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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

TM
TRAVELLER
and SERIER

EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW IS
WRONG!



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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN IN
SECRETS!

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In Memory of
MARK GRUENWALD
He Knew ALL the Secrets

A SNARLING WIND NIPS
JUDAS TRAVELLER LIKE
A FAMISHED WOLF.

TRAPPED WITHIN A MAELSTROM OF
MADNESS, HE TRIES TO SCREAM --

-- BUT BARELY MANAGES
A CHILLING WHISPER!

B-BEWARE --!

EVEN AS THAT SINGLE
WORD ESCAPES HIS
LIPS, THE GREAT ABYSS
SEIZES TRAVELLER --

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-- AND BEGINS TO CONSUME HIM!



WE HAVE BOTH BEEN BETRAYED, SPIDER-MAN!



MANIPULATED AND PLAYED FOR FOOLS!



BEWARE!



HIS DEATH CRY RIPS INTO MY HEART LIKE A FLAMING DAGGER, AND THEN --



TAKE IT EASY, TIGER. EVERYTHING'S OKAY!

IT WAS ONLY A BAD DREAM.



Uh... S-SORRY IF I WOKE YOU, MARY JANE.

YOU DIDN'T.

LITTLE MAY IS ALSO HAVING A RESTLESS NIGHT.



I THINK OUR DAUGHTER IS ANXIOUS TO BE BORN.

IT'S ABOUT TIME.



EVEN AS I SNUGGLE WITH MY WIFE AND ATTEMPT TO COMFORT MY CHILD, MY MIND DRIFTS BACK TO TRAVELLER --

-- AND THE
WARNING HE
TRIED TO
DELIVER!

SHEEEEEEWAM!

GAME'S
ALREADY OVER,
CHAKRA.

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
BOONE AND I
WOULD TRACK
YOU DOWN.

YOU'RE
GONNA DIE
FOR DARING TO
BETRAY THE
HOST!

IT WAS THE HOST
WHO DID THE
BETRAYING,
MEDEA!

YOU AND
THE OTHERS
TURNED AGAINST
TRAVELLER!

DON'T
PLAY DUMB
WITH US, CHAKRA!
TRAVELLER MAY
CLAIM TO BE OUR
LEADER --

-- BUT
WE ALL KNOW
WHO REALLY
CALLS THE SHOTS!

I...I
CAN'T TURN
MY BACK ON
JUDAS!

I WON'T
ALLOW THAT...
THAT MONSTER...
TO IMPRISON
AND TORTURE
HIM!

IT AIN'T
LIKE YOU
GOT A LOT
OF CHOICE,
GIRL!

WRONG,
MEDAEA!

YOU AND
BOONE MAY
BE THE WARRIOR
S OF THE TEAM WE
ONCE SHARED, BUT
I AM HARDLY
DEFENSELESS!

AND I
SHALL FIND A
WAY TO FREE
TRAVELLER!

BLAST THAT
WITCH!

SHE'S
GETTING
AWAY ---

THAT
SHOULDN'T
BE A
PROBLEM...

MEDA, YOU CAN
KISS MY --

OH!

DIDN'T
NOTICE
YOU IN THE
SHADOWS,
NACHT.

... TO SOMEONE
WHO CLAIMS
HE CAN TRACK
ANYONE...
ANYWHERE.

YOU SHOULDN'T
BE SURPRISED, MR.
BOONE. OUR EMPLOYER
REQUIRES DETAILED
NOTES ON EVERY
OPERATION --

-- AND I FEAR
HE WILL BE VERY
DISPLEASED WITH
YOUR FAILURE TO
APPREHEND CHAKRA.





THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!

OUR MUTUAL EMPLOYER WILL BE FURIOUS WHEN HE LEARNS THAT CHAKRA ESCAPED THE HOST.

CALM YOURSELF, GAUNT.

ACCORDING TO Mr. NACHT, BOONE AND MEDEA ARE STILL ON THE TRAITOR'S TRAIL.

THEY'D BETTER SUCCEED THIS TIME. WE WORK FOR A MAN WHO DOESN'T EVEN CONSIDER DEATH A VIABLE EXCUSE FOR FAILURE!

HE WANTS TRAVELLER AND CHAKRA NEUTRALIZED BEFORE THEY CAN INTERFERE WITH HIS PLANS FOR SPIDER-MAN.

IT SHALL BE AS HE DESIRES, GAUNT. NOW, IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME, I AM DUE AT A MEETING WITH THE ROSE...

ADDITIONAL AID HAS ALREADY BEEN ENLISTED TO PURSUE CHAKRA.

AND, AS FOR TRAVELLER --

"-- YOU MAY
ASSURE OUR
MASTER --"

"-- THAT JUDAS
IS PRESENTLY IN
A POSITION."

"-- WHERE HE
CANNOT EVEN
SAVE HIMSELF!"

I USED TO LOVE MOMENTS
LIKE THIS -- SWINGING
HIGH ABOVE THE CITY --
PRACTICALLY FLYING!

BUT THAT'S WHEN I
WAS THE SWINGER...
INSTEAD OF THE
SWINGEE.

FOR FIVE YEARS, I
THOUGHT I WAS THE
REAL PETER PARKER...
THE REAL SPIDER-MAN.

THEN I LEARNED
I WAS ACTUALLY
HIS CLONE.

THOUGH I STILL HAVE THE
PARKER NAME, BEN REILLY IS
NOW THE MAN WITH THE WEBS.

SOMETIMES I'M
MORE THAN A
LITTLE JEALOUS...

... THAT'S WHEN I
THINK OF MARY
JANE, LITTLE MAY
AND THE FUTURE
WE'LL SOON BE
BUILDING TOGETHER.

BUT I STILL
MISS SWINGING
OVER THE CITY!

ASIDE FROM BEING THE SON OF THE BUGLE'S PUBLISHER, JOHN JAMESON IS ALSO THE HEAD OF SECURITY AT RAVENCRYPT, AN INSTITUTION DEVOTED TO THE CRIMINALLY INSANE.

THANKS FOR COMING!

IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH ONE OF THE INMATES?

PLEASE DON'T TELL US CARNAGE PULLED ANOTHER DISAPPEARING ACT.

BITE YOUR TONGUE!

YOU HAVE A VISITOR, SPIDER-MAN.

SOMEONE WHO ONCE RAN INTO YOU HERE AND HOPED SHE COULD REACH YOU.

SHE CALLS HERSELF CHAKRA!

THOUGH WE HAVE OPPOSED EACH OTHER IN THE PAST, I AM HERE ON THE BEHALF OF THE TRAVELLER...

HE IS IN GREAT DANGER!

WE TALKING ABOUT THE GUY WHO FLATTENS ARMIES WITH A GLANCE?

ANYBODY TOUGH ENOUGH TO SWEAT HIM IS WAY OUT OF MY LEAGUE.

THE POWER WHICH JUDAS WIELDS IS NOT ALL IT SEEMS.

DON'T WORRY, LADY. WE'LL HELP YOU.

WE --?!

I... Uh... GUESS I COULDN'T CONVINCE YOU TO INCLUDE A... PHOTOGRAPHER... ON THIS GIG.

NOT ONE WHO'S ABOUT TO BE A FATHER!

CAN'T BLAME ME FOR TRYING!



YOU
SURE YOU
GOT THE RIGHT
ADDRESS?

THIS
PLACE LOOKS
LIKE IT'S BEEN
CLOSED FOR
MONTHS.

TRUST
ME! I AM
CERTAIN THAT
JUDAS IS
NEAR.

I STILL
CAN'T BELIEVE
I'LL BE MUCH HELP.
I'VE SEEN TRAVELLER
EXHIBIT POWER ON
A NEAR COSMIC
LEVEL.

IT WAS
AN ILLUSION!
WHILE JUDAS
DOES POSSESS
LIMITED PSIONIC
POWERS --

-- HIS
PRIMARY
TALENT IS
THE ABILITY TO
ALTER PEOPLE'S
PERCEPTIONS
OF REALITY.

JUDAS IS A WORLD-
RENNED CRIMINAL
PSYCHOLOGIST, BUT
HIS OBSESSION WITH
THE NATURE OF EVIL
EVENTUALLY BROUGHT
ON A NERVOUS
COLLAPSE --

YOU MEAN
EVERYTHING
WAS FAKE --?

NOT
EVERYTHING!
MANY OF THE
MANIFESTATIONS
YOU WITNESSED...

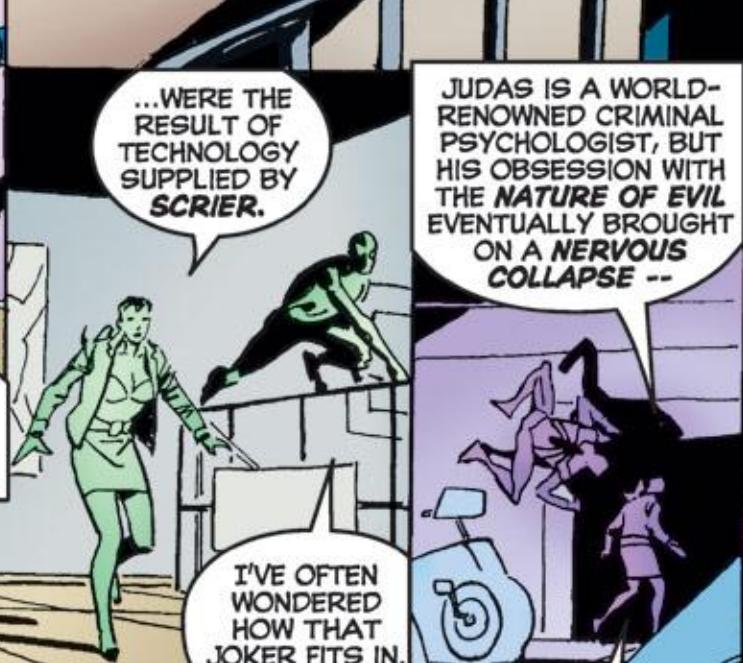
...WERE THE
RESULT OF
TECHNOLOGY
SUPPLIED BY
SCRIER.

I'VE OFTEN
WONDERED
HOW THAT
JOKER FITS IN.

-- AND THE
INITIAL INDICATIONS
OF HIS LATENT
MUTANT SKILLS.

LET ME
GUESS...
SCRIER WAS
A PATIENT.

NOT
QUITE.
UNLIKE
TRAVELLER,
SCRIER IS FAR
MORE THAN HE
APPEARS!



DETAILS!
I WANT
DETAILS!

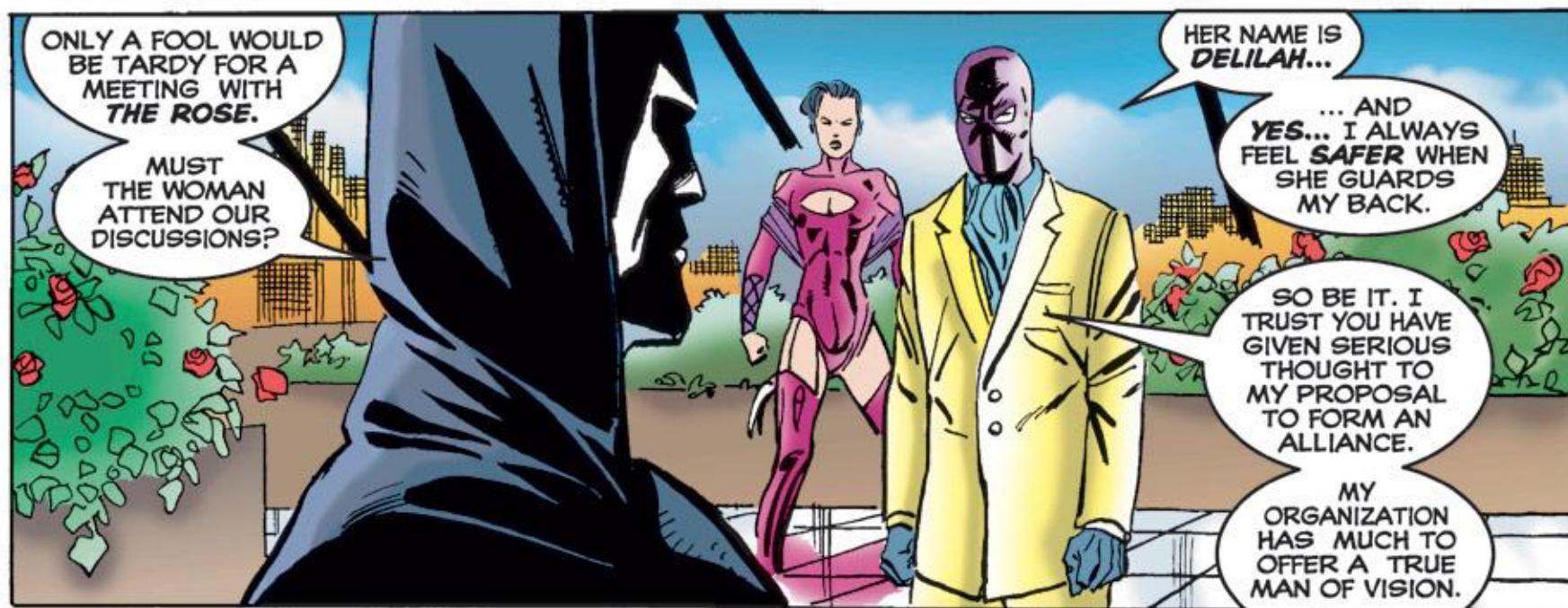
SCRIER
POSSESSES AS
MANY DIFFERENT
AGENDAS AS
HE DOES --

CHAKRA --
MOVE!

WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
YOU, MEDEA? YOU
HAD A CLEAR SHOT
AT THE WEB-
HEAD!

GET
OFF MY
BACK,
BOONE!

IT AIN'T
MY FAULT HE
LEAPED AT THE
EXACT MOMENT
I FIRED.



I'VE HEARD.
MY EUROPEAN CONTACTS MANAGED TO DIG UP QUITE A BIT ON YOU AND YOUR SO-CALLED ORGANIZATION.

THE INFORMATION I'VE LEARNED HAS LEFT ME UNDERWHELMED.

AS A GENERAL RULE, I ONLY DEAL WITH PEOPLE AND COMMODITIES...





SCRIER IS A SECRET CABAL WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY SOME ANCIENT MYSTICAL BEING --

-- WHO IS ALSO THE MODEL FOR YOUR LESS-THAN-CONTEMPORARY ATTIRE.



YOUR CULT WAS HEADED FOR EXTINCTION UNTIL SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AGO --

-- WHEN YOU FELL UNDER THE SHADOW OF AN UNKNOWN MASTERMIND WHO DREAMED OF BECOMING THE EUROPEAN COUNTERPART TO OUR KINGPIN OF CRIME.

HE HONED YOUR FIGHTING SKILLS, AND UPDATED YOUR ESPIONAGE TECHNIQUES, AND OUTFITTED YOU WITH SOPHISTICATED ARMAMENTS!

ACCORDING TO MY SOURCES, YOUR ANNUAL BUDGET FOR WEAPONRY EXCEEDS MOST SMALL NATIONS.



"HOWEVER, THOUGH YOUR ORGANIZATION APPEARS TO BE WELL-TRAINED, WELL-FUNDED, WELL-INFORMED AND WELL-ARMED --

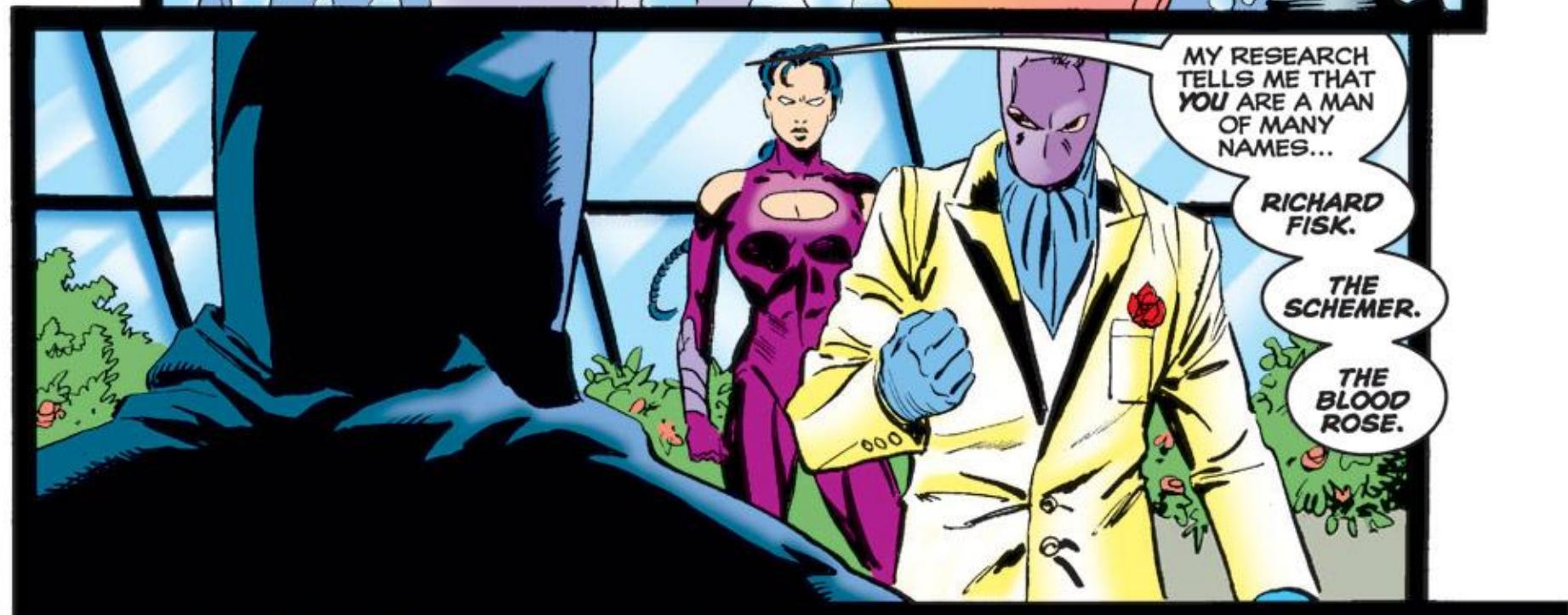
-- I'M JUST NOT CONVINCED YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO **SUCCEED** IN THE AMERICAN CRIME MARKET!"

THWOMP

WHA-- WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

FAMILY SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO **ASK** FOR HELP --





SOME DAYS ARE WHACKED FROM THE
MOMENT YOU STEP OUT OF BED.

THIS WAS SURELY ONE.

PINBALLING AROUND THE ROOM...

... BEN AND CHAKRA ARE BARELY
KEEPING ALIVE WHEN I FINALLY
DRAG TRAVELLER FROM THE POOL.

THAT'S WHEN THINGS
GO TOTALLY GONZO...

ENOUGH!

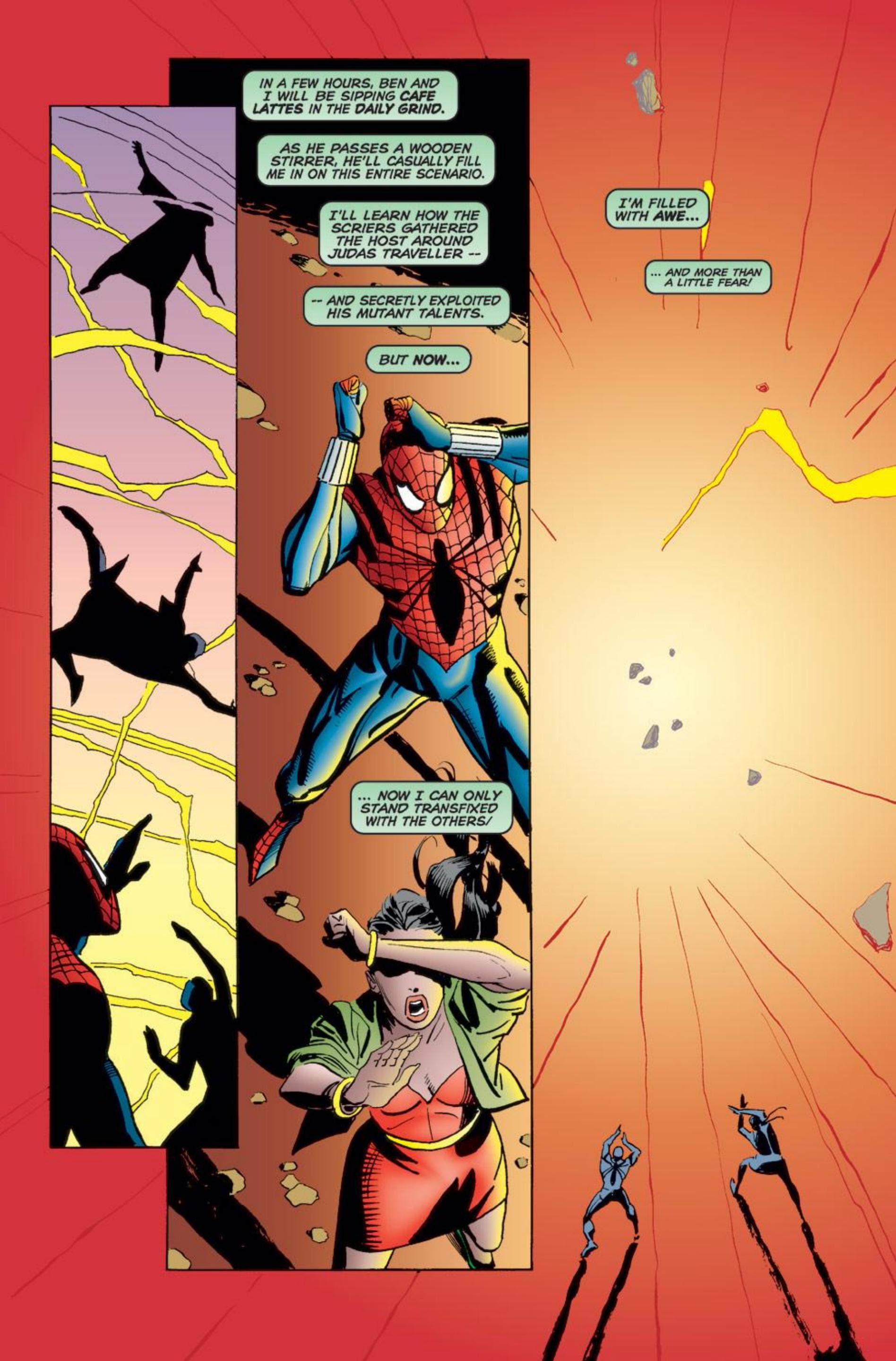
THIS
MADNESS
MUST
CEASE!

I HAVE BEEN
BETRAYED,
MISUSED AND
MANIPULATED --

-- AND I
WILL HAVE
VENGEANCE!

THIS DAY BEGAN
WITH A DREAM --

-- AND SEEMS
DESTINED TO END
IN A NIGHTMARE!



IN A FEW HOURS, BEN AND I WILL BE SIPPING CAFE LATTES IN THE DAILY GRIND.

AS HE PASSES A WOODEN STIRRER, HE'LL CASUALLY FILL ME IN ON THIS ENTIRE SCENARIO.

I'LL LEARN HOW THE SCRIVERS GATHERED THE HOST AROUND JUDAS TRAVELLER --

-- AND SECRETLY EXPLOITED HIS MUTANT TALENTS.

BUT NOW...

... NOW I CAN ONLY STAND TRANFIGURED WITH THE OTHERS!

I'M FILLED WITH AWE...

... AND MORE THAN A LITTLE FEAR!

AN INSTANT LATER,
SANITY (OR A REASONABLE
FACSIMILE) RETURNS...

WHHEW!

TRAVELLER
SHOULD REALLY
MIX A LITTLE
MODERATION IN
WITH HIS MIND-
BENDING!

JUDAS!

JUDAS!

I AM
UNINJURED,
MY LOVE...

... BUT
WE DARE
NOT TARRY
HERE!

NOT SO FAST,
PALLY. THE POLICE
WILL NEED YOU GUYS.

I FEAR --THAT IS SIMPLY
UNACCEPTABLE!

HEY!
I THOUGHT
YOUR POWERS
WERE A
SHAM --!

WE ONLY
DISCUSSED THE
TRAVELLER'S
ABILITIES...

... NOT
MINE!

BEWARE, SPIDER-MAN!
BEWARE! THE MADMAN
BEHIND SCRIER... THE
MONSTER WHO PULLED MY
STRINGS... HAS ALSO
ORCHESTRATED
AGAINST YOU!

YOU
MUST
BEWARE

WHAT
WAS THAT
ABOUT?

I HAVEN'T
GOT A
CLUE --

-- BUT
MY GUT IS
WARNING ME
THAT --

-- WE
GOT MAJOR
HEARTACHE ON
THE HORIZON!

PULL



THE ROSE
DECLINED OUR INVITATION?

HE WILL
NOT NEGOTIATE
WITH, AS HE PHRASED
IT, "A FACELESS
UNDERLING."

HOWEVER,
HE DID REQUEST
A MEETING WITH
THE MASTER.

OUT OF THE
QUESTION!

WHAT
DO YOU
HAVE TO
REPORT,
NACHT?

THINGS
DID NOT GO
AS PLANNED.

TRAVELLER
AND CHAKRA
ESCAPED.

BOONE, MEDEA AND
THE REMAINING SCRIBERS
ARE NOW IN POLICE CUSTODY.

DO NOT BE OVERLY CONCERNED
WITH THESE MINOR
ANNOYANCES,
GAUNT.

THE BROTHERHOOD
OF SCRIBER WILL RISE
AGAIN, AND CONTINUE
TO SERVE THE
MASTER.

PERHAPS,
IT WILL...

... OUR EMPLOYER
HAS A ZERO
TOLERANCE FOR
FAILURE.

Next Month
AT LONG LAST -- GAUNT'S
MYSTERIOUS EMPLOYER IS
REVEALED... AS PETER
AND MARY JANE FACE
THEIR GREATEST CRISIS!

