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The Bite of the
Black Tarantula
is always--
FATAL!



<LEADERLESS SINCE THE FALL OF WILSON FISK, THE NEW YORK UNDERWORLD HAS RECENTLY CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE MAN KNOWN AS FORTUNATO. >

<BUT HIS RULE DOES NOT GO UNQUESTIONED. >

<IT IS WHISPERED THAT HIS OWN LIEUTENANTS MEN LIKE THE ROSE -- SECRETLY WORK TOWARD HIS RUIN. >

SEE SPIDER-MAN #74 FOR DETAILS - Losa Ralf-Stra

<WHILE OTHERS -- SUCH AS HAMMERHEAD -- OPENLY OPPOSE HIM. >

<THE RECENT LOSS OF SO MANY OF ITS COSTUMED DEFENDERS ALSO LEAVES THIS CITY QUITE VULNERABLE, MASTER. >

<OPPORTUNITY OFTEN FLOATS WITHIN THE SEA OF CHAOS, CHESBRO. >

<BUT I SEEK MORE THAN MERE ADDITIONAL WEALTH IN THIS DISTANT CITY. >

<MUCH MORE. >

<PERHAPS, IT IS FATE ITSELF WHICH DECREES THAT THE BLACK TARANTULA SHOULD NOW EXTEND HIS DOMAIN INTO THIS MOST LUCRATIVE MARKET. >

STAN LEE
PRESENTS
THE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN

BEWARE THE BLACK TARANTULA!

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YOU JUST
GOTTA LOVE A
GUY LIKE BEN
URICH.

THANKS
TO HIM TELLING
ME TO MAKE MYSELF
SCARCE, I LEARNED
A NEW USE FOR
MY SPIDER-
SENSE.

NOT
ONLY DOES
IT WARN ME OF
DANGER --

-- IT'S ALSO
REAL HANDY
FOR AVOIDING
PIGEONS AND THEIR
PLAYFUL LITTLE
PRESENTS.

WONDER HOW BEN WOULD REACT IF HE KNEW I HAD A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF HIS SECRET RENDEZVOUS WITH STOOLIES 'R' US.

UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T HEAR A WORD THEY'RE SAYING...

I CAN BANK ON THIS TIP?

YOU KIDDIN', URICH? I'M RISKIN' MY LIFE HERE. IF THE ROSE EVER LEARNS I SPARKED HIS DEAL --!

A MILLION DOLLARS IN SMUGGLED EMERALDS?

WHO'S THE SELLER?

NEW GUY TO THESE PARTS.

CALLS HIMSELF THE BLACK TARANTULA.

HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MAJOR PLAYER ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

NEVER HEARD OF HIM!

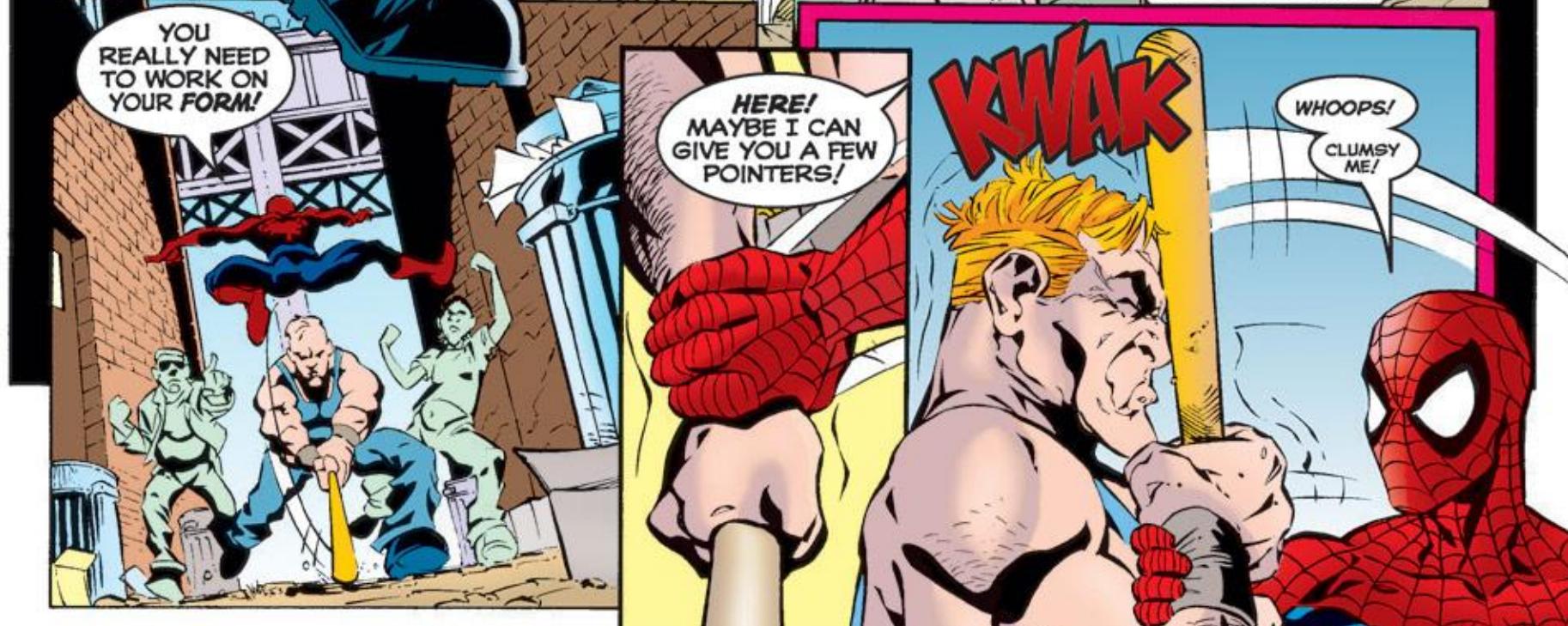
YOU'RE A REPORTER. DO THE RESEARCH!

Uh-Oh! MEETING'S OVER!

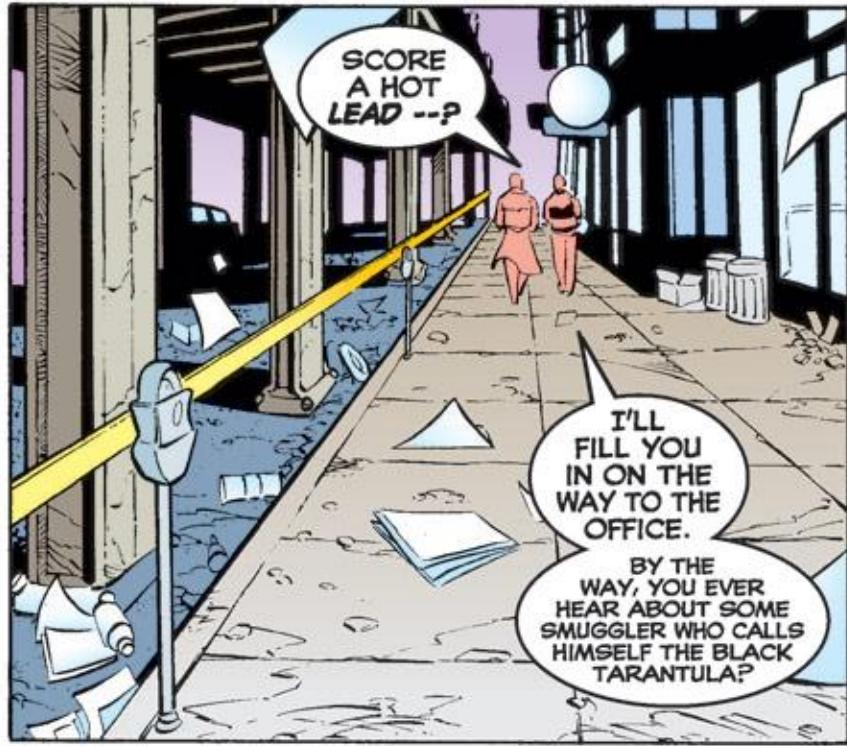
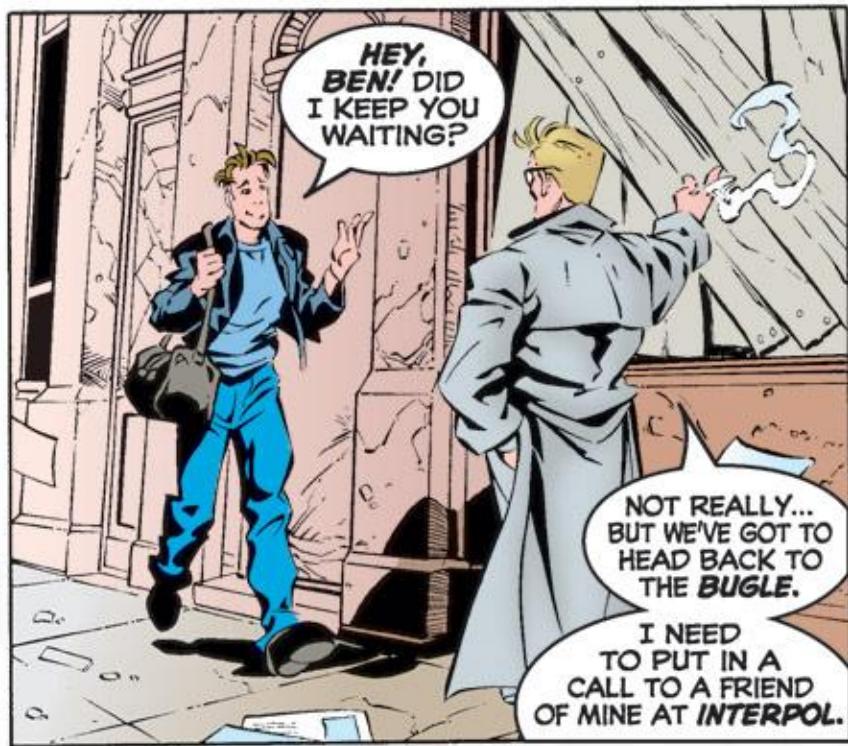
TIME FOR ME TO SWITCH BACK INTO MY CIVVIES --

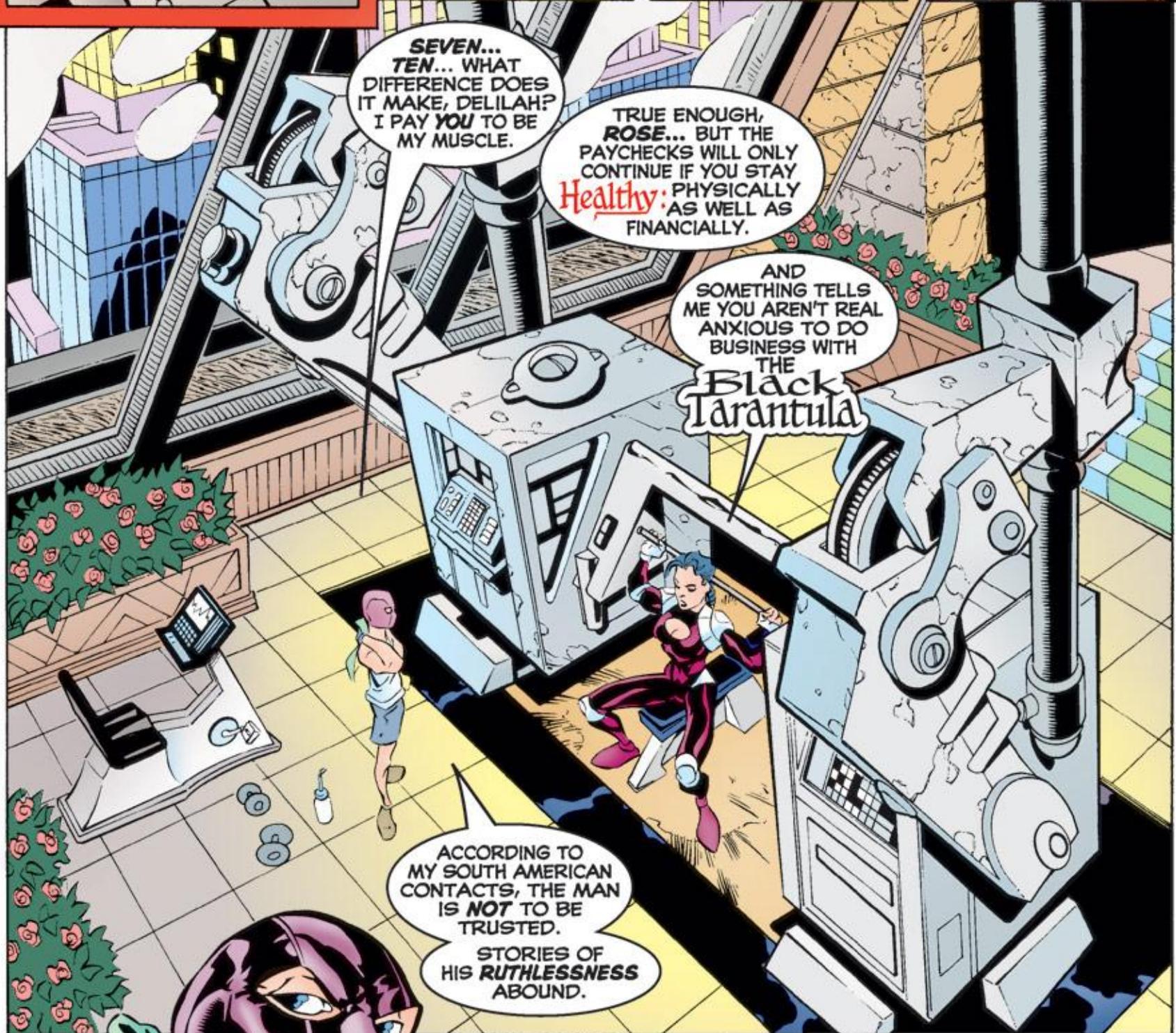
-- AND MAKE THE SCENE AS PETER PARKER, BOY PHOTOGRAPHER!



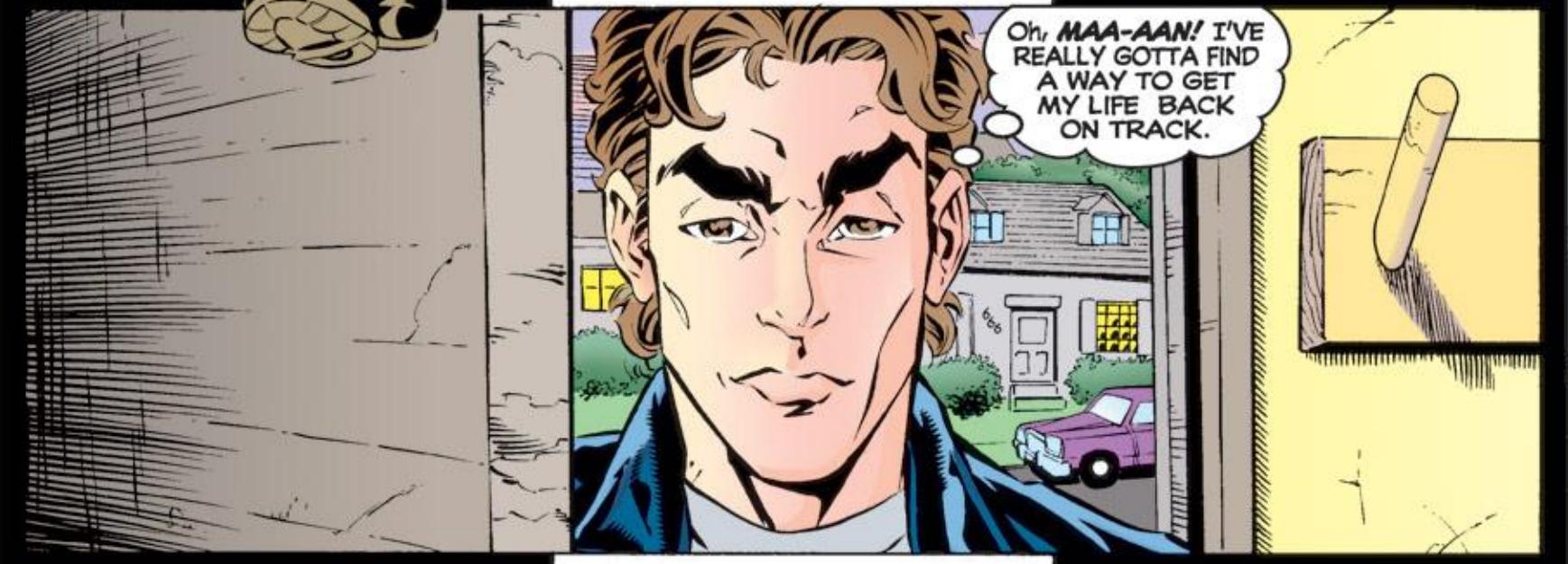
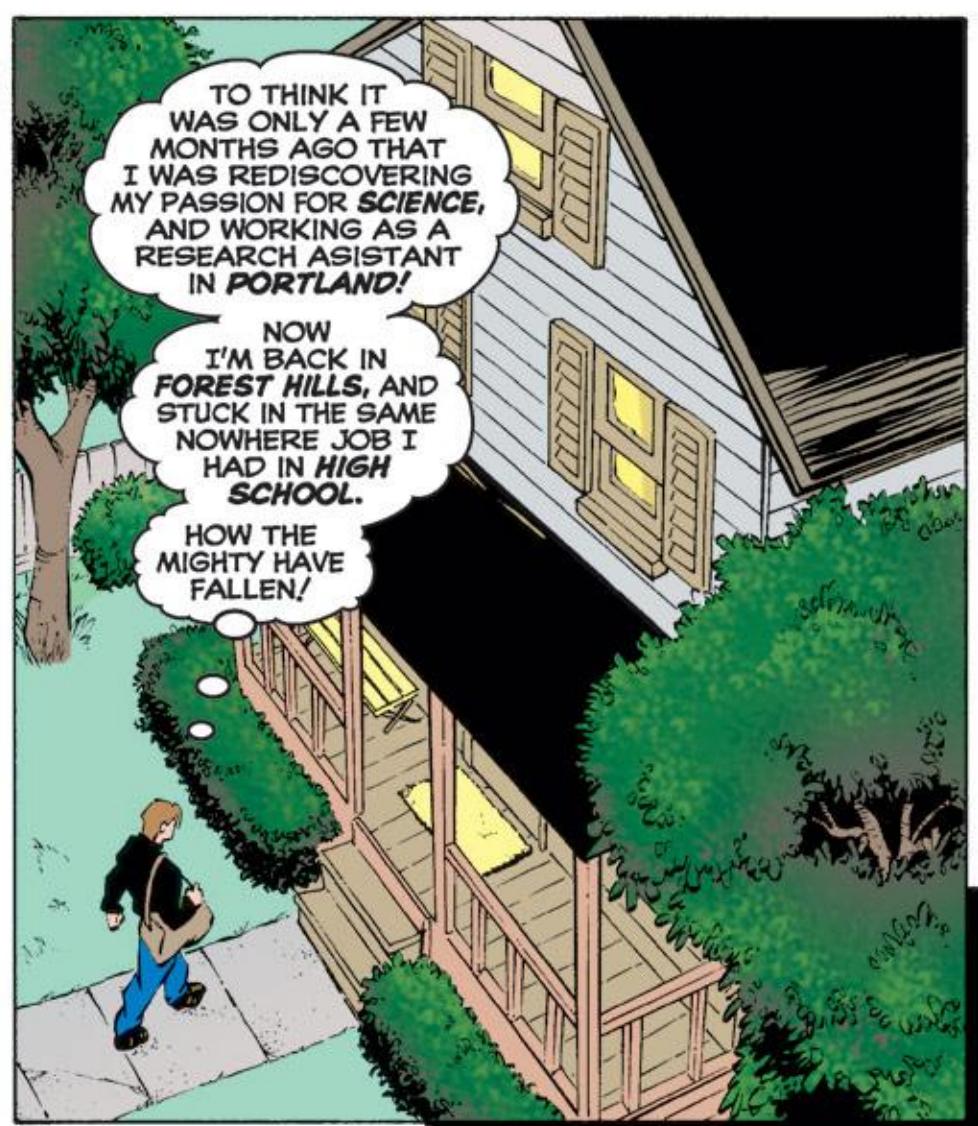


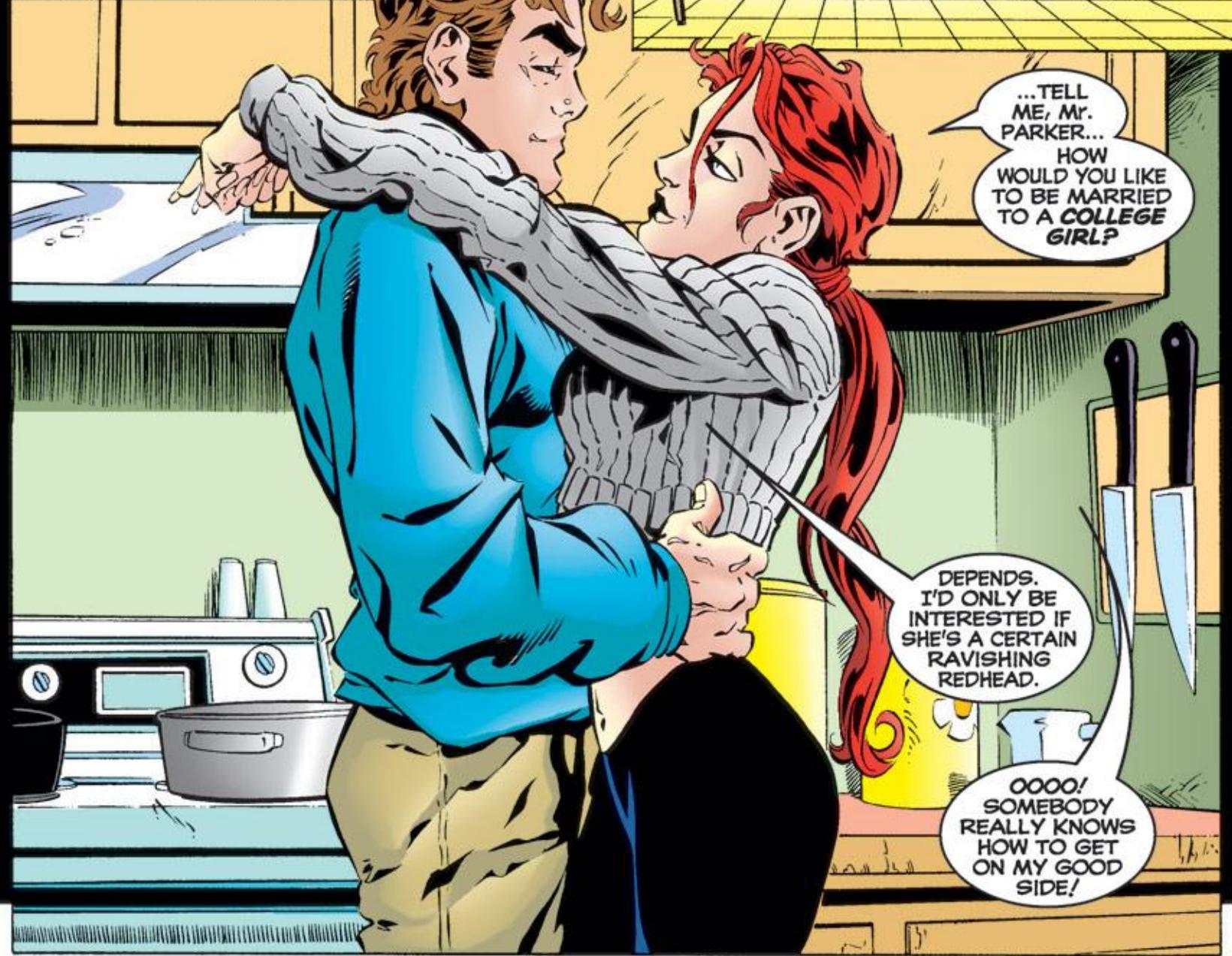


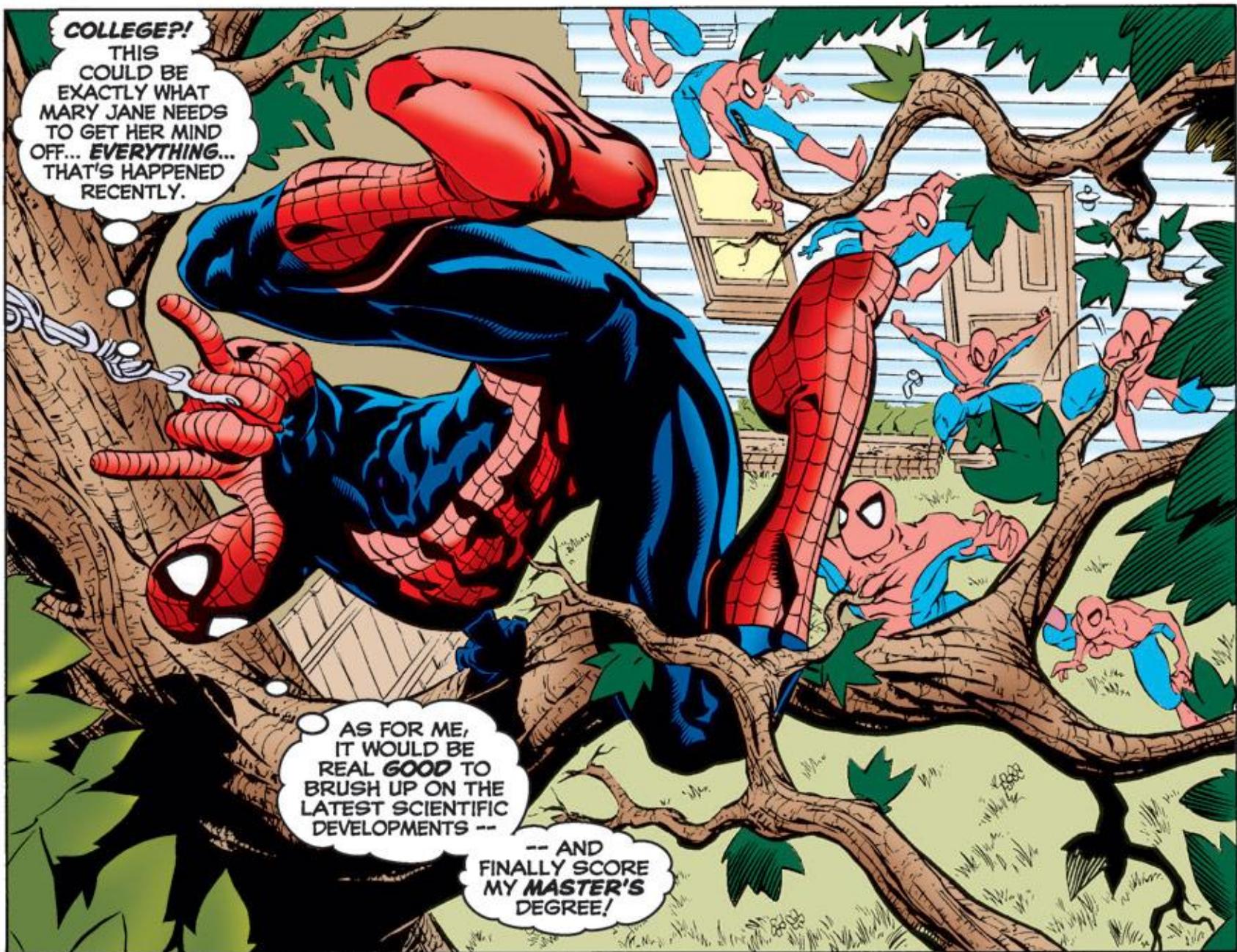


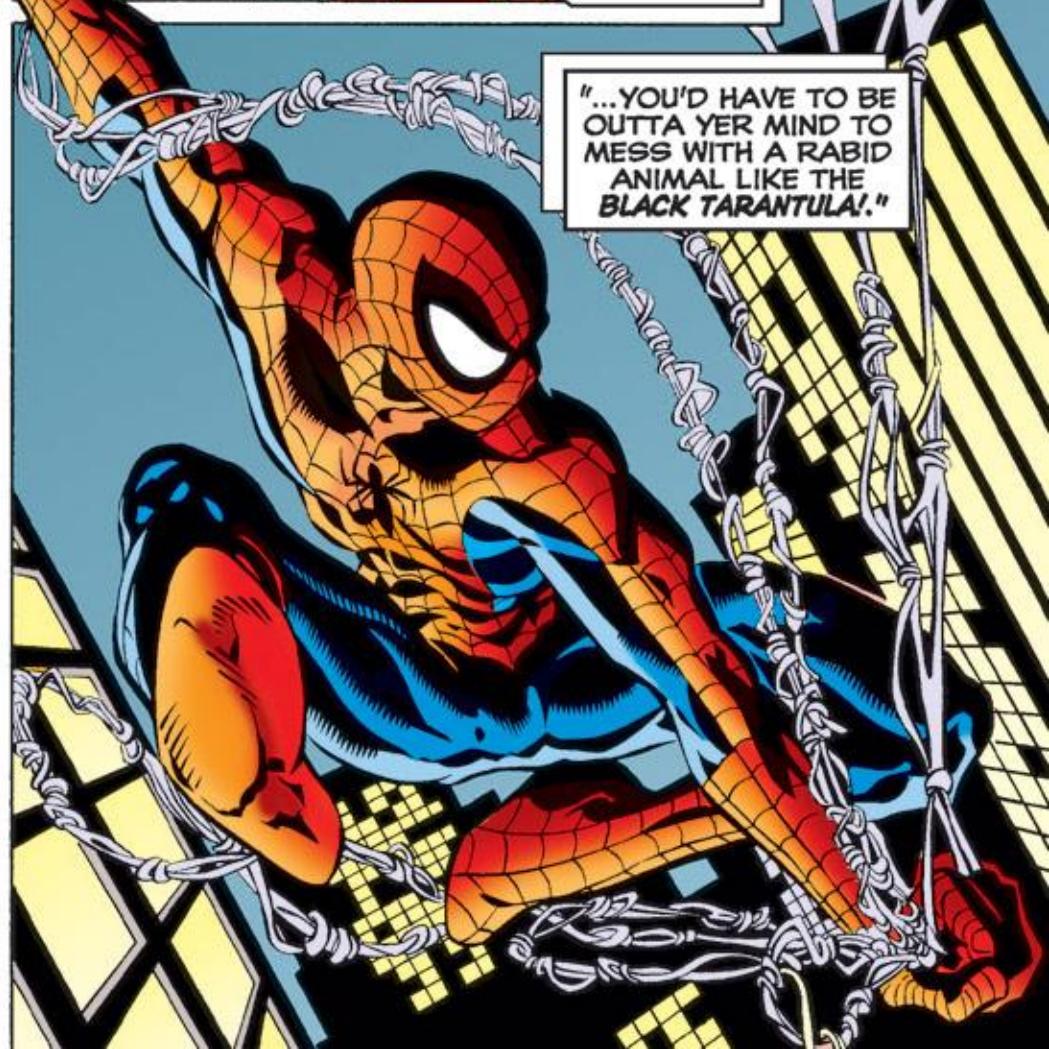
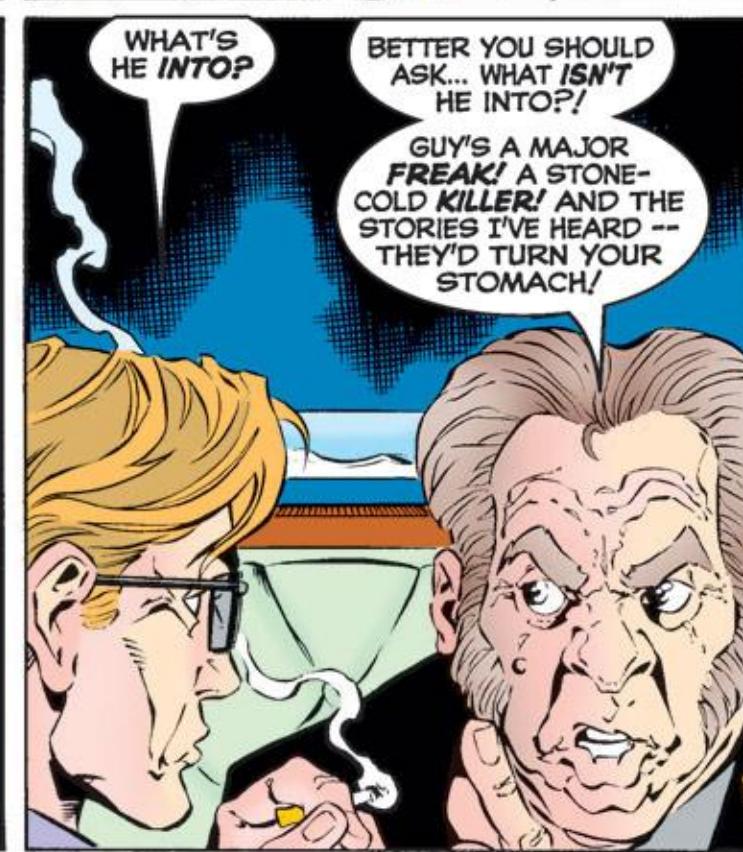












HEY,
BEN!

BUGLE

I KNEW YOU
USUALLY STOPPED
BY THE OFFICE AROUND
THIS TIME EVERY
NIGHT.

I GOT
A LINE ON THAT
EMERALD DEAL!
IT'S GOING DOWN WITHIN
THE HOUR AT THE OLD
STOCKBRIDGE
SHIPPING
PIER!

FORGET
IT, PARKER!
WE SHOULD JUST
CALL THE
COPS.

THIS
TARANTULA
GUY PLAYS
HARD AND
HEAVY.

HANDLE IT
HOWEVER YOU
SEE FIT.

ME, I'M
NOT BLOWING
A CHANCE TO
SNAP A FRONT
PAGER!

CATCH
YA LATER!

THAT KID'S GONNA
BE THE DEATH
OF ME!

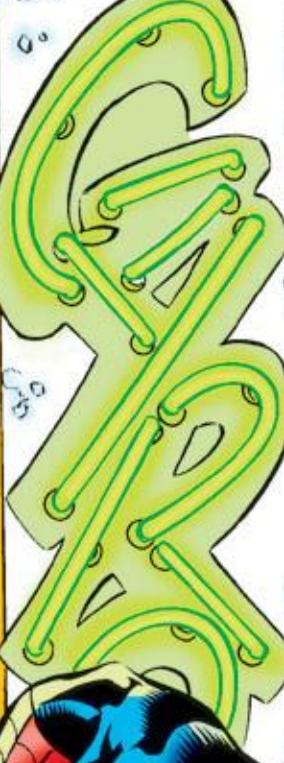
YOU NEED A
PHOTOGRAPHER,
BEN?

NOT
THIS TIME,
ANGELA. I'M
MEETING
PARKER!

PARKER!
TALK ABOUT A WEIRD
COINCIDENCE! I WAS
JUST FILING THESE
OLD PHOTOS --

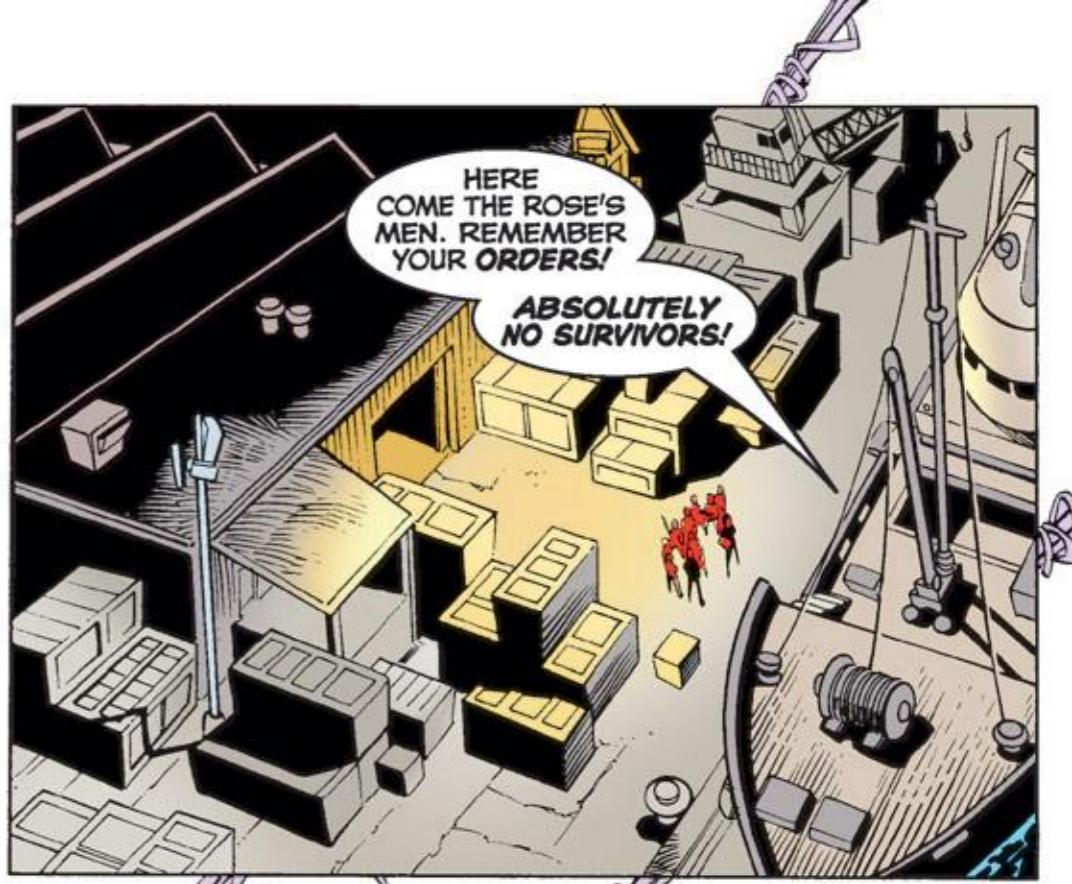
-- WHEN
I CAME ACROSS
THIS SHOT OF THE
DOCTOR WHO WAS
ATTENDING HIS POOR
WIFE WHEN SHE LOST
THEIR BABY!

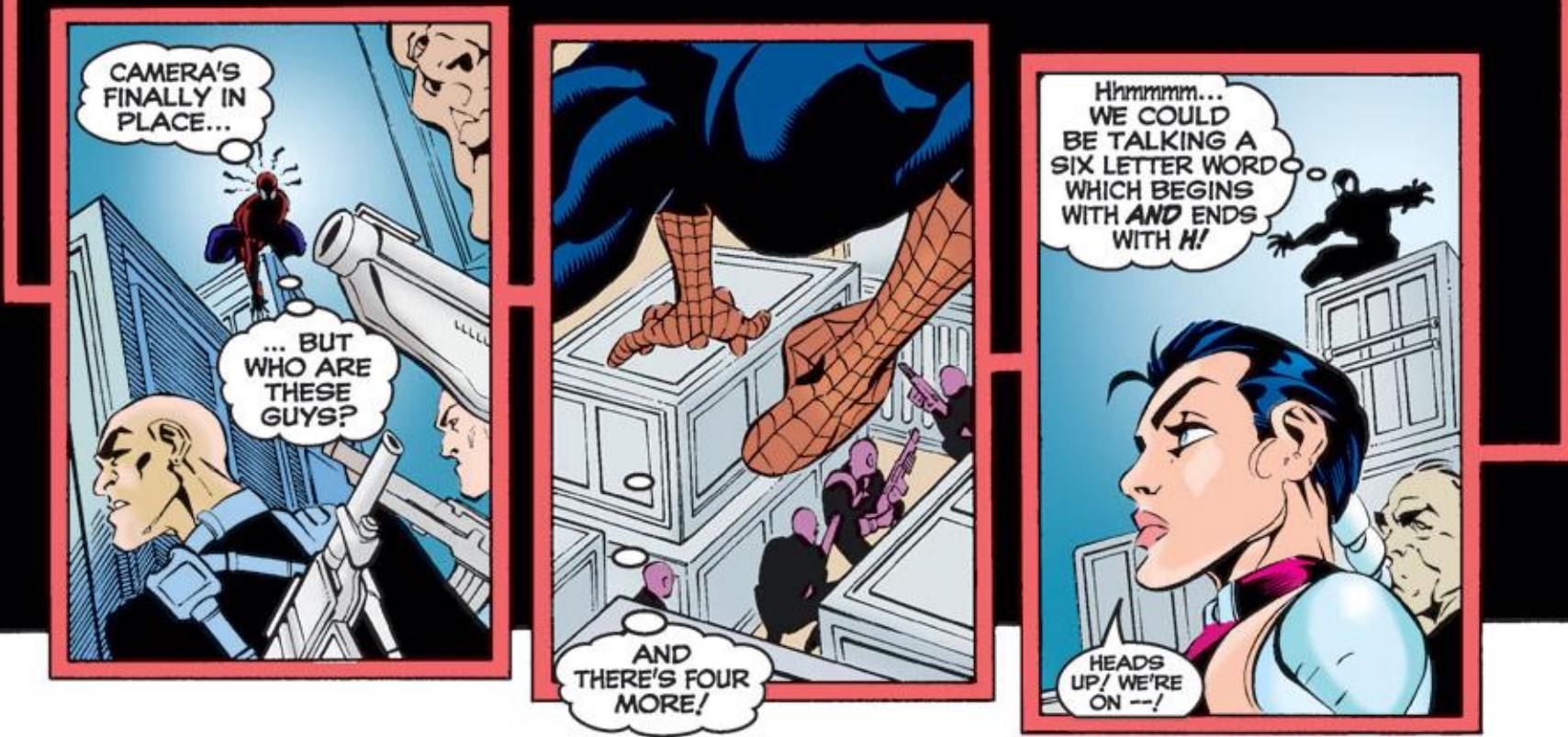
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I'M GUESSING
THEY WON'T WANT
THIS PHOTO.

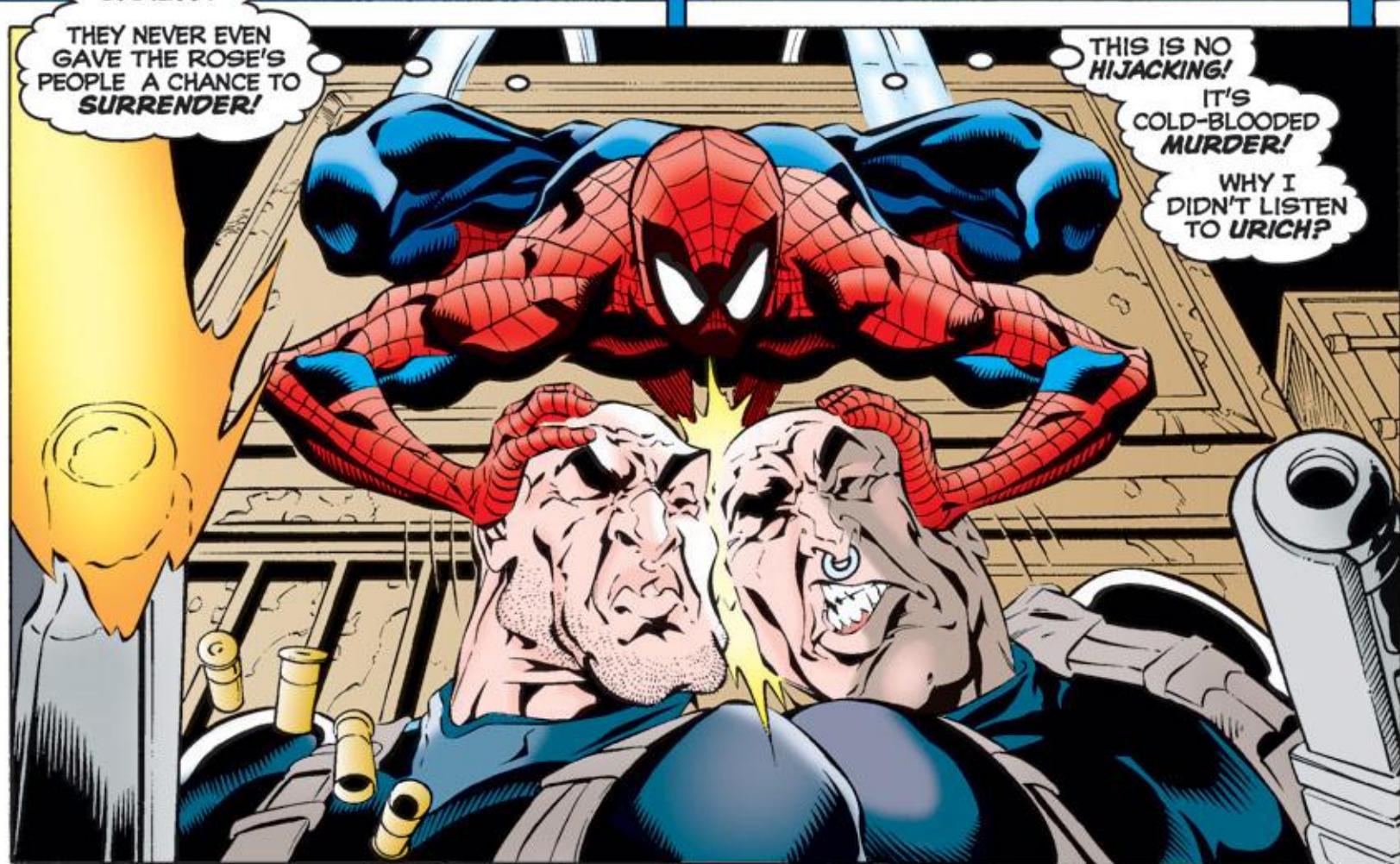


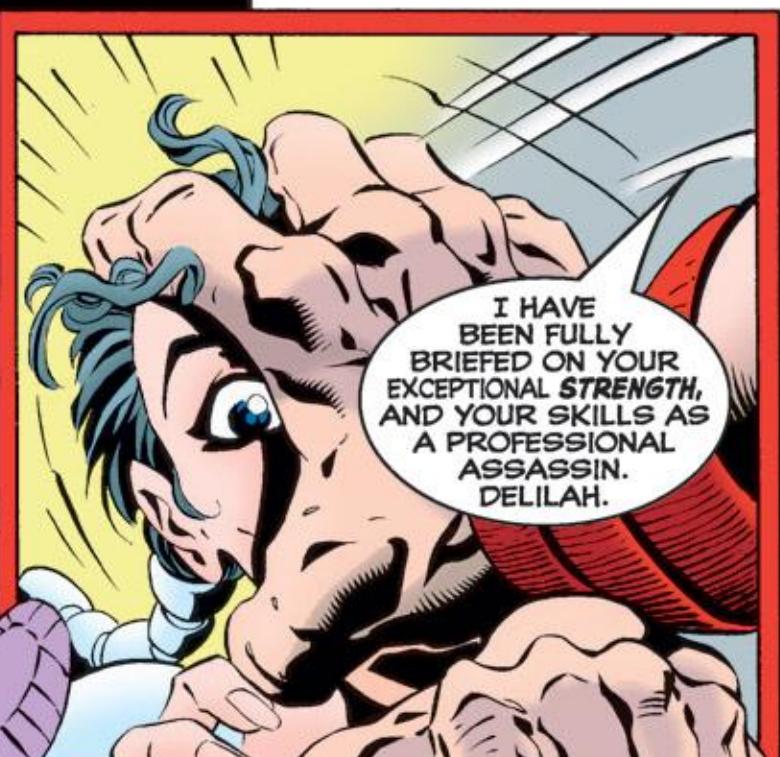
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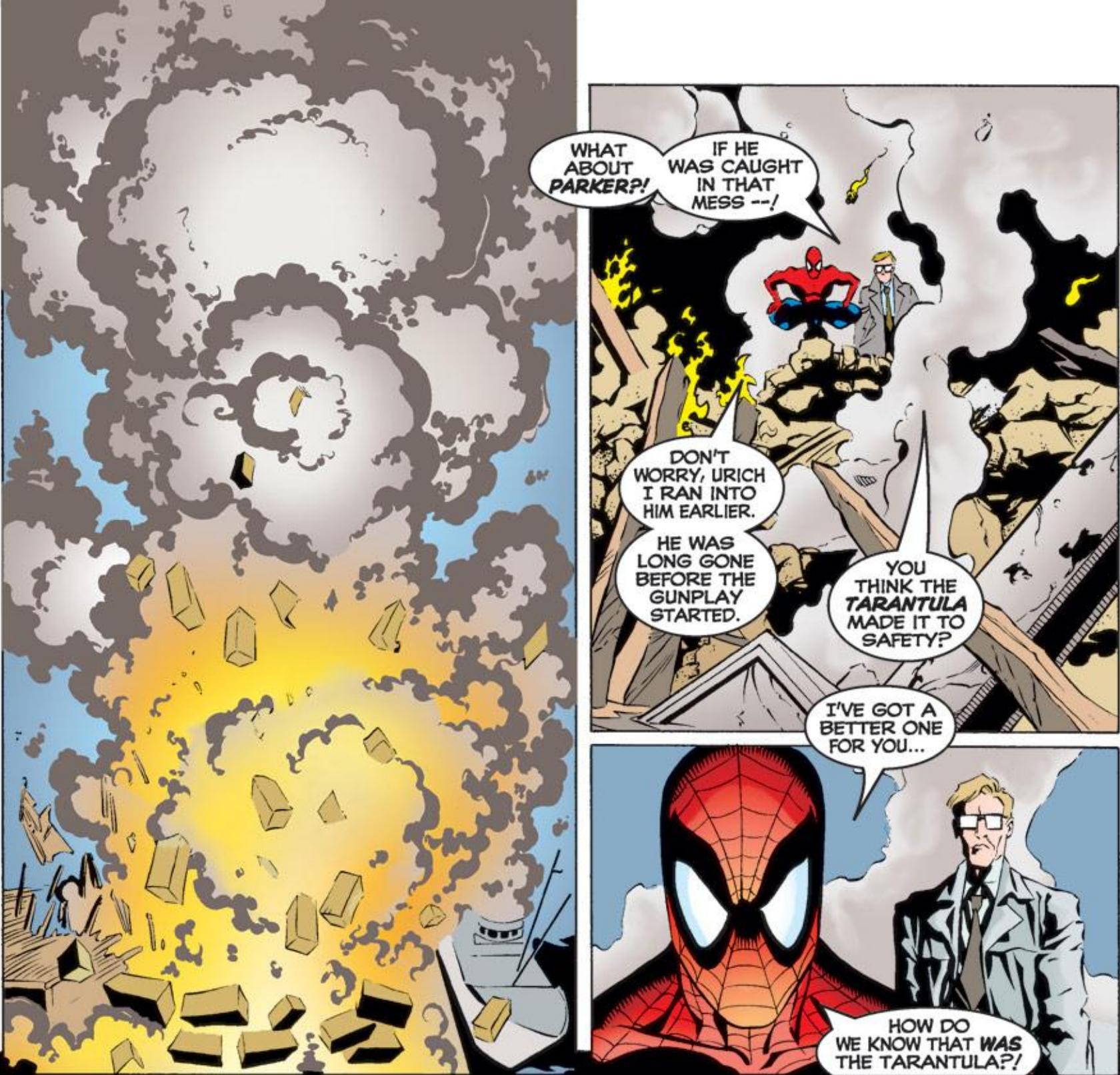












NEXT ISSUE:
OUR FEATURED GUEST STAR IS
NATE GREY,
THE EVER UNCANNY X-MAN!
PLUS THE UNEXPECTED
RETURN OF AUNT MAY?!
NO TRUE SPIDER-FAN
WILL DARE MISS...
**"TWAS THE NIGHT
BEFORE CHRISTMAS!"**