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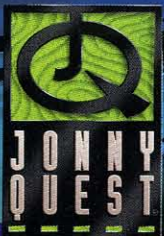
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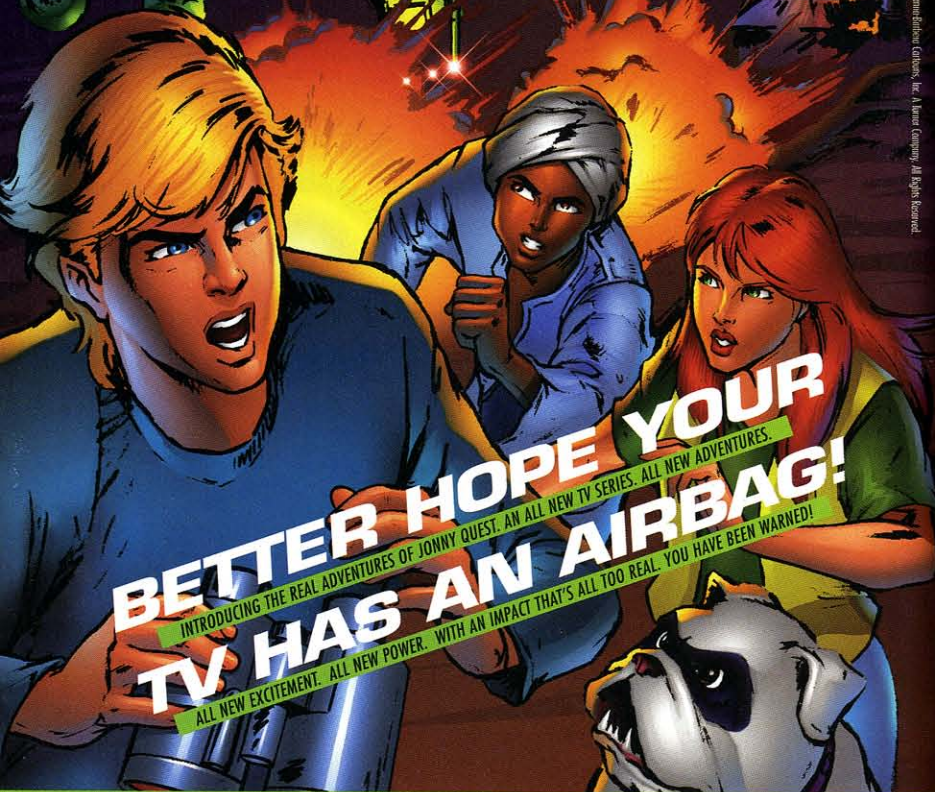
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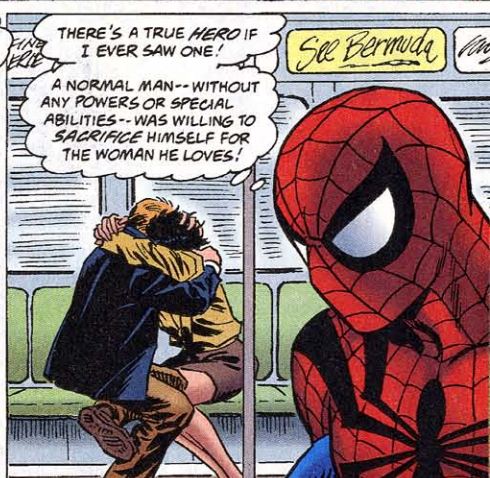
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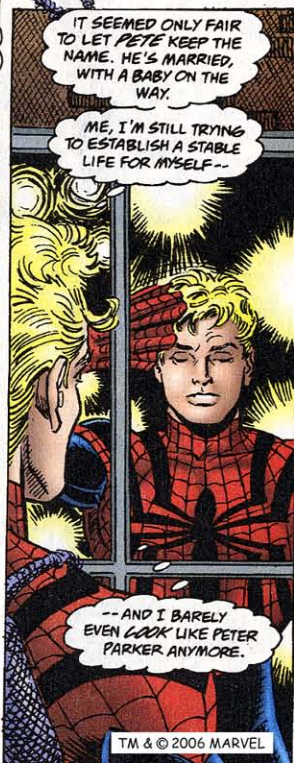
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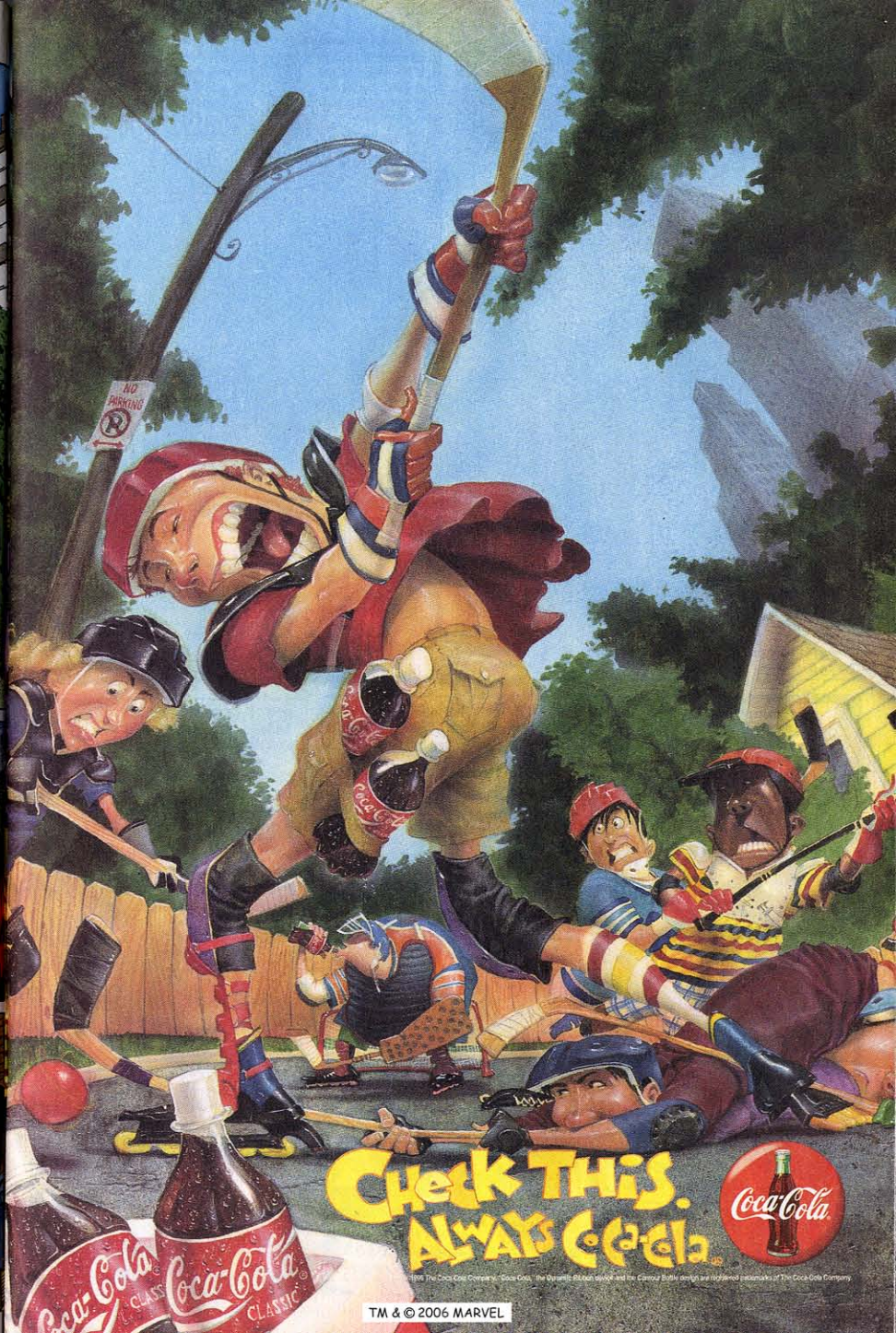
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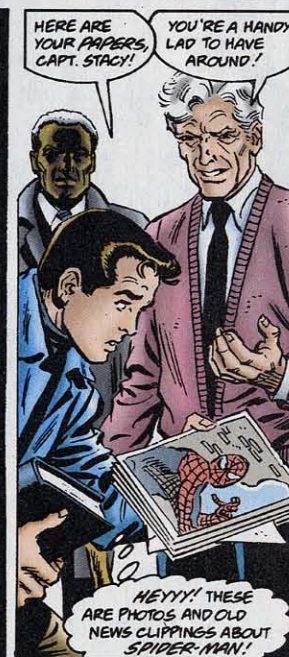
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YOU READY FOR LUNCH, DAD?

I-I'M AFRAID... I'VE GOT TO CANCEL, SON!

I... I HAVE THIS HORRIBLE MIGRAINE... AND A PILE OF WORK ON MY DESK!

YOU SEEM TO BE COMING DOWN WITH A LOT OF HEADACHES LATELY! IT COULD BE SERIOUS!



MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DOC FINGEROTH!

NO... I... I CAN'T SPARE THE TIME!

BUT YOU NEED TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF!

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME, BOY?

O-O-KAY, DAD!

WHATEVER YOU SAY!



I SAID NO DOCTOR!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE STACY RESIDENCE...



AS MUCH AS I ENJOY THESE LUNCHES TO COMPARE NOTES ON SPIDER-MAN--

--ALL WE HAVE TO SHOW FOR THEM ARE EXPANDING WAIST-LINES!

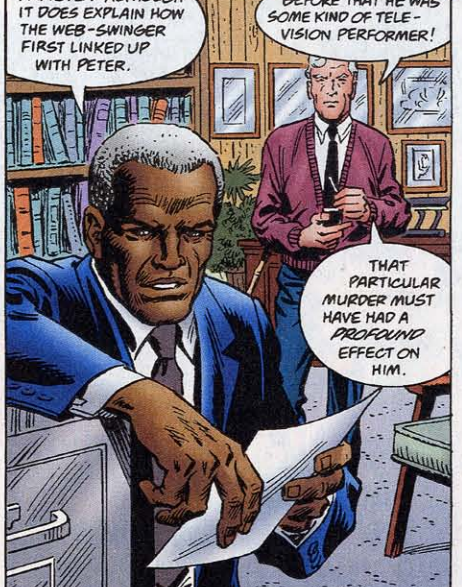
IT'LL TAKE TIME -- TO SAY NOTHING OF CALORIES -- TO UNCOVER HIS SECRET IDENTITY!

DID YOU READ THAT FILE I SENT LAST WEEK?

THE BENJAMIN PARKER MURDER?

IT'S ALSO THE FIRST TIME SPIDER-MAN AIDED THE POLICE!

BEFORE THAT HE WAS SOME KIND OF TELE-VISION PERFORMER!



TRAGIC! ALTHOUGH IT DOES EXPLAIN HOW THE WEB-SWINGER FIRST LINKED UP WITH PETER.

THAT PARTICULAR MURDER MUST HAVE HAD A PROFOUND EFFECT ON HIM.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO UPSET YOU. I WAS JUST HOPE WE COULD HANG OUT.



I COULD REALLY USE YOUR ADVICE.

SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU, SON?

THERE'S THIS GIRL... I REALLY LIKE HER... BUT SHE DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME!

A GIRL?! YOU DARE SQUANDER MY PRECIOUS TIME ON SOME SILLY COLLEGE BOY CRUSH?!



IF YOU EVER INTEND TO CONTINUE THE OSBORN LEGACY... YOU'VE GOT TO STOP PLAYING THE WHIMP-ERING CRYBABY... AND TOUGHEN UP!

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP, HARRY? WHEN WILL YOU FINALLY BECOME A MAN?!

YOU NEED TO START PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE! YOUR LIFE NEEDS DIRECTION! A GOAL!

NICE GUYS DON'T FINISH LAST! THEY NEVER EVEN FINISH!

HE EVEN APPROACHED ME, AND ASKED TO BE MADE A SPECIAL DEPUTY SHORTLY AFTER IT OCCURRED!



WHEN YOU CONSIDER ALL THE TIMES SPIDER-MAN HAS BEEN SIGHTED NEAR THE ESU CAMPUS, I BELIEVE HE MAY BE A CLASSMATE OR EVEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF YOUNG PARKER.

IT'S CERTAINLY POSSIBLE!

I'D BETTER BE GETTING BACK TO THE DAILY BUGLE!

J. JONAH JAMESON EXPECTS A FULL DAY'S WORK FROM HIS EMPLOYEES--



--AND THAT MEANS ALL TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK, JOE.

AFTER I'VE HAD A CHAT WITH MR. PARKER!

GWEN, MY DARLING, I'M SORRY I DIDN'T SPEND MUCH TIME WITH YOU AND PETER. WHEN WILL YOU BE SEEING HIM AGAIN?



WE'RE MEETING AT THE COFFEE BEAN LATER.

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US? I KNOW HE'S ANXIOUS TO TALK TO YOU.

I'D BE DELIGHTED!



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EVEN AS GWEN ATTEMPTS TO PHONE PETER, WE'LL BRIEFLY RETURN TO THE OFFICE OF NORMAN OSBORN...

MR. OSBORN, I HAVE PROFESSOR WARREN ON LINE THREE.

HE WANTS TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HIS SCIENCE GRANT!

TELL HIM I'M IN A MEETING-- AND CAN'T TALK NOW!

HOLD ALL CALLS FOR THE NEXT HOUR OR SO!

I MUSTN'T BE DISTURBED!



SLAMMING HIS OFFICE DOOR, OSBORN IMMEDIATELY GIVES VENT TO HIS FRUSTRATIONS...

I SACRIFICE EVERYTHING-- PUTTING MY HEART AND SOUL INTO BUILDING A GLOBAL EMPIRE FOR MY SON-- BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE THE NECESSARY STRENGTH TO RULE MY VARIOUS ENTERPRISES!

HE'S A PAMPERED, SPINELESS, WEAK-WILLED COWARD!

AND THAT'S ALL HE'LL EVER BE... UNLESS I FORCE HIM TO CHANGE!



THAT'S IT! I HAVE NO CHOICE!

I MUST ORCHESTRATE A SITUATION WHERE HE HAS TO TAKE CHARGE-- WHERE HE'S GOT TO PROVE HIMSELF!

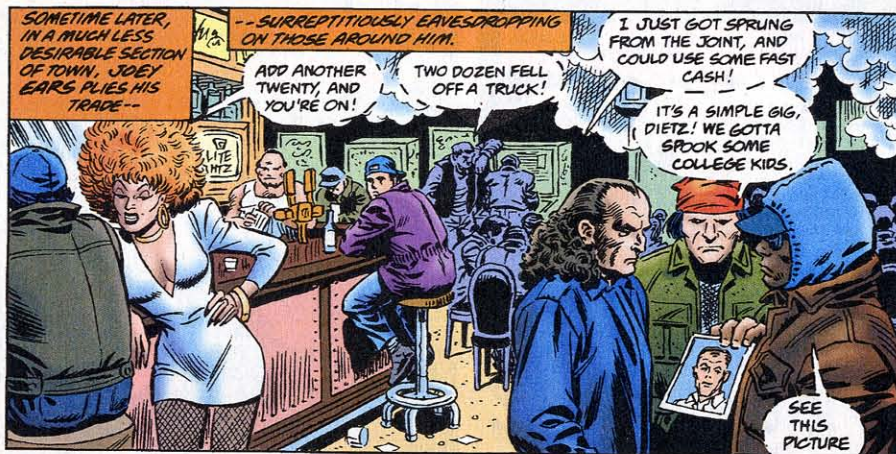
I'LL MAKE A MAN OUT OF HARRY!

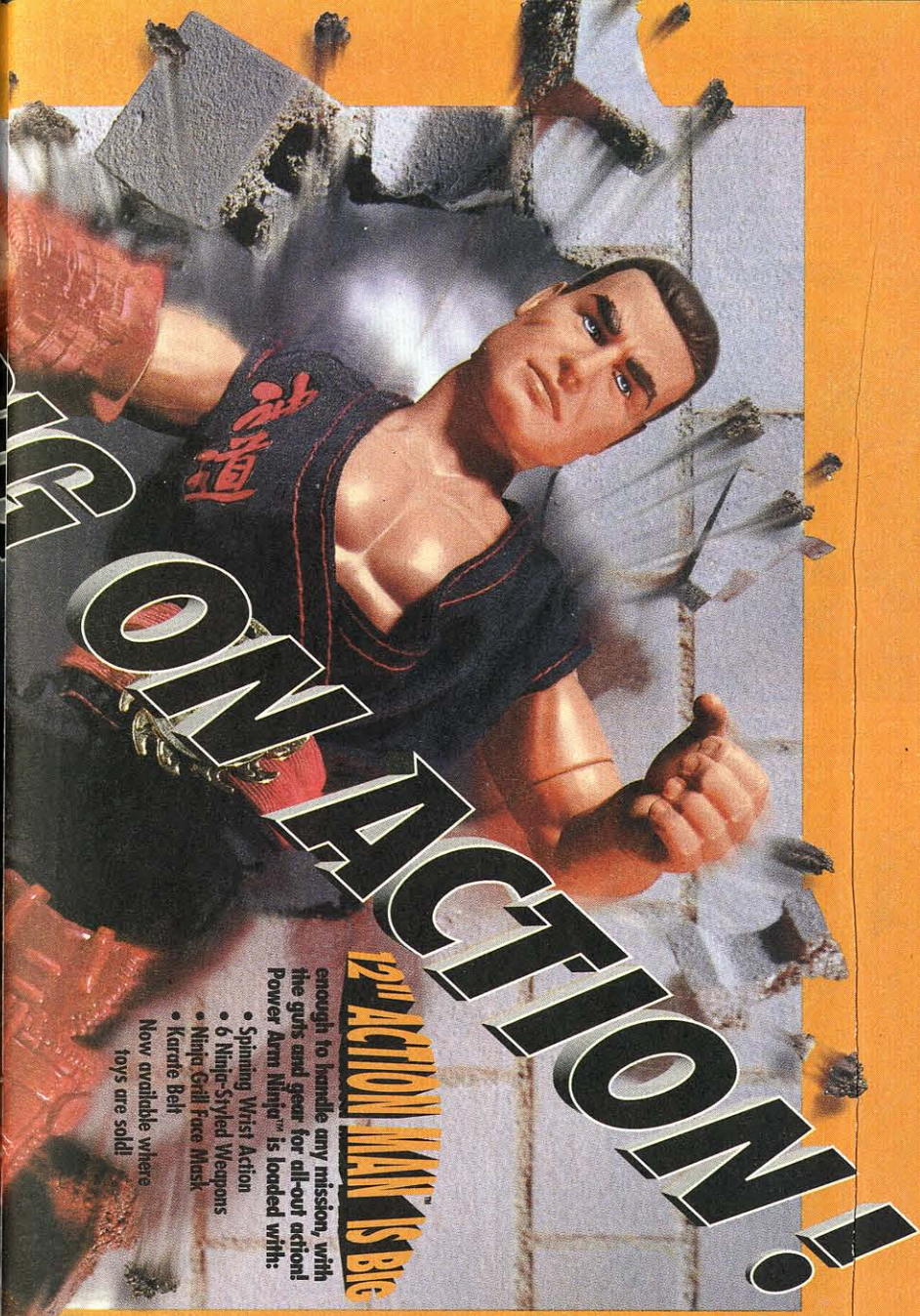
EVEN IF IT KILLS HIM!

* EDITOR'S NOTE: Unless you've been living in another universe, you already know that Norman Osborn is secretly the ever-wily Green Goblin!

And, even though he doesn't actually appear in this issue, we couldn't resist letting Ramping Ron and Jazzy Johnny show their version of the jolly jade one!

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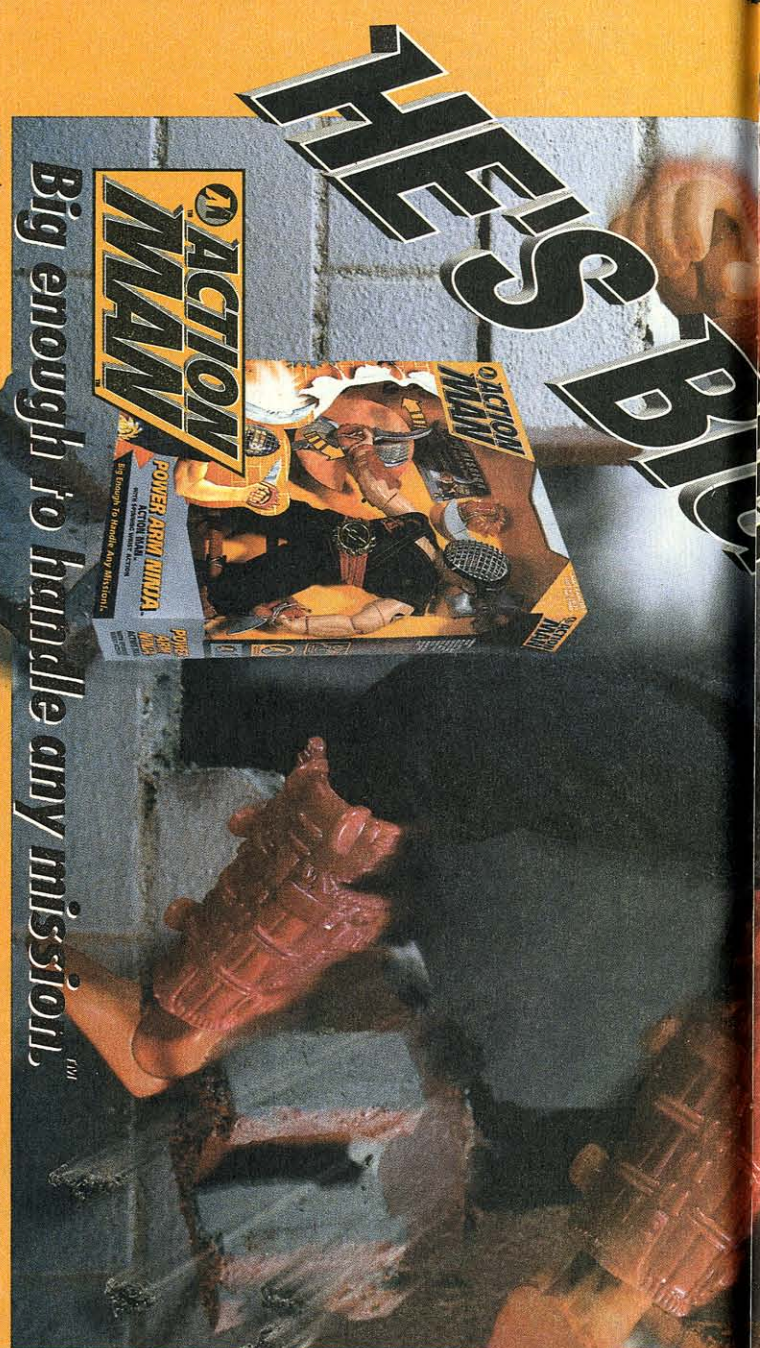


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WHILE JOEY EARS BECOMES JOEY THE MOUTH, WE'LL ZIP OVER TO THE DAILY BUGLE, WHERE J. JONAH JAMESON IS HIS USUAL SUNNY SELF...

THESE PICTURES STINK, PARKER! THEY'VE GOT NO HEART! NO SOUL!

YOU'LL NEVER IMPROVE AS A PHOTOGRAPHER UNLESS YOU'RE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR YOUR CRAFT.

DON'T HOLD BACK, JJJ. TELL ME HOW YOU REALLY FEEL.

YOU WANT THE PIX OR NOT?

I COULD TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS AT HALF THE USUAL RATE.

MAKE IT 75% OR NO DEAL.

SOLD, BUT YOU'RE EXPLOITING MY GENEROUS NATURE!

HI, PETER! RUNNING INTO YOU AT THE STACYS WAS A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

UH...YEAH!

I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU AND THE CAPTAIN WERE FRIENDS.

WE OFTEN COMPARE NOTES.

WHOW: ARM-WRESTLING DOCTOR OCTOPUS IS EASIER THAN NEGOTIATING WITH JJJ, BUT HE DID STRIKE A CHORD.

FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHY IS ONLY A SIDELINE TO ME, AND I'VE NO REAL COMMITMENT TO IT.

WHY WRITE AN ARTICLE ON THE GREEN GOBLIN, NED?

IT'S FASCINATING TO RESEARCH SOMEONE SO DETERMINED TO ESCAPE THE RESTRAINTS OF SOCIETY, BETTY.

IN FACT, YOUR NAME CAME UP IN TODAY.

GEORGE HAS AN INTERESTING THEORY ABOUT SPIDER-MAN'S SECRET IDENTITY WHICH I ASSUME HE'LL DISCUSS WITH YOU.

WITH... ME?!

FOR THE NEXT HOURS, OUR MAIN MAN WANDERS THE STREETS, HIS MIND A STORM-TOSSED SEA FULL OF FEAR AND MISGIVING...

WITH BOTH ROBBIE AND STACY ON THE CASE, MY SECRET IDENTITY IS BOUND TO BE BLOWN!

THEY'LL RUIN ANY CHANCE I HAVE FOR A NORMAL LIFE--

abandon all ye enter

WHAT CAN I DO? I CAN'T AVOID EITHER ONE OF THEM FOR LONG. I NEED MY FREELANCE JOB AT THE BUGLE...

AND I... I THINK I LOVE GWEN!

WHEN: I WONDER HOW GWENDY WILL FEEL IF THE WORLD SUDDENLY LEARNS MY SECRET--

--AND HER OWN FATHER IS THE ONE WHO EXPOSES IT!

LOOKS LIKE I'M THE ONLY GUY WITH WORRIES ON THE MIND.

YOU OKAY, HARRY?

I...UH... I'M FINE, PETE!

The Coffee Bean

--AND THERE'S NO TELLING THE EFFECT IT'LL HAVE ON AUNT MAY!

ROLL UP YOUR TONGUE, HAND-SOME!

THAT REDHEAD IS STRICTLY OFF LIMITS WHERE YOU'RE CONCERNED.

WHAT REDHEAD? I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR A CERTAIN GORGEOUS BLONDE.

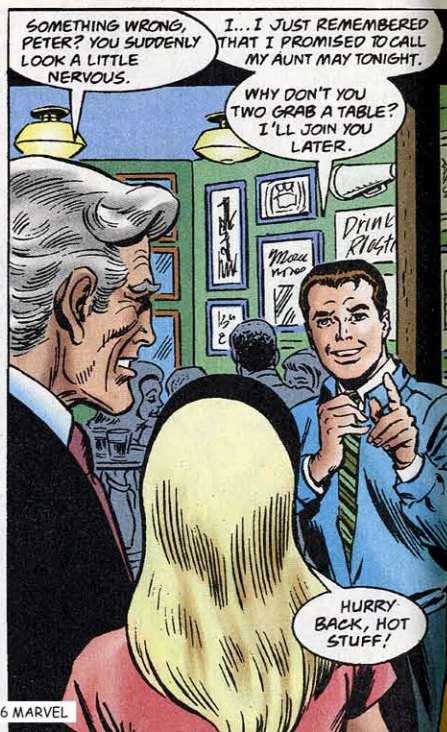
KEEP THAT THOUGHT!

SURRE, YOU ARE...

AND JOLLY JONAH IS THE WEBHEAD'S BIGGEST FAN!

THE POOR GUY'S GA-GA OVER MARY JANE WATSON, AND I CAN'T REALLY BLAME HIM.

SHE'S BEAUTIFUL PERSONABLE, AND THE LIFE OF EVERY PARTY.



DISCARDING HIS SHOES, PETER QUICKLY SLIPS OUT A CONVENIENT BACK WINDOW...

I'LL FEEL LIKE A REAL HEE! IF ANYONE GETS HURT--

-- BUT I ALMOST WELCOME THIS INTERRUPTION!

I NEED TIME TO PREPARE FOR CAPTAIN STACY!

I DON'T KNOW IF I'M MORE NERVOUS ABOUT DISCUSSING GWEN OR MY DUAL IDENTITY!

UNFORTUNATELY, HE'S BOUND TO NOTICE MY ABSENCE WHEN SPIDEY MAKES THE SCENE, AND--
UH-OH! MORE TROUBLE--!

OH, NO!
IT'S KRAVEN THE HUNTER!

I'VE GOT TO HURRY! FROM THE WAY MY SPIDER-SENSE WAS BLASTING--

-- THAT TRIO IS OBVIOUSLY PLANNING TROUBLE!

HE'S STRONGER THAN A CHARGING RHINO, AND TWICE AS DEADLY!

HE HASN'T SPOTTED ME YET, BUT-- OHMIGOSH! IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S ALSO HEADED TOWARD THE COFFEE BEAN! BUT WHY? WHY?!

AND, AT THAT EXACT INSTANT...

YOUR EVENING JUST GOT A HECK OF A LOT MORE INTERESTING, BOYS AND GIRLS--

-- BECAUSE WE'RE HERE TO COLLECT YOUR CASH AND VALUABLES!

T-THIS CAN'T BE REAL!

THERE'S ONLY THREE OF THEM! LET'S RUSH 'EM! THEY CAN'T FIGHT US ALL!

NO! NO! TOO MANY OF YOU WILL BE WOUNDED, OR WORSE!

STAY CALM, EVERYONE! WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT IF WE DO AS THEY SAY!

DADDY, THAT GUNMAN IS STARRING AT YOU--!

WAY TO GO, POPS! EVERYBODY'S GONNA BE JUST FINE--

-- EXCEPT YOU!

REMEMBER ME, STACY? MY NAME'S DIETZ... PHIL DIETZ... AND YOUR TESTIMONY SENT ME AWAY!

I'D GIVEN UP HOPE OF EVER RUNNING INTO YOU AGAIN WHEN I HEARD YOU RETIRED, BUT NOW--!

SCREAMS ARE COMING FROM MY DESTINATION! MY ARRIVAL IS WELL TIMED!

WAIT! THE WIND SHIFTS... AND MY JUNGLE-TRAINED SENSES SUDDENLY PERCEIVE... AN ENEMY!

I HOPE THAT'S NOT YOUR OH-SO-SUBTLE WAY OF TELLING ME THAT I NEED A STRONGER DEODORANT!



JUST MY LUCK! I PUT MY TRUST IN SECRET--

--AND IT BLABBED!

YOU?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

GIVE ME A BREAK, JUNGLE MAN!

EVEN WE FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD WEB-SPINNERS GET THE OCCASIONAL HANKERING FOR HOT COFFEE AND FRESH DONUTS!



I'LL INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME--

--BUT ONLY IF YOU ORDER PEGAF!

KRAVEN USUALLY WORKS ALONE... BUT HIS UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE... MUST BE RELATED TO THOSE STICK-UP STOOGES I SPOTTED EARLIER!

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME SO EASILY, SPIDER-MAN!



I POSSESS THE SPEED OF A STRIKING COBRA, AND--

UGHNN!

SKWAK!

BIG DEAL! I'VE GOT THE FOOT OF A VERY ANNOYED WALL-CRAWLER!



BAH! YOUR PUNY EFFORTS CANNOT STOP ONE WHO HAS STUNNED THE MIGHTY BULL APE WITH A SINGLE BLOW!

MAYBE NOT--

--BUT I STILL DESERVE AN A+ FOR EFFORT!



I'M ONLY WASTING TIME OUT HERE! WHILE I'M TRADING PUNCHES WITH GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE--

--GIVEN AND HER FATHER COULD BE IN SERIOUS DANGER!

I'VE GOT TO TAKE CHARGE OF THIS FIGHT--

--AND MOVE US TOWARD THE COFFEE BEAN!



FOOL! WHILE YOU WERE HESITATING, I DISABLED YOU WITH A DOUBLE-BARRELLED BLAST OF MY PARALYZING RAY!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, TARZAN!

I SAW YOU REACHING FOR YOUR BIG BUG-ZAPPER, AND TIMED MY LEAP TO AVOID THE BRUNT OF IT!

ZTAK!

NOW, IF ONLY YOU'LL CHARGE FORWARD--!



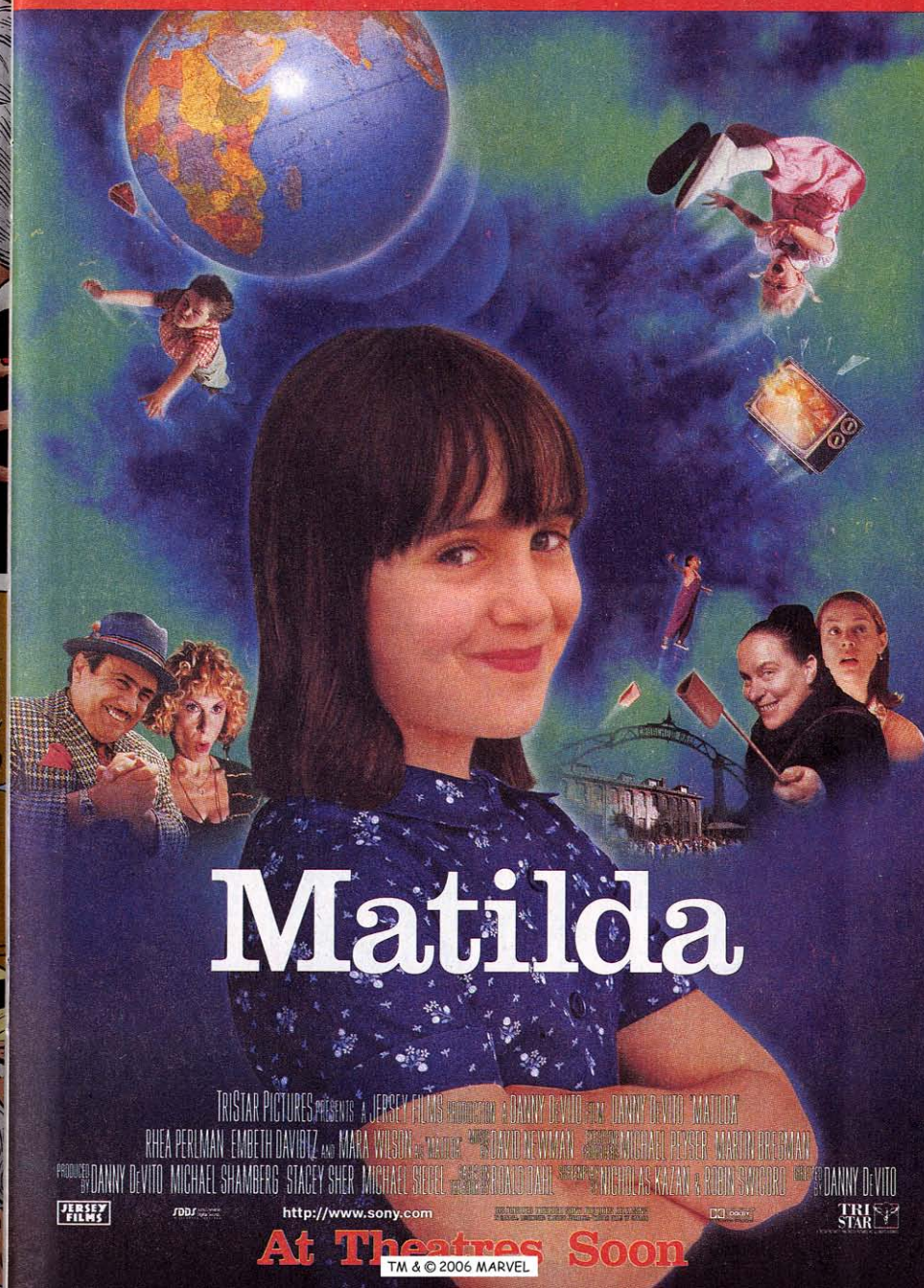
I ONLY CAME HERE TO SPITE AN OLD ENEMY!

DEFEATING YOU IS AN UNEXPECTED BONUS!

YAHOO! YOU REALLY GOTTA LOVE A VILLAIN WHO KNOWS HIS PART AND FOLLOWS HIS STAGE DIRECTIONS!



KIDS RULE!

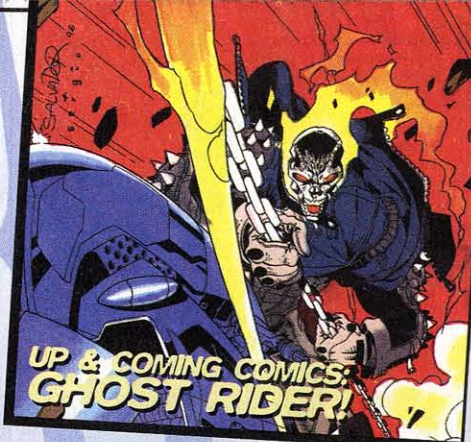




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WOLFPEN JOURNALS

If you haven't ridden with *Ghost Rider* for a while, you might want to jump back on board, because this book is revving up its engines and getting hotter than Hellfire! The changes began with G.R.'s cool new costume—but that was just the beginning! Editor James Felder revealed, "Ghost Rider is finding out about his dark, troubling past, and he's gaining fuller knowledge of his powers!" In addition to his awesome new abilities, G.R. is also getting a new pencil! As Salvador Larroca finishes up his run, newcomer Pop Mhan will be popping the wheelies in this book from now on! And believe us, you've never seen artwork like this before! James also raved about upcoming stories by writer Ivan Velez. "We've got a big, cool story with Blackheart. After that comes a story with Devil Dinosaur and Moon Boy, as they try to send Howard the Duck back home!" Sounds like there's no telling who's gonna show



up next in this book, or what will happen next! Further down the line is a big change for original *Ghost Rider* Johnny Blaze! And it's all part of a major campaign to make *Ghost Rider* the scariest guy in the Marvel Universe!

CREATOR SPOTLIGHT: ADAM KUBERT

Adam Kubert, regular penciler on *WOLVERINE* for the last three years, has been drawing professionally since he graduated in 1981 from the School of Comic Art established by his father, legendary comics artist Joe Kubert. In recent years, he has risen through the ranks to become one of today's hottest comic book superstars, working on such high-profile projects as the *ONSLAUGHT: MARVEL UNIVERSE* one-shot, where he had the chance to draw all the classic Marvel heroes.



"I got to see why so many artists have an affinity for drawing the Marvel characters," he notes of his experience on *ONSLAUGHT*. "They're very colorful and have a lot of personality!" That certainly seems to apply to *Wolverine*, about whom Adam says, "I like his attitude. That, plus the fact that he's small, which puts him at a slight disadvantage. It makes the character interesting, more of an underdog." When he's not putting in ten-hour days to produce a page a day, Adam enjoys fishing, skiing, para-sailing, and sky-diving. Adam has three kids—Max, Elizabeth, and Jay, and one wife, Joyce. Adam's advice to aspiring comic artists? "Work real hard, and follow your own instincts. Don't bend to the current whims of what is popular!"

AVENGERS: THE LEGEND

There came a day when the most powerful heroes on Earth banded together against a common foe, and on that day was born...the *Mighty Avengers*! For over thirty years, they have triumphed against alien armadas, lethal lava men, and time-tossed terrors! Next week, we celebrate the glory and the grandeur of the team in *AVENGERS: THE LEGEND*, a 48-page one-shot written by ace historian Peter Sanderson, with art by many of comicdom's top talents, from the last three decades of Avenging action!

AVENGERS: THE LEGEND covers every aspect of the Avengers, from their best and worst villains, to a round-up of the entire membership, to secrets of Avengers Mansion! It also includes top secret blueprints so you can build and fly your own Quinjet or forge your own Avengers Identikit! Peter summed up the book by saying, "If you're a new reader, this book will teach you everything you need to know about the Avengers! If you're an old-timer, you'll get the chance to relive a lot of great memories!"



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CHECKLIST FOR AUGUST 28

- 2099: WORLD OF TOMORROW #2** New adventures of *X-Men 2099* and *Spidey 2099*! By Ben Raab, Joe Kelly and Pascual Ferry!
- AVENGERS: THE LEGEND #1** Celebrating over thirty years of the Earth's Mightiest Heroes! By Peter Sanderson and Various Artists!
- IRON FIST #2 (of 2)** Iron Fist faces his greatest challenge at the hands of the *Steel Serpent*! By James Felder and Robert Brown!
- MARVEL FANFARE #2** The Hulk and Wolverine vs. the *Wendigo*! By Joe Kelly and Pop Mhan!
- SILVER SURFER #121** The Surfer battles the *Uni-Lord* for control over his own body! By George Perez and Scot Eaton!
- SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #239** The Lizard leads an army of reptiles against *Sidley*! By Todd DeZago and Luke Ross!
- VENOM: THE HUNGER #3** Eddie Brock must hunt down his crazed symbiote—and he just may have to kill it! By Len Kaminski and Ted Haldsted!
- WOLVERINE #106** *Wolvie* is closer to regaining his humanity, but *Elektra* may lose here! By Larry Hama and Val Semeiks!
- WOLVERINE '96** *Wolvie* teams with *Sunfire* to hunt for Japan's greatest weapon: *Red Ronin*! By Jeph Loeb and Ed McGuinness!
- X-FORCE #59** You thought *Onslaught* was tough? Wait for *Operation: Zero Tolerance*! By Jeph Loeb and Adam Pollina!
- X-FORCE/YOUNGBLOOD** *Dazzler* and *Longshot* join the fun as the two teams fight *Mojo*! By Eric Stephenson and Steven Platt!
- X-MEN: PRYDE & WISDOM #2 (of 3)** *Kitty Pryde* and *Peter Wisdom*'s adventure of epic proportions continues! By Warren Ellis and Terry Dodson!
- X-MEN VS. BROOD: DAY OF WRATH #2 (of 2)** The only way the *X-Men* can save the Earth is to kill the *Brood Queen*! By John Ostrander and Brian Hitch!

[WISH LIST]



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN LAUNCHES HIMSELF ACROSS THE COFFEE BEAN, WITH THE ACCURACY OF A GUIDED MISSILE!

NO!
NO!



HEADS UP, SIR!

MY THANKS, SPIDER-MAN!
YOU'RE CERTAINLY A HANDY LAD TO HAVE--

PWAP!



--AROUND?!



MOVE IT, HARRY! YOU'RE NOT A COWARD! YOU'RE NOT RUNNING OUT ON ANYBODY! YOU'RE JUST... UH... GOING FOR HELP!

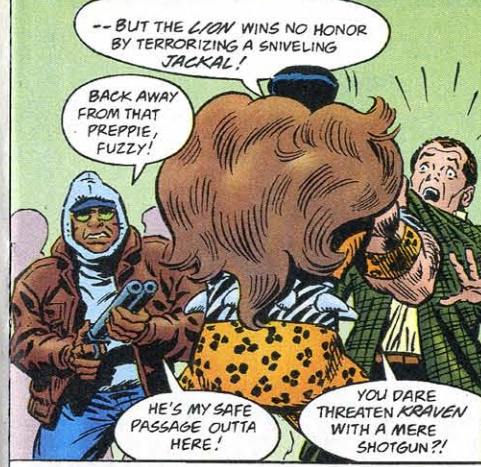
THAT'S IT! YOU'LL CALL THE POLICE, AND BE A HERO, AND--

BAH! I THOUGHT I COULD BALANCE THE SCALES WITH YOUR FATHER BY STRIKING AT YOU--



YOU ARE THE ONE I SEEK!

GYAA-AAHH!
P-PLEASE DON'T KILL ME!
P-PLEASE DON'T!



-- BUT THE LION WINS NO HONOR BY TERRORIZING A SNIVELING JACKAL!

BACK AWAY FROM THAT PREPPIE, FUZZY!

HE'S MY SAFE PASSAGE OUTTA HERE!

YOU DARE THREATEN KRAVEN WITH A KERE SHOTGUN?!



BAH! I HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH INDIGNITIES FOR ONE DAY!



KRAVEN'S ESCAPING--

-- BUT IT'S RATHER OBVIOUS THAT HE WASN'T WORKING WITH THE OTHER GUNMEN.

I HEAR POLICE SIRENS--!



I WONDER WHAT HE REALLY WANTED.

WE MAY NEVER KNOW, SIR--

-- AND BY THE TIME I WEB UP THESE CLOWNS, HE'LL HAVE TOO BIG A HEAD START FOR ME TO CATCH UP TO HIM!



YOU BETTER GO, SON.

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ASKED ANY EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS.

YEAH... RIGHT!



THAT WAS WEIRD!

I DON'T KNOW IF CAPTAIN STACY SUSPECTS THE TRUTH--

-- BUT I'VE GOT A HUNCH HE'D NEVER BETRAY ME!



BARELY A HALF HOUR LATER AT OSBORN MANUFACTURING...

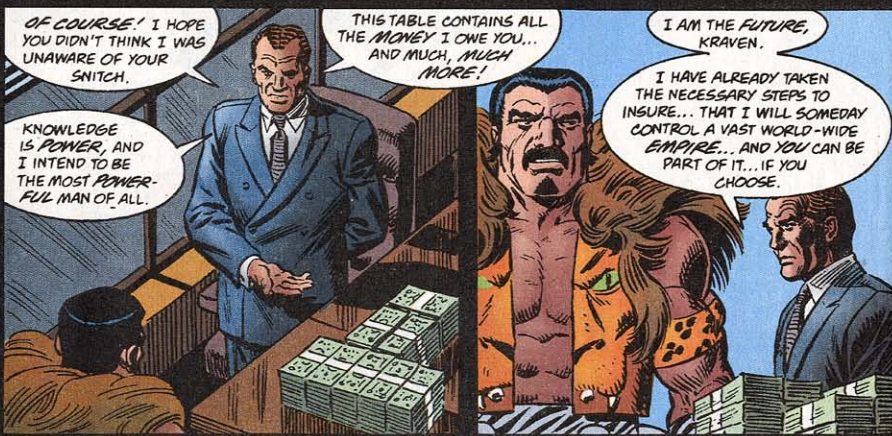
OSBORN! IT IS TIME KRAVEN WAS GIVEN HIS JUST DUE. YOU MUST PAY FOR HAVING CHEATED ME.

I HAVE COME FOR YOU!

AS I KNEW YOU WOULD.

PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.

Y-YOU WERE EXPECTING ME?!



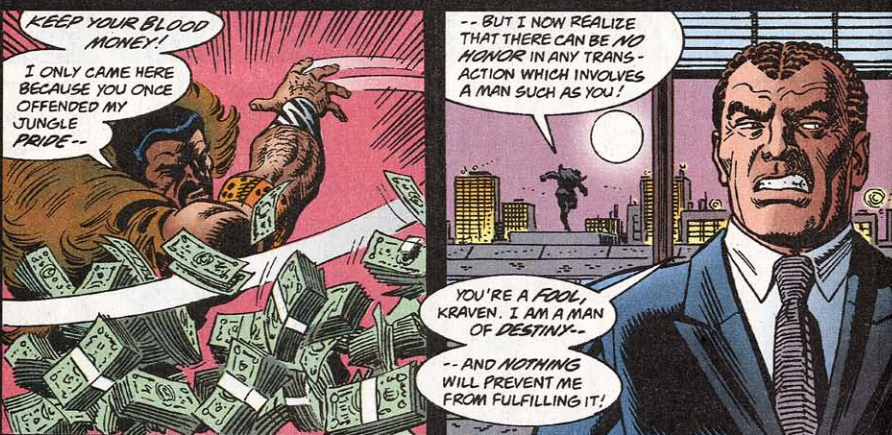
OF COURSE! I HOPE YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS UNAWARE OF YOUR SNITCH.

THIS TABLE CONTAINS ALL THE MONEY I OWE YOU... AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

I AM THE FUTURE, KRAVEN.

I HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE... THAT I WILL SOMEDAY CONTROL A VAST WORLD-WIDE EMPIRE... AND YOU CAN BE PART OF IT... IF YOU CHOOSE.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, AND I INTEND TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL MAN OF ALL.



KEEP YOUR BLOOD MONEY!

I ONLY CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU ONCE OFFENDED MY JUNGLE PRIDE--

-- BUT I NOW REALIZE THAT THERE CAN BE NO HONOR IN ANY TRANSACTION WHICH INVOLVES A MAN SUCH AS YOU!

YOU'RE A FOOL, KRAVEN. I AM A MAN OF DESTINY--

-- AND NOTHING WILL PREVENT ME FROM FULFILLING IT!



EVEN AS KRAVEN HEARS HOME (AND OUT OF OUR LIVES), WE'LL REJOIN OUR FRIENDS AT THE COFFEE BEAN...

YOU OKAY, MARY JANE?

NO THANKS TO YOU, CURLY!

YOUR LACK OF ACTION... MIGHT HAVE SPELLED DISASTER... IF NOT FOR SPIDEY.



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? DID THOSE AWFUL MEN HURT YOU?

NO, I... I'M FINE... BUT I... UH... MISSED MOST OF THE ACTION.

IT DOESN'T MATTER! SO LONG AS YOU'RE SAFE AND HERE!



YOU SAY THE WEBHEAD SUBDUED THE GUNMEN, AND DROVE KRAVEN AWAY?

YES, OFFICER. AND I, FOR ONE, OWE HIM MY LIFE!

DADDY, LOOK! IT'S PETER! HE'S BACK!

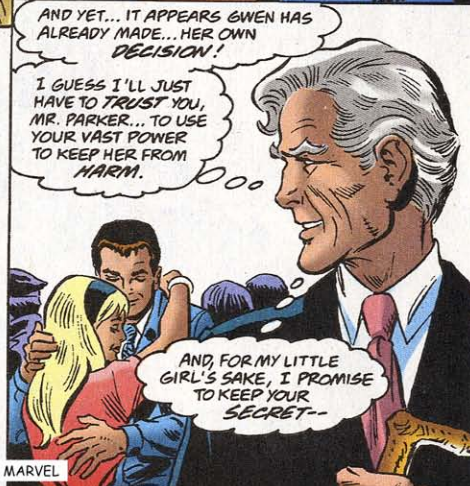
GWENDY--!



IS THAT ENOUGH? DO I DARE ALLOW HER TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH SPIDER-MAN?!

IF I CAN UNCOVER YOUR SECRET, SO CAN OTHERS--

-- AND HER LIFE WILL BE IN CONSTANT JEOPARDY!



AND YET... IT APPEARS GWEN HAS ALREADY MADE... HER OWN DECISION!

I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRUST YOU, MR. PARKER... TO USE YOUR VAST POWER TO KEEP HER FROM HARM.

AND, FOR MY LITTLE GIRL'S SAKE, I PROMISE TO KEEP YOUR SECRET--

--UNTIL THE DAY I DIE!

CAPTAIN STACY'S THOUGHTS PROVE HAUNTINGLY PROPHETIC.

HE IS DESTINED TO PERISH IN A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT WITHIN THE COMING MONTHS.

AND GWEN--

POOR SWEET GWEN--

--WILL EVENTUALLY MEET HER OWN TRAGIC END AT THE HANDS OF THE GREEN GOBLIN!

BACK IN THE PRESENT, TEARS CLOUD THE EYES OF THE MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF BEN REILLY, AS HE SLOWLY PULLS HIS MASK INTO PLACE...

A LARGE PART OF ME DIED THE DAY I LOST GWEN!

I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FULLY COMMIT MYSELF TO ANYONE OR ANYTHING SINCE!

MAYBE IT'S TIME THAT CHANGED!

THE END

STAN LEE PRESENTS!
AN UNTOLD TALE OF
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
by

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SLEEPLESS

MARRIED.

MARRIED?

MARRIED!

PETER PARKER, YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD HUSBAND--?

I'M MARRIED.

SPIDER-MAN IS AN ADULT NOW.

BAUWRRAUWRARABAUWRRAA

I FEEL LIKE I JUST DRANK A SLURPEE AT 90 MILES AN HOUR.

COMING HOME WAS A LITTLE WEIRD.

SHARING A CLOSET. A SHOWER. A LIFE.

HELP!

BRAIN NUMBED.

THE HONEYMOON WITH MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER

(gag!) WAS COOL.

Aah! THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!

CASTING ASIDE ALL THOSE CHILDISH FEARS OF THE OL' BALL AN' CHAIN--

--AND SLIDING COMFORTABLY INTO A ROUTINE OF WEB-SWINGING, NICE-OLD-LADY-HELPING, ITCHY-SPANDEX-WEARING

ACTION!

WEB-LINE SLIDES OUT, SNAGGING HIS FEET--

--A SOUND COMES OUT OF HIS THROAT LIKE A DISHWASHER GURGLING.

I GIVE THE LINE A SOFT YANK AND HE TUMBLES...

FLESH VERSUS CONCRETE. GUESS WHO WINS?

Aaah, WHO AM I KIDDING?

NOTHING I DO IS GOING TO GET MY MIND OFF THE CHANGES I'VE GONE THROUGH.

MJ AND I ARE MARRIED NOW. HUSBAND AND WIFE.

WHO KNOWS, MAYBE ONE DAY, MOTHER AND FATHER?

IF WE DO EVER HAVE KIDS, CAN I KEEP ON BEING SPIDEY?

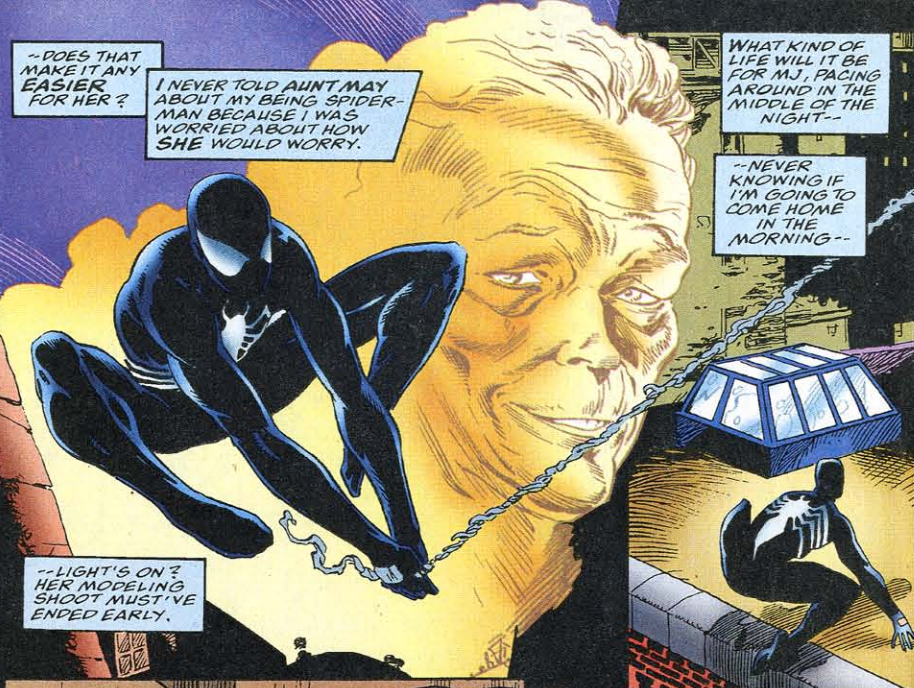
I MEAN, MY OWN MOM AND DAD WERE GOVERNMENT AGENTS.

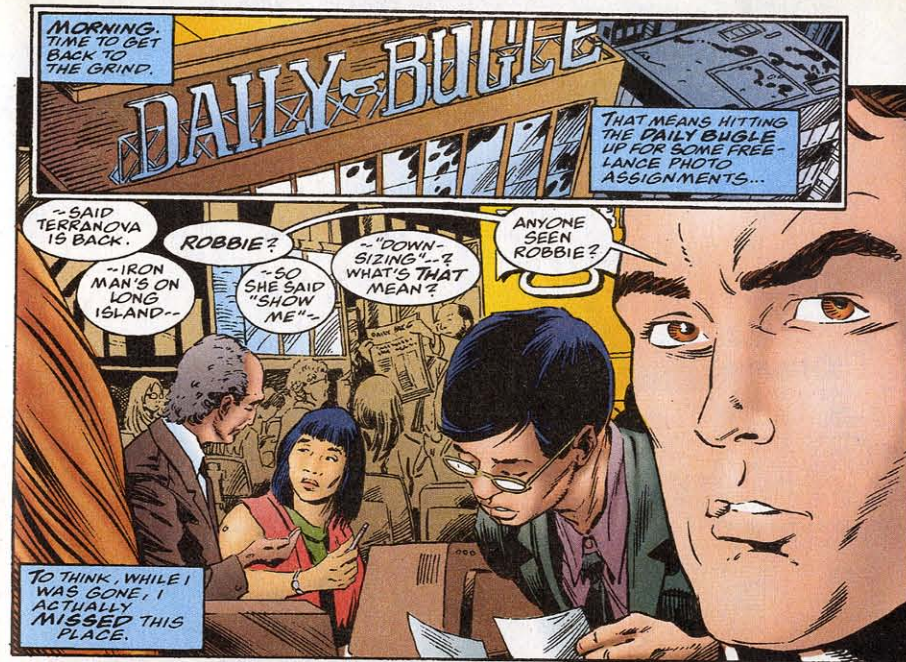
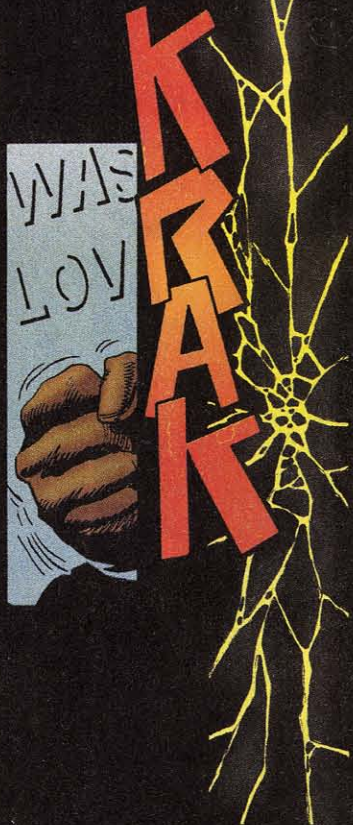
I LOST THEM WHEN I WAS A BABY.

IT MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT WEARING THESE TIGHTS IS SERIOUS-- AND DANGEROUS BUSINESS.

HOW FAIR AM I BEING TO MJ, ALSO?

SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS GETTING INTO WHEN SHE GOT HITCHED, BUT STILL--

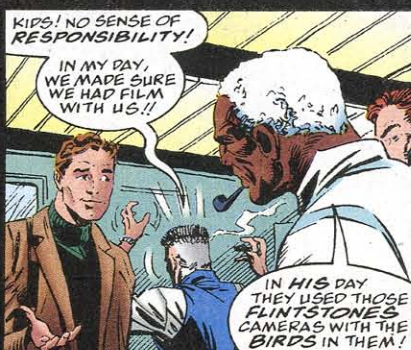






I'M TAPPED AFTER THE HONEYMOON, SO YEAH.

Uhm... BUT CAN I SCROUNGE A FEW ROLLS OF FILM FIRST?



KIDS! NO SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY!

IN MY DAY, WE MADE SURE WE HAD FILM WITH US!!

IN HIS DAY THEY USED THOSE FLINTSTONES CAMERAS WITH THE BIRDS IN THEM!

THE RIDE WITH ELLIS IS INTERESTING.

HE WEARS ARROGANCE LIKE A TAILORED SUIT.

BUT IN A WAY, IT MAKES THE GUY ALMOST ENDEARING.

ALMOST.

ONCE WE GET THERE, IT LOOKS LIKE A BUST.

HOMICIDE HAS TAKEN OVER.

YELLOW BARRIER TAPE SPELLS N-O TO MOST REPORTERS.



THE BEAT COP IS A LOOKER, SO ELLIS MAKES LIKE PUDDING-- SMOOTH.

FEET MUST BE KILLING YOU, OFFICER--

CELLANOS. AND NO, I'M NOT LETTING YOU IN.

THE APARTMENT ~OR ANYTHING ELSE?

ME, I LIKE MY PUDDING A LITTLE BIT LUMPIER.



SO, WHILE KENNY WORKS HIS ANGLE...

...I SEE A WAY TO WORK MY OWN.



THERE ARE CERTAIN ADVANTAGES TO HAVING BEEN BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER...

KLICK-whirrrrr

KLICK-whirrrrr

KLICK-whirrrrr

YOU GET ANYTHING GOOD?

THINK SO.

ANGLED FROM THE ROOF THROUGH THE WINDOW.

I LIKE YOUR STYLE, PARKER.

I CAUGHT THE BODY AND THE COPS SIFTING EVIDENCE...

DID YOU GET ANYTHING?

DINNER WITH THAT BABE OF A COP'S WHAT I GOT.

SMOOTH AND LUMPY. WHAT A COMBO.

PARDON?

NEVER MIND...



WE HEAD BACK INTO MANHATTAN TO WORK THE STORY...

--OR MORE SPECIFICALLY, ME.

...WITHOUT A CLUE THAT PRETTY SOON THE STORY WAS GOING TO BE WORKING US--

TAC-TEAM TWO, STAND BY...

TAC-TWO READY--

--JUST GIVE THE WORD, CRU.

JENNIFER DEVILLE, AFFECTIONATELY (SHE HOPES) NICK-NAMED CRUELLA BY HER UNIT, FEELS THE HOT CHILL OF ANTICIPATION...

MOVE IN!

THEY'RE AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D., THE WORLD'S FOREMOST ANTI-TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

GUN-SMUGGLING RUSSIAN MOBSTERS DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHANCE AGAINST THEM.

THESE GUN-RUNNERS HAVE BEEN SMART ENOUGH TO TEACH AN OLD COMMUNIST DOG NEW CAPITALIST TRICKS.

THAT MEANS THEY'RE SMART ENOUGH TO SURRENDER.



EXPORTING YOUR COUNTRY'S NUMBER ONE CASH CROP, I SEE?

EGG SUPPLY AND DEEMAHND, NO?

AND YOU AMERIKANS DO DEEHMAHND SO MUCH.

SOME-THING ABOUT OUR CON-STITU-TION BORIS. I DON'T GET IT MYSELF.

SIDES WHICH, THE ILLEGAL GUNS ARE GRAVY.

IT'S NOT EVEN WHY WE WERE STAKING YOU BOYS OUT.

EEF NOT GUNS, THEN WHAT?

HERE WE GO--

HOLOGRAPHIC PROJECTOR. NIFTIER THAN MUG SHOTS, HUH?

LET ME FIGURE THIS OUT NOW--

TELL ME WHERE WE CAN FIND THE RUSSIAN KILLER THEY CALL--

THE DEADMAKER.

WE WANT THIS MAN BEFORE HE EXACTS HIS TWISTED REVENGE ON AN INNOCENT OLD WOMAN AND HER NEPHEW.



FINAL **DAILY BUGLE** **THE PICTURE NEWSPAPER**

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KGB IN NYC?

MURDER LINKED TO SOVIET ASSASSIN

by KEN ELLIS

The Russian community rocked today after the brutal gangland-style murder of a prominent section of Brooklyn's Police have reasons from the for...

THIS WAS A GOOD JOB, KEN.

PARKER ACED THE VISUAL.

THE SHELL CASINGS FROM THE BULLETS WERE FROM A MODIFIED STEYR-GB SEMI-AUTO USED ONLY BY RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE.

BUT YOU GOT THE POLICE OFFICER TO VERIFY THE INFO.

I'M GREAT. I'LL ADMIT IT.

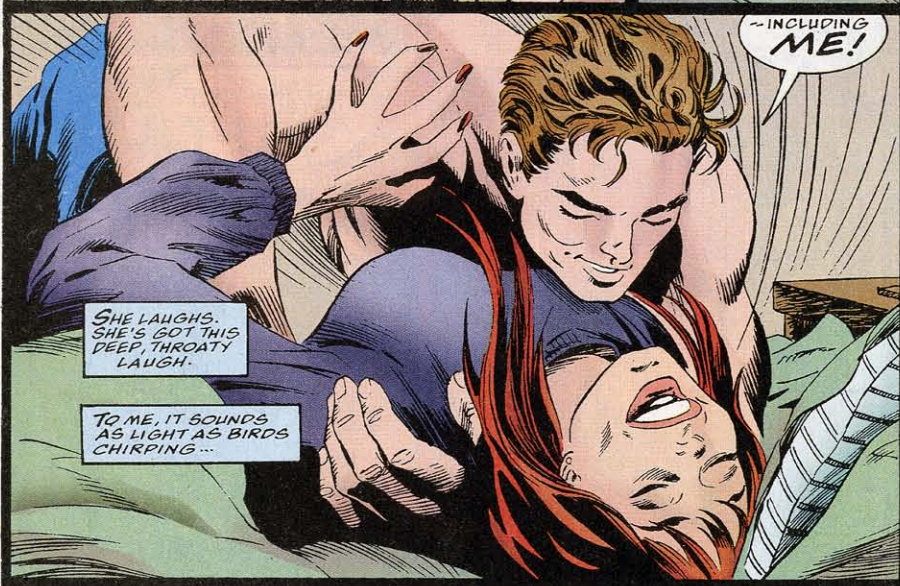
PEOPLE TRUST ME. IT'S A GIFT.

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT AN INDIAN-GIVER, MR. ELLIS...

... 'CAUSE THAT FRONT PAGE MIGHT JUST COST MAY PARKER AND HER NEPHEW THEIR LIVES.

COFFEE

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THIS IS GREGORI ANATOLOVICH.

FORMER KGB MASTER ASSASSIN.

HIS OPERATIVE CODENAME WAS THE DEADMAKER. HE LIVED UP TO HIS NAME.

BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN BORN, YOUR PARENTS LEARNED HE WAS A DOUBLE-AGENT WORKING FOR HYDRA.

YOUR PARENTS USED THAT INFO TO BARTER WITH THE SOVIETS.

GOT THEM TO RELEASE THREE OF OUR CAPTURED AGENTS.

AND ANATOLOVICH?

LIFE-TIME TRIP TO THE WORST PLACE ON THE WORST PLACE ON EARTH.

A SIBERIAN PENITENTIARY.



SO WHAT--? THIS GUY ESCAPED AND WANTS REVENGE?

SURE. THAT WOULD WORK, 'CEPT FOR ONE THING...

...THE DEAD-MAKER DROPPED DEAD ELEVEN YEARS AGO WHILE HE WAS STILL IN PRISON.

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US?

DON'T PROVOKE THEM, MAY.

VAT OUR BOSS VANT EES FOR YOU TO BE QUIET.

BUT MARY JANE-- EVEN THOUGH WE WERE BLINDFOLDED WHEN WE WERE BROUGHT HERE--

...THERE IS SOMETHING SO FAMILIAR ABOUT THIS PLACE.

DON'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE, MAY.

THE LOWER EAST SIDE...

WHERE ARE WE?



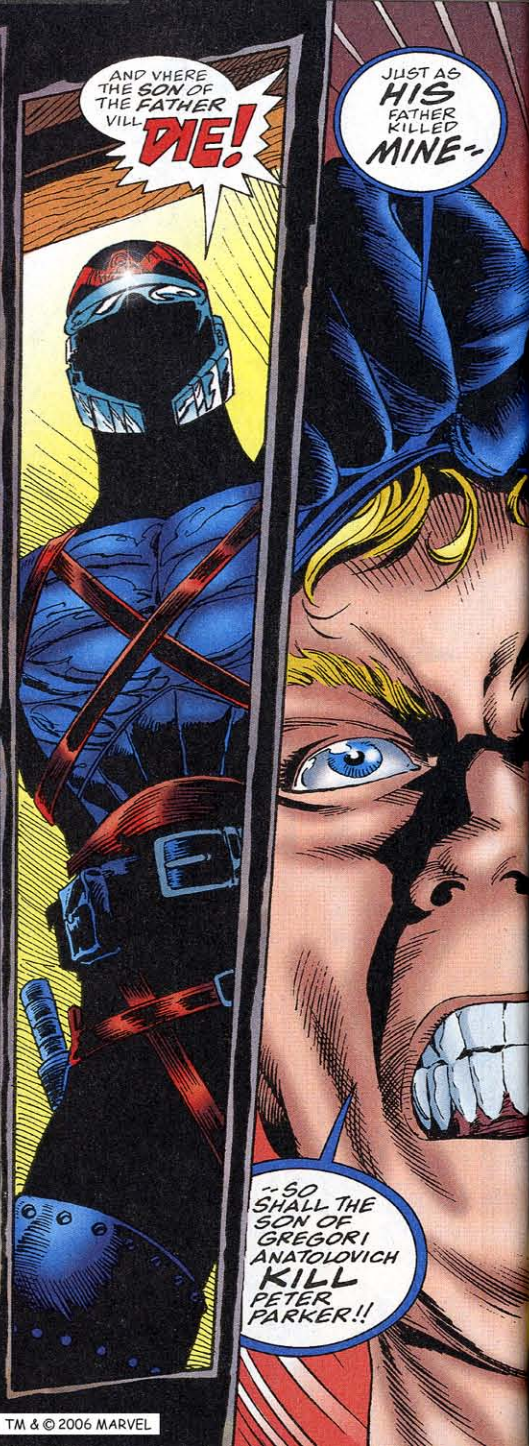
AND WHERE
THE SON OF
THE FATHER
VILL
DIE!

MAN AND--
WE'RE IN
RICHARD AND
MARY PARKER'S
OLD APART-
MENT!

THIS
IS WHERE
PETER
LIVED AS
A BABY!

AS
VELL IT
SHOULD,
MRS.
PARKER.

IT IS
THE HOME
OF THE MAN
AND WOMAN
WHO
RUINED
MY LIFE!



JUST AS
HIS
FATHER
KILLED
MINE--

--SO
SHALL THE
SON OF
GREGORI
ANATOLOVICH
KILL
PETER
PARKER!!



CRUI DRAGS
ME TO AUNT
MAY'S HOUSE...

THERE WAS AN
ATTACK ON
HER AND I
DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW IT!

WIFE SURROGATE
MOTHER TOO
MUCH PULLING
ME IN TOO MANY
DIRECTIONS.

BARELY
ANY SIGNS
OF A
STRUGGLE.

WHERE WOULD HE
GO--TO COMPLETE
THE FAMILY-
VENGEANCE
SCHTICK?

ONLY
ONE PLACE
I CAN
THINK
OF...



YOUR UNCLE'S
HEADSTONE WAS
DESECRATED.

LEAST A
DAY AGO, FROM
THE IMPRESSIONS
IN THE GRASS.

WE HAVE AGENTS
SCOURING ALL THE
RUSSIAN SECTIONS
OF BRIGHTON BEACH
AND JERSEY
CITY.

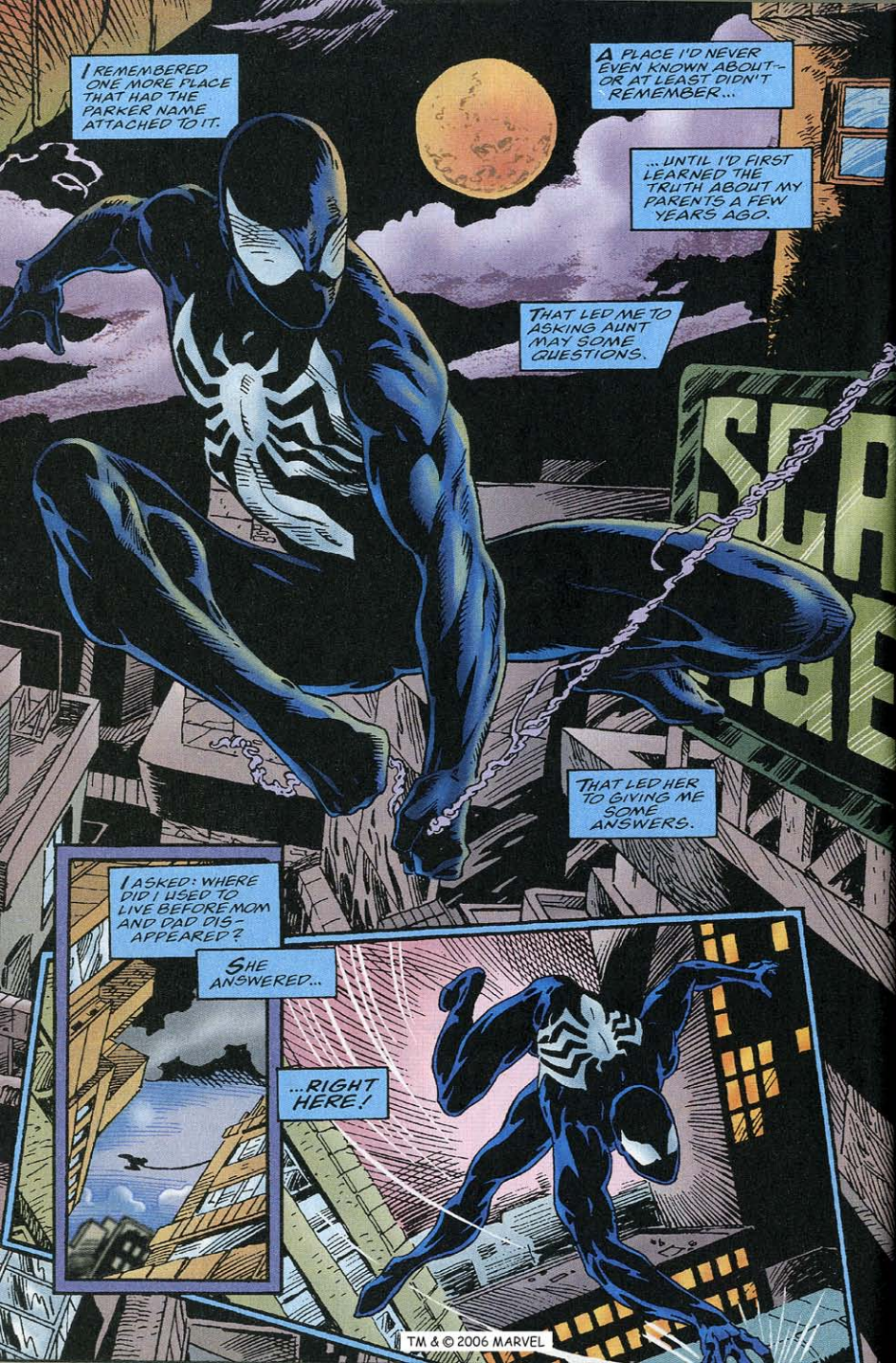
HOW FAR ARE
A BUNCH OF EX-
KGB GONNA GET
WITH AN OLD LADY
AND A KNOCKOUT
REDHEAD?

THEY'RE
NOT BEING
TAKEN ANY-
WHERE.

IF IT'S
ME HE WANTS,
HE'S GOING TO
WAIT UNTIL I
COME TO
HIM.

FINE, THEN--
IF HE WANTS ME
--THEN THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT
I'M GOING TO
GIVE HIM!

(SORT OF.)



I REMEMBERED ONE MORE PLACE THAT HAD THE PARKER NAME ATTACHED TO IT.

A PLACE I'D NEVER EVEN KNOWN ABOUT--OR AT LEAST DIDN'T REMEMBER...

...UNTIL I'D FIRST LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT MY PARENTS A FEW YEARS AGO.

THAT LED ME TO ASKING AUNT MAY SOME QUESTIONS.

THAT LED HER TO GIVING ME SOME ANSWERS.

I ASKED: WHERE DID I USED TO LIVE BEFORE MOM AND DAD DIS-APPEARED?

SHE ANSWERED...

...RIGHT HERE!



YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT MY LIFE WAS LIKE!

MY FATHER LOST TO ME--MY MOTHER AN OUTCAST--

--ALL BECAUSE OF WHAT THE PARKERS DID!

I MADE UP FOR THE SINS OF MY FATHER--

--I BECAME WHAT HE NEVER WAS--PERFECT SOVIET CITIZEN!

AND FOR THAT, I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE TO REGAIN MY FAMILY'S HONOR!

HONOR AIN'T ALL IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE, BUBBLES!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY TO CONCENTRATE ON REGAINING YOUR FAMILY'S SENSE OF HUMOR!

GOTTA TELL YOU, FROM WHERE I'M STAND-ING--

PARDON ME.

'SCUSE ME.

--THAT'S IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THAT MUSTY OLD HONOR STUFF!

Hmmm...

...aaahh.

NICE FORM, MRS. PARKER-WATSON!



WAIT--I THINK I SAW THIS ON THE BATMAN TV SHOW--

--WHILST I DANCE WITH THE GUYS IN THE CAT HATS AND STRIPED SHIRTS--

--THE EVIL-DOER MAKES HIS GET-AWAY!

AREN'T YOU GOING TO STOP HIM?

OF COURSE I AM. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE OKAY FIRST.

I'M FINE.

AND HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NEPHEW WAS MARRIED TO MARY JANE?

UH--READ IT IN THE WEEKLY WORLD INQUIRER.

RIGHT NEXT TO SOME KOOKY STORY ABOUT A GUY WHO CRAWLS ON WALLS AND THEN WALKS INTO AUTOMATIC GUNFIRE FOR KICKS!

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!

AH CONTRAIRE, MY BOULSHÉVIK FRIEND--

BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA

CLIKKA

KETCH

--I ACTUALLY GET GREEN STAMPS FOR EACH KGB-FRONTED KIDNAPPING I FOIL!

SIX MORE AND I GET A BLENDER!

HEY, LOOK AT THAT GUY MOVE!



DUDE--

--WHAT KIND OF BUG BIT YOU?

NEVER MIND. IT MUST BE THE SAME BUG THAT GOT UP YOUR--

CLOSER THAN NOREGO!

I'VE BEEN IN WORSE SPOTS-- REALLY!

slamm

OUCH.

OKAY--

--TIME TO--

--DO A LITTLE DANCE--

--MAKE A LITTLE LOVE--

--GET DOWN TONIGHT!

OR AT THIS RATE--

--GO DOWN TONIGHT!

SKRACH

THAT SOUNDED MORE LIKE IT!

ENOUGH--

Pssst

WZZ



WALLOWING IN MISERY CAN BE SO DISTRACTING.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO INVOLVE YOURSELF!

I TOLD YOU--IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BLENDER!

THESE ARE MATTERS OF FAMILY AND HONOR AND LOSS!

WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW OF SUCH THINGS?

WHERE'S A GOOD JOKE WHEN YOU NEED ONE?

LAND ON SOMETHING, PETEY...

I'VE BEEN PLAYING QUICK WITH THE QUIP MORE THAN USUAL--

--AVOIDING THE EMOTIONAL PAIN THIS QUIPSTICK IS FEELING--

--BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO DREDGE UP THE SAME FEELINGS I HAVE INSIDE OF ME.

(AGAIN)

FEELINGS OF LOSS.

ABANDONMENT.

INSECURITY.

MY PARENTS WERE SPIES. WHAT KIND OF LIFE DID THEY LEAD?

(WHAT KIND OF LIFE DO I LEAD?)

WHY WOULD A SPY EVEN GET MARRIED AND PRETEND TO BE NORMAL?

(WHY WOULD I?)

DOING WHAT THEY DID, HOW COULD THEY HAVE BROUGHT A CHILD INTO THIS WORLD?

(WHAT KIND OF A HUSBAND--OR FATHER--CAN I BE IF I'M ALSO SPIDER-MAN?)

I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO START PLAYING THIS BROKEN RECORD.



I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, DEAD-MAKER--BUT DO YOU?

YOUR FATHER WAS A TRAITOR TO HIS COUNTRY... WHAT KIND OF LEGACY IS THAT TO DEFEND?

...BEFORE THAT KNIFE DIGS INTO YOU.

Oomph!

THERE YOU GO. IRONY OF IRONIES, THE BRIDGE.

AND HOW DOES HURTING THE PARKER FAMILY GIVE YOU ANYTHING IN RETURN?

BUT IS HE OUT OF HATE?

I have... lost more than you can know...

HE'S OUT OF GAS.



WE HAVE A LOT MORE IN COMMON THAN YOU THINK.

ON THIS VERY BRIDGE-- ON THAT STANCHION OVER THERE--

GWEN.

--I LOST A WOMAN I LOVED.

BECAUSE OF MY OWN STUPIDITY, I LOST THE CLOSEST THING I EVER HAD TO A FATHER.

AND I NEVER KNEW MY OWN PARENTS...THEY DIED WHEN I WAS A BABY--

--AND AT FIRST...I ALSO THOUGHT THEY WERE DIS-HONORABLE PEOPLE.

BUT I USED ALL OF THAT PAIN TO DRIVE ME FORWARD NOT PULL ME BACK.

I STILL HAVE A FAMILY--NOW I HAVE A WIFE--AND I HAVE NOTHING BUT TOMORROW TO LOOK TOWARDS.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SHOW FOR EVERY-THING YOU'VE LOST?

SILENCE.

SIRENS BELOW. POLICE AND FEDS.

NO YESTERDAYS HE WOULD WANT TO CALL HIS OWN.

NO TOMORROWS TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

I HAVE... NOTHING.

THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD.

MAYBE NOT.

MAYBE SO.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU MAKE YOUR-SELF!

THINK ABOUT IT.

EASY FOR ME TO SAY. HE'S GOING TO JAIL WHILE I'M GOING TO SEE --

...MY FAMILY.

GOOD AS NEW, BEN.

MARRIAGE, LIKE FAMILY, IS FOREVER, PETER.

I KNOW.

AND I WOULDN'T WANT IT ANY OTHER WAY.

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"TILL DEATH DO US PART" ISN'T REALLY ACCURATE, IS IT?

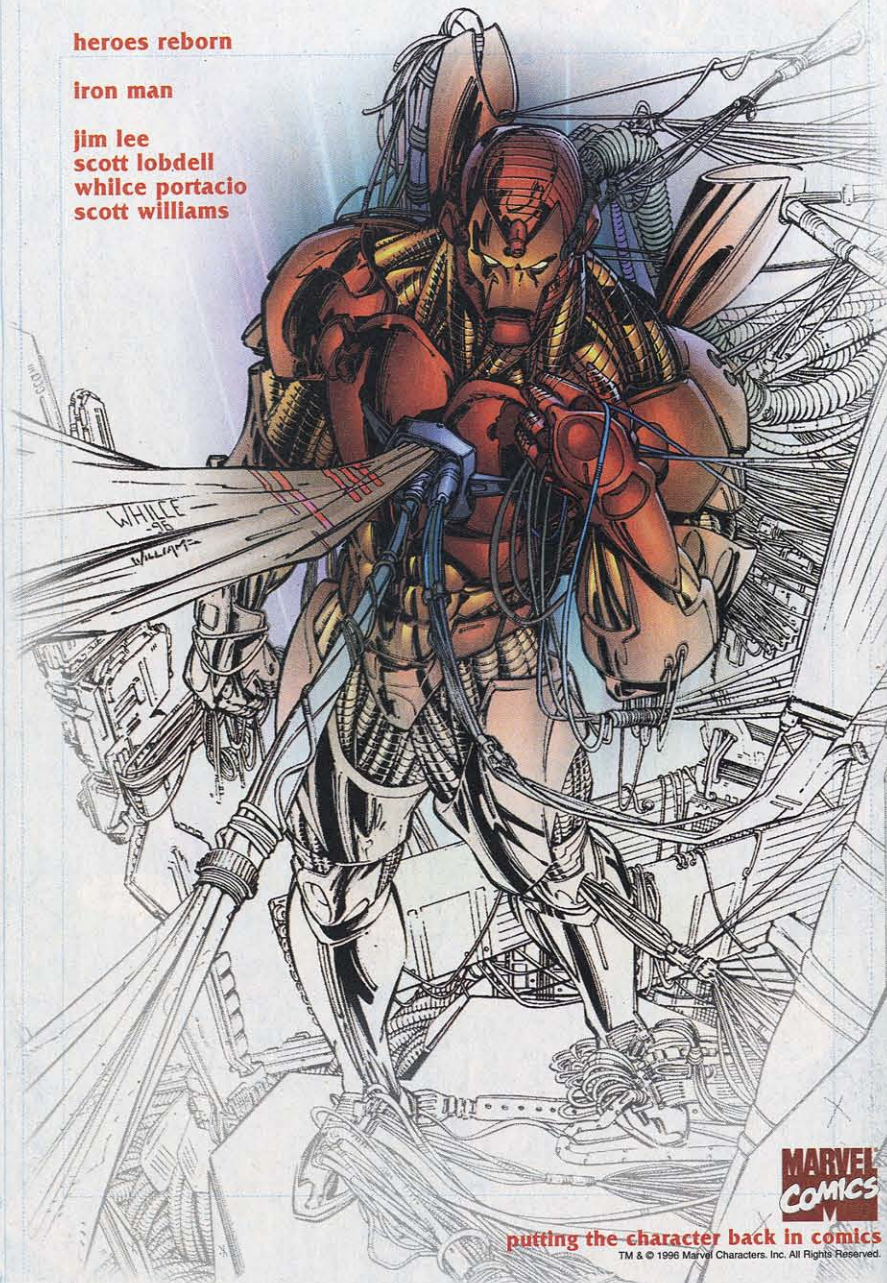
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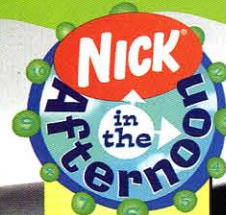


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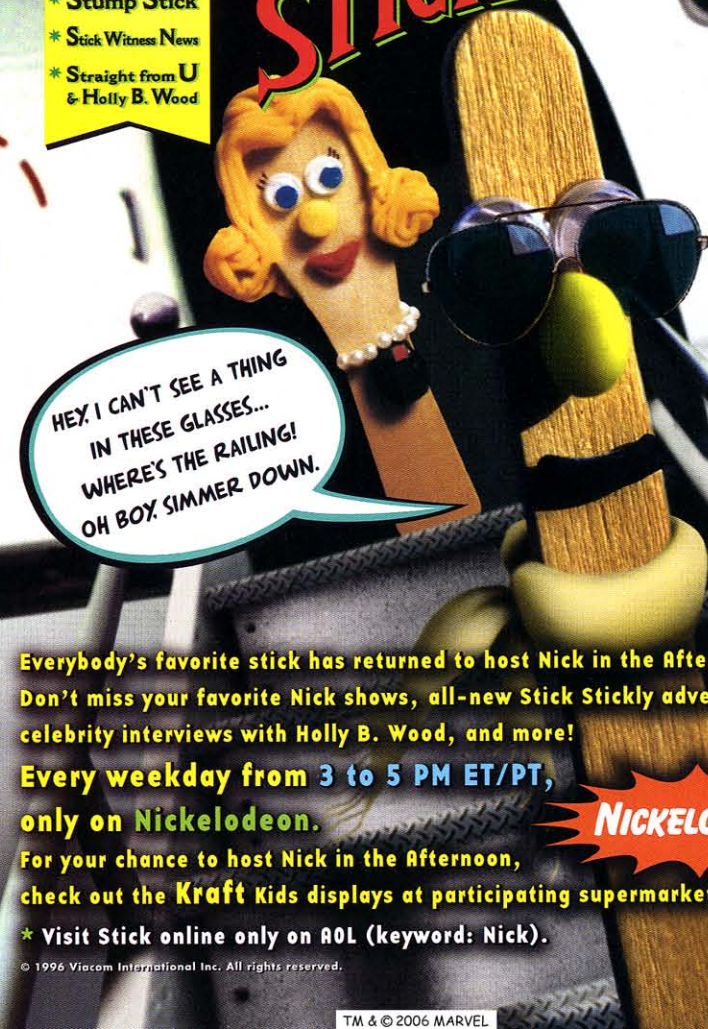




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