



YOU WASTED
YOUR BEST YEARS
TOILING IN A
LABORATORY
ALONE.



YOU WORKED
NIGHT AND
DAY--



--ONLY TO BE
CHEATED OUT
OF WHAT WAS
RIGHTFULLY
YOURS.



BUT NOW THE
WINDS HAVE
SHIFTED,
HAVEN'T THEY?



CONGRATULATIONS,
VULTURE--

**VULTURE!
VULTURE!**

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--YOUR
MOMENT
HAS FINALLY
COME.



I HAVE TO ADMIT,
I'M IMPRESSED.
AFTER ALL--

--IT WAS A PRETTY
IGNOMINIOUS START,
GETTING SNATCHED UP
BY THOSE MERCENARIES.
OH, THE INDIGNITY.




FROM THERE IT WAS A
QUESTION IF YOU'D
EVEN SURVIVE.

BUT I NEVER SHOULD'VE
UNDERESTIMATED
A MAN LIKE YOU--



--THE KIND WITH THAT
SPECIAL SOMETHING
THAT SEPARATES
LEADERS FROM
FOLLOWERS.

IT WASN'T
EASY, BUT
YOU'VE MADE
IT SO FAR.

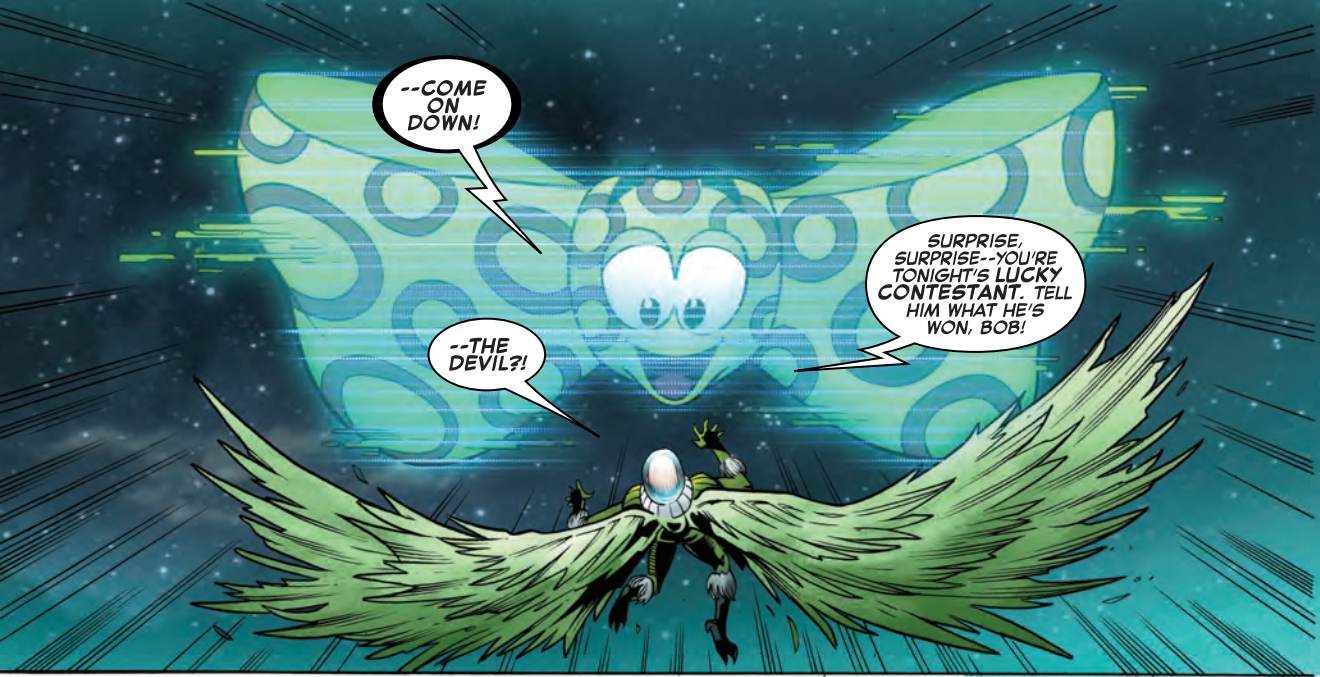


EVEN IF SACRIFICES
HAD TO BE MADE
ALONG THE WAY.
HOW COULD THAT
EVER MATTER--



--IN THE GRAND
SCHEME OF
THINGS?

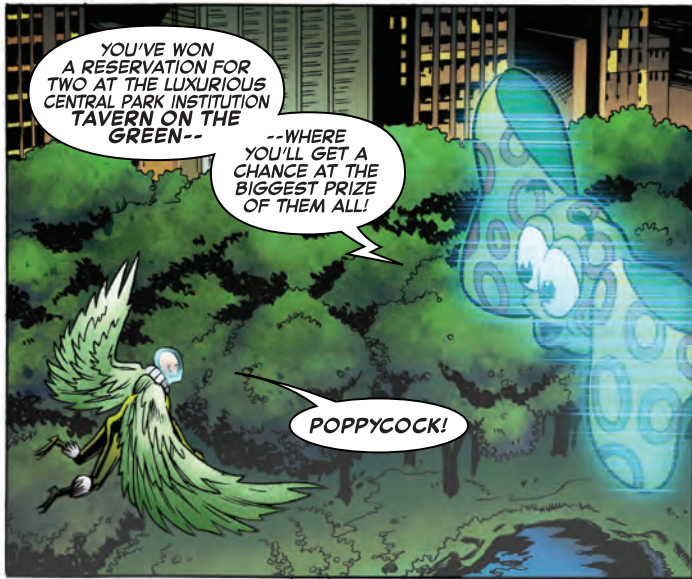
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TOOMES--



--COME ON DOWN!

--THE DEVIL?!

SURPRISE, SURPRISE--YOU'RE TONIGHT'S LUCKY CONTESTANT. TELL HIM WHAT HE'S WON, BOB!



YOU'VE WON A RESERVATION FOR TWO AT THE LUXURIOUS CENTRAL PARK INSTITUTION TAVERN ON THE GREEN--

--WHERE YOU'LL GET A CHANCE AT THE BIGGEST PRIZE OF THEM ALL!

POPPYCOCK!



WHY WOULD I BE STUPID ENOUGH TO GO WHERE YOU TELL ME? THIS IS ANOTHER TRAP-- JUST LIKE THE ONE THAT STUCK ME IN HERE.

OOH, YOU HEAR THAT FOLKS? LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A REAL HIGH ROLLER HERE...



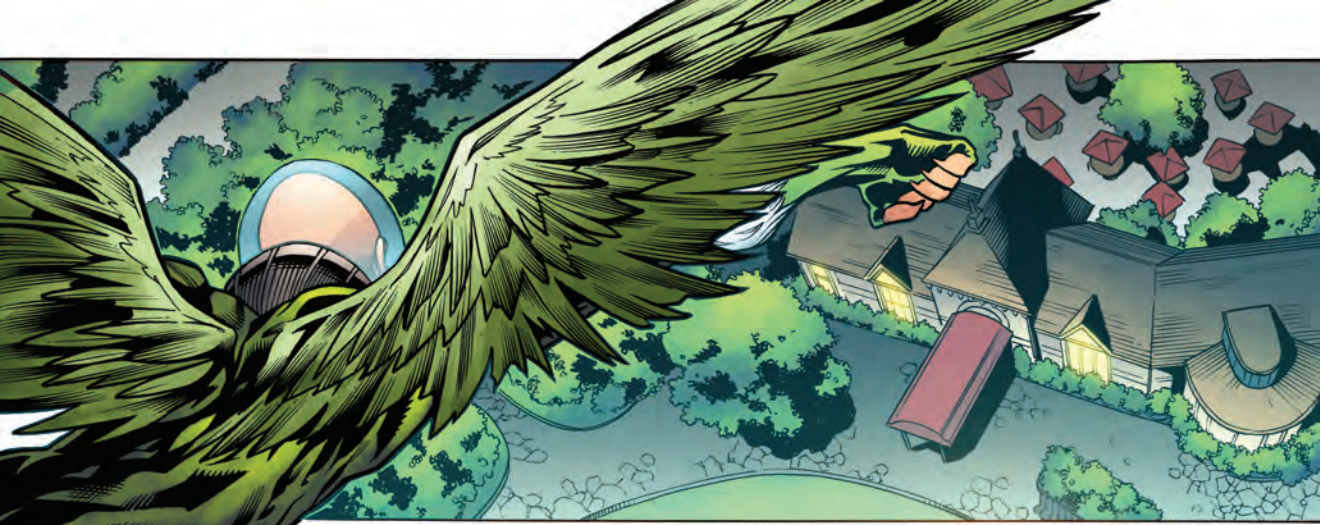
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MERCY, PLEASE!

PERHAPS HE'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT'S BEHIND DOOR NUMBER TWO!





AH,
THERE HE
IS--

--MY
KNIGHT IN
BALDING
ARMOR.

WINE?
I'D OFFER
YOU FOOD, BUT
THE KITCHEN'S
CLOSED.