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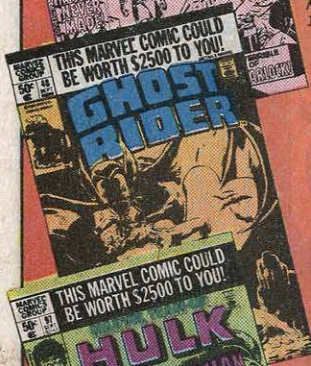
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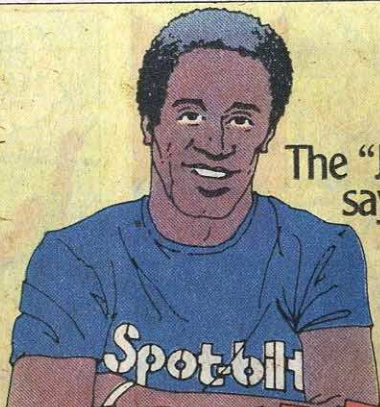
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TO DO SNAPPY
PATTER WHEN
YOU'RE SNARING
A WILD EAGLE AND
A PRETTY GIRL AT
THE SAME TIME!

AT LEAST
I DIDN'T ASK
IF YOU'RE
FALLING
FOR ME!

T-THANKS!



...BALANCE!

IF YOU'RE
JUST LOSING
IT, LADY--

--I'D
HATE TO
SEE YOU
WHEN IT'S
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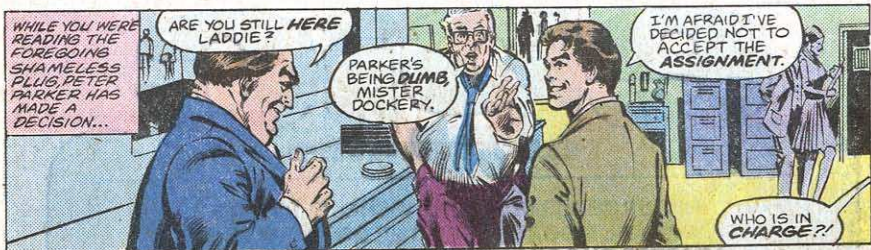
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Dear Spider-Webbers,

I thought that both the art and the story in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #205 was great.

I really like how certain Marvel artists and writers have been sneaking in some of the great old comedians for walk-on roles... such as the Three Stooges in MAN-WOLF; Laurel and Hardy in both GHOST RIDER and MOON KNIGHT; and now Abbott and Costello in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. They made great museum guards. (Who's next? Chaplin?)

I do wish you hadn't made the Black Cat go crazy. It would have been nice to keep her around as a partner of sorts for Spider-Man. I could see it now... the Black Cat and Spider-Man... out by the ocean under a full moon... fighting the Tiger Shark.

The whole thought of such a fighting-team romance is (sniff) bringing tears to these old eyes.

Keep up the (sniff — boo-hoo) great work, guys!

George P. Hermitage
108 Richard Drive
Hanover, MA 02339

There, there, George! Here, borrow our hanky!

Seriously, though, we really don't think that the old wall-crawler is ready to become a Nick Charles type to the Black Cat's Nora. Let's face it, no matter how many times he teams up with other heroes, Spider-Man is still basically a loner. He's just not the type of guy who would take on a regular partner.

Dear Marvel,

I enjoyed issue #205 very much. I never suspected that a mild bit of insanity was behind the Black Cat's motivations! It just goes to show that the Marvel Universe is still full of surprises!

I especially like Lazlo Bellflower's comment that "J. Jonah Jameson was right about costumed ruffians!" I recall that fashion designer Rod Kingsley said the same sort of thing when Belladonna supervised an assault on his studio in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #43!

It surprised me a bit to find Dawn Starr cheating. However, I sort of expected her romantic overtures to be phony. (How about Spidey and Felicia getting together after she takes the rest-cure?)

Anyway, for his first time on a SPIDER-MAN story, David Michelinie did an excellent job... Marv Wolfman couldn't have done better!

In closing, I'd just like to ask whatever happened to J. Jonah Jameson... and what's happening to Joe Robertson? What a mystery! Keep up the good work... you Agatha Christies of the comics world, you!

Nick Eddy

783 Willowdale Avenue
Kettering, OH 45429

We'll do our best, Nick! We just hoped you liked the revelations in issue #206!

Dear Marvel,

I was glad to see the Black Cat's return in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #204 and #205. Ever since her first appearance in issue #194 and #195, I've eagerly awaited her return. I was hoping for some kind of relationship between the Cat and Spider-Man, especially since S-M discovered the truth about Dawn Starr. That ending was totally unexpected. I had never stopped to realize that the Black Cat was that emotionally unstable. (I was a little disappointed, though, that we never learned exactly how she survived her fall in issue #195.)

Besides the great story, I noticed that those museum guards looked vaguely familiar. Could it be — ?

Ed Mandara
24 Tandoi Drive
Rochester, NY 14624

Sorry we couldn't clue you in on the Black Cat's little survival trick, Ed... but at least you're in good company! After all, Spider-Man himself doesn't know how she did it! Maybe next time!

And as for those slightly familiar guards...

Dear David,

As a dedicated fan of Abbott and Costello, may I be the first to say thanks?

Wally Neville
426 Tusculum
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You certainly may!

Dear People,

I've just heard about the five-page AUNT MAY strip scheduled for this year's AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL. From the bottom of my heart, I give my thanks to all concerned. My only complaint is... why a mere five pages?

Now if only more people realized the real reason for Spider-Man's popularity was on the other side of 65, with an overbearing mother fixation vis-a-vis her nephew...

Let's see lots more of May Parker, please... in AMAZING... SPECTACULAR... TEAM-UP... and anywhere else. (The HULK, maybe?)

Steve Lowther, President

Aunt May Appointment Society
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We'll see what we can do, Steve.

(Can't you just see May lecturing the Hulk? "Now, Hulk! Be sure to take your umbrella! It's supposed to rain this afternoon! And don't stop to play with the Rhino... you know how uncouth he can be!")

And on that zany thought, we'll take our leave for another month.

Ciao!

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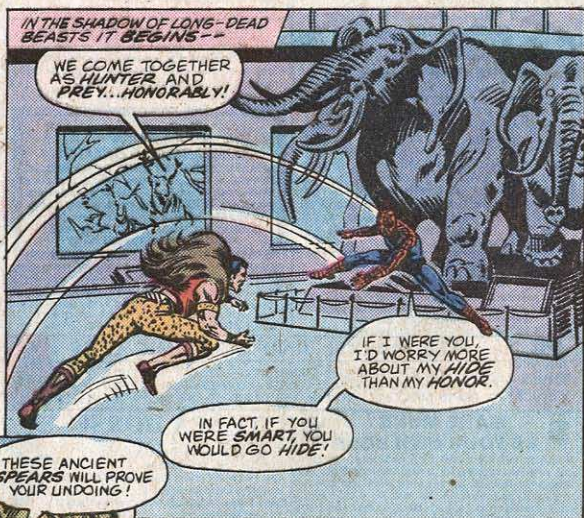
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UH-OH! SPIDER-SENSE BUZZING! GOT TO MOVE BEFORE...

BUT EVEN AS HE SPRINGS FROM THE WALL, SOMETHING DROPS FROM THE CEILING--



NO! I WAS DRIVING YOU TOWARD THE TRAP I SET FOR YOU! YOU BEHAVED LIKE ANY STUPID CREATURE BEHAVES!

THE PAINFUL PART IS... HE'S RIGHT! GOTTA FREE MYSELF OR--



UNNOH!

NOW, YOU CANNOT AVOID MY DEADLY NERVE-GRIP!



DAZED... ALMOST OUT--



THIS IS A MOMENT TO SAVOR--

--A MOMENT THAT VINDICATES THE HUMILIATION I HAVE SUFFERED AT YOUR HANDS--!

THUD

MY LIMBS ARE LIKE SPAGHETTI!...



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--AS I TRIUMPH!

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ARMS...OR MOVE
MY LEGS--

MAN DOES NOT
HUNT FOR FOOD!
MAN HUNTS TO
PROVE HIS
SUPERIORITY--



--TO
DEMONSTRATE
THAT HE IS NOT
DOOMED AS
THIS DINOSAUR
WAS DOOMED--

--AS YOU ARE DOOMED SPIDER-PREY!
FOR ALL YOUR QUICKNESS YOU ARE NO
HUNTER... AND THE HUNTERS
ARE THE SURVIVORS!



IT IS
ONLY PROPER
THAT I SLAY YOU WITH
THE BONES OF THE
EXTINCT MONSTER!



YOU AND IT HAVE SOME-
THING IN COMMON--

--YOU
WERE
BORN
VICTIMS!



WHILE HE WAS PHILOSOPHIZING, I
REGAINED ENOUGH FEELING IN
MY FINGERS--

--TO USE MY
WEB-SHOOTER--



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