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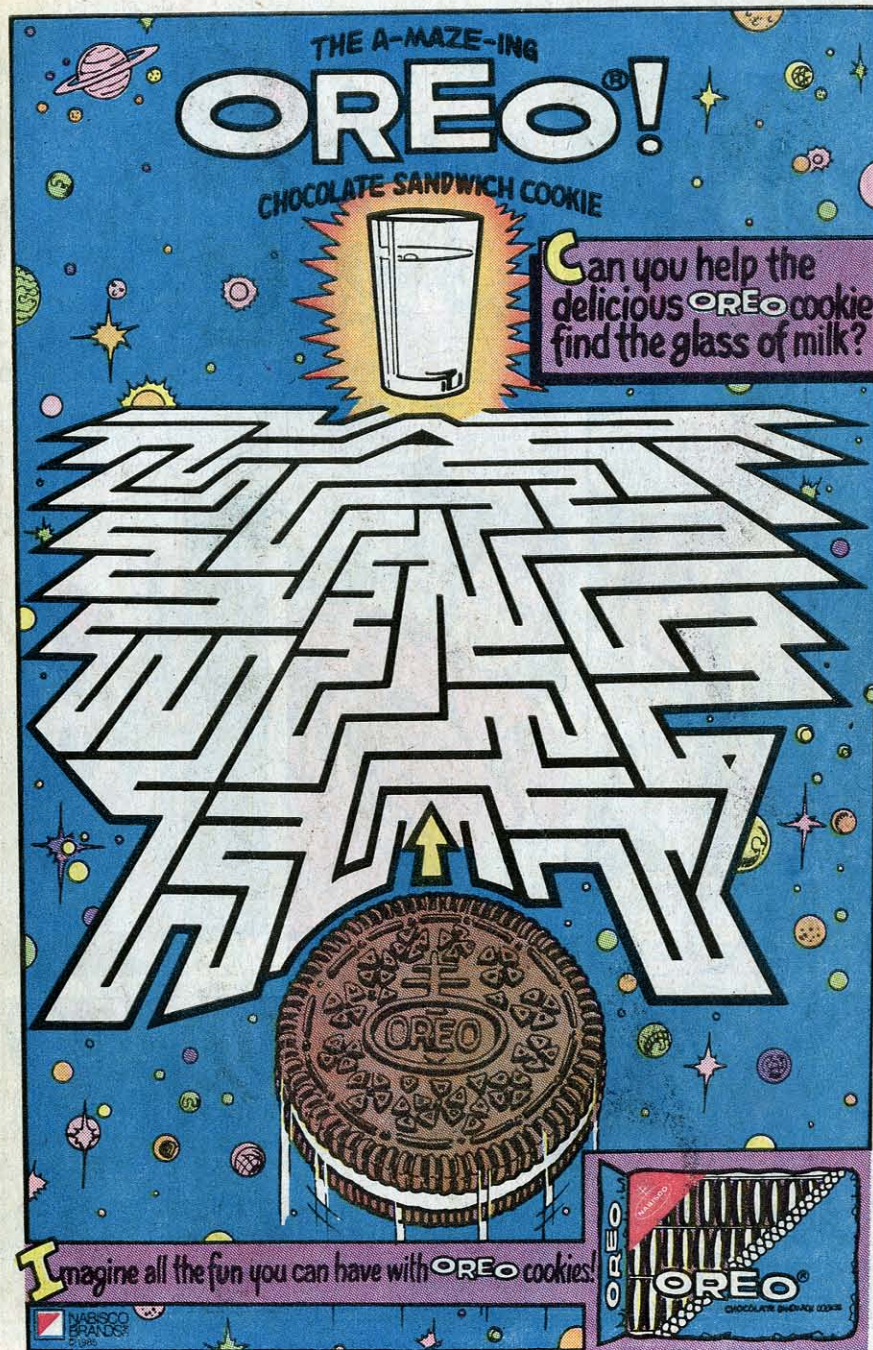
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MORNING SUNLIGHT NEVER PENETRATES  
TO IT, WHICH BOTHERS SMYTHE NOT AT ALL.  
HE PREFERS ARTIFICIAL LIGHT...

AND IN THE YEAR SMYTHE  
HAS BEEN HERE, THE LAB HAS  
TAKEN ON THE DINGY SOME-  
WHAT ECCENTRIC CHARACTER  
OF THE INVENTOR HIMSELF...

THE  
KINGPIN IS  
A CHUMP! A  
CHARLATAN AND  
A SUFFOON!  
NO CRIME  
LORD HE!

WHY ELSE WOULD  
HE SUFFER THIS  
IMPERTINENCE?

SPIDER-MAN  
IS A THORN IN HIS  
SIDE... OPPOSING  
HIM AT EVERY TURN!  
JUST LIKE  
HE OPPOSED  
DADDY!

I HAVE TAKEN  
GOOD ADVANTAGE  
OF THE KINGPIN'S  
FUNDS AND  
EQUIPMENT FOR MY  
OWN PURPOSES--

AND THESE TAPES  
THE KINGPIN  
PROVIDED HAVE  
BEEN MOST...  
USEFUL!

THERE  
IS NOTHING  
ABOUT THAT  
INSEC-  
SMYTHE  
DOES NOT  
KNOW,  
EXCEPT FOR  
WHO HE  
IS!

**DAILY BUGLE**  
**DRUG DEALER**  
**CAPTURED**

YET THE KINGPIN  
TOLERATES HIM!  
EVEN ENCOURAGES  
HIM! PERHAPS HE  
ALLOWS IT, BUT  
SMYTHE CAN DO  
SO NO LONGER!

SPIDER-MAN'S HELP  
INVA-

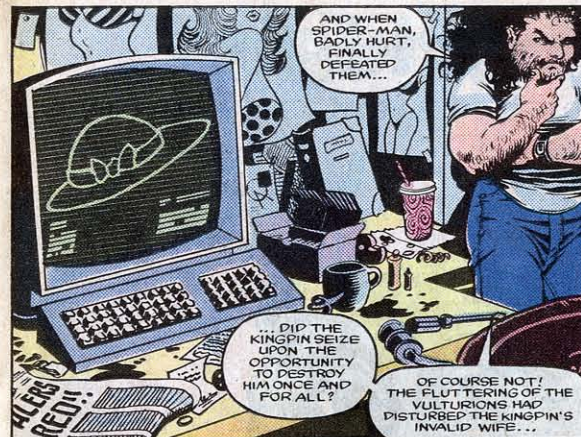
CLICK-CLICK-CLICK--CL-CLICK

AND SOON, SMYTHE,  
YOU CLEVER DEVIL...  
YOU WILL KNOW  
EVEN THAT...

LOOK AT HIM...  
A COSTUMED CLOWN  
SPARRING WITH  
THOSE WINGED  
ABSURDITIES!

AND ALL THE  
WHILE, CHASING  
AFTER THAT  
RIDICULOUS  
PINK HAT! X

X WEB OF  
SPIDER-  
MAN #2  
REMEMBER...  
OWZ.



AND WHEN  
SPIDER-MAN,  
BADLY HURT,  
FINALLY  
DEFEATED  
THEM...

DID THE  
KINGPIN SEIZE  
UPON THE  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO DESTROY  
HIM ONCE AND  
FOR ALL?

OF COURSE NOT!  
THE FLUTTERING OF THE  
VULTURIONS HAD  
DISTURBED THE KINGPIN'S  
INVALID WIFE...

...AND HE RETRIEVED  
THE HAT AND  
ORDERED ME --  
SMYTHE TO CLEAN  
AND REPAIR IT AND  
HAD IT DELIVERED  
TO SPIDER-MAN WITH  
HIS THANKS!

**TAP!**

ABSURD!  
BUT A FINE  
STROKE OF LUCK  
FOR SMYTHE  
THAT WAS!



JUDGING  
FROM THE CARD  
IN THE BAND, THE  
HAT WAS A PRESENT  
FOR SPIDER-MAN'S  
AUNT...

...AND CLEVER,  
CLEVER SMYTHE  
INSERTED A  
TRACKING  
DEVICE INTO THE  
HAT BAND!



SOON...PERHAPS  
TODAY...MY INVENTION  
WILL BE COMPLETE...  
AND I SHALL USE  
THAT HAT TO FIND  
AND DESTROY  
SPIDER-MAN!



SMYTHE... I'D  
LIKE A WORD  
WITH YOU!

KINGPIN!



I'VE HEARD  
THAT YOU'VE  
BEEN SPREADING  
RUMORS...ABOUT  
A CERTAIN HAT...  
AND MY BEING  
SOFT ON  
SPIDER-MAN!

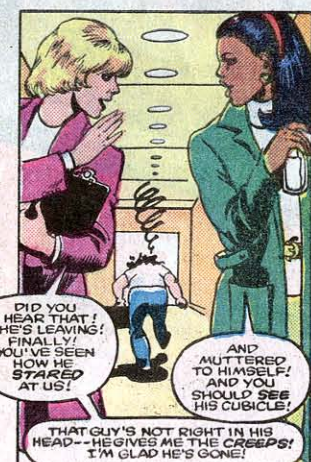
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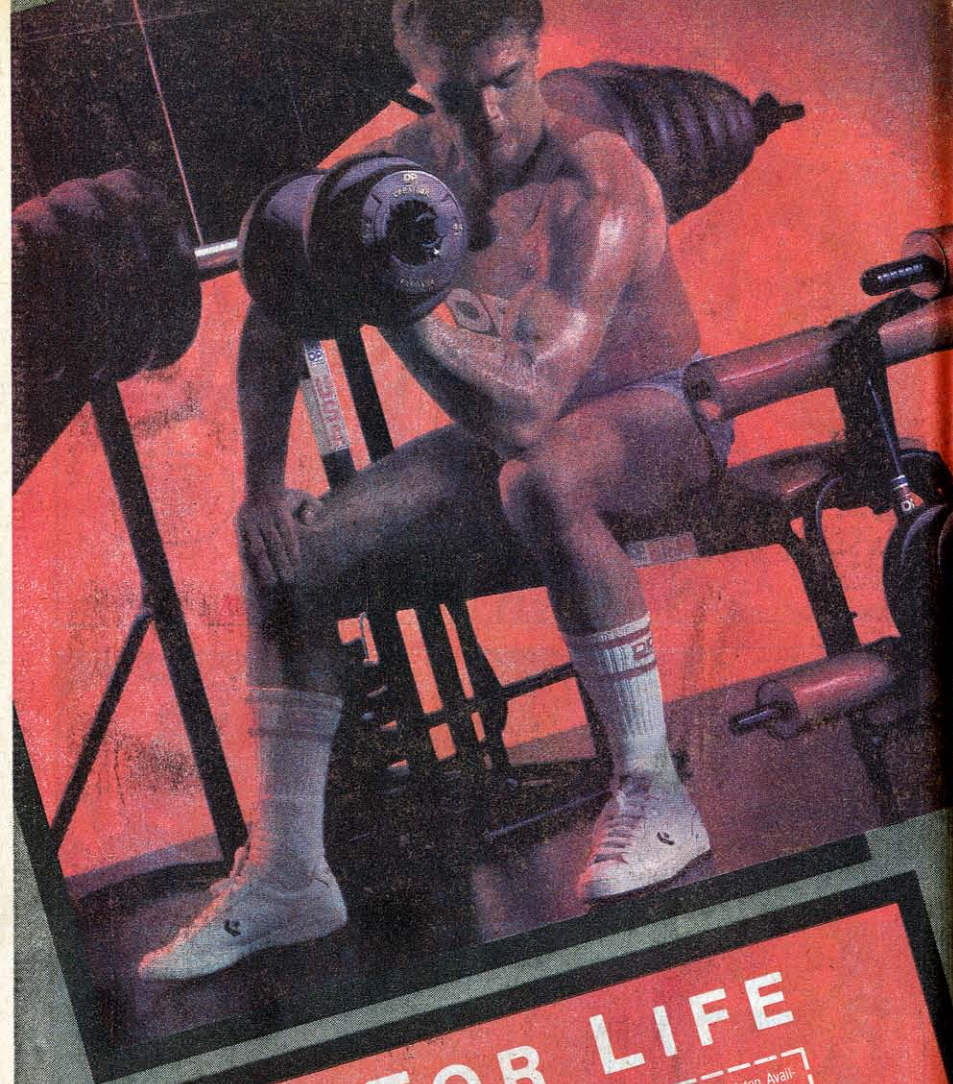
(MY FRIEND BACK HOME SAID HE'D TRADE ME HIS CLOUD SKATES FOR THESE.)



His friend will give anything to get the out-of-this-world peanut butter taste of Reese's Pieces. Aren't you glad you live where you can get them anywhere?

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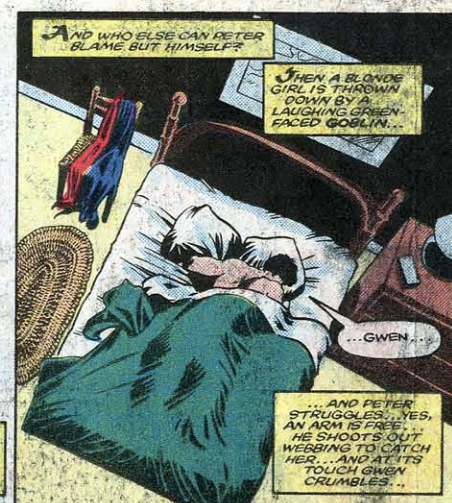
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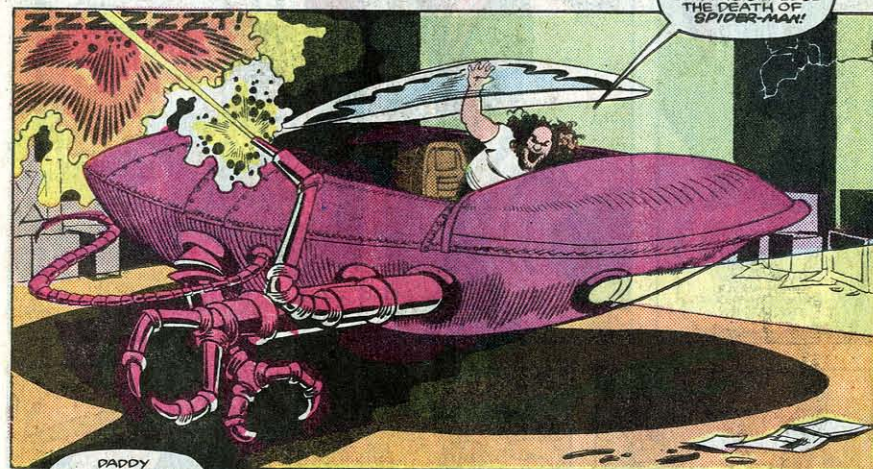
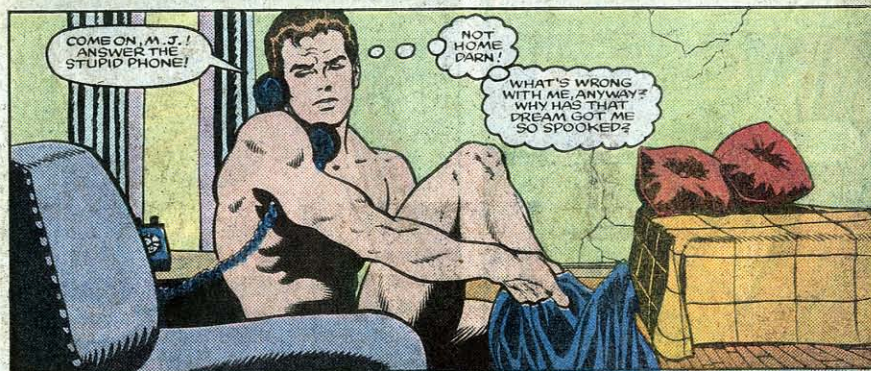
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WHILE AT THE TOP OF THE PARK RESTAURANT...

COME ON, PETE!  
ANSWER THE  
STUPID PHONE!



GOOD GOING,  
M.J., YOU'VE  
DONE IT AGAIN...  
BLAMED PETE  
FOR AVOIDING  
COMMITMENT  
EVEN AS YOU  
SHOVED HIM OUT  
THE DOOR...



ALL BECAUSE  
HE TRIED TO SHARE  
A BIT OF HIS LIFE  
AND YOU WERE SCARED  
BY WHAT HE WANTED  
TO SHARE!

A CHICKEN  
THAT'S YOU!  
BAWK--BAWK--  
BAWK--



WELL, DID  
YOU GET HIM,  
SWEETIE?

HE'S  
NOT HOME,  
AUNT  
ANNA!

WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
BETWEEN YOU  
TWO? A  
LOVER'S  
QUARREL?

WE HAVEN'T  
BEEN LOVERS  
FOR A LONG  
TIME, MAY...

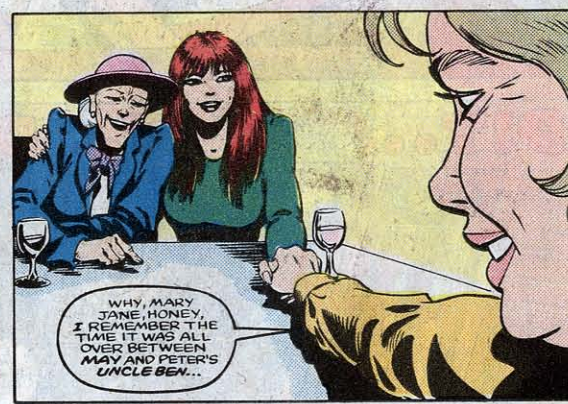


... AND NOW  
WE MAY NOT  
EVEN BE  
FRIENDS!

HERE, DEAR,  
HAVE SOME  
MORE WINE AND  
TELL US ALL  
ABOUT IT!



MEN, THEY'RE SUCH  
BEASTS, AREN'T THEY,  
ANNA? EVEN IF DEAR  
PETER IS MY NEPHEW.



WHY, MARY  
JANE, HONEY,  
I REMEMBER THE  
TIME IT WAS ALL  
OVER BETWEEN  
MAY AND PETER'S  
UNCLE BEN...

MEANWHILE...



SHE ISN'T HOME!  
AND FOR  
REASON, THAT'S  
DRIVING ME  
BUGGY! WHERE  
CAN SHE BE...?

WHAT AM I  
DOING? ALL THIS  
AIMLESS SWINGING  
AROUND JUST PROVES  
THAT MARY JANE'S  
RIGHT! ANY NORMAL  
GUY WOULD JUST--

HEY WAIT  
A MINUTE! I'M  
NORMAL! I JUST  
HAPPEN  
TO HAVE BEEN  
BITTEN BY A  
RADIOACTIVE  
SPIDER...



... AND NOW, AS  
AN EXTRA ADDED  
ATTRACTION, I'VE  
GOT THE PROPORTIONAL  
STRENGTH AND AGILITY  
AND SPEED OF  
A SPIDER!

I CAN STICK TO  
ANY SURFACE!



AND MY HANDY-DANDY  
WEB-SHOOTERS AIN'T BAD  
EITHER, ARE THEY, PAL?

N-NO--  
THEY'RE  
NOT!  
THANKS!



AND ANY GIRL IN  
HER RIGHT MIND WOULD  
LOVE TO GO OUT WITH  
ME, RIGHT?

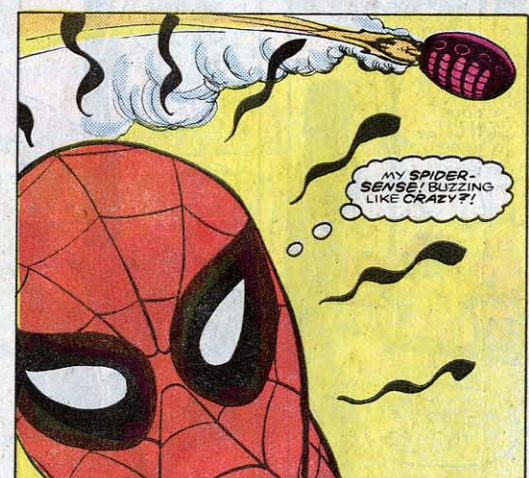
NOT IF YA DID  
THIS AT THE  
RESTAURANT, PAL!

RESTAURANT!  
WAIT A MINUTE!  
SHE SAID SHE WAS  
GOING OUT TO LUNCH...  
BUT WHERE?



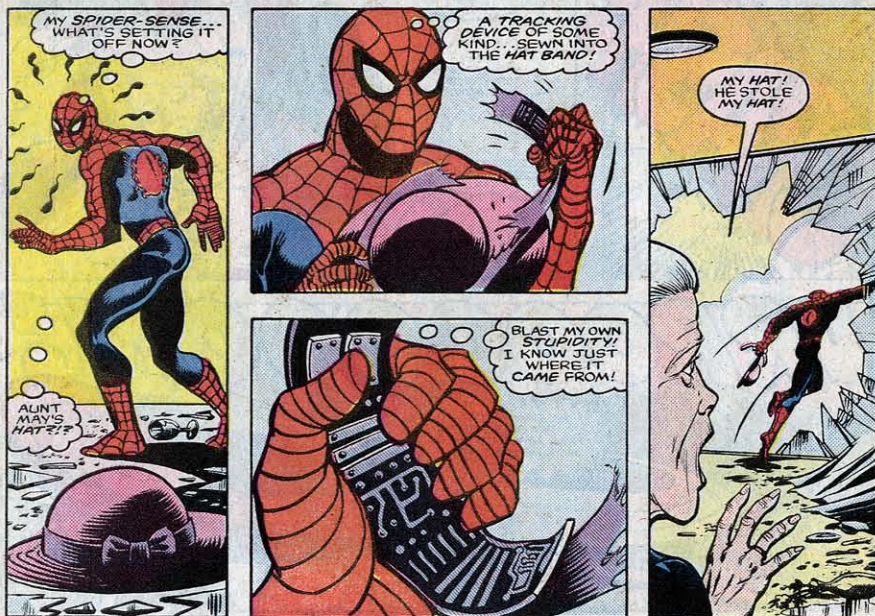
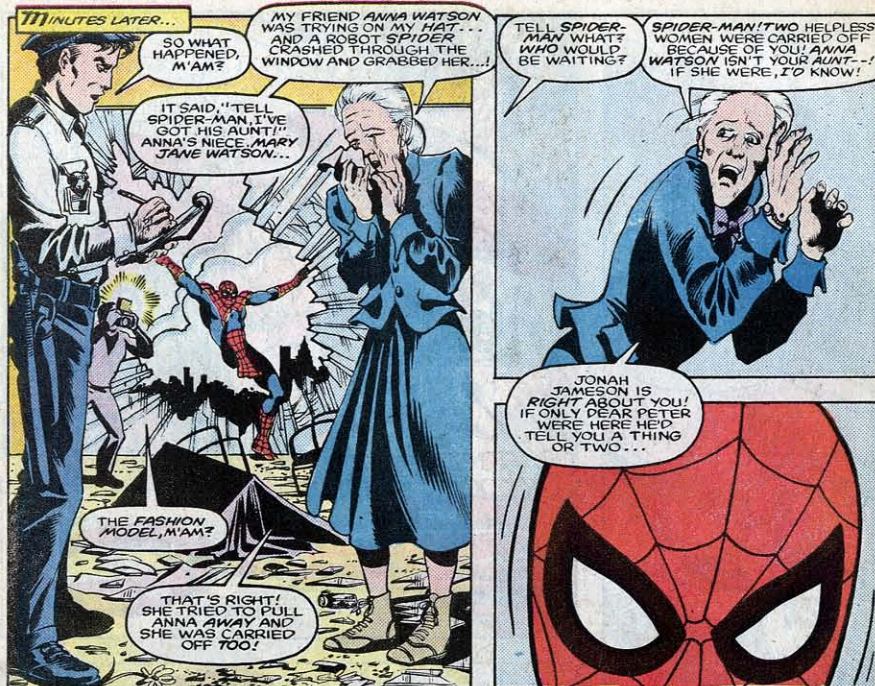
THE TOP OF THE  
PARK-- THAT'S IT--  
IN THE GSW BUILDING!  
THANKS, PAL!

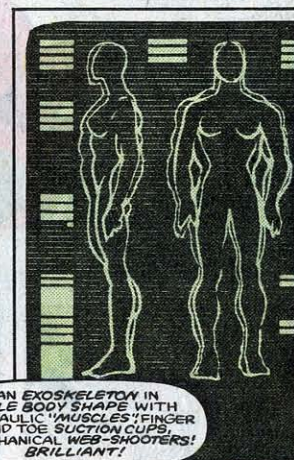
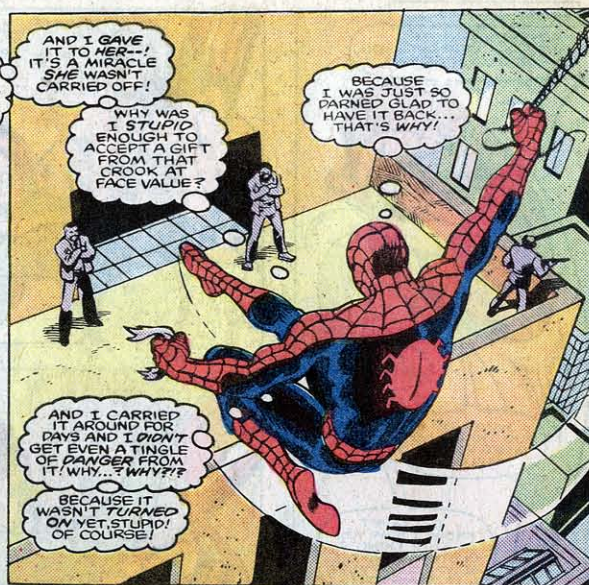
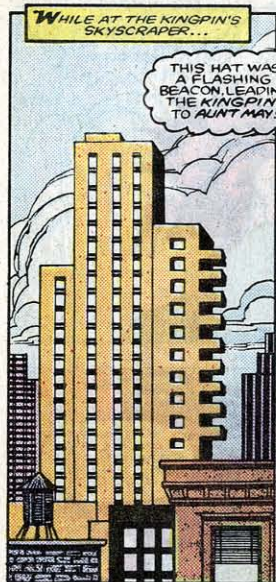
THANKS--? IT  
WHY  
YOU'RE AS  
NUTTY  
AS JONAH  
JAMESON'S  
EDITORIALS  
SAY YOU ARE!  
I'M WRITING  
THE  
BUGLE!  
I'M--

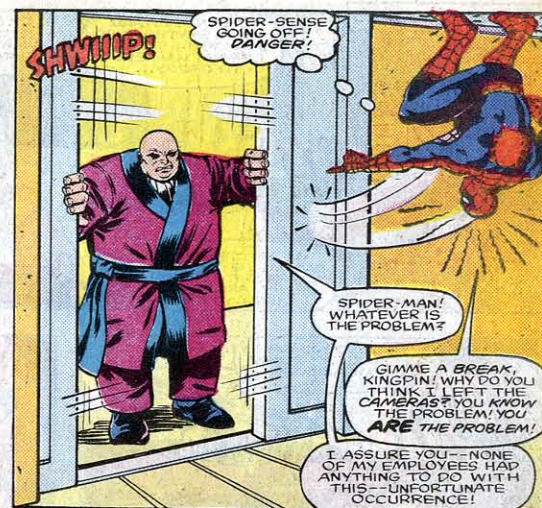
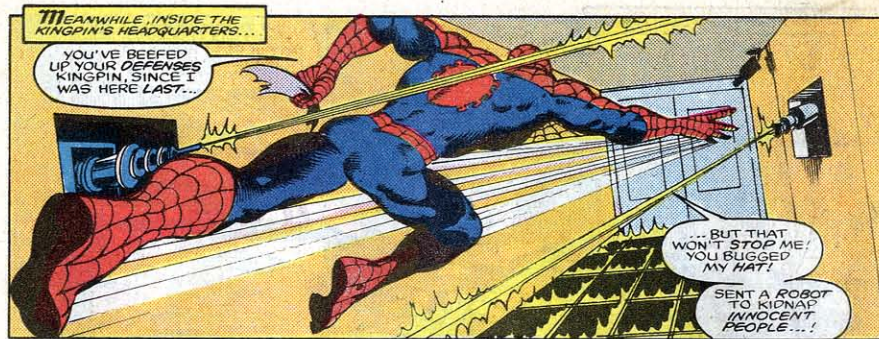


MY SPIDER-  
SENSE! BUZZING  
LIKE CRAZY?!

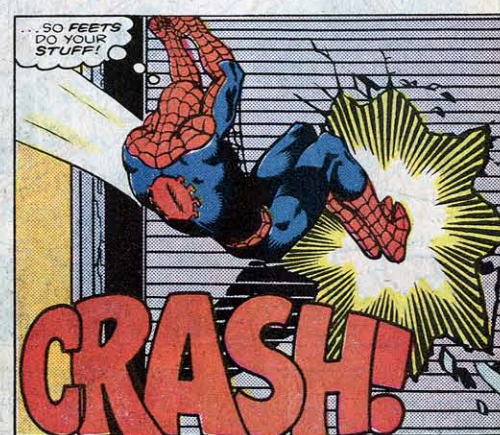
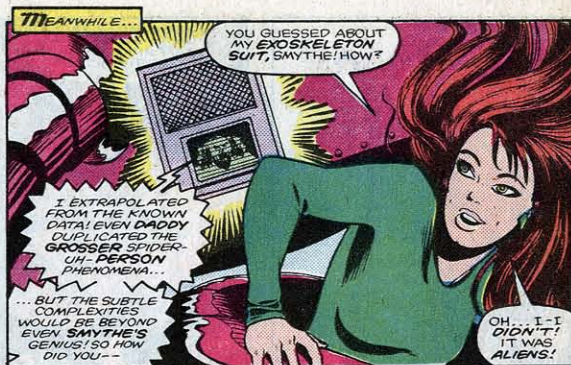


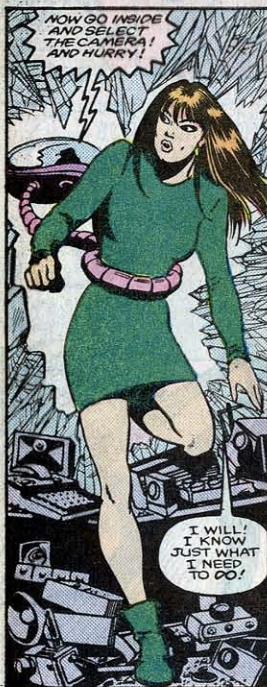
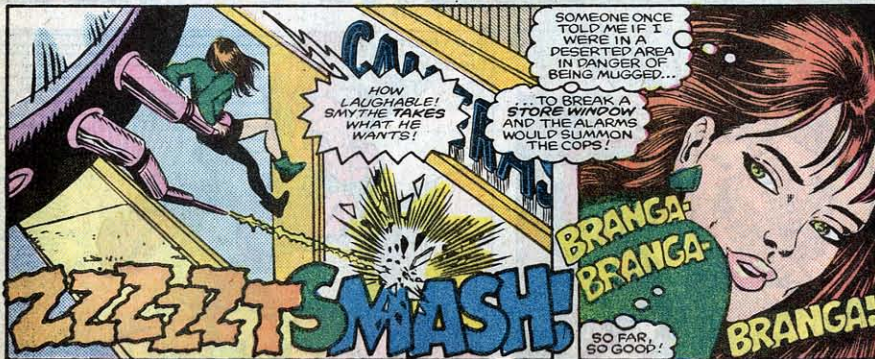


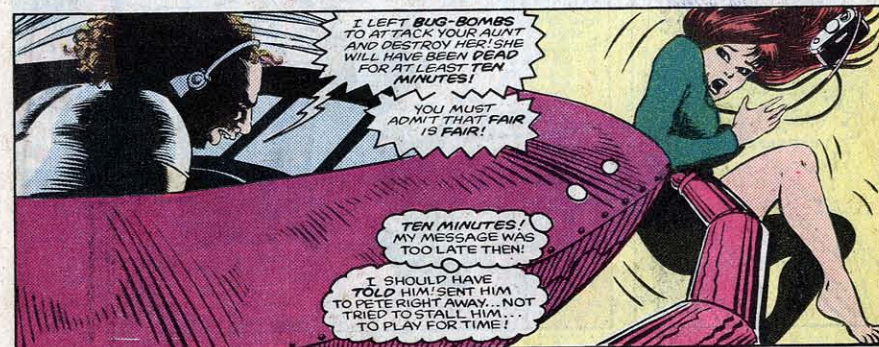
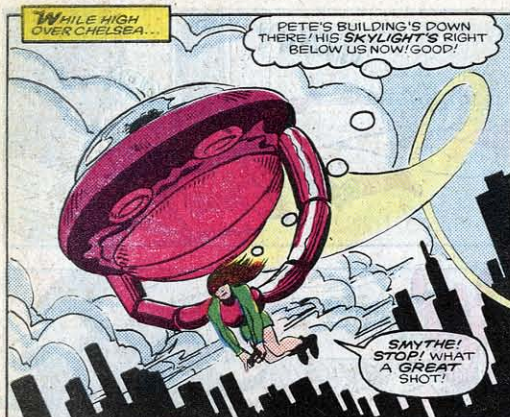














NOW, SPIDEY DARLING, WHERE IS THE EXOSKELETON?



THERE!

CRASH!

BE THERE, PETE! PLEASE! COME OUT AND KILL THIS MANIAC!

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?

BET IT'S THE ROBOT THAT SMASHED UP TOP OF THE PARK!

MUST HAVE A THING ABOUT GLASS!

HEY, YOU COSTUMED NUT! WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR THAT WINDOW?



YOU TRICKED ME AGAIN... FOR THE LAST TIME!

YOU NEVER PLANNED TO REVEAL YOUR SUIT'S WHEREABOUTS, DID YOU?

THIS WAS A GAME FOR YOU... LIKE CHECKERS! OR HIDE AND SEEK!



JAMESON, YOU ENCOURAGED DADDY TO BUILD HIS SPIDER-SLAYERS!

YOU SHOULD ENJOY WATCHING AS SMYTHE DESTROYS DEAR SPIDER-MAN!



ARE YOU CRAZY, YOUR ROBOT-RIDING LUNATIC? THAT'S NOT--

JONAH! THAT'S PETE'S GIRL! HE'S GOT MARY JANE WATSON!



OH MY LORD! ROBBIE, YOU'D BETTER CALL THE COPS! FAST!



IT WAS A GAME FOR YOU-- A TRICK FROM THE BEGINNING! LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE PLAYING--

SKEET-SHOOT!

ZZZZT

NO!

I CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN-- ALL OVER AGAIN!



SNAP!



ZZZZT!

MARY JANE!



MARY JANE! MARY JANE!

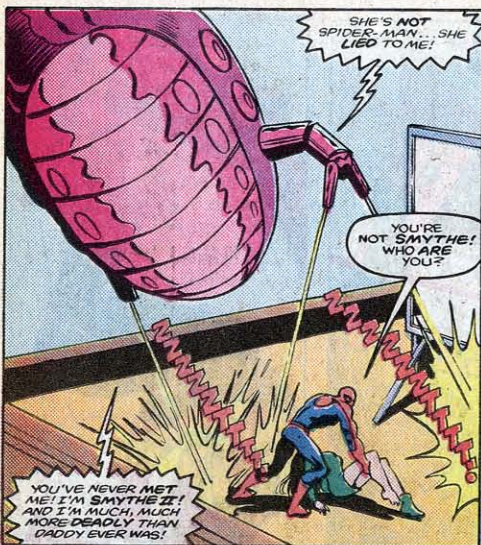
Y-YOU GOT HERE!



ARE YOU KNOWING? I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR TRAIL ALL OVER TOWN!

YEAH... MAYBE I'M NOT SUCH A CHICKEN AFTER ALL, GH TIGER...

MARY JANE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



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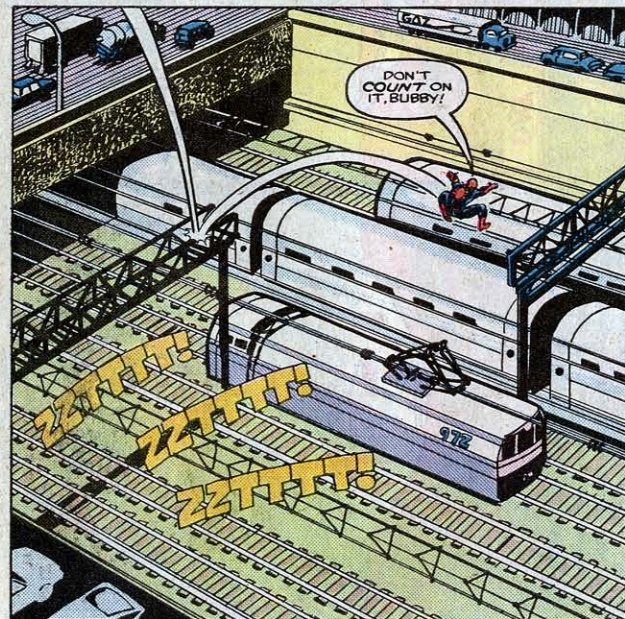
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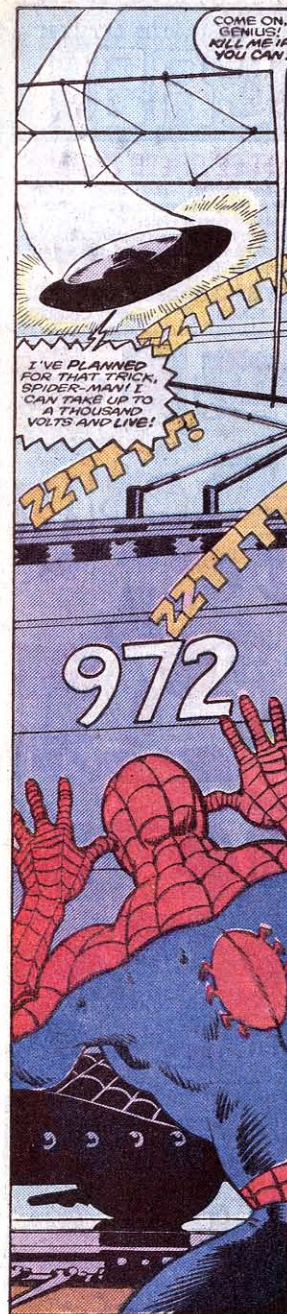
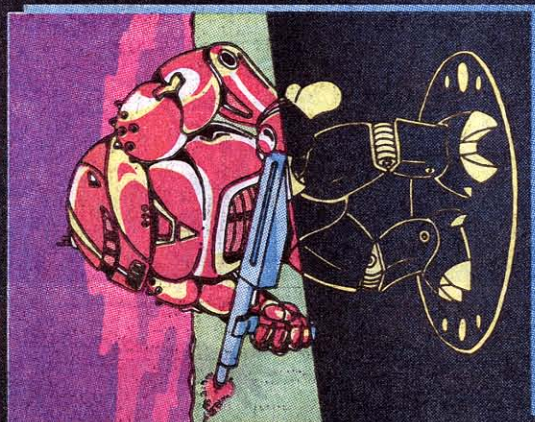
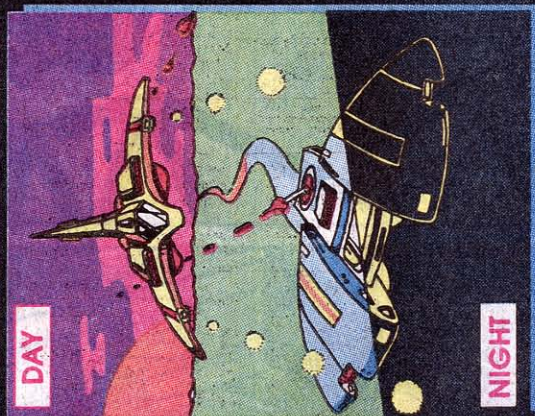
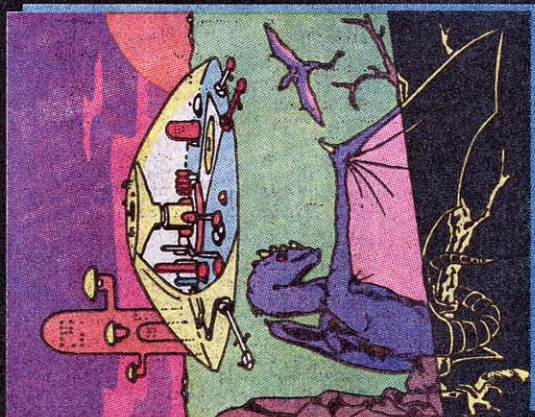
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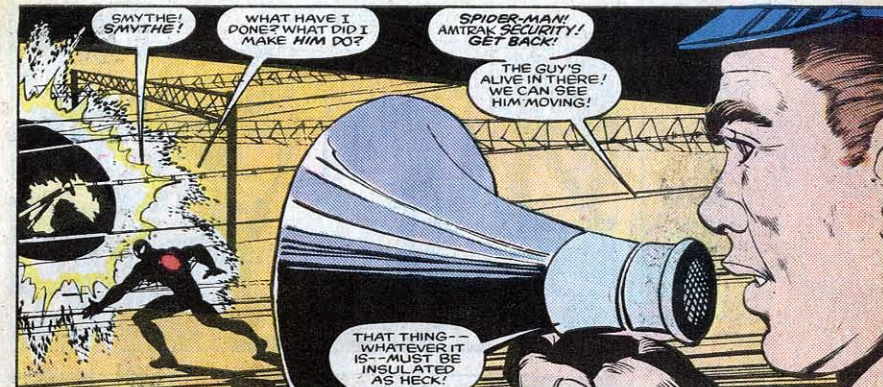
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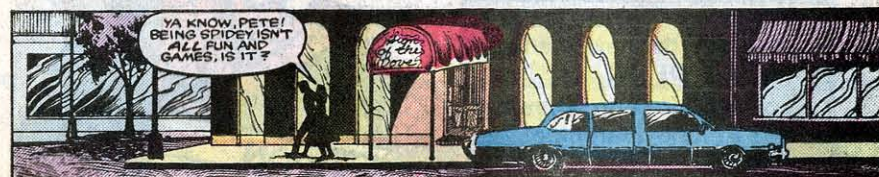
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"A Non-Radioactive Reply To Jim Shooter"

Greetings, patrons of the comic arts! Bob Layton here. Most of you dedicated Marvel readers probably know me from my stint on *Iron Man* (with David Michelinie), or from my contribution as writer / artist on the two successful Hercules Limited Series. Or, perhaps, you've heard tell of me in this very column. You see, for years now in this column, you've been treated to Jim's constant harassment of me. He has accused me of being a radioactive nuclear terrorist clone — he has informed the general public that I am, in truth, a xerox-replicated entity — he created the bogus organization B.L.A.D.D.E.R.S. (Bob Layton Anti-Defamation and Defense Elite Revenge Squad) which, while ineptly "defending" me, actually caused me further embarrassment — and to make matters worse, in Mark Gruenwald's question of the month feature, he casts aspersions on my relationship with the Law-Enforcement authorities! But the last straw was when he tried to get rid of me in the fraudulent "Win a Dream Date with Bob Layton Contest!" (I wound up with twin Rumanian sisters who had moustaches thicker than Stan Lee's! I didn't even know anyone in Rumania read Marvel Comics!) Well, I've had it, Big Guy! Now — the gloves are off! Let me tell you readers a few intimate details about my pal, my close personal friend — Jim Shooter!

"Not Fit For Print"

Okay, Jim — I know there are certain facts about your personal life you'd rather I

not mention. Fair enough! After all, you are the official representative of the largest, most successful comics company in the world and you deserve the respect that comes with that position. So I've decided not to mention the time I talked you into

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Don't worry, Jim, I wouldn't dream of saying a thing about any of that stuff.

"Mr. Marvel Vs. The Media"

Jim, in my opinion, gets a bad break from the fan press. They call him "opinionated," "stubborn" and "thick-headed" — and they even say a few things that aren't true! But soon, Marvel readers will be able to discover the whole story about his relationship with the fan press in Jim's soon-to-be-released autobiography, entitled — "I'm Okay ... You're Scum!"

"Better Homes and Garbage"

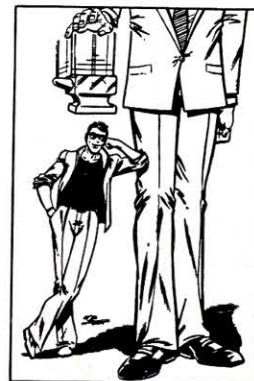
Jim Shooter is a man of many talents. One of them, however, is not housekeeping. On more than one occasion, I've visited Jim at his "Luxury Condo" in midtown Manhattan. His home can best be described like this: Imagine a four hundred foot tall bag lady. Then, imagine her bag tearing, the contents of which lands indiscriminately around the whereabouts of our Editor in Chief. Jim remains unaffected by all the clutter, being consumed by the dedication to his job. When I visited him last April, I exclaimed, "Aren't you ever going to clean up this place?" Jim replied, "Why bother? My mother is coming to visit in July. She'll tidy it up!"

"We're very proud of our Editor In Chief!"

Well ... I feel so much better, having gotten this off my chest. And despite his little

"Now back to Jim Shooter"

Thank you, Bob. And now, it's my great pleasure to announce — The Mighty Marvel "Take a Radioactive Terrorist Xerox Replicant to Lunch in Rumania Contest!" Details in next month's Bullpen Bulletins.



## CHECKLIST

- ☐ THE THING #229
- ☐ DAREDEVIL #224
- ☐ NEW MUTANTS #33
- ☐ WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #8
- ☐ WEST COAST AVENGERS #2 — Continuing the cross-over with *Vision and Scarlet Witch*!
- ☐ CLOAK AND DAGGER #3
- ☐ RED SONJA: THE MOVIE (Limited Series) #1 — Beginning the official Marvel adaptation by LOUISE SIMONSON and MARY WILSHIRE!
- ☐ RAWHIDE KID (Limited Series) #4
- ☐ SQUADRON SUPREME (Limited Series) #3
- ☐ QUESTPROBE (Limited Series) #3 — Featuring the Thing and the Human Torch in the latest adventure in the SCOTT ADAMS computer game series!
- ☐ CONAN THE KING #31
- ☐ LIFE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL (Limited Series) #4 — Reprinting the late Captain's life, as told by JIM STARLIN.
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #270
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #311
- ☐ POWER PACK #16
- ☐ MICRONAUTS #14
- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #28 — Not only is this a Secret Wars II issue, it's also a startling cross-over with *Incredible Hulk* #313!
- ☐ INDIANA JONES #32
- ☐ DAZZLER #40 — A Secret Wars II cross-over!
- ☐ RED SONJA #11 — The comic!
- ☐ LONGSHOT (Limited Series) #3
- ☐ VISION AND SCARLET WITCH (Limited Series) #2 — Concluding the cross-over with the *West Coast Avengers*!
- ☐ AVENGERS ANNUAL #14 — The Skrulls are lurking in this cross-over with the *FF Annual* #14!
- ☐ INCREDIBLE HULK #313 — This is it! The ultimate cross-over with *Alpha Flight* #28!
- ☐ AVENGERS #251 — Will the Beyonder

- become an Avenger in this *Secret Wars II* cross-over?
- ☐ CONAN THE BARBARIAN #176
- ☐ MARVEL TALES #181 — Reprinting "Birth of a Hero," by STAN LEE and JOHN ROMITA, SR., from *Amazing Spider-Man* #42.
- ☐ ROM #72 — A Secret Wars II cross-over!
- ☐ X-MEN #199
- ☐ MOON KNIGHT #5
- ☐ POWER MAN / IRON FIST #120
- ☐ BOLWON KANE (Limited Series) #2
- ☐ BALDER THE BRAVE (Limited Series) #1 — From the pages of *Thor* and into his own series!
- ☐ G.I. JOE #41
- ☐ NIGHTCRAWLER (Limited Series) #1 — The adventures of that world famous X-Man, as told by DAVE COCKRUM!
- ☐ ETERNALS (Limited Series) #2
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL #19 — The Skrulls aren't the only villains in this cross-over with the *Avengers Annual* #14!
- ☐ PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #108
- ☐ DEFENDERS #149
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #284 — With the last appearance of the Invisible Girl!
- ☐ STAR WARS #101
- ☐ THOR #361
- ☐ TRANSFORMERS #10
- ☐ SECRET WARS II (Limited Series) #5 — The Beyonder plunges into the dark side of humanity, and the world trembles! Featuring Doctor Strange, the Thing, Fantastic Four, and the East and West Coast Avengers!
- ☐ IRON MAN #200 — Special double-sized anniversary issue that answers the question, "Who will wear the armor?"
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- ☐ THE OFFICIAL MARVEL INDEX TO THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #8 — Everything you need to know to be an expert on

- ☐ Amazing Spider-Man #175-199!
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