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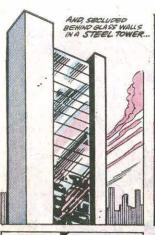
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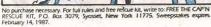




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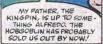














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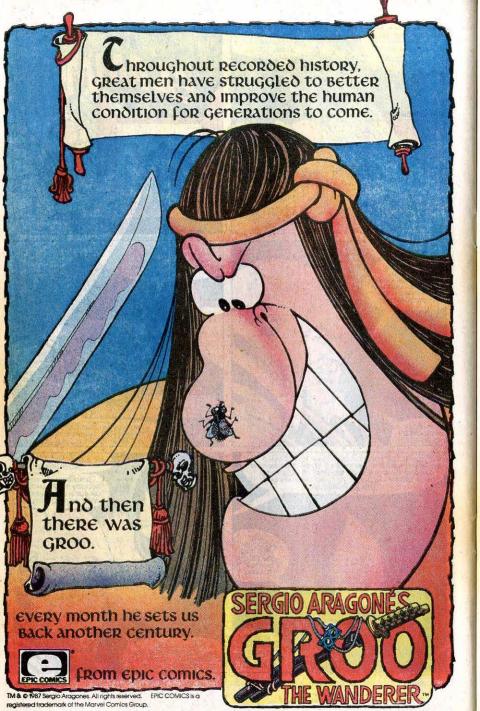






































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Dear Marveldom,

There is one thing I'd like to see in a Spider-Man comic before you reveal the true identity of the Hobgoblin. I would like to see you present a letter page similar to the one in ASM #201. You showed what every letter, that month, was basically about. I would like to see how many people think they know the identity of the Hobgoblin, and who they think it is, personally know that it is Ned Leeds. So go ahead and mark down that I had the correct one.

Greg Welch Tempe, AZ

You wanted it—you got it, Greg! Since we're gonna reyeal the true identity of the Hobgoblin in our very next issue, we proudly present a partial perusal of our audience's assumptions on the actual identity of THE HOBGOBLIN!!

Dear Spider-sirs.

I've finally figured out who the Hobgobilin really is —WOLVERINE!The only logical answer is the famous X-Man himself! He's secretly been taking time out from his busy schedule to come up to New York and bother Spidey! That's it, I've figured it out! I mean after all it's totally obvious

Jim Tudor St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Web-heads.

I just picked up a copy of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #284, and I gotta tell it was great! It especially liked it because it had a few of my favorite villains (namely Hobgoblini). I've been a Spidey fan for a long time and III never stop collecting Spider-Man comics. Speaking of the Hobgoblin, I know his secret identity—hes Ned Leeds!

Michael Shavalier Niagara Falls, NY

Dear Spider-people,

It seems like forever that you have been jerking us back and forth between Lance Bannon and Ned Leeds being the Hobgoblin. Both have set off Pete's spider-sense. Both have acted suspiciously, hostile, and belligerent. My explanation is that while Ned Leeds is the Hobgoblin. Lance Bannon is Jack O'Lantern. How ironic, and also appropriate that these personal rivals should also be professional antagonists. How long ago did you devious geniuses jold this whole thing out?

Paul Thiel Crescent Springs, KY

Dear Arachnids.

What's the matter? Do you guys think I only read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN? No!1 also read PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN! (WEB, too!)

Anyway, in PPTSSM #123 we see Captain Chris Keating perform the superhuman act of ripping open a jail ceill THIS IS PROOF POSITIVE— THAT CHRIS KEATING IS THE HOBGOBLIN! Nuff said!

> Kim Lee Passaic, NJ

Dear Spider-Crew,

The Hobgoblin is NOT Captain Keating! Why? Because back in ASM #276, on the last page, Keating is in Flash Thompson's apartment. Then in the seventh panel we go to Hobby's place, and the caption reads, "Elsewhere, at that very moment." Keating can't be two places at the same time.

The Hobgoblin is NED LEEDS! Get used to it!

Steve Farrow Wheeling, W.V.

Jim and Adam (and Jim),

ARRGHHHHHHHHH! I thought it was Ned. I really thought it was Ned! I just got finished reading SPIDEF-MAN VS. WOLVERINE, and in it. Ned Leeds diest He's dead. You guys are trying to drive me insanel WHO IS THE HOBGOBLIN?

Luiz Mendoza Corona, NY

Dear Spider-people,

Being an avid Spidey fan. I believe that I have found out who the Hobgoblin really is. The Hobgoblin really is Peter Parkert How can that be, you ask? Well, I'll tell you. You see, a long time ago Spidey disposed of his clone in a smokestack, right? My theory is simple. Someone (possibly Harry when he was out of it) found the clones body and regenerated it from some still living tissue. However, due to certain

processes during the regeneration the clone lost a few things, such as:

Spider-sense, wall-crawling ability, and certain portions of his memory. All the clone knows is that for some reason he really halse Spider-Man and he has a unique opportunity to get rid of him. It all adds up. Who else knows all the secrets of the Green Goblin? Who else can fight Spidey to a virtual stand still? The only thing that makes any difference is that the clone is a few years vouncer. That's if!

> Brian Conner Muncie, In.

Dear Web-slingers,

The reason for the Kingpin's absence is - He's the Hobgoblin!

Todd Oberndoffer Farmington Hills, MI

Spidey Crew.

To settle a common disagreement. Ned Leeds is the Hogbolin.

Keli Burke Kalkaska, MI

Dear Spider's Web.

These are my probably preposterous personal personnel predictions:

Flash Thompson is not the Hobgoblin.
 The Rose is Roderick Kingsley.

3) Captain Keating is not the Hobgoblin.

Lance Bannon is simply a photographer
 NED LEEDS IS THE HOBGOBLINI

Please keep me in suspense for a while longer.

Alex Pogel Sarasota, FL

#### You have only thirty days, Alex!

Dear Web-makers,

I have narrowed the Hobgoblin's secret identity down to four possibilities.

1) The Foreigner, Ever since I found out that the Black Cat is dealing

if he Foreigner. Ever since I found out that the black Cat is dealing with him, I've thought he was the Hobgoblin.

2) The Kingpins son. As everyone knows, they are very much

enemies.
3) The Green Goblin. I know that Norman Osborn is dead, but I would

The Green Goblin. I know that Norman Osborn is dead, but I would like to point out that they both use the same weapons.
 (Joily Jonah), Because of his hatred for Spider-Man.

Joshua Terrell Waycross, Ga.

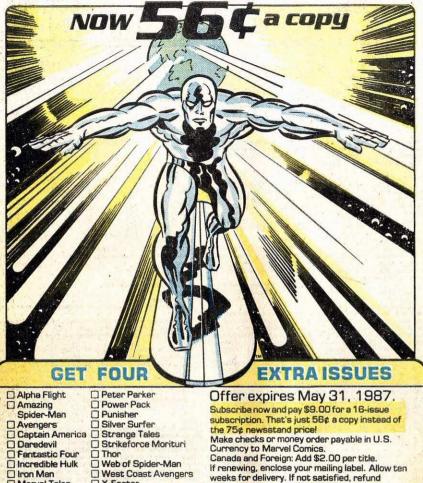
Dear Jim,

Can we please find out who the Hobgoblin is? Pretty please?

Michael Ries Detroit, MI

Okay, Michaell (And everyone elsel) in thirty days—the moment you've all been weiting for! This is not a trick. This is not a joke! This is it! At last, the identity of the Mobpobilm will be revealed to anyone lucky enough to read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #289. Hobby has been a mystery since ASM #238, and now fifty one issues later... the payoff! it's a special double-sized issue, gang, and we're pulling out all the stops. Run! Don't walk to your comics' shop today! Reserve your copy, now! After all, you don't want one of your friends to (accidentally) blurt out the surprise, and ruin it for ya? Didn't think so.





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