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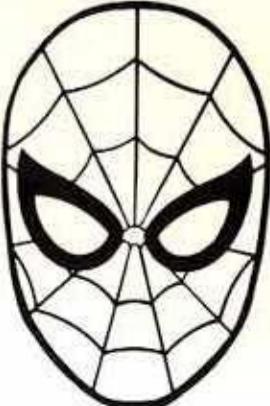
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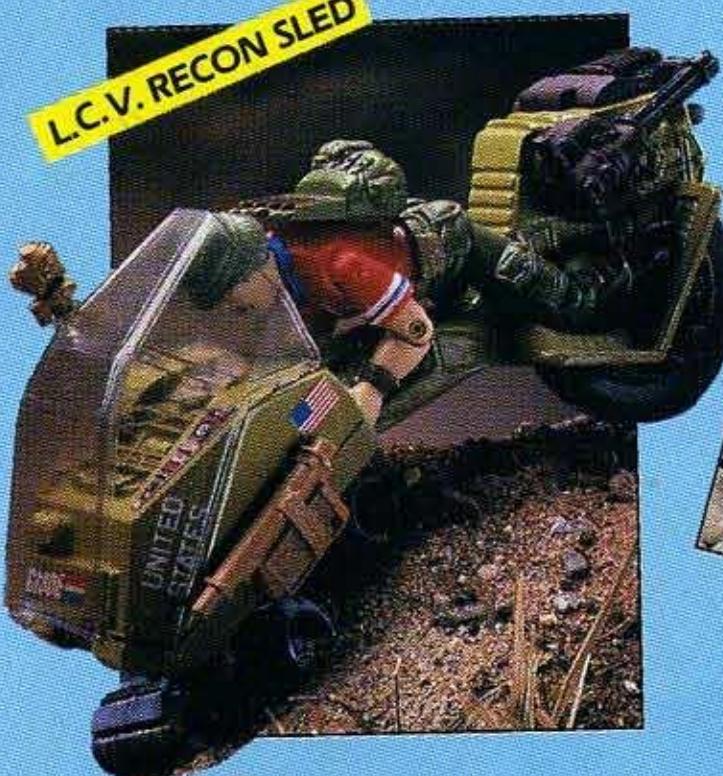
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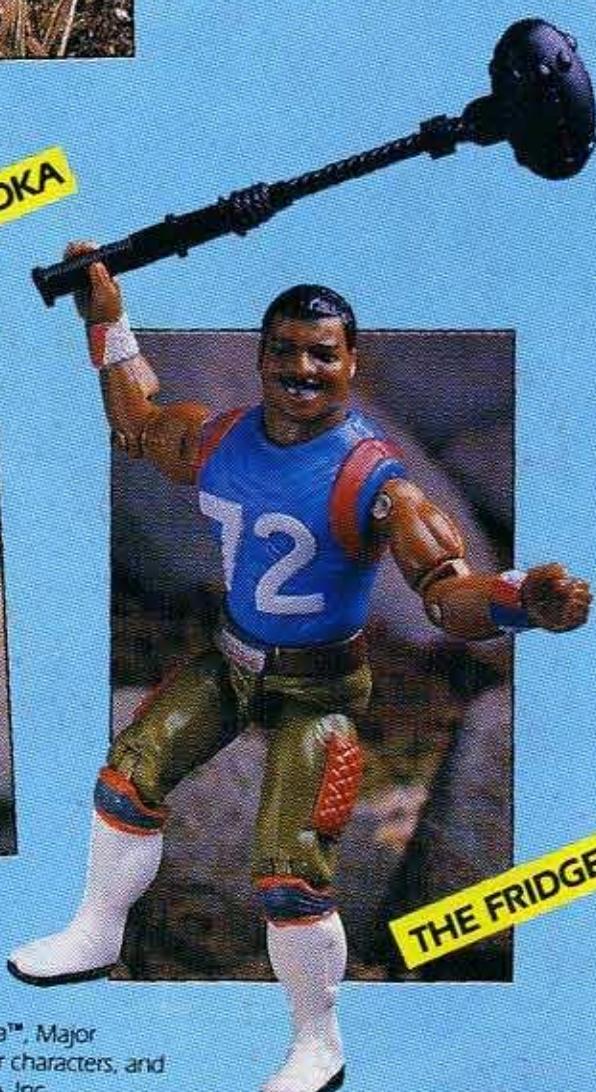


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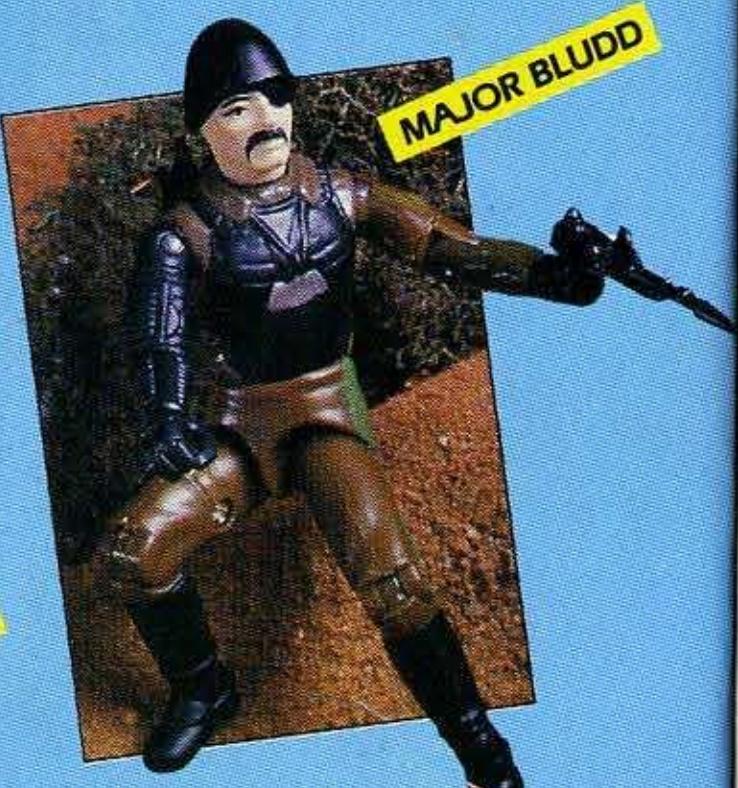
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CHAPTER ONE: A WAREHOUSE
ON THE HUDSON RIVER...

DAILY BUGLE

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And Partly Sunny
Details On Page 75.

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Thursday, May 26, 1988

DRUG WAR RAGES

By TOM DeFALCO, as told to DAVID MICHELINIE
Photos: MARK BAGLEY & MIKE ESPOSITO

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BOGOTA, Colombia - Early this morning, mysterious armored warriors stormed the drug fields outside Columbia's capital city.

The self-proclaimed revolutionary avengers have been seen in other American countries, we are credibly informed, and

United States,
especially in such filthy
Miami, Los

HEY, SHARP DEDUCTION!
BEEN WATCHIN' "COLUMBO"
RERUNS AGAIN?

DUMMY!
WHAT'D YOU
EXPECT TO
HAPPEN WHEN
SUPPLIES WERE
CUT OFF!

C'MON, DYLAN, CHILL OUT!
WE WERE LUCKY-WE STOCKED
UP BEFORE THE DROUGHT!
AN' WITH A WAREHOUSE FULL
O' PRIME MERCHANDISE-

--WHAT'VE WE
GOT TO WORRY
ABOUT?

YOU CAN'T IMAGINE
HOW I WAS HOPING
YOU'D ASK!

WHAT
THE--?

DAILY BUGLE
DRUG WAR RAGES

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SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR EVENING CONSTITUTIONAL, OFFICER, BUT I THINK YOU'LL WANT TO CHECK THE WAREHOUSE AT THE END OF PIER 7! YOU MIGHT BE IN FOR A SURPRISE!

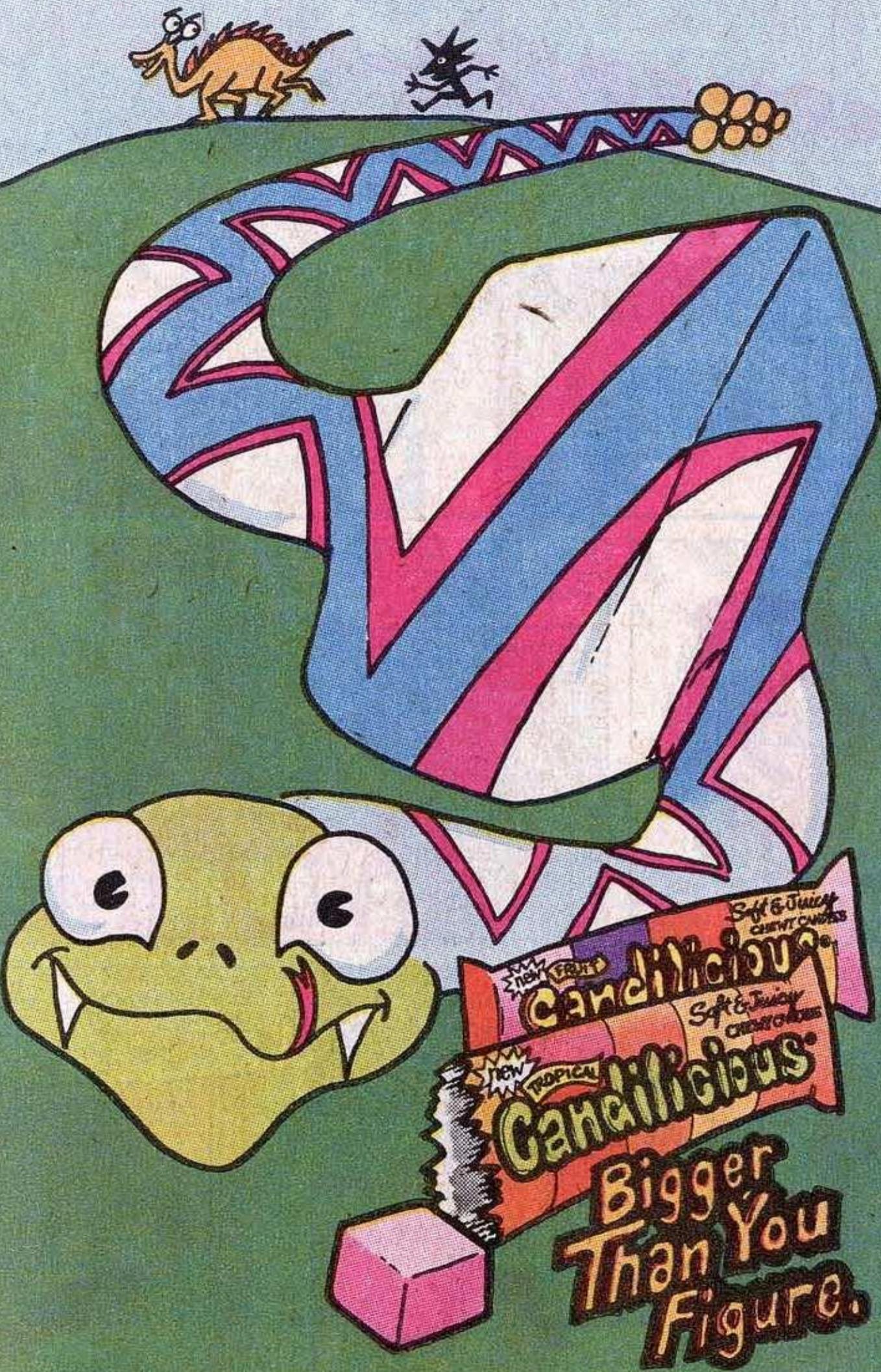
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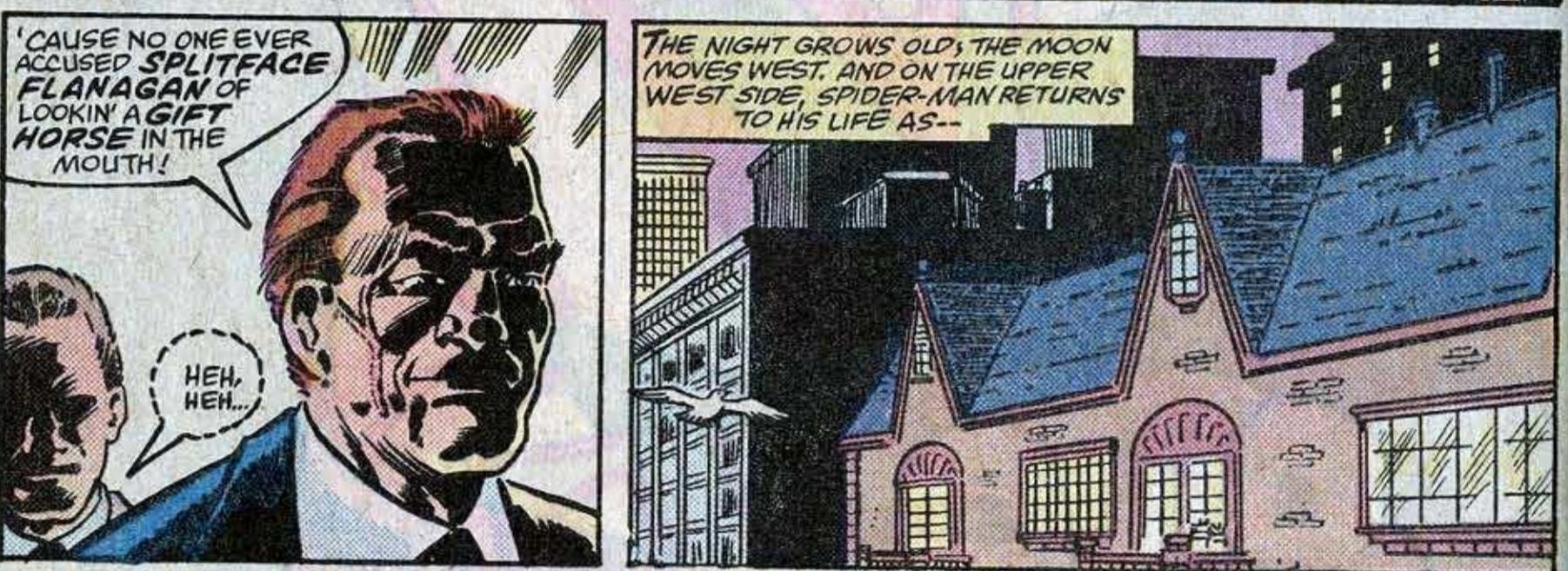
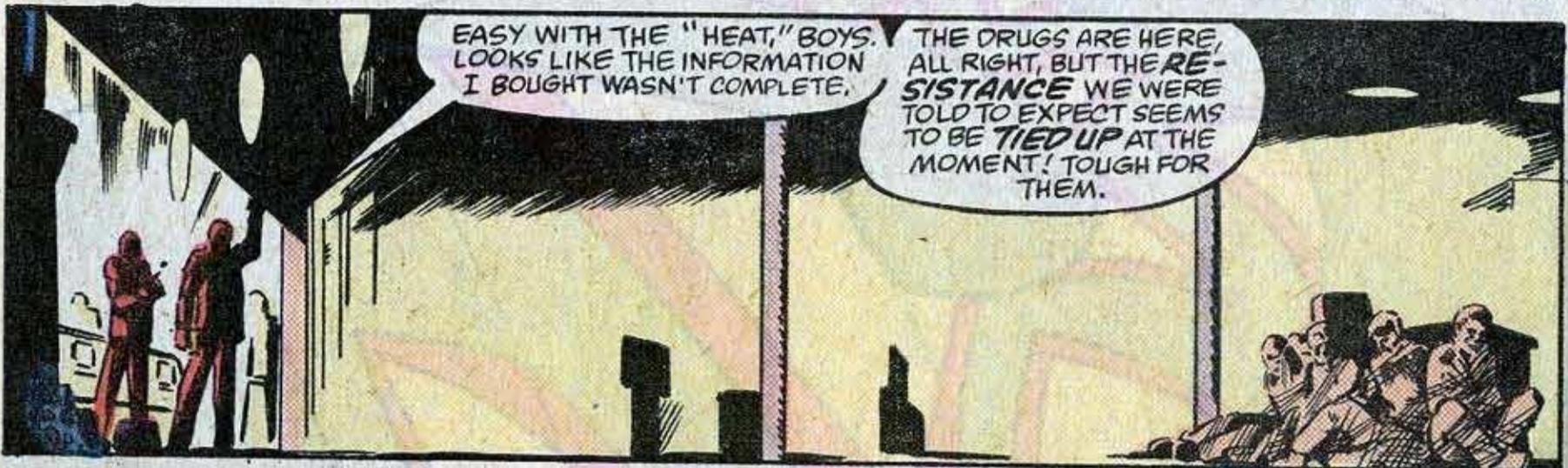
YES, SIR, I'LL JUST DROP MY FILM BY THE BUGLE--LET THEM FOOT THE PROCESSING BILL FOR A CHANGE--AND THEN IT'S HOME TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WIFE IN THE WORLD!

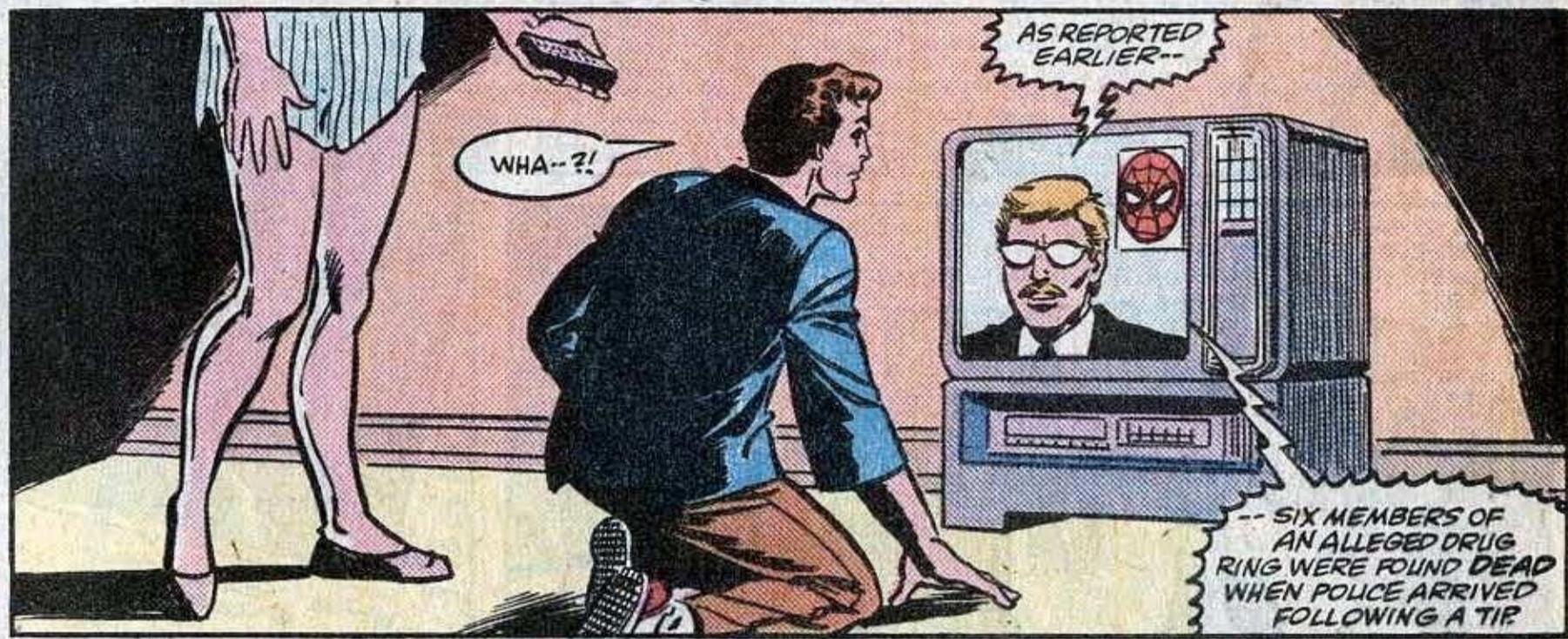
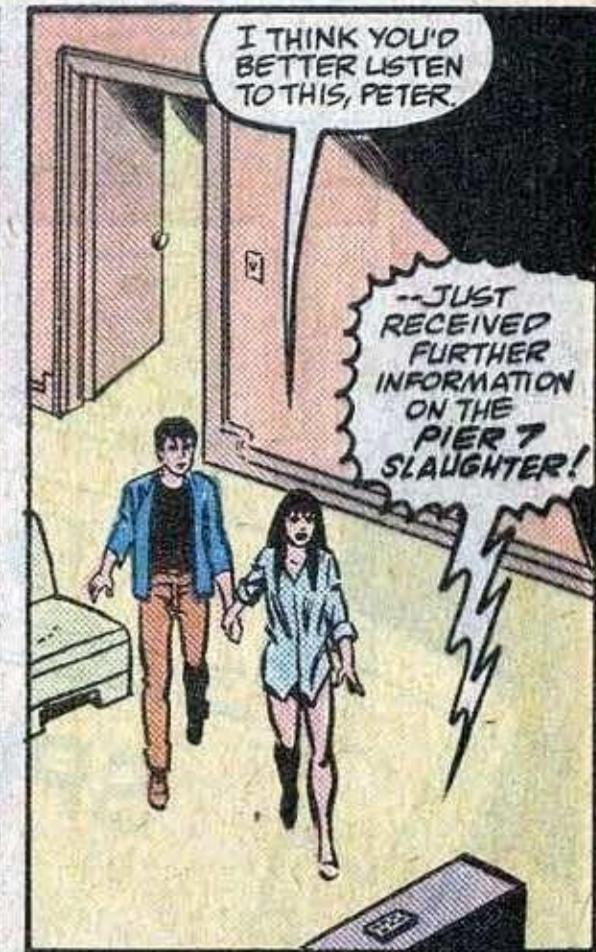


BUT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO MANHATTAN SPECIFICALLY TO BATHE IN THAT TINSELED AURA. AMONG THEM: MADELINE NAYLOR AND HER SON, ROBBIE BALDWIN...









CHAPTER 2: MORNING;
A PARALEGAL CLINIC IN
"HELL'S KITCHEN," NEW
YORK CITY...

DAILY BUGLE

Friday, May 27, 1988

SPIDER-MAN SLAY

By CHARLIE SNO

NEW YORK, NY.
Dylan Thomas, alleged
head of a major local
drug ring, was severely
beaten and killed along
with five other reported
members of the gang
last night. According to
Raphael

crawling, masked
vigilante known as
Spider-Man practically
confessed the entire
crime to him. "I was
solo when I cornered
the web-slinger," Scarfe
said. "He got so nervous
when he saw me that he
was chicken."

bragged about
everything. He said,
'Hey, copper, check out
what I did at the
warehouse off Pier 7.
You'll be in for a
surprise.' I think he was
trying to frame me. But
I was smart—I called for
a back-up. Not that I
was chicken. Inside his

ironically,

Spider-M

the prime suspect in
presently being sought
for questioning.

Daily Bugle
publisher, J. Jonah

I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!

New York City F

THAT'S SO SAD.
MR. MURDOCK
IS A GREAT GUY,
BUT...

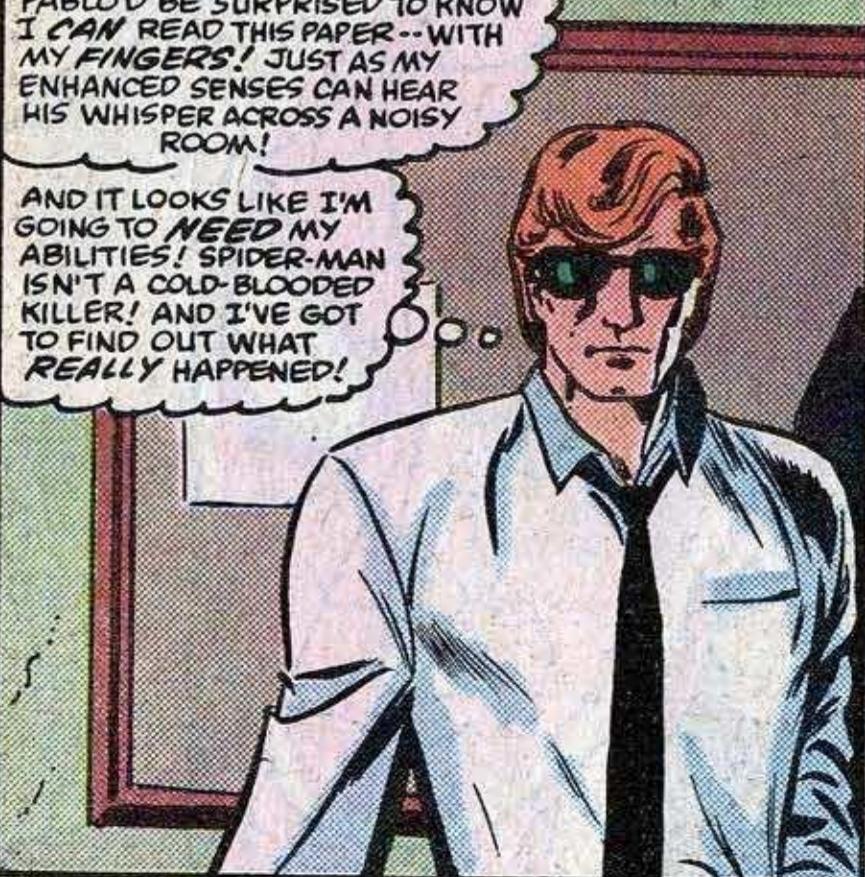
I YEAH, I KNOW. RUNNIN' HIS HANDS OVER
THAT NEWSPAPER LIKE HE COULD READ
IT-- EVEN THOUGH HE'S BLIND!



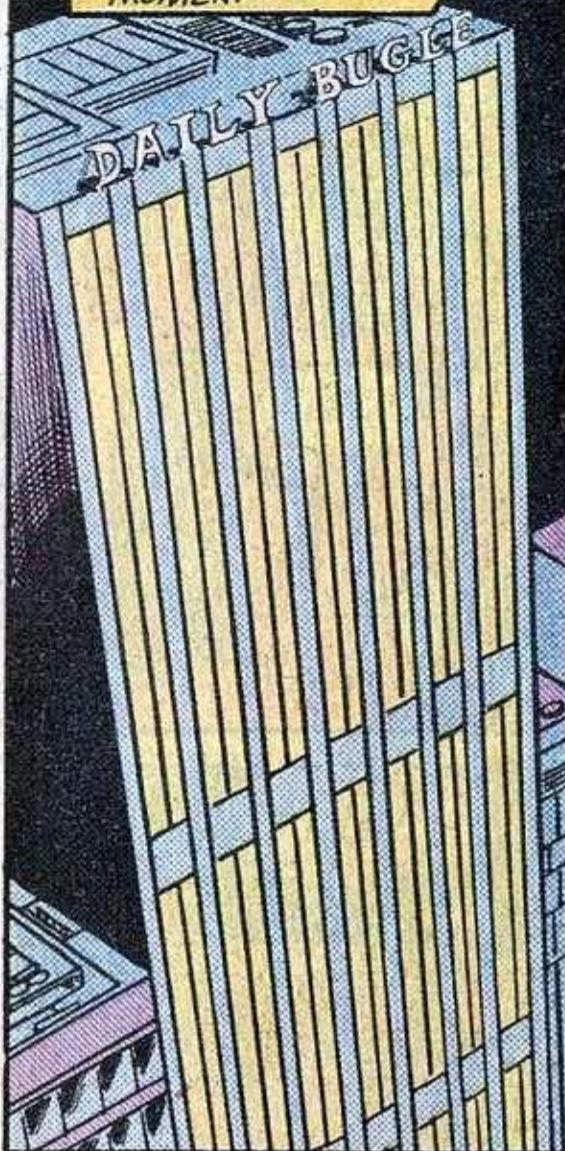
Jameson, commented.
"I knew it all the time."
Professional
loudmouth Greg Wright
had plenty to say about
it, but no one is willing
to listen.

PABLO'D BE SURPRISED TO KNOW
I CAN READ THIS PAPER--WITH
MY FINGERS! JUST AS MY
ENHANCED SENSES CAN HEAR
HIS WHISPER ACROSS A NOISY
ROOM!

AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'M
GOING TO NEED MY
ABILITIES! SPIDER-MAN
ISN'T A COLD-BLOODED
KILLER! AND I'VE GOT
TO FIND OUT WHAT
REALLY HAPPENED!

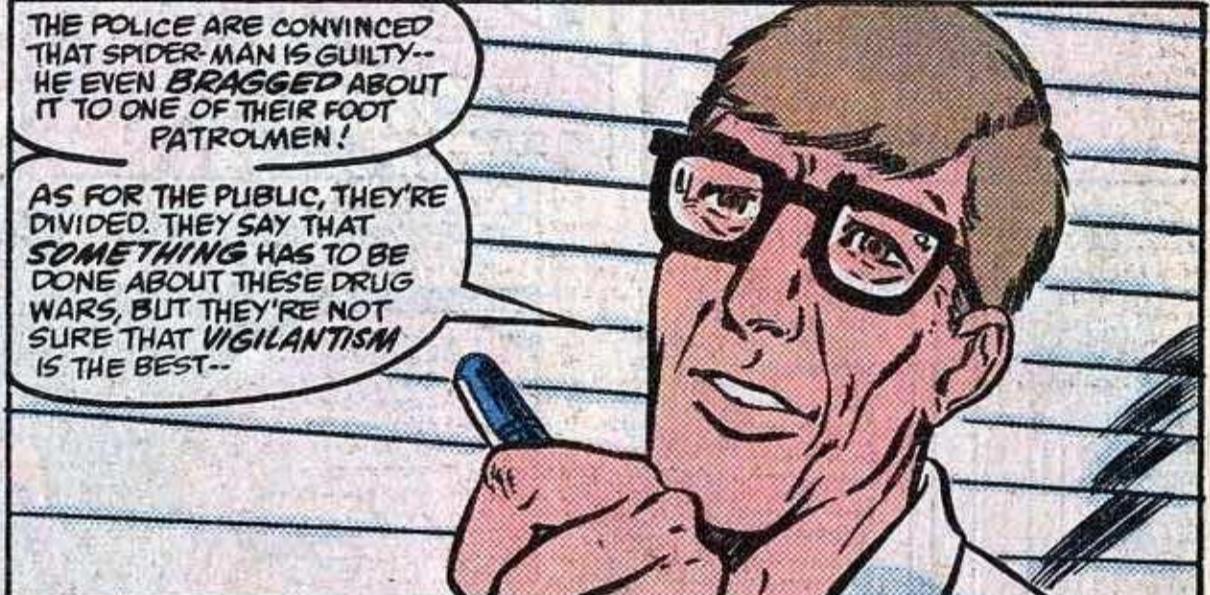


BUT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR ISN'T THE ONLY ONE INTERESTED IN GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS. FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT--



THE POLICE ARE CONVINCED THAT SPIDER-MAN IS GUILTY-- HE EVEN BRAGGED ABOUT IT TO ONE OF THEIR FOOT PATROLMEN!

AS FOR THE PUBLIC, THEY'RE DIVIDED. THEY SAY THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT THESE DRUG WARS, BUT THEY'RE NOT SURE THAT VIGILANTISM IS THE BEST--



PARKER, MY BOY! JUST THE LAD I WANTED TO SEE!



IN ALL MY YEARS AT THE BUGLE I'VE TRIED TO PROVE WHAT A MENACE SPIDER-MAN IS! NOW--



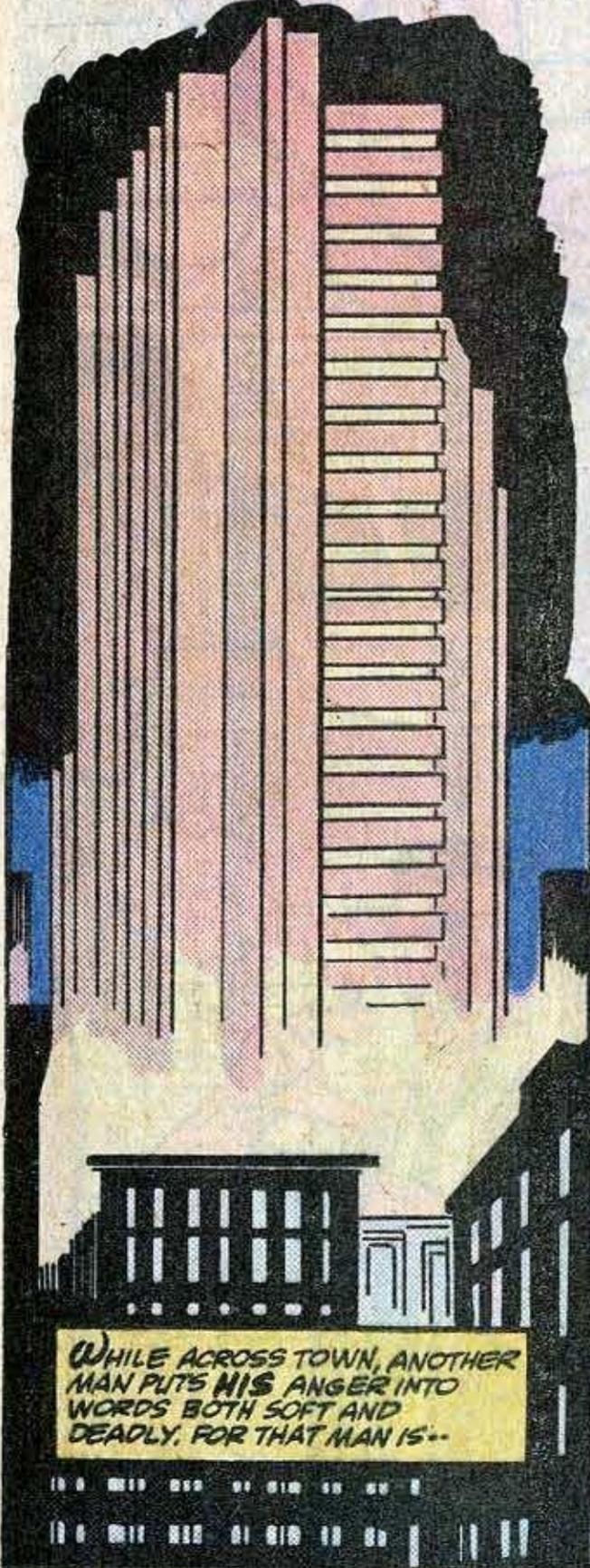
SURE! THOSE PHOTOS YOU DROPPED OFF LAST NIGHT WERE BEAUTIFUL! THE MORNING EDITION SOLD OUT!



HERE! MY PRIVATE BRAND! FLOWN IN
SPECIAL FROM PITTSBURGH!



PETER FUMES BUT HOLDS HIS TONGUE.

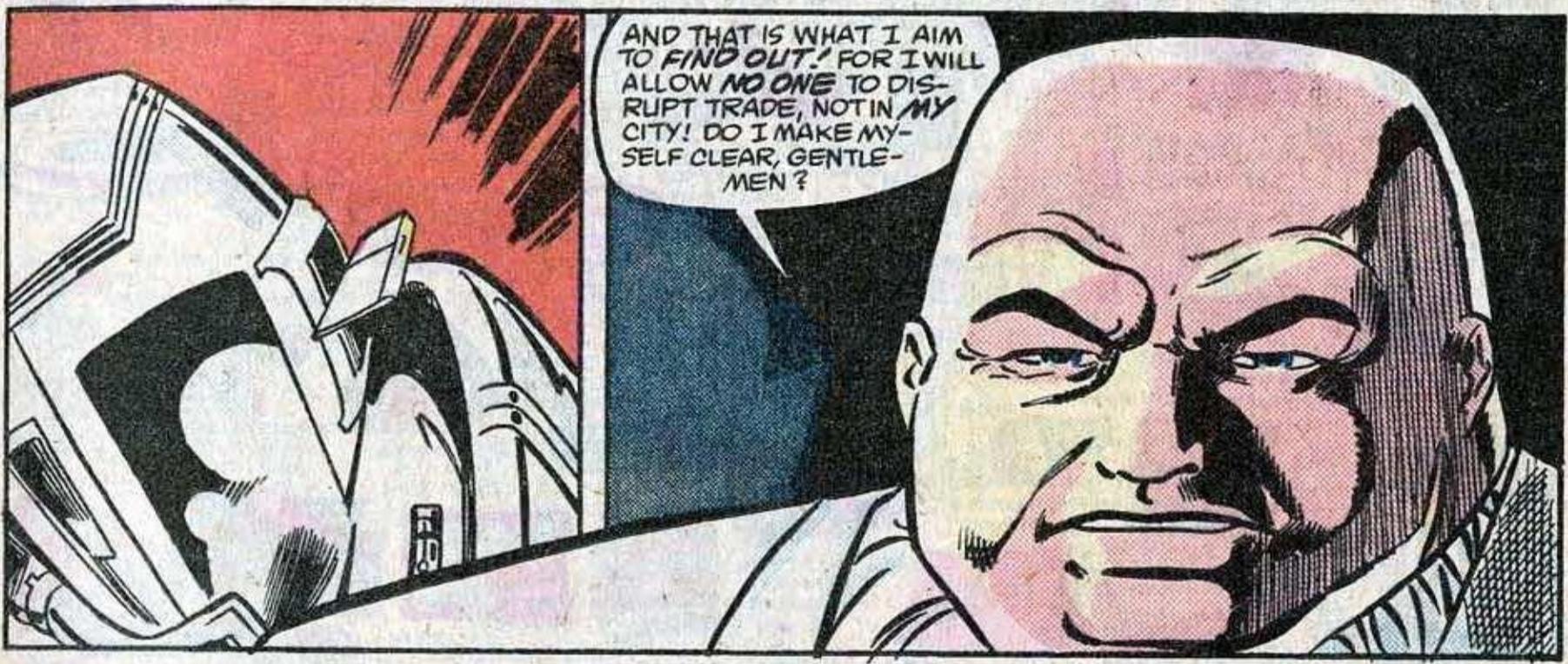
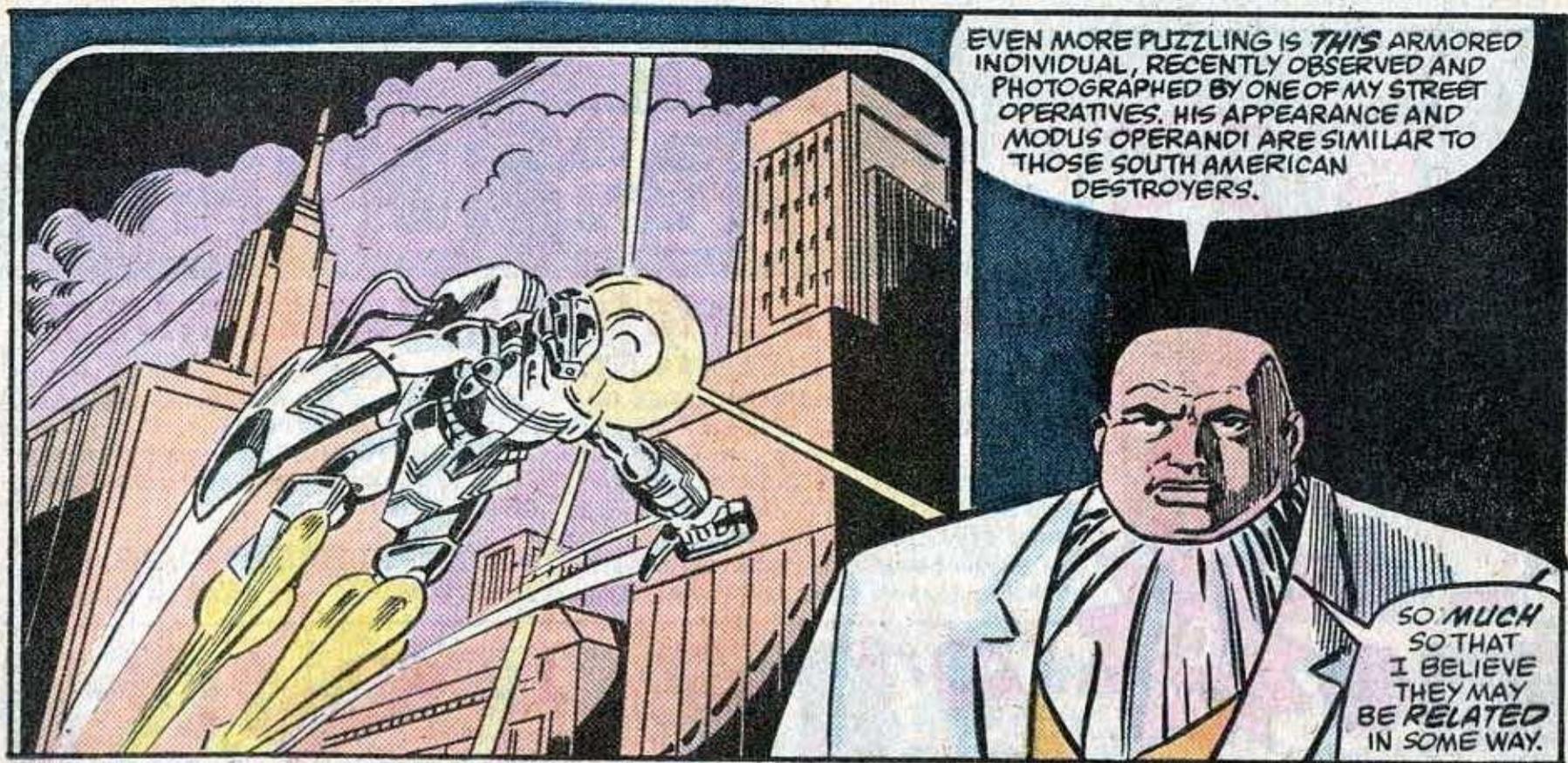


WHILE ACROSS TOWN, ANOTHER
MAN PUTS HIS ANGER INTO
WORDS BOTH SOFT AND
DEADLY, FOR THAT MAN IS--

-THE KINGPIN OF CRIME!
AND WHEN HE SPEAKS--



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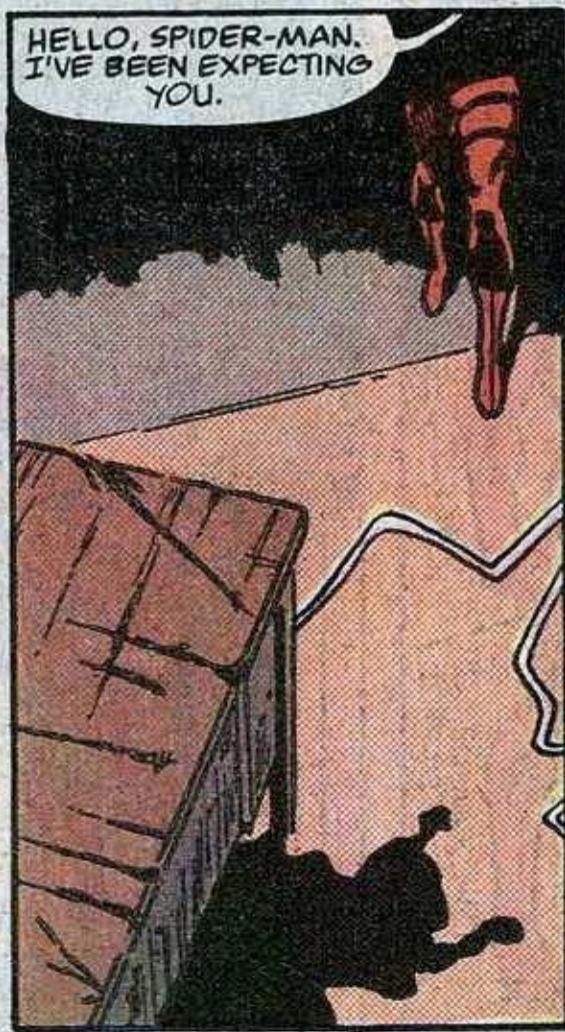
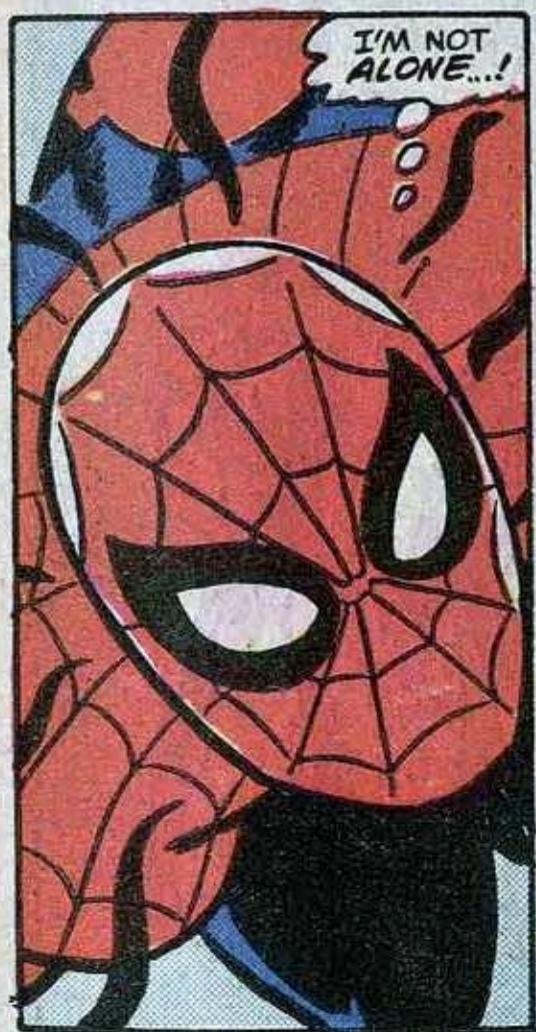
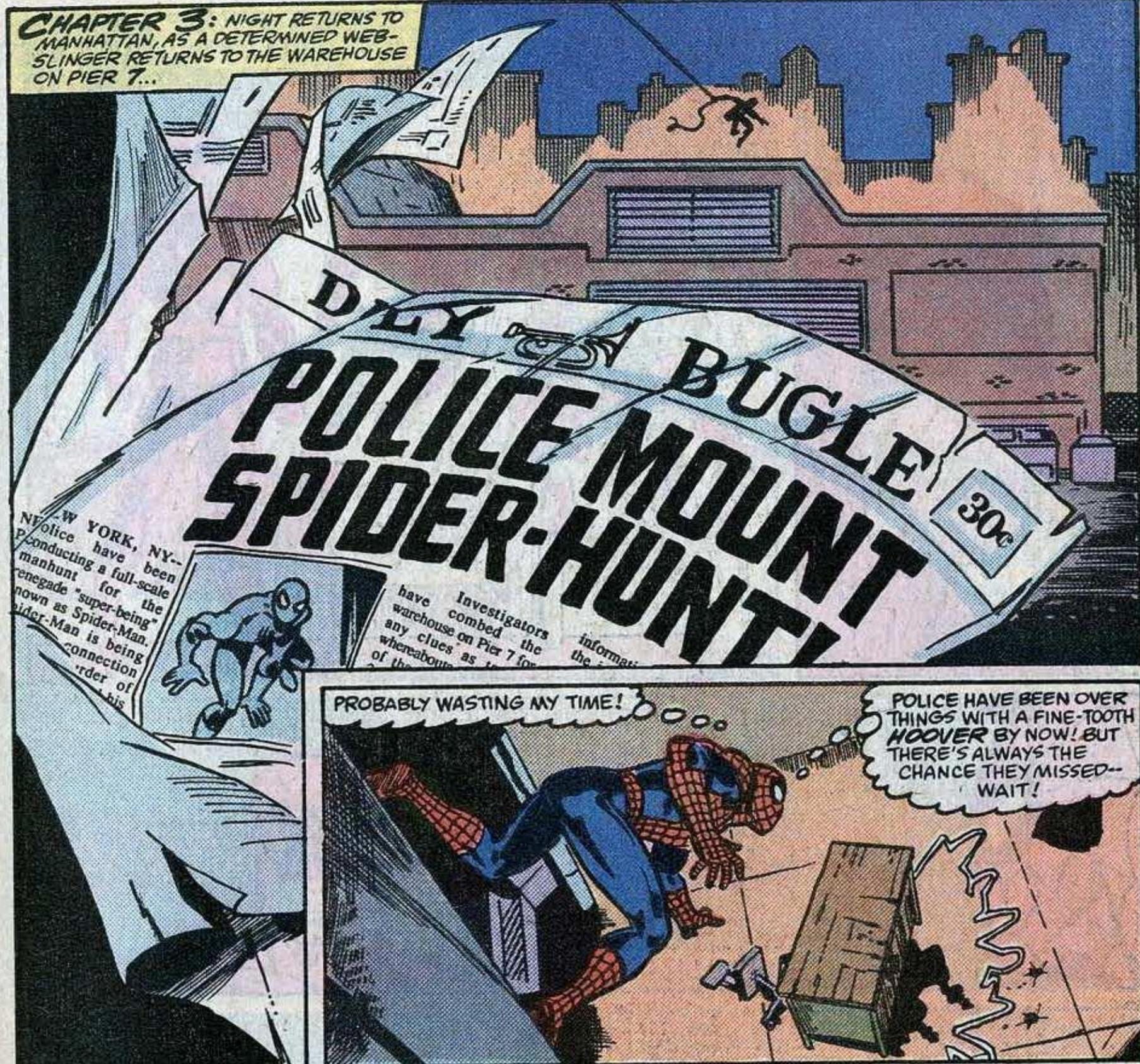
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CHAPTER 3: NIGHT RETURNS TO MANHATTAN, AS A DETERMINED WEB-SLINGER RETURNS TO THE WAREHOUSE ON PIER 7...



--TO THE SCENE
OF HIS CRIME?

I DO NOT
NEED THIS!

C'MON, HORN-HEAD, DO WE
HAVE TO FIGHT? I MEAN--



I CAN HEAR HIS HEARTBEAT--
FAST, BUT STEADY. HE'S TENSE,
A LITTLE NERVOUS... BUT HE'S
NOT LYING.

I BELIEVE YOU.

YOU... YOU DO?!

THAT'S GREAT!
BUT, UH, WHAT
NOW?

MURDERS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.
AND I ASSUME YOU'RE HERE FOR
THE SAME REASON I AM--TO FIND
THE ONES RESPONSIBLE.



TOGETHER!



MEANWHILE ON THE GREAT
WHITE WAY...

YOU'RE NOT COMING
BACKSTAGE TO THE
CAST PARTY, ROBBIE?

I'M
REALLY
KIND OF
TIRED,
MOM.

THEN MAYBE--

MADDY! HOW
DID YOU LIKE IT?

YOU WERE
WONDERFUL,
CAROL!

NOT AS GOOD AS
YOU WERE IN
"MIRACLE WORKER."
YOU GUYS READY
TO PARTY?



I'M AFRAID OUR WEEKEND IN
MANHATTAN HAS BEEN A
STRAIN ON ROBBIE. HE'S
A BIT TIRED.

AWN,
REALLY?

SORRY. I-I
THINK I'D
BETTER JUST
GO BACK TO
THE HOTEL.

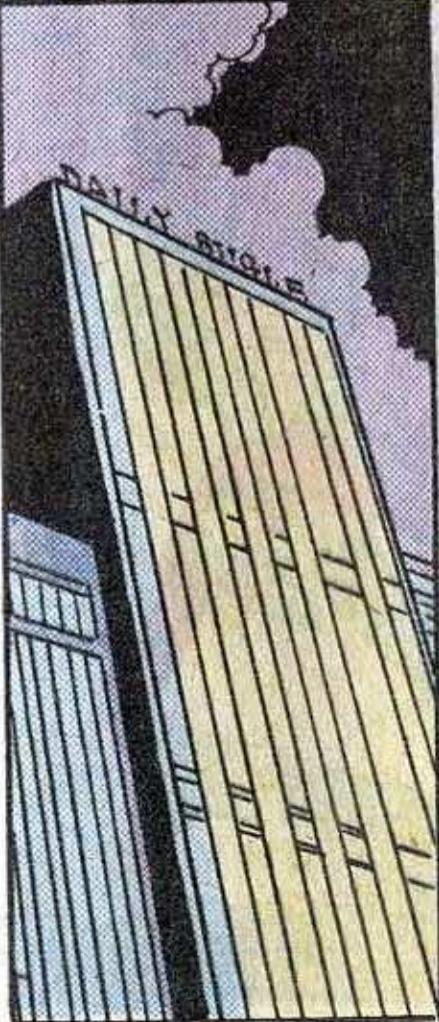
WELL, IF
YOU'RE
SURE...?

I'LL BE FINE,
MOM.

WISH I
COULD
GO--BUT I
NEED TO BE
ALONE.
I'VE GOT
SOME SERIOUS
THINKING
TO DO!



WHILE AT THE DAILY
BUGLE, A CERTAIN SELF-
SATISFIED PUBLISHER
DOES HIS THINKING--



--OUT
LOUD!

"POLICE MOUNT
SPIDER-HUNT!"
HA! I'VE
FINALLY GOT
THAT WALL-
CRAWLER
RIGHT WHERE
I WANT HIM!

OH? YOU WANT HIM
GLORIFIED?

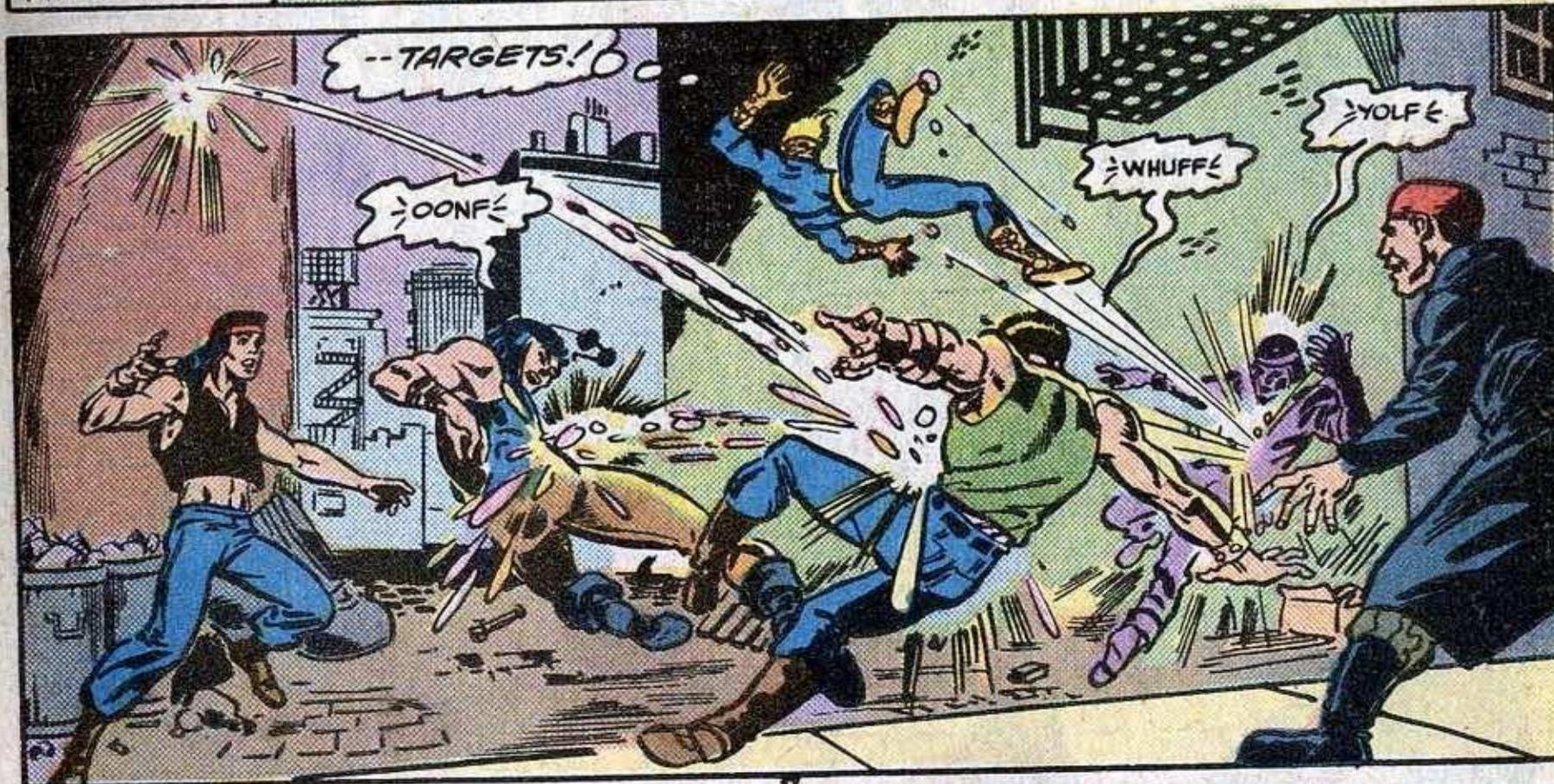
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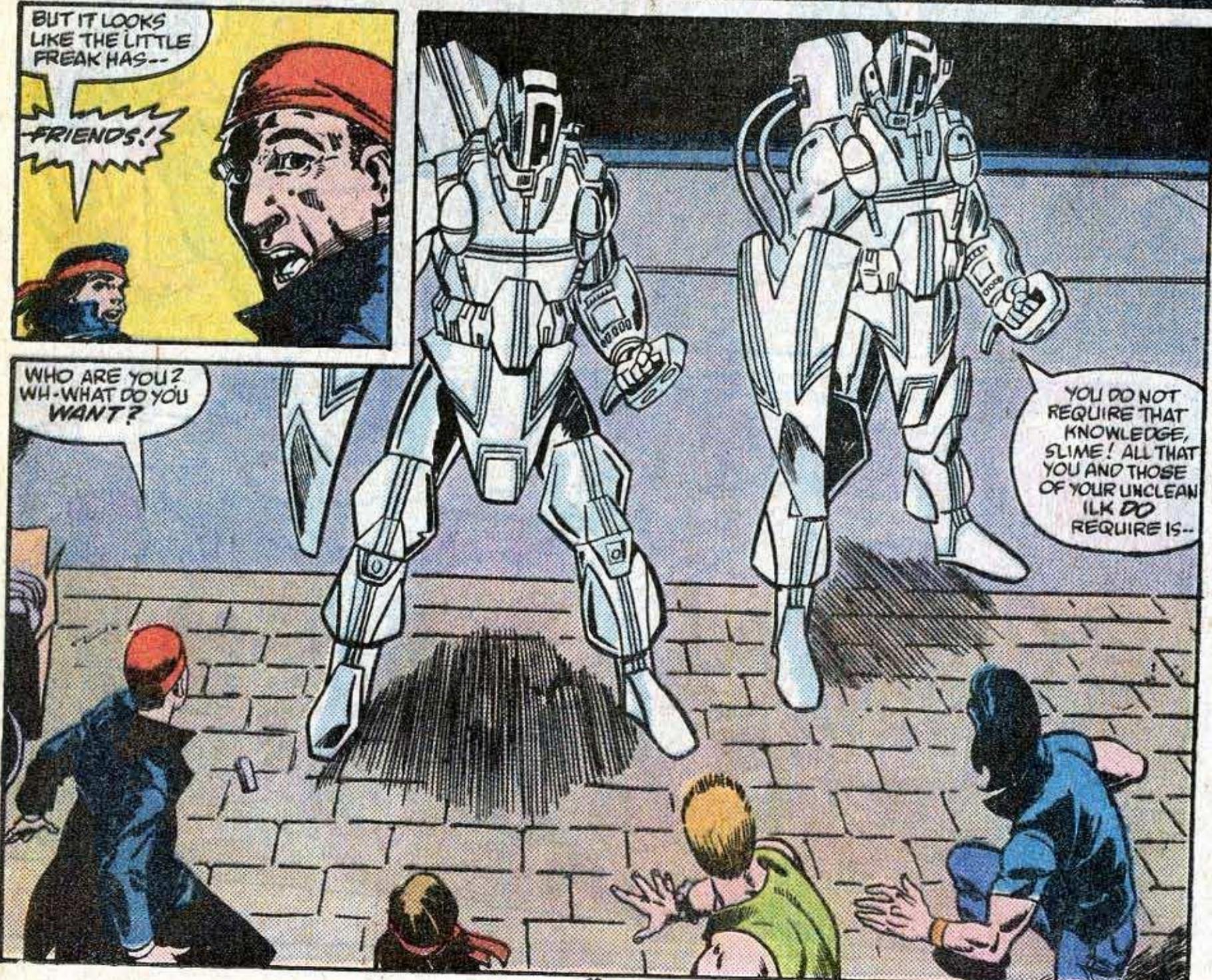
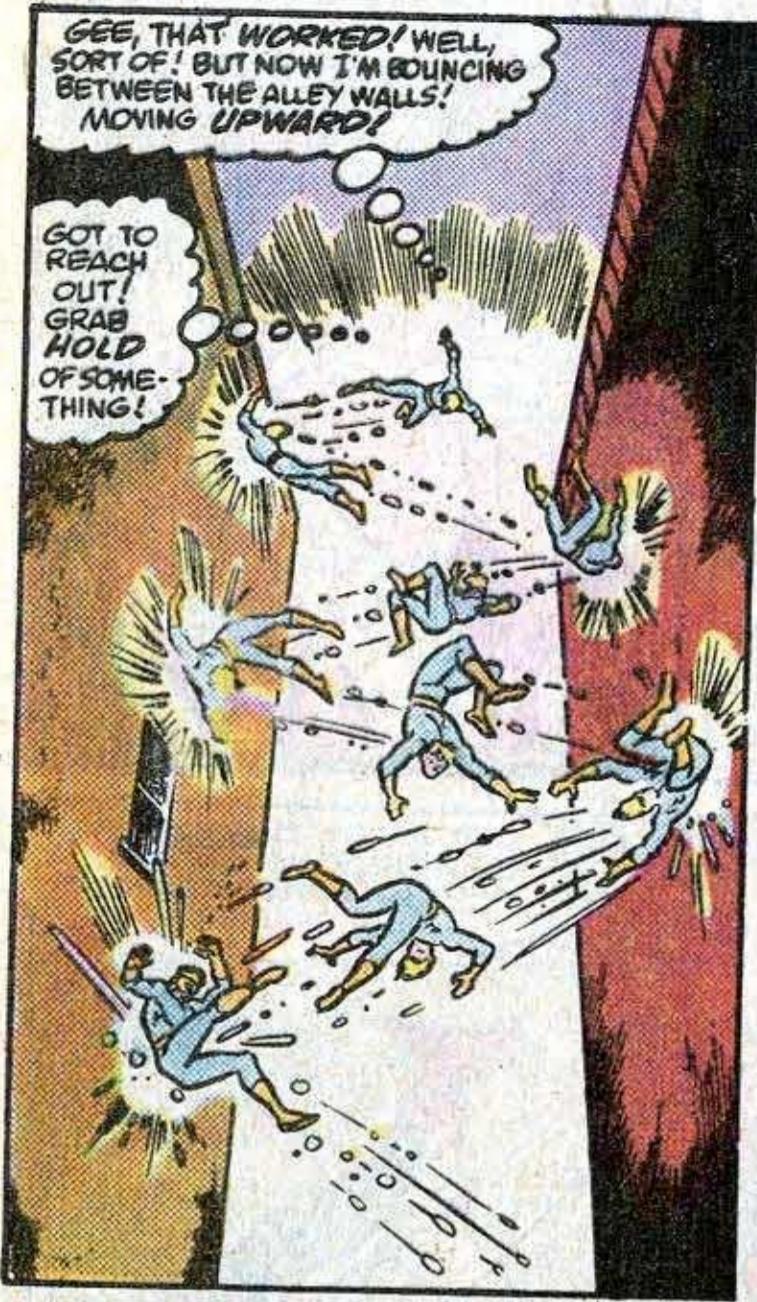
MS. CUSHING! AND
WHAT PRISES YOU FROM
YOUR EDITORIAL DESK
THIS EVENING?

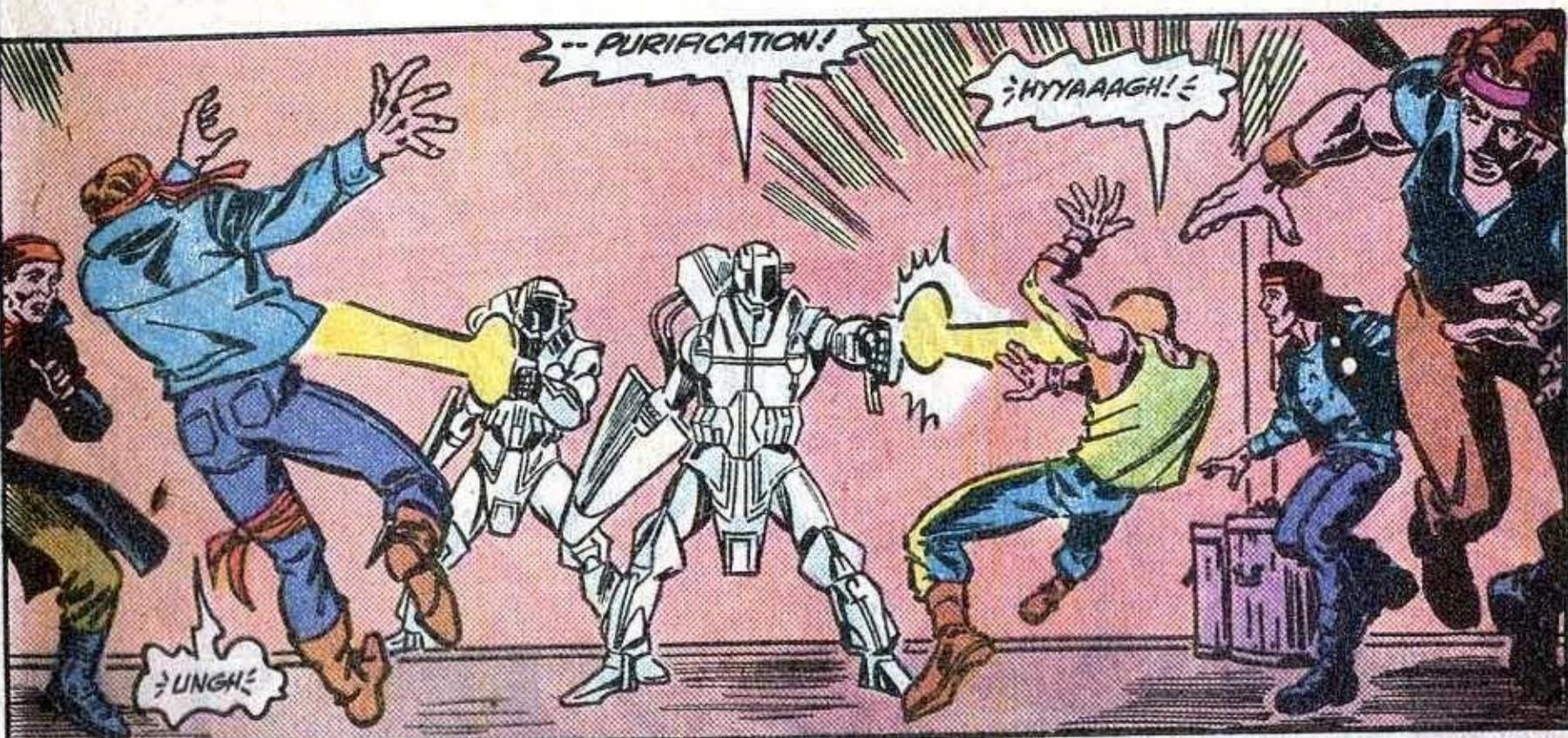
THE RESULTS
OF OUR DAILY
OPINION
POLL--WHICH
SHOW THAT
THE PUBLIC
SUPPORTS
SPIDER-MAN!











Saturday, May 29, 1988

CHAPTER 4: A COMMUNITY WATERING HOLE
ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE...

DAILY BUGLE EXTRA

FAIR HIGH 82 LOW 68 READ THE ADS TODAY

SPIDER-MAN CONTINUES RAMPAGE!

NEW YORK, NY--
The masked mystery
person known as
Spider-Man
declared a one-man war
on crime. He has
concentrated most of
his efforts in the lower east
side, the local

wide manhunt is being
conducted by the police
for his arrest.

Witnesses have
claimed that Spider-
Man has enlisted the aid
of another man

press conference, said
that vigilantism will not be
tolerated in this city."

police precincts
throughout the city. One
woman called in to
report a "bouncing
man" who attacked five
members of a street
gang like he
was a "giant
pinball." The
gang



WE ASK FOR INFORMATION--

-AND WE GET A TAG-TEAM TITLE BOUT INSTEAD!

YEEESHE?



I KNOW,
SPIDER-MAN!

BUT SOMETIMES YOU
HAVE TO PLAY BY THE
OTHER GUY'S RULES!
FOR INSTANCE--



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WHILE NORTHWARD, AT THE KINGPIN'S HEADQUARTERS...

YOU HAVE NEWS, ARRANGER?

YES, SIR. SPIDER-MAN AND DAREDEVIL HAVE JOINED FORCES, AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO FIND ANSWERS ABOUT THE DRUG MURDERS ON--

INTERESTING, BUT NOT VITAL. PUT IT ON PAPER AND I'LL READ IT LATER. RIGHT NOW--

--I HAVE BIGGER FISH TO FRY!

NO PROGRESS, MR FISK.

HASN'T SAID A WORD SINCE OUR SEARCH TEAM CAPTURED HIM IN AN ALLEY SKRAGGING SOME PUNKS. MAYBE, IF THEY HADN'T LET HIS PARTNER GET AWAY...

NO MATTER. HIS COOPERATION SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

FASCINATING. I HAVEN'T SEEN TECHNOLOGY THIS SOPHISTICATED SINCE I READ THAT CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON IRON MAN.

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU GOT IT, YOUNG MAN?

WHY DON'T YOU... S-SUCK A PEACH... FAT BOY...!

MY, MY.
STUBBORN
AND RUDE.

IT APPEARS
YOUR EDUCATION
IS IN DIRE NEED OF
AUGMENTATION.

HUH?!

SHALL WE BEGIN WITH
ANATOMY? BONES,
IN PARTICULAR? MOST
PEOPLE THINK BONES
ARE STRONG, STURDY.

BUT
THEY'RE
WRONG.

RIBS, FOR EXAMPLE. WHEN THE CORRECT
PRESSURE IS APPLIED, THEY CAN ACTUALLY
PROVE TO BE QUITE--

--DELICATE!

WHEN YOU REVIVE, MY FRIEND, WE
WILL BEGIN YOUR SECOND LESSON.
AND FOR GRADUATION--

-- YOU WILL TELL ME
EVERYTHING I
WANT TO KNOW!

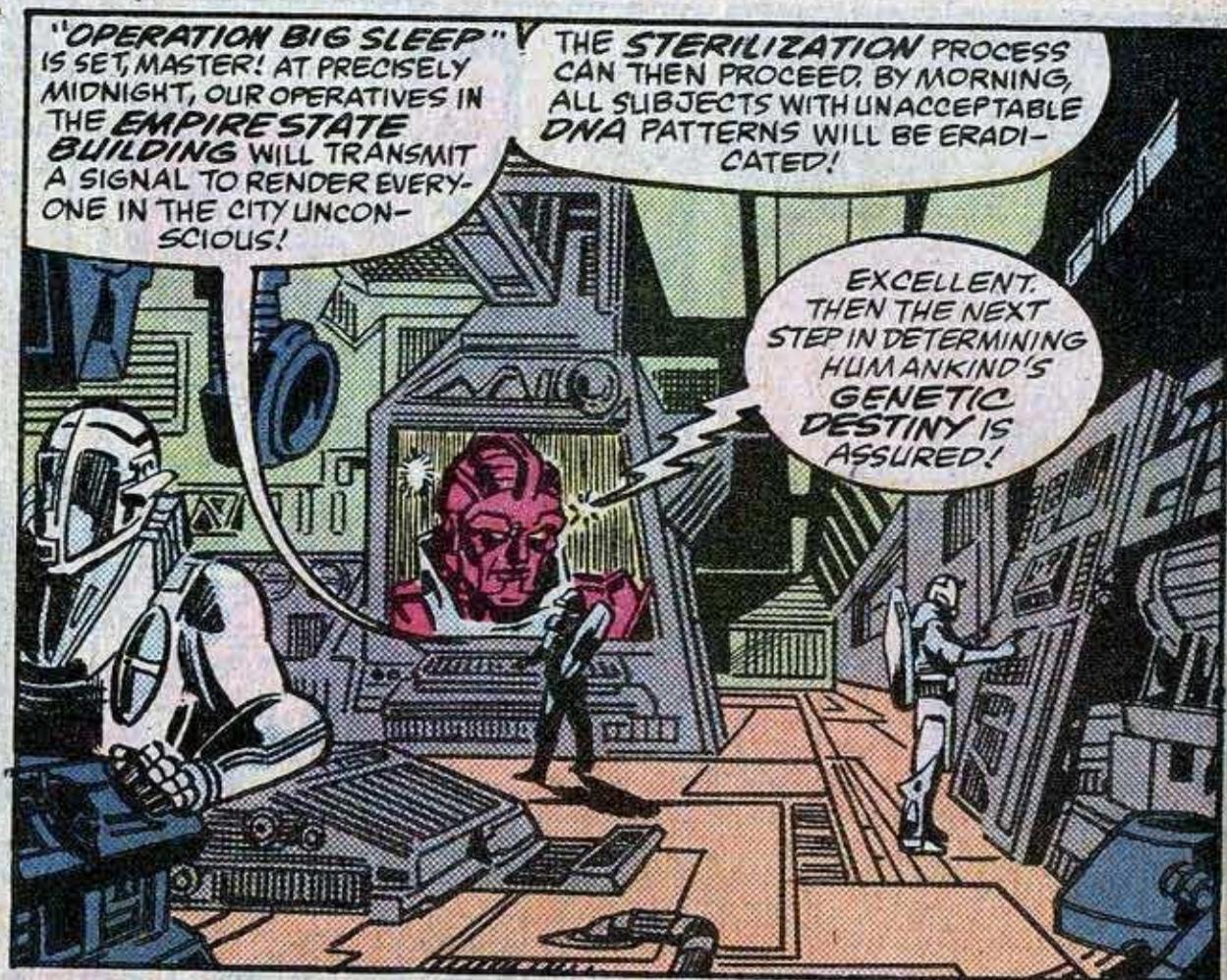
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BUT AT THAT MOMENT, IN A LOFT
ON 22ND STREET...



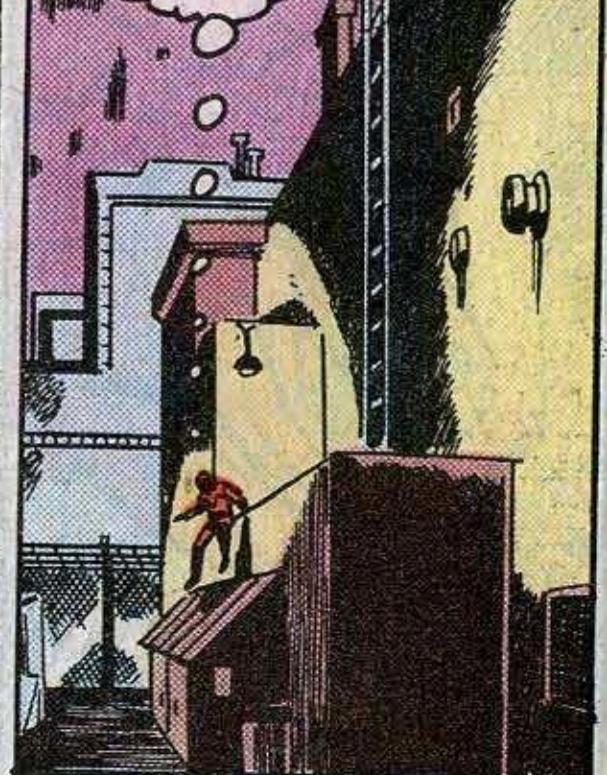
"OPERATION BIG SLEEP" IS SET, MASTER! AT PRECISELY MIDNIGHT, OUR OPERATIVES IN THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WILL TRANSMIT A SIGNAL TO RENDER EVERYONE IN THE CITY UNCONSCIOUS!

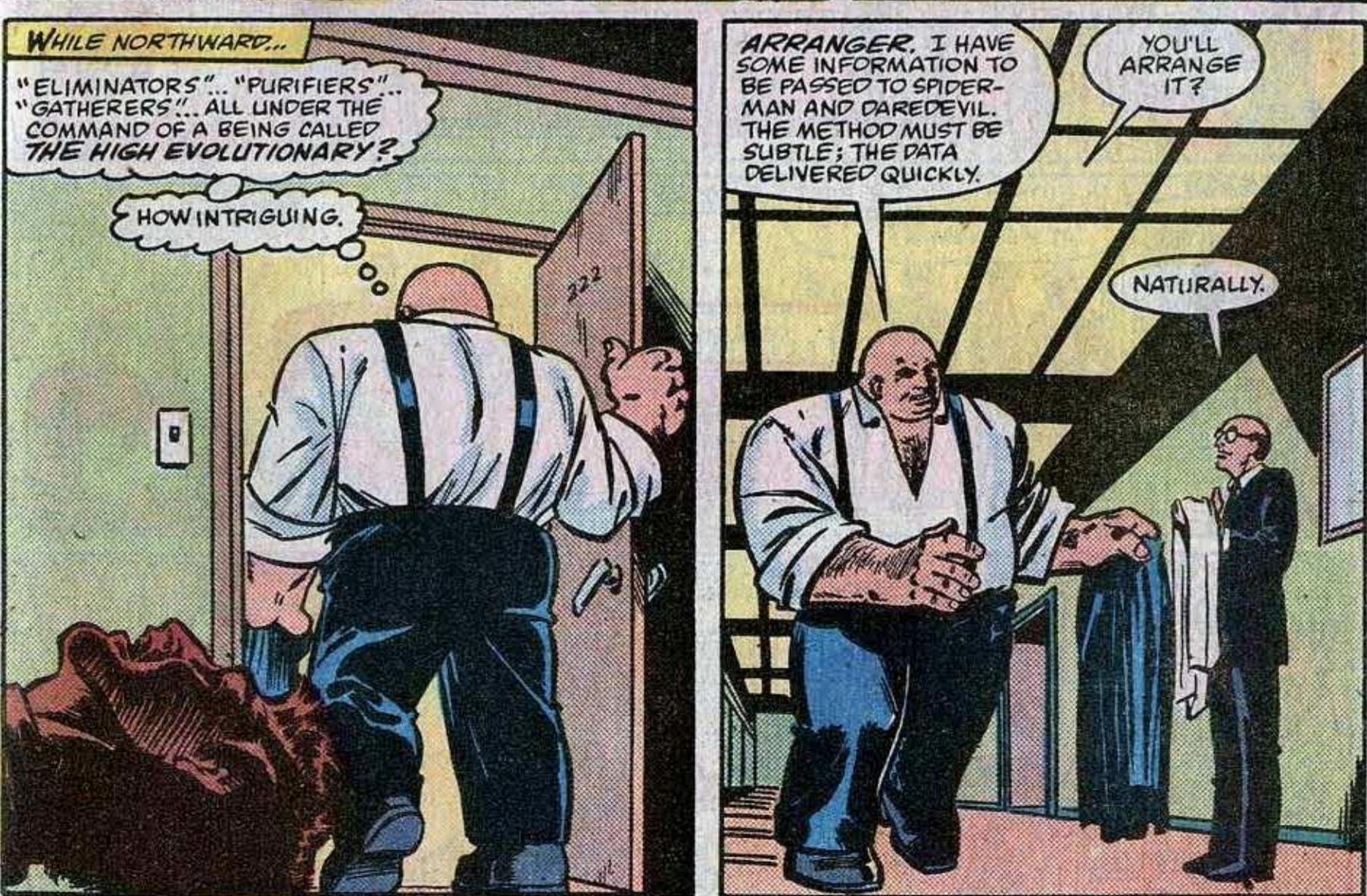


THE STERILIZATION PROCESS CAN THEN PROCEED. BY MORNING, ALL SUBJECTS WITH UNACCEPTABLE DNA PATTERNS WILL BE ERADICATED!

WITHOUT POWERS, I'M JUST A KID! I CAN'T STOP THOSE MANIACS!

AND THAT CLINCHES IT! I'VE GOT TO CALL THE--





GOOD AND WHILE
YOU'RE AT IT--

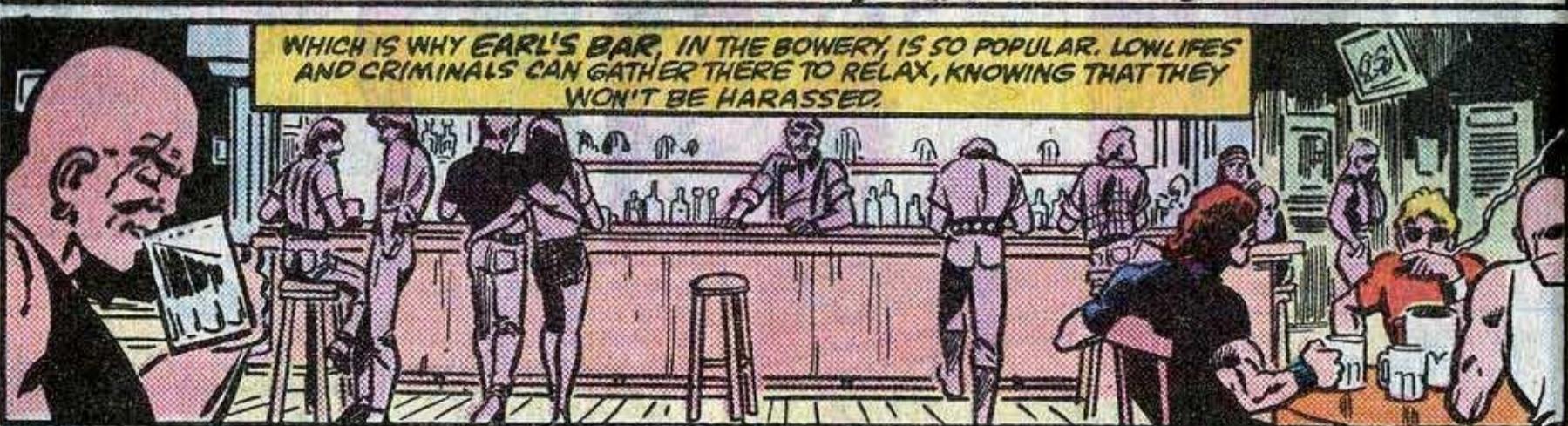


OF
COURSE,
MR. FISK.

THERE'S A CERTAIN COMFORT, IT'S SAID, TO BE
TAKEN BY BEING IN ONE'S OWN ELEMENT; BY
COMMUNING WITH LIKE SPIRITS.



WHICH IS WHY EARL'S BAR, IN THE BOWERY, IS SO POPULAR. LOWLIFERS
AND CRIMINALS CAN GATHER THERE TO RELAX, KNOWING THAT THEY
WON'T BE HARASSED.



HI, GUYS! WHAT'S THE BUZZ
ON THAT BLOODBATH
AT PIER SEVEN?

MOST NIGHTS...



HUH. LOOKS LIKE THEY
DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
ME.

MAYBE
YOU SHOULD'VE
STUCK TO MONO-
SYLLABLES!





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NEW EVIDENCE SPIDER-SLA

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providing a "tip" to police officials has led them to reassess their

suspicions about Spider-Man's involvement in the murder of Dylan Thomas and his fellow accomplices who were

allegedly members of a syndicated drug ring.

The phone tip led police to Earl's Bar and Grill, lower east

Manhattan's where they

discovered the most recent carnage dealt by

Spider-Man and his

crimefighting partner,

Daredevil. Earl's is

reputed to be a well-known

establishment among

underworld figures.

Spider-Man, continuing

Daredevil, sought

their crusade, sought

evidence which would

lead to Spider-Man's

innocence. Once there,

they met and opposed

heavy resistance from

the bar's regular

customers. Not wishing to

share the same fate as

Marty

O'Donnell broke down

and told the costumed

vigilantes about a new

gang that had entered

the current drug war.

O'Donnell said he had

learned through the

drinking that Spider-Man was

framed by the leader of

this new gang, a man

known as "Spitface".

O'Donnell was

discovered webbed to

the top of the bar at

Earl's, with a note

saying, "Compliments

of your friendly,

neighborhood Spider-

Man, and his not-so-

friendly sidekick,

Daredevil." Once the

drinking associate

further interrogated

into the vera

O'Donnell's g

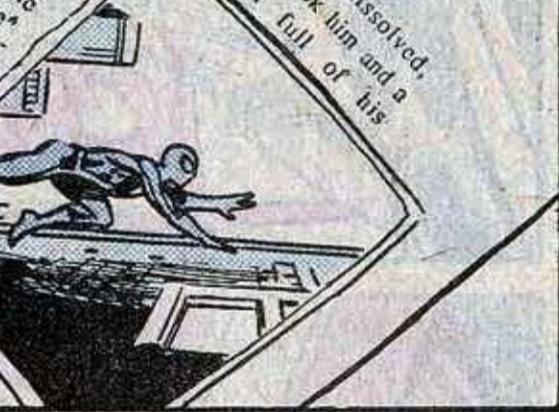
about unkno

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webbing dissolved,
police took him and a
wagon full of his



WELL, I'M HERE!

G-GUESS I
GULP MIGHT
AS WELL GET
THIS OVER
WITH!



EMPIRE STATE

STATE BUILDING

CAUTIOUSLY, PURPOSEFULLY, ROBBIE BALDWIN EASES PAST A SNOOZING SECURITY GUARD, MAKING HIS WAY TO AN EMPTY FREIGHT ELEVATOR.

WHILE HIGH ABOVE, SOLEMN PURIFIERS PREPARE FOR THEIR ULTIMATE TASK, AS THEY WATCH FINAL SECONDS TICK OFF.

HOWEVER, A CERTAIN PAIR OF COSTUMED HEROES IS ALREADY TICKED-OFF!

CHA-KAKEEEESH



NOTHING COMMON
ABOUT THEM! OUR
INFORMANT WASN'T
LYING, BUT SOMEONE
MUST HAVE LIED
TO HIM!

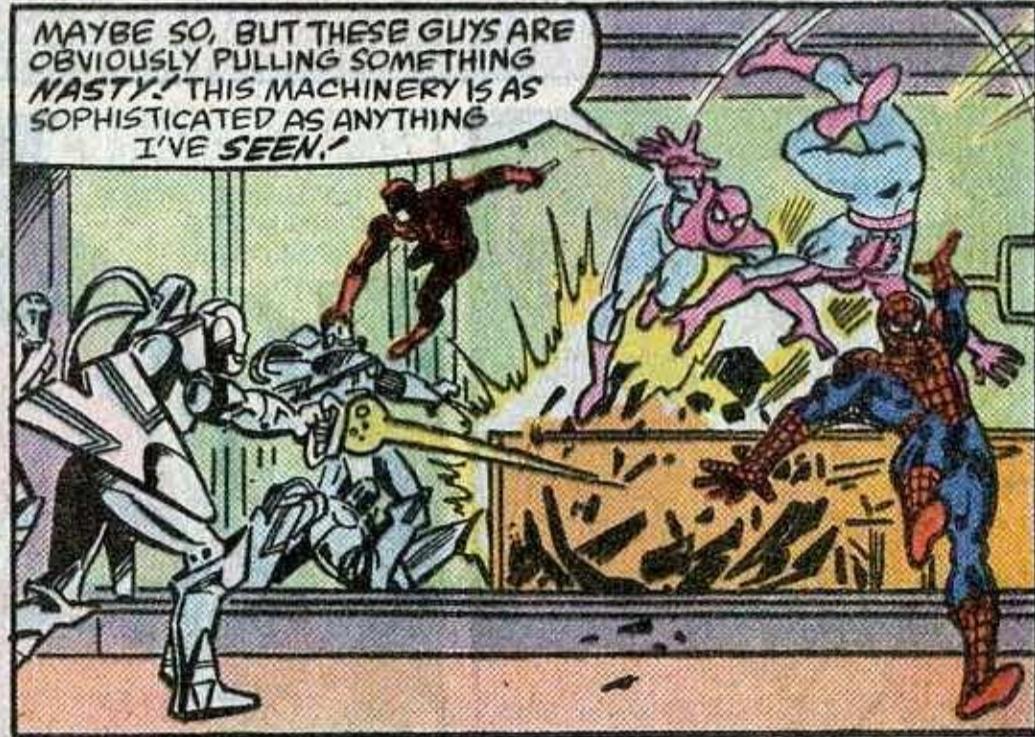
WE'VE BEEN
SET UP!



AND I'LL BE VERY SURPRISED
IF THAT "SOMEONE" ISN'T BIG,
UGLY, AND POWERFUL!



MAYBE SO, BUT THESE GUYS ARE
OBVIOUSLY PULLING SOMETHING
NASTY! THIS MACHINERY IS AS
SOPHISTICATED AS ANYTHING
I'VE SEEN!



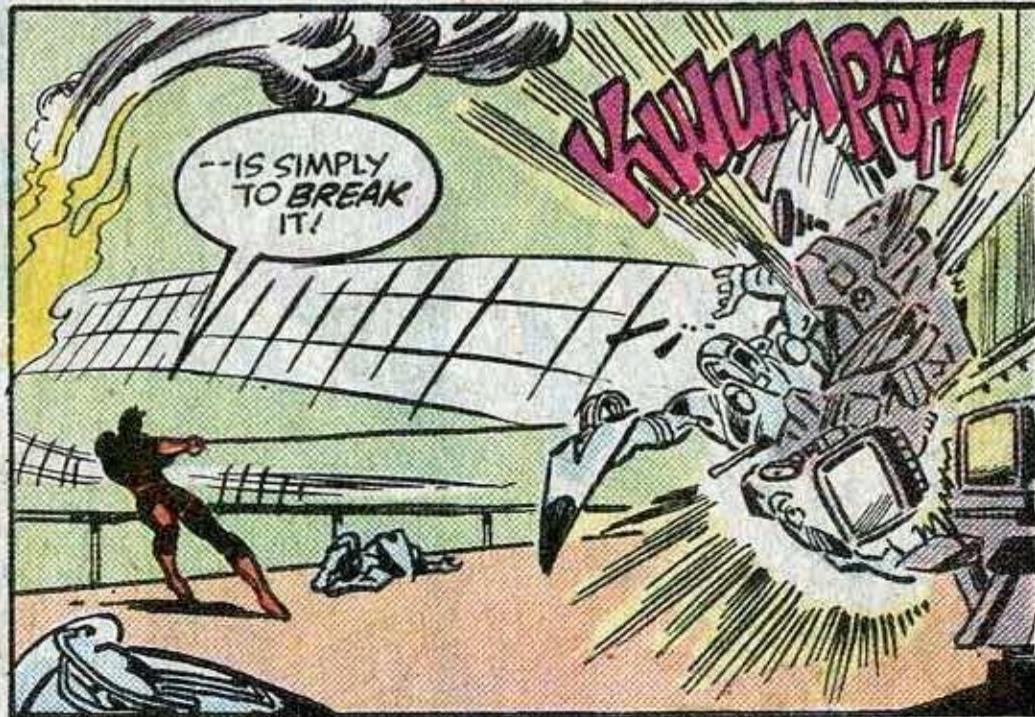
AND JUDGING FROM THAT CLOCK,
WE'VE GOT ONLY A COUPLE OF
MINUTES TO KEEP THEM FROM
USING IT!



THEN MAYBE THE
FASTEST WAY TO
STOP IT--



--IS SIMPLY
TO BREAK
IT!



WHILE ON A DESERTED 86TH FLOOR OBSERVATION PLATFORM...

THIS WAS AS FAR AS THE ELEVATOR WOULD TAKE ME! BUT SO FAR, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING OUT OF THE--

--WAIT!

AND I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT ANTENNA IN PICTURES OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING!

GUESS IT COULD BE LEGITIMATE, BUT I CAN'T TAKE THAT CHANCE! GOT TO IMPACT MY BODY WITH THE HARD WALKWAY! TURN MYSELF INTO--

THOSE "SPACEMEN" SAID SOMETHING ABOUT TRANSMITTING THEIR SLEEP-RAY!

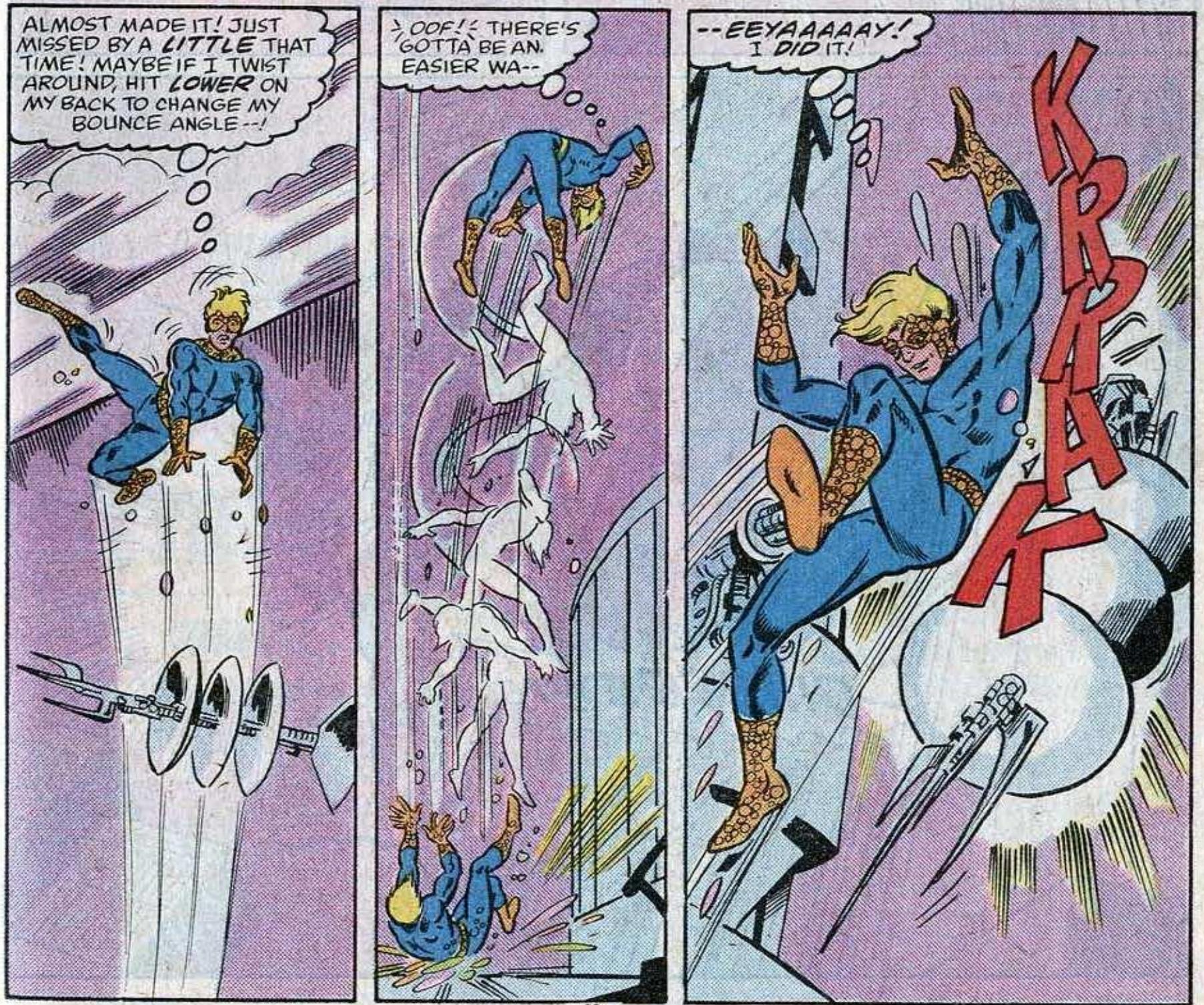
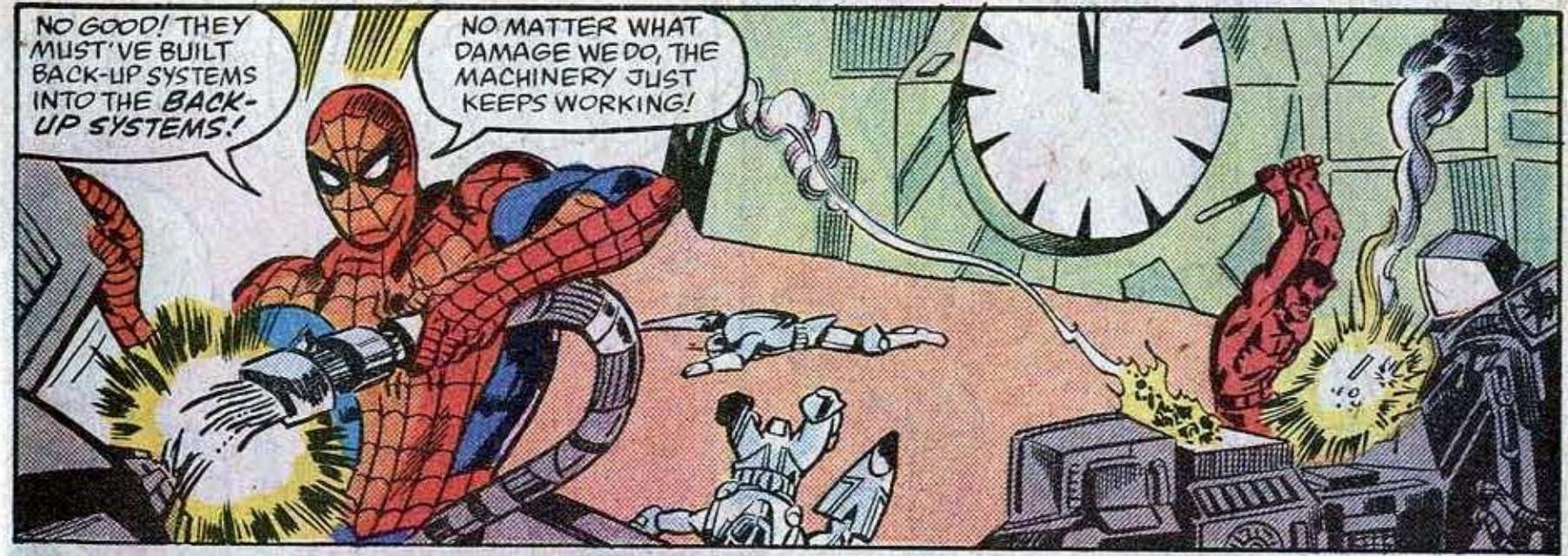
--SPEEDBALL!

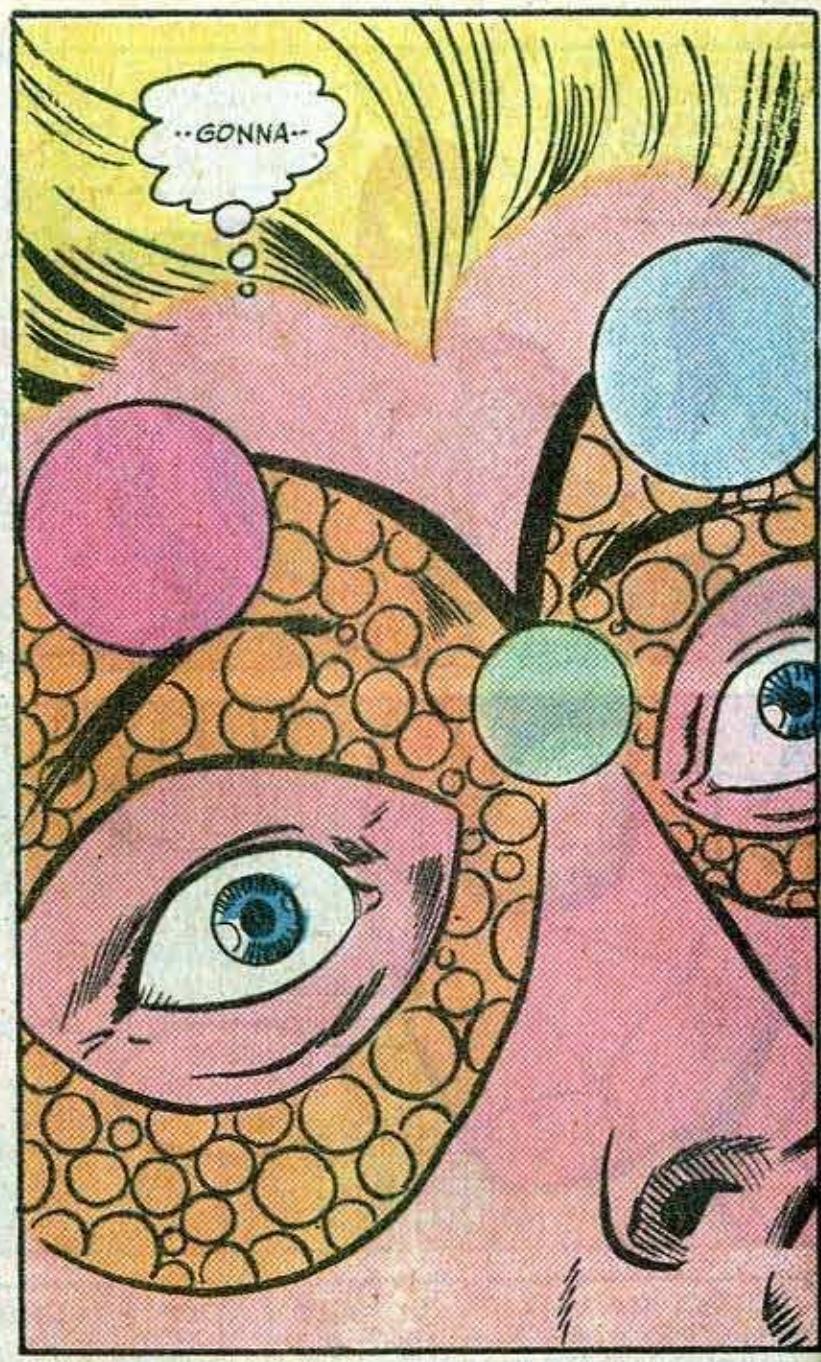
YEAH!

NO!

WHY DIDN'T THESE POWERS COME WITH INSTRUCTIONS?

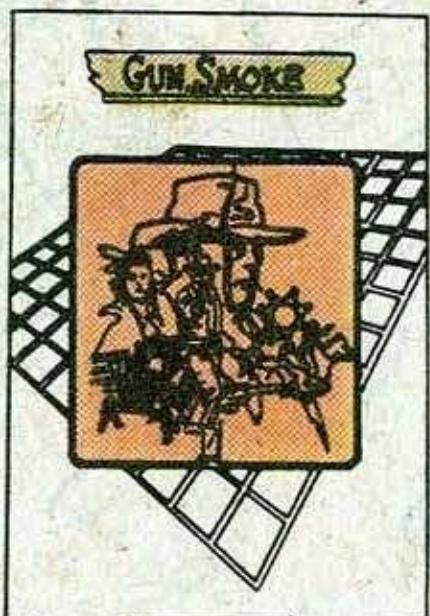
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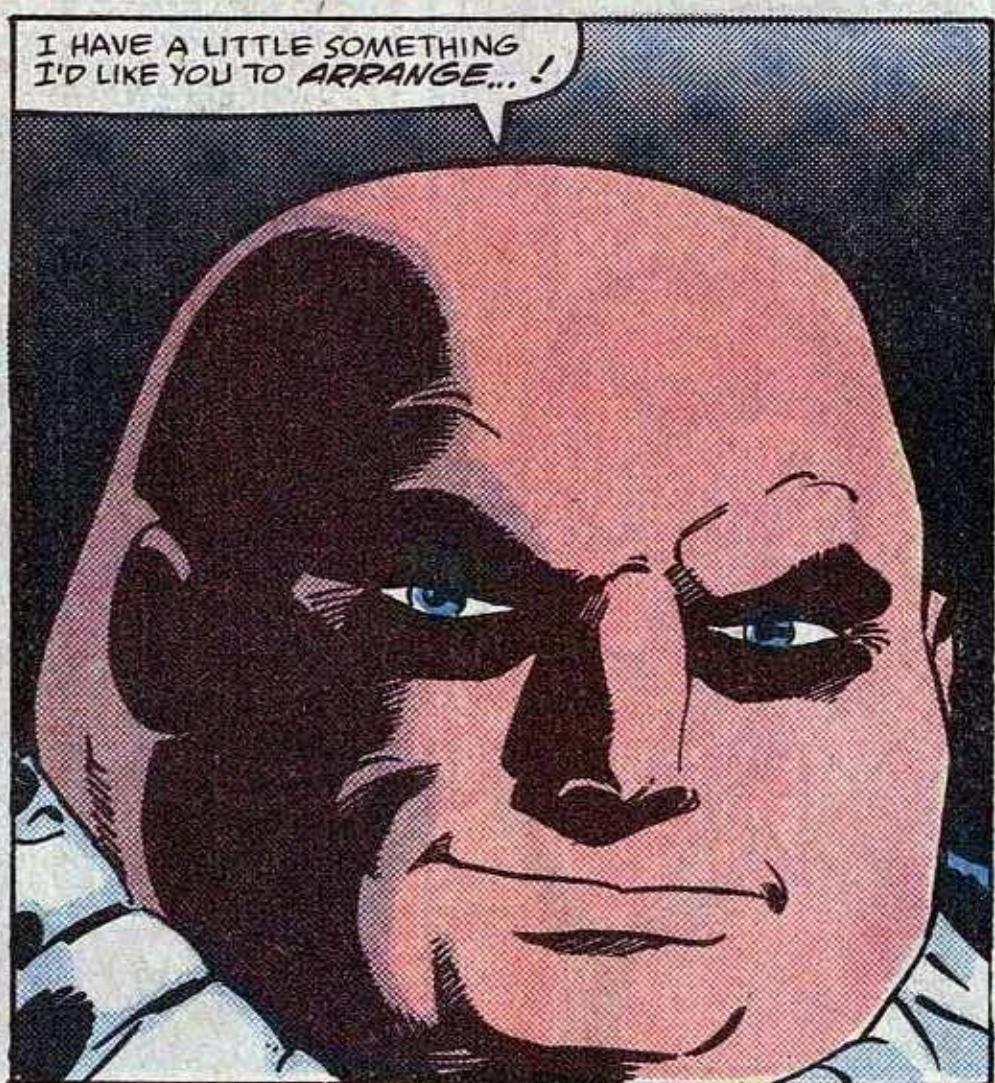
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AND SHORTLY, AT SPLIT-FACE FLANAGAN'S HIDE-OUT.

OR RATHER--

--WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!

THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT, MR. FLANAGAN. I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING FROM MY EMPLOYER, THE KINGPIN.

A CHOICE.

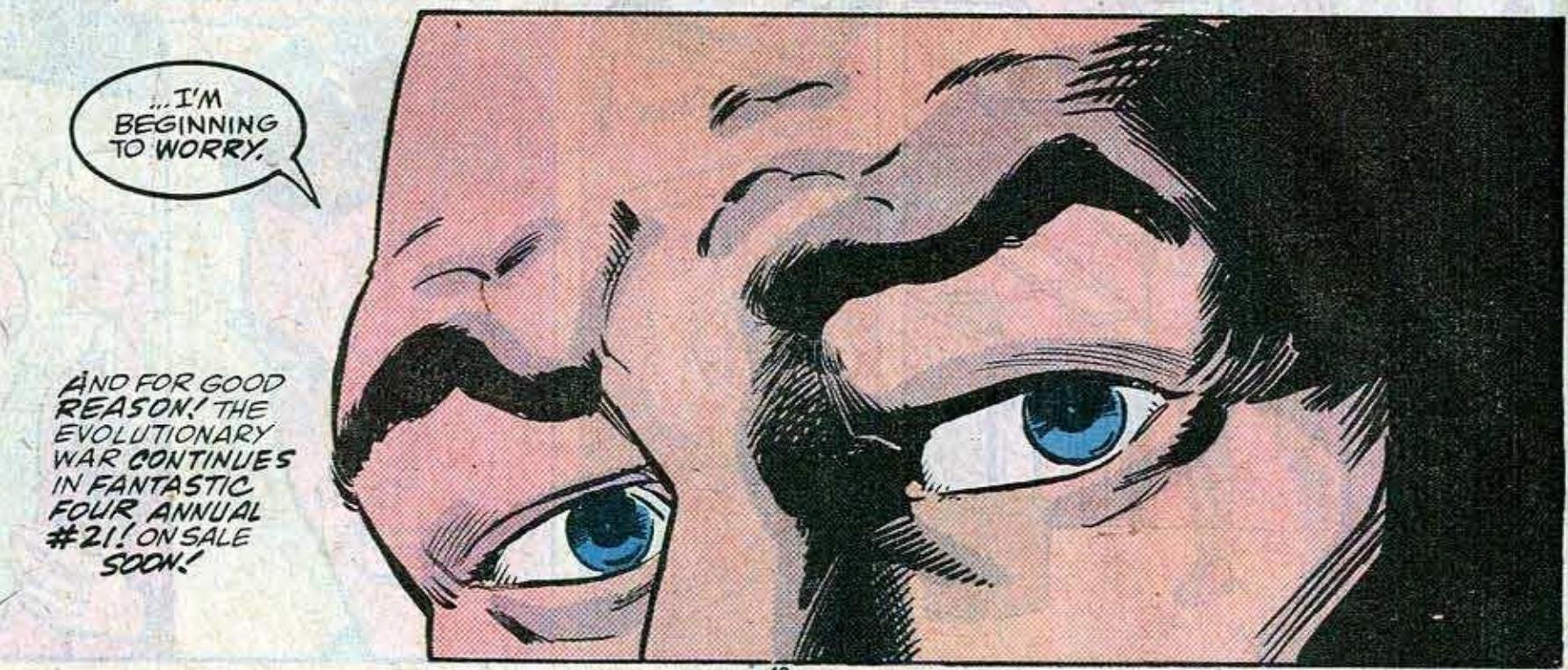
A... A CHOICE?

INDEED, YOU MAY EITHER GO TO THE NEAREST PRECINCT HOUSE-- NOW-- AND CONFESS TO A HEINOUS MURDER; OR, YOU MAY REMAIN HERE--

--AND BECOME THE VICTIM OF ONE!

CHAPTER 6:
SOME CHOICE...!





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OWN SHOWCASE... A
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NO, I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN YOU, MADDY...
YOU BACK-STABBER! YOU
DESTROYED MY CAREER,
TO FURTHER YOUR OWN...
IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT I
SAVE A MAJOR ROLE
FOR YOU!

BUGLE VISIT

MADELINE NAYLOR & SON,
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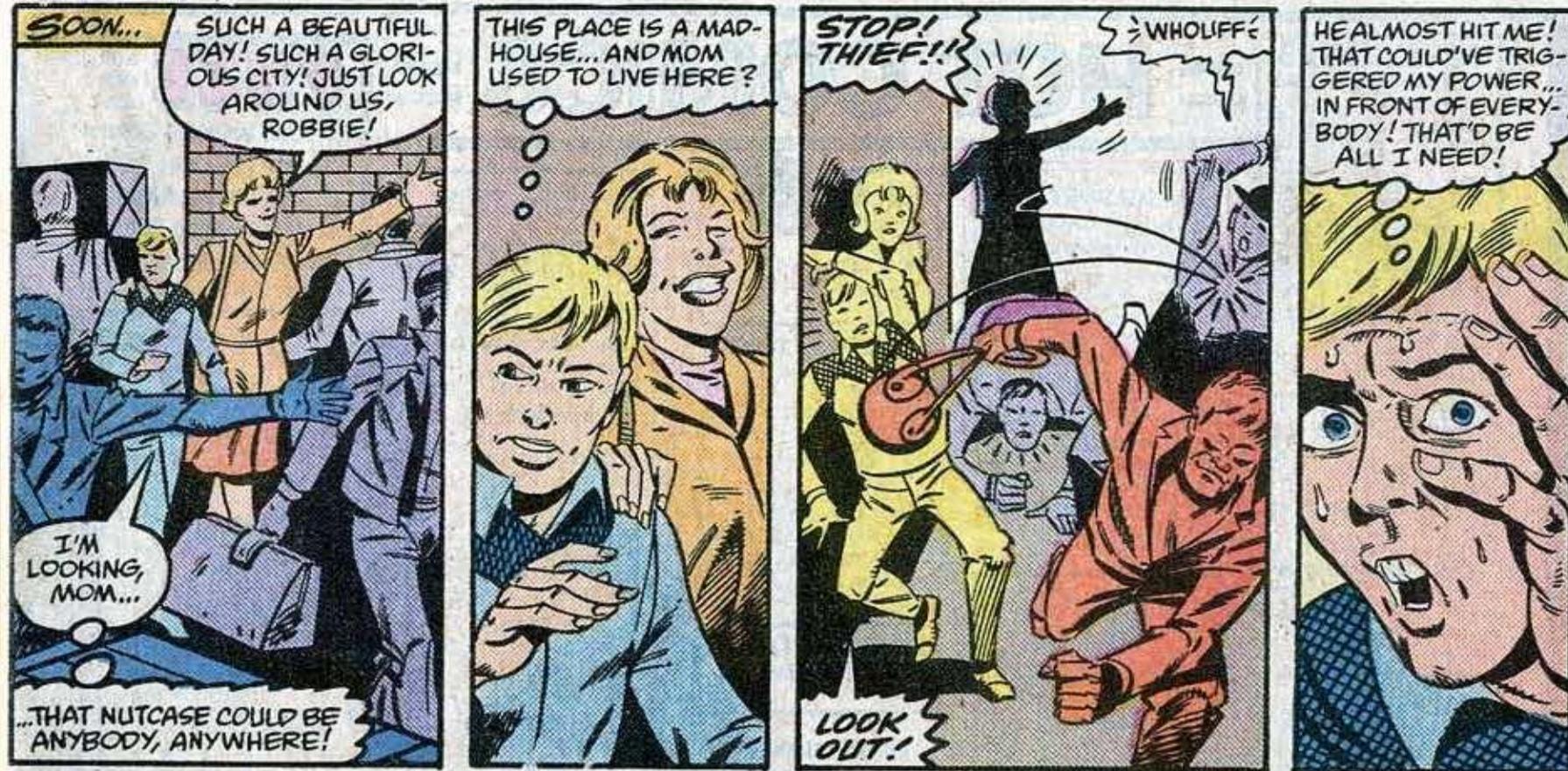
BUT YOUR WHELP WILL
HAVE TO GO! ONLY PROFESSIONALS
ARE ALLOWED IN MY
PRODUCTION! IF HE'S QUIET,
WE'LL LET HIM WATCH--

-- WHILE I TEAR YOU
APART! YES, THE WAY
YOU TORE MY LIFE APART
ALL THOSE YEARS AGO!
THE FINAL CURTAIN IS
YOURS, MADDY... THE
LAST LAUGH IS MINE!
HA HA HA HA

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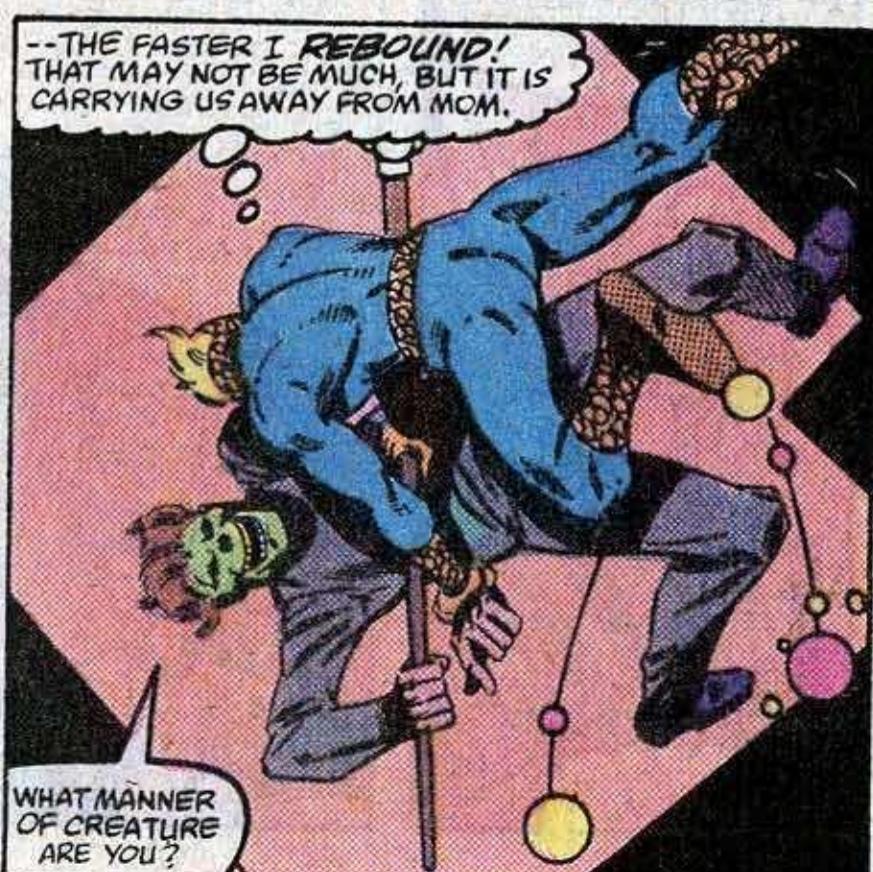
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YOU MUST BE SOME DEMON, SENT TO THWART MY VENGEANCE! BUT I WON'T LET YOU! I KILLED MADDY'S SON... AND I CAN KILL YOU, TOO!

OH, BROTHER, HE'S REALLY FREAKING OUT NOW! I'VE GOT TO GET THIS SPEAR AWAY FROM HIM!

I'LL KILL YOU ALL!!

AT THAT MOMENT...
I DON'T LIKE IT, DAVE!
SOLLY WAS EXPECTING THIS DELIVERY-- IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO CLOSE EARLY.



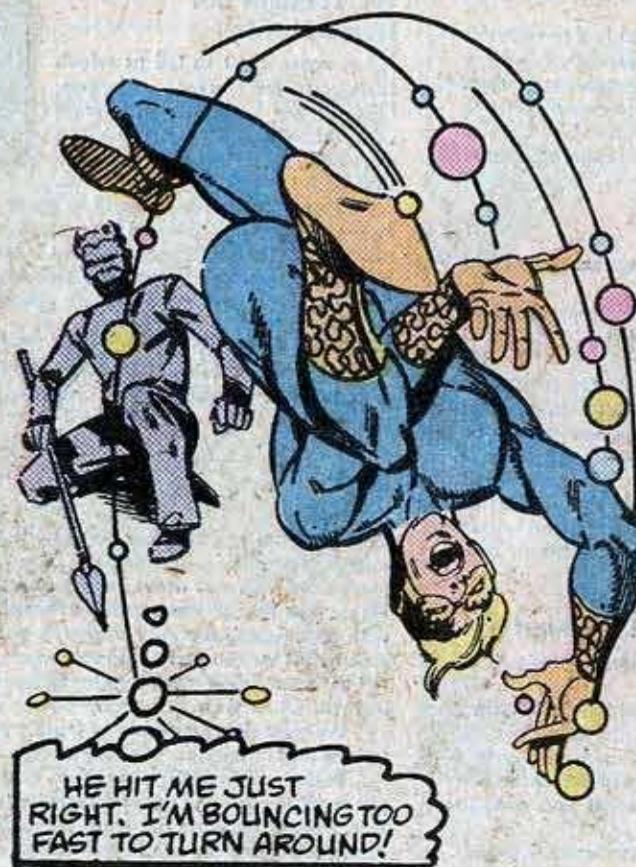
LET'S CHECK IT OUT.
SOLLY GAVE ME THIS PASS KEY--!



SEE, THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON!



OMIGOD!
SOLLY!





PETER AND MARY JANE'S APARTMENT AT THE

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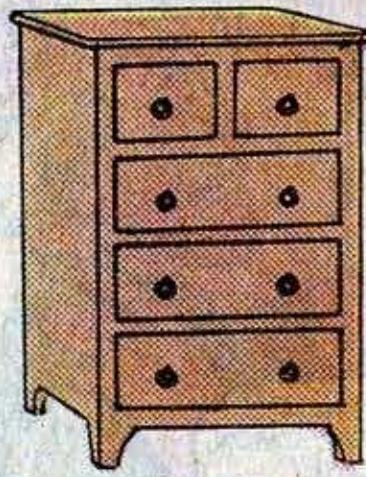
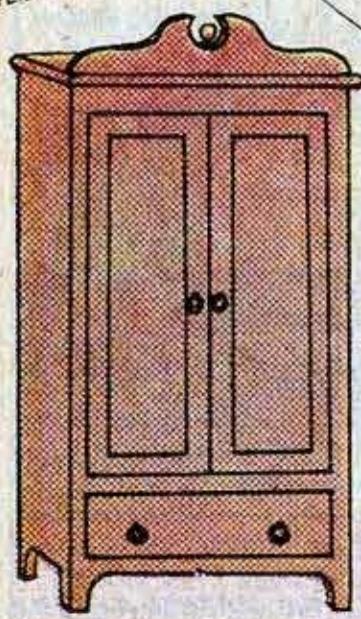
BACK WHEN THE PARKERS MOVED INTO THE BEDFORD TOWERS, WE HAD OUR VERY OWN JANET JACKSON DESIGN THEIR APARTMENT! HERE'S WHAT SHE CAME UP WITH...

BEDROOM



TABLE FROM PETER'S LIVING ROOM

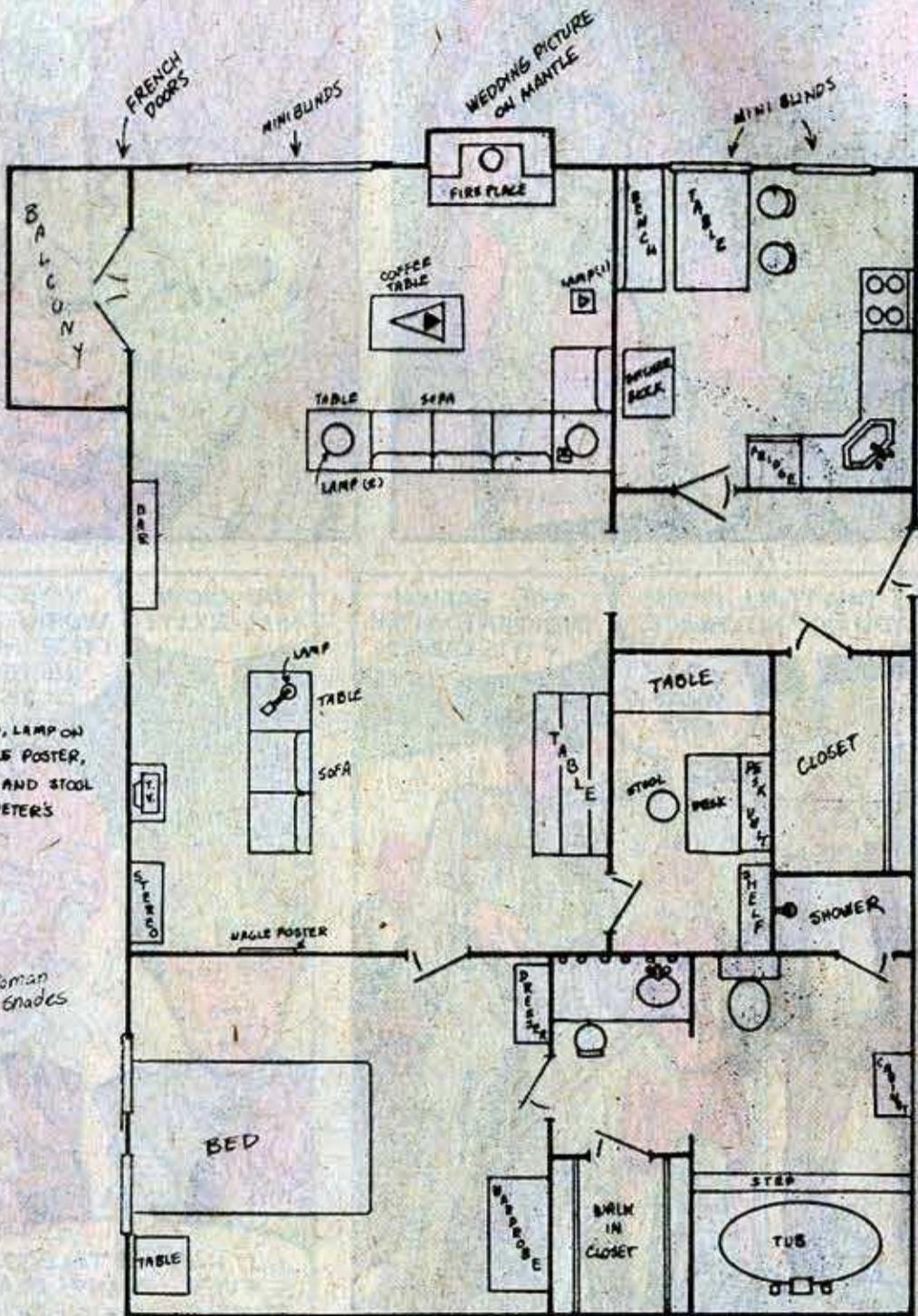
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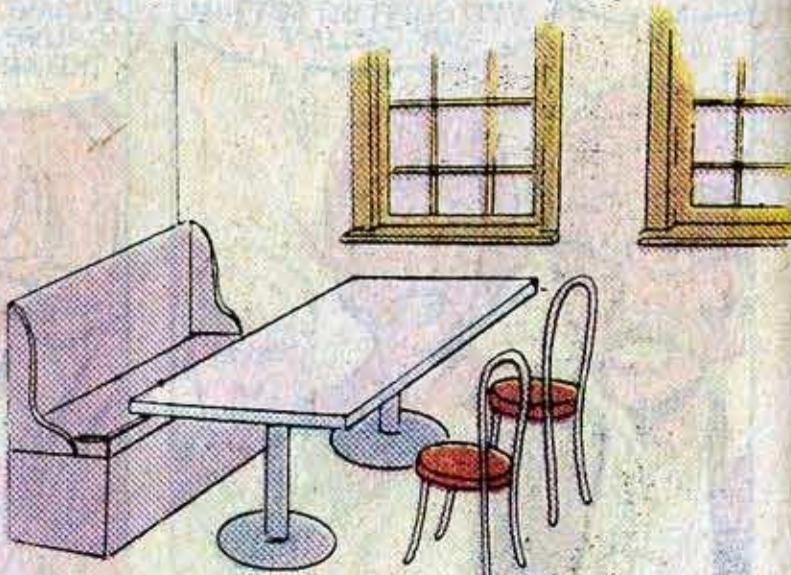
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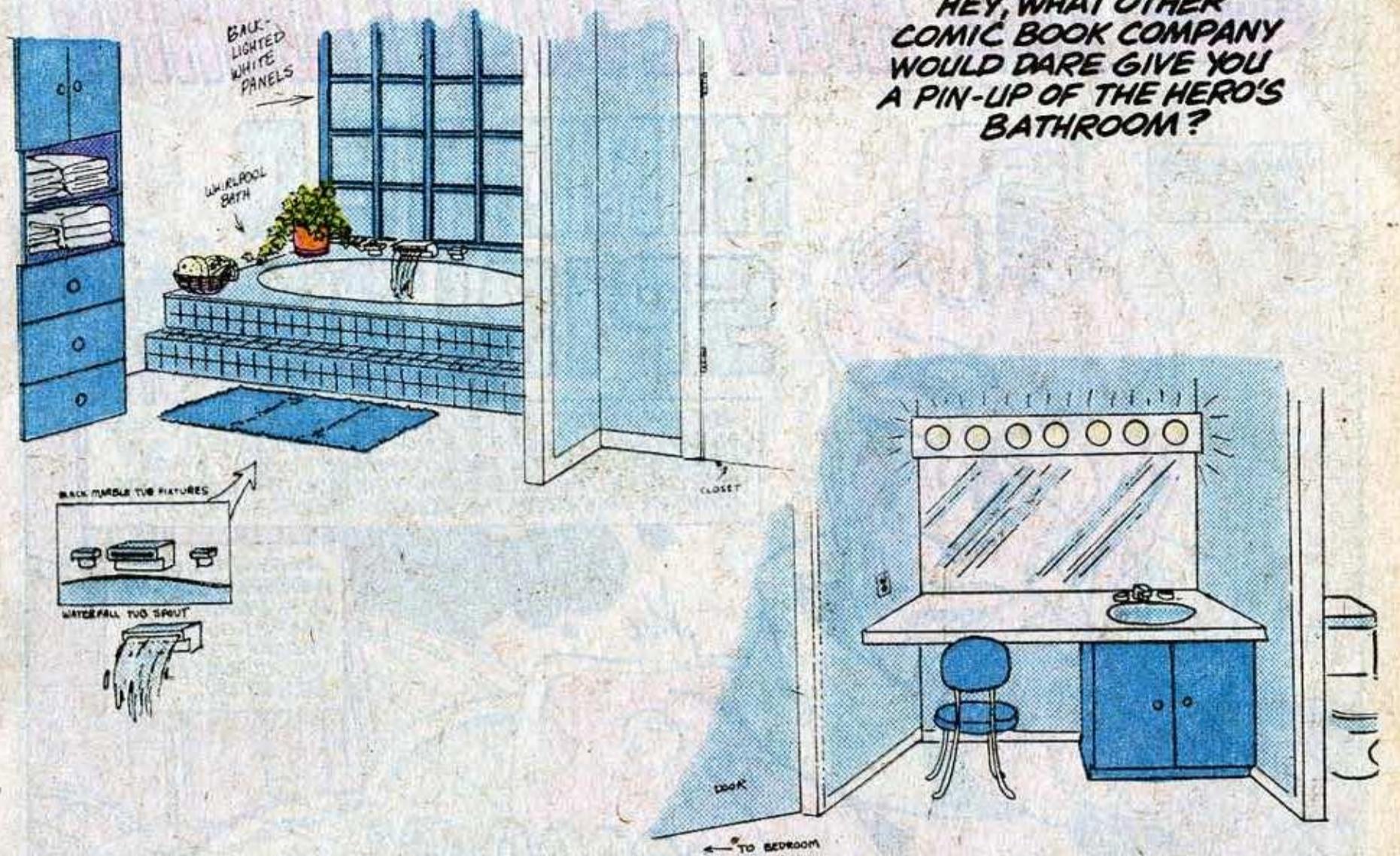


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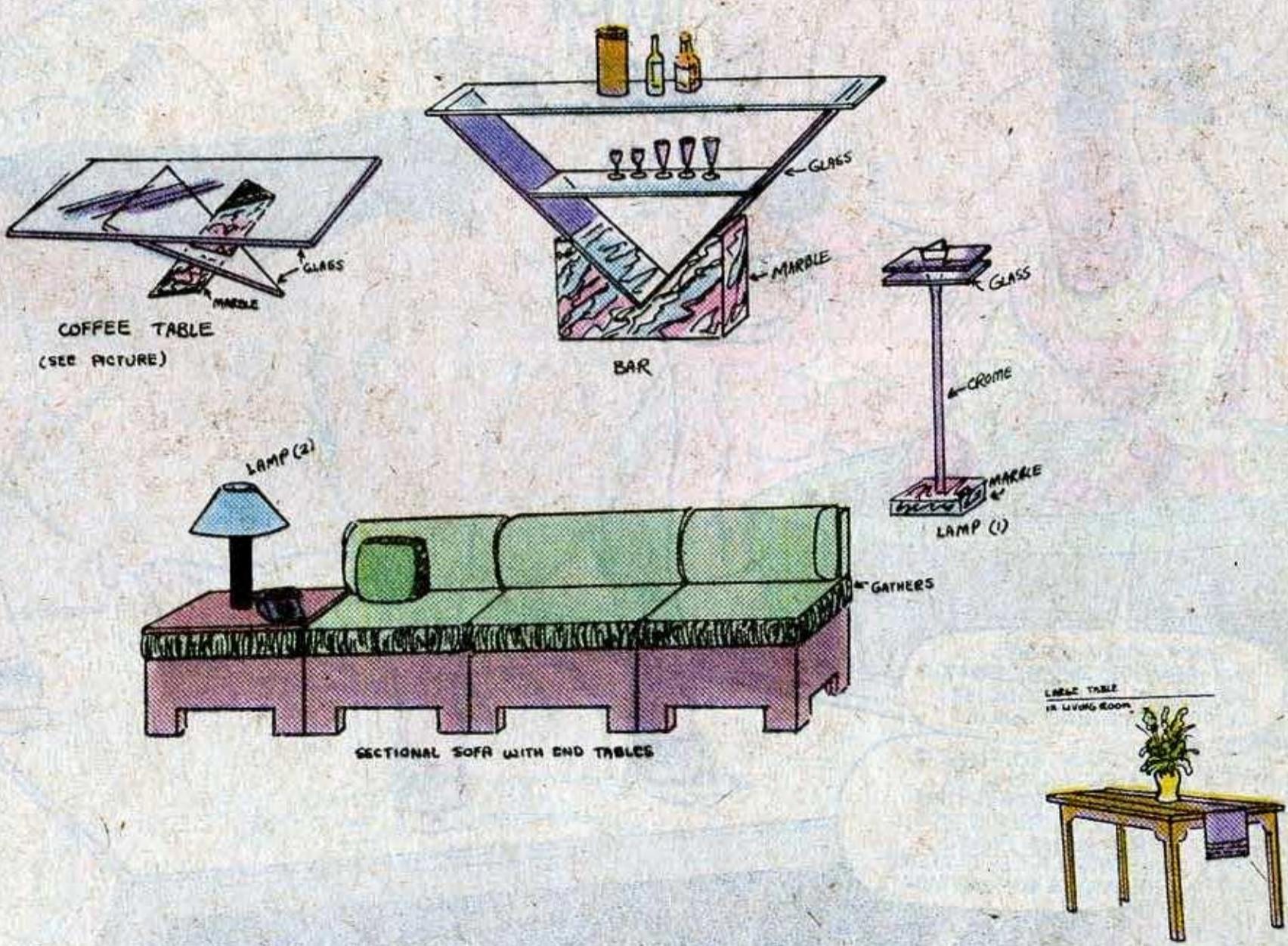
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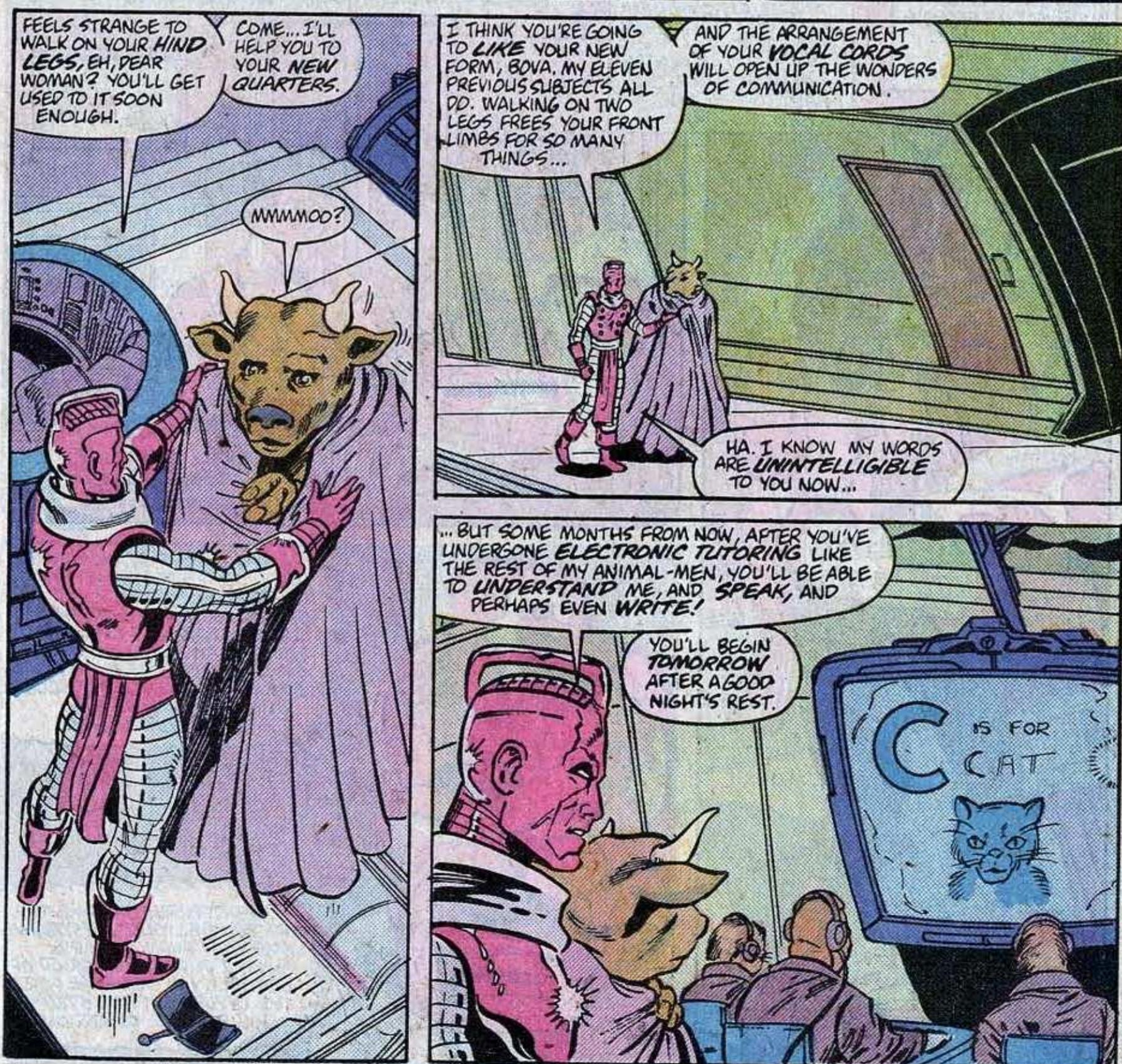
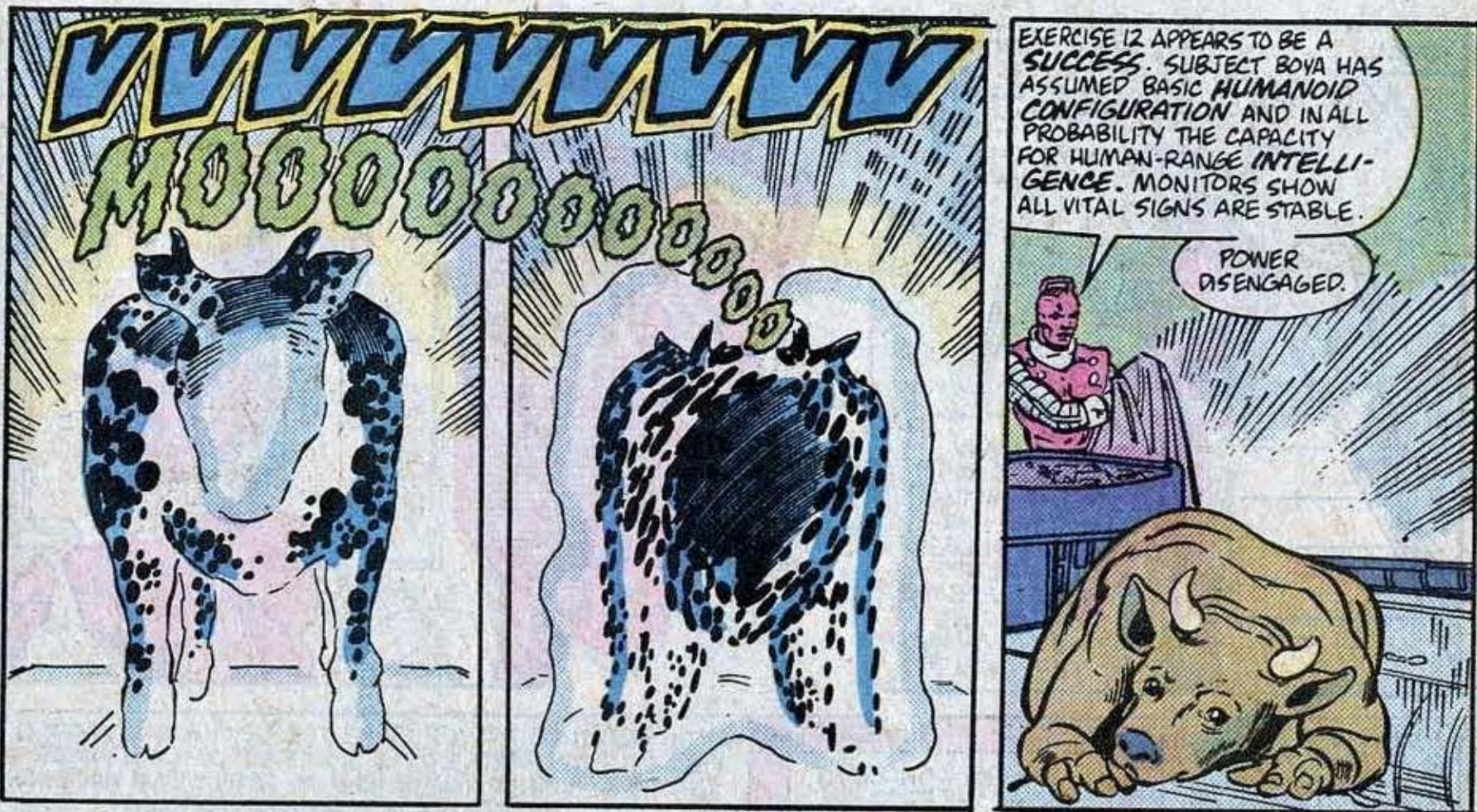
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MOOOOOOO

DON'T WORRY, OLD GIRL--
THE GENETIC ACCELERATOR
MAY MAKE A LOT OF NOISE,
BUT IT WON'T HURT YOU ...

NOW THEN, EXERCISE 12
COMMENCING 3-21-32.
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GENERATOR FULLY CHARGED,
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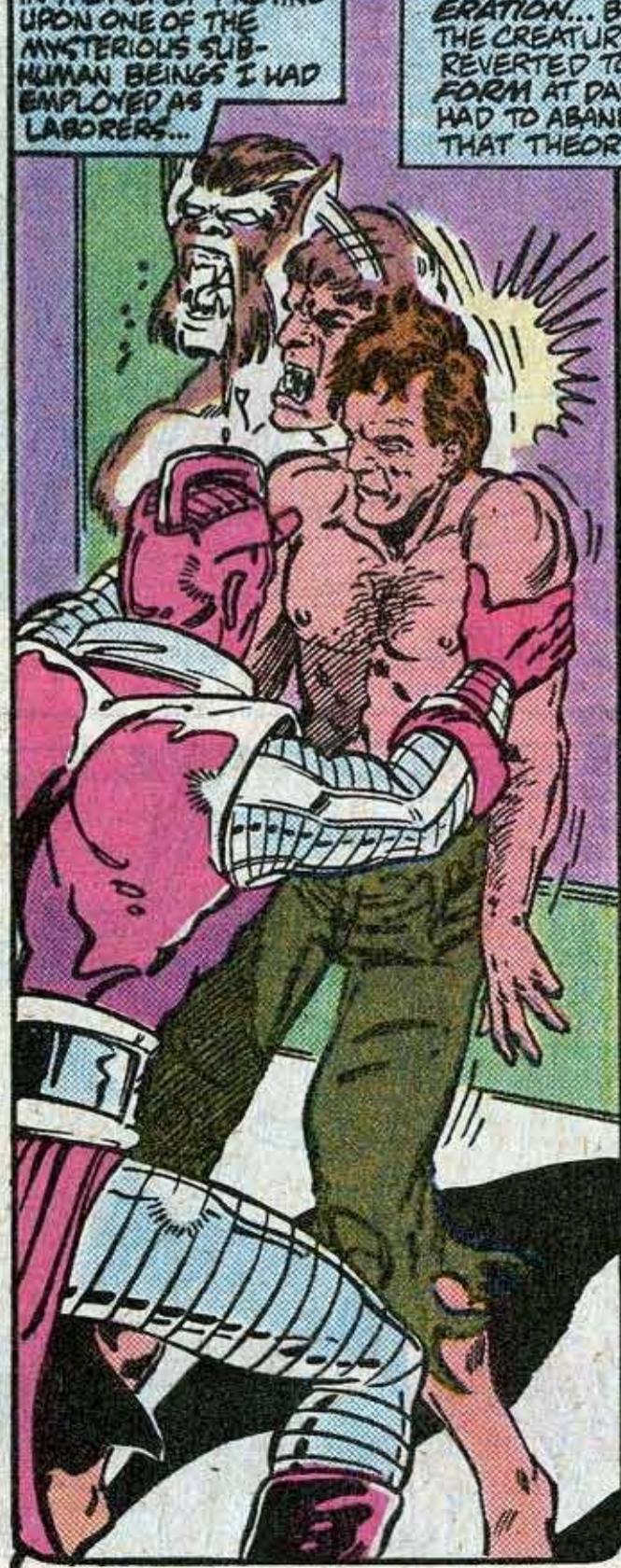




"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF THIS MURDEROUS WOLF-MAN WHOM I HAD CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF PREYING UPON ONE OF THE MYSTERIOUS SUB-HUMAN BEINGS I HAD EMPLOYED AS LABORERS..."

"AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS THE PRODUCT OF GENETIC ACCELERATION... BUT WHEN THE CREATURE REVERTED TO HUMAN FORM AT DAWN I HAD TO ABANDON THAT THEORY."

"THE CREATURE PROVED TO BE THE NEIGHBORING BARON WHO SOLD MY PARTNER AND I A TRACT OF LAND. OVER TEA, HE EXPLAINED TO ME HOW HIS FAMILY LINE HAD BEEN CURSED WITH LYCANTHROPY--WEREWOLFISM--"



HE WAS GRIEF-STRICKEN TO LEARN OF THE DEATHS HE HAD CAUSED-- BUT I COULD NOT BRING MYSELF TO CONDEMN THE MAN FOR ACTS COMMITTED WHILE IN AN ANIMALISTIC STATE OF MIND ANY MORE THAN I COULD BRING MYSELF TO BELIEVE IN HIS CLAIM OF SUPERNATURAL ORIGIN.



SO, I OFFERED TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RESTRAINING HIM FROM HARMING ANYONE DURING HIS PERIOD OF BESTIALITY IN EXCHANGE FOR THE OPPURTUNITY TO STUDY HIS BIZARRE CONDITION.

SO FAR, THE BIOPSYED TISSUE I'VE EXTRACTED FROM HIM DURING BOTH OF HIS STATES HAVE PROVEN INCONCLUSIVE.

PERHAPS IF I COULD TAKE CELL SAMPLES DURING HIS TRANSITIONAL STATE--! HMM, THE TIMING WILL BE TRICKY...

BUT WITH THIS BODY ARMOR I'VE DEVISED FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PROTECTING ME FROM THE PREDATIONS OF WILD BEASTS, I HAVE NO FEAR OF HIS TEETH OR CLAWS.

LET ME CHECK THE ALMANAC TO SEE THE PRECISE HOUR THE SUN RISES TOMORROW...

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU BACK, OLD FRIEND. THE PLACE HASN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE YOU LEFT. YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE MY STRANGE RAIMENT... IT'S A COMBINATION RADIATION SUIT AND PROTECTION AGAINST--

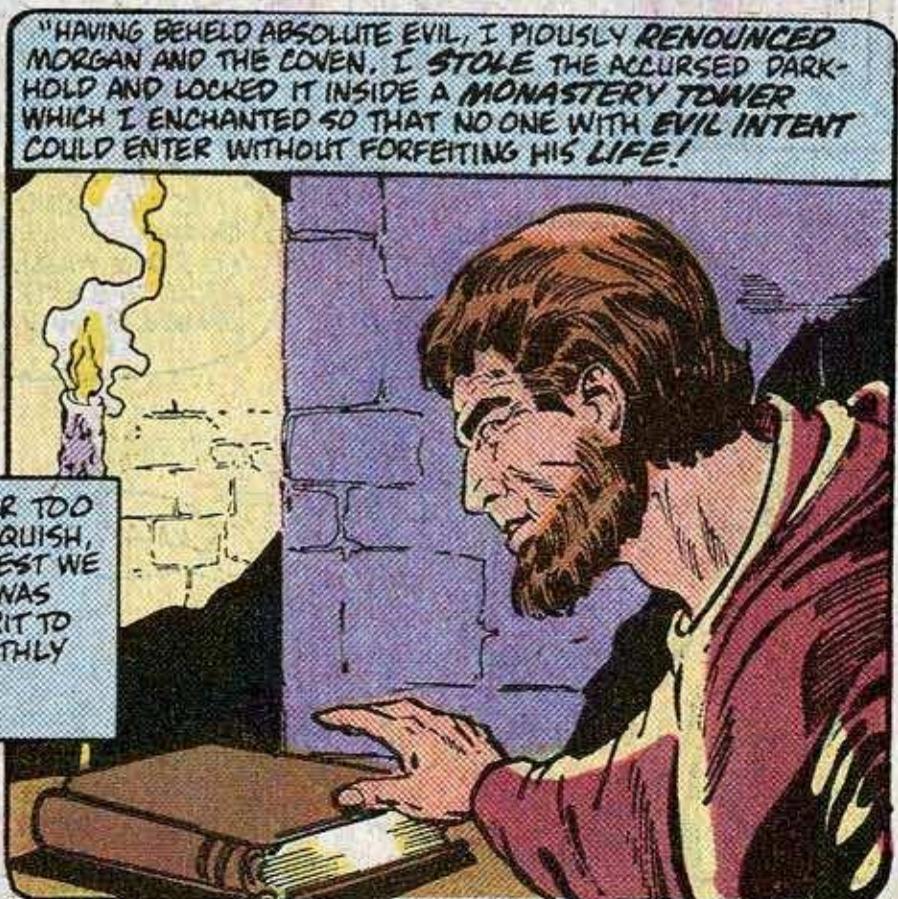
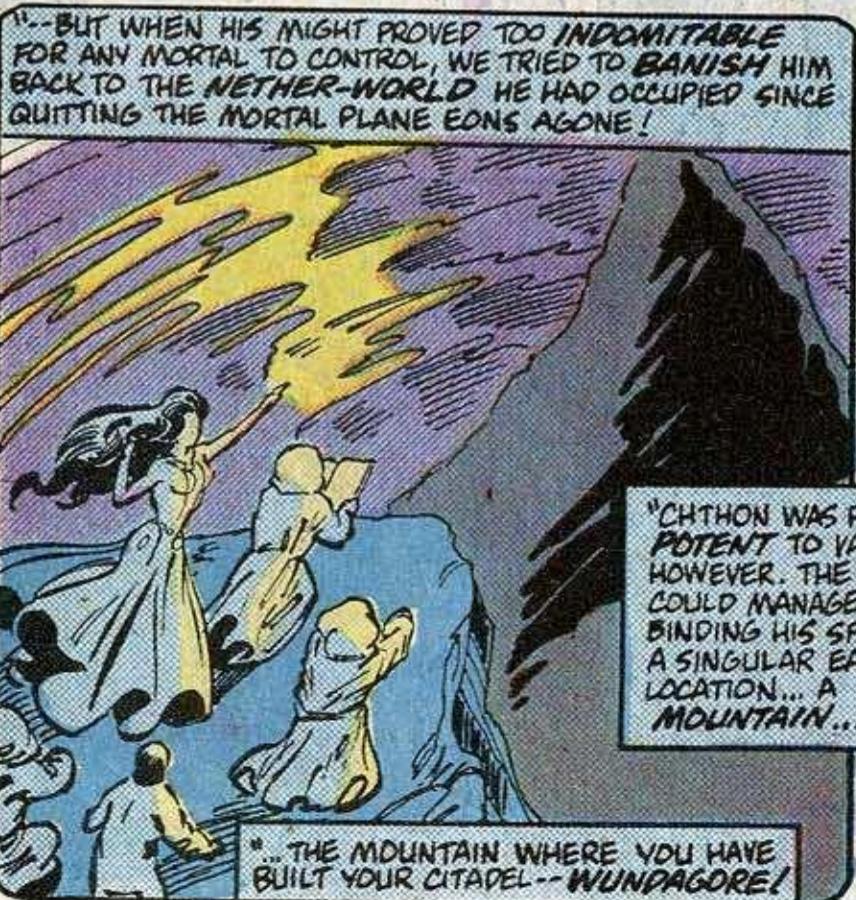
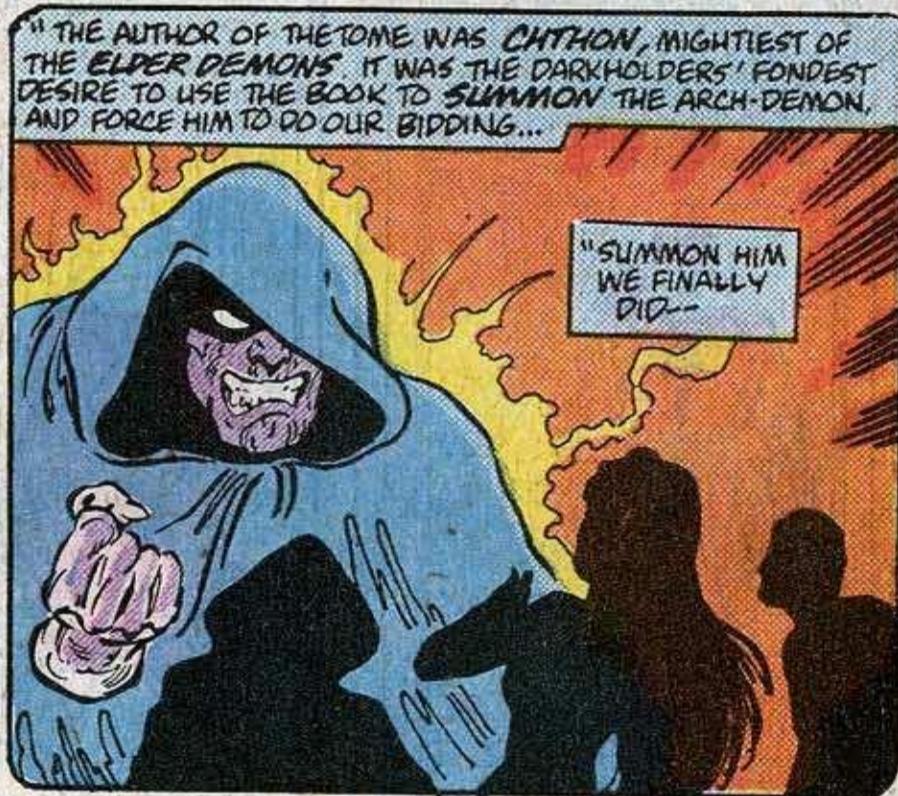
WHAT--? JONATHAN--? I THOUGHT YOU'D--

HERBERT WYNNDHAM...?

WYNNDHAM... I AM NOT YOUR FORMER PARTNER...

I HAVE ONLY BORROWED HIS BODY SO I CAN WARN YOU ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY DANGER THAT YOU FACE HERE.

WHAT--?



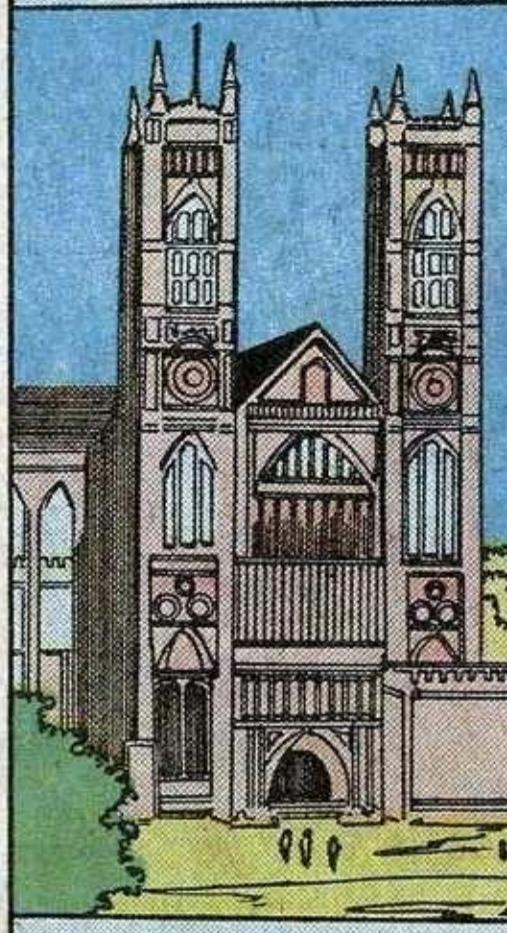
"WHEN MORGAN LE FEY LEARNED HOW I HAD BETRAYED HER AND STOLEN HER GREATEST PRIZE-- HER ANGER WAS BOUNDLESS."

"SHE SLEW ME WITH HER BARE HANDS."



"FORTUNATELY, I HAD FORESEEN SUCH A POSSIBILITY, AND PRIOR TO MY DEATH PERFORMED THE NECESSARY RITUAL TO PREVENT MY SPIRIT FROM PASSING ON TO THE NEXT PLANE."

"FOR CENTURIES MY BONES LAY IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE IN THE EARTH UNTIL THEY FINALLY CRUMPLED TO POWDER..."



"THEN RELEASED FROM THE FINAL VESTIGES OF MY PHYSICAL FORM, I TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY IN LONDON..."

"THERE I'VE PASSED THE LAST SEVEN CENTURIES, KEEPING A VIGIL FOR ANY SIGN OF THE AWAKENING OF CHTHON."

"SIX WEEKS AGO YOUR PARTNER JONATHAN DREW PASSED THROUGH LONDON. FROM HIS MIND, I GLEANED THAT HE HAD BEEN SPENT TIME ON WUNDAGORE... THAT YOU AND HE HAD UNWITTINGLY BUILT YOUR CITADEL ON CHTHON'S BURIAL MOUND..."

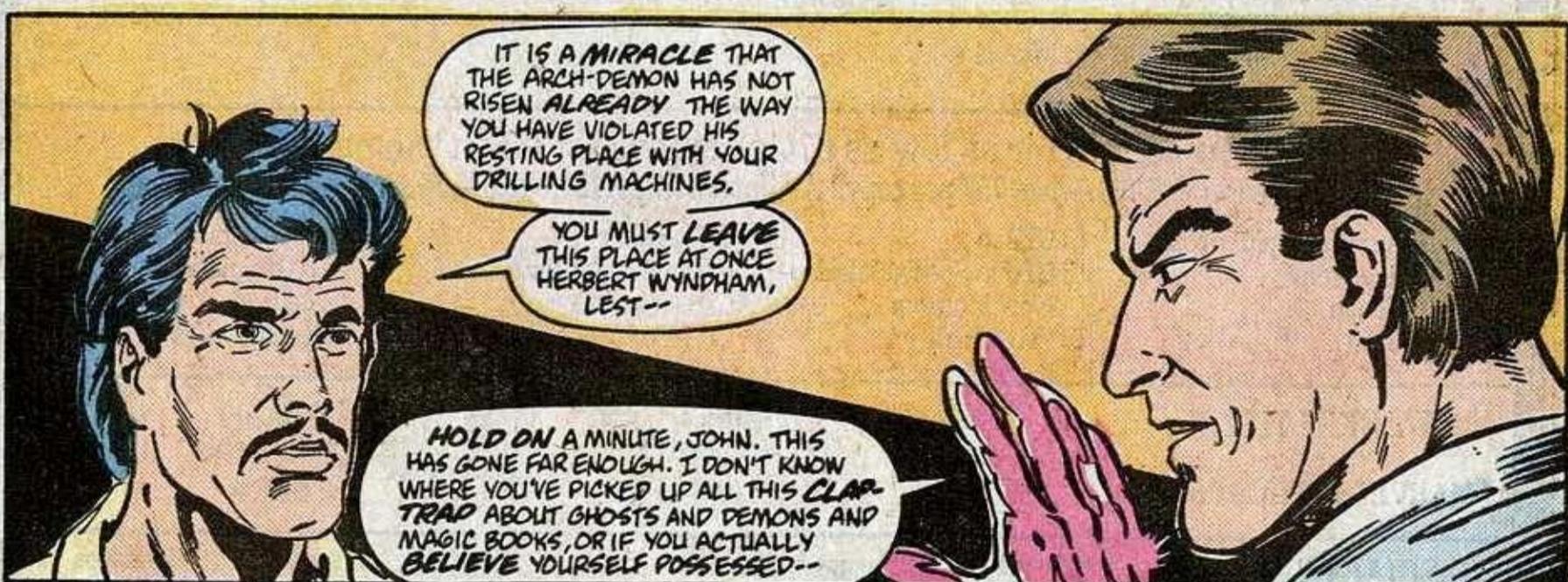


"I ASSUMED CONTROL OF DREW'S FORM--"

IT IS A MIRACLE THAT THE ARCH-DEMON HAS NOT RISEN ALREADY THE WAY YOU HAVE VIOLATED HIS RESTING PLACE WITH YOUR DRILLING MACHINES.

YOU MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE HERBERT WYNTHAM, LEST--

HOLD ON A MINUTE, JOHN. THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH. I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'VE PICKED UP ALL THIS CLAP-TRAP ABOUT GHOSTS AND DEMONS AND MAGIC BOOKS, OR IF YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE YOURSELF POSSESSED--



"...BUT I'M A MAN OF SCIENCE, AND I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD YOU'VE SAID!"

SOMEWHERE, DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF WUNDAGORE, A DEMON LAUGHS.



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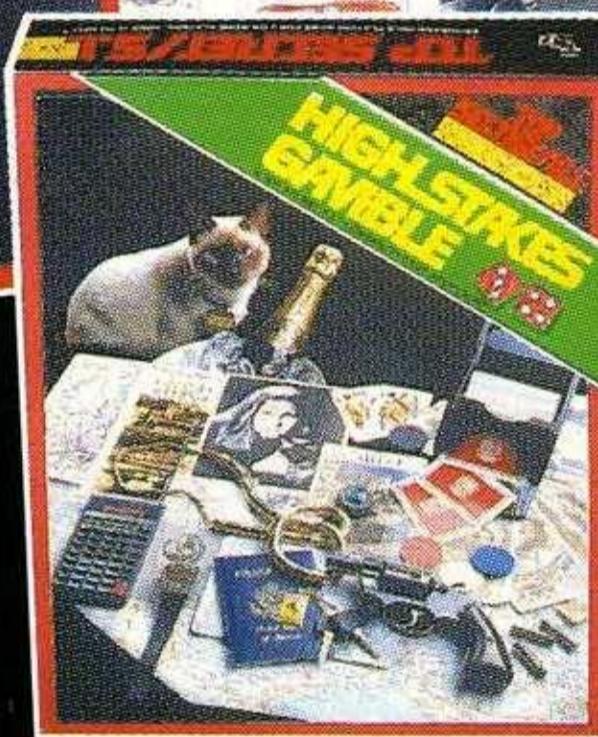
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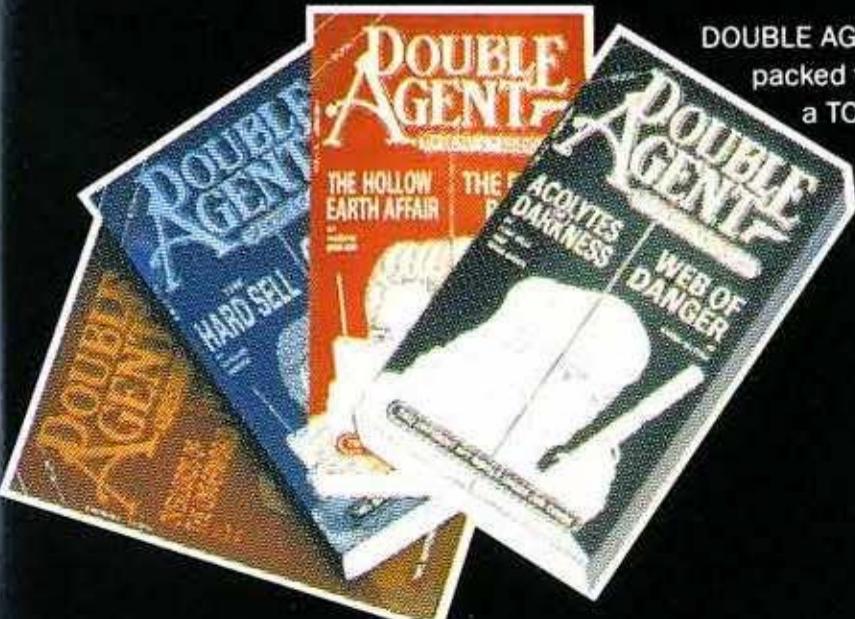


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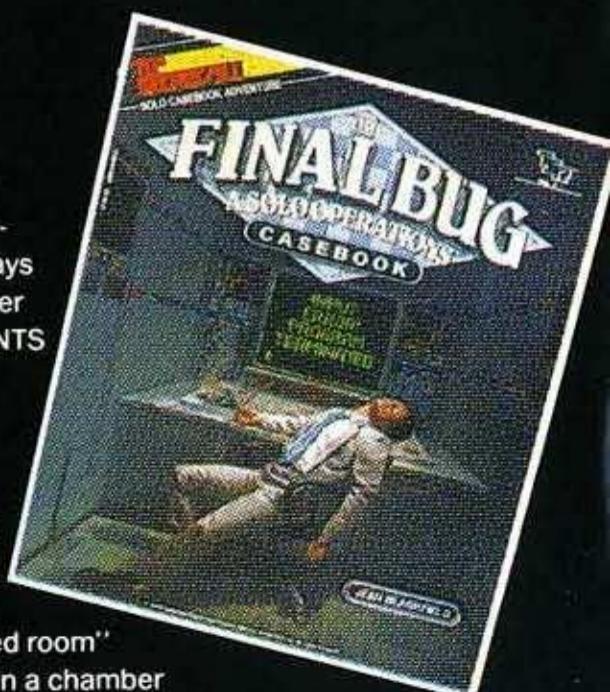


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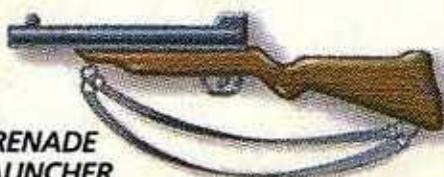
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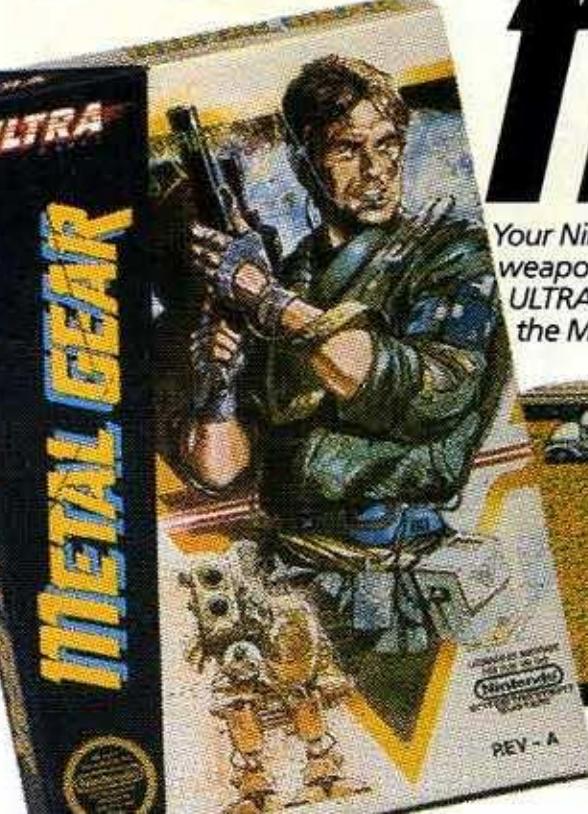
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