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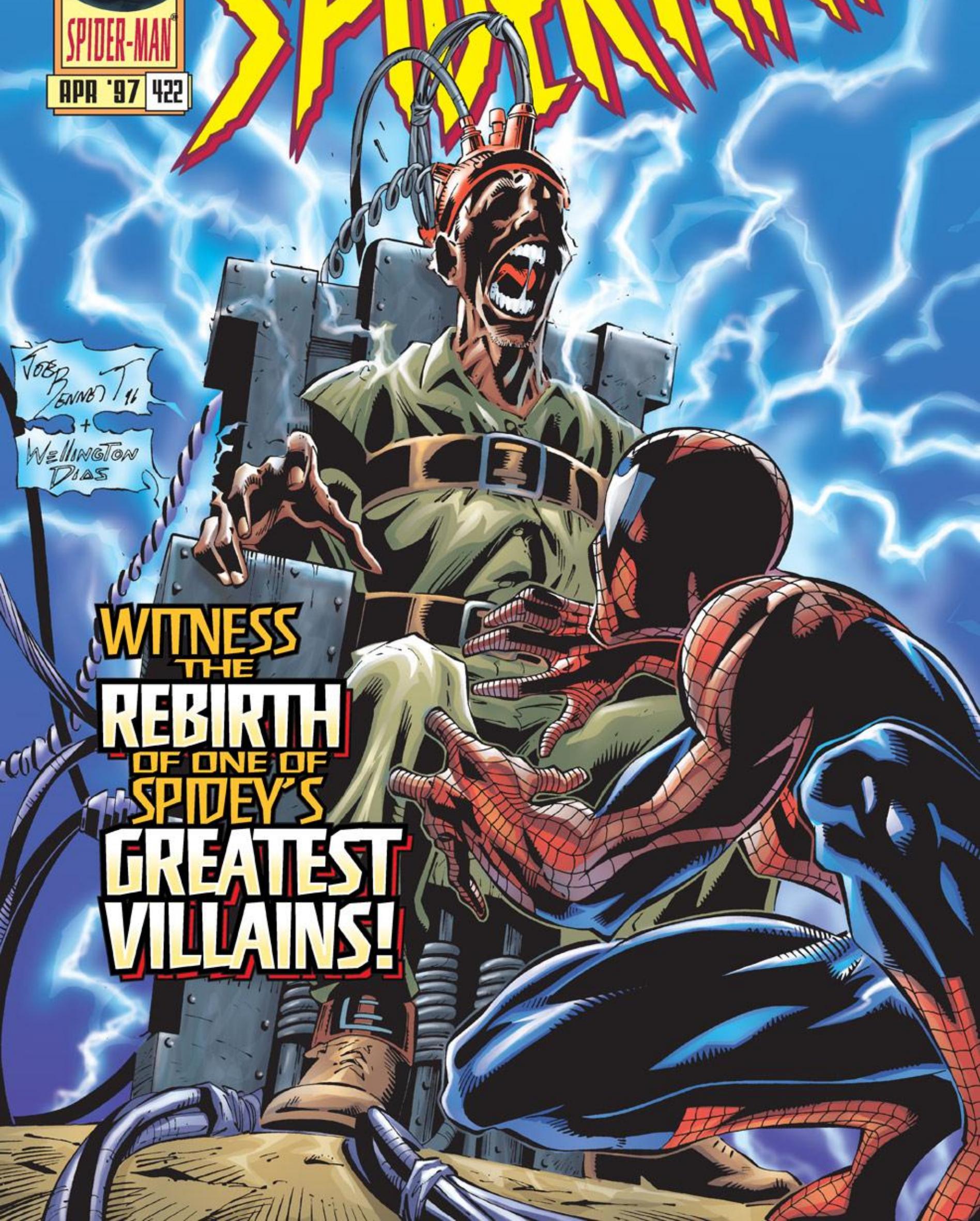
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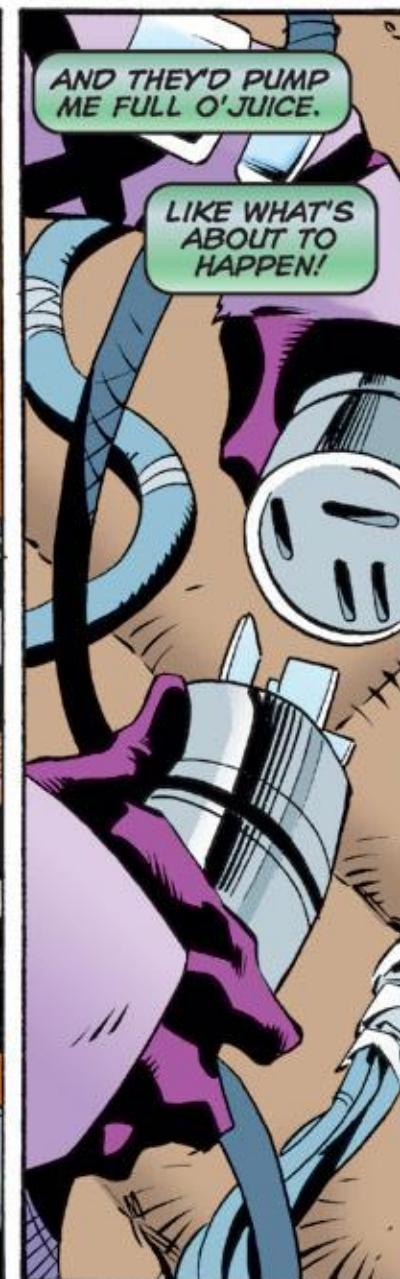
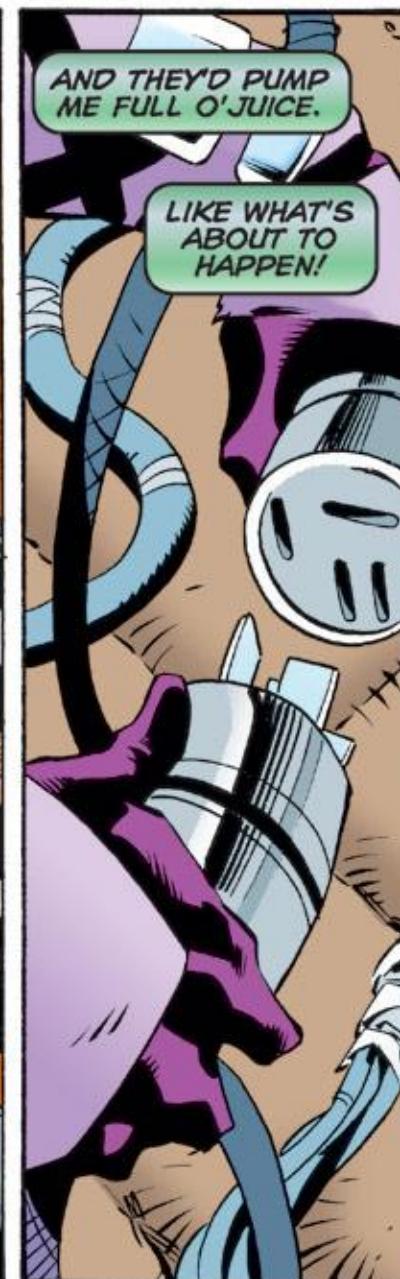
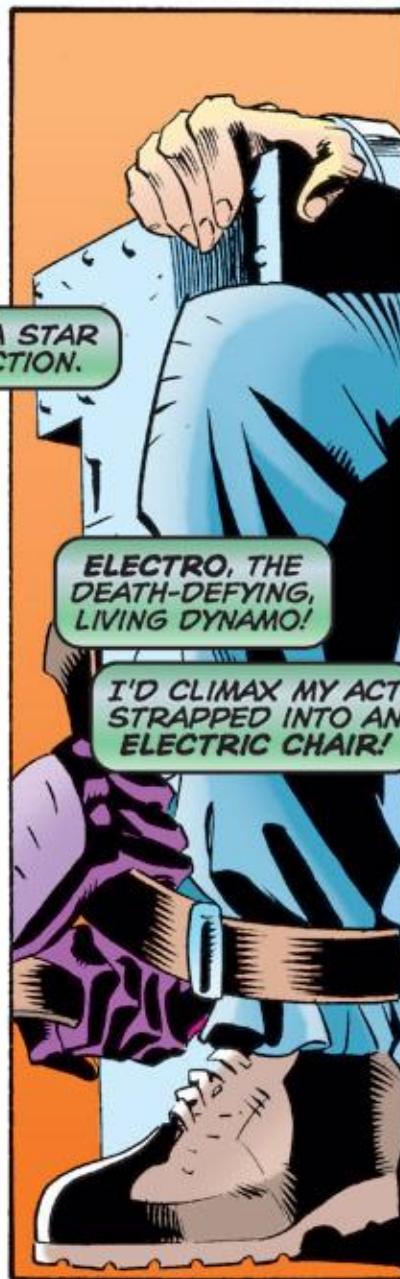
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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+
Wellington
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WITNESS THE
REBIRTH
OF ONE OF
SPIDEY'S
GREATEST
VILLAINS!





Stan Lee
PRESENTS

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN INC.

EXPOSING WIRING

S'FUNKY HOW
THINGS WORK
OUT.

ONE DAY YOU'RE
ON TOP O'THE
WORLD.

THE NEXT,
YOU'RE SWEATIN'
OUT THE
SECONDS --

-- WAITIN' FOR
SOMEONE T'PULL
THE FINAL SWITCH.

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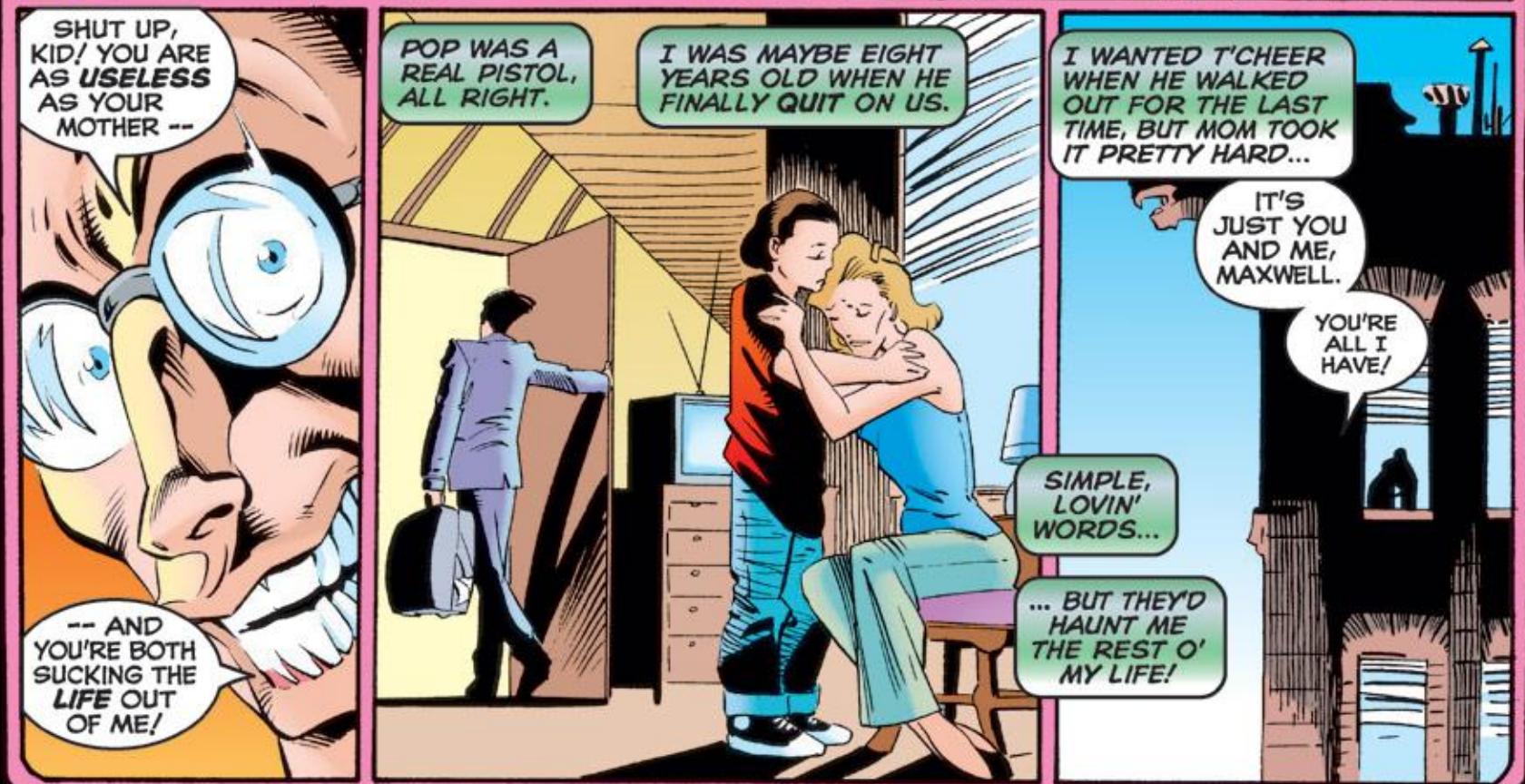
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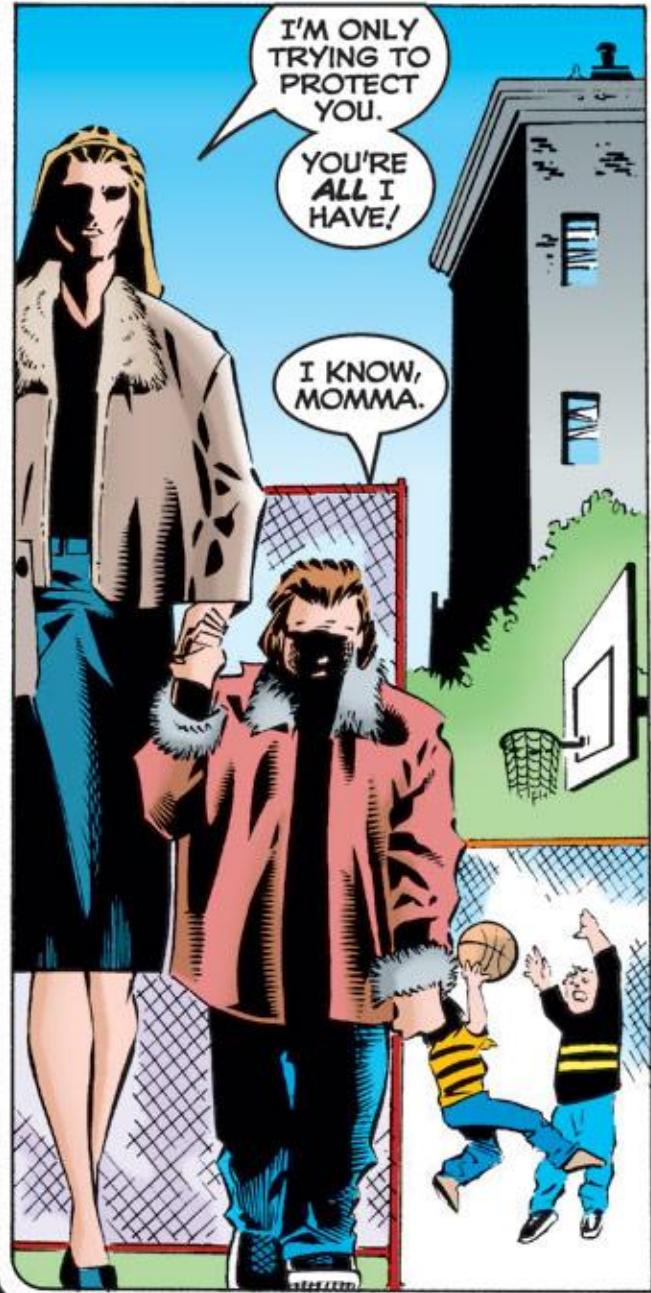
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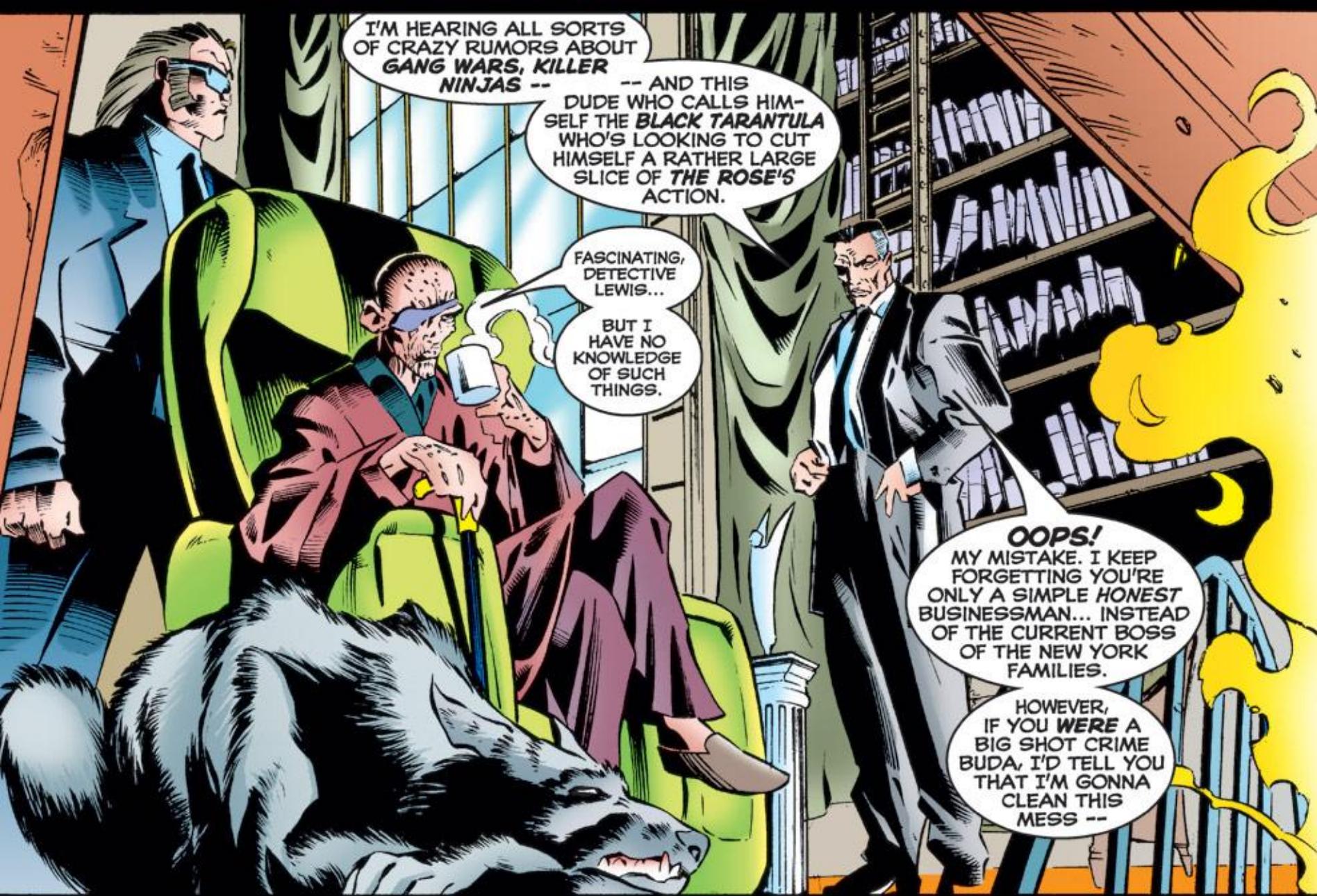
THEY SAY YOUR ENTIRE
LIFE FLASHES BEFORE
YOU IN THE INSTANT
BEFORE DEATH.

GREAT!

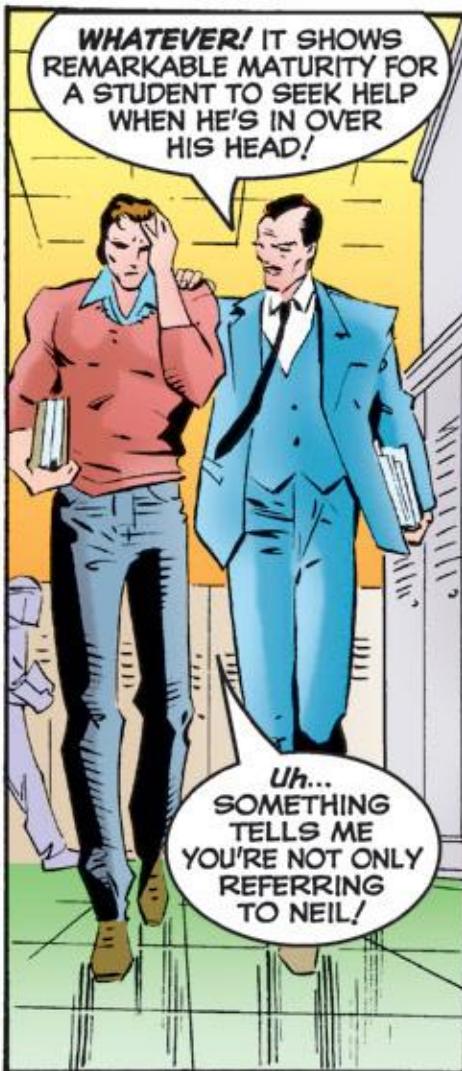
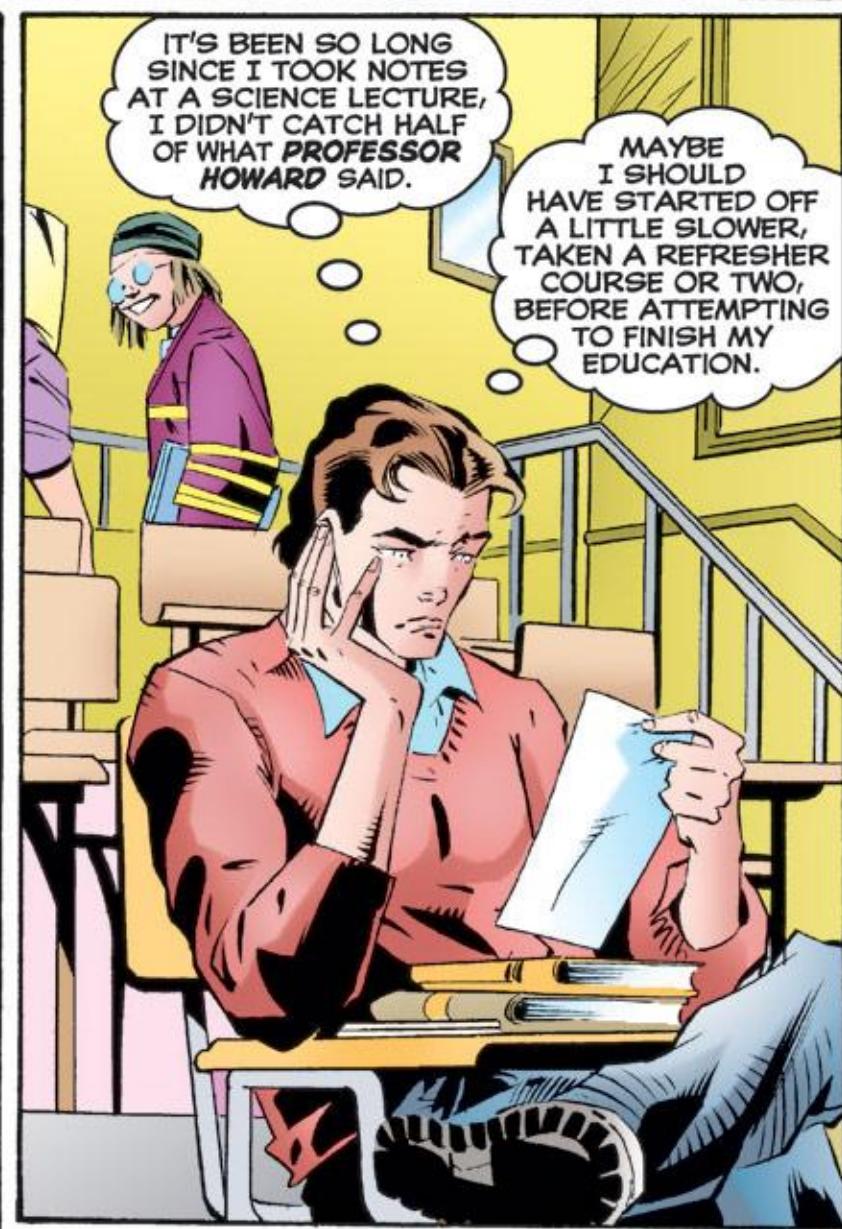
LIKE I REALLY NEED
T'B'E REMINDED O'
THAT HUMILIATIN' MESS.

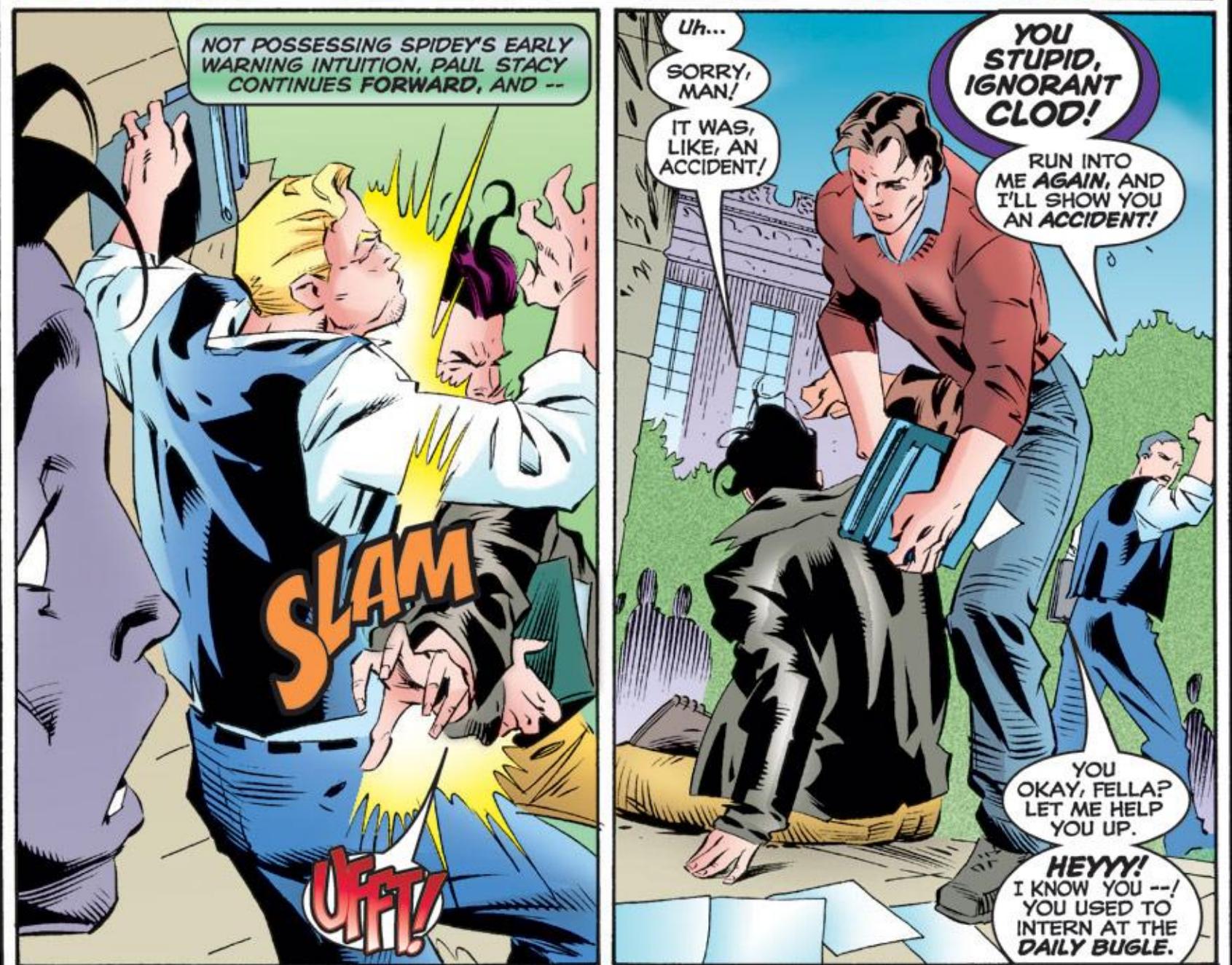
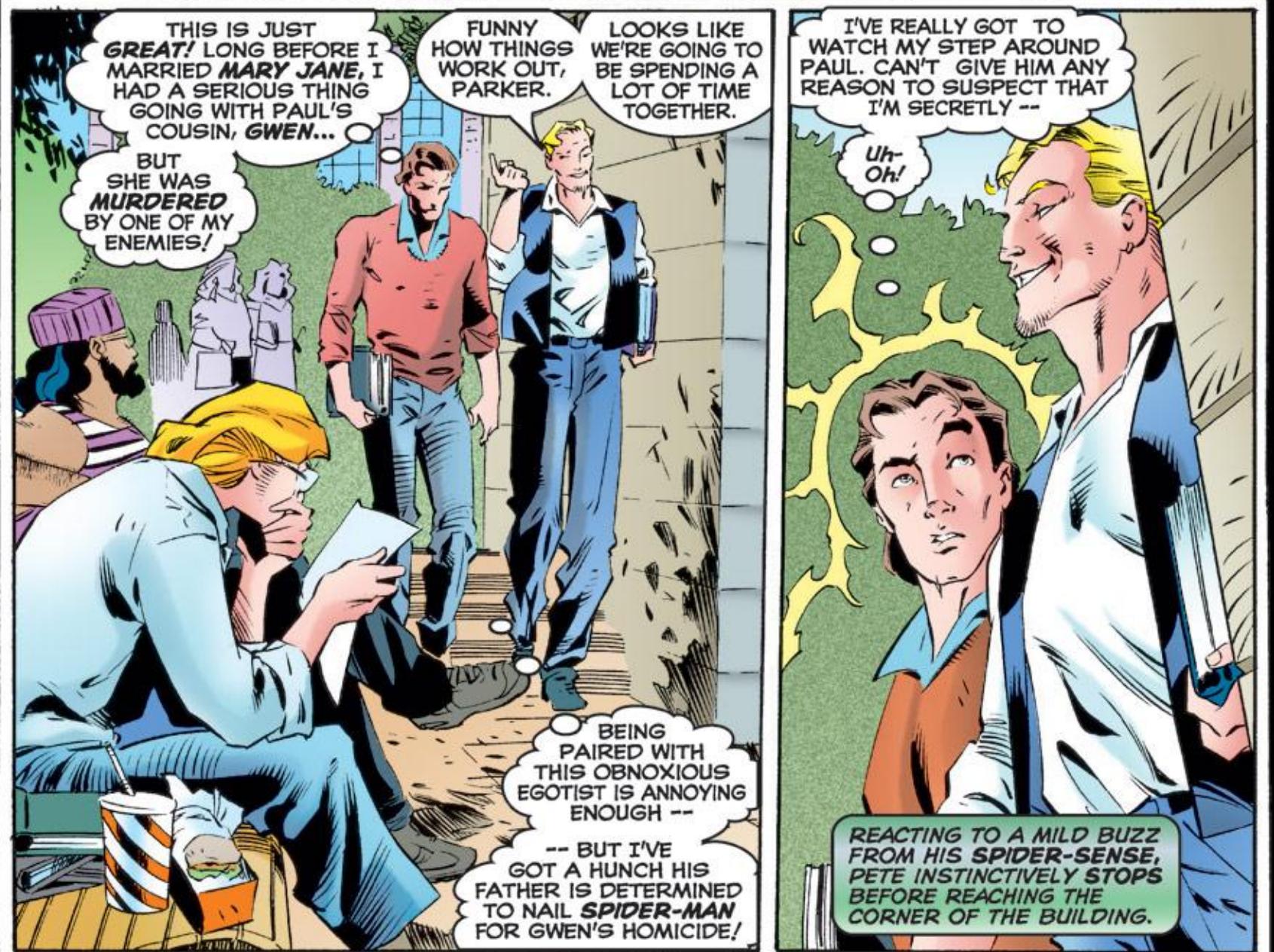














POOR
MOMMA...

AS THINGS
WORKED OUT,
I NEVER DID
LEAVE HER.

SHE LEFT
ME.

THREE WEEKS
SHY O'MY
TWENTY-FIFTH
BIRTHDAY.

FUNNY THING, SHE WAS RIGHT
ABOUT ME SURVIVIN' ON MY OWN.

WITHIN SIX MONTHS I
MET -- AND MARRIED --
NORMA LYNN.

THE TWO OF US
WORKED FOR THE
ELECTRIC COMPANY.

SHE WAS A SECRETARY
FOR ONE O'THE BOSSSES.

ME, I JUST
DRIFTED FROM
JOB T'JOB
UNTIL I ENDED
UP AS --

A LINEMAN?!

YOU'RE HAPPY TO
BE A LINEMAN?

WHERE'S
YOUR AMBITION,
MAX? YOU COULD
APPLY FOR A
MANAGEMENT
POSITION --

WHY NOT?
PAYS WELL,
AND I'M GOOD
AT IT.

-- OR
FOLLOW YOUR
DREAM TO BE AN
ENGINEER!

TOO MUCH
PRESSURE, NORMA. I
DON'T HAVE THE BRAINS
OR THE STOMACH FOR
THOSE JOBS!

UNLIKE MOMMA, NORMA
WASN'T THE TYPE T'SETTLE.

SHE PULLED A POPPA AFTER
AWHILE, AND I WAS ALONE AGAIN.

THE JOB WAS
ALL I HAD LEFT...

SO I BECAME
REALLY GOOD
AT IT!

MAX,
I NEED YOU!
HARRIS IS IN
TROUBLE, AND
YOU'RE MY BEST
LINEMAN!

FORGET
IT! I DON'T
RISK MY
NECK FOR
ANYONE!

NOT
UNLESS
YOU'RE
OFFERIN'
A BONUS!

I DIDN'T CARE WHAT ANYONE THOUGHT
O'ME! I LOVED PLAYIN' BIG SHOT,
MAKIN' THE BOSSSES SQUIRM.

YEAH, I WAS ON TOP
O'THE WORLD -- AN'
THEN IT HAPPENED!

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED
INSTANTLY, BUT BY A FANTASTIC
FREAK OF FATE -- A MILLION T'ONE
SHOT -- I SURVIVED... AND MORE!

I --
I'M STILL
ALIVE!

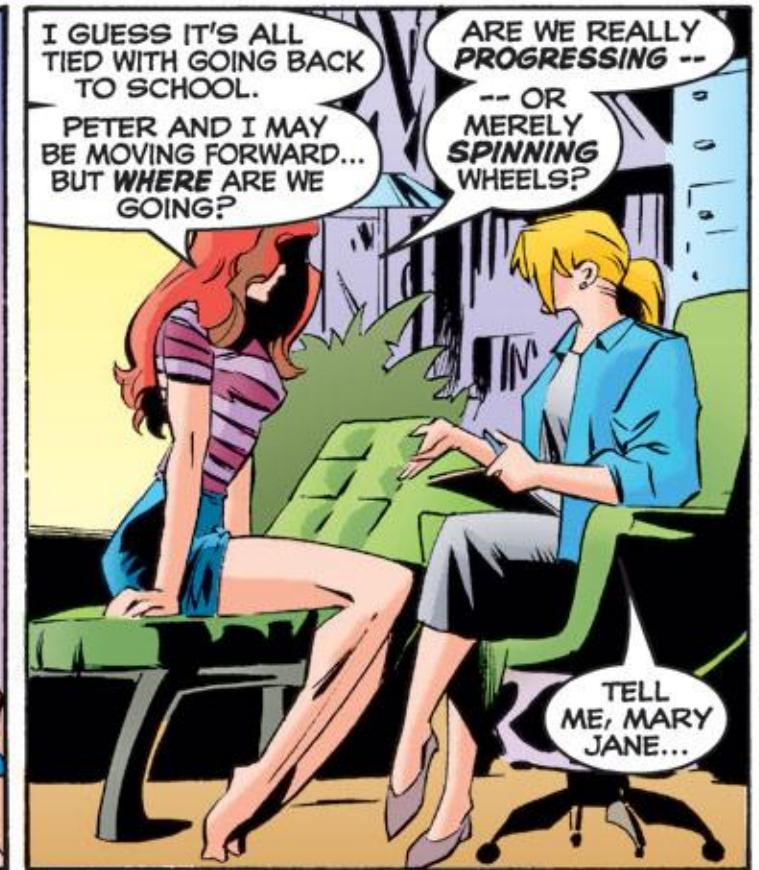
IN FACT, I
FEEL BETTER --
STRONGER --
THAN EVER!

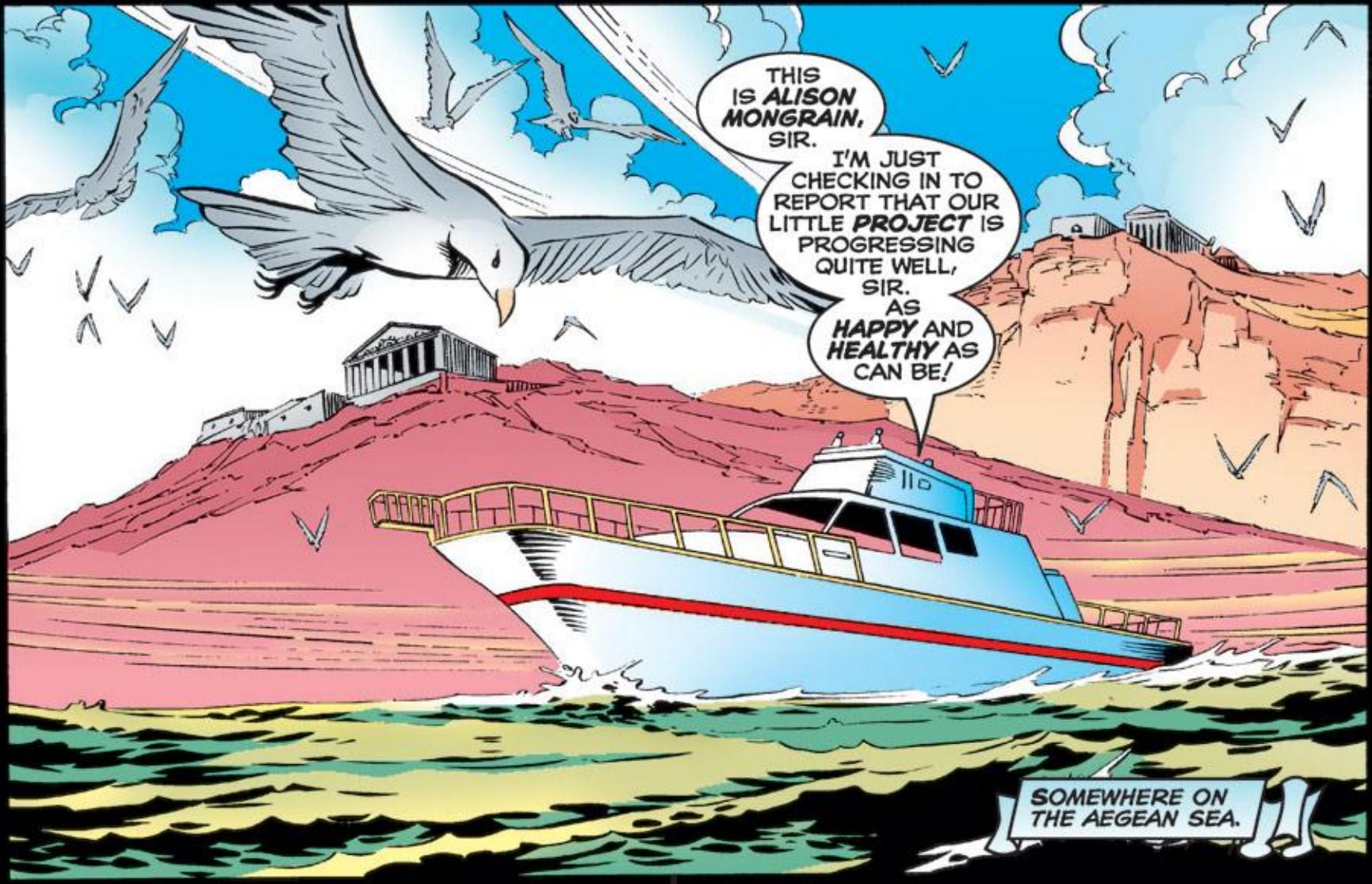
I WAS WORKIN'
ALONE ON A POLE
WHEN LIGHTNING
STRUCK!

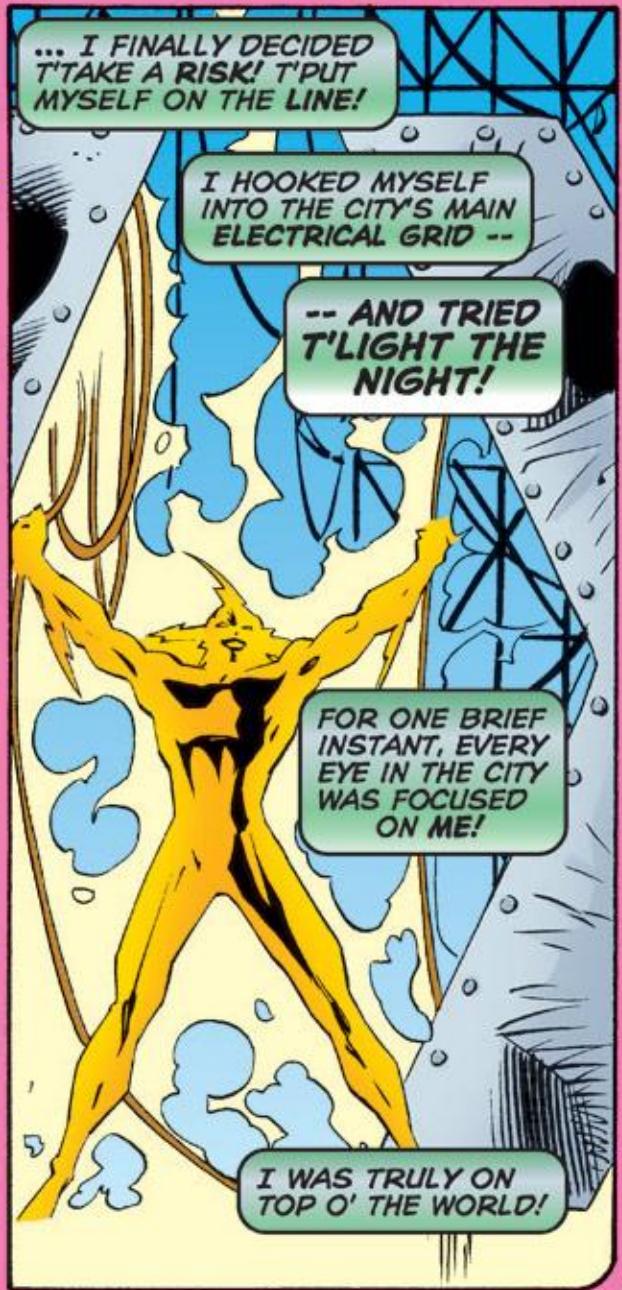
THE ACCIDENT
HAD SOMEHOW
CHARGED MY
BODY WITH
ELECTRICITY!

AN' THAT'S WHAT
EVENTUALLY LED
ME HERE!









BUT I HADN'T REALIZED THAT THE ENERGY FIELD WOULD KEEP GROWIN' AN' BUILDIN' --

-- UNTIL I WAS TOTALLY OUTTA CONTROL!

I SURELY WOULD HAVE DIED IF SPIDER-MAN HADN'T SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SHUNT THE POWER AWAY FROM ME!

YEAH, I WOULD HAVE DIED...

BUT I'D HAVE DIED BIG!

INSTEAD, I ENDED UP IN DEBT T'MY GREATEST ENEMY --

-- BLATHERIN' IN HIS ARMS LIKE A SCARED L'L KID...

... A PATHETIC NOBODY...

A USELESS LOSER!

IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, I REALIZED HOW I HAD ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE BETRAYED BY MY OWN FEAR.

FOR A BRIEF INSTANT, I WAS ON TOP O'THE WORLD!

I WAS ONE WITH THE ELECTRICAL FORCE... WHATEVER THE HECK THAT IS.

A MISTAKE I SWORE I'D NEVER MAKE AGAIN!

NEVER AGAIN!

BUT I WIMPED OUT!

