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THE NON-MUTANT - SUPER HERO!

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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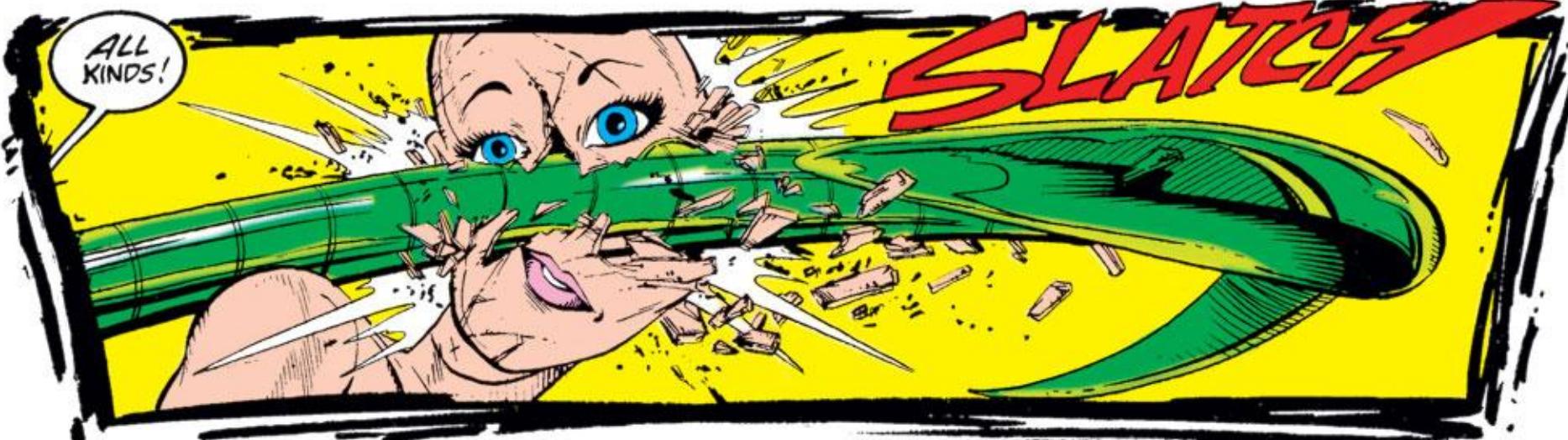
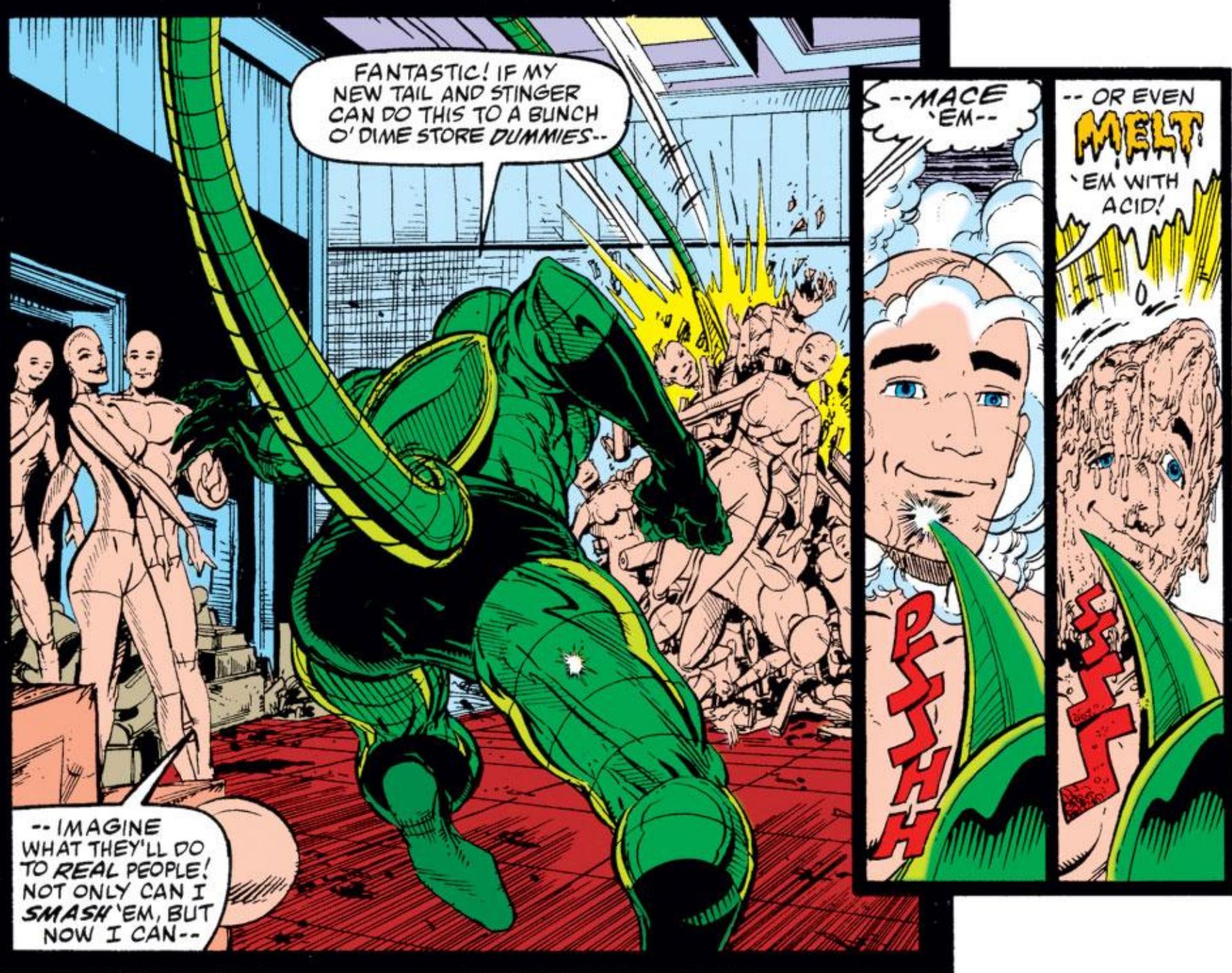
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The SCORPION!
DEADLIER THAN EVER!!

McFARLANE
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...I'M A BUSINESSMAN,
AND SOMETIMES, CRIME IS
MERELY THE MOST EFFICIENT
WAY OF CONDUCTING
COMMERCE.

I INTEND TO GIVE
GENERAL MUSGRAVE
TO CERTAIN PARTIES IN
EUROPE. IN GRATITUDE,
THEY SHALL LOOK UPON
MY ENTERPRISES WITH
A BENEVOLENT EYE--

-- AWARDING ME
FAVORABLE TRADE
AGREEMENTS,
INSTIGATING EMBARGOES
AGAINST MY
COMPETITORS, AND
SO ON. THAT--

--IS SIMPLY GOOD
BUSINESS.

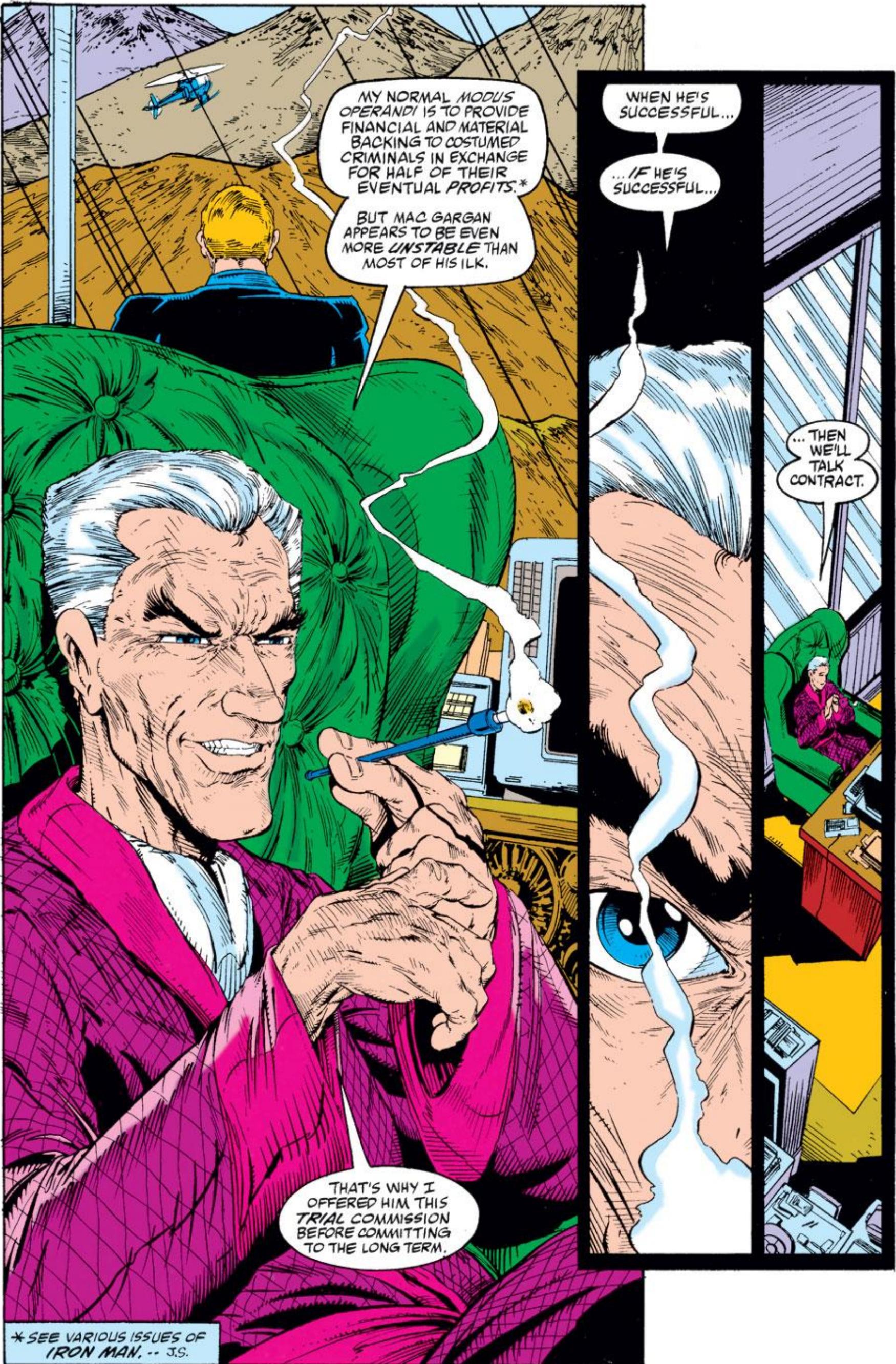
OKAY, SO YOU'RE
NOT A CRIMINAL--
AND I AM!

BUT I'M STILL A
MAN O' MY WORD...
YOU'LL GET
MUSGRAVE!

DO YOU THINK MR. GARGAN
WILL WORK OUT, SIR?

SOON...

I DON'T
KNOW,
PHILLIP.



WHILE IN MANHATTAN --

-- ALSO ON THE TOPIC OF SIGNING ON
THE DOTTED LINE...



WHADYA THINK, MR.
AND MRS. PARKER? FOR
ONLY TWO THOUSAND A
MONTH, IT'S A STEAL!



SHEESH! WHO'S
STEALING FROM WHOM?!

-- WE'LL
THINK
ABOUT IT
AND GET
BACK TO
YOU.

OKAY,
BUT A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS
WON'T
LAST
LONG!

IT'S, UM, A
SWELL
APARTMENT,
MR. WATANABE.
TELL YOU
WHAT--

YEAH, LOOKS
LIKE IT COULD
COLLAPSE
ANY SECOND!

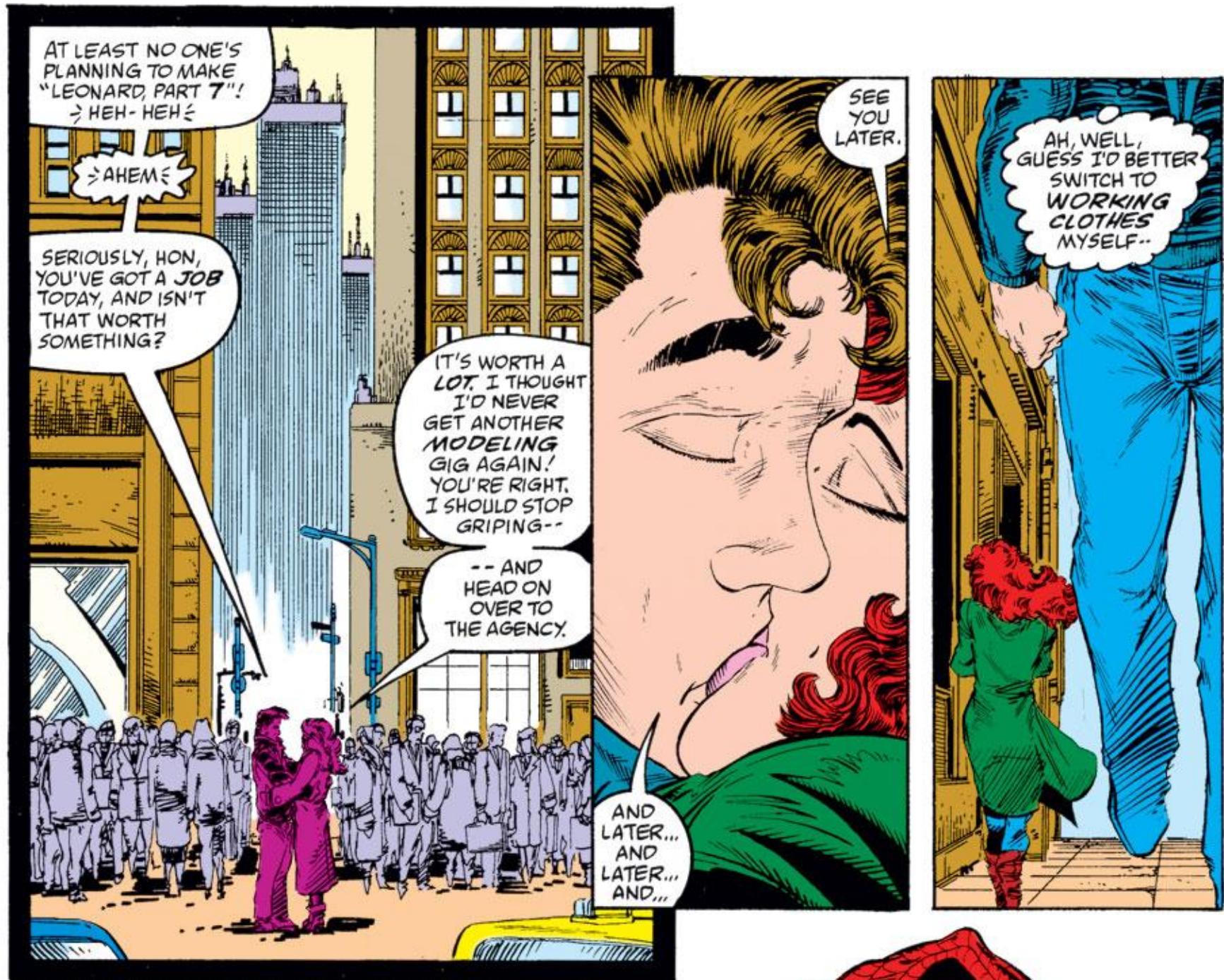


OUTSIDE...

I REALIZE WE
CAN'T AFFORD ANY-
THING LIKE OUR
OLD CONDO AT THE
BEDFORD TOWERS,
PETER, BUT WE CAN'T
STAY AT YOUR AUNT
MAY'S FOREVER!

I KNOW,
MARY JANE,
BUT LOOK AT
THE BRIGHT
SIDE:





HOWEVER...



... AND MAYBE PEE
WEE HERMAN WILL
PLAY LINEBACKER FOR
THE RAMS!

NO
SALE,
HUH,
PETE?

DAILY

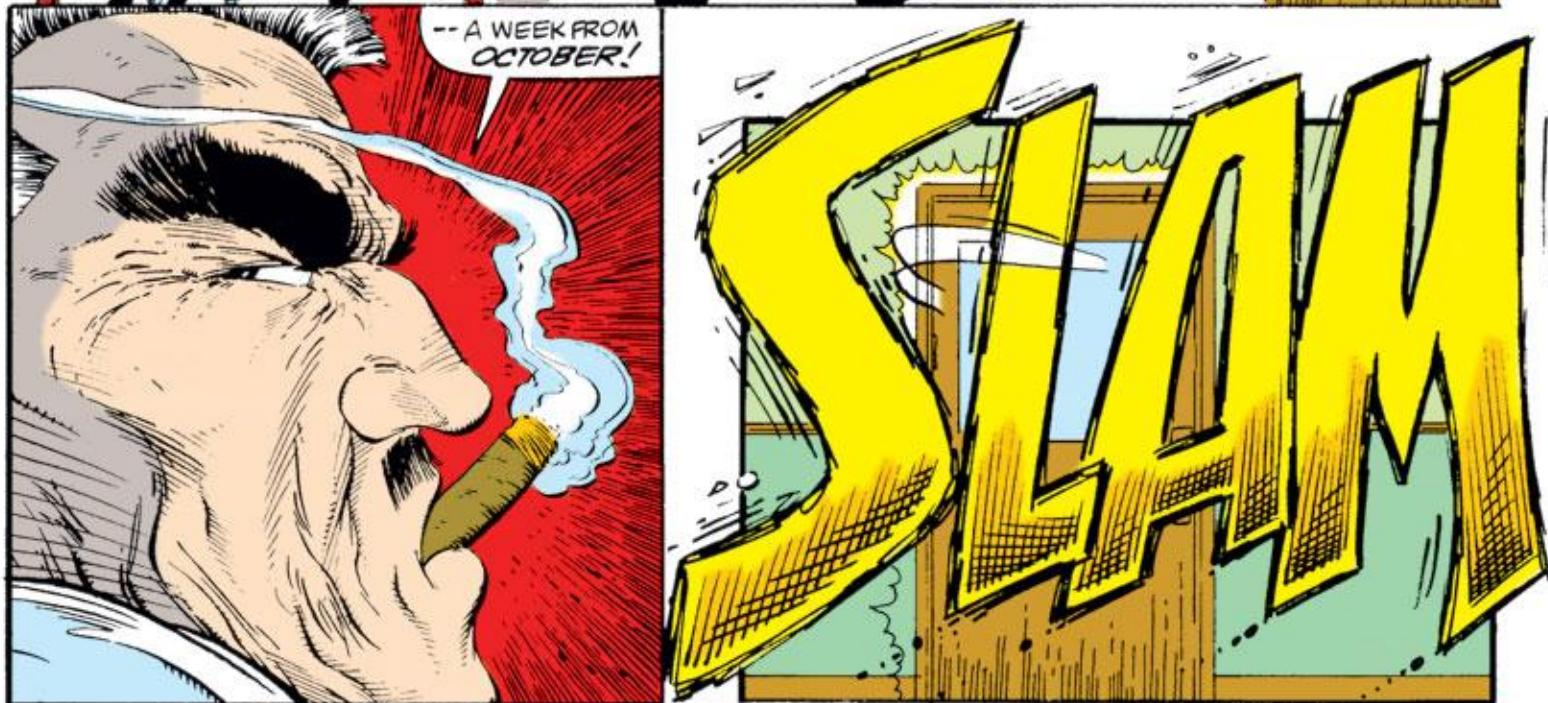
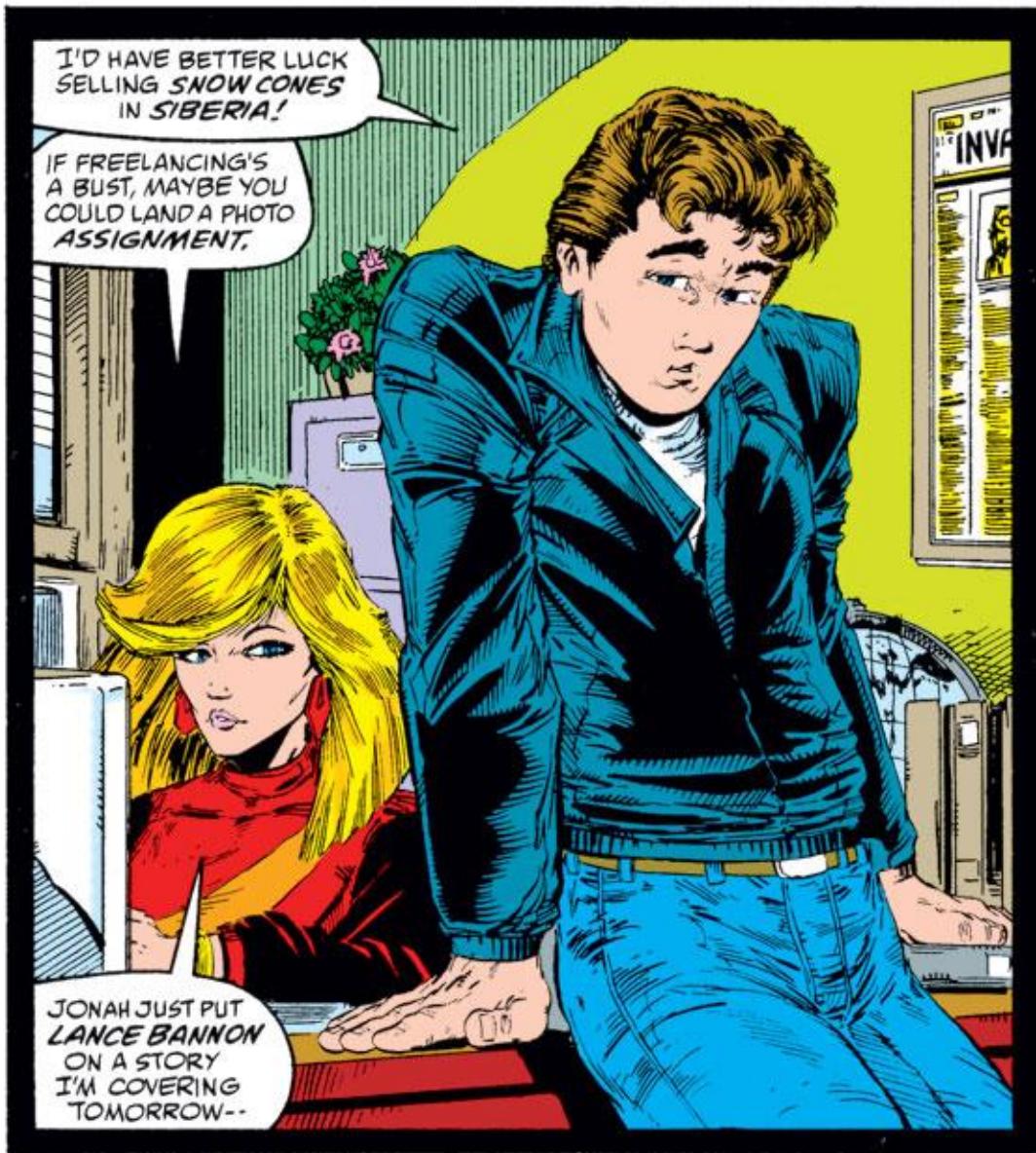


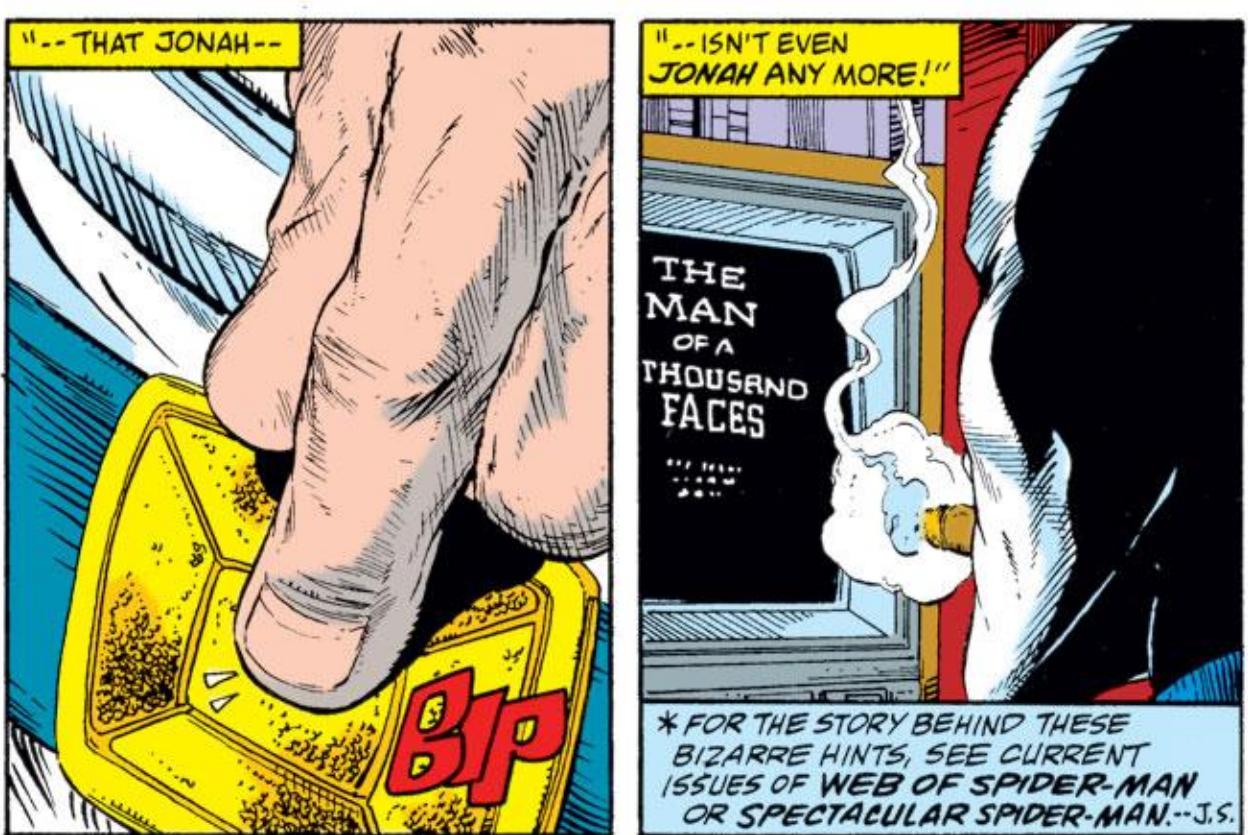
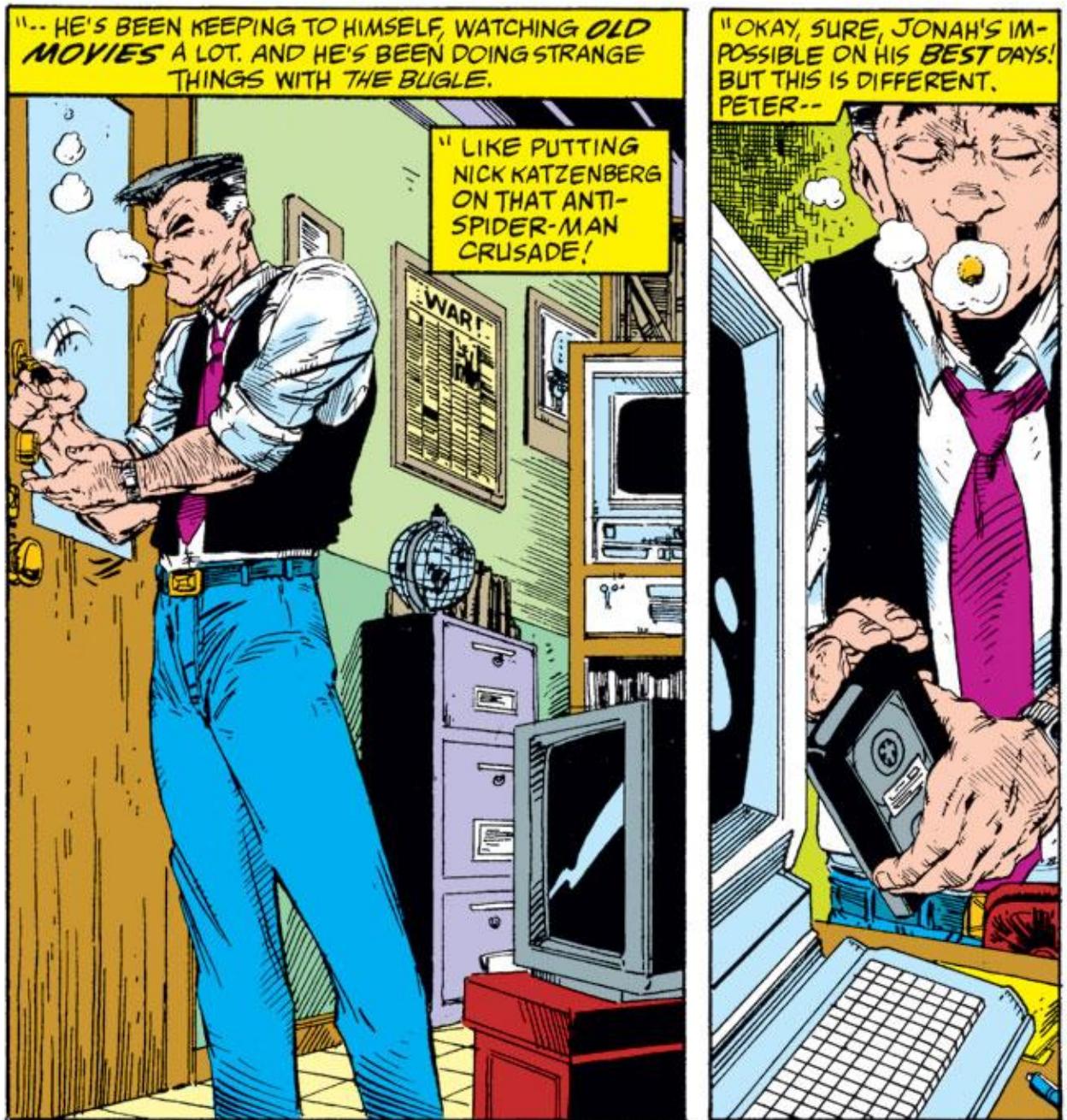
SOME HOTSHOT
NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER
I AM! I USUALLY TAKE
ACTION PICS OF MYSELF
AS SPIDER-MAN--

-- BUT SINCE
J. JONAH JAMESON
ONLY BUYS SPIDEY PHOTOS
FROM NICK KATZENBERG
THESE DAYS, THAT SORT OF
LIMITS ME!

TWO HOURS OF WEBSWINGING,
AND ALL I'VE RUN ACROSS IS A FENDER-
BENDER, A KID STEALING APPLES, AND
A COP WRITING A PARKING TICKET! OH,
WELL, MAYBE JONAH WILL BE IN A
GENEROUS MOOD.

RIGHT...





ODD AS IT MAY SOUND, MODELING AND SOLDIERING HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON:

THE IRONIC MOTTO,
"HURRY UP AND WAIT!"

BUT AS EVENING AT LAST SETTLES OVER MANHATTAN, MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER'S WAITING ENDS--

--IN AN UNEXPECTED MANNER!

CLIENT CHANGED HIS MIND AT THE LAST MINUTE, MJ--THEY'RE GONNA GO WITH TOPAZ.

SORRY, SWEETHEART, BUT I'M SURE SOMETHIN' WILL TURN UP FOR YOU SOON.

OH, S-SURE, MORRIS.

I UNDERSTAND.

GEE, THAT'S TOUGH, MARY JANE. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

AND...

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, MJ?

SANDY, IN A CASE LIKE THIS--

WE'VE MISSED YOU!

--THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!

I'VE BEEN OUT OF CIRCULATION, BOYS!

BUT NOT ANY MORE!

LOOK AT 'ER!
LUCKY BABE--NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD!

THREE
A.M.

MAY PARKER'S FOREST HILLS BOARDING HOUSE.

WHE... WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

SORRY, PETER, I DIDN'T MEAN TO WAKE YOU. I RAN INTO SOME FRIENDS AND WENT DANCING. I WAS GOING TO CALL YOU, BUT...

HEY, LIGHTEN UP! PARTIES ARE FUN. YOU SHOULD GO TO MORE.

YOU'RE NEVER HOME ANYMORE.

IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU LOOK FOR EXCUSES TO STAY AWAY.

I'D LIKE TO YAWN--

ONE--?! YOU THINK I DON'T WANT TO WORK?! THAT I LIKE LIVING IN ONE CRAMPED ROOM IN SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE? WELL, LISTEN TO THIS, BUSTER--

-- BUT ONE OF US HAS TO WORK FOR A LIVING.

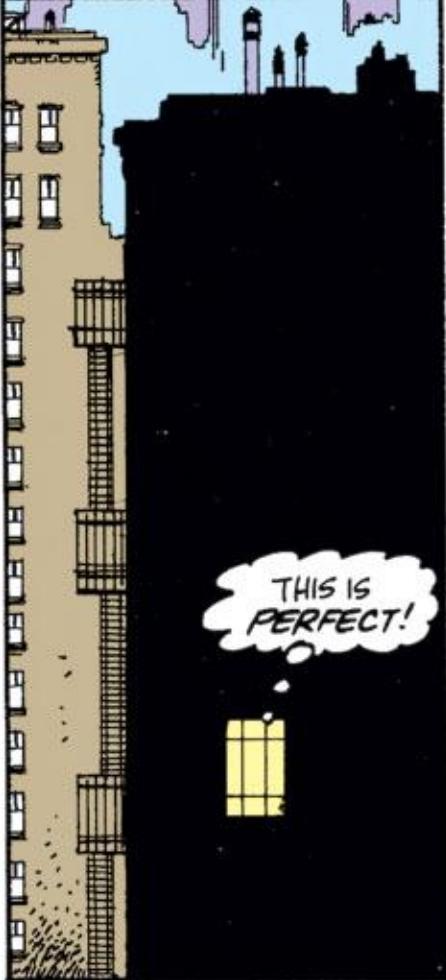
-- AT LEAST WHEN I'M DANCING I DON'T WORRY ABOUT SOME COSTUMED GEEK RIPPING YOUR HEAD OFF...

-- AND USING IT FOR A BLOODY HOOD ORNAMENT!

I GUESS IT SEEMS THE WORLD'S TRYING TO TEAR YOU APART, LIKE IT'S TRYING TO TEAR ME APART...



EVENTUALLY, THREE A.M., MAKES ITS WAY TO MANHATTAN, TO A SOHO LOFT WHERE HARRY OSBORN, PETER PARKER'S OLDEST FRIEND, COMES TO A CONCLUSION:



THIS IS PERFECT!



I FEEL A LITTLE GUILTY, SNEAKING OUT ON LIZ AND THE BABY LIKE THIS, BUT I HAD TO BE SURE! I MEAN, WHEN SO MANY OF MY BLOCKED-OUT MEMORIES RETURNED--*

--ONE OF THEM WAS THAT MY DAD, NORMAN, OWNED THIS BUILDING!

NOW IT'S MINE, ALONG WITH THE REST OF HIS LEGACY--

--THE SECRETS OF THE GREEN GOBLIN!



*IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #312.--J.S.

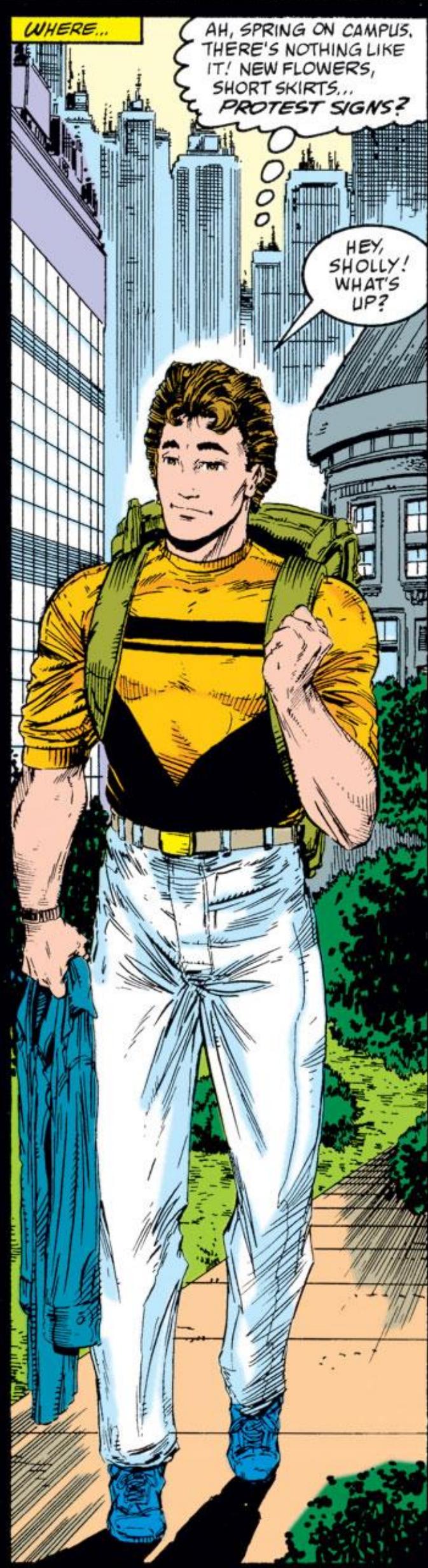
BUT TIME IS SHORT! AND THERE'S ONE MORE TASK I HAVE TO COMPLETE--



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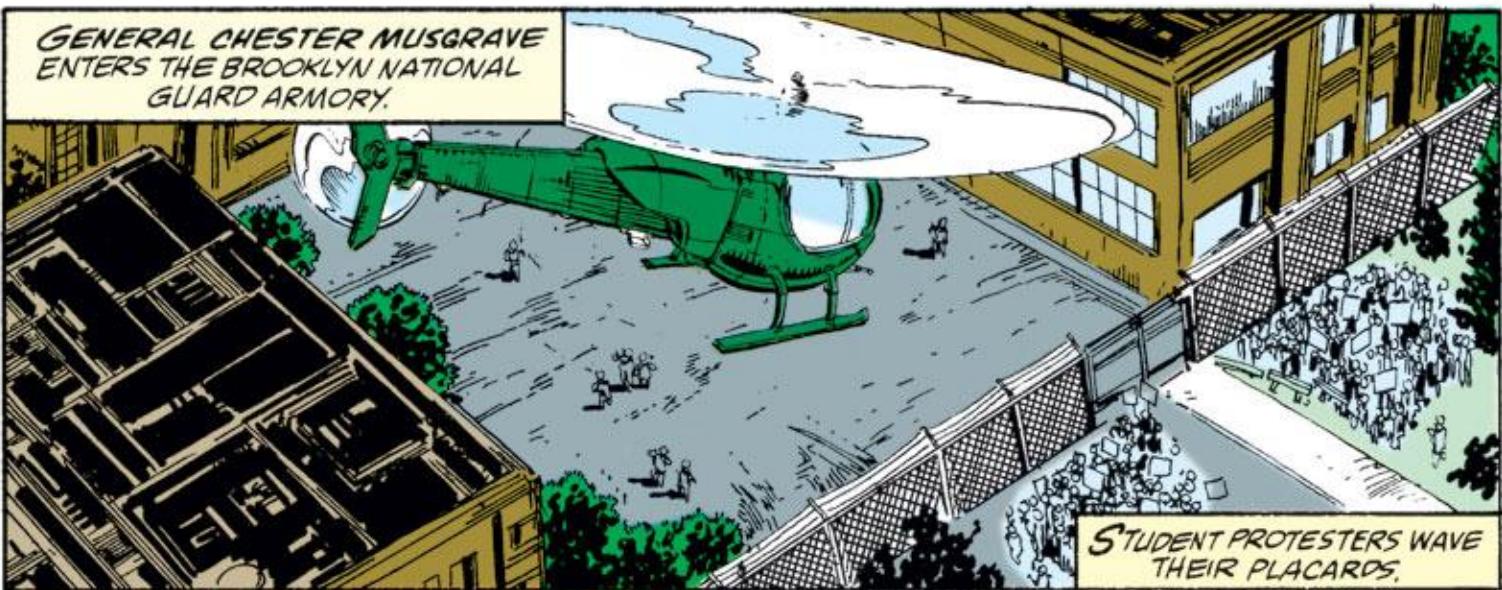
-- BEFORE SETTING MY MASTER PLAN IN MOTION!





FORTY-FIVE
MINUTES
LATER...

GENERAL CHESTER MUSGRAVE
ENTERS THE BROOKLYN NATIONAL
GUARD ARMORY.

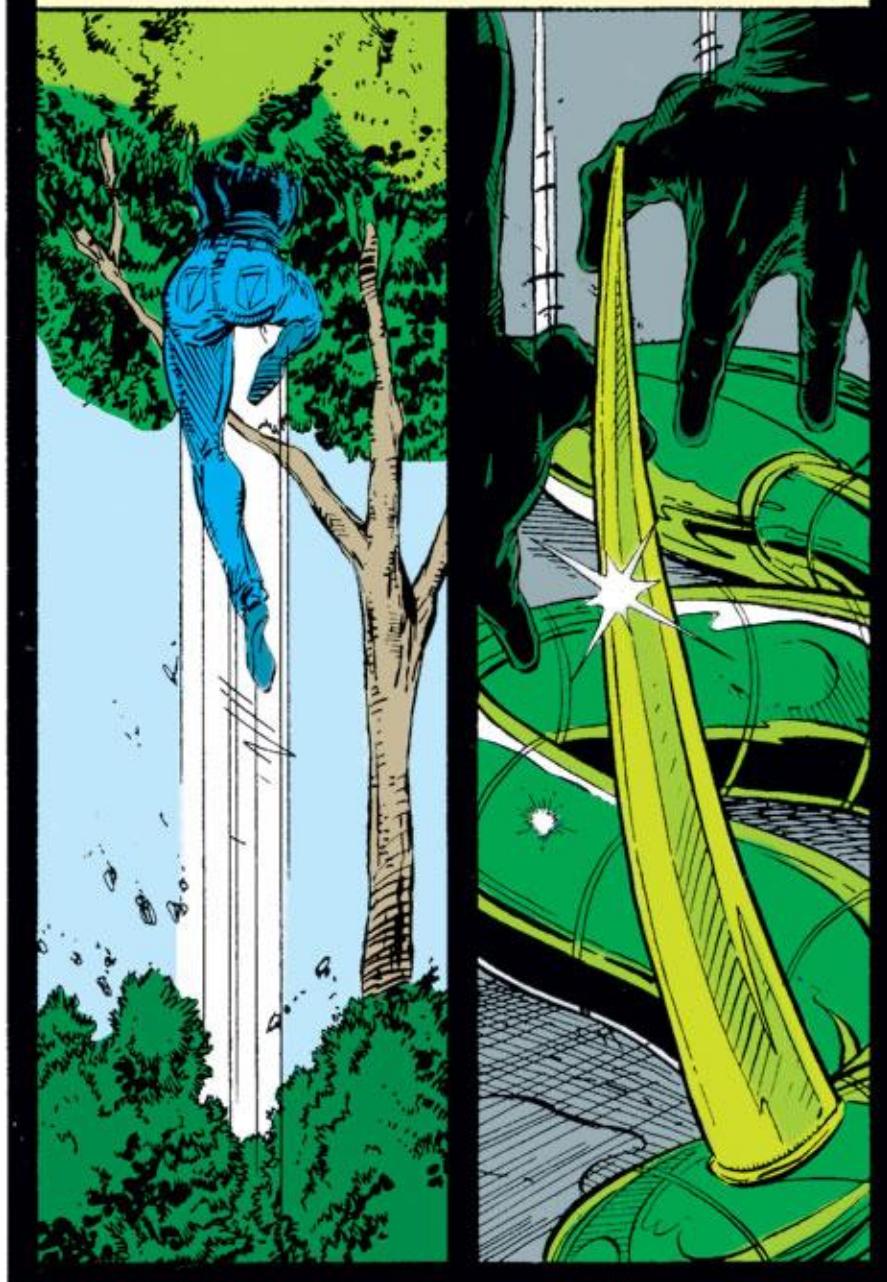


STUDENT PROTESTERS WAVE
THEIR PLACARDS.

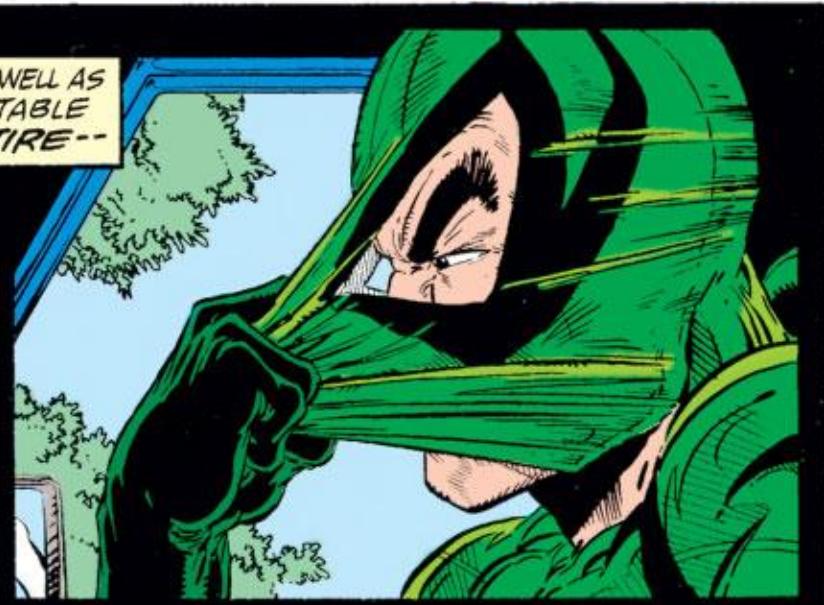
WHILE TWO SPECIAL ATTENDEES, ARRIVING
AT OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE COMPOUND, USE THAT
DISTRACTION TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

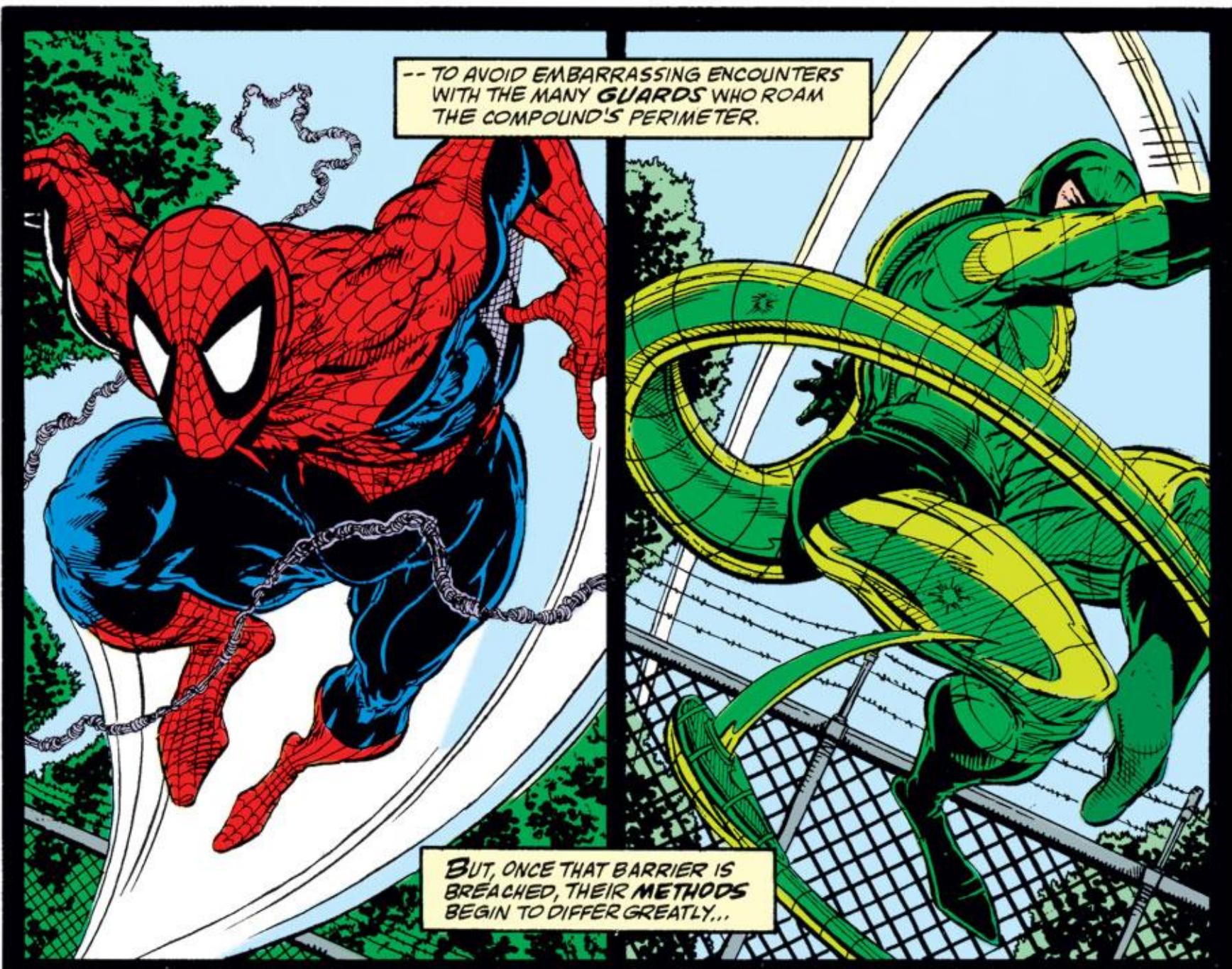


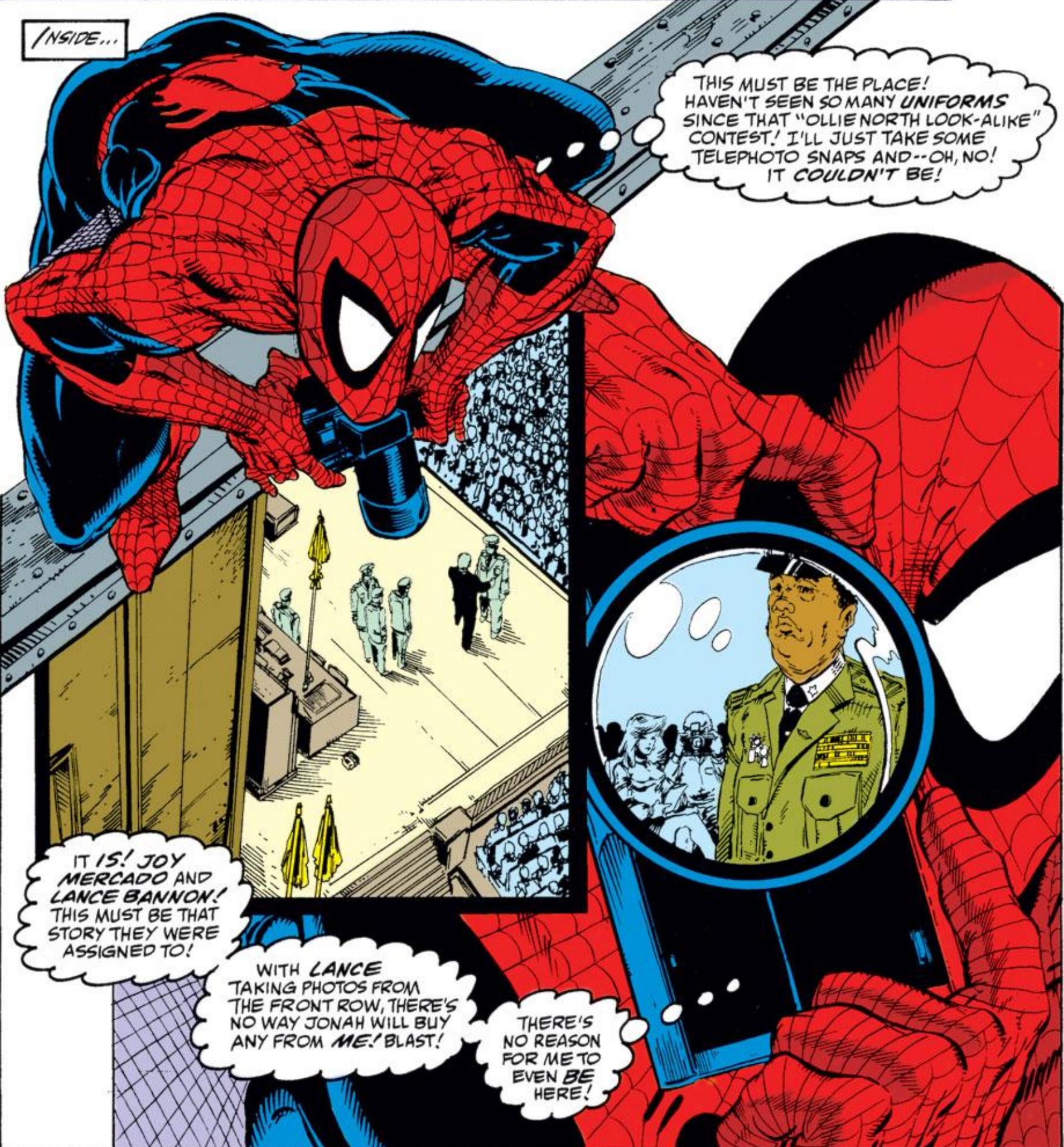
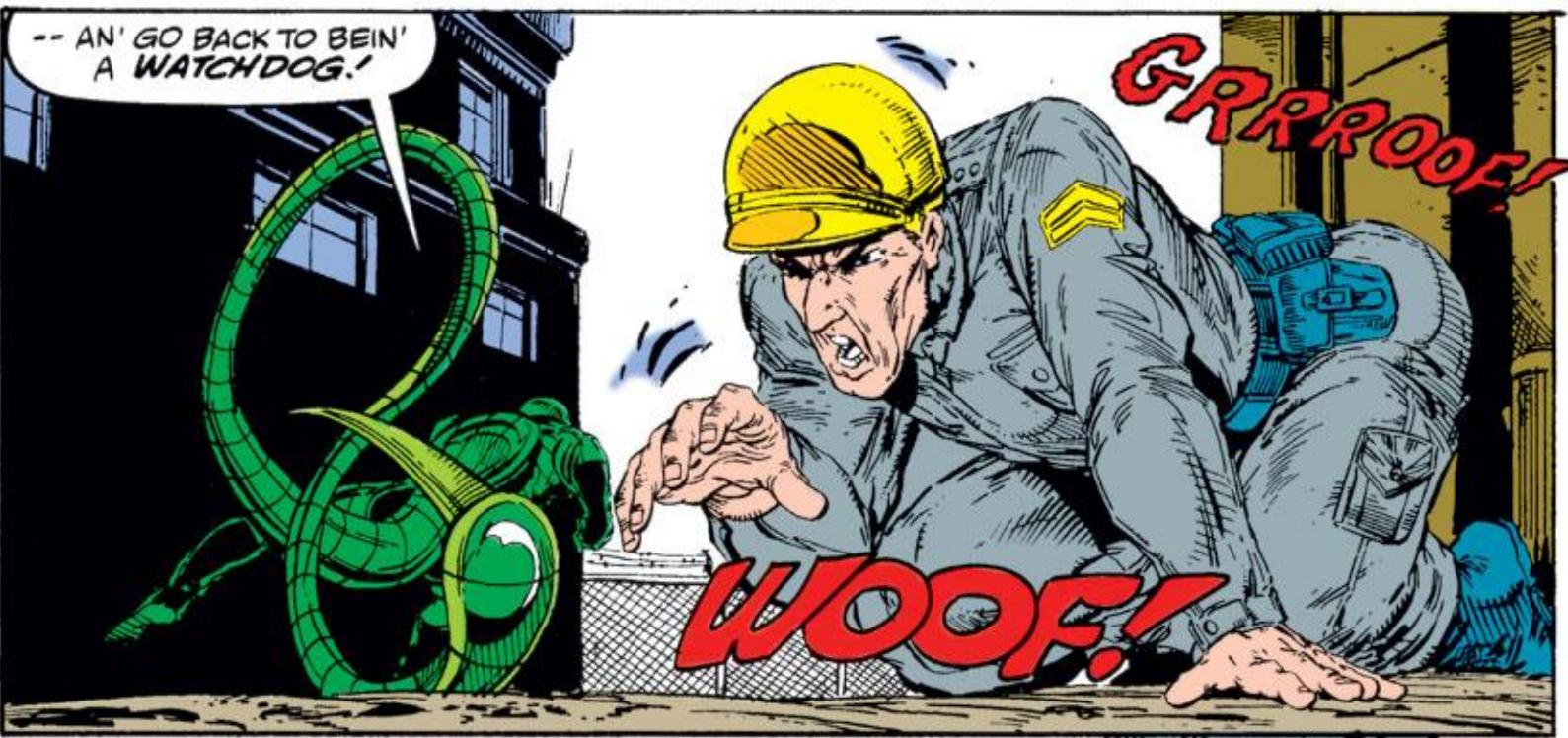
FOR NEITHER "GUEST" HAS BEEN FORMALLY
INVITED, AND THUS MUST RELY ON UNIQUE SKILLS--

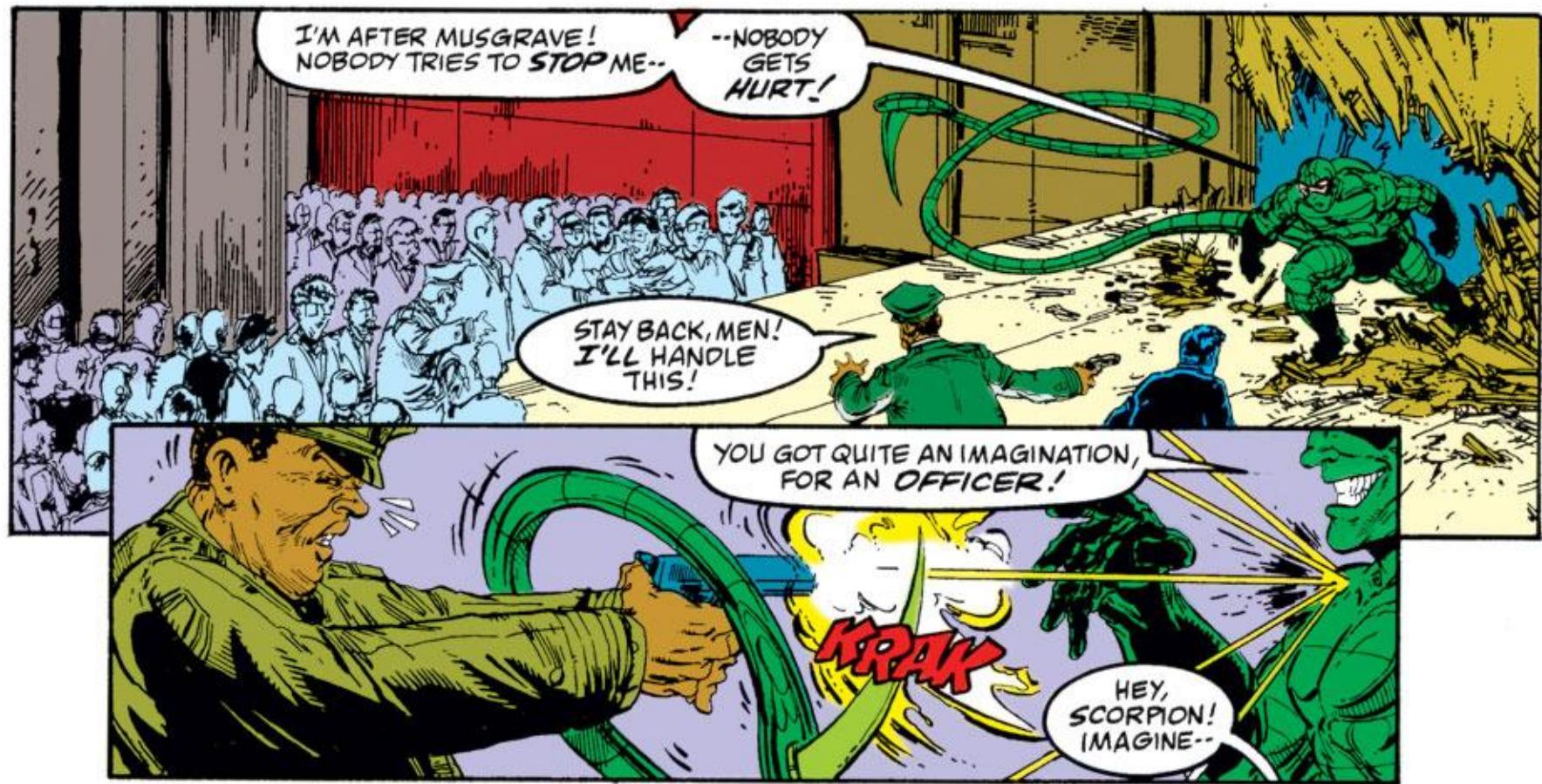


--AS WELL AS
SUITABLE
ATTIRE--











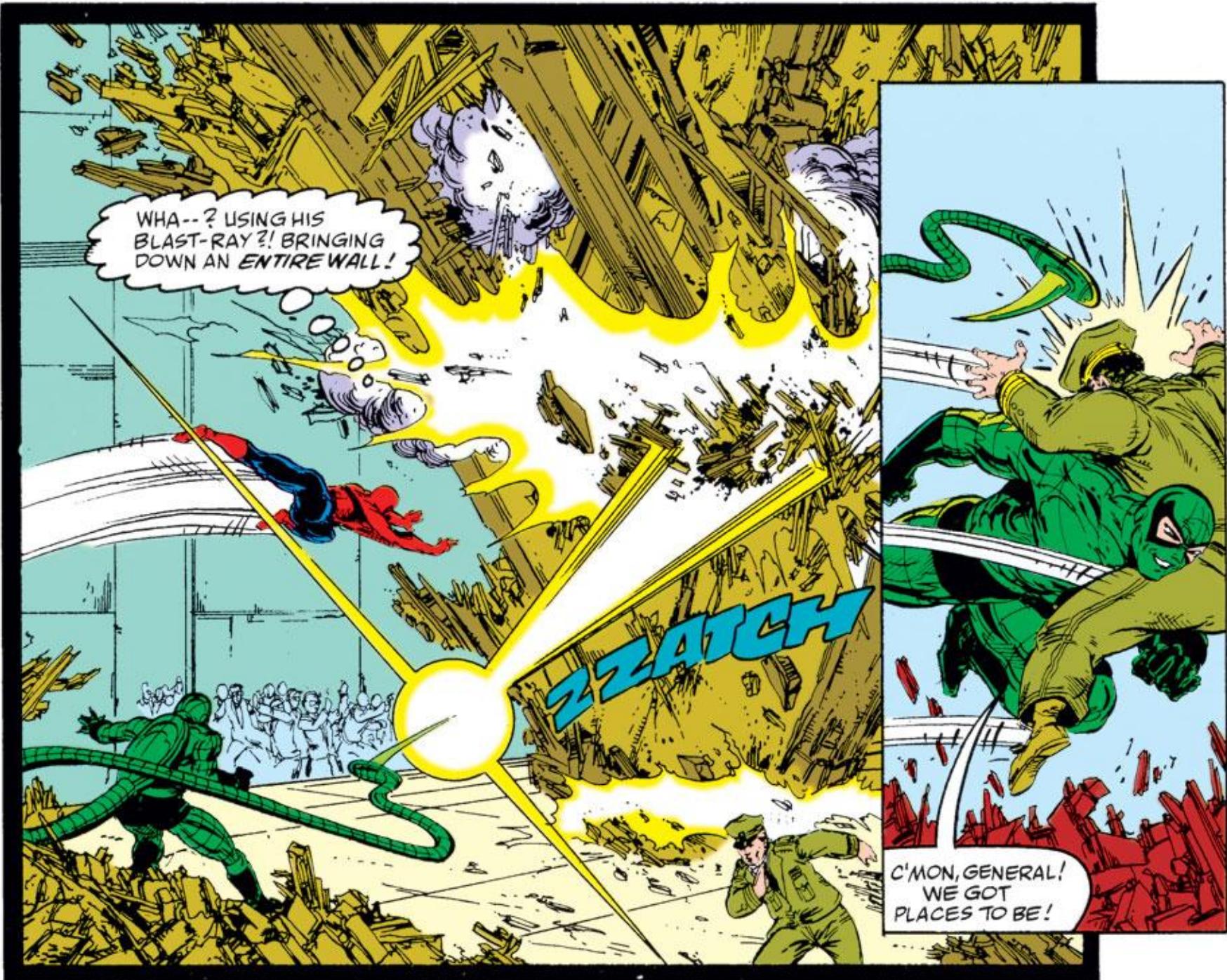
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HADN'T COUNTED
ON FACING SPIDER-
MAN! GOTTA HOLD
HIM OFF TILL I
FIGURE SOME WAY
O' DEALIN'
WITH HIM!

WHAT'S THE
MATTER,
SCORPY? NOT--

--TURNING
TAIL, ARE
YOU?





I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! I'M NOT GOING TO KIDNAP GEN. MUSGRAVE!

I'M GOING TO KILL HIM!

AND THE ONLY WAY TO STOP ME IS TO TRADE ME J. JONAH JAMESON-- SO I CAN KILL HIM INSTEAD!

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, ONE MAN OR ANOTHER, SIXTY MINUTES FROM NOW--

SOMEONE DIES!



NEXT ISSUE: THE HAMMER STRIKES... **BACK!**