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TRIAL BY JURY PART TWO

# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

MAXIMUM CARNAGE™  
FANS:  
YOU MUST NOT  
MISS THIS  
ISSUE!

WHEN THESE  
GUYS MAKE UP  
THEIR MINDS--

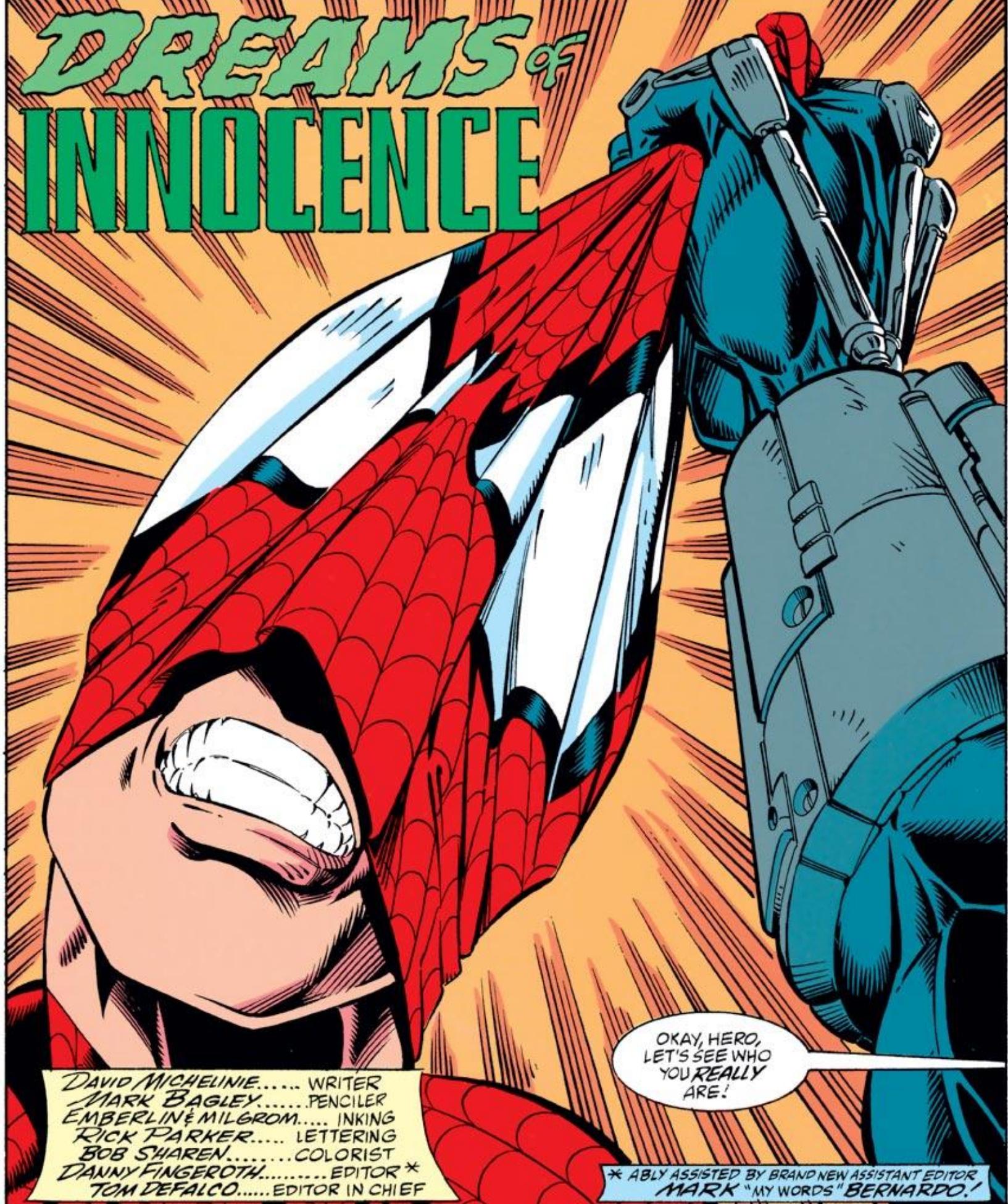
--IT'S  
MURDER!

PLUS: AUNT  
MAY'S QUEST  
FOR THE TRUTH  
ABOUT PETER'S  
PARENTS!

**BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!**

**Stan Lee  
PRESENTS: THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®**

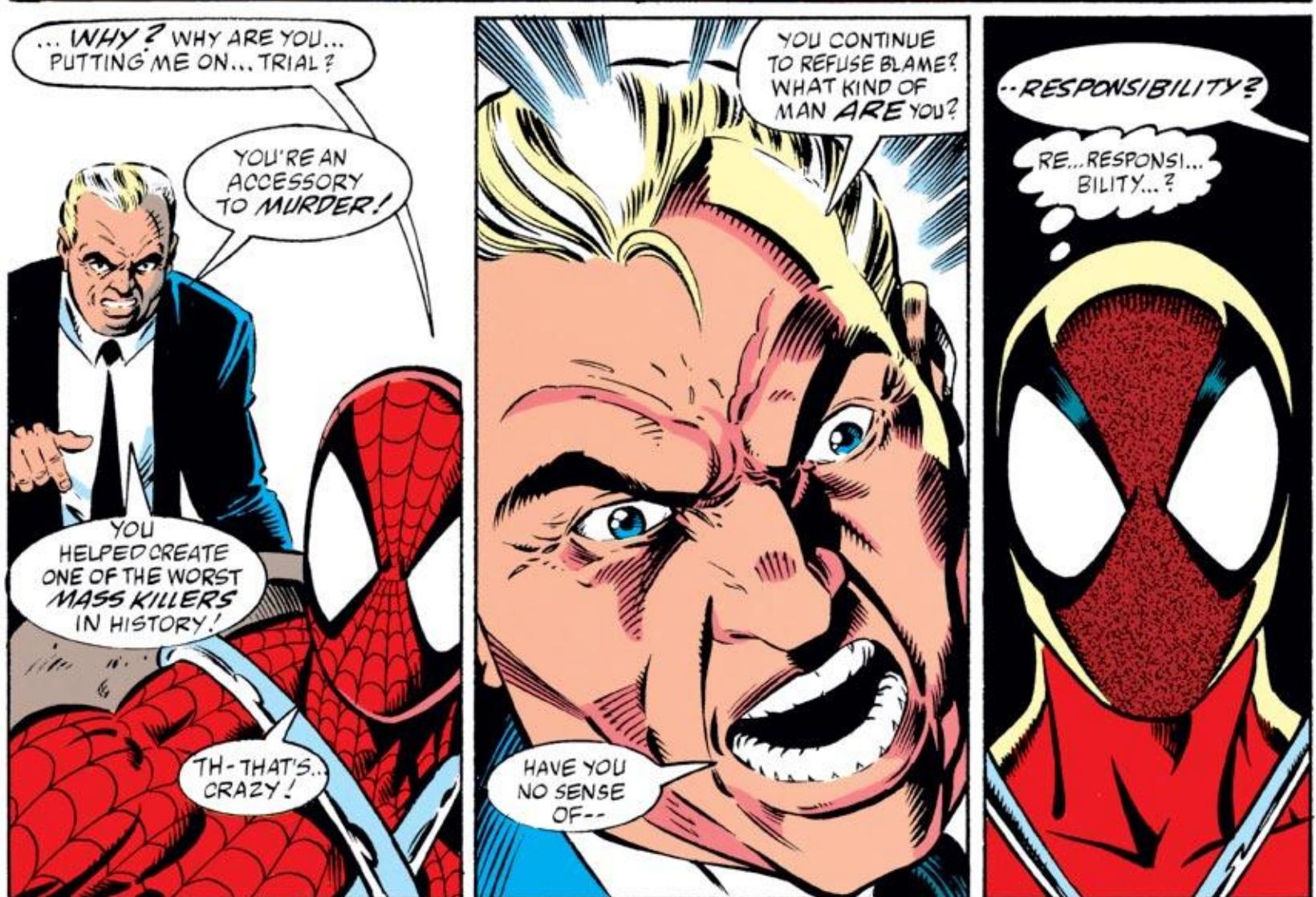
# DREAMS OF INNOCENCE



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OKAY, HERO,  
LET'S SEE WHO  
YOU REALLY  
ARE!

\* ABLY ASSISTED BY BRAND NEW ASSISTANT EDITOR,  
**MARK "MY WORDS" BERNARDO!**



FUNNY. I ALWAYS THOUGHT... THAT'S WHAT MADE ME... WHAT I AM!



IN SPIDER-MAN'S CHEMICALLY-DISORIENTED MIND, THE SCENE CHANGES.



BUT THAT POWER IS Wielded WITH ARROGANCE. HE REFUSES TO HELP APPREHEND A FLEEING CRIMINAL.



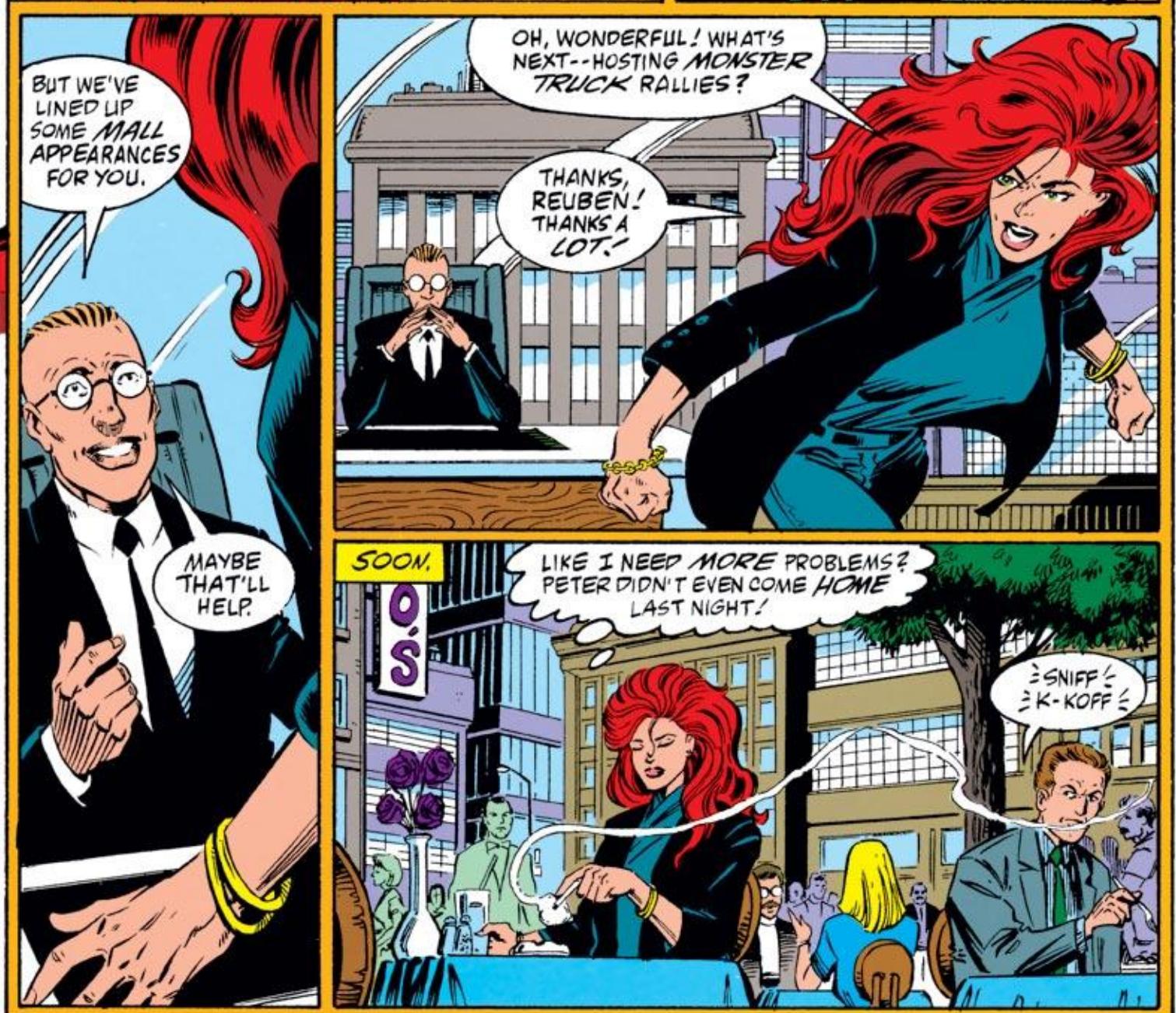
LATER, HE'S TOLD THAT HIS BELOVED UNCLE BEN HAS BEEN SLAIN BY A BURGLAR.

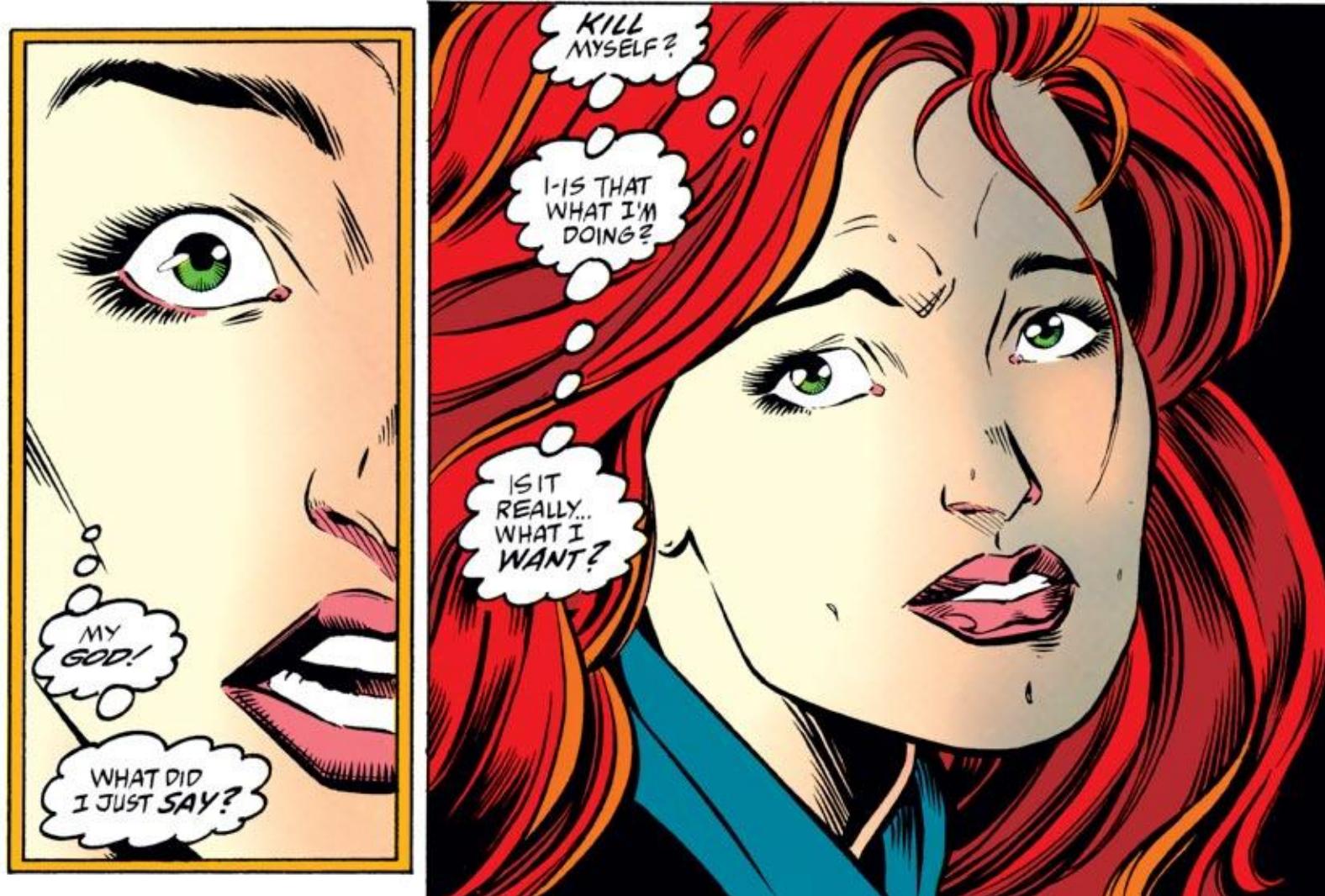
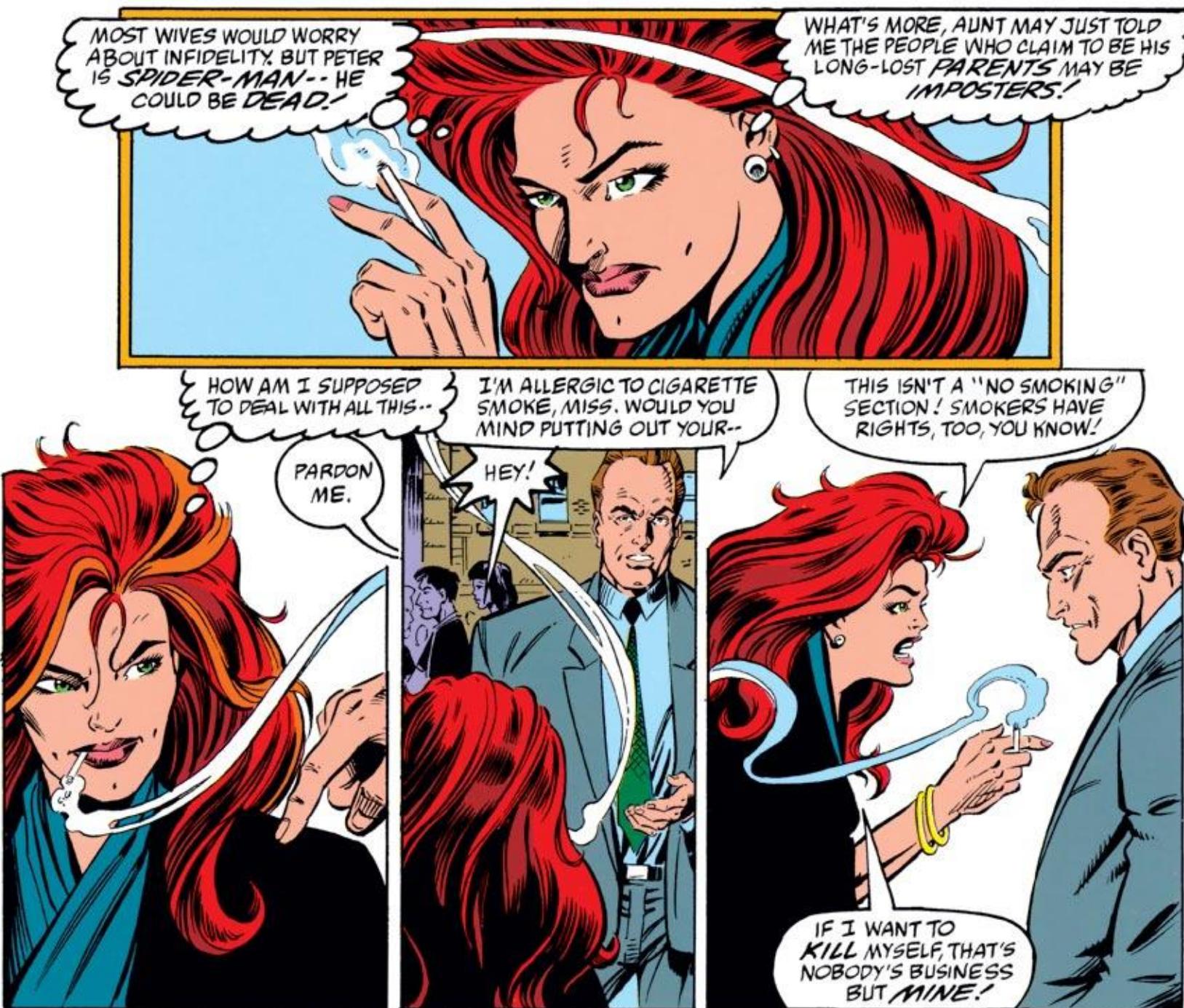
BUT WHEN HE TRACKS THE FELON DOWN, HE FINDS IT'S THE SAME MAN HE'D ALLOWED TO ESCAPE...

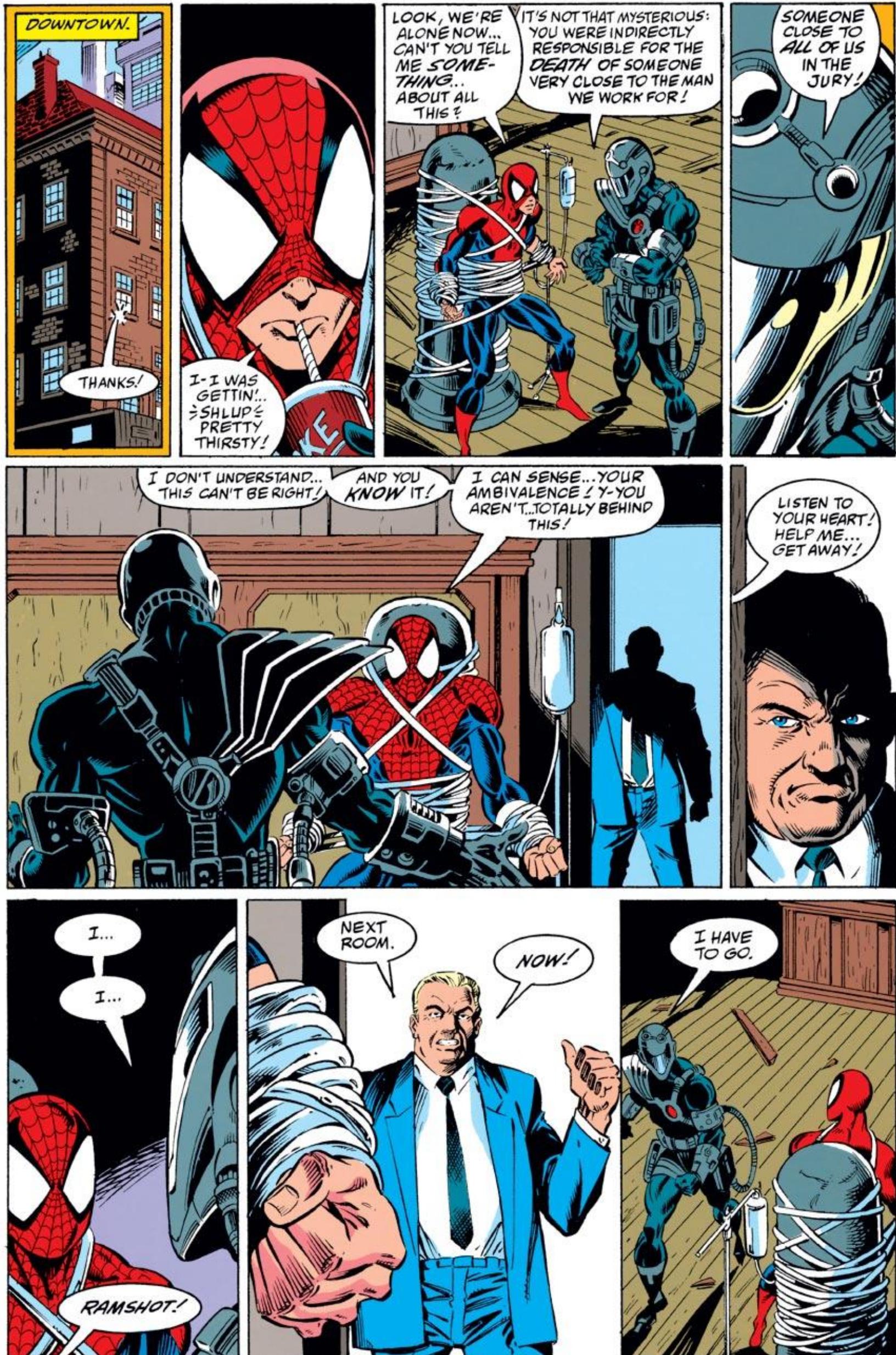
HE SWEARS REVENGE.

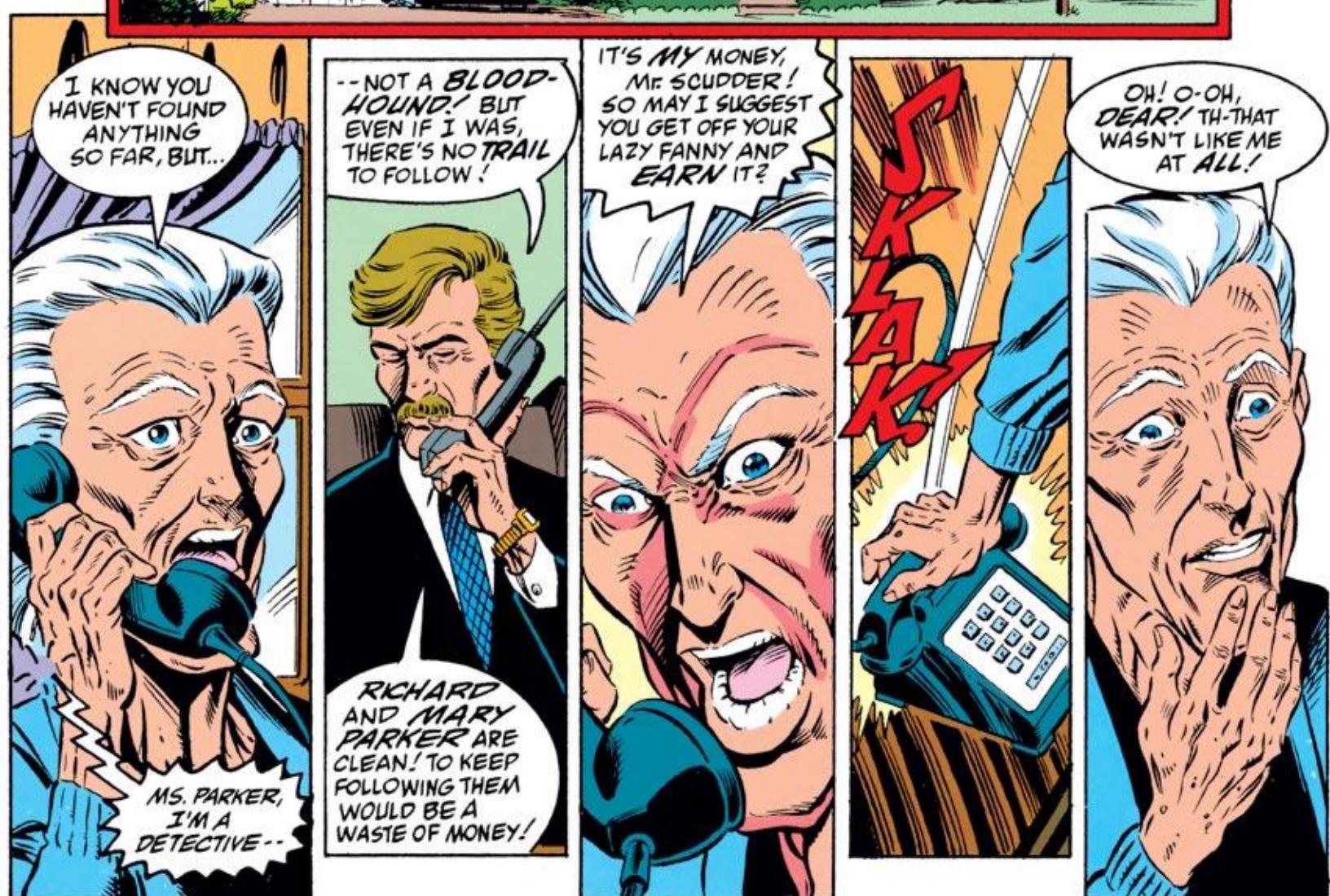
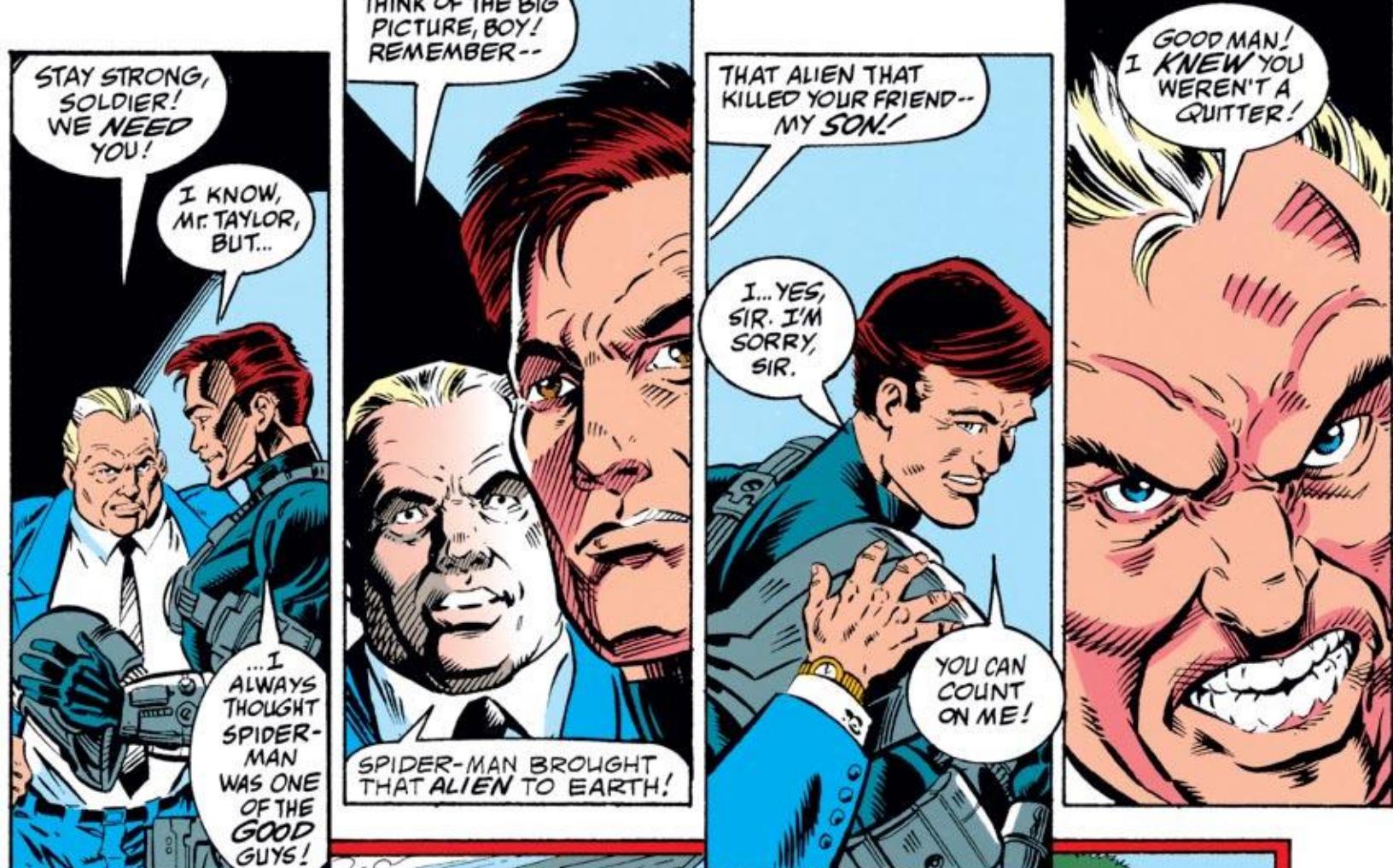




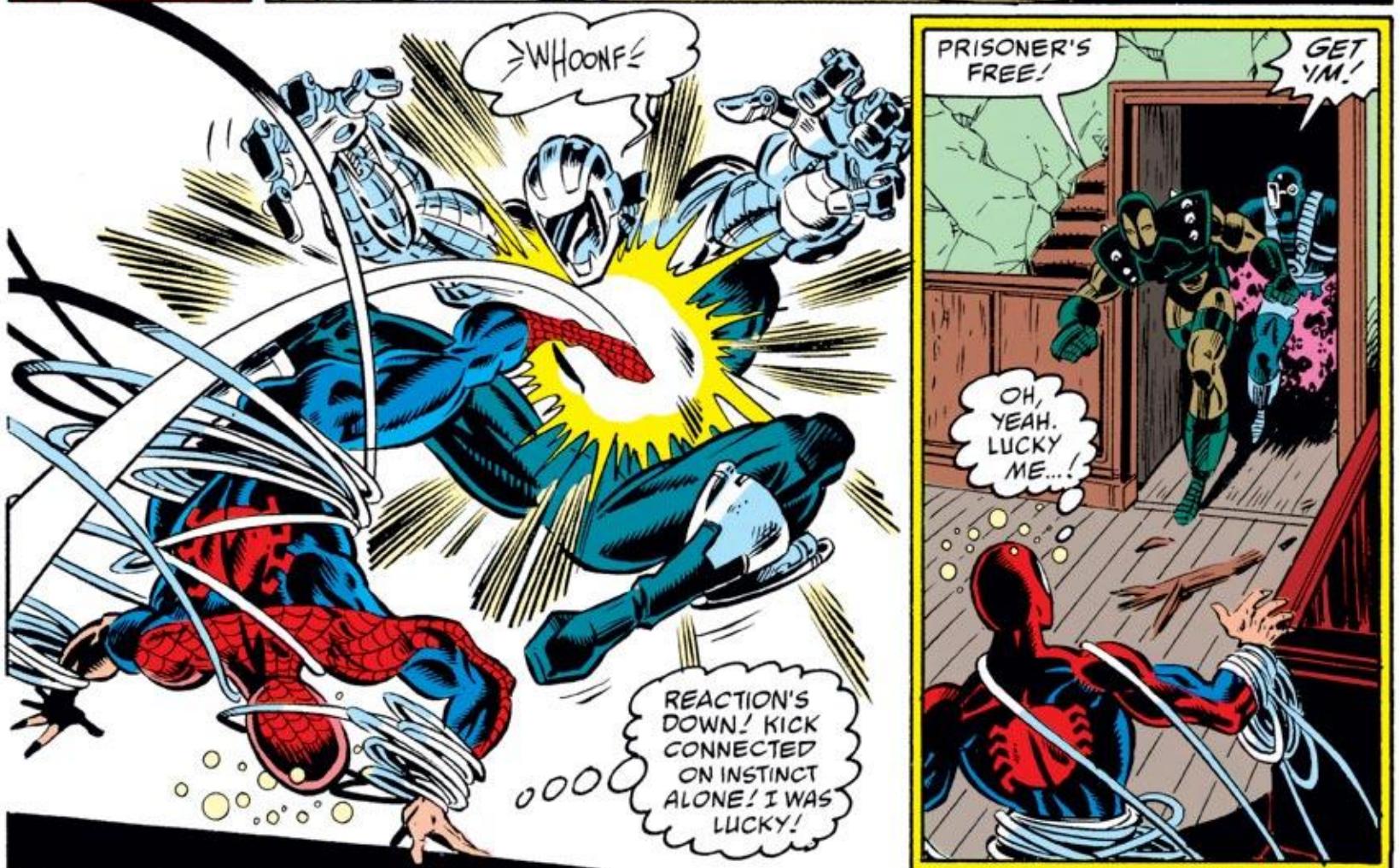
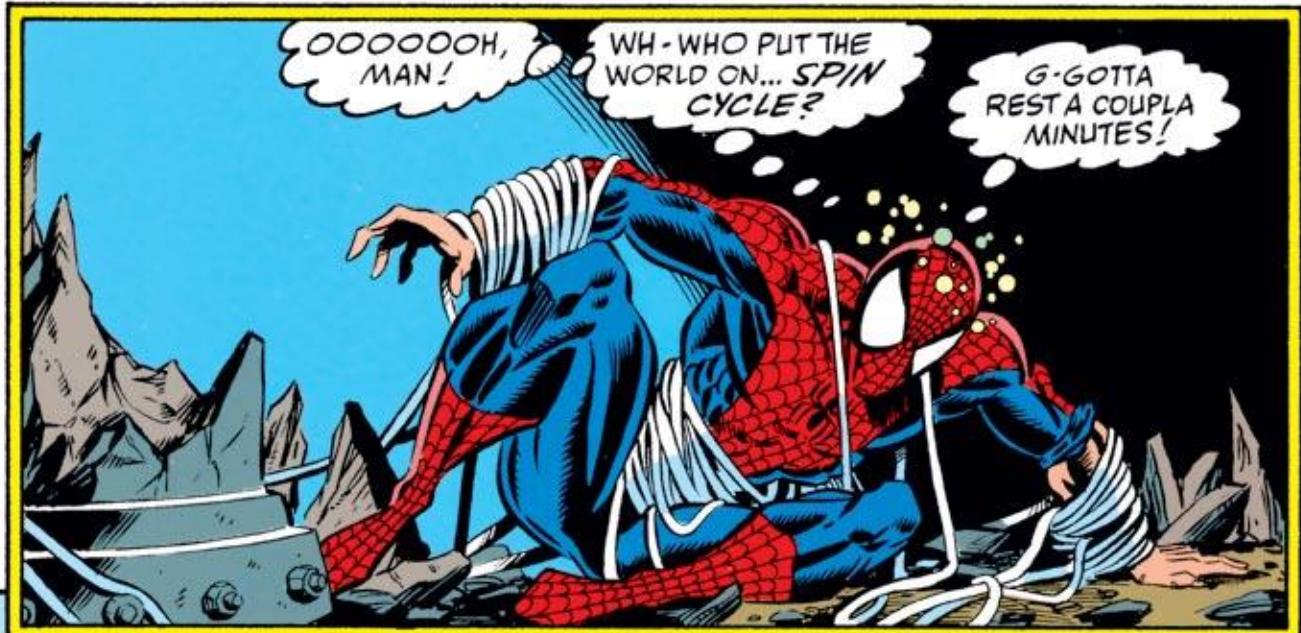


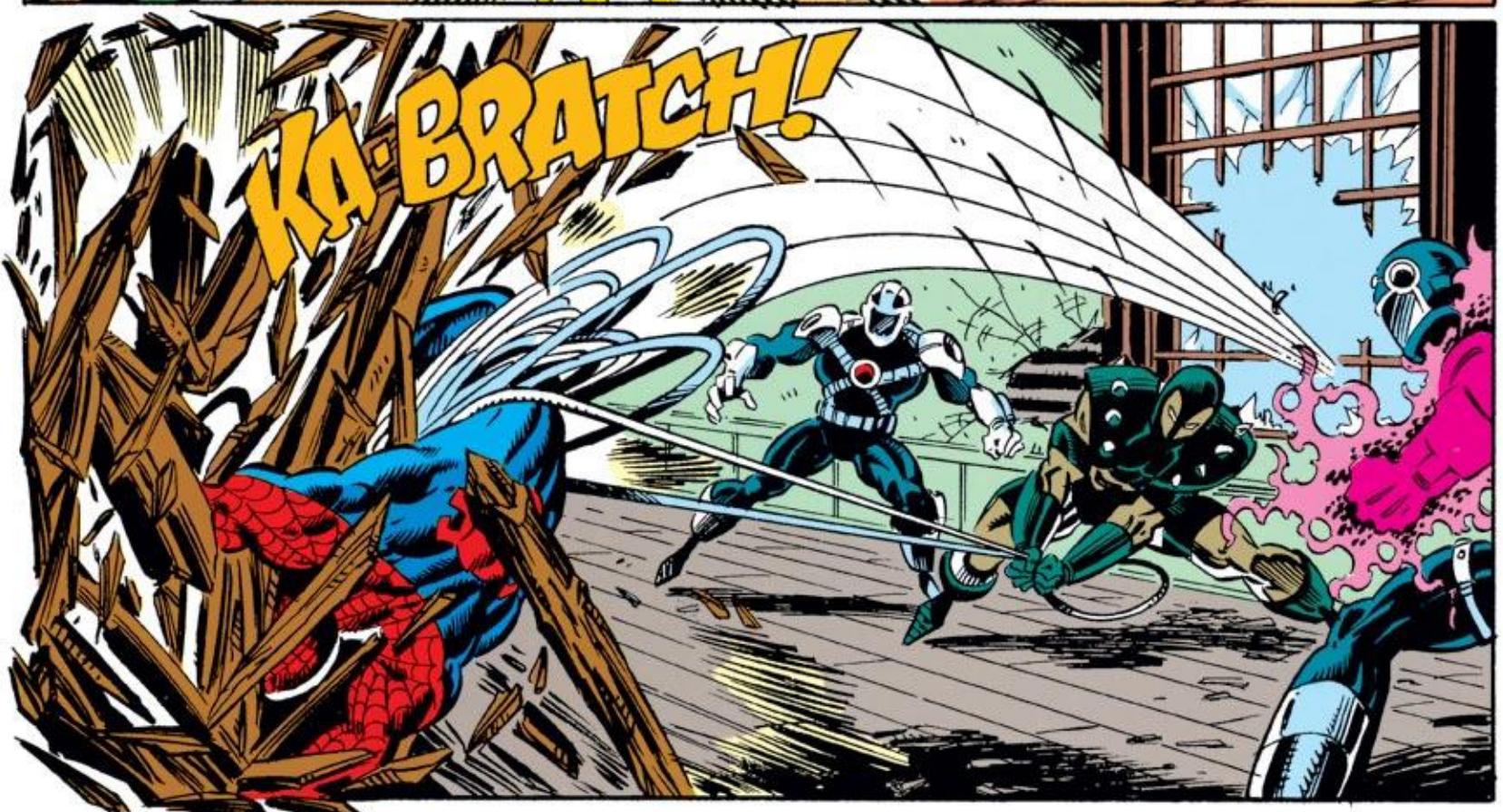
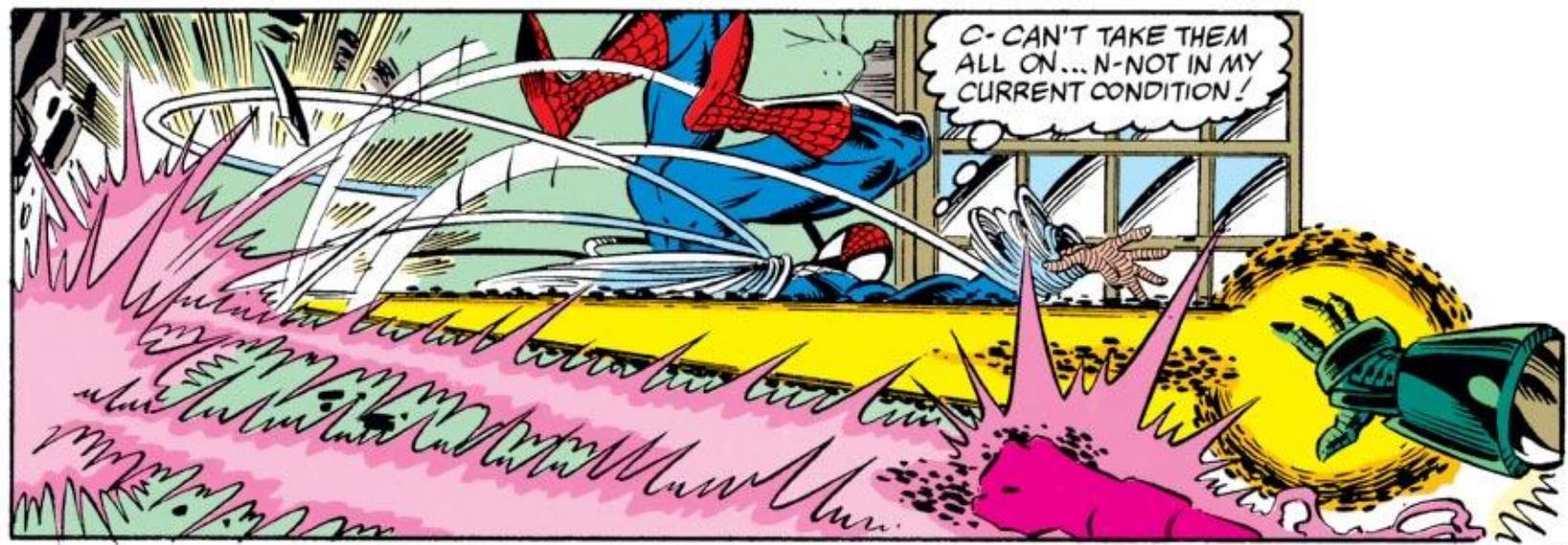


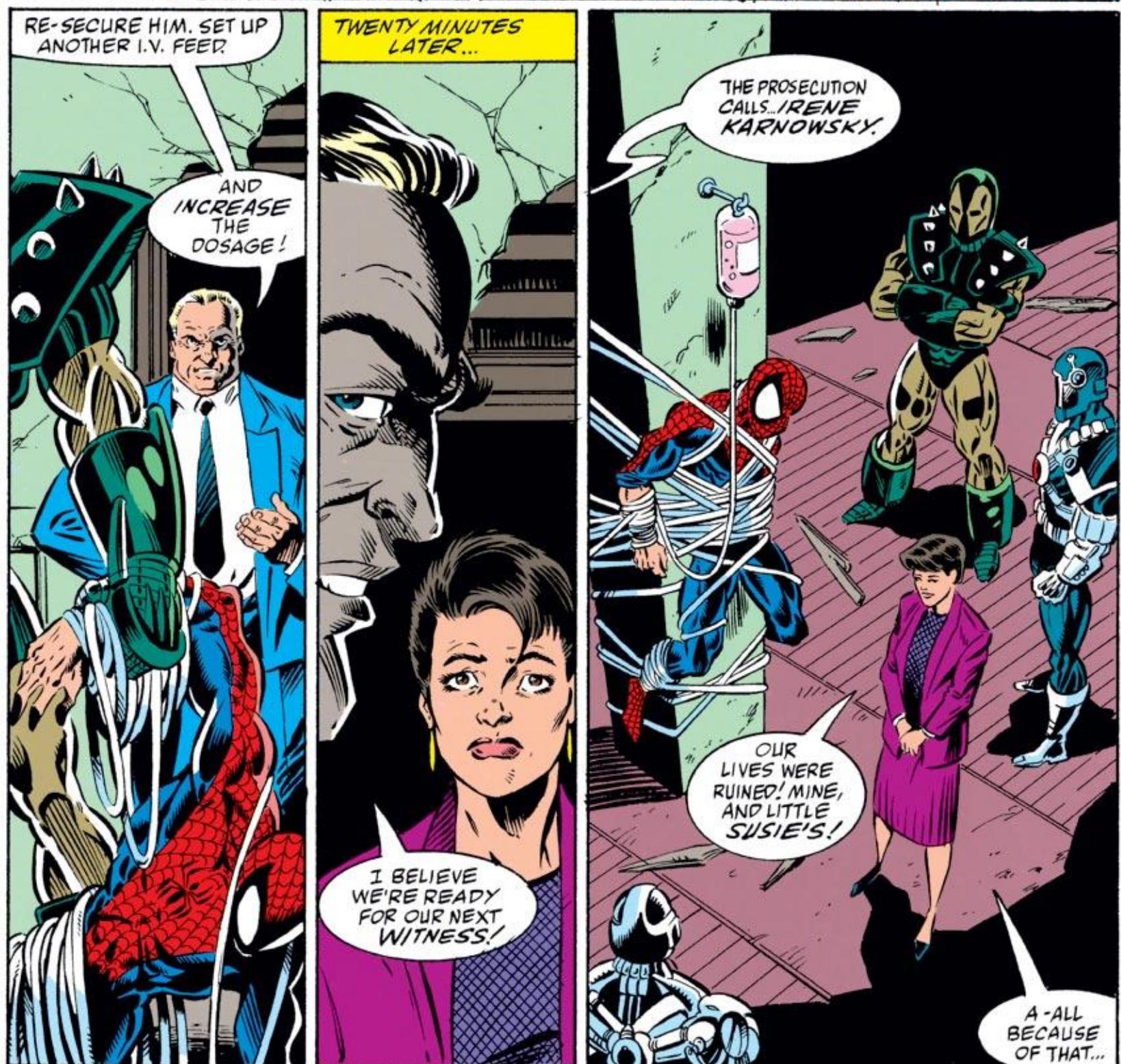
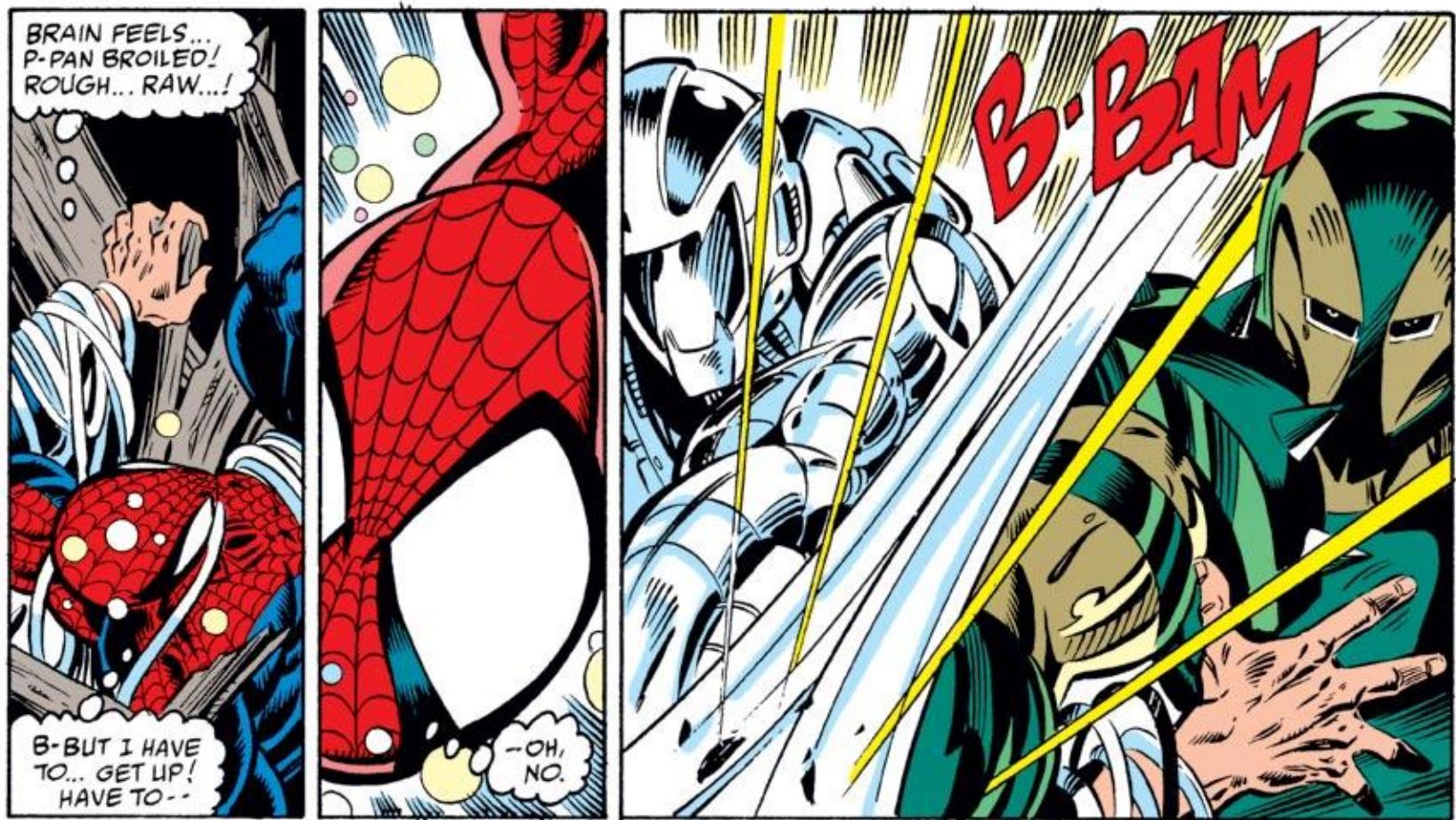


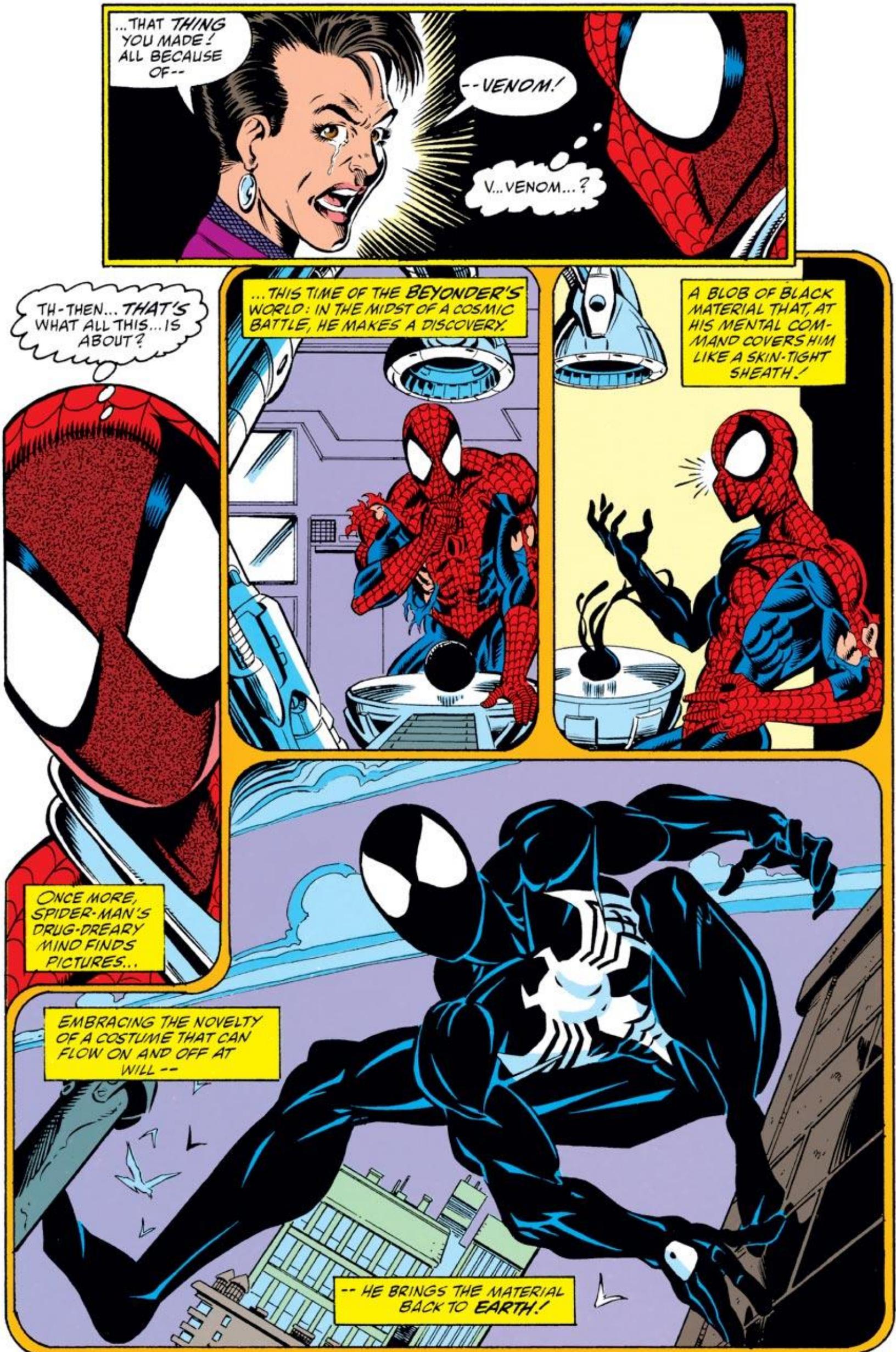












BUT DELIGHT TURNS TO SHOCK WHEN HE FINDS THAT THE MATERIAL IS ACTUALLY A LIVING ALIEN SYMBIOTE--

--AND THAT IT'S ATTEMPTING TO PERMANENTLY BOND WITH HIM!

IT... WAS JUST BEING TRUE... TO WHAT IT WAS! WHY... DIDN'T I SEE THAT?

BUT THE SYMBIOTE, MERELY STUNNED, SOON FINDS A NEW, MORE WILLING HOST:

EDDIE BROCK!

SPIDER-MAN'S REJECTION HAD BRED HATRED IN THE ALIEN; AN EMOTION ITS NEW PARTNER SHARES.

AND SO THE TWO EAGERLY JOIN TO FORM THE SLAVERING, SLAUGHTER-MINDED MONSTER CALLED--

--VENOM!

FROM THE BEGINNING, IT'S AN ODD, UNWHOLESOME UNION--

--ONE SEEMINGLY CUT SHORT DURING A STRUGGLE WITH BIZARRE FOES CALLED STYX AND STONE.

WITH MAD GLEE, STYX TURNS HIS WITHERING, CANCEROUS TOUCH ON VENOM, AND ONCE MORE--

-THE Symbiote FROM THE STARS CRUMPLES IN APPARENT DEATH!-

BUT THAT "END"  
IS IN TRUTH A  
SUBTLE, SINISTER  
BEGINNING.

FOR EDDIE BROCK  
IS INCARCERATED  
WITH CLETUS  
KASADY, AN  
UNREPENTANT,  
SOCIOPATHIC  
SERIAL KILLER.

AND WHEN THE ALIEN, RECOVERING FROM ITS RECUPERATIVE  
COMA, RETURNS TO FREE ITS CAGED PARTNER--



--IT LEAVES  
BEHIND A  
LITTLE  
SURPRISE:

A SEED...

...A SECOND SYMBIOTE THAT  
SOON SEEKS OUT ITS OWN HUMAN  
HOST!

SHOCKED  
AT FIRST,  
INITIALLY  
FEARFUL...

...A SPAWN...

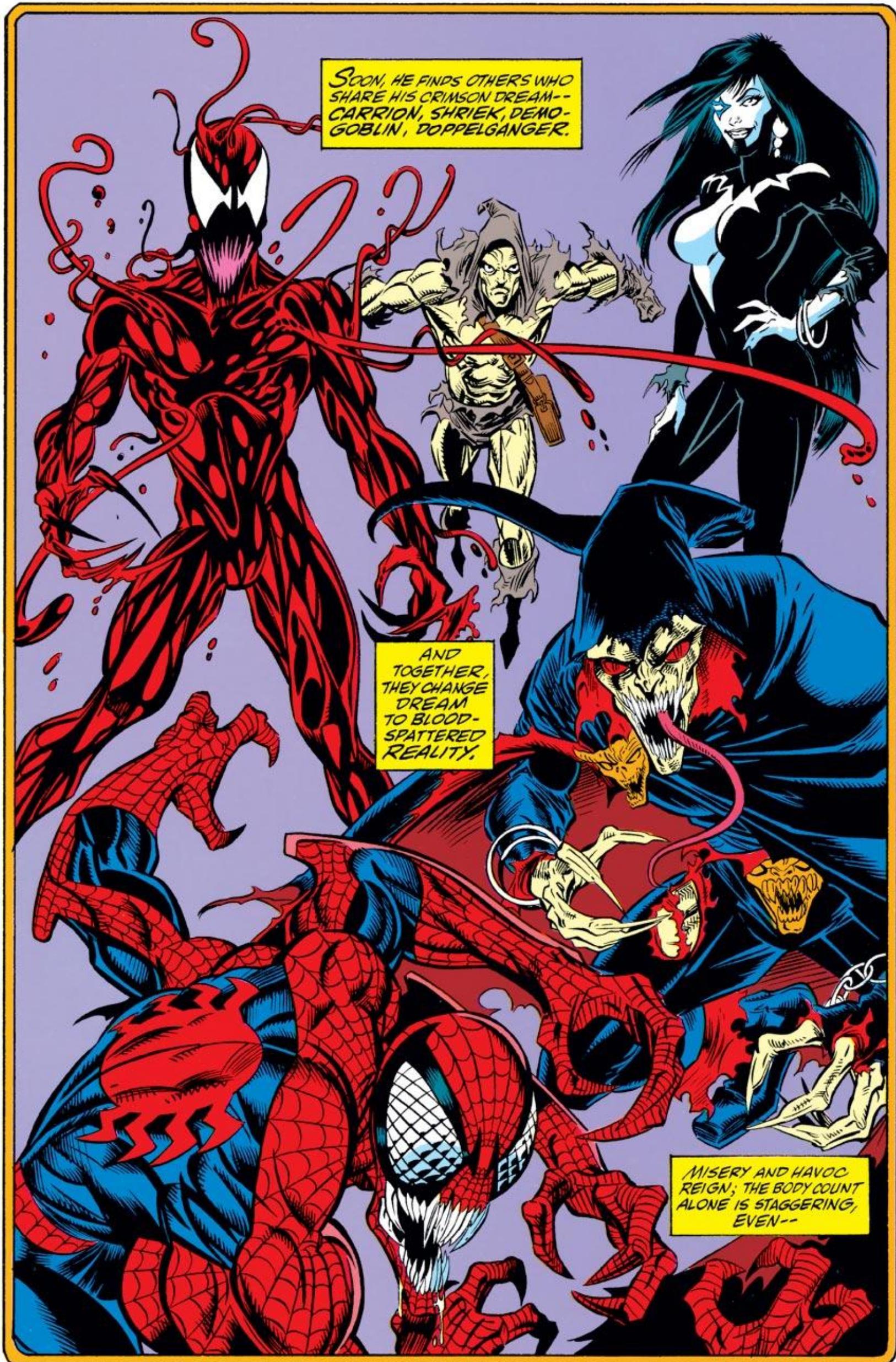


-- KASADY SOON GRAPS THE ENORMITY OF WHAT HAS OCCURRED. HE EVEN WELCOMES THE NEW ALIEN, UNDERSTANDING THAT WITH IT COMES POWER--

-- THE POWER TO SOW CHAOS! HE KNOWS THAT NOW HE'LL BE ABLE TO SHRED LIVES AND FLESH AT WILL, AND ALL FOR THE SIMPLEST, MOST BASE OF REASONS: BECAUSE HE CAN!

THUS SYMBIOTE AND SOCIOPATH BOND JOYFULLY, TO BECOME... CARNAGE!





SOON, HE FINDS OTHERS WHO  
SHARE HIS CRIMSON DREAM--  
CARRION, SHRIEK, DEMO-  
GOBLIN, DOPPELGANGER.

AND  
TOGETHER,  
THEY CHANGE  
DREAM  
TO BLOOD-  
SPATTERED  
REALITY.

MISERY AND HAVOC  
REIGN; THE BODY COUNT  
ALONE IS STAGGERING,  
EVEN--



"-- PETER!"

WH... WHA...

...WHAT DID I DO... TO  
MAKE YOU HATE  
ME SO?

I HAVE A  
DAUGHTER.

SUSIE.

SHE'S  
SIX YEARS OLD.  
LAST CHRISTMAS, I  
TOOK HER SHOPPING  
IN MIDTOWN.

BUT VENOM CHASED YOU THROUGH  
A DEPARTMENT STORE WHILE WE WERE  
THERE! SUSIE'D GONE TO SEE MISTER  
LAFFY, THE CLOWN-- BUT VENOM  
THOUGHT LAFFY WAS A THREAT, AND  
TOOK SUSIE AWAY FROM HIM!

I SUPPOSE  
HE SAW IT AS  
PROTECTING  
AN INNOCENT  
FROM HARM...\*

\* IN AMAZING  
#374.-- DANNY

...BUT GOD KNOWS  
WHAT SUSIE SAW.  
SHE HASN'T TOLD  
ANYONE-- AND  
SHE NEVER WILL!



