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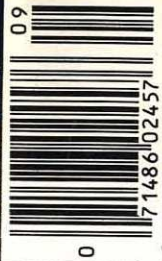


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HI THERE! I HATE TO BE THE ONE  
TO BUST UP THIS COZY LITTLE  
GET-TOGETHER--

--BUT IT'S TIME SOMEBODY  
REMINDED YOU BOZOS THAT IT'S  
AGAINST THE LAW TO RECEIVE  
STOLEN GOODS IN THIS TOWN!

SPIDER-MAN!

OH, NO! IT'S  
ONLY MY  
FIRST NIGHT  
ON THE JOB!

I NEVER  
EXPECTED TO  
RUN ACROSS  
ANYONE LIKE  
HIM--!

FEAR FLOODS  
YOUNG FRANKIE  
SILVERA...

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...UNTIL NOW!

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KEEP BACK! I'M WARNING YOU--!



-- BUT, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET A LOT BETTER IF YOU EXPECT TO PLAY IN THE BIG LEAGUES!



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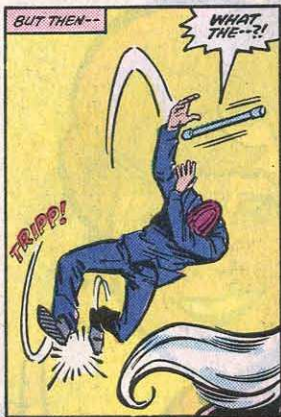
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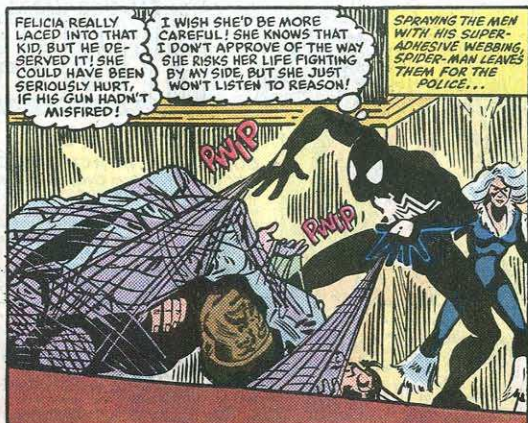


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SOMETIME LATER, AS SPIDER-MAN RETURNS TO HIS CHELSEA APARTMENT...



THE DAILY BUGLE COULDN'T POSSIBLY PAY ME ENOUGH FOR THESE PIX TO BE WORTH THAT KIND OF SACRIFICE--!



-YAWN- I'M REALLY WRECKED TONIGHT-- BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE THE GENERAL RULE THESE DAYS. I NEVER SEEM TO GET ENOUGH SLEEP. I'M ALWAYS TIRED!



AND SO...











BUT THEN,  
EVEN AS PETER  
PARKER  
DRIFTS  
INTO THE  
REALM OF  
DREAMS--

--HIS ALIEN COSTUME  
SEEMINGLY SPRINGS  
TO LIFE!

FLOWING ACROSS  
THE FLOOR, IT  
SILENTLY ADVANCES  
ON THE SLEEPING  
ADVENTURER...

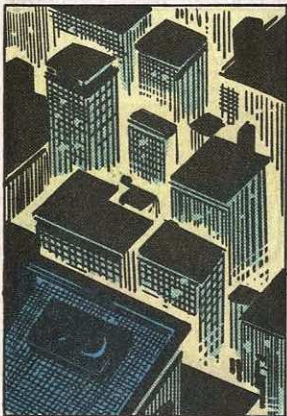


AS IF CONTEMPLATING THE HORRIBLE  
CONSEQUENCES OF  
ITS NEXT ACTION,  
IT PAUSES FOR  
ONE BRIEF MOMENT.



AND  
THEN--

--IT  
STRIKES!



SOMETIME LATER...



SHOVE OFF, PRINCE! I'M  
CLAIMING THAT REFRIGERATOR  
CRATE FOR MYSELF!

I BEG TO DIFFER,  
BABYFACE.

SINCE I'M THE  
ONE WHO FOUND  
IT, IT'S ONLY FAIR  
THAT I GET TO  
SLEEP IN IT.



NOBODY  
CARES ABOUT  
"FAIR" IN THE  
REAL WORLD!

IT'S  
EVERY  
MAN FOR  
HIMSELF!



HEY--!  
WHO...  
WHAT  
IS THAT--?!

I...  
DUNNO.



Y'KNOW SOME-  
THING, BABYFACE?  
I THINK THIS  
CRATE COULD  
ACCOMMODATE  
THE TWO OF US!



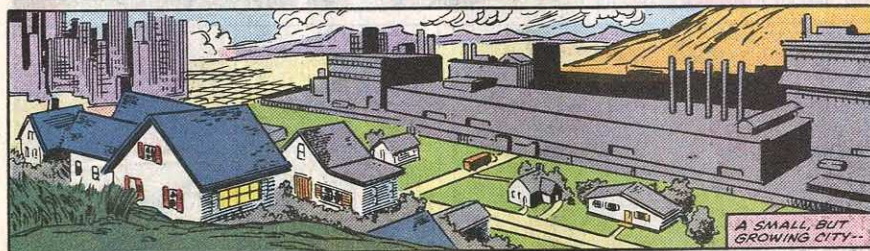
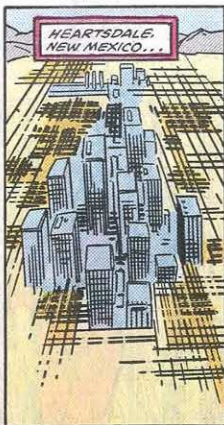
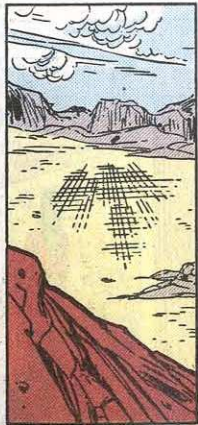
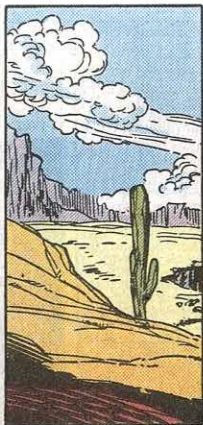
I HOPE SO, MAN!  
AFTER SEEING  
THAT...THAT  
THING PROWLING  
AROUND, I COULD  
USE SOME  
COMPANY!

ME,  
TOO!

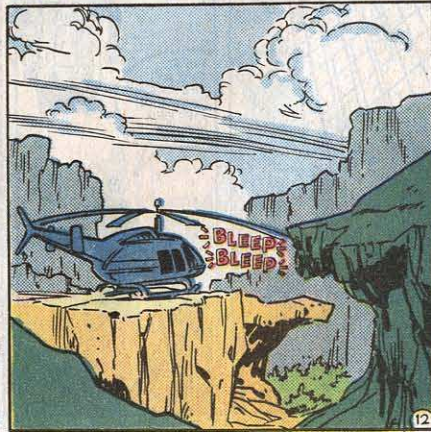
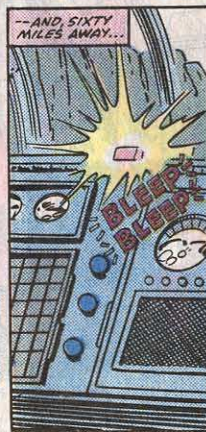
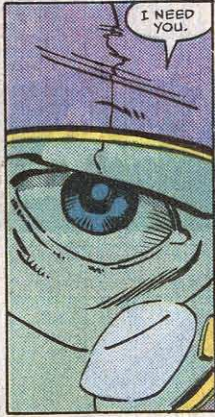














MEANWHILE, SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE HELICOPTER, A MANLIKE FIGURE RACES ALONG THE UNEVEN GROUND.

WITH PHYSICAL SENSES WHICH HAVE BEEN HEIGHTENED TO SUPER HUMAN LEVELS--

--HE FOLLOWS A SPOOR THAT WOULD BE TOTALLY INVISIBLE TO MOST HUMAN TRACKERS!

THEY DON'T KNOW IT YET-- BUT THEY'RE GOING TO DIE FOR WHAT THEY DID LAST NIGHT!

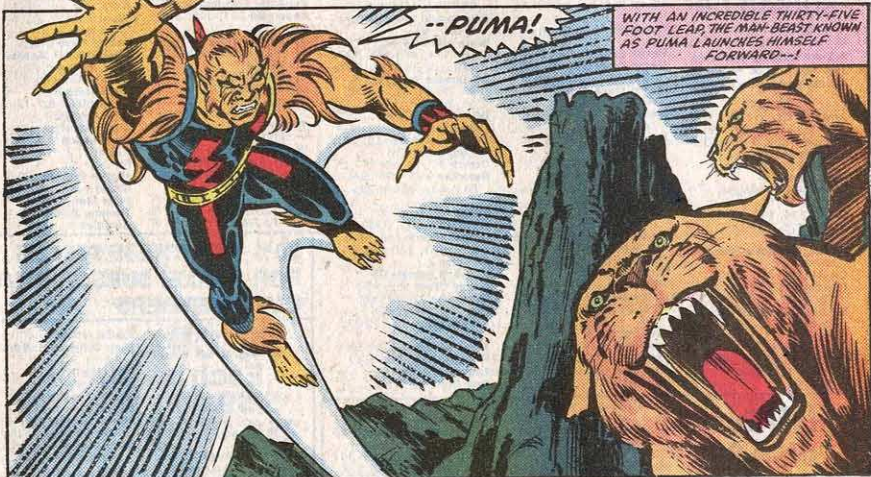
IT'S THEIR OWN FAULT! THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE ENTERED THE RESERVATION --AND SLAUGHTERED THOSE ANIMALS!

AS THE GUARDIAN OF THE TRIBE, IT'S MY DUTY TO PUNISH THEM--AND I WILL!

I CAN SENSE THEM JUST BEYOND THE NEXT RIDGE--!

THEY'RE CONFUSED! FRIGHTENED! THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF MY SCENT!

THEY'VE NEVER BEFORE FACED ANYTHING LIKE--



--PUMA!

WITH AN INCREDIBLE THIRTY-FIVE FOOT LEAP, THE MAN-BEAST KNOWN AS PUMA LAUNCHES HIMSELF FORWARD--!

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--WITH A STRENGTH WHICH STAGGERS THE MIND--

--AND A SAVAGERY FAR BEYOND THAT OF ANY WILD ANIMAL!



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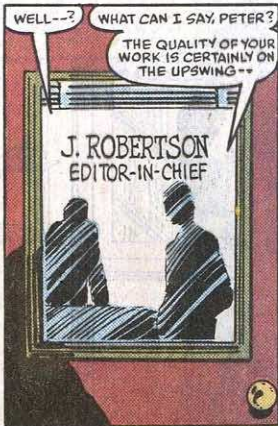
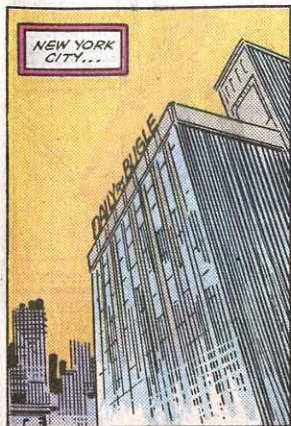
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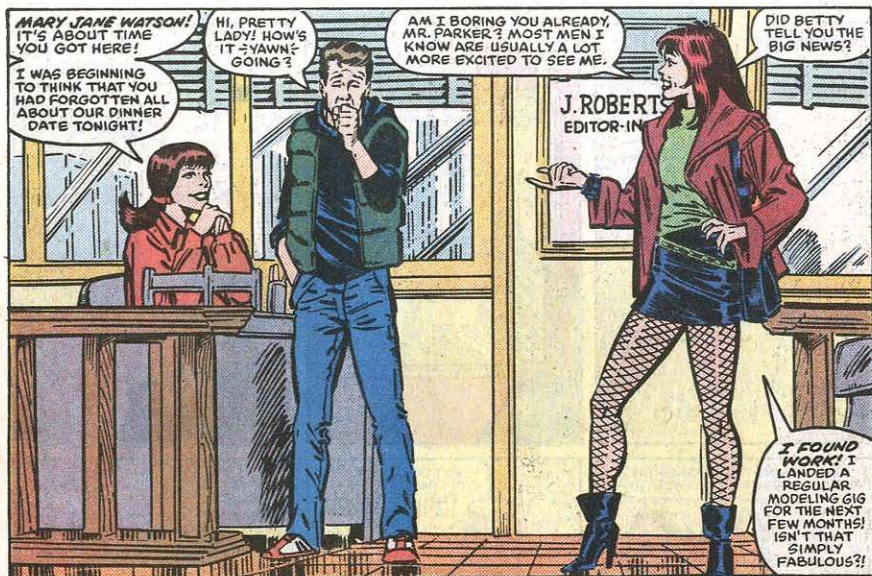














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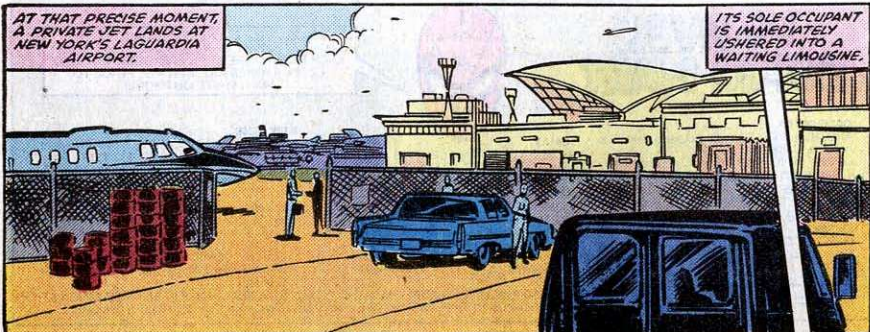
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MY PART OF THE COUNTRY  
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AREN'T AS WELL-  
PUBLICIZED.

I APPRECIATE  
THE PROMPT-  
NESS WITH WHICH  
YOU HAVE RE-  
SPONDED TO  
MY CALL.



OF  
COURSE...

WILL YOU  
ACCEPT THIS  
CHALLENGE?

YES.

CAN YOU GET  
ME ANYTHING  
WHICH THIS  
SPIDER-MAN  
HAS RECENT-  
LY HANDLED?

I ANTICIPATED  
YOUR NEED. I  
HAVE THIS PIECE  
OF PAKING CRATE.  
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THAT NO ONE ELSE  
TOUCHED IT.

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SHALL  
YOU  
BEGIN?

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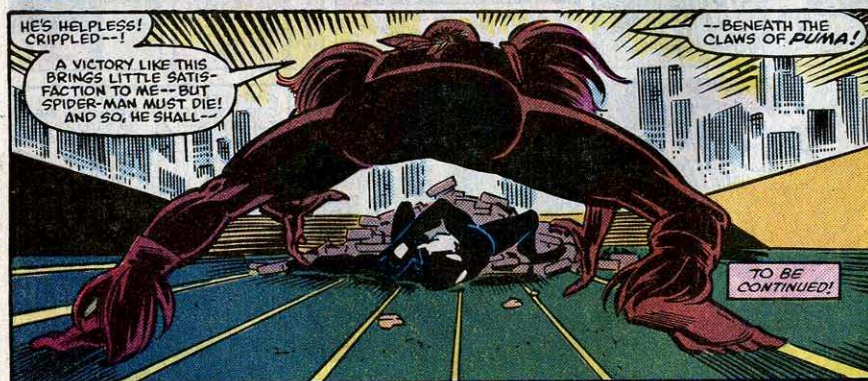
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Dear Marvelites,

I have just finished reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #250, and I must say the Hobbogoblin is a superb villain. He is almost as mad as Norman Osborn was, yet apparently more controlled and rational.

By the way, I truly admired the way Jonah handled his blackmail. He may be loud-mouthed and overbearing, but he is definitely too proud to be blackmailed, and would surely admit to his mistakes before submitting to blackmail.

Ivan Rhudick  
(no address given)  
Lynnfield, MA

Dear Roger and John,

I must say that AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #250 was one of the highest-quality issues in terms of artwork that I've ever seen you guys do in a regular format. Every frame was tight and concise, and there wasn't a lot of clutter in the background to detract from the action. The result was a very clean, crisp flow throughout the book. Klaus Janson and John Romita, Jr. make a stupendous team. I haven't seen Klaus's work look so good since he was inking Frank Miller's stuff in DAREDEVIL. I'm rapidly becoming a big fan of John's, too.

Your decision to make the 250th-anniversary issue normal-sized was definitely a wise move as well. The plot seemed to call for a break there. I was sure that you couldn't have wrapped it up in this issue even if it were double-sized. It makes for great suspense, too. I'm on the edge of my mailbox.

The sub-plots of Jameson's confession and Spider-Man's spider-sense problems — along with Spidey's difficulties in getting any information on the Hobbogoblin — made for a very realistic and diverse storyline. To me, this is the kind of thing that makes Marvel great. Keep up the good work, guys!

Bruce McCarthy  
Box 736  
3820 Locust St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

C'mon, guys!

You don't have to tell anyone else — just me. Just whisper it in my ear... who is the Hobbogoblin? I promise not to tell anyone!

By the way, why is it when people write to congratulate you on an issue they always forget Joe Rosen? Come on! Joe Rosen is a great letterer! (Yay, Joe!)

Jason Stoddart  
158 Bridle Path  
London, Ontario N5Y 2H2  
Canada

Joe Rosen, take a bow.

So ya wanna know who the Hobbogoblin is, Jason? Good! If you didn't... we'd be in a lot of trouble!

Dear Roger, John and Klaus,

Arrgh! You can't do this. Jonah's going to resign, isn't he? Now look what you've done — you've made him too blamed principled. No, I take that back, Jonah's going through something else, a fate worse than senility — he's getting (dare I say it?) mellow!

Kill off Aunt May if you must, but keep my favorite newsman the way he is! Jonah, we hardly knew ye.

Keith Herndon  
39 Revere St.  
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Authors of Marvel,

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #250 was great! What else can I say?

This letter was written by the Anonymous Comic Critic, and I say all your books rate 100 percent in my book!

What do you get for a prize? Every time you look at yourself in a mirror, you will see Mysterio and smoke will come out of your nose!

The Anonymous Comic Critic  
(no address given)

**Funny you should say that. A.C.C. — that sort of stuff has been happening to my editorial arch-nemesis Mark Gruenwald for years!**

Dear Marvel,

You know what would be neat? The Green Goblin battling the Hobbogoblin!

Guy D'agui  
(no address given)  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 2J9  
Canada

**Wouldn't it, though!**

Dear Roger, John and Klaus,

The fact that the Hobbogoblin's identity wasn't revealed in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #250 made it a very special normal-sized issue.

Considering the exposé that J. Jonah Jameson is preparing to publish, I hope we'll soon be seeing an extraordinary normal-sized issue featuring the long-awaited return of the Scorpion.

Jeffrey Lowndes  
809 Sunset St.  
Scranton, PA 18509

**You're in luck, Jeffrey. Not only is the upcoming SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL gonna be extraordinary, but it's gonna feature the Scorpion and be normal-sized (for an annual — which means forty pages)!**

Dear Danny, Roger and John,

Great mystery, guys. Over the past year the "Who is the Hobbogoblin" question in both AMAZING SPIDER-MAN and PETER PARKER has made the "Who Shot J.R.?" nonsense on Dallas a few years back seem like peanuts.

Rod Billings  
170 E. 4th St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11218

Dear Danny,

It's gotta be Mendel Stromm!

Robert Avenetti  
(no address given)  
Kearny, AZ 85237

Dear Mr. Stern,

The mysterious Hobbogoblin is none other than Aunt May's long-lost son!  
During my re-reading of AMAZING

SPIDER-MAN #238, I noticed a peculiar thought by Aunt May (page 10, panel 2). The unfinished sentence, "You never lost a child like I..." sent my mind racing, I've wondered if Aunt May and Uncle Ben had any children before they adopted Peter. I think it would be an interesting storyline if Peter Parker, the Amazing Spider-Man, were to find out that one of his deadliest enemies is his own cousin!

What I'm about to write next will probably sound ridiculous, but here goes anyway. On page 21, panel 4, of issue #238, the line "his forays into the world of crime..." may be a clue that Hobby is Aunt May's little boy, grown up.

I say this because the voice of Aunt May on the recent Spider-Man cartoons is spoken by June Foray.

Well, am I right, or what?

Sam Rettig  
225 South Virginia St.  
Hobart, IN 46342

Huh?

Dear Mr. Fingeroth,

The Hobbogoblin is... Ambassador Duke Harris!

Glenn Hauman  
103 Myrtle Ave.  
Port Jefferson, NY 11777

**You know — and I know — but does Garry Trudeau (Doonesbury writer / artist and Duke's inimitable creator) know?**

Dear Editor,

Here's my theory on who the Hobbogoblin is. We know this much:

— He's someone who has seen little of our hero's powers in action, even though he has contacts with the underworld.

— He's medium-build, caucasian, with brownish hair, probably in his late 30s, and has an above-average aptitude for science and electronics.

— His speech patterns seem to indicate that he probably isn't from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Canada or below the Mason-Dixon Line.

— He must be making enough money to hire henchmen and to rent a "mansion on Long Island."

— And, finally, fright-face also seems to have a few ambitions of tearing Spider-Man limb from limb.

Therefore, from the above info, it seems that our villain is a low-rate scientist from the northeast, perhaps retired or fired due to mental problems or criminal activity who has not spent much time in New York City — which rules out almost everyone who knows Peter Parker.

R. Cohen  
(no address given)  
Bronx, NY

**But who do you think he is, R.?**

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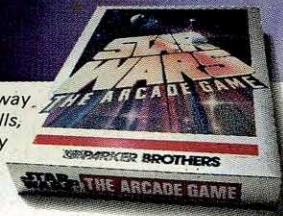


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