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METHINKS I'LL PLAY GUARDIAN ANGEL UNTIL THE LADY'S SAFELY TO HER DESTINATION!

I'LL JUST STICK MY STREET GEAR UP ON THIS ROOFTOP. NO ONE'S LIKELY TO STUMBLE ACROSS IT HERE.

BUT, EVEN AS PETER CHANGES IDENTITIES...
HEY, SCUD-- LOOK WHAT'S COMIN'!

'EY, CHICKEE-CHICKEE, BABEE! WHY YOU WALK SO RIGHTEOUS, MAMA! C'MON, LE'TS PARTY! MM-MM-MM!
YOU CAN PARTY, MOJO...

... ME, I GOT PEOPLE TO SEE... STUFF TO BUY!
SNUK
MY PURSE!
YOU FILTHY CREEP! GIVE IT BACK!
UH-UH, MAMA! YOU WANT IT, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME TAKE IT!

YOU THINK I WON'T?

ACTUALLY, WE WAS HOPIN' YOU WOULD! NOW, WHY DON'T YOU BE NICE TO OL' MO--

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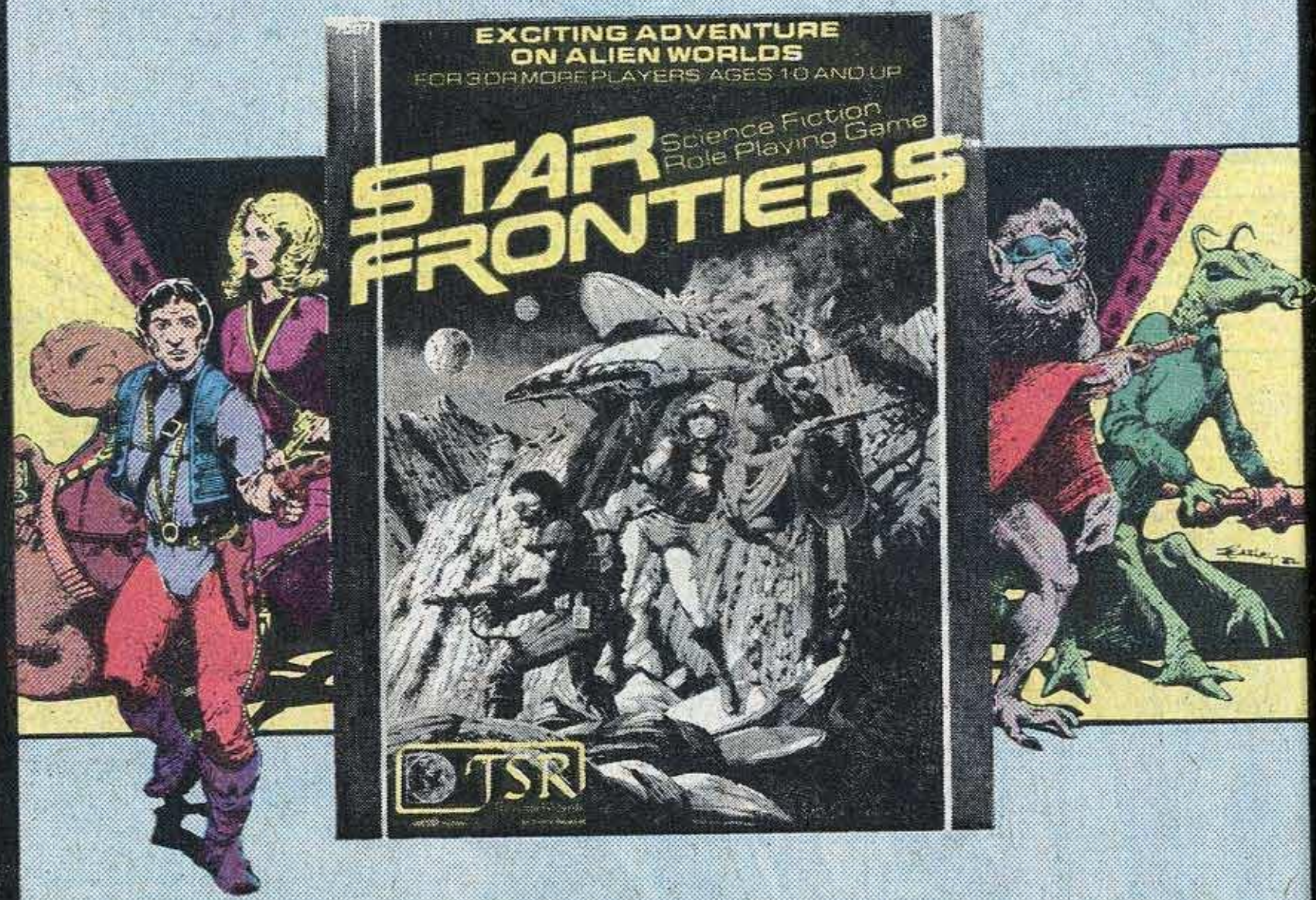

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--JO?!?
...25... 30... 50...

WHAM
HEY!

LOOKS LIKE YOU FOUND US A ROUGH ONE, MOJO!
SNIK
DON'T BOTHER ME NONE!

WHY DON'T YOU DO US BOTH A FAVOR, SUGAR, AND MAKE NICE--

--WHILE YOU'RE STILL PRETTY ENOUGH TO-- HUH?
HOW'D YOU MOVE SO FAST?

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU... SUCKER!
GAAA!

BESIDES, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR TOO MANY EXPLANATIONS!
:GNNGH:

CRIMENY! I AIN'T NEVER SEEN ANYONE FLATTEN MOJO BEFORE!
I AIN'T TANGLIN' WITH THAT LADY!

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, DOG-BREATH?
UH-OH.

A DEGENERATE LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T RUN SO HARD! IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT--!
TSK-TSK! LOOK AT THAT ... YOU RAN RIGHT INTO MY FIST!
BOP

SO MUCH FOR THOSE TWO.
THE LADY LOOKS OKAY ... BUT MY SPIDER-SENSE IS BUZZING MORE THAN EVER!
WHY?! SHE'S A GOOD FIGHTER, BUT SHE'S SURELY NO DANGER TO ME!
CART

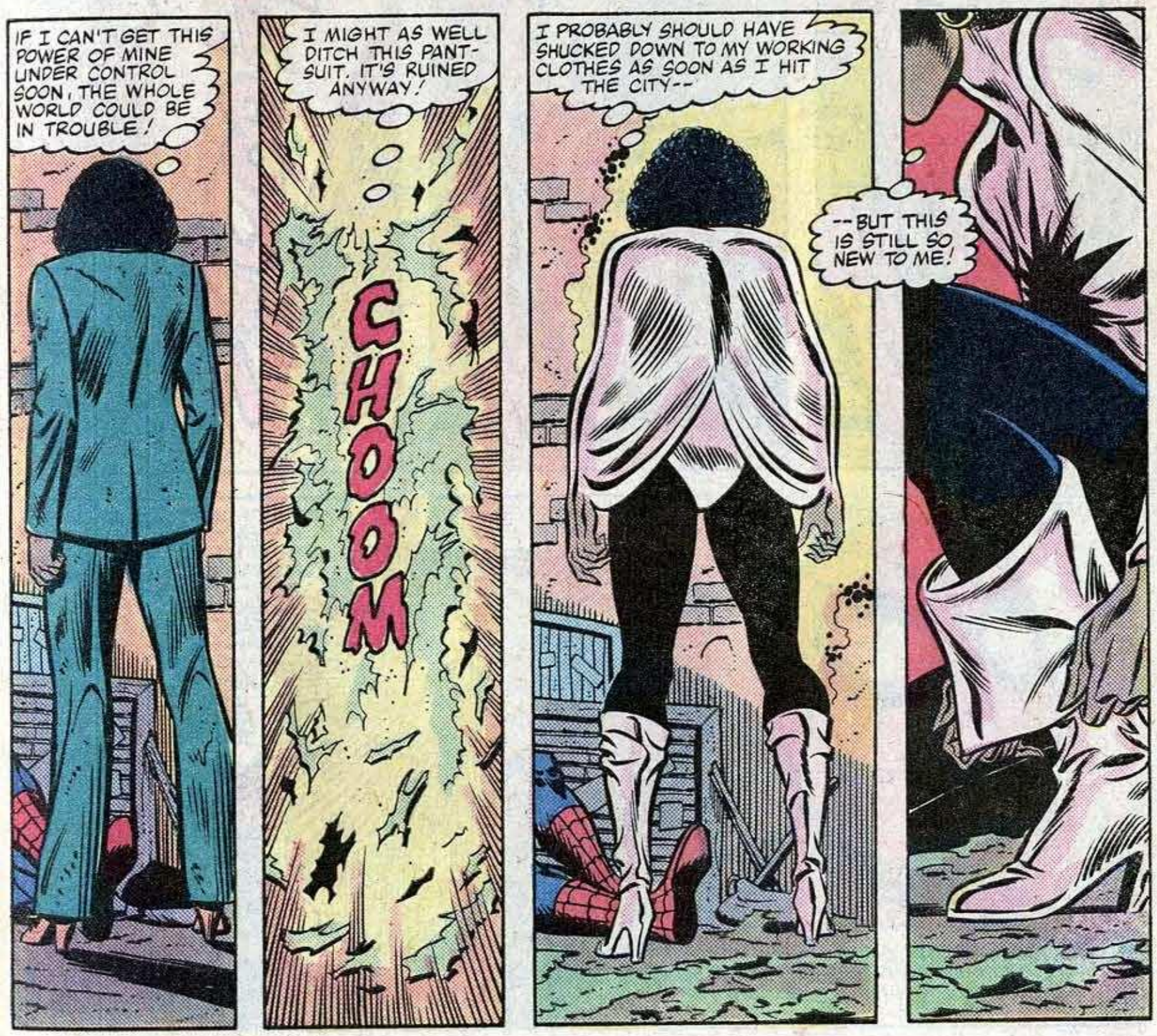
MAYBE IF I COME RIGHT OUT AND CONFRONT HER--!
HEY, LADY, YOU HANDLE YOURSELF--

--PRETTY--

IT HAPPENS IN A SPLIT-SECOND!
EVEN BEFORE SPIDER-MAN'S FEET CAN TOUCH THE GROUND...
...EVEN AS HIS SPECIAL SENSES TELL HIM THAT HE'S MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE...

...A SUDDEN BURST OF PURE FORCE SENDS HIM FLYING!

--WELL!
OMIGOD, WHO DID I--? IT'S SPIDER-MAN! I'VE READ ABOUT HIM... HE'S SOME SORT OF OUTLAW ADVENTURER!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO--! I THOUGHT IT WAS THE OTHER MUGGER BEHIND ME... I JUST REACTED INSTINCTIVELY! I COULD'VE KILLED HIM!
LOOKS LIKE HE'LL BE OKAY!


IF I CAN'T GET THIS POWER OF MINE UNDER CONTROL SOON, THE WHOLE WORLD COULD BE IN TROUBLE!
I MIGHT AS WELL DITCH THIS PANT-SUIT. IT'S RUINED ANYWAY!
CHOOM
I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE SHUCKED DOWN TO MY WORKING CLOTHES AS SOON AS I HIT THE CITY--
--BUT THIS IS STILL SO NEW TO ME!

AS WELL AS IT FITS--

--I STILL FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT WEARING THIS GETUP IN PUBLIC!

OH, WELL, AT LEAST IT HAS A POCKET FOR ME TO STASH MY CASH AND KEYS!

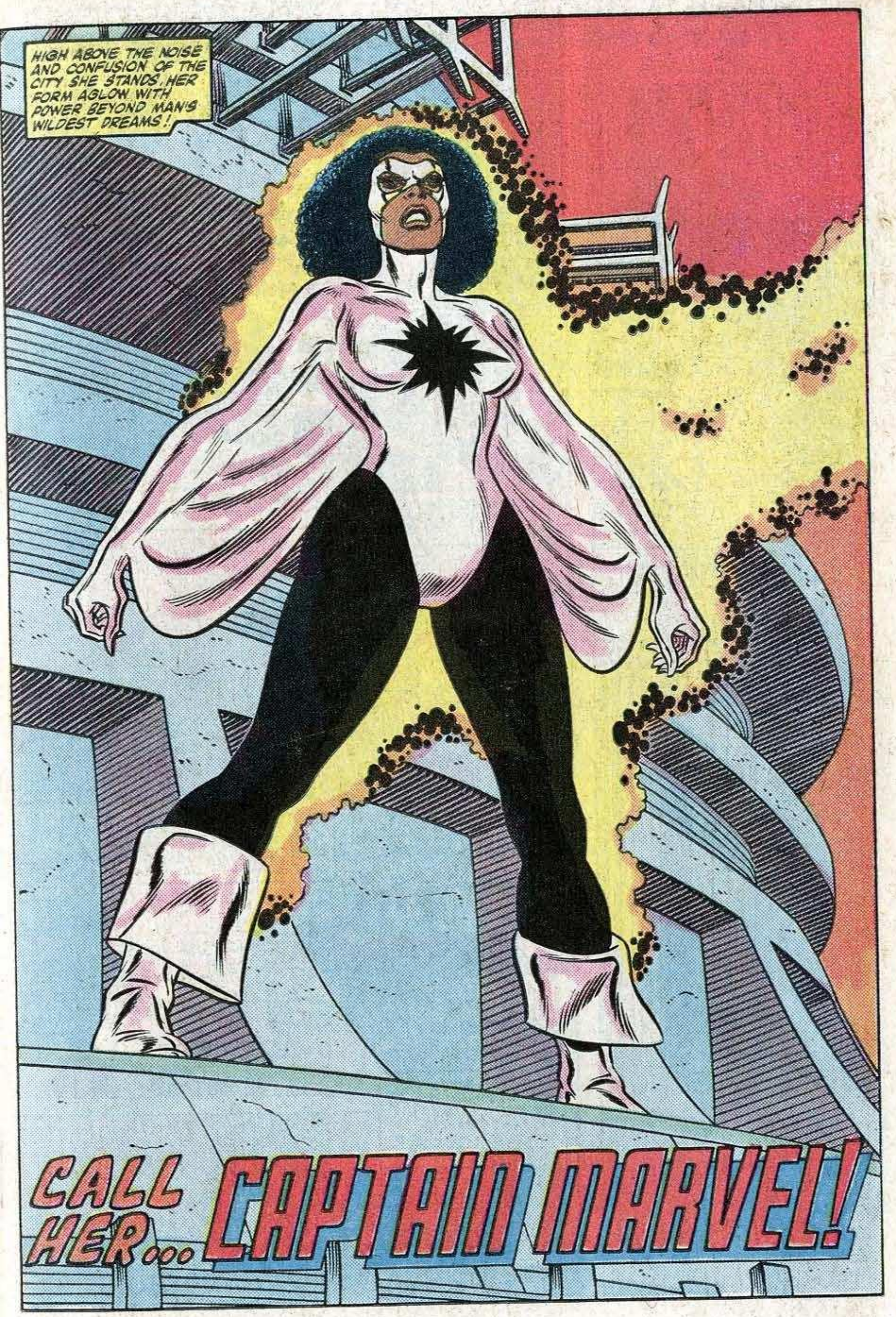
OHHH! I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN DANCED ON BY THE ENTIRE CAST OF "A CHORUS LINE"!

THIS'LL TEACH ME TO PAY STRICTER ATTENTION TO MY SPIDER--

KLA-BOOM
--SENSES?

I MUST STILL BE PUNCHY!
I COULD HAVE SWORN I SAW A LADY IN A FUNKY COSTUME TURN INTO A BOLT OF LIGHTNING... BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
YEAH, SO ARE GROWN MEN WHO STICK TO WALLS!

IN AN INSTANT, SPIDER-MAN SKITTERS UP THE BUILDING, BUT...
NO SIGN OF LADY OR LIGHTNING, BUT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING'S SUDDENLY LIT UP LIKE THE FOURTH OF JULY!
SHE COULDN'T BE THAT FAST... COULD SHE?
WHO AM I UP AGAINST HERE? AND DO I REALLY WANT TO FIND OUT?


HIGH ABOVE THE NOISE AND CONFUSION OF THE CITY SHE STANDS, HER FORM AGLOW WITH POWER BEYOND MAN'S WILDEST DREAMS!
CALL HER... CAPTAIN MARVEL!

TO THE NORTH, MIDTOWN MANHATTAN STRETCHES OUT BEFORE HER, LIKE A HUMBLE PEASANT BOWING BEFORE ITS QUEEN.

IT'S EVEN BIGGER THAN I'D IMAGINED... SO MANY PEOPLE! AND THE STREETS! THEY'RE ALMOST LIKE CANYONS!

IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM HOME... SO DIFFERENT FROM NEW ORLEANS...

NEW ORLEANS ...THE FABLED CRESCENT CITY.

TO MOST OUTSIDERS, NEW ORLEANS MEANS JUST ONE THING... MARDI GRAS!

BUT THIS GRACIOUS SOUTHERN METROPOLIS IS MUCH MORE THAN AN ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

HERE THE OLD AND THE NEW DON'T JUST MEET, THEY MINGLE... FROM THE OLD WORLD CHARM OF THE FRENCH QUARTER--

...TO THE STARK LINES OF THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF THE NEW ORLEANS HARBOR PATROL ON THE BANKS OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

IT IS HERE THAT THE SAGA OF CAPTAIN MARVEL BEGAN--

--JUST WEEKS AGO IN THE OFFICE OF THE HARBOR-MASTER.

ALL RIGHT, LT. RAMBEAU, WHAT'S THIS YOU WANTED TO SEE ME ABOUT?

MY PROMOTION, SIR... OR LACK OF SAME. I WAS PASSED OVER AGAIN. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY.

COME ON, RAMBEAU, YOU KNOW WE ONLY HAD FOUR CAPTAINCIES TO FILL THIS YEAR.

AND I WAS BETTER QUALIFIED THAN ANY OF THE MEN CHOSEN! WHY WAS I PASSED OVER?!

IF YOU MUST KNOW, IT'S BECAUSE YOUR METHODS ARE TOO... UNORTHODOX! I GO BY THE BOOK, MONICA, AND I EXPECT MY MEN TO DO THE SAME!

YOUR MEN! THAT'S THE REAL ISSUE, ISN'T IT? YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE A WOMAN IN CHARGE OF A PATROL BOAT!

I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T HEAR THAT ACCUSATION, RAMBEAU!

DIS-MISSED!

OH, AND RAMBEAU... I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY OF YOUR SMART REMARKS ECHOED IN THE NEWS MEDIA THIS TIME!

DON'T WORRY, SIR. NOTHING I DO WILL MAKE THE PATROL LOOK BAD.

UH-OH, LOOKS LIKE MONICA'S ON THE WARPATH AGAIN!

FINE THING! I SWEAT AND SLAVE FOR THIS OUTFIT, AND WHAT THANKS DO I GET?

"I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T HEAR THAT..." SANCTIMONIOUS OLD TYRANT!

I HAVE HALF A MIND TO --OH!

MONICA RAMBEAU?

YES?

I AM PROFESSOR ANDRE LECLARE. YOUR GRANDFATHER AND I WERE IN THE WAR TOGETHER.

PROFESSOR--! OF COURSE! GRANDFATHER ALWAYS SPOKE HIGHLY OF YOU! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE STATES?

FEAR, MON AMIE, AND GUILT.

SOUNDS OMINOUS! ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?

THAT IS MY HOPE. ARE YOU AWARE OF MY WORK IN ADVANCED PHYSICS?

I'M AFRAID NOT. COFFEE?

NO THANK YOU.

I'M CONSIDERED A BIT OF A CRACKPOT. ONLY ONE MAN EVER LISTENED TO MY THEORIES...

"...GENERALISSIMO ERNESTO RAMIREZ, THE SOUTH AMERICAN DICTATOR. PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHOOSIER ABOUT MY EMPLOYERS, BUT ONLY HE OFFERED TO FUND MY RESEARCH.

"I HAD DEVISED A PROCESS FOR DRAWING ENERGY FROM OTHER UNIVERSES... OTHER DIMENSIONS! I WAS ON THE VERGE OF A BREAKTHROUGH WHEN I DISCOVERED THAT RAMIREZ INTENDED TO USE MY DISCOVERY FOR A WEAPON!

"I FOOLISHLY TRIED TO DISSUADE HIM. EVENTUALLY, I HAD TO FLEE HIS COUNTRY FOR MY LIFE.

"THAT, I THOUGHT, WAS THE END OF IT. NOT SO. RAMIREZ HIRED MY FORMER ASSISTANT, FELIPE PICARO, TO CONTINUE MY WORK ON AN OLD OIL RIG IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.

"THERE, I BELIEVE PICARO IS BUILDING A DEVICE WHICH WILL MAKE THE ATOMIC BOMB LOOK LIKE A WET MATCH. BUT I CAN'T MAKE ANYONE IN YOUR GOVERNMENT BELIEVE ME!

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY! EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL ENERGY?!? SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A SCIENCE FICTION STORY!

AND SO, I AM HERE. YOU ARE MY LAST HOPE, LIEUTENANT. AS A FRIEND OF YOUR FATHER'S FATHER, I APPEAL TO YOU FOR AID!

WELL... UH... I DON'T KNOW. THIS SOUNDS... AH... PRETTY BIG. WHAT DO YOU EXPECT *ME* TO DO?

FRANKLY, I'M NOT SURE. I WAS HOPING YOU COULD THINK OF SOME WAY TO CONVINCE THE AUTHORITIES. I HAD HEARD THAT YOU TEND TO APPROACH THINGS IN A LESS ORTHODOX MANNER THAN MOST.

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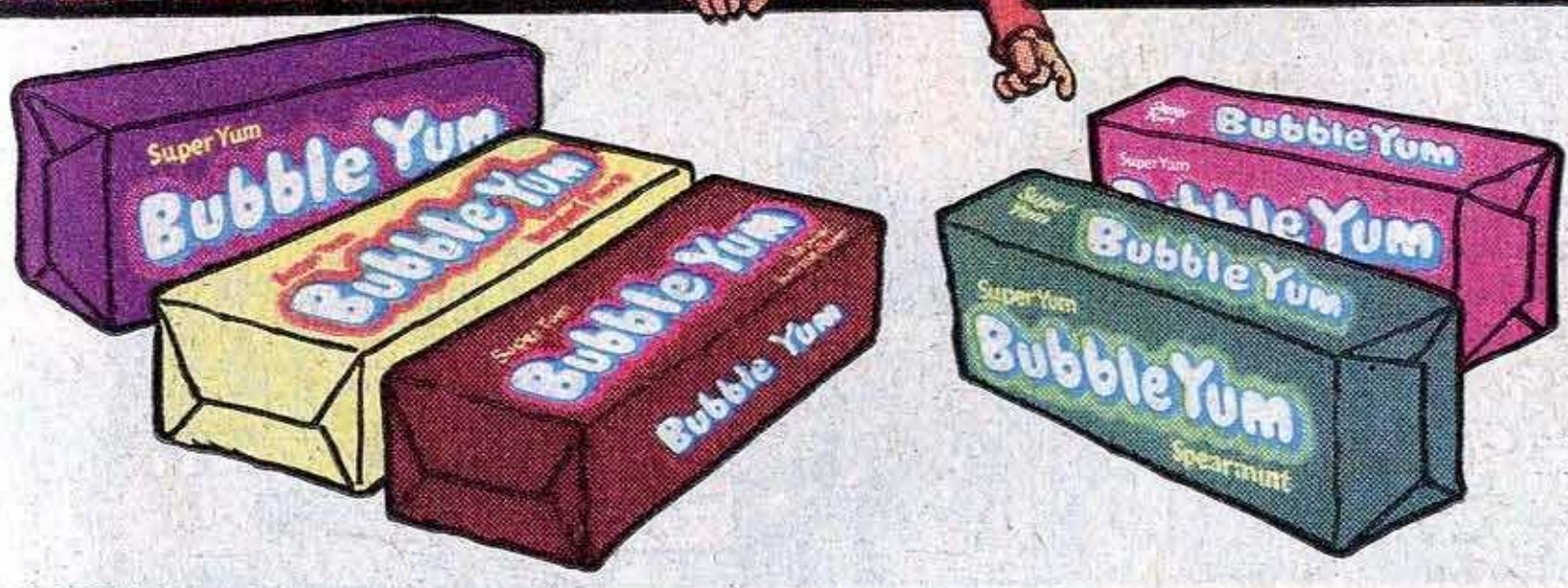

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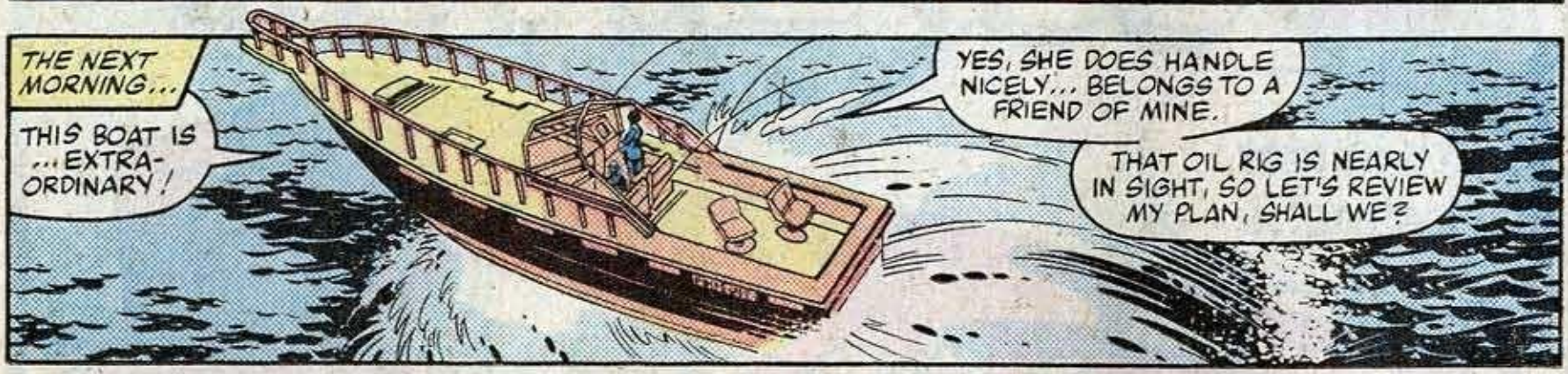

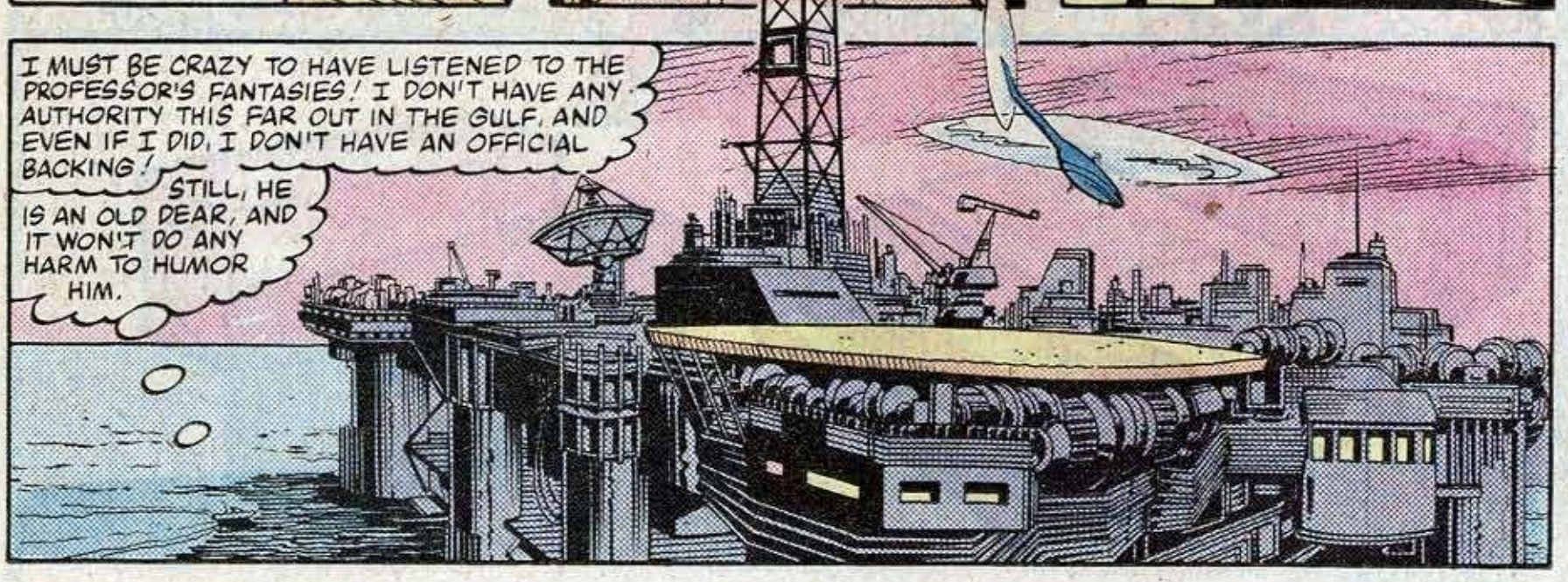

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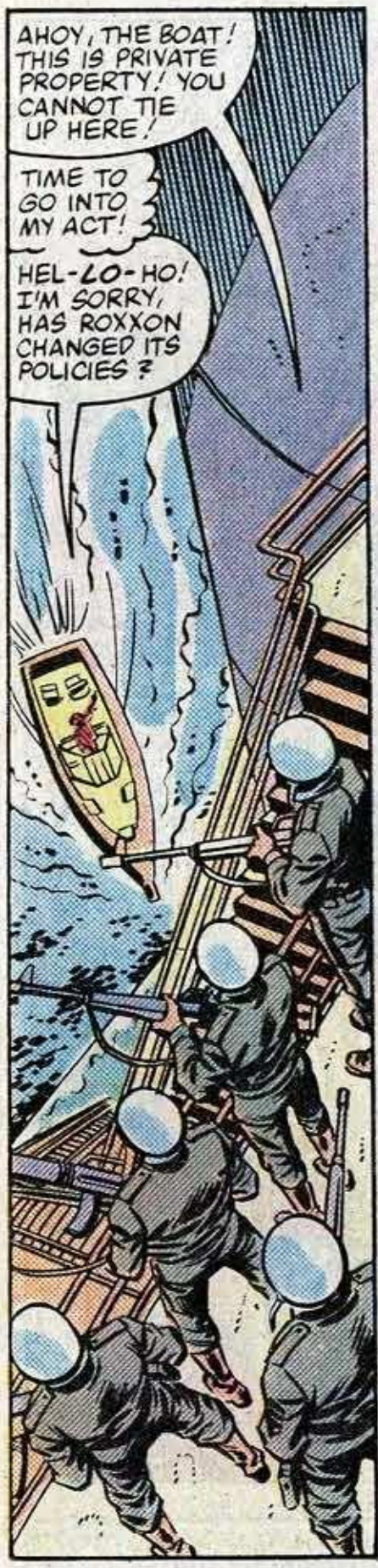
AHOY, THE BOAT! THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY! YOU CANNOT TIE UP HERE!
TIME TO GO INTO MY ACT!
HEL-LO-HO! I'M SORRY, HAS ROXXON CHANGED ITS POLICIES?

ROXXON HAS LEASED THIS TOWER TO US. THIS IS A HIGH SECURITY ZONE--
--YOU MUST LEAVE AT ONCE!

OH, DARN! THE OLD CREW ALWAYS LET ME PICNIC ON THEIR 'COPTER PAD! AND IT'S SOOO NICE AND SUNNY TODAY!

CARAMBA!
UH... SERGEANT, COULDN'T WE MAKE AN EXCEPTION?
WELL...
BY ALL MEANS, SERGEANT--

--ESCORT THE YOUNG LADY TO THE PAD AT ONCE!
I WILL ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY!
AS YOU WISH, DR. PICARO!

STEP ONE ACCOMPLISHED. AND DR. PICARO IS HERE. JUST LIKE THE PROFESSOR SAID. MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING TO HIS STORY.

SHORTLY, ON THE PAD...
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME UP HERE, DR. PICARO.
YOU MAY CALL ME FELIPE, MONICA. I DO HOPE YOU'LL ALLOW ME TO JOIN YOU. IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE ENJOYED A... PICNIC.

SOMETIME LATER...

I WISH HE'D STOP STARING AT ME THAT WAY. IT'S LIKE HE CAN LOOK RIGHT INSIDE ME!

I... I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A CLEAN OIL RIG, FELIPE! HOW EVER DO YOU DO IT?

ACTUALLY, WE ARE EXPERIMENTING MORE WITH ALTERNATIVE ENERGIES HERE, MONICA. BUT THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT. WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW...

WOOP-WOOP-WOOP-WOOP-WOOP-WOOP

EH? THE INTRUDER ALARM!! GUARDS, GET TO YOUR POSTS IMMEDIATELY! SEAL OFF THE TOWER AT ONCE!

INTRUDER--? OH, NO...

... IT'S THE PROFESSOR! IT HAS TO BE! IT WOULD BE TOO BIG A COINCIDENCE FOR ANY OTHER "INTRUDERS" TO BE NEARBY!

WOOP-WOOP-WOOP

FELIPE, WAIT! D-DON'T LEAVE ME HERE ALONE! I'M FRIGHTENED!

WHAT'S GOING ON? IS THERE ANY DANGER?

EH?

PERHAPS THERE *IS* DANGER... AND PERHAPS YOU HAVE BROUGHT IT AMONG US!

YES, I THINK YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS! COME, WE SHALL BOTH GO SEE WHO OUR INTRUDER IS!

MOMENTS LATER...

FORGIVE ME, MONICA! I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME CHANCE OF RENDERING THE MECHANISM INACTIVE!

SO, THE LEARNED PROFESSOR! AND I SEE YOU *DO* KNOW EACH OTHER!

PICARO, YOU MUSTN'T USE THIS DEVICE! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FORCES INVOLVED!

I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, LECLARE! MY ENERGY DISRUPTOR, POWERED BY THE FRUITS OF YOUR THEORY, CAN TOTALLY OBLITERATE ANY CITY WITHIN 2000 MILES!

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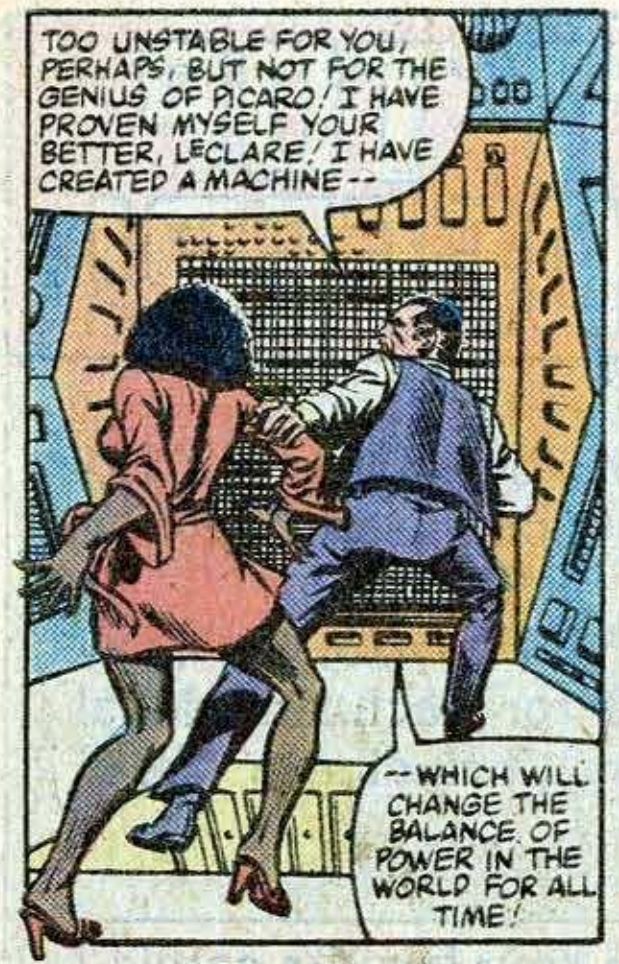
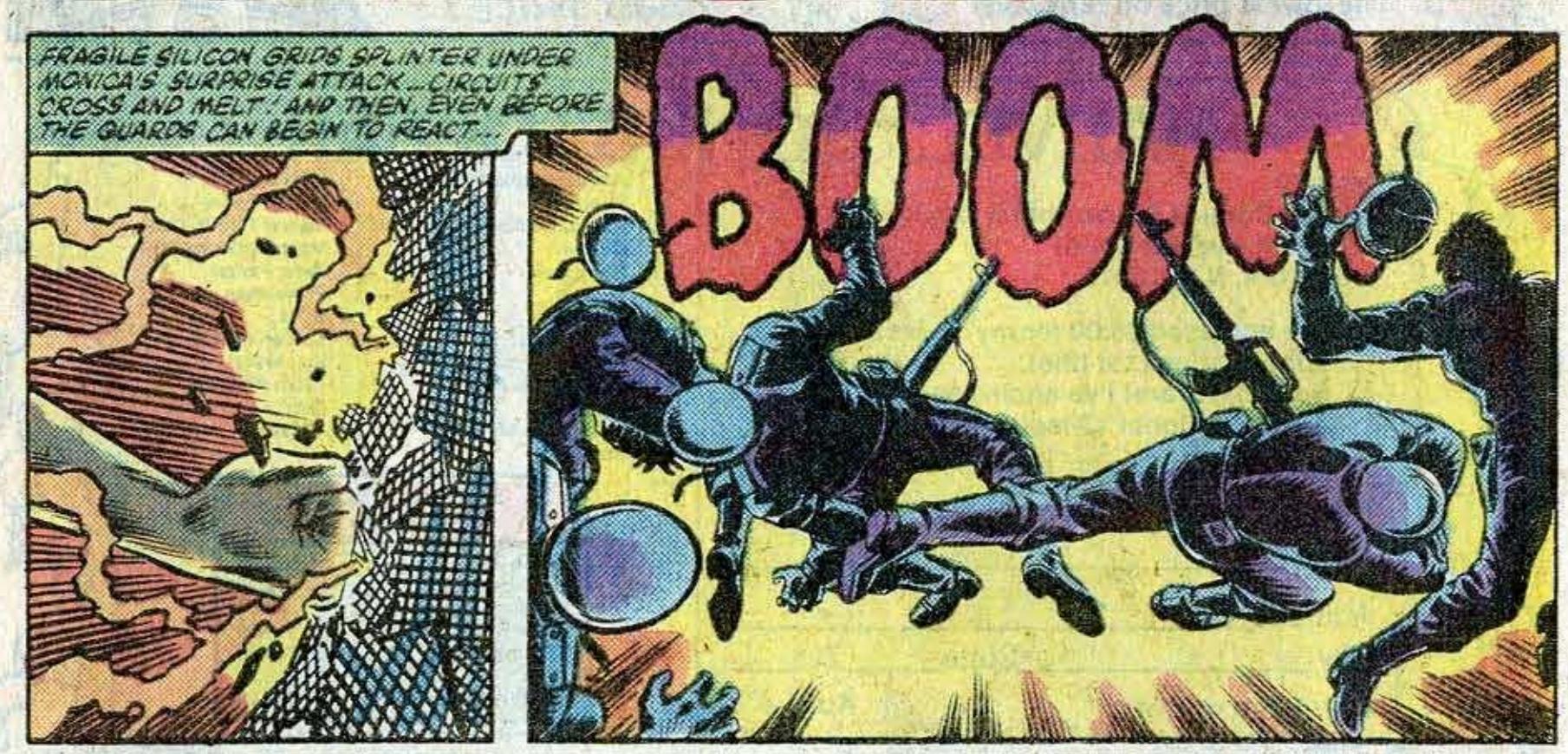

TOO UNSTABLE FOR YOU, PERHAPS, BUT NOT FOR THE GENIUS OF PICARO! I HAVE PROVEN MYSELF YOUR BETTER, LECLARE! I HAVE CREATED A MACHINE--
--WHICH WILL CHANGE THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE WORLD FOR ALL TIME!

IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT YOU OBSERVE MY FIRST TEST! I THINK THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE IMPRESSED--
--WHEN THEIR FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, SUDDENLY CEASES TO EXIST!

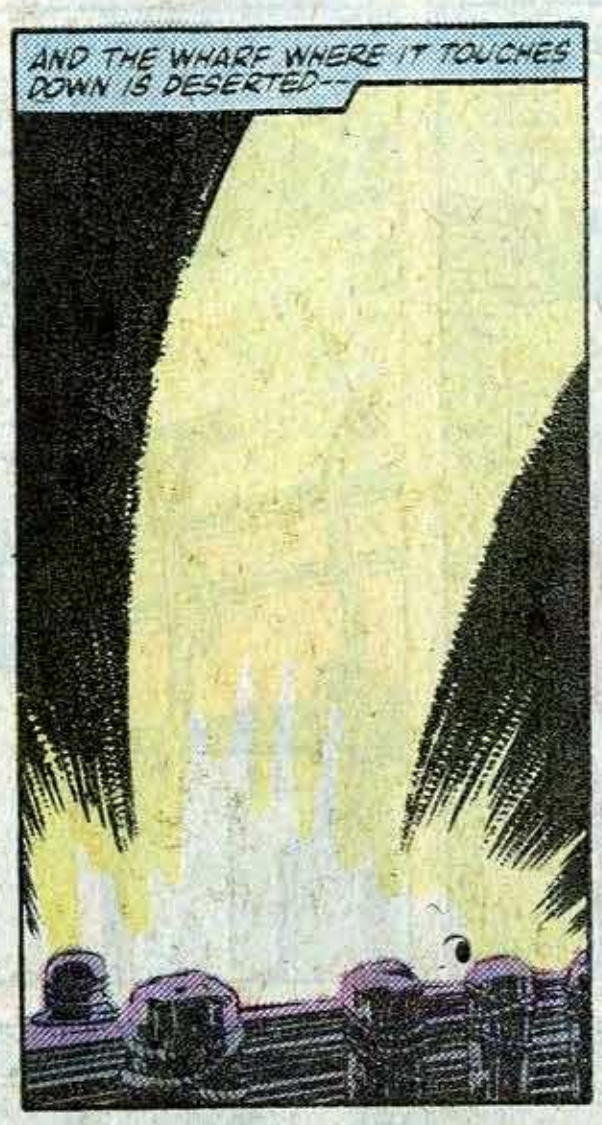
HE'S SERIOUS! HE ACTUALLY BELIEVES HE CAN DO IT!

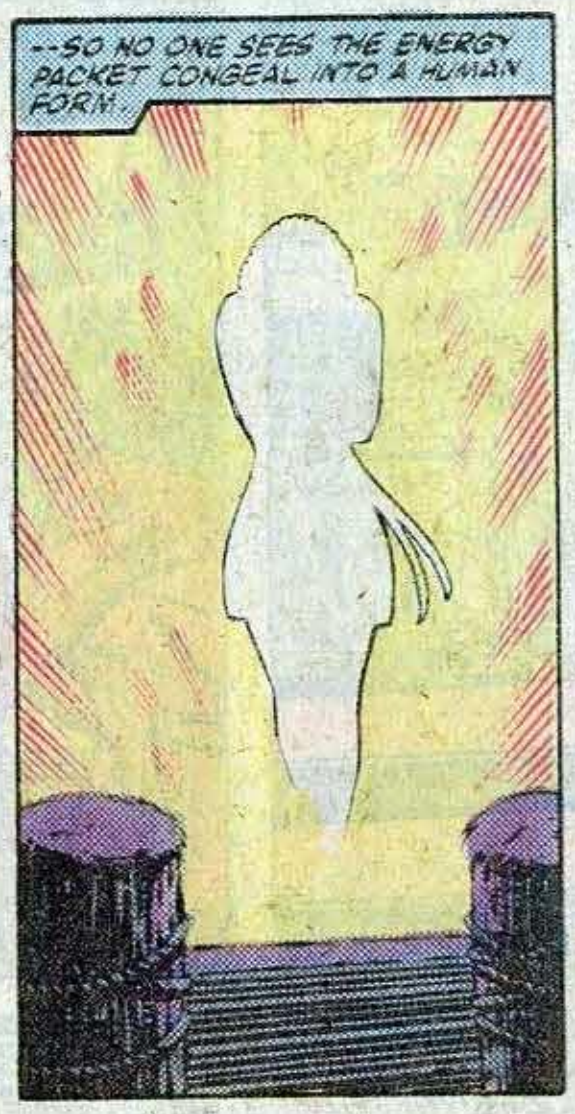
GNARRGH!
ONE SIDE, FELIPE! I DON'T KNOW WHO'S CRAZIER HERE, YOU OR ME--

--BUT IF THIS CONTRAPTION HAS EVEN A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE OF DOING WHAT YOU SAY IT CAN, I AIM TO SEE IT BUSTED!
KRAK
KZAK


FRAGILE SILICON GRIDS SPLINTER UNDER MONICA'S SURPRISE ATTACK...CIRCUITS CROSS AND MELT! AND THEN, EVEN BEFORE THE GUARDS CAN BEGIN TO REACT...
BOOM

AN INSTANT LATER ON THE WATERFRONT IN NEW ORLEANS...
NO ONE NOTICES THE STREAK OF ENERGY WHICH ARCS DOWN OUT OF THE CLEAR BLUE SKY...


AND THE WHARF WHERE IT TOUCHES DOWN IS DESERTED--

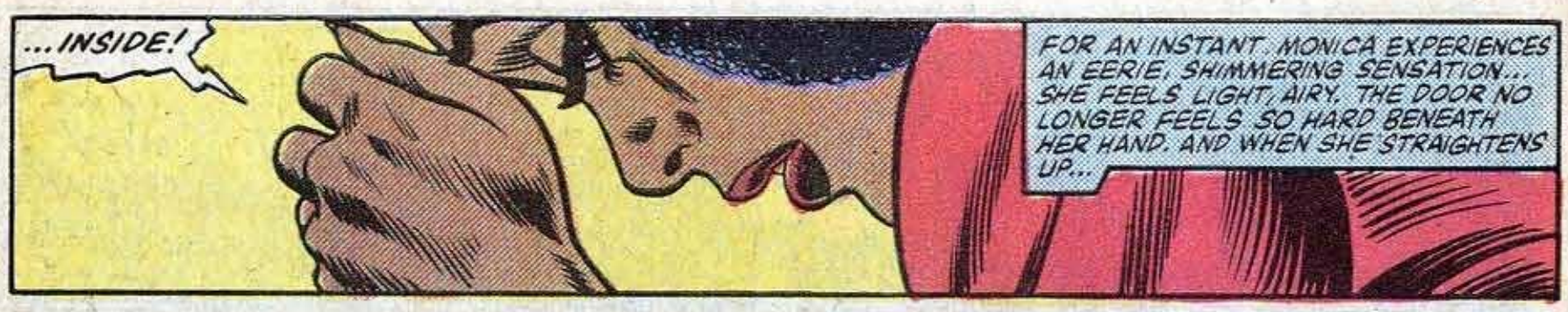

--SO NO ONE SEES THE ENERGY PACKET CONGEAL INTO A HUMAN FORM.

OH... WHAT... HAPPENED?
WHERE AM I...

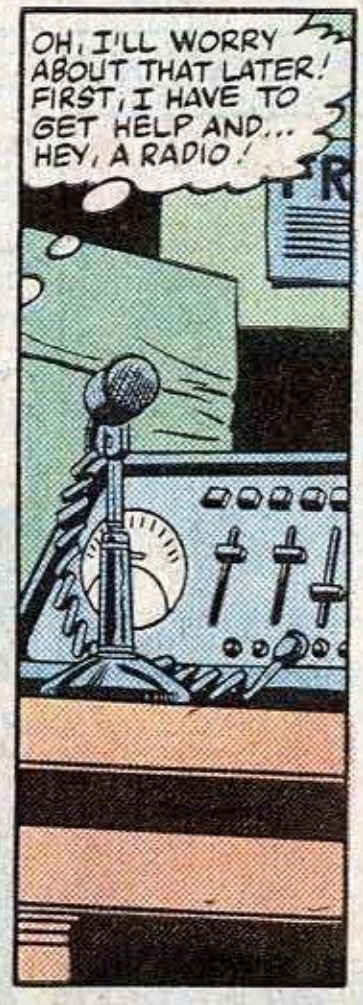
PROFESSOR?
GOTTA... GET HELP... ANY HELP.

YOU... IN THERE... LET ME IN! I NEED HELP! IS ANYBODY THERE?
PLEASE! HELP ME!
WUDD
WUDD

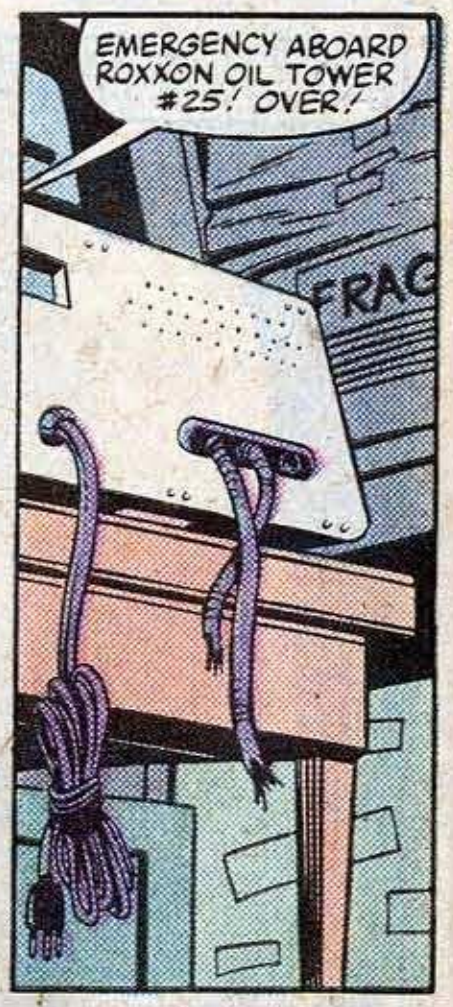
OH... SO... DIZZY. HARD TO THINK.
BUT I HAVE TO GET HELP ... HAVE TO GET...


...INSIDE!
FOR AN INSTANT, MONICA EXPERIENCES AN EERIE, SHIMMERING SENSATION... SHE FEELS LIGHT, AIRY. THE DOOR NO LONGER FEELS SO HARD BENEATH HER HAND. AND WHEN SHE STRAIGHTENS UP...

WHAT?!?
I'M INSIDE! BUT HOW... WHERE--?


OH, I'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER! FIRST, I HAVE TO GET HELP AND... HEY, A RADIO!

GREAT, IT BROADCASTS ON NAVAL FREQUENCIES!
MAYDAY! MAYDAY! ALL STATIONS PLEASE COPY!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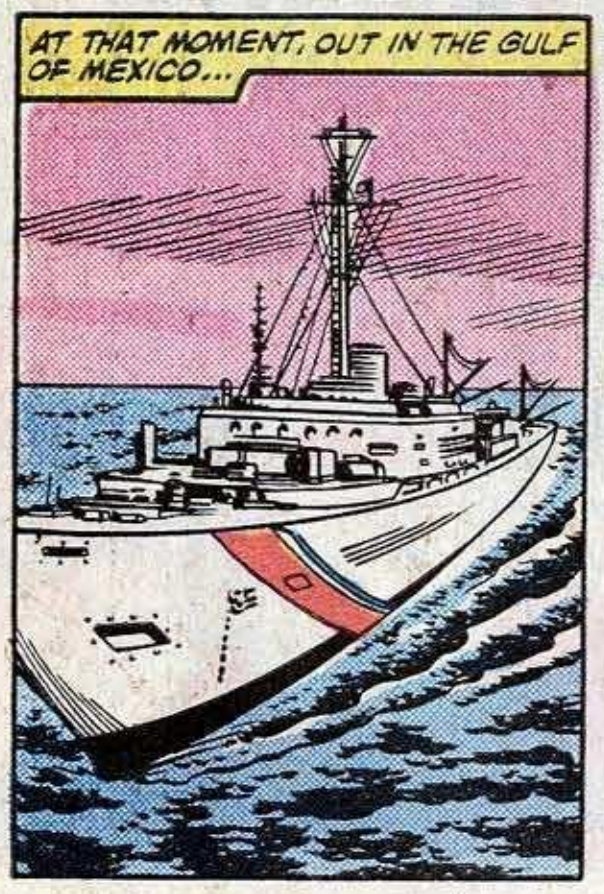
MAYDAY! MAYDAY! PLEASE! CAN'T ANYONE HEAR ME?


AT THAT MOMENT, OUT IN THE GULF OF MEXICO...

MAYDAY! MAYDAY!
YEEOOW!

EMERGENCY ABOARD ROXXON OIL TOWER #25!
OKAY! OKAY! ACKNOWLEDGED!
LORDY, WHAT KIND OF POWER IS SHE USING?

AND SO, AFTER SEVERAL BREATHLESS MOMENTS...
WHAT'S GOING ON? I THINK I'M BACK ON SHORE, BUT HOW DID I GET HERE? DID I BLACK OUT?
AND WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?

BRR! IT'S DRAFTY IN HERE! I'M COLD!
MAYBE IF I HUNT AROUND, I CAN SCARE UP SOME COVERALLS OR SOMETHING.

WHAT ON EARTH --?
OH, I SEE ... IT'S A STORAGE WAREHOUSE!
THESE RACKS OF COSTUMES MUST HAVE BEEN LEFT OVER FROM MARDI GRAS!
JUST MY LUCK! MOST OF THEM ARE MADE OF LESS CLOTH THAN I'M ALREADY WEARING! BUT MAYBE--

--IF I COMBINE PARTS OF A COUPLE OF OUTFITS, I'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING DECENT ENOUGH TO BE SEEN IN!

WELL... NOT BAD! AT LEAST THE MASK SHOULD SPARE ME ANY PERSONAL EMBARASSMENT.

SOON...
I SEEM TO BE BACK IN NEW ORLEANS. I WISH I COULD REMEMBER HOW I GOT HERE.
I HOPE THE NAVY CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE OIL RIG. IF MUCH TIME HAS PASSED, THE PROFESSOR MIGHT NOT BE THERE ANYMORE.

SUDDENLY
OMIGOD-- THE SKY! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE SKY ?!?
THAT BOLT JUST SHOT UP INTO THE SKY FROM OUT OF THE SOUTH! BUT THERE'S NOTHING OUT OVER THE HORIZON THERE BUT ... THE OIL RIG!
PROFESSOR!
AS THE WORD PASSES MONICA'S LIPS, A THOUGHT GRIPS HER MIND...
THE DESIRE TO BE AT THE OLD MAN'S SIDE TO GIVE AID AND ASSISTANCE!
AND WITH THAT THOUGHT, SHE IS GONE!
KL-A-BOOM
FAR OUT IN THE GULF, ROXXON OIL TOWER #25 STANDS IN RUIN, ITS MASSIVE SUPERSTRUCTURE SO SHAKEN BY BOLTS OF ENERGY FROM BEYOND THIS WORLD--
--THAT THE NEWLY ARRIVING LIGHTNING FROM THE NORTH BARELY MAKES AN IMPRESSION.
CERTAINLY, IT IS NOT SEEN BY THE UNCONSCIOUS GUARDS ON THE LANDING PAD!
WHAT THE--?! I'M BACK ON THE OIL RIG! THIS... THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME! I HAVE TO FIND PROFESSOR LECLARE!
MAYBE HE CAN EXPLAIN ALL OF THIS!
THIS IS YOUR FAULT, LECLARE!

YOU MUST HAVE SABOTAGED MY DISRUPTOR PANEL! IT WAS PERFECT... YOU HEAR, PERFECT!!
BOAM
PROFESSOR!

YOU SLIMEY--! DROP IT!
PROFESSOR, IT'S ME... MONICA!
EH? MON CAPI-TAINE? HOW?
I'M NOT SURE MYSELF! COME ON, LET'S GET YOU TO SAFETY!
TOO LATE. NO PLACE IS SAFE NOW.

FELIPE... WOULDN'T LISTEN! THE POWER WAS TOO UNSTABLE. ENERGY IS FLOODING IN FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE, BREAKING DOWN THE WALL BETWEEN WORLDS.
THE HOLE IN THE AIR... IS GETTING BIG-GER! WITHIN A DAY, IT WILL BE PLANET-SIZED! AND THEN, BOTH UNIVER-SES WILL SMASH INTO EACH OTHER. WE ARE DOOMED!

IT HAS GOTTEN BIGGER! DID I CAUSE THIS, WHEN I BROKE THE CONTROL PANEL... OR WOULD IT HAVE HAPPENED ANYWAY?

I GUESS IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE NOW. THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO STOP IT, BUT HOW? HOW DO YOU PLUG A HOLE IN THE AIR?

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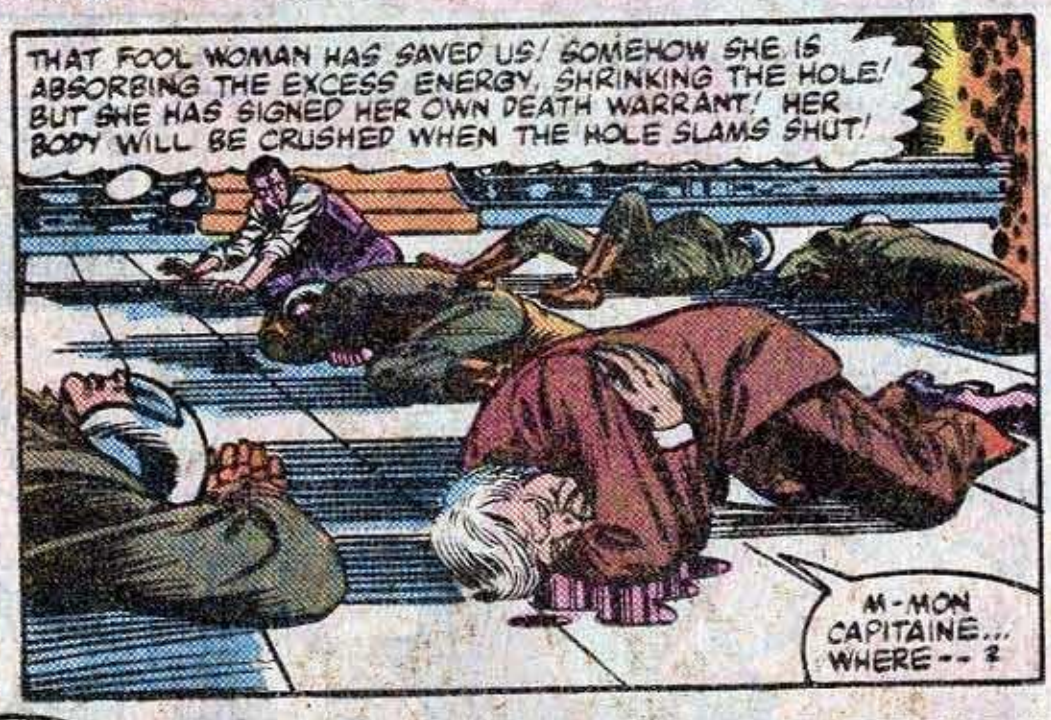
OH! I SEEM TO HAVE ANSWERED MY OWN QUESTION! I'M BEING SUCKED INTO IT!

I-I-I FEEL LIKE A CORK IN A VACUUM CLEANER, BUT I'M DOING SOME GOOD! FOR SOME REASON THE HOLE IS REACTING TO ME... I CAN FEEL IT CLOSING AROUND ME!
T-THE PAIN... THE POWER-R-R ... IT'S TOO M-M-MUCH!

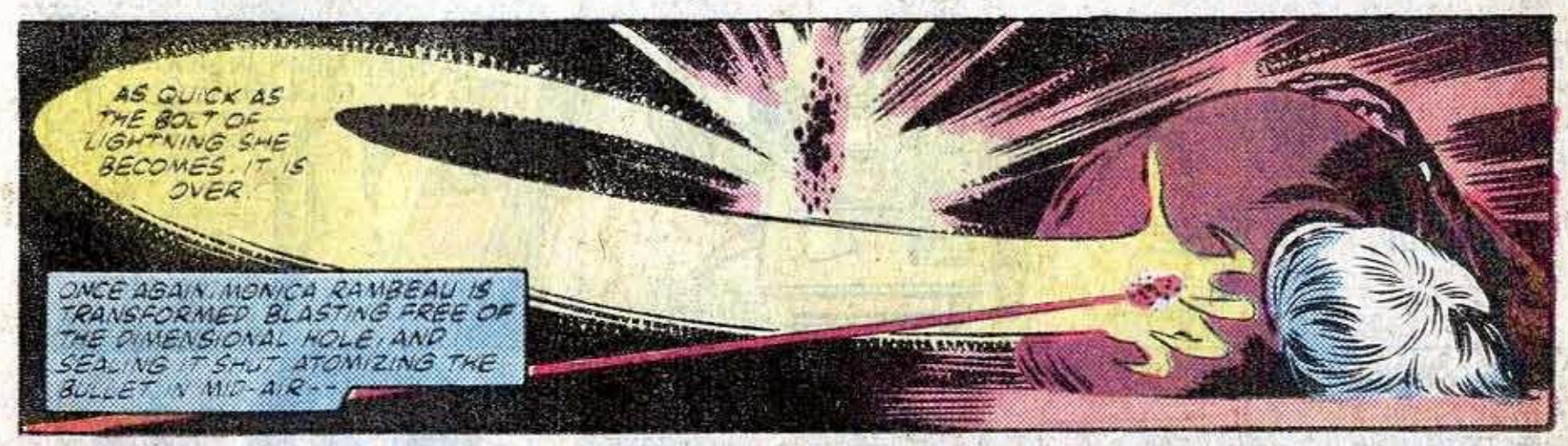

THAT FOOL WOMAN HAS SAVED US! SOMEHOW SHE IS ABSORBING THE EXCESS ENERGY, SHRINKING THE HOLE! BUT SHE HAS SIGNED HER OWN DEATH WARRANT! HER BODY WILL BE CRUSHED WHEN THE HOLE SLAMS SHUT!
M-MON CAPITAINE... WHERE--?

YOUR CAPTAIN IS BEYOND HELPING YOU, LECLARE... BUT I SHALL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO "REPAY" YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES THIS DAY!

PROFESSOR! LOOK--

BDAM

--OUT!


AS QUICK AS THE BOLT OF LIGHTNING SHE BECOMES, IT IS OVER.
ONCE AGAIN, MONICA RAMBEAU IS TRANSFORMED BLASTING FREE OF THE DIMENSIONAL HOLE, AND SEALING IT SHUT ATOMIZING THE BULLET IN MID-AIR--

--AND SWIFTLY TURNING TO STRIKE AT ITS SOURCE!
YIIII:

HMPH! SHOCKED HIM SENSELESS... GOOD! HE DESERVES WORSE, BUT I'LL LEAVE HIM TO INTERNATIONAL LAW!
QUE?
PROFESSOR? ARE YOU--?
I LIVE, MON CAPITAINE!

THEN LET'S GET YOU PATCHED UP AND GET OUT OF HERE! THE NAVY WILL ARRIVE SOON AND I KNOW THEY'LL HAVE QUESTIONS I CAN'T ANSWER!

(CAPTAIN? H-HE CALLED HER HIS CAPTAIN! BUT SHE SAVED US... HAH-HA-HA... SAVED... HAH-HA... ALL OF US!)
CAPITAN EST MARAVILLA...

...EST MARAVILLA!
CAPITAN EST MARAVILLA

TWO DAYS LATER, AT HARBOR PATROL H.Q....

PROFESSOR LECLARE! WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND OUT?
YOU SEEM JUMPY, MON CAPITAINE! IS SOMETHING WRONG?
WRONG? I GET CAUGHT IN AN EXPLOSION, TURNED INTO GOD KNOWS WHAT, AND WIND UP SAVING TWO UNIVERSES... OR SO YOU CLAIM... AND YOU ASK ME IF ANYTHING'S WRONG?
I'VE HARDLY SLEPT THE PAST TWO NIGHTS! COULD WE HAVE IMAGINED THE WHOLE THING?

HARDLY, MONICA! THE TESTS I'VE RUN PROVE CONCLUSIVELY THAT YOUR BODY WAS TRANSUBSTANTIATED BY THE DIMENSIONAL INTERFACE!

UH-HUH! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IN SIMPLE ENGLISH?

WHAT IT MEANS IS YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR BODY INTO ANY FORM OF ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY!

YOU CAN ACTUALLY BECOME A SENTIENT PACKET OF RADIO WAVES, LIGHT, EVEN ELECTRICITY! YOU CAN GO THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS AS X-RAYS!

"YOU CAN TRAVEL AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT!

"WHAT'S MORE, YOU CAN RELEASE A SMALL AMOUNT OF ENERGY AS A BLAST OF PURE FORCE, WITH NO APPRECIABLE LOSS OF BODY MASS!"

BUT I FORGET MYSELF! HERE... FOR YOU!

WHAT IS IT?

I HAD A COPY OF YOUR COSTUME FABRICATED FROM CLOTH COMPOSED OF UNSTABLE MOLECULES.

I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT FAR MORE DURABLE THAN THE ORIGINAL.

GREAT.

PROFESSOR, I'M NOT SO SURE I NEED A COSTUME. I'M NOT CERTAIN I WANT TO EVER USE THOSE POWERS AGAIN!

WE ALL HAVE A DESTINY TO FULFILL, MON CAPITAINE.

WILL YOU STOP CALLING ME THAT? YOU KNOW DARN WELL THAT I'M ONLY A LIEUTENANT!

OH? NOT IN THE EYES OF SOME!

WHEN THE NAVY GOT TO THE OIL RIG, THEY FOUND ONE OF THE SOLDIERS CONSCIOUS ...AND HYSTERICAL. HE KEPT SAYING, "THE CAPTAIN IS A MARVEL!" OVER AND OVER AGAIN!
ORLEANS TIMES
NAVY INVESTIGATES EXPLOSION
WHO IS CAPT. MARVEL?

EVIDENTLY, WHAT LITTLE HE SAW OF YOU MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION.
MONICA, YOU CAN DO THINGS NO MAN HAS EVER DREAMED OF DOING!

TWO DAYS AGO, YOU TOLD ME YOU TOOK THIS JOB "TO SERVE AND PROTECT".
MUCH GOOD CAN BE DONE WITH YOUR POWERS ... CAPTAIN MARVEL!

SOON...
KNOCK KNOCK
COME IN, ALREADY! THE DOOR'S OPEN!

SO I NOTICED! I'LL CLOSE IT ON MY WAY OUT!

RAMBEAU?! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
I DON'T NEED YOUR LITTLE RANKS OR YOUR LITTLE MINDS ANY MORE! I'VE ALREADY MADE CAPTAIN... ON MY OWN!

ARE YOU SURE THAT QUITTING YOUR JOB WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?
AM I EVER!

PROFESSOR, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO THAT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. AS LONG AS THAT TYRANT IN THERE WAS IN CHARGE, THERE WAS A LIMIT TO WHAT I COULD ACCOMPLISH. BUT NOW...
...THE ONLY LIMIT ON ME IS THE SKY!
THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION! I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE BREAKFAST AT BRENNAN'S... ON ME!
LEAD ON, MON CAPITAINE! LEAD ON!

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WAS JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO. THINGS CAN CHANGE SO MUCH IN SUCH A SHORT TIME!
NOW THAT I'M FINALLY COMING TO ACCEPT MY POWER, I DISCOVER THAT IT MAY BE AS BIG A THREAT AS PICARO'S MACHINE!
IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, SHE DROPS TO THE OBSERVATION DECK OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING...
EVEN NOW, I CAN FEEL MY ENERGY LEVEL RISING! IF I WEREN'T CONSCIOUSLY HOLDING IT IN CHECK, IT WOULD OVERCOME ME!
BUT I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP INDEFINITELY! I NEED HELP! THE PROFESSOR HAS DONE ALL HE COULD...
...NOW I MUST CALL ON SOME HIGH-POWERED SCIENTIFIC MUSCLE!
BUT FIRST I HAVE TO FIND IT!
AND, WHILE CAPTAIN MARVEL SCANS THE SKYLINE--
--A FAMILIAR FIGURE COMES RUNNING UP THE SOUTH FACE OF THE BUILDING
THAT LADY MUST BE A CROSS BETWEEN ELECTRO AND SPEED DEMON! IT TOOK ME OVER A MINUTE TO GET HERE, AND I'M NO SLOWPOKE!
IF MY SPIDER-SENSE DIDN'T CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF SOMETHING STRANGE UP HERE--
--I'D SWEAR THAT I MUST BE WRONG!
BUT THERE SHE IS, BOLD AS BRASS! I'LL SLAP A LITTLE WEBBING ON HER, AND SEE WHAT'S SHAKING!
OR SHOULD I? WHAT IF SHE'S A GOOD GUY, AND I'M MISREADING MY SENSES? I'D LOOK LIKE A FOOL!

"NAW, IF SHE'S A GOOD GUY, SHE'LL UNDERSTAND THAT I COULDN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES! BESIDES, MY CHEST STILL SMARTS!"

THWIP

THWAP

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! SHE DID IT AGAIN!

GONE IN A FLASH OF LIGHT BEFORE I COULD LAY A WEB ON HER!

THE ONLY WAY I'M GOING TO CATCH HER IS TO TAKE HER BY SURPRISE!

FIRST, THOUGH, I HAVE TO FIND HER. I WONDER WHERE--?

BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

HEY, THE BINOCULAR-VIEWERS! SHE MUST HAVE BEEN SIGHTING ON SOMETHING!

NUTS! IT SHUT OFF!

CLICK

AND ME WITHOUT A QUARTER!

HEY, WHO ARE YOU?

NO NEED TO PANIC, KID. I'M SPIDER-MAN.

WHO'S PANICKIN'? BESIDES, THERE AIN'T NO SPIDER-MAN... MY DAD SAYS HE'S JUST A HOAX THE MEDIA BARONS COOKED UP TO SELL PAPERS!

I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE. BUT I *AM* SPIDER-MAN. AND I NEED A QUARTER-- IT'S IMPORTANT!

I MAY BE FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS, BUT I'M NOT STUPID!

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YA LITTLE PAIN!
HOLEE--!
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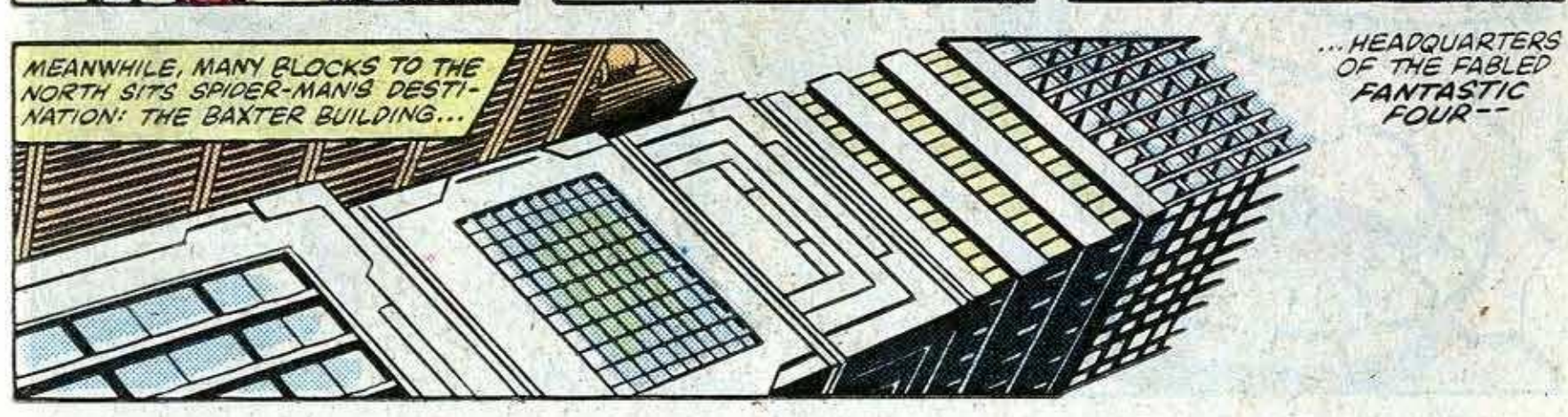
THERE! SATISFIED?
WOWEE! THAT'S TERRIFIC! THAT'S JUST ABOUT THE NEATEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN! I WISH I COULD DO THAT!
McAULIFFE

DO ME A FAVOR AND DON'T TRY, OKAY?
YOU NEED SPECIAL POWERS TO DO THIS!
NOW, ABOUT THAT QUARTER--?
YOU BET! WOW!
McAULIFFE

MOM! DAD! I JUST MET SPIDER-MAN!
WAIT'LL I TELL THE GUYS BACK HOME!
LET'S SEE...THE BUILDING SHE WAS FOCUSED ON WAS..
OMIGOD.

THIS CAN ONLY MEAN TROUBLE! I HAVE TO GET OVER THERE ...FAST!
NO, REALLY, DAD --HONEST!

DOUGIE, LOOK OUT THAT DOOR! DO YOU SEE ANYTHING? NO. SPIDER-MAN IS JUST A CREATION OF THE EASTERN ESTABLISHMENT!
HAROLD, I TOLD YOU WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HIM GO OUT THERE! THE AIR THIS HIGH IS TOO THIN FOR A GROWING BOY!
AW, MOM!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...HEADQUARTERS OF THE FABLED FANTASTIC FOUR--

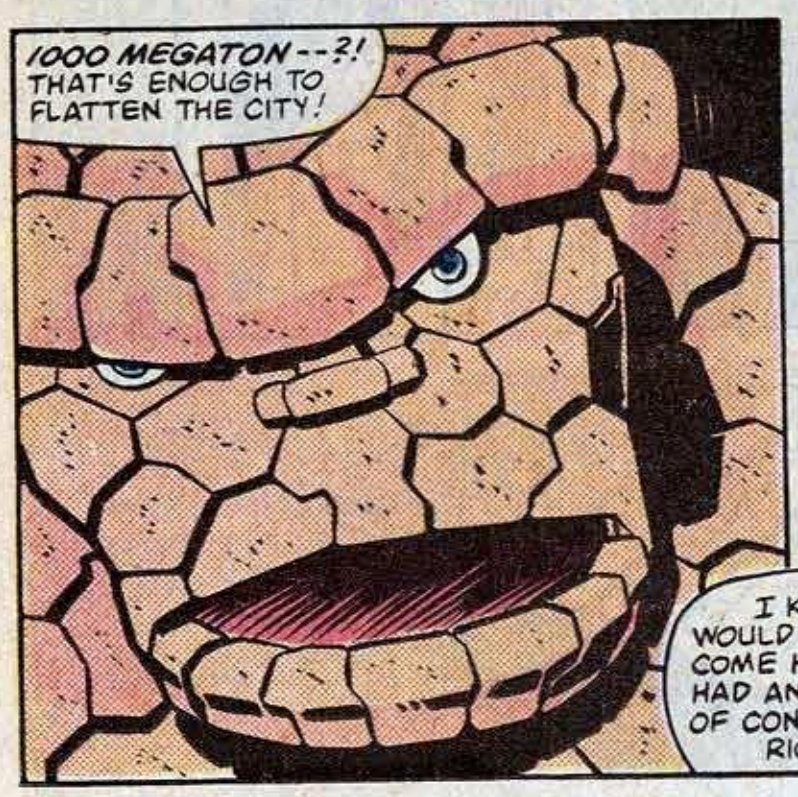
--AND PRESENT LOCATION OF MONICA RAMBEAU.
WHAT A MESS! IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WENT THROUGH HERE WITH A BATTLE-AX!*
I'VE HEARD THAT THE F.F. HAD ENEMIES... BUT TO DO THIS?!
*SEE FANTASTIC FOUR #242!

AT LEAST RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN, WHICH INDICATES THAT THE RIGHT PEOPLE WON!
BUT WHERE ARE THEY? I NEED TO FIND THEIR LEADER, REED RICHARDS!
LOOKIN' FOR SOMETHIN'?

OH! THE THING! YOU...STARTLED ME!
I DO THAT TO A LOT OF PEOPLE. WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU?
I...I'M CAPTAIN MARVEL.
NOT UNLESS YA CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD BY WAY OF DENMARK, YA AIN'T!
MARV DIED MONTHS AGO. 'SIDES, HE WAS A BLOND.

THERE WAS ANOTHER CAPTAIN MARVEL? I-I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T KNOW.
AW, DON'T SWEAT IT... MARV WOULDN'T MIND. I PROBABLY AIN'T THE ONLY THING IN THE WORLD, EITHER!
NOW... 'SPOSE YOU TELL ME WHAT YER DOIN' HERE.

ONE QUICK EXPLANATION LATER...
...BUT THE EXCESS ENERGY I ABSORBED FROM THE HOLE IS NOW BUILDING UP INSIDE ME!
IZZAT BAD?
IF I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO SAFELY RELEASE IT, I COULD EXPLODE... LIKE A 1000 MEGATON BOMB!


1000 MEGATON--?! THAT'S ENOUGH TO FLATTEN THE CITY!

OF ALL THE BLASTED TIMES FOR REED AN' THE MISSUS TO BE VACATIONIN' ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD!
I KNOW! I WOULD NEVER HAVE COME HERE IF I'D HAD ANOTHER WAY OF CONTACTING DR. RICHARDS!
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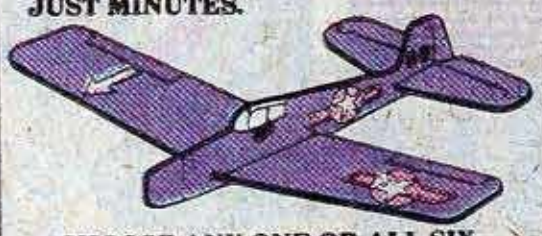

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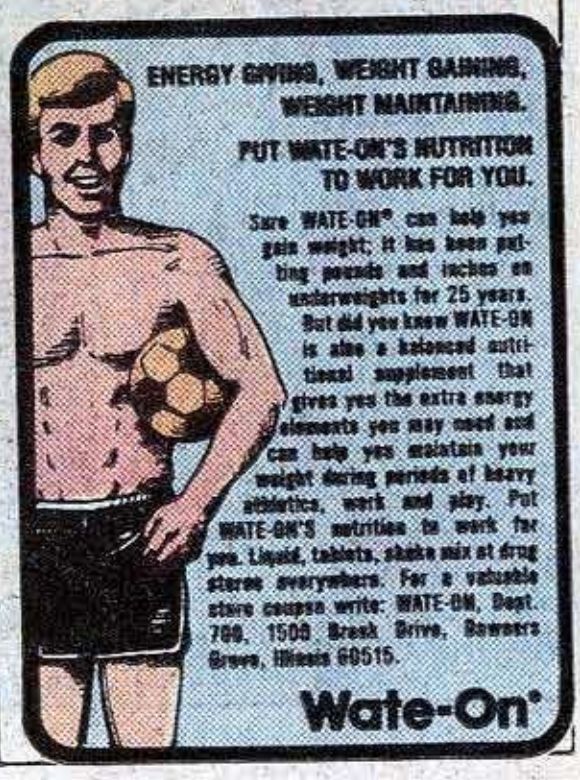

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MY WORD!

ZAK

ANOTHER FEW FEET AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN FELLED BY THAT STUNULATOR! SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG! I MUST INFORM MASTER IRON MAN!

BUT...

OH, NO! THIS IS AWFUL! I'VE KNOCKED IRON MAN OUT!

NOT QUITE, YOUNG LADY!

WHAT? THANK GOD, YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

IF YOU'RE SINCERE ABOUT THAT, YOU CAN HELP ME OUT!

JUST A TINY SPARK ACROSS MY CHESTPLATE'S INDUCTION NODULES WILL RESET MY CIRCUIT-BREAKERS.

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IT'S ALL OR NOTHING, EH? THEN I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR HELP.

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I HATED LEAVING IRON MAN LIKE THAT, BUT I HAVE TO TAKE THE SAFETY MEASURE HE SUGGESTED-- AND LOCK MYSELF IN THE ADAMANTIUM CONTAINMENT CHAMBER IN THE MANSION'S LAB.
I JUST HOPE ADAMANTIUM IS AS STRONG AS IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE, IN CASE I DO LOSE CONTROL AND ...GO BOOM.

JUST A WELCOMING PRESENT FROM YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN, MA'AM!
OH, WHAT--?!

I FIGURE THAT A LITTLE GIFT WRAPPING OUGHT TO KEEP YOU WHERE I WANT YOU!

WOOMPF!
YOW!

YOU... YOU STRETCHED MY WEBBING! EVEN RIPPED IT IN PLACES! BUT NO ONE THIS SIDE OF JUGGERNAUT CAN DO THAT!
LOOK, I'M SORRY I BLASTED YOU EARLIER! IF YOU WANT, WE CAN SETTLE ACCOUNTS LATER ... BUT NOT NOW!

MY TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
WHEW! I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT TRY SOMETHING LIKE THAT! MY SPIDER-SENSE WARNED ME TO CLOSE MY PEEPERS JUST IN TIME!
AND I DON'T NEED TO SEE HER TO GRAB HER!

SORRY, LADY, BUT THAT TRICK NEVER WORKS! I'VE... UH-OH!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!

YEESH! SHE'S PLAYING HARDBALL!
IF NOT FOR THAT OL' SPIDER-SENSE WARNING, I'D HAVE HAD TWO HANDS FULL OF ELECTRICITY. BUT SHE SEEMS TO BE USING HER ENERGY-STUFF SPARINGLY. ONCE SHE •COOLS DOWN--

--I'LL MAKE MY MOVE!
SORRY, TOOTS, BUT I CAN MOVE PRETTY FAST TOO!
SPIDER-MAN-- NO!
SMEK
YOU YOUNG FOOL!

IRON MAN?! BUT I THOUGHT THIS LADY HAD--!
AN ACCIDENT! THE WASP GOT ME GOING AGAIN!
AND THE WOMAN YOU K.O.ED CAME FOR HELP, NOT AS AN ENEMY! NOW THAT SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS, SHE COULD EXPLODE ANY SECOND--

"--UNLESS WE CAN LEACH OFF HER EXCESS POWER. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE AMENDS, GET ME 12 FEET OF HIGH-INDUCTION FLEX-CABLE FROM BEHIND THAT CEILING PANEL--"

--AND COIL IT AROUND HER... GENTLY!
IRON MAN, WHAT ARE YOU--?
I'M OVERRIDING MY ARMOR'S MICROCIRCUIT-BREAKERS, WASP. THE ONLY THING AT HAND THAT CAN HANDLE HER KIND OF POWER IS ME!

SPIDER-MAN, THAT WEBBING OF YOURS IS A NON-CONDUCTOR, ISN'T IT?
I READ YOU, SHELL-HEAD!
NOT JUST THE POWER JUNCTURE! I WANT YOU TO COVER ME--

--RIGHT OUT TO THE WRISTS!

IRON MAN, ARE YOU SURE YOUR ARMOR CAN WITHSTAND THE STRESS?
NO. IF THIS DOESN'T WORK ... IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU, JAN!
WHAT?

THE WAY HE'S TALKING, HE HALFWAY DOESN'T EXPECT TO SURVIVE!
AND I MUST HAVE TRIGGERED THIS WHEN I KNOCKED THE LADY OUT!

SOME HERO I AM! I TRY TO STOP WHAT I THINK IS A MENACE, AND WIND UP CAUSING SOMETHING EVEN WORSE, IF THEY DIE...
UH, SPIDER-MAN? WE REALLY SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE--JUST IN CASE IRON MAN CAN'T CONTAIN CAPTAIN MARVEL'S POWER.

CAPTAIN... MARVEL? DID YOU SAY CAPTAIN MARVEL?!?
NO RELATION TO THE OLD ONE!
OH, THAT'S JUST DANDY! I MAY HAVE DOOMED A NEW CAPTAIN MARVEL! WASP, I FEEL LIKE A TOTAL CLOD!

SPIDER-MAN, LOOK!
I ALREADY SENSED THE DANGER!
YOU WHAT?
NEVER MIND! JUST GET DOWN! I'LL MAKE US A PROTECTIVE BARRIER!

WHAT IF IT DOESN'T HOLD?
LIKE IRON MAN SAID...
... IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU!

DEEP WITHIN THE COCOON, HIGH-TECH VOLTAGE REGULATORS SHUNT THE BUILDING ENERGY SURGE THRU TWIN REPULSOR-RAY GENERATORS IN IRON MAN'S GAUNTLETS...

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BUT STILL THE POWER KEEPS BUILDING... AND BUILDING...

...UNTIL...

ZAM

WHEW!

OHHHH

WASP?

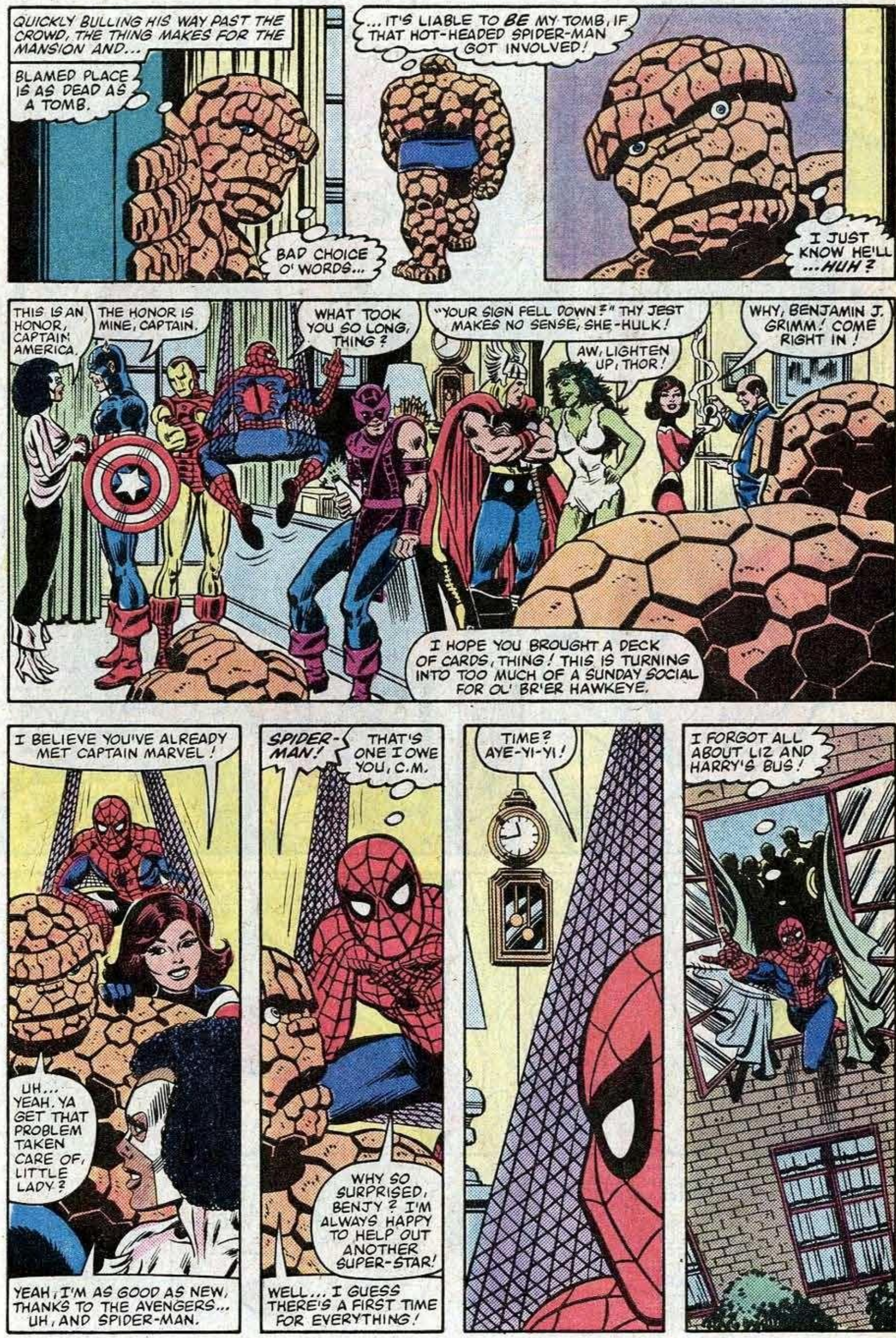
I THINK WE'RE SAFE NOW!

FINALLY, MINUTES LATER...

¢#%$!! TOOK ME FOREVER TO FIND A CAB!

HEY, JOEY, LOOKIT! IT'S THE THING!

HEY, THING! YA GONNA CLOBBER SPIDER-MAN? HUH?



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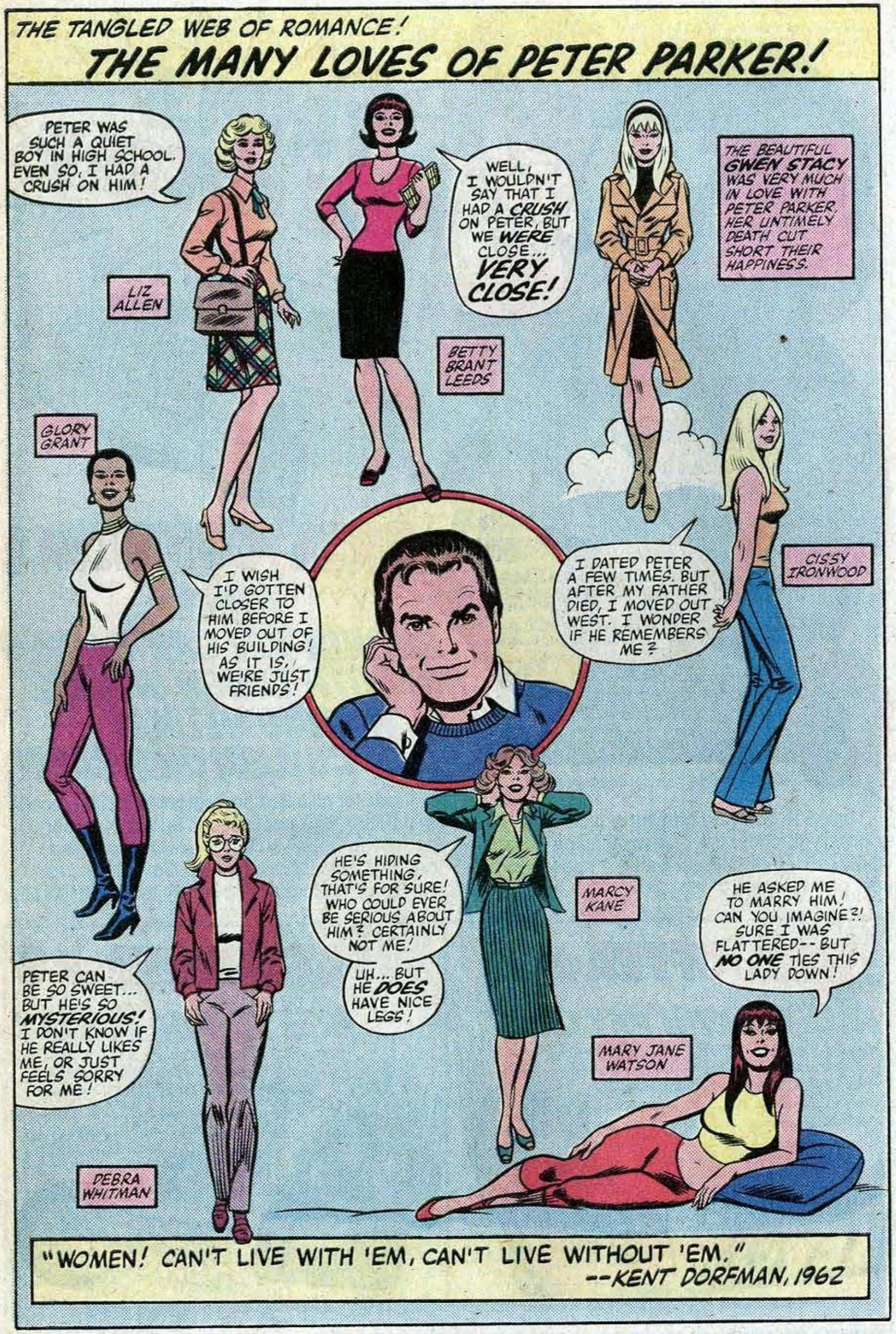
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LIZ ALLEN
WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT I HAD A CRUSH ON PETER, BUT WE WERE CLOSE... VERY CLOSE!
BETTY BRANT LEEDS
THE BEAUTIFUL GWEN STACY WAS VERY MUCH IN LOVE WITH PETER PARKER. HER UNTIMELY DEATH CUT SHORT THEIR HAPPINESS.
GLORY GRANT
I WISH I'D GOTTEN CLOSER TO HIM BEFORE I MOVED OUT OF HIS BUILDING! AS IT IS, WE'RE JUST FRIENDS!
I DATED PETER A FEW TIMES. BUT AFTER MY FATHER DIED, I MOVED OUT WEST. I WONDER IF HE REMEMBERS ME?
CISSY IRONWOOD
HE'S HIDING SOMETHING, THAT'S FOR SURE! WHO COULD EVER BE SERIOUS ABOUT HIM? CERTAINLY NOT ME!
UH... BUT HE DOES HAVE NICE LEGS!
MARCY KANE
HE ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM! CAN YOU IMAGINE?! SURE I WAS FLATTERED-- BUT NO ONE TIES THIS LADY DOWN!
PETER CAN BE SO SWEET... BUT HE'S SO MYSTERIOUS! I DON'T KNOW IF HE REALLY LIKES ME, OR JUST FEELS SORRY FOR ME!
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"WOMEN! CAN'T LIVE WITH 'EM, CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT 'EM."
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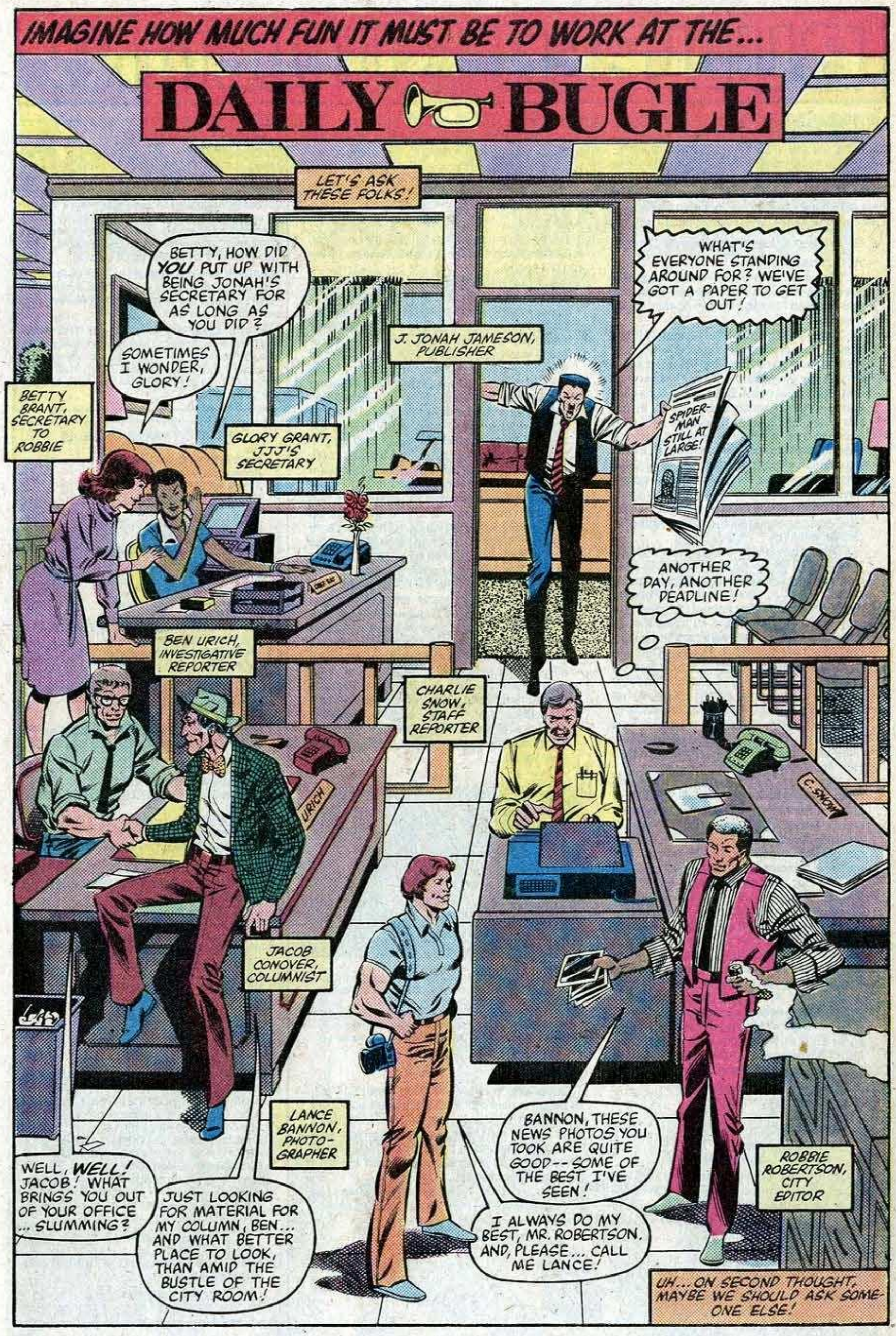
IMAGINE HOW MUCH FUN IT MUST BE TO WORK AT THE...
DAILY BUGLE
LET'S ASK THESE FOLKS!
BETTY, HOW DID YOU PUT UP WITH BEING JONAH'S SECRETARY FOR AS LONG AS YOU DID?
SOMETIMES I WONDER, GLORY!
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WHAT'S EVERYONE STANDING AROUND FOR? WE'VE GOT A PAPER TO GET OUT!
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LANCE BANNON, PHOTO-GRAPHER
ROBBIE ROBERTSON, CITY EDITOR
WELL, WELL! JACOB! WHAT BRINGS YOU OUT OF YOUR OFFICE ... SLUMMING?
JUST LOOKING FOR MATERIAL FOR MY COLUMN, BEN... AND WHAT BETTER PLACE TO LOOK, THAN AMID THE BUSTLE OF THE CITY ROOM!
BANNON, THESE NEWS PHOTOS YOU TOOK ARE QUITE GOOD -- SOME OF THE BEST I'VE SEEN!
I ALWAYS DO MY BEST, MR. ROBERTSON. AND, PLEASE... CALL ME LANCE!
UH... ON SECOND THOUGHT, MAYBE WE SHOULD ASK SOMEONE ELSE!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

HO-HUM...

'nother day, 'nother Bullpen Page. As Editor-in-Chief, it's my duty to write these things... yawn. You might think it'd be exciting, being able to reach many millions of readers every month with whatever words I care to write, but... sigh. It gets old after a while. Ho-hum. I wish something interesting would happen to liven things up...

FLASH! We interrupt our bulletins for a message from Stan Lee!

Hi, Culture Lovers,

Greetings from your friendly neighborhood film-maker, yakkin' at you from our star-studded studio in movie-mad Hollywood!

The main reason for this unseemly intrusion upon your literary pursuits is, of course, to make sure you don't forget me as I bravely endure my exemplary exile out on the wild and wooly west coast. But, I also wanna clue you in to the sensational news that, in just two short, hectic years, mighty Marvel Productions has already become America's second largest producer of Saturday morning cartoon shows! Yep, as sure as Spidey wears a speckled sweatshirt, we're gonna have two full hours of typical Marvel madness coming at you on the tube – an hour on NBC and an hour on CBS, starting Saturday, September 11th.

The shows themselves are: SPIDER-MAN AND HIS AMAZING FRIENDS, held over from the last season due to popular demand (you see, there's this guy Popular, who's got a kid brother named Demand, and they – aw, forget it!). And, to make it even more of a blockbuster, we're adding a sensational, new half-hour starring THE INCREDIBLE HULK, narrated by my all-time favorite comicbook personality. Modesty prevents me from mentioning his name, but if you wanna hear what I really sound like (if your tender ears can stand the mellifluous tones) then tickle the tube, tiger! Spidey, Greenskin, and yours truly, together at last! How lucky can you get?!!

Meanwhile, on CBS, (at the very same hour, wouldja believe—!!) you'll find two of Marvel/Intermedia's latest comedy masterpieces! One is "PANDAMONIUM", the spectacular adventures of three lovable, laughable pandas, braving the most far-out dangers and disasters our maniacal minds could create. Our second half-hour is "MEATBALLS AND SPAGHETTI", and – since Marvel never does the expected – it's got nothing to do with food! It's the wild and wacky shenannigins of a pair of rollickin' rock musicians, their antisocial dog, and a fascinating, fetching, fantastic female named Spaghetti! You gotta see 'em to believe 'em!

And now, for all you music lovers, I've written a little message to be sung to the tune of "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina" from the hit show EVITA! If you don't know the tune, forget it – this won't make sense to you. If you *do* know it, it still won't make sense!

Don't cry for me, True Believers.
You know I never left you.
I still love comics,
And movies, also.
I kept my promise –
And so did Marrrrrrvel!

Okay, that's it! You've suffered enough! It's time to return you to Superstretch Shooter and his Bullpen Bandits! So, till the Silver Surfer buys a fright-wig, I leave you with this sly and sobering thought —

Excelsior!

Stan

WOW!

Talk about *service!* That sure knocked me back on my heels. Good old Stan... being a Hollywood Mogul hasn't changed our fearless Publisher and Presenter. He's still nuts.

AND NOW...

I've got so much stuff to tell you, it's boggling. It probably won't all fit. Oh, well. We'll go till we run out space...

—I was there at the wedding of *Spider-Man, Avengers* and *Dr. Strange* scribe Roger Stern, whose bride was the lovely and impressively intelligent Carmela Merlo, a teacher of chemistry at Cornell University! The ceremony was held on June 19th on the lawn of the home of Bill and Lisa Turner in Ithaca, New York. (Bill owns and manages a thriving comics specialty shop called *Comics for Collectors,* at 148 The Commons, 2nd Floor, in Ithaca, by the way – stop in if you're in the area!) The weather was beautiful, and the cottonwoods cooperated by sending a soft, romantic "snowfall" of cottony fluff down upon the scene with every gentle breeze. Roger wrote the simple, elegant service himself, and when it was over, he kissed the Bride, turned to the audience and said... "Th-th-that's all folks!" No kidding. A picture of the Marvel folks who attended was taken by photog Tim Gray at the reception, and appears below.

—I was there at the July 24th wedding of former Marvel typesetter and colorist Carl Gafford, whose bride was the lovely and impressively intelligent Sharon Ing, a computer graphics software programmer for Raytheon! Sharon is also a former Marvel person, actually, having served ably as an intern, then later as an assistant in our Special Projects Department. Now she's off hobnobbing with databanks, and Carl is currently trying his hand at writing elsewhere, but they'll be back! Till then, we wish them all the best! Long may they wave!

(L to R) Christie Scheele, colorist; Tom DeFalco, editor; Carmela Merlo, blushing bride; Roger Stern, glowing groom; John Byrne, best man; Mark Gruenwald, editor; and Belinda Glass, unindicted co-conspirator, standing in front of a large, unidentified Editor-in-Chief who *must* be standing on a cinder block.

WHAT!?!

Out of space already?? Bah, humbug! Well, I'll be back next month to tell you all about the San Diego Con and who won an impressive award there, the Chicago Con, and what disaster almost happened there, and which Marvel person just got a *big* promotion, and Marvel's own Renaissance Man, and...

Say what, Stan? What do you mean I won't be back next month— Hey, look, I was just kidding about you being nuts! Honest!

Uh-oh...

Stan

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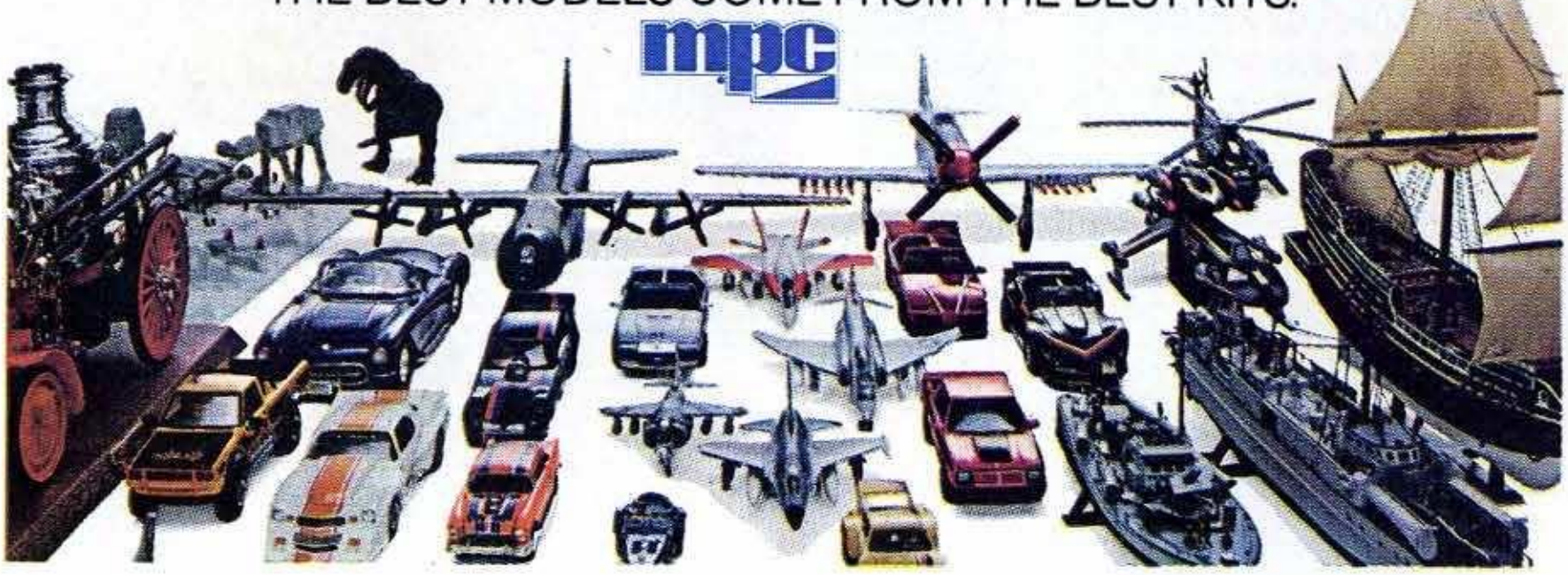

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