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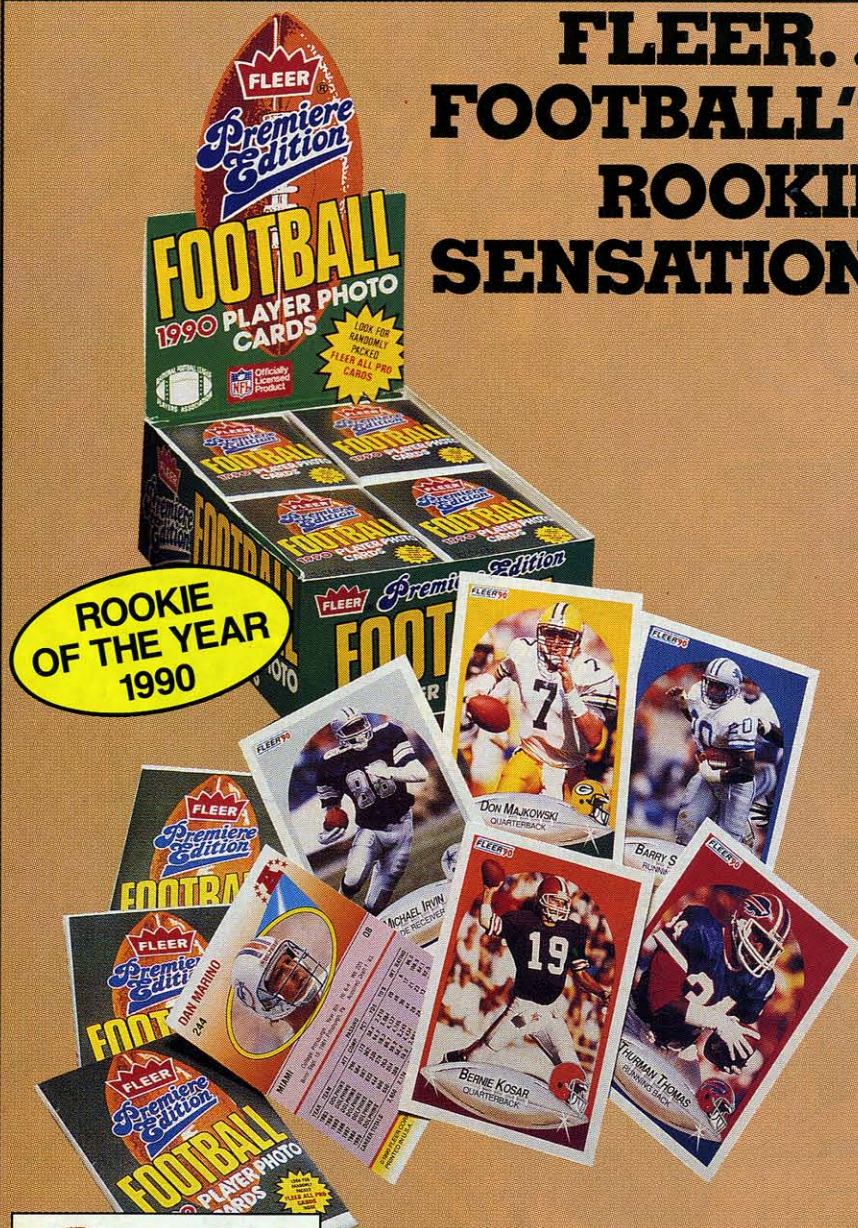
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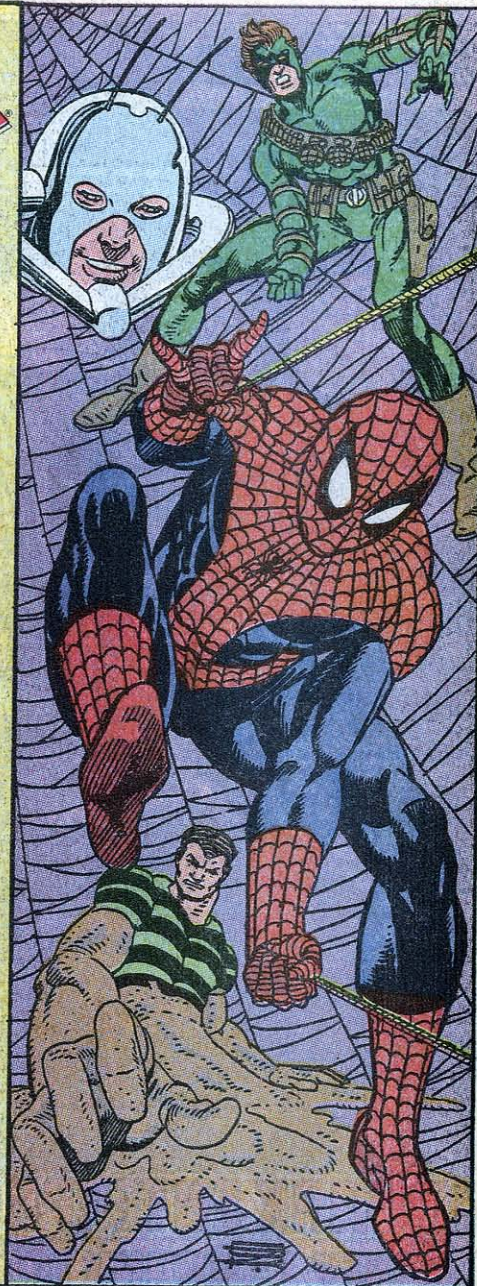
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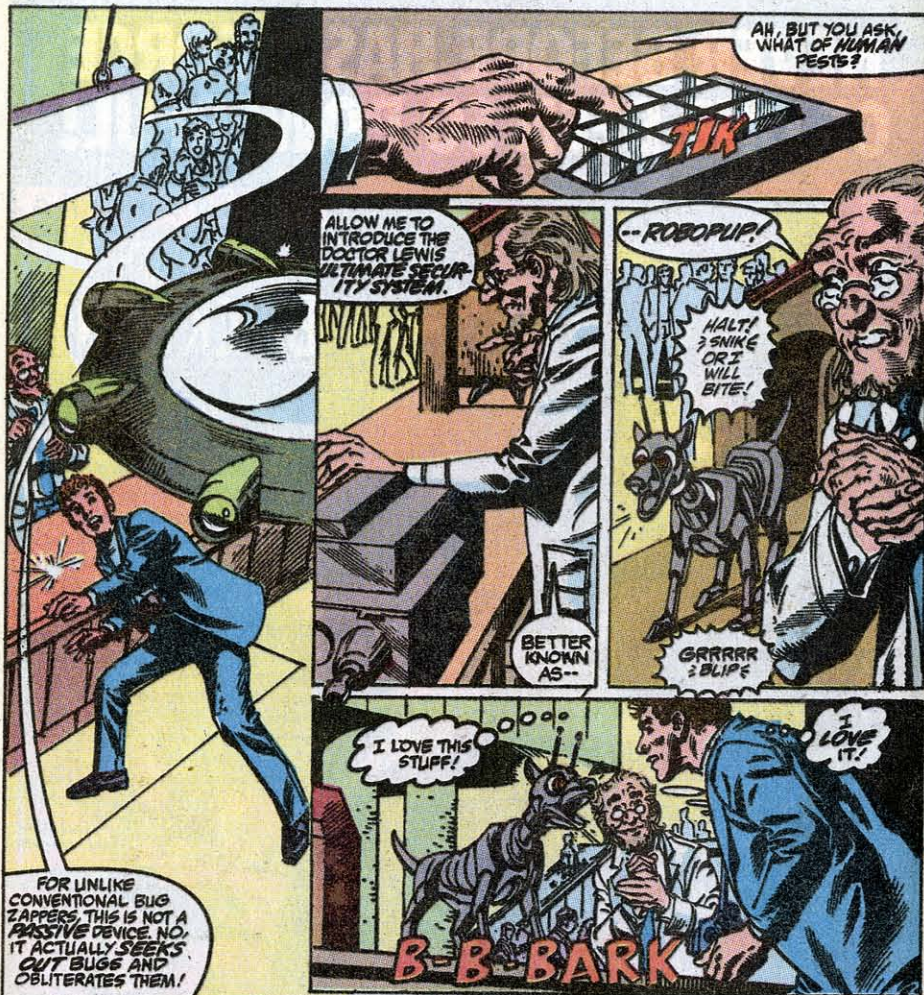
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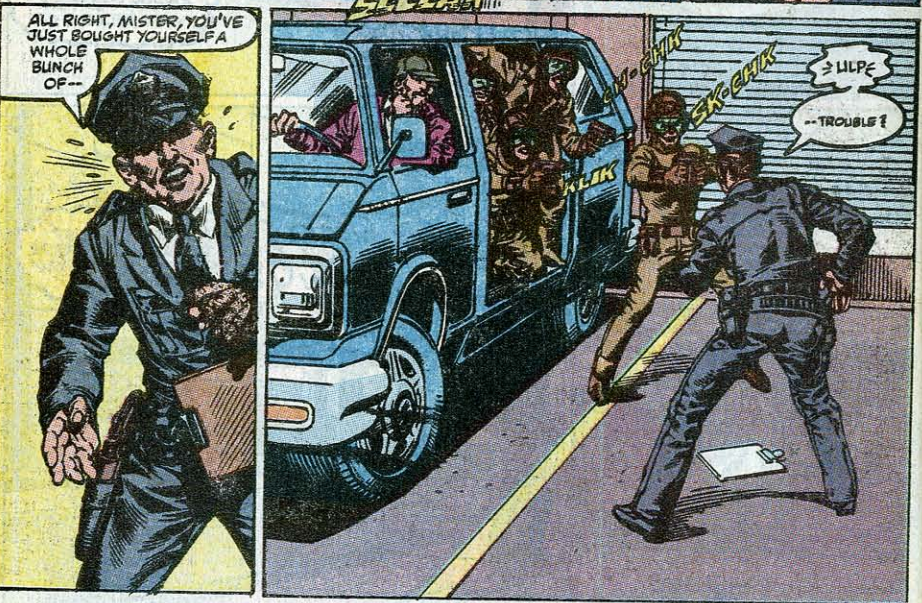
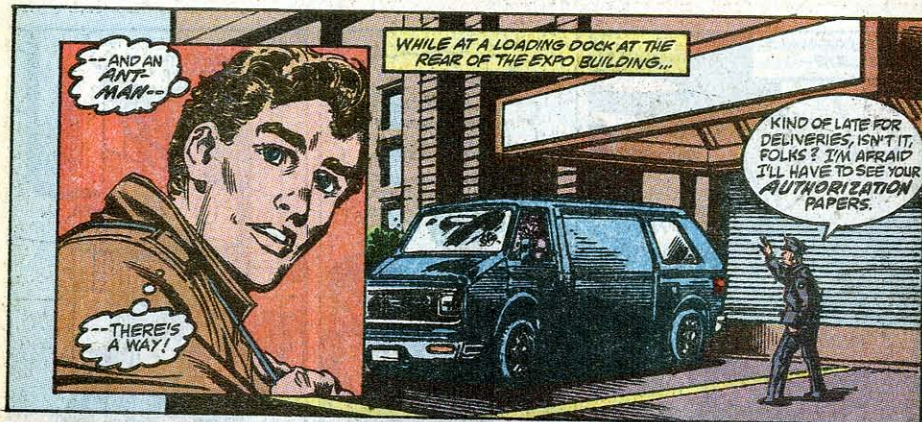
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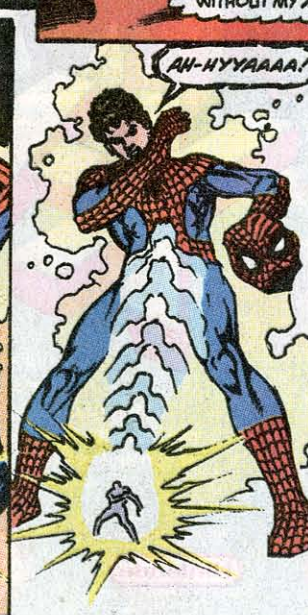
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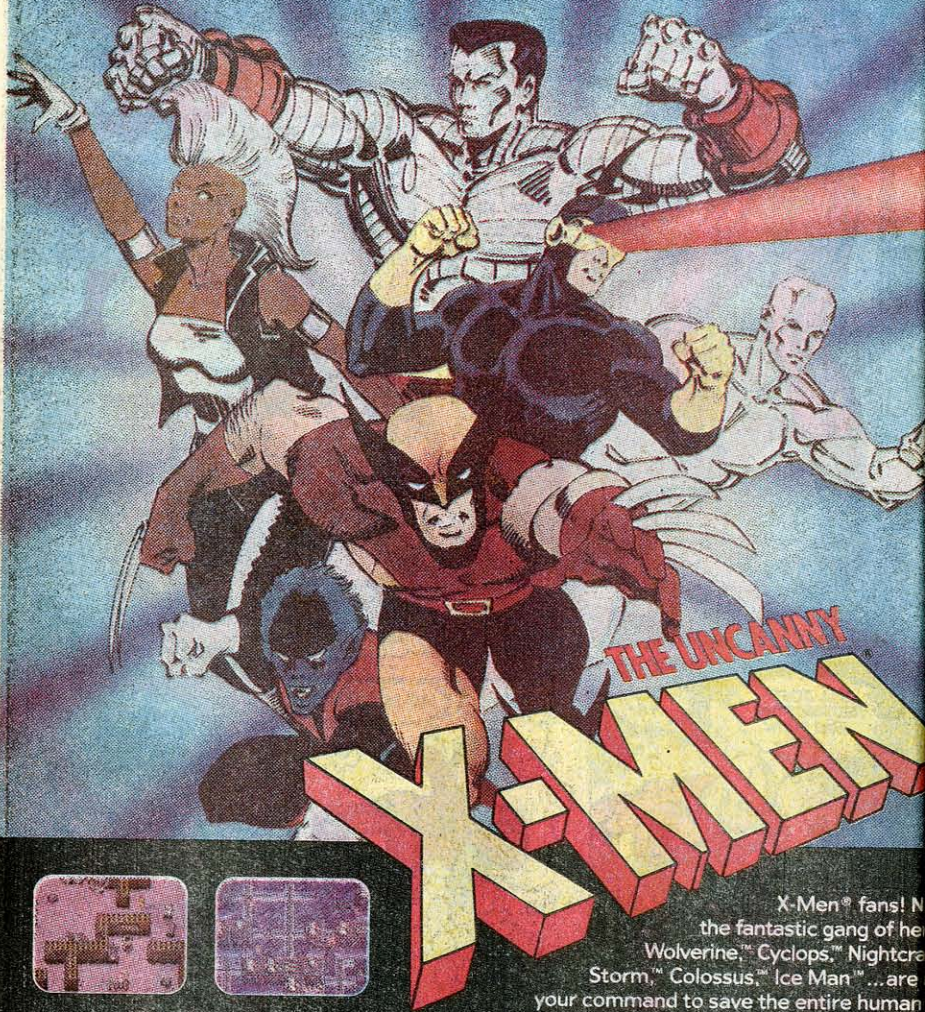
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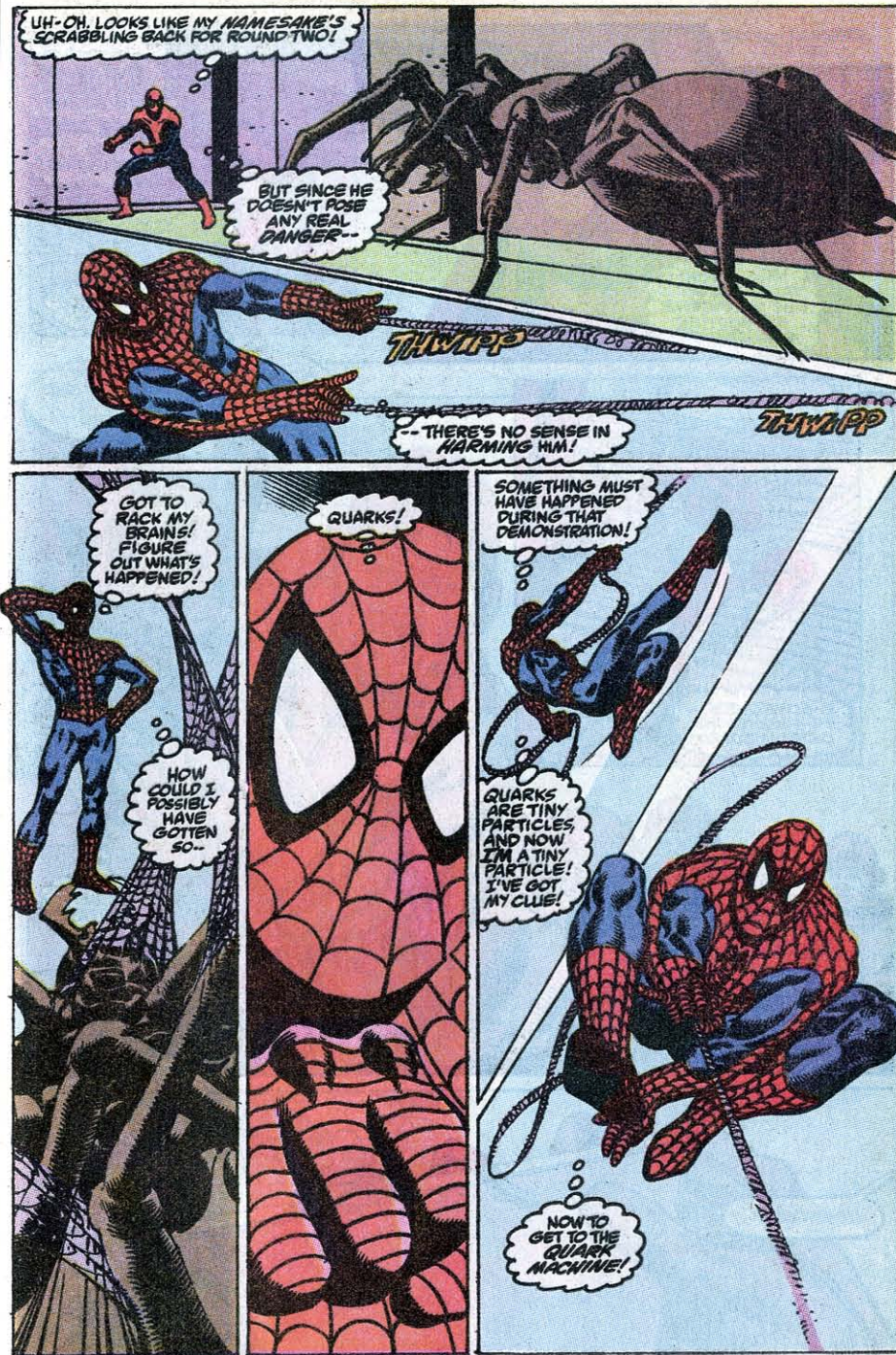
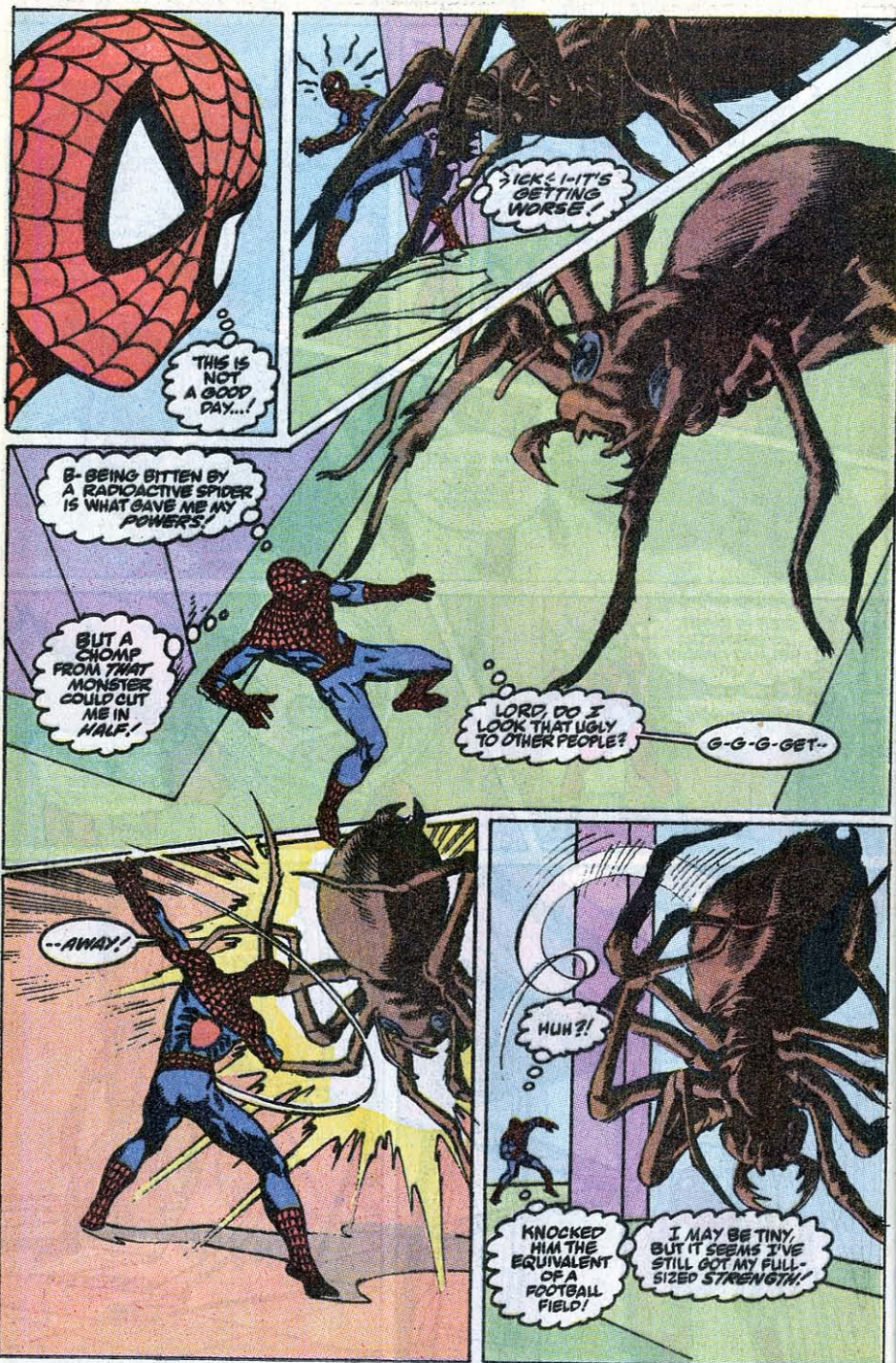
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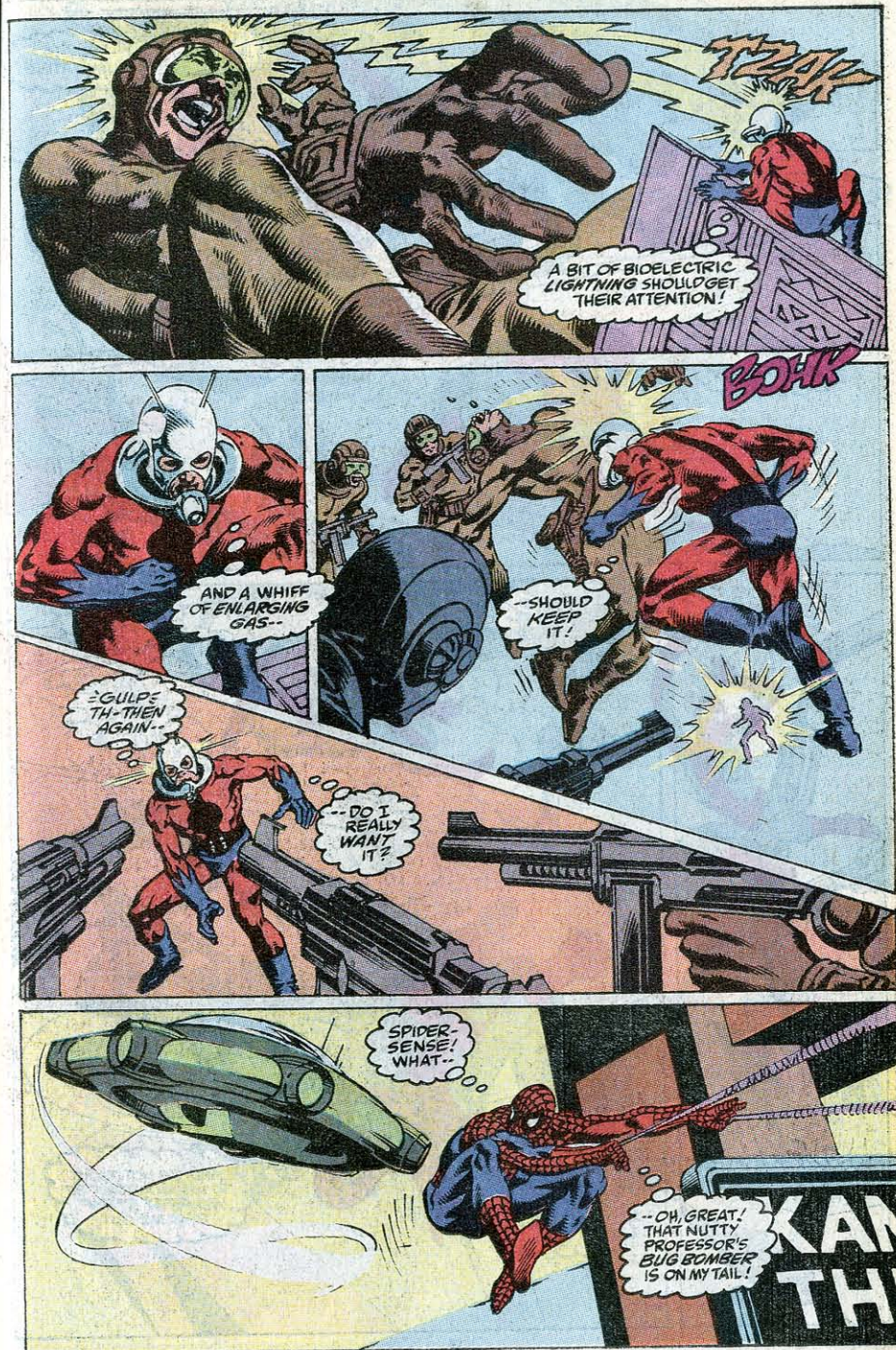


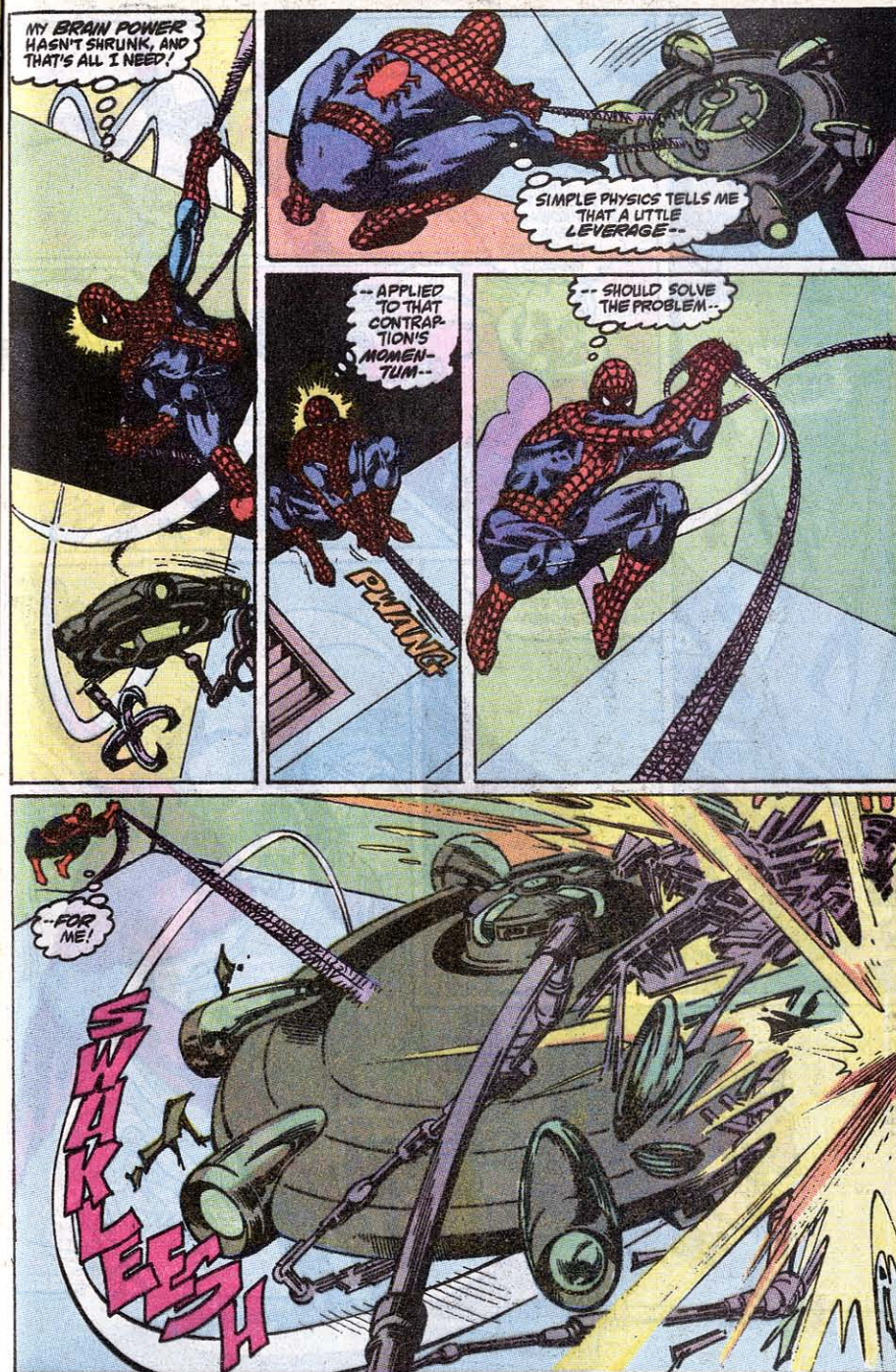
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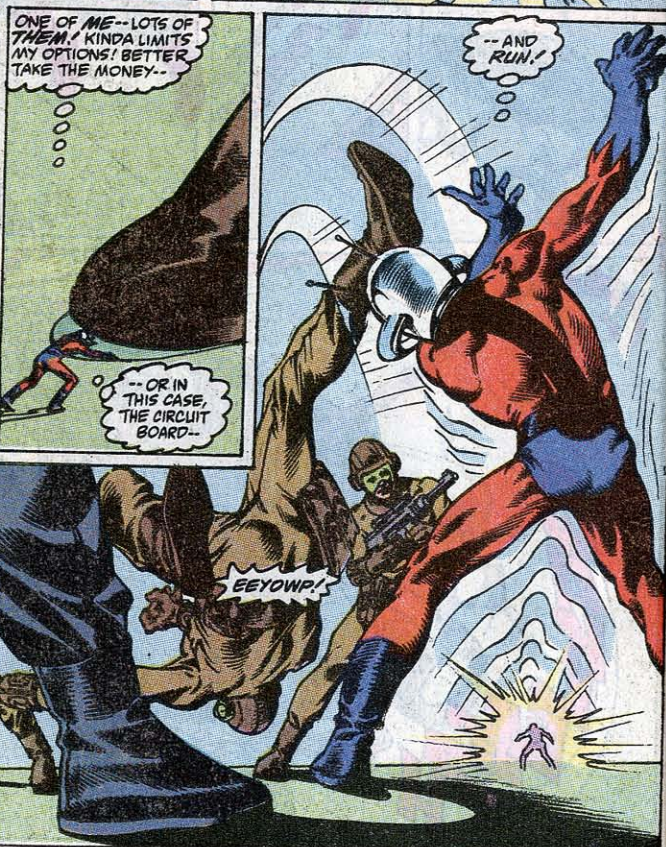
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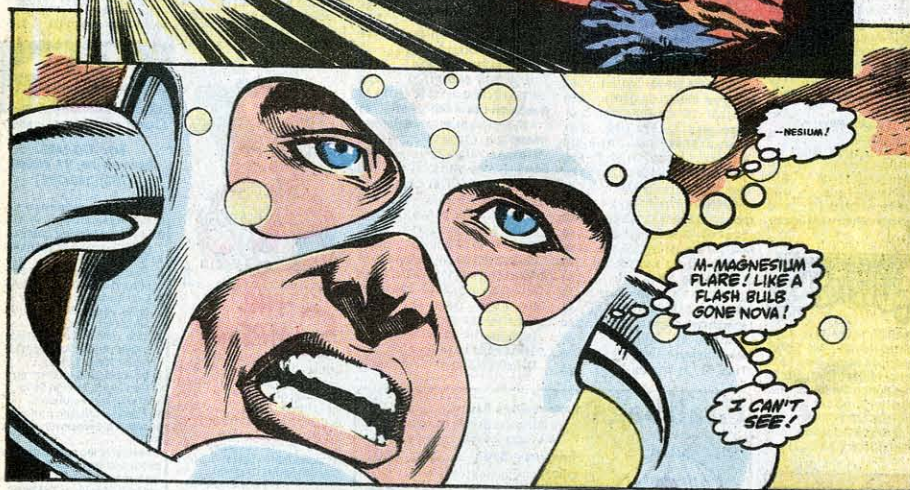
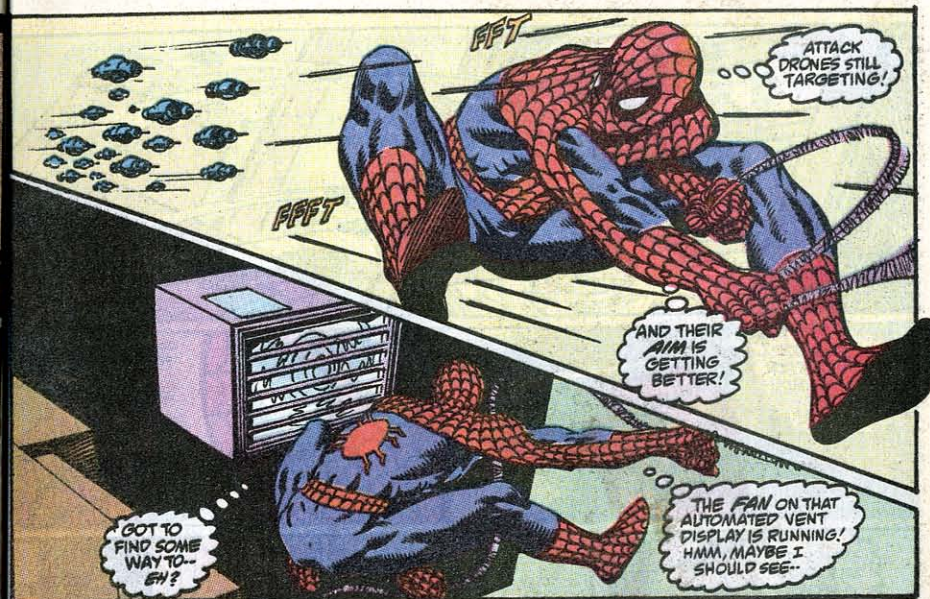
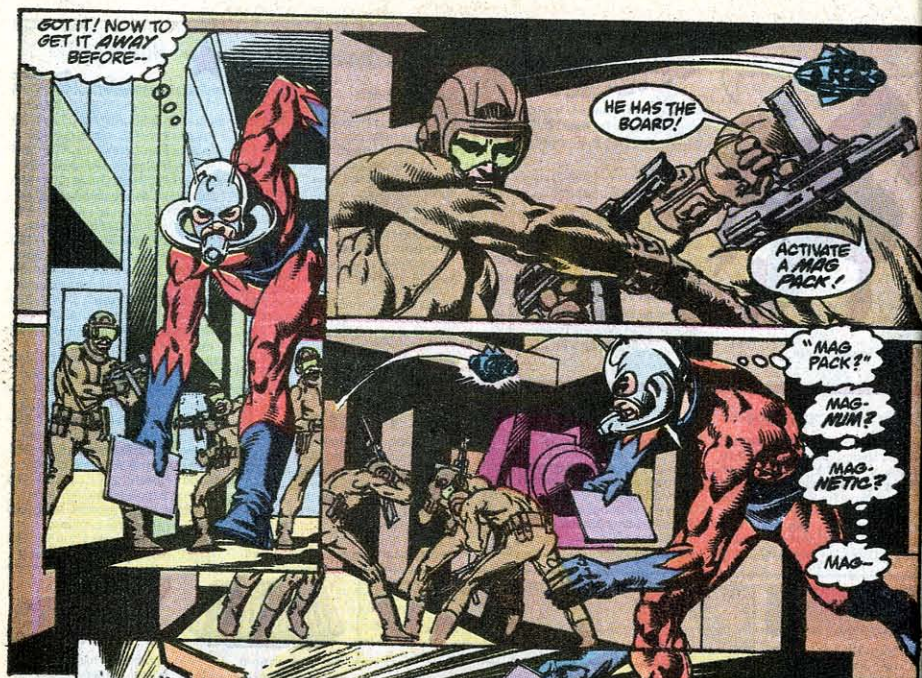
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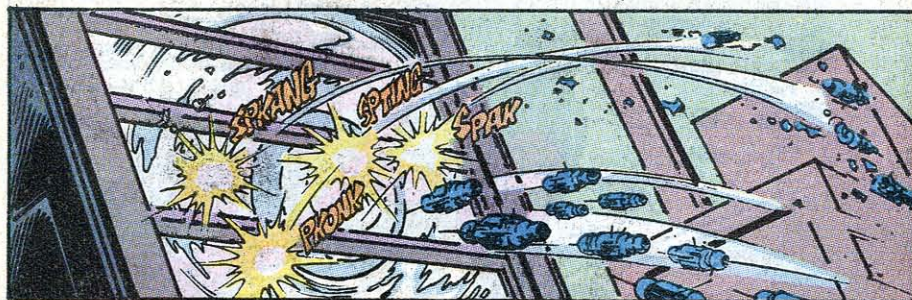
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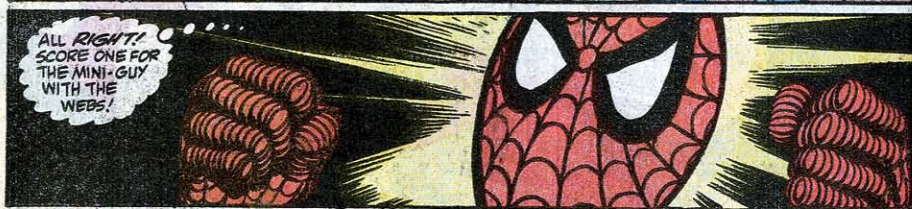
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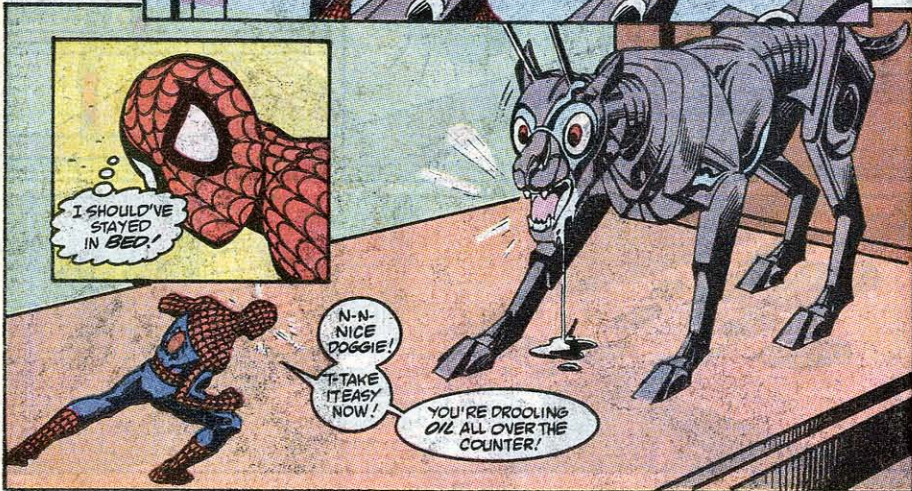


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TALK ABOUT
A WORK-
OUT...

THINK I'LL COP A LITTLE
REST BEFORE HEADING
OVER TO THE QUARK...

DID I SAY SOMETHING
ABOUT A REST? LET
ME REPHRASE THAT.

GRRRR
GZZTT
RRFF!



I SHOULD'VE
STAYED
IN BED!

N-N-
NICE
DOGGIE!

I TAKE
IT EASY
NOW!

YOU'RE DROOLING
OIL ALL OVER THE
COUNTER!



CAN'T CARRY
THE CIRCUIT
BOARD AT
THIS SIZE,
BUT AT LEAST
I'LL BE LESS
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VISION'S
STILL
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BETTER USE MY
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ANTS!
M-MILLIONS
OF 'EM!

THEY'RE
SWARMING
ALL OVER!



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M-MY
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IT'S THAT
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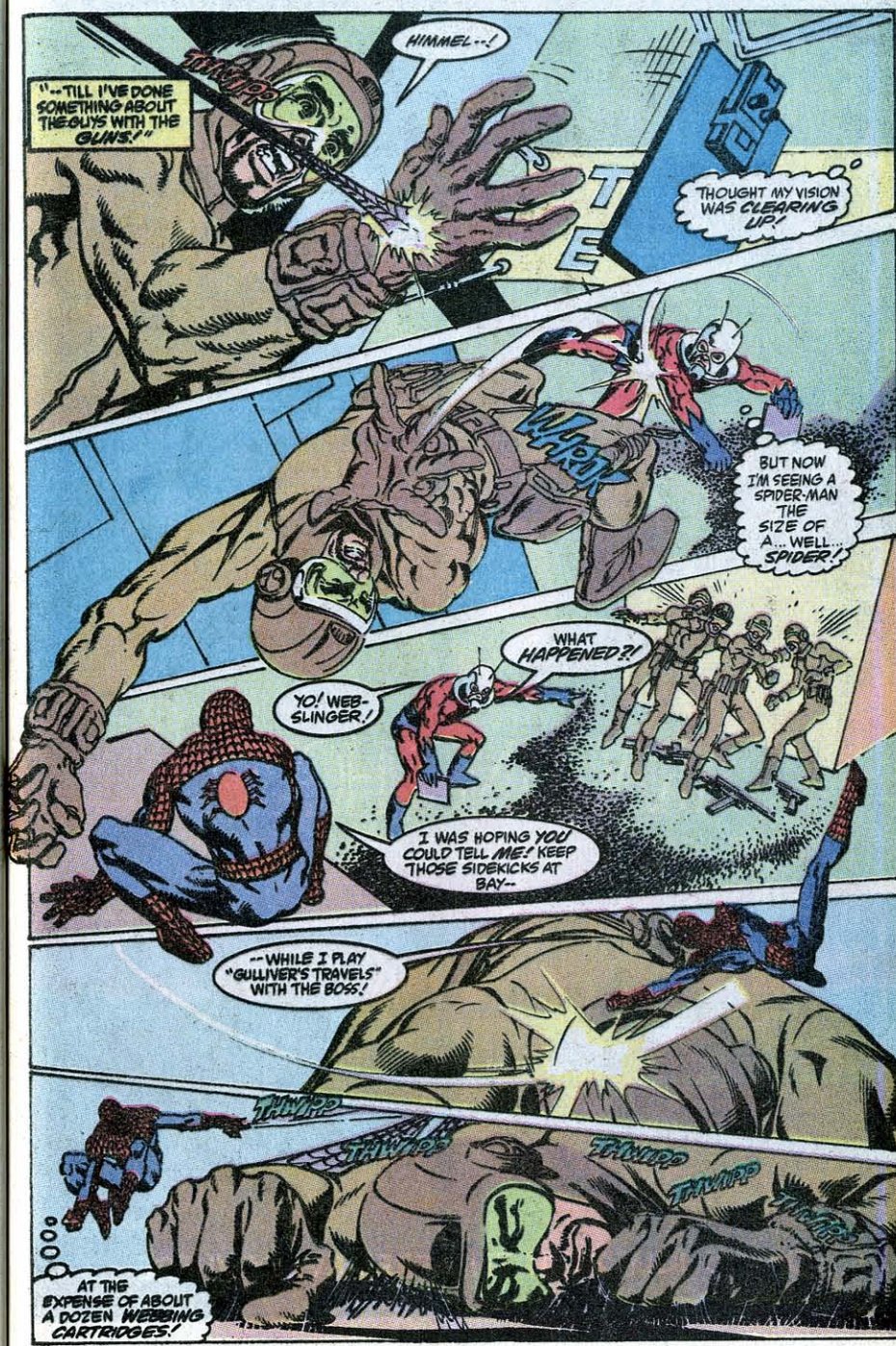
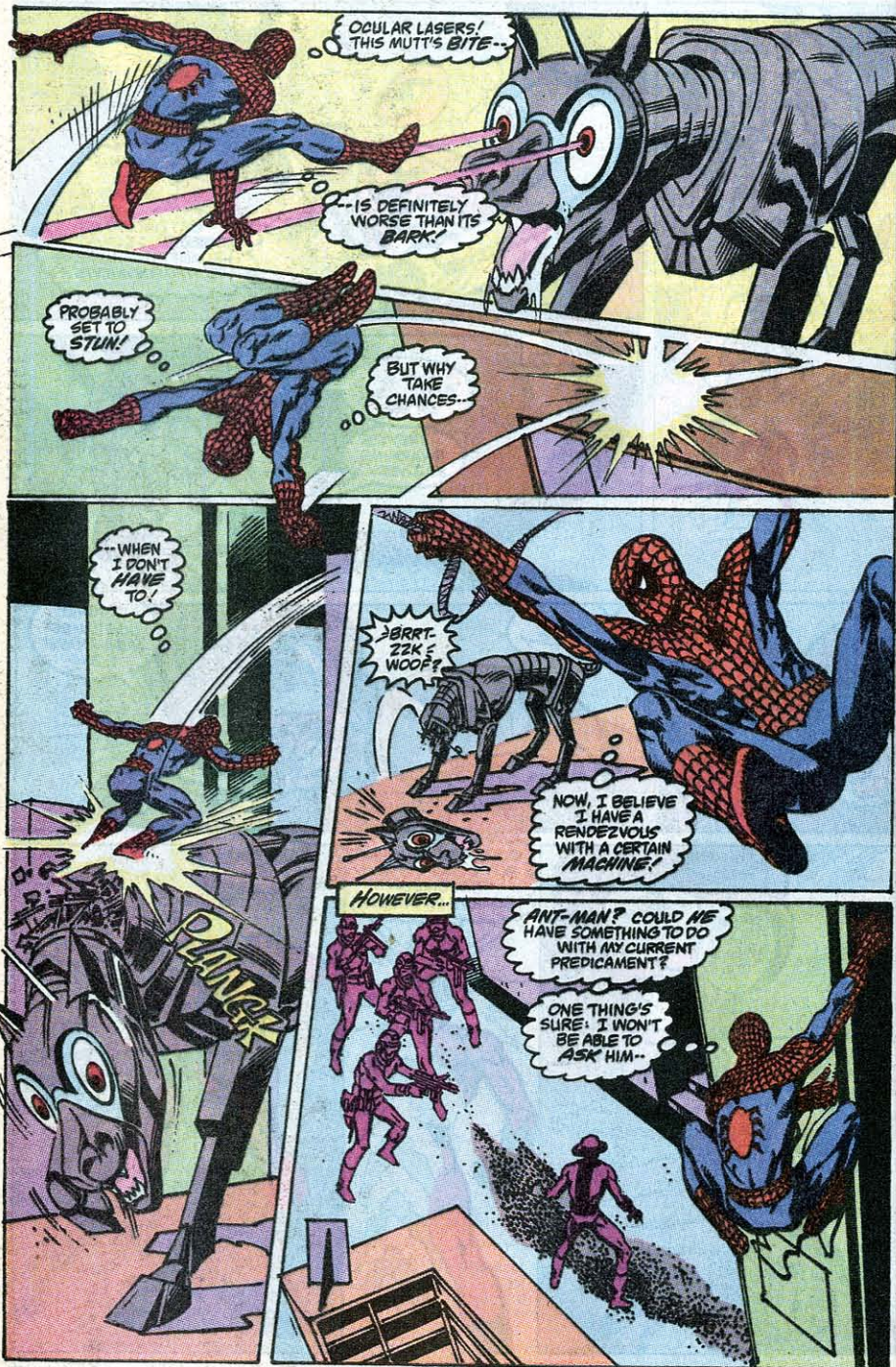


COULD BE BLUFFING,
BUT I CAN'T RISK IT!
THAT CIRCUIT
BOARD'S IMPORTANT!



QUESTION
IS...

... IS IT AS
IMPORTANT
AS MY LIFE!

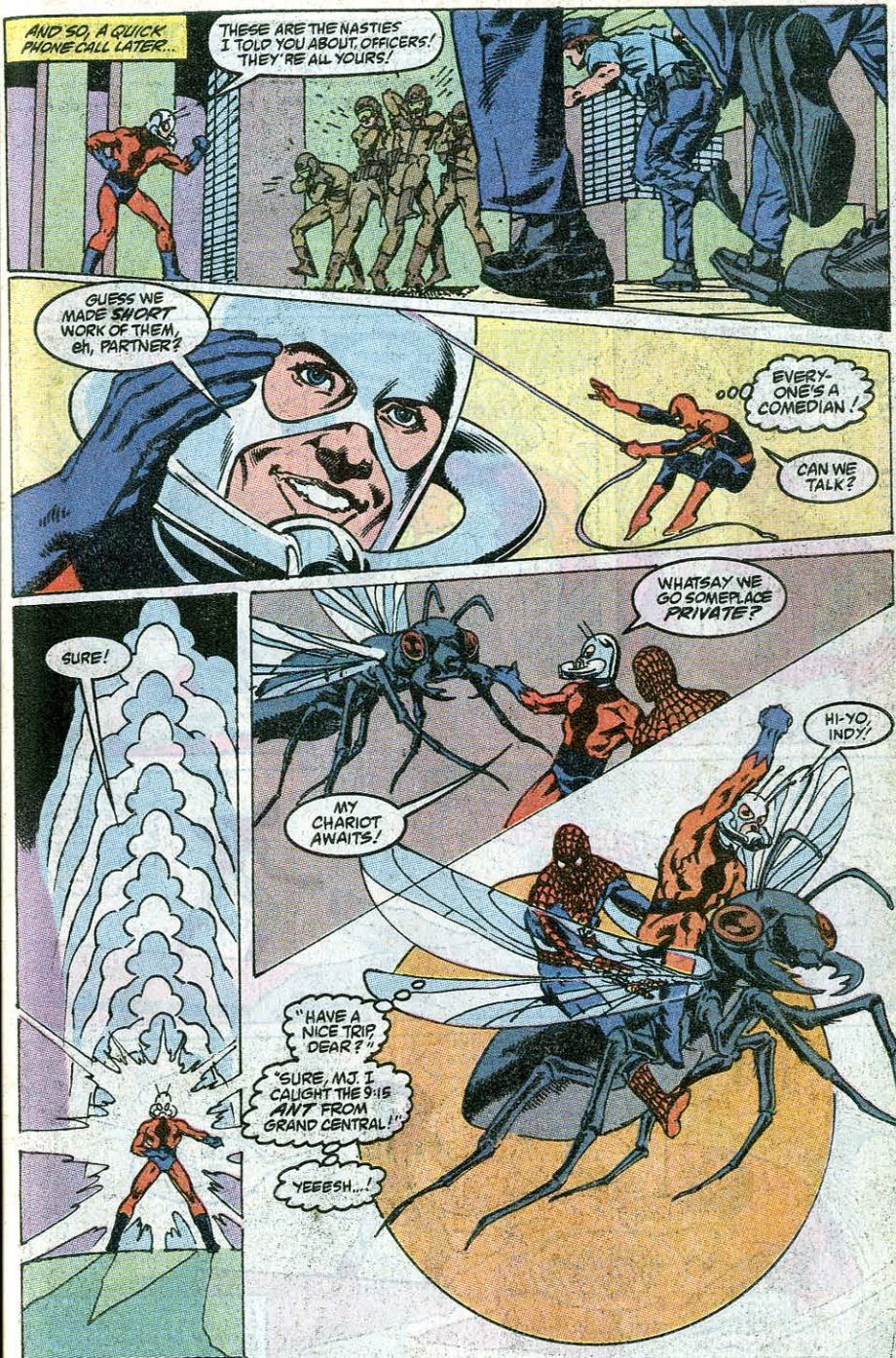


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THAT'S GOTTA BE IT! THOSE *FUMES* YOU BREATHED MUST'VE BEEN THE *SHRINK GAS* THAT VENT SYSTEM SUCKED UP!



BUT HOW DO I GET BACK
TO NORMAL? NO OFFENSE, BUT
GETTING SMALL ISN'T MUCH FUN WHEN
IT'S NOT YOUR *OWN IDEA!*

NO PROBLEM!
MY HANDY-DANDY
ENLARGING GAS
WORKS LIKE A
CHARM!



SEE?



IT'S

THEN
WHAT
ARE YOU
WAITING
FOR?



**YOU
GOT IT!**



THIS HAS
BEEN KIND
OF EXCITING,
BUT IT'LL BE
GOOD TO GET
BACK TO...

...HEY! DIDN'T YOU SAY
"INSTANTANEOUS?"

UH-NUH.

**BUT
I'M STILL
SMALL!**

UH-HUM.

THEN IT ISN'T
YOUR SHRINKING
GAS KEEPING
THIS WAY?

UN-UN

I'M IN ³GULP!
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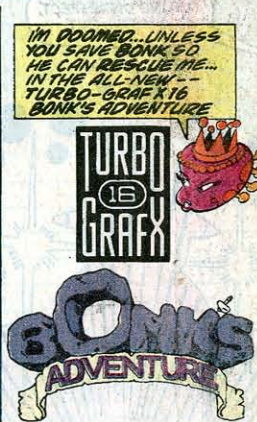
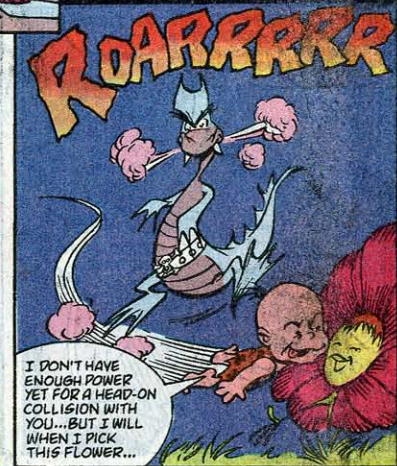
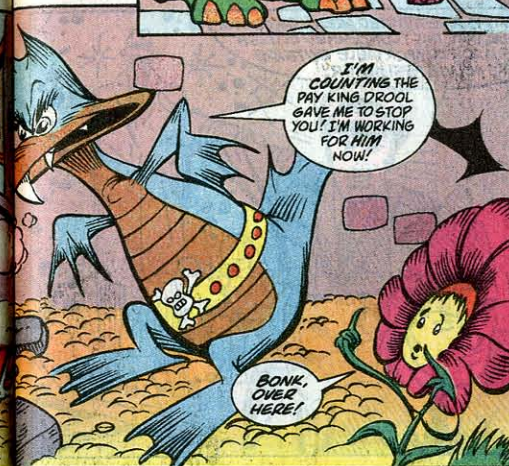
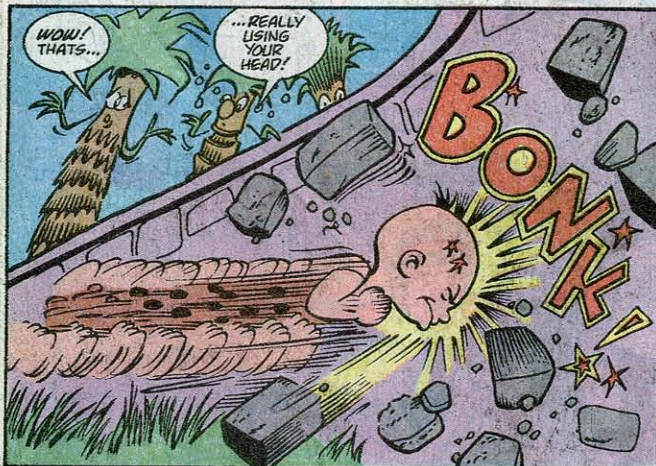
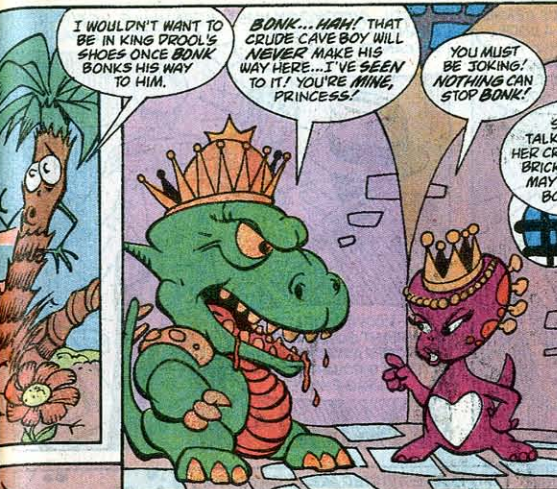
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THOSE OF US OUTSIDE THE ASYLUMS ONLY
HIDE IT A LITTLE BETTER."

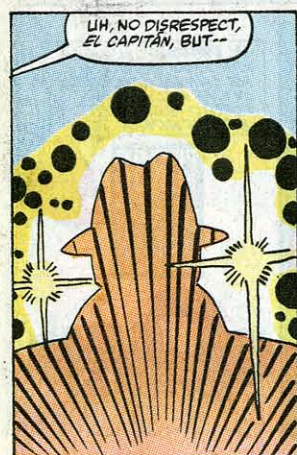
---STEPHEN KING,
DANCE MACABRE

A TRAIN STATION NEAR BARCELONA
CHAOS OF SMOKE AND BLOOD.



IT WAS MENDOZA!
THAT MONSTER HAS
STRUCK AGAIN!





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TO THE AIRPORT. FRONT!

I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR EAGERNESS TO LEAVE, SENOR.

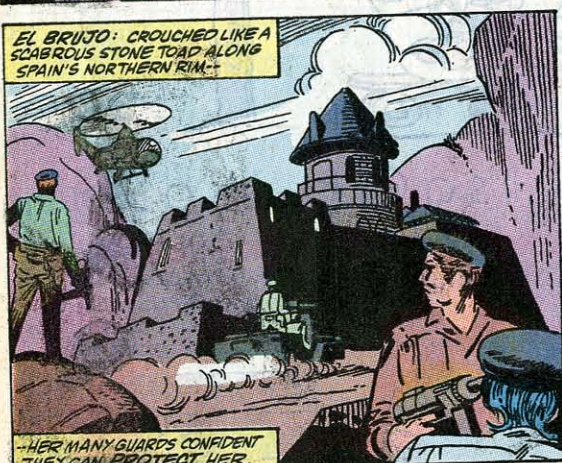


RUMOR HAS IT THAT THIS WAS MENDOZA'S WORK! AGAIN! SOMEONE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT ANIMAL!

YES...



...SOMEONE SHOULD.



EL BRUNTO: CROUCHED LIKE A SCABROUS STONE TOAD ALONG SPAIN'S NORTHERN RIM--

--HER MANY GUARDS CONFIDENT THEY CAN PROTECT HER.



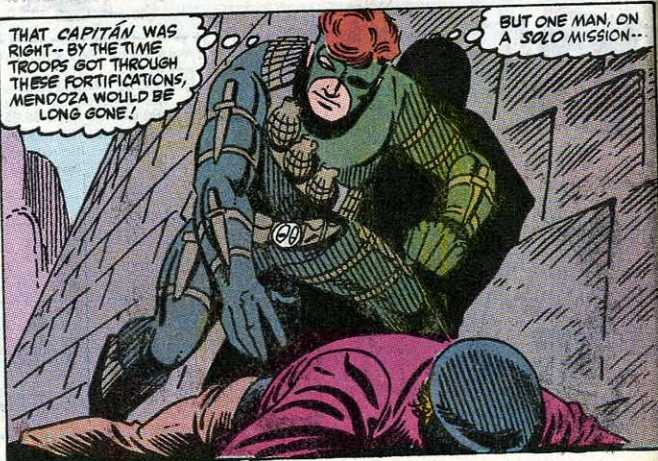
FOR AFTER ALL, THEIRS IS THE STRENGTH OF SAVAGERY, THE MIGHT OF SLAUGHTER WITHOUT CONSCIENCE.

WHILE THEIR ONLY ENEMY IS CIVILIZATION, A WEAK FOE BOUND BY EQUITY AND LAW.



MOST OF THE TIME...

SHRINK



THAT CAPITAN WAS RIGHT-- BY THE TIME TROOPS GOT THROUGH THESE FORTIFICATIONS, MENDOZA WOULD BE LONG GONE!

BUT ONE MAN, ON A SOLO MISSION--



--USING STEALTH--

--AND NINJA CLIMBING CLAWS--



-- JUST MIGHT GET THE JOB DONE!



MOTOR POOL. BUT WHAT'S A RED CROSS AMBULANCE DOING IN A TERRORIST NEST?

AT LEAST THE AREA IS DESERTED. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEARCH OUT MENDOZA'S LAIR BEFORE I'M SPOTTED!



IT TAKES MY METABOLISM A WHILE TO REALIGN AFTER I "PHASE" BETWEEN LOCATIONS--

-- AND IF I 'PORTED INTO A TROOP BARRACKS' BY MISTAKE, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO 'PORT OUT IN TIME' WHICH COULD GET--



DROP YOUR WEAPON!

-- DANGEROUS?



SO, MENDOZA IS RECRUITING IN NURSERIES THESE DAYS?

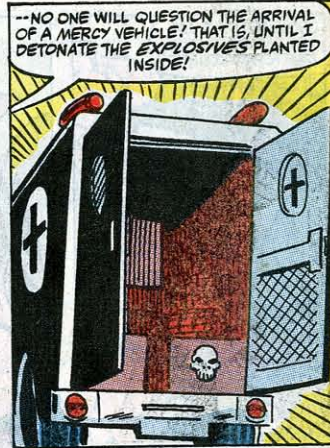
I AM OLD ENOUGH, SENOR! TO FIGHT--

--AND TO DIE FOR MY CASCAN HERITAGE!

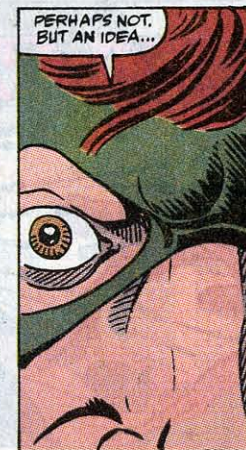
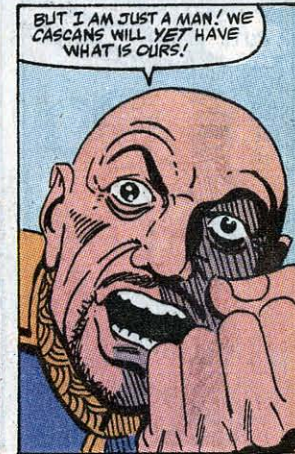
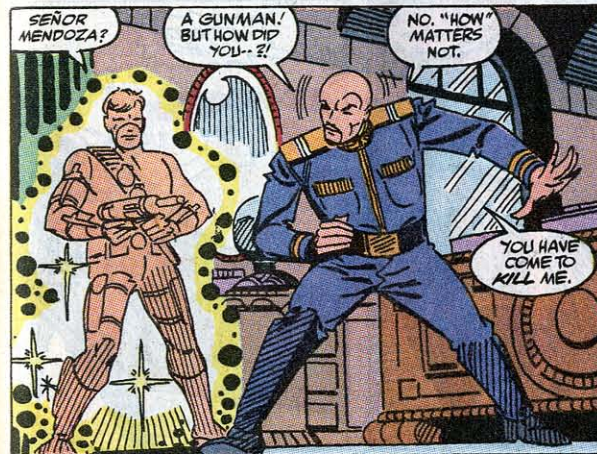


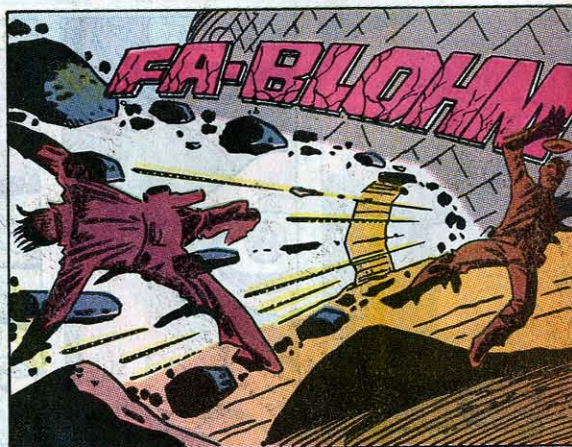
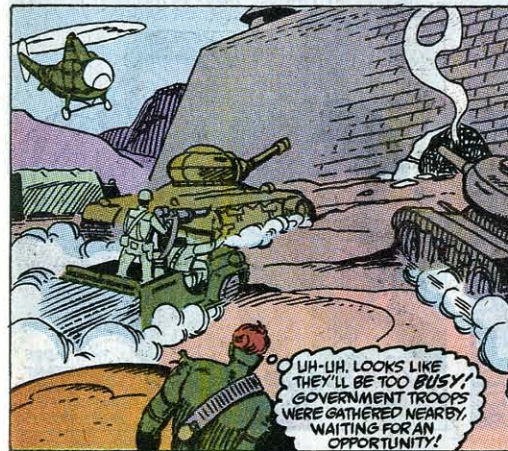
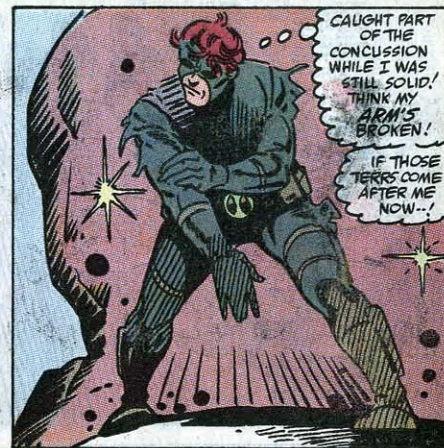
WE ATTACK A MILITARY INSTALLATION TOMORROW, AND I HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO DRIVE THE AMBULANCE!

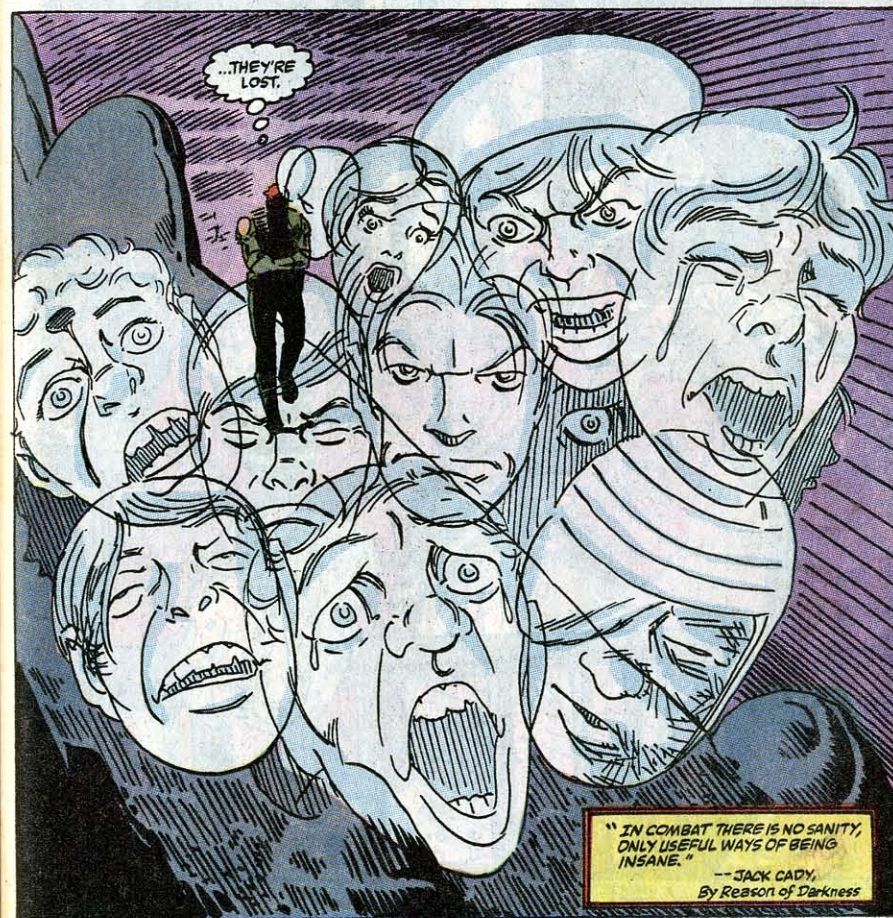
IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE--



--NO ONE WILL QUESTION THE ARRIVAL OF A MERCY VEHICLE! THAT IS, UNTIL I DETONATE THE EXPLOSIVES PLANTED INSIDE!

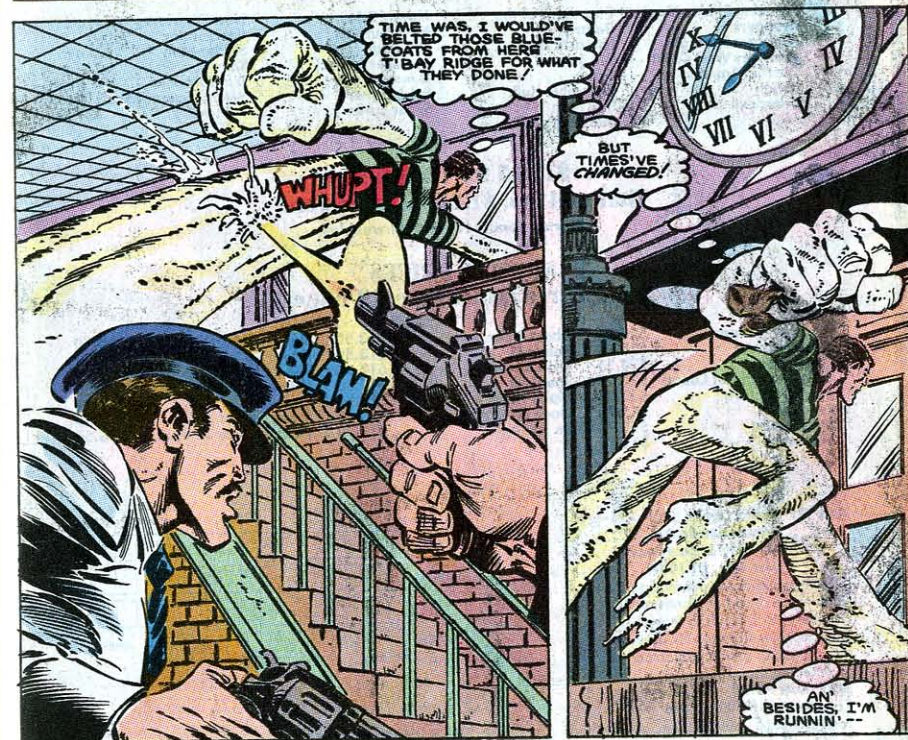
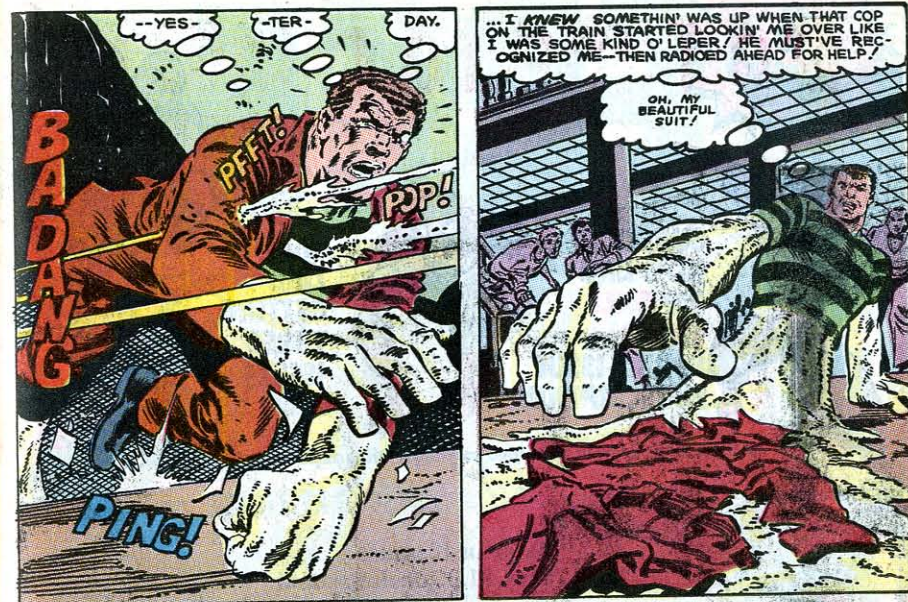






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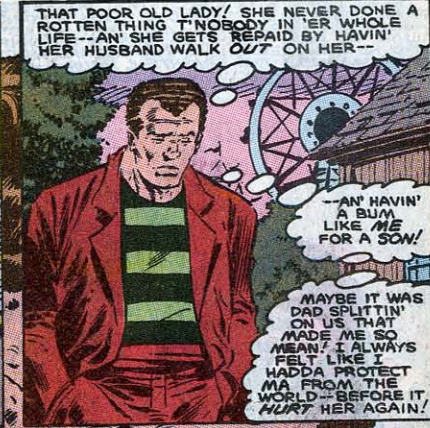
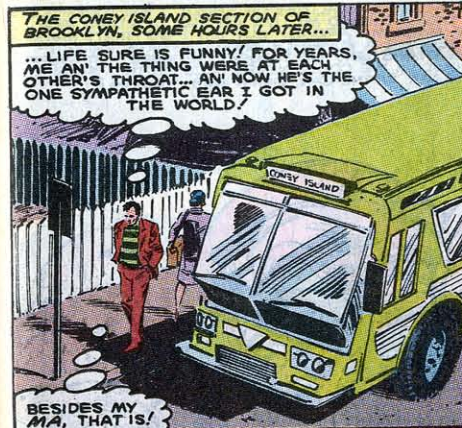
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"SO I LASHED OUT AT EVERYONE... AND BECAME JUST LIKE MY OLD MAN! I GOT BOUNCED OUTTA HIGH SCHOOL, AND ONTO THE STREETS. BY THE TIME I WAS TWENTY-ONE, I'D BEEN IN AND OUT O' JAIL FIVE TIMES! JEEZ... I SHOULD'VE DIED WHEN I GOT MYSELF CAUGHT IN THAT EXPERIMENTAL BOMB-BLAST-- BUT, NO! I HADDA BE THE FREAK-IN-A-MILLION! I HADDA GET TURNED INTO-- THE SANDMAN!"



"THERE I WAS, WITH A BODY THAT POSSESSED ALL THE QUALITIES OF SAND! I WAS POWERFUL... NEARLY INVINCIBLE! I COULD'VE TAKEN A STAND THEN... TURNED MY LIFE AROUND... USED MY NEW ABILITIES T'HELP PEOPLE! GEE, THAT WOULD'VE MADE MA PROUD! BUT DID I DO THAT? NAH! DUMB OL' FLINT MARKO DECIDES HE'S GONNA BECOME A SUPER-CRIMINAL... STARTS HANGIN' AROUND WITH CREEPS LIKE THE WIZARD AN' THE TRAPPER... WE THOUGHT WE WERE HOT WHEN WE WERE THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR! SO HOWCUM WE COULD NEVER HOLD ON TO A FOURTH MEMBER? AN' HOWCUM WE ALWAYS ENDED UP BACK IN THE CAN, LICKIN' OUR WOUNDS?"



"NO TELLIN' HOW MANY YEARS I'D'VE GONE ON LIKE THAT IF I HADN'T'VE RUN INTO THAT JACKASS, HYDRO-MAN! WE GOT T'FIGHTIN'—AN' SOMEHOW OUR MOLECULES GOT ALL MIXED UP!"

"NEXT THING WE KNEW— WE'D TURNED INTO SOME KIND O' DISGUSTIN'... MUD-THING!"



* AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
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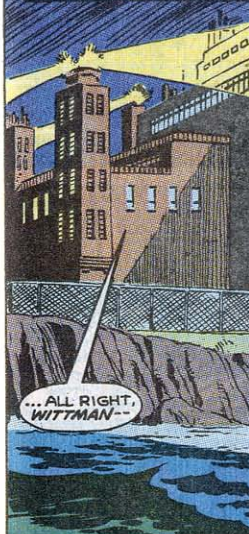
HAVIN' OUR MINDS... OUR BODIES... JOINED TOGETHER LIKE THAT... WAS THE MOST HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE! EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT IT—I FEEL SICK T'MY STOMACH!

BUT ONE GOOD THING CAME OUTTA THAT MESS— IT GOT ME T'THINKIN' FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE! I SAW WHAT A NOWHERE GOON I WAS!

A GOON WITH A ONE-WAY TICKET ON THE EXPRESS TRAIN T' NOWHERE!

"WELL, I'M OFF THAT TRAIN NOW--AND NOTHIN'... NOHIN'... IS GONNA GET ME BACK ON IT!"

ELSEWHERE, IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY SECTION OF THE RYKER'S FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER...



...ALL RIGHT, WITTMAN...

-- WE'VE GOT A NICE NEW CELL WAITIN' FOR YOU! I HOPE YOU LIKE IT-- CAUSE IT'S GONNA BE YOUR KITCHEN FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS OR SO!



PRATTLE ON, JACKANAPES! YOU THINK BECAUSE MY HANDS ARE MANACLED, I AM NO THREAT TO YOU!

BUT MY GREATEST WEAPON--IS MY UNPARALLELED INTELLECT... AND THAT CAN NEVER BE SHACKLED!



AH! THERE IS MY DEAR FRIEND, PETRUSKI, THAT OAFISH SMILE NO DOUBT MEANS HE IS PREPARED FOR TONIGHT'S ESCAPE!

...IT'S TAKEN ME MONTHS OF CAREFUL MANEUVERING TO GET MYSELF TRANSFERRED TO PETRUSKI'S CELL-BLOCK-- BUT IT HAS BEEN TIME WELL SPENT!



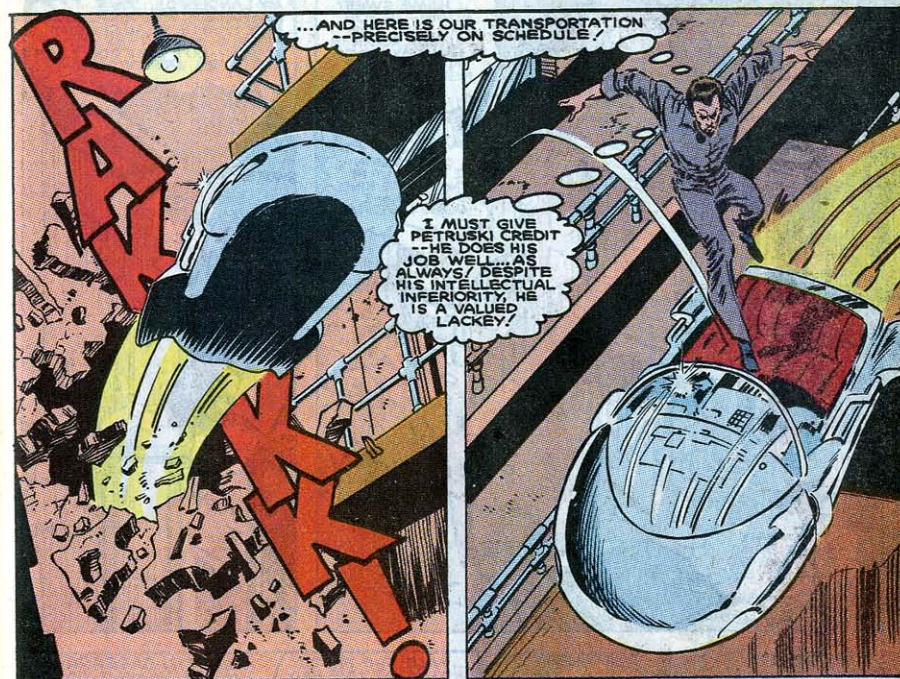
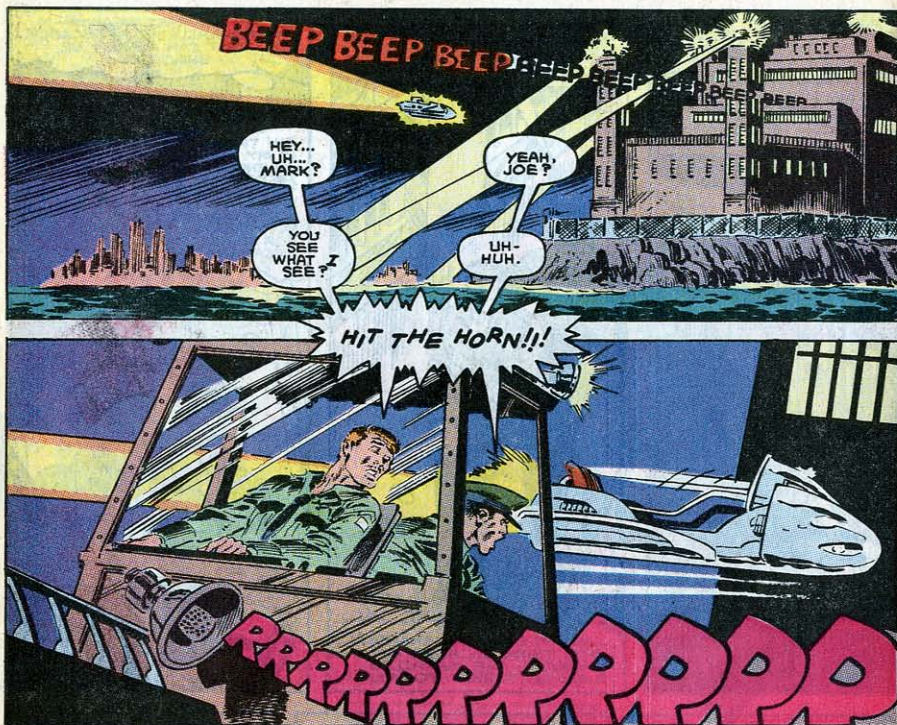
FOR IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO SUPRETTITUOUSLY COMPLETE WORK ON THIS MICROCIRCUITED COMPUTER-- SO CLEVERLY HIDDEN BENEATH A LAYER OF FALSE SKIN!

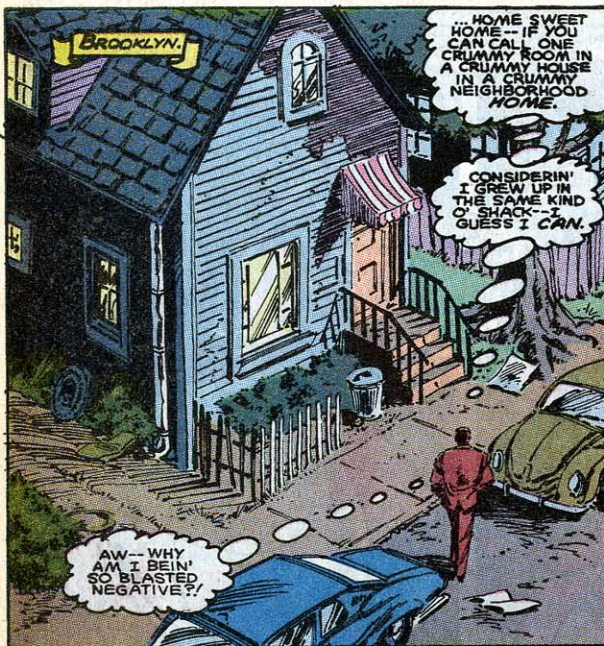


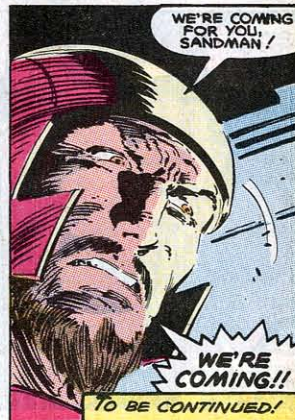
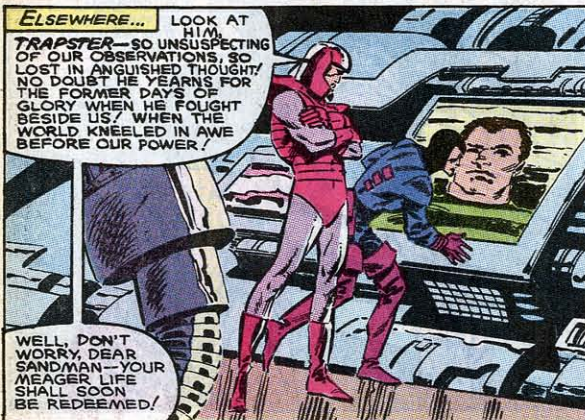
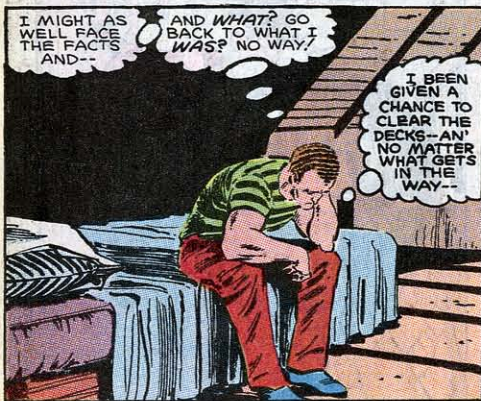
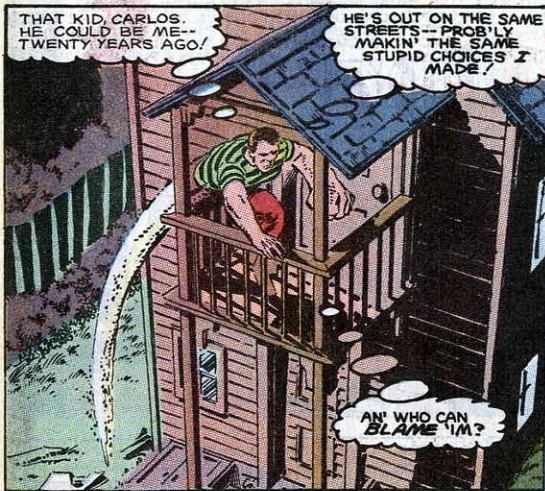
IDIOTS! DO THEY NOT REALIZE THAT NO PRISON IN ALL THE WORLD CAN LONG CONTAIN THE UNFETTERED GENIUS OF THE WIZARD!



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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes! Wanna know why comic book column writers get gray? Try this on for size—

A few ishes back I told you to watch for "Into Thin Air," the new Larry Cohen movie in which some of your favorite Bullpeners play cameo roles. So far so good, right? Uh uh! Larry just told me the title was changed to "Ambulance." Naturally, by the time he told me, the Soapbox column touting the other title had already been printed!

Well, to avoid any future foul-ups, just watch for a new thriller which may not be called "Ambulance," featuring my co-star, Eric Roberts ("Co-star"? Well, I share the screen with him for almost thirty whole seconds! And, in case you're wondering, yeah, he's pretty good, too!)

By the way, have you noticed the many comic book titles and companies popping up? Recently, someone said he was sorry we're having all this competition. I told him to save his sympathy! I mean, competition is what it's all about! Nothing like the sound of another comics company breathing down our necks to make us work even harder! And who benefits by it all? Hey, who else but you, the readers; you, who keep us alive by shelling out your shekels for our mags! If we give you what you want, you'll buy us! If not, it's goodbye, Charlie! And that's the way it should be!

You've been wonderfully loyal to us over the years, and no words of mine can fully express our gratitude. That's why I make you this pledge—we'll never stop bustin' our chops to give you the best we've got, to prove worthy of your support, to excite you, to amuse you and, for better or worse, to always level with you! Fact is, there's no way we'll ever forget our earliest adage... "We're nothing without you!"

Excelsior!

CHECKLIST

No checklist this month, Guys and Gurneys! If you want to find out what's on sale, check out last month's Bullpen Bulletins page. Meanwhile, here's some extra boxes you can practice checking off.

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JUNE, as hyperprolific Marvel Executive Editor-slash-Wisconsiner Mark Gruenwald always fails to remind us, is National Dairy Month. You know what that means? Yes, that's right, it's time once again for our first annual stroll around the Marvel neighborhood, to see how dairy products affect us in our everyday lives. Perhaps we should get ultracrisp dresser Assistant Editor Darryl Butter (er, Barry Butter) to accompany us on this little venture? Perhaps not.

The first stop on our sojourn is the local New York Smiler deli. We head toward the refrigerated dairy section in all its pre-pickup splendor. We spy the milk cartons, and are reminded of the happy days of our youth... reading comics by the fireplace, while sipping Bosco and milk. Not everyone has had so fortunate a childhood, however, and Marvel has recently been trying to do something about it.

Marvel has joined forces with the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and the K-Mart Corporation to produce a comic book featuring Spider-Man and Skids of the New Mutants, dealing with child abuse. The comic will be distributed through K-Mart, and given out free to any parent who asks for it.

The comic came out in April, which, as neo-father-slash-GHOST RIDER-writer Howard Mackie could tell us, is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Certainly preventing child abuse is a high priority for all of us, parents and non-parents alike. Another priority, of course, is reminding children and non-children alike that milk is good for strong teeth and bones.

One guy who draws excellent teeth and great bones is megastar Jim (Don't call me happy) Lee. (No relation to Stan.) If Jim were a happy guy, he'd really have a reason to smile now, since he is now regular pencil of the X-MEN, beginning with issue #268.

Todd McFarlane, on the other hand, is always happy to smile for us. The incredibly popular squiggly-web-drawing Canadian is giving birth this month to a new book featuring the adjective-less Spider-Man. Todd is both writing and drawing this one, surely cause for a celebration. Tell Aunt May to stock up on extra milk and cookies!

Well, we've lingered over the dairy counter so long the shop owner is beginning to stare at us in a peculiar way. Let's move on. As we reach the check-out counter, we spot the latest issue of the much-informative, ultraprestigious SOAP OPERA WEEKLY magazine. We can't help but recall the April 10th issue of SOW, which featured an interview with the second lady of American theater, Elaine Lee. (No relation to Stan.) Elaine spoke of her erstwhile role on the more-than-a-soap-opera-more-like-a-dramatic-ongoing-story TV show, THE DOCTORS, and her work on the if-comics-could-sing-the-world-would-sing-with-them STEELTOWN ROCKERS. Although Elaine made no mention of dairy products in the interview, we have to wonder if the thought of them might have crossed her mind.

We are reminded of the Wall of Bovines in the office of Epic's own super hard-working assistant editor, Marie Javins. Marie has had some of the biggest names in the business contribute drawings of cows to her wall. Among them: Jim Lee,

Jay Muth, Mike Mignola, and Sergio Aragonés. Now you see why it's called the Marvel Bullpen.

We exit the New York Smiler, and continue our stroll around the Marvel neighborhood. What's playing at the local theater? THE STORY OF CHEESE, perhaps? No, that was last week. This week, it's ROBOCOP 2, co-scripted by the hyperhot he-was-doin'-ninjas-when-ninjas-weren't-cool Frank Miller. We are reminded of our comics adaptation of the ultrapopular film, which we might urge you to pick up, if you need your U.S. FDA of lip-puckering, justice-dispensing cyborgs. It's by Alan Grant, Mark Bagley, and Tony DeZuniga—all firm believers in the separation of the four basic food groups.

Why, look! It's a record store! Wasn't there a mega-groovy group a few decades back known as the Cowbells? Why, sure there was! Maybe we can score one of their old albums on compact disc. While our fingers browse almost of their own accord, we happen upon the brand-new CD by the not-quite-but-soon-to-be-superstars Otis Ball and the Chain. The album is called "I'm Gonna Love You 'Til I Don't," and it features back-up vocals on one song by the Buddha Singers. As fate would have it, three of the Buddha Singers are Marvel's own—the two-headed neo-Editor Mike Rockwitz, colorist-par-excellence Steve Buccellato, and our ever-smiling Direct Sales Manager Lou Bank. As Lou described it, "Otis serenaded us outside our window, and this inspired us to sing with him. It was one of the most sentimental moments of my life." Lou predicts that Otis Ball and the Chain will be "bigger than the sliced wheel."

Sliced wheel? A probable cheese reference. Further proof that dairy products have become part of the American culture. Why, someone would have to be a fool to not include dairy products as part of his/her everyday diet. Which reminds us, appropriately enough, that June is also the release of the first issue of the FOOL-KILLER Limited Series.

It's scripted by ultra eccentric Howard the Duck creator Steve Gerber, with art by the meta-talented newcomer to Marvel, JJ Birch. Steve created the Foolkiller character in the early seventies in an issue of his mucho-classic MAN-THING series. Now there's a whole new nutcase in the Foolkiller suit, and he's re-defined the meaning of the word "fool." We wonder if this might include those who don't drink their milk!

Well, it's getting late, and our trip 'round the neighborhood has come to an end. We're tired—but it's a good kind of tired. As we reflect back on our day, we can't help but realize what a large role such products as cheese, butter, and milk play in our lives. But some of us enjoy them perhaps a little too much. In a recent study, it was revealed that Wisconsin adults weighed in as the nation's most obese in a national survey—for the third consecutive year! The reason for their pleasant plumpness? Seems it's their high consumption of dairy products like cheese and butter. Perhaps there's a lesson to be learned here. (Say, isn't the pre-obese non-serial killer Mark Gruenwald from Wisconsin?)

Gotta scoot!

OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN HAS MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF PROBLEMS, BUT **HOUSING** ISN'T ONE OF THEM! C'MON, LET'S TAKE A SNEAK PEEK AT:

PETER & MJ's NEW PAD!

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WHEN THE MALEVOLENT MACHINATIONS OF JONATHAN CAESAR HAD THEM **EVICTED** FROM THEIR LUXURY CONDO IN THE BEDFORD TOWERS, PETER AND MARY JANE MOVED IN **TEMPORARILY** WITH AUNT MAY IN FOREST HILLS.

HARDLY THE **IDEAL** ABOVE FOR A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE USED TO LIVING ON THEIR OWN!

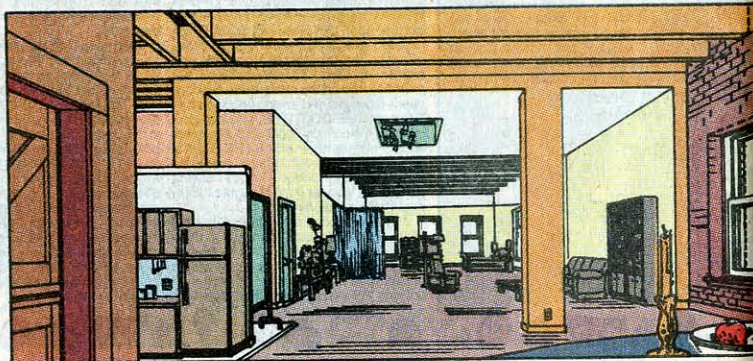


HOWEVER, FORTUNED **SMILED** UPON THE HAPLESS HONEYMOONERS IN THE SHAPE OF THEIR LONGTIME COMPADRES, HARRY AND LIZ OSBORN, WHO INVITED THEM TO MOVE INTO THE TOP FLOOR LOFT OF THIS NEWLY RENOVATED BUILDING IN **SOHO**.

PETE AND MJ ARE STILL SETTLING INTO THEIR NEW PLACE. BETWEEN HER LONG HOURS ON THE SET OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE DAYTIME DRAMA, "SECRET HOSPITAL," AND HIS GRAD SCHOOL STUDIES, FREELANCE PHOTO ASSIGNMENTS, AND "CATCHING THIEVES JUST LIKE FLEES," THEY **RARELY** HAVE TIME TO SPEND AT HOME.



AS A MATTER OF **FACT**, NOBODY'S HOME NOW. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE TAKE A LOOK AROUND...?



PETE AND MJ HAVE DIVIDED THEIR SPACE UP INTO DIFFERENT "AREAS." THEY DECIDED NOT TO BUILD ANY ADDITIONAL WALLS, PREFERING THE SPACIOUSNESS OF THE LOFT, EMBRACING A MINIMALIST AESTHETIC THAT WOULDN'T BE OUT OF PLACE IN SOME OF THE LOCAL ART GALLERIES AND HIGH FASHION CLOTHING STORES.

DINING AREA

AREA OF SHEETROCKED (FINISHED) WALL, CEILINGS

SHEETROCKED LIVING ROOM SKYLIGHT

TWO SKYLIGHTS-- ONE ABOVE THE BATHROOM AND ONE ABOVE THE LIVING AREA-- OFFER AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR INCONSPICUOUS ENTRANCES AND EXITS-- A PRIMARY CONCERN AMONG WALL-CRAWLING, WEB-SLINGING, NON-MUTANT SUPER HEROES.

CURTAIN

BEDROOM AREA

STEAM PIPE AND RADIATOR

RENOVATED FACADE

ELEVATOR

ELECTRICAL CLOSET

THE EMPHASIS IS ON **SPACE**, A PRIZED COMMODITY ON THE CROWDED STREETS OF MANHATTAN! TO THIS END, THE PARKERS HAVE LEFT A LOT OF THEIR FURNITURE FROM THE BEDFORD TOWERS IN **STORAGE**.

KITCHEN

KITCHEN/BATHROOM SKYLIGHT

BATHROOM

AREA OF CONCRETE SLAB

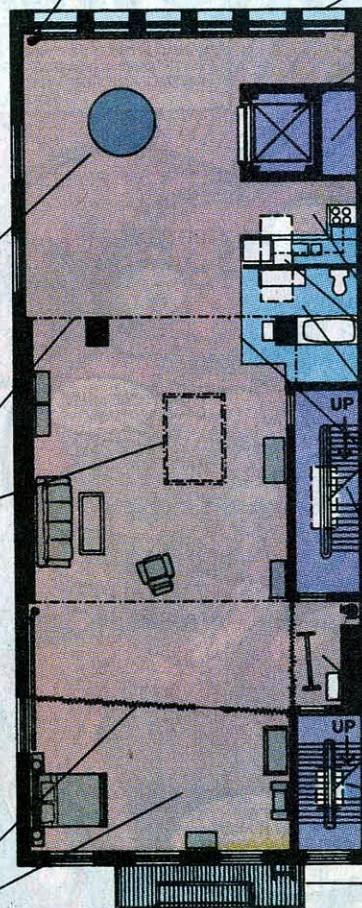
STAIRS

SPRINKLER SERVICE

STORAGE AREA

REAR FIRE TOWER

FIRE ESCAPE



SPEAKING OF EXITS, WE'D BETTER HIGH TAIL IT OUT OF HERE BEFORE PETE AND MJ GET BACK! NOT THAT IT'S **WRONG** FOR US TO BE CHECKING OUT THEIR NEW APARTMENT ON THE SLY, BUT I'VE GOT A FEELING THEY JUST WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!



AMAZING FANTASY

**Starting-
THE
ASTONISHING
ANT-MAN!**

MAN BELIEVES HIMSELF THE MOST POWERFUL CREATURE ON OUR WORLD. BUT WHAT IF THE TRUE MASTERS OF EARTH LURK AMONG US SECRETLY--UNKNOWN, UNSEEN, WAITING FOR THAT AWFUL MOMENT WHEN THEY EMERGE TO SEIZE THEIR DESTINY?

WHAT THEN?

ANT-MAN MUST NOT ESCAPE!

HE MUST DIE!

SO COMMANDS THE SCARLET BEETLE!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF CRAZY NIGHTMARE! BUT WHAT IF IT ISN'T?

WHAT IF IT ISN'T?

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FEW OF US PAY EVEN SCANT ATTENTION TO THE TEEMING SOCIETY BENEATH OUR FEET-- THE INSECT WORLD!

THERE IS ONE MAN, HOWEVER, WHO IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN THAT DIMINUTIVE UNIVERSE. HE IS DOCTOR HENRY PYM, THE SCIENTIFIC ADVENTURER!

I'VE BEEN RECEIVING STRANGE SIGNALS FROM THE ANTS FOR DAYS NOW, SCOTT, BUT I'VE BEEN TOO BUSY WITH AVENGERS BUSINESS TO INVESTIGATE.

IT'S A PASSION NOT SHARED BY THIS MAN...

GEE, HANK, I'D LOVE TO CHECK IT OUT FOR YOU, BUT I LEAVE FOR NEW YORK TOMORROW... YEAH... THE CONFERENCE!

...SCOTT LANG!

I'LL DEFINITELY LOOK INTO IT WHEN I GET BACK. IT SOUNDS... ER... FASCINATING.

sheesh!

I THINK PYM NEEDS TO GET OUT MORE. NOBODY SHOULD SPEND HIS WEEKENDS LISTENING TO INSECTS DIAL 9-1-1.

MAYBE I YAWN & WON'T BRING MY ANT-MAN STUFF ALONG THIS TRIP.

I'LL FINISH PACKING IN THE MORNING.

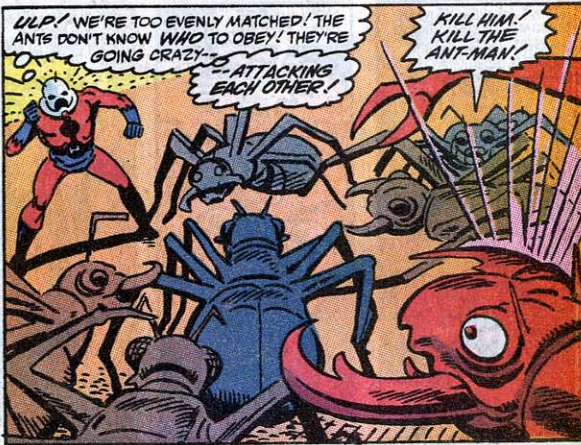
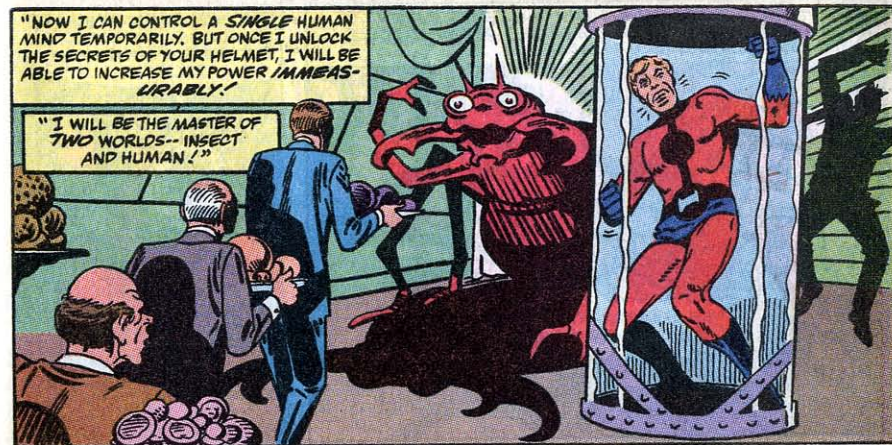
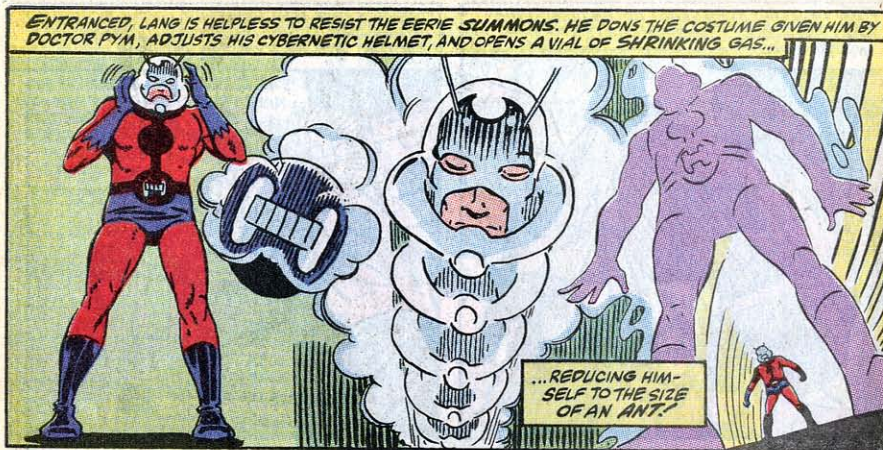
BUT THAT NIGHT...

RISE, HUMAN!

RIDE AND HEED MY COMMANDS!

I HAVE NEED OF --

--THE ANT-MAN!





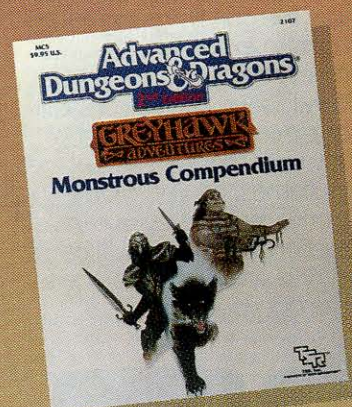
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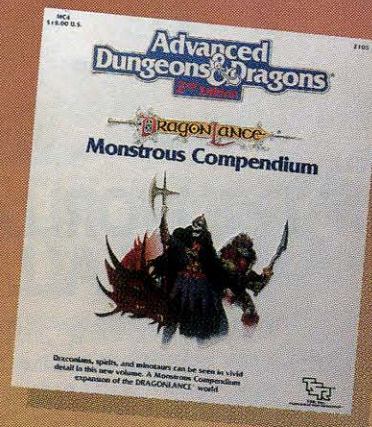
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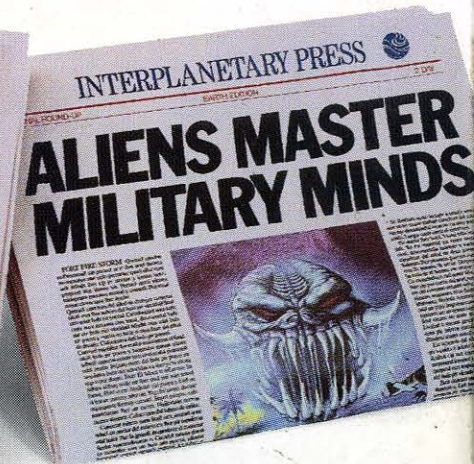
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