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(AND SO CAN YOU!)

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

DON'T WORRY, WEB-HEAD! THOUGH THE WORLD MAY MOCK OTHER LATE-NIGHT CABLE NEWS PUNDITS...

...IT WILL SOON MARVEL AT THE MIGHTY MIGHT OF ME...THE SPECTACULAR STEPHEN COLBERT!

UHH...I ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE CABLE...

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE!
THE COLBERT-APPROVED, ALL-AMERICAN CONCLUSION OF NEW WAYS TO DIE!

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THE DB! FOR EVERY BRAND NEWS DAY!

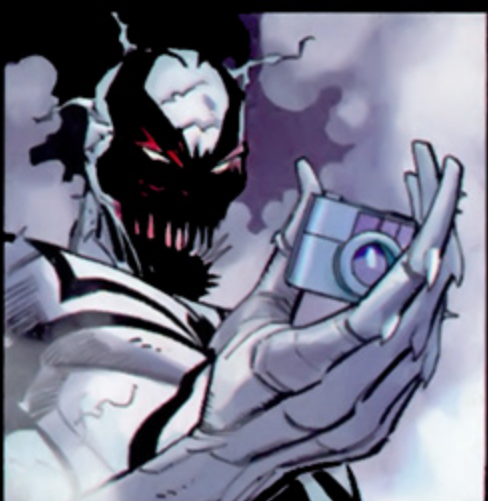


MAYOR'S RACE UPDATE: HOLLISTER "CONVALESCING" IN HOSPITAL BED; CANCELS COLBERT APPEARANCE. RANDALL CROWNE TO VISIT HOSPITAL ON HIS OWN TOUR OF VA HOSPITALS IN QUEENS, AS OUR BRAVEST START THE TRIP BACK HOME TO THE CROWNE THEY DESERVE! MORE ON PAGE L23

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GREEN ENERGY!



VISIT
THE
SPIDEY-BLOG!
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With carte blanche to send his Thunderbolts on the hunt for accused serial killer Spider-Man, Norman Osborn's grip on New York City seems stronger than ever. But his plan to catch Spider-Man blew up in his face when Spidey used the homing technology Osborn developed to track the webhead against T-Bolt assassin, Bullseye. Spidey and his foe-turned-crusader Anti-Venom (aka Eddie Brock) team to take Osborn down. Osborn, however, has plans of his own, donning his Goblin gear and powering his own Venom, Mac Gargan, with his former Scorpion suit and a deadly poison drawn from the blood of the twisted FREAK! But with New York on the brink of urban warfare, more forces than just the super-powered are heading for a final showdown at Oscorp...

POLICE TIE SPIDER-MAN TO RECENT MURDERS!

EXCLUSIVE TO THE DB!

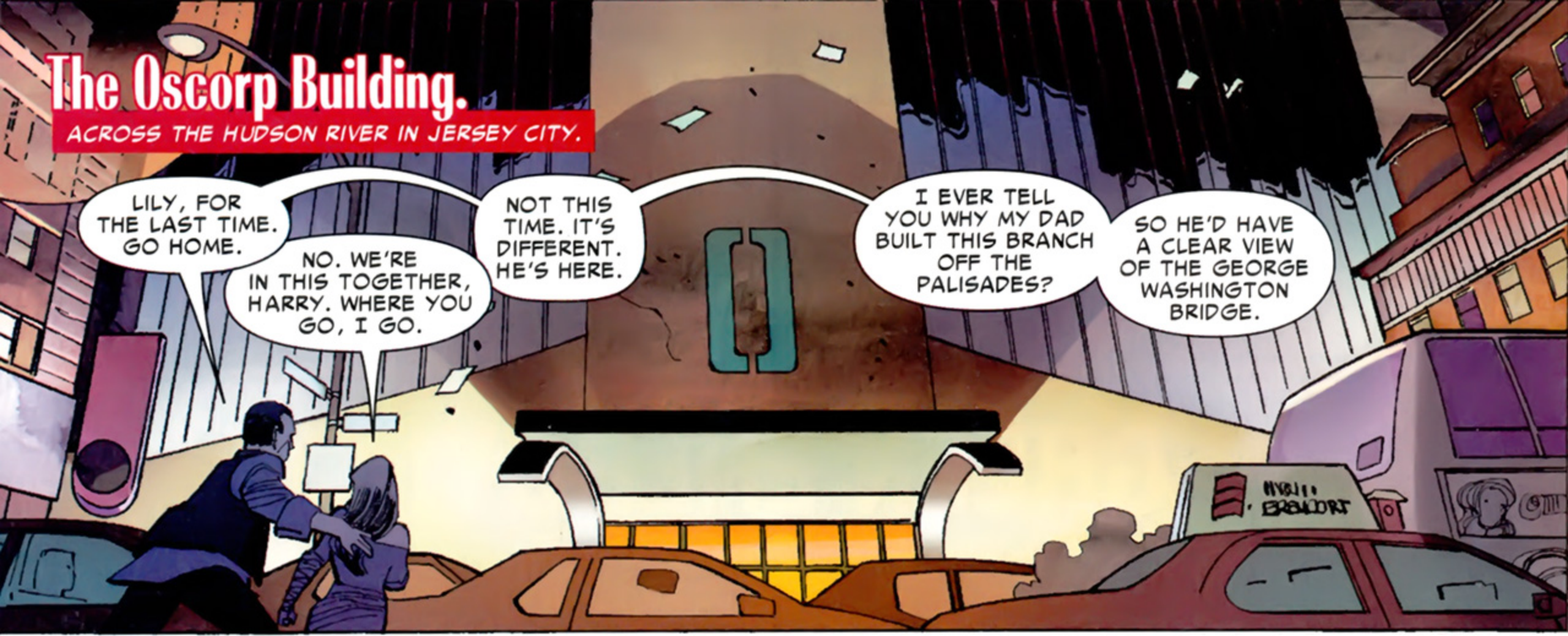
In off-the-record conversations with DB staffers, police have confirmed that Spider-Man is the key suspect in the string of recent murders that has shocked this city. Although police have been reluctant to discuss the specifics of the murders, so-called "Spider Tracers" have definitely been found on each victim, leaving no doubt as to the involvement of Spider-Man. Spider-Man is already wanted for violations of...

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ACROSS THE HUDSON RIVER IN JERSEY CITY.





IT'S
IN OUR
BLOOD.

NEW WAYS TO DIE PART SIX WEAPONS OF SELF DESTRUCTION

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WHAT THE--?!
YOU'RE IN
COSTUME?
AGAIN!

LOOK, YOU'RE
GOING TO HAVE
TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.
LAST TIME YOU WERE
UPSET I WAS
WEARING THE
MASK.

YOU'RE INSANE!
HOW COULD YOU--HOW
COULD ANY FATHER BE
SO--? WHY THE COFFEE
BEAN, DAD?
WHEN I WAS FINALLY
MAKING SOMETHING
OF MYSELF--



I DID YOU A FAVOR, BOY.
YOUR PLACE IS HERE, AT
OSCORP. BY MY SIDE. YOU
HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S
COMING. BUT I DO.



THE WORLD
COULD BE OURS,
SON. THE TWO OF US
TOGETHER? WE'D BE
INVINCIBLE. NO ONE
COULD STOP US.

REALLY?
'CAUSE OFF
THE TOP OF
MY HEAD...

"...I CAN THINK
OF SOMEBODY."

EDDIE,
YOU'RE DOING
IT AGAIN.

SORRY.

QUICK
REMINDER.
WHAT HAPPENS IF
YOU SWING TOO
CLOSE?

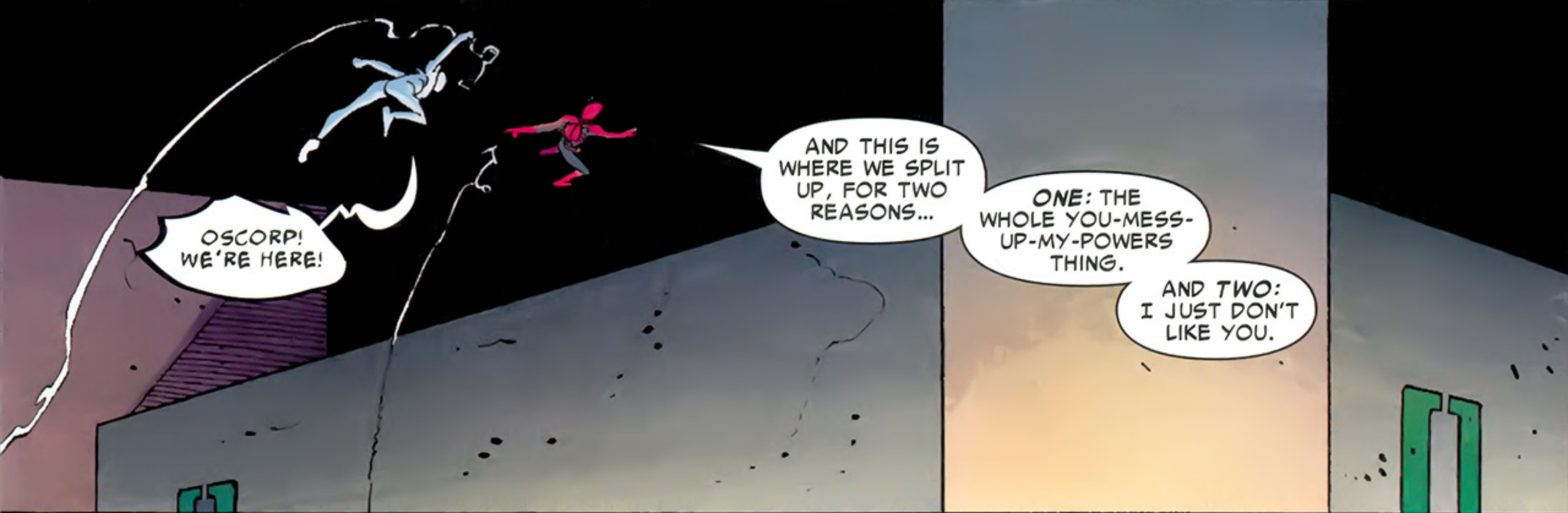
AND WE
DON'T WANT
THAT, DO WE?

YOUR POWERS
CUT OUT AND YOU
COULD FALL TO
YOUR DEATH.

NO.

GOOD. SO
DON'T MAKE ME
COME BACK THERE.
BECAUSE...WELL...
I CAN'T.





OSCORP!
WE'RE HERE!

AND THIS IS
WHERE WE SPLIT
UP, FOR TWO
REASONS...

ONE: THE
WHOLE YOU-MESS-
UP-MY-POWERS
THING.

AND TWO:
I JUST DON'T
LIKE YOU.



THAT'S THE THANKS I
GET. Y'KNOW, I COULD'VE
COME STRAIGHT HERE.

I DIDN'T HAVE
TO BAIL YOU OUT.
I'M TRYING TO
BE A GOOD GUY.

YEAH? WELL
I'M TRYING NOT
TO MAKE FUN OF
YOUR NAME.

ALL
OF MERRIAM-
WEBSTER'S
TO CHOOSE FROM,
AND YOU GO WITH
"ANTI-VENOM"?
REALLY?



YES! VENOM IS
A PLAGUE. AND IT
IS MY CALLING TO
ERADICATE IT.

I-I CAN
SENSE ITS
PRESENCE
THIS WAY.

FINE. I'LL
TAKE THIS SIDE.
AND HERE'S HOPING
WE NEVER SEE EACH
OTHER AGAIN.

GODSPEED.
I'LL KEEP THEM
DISTRACTED.

I'M
COUNTING
ON IT!



SPIDER-MAN?
I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU *STILL* GO ON
ABOUT HIM.

ME?!

HARRY, I'VE
BEEN RECORDING
YOUR THERAPY
SESSIONS FOR
YEARS.

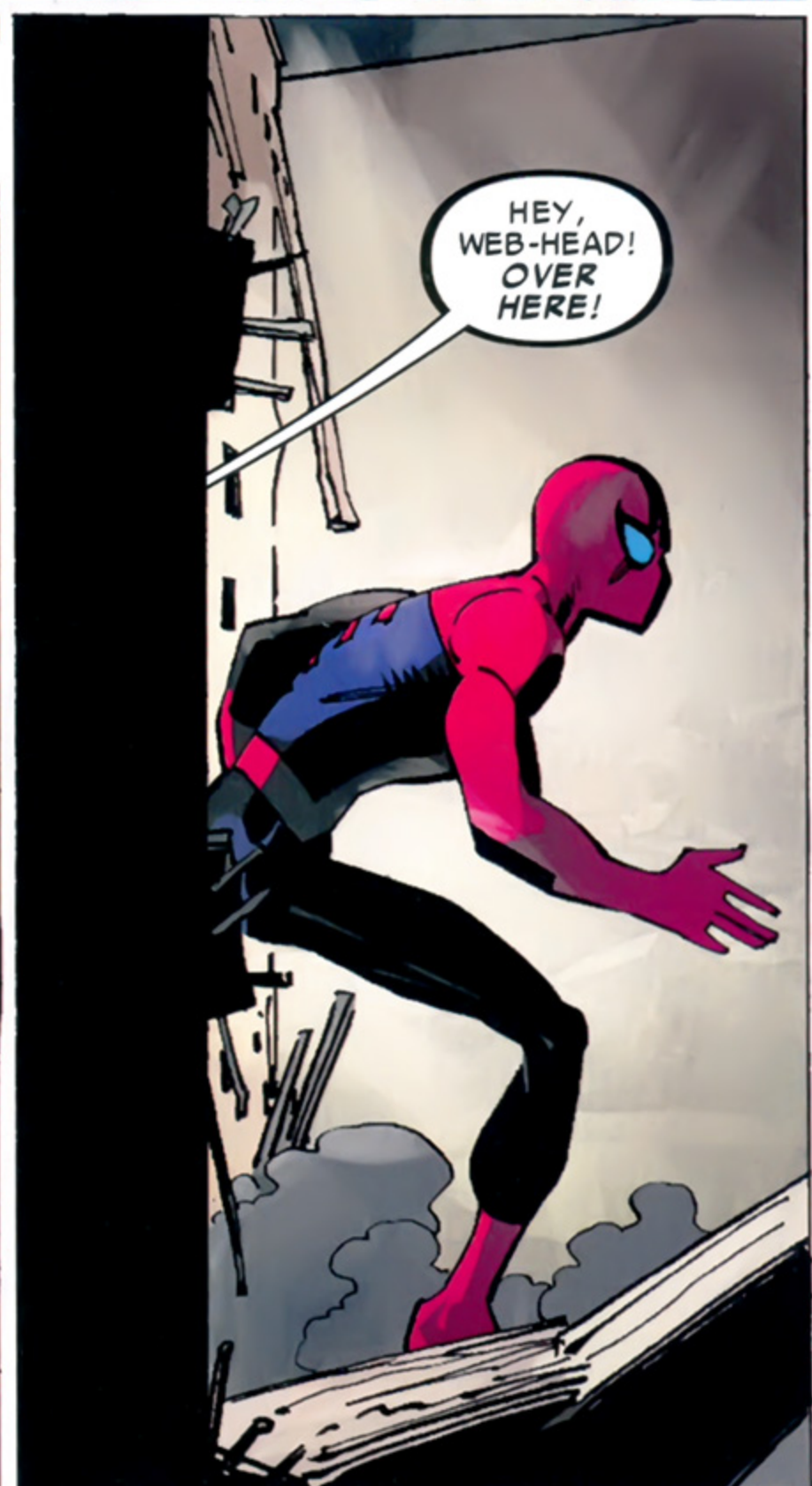
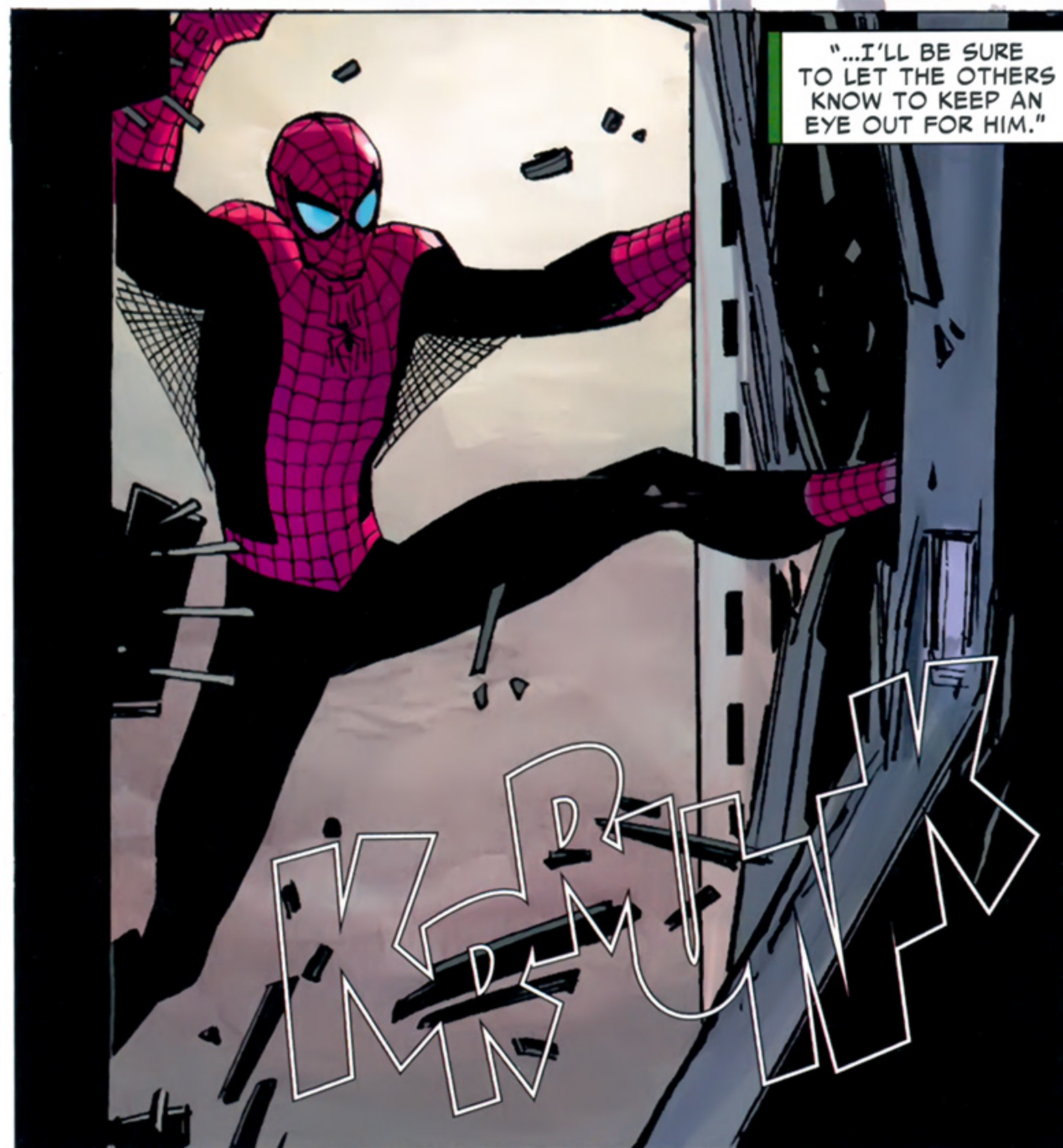
COUNTLESS
HOURS OF "MY
FATHER NEVER HAD
TIME FOR ME. HE
WAS TOO BUSY
FIGHTING SPIDER-
MAN."

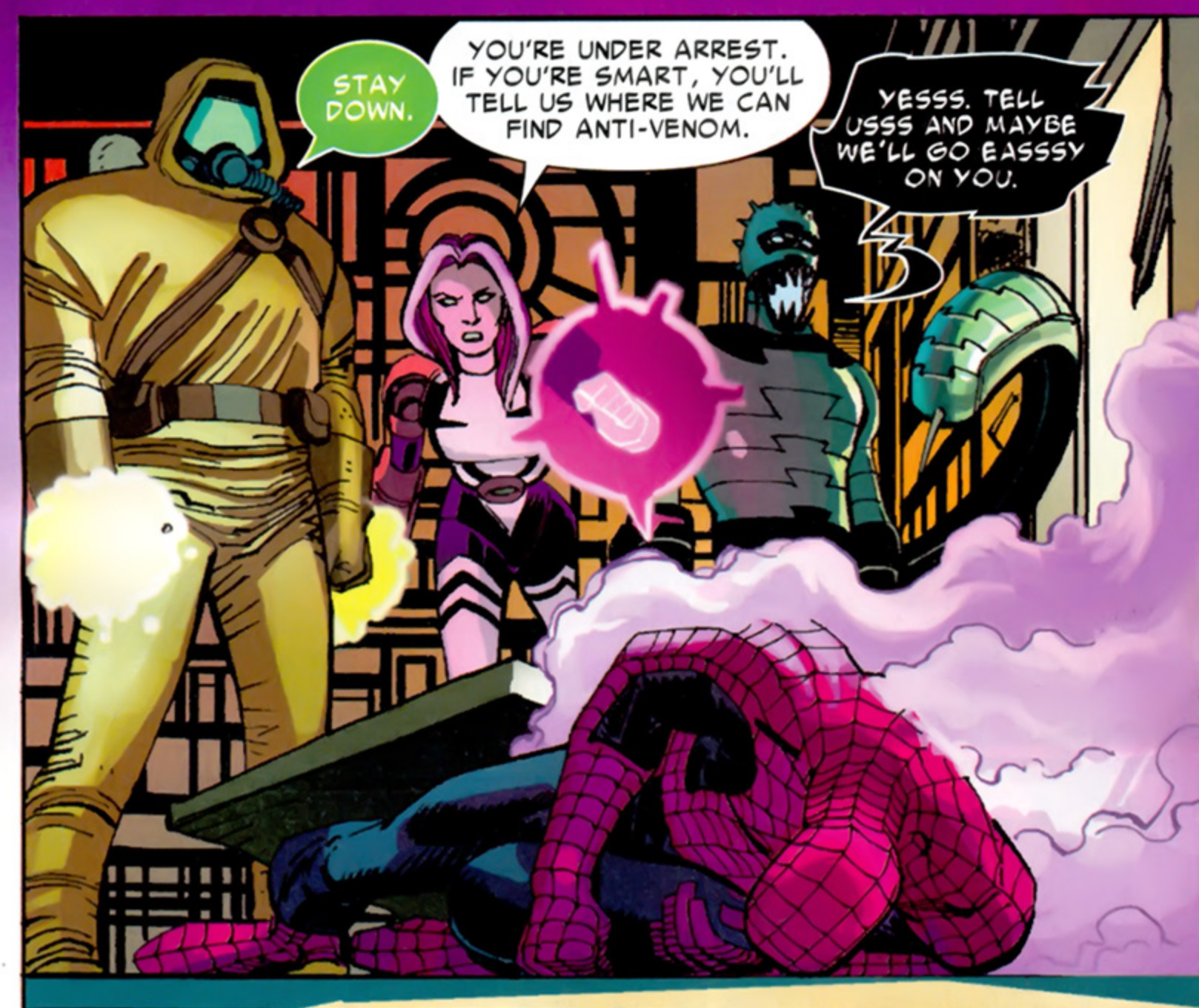


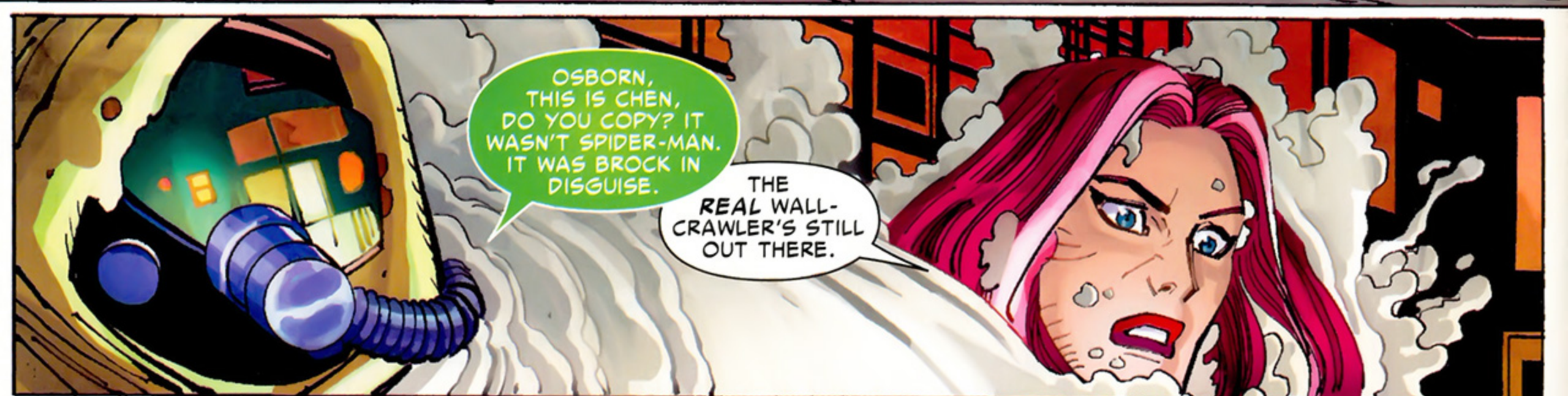
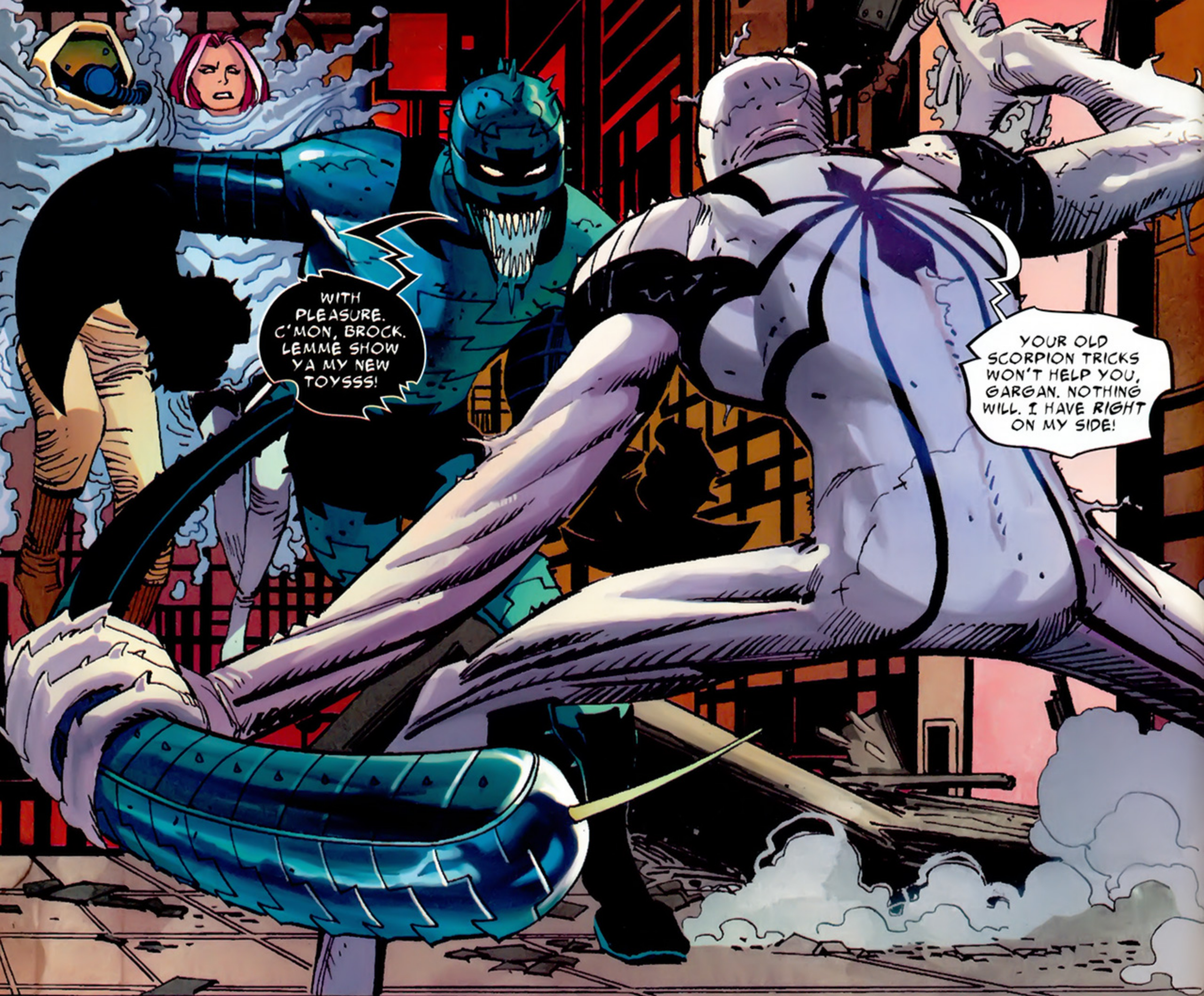
HOW
DARE
YOU--

YOU DON'T
GET IT, DO YOU?
NONE OF THIS HAS
BEEN ABOUT
SPIDER-MAN.

THIS IS ALL
ABOUT YOU. YOU
AND YOUR--one
second. OSBORN
HERE. WHAT
IS IT?





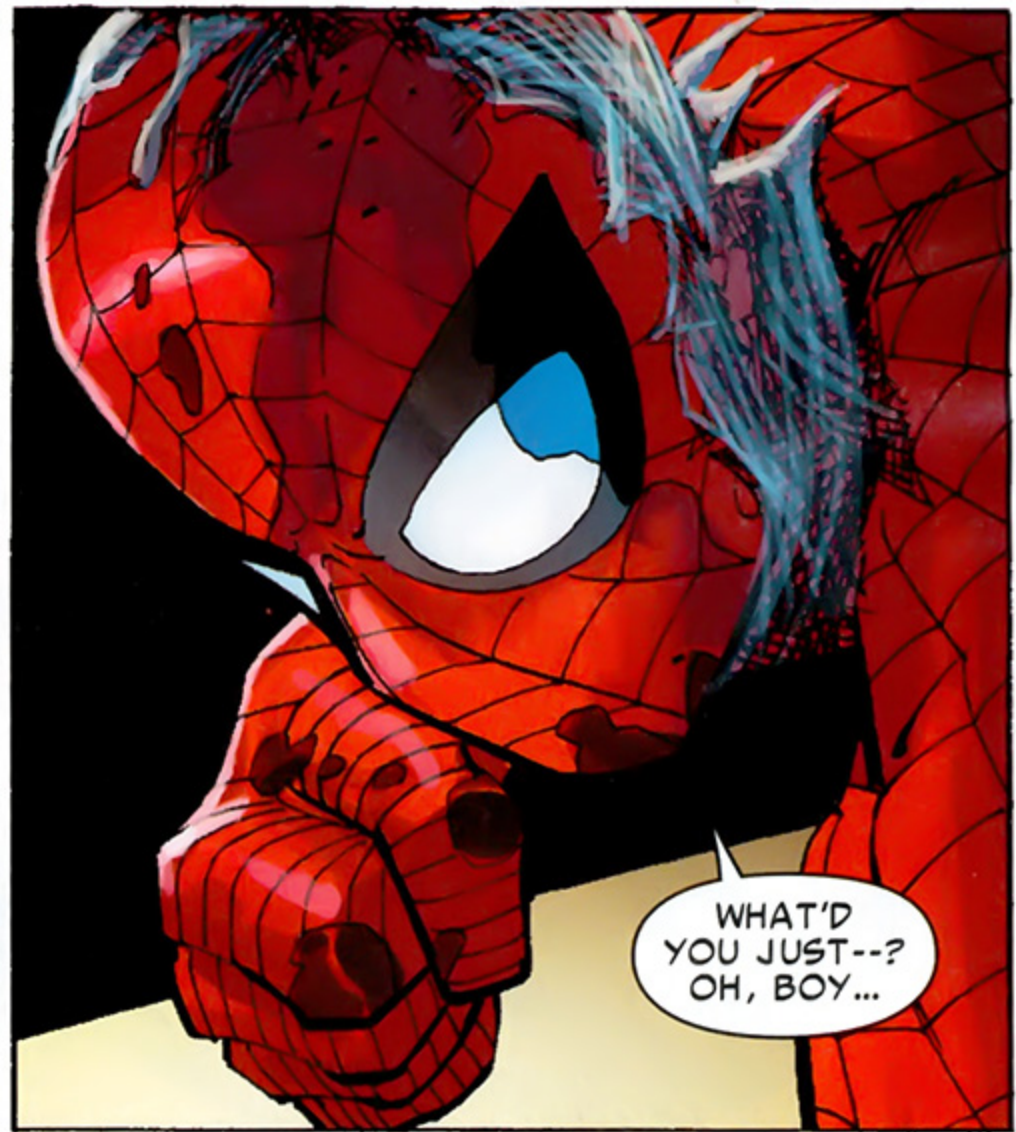
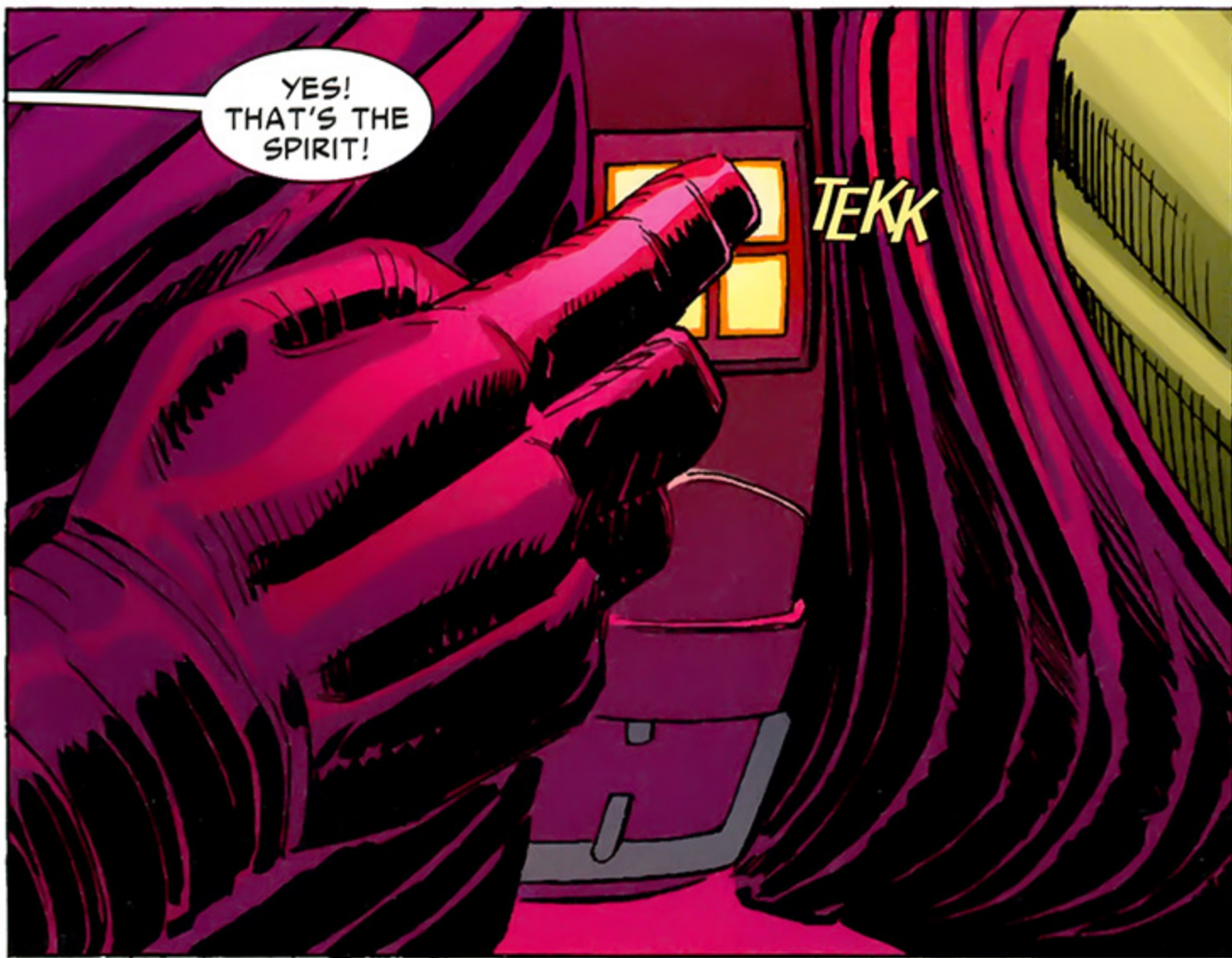


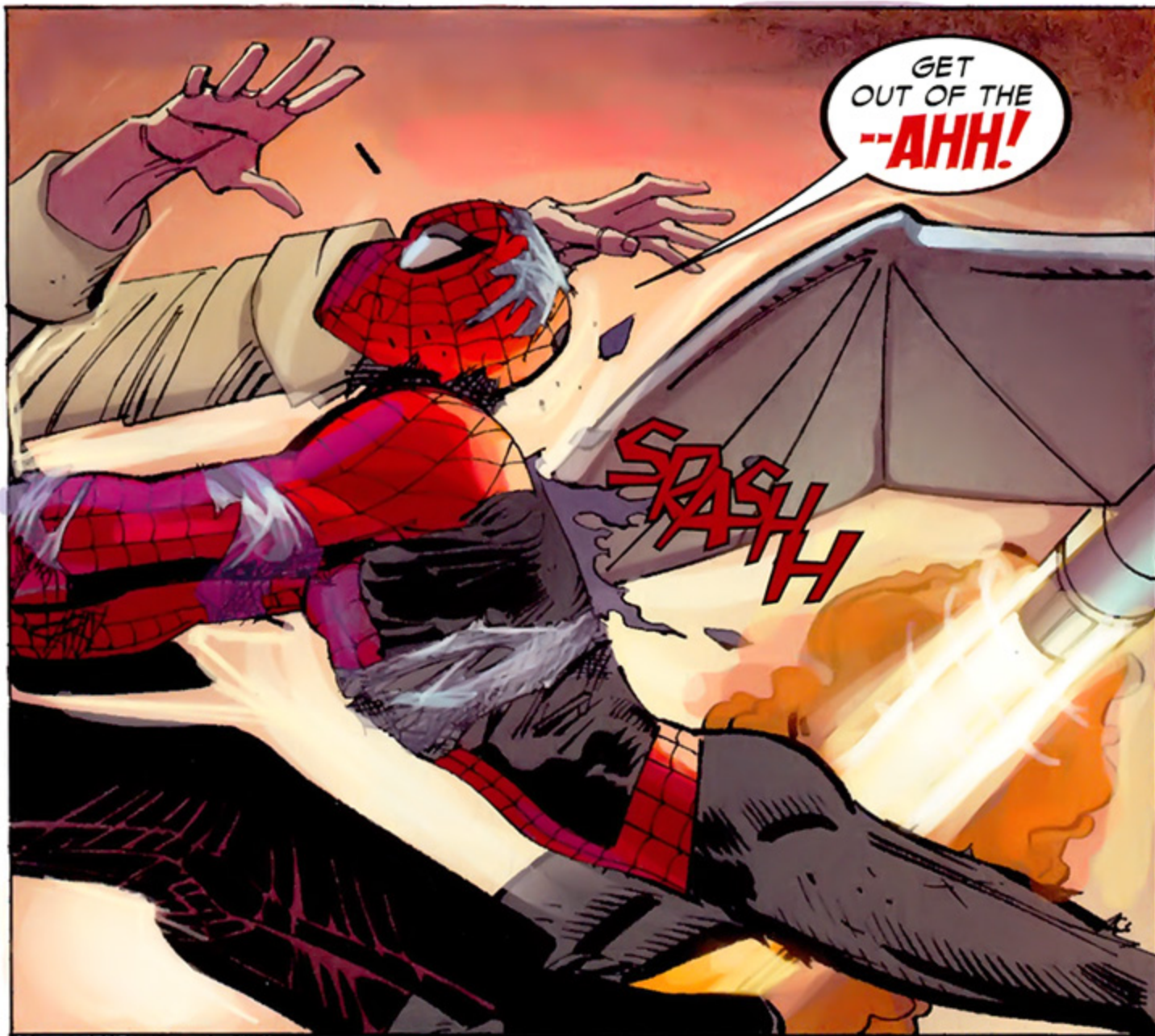
**LET HIM
GO!**

HEY!

AHKK!







...YOU
COULD BE
SO MUCH
MORE!

CHOOM

HARRY?
WHAT DOES
HE MEAN?

I DON'T
KNOW! I
DON'T--

POOM

C'MON, HARRY.
SECRET MEETINGS
ON ROOFTOPS
AND IN DINERS...

THE SECRET
EXPERIMENTS...

SO MANY
SECRETS AND
LIES. COME ON!
BE A MAN! STEP
INTO THE
LIGHT!

ENOUGH!

YOU
LIKE HEAD
GAMES,
GOBLIN?!

HERE!

HOW DID
YOU--?!



TRY THIS ONE!

STOP, YOU FOOL! YOU'RE THROWING OFF THE GLIDER! WE'RE GOING TO--

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WE"?!



GAHH!



THIS GETTING THROUGH TO YOU, GOBLIN?!

HARRY'S OFF LIMITS! SAY IT!

NEVER! HE'S MINE! HE'S--

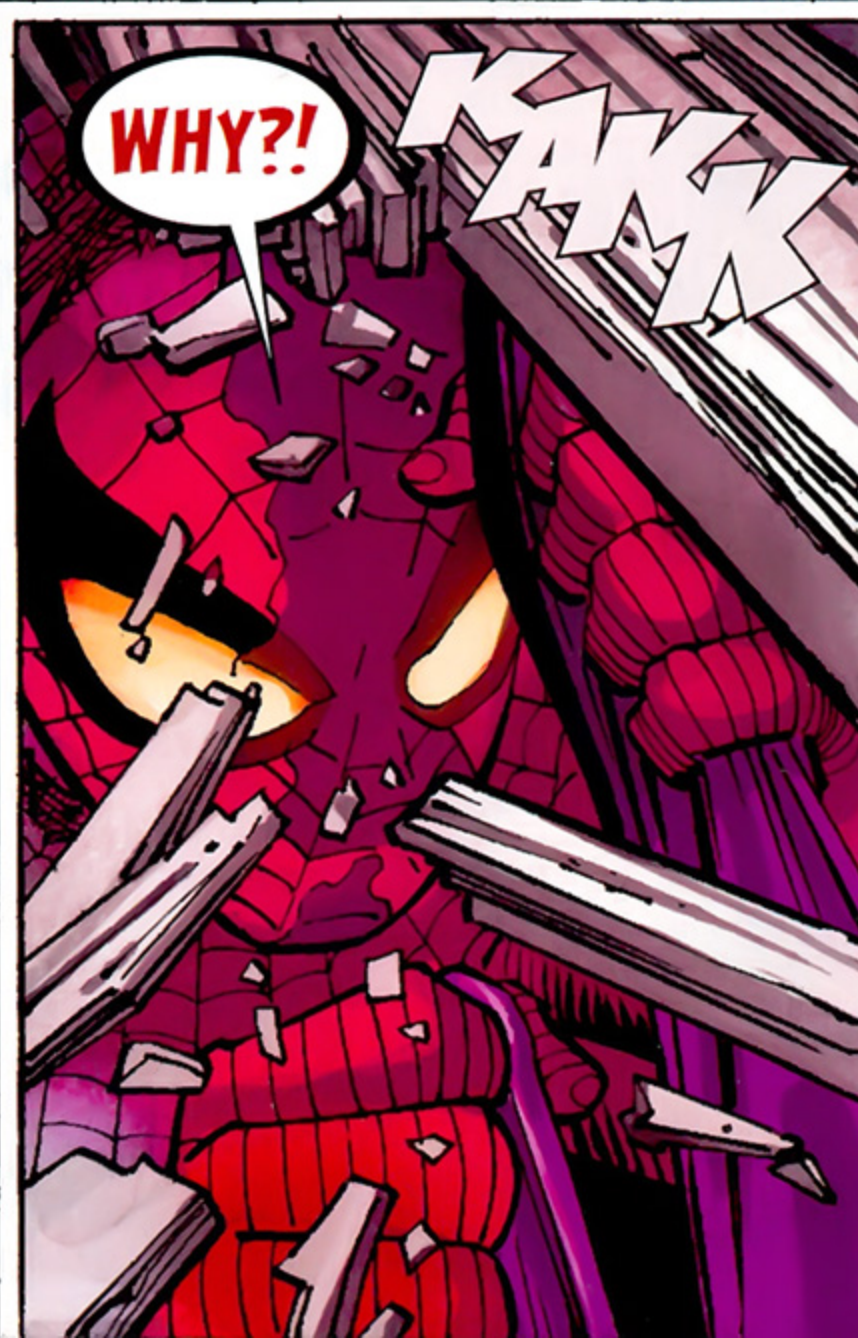


GYAHH!

STOP IT! YOU'RE CAVING IN MY SKULL! YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME!

HOW, OSBORN?! TELL ME HOW?! YOU CAN'T STAY DEAD!

SO WHY SHOULD I HOLD BACK?!!



WHY?!

KAKK



DAD?



OH MY.



I-I WOULD'VE KEPT GOING. I SWEAR TO GOD...

BUT SUDDENLY THERE WERE THESE PEOPLE...

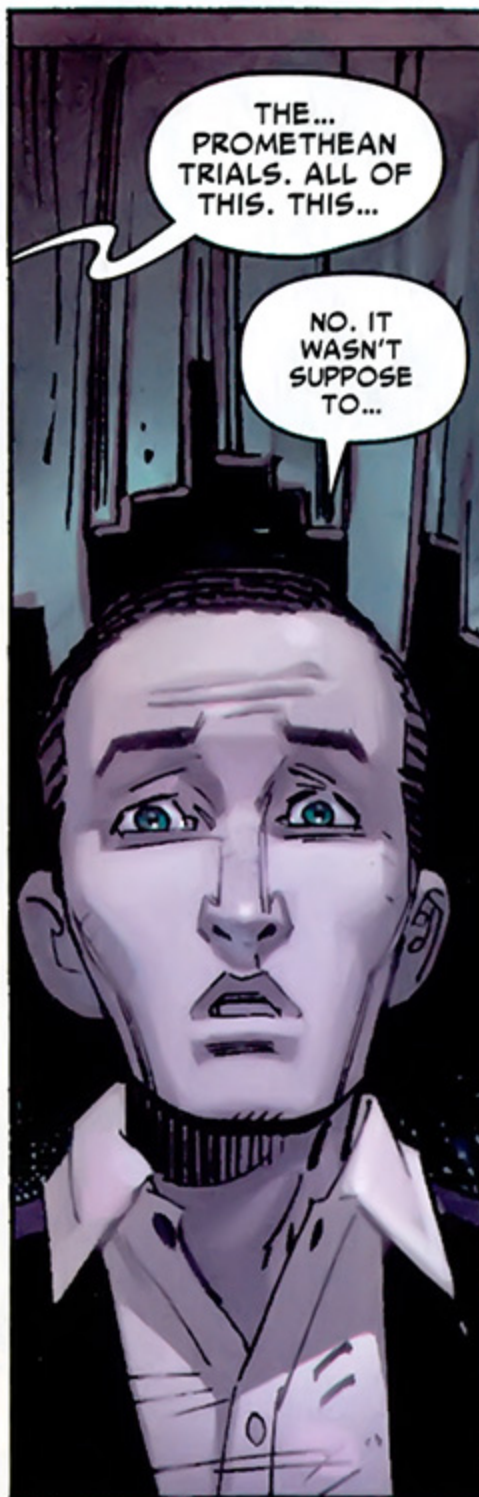
WALL AFTER WALL OF PEOPLE.



OSBORN! YOU SICK SON OF A--

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING HERE?!

ASKING...THE WRONG OSBORN. TELL HIM, HARRY. HUMAN TESTING.



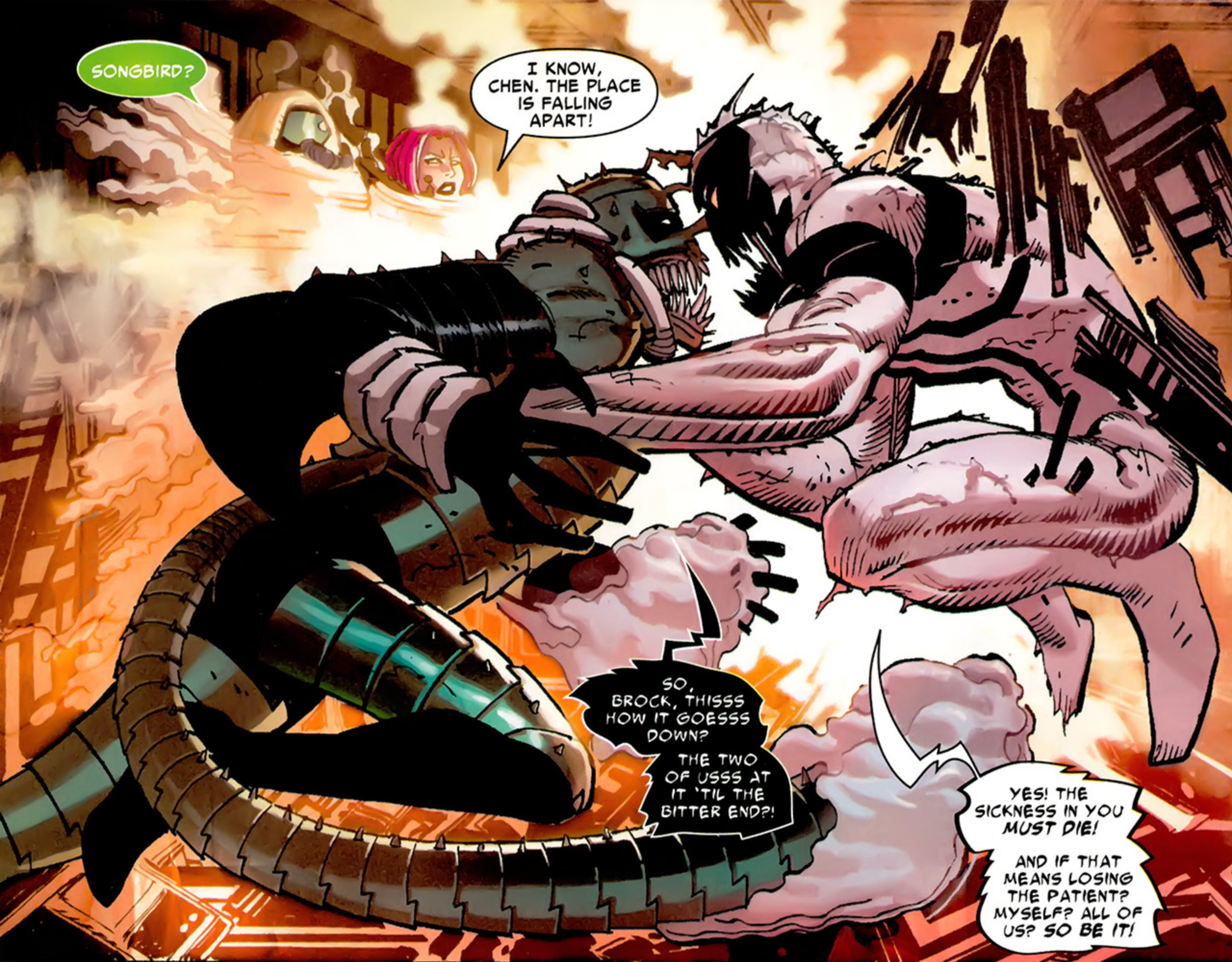
THE... PROMETHEAN TRIALS. ALL OF THIS. THIS...

NO. IT WASN'T SUPPOSE TO...



HARRY?

WELL, YOU DID IT, BOY. I'M FINALLY PROUD OF YOU.



SONGBIRD?

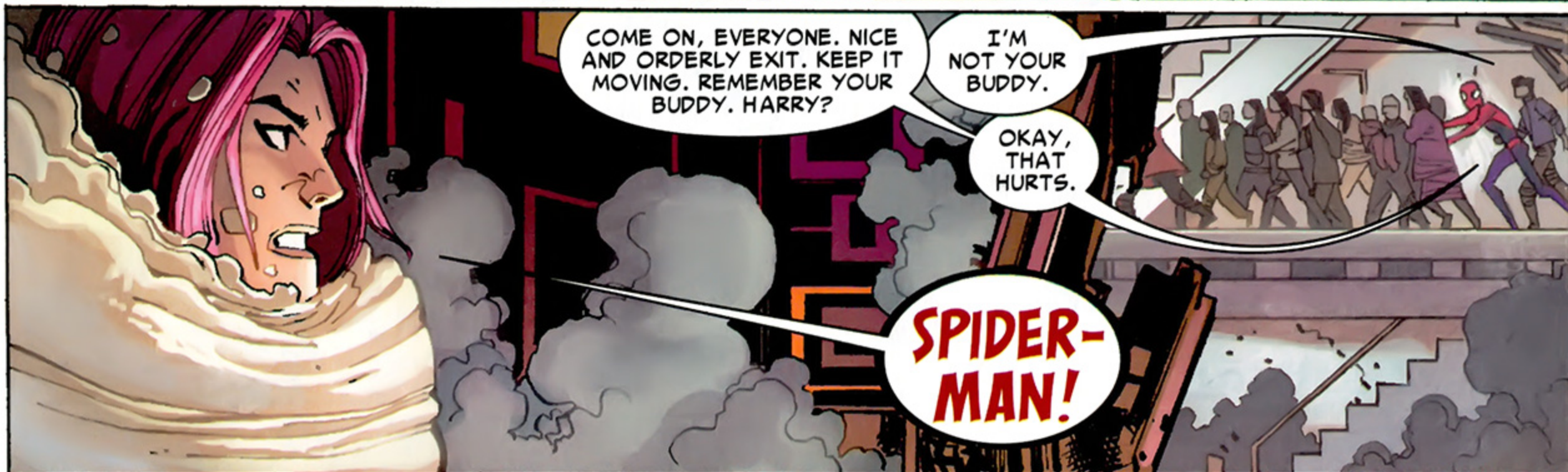
I KNOW, CHEN. THE PLACE IS FALLING APART!

SO, BROCK, THISSS HOW IT GOESSS DOWN?

THE TWO OF USSS AT IT 'TIL THE BITTER END?!

YES! THE SICKNESS IN YOU MUST DIE!

AND IF THAT MEANS LOSING THE PATIENT? MYSELF? ALL OF US? SO BE IT!



COME ON, EVERYONE. NICE AND ORDERLY EXIT. KEEP IT MOVING. REMEMBER YOUR BUDDY. HARRY?

I'M NOT YOUR BUDDY.

OKAY, THAT HURTS.

SPIDER-MAN!



HEY, SONGBIRD AND RADIOACTIVE MAN.

LONG TIME, NO TRY-TO-LOCK-ME-UP-FOR-A-CRIME-I-DIDN'T-COMMIT?

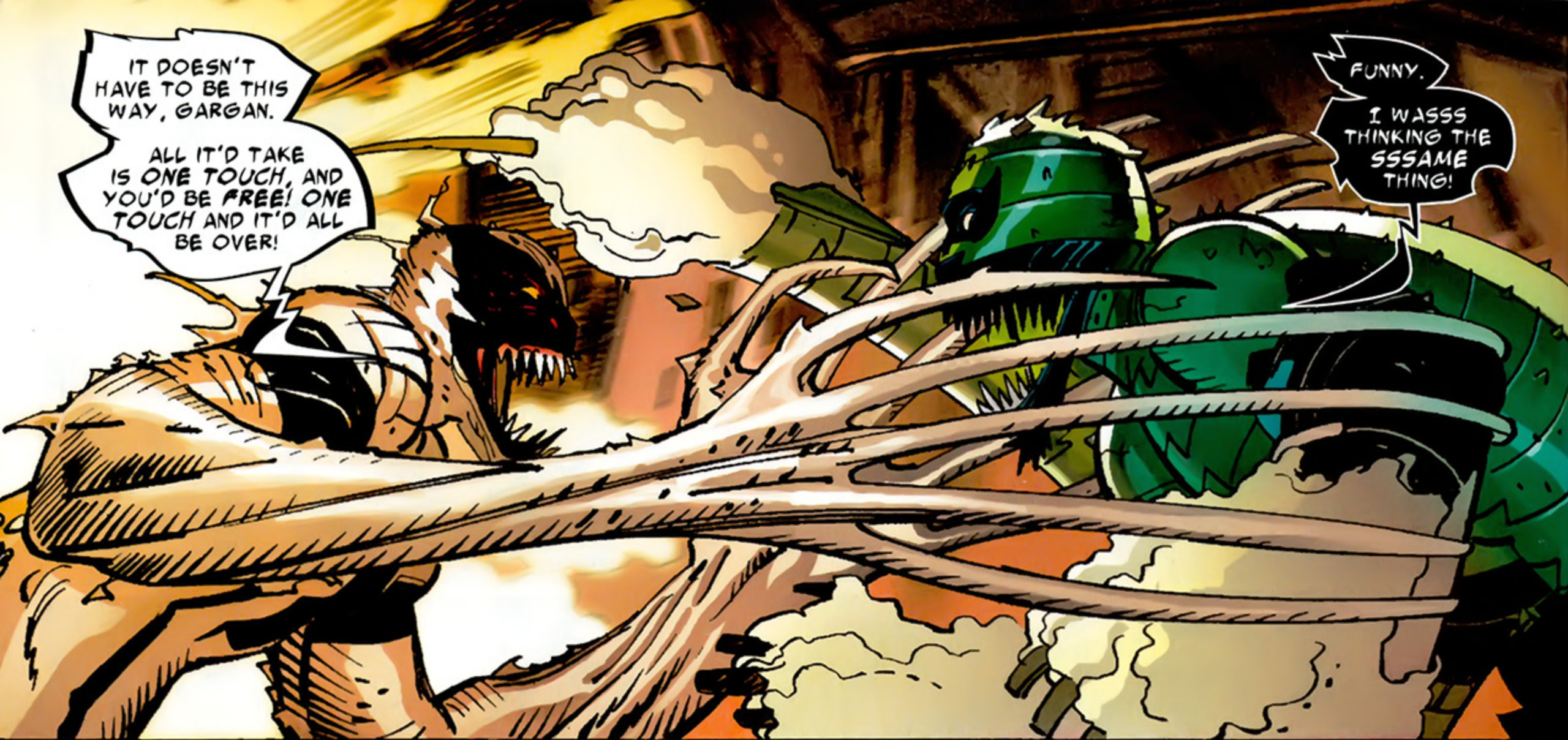
CAN YOU SPARE US AND JUST GET US OUT OF HERE.



TECHNICALLY, GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE IS SPARING YOU.

NOW PLEASE, DON'T MAKE ME REGRET THIS...





IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE THIS
WAY, GARGAN.

ALL IT'D TAKE
IS ONE TOUCH, AND
YOU'D BE FREE! ONE
TOUCH AND IT'D ALL
BE OVER!

FUNNY.
I WASSS
THINKING THE
SSSAME
THING!



YEARGHH!

FWITCH



STINGSS
DON'T IT,
BROCK?!



SSSO WORRIED
ABOUT SSSAVING
ME! CURING ME!
HEALING ME!

WELL,
EDDIE, HEAL
THYSELF!
HA HA!

MY SUIT!
THE ANTI-
VENOM!



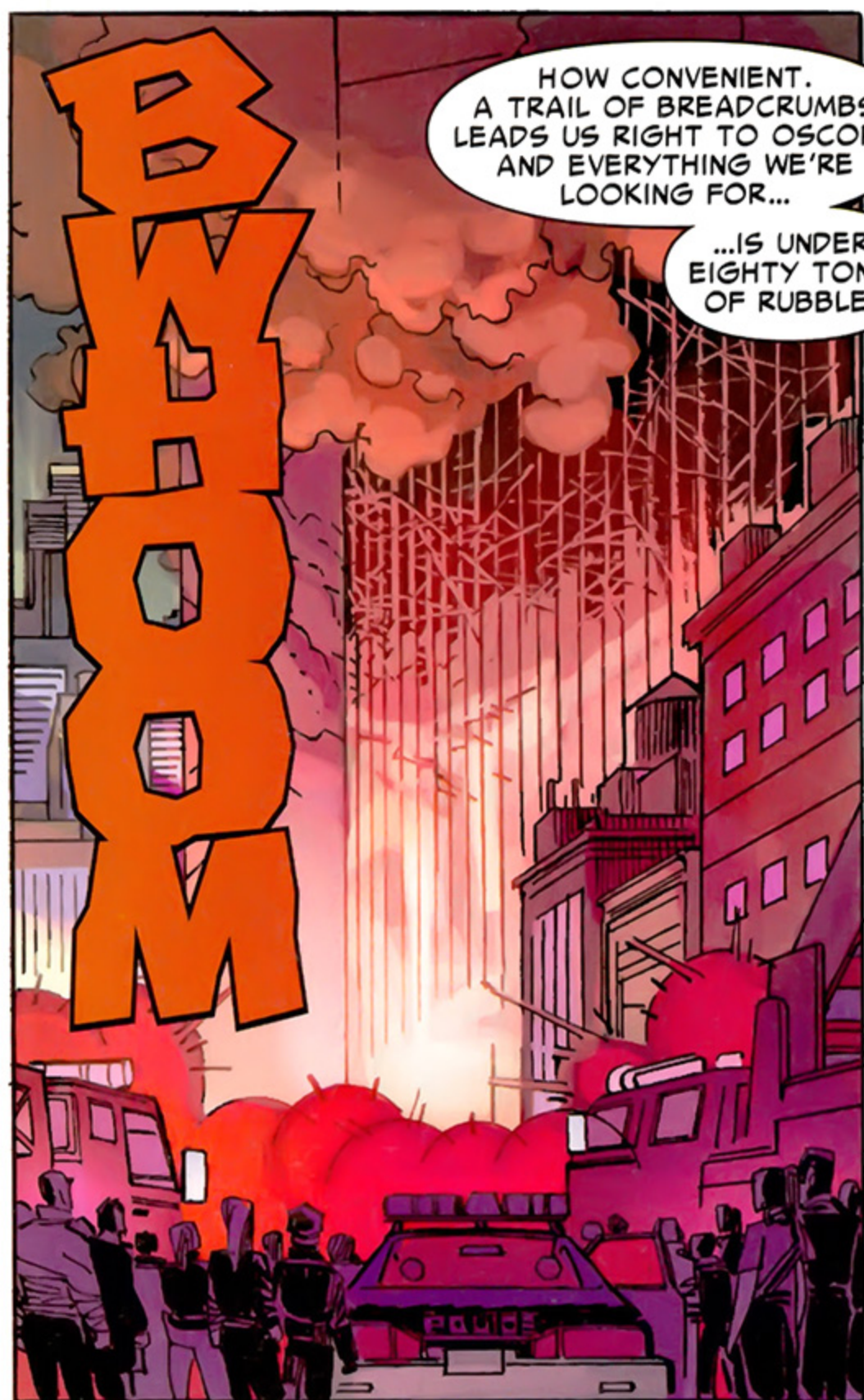


IT LOVESSS YOU, EDDIE. EVEN AFTER ALL YOU'VE DONE TO IT, IT WON'T LET ME KILL YA!

HM. MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BROCK. MAYBE IT ISSS CANCER.

SOMEDAY, SOMEHOW, I'LL FIND A WAY PAST THISSS. AND WHEN I DO, YOU'RE DEAD!

NOT IF I KILL YOU FIRST.



HOW CONVENIENT. A TRAIL OF BREADCRUMBS LEADS US RIGHT TO OSCORP AND EVERYTHING WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

...IS UNDER EIGHTY TONS OF RUBBLE.

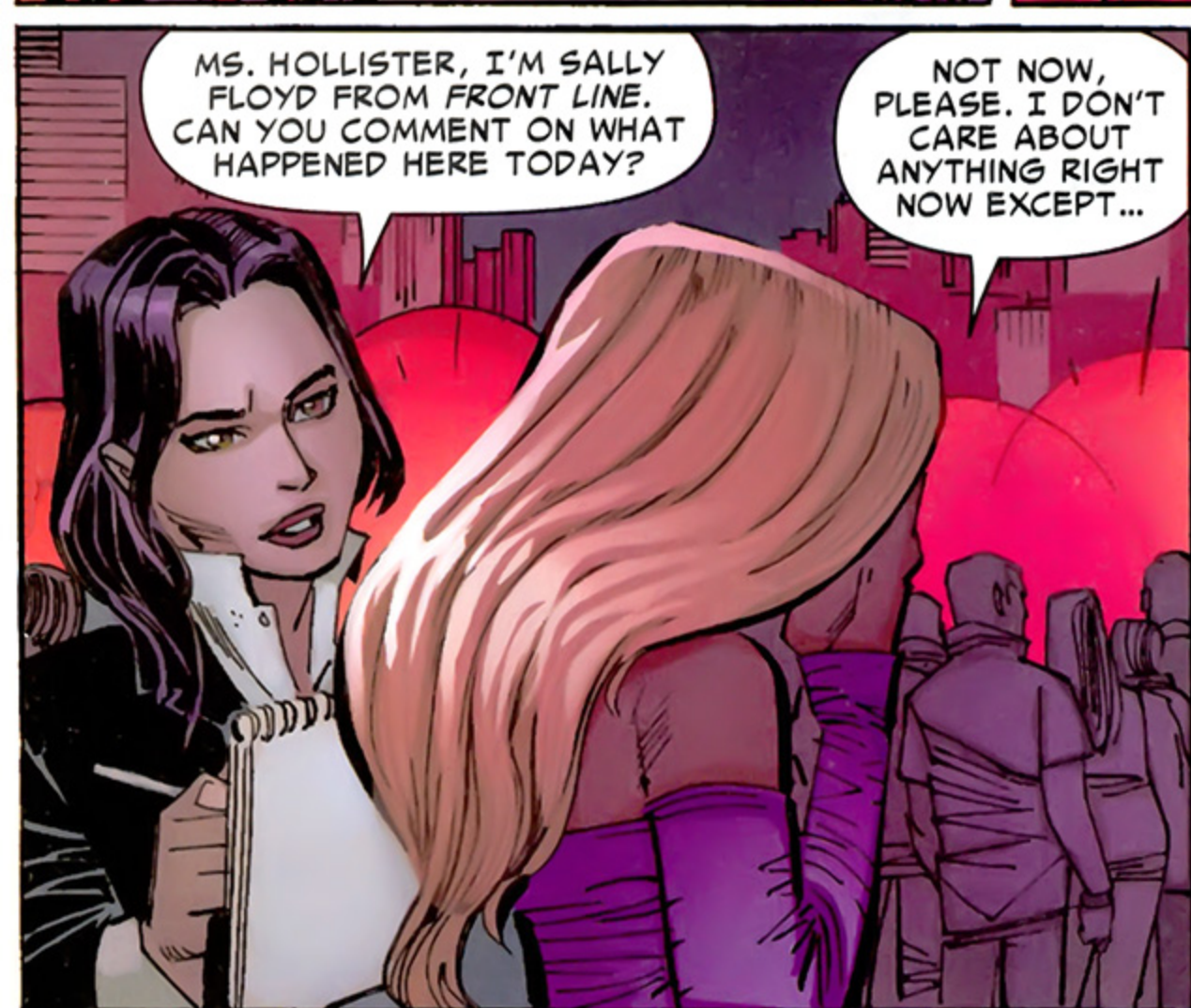


IS IT ALWAYS THIS WAY WITH AN OSBORN STORY, BEN?

NO, SALLY. SOMETIMES IT'S SIXTY TONS OF RUBBLE.



BEN, LOOK OVER THERE. THAT'S HARRY'S GIRL, LILY HOLLISTER.



MS. HOLLISTER, I'M SALLY FLOYD FROM FRONT LINE. CAN YOU COMMENT ON WHAT HAPPENED HERE TODAY?

NOT NOW, PLEASE. I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING RIGHT NOW EXCEPT...



LILY!

HARRY!

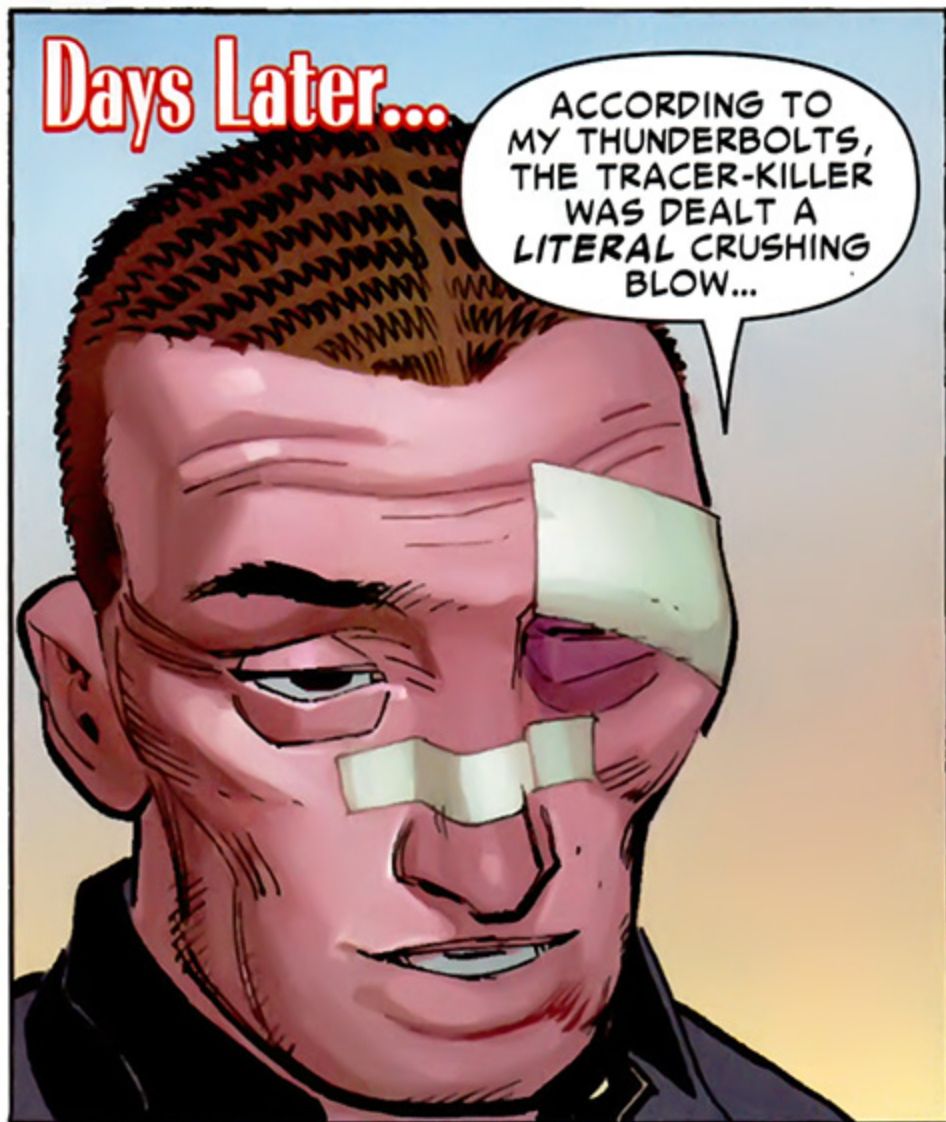




THUNDERBOLTS.
GOTTA LOVE 'EM.

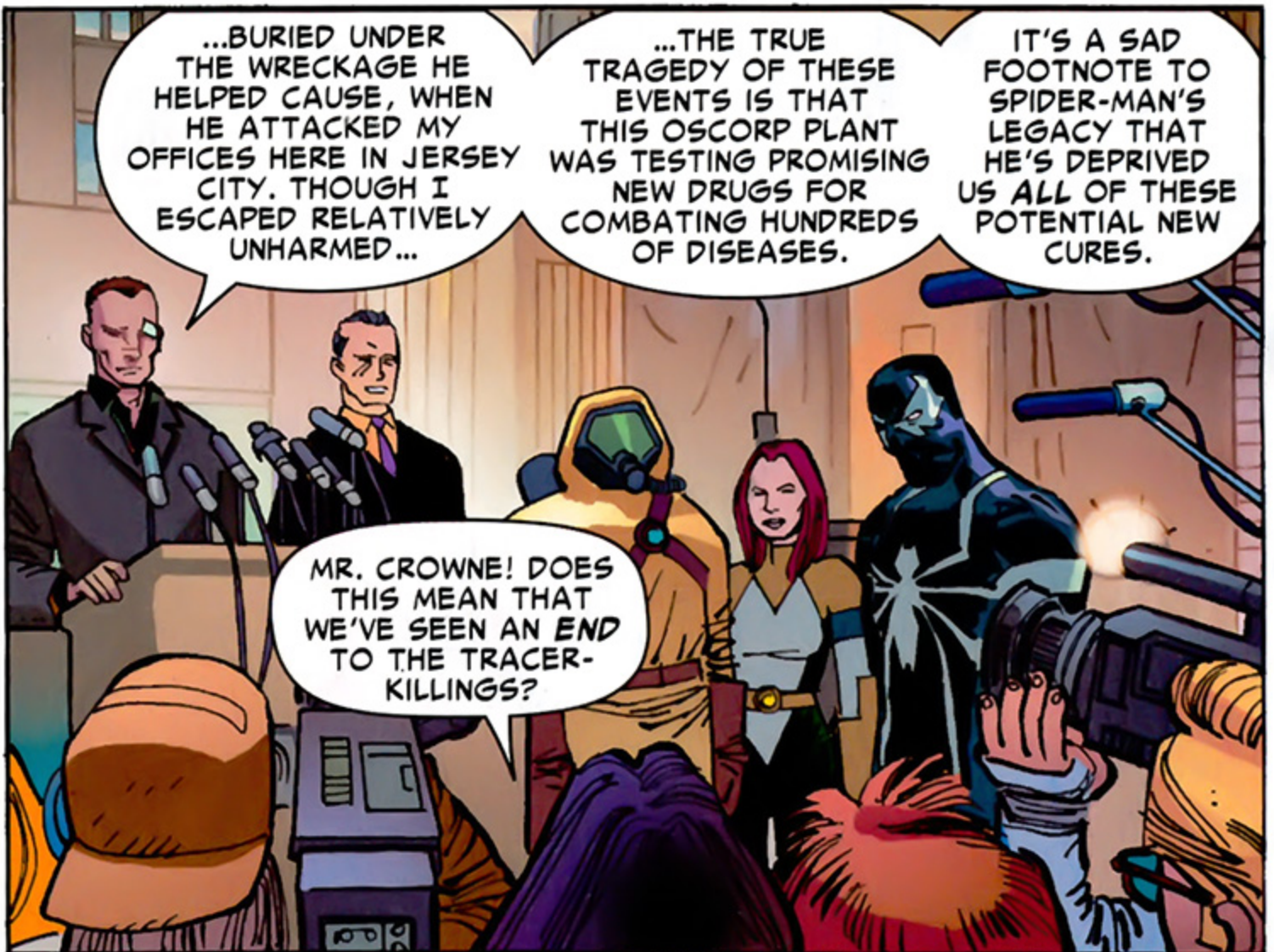
IT'S
THE LAW.

MAN, I
REALLY GOTTA
FIND OUT WHO
DOES THEIR
P.R. ...



Days Later...

ACCORDING TO
MY THUNDERBOLTS,
THE TRACER-KILLER
WAS DEALT A
LITERAL CRUSHING
BLOW...



...BURIED UNDER
THE WRECKAGE HE
HELPED CAUSE, WHEN
HE ATTACKED MY
OFFICES HERE IN JERSEY
CITY. THOUGH I
ESCAPED RELATIVELY
UNHARMED...

...THE TRUE
TRAGEDY OF THESE
EVENTS IS THAT
THIS OSCORP PLANT
WAS TESTING PROMISING
NEW DRUGS FOR
COMBATING HUNDREDS
OF DISEASES.

IT'S A SAD
FOOTNOTE TO
SPIDER-MAN'S
LEGACY THAT
HE'S DEPRIVED
US ALL OF THESE
POTENTIAL NEW
CURES.

MR. CROWNE! DOES
THIS MEAN THAT
WE'VE SEEN AN END
TO THE TRACER-
KILLINGS?



YES! I'D
STAKE MY
REPUTATION
ON IT.

MR.
OSBORN...

WHAT IS IT,
MALECK? CAN'T
YOU SEE I'M
BUSY?



YOU WANTED
TO KNOW ABOUT
FREAK, SIR. AS SOON
AS WE LEARNED
ANYTHING.

AND?

ALL OUR
SENSOR SWEEPS
HAVE SHOWN NO
SIGNS OF LIFE.
HE'S PROBABLY
DEAD.



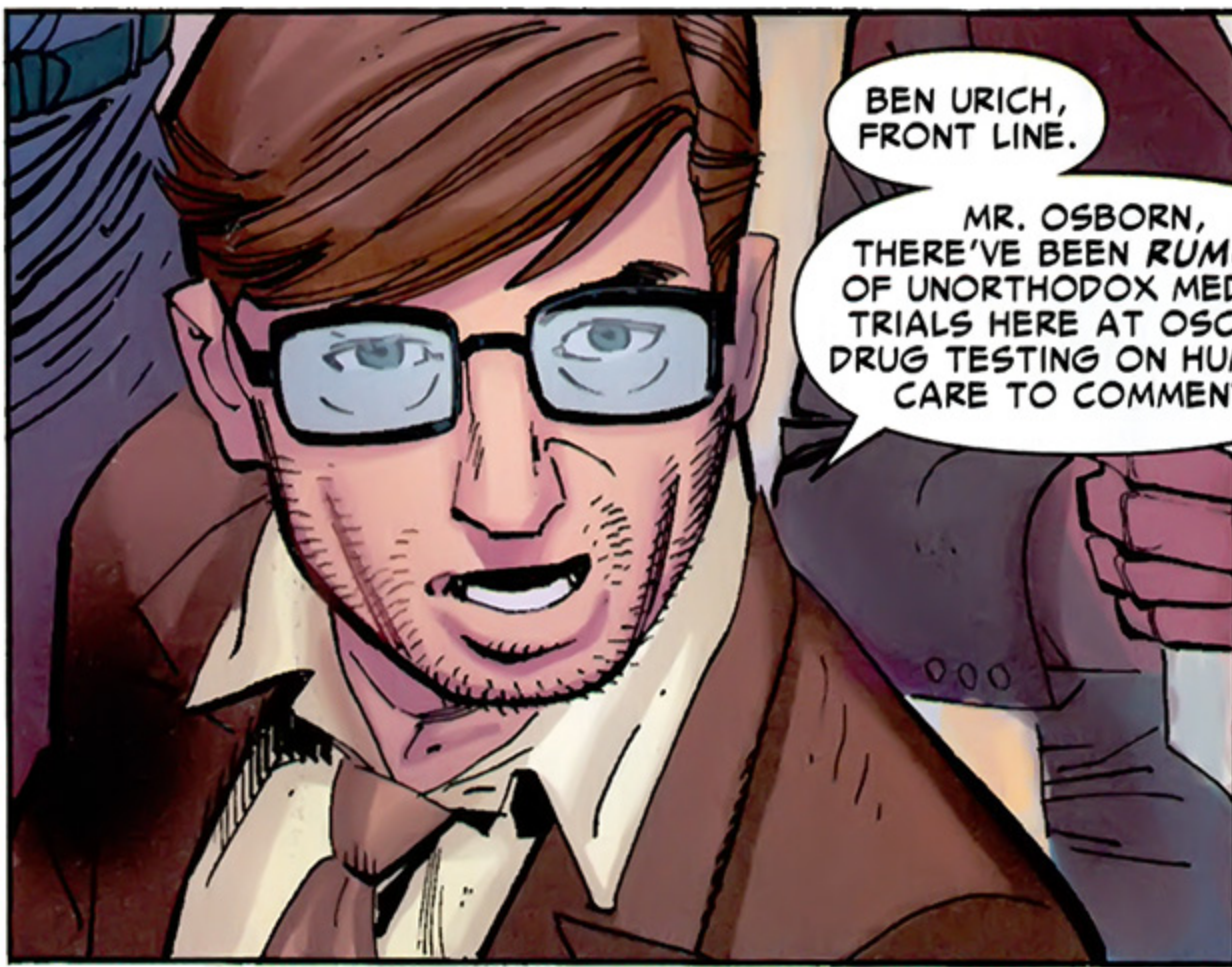
IDIOT.

WHAT?

THINK
ABOUT IT FOR
A SECOND.

OH.

IDIOT.



BEN URICH,
FRONT LINE.

MR. OSBORN,
THERE'VE BEEN *RUMORS*
OF UNORTHODOX MEDICAL
TRIALS HERE AT OSCORP.
DRUG TESTING ON HUMANS.
CARE TO COMMENT?

I WOULDN'T
KNOW ABOUT ANY
RUMORS, MR. URICH.
THEN AGAIN, I
DON'T READ
FRONT LINE.

BUT I BELIEVE
YOU'VE BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH
MY SON...



"...PERHAPS HE HAD
INFORMATION BACK
FROM WHEN *HE* WAS
RUNNING THE COMPANY."

NO OFFENSE,
HARRY, BUT I DOUBT
OSCORP SECURITY
WOULD LET YOU IN
HERE...

...IF THERE
WERE ANYTHING
WORTH FINDING IN
THIS MESS.

JUST KEEP
LOOKING. THERE
WAS A FILE. AND SOME
RESEARCH MATERIALS.
THEY COULD HELP
CLEAR MY NAME.

PETER'S RIGHT,
HARRY. I'M FAR
MORE WORRIED ABOUT
HOW *SAFE* IT IS IN HERE.
THIS OFFICE IS THE
ONLY ROOM LEFT
STANDING.



WE'RE FINE.
DAD BUILDS HIS
OFFICES LIKE
BUNKERS.

ONE SECOND,
THERE'S A STORAGE
AREA NEAR HERE. I'LL
BE RIGHT BACK.



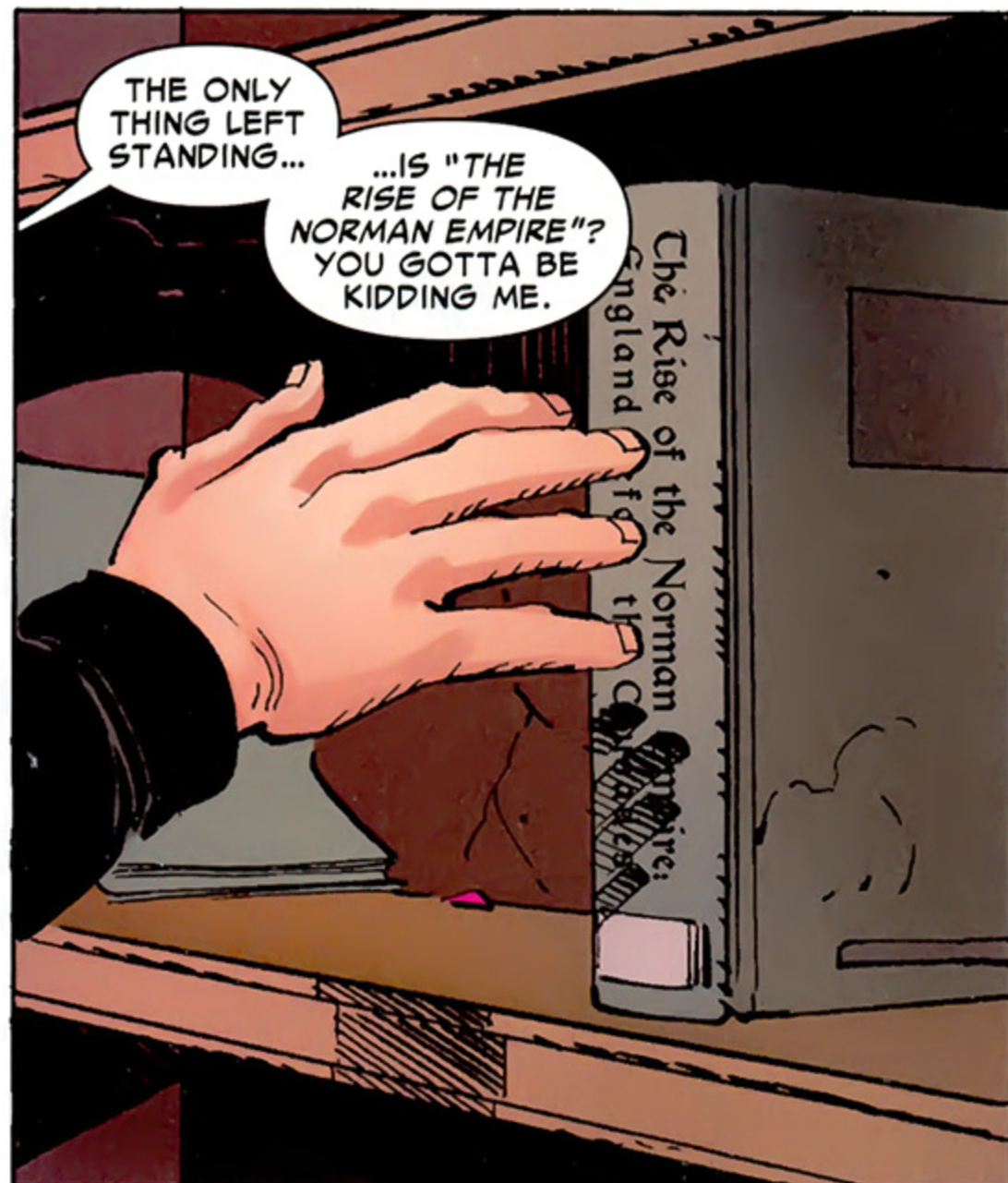
"CLEAR HIS
NAME." DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
HE'S TALKING
ABOUT, LIL?

NOT A
CLUE.



I JUST...I
GET THIS FEELING
THAT HARRY'S BEEN
HIDING SOMETHING
FROM ME. SOMETHING
BIG. SOMETHING
WEIRD.

HEY.
LOOK AT
THIS...



THE ONLY
THING LEFT
STANDING...

...IS "THE
RISE OF THE
NORMAN EMPIRE"?
YOU GOTTA BE
KIDDING ME.



NOT THE
ONLY THING LEFT
STANDING. YOU'RE
HERE, PETE.

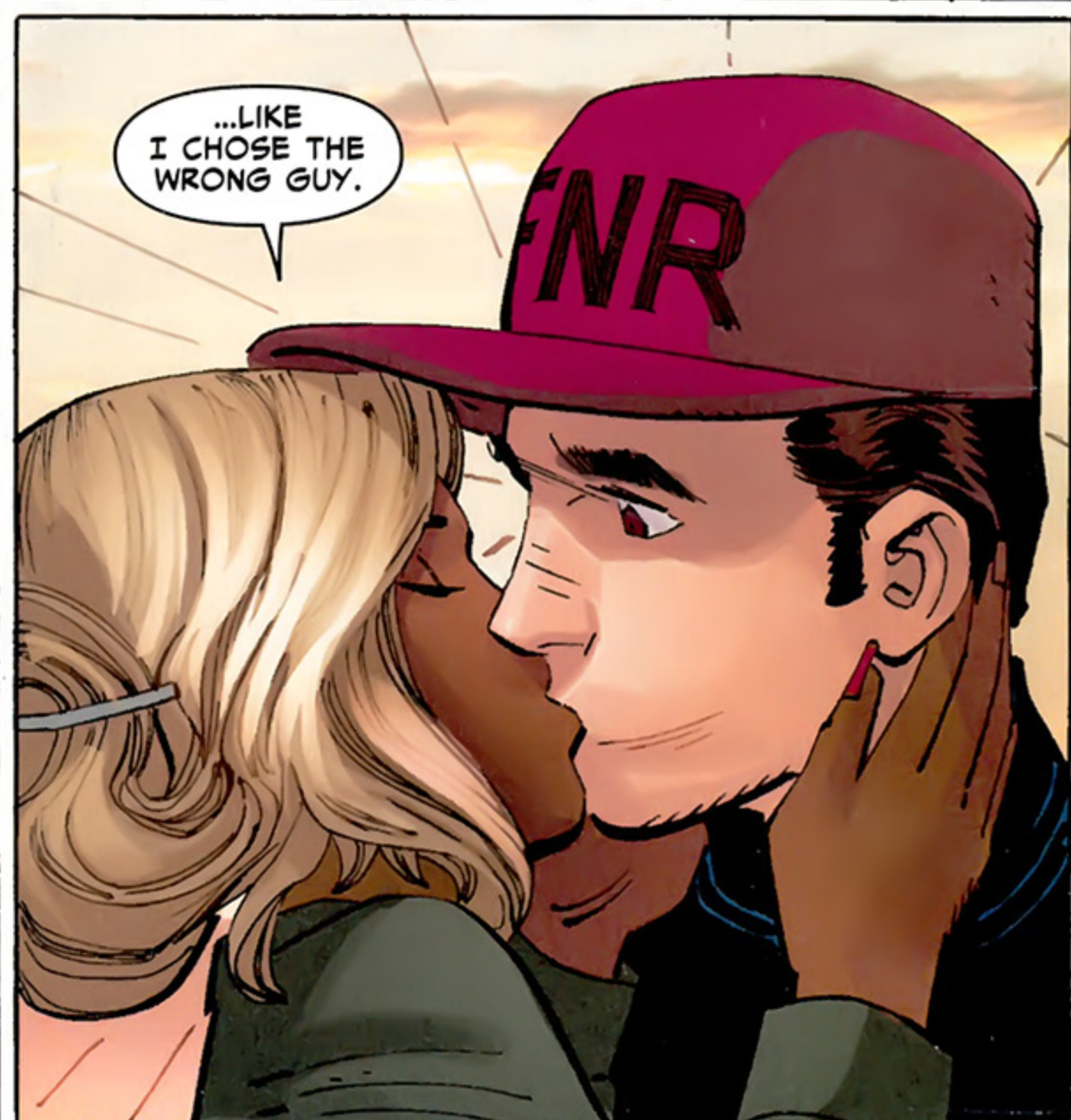
YOU DO
MORE THAN
THAT.

WELL,
I TRY.



YOU'RE THE
GOOD ONE. AND
THROUGHOUT THESE
LAST FEW DAYS, WITH
ALL THE CRAZINESS
GOING ON...

SEEING
HARRY'S FATHER.
SEEING WHAT
HARRY'S LIKE AROUND
HIS FATHER. WELL,
SOMETIMES I
FEEL...



...LIKE
I CHOSE THE
WRONG GUY.



WHOA. STUFF
TINGLIN'...

YOU'RE
WELCOME.

NO.
I MEAN--
ME. FRIEND.
HARRY'S.

YOU.
GIRL. NO.

OKAY...?
CAN WE DO
THAT AGAIN,
BUT WITH SOME
VERBS?





GOTCHA!

WHAT?

THE FILE. I
FOUND THE FILE
I WAS LOOKING
FOR.

YES. EXACTLY.
THE THING YOU WERE
LOOKING FOR. WAY
TO GO.



SO, HARRY,
ABOUT THIS
FILE...?

I'M SORRY,
PETE. NOT NOW.
I'M SURE YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND THE
NEED FOR KEEPING
SECRETS.



YOU HAVE NO IDEA. AND
I MEAN THAT ON THREE
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
LEVELS.



LOOK, I PROMISE
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT.
SOON. AND WHEN WE
DO, I'M GONNA NEED
YOUR HELP WITH
SOMETHING.

WHY
ME?

BECAUSE IN
THE WHOLE WORLD,
PETE, YOU'RE THE
ONE GUY I TRUST.
CAN I COUNT ON
YOU?



ALWAYS.



OKAY
THEN. WE'RE
GOOD TO
GO.

SO, WHAT'S MY STORY?



I WAS THE DYING MAN WHO FOUND A NEW REASON TO LIVE...

...FRIENDS AMONG STRANGERS, AND A HOME WITH THE HOMELESS.

DO ANY OF YOU UNDERSTAND?

THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER
REOPENING TOMORROW

IF JUST ONE OF YOU WILL TESTIFY, WE CAN BRING CHARGES AGAINST OSCORP. ANYONE?

SALLY, MAYBE WE SHOULD GET MR. LI IN HERE.

THEY UNDERSTAND YOU, BEN. THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'RE HERE ILLEGALLY...

...AND NONE OF THEM WANT TO BE SENT...

...BACK HOME? BRANT? YOU'RE TAKING OFF? ARE YOU INSANE?

THIS IS THE STORY OF THE CENTURY. FOR FRONT LINE OR THE DB. AND YOU'RE JUST GOING TO WALK AWAY?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, FLOYD? I'M NOT COVERING THAT.

I WAS HERE TO REPORT ON THE F.E.A.S.T. SHELTER "MIRACLES." AND THAT STORY'S OVER.

PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK AGAIN, RELAPSING AT AN ALARMING RATE.

LIKE DEXTER BENNETT SAID, IT'S ALL JUST A LOAD OF BUNK. AND FOR A MINUTE I ALMOST BOUGHT IT.

I ALMOST BELIEVED MIRACLES COULD HAPPEN.

MR. LI! YOU WANNA PLAY?

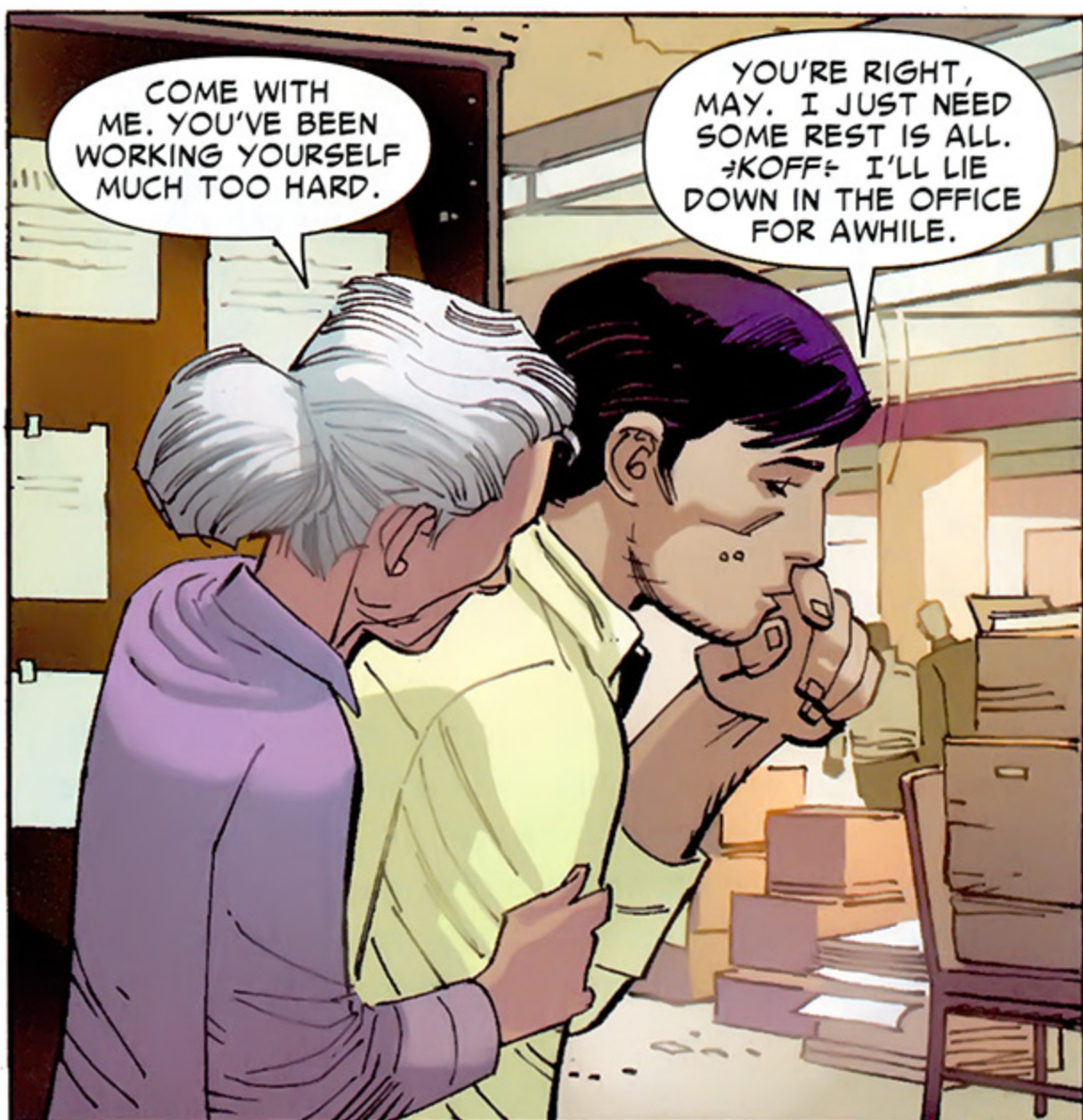
MAYBE LATER, LUKAS. ~~KOFF~~ I'M-I'M A LITTLE TIRED RIGHT NOW.



KOFF KOFF
KAFF KEH
KEH

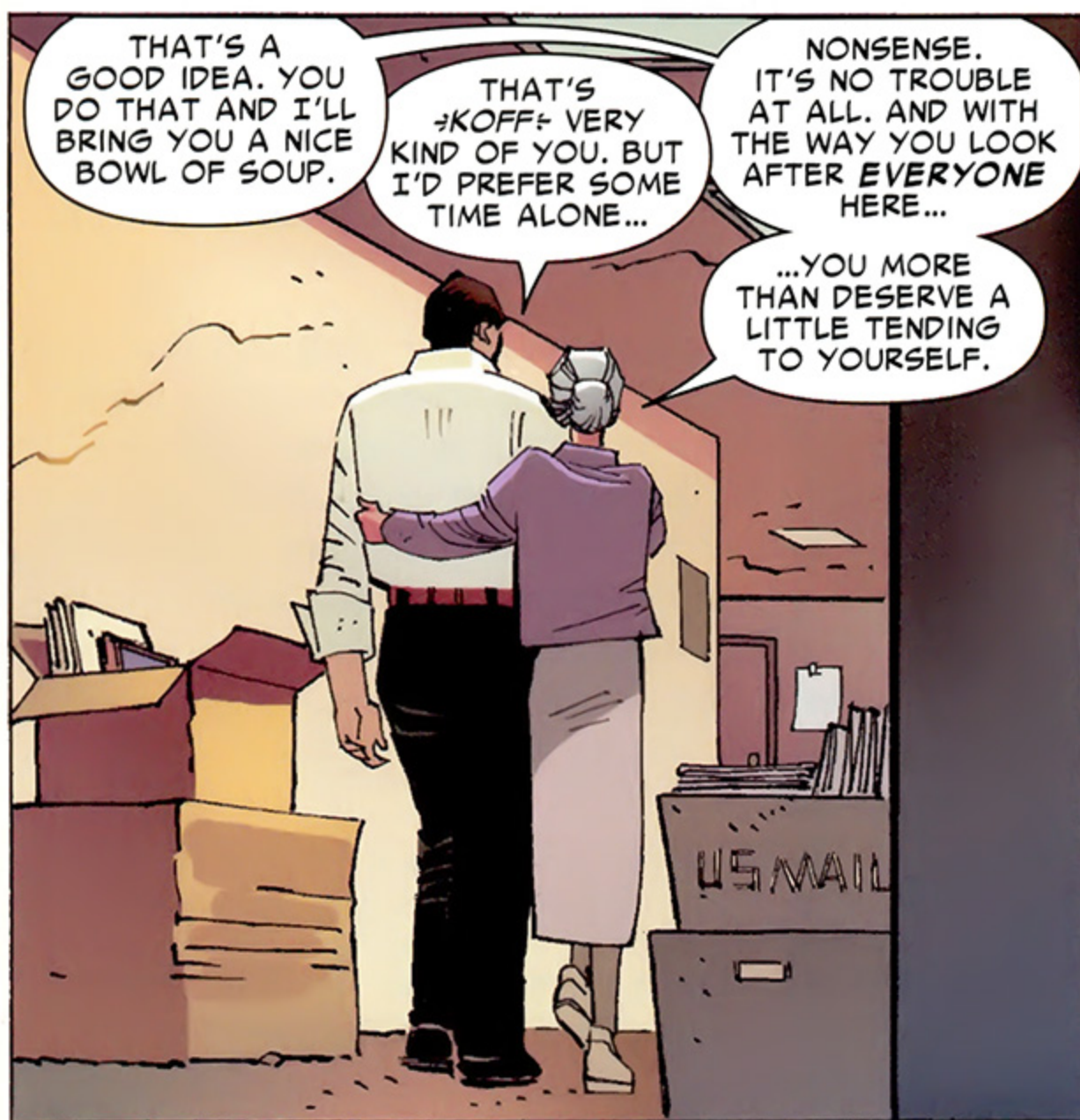
MR. LI?
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?

MARTIN?



COME WITH
ME. YOU'VE BEEN
WORKING YOURSELF
MUCH TOO HARD.

YOU'RE RIGHT,
MAY. I JUST NEED
SOME REST IS ALL.
KOFF I'LL LIE
DOWN IN THE OFFICE
FOR AWHILE.



THAT'S A
GOOD IDEA. YOU
DO THAT AND I'LL
BRING YOU A NICE
BOWL OF SOUP.

THAT'S
KOFF VERY
KIND OF YOU. BUT
I'D PREFER SOME
TIME ALONE...

NONSENSE.
IT'S NO TROUBLE
AT ALL. AND WITH
THE WAY YOU LOOK
AFTER **EVERYONE**
HERE...

...YOU MORE
THAN DESERVE A
LITTLE TENDING
TO YOURSELF.



I SAID I
NEED TO BE
LEFT
ALONE.



BUT
MARTIN, I'M
ONLY TRYING
TO--

WHAT DON'T YOU
UNDERSTAND?!

I DON'T
NEED YOUR HELP,
YOU MEDDLING
OLD CRONE!



IT'S OKAY,
MRS. PARKER. DON'T
WORRY. YOU HAVEN'T
BEEN HERE THAT
LONG.

HE GETS
LIKE THAT
FROM TIME
TO TIME.

I-I
HAD NO
IDEA.

AND IN MY HEART, I KNOW
THAT I OWE EVERYTHING
TO ONE MAN, MARTIN LI.

A man in a dark jacket is looking towards a building at night. A banner is hanging across the front of the building.

HE SHOWED ME A
SIDE OF HUMANITY I'D
LONG FORGOTTEN.

I KNOW THERE'S SO
MUCH MORE I COULD
LEARN FROM HIM.

THE F.E.A.S.T. CL
REOPENING TOMO


A close-up of the man's face, looking down with a somber expression.

BUT I
CAN'T GO
BACK.

The man is looking at a poster on a wall. The poster features Spider-Man's face and the words 'WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE'.

WANTED
DEAD
OR
ALIVE

I SIDED WITH
SPIDER-MAN.
I FOUGHT THE
THUNDERBOLTS--
GOVERNMENT
AGENTS.


The man is looking at a poster on a wall. The poster features Spider-Man's face and the word 'ALIVE'.

ALIVE

THAT MAKES ME
A FUGITIVE. A
WANTED MAN.
BUT NO MATTER...

THIS CITY HAS A
SICKNESS. I CAN SEE
IT ALL AROUND ME.

IT PREYS ON THE
POOR, THE INFIRM,
ALL THOSE WHO ARE
TOO WEAK TO FEND
FOR THEMSELVES.

The man is looking at a poster on a wall. The poster features Spider-Man's face and the words 'WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE'.

WANTED
DEAD
OR
ALIVE

AND I'VE BEEN
BLESSED WITH
THE CURE.

FROM NOW
ON, I AM THE
ANTI-VENOM.

The End.

SO THERE SHALL COME THIS MAN...THIS CANDIDATE!

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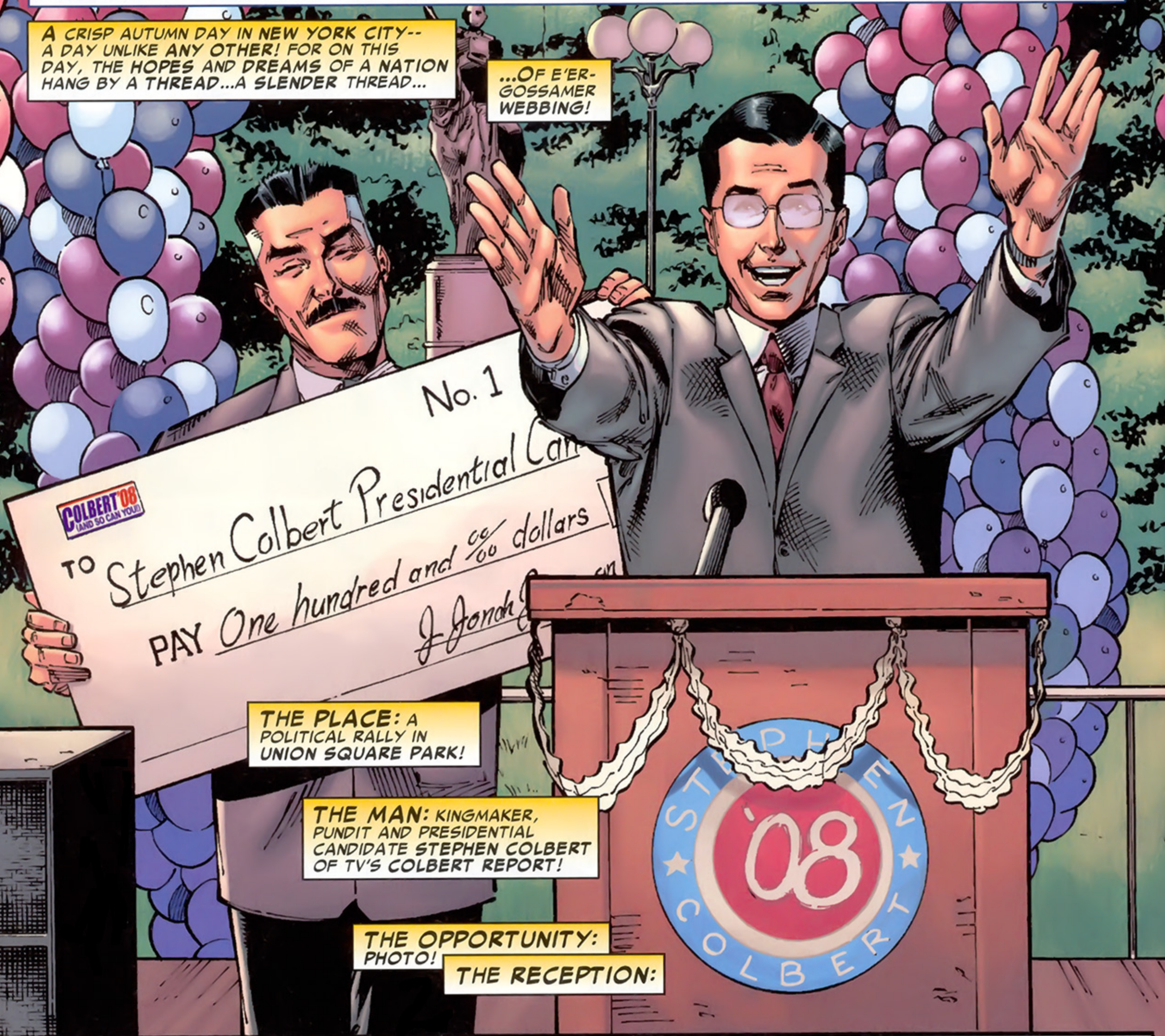
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A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER! FOR ON THIS
DAY, THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF A NATION
HANG BY A THREAD...A SLENDER THREAD...

...OF E'ER-
GOSSAMER
WEBBING!



THE PLACE: A
POLITICAL RALLY IN
UNION SQUARE PARK!

THE MAN: KINGMAKER,
PUNDIT AND PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE STEPHEN COLBERT
OF TV'S COLBERT REPORT!

THE OPPORTUNITY:
PHOTO!

THE RECEPTION:

UNDERWHELMING.

A HUNDRED
BUCKS? THE CHECK
COST MORE THAN THAT
TO MAKE, YOU OLD
SKINFLINT! SURE YOU
CAN AFFORD IT?

J. JONAH
JAMESON NEVER
BACKS A LOSING
HORSE, M'LAD! HAVE
YOU SEEN THE
LATEST POLLS?





I DON'T GET IT, JJJ! HAS THE BIG APPLE GONE ROTTEN?

I'VE BEEN CAMPAIGNING NONSTOP-- RESCUING ORPHANS, HELPING OLD LADIES, KILLING SKRULLS-- BUT THIS CITY'S TAKING ME, STEPHEN COLBERT, FOR GRANTED--

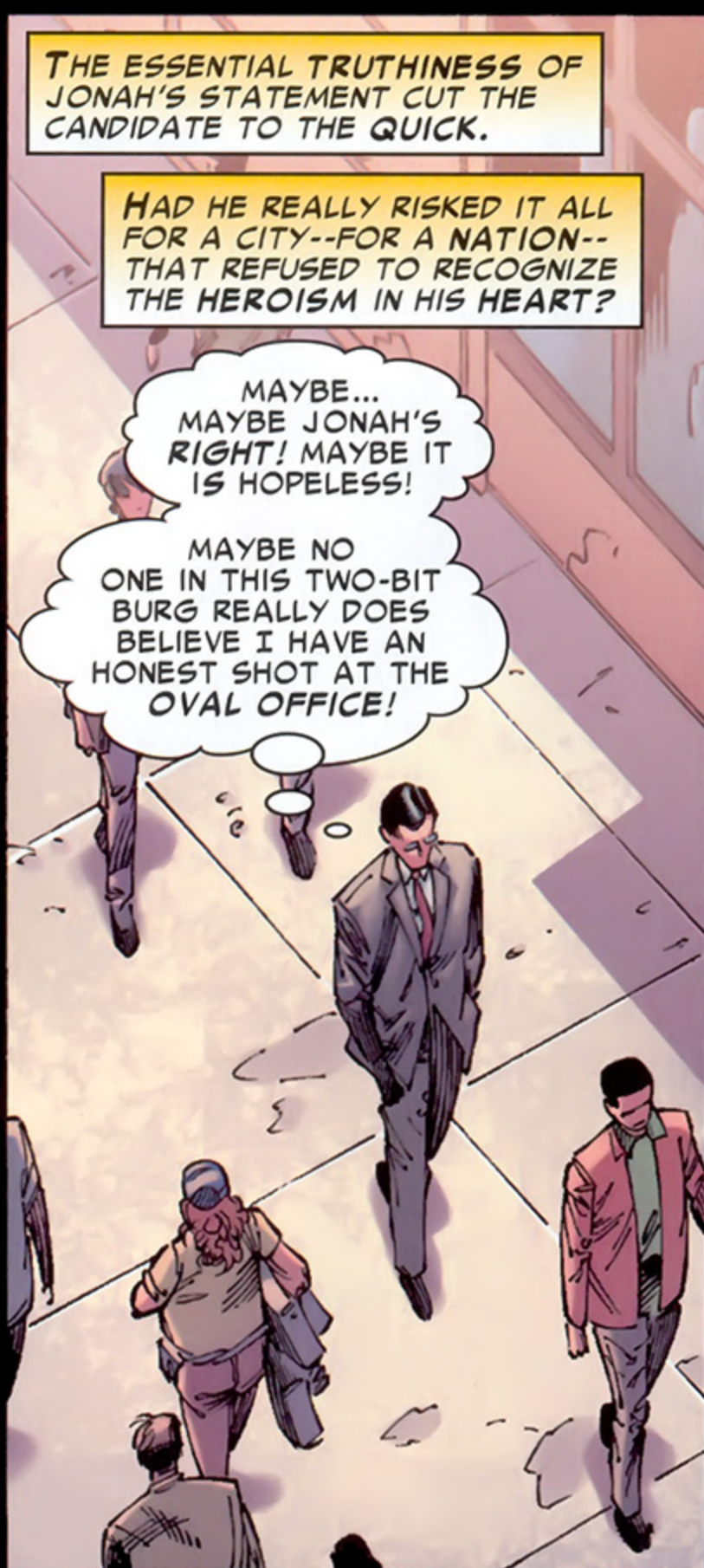
--AND I CAN'T SWING THE ELECTION WITHOUT IT!

FACE FACTS, SON! NEW YORKERS CAN BE A FICKLE BREED!



IN THIS TOWN, YOU'RE ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR LAST HEADLINE! THEY NO LONGER APPRECIATE YOU? MY ADVICE?

GIVE THE PEOPLE THE CANDIDATE THEY DESERVE!



THE ESSENTIAL TRUTHINESS OF JONAH'S STATEMENT CUT THE CANDIDATE TO THE QUICK.

HAD HE REALLY RISKED IT ALL FOR A CITY--FOR A NATION-- THAT REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE HEROISM IN HIS HEART?

MAYBE... MAYBE JONAH'S RIGHT! MAYBE IT IS HOPELESS!

MAYBE NO ONE IN THIS TWO-BIT BURG REALLY DOES BELIEVE I HAVE AN HONEST SHOT AT THE OVAL OFFICE!



IF THAT'S HOW THEY FEEL...WELL, THEN, THE VOTERS WON'T HAVE STEPHEN COLBERT TO KICK AROUND ANYMORE!



TAKE THAT, YOU UNGRATEFUL MANHATTANISTAS! AS OF TODAY...

ON NOTICE
POLITICS
RIZZLY BEARS
THE BRITISH EMPIRE
DR. DOOM
CANADA
BARBRA STREISAND
JOE QUESADA
"BUSINESS CASUAL"
BLACK HOLE ATCENER
THE TORONTO RAIN

...I AM
STEPHEN COLBERT
NO MORE!





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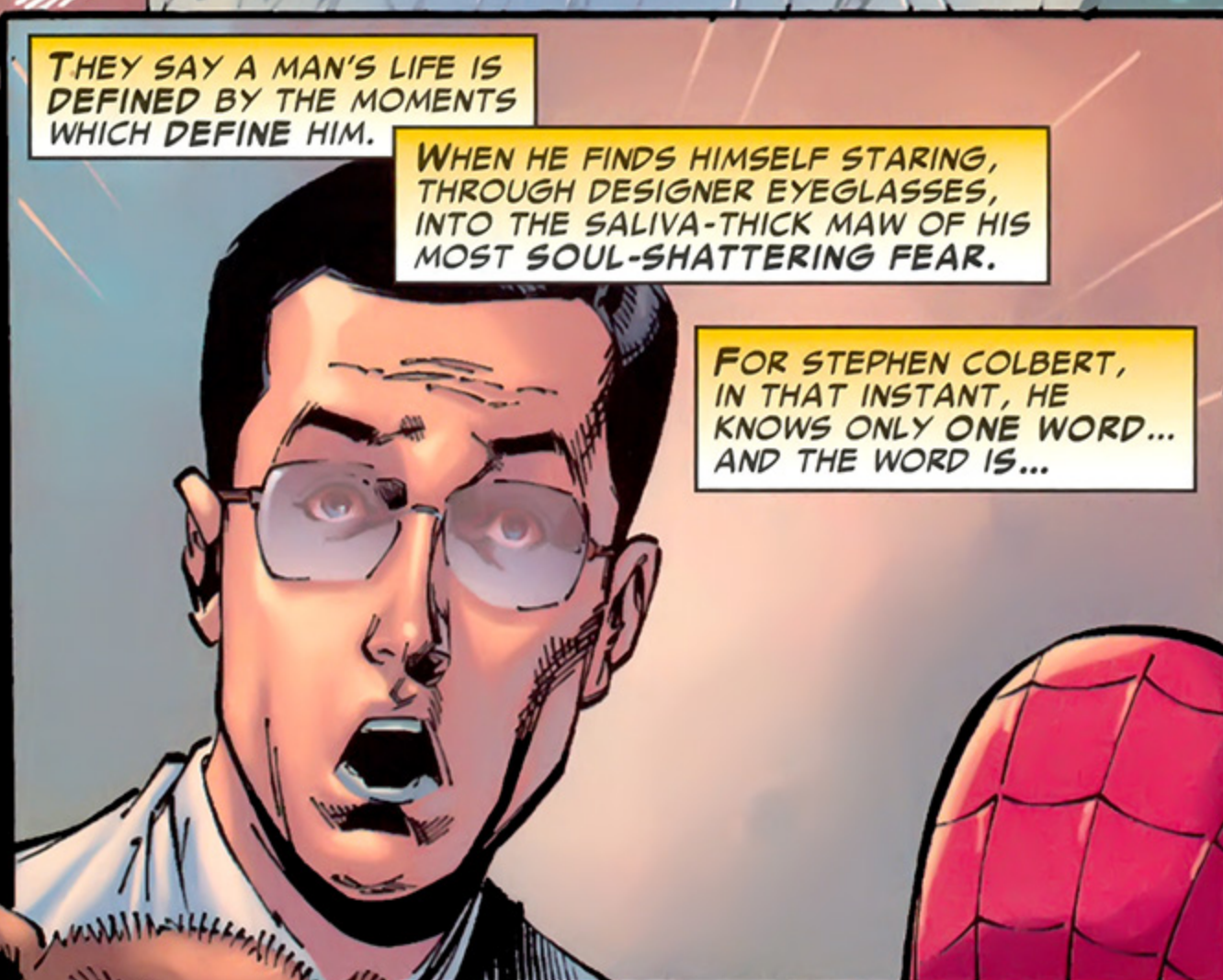
HEADS UP, PAL!
INCOMINNNH!



SPIDER-MAN?
WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU?

HE JUST
+NNFF+ GOT
IN A LUCKY
PUNCH!

"HE"?
WHO--?



THEY SAY A MAN'S LIFE IS
DEFINED BY THE MOMENTS
WHICH DEFINE HIM.

WHEN HE FINDS HIMSELF STARING,
THROUGH DESIGNER EYEGLASSES,
INTO THE SALIVA-THICK MAW OF HIS
MOST SOUL-SHATTERING FEAR.

FOR STEPHEN COLBERT,
IN THAT INSTANT, HE
KNOWS ONLY ONE WORD...
AND THE WORD IS...

...THE GRIZZLY!



WHAT'RE
YOU LOOKIN'
AT?



STAY BACK, SPIDEY! THIS IS MY FIGHT!

HEY, AREN'T YOU TV'S STEPHEN COLBERT?

YOU LOOK MORE LIBERAL IN PERSON.

ALSO, BORDERLINE INSANE. FIND COVER!



WHAT THE HELL IS HE TALKIN' ABOUT?

LIKE I WOULD KNOW. HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

NOT ON YOUR LIFE, WEB-SPINNER!

THE JIG IS UP, GRIZZLY! I RECOGNIZE AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WHEN I SEE IT!



WHO SENT YOU? THE RED SKULL? KINGPIN? THE DNC?

I CALLED IT, GRIZZLY! I CALLED IT! GUESS I AM A VIABLE CANDIDATE AFTER ALL IF THE DEMOCRATS HAVE TO SEND HIT MEN, EH?

DON'T GET IN MY WAY, WALL-CRAWLER! I NEED THIS DO--OW!

FOR WHAT? TICKETS TO A FURRY CONVENTION?

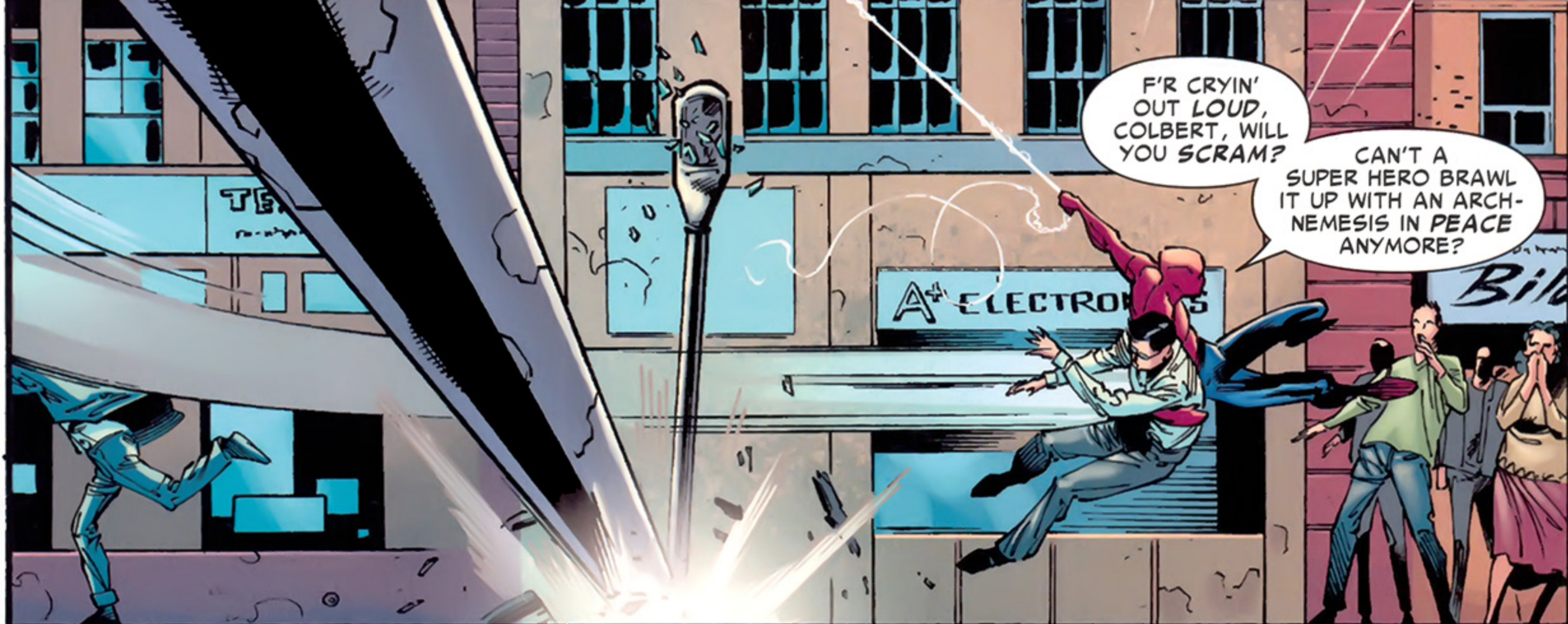
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DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!

IF THAT'S YOUR ATTITUDE, I REFUSE TO BE YOUR DATE.

UH-OH. SPIDEY-SENSE!



F'R CRYIN' OUT LOUD, COLBERT, WILL YOU SCRAM?

CAN'T A SUPER HERO BRAWL IT UP WITH AN ARCH-NEMESIS IN PEACE ANYMORE?



STAY HERE, OUTTA TROUBLE!

I HEAR YOU, SPIDEY! WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

THIS IS NOT A TEAM-UP!



AND AS FOR YOU...

THWAM!



HNNGH!:-

WASSAMATTA, SPIDER-MAN? I'M FASTER'N LAST TIME YOU 'N' ME FACED OFF, AIN'T I?

A SPIDER AIN'T NO MATCH F'R A BEAR!



THAT'S RIGHT, GRIZZLY--BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT THE NATURAL ENEMY OF THE BEAR--





THAT'S WHY I DARE NOT RENOUNCE MY IDENTITY AS A CANDIDATE! SO LONG AS MY PRESENCE IN THIS RACE MOVES THE FORCES OF EVIL TO SUCH EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS--

HE WASN'T. HERE. FOR YOU.



DR. DOOM COULD HAVE BEEN BEHIND THIS. IT'S POSSIBLE. YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THAT.

IF IT WILL HELP YOU SLEEP.

--THEN I EMBRACE MY DESTINY!

Umm...I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU HAVE ANY CAB FARE ON YOU, DO YOU...?

~SIGH~

I'LL GET YOU WHERE YOU'RE GOING..."PARTNER." LEAST I CAN DO.



LOOK OUT, WORLD--
--STEPHEN COLBERT'S BACK IN ACTION!



AND SO IT WAS, ON THAT CATAclysmic DAY, THAT I--ME! STEPHEN COLBERT!--WENT TOE-TO-CLAW WITH THE DARK BEAR OF TERROR AND EMERGED WITH THE COURAGE OF A HERO!

ON THAT DAY, TRULY...WAS MINE MADE MARVEL!

The Ever Lovin' Four-Eyed End.

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL

Send e-mail to
SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM
(please mark as OKAY TO PRINT)

We got a huge pile o'news and letters to get to...so what're you readin' this sentence for?! The action starts in the yellow box!

ITEM-A huge round of applause to Dan, John, Klaus, Dean and Cory for their great work on NEW WAYS TO DIE. As I type this, the first 5 parts of the story have sold out across the land (which means you probably aren't even reading this whoever you are) and these guys have delivered on almost-150 pages of this epic. It was a thrill for this editor to watch the story come together and to show my appreciation, Brennan gets to take a 10 minute lunch as opposed to the standard: none.

ITEM-All those sellouts mean that your friends may have missed out on the issues, but no worry, all chapters of this epic have gone back to 2nd printings which should be available over the next few weeks if they aren't already.

ITEM-Time Out New York, the city's finest weekly guide to what happens to be happening, has named Spider-Man one of its 40 favorite New Yorkers. It's literally one of only two lists in the world where you'll find both the names Broadway legend Patti Lupone and Hip-Hop impresario Jay-Z (the other list they were both on is of "People Who Could Beat Up Brennan").

ITEM-Unless you're my mother, you probably read the stories before turning to this letter column which means you must have caught our special backup featuring America's favorite presidential candidate, the red, white and legendary Stephen Colbert, star of Comedy Central's The Colbert Report. It was a joy working with everyone from the show on this one and I wanted to give a special "Tip of the Hat" to Mark Waid, Patrick Olliffe, Serge LaPointe and Rain Beredo for turning this thing around so quickly. Now that I know you can do it, all your deadlines just got shortened by a week.

ITEM-Tom Brennan. Still single. I'll keep you posted. If I need to run another picture, I will. But he'll be fine if you buy AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL 25, on sale now!

ITEM-By the time you read this I will have celebrated 8 years in comics, which means that between me and Executive Editor Tom Brevoort, we have 49 years of experience in bringing you twice-stapled graphi-tainment in its finest form. I mention this only to let you know that even with all of our jaded-ness we came out of September's Spidey retreat more excited than ever about what's coming up over the next 12 months...including the return of Spidey's greatest villains, Peter's blossoming love life and the resolution of many of the book's ongoing mysteries in CHARACTER ASSASSINATION by Marc Guggenheim and John Romita Jr. starting in January.

And with all that out of the way...it's your turn!

Dear Spidey-team,

I just got through reading ASM #569 and I've got to say BRAVO! This is one of the best stories I have seen yet since the revamp of the

Spidey Universe. I have enjoyed the other issues of ASM to this point but this one is like someone just set the hook in my mouth; it is brilliant.

I have never been a fan of the Mac Gargan Venom, but I think I now like him. His character in this is the perfect portrayal of the original Venom's personality especially with the line, "He'sss right in front of usss! The sign outside saysss FEAST. And that'sss just what we'll do! Feast on hisss brainsss! Venom out!"

I also love the fact Eddie Brock has been brought back into the picture and Anti-Venom is awesome. I can't wait to read the next issue.

John Wimberly
Marianna, FL



Dear Spider-Mail,

Spider-Man has been my favorite super hero for as long as I can remember. At the end of One More Day, I'll admit that I wasn't pleased with what happened. I didn't think that I would like the new direction that the book had turned in. However, I kept reading and have been enjoying the mix of artists and writers.

I just read issue #568 and it is far and above the best issue so far. I love Dan Slott's writing and John Romita Jr. is simply one of the best Spider-Man artists around. This was the first issue where a whole week until I could read what happened next feels like an eternity.

I hope this creative team is on a regular rotation for Spider-Man from now on, because they knocked this issue out of the park. So until Norman Osborn and Peter Parker become friends... MAKE MINE MARVEL!

Alex Crowson
Via e-mail



Dear Steve,

I just read ASM #569 and I really can't wait for the next issue. I like that Eddie Brock (the original Venom) is now Anti-Venom and what seems to be the perfect match for Venom, I think it's pretty clever.

The only problem is that poor Eddie was finally rid of the impact Venom had on his mind and now he has to go through it again. I'm so excited to see how this turns out: the city turns on Spider-Man and Norman Osborn gets credited as a hero! Venom face to face with Anti-Venom! And the original Green Goblin in the same city with the new goblin Menace.

This story is true to the title because there really are New Ways To Die!

Javier Barrios
Via e-mail



Wacker,

As a loooongtime Spidey fan (first issue was Conway's ASM #113--yikes--that's a lotta years ago!) I cannot believe this is the first time I have felt compelled to write in to an editor/creator for any reason.

But, you see, I know and respect what a heavy burden you have taken on and what a jarring change there has been in the books over the past year. And, as the old saying goes: only a baby with a wet diaper welcomes change!

But, the truth is, these changes on Spidey

were needed and long overdue. In my opinion, he had strayed way too far from his humble, street-level roots into an occasionally entertaining but generally joyless hero. I can safely say I have enjoyed the last 8 months of stories more than I have any Spidey stories in decades, yes, decades.

I hope you plan to stay the course and not cave in to the naysayers (who, of course, cry the loudest) and panic over some readers who have left the book. My belief is this title is already picking up new readers with the currently excellent NWTG arc and will settle into a healthy enough sales pattern soon. More importantly, there is a real parity now between the Spidey in ASM and the movie/TV Spidey, which frankly was not there at all in tone over the last 10 years or so.

Anyway, I thank you, Steve, for all the hard work and for having the courage and conviction to do what you are doing. I hope it continues for many years!!

Robert Bongiardino
Hawthorne, NY

Thanks, Robert, great to have you. Truth is, I thought the last few years under former writer J. Michael Straczynski were undeniably great and while the book generally has a different "feel" than it did under JMS, it's hard for me to see how someone wouldn't love both. JMS' run is a lot to live up to, but we'll keep trying.

That said, however, I think we'd all agree the book is in MUUUUCH better editorial hands than it was under Eagle Award winning editor Axel Alonso, who not only knows more crime novelists than a middle-aged shut-in, but edited the accidentally risqué and oft-mentioned-by-him *Spider-Man: Reign*.

And have no worries about sales, New Ways To Die has certainly bumped things up, but Amazing has performed much better than expected under the relentless three times a month schedule, so it's all looking good.

Out of room. See you in seven.

Viva Templar!
Simperin' Steve
09/24/08

(Happy Birthday, Alyssa Weiss!)

Next Week!



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