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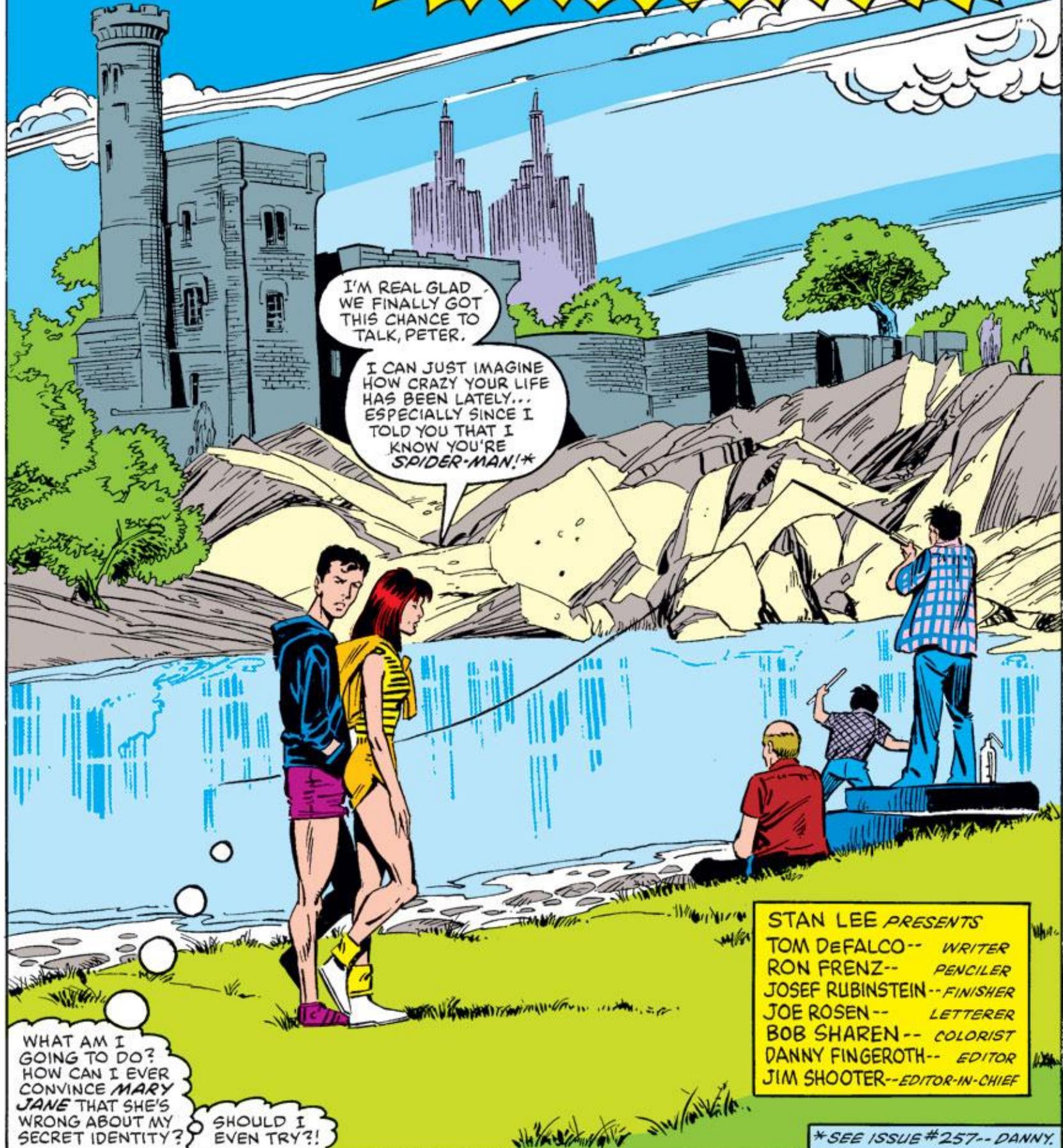
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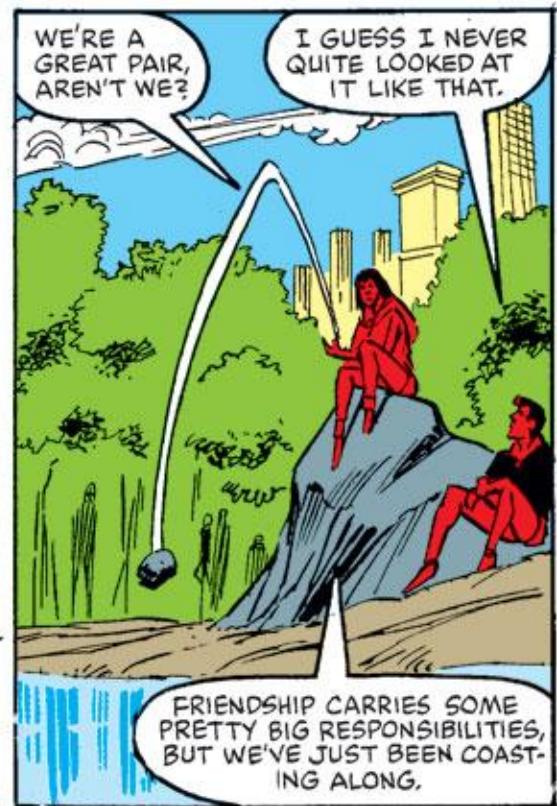
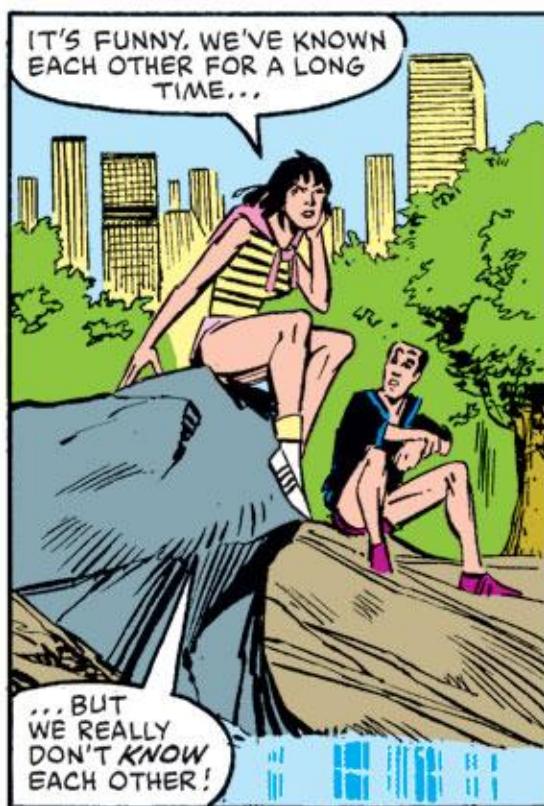




ALL MY PASTS REMEMBERED!



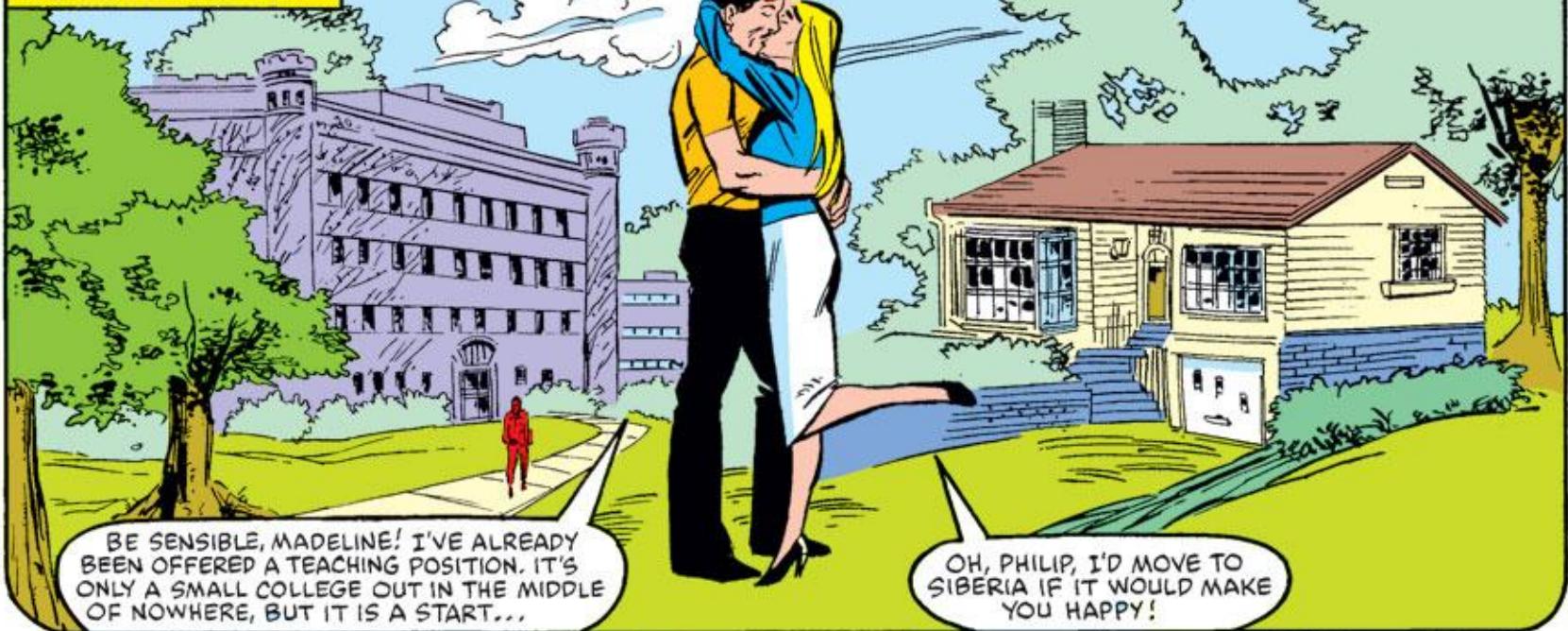
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"THEY MET IN COLLEGE. MOM WAS A DRAMA STUDENT, AND DAD MAJORED IN MODERN AMERICAN LITERATURE."

"OH, THEY WERE SO IN LOVE IN THOSE DAYS! THEY JUST COULDN'T WAIT TO GET MARRIED."

"AFTER GRADUATION, MOM WANTED TO MOVE TO NEW YORK CITY, TO TRY HER HAND AT ACTING, BUT DAD HAD OTHER IDEAS..."



"BE SENSIBLE, MADELINE! I'VE ALREADY BEEN OFFERED A TEACHING POSITION. IT'S ONLY A SMALL COLLEGE OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, BUT IT IS A START..."

"OH, PHILIP, I'D MOVE TO SIBERIA IF IT WOULD MAKE YOU HAPPY!"



"I WAS BORN FOUR YEARS LATER."



"MOM DEVOTED HER LIFE TO US KIDS"



"MY PARENTS MUST HAVE LOOKED LIKE THEY HAD IT ALL... BUT DAD WASN'T SATISFIED. HE WANTED TO WRITE! TO PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT HE HAD THE SKILL AND TALENT TO BE ANOTHER FITZGERALD, A FAULKNER--!"



"HE DIDN'T!"

"NO! NO! IT ISN'T COMING OUT RIGHT!"
IT'S TRASH!
EVERYTHING I WRITE IS TRASH!"

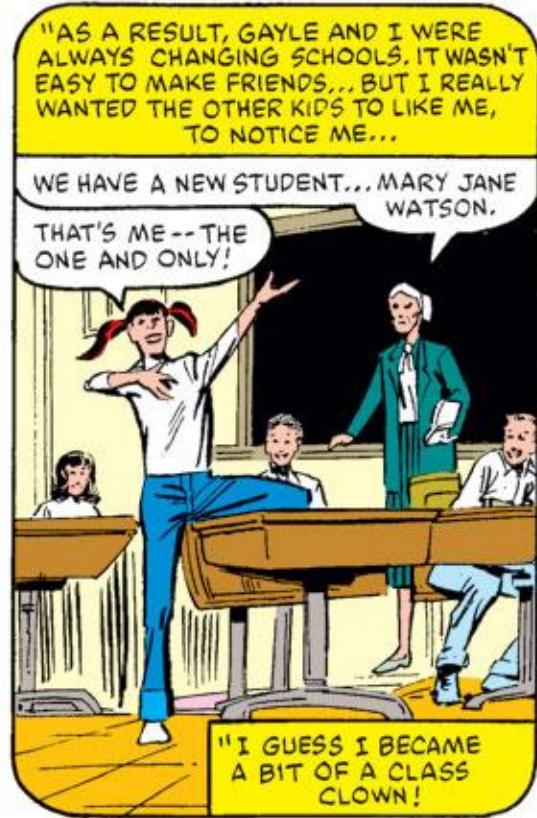


CAN'T YOU KEEP THOSE KIDS QUIET?
MADELINE, IT'S YOUR FAULT I CAN'T CONCENTRATE!

HUSH, GIRLS! YOUR FATHER IS TRYING TO WORK!

BUT WE WEREN'T DOING ANYTHING, MOMMA!

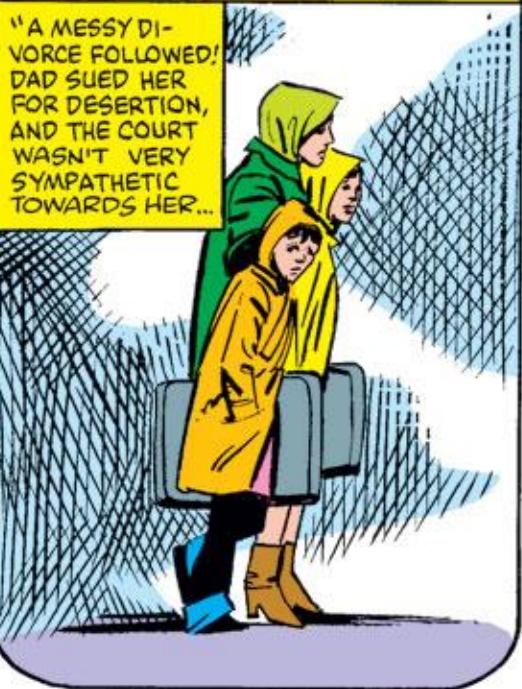
I KNOW,
SWEETHEART!



"MOM FINALLY GAVE UP ON HER MARRIAGE A FEW WEEKS LATER, WHILE MY FATHER WAS BEING HONORED BY HIS COLLEGE..."



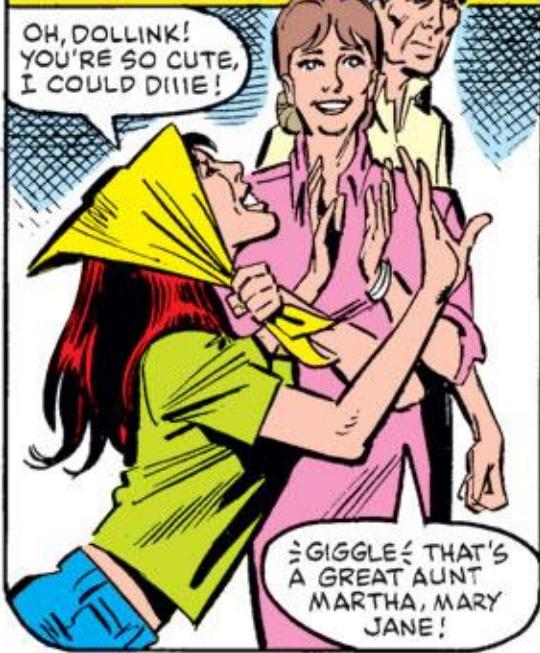
"WE SLIPPED OUT OF THE HOUSE WHILE HE WAS STILL AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY. I GUESS MOM JUST COULDN'T FACE HIM ANYMORE..."



"WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH MONEY, SO WE WERE FORCED TO TURN TO FAMILY FOR HELP..."



"IT WASN'T EASY ON US, BEING SHUFFLED FROM ONE SET OF RELATIVES TO ANOTHER, BUT I TRIED TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF IT..."

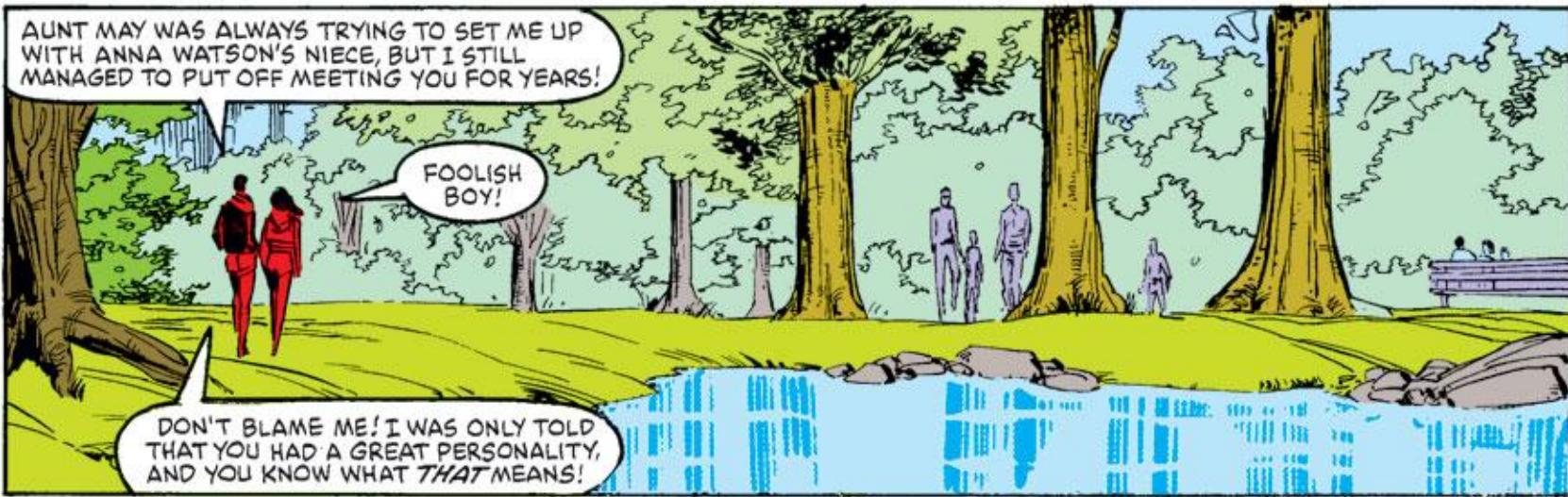


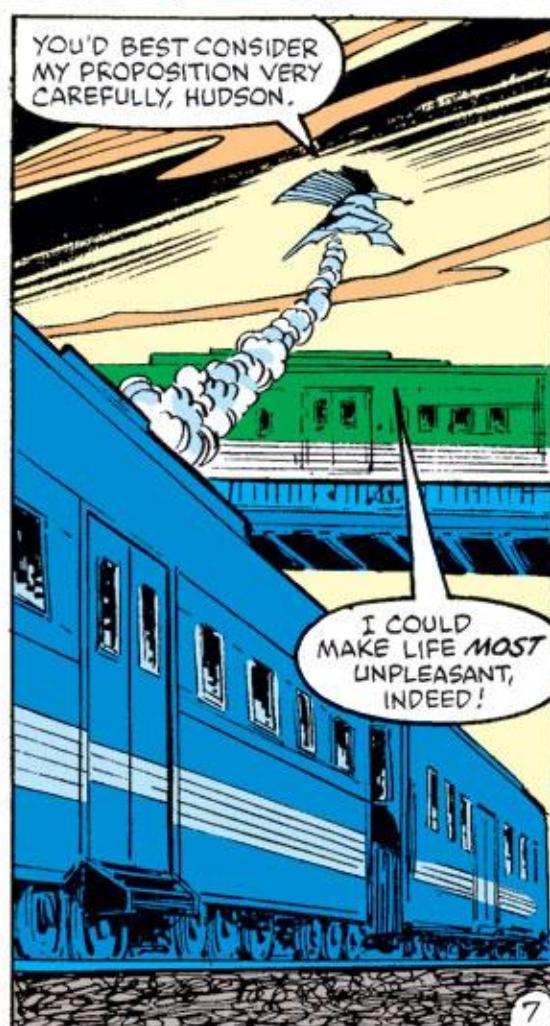
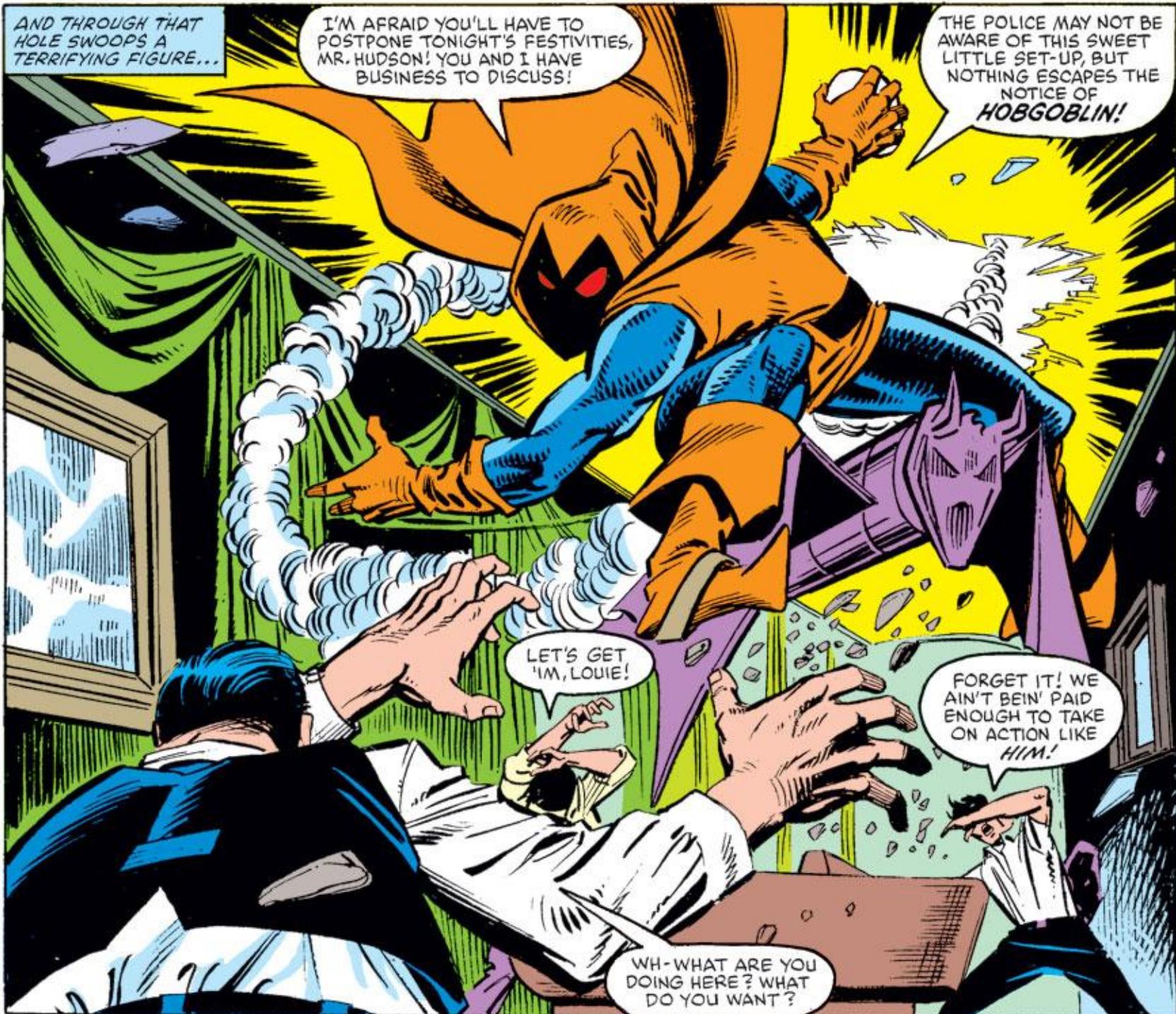
"IT'S FUNNY, BUT THERE WAS ONLY ONE RELATIVE THAT I ENJOYED VISITING, MY FATHER'S SISTER... AUNT ANNA! SHE ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL SO AT HOME--!"

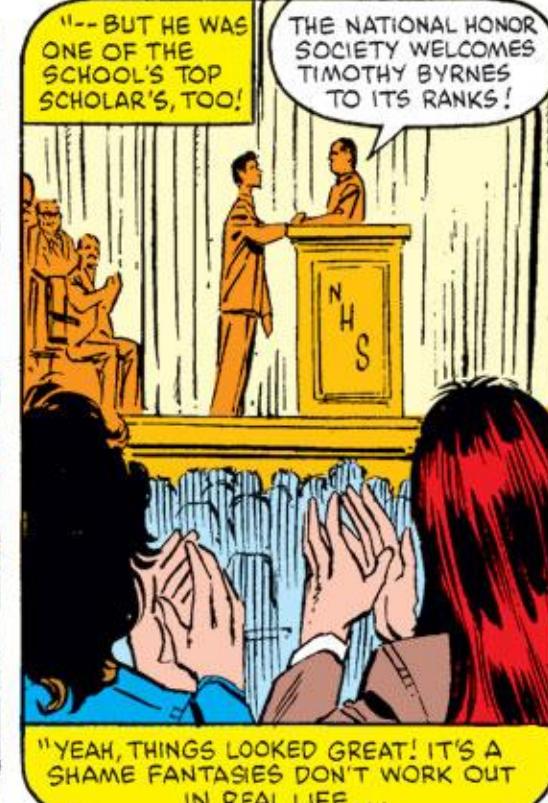
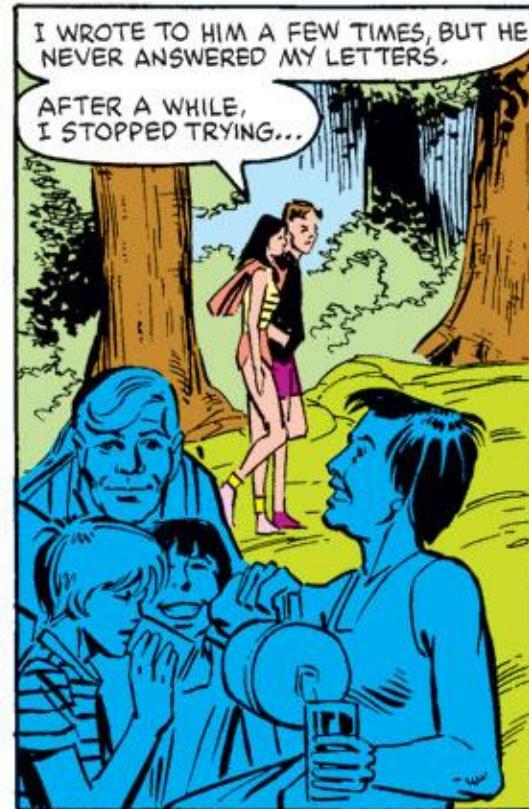
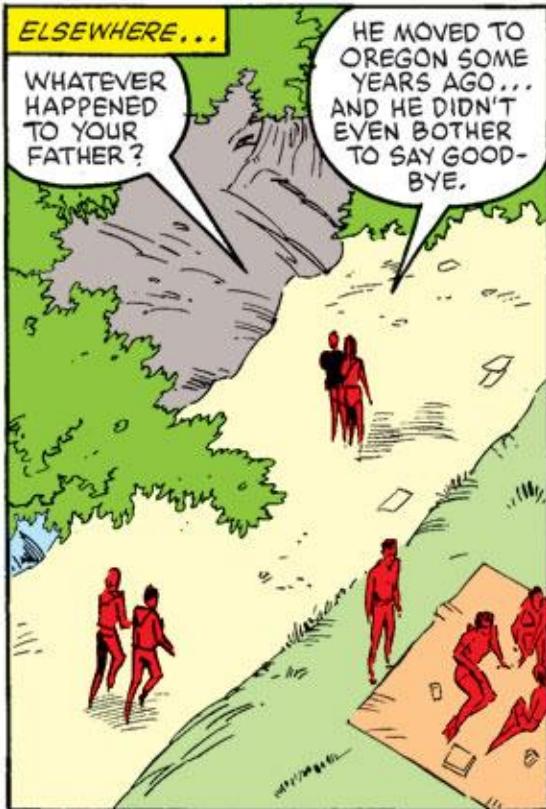


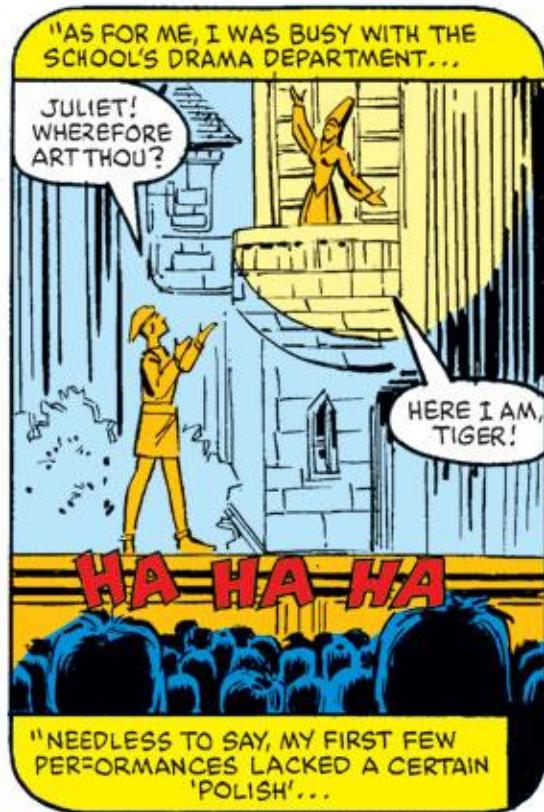
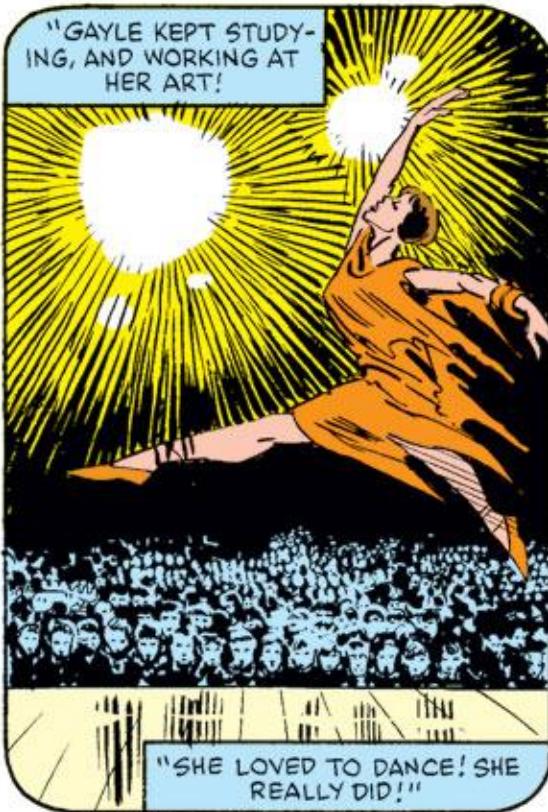
"I MUST HAVE BEEN AROUND THIRTEEN WHEN I FIRST LAID EYES ON YOU, PETER! YOU WERE JUST STARTING HIGH SCHOOL, AND YOU LOOKED SO SERIOUS! A REAL BOOKWORM!"



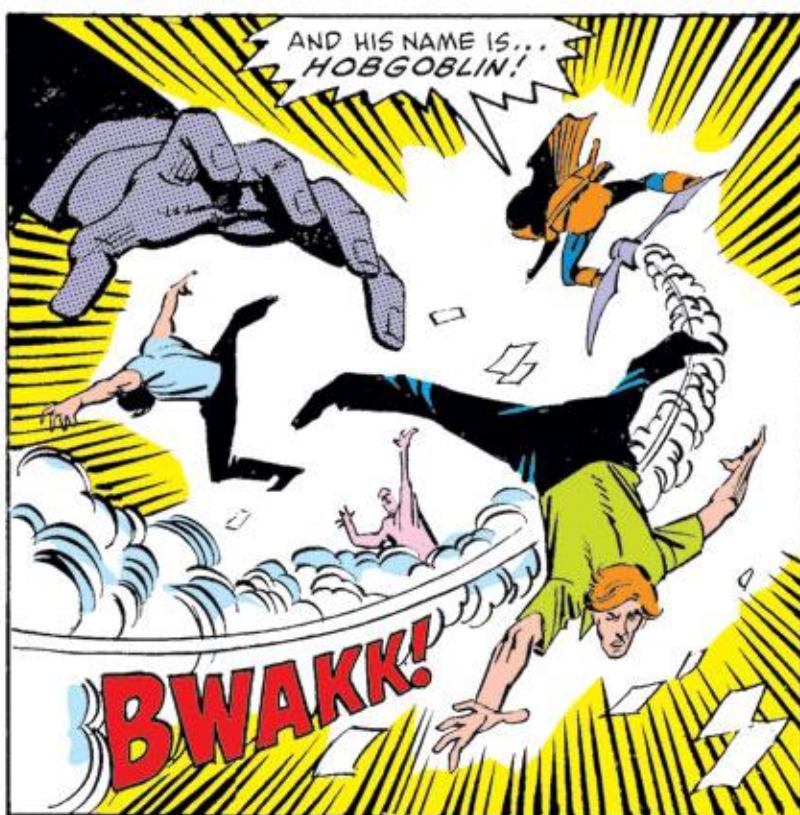
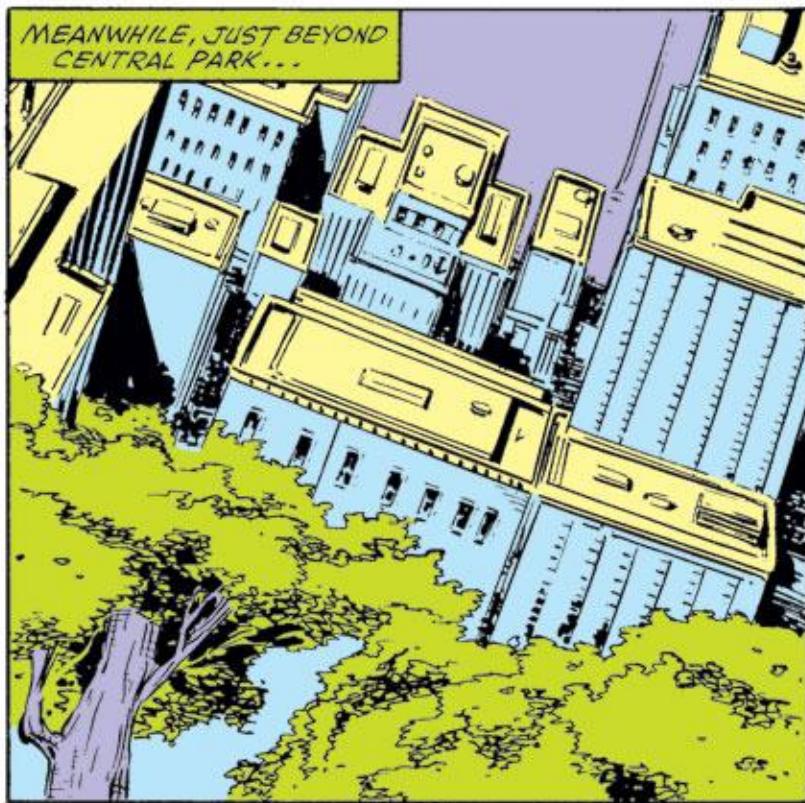




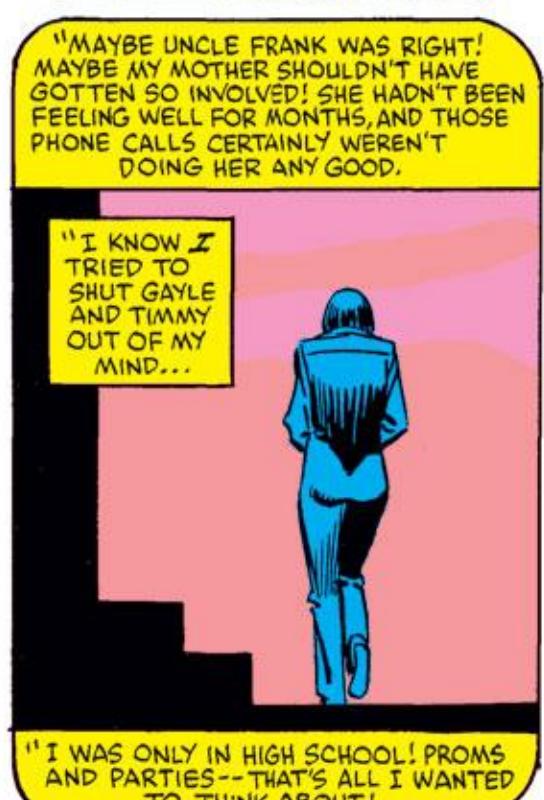












"I suppose I should have hated Timmy for what he'd done to Gayle... but I couldn't! Not when I wanted to run away, too!"



"In the months that followed, Mom's health continued to deteriorate. She grew weaker and weaker, until she had to be hospitalized..."



"To help with the bills, I dropped all my extracurricular activities--including drama club--and devoted myself to a series of after-school jobs..."



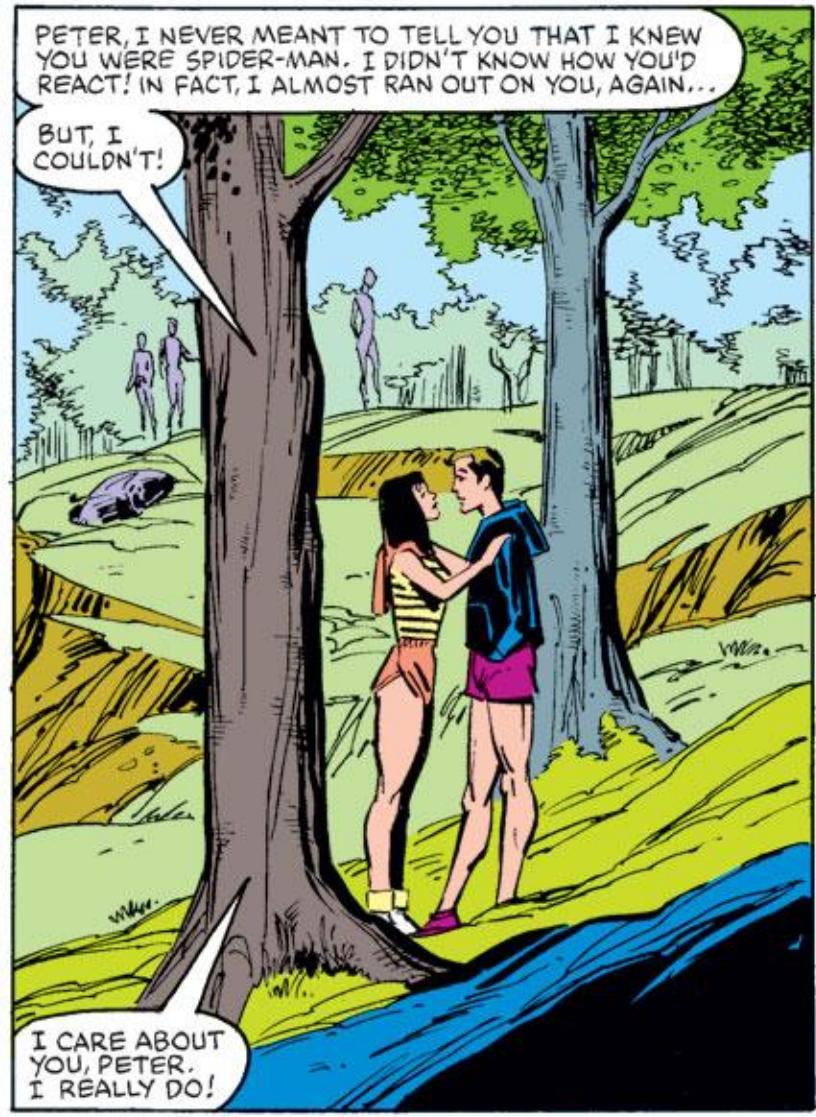
"With all her grief, my mom still had one last dream. She was determined to live long enough to see her second grandchild."



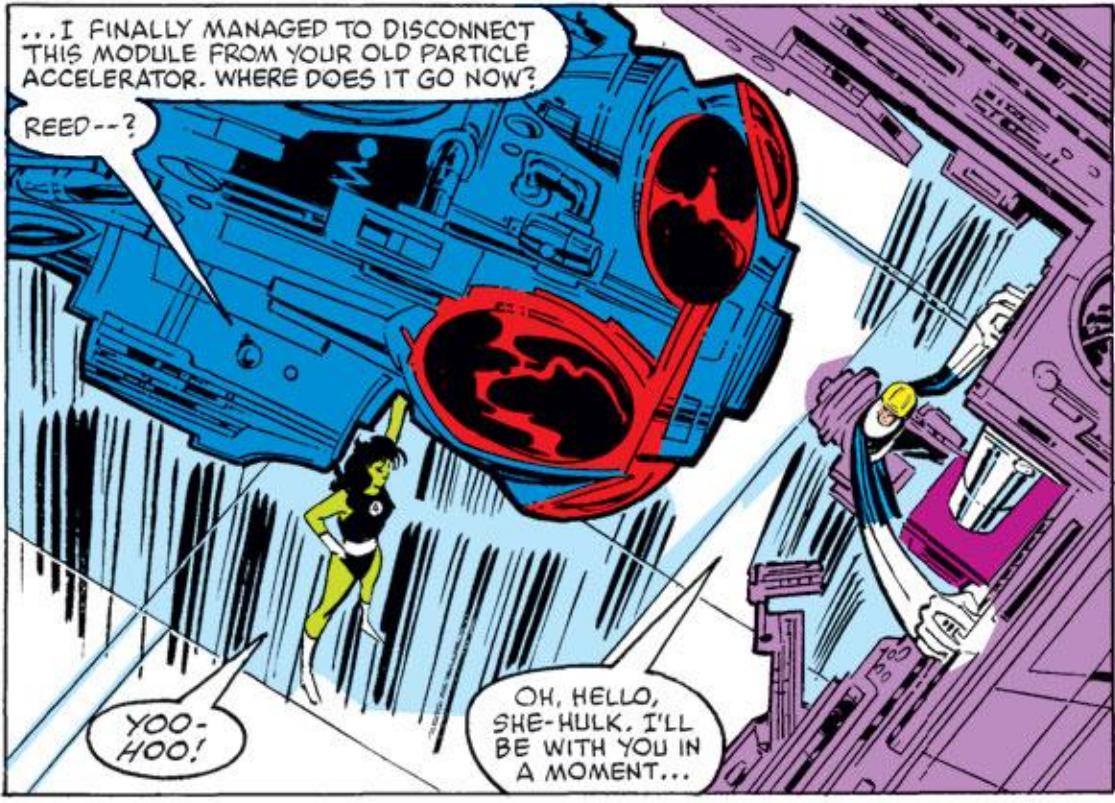
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"No!
YOUR KIDS ARE YOUR PROBLEM! I'VE GOT MY OWN LIFE TO LIVE--AND I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE IT, LIKE MOM WASTED HERS!"







JUST THEN, AT THE BAXTER BUILDING,
WORLD FAMOUS HEADQUARTERS OF
THE FANTASTIC FOUR...



*AS RELATED LAST ISSUE -- DANNY, AGAIN!

