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WITH
PALADIN
AND
SILVER SABLE
BY HIS SIDE!!



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THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME SPIDER-MAN HAS HIT SOMEONE; IT LIKELY WON'T BE THE LAST. BUT WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE REST IS THAT THIS TIME--

-- IT FEELS GOOD!

UNDER WAR!



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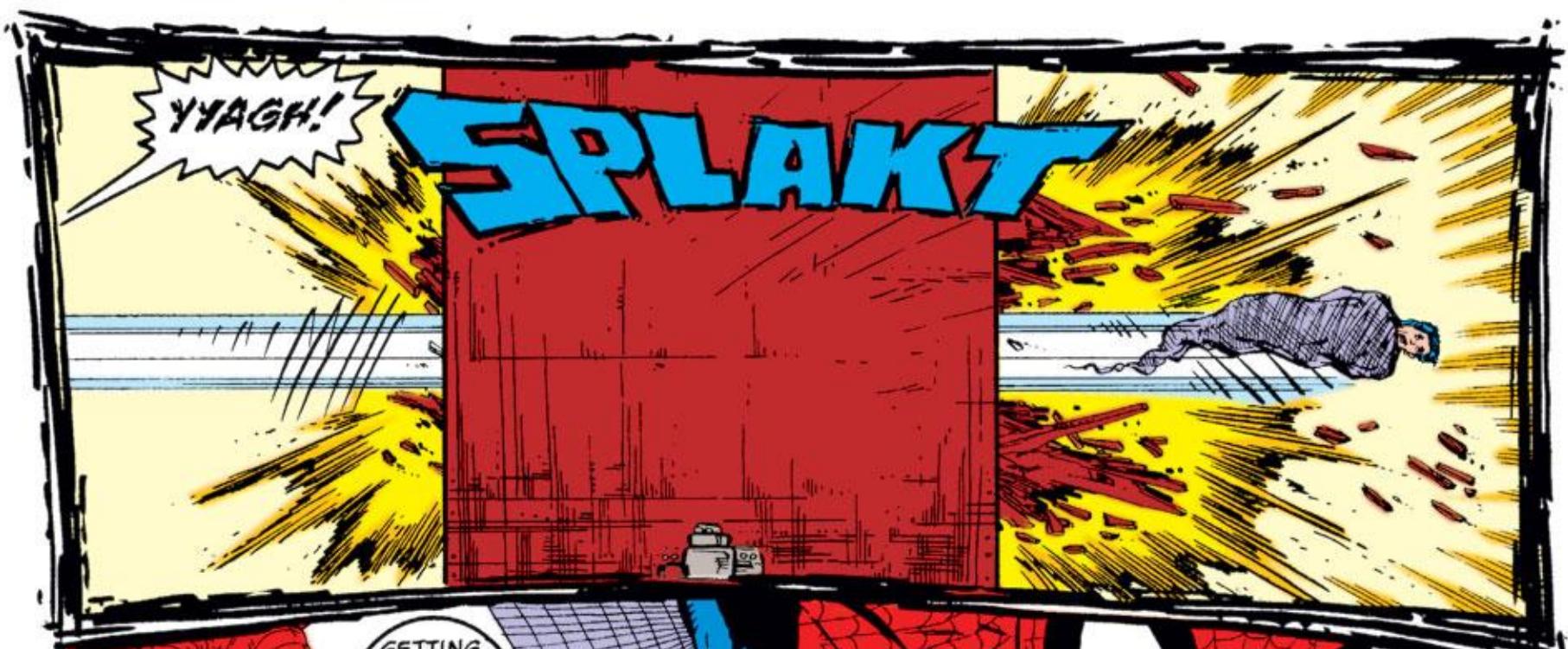
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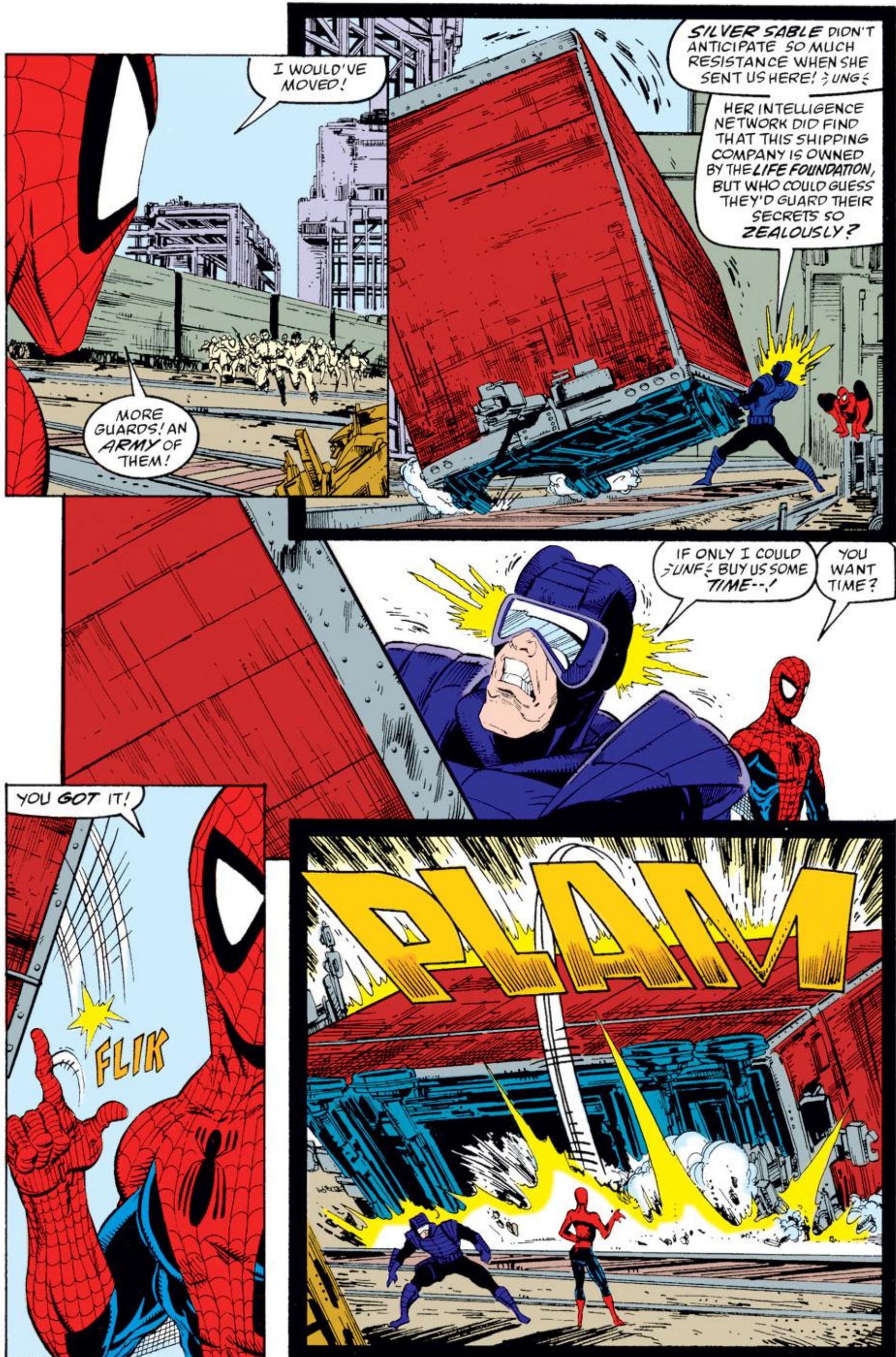
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THAT SLOWED 'EM DOWN
A BIT! YOU GET THE INFO
WE NEED FROM THE
OFFICE, PALADIN!

I'LL KEEP OUR
WELCOMING COMMITTEE
ENTERTAINED IF
THEY GET PAST THE
OVERTURNED FREIGHT CAR!

FILES ARE ON
COMPUTER DISCS!
NOT MY FORTÉ!
WHICH TO TAKE?

BOOCHE
ICK
- GLPF -
OWE
YIP

WHEN IN DOUBT,
TAKE EVERYTHING!

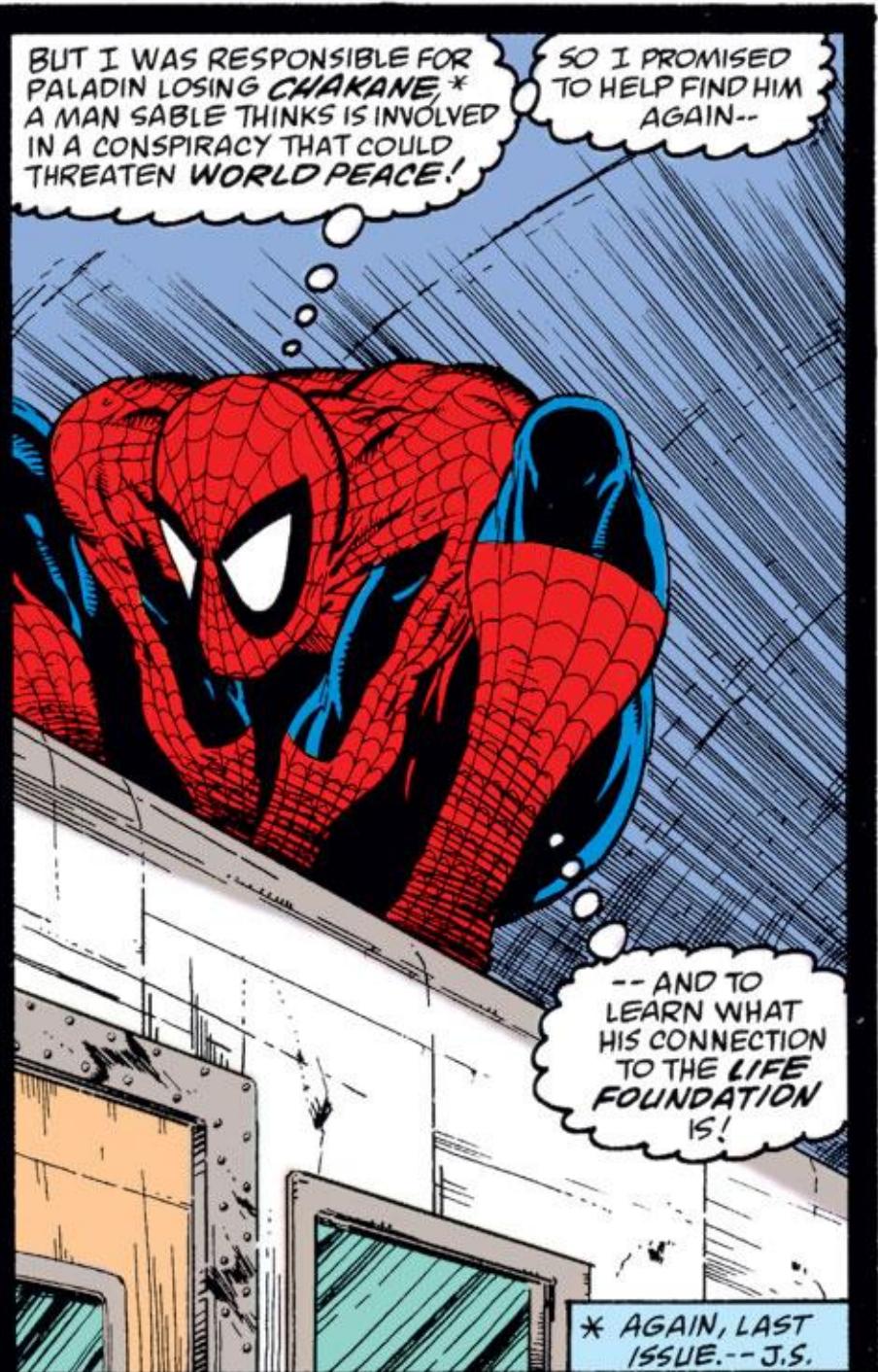
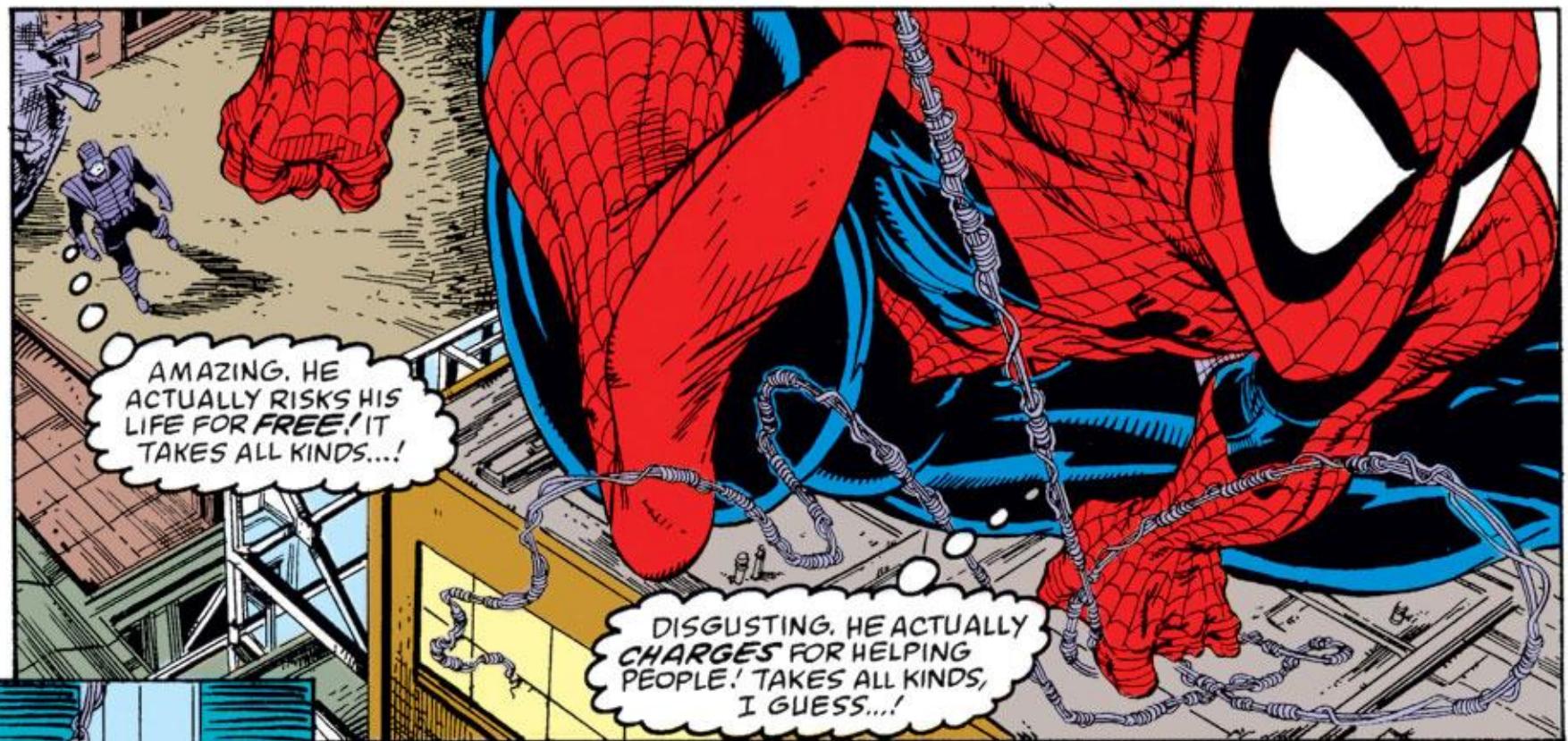
MY, MY,
BUY OUR
WEBBING
AT A
DISCOUNT
HOUSE,
DO WE?

MAKE IT
MYSELF.
CHEAPER
THAT WAY.
WHAT
NEXT?

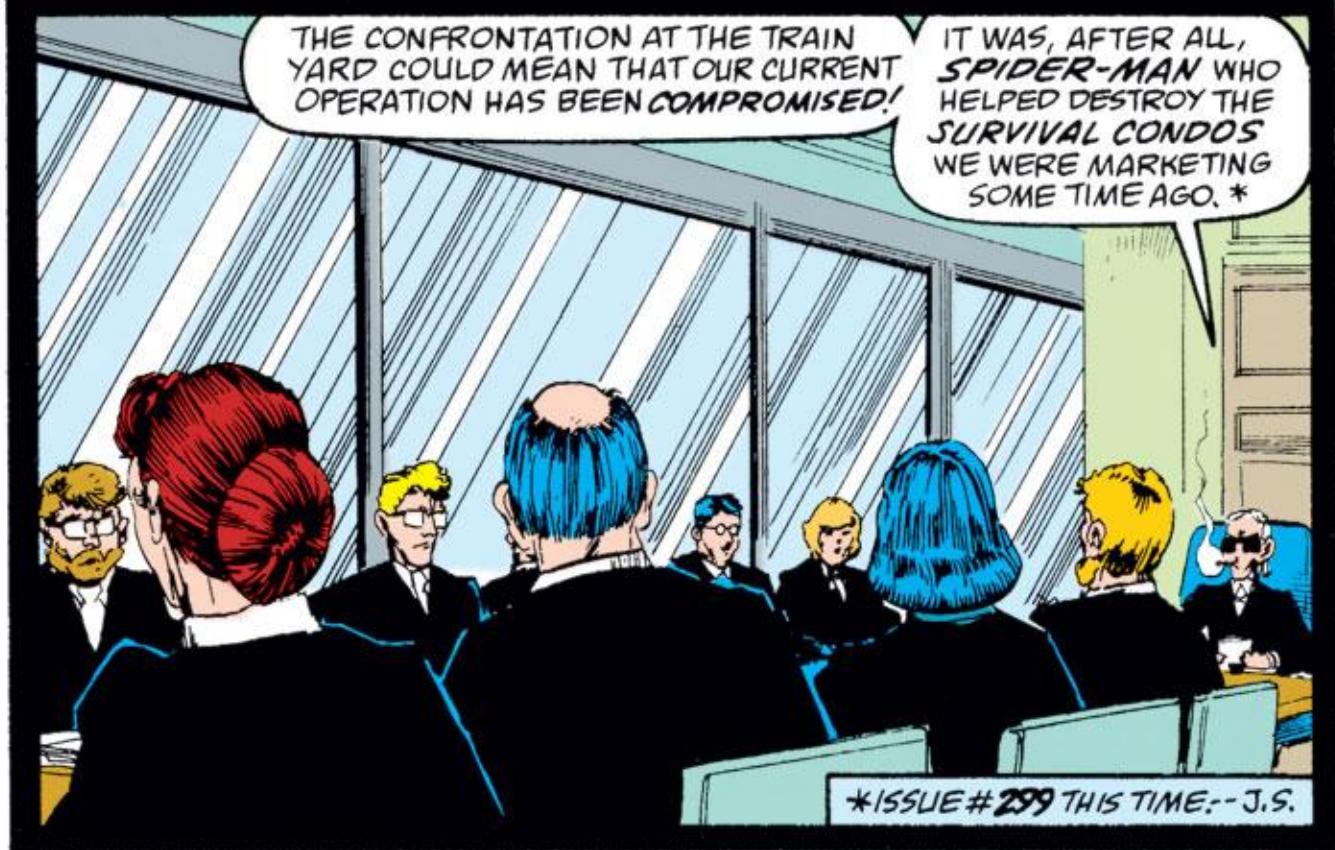
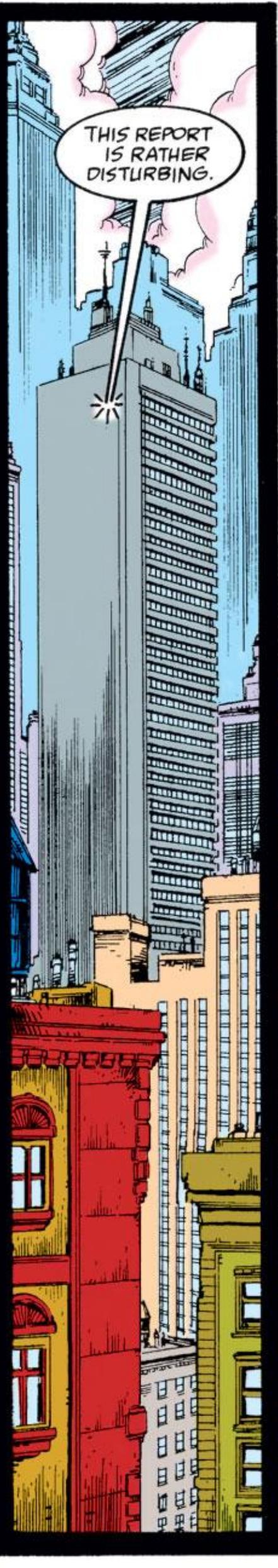
FOR ME, I TURN OUR PRIZE
OVER AND COLLECT MY BONUS!
AS FOR YOU--

--I SUGGEST
YOU CALL
SILVER AT THE
SYMKARIAN
EMBASSY
TOMORROW.

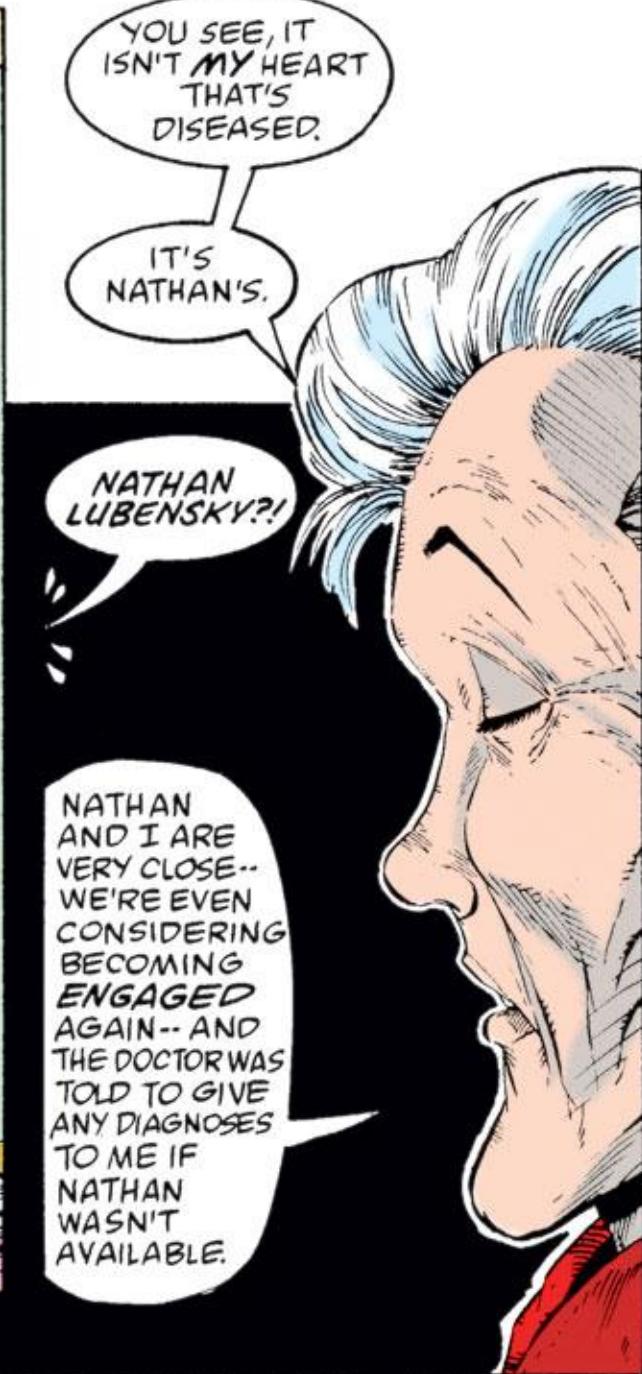
IF YOU CAN BORROW A QUARTER.



HOWEVER, LATER THAT DAY AT LIFE FOUNDATION HEADQUARTERS...



QUEENS...



I WANT YOU CHILDREN TO KNOW YOU **ALWAYS** HAVE A HOME HERE. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO MAKE NATHAN'S LAST DAYS AS PEACEFUL AS POSSIBLE. SO...

...I'M CONSIDERING PHASING-OUT MY BOARDING OPERATIONS.

I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.

OF COURSE WE DO.

I FEEL GUILTY. I'M SORRY FOR NATHAN... BUT I'M SO GLAD IT'S NOT AUNT MAY!



THAT EVENING.

IT'S STRANGE. I RESISTED MOVING BACK WITH AUNT MAY. AND NOW I'M SAD ABOUT LEAVING.



WE'LL HAVE TO LOWER OUR STANDARDS TO FIND A PLACE QUICKLY, BUT I'M GETTING USED TO THAT.

I'M EVEN GOING TO A "CATTLE CALL" NEXT WEEK, TRYING OUT FOR A SMALL PART IN A **SOAP OPERA**.

I HAD SOME DRAMA LESSONS IN SCHOOL, AND SINCE THIS WORLD-CLASS MODEL CAN'T GET ANY MODELING WORK--

-I GUESS A JOB'S A JOB!



BUT SPEAKING OF NEW DIGS, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HELP HARRY AND LIZ OSBORN MOVE INTO THEIR NEW LOFT TOMORROW, REMEMBER?

UH-HUH.

=SIGH= AT LEAST SOMEONE'S GOT A PLACE TO BE!



SPECIFICALLY, A FOUR-STORY LOFT BUILDING IN SOHO-- SOUTH OF HOUSTON STREET-- IN LOWER MANHATTAN. WHERE, THE NEXT DAY...

HAVE COURAGE, FOLKS. I PICKED THE SECOND FLOOR JUST SO WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO CARRY STUFF UP TOO MANY STAIRS!

LINIMENT READY? THEN--

--LET'S GET TO IT!

THE NEXT HOURS ARE NOT FUN. BUT AT LAST, THEY ARE OVER...

THANKS, GUYS! WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

=WHEW!
I'M POOPED!

WELL,
I WOULD BE IF NOT FOR MY SPIDER-POWERS!

JUST REMEMBER, HARRY, YOU PROMISED TO HELP US WHEN WE MOVE!

HEY, THAT GIVES ME A GREAT IDEA!

WHY DON'T YOU MOVE HERE?
THE UPPER LEVELS ARE VACANT,
AND YOU COULD TAKE THE TOP LOFT!

AFTER HEMMING AND HAWING--AND WORRYING ABOUT HOW TO COME AND GO AS SPIDER-MAN--PETER AGREES TO HAVE A LOOK.

HEY, THERE'S A SKYLIGHT IN THE BATHROOM! FABULOUS!

OKAY, SOLD. BUT WE INSIST ON PAYING THE SAME RENT YOU'D CHARGE ANYONE ELSE.

SURE! LESS THE 25% FRIENDSHIP DEDUCTION, OF COURSE!



--SUITABLE TRANSPORTATION!"

NICE GLIDER.

CAN WE GO HOME NOW?

AS I ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN BEFORE,
SPIDER-MAN, THOSE SHIPPING COMPANY
RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE LIFE FOUNDATION
HAS RENEWED OPERATIONS IN NORTH JERSEY.

FOLLOW-UP RECONNAISSANCE BY
MY WILD PACK DISCOVERED
AN ARMORED ENTRANCE IN A
RIVERFRONT HILLSIDE--

--ALONG WITH A
LESS WELL-GUARDED
VENTILATION
SYSTEM INLAND.

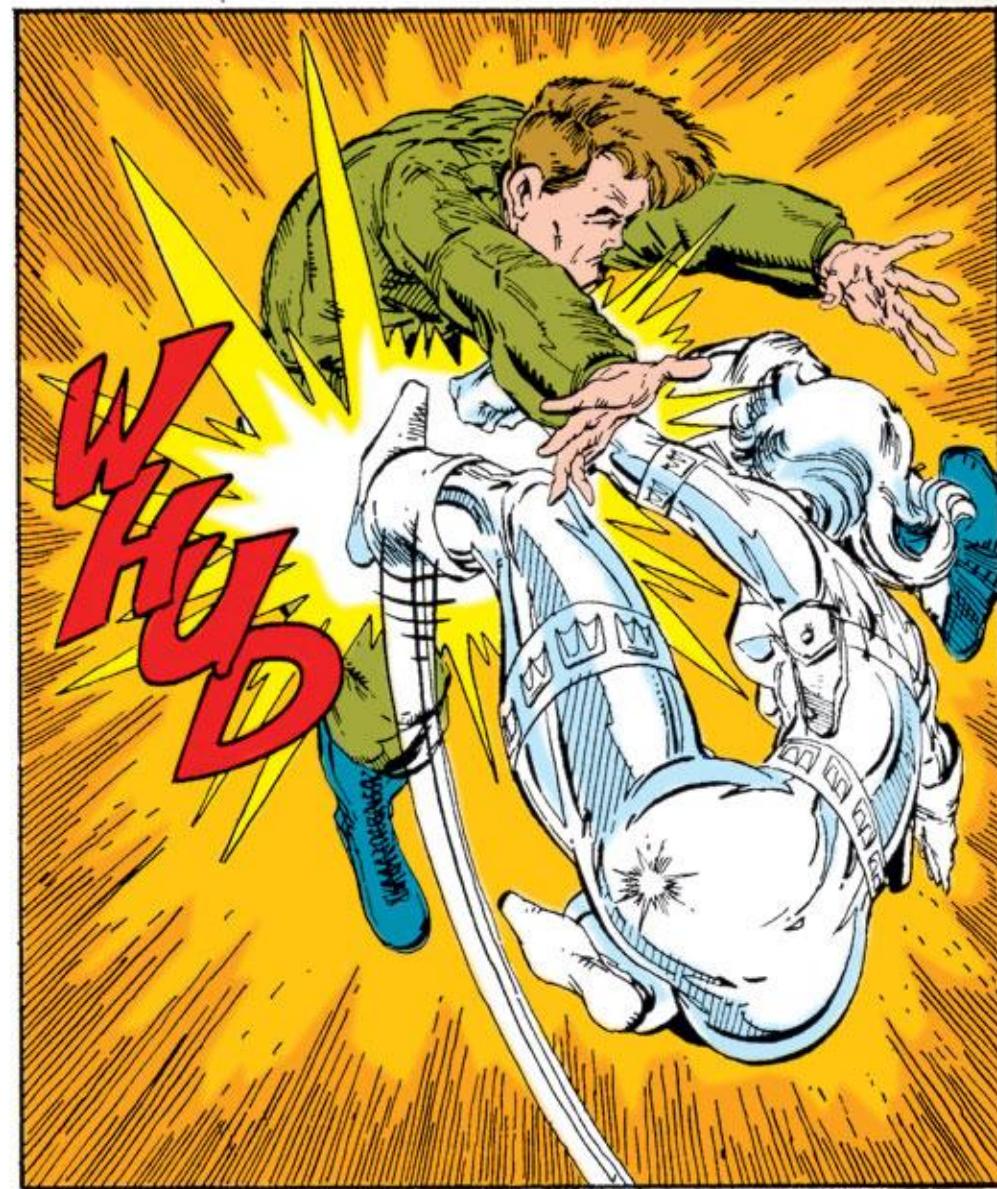
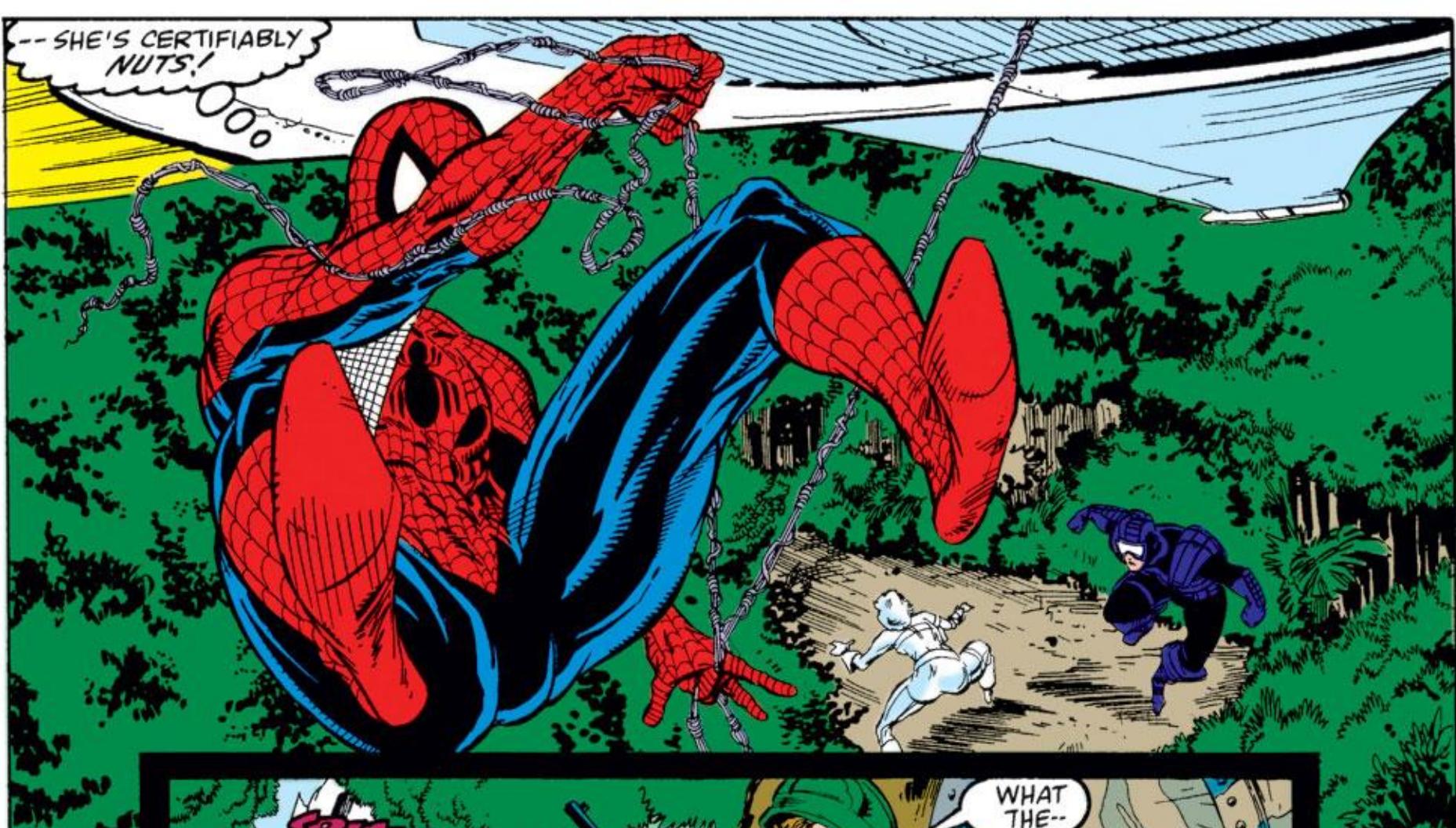
THIS GLIDER IS
PROGRAMMED TO SWOOP
LOW AND CRASH INTO THE
RIVER, PROVIDING A
DISTRACTION FOR
OUR ASSAULT.

THE PLANE'S GOING
TO CRASH? B-BUT
WHAT ABOUT US?!

WE'LL BE
ON THE
GROUND!

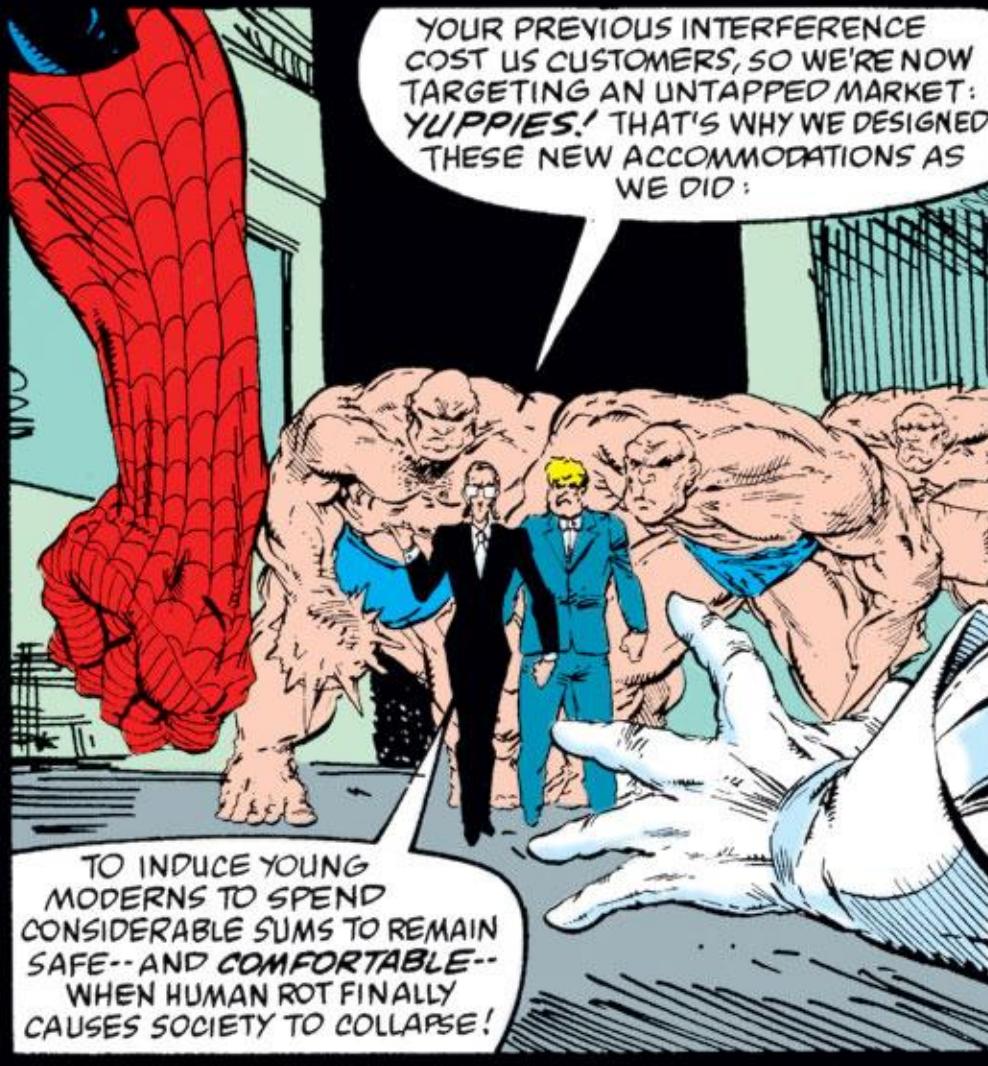
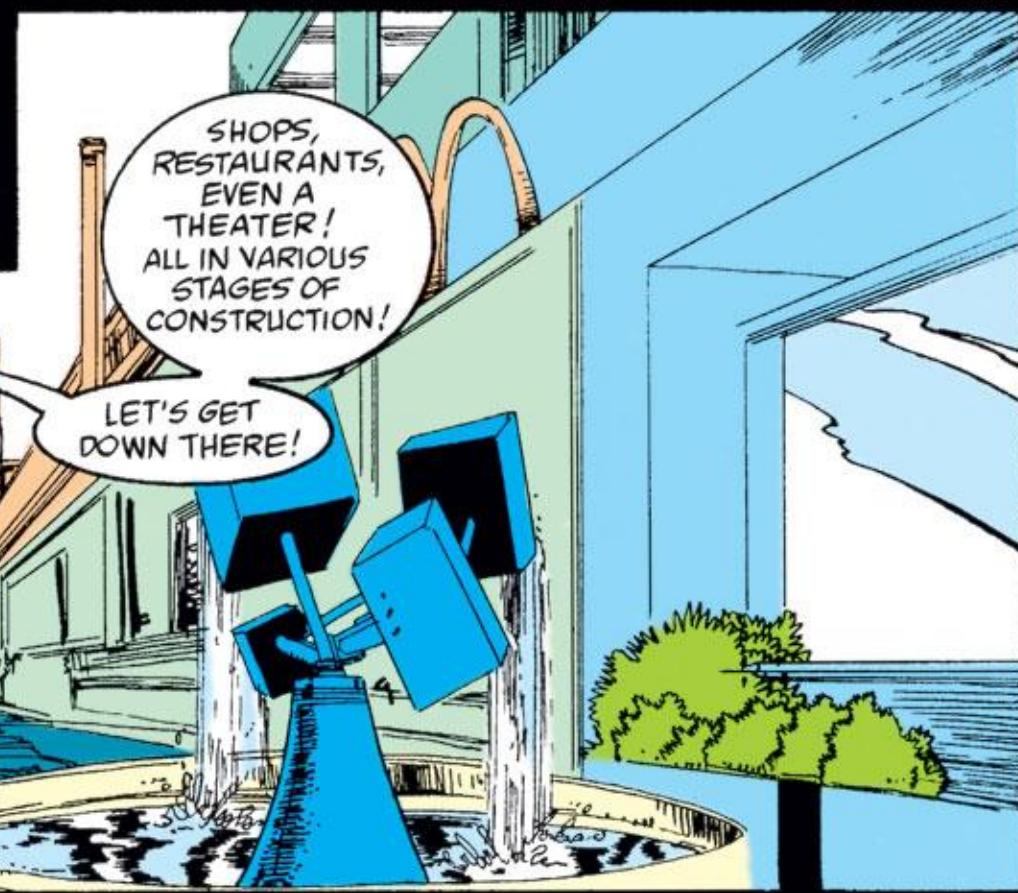
SHEESH! NOT
ONLY IS THAT
LADY PUSHY--

SPIDER-MAN'S ARM



ANYONE EVER TELL YOU
YOU'D MAKE A GREAT
DRILL SERGEANT?

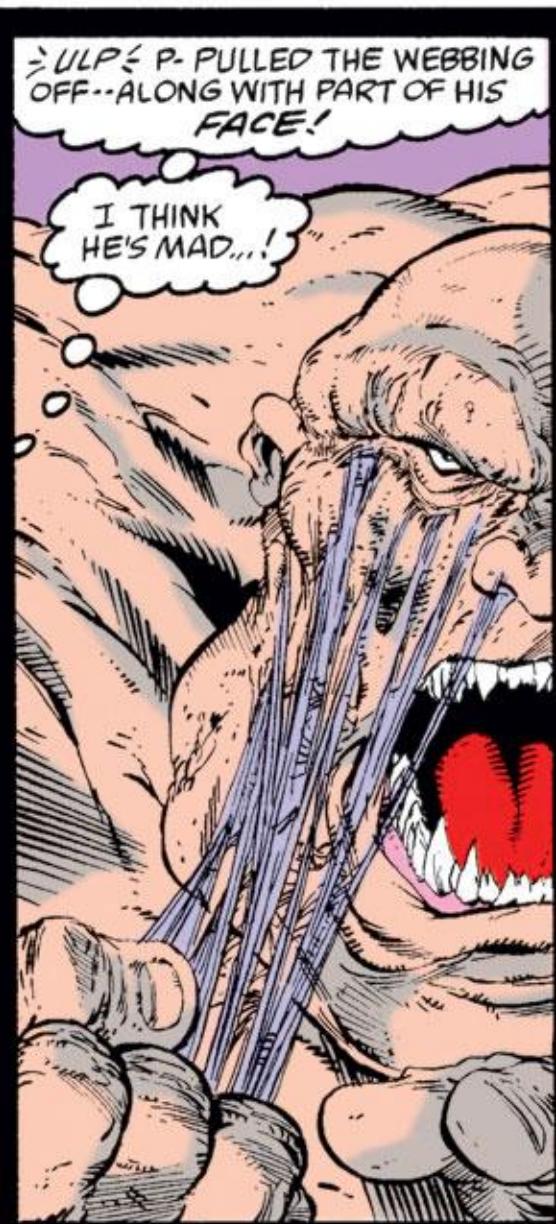
QUIET! THERE'S
A GRATE AHEAD!
MAYBE WE CAN
SEE--

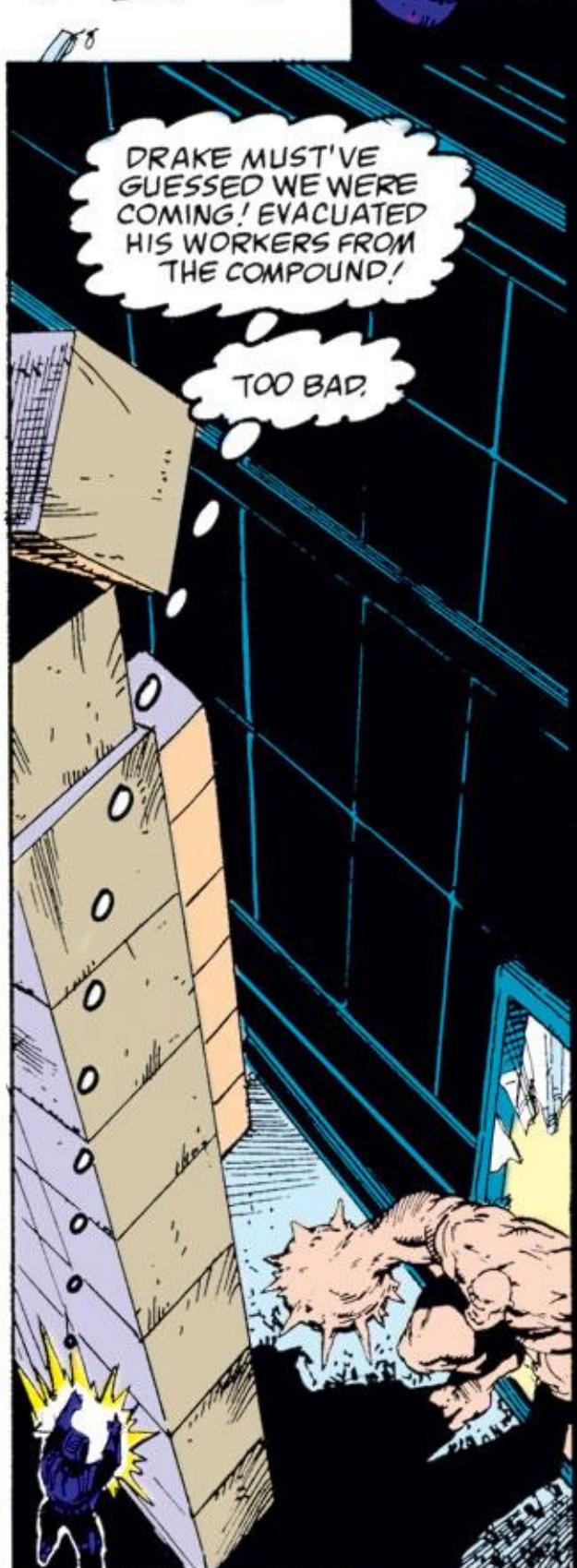


NATURALLY, SUCH AN INVESTMENT MUST INCLUDE DEFENSE FROM THE "HAVE NOTS" WHO DIDN'T PREPARE. HENCE THESE PROTECTOR PROTOTYPES.

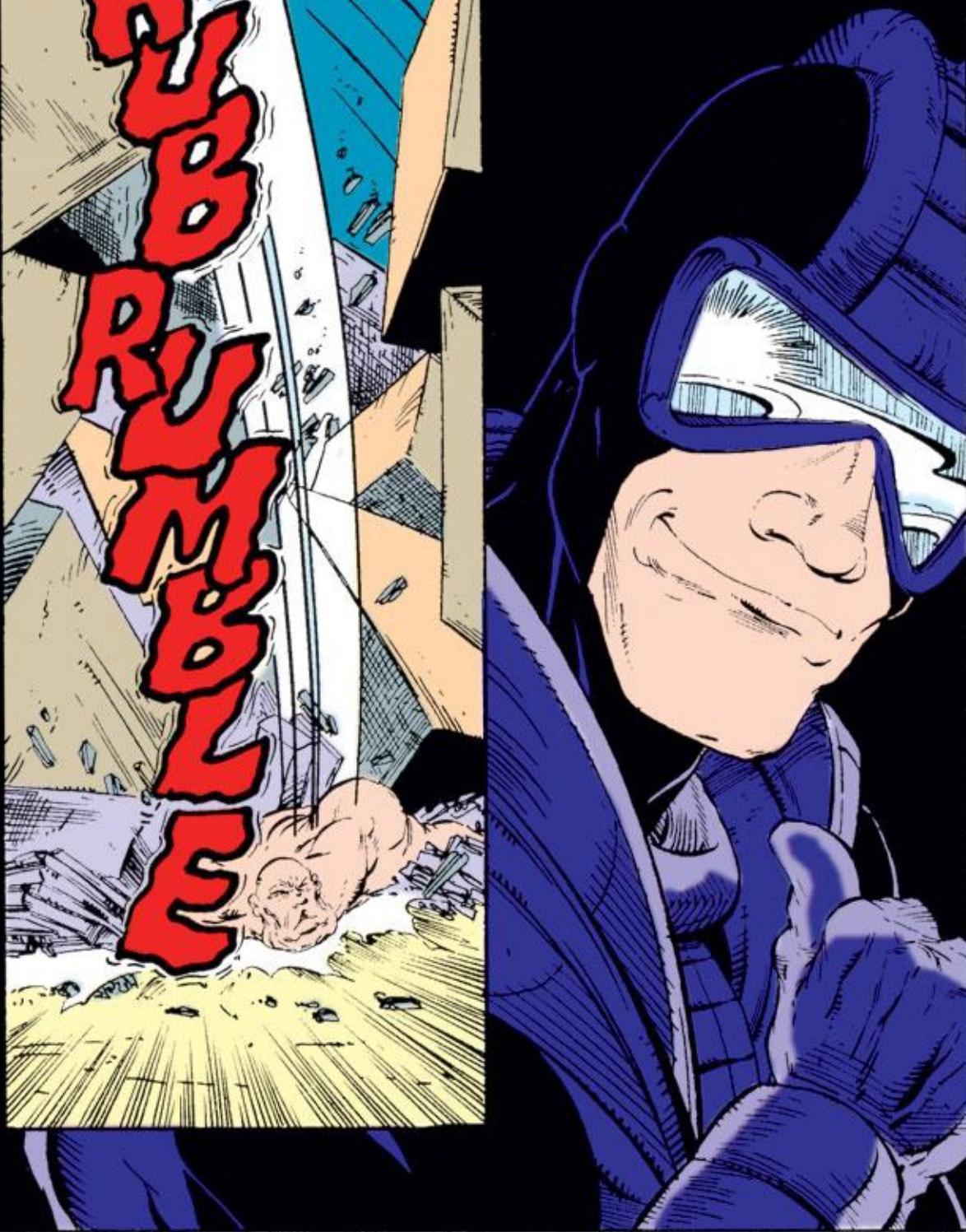
WE PAID MERCENARIES TO UNDERGO SURGERY THAT WOULD MAKE THEM INCREDIBLY STRONG. BUT SEEING THE DANGER OF HAVING OUR OWN DEFENDERS TURN AGAINST US--

-- WE CHOSE NOT TO MENTION THAT THE OPERATION WOULD ALSO MAKE THEM TOTALLY SUBSERVIENT. NOW, THEY CHEERFULLY FOLLOW ORDERS. FOR EXAMPLE--





I MISS THE
APPLAUSE!



GO ON, "MOOKIE"! GIVE IT YOUR BEST THROW!

YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HIT ME! NOT IN A MILLION--

THRAK

--WEBLINES?

OOOO, WH-WHERE-- CONTROL ROOM? SWITCHES LABELED "TEMPERATURE," "DEW POINT"--! THOSE GUYS MUST BE ABLE TO REGULATE THE WEATHER IN HERE!

NO TIME TO FIGURE IT OUT! GOTTA PUSH BUTTONS AND HOPE I DO SOMETHING RIGHT!

SPEEKUNCHI

WRONG! I GUESS I WON'T HAVE CREATED A BLIZZARD! TO WORRY ABOUT BEING MASHED BY THOSE PROTECTORS ANYMORE!

I'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE THEY CAN FIND ME!

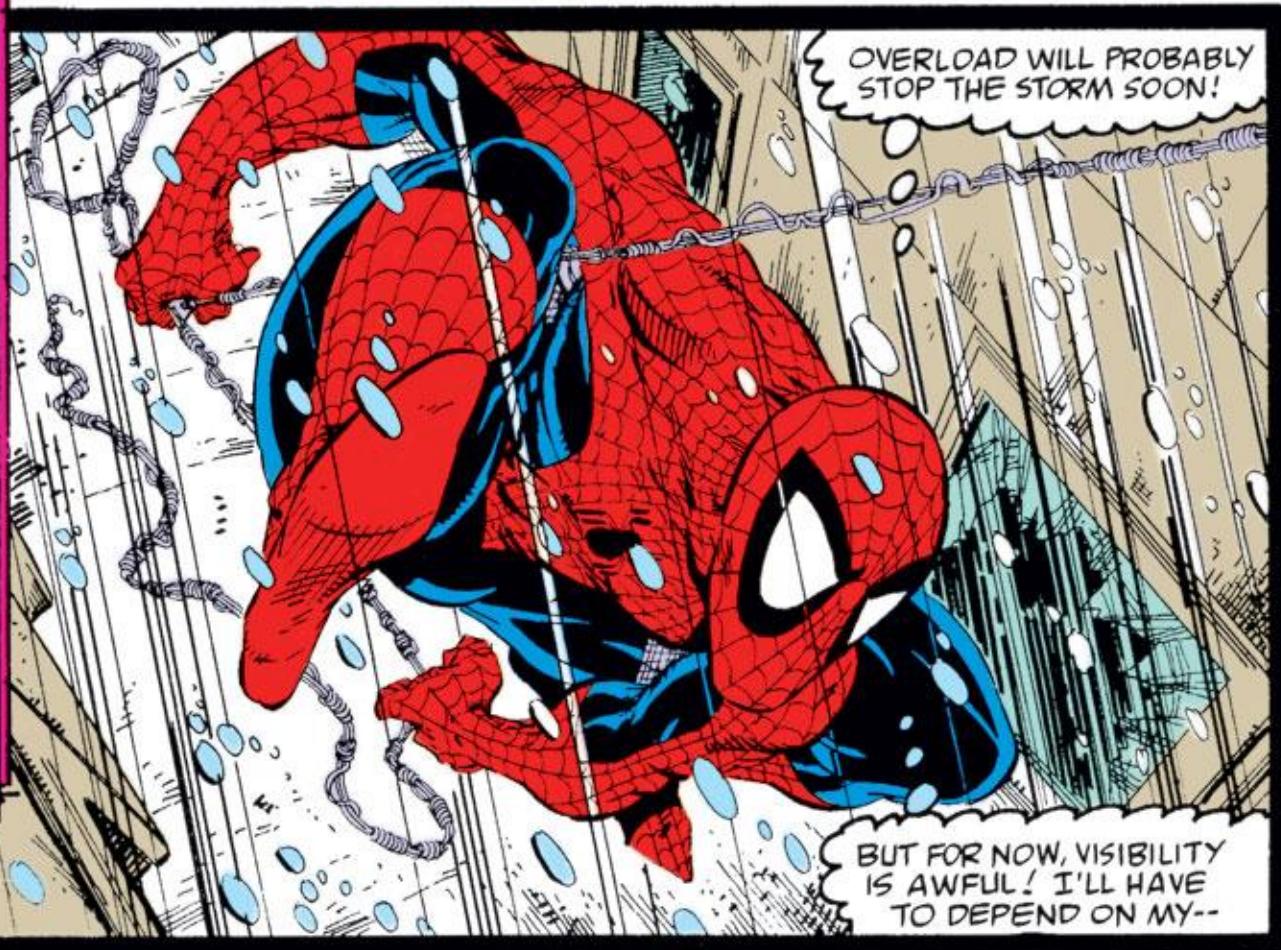
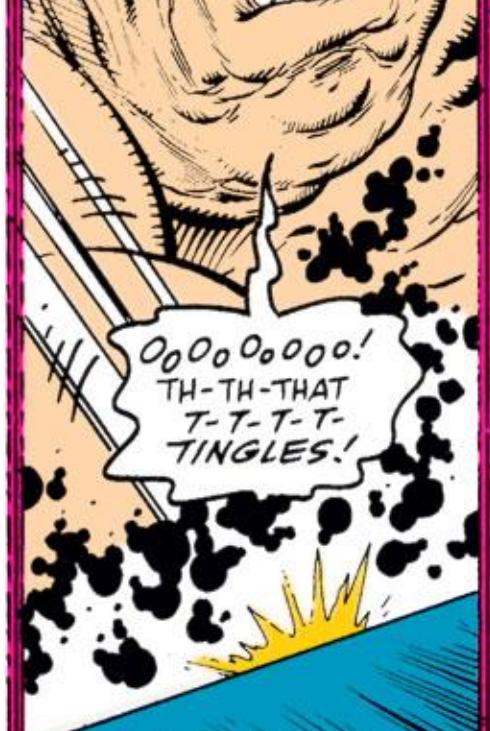
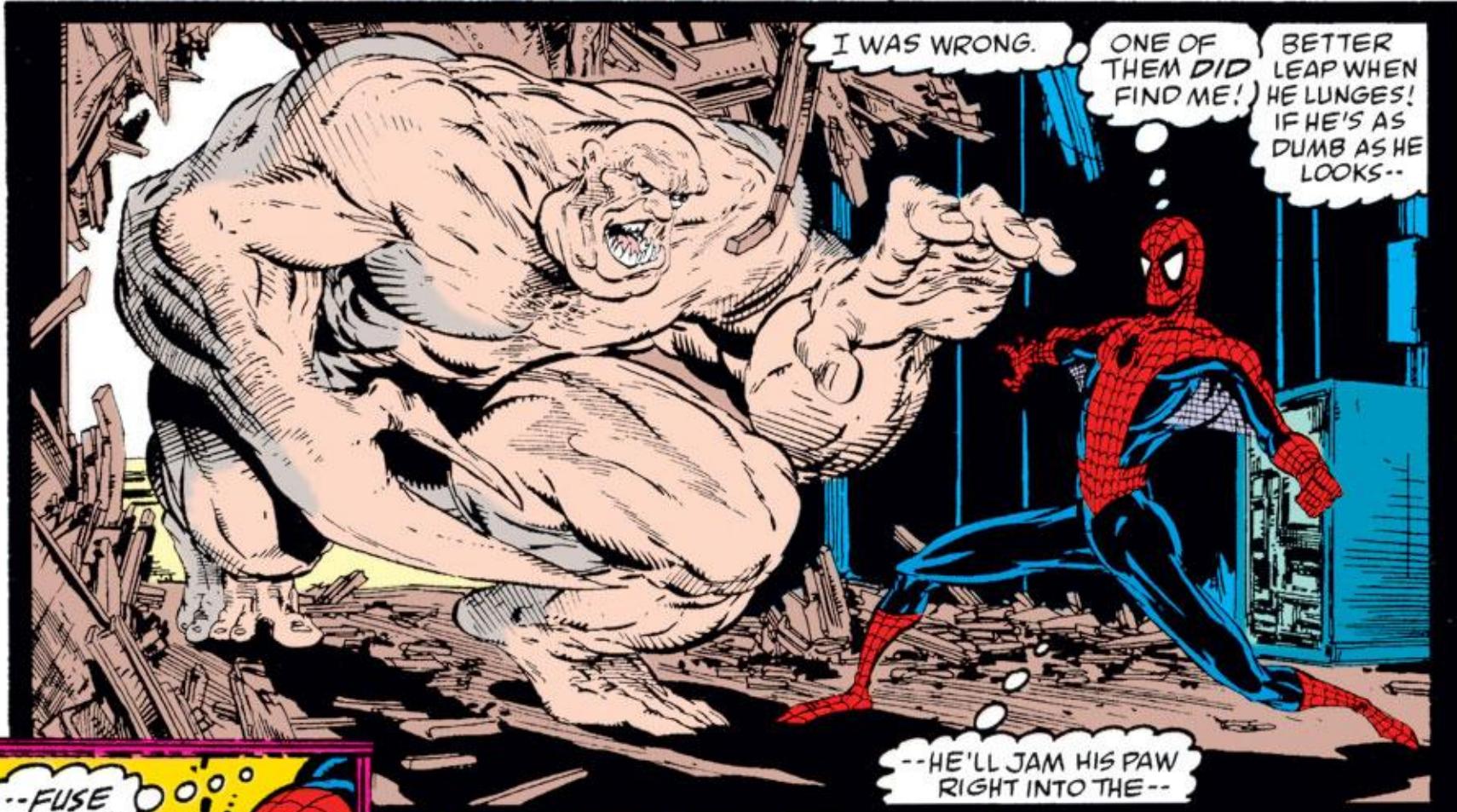
WHILE IN A CENTRALLY-SITUATED
COMMAND BUNKER...

OBSERVE, MR.
CHAKANE, HOW MY
PROTOTYPES IGNORE
THE PAIN. THEY WERE
CONSTRUCTED TO
WITHSTAND AN ENORMOUS
AMOUNT OF
DAMAGE.

MUCH MORE
THAN OUR THREE
INTRUDERS COULD
POSSIBLY--

--HMM,
THAT'S
ODD. I DON'T
SEE THE
WOMAN
ANYWHERE.





-- SPIDER-SENSE!
SOMEONE COMING
THIS WAY! BUT TOO
SMALL TO BE A
PROTECTOR!

I WAS ALREADY HOLSTERING
MY GUN, WEBSLINGER. MY
GOGGLES CONVERT TO
NIGHT VISION -- WORKS
PRETTY WELL IN SNOW,
TOO!

PALADIN!
DON'T SHOOT!
IT'S SPIDER-
MAN!

CARE TO
TEAM UP
AGAINST
OUR LAST
ADVERSARY?

THUS...

AH CAIN'T
SEE 'EM.

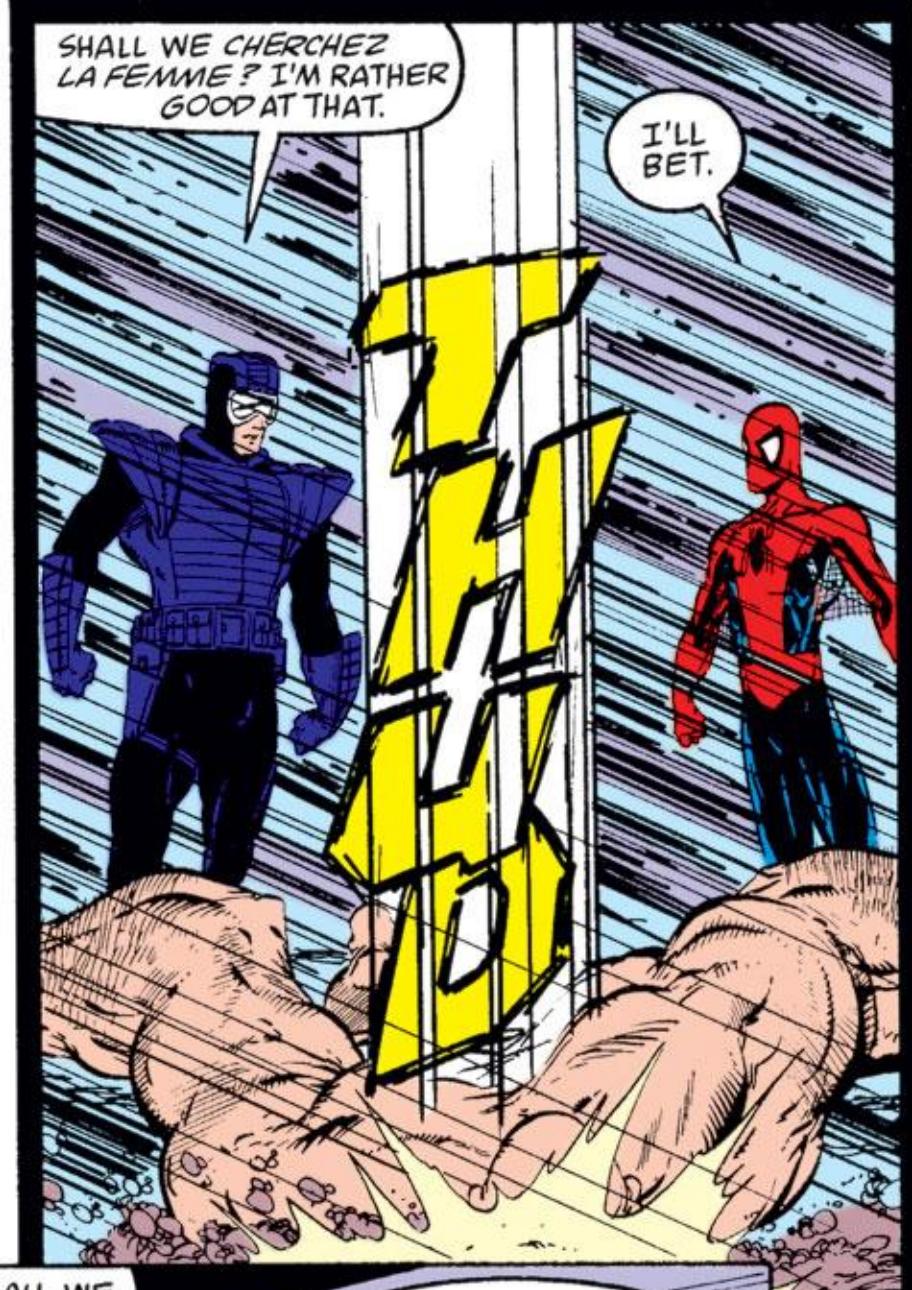
BUT AH KIN
SMELL
'EM!

THEY'RE
REEEEEAL
CLOSE!

WOMP

WAP

WAH



I'LL CONTACT AUTHORITIES WHEN WE REACH THE EMBASSY--THOUGH I DOUBT THERE'LL BE ANYTHING LEFT TO INCRIMINATE THE LIFE FOUNDATION BY THE TIME THEY ARRIVE.

CHAKANE WAS WELL- TRAINED. EVEN WITH CHEMICAL INCENTIVES, HE DIDN'T BREAK COMPLETELY.

BUT I DID LEARN THAT HE WAS ARRANGING FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE FOUNDATION'S FACILITIES, FOR SOMEONE TO BE FLOWN IN FROM SYMKARIA AND HIDDEN AWAY AFTER THE KING'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

I COULDN'T PULL OUT THE "VISITOR'S" IDENTITY, BUT I WAS ABLE TO LEARN HIS OCCUPATION:

ASSASSIN!

YOU THINK SOMEONE WANTS TO KILL THE KING, THEN HIDE OUT IN AMERICA?

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE OF IT.
AND SINCE MY COMPANY, SILVER SABLE INTERNATIONAL, IS IN CHARGE OF ROYAL SECURITY, I'LL HAVE TO RETURN TO SYMKARIA AT ONCE.

AND I MAY NEED HELP.

PALADIN?

SORRY, SILVER.
GOT ANOTHER
CONTRACT.

ARE YOU KIDDING? LADY,
I DON'T LIKE YOU, I DON'T
LIKE YOUR MORALS, I
DON'T LIKE--

A THOU--?! ahem!
WELL, UH, M-MAYBE I
COULD SPARE A LONG
WEEKEND...!

AND A
DATE WITH
A BLONDE.

SPIDER-MAN?

I'LL PAY A
THOUSAND DOLLARS
A DAY.

AS THE SLEEK 'COPTER NEARS MANHATTAN, SPIDER-MAN THINKS,
"MY WIFE'S OUT OF WORK, MOVING IS GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE... AND,
BESIDES, IF I GO ALONG, MAYBE I CAN TEMPER SILVER'S METHODS!
YEAH! WHILE SHE'S KEEPING THE KING FROM GETTING HURT,
MAYBE I CAN KEEP HER FROM HURTING ANYONE ELSE!"

HE RELAXES, AND IF YOU WERE
TO ACCUSE HIM OF RATIONALIZING,
WHY, HE'D JUST LAUGH.

NERVOUSLY...

NEXT
ISSUE:

TO SYMKARIA!
AND.....

A DEATH IN THE ROYAL FAMILY!