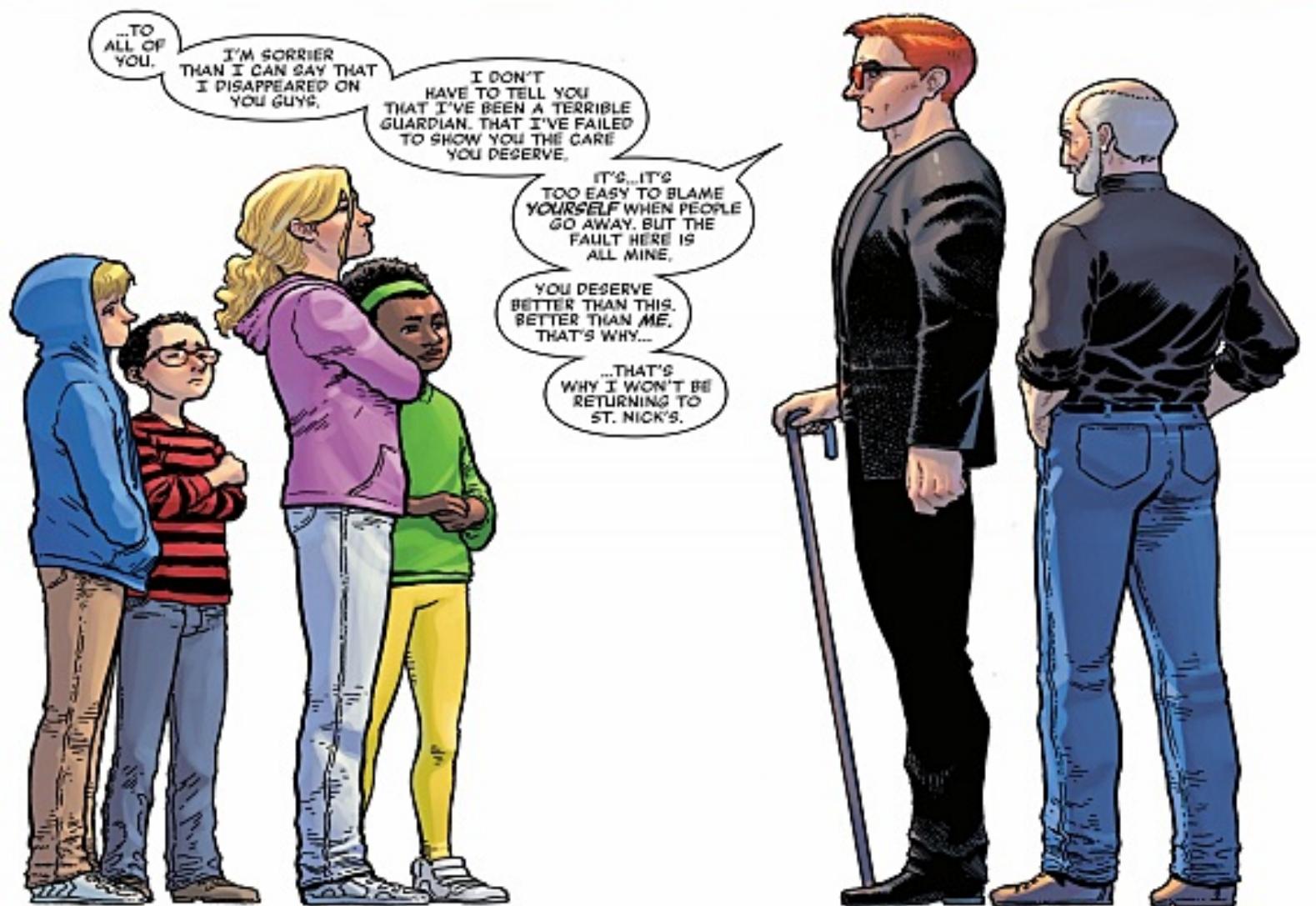
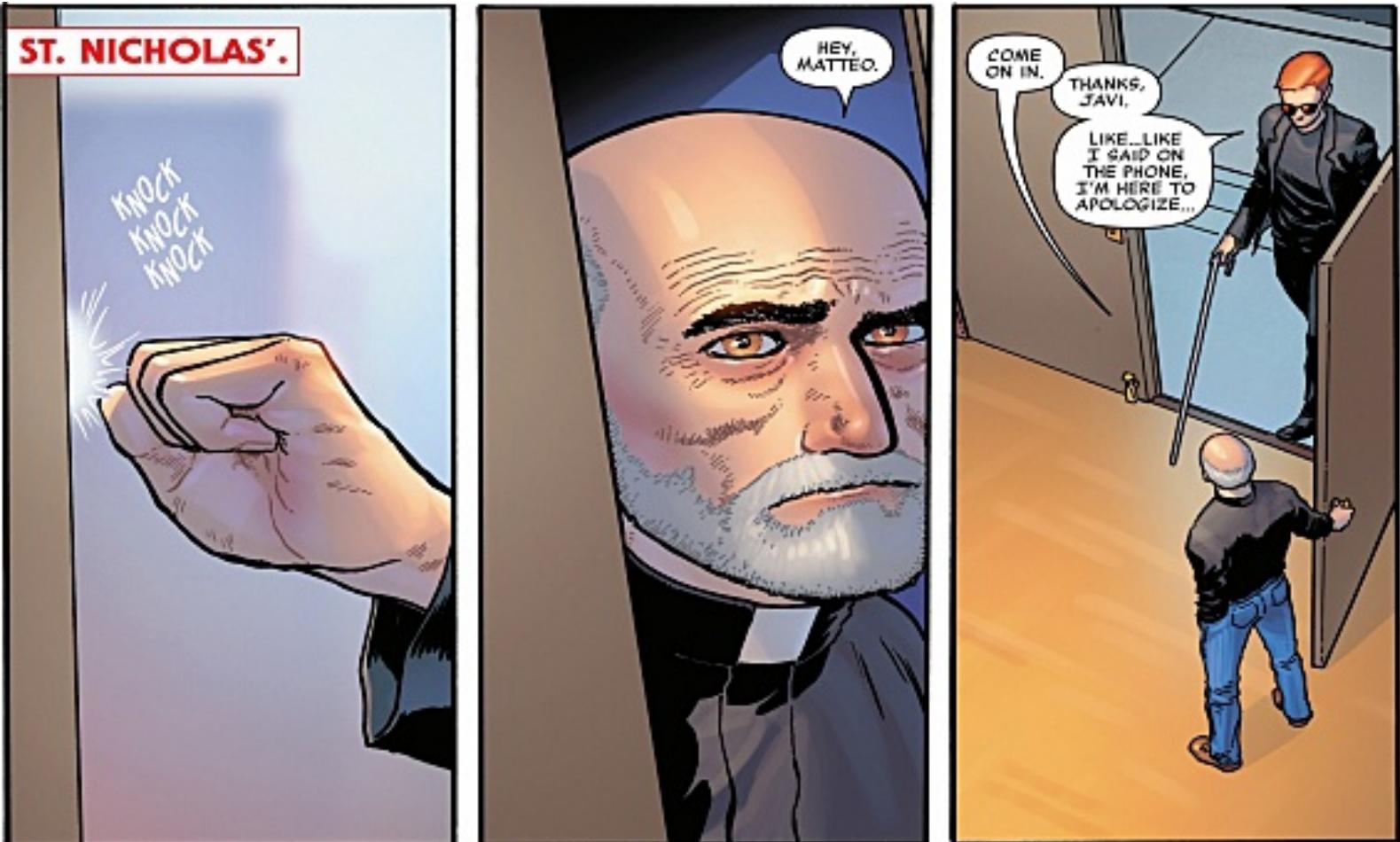


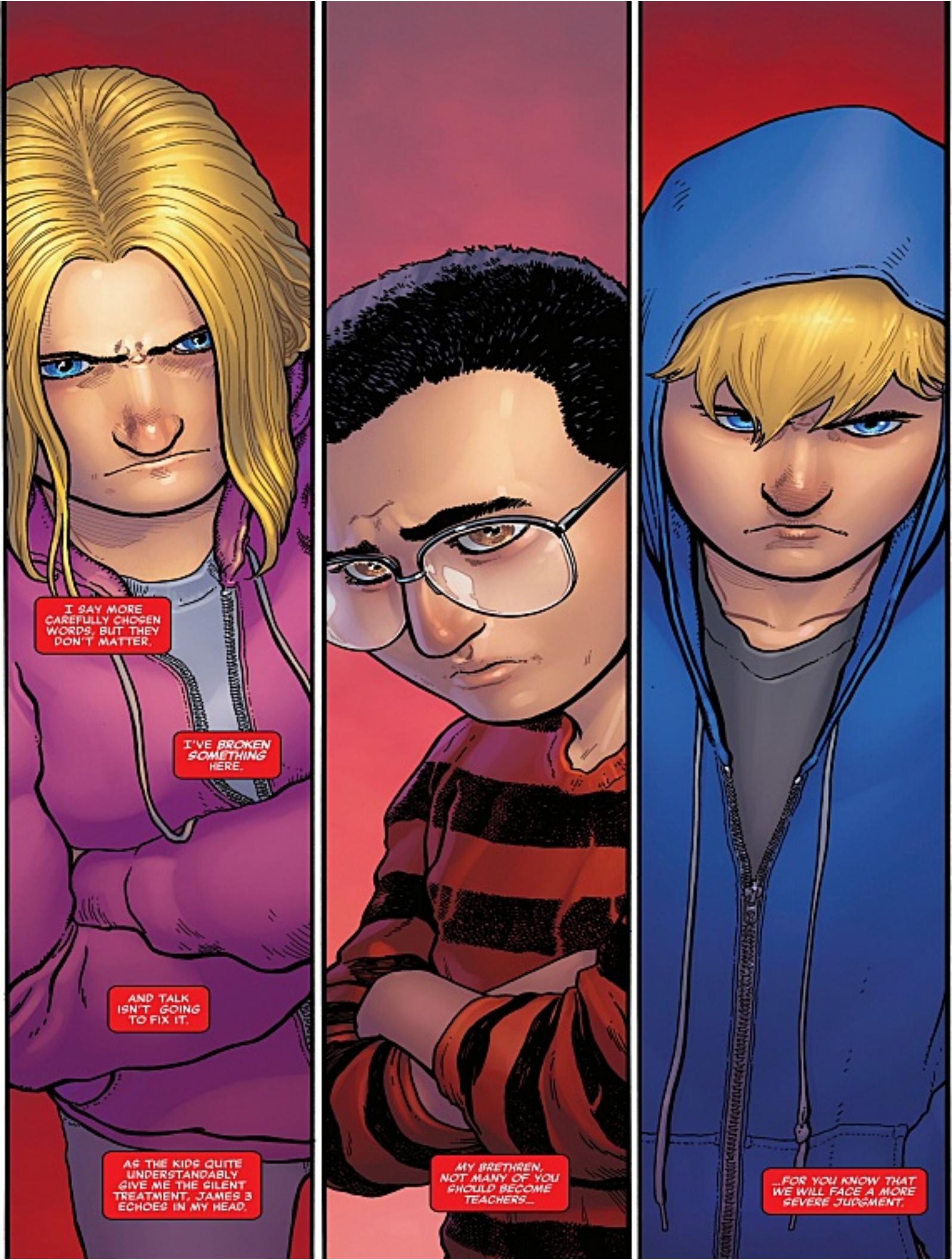
THREE DAYS LATER...





## ST. NICHOLAS'.





I SAY MORE  
CAREFULLY CHOSEN  
WORDS, BUT THEY  
DON'T MATTER.

I'VE BROKEN  
SOMETHING  
HERE.

AND TALK  
ISN'T GOING  
TO FIX IT.

AS THE KIDS QUITE  
UNDERSTANDABLY  
GIVE ME THE SILENT  
TREATMENT, JAMES 3  
ECHOES IN MY HEAD.

MY BRETHREN,  
NOT MANY OF YOU  
SHOULD BECOME  
TEACHERS...

...FOR YOU KNOW THAT  
WE WILL FACE A MORE  
SEVERE JUDGMENT.

WAIT/  
FATHER  
MATT!



YOU REMEMBER  
WHEN WE MESSED  
SOMETHING UP, YOU USED  
TO SAY, "IF YOU TRIED  
YOUR BEST, YOU  
DIDN'T FAIL"?

WELL,  
YOU MESSED  
UP PRETTY  
BAD...



...BUT I  
KNOW YOU TRIED  
YOUR BEST.





CHLOE'S WORDS  
ARE A LITTLE  
BUOY THAT KEEPS  
ME AFLOAT.



AND AS I WALK AWAY  
FROM ST. NICK'S FEELING  
LIKE THE WORLD'S WORST  
SCREWUP. THEY HELP  
ME REMEMBER JAMES 3,  
WHICH TELLS US HUMAN  
BEINGS WILL ALWAYS  
SCREW UP.

FOR ALL OF US  
FALL SHORT IN  
MANY WAYS.

NEXT: A NEW CREATION.

NEXT

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