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SPIDER-MAN

GUEST-STARRING
SYNCH FROM
GENERATION X

METAMORPHOSIS!

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SPIDER-MAN

I, MONSTER!



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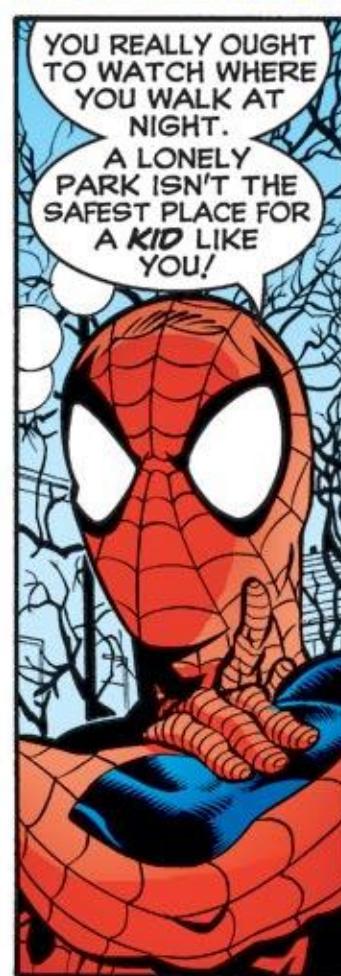
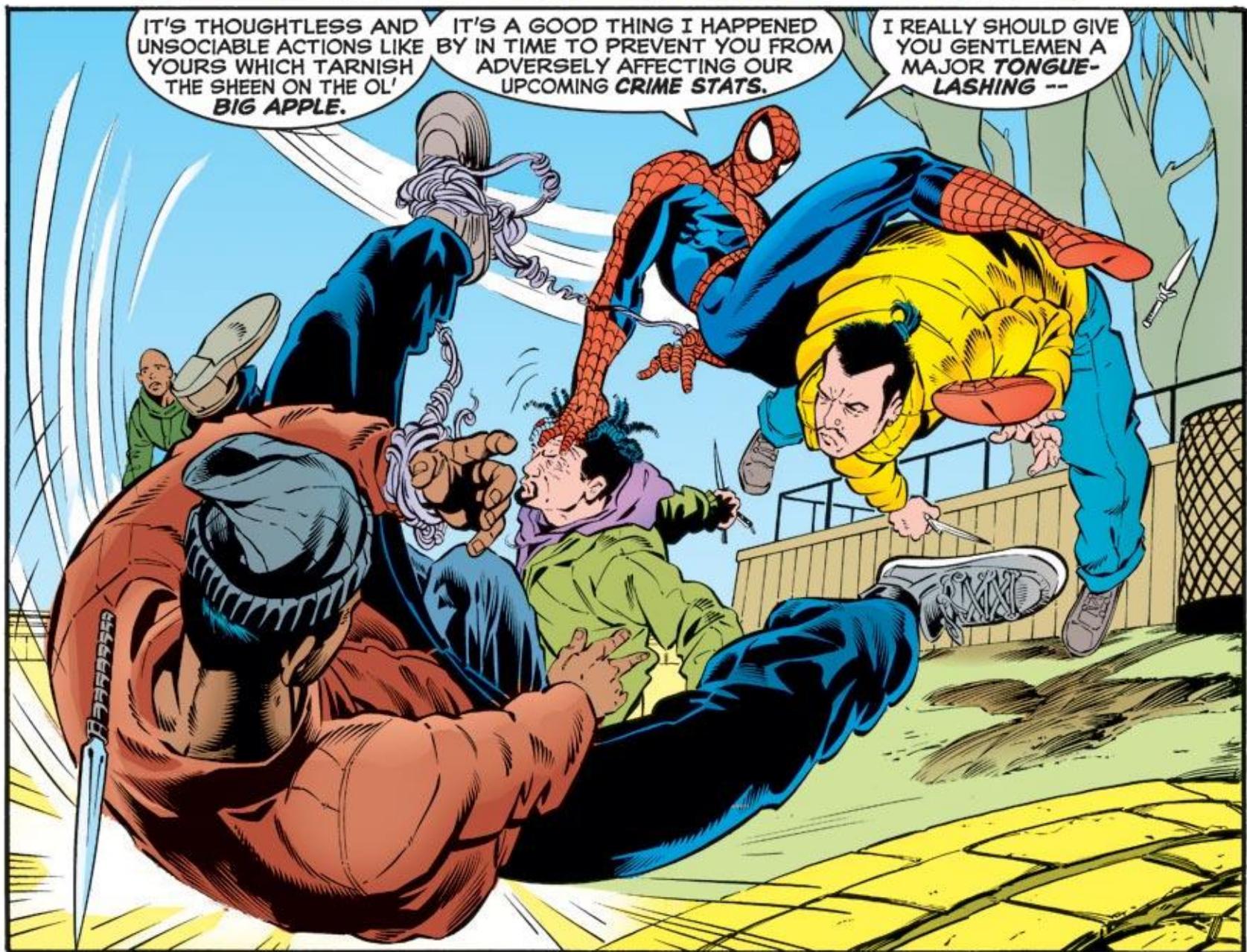
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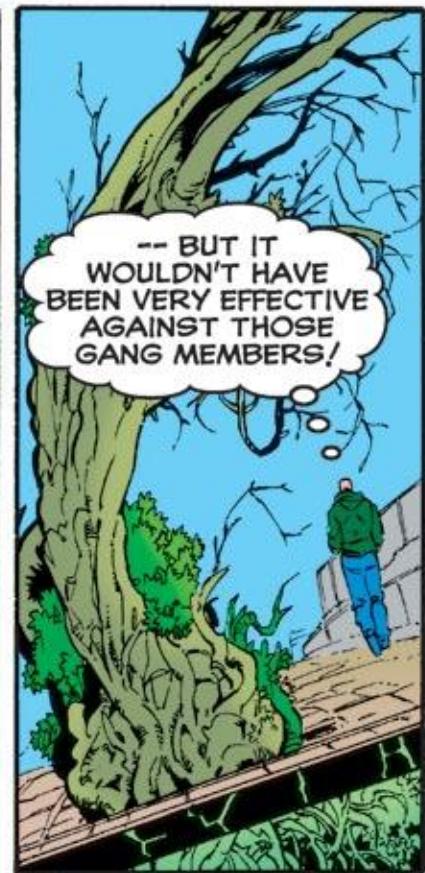
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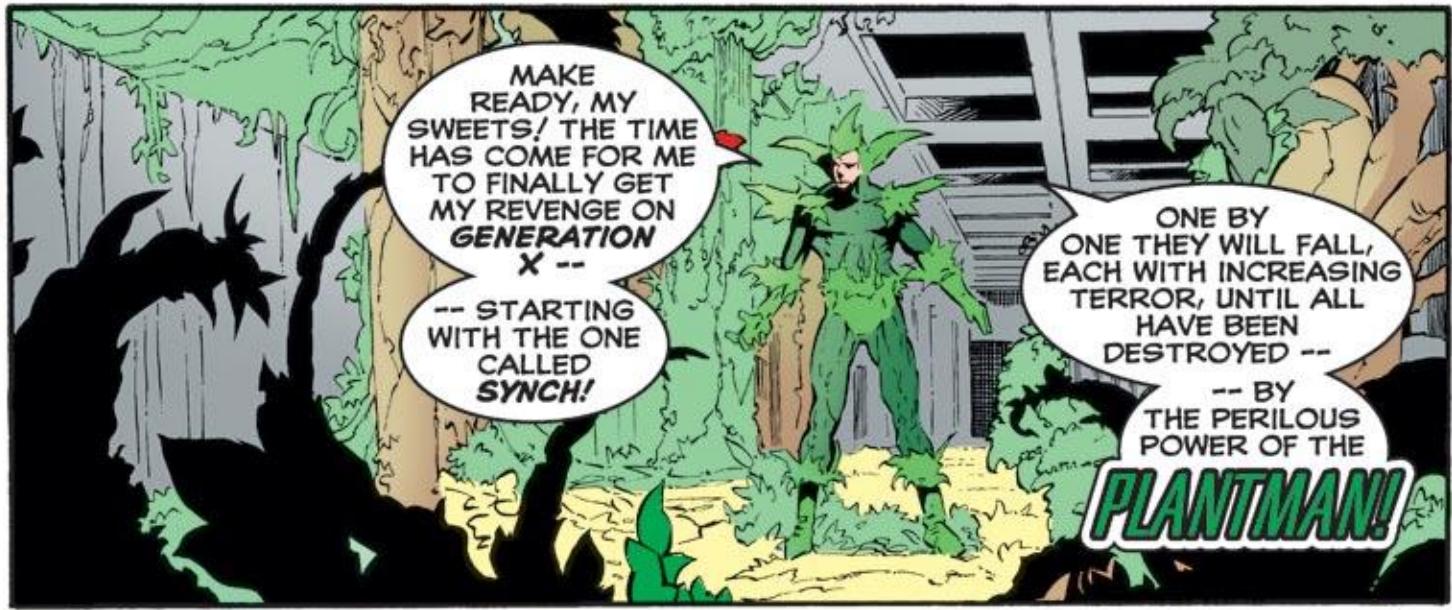
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THROUGH THE VAST BACKGROUND ROOT SYSTEM WHICH SPREADS BENEATH THE CITY OF MANHATTAN --



-- I HAVE ALREADY DISPATCHED ONE OF YOUR SISTERS TO THE SURFACE!

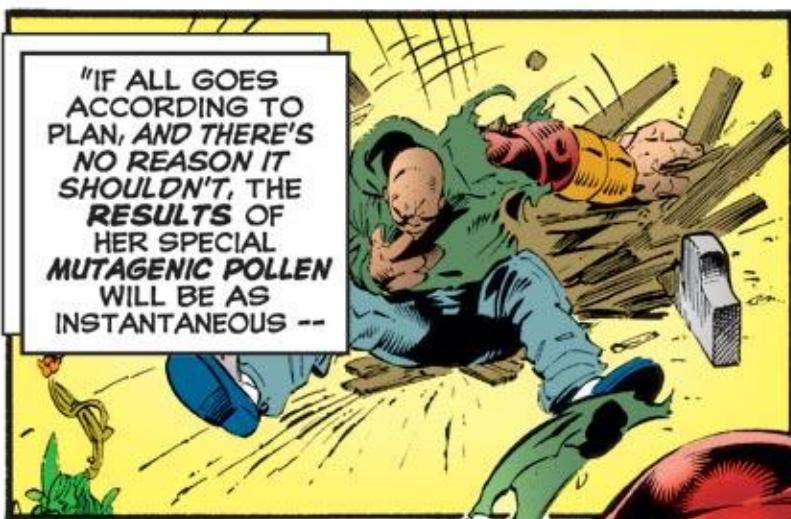


"SHE WILL ENCOUNTER THE UNSUSPECTING SYNCH --



-- AND BLOW HIM A KISS!

"IF ALL GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, AND THERE'S NO REASON IT SHOULDN'T, THE RESULTS OF HER SPECIAL MUTAGENIC POLLEN WILL BE AS INSTANTANEOUS --



-- AS THEY ARE DRAMATIC!!

AARRGGH!!

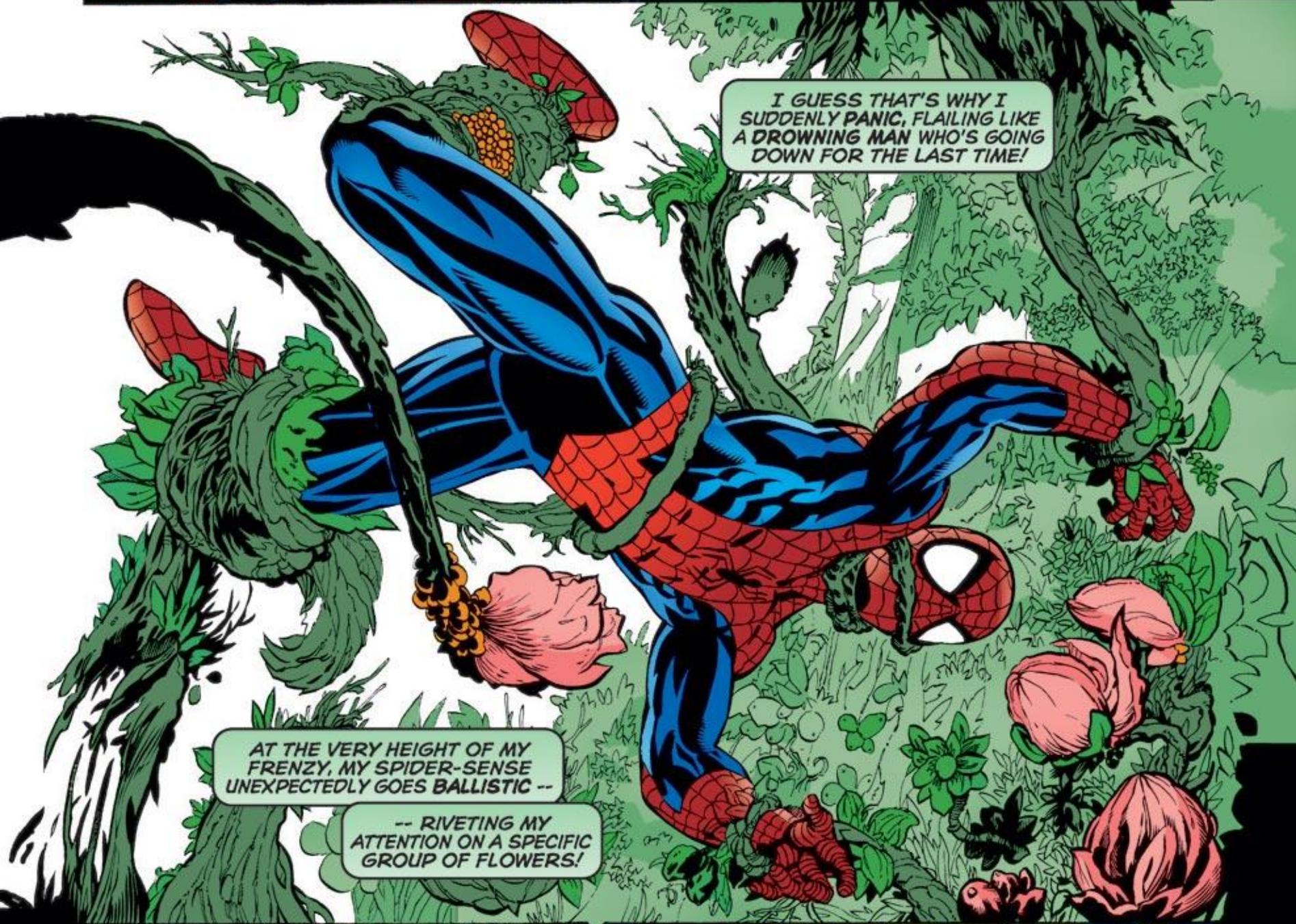


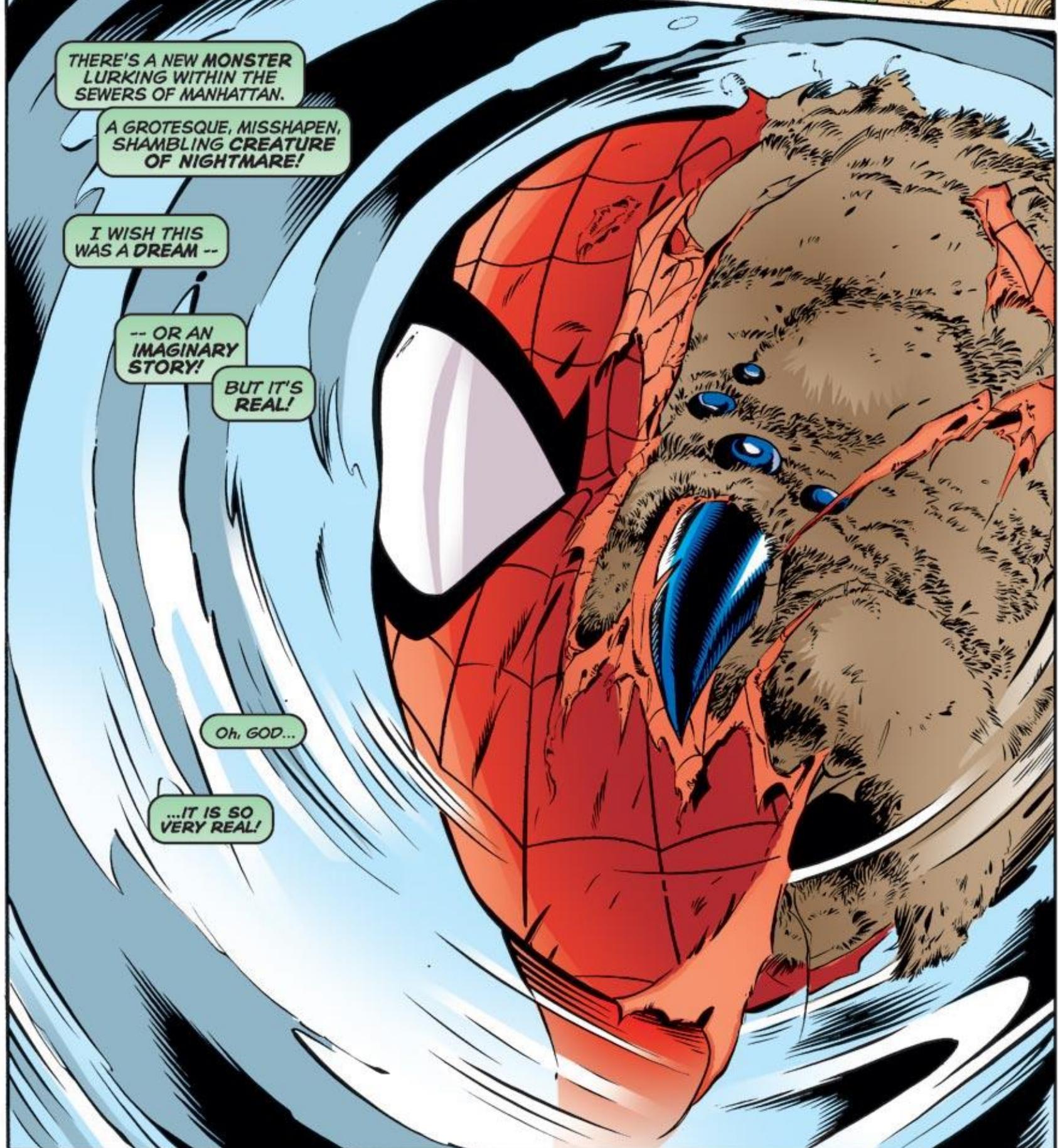














P-PITY!

I STRUGGLE TO
KEEP MY VOICE
CALM AND CASUAL,
STRAINING TO
APPEAR FAR MORE
CONFIDENT
THAN I AM.

MY LEFT EYE -- EYES --
FEEL LIKE THEY'RE
BEING PUNCTURED
BY A THOUSAND
SEARING DAGGERS!

THE TALONS WHICH HAVE
REPLACED MY HANDS BURN
WITH UNMENTIONABLE AGONY!

AND MODESTY PREVENTS
ME FROM DESCRIBING
THE OTHER GROSS AND
HUMILIATING CHANGES
WHICH ARE, THANKFULLY,
HIDDEN BY MY COSTUME!

NEXT TIME I'LL
HEED MARY
JANE'S ADVICE!

IF THERE IS A
NEXT TIME!

I ADVISE
YOU TO KEEP
YOUR DISTANCE,
SPIDER-Uhhh

NEED
A NEW WORD
THERE, DON'T
YOU?

AS I WAS SAYING, YOU'D BETTER **STAY BACK**...OR I'LL BE FORCED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY HUMBLE **BODYGUARDS**!

GROWN FROM THE ROOTS OF THE STURDY BANYAN TREE, THEY POSSESS ENOUGH RAW POWER TO PUT A REAL **RUIN** ON YOUR DAY!

I MUSTN'T PANIC!

MUSTN'T SURRENDER TO DESPAIR!

NO MATTER HOW OVERWHELMING THE ODDS, I'VE GOT TO KEEP FIGHTING!

IT'S MY ONLY HOPE OF FINDING THE ANTIDOTE!

Uh-Oh! I THOUGHT I COULD CAPTURE THE BEASTY BOYS WITHIN A WALL OF WEBBING --

-- BUT THEY'RE TEARING RIGHT THROUGH IT!

IF ONLY I COULD CIRCLE BEHIND THEM, AND GET MY HA-TALONS ON THE PLANTMAN!

I HOPE YOU DON'T INTEND TO PROLONG THIS INDEFINITELY!

I'M A BUSY MAN -- WITH PLANTS TO WATER, YOU KNOW, AND MANY OTHER HEROES TO MUTATE -- SIMPLY SUCCUMB NOW!

THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY TO GET PAST THESE CREATURES --

-- BUT THEY KEEP POSITIONING THEMSELVES BETWEEN ME AND THEIR -- HEY!

LOOKS LIKE CHATTY CHARLIE SHATTERED HIS HAND WHEN HE ACCIDENTALLY PUNCHED THAT CONCRETE BEAM!

Hmmmm...

THE PLANTMAN MAY HAVE MIS-CALCULATED THE TENSILE STRENGTH OF THESE CHARACTERS, MAKING THEM TOO HARD! TOO BRITTLE!

INSTEAD OF TRYING TO AVOID THEM --

-- I SHOULD JUST CONFRONT 'EM HEAD-ON!

NICE MOVE!

NICE, BUT -- REGRETTABLY -- INEFFECTIVE!

SINCE THEY LACK EVEN A RUDIMENTARY NERVOUS SYSTEM, MY PETS CAN NEITHER FEEL NOR REACT TO PAIN! FAR SUPERIOR IN COMBAT TO THE ANIMAL LIFE WHICH THEY MAY SOON TRAMPLE UNDERFOOT.

THEY'LL JUST KEEP FIGHTING AND FIGHTING NO MATTER HOW MUCH DAMAGE YOU INFILCT ON THEM! WHAT A FORMIDABLE ARMY THEY WOULD MAKE!

THE PLANTMAN SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME FOR THE MOMENT!

I...I FEEL SO ASHAMED!
WITH ALL MY TRAINING...

THAT'S OVER NOW! I'M THROUGH PLAYING THE HELPLESS PATSY!

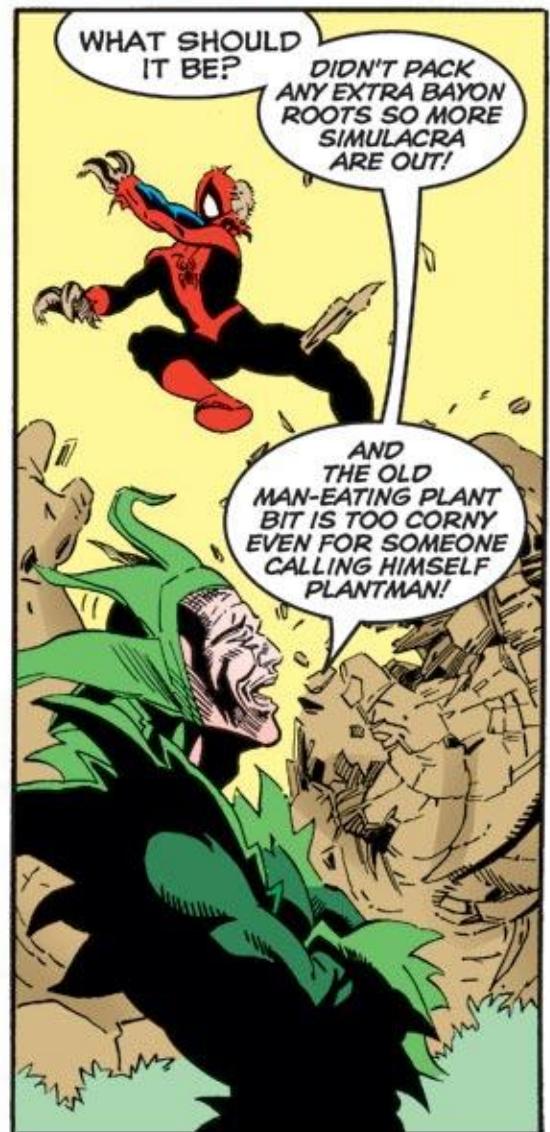
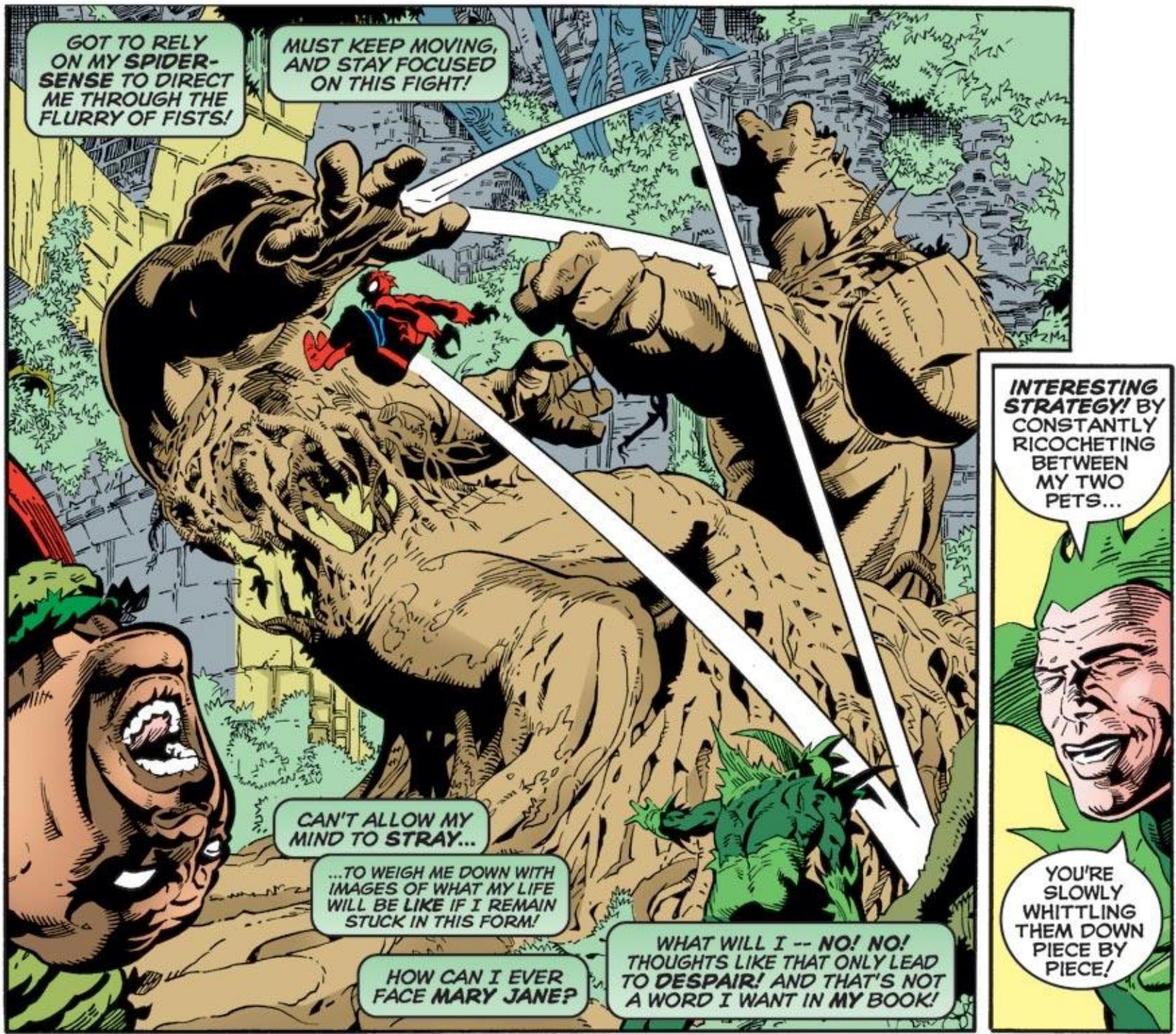
I'VE GOT TO THINK, GOTTA FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS MESS!

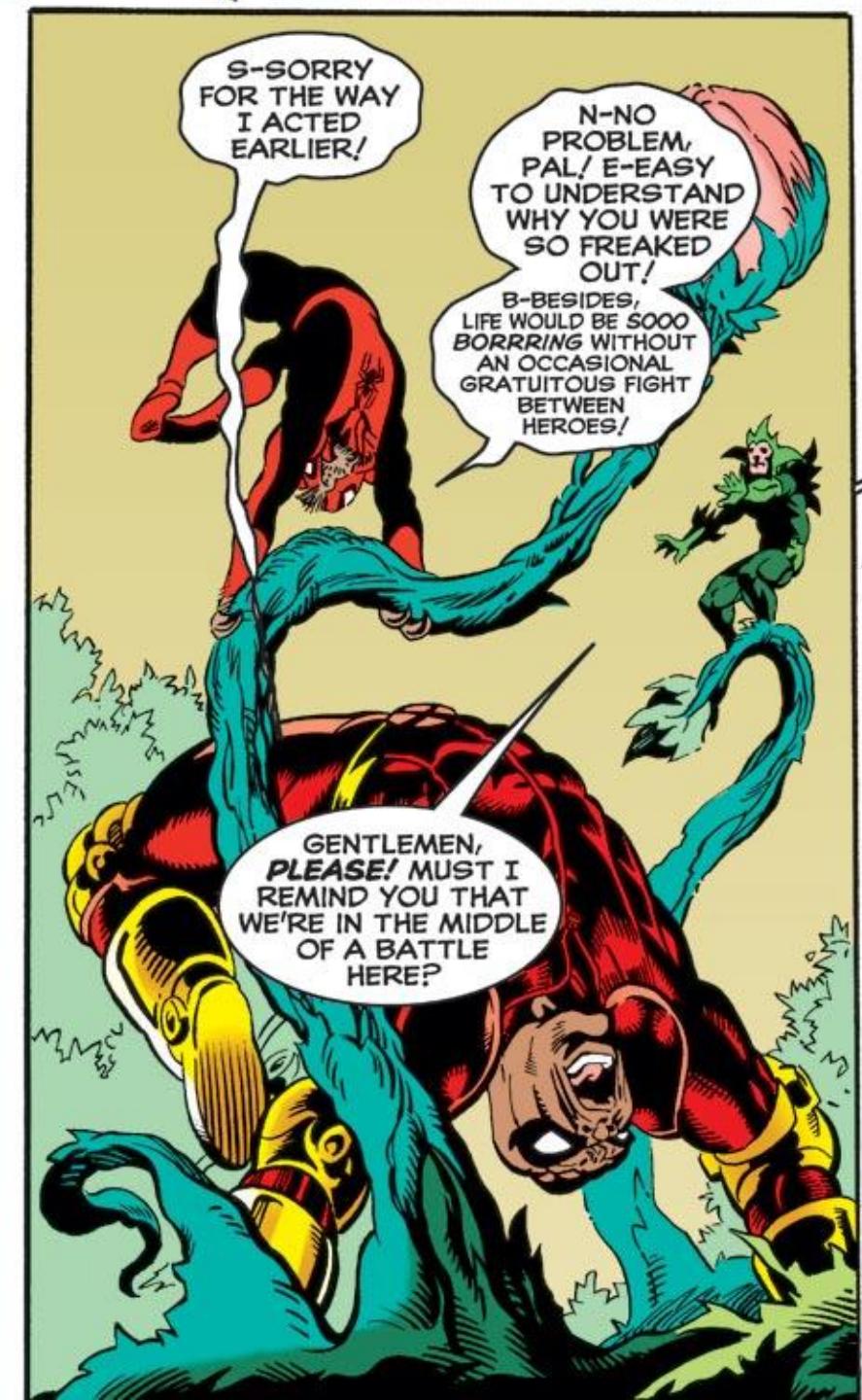
THE GUY'S SO COOL AND PROFESSIONAL!

HE ACTS LIKE HE ISN'T EVEN FAZED BY -- HEY! THAT'S IT!

...I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE MY TRANSFORMATION... BUT I... I TOTALLY LOST IT!

IF ONLY I COULD BE MORE LIKE SPIDER-MAN --!





I-IT WORKED!

I...I
MADE IT PAST
THE THORNS...
A-AND AM NOW
CLOSING IN ON
THE PLANT-
MAN!

D-DON'T
GET TOO
COCKY,
KID.

YOU SHOULD
ALWAYS LISTEN
TO THE VOICE OF
EXPERIENCE,
SYNCH!

YOUR
FELLOW WEB-
BEAST ASSUMES --
AND RIGHTLY SO --
THAT I WILL NOT
GO GENTLY INTO
THAT GOOD
NIGHT!

AS A
MATTER OF
FACT, I HAVE THIS
PARTICULAR
LITTLE
PLANT --

-- WHICH
HAS A DISTINCT
AVERSION TO
ANY FORM OF
DARKNESS!

FORGET
ABOUT HIM,
SPIDER-
BEAST!

GOOD
ADVICE IS
WASTED
ON THE
YOUNG!

M-MAYBE
THAT'S
TRUE --

Y-YOUR
EYES,
SYNCH!

C-CLOSE
YOUR
EYES!

-- B-BUT
I ALSO HAVE
A SUGGESTION
FOR YOU!

G-GIVE
ME THE
ANTIDOTE!
N-NOW!

I KNOW
YOU, SPIDER-
MAN...
YOU'RE
NO KILLER!

SO
DON'T EVEN
TRY TO BLUFF
ME!

