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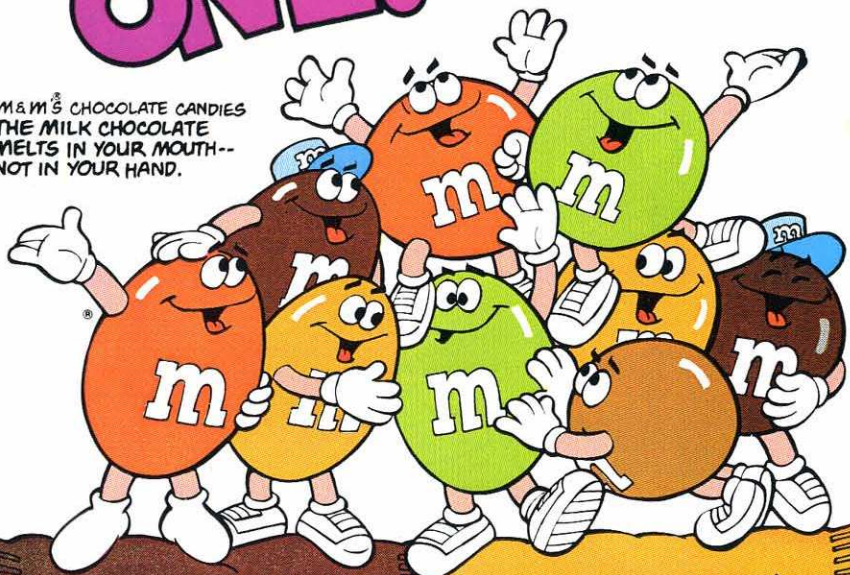
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WE'LL GIVE YOU A HINT, THOUGH.

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WAY!



WHAT IS YOUR
WAY, SPIDER-
MAN?

HAHAHAHAHA



COME BACK HERE,
YOU GIGGLING
JERK! I--

--HAD
BETTER
DUCK
FAST!!



SNIPERS ON THE
ADJACENT ROOF--

--I'M WELL
WITHIN
THEIR
SIGHTS!

--THEY
MISSED
HOBBY,
BUT--



I HATE BEING
SHOT AT.



>SHEESH!<



HOBGOBLIN'S
GONE--THE COPS
HAVE ARRIVED--
AND I'M LEFT
CRAWLING
AROUND ON
A DIRTY
ROOFTOP..

...WONDERING
WHY I WENT
CRASHING IN
THERE IN THE
FIRST PLACE?!

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...GUESS I'LL DO WHAT COMES NATURALLY...

...GO HOME FOR A QUICK CHANGE OF CLOTHES, AND THEN RACE DOWN TO MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME--



IT'S VERY BAD, PEOPLE, AND IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE--



HUH?! HALF THE BUGLE'S STAFF'S HERE-- AT NEARLY MIDNIGHT?!

MUST BE SOMETHING HEAVY GOING ON--

THIS GANG WAR'S ONLY STARTING. THESE THINGS USUALLY LAST ONLY A FEW DAYS...

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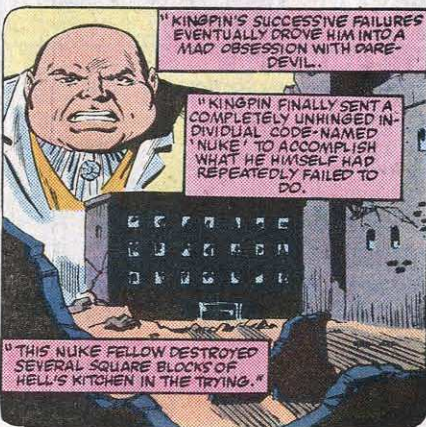


THANKS, JONAH.

COUGH

THIS MESS BEGAN AS A PERSONAL FEUD BETWEEN WILSON FISK--THE ALLEGED KINGPIN OF CRIME, AND THIS MAN-- DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

DETAILS ARE SKETCHY, BUT WE KNOW KINGPIN WAS NEARLY SUCCESSFUL IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO HAVE DAREDEVIL KILLED.



"KINGPIN'S SUCCESSIVE FAILURES EVENTUALLY DROVE HIM INTO A MAD OBSESSION WITH DAREDEVIL."

"KINGPIN FINALLY SENT A COMPLETELY UNHINGED INDIVIDUAL CODE-NAMED 'NUKE' TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT HE HIMSELF HAD REPEATEDLY FAILED TO DO."

"THIS NUKE FELLOW DESTROYED SEVERAL SQUARE BLOCKS OF HELL'S KITCHEN IN THE TRYING."



MAN... MY FIGHT WITH FIRELORD DIDN'T CAUSE AS MUCH DESTRUCTION! HOW COULD ANYONE SURVIVE THAT?!

AND ALL THAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS TRYING TO GET BACK HOME FROM APPALACHIA, ?

NOT THAT THERE WOULD'VE BEEN MUCH I COULD'VE DONE ANYWAY. I HEAR EVEN THE AVENGERS WERE IN ON THAT.

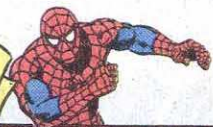
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MEANWHILE, ON A HILLSLOP...

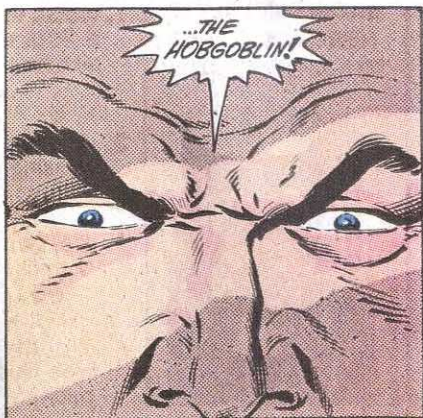


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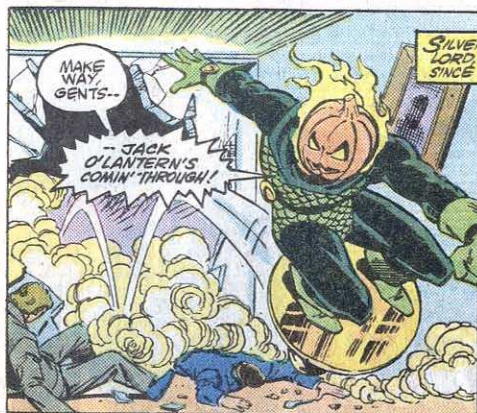
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WITH KINGPIN OUT OF THE WAY, HE SEES THIS AS HIS BIG CHANCE TO ADVANCE WITHIN THE UNDERWORLD RANKS!



HE WILL NEVER GET THAT CHANCE!

M... MR SILVERMANE... YOU MUSTN'T...

QUIET, FOOL! I'VE LAID IDLY FOR TOO LONG!!



MY ROBOT BODY GIVES ME INCREDIBLE STRENGTH! MORE THAN ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH A TWO-BIT HIRED GOON LIKE JACK O'LANTERN!!



I'M INSULTED, SILVERMANE--

--MY RATES ARE A WHOLE LOT HIGHER THAN TWO BITS!



'COURSE, NOW THE POINT IS MOOT.



WHADDAYA KNOW, SILVERMANE-- NOW YOU AIN'T GOT NO BODY!

YOU'RE LUCKY TO STILL BE ALIVE!

STAY OUT OF GANG BUSINESS, OR I'LL BE BACK! AND, BY THE WAY...

-- THE ARRANGER SAYS "HI!"



SOME TIME LATER, AT THE ROSE'S PENTHOUSE...



JACK O'LANTERN IS WORKING FOR THE ARRANGER!

WITH JACK'S RESOURCES AT HIS DISPOSAL, THE ARRANGER CAN SQUASH ALMOST ANY TAKEOVER MOVE!

JACK JUST HIT SILVERMANE...

CALM YOURSELF, MR. JOHNSTON.

JACK O'LANTERN'S INVOLVEMENT CONCERNS US ONLY PERIPHERALLY.

STILL CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS SHOULD...

I AM ALL THE PRECAUTION THE ROSE SHALL REQUIRE.

I WILL TEACH JACK O'LANTERN TO FEAR MY WRATH.

IN TIME, MY FRIEND.

FOR NOW, I REQUIRE ONLY THAT YOU MAKE YOUR USUAL ROUNDS AND AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

WE SHALL RETAIN HOBGOBLIN'S SERVICES UNTIL HIS USEFULNESS COMES TO AN END.

AND, VARLEY--

BOSS-- HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THAT GUY?

--DON'T CALL ME "BOSS."

PEDESTRIAN OAF

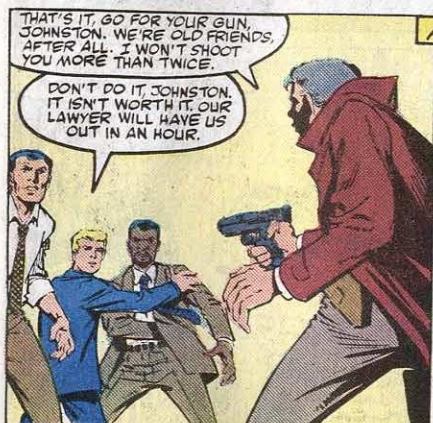
STILL, THIS INSANE BLOODLETTING IS GETTING OUT OF HAND. PERHAPS IT'S TIME I TOOK A MORE DIRECT ROLE IN ITS DENOUEMENT.

SENDING HOBGOBLIN OUT TO SLIT THROATS WOULD ONLY EXACERBATE MATTERS. BUSINESS GRINDS TO A HALT WHILE WE CHILDISHLY LOB GRENADES BACK AND FORTH.

THAT WOULD BE POOR ECONOMICS.

NO, THIS CALLS FOR A MORE SUBTLE APPROACH.

ONE THAT ONLY I CAN INSTIGATE.



DUSK FINDS OUR WEARY-BUT-UNDAUNTED WEB-SPINNER HEADING FOR HOME...

AUNT MAY REALLY WORE ME OUT! PAINTING THAT ROOM WAS OKAY--

--BUT THEN WE DID THE HALL, THE BATHROOM, THE STAIRS--

--STILL, THAT'S ONE LADY I CAN'T REFUSE! BESIDES, LUNCH WAS WORTH THE TROUBLE!

FIGURED I'D TAKE ONE LAST SWING AROUND TOWN BEFORE I MEET MARY JANE AT MY PLACE. I DON'T KNOW WHY I THINK I CAN SPOT FLASH FROM A HUNDRED FEET UP...

...IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE GOT TELESCOPIC VISION OR ANYTHING!

STILL, IF I MAKE MYSELF AS OBVIOUS AS POSSIBLE MAYBE HE'LL SPOT ME-- EH?

MAYBE I *DO* HAVE TELESCOPIC VISION!

THAT'S RODERICK KINGSLEY, HEAD OF THE MODELING FIRM MARY JANE WORKS FOR!

GUYS WAY OUT OF HIS NEIGHBORHOOD!

HMMM... HE'S MEETING SOMEONE HERE! WHAT... IS HE BUYING DRUGS?

THIS CLOAK AND DAGGER STUFF IS ALMOST COMICAL FOR A DIP LIKE KING--

--OBOY.

THAT'S CHRIS KEATING IN THAT CAR!

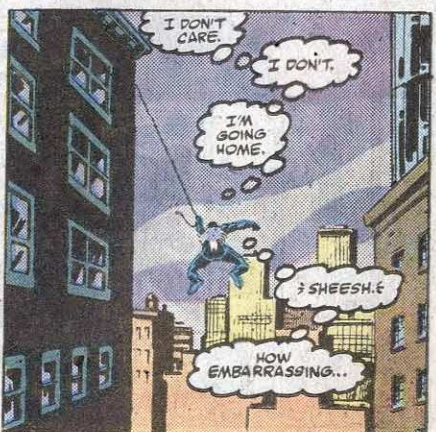
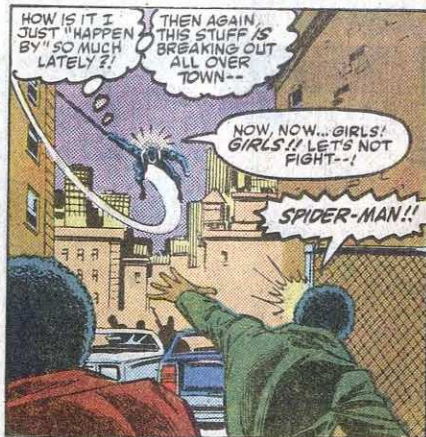
MAYBE THIS IS WHERE KEATING GETS HIS PSYCHIC FLASHES! BUT-- WHAT WOULD KINGSLEY KNOW ABOUT GUYS LIKE THE ROSE AND THOSE "BLUE BOY" GEEKS?!

AND WHO GIVES A HOOT?!

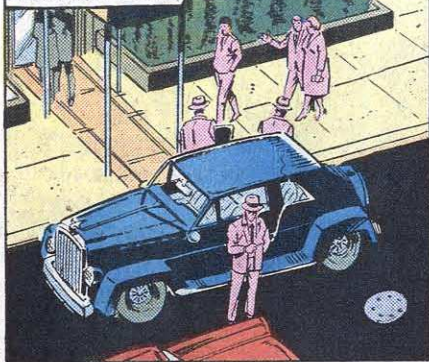
I KEEP SNAPPING INTO "INVESTIGATIVE AVENGING SUPER HERO" LIKE THAT'S MY GIG OR SOMETHING!

I'M NOT GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS INSANITY!

FOR ALL I KNOW, KINGSLEY'S GIVING KEATING FASHION TIPS!



STILL LATER, A POSH, MIDTOWN RESTAURANT IS ABOUT TO BE VISITED BY ONE OF ITS MORE REGULAR PATRONS...



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ALL RIGHT, GIRLS--WITH THE KINGPIN RUNNIN' AWAY WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS, THAT PUTS ME IN THE BEST POSITION TO TAKE OVER THIS TOWN'S MOBS!



THAT MEANS WE GET TO CELEBRATE BIG!!

SKY'S THE LIMIT DOLLS!

-- BUT OF COURSE, YOUR USUAL TABLE AWAITS YOU, M'SIEUR SWITH.



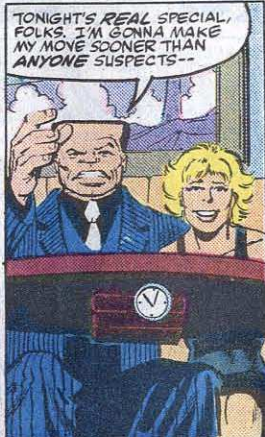
THANKS, FRENCH.

BREAK OPEN THE BUBBLY, JACQUES! AND BRING THE GOOD STUFF!



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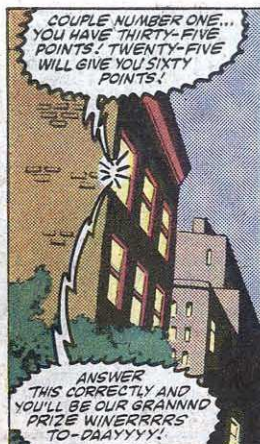
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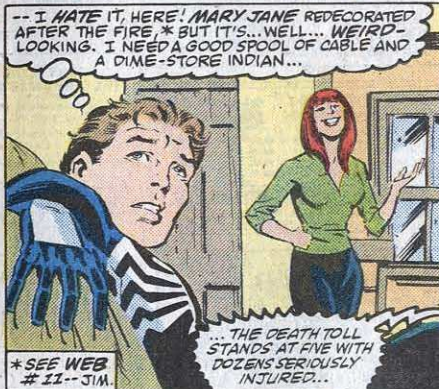
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WE'RE STAYING RIGHT HERE TONIGHT.

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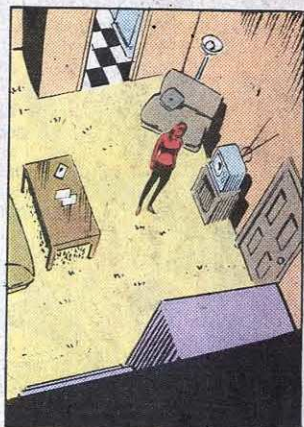
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Look Ma, National TV!

Stan Lee and I appeared on ABC's 20/20 a few weeks ago, talking about Marvel's twenty-fifth anniversary. Thanks to producer Joe Pfeiffer, interviewer Bob Brown, and the whole 20/20 team, the segment was a magnificent tribute to Marvel. However...

While we were very pleased with everything that was broadcast, we were very disappointed about what was left out—specifically every single mention we made of Jack Kirby, Steve Ditko and the other great artists who co-created with Stan many of Marvel's greatest characters. We believe in giving credit where credit is due—and we did—but to no avail.

You don't have much control in interview situations like that. First of all, you discuss primarily what the interviewer wants, and second, they typically film sev-

eral hours of conversation which they edit down into a few minutes. You have no say over what makes it onto the air and what doesn't.

So, anyway, though we were basically delighted to see Marvel's twenty-fifth getting such great major media coverage, we wish it had come out a little differently. We wanted you to know.

Next Month...

Some further thoughts on the media, responsibility, morality, and the kinds of things you can learn from reading comics.

Strive on,

Jim Shooter
Jim Shooter
Editor in Chief

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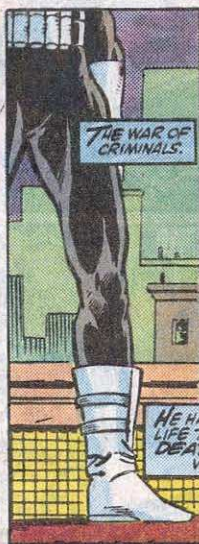


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Dear Spider Gang,

After many long months of waiting, you finally brought Silver Sable back to the pages of Spidey in issue #279. I think it was one of the best moves you have made in a long time. The Kingpin has become more of a character in Daredevil than in Spider-Man. I'm glad you guys finally found another powerful "business executive" who could add a little spice and danger to the life of everybody's favorite webslinger.

What I want to know is how long do I have to wait before I see Silver Sable again? Are you guys only going to show her once in a while or will she become a regular character? Most importantly, when will you reveal her origin and the details of Silver Sable International's origin and make-up? Also, if the Kingpin can have super-powered assistants, why can't Silver Sable?

Speaking as a very loyal fan of Spidey's for many years, I think Silver Sable could even replace the Kingpin as the power entity Spider-Man goes to for the latest info. Let's see a lot more of Silver Sable!

Dave Kinder
12862 Brittany Woods Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Replace the Kingpin, Dave? (Geez, you must be psychic!) That's a pretty tall order, even for as capable and connected a lady as Silver, considering the tough competition. As for just how capable and connected she is, all will be revealed in issues to come. And we guarantee you it will be surprising, startling, and definitely worth waiting for.

Dear Spider's Web,

I really liked issue #279 with Rick Leonardi's art and Tom DeFalco's writing. The story was great. I loved the Missing In Action bit. But I have one question—what happened to the criminal who shot Uncle Ben down in issue 17?

Before I go, I hope you print this letter because I know who the Hobgoblin is—Ned Leeds!

Pat Finnerty
5520 Hamilton Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82009

The burglar died way back in #200. Pat. As for your guess, what can we say? It must be pretty obvious by now Hobgoblin is Ned Leeds. Who else could he be? Whew—glad that's settled!

To Whom It May Concern,

First I want to commend you on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #279. It was great! The Silver Sable is beautiful. You know, she reminds me of the Black Widow. Speaking of Black Widow, where is she these days? Well, I thought I would just slap you on the back for that beautiful issue and look forward to seeing more of Silver Sable (and a little more of Spidey, guys). Oh, before I go, I just want to weep with all the other guys that don't hate Spidey's new costume but have grown accustomed to his old one.

Eric Small
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Brooklyn, NY

The Black Widow has returned (has she ever!) to the pages of Daredevil, Eric, in stories crafted by Ann "Longshot" Nocenti and Louis "Newcomer" Williams. Check 'em out, Scout!"

Hi Guys and Gals,

Just finished reading #279 and just had to write my first letter.

When I saw this issue in my comic store I said "I'd die first before buying an issue without my favorite Webhead in it." Well, being of sound mind and body I do bequeath to you all my thanks and high regard for a fine fine issue (minus the Webhead). And I'll buy it now with or without!

Keep up the fine work. Until Peter comes out of the mountain naked as a blue jay make mine Marvel!!

D.R. Smith
Detroit, MI

Dear Tom and Spidey-Crew,

I have just finished reading the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #279 and what a story. It was great to see Jack O'Lantern and Silver Sable go at it. Also the front cover was one of the best you have ever done.

My guess at the Hobgoblin's identity is Lance Bannon, since it is quite obvious that Flash Thompson is not the Hobgoblin. So until Mary Jane gets a mohawk Make Mine Marvel.

Paul Swaida
70 Sierra Way
West Yarmouth, MA 02673

we have been thinking? Our thanks to you, Paul, for setting us (and Pat Finnerty) straight on this.

Dear Web-Heads,

You didn't!

You wouldn't!

You couldn't!

Of course not, you didn't destroy Spidey's red costume, did you?

Paul W. Greer
470 Olivet Drive
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To answer your question in reverse order, Paul: We could, we would, we did!

Dear Arachnids,

You guys are really outdoing yourselves! I mean, the suspense created by issue #279 has me squirming in my seat! Keep up the drama.

Something that's been on my mind lately is the rumor that Spidey will be battling Wolverine. Is this really going to happen? I'll have a nervous break-down! Wolverine is one of my favorites but nothing tops "the man with the webs"! If you guys really are going to have them fight, please have some sort of explanation for it. I would hate to go through life thinking that Spidey and Wolverine don't get along.

Elio DiPaolantonio
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Dear Webheads,

Heh heh heh. I happened to put the covers of WEB #18, PETER PARKER #117 and SPIDER-MAN #279 on the left, middle and right respectively, and what did I come up with? You got it! A full sized picture! Yep. Well, I have nothing else to say except that Captain Keating is obviously the Hobgoblin.

Jeff Fritts
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Captain Keating! That's it then, let's pack it in. We've been blind, Jeff, blind, but you've shown us the light. At least we all agree on who the Hobgoblin is. He's Ned . . . uh, Lance . . . No, wait, uh, Keating. Or maybe . . . nah. Not her!



Of course! Lance Bannon! How could we have been so foolish as to believe Hobgoblin was Ned Leeds? What possessed us, what could



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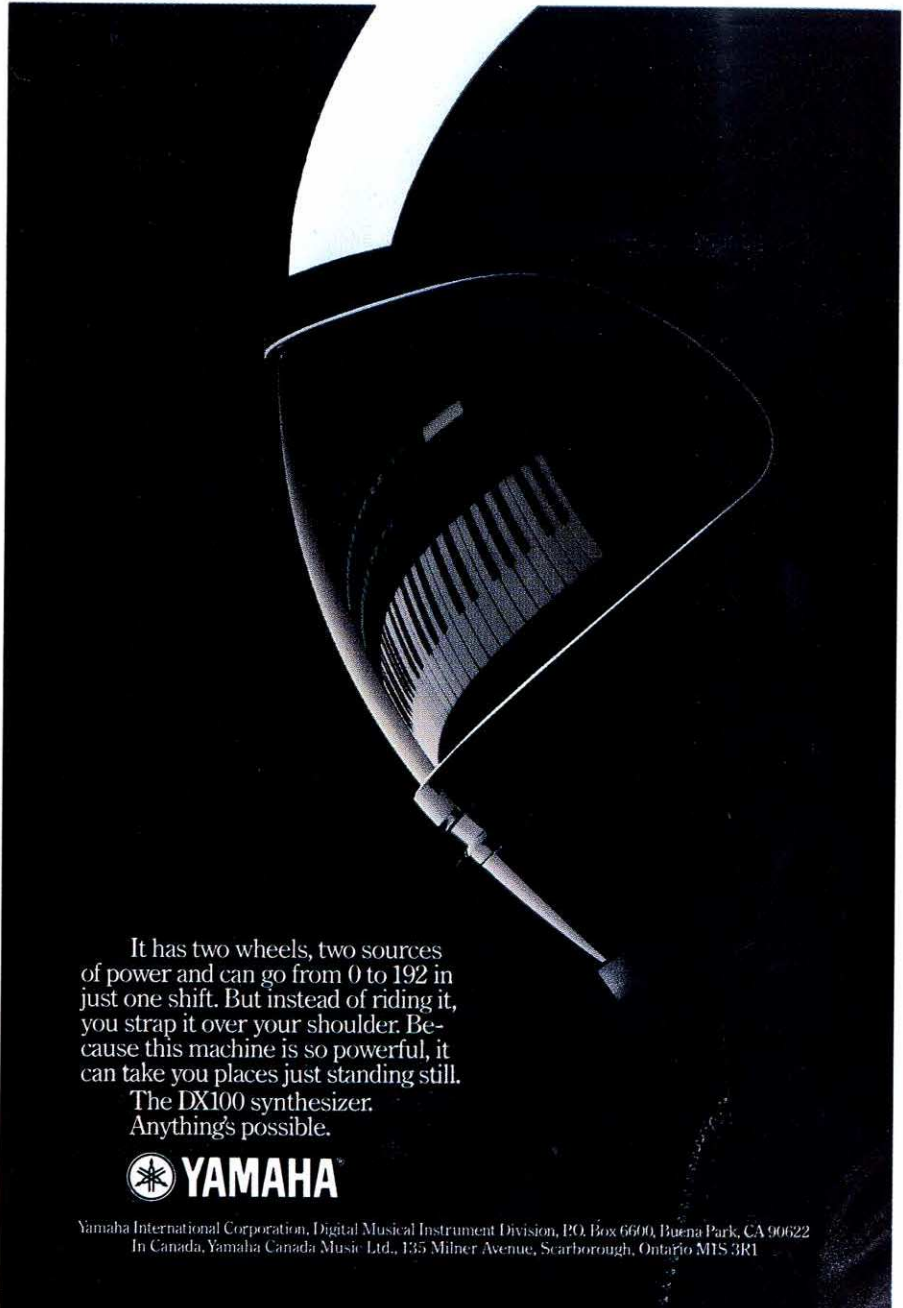
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