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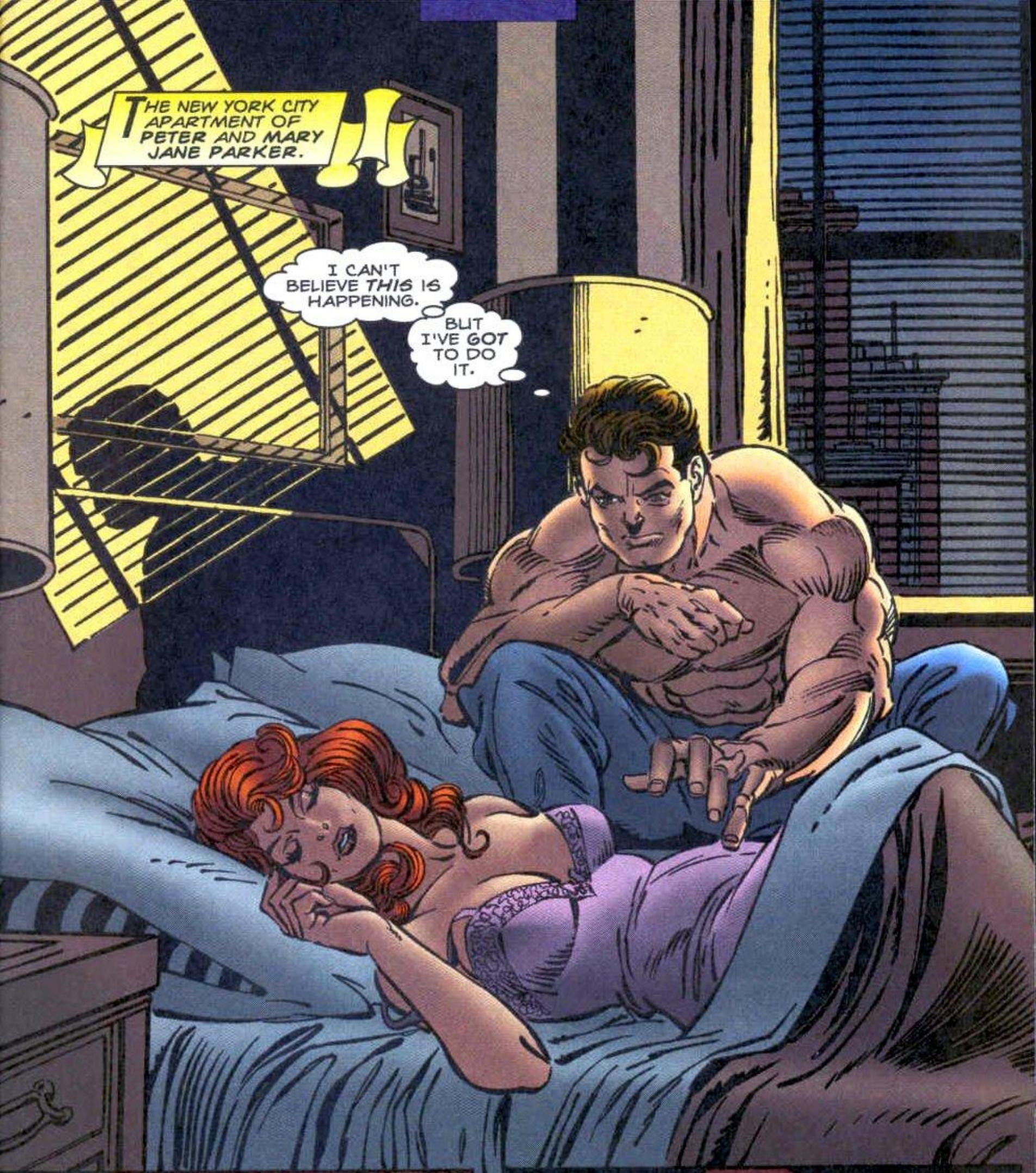
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THE NEW YORK CITY
APARTMENT OF
PETER AND MARY
JANE PARKER.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THIS IS
HAPPENING.

BUT
I'VE GOT
TO DO
IT.



I
JUST...

...CAN'T... ...HELP...





SEE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #406. - Rob



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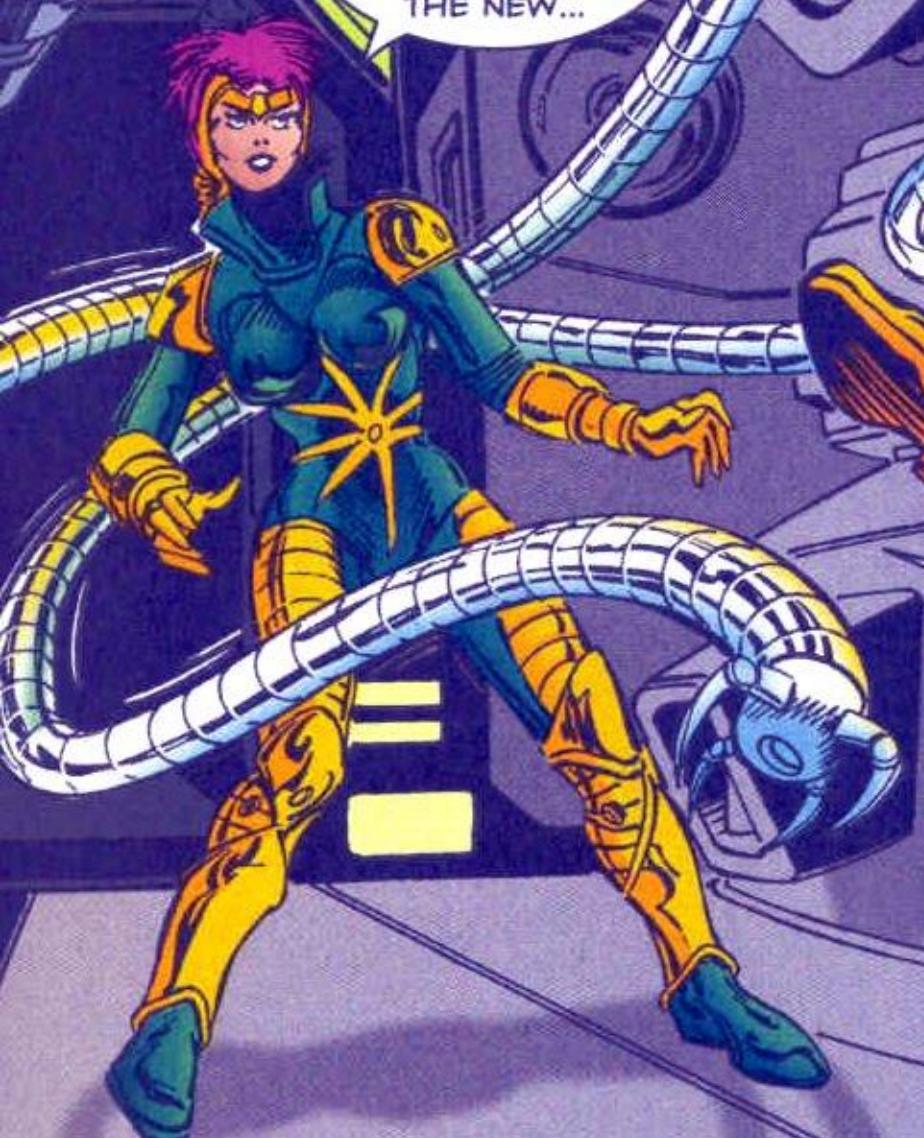
Oh, IT IS HAPPENING...
TELL HIM... DADDY!

OR DO
YOU PREFER
ME TO CALL YOU
PROFESSOR
SEWARD
TRAINER?!!

CAROLYN...
DON'T --

NO,
NO, NO, NO,
DADDY!

I CALLED
YOU BY YOUR
FULL TITLE AND
NAME. PLEASE DO
THE SAME FOR ME
AND CALL ME
THE NEW...



DOCTOR OCTOPUS!

LOOK, I DON'T
KNOW WHY YOU
SUDDENLY BLUSTED
INTO SEWARD'S
LAB...

...BUT
YOU'D BETTER
NOT HURT
HIM!

LET ME
GUESS... HE'S
BEEN LIKE A
FATHER TO
YOU?

YES...
THAT'S
RIGHT.

THAT'S
NICE... SWEET
EVEN.

LIKE A
FATHER TO
YOU.

WHAM

TOO
BAD YOU
WERE NEVER
LIKE A FATHER
TO ME...
DADDY!



BESIDES,
I'M NOT HERE TO
REHASH FAMILY
MEMORIES.

MY ONLY
INTEREST IN
YOU IS THE WORK
YOU'VE DONE ON
NAVIGATING
CYBERSPACE.

GIVE ME
ACCESS TO
ALL YOUR
EXPERIMENTS AND
YOU'LL NEVER
HAVE TO SEE ME
AGAIN.

AND I'M
SURE NEITHER
OF YOU WILL SHED
TOO MANY TEARS
OVER THAT.

NO,
CAROLYN, I
WON'T TURN OVER
ANY OF MY
RESEARCH
TO YOU!

THEN
I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
TAKE IT.

I'M
NOT AFRAID,
CAROLYN.

STOP
CALLING ME
THAT. MY NAME
IS DOCTOR
OCTOPUS!

HOW
CLEVER. AND
DID YOU COME BY
THOSE MECHANICAL
ARMS IN THE SAME PLACE
THAT YOU CAME BY
THIS NEW VIOLENT
BEHAVIOR?

HOW DARE YOU TALK DOWN TO ME!

YOU KNOW I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO BACK OFF THERE, SEWARD... I THOUGHT IT MIGHT TICK HER OFF.

THE ARMS, DADDY... YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THEM?

I'M THE PRODUCT OF YOUR GENES, FATHER. MY PENCHANT FOR LEARNING, MY INTEREST IN SCIENCE, CAME FROM YOU!

BUT YOU WOULDN'T BE MY TEACHER... WOULDN'T REVEAL YOUR SECRETS --

THERE ARE NO SECRETS, CAROLYN. YOU'RE INSANE IF YOU THINK --

THERE YOU GO AGAIN! WHERE'S THE CALM AND REASONABLE SEWARD I KNOW AND LOVE?





MEANWHILE...

I HAVEN'T FELT THIS GOOD IN FOREVER!

THIS IS THE LIFE!

A GORGEOUS WIFE WAITING FOR ME AT HOME...

... WHILE I HAVE A RELAXING NIGHT ON THE TOWN.

"EVEN HAD TIME TO MAKE A QUICK STOP BY THE BANK TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS."

THE WOMAN SAID THERE WERE THREE OF THEM TRYING TO RIP HER OFF AT THE CASH MACHINE.

... SHE TURNED TO FACE THE MACHINE... TO WITHDRAW SOME MONEY...

... THE NEXT SHE KNEW THIS ONE WAS STUCK UP AGAINST THE WALL...

... AND HIS PARTNER WAS HANGING FROM THE STREET LIGHT.

"SHE DIDN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE THIRD GUY. GUESS HE GOT AWAY."

I DON'T
CARE WHO,
OR WHAT,
I AM...

THIS IS
WHAT I WAS
MEANT TO
DO!

THAT
I KNOW
FOR
SURE.

WHAT'S
THIS?

PERHAPS
THE FEARLESS
BOYS IN BLUE
WOLLDN'T MIND
A HAND FROM
THEIR FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPIDER --

WHAT
THE --?

SPIDER
SENSES
ARE GOING
WILD.

SOME-
THING BIG
IS GOING
DOWN.

AND
SLUDDENLY,
ALL I CAN
THINK OF IS
BEN!

WHY
IS
THAT?

AT THAT
MOMENT...

HOPE
YOU DON'T
HAVE A PROBLEM
WITH HEIGHTS,
SEWARD...
...BUT,
PROPORTIONATE
STRENGTH OF A SPIDER
NOTWITHSTANDING, I'VE
GOT TO TAKE A BREATHER
WHILE I FIGURE OUT
IF WE LOST
DOC OCK.

AND
SPEAKING OF
YOUR DARLING
LITTLE GIRL...

WHAT IS HER
PROBLEM?

BEN,
THIS MAY
SOUND
CLIQUE,
BUT...

...I DON'T
THINK THIS IS
THE TIME OR PLACE
TO DISCUSS MY
FAMILY
HISTORY.

JUST
TRYING TO
MAKE SOME
CONVERS--
AAAAY!

HOLD
ON TO YOUR
LUNCH,
SEWARD...

...MY
SPIDER-SENSE
TELLS ME YOU
MAY BE
RIGHT.

I THINK
THE DAUGHTER
FROM HELL IS
ON OUR
TAILS!

F
W
B
A
R

NO OFFENSE, BUT YOUR DAUGHTER HAS GOT A SERIOUS ATTITUDE PROBLEM.

BEN, WHAT'S WITH ALL THE WISECRACKS? I'VE NEVER HEARD YOU LIKE THIS BEFORE.

GUESS I'M JUST TRYING TO PICK UP MY LIFE WHERE I LOST IT FIVE YEARS AGO.

SORRY.

HELLO THERE.

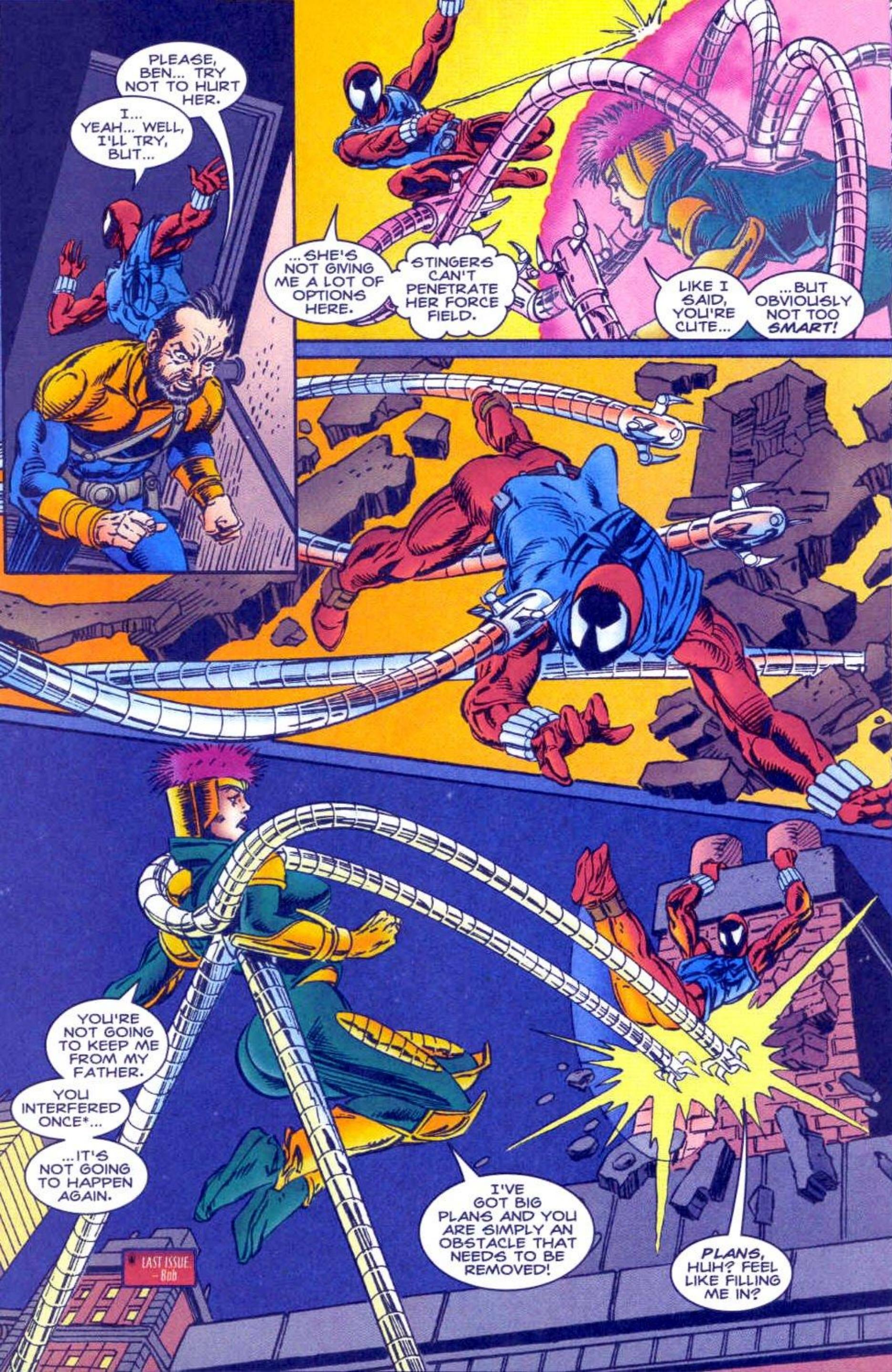
SCARLET... IS THAT THE NAME? I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU... YOU ARE GOOD! BETTER THAN I THOUGHT YOU'D BE.

AND YOU FILL OUT THOSE TIGHTS REAL NICE!

BUT YOU'RE STARTING TO ANNOY ME.

SEWARD... GO!

I'LL KEEP HER BUSY FOR A WHILE! I THINK SHE LIKES ME!



EAST ISSUE
- Bob

BOY! YOU
MUST WATCH
TOO MUCH TELEVISION!
YOU THINK JUST BECAUSE
I'M ABOUT TO KILL
YOU I'M GOING TO
TELL YOU
EVERYTHING?

GROW
UP!

WHAT...?
WHO ARE --

THE NAME
IS SPIDER-MAN!
MAYBE YOU'VE
HEARD OF
ME?

YOU'RE
AN EASY MAN
TO FIND. SIMPLY
HAVE TO FOLLOW
THE COP CARS...
AND THERE YOU
ARE!

SEWARD'S IN
POLICE CUSTODY...
I TOLD THEM YOU
AND I WOULD
HANDLE THINGS
HERE.

SO
WHAT'S THE
PLAN?

I'M THE
GLUY WHO DOESN'T
TAKE KINDLY TO
PEOPLE IMPERSONATING
A PAST ENEMY OF
MINE AND THEN
TRYING TO KILL
A FRIEND!

I WAS
THINKING
MAYBE...
STAYING
ALIVE?

GOOD
PLAN!

GOT BEN CLEAR, BUT HER TENTACLES ARE STRIKING IN A HIGH-SPEED RANDOM PATTERN. I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO AVOID THEM FOR LONG --

JGH!

HEAD IS SPINNING... BLACKING OUT...

NOT SO FAST, SPIDER-MAN --

HOLPH!

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

LET HIM GO!

CARE TO REPHRASE THAT?

I MEAN...

FORGET IT. HERE'S THE DEAL. MY FATHER FOR YOUR TWIN HERE.

GOT TO GET THROUGH HER FORCE FIELD! SHE'S MOVING WITHIN IT... THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY THROUGH IT!

NOW... NOW! DON'T TAKE TOO LONG... OR I MIGHT JUST SNAP HIS NECK BY ACCIDENT!

WON'T BARGAIN WITH HER, BUT...



"I'VE GOT
TO FIND
A WAY
TO SAVE
PETER!"

STILL
TOO WEAK
FROM THE BLOW
TO MY HEAD...
TENTACLES ARE
SO TIGHT...

CAN'T...
BREATHE.

NOT
GOING TO
GIVE UP...NOT
GOING TO
DIE.

WHAT
WILL HAPPEN
TO MARY JANE
AND THE
BABY?

TOO
MUCH TO
LIVE FOR.

GOT
TO FIGHT!

GOT
TO
LIVE!



SHE'S
NOT GOING
TO GIVE ME ANY
TIME TO THINK...
GOT TO DO
SOMETHING...
NOW!

AREN'T
YOU
FORGETTING
SOMETHING?
LIKE MY
TENTACLES?

YOUR
TENTACLES?

ETHWIP
ETHWIP

YES! YOUR
TENTACLES!

YOU
THINK YOUR
WEBBING IS GOING
TO STOP ME? DOES
IT LOOK LIKE I DIDN'T
LEARN FROM MY
PREDECESSOR'S
MISTAKES?

THESE
ARE STATE-OF-
THE-ART MECHANICAL
CONSTRUCTS. YOUR
WEBBING
ISN'T STRONG
ENOUGH.

WHAT? IT'S
MOVING UP THE
TENTACLE?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

IN CASE
YOU HADN'T
NOTICED, THAT
AIN'T YOUR RUN-
OF-THE-MILL
WEBBING!

I CALL
IT IMPACT
WEBBING. IT
LIKES TO MOVE
ALONG ON IMPACT
AND SEEK THE
PATH OF LEAST
RESISTANCE.

SO, YOU
FIGURED MY
FORCE FIELD COULD
BE PENETRATED
ALONG ONE OF MY
TENTACLES? SLOW
AND SURE,
huh?

NOT
ONLY CLUE,
BUT BRIGHT
AS WELL!
BRIGHT
ENOUGH.



GOT
TO PUSH-OFF
HARD!

SO THE
EXTRA
MOMENTUM
ALLOWS
ME --

-- TO
CATCH
UP --

-- AND
**CATCH
HIM!**

HOLD
ON... YOU
GOT THE LAST
ONE... THIS
SAVE IS ON
ME!

YOU
KNOW SHE'S
GETTING
AWAY...

I'LL
LEARN
TO LIVE
WITH
IT...
...FOR
NOW.





TO BE CONCLUDED IN
SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #229 --
A GIANT-SIZED EPIC THAT
MARKS THE END OF AN ERA AND
THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ONE!