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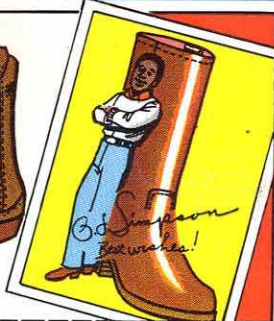
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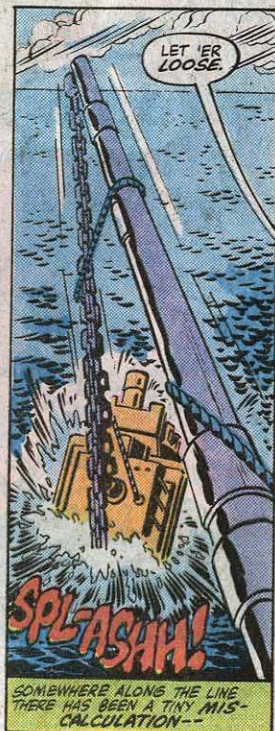
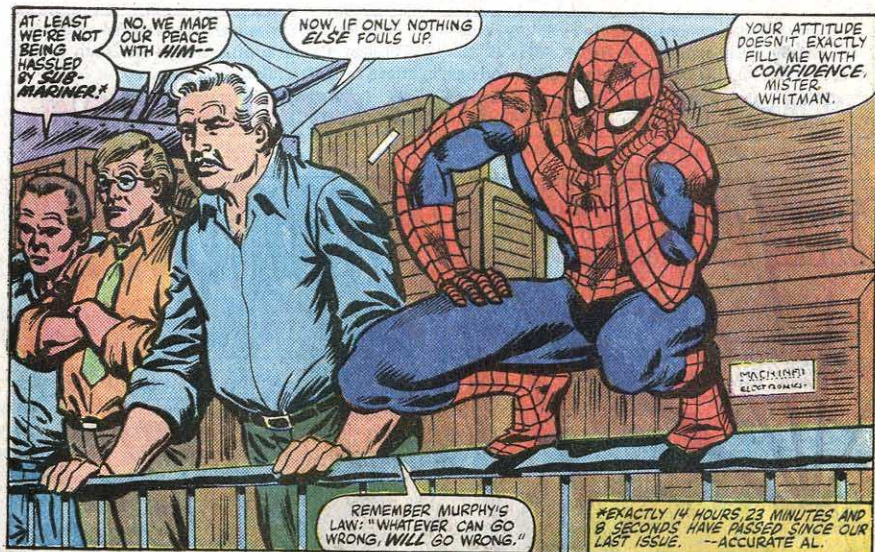
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--AND HE SINKS INTO THE COOL, GLOOMY DEPTHS, TOWARD THE GLOWING, PULSING DEVICE--





FOR LONG MOMENTS, SPIDER-MAN PEERS INTO THE MURK, HIS EYES STINGING. THEN--

THERE HE IS!

HE'S BEING SUCKED INTO THE SHIP'S PROPELLER!

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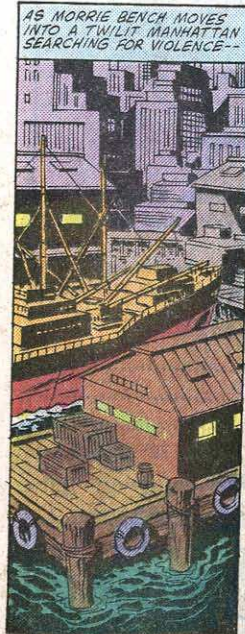
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SHEEE-SH! THE WHOLE CITY IS ONE ENORMOUS STEAMBATH! IF I DON'T GET OUT OF THIS ITCHY OUTFIT AND INTO A COLD SHOWER, I'LL MELT!

MAXINE, MAXINE, YEW ARE MAH HONEY DOLL!



AW, NO! THIS I EMPHATICALLY DO NOT NEED... MY NEW NEIGHBOR IS SINGING AGAIN--



IF AH DON'T GIT TO IT AH WILL SURELY KISS NEW SCOWL!

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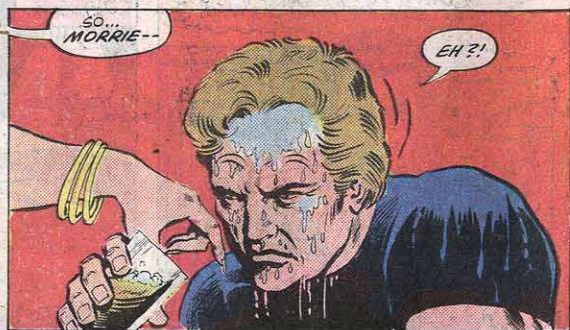
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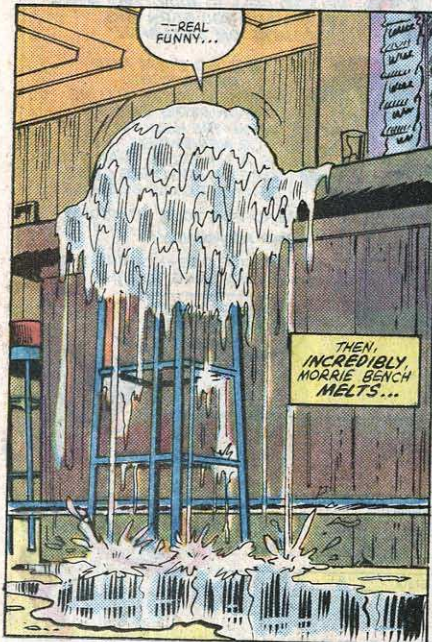
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IT SEEMS TO
ABSORB THE
BLISTERING
SUNLIGHT--

THEN, INCREDIBLY--

YEAH, YEAH, I
WAS WORRIED
FOR A SECOND
THERE, BUT I
CAN PULL
MYSELF
TOGETHER
AGAIN.

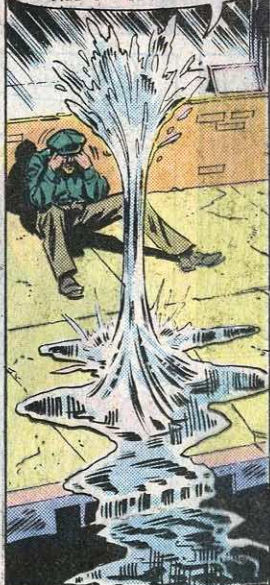


I GOTTA FACE IT... I'VE
BECOME A FREAK!

AND I DON'T LIKE
IT--AND WHAT MORRIS
BENCH DON'T LIKE--



--HE DOES SOMETHING ABOUT.
THEY'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS...
ALL OF 'EM.



SPIDER-MAN'LL
BE THE
HARDEST--

--SO I'LL
GET HIM
FIRST!





I DON'T NEED HIS INFO. ALL I GOTTA DO IS SEARCH THE CITY... ROOM BY ROOM IF I GOTTA. IT'LL TAKE TIME--

--BUT THAT I GOT PLENTY OF.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO MIGHT SAY MORRIE BENCH HAS BECOME UNHINGED BY HIS METAMORPHOSIS...

... AND WHO COULD HONESTLY ARGUE THE VERACITY OF THAT OBSERVATION?

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LUCKY FOR YOU--



--SPIDER-MAN!



YOU... YOU DEFINITELY AIN'T SPIDER-MAN!



MEANWHILE, AT THE OFFICES
OF A LEADING NEWS JOURNAL--



YOU'RE
LATE, PARKER!
WORKING FOR
THE COMPETITION
HASN'T CHANGED
YOU A BIT,
EH?

YOU
WOULDN'T
LOVE ME
IF IT HAD--



-- WOULD YOU? I'M READY
TO SHOOT PIX OF BROILED
NEW YORKERS--

SKIP THAT!
I GOT
SOMETHING
BIGGER
ON TAP...

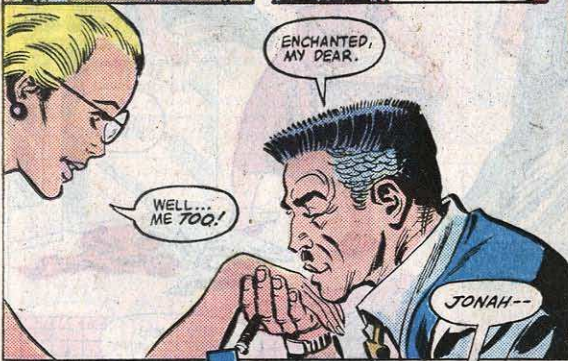
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WAY, WHOSE
YOUR CHARMING
FRIEND, PARKER?



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PETER'S TOLD
ME A LOT
ABOUT YOU--

DON'T
BELIEVE
ANY OF
IT.



ENCHANTED,
MY DEAR.

WELL...
ME TOO!

JONAH--



-- THE NUT'S STRUCK AGAIN...
ON THE UPPER WEST SIDE!

WHICH NUT, ROBBIE?
NEW YORK'S GOT PLENTY
OF THEM!



HEY, PETER-- WELCOME BACK!
WE MISSED YOU!

AS FOR THIS
SCREWBALL, THE
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SHEESH! I'M REDUCED TO BEING A PEEPING SPIDEY!

THE INDIGNITY OF IT--!

MAY AS WELL TRY INSIDE.

EIGHTEEN...

DON'T MIND ME, FOLKS. I'M JUST HANGING AROUND.

LITTLE JOKE.

TERRIBLE LITTLE JOKE.

TWELVE...

I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL POSITIVELY SLEAZY!

NINE...

STILL ZIP!

SIX SECONDS...

LIH-OH... MY SPIDER-SENSE IS KICKING LIKE A CHORUS GIRL!

I'M ABOUT TO HIT THE JACKPOT--!

BETTER SET UP THE OLD BELT CAMERA!





SOON...

HERE'RE YOUR PHOTOS, JONAH!

GOT SOME SHOTS OF SPIDER-MAN FIGHTING THAT WET-HEAD!

YOU WAITING FOR APPLAUSE, PARKER?



NO. BUT I DO HAVE A REQUEST FROM SPIDER-MAN.

HE WANTS YOU TO PRINT A CHALLENGE-- FROM HIM TO HYDRO-MAN-- DEMANDING A SHOWDOWN AT HIGH NOON TOMORROW ATOP THE KATEN BUILDING.

HE SAYS THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO FORCE HYDRO-MAN INTO THE OPEN.



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HE WANTS TO MEET ME, HUH? THE PUNK--!

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--AND A COFFIN. I'LL SETTLE WITH HIM AND THEN RIP OFF THIS TOWN FOR MILLIONS.

I'LL BE THE RICHEST FREAK IN THE WORLD.



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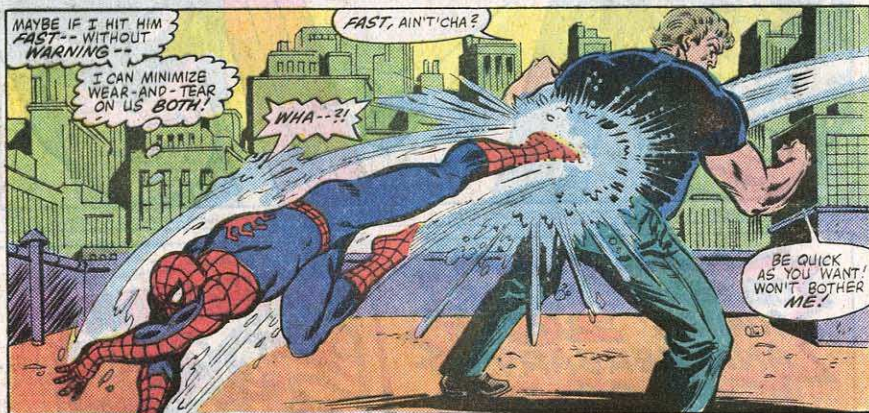
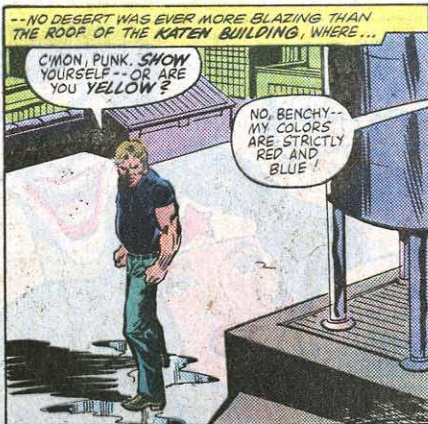
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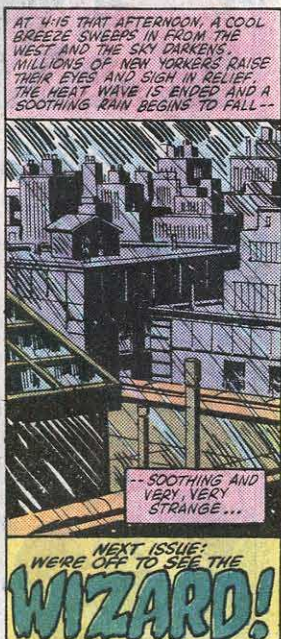






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Dear Spider-Man People,

SPIDER-MAN #207 was fantastic. Let's have more like it. I had never seen or heard of Mesmero before, but you guys made him very enjoyable. Here is my analysis of this issue on a scale from one to ten:

- Script (Denny O'Neill) — 9
- Penciling (Jim Mooney) — 10
- Inking (P. Marcos) — 10
- Lettering (Jim Novak) — 10
- Coloring (Ben Seán) — 9

All in all, a great comic book.

Now, here is a question I have always wanted to find the answer to: You guys say that Spidey's web shooters are activated by a super-sensitive electrode located at the palm of his hand. If this electrode is so sensitive, how come Spidey's web shooters don't fire when he makes a fist?

So, until J.J.J. shaves his moustache, Make Mine Marvel!

Mark Laxton
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Spidey has to tap the electrodes twice to shoot webs, Mark.

—Denny.

Dear Marvelous Men on Madison Ave.,

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #207 was a decent issue of my favorite web crawling person (and I don't have many of those).

I'd just like to wish Denny O'Neill the best of luck at his "new home."

Thanks, Mike.

Dear Marvel,

Here's a poem on your comics:

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I really liked the first page where you had that poster with Spidey and Mesmero on it — that was really something different. And on page 7, panel 2, on that bus, the poster said, "Read Epic." You had to put that in, didn't you?

Jim Mazurowski
218 South Ogden St.
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Well, Jim, we didn't exactly have to, but Amiable Archie Goodwin — editor of that selfsame EPIC — is glad we did.

—Denny

Dear Denny,

Welcome. It's nice to have you aboard as the new writer on one of Marvel's top titles. As for your Spidey story in #207, it wasn't bad. Nice touch, having Mesmero try to go legit. But one part of the story irks me: Debra Whitman's relationship with Pete. Surely there must be ONE instance where he doesn't have to dump her to change to Spidey. Work on it, please.

John A. Wilcox
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Dear People,

Debra Whitman is quiet, nervous, insecure... remind you of anyone? Peter Parker has had his share of strong women in his

life. It seems like Pete has always been the less dynamic of the two persons involved. Betty Brant, Gwen Stacy and especially Mary Jane Watson were all really outgoing people, really strong personalities. It's nice to see Pete the more dominant of the two. Let's face it, being Spider-Man for so long has to have rubbed off a little on Pete's confidence and self-assurance.

By the way, how did an attractive girl like her manage to stay so shy and lonely? It's a clinch I wouldn't have passed her by. Please explain this. I'd like to meet her family. She's my kind of girl. Thank you.

David A. Smith
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You met Deb's uncle last month, Dave, and you saw him again in this issue. We agree that Debbie is an interesting character from the female dynamo Pete usually deals with, and you can expect to learn lots more about her in the coming months. (By the way, Deb plays a small but lively part in the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL, which you might want to check out.)

—Denny

Dear Eye Purveyors of Comics,

I, Sir Steven John Balla III, purveyor of the proverbial quill pen, would like to heartily thank you for pitting Sir Peter Parker I, or Spider-Man, as you would put it, in a great joust against Mesmero, Esc. I enjoyed it to the fullest.

Faithful Knight of the Round Table, "Hothead" Jameson, as I refer to him, is back, much to my distaste. I don't believe he has, as you might say, "both oars in the water."

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Yes, but you have to admit that Jameson made a splash in the comics world. (Ouch! We just gotta stop having breakfast with the Beast.)

—Denny

Since I have been a Spider-Man fan for about three years now, I felt it was about time I wrote a letter telling you what I think.

One thing I like about Peter's adventures is that they could be perfectly real, and yet they cannot be. He goes through life and manages to flunk college due to a physical education class he forgot to take. His girlfriend is killed by a raving lunatic. It could happen to anybody.

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People criticize you, find faults with the things the characters say, but then people do that they must go through the book with a very closed mind looking for faults and things they can criticize. But you are only human, and I do not expect you to be perfect.

Mark Edwin Robertson
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We're... not perfect? Okay, but you won't tell Stan, will you?

A brief, personal and not-too-icky note: A couple of people who were nice enough to write in welcomed me to Marvel. I'm glad to be here, and I'm particularly glad to be helping with Spider-Man. It'll be an adventure in the coming months and I hope you'll share it with me. Till then —

Denny

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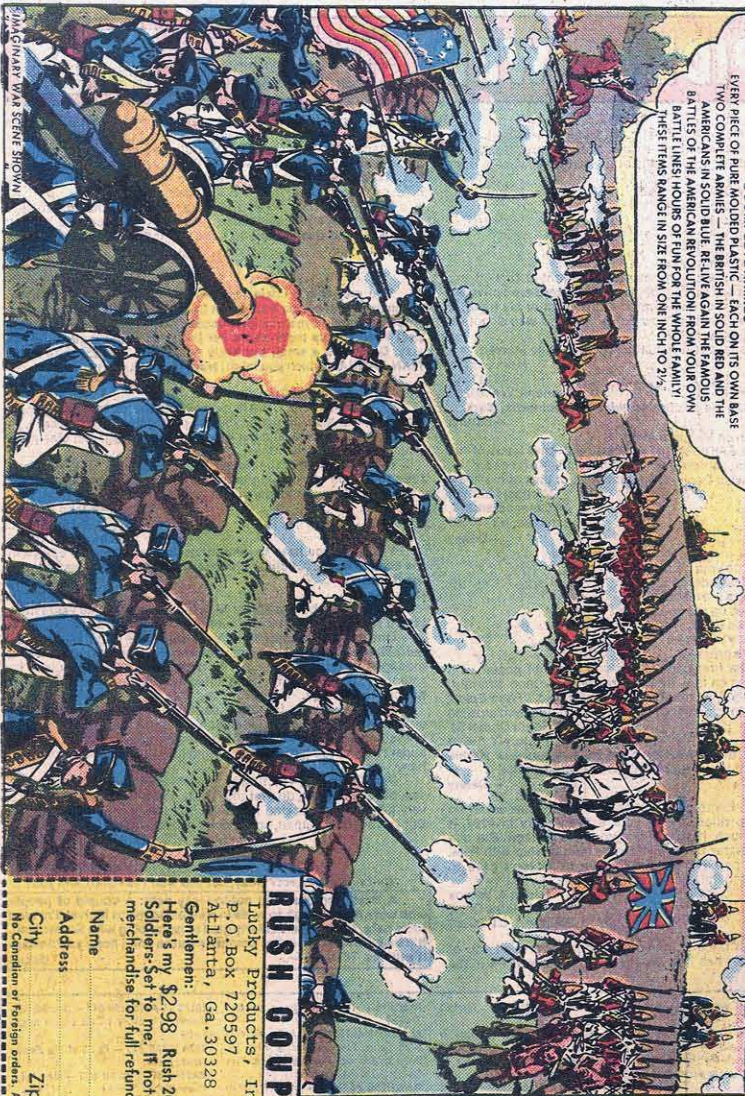
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