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OF THE
BLACK KNIGHT™

"SUB-CITY"
PART ONE OF TWO

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Stan Lee PRESENTS:

THE TIRED OLD BUM HAS FINALLY GOTTEN TO SLEEP. HERE IN THE BLEAK BACK ALLEYS OF NEW YORK, A SMALL PIECE OF DIRT HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A TEMPORARY HAVEN.

LOUD NOISES WAKE HIM. HE CAN'T FOCUS UPON WHAT WOKE HIM-- NOR WILL HE EVER BE GIVEN THE CHANCE.

UH? WHOZZAT?

SHUD UP,
OL' MAN!

OH-OH! I maybe hit it too hard!

City
Part 1

I forgot how soft the bad ones can be.



AAAHH! C'MON,
MARY JANE.

IT WAS JUST A
JOKE! I'M NOT
GOING OUT AS
SPIDEY. C'MON,
LIGHTEN UP.

IT'S NOT
THAT, PETER.
I'M JUST
BORED.

I KNOW
WHAT CAN TAKE
YOUR MIND OFF
THAT
BOREDOM!!

IS THAT ALL
YOU CAN THINK OF!
LET'S DO SOMETHING
FUN. NOT THAT WHAT
YOU WANT ISN'T FUN--

--BUT I WAS
THINKING
HOW'BOUT
WE HIT THE
CLUBS?

I CAN CALL
FLASH. SEE
IF FELICIA
AND HE CAN
JOIN US. MAYBE
HARRY AND
LIZ, TOO!

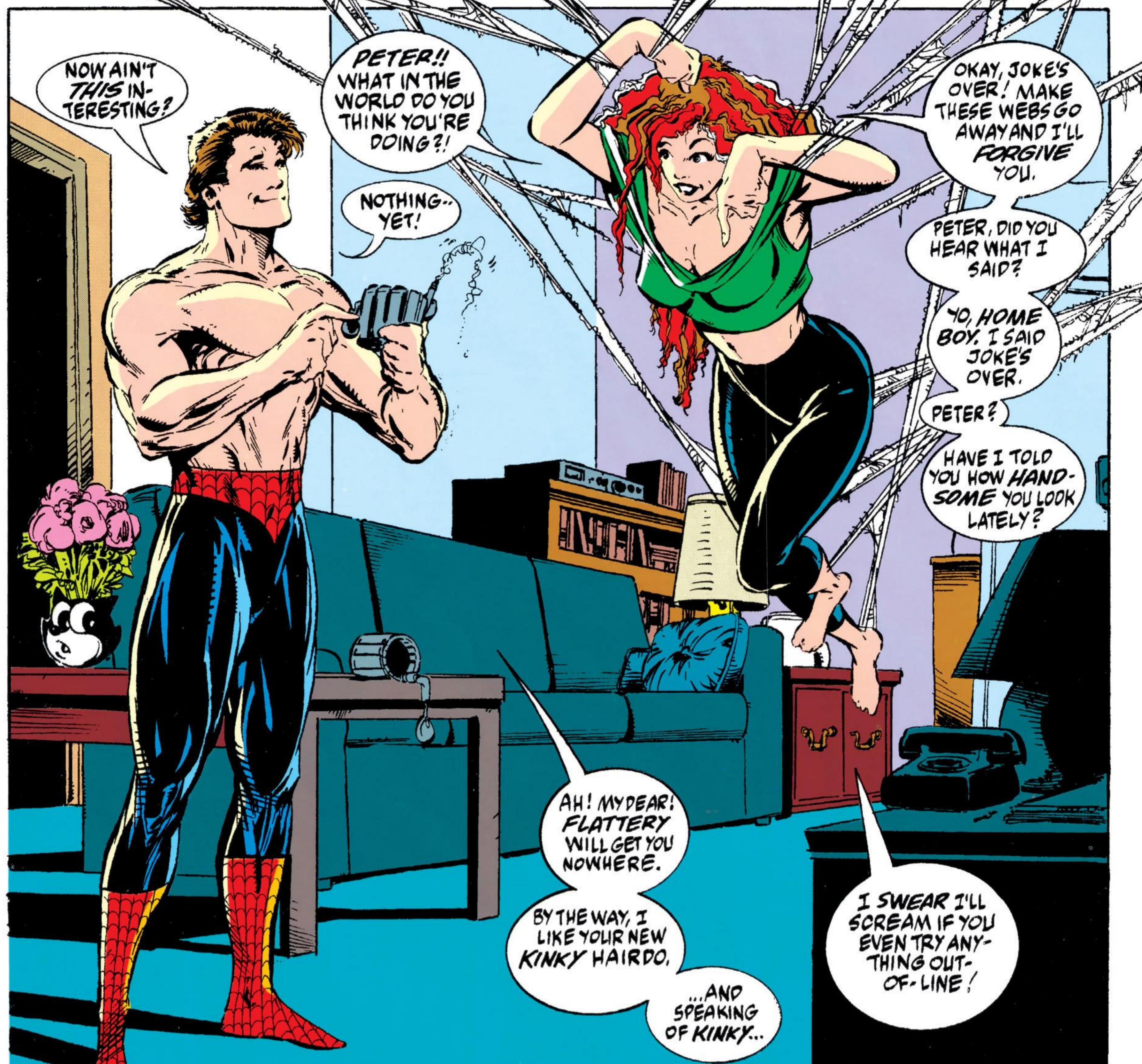
THAT'D
BE FUN!

PETER!
WHAT ARE
YOU--

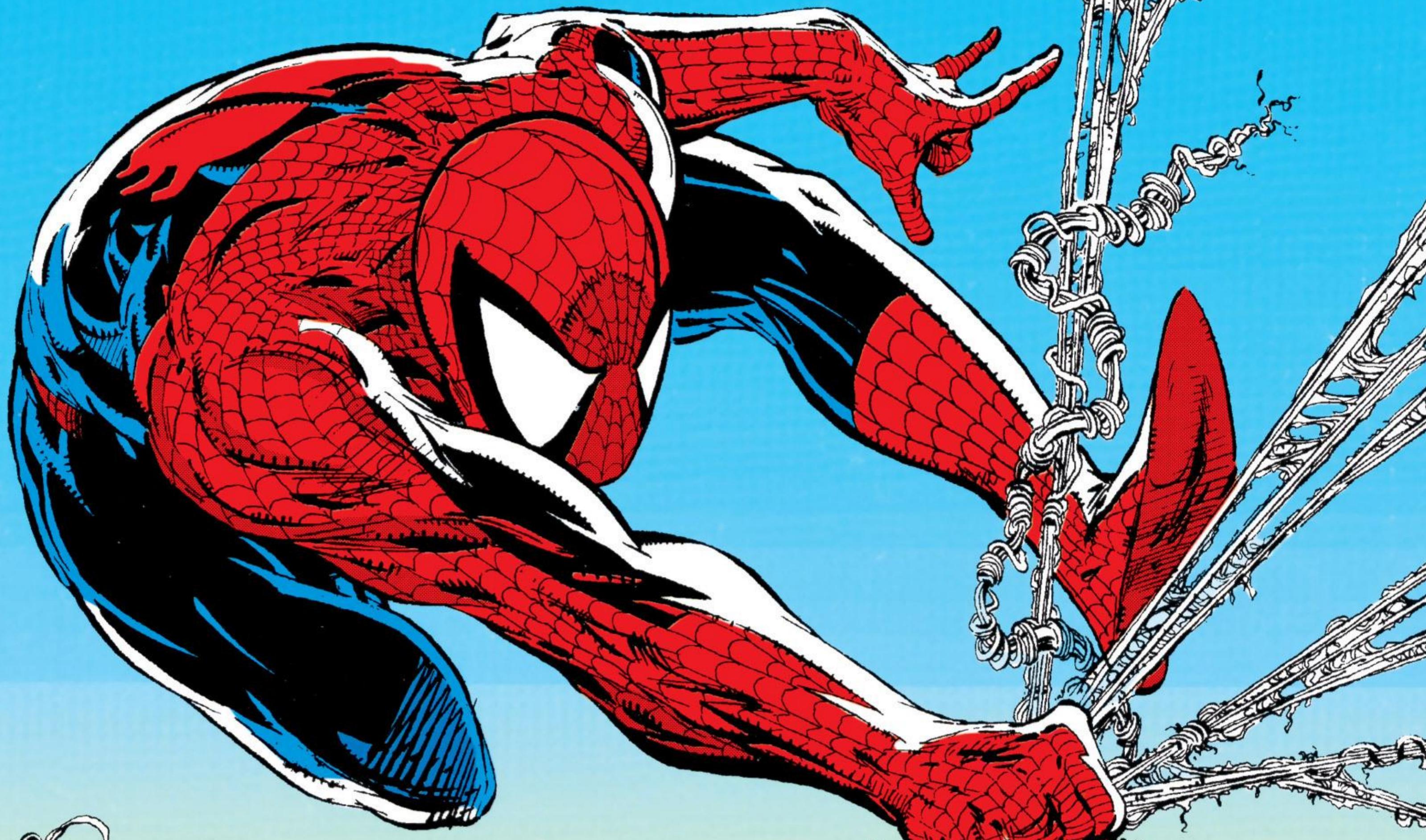
MY
DEAR
BEAUTY.
YOU WANT
FUN--

I'VE
GOT
FUN!

THWIP
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP



THE NEXT MORNING PETER SWINGS ACROSS TOWN TO THE DAILY BUGLE, HOPING TO LATCH ON TO A FEW PHOTO ASSIGNMENTS AND TALK TO A FEW FRIENDS ABOUT WORK.



HE HAS ONE FAVORITE AMONG THEM!

JONAH, THIS IS WEIRD! ALL THOSE GUYS KIDNAPPED IN THE SAME FOUR BLOCK AREA. THE OTHER BUMS ARE AFRAID FOR THEMSELVES. ONE OF 'EM TOLD ME THAT...

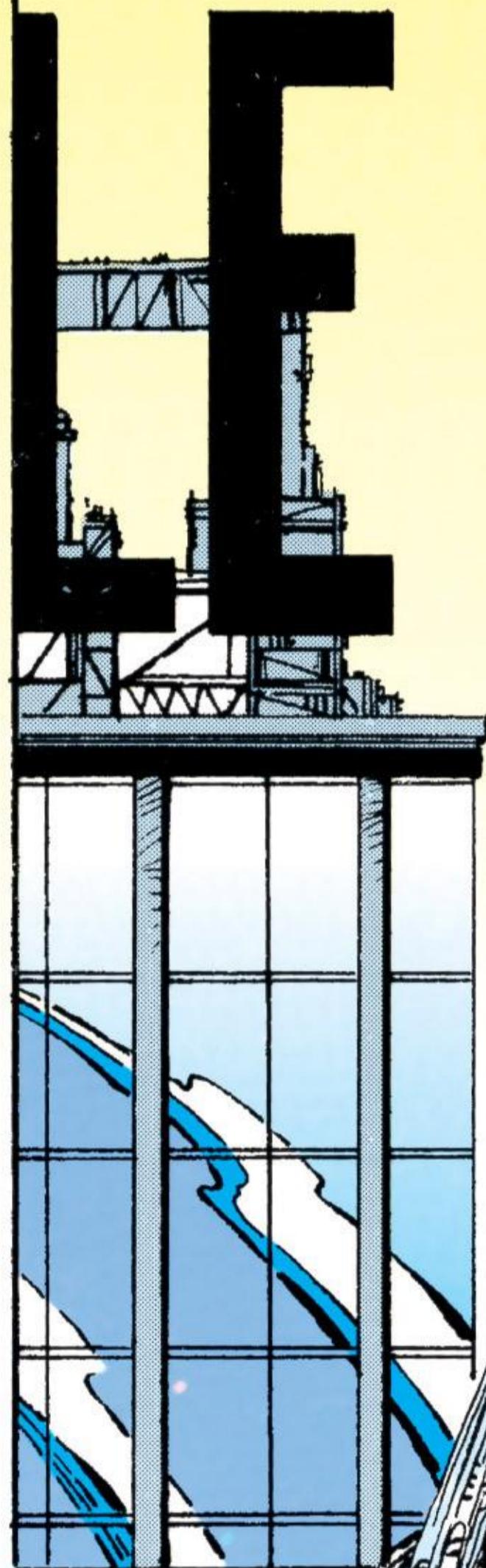
I DON'T CARE ABOUT BUMS! I WANT REAL STORIES!

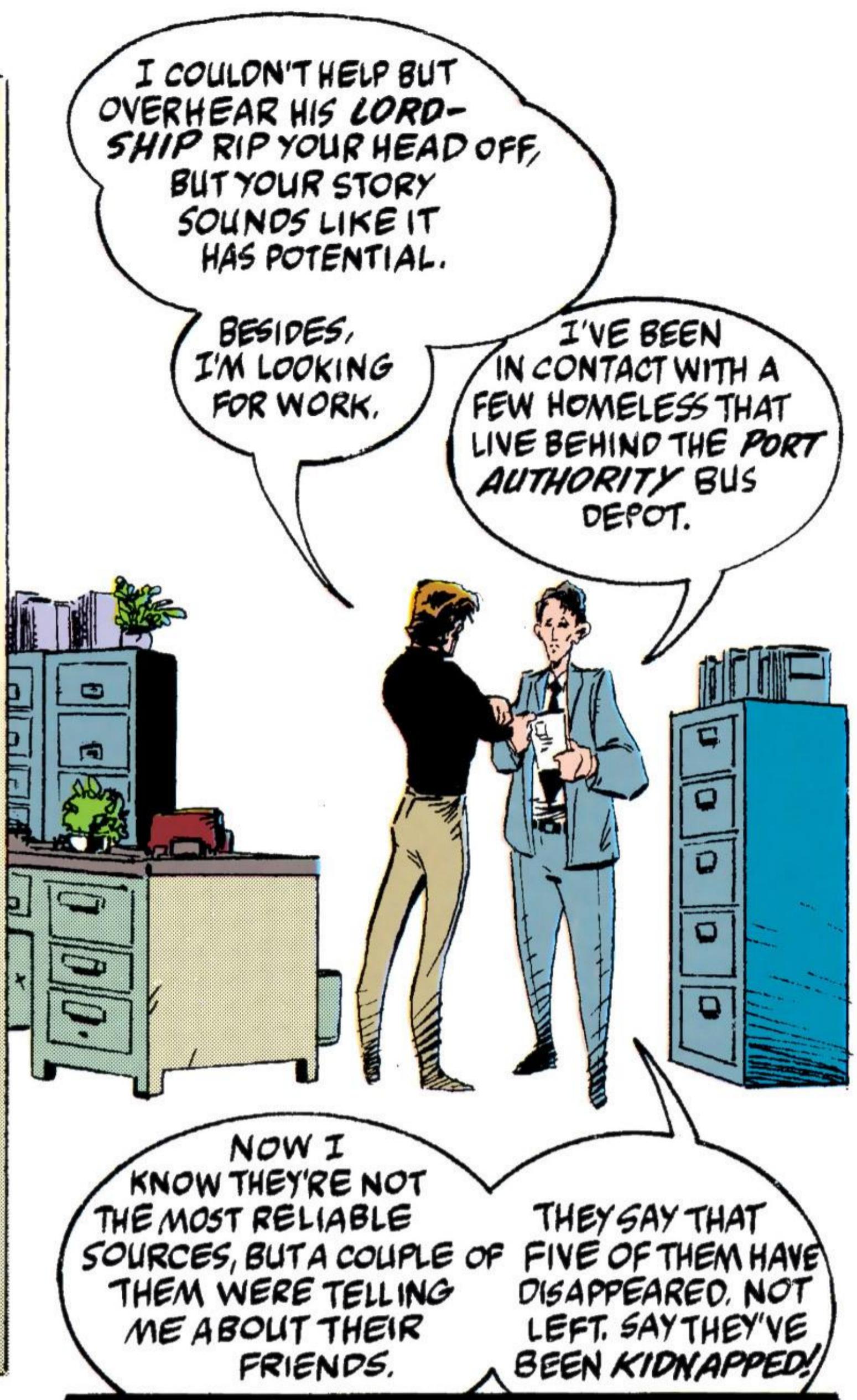
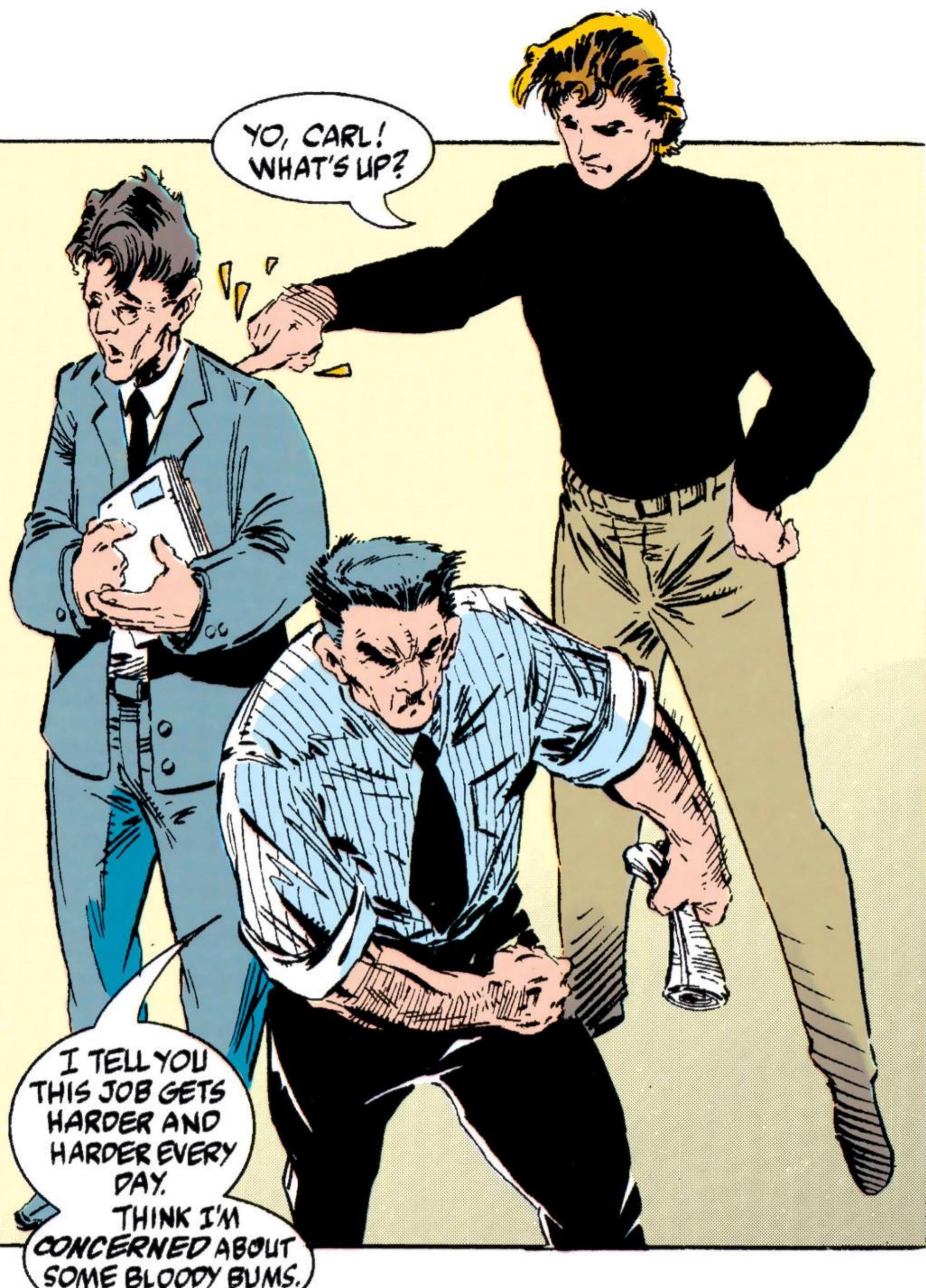
;sniffle sniffle I THINK I SMELL JONAH ALREADY!

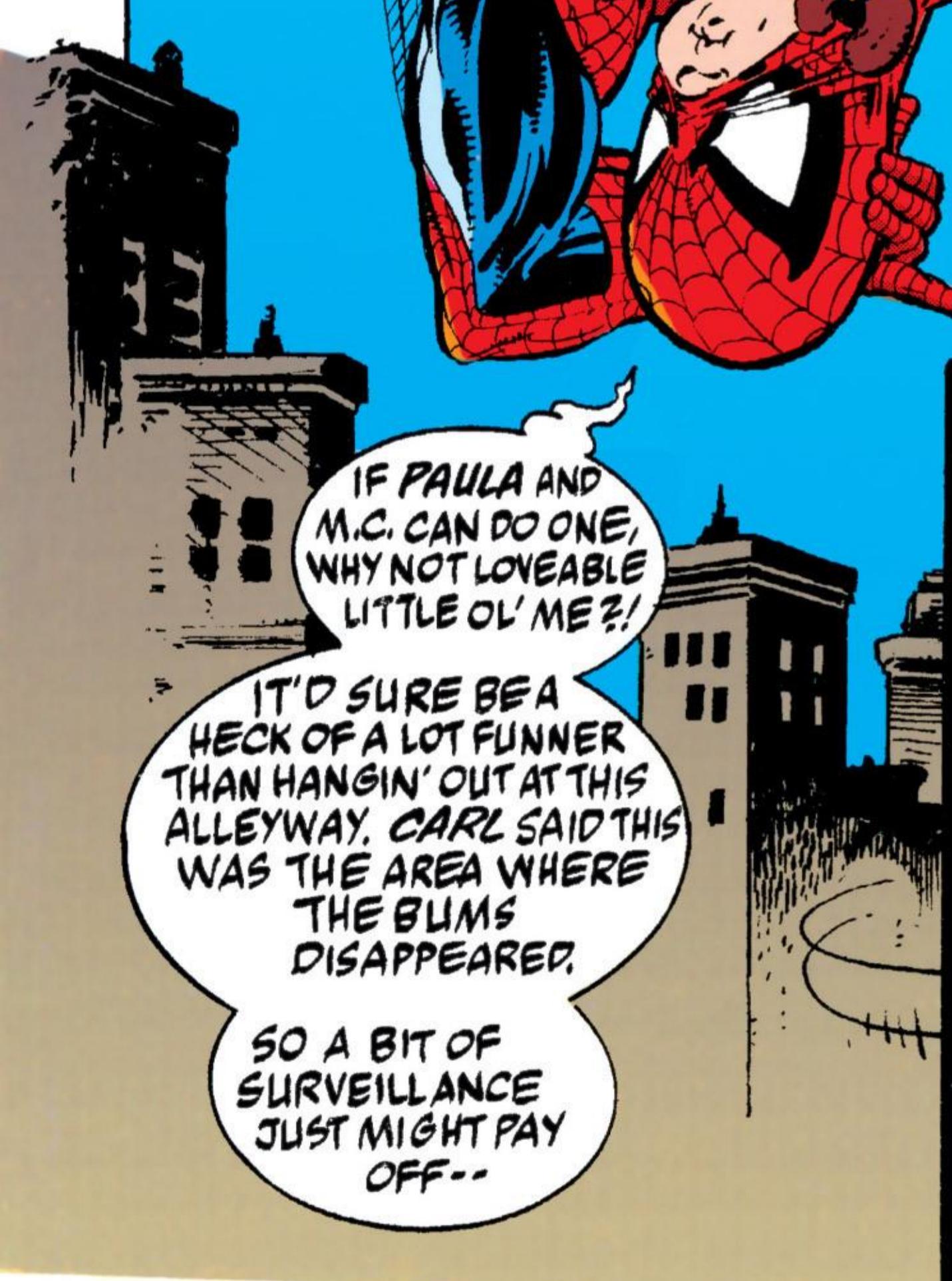
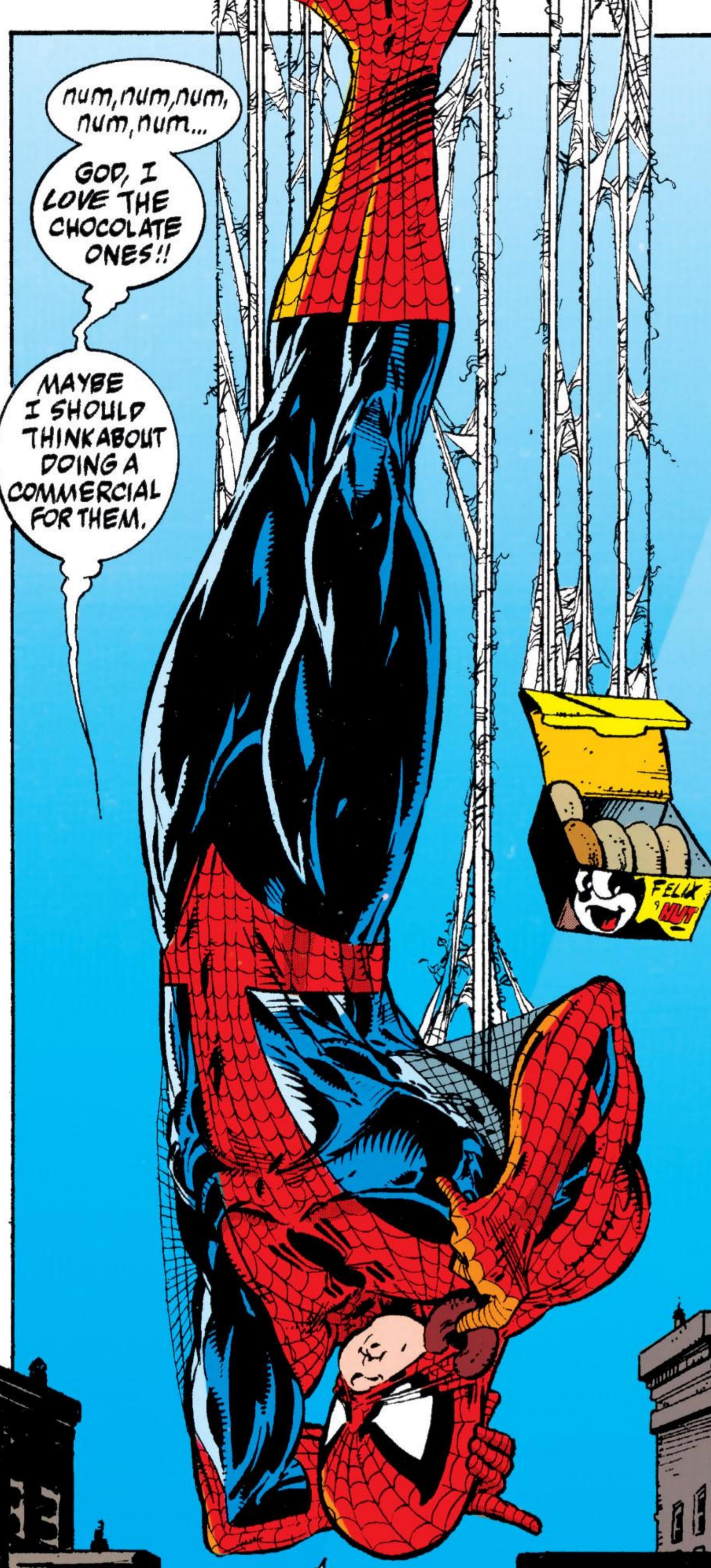
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!

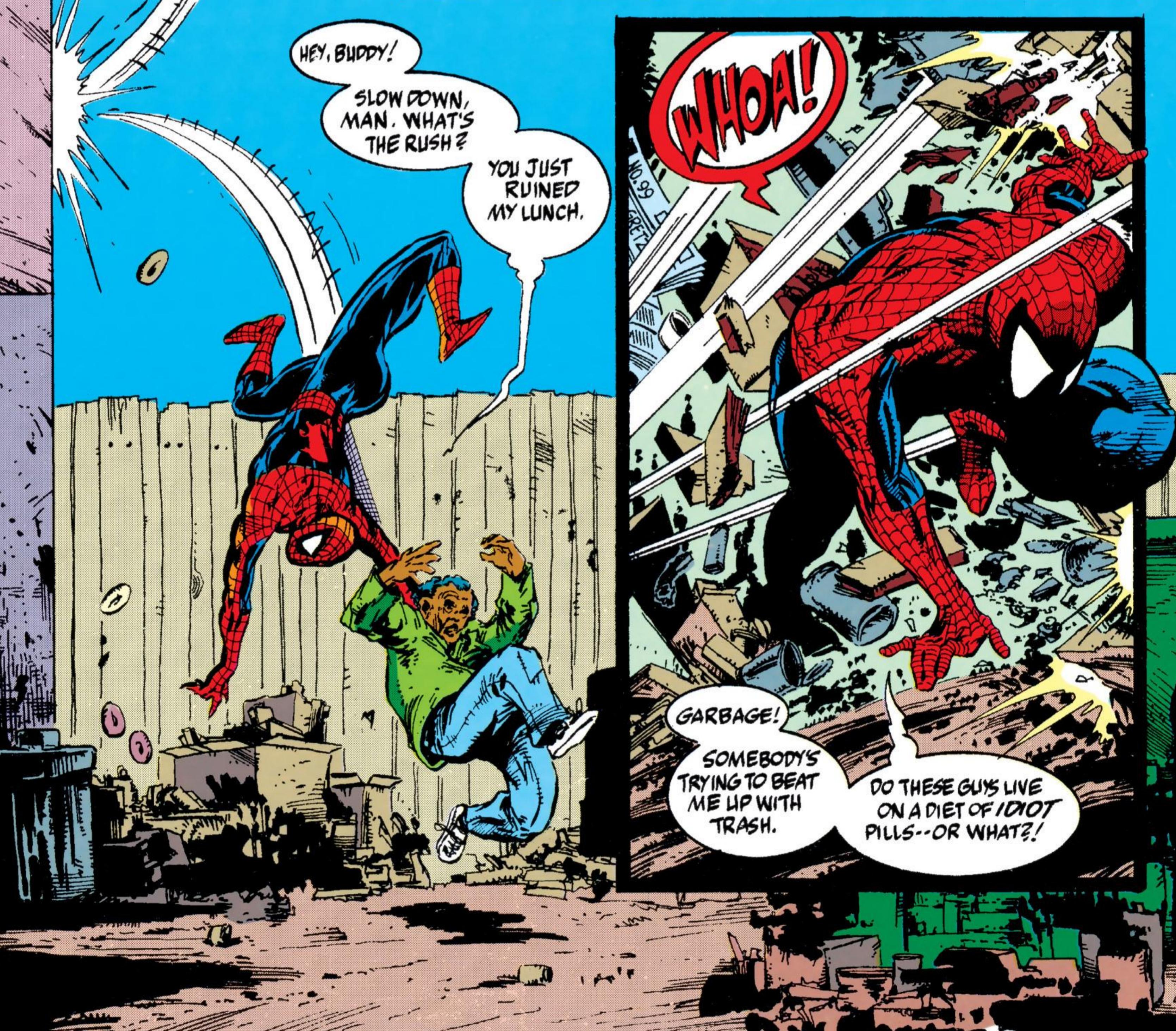
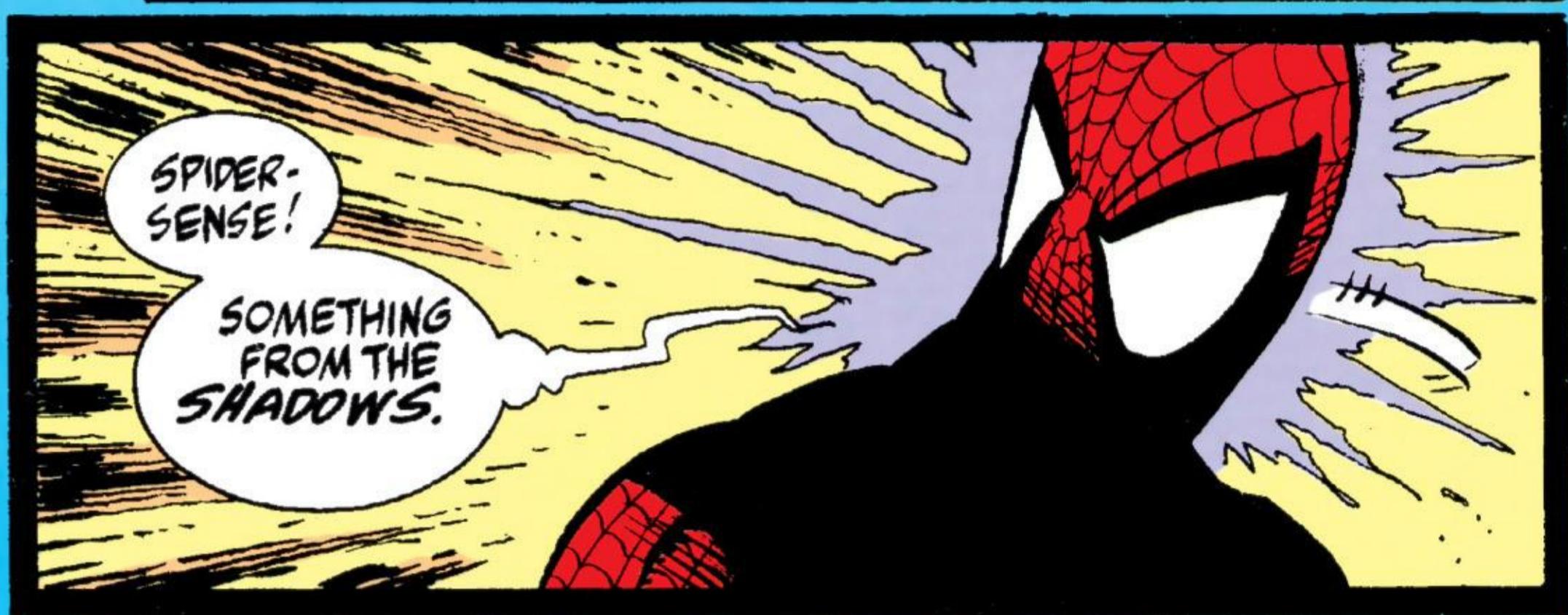
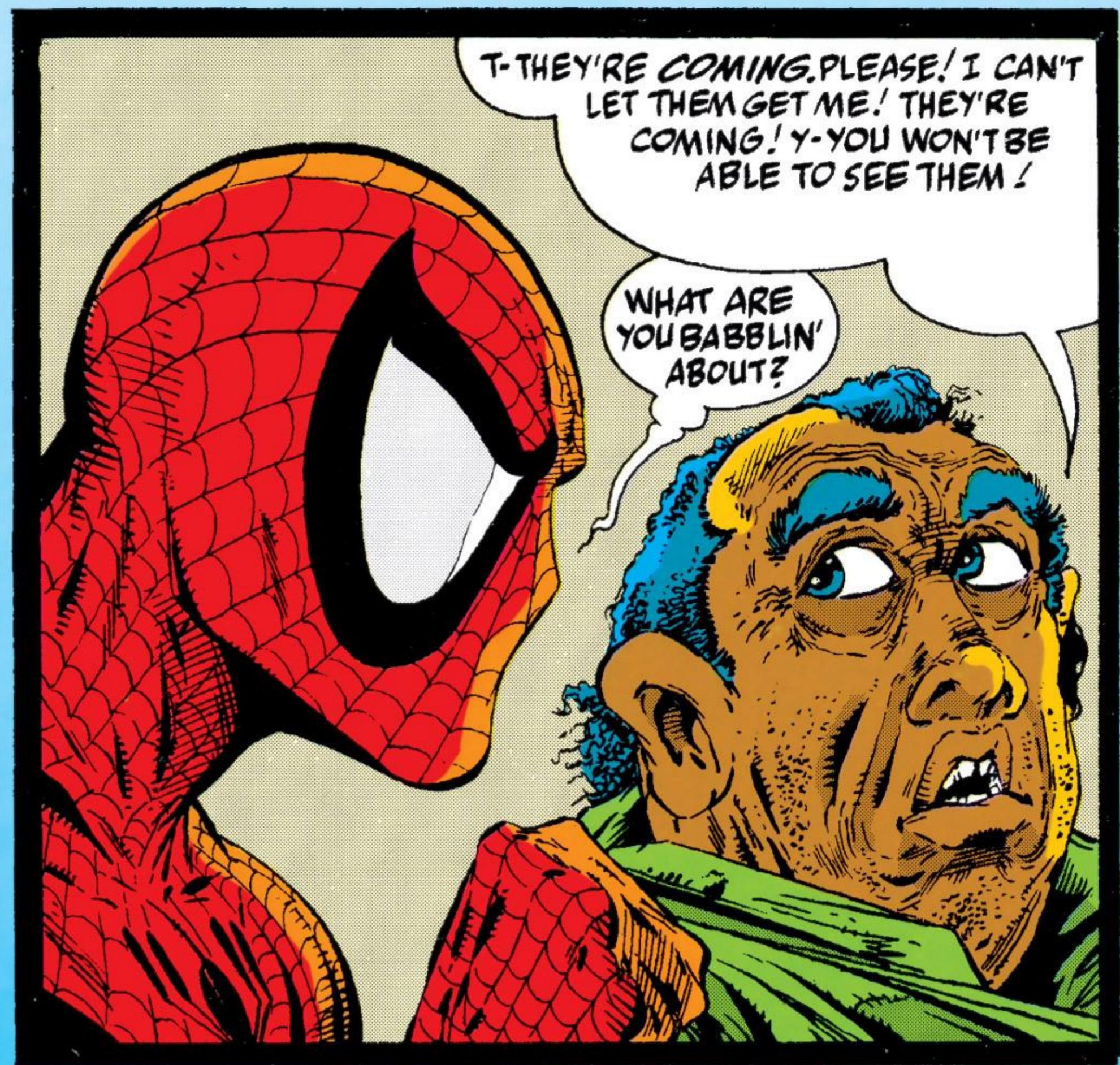
YOU FIND ME A MURDER DISASTER OR SEX TRIANGLE!

THAT I'LL PRINT!









WHEN ARE
YOU BONEHEADS
GONNA LEARN THAT
I'M QUICK AS A
SPIDER?

HENCE THE NAME!

MISSSED!

MISSSED!

MISSSED! MISSSED!

AND ONCE
AGAIN..MISSSED!!

Leave us alone!
Me and friends just
want you to
go!

me can hurt
you if me
haff to!

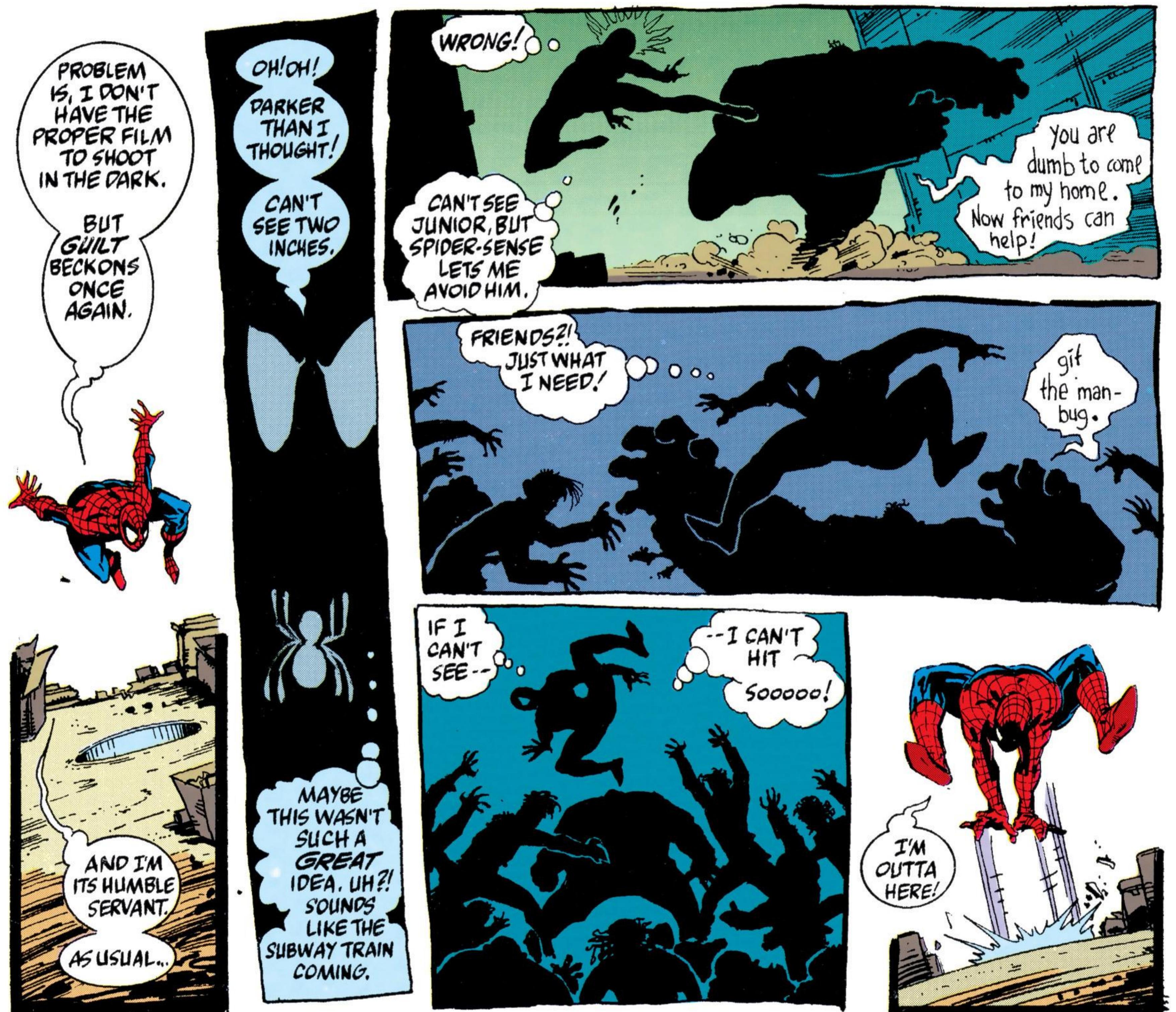
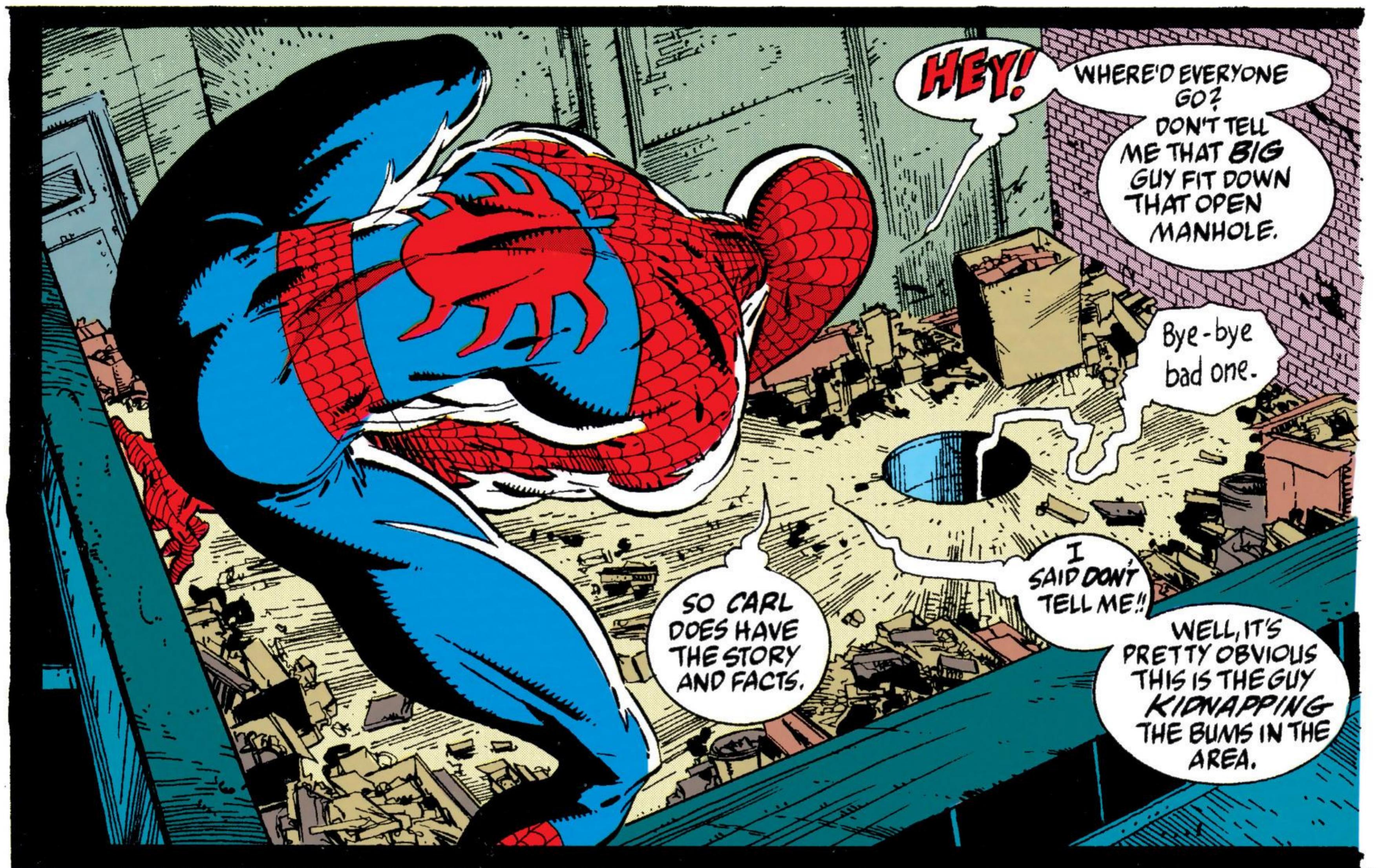
Quit tryin'
to mix up me,
MAN-SPIDER!!

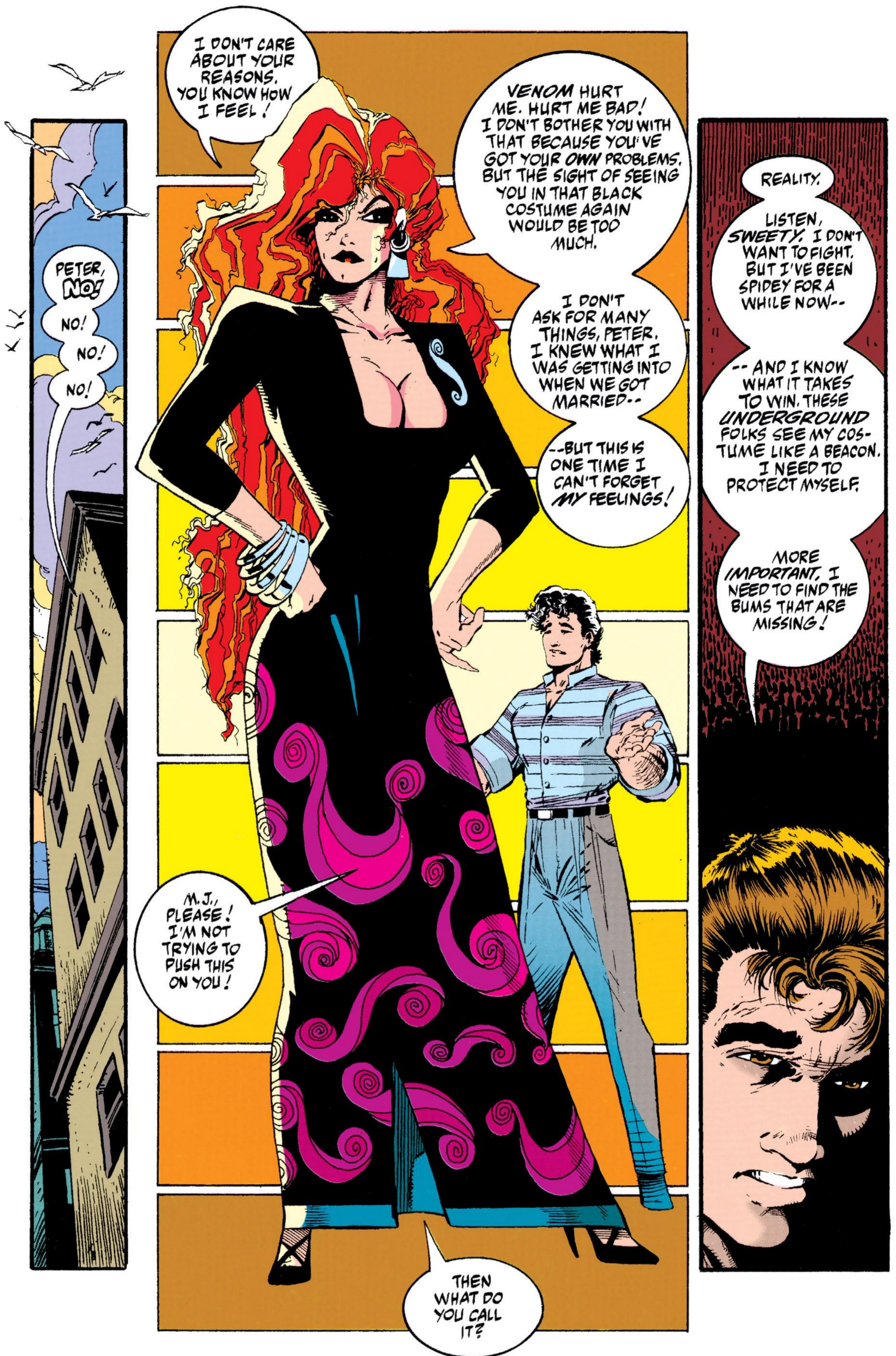
THAT'S
SPIDER-MAN!

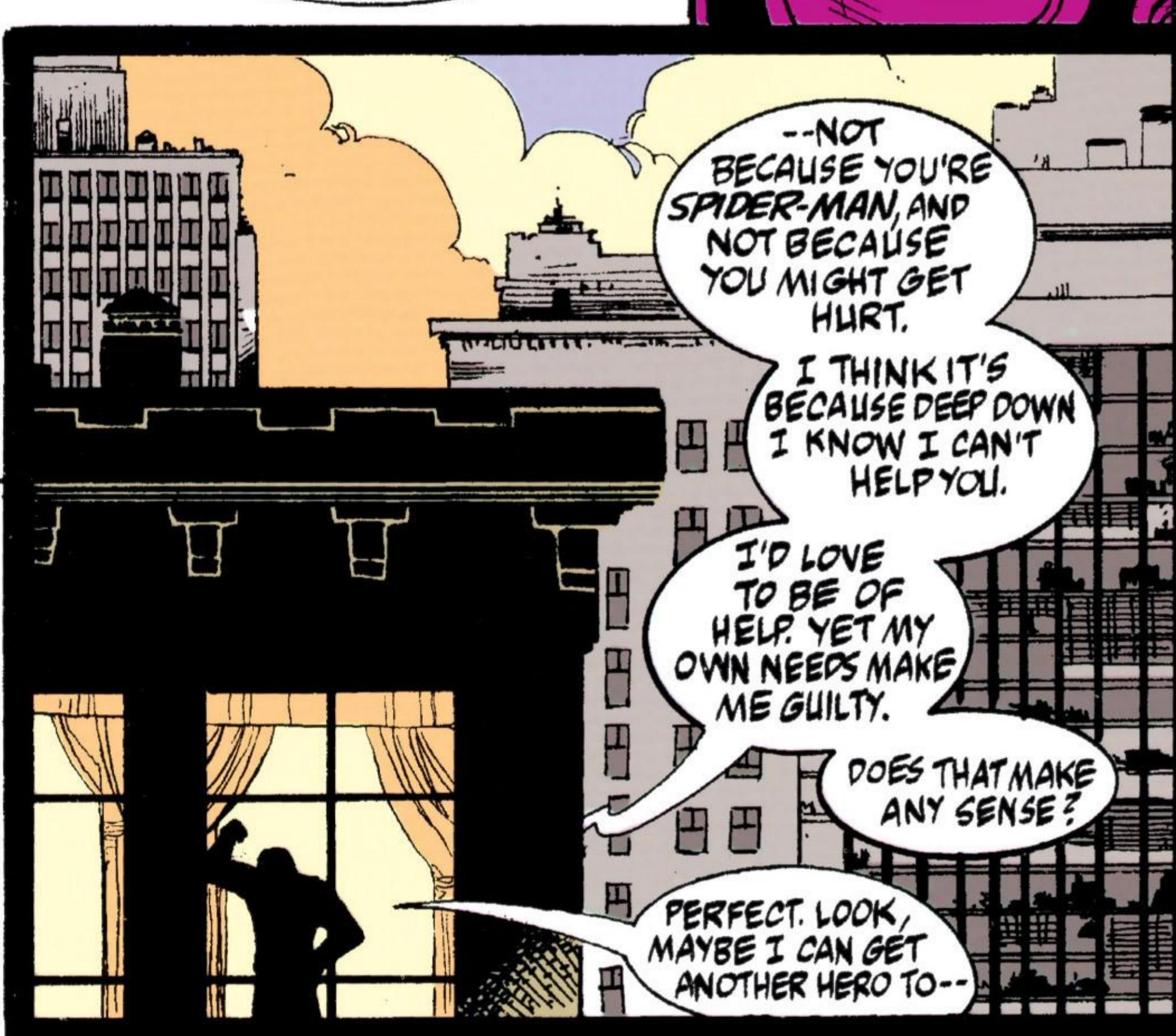
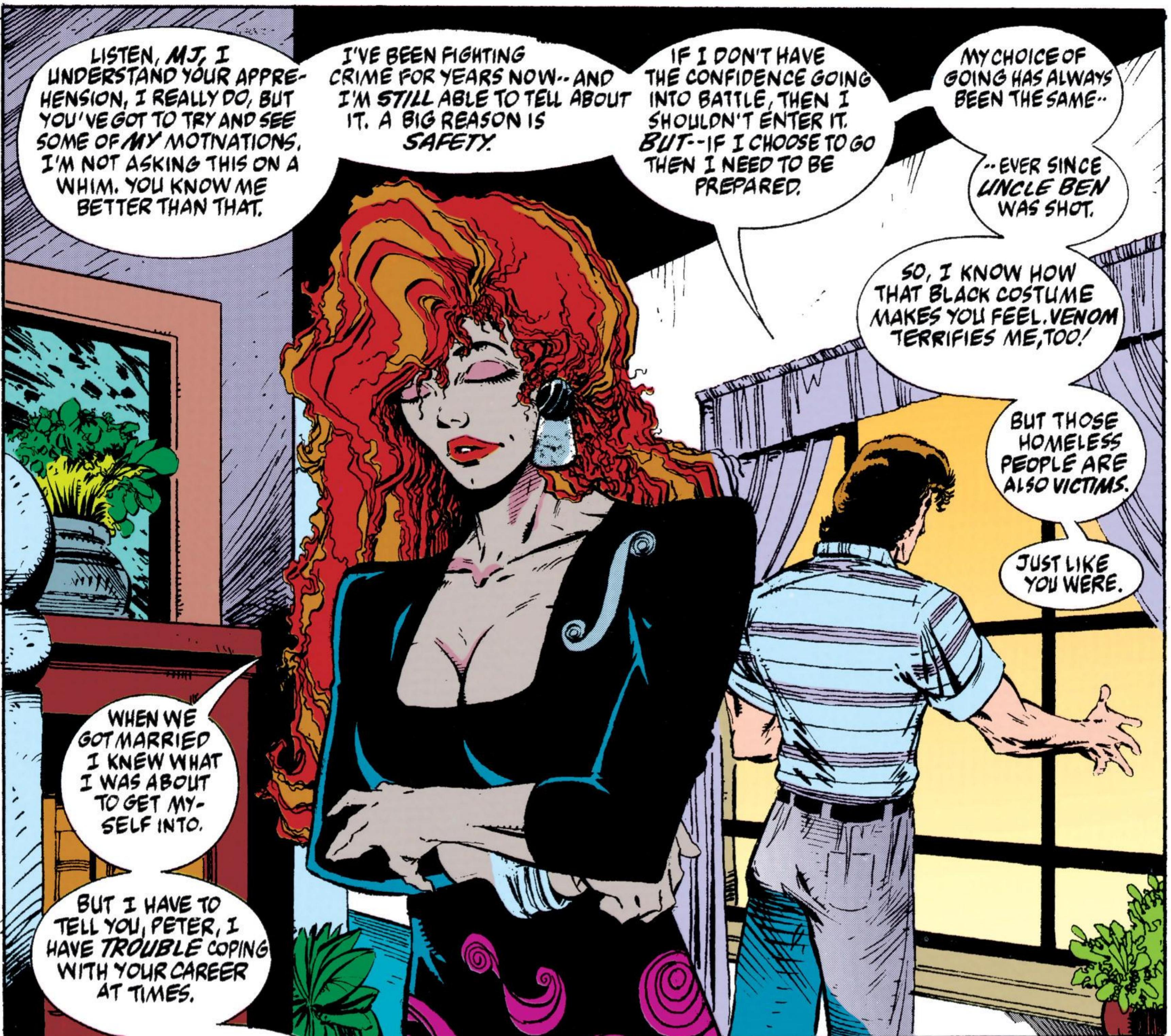
You already hurt friends
'cause you haff ignored
them. me just want you
to leave alone!

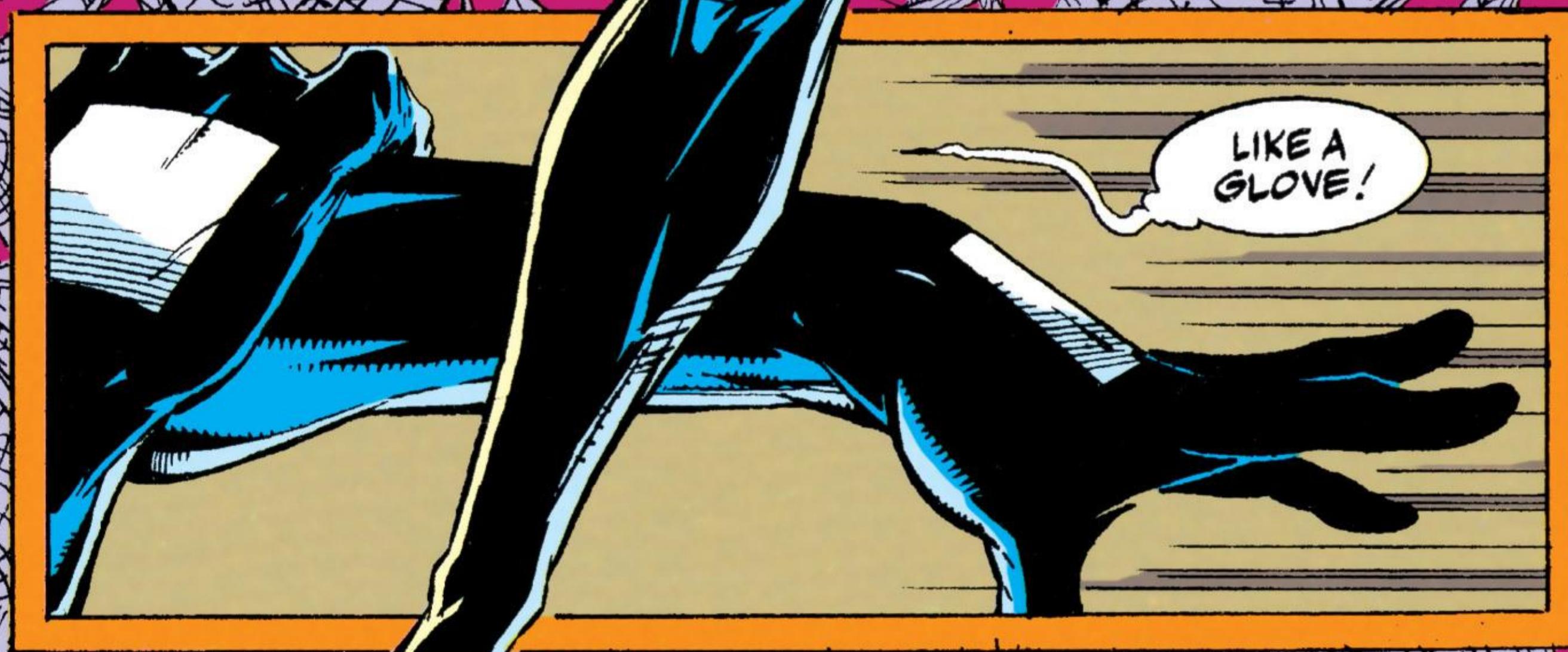
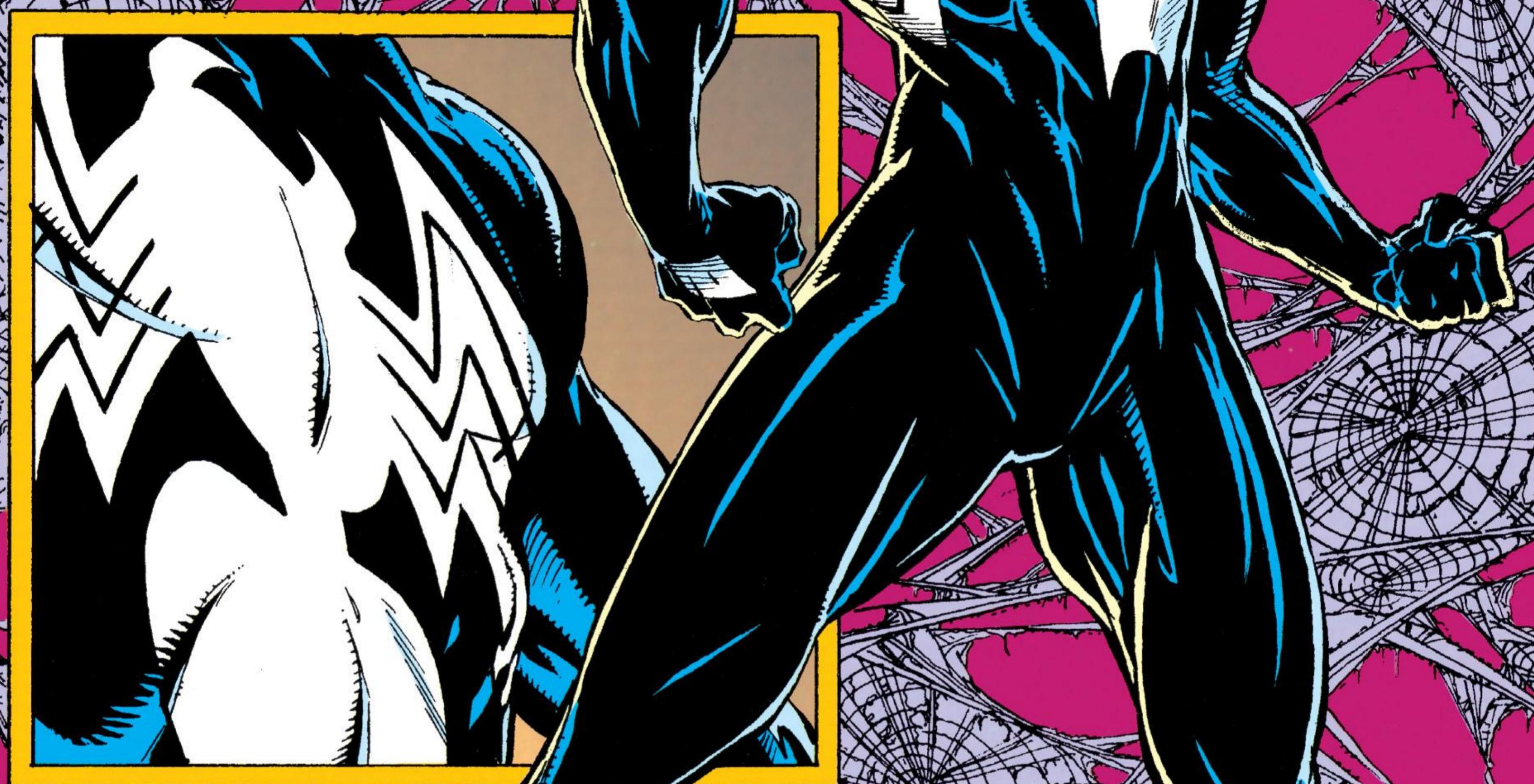
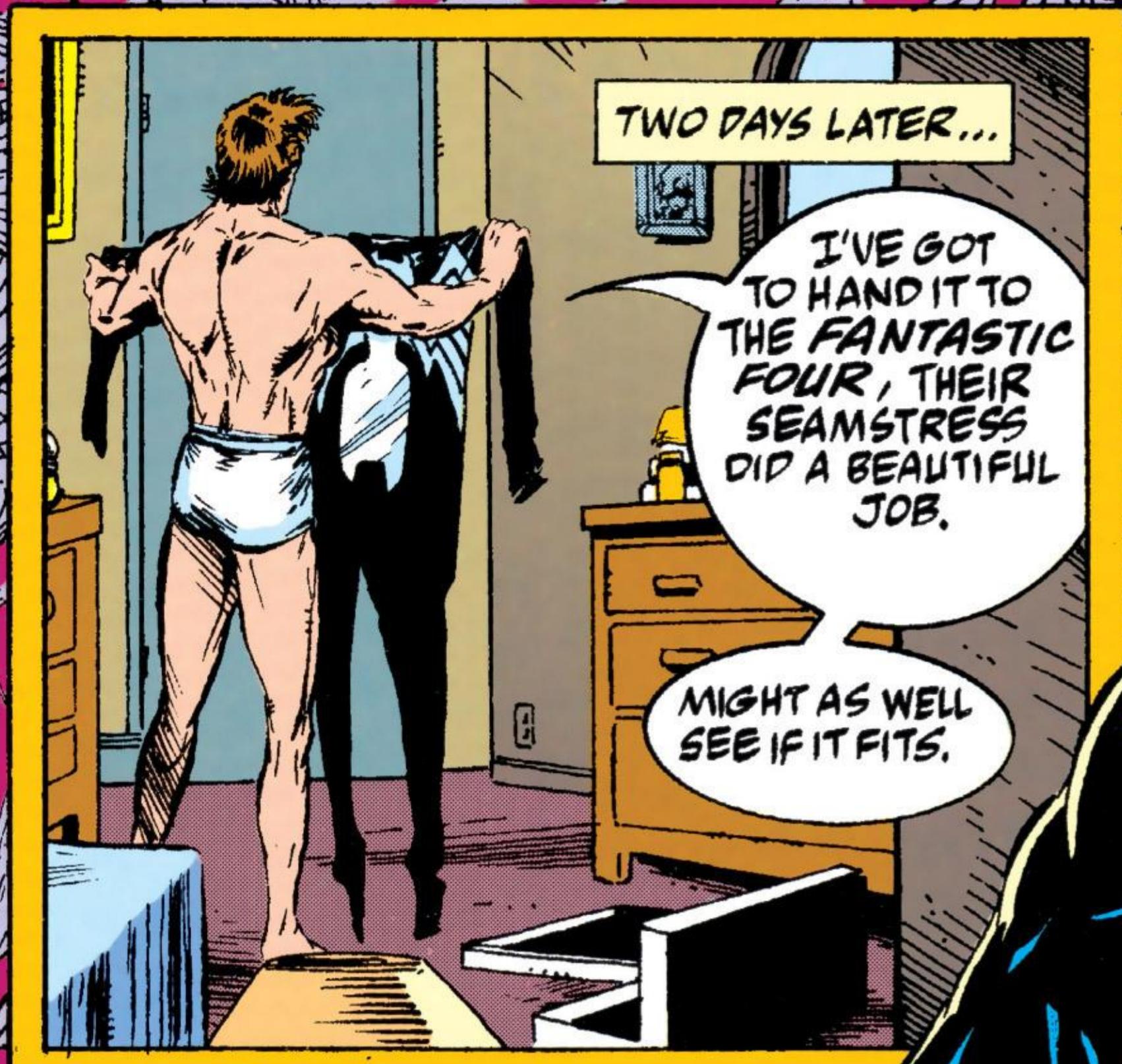
LISTEN,
JUNIOR! I DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOUR
PROBLEM IS...
--BUT
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO CAME
AFTER ME,
REMEMBER??

whatever.









NEW YORK. THAT SAME NIGHT.

ANOTHER HOMELESS BUM HAS BEEN SNATCHED TO THE DARKNESS BELOW.

This one be
not as soft
as last one.
Took four
hits to
put down.

But he was
still mad that
him I picked.

It's 'cause I
WUV you
bad one --
-- no, not
really.

HA-HA-HA!
me am so
funny!



IN THE ABANDONED SHAFTS
UNDER THE CITY--A GATHERING
OF THE "GOOD ONES"
TAKES PLACE.

COME,
BROTHER.





ONCE AGAIN, MY DEAR FRIENDS, YOU HUMBLE ME. IN THE FEW WEEKS I'VE BEEN WITH YOU, YOUR WANTING TO PLEASE ME--

--HAS BEEN MOST EVIDENT TO CALL ME YOUR LEADER SHOWS A SIDE OF YOU THAT THOSE ABOVE WILL RARELY UNDERSTAND.

AND I PROMISE YOU THAT YOUR LOYALTY WILL NOT GO UNREWARDED!

I HAVE FELT YOUR TORMENT AND BEEN REJECTED BY OTHERS. WE ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT... YOU AND I, BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN DISREGARDED BY SOCIETY.

I, MORBIUS,
WILL NOT FORGET YOU!

YOU KNOW THAT
I DRINK BLOOD
TO SURVIVE.

SOMETIMES, MY GUILT
AND SELF-LOATHING BECOME
ALMOST UNENDURABLE. I--A
PHYSICIAN WHO ONCE
SAVED LIVES, NOW FORCED
TO TAKE THEM.

YOU AT LEAST
HAVE SPARED ME
THE AGONY OF
CHOOSING THOSE
WHO WILL DIE SO
THAT I MUST LIVE.

--IN RETURN, I PROTECT YOU
FROM THOSE WHO WOULD PREY
UPON YOU. BITTER IRONY, INDEED
I COULD ALMOST LAUGH, BUT
IF I DID, I FEAR--

--THAT I
MIGHT NEVER
STOP.

MY CONTACTS
WITH THE OUTSIDE
CAN HELP US IN
SOME MINOR
WAYS.

SINCE I'M
FORCED TO HIDE
FROM THE SUNLIGHT,
YOU, MY FRIENDS,
HAVE PROVIDED MY
MEALS--

'Keever is
goodest of 'em
all!

I'M ESPECIALLY
PLEASED BY
YOUR EFFORTS,
KEEVER.

YOU'RE A SMOOTH ONE, MORBIUS. USING PROPAGANDA AGAINST MY PEOPLE. TWISTING THEM. CONFUSING THEM.

WE TOOK TO THE ABANDONED SUBWAYS AND TUNNELS BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT WOULDN'T HELP US ON THE STREETS.

SO WE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER.

BUT WE'VE BEEN DOWN HERE SINCE '62 AND THE YEARS OF INBREEDING HAVE TAKEN THEIR TOLL.

YOU CAN GET US FOOD, BUT THE SOURCES YOU USE ARE THE SAME ONES THAT DROVE US TO HIDING.

OUR RANKS HAVE BEEN DECIMATED ENOUGH BY THE MORLOCKS! NOW WE HIDE FROM THOSE ABOVE AND BELOW.

NOW YOU APPEAR, USING ALMOST HYPNOTIC POWERS OF PERSUASION TO MANIPULATE US.

WORST OF ALL, I FEAR THAT YOUR VAMPIRIC MUTATION IS BEGINNING TO AFFECT YOUR MIND.

IF YOU WERE TO BECOME TOTALLY INSANE, I FEAR FOR US ALL!

YOU'D THINK AFTER ALL THIS TIME I'D HAVE A HANDLE ON HOW TO KEEP THE CRIME-FIGHTING FROM THE REST OF MY LIFE.

IT NEVER SEEMS TO WORK OUT THAT WAY. INSTEAD OF THE CROOKS GETTING MESSED UP--

--THEY JUST CONTINUE TO GO THEIR MERRY WAY. AFTER ALL THESE YEARS THEY STILL DON'T FEAR US!

WHY SHOULD THEY? THEY KNOW HOW TO USE THE LAW BETTER THAN WE DO.

THOR, CAP, THE F.F. HECK! EVEN GUYS LIKE GHOST RIDER AND PUNISHER ARE IN THEIR FACE-- YET THEY'VE ALWAYS GOT A NEW SCAM.

WHAT'S EVEN CRAZIER, IS THERE ARE PROBABLY THOUSANDS OF KIDS WHO WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MY JOB! JOKE'S ON THEM.

THE SAD PART IS
I SOMETIMES PUT
MYSELF THROUGH
THIS JUST TO GET
A PHOTO.

SO WHO'S THE
BIGGER FOOL--
THEM OR ME!

ANYWAYS, THERE'S
THE MANHOLE THAT
I CAME UP THE
OTHER DAY.

MY BLACK COSTUME
SHOULD BE ABLE TO
GIVE ME A BIT MORE
CAMOUFLAGE
AGAINST THESE
MOLE PEOPLE--OR
WHATEVER THEY
ARE.

OF COURSE, ALL
MY PLANS HAVE
WORKED OUT SOOO
PERFECTLY
IN THE PAST.

CAN YOU SAY
MULTIPLE SCREW-
UPS, BOYS AND GIRLS?

GEEZ, IS IT
DARK! BEEN
NEARLY HALF
AN HOUR AND
MY EYES STILL
HAVEN'T GOTTEN
USED TO THE
DARKNESS.
GUESS I'LL JUST
SIT HERE TILL
THEY ADJUST.

EH?! MY
SPIDER-SENSE
ALREADY!
MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T HAVE
PUT SUCH A
BIG SPIDER
EMBLEM
ON MY
CHEST!







EXCELLENT!

THOUGH I'M SURE
DR. STRANGE WOULDN'T
APPROVE, LET'S SHOW OUR
GUEST WHO RULES THE
UNDERGROUND!

NO ONE
TRESPASSES
WITHOUT
PAYING
THE PRICE!

NEXT ISSUE:
The Conclusion

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