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THE MIDNIGHT  
HOUR IS  
APPROACHING...

...AND PETER PARKER  
FINDS NO PEACE IN SLEEP.

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MARY JANE, HIS  
WIFE, RESTS  
SOUNDLY.

TONIGHT, THAT  
IS ENOUGH FOR  
FOR PETER.

FOR HIM, THIS  
IS A NIGHT FOR  
BEING ALONE  
WITH MEMORIES.

MEMORIES  
OF WHAT  
WAS...

... AND  
WHAT  
MIGHT  
HAVE  
BEEN.

MEMORIES OF  
UNDYING LOVE  
AND...

... MEMORIES OF HEART-WRENCHING PAIN.



TONIGHT, PETER PARKER MUST CONFRONT THESE MEMORIES AS... SPIDER-MAN.



HALF PAST  
TWELVE.

ON THE WEST SIDE  
OF MANHATTAN...

... A DANGEROUS  
MAN WAITS IN  
THE DARKNESS.

FEAR IS NOT  
AN EMOTION  
HE HAS COME  
TO EMBRACE.

CONNOR TREVANE IS A  
MAN OF FEW OVERT  
EMOTIONS. A MAN  
WHO RELIES ON...

...ACTION!

FREEZE!

SPIDER-  
MAN..?  
WHY, YOU --  
I COULD'VE  
KILLED  
YOU!

THWIP

THAT WAS  
NEVER EVEN A  
SLIGHT  
POSSIBIL-  
ITY!

HOW LONG  
IS THIS  
STUFF  
GOING TO  
STAY ON  
MY HAND?

IT FEELS  
DISGUSTING!

THAT'LL  
TEACH YOU TO  
PULL A GUN ON  
YOUR FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
SPIDER-  
MAN.

IT'LL  
DISSOLVE  
IN A COUPLE  
OF HOURS!

MEAN-  
WHILE,  
YOU MIGHT  
WANT TO  
LIGHTEN  
UP ON THE  
CAFFEINE!

YEAH,  
SURE.

HERE, I GOT THE  
INFORMATION YOU  
WERE LOOKING  
FOR --

WHAT?  
NO IDLE  
CHIT-  
CHAT?

NOT  
INTER-  
ESTED.

I OWE YOU A FAVOR... A BIG  
ONE... BUT I DON'T WANT TO  
KNOW ANYTHING MORE THAN  
I HAVE TO. I'M NOT GOING TO  
JEOPARDIZE  
MY CAREER  
ANY MORE  
THAN I AL-  
READY HAVE.

SO...  
THIS OPER-  
ATION YOU  
ASKED  
ABOUT...

... NOT WHAT I  
WOULD'VE EXPECTED  
YOU TO BE INTERESTED  
IN. I THOUGHT YOU ONLY  
WENT AFTER SPANDEX.

LIFE'S FULL OF SURPRISES,  
TREVANE. BET YOU NEVER  
THOUGHT I'D COME INTO  
YOUR LIFE!

NO, I  
DIDN'T, AND  
I'M GRATEFUL  
FOR WHAT YOU  
DID FOR ME...  
BUT THIS IS IT!

WE'RE  
SQUARE!

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
HEAR FROM  
YOU ANY-  
MORE!

I'M HURT. AND HERE  
I THOUGHT THIS WAS  
THE BEGINNING OF  
SOMETHING  
BEAUTIFUL!

GIVE MY  
REGARDS  
TO YOUR  
SON!

YEAH,  
RIGHT.

TREVANE IS A  
GOOD COP.

IT'S NICE TO HAVE  
ONE OF THEM ON MY  
SIDE FOR A CHANGE.

I'M JUST SORRY IT TOOK  
HIS SON GETTING HURT  
DURING CARNAGE'S RAMPAGE  
TO GET HIM ON MY SIDE.

I SAVED THE KID'S  
LIFE AND NOW TREVANE  
FEELS LIKE HE OWES ME.

HE SAYS WE'RE THROUGH...  
I CAN ACCEPT THAT, BUT...

...I DON'T THINK HE CAN.

FRANK LEMOYNE. STRAIGHT  
FROM THAT FILE OF TREVANE'S.

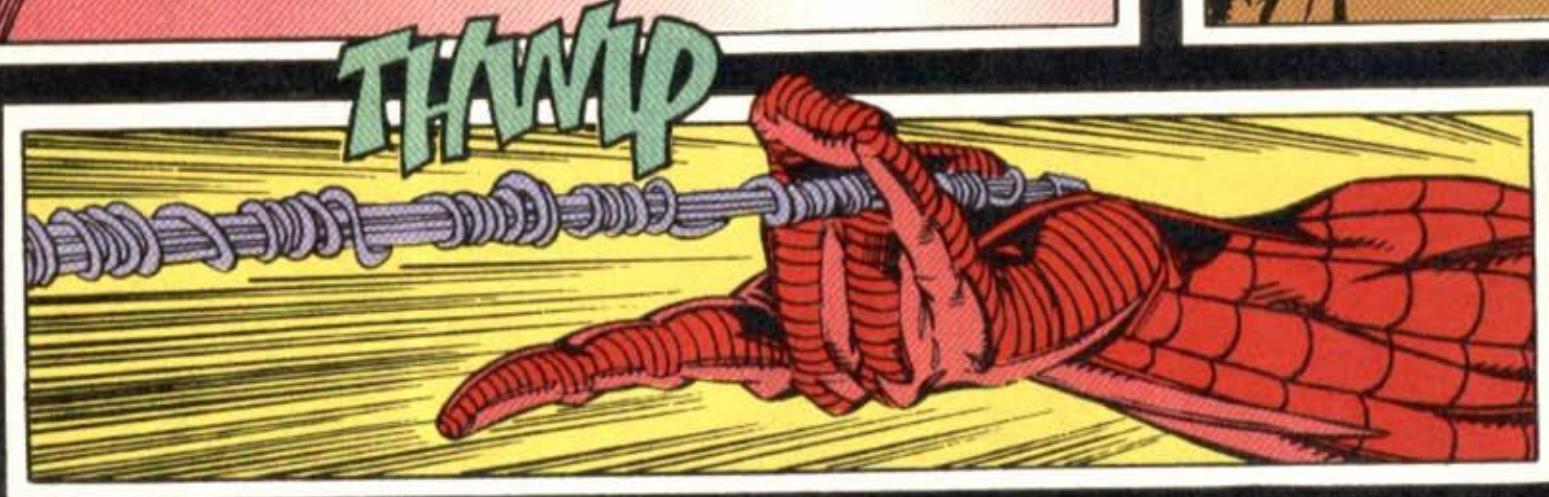
TIME TO SEE HOW GOOD HIS  
INFORMATION REALLY IS.

HEY!

THUMP

WHAT  
IS THIS--

WATCH  
YOUR  
MOUTH,  
FRANKIE!  
I'VE GOT  
VERY  
SENSITIVE  
EARS...



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THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE.

SENTRIES ON THE ROOF HAVE EVERY DIRECTION COVERED.

I'LL NEED A LITTLE MIS-DIRECTION IF I'M GOING TO SNEAK IN STEALTHILY.

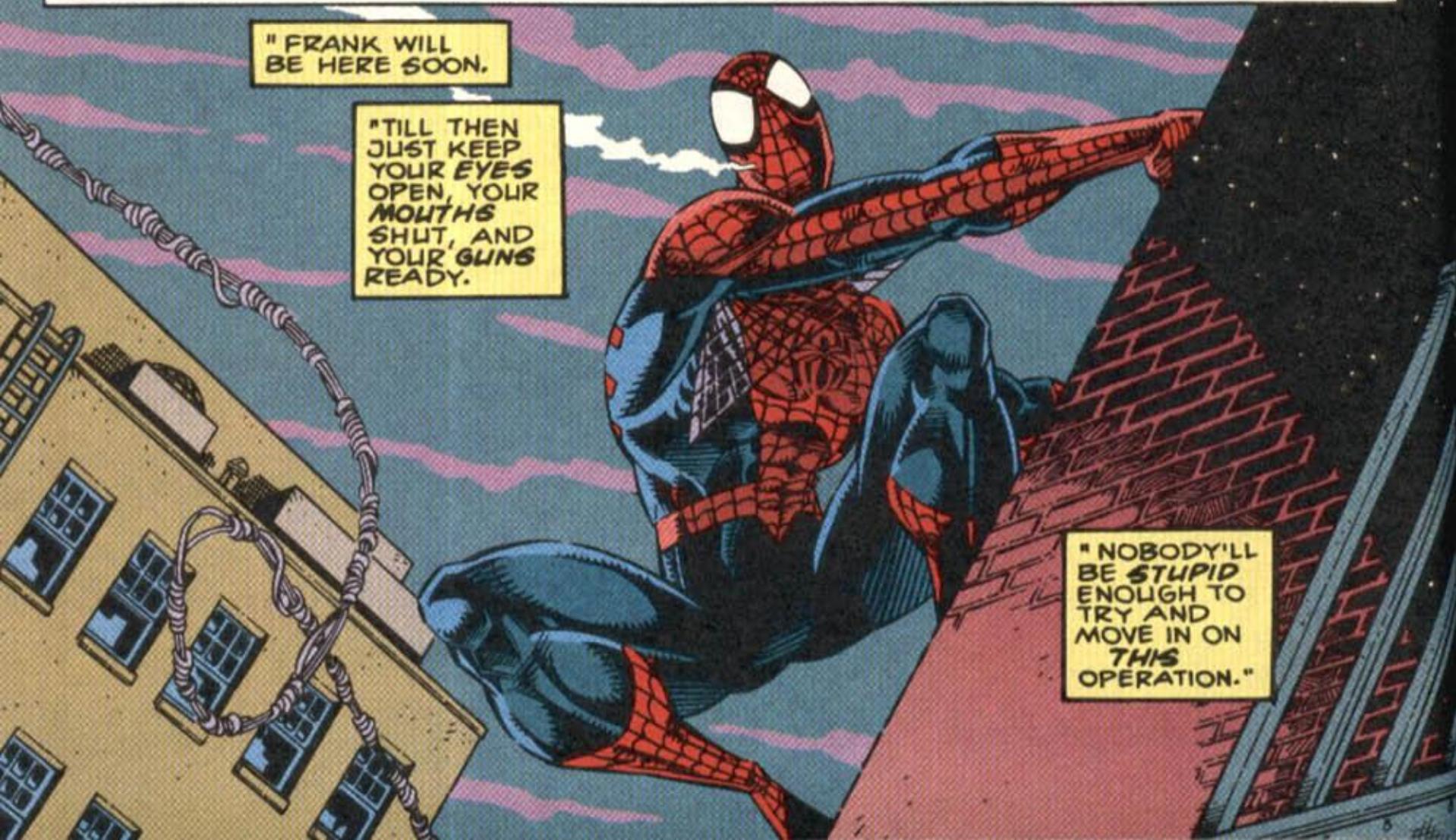
AND STEALTH IS ONE OF THE MANY THINGS THAT BEING SPIDER-MAN IS ALL ABOUT.

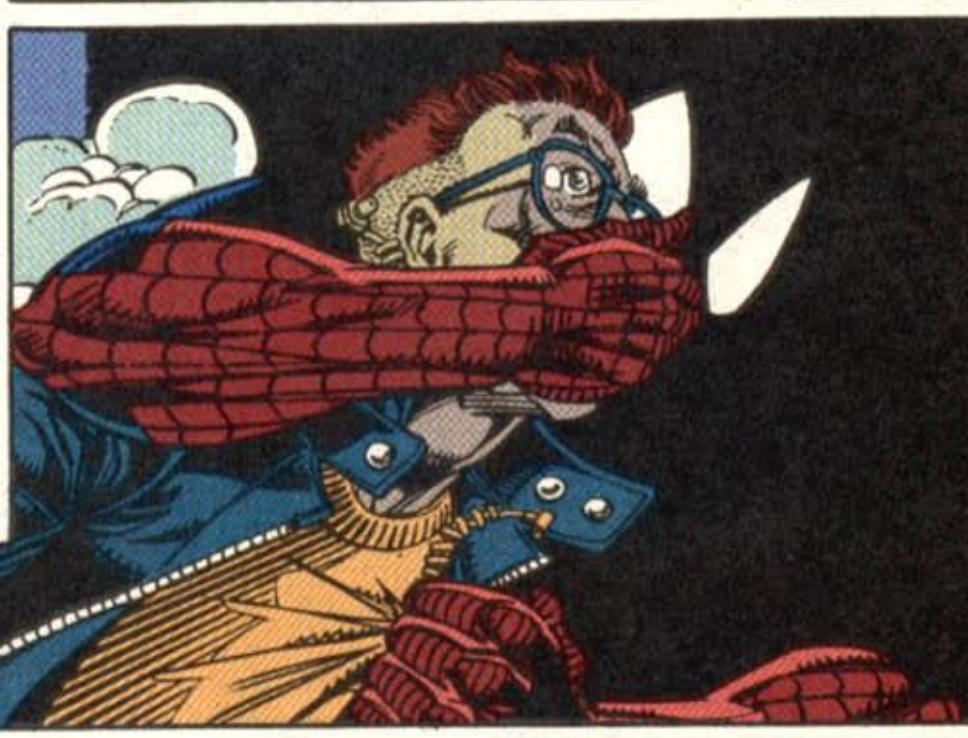
STEALTH, THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH OF A SPIDER AND...

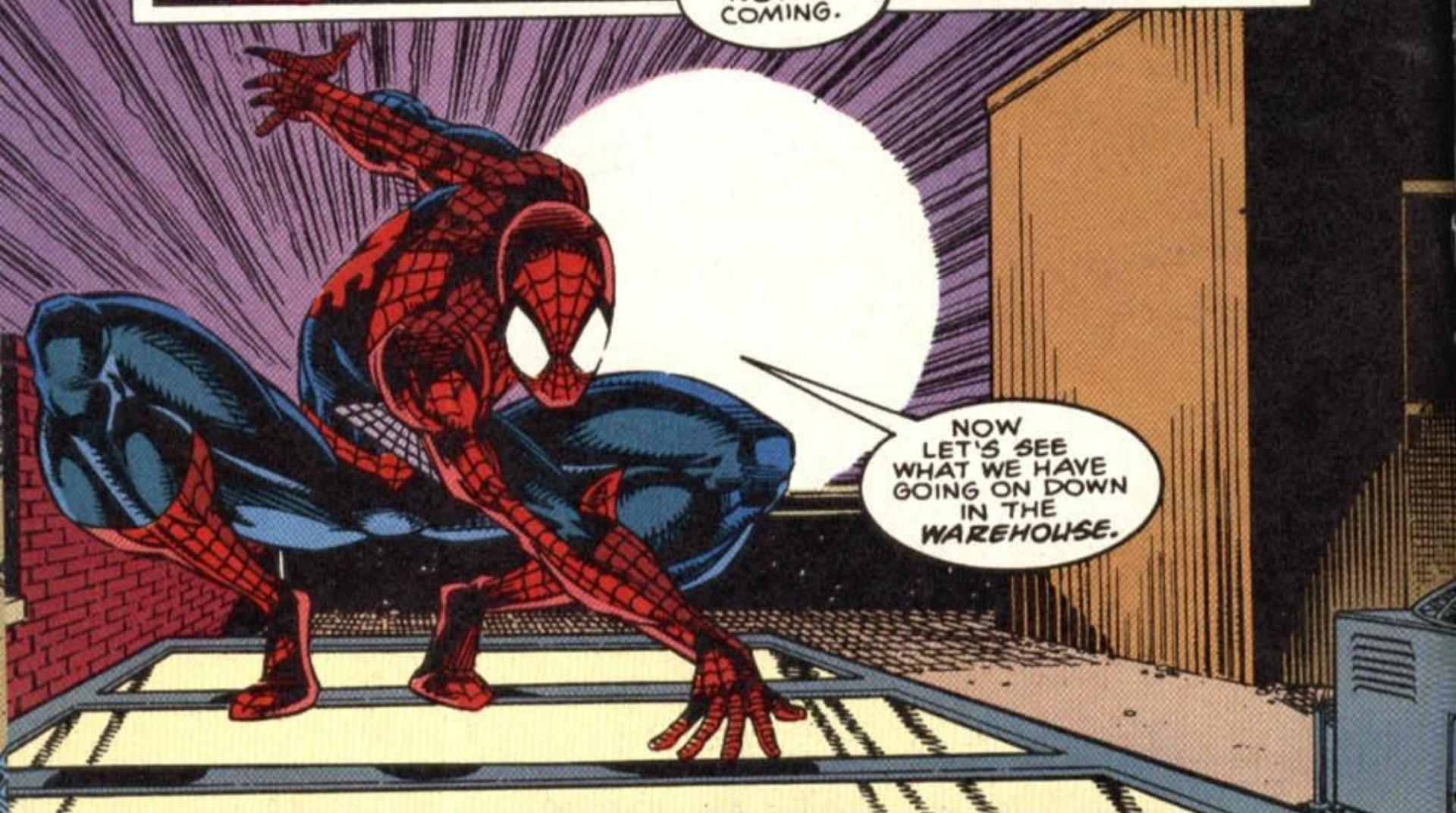
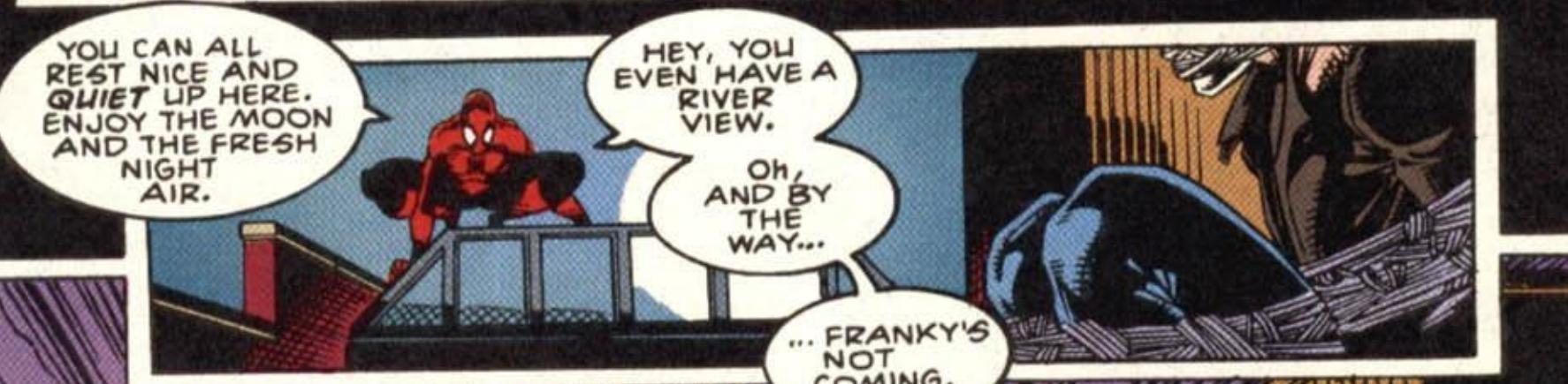
...A HEFTY DOSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THINK I'LL JUST TOSS ONE OF THESE CRATES...!









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I'M  
THE  
DEALER.

AND  
YOU ARE  
COSTING ME  
A LOT OF MONEY  
WITH THIS  
INTERRUPTION,  
MAN!

WILL  
YOU EVER  
BE ABLE  
TO FORGIVE  
ME?

YO! WHAT  
ARE YOU  
WAITING FOR?  
GET OUT HERE  
AND TAKE CARE  
OF THIS BUM!  
THAT'S WHAT I'M  
PAYING YOU  
FOR!

ZAPPPP

RAZOR  
BAT  
SLICING  
THROUGH  
MY  
WEBBING--!

LOOKS  
LIKE I MIGHT  
HAVE HIT  
THE JACKPOT  
TONIGHT.

ONLY  
ONE PERSON  
I KNOW OF  
USES  
THEM...

...HOBGOBLIN!

MAKE THIS QUICK.  
I'VE GOT A BUSINESS TO RUN!

IT'S AS GOOD AS DONE!

OF ALL NIGHTS TO STAY OUT OF MY FACE, MACENDALE, TONIGHT IS IT! HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS BEFORE YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE JUST NOT IN MY LEAGUE!

MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE HELD BACK IN THE PAST.

MAYBE BECAUSE I WAS ALWAYS AFRAID OF LOSING TO YOU.

BUT I'VE BEEN THERE. LOST BIG TIME.

NOW I'M REDUCED TO DOING SOME STRONG-ARM WORK FOR GUYS LIKE THE DEALER.



SO TONIGHT  
IS MAKE OR  
BREAK FOR ME,  
SPIDER-MAN...

.. I'VE  
GOT  
NOTHING  
LEFT TO  
LOSE!



JUST  
YOUR  
DIGNITY,  
MACENDALE.



AND THE  
DEALER  
HAS GOTTEN  
AWAY.

LET'S  
ROUND UP  
THE REST OF  
THE BAD GUYS  
AND GET YOU  
OUT OF HERE.



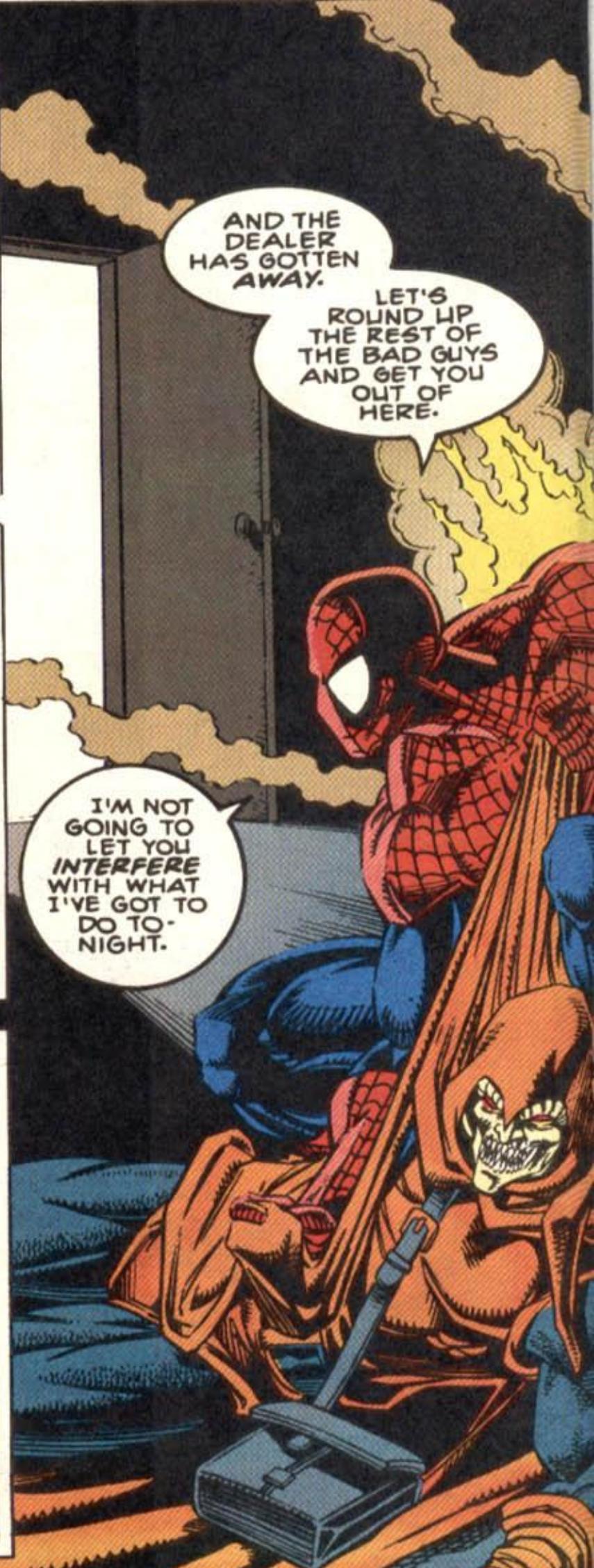
AND  
MAYBE  
A FEW  
TEETH.

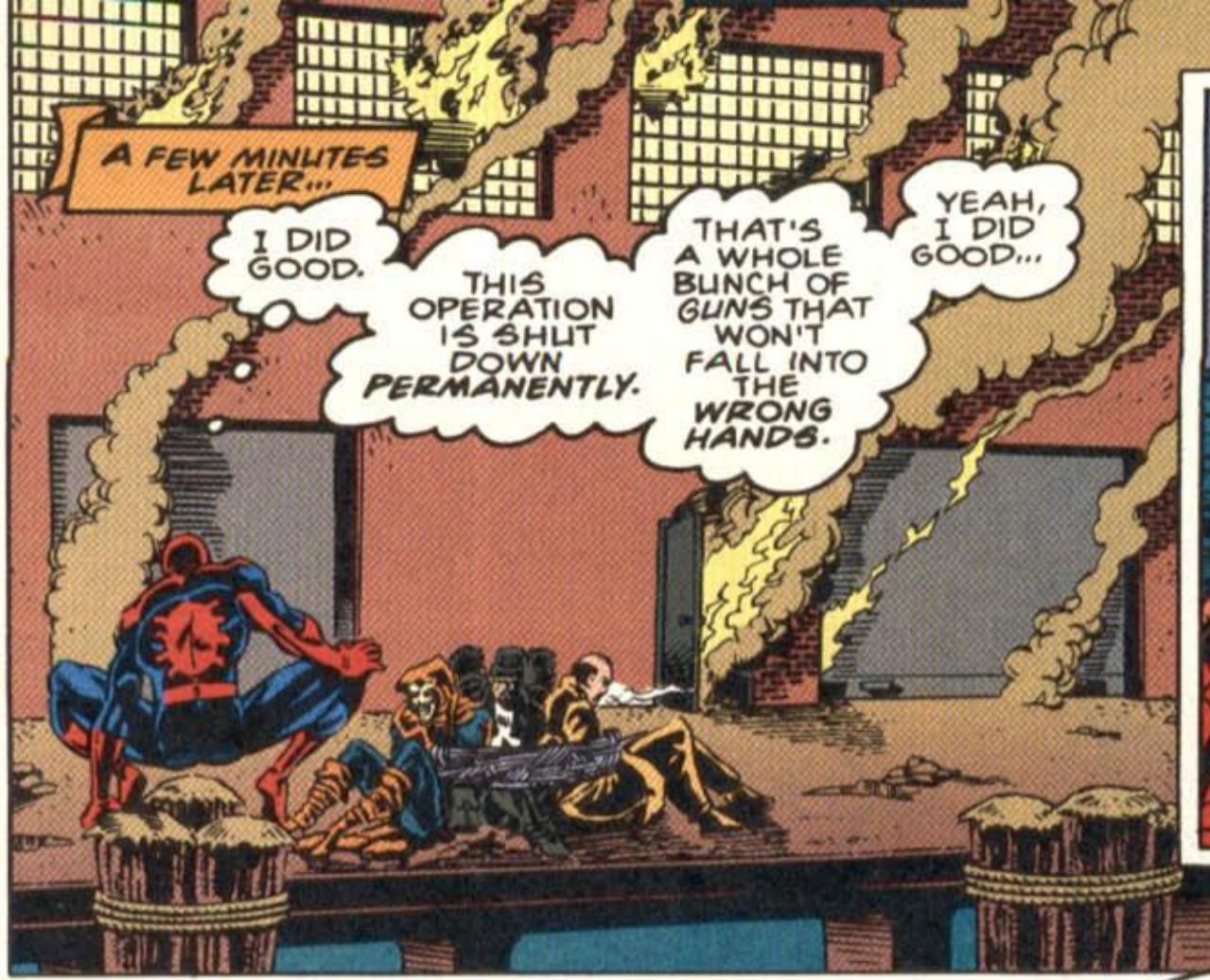


I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
LET YOU  
INTERFERE  
WITH WHAT  
I'VE GOT TO  
DO TO-  
NIGHT.



PLACE  
IS GOING  
UP IN FLAMES  
THANKS TO  
YOUR PUMPKIN  
BOMBS.





YEAH,  
WHY DON'T  
YOU TELL THE  
REST OF YOUR  
BUDDIES  
ABOUT MY  
STYLE.

AND YOU  
CAN HANG  
AROUND  
HERE ALL  
NIGHT.

OR  
AT LEAST  
UNTIL MY  
WEBBING  
DISSOLVES.

DON'T  
WORRY...  
HE'S JUST  
TRYING  
TO SCARE  
US.

Y-Y-  
YEAH!  
AND IT'S  
WORKIN'  
REAL  
GOOD!

THE  
DEALER  
DOESN'T  
PAY ME  
ENOUGH  
FOR THIS  
GRIEF.

TIMES  
SQUARE!  
HE'S GOT AN  
OFFICE NEAR  
TIMES SQUARE!  
HE'S HEADIN'  
THERE NOW.

THANKS.  
I'LL GO TELL  
THE POLICE.  
I'LL EVEN LET  
THEM KNOW  
TO PULL YOU  
OFF THE  
LEDGE.

SEE  
YOU  
AROUND,  
MACEN-  
DALE.

YEAH,  
YOU WILL!  
AND THE  
NEXT TIME  
I'M GOING  
TO KILL  
YOU.  
  
I WON'T  
BE  
HUMILIATED  
ANY  
MORE.

A SHORT  
TIME LATER,  
NEAR TIMES  
SQUARE...

LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S NOT  
GOING TO TAKE  
A WHOLE LOT  
OF WORK TO  
FIND THE  
DEALER.

TIME  
TO WRAP  
THINGS  
UP.

THIS  
ONE ISN'T  
GOING TO  
GET  
AWAY.



ONE OF OUR UNITS TRIED TO PULL HIM OVER WHEN HE JUMPS OUT THE BACK WITH TWO OF THE BIGGEST GUNS I'VE EVER SEEN!

HE'S IN THE ABANDONED WAREHOUSE. WE CAN'T RISK CHARGING HIM, OR HE'LL PICK US OFF LIKE FLIES.

YOU AND YOUR MEN KEEP THE CROWDS BACK...

...THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO DO ALONE.

A WAREHOUSE. IT FIGURES.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...



ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL DARK. THEN I'LL START BLASTING THE STREET AND KICKING UP SO MUCH SMOKE AND CONFUSION...

...THAT I'LL SLIP RIGHT OUT THE BACK.



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ESCAPE, DEALER...

...AND DIDN'T ANYONE EVER TELL YOU THAT TALKING TO YOURSELF IS A SIGN OF STRESS? YOU SHOULD TRY AND RELAX.

WHAT THE--?!



SURPRISED TO SEE ME?

NO. JUST SURPRISED TO SEE YOU ALIVE! I THOUGHT HOBGOBLIN WOULD --

BAD THOUGHT.



GIVE IT UP!

THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO AND NO PLACE YOU CAN HIDE THAT CAN STOP ME!

I'VE HAD A LOT OF PRACTICE AT THIS KIND OF THING...

...AND TONIGHT I'M GOING TO GET IT RIGHT.

THE WAY I SHOULD HAVE A LONG TIME AGO.

I REALLY SHOULD THANK YOU...

...IT'S YOUR KIND THAT KEEPS ME GOING.

--WE HAD SPIDER-MAN ON OUR SIDE!

SHORTLY...

CAPTAIN--LOOK!

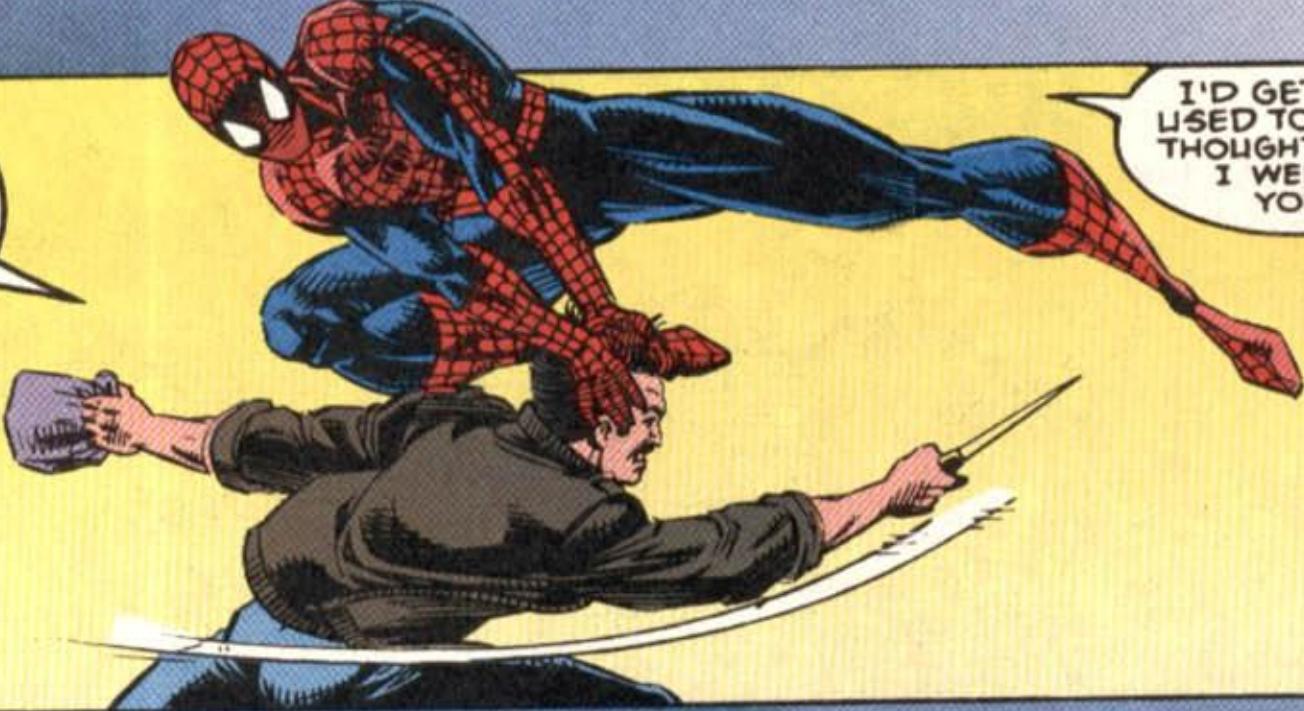
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT --?





NO WAY I'M LETTIN' YOU TAKE ME IN! I'M A FOUR-TIME LOSER AND I'D BE DOIN' SOME SERIOUS TIME.

I'D GET USED TO THAT THOUGHT IF I WERE YOU.



BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY I'M LETTING YOU GET AWAY...

...NOT TONIGHT OF ALL NIGHTS.

THANKS, SPIDER-MAN! DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU.

WHO KNOWS WHAT THIS GUY WOULD HAVE GONE ON TO DO IF HE'D GOTTAEN AWAY.

YEAH... WHO KNOWS?

HE MIGHT HAVE GONE ON TO BURGLARIZE A HOUSE.

A MAN... A DECENT AND LOVING MAN... MIGHT HAVE SURPRISED HIM IN THE ACT.

THE BURGLAR MIGHT HAVE HAD A GUN...

...AND HE MIGHT HAVE USED IT ON THE MOST DECENT AND GENTLE MAN THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.



AND I  
WOULD NEVER  
BE ABLE TO  
LIVE WITH MY-  
SELF IF THAT  
HAPPENED  
AGAIN.

ESPECIALLY  
NOT TONIGHT--  
THE ANNIVERSARY  
OF UNCLE BEN'S  
**MURDER** BY A  
BURGLAR'S GUN.

I'LL KEEP  
THE GUNS  
OUT OF THE  
HANDS OF THE  
CRIMINALS.  
KEEP  
THE DECENT  
MEN  
ALIVE.  
KEEP  
ACTING  
RESPONSIBLY.

FOR  
YOU,  
UNCLE  
BEN.

GOOD  
NIGHT.

A FEW HOURS  
LATER...

HI, AUNT  
MAY! YEAH,  
PETER'S STILL  
ASLEEP. HE WAS  
WORKING AND  
STUDYING  
LATE LAST  
NIGHT.

OF COURSE  
WE'LL BE  
THERE LATER  
TO GO TO  
THE CEMETERY  
WITH  
YOU.

TODAY  
OF ALL  
DAYS  
UNCLE  
BEN IS IN  
PETER'S  
EVERY  
THOUGHT.

YES,  
MAY...

... I  
THINK BEN  
WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
VERY PROUD  
OF PETER,  
TOO!

NEXT: DIRECTLY FOLLOWING  
THE CATACLYSMIC  
**AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #388:**  
"PURSUIT," PART ONE!