

THE ABSORBING MAN™ AND TITANIA™ VS:

# The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

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GAME OVER,  
WEBHEAD! I'VE  
ABSORBED THE  
PROPERTIES OF  
THIS CONCRETE...

...AND MY  
GAL TITANIA'S  
THE WORLD'S  
STRONGEST  
WOMAN!

SO, SAY  
YOUR PRAYERS,  
PAL... IT'S  
LIGHTS OUT  
TIME!!

TRUTH  
IN  
ADVERTISING  
DEPT.

IF WE TRIED TO SHOW YOU THE AWESOME  
SPECTACLE THAT COMES NEXT, THE COMICS  
CODE WOULDN'T APPROVE THIS MAG! BUT,  
TRUST US, SPIDEY'S GOT HIS HANDS FULL...

"...WITH FOES LIKE THESE...!"



# "WITH FOES LIKE THESE..."

ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED FOR THE CRIMES OF THE HOBGOBLIN, FLASH THOMPSON RECENTLY BECAME AN UNWILLING PARTICIPANT IN A JAILBREAK!

NOW, HUNTED BY BOTH THE AUTHORITIES AND THE REAL HOBGOBLIN HIMSELF, FLASH DESPERATELY PONDERS HIS NEXT MOVE...

CAN'T LET ANYONE SEE ME! IF I SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED--!

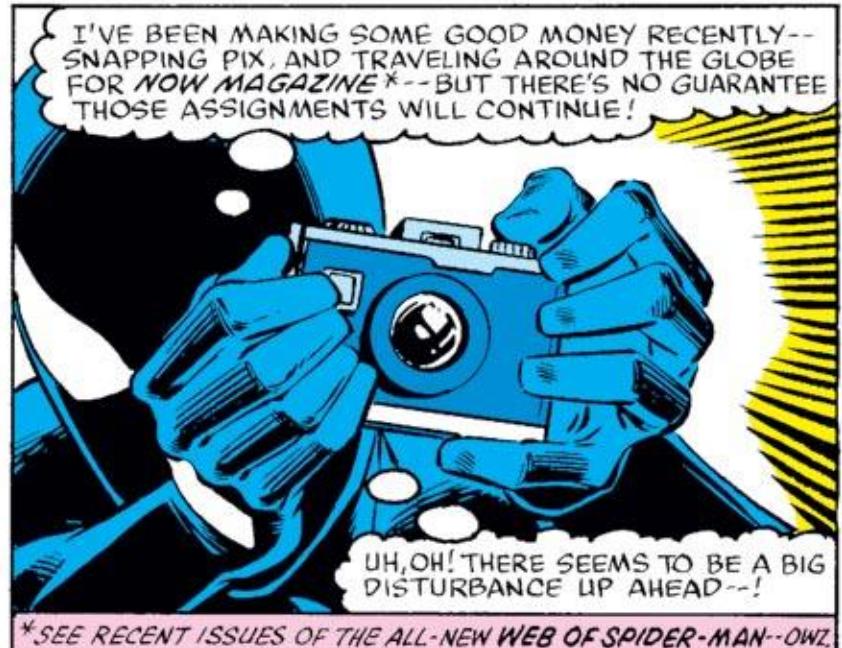
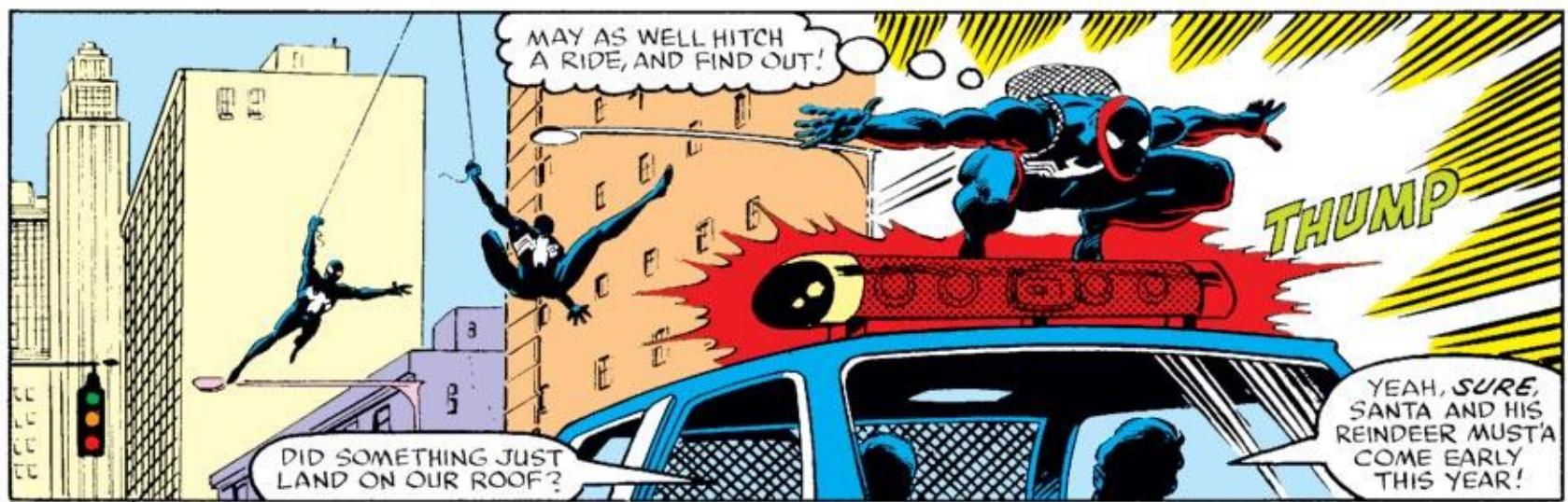
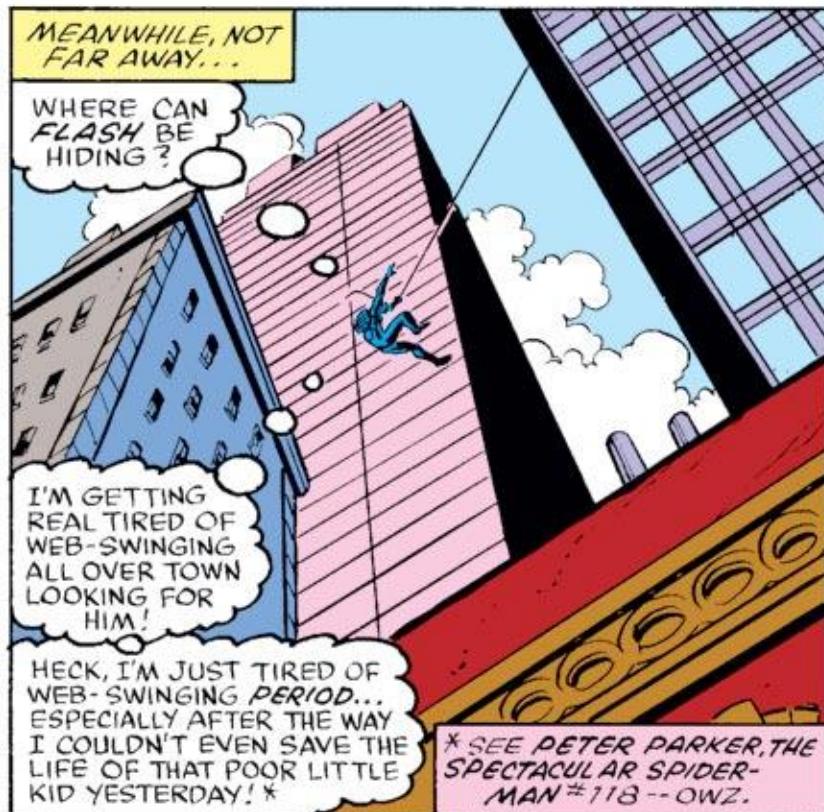
SPIDER-MAN'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME NOW!

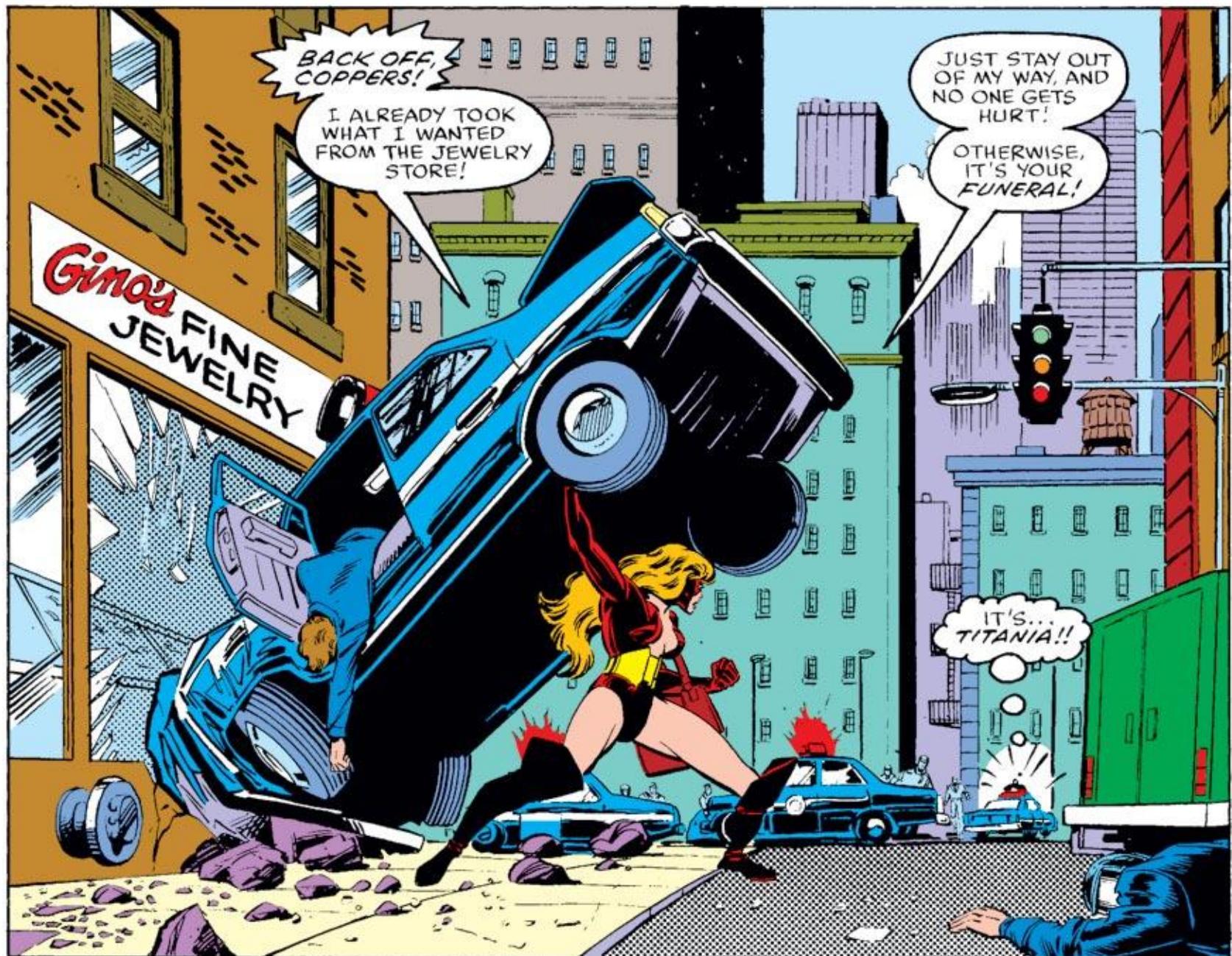
HOW DO I REACH HIM?

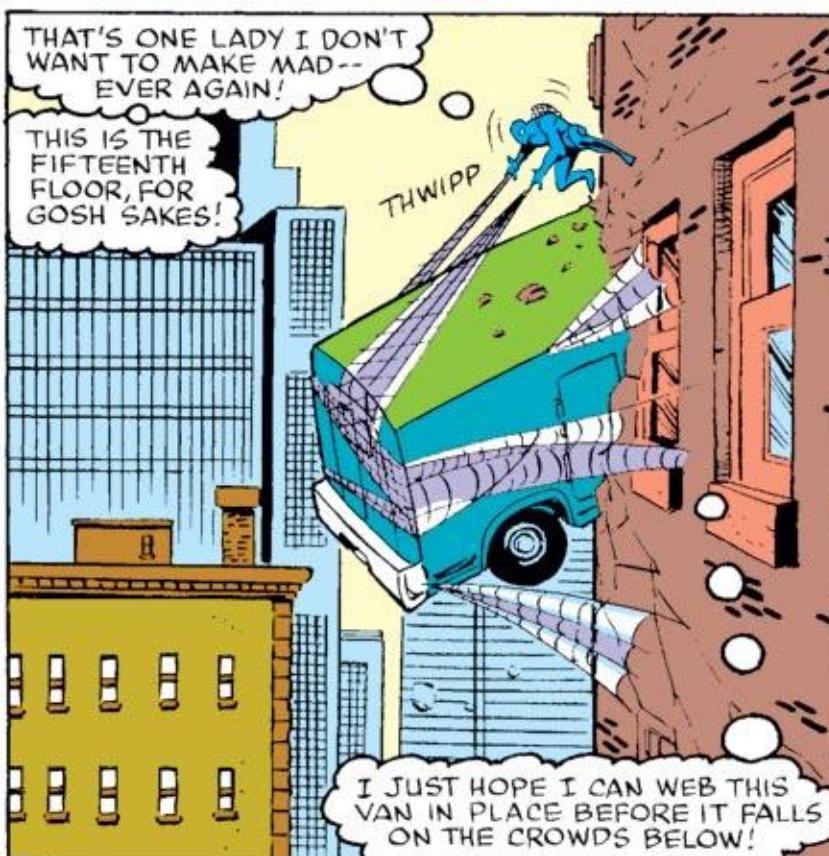
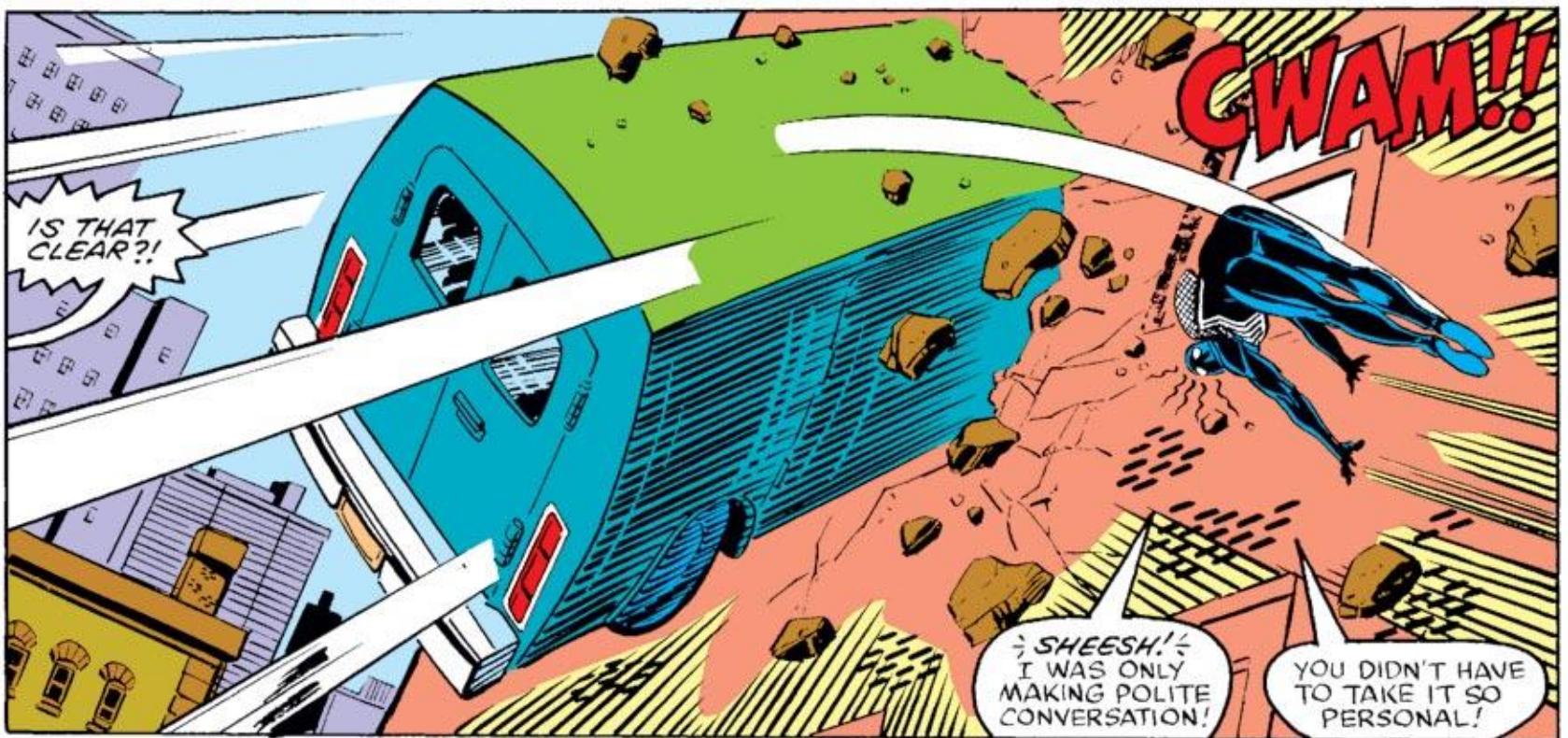
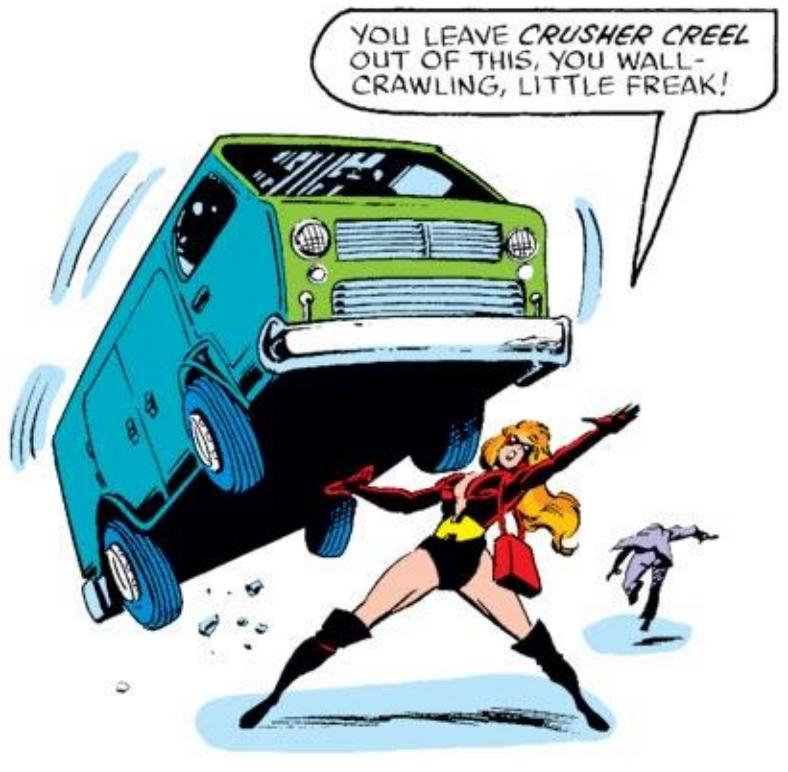
WHAT IF HE BELIEVES THE STORIES ABOUT ME? WHAT IF HE ACTUALLY THINKS THAT I'M THE HOBGOBLIN?

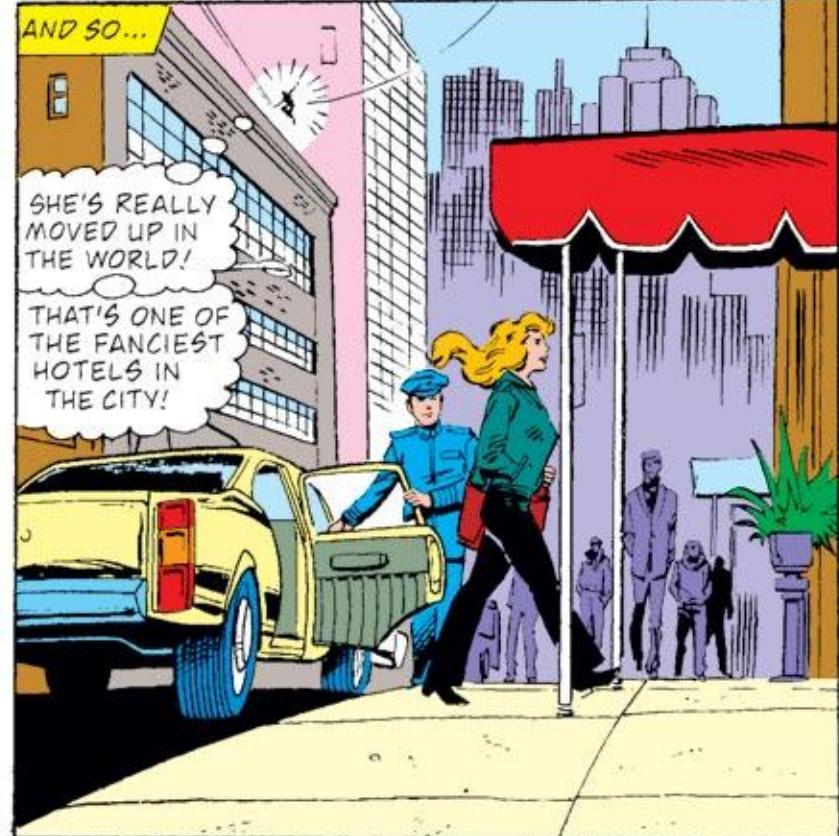
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MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN,  
AT THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE 23RD PRECINCT...

I'VE  
HEARD  
ENOUGH  
EXCUSES!

I DON'T CARE IF  
YOU HAVE TO SEARCH  
EVERY BUILDING IN  
IN THIS BLASTED  
CITY--

--I WANT  
FLASH THOMPSON  
FOUND!

THAT  
MISERABLE PUNK  
MADE US ALL LOOK  
LIKE IDIOTS WHEN  
HE ESCAPED FROM  
OUR JAIL!

WE'VE GOT  
TO GET  
HIM BACK!

OUR  
PRIDE'S ON  
THE LINE!

DO WHATEVER'S  
NECESSARY,  
BUT FIND  
HIM!

WHEN I'VE  
NEVER SEEN  
CAPTAIN  
KEATING  
GET SO  
WORKED  
UP!

YEAH, HE  
REALLY SEEKS  
TO HAVE A THING  
FOR THIS  
THOMPSON  
KID!

IT'S ALMOST  
LIKE HE HAD A  
PERSONAL STAKE  
IN THIS CASE!

THOSE  
STUPID  
FOOLS--!

IF THEY ONLY  
REALIZED  
WHAT THEY  
WERE  
SAYING--!

THEY'LL NEVER  
UNDERSTAND HOW  
MUCH THIS CASE  
MEANS TO ME!

NEVER!!



ELSEWHERE, AFTER HIDING HIS SPIDER-MAN COSTUME BENEATH CIVILIAN CLOTHING, PETER PARKER MANAGES TO FIND A FUNCTIONING PUBLIC PHONE...

THERE'S A REAL ADVANTAGE TO DEALING WITH PROFESSIONAL SUPER-HEROES LIKE THE AVENGERS...

...YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO FIND THEM!

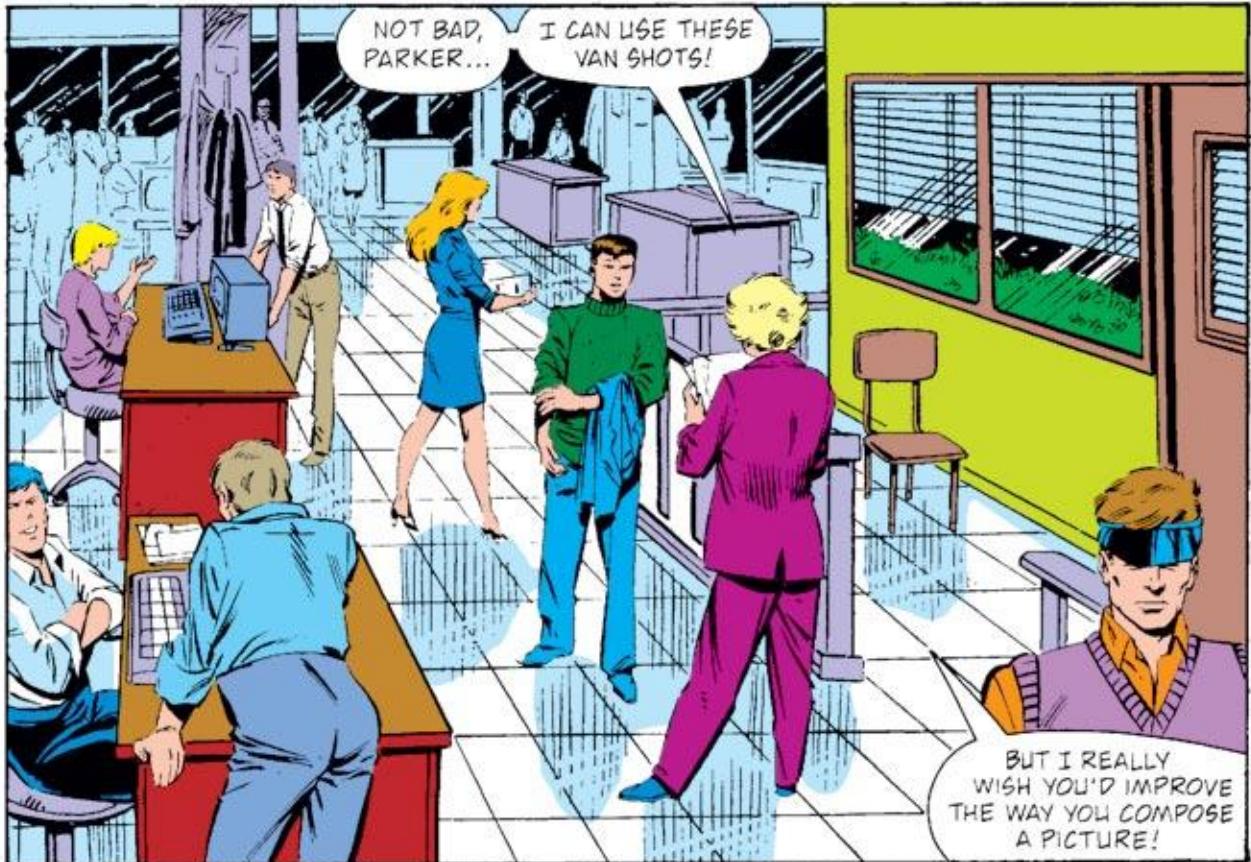
AVENGERS HOTLINE!  
HOW MAY WE SERVE YOU?

MOMENTS LATER...

I DID IT! DUMPED TITANIA AND THE ABSORBING MAN ON THE AVENGERS!

NOW I CAN CONCENTRATE ON MY OWN PROBLEMS, LIKE FINDING FLASH THOMPSON--

--AND GETTING THIS FILM TO THE DAILY BUGLE!"



THINK ABOUT THE VISUAL INFORMATION YOU'RE TRYING TO CONVEY! MAKE EVERY SHOT COUNT!

A REAL PRO CAN TELL A COMPLETE STORY WITH A SINGLE PICTURE!

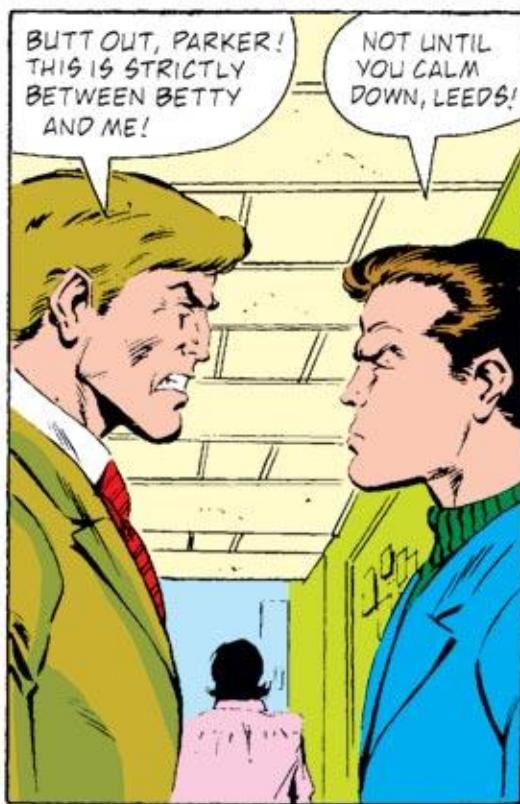
I'LL TRY TO KEEP THAT IN MIND, MS. CUSHING!

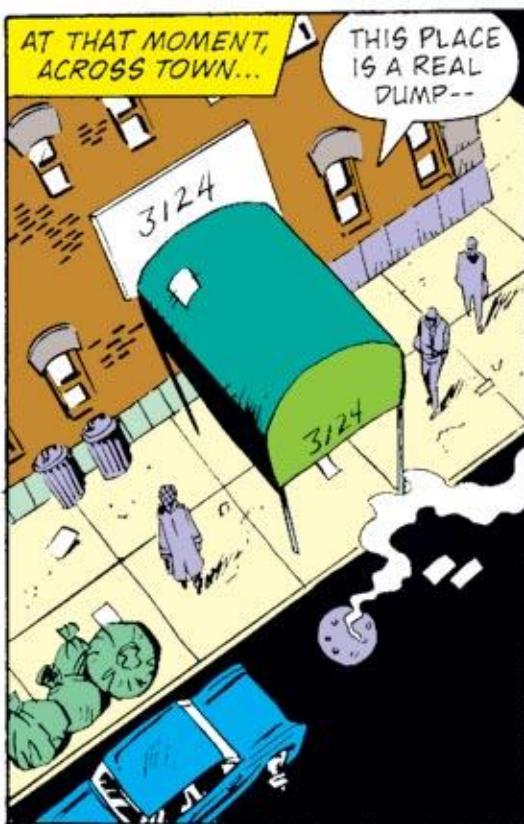
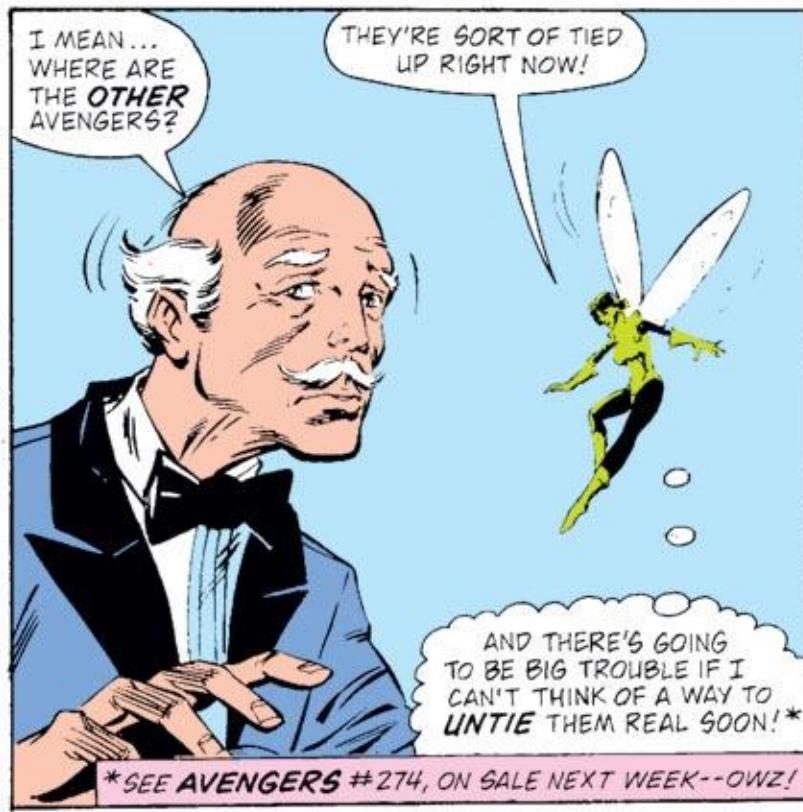
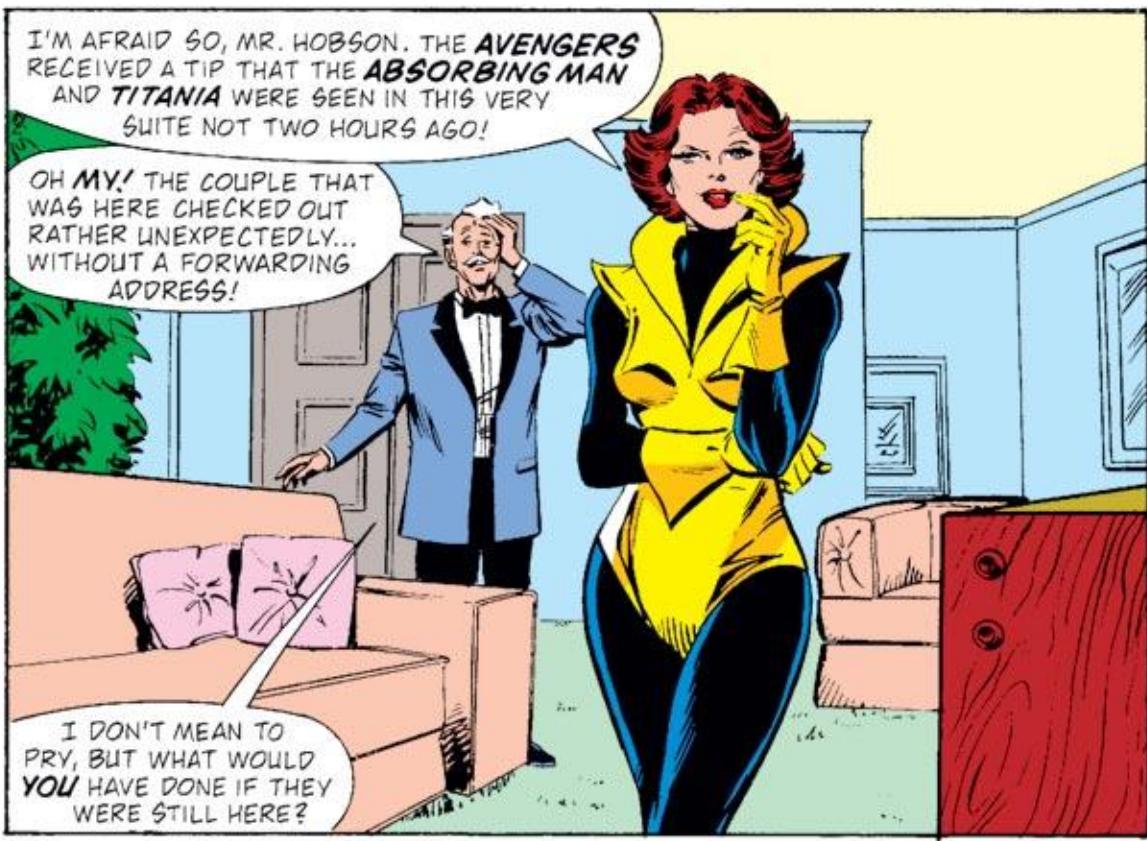
SHEESH! TALK ABOUT A TOUGH CITY EDITOR!

NEVER THOUGHT I'D MISS DEALING WITH JOLLY J. JONAH JAMESON!

HE DIDN'T CARE HOW A PICTURE LOOKED-- AS LONG AS IT HAD PLENTY OF ACTION!







YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, CRUSHER!

I WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THE WAY I AM NOW! I USED TO BE PLAIN OL' SKETTAR MAC-PHERRAN--A GIRL WHO'D HAVE TO GAIN WEIGHT TO BECOME A NINETY-SEVEN POUND WEAKLING!

"THEN, I MET DR. DOOM, AND HE GAVE ME MORE POWER THAN I EVER BELIEVED POSSIBLE--\*\*"

\* IN MARVEL SUPER HEROES SECRET WARS #3--OWZ!

--BUT, IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO BEAT SPIDER-MAN! ALL OF MY STRENGTH WAS USELESS AGAINST HIS SPEED AND AGILITY!"

"I COULDN'T LAY A HAND ON HIM--!"

SO YOU LOST A FIGHT! **BIG DEAL!**

PUT IT BEHIND YA! EVERYONE GETS TRASHED ON OCCASION! EVEN ME!

NO MATTER HOW TOUGH YA ARE, THERE'S ALWAYS SOME JOKER WHO'S TOUGHER!

THAT'S WHY WE JOINED A BIG LEAGUE GANG LIKE THE **MASTERS OF EVIL**--TO HELP PUSH THE ODDS IN OUR FAVOR!

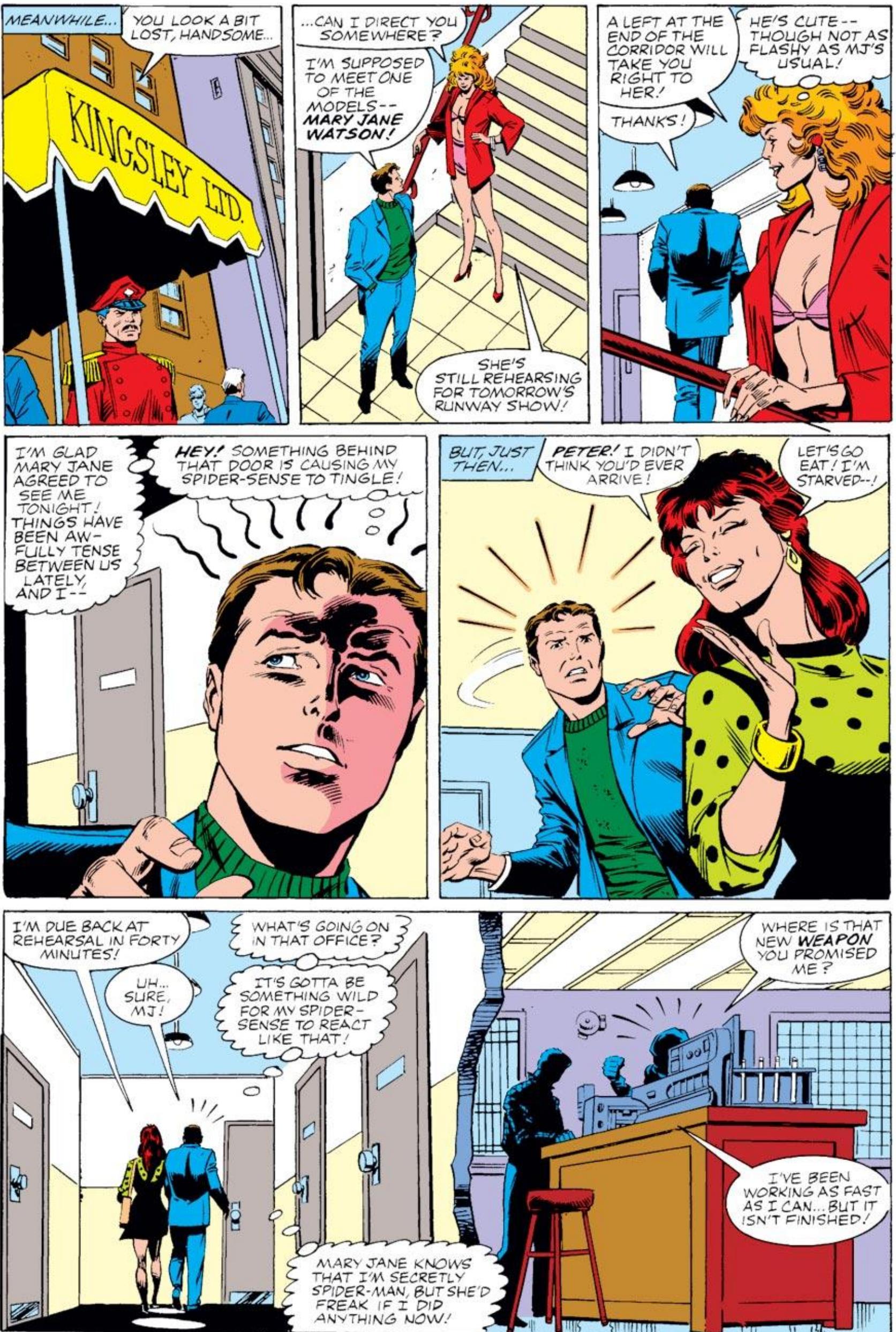
I'LL BET YOU COULD BEAT SPIDER-MAN ALL BY YOURSELF, CRUSHER! COULDN'T YOU?

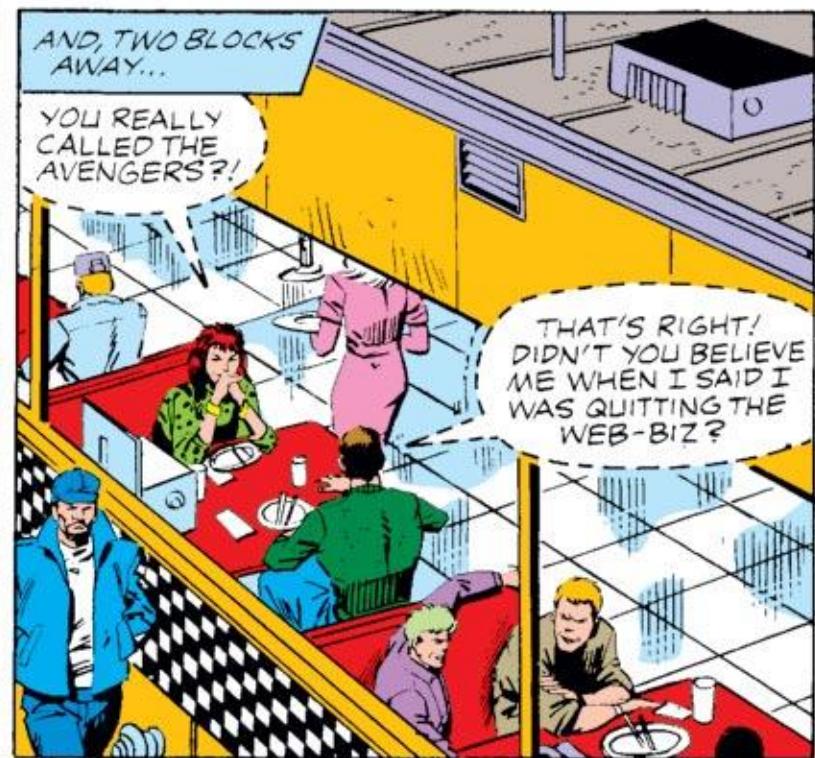
PROBABLY!

WHY'D YA ASK?

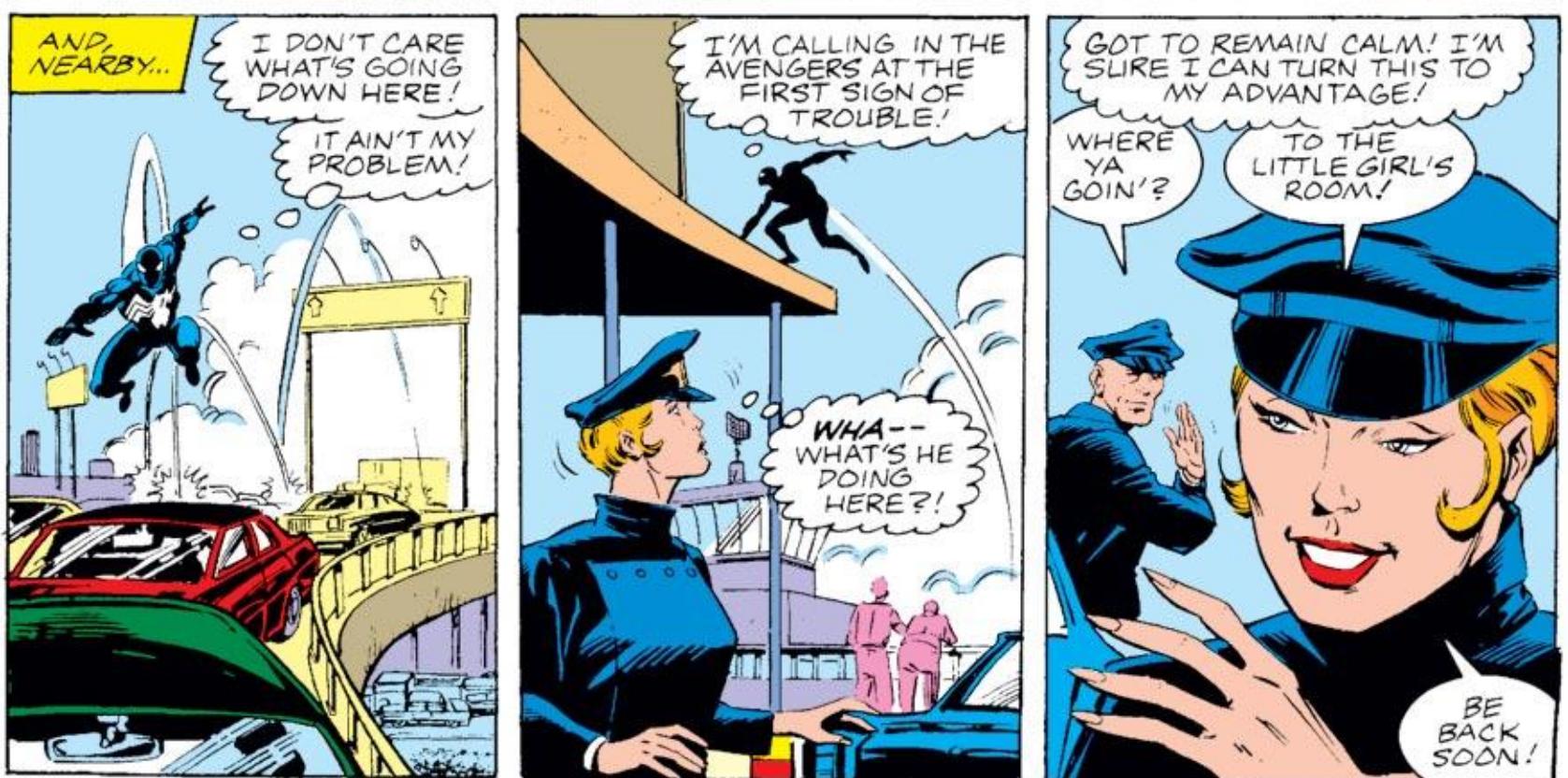
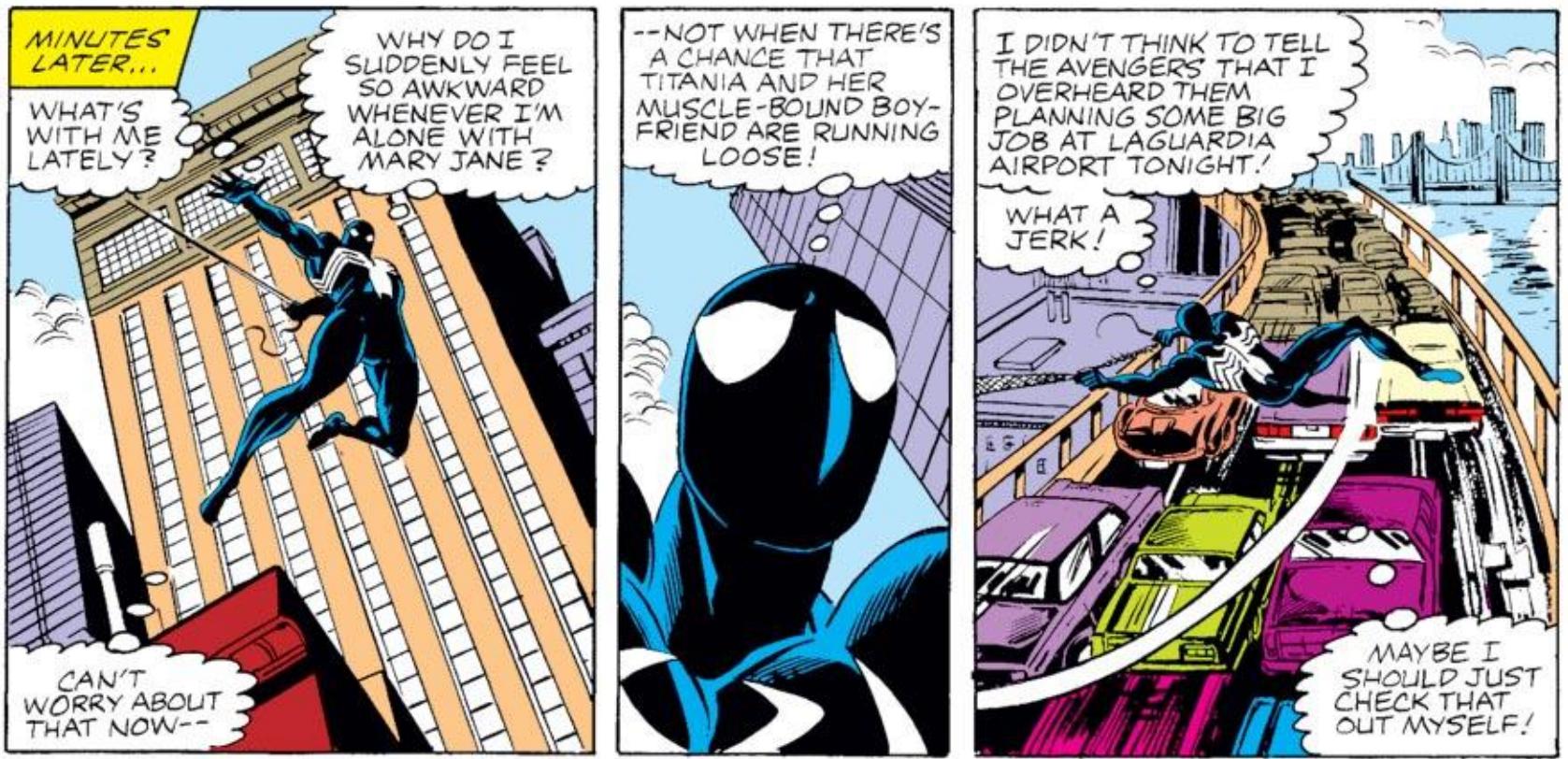
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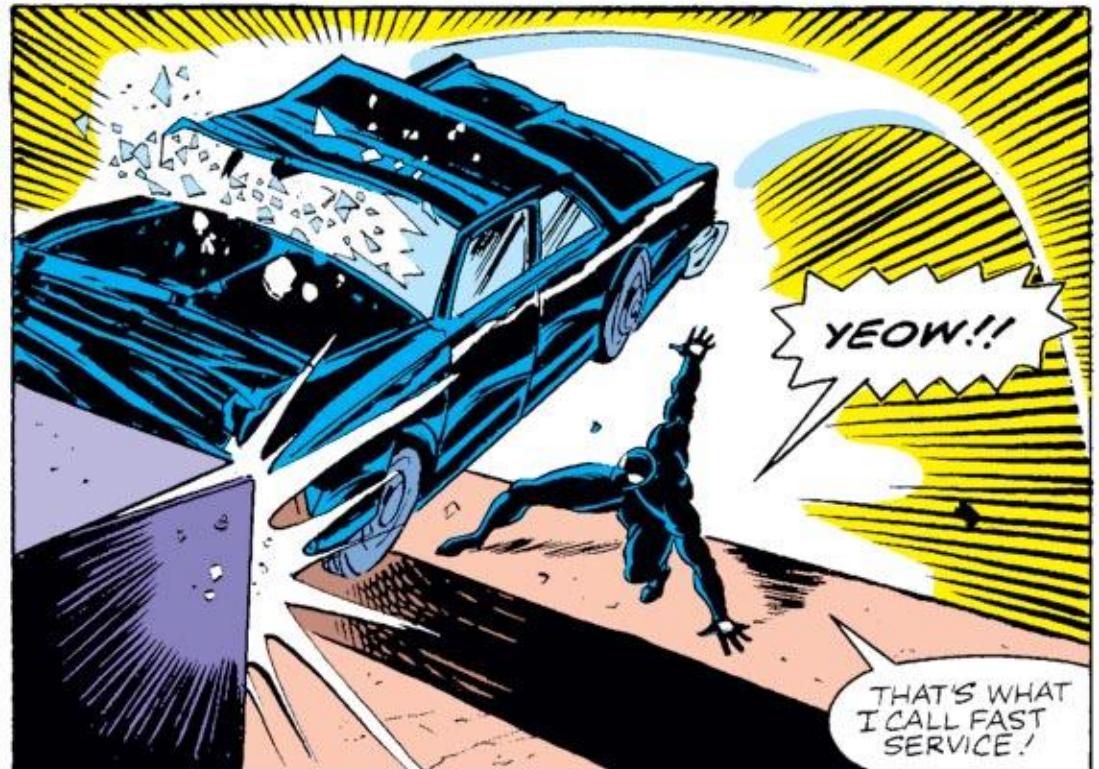
...THAT SOMEONE'S GOING TO HAVE TO KILL HIM FOR ME!

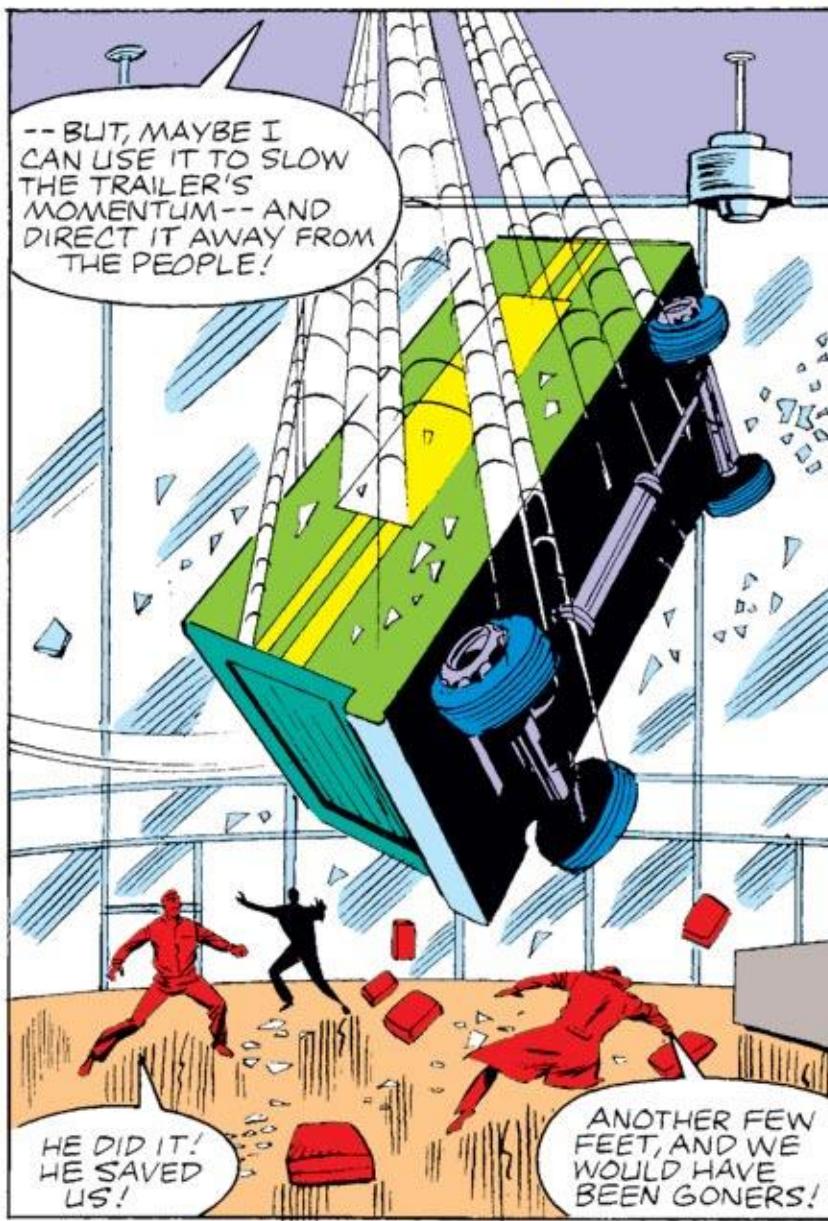


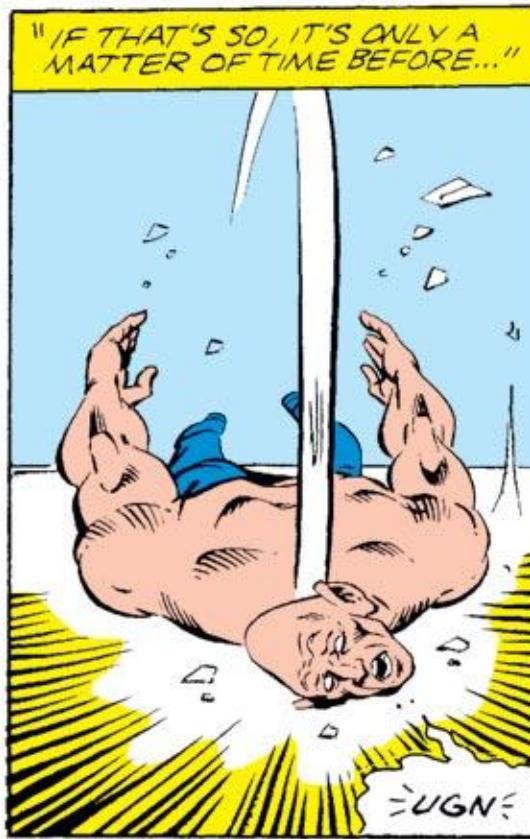
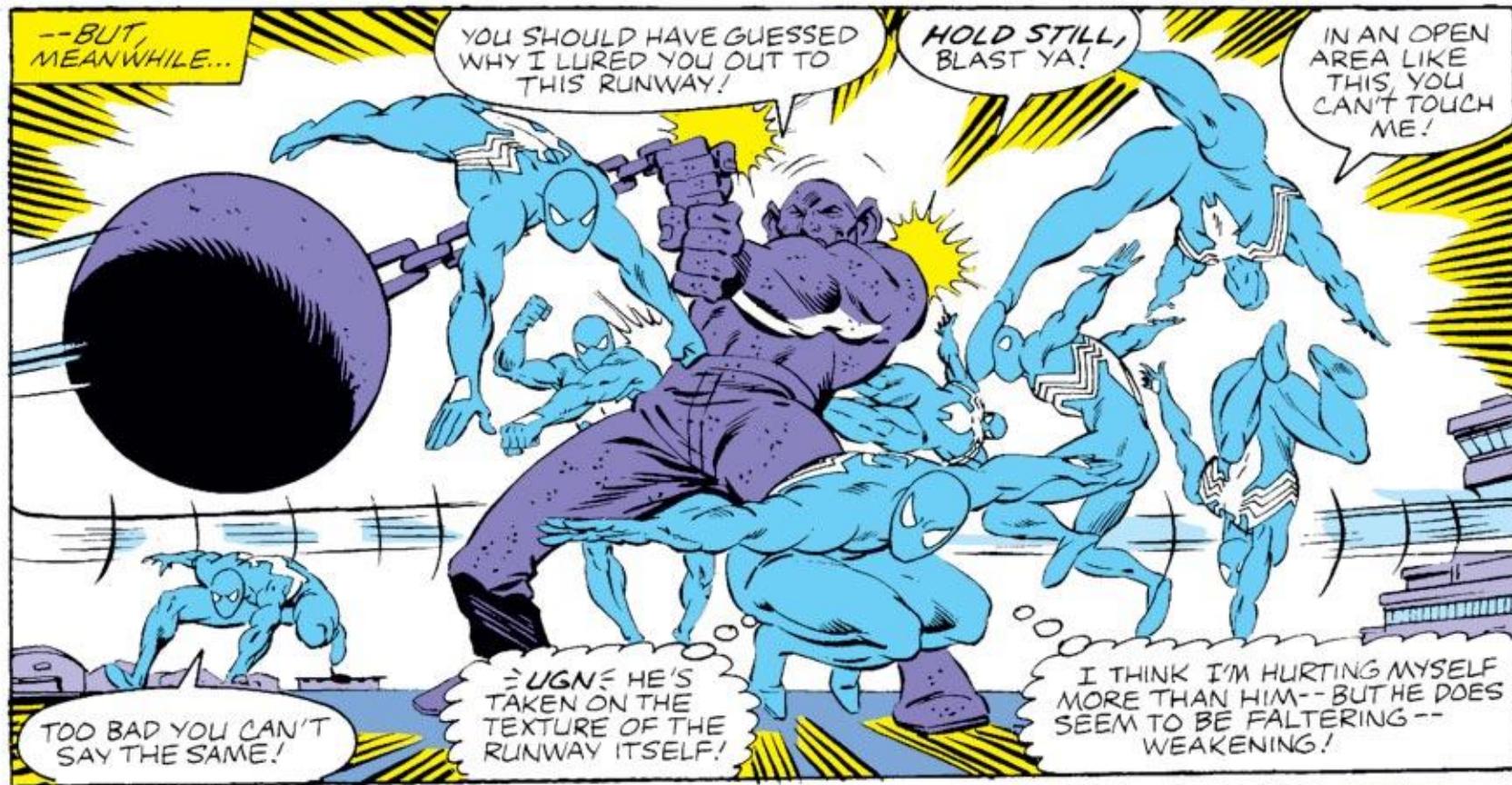
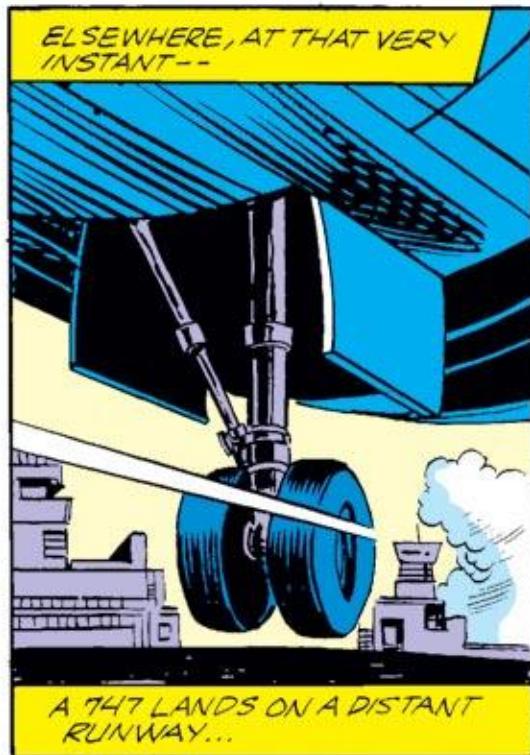


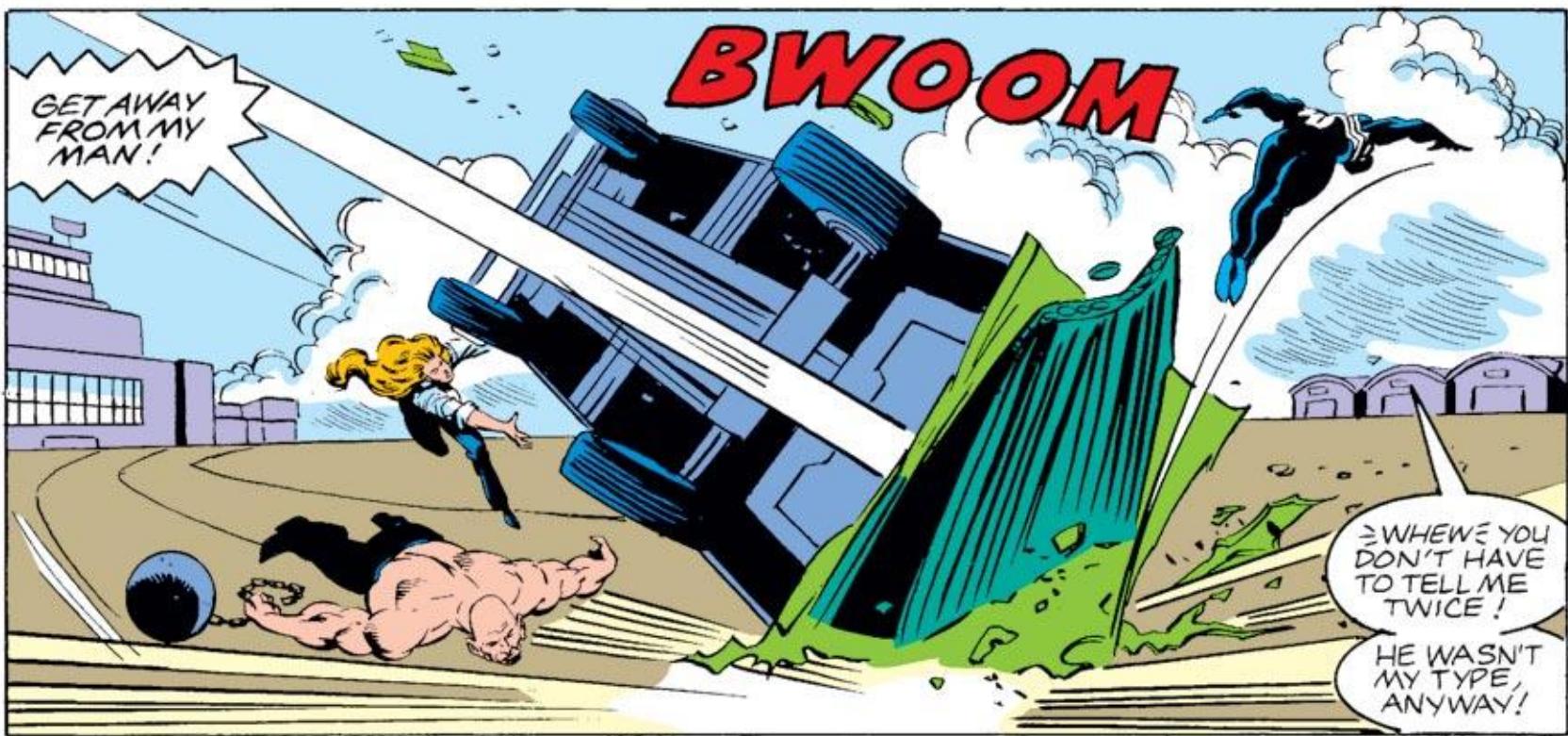


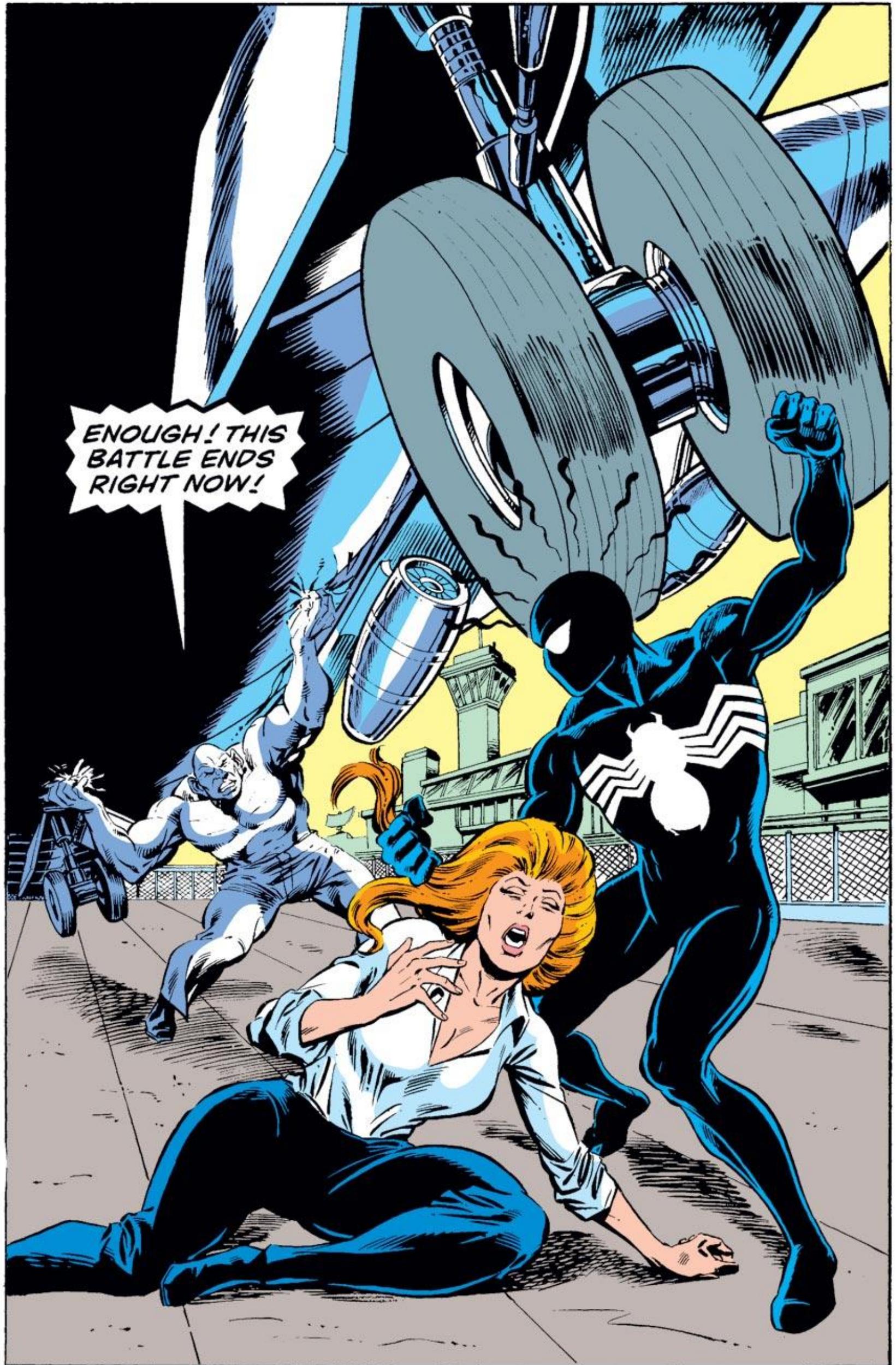


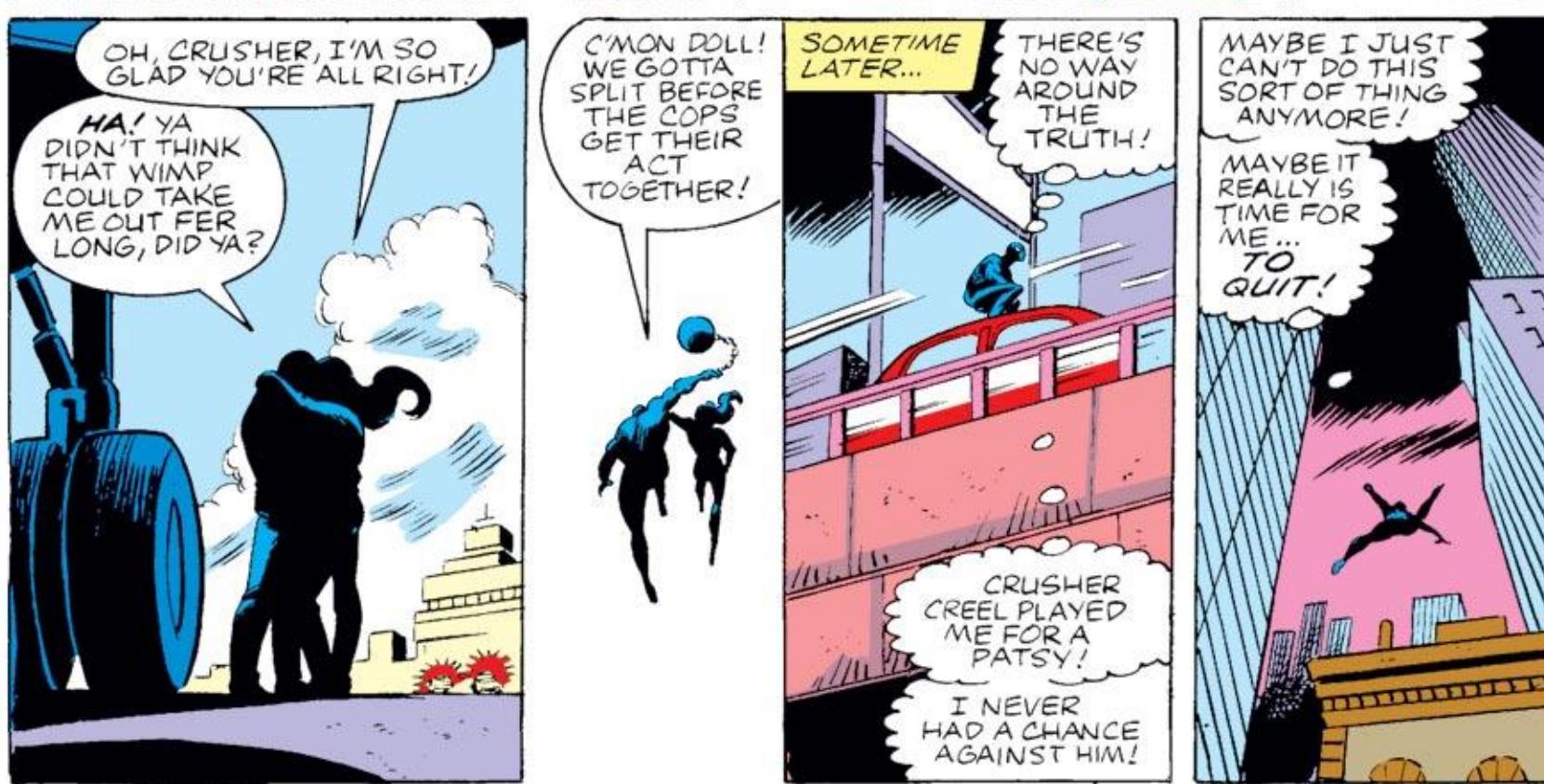


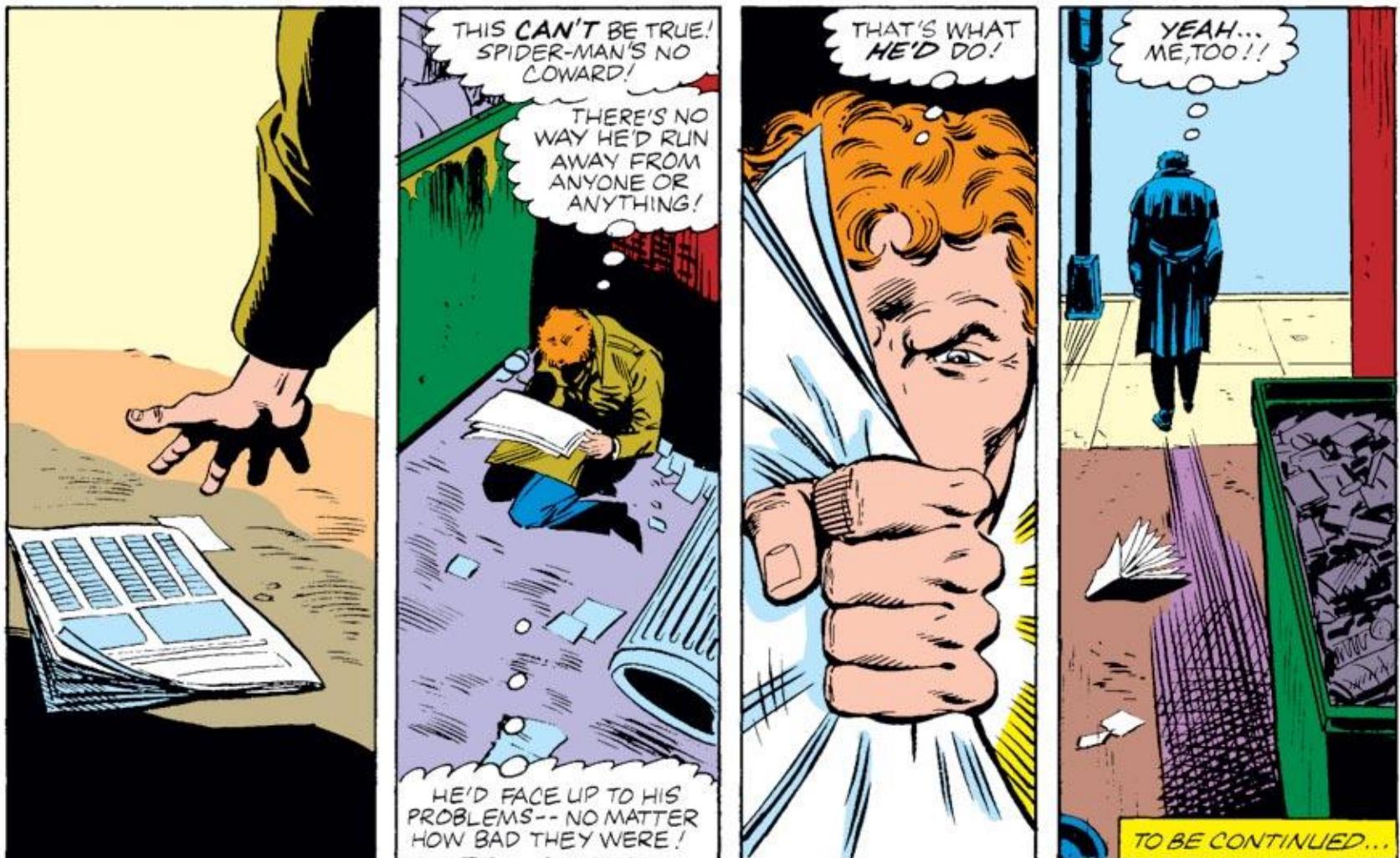












NEXT ISSUE: **GANG WAR!**

THE HOBGOBLIN! JACK O'LANTERN! HAMMERHEAD! SILVERMANE!  
THE ROSE! BE HERE AS THE CITY IS TORN APART BY...