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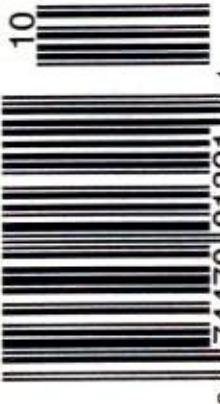
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# SPIDER-MAN



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## FLASHPOINT!



A PLACE KNOWN TO SOME AS THE THIEVES' HIGHWAY.

FROM HERE YOU CAN TRAVEL IN ANY DIRECTION FOR DOZENS OF BLOCKS.

IT'S HERE THAT WE FIND PETER PARKER, FREELANCE PHOTOJOURNALIST FOR THE DAILY BUGLE.

A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE.

THE SPORADIC RETURN OF MY SPIDER-POWERS.

A BATTLE WITH A FEW DOZEN SENTINELS WHO TOOK OVER THE CITY IN THE NAME OF A MUTANT DEMI-GOD CALLING HIMSELF ONSLAUGHT.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF EVERY MAJOR LEAGUE SUPER HERO IN THIS TOWN.

LAID OFF FROM MY STAFF JOB AT THE BUGLE -- WITH MY WIFE DUE TO HAVE OUR FIRST CHILD ANYTIME NOW.

YOU GOT TO LOVE BEING ME!



THE CHOICES I SEE ARE EITHER FIND A NEW PAIR OF TIGHTS, A NEW MONIKER AND PITCH IN TO HELP SPIDER-MAN WITH THE NEW YORK CITY CRIME SCENE, OR...

...TRY TO EARN ENOUGH MONEY TAKING PICTURES TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THE HEADS OF MY WIFE AND CHILD.



FOR NOW, I'M OPTING FOR THE ROOF.



HE TOLD ME ABOUT THE LITTLE GATHERING I'M ABOUT TO SPY ON. HE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM HIS STREET SNITCHES.



BEN URICH DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT HE SENT ME OFF ON THIS JOB.



BUT URICH, WISE MAN THAT HE IS, KNOWS WHEN TO BACK OFF.



CAN'T SAY THE SAME ABOUT ME.

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THE MEETING OF EVERY KNOWN...  
AND A FEW UNKNOWN... PLAYERS  
IN THE NEW YORK CITY  
UNDERWORLD.

IF THEY'RE  
ALL PULLING  
TOGETHER...

... SPIDER-MAN IS  
GOING TO NEED ALL  
THE HELP HE CAN GET.

ESTEEMED  
COLLEAGUES. BY  
NOW, I BELIEVE, YOU  
ALL KNOW ME. FOR  
THOSE WHO DO NOT...  
I AM GENERAL  
NGUYEN NGOC  
COY.

MANY  
GATHERED IN  
THIS ROOM HAVE  
CONDUCTED BUSINESS  
TRANSACTIONS WITH  
ME AND MY MODEST  
ORGANIZATION IN  
MADRIPOR.

NOW I COME  
TO OFFER YOU THE  
BENEFITS OF MY HUMBLE  
STRENGTHS AS A MILITARY  
STRATEGIST... AND AS A  
MAN WHO HAS HAD  
DEALINGS WITH OUR  
MUTUAL FOE.

STAN LEE  
Presents:

# LEGACY

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YOU ARE  
AT WAR, MY  
FRIENDS. HAVE NO  
DOUBT ABOUT  
THAT.

A POWERFUL  
ENEMY HAS RISEN  
AMONGST YOU AND  
THREATENS TO  
TAKE FROM YOU  
EVERYTHING.

I PROPOSE  
A UNION OF SORTS  
TO STAND AGAINST  
THE GREED OF  
FORTUNATO.

HE IS  
ONE MAN AND  
WE ARE MANY. ONCE  
OUR ENEMY'S **ONE EYE** IS  
BROUGHT DOWN, THEN  
WE CAN DIVIDE THE CITY  
AMONGST OURSELVES  
WITHOUT NEEDLESS  
BLOODSHED.

DO  
WE ALL  
AGREE?

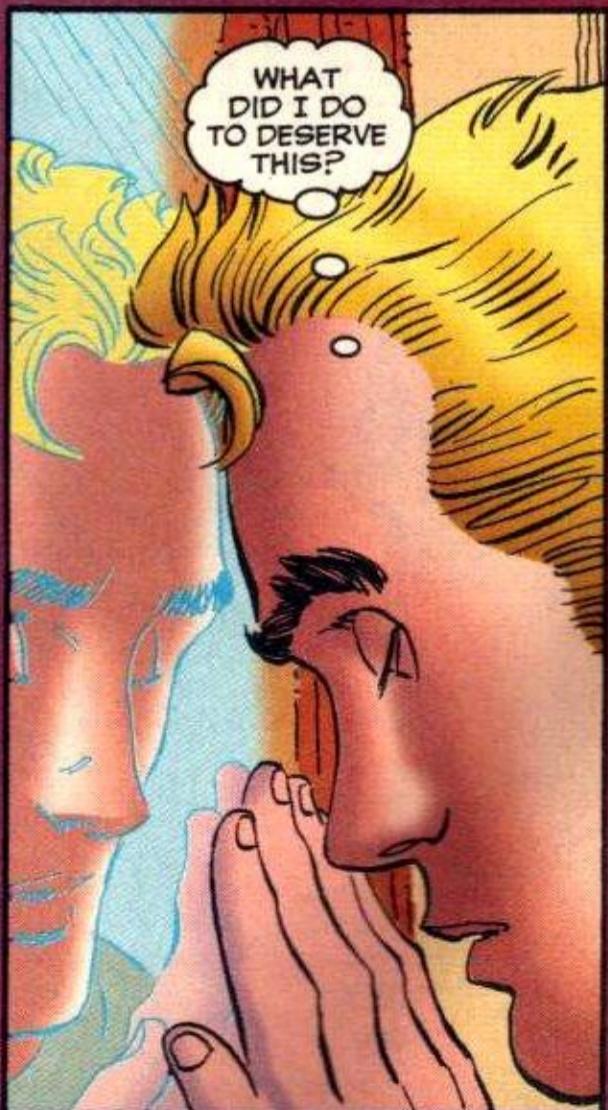
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TOMBSTONE?

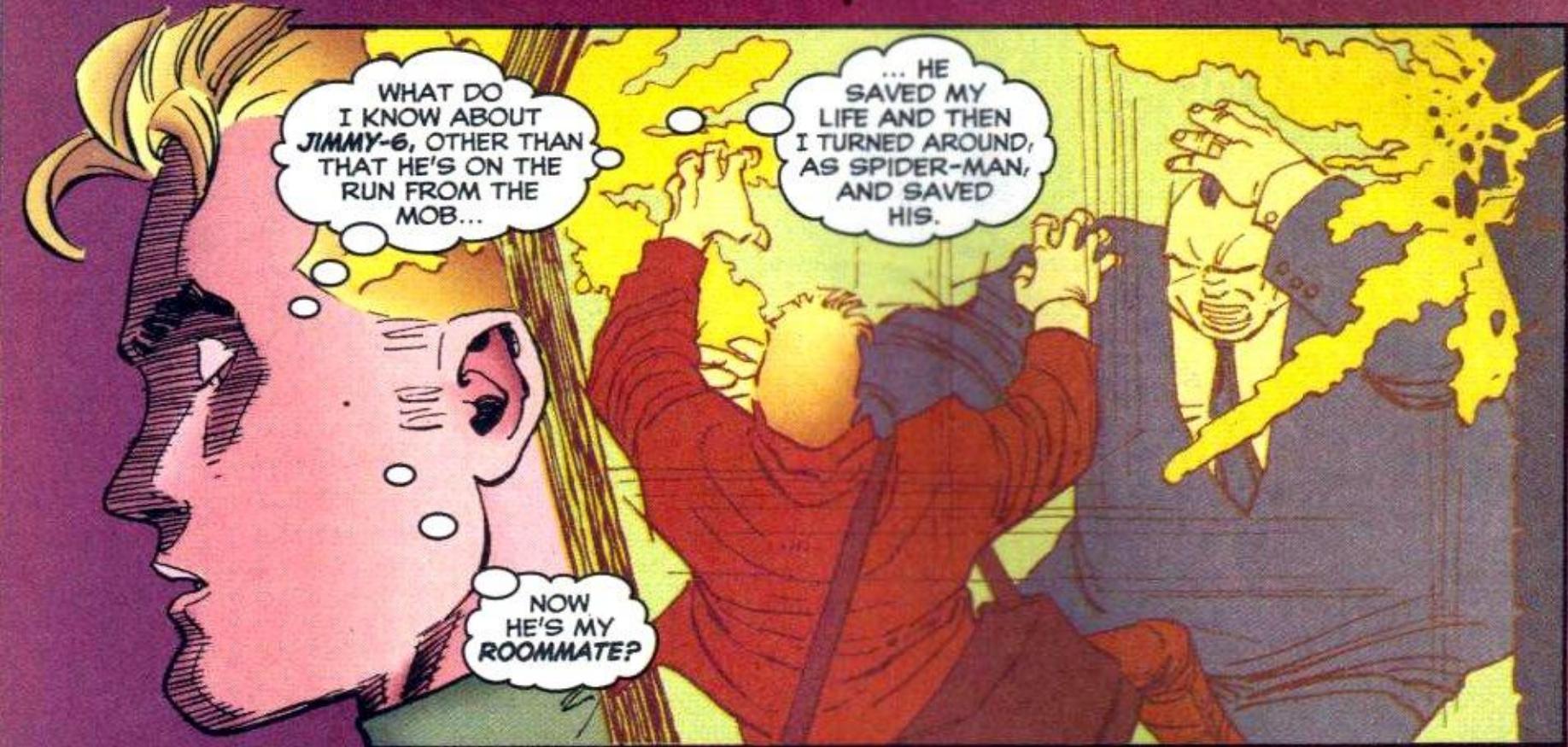
GAVIN  
THORPE?  
I'M  
IN FOR  
NOW.  
SILVERMANE?  
AGREED.

CAESAR  
CICERO?  
LET'S  
GET THIS  
OVER WITH.

ROSE? YES.  
WE ARE.  
GOOD.  
THIS  
LEAVES ONLY  
YOU, SLUG. ARE WE  
UNANIMOUS?  
FORTUNATO  
DIES TONIGHT.







I'VE GOT  
A LEAD ON  
SOMETHING.

I WAS  
THINKING  
MAYBE IT WAS  
TIME FOR SPI --

THIS  
REALLY ISN'T  
A GOOD TIME,  
PETE.

THE CRIME  
FAMILIES ARE  
GETTING READY  
FOR WAR.

THERE'S  
A GUY BY THE  
NAME OF FORTUNATO  
IN THE MIDDLE OF IT AND  
HE'S BEEN MARKED  
FOR AN ALL OUT HIT.

Huh?

YEAH...  
SURE, I'LL  
GET GOING.

NO,  
KID.

WHY  
DON'T YOU  
STAY?

TELL YOUR COUSIN  
I'D LOVE TO HEAR  
ALL HE KNOWS  
ABOUT THE HIT ON  
FORTUNATO,  
BEN.

TELL HIM  
TO START  
TALKIN'  
NOW!

MEANWHILE...

FORTUNATO WAITS.

TO HIM TIME  
MEANS NOTHING.

ALL THAT MATTERS  
IS FAMILY AND...  
... POWER.

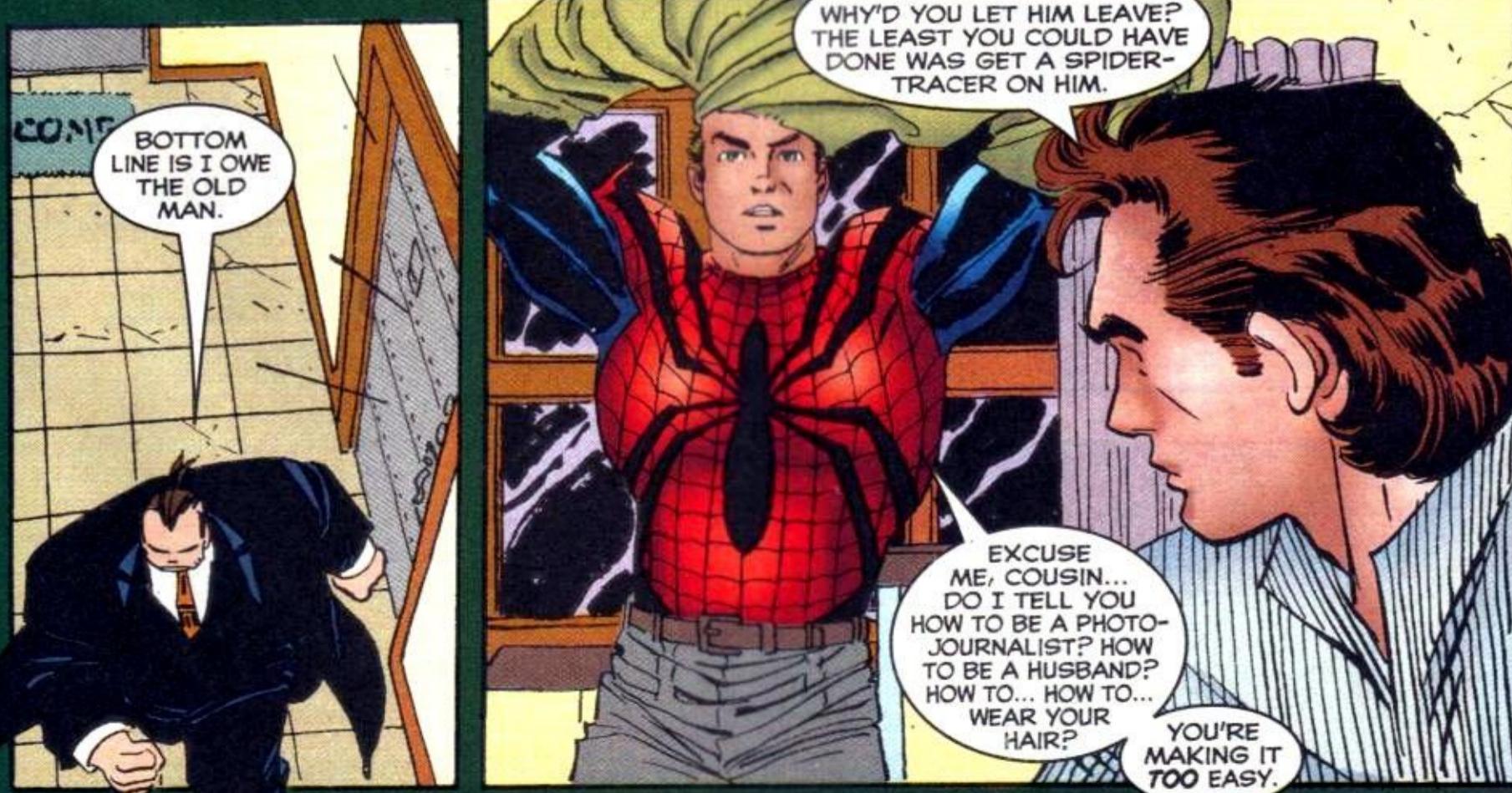
DOES ALL  
PROCEED AS  
PLANNED?

HE WILL STOP AT NOTHING  
TO PROTECT THE ONE...

... AND ATTAIN  
THE OTHER.

WE ARE  
ON SCHEDULE.  
THIS CITY WILL BE  
OURS WITHIN THE  
WEEK, BUT FIRST...

... I HAVE  
SOME PERSONAL  
BUSINESS TO  
WHICH I MUST  
ATTEND.

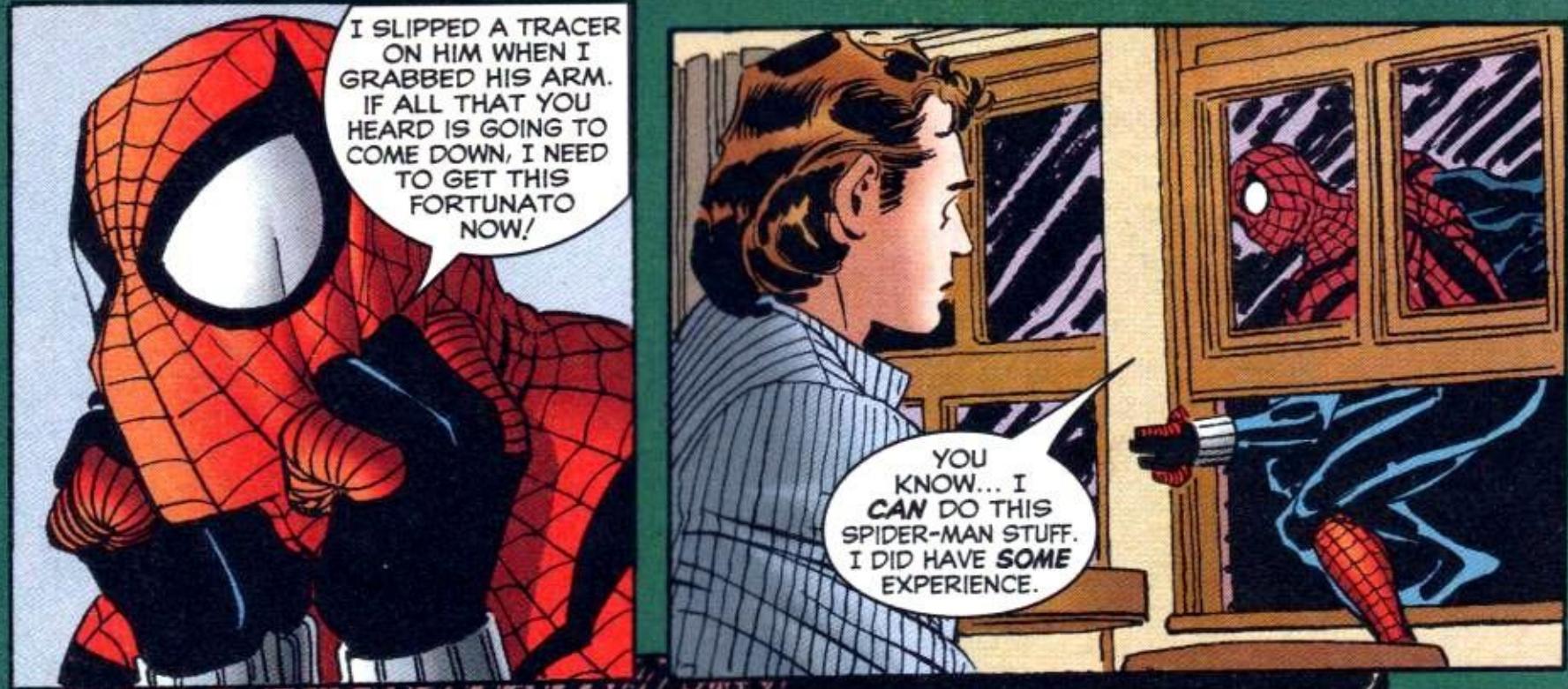


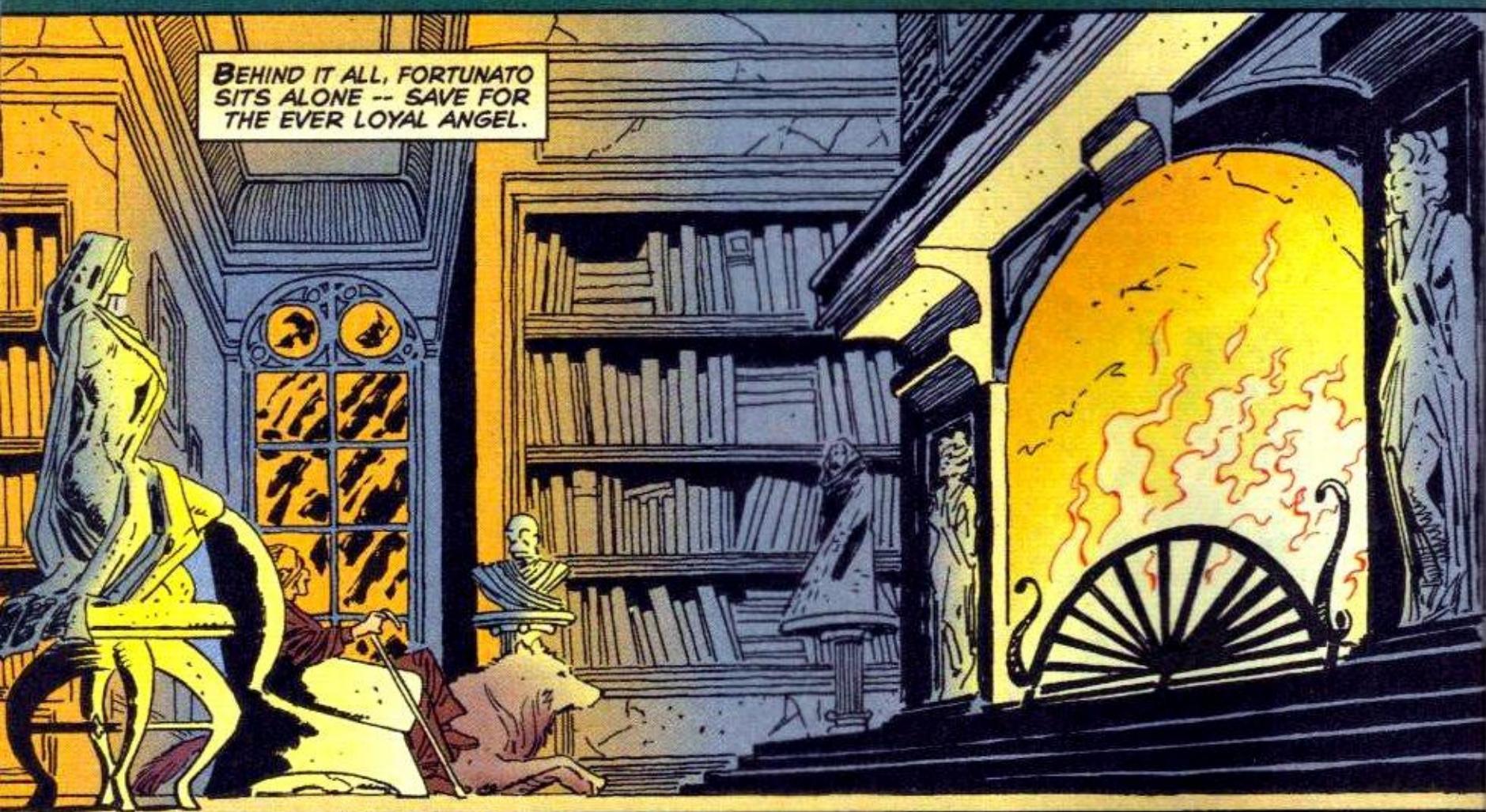
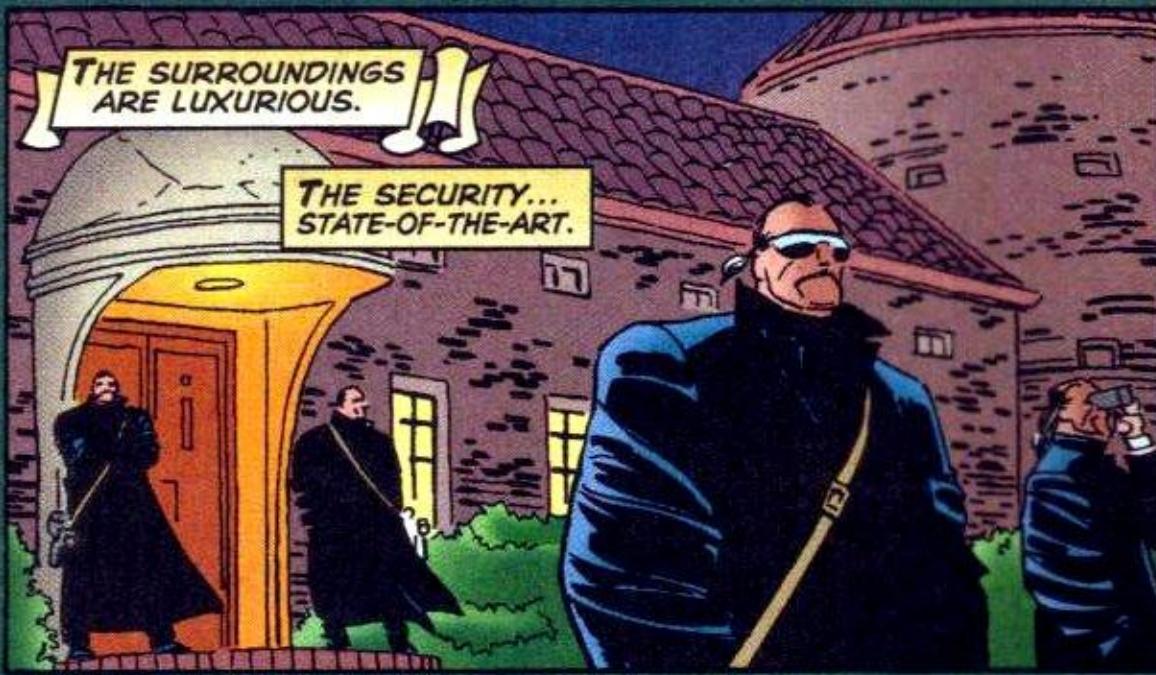
I SLIPPED A TRACER ON HIM WHEN I GRABBED HIS ARM. IF ALL THAT YOU HEARD IS GOING TO COME DOWN, I NEED TO GET THIS FORTUNATO NOW!

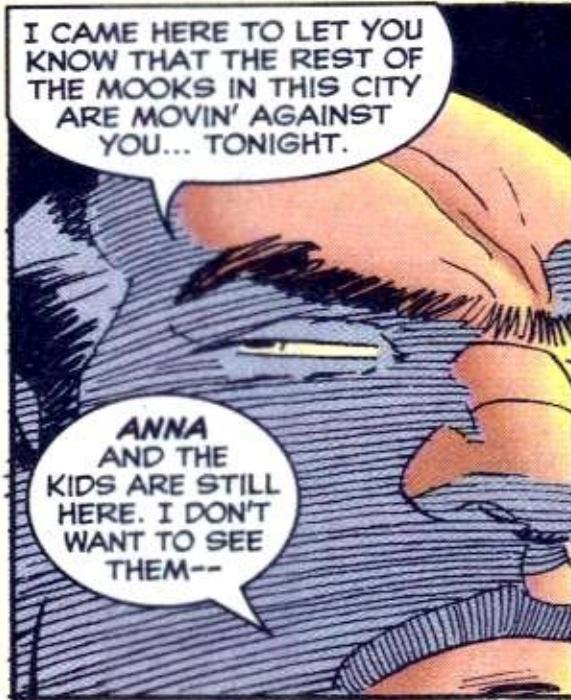
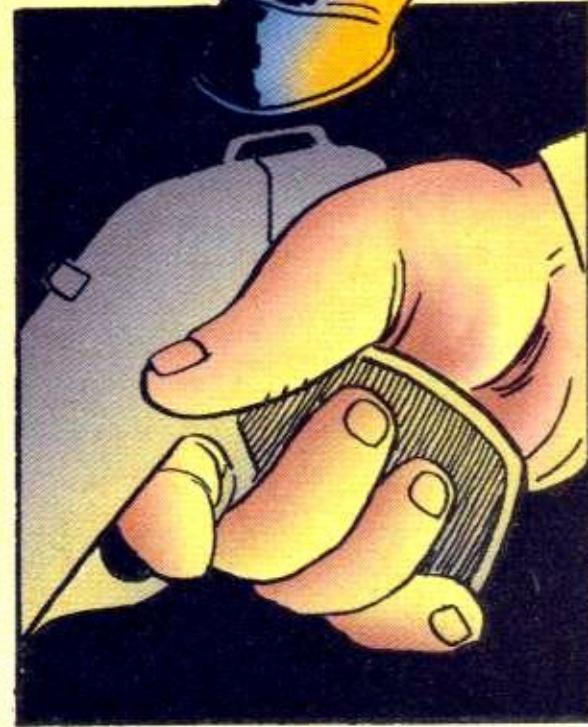
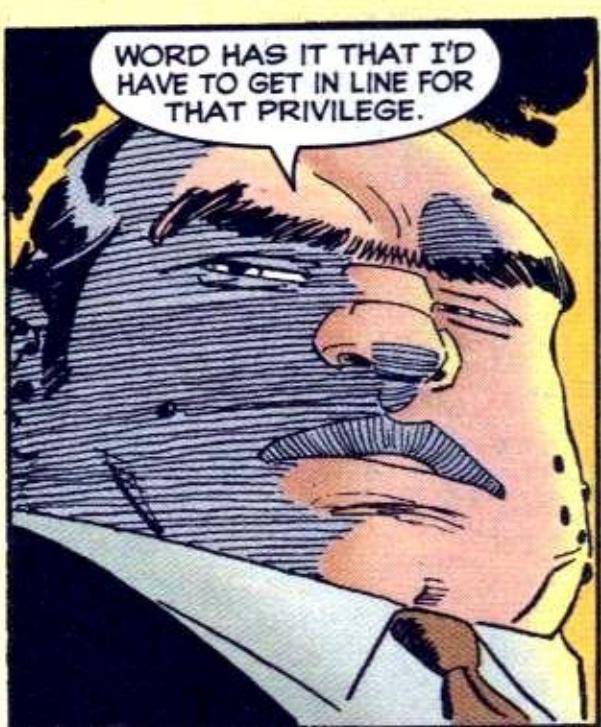
YOU KNOW... I CAN DO THIS SPIDER-MAN STUFF. I DID HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE.

I'D COME WITH YOU, BUT... MARY JANE AND I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT FOR LAMAZE CLASS AND...

GO BE A DADDY, PETER. I'VE GOT IT ALL UNDER CONTROL.







AT THAT  
MOMENT,  
OUTSIDE...

...A TRUCK GOES  
SPEEDING BY  
THE ESTATE...

... THE DRIVER UNAWARE OF  
THE UNINVITED PASSENGER  
WHO HAS BEEN CLINGING  
TO HIS ROOFTOP FOR THE  
PAST HALF MILE.

WITH A THOUGHT, THE  
COSTUMED STOWAWAY  
SPRINGS CLEAR OF  
THE TRUCK...

... AND SAILS ABOVE  
THE HEADS OF THE  
MEN WATCHING THE  
FRONT GATE.



HE LANDS  
WITHOUT  
A SOUND...

... AND  
HE IS IN.



THOSE WHO ARE GUARDING  
FORTUNATO CANNOT BE BLAMED  
FOR WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

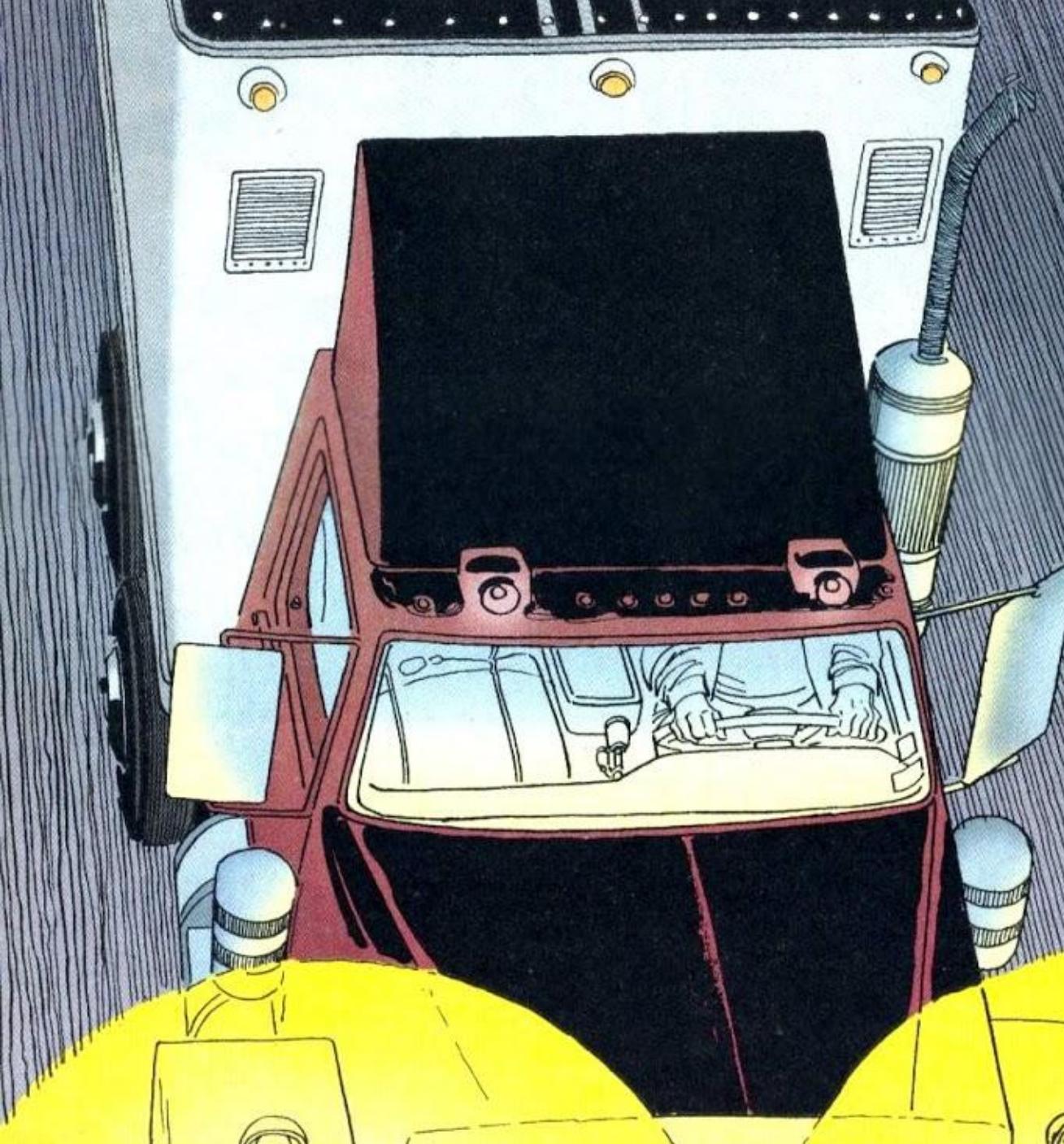
THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY PREPARED  
TO LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES AGAINST  
AN ARMY OF ARMED ASSAILANTS.



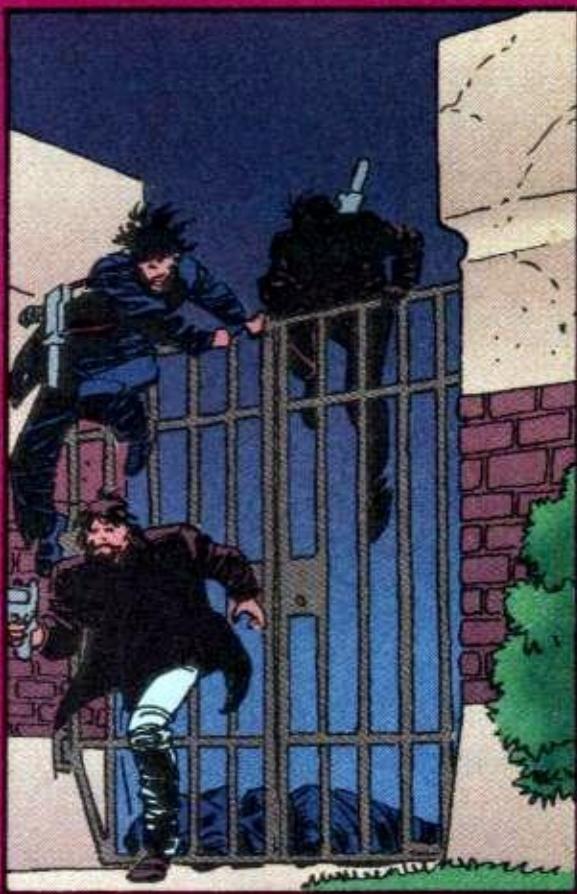
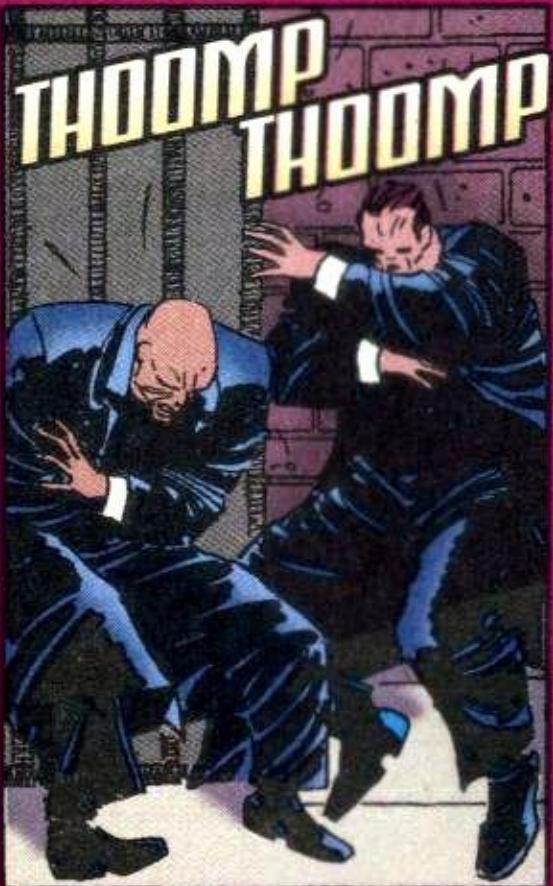
... NOT FOR THE  
STINGERS WHICH  
STEAL THEIR  
CONSCIOUSNESS  
EVEN BEFORE  
THEY HIT THE  
GROUND.

THEY WERE NOT  
PREPARED FOR...

... SPIDER-MAN.



WHEN THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN BEFORE SPIDER-MAN'S STEALTHY PENETRATION OF THE COMPOUND REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...



INSIDE...

YOU HAVE WASTED YOUR TIME, BOY!  
ANNA AND THE CHILDREN ARE  
NOT HERE.

FAMILY MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME!  
I WOULD NOT PLACE THEM IN  
HARM'S WAY.

DID YOU  
NOT THINK THAT  
I WAS AWARE OF  
WHAT IS TO HAPPEN  
HERE TONIGHT?  
WHEN WILL YOU  
LEARN THAT I KNOW ALL?

REALLY? QUICK... WHY  
IS THE SKY BLUE?

PUT THE  
GUN DOWN, BIG  
BOY! I'M NOT GOING  
TO LET YOU KILL THE  
OLD GEEZER, EVEN IF  
HE IS A STEREOTYPE  
OF AN ITALIAN  
MOBSTER!

KILL  
HIM?

I DIDN'T  
COME HERE TO  
KILL HIM.

AND I  
AM NOT  
ITALIAN!

BUT THIS  
UNEXPECTED  
INTRUSION  
IS OVER...

"...WE HAVE  
COMPANY,  
JIMMY."

WILL YOU  
LOOK AT  
THIS?

I GET PAID A TON OF MONEY  
BY THE HOODS TO LEAD  
THIS LITTLE PARTY AND  
TAKE OUT THE OLD  
MAN, BUT...

... I WOULD'VE  
DONE IT FOR **FREE**  
IF I KNEW **YOU** WERE  
GOING TO BE HERE,  
SPIDER-MAN.

IT'S  
GOING TO  
HAVE TO BE OUR  
LITTLE SECRET,  
BECAUSE I'M NOT  
GIVING ANY  
REFUNDS.

YOU WON'T TELL...  
WILL YOU, SPIDEY?

TOMBSTONE?

GOOD...

...BYE.

**BAMM BAMM BAMM BAMM BAMM**

GET  
DOWN, OLD  
MAN!

Huh?

I THOUGHT  
I WAS HERE TO  
BE THE HERO AND  
**YOU** WERE HERE  
TO BE THE  
BAD GUY!

YOU  
KNOW... IF  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
KEEP PLAYING WITH  
MY SENSE OF  
REALITY LIKE  
THIS...

YOU WAN'  
TO QUIT FLAPPIN'  
YOUR GUMS AND  
MAYBE DO SOME OF  
THE SUPER HERO  
GARBAGE,  
Huh?

Oh,  
THAT  
I CAN DO!

BUT...  
ON ONE  
CONDITION!

YOU  
CAN EXPLAIN  
TO ME WHY, IF  
YOU DIDN'T COME  
TO KILL FORTUNATO,  
EXACTLY WHAT YOU  
ARE DOING  
HERE!

NONE  
OF YOUR  
BUSINESS!

AND BE  
CAREFUL YOU  
DON'T WHACK  
THE DOG BY  
MISTAKE...

... THE  
OLD MAN  
WOULD HAVE  
A FIT!

Oh,  
C'MON,  
JIMMY!

I'M DYING  
TO KNOW...  
MAYBE  
LITERALLY!

YOU  
TELL ME  
WHAT I WANT  
TO KNOW  
AND I'LL...  
I'LL...



... SHOW  
YOU THE SECRET  
AVENGERS HAND-  
SHAKE!

NOT  
THAT IT  
WOULD DO  
YOU ANY  
GOOD RIGHT  
NOW!

BUT WHO  
KNOWS...  
MAYBE  
SOMEDAY?

MAN! THEY MUST  
REALLY WANT  
HIM DEAD!

IS THIS  
THE KIND OF  
THING I'M GOING TO  
REGRET SOMEWHERE  
DOWN THE  
LINE?

IS FORTUNATO  
GOING TO KEEP COMING  
BACK TO HAUNT ME FOR  
THE REST OF MY CAREER  
AS A FUNLOVIN' CRIME-  
BUSTER?

MORE  
THAN  
LIKELY!

C'MON, THEN...  
TELL ME WHY YOU  
SAVED HIS LIFE! I  
MEAN... HE WAS TRYING  
TO HAVE YOU KILLED, RIGHT?

NO,  
YOU'RE  
WRONG.

HE WANTED ME  
BACK WITH  
HIM.

HE'S MY  
FATHER.

YOUR  
WHAT?!

WHOA!

EXCUSE  
ME WHILE I  
ATTEND TO OUR  
PALE-SKINNED  
OPPONENT!

BUT HOLD  
WHATEVER  
THOUGHT YOU  
WERE GOING  
TO MAKE...

... I'D  
LOVE TO  
HEAR THE  
REST OF THIS  
LITTLE FAMILY  
SAGA!

STOW THE  
WISECRACKS  
AND STAND STILL,  
SPIDER-MAN.

I'LL BE  
DONE WITH  
YOU IN A  
MINUTE.

PARDON  
ME?

UNLESS I'M  
MISREMEMBERING...

...THE  
LAST TIME  
WE TANGLED,  
I CLEANED  
YOUR CLOCK!

LET ME  
TELL YOU  
SOMETHING...

AWN --  
SAVE  
IT!

KRAK



