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I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT...
NORMAN OSBORN
IS THE GREEN
GOBLIN.

HE'S
LETTING
US HELP HIM
WITH THE NEW
COSTUME.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM
EVER SINCE THAT
GATHERING OF FIVE
CEREMONY. *

MAN! I
GOTTA GET
ANOTHER
JOB.

THE
ALISON
MONGRAIN
SITUATION...
HAS IT BEEN
RESOLVED?

YES,
SIR, MISTER
OSBORN, SIR,
BUT...

BUT...WHAT,
LEONARD?

Amazing Spider-
Man #441
— Gathering of Ralf.

SPIDER-MAN...HE SHOWED UP OUT OF NOWHERE...HE INTERFERED BEFORE SHE COULD BE ELIMINATED...SHE GOT TO THE PARKERS... MONGRAIN -- SHE SPOKE TO THEM.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH SHE TOLD THEM, BUT...

...PLEASE DON'T KILL ME!

LEONARD, CALM YOURSELF.

I KNOW IT MUST BE HARD TO VIEW MY GOD-LIKE COUNTENANCE WITHOUT TREMBLING WITH FEAR...

...BUT YOU MUST KNOW THAT DESPITE THE POWER GRANTED ME BY THE GATHERING OF FIVE, I AM STILL A MAN.

THE MOST POWERFUL MAN ON THE FACE OF THIS PLANET, BUT STILL A MAN.

WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. I KNOW WHERE MONGRAIN WILL HAVE SENT SPIDER-MAN.

HE WANTS THAT WHICH IS HIS...
...THAT WHICH I TOOK FROM HIM MONTHS AGO.

HE WANTS HIS BUT IT IS FAR TOO LATE FOR A PARKER FAMILY REUNION TO END HAPPILY NOW.



JEEZ! THAT NEW GLIDER OF HIS KICKS UP SOME SERIOUS SMOKE.

GUYS.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE LET US OFF LIKE THIS.

GUYS.

MAYBE HIM THINKING OF HIMSELF AS A GOD COULD BE A GOOD THING.

GUYS!
WHAT THE--?



STAN LEE PRESENTS
 SPIDER-MAN



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Heavens Tremble Power Of The GOBLIN

LET THE
AT THE

HOWARD MACKIE
JOHN ROMITA JR.
SCOTT HANNA
STORY AND ART

RICHARD STARKINGS GREGORY RALPH BOB
AND COMICRAFT/SJ WRIGHT LETTERING MACCHIO HARRAS
COLORS EDITOR CHIEF

ONE HOUR LATER, AT THE
GATES OF THE UPSTATE
NEW YORK HUNTING LODGE
OF NORMAN OSBORN...

TRESPASSERS
WILL BE
PROSECUTED

DANGER

NO
TRESPASSING

TRESPASSERS
WILL BE
PROSECUTED

PROSECUTE THIS,
NORMAN!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT'S
TRUE!

THWIP

SHE'S
ALIVE AFTER
ALL THESE
MONTHS!

OUR
BABY HAS
BEEN ALIVE ALL
ALONG!

THIS IS TWISTED
EVEN FOR
NORMAN.

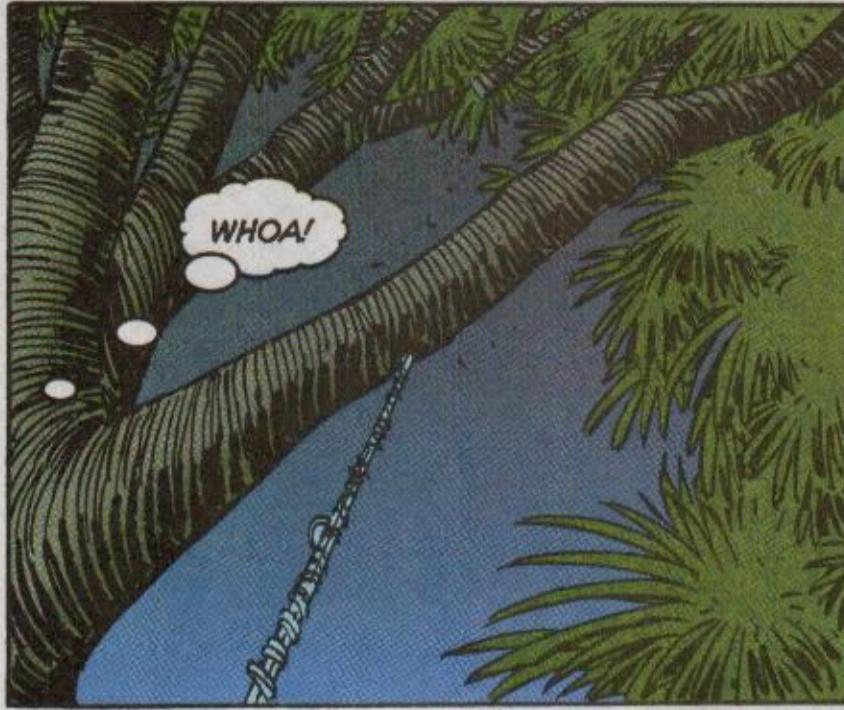
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SUSPECTED THAT
HE WOULD HAVE
GONE THAT
FAR.

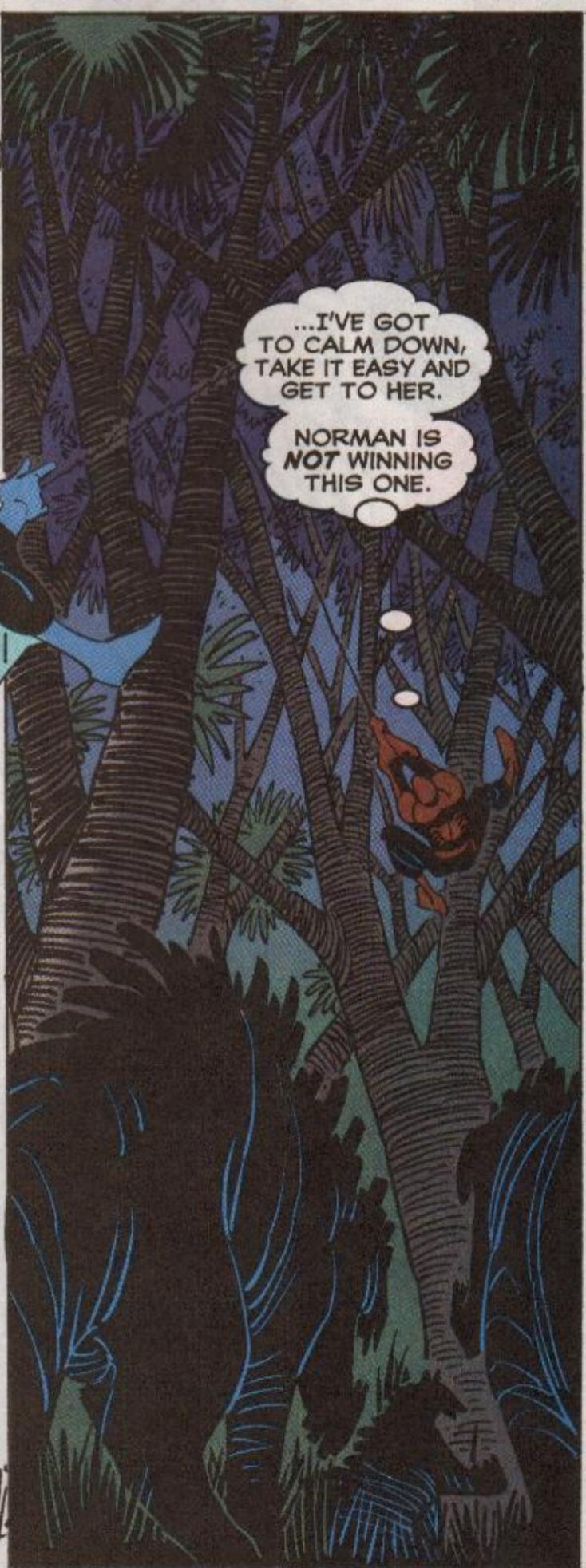
TO TAKE
OUR BABY FROM
US...LET US THINK
SHE WAS DEAD...LET
MARY JANE GO
THROUGH --

-- IT ENDS TONIGHT,
NORMAN!

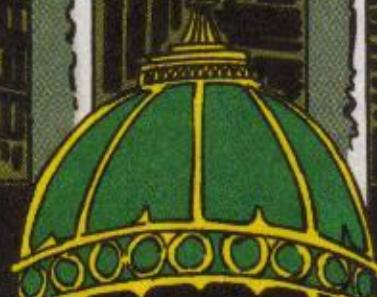
THWIP







IN ANOTHER PLACE
AND, IN MOST WAYS,
ANOTHER WORLD...



GIANNI VERMICELLI



CAN YOU BELIEVE I'M HERE, JILL?
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE FACT THAT THIS DRESS COST MORE THAN I'VE BEEN MAKING IN A YEAR, AND THAT MY STOMACH IS DOING FLIP-FLOPS, I'D FEEL LIKE I'M PLAYING DRESS-UP.

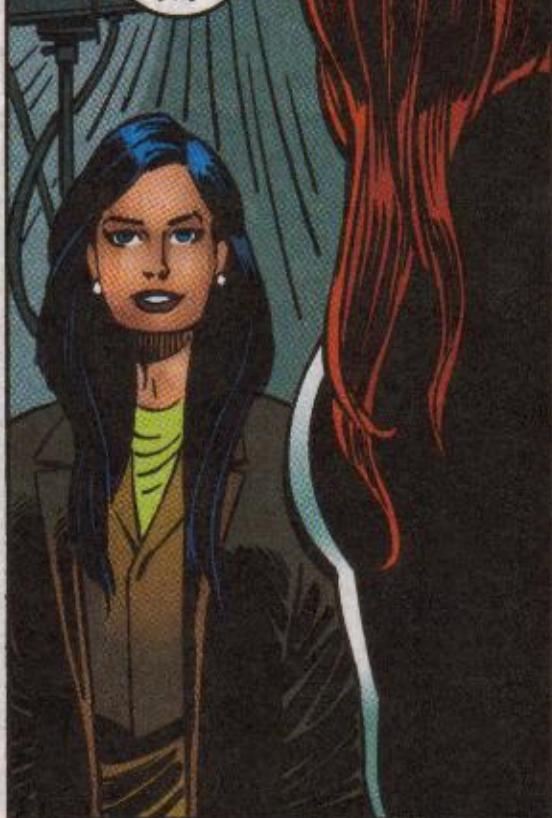


DO I REALLY LOOK OKAY?

CUT IT OUT, MJ! YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL!

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY BEST FRIEND IS GOING TO BE THE COVER GIRL FOR THE GIANNI VERMICELLI FALL LINE.

LIFE'S FUNNY, ISN'T IT?



NO KIDDING. LOOK AT ME...I'VE MADE PEACE WITH SPIDER-MAN AND WITH MY COUSIN GWEN'S DEATH.

IT'S FUNNY HOW LIFE CATCHES UP WITH YOU AND WORKS ITSELF OUT.



Uh-Huh.

PETER.

I WANT YOU HERE WITH ME...



...HERE INSTEAD OF CHASING GHOSTS FROM OUR PAST.

LET THEM REST.
PLEASE.

MEANWHILE...

SPIDER-
SENSE IS
GOING
CRAZY!

DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHICH DIRECTION
TO EXPECT AN
ATTACK TO COME
FROM.
BUT
I'M NOT
STOPPING.

MAY IS
NOT SPENDING
ANOTHER
SECOND IN THAT
MADMAN'S
HANDS.

SOMETHING'S
COMING. I CAN
FEEL IT IN EVERY
BONE IN MY
BODY.

ONLY
THING TO
DO IS MEET
IT HEAD-
ON!

COME
ON!
LET'S
GET THIS
OVER --







I SEE
NORMAN'S
BROKEN OUT THE
OLD JUNIOR SCIENTIST
GENETIC MUTATION
KIT HE GOT FOR
CHRISTMAS!



WONDER WHAT YOU
WERE BEFORE HE GOT
STARTED PLAYING
AROUND WITH
YOU.

NOW THE BEST
THING YOU
COULD DO
FOR YOUR-
SELF IS
RUN
AWAY!



GOOD
BOY...GIRL...
OR WHATEVER
YOU ARE.



NOW, IF
THE REST OF
YOU DON'T
MIND...
...I'M OFF
TO FIND MY
CHILD.

GETTING A LITTLE
THICKER, AND A
LOT SHARPER,
HERE.



IT'S GOING TO TAKE
SOME EFFORT JUST TO
MAKE SURE I DON'T
SLICE MYSELF TO
RIBBONS.



BINGO!
STATELY
OSBORN
MANOR!



WELCOME
TO MY HOME,
SPIDER-MAN,
BUT...
...THIS IS
WHERE YOUR
JOURNEY
ENDS.

YOU
JUST HAVE NOT
LIVED UP TO MY
EXPECTATIONS
IN THIS FINAL
DRAMA OF
OURS.

I HAD
SUCH HOPES
AND PLANS. I HAD
LEFT CLUES FOR
YOU TO DISCOVER
AND...NOTHING.
I AM SURPRISED
THAT YOU HAVE
DONE AS WELL AS
YOU HAVE IN
SCHOOL.



BUT THAT WAS A DIFFERENT LIFETIME AGO.
IN THE PAST YOU HAD ONLY NORMAN OSBORN
WITH WHOM TO CONTEND, BUT NOW, AFTER THE
POWER GRANTED ME BY THE GATHERING
OF FIVE CEREMONY...

...YOU
MUST CONTEND
WITH THE GREEN
GOBLIN!

WHAT
IS ALL THIS
ABOUT,
NORMAN?

YOU
THINK **THIS**
WILL STOP ME
FROM GETTING MY
DAUGHTER BACK?
THE DAUGHTER YOU
STOLE FROM
US?



...HERE. PLEASE
TAKE A LOOK. IT WAS
ALWAYS INTENDED THAT
YOU FIND THIS, BUT,
ONCE AGAIN, YOU
DISAPPOINTED
ME.

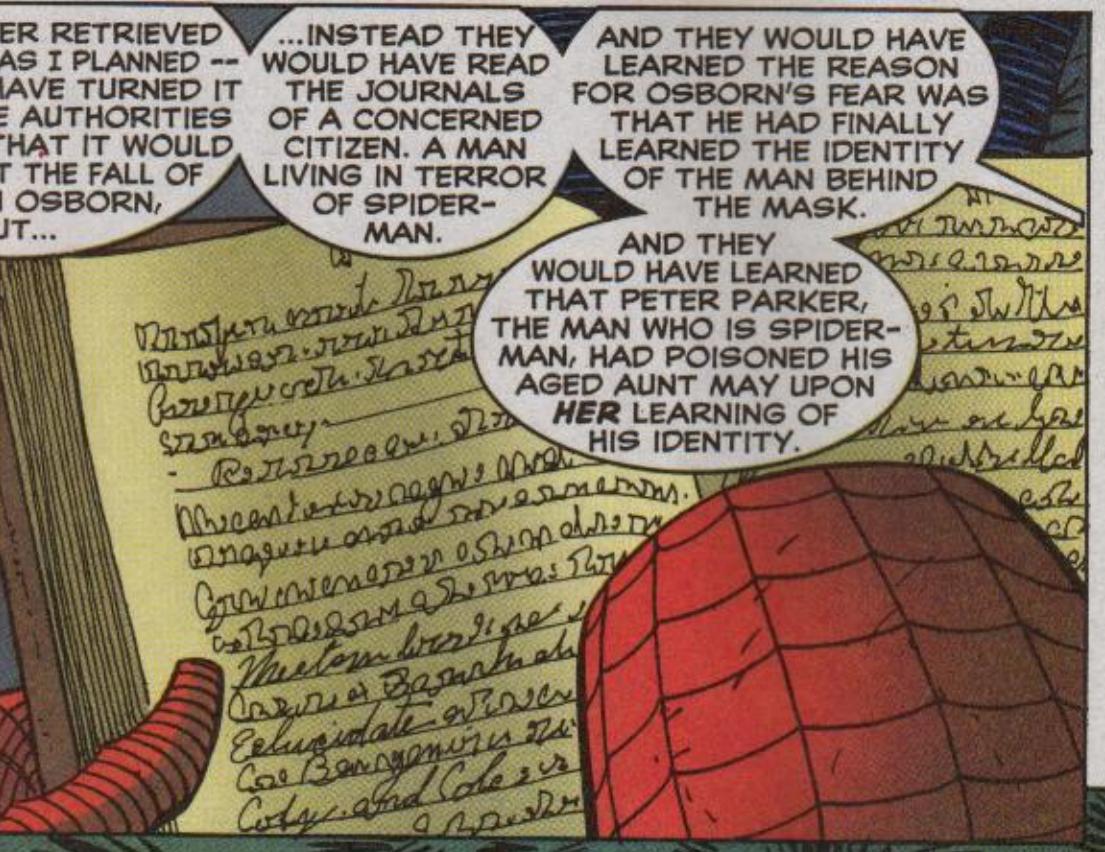
I HAD IT ALL READY THE NIGHT YOU SHOWED UP AT MY OFFICE AND ASSAULTED ME. WHILE **THAT** ATTACK DID AID MY LITTLE MELODRAMA, IT DID TAKE THINGS IN QUITE A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.



THIS OSBORN JOURNAL, IF YOU WILL, IS FILLED WITH TRUTHS AND LIES, BUT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO SEE IT AS THE WAY TO FINALLY CONVINCE EVERYONE OF THE EVIL OF NORMAN OSBORN.



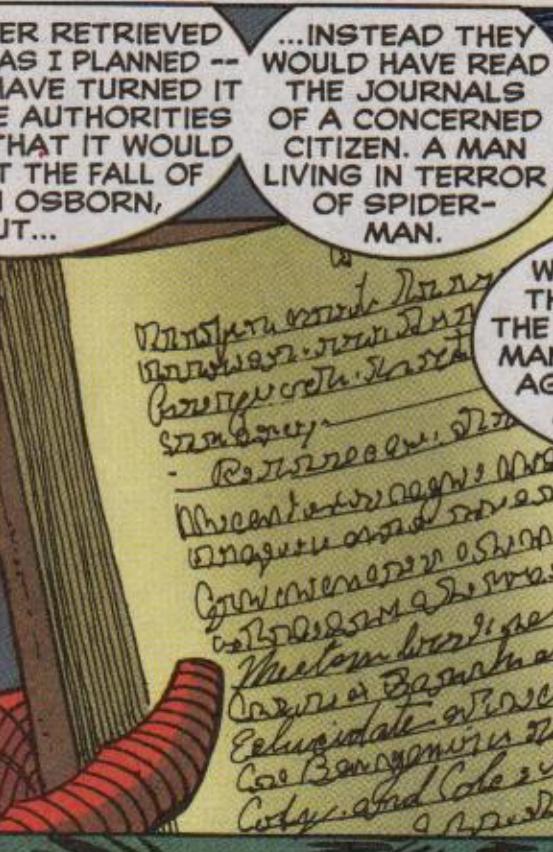
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING IT TO THE AUTHORITIES, BUT WATCH...



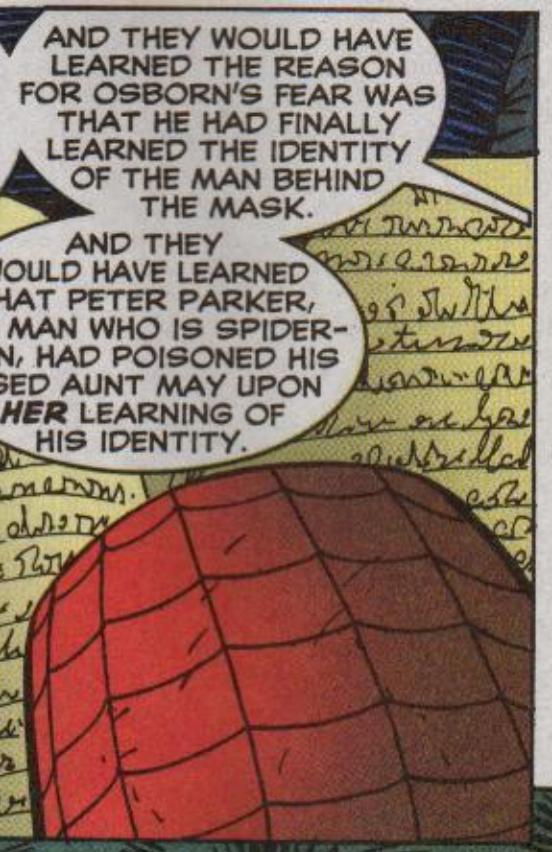
THE WORDS?
THEY'RE DISAPPEARING!
CHANGING!



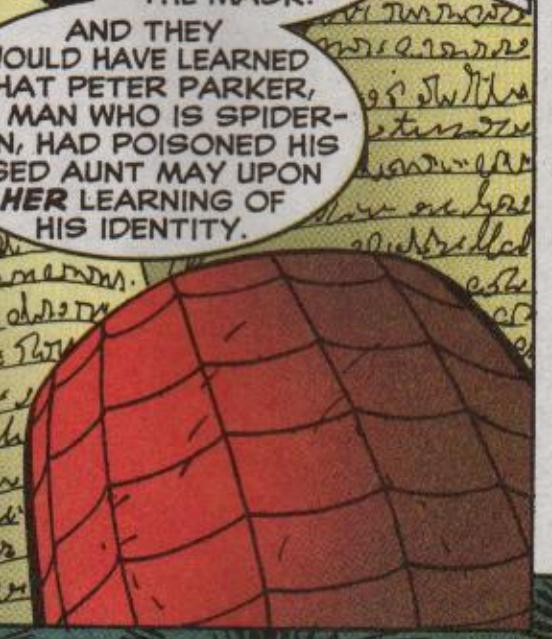
EXACTLY! HAD YOU EVER RETRIEVED THE JOURNAL AS I PLANNED -- YOU WOULD HAVE TURNED IT OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD HAVE MEANT THE FALL OF NORMAN OSBORN, BUT...



...INSTEAD THEY WOULD HAVE READ THE JOURNALS OF A CONCERNED CITIZEN. A MAN LIVING IN TERROR OF SPIDER-MAN.



AND THEY WOULD HAVE LEARNED THE REASON FOR OSBORN'S FEAR WAS THAT HE HAD FINALLY LEARNED THE IDENTITY OF THE MAN BEHIND THE MASK.



AND THEY WOULD HAVE LEARNED THAT PETER PARKER, THE MAN WHO IS SPIDER-MAN, HAD POISONED HIS AGED AUNT MAY UPON HER LEARNING OF HIS IDENTITY.



NO!





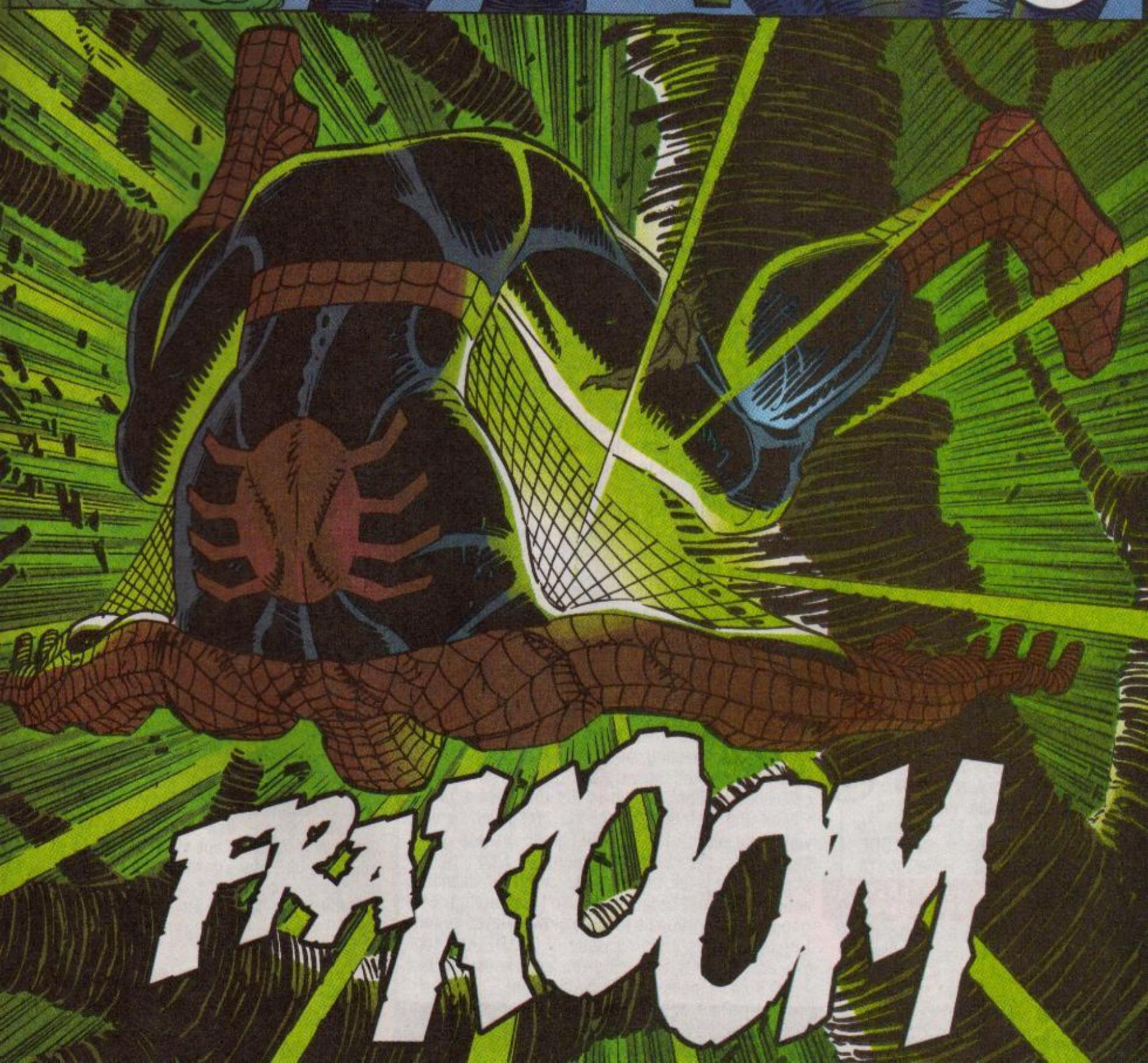
IT'S
OVER,
SPIDER-
MAN.

I TIRE
OF THIS GAME
OF OURS WHICH
HAS PLAYED
OUT ACROSS
A SPAN OF
YEARS.

I AM
TIRED OF
THE PERSONAL
VENDETTA I
HAVE WAGED
AGAINST
YOU.

PERHAPS
IT IS MY NEWFOUND
GODHOOD, OR
MAYBE IT IS THE DNA
BOMB, WITH WHICH I AM
PLANNING TO RESHAPE
THE WORLD IN MY OWN
IMAGE, THAT HAS NOW
TAKEN CENTER
STAGE!

EITHER
WAY --
--YOU
MUST
DIE!



AT THAT MOMENT, A PRESS CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE AT AN EXCLUSIVE RESTAURANT ON MANHATTAN'S UPPER EAST SIDE.

MARY JANE PARKER HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IN THE SPOTLIGHT THAN SHE IS AT THIS MOMENT.

AND YET, DESPITE ALL THE ATTENTION AND ADULATION, HER MIND IS SOMEWHERE ELSE.

WHAT IF PETER IS RIGHT? WHAT IF OUR BABY IS ALIVE? WHAT IF MAY IS ALIVE?

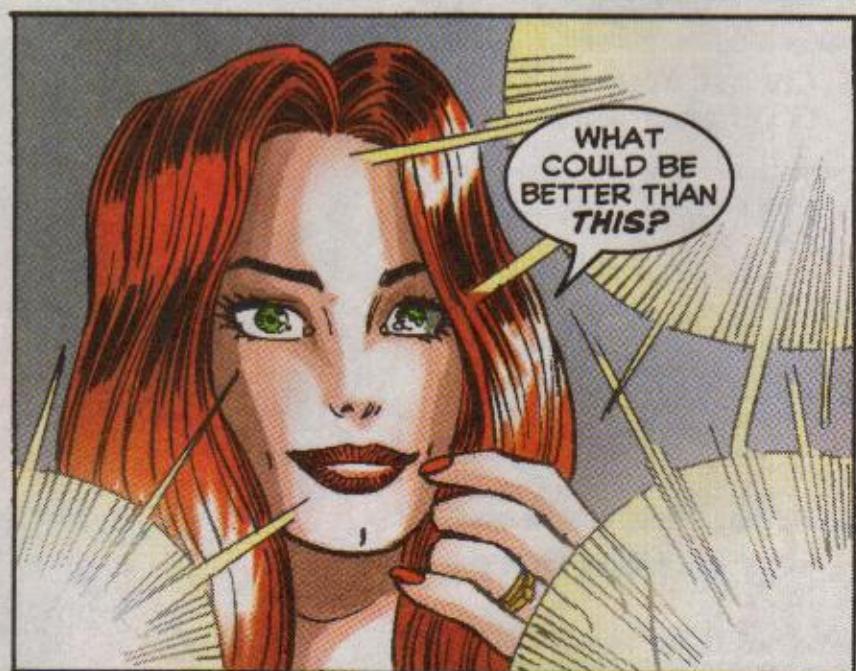


WHAT IF -- WHAT AM I DOING HERE?!

MJ? YOU OKAY?

WHAT?
Oh, YEAH, JILL.

WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN THIS?



WHAT IF...?





YOU
ARE NOT
STOPPING ME,
GOBLIN!
I'M GOING
TO GET THE
BABY FROM
YOU!



I'M
GOING TO SEE
YOU LIVING THE
REST OF YOUR
LIFE BEHIND
BARS!

HA HA

YOU
DON'T GET
IT!
I NEVER
TOOK YOUR
CHILD! THE
BABY
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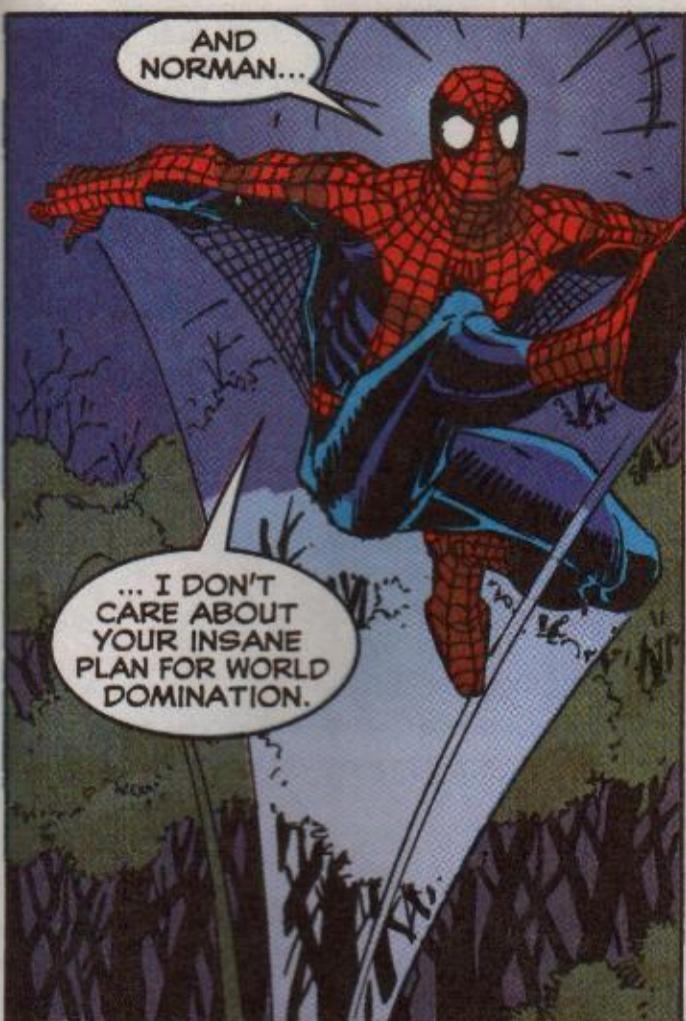
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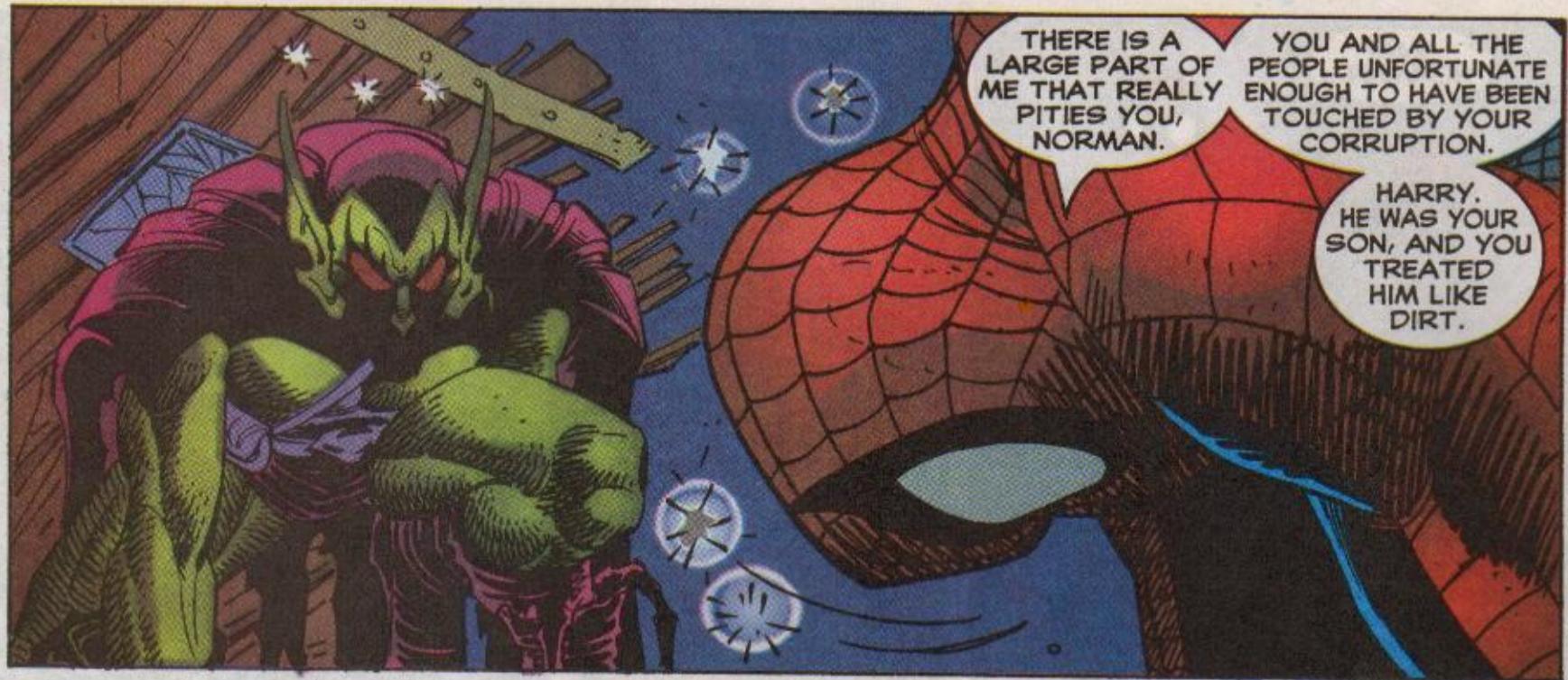
NO MORE

LIES!









ABSOLUTELY
EVERYTHING!



NO.
IT
JUST CAN'T
HAPPEN THIS
WAY.

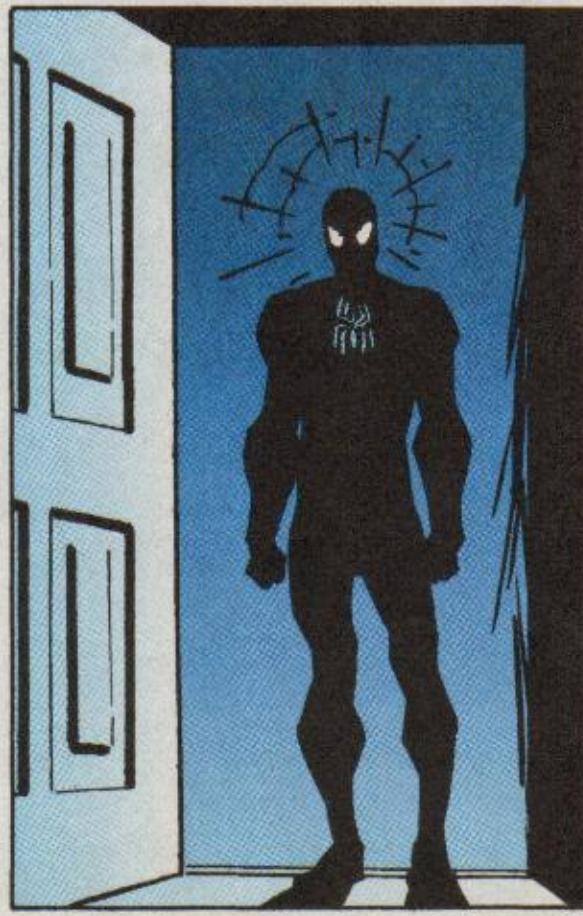
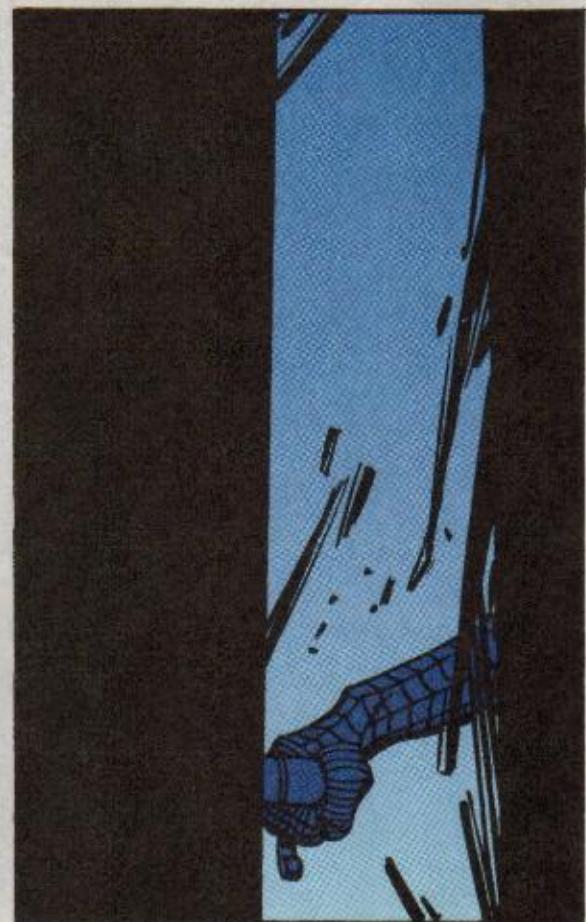
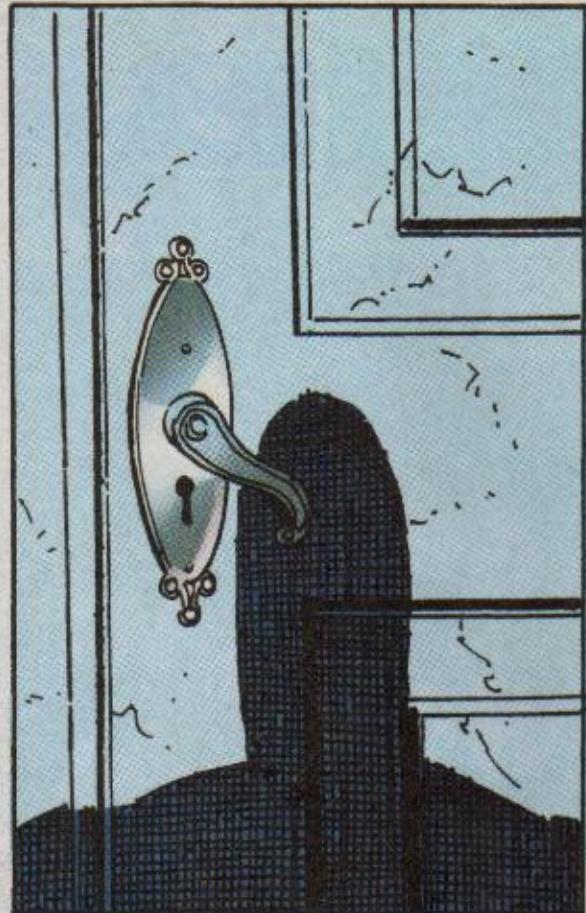


IT
CAN'T!

THWIP

LAY THERE,
NORMAN.
LAY THERE
AND THINK
OF HOW CLOSE
YOU WERE TO
SUCCEEDING.
AND
HOW YOU
FAILED!





NO!
IT CAN'T
BE!

YOU
HORRIBLE
CREATURE!

HOW
DID I GET
HERE?

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT
FROM ME?

Noooo!

HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
HA

HA HA
HA HA HA
HA

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