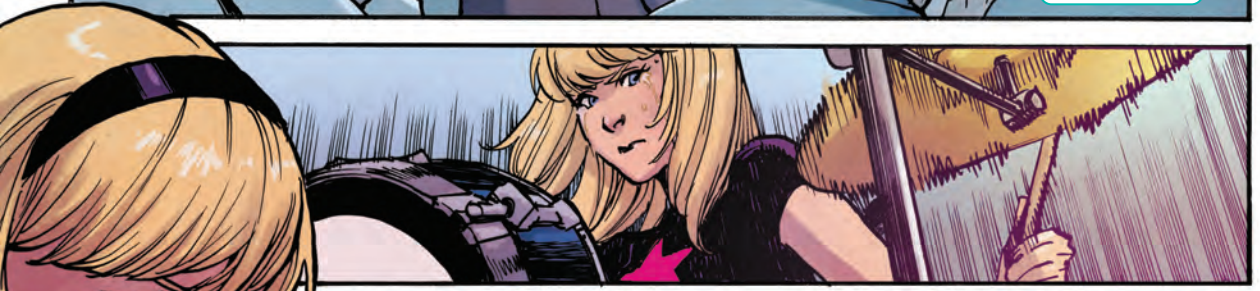


I DON'T REMEMBER MY MOTHER.

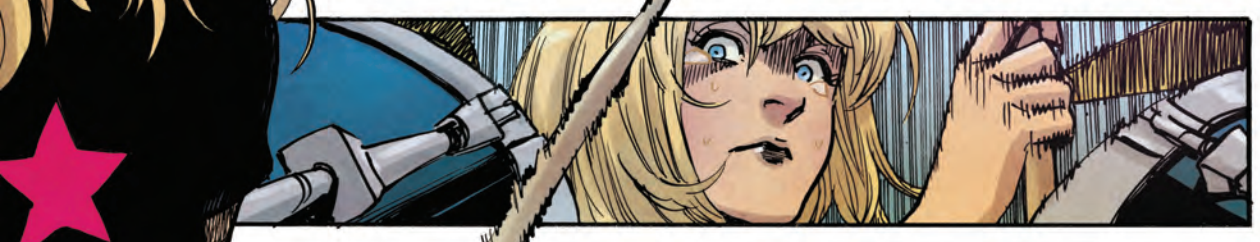
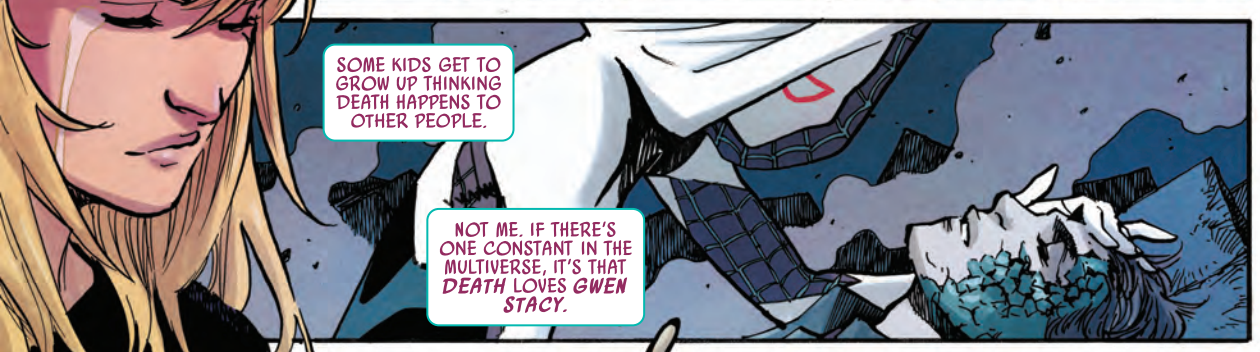
I KNOW HER NAME WAS HELEN. I KNOW MY FATHER LOVED HER. I KNOW SHE DIED.

I ATTENDED MY FIRST FUNERAL BEFORE I KNEW MY OWN NAME.



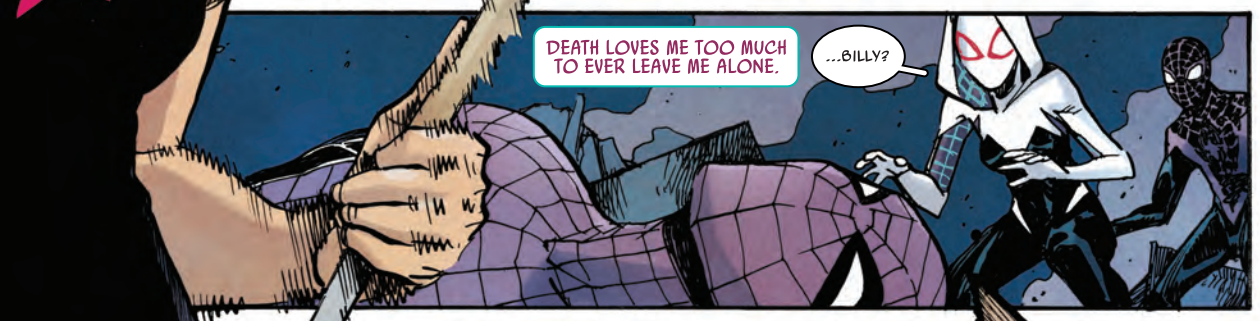
SOME KIDS GET TO GROW UP THINKING DEATH HAPPENS TO OTHER PEOPLE.

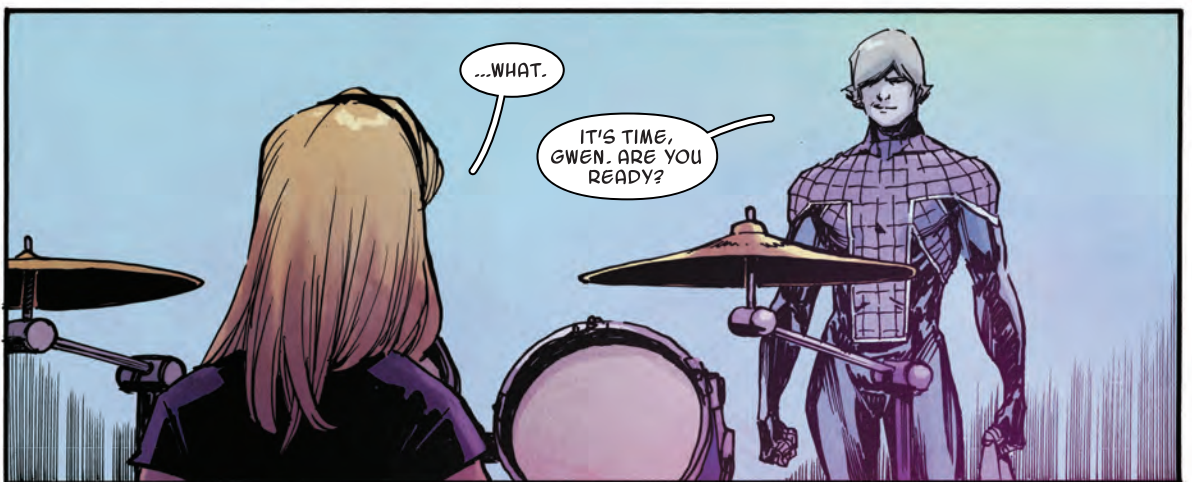
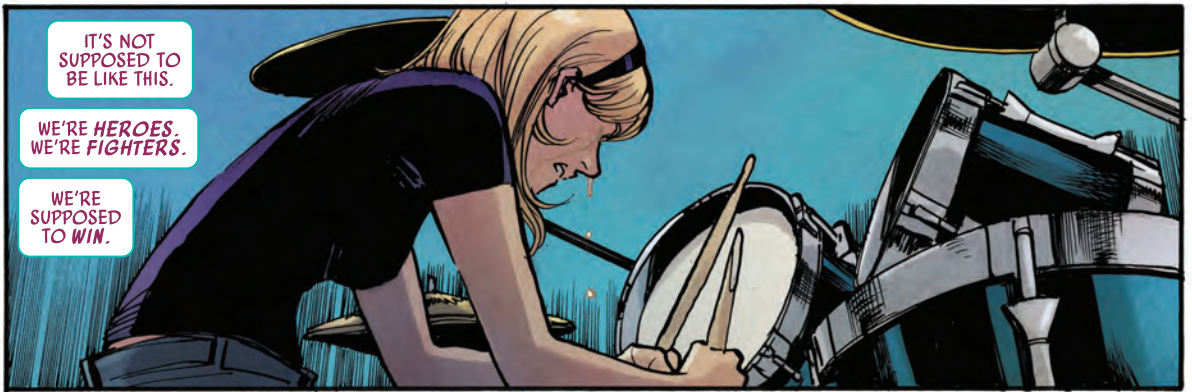
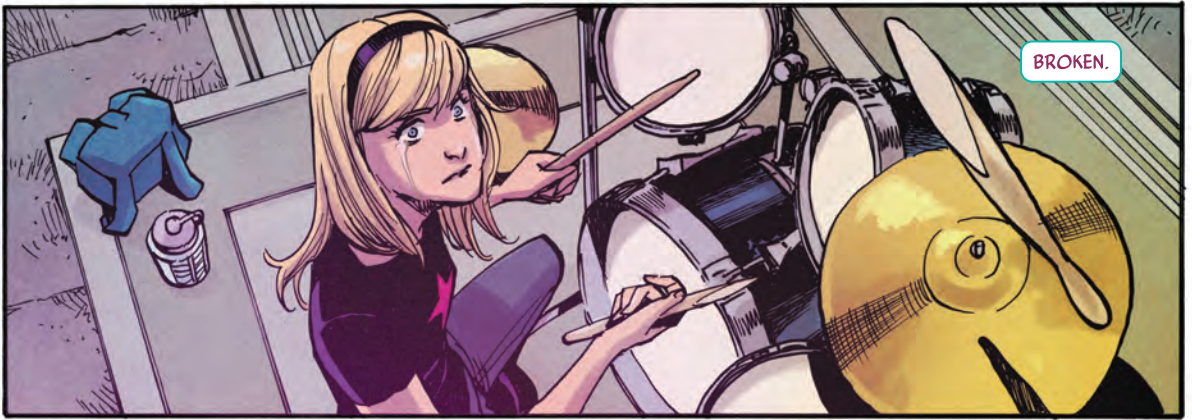
NOT ME. IF THERE'S ONE CONSTANT IN THE MULTIVERSE, IT'S THAT DEATH LOVES GWEN STACY.

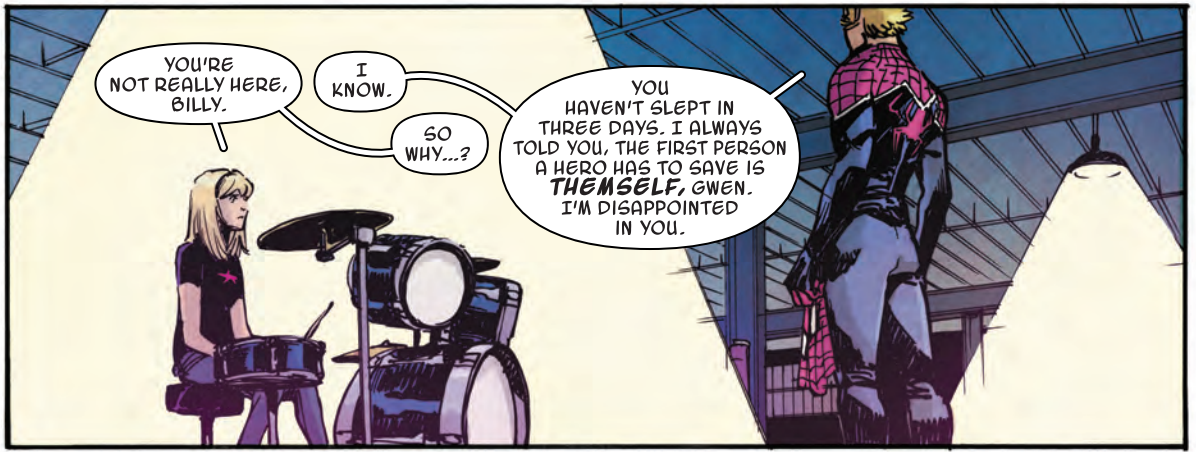


DEATH LOVES ME TOO MUCH TO EVER LEAVE ME ALONE.

...BILLY?





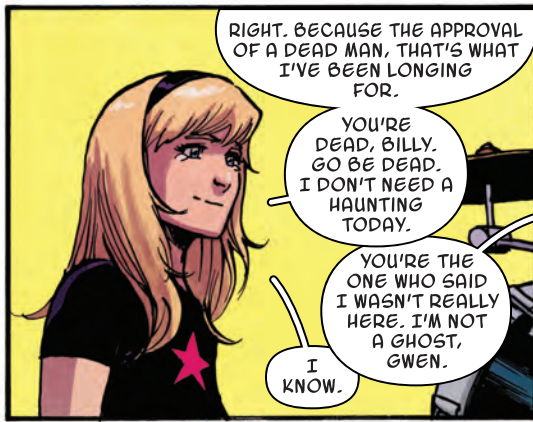


YOU'RE NOT REALLY HERE, BILLY.

I KNOW.

SO WHY...?

YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT IN THREE DAYS. I ALWAYS TOLD YOU, THE FIRST PERSON A HERO HAS TO SAVE IS **THEMSELF**, GWEN. I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.

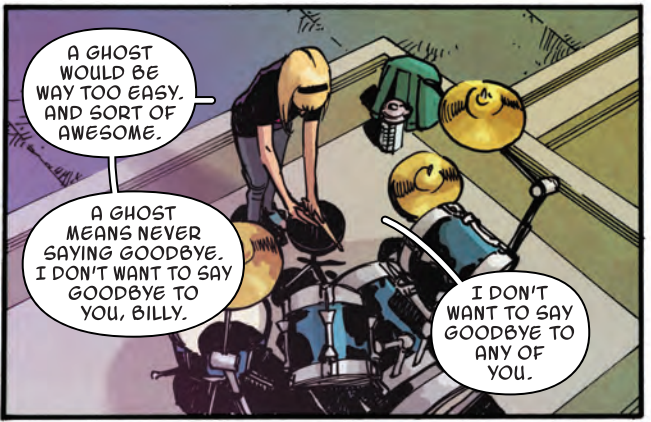


RIGHT. BECAUSE THE APPROVAL OF A DEAD MAN, THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN LONGING FOR.

YOU'RE DEAD, BILLY. GO BE DEAD. I DON'T NEED A HAUNTING TODAY.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID I WASN'T REALLY HERE, I'M NOT A GHOST, GWEN.

I KNOW.



A GHOST WOULD BE WAY TOO EASY. AND SORT OF AWESOME.

A GHOST MEANS NEVER SAYING GOODBYE. I DON'T WANT TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU, BILLY.

I DON'T WANT TO SAY GOODBYE TO ANY OF YOU.



BUT YOU'LL MISS ME MOST OF ALL, WON'T YOU?

YOU BRITS. YOU ALWAYS THINK SO HIGHLY OF YOURSELVES.

AM I WRONG?

NO.



I JUST WISH YOU WERE.



EVERYTHING'S BROKEN AND EVERYTHING'S HAUNTED.

MAYBE ME MOST OF ALL.

LOOMWORLD.

WE WERE SO
HOPEFUL WHEN
WE CAME HERE.

WE WERE GOING
TO PROTECT THE
MULTIVERSE.

WE WERE SO
INNOCENT.

WE WERE SO
STUPID.

AND WE PAID.
OH, HOW WE
PAID.