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# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

...AND STAY OUT!

## THE BEDFORD TOWERS

PETER AND  
MARY JANE  
**EVICTED!**

--JUST IN TIME  
FOR CHRISTMAS!



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LET ME GUESS-- YOU'RE NOT A FULL-TIME LAWYER. YOU'RE JUST MOONLIGHTING FROM YOUR REGULAR JOB:

HUNTING BABY SEALS IN ALASKA!

PETER...!

HMM, THERE COULD BE A BATTERY SUIT IN THIS!

LAND SAKES, CHILDREN--

THANKS, AUNT MAY. WE'LL TAKE YOU UPON THE STORAGE SPACE. BUT AS FOR MARY JANE AND ME--

MY, THAT WAS QUICK! WHERE ARE YOU YOUNGSTERS STAYING?

--WE ALREADY HAVE A PLACE TO STAY.

WE HAVE?

LIH, BETTER LET PETER TELL YOU, AUNT MAY, I THINK--

LET IT GO, HON. WE HAVE OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.

LIKE FINDING A PLACE FOR OUR FURNITURE-- AND OURSELVES!

--THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM IN MY ATTIC FOR FURNITURE! AND I'VE NEVER RENTED PETER'S OLD ROOM TO MY BOARDERS! WHY NOT STAY WITH ME?

--IT'S A SURPRISE!

SNOW FLOWS EASTWARD, BLANKETING QUEENS...

...SLICKING THE SIDE-WALKS AROUND THE J.C. HERDING DEPARTMENT STORE, AND DAMPENING THE SPIRITS OF THAT STORE'S MANAGER...

-- HOWELL THURSTON III

PEOPLE WHO DESIGN CALENDARS SHOULD BE FLOGGED!

YES, MR. THURSTON.

IMAGINE, SCHEDULING CHRISTMAS EVE, OUR BUSIEST DAY, ON A SATURDAY! BANKS ARE CLOSED! I'VE HAD TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT SECURITY FIRM TO TRANSFER RECEIPTS TO A PRIVATE VAULT IN MANHATTAN! AND THAT COSTS MONEY!

YES, SIR!

AT LEAST I CAN COUNT ON YOU, CLARK. WHAT IS THIS, THE 19TH CHRISTMAS YOU'VE WORKED?

TWENTY-THIRD, SIR. BUT I DON'T MIND--EVEN WITHOUT OVERTIME PAY.

IN FACT, I THINK I'M GOING TO FIND THIS HOLIDAY ESPECIALLY--

--REWARDING!

HOURS PASS;  
ARRANGEMENTS  
ARE MADE.

A HAULING COMPANY AGREES TO REMOVE THE PARKERS' BELONGINGS FOR ONLY TWICE THE NORMAL HOLIDAY RATE.

AH, MANHATTAN...

YOU'RE SURE  
YOU'LL BE HOME  
IN TIME FOR  
DINNER?

DON'T  
WORRY,  
MAY.

BUT MY BOARDERS  
ARE ALL OFF VISITING  
RELATIVES! YOUR COUSIN  
KRISTY AND I ARE  
DEPENDING ON YOU  
AND PETER FOR COM-  
PANY!

WE'LL BE  
THERE, JUST  
DON'T START  
TRIMMING  
THE TREE  
WITHOUT  
US!

SIGN  
HERE, BUB.

TELL SOMEONE  
WHO CARES

NO TIP? SOME  
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

I'LL CHECK WITH  
THAT LAWYER MY  
MODELING AGENCY  
SUGGESTED, SEE IF  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
WE CAN DO.

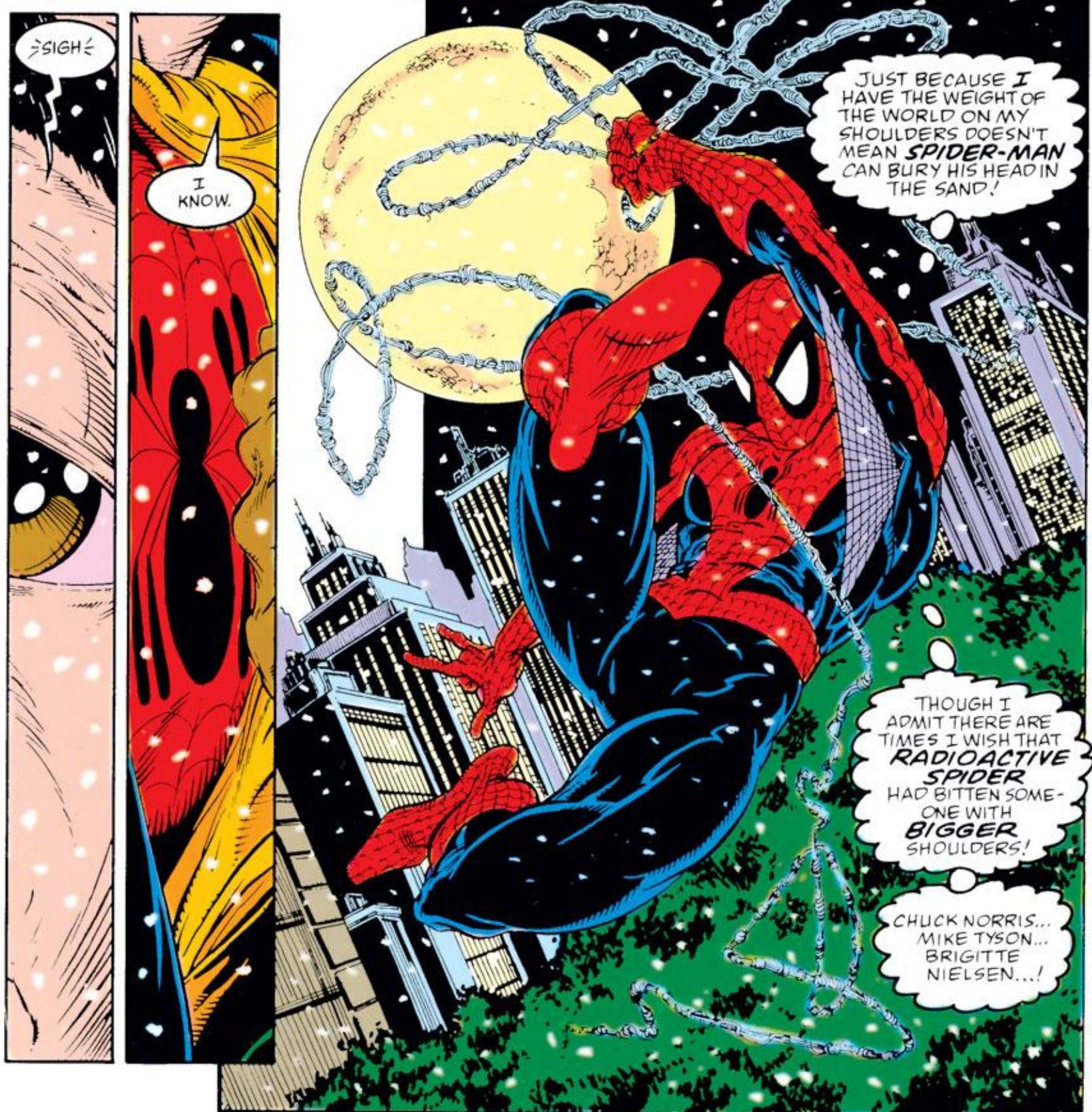
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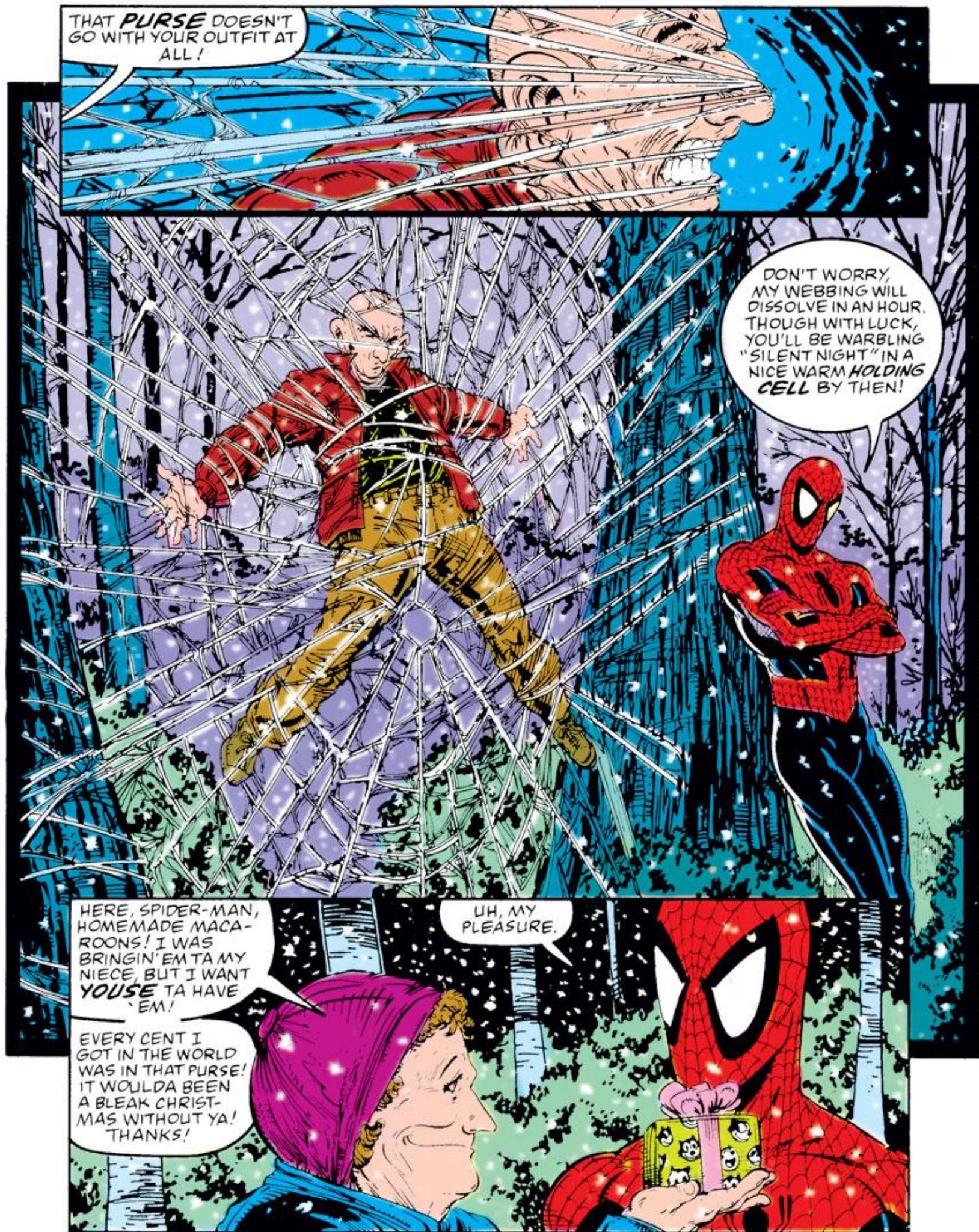
SILENCE AS THEY WALK, THE  
QUESTION HANGING BETWEEN  
THEM LIKE A GHOST.

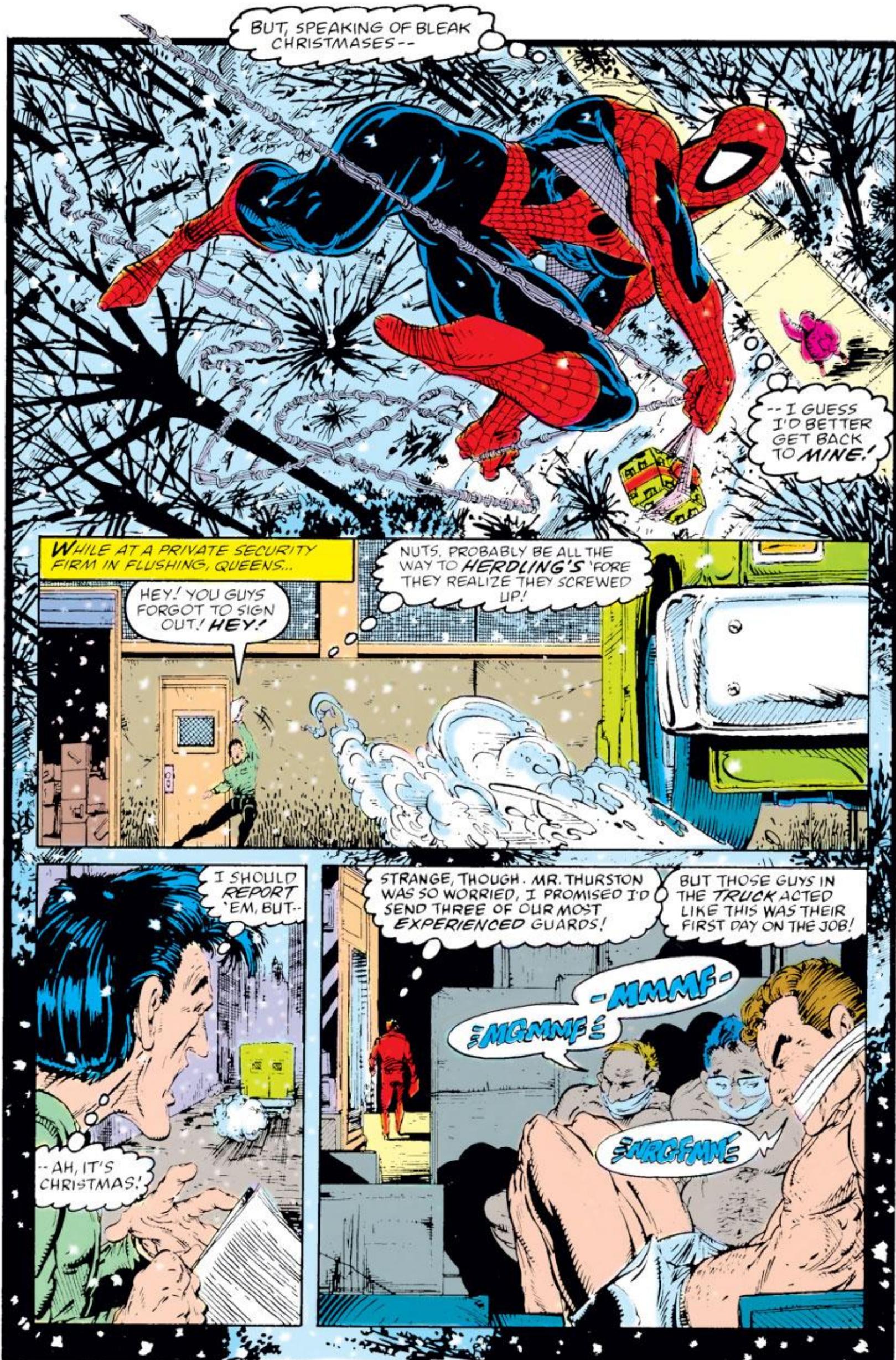
UNTIL...

ALL RIGHT,  
I GIVE UP.  
WHERE  
ARE WE  
STAYING?









MANHATTAN. THE OFFICES OF DAILY BUGLE PUBLISHER, J. JONAH JAMESON...



CHECK WITH KATE CUSHING, PARKER. SHE DOLES OUT PHOTO ASSIGNMENTS THESE DAYS.

SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING, JONAH. NOBODY DOES. I WAS HOPING YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME ADVICE.



BUY LOW; SELL HIGH.



NOW FORGET BUSINESS ALREADY! THERE'S A CHRISTMAS PARTY GOING ON! FOOD, DRINK MUSIC! ENJOY!



AFTER ALL--

--IT'S DEDUCTIBLE!

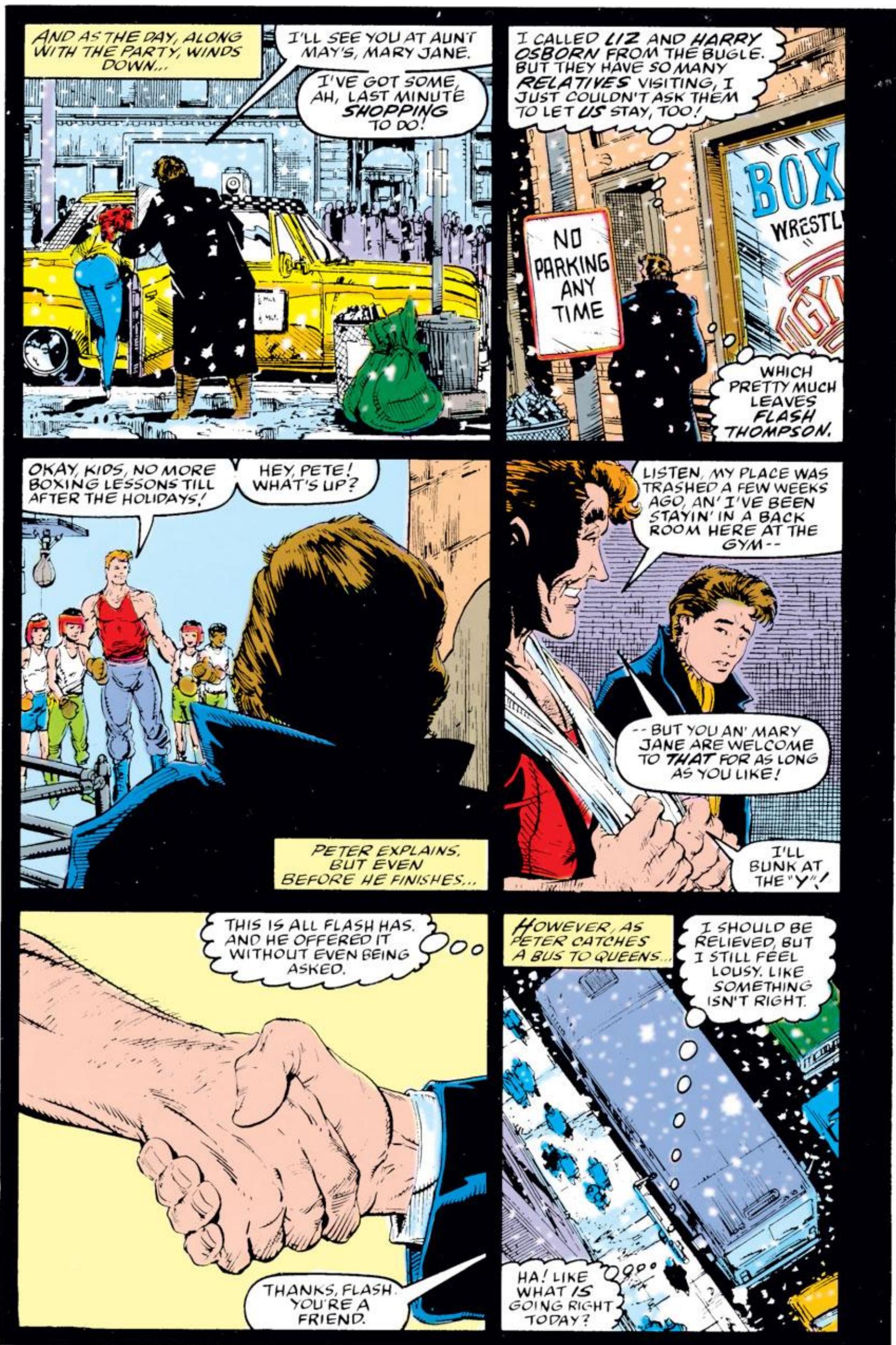


GEE. THANKS.

PETER!







NOT MUCH!

H  
E

ODD, I WAS TOLD  
DON SWAGGERT  
WOULD BE IN  
CHARGE.

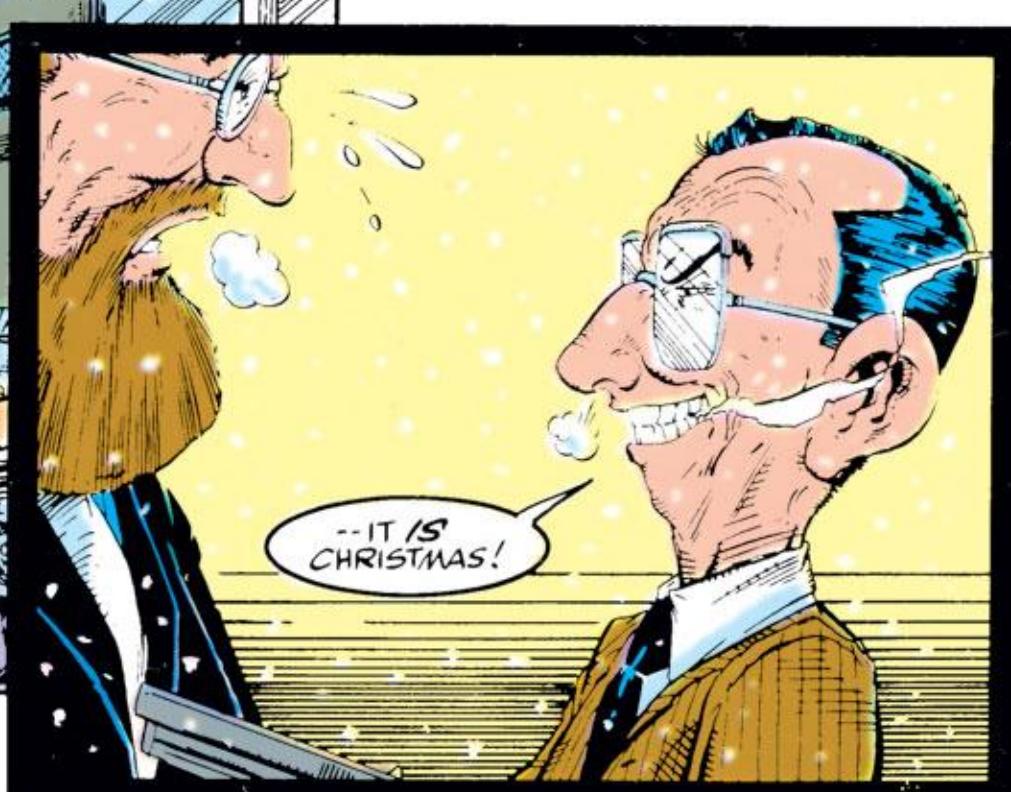
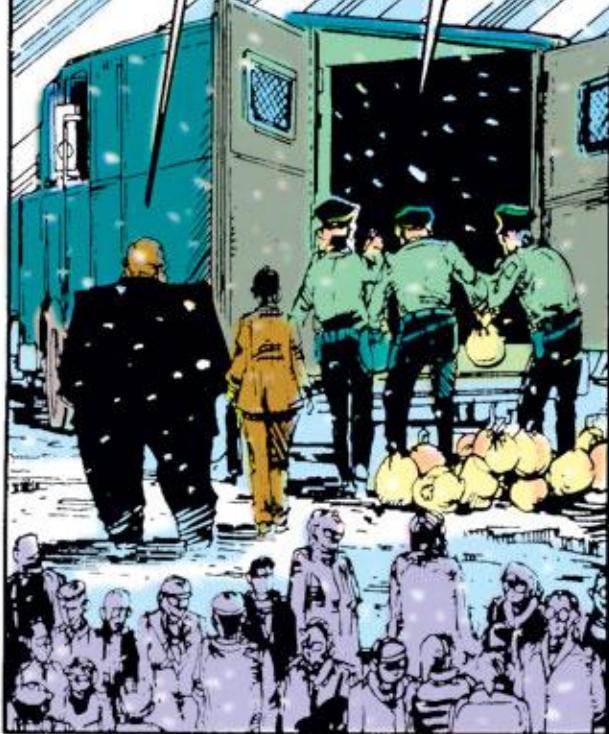
UH, DON HAD THE  
DAY OFF TO SPEND  
WITH HIS FAMILY,  
SIR. HOLIDAYS  
SURE ARE ROUGH  
ON US BACHELORS,  
EH? HEHE

SOMETHING'S WRONG,  
CLARK! I'VE KNOWN  
SWAGGERT FOR YEARS--  
HE'S NEVER BEEN  
MARRIED! YOU'D BETTER  
CALL THE POLICE!

OH, WHY  
SPOIL THINGS,  
MR. THURSTON?  
AFTER ALL--

POINK

--IT IS  
CHRISTMAS!



TENTATIVE SNOW BEGINS ANEW.  
WHILE IN A CEMETERY SOME BLOCKS  
AWAY, PETER PARKER MAKES HIS  
FINAL STOP OF THE AFTERNOON.

UNCLE  
BEN.

I'VE NEVER MISSED YOU  
MORE; NEVER NEEDED  
YOU MORE. YOU COUNSELED  
ME, GUIDED ME-- AND THE  
FACT THAT I STILL NEED  
THAT GUIDANCE SHOWS  
ME I'M NOT AS INDEPEN-  
DENT AS I THOUGHT.

YET IT'S THAT SAME  
SENSE OF SELF DETER-  
MINATION THAT KEEPS  
ME FROM MOVING BACK  
WITH AUNT MAY. I  
ALMOST FEEL LIKE I'M  
BETRAYING HER...  
AND YOU.

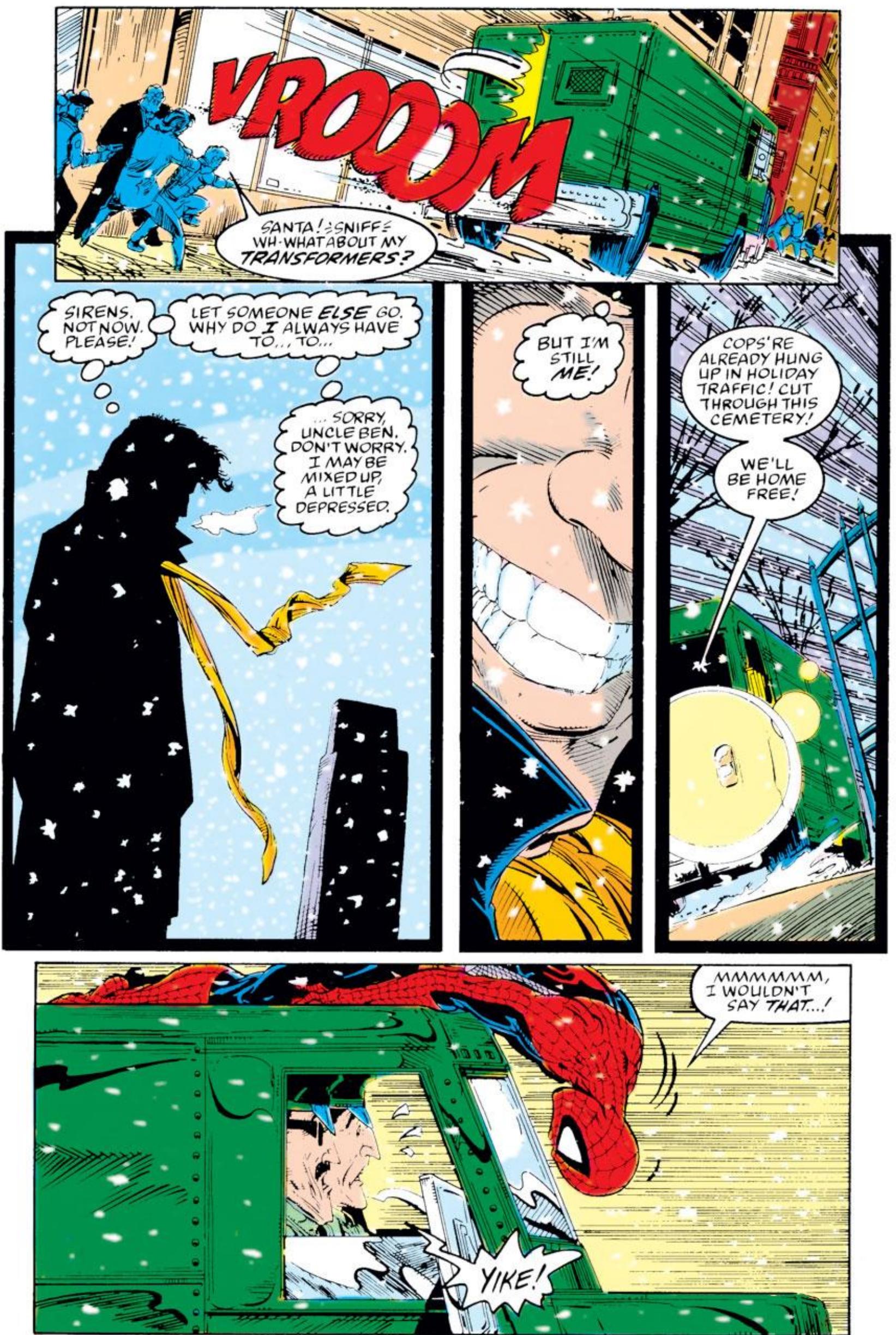
BUT IF I GIVE  
UP, MOVE BACK  
IN, I'LL BE  
BETRAYING  
MYSELF!

SIGH

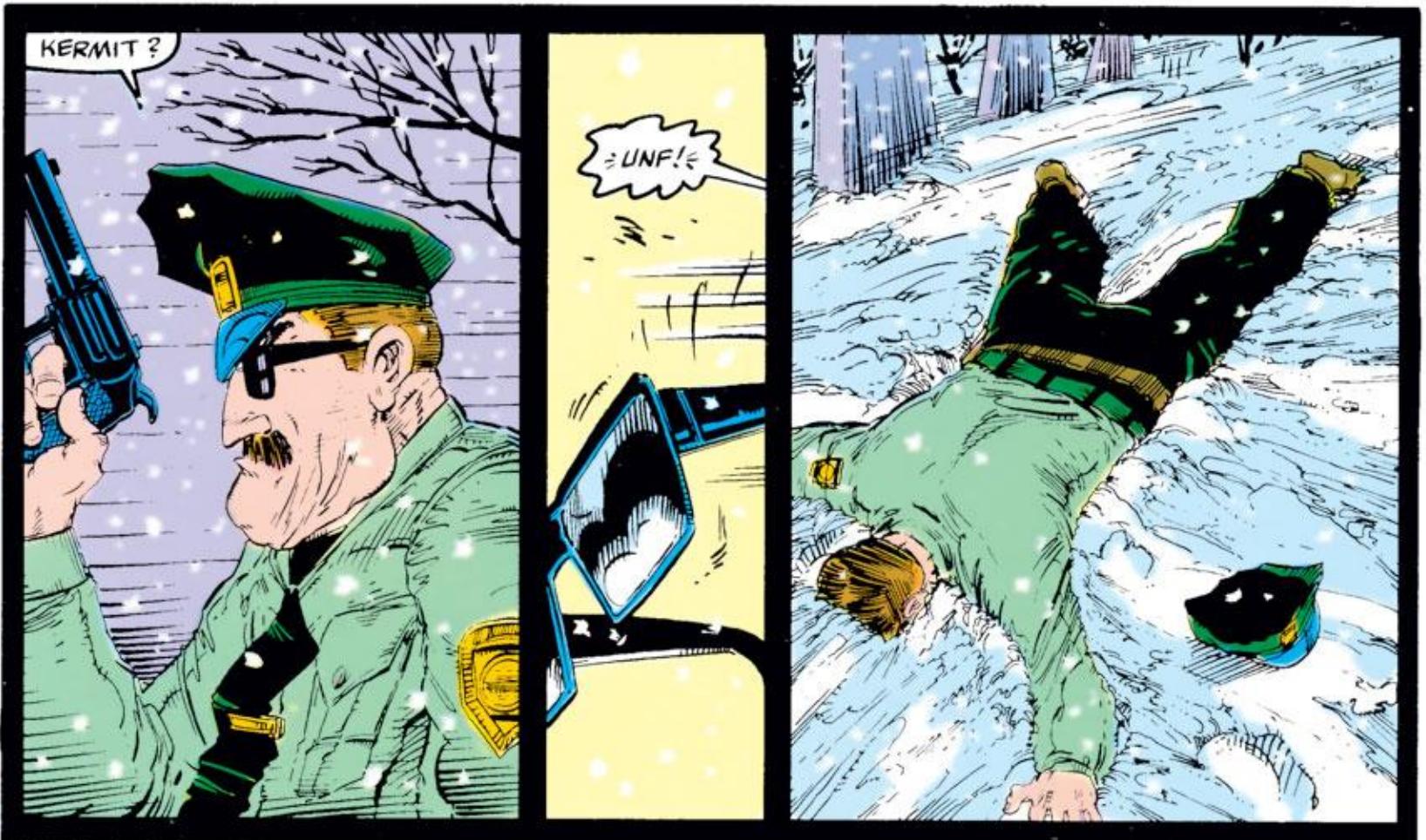
I'D GIVE A  
FORTUNE FOR  
AN EASY  
ANSWER.

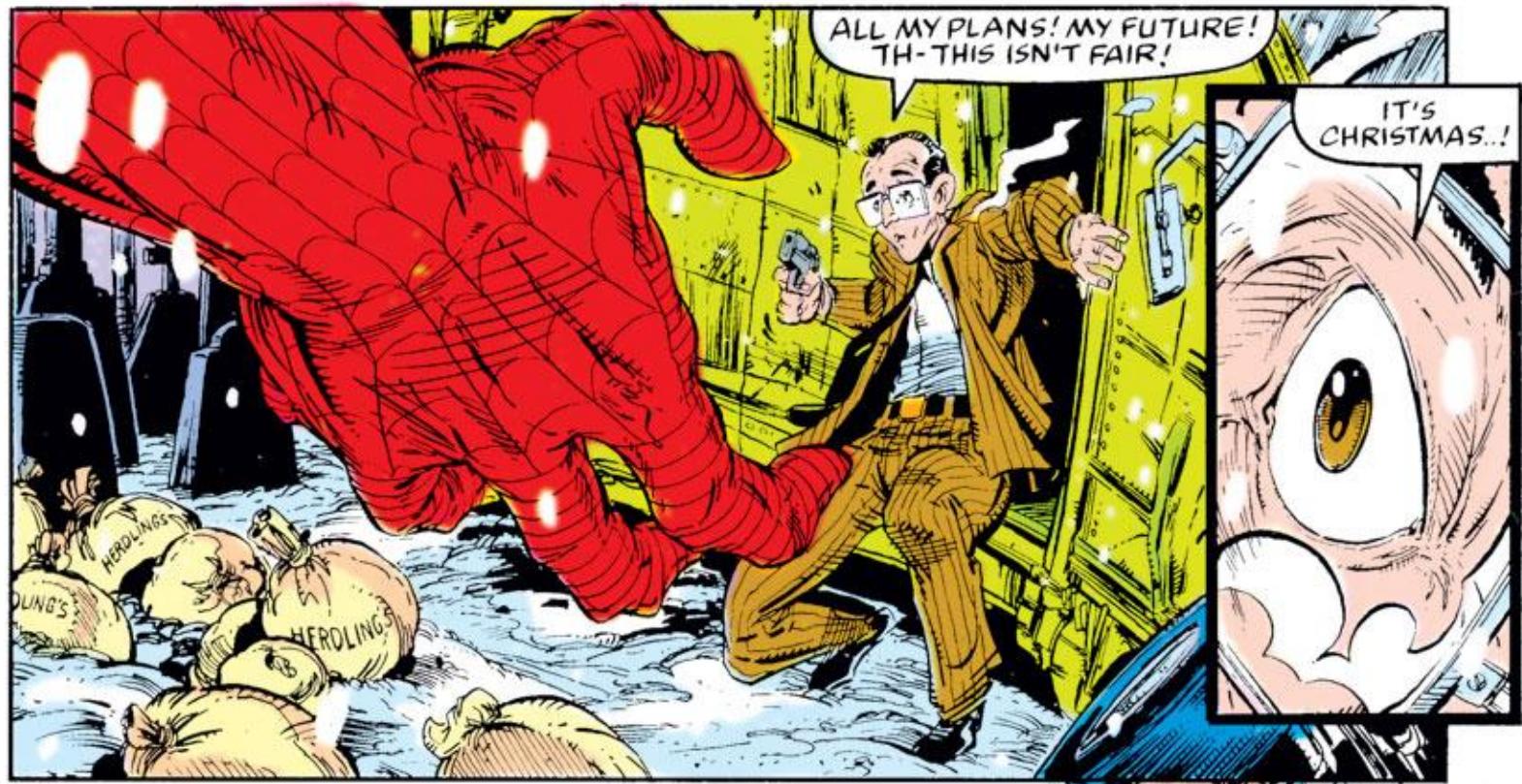












POLICE ARRIVE, AND SPIDER-MAN LEAVES EXPLANATIONS TO HIS NEW RED-SUITED FRIEND...

BETTER GET BACK TO MY CIVILIAN CLOTHES. THIS COSTUME'S COMFORTABLE, BUT IT'S ABOUT AS WARM AS A TISSUE TUX!



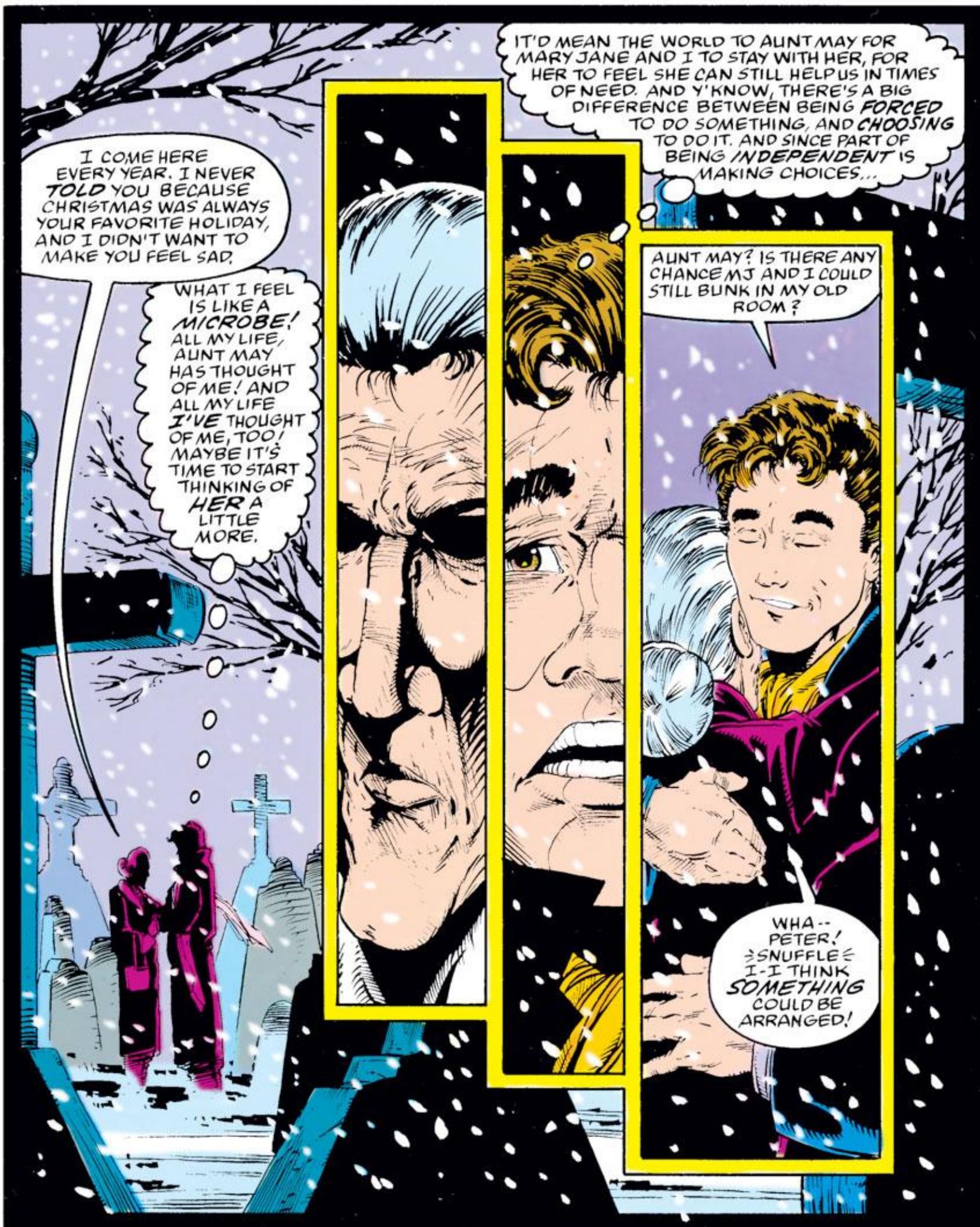
HUH?  
SOMEONE  
ELSE AT  
BEN PARKER'S  
GRAVE?  
BUT WHO--?



AUNT MAY!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE?  
WHY, PETER! I-I  
SUPPOSE I'M HERE  
FOR THE SAME  
REASON YOU  
ARE, DEAR!

TO SHARE  
SOME SPECIAL  
TIME WITH  
YOUR UNCLE--  
MY HUSBAND.

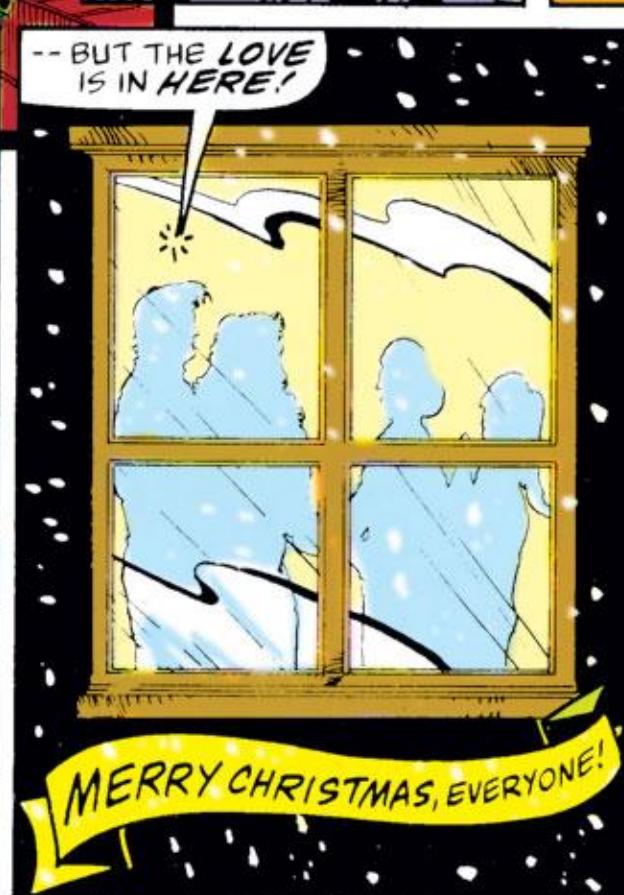




AND LATER, AT AUNT MAY'S FOREST HILLS BOARDING HOUSE, AFTER A QUICK "THANKS ANYWAY" CALL TO FLASH THOMPSON...

EGGNOG'S READY!  
GATHER ROUND!





P.S.

ENJOY  
PEACE  
ON EARTH  
WHILE YOU CAN,  
SPIDER-MAN!  
BECAUSE  
NEXT ISSUE...

**VENOM**

RETURNS!



# THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Attention correspondents: All letters considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request.

Dear Jim,

Who needs the Hobgoblin, Electro, or Venom when Spidey can have the Black Fox for an arch-nemesis? I've been a fan of gentlemen burglars ever since I first saw the *Pink Panther*, and I must say that you've kept Foxy true to type in all the best ways. His willingness and ingenious ploys such as that on page 27 of *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* #305 should reserve him an overdue niche among the elite of Spider-Man's rogues' gallery. And his final escape on page 29—brilliant!

On the other hand, the Prowler has never been the same since he became a good guy. The Prowler costume and weaponry, in my opinion, much better suit a villain than a reluctant hero. I therefore suggest that you have someone of less-than-virtuous character steal the suit and embark on a crime-spree, or a murderous rampage, or an anti-Spider campaign; you get the idea. Never get into the habit of letting crooks have consciences, boys. They might just get dull.

And, hey, since you've got Peter doing the book thing, and since most publishing companies have offices outside the U.S.A., why not have him visit other countries as well—countries like, oh, I don't know, Canada? Here in Toronto we've got a humdinger of a tower he could swing from, and, you know, things just haven't been the same up here since Alpha Flight started going downhill.

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**Sorry Spidey didn't make it up to Canada this year, FAM. But keep watching for some startling events coming up in ALPHA FLIGHT—you may be pleasantly surprised! As for the Prowler, here's one guy who never believed he was a villain...**

Dear Jim,

I, like many other Spider-fans, I imagine, had forgotten about the Prowler. After a number of appearances in this mag in the late sixties, the only time I can remember seeing him pop up (and it wasn't even really Hobie Brown) was in *SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN* #47. This seems like an awful amount of disuse for a character with such potential.

He has never really been a "bad guy," just a hard-luck character like Peter who doesn't feel the same responsibility to use his powers for the common good. Still, his weapons are interesting, his costume looks great (I love the way McFarlane draws capes), and he is a black super hero, something still sadly lacking in comics today. His motives for going into action are what make him really appealing, though. He's almost scared to fight. He's no genius, muscleman, or weirdo who climbs on walls, just an inventive window-washer who keeps running into trouble and dealing with it as best he can. I don't know about anyone else, but I, for one, would be in favor of a Prowler Limited Series. Thanks to David Michelinie for bringing him back, and I look forward to seeing the return of the Chameleon next issue.

David Metz  
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**Well, David, we don't have any immediate plans for a PROWLER Limited Series, but he will be popping up in next month's double-sized 50th issue of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN.**

Dear Salicrup and Herding,

I congratulate you on a spectacular issue #305. It was great—I loved everything about it. I enjoy having my favorite comic come out twice a month through the summer season, and I wish it would be like this all year-round. However, I have a few questions:

1. What issue (forgive my ignorance) did the Prowler first appear?
2. Why doesn't Spider-Man just off and beat the Black Fox?
3. When will MJ bear Peter's first child?

Matthew Palmer Merriman  
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We have a few answers, Matthew:

1. *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* #78.
2. Would you hit a defenseless old man if you had super powers?
3. Sometime before their second one.

Dear Jim Salicrup and Co..

You know, dude, I was like, totally stoked that Peter Parker came to L.A. You know, man, like I'm from California, man, and we got the beach and the totally way-out waves, man, and I think the dude

Parker should put on his bermudas, grab a stick, and go surfin'!

Black Fox is one totally cool old geezer, man—let's see him again real soon! In the meantime—don't all you people out there wish that they could all be California Girls...?

Jeff "Surfer Dude" Lacasse  
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**Sorry, Dude, but here are three letters from fans who think we do a fine job breeding those all-American women right here in New York—case in point, one Mary Jane Watson-Parker...**

Dear David,

"California Schemin'" in issue #305 is the type of Spider-Man story that I like to see. This issue had humor, human interest, intrigue, and action. On top of all that we continue to see more of Mary Jane every issue (and I mean that in every sense of the word "see"). After seeing MJ in her new swimsuit on page 14 I suppose I will have to take back the complaints I have made that MJ was beginning to look a bit on the thin side.

After the past year or so of gruesome stories in this title I am glad to see the humor and fun being put back into this book. Having Peter appear on Carson was interesting and even the battle between Spidey, the Prowler and the Black Fox had a vein of humor in it. Having the microchip hidden on the jewel was a nice touch and I was glad to see that the Prowler hadn't turned to crime again. This title is really looking up. I just hope you can keep Todd McFarlane around a little longer on this title than he did on the *INCREDIBLE HULK*.

Charles S. Novinskie  
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**With this issue of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN Todd equals his sixteen-issue run on the INCREDIBLE HULK, Charles. And we're doing everything we can to keep Todd around for as long as possible!**

Dear Marvel,

Oxygen... give me some oxygen, please. Page 14 (huff huff) incredible. More oxygen.

As for the rest of the story, I liked it. Especially Todd's prowler. The way he draws the cape draped around the Prowler looks great. The entire story was pretty good. I enjoy what David is doing with this title. One last thing, Spidey was right, he is a sap for letting the Fox go. After what happened last time he let him go, I think that he would have learned by now. Oh well.

This entire "Webs" storyline has really been great so far. I especially liked seeing Peter on the "Tonight Show." Great touch. But now that they are leaving California, where will the promotional tour go next? I hope we'll see some more popular areas, like Florida maybe. I'm not picky though, just send them anyplace with a beach, and make sure MJ goes out for another tan. I also would like to see more of the prowler in the future. Maybe he and Webhead could team up for a couple of issues and do their good guy bit together.

Shane Hutchinson  
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**See our response to David Metz's letter, Shane.**

Dear Amazers,

I think it's great you brought back the old Red and Blue suit. I thank you for letting us see MJ in a bikini in *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN*. I think you should do two pages of mail from now on. While Spider-Man is on his "Webs" Tour, I think he should come to Salt Lake City, Utah and while he is in Salt Lake City, Venom and his suit should break out of the government super prison in the Rockies.

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**Well, David, we think you might want to be here in thirty days...**