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X-FORCE JOINS

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X-OVER PART 1

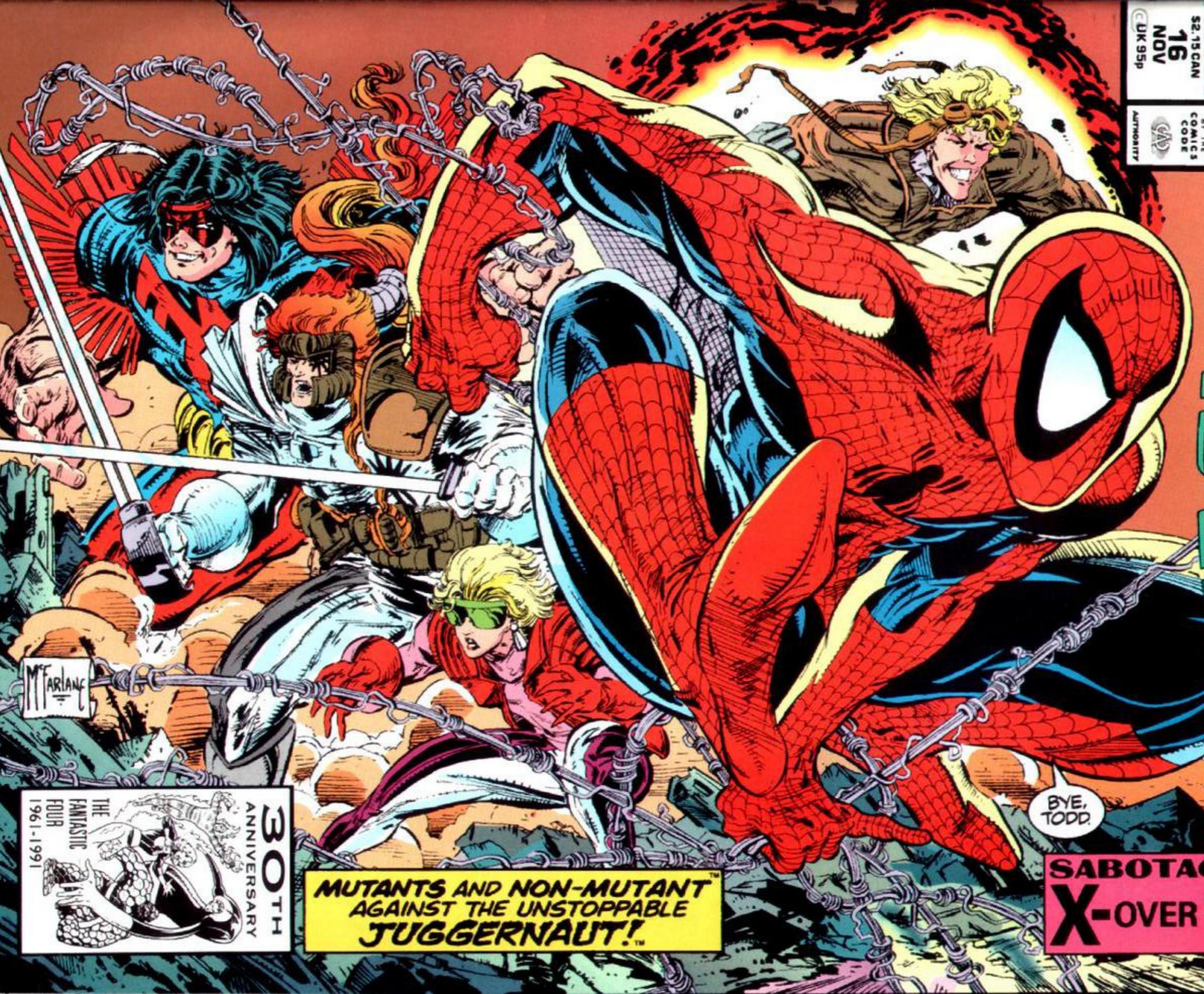
SPECIAL
SIDeways
ISSUE!

BYE,
TODD.

MUTANTS AND NON-MUTANT
AGAINST THE UNSTOPPABLE
JUGGERNAUT!™

30TH ANNIVERSARY

THE
FANTASTIC
FOUR
1961-1991



CABLE, LEADER OF THE MUTANT GROUP X-FORCE, AND BLACK TOM CASSIDY, WERE LOCKED IN BATTLE HIGH ATOP THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, NEITHER ONE WILLING TO GIVE AN INCH.

THAT WAS A MINUTE AGO.

OUTSIDE, PETER PARKER -- OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SPIDER-MAN -- WAS SWINGING MERRILY ON HIS WAY TO THE DAILY BUGLE.

THAT WAS THIRTY SECONDS AGO.

BLACK TOM DETONATED A BOMB.

THAT WAS TWO SECONDS AGO.

THIS IS NOW!

WHOA, NELLIE!

I THOUGHT BY SWINGING AS HIGH ABOVE AS POSSIBLE, I'D HAVE A LITTLE SERENITY.

BUT NOOO!

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOME SORT OF COMMOTION BELOW. BETTER CHECK IT OUT.

TODD
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SPECIAL ASSIST BY ROB LIEFELD

OH NO NOT
JUGGERNAUT!

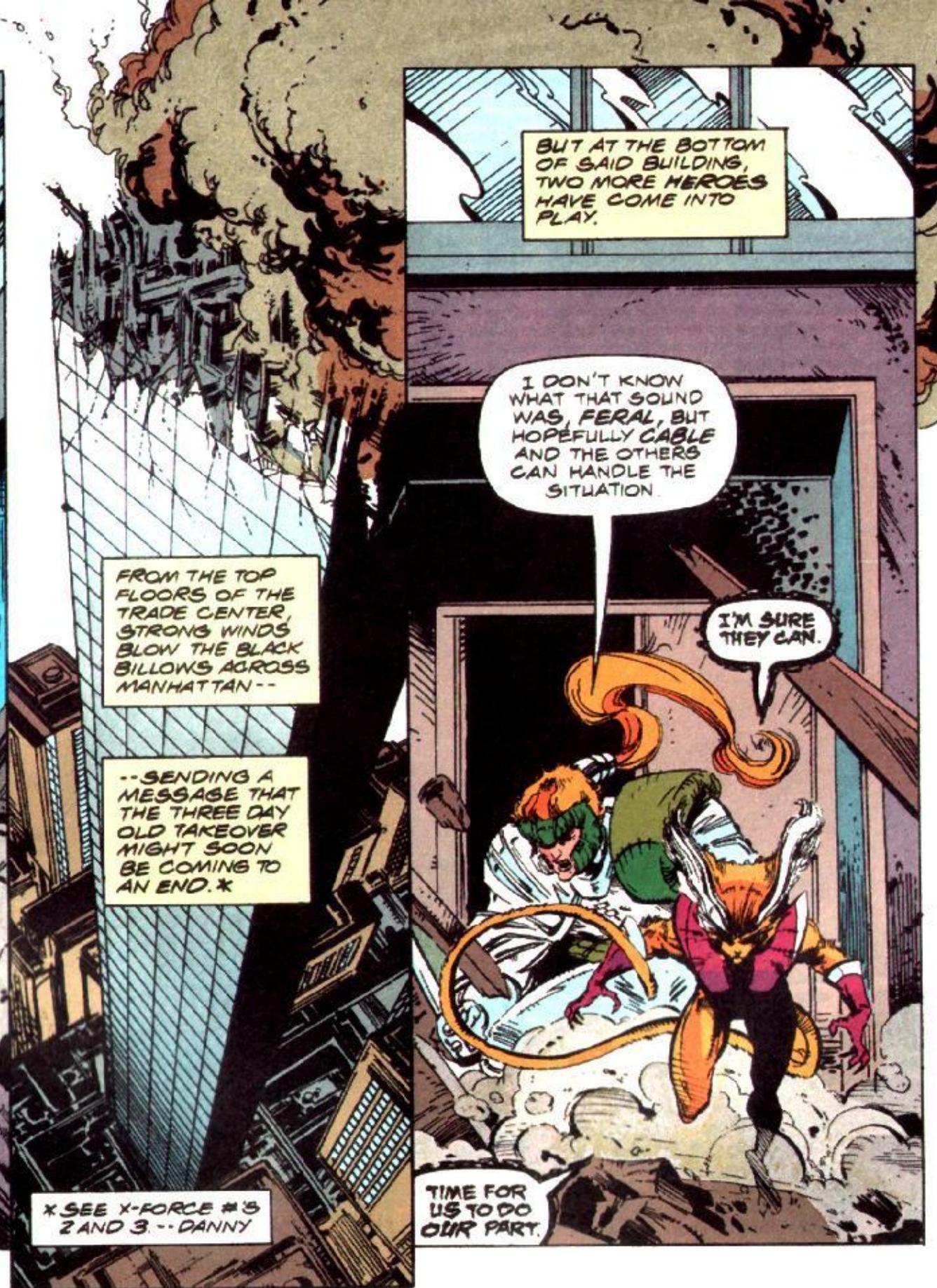
YOU'D BETTER
SAY YOUR
PRAYERS, PAL!

'CAUSE IF THAT'S
THE BEST YOU CAN
DO, THIS FIGHT IS
GONNA BE OVER
A LOT SOONER
THAN YOU'D LIKE.

I'LL FINISH
YOU, THEN I'M
OUTTA HERE.

'CAUSE THINGS
ARE GETTIN'A
BIT TOO MESSY
FOR MYLIKING.

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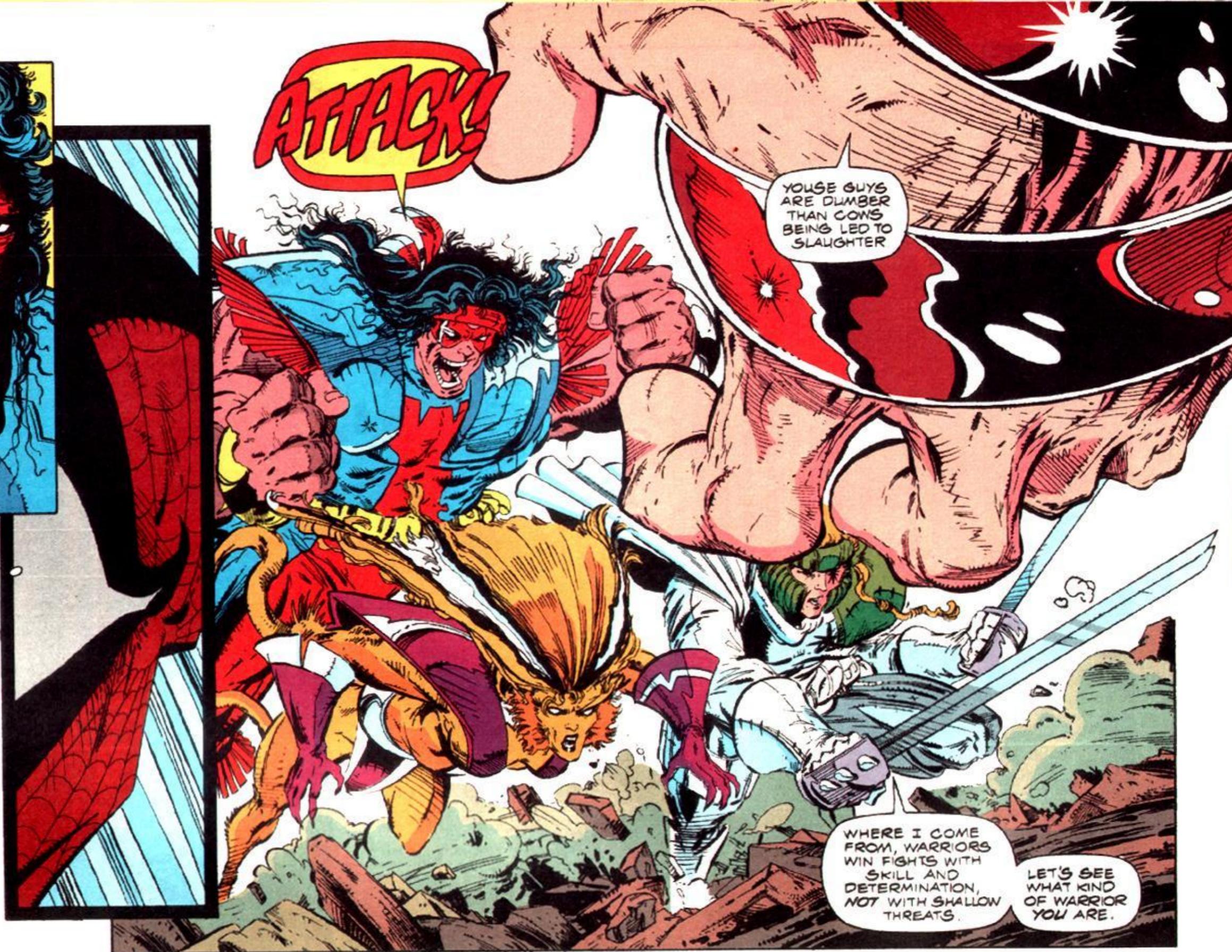


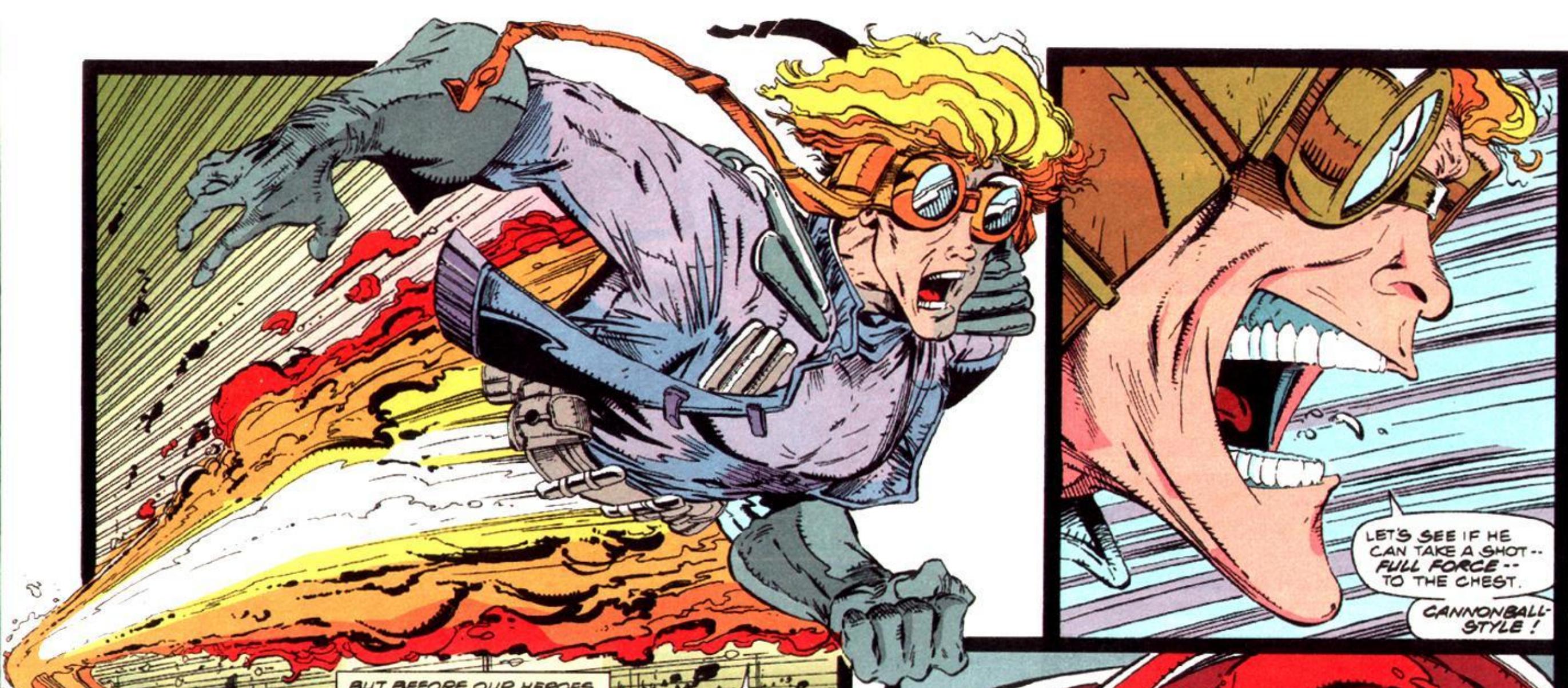


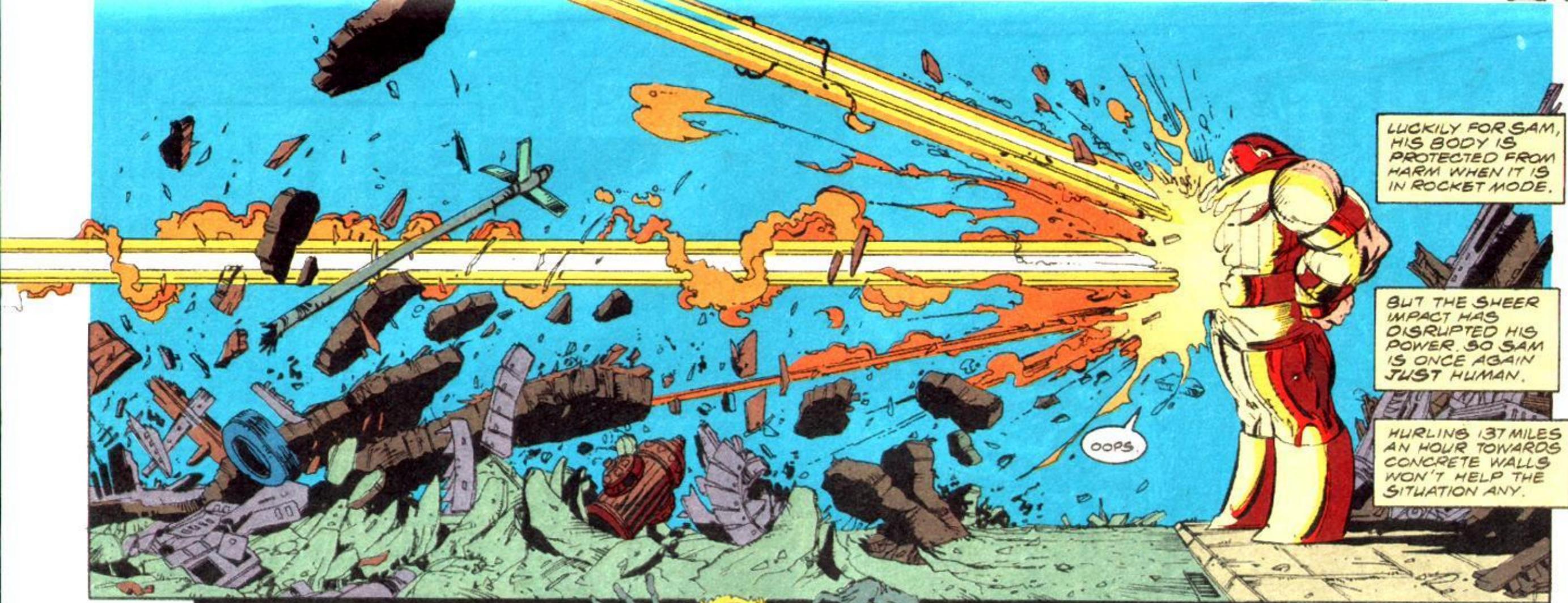




ATTACK!







THAT'S A QUESTION
ON EVERYONE'S
MIND.

TO FIND THE ANSWER,
WE MUST LOOK PAST
THE DESTRUCTION TO
THE FLOORS JUST
BELOW THE IMPACT.

IT IS HERE WE
FIND CABLE
AND THE REST
OF THE SURVIVING
X-FORCE.

EVERYONE'S
ACCOUNTED
FOR--GOOD!

MY ARMOR SHIELDED
ME. BUT IT SAYS
SOMETHING THAT YOU
GUYS MADE IT WITHOUT
THAT KIND OF PROTECTION.

MAN!
WHAT A
MESS!

CABLE! WHERE
IS BLACK TOM?
I THOUGHT HE
WAS STANDING
BY YOU WHEN
THE BOMB WENT
OFF.

I DON'T KNOW.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING
FOR HIS BODY IN
THE WRECKAGE SINCE
THE SMOKE CLEARED--
BUT I CAN'T FIND
A TRACE OF HIM.

FOR NOW, I
NEED YOU AND
SIRYN TO GET
DOWNSTAIRS
AND SEE WHAT
HAPPENED TO
WARPATH AND
JUGGERNAUT.

TELL THE TEAM
TO TAKE HIM OUT
AS FAST AS
POSSIBLE. I'M
GOING AFTER
BLACK TOM!

"THE OTHERS--IF THEY'RE ALIVE--WILL HAVE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES!"

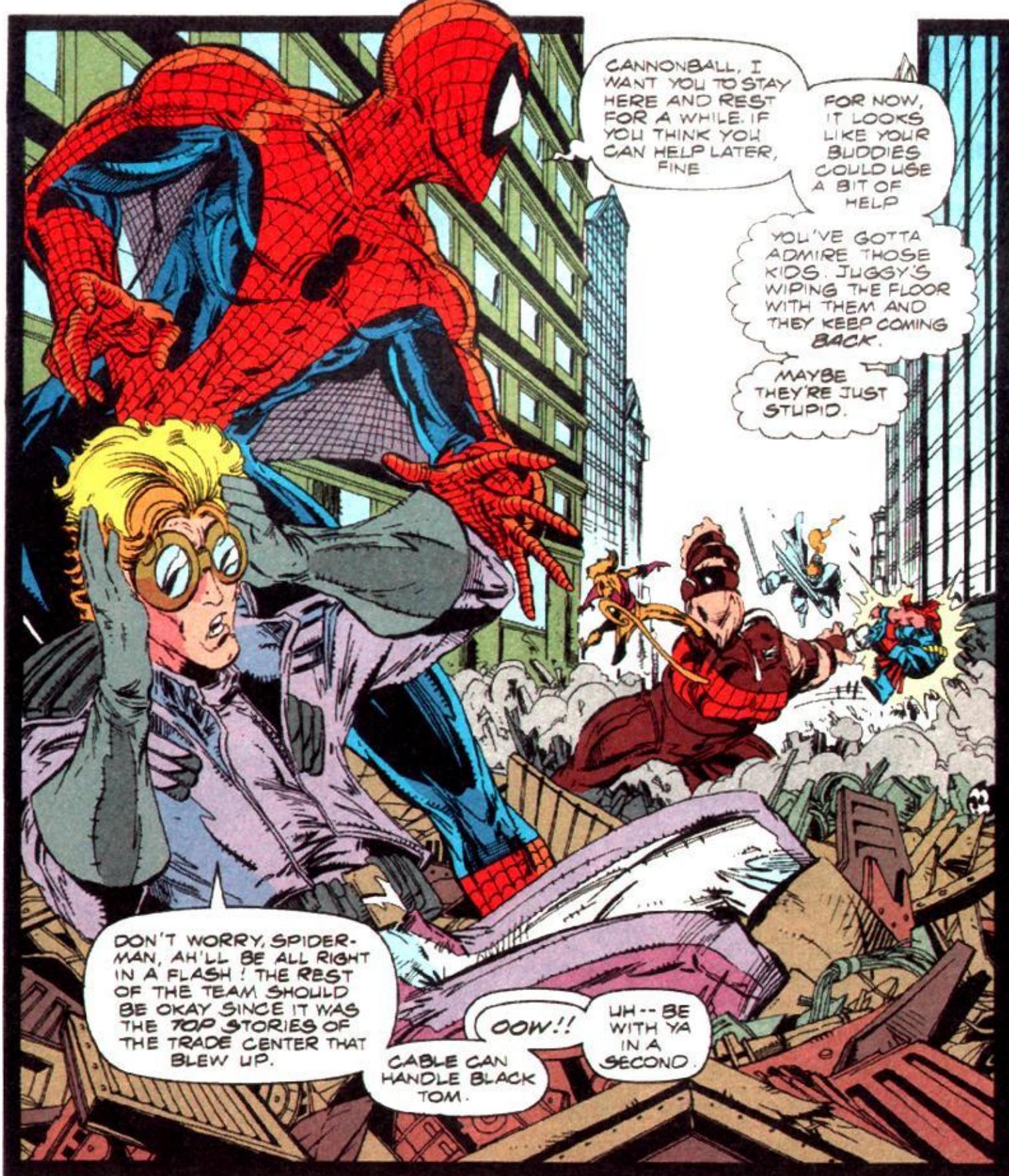
GIVEN THE ENORMITY OF THEIR TASK, THESE YOUNGSTERS ARE DOING QUITE WELL.

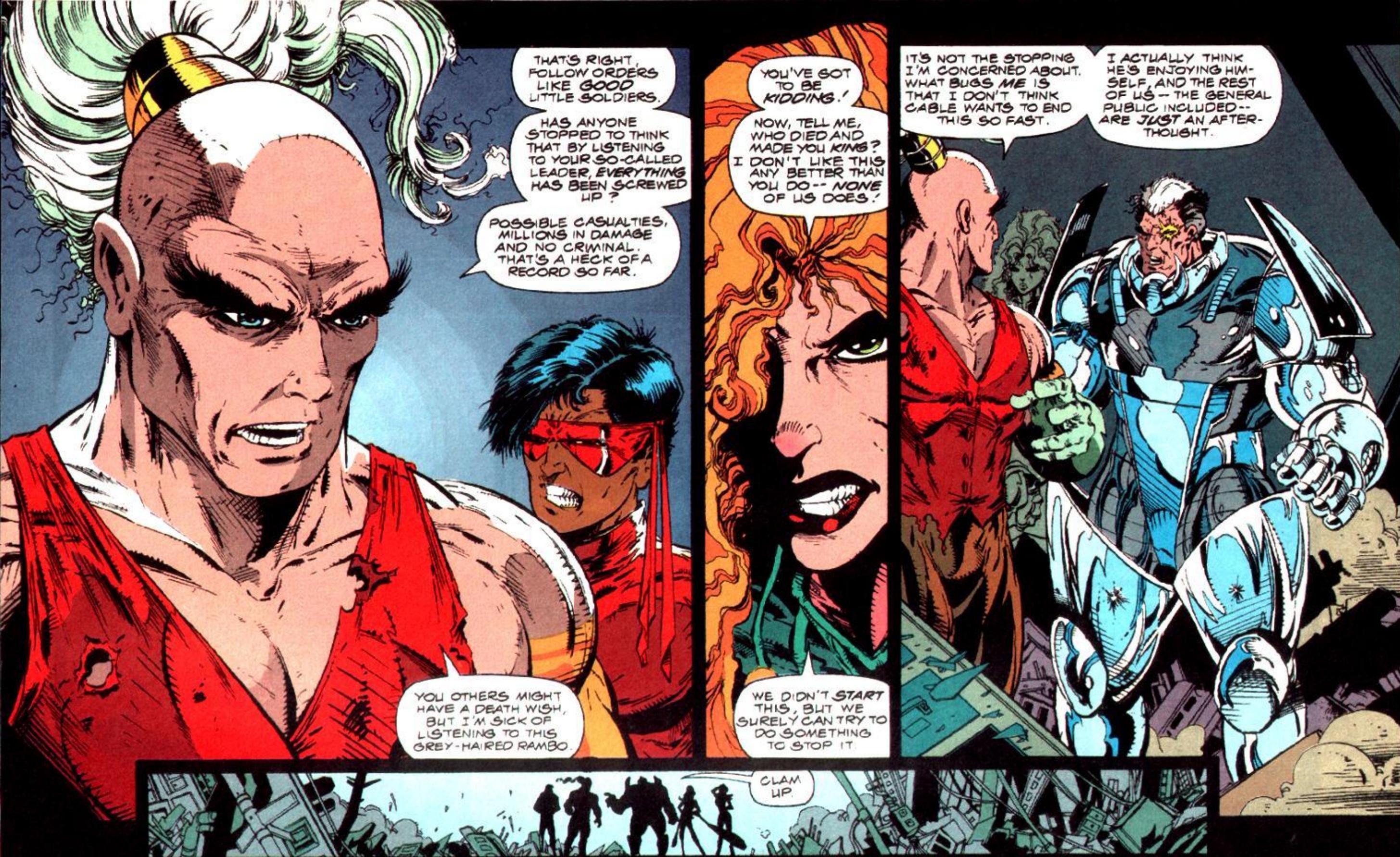
NOT THAT THE JUGGERNAUT'S BEING STOPPED--OR THAT THESE X-FORCERS ARE WINNING.

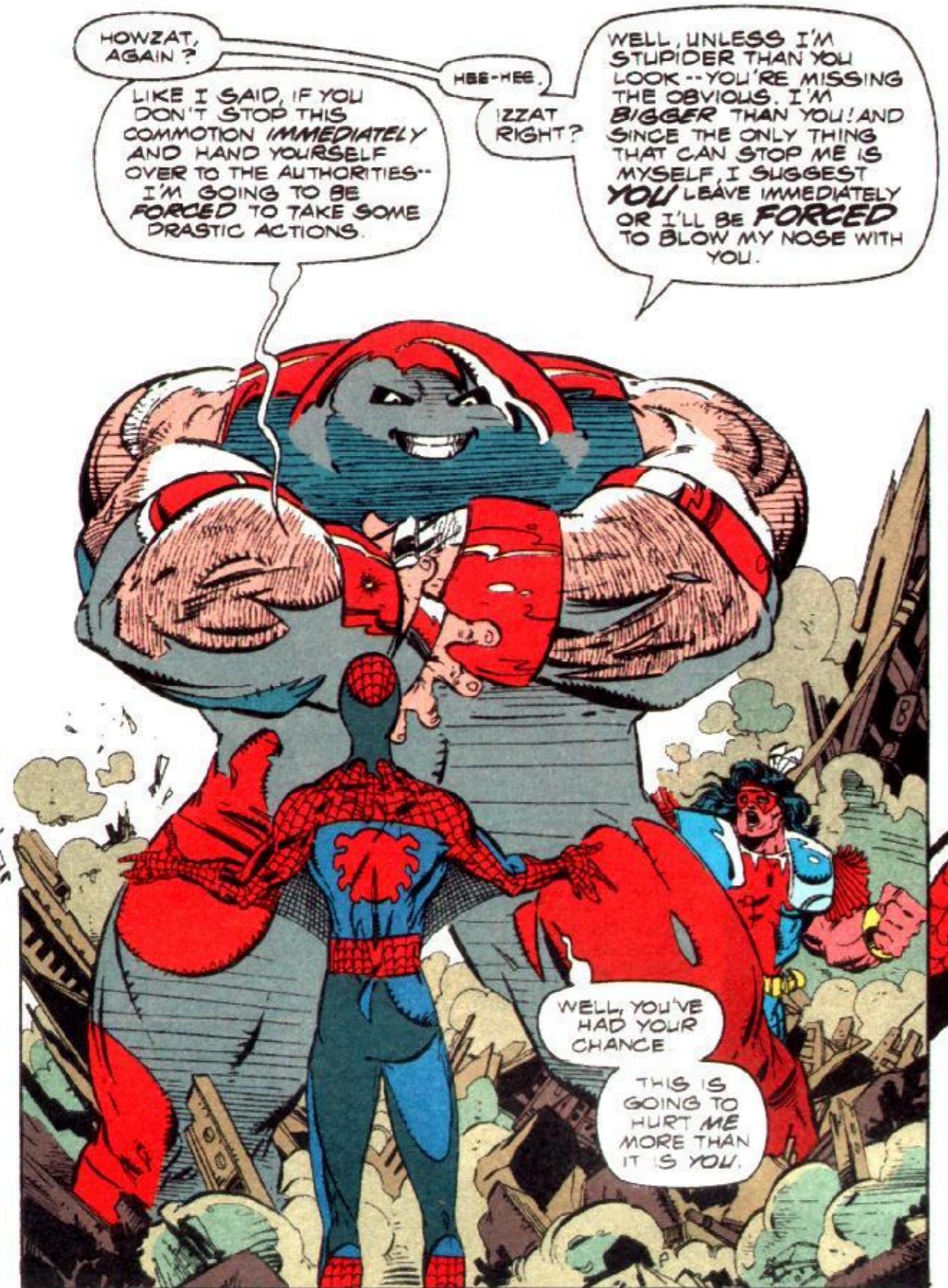
NO, WHAT IS IMPRESSIVE IS, FOR ALL THEIR POWER--WHICH IS REALLY NOTHING COMPARED TO THE HULKING BEHEMOTH--NONE HAS DIED YET.

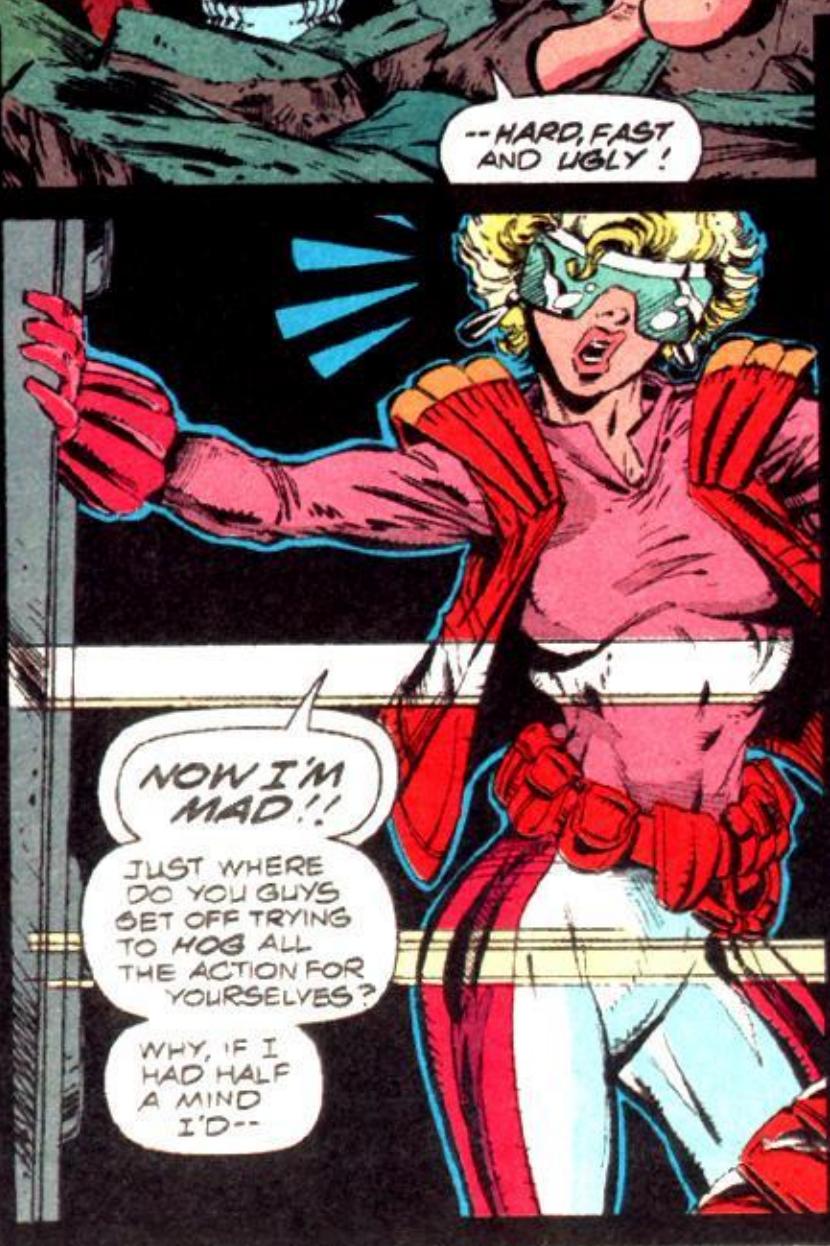
AND FOR A SPLIT SECOND, THEY'VE ACTUALLY STARTED ACTING LIKE A TEAM.

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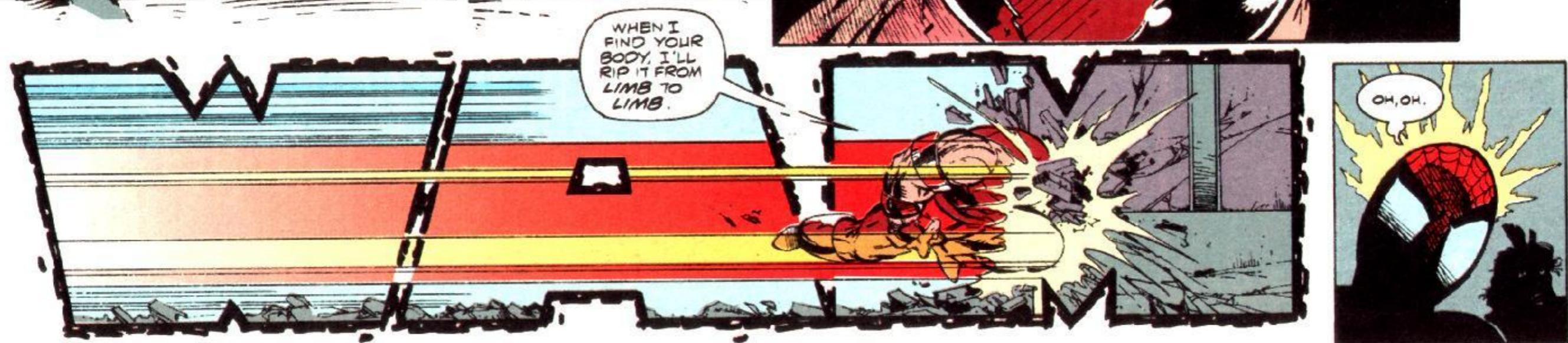
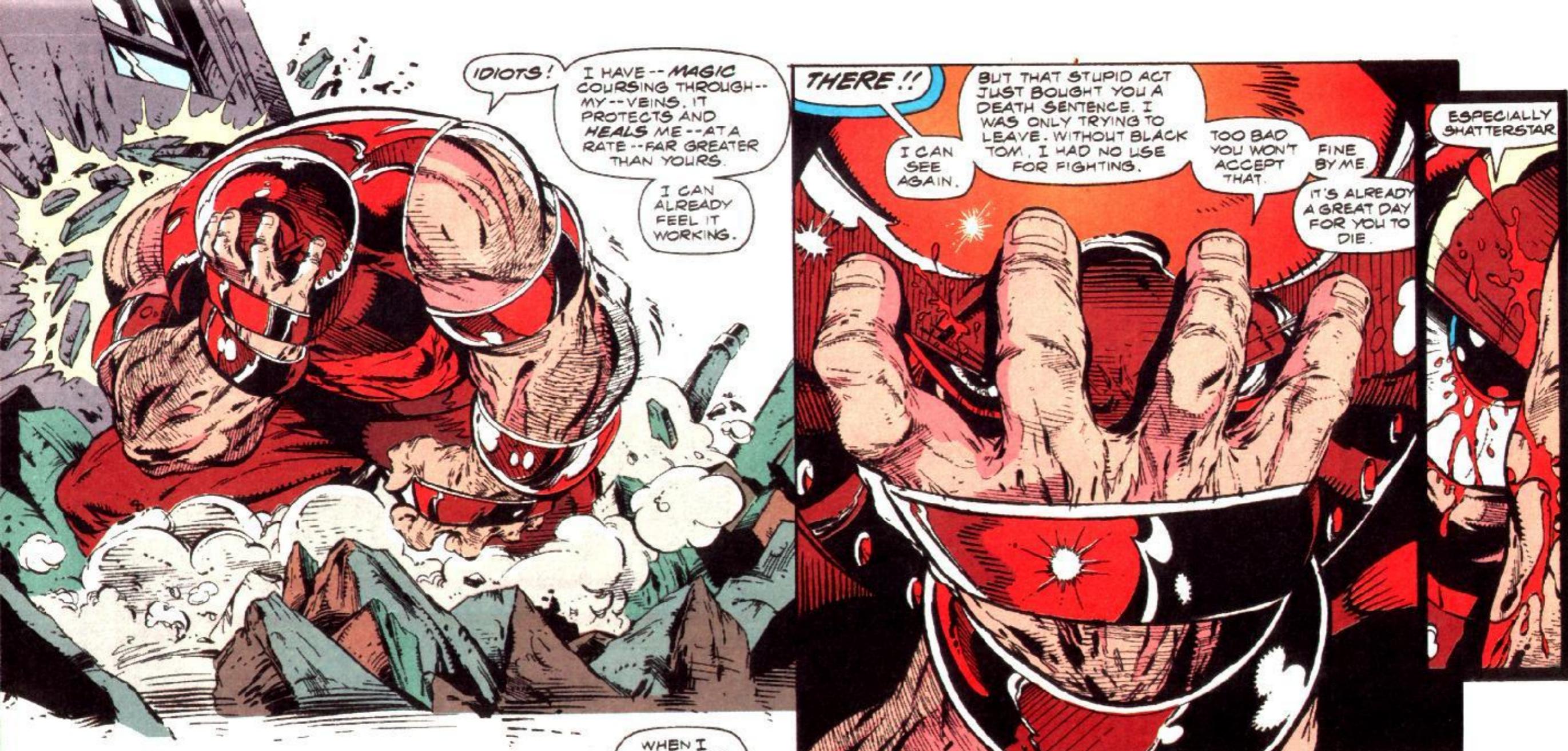
AS A MATTER OF FACT, DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT. I DON'T CARE. BUT I'VE GOT A PSYCHO TO CATCH-- MUST HAVE LEFT TRACKS SOMEWHERE-- AND I WON'T BE SLOWED DOWN.

IF YOU THINK I'M HERE TO BABYSIT, THINK AGAIN. I FIGURE YOU'RE ALL BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS ON YOUR OWN.

IF NOT, THEN GET OUT OF THE WAY!! CAUSE I CAN'T STOMACH THOSE WHO WON'T DEAL WITH THEIR OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS!

WHEN YOU STOP POUTING, SEE IF YOU CAN'T HELP THE BUSINESS FOLKS.







BULLPEN BULLETINS



STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Since this column is scheduled to see print in September, the month that school begins, it seems only fitting to devote our serendipitous sermon to the subject of education! After all, I know how eagerly you must be awaiting the opening of school, but be patient; no matter how unbearable these days may be, your vacation won't last forever!

Now then, those of you who faithfully read my Soapbox each month in MARVEL AGE can skip the rest of this meaningful monograph, 'cause I've already covered this subject in depth on those pandemonious pages. However, you philistines who've been injudicious enough to miss one of Marvel's most meritorious

Pick up a rock, and you'll likely find some moss underneath. Pick up a Marvel freelancer, and you'll no doubt find a plethora of projects beneath him. (You may find some moss there, as well, depending on how long the freelancer has been at his drawing board.) This was the situation when we endeavored to find out how our writers and artists spent their summer vacations.

Instead of regaling us with humorous anecdotes about exotic vacations in faraway lands, mostly we got a list of whatever projects the creator happened to be working on at the time. Now, that can be entertaining in its own right, but it sort of shatters the image of the life of a comics pro being filled with glamour, romance, and excitement, don't you think? So, where necessary, we've included writer's embellishments (clearly labeled, for legal reasons) to improve on the truth.

John Romita, Jr. described his summer in this way: "All it is is work! I just finished up the 144-page DAREDEVIL graphic novel which Frank Miller is writing, I'm working on the 48-page GHOST RIDER/WOLVERINE/PUNISHER team-up which Howard Mackie wrote, I'm doing the third monthly PUNISHER book with Klaus Janson and Chuck Dixon, I have a couple of posters coming out. . ." John also plans on launching a new monthly series featuring his own creation, SHOTGUN, who previously appeared in DAREDEVIL. Writer's embellishment: John took time off from his other work to visit the Vatican in Rome and talk comics with Pope John Paul, who's actually quite a comics buff. (The Pope's favorite book? NFL SUPERPRO, of all things!)

The comic biz's most famous little brother, **Sal Buscema**, kept pretty busy with the penciling and inking chores on SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, as well as extra projects like an eight-page Thor story in the upcoming MARVEL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL. Sal spent part of his summer at Ocean City, which is a beach resort in Maryland. Sal said he occupied his time "lazing around on the beach, eating seafood, and playing golf... exciting stuff like that." Writer's embellishment: One day on the beach, Sal saw a man drowning. Fortunately, he had taken a lifesaving course, and knew what to do. He dove into the water, dragged the man to shore, and administered CPR, saving the man's life. The man turned out to be legendary comedian Don Knotts, who, as fate would have it, is one of Sal's favorite performers. Don was so grateful for the save, he agreed to perform at a birthday party for Sal's kids later that day, charging only the union minimum.

DAREDEVIL penciler, **Lee Weeks**, said he is too busy "catching up with too many deadlines" to worry about taking a vacation. In addition to his monthly DAREDEVIL work, Lee is also doing a GHOST RIDER bookshelf format one-shot. When not dodging deadlines, Lee found time to grab a little vay-kay in Toronto with wife and brand-new baby, Vaughn. Writer's embellishment: While in Toronto, Lee assisted the mounted police in tracking a dangerous fugitive through the Canadian wilderness. It was a grueling chase, but in the end, it was Lee's skills as a marksman and knowledge of hand-to-hand combat that saved the day. Lee downplays his contributions to the bust, saying it's what any comics penciler

ous publications can, due to my legendary generosity, now get an abridged version of the following item. . .

If I may be serious for a moment, one of the biggest problems in education is school drop-outs; and even many youngsters who remain in school aren't learning as much as they should. Chief among the reasons is sheer, stifling boredom!

Well, an idea occurred to some of us who worry about such things. America is the core of the world's entertainment industry. American movies, television, rock music, sports and comic books provide excitement and enjoyment to the entire planet. If we can entertain audiences around the globe, why can't we do the same for our own students who are America's future?

The notion spread like wildfire! We've formed an organization called "Entertainers for Education"! It consists of the biggest names in film, music and the arts, combined with the nation's most influential educators. Our goal is nothing less than finding ways to make attending school and gathering knowledge as enjoyable and exciting as any other experience! We've just begun, but I'll keep you posted about our progress. Hey, if we succeed, can't you just hear kids saying, "Aw, mom, do I haveta stay home just because it's a holiday? Please let me go to school instead!"

Just a pipe dream? Wait and see!
Excelsior!

would have done.

Larry Stroman spent the summer pencilng X-FACTOR and a bookshelf format BLACK WIDOW special written by Dan Chichester. Writer's Embellishment: Larry also worked as a camp counsellor to a group of misfit kids, somehow turning these oddballs into a bunch of winners in time for the big boat race with long-time rival Camp Swampy.

WOLVERINE penciler **Marc Silvestri** spent his summer "making the convention rounds in San Diego and Chicago, and starting on a WOLVERINE/PUNISHER graphic novel written by Carl Potts with inks by Hilary Barta." Writer's Embellishment: Marc also braved the elements when he ventured down into the fiery heart of an active volcano, Mount Hoya-hoya, in Hawaii! Other than singeing his eye-brows, Marc came out just fine, commenting, "I really can't say why I did it. It just seemed like a good idea at the time."

Marv Wolfman, currently pulling up the stakes on his new TOMB OF DRACULA limited series with Gene Colan, said he spent his summer "preparing to get married in the fall" to his lovely fiancée, Noel. Writer's Embellishment: In researching the comic, Marv actually toured historic Transylvania, and met a gang of actual vampires! The vampires of Transylvania were quite taken with Marv, extending him an offer to join them for dinner any time he wished.

QUASAR penciler **Greg Capullo** celebrated his wedding to his lovely bride, Michele, followed by a honeymoon in Aruba. Writer's Embellishment: Following that, the two were fortunate enough to be part of a NASA experiment sending civilians to the moon. The trip took two weeks, but Greg was thrilled to finally get to walk in Neil Armstrong's footsteps. Said Greg, "I now know the truth. The moon isn't made of green cheese. It's white, and tastes similar to gouda."

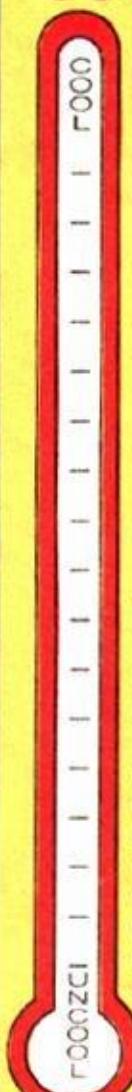
DEATHLOK's **Denys Cowan** and X-FORCE's **Rob Liefeld** both went commercial this summer — literally! Denys was featured in an ad for Dewar's Whiskey, appearing in classy magazines nationwide, while Rob appeared in a Spike Lee commercial for Levi's 501 jeans! Writer's Embellishment: These ads were so successful that Denys and Rob were spotted by a talent agent. Now they have earned the highest honor that every actor dreams of — they will be appearing in the popular Lite Beer from Miller commercials, working alongside such greats as Bob Eucker and John Madden.

Finally we have letterer of all things Spidery, **Rick Parker**, who actually *did* take a vacation, and did something more imaginative than anything we could've come up with on our own. Rick spent a month on a tour of the Far East, the highlight of which was a five-day safari into the jungle on the back of an elephant in Thailand. He really *did* do this — we're not making this one up! Honest. We actually did have a story made up for Rick — one involving him going back to 'Nam to rescue his old platoon — but we'll save that one for next time.

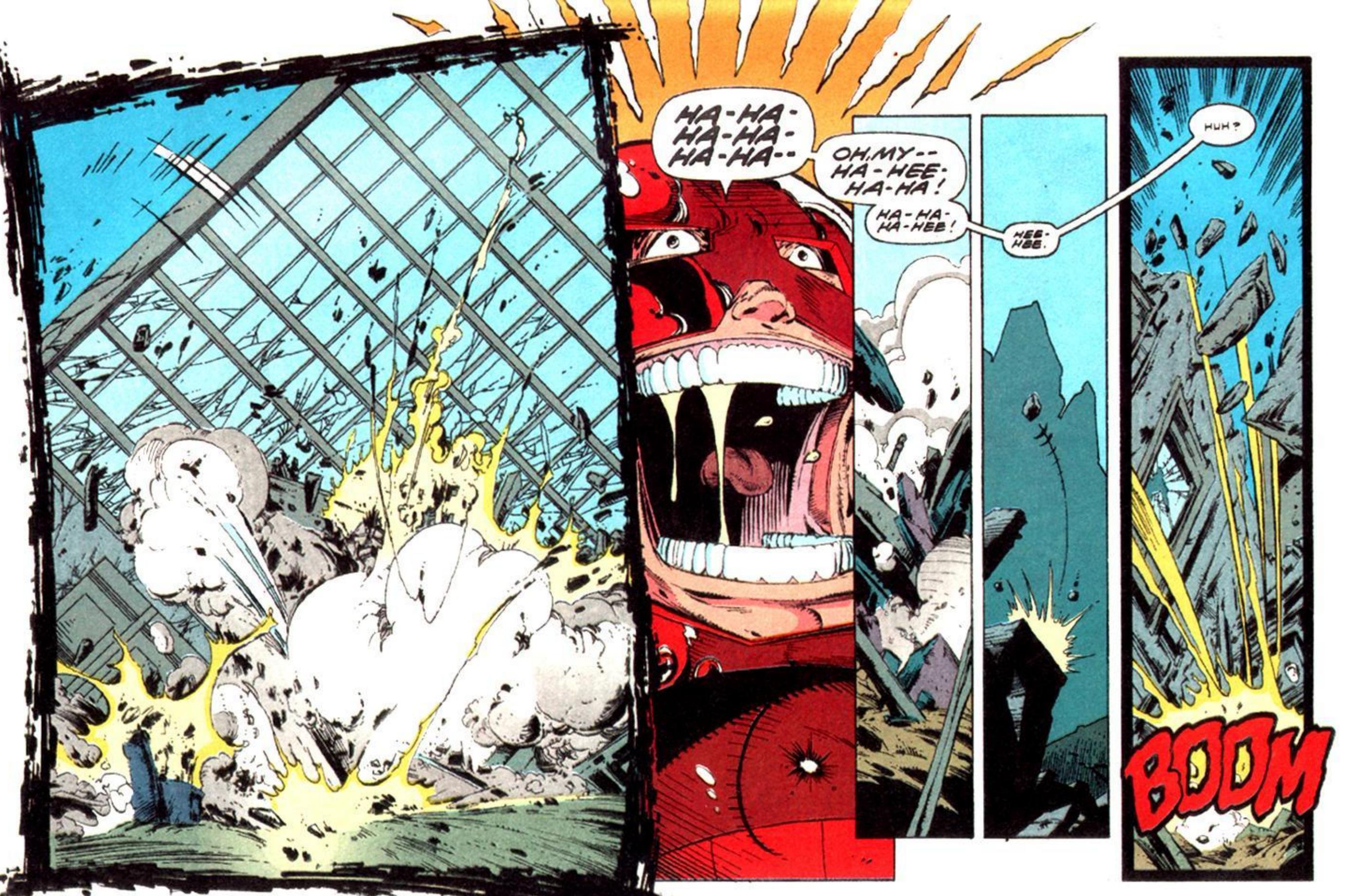
For now, we'll leave you with these words: It's September! Don't forget school starts this month! And don't try giving your parents that line about school starting a month later this year. We tried that one ourselves, and it didn't work!

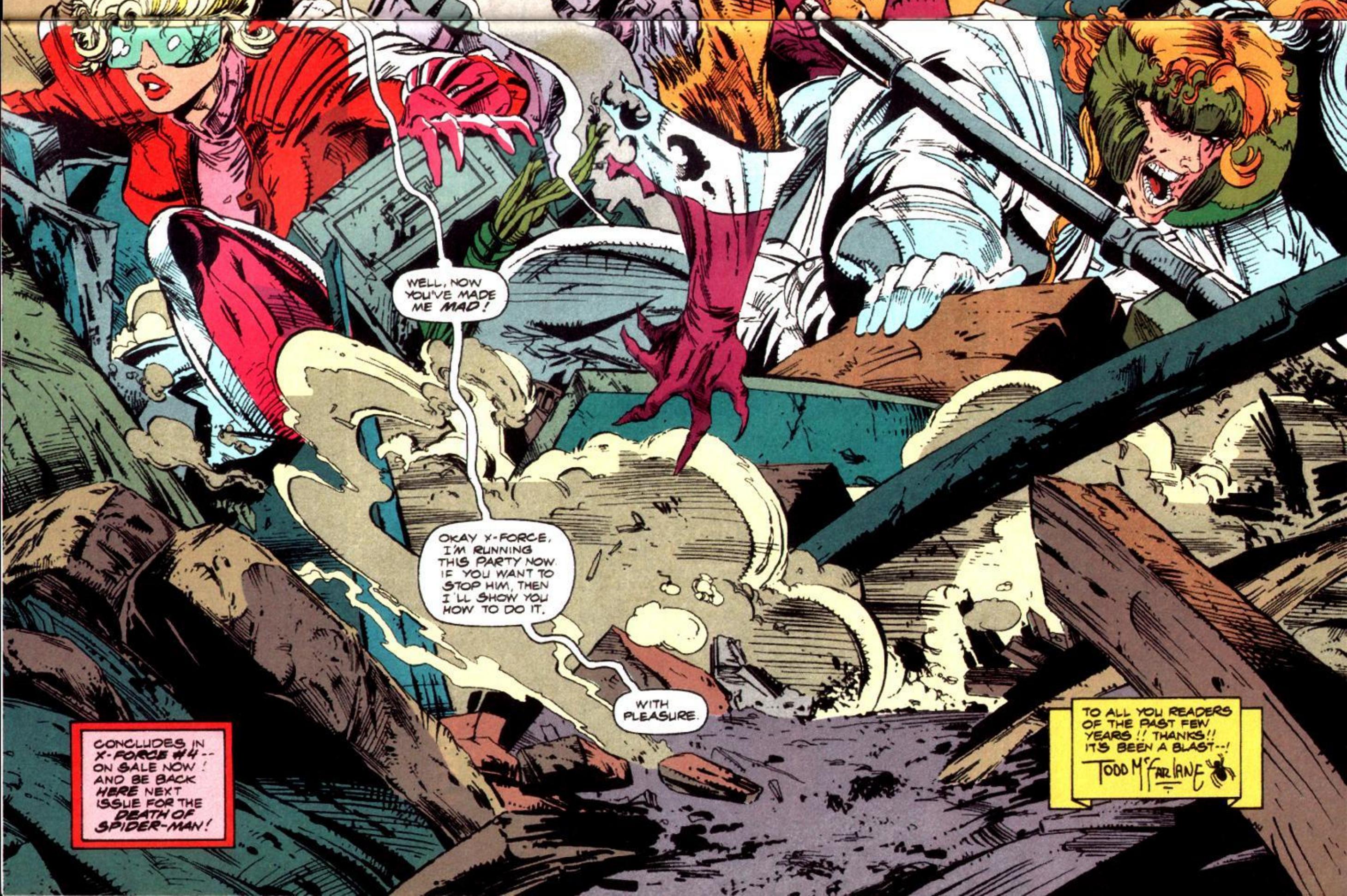


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