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HIGH ABOVE THE
ROOFTOPS OF
NEW YORK CITY.

They're
here...

...I can
feel them.

The signal from the spider-tracer I slapped on the woman with HIM is growing stronger.

Jaw is still aching
from that kick
Joystick gave me.

* SEE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN
#409 - 80%

Should really
take it easy.

Yeah... right!
Like THAT'S
going to happen!

Not when HE's
involved in it all.

I didn't expect
to see him again.

Thought
he'd died.

One less clone of Peter Parker
walking the streets...

...and out
of my life.

But I should have
known better.

HE spent too many years
making my life miserable
to just lay down and die.

Well, here I
go again.

Down into the
darkness... down
to face...

KAIN.

Stan Lee
presents:

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KAIN
Part 4 of 4**

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I'M
TAKING YOU
TO THE POLICE,
KAINE.

YOU'RE
A KILLER, AND
I'M NOT GOING TO
LET YOU STAY ON
THE STREETS
ONE MINUTE
LONGER.

I HAVE
NO FIGHT WITH
YOU, SPIDER-MAN...

...BUT I'M NOT
GOING TO LET
YOU TAKE ME
IN.

FREEZE!

LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE
SURROUNDED.
IT'S
OVER.

NO.
IT'S NOT.
MUSE,
STAY
CLOSE.

ALWAYS.
BUT IF YE
WANT A LITTLE
ASSIST WITH
THINGS...

IT WON'T BE
NECESSARY.

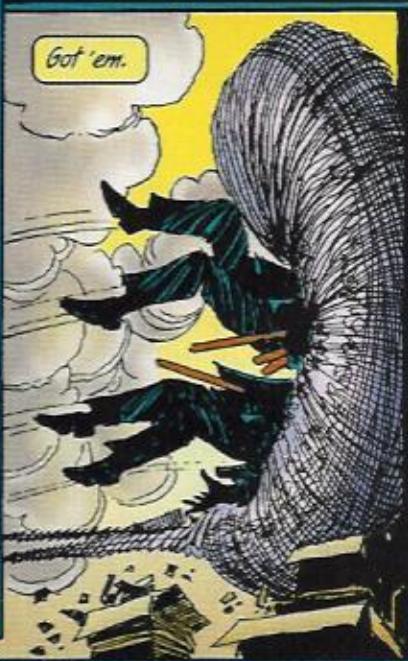
Spider-sense
going crazy!

He's pulling down the
wall using the same
adhesion power I use
to climb them.

Got to move
before --



He's throwing those two cops as if they were rag dolls.



Not again.

Pulled the wall down.

It's falling towards the cops.



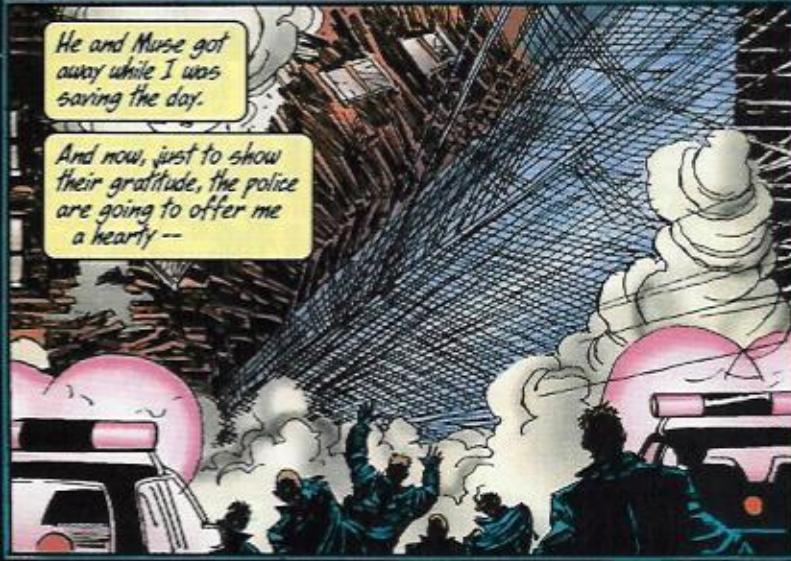
He knows I won't let them get hurt.

Knows I can't.

Knows me better than I know myself.

He and Muse got away while I was saving the day.

And now, just to show their gratitude, the police are going to offer me a hearty —



FREEZE!



So much for gratitude.

SEVERAL
BLOCKS
AWAY.

D' YE
THINK
WE LOST
HIM?

NOT FOR
LONG.

YE THINK,
EVEN AFTER
WHAT YE DID
BACK THERE, HE'LL
STILL BE COMING
FER YE?

HE HAS
NO CHOICE.
I REPRESENT
EVERYTHING
HE STANDS
AGAINST.

HE'LL
COME.

LET
HIM.

LOOK AT
HER.

I'VE
NOT HAD SO
MUCH FUN IN
MONTHS.

DID
YE CATCH
THE LOOKS ON
THEIR FACES WHEN
YE PULLED
THE WALL
DOWN?

SO YOUNG...
SO BEAUTIFUL...
SO FULL OF LIFE.

SOMETHING ABOUT
HER REMINDS ME OF...

...LOUISE
KENNEDY.*

THE ONLY WOMAN I
HAVE EVER ALLOWED
MYSELF TO GROW CLOSE
TO... TO LOVE.

YOU'RE
BLEEDING.

* SEE SPIDER-MAN: THE LOST
YEARS LIMITED SERIES. -Eric

WHAT?

HELLO?
EARTH TO
KAIN!

STAND
STILL WHILE
I TRY TO
STAUNCH
THIS.

IT'S
OKAY. IT
DOESN'T HURT...
REALLY.

JUST
STAND
STILL.

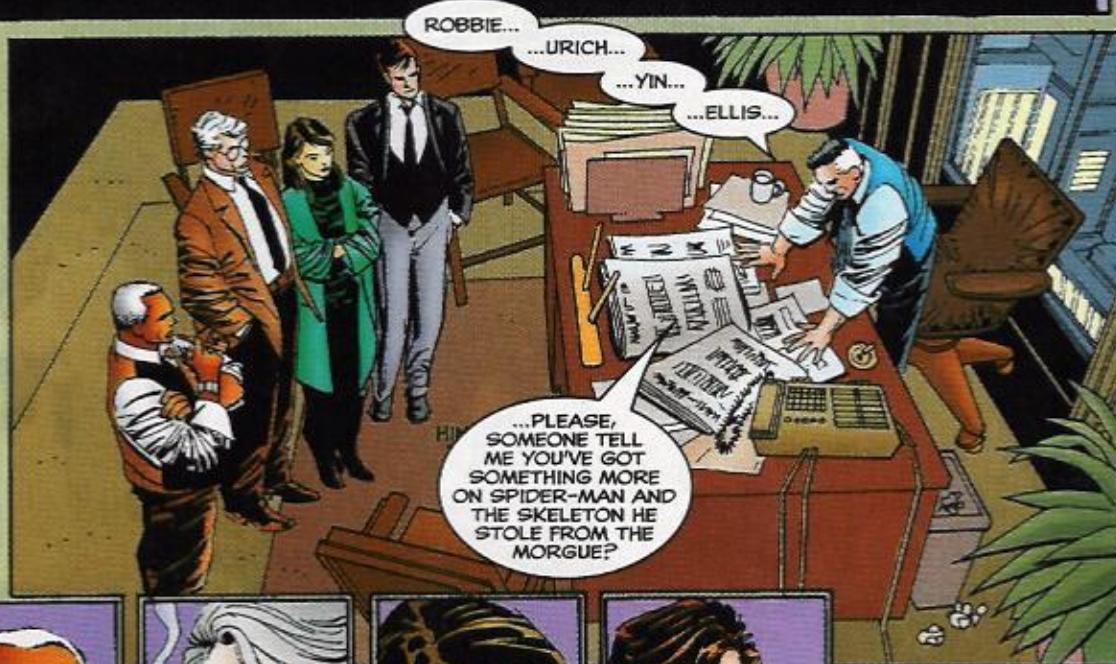
I CAN'T BELIEVE YE
TOOK A BULLET
FOR ME.

THANKS.

NOW
HOLD
STILL.



DAILY BUGLE



A SHORT
TIME LATER...

HIGH ABOVE THE
CITY STREETS...

...ATOP THE
JOHNSCORP
BUILDING...

...A WAR IS
BEING WAGED.

AND AMIDST THE
LASER CANNONS...

...AND OTHER SECURITY DEVICES
OF THE HIGHEST TECHNOLOGY
AND DESTRUCTIVE POWER...

...STANDS
KAIN...

HERE HE UNLEASHES
THE FULL FURY OF THE
PAIN THAT TEARS AT
HIS BODY AND SOUL.

HIS POWER
IS GREAT...

...AND HIS RAGE IS GREATER.

HE WAS HANDSOME ONCE.

A PERFECT GENETIC REPLICA OF PETER PARKER... OF SPIDER-MAN.

THEN THE DEGENERATION BEGAN.

AND FOR FIVE YEARS HE HAS WATCHED AS HIS OWN BODY HAS BETRAYED HIM.

LIVED WITH THE EXCRUCIATING PAIN OF A PROCESS THAT HAS TORN EACH AND EVERY CELL IN HIS BODY.

BUT AS HIS BODY DEGENERATED IN DESIGN...

...HIS STRENGTH INCREASED.

AND AS THE STRENGTH INCREASED...

...SO INCREASED THE PAIN AND ANGER WHICH WERE KANE'S ONLY COMPANIONS THROUGH THE YEARS.

ANGER AT THE CRUEL GOD WHO ALLOWED HIM TO BE SO.

ANGER AT PROFESSOR MILES WARREN, THE warped scientist WHO CHOSE TO CREATE HIM AND THEN CAST HIM ASIDE FOR NOT BEING PERFECT.

ANGER AT HIMSELF FOR ALLOWING OTHERS TO PULL HIM INTO THEIR GAME.

TODAY THE ANGER FINDS A RELEASE.

AND WOE TO THOSE WHO TODAY STAND BEFORE THIS MAN.



YE
KNOW, KAIN,
WE DON'T HAVE
TO BE DOIN'
THIS.

WE'VE
BOTH HAD
ENOUGH PAIN
IN OUR LIVES. I
JUST KEEP MINE
A LITTLE MORE
HIDDEN.

WE CAN
JUST LEAVE. GO
SOMEPLACE QUIET.
FORGET THE GAME...
FORGET IT
ALL.

NO. WE GO TO JOHNSMEYER.
WE END IT ALL HERE
TODAY.

NO.
NOT HER.
NOT
MUSE.
DEAD... WITH
MY MARK ON
HER FACE.

JUST
SHOW ME
HOW TO GET
IN --
-- NO!

HEAD... ON
FIRE.
A PREMONITION...
TEARING THROUGH
MY BRAIN...

KAIN!
WHAT IS
IT? WHAT'S
WRONG?

NOTHING.

THE
GAME ENDS
NOW!

S
H
R
A
K
X

YOU'VE NEVER
BEEN MORE
CORRECT.

THWAP
THWAP
THWAP
THWAP

THE GAME ENDS
HERE AND
NOW...

...AND
SO DO
YOU.

THIS
DOESN'T
CONCERN YOU,
SPIDER-MAN.

OH?
BUT IT
DOES.
EVERY
LIFE YOU TAKE...
EVERY THING YOU
DO... CONCERN
ME.

YOU
ARE FROM MY GENETIC
STOCK AND I CAN'T STAND
ASIDE AND LET YOU CONTINUE
YOUR SENSELESS RAMPAGE.

SUIT
YOURSELF.

I
SUPPOSE WE
WERE PREDESTINED
TO COME TO
BLOWS.

RRIIP
YUP.
MIGHT AS
WELL GET
IT OVER
WITH --

THE
ROOF TOP? IT
OPENED UP...
WE'RE...

FUWISK





KAIN...
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO DO THIS.
YOU DON'T HAVE
TO KILL
HER.

I
DO.

I
LET HER INTO
WHAT PASSES
FOR MY LIFE AND
SHE BETRAYED
ME...

...JUST LIKE
KENNEDY.

DOUBLE
MY BET IF HE
SUCCESSES.

I'LL
TAKE THAT,
BUT ONLY IF HE
SCARS HER AS
WELL.

I
SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN.

FROM
THE MOMENT I
HAD THE PRE-
MONITION...

...I
NEVER
REALLY
HAD A
CHOICE.

THE
GLIMPSES INTO
THE FUTURE THAT
TEAR THROUGH MY HEAD
ALWAYS HAPPEN.
THIS HAD TO
HAPPEN.

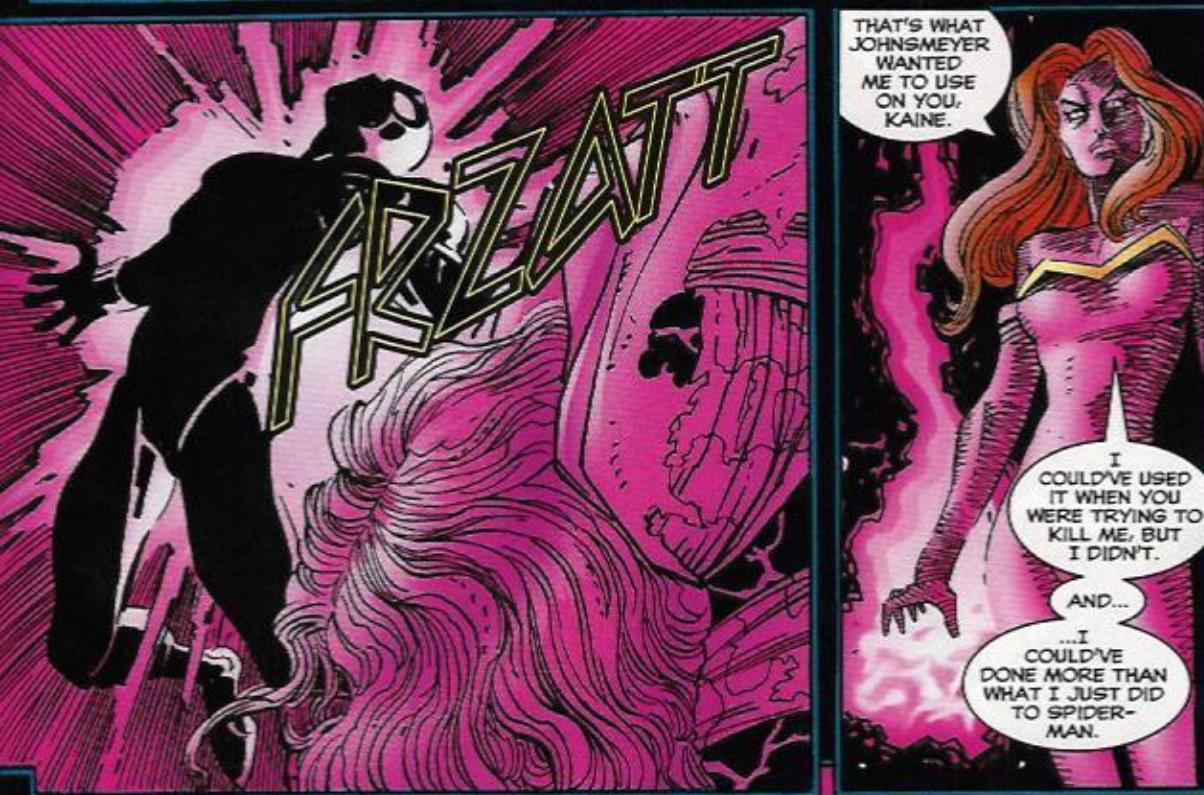
NO...IT...
DOESN'T!

YOU
HAVE THE
POWER TO
CHANGE
IT.

YOU
CAN MAKE A
CHOICE... RIGHT
HERE... RIGHT
NOW!







I DON'T HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THIS CONCUSSIVE ELEMENT OF MY POWERS.

I PREFER NOT TO DIRECT THEM AT PEOPLE UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

ANYWAY...

...I'M SORRY, KAIN.

I NEVER WANTED ANY OF THIS TO HAPPEN.

AND I CERTAINLY DIDN'T WANT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YE...

...BUT I DID.

HOPEFULLY, WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO WILL CONVINCE YE OF THAT.

AND THEN MAYBE WE CAN GET TOGETHER AGAIN SOMETIME.

GOOD-BYE.

SPIDER-MAN, I SURE HOPE YOU'RE AS GOOD AND FAST AS I THINK YOU ARE...

...OTHERWISE I'M GOING TO BE MAKING AN AWFUL MESS DOWN THERE.

Why does this always happen to me?

Pushing me to the limit?

Testing my reflexes?

Why can't it ever just end easy?

NO.

TWIP

