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Years ago, Miles Warren, one of Peter Parker's college professors, stole a sample of Peter's genetic material and used it to create a perfect clone of Spider-Man. With all of Peter's memories, the clone fled. Created, not born, and without an identity of his own, he gave himself a new name and made his own way in the world as...

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In an effort to heal his damaged soul and avoid eternal damnation, Ben has been working to cure ABIGAIL MERCURY, daughter of casino magnate CASSANDRA MERCURY, of a rare disease.

With the help of the angel GABRIEL, Ben has finally found the cure! However, Mephisto isn't willing to give up Ben's soul without a fight...

Disguised as a future version of Abigail, Mephisto convinced Ben to let her pass in peace – only to alter the memories of Cassandra and Kaine (another clone of Peter Parker bearing the Scarlet Spider moniker) to make them believe that Ben selfishly hoarded the cure for financial gain!

Now, Ben must survive the next hour if he has any hope of revealing the truth behind Abigail's death...

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GOD...  
FIRE IN MY CHEST...

MEPHISTO  
MUST BE...  
LOVING THIS.

KAINE AND  
CASSANDRA WANT  
TO KILL ME, AND I  
HAVE TO SURVIVE  
AN HOUR?

NOT EVEN  
GONNA MAKE IT  
A MINUTE...





NO.

SCREW HIM. HE DOESN'T GET ME *THIS* EASY.



HEY!



CRAP! SPIDER-SENSE GOING NUTS.

KAINE. GOTTA BE.

WHATEVER MEPHISTO'S DONE TO HIM MUST BE WHY IT CAN DETECT HIM!



JUST NEED TO LET IT GUIDE ME--

PERFECT.

KRUNK





CAN'T DIVE OUT A WINDOW...BARELY STAYING CONSCIOUS...



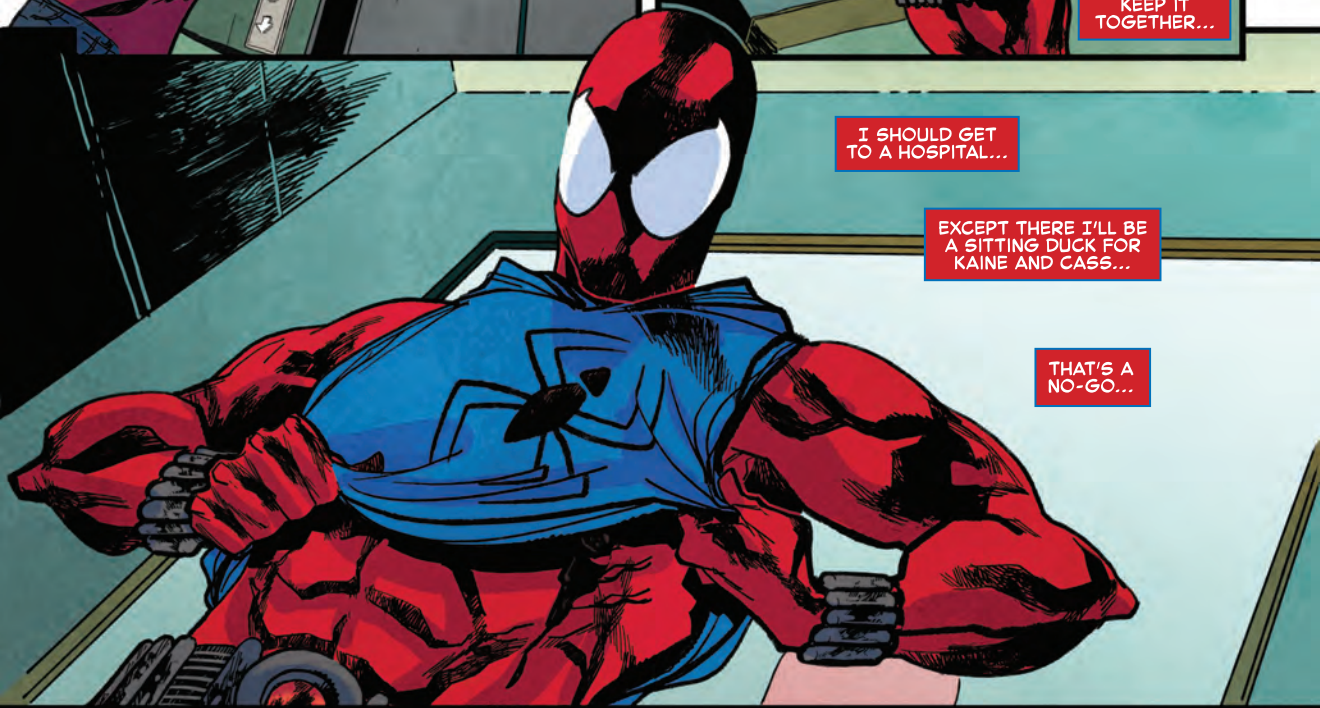
YES. PERFECT.



IF I CAN'T GET THIS UNDER CONTROL, I'LL BLEED OUT BEFORE GETTING TO THE LOBBY.

NNGH.

C'MON, BEN... KEEP IT TOGETHER...



I SHOULD GET TO A HOSPITAL...

EXCEPT THERE I'LL BE A SITTING DUCK FOR KAINE AND CASS...

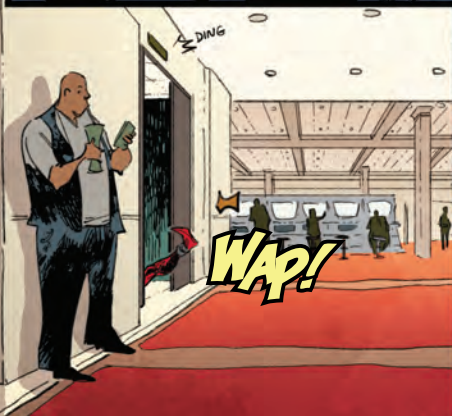
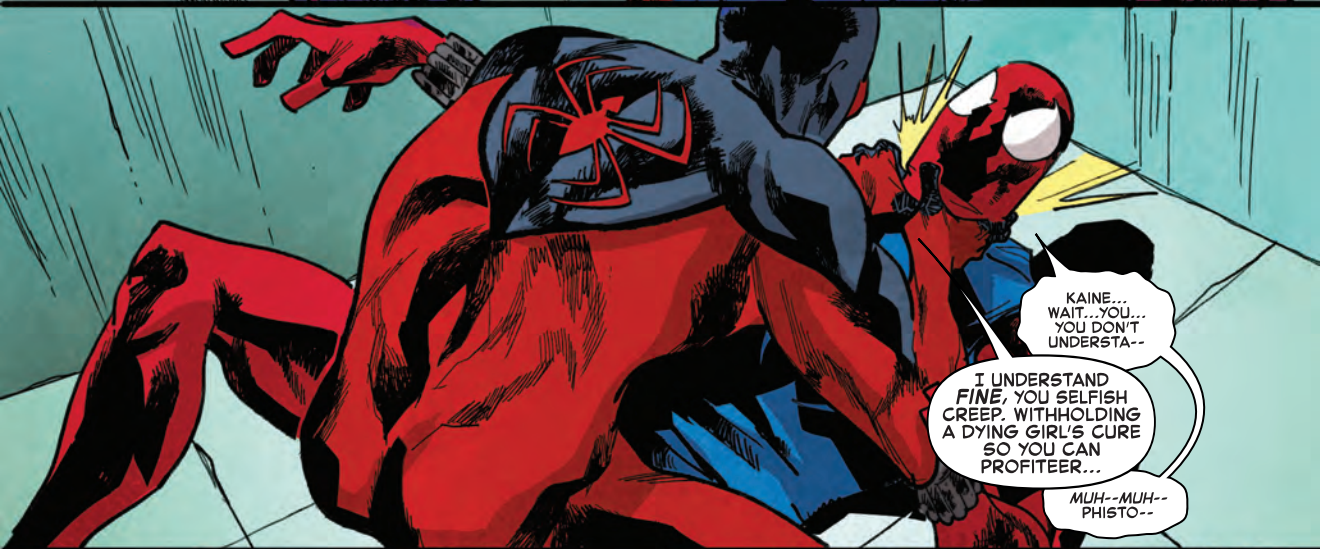
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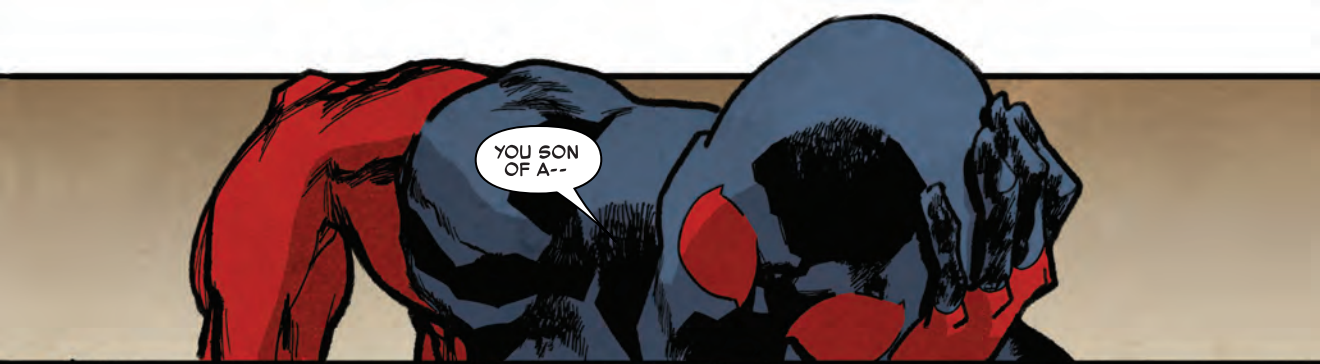
...SO IT'S TIME TO MAKE MY OWN BAND-AID. HOPE IT HOLDS ME TOGETHER LONG ENOUGH.

MAYBE I SHOULD START WEARING KEVLAR UNDER MY--









YOU SON  
OF A--



AH AH.  
LANGUAGE.



EXCUSE ME.  
SORRY.

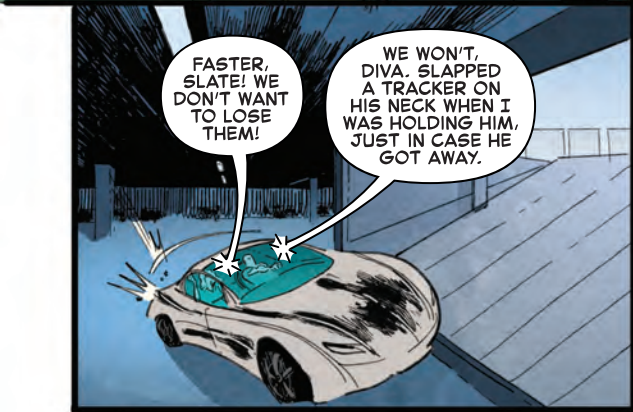
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PASSING  
THROUGH.

NICE  
ROLL.



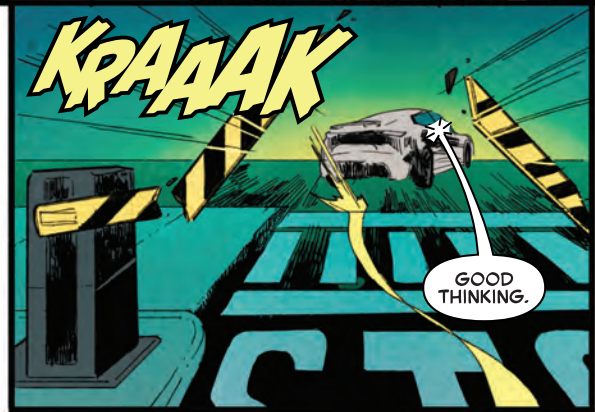
AT LEAST I  
MANAGED TO  
LEAVE CASS AND  
SLATE BEHIND.

I SURE DIDN'T  
NEED THEM  
ALONG MAKING  
THIS WORSE.



FASTER,  
SLATE! WE  
DON'T WANT  
TO LOSE  
THEM!

WE WON'T,  
DIVA. SLAPPED  
A TRACKER ON  
HIS NECK WHEN I  
WAS HOLDING HIM,  
JUST IN CASE HE  
GOT AWAY.



KRAAAK

GOOD  
THINKING.