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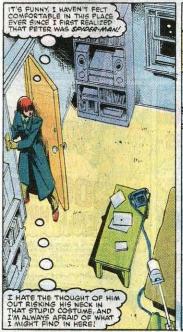






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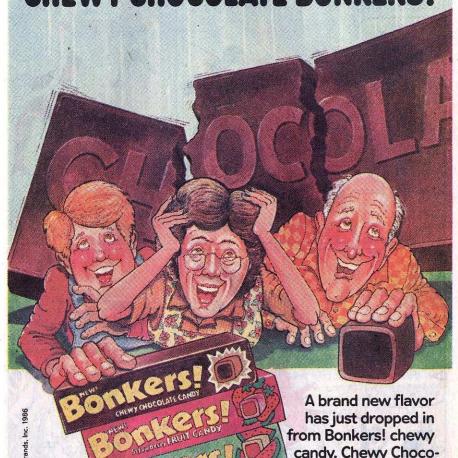












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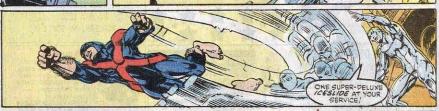
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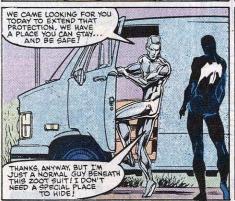
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THE SPIDER'S

JAMES C. OWSLEY ADAM BLAUSTEIN ASSOCIATE EDITOR EDITOR

VIEW FROM THE

The car was defective. A real lemon. Alisha was crushed. This was the greatest trauma in the five-year history of her life. The car, a 1/26 scale model Corvette designed to ride two Barbie dolls over to Ken's place, had a defective part. I couldn't finish assembling it. The lears welled up in my young cousin's eves

cousins eyes.

We arrived at the toy store, a modest place in Nashville's Hundred Oaks shopping mail, and were greeted by Sherry Storie, one of the sales clerks, "We want a new car."

Why should I give you one?

This one's broken

How do I know you didn't break it?"

Do I look like I play with toy cars? You want me to answer that?" Do I get my car or what?"

We're out of stock. You'll have to get something

There's a tug at my jacket. It's Alisha pointing up at a mountain of Barbie Doll 'Vettes piled on top of a high shelf. The kid has radar.

high shelf. The kid has radar.

O'kay, I il archange if.
It took Sherry ten miles to fill out the proper
paperwork. In that Itine, Alisha managed to convince me to buy her a new Barbie doll. I went for
for the MARYE AS election. They
were sold out. Our logs sell like our comics.

**Good out. Our logs sell like our logs sell like our logs sell like our logs sell like doll. Oh, wel

"Y all come back, y'hear?"
There's a moral here someplace. I dare you to

-James C. Owsley P.S. Got a letter from Sherry the other day. Shain't such a bad kid.

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Dear Marveldom

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #277 WON-DERFUL! Ever since I read DAREDEVIL #227. I have been patiently waiting for Spidey to discover Matt Murdock's plight and lend a hand. Their two personalities complement each other so well. I just love to see them in action together.

Paula Schleis 498 E. Hopocan Ave. Barberton, Ohio 44203

So do we, Paula!

I am a 22 year old, fifth year college senior majoring in applied math and theoretical computers (which is just academic-speak for computer science, but it has a much more impressive effect on the little old ladies on the bus who insist on showing me pictures of their grandchil dren). Until last June, I never looked at a comic book. Nay, I scoffed at them. I looked upon them with disgust, disdain, and disapproving stares (some alliteration there, huh?). Mindless trash beneath my notice. Then I read a few while at a friend's house. So I was wrong. I apologize. Creative genius at its best. I am hooked. You guys also helped me give up smoking; instead of having a cigarette between classes, I now read one of your excellent titles. Thanks.

Tom Brendza 1335 S. Broadway New Philadelpha, OH 44663

Welcome aboard, Tom! Got any other bad habits you'd like cured?

Dear Dudes at Marvel.

Lately you've been making me think that Spider-Man is going insane. If he is, he might as well make something out of it. For instance, in issue #277, he and the Kingpin were alone in the KP's office. Why didn't Spidey waste him? No one could have stopped Spidey from killing him, and it would have been a real boost to the web-swinner's confidence. Danny Amato

11700 Turnstone Drive W.P.B., FL 33414

Er, Danny, are you absolutely sure that Spidey's the guy who's going insane-

Dear Web-Weavers.

I've noticed that not many of Spidey's true believers are female like me. I don't understand this since Spidey's got a lot of sex appeal.

Kris Brunori 2862 Ocena Pines Berlin, MD 21811

Do you think he's got enough to make Playgiri Magazine's "Top 50 Most Eligible Bachelors in America" . . . like a certain tall, well-known Editor-In-Chief?

Dear Jim & Adam.

The conversation/confrontation between Spidey and the Kingpin in issue #277 has both characters referring to "Daredevil's" current misfortunes. Insofar as anyone knows, Daredevil has simply dropped out of sight, his alter-ego Matt Murdock has been put through the wringer! Spidey's slip of the tongue (Pg. 7 Panel 7) and the Kingpin's subsequent one (Pg. 8 Panel 1) blatantly exposes both characters' knowledge of Matt Murdock's secret identity and in the process incriminates Kingpin in those events.

I can only assume (No-Prize time!) Spidey failed to notice this because he was still getting over the shock of seeing Matt Murdock's present condition and was relieved to discover that the Kingpin had no knowledge of Spidey's secret identity.

P.I. Mungiole P.O. Box 402-Old Chelsea Station N.Y.C., N.Y. 10113

Good assumption, P.J.!

Dear Jim.

In a recent letter column, Jim Puga said that Slyde's frictionless substance couldn't stick to his costume. One easy answer to that would be that the substance couldn't be frictionless, since that's physically impossible, although it could come pretty close. Slyde could be exaggerating, or mistaken. But I don't do easy answers. So, in order to be a substance, it must be able to form chemical bonds with itself, at least. Under certain conditions, like in intense heat, it might bond with other substances as well, such as the fibre in Slyde's costume. It could have been galvanized or vulcanized on. Or the substance in liquid form could seep into the costume and set around the fibres. As for Slyde's running and turning corners, his shoes cannot be entirely coated with the substance. There must be a frictionful band around the soles' edges, so he can stop, kick off or turn like a skater. The frictionless areas are probably thicker, so that the frictiony areas don't interfere with sliding. Can you grasp all that?

David Alan Wright 39 Howard St.

New Britain, CT 06051

Yeah, sure, whatever you say, David!

Dear Editor.

In issue #275. Hobgoblin's chest plate was blue. In issue #276, it was red. I think that's because at the precise instant Hobgoblin hit Spider-Man with his computerized barrage, the plate turned red to indicate that its internal energy supply was getting low. That's also why Hogbolin didn't use the barrage very much during issue #276. He was conserving energy!

Is that explanation worth a No-Prize? Chris Fahey 5239 Westbrook Drive

Clifton Hts, PA 19018

It sure is. Chris!

Dear Spider-guys:

In issue #277 during Spidey's confrontation with the Kingpin, the Kingpin thinks to himself that he could flood the room with a hundred men within seconds. Oh, contraire! As you will recall, a page ago our hero webbed the door shut. This could be disaster if word of this ever got out, right? Wrong! You had an explanation planned all the time. Upon an emergency signal from the Kingpin, his men would come in through the secret emergency exit, thereby surprising whoever or whatever caused the Kingpin's distress. right?

Jason Hanganner 1532 D Avenue N.E. Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Er . . . Right you are, Jason!

Dear Editor:

I know who the Rose is. He is the Schemer, the Kingpin's son.

'Nuff said!

Nusrat Hussain 24-C Satellite Town Rawalkindi Pakistan

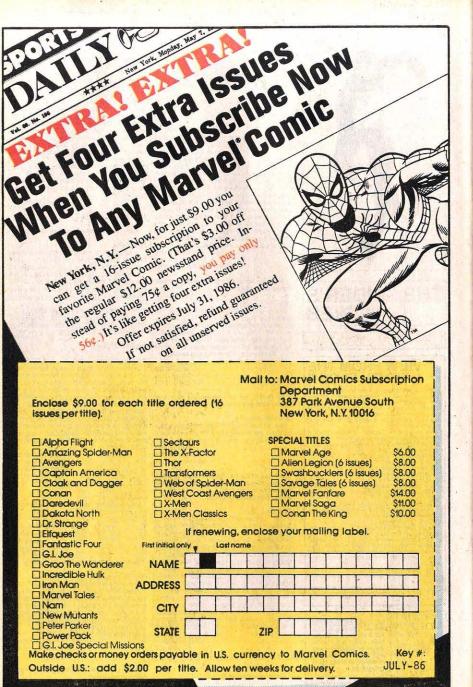
Nuff has a big mouth, Nusrat!

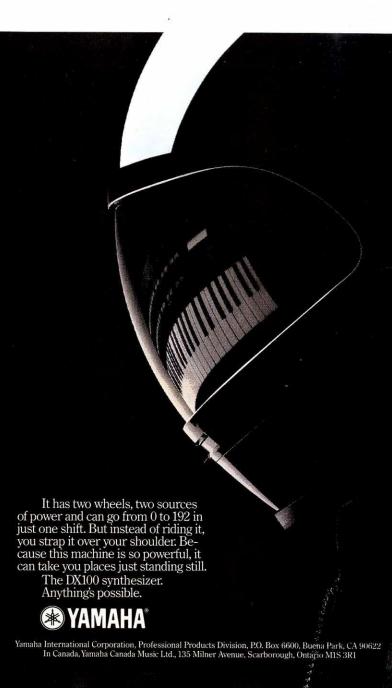
Dear Spider-people,

I have only one question: In issue #277, page 3, panel 1, Peter's phone is on the far left-hand side of his desk, but in panel two, the phone has moved to the right side. I have a possible solution to clear it up: The phone was bought from Doctor Strange, who enchanted it to move to the person who was going to answer it. Sound okay?

Rober Ahrendt 1666 N. 2nd Ave. Upland, CA 91786

Robert, have you ever thought of going for professional help?









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