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SPIDER-MAN

FRIENDS OF
HUMANITY

NO FRIENDS
OF MINE!

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Romita Jr.

Hanna



Featuring
YOUR NEW GUIDE
To the MARVEL
UNIVERSE!

**HEY, IT'S
PETER
PARKER,**

SPIDER-MAN!

A true hero at heart, Spider-Man has dedicated his life to preventing injustices against the innocent.



Meet Peter Parker, once a brilliant, though meek high school student, orphaned as a child and reared by his doting Uncle Ben and Aunt May. At a science fair, Peter was bitten by an irradiated spider and gained the proportionate strength, speed, agility and early warning "spider sense" of that arachnid. He used these powers for personal fame and fortune as a masked Spider-Man. But when Peter failed to stop a criminal who later killed his beloved Uncle Ben, the youth's costumed identity took on a far deeper significance. He realized that with great power there must also come great responsibility. So Peter Parker became the wall-crawling nemesis of the criminal element: a young man determined to atone for the tragic death of his uncle — The Amazing Spider-Man!

MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER

The wife of Peter Parker/Spider-Man, and his closest confidant. She has currently returned to Empire State University as a student majoring in psychology.



JILL STACY

The sweet, attractive cousin of Peter Parker's late girlfriend, Gwen Stacy. As does her brother, Paul, Jill also attends E.S.U.. She has recently struck up a friendship with both Peter and Mary Jane.



PAUL STACY

The brilliant, arrogant cousin of Peter Parker's late girlfriend, Gwen Stacy. He has recently moved to New York with his sister Jill and father Arthur, and attends E.S.U. as both a student and tutor.



DONOVAN ZANE

The charismatic leader of the Friends of Humanity sect, which is a mutant-hating organization that has a chapter on the Empire State University campus attended by Peter and Mary Jane Parker.



PREVIOUSLY IN

PETER PARKER SPIDER-MAN



Peter and Mary Jane attempted to spend an unusual, quiet evening at home assessing the current state of their lives.

Unfortunately, Bugle reporter Betty Brant then asked Peter to join her on an assignment involving a renegade espionage agent/martial artist called Shen Kuei—Cat.

Peter realized the only way to track Cat down was to change to Spider-Man out of Betty's sight and scour the city.



After locating Shen Kuei and confronting him, Spider-Man discovered Cat was only in search of his kidnapped child.



Spider-Man aided Cat in recovering his young son, and then returned to his wife Mary Jane with a greater sense of how much they had lost when their own child presumably died at birth.

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF PETER PARKER, GRADUATE STUDENT.

MARY JANE PARKER, OUR YOUNG HERO'S BEAUTIFUL WIFE, HAD AN EARLY CLASS, AND LET HER HARD-WORKING, CRIME-FIGHTING HUSBAND SLEEP IN FOR THE MORNING.

SHE RESET THE ALARM AND LEFT PETER TO HIS DREAMS.

YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE FRIENDS (OF HUMANITY?)

BAM BAM BAM

TWO HOURS LATER, AFTER HITTING THE SNOOZE BUTTON FOR THE FIFTH TIME, PETER REALIZED HE WAS LATE FOR HIS OWN CLASS!

THE ONLY WAY HE WOULD MAKE IT TO THE EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN TIME WAS TO SLIP INTO HIS SPIDER-MAN TOGS AND WEB-SLING INTO THE CITY.

ARRIVING IN THE NICK OF TIME...

...PETER DUCKED INTO AN EMPTY OFFICE LOCATED WITHIN THE SCIENCE BUILDING, AND, PROTECTING HIS SECRET IDENTITY FROM PRYING EYES, PROCEEDED TO CHANGE INTO HIS CIVILIAN GEAR.

ALL WAS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD.

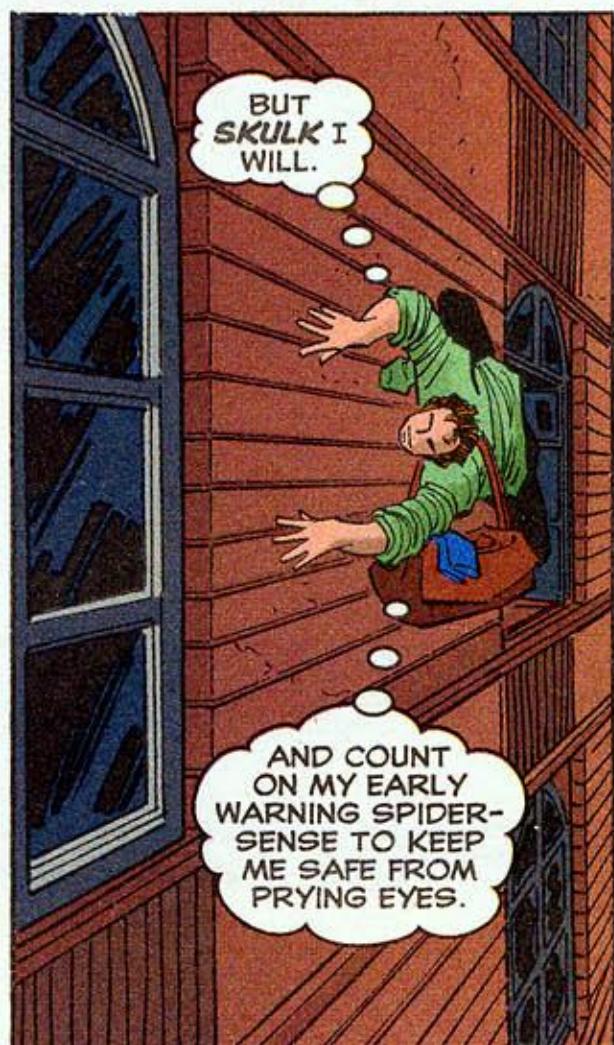
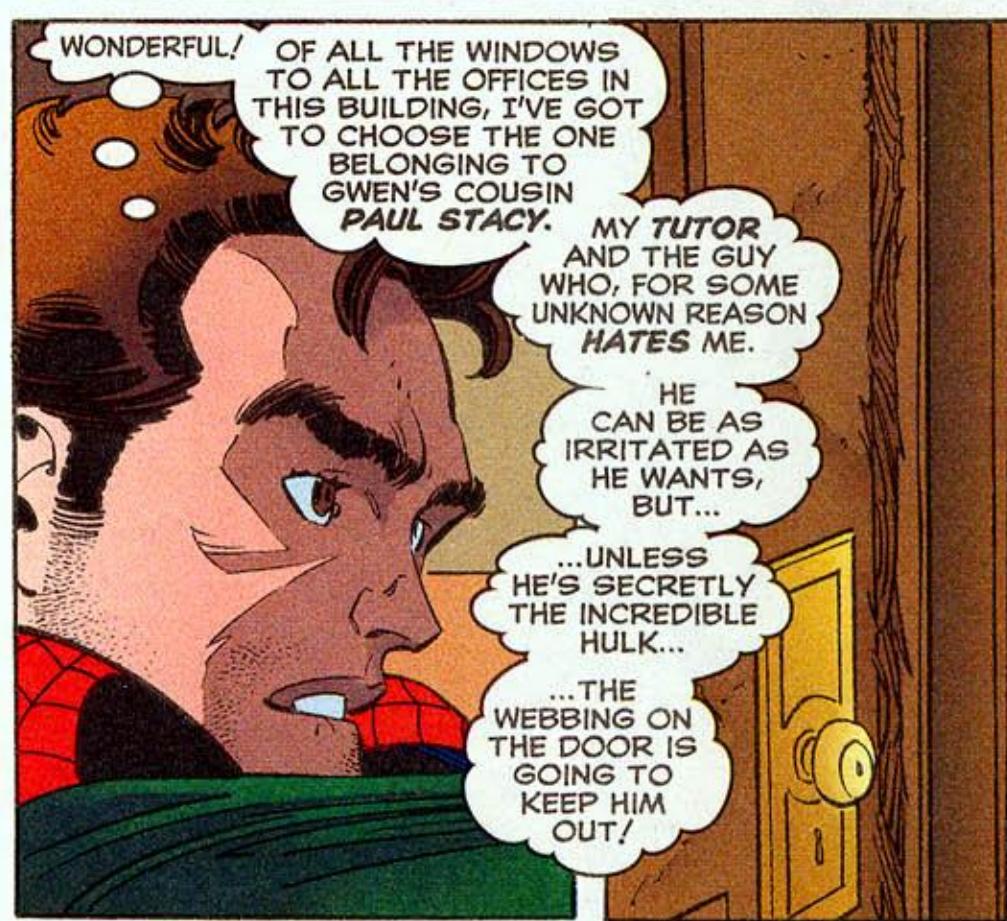
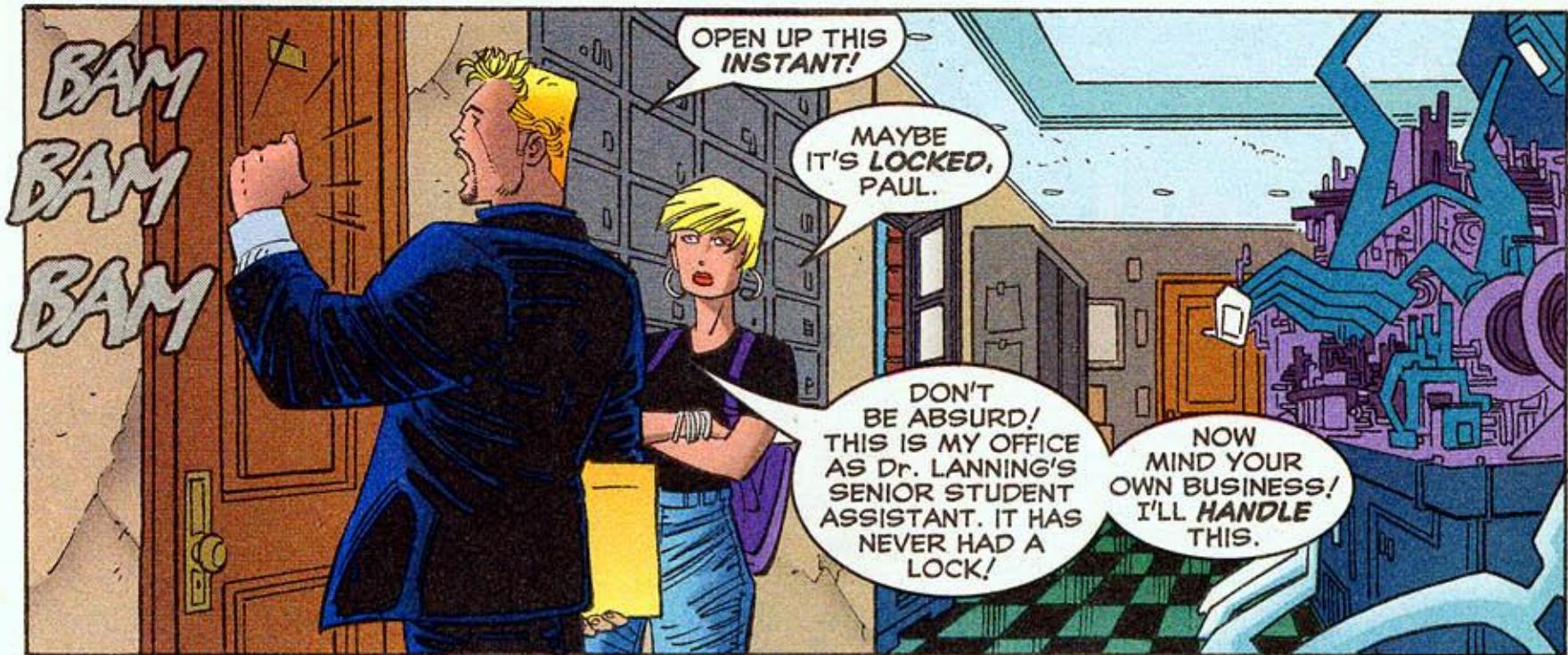
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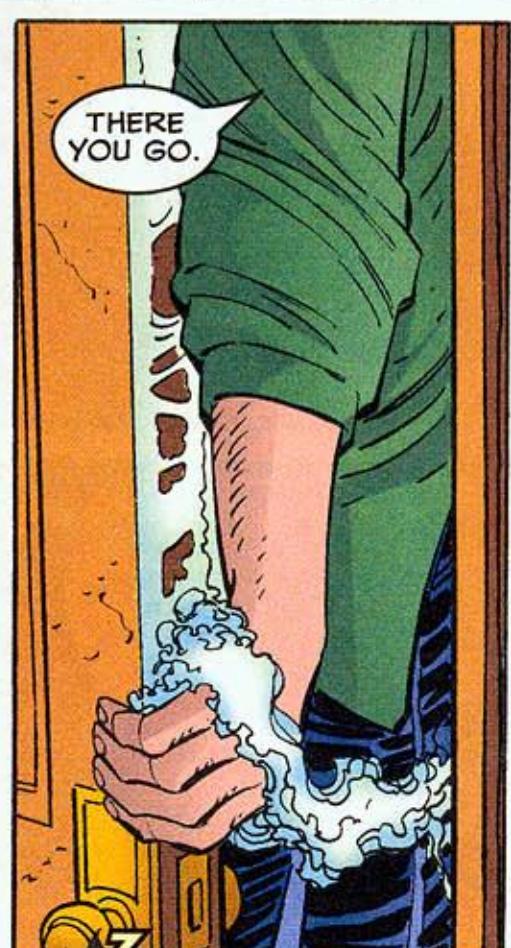
IS THERE SOMEONE IN THERE?

HOWARD MACKIE
JOHN ROMITA JR.
SCOTT HANNA
STORY AND ART

GREGORY RICHARD STARKINGS
WRIGHT & COMICRAFT/KS
COLORS LETTERS

RALPH BOB HARRAS
MACCHIO EDITOR IN CHIEF





WHAT IS IT,
PARKER?

IT'S
ABOUT OUR
NEXT TUTORING.
I'VE GOT A SCHEDULING
CONFLICT AND I WAS
WONDERING IF --

THAT IS YOUR PROBLEM,
PARKER. MY TIME IS AT
A PREMIUM. I CAN'T
AFFORD TO WORK
AROUND YOUR
SCHEDULE.

IT'S UP
TO YOU. EITHER
SHOW UP AT THE
APPOINTED TIME,
OR YOU MISS
OUT.

I HAVE NO
MORE ADDITIONAL
TIME TO GIVE YOU ON
THIS MATTER. I'M LATE FOR
AN APPOINTMENT. MS. VEGA,
THE OFFICE IS YOURS.

MAKE
YOURSELF
AT HOME.

WHAT A
CHARMER.

THIS
IS HIM ON
A GOOD
DAY.

MY NAME'S
ROBIN... ROBIN
VEGA.

Dr. LANNING HAS
BROUGHT ME IN ON
THE PROJECT AND
WANTS PAUL TO
BRING ME UP
TO SPEED.

EXCUSE
ME?
Dr.
LANNING
BROUGHT YOU
IN? AS IN RECRUITED
YOU? AS IN PERHAPS
HE'S GROOMING YOU TO
BE HIS ASSISTANT?
AS IN INSTEAD
OF PAUL?

I THINK
SO. DO YOU
HAVE A PROBLEM
WITH THAT?

OUCH! KNOWING PAUL'S
EGO AND ASPIRATIONS,
THAT'S GOT TO
HURT!

I
LOVE
IT!

CAN I BUY
YOU COFFEE?
LUNCH? A NEW
PORSCHE?

COFFEE'LL
BE FINE.

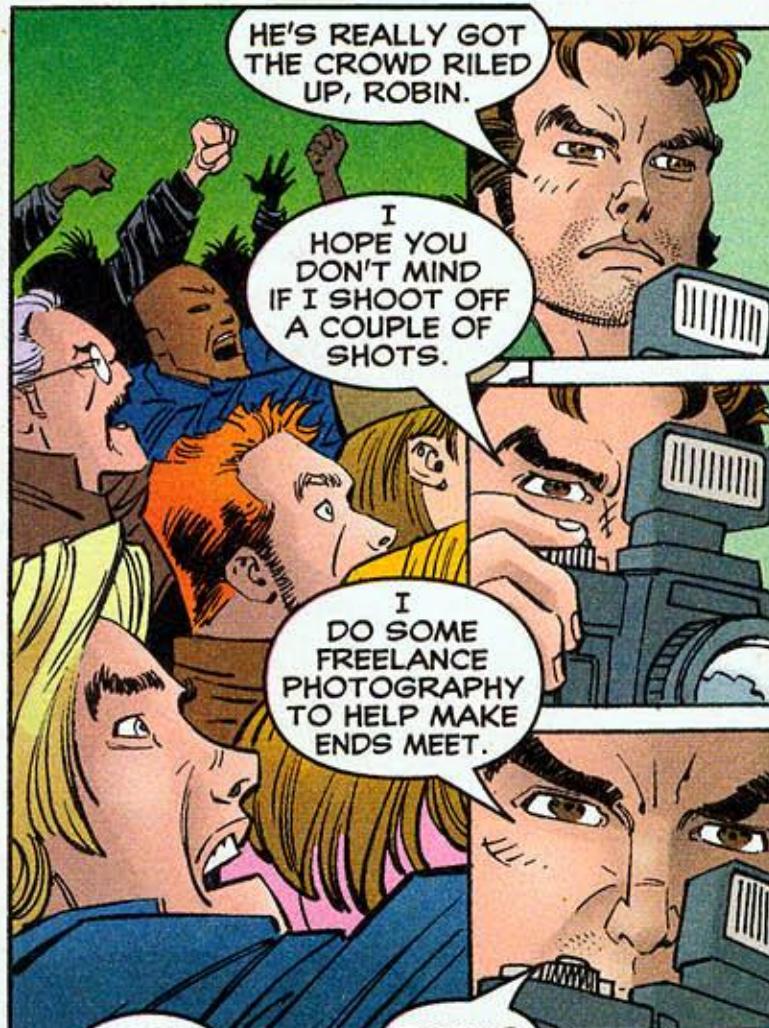
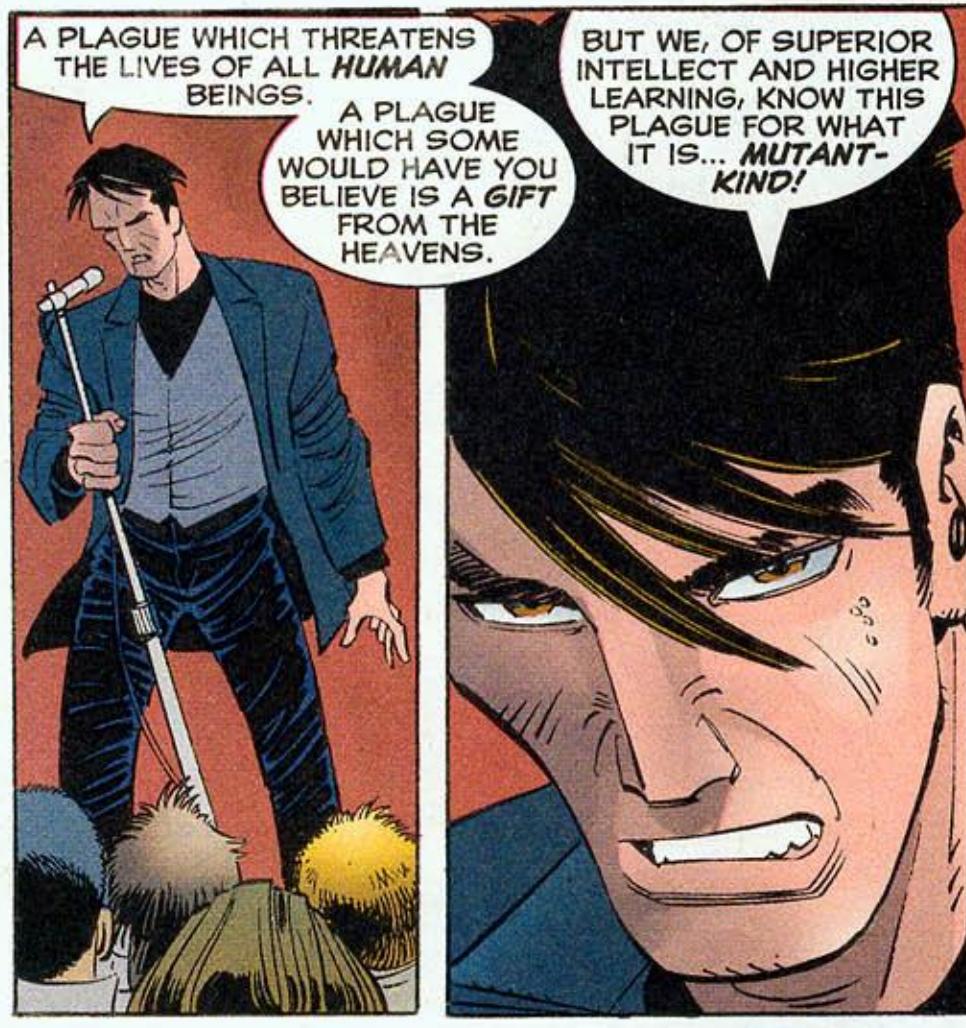
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TIME LATER...

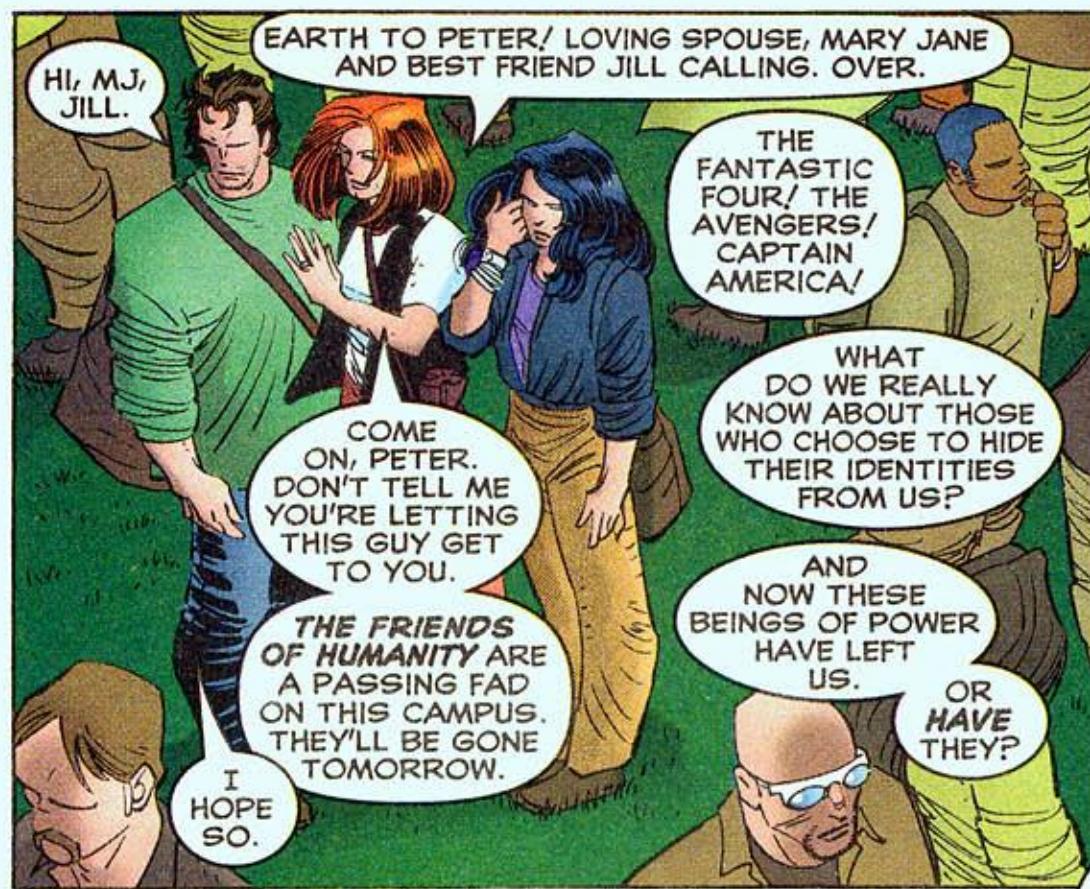
I HAD OFFERS FROM
PROJECTS AT CAL-TECH,
M.I.T. AND A NUMBER
OF OTHER UNIVERSITIES,
BUT Dr. LANNING HAS
OFFERED ME A CHANCE TO
REALLY GET INTO MY
PARTICULAR FIELD
OF INTEREST.

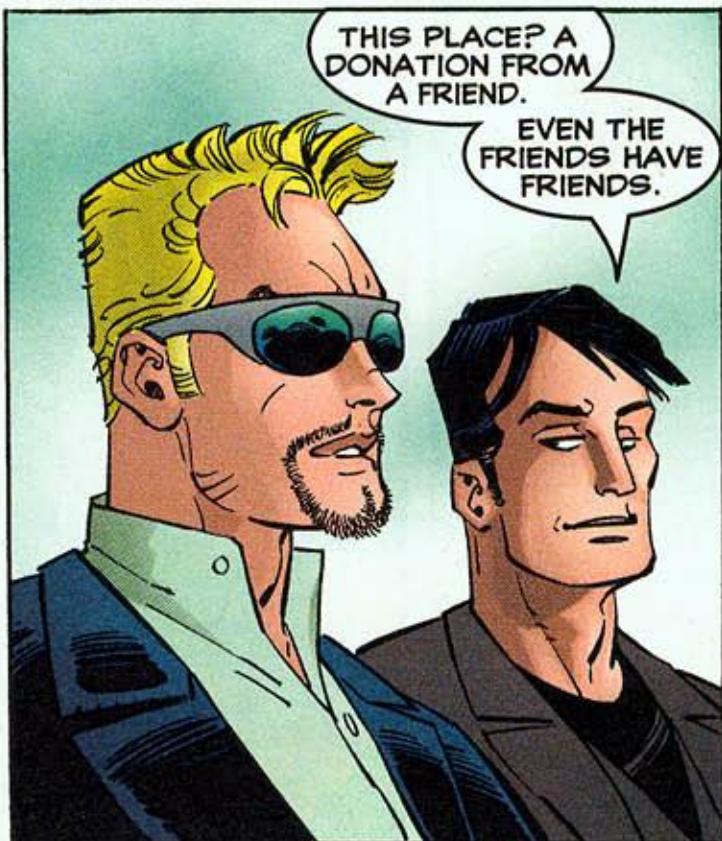
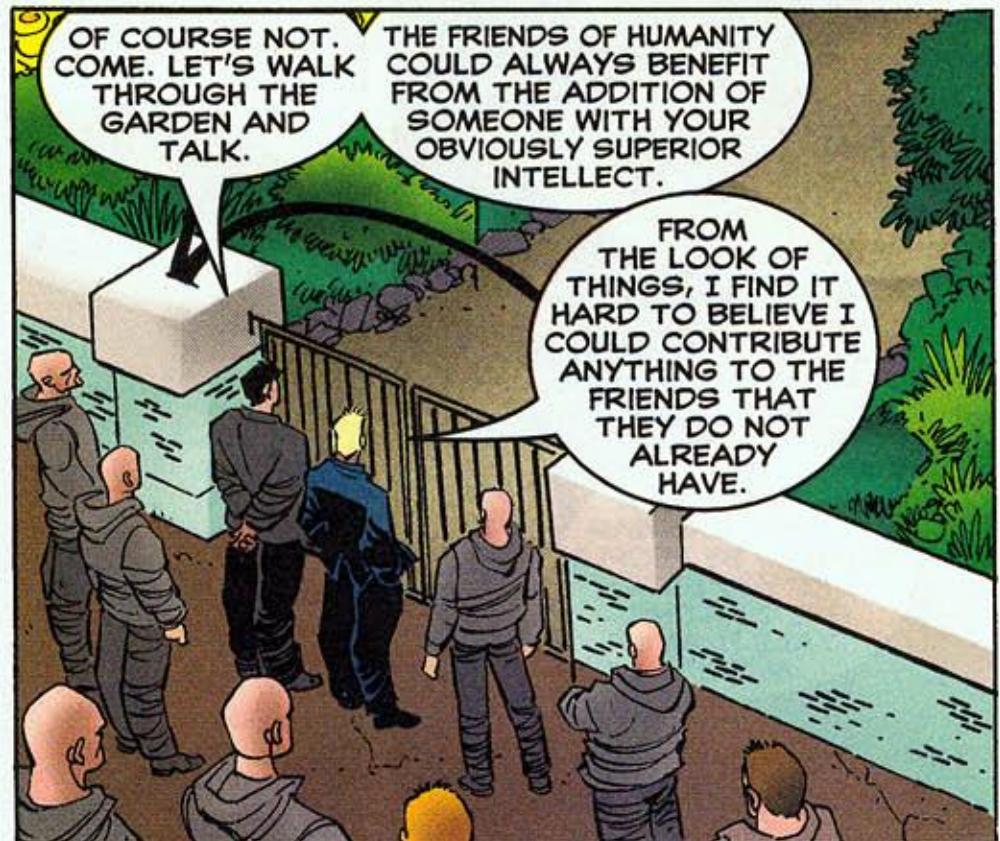
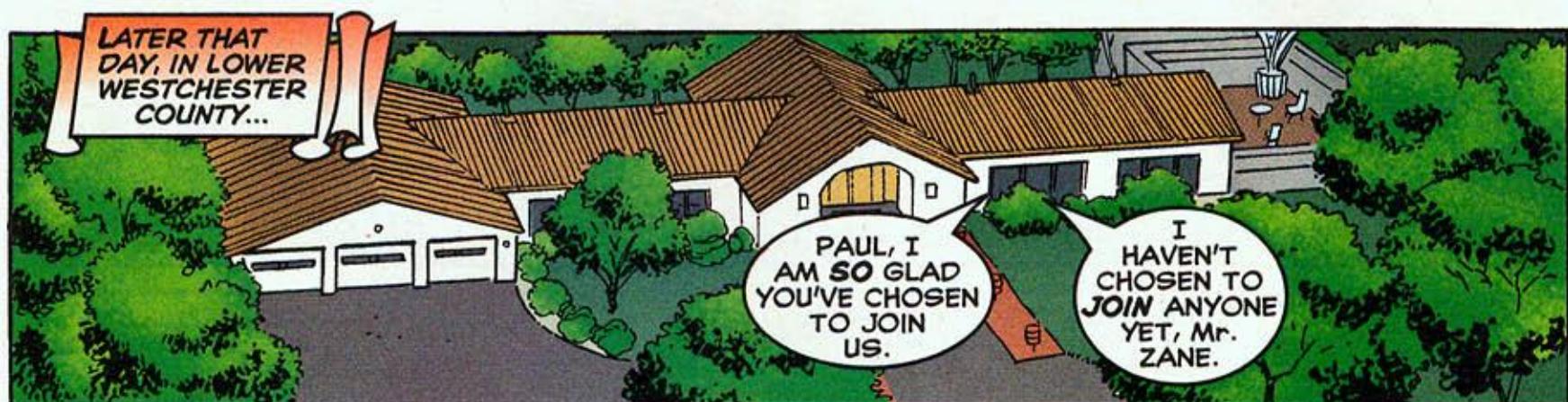
AND
WHAT IS
THAT?

A VERY SPECIFIC AREA
OF METALLURGICAL
PROPERTIES.

BUT
LET'S NOT
TALK SHOP. TELL
ME ABOUT THE
CAMPUS.







I WANT YOU TO LOOK
AT THIS GARDEN,
PAUL.

YOU CAN SEE THAT
IT IS OBVIOUSLY WELL
LANDSCAPED AND
TENDED TO.

WHAT
YOU SEE ALL
AROUND US ARE
THE MOST PURE BREED
OF PLANTS AND
FLOWERS IN
EXISTENCE.

THEY
HAVE BEEN
HANDED DOWN
THROUGH THE CENTURIES
BY GARDEN AFICIONADOS
WHO HAVE STRIVED TO
MAINTAIN THE BREED...
TO KEEP THEM
PURE.

NOW
THERE ARE
SOME GARDENERS
WHO CHOOSE TO PLAY
GOD AND TO CREATE
HYBRIDS, NEW
STRAINS OF
PLANTS.

BUT
THAT IS
NOT FOR
ME.

HERE IS A
NATURALLY
OCCURRING
EXAMPLE. A
HYBRID.

YOU
SEE THIS
FLOWER, PAUL. IT
IS A SIMILAR BREED,
BUT A DIFFERENT COLOR.
SOME MIGHT SAY THAT IT
IS EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL
THAN THE FLOWERS
WHICH SURROUND
IT.

BUT TO ME... IT IS AN
ABERRATION... A WEED
WHICH THREATENS THE
VERY EXISTENCE
OF MY ENTIRE
GARDEN.

I
HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO --

MURDERER!

YOU FOUL-MOUTHED,
MURDEROUS
BIGOT!

YOU SPREAD YOUR
MESSAGE OF HATE WITH
NO CONSIDERATION FOR
THE LIVES THAT
YOU RUIN!

HAVE
YOU EVER
MET A MUTANT?
EVER SPOKEN TO
ONE?

MY
SISTER WAS A
MUTANT. SHE WAS
HOUNDED BY PEOPLE
LIKE YOU UNTIL
SHE COULDN'T
TAKE IT ANY
MORE!

SHE KILLED HERSELF...
AND SHE WAS ONLY
A KID.

SEE NOW YOUR
SISTER AT LEAST
KNEW ENOUGH TO
DO THE RIGHT
THING.

GENTLEMEN,
WE APPEAR
TO HAVE AN
INTRUDER.

DEAL
WITH IT.

VIOLENCE
IS A TERRIBLE
THING, PAUL.

BUT
THERE ARE
TIMES IN WHICH
IT MUST BE USED IN
ORDER TO COMBAT THE
MOST SERIOUS THREATS.
ONE'S ENEMIES MUST
KNOW YOU ARE
NOT WEAK.

HUMANITY'S
ENEMIES MUST
KNOW THAT **WE**
ARE NOT
WEAK.

I AM A
SIMPLE MAN,
PAUL.

A SIMPLE MAN
WITH A SIMPLE
MESSAGE...

FROM THE MOMENT
WE MET, PAUL, I
KNEW YOU FOR
WHAT YOU
ARE...

...SIMPLY THE **BEST**
AND **BRIGHTEST** THE
HUMAN RACE HAS
TO OFFER.

THE
FRIENDS OF
HUMANITY
NEEDS YOU
PAUL.

I
NEED YOU
TO HELP ME
AGAINST THE
COMING
THREAT.

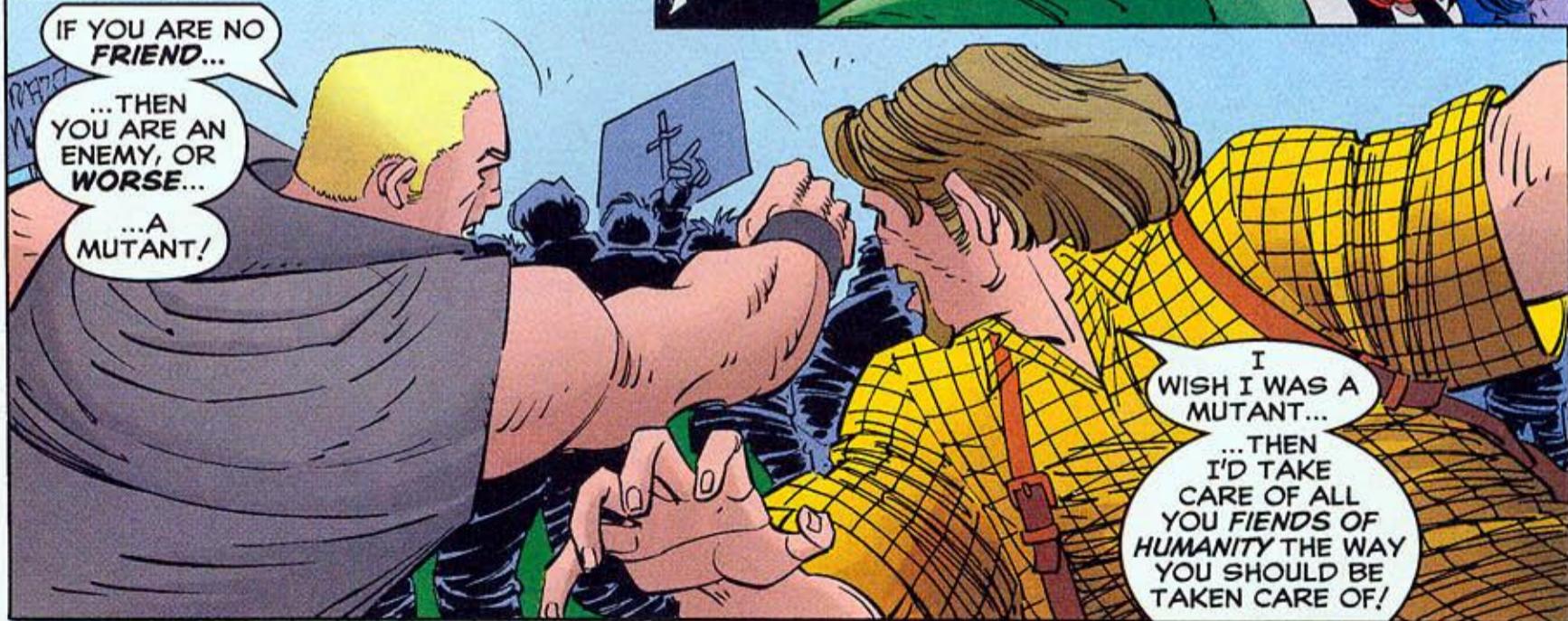
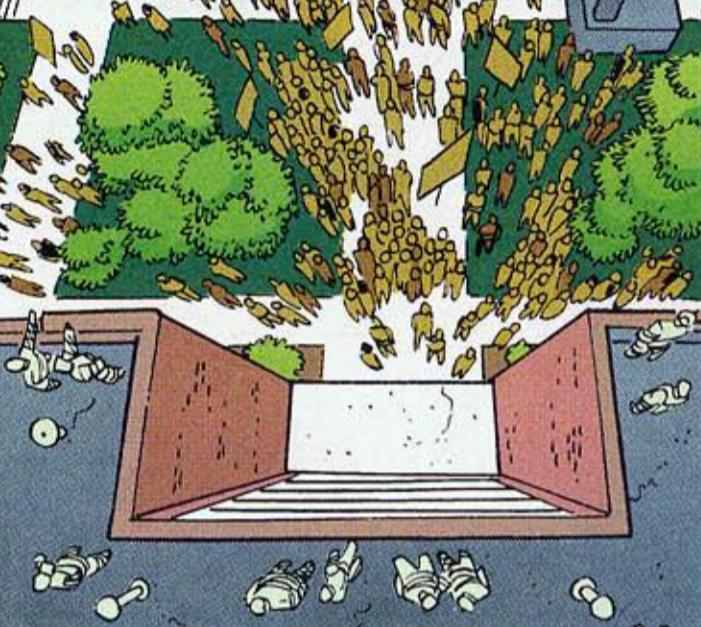
WILL
YOU JOIN
OUR CAUSE?
PLEASE?

...A MESSAGE
TO THE HUMAN RACE
REGARDING THEIR OWN
PRESERVATION.

THE ANTI-MUTANT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE ON THE E.S.U. CAMPUS...

COME, FRIEND! JOIN US IN FIGHTING THE MUTANT PLAGUE!

I'M NO FRIEND OF YOURS!



WITHIN MOMENTS OF THE FIRST LANDED PUNCH, MORE SIDES ARE DRAWN UP BETWEEN THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF HUMANITY AND THOSE WHO DO NOT.

SOON AFTER, THE DEMONSTRATION TURNS INTO A...



...RIOT!



THWIP

THWIP

THWIP



HELLO?
THIS IS
STUPID!

THE
SIXTIES ARE ALL CALM
OVER!

LET'S
CALM
DOWN!

YOU
REALLY DON'T
WANT ME TO HAVE
TO KEEP SPEWING
WEBBING.

IT
STAINS LIKE
YOU WOULDN'T
BELIEVE!

SURE, A
LITTLE CLUB SODA
WILL TAKE CARE OF
IT IF YOU GET TO IT
QUICKLY ENOUGH,
BUT...

OKAY...
THE SNAPPY
BANTER IS FALLING
ON DEAF
EARS.

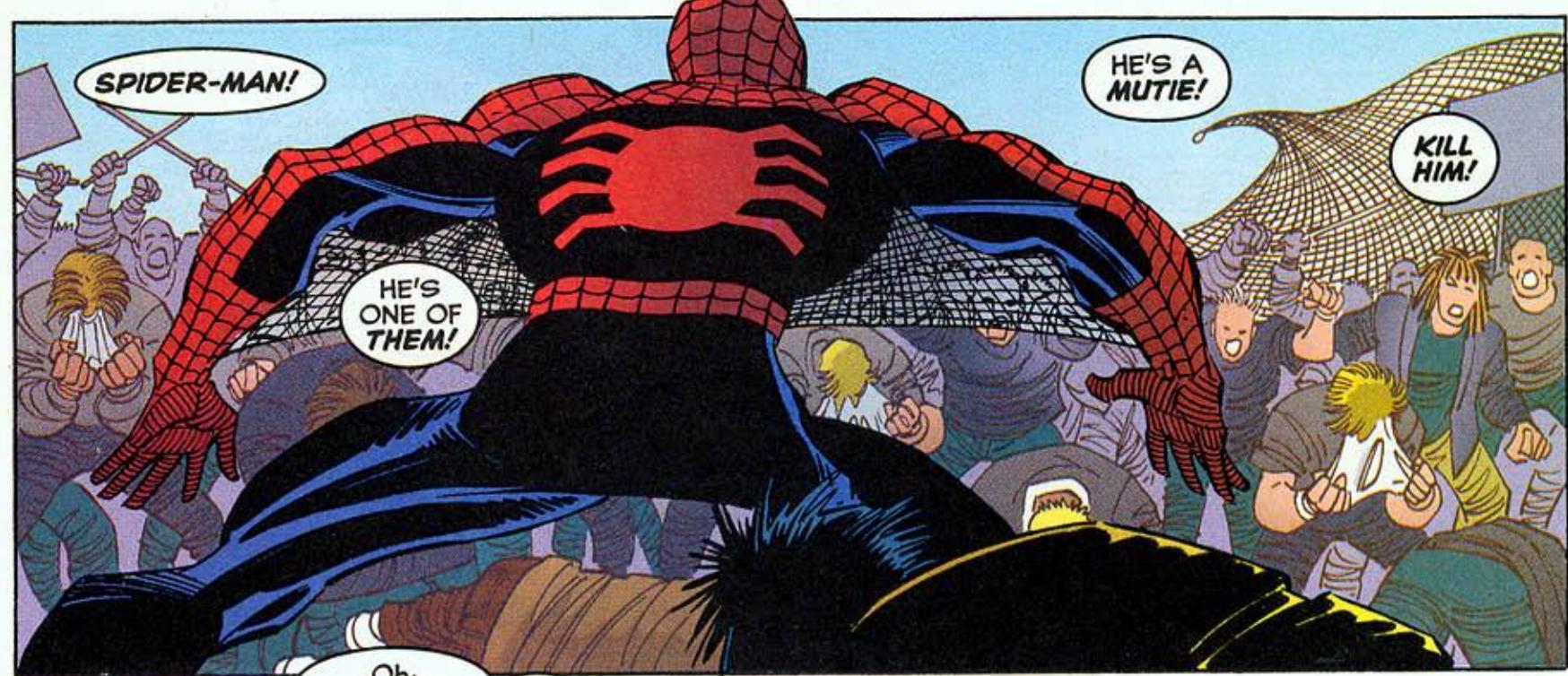
I CAN'T
HANDLE THIS BY
MYSELF!

BUT
I'VE GOT TO
TRY.

OTHERWISE,
SOMEBODY'S
GOING TO GET
KILLED HERE.







A SHORT TIME LATER,
ON THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE CAMPUS...

LOOKS
LIKE SECURITY
DISPERSED THE
RIOTERS,
MJ.

A FEW
RENT-A-COPS
DID WHAT
SPIDER-MAN
COULDN'T.

YOU'RE
BEING TOO
HARD ON
YOURSELF,
PETER.

AM I?
I'M
JUST NOT SURE
SPIDER-MAN CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN A SITUATION
LIKE THIS.

IF IT
WERE DOC OCK
ATTACKING THE
CAMPUS, I'D KNOW
WHAT TO DO, BUT
HOW DO I FIGHT
THIS UNBRIDLED
HATRED?

I
JUST DON'T
KNOW.

PETER, IS
THAT...?

YEAH.
IT'S PAUL AND IT
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT
ROBIN CORNERED...

"AND BEING
HIS NORMAL
CHARMING
SELF!"

THEY KNOW
WHO YOU ARE,
ROBIN. THEY
KNOW ALL
ABOUT
YOU.
THEY
ASKED ME
TO TALK TO
YOU.

"THEY",
PAUL?
"TALK?"

PLEASE
DON'T INSULT
MY INTELLIGENCE.
I'VE HAD TO DEAL
WITH YOU PEOPLE
ALL MY
LIFE.

FINE.
WE
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE,
ROBIN...
...AND
WE DON'T
WANT YOUR
KIND ON THIS
CAMPUS.

PARKER...?

HI, GUYS!
IS THERE
A PROBLEM
HERE?

WHY DO YOU **INSIST**
ON FOLLOWING ME
AROUND?

DO YOU FASHION YOURSELF
SOME SORT OF **HERO**,
PARKER?

A **DO-**
GOODER WHO
CAN SAVE THE
WORLD?

BUT
YOU CAN'T,
CAN YOU... PETER?
YOU CAN'T EVEN
SAVE YOUR-
SELF.

HI, I'M MARY JANE...
PETER'S WIFE. ARE
YOU OKAY?

I'LL
BE FINE.
THANKS.

STAY AWAY FROM ME,
"HERO" ...IF YOU KNOW
WHAT'S GOOD FOR
YOU.

YOU
HEARD WHAT I
HAD TO SAY, ROBIN.
I SUGGEST YOU
THINK ABOUT
IT.

WHAT WAS HE
TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT DID HE
SAY?

IT'S
NOTHING,
PETER. NOTHING
YOU CAN HELP
WITH.

MAYBE... IF YOU
WANTED SOMEONE
TO TALK TO... YOU
AND I COULD GO
FOR SOME --

NO! THANK YOU,
BUT I'VE GOT
TO GO!

PLEASE!
JUST STAY
AWAY FROM
ME.

IT'LL BE
THE BEST
FOR US
ALL.

SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT HERE,
PETER.

YOU'VE GOT
TO TALK TO
HER.

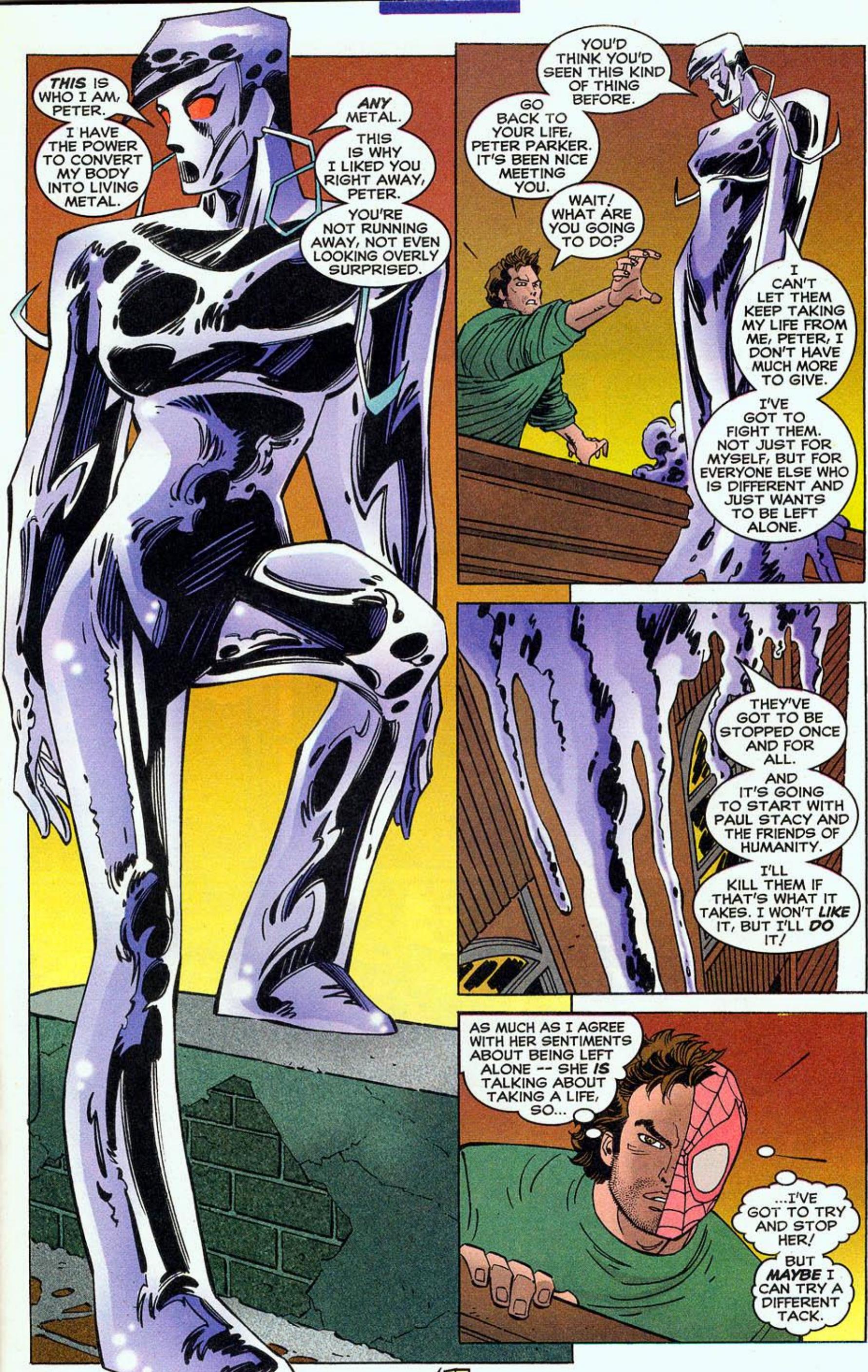
I'LL
TALK TO
HER.
I
JUST DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I'M GOING
TO SAY.

A FEW MINUTES
LATER, ON THE
ROOF OF THE
E.S.U. SCIENCE
BUILDING...

ROBIN?

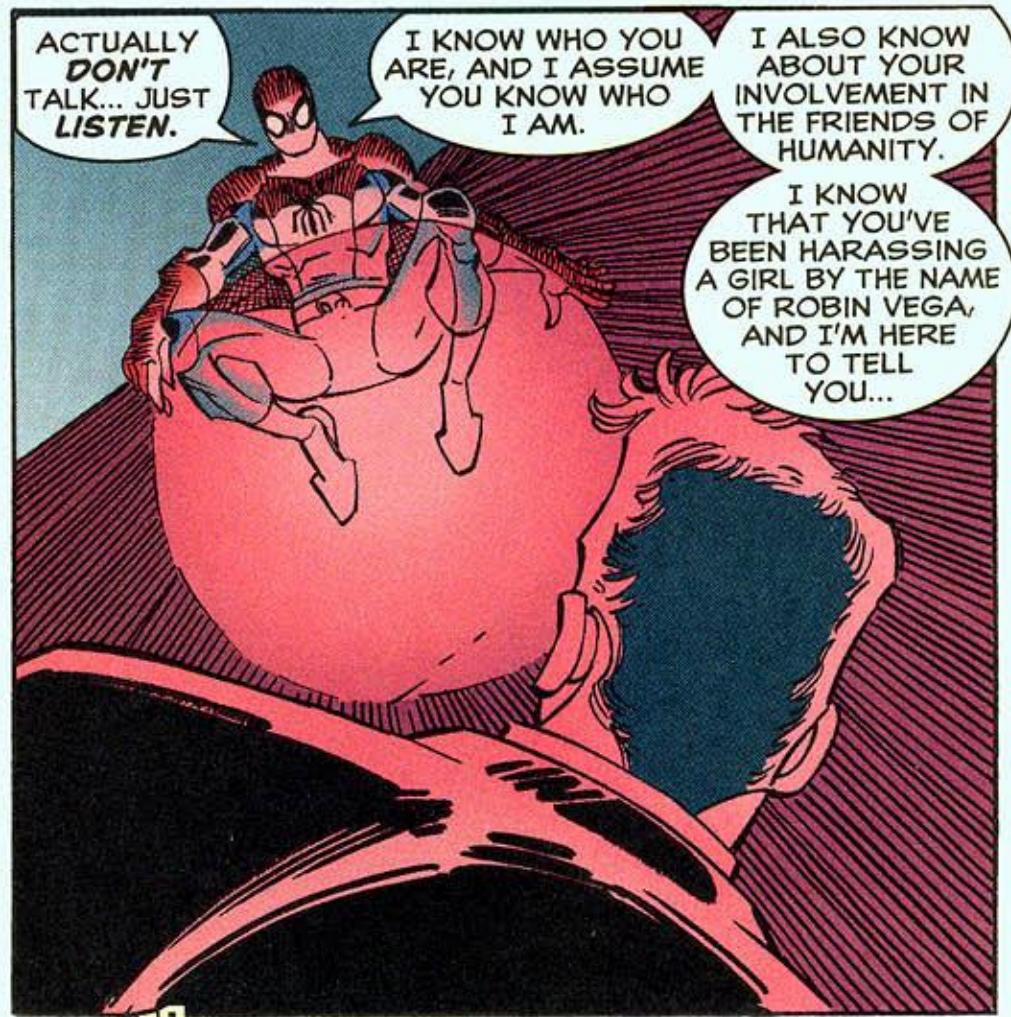
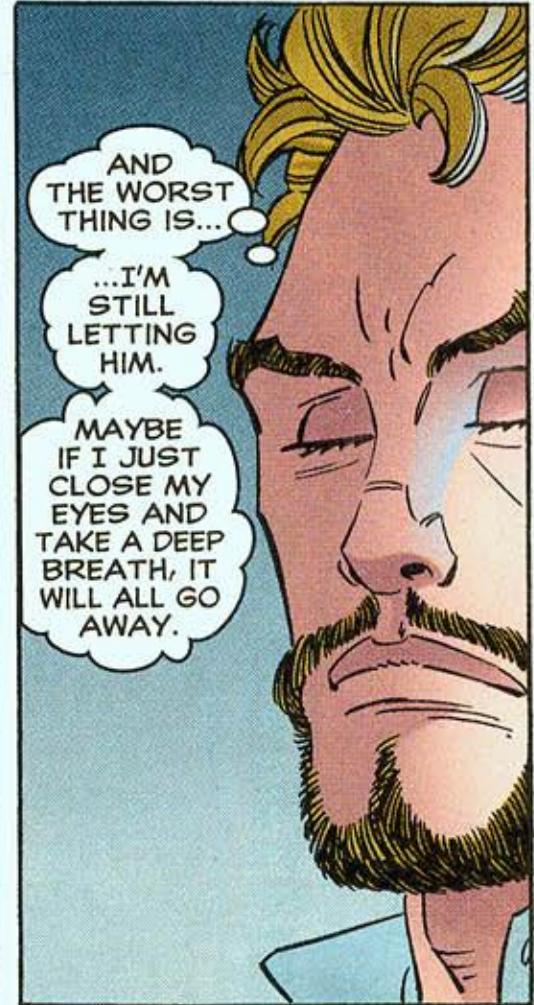
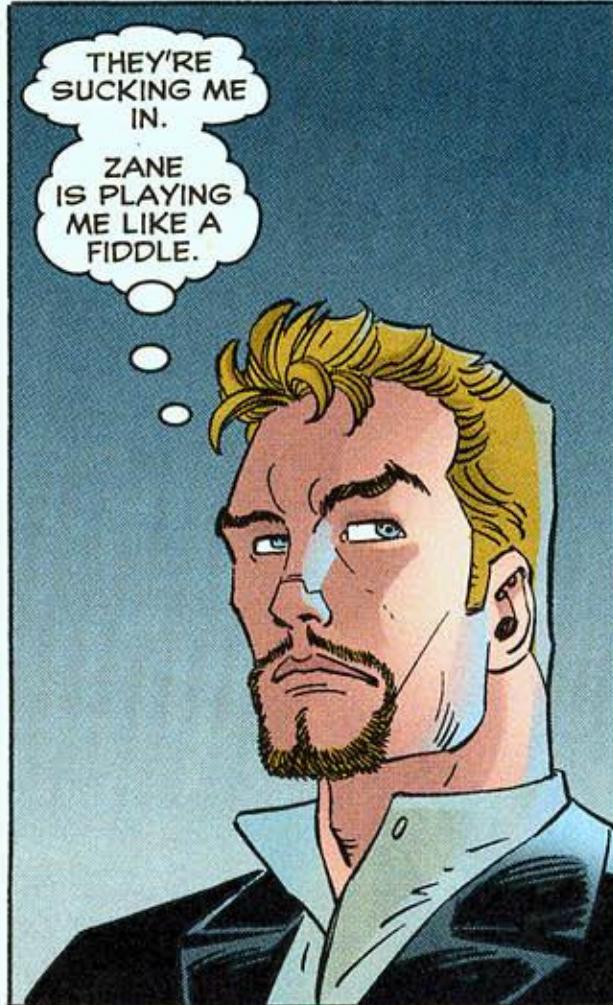
SOMEONE
SAID THEY
THOUGHT THEY
SAW YOU COME
UP HERE --

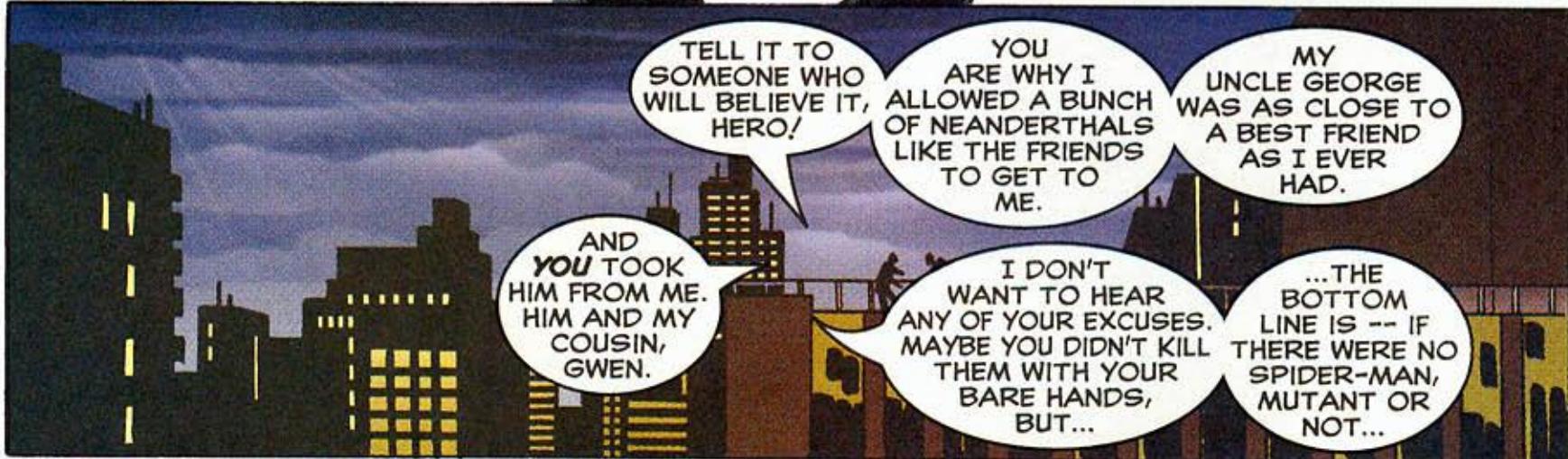




A SHORT TIME LATER,
ATOP A BUILDING LOCATED IN MIDTOWN
MANHATTAN...

WHAT AM
I DOING?











CAN'T
MOVE FROM
THIS WALL!
MUST KEEP
CLINGING!

BUT
HOW LONG
BEFORE I
JUST -- FALL
OFF?

RETURN TO US IN 30 DAYS FOR...
VERTIGO