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A woman of rare breeding...true nobility... and a tender heart.

Driven out of Russia by the Trotskys and Lenins.

Driven to America where she was overwhelmed by the poverty. The filth. The utter mundanity of life here.

Finally locked away, like an animal: trapped. Abused. Terrified.

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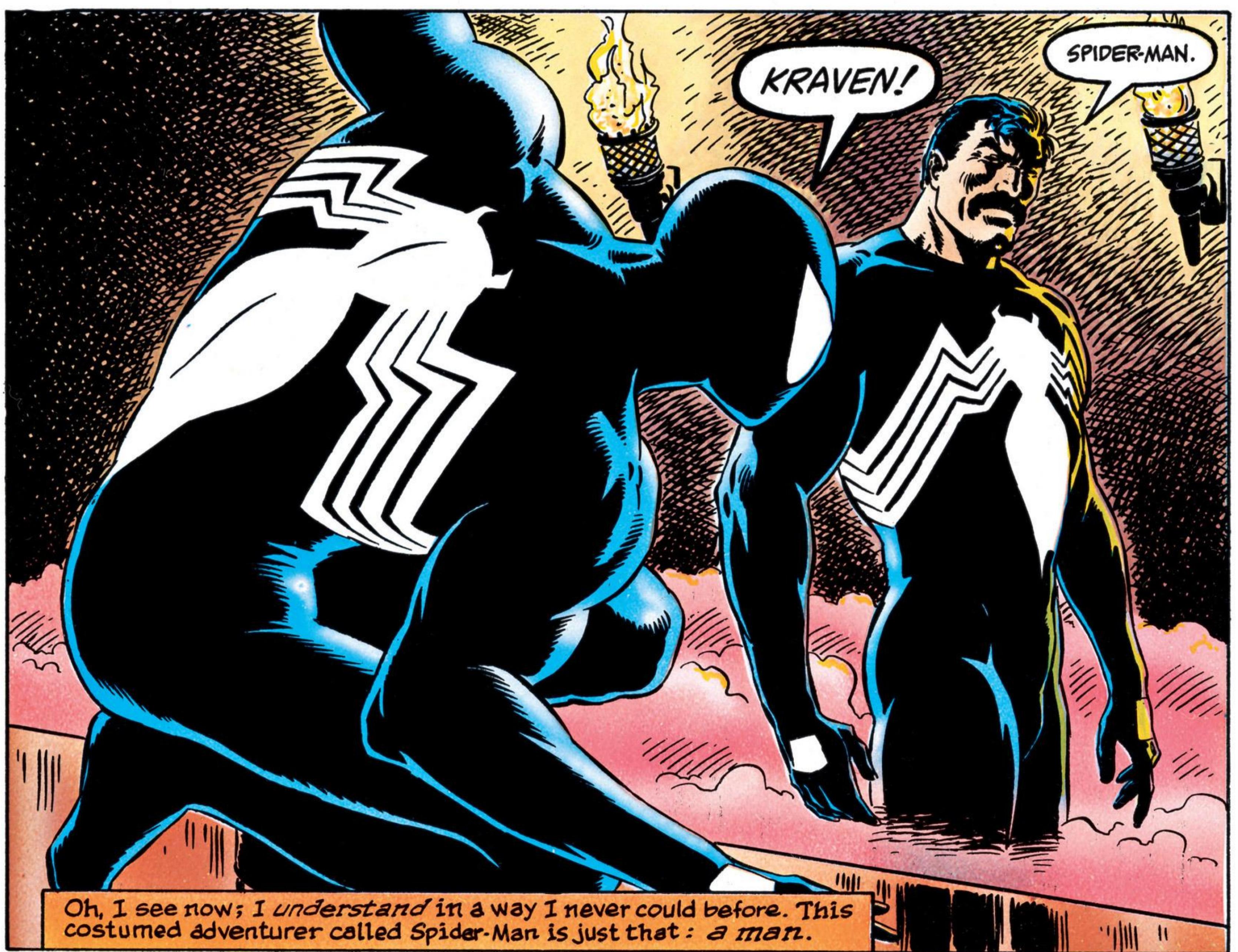
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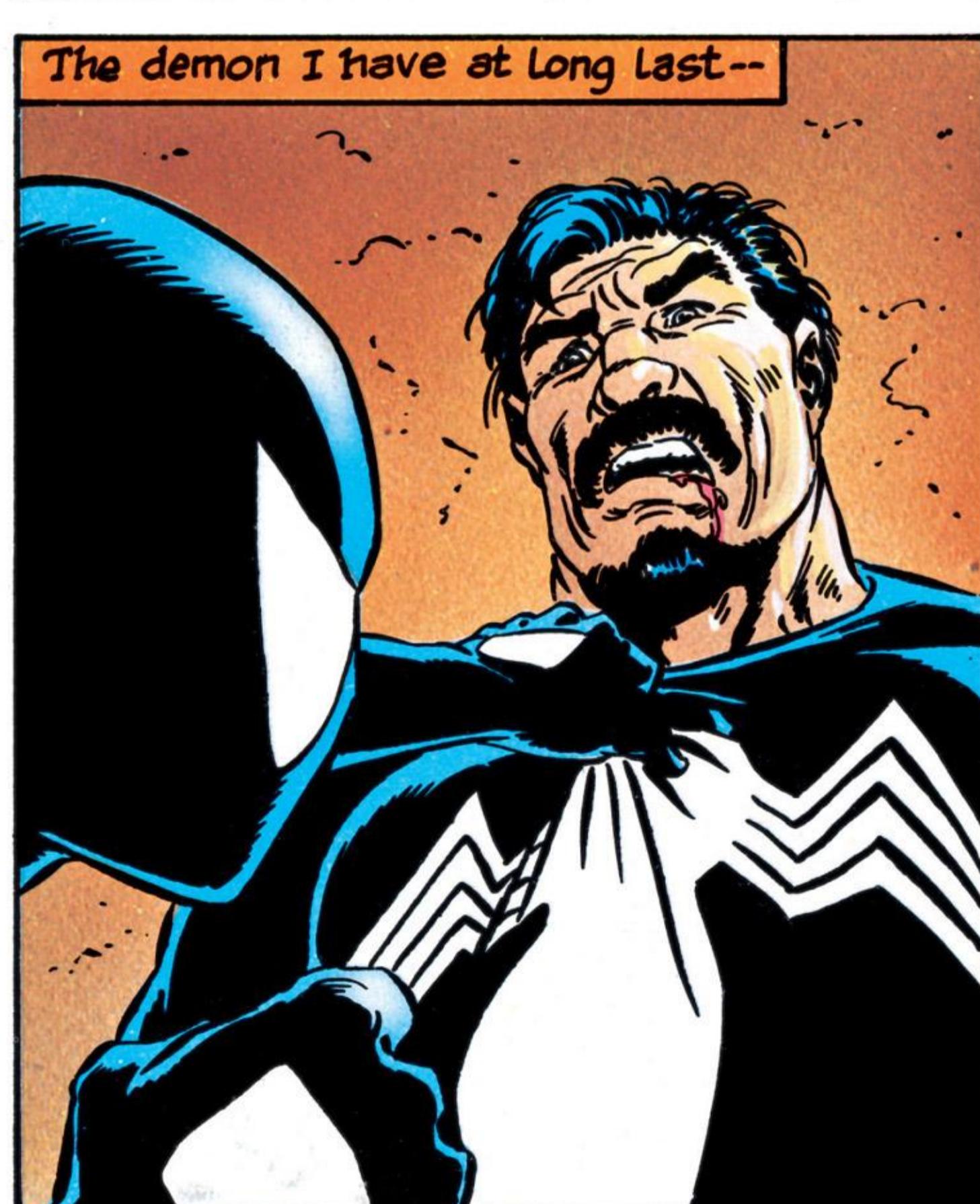
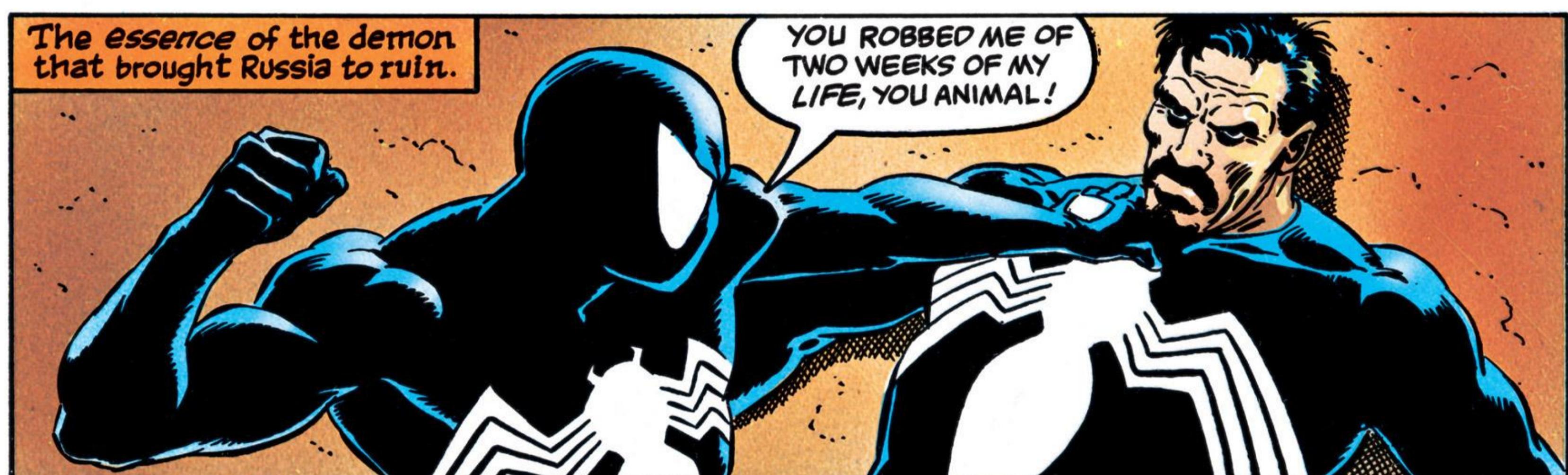
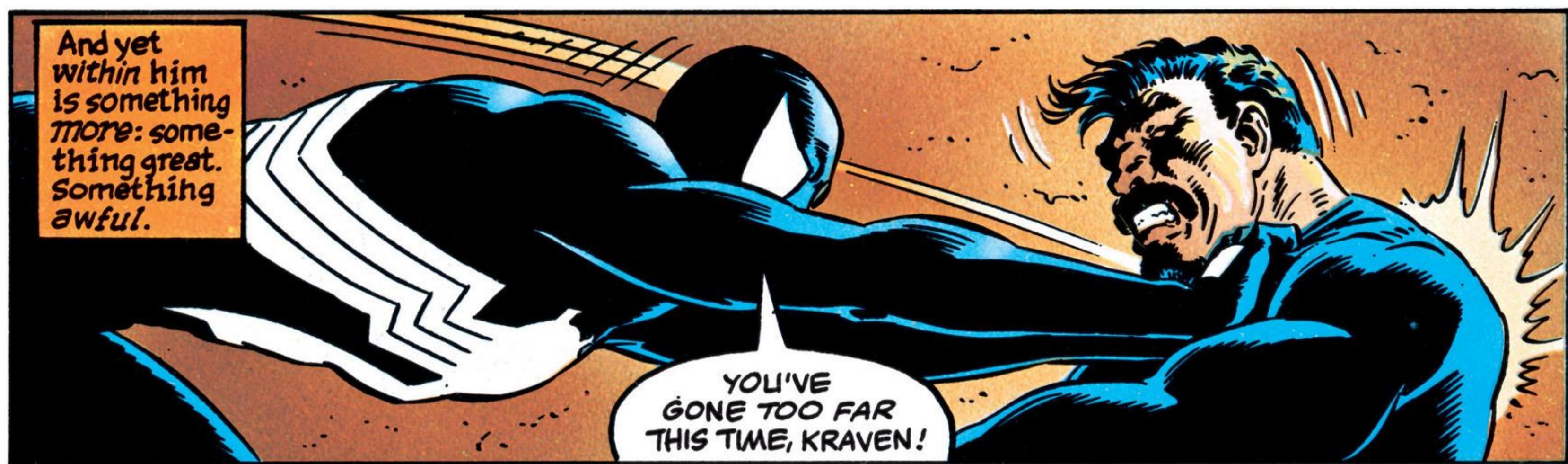


And my father, his spirit broken, allowed it.

And I, just a child, could only watch--as helpless as *she* was.

They said my mother was insane; that she took her own life: *They lied.*









The man is confused--but The Spider comprehends. I feel his awe...his reverence.
His--

-- submission.



So I'll show him the Truth. And, when we finally share it--

-- we'll both be free.

FOLLOW ME,
SPIDER-MAN.

YOU EXPECT
ME TO JUST..?!

YOU HAVE
SPECIAL SENSES
THAT WARN YOU
OF DANGER--SO
YOU KNOW THAT
THERE'S NO
TRAP WAITING
BELOW.

COME
WITH
ME.

He hesitates.



What else CAN
he do?



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Peace, calm, happiness.
An ending.

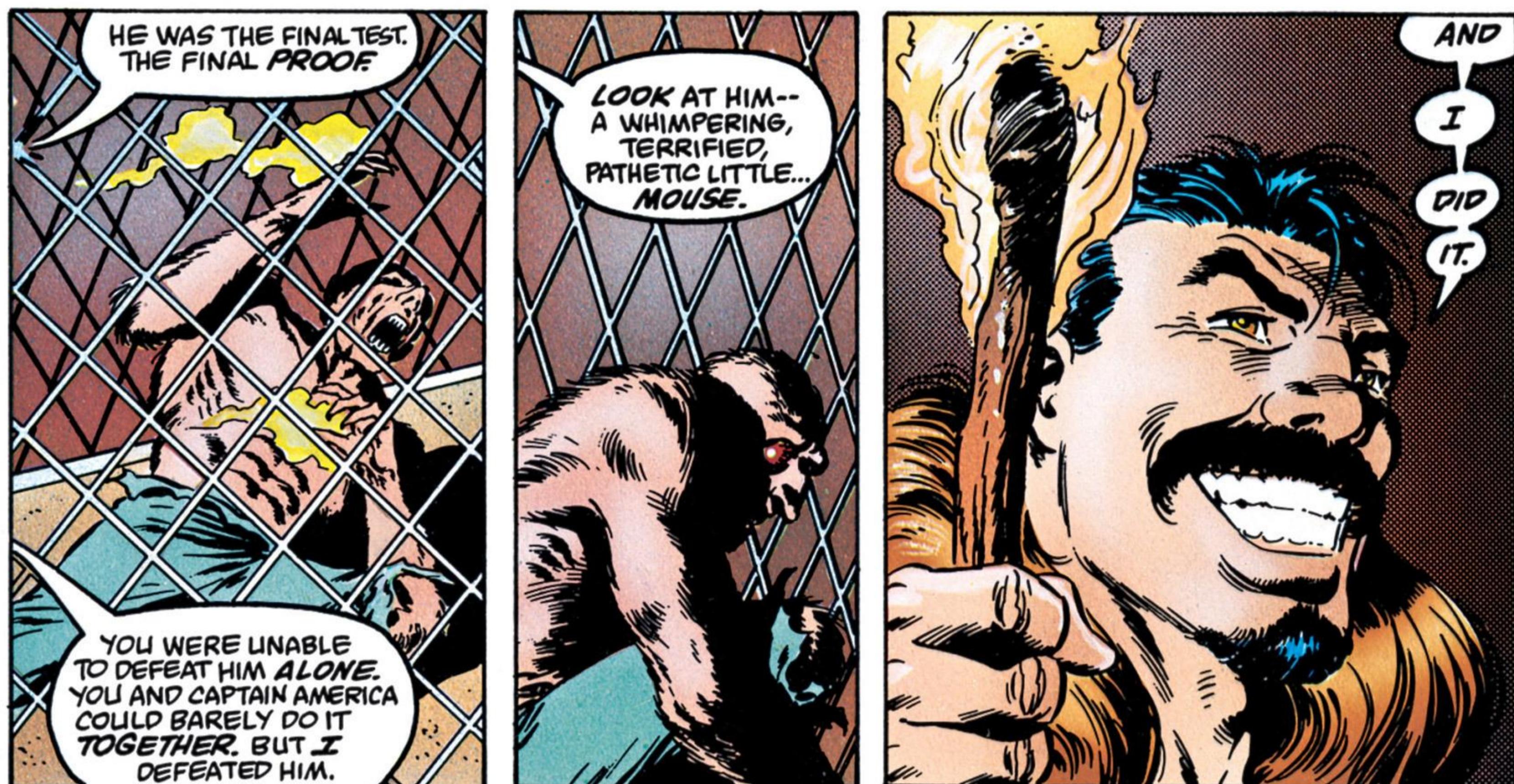
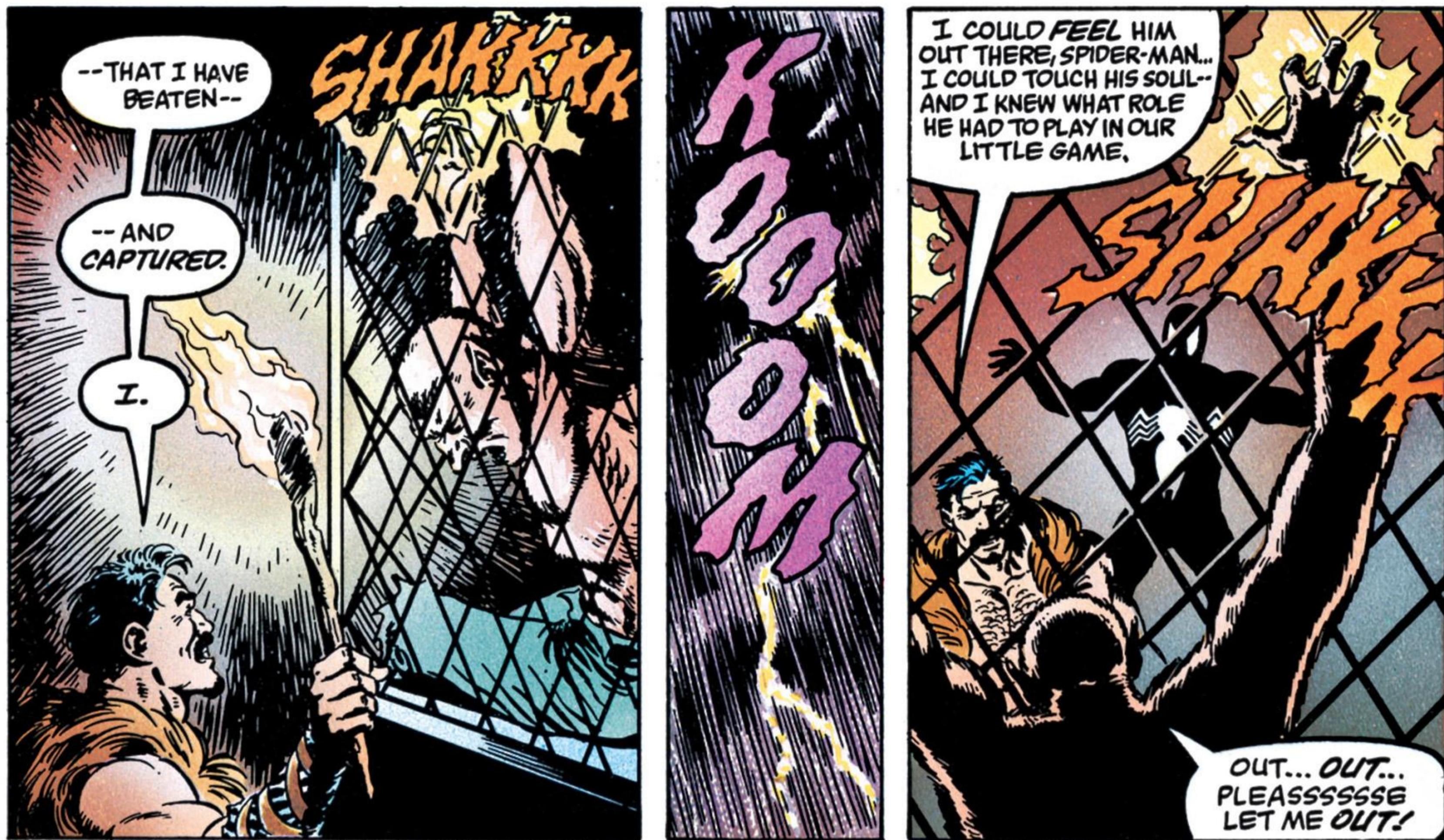
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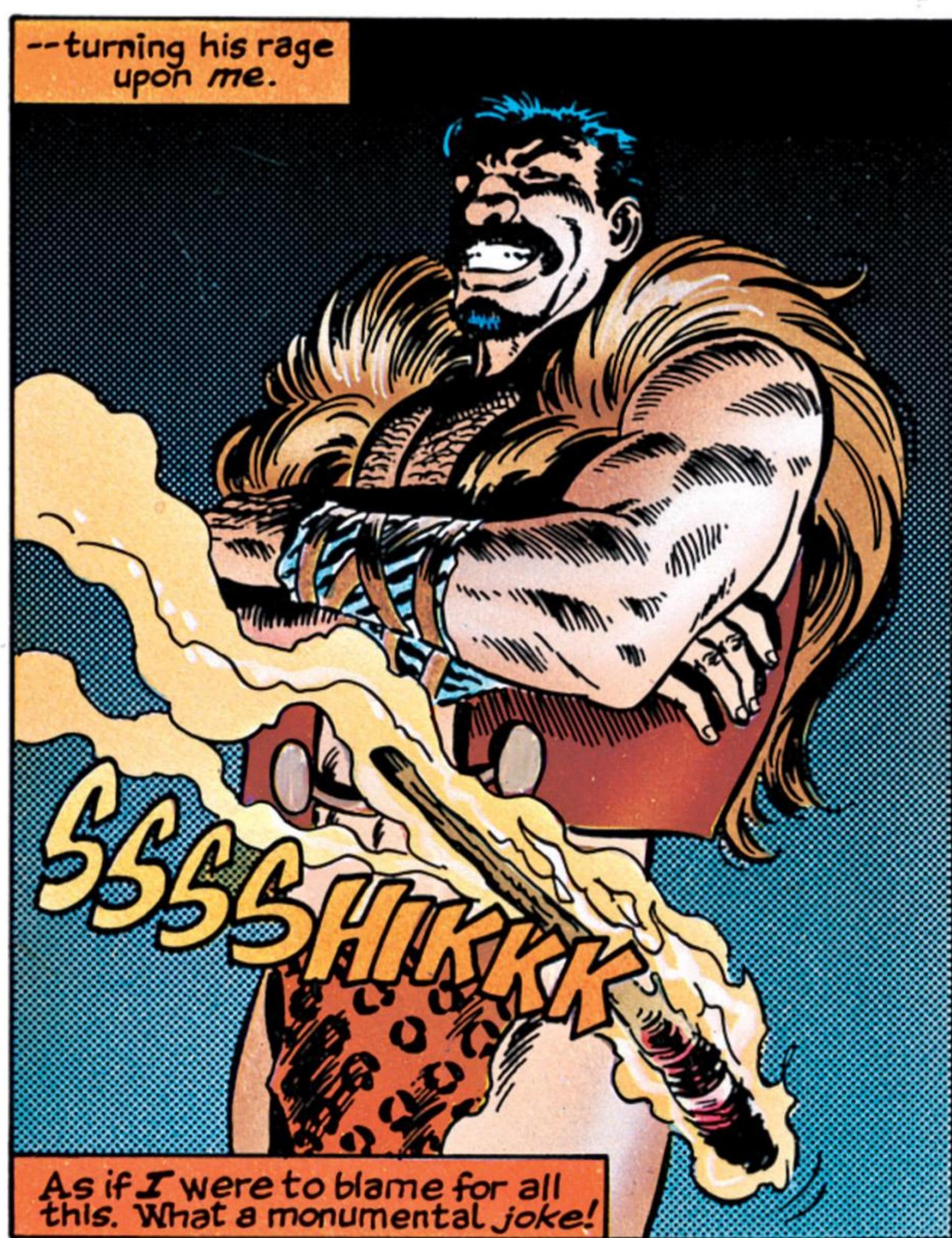
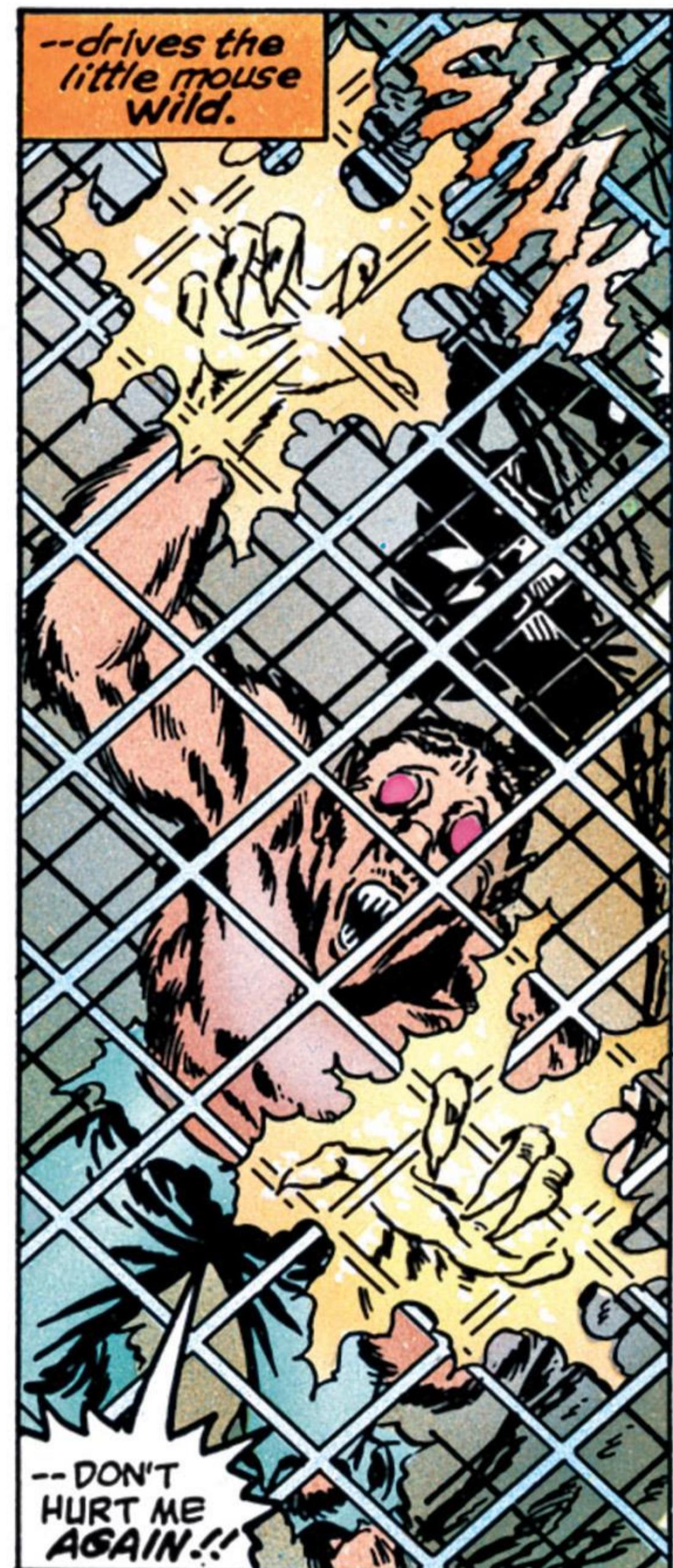
VERMIN?!

YES. YOUR
OLD FOE,
VERMIN.

THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE
BEEN CALLING HIM "THE
CANNIBAL KILLER."

BUT WE KNOW
WHAT HE REALLY
IS, DON'T WE? THE
PERFECT FUSION OF
MAN AND ANIMAL. A
VILE, TORMENTED,
BEAUTIFUL
BEAST--





It was in the jungles that I first began to understand the ways of the spirits and demons...of the ravenous Spider.

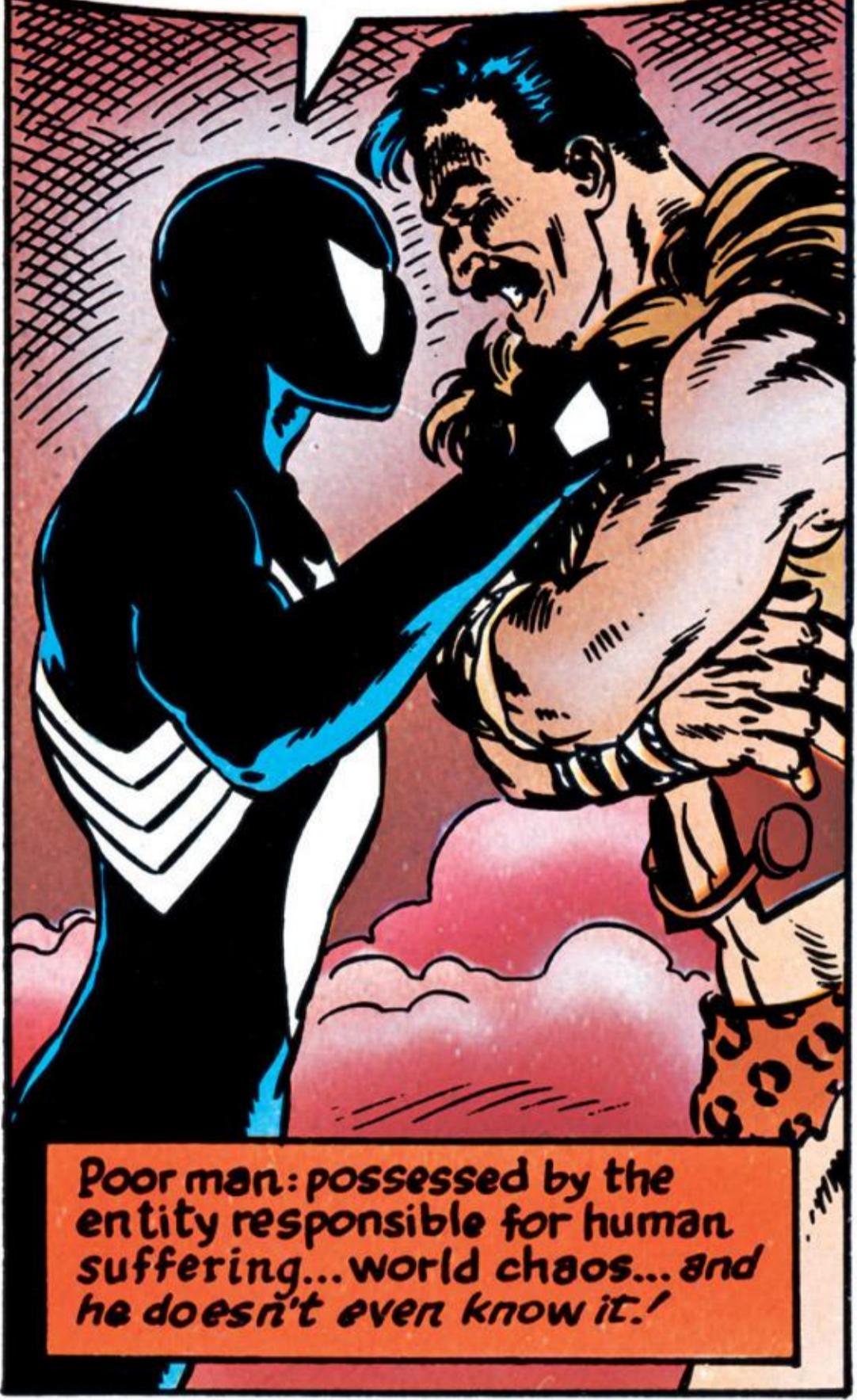


And tonight I finally see that even the man inhabited the Spider--



I HAVE HAD IT WITH YOU, DO YOU HEAR ME? YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST TURN MY LIFE INSIDE OUT--

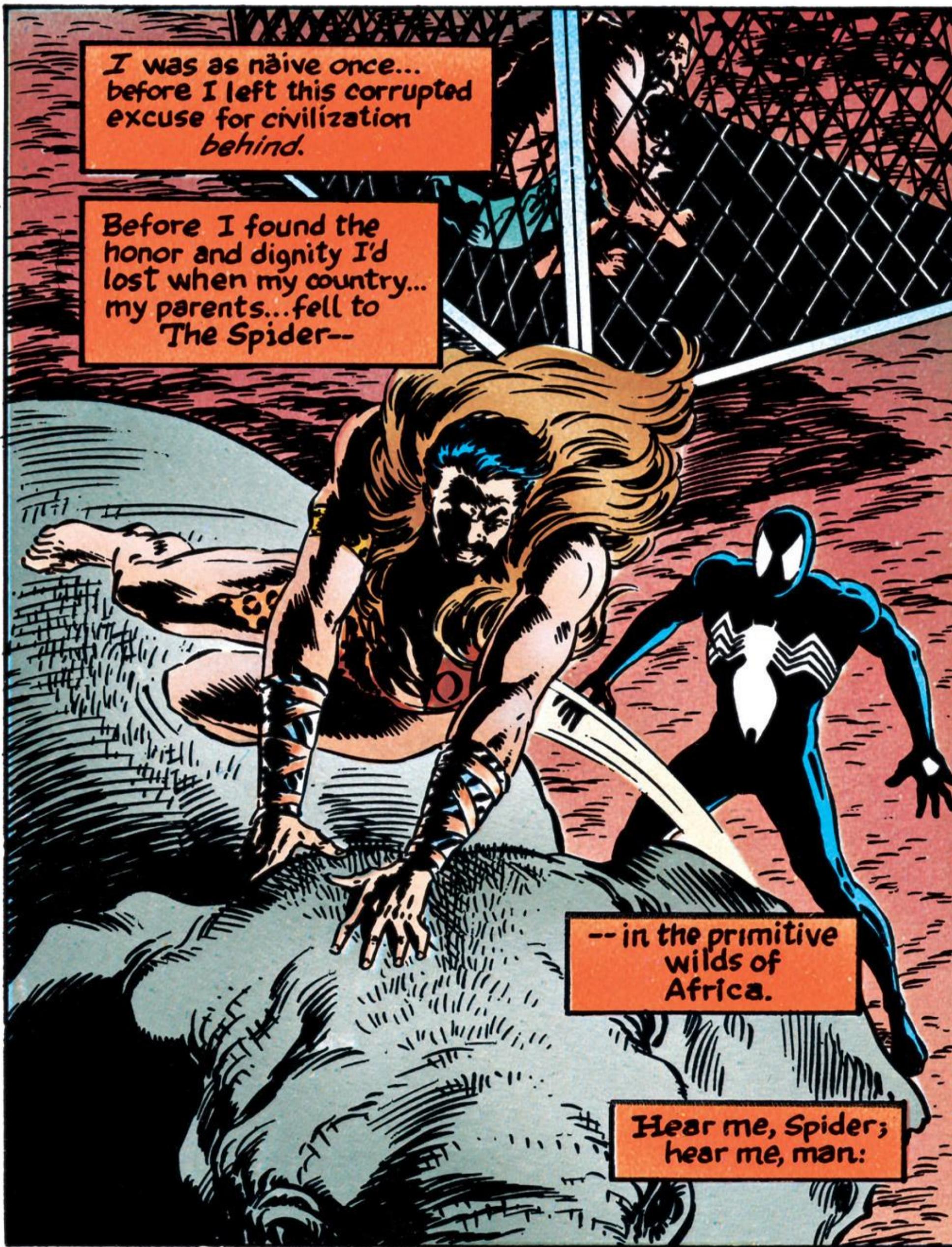
-- AND THEN STAND THERE GRINNING LIKE SOME BRAIN-DAMAGED GORILLA? WELL, YOU CAN'T!



Poor man: possessed by the entity responsible for human suffering...world chaos...and he doesn't even know it!

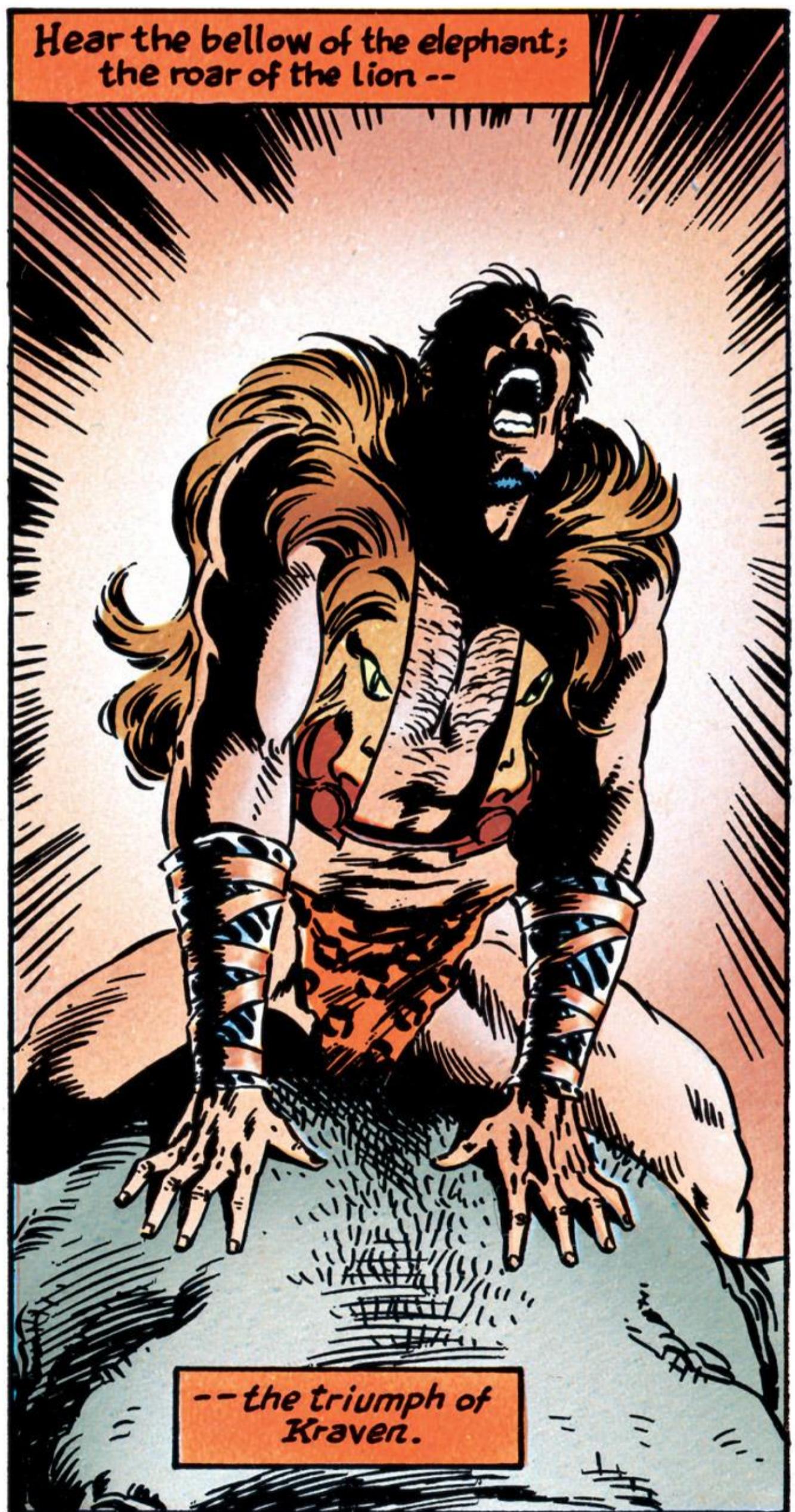
I was as naïve once... before I left this corrupted excuse for civilization behind.

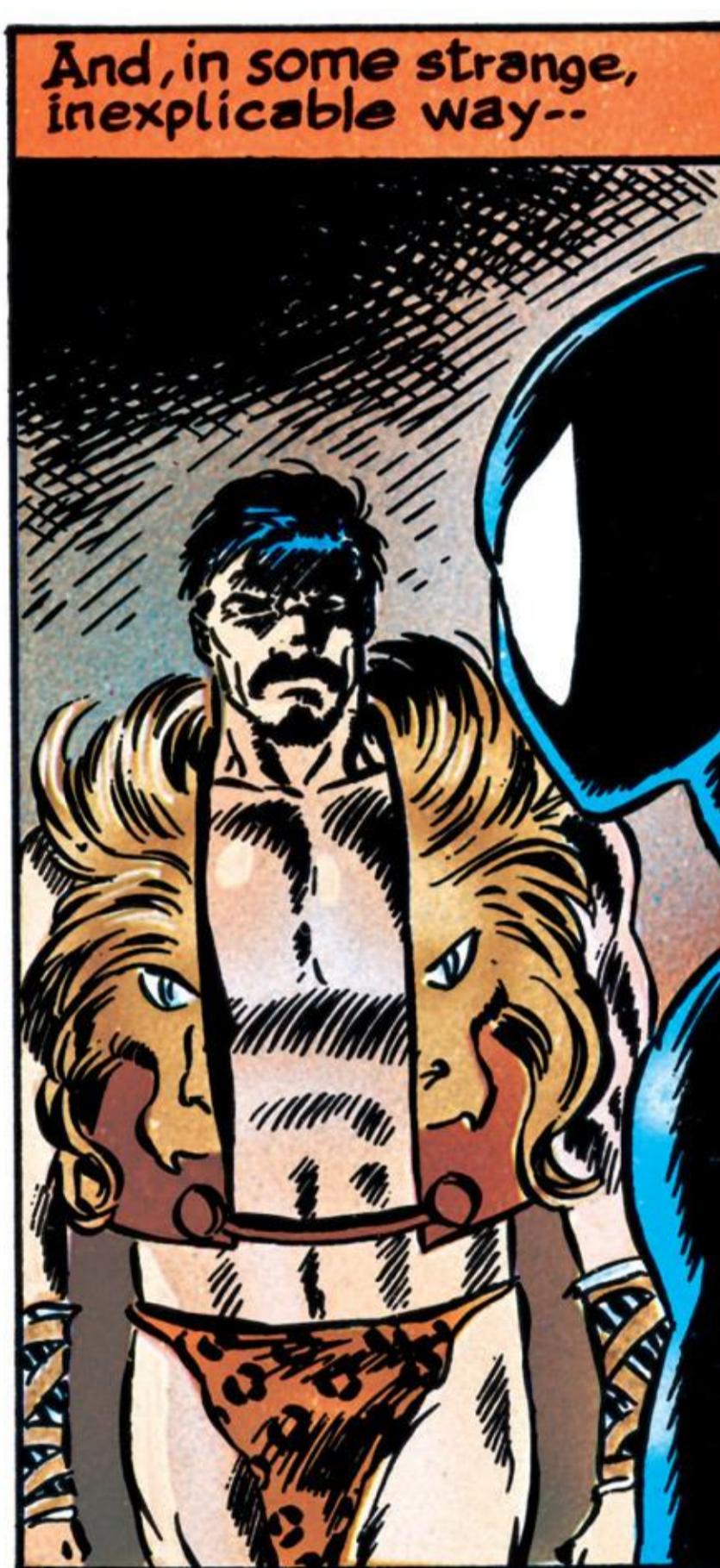
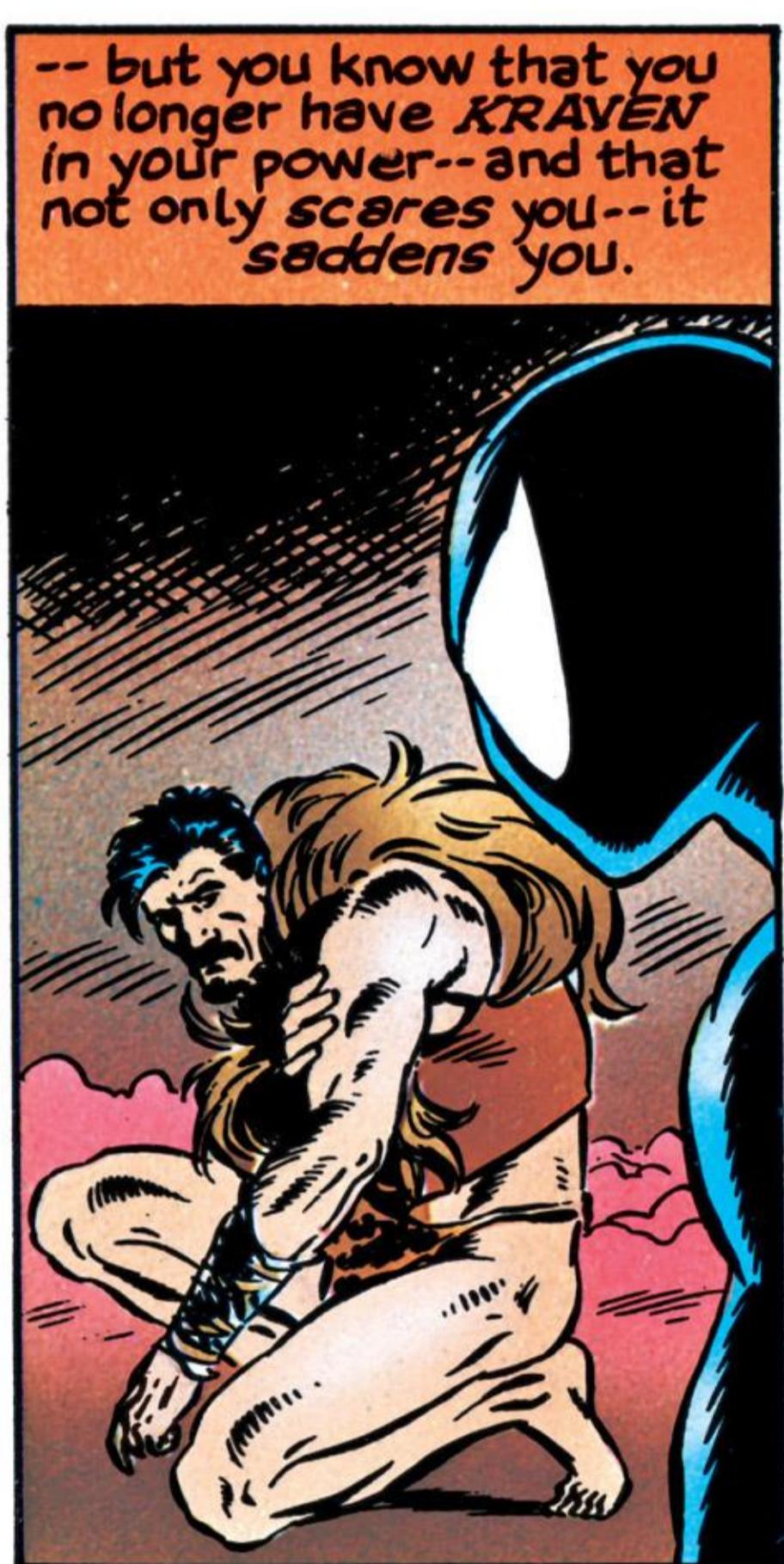
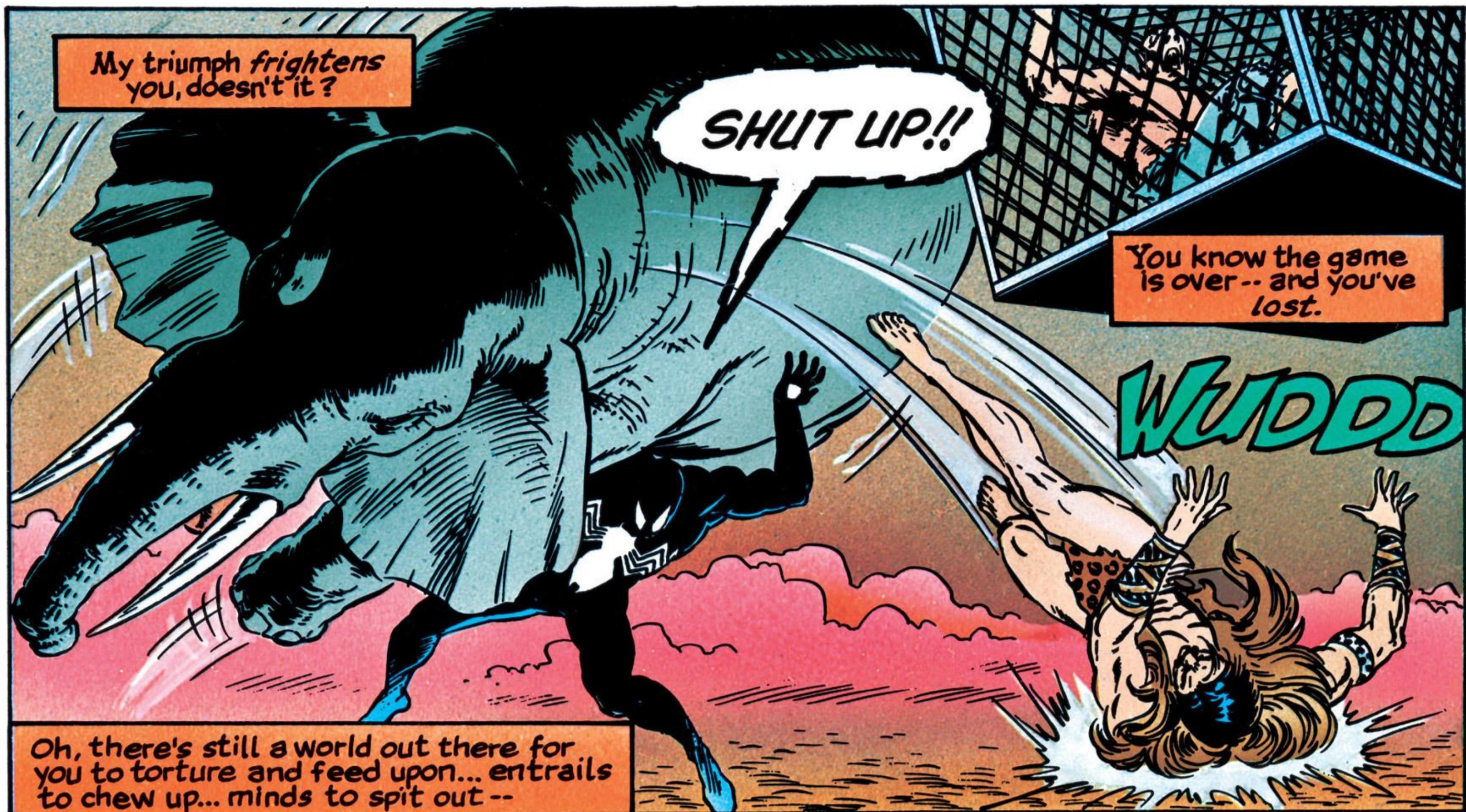
Before I found the honor and dignity I'd lost when my country... my parents...fell to The Spider--

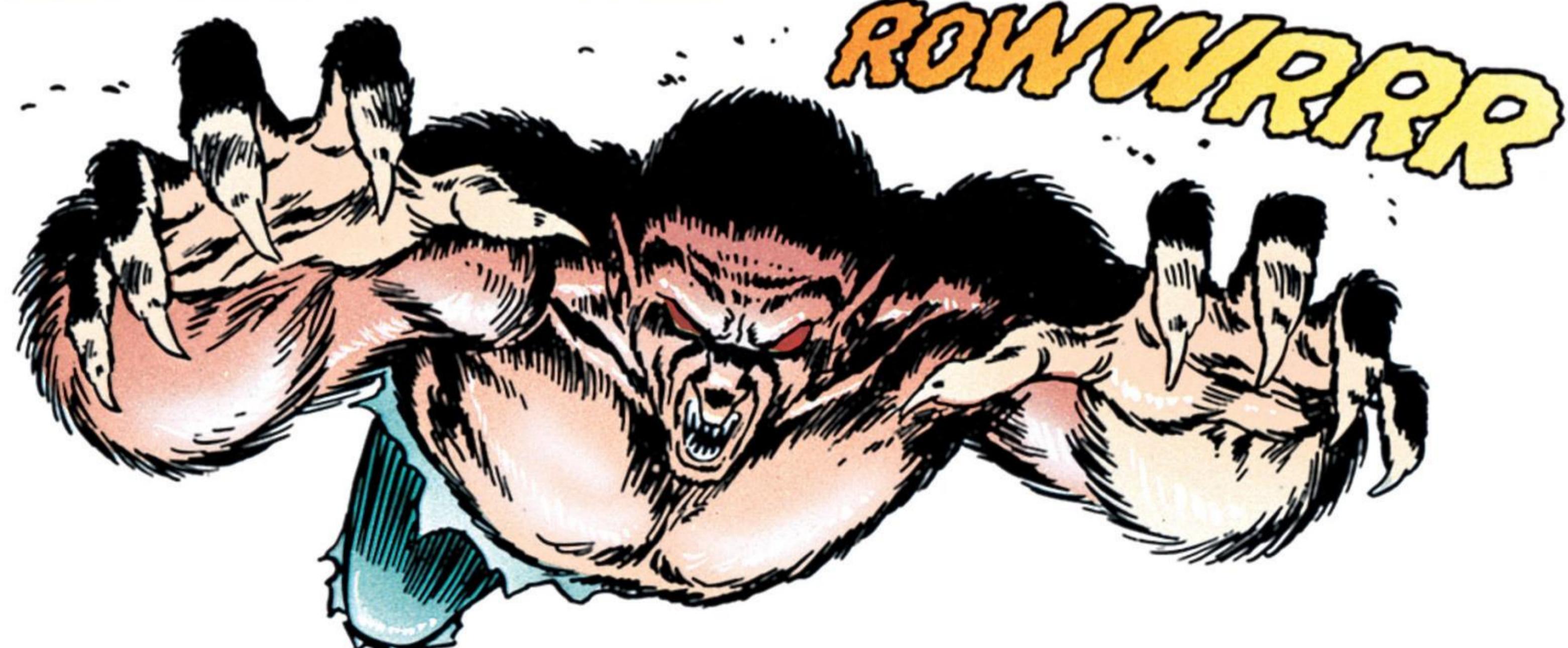
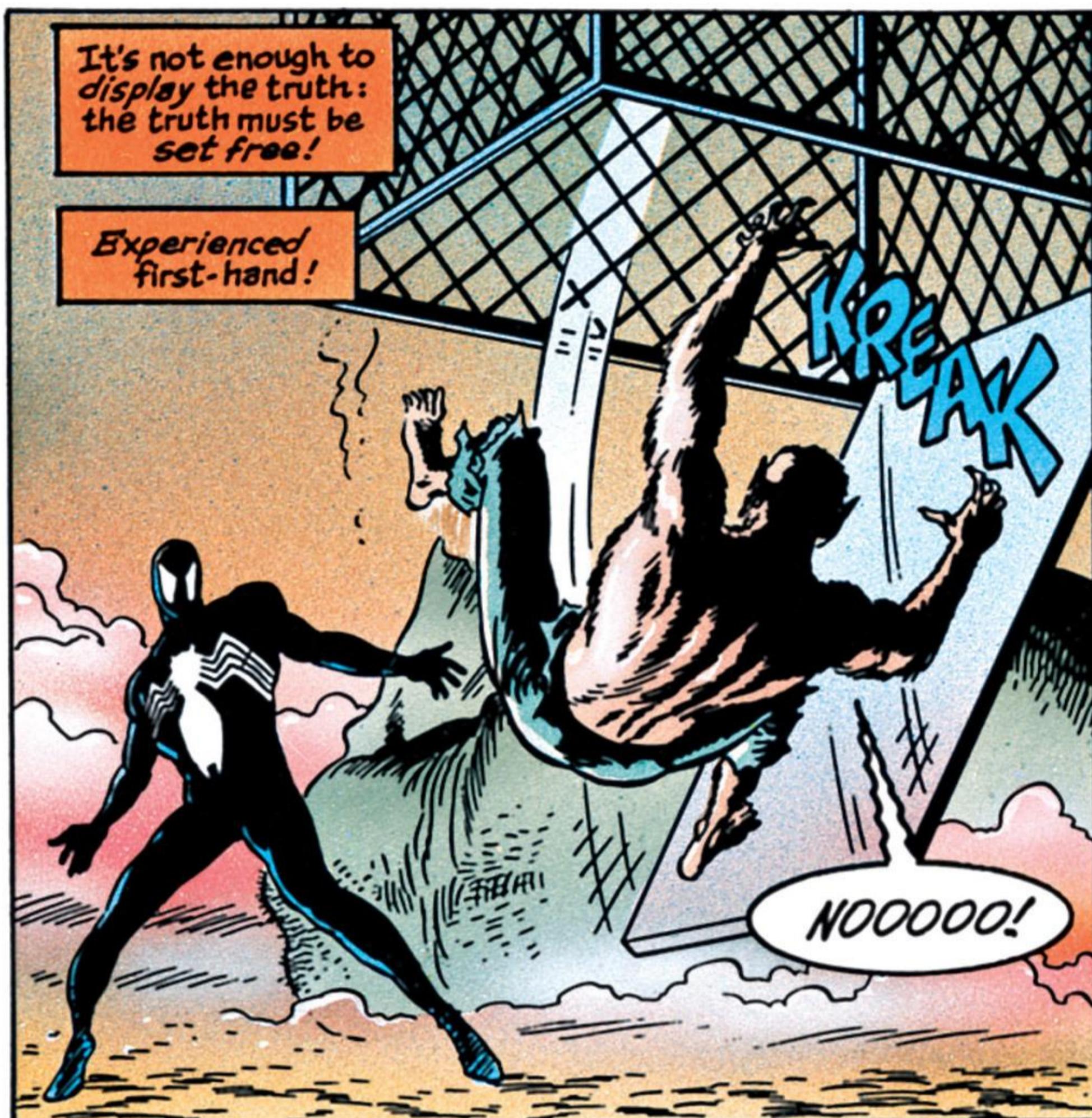


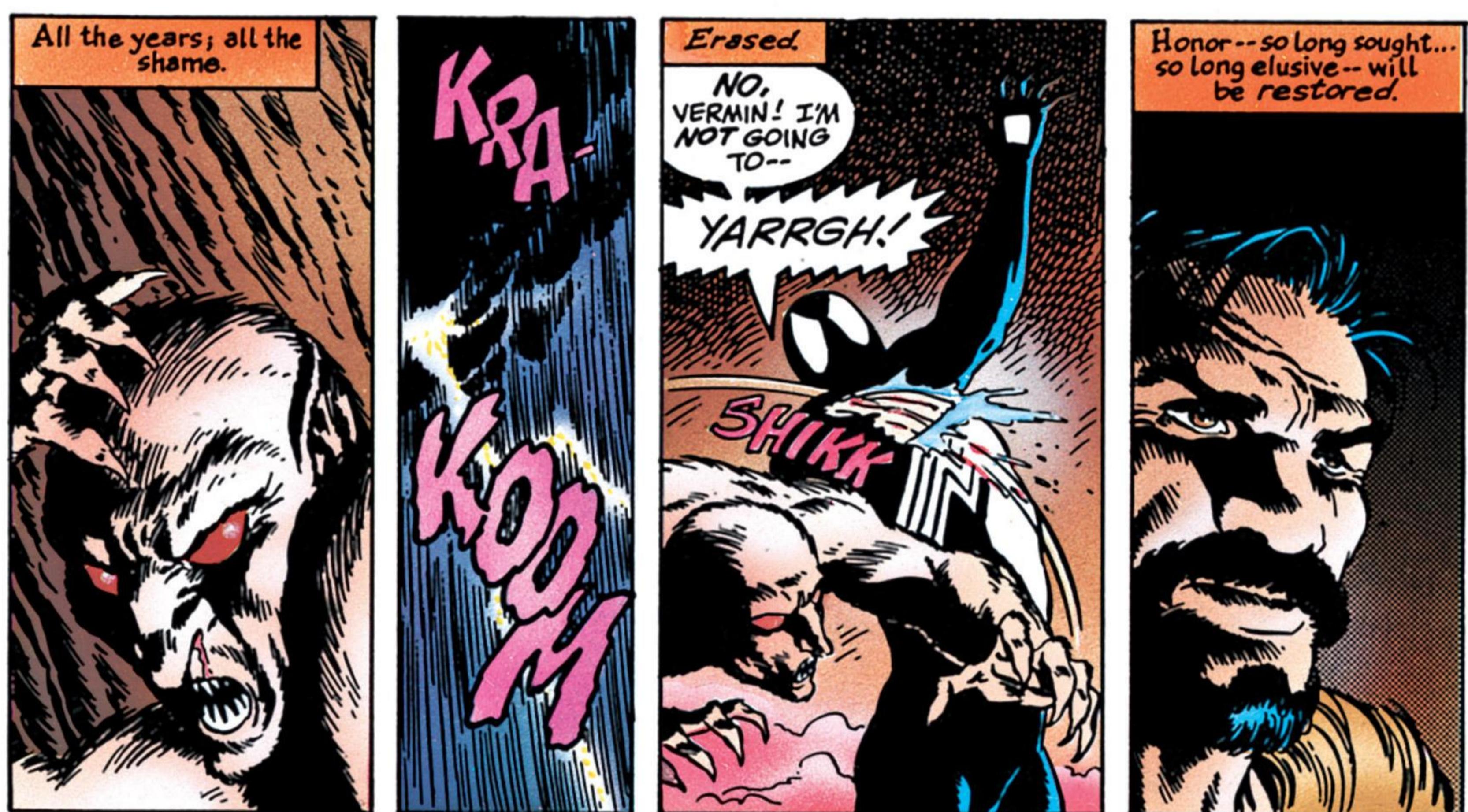
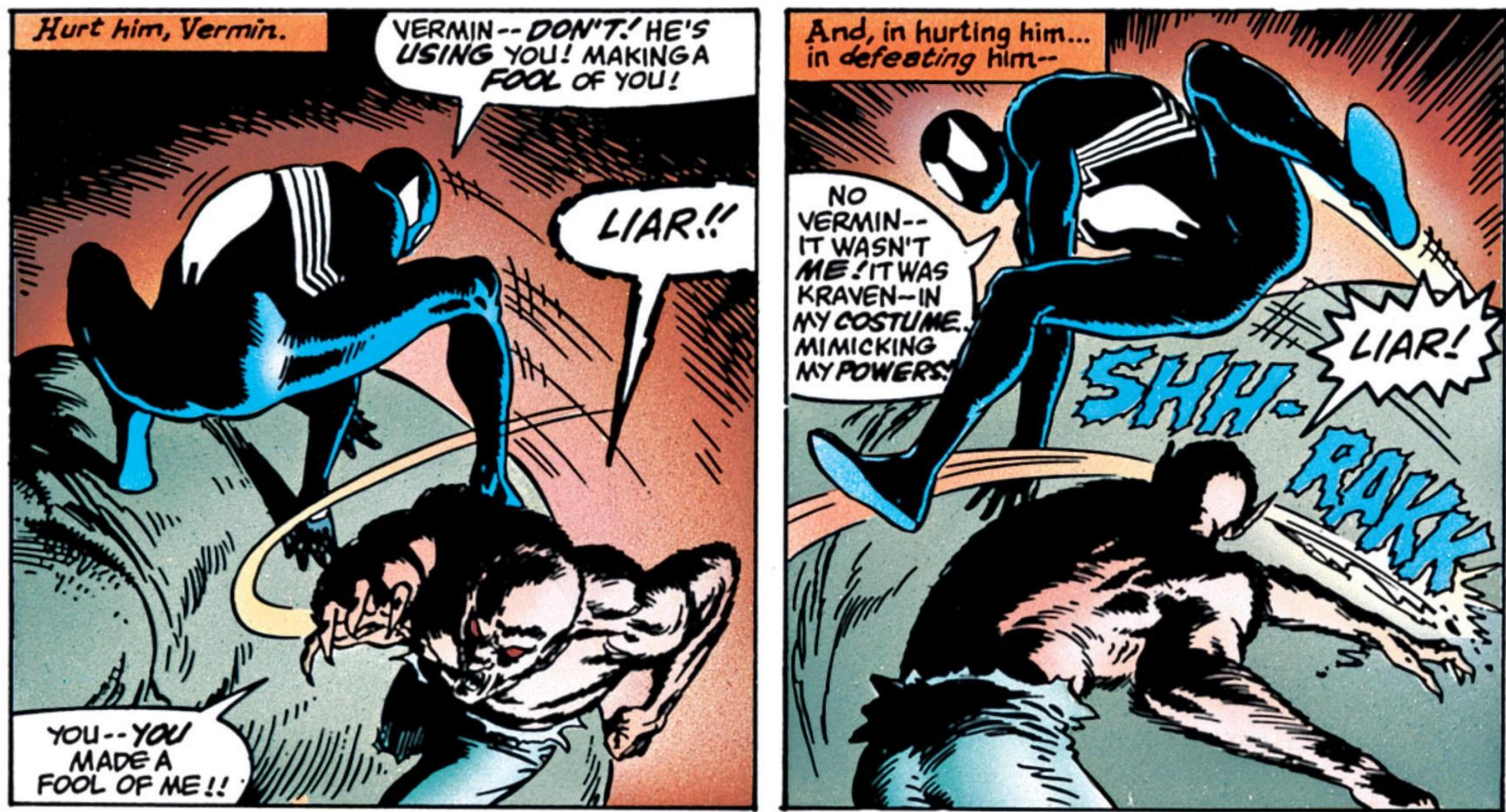
Hear the bellow of the elephant; the roar of the lion --

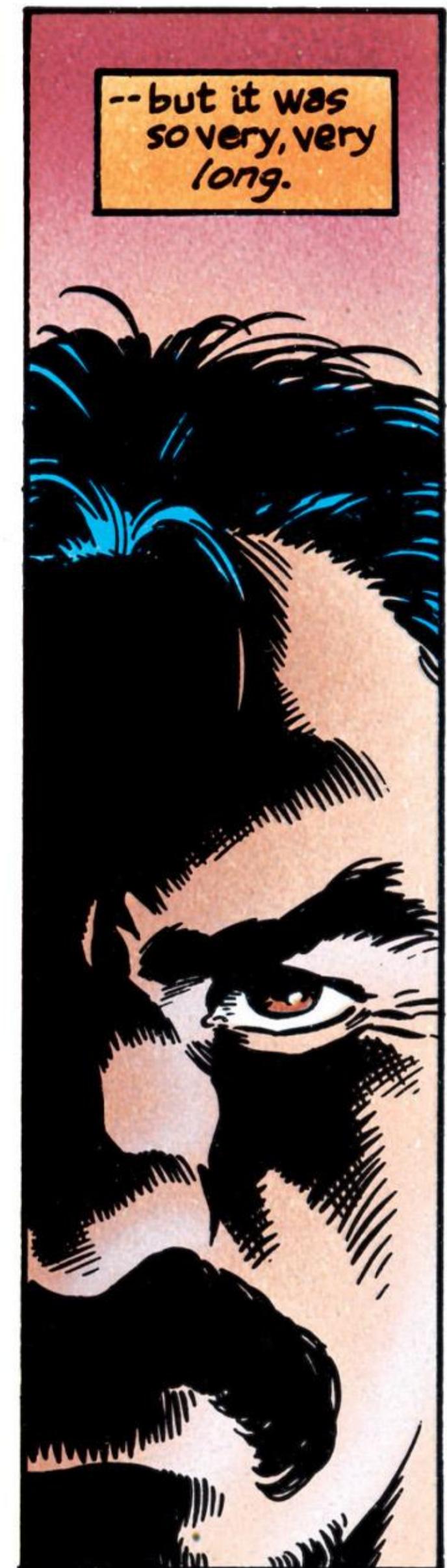
-- the triumph of Kraven.



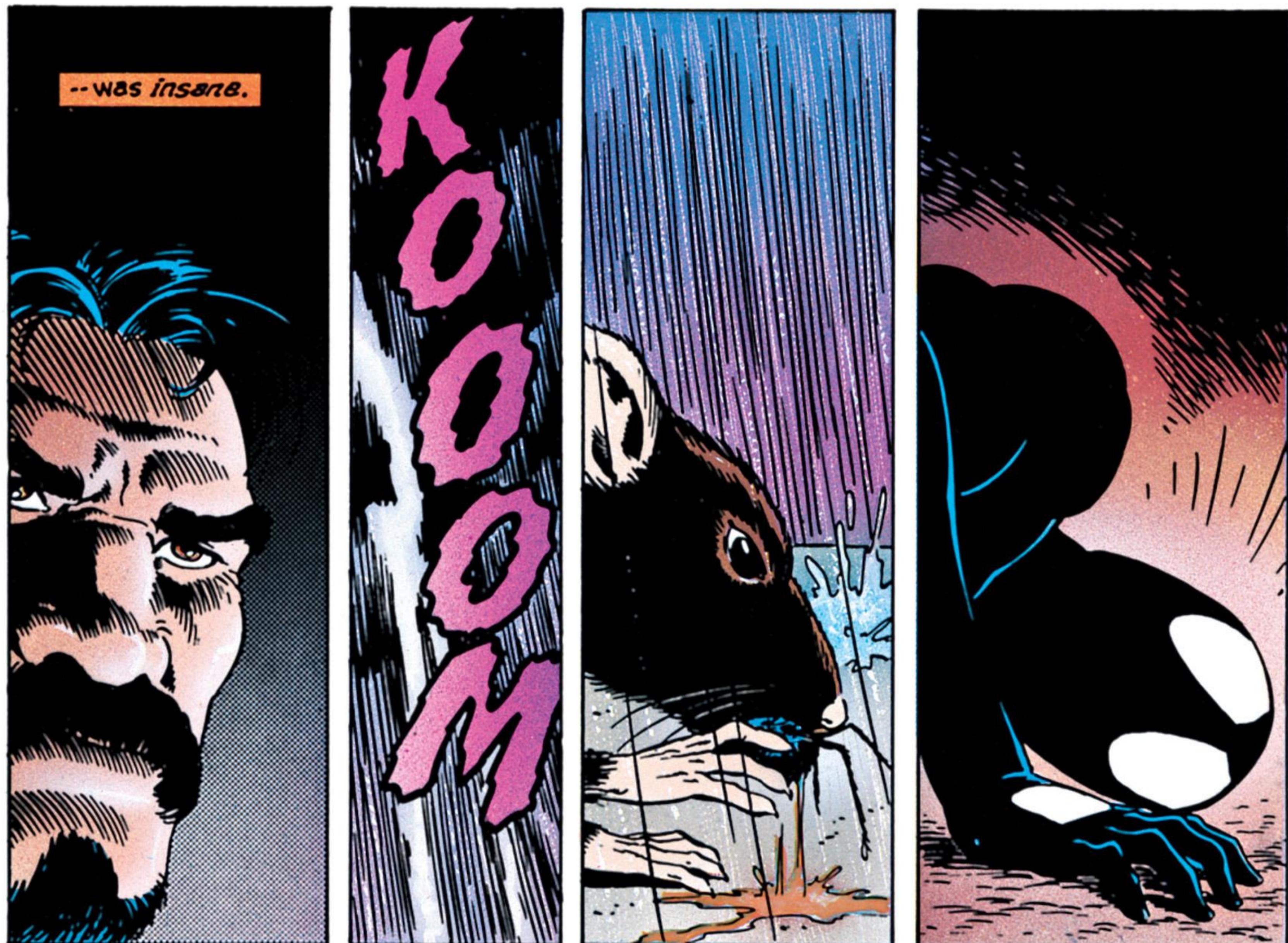
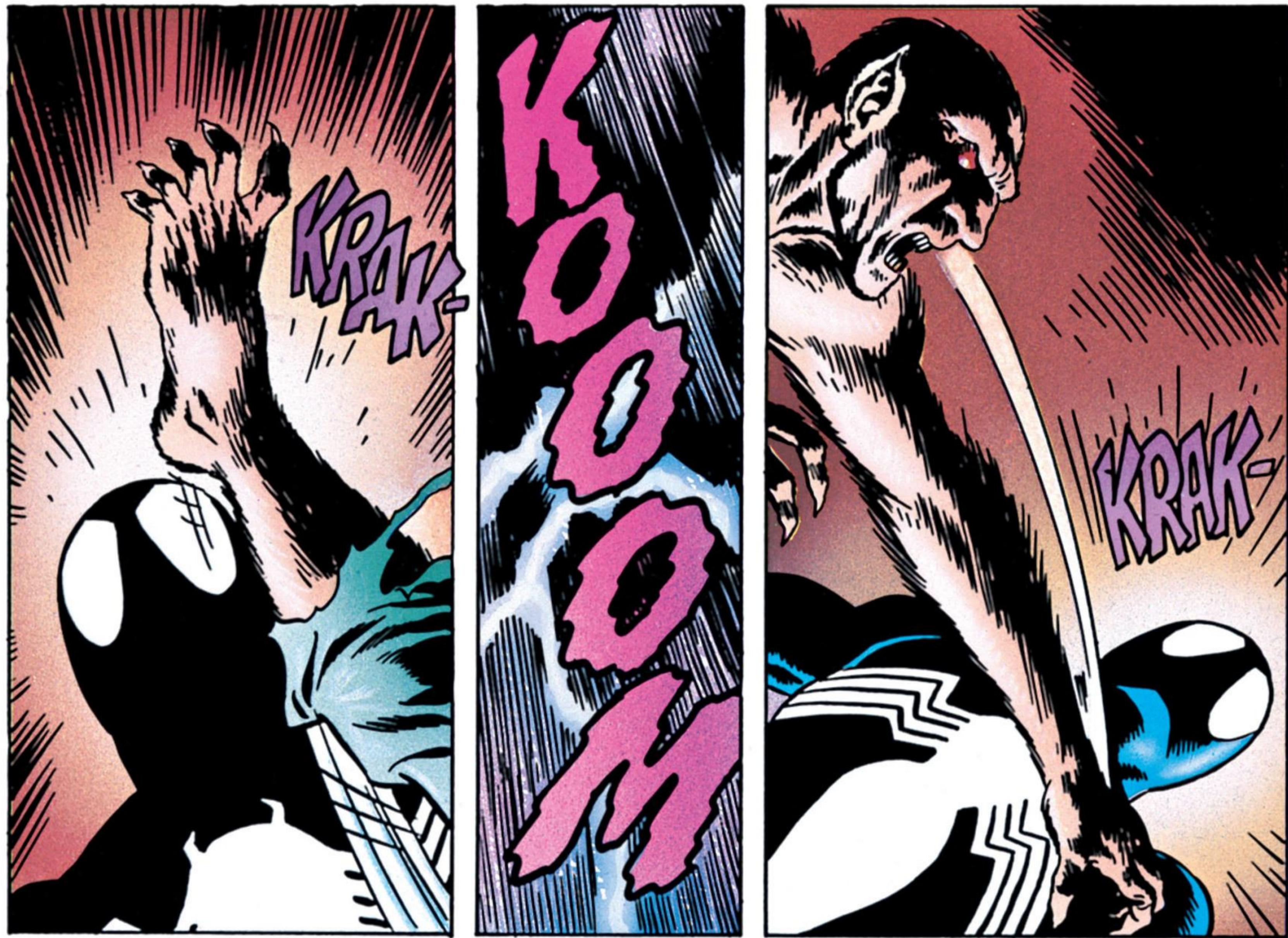


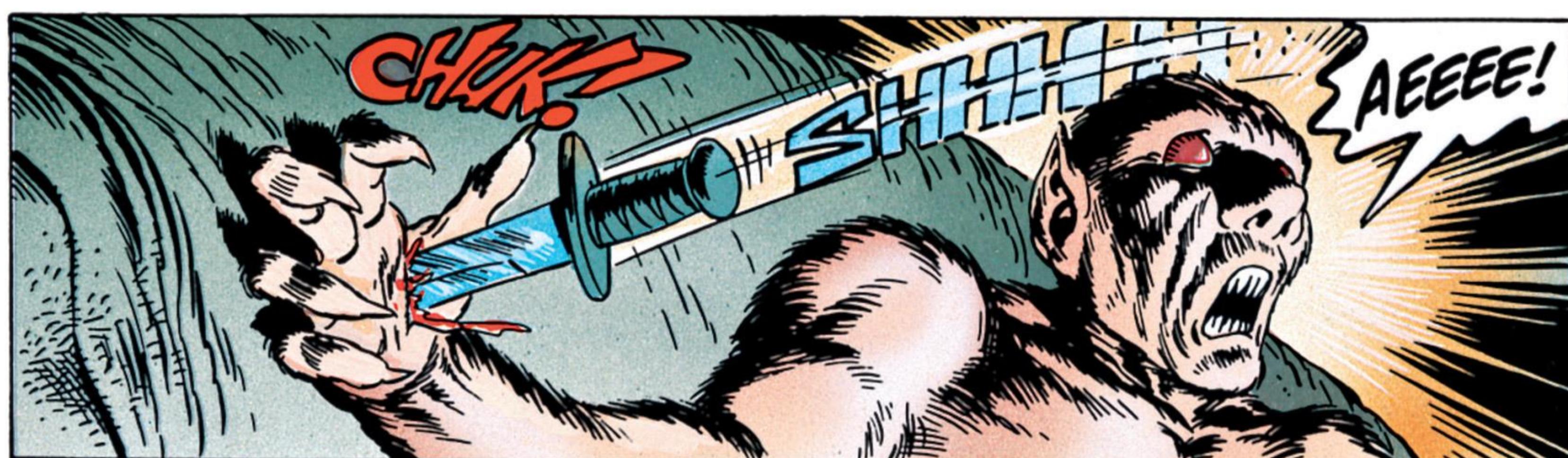
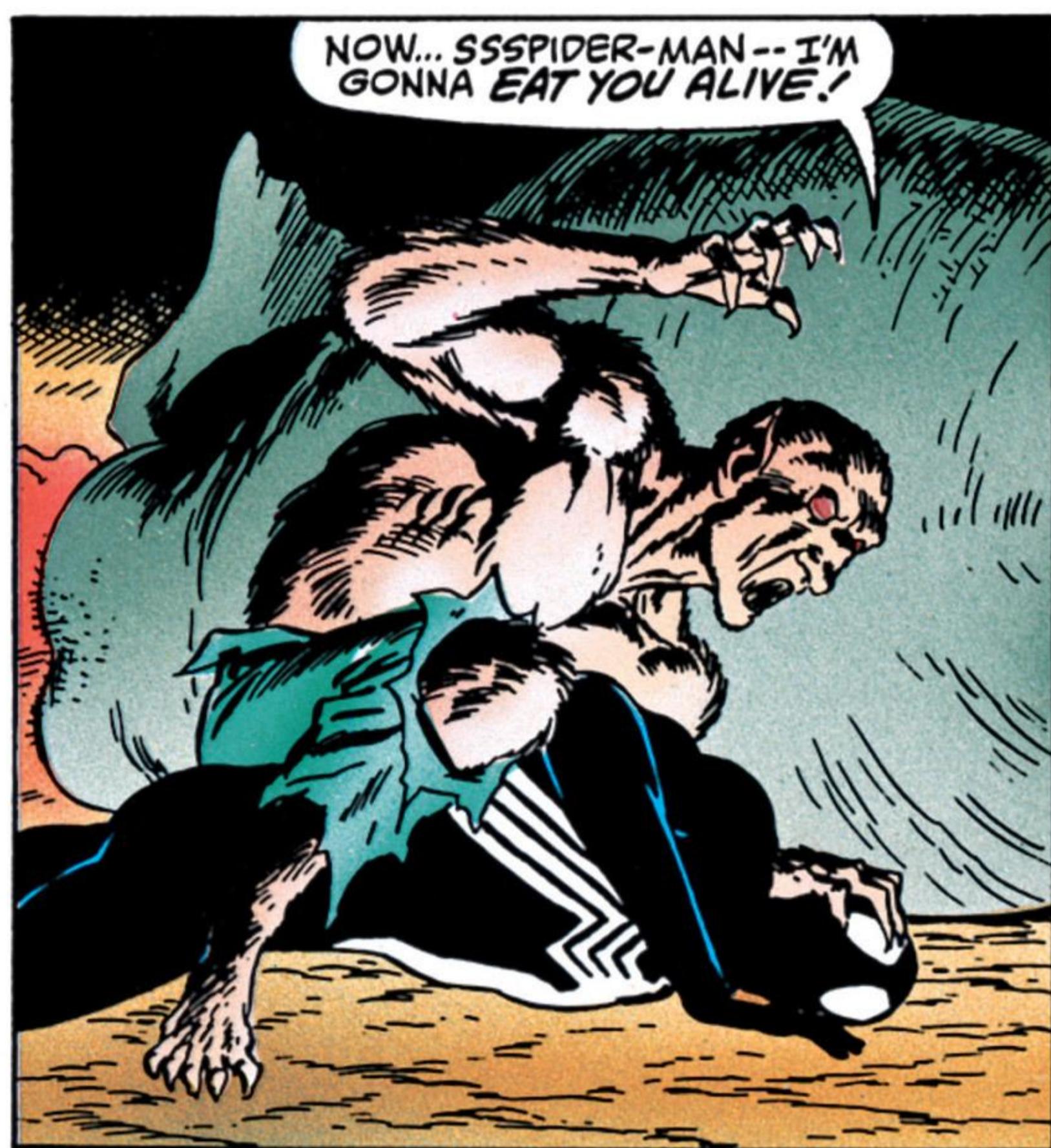






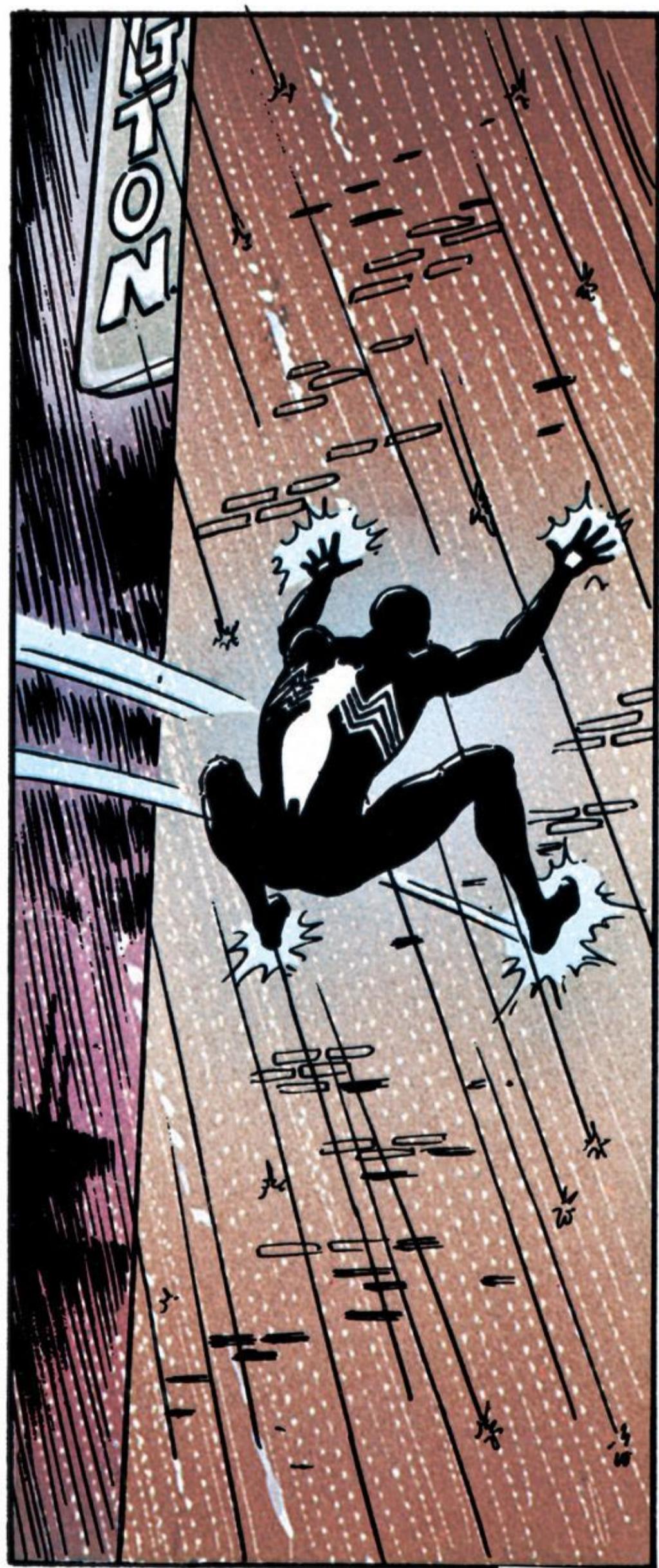
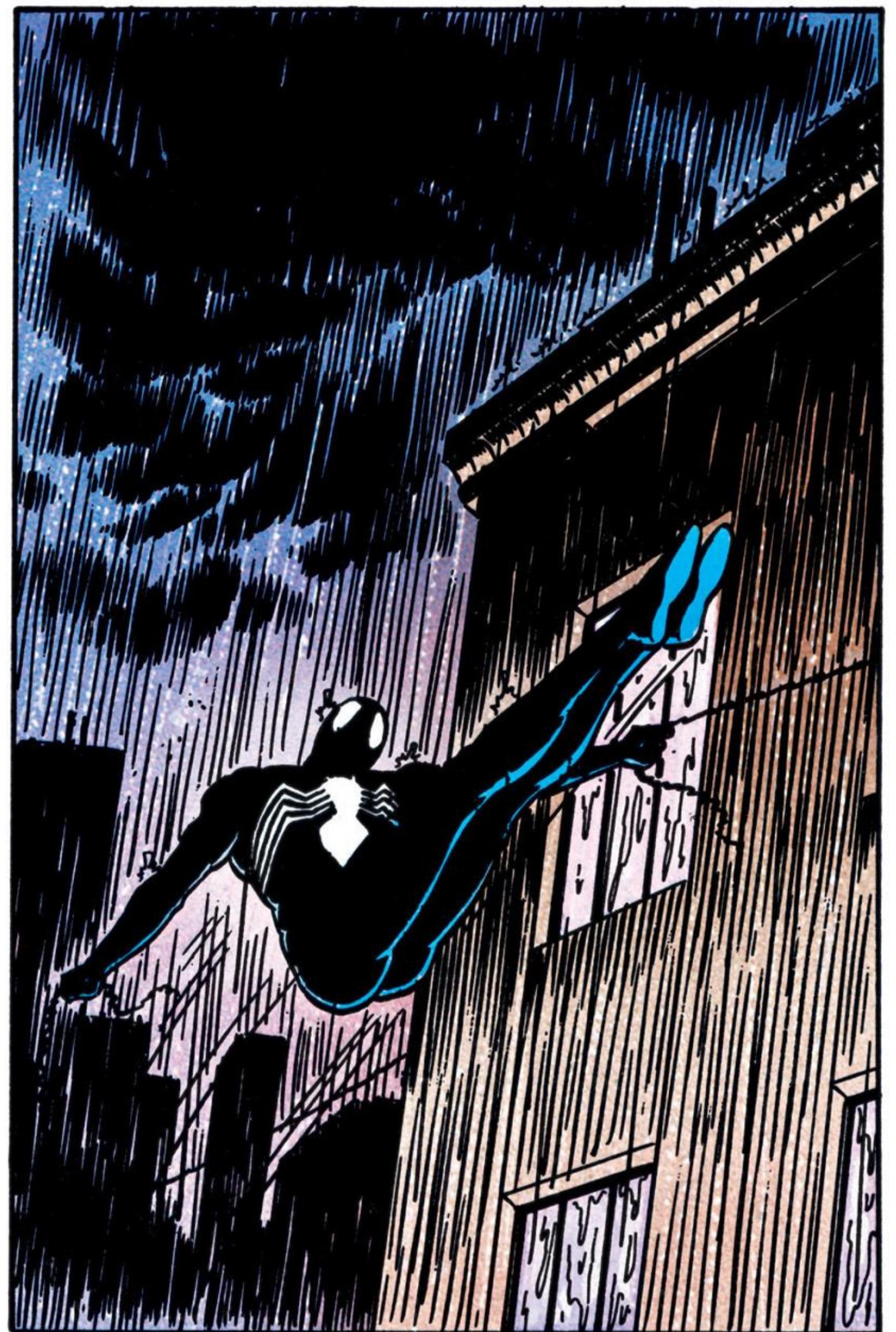




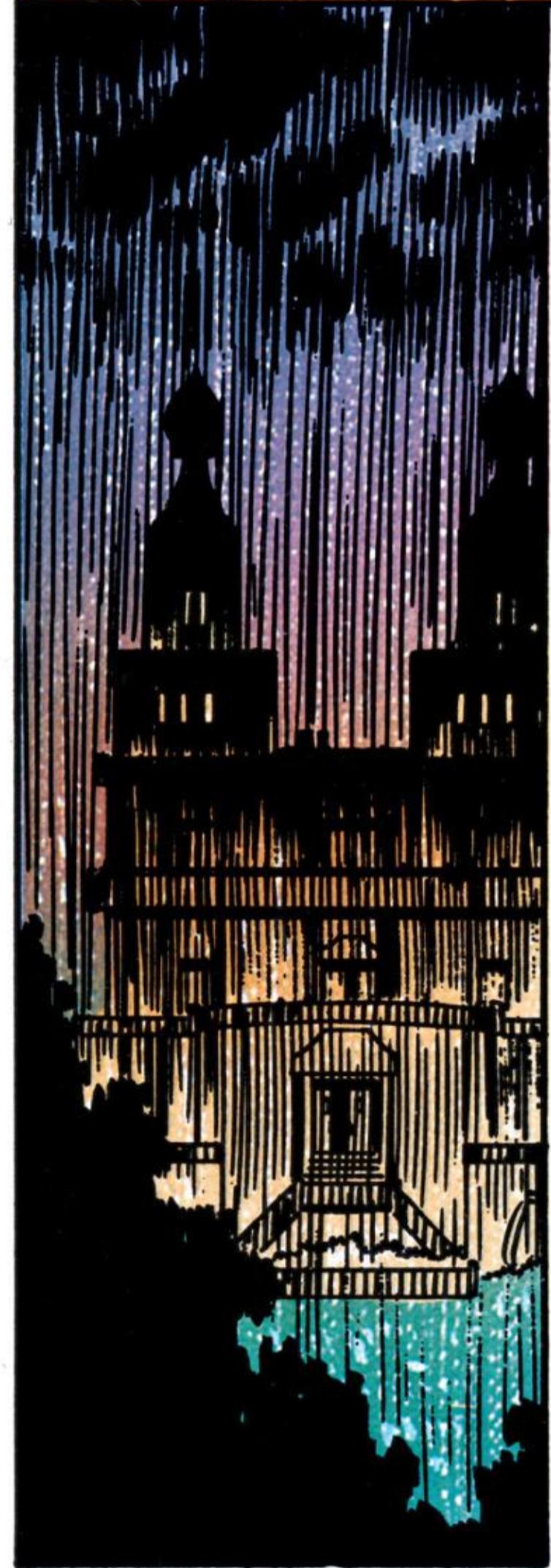




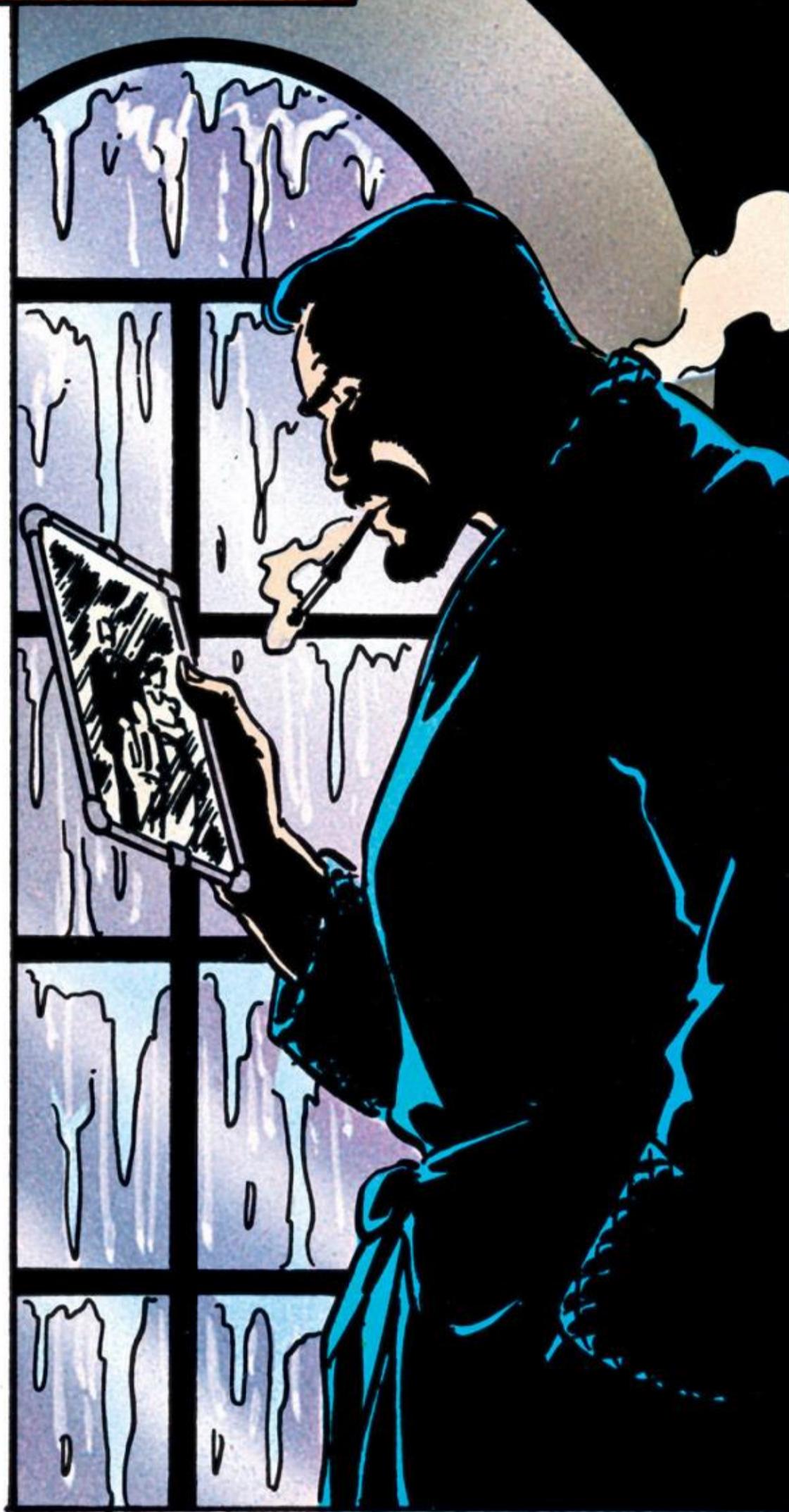




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