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SHRIEKING

THE FINALE!

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

INSIDE:
THE SPIDER-MAN
MYSTERY
DEEPENS!

SAVAGE SHOWDOWN!



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BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

**Stan Lee
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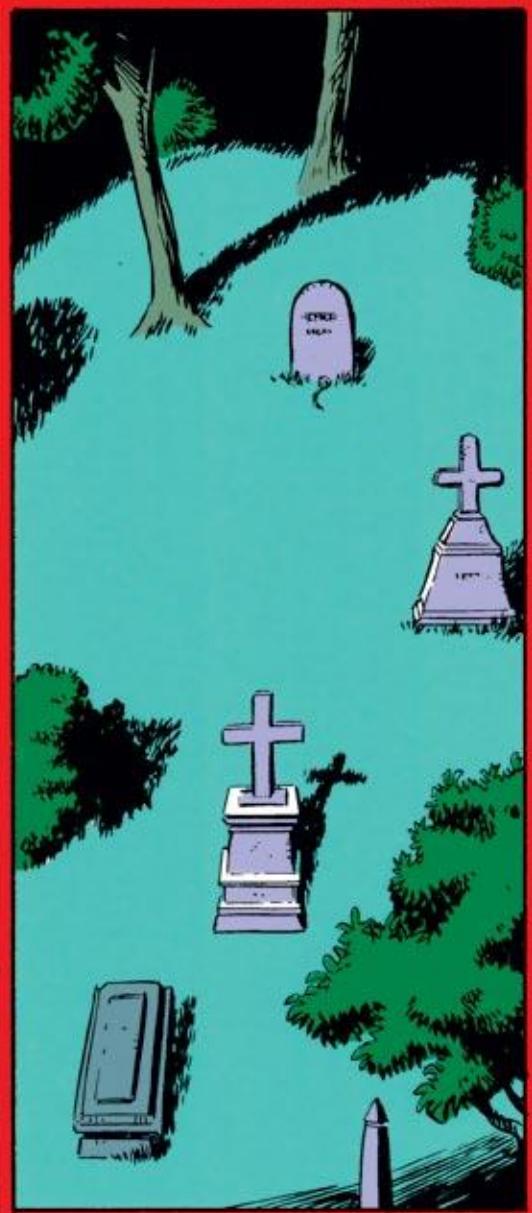
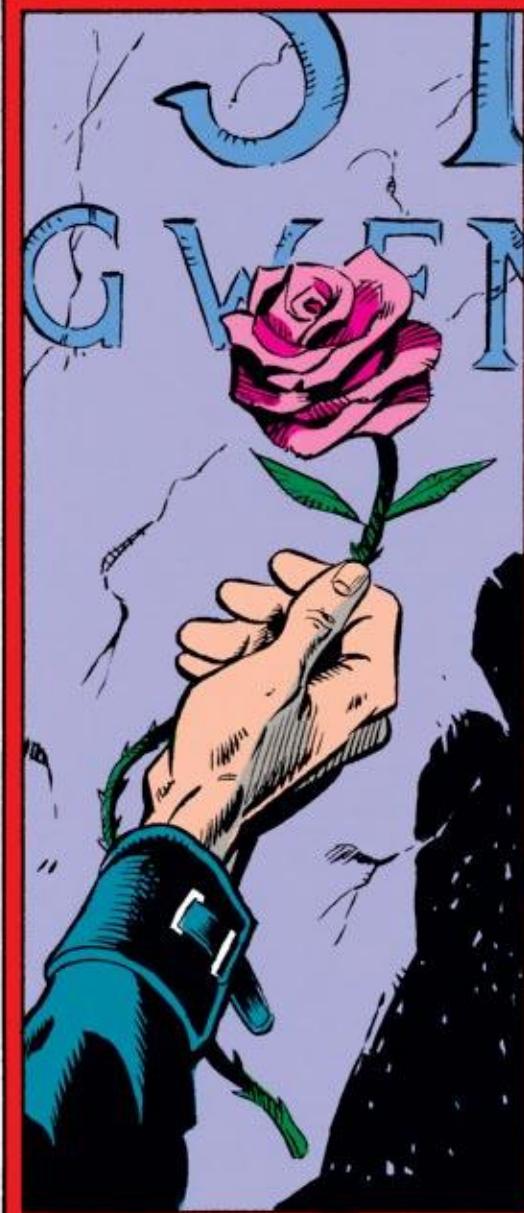
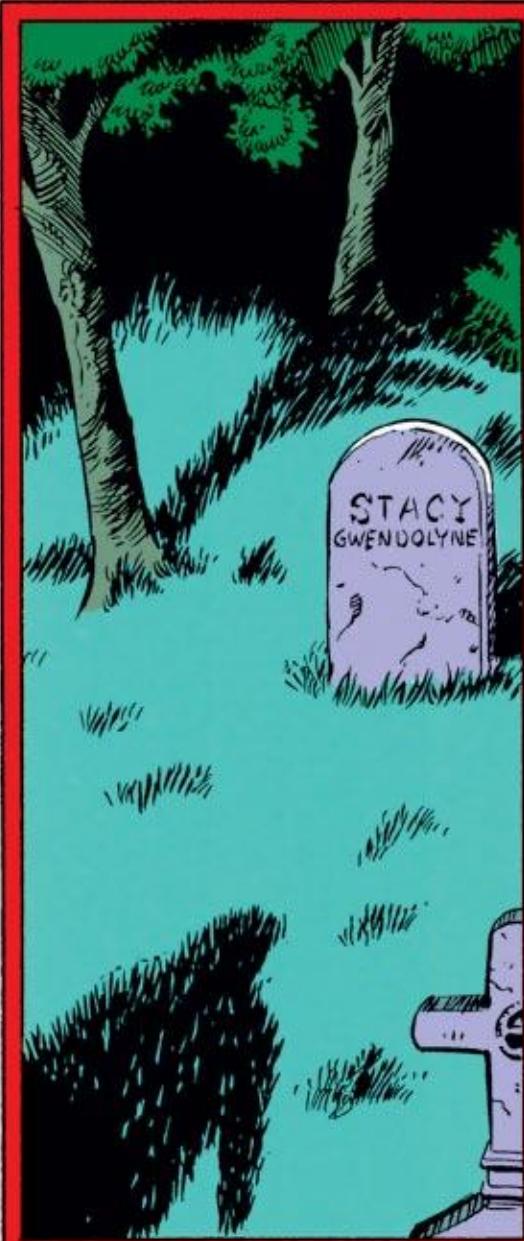
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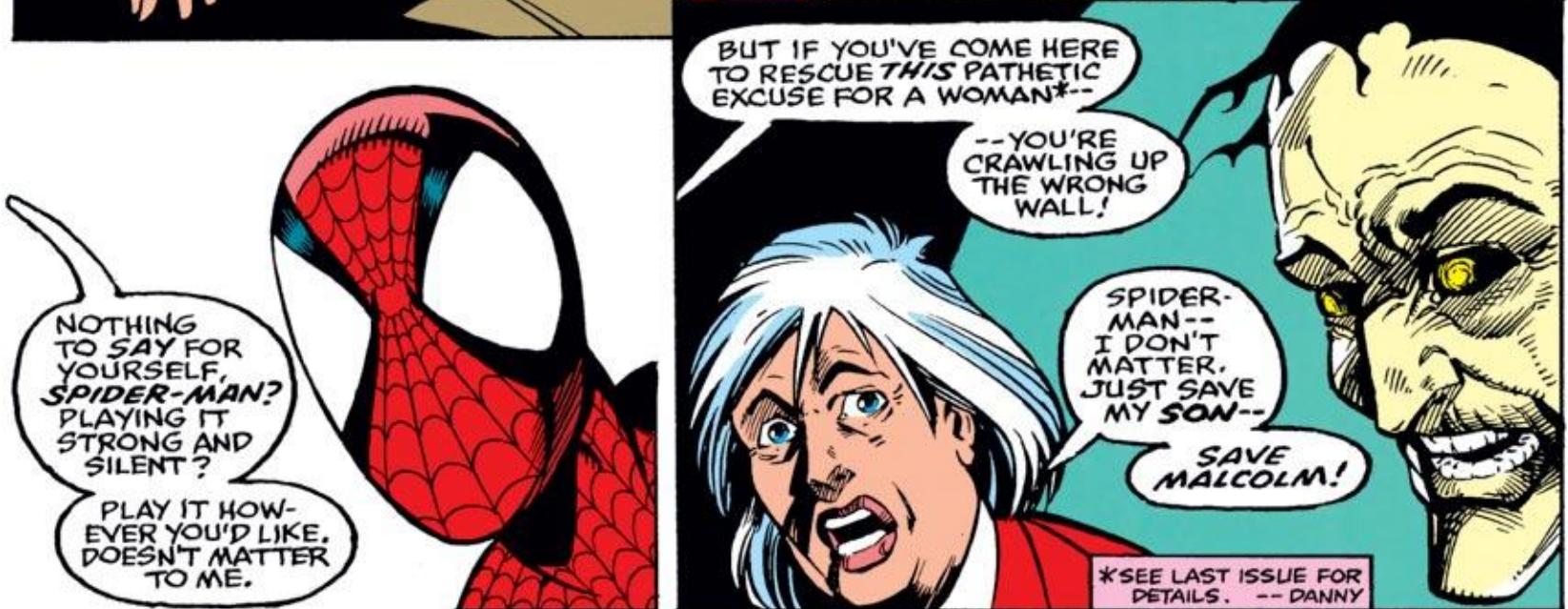
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IF I'VE TOLD YOU ONCE, I'VE TOLD YOU A THOUSAND TIMES--

SH RAK K

--HE'S NOT YOUR SON--

ONCE HE WOULD HAVE HAD A FUNNY LINE... A CLEVER QUIP TO CONCEAL HIS FEAR AND TENSION.

NOW HE'S SILENT AS DEATH.

HE BATTERS SHRIEK BACK WITH ONE SWIFT AND MERCILESS BLOW...

...THEN TURNS BACK TO SHRIEK, HITTING HER AGAIN...

...AND AGAIN...

--HE'S MINE!

THOOM!

...CUSHIONS BEATRICE McBRIDE'S FALL WITH A QUICKLY-WOVEN WEB-CUSHION...

...AND AGAIN...

THOOM!

...TILL SHE FALLS.

BRUTAL JUSTICE;
IT'S NEVER BEEN PETER PARKER'S STYLE.

BUT, AS FAR AS THE MAN BEHIND THE MASK IS CONCERNED...

...HE IS THE SPIDER.

YOU HURT MY MOTHER!
I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT!

...PETER PARKER IS DEAD. NOW AND FOREVER...

MALCOLM--

NO!

SPIDER-MAN IS OUR FRIEND!
HE'S TRYING TO HELP US!

I'LL KILL YOU!

I... I'M SO CONFUSED.
YOU SAY YOU'RE MY MOTHER--

--AND... WHEN I LOOK IN YOUR EYES, LISTEN TO YOUR VOICE, IT SEEMS TRUE!

YET SHE...
SHE SAYS SHE'S MY MOTHER, TOO! SAYS THAT SHE LOVES ME... THAT SHE'D DIE FOR ME!

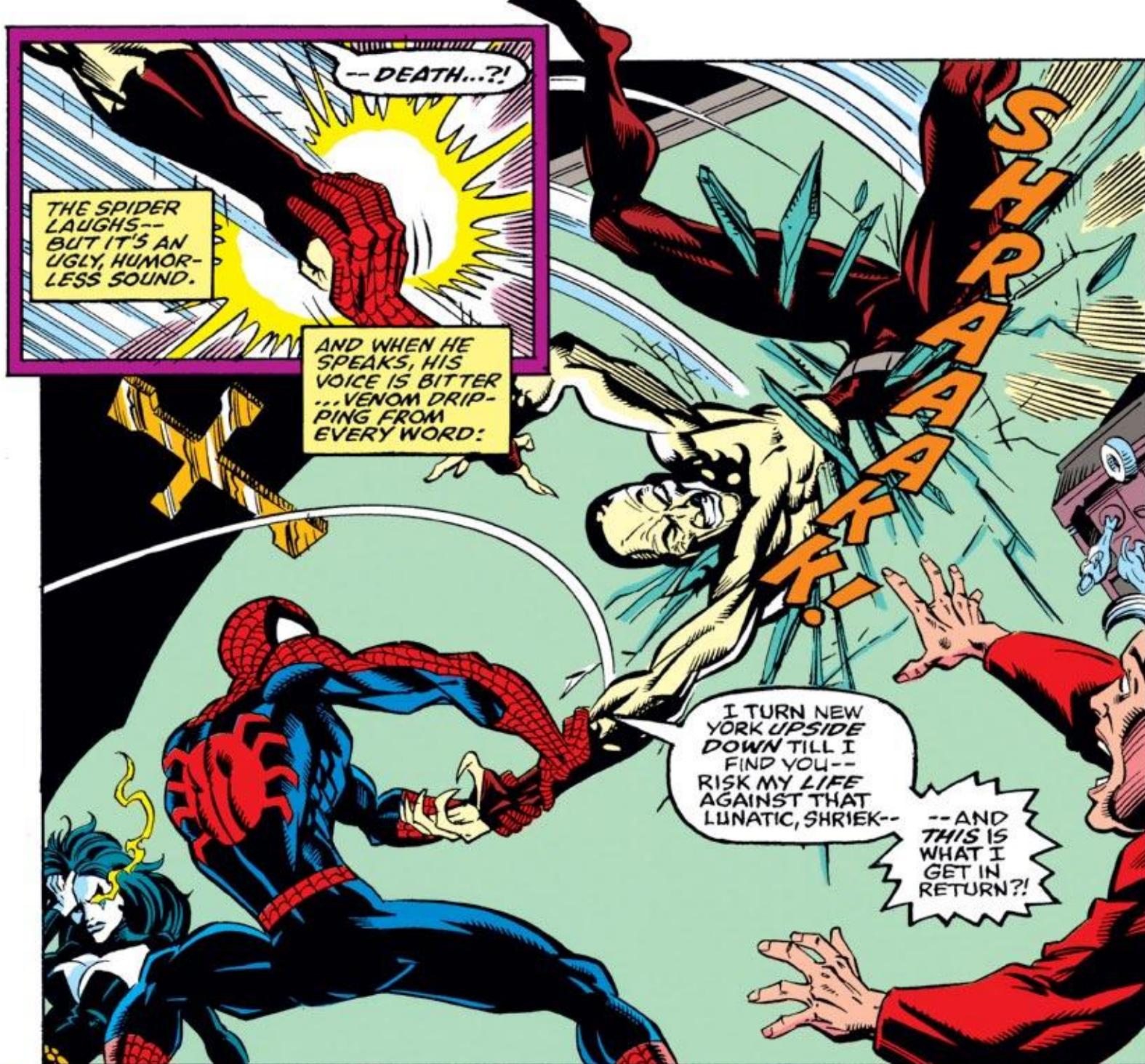
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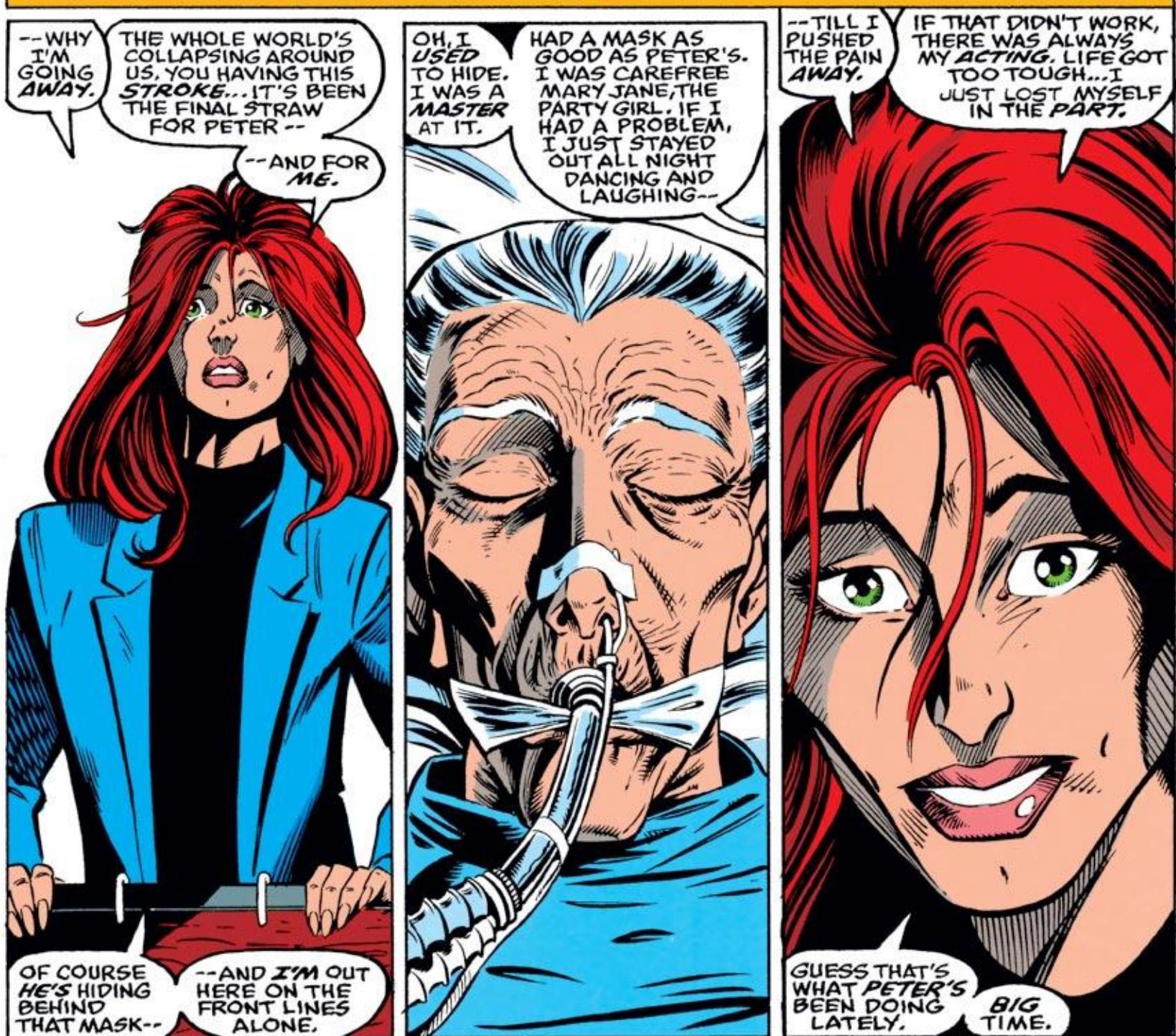
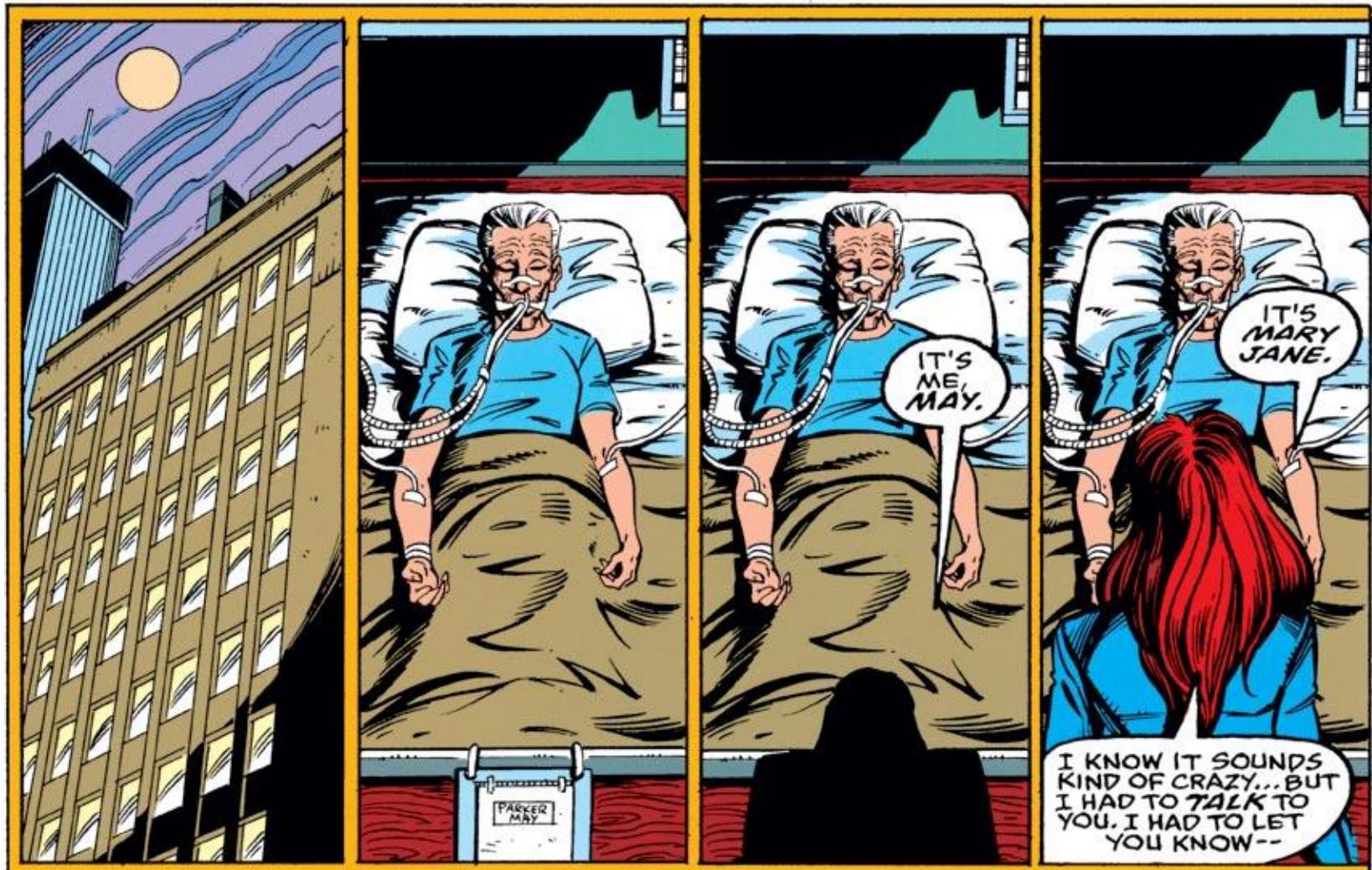
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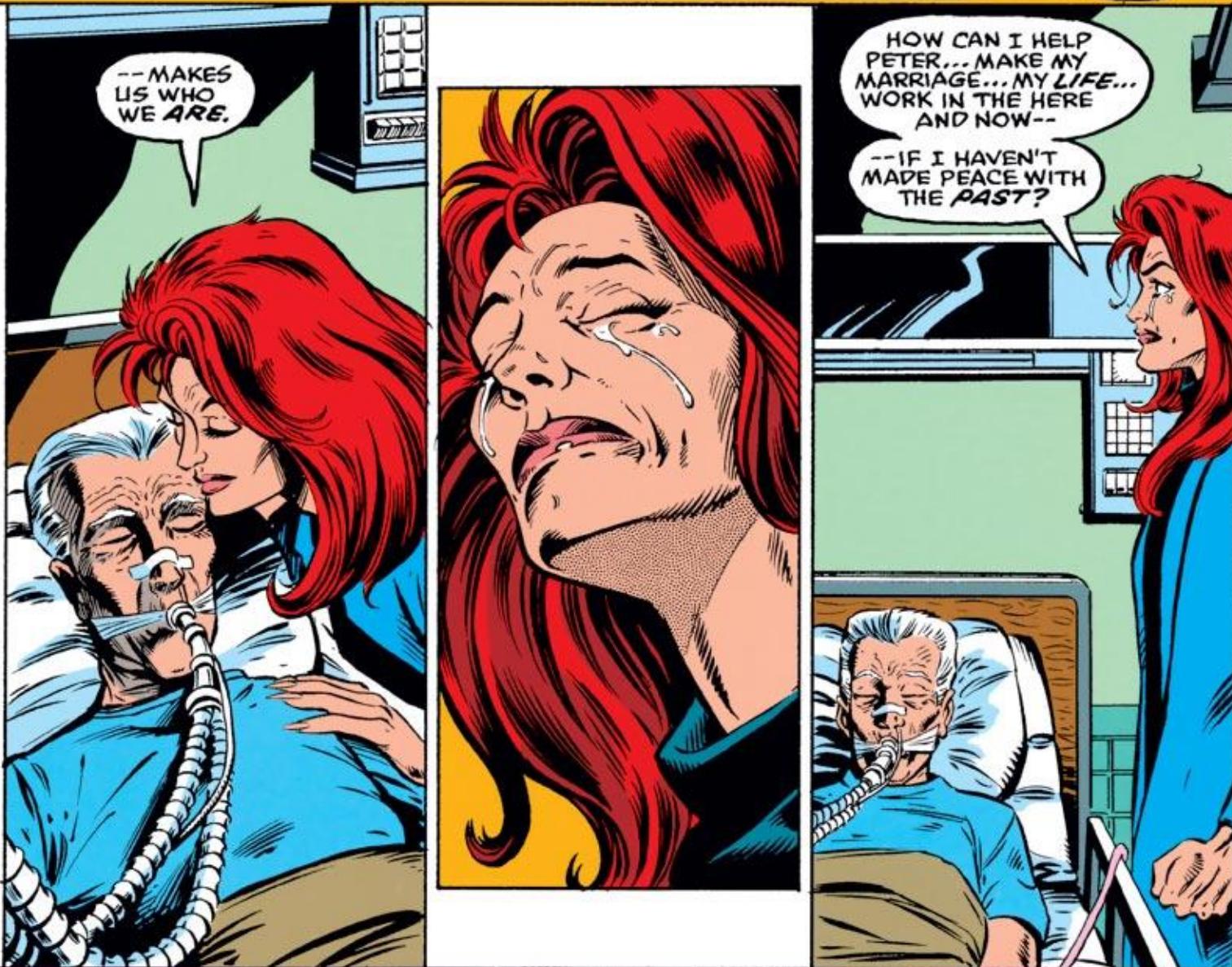
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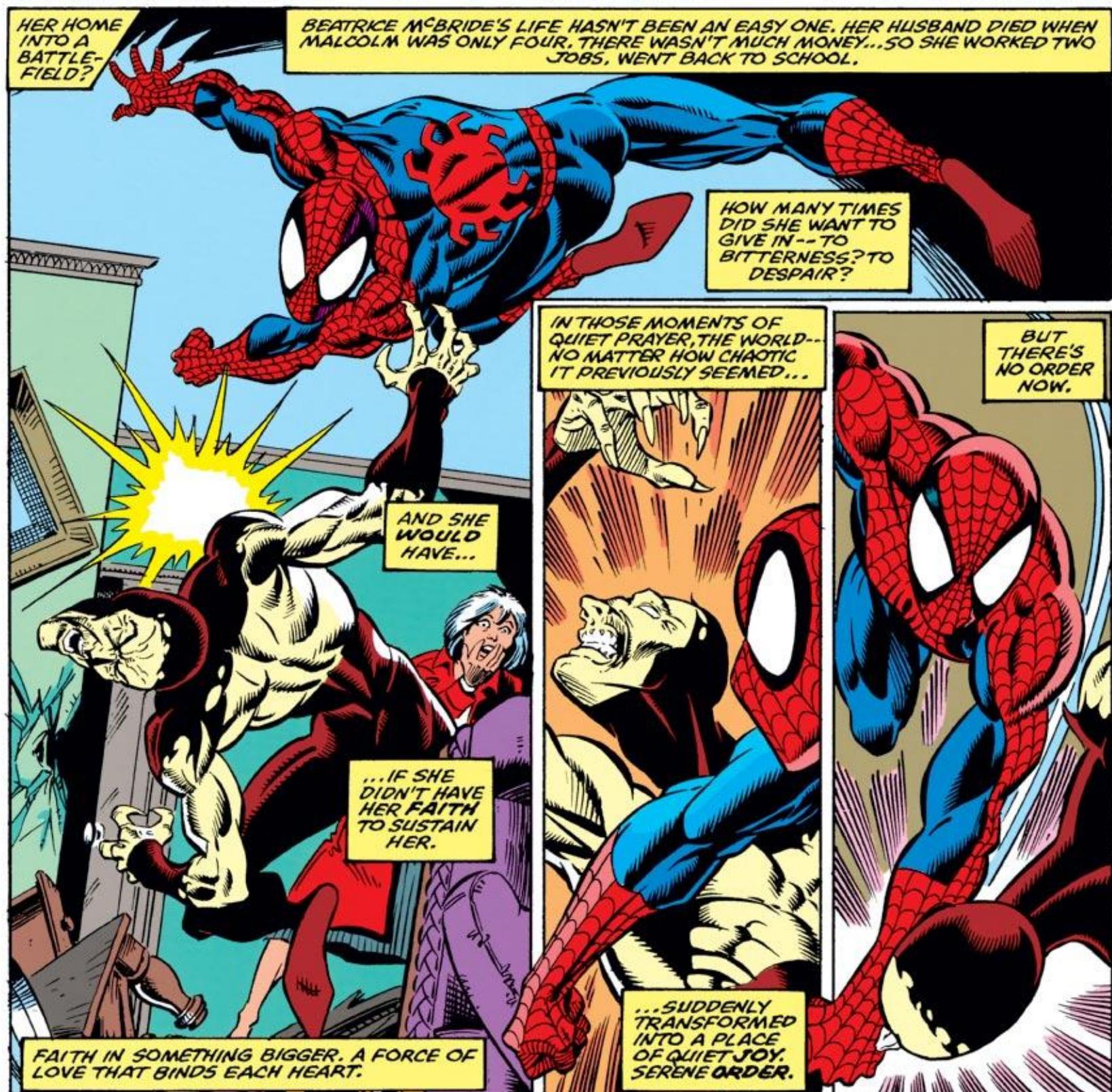
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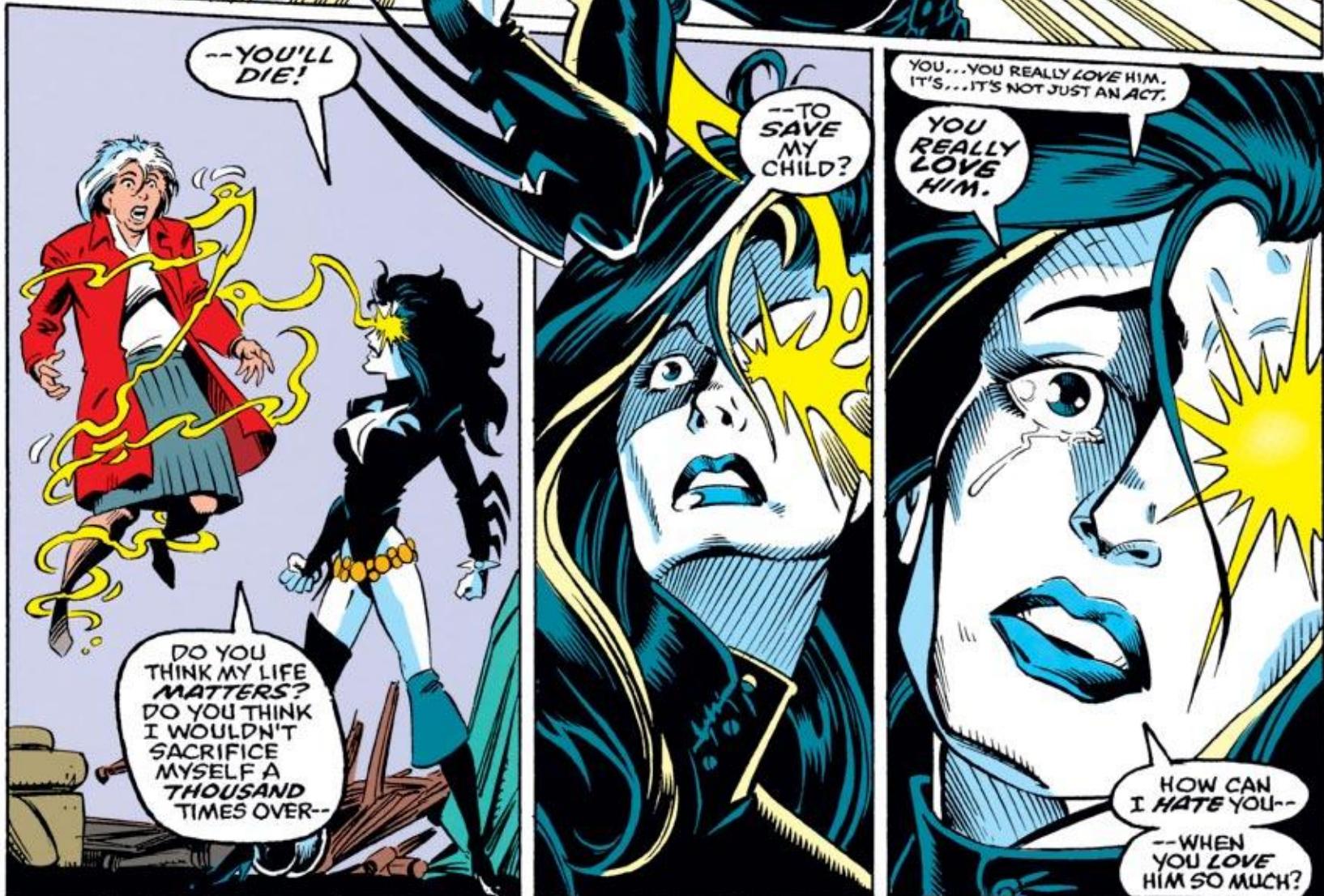














THERE WAS A LITTLE GIRL; BEATEN DOWN. TERRIFIED. ABUSED.



AND SHE WOULD HIDE SOMETIMES, IN THE OLD CHURCH ACROSS THE STREET FROM HER HOUSE.



HIDE IN THE SHADOWS, FINDING COOL COMFORT FOR A FEW HOURS.



FORGETTING THE VOICES THAT SCREAMED, THE SWEaty HANDS THAT TOUCHED AND HIT.

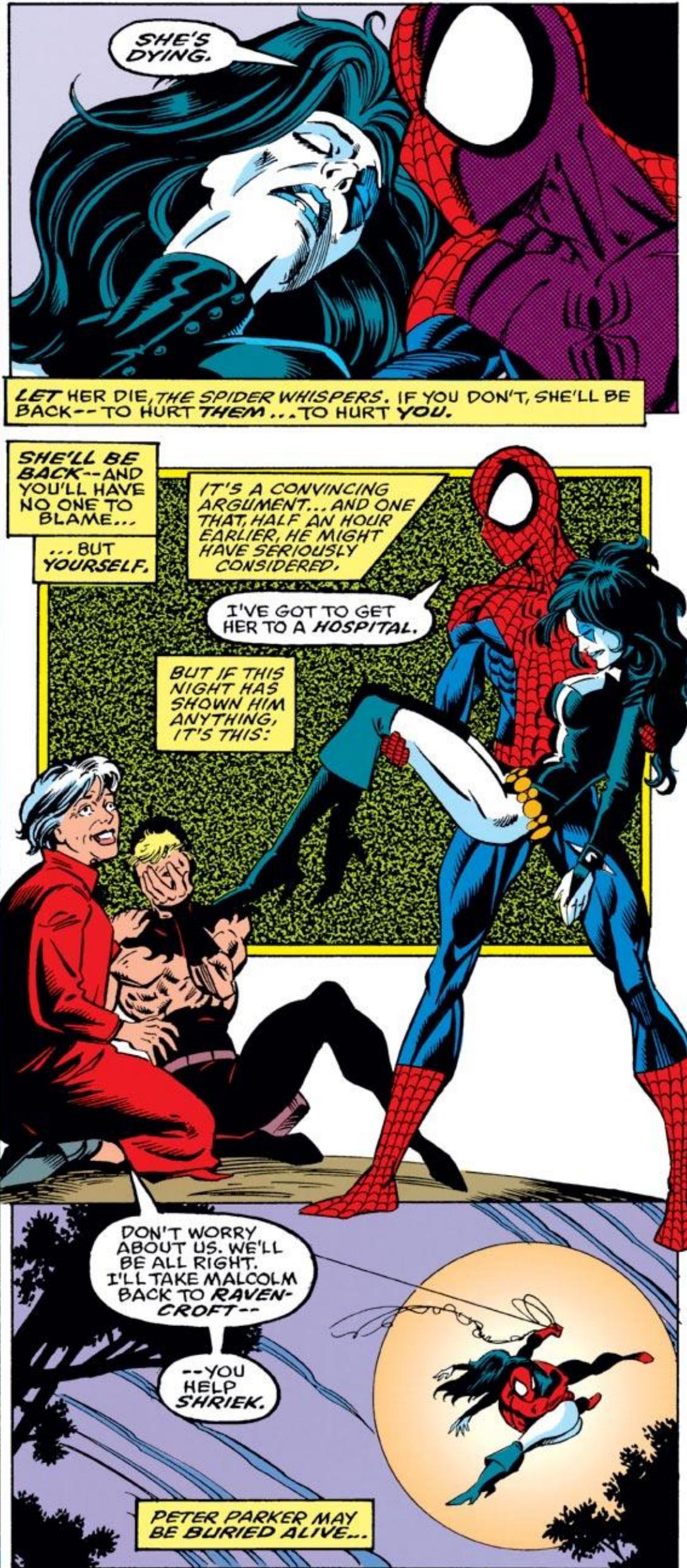


COCOONED IN A FRAGILE PEACE -- AND GRASPING, HOWEVER TENLIously...

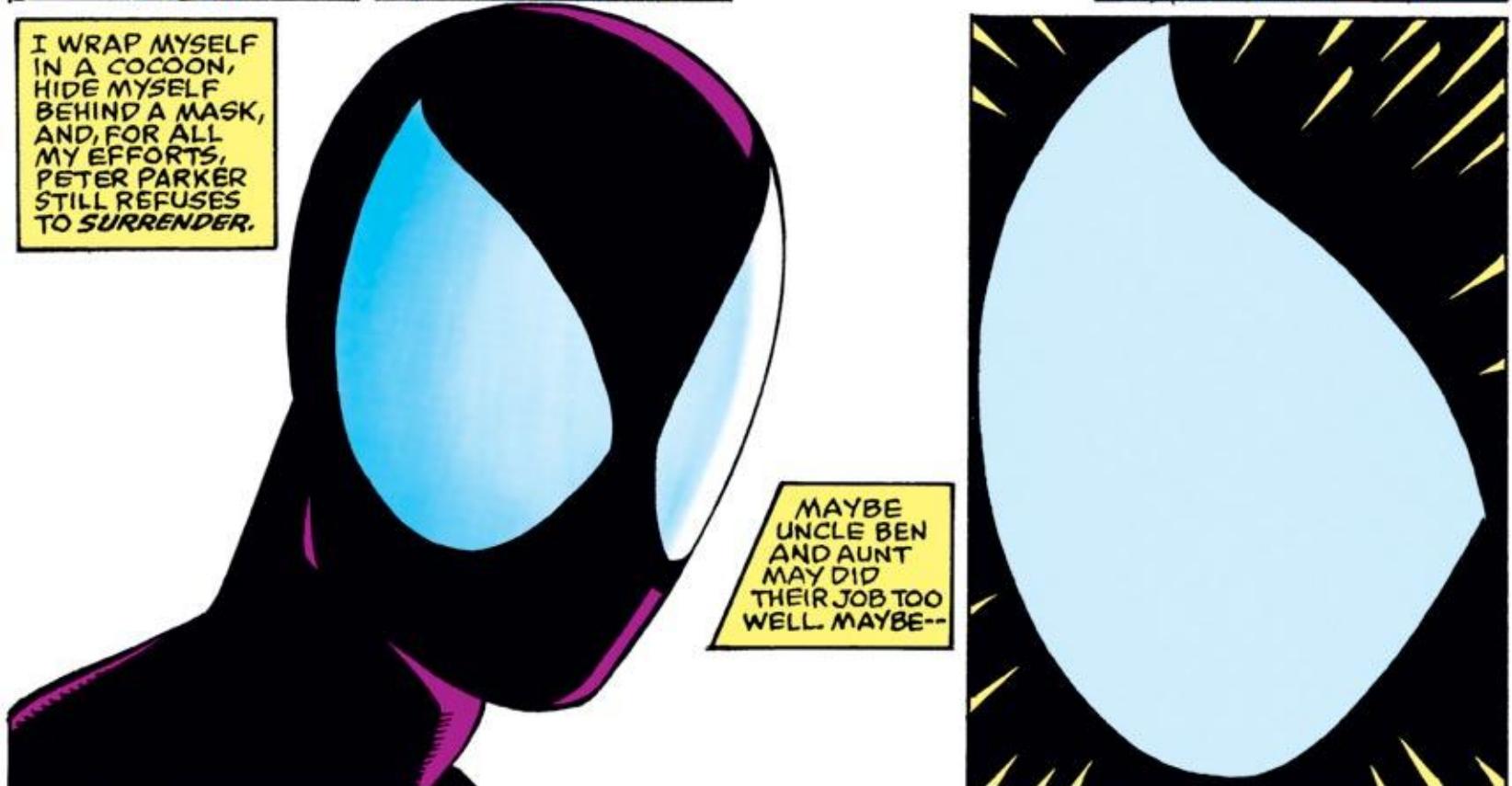
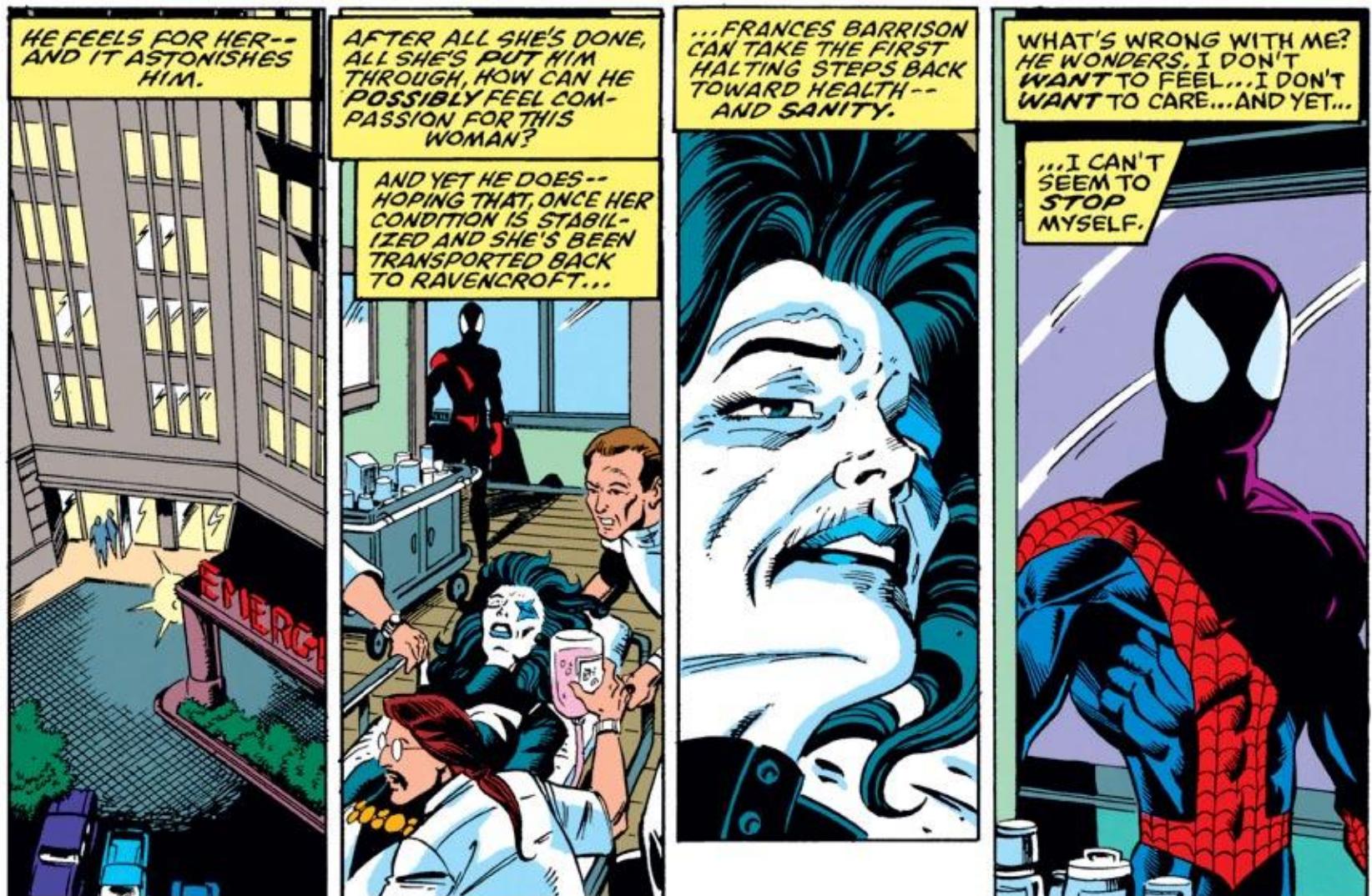


...A FAR MORE FRAGILE HOPE.









THE SAME HOSPITAL!

RACING HERE--SHRIEK'S SURVIVAL HIS ONLY CONCERN--IT DIDN'T EVEN OCCUR TO HIM THAT THIS IS WHERE THEY'D TAKEN MAY, OR PERHAPS HE UNCONSCIOUSLY CHOSE FOREST HILLS HOSPITAL--KNOWING JUST THAT.

RIGHT NOW IT DOESN'T MATTER.

WHAT MATTERS IS THE LOVE THAT FLOODS HIM AS HE LOOKS IN THROUGH THE WINDOW AT THAT CHERISHED, FAMILIAR FACE.

AT FIRST HE PANICS--SURE SHE MUST BE DEAD. SHE'S SO PALE, HE THINKS. SO STILL! THEN, RELIEVED, HE NOTICES THE GENTLE MOVEMENT OF HER CHEST AS SHE BREATHES.

THE SPIDER IS AFRAID TO GO IN. WANTS TO TURN AND RUN, BACK INTO THE COCOONING DARKNESS.

YES, HE REALIZES, SHE'S ALIVE. BUT EACH OF THOSE GOSSAMER BREATHS-- COULD BE HER LAST.

BUT THE MAN REFUSES.

HE'S AGITATED,
CONFUSED, BUT HE
KNOWS NOW THAT
IT'S TIME TO STOP
RUNNING.

IT'S TIME
TO COME
HOME.

(NO, THE SPIDER
WHISPERS, YOU'RE
SAFE WITH ME!
DON'T BE A FOOL!
DON'T LET YOUR-
SELF CARE!)

(IF THE MASK COMES
OFF, THEY'LL CLAW
OUT YOUR EYES! IF
YOU OPEN YOUR
HEART...)



