

THE QUICK UPSHOT: Doc Doom continues his secret campaign against the city of New York, and the world. His origin story in this universe is revealed, and the seeds for an uprising are sown. A very solid episode that tightly integrates with the rest of the Doc Doom thread in this series. Starting to get worried that our final Doom ep is going to leave dangling threads that would have been picked up in a theoretical season 2.

THE HIGH-END COMMENTS

- Dr Doom is capable of building a seemingly endless number of pink robots, but he continues to use human slave labor for his evil deeds. It seems woefully inefficient.
- getting a distinct Darth Vader vibe from Doom this time
- think one of the things I really like about these Doom eps is that he feels like a significant challenge for Spidey – Doom always expects him to show up, but his plans never have anything to do with Spidey directly. It’s our friendly neighborhood spider-man against a very tough and threatening foe, with legit plans for world domination
- this one aired in January of 1982, and it is winter in New York. That's a nice touch.
- um, Aunt May appears to have a picture of Kim Jong Un hanging on the wall in her bedroom.

THE TIME-CODED ITEMS

1:10 – clearly Latvaria

1:50 – seems like the robots would be a better option for this work

2:55 – a nice summary of the previous events in this storyline, along with some foreshadowing of other conflicts to come, and in a way that makes sense in the context of the story. Good work.

5:50 – commercial break at Spidey falling in a snow-covered garbage truck seems really... not very tense

7:35 – JJJ is going to “sell the heat from the center of the Earth to the city” – yeah, that makes sense.

9:19 – “what doctor doom wishes, doctor doom does,” including speaking in the voice that is passive!

10:45 – the way Spidey is drawn in this crevasse is rather silly.

11:33 - Dr Doom's machine spitting out receipts like a gas pump

14:13 – not sure how saying the words “Doom is a tyrant” proves anything, but you go, Johan.

17:10 – the classmate of young Victor. Straight out of Spidey 67! lol

17:45 – so disfigured by his own hand, but not sure why...

19:30 – we don’t know exactly how spidey got back, either...

19:51 – you just know that JJJ is still going to be buddies with Doom next time.

20:30 – for 1981, this is a pretty badass scene with the fighter jet cockpits and stuff.

21:30 – NASA dudes, wearing convenient badges.

21:42 – omg, for a sec I was afraid JJJ was in there WITH Aunt May