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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...

BEN REILLY: THE SCARLET SPIDER



After a misguided turn as a super villain, **Ben Reilly** has made a home for himself in Las Vegas and has been trying to become a better man.

Fellow clone and Scarlet Spider, **Kaine Parker**, followed Ben to Vegas where he's become the unofficial protector of a veterans' shelter struggling in the fallout of Secret Empire.

In his quest for redemption, Ben has been caught in the middle of a sibling rivalry between his only ally, a casino magnate named **Cassandra Mercury**, and her brother and rival casino owner, **Silas Thorne**.

Meanwhile, **The Slingers**—Prodigy, Dusk, Ricochet and Hornet—found themselves reunited after Ben brutally attacked Thorne. In retaliation and in the belief that Ben is a dangerous threat, the Slingers kidnapped Cassandra!

The Slingers have given Ben Reilly an ultimatum: turn himself in to the police for assaulting Thorne or Cassandra Mercury dies!

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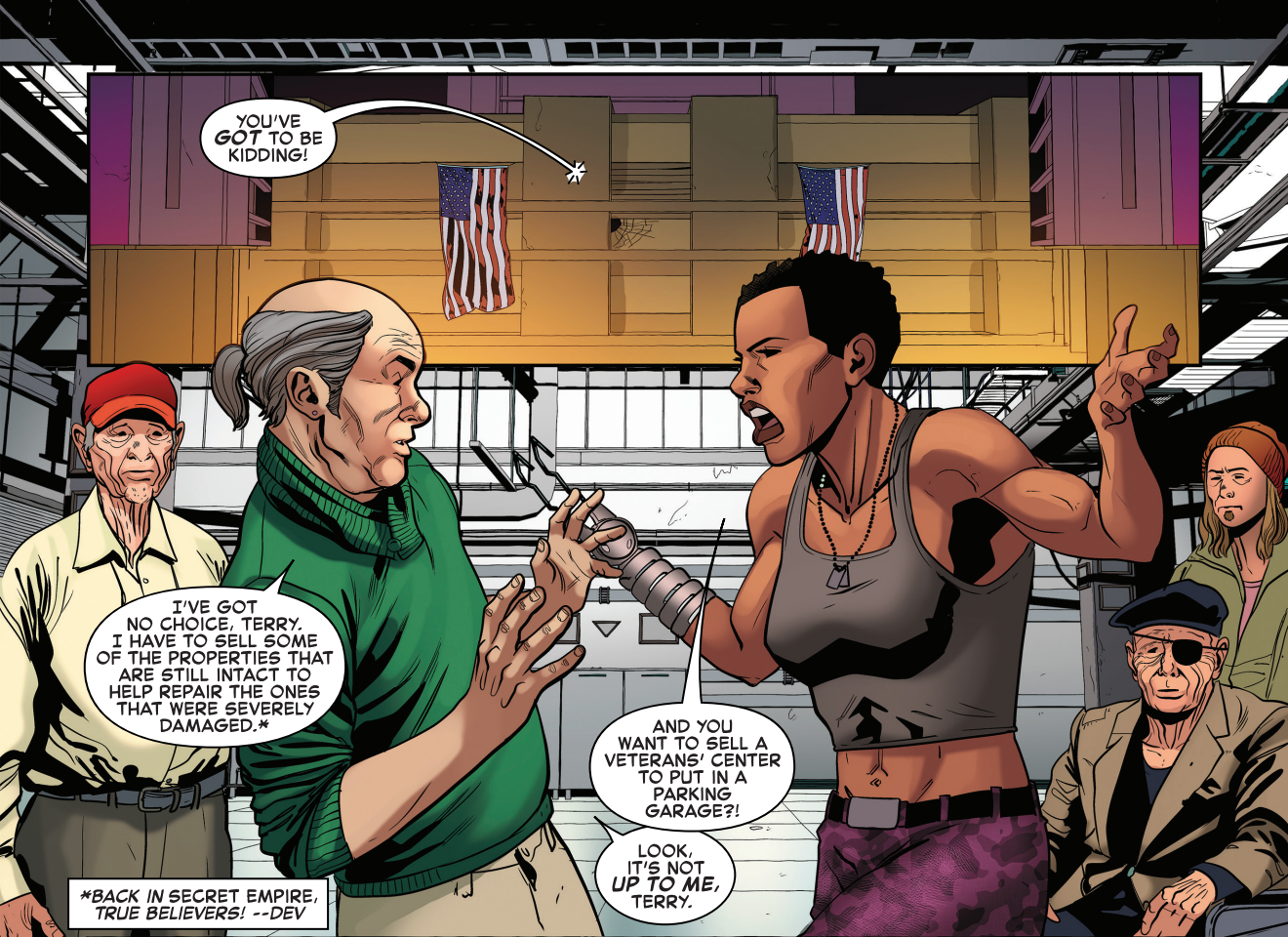
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TERRY?

WE'RE
SCREWED. WE'RE
COMPLETELY
SCREWED.

MAYBE
YOU CAN FIND
SOMEWHERE
BETTER.

WITH WHAT?
THE COPIOUS
AMOUNT OF MONEY
WE HAVE
COMING IN?

THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN DO,
KAINE.

WE'LL
KEEP THIS
PLACE OPEN UNTIL
THE NEW LANDLORD
TEARS IT DOWN,
AND THEN WE
PACK UP.

UNLESS
YOU'VE GOT
ENOUGH MONEY
TO FIND US
SOMEWHERE
NEW.



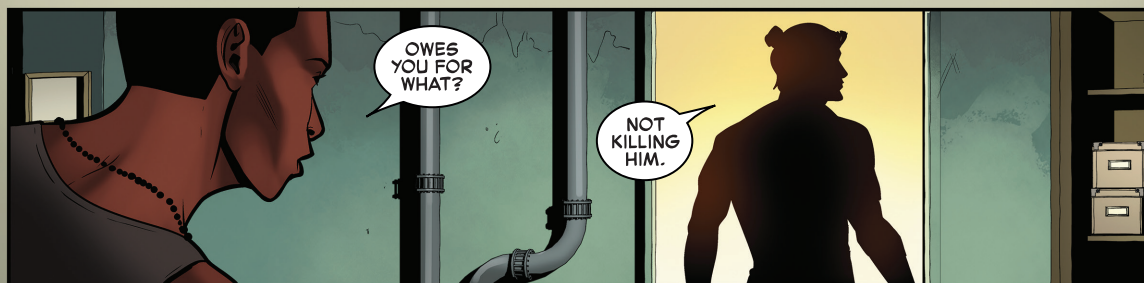
NO.



BUT I
MAY KNOW
SOMEONE
WHO DOES.

HIS NAME'S
BEN. HIS BEST
FRIEND OWNS
A CASINO...

...AND
HE OWES
ME BIG-
TIME.



OWES
YOU FOR
WHAT?

NOT
KILLING
HIM.

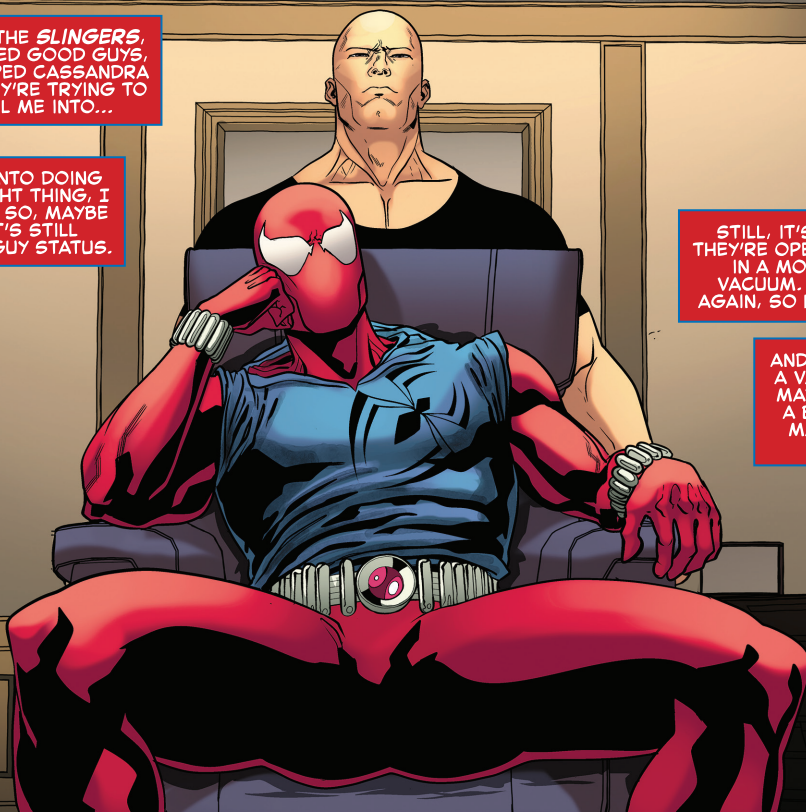


INCREDIBLE. THE *SLINGERS*, THE SO-CALLED GOOD GUYS, HAVE KIDNAPPED CASSANDRA AND NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO BLACKMAIL ME INTO...

WELL, INTO DOING THE RIGHT THING, I GUESS. SO, MAYBE THAT'S STILL GOOD-GUY STATUS.

STILL, IT'S LIKE THEY'RE OPERATING IN A MORAL VACUUM. THEN AGAIN, SO HAVE I.

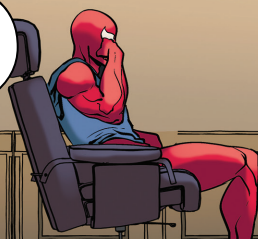
AND NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM. JESUS... MAYBE I REALLY AM A BAD GUY...WHICH MAKES THEM THE GOOD GUYS.



SO ARE YOU GONNA GET OFF YOUR BUTT AND DO SOMETHING? I MEAN, HONESTLY, I DON'T CARE THAT YOU BEAT UP THORNE.

WHAT I CARE ABOUT IS CASSANDRA'S DAUGHTER IS WAITING FOR HER MOM TO COME HOME.

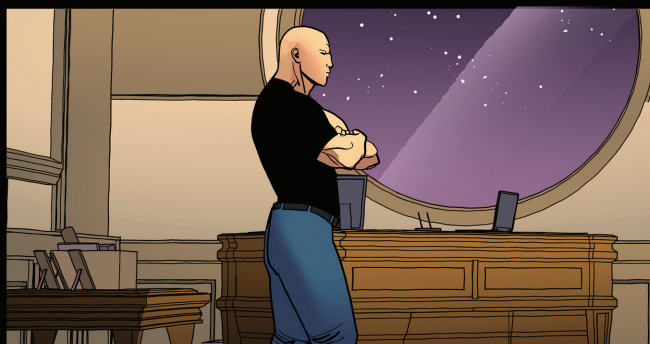
I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONE TO TELL HER THAT HER MOTHER PREDECEASED HER.



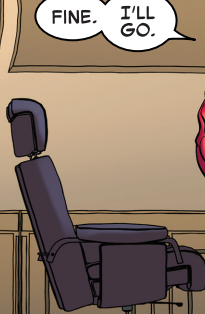
SO DO THE RIGHT THING. ASSUMING YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT IS.



SLATE'S RIGHT. NOT CARING ABOUT WHAT I DID DOESN'T MEAN I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS. IF I DON'T HAVE A MORAL CODE, I'M NOTHING.



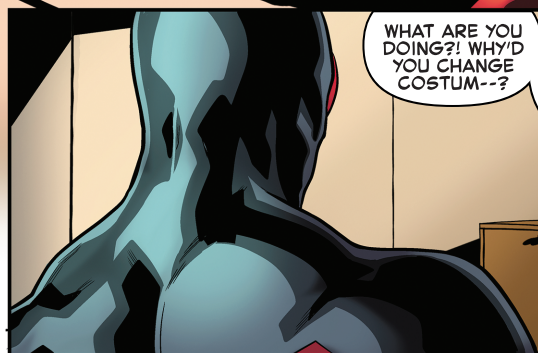
FINE. I'LL GO.



FIVE
MINUTES
LATER...

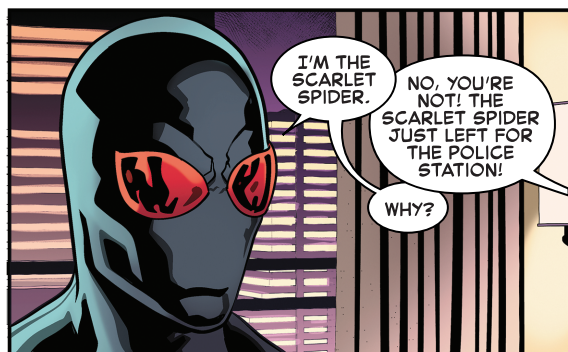
THEY REALLY
NEED TO HAVE
WINDOWS THAT
OPEN UP IN
HERE.

NOW
WHERE THE
HELL IS--?



WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?! WHY'D
YOU CHANGE
COSTUM--?

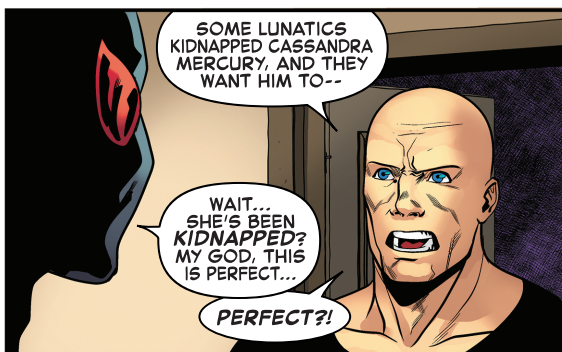
OH, CRIPES, ARE YOU
ANOTHER OF THOSE
SPIDER-WANNABES LIKE
THE ONES WHO SHOWED
UP A WHILE BACK? DO
I HAVE TO BEAT
YOU UP, TOO?



I'M THE
SCARLET
SPIDER.

NO, YOU'RE
NOT! THE
SCARLET SPIDER
JUST LEFT FOR
THE POLICE
STATION!

WHY?



SOME LUNATICS
KIDNAPPED CASSANDRA
MERCURY, AND THEY
WANT HIM TO--

WAIT...
SHE'S BEEN
KIDNAPPED?
MY GOD, THIS
IS PERFECT...

PERFECT?!

I WAS JUST THINKING
THAT HAVING A WEALTHY
WOMAN GRATEFUL TO
ME WOULD GO A LONG
WAY TOWARD SAVING
SOMEPLACE THAT'S
REALLY WORTHWHILE...



SORRY.
DOESN'T MATTER.
SHE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED.
THAT'S THE IMPORTANT
THING. WE'VE GOT
TO GET HER
BACK.

THAT'S
WHAT THE
SPIDER IS
TRYING
TO--

NO, WE
NEED SOMETHING
MORE DIRECT. AND
I HAVE A THOUGHT
ON THAT.