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GANG WAR

PART FIVE
THE CONCLUSION



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GANG WAR RACES ON!

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JIM OWLSEY
SCRIPT

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g concentration camps—
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JIM FERN
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—Gerry takes note of a new
in his
I close up

RICK PARKER
LETTERING

...around field, in talk there
by one other parked vehicle, a thin
tall

JIM SHOOTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

—of house rock, pool
over painted peach and studied
with giant mouth shells. (You can
seeable statue in the open
man's Month.) On side meadow,
boozed a three-piece chamber
five hundred or so folding
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and friends of the graduating
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guid school in the South—were
hostess estate, exchanging greetings,
missing a rogue civilian, which
the federal government—the
cause many of them had
to build an entire federal court building
the Court in the heart
District. The Preservatio
attended an emergency
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an editor. The writer
to snarl.

—people's money in Charleston, but the
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booked easy and comfortable with their

ALAN KUPPERBERG
PENCILS

with each other in
not strong in a language I have
tutored English. They booked French.
There were two sizable groups of black
people. They are very rare and unaffected.

GEORGE ROUSSOS
COLORING

—of house rock, pool
over painted peach and studied
with giant mouth shells. (You can
seeable statue in the open
man's Month.) On side meadow,

JIM SALICRUP
EDITOR

—a waterfall and a pool
—The surface sheet was
tinted with rives, purple, and delicate
yellow. These are the Ashley Hall colors.

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in his
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RICK PARKER
LETTERING

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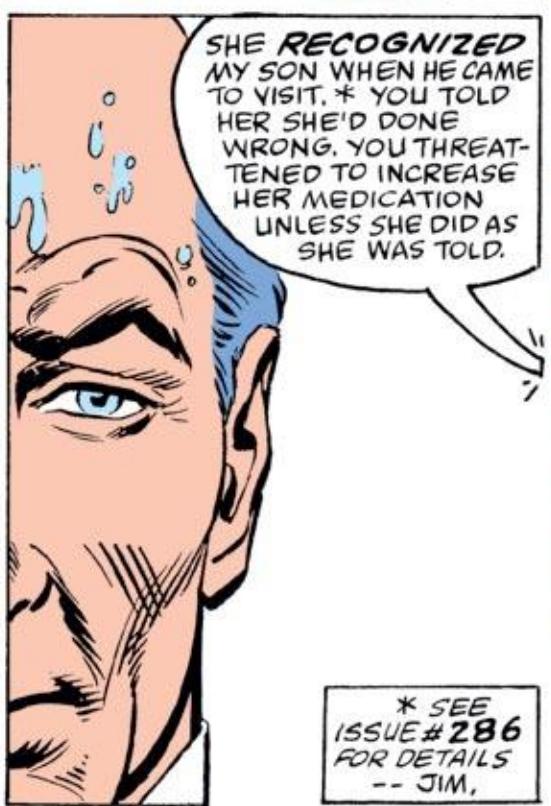
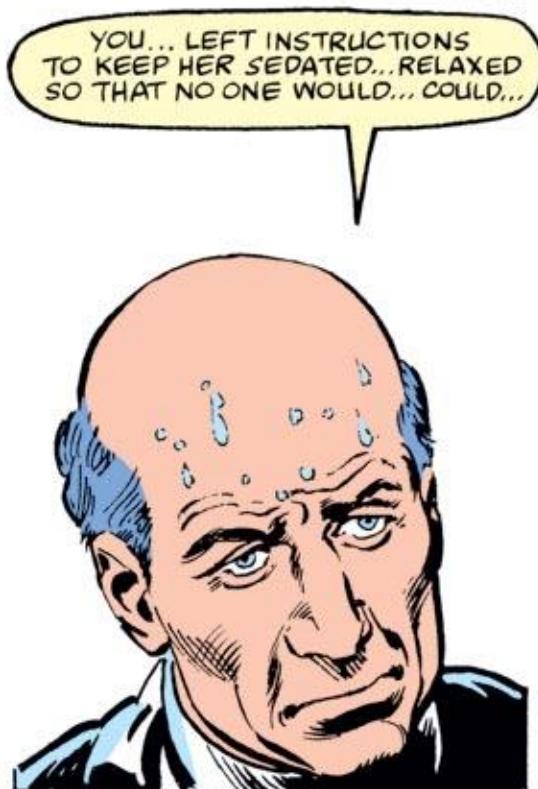
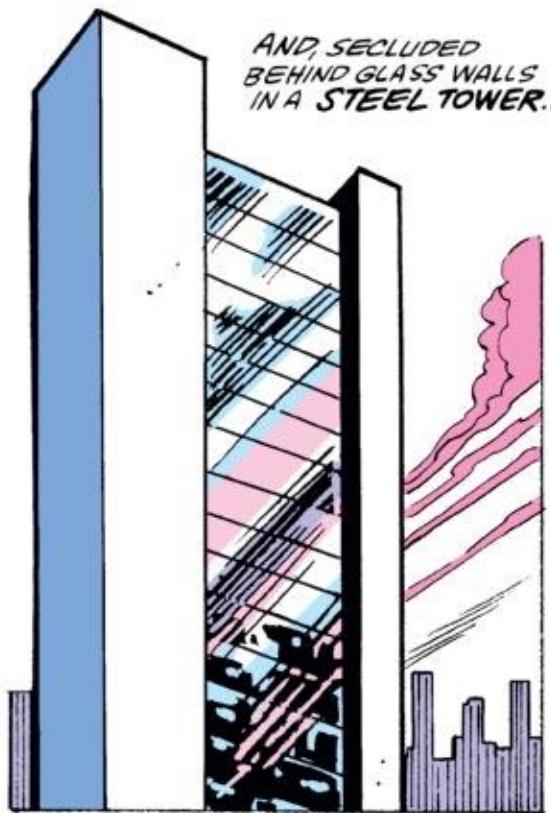
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THROUGHOUT THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WAR HAS BEEN WAGED IN THE STREETS OF NEW YORK CITY. IT IS A WAR OF GANGSTERS.

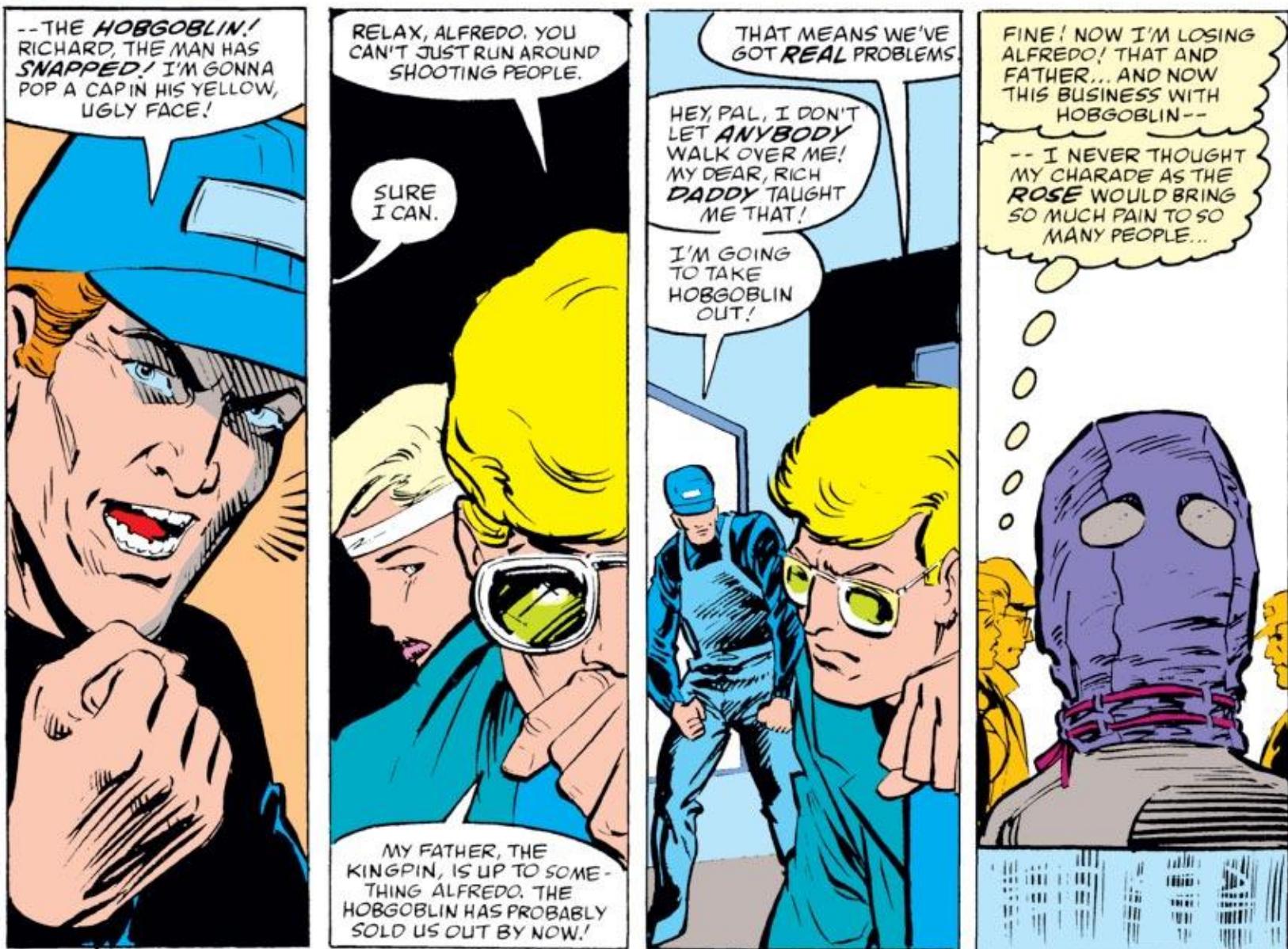
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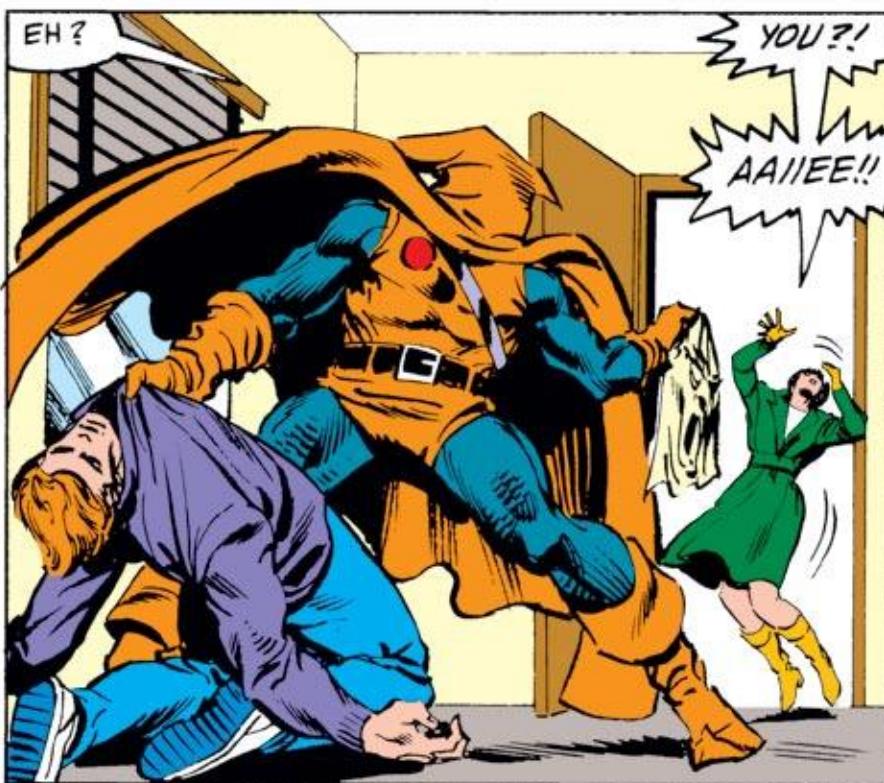




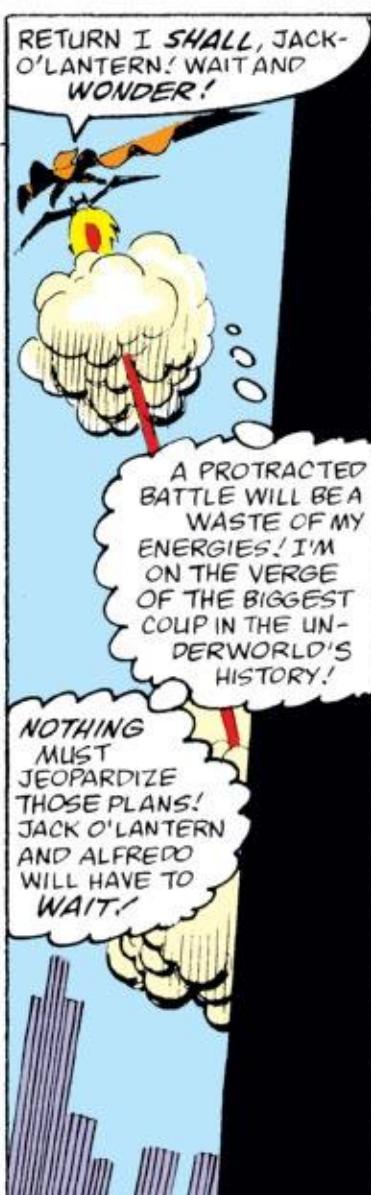


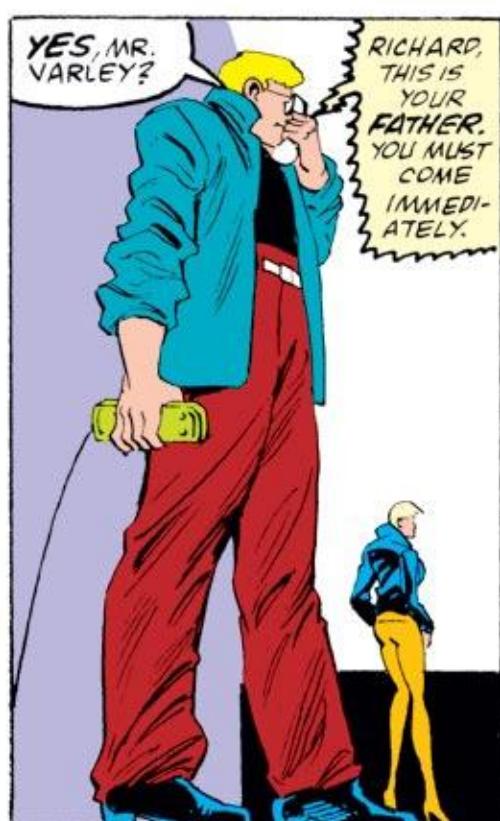
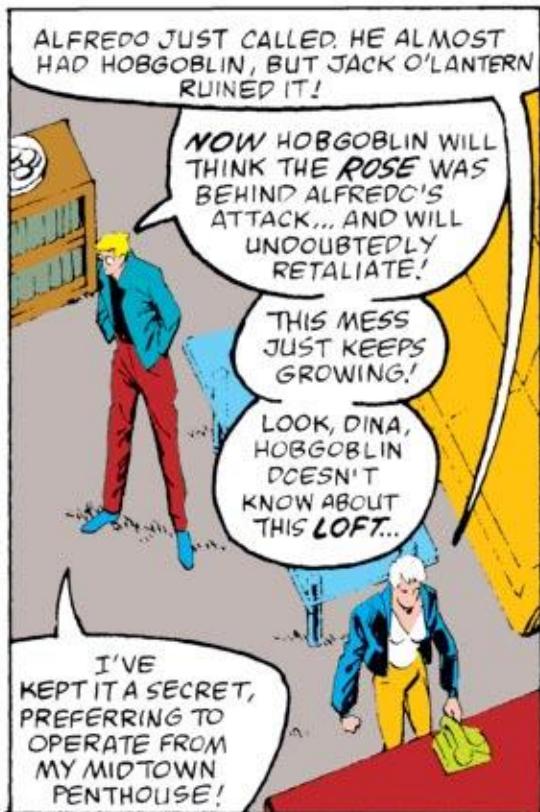


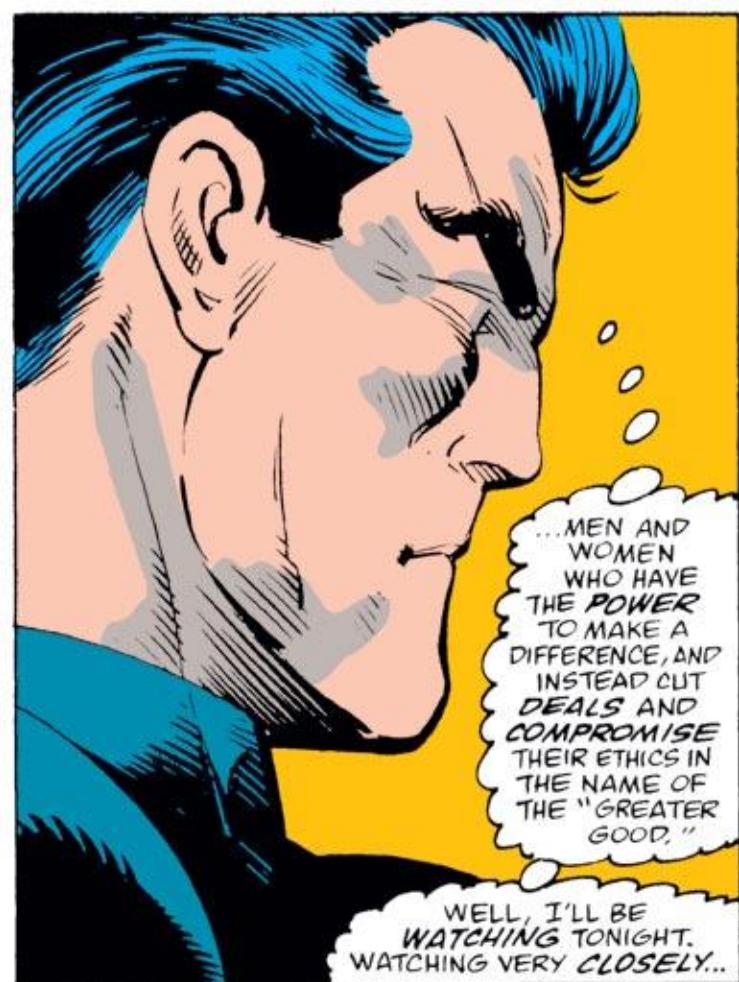


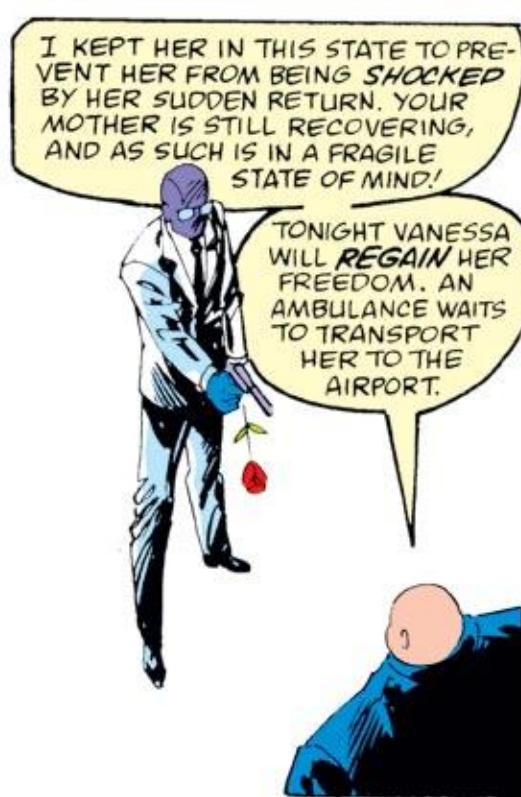


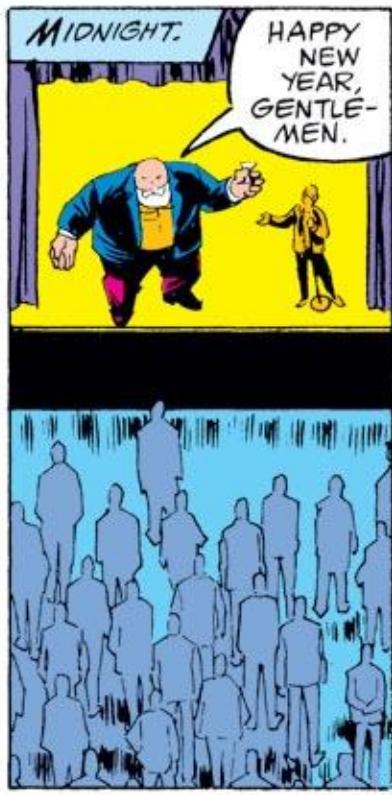


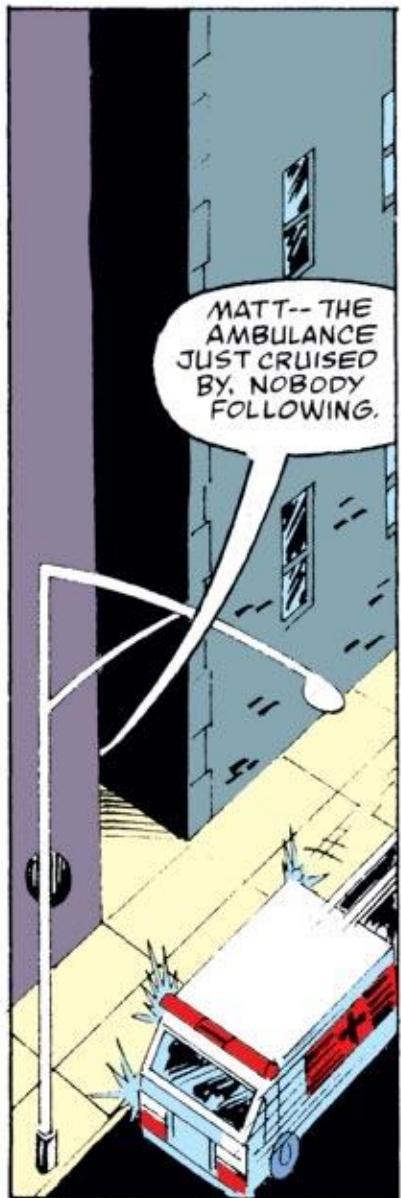


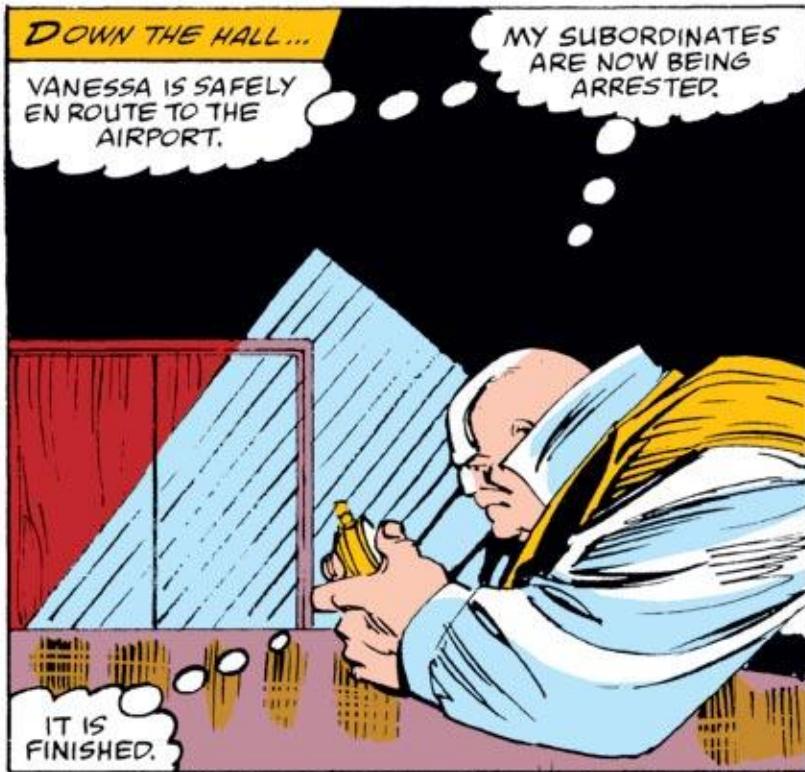


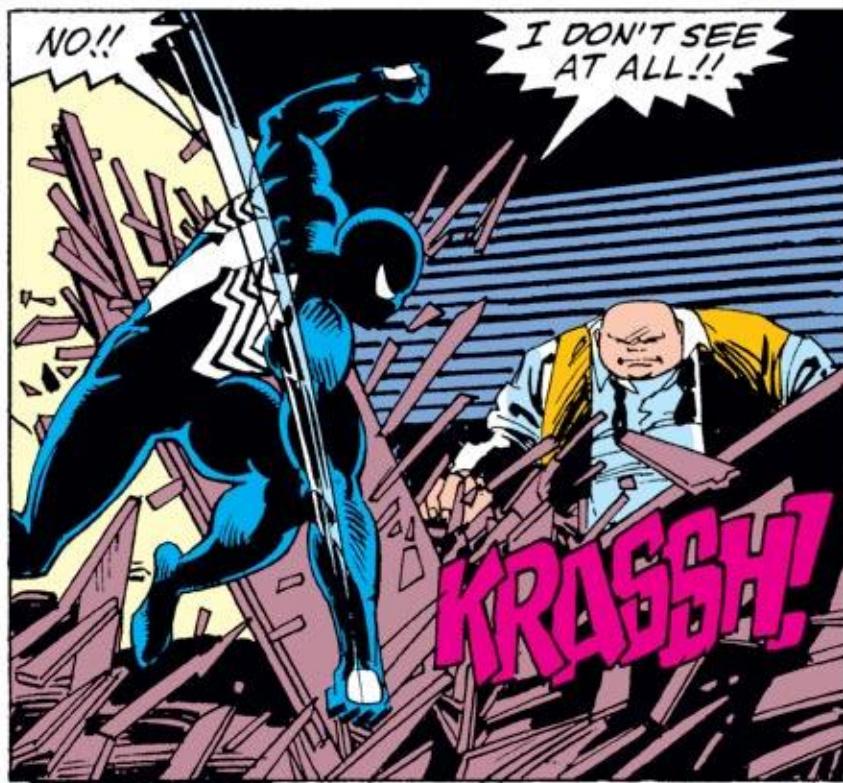
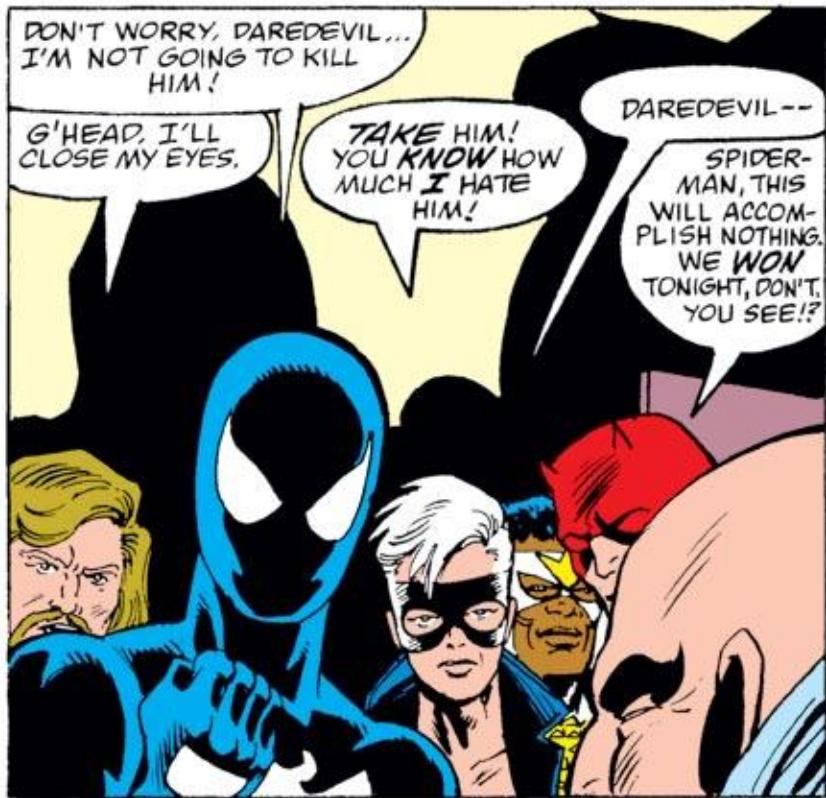


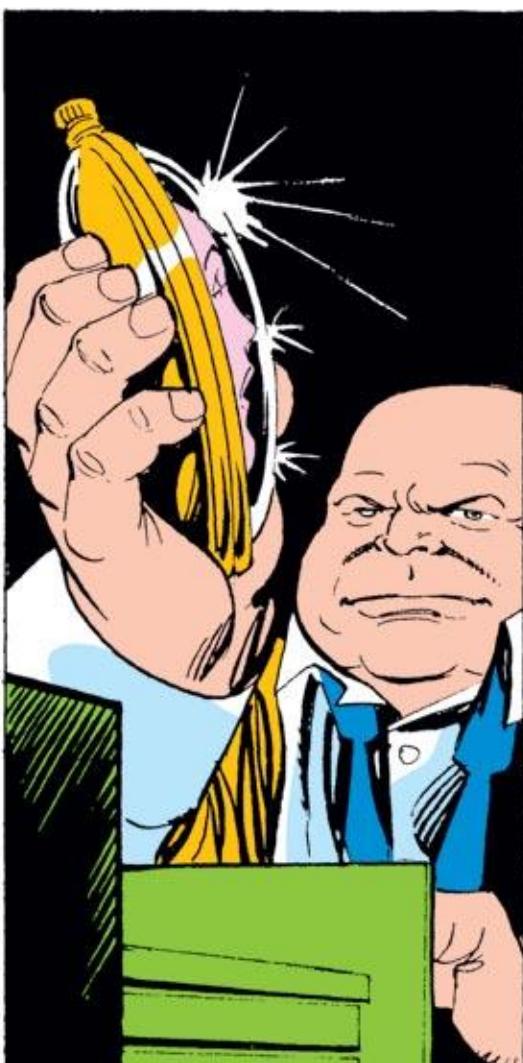












THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Marveldom,

There is one thing I'd like to see in a Spider-Man comic before you reveal the true identity of the Hobgoblin. I would like to see you present a letter page similar to the one in ASM #201. You showed what every letter, that month, was basically about. I would like to see how many people think they know the identity of the Hobgoblin, and who they think it is. I personally know that it is Ned Leeds. So go ahead and mark down that I had the correct one.

Greg Welch
Tempe, AZ

You wanted it—you got it, Greg! Since we're gonna reveal the true identity of the Hobgoblin in our very next issue, we proudly present a partial perusal of our audience's assumptions on the actual identity of THE HOBGOBLIN!!

Dear Spider-sirs,

I've finally figured out who the Hobgoblin really is—WOLVERINE! The only logical answer is the famous X-Man himself! He's secretly been taking time out from his busy schedule to come up to New York and bother Spidey! That's it. I've figured it out! I mean after all it's totally obvious.

Jim Tudor
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Web-heads,

I just picked up a copy of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #284, and I gotta tell ya it was great! I especially liked it because it had a few of my favorite villains (namely Hobgoblin!). I've been a Spidey fan for a long time and I'll never stop collecting Spider-Man comics. Speaking of the Hobgoblin, I know his secret identity—he's Ned Leeds!

Michael Shavalier
Niagara Falls, NY

Dear Spider-people,

It seems like forever that you have been jerking us back and forth between Lance Bannon and Ned Leeds being the Hobgoblin. Both have set off Pete's spider-sense. Both have acted suspiciously, hostile, and belligerent. My explanation is that while Ned Leeds is the Hobgoblin, Lance Bannon is Jack O'Lantern. How ironic, and also appropriate that these personal rivals should also be professional antagonists. How long ago did you devious geniuses plot this whole thing out?

Paul Thiel
Crescent Springs, KY

Dear Arachnids,

What's the matter? Do you guys think I only read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN? No! I also read PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN! (WEB, too!)

Anyway, in PPTSSM #123 we see Captain Chris Keating perform the superhuman act of ripping open a jail cell! THIS IS PROOF POSITIVE—THAT CHRIS KEATING IS THE HOBGOBLIN!!! 'Nuff said!

Kim Lee
Passaic, NJ

Dear Spider-Crew,

The Hobgoblin is NOT Captain Keating! Why? Because back in ASM #276, on the last page, Keating is in Flash Thompson's apartment. Then in the seventh panel we go to Hobby's place, and the caption reads, "Elsewhere, at that very moment." Keating can't be two places at the same time.

The Hobgoblin is NED LEEDS! Get used to it!

Steve Farrow
Wheeling, W.V.

Jim and Adam (and Jim),

ARRGHHHHHHHHH! I thought it was Ned. I really thought it was Ned! I just got finished reading SPIDER-MAN VS. WOLVERINE, and in it, Ned Leeds dies! He's dead. You guys are trying to drive me insane! WHO IS THE HOBGOBLIN? Tell me—Pleeeez.

Luiz Mendoza
Corona, NY

Dear Spider-people,

Being an avid Spidey fan, I believe that I have found out who the Hobgoblin really is. The Hobgoblin really is Peter Parker! How can that be, you ask? Well, I'll tell you. You see, a long time ago Spidey disposed of his clone in a smokestack, right? My theory is simple. Someone (possibly Harry when he was out of it) found the clone's body and regenerated it from some still living tissue. However, due to certain

processes during the regeneration the clone lost a few things, such as:

Spider-sense, wall-crawling ability, and certain portions of his memory. All the clone knows is that for some reason he really hates Spider-Man and he has a unique opportunity to get rid of him. It all adds up. Who else knows all the secrets of the Green Goblin? Who else can fight Spidey to a virtual stand still? The only thing that makes any difference is that the clone is a few years younger. That's it!

Brian Conner
Muncie, In.

Dear Web-slingers,

The reason for the Kingpin's absence is—He's the Hobgoblin!

Todd Oberndoffer
Farmington Hills, MI

Spidey Crew,

To settle a common disagreement, Ned Leeds is the Hobgoblin.

Keli Burke
Kalkaska, MI

Dear Spider's Web,

These are my probably preposterous personal personnel predictions:

- 1) Flash Thompson is not the Hobgoblin.
- 2) The Rose is Roderick Kingsley.
- 3) Captain Keating is not the Hobgoblin.
- 4) Lance Bannon is simply a photographer.
- 5) NED LEEDS IS THE HOBGOBLIN!

Please keep me in suspense for a while longer.

Alex Pogel
Sarasota, FL

You have only thirty days, Alex!

Dear Web-makers,

I have narrowed the Hobgoblin's secret identity down to four possibilities:

- 1) The Foreigner. Ever since I found out that the Black Cat is dealing with him, I've thought he was the Hobgoblin.
- 2) The Kingpin's son. As everyone knows, they are very much enemies.
- 3) The Green Goblin. I know that Norman Osborn is dead, but I would like to point out that they both use the same weapons.
- 4) J.J.J. (Jolly Jonah). Because of his hatred for Spider-Man.

Joshua Terrell
Waycross, Ga.

Dear Jim,

Can we please find out who the Hobgoblin is? Pretty please?

Michael Ries
Detroit, MI

Okay, Michael! (And everyone else!) In thirty days—the moment you've all been waiting for! This is not a trick. This is not a joke! This is it! At last, the identity of the Hobgoblin will be revealed to anyone lucky enough to read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #289. Hobby has been a mystery since ASM #238, and now fifty one issues later... the payoff! It's a special double-sized issue, gang, and we're pulling out all the stops. Run! Don't walk to your comics' shop today! Reserve your copy, now! After all, you don't want one of your friends to (accidentally) blurt out the surprise, and ruin it for ya? Didn't think so.

