

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

HEIST Part Three

Peter Parker's going through a tough time, but one bright spot has been his old flame, Mary Jane Watson. They've reunited, even though any moment could be interrupted by, say, Spider-Man getting called to investigate the theft of unstealable items (like Cap's shield, Iron Man's armor, and, apparently, Spidey's own web-shooters), then joining another old flame, Black Cat, to retrieve them. Luckily MJ was just invited to the Lookups: an anonymity-protecting support group for civilians with costumed heroes in their lives. Unluckily, no one's coming to support web-head and Black Cat. They found the contraband but also found the thief, ODESSA DRAKE, the Thieves Guild's new leader, AND her ARMY.

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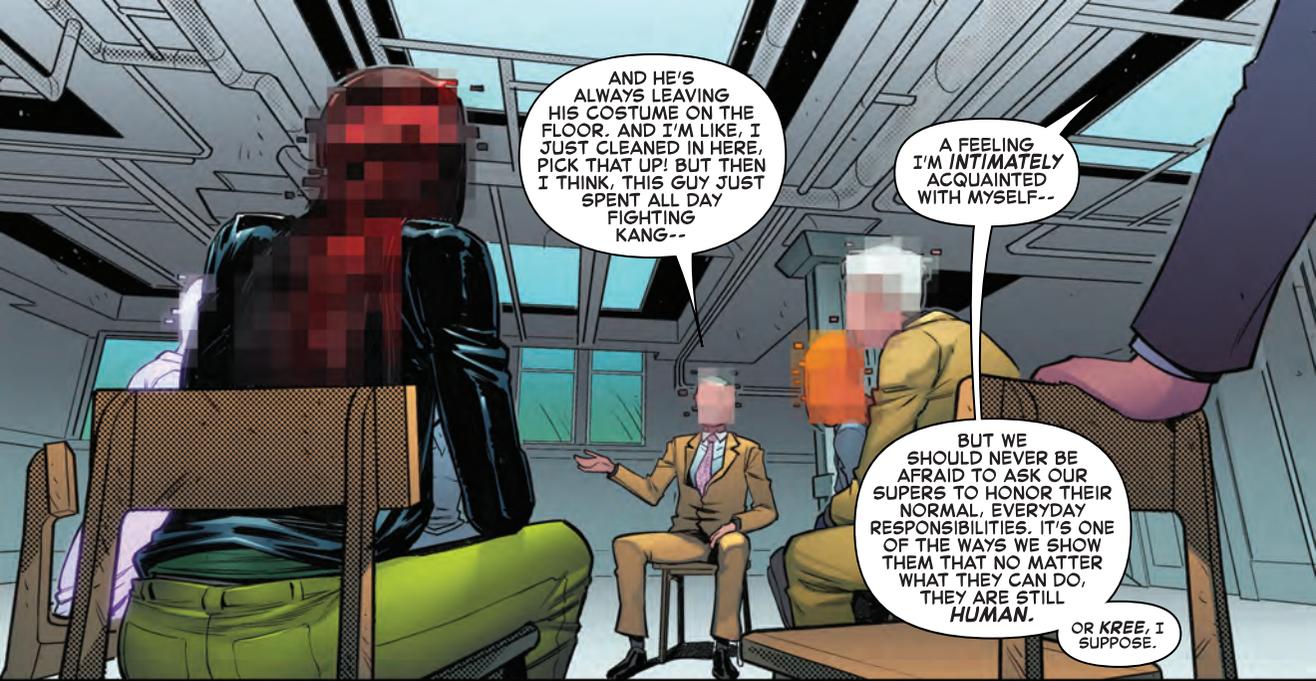
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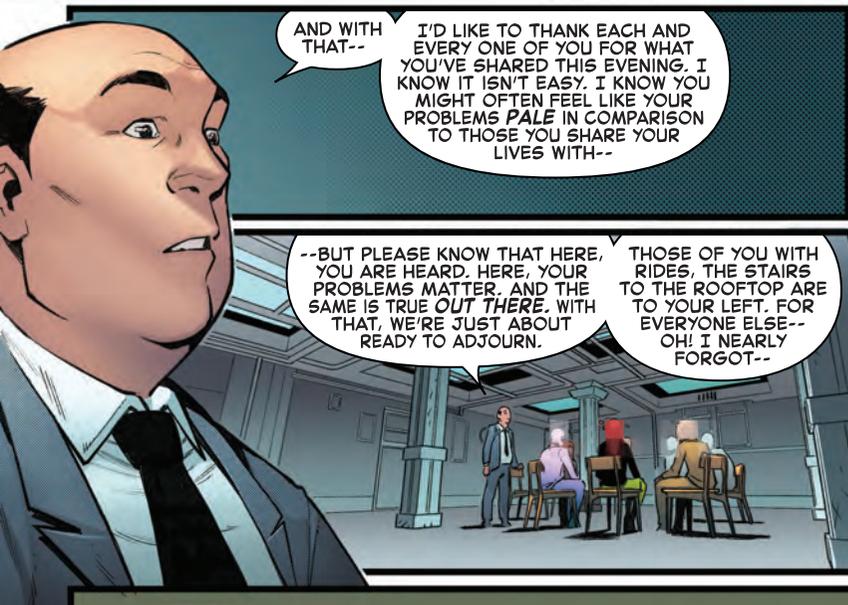


AND HE'S ALWAYS LEAVING HIS COSTUME ON THE FLOOR. AND I'M LIKE, I JUST CLEANED IN HERE, PICK THAT UP! BUT THEN I THINK, THIS GUY JUST SPENT ALL DAY FIGHTING KANG--

A FEELING I'M INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH MYSELF--

BUT WE SHOULD NEVER BE AFRAID TO ASK OUR SUPERS TO HONOR THEIR NORMAL, EVERYDAY RESPONSIBILITIES. IT'S ONE OF THE WAYS WE SHOW THEM THAT NO MATTER WHAT THEY CAN DO, THEY ARE STILL HUMAN.

OR KREE, I SUPPOSE.



AND WITH THAT--

I'D LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE SHARED THIS EVENING. I KNOW IT ISN'T EASY. I KNOW YOU MIGHT OFTEN FEEL LIKE YOUR PROBLEMS PALE IN COMPARISON TO THOSE YOU SHARE YOUR LIVES WITH--

--BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT HERE, YOU ARE HEARD. HERE, YOUR PROBLEMS MATTER. AND THE SAME IS TRUE OUT THERE. WITH THAT, WE'RE JUST ABOUT READY TO ADJOURN.

THOSE OF YOU WITH RIDES, THE STAIRS TO THE ROOFTOP ARE TO YOUR LEFT. FOR EVERYONE ELSE-- OH! I NEARLY FORGOT--



BEFORE WE GO, ONE LAST CHECK WITH OUR VISITOR TO SEE IF SHE'D LIKE TO SHARE SOMETHING HERSELF?

OH, UH...



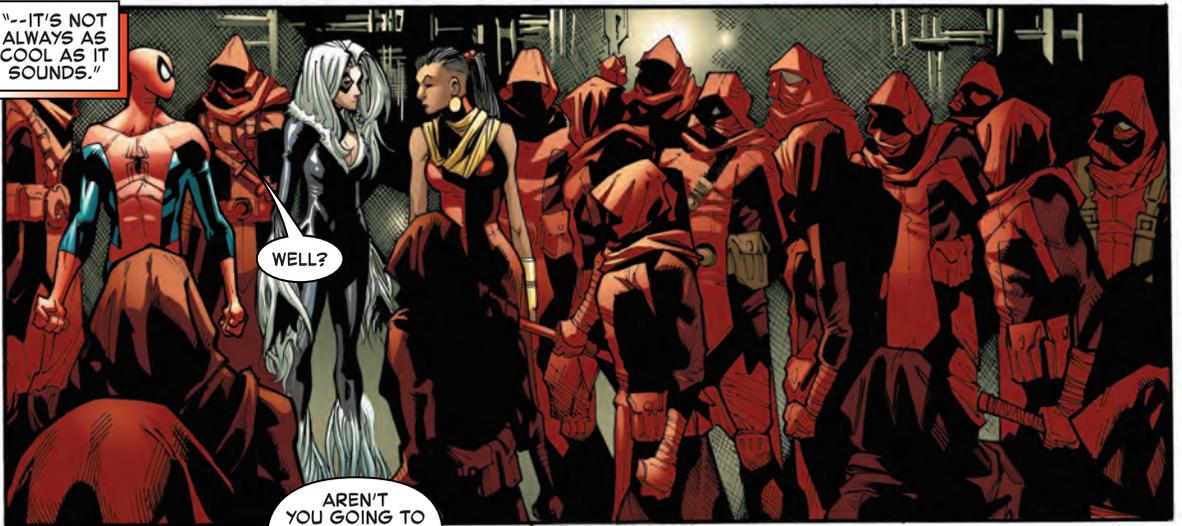
YOU KNOW WHAT, WHY NOT?



HI, MY NAME IS "WE DON'T DO NAMES." AND I'M IN LOVE WITH A SUPER HERO.

TRUST ME--

"--IT'S NOT ALWAYS AS COOL AS IT SOUNDS."



WELL?

AREN'T YOU GOING TO INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR FRIENDS?

SHE ALWAYS DOES THIS. SHE NEVER INTRODUCES ME--

YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HER, SPIDERMAN...



...WE DON'T USUALLY ALLOW GUESTS HERE. YOU KNOW THE RULES, FELICIA.

YEAH... NEVER EXACTLY BEEN GREAT WITH THOSE, ODESSA.

IT'S TRUE. YOU SHOULD SEE HER WHEN SHE'S DRIVING. ALWAYS ON HER PHONE.





I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TOO UPSET. AFTER ALL, MY DUES ARE PAID UP IN FULL, REMEMBER? YOU CAN'T HURT ME. BESIDES, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND YOU COULD USE THE PATRONAGE.

ACTUALLY WE'RE ANTICIPATING QUITE THE WINDFALL--

--THANKS TO ALL THIS.



YEAH, I'LL ADMIT, VERY SAVVY P.R. MOVE. WELL ORCHESTRATED, TOO--

YOU COULD'VE BEEN A PART OF IT. BUT INSTEAD YOU DESECRATE THESE GROUNDS BY BRINGING THE SPIDERMAN--

I'M SORRY--I'M REALLY SORRY-- TO INTERRUPT BUT, SEE, I CAN TELL YOU'RE SAYING IT WITHOUT THE HYPHEN, AND THAT JUST--IT BOTHERS ME...



NO. THIS GOES TOO FAR. SOME OF THIS STUFF IS FAIR GAME. YOU WANNA STEAL NIGHT THRASHER'S SKATEBOARD? FINE.

BUT SOME OF THESE ITEMS ARE NEEDED. TO PROTECT PEOPLE. TO SAVE LIVES. WE DON'T STEAL THAT. THAT'S NOT WHO WE ARE--



--THAT'S NOT WHO I AM.

IT'S JUST LIKE THE TINIEST PAUSE IN BETWEEN THE WORDS...



?SIGH? TAKE HER.

KILL HIM.



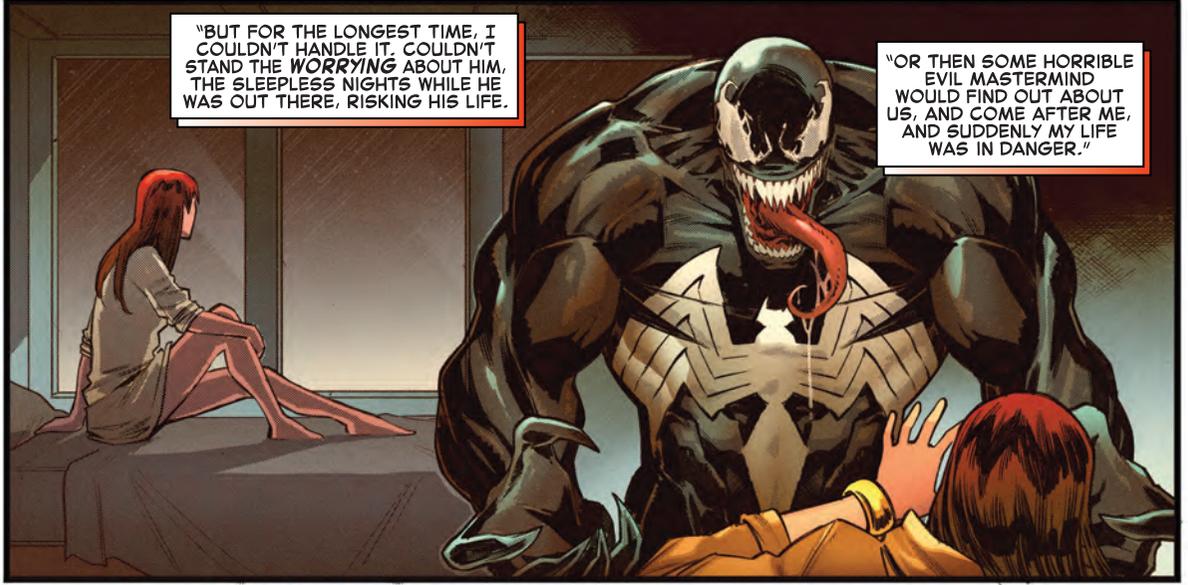
YOU READY FOR THIS, SPIDEY?

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, TAKE-LADY!



NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG-- I KNOW THERE ARE PERKS TO THIS LIFE, I REALLY DO. SOMETIMES WHEN HE TAKES ME UP HIGH ABOVE THE CITY, WHERE NO ONE ELSE CAN GO, AND HE'S HOLDING ON TO ME SO TIGHTLY--

YEAH, THAT'S NICE.



"BUT FOR THE LONGEST TIME, I COULDN'T HANDLE IT. COULDN'T STAND THE WORRYING ABOUT HIM. THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS WHILE HE WAS OUT THERE, RISKING HIS LIFE.

"OR THEN SOME HORRIBLE EVIL MASTERMIND WOULD FIND OUT ABOUT US, AND COME AFTER ME, AND SUDDENLY MY LIFE WAS IN DANGER."



IT WAS ALL JUST TOO MUCH.

SO WE'D BREAK UP, THEN GET BACK TOGETHER. BREAK UP, GET BACK TOGETHER. CIRCLE OF LIFE. BUT THEN--

--WE LOST SOMEONE. SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ALWAYS LOSING SOMEONE, BUT-- THIS WAS A REALLY GOOD FRIEND, SOMEONE WE'D BOTH KNOWN A LONG TIME.



"AND THAT--WELL, THAT ALWAYS SETS OFF A PROCESS, DOESN'T IT?"

"LIFE STARTS TO FEEL A LOT SHORTER. YOU START RE-EXAMINING YOUR PRIORITIES. AND SUDDENLY..."



SUDDENLY I STARTED TO REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS I LOVED ABOUT HIM BEING, WELL, HIM.