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STORM
WARNINGS!
PART ONE

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AFTER-HOURS IN
THE MORGUE...

...OF NEW YORK'S
DAILY BUGLE
BUILDING.

TECHNICALLY, THIS IS REALLY
NONE OF PETER PARKER'S
BUSINESS.

BUT THE
STREET RUMORS
ABOUT A.R.M.S.--
ALTERNATIVE RE-
SOURCES MUNITIONS
SUPPLY--INDICATE AN
AGGRESSIVE PUBLIC
STRIKE OF SOME
SORT SOON...

...TO LAUNCH
THEIR MYSTERIOUS
NEW PRODUCT INTO
THE UNDERGROUND
WEAPONS MARKET
TRADITIONALLY
MONOPOLIZED
BY A.I.M.*

* ADVANCED IDEA
MECHANICS.
-- DANNY

AND THAT'S
BOUND TO
BECOME
SPIDER-
MAN'S
BUSINESS.

"FILES I 'BORROWED'
FROM KATE CUSHING'S
INVESTIGATION POINTED
ME TO THIS PAPER TRAIL
OF LEGAL WEAPONS
SHIPMENTS AND A
SUSPICIOUS PURCHASE
OF TITANIUM..."

RAND RESCUES WOBBLY WEAPONS WAREHOUSES

After losing their most lucrative government contracts under the new administration's reduced defense budget, two local munitions manufacturer's were saved from bankruptcy by inventory sales to Rand Research and Development (continues next page)

RAND DIPS INTO TITANIUM MARKET

Rand Research and Development's unprecedented purchase of a large quantity of Titanium from Titan, Inc. has reversed the downward trend of their stock (continues on page b-4)

"...THAT STOPS
DEAD ON THIS
PARTICULAR CORPO-
RATE DOORSTEP."

RAND DIPS INTO T Rand Research & quantity of Titanium

SOON AS THE
HARD COPY'S
PRINTED OUT,
I CAN--

BZZZ

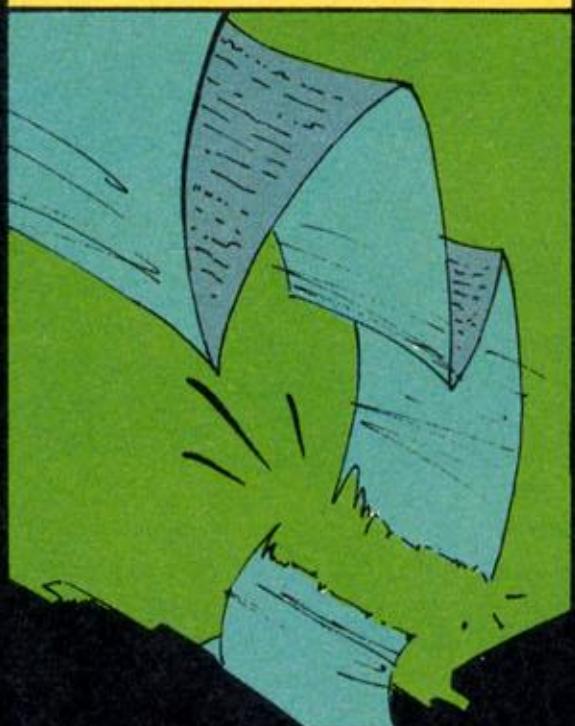
PETER,
DOWN TO THE
CITY ROOM
ON THE
DOUBLE!

AHH..THE EVER-GLAMOROUS
LIFE OF A FREELANCE
PHOTOGRAPHER FOR AN
INTREPID DAILY
NEWSPAPER--

--ALWAYS
ON CALL."



"NO WAY TO KNOW IF THIS IS
EVERYTHING THE BUGLE HAS
GATHERED ON A.R.M.S..."



...BUT I
HEAR THE GUY
RETURNING
SOONER THAN
ANTICIPATED.



STAN
LEE
PRESENTS:

SPIDER-MAN IN "STORM WARNINGS"

PART ONE

...IRON
FIST MUST
NOT BE
TRAPPED
AGAIN!

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WHAT THE...?!

SPIDER-SENSE DIDN'T WARN ME OF ANY DANGER--

-- AND THE ATTACKER LEFT MORE THAN ENOUGH CASH TO COVER THE DAMAGE TO THE WALL --

-- BUT SOMEBODY DID A VERY UNCOOL THING.

EXPLAINS WHY I WAS LURED OUT OF THE ROOM BY AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION OF THE VACATIONING JOE ROBERTSON...

...AND IT LOOKS LIKE OUR UNINVITED VISITOR WENT THIS-A-WAY --

-- UNTIL MAKING A MAJOR LEAP TO THE NEAREST ROOF.

BUT WHOEVER IT WAS IS ALSO FAST ENOUGH TO BE LONG GONE ALREADY...

"...LEAVING ME IN DEEP TROUBLE."

PURGE

KATE...?

MS. CUSHING TO YOU AT THIS HOUR OF THE NIGHT, PARKER...

...WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

ABOUT YOUR A.R.M.S. STORY-FILES...

OFF LIMITS, MISTER! I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO BACK-UP THOSE DISCS...

"YOU TOUCH THEM AND I'LL HAVE YOUR JOB!"

"I WAS AFRAID KATE
WOULD BE THE NEXT
LOGICAL TARGET
FOR THE THIEF..."

"...BUT SHE
WAS ACTUALLY
IN A GOOD
MOOD FOR
ONCE..."

...IF HER OWN
LOOSE LEAD TO
RAND RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT DOESN'T
STEER ME BACK TO
THOSE MISSING
DISCS.

STILL, PART
OF ME CAN'T HELP
BUT HOPE I'M
WRONG ABOUT
THE REAL SOURCE
OF TONIGHT'S
RAID...

...BUT
I'M NEVER
THAT
LUCKY.

"...ALTHOUGH MY
UNSUSPECTING
CITY EDITOR
WON'T HESITATE
TO FOLLOW
THROUGH ON
HER THREAT IN
THE MORNING..."

"AERIAL SECURITY CAMERAS COVERED WITH WEBBING..."

FIND: RAND RESEARCH. SEARCHING...

"FAINT VIBRATIONS FROM THE CEILING..."

SHIFTING SHADOWS THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT...

SPIDER-MAN IS ON THE ROOF.

BUT THE TECHNOLOGY OF DANIEL RAND AND THE DISCIPLINES OF IRON FIST BOTH REQUIRE TIME TO CHART THE PATH OF DECEIT THROUGH THIS RAW DATA...

...AND SPIDER-MAN MERELY STUDIES ME AS I CONTEMPLATE THE NEWLY ACQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.

SO I HAVE NO CAUSE TO ACT UNTIL HE MAKES--

RAND RESEARCH Personnel

SKRAASH!





THE A.R.M.S. FILES MAY BELONG TO THE DAILY BUGLE, SPIDER-MAN ...

...BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY IS MOST DEFINITELY MINE!

EMERGENCY ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE EFFECTIVELY DISABLES ALL MECHANICAL DEVICES IN THE ROOM, INVADER...

KLK

"...INCLUDING YOUR BELT-LIGHT ADVANTAGE."

AND THIS COWARDLY RESPONSE CONFIRMS MY WORST FEARS, RAND--!

SPIDER-SENSE REACTING TO DANGER BEHIND ME ALREADY--

--IRON FIST HAS GONE ROGUE!

BELIEVE WHAT YOU WILL, FRIEND...

WHFF

"...I HAVE REASON TO KEEP YOU IN THE DARK."

KICKING OUT THE LIGHTS GIVES FIST A DISTINCT ADVANTAGE ON THE HOME-FIELD...

...BY THE TIME MY SPIDER-SENSE RESPONDS TO ONE THREAT FROM THE SHADOWS--

--HE'S ALREADY COMING AT ME AGAIN FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE.

FIST'S CLOSE COMBAT TECHNIQUE IS TOTALLY INSTINCTIVE--A LIFETIME OF SKILL AND EXPERIENCE THAT ALLOWS HIM TO LITERALLY ACT AS FAST AS HE THINKS--

--BUT THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND SPEED OF A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER IS ALL THE EQUALIZER I EVER NEED!

WHOK

YET SPIDER-MAN IS STILL JUST A FREAK PRODUCT OF ACCIDENTALLY UNLEASHED LABORATORY SCIENCE...

...WHILE IRON FIST IS THE CONTROLLED RESULT OF A NATURAL SCIENCE OF MIND AND BODY INTENTIONALLY REFINED TO AN ART FORM.

HE EVEN ROLLED WITH MY BLOW-- USING THE SOFTER FURNITURE TO ABSORB MOST OF THE IMPACT--

--BUT GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THIS OUT TO THE MOON-LIGHT.

PERFECT...

NOW I CAN SAFELY RESUME THE SEARCH PROGRAMS MY VISITOR SO RUDELY INTERRUPTED EARLIER.

BUT THIS IS NOT OVER, SPIDER-MAN...

KLK

...YOUR UNFORTUNATE
INTRUSION CANNOT BE
PERMITTED TO Taint
RAND RESEARCH.

I'M NOT
GOING ANYWHERE
WITHOUT
THOSE A.R.M.S.
DISCS, FIST...

...BUT THE
ROOFTOPS
ARE MY
TURF.

NOT THIS
PARTICULAR
ONE, SPIDER-
MAN...

...I AM SIMPLY
DEFENDING PRIVATE
PROPERTY.

WHILE
I'M TRYING
TO RECOVER
STOLEN
PROPERTY,
"PAL"...

...AND
YOU'RE
NOT
EVEN
OFFER-
ING EX-
CUSES.

...I ASK
ONLY
THAT YOU
TRUST ME
UNTIL THEN,
BASED ON
THE HISTORY
BETWEEN
US.

TWO SIDES
OF THE SAME
COIN...

BOTH WILL COME IN DUE
TIME, MY FORMER ALLY...

...HAVE TO SHARE THE SAME
VALUES, RAND.

AND I JUST
CAN'T CONDONE
YOUR ACTIONS
TONIGHT WITHOUT
KNOWING THE
TRUTH
BEHIND--

-UKK-

THEN I AM
TRULY SORRY,
SPIDER-MAN...

...YOU
LEAVE ME
NO REAL
CHOICE.

STUPID,
STUPID,
STUPID...

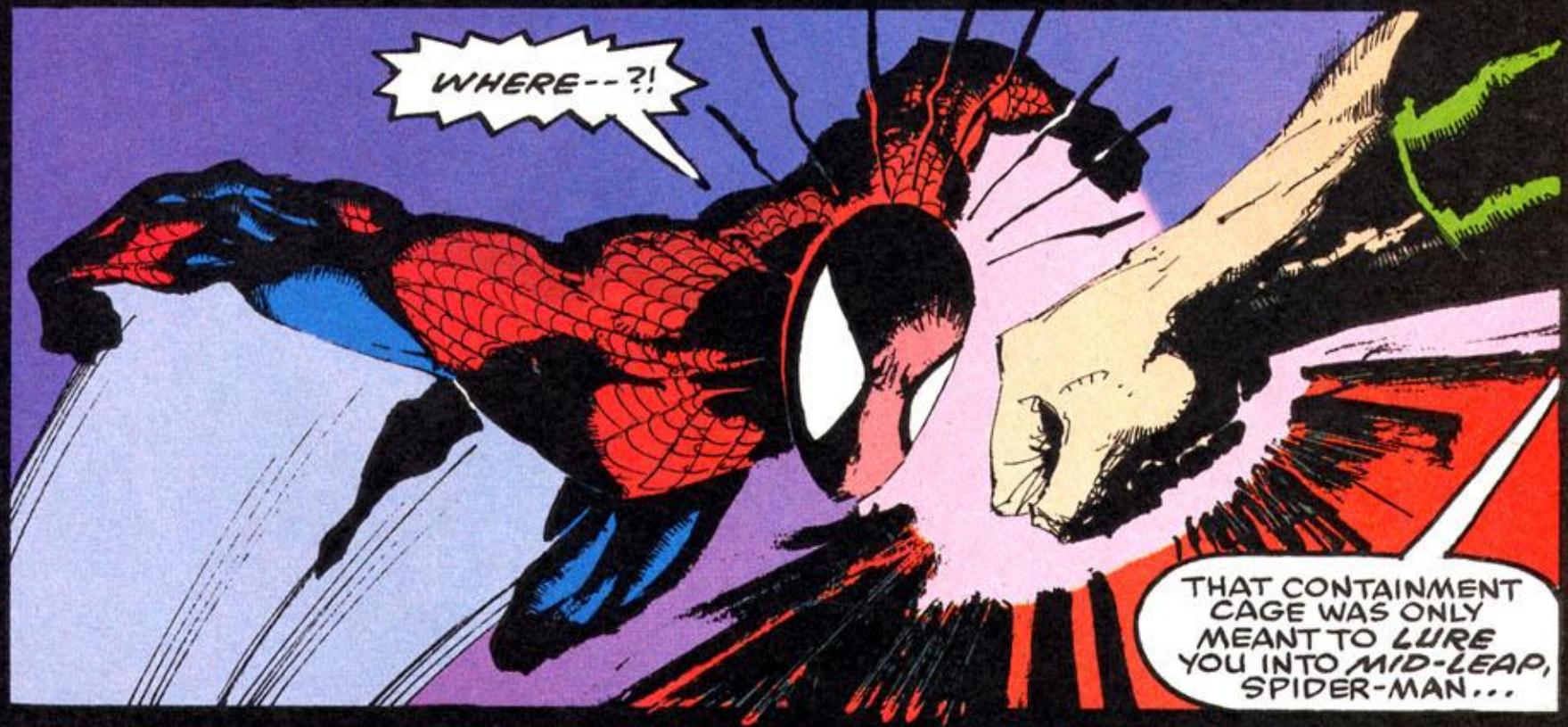
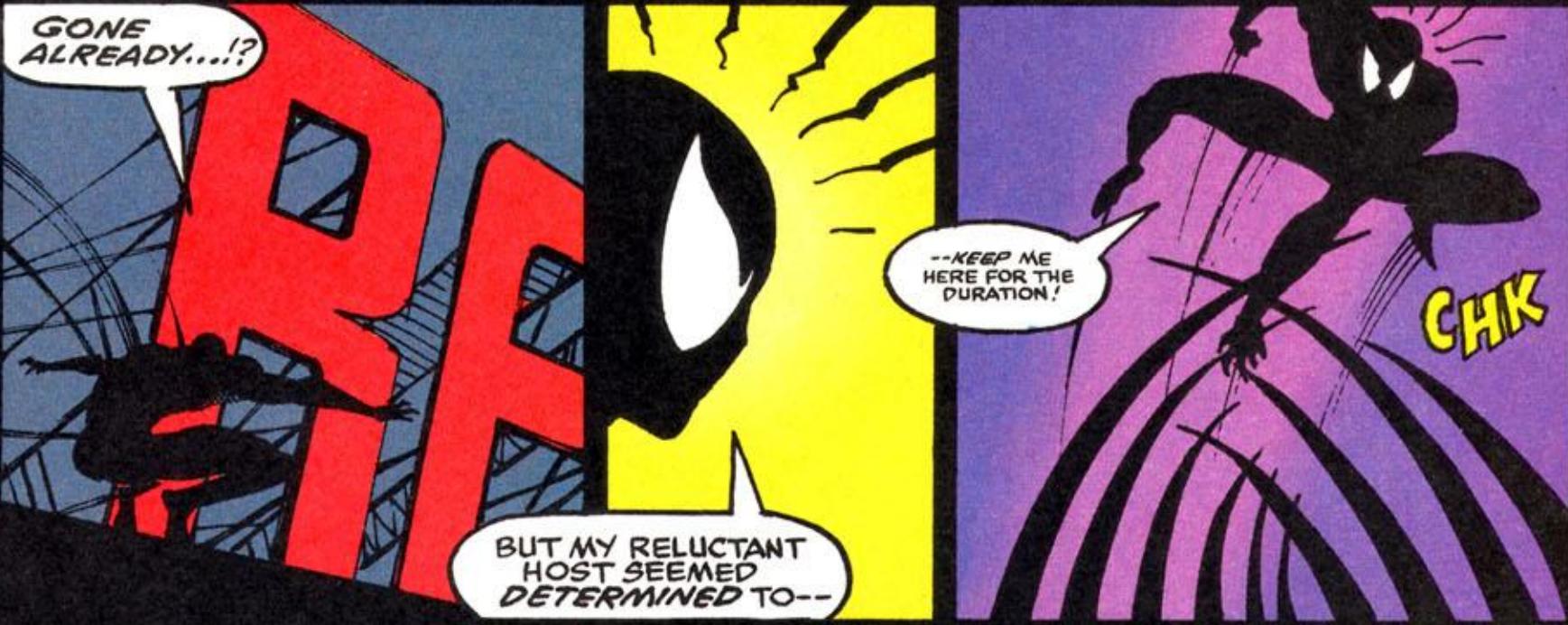
NEVER
SHOULD HAVE
LET A MAN LIKE
FIST GET CLOSE
ENOUGH TO STUN
ME WITH A
NERVE-PINCH!

LEDGE COULD CONVENIENTLY--
BUT PAINFULLY--BREAK
MY FALL...

...IF MY
MUSCLES
WERE STILL
PARALYZED.

BUT I'M BACK IN
THE SWING OF
THINGS SOONER
THAN FIST COULD
HAVE EXPECTED...

...THANKS TO A LAST-
SECOND SPIDER-SENSE
WARNING ABOUT HIS
OH-SO-FRIENDLY
SHOULDER-GRIP.
BEFORE--



WAM

...AND
CAMOUFLAGE
IS MERELY A
MATTER OF
LEARNING
WHERE--AND
WHEN--TO
WAIT!

UNDERESTIMATED
FIST'S UNCANNY
ABILITY TO BLEND
QUIETLY INTO HIS
SURROUNDINGS--

--BUT IT WON'T
HAPPEN AGAIN!"

NO!

MY CHI REMAINS UN-
FOCUSED--THE POWER
OF MY IRON FIST ERRATIC--
SINCE MY RECENT
"RESURRECTION."

SKRAAK

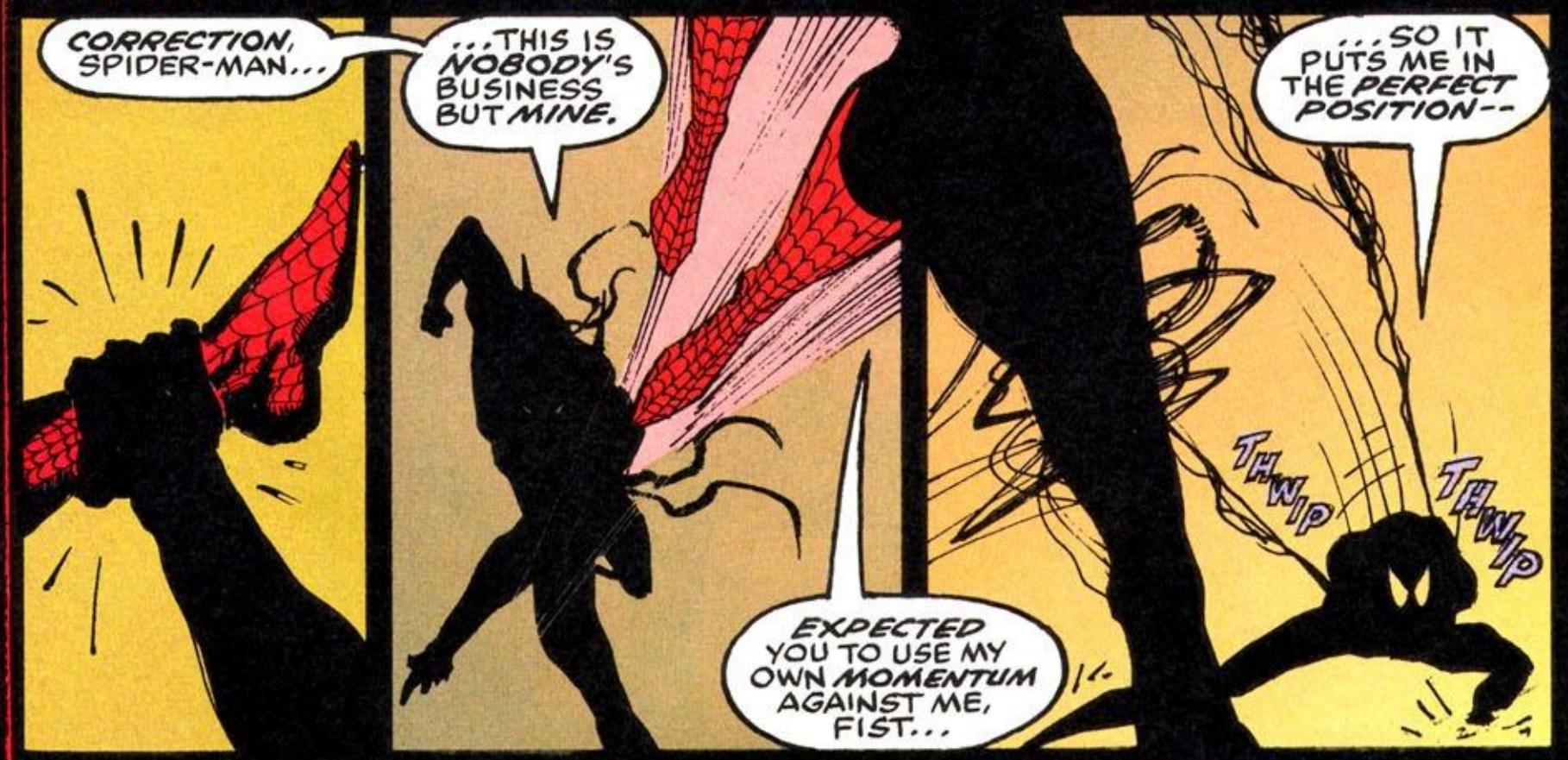
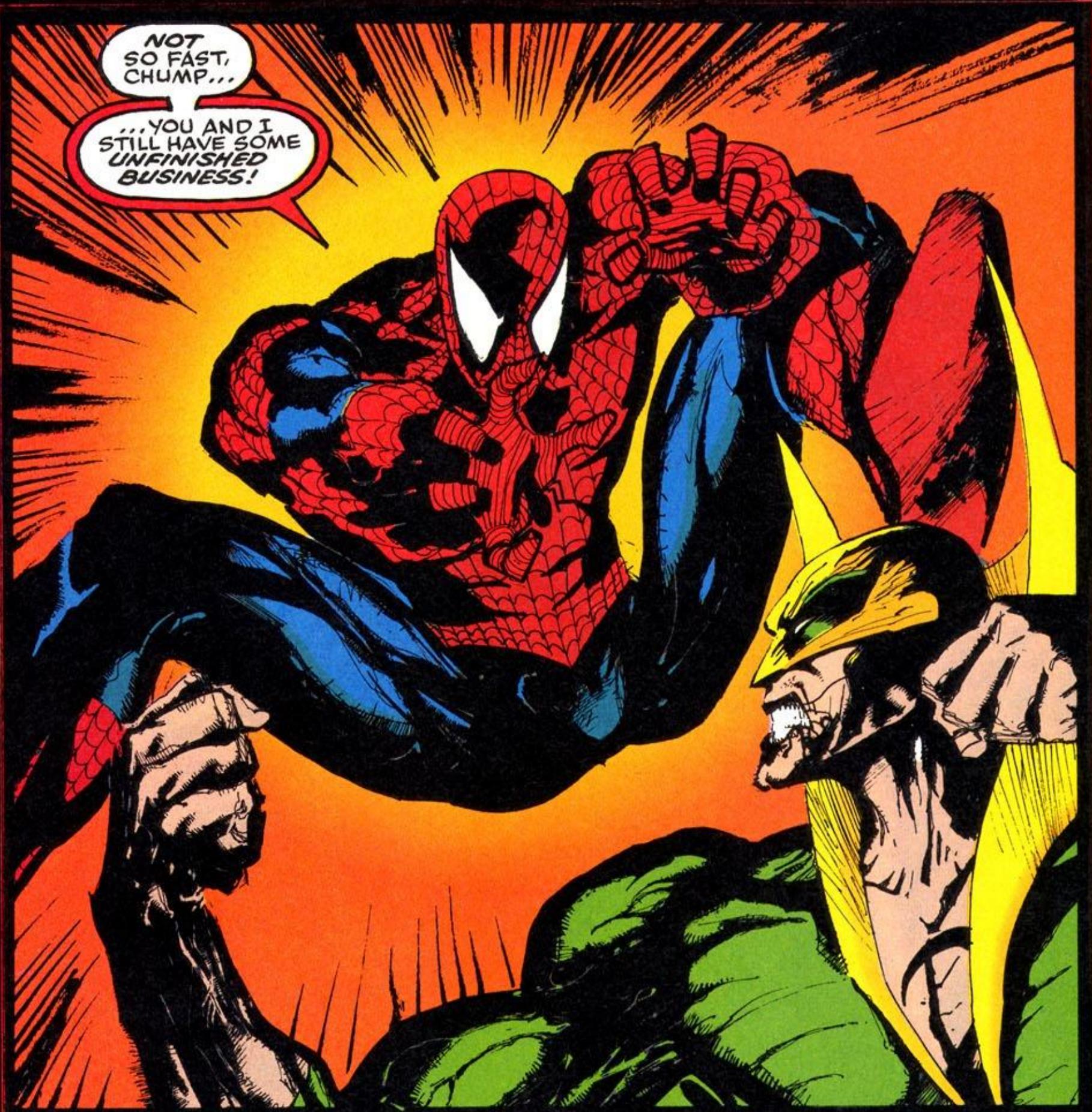
AND IT MAY BE
FAR TOO LATE
ALREADY TO
RECTIFY THE
DAMAGE
DONE...

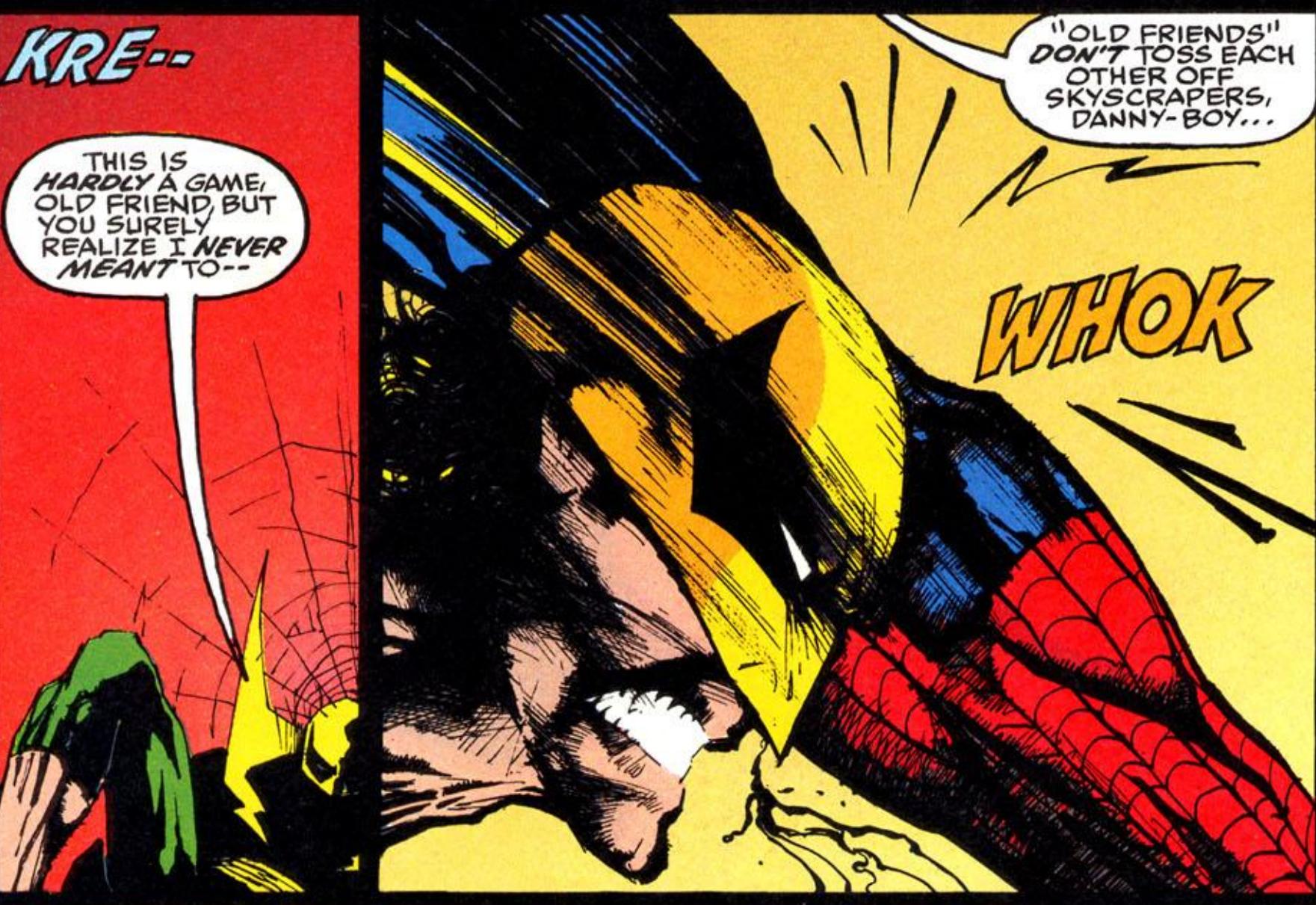
VEEP

VEEP

...UNLESS
MY SYSTEMS
HAVE FINALLY
TARGETTED--

KOOM





THE BATTERED METAL'S COLLAPSE CAN BE REDIRECTED FROM A PRECISE PRESSURE POINT...

CHK



WUMP

STILL A
MASTER OF
FINESSE,
FIST--"

"WHFFF"

-- BUT
THE GRUNT-
WORK ALWAYS
FALLS TO ME!

SKRAASH



READY TO
TALK NOW,
FIST...?

IF YOU
ARE WILLING
TO LISTEN,
SPIDER-
MAN...

...SINCE WE'VE JUST
BURIED MY LAST HOPE OF
SAVING RAND RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT.

TO DEFEND MY PEOPLE
AROUND THE GLOBE-- AND
THE THOUSANDS OF JOBS
THEY RELY ON--

ALL THIS
TO PROTECT
YOUR LOUSY
COMPANY?!

-- FROM A ROGUE
CONNECTION TO A.R.M.S.
ONLY NOW IDENTIFIED
BY THOSE BANKS OF
EXPENSIVE HARDWARE...

...UNDER
THE WRECKAGE
OF MY OFFICE.

I HAPPEN TO
UNDERSTAND A
THING OR TWO
ABOUT COMPUT-
ERS MYSELF,
YOU KNOW.

IN THE WAKE
OF MY PRO-
LONGED...
ABSENCE-- AND
THE CHAOS IT
WROUGHT BOTH
WITHIN AND
WITHOUT--

-- EVEN A LONE
BAD APPLE LINK-
ING RAND TO AN
ORGANIZATION LIKE
ALTERNATIVE RE-
SOURCES MUNITIONS
SUPPLY IS AN OPEN
SCANDAL WE COULD
NEVER SURVIVE,

WHY
DIDN'T YOU
JUST SAY SO
IN THE FIRST
PLACE...?

REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR FAITH IN ME, BUDDY...

YOU HAVE A PARTICULARLY UNIQUE KNACK FOR ATTRACTING PUBLICITY, SPIDER-MAN-- ALMOST AS IF YOU BRING IT UPON YOURSELF INTENTIONALLY--

--AND I HAVE NO RIGHT TO TAKE RISKS WITH OTHERS' LIVELIHOODS.



...WE'LL NEED EACH OTHER TO RECOVER ANY LOST DATA FROM THIS SCRAP HEAP.



IF YOU CAN AVOID THAT EXPOSED POWER-CABLE ABOVE... WHILE SPLICING THOSE FOUR SILVER BACK-UP CIRCUITS ON THE LEFT... TO THE THIRD MEMORY BOARD UNDERNEATH...

...IT MIGHT JUST DE-MAGNETIZE THE LAST ACTIVE PROGRAM LONG ENOUGH TO--



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TRACE SEQUENCE CROSS-CHECKED INCREASING AGAINST DECREASING PRODUCTION TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THE SUSPICIOUS PURCHASES SPOTLIGHTED BY THE BUGLE...



BULLPEN BULLETINS

MARVEL
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Sometimes working for Marvel seems like one big picnic; sometimes, it literally *is* a picnic! And while we're shivering in the October moon at the moment, we cast our thoughts a mere two months back to those dog days of August, when on Friday the 27th, each and every Marvel employee was given the day off to attend our annual company picnic at the Craigmear Recreational Facility in northern New Jersey. Hundreds of Marveloids showed up — staffers, freelancers, execs, and — get this — making a rare cameo appearance, Stan "the Man" Lee! The weather could not have been more perfect — it was as if Thor himself had chased the clouds away!

This year's picnic had a country and western theme, highlighted by a square-dancing exhibition and a C & W DJ who led the assembled revelers through their foot-stomping paces. While the picnic was a little bit country, it was also a little bit rock and roll, as a brand-new Marvel house band, The Fantastic Four & More, made their public debut. The band consisted of such Marveloids as editor Don Daley, associate editors Suzanne Gaffney and Evan Skolnick, art guy Steve Geiger, production guy Jim Krueger, and designer Joe Kaufman. Drummer Evan said the band's music was

"very traditional rock and roll, which some people found to be a relief from the country & western theme."

The day was filled with all kinds of activities, including swimming, basketball, softball, volleyball, and that favorite family fun game, Dunk the Exec! All of our executives — including Terry Stewart, Tom DeFalco, and Mark Gruenwald — were willing to be dunked by a well-thrown curve-ball, proving they're not afraid to test out new waters!

In addition, such Marvelificent contests as water-balloon catching, sack races, and big overall hay hurdling (don't ask) were staged beneath the broiling sun.

Assistant editor Lynaire Brust took second prize in the Bake-Off competition with her magic cookie bars — a recipe that eludes even Dr. Strange! And in first place — International Licensing Department's Lee Ann Taylor and her mouth-watering apple pie!

SECRET DEFENDERS inker Don Hudson spent most of the day in the pool, swimming ring-a-dings around John and Virginia Romita. Don was quite the triathlete, as he participated in nearly every sport you can think of.

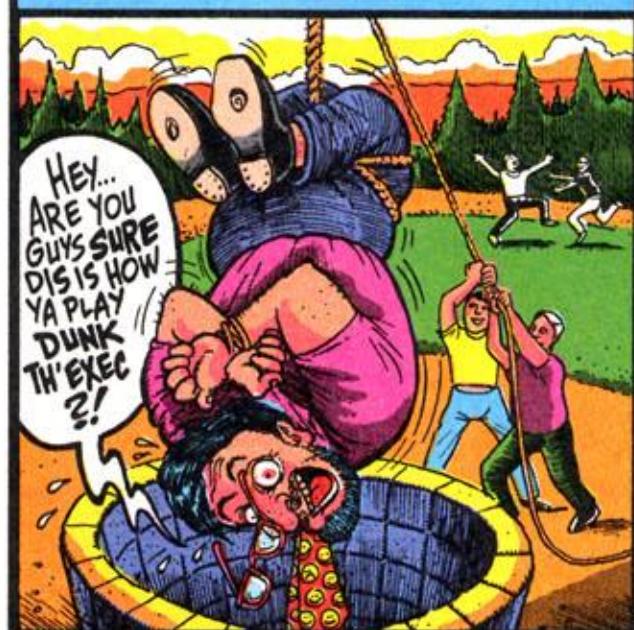
Taking the prize for freelancer

traveling the farthest to attend the frenetic funfest was the UK's own Dougie Braithwaite, now doing breathtaking PUNISHER artwork.

But now the picnic's over and all good Marveloids are fully ensconced in their autumnal activities, making the comic racks safe for humankind.

THE BULL'S EYE

by RICK PARKER



CHRIS'S CORNER

Everybody, at some point in their life, has gone through tough times — y'know, those really bleak periods when you feel like the lowest of the low, worthless, useless, unloved and unlovable ... It's not a pretty place to be. I know I've been there, pretty much throughout junior high and most of high school.

That's what I find so compelling about Blaze's situation in BLAZE: LEGACY OF BLOOD. Here's a guy who's down and out, separated from his family, and making a bad situation worse by some really destructive behavior. And then, just when

he thinks it can't get any worse, it does: his family, whom he thought was at least safe, turns out to be in terrible danger from the most unexpected threat of all — believe me, you're going to be as surprised as Blaze is!

So the big question is: does Blaze find the strength inside to believe in himself? Can he get it together in time to save his loved ones?

Yes, and no — and I hate to do this to you, but you'll have to read BLAZE: LEGACY OF BLOOD as well as the follow-up developments in the issues of GHOST RIDER and SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE that immediately follow it to know what I mean by that! People are either going to love Howard Mackie, who writes all three series, or hate him after this.

And have I mentioned the art?! I wasn't sure how it was going to turn out, with our special inker working over Ron Wagner's meticulous pencils. Let's just say I was pleasantly surprised; it reminded

me of the rough energy of Mark Texeira's early days on GHOST RIDER!

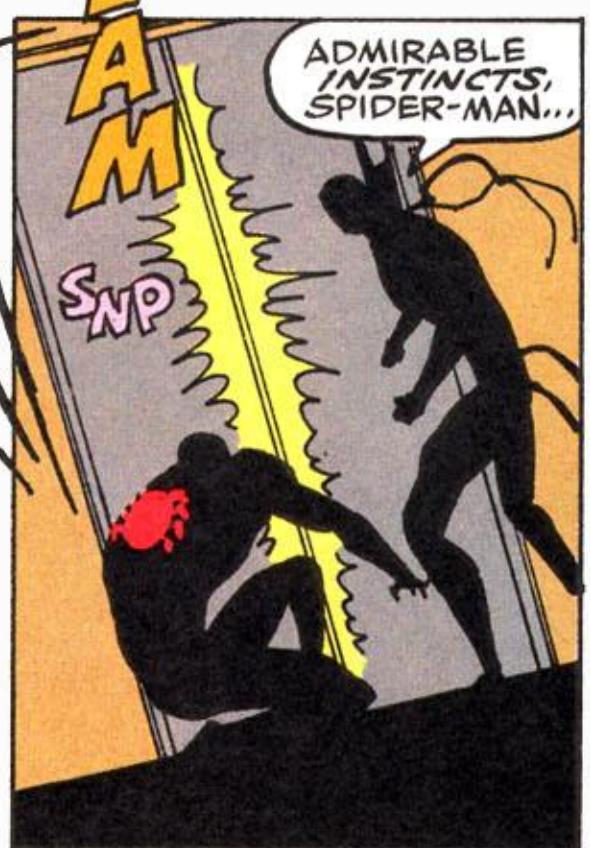
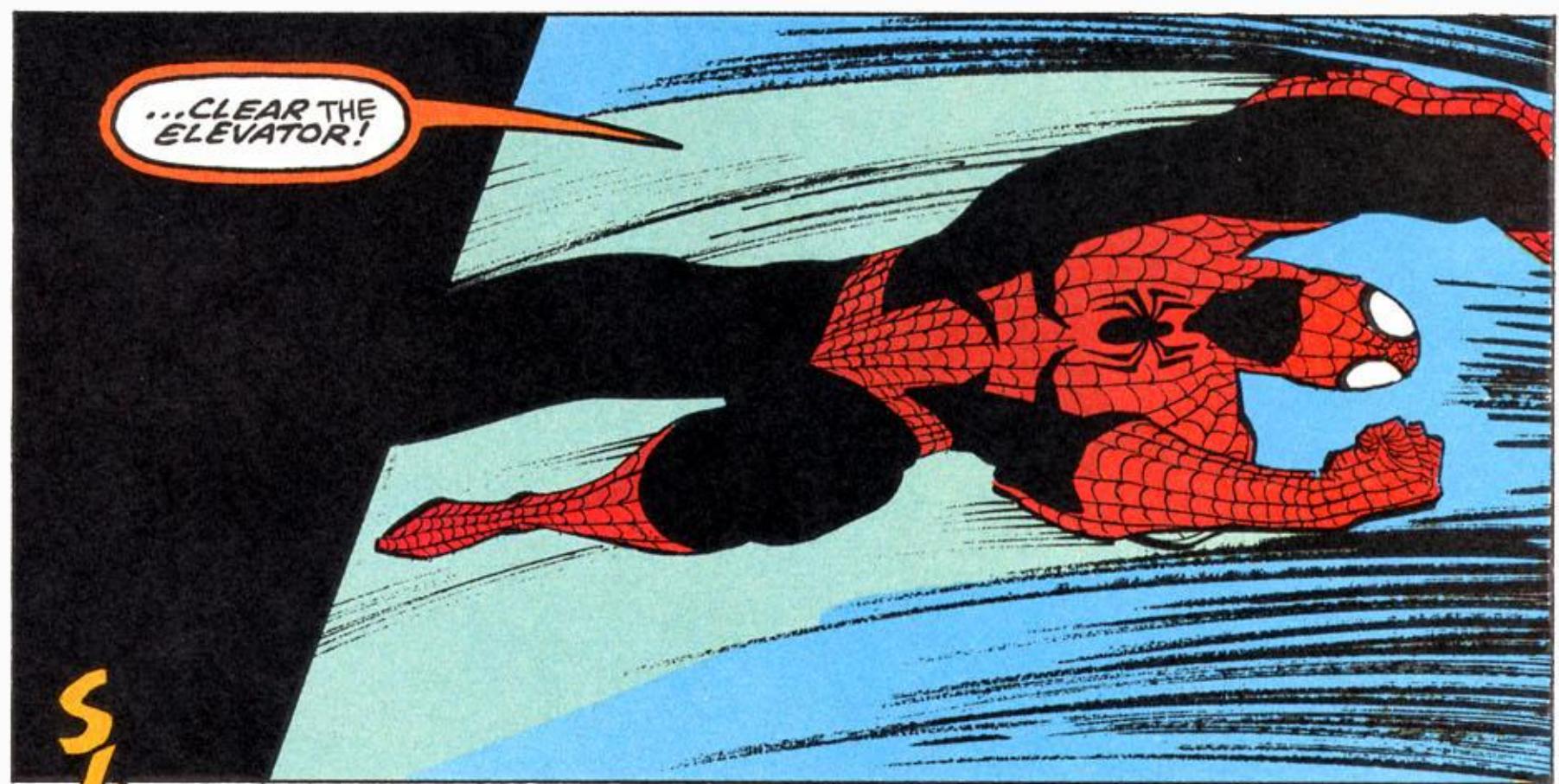
So if you ever felt like the world sucked and nobody cared about you or understood you, you'll definitely know where Blaze is coming from in LEGACY OF BLOOD, and if you read the series (what is this "if"!?), you'll know where he's going! And to all of you out there going through those bleak times, take it from somebody who's been there: HANG IN THERE! YOU'RE NOT ALONE!! IT GETS BETTER!!!

Chris Cooper

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...TO MY SPECIFICATIONS.

REGISTER INDICATED THAT CHODOSH IS CURRENTLY ACCESSING THE SAME SYSTEM THAT JUST INCRIMINATED HIM.

DO YOU STILL DOUBT HIS GUILT?

ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF MY CHARMS, PAL...

...BUT YOU'RE SPORTING A WHOLE NEW EDGE THESE DAYS.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG, HARD CLIMB BACK FOR ME, SPIDER-MAN--

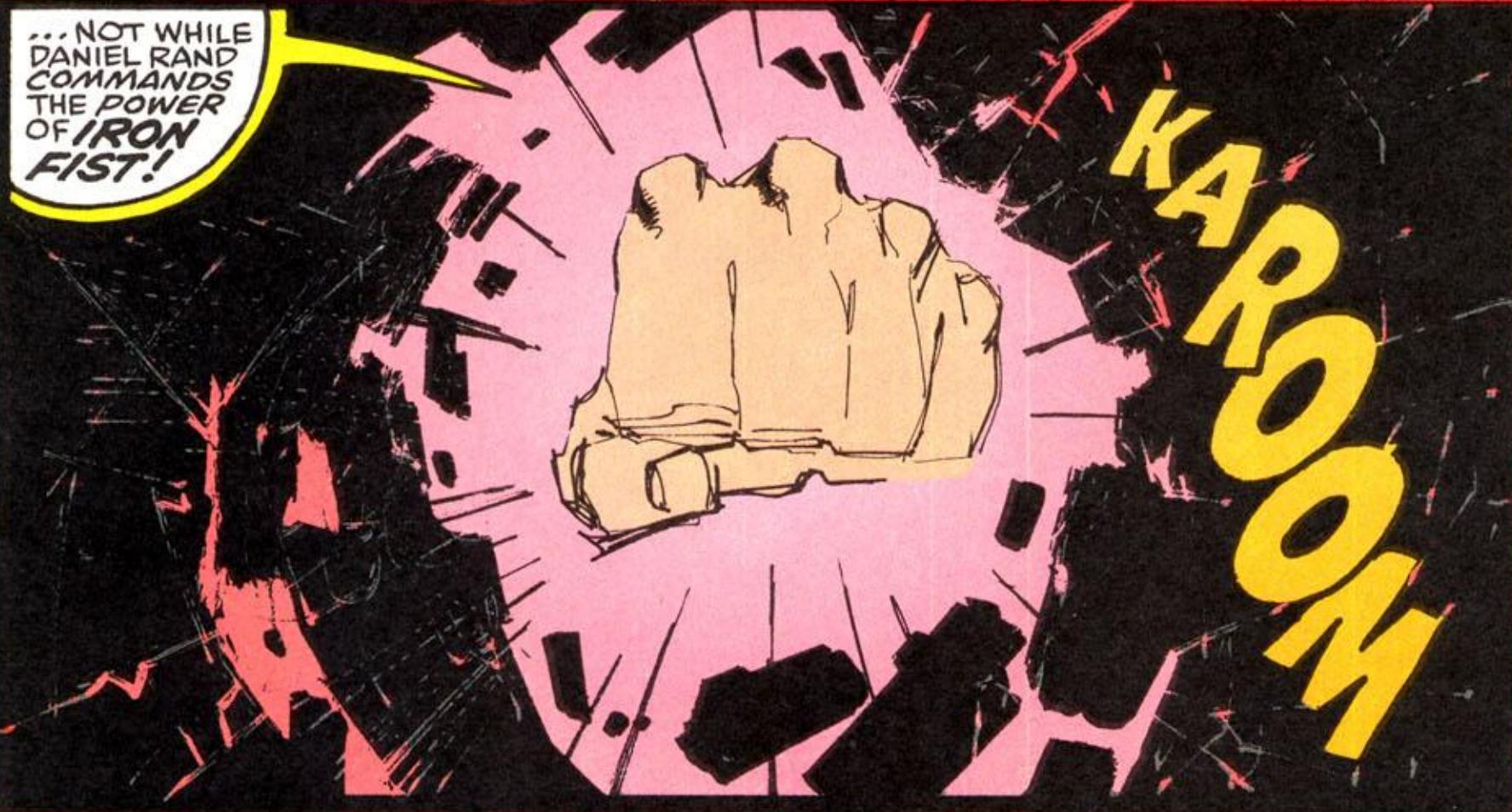
-- OVER AND THROUGH PEOPLE WHO CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO BE A PART OF MY LIFE--



--JUST TO REACH THIS POINT.

TITANIUM PLATING OVER AN AIR DUCT DOES SUGGEST SOMETHING TO HIDE, FIST...

NOT IN MY BUILDING...



CHODOSH!?

THE NAME IS
PLATOON,
GENTLEMEN...

... NOW THAT
I'M DRESSED
TO KILL!

WHEN
WILL I
LEARN...?

NEXT-- SPIDER-MAN AND IRON FIST VS.
THE AWESOME ARSENAL OF PLATOON
HIGH ATOP THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE!
AND A.R.M.S. MAKES ITS MOVE ON
A HELPLESS NEW YORK CITY....!