



PURSUIT CONCLUSION

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**THE END
OF THE
HUNT...**

**...AND THE
MOST
SHATTERING
REVELATION
OF ALL!**

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HE FINDS THE TRACER
ON A FAMILIAR TOMB-
STONE, ABOVE A
FRESHLY-DUG GRAVE.
AN INVITATION, HE
ASSUMES, OR PER-
HAPS...

AS IF HE NEEDS
TO BE REMINDED
OF ALL HE
SUFFERED HERE.

...A
REMINDER.

OF THE HORROR OF
BEING BURIED ALIVE.

HERE LIES
SPIDER-MAN
SLAIN BY
THE HUNTER

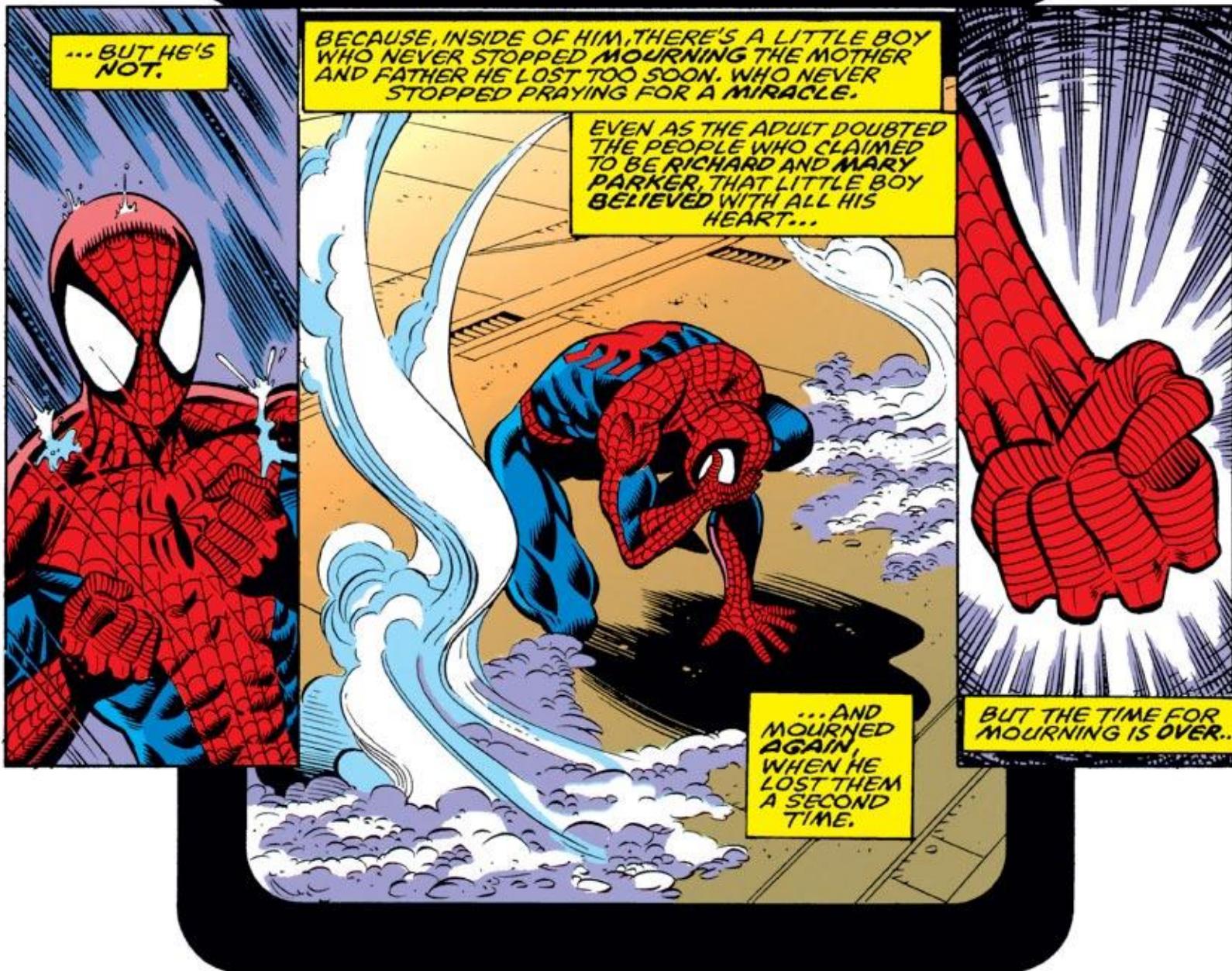
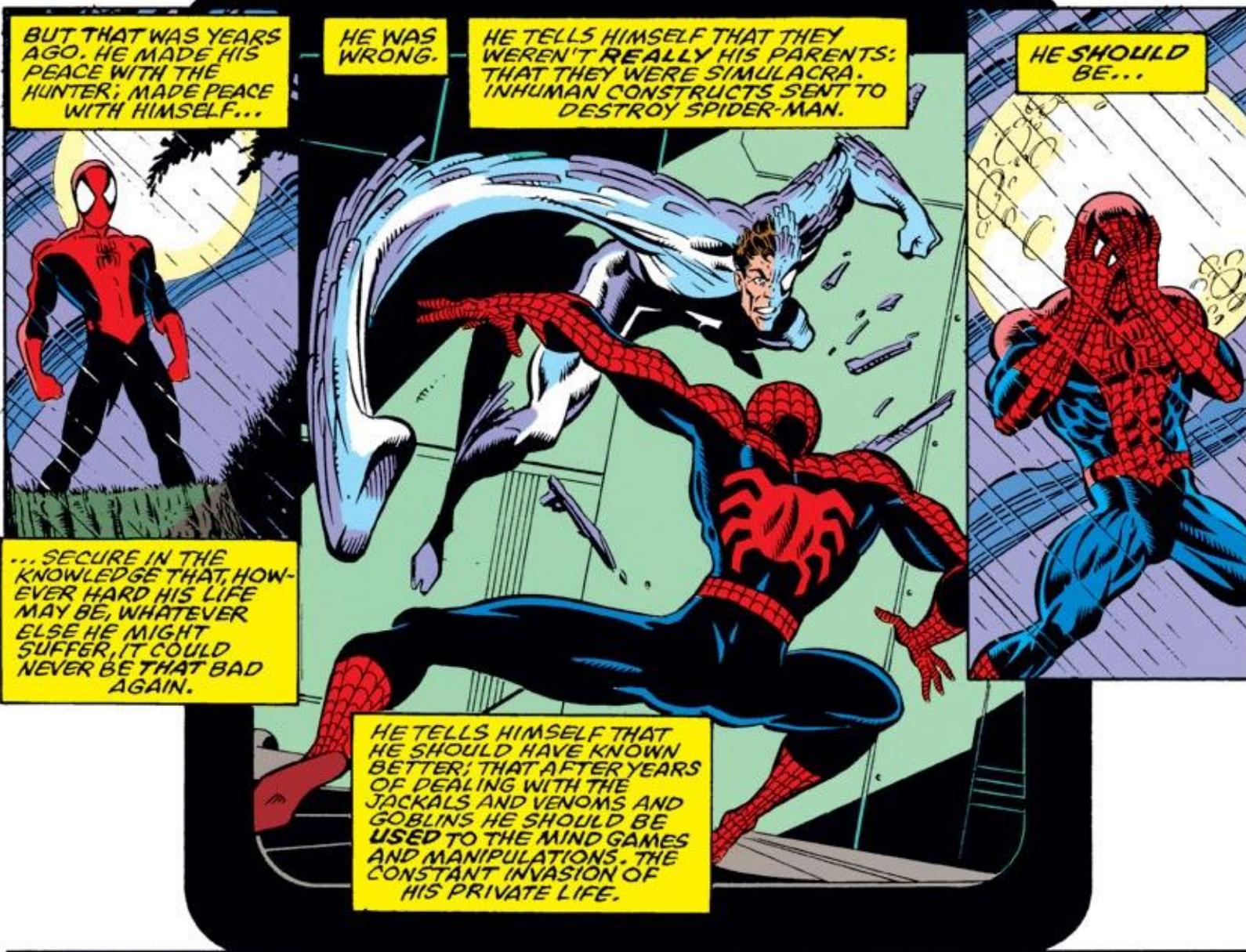
HE CLOSES HIS EYES AND HE'S
DOWN THERE AGAIN, STRUG-
GLING TO BREAK FREE OF THE
SUFFOCATING COFFIN...

IT WAS
KRAVEN
WHO DID
IT TO HIM.

...DESPERATELY
CLAWING HIS WAY
UP-- NEVER FAR
ENOUGH, NEVER
FAST ENOUGH!--
TO LIFE, BREATH,
FREEDOM.

AND WITH THE COWARD-
LY PULL OF A TRIGGER,
ROBBED HIM OF
VENGEANCE, AS WELL.

"MURDERED"
HIM, ROBBED
HIM OF LIFE
AND HOPE,
USURPED HIS
VERY IDENTITY.



...AND THE HOUR
OF RETRIBUTION
IS HERE.

STAN LEE PRESENTS THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

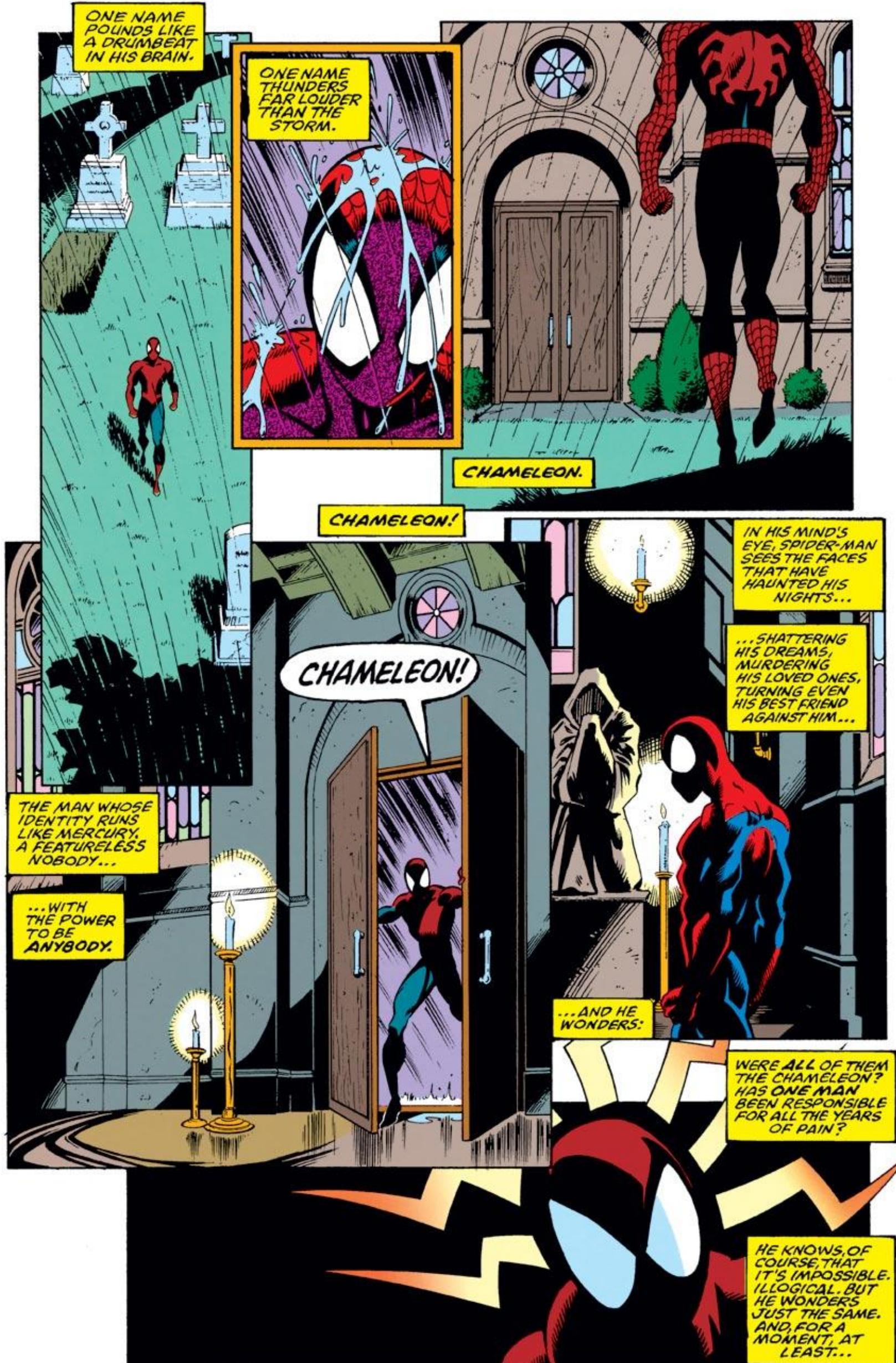
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...HE BELIEVES IT.

NICE TOUCH, THIS
IS KRAVEN'S
MANSION,
AFTER ALL--

--SO WHY NOT
TRY TO STOP ME
THE WAY THAT
HE WOULD?

BUT THE
THING IS--

--YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO STOP ME.

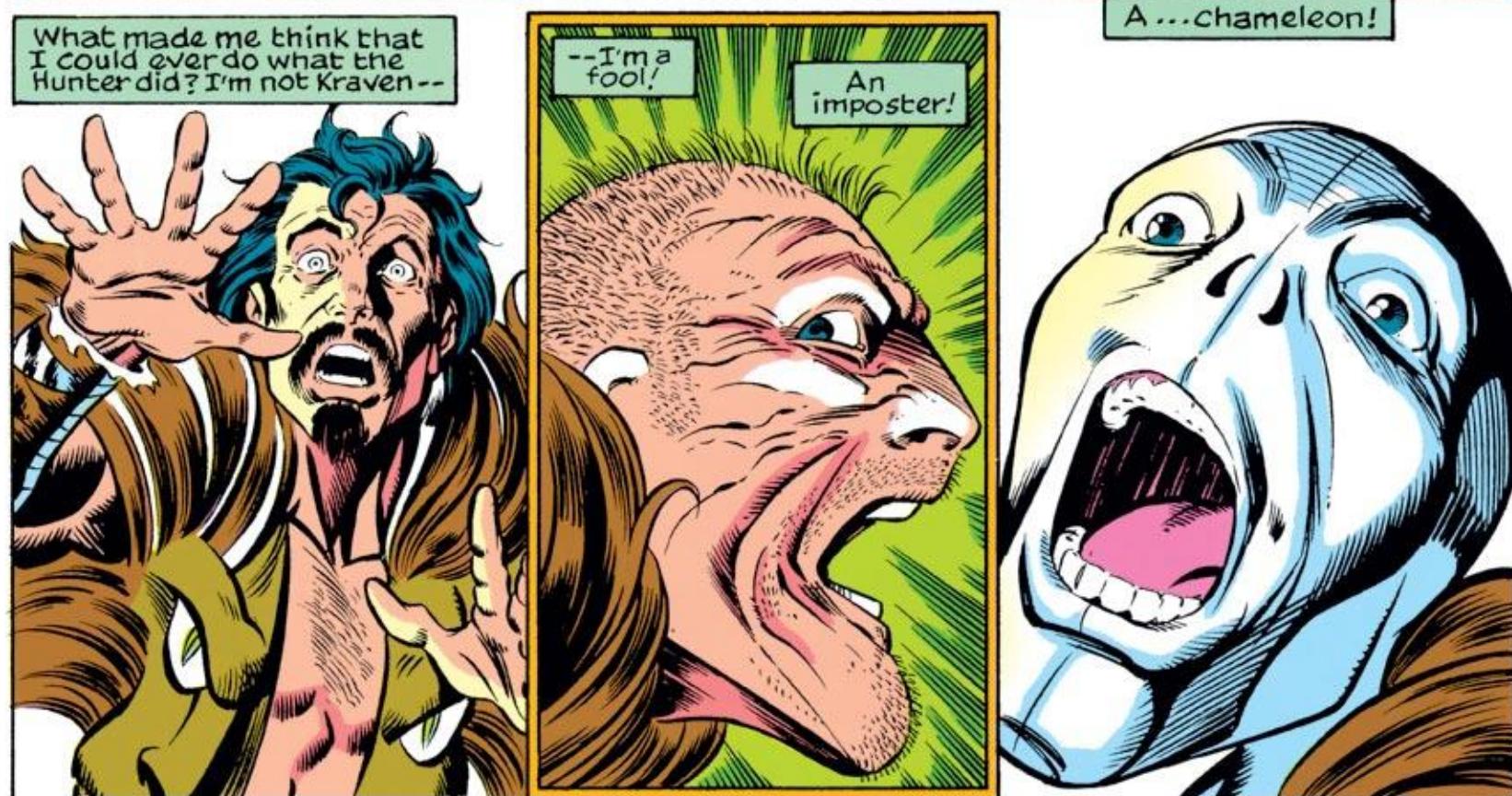
I'M COMING
FOR YOU,
CHAMELEON--

-- EVERY
SINGLE
ONE OF
YOU --

-- AND NO MATTER
WHAT FACE YOU
TRY TO HIDE
BEHIND --

-- I'LL
FIND
YOU --

-- AND I'LL
KILL YOU,
DO YOU
HEAR
ME?



All I ever wanted, Sergei, was to be like you. To stand as tall as you did.

To walk with the pride and power of a Kravinoff.

When we were boys together in Russia, you were my model. My inspiration. I studied you with the devotion and intensity of a scholar.

I knew you... Knew your every thought, your every need... Far better than you knew yourself...

...and I tried, with all my soul, to be the finest friend you ever had.

And, oh, dear Sergei...

...what you gave me in return!

Not just friendship--but life. You gave me life, Sergei! Sharing your potions with me...staving off old age and disease and death.

After all you did for me...all we meant to each other...how could I stand by and let Spider-Man live?

He drove you to a base and cowardly end: death by your own hand. And for that he must be punished.

And who better to do it than I? Dmitri Smerdyakov--who wanted nothing more than to become you--and who, this day...

...finally gets his wish.

Smerdyakov may know Fear. But he is a chameleon...without a face, without a soul.

I am Kravinoff now. I am, Kraven!

And the Hunter will not be denied.

THERE'S A DARK JOY IN THIS THAT SPIDER-MAN HAS NEVER KNOWN.



HE CAN'T.

FOR ALL THE BOILING RAGE,
FOR ALL THE HURT AND MADNESS-- HE CAN NOT... HE WILL NOT... TAKE THIS CREATURE'S LIFE.

CHAK!

HE HATES HIMSELF FOR HIS SOFTNESS AND COMPASSION.
HATES HIMSELF FOR ALWAYS DRAWING LINES BETWEEN WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S NOT.

I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE MY ANGER OUT ON SOME ABUSED "PET," CHAMELEON--

--BUT WHEN I GET MY HANDS AROUND YOUR NECK--

TONIGHT, AN INNER VOICE WHISPERS,
WE'LL CROSS THE LINE.

TONIGHT WE'LL BE SAFE AGAIN.
STRONG AGAIN.

--I WON'T STOP!

This... lunatic isn't the Spider-Man I've known all these years!

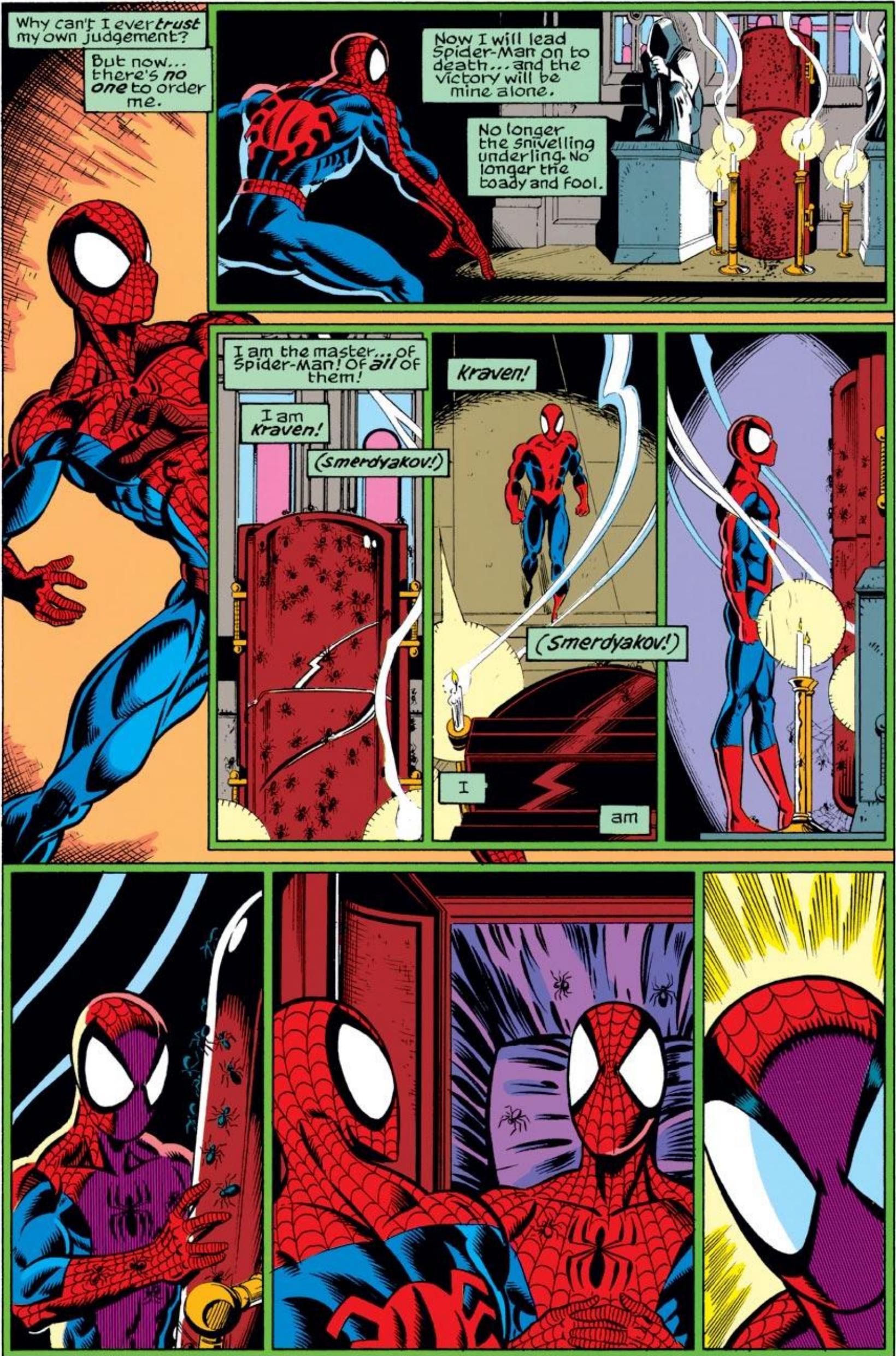
I don't understand what's happened to him!

He and Parker must be as close as Kravinoff and Smerdyakov.

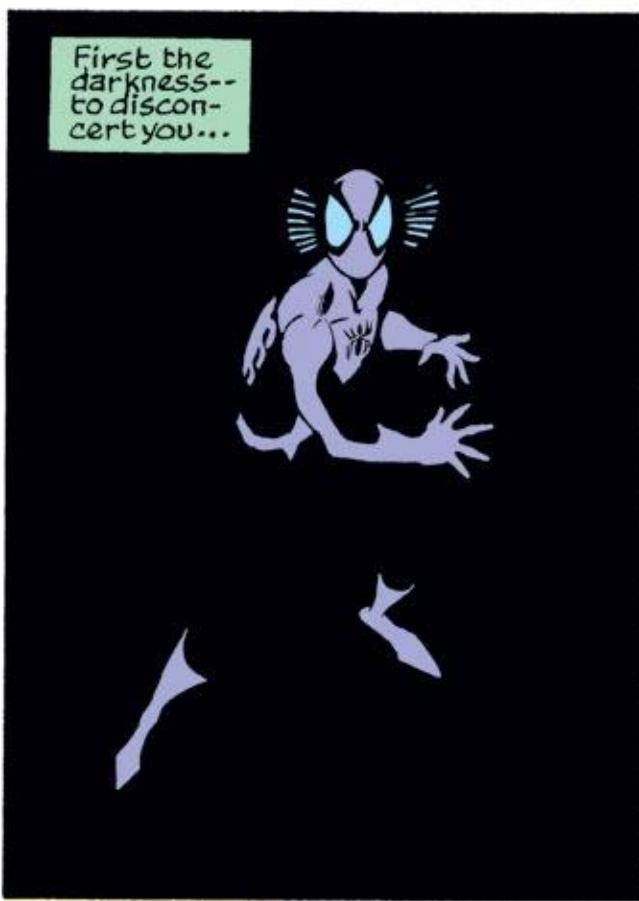
It's my own fault for letting other people tell me what to do!

That plan... creating constructs of the Parkers... it's set Spider-Man OFF somehow! Made him... crazy!

Why do I let myself get talked into these things?

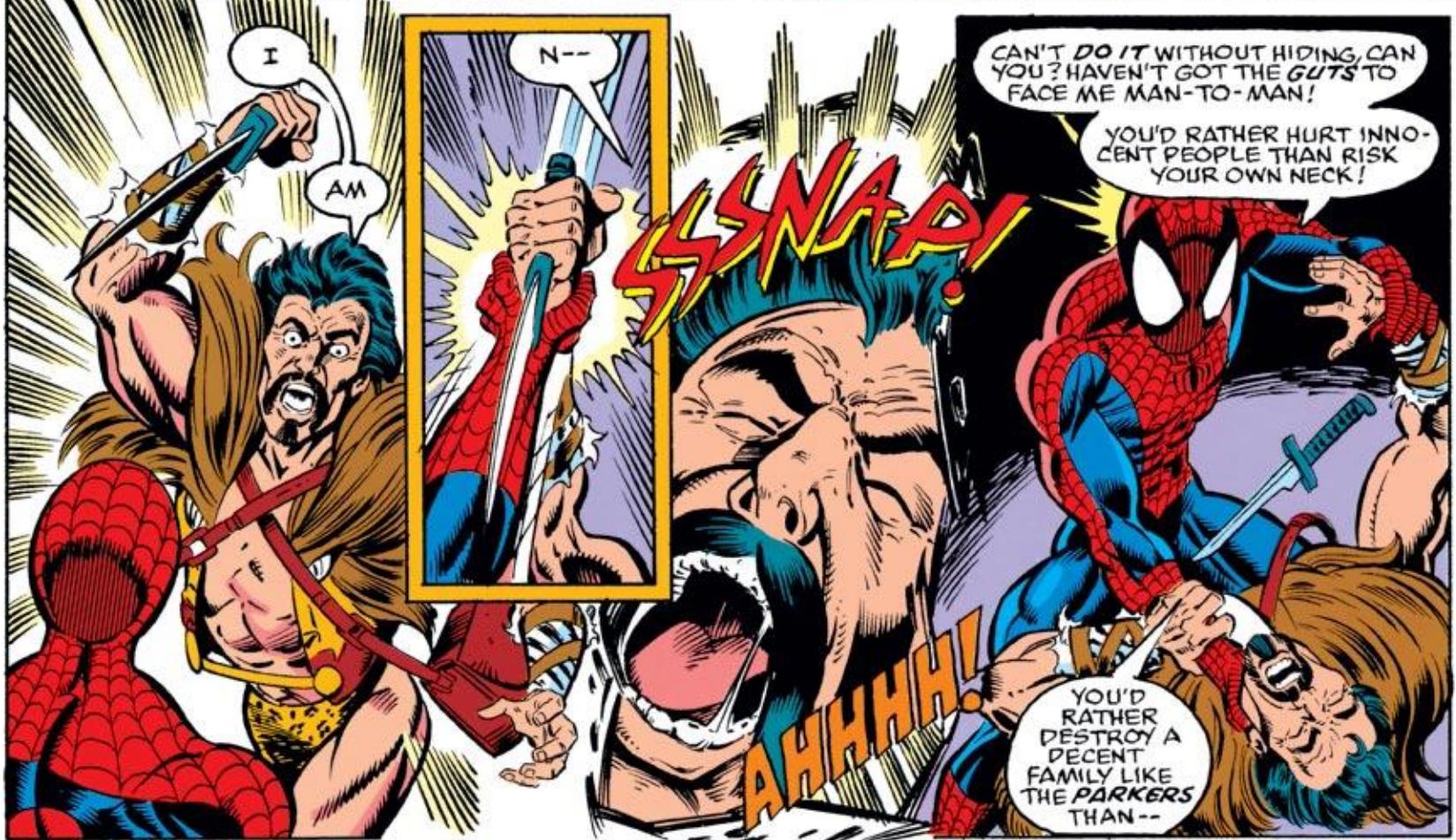






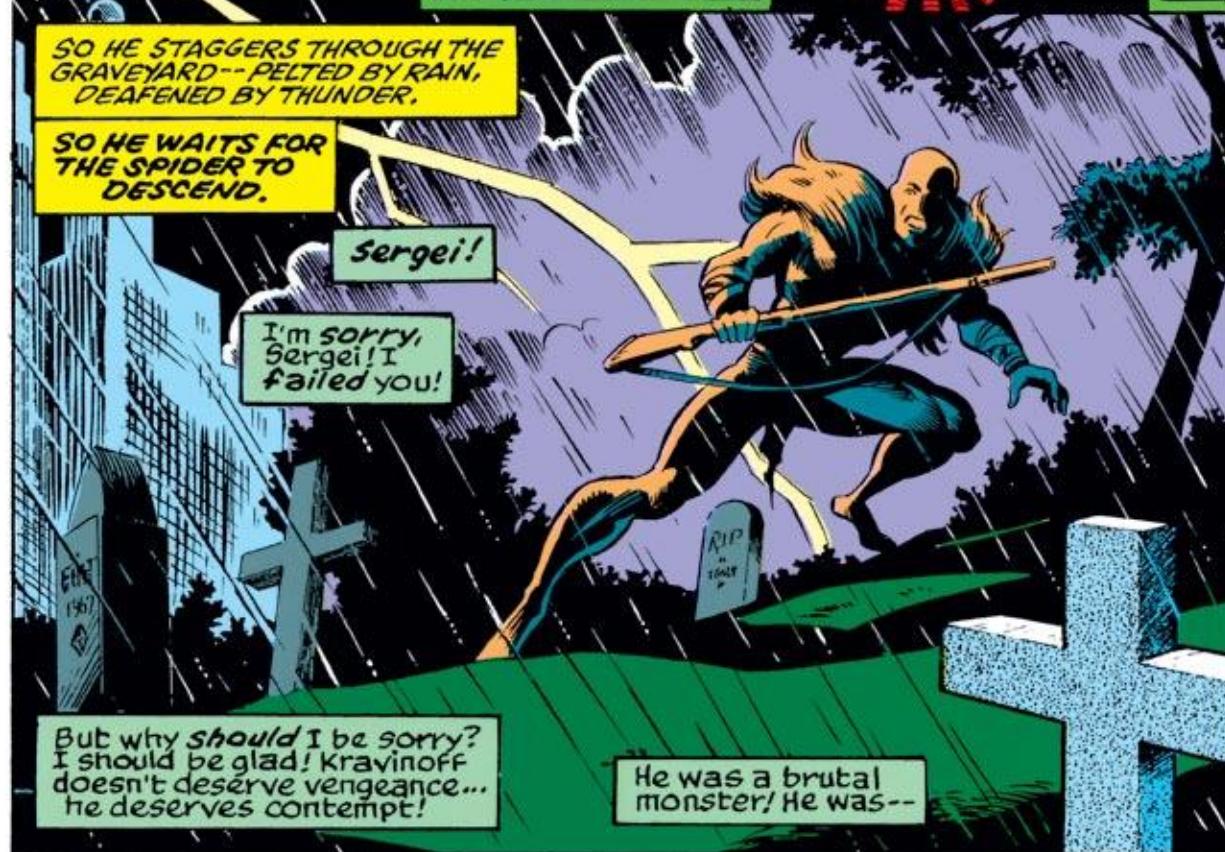








BUT THE EFFECTS OF THE BLAST ARE ALREADY FADING, SPIDER-MAN IS STIRRING.



AND THE TRUTH, SO LONG DENIED, SO LONG REPRESSED...

Not his friend, no. Just his servant-boy. A faceless boot-licker, to be abused and reviled.

BLAM

...EXPLODES LIKE A RIFLE-BLAST IN HIS MIND.

No, that's not so! He did care about me! He did!

How many times did he open his heart... share his youthful secrets--and invite me to share mine?

He could be so generous... so loving...

...so unbelievably cruel.

...Nothing!

When the revolution came and the Kravinoffs fell, your family fled to America--and you did not even deign to say goodbye.

But, fool that I was, I still clung to our imagined bond and raced to America to join you.

BLAM!

You never forgot, did you, Sergei, who was the servant and who, the master? You never ignored a chance to remind me that I only existed... to reflect you. That Smerdyakov was, and always would be...

We each found our destiny here, didn't we? You as the world's greatest Hunter and I as the greatest...

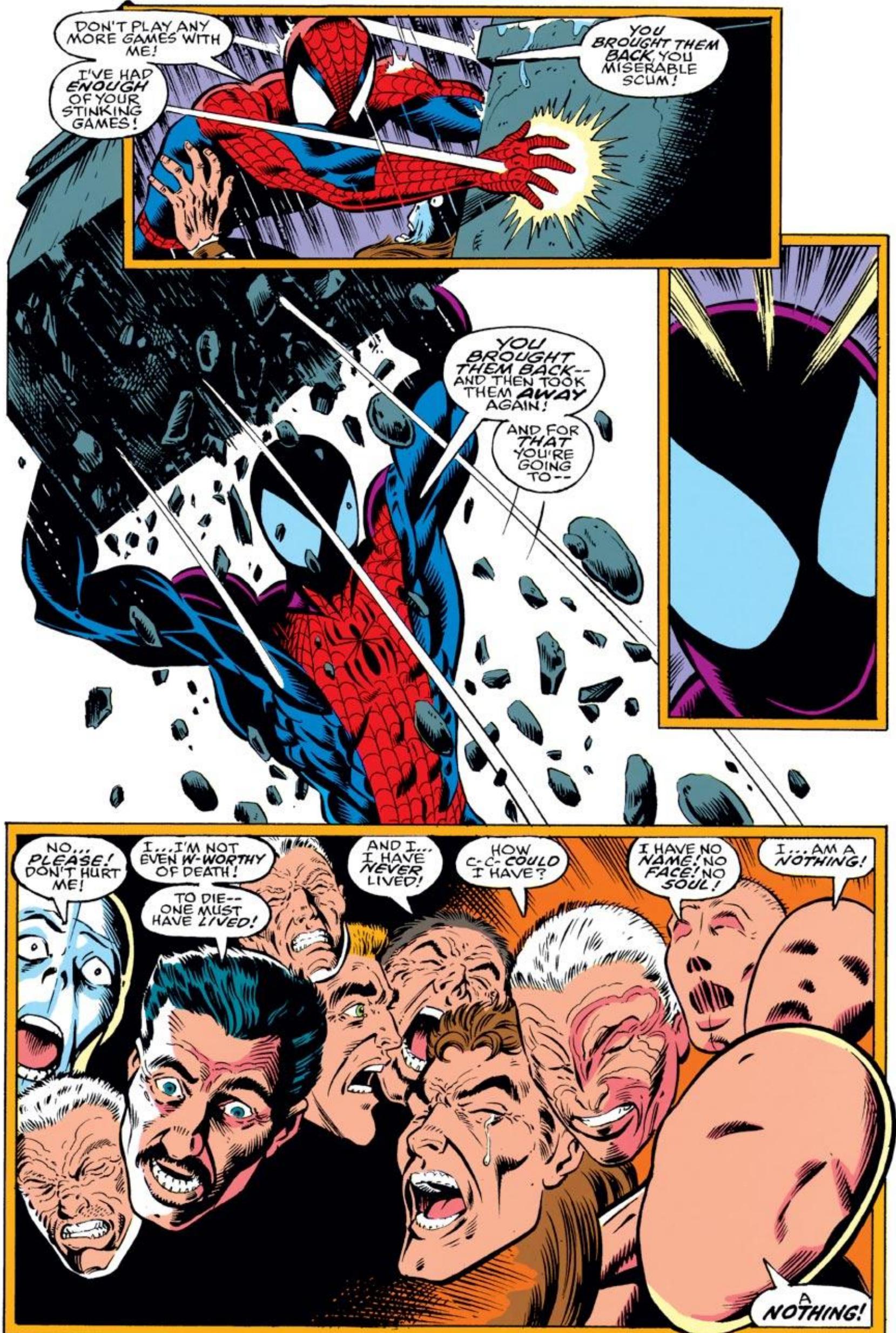
...non-entity.

As the Chameleon, I spent years trying to make myself into someone worthy of your respect. Trying to stand as tall as you did.

But I see now that the only thing we two truly have in common...

...is a coward's death.







THIS, HE MARVELS, IS THE GREAT ENEMY I WAS SO DESPERATE TO DESTROY?

ALL THE RAGE, ALL THE HATRED IS GONE FOR NOW. WHAT REMAINS IS PITY AND COMPASSION.

THE CHAMELEON SAID THAT SOMEONE LED HIM TO THE PARKERS. SPIDER-MAN IS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT WHO THAT SOMEONE IS. SOMEONE, HE REALIZES, WHO KNOWS HIS SECRET.

WITH LUCK, HE THINKS, I'LL SUCCEED.

WITH LUCK...

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HE WANTS NO PART OF THAT.

SO HE SEARCHES FOR A NEW FOCUS FOR HIS HATE.

...I'LL HATE AGAIN.

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