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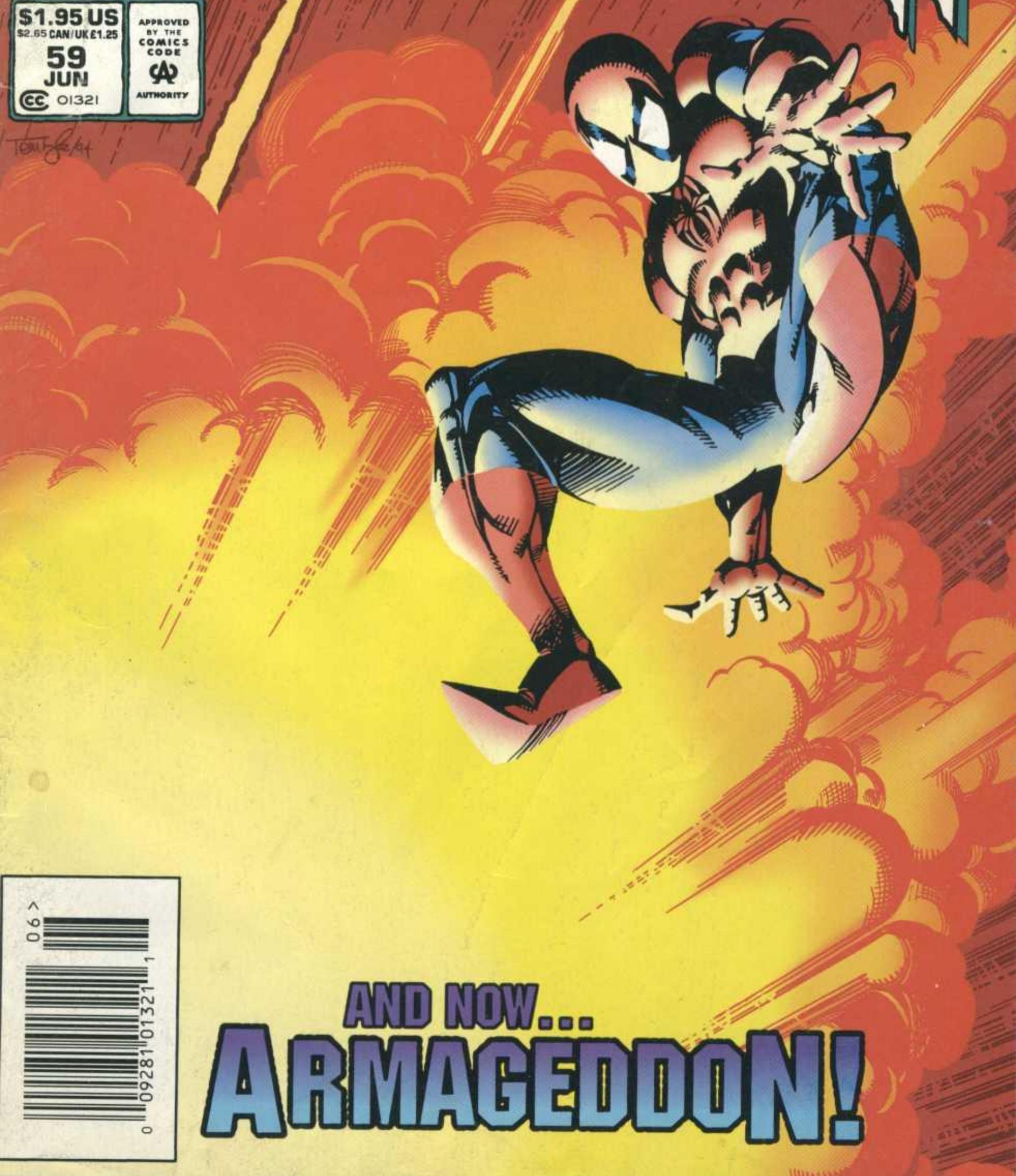


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AND NOW...
ARMAGEDDON!



TRAVELLER,
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE?

WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?!

SPIDER-MAN,
I ASSURE YOU
I HAVE DONE
NOTHING!

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THIS

IS ALL
YOUR
DOING!

I'M
SIMPLY
SHOWING
YOU YOUR
HANDI-
WORK.

THE WORDS OF JUDAS
TRAVELLER ECHO THROUGH
SPIDER-MAN'S MIND AS HE
TRIES TO COMPREHEND
THAT WHICH NO SANE MAN
COULD POSSIBLY COMPREHEND.

A CITY... HIS CITY...
LIES IN RUIN ALL
AROUND HIM.

THIS TIME IS
NOT NOW...

...BUT TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS FROM NOW.

TRAVELLER HAS MANAGED
TO BEND HIS AWESOME POWERS
TO TEAR THROUGH THE SPACE-
TIME CONTINUUM TO BRING
BOTH HE AND PETER PARKER
ONE DAY INTO THE FUTURE. *

INTO THIS PLACE OF THE
DEAD AND THE DYING.

OVER AND OVER AGAIN,
SPIDER-MAN TRIES TO
CONVINCE HIMSELF THAT
THIS IS A DREAM OR A
MASSIVE ILLUSION.

IT IS THE ONLY WAY
IN WHICH HE CAN HOLD
ON TO HIS SANITY.

STAN LEE PRESENTS
CROSSFIRE PART TWO

THE FUTURE IS NOW.

howard tom sam kevin
MACKIE LYLE DeLAROSA TINSLEY
WRITER BREAKDOWNS FINISHERS COLORIST
richard starkings danny bob
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LETTERING EDITOR EDITOR IN CHIEF
WOLFPACK with SALVADOR MANCHA
INTERIOR COLOR

*SEE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN
#402 FOR THE
DETAILS: Danny



YEAH...
LIKE IT'S ANY
MORE INSANE
THAN EVERYTHING
ELSE THAT'S BEEN
HAPPENING TO
ME LATELY!

MY
CLONE COMES
BACK FROM THE DEAD
JUST AS MARY JANE LETS
ME KNOW I'M GOING TO BE
A FATHER... THEN I'M
ARRESTED FOR A CRIME
HE SLIPPEDDLY
COMMITTED...

...KAIN SHOWS UP AND
KIDNAPS MJ... MORE CLONES...
THE JACKAL... MORE CLONES... THEN
THE SCARLET SPIDER SWITCHES
PLACES WITH ME SO I CAN BE WITH
MARY JANE... AND NOW... THIS.*

* HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ALONG FOR THE RIDE. - Danny

WELL...
CAN'T SAY
MY LIFE IS
BORING!

YES!

MARY
JANE'S ALIVE!
WHATEVER THIS
REALITY IS...
SHE'S
ALIVE!

WINDS
ARE TOO
STRONG... CAN
BARELY MANAGE
TO HOLD ON...
MUCH LESS
GET TO THE
BUILDING!

MARY JANE!

DO YOU
REALLY EXPECT
HER TO HEAR YOU
THROUGH THE
DIN OF THIS
WIND?

WHAT
THE--?

SHE LIVES. THEY
BOTH LIVE. YOU
WILL BECOME A
FATHER...

...BUT AT
THE COST OF
EVERYTHING AND
EVERYONE
ELSE.

AND IT WAS
YOUR CHOICE. IT
COULD HAVE BEEN
PREVENTED...
ALL OF IT...

...AND...

SNAP





THE STARES.

THE MAN WALKING INTO ONE POLICE PLAZA WONDERS IF HE WILL EVER GET USED TO THE STARES.

THESE ARE SELFISH AND PRIDEFUL THOUGHTS... AND THEY MUST BE PUSHED DOWN... FOR JACOB RAVEN HAS NEVER ALLOWED HIMSELF TO INDULGE IN THE SIN OF VANITY.

AND WHILE HIS SCARS ARE NEW... HIS WOUNDS STILL PAINFUL...

...EVEN MORE PAINFUL ARE THE DOUBTS THAT TEAR AT HIS SOUL.

HE WHO HAS NEVER DOUBTED BEFORE... HE WHOSE COURSE AND WHOSE AIM HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR...

...NOW DOUBTS.

HE PRAYS FOR THE STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE TO FIND THE TRUTH.

PRAYS THAT HE WILL BE FORGIVEN FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE.

CONN
TREVAN

KNOCK
KNOCK





MEANWHILE...

NO
MORE GAMES,
TRAVELLER!

YOUR
EXPERIMENT
ENDS
HERE.

AH, BUT
EVENTS HAVE
ALREADY BEEN
SET INTO
MOTION.

IF YOU
DO NOTHING...
YOU... YOUR WIFE...
YOUR LIVING CHILD...
ALL THAT YOU HOLD DEAR
WILL BE DESTROYED
ALONG WITH THIS
CITY AND ALL IT'S
INHABITANTS.

THOUGH
FOR YOU,
PERHAPS IT
WILL BE ALL
FOR THE
BEST.

MAYBE
YOU CAN
RESCUE MARY
JANE... GET AWAY
WITH HER IN TIME...
SAVE YOUR OWN
LIVES AND
THEN...

...BEN
REILLY, KAIN
THE JACKAL, ALL
THOSE WHO THREATEN
YOUR CURRENT
HAPPINESS WOULD
SIMPLY CEASE
TO BE.

PERHAPS...
DEEP DOWN
IN THE DARKEST
RECESSES OF YOUR
SOUL... THIS
IS WHAT YOU
DESIRE.
AND
ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO
FOR IT TO
COME TRUE
IS...
...NOTHING.



WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
HOW IS THIS
GOING TO
HAPPEN?

EVEN NOW, THOSE KNOWN AS MY HOST ARE SABOTAGING THE EXPERIMENTAL GEOTHERMAL HEATING STATION LOCATED IN THE EAST RIVER.

THE RESULTING EXPLOSION WILL REDUCE THIS CITY TO THE WASTELAND WHICH I INTRODUCED YOU TO EARLIER.

HOW COULD YOU DO THIS? WHY?

I AM DOING NOTHING. IT IS MY HOST.

STOP THEM.

I CANNOT. WHILE THEY SERVE ME... THEY ALSO SERVE A GREATER PURPOSE... MY EXPERIMENT. TO DISCOVER THE TRUE NATURE OF EVIL-- AND THUS DISCOVER THE TRUE NATURE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD.

WHAT PURPOSE WILL BE SERVED WITH THE DEATH OF MILLIONS?

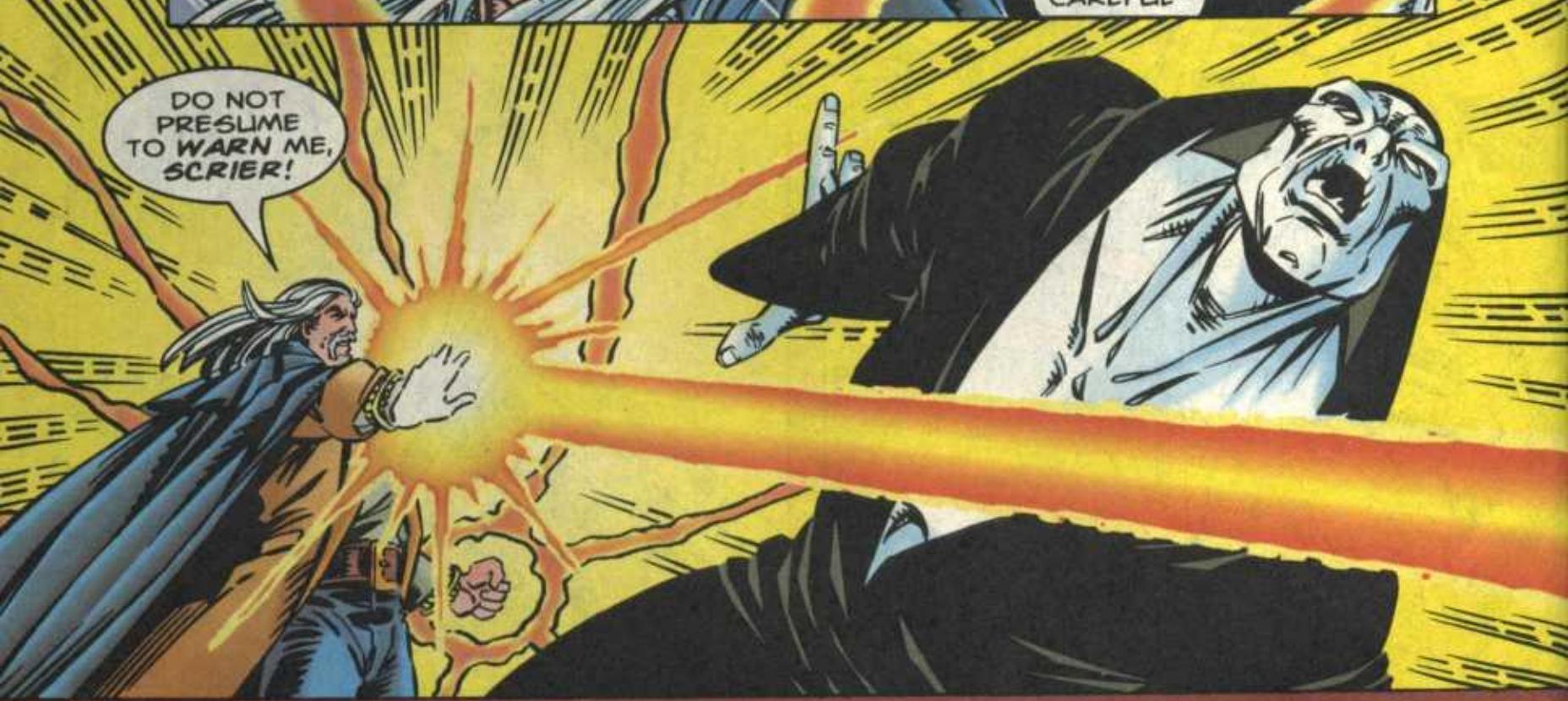
THAT IS YET TO BE SEEN.

I WILL STAY HERE AND KEEP SAFE THAT WHICH IS NEAREST AND DEAREST TO YOU. EVEN IF YOU FAIL... MARY JANE AND YOUR UNBORN WILL BE UNHARMED.

SO, IF ALL YOU DESIRE IS TO SEE THEM SAFE... YOU NEED DO NOTHING.

RIGHT. I HAVE TO SEE MARY JANE BEFORE I GO.

HURRY. THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME.





MARY JANE...

PETER?



THAT'S
RIGHT, BABE.
IT'S ME.

YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
FINE... EVERYTHING'S
GOING TO BE
FINE.

I'M SO
SORRY FOR ALL
THIS, MJ, BUT I'M
GOING TO MAKE
IT BETTER.

AND
THE BABY...
I'M SORRY FOR
ANYTHING MY
IRRADIATED
BLOOD MIGHT
DO TO THE
BABY.

I'M
SORRY.



PETER...

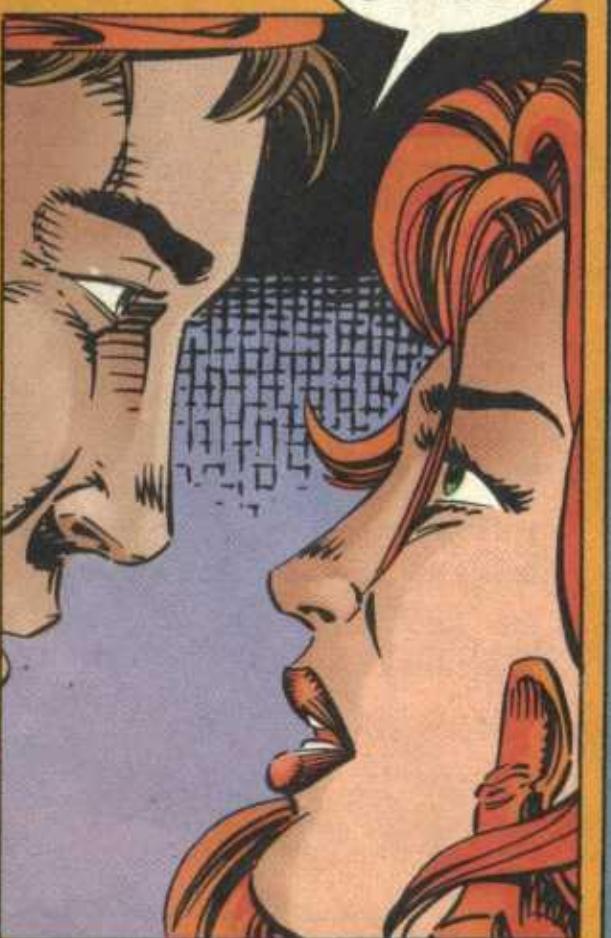
...WE'RE
TOGETHER.
WE'LL ALWAYS BE
TOGETHER. THAT'S
ALL THAT
MATTERS.

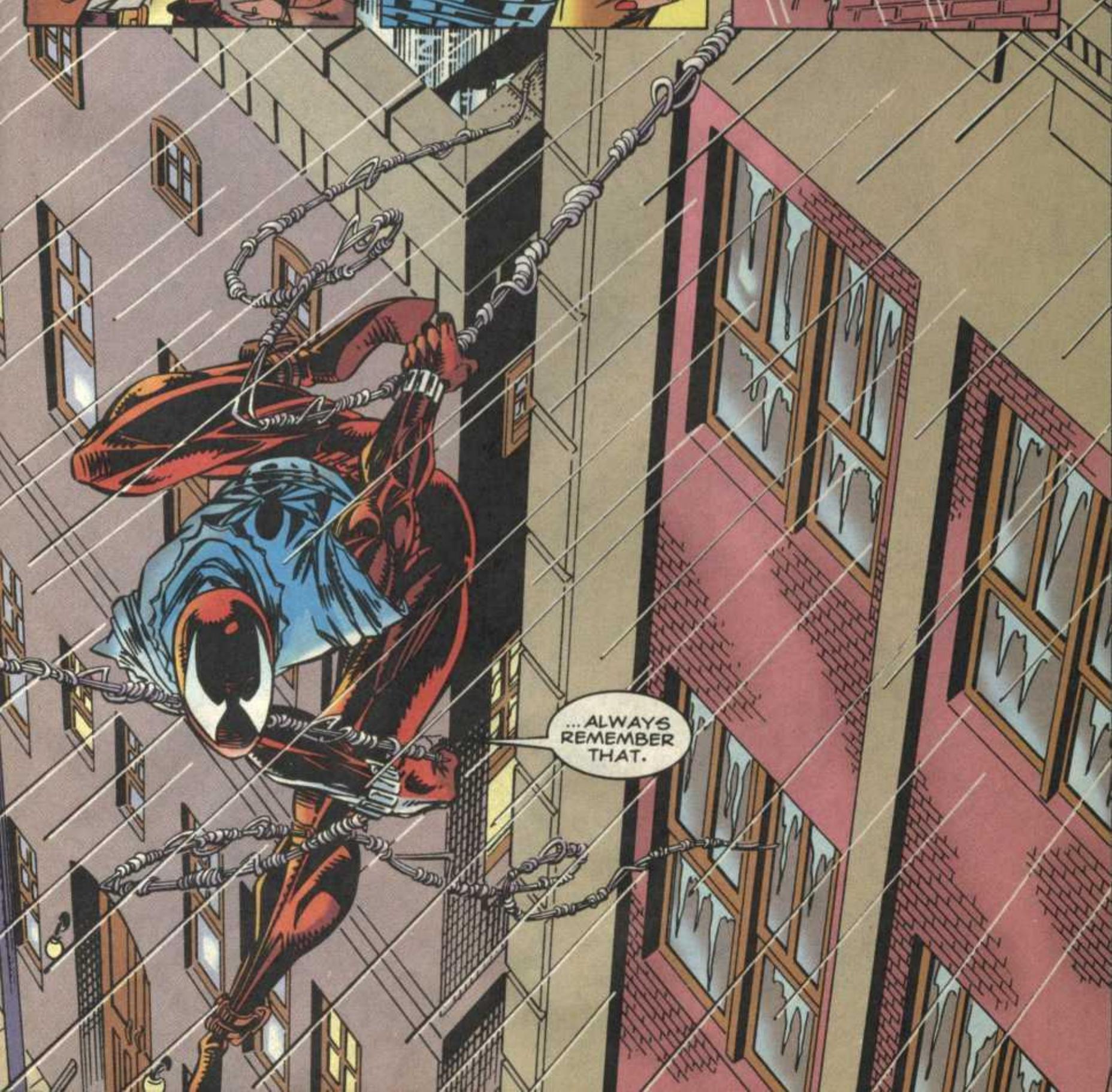
WE'LL
GET THROUGH
EVERYTHING.

WE
ALWAYS
DO.



I
LOVE YOU
SO MUCH.





A SHORT TIME
LATER...

THIS
IS THE
PLACE...

...AND
THERE'S
THE
HOST!

CHAKRA
HOVERING ABOVE THE
PLATFORM IN HER
ASTRAL FORM.

SHE'S
THE ONE I'M
GOING TO HAVE TO
TRY AND TAKE
OUT.

BUT, IN
ORDER TO
DO THAT...

...I'M GOING
TO HAVE TO GO
THROUGH MEDEA
AND BOONE.

AND WHAT
ABOUT THIS MR.
NACHT... WHAT
DOES HE DO?

FRIENDS...

...I
BELIEVE
WE HAVE
COMPANY.

WE
WANT CHAKRA
TO CONTINUE TO USE
HER ENERGIES TO TAP
INTO THE GEOTHERMAL
SYSTEM... OVERLOADING
IT FOR THE PREDICTED
RESULTS...

...I
SUGGEST YOU
ELIMINATE HIM.

ALREADY
ON IT,
NACHT.

OF
COURSE
YOU ARE.





IT APPEARS TO BE A TRANSPATIAL TIME VORTEX.

IT WAS NOT IN THE CALCULATIONS.

WHAT D'WE DO ABOUT IT?

THERE IS NOTHING TO DO.

I CALCULATE THAT THE VORTEX WILL COLLAPSE IN ON ITSELF WITHIN THE NEXT ELEVEN MINUTES.

THE RESULTING DESTRUCTIVE FORCE RELEASED...

...WILL BE FAR GREATER THAN WHAT WE HAD HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH HERE.

TRAVELLER.

WHAT...

...IS...

HAPPENINGS

THIS IS WHAT COMES OF PLAYING WITH FORCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, JUDAS.

THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM IS A DELICATE THING.

NOW YOU SEE IT WAS NOT SPIDER-MAN THAT CREATED THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS CITY... IT WAS YOU.

THE SOURCE OF ALL THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ONCE MORE COMES FROM YOU.



BUT
DO NOT
WORRY,
SPIDER-
MAN...

...THIS
BUILDING IS
STILL UNDER
THE PROTECTION
OF THE LAST
REMNANT OF
TRAVELLER'S
POWERS.

...YOU
AND YOUR
FAMILY
WILL BE
SAFE.

BUT
WHAT ABOUT
TRAVELLER... AND
THE REST OF
THE CITY?

Oh...
ONCE
TRAVELLER
IS ENGULFED
BY THIS
THING...

...HIS
PAST... HIS
FUTURE... HIS
PRESENT...

...WILL
BE NO
MORE.

"UNFORTUNATELY,
THE RESULTING
FORCE WILL STILL
LEVEL THIS CITY."

"THE FUTURE TO
WHICH TRAVELLER
BROUGHT YOU --
THE FUTURE HE
CAUSED -- WILL
COME TO BE..."

"... ALBEIT
WITHOUT
HIM ALIVE
THERE."

AND AS TRAVELLER
ENTERS THE VORTEX...

...THE FULL WEIGHT OF
HIS PAST FALLS UPON
HIM AND THREATENS TO
ENGLIF HIM.

MEMORIES LONG BURIED
IN THE DARKEST REGIONS
OF HIS SOUL ARE BROUGHT
TO LIGHT.

THROUGH THE AGES HE HAS
SOLIGHT OUT THE AGONY,
DEATH AND PAIN WHICH MAN
HAS INFILCTED ON MAN...

...AND SOLIGHT TO
UNDERSTAND THE
EVIL WHICH DRIVES IT.

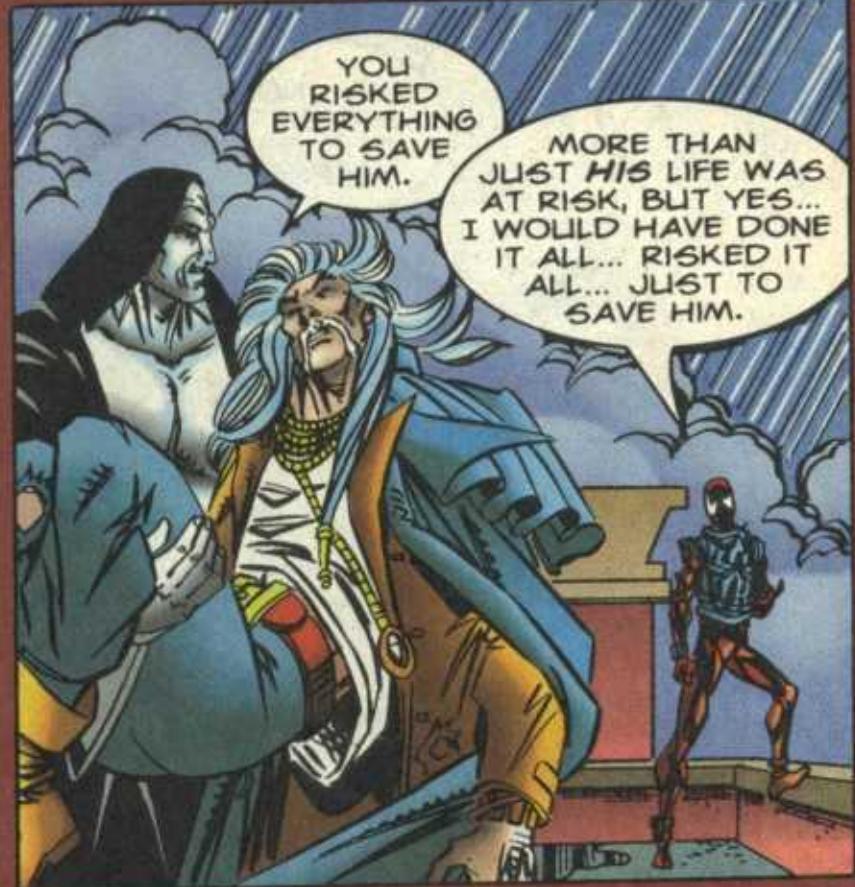
TO LOOK EVIL IN THE FACE...
TO BECOME ONE WITH IT...
TO KNOW IT BETTER THAN
HE KNOWS HIMSELF.

THAT HAS BEEN
TRAVELLER'S
QUEST.

AND NOW HIS
EXPERIMENT
THREATENS TO
DESTROY HIM.

UNTIL...





NEXT

THE TRIAL OF PETER PARKER
AND THE SECRET OF Kaine