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KING'S
RANSOM

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

KING'S RANSOM *Part One*

To make ends meet, Peter took a high-paying gig from Norah Winters and J. Jonah Jameson at *Threats & Menaces*. The gig came with a new high-tech suit, which allows *TNM* subscribers to watch the world through Spidey's eyes. Subscriptions went through the roof as viewers got to experience Spider-Man take down super villains, who seem to be cropping up at an alarming rate.

The villains are working for NYC mayor Wilson Fisk, A.K.A. the Kingpin, who's seeking the pieces of the powerful Lifeline Tablet. Peter and his roommate, "reformed villain" Fred Myers, A.K.A. Boomerang, have been trying to keep the pieces out of Kingpin's hands, so Kingpin is doing everything in his power to distract Spidey and Boomerang while he schemes behind the scenes. Meanwhile, Peter's other roommate, Randy Robertson--son of the *Daily Bugle*'s Robbie Robertson--has rekindled his relationship with Janice Lincoln. She's the villain known as the Beetle--and the daughter of Robbie's archenemy, Tombstone!

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JUST
KNOW, HARRY--
I WOULD GIVE
ANYTHING--

--ANYTHING
AT ALL--TO
GO BACK TO
THAT DAY.

TO
BEFORE
I...

YOU
MUST
BELIEVE ME,
SON.

I DIDN'T
KNOW...

THE FOOL.
HE THINKS NO
ONE CAN OVERRIDE
THE SECURITY AND
SURVEILLANCE
SYSTEMS OF HIS
HOSPITAL.

HE FORGETS
THAT RAVENCROFT
BELONGS TO
WILSON FISK.

AS DOES THE
PRISONER IN HIS
CHARGE.

THIS IS YOUR
DEMON, THEN? THE
ONE YOU CALL
KINDRED?

THAT'S THE ONE. I'D
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
RECOGNIZE HIM, GIVEN
ALL YOUR EXPERTISE
IN THIS AREA--



--THINGS
COULD GET
VERY UGLY."

THWANG

BANG

OKAY, THINGS
ARE GETTING
PRETTY UGLY.

WE'VE BEEN MAKING
SOME REAL PROGRESS,
BOOMERANG AND I, ON
FINDING THE LIFELINE
TABLET FRAGMENTS BEFORE
WILSON FISK DOES.

BUT LATELY IT
SEEMS LIKE WE'VE
BEEN RUNNING
INTO A LOT OF--

--OUTSIDE
INTERFERENCE.

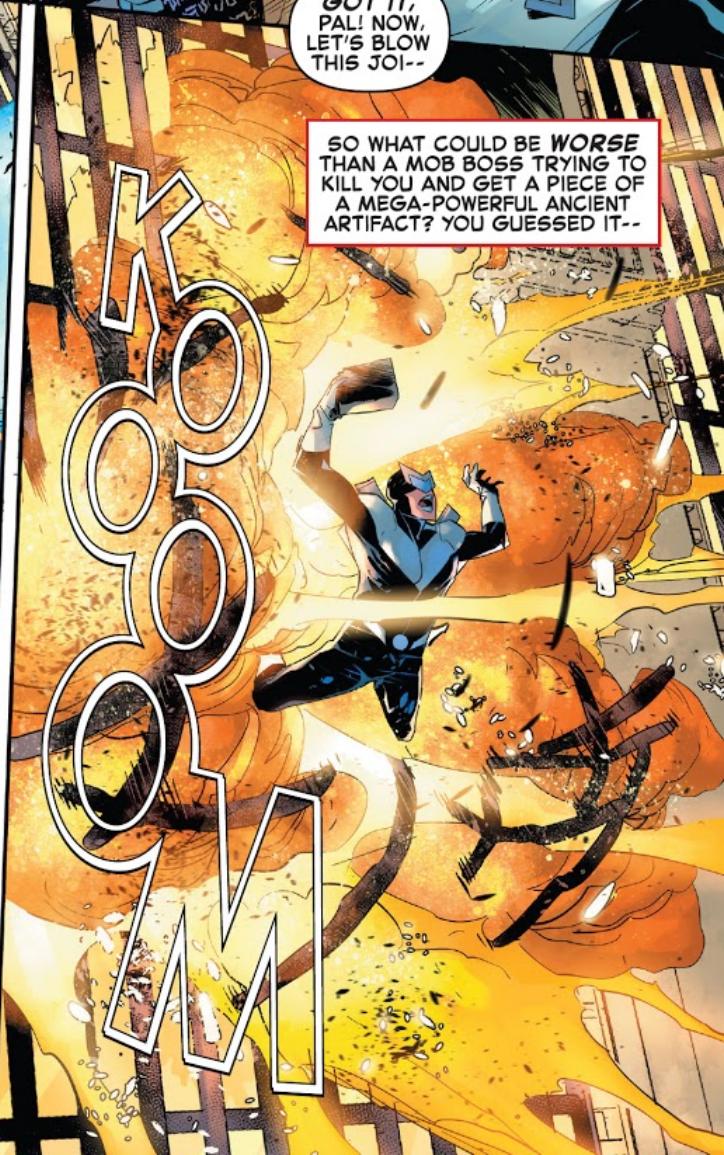
IN THIS CASE,
HAMMERHEAD
AND HIS CRONIES.

THWEP

FRED--
UP THERE!

I SEE IT!
DON'T WORRY,
SPIDEY--

BOFF



--TWO MOB BOSSES TRYING TO KILL YOU AND GET A PIECE OF A MEGA-POWERFUL ANCIENT ARTIFACT.

AND IF THE OWL AND HAMMERHEAD AREN'T ENOUGH--

THE GAME'S AFOOT, GENTLEMEN!

--THANKS TO THE KINGPIN, THERE'S EVEN MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM.



AW, YOU *SURE* YOU DON'T WANT HELP RUSHING INTO CERTAIN DEATH?

AND IF THINGS WERE HEATING UP WITH US, WELL--

THWEP



--MORE IN COMMON THAN YOU'D THINK.

NO...
NO...

...NO,
IT CAN'T
BE...

YOU OKAY,
BOSS? YOU
LOOK LIKE YOU
SEEN A--

--GHOST.

THIS
CANNOT
BE FOR
REAL.

GLORY, HAS
ANYBODY ELSE
SEEN THESE
PICTURES?

NO...

GOOD.
KEEP IT THAT
WAY. YOU TELL THE
PHOTOGRAPHER TO
HOLD ON TO ANY AND
ALL COPIES UNTIL I
SAY OTHERWISE,
GOT IT?

YEAH...
YEAH, I GOT
IT, ROBBIE. BUT
WHERE ARE YOU
GOING?

LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE.

YEAH,
BECAUSE
THESE
TWO--

--THEY GOT HISTORY.

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NONE OF
IT GOOD.

BUT I PREFER TO FOCUS ON THE PRESENT.

AT LAST--
BOOMERANG IS MINE!

ESPECIALLY
WHEN IT'S
TRYING TO
KILL US.

WAIT--
WHOSE?

GET
YOUR WEIRD
LITTLE BIRD
HANDS OFF 'IM,
OWLSLEY!

I
WAS HERE
FIRST!

WELL, THAT'S
A LUCKY
BREAK.

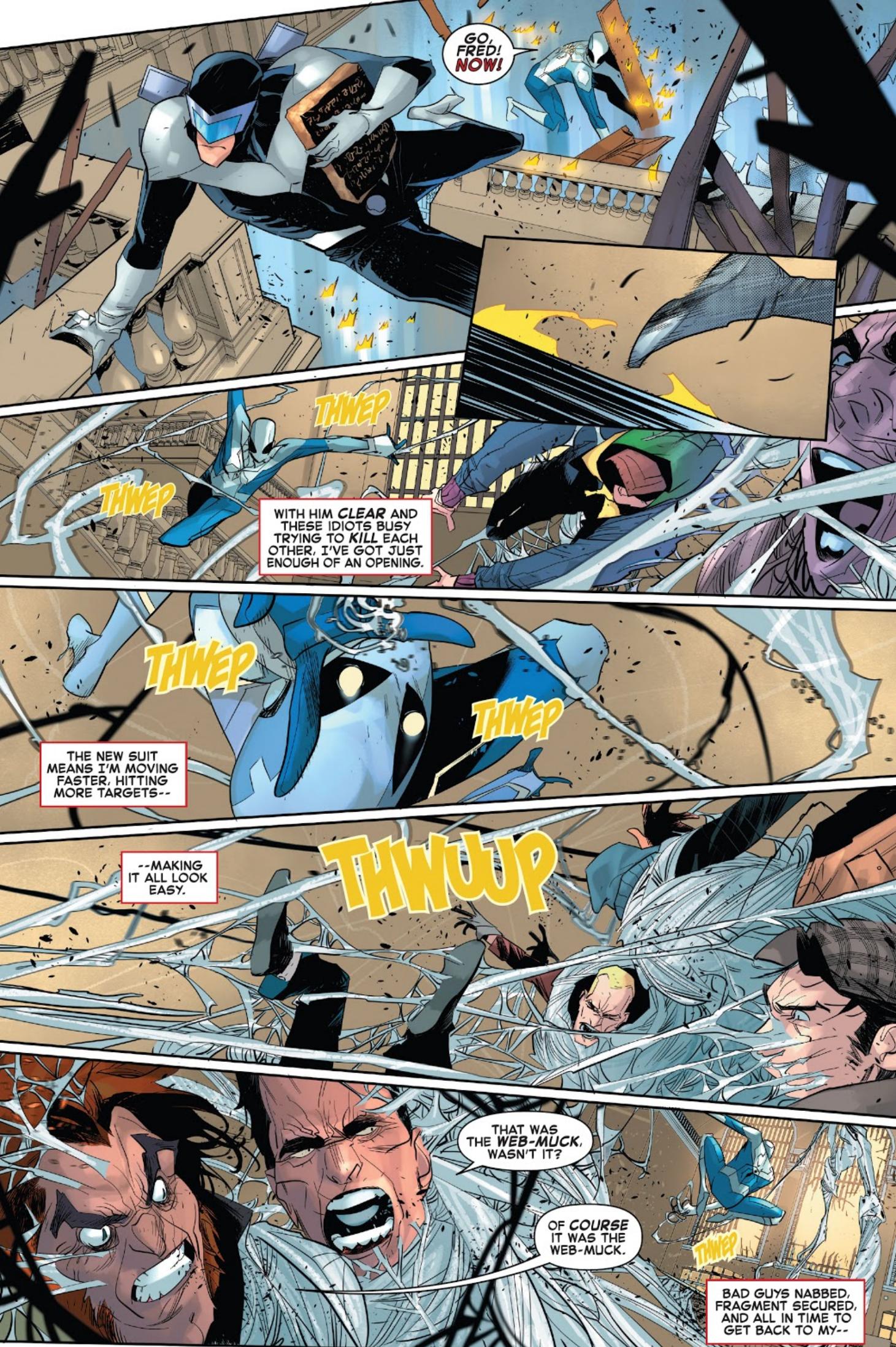
THIS IS WHY
THE MOB NEVER
GETS AHEAD, YOU KNOW.
THE INFIGHTING. IT'S
NOT LIKE THE MOVIES.

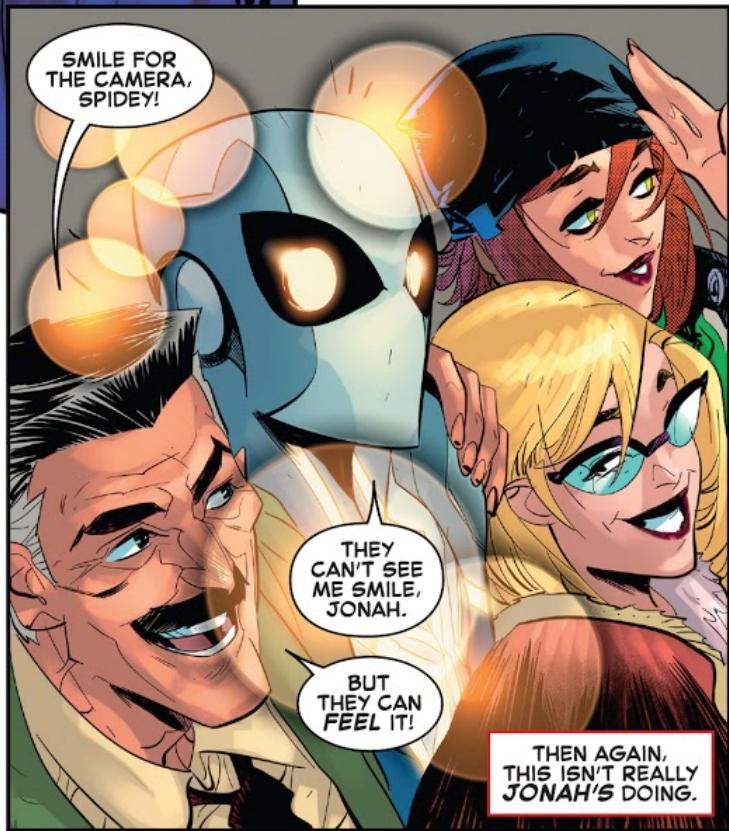
IT'S JUST
LIKE THE
MOVIES.

BANG

BLAM

FEEM





NO, CREDIT FOR
ALL THIS GOES TO
NORAH WINTERS.

OR AT
LEAST I
THINK IT'S
CREDIT.

I KEEP TELLING MYSELF
THIS IS JUST A REFRESH
ON ME SELLING PHOTOS
TO THE BUGLE--BUT IT
JUST KEEPS GETTING
BIGGER AND BIGGER--

--NOT THAT
THERE HAVEN'T
BEEN UPSIDES.
PUBLIC AWARENESS,
FOR ONE.

NOT EVERYONE BELIEVES
MY SIDE OF THE STORY, BUT
LIVESTREAMING THE HUNT FOR
THE FRAGMENTS HAS STARTED
TO PUT A REAL DENT IN MAYOR
FISK'S APPROVAL RATING.

ALSO,
THE MEMES
ARE SOLID.

AND DON'T
FORGET TO JOIN US
TOMORROW AT 7:00 EASTERN
AS SPIDEY HERE DOES HIS VERY
FIRST A.M.A.! SHOULD
BE EXCITING!

WHAT'S NOT
TO LOVE?

JONAH, DO
YOU EVEN KNOW
WHAT AN
A.M.A. IS?

NOPE.

BUT I
BET ROBBIE
ROBERTSON
HATES IT.

TO BE FAIR,
THOUGH--

TOC
TOC

--THAT'S TRUE
ABOUT SO
MANY THINGS
THESE DAYS.

...DAD?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

RANDY.
WE NEED TO
TALK.

IS EVERYTHING
OKAY? YOU LOOK
UPSET.

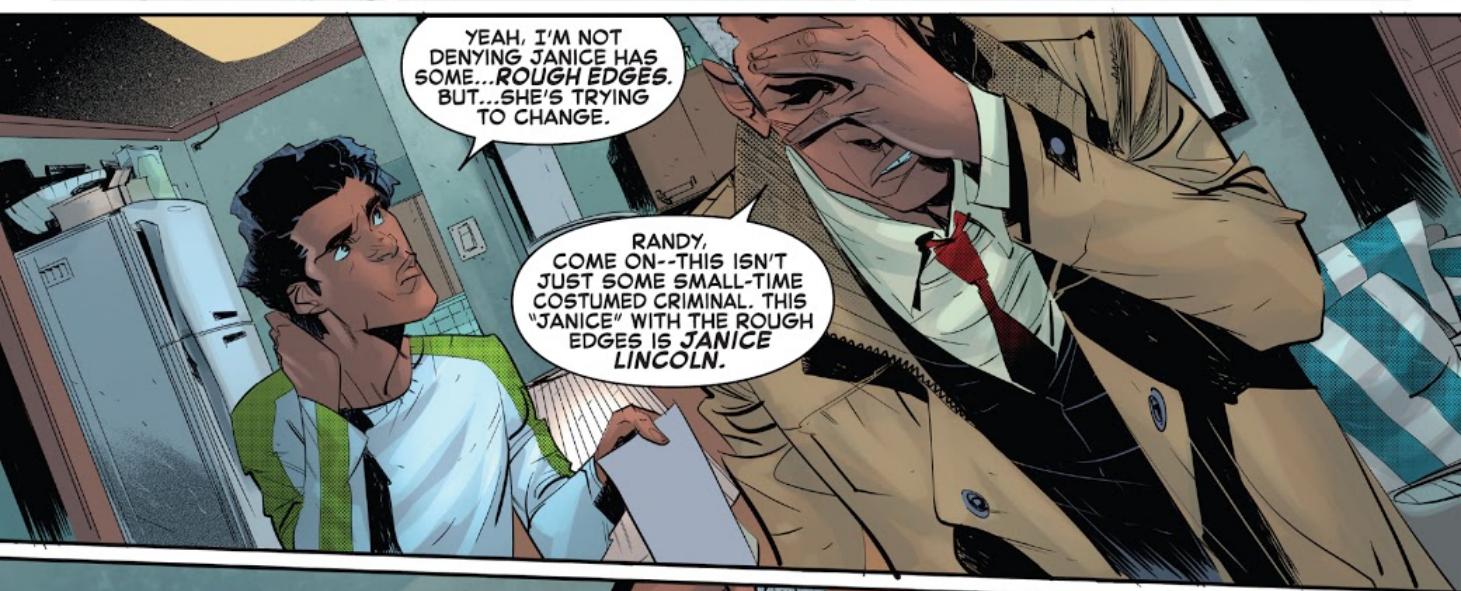
UPSET?
RANDY, I WAS
UPSET THE FIRST
THREE TIMES YOU GOT
ARRESTED FOR
PROTESTING.

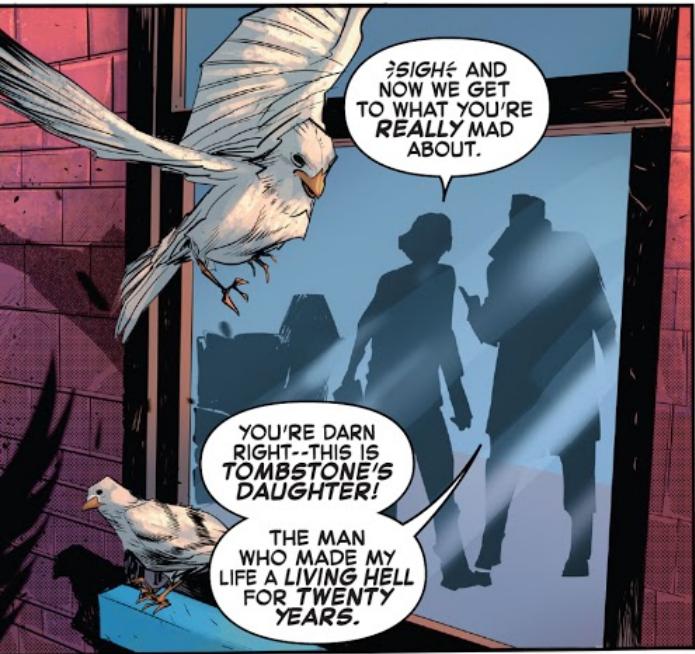
I WAS UPSET
WHEN YOU DECIDED TO
PASS ON GETTING A LAW
DEGREE SO YOU COULD
GO INTO SOCIAL WORK.

UPSET
BECAUSE I WAS
WORRIED FOR YOU.
BUT ALSO VERY, VERY
PROUD. ALWAYS PROUD.

I TOLD
MYSELF, HEY, THAT'S
WHAT YOU GET FOR
RAISING A KID WITH SUCH A
BIG HEART. SOMEONE WHO
REALLY WANTS TO DO SOME
GOOD IN THIS WORLD.

BOY, WAS I
WRONG ABOUT
ALL THAT.





--IT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO HOW THINGS WENT UPTOWN.

NO \$#%& WAY.
YOU HEAR ME?!

BooM

NO
DAUGHTER
OF MINE IS
GOING TO DATE A
ROBERTSON--
YOU HEAR
ME?!

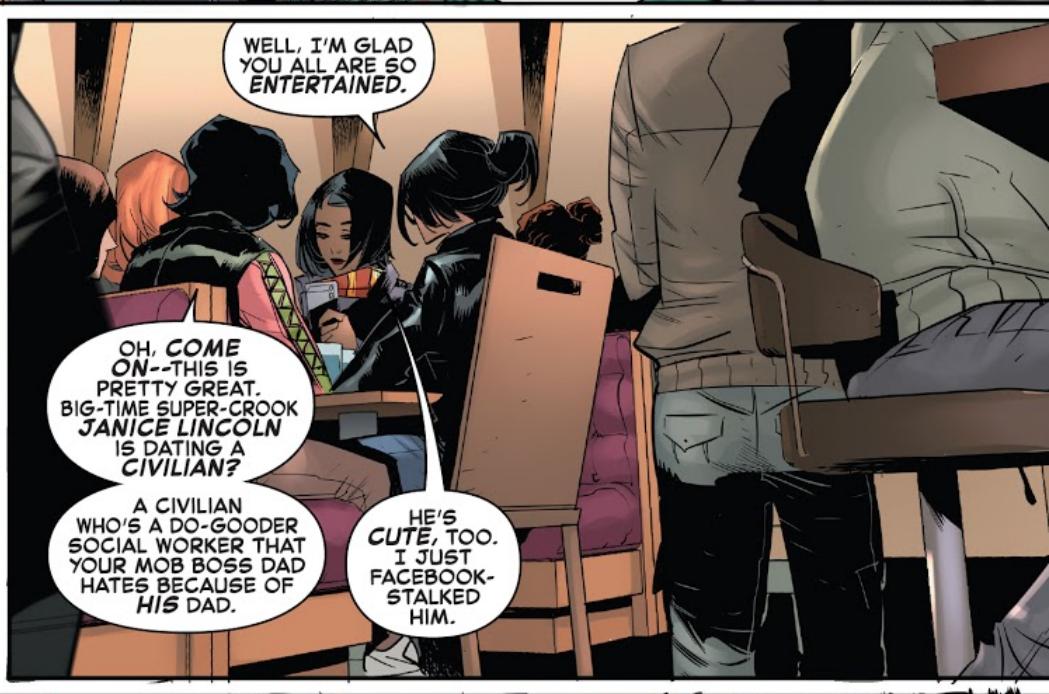
UGH.

YOU REALIZE
THE MORE YOU
COMPLAIN ABOUT IT,
THE MORE ATTRACTIVE
HE SEEMS,
RIGHT?

YOU'RE
LUCKY I DON'T
SET THIS THING
TO VAPORIZER!

SHAMM

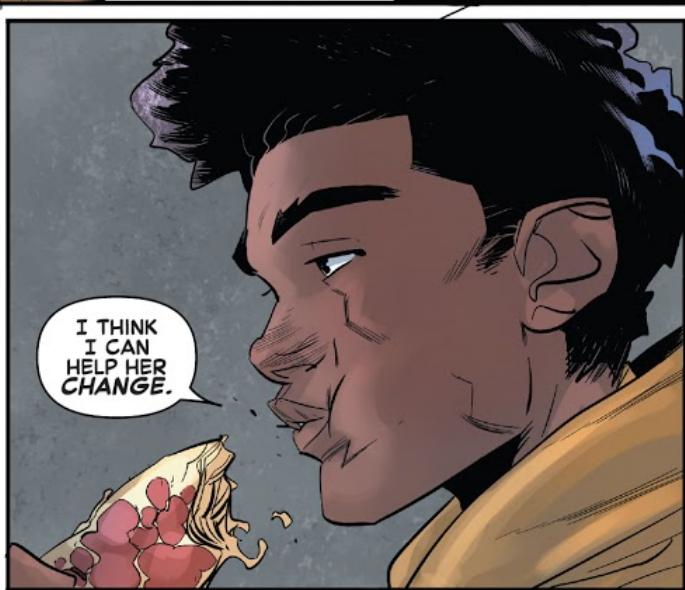
HEY,
SIRI, PLAY
"PAPA DON'T
PREACH."



"YOU SEE, IT ALL STARTED
THE NIGHT I TRIED TO
KILL BOOMERANG."



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HATE TO SAY IT, BUT SCORPIA'S RIGHT. SOUNDS LIKE THE DUDE HAS A SERIOUS SAVIOR COMPLEX. HE'LL WHITE KNIGHT YOU ALL THE WAY OUT THE DOOR. AND WE GET ENOUGH OF THAT.

HMPH, I AGREE. IT'S QUITE SIMILAR TO WHEN HAWKEYE AND I--

WE GET IT, LORRAINE. IT HAPPENED ONCE.

RANDY, LISTEN--IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS--I HAVE... A LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

YOU DO?

TRY NOT TO SOUND SO SURPRISED.

IF YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO MAKE THIS WORK, YOU HAVE TO BE UP FRONT ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE OKAY WITH.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY.

LAY DOWN SOME GROUND RULES.

SHOW 'IM WHO'S BOSS.

YOU HAVE TO HAVE A REAL TALK WITH HER.

YOU GOTTA TALK TO HIM.







--THEY'RE GREAT 'TIL
YOU GET PUNCHED IN
THE FACE, RIGHT?



'COURSE,
THAT'S NOT
COUNTING ALL
THE PIECES
KINGPIN
HAS...

I TOLD
YOU, FRED.
LET ME--AND
SPIDER-MAN--
WORRY ABOUT
THOSE.

YOU JUST LET
ME KNOW WHEN YOU
GET THAT **LAST VISION**
FROM THE OLD CLERK
GIVING US A LOCATION--
ANYTHING YET?

NOTHING.
IT'S GONNA
BE BEAUTIFUL.
THOUGH.
AIN'T IT?

IT
SURE
IS.

MAN, I
GOTTA ADMIT--
THIS FEELS GOOD.
MY CHANCE TO FINALLY
DO SOMETHING
RIGHT.

MY
CHANCE
TO BE A
HERO.

STILL,
GOTTA
ADMIT--



--I DID NOT SEE
THAT COMING.



THIS ONE IS
NOT TO BE
TRIFLED WITH.

WHOA. MADAME MASQUE. OKAY. BIG FAN. BIG, BIG FAN. I MEAN, SERIOUSLY. YOU'VE BEEN A ROLE MODEL AND AN INSPIRATION TO ME FOR SO MANY YEARS. NOT JUST BEING AN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL FEMALE MOB BOSS, BUT ALSO HAVING TO DO ALL THAT FROM THE SHADOW OF A SUCCESSFUL FATHER IN THE SAME INDUSTRY--

--AND FOR YOU TO SAY ABOUT ME, THAT I'M "NOT ONE TO BE TRIFLED WITH" IS REALLY JUST AN INCREDIBLE HON--

KRACK

I MAY BE GETTING SOFT IN MY AGE, GIRL--

--BUT NOT THAT SOFT.

ALL RIGHT, THEN, LET'S GET THESE TWO--

RANDY?

YOU DECENT? MAN, HAVE WE GOT--

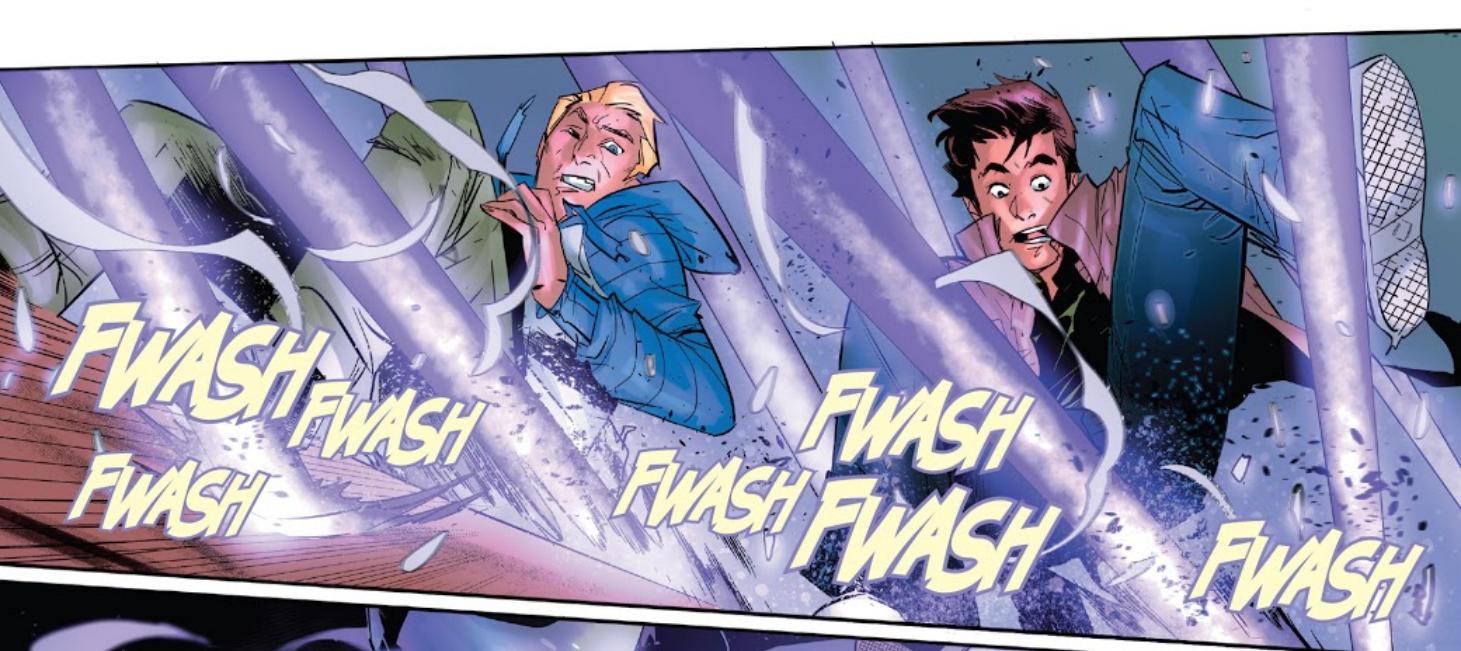
--A
STORY TO
TELL.

IT'S
HIM.

IT'S
THEM!

IT'S NOT
WHAT IT
LOOKS
LIKE!





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