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BEAT FIRELORD!

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BET?!

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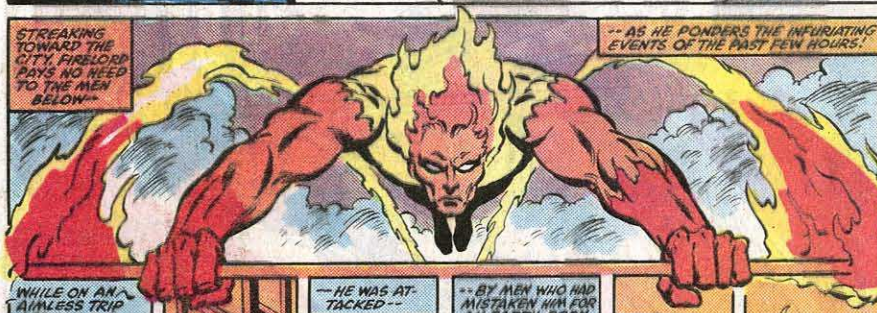
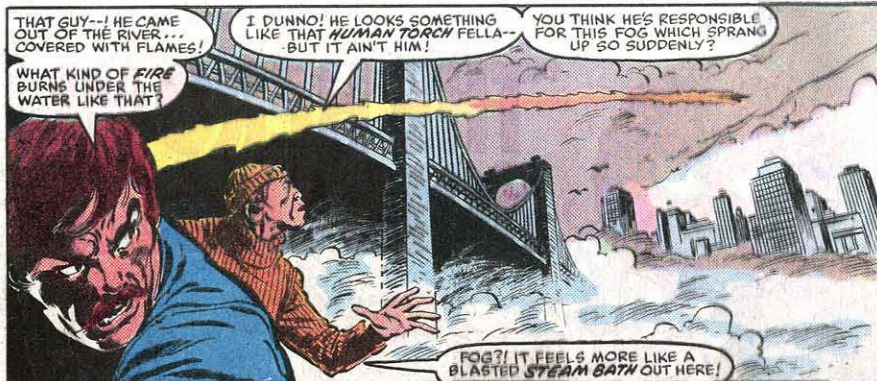
A SNARL OF  
INHUMAN  
RAGE!

-- AND THE ENTIRE  
ISLE OF MANHATTAN  
SEEMS TO SHUDDER  
AS THE FLAMING  
FIGURE OF THOR  
SUDDENLY ERUPTS  
FROM THE GARBAGE-  
STREWN DEPTHS OF  
THE EAST RIVER!

SHEE-OOT!

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-- HE WAS ATTACKED --



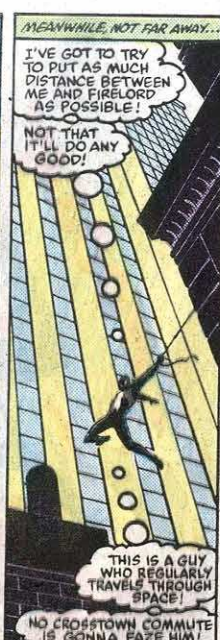
-- BY MEN WHO HAD MISTAKEN HIM FOR AN EARTH-BORN MUTANT, AND CLEARLY SOUGHT HIS DEATH!



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SO MUCH FOR THAT IDEA!  
FIRELORD WAS HAVING A  
LOT OF TROUBLE MA-  
NEUVERING IN THERE--  
BUT SO WAS I!

I NEED MORE  
SPACE TO OPERATE  
EFFECTIVELY!



**KWASSH!**

IT'S USELESS TO FLEE,  
SPIDER-MAN! NO MATTER  
WHERE YOU RUN--NO  
MATTER WHERE YOU HIDE--  
I WILL HAVE VENGEANCE!



**SO SWEARS  
FIRELORD!**

WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?  
DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER EVER  
TELL YOU IT'S NOT POLITE  
TO SWEAR IN PUBLIC?!



**PAN AM**  
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THERE'S GOT TO  
BE A WAY TO  
STOP HIM! IF  
ONLY I CAN...

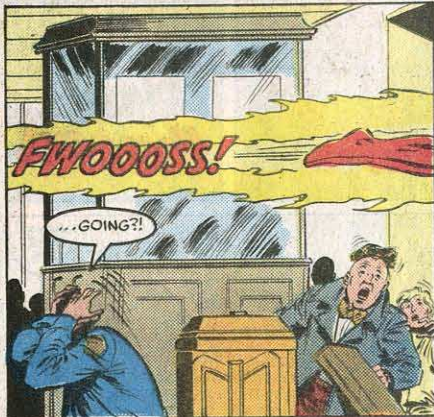
**HEY! THE TRAIN  
STATION --!**

WHY DIDN'T I THINK  
OF THIS BEFORE?



IT'S A WILD  
AND CRAZY  
PLAN-- BUT  
IT JUST  
MIGHT WORK!







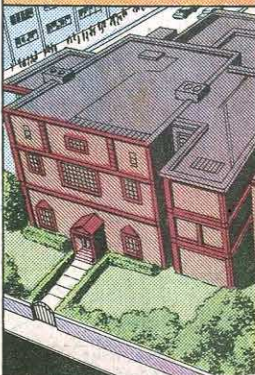








JUST THEN, IN THE FIFTH AVENUE MANSION WHICH HOUSES THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AVENGERS...



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SUDDENLY...



**BZZTT**

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AND THEN...



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MEANWHILE...



HEY! WHY DID THE STREET SUDDENLY START SHAKING?!



HOLY--!  
THAT THING... JUST BURST OUTTA THE GROUND LIKE SOME KINDA NUCLEAR WARHEAD!



I LOST SPIDER-MAN AMID THOSE CONFUSING TUNNELS.

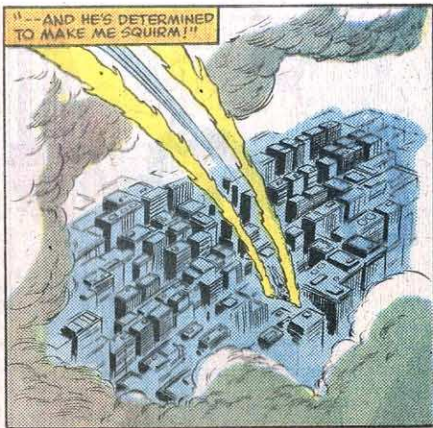
NO MATTER! HE'LL HAVE TO EMERGE FROM THEM EVENTUALLY-- AND I SHALL BE READY!

STREAKING UPWARD, FIRELORD BEGINS SCOURING THE CITY IN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLES...









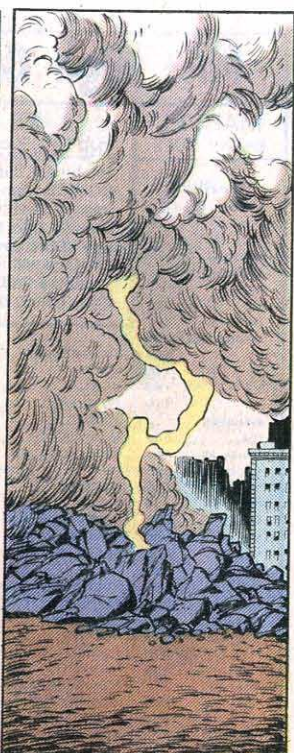












WHEW!  
AT LAST, IT'S OVER...  
AND I SURVIVED! I  
MADE IT!

SO...TIRED!  
GOT TO  
CATCH MY  
BREATH!  
MUST TRY  
TO RELAX...

HEY! WHY DID MY  
SPIDER-SENSE  
SUDDENLY  
START.

OH, NO!  
NO--!!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT,  
A THUNDEROUS SHOWER  
OF CONCRETE AND DEBRIS  
IS HURLED UPWARD, AS  
FIRELORD SUDDENLY  
SHRUGS FREE OF THE  
DEMOLISHED BUILDING...

SPIDER-MAN!!  
YOU'VE FAILED!

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LIVES...STILL RAGES...  
STILL HUNGERS FOR  
YOUR DEATH!



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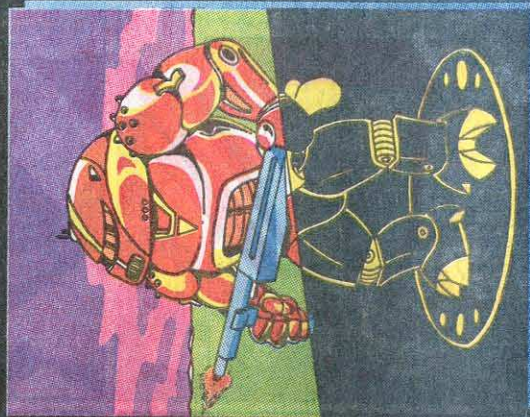
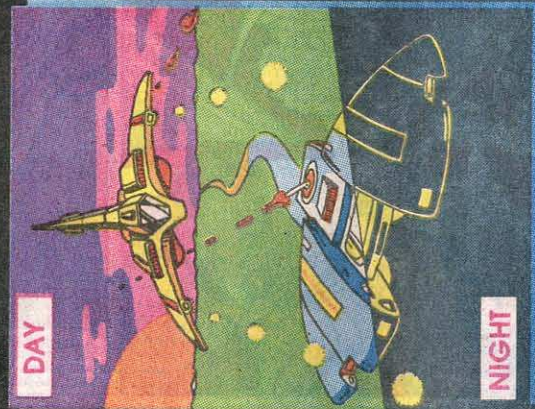
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# BULPEN BULLETINS

## "A Non-Radioactive Reply To Jim Shooter"

Greetings, patrons of the comic arts! Bob Layton here. Most of you dedicated Marvel readers probably know me from my stint on *Iron Man* (with David Michelinie), or from my contribution as writer / artist on the two successful Hercules Limited Series. Or, perhaps, you've heard tell of me in this very column. You see, for years now in this column, you've been treated to Jim's constant harassment of me. He has accused me of being a radioactive nuclear terrorist clone — he has informed the general public that I am, in truth, a xerox-replicated entity — he created the bogus organization B.L.A.D.D.E.R.S. (Bob Layton Anti-Defamation and Defense Elite Revenge Squad) which, while ineptly "defending" me, actually caused me further embarrassment — and to make matters worse, in Mark Gruenwald's question of the month feature, he casts aspersions on my relationship with the Law-Enforcement authorities! But the last straw was when he tried to get rid of me in the fraudulent "Win a Dream Date with Bob Layton Contest!" (I wound up with twin Rumanian sisters who had moustaches thicker than Stan Lee's! I didn't even know anyone in Rumania read Marvel Comics!)

Well, I've had it, Big Guy! Now — the gloves are off! Let me tell you readers a few intimate details about my pal, my close personal friend — Jim Shooter!

### "Not Fit For Print"

Okay, Jim — I know there are certain facts about your personal life you'd rather I

not mention. Fair enough! After all, you are the official representative of the largest, most successful comics company in the world and you deserve the respect that comes with that position. So I've decided not to mention the time I talked you into

### CENSORED

Don't worry, Jim, I wouldn't dream of saying a thing about any of that stuff.

### "Mr. Marvel Vs. The Media"

Jim, in my opinion, gets a bad break from the fan press. They call him "opinionated," "stubborn" and "thick-headed" — and they even say a few things that aren't true! But soon, Marvel readers will be able to discover the whole story about his relationship with the fan press in Jim's soon-to-be-released autobiography entitled — "I'm Okay ... You're Scum!"

### "Better Homes and Garbage"

Jim Shooter is a man of many talents. One of them, however, is not housekeeping. On more than one occasion, I've visited Jim at his "Luxury Condo" in midtown Manhattan. His home can best be described like this: Imagine a four hundred foot tall bag lady. Then, imagine her bag tearing, the contents of which lands indiscriminately around the whereabouts of our Editor in Chief. Jim remains unaffected by all the clutter, being consumed by the dedication to his job. When I visited him last April, I exclaimed, "Aren't you ever going to clean up this place?" Jim replied, "Why bother? My mother is coming to visit in July. She'll tidy it up!"

### "We're very proud of our Editor in Chief!"

Well ... I feel so much better, having gotten it off my chest. And despite his little

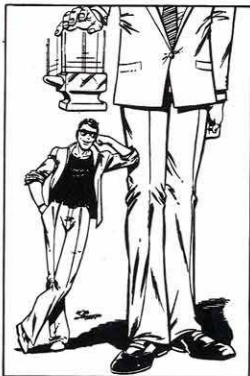
faults, he's been the best friend any radioactive terrorist could ask for. I only hope that, now, we can bury the hatchet and get on with being two and a half of the most creative urbanites in the comics industry. "What do you say, Big Guy?"

Bob Layton

### "Now back to Jim Shooter!"

Thank you, Bob. And now, it's my great pleasure to announce — The Mighty Marvel "Take a Radioactive Terrorist Xerox Replicant to Lunch in Rumania Contest!" Details in next month's Bulpin Bulletins.

Shooter



## CHECKLIST

- ☐ THE THING #29
- ☐ MAREDEVIL #224
- ☐ NEW MUTANTS #33
- ☐ WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #8
- ☐ WEST COAST AVENGERS #2 — Continuing the cross-over with *Vision and Scarlet Witch*
- ☐ CLOAK AND DAGGER #3
- ☐ RED SONJA: THE MOVIE (Limited Series) #1 — Beginning the official Marvel adaptation by LOUISE SIMONSON and MARY WILSHIRE
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- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #270
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #311
- ☐ POWER PACK #16
- ☐ MICRONAUTS #14
- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #23 — Not only is this a *Secret Wars II* issue, it's also a starting cross-over with *Incredible Hulk* #313!
- ☐ INDIANA JONES #32
- ☐ DAZZLER #40 — A *Secret Wars II* cross-over!
- ☐ RED SONJA #11 — The comic!
- ☐ LONGSHOT (Limited Series) #3
- ☐ VISION AND SCARLET WITCH (Limited Series) #2 — Concluding the cross-over with the *West Coast Avengers*!
- ☐ AVENGERS ANNUAL #14 — The Skrulls are lurking in this cross-over with the *FF Annual* #14!
- ☐ INCREDIBLE HULK #313 — This is it! The ultimate cross-over with *Alpha Flight* #28!
- ☐ AVENGERS #261 — Will the Beyonder

- become an Avenger in this *Secret Wars II* cross-over?
- ☐ COIN THE BARBARIAN #178
- ☐ MARVEL TALES #181 — Reprinting "Birth of a Hero," by STAN LEE and JOHN ROMITA, SR., from *Amazing Spider-Man* #42.
- ☐ ROM #X-72 — A *Secret Wars II* cross-over!
- ☐ X-MEN #199
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