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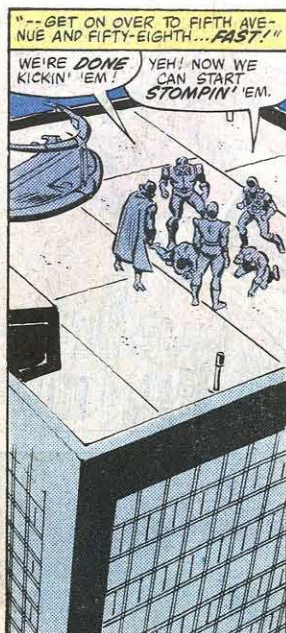
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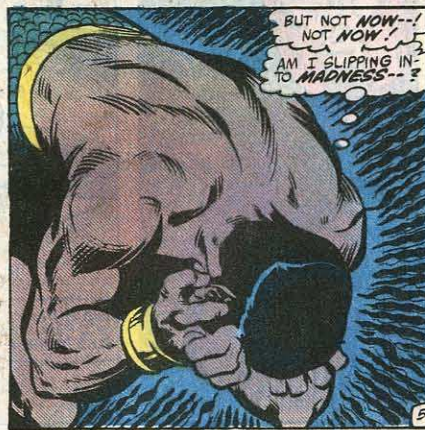
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NOR IS PRINCE NAMOR
ALONE IN HIS TORMENT.
FOR, AT PETER PARKER'S
HOTEL ROOM--

BRO-THER! THEY REALLY
DID A NUMBER ON ME!
LUCKY I ONLY HAD A
BLOCK TO TRAVEL!

I HURT IN PLACES I
NEVER HEARD OF--!

I'M BARELY ABLE TO STAND...
FEEL ALL MOLLOW INSIDE...
WONDER WHAT THE WIZARD
ZAPPED US WITH--!

I NEED BANDAGES, IODINE,
ASPIRIN-- AND A LITTLE
TENDER LOVING CARE

CAN'T GO LOOKING
FOR IT AS SPIDEY,
THOUGH--

-- HE'S NOT ALLOWED
TO HAVE NEEDS.

BUT OL'
PETER PARKER
IS!

I'LL SHED
THE COSTUME--

-- AND VISIT MY NEW
FRIEND-- MY GORGEOUS
NEW FRIEND.

AS LONG AS I'M
SHOPPING FOR AN ANGEL
OF MERCY, I MIGHT AS
WELL LOOK FOR A
BEAUTIFUL ONE.

HUH-- ? HER DOOR'S
OPEN.

HEY...
ANYBODY
HOME?

JUST US
CHICKENS,
BUB!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE SOME
DUMB LBS KNOCKED A HOLE
INNA WALL & THE THINGS
THAT GO ON IN THIS
TOWN, I SWEAR --



NO HELP THERE...
AND I'M FEELING
WORSE AND WORSE.
GOTTA FIND
SOMEBODY--!

MAYBE DEB...
MAYBE DEBBIE
WHITMAN...



SOON, IN GREENWICH
VILLAGE...



...TOO WEAK TO
MAKE IT ON MY
OWN.

PLEASE
BE HERE,
DEBBIE.
PLEASE!



EXACTLY FOURTEEN HOURS AND SEVENTEEN MINUTES LATER...

UM

ARE YOU
AWAKE,
PETER?

I SORT OF DOCTORED YOU UP WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING. I HOPE THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

AND I FIXED A BIT OF BREAKFAST...
PANCAKES, HAM, SAUSAGE, BACON,
HOME FRIES, APPLE PIE AND COFFEE.

THAT'S NOT
BREAKFAST.
THAT'S A
BANQUET.

AFTER YOU'VE EATEN, AND IF YOU THINK
YOU'VE RECOVERED ENOUGH, I HAVE
TICKETS FOR A BROADWAY SHOW AND...

'SCUSE ME,
DEB. WHAT
TIME IS IT?

A LITTLE
PAST FOUR--

LET ME HAVE A RAIN CHECK
ON THE SHOW, OKAY? I
GOTTA RUN.

ANYTHING
YOU SAY!

I'D BETTER SKIP
BREAKFAST, TOO.

I'LL CALL YOU IN A
COUPLE OF DAYS.

BY THE WAY,
THANKS.

DON'T
MENTION
IT.

DON'T
DARE.

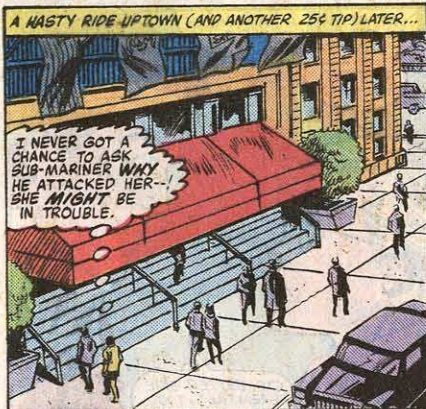
OUTSIDE...

I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED
TO MY NEW GIRL FRIEND. I HAVEN'T
SEEN HER SINCE I BEGAN THE SLUG-
FEST WITH SUB-MARINER.

I HOPE SHE'S ALL
RIGHT! MAYBE
SHE'S IN ANOTHER
ROOM AT THE
HOTEL WHILE HER
WALL IS BEING
REPAIRED!

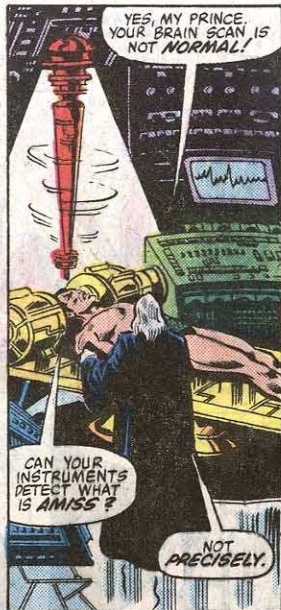
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AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE COOL DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN, WHERE THE KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS RESTS LIKE A GEM ON A VELVET CUSHION...

YOU ARE CERTAIN, LORD VASHTI?



YES, MY PRINCE. YOUR BRAIN SCAN IS NOT NORMAL!

CAN YOUR INSTRUMENTS DETECT WHAT IS AMISS?

NOT PRECISELY.

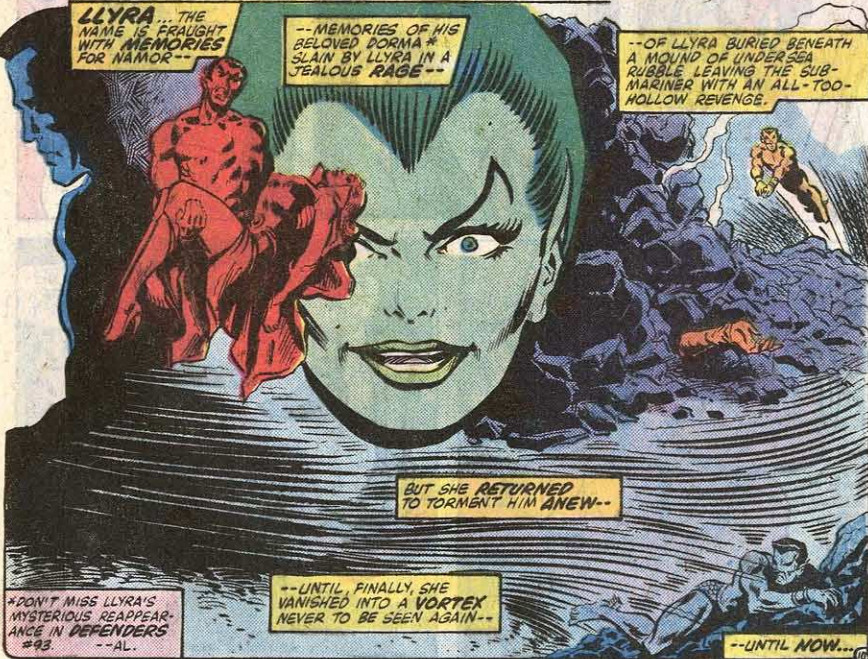


HOWEVER, IF LLYRA IS RESPONSIBLE, WE CAN ASSUME IT IS NOT TO YOUR BENEFIT.

LLYRA... THE NAME IS FRAUGHT WITH MEMORIES FOR NAMOR--

--MEMORIES OF HIS BELOVED FORMER SLAIN BY LLYRA IN A JEALOUS RAGE--

--OF LLYRA BURIED BENEATH A MOUND OF UNDERSEA RUBBLE LEAVING THE SUBMARINER WITH AN ALL-TOO-HOLLOW REVENGE.

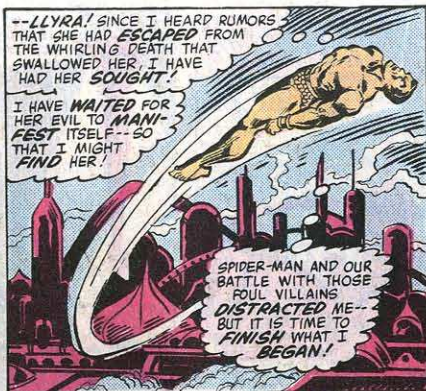


BUT SHE RETURNED TO TORMENT HIM ANEW--

*DON'T MISS LLYRA'S MYSTERIOUS REAPPEARANCE IN DEFENDERS #93. --AL.

--UNTIL, FINALLY, SHE VANISHED INTO A VORTEX NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN--

--UNTIL NOW... 10



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THEN--

DON'T BOTHER
STRUGGLING--NOT
EVEN YOU CAN BREAK
VANADIUM STEEL
CABLE.



AIN'T HE CUTE? YEAH... WRAPPED UP LIKE
A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

I SUPPOSE YOU
HAVE QUESTIONS.

COME TO
THINK OF IT...
I ***WAS***
WONDERING WHY
MY SPIDER-
SENSE DIDN'T
WARN ME
ABOUT THIS
TEA PARTY.



BECAUSE YOU NO LONGER
POSSESS IT. WHEN I SHOT YOU
AND THE SUB-MARINER ON THE
ROOFTOP, I ENVELOPED YOU BOTH
IN A **PSYCHO-TRANSFERENCE
FIELD**.

IT PUT YOUR
SUPERHUMAN
FACULTY IN
HIS MIND--



--AND UNLESS I'M MUCH
MISTAKEN, IT IS DRIVING HIM
TO THE BRINK OF **INSANITY**.

UNIQUE, EH--?
TO DESTROY
SOMEONE BY
ACTUALLY
INCREASING
THEIR POWER.



YOU SURE
DESERVE THE
MAD-SCIENTIST
MERIT BADGE,
ALL RIGHT.

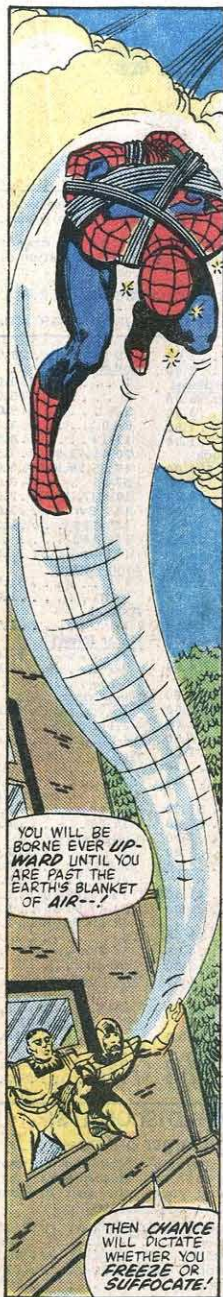
ALWAYS THE
HUMORIST.

NOT THAT I
DON'T APPRECIATE
THE **GIFT**, WIZ...
BUT I DON'T REALLY
HAVE ANY **USE** FOR
ONE OF YOUR ANTI-
GRAVITY DISCS.



ON THE CONTRARY...
YOU CAN USE IT AS
THE INSTRUMENT
OF YOUR **DEATH**!





YOU WILL BE BORNE EVER UPWARD UNTIL YOU ARE PAST THE EARTH'S BLANKET OF AIR--!

THEN CHANCE WILL DICTATE WHETHER YOU FREEZE OR SUFFOCATE!



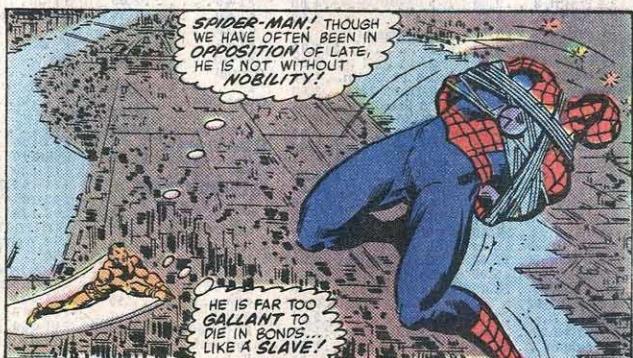
AT THAT INSTANT--

LLYRA'S HIDING PLACE LIES THERE ON MANHATTAN ISLAND...

EH--! THE INFERNAL BUZZING IN MY BRAIN GROWS STRONGER--



-- AND I SEE SOMETHING RISING FROM THE CLUSTER OF DWELLINGS-- SOMETHING FAMILIAR!



SPIDER-MAN! THOUGH WE HAVE OFTEN BEEN IN OPPOSITION OF LATE, HE IS NOT WITHOUT NOBILITY!

HE IS FAR TOO GALLANT TO DIE IN BONDS... LIKE A SLAVE!



I ADD MY STRENGTH TO HIS OWN AND--

SUBBY! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!



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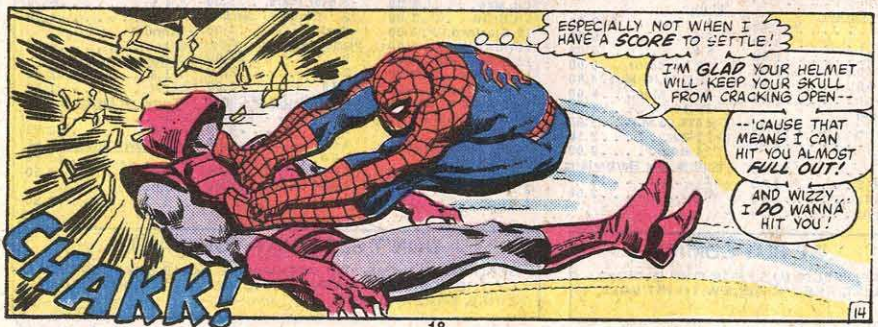
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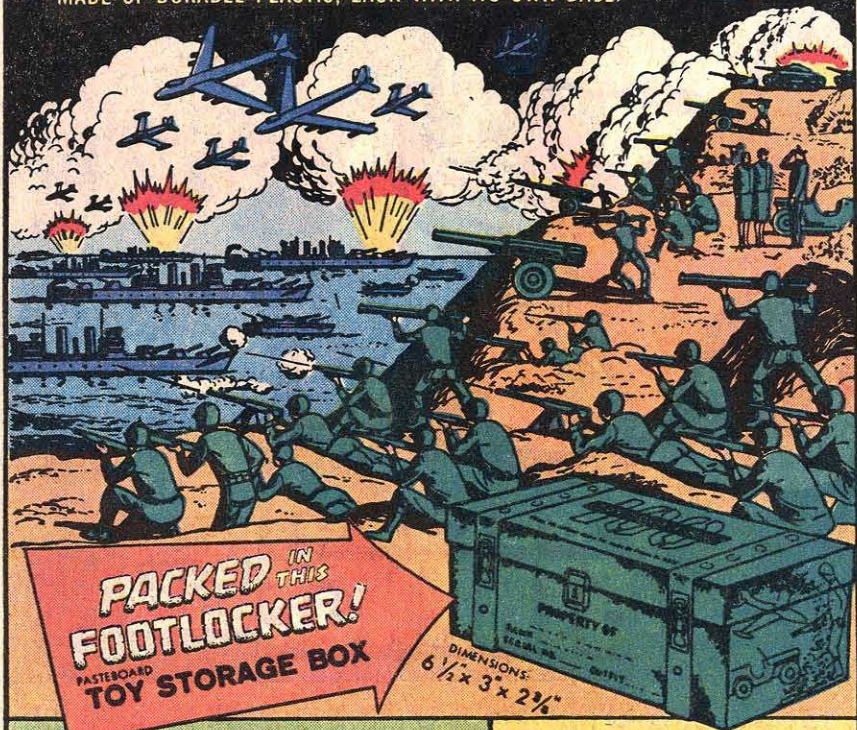
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