



the AMAZING

SPIDER-MAN

THE BATTLE TO BECOME THE NEW KINGPIN OF CRIME BEGINS!

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Stan Lee
PRESENTS:



"... AND WHO SHALL
STAND
AGAINST THEM...?"

NEW YORK CITY AT NIGHT IS THE STUFF GREAT ROMANTIC LEGENDS ARE MADE OF. THE SEDUCTIVE NEON MAGIC THAT ENVELOPES THIS TOWN'S TWILIGHT HOURS DRAWS PEOPLE FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE, MATRICULATING THEM ALL INTO THE DAZZLING NON-STOP CELEBRATION.

SO, YOU ASK, WHY WOULD ANYBODY WANT TO SPEND A SPLENDID FALL EVENING CROUCHED HIGH IN THE SHADOWS OF A MUSTY, DOWNTOWN WAREHOUSE?

BEATS THE HECK OUT OF US, FOLKS!

WE'LL GIVE YOU A HINT, THOUGH.

THESE MEN, UNLOADING STOLEN ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT ARE THE BAD GUYS.

AND THIS GUY GETTING HIS NIFTY BLACK OUTFIT COVERED WITH SOOT AND ASH...

... HAS SPENT THE LAST FOUR HOURS WAITING FOR THEM TO ARRIVE!

ANOTHER EXPLOSIVE SPIDEY-BLOCKBUSTER (AND GREAT ENTERTAINMENT VALUE) PREPARED BY: TOM DEFALCO & RON FRENZ PLOT STORYTELLING ABLY ASSISTED BY: JIM OWSLEY, SCRIPT BRETT BREEDING PENCILS

AND NOT
TO MENTION...

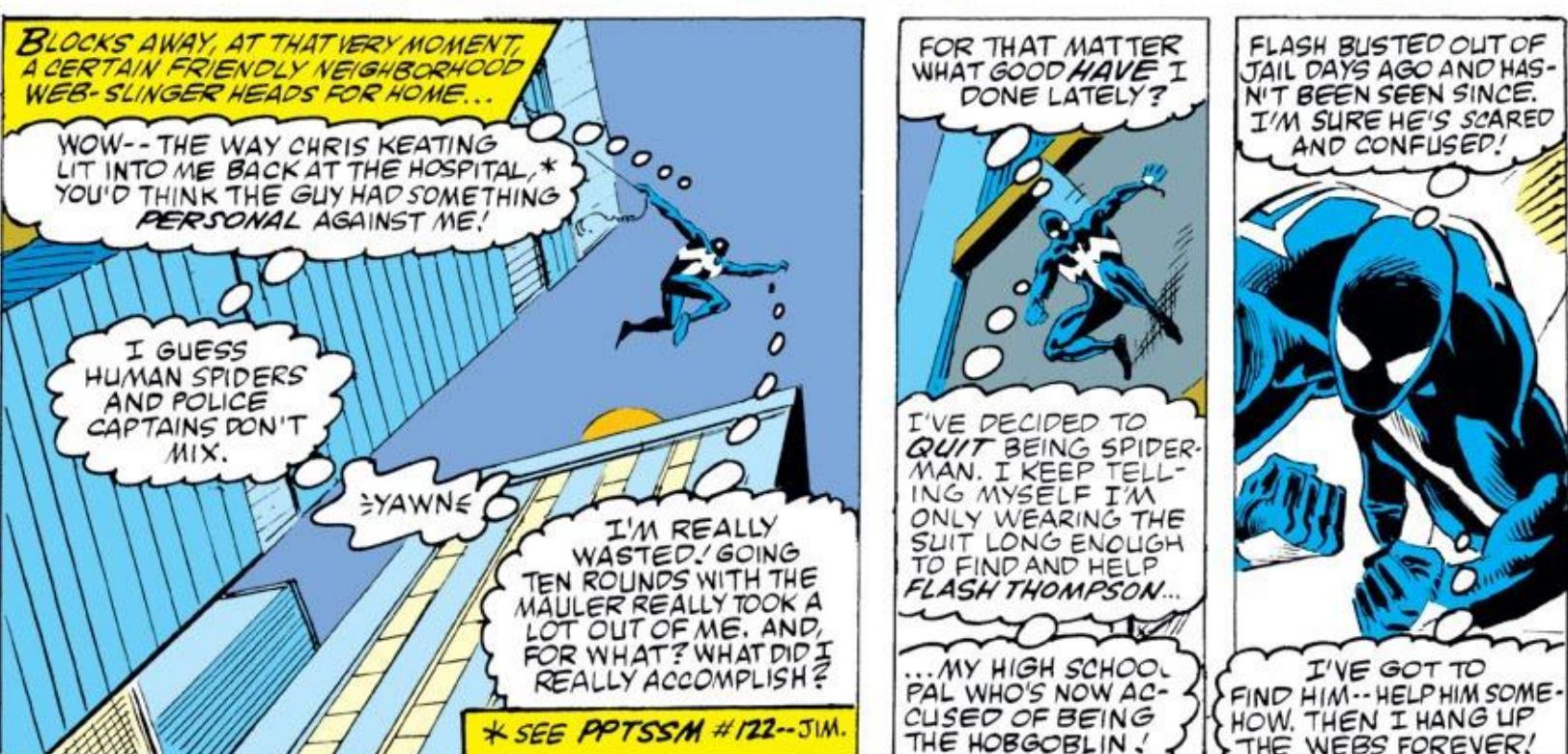
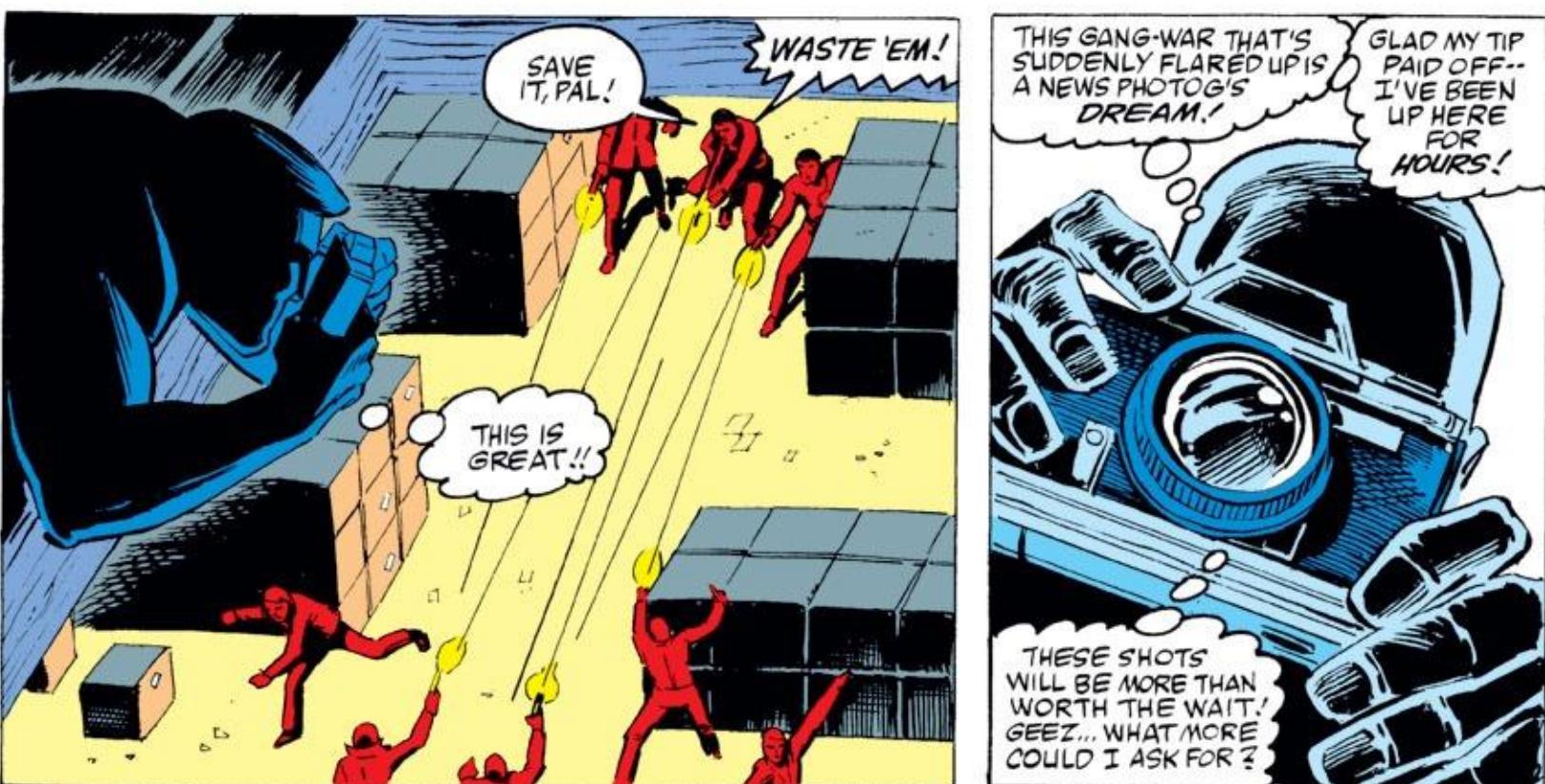
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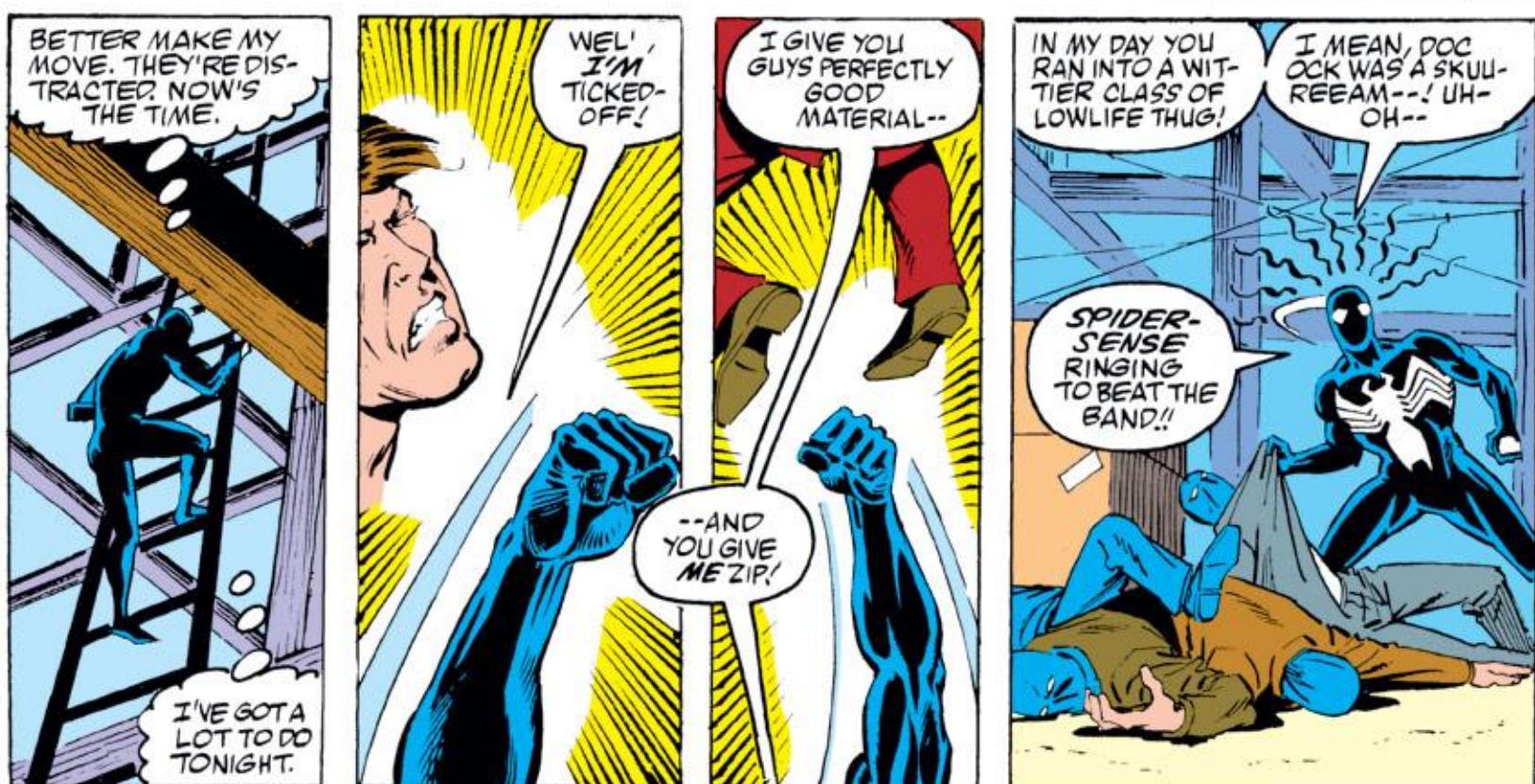
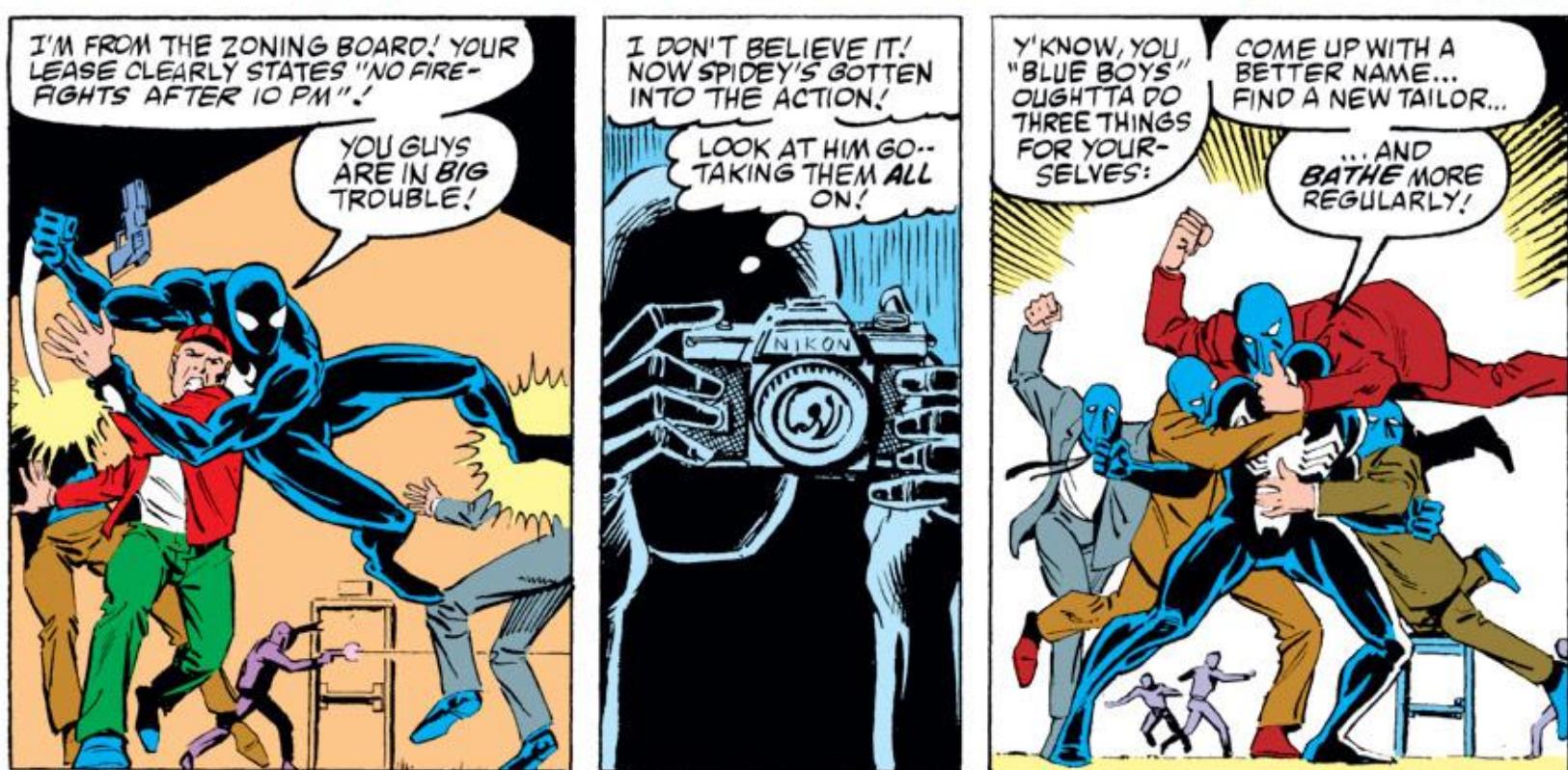
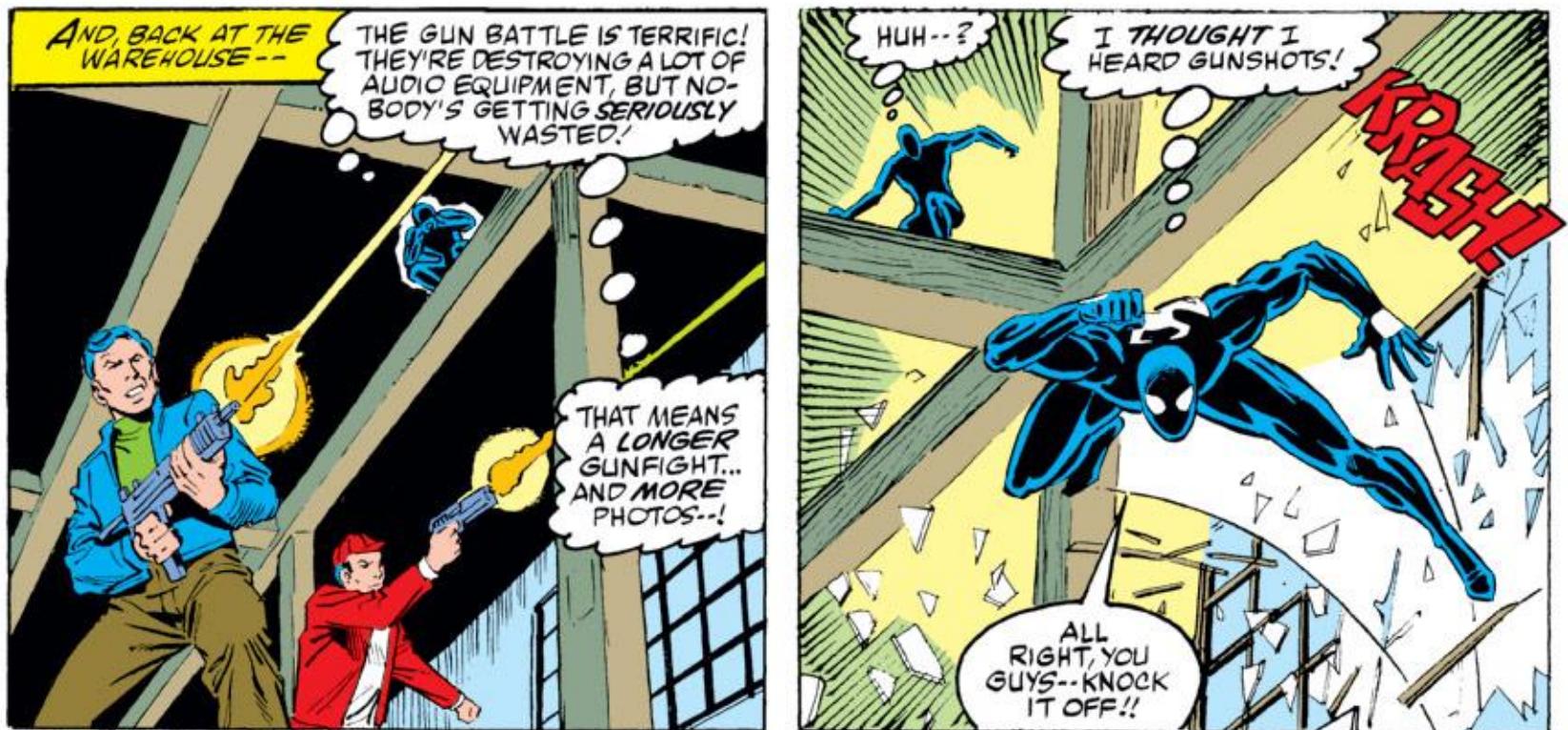
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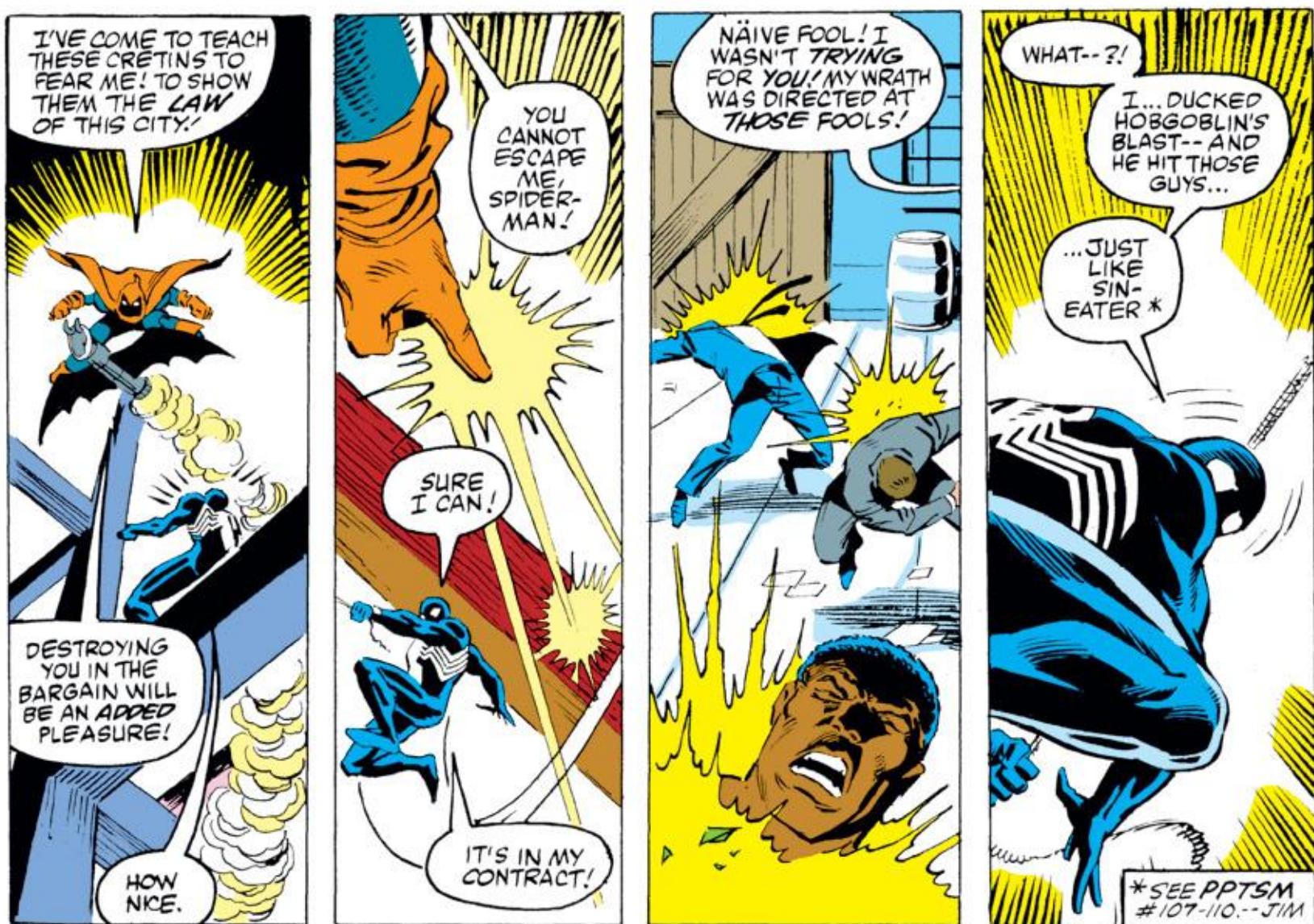
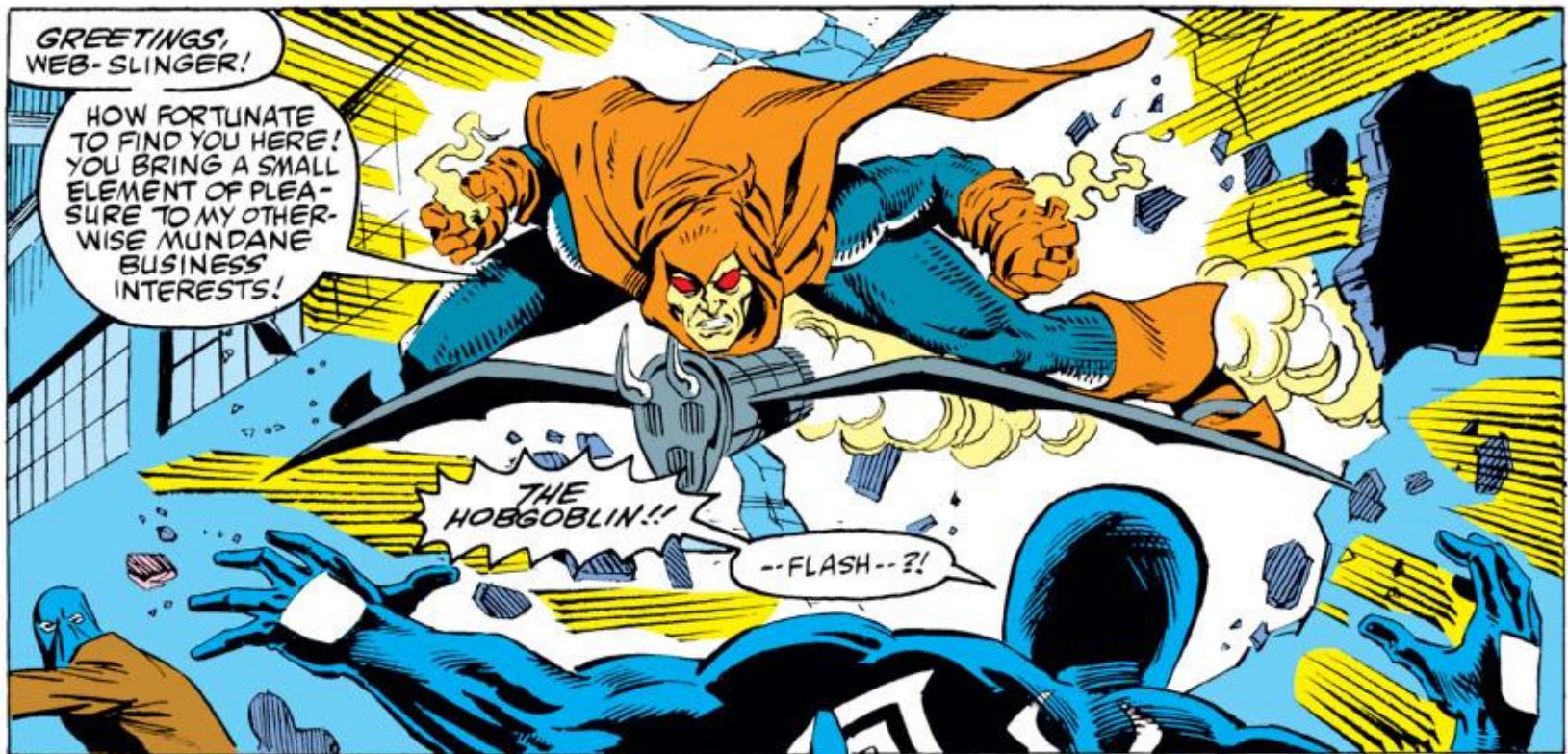
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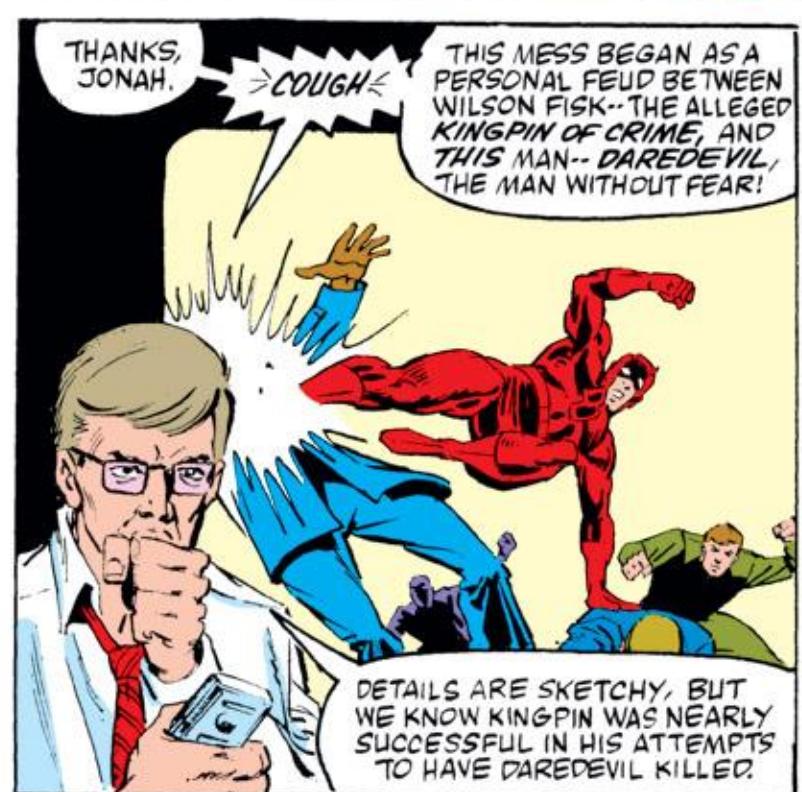
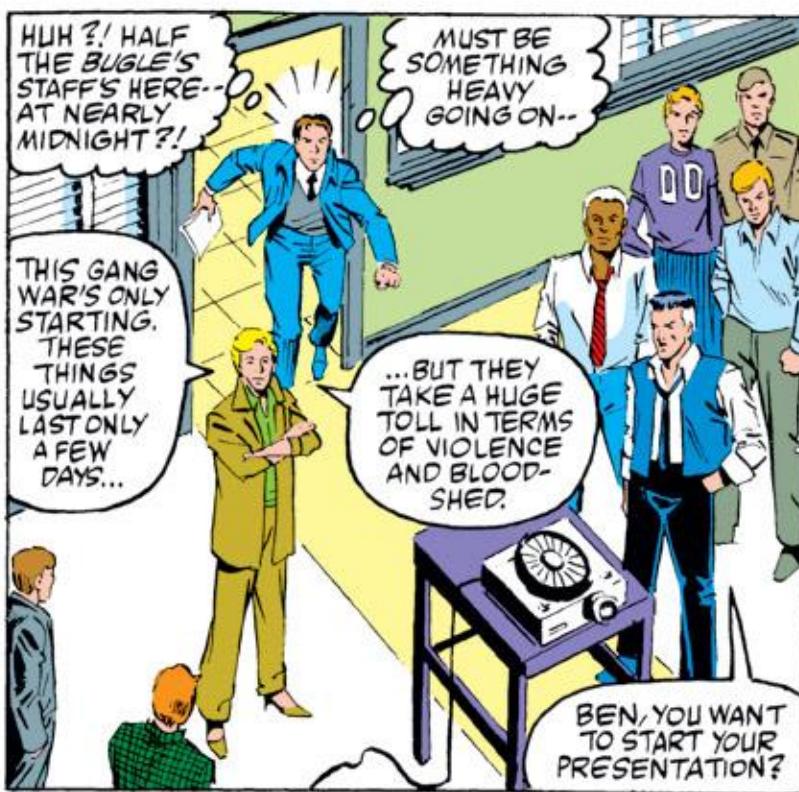


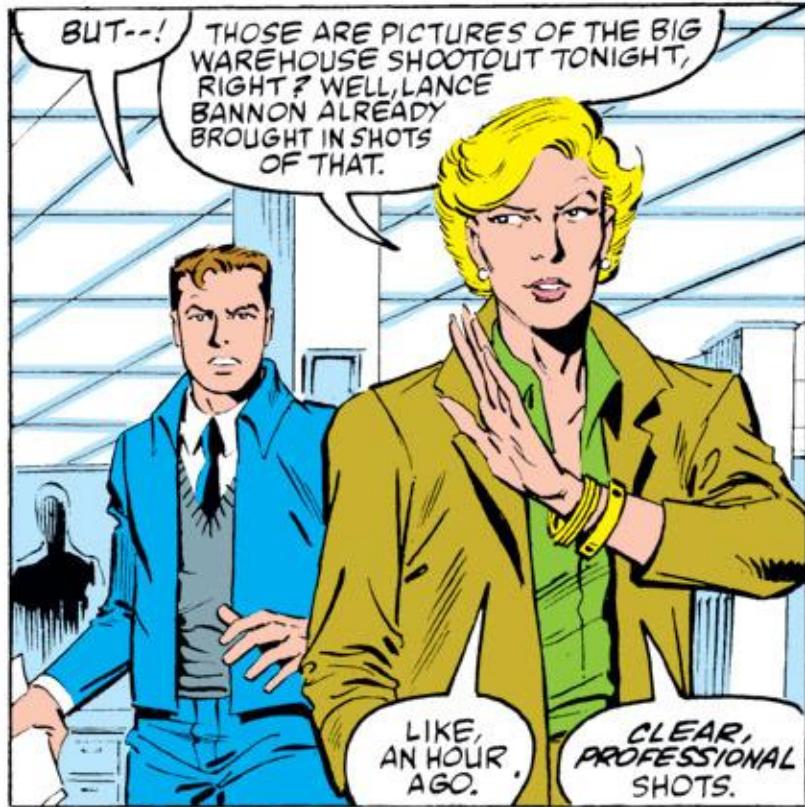
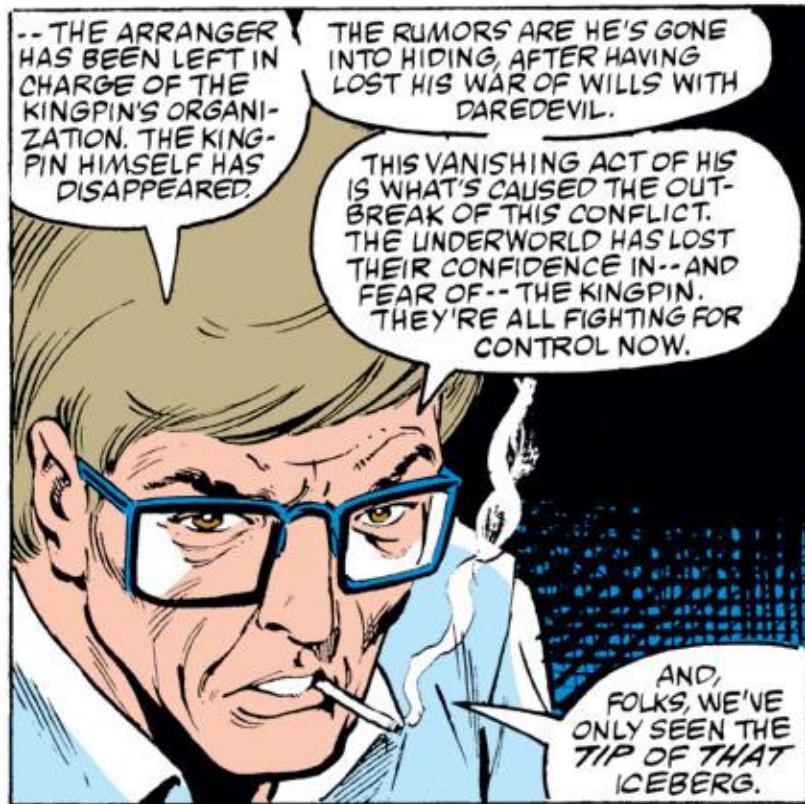
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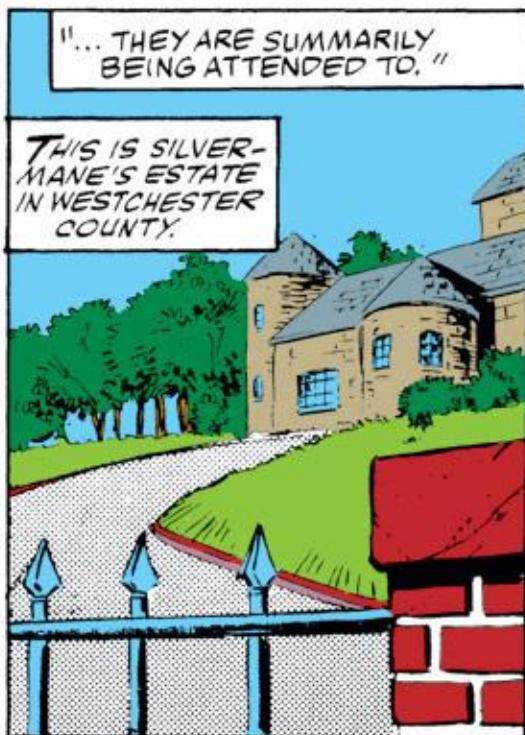
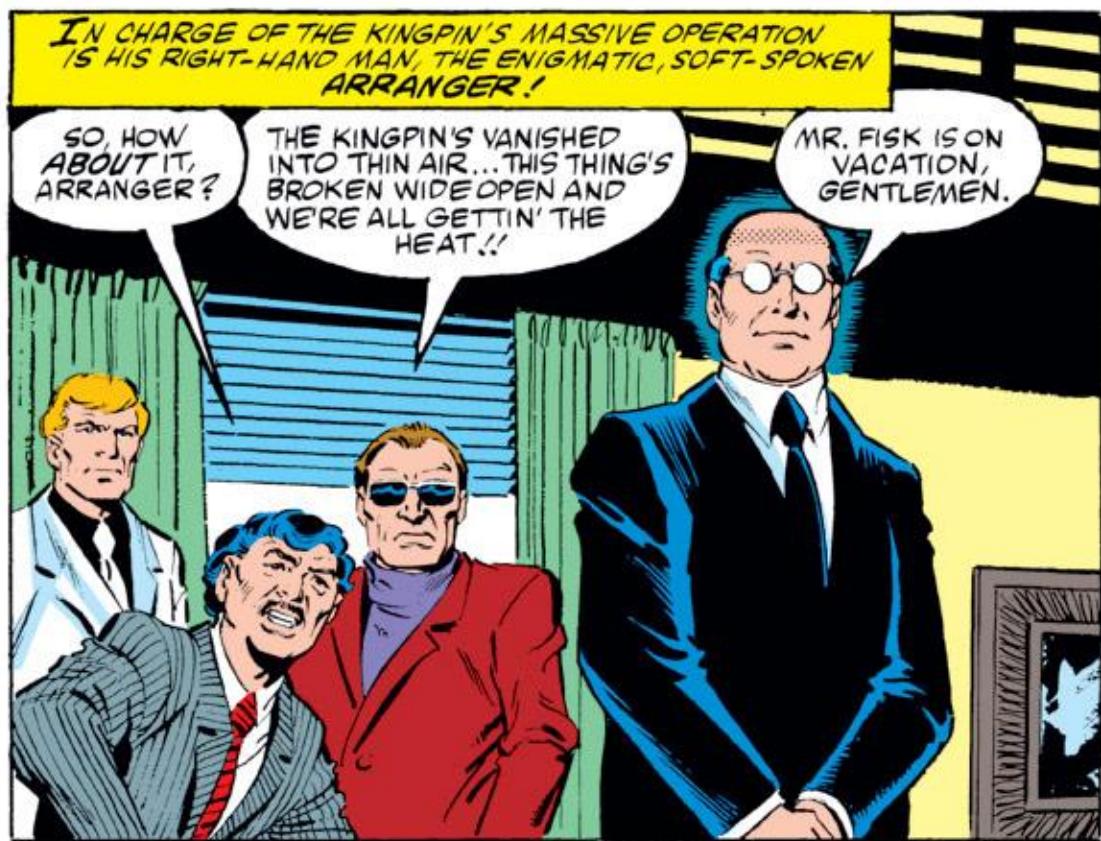






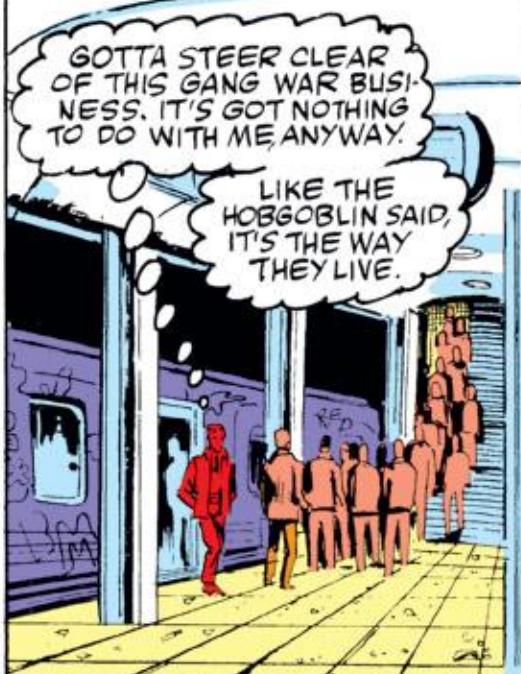






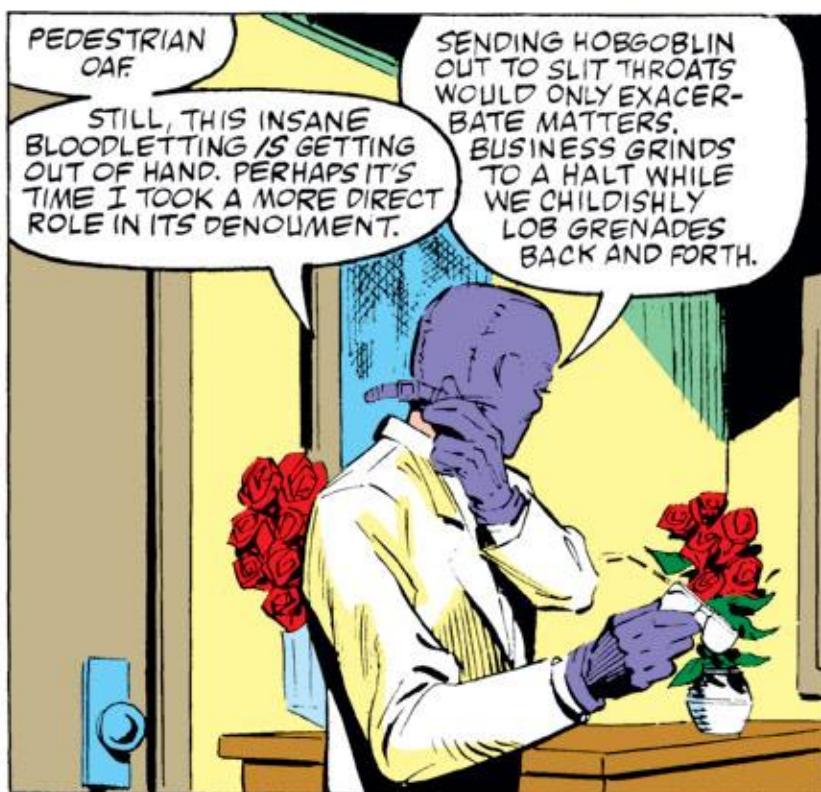


MEANWHILE, IN FOREST HILLS, QUEENS...



NO SIGN OF FLASH--AND IF HE IS THE HOBGOBLIN--THEN I'VE BEEN PLAYED FOR A FOOL! NOT A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ME, AFTER ALL... WHO APPOINTED ME TO BE EVERYONE'S GUARDIAN ANGEL, ANYWAY? TO HELL WITH THAT. OOPS--GOTTA PUT ON MY "HAPPY PETE" FACE FOR AUNT MAY!







DUSK FINDS OUR WEARY-BUT-UNDAUNTED WEB-SPINNER HEADING FOR HOME...

AUNT MAY REALLY
WORE ME OUT!
PAINTING THAT
ROOM WAS OKAY--

--BUT THEN
WE DID THE
HALL, THE
BATHROOM,
THE
STAIRS--



--STILL, THAT'S ONE
LADY I CAN'T REFUSE!
BESIDES, LUNCH WAS
WORTH THE TROUBLE!

FIGURED I'D TAKE ONE LAST SWING AROUND TOWN BEFORE I MEET MARY JANE AT MY PLACE. I DON'T KNOW WHY I THINK I CAN SPOT FLASH FROM A HUNDRED FEET UP...

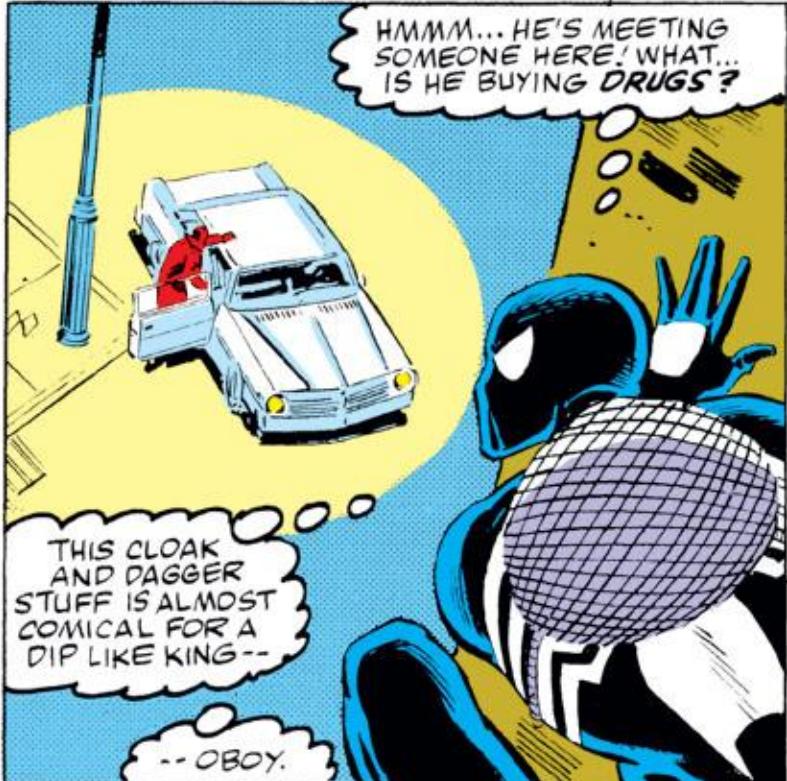
...IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE GOT TELESCOPIC VISION OR ANYTHING!

STILL,
IF I MAKE
MYSELF AS
OBVIOUS AS
POSSIBLE
MAYBE
HE'LL SPOT
ME-- EH?

MAYBE I DO
HAVE TELESCOPIC VISION!

THAT'S RODERICK
KINGSLEY HEAD OF
THE MODELING FIRM
MARY JANE WORKS
FOR!

GUYS WAY
OUT OF HIS
NEIGHBORHOOD!



THIS CLOAK
AND DAGGER
STUFF IS ALMOST
COMICAL FOR A
DIP LIKE KING---

--OBOY.

THAT'S CHRIS
KEATING IN
THAT CAR!



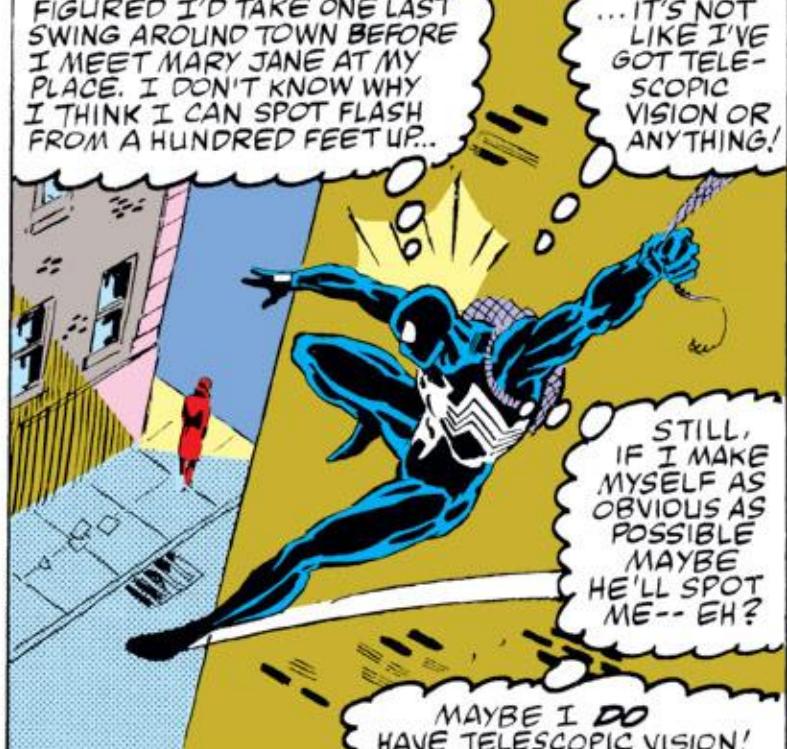
MAYBE THIS IS
WHERE KEATING GETS
HIS PSYCHIC FLASHES! BUT--
WHAT WOULD KINGSLEY KNOW
ABOUT GUYS LIKE THE ROSE AND
THOSE "BLUE BOY" GEEKS?!

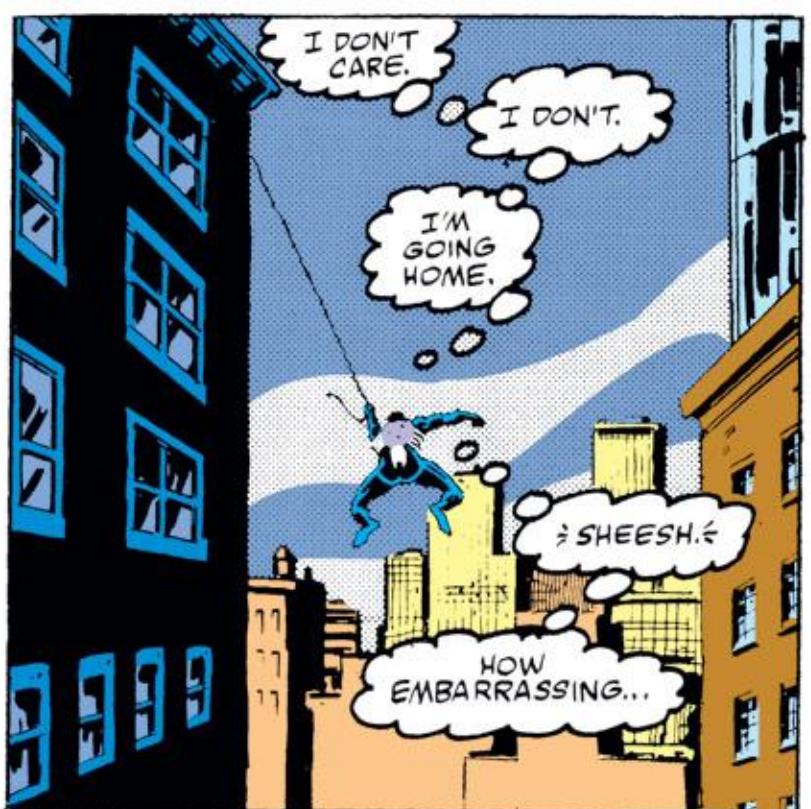
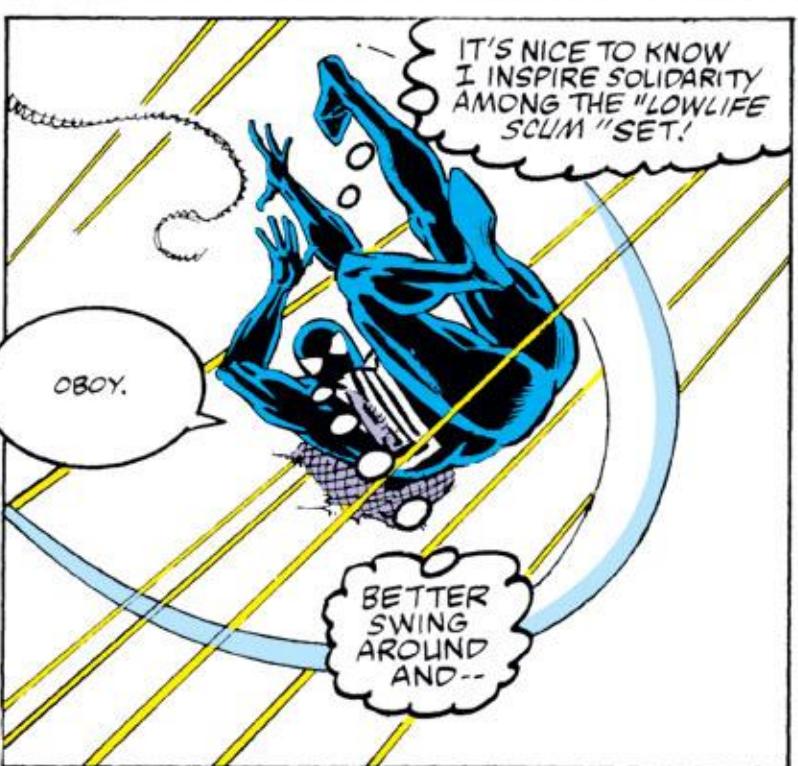
AND WHO
GIVES A
HOOT?!

I KEEP SNAPPING INTO
"INVESTIGATIVE AVENGING
SUPER HERO" LIKE THAT'S
MY GIG OR SOMETHING!

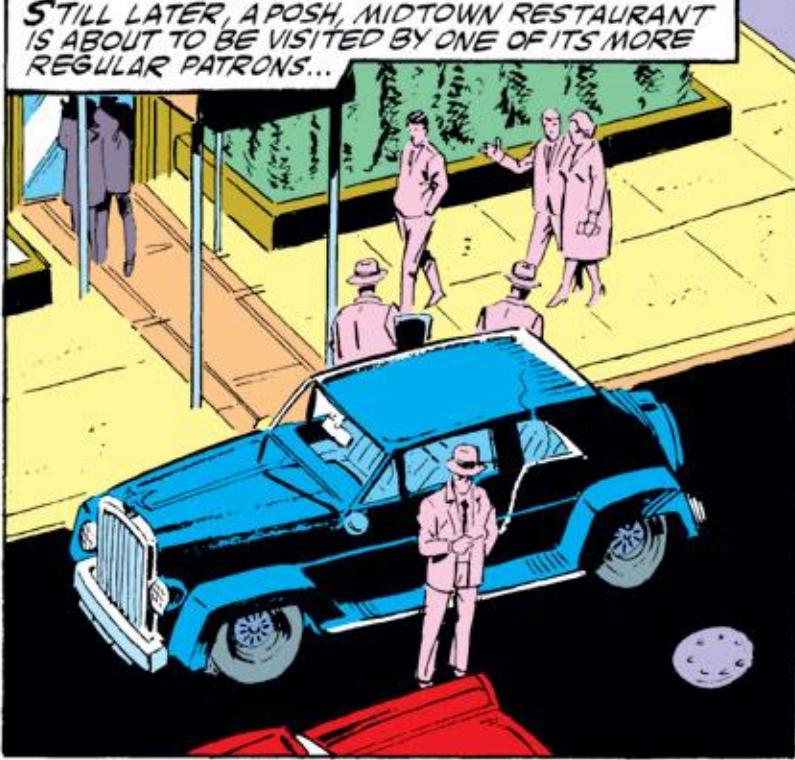
I'M NOT
GETTING
INVOLVED
IN THIS
INSANITY!

FOR ALL I KNOW,
KINGSLEY'S GIVING KEATING
FASHION TIPS!





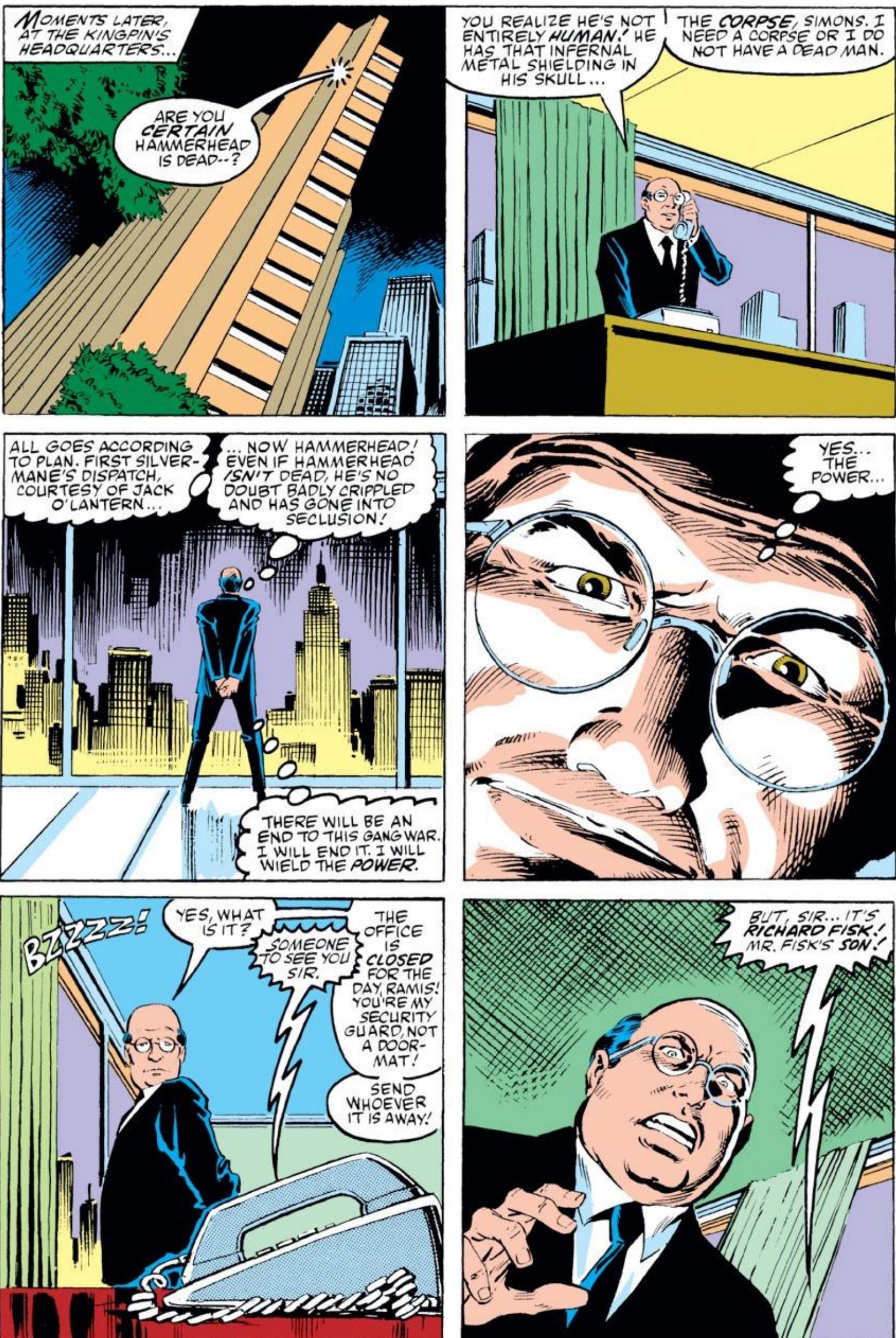
STILL LATER, A POSH, MIDTOWN RESTAURANT IS ABOUT TO BE VISITED BY ONE OF ITS MORE REGULAR PATRONS...



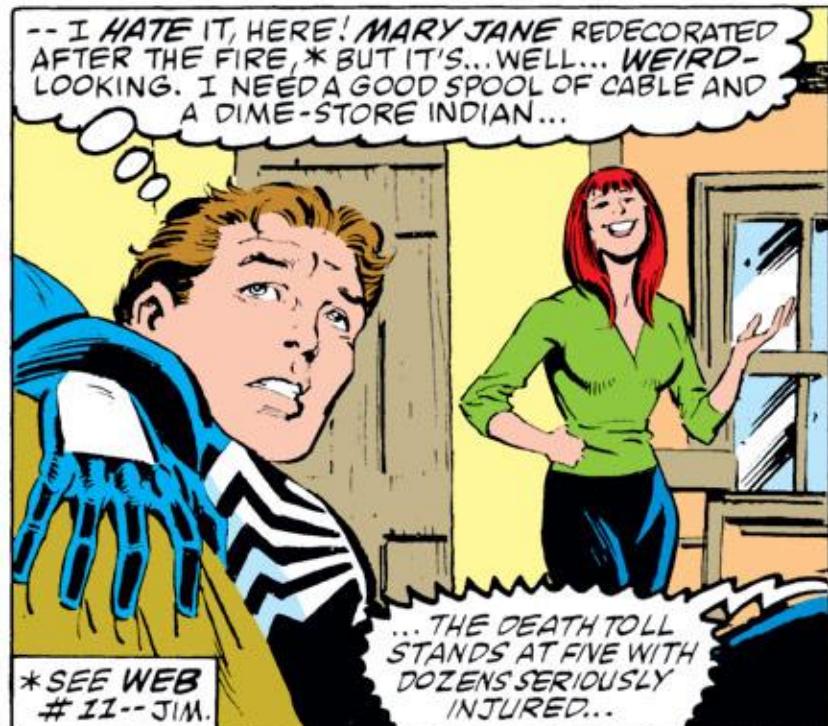
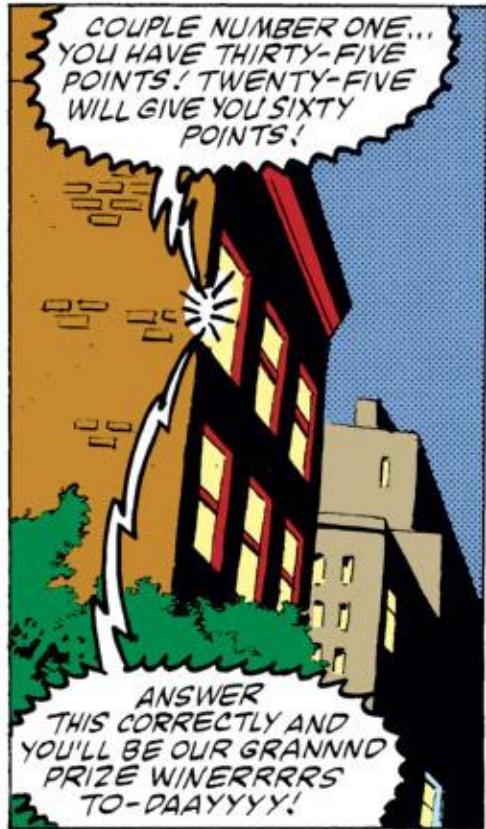
...THE INFAMOUS NEW YORK GANG-LEADER KNOWN ONLY AS HAMMERHEAD!

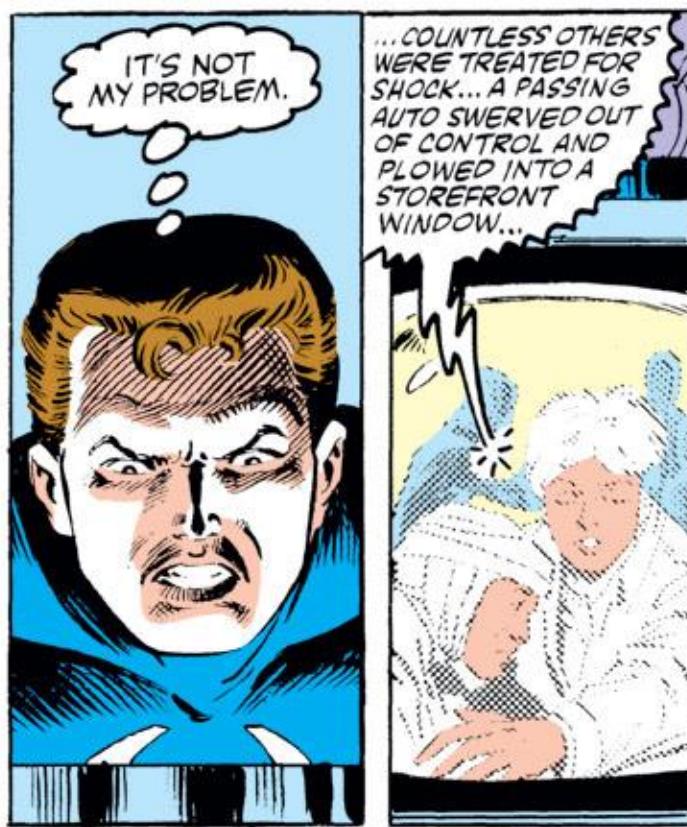
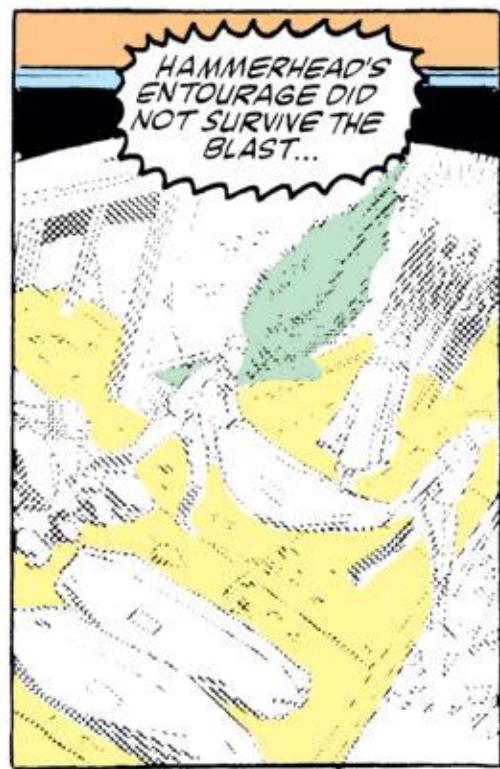
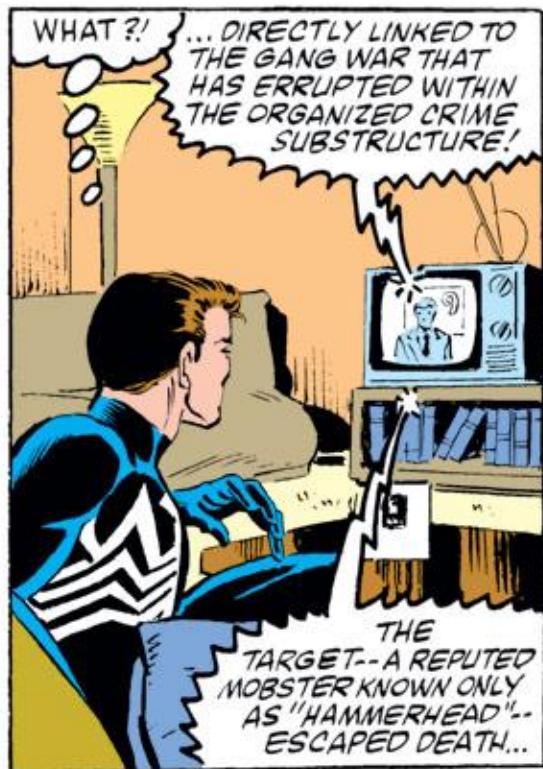
ALL RIGHT, GIRLS--WITH THE KINGPIN RUNNIN' AWAY WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS, THAT PUTS ME IN THE BEST POSITION TO TAKE OVER THIS TOWN'S MOBS!

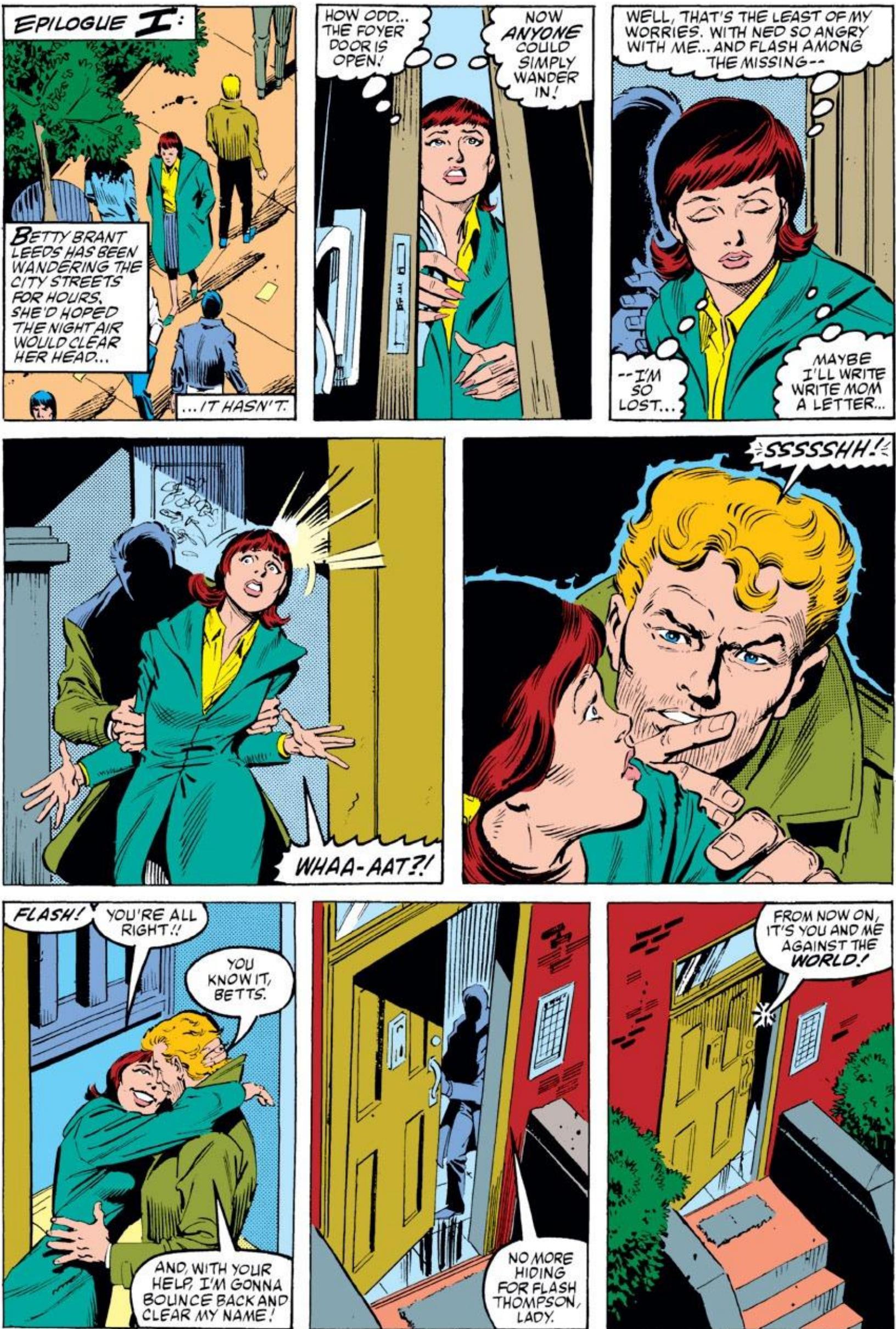




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