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BELIEVING HE HAS BEEN  
ENDOWED WITH THE  
GIFT OF ULTIMATE POWER  
FROM THE GATHERING  
OF FIVE CEREMONY --

--- NORMAN OSBORN HAS  
INSTEAD RECEIVED ONE OF  
THE OTHER FOUR GIFTS...

NORMAN OSBORN IS STARK RAVING MAD!

I THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS GATHERING OF FIVE CEREMONY HE'S BEEN RANTING ABOUT.

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET A LUCID THOUGHT OUT OF HIM SINCE I RETURNED TO OSBORN INDUSTRIES LOOKING TO FIND OUT WHAT HE PLANTED IN AUNT MAY'S HEAD.

AUNT MAY. I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S REALLY ALIVE.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT OSBORN FADED HER DEATH, SET SOMEONE ELSE IN HER PLACE... AN ACTRESS WHO WAS INFUSED WITH HER DNA MATRIX. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, AND YET...

NORMAN SPILLED HIS GUTS TO ME ABOUT EVERYTHING WHILE HE WAS TEARING UP THE CITY.

HE DID SEEM STRONGER, MORE DIFFICULT TO SUBDU. IT WAS THE STRENGTH OF A MADMAN. BUT THE MADNESS THREW HIS TIMING OFF SO I COULD GET TO HIM.

STAN LEE PRESENTS:  
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SPIDER-MAN

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JOHN ROMITA JR.  
SCOTT HANNA  
STORYTELLERS  
GREGORY WRIGHT  
COLOR ARTIST

RS &  
CC's LIZA  
LETTERS  
MACCHIO  
EDITOR  
HARRAS  
CHIEF

HIS SPEECH WAS PRACTICALLY INCOHERENT WHILE HE WAS RAILING ON AND ON ABOUT KILLING ME.

ALMOST DID A FEW TIMES, THOUGH I FINALLY TOOK HIM DOWN AND WEBBED HIM UP.

HE DID MAKE A REAL MESS OUT OF THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING ALONG THE WAY. DOUBT THAT'LL BE SALVAGEABLE.

RANTING ON AND ON ABOUT HIS POWER, HIS GODHOOD AND ABOUT HOW THE THING HE'S IMPLANTED IN AUNT MAY'S SKULL IS GOING TO TRIGGER OFF SOME SORT OF WORLDWIDE DNA BOMB.

THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO KNOW IF IT IS SIMPLY MORE RAVINGS, OR IF IT'S THE TRUTH. I HAVE SEEN SOME OF WHAT HE CAN DO.

REED RICHARDS SAID IF THE IMPLANT STAYS IN AUNT MAY'S SKULL SHE'LL DIE...

...NORMAN SAYS IF IT'S TAKEN OUT-- THE WORLD WILL DIE!

I CAN'T LET EITHER HAPPEN.

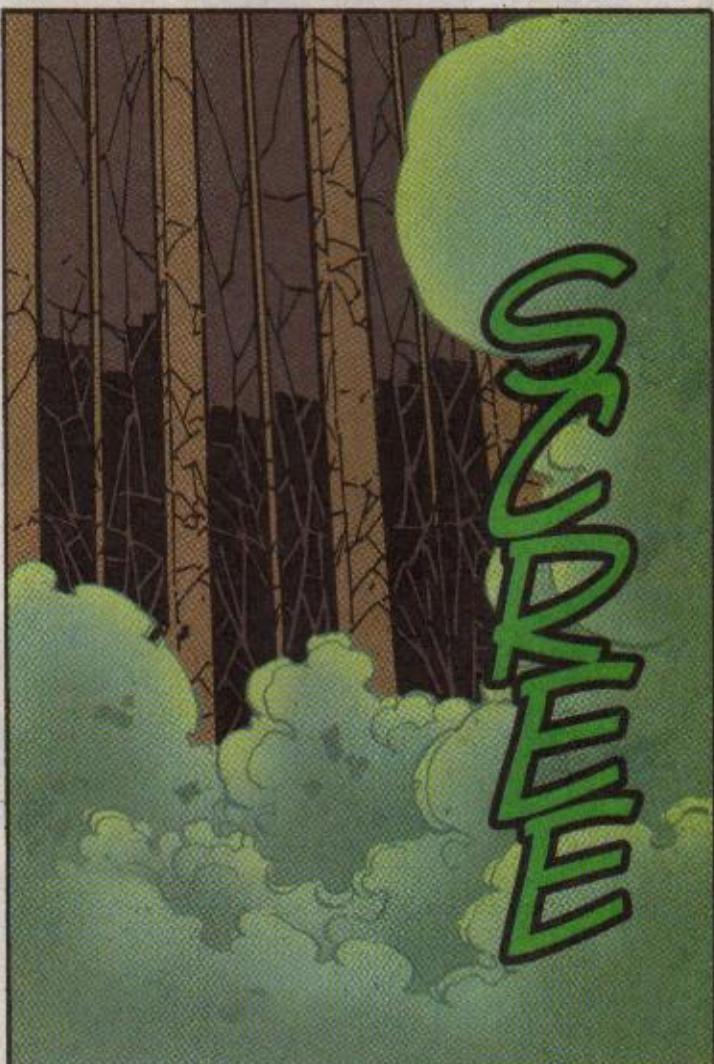
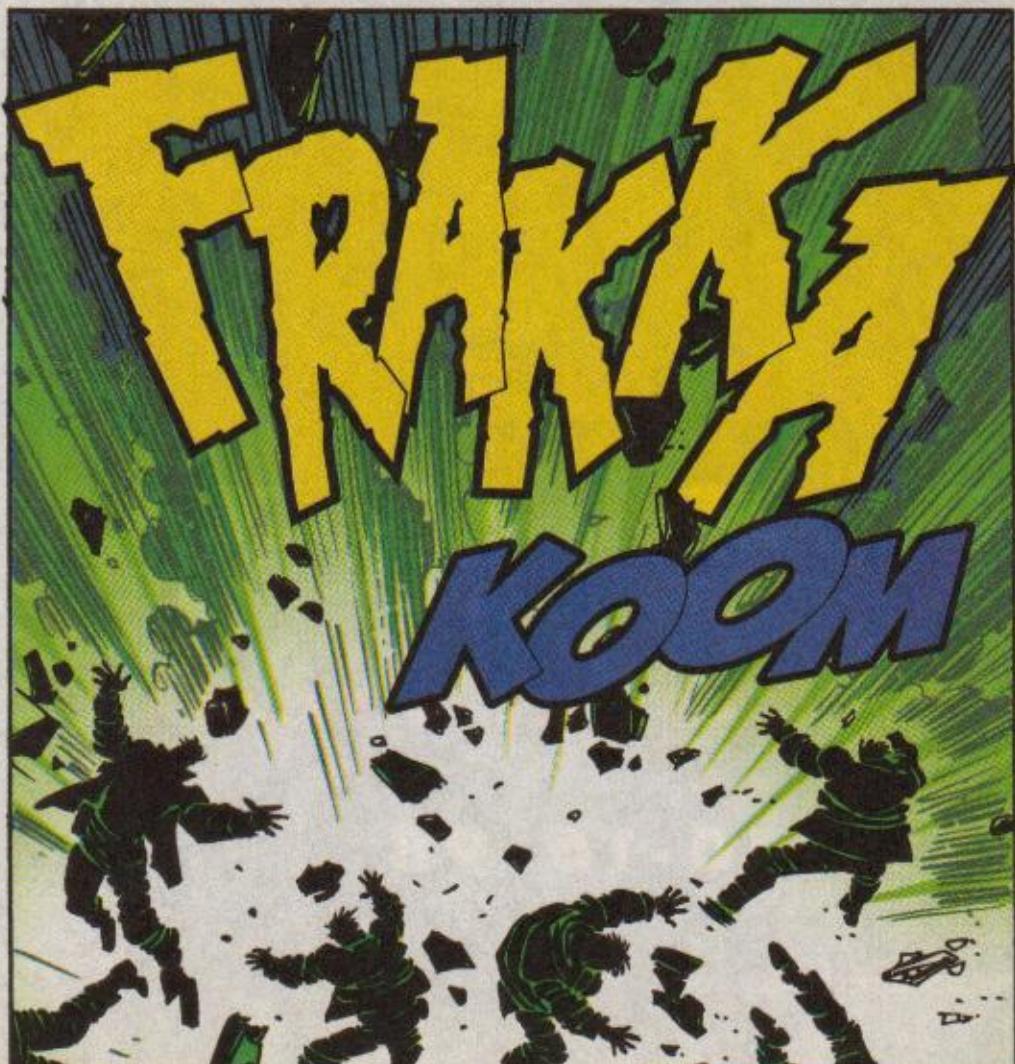
THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY, BUT WHAT?

I KILLED HIM.

NO PARKING  
THIS IS A  
DEAD ZONE







THE  
BUILDING!  
IT WAS GOING,  
BUT... IT  
STOPPED!

HOW?  
**THERE!**

IT'S  
**SPIDER-MAN!**

HE'S  
HOLDING  
UP THE  
BUILDING!

NO.

I'M HOLDING  
UP ONE SUPPORT  
BEAM AND PRAYING  
THAT THE BUGLE DOESN'T  
FALL DOWN AROUND  
MY EARS.







ALL EYES ARE ON SPIDER-MAN AND HIS LIFE OR DEATH STRUGGLE AS THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING COLLAPSES AROUND HIM.

I CAN'T DO THIS.

IT'S JUST TOO MUCH.

I'M SORRY, AUNT MAY.

I'M SORRY.

A HUGE CROWD HAS GATHERED AROUND THIS SCENE OF HORROR AND VARY REGARDING CHAOS.

SENTIMENTS

SPIDER-MAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN IT ALL.

RIGHT NOW DETECTIVES ARE INVESTIGATING EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED HERE TONIGHT. DEPENDING ON WHAT WE FIND... SPIDER-MAN MIGHT BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

YOU ASK ME, THAT WHOLE JOEY Z THING STILL STINKS!

HE WAS TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING, BUT SOMETIMES PEOPLE CAN'T SEE PAST THE MASK.

I'VE WORKED IN THIS BUILDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. NOW, BECAUSE OF SPIDER-MAN, I'VE GOT TO GO HOME AND TELL MY WIFE...

...I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL TELL HER.

HE'S CUTE!

HE'S CUTE!

SPIDER-MAN? WHAT'S A SPIDER-MAN?

I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE FROM OHIO.

IS THIS GOING TO BE ON TV TONIGHT?



AND THE GREEN GOBLIN, NORMAN OSBORN -- WINS.  
AGAIN.

FOR GOOD.

FIGHT.

MARY JANE?

SHE'S OUT THERE... SOMEWHERE.

I KNOW SHE IS.

WHY AM I DOING THIS?

WHY KEEP FIGHTING?

WHY?

FOR HER!

AND BECAUSE I HAVE TO!

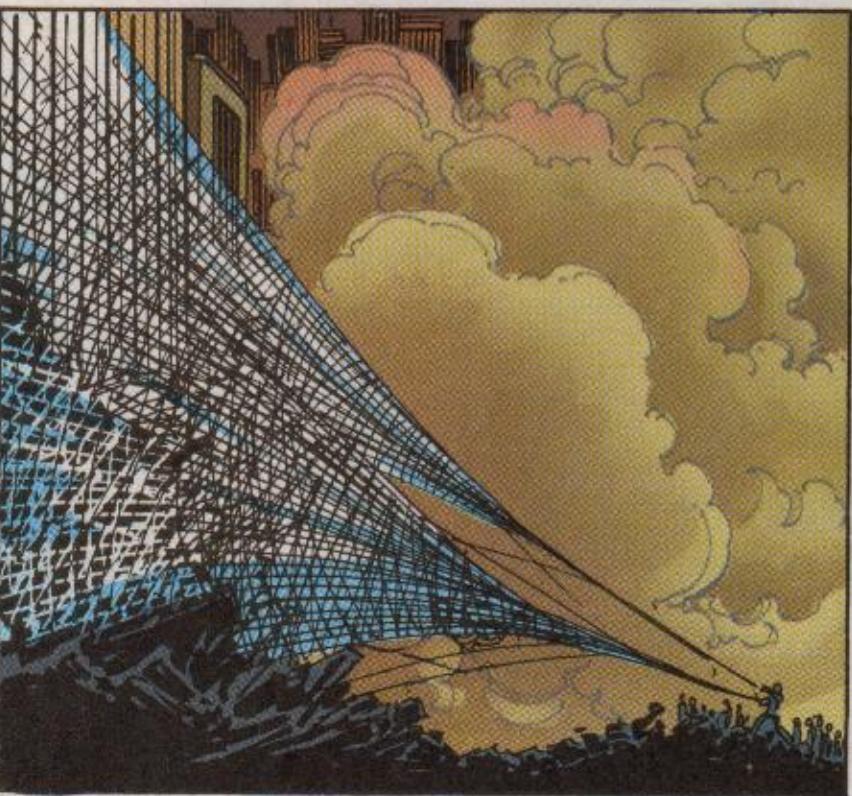
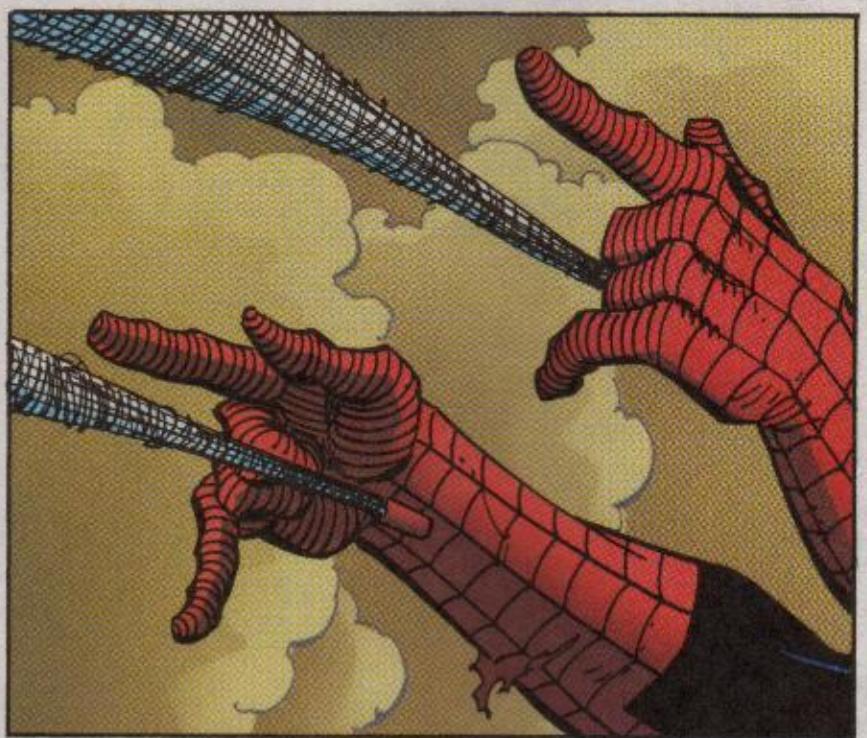
NORMAN OSBORN IS NOT GOING TO TAKE EVERYTHING AWAY FROM ME!

NEVER AGAIN!

NEVER...

AGAIN!

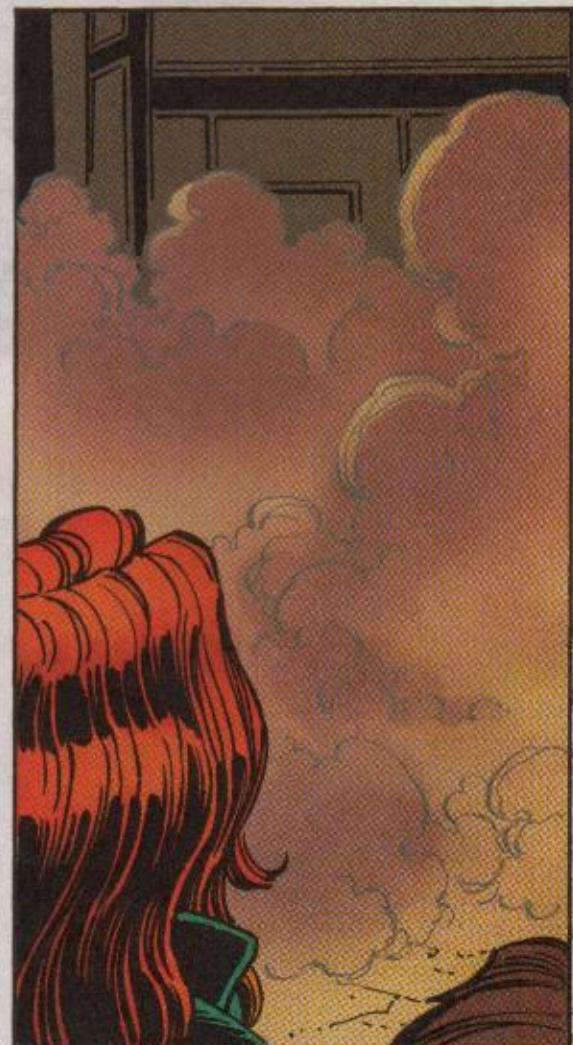
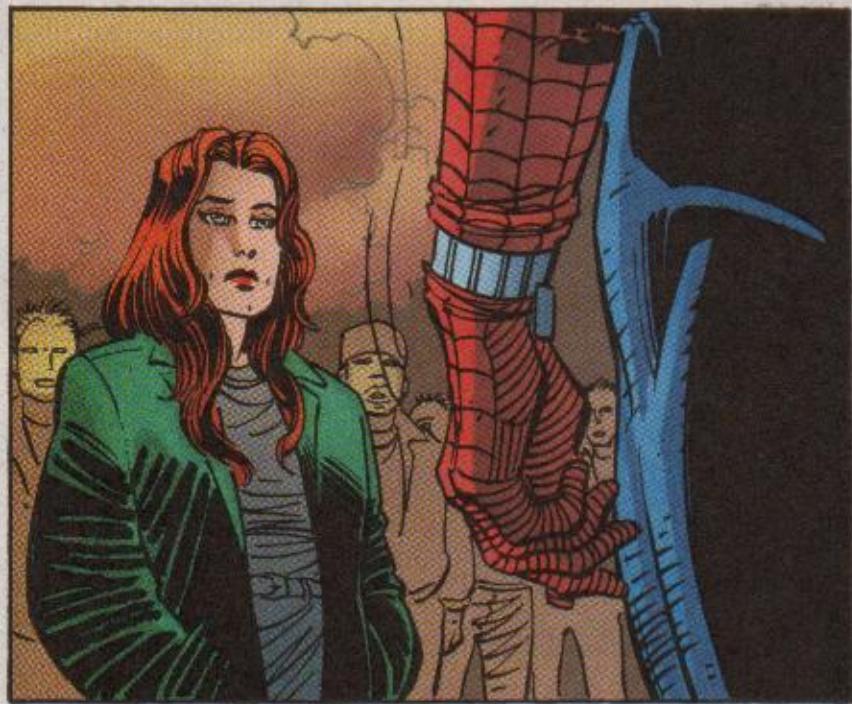
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HE  
DID IT.

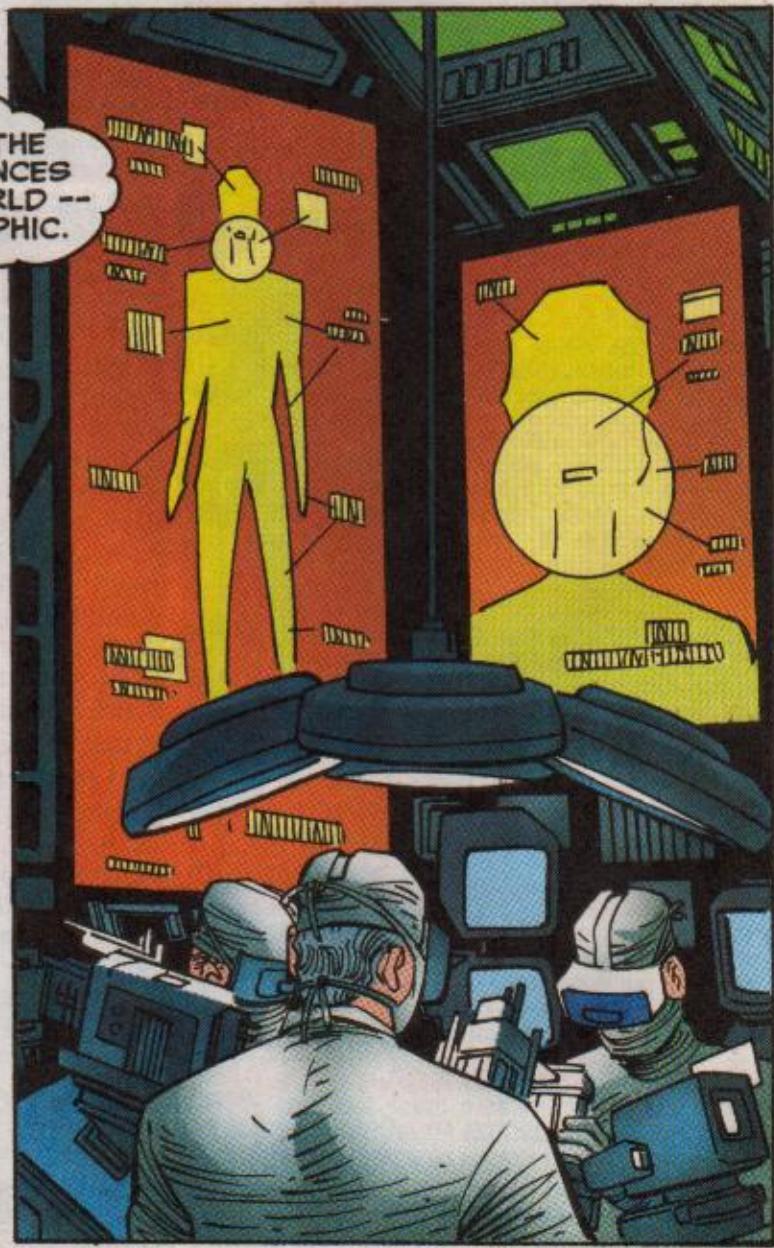
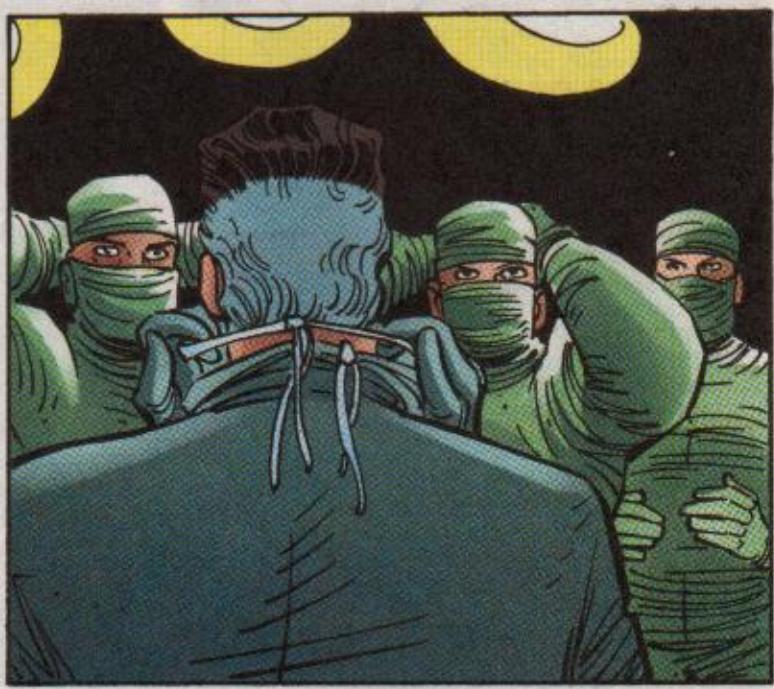
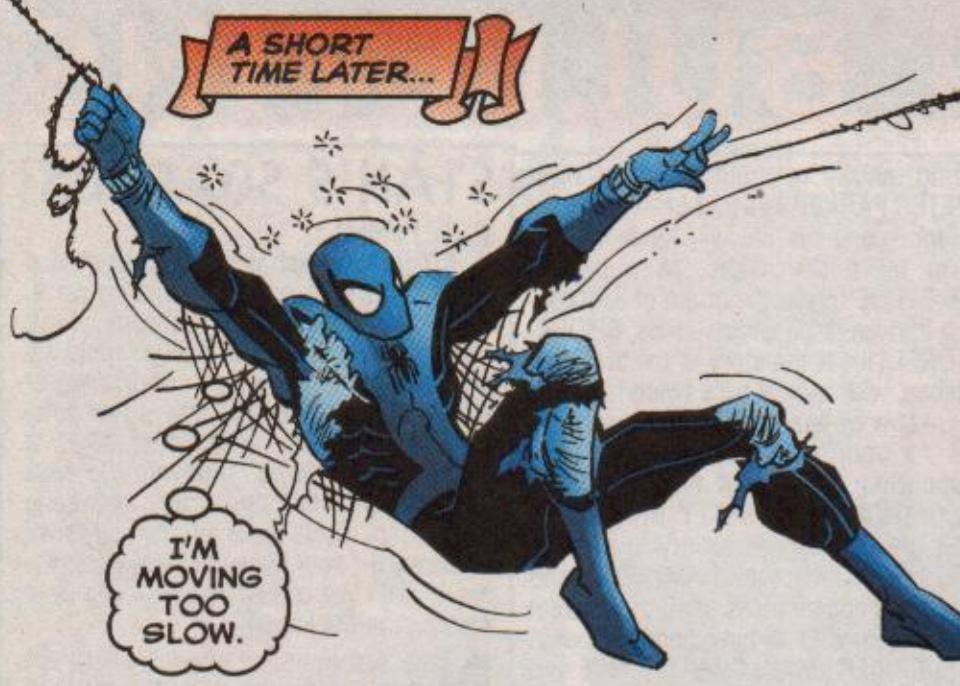


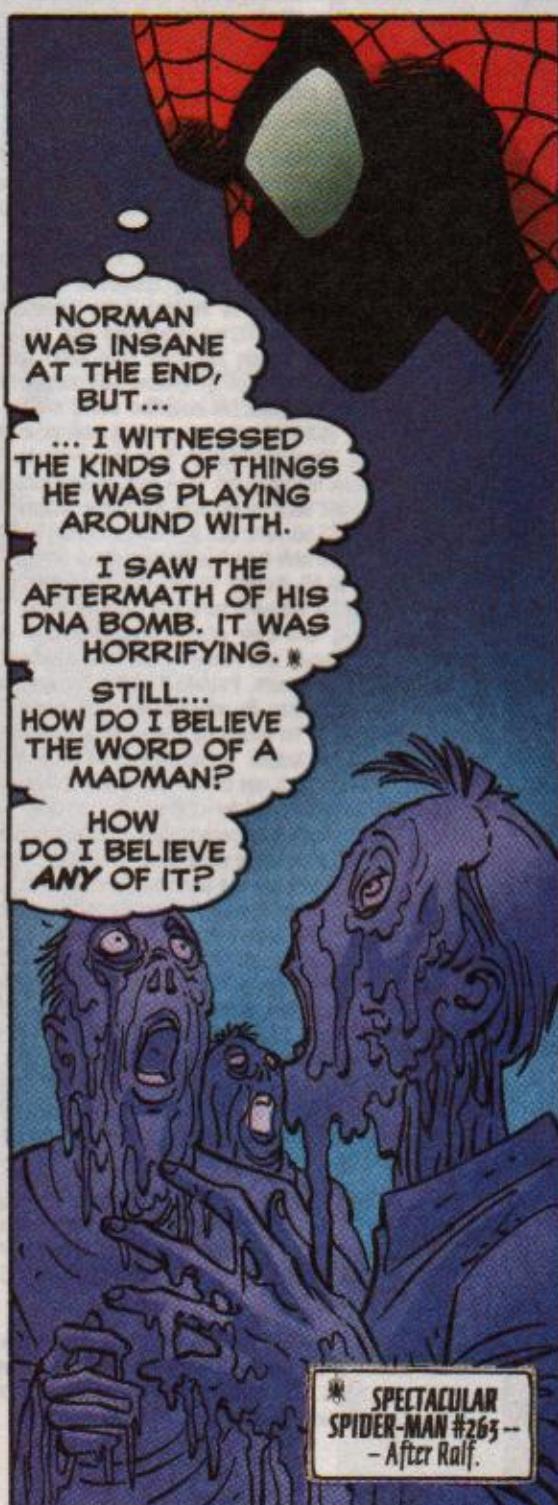
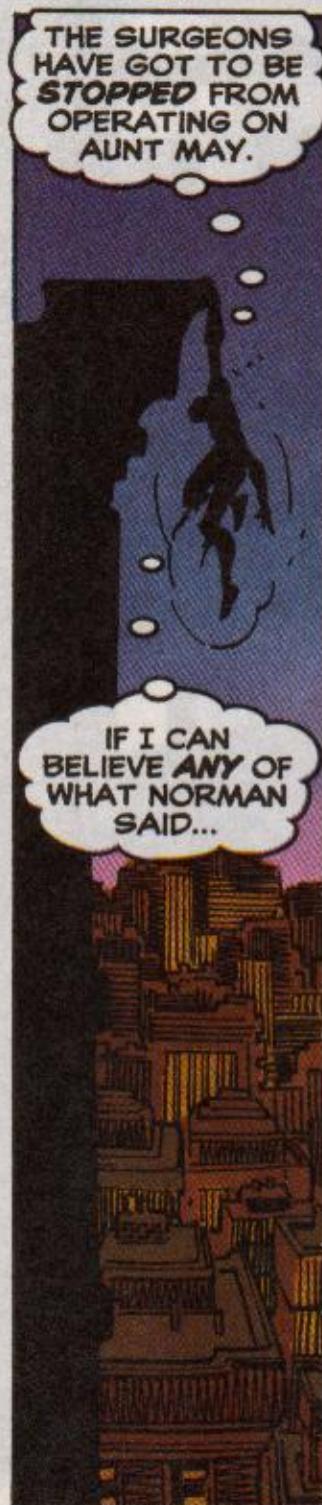


I WILL SEE WHEN I'M THROUGH  
YOU HANG WITH YOU YOU'RE NOT  
FOR THIS, GOING TO BE ABLE  
SPIDER- TO SHOW YOUR FACE  
MAN! IN ANY PART OF  
NEW YORK!

YOU THINK  
THE BOUNTY ON  
YOUR HEAD FOR  
MURDER WAS  
TOUGH...







HOW CAN I BELIEVE THAT AUNT  
MAY IS STILL ALIVE... THAT  
SHE NEVER DIED IN THE  
FIRST PLACE?

HOW CAN  
I BELIEVE THAT  
NORMAN HIRED AN  
ACTRESS...

... SOMEONE  
WILLING TO BE  
CHANGED ON A GENETIC  
LEVEL TO LOOK EXACTLY  
LIKE MY AUNT, AND  
THEN HE ALLOWED  
HER TO DIE IN  
MY ARMS?

HOW CAN I  
BELIEVE THAT THIS ISN'T  
ALL JUST MORE OF THE SAME  
ELABORATE MIND GAME HE'S BEEN  
PLAYING WITH ME FOR YEARS?

AND IF I  
DO BELIEVE,  
THEN I  
KNOW...

... THAT BY  
STOPPING REED  
AND HIS SURGEONS  
FROM REMOVING THE  
DEVICE NORMAN HAD  
IMPLANTED IN AUNT  
MAY'S BRAIN, I'LL  
SAVE THE WORLD  
AND --

-- LOSE THE  
ONLY MOTHER  
I'VE EVER KNOWN.  
THE KINDEST,  
GENTLEST  
PERSON...

SHE WAS  
THE WOMAN WHO  
RAISED ME, WHO MADE  
ME THE MAN I AM, AND BY  
DOING WHAT HAS GOT TO BE  
DONE, I'LL WATCH HER DIE...

... AGAIN!

I HATE  
YOU FOR THIS,  
NORMAN! BUT I  
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE  
CAPABLE OF, YOU  
MONSTER!  
SO...



REED!  
STOP!

SPIDER-  
MAN, WE CAN'T!  
SHE'LL --

JUST  
LISTEN TO  
ME.

AND TRY  
TO COME UP  
WITH SOMETHING...  
ANYTHING... ELSE!  
DON'T REMOVE  
THE DEVICE.

BUT  
PLEASE  
SAVE  
HER.



