



YEARS AGO, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT **PETER PARKER** WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER AND GAINED THE SPEED, AGILITY, AND PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF A SPIDER AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO STICK TO WALLS AND A SPIDER-SENSE THAT WARNED HIM OF IMMINENT DANGER. AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

AFTER THE GANGSTER TOMBSTONE WAS EXONERATED BY JUDGE ANSON HOWELL FOR KILLING ONE OF POLICE CAPTAIN YURI WATANABE'S DETECTIVES, YURI TOOK MATTERS INTO HER OWN HANDS AS THE VIGILANTE **THE WRAITH**.

MISTER NEGATIVE GAVE YURI ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO INCARCERATE BOTH TOMBSTONE AND JUDGE HOWELL ON RYKER'S ISLAND, BUT WITH TOMBSTONE IMPRISONED, A TURF WAR HAS BROKEN OUT—AND BLACK CAT HAS JOINED THE CHAOS, LOOKING TO CLAIM SOME NEW TERRITORY BY BREAKING TOMBSTONE OUT OF PRISON AND TAKING CONTROL OF HIS GANG.

SPIDER-MAN AND THE WRAITH INTERVENED, THOUGH, AND SPIDER-MAN WAS ABLE TO STOP BLACK CAT FROM RELEASING ANY INMATES, BUT NOT BEFORE HE WAS SEPARATED FROM THE WRAITH, WHO HE EVENTUALLY FOUND STANDING OVER A WOUNDED TOMBSTONE WITH A SMOKING GUN IN HAND!



SPIRAL PART FOUR



THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 18!

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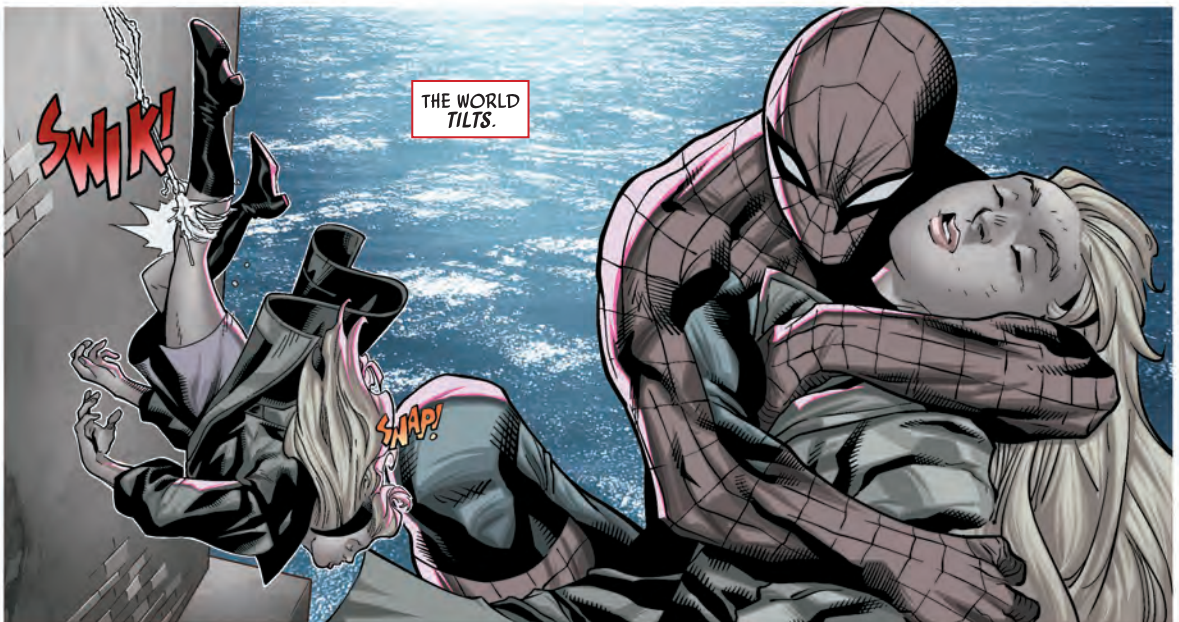
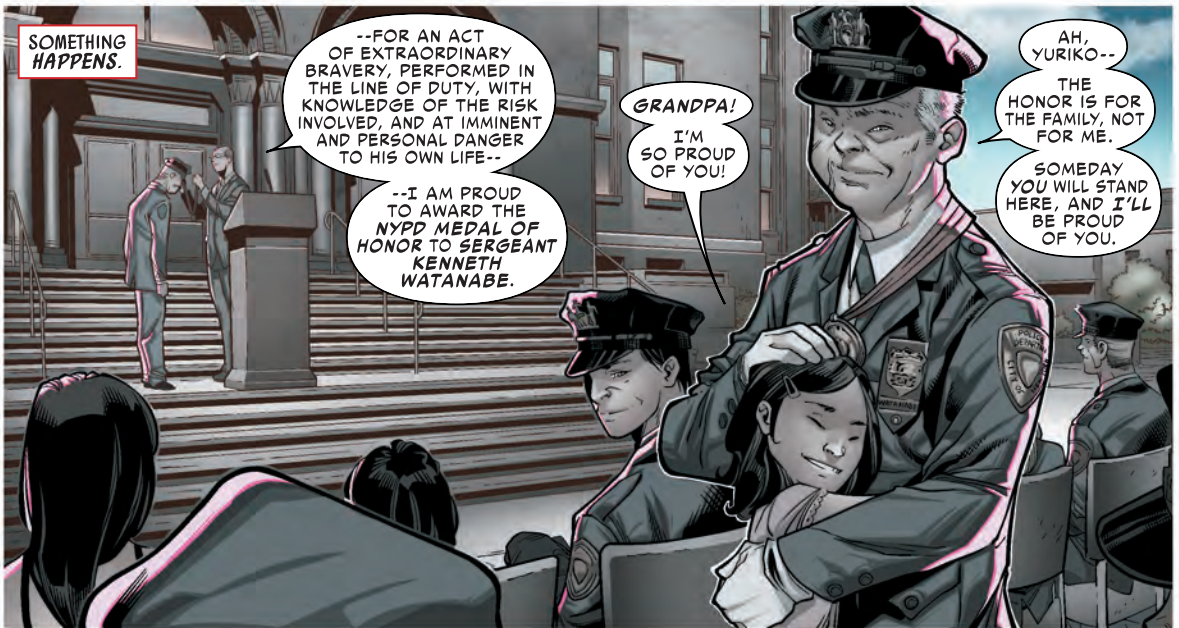
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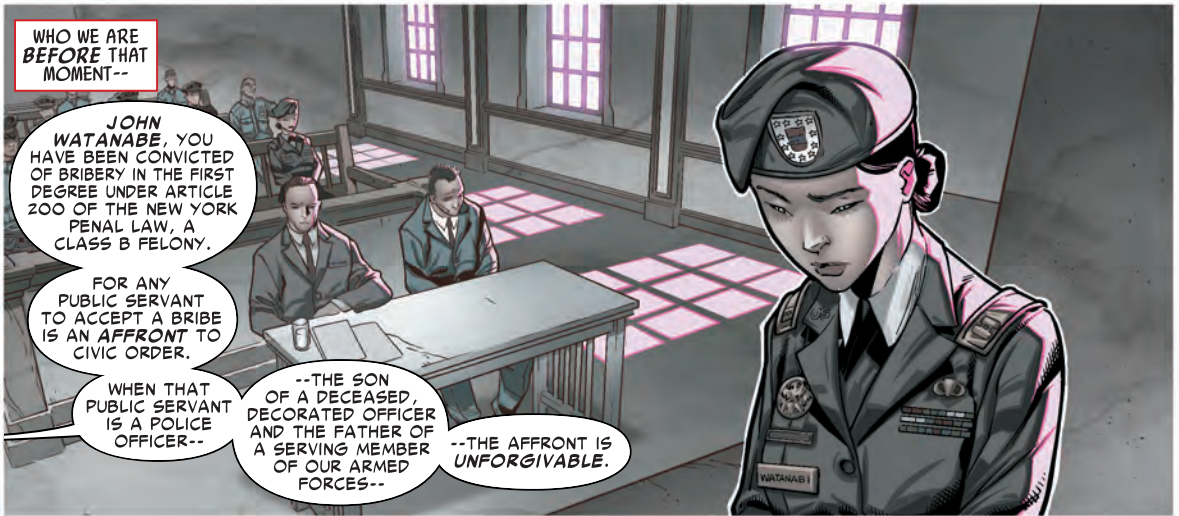
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WHO WE ARE BEFORE THAT MOMENT--

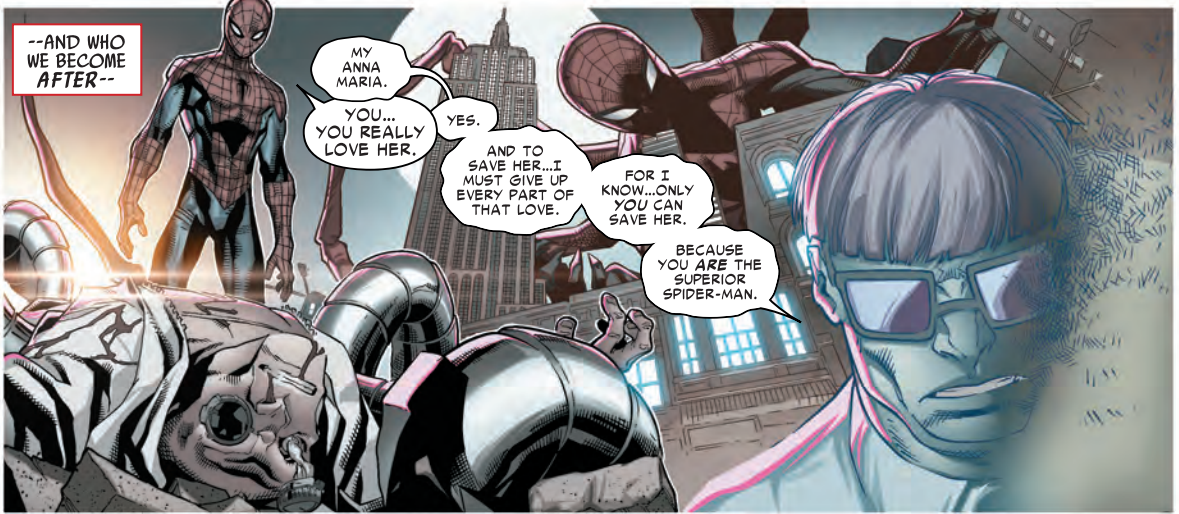
JOHN WATANABE, YOU HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF BRIBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE UNDER ARTICLE 200 OF THE NEW YORK PENAL LAW, A CLASS B FELONY.

FOR ANY PUBLIC SERVANT TO ACCEPT A BRIBE IS AN AFFRONT TO CIVIC ORDER.

WHEN THAT PUBLIC SERVANT IS A POLICE OFFICER--

--THE SON OF A DECEASED, DECORATED OFFICER AND THE FATHER OF A SERVING MEMBER OF OUR ARMED FORCES--

--THE AFFRONT IS UNFORGIVABLE.



--AND WHO WE BECOME AFTER--

MY ANNA MARIA.

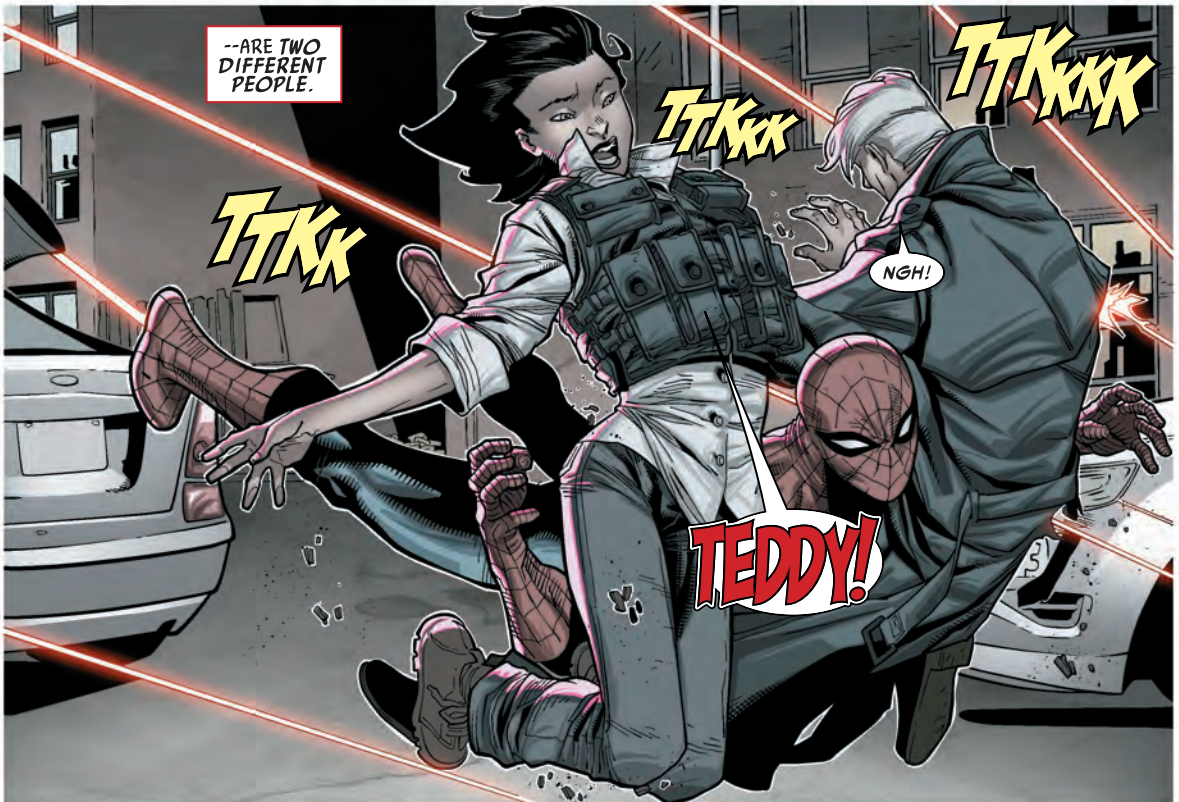
YOU... YOU REALLY LOVE HER.

YES.

AND TO SAVE HER...I MUST GIVE UP EVERY PART OF THAT LOVE.

FOR I KNOW...ONLY YOU CAN SAVE HER.

BECAUSE YOU ARE THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN.



--ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

TTKk

TTKk

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NGH!

TEDDY!

Ryker's Island.
NOW.

I HEARD A GUNSHOT--

WRAITH!

WHAT DID YOU DO?!

I KNOW HOW THIS LOOKS.



IT LOOKS LIKE YOU JUST SHOT TOMBSTONE!

NOT ME.

ONE OF MR. NEGATIVE'S INNER DEMONS.

MASQUERADING AS THE CRIME MASTER.

DROP THE GUN!



UH, GUYS...

WE KNOW HOW THIS LOOKS.

HANDS UP, BOTH OF YOU!

