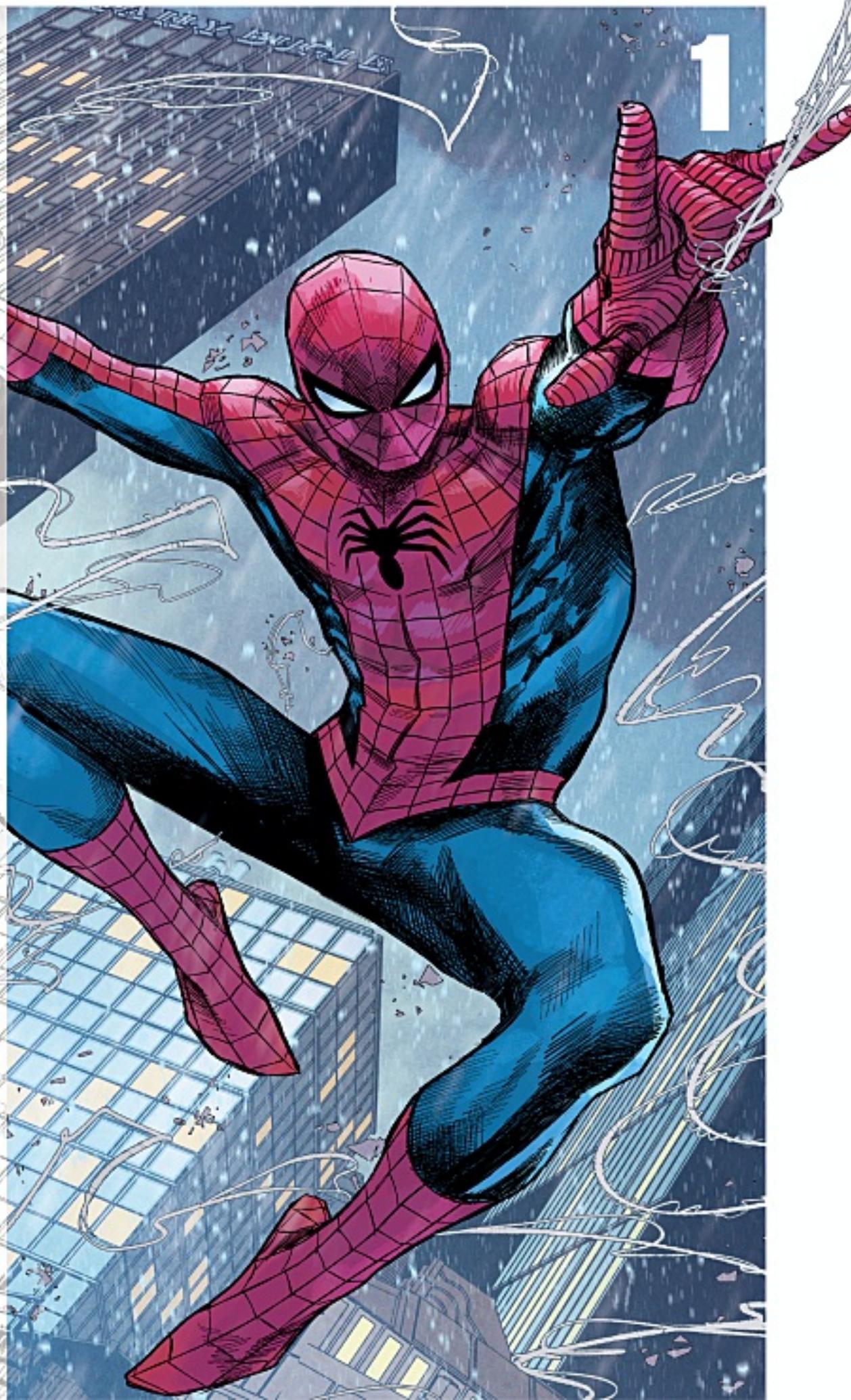


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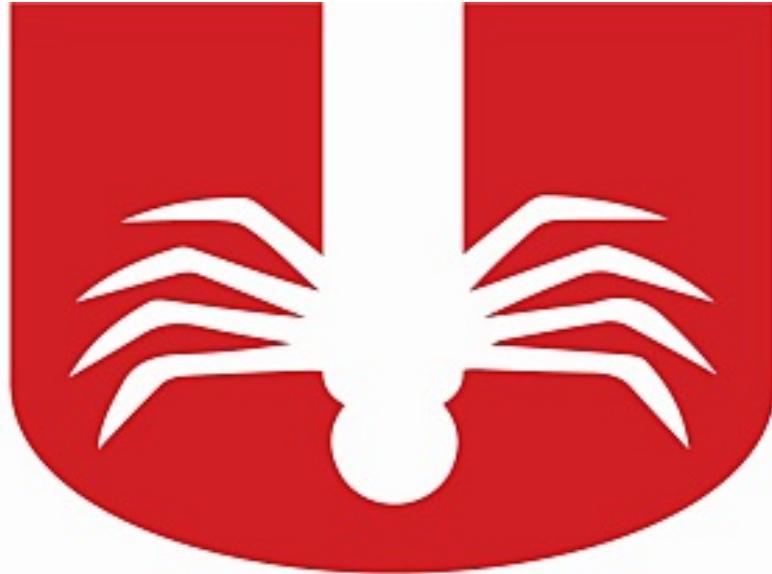
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Twenty years ago, **THE MAKER** prevented a radioactive spider from biting a young **PETER PARKER**. He likewise prevented the creation of any other super heroes and formed a secret council to rule the world from the shadows. When **TONY STARK** learned the dark history of his universe, he sought to undo it—prompting the **MAKER'S COUNCIL** to attack Manhattan, killing thousands, and frame Stark for it. Peter Parker has lived his life unaware of the Maker's Council or the truth behind the spider, but that is about to change...



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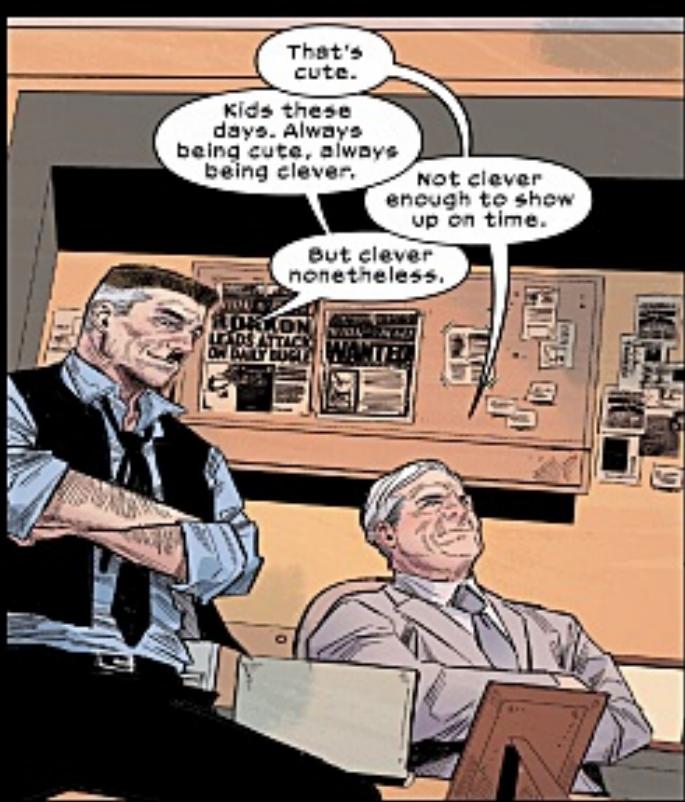




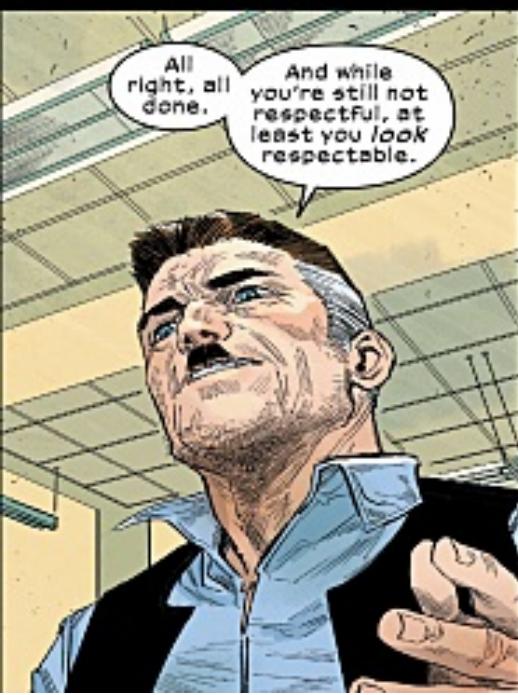
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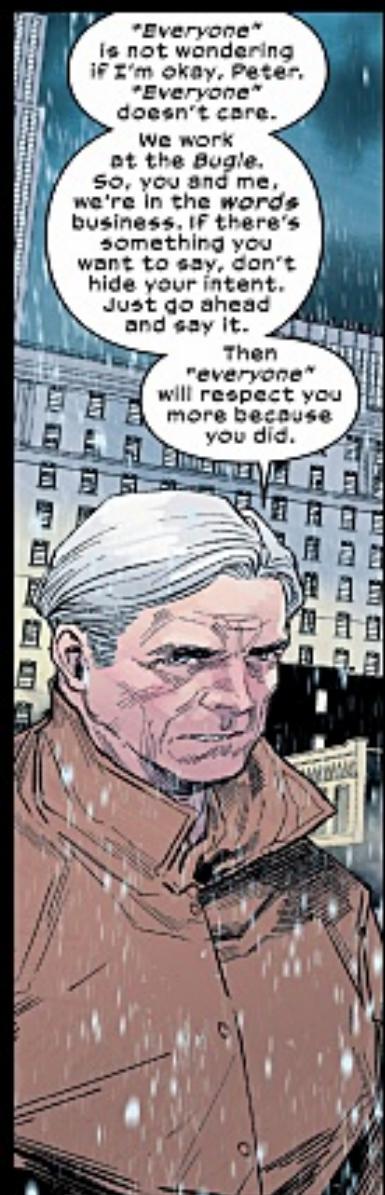
PARKER!













I don't suppose we'll ever understand acts of terror.

It lies well beyond my comprehension and far removed from any ideology or faith I call my own.

To me, it just looks like madness. But I suppose--after his actions that day--it no longer matters. Whatever Stark believed died with him.

What I do know, is that years from now--decades from now--the memories of that man will fade, while the memories of the others who died on that day will not.

Because of you.

Yes, they were taken before their time, and yes, Heaven is more crowded today than we would prefer.

But as you wake and work, then sleep and dream, it will be of them...

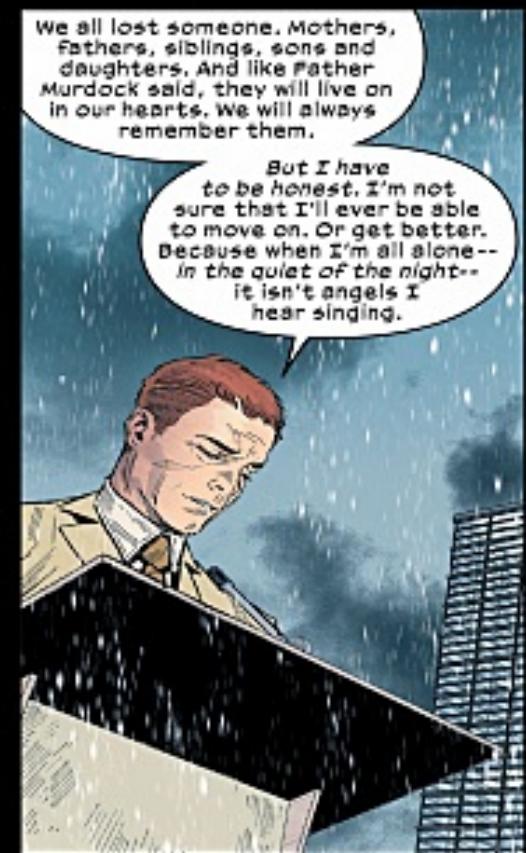
And when you recall each sweet memory of the departed--as the love swells within your heart--I encourage you to listen closely.

Listen. And you will hear your angels singing.

On the memorial behind me you will find two names that belong to our last speaker. He is one of you.

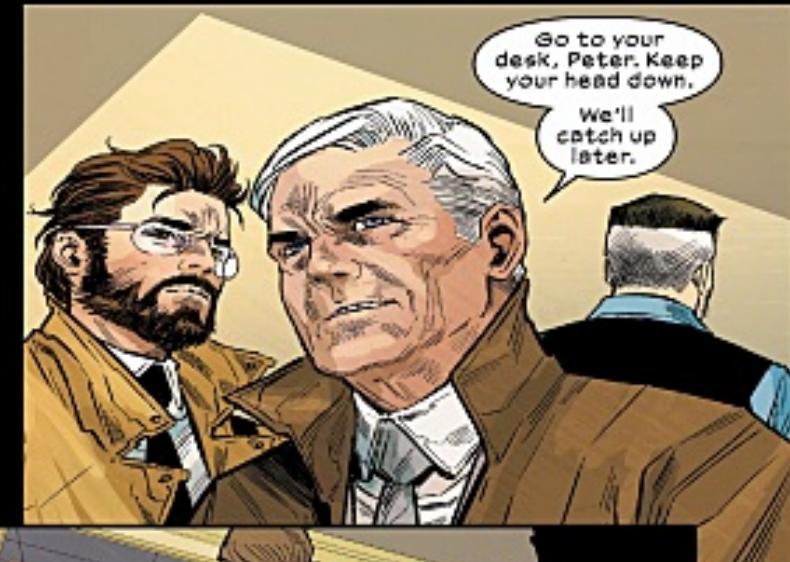
Their names were Norman and Emily Osborn, and this is their son, Harry.

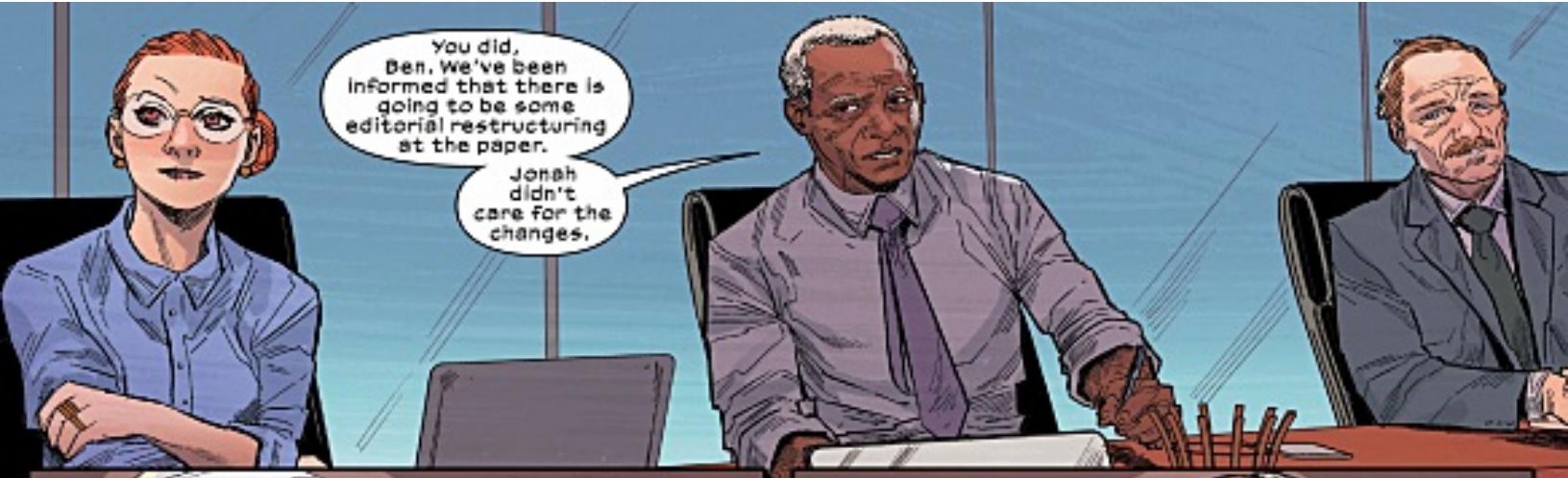






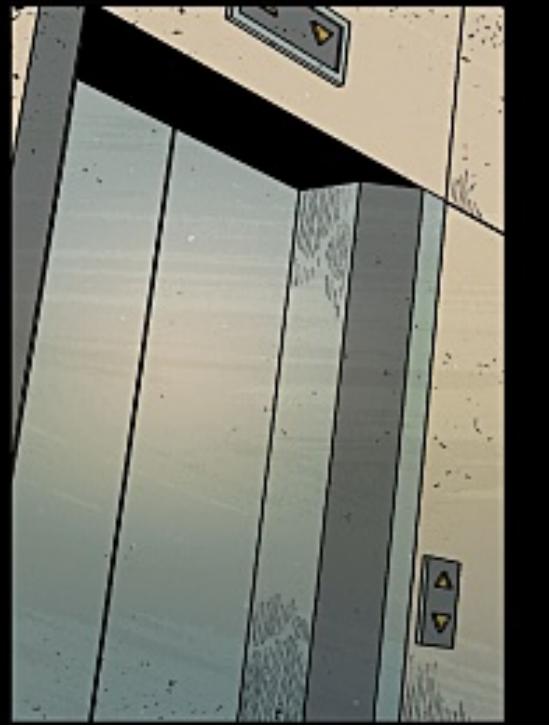
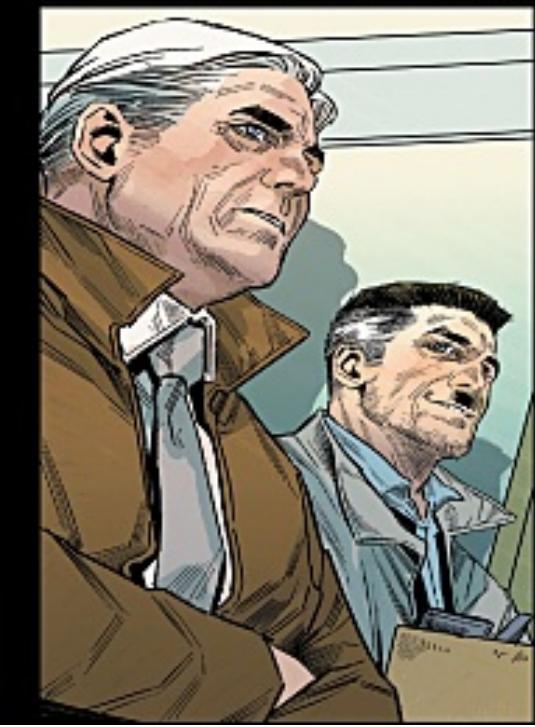






Pleased
at your good
fortune.
After all,
nature abhors
a vacuum.





Later.





A Bar With
No Name.

I'm not
saying no.
But are you
sure that--?

I
am.



Come on,
Ben. We're both
old enough to know
the definition of
insanity--so why would
we quit one job and
then turn around and
do the same thing
all over again?

The point
is that this
time it'll be
different.

Okay.
Still...

Why?

BAR RULES

NO TALKING

CHEERS

ENJOY

BAR OPEN

WHATSOEVER

YOU BE



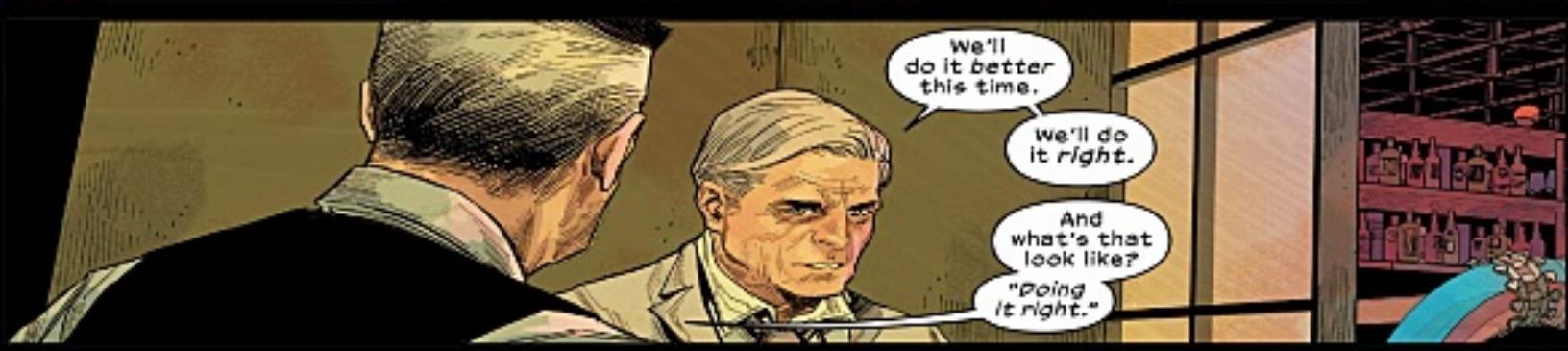
Can you
think of a single
other thing you're
good at?

Not
really.
You?



No. Not
anymore.





HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

The truth. That's perfect.

Thanks for that.

What?

You don't agree?

There are some things I like to believe in, Ben. That I'm not gonna die alone, that there is such a thing as justice...

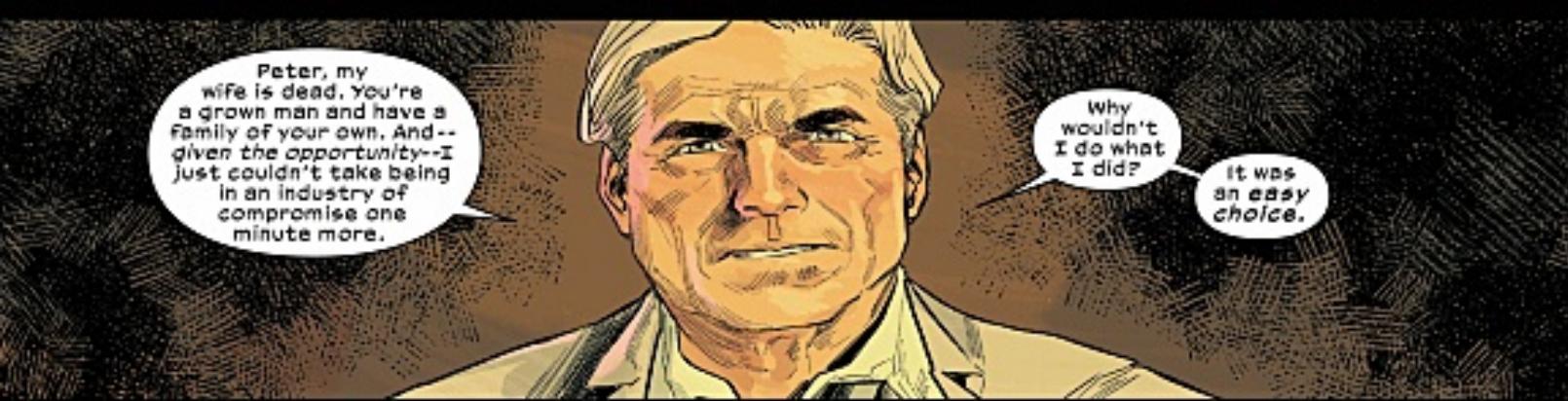
But in this entire universe, there's only one thing I know for sure.

And that's that there's no truth in the news and no news in the truth.

Like I said, it's a dirty business.

So how about this? We promise not to lie.





Well, my wife is very much alive. And I have a family, and responsibilities that exceed professional bliss.

I don't know that I can blow everything up just because I want my life to change.

Peter, no one's expecting you to join us. If you do, then that's gr...

I'm not talking about that. This is... something else.



Are you and MJ okay?



We're great. She's great.

I think she deserves better than me, but she disagrees. Which makes it even better...



It's just... For the longest time, I've thought something was wrong with my life, Ben... that something was wrong with me.

I can't really explain it, but now I just... I just know that I've been right all along...

And I don't know what to do.

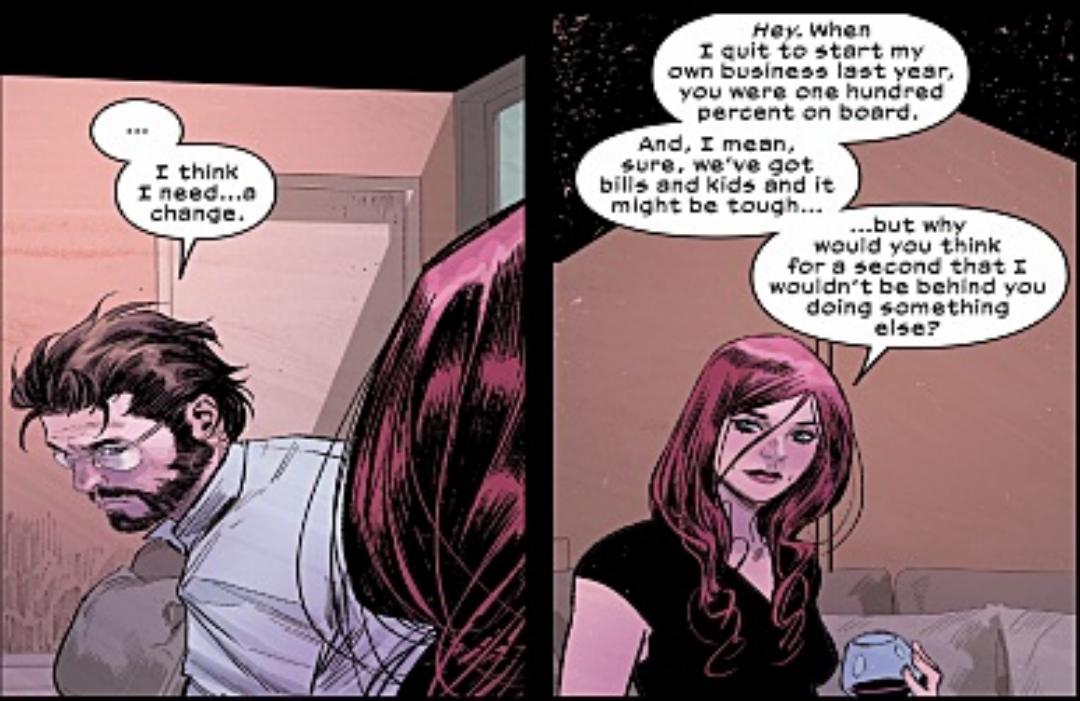


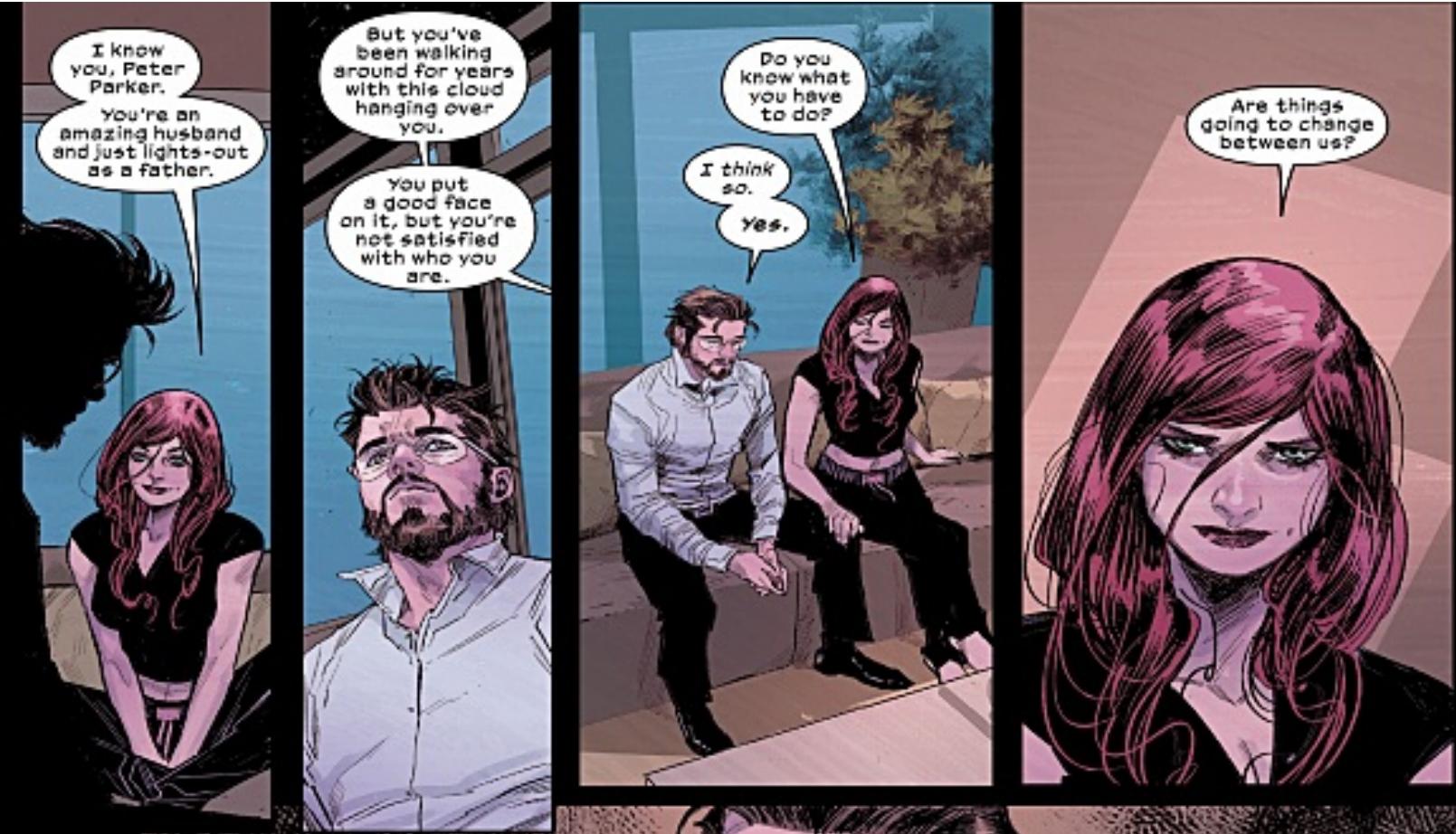


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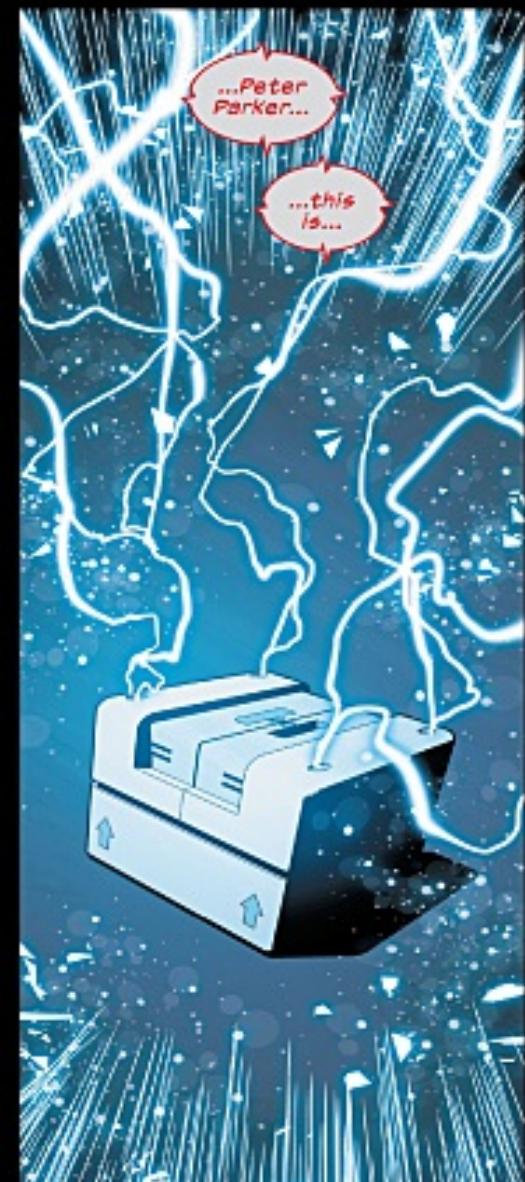




Go
get 'em,
Tiger.



LAST NIGHT



Hello,
If this has gone
as I hoped, I am
speaking with
Peter Parker.

My
name is Tony
Stark.

And while it's
likely you know my
father's name, you've
probably never
heard of me.

I got
bad news for
you, kid--after what
you did, everyone
knows your name.

I am sending
this to you from
six months into
the future.

There was
an attempt on
my and my companions'
lives, and we only had
seconds to escape before
the orbital platform
fired.

what?

So we went
to the only safe
place I could
think of.

I'm sorry that I can't be more
specific than I am about to
be, but we have to
careful...

Because this
world is more
complicated and
dangerous than you
could ever believe, and
there's a component
of "faith" to this
that is, frankly,
unavoidable.

All I can
ask is that you,
please, listen
carefully.



NOW





Then
wake
up.



And go
get 'em,
Tiger.





THE BEGINNING...

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