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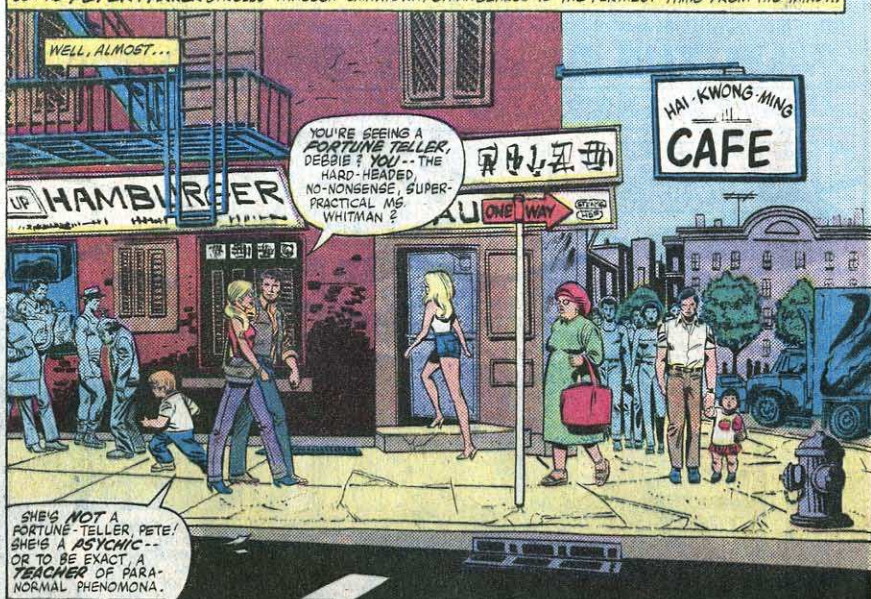
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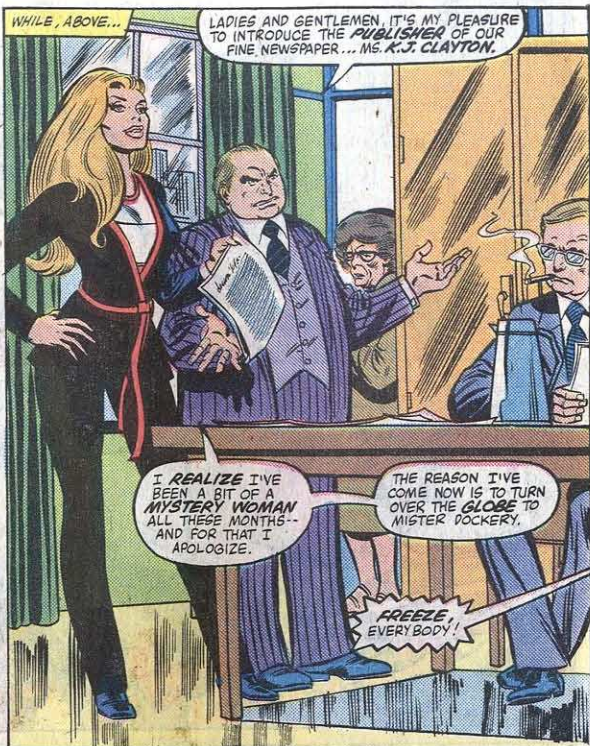
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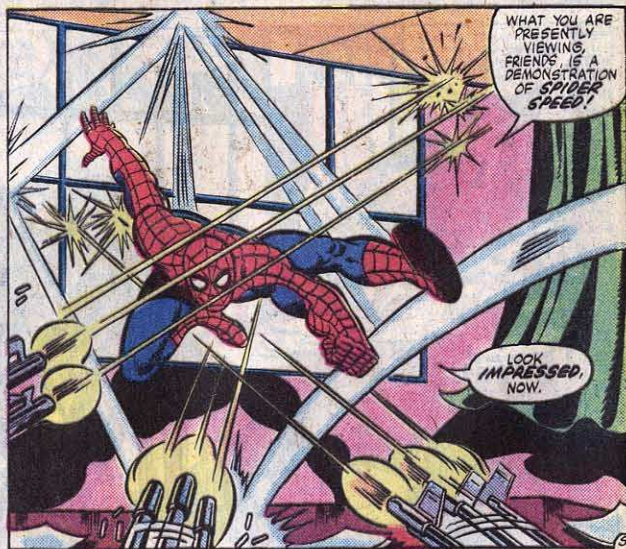
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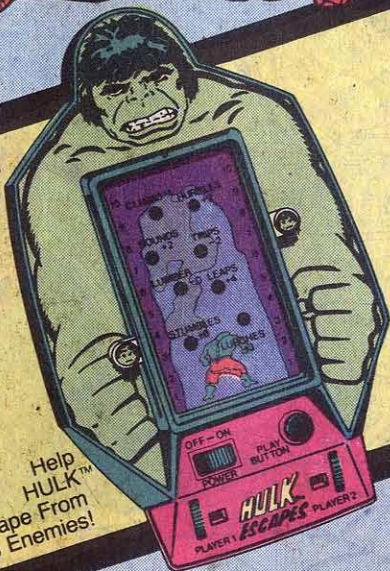
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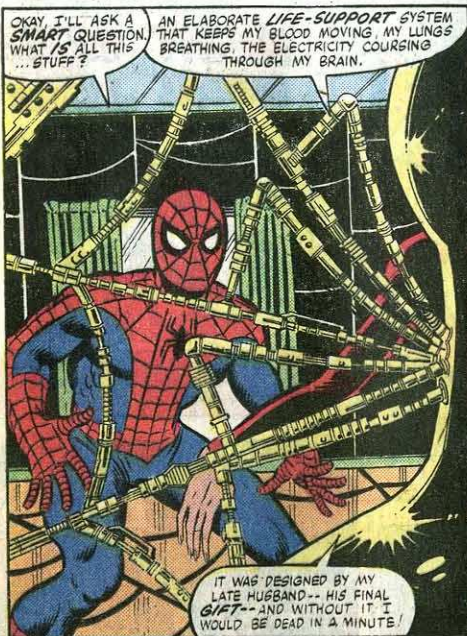


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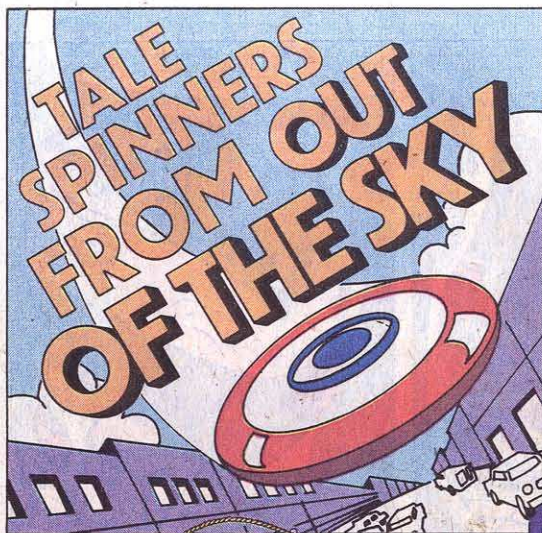
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8AM

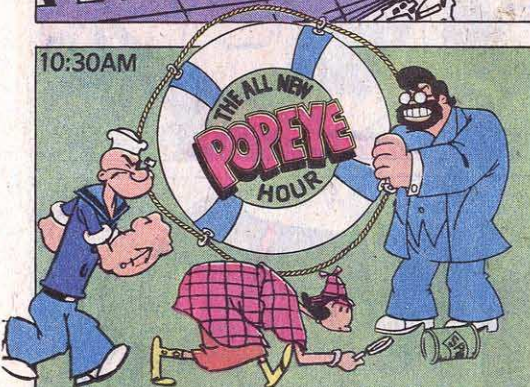
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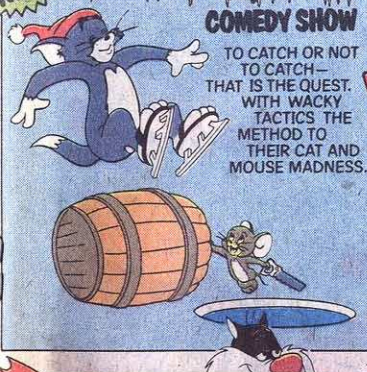


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SHE IS A MODEL AND AN ACTRESS AND--

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HAS DONE **WRONG**...

... AND SHE BEGINS TO
FEEL **FEAR**!

FIND BELINDA AND YOU
FIND THE ONE YOU **SEEK**!
BUT I CANNOT TELL
WHERE... WHERE SHE
IS...



YOU GOTTA... I'M NOT SURE I **UNDERSTAND**
YOU-- I'M NOT SURE ANYONE
COULD-- BUT IT SEEMS YOU'RE
SAYING K.J. CLAYTON'S IN THE
SOLIP!

BUT
WHERE--?



TRAINS... RAILROAD TRAINS... IN A
GREAT JUMBLE--AS THOUGH IN
AN ACCIDENT... NOW... THE VISION
FADING--



THAT'S **IT**?
THAT'S ALL
YOU'RE GONNA
SAY?

AS I **TOLD** YOU, I AM NOT
WITHOUT **LIMITS**.

I URGE YOU... **HURRY**. FOR OF THIS
I AM CERTAIN--UNLESS YOU LOCATE
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HOLDING ME
PRISONER?

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YOU'RE
SOME ACTRESS!
YOU ALMOST HAD
ME BELIEVIN'
YOU WAS K.T.
CLAYTON.

THEN CUT ME
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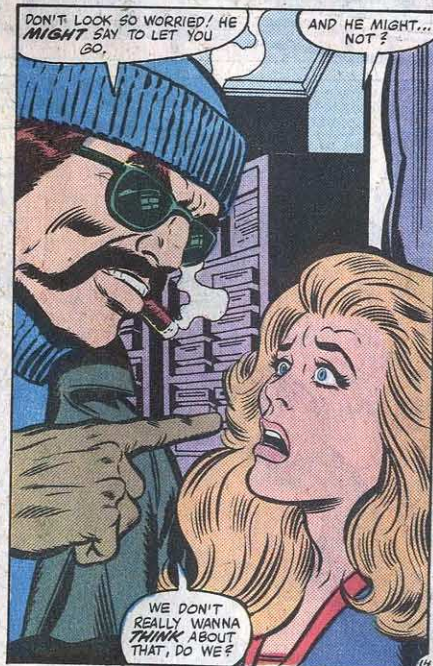
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YOU TILL I GET WORD FROM THE GUY
WHO'S BANKROLLIN' THIS OPERATION.

WORD?! WHAT
KIND OF
WORD?



DON'T LOOK SO WORRIED! HE
MIGHT SAY TO LET YOU
GO.

AND HE MIGHT...
NOT?



WE DON'T
REALLY WANNA
THINK ABOUT
THAT, DO WE?

AND, FOUR MILES UPTOWN AT THE PENTHOUSE SUITE OF THE GLOBE...

YOU WANT TO...
TO KILL ME?
BUT... I
TRUSTED YOU!

INDEED YOU *DID*,
DEAR LADY-- AND A
GRAVE, GRAVE
ERROR IT WAS.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE
TO GAIN BY MY
MURDER? --

THIS NEWSPAPER, MISS CLAYTON. THE
WHOLE STAFF HEARD THE WOMAN WHO
WAS IMPERSONATING YOU GIVE ME
CONTROL.

AS FAR AS
ANYONE KNOWS,
SHE IS YOU.

TONIGHT SHE WILL BE
FOUND DEAD AND THE
GLOBE WILL BE MINE.

VANITY WAS YOUR UNDOING, MISS CLAYTON. YOU
WERE ASHAMED OF BEING OLD AND... AH--
UNATTRACTIVE.

YOU NEEDED MY SUGGESTION
THAT YOU HIRE BELINDA BELL
TO APPEAR IN YOUR PLACE--

--AND THUS YOU
ENABLED ME TO
IMPLEMENT MY
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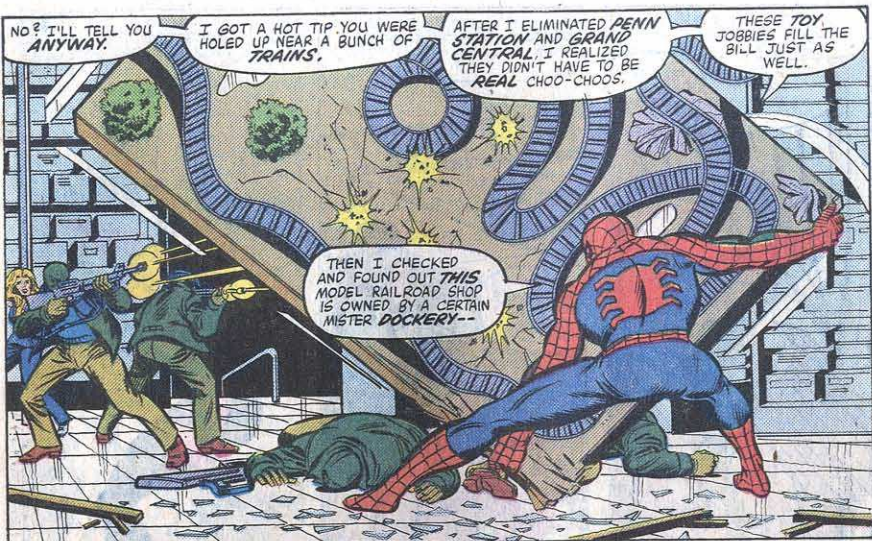
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Dear Roger,

Re: AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #206.

Jonas Harrow and a mind-wave machine? Hah! I knew it all along!

Seriously, though, I preferred this subtle approach used in "A Method in his Madness!" Usually, we see the villain in a situation like this turn on his machine and tell his victims to fight each other. The way you brought it off, Rog, made it seem more realistic and not quite so silly.

But why did Harrow use it on everyone? Surely someone would be suspicious afterward — after all, everyone went crazy at once! Also, why didn't Spider-Man just smash the machine with his hands? Why did he have to build up that momentum?

Still, it was a pretty good issue... especially with Byrne's art!

Jim Johnson
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Let's answer your first question first, Jim.

Dr. Harrow turned his ray on the Bugle offices as part of a test of the device's wide-angle capabilities. Sure, everyone would be suspicious — but by that point, Harrow was so confident that he didn't care. (Could it be that Jonas was being subtly affected by the ray as well? Mmmm... could be!)

Secondly, Spider-Man was quite capable of trashing the ray projector. It's just that the ray was making him so thoroughly paranoid, he couldn't stand to be near it. He needed the momentum to smash the machine before he could turn tail and run again!

Apparently, though, those little misunderstandings didn't get in the way of your enjoyment of the story. (Whew!) Of course, not everyone liked it...

Marvel Guys:

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #206 was a letdown.

Milgrom does some really great covers, but this one looked rushed... as did the story! All the loose ends of the storyline were tied up too quick and too even.

Why did a super-villain/mad scientist have to be behind Jonah going crazy? In the past, Marvel has dealt with drug problems, old age, and alcoholism. You had a chance to handle the problems of mental illness, and what happened? Instead of a realistic approach, we got a simple and rushed cop-out.

Dennis Petilli
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Sorry you were disappointed, Dennis. I agree that a realistic approach to the problems of mental illness could make for a powerful story... that's why I had General Thunderbolt Ross suffer a total nervous breakdown a couple of years ago. (It was in INCREDIBLE HULK #229, for those of you who

missed it.) The state of mental health in this country is certainly a subject deserving a realistic approach, and — had I remained on the book — I would have handled Ross' treatment and convalescence in the most realistic manner possible.

However, I never really believed Jonah's breakdown. For all his hang-ups about Spider-Man, Jonah is really a pretty straightforward guy... hard-nosed, cheap, and often insensitive, but frighteningly sane! As Harrow put it, "Jonah Jameson may well be the one man on earth who is just too stubborn to stay crazy!"

Thunderbolt Ross had watched his entire life get turned inside out over a number of years. Jonah Jameson had suffered numerous personal defeats — had even witnessed the apparent disintegration of his only son — but he rarely bottled his emotions up inside of him. He had good friends to turn to, and he had his own personal whipping boy in Spider-Man. And — most importantly — he was Jonah Jameson, by gadfly!

I just couldn't buy the idea of Jonah going mad. It seemed too artificial to me. And, I reasoned, if it seemed artificial, mightn't it be artificial? Denny O'Neil agreed with me. And so, it appears, have most of our readers. — R.S.

Dear Roger, John, & Denny:

The "World's Greatest Pain-in-the-Neck" is back, and I'm glad! It just wouldn't be the same without Jonah Jameson making things tough for our hero.

The other day, some of my friends were saying that SPIDER-MAN hit bottom after Stan Lee left the book, but I stuck to my guns. All I had to do was show them issue #206, and they were convinced that the magazine was better than ever!

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Dear Rog, John, and Gene:

You wonderful guys! Just when I thought SPIDER-MAN was through, along comes issue #206. You people really did it right! Spidey flowed through every page. I loved it!

Mr. Stern, what a dirty, terrible, wonderful trick you played on us with that business about the answering machine plug. It was the first genuine side-splitter I've seen in this magazine in a long time. And Spidey's wisecracks were fantastic!

Keep on writing treats like this, and you're going to completely resurrect the old Marvel that I loved!

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THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST:

- ☐ MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #99 — The Thing and the Guardians of the Galaxy!
- ☐ WIDEN KNIGHT #1 — His own mag at last!
- ☐ SPIDER-WOMAN #32 — "The Fangs of Werewolf by Night!"
- ☐ STAR TREK #9 — The abduction of Spock!
- ☐ SPIDEY SUPER STORIES #49 — Easy-to-read Spidey masterpieces!
- ☐ BAREDEVIL #187 — DD and the Punisher vs. the Angel Dust murderers!
- ☐ MARVEL SUPER HEROES #93 — (Reprints Hulk #142) "They Shoot Hulks, Don't They?"
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #251 — Betroc the Leeper and Mr. Hyde!
- ☐ THOR #301 — Thor strives to restore Asgard to eternal life.
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #210 — Who is... Madam Web?
- ☐ MICRONAUTS #23 — The Molecule Man attacks!
- ☐ STAR WARS #41 — Part III of The Empire Strikes Back!
- ☐ GHOST RIDER #50 — Double-sized 50th anniversary issue!
- ☐ SAVAGE SE-HULK #10 — A fatality ill She-Hulk battles the Word and Utimate!
- ☐ HULK #253 — The menace of Woodgod and the Changelings!
- ☐ AVENGERS #201 — Who has stolen the Avengers' super-weapons... and why?
- ☐ CONAN #118 — Secret of the City of Death!
- ☐ MARVEL TALES #121 — (Reprints Spider-Man #144) The most unexpected return of all!
- ☐ MARVEL'S GREATEST COMICS #94 — (Reprints Fantastic Four #114) The Over-Mind Strikes!
- ☐ X-MEN #139 — Alpha Flight and a surprise villain!
- ☐ TALES TO ASTONISH #12 — (Reprints Sub-Mariner #12) Naga captures the Serpent Crown!
- ☐ ROM #12 — Enter Jack Off Hearts!
- ☐ AMAZING ADVENTURES #12 — (Reprints X-Men #s 6 & 57) The original X-Men's showdown with Sub-Mariner!
- ☐ MASTER OF KUNG FU #94 — Don't look now — but it's *Syngon*.

- ☐ MAN-THING #7 — The wrathful return of Captain Fate!
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #224 — Guest-stars the mighty Thor!
- ☐ MARVEL TEAM-UP #99 — Spider-Man and Machine Man!
- ☐ IRON MAN #140 — Seditam in the Bahamas!
- ☐ PETER PARKER #48 — The Prowler vs. Bedlam — and whose side is Spidey on?
- ☐ DEFENDERS #98 — "A Death in the Family!" Guest-stars Daredevil!
- ☐ MARVEL TEAM-UP #99 — Spider-Man and Machine Man!
- ☐ MARVEL SUPER-ACTION #25 — (Reprints Avengers #64) "...Like A Death Ray From the Sky!"
- ☐ FANTASY MASTERPIECES #12 — (Reprints Silver Surfer #12 and Warlock #9) The Surfer takes on a witches' coven and the Abomination, while Warlock experiences "The Infinity Effect!"
- ☐ MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #9 — From the pages of the Micronauts... *Captain Universe*!
- ☐ BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #21 — Athena captured by a loveless monster!
- ☐ MARVEL ANNUALS
- ☐ X-MEN ANNUAL #4 — The X-Men brave Hades itself to save Nightcrawler!
- ☐ MARVEL TEAM-UP ANNUAL #3 — The Hulk, Power Man, Iron Fist and Machine Man — together!
- ☐ MARVEL MAGAZINES
- ☐ EPIC #3 — Michael Moorcock's *Epic* work by Thomas, Russell, Starlin and many more!
- ☐ CRAZY #67 — The Best of Crazy! Plus: The all new, all crazy cut-out finger puppets, the Fuppets!
- ☐ SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #57 — The curse of the Eye of Erikl!
- ☐ MARVEL PREVIEW #23 — All new *Bizarro* Adventures!
- ☐ THE HULK #23 — The Hulk in Jim Shooter's "A Very Personal Hell!" Plus: Dominic Fortune vs. Baron Strucker!
- ☐ MARVEL SUPER SPECIAL #17 — The official comics adaptation — in a revolutionary new style — of *Universal Pictures'* smash hit, *XANADU*! Plus: inside info on the film itself!

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I GUESS.

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ELSE ON
YOUR MIND,
MADAME
WEB?

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PERHAPS...

... BUT EVEN AS WE
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TYPICAL! I WANNA MAKE
THE KID A PROPOSITION--
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