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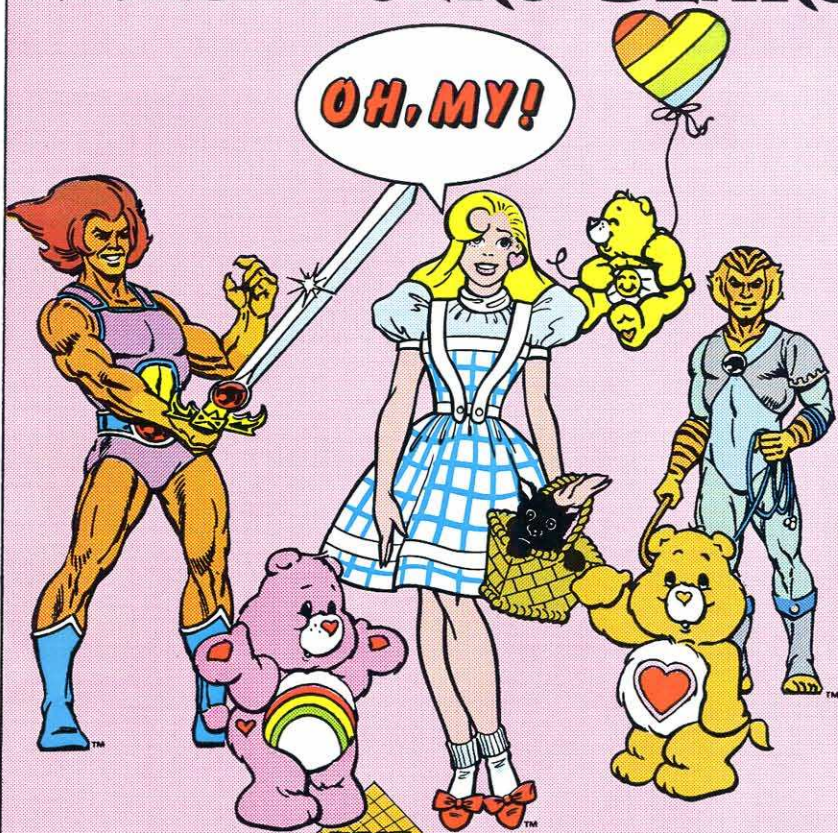
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# "TO CHALLENGE THE BEYONDER!"

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IT'S ALL SO INCREDIBLE! MY UNCLE, THE SHAMAN, IS USING HIS HERBAL POWDERS TO CONJURE GHOSTLY IMAGES IN THE AIR! -- WHILE THE REST OF THE TRIBE ACTS LIKE THE CAST OF SOME BAD, OLD *GRADE B* WESTERN!



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EVEN THE TRIBE ELDERS ARE GETTING INTO THE ACT! AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF SOME STUPID ANCIENT PROPHECY!



I CAN'T BELIEVE RATIONAL ADULTS REALLY THINK THAT SOME BEING FROM BEYOND HAS COME TO DESTROY THE EARTH!

I SHOULD BE HOME WORKING ON THE DETAILS OF MY OIL LEASING DEAL WITH JAPAN -- BUT I JUST COULDN'T DISAPPOINT MY UNCLE!

UH-OH! HERE HE COMES NOW--!

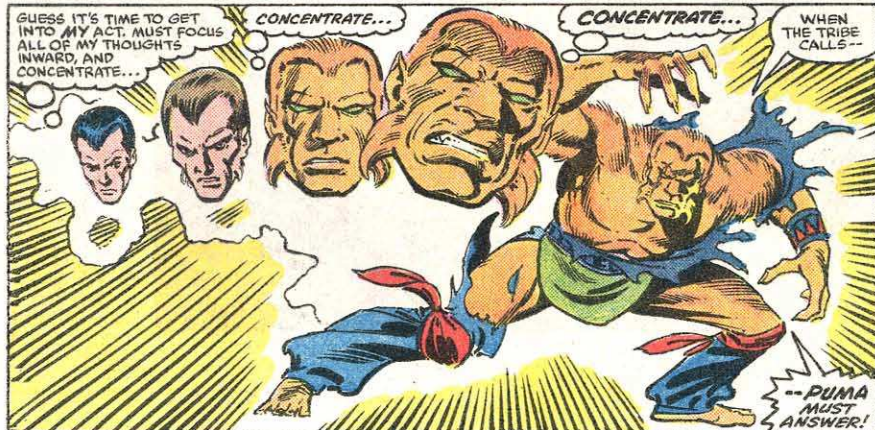


THE GAUNTLET IS READY, SHAMAN!

THEN THE TIME HAS COME TO CALL FORTH THE PROTECTOR OF THE TRIBE, THE GUARDIAN OF THE PEOPLE!

HEAR ME, THOMAS FIREHEART! YOU MUST NOW CAST ASIDE YOUR HUMAN GUISSE!

I HEAR, O SHAMAN!



GUESS IT'S TIME TO GET INTO MY ACT. MUST FOCUS ALL OF MY THOUGHTS INWARD, AND CONCENTRATE...

CONCENTRATE...

CONCENTRATE...

WHEN THE TRIBE CALLS--

--PUMA MUST ANSWER!









ENOUGH! THE TRIBE SMILES UPON THIS WARRIOR!

MAY OUR ANCIENT GODS GRANT HIM THE STRENGTH HE WILL NEED IN THE PERILOUS DAYS AHEAD!



PUMA, THE ELDERS OF YOUR TRIBE OFFER YOU THIS SMALL TOKEN -- A NEW COSTUME!

WE PRAY THAT IT SHIELDS YOU IN BATTLE!

I SHALL WEAR IT WITH PRIDE, SHAMAN!



THE CEREMONY IS NOW OVER!

LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN!

YAHOO--!



MINUTES LATER...

I'M GLAD I REMEMBERED TO BRING A SECOND SET OF CIVILIAN CLOTHES TO WEAR AFTER THE CEREMONY!

YOU GIVE GREAT GAUNTLET, THOMAS!

THANKS, PHIL!

JERK!



THOMAS, I SENSE THAT YOU ARE TROUBLED!

YOU DO NOT BELIEVE OUR ANCIENT LEGENDS!

MAYBE NOT, UNCLE, BUT THAT WON'T STOP ME FROM DOING WHAT YOU WISH!



THEN, YOU MUST FIND THIS ONE FROM BEYOND, AND KILL HIM!

SHOW HIM NO MERCY! HE MAY APPEAR HUMAN, BUT HIS POWER SURPASSES THE STARS THEMSELVES!

YOU WILL NEED HELP...



I SUGGEST YOU ENLIST THE AID OF THAT MAN-SPIDER WHOSE IMAGE I RECENTLY SAW IN YOUR OFFICE!

HE MEANS SPIDER-MAN!

I'LL TRY, UNCLE! SEE YOU SOON--!

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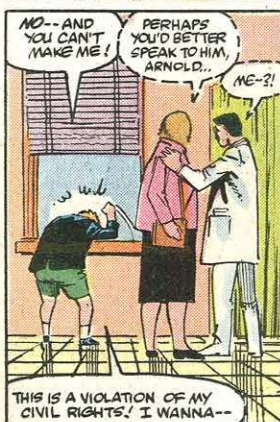
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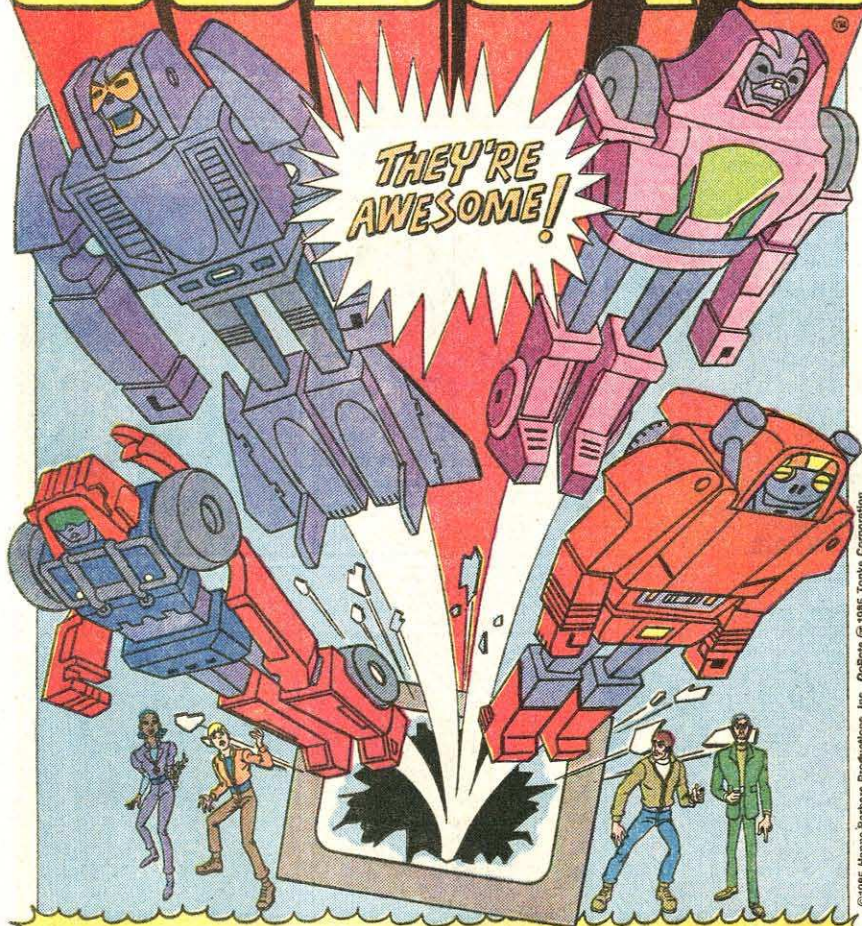








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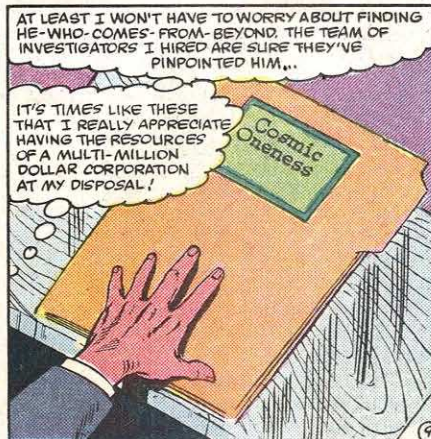
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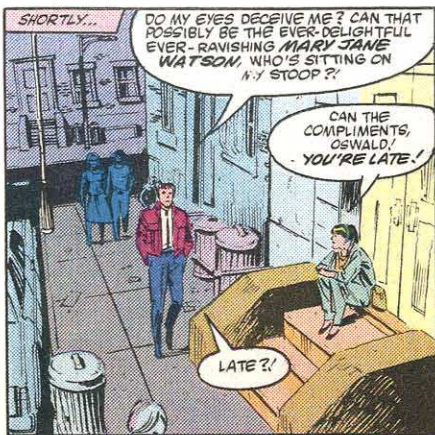












SHORTLY...

DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME? CAN THAT POSSIBLY BE THE EVER-DELIGHTFUL EVER-RAVISHING MARY JANE WATSON, WHO'S SITTING ON N.Y. STOOP?!

CAN THE COMPLIMENTS, OSWALD? - YOU'RE LATE! -

LATE?!



DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT OUR DATE.

DATE?!

MY, MY, I'LL BET YOU SPEND HOURS PRACTICING THOSE SNAPPY ONE-WORD COMEBACKS! -



DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT I PROMISED TO HELP YOU PAINT YOUR APARTMENT TODAY? WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, IF WE'RE GOING TO GET THE PLACE BACK IN SHAPE AFTER YOUR RECENT FIRE! \*

\* SEE WEB OF SPIDER-MAN # 11 #12 -- OWZ.



I GUESS WE'D BETTER START CLEANING THE PLACE UP.

≡ HARRUMPH! - IT'S ABOUT TIME, PARKER! - I INTEND TO DEDUCT THE COST OF REPAIRS FROM THAT THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK YOU GAVE ME LAST WEEK! \*

\* SEE WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #13 -- OWZ.



AND THAT MEANS YOUR RENT IS LATE-- AGAIN!

YOUR LANDLADY IS REAL CHARMING.

OH, MRS. MUGGINS, ISN'T SO BAD. YOU JUST HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO...

HEY! MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING--!

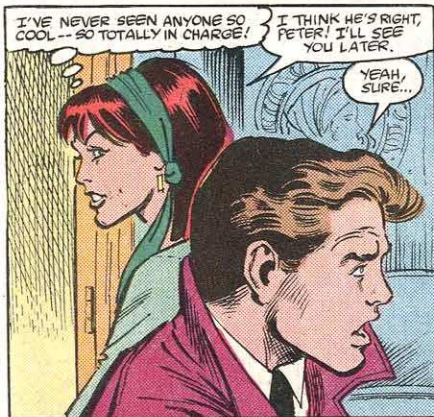


PETER, YOU SEEM SO TENSE ALL OF A SUDDEN. IS SOMETHING WRONG?

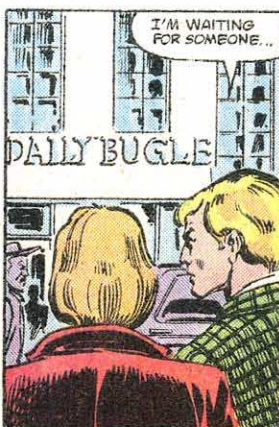
I... I'M NOT SURE!

IT'S ONLY A MILD BUZZ! BUT WHAT'S CAUSING IT?!





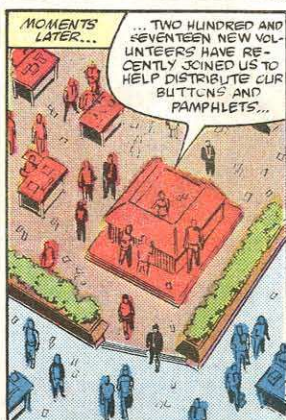
















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SWELL! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?



WE FOLLOW. NOW THAT I HAVE HIS SCENT, MY ENHANCED SENSES COULD TRACK HIM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!

BOY, DO I FEEL USELESS! PUMA'S DOING ALL THE WORK-- AND I JUST SEEM TO BE ALONG FOR THE RIDE!

I CAN'T EVEN TELL IF FOXE REALLY IS THE BEYONDER! I'M NOT GETTING A WARNING BUZZ FROM MY SPIDER-SENSE-- BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING...



FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, I KNOW THAT THE BEYONDER CAN AVOID DETECTION WHEREVER HE PLEASES...



HI, MR. FOXE! I HAVE THAT REPORT YOU REQUESTED



TERRIFIC, LYNN.

LET ME LOOK IT OVER, AND GET BACK TO YOU LATER THIS AFTERNOON!



THAT'LL BE FINE.

WHAT AM I DOING HERE? PUMA SAYS THE BEYONDER'S A MENACE, BUT HOW CAN I TRUST A MAN WHO ONCE TRIED TO KILL ME?

AND YET, DO I DARE NOT TRUST HIM?



HOLD UP! ACCORDING TO MY SENSES...



"... FOXE IS ABOUT TO ENTER AN EMPTY ROOM."



AT LAST, HE'S ALONE!

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HEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

TO TALK WITH FOXE.

I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT THAT IDEA.

REALLY?



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HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN THESE THINGS? I CAN'T LET THAT MANIAC MURDER ANYONE... NOT EVEN THE BEYONDER!

AND YET, BY STOPPING PUMA, AM I CONDEMNING THE HUMAN RACE?



FOR WEEKS, I'VE ACTIVELY TRIED TO AVOID THINKING ABOUT THE BEYONDER! I DIDN'T WANT TO FACE THE FACT THAT HE WAS REAL -- BUT I MUST!

**I MUST!**







I AM BUT A POOR PILGRIM WHO HAS JOURNEYED FAR TO SEE THE ONE FROM BEYOND... AND HAS FOUND HIM WANTING.

ONE FROM BEYOND...? OH, YOU MUST MEAN FRANK!

FRANK?!

SPEAK TO ME OF THE ONE CALLED FRANK!



WELL, HE'S A WONDERFUL MAN! SO CREATIVE, A REAL GENIUS! HE DEVELOPED OUR MESSAGE AND FOUNDED OUR ORGANIZATION.

I'M JUST THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR HERE! HE'S THE REAL BRAINS OF THE OPERATION!

HE HAS A CONDO ON THE UPPER WESTSIDE. I'LL GIVE YOU HIS ADDRESS IF YOU WISH.



I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I WENT THROUGH ALL THAT SOUL-SEARCHING FOR NOTHING!



SOME TIME LATER...

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO FIND THIS ADDRESS?

SURE, GO ACROSS FIVE AVENUES THEN, HANG A LEFT, AND HEAD FOR EIGHTY-EIGHTH STREET.

YOU WON'T BE ACCOMPANYING ME?

NO, I'VE HAD ENOUGH! BESIDES, I'VE ALREADY MADE MY DECISIONS!

CALL ME A WIMP BUT I REALIZE NOW THAT THERE'S NO WAY I COULD EVER BE A PARTY TO COLD-BLOODED MURDER--NO MATTER WHAT!



MAYBE I'M FOOLISH, BUT I'M GONNA LET THE BEYONDER MAKE THE FIRST MOVE BEFORE I GO UP AGAINST HIM AGAIN.

HANG LOOSE, HAIRY! DON'T BOTHER LOOKING ME UP THE NEXT TIME YOU HIT TOWN!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR RETAINER?

KEEP IT!



WHAT AN AMATEUR! BUT MAYBE HE HAS A POINT!

I KNOW MY TIME WOULD BE BETTER SERVED WORKING ON MY JAPANESE OIL DEAL... THAN CHASING AFTER PHANTOMS FROM BEYOND!

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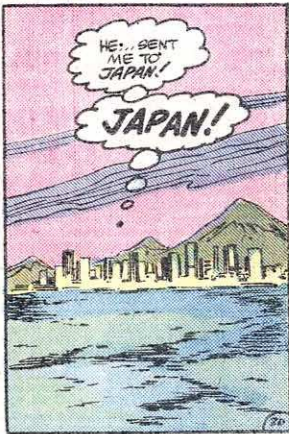
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