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"BY LIMITING BLOOD TO THE CEREBELLUM, INCREASING SPINAL FLUID AND PRESSURE FLUXING, WE FIRST REDUCE BRAIN FUNCTIONS.

"THIS CLOSED CIRCUIT OF CEREBRO-FLUID COMMAND REFLEX FORCES OPEN THE INTER-CRANIAL THIRD EYE.

"NEXT, VIBRATE BRAIN MOLECULES AT NEW RATE...

"FORCE PRESSURED INTO UNUSED BRAIN PARTS...

"SEAL HUMANE CENTERS...



"BYPASS CONSCIOUSNESS CIRCUITS...

"ACCELERATE BIOLOGICAL CLOCK..."



"WIPE INFORMATION-CELLS CLEAN AND FIRE NEW CELLS..."

"ENHANCE MUTATIVE PATTERNS TO DOUBLE SYNAPSIS MODE..."



"ENGAGE MORPHO-GENETIC FIELD..."

"IT'S WORKING! I, DOCTOR HOPE, HAVE DONE IT! I'VE CREATED THE NEXT STAGE OF MANKIND!"

STAN LEE
PRESENTS:

BRAINSTORM!

HE IS STILL
HUMANOID--
BUT REPTILLIAN...
TRACES OF
SCALES, ARCHAIC
SPINAL
FORMATIONS...

MY GOD--
THAT MEANS
I'VE TAPPED
INTO PRE-
HISTORY!

HISTORICAL
GENETIC
CONSCIOUS-
NESS!

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND,
CREATURE?

YOU ARE BOTH THE
NEXT EVOLUTIONARY
STAGE OF MAN, AND
A THROWBACK TO
THE CYCLOPIAN RACE,
WHEN THE MIND WAS
A TRANSMITTER AND
RECEIVER USING THE
THIRD EYE FUNCTION!

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AND YOU,
MADDOG #2020,
YOU WERE
CHOSEN!

YOUR HEART BEATS
STRONGER THAN AN
ENGINE, YOUR LUNGS
LIKE BELLOWS WITH
FILTERS THAT SCREEN
OUT ALL POISONS, YOUR
REFLEXES QUICK AS A
SNAKE'S, YOUR EYES
SHARP AS PTERO-
DACTYLUS...

... YOUR PRE-
BRAIN A
PRECURSOR
TO FUTURE
BRAINS...

... AND THERE'S NO
PREDICTING WHAT
NEW MIND POWERS
YOU HAVE!

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OKAY, READY,
CAPTAIN
ZERO?

READY!

LESSON
ONE: HOW
TO RESCUE!

SEE THE
DAMSEL IN
DISTRESS
ON YON
ROOFTOP?

THAT'S
A GIRL?

NO, ZERO, IT'S
A DUMMY BUT
WE PRETEND
IT'S A GIRL.

OH,

BOY,
THIS IS
HARD!

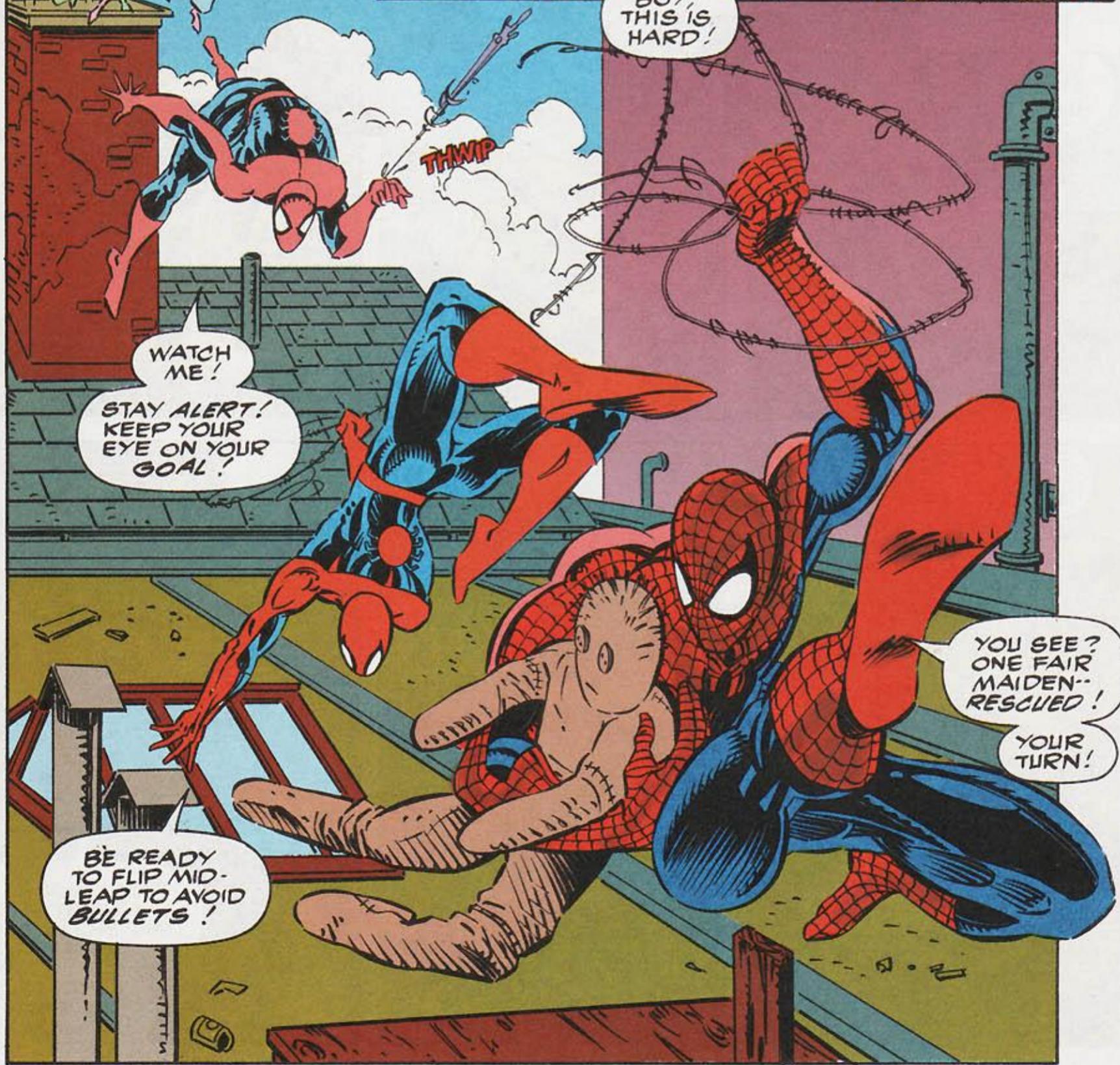
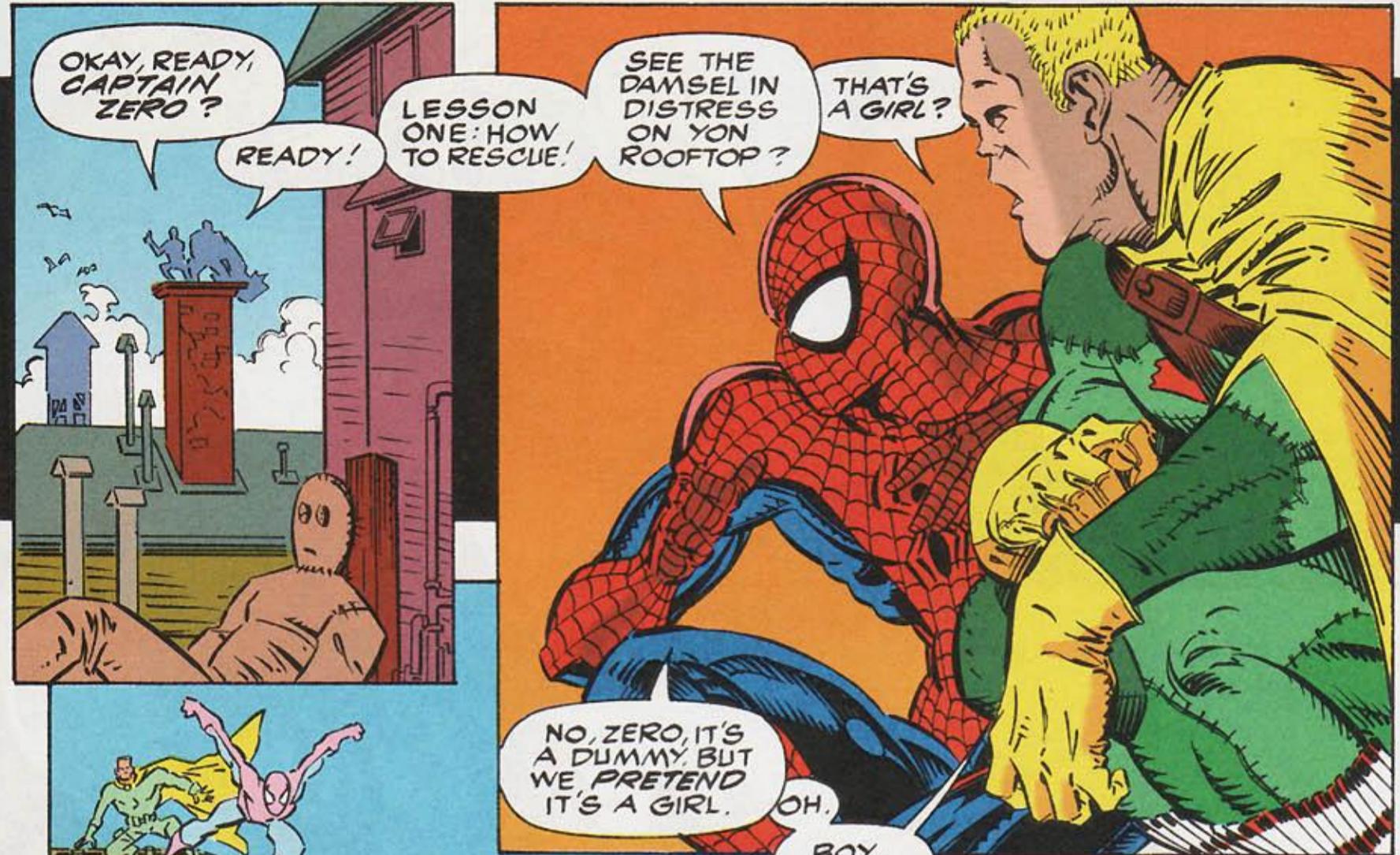
WATCH
ME!

STAY ALERT!
KEEP YOUR
EYE ON YOUR
GOAL!

BE READY
TO FLIP MID-
LEAP TO AVOID
BULLETS!

YOU SEE?
ONE FAIR
MAIDEN--
RESCUED!

YOUR
TURN!







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MARY JANE...

SO DESERTED,
JUST WAREHOUSES!

NO ONE
COULD
POSSIBLY
LIVE
HERE!

OF COURSE--
THAT LITTLE
BOY MUST HAVE
LIED TO ME!*

I CAN'T BELIEVE
I FELL FOR IT!
FELT SORRY
FOR HIM.

WELL, I TRIED
TO HELP. THIS
ADDRESS IS
JUST FAKE--

WHO'S
THERE?!

DANIEL?

MARY JANE!

COME ON
IN, WE'RE
WORKING!

WHAT
IN THE
WORLD...?!

IS THIS
A FILM
SET?

NOPE.

IT'S
BEAUTIFUL!

YUP.



BACK AT CITY HOSPITAL.

HOW CAN DR. HOPE SHOW UP ON THE COMPUTER BUT NOT ON THE PATIENT CHARTS?!

AND WHY HAS INFORMATION BEEN "LOST" CONCERNING HIS PAST?!

AND WHY HAVE WE BEEN GETTING THE RUN-AROUND FROM YOU FOR HOURS?!

YOU KNOW, FOR A REPORTER, A COVER UP IS A STORY!

I'M HEADING BACK TO MY NEWSPAPER TO WRITE A PIECE BASED ON YOUR LACK OF COOPERATION!

WILL THAT WORK?

NO, IT'S A BLUFF. I HAVEN'T GOT A STORY YET.

BUT I'LL GET ONE.

I'M GOING BACK TO THE BUGLE.

I'LL WALK YOU.

NO, THEY JUST LEFT.

EN ROUTE TO THE DAILY BUGLE.

NO, NOT THE GUY, PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE STUPID.

IT'S THE REPORTER WE WANT.

LOOK, I DON'T CARE HOW. BUT I REFUSE TO PROTECT YOUR PROJECT ANY LONGER!

YEAH, PASSIN' THE BUCK. SO WHAT--JUST DO SOMETHING FAST!

STALL HER TILL WE CAN TRANSFER THE WHOLE LOT OF THEM!

SO YOU'RE SHUTTING US DOWN?

DO WHAT? WE CAN'T DO THAT-- HE'S NOT READY--

YES, SIR.

UNDERSTOOD, SIR.

"I AM OLD."

"I SWIM IN HEAT. THE GROUND SHAKES FROM THE BURDEN OF HUGE BEASTS."

"LEATHERN WINGS BEAT ME, MY SCALES TENSE, MY CLAWS PROTECT ME."

"I AM YOUNG."

"I SEE FURTHER. I SEE VISIONS... I RECEIVE... MESSAGES... I HAVE ONE EYE, A THIRD EYE."

"IT SEES... INWARD. IT SEES... BEYOND."

"I AM OLD. I AM NEW."

"I AM A LEAP... AND A THROW-BACK."

DR. HOPE! GET MD 2020 READY. HE'S GOT A MISSION.

WHAT! YOU'RE MAD!

HE'S NOT READY, HE'D SPIN OUT OF CONTROL!

--ALL THAT DATA, IN CHAOS CLOGGING HIS MIND.

HIS THIRD EYE FUNCTION IS BARELY DEVELOPED!

HE COULD HAVE VISIONS, HALLUCINATE-

--IT'S TOO SOON, TOO RISKY, HE MIGHT NOT OBEY ME, HE MIGHT NOT RETURN.

HE'S GOT THE GENETIC CONSCIOUSNESS OF ALL HISTORY BACK TO PRIMORDIAL TIMES--

LOOK. THOSE ARE ORDERS. THIS WHOLE PROJECT JUST GOT ITS PLUG PULLED.

WE'RE ALL BEING TRANSFERRED. I THINK THEY'D BE RELIEVED IF YOUR LITTLE PET HERE JUST GOT LOST.



OUTSIDE THE OFFICE
OF THE DAILY BUGLE...

THAT'S IT.
I WAITED
AN HOUR.

PETER,
DARLING, YOU
BETTER HAVE
A GOOD
EXCUSE.

BOY, SOME-
TIMES I WISH
I JUST LIVED
LIKE A HERMIT
SOMEWHERE,
MAKING FAN-
TASTIC
SCULPTURES.

THE MORE I
THINK OF THAT
OLD MAN'S
WORLD, THE
BETTER IT
LOOKS--

HEY, THAT'S
PETER--WITH
THAT GIRL!

THE ONE THAT
BROUGHT HIM
HOME YESTER-
DAY!

LOOK AT HIM--
SMILING,
LAUGHING--HE
LIKES HER!

HE STOOD
ME UP FOR
THAT...THAT...

MARY JANE,
TIME TO GET
YOURSELF A
NEW LIFE!

LISTEN, MAGGIE,
I HAVE AN ERRAND
TO RUN, I'LL SEE
YOU UPSTAIRS.

OKAY, I'LL
JUST GET
SOME LUNCH
TO GO. WANT
ANYTHING?

I GUESS THAT
WAS RUDE, BUT
I FELT A MILD
TINGLE OF MY
SPIDER-SENSE.
HAVE TO CHECK
IT OUT!

OH, MAN, I
FORGOT ALL
ABOUT MEET-
ING MARY
JANE FOR
LUNCH!

GOOD THING
SHE'S SO
UNDERSTANDING.

WITH MY
CRAZY LIFE,
SHE'S GOTTA
BE.

WHAT
A GAL I
GOT!

NO
THANKS.

WELL, I'VE CHECKED OUT THE AREA, AND COME UP WITH NOTHING.

FALSE ALARM, I GUESS.

THERE'S MAGGIE, COMING OUT OF THE COFFEE SHOP.

HEY WHO'S THAT LUG FOLLOWING HER?

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?

OUCH! THAT HURT!

I MUST PROTECT MY CREATOR.

HOPE IS IN DANGER.

UH... LISTEN, I'LL HELP YOU--

LADY--
RUN!

I'M DOIN' IT!



OKAY. WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR FOE IS BIGGER AND FASTER THAN YOU?

MAN'S LEATHERN PAST BEATS ON HIS PRE-BRAIN PRESENT!

THE MIND OF MAN WILL BE AS IF PREHENSILE!

MAN WILL BECOME METAL...

WELL, YOU LISTEN TO THEM RANT A MINUTE, AND THEN RELAX!

'CAUSE USUALLY YOU FIND OUT THEY'RE ALSO INSANE!

WHOOPS!

THROW-BACK BECOMES LEAP!

CRASH!

HMM... EXCEPT
THAT THE INSANE
ARE ALSO USUALLY
GREAT
FIGHTERS!

WONK!

HOPE IS
DYING!

HOPE? AS
IN THE GOOD
DOCTOR?

SO YOU'RE
ONE OF THAT
DOCTOR'S
UNFORTUNATE
PSYCHOS.

THAT MEANS
YOU'RE AN
INNOCENT--
MANIPULATED
AND USED!

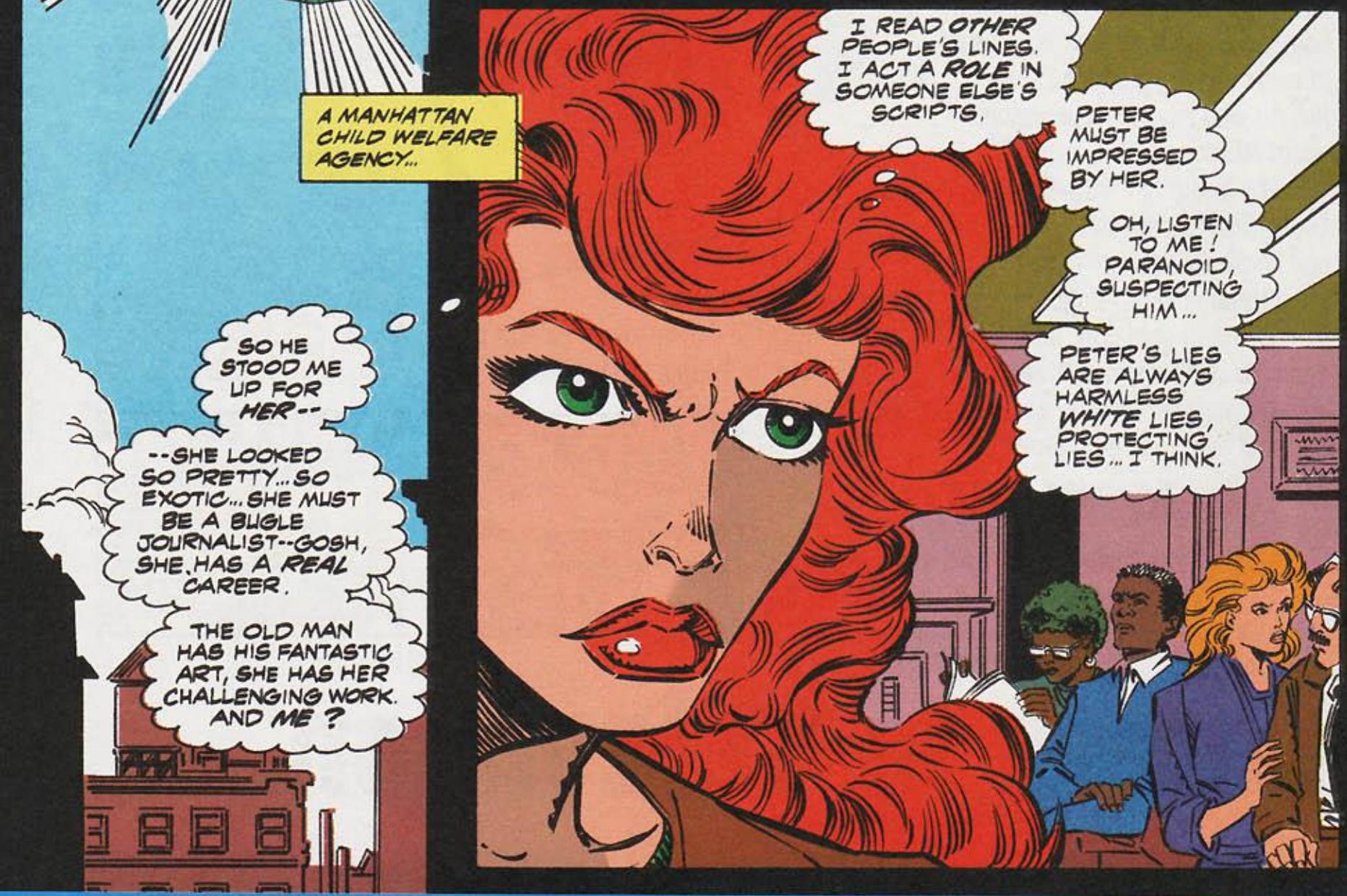
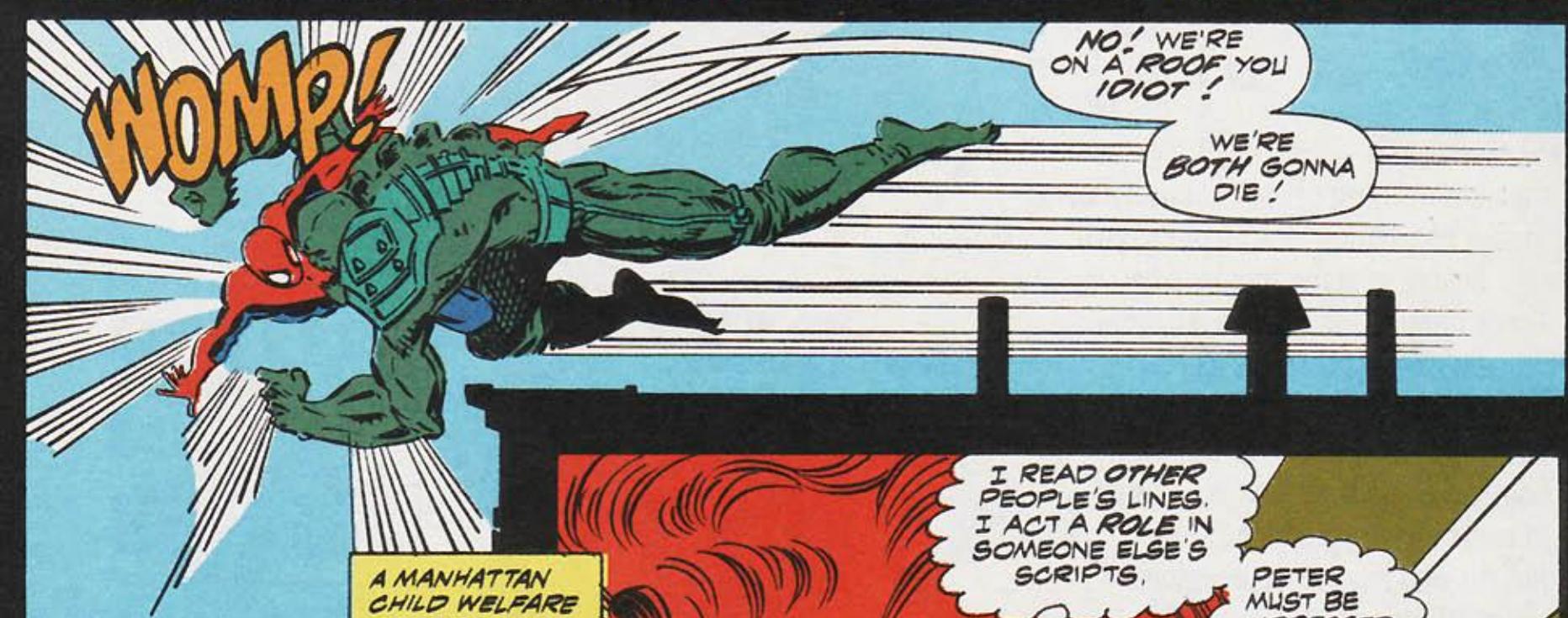
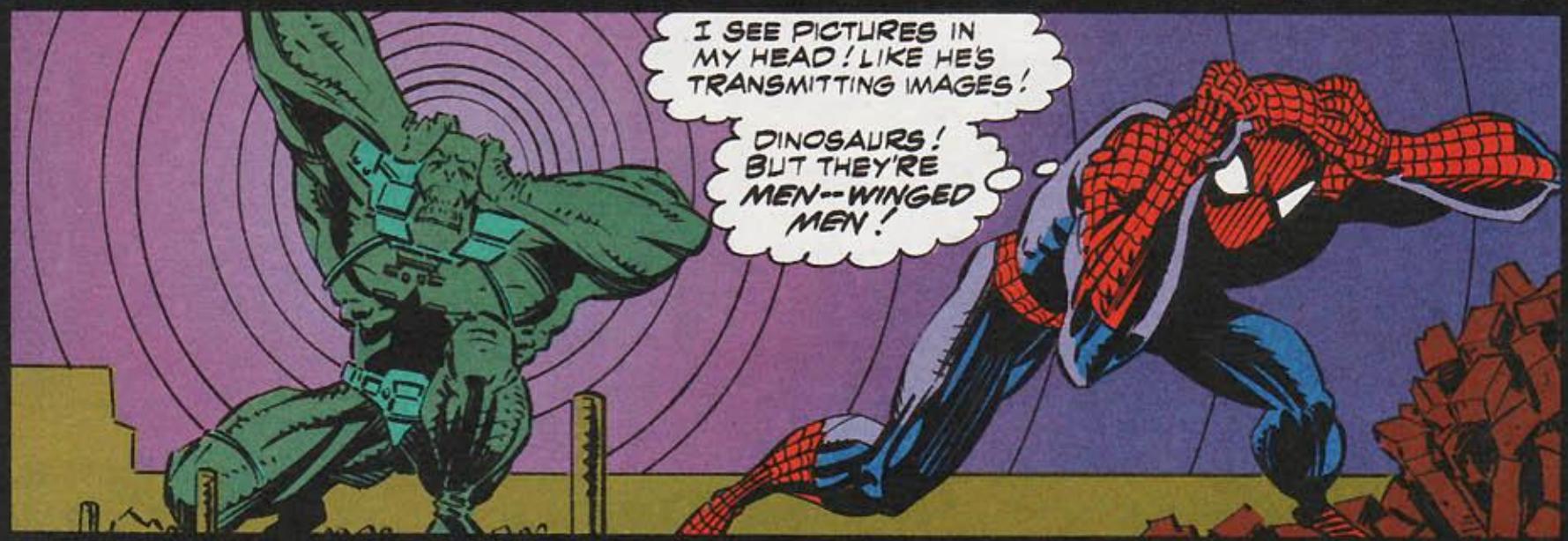
DON'T
WORRY, THEN
I'LL GO
EASY ON
YOU.

THWIP

I'M DEAD
IF THIS
DOESN'T WORK--

--LIKE A
DREAM.

NHAM!





WHAT IS
A FALL,
TO ME?
MAN IS
FALLEN!

HEY,
HANDSOME,
THIS IS NO
TIME FOR
POETRY.
WE'RE
DYING
HERE.

GOTTA BREAK MY
FALL WITH SOME WEB
ACTION!

THWIP

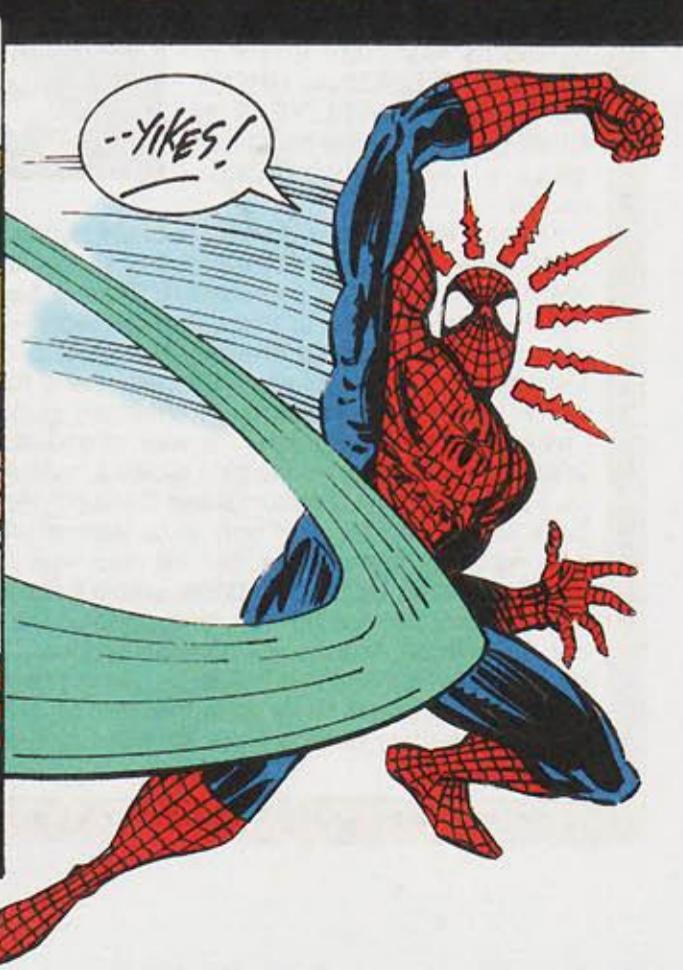
HOPE
I MAKE
IT!

THWAP

HOPE HE
DOESN'T.

BKR OOSH!

SKRASH!



BULLPEN BULLETINS

MARVEL COMICS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

What good's a Soapbox if it isn't used to tell you things you didn't know? I'll bet few of you were aware that mighty Marvel's sensational sister company across the sea, Marvel Comics U.K. (U.K. standing for United Kingdom, of course) has taken the once-staid British populace by storm with the creation of a pulse-pounding plethora of startling new super heroes, featured in England's own cosmic collection of costumed crusaders — the now-legendary best-seller — OVERKILL!

But, since few True Believers are able to fly to England each fortnight to pick up the latest editions, your big-hearted Bullpen has solved the problem for you! We've arranged to ship most of Marvel U.K.'s titanic new titles to your favorite comicbook stores in America! No longer shall we underprivileged colonials be deprived of the mother country's harvest

of heroes! And what a caravansary of cataclysmic characters they are! Just the briefest listing of their titles should give you an inkling of the wonderment in store ...

Zooming to the U.S. at the end of '92 you'll meet DEATH'S HEAD II, MOTOR-MOUTH & KILLPOWER, THE KNIGHTS OF PENDRAGON, DIGITEK, BATTLE-TIDE (the senses-staggering battle between Death's Head II and Killpower), WARHEADS, DARK ANGEL, TEAM HELIX, and NIGHTRAVEN!

But that's only the beginning of Britain's super hero invasion! Early in '93 don't miss the way-out wonderment of MYSTECH WARS, DEATH RATTLE, SHADOW RIDERS, BLOOD SEED, GENE MACHINE, WILD THING, BLACK-AXE, SUPER SOLDIERS, GUN RUNNER, DEATH METAL, and the mind-blasting mystery of — PLASMER!

Perhaps the most spectacular surprise of all is the fact that the entire kaboodle of British heroes meet, greet,

and interact with your own favorites from Marvel U.S.A.! So don't be surprised to see Wolverine and Sabretooth pop up in Battletide's limited-series, or to find Warheads, Mephisto and the Silver Surfer sharing the same adventures! As always, the Marvel Universe is one and inseparable, so anything happening anywhere affects all else in our ever-constant, ever-changing cosmos!

'Tis with happy heart and cheerful mien that I bid thee adieu, buoyed by the knowledge that the incalculable power of this month's Soapbox has insured that thou shalt not miss the triumphant entry of Marvel U.K.'s horde of heroes to our grand and grateful shores!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

Severybody's doin' it! No, we're not talking about hologram covers — we're talking about gettin' hitched. Takin' the plunge. Checkin' into the matrimonial institution. Doin' the marriage thing.

Lately there have been a rash of weddings among the editorial staff of Mighty Marvel — they've been popping up like zits on a New Warrior. Following in the footsteps of Reed and Sue ... Peter and Mary Jane ... Dr. Octopus and Aunt May ... many of our mighty Marveloids have decided to pursue lives of wedded bliss. Tieing the knot is a big commitment — it's like when Hercules quits his job as a solo hero and becomes an Avenger.

One editor who is solo no longer is Associate Editor **Evan Skolnick**, who this past July said "I do" to his own British import, **Lynn White**, after a whirlwind three month courtship. In addition to his recent nuptials, Evan was recently promoted to Associate Editor of such titles of ORIGINAL GHOST RIDER and MARVEL YEAR IN REVIEW. Sounds like he'll have quite a year of his own to review.

Evan's former boss, **Fabian Nicieza**, writer of NOMAD, last month gave up his life of wandering as he settled down and married his longtime sweetheart, **Tracey Lee**. It only took twelve years for Fabe to make that decision — that's one heck of a deadline! Fabe's brother, **Mariano**, of the Promotions Department, threw a blowout bachelor party for fabulous Fabe, which featured a special mega-entertaining slideshow of "The Lives and Time of Fabian." It was attended by many of the brightest and best guys (no girls allowed, natch) in the business.

Fabian's NOMAD editor **Glenn "Helium" Herding** seems to have found religion. Not only is he writing PARAGON for our new religious comics line, but he also was made an honest man last month by his new bride, **Laura Eckhardt**. Glenn took his lady love up in a balloon, and popped the question — but not the balloon, fortunately. Glenn's proposal first appeared in comic book form in WHAT IF #31. Glenn presented Laura with a copy of the comic while up in the balloon, and she answered in the affirmative quicker than Tom DeFalco approving a new Thor series.

Still waiting for approval for that Quasar/Ren & Stimpy team-up is **Mark Gruenwald**, who also slipped the quantum band around the finger of his new bride, **Catherine Schuller**, last month. Performing at Mark's wedding was WOLVERINE writer **Larry Hama**'s band, the K-Otis! Mark and Catherine's wedding song was "One More Kiss," from the movie Bladerunner! (Now if only we could make a replicant of Mark, we could get twice as much work out of him!)

Bullpen cartoonist **Rick Parker**, still basking in the success of his best-selling book with **Barry Dutter**, *Everything I Really Need to Know I Learned From Television*, also walked down the aisle last month with BARBIE writer **Lisa Trusiani** at a ceremony in Falmouth, Maine. The reception included a good old New England style clambake, and all the guests were treated to a cruise on lovely Casco Bay. Unfortunately, the Love Boat's Captain Stubing was unavailable to perform the wedding ceremony.

Sadly, Pin-Head of the Cenobites, doesn't do weddings, either. Pin-Head's boss,

HELLRAISER editor **Marcus McLaurin**, is used to seeing souls torn apart over in the pages of that mag. But MM will take part in the joining of two souls when he exchanges vows with his intended, **Janet Paes**, next May. Marcus proposed to Janet on the Sky Ride at Disneyworld last January. Surely this wedding will be an Epic event, though hopefully not a harrowing one. (Or are we Barkering up the wrong tree?)

Finally, we come to HULK editor **Bobbie Chase**, whose gamma-irradiated nuptials will be taking place next June. **Craig Kunaschka**, of the Direct Sales Department, proposed to Bobbie at the top of a mountain in St. Maartin while the two were on vacation. It is hoped that their union will bring Marvel's editorial and sales departments closer together, and bring even greater unity to the Marvel family. Surely it won't be long before Bobbie and Craig will have little Midnight Sons and Daughters of their own running around all over the place.

Warmest wedding wishes to all our newlyweds! And remember the lesson learned by Spider-Man not so long ago: With great weddings come great catering bills!

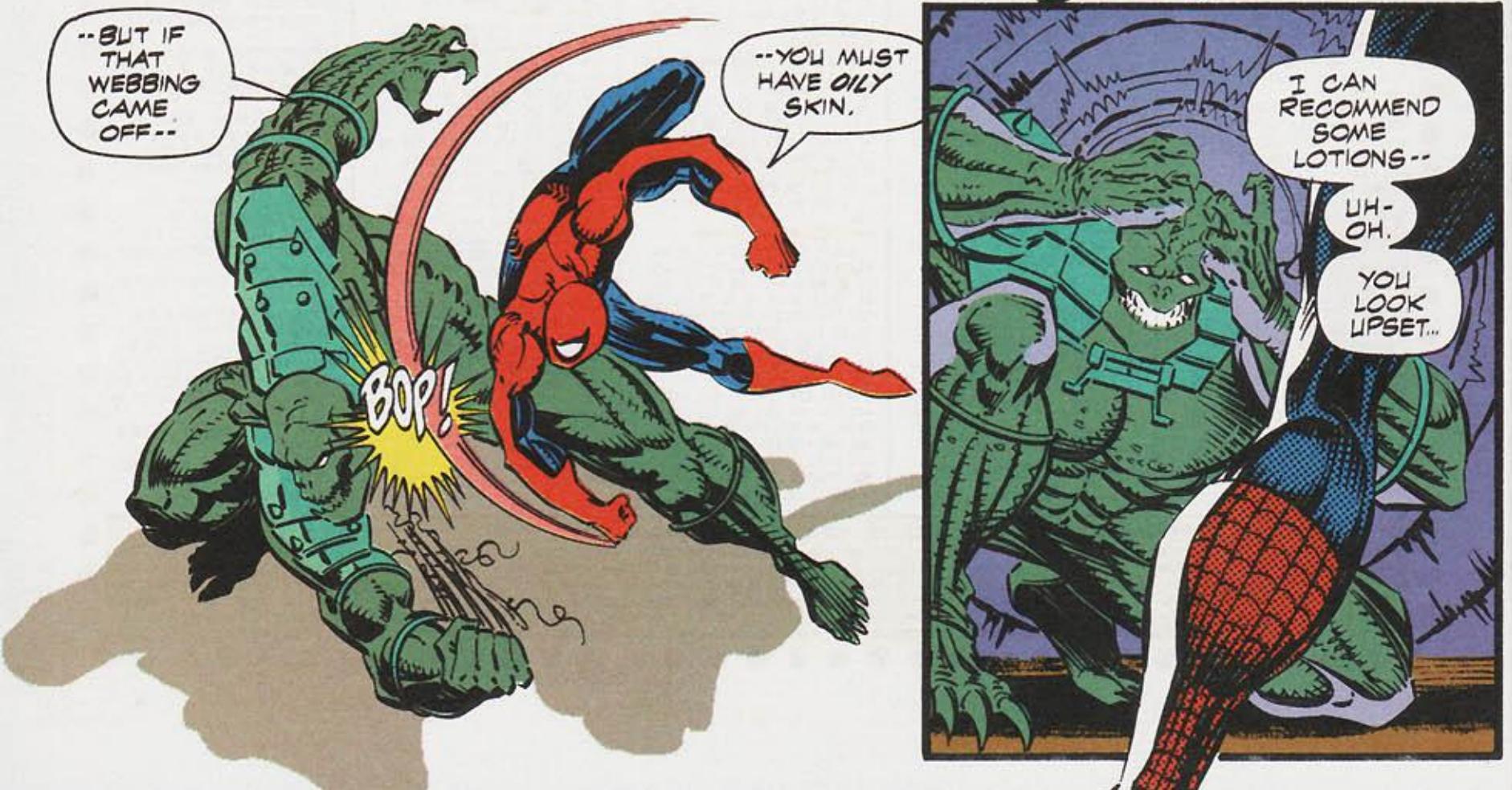
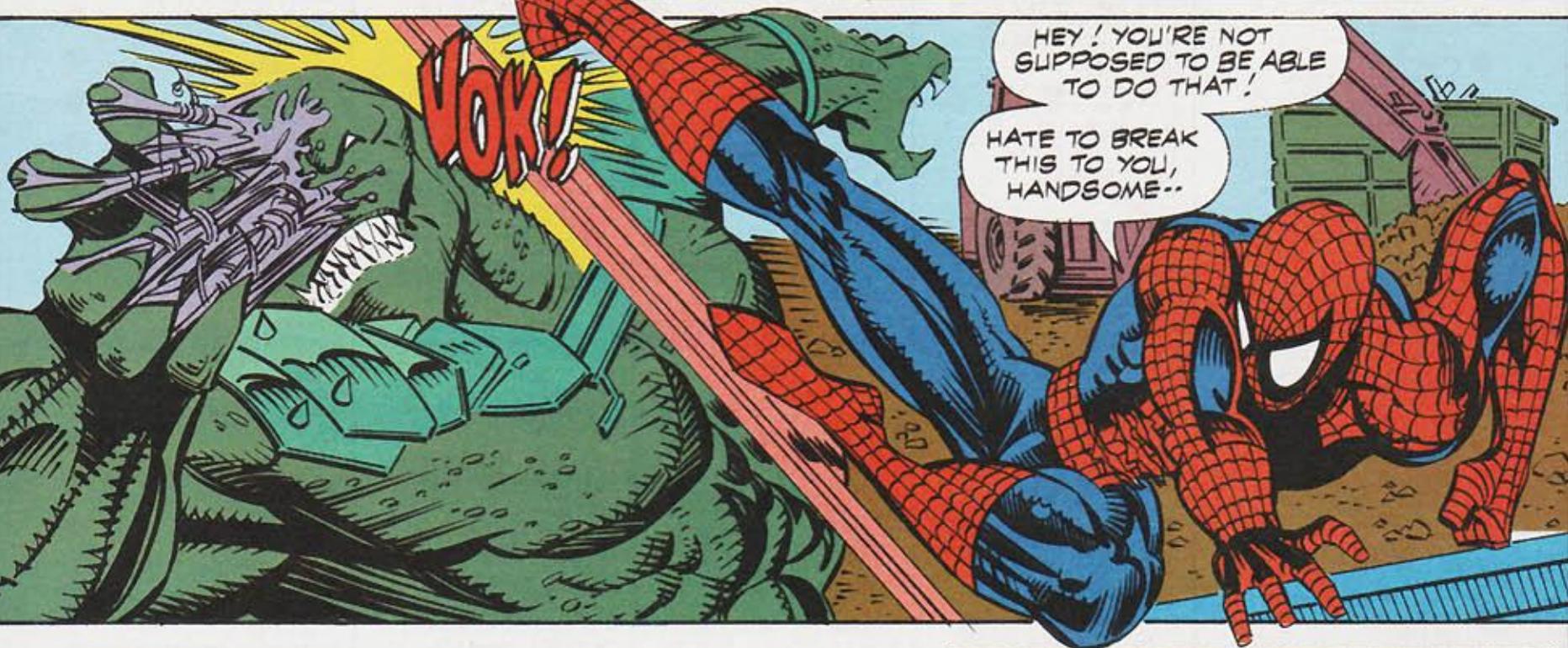
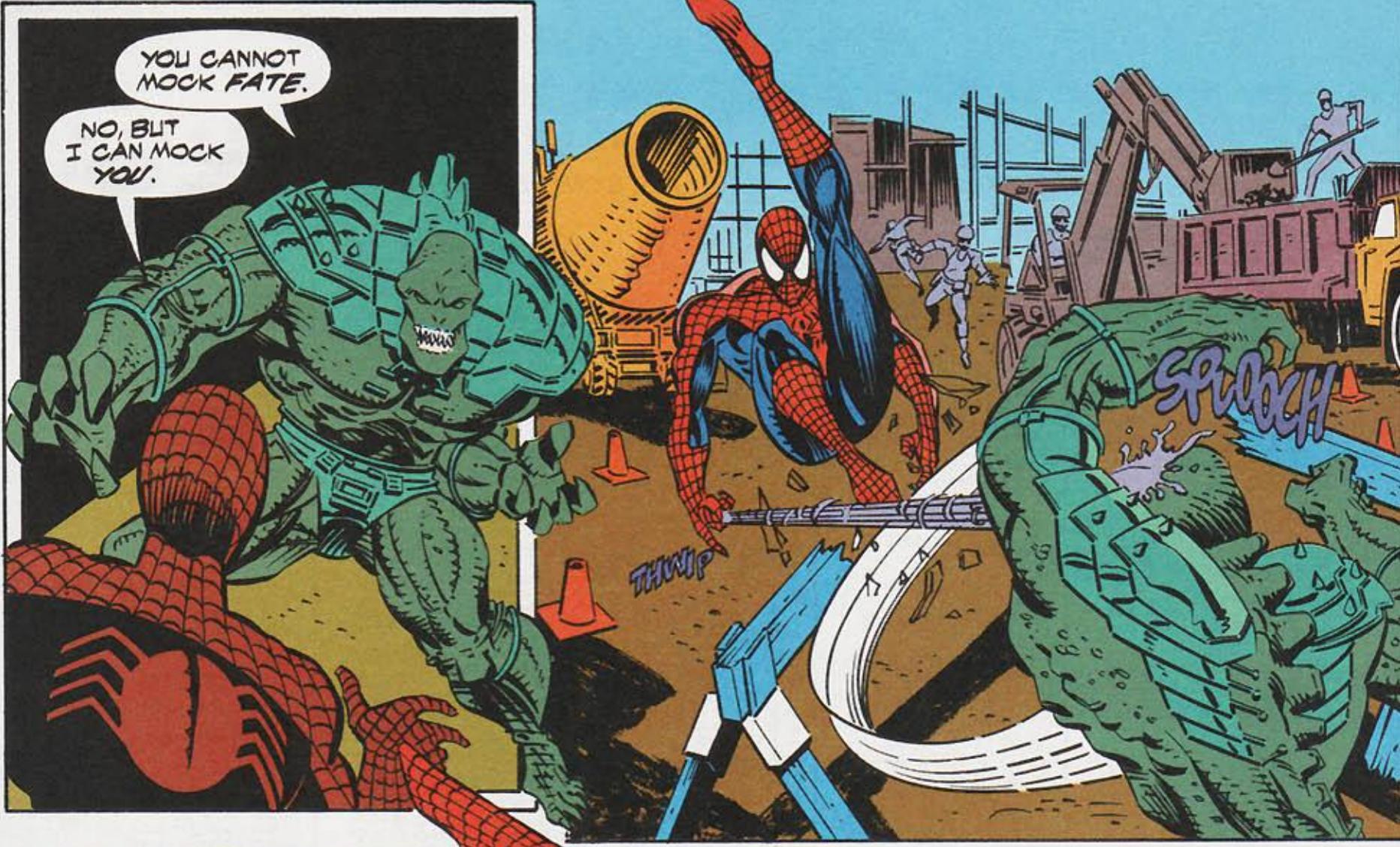
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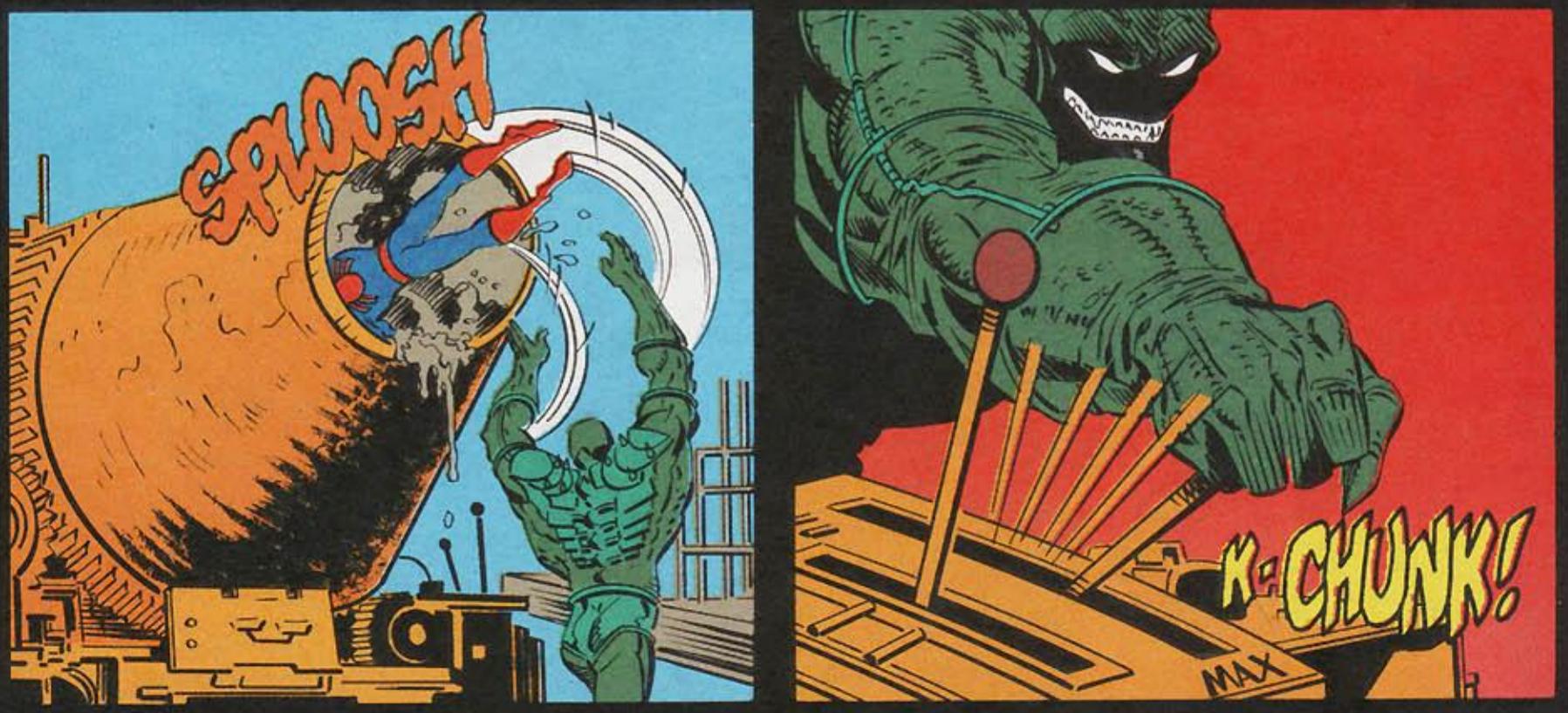
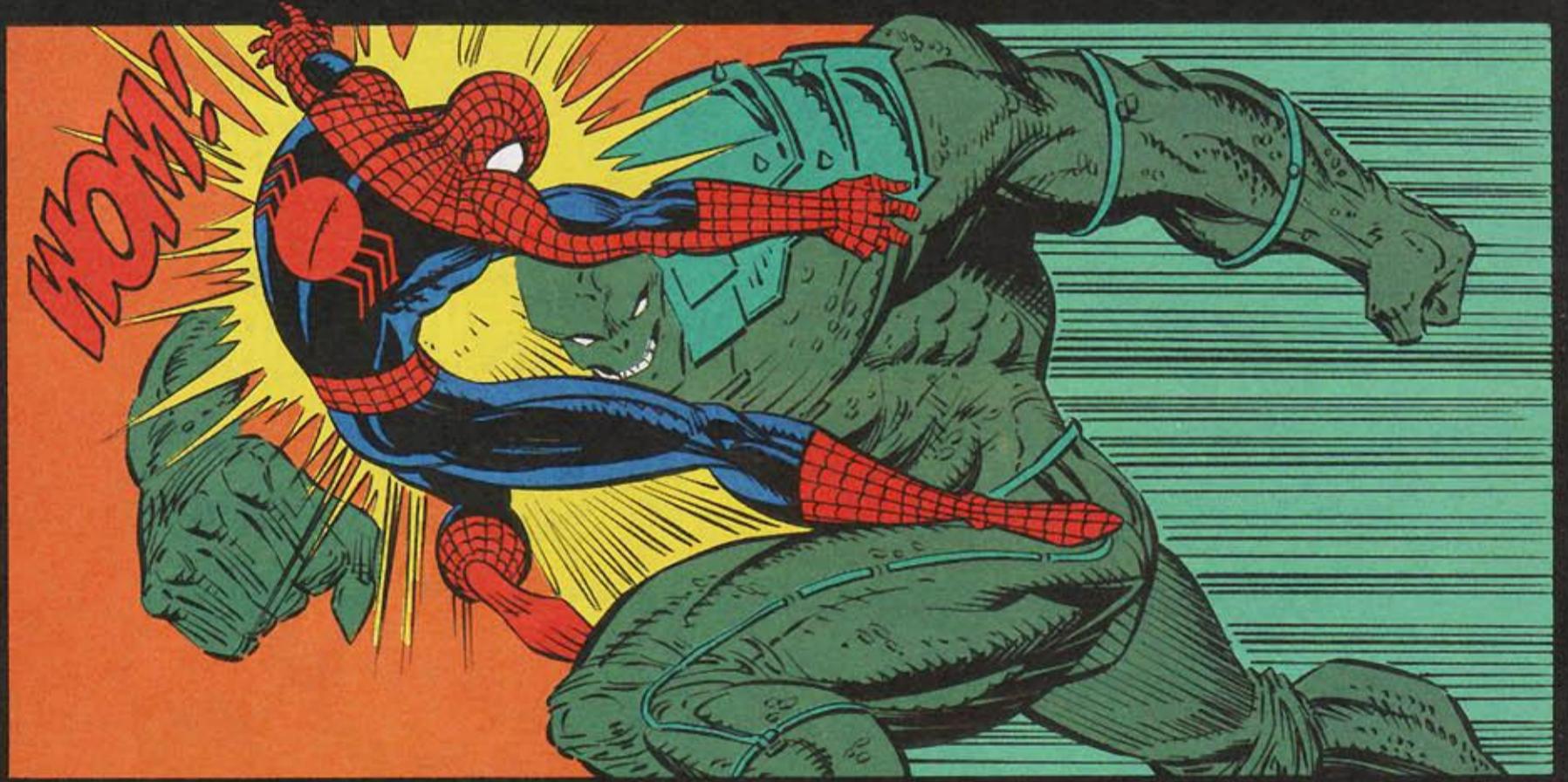
by Rick Parker & Barry Dutter

A MARVEL GROUP WEDDING...

EH! BY DA POWAH INVESTED IN ME BY DA ALL-FODDA ODIN, AND THE ALMIGHTY STAN LEE, I NOW PRONOUNCE ALLA YOUSE MAN AND WIFES--!

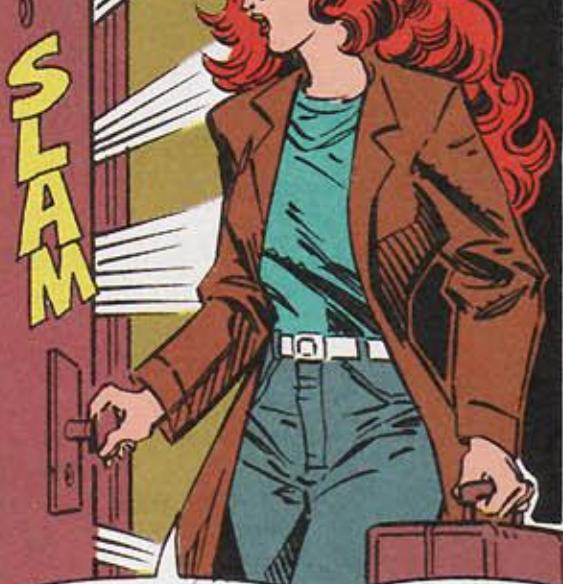






NO MESSAGE.
HE STOOD ME
UP FOR THAT
GIRL AND DIDN'T
EVEN CALL!

IT'S TRUE-- I
HAVE NO MORE
CONTROL
OVER MY LIFE
THAN MY SOAP
CHARACTER!



I'LL GO TO A
GIRLFRIEND'S, I'LL
GO TO A HOTEL,
I'LL GO DANCING!

COME FIND
ME, PETER--
IF YOU
CARE.



SPIDER-
MAN --

