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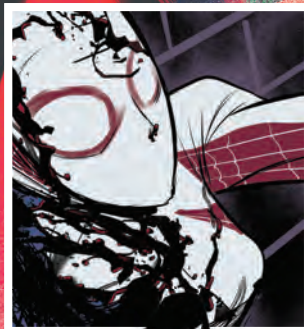
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AS A TEENAGER, GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY A MUTATED SPIDER. THE BITE TRANSFORMED HER, GRANTING HER AMAZING POWERS: A PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. BUT THOSE GIFTS WERE TAKEN AWAY WHEN A SUPER VILLAIN FURTHER TAMPHERED WITH HER GENETICS, AND GWEN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO EMBRACE A SYMBIOTIC PARASITE CALLED VENOM TO RESTORE THEM. TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK, SHE IS THE DANGEROUS OUTLAW CALLED SPIDER-WOMAN, BUT YOU KNOW HER AS...

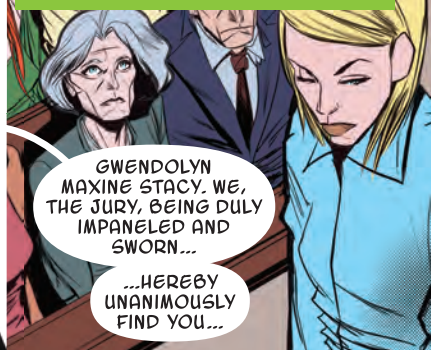
# SPIDER-GWEN

## PREVIOUSLY...



"YOU'RE NOT REALLY ON TRIAL FOR WHAT YOU DID HERE, GWEN."

"TO THEM YOU'RE ON TRIAL FOR WHAT SPIDER-WOMAN MIGHT DO."



GWENDOLYN MAXINE STACY. WE, THE JURY, BEING DULY IMPANELED AND SWORN...

...HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY FIND YOU...



"...GUILTY."

NO ONE DESERVES A GIFT...A CURSE LIKE THIS.

NO. THE SYMBIOTE DIDN'T DO THIS. I DID.

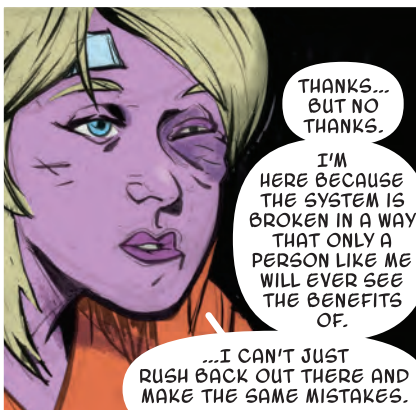
WITH MY ACTIONS. WITH MY CHOICES...



...AND THAT'S HOW I'LL EARN MY WAY OUT.

DIRECTOR CARTER THINKS IT'S A WASTE TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE YOU SITTING HERE GATHERING DUST.

SHE THINKS SHE HAS A JOB FOR YOU. A TEAM.



THANKS... BUT NO THANKS.

I'M HERE BECAUSE THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN IN A WAY THAT ONLY A PERSON LIKE ME WILL EVER SEE THE BENEFITS OF.

...I CAN'T JUST RUSH BACK OUT THERE AND MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES.



"NEXT TIME...I'M GOING TO DO IT RIGHT."

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364 DAYS.



23 HOURS.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

YOU'RE FREE TO GO.



BUT... THERE'S NO GATE.

SO? YOU'RE A SPIDER.



59 MINUTES.

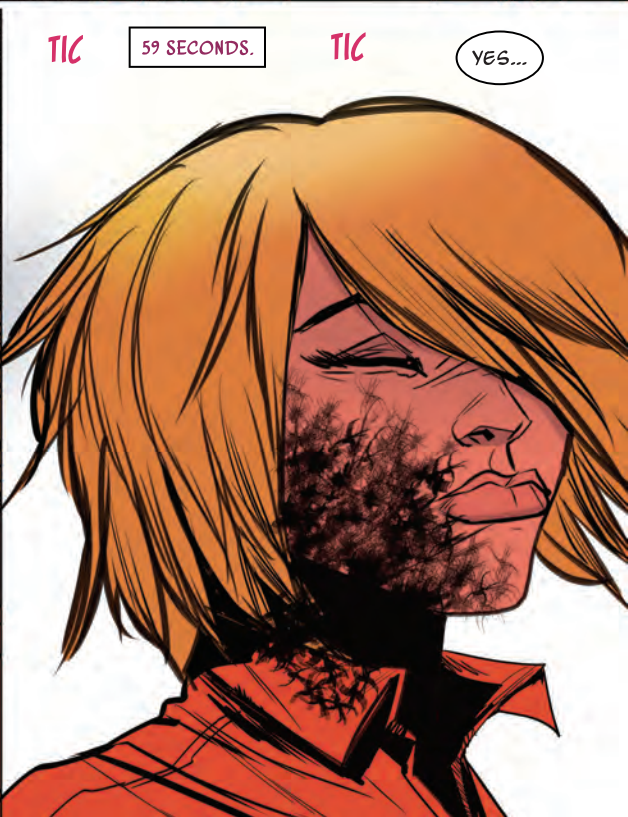
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BUT WHAT IF--

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--WHAT IF I FALL?



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59 SECONDS.

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YES...

"...WHAT IF YOU DO?"

ENNF!

JUST A DREAM.

A NIGHTMARE.

DOZED OFF  
IN THE CHAIR.

I'M OUT.

FREE.

MS.  
STACY?

MS. STACY,  
I'M YOUR FATHER'S  
NEUROLOGIST--

--DOCTOR  
ASIM  
STRANGE.

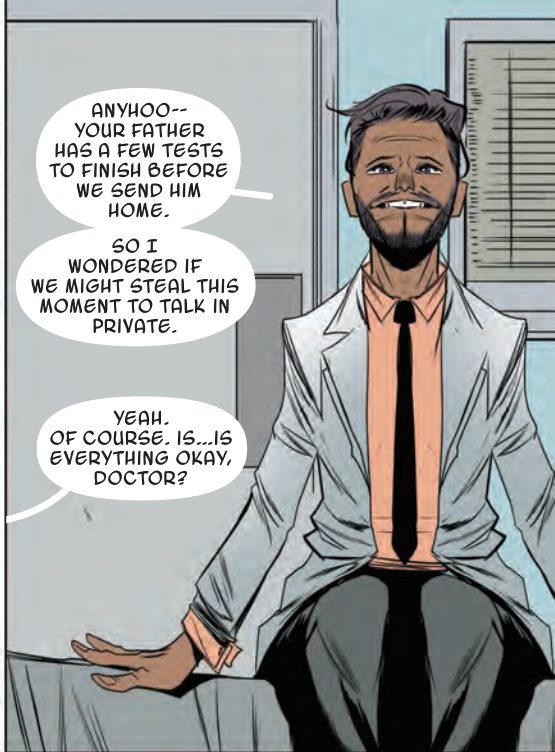


AND YOU'RE HER? YOU'RE--

YEAH. I GUESS I AM.

I PREFERRED SPIDER-WOMAN. SPIDER-GWEN STUCK.

INTERESTING. I WAS GOING TO SAY "HIS DAUGHTER."



ANYHOO-- YOUR FATHER HAS A FEW TESTS TO FINISH BEFORE WE SEND HIM HOME.

SO I WONDERED IF WE MIGHT STEAL THIS MOMENT TO TALK IN PRIVATE.

YEAH. OF COURSE. IS...IS EVERYTHING OKAY, DOCTOR?



YES. HIS REHAB HAS GONE MIRACULOUSLY WELL OVER THESE PAST WEEKS.

I MEAN, I STILL WOULDN'T ADVISE HE TRY OUT FOR THE KNICKS.

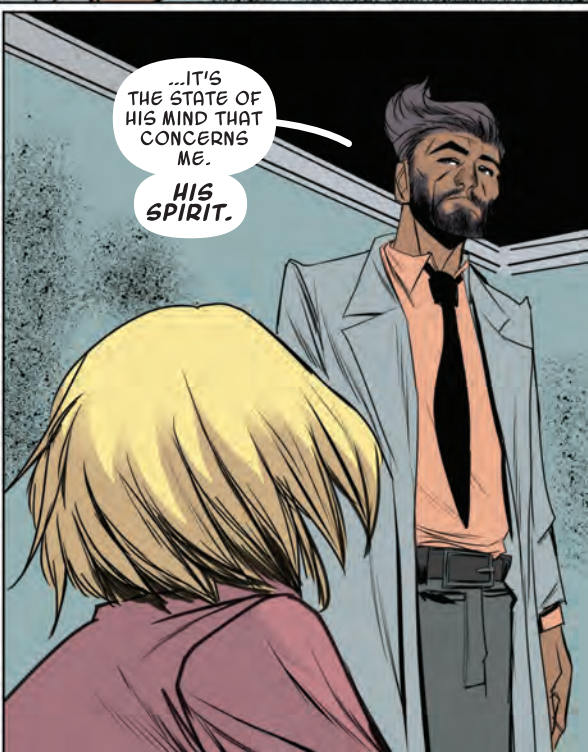
BUT THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT LIKE HE'D MAKE THEM ANY WORSE.



IT'S NOT HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION I WANT TO ADDRESS, HOWEVER.

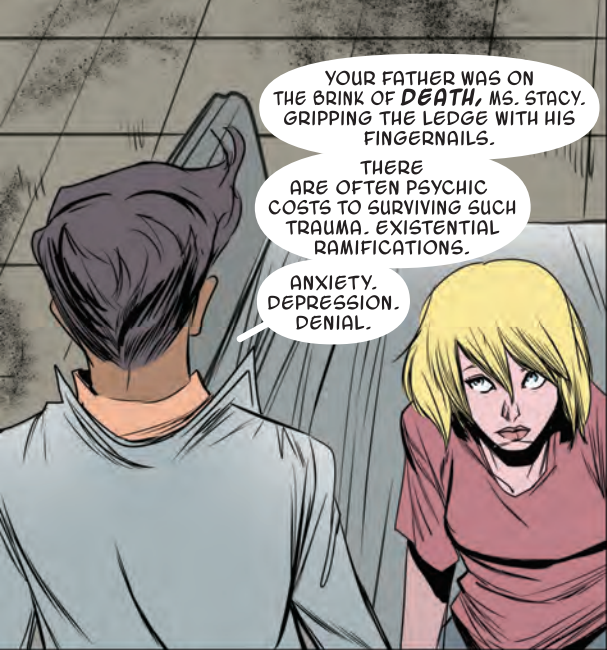
NO?

NO. AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A CRYSTAL-POLISHING QUACK...



...IT'S THE STATE OF HIS MIND THAT CONCERNS ME.

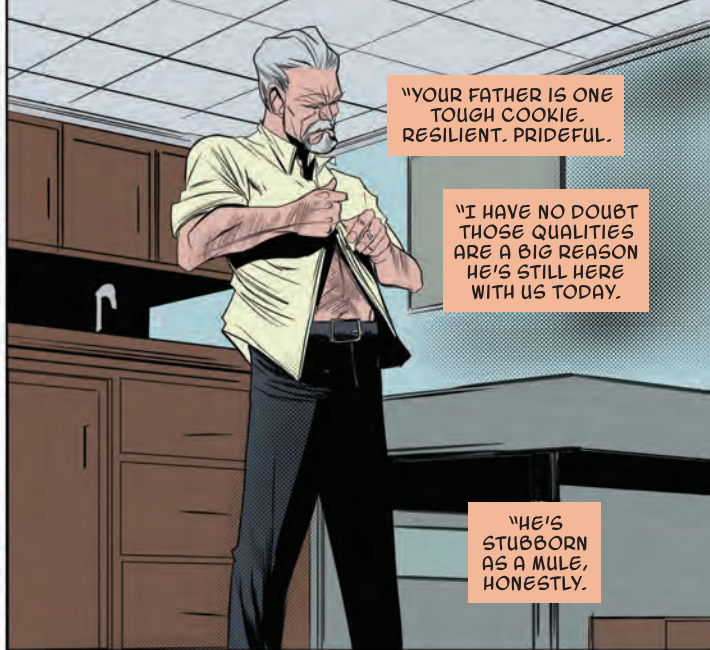
HIS SPIRIT.



YOUR FATHER WAS ON THE BRINK OF **DEATH**, MS. STACY. GRIPPING THE LEDGE WITH HIS FINGERNAILS.

THERE ARE OFTEN PSYCHIC COSTS TO SURVIVING SUCH TRAUMA. EXISTENTIAL RAMIFICATIONS.

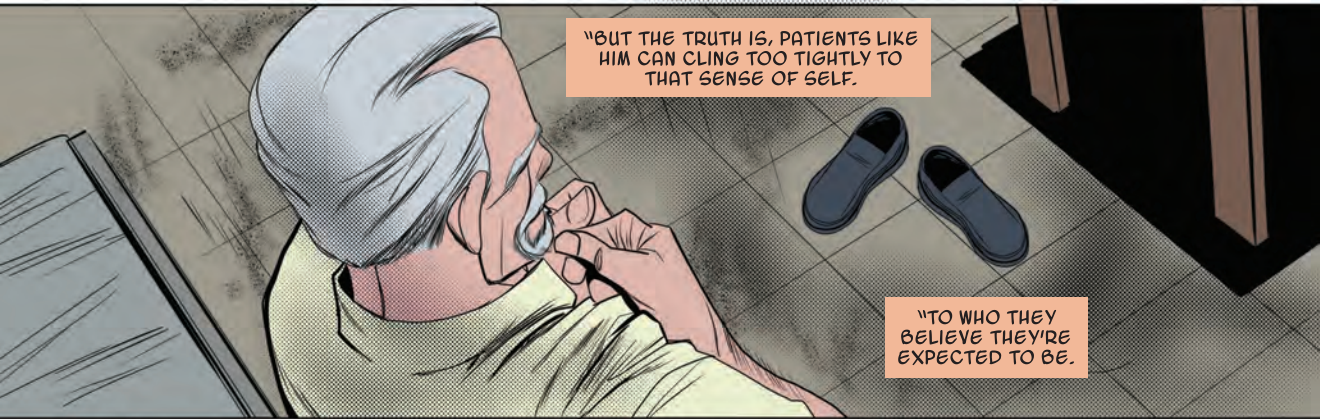
ANXIETY. DEPRESSION. DENIAL.



"YOUR FATHER IS ONE TOUGH COOKIE. RESILIENT. PRIDEFUL.

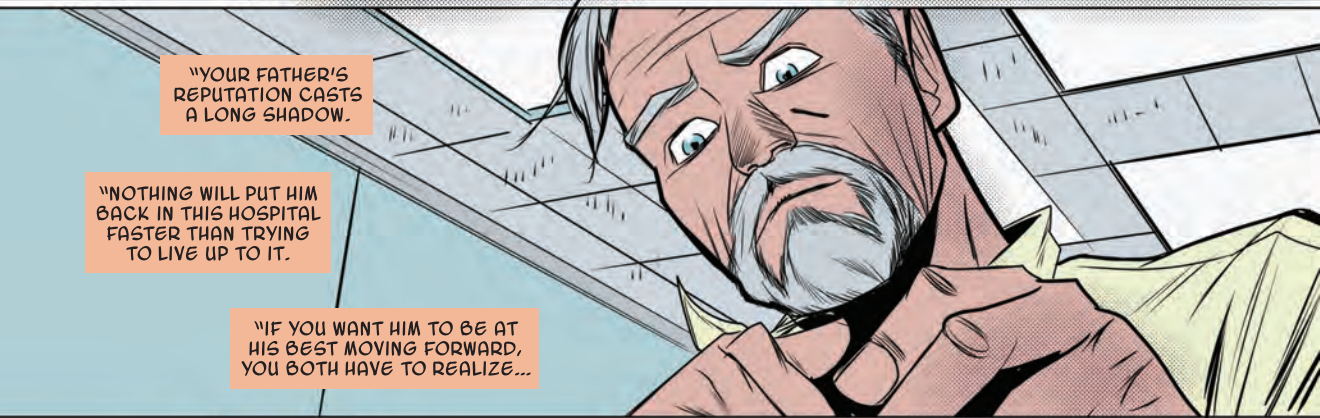
"I HAVE NO DOUBT THOSE QUALITIES ARE A BIG REASON HE'S STILL HERE WITH US TODAY.

"HE'S STUBBORN AS A MULE, HONESTLY.



"BUT THE TRUTH IS, PATIENTS LIKE HIM CAN CLING TOO TIGHTLY TO THAT SENSE OF SELF.

"TO WHO THEY BELIEVE THEY'RE EXPECTED TO BE.



"YOUR FATHER'S REPUTATION CASTS A LONG SHADOW.

"NOTHING WILL PUT HIM BACK IN THIS HOSPITAL FASTER THAN TRYING TO LIVE UP TO IT.

"IF YOU WANT HIM TO BE AT HIS BEST MOVING FORWARD, YOU BOTH HAVE TO REALIZE...



"...THAT YOUR EXPECTATIONS MUST CHANGE."