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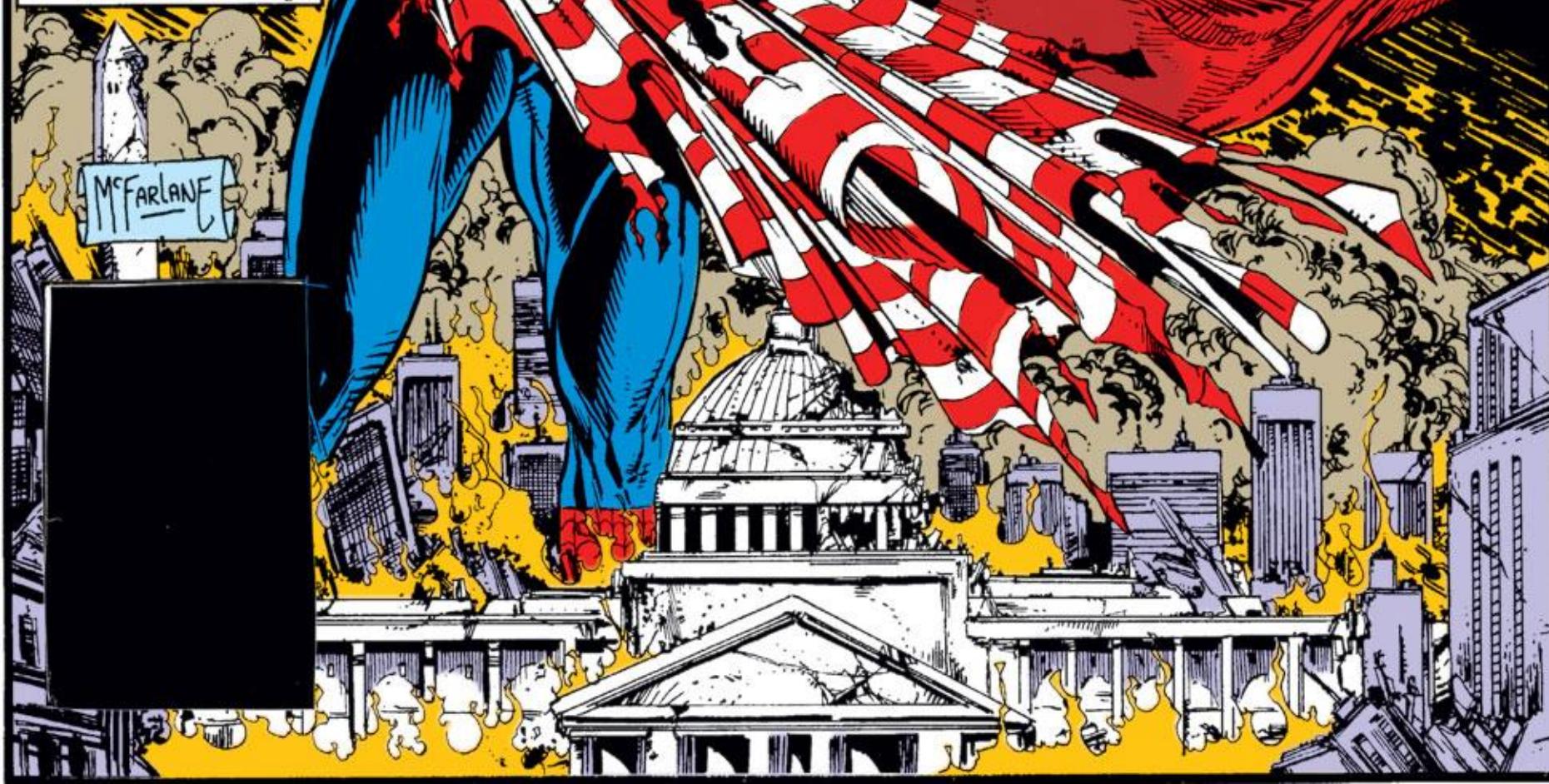
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THE
FINAL
CHAPTER!

GUEST-STARRING:
SILVER SABLE™
AND
**CAPTAIN
AMERICA!**



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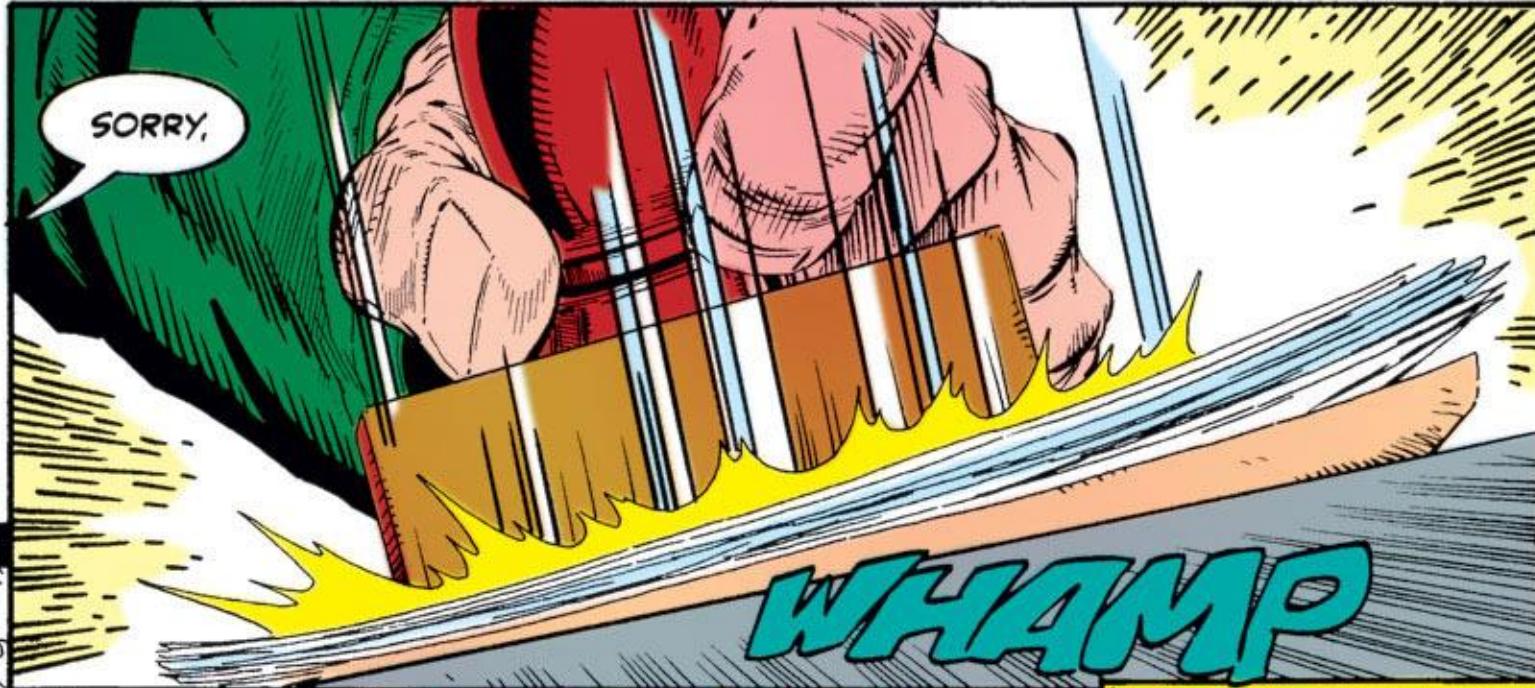
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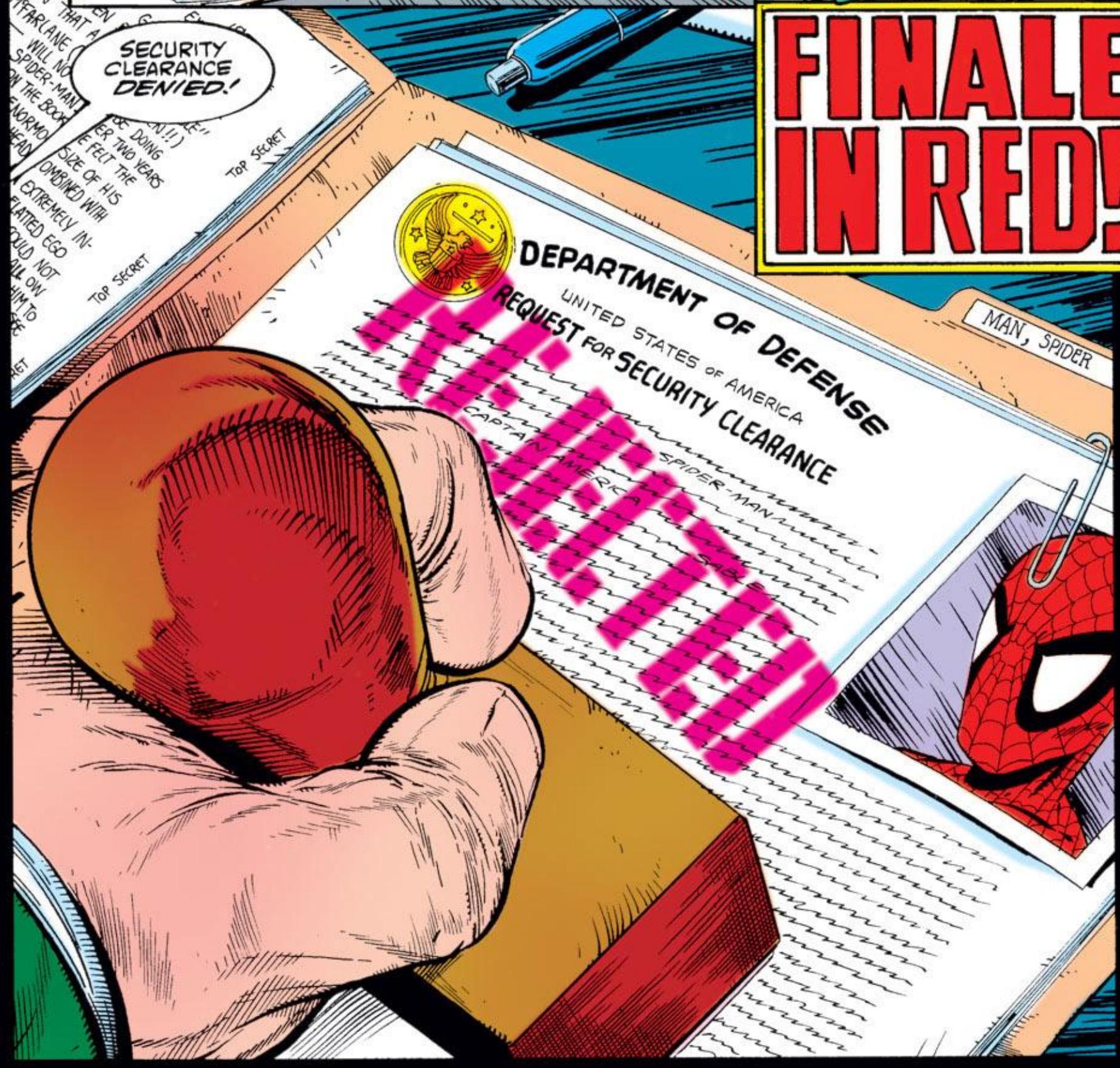


IT HAS
BEEN
TESTED
THAT A
MAN, SPIDER-
MAN, WILL NOT
DO ANYTHING
ON THE BOOK
THAT IS
EXTRAORDINARY
COMBINED WITH
THE SIZE OF HIS
HEAD, EXTREMELY IN-
FLATED EGO,
COULD NOT
ALLOW
HIM TO
SEE

SECURITY
CLEARANCE
DENIED!

TOP SECRET

**FINALE
IN RED!**



MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SUB-HEADQUARTERS, MANHATTAN.

THE DECISION IS FINAL, CAPTAIN.

DESPITE MY RECOMMENDATION? AND THAT OF SILVER SABLE?

WE'LL NEED EVERY EDGE WE CAN GET! SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER OF SILVER'S NATIVE COUNTRY, SYMKARIA, WAS ASSASSINATED, AND EVIDENCE WAS LEFT TO LINK THAT MURDER TO THE C.I.A. --

-- TENSIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES HAVE SOARED! IF THEY BUILD ANY FURTHER, THERE COULD BE WAR!

WE MAY NEED SPIDER-MAN, COLONEL.

OUR SEARCH FOR THE REAL MASTERMIND BEHIND THE KILLING HAS LED THROUGH SABRETOOTH, SOLO AND THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CALLED ULTIMATUM!

BUT WE STILL DON'T HAVE SOLID PROOF!

TOLER WEIL,
THE ULTIMATUM
LEADER WE CAPTURED
HAS BEEN BROKEN, AND
REVEALED THAT THE
NEXT TARGET WILL
BE THE SYMKARIAN
AMBASSADOR TO THE
UNITED STATES!

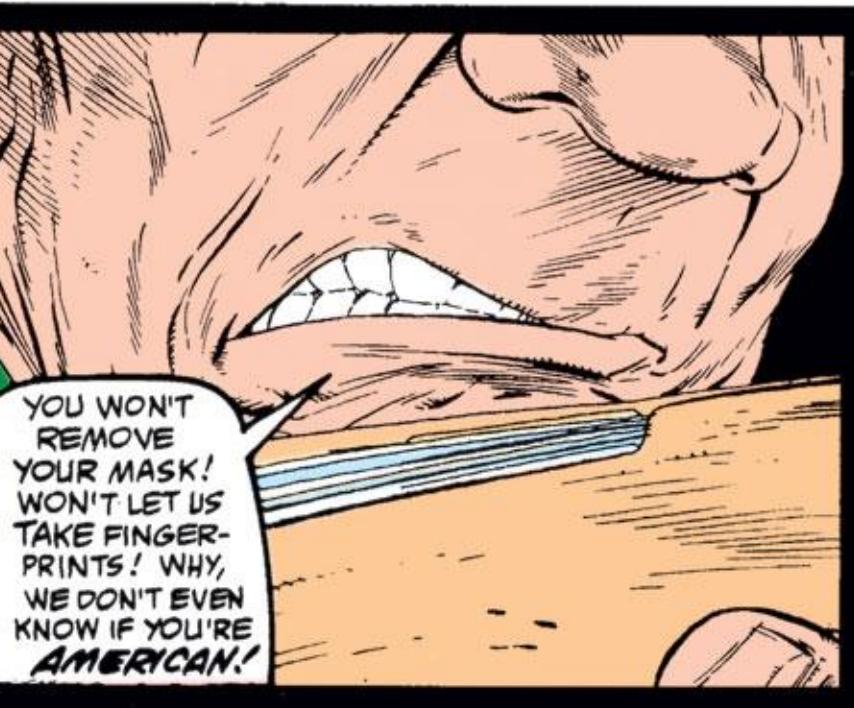
THAT'S WHY
WE'RE MOBILIZING
A SPECIAL **TASK
FORCE**, SENDING
IT TO WASHINGTON
TO PREVENT MORE
BLOODSHED!

DENYING
SPIDER-MAN A
PLACE ON THAT
TASK-FORCE IS ILL-
ADVISED, AND
UNFAIR.

COME ON, COLONEL,
HAVE A HEART! BEND
A RULE!

I LAID MY
LIFE ON
THE LINE FOR
AMERICA!

THAT
MAY BE,
SPIDER-MAN,
BUT
YOU'RE
ALSO
TYING MY
HANDS!



DON'T KNOW
WHY I'M SO ANGRY.

I'VE NEVER
BEEN OVERLY
PATRIOTIC.

NEVER
EVEN
THOUGHT
ABOUT
IT MUCH.

SO HOW COME I
FEEL HUMILIATED?
UNWORTHY?

LIKE A KID WHOSE PARENTS
JUST TOLD HIM HE WASN'T GOOD
ENOUGH TO BE THEIR SON...!

BENEATH HIS MASK,
PETER PARKER
SCOWLS.

A TENSING THAT
EASES ONLY AS HE
APPROACHES HIS
DESTINATION--

--HIS AUNT MAY'S
BOARDING HOUSE
IN QUEENS.

WHERE, IN A STUFFY,
OVERCROWDED ATTIC...

THE LOFT WE'RE
MOVING INTO NEXT
WEEK IS HUGE. BUT
THERE'S STILL SO
MUCH TO BE PACK--

BOO!

SORRY, PETER.
YOU STARTLED
ME.

MY FAULT FOR ACTING
GOOFY.

FEEL LIKE LISTENING
A WHILE?

MY EARS
ARE YOURS,
SWEETHEART.
ALWAYS.

SOFTLY, PETER EXPLAINS HIS
SITUATION-- AND FRUSTRATION.

SO, I GUESS I'LL JUST MOPE
AROUND THE HOUSE FOR A FEW
DAYS, LET YOU SOOTHE MY
WOUNDED EGO.

YOU'RE
AWFULY
GOOD AT
THAT.

HMM, FINANCES ARE TIGHT
WHAT WITH THE MOVE AND ME
BEING OUT OF WORK AND ALL.
BUT I'M SURE WE CAN SWING
A ROUND-TRIP TRAIN TICKET
TO WASHINGTON FOR YOU.

UH, DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME, MJ?
I SAID I'M OUT OF THIS!

I HEARD YOU--
BUT I KNOW
YOU. YOU WON'T
LET GO.

IF SOMEONE'S
IN TROUBLE AND
YOU CAN HELP,
YOU'LL HELP.

THAT'S ONE
OF THE REASONS
I FELL IN LOVE
WITH YOU, SILLY.

I GUESS YOU DO KNOW ME.
BETTER THAN I KNOW ME!
I'LL GO.

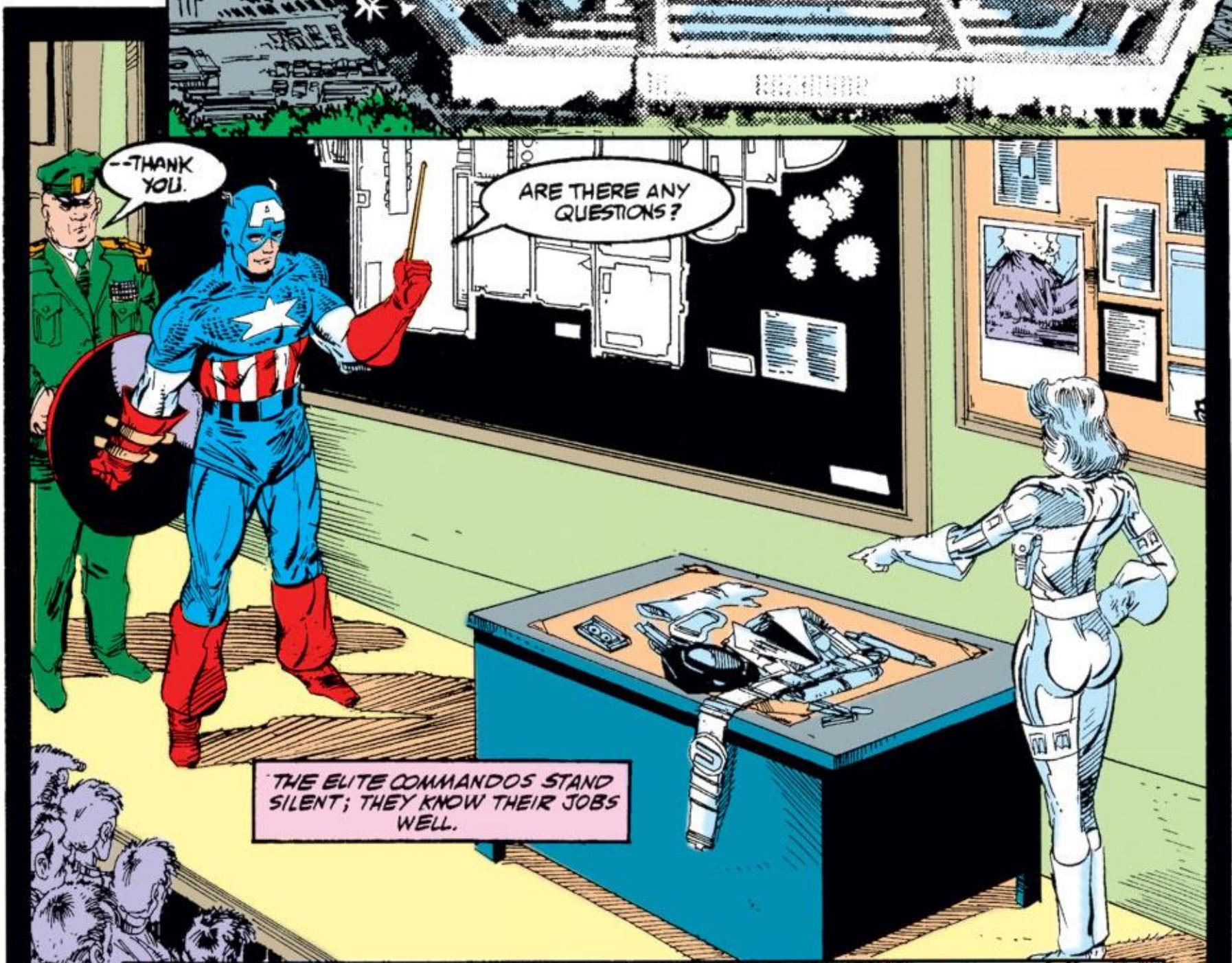
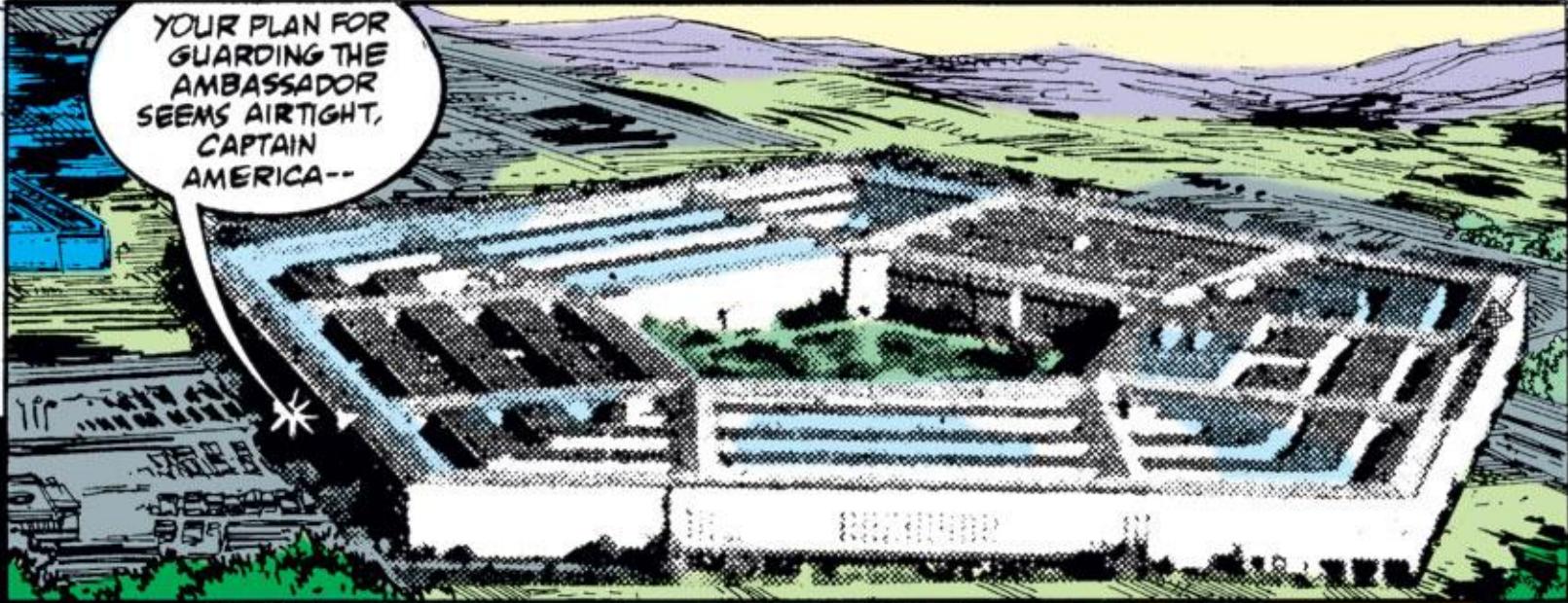
MAYBE I CAN TAKE
SOME SALEABLE NEWS
PHOTOS WITH MY AUTO-
MATIC CAMERA. MAKE
THE TRIP PAY. EVEN
SO...

...I'LL MISS
YOU.

YOU'D
BETTER.

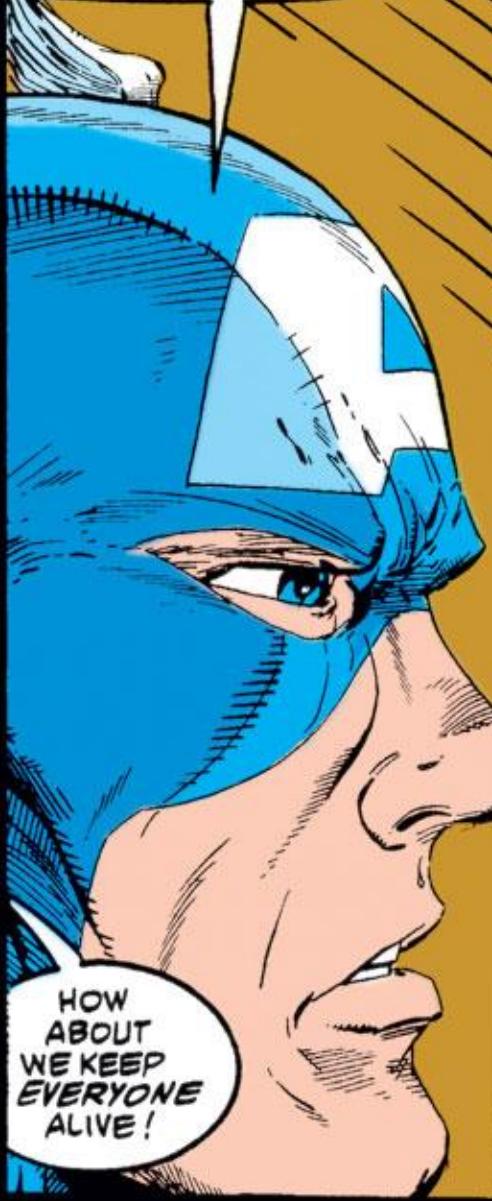
SUITABLE
CUDDLING
ENSUES.

WASHINGTON,
D.C. THE
PENTAGON.
THE NEXT
DAY.



A CORPSE MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO EASE FRICTION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, TO PREVENT A WAR.

WE NEED TO CAPTURE THIS MASTERMIND ALIVE.



HOW ABOUT WE KEEP EVERYONE ALIVE!

YOU?! BUT HOW DID YOU GET IN?

SECURITY AROUND HERE IS SET UP TO THWART TROOPS AND TERRORISTS, NOT GUYS WHO CAN WALK ON CEILINGS!



OKAY, LOOK: I'VE BEEN THINKING. WEIL CRUMPLED TOO EASILY!

MY BET IS HE'S A RED HERRING!



THERE'S ANOTHER TARGET AND IT'S UP TO US TO FIND IT!



GEEZ! THERE'S SUCH A THING AS BLIND PATRIOTISM, YOU KNOW!

AND SOMETIMES THAT CAN BE AS DANGEROUS AS ANARCHY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, CAP?

YOU DON'T LOOK THRILLED.

THIS IS THE PENTAGON.

THAT ANYONE COULD BREAK IN BOthers ME.

NOT "US." THE MILITARY HAS WEIL'S CONFESSION ON TAPE.



THE COLONEL'S WAITING
IN THE DEPARTURE AREA,
CAPTAIN!

WE HAVE
TO GO,
SPIDER-MAN.



PERHAPS I'LL...
REQUEST
THEM WHEN WE
RETURN.

WAS THAT A
SUGGESTION?
THE MOST CAP
COULD DO
WITHOUT
VIOLATING
HIS ORDERS?



EVEN IF IT
WASN'T, IT'S
GIVEN ME AN
IDEA...!



THUS, SHORTLY, SEVERAL
LEVELS BELOW...



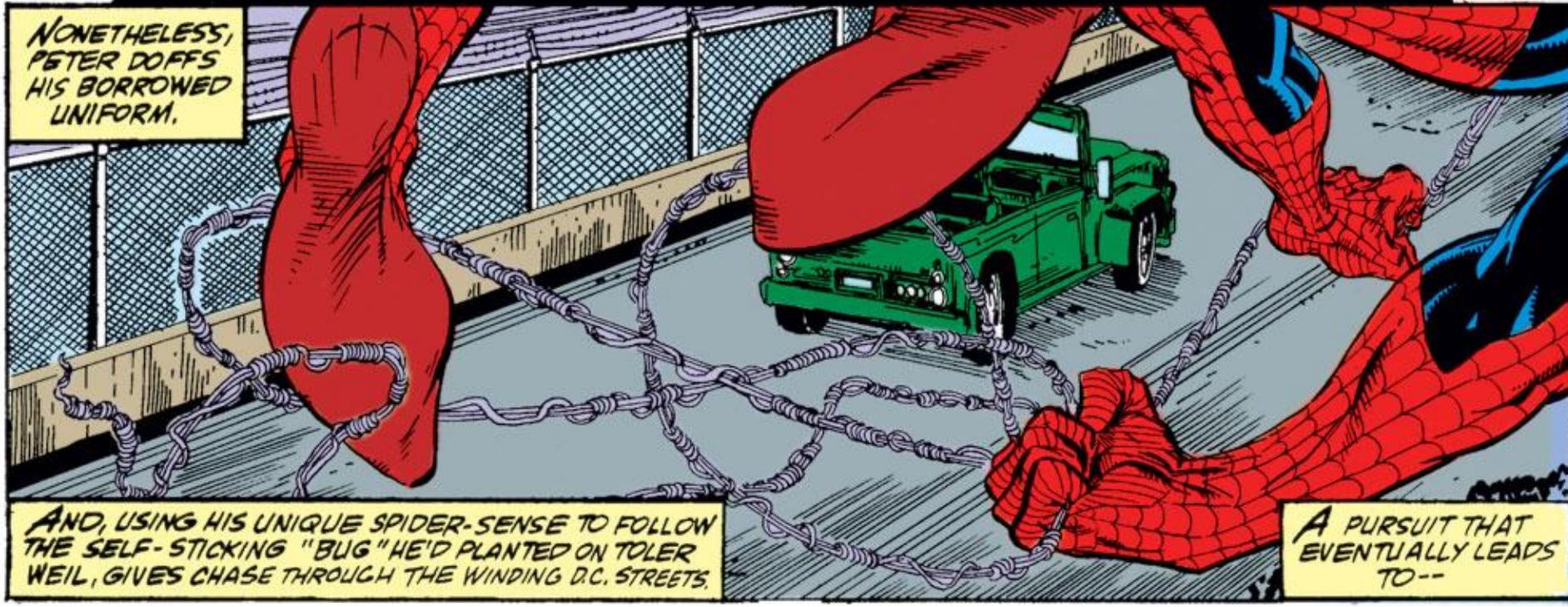
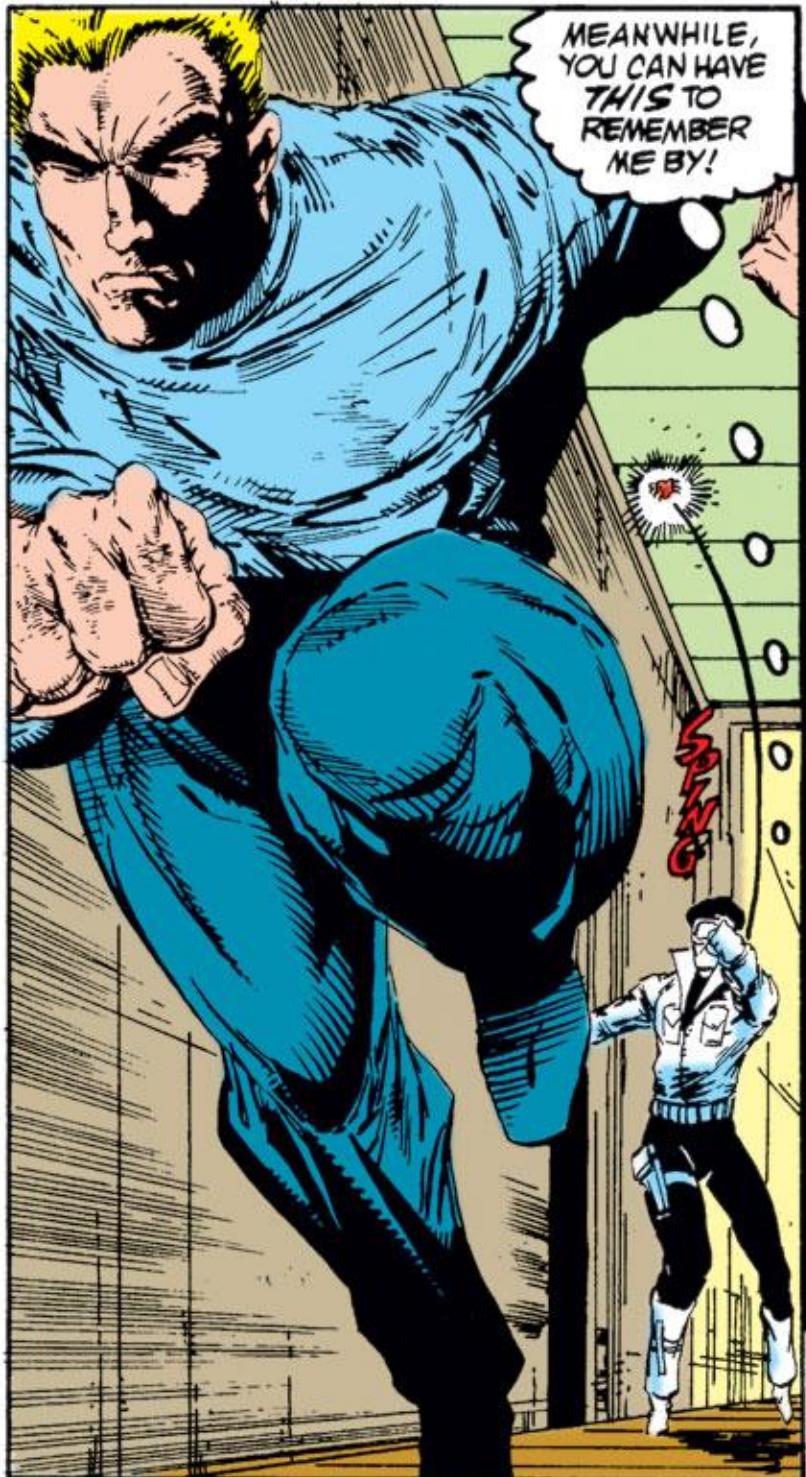
ALONE?

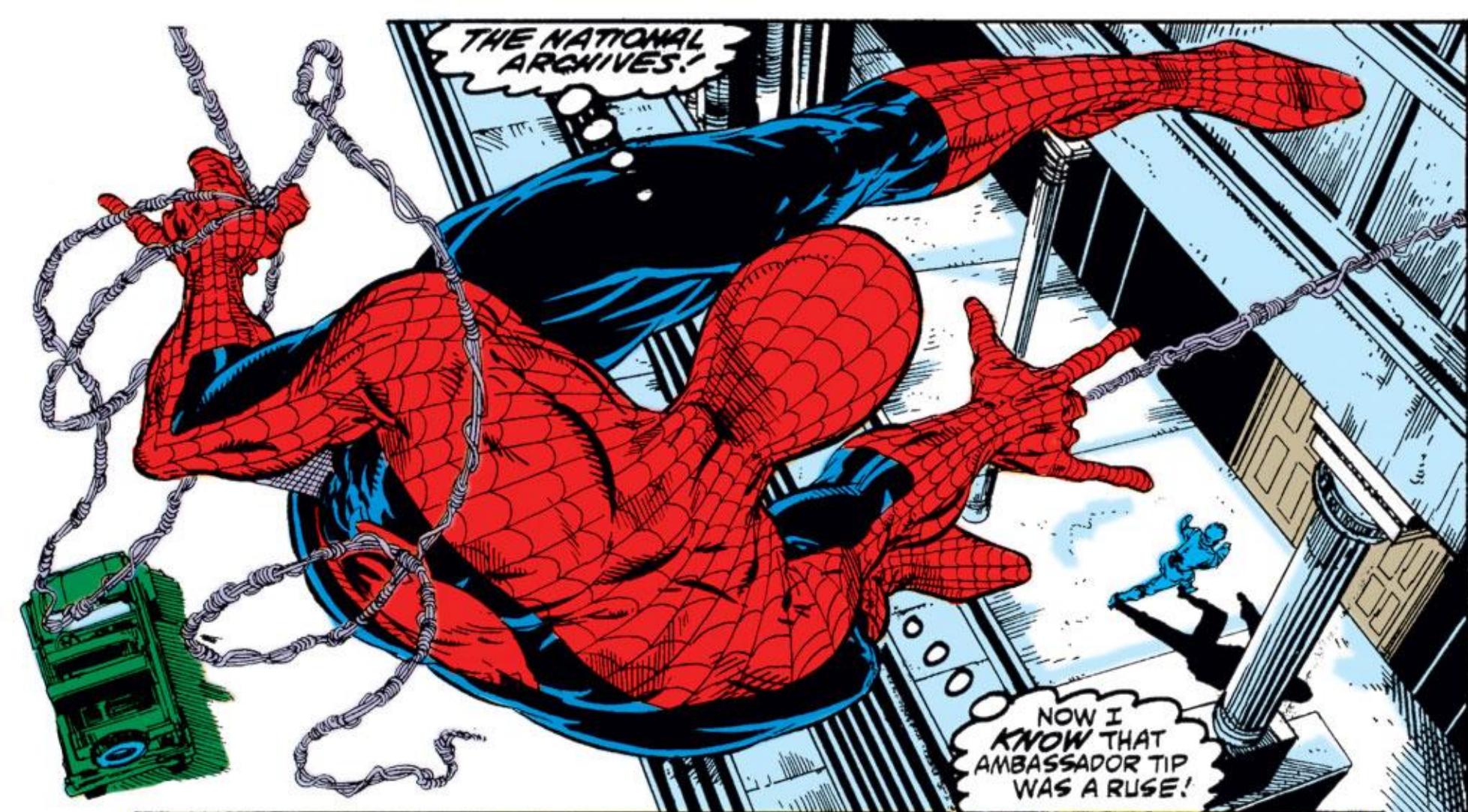
UH, THE
OTHERS
ARE
HIDING!

WE CLEARED THE WAY TO
THE MOTOR POOL! GRAB A
JEEP AND TAKE OFF!

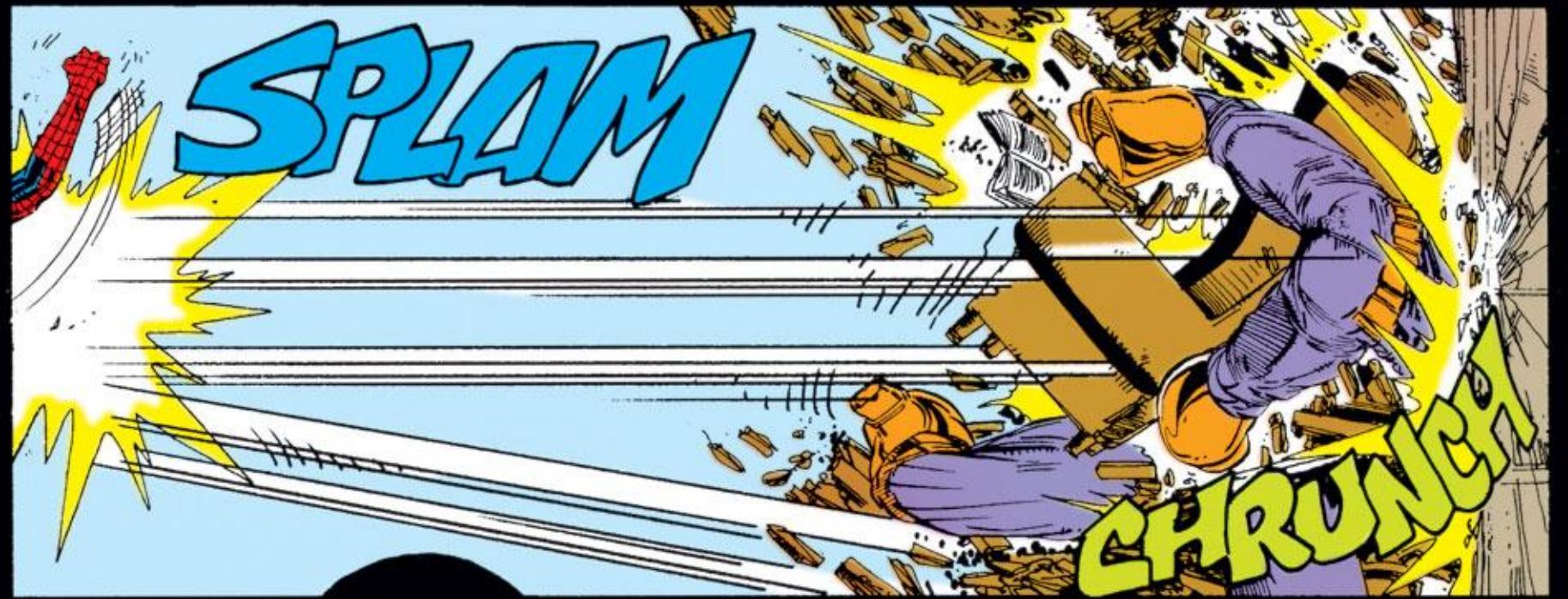
I'LL FOLLOW
AFTER I'VE, ER,
FREED OUR
COMRADES!











ULTIMATUM SOLDIERS,
RESISTANTS, GOONS
FROM THE SWEATSHOP!



--PREPARATIONS!



TALK ABOUT CONNECTIONS!
I MEAN, A PRIVATE ENTRANCE
TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES?

SOMETHING TELLS
ME I'VE FOUND OUR
MASTERMIND!

ARE YOU KIDDING?
YOU WANT ME TO HELP
YOU STEAL PRICELESS
DOCUMENTS?!

BUT I'M A BIT
DISAPPOINTED THAT
THE INTRUDER IS
YOU, RATHER THAN
THAT POMPous
CAPTAIN AMERICA.

STILL, I CAN
ALWAYS USE
ALLIES, IF ONLY
TO LOOK THE
OTHER WAY.

STEAL THEM?
DON'T BE
MUNDANE.

I WAS
EXPECTING
AN ATTACK,
AFTER MAJOR
WEIL RETURNED
FROM HIS
"RESCUE"!

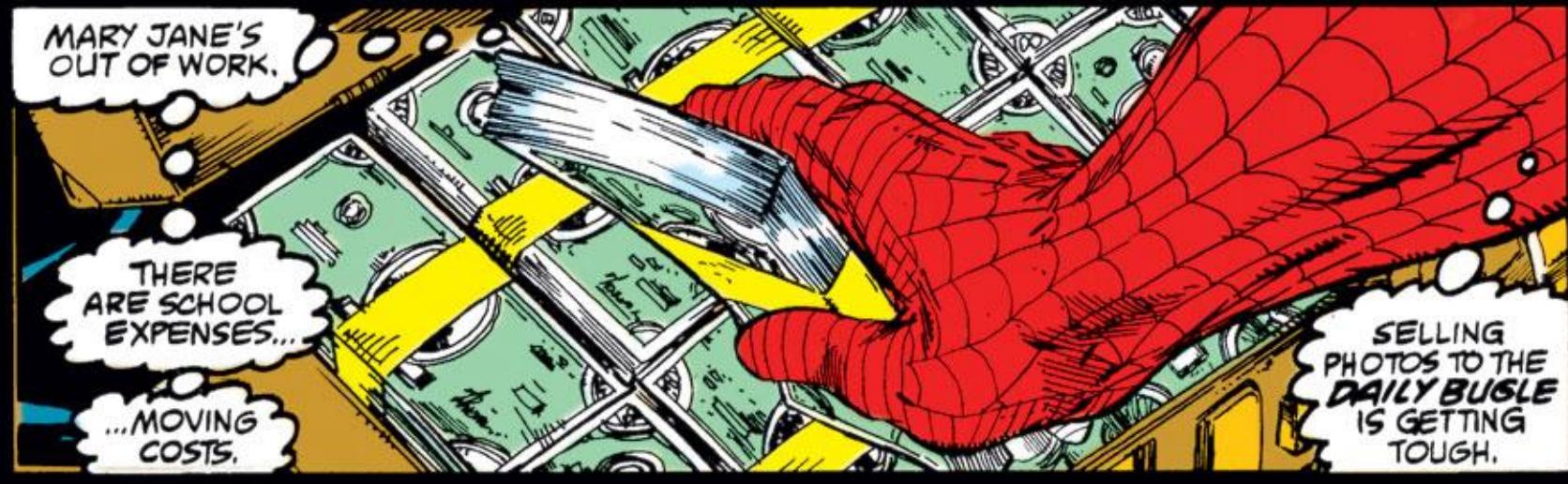
I'M GOING TO
OBBLITERATE
THEM!

OMIGOSH!
THOSE
LACKEYS
WEREN'T
TRYING TO
BREAK
INTO THE
VAULT!
THEY WERE
WIRING IT
TO A
BOMB!



SYMKARIA WILL BE BLAMED, OF COURSE. JUST AS AMERICA WAS BLAMED WHEN I SENT SABRETOOTH TO ASSASSINATE THEIR PRIME MINISTER!

THE RESULTING WAR WILL BE DEBILITATING, MAKING IT SO MUCH EASIER FOR ME TO WORK FROM WITHIN TO DESTROY THE UNITED STATES!



AND THE WAY THAT
COLONEL LOOKED AT
ME, LIKE SOMETHING
HE'D SCRAPED OFF
HIS BOOT!

IT'D SERVE HIM
RIGHT IF I... I...
AW, WHO AM I
KIDDING?

AMERICA'S GOT PROBLEMS--
LOTS OF THEM!

BUT IT'S STILL
MY COUNTRY!

AND NO AMOUNT
OF MONEY CAN
CHANGE THAT!

TSK! PATRIOTISM
MUST EXUDE ITS
OWN HORMONE.

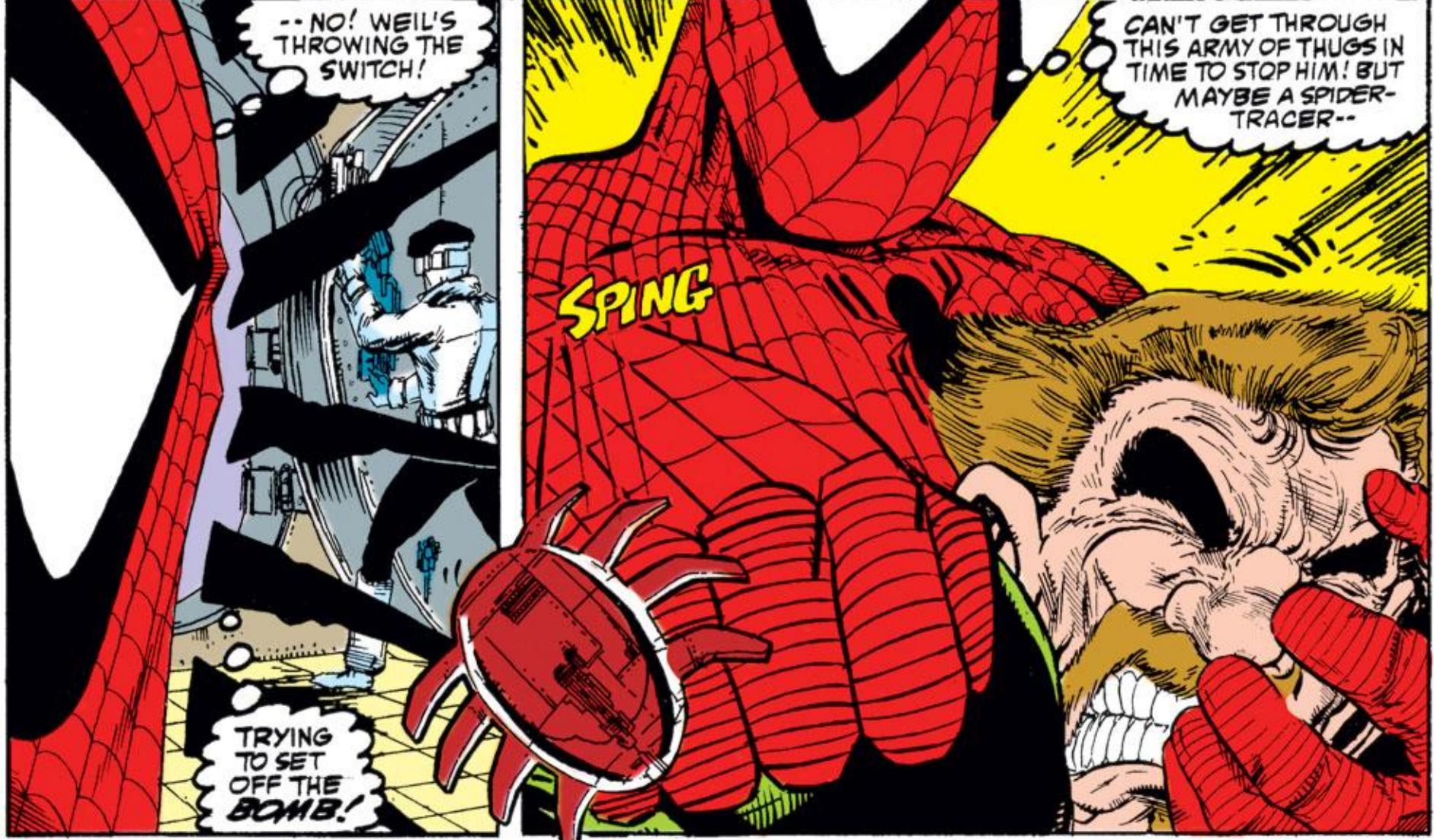
ONE THAT
PROMOTES
STUPIDITY.

KILL
HIM.

GO NAB
THE SKULL!

GOTTA
PULL FREE!



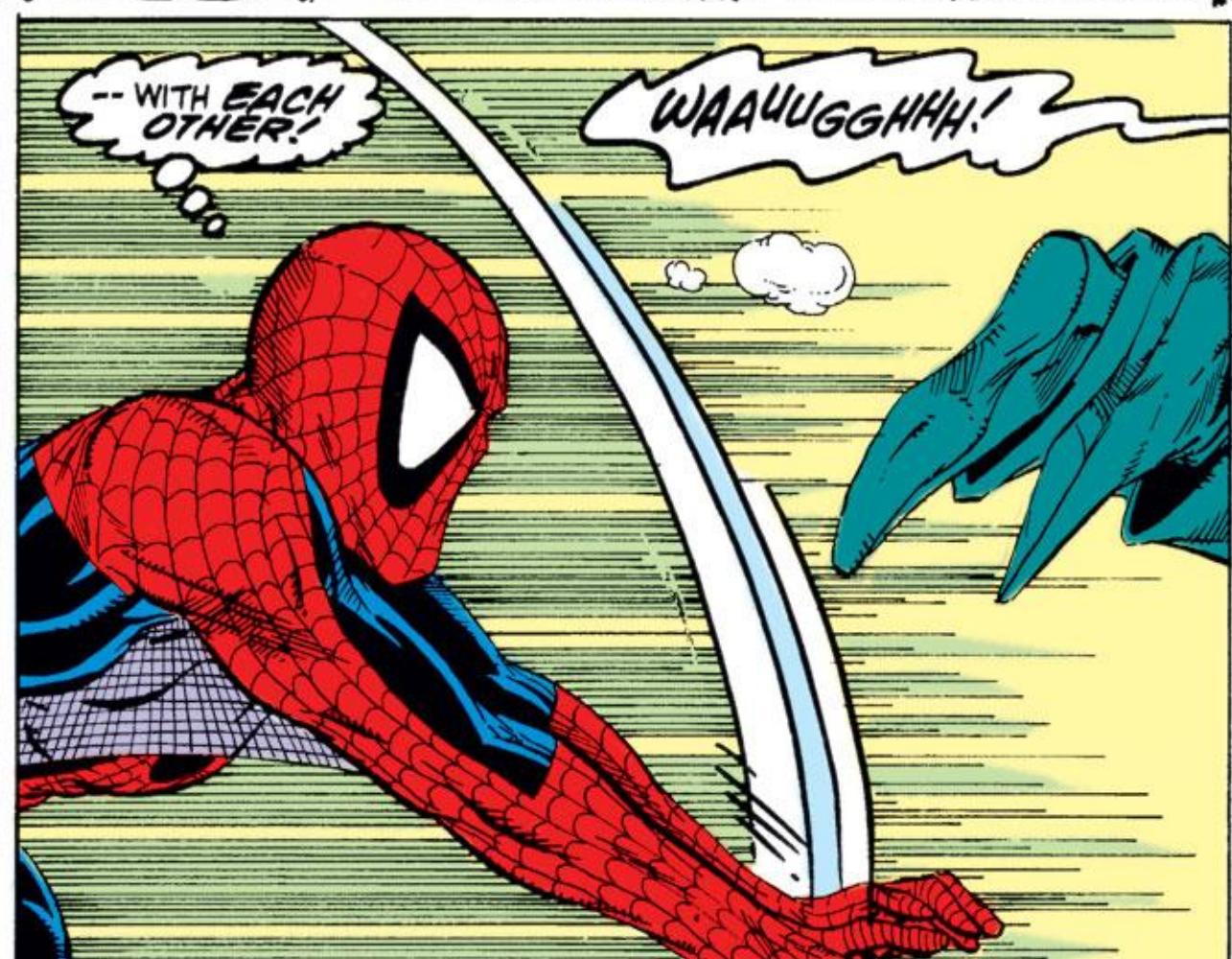


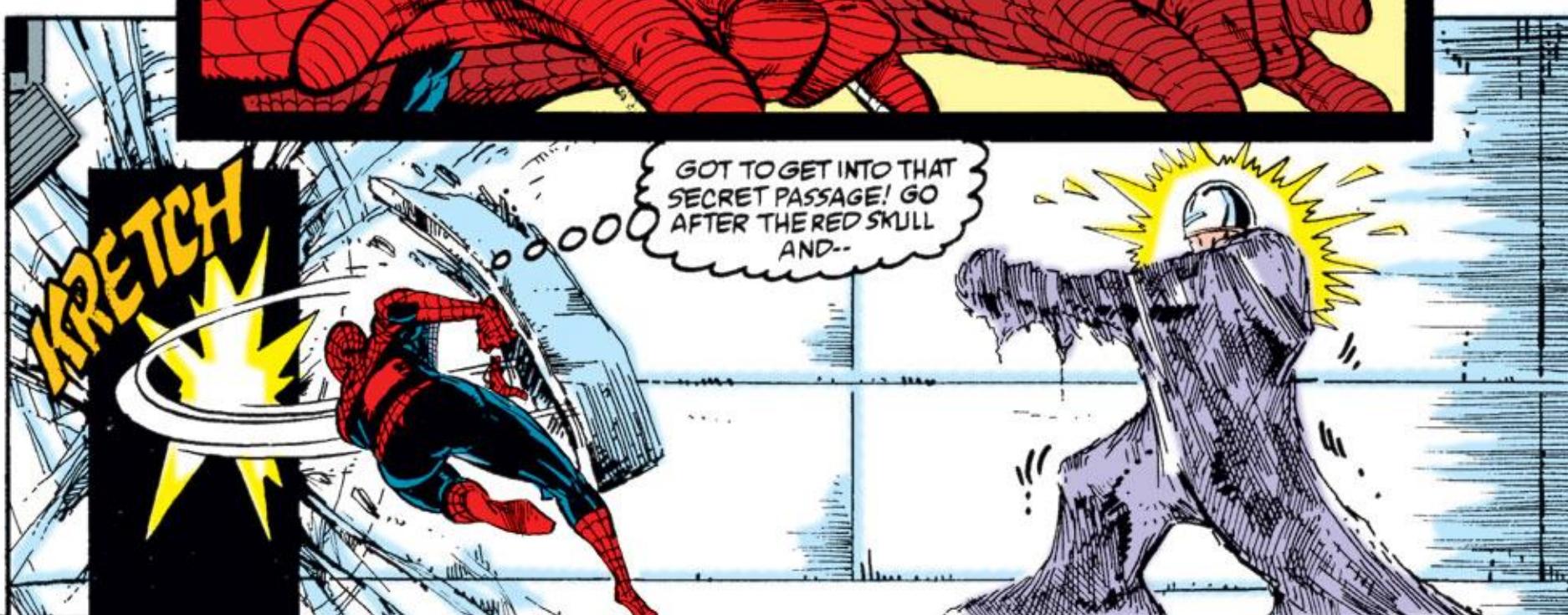
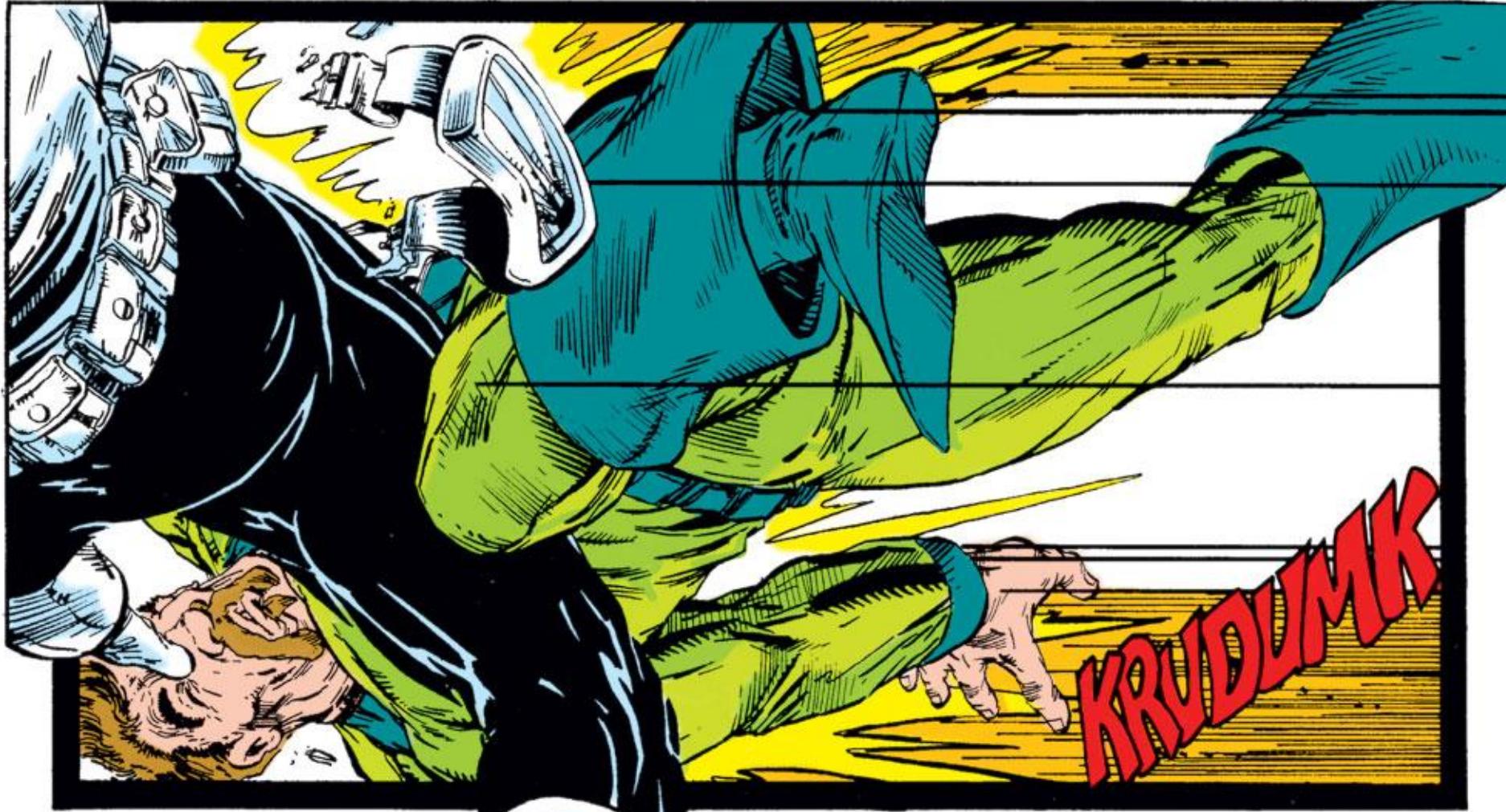
--CAN!



"DID IT! STOPPED THE SWITCH FROM MAKING CONTACT!"

SHHAP





-- HUH? A DOZEN PASSAGES?
BUT WHICH ONE--?!

BUT FIRST, I'LL RETRIEVE MY
AUTOMATIC CAMERA! ALONG
WITH A LITTLE ITEM I
BORROWED--

--FROM THE
PENTAGON
EVIDENCE
ROOM!

NUTS. BETTER CALL
IN THE MILITARY. THEY
HAVE THE MANPOWER
TO DO THIS RIGHT!

AND, SOMETIME
LATER AT THE
AFOREMENTIONED
PENTAGON...

BUT WHAT'S **MOST** AMAZING IS THAT
THOSE TUNNELS UNDER THE ARCHIVES
ALL LED BACK INTO ONE ANOTHER!

THEY WENT
NOWHERE!

--THIS PHOTOGRAPHIC
AND AUDIO EVIDENCE
SHOULD BE PROOF
ENOUGH THAT **AMERICA**
WASN'T BEHIND THAT
ASSASSINATION!

--WHEN I SENT
SABRETOOTH TO
ASSASSINATE THEIR
PRIME MINISTER!

THIS IS
ASTONISHING!
ALL OF IT!

OBVIOUSLY,
THE RED SKULL
HAD A HIDDEN
ESCAPE EXIT!
EVEN SO--



IT IS. I'VE BEEN ON THE PHONE TO THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER IN SYMKARIA.

HE'S AGREED TO SPONSOR A RESOLUTION ABSOLVING THE UNITED STATES.

I MADE A MISTAKE, SPIDER-MAN. YOU'RE A GOOD AMERICAN. I HOPE YOU'LL ACCEPT MY APOLOGY--AND YOUR COUNTRY'S GRATITUDE.

A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION--IN CASH-- WILL BE WAITING IN THE SYMKARIAN EMBASSY IN NEW YORK.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SEE JUSTICE DONE, SPIDER-MAN.

YOU DID A GRAND THING, SON. I JUST WISH I COULD HAVE HELPED MORE. I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND...I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO.

SO DID I, CAP. WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I GUESS THAT'S ALL ANY OF US CAN DO.

COLONEL, THE PLEASURE WAS MINE.

AND SOMETIMES--

-- THIS TIME--

-- THAT'S ENOUGH.