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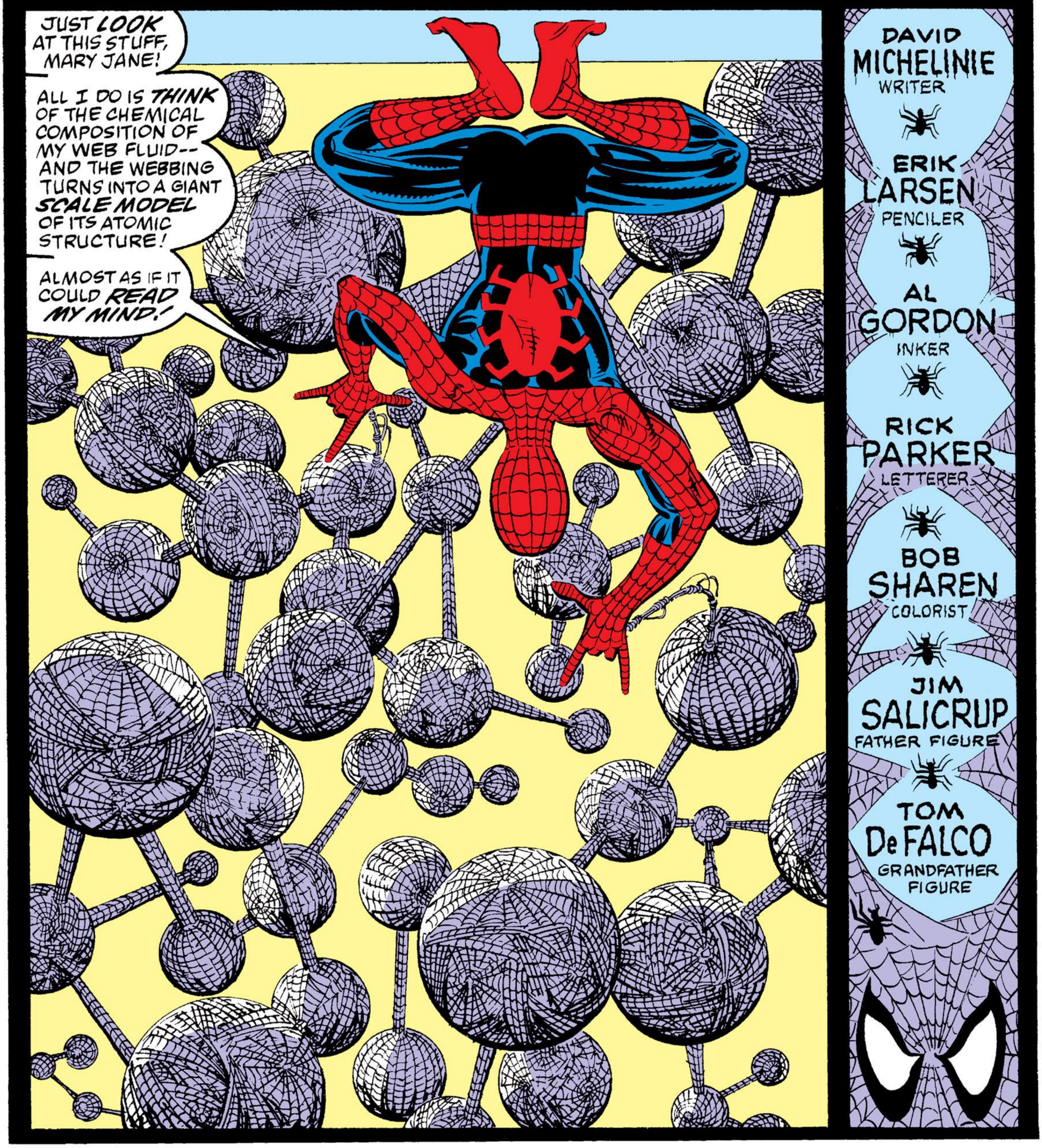

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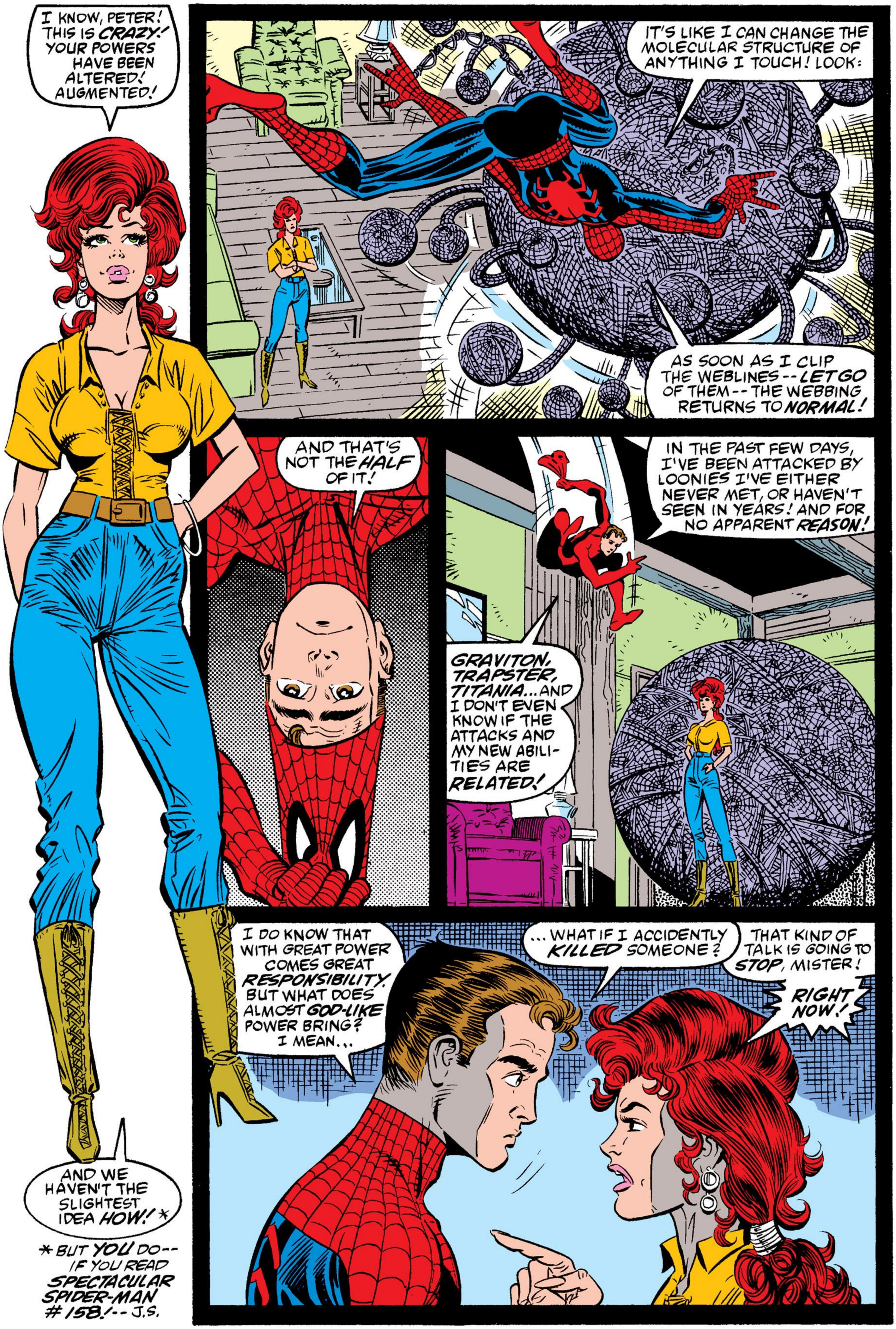
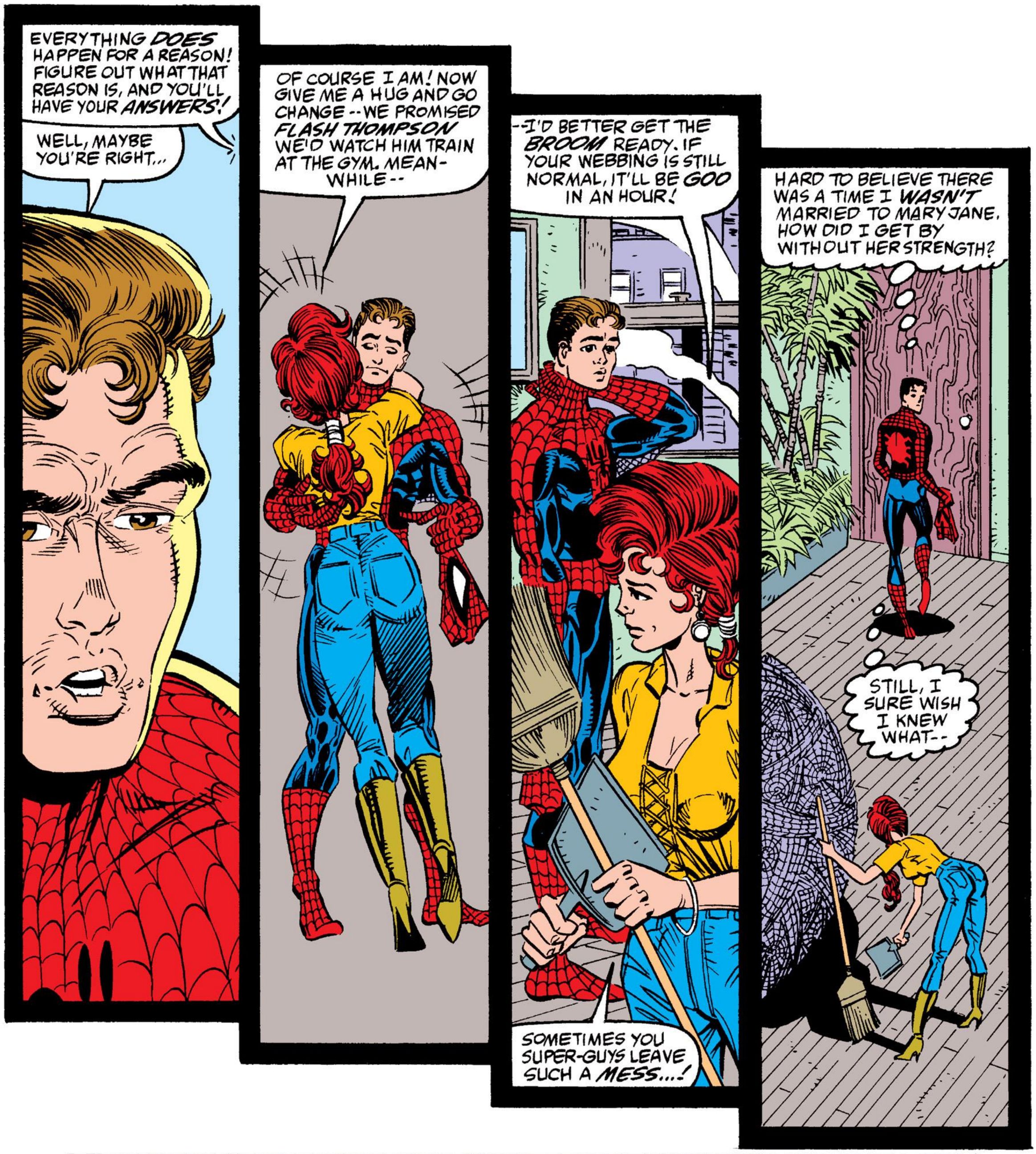
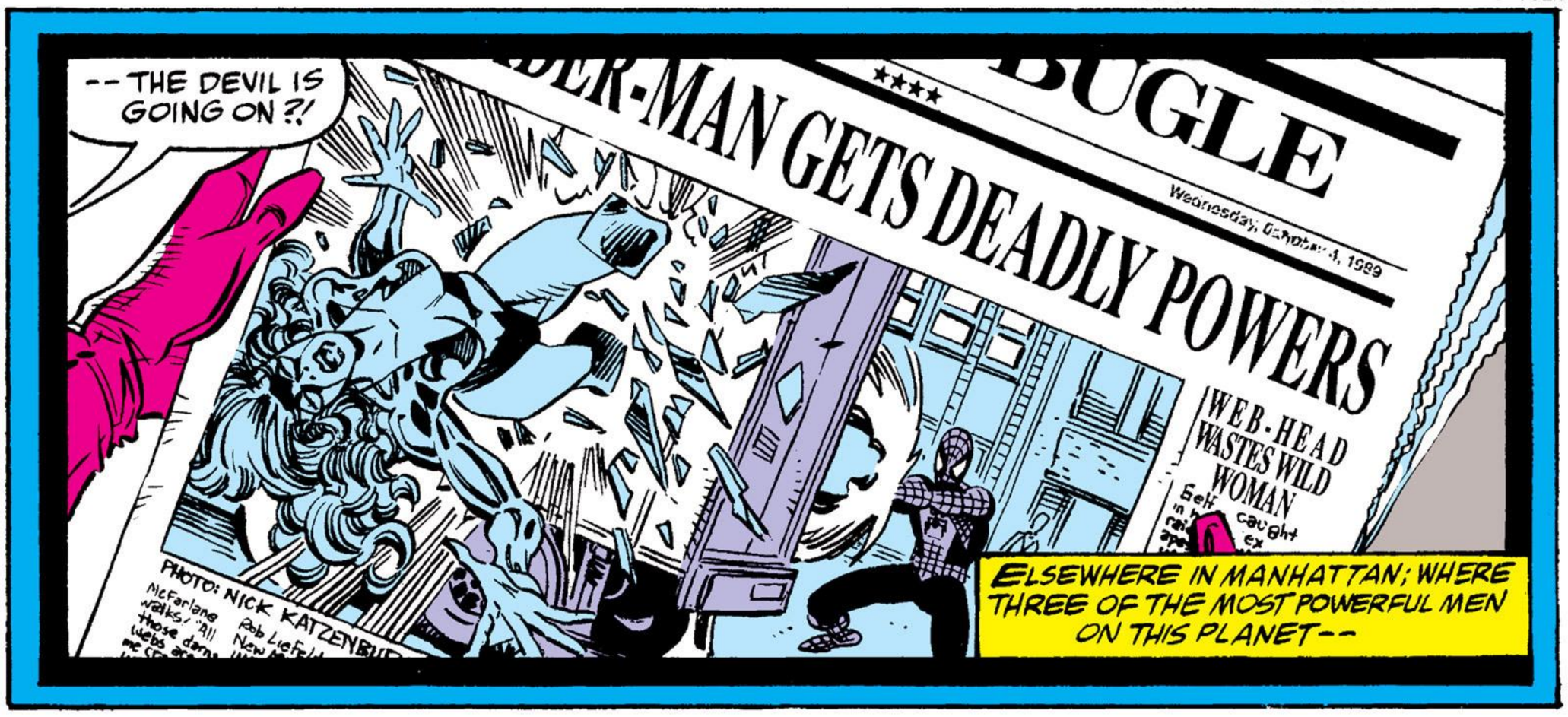

I KNOW, PETER! THIS IS CRAZY! YOUR POWERS HAVE BEEN ALTERED! AUGMENTED!
IT'S LIKE I CAN CHANGE THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF ANYTHING I TOUCH! LOOK:
AS SOON AS I CLIP THE WEBLINES--LET GO OF THEM--THE WEBBING RETURNS TO NORMAL!
AND THAT'S NOT THE HALF OF IT!
IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, I'VE BEEN ATTACKED BY LOONIES I'VE EITHER NEVER MET, OR HAVEN'T SEEN IN YEARS! AND FOR NO APPARENT REASON!
GRAVITON, TRAPSTER, TITANIA...AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THE ATTACKS AND MY NEW ABILITIES ARE RELATED!
I DO KNOW THAT WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. BUT WHAT DOES ALMOST GOD-LIKE POWER BRING? I MEAN...
...WHAT IF I ACCIDENTLY KILLED SOMEONE?
THAT KIND OF TALK IS GOING TO STOP, MISTER!
RIGHT NOW!
AND WE HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA HOW! *
* BUT YOU DO--IF YOU READ SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #158!--J.S.


EVERYTHING DOES HAPPEN FOR A REASON! FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT REASON IS, AND YOU'LL HAVE YOUR ANSWERS!
WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...
OF COURSE I AM! NOW GIVE ME A HUG AND GO CHANGE -- WE PROMISED FLASH THOMPSON WE'D WATCH HIM TRAIN AT THE GYM. MEAN-WHILE --
--I'D BETTER GET THE BROOM READY. IF YOUR WEBBING IS STILL NORMAL, IT'LL BE GOO IN AN HOUR!
SOMETIMES YOU SUPER-GUYS LEAVE SUCH A MESS...!
HARD TO BELIEVE THERE WAS A TIME I WASN'T MARRIED TO MARY JANE. HOW DID I GET BY WITHOUT HER STRENGTH?
STILL, I SURE WISH I KNEW WHAT--


--THE DEVIL IS GOING ON?!
BUGLE
Wednesday, October 4, 1989
SPIDER-MAN GETS DEADLY POWERS
WEB-HEAD WASTES WILD WOMAN
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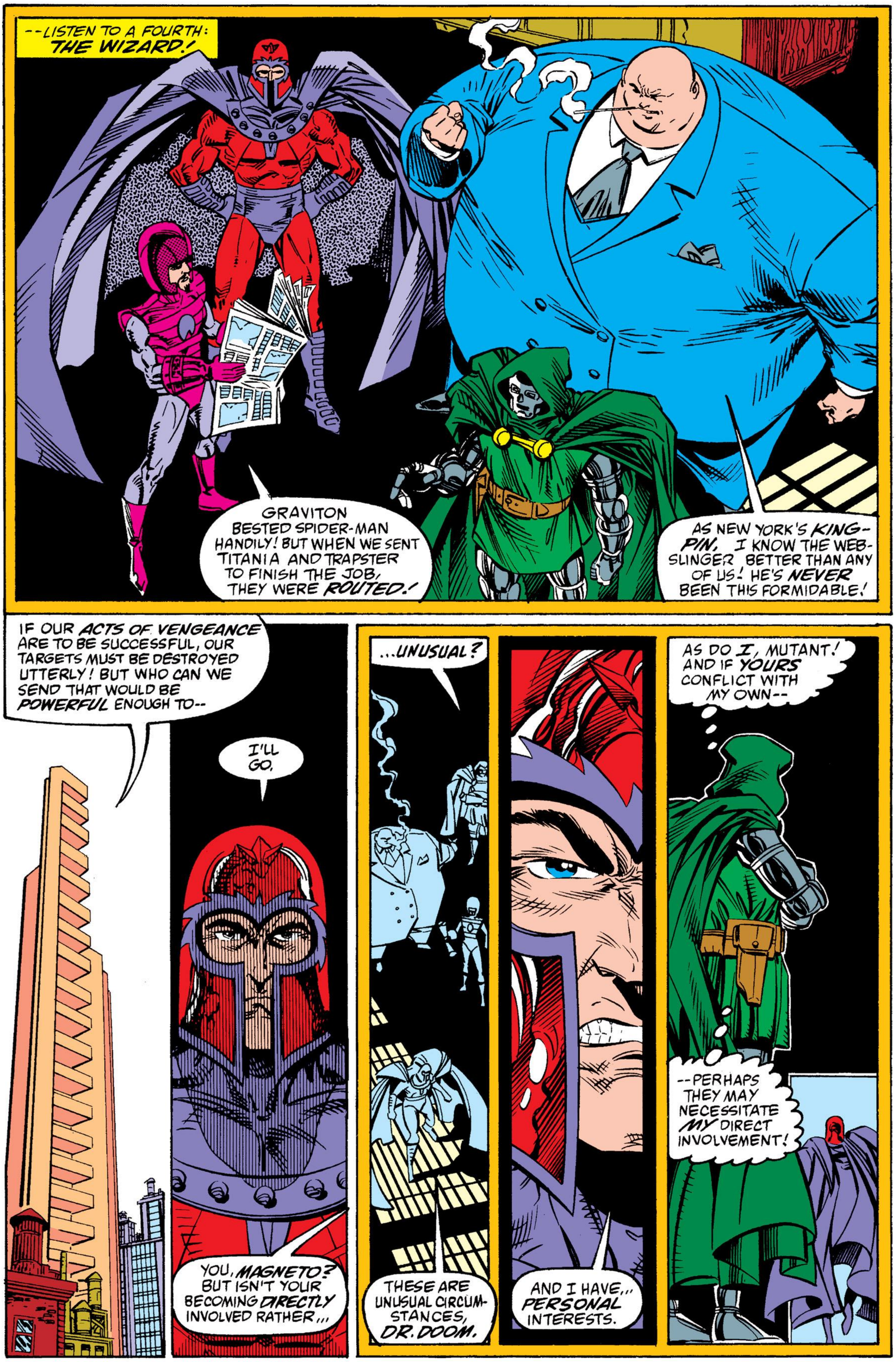
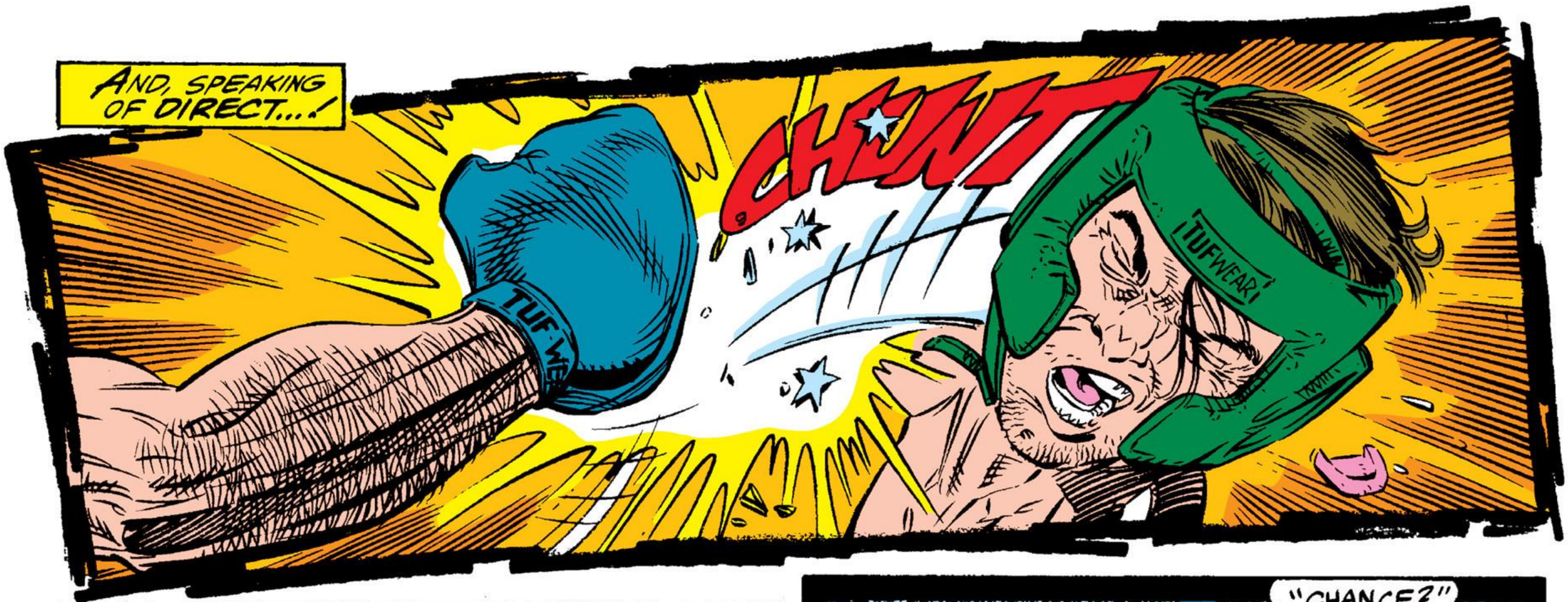
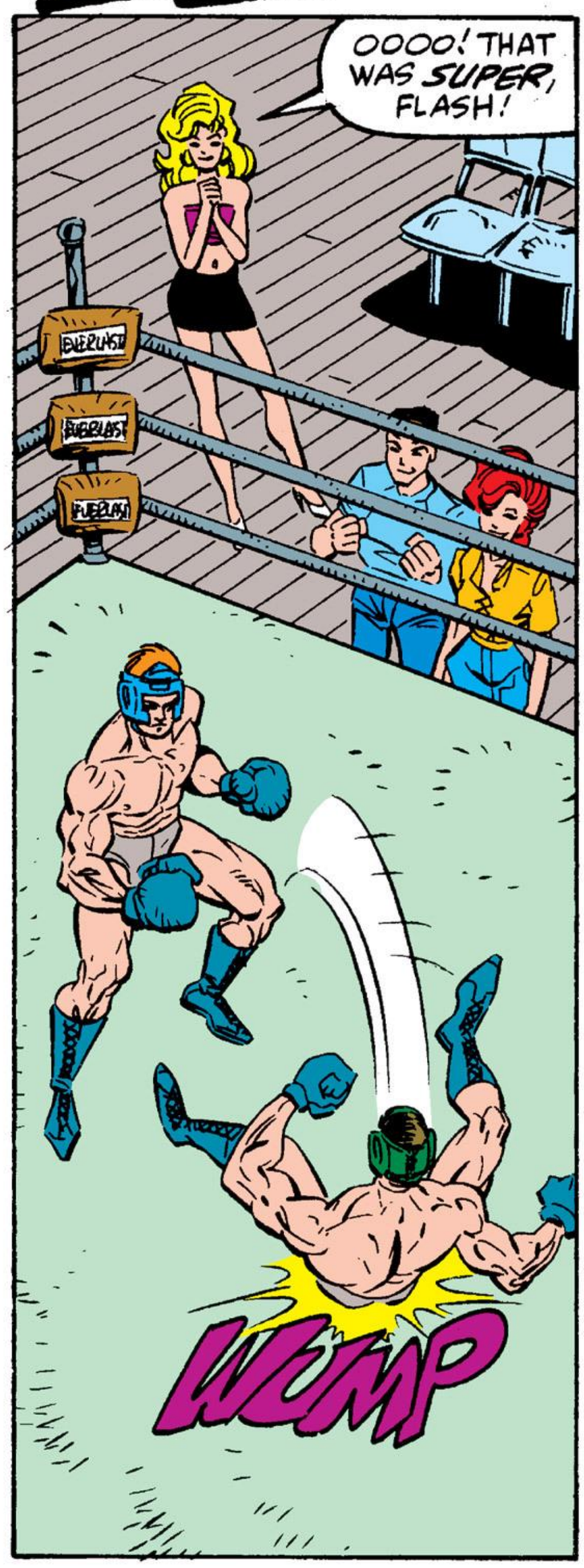
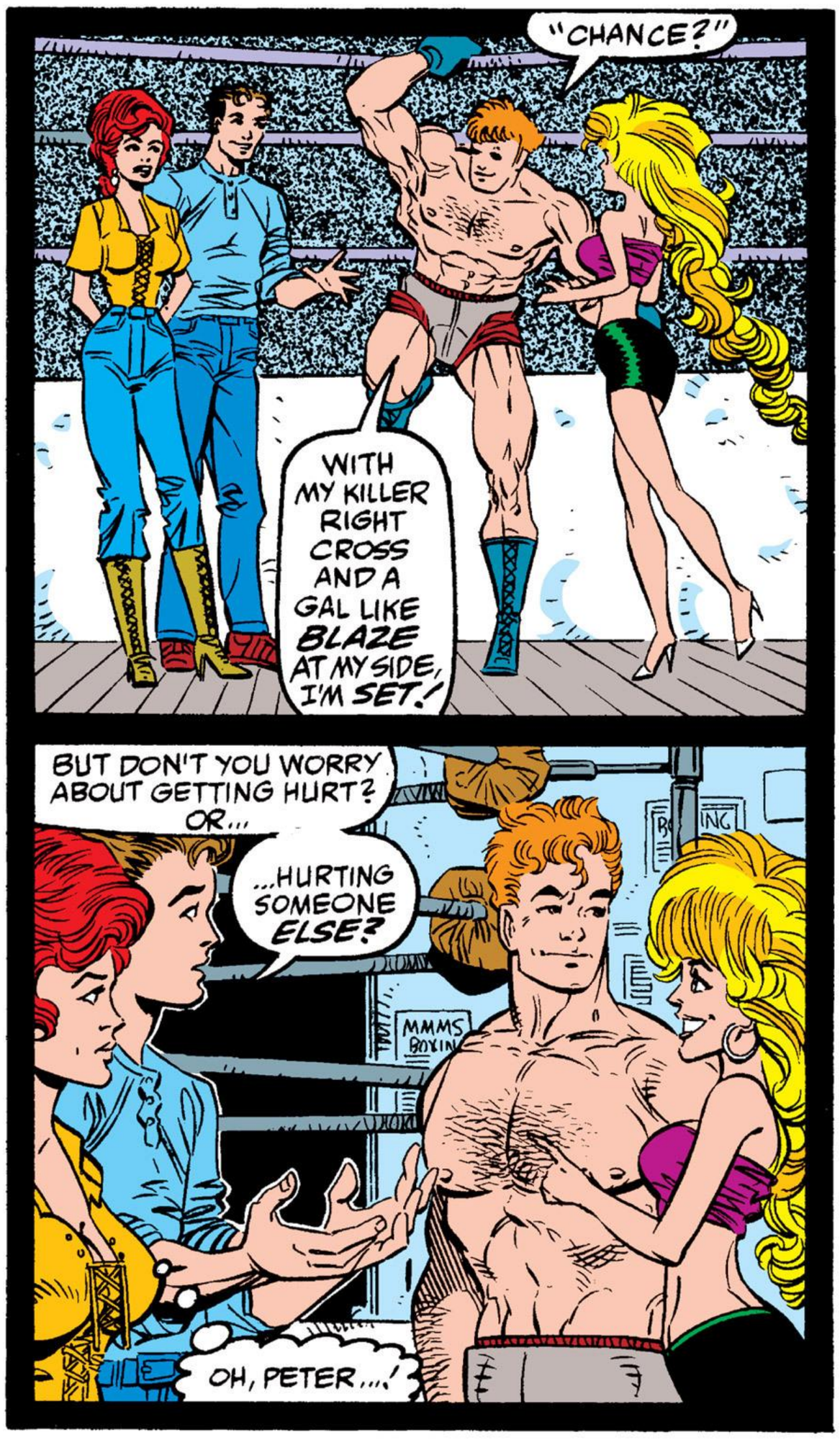
ELSEWHERE IN MANHATTAN; WHERE THREE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MEN ON THIS PLANET--

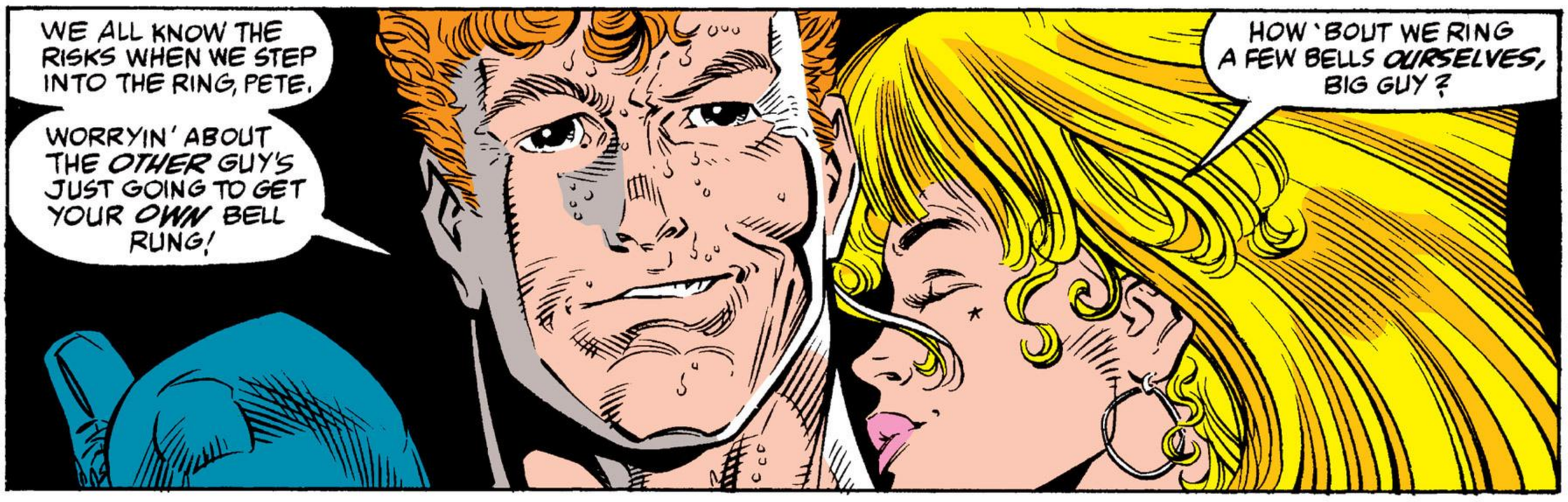

--LISTEN TO A FOURTH: THE WIZARD!
GRAVITON BESTED SPIDER-MAN HANDILY! BUT WHEN WE SENT TITANIA AND TRAPSTER TO FINISH THE JOB, THEY WERE ROUTED!
AS NEW YORK'S KING-PIN, I KNOW THE WEB-SLINGER BETTER THAN ANY OF US! HE'S NEVER BEEN THIS FORMIDABLE!
IF OUR ACTS OF VENGEANCE ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, OUR TARGETS MUST BE DESTROYED UTTERLY! BUT WHO CAN WE SEND THAT WOULD BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO--
I'LL GO.
YOU, MAGNETO? BUT ISN'T YOUR BECOMING DIRECTLY INVOLVED RATHER...
...UNUSUAL?
THESE ARE UNUSUAL CIRCUM-STANCES, DR. DOOM.
AND I HAVE... PERSONAL INTERESTS.
AS DO I, MUTANT! AND IF YOURS CONFLICT WITH MY OWN--
--PERHAPS THEY MAY NECESSITATE MY DIRECT INVOLVEMENT!

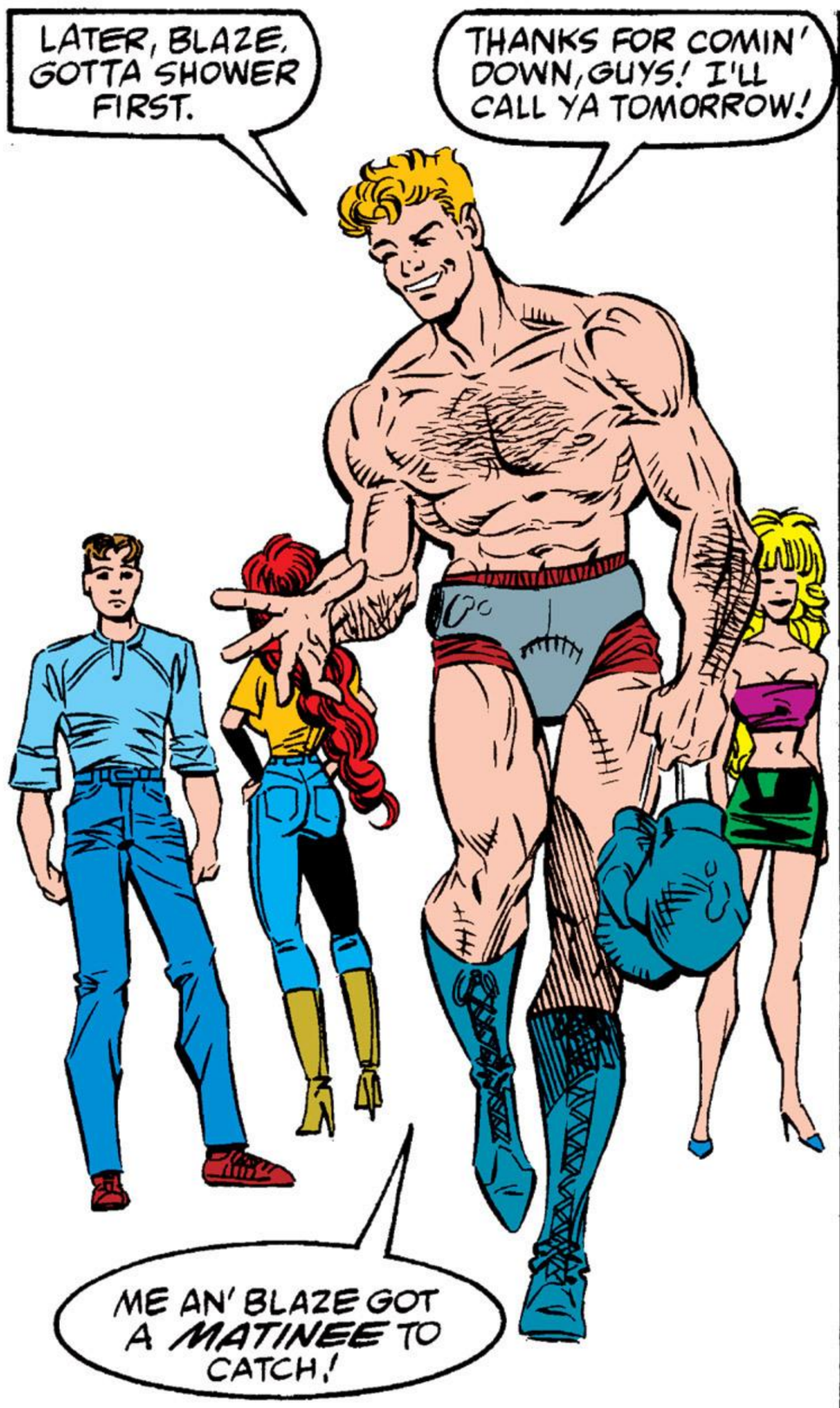

AND, SPEAKING OF DIRECT...!
CHUNT
TUF-WEAR
TUFWEAR

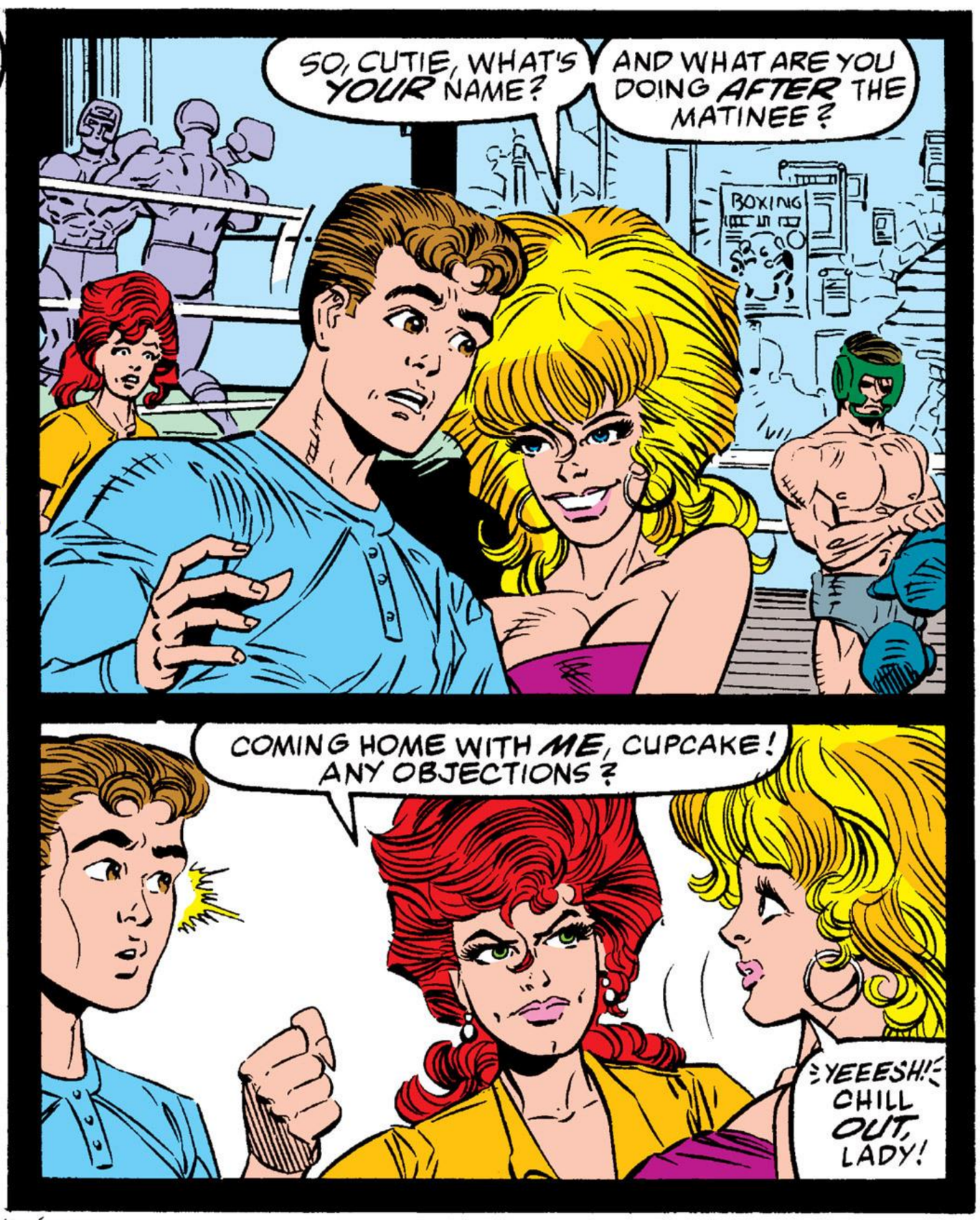

OOOO! THAT WAS SUPER, FLASH!
EVERLAST
EVERLAST
EVERLAST
WUMP

YOU OKAY, BUDDY?
YEAH. BUT NEXT TIME, SPAR WITH TYSON, WILL YA?
GREAT JOB, FLASH! YOU JUST MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE IN THIS BOXING GAME!


"CHANCE?"
WITH MY KILLER RIGHT CROSS AND A GAL LIKE BLAZE AT MY SIDE, I'M SET!
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT GETTING HURT? OR...
...HURTING SOMEONE ELSE?
MMMS BOXIN
OH, PETER...!

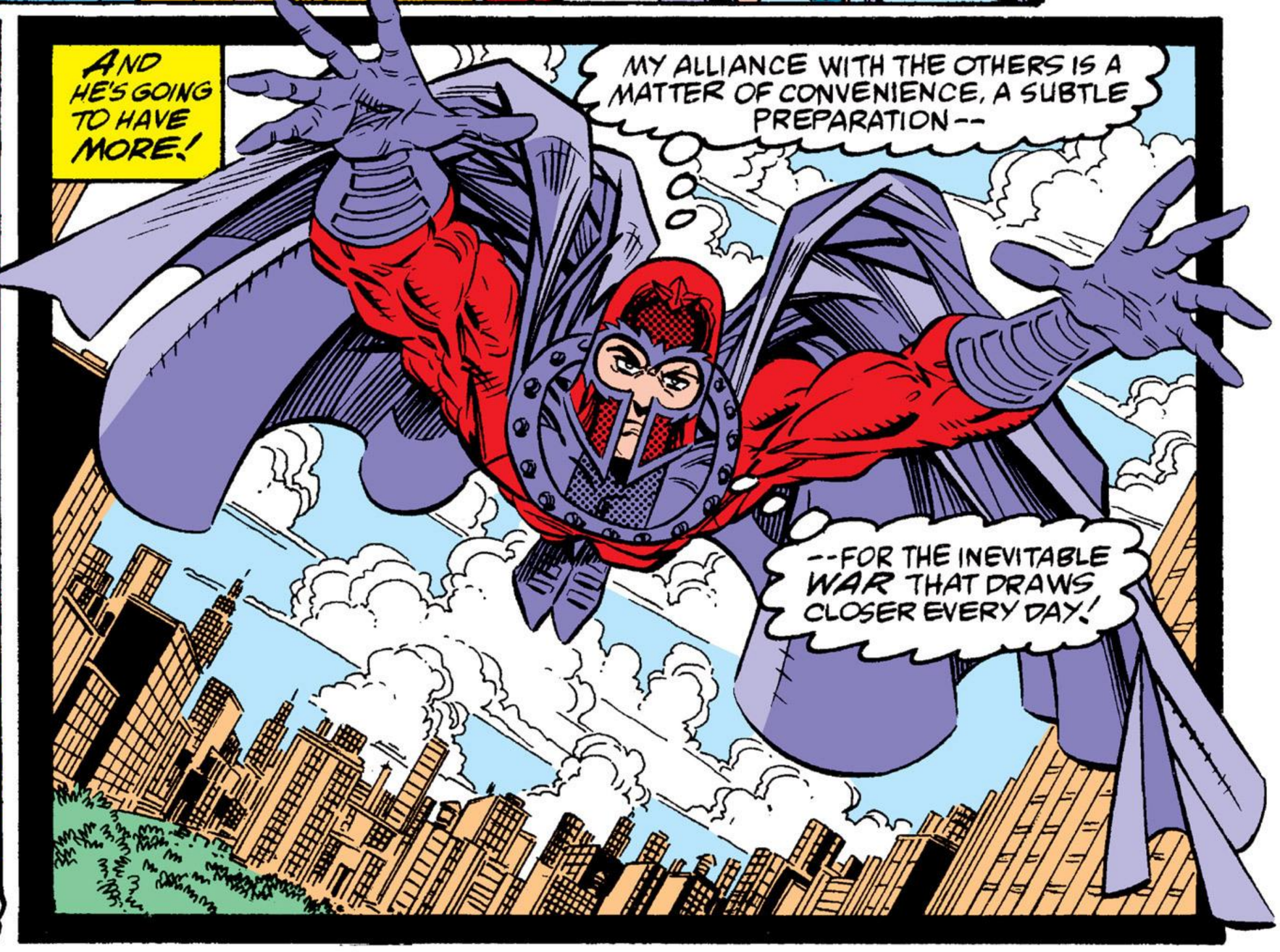

WE ALL KNOW THE RISKS WHEN WE STEP INTO THE RING, PETE.
WORRYIN' ABOUT THE OTHER GUY'S JUST GOING TO GET YOUR OWN BELL RUNG!
HOW 'BOUT WE RING A FEW BELLS OURSELVES, BIG GUY?

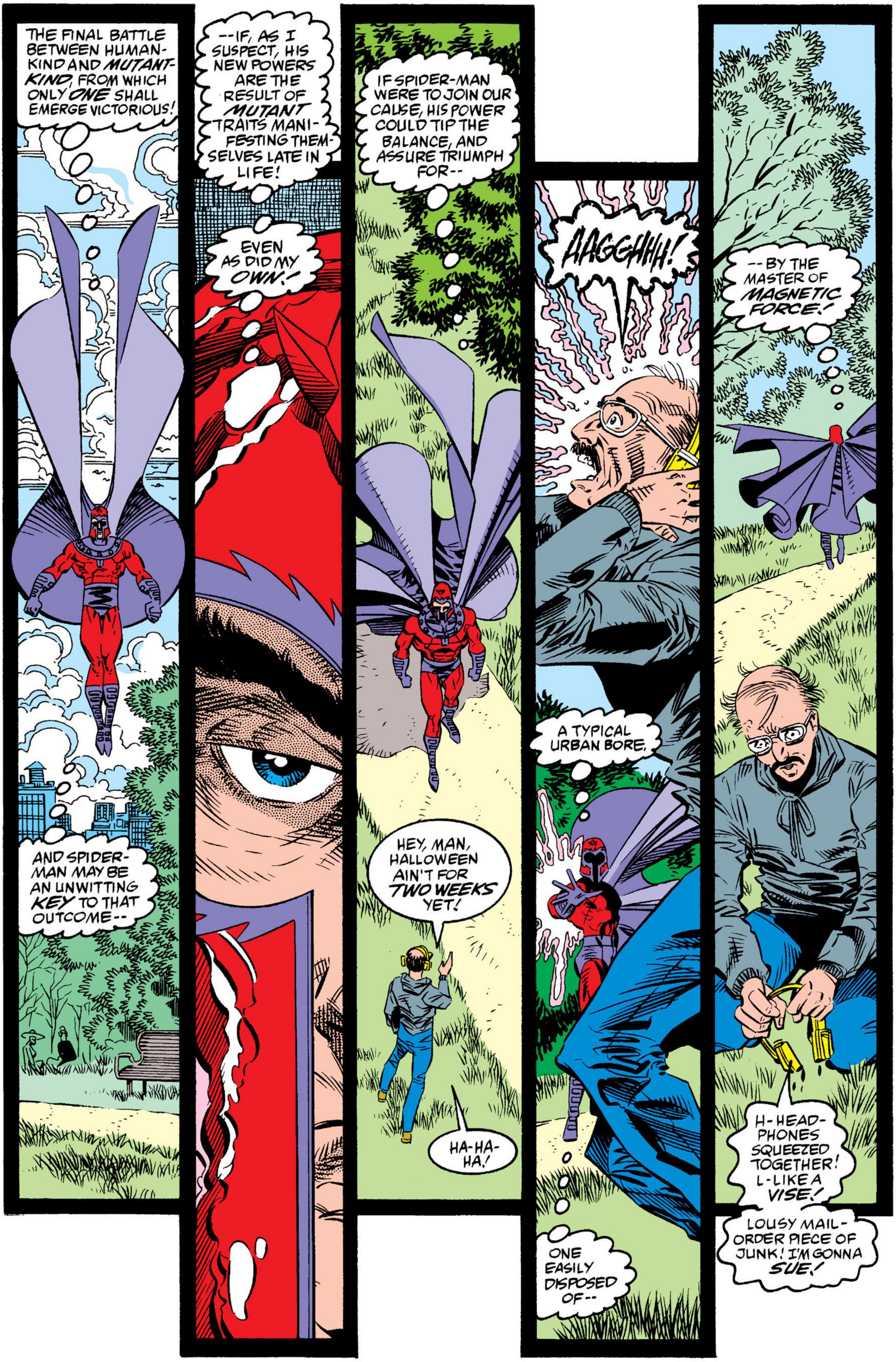

LATER, BLAZE, GOTTA SHOWER FIRST.
THANKS FOR COMIN' DOWN, GUYS! I'LL CALL YA TOMORROW!
ME AN' BLAZE GOT A MATINEE TO CATCH!

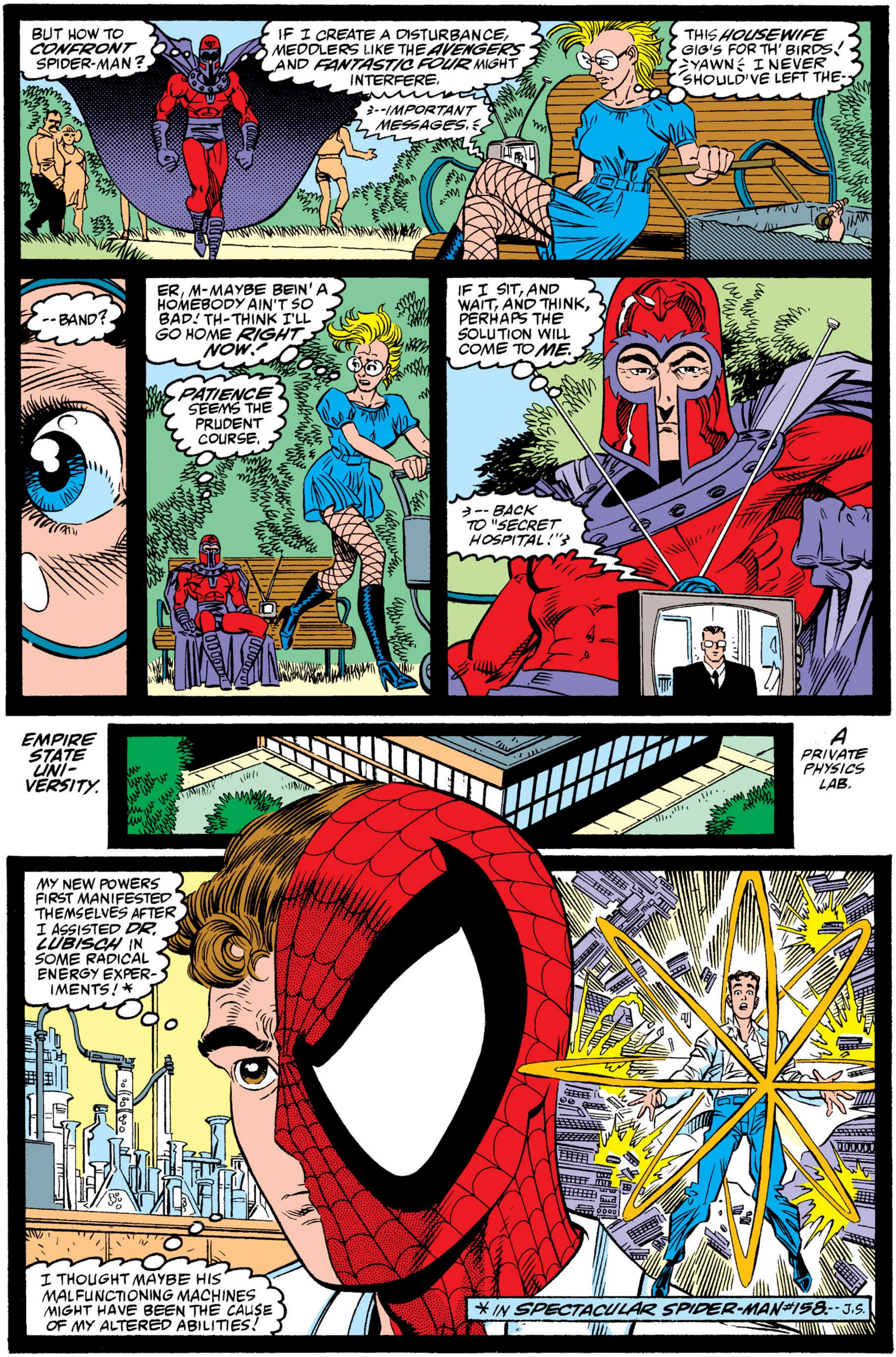

SO, CUTIE, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER THE MATINEE?
BOXING
COMING HOME WITH ME, CUPCAKE! ANY OBJECTIONS?
YEEESH! CHILL OUT, LADY!

DON'T WORRY, I'M SAFE.
SHE'S ALREADY COMING ON TO FLASH'S SPARRING PARTNER!
POOR FLASH. LOOKS LIKE HE HASN'T FOUND "MS. RIGHT" YET!
BOXING
READ LEGION

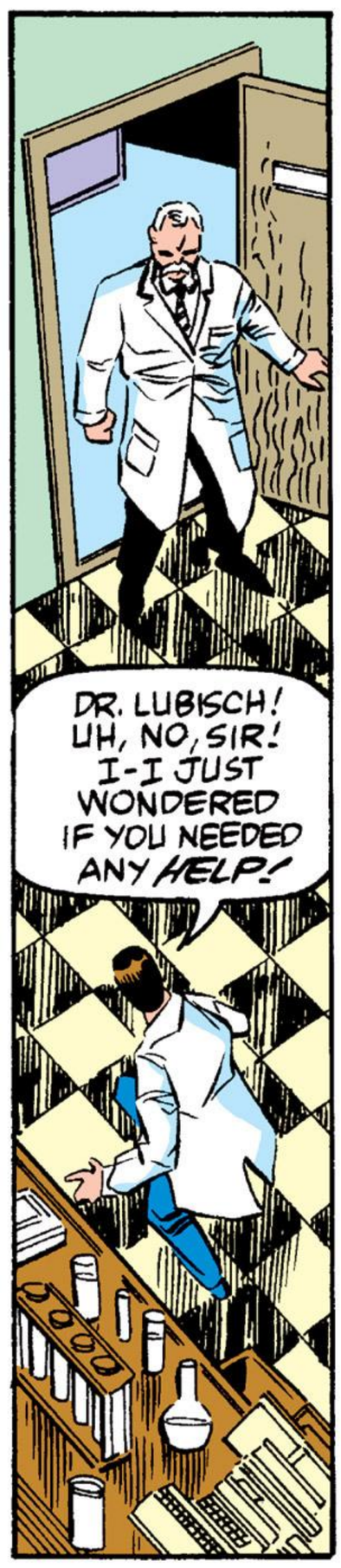
SEE YOU AFTER CLASS, HON!
SURE HOPE PETER CAN LOSE HIS TROUBLES IN HIS LAB WORK. HE'S GOT SO MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT!


AND HE'S GOING TO HAVE MORE!
MY ALLIANCE WITH THE OTHERS IS A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE, A SUBTLE PREPARATION--
--FOR THE INEVITABLE WAR THAT DRAWS CLOSER EVERY DAY!

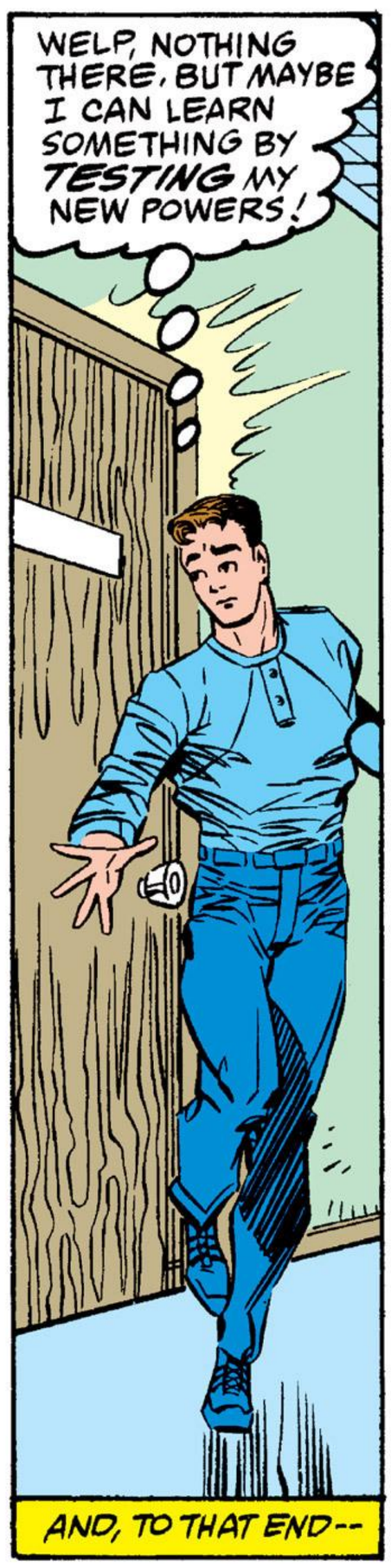

THE FINAL BATTLE BETWEEN HUMANKIND AND MUTANTKIND, FROM WHICH ONLY ONE SHALL EMERGE VICTORIOUS!
AND SPIDER-MAN MAY BE AN UNWITTING KEY TO THAT OUTCOME--
--IF, AS I SUSPECT, HIS NEW POWERS ARE THE RESULT OF MUTANT TRAITS MANIFESTING THEMSELVES LATE IN LIFE!
EVEN AS DID MY OWN.-
IF SPIDER-MAN WERE TO JOIN OUR CAUSE, HIS POWER COULD TIP THE BALANCE, AND ASSURE TRIUMPH FOR--
HEY, MAN, HALLOWEEN AIN'T FOR TWO WEEKS YET!
HA-HA-HA!
AAGGHHH!
A TYPICAL URBAN BORE.
ONE EASILY DISPOSED OF--
--BY THE MASTER OF MAGNETIC FORCE.-
H-HEAD-PHONES SQUEEZED TOGETHER! L-LIKE A VISE.!
LOUSY MAIL-ORDER PIECE OF JUNK! I'M GONNA SUE.!

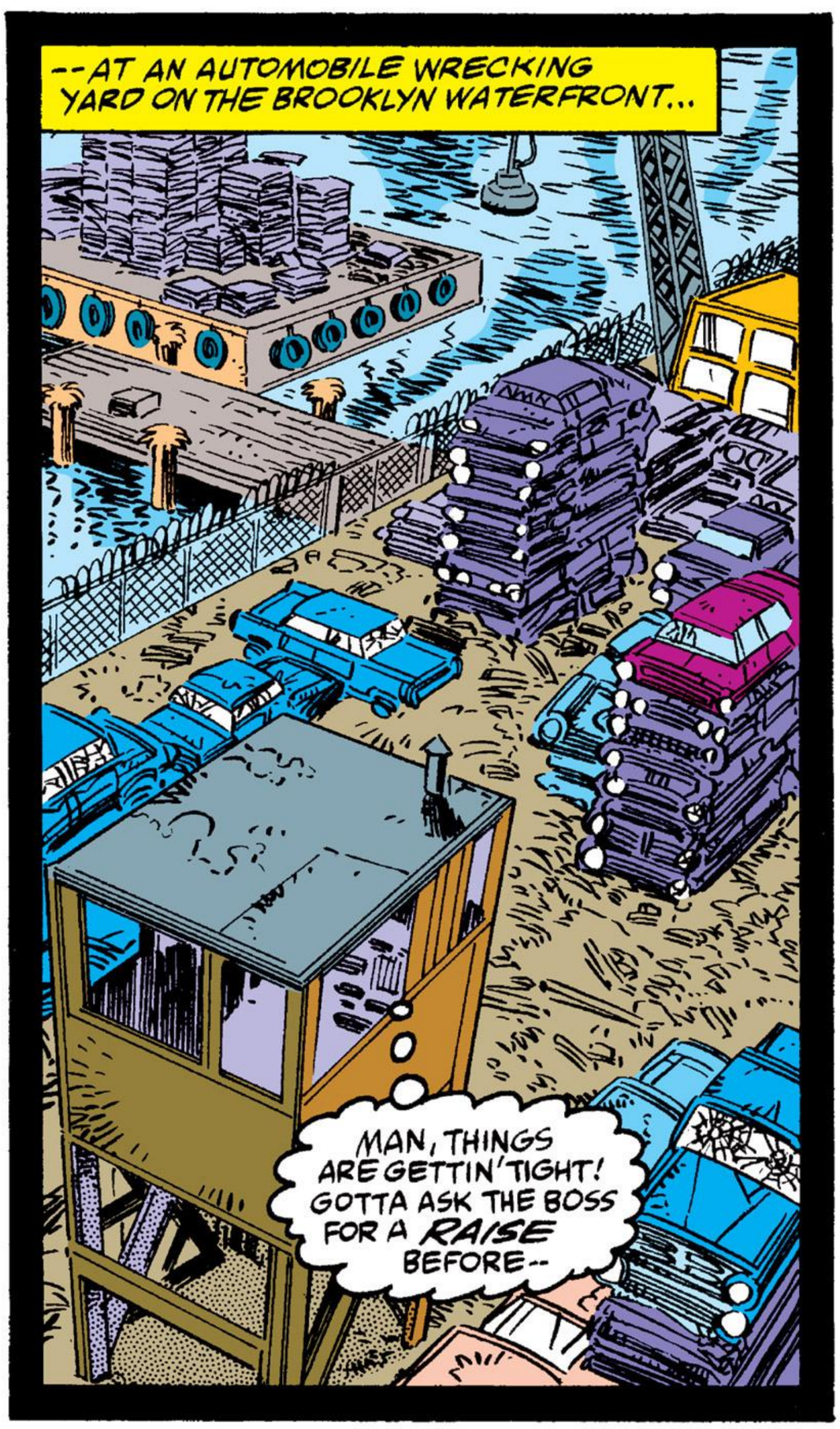

BUT HOW TO CONFRONT SPIDER-MAN?
IF I CREATE A DISTURBANCE, MEDDLERS LIKE THE AVENGERS AND FANTASTIC FOUR MIGHT INTERFERE.
--IMPORTANT MESSAGES.
THIS HOUSEWIFE GIG'S FOR TH' BIRDS! YAWN! I NEVER SHOULD'VE LEFT THE--
--BAND?
ER, M-MAYBE BEIN' A HOMEBODY AIN'T SO BAD! TH-THINK I'LL GO HOME RIGHT NOW!
PATIENCE SEEMS THE PRUDENT COURSE.
IF I SIT, AND WAIT, AND THINK, PERHAPS THE SOLUTION WILL COME TO ME.
-- BACK TO "SECRET HOSPITAL!"
EMPIRE STATE UNI-VERSITY.
A PRIVATE PHYSICS LAB.
MY NEW POWERS FIRST MANIFESTED THEMSELVES AFTER I ASSISTED DR. LUBISCH IN SOME RADICAL ENERGY EXPER-IMENTS! *
I THOUGHT MAYBE HIS MALFUNCTIONING MACHINES MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF MY ALTERED ABILITIES!
* IN SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #158.-- J.S.

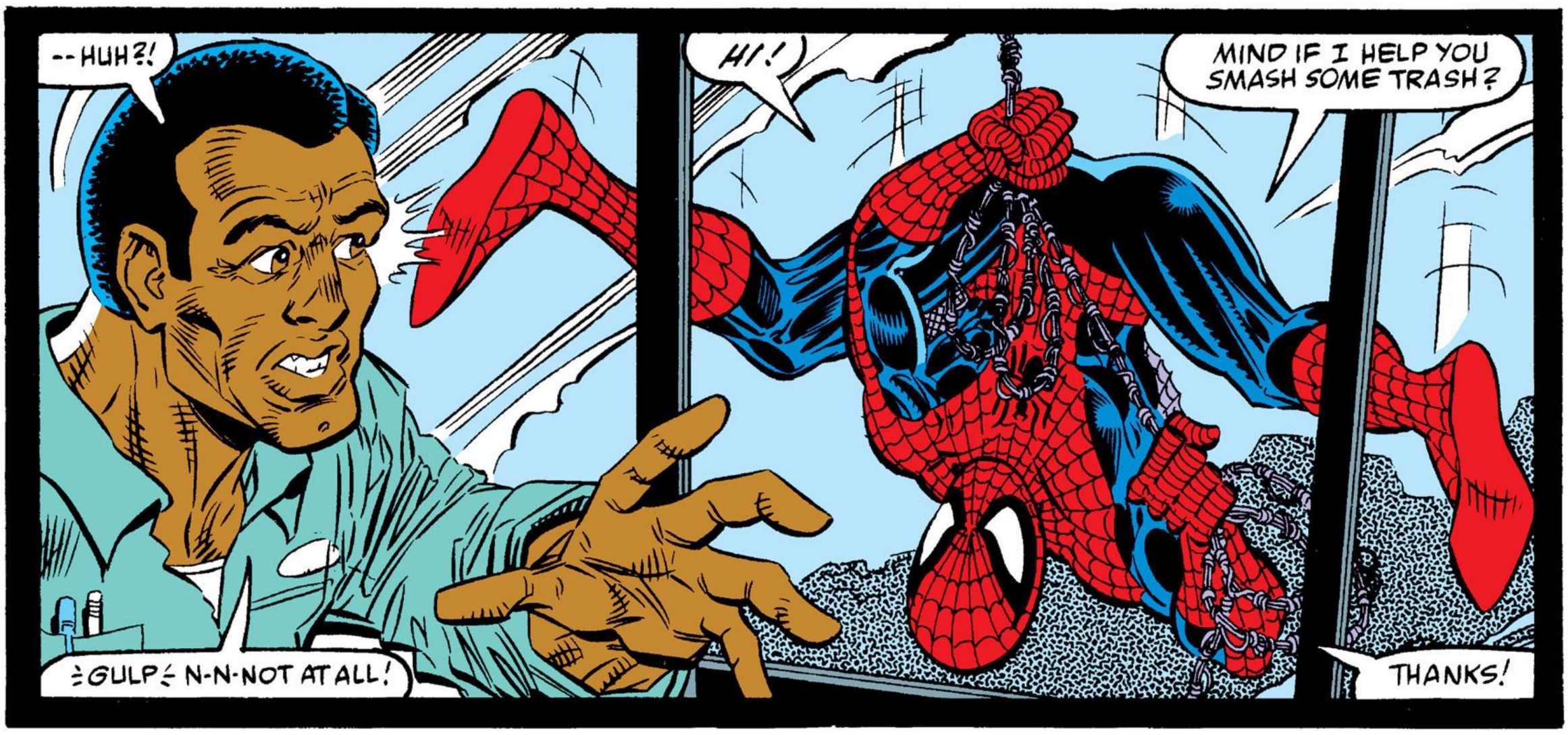
BUT I'VE CHECKED THE EQUIPMENT OUT, AND WHILE IT'S CAPABLE OF MANIPULATING ENERGY FIELDS, I CAN'T SEE HOW IT COULD PROJECT OR INSTILL THAT ENERGY INTO A HUMAN BEING!
WHICH LEAVES ME NO BETTER OFF THAN-- SOMEONE COMING!
SNOOPING, MR. PARKER?

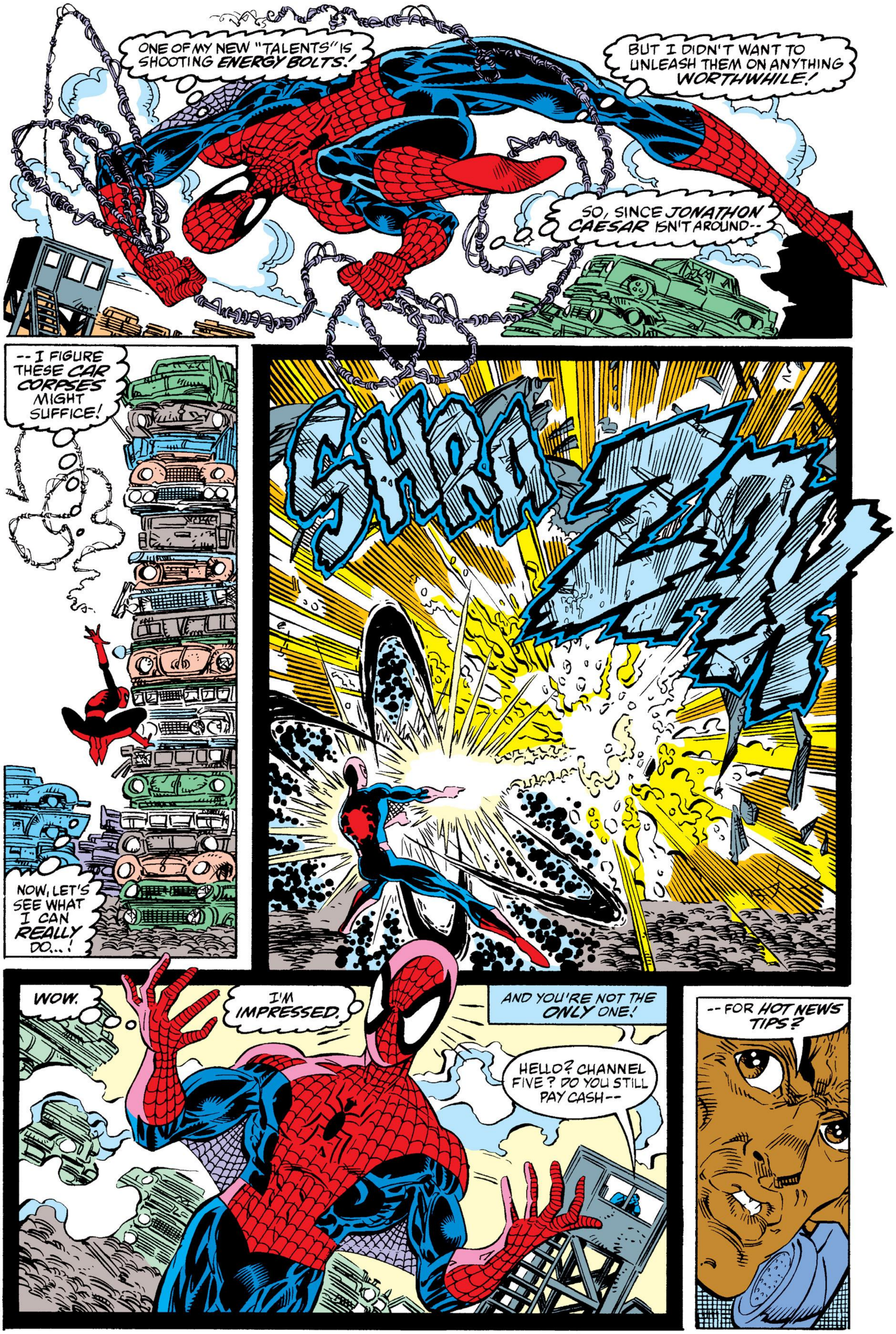

DR. LUBISCH! UH, NO, SIR! I-I JUST WONDERED IF YOU NEEDED ANY HELP!

MATA HARI USED THE SAME LINE! YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED, MR. PARKER.
GOOD DAY!


WELP, NOTHING THERE, BUT MAYBE I CAN LEARN SOMETHING BY TESTING MY NEW POWERS!
AND, TO THAT END--


--AT AN AUTOMOBILE WRECKING YARD ON THE BROOKLYN WATERFRONT...
MAN, THINGS ARE GETTIN' TIGHT! GOTTA ASK THE BOSS FOR A RAISE BEFORE--

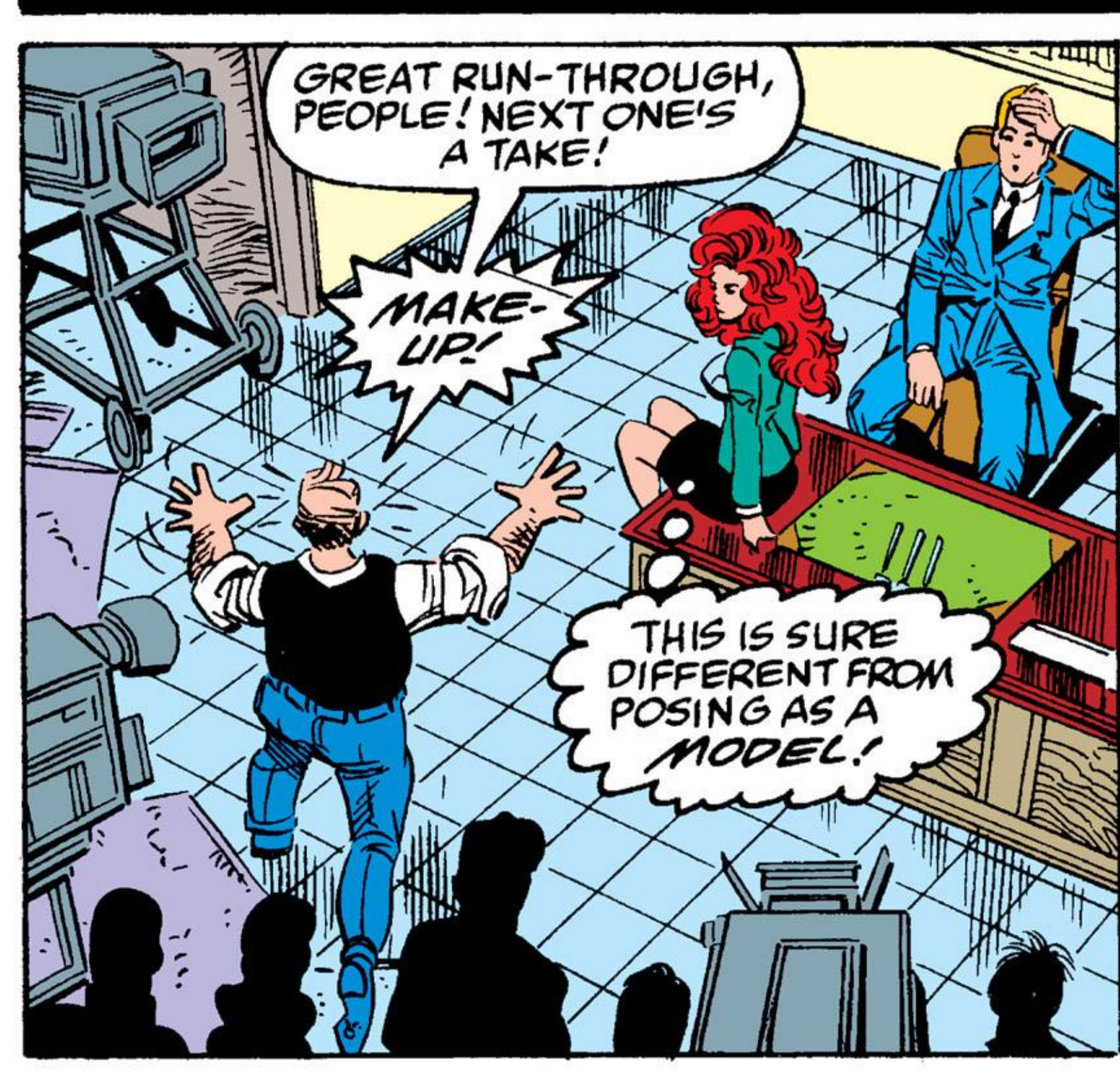

--HUH?!
HI!
MIND IF I HELP YOU SMASH SOME TRASH?
GULP N-N-NOT AT ALL!
THANKS!

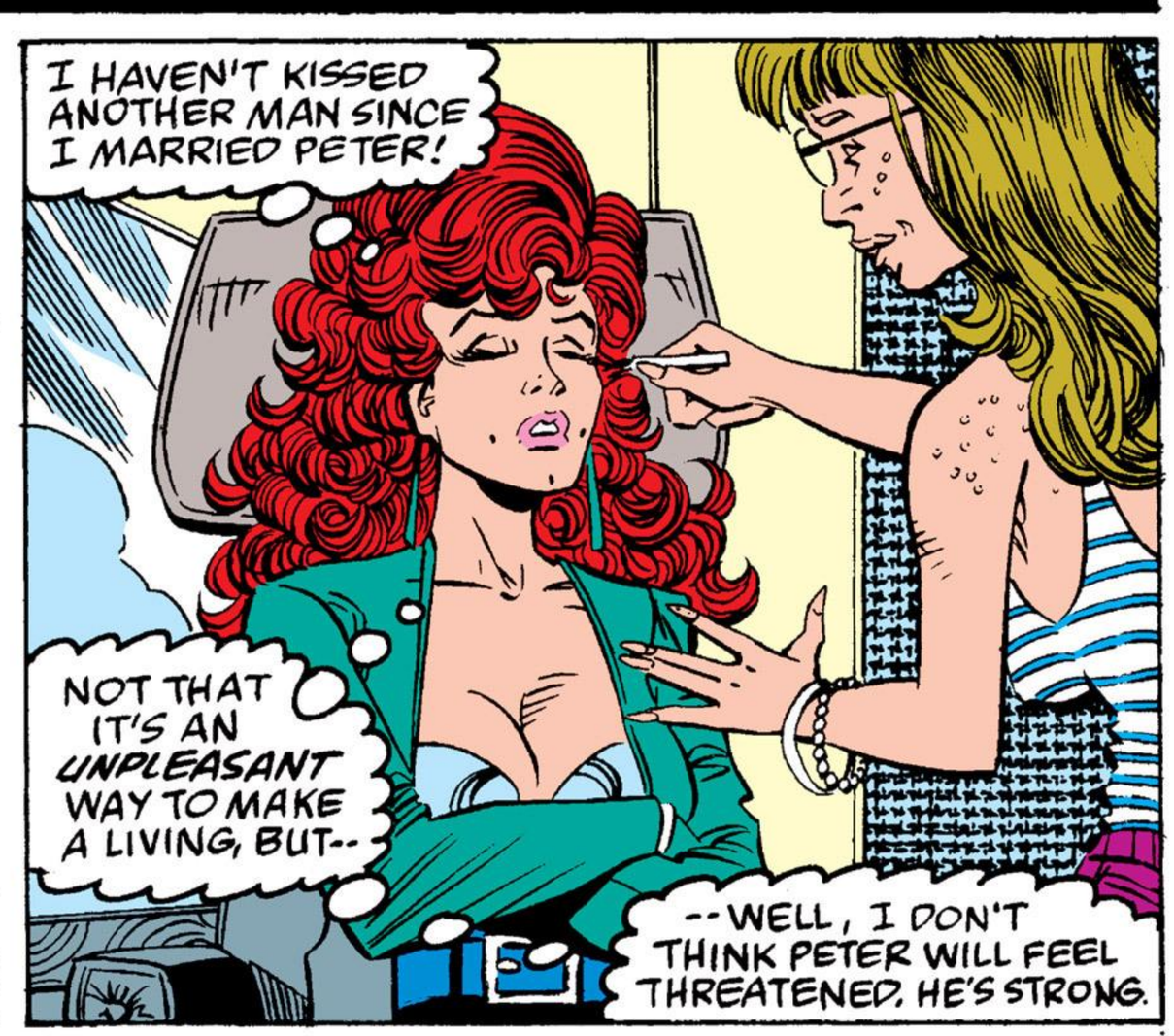

ONE OF MY NEW "TALENTS" IS SHOOTING ENERGY BOLTS!
BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO UNLEASH THEM ON ANYTHING WORTHWHILE!
SO, SINCE JONATHON CAESAR ISN'T AROUND--
-- I FIGURE THESE CAR CORPSES MIGHT SUFFICE!
NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT I CAN REALLY DO...!
SHRI
WOW.
I'M IMPRESSED.
AND YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE!
HELLO? CHANNEL FIVE? DO YOU STILL PAY CASH--
-- FOR HOT NEWS TIPS?

WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF "HOT"...
IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT I'M MARRIED. I WANT YOU, DOCTOR.
I WANT YOU NOW.

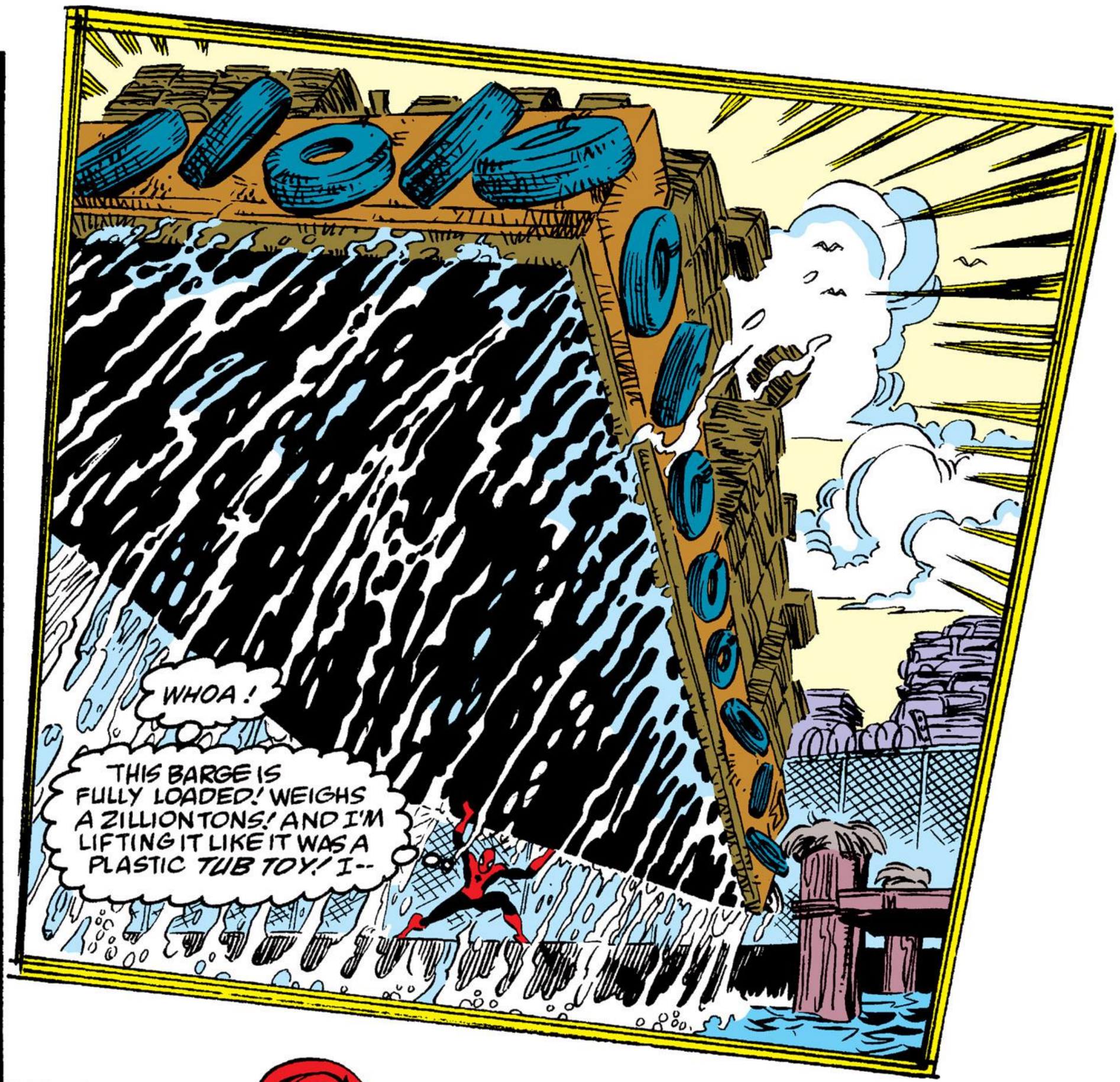
REALLY, MS. SHANE--!
PLEASE...
...CALL ME SYBIL.

THAT IS, THE NEXT TIME YOU CAN CATCH YOUR BREATH!
AAAAAND CUT!

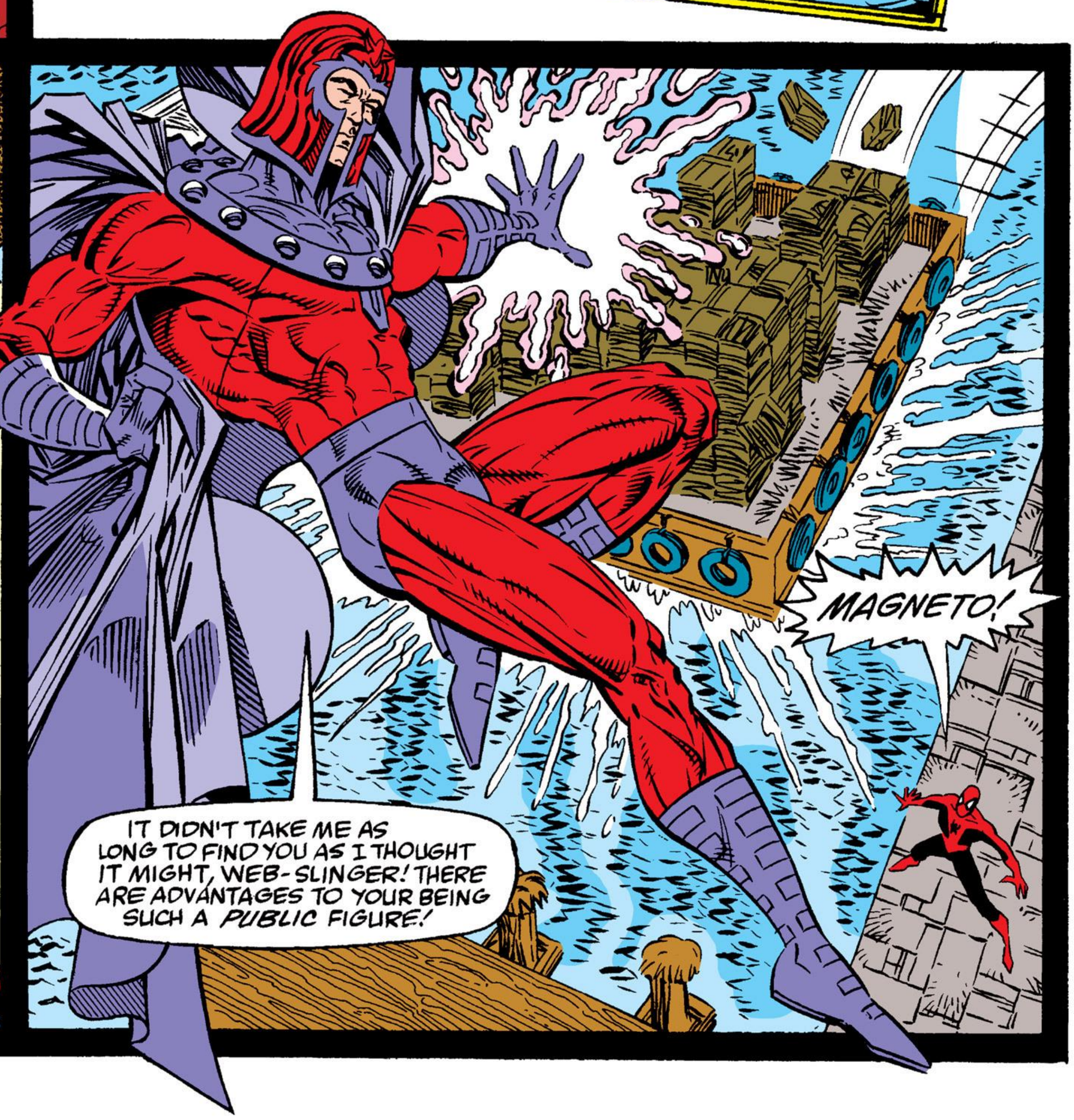

GREAT RUN-THROUGH, PEOPLE! NEXT ONE'S A TAKE!
MAKE-UP!
THIS IS SURE DIFFERENT FROM POSING AS A MODEL!

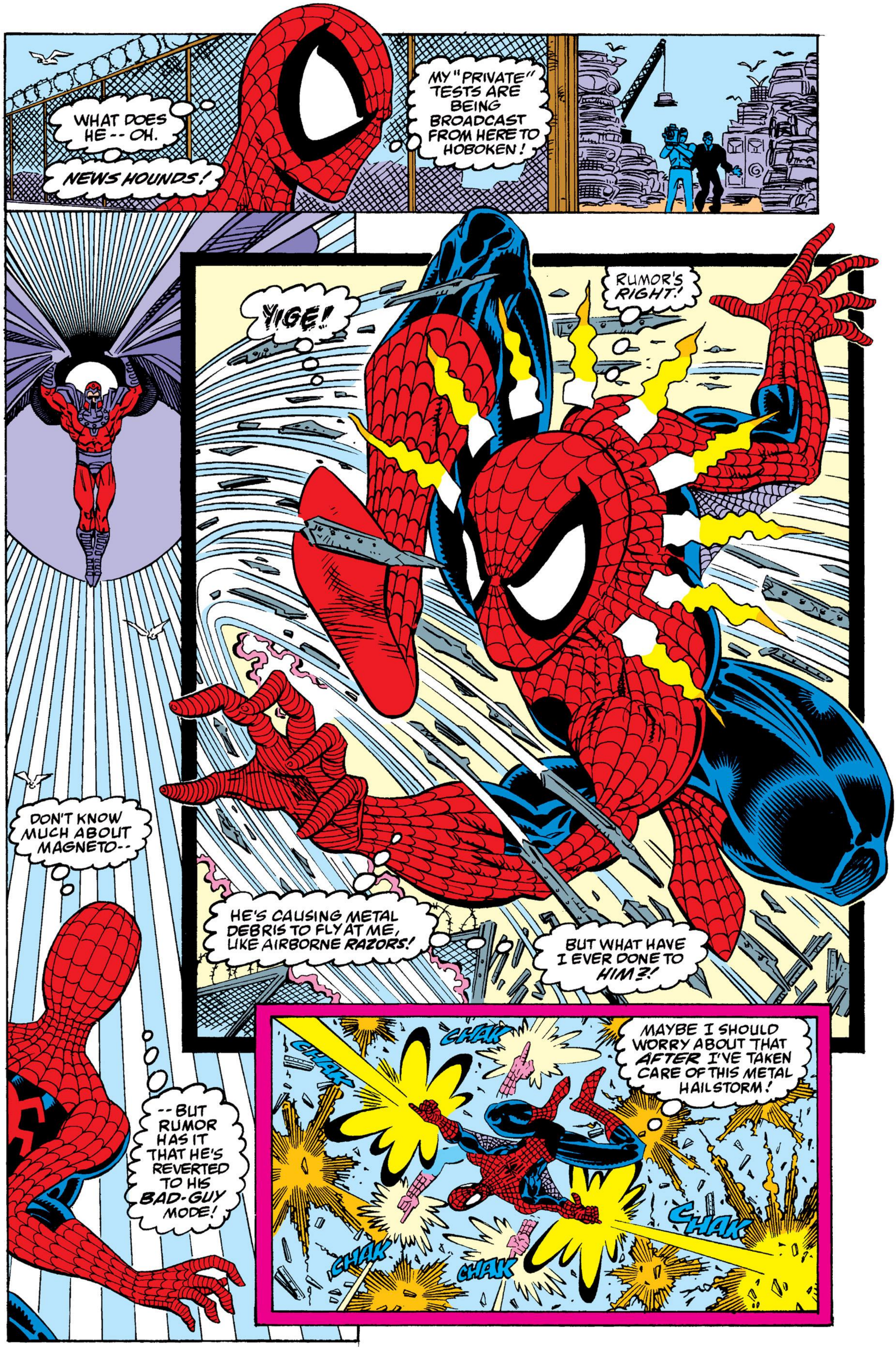

I HAVEN'T KISSED ANOTHER MAN SINCE I MARRIED PETER!
NOT THAT IT'S AN UNPLEASANT WAY TO MAKE A LIVING, BUT--
--WELL, I DON'T THINK PETER WILL FEEL THREATENED. HE'S STRONG.

I WONDER JUST HOW STRONG I AM!


WHOA!
THIS BARGE IS FULLY LOADED! WEIGHS A ZILLION TONS! AND I'M LIFTING IT LIKE IT WAS A PLASTIC TUB TOY! I--

--HUH? BEING PULLED OUT OF MY HANDS?! WHAT--


MAGNETO!
IT DIDN'T TAKE ME AS LONG TO FIND YOU AS I THOUGHT IT MIGHT, WEB-SLINGER! THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO YOUR BEING SUCH A PUBLIC FIGURE!


WHAT DOES HE -- OH.
NEWS HOUNDS!
MY "PRIVATE" TESTS ARE BEING BROADCAST FROM HERE TO HOBOKEN!
YIGE!
RUMOR'S RIGHT!
DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MAGNETO--
HE'S CAUSING METAL DEBRIS TO FLY AT ME, LIKE AIRBORNE RAZORS!
BUT WHAT HAVE I EVER DONE TO HIM?!
--BUT RUMOR HAS IT THAT HE'S REVERTED TO HIS BAD-GUY MODE!
CHAK
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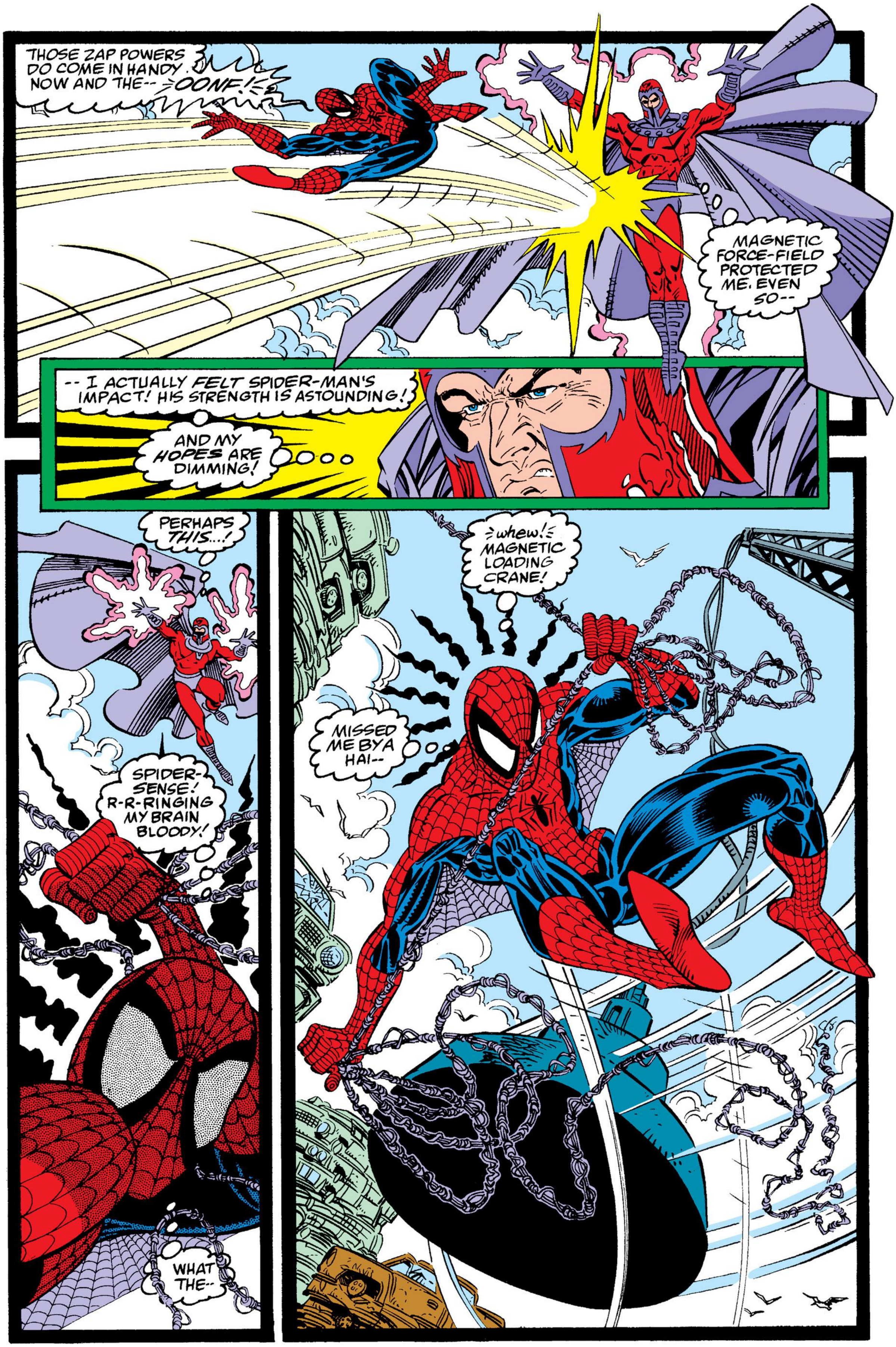
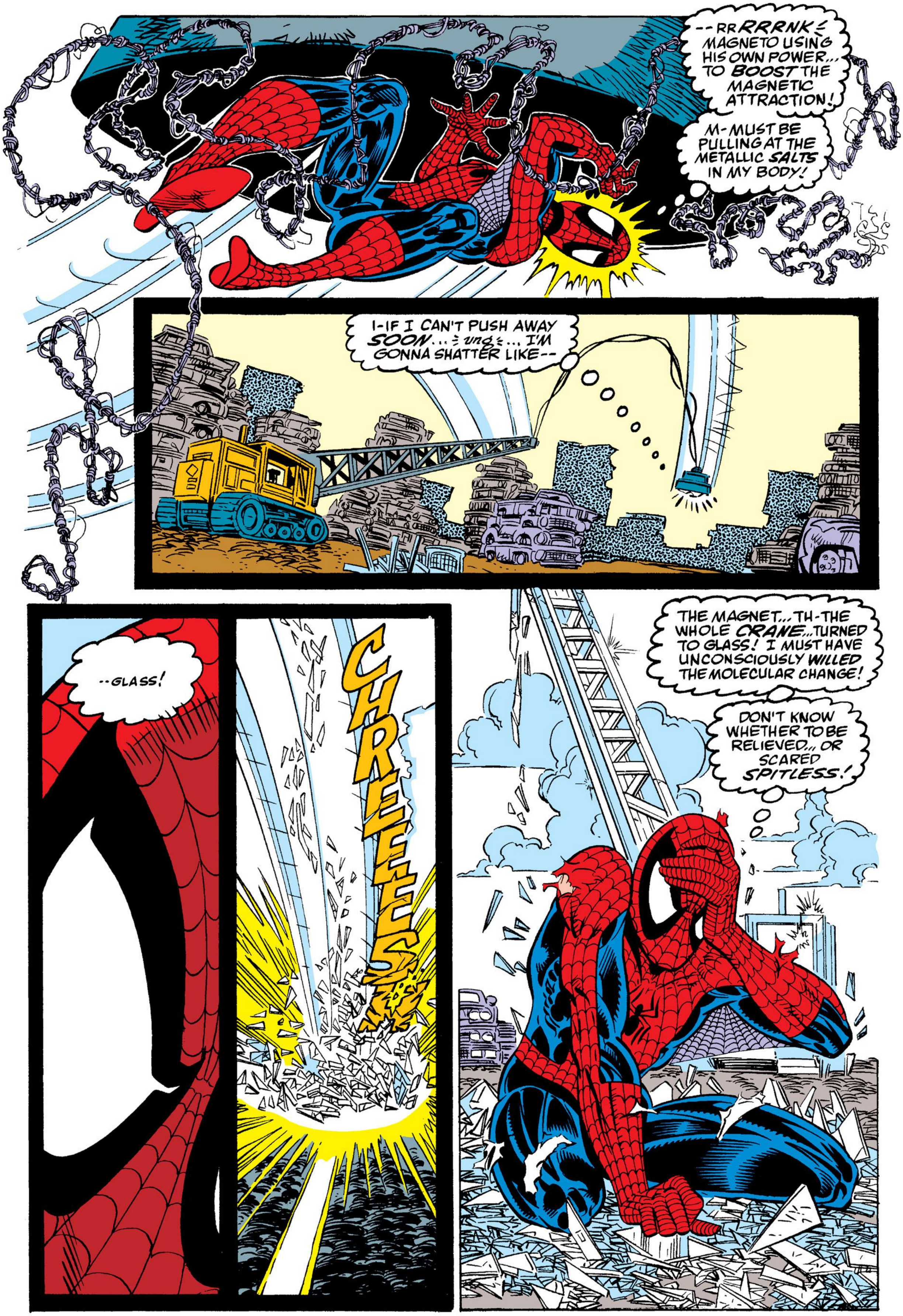
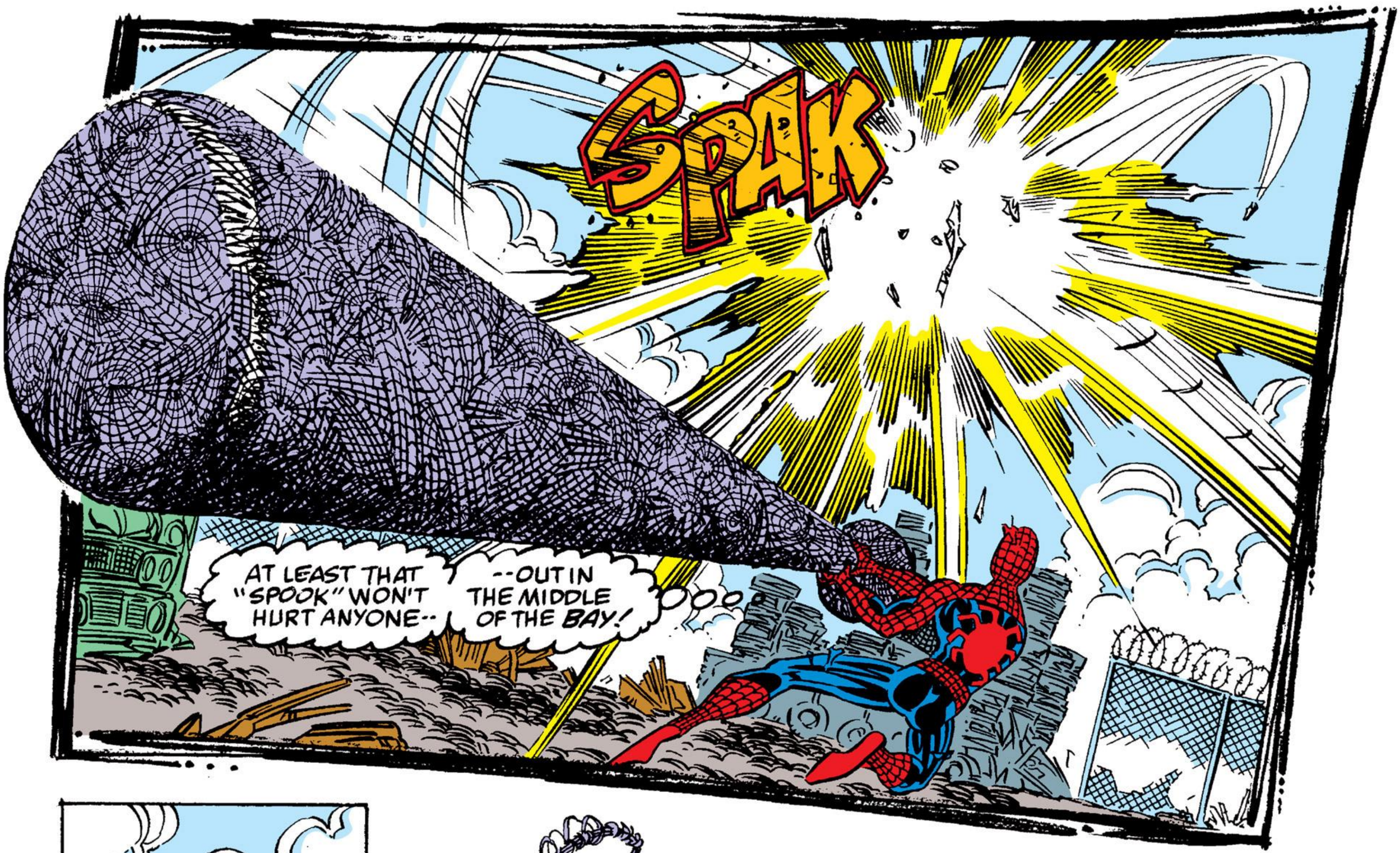
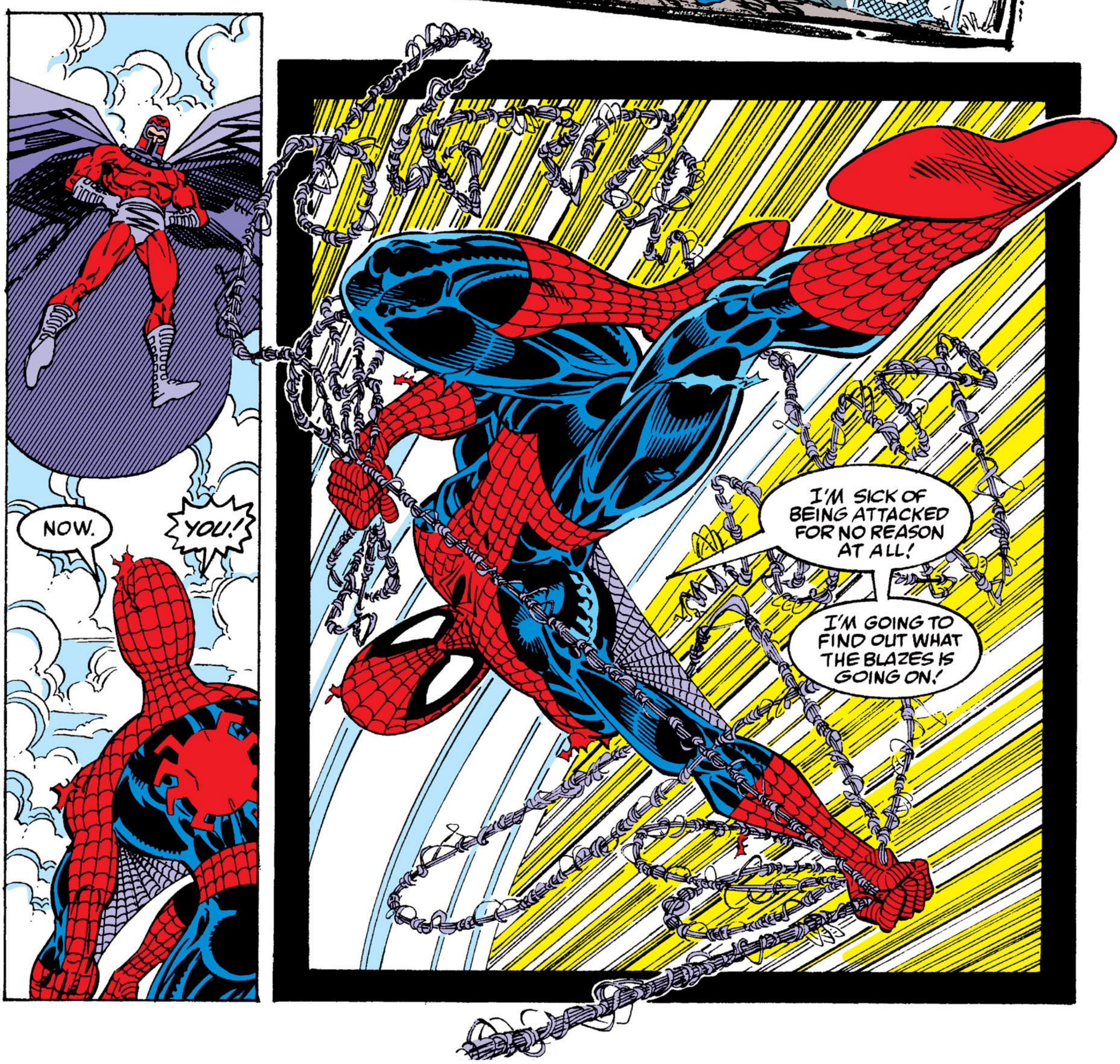
MAYBE I SHOULD WORRY ABOUT THAT AFTER I'VE TAKEN CARE OF THIS METAL HAILSTORM!

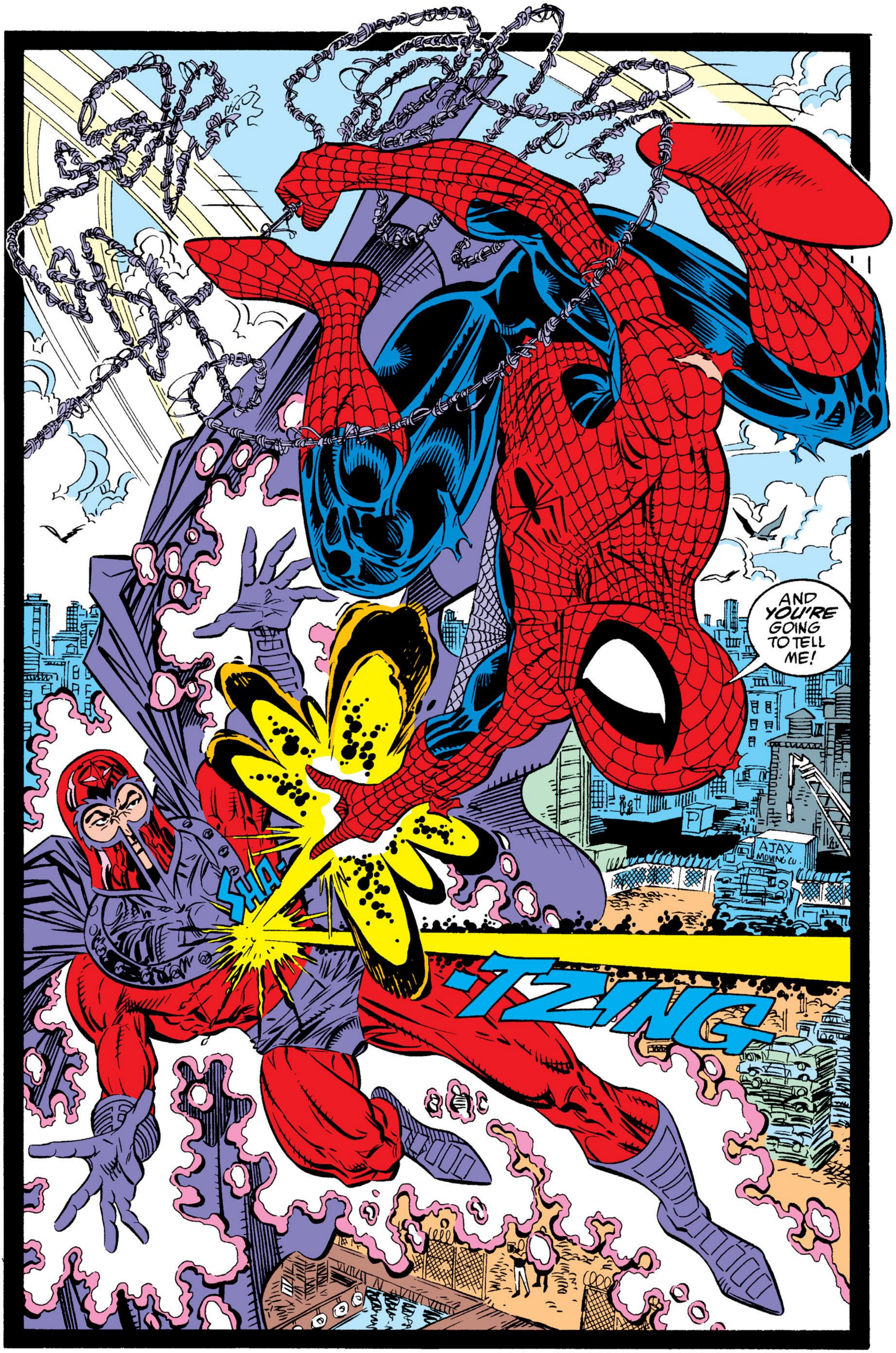

THOSE ZAP POWERS DO COME IN HANDY. NOW AND THE-- =OONF!=
MAGNETIC FORCE-FIELD PROTECTED ME. EVEN SO--
-- I ACTUALLY FELT SPIDER-MAN'S IMPACT! HIS STRENGTH IS ASTOUNDING!
AND MY HOPES ARE DIMMING!
PERHAPS THIS....!
SPIDER-SENSE! R-R-RINGING MY BRAIN BLOODY!
WHAT THE--
=whew!= MAGNETIC LOADING CRANE!
MISSED ME BY A HAI--


--RRRRNK! MAGNETO USING HIS OWN POWER... TO BOOST THE MAGNETIC ATTRACTION!
M-MUST BE PULLING AT THE METALLIC SALTS IN MY BODY!
I-IF I CAN'T PUSH AWAY SOON... ung... I'M GONNA SHATTER LIKE--
--GLASS!
CHREEEEES
THE MAGNET... TH-THE WHOLE CRANE... TURNED TO GLASS! I MUST HAVE UNCONSCIOUSLY WILLED THE MOLECULAR CHANGE!
DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BE RELIEVED... OR SCARED SPITLESS!

ARRRRGH!
J-JUDGING FROM THE WAY MY SPIDER-SENSE IS SCREAMING, M-MY BET'S ON SCARED!
YEP!
KRAANKS!
THWI-WIP
:shoosh!: I KNOW MAGNETO'S CONTROLLING THOSE THINGS--
--BUT I STILL CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING I'VE STEPPED ONTO THE SET OF "CHRISTINE II"!


SPAK
AT LEAST THAT "SPOOK" WON'T HURT ANYONE--
--OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BAY!


NOW.
YOU!
I'M SICK OF BEING ATTACKED FOR NO REASON AT ALL!
I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BLAZES IS GOING ON!


AND YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME!
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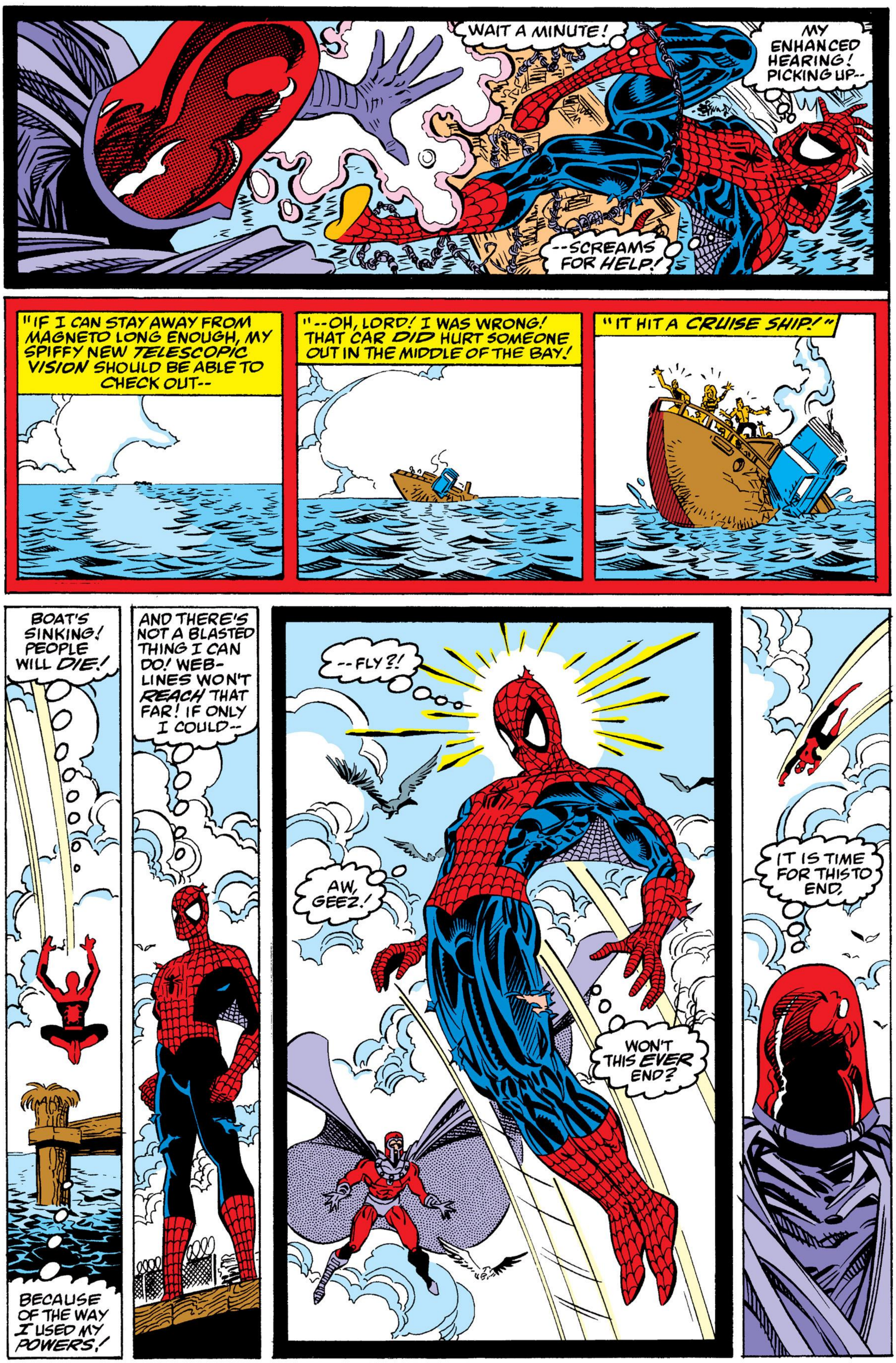
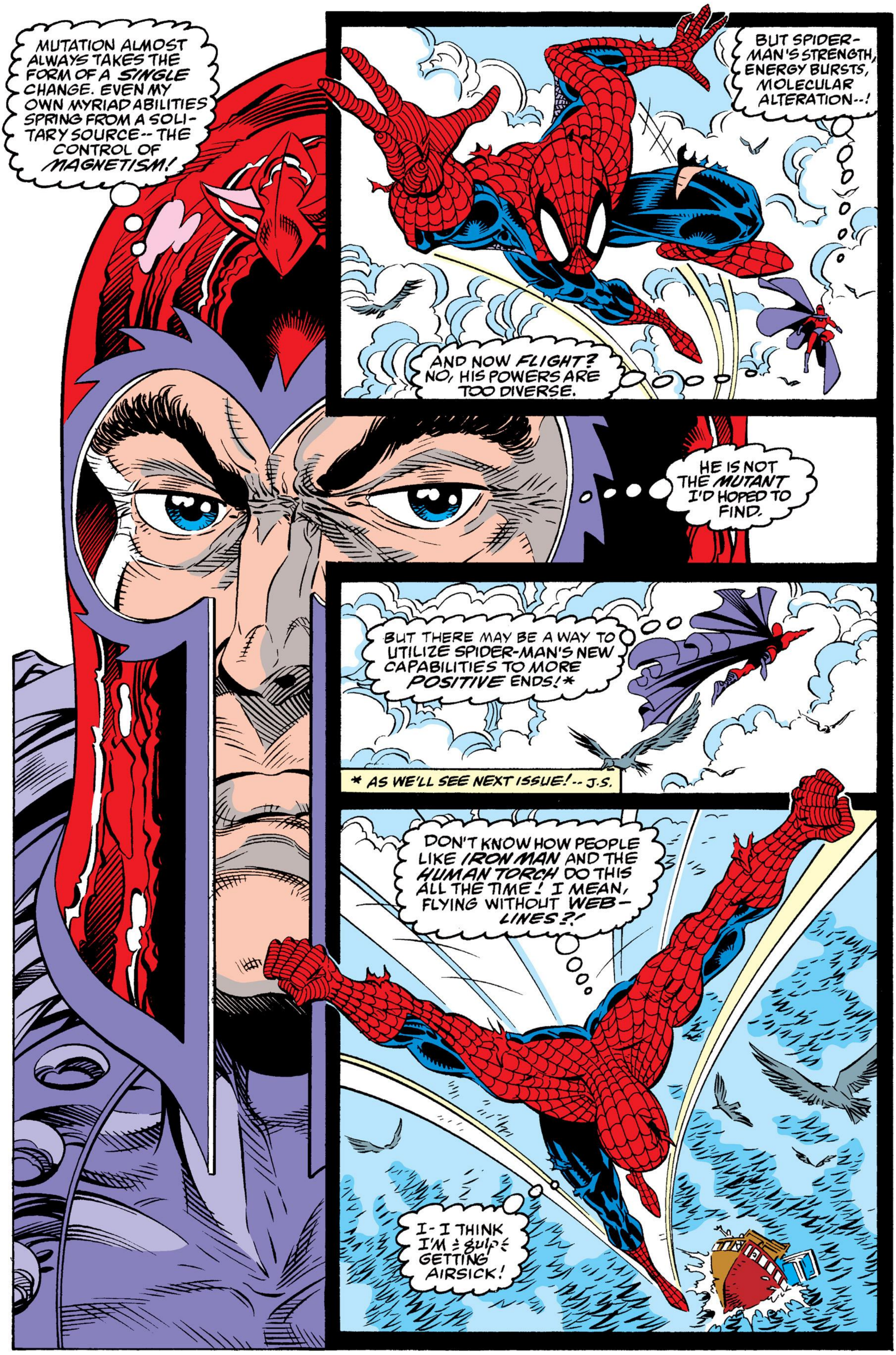
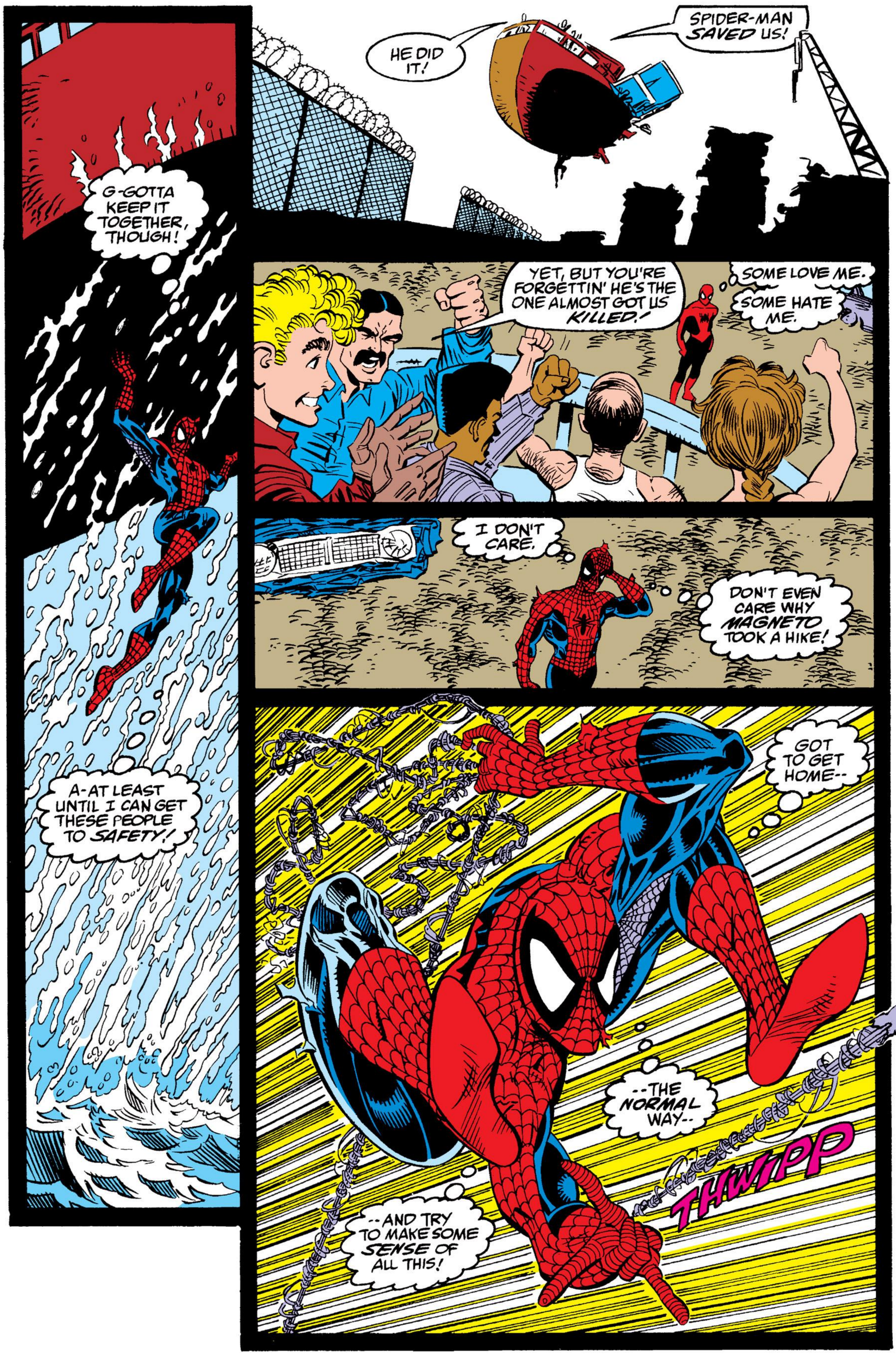
AJAX MOVING CO.


WAIT A MINUTE!
MY ENHANCED HEARING! PICKING UP--
--SCREAMS FOR HELP!
"IF I CAN STAY AWAY FROM MAGNETO LONG ENOUGH, MY SPIFFY NEW TELESCOPIC VISION SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHECK OUT--
"--OH, LORD! I WAS WRONG! THAT CAR DID HURT SOMEONE OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BAY!
"IT HIT A CRUISE SHIP!"
BOAT'S SINKING! PEOPLE WILL DIE!
AND THERE'S NOT A BLASTED THING I CAN DO! WEB-LINES WON'T REACH THAT FAR! IF ONLY I COULD--
BECAUSE OF THE WAY I USED MY POWERS!
--FLY?!
AW, GEEZ!
WON'T THIS EVER END?
IT IS TIME FOR THIS TO END.


MUTATION ALMOST ALWAYS TAKES THE FORM OF A SINGLE CHANGE. EVEN MY OWN MYRIAD ABILITIES SPRING FROM A SOLITARY SOURCE-- THE CONTROL OF MAGNETISM!
BUT SPIDER-MAN'S STRENGTH, ENERGY BURSTS, MOLECULAR ALTERATION--!
AND NOW FLIGHT? NO, HIS POWERS ARE TOO DIVERSE.
HE IS NOT THE MUTANT I'D HOPED TO FIND.
BUT THERE MAY BE A WAY TO UTILIZE SPIDER-MAN'S NEW CAPABILITIES TO MORE POSITIVE ENDS!*
* AS WE'LL SEE NEXT ISSUE! -- J.S.
DON'T KNOW HOW PEOPLE LIKE IRON MAN AND THE HUMAN TORCH DO THIS ALL THE TIME! I MEAN, FLYING WITHOUT WEB-LINES?!
I- I THINK I'M =gulp= GETTING AIRSICK!


G-GOTTA KEEP IT TOGETHER, THOUGH!
HE DID IT!
SPIDER-MAN SAVED US!
YET, BUT YOU'RE FORGETTIN' HE'S THE ONE ALMOST GOT US KILLED!
SOME LOVE ME.
SOME HATE ME.
I DON'T CARE.
DON'T EVEN CARE WHY MAGNETO TOOK A HIKE!
A-AT LEAST UNTIL I CAN GET THESE PEOPLE TO SAFETY!
GOT TO GET HOME--
--THE NORMAL WAY--
--AND TRY TO MAKE SOME SENSE OF ALL THIS!
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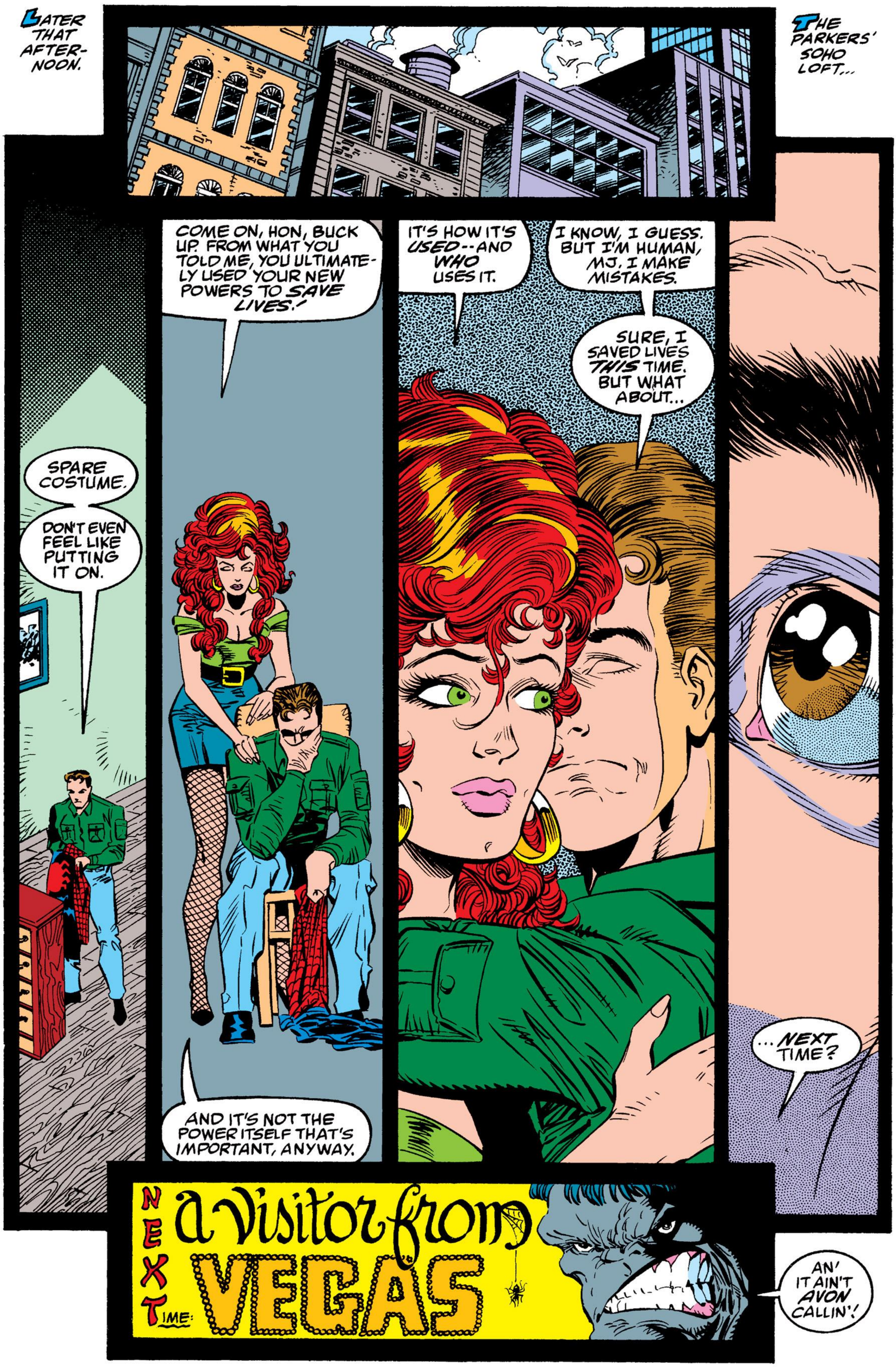
LATER THAT AFTER-NOON.
THE PARKERS' SOHO LOFT...
SPARE COSTUME.
DON'T EVEN FEEL LIKE PUTTING IT ON.
COME ON, HON, BUCK UP. FROM WHAT YOU TOLD ME, YOU ULTIMATE-LY USED YOUR NEW POWERS TO SAVE LIVES.
AND IT'S NOT THE POWER ITSELF THAT'S IMPORTANT, ANYWAY.
IT'S HOW IT'S USED--AND WHO USES IT.
I KNOW, I GUESS. BUT I'M HUMAN, MJ. I MAKE MISTAKES.
SURE, I SAVED LIVES THIS TIME. BUT WHAT ABOUT...
...NEXT TIME?
NEXT TIME: A Visitor from VEGAS
AN' IT AIN'T AVON CALLIN'!