

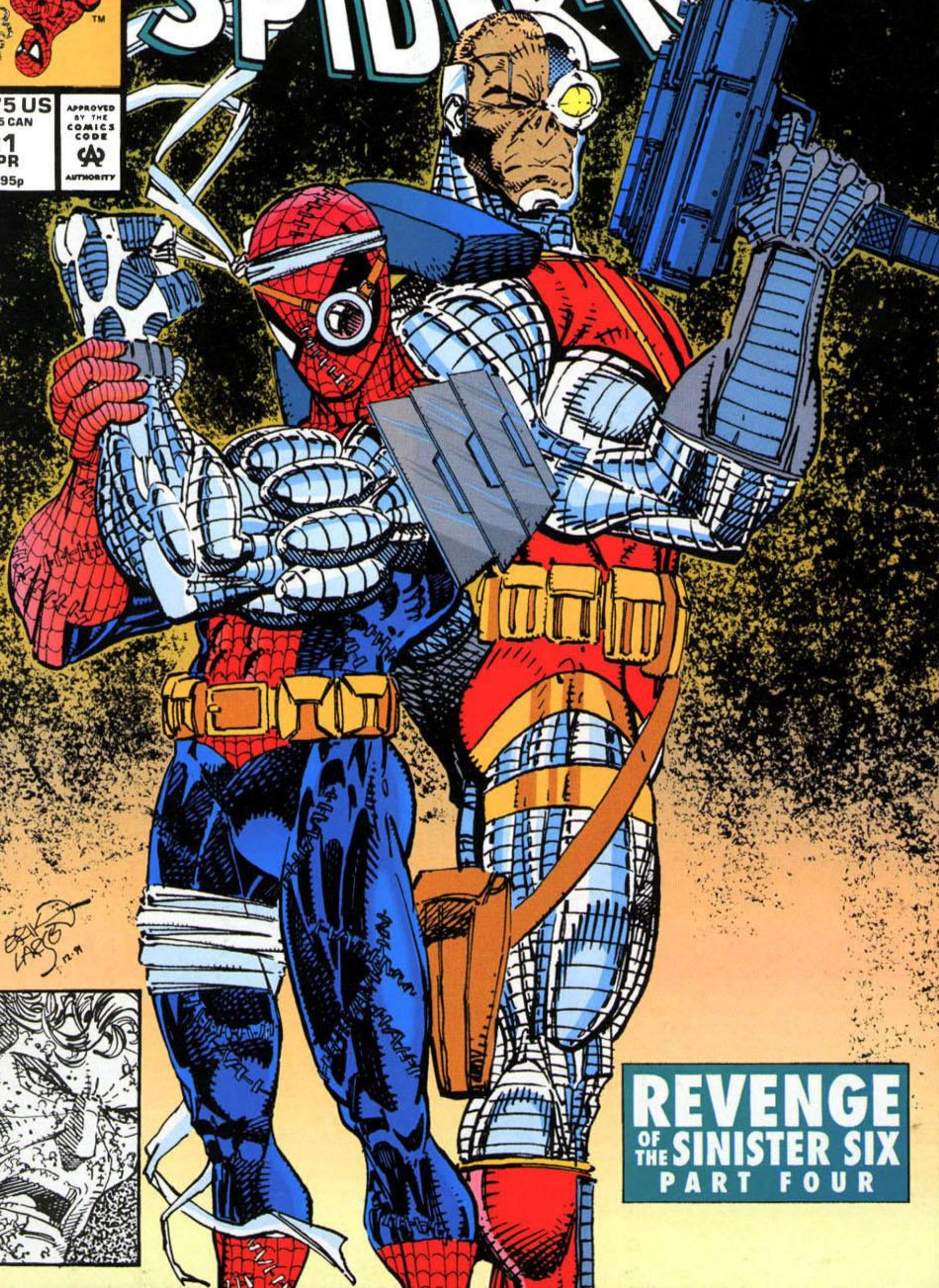


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AND SOLO™ AND
A STRANGE CHANGE IN ...

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REVENGE
OF THE SINISTER SIX
PART FOUR

THE SUPER-VILLAIN,
MYSTERIO, HAS USED
HIS ILLUSION CASTING
CAPABILITY TO MAKE
SOLO BELIEVE THAT THE
UNCONSCIOUS, BLEEDING
FORM OF SPIDER-MAN
IS INSTEAD DOCTOR
OCTOPUS.

STAN LEE PRESENTS :

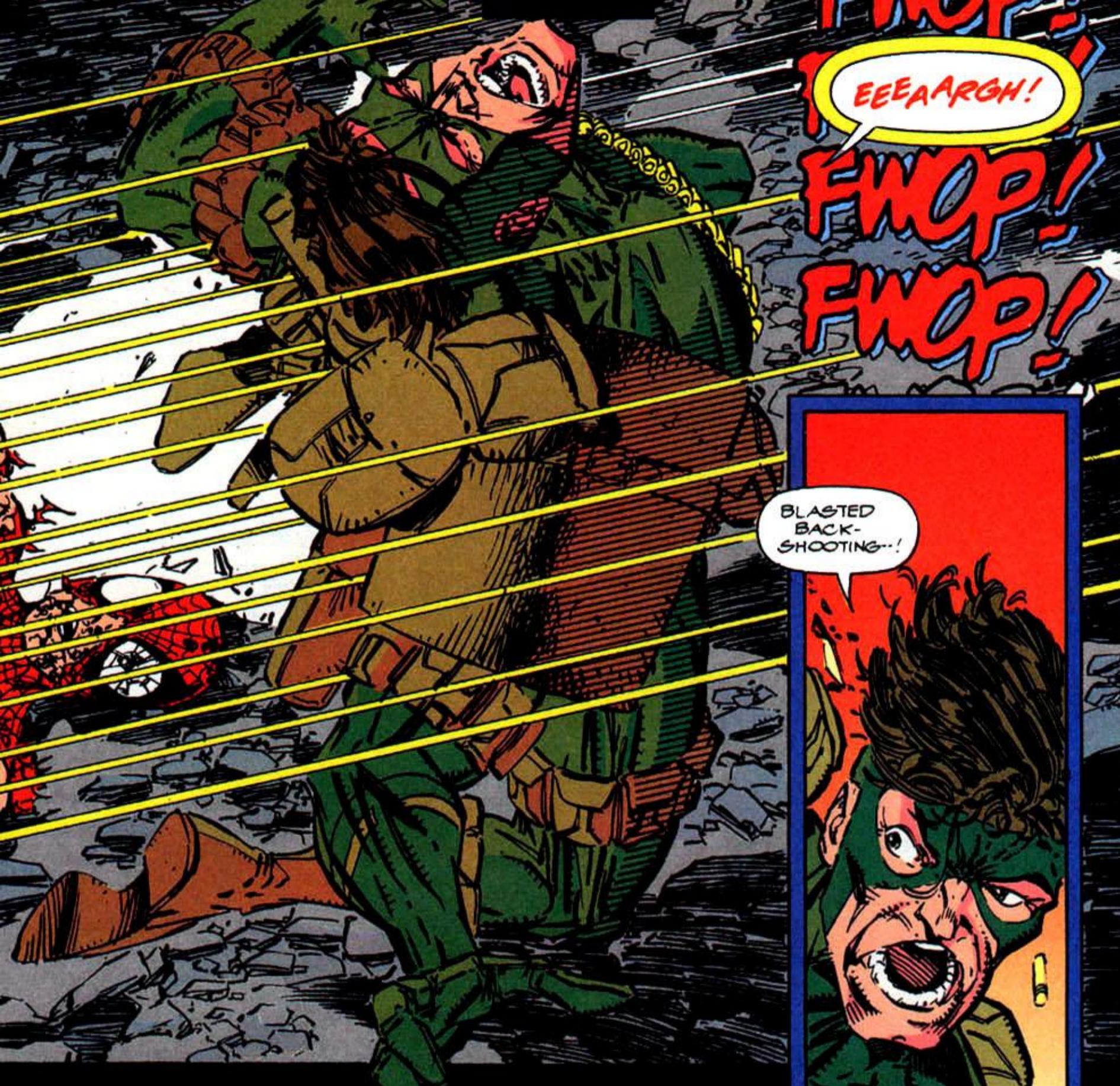
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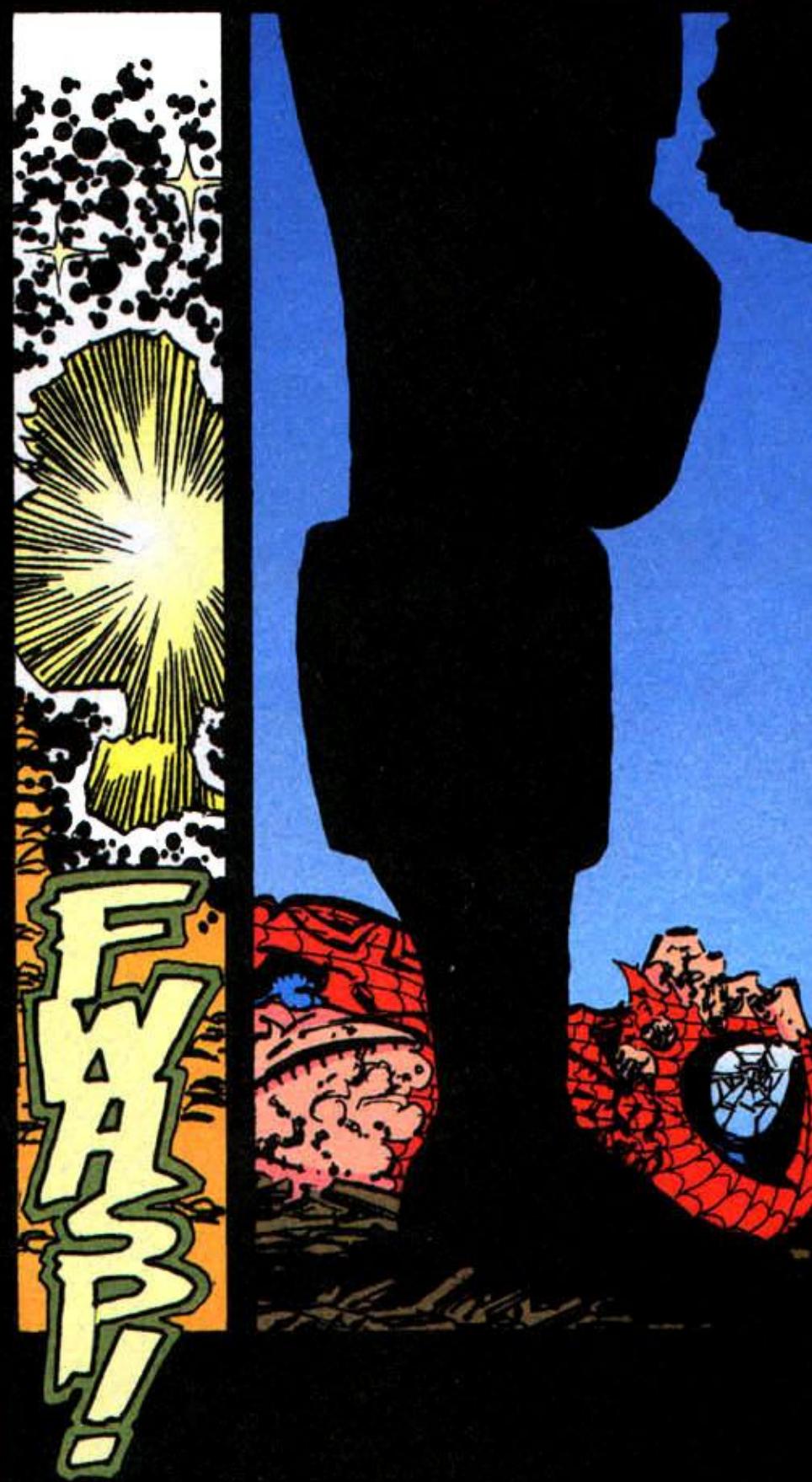
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FOR SPIDEY,
THE VIGILANTE
INTENDS TO KILL
DOCTOR
OCTOPUS.



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PETER--?

PETER
ARE YOU
HERE?

MANHATTAN.

HE DIDN'T
MAKE IT
HOME LAST
NIGHT.

SOMETIMES I GET SO
WORRIED. I THINK HE'S
FINALLY GOTTEN HIMSELF
INTO A SITUATION THAT
HE CAN'T GET OUT OF--
THAT BEING SPIDER-MAN
HAS FINALLY CAUGHT
UP WITH HIM.

AND THAT PETER'S
DEAD AND I'M
ALONE AGAIN.

OKAY, OKAY, NO NEED
TO GO OFF THE DEEP
END. IT'S NOT LIKE
THIS HASN'T HAPPENED
BEFORE. MAYBE
DR. STRANGE OR
SOMEBODY NEEDED
HIM.

HE DOESN'T CARE
FOR THE IDEA OF
HIS WIFE DOING
NUDE SCENES
IN A BIG BUDGET
PICTURE. STILL,
IT WOULD BE A
TREMENDOUS
BREAK FOR ME
TO DO THIS MOVIE.
AND I WANT TO
DO IT.

IT REALLY
SEEMS TO
BOther HIM
THOUGH.

STILL, IT'S TIMES LIKE
THIS WHEN I REALLY
FEEL ROTTEN. PETER AND
I HAVE BEEN GOING AT
IT LATELY-- HE REALLY
DOESN'T WANT ME TO
DO THIS ARNOLD
SCHWARZENHEIMER
PICTURE AND THAT'S
BEEN A REAL BONE OF
CONTENTION.

SEEMS
LIKE A
PRETTY
PETTY
DISAGREE-
MENT NOW,
WHEN HE
COULD BE
IN DANGER...

WHOOPS,
LOOK AT THE
DATE!

PETE'S BIRTH-
DAY IS COMING
UP SOON AND I
HAVEN'T EVEN
STARTED PLAN-
NING OR SHOP-
PING FOR IT YET.

WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO ME?

I'VE BEEN
TURNED INTO
SOME KIND
OF CYBORG--!

I THINK I'M
GOING TO BE
SICK.

AH, YOU'RE
AWAKE. GOOD.

THIS HAD BETTER BE A GAG FOR ONE OF THOSE SLOOOPER OR PRACTICAL JOKE SHOWS OR I'M GOING TO BE REALLY STEAMED.

RELAX SPIDER-MAN, YOU'RE AT CARE LABS IN MANHATTAN, A GOVERNMENT OWNED FACILITY. I'M OSCAR McDONNELL, THE HEAD GUY AROUND THESE PARTS.

YOUR ARM IS IN A CAST-- YOU HAD A HAIR-LINE FRACTURE. THIS CAST WILL ALLOW YOU TO MAINTAIN FULL FUNCTION WHILE ALLOWING IT TO HEAL AT AN ACCELERATED RATE.

THAT'S A RELIEF! HOW DID I GET HERE?

STRANGELY ENOUGH, IT WAS CYBORG X WHO BROUGHT YOU IN.

EVERYBODY'S PUTTING X'S IN THEIR NAMES THESE DAYS.

OKAY, I'LL BITE... WHO'S CYBORG X?

I BELIEVE YOU REFERRED TO HIM AS "A PSYCHOTIC TRANSFORMER" OR "DESTRUCTIVE SHAPE-CHANGING PSYCHOPATH." AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE TRANSCRIPTS OF HIS MEMORY BANK MAINTAIN.

HE'S THE CYBORG YOU MET IN THAT SHOPPING CENTER A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. HE'S THE FIRST IN A LINE OF A NEW BREED OF SUPER-SOLDIERS... A CAPTAIN AMERICA FOR THE 90'S. AT LEAST THAT WAS THE PLAN.

AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT DURING HIS TESTING LED TO A MAJOR MALFUNCTION IN HIS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING.

MOST OF X'S SENSES ARE SUPPLIED BY THAT PROGRAM AND WITH IT TEMPORARILY SCRAMBLED, HE WAS FLASHING BACK TO THE LAST FEW HOURS PRIOR TO HIS "DEATH" IN THE RECENT GULF WAR BEFORE WE REBUILT HIM.

HIS SIGHT WAS REDUCED TO LITTLE MORE THAN A BLUR AND HIS HEARING WAS A PIERCING WHINE OF FEEDBACK.

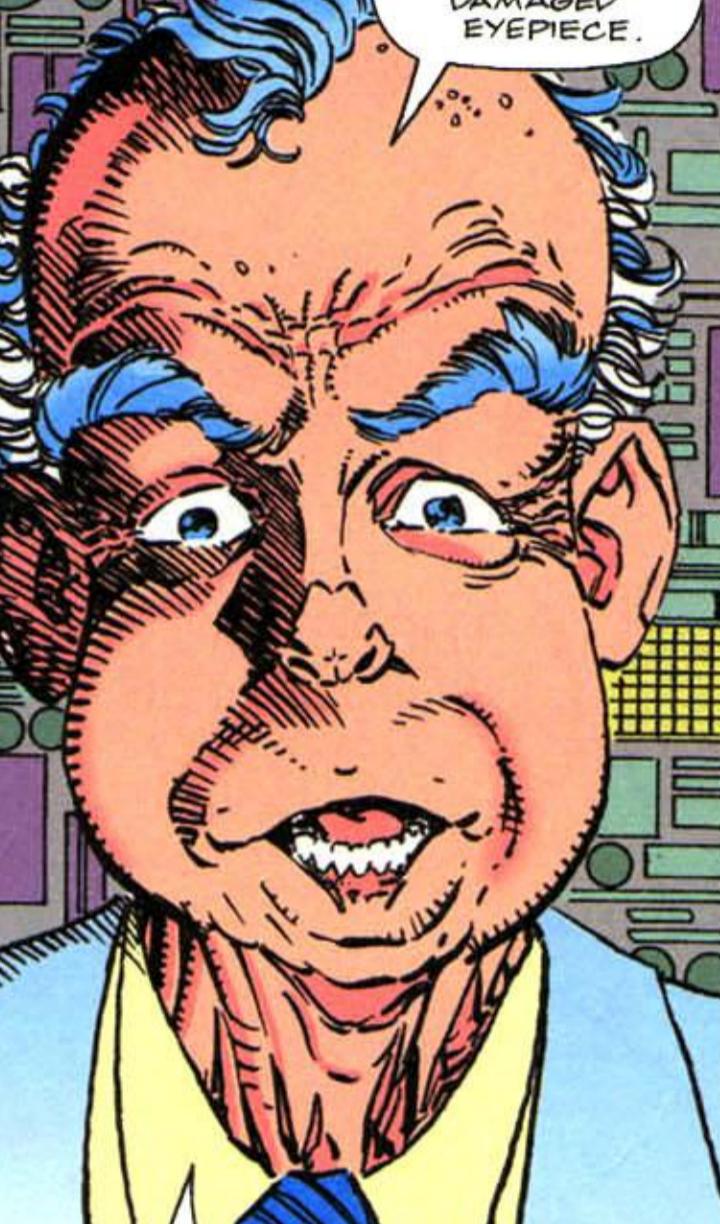
HIS COMPUTER LOCKED ONTO YOUR DISTINCTIVE BIO-RHYTHM. AS HIS COMPUTER WAS ABLE TO START REASSEMBLING ITSELF IT SEARCHED YOU--ONE OF THE FEW THINGS HE REMEMBERED--OUT, AS A HOPE THAT YOU'D BE ABLE TO HELP HIM

YOU WERE IN DANGER, SO X SAVED YOUR LIFE. BY THAT POINT X'S VISION WAS FUNCTIONING AGAIN SO THE HUMAN PORTION OF X RECOGNIZED YOU. LUCKILY FOR YOU, HIS COMPUTER WAS REPAIRING ITSELF QUICKLY AND HE WAS ABLE TO FIND HOME AND BRING YOU HERE. YOU'D LOST A LOT OF BLOOD...

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--DANNY

YOUR BIO-RHYTHM INFORMATION HAS BEEN DUMPED FROM CYBORG X'S PROGRAMMING. WE DID ALL OF OUR PATCH-WORK ON YOU WITHOUT REMOVING YOUR COSTUME, SO YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT WHAT-EVER SECRETS YOU HAVE, WE DON'T.

WE EVEN REPLACED YOUR DAMAGED EYEPIECE.



I TRY TO INSTILL WITHIN MY PEOPLE A LARGE DEGREE OF SIMPLE TRUSTWORTHINESS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TAKING A BAD RAP EVER SINCE THE WHOLE WATER-GATE SCANDAL AND I'M DOING MY PART TO TRY TO RESTORE THE NOTION OF AN HONEST GOVERNMENT.

OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO COME UP WITH NEW WEAPONS FOR THE MILITARY EFFORT. ALSO, WE'RE LOOKING TOWARD DEVELOPING SUPER HEROES OF OUR OWN. CYBORG X IS THE FIRST SUCH EFFORT FROM THIS FACILITY. STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN NOW TO ASSURE THAT THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

ANY QUESTIONS?

PLENTY.

ABOUT THIS X GUY. WHO WAS HE? DO HIS PARENTS OR FRIENDS KNOW HE'S ALIVE? WHO SAID YOU COULD DO WITH HIM WHAT YOU'VE DONE? WHAT'S BEING DONE TO HELP THE PEOPLE HE HURT DURING HIS RAMPAGE?

ALSO, HOW DO I KNOW YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE AND WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU?



DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN GET A STICKY BUN OR A BOWL OF CAPTAIN CRUNCH OR SOMETHING? I'M FAMISHED!

CARE LABS COVERS THE BETTER PART OF A CITY BLOCK AND EXTENDS A FULL TEN STORIES BELOW GROUND LEVEL. MUCH OF OUR WORK HERE IS CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED. I'M ALLOWING YOU MORE ACCESS BECAUSE OF YOUR STANDING AS AN AVENGER AND YOUR WORK WITH NICK FURY AND CAPTAIN AMERICA.



THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE TREATING THIS AS A NATIONAL DISASTER AND THEY'LL BE MAKING RESTITUTION TO THE VICTIMS AS SOON AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE. HIS REAL NAME IS CLASSIFIED. HE GAVE US THE AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT WE HAVE HIMSELF. HIS PARENTS AND FRIENDS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT HE'S MISSING IN ACTION. HE HASN'T WANTED US TO INFORM THEM OF HIS PRESENT CONDITION YET.

COME WITH ME AND I'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH ANSWERS TO YOUR OTHER QUESTIONS.

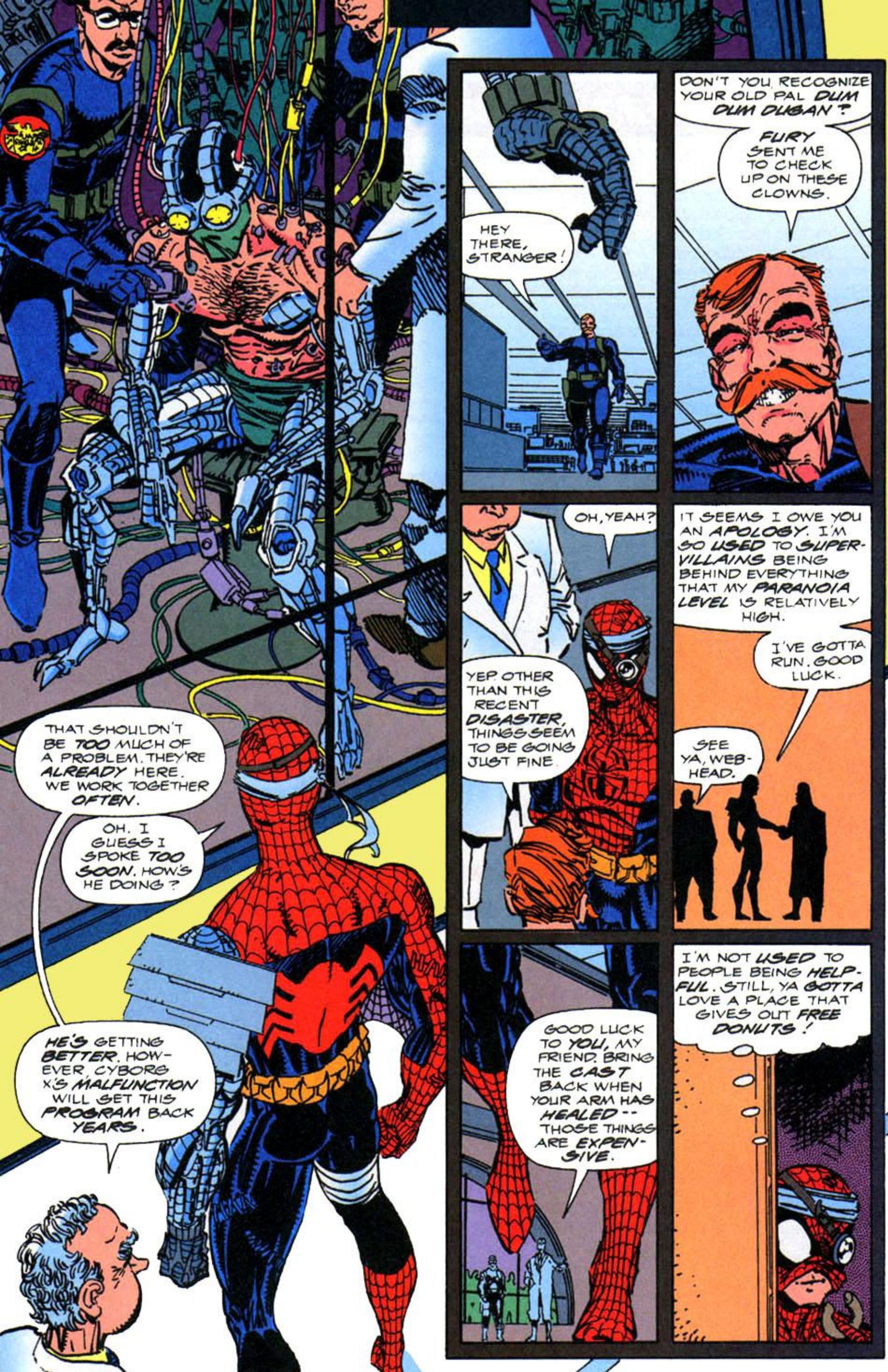
THE CAFETERIA IS THIS WAY, TOO.



I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

LOOK, I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE BUT I'VE GOT PLACES TO GO AND PEOPLE TO SEE.

THAT CYBORG FELLOW DID A LOT OF DAMAGE TO A LOT OF PEOPLE AND YOU GUYS ARE RESPONSIBLE - I'D FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE SEEING HIM TURNED OVER TO S.H.I.E.L.D. OR SOMETHING.





SPIDER-MAN!

WHAT THE...?
DEATH-
LOK?!

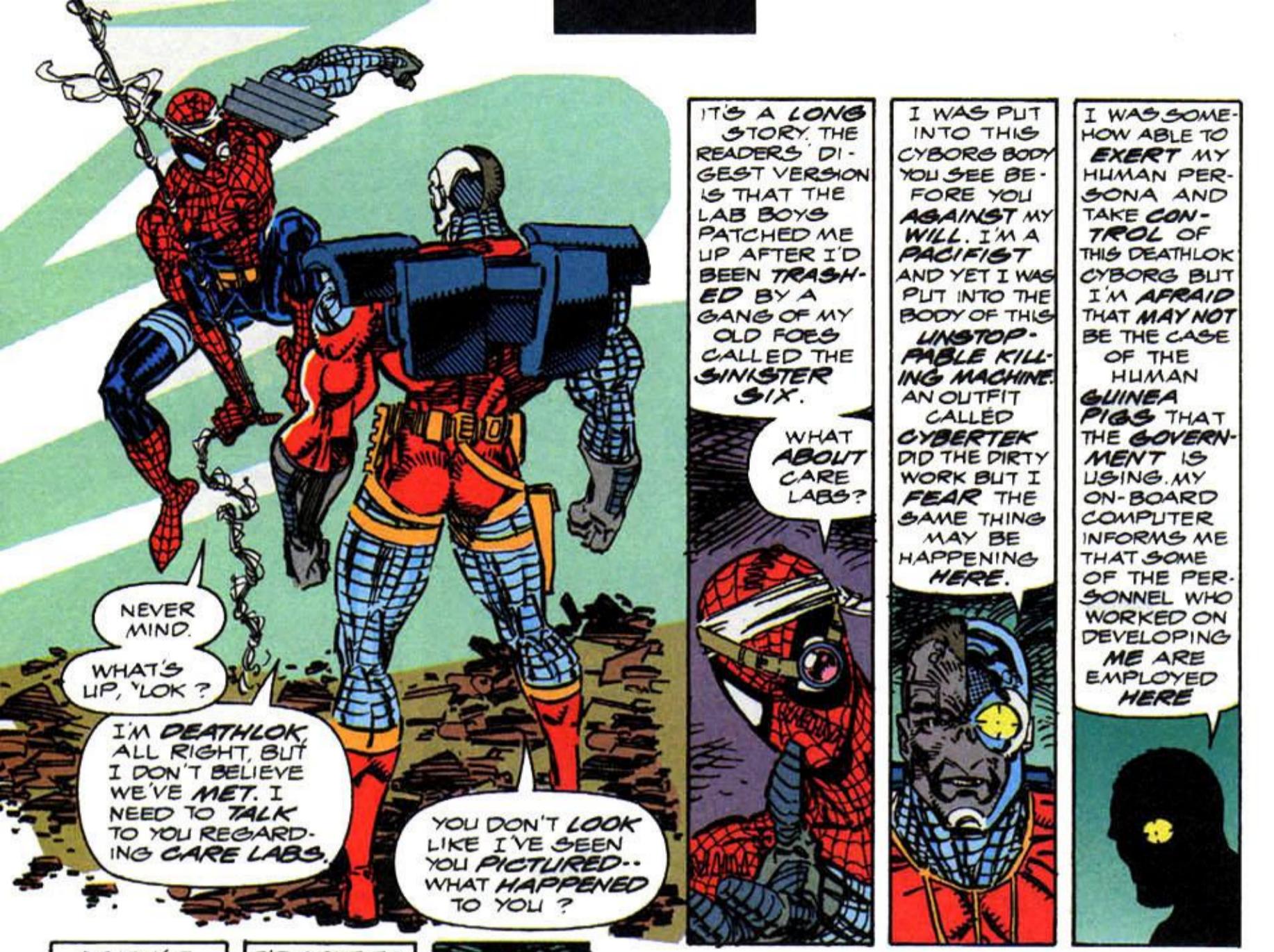
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I THOUGHT YOU LIVED IN THE FUTURE IN AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE!*

I'VE BEEN TOLD YOU'RE QUITE A HUMORIST, BUT IF THAT WAS A JOKE...

...I DON'T GET IT.

*SPIDEY MET THE FIRST DEATHLOK IN THAT VERY LOCATION IN MARVEL TEAM-UP #46. --DANNY





IT'S A LONG STORY. THE READERS' DIGEST VERSION IS THAT THE LAB BOYS PATCHED ME UP AFTER I'D BEEN TRASHED BY A GANG OF MY OLD FOES CALLED THE SINKSTER SIX.

WHAT ABOUT CARE LABS?

I WAS PUT INTO THIS CYBORG BODY YOU SEE BEFORE YOU AGAINST MY WILL. I'M A PACIFIST AND YET I WAS PUT INTO THE BODY OF THIS UNSTOPPABLE KILLING MACHINE. AN OUTFIT CALLED CYBERTEK DID THE DIRTY WORK BUT I FEAR THE SAME THING MAY BE HAPPENING HERE.

I WAS SOMEHOW ABLE TO EXERT MY HUMAN PERSONA AND TAKE CONTROL OF THIS DEATHLOK CYBORG BUT I'M AFRAID THAT MAY NOT BE THE CASE OF THE HUMAN GUINEA PIGS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS USING. MY ON-BOARD COMPUTER INFORMS ME THAT SOME OF THE PERSONNEL WHO WORKED ON DEVELOPING ME ARE EMPLOYED HERE



SIGH! I THOUGHT IT ALL SEEMED TOO NOBLE TO BE TRUE.

I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU OUT, BUT THE SINKSTER SIX MAY BE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO TAKING OVER THE WORLD UNLESS I GET OVER TO NEW JERSEY.

YOU SOUND TO ME LIKE A DESPERATE MAN. LET ME HELP YOU. IF WE COME OUT OF THIS ALIVE, YOU CAN RETURN THE FAVOR BY ASSISTING ME.

MISTER, YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A DEAL.

LET'S GET 'EM!



NEW JERSEY.

WELL,
THIS IS
THE PLACE.

THE RESEARCH
BEING DONE IN THIS
LAB IS PRIMARILY
EXPLORATION INTO
OTHER DIMENSIONS.
THEY HAD A MUCH
PUBLICIZED CONTACT
RECENTLY WITH A
DIMENSION WHOSE
TECHNOLOGY
IS FAR ADVANCED
FROM OURS. I'M
SURE THAT'S WHY
O'CLOCK AND HIS
CRONIES ARE HERE--
HE'S BEEN GETTING
HIGH-TECH LATELY.

IT'S BEEN CLOSE TO
12 HOURS SINCE I
WAS LAST HERE, SO
I'M NOT QUITE SURE
WHAT TO EXPECT.

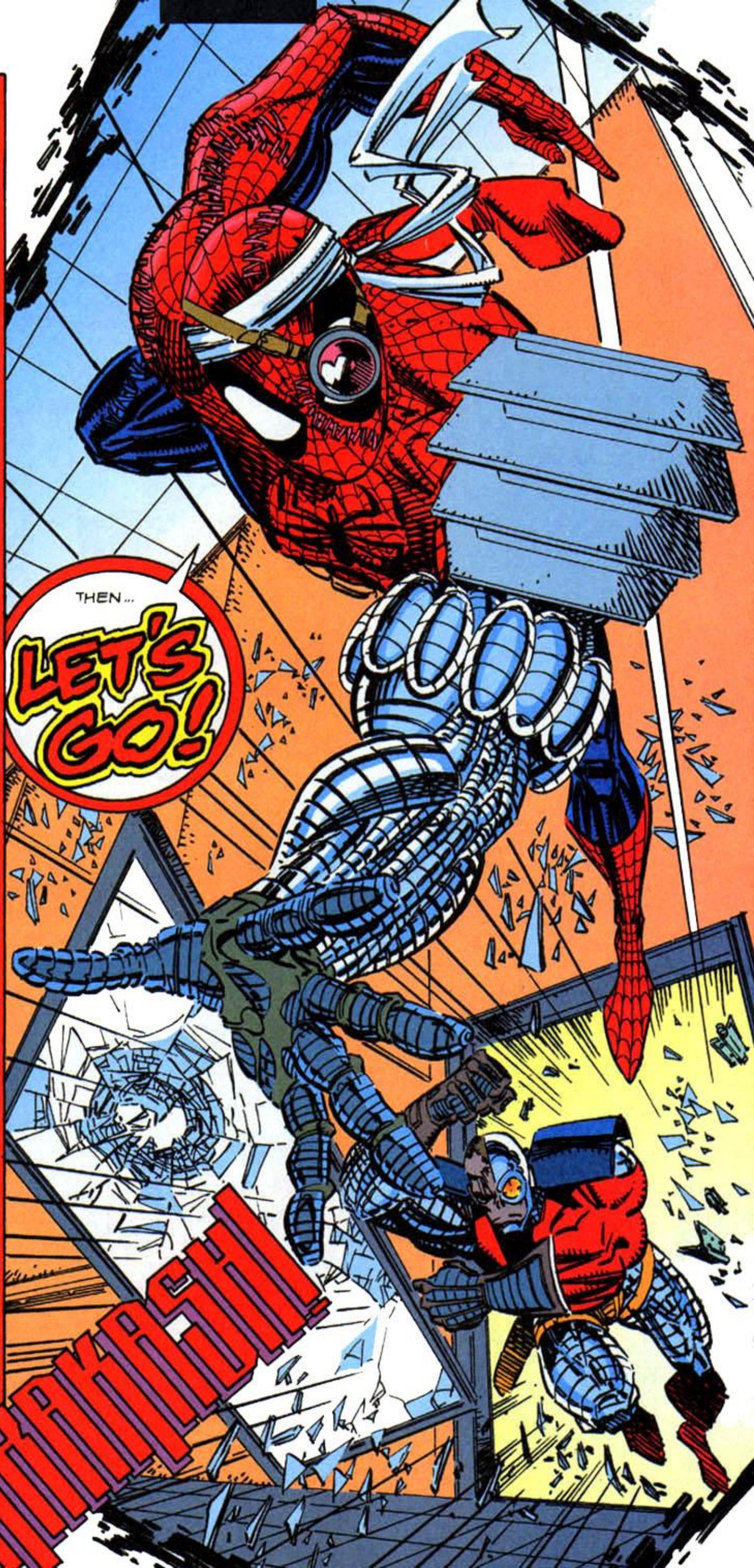
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living
organisms
inside building.
Defense drones
present

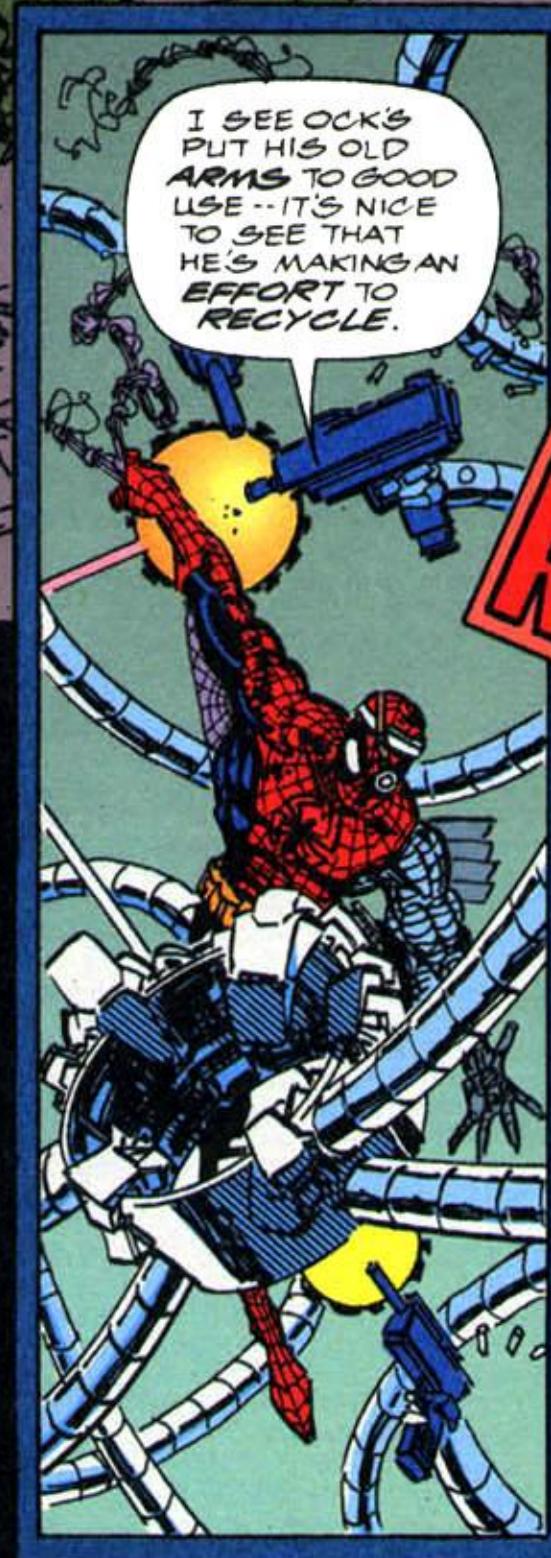
MY COMPUTER
TELLS ME NO-
BODY'S HOME
BUT THEIR ROBOT
GUARD DOGS.
THEY MAY STILL
BE IN THE OTHER
DIMENSION.

THEN...

LET'S
GO!

KRAKATUUM!





I'M MISSING
A METS GAME
FOR THIS.

I MUST
BE SICK.

THIS LOOKS
LIKE WHERE
THEY TOOK OFF.
NOW, HOW DO WE
STOP THEM?

HMM...

Y'KNOW, D.L.,
FOR AN ALLEGED
PACIFIST YOU
SURE ARE BLOOD-
THIRSTY.

SCIENTISTS WORKED
FOR YEARS ON THIS
CONTRAPTION. I DON'T
THINK WE SHOULD
IMPETUOUSLY DESTROY
IT. BESIDES, I
DON'T THINK IT'S
RIGHT FOR US TO
FOIST THEM OFF ON
THE INHABITANTS OF
THE OTHER DIMENSION,
IF THEY ARE STILL
THERE.

YOU'RE NOT
SUGGESTING
WHAT I HOPE
YOU'RE NOT
SUGGESTING?

I... I'VE GOT
A CAPACITY
FOR VIOLENCE
AND IT SCARES
ME. I DON'T
LIKE THAT IN
MYSELF

THAT'S WHY
I'M A
PACIFIST.
THAT'S
WHY I WANT
PEACE SO
MUCH.

AFRAID
SO.

I DON'T
LIKE THIS.

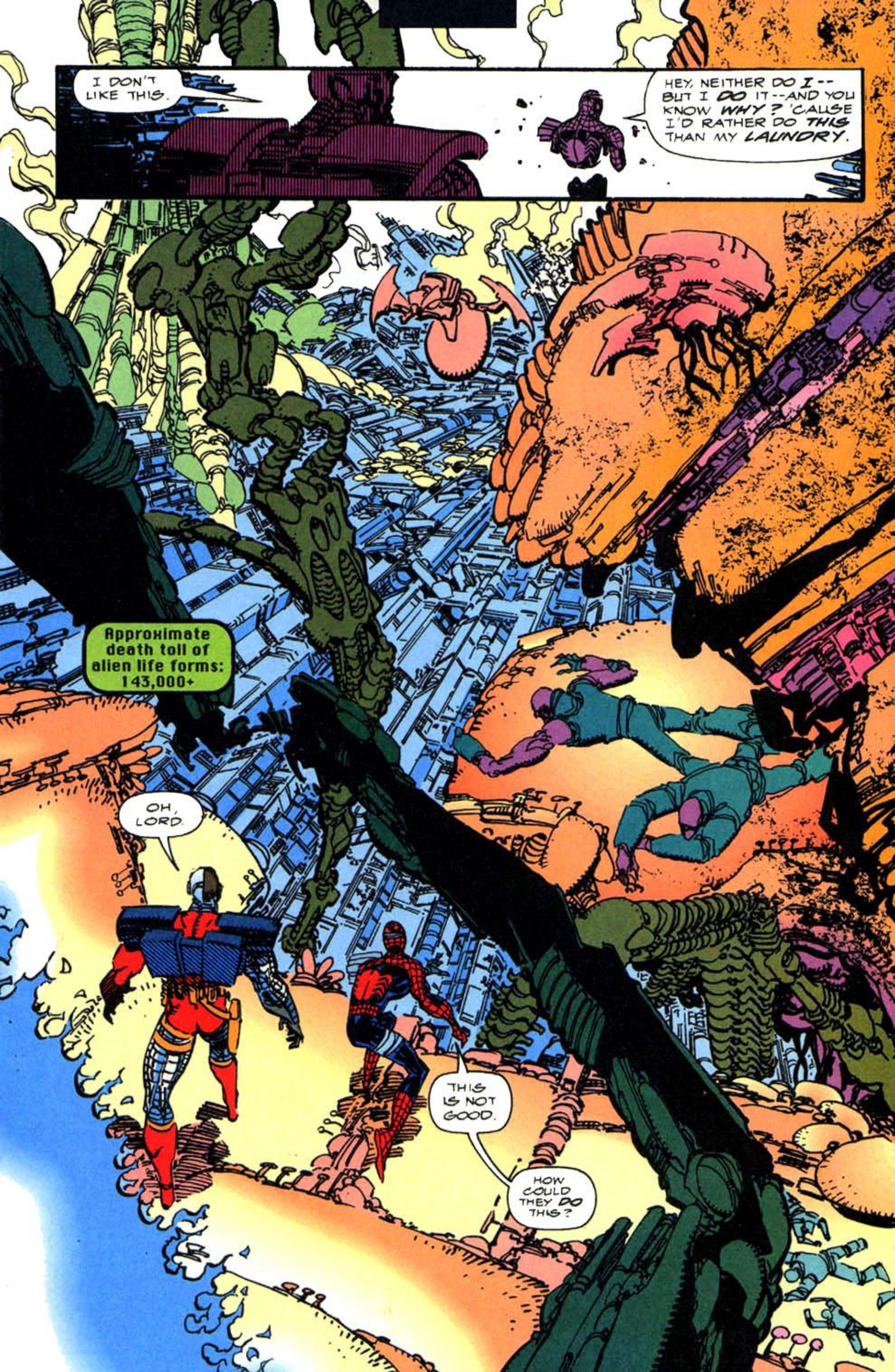
HEY, NEITHER DO I --
BUT I DO IT--AND YOU
KNOW WHY? 'CAUSE
I'D RATHER DO THIS
THAN MY LAUNDRY.

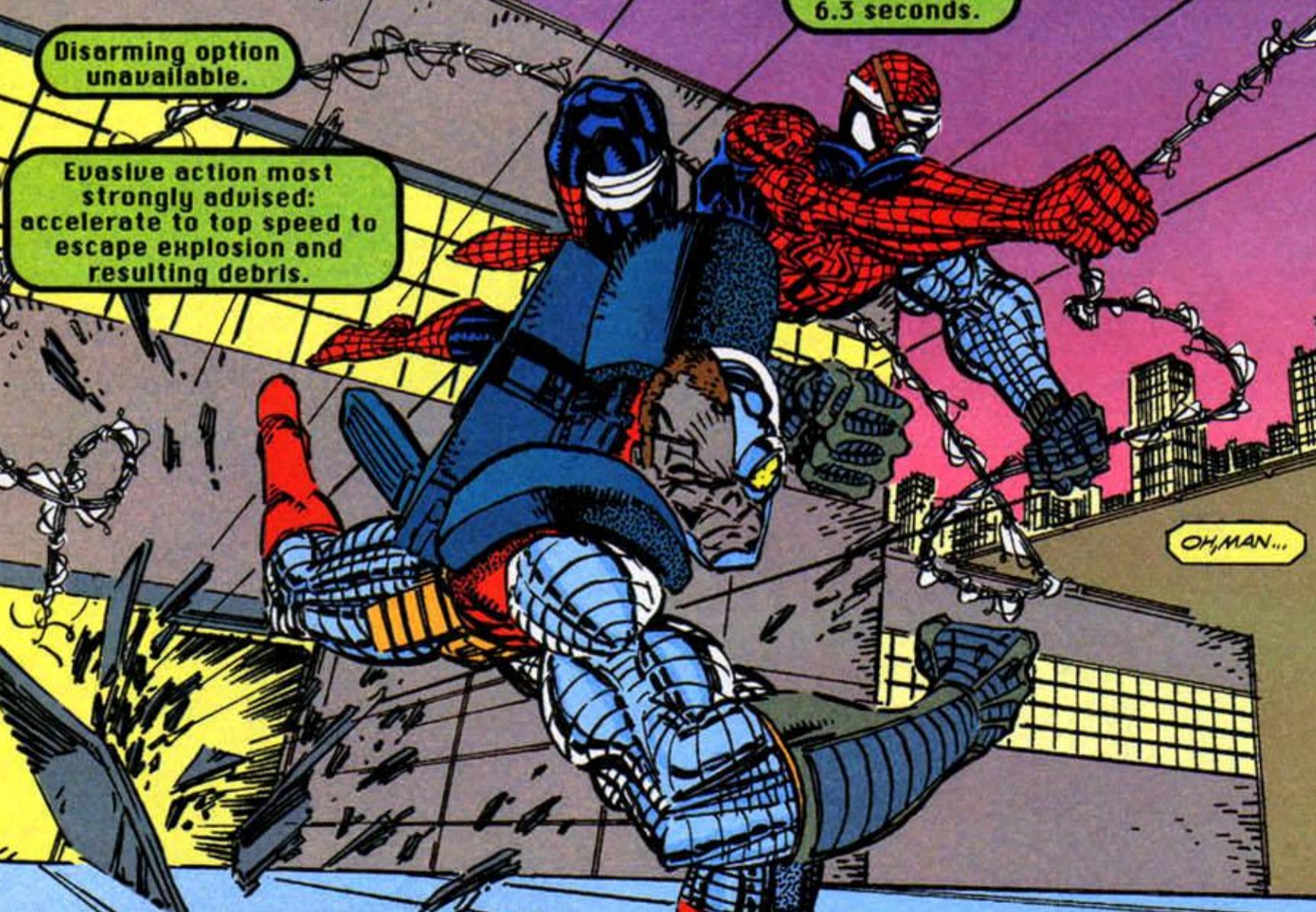
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death toll of
alien life forms:
143,000+

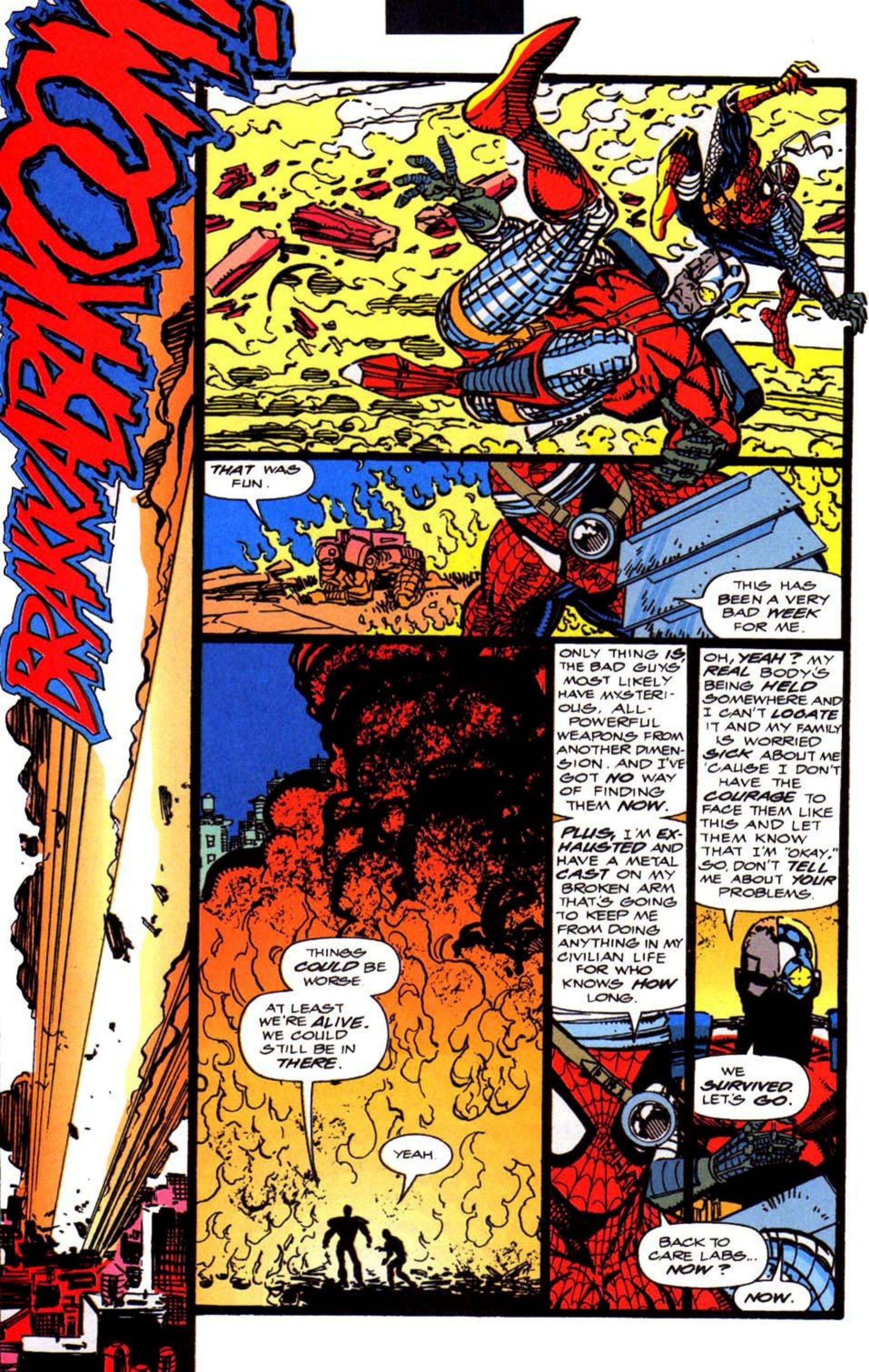
OH,
LORD.

THIS
IS NOT
GOOD.

HOW
COULD
THEY DO
THIS?







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MANHATTAN.

OKAY, OKAY, YOU WIN! THAT LAST BURST OF SPEED REALLY LEFT ME IN THE DUST. YOU MUST GO THROUGH MORE SNEAKERS THAN...

OH GEEZ.

Death Toll: 47.
Wounded: 162.
Estimated
property
damage:
\$4,873,657.22
+/- 3.235%

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS.

THIS IS A
NIGHTMARE.

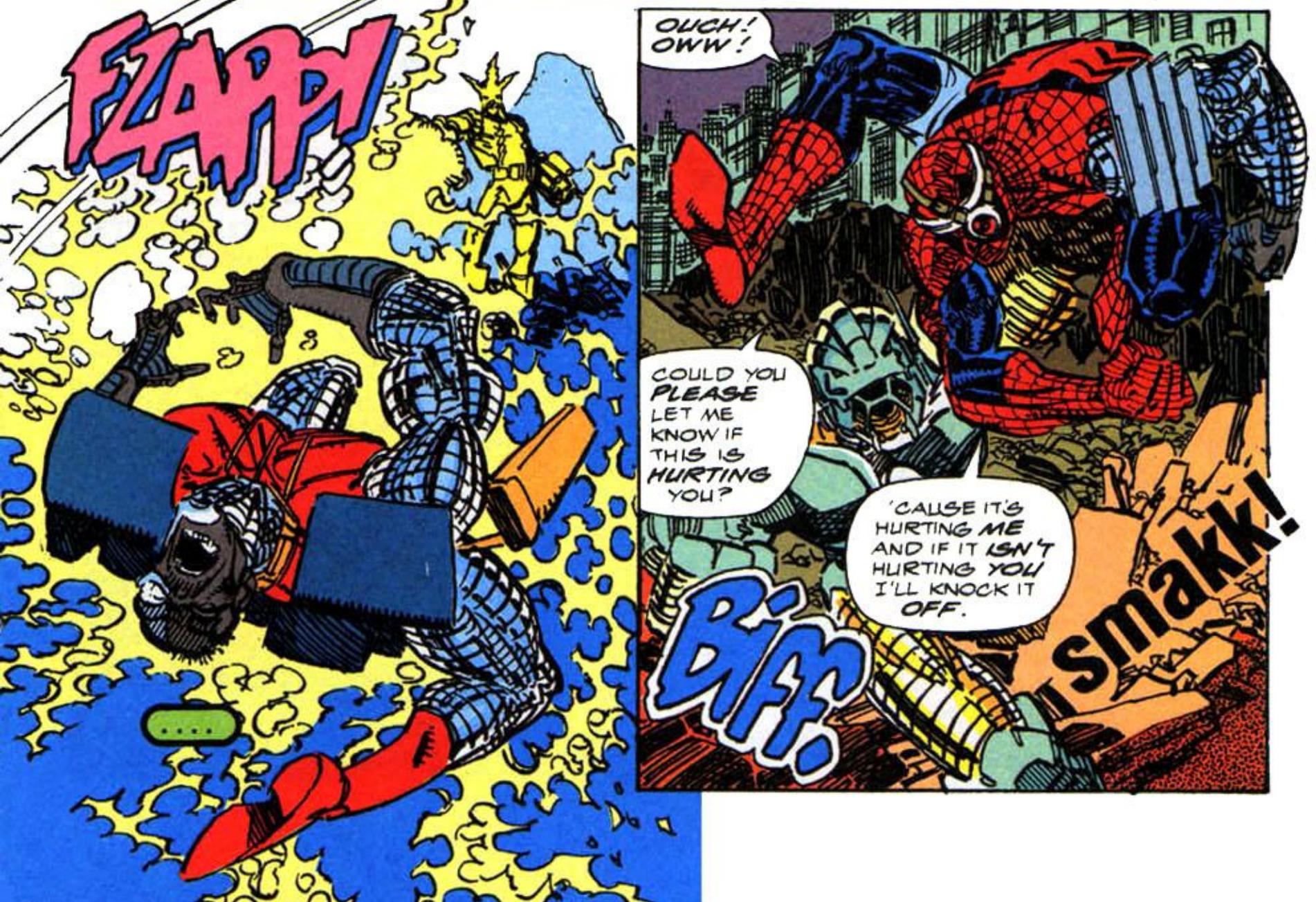
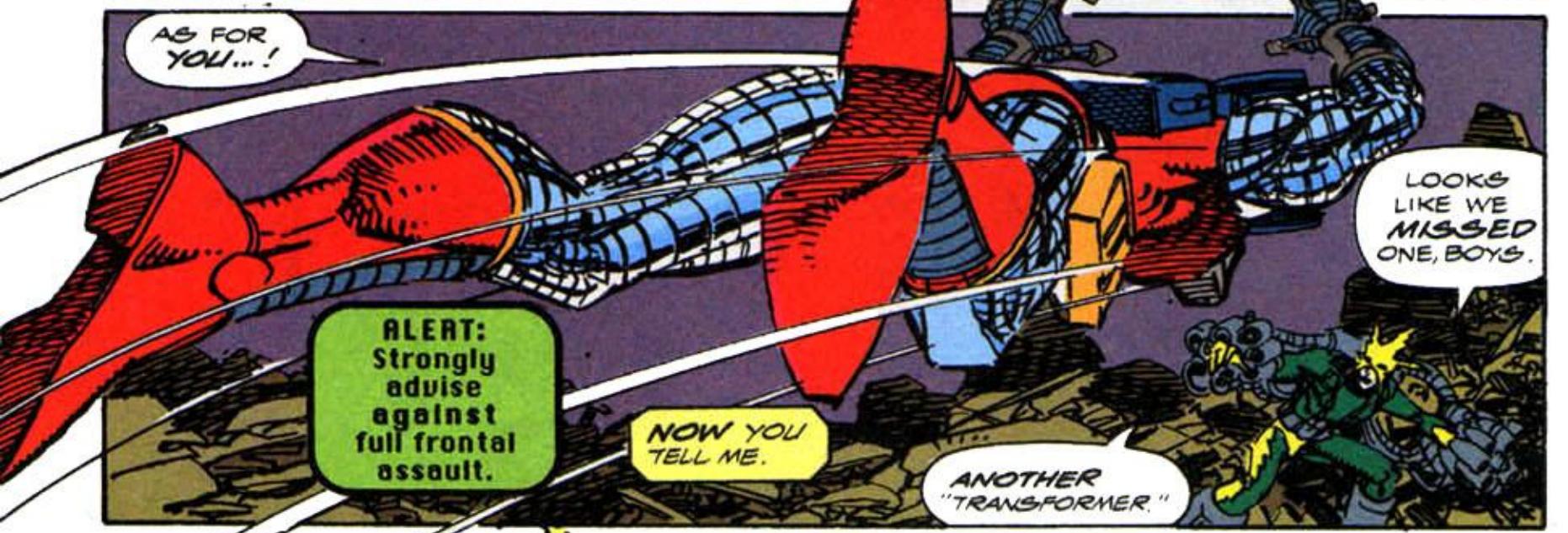
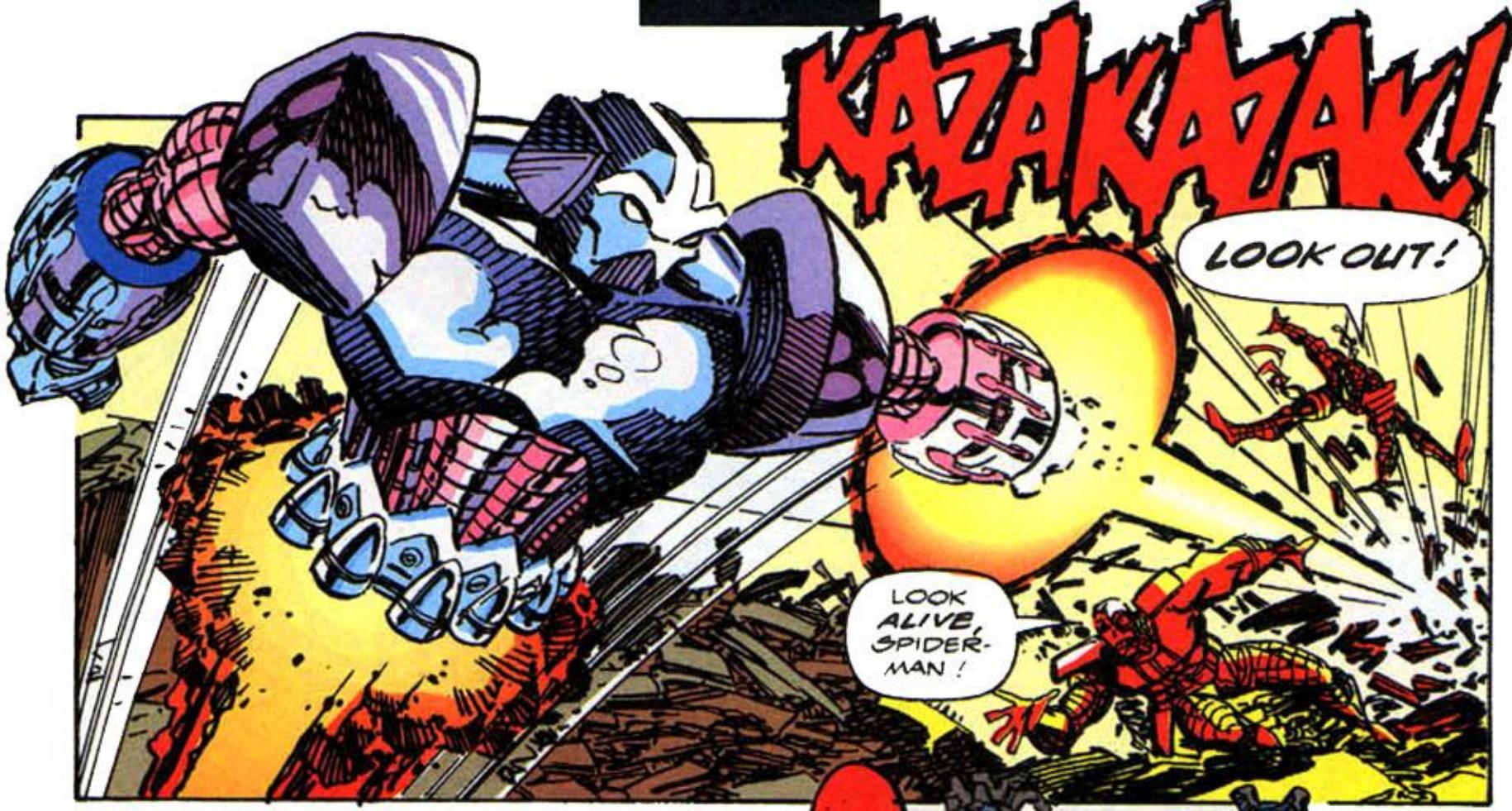
IT'S
WORSE.

THIS IS
REALITY--
SOME OF THESE
PEOPLE WON'T
BE WAKING
UP.

Subjects identified as
A: Otto Octavius a.k.a.
Doctor Octopus. B:
Maxwell Dillon a.k.a.
Electro. C: Jason
Philip Macendale, Jr.
a.k.a. Hobgoblin. D:
Quentin Beck a.k.a.
Mysterio. E: Adrian
Toomes a.k.a. the
Vulture. With William
Baker a.k.a. the
Sandman, group
collectively known as
the **Sinister Six**.

Robots identified
as recently being
stolen from*--

THAT'S
ENOUGH.



POW!

UNNNHHH!

COMPUTER, ARE
YOU THERE ?
ARE YOU OKAY ?

whud
whud
whud

KABOOM!

HE'S
DEAD.
HE'S
DEAD!

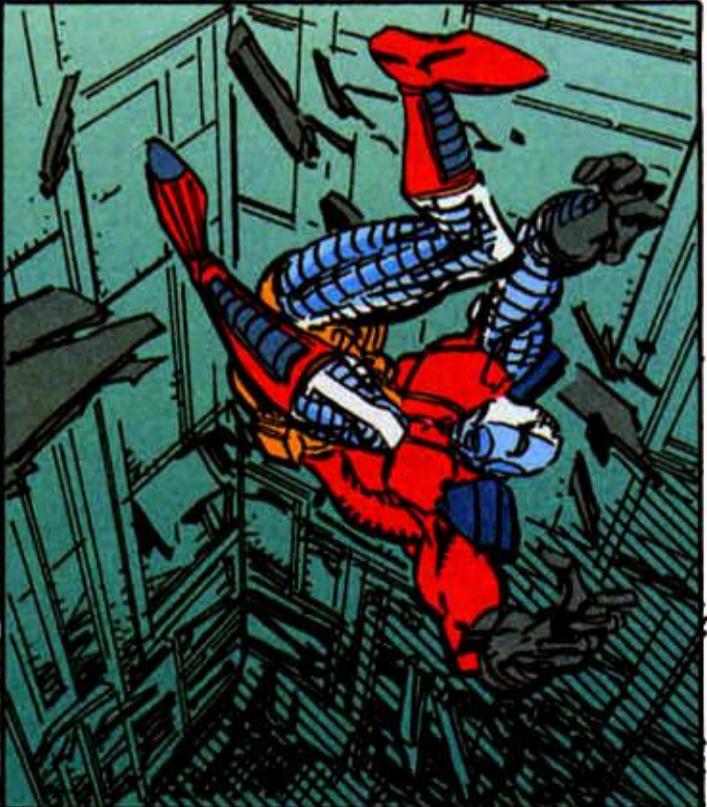
OH, MAN,
OH, MAN !

LOOK OUT!
YEEOWW!

WHA... ?

OH MAN,
IT'S CYBORG
X !

THEY KILLED
HIM... GHOST
RIDER AND I
BATTLED HIM
FOR ALMOST AN
HOUR YET
THESE GUYS
KILLED HIM.





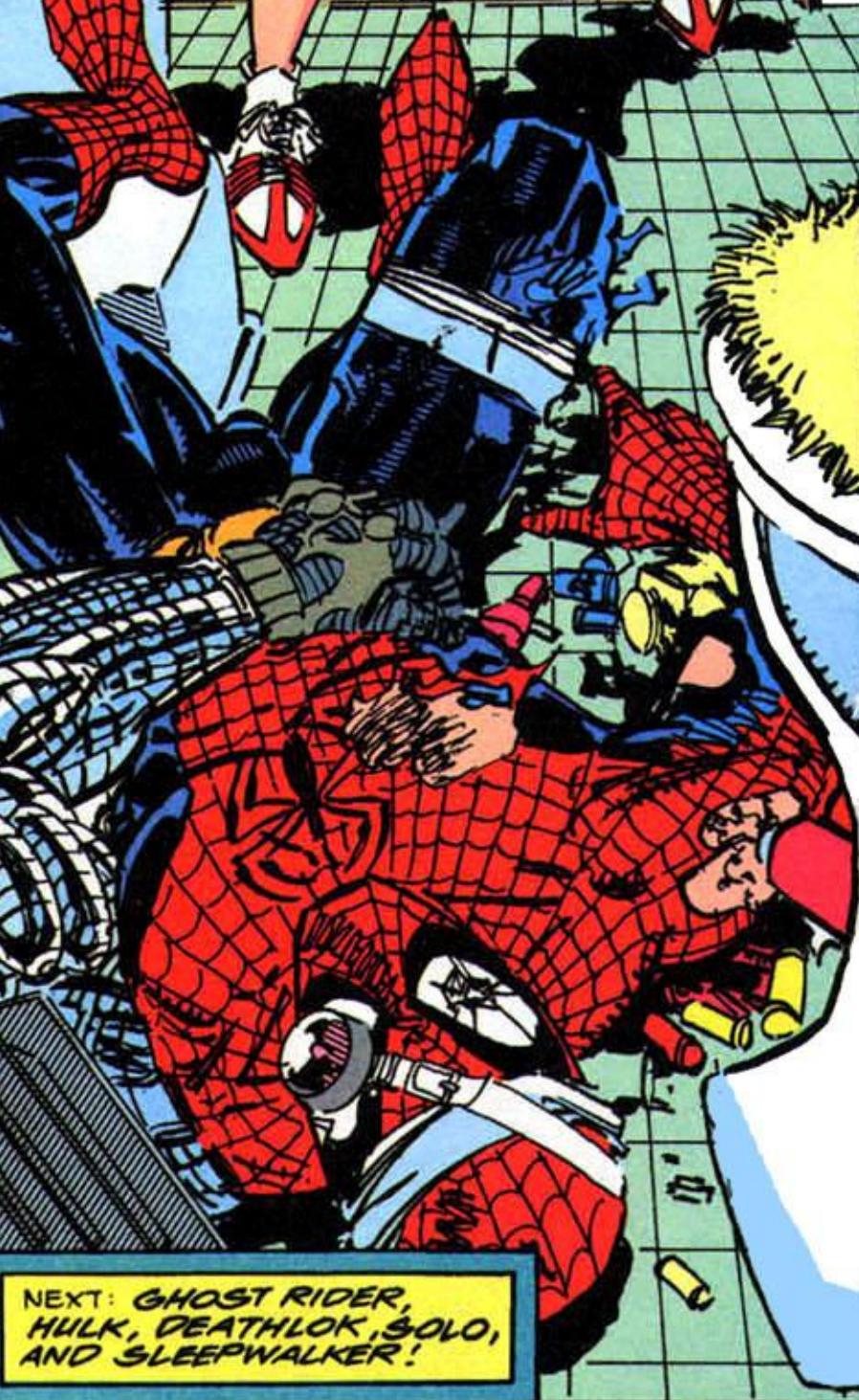
I SURE HOPE PETER
APPRECIATES ME DOING
THE LAUNDRY FOR--



OH,
MY GOD--
PETER!

HONEY,
I'M...

PETER!



PETER...?

