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TRUCTION, AND YOU'D  
COME TO ELLIS  
ISLAND TO PLAY A BIT  
OF BOTH.*

AS AN ULTIMATUM SOLDIER, YOU'D  
BROUGHT SKILL AND PLENTY OF EXPLOSIVES.  
YOU'RE GOOD AT YOUR JOB, BUT THEN...

...SO IS  
SPIDER-  
MAN!

GUESS WE CAN  
CALL THIS A  
WRAP... HUH,  
GUYS?

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YOU'VE SLOWED US, BUT  
YOU'LL NEVER STOP  
ULTIMATUM!

WE'LL UNITE THIS PLANET  
DESPITE YOUR  
INTERFERENCE!

BASIL'S  
BOOT  
PISTOL...

WHAT ABOUT THE  
INNOCENT RENOVA-  
TION WORKERS  
WHO WOULD'VE  
BEEN HERE WHEN  
YOUR BOMB WENT  
OFF IN THE MORNING?

DOESN'T  
DEATH  
MEAN  
ANYTHING  
TO YOU?

NOT IF THE  
RIGHT  
PEOPLE  
DIE...

SPIDER-SENSE  
TINGLING!  
HE'S GOT A--

--WAIT!  
BEHIND  
ME!

SOLO!

MUST'VE  
BEEN LOOKING  
FOR THE  
SAME GUYS!

CHATTATATOW





IN DESTROYING SYMBOLS, WE SHATTER BORDERS! AND WITHOUT BORDERS, PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER BE SEPARATED BY POLITICAL DOGMA!

MISTER, I'VE SEEN HEALTHIER MINDS BOUNCING AROUND PADDED CELLS!





-- THAT WHEN **SABRE-TOOTH** ASSASSINATED THE SYMKARIAN PRIME MINISTER, HE LEFT EVIDENCE IMPLICATING THE C.I.A.!

THAT'S WHY **CAPTAIN AMERICA** AND **SILVER SABLE** HAVE GONE AFTER **SABRETOOTH**--

THESE **LOONIES** COULD HAVE GIVEN ME A **CLUE!**

I WON'T APOLOGIZE-- BUT I DO SEE YOUR POINT.

THEN WHY NOT WORK WITH ME? CAP'S SOURCES HAVE ANOTHER LEAD THEY'RE LOOKING INTO.

I PREFER AUTONOMY.

BUT I SUPPOSE THE ENDS COULD JUSTIFY THE MEANS.

-- AND I'M LOOKING FOR **TOLER WELL**, THE ULTIMATUM OFFICER WHO ENGINEERED THE MURDER!

"I WILL CALL THE SYMKARIAN EMBASSY, LEAVE ANY MESSAGES FOR ME THERE."

HE'S WALKING AWAY? NOT "WINKING OUT"? ARE THERE LIMITS TO HIS POWERS?

SHEESH!! THERE'S SO MUCH I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT GUY!



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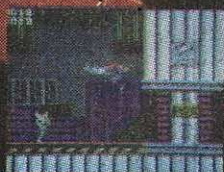
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MegaMan 2 Screen Shot



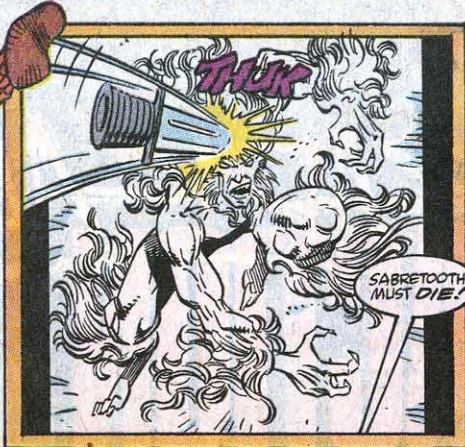
Strider Screen Shot

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AND WITH THE STAKES SO HIGH, THAT COULD MAKE HIM AS DANGEROUS AS HELPFUL!

I JUST HOPE CAP'S DOING BETTER ON HIS END...



SABRETOOTH MUST DIE!

ABOARD THE "FLAGSHIP"

SCARING ABOVE MEXICO.



WE NEED SABRETOOTH ALIVE, SILVER.

HIS TESTIMONY COULD PROVE THAT THE C.I.A. WASN'T INVOLVED IN THAT ASSASSINATION. IT COULD PREVENT A WAR.

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THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **JUSTICE** AND **RETRIBUTION**, SILVER. WE NEED SABRE-TOOTH'S STATEMENT TO DEFUSE A BAD SITUATION. TO SAVE LIVES.

THAT'S WHY WE TRACKED HIM HERE TO HIS LATEST FREELANCE OPERATION.

I KNOW, AND I ASSURE YOU...

--I WILL DO THE RIGHT THING.

WE'RE ALMOST TO THE DROP SITE, CAPTAIN! YOU TWO HAD BETTER GEAR UP!

AND THUS, MOMENTS LATER, THE TENSION OF A TROUBLED WORLD FOLLOWS A PAIR OF LITHE FIGURES AS THEY DRIFT WORDLESSLY TO THE LUSH JUNGLE BELOW.







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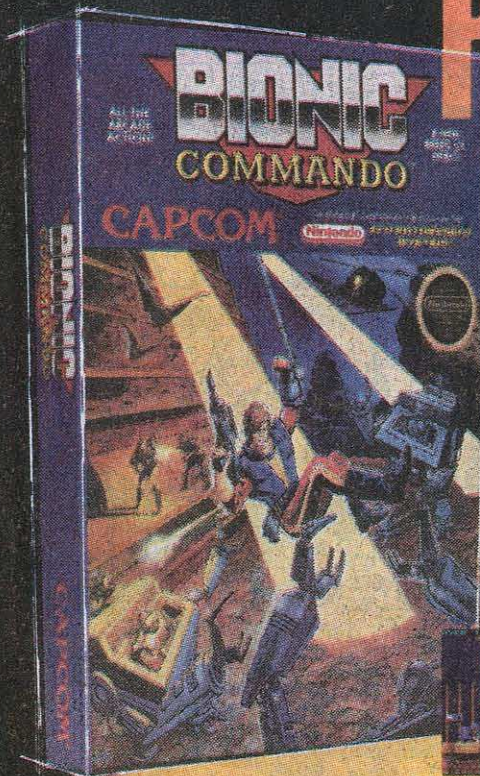




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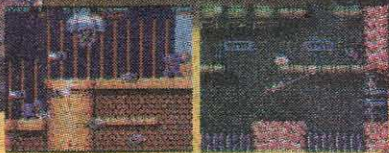


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Screen shots from the  
Nintendo Entertainment  
System



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WHILE SPEAKING OF  
PERSONAL...

TO THE SNEAKIEST,  
MOST CONNING WITCH  
ON THE PLANET--  
MY WIFE!

OH, PETER,  
YOU SAY THE  
SWEETEST  
THINGS!

BUT I HAVEN'T LANDED THAT  
ROLL ON "SECRET HOSPITAL"  
YET. I WAS JUST CALLED BACK  
FOR A SECOND READING.

BUT YOU'LL GET IT.  
AND THEN WE'LL  
CELEBRATE WITH  
MORE THAN  
GINGER ALE  
AND LATE NIGHT  
TV!

MAYBE WE CAN  
COMBINE IT WITH  
A HOUSE-  
WARMING PARTY  
WHEN WE MOVE  
INTO THE NEW  
LOFT.

WOW, I'D ALMOST  
FORGOTTEN ABOUT  
THAT. I WAS ONLY  
IN SYMKARIA FOR A  
FEW DAYS, BUT SO  
MUCH HAS CHANGED.  
I MEAN--

I KNOW.

--AFTER  
WE'RE GONE,  
THE PALERMOS  
WILL BE AUNT MAY'S  
ONLY TENANTS.  
BESIDES NATHAN.

THINGS ARE  
HAPPENING  
PRETTY FAST.

YEAH...

--HAVE BEEN  
FURTHER DEVELOP-  
MENTS IN THE  
SYMKARIAN  
CRISIS.

...I KNOW.



MORNING.

CENTRAL PARK.

A SPIDER WAITS.

THE  
INFORMATION CAP'S  
SOURCES GAVE ME  
HAD BETTER  
BE RIGHT!

OTHERWISE, ATTACKING THE  
METROPOLITAN MUSEUM--

--SOLO!  
GOTTA BE!

WHO ELSE WOULD  
WEAR AN **OVER-  
COAT** IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
SUMMER?

EXCEPT  
SOMEONE  
HIDING  
ABOUT A  
ZILLION--

--ISN'T GOING TO  
DO WONDERS FOR  
MY **RED** NOW  
WHERE IS--

--GUNS?

WELL,  
GOOD  
MORNING  
TO YOU,  
TOO!

I GOT  
YOUR  
MESSAGE.

WHAT'S THE  
GAME?

THEY WERE GOING TO  
HIDE THE SYMKARIAN  
ASSASSIN BEFORE  
**PALADIN** AND I  
BUTTED IN.\* THERE'S  
A CHANCE THEY MAY  
STILL BE INVOLVED

THE  
REMODELING  
ON THE  
MUSEUM  
IS BEING  
FUNDED  
BY THE  
**LIFE FOUN-  
DATION.**

LET'S  
FIND OUT!

\* IN ISSUES  
#320-321,  
--J.G.



HEY! WE NEED WEIL  
ALIVE, REMEMBER?



DON'T BE  
SO EAGER  
FOR BLOOD!

I ONLY DO WHAT  
*MANY* WOULD DO,  
IF NOT FOR FEAR OF RETALIATION.  
TERROR'S GREATEST  
WEAPON IS THAT IF  
RESISTED, THE  
RESISTORS COULD  
BECOME THE NEXT  
**TARGET.**

BUT SINCE I HAVE  
NO COUNTRY, NO  
POLITICS, NO *IDENTITY*,  
THAT LEAVES  
ME FREE TO STRIKE--



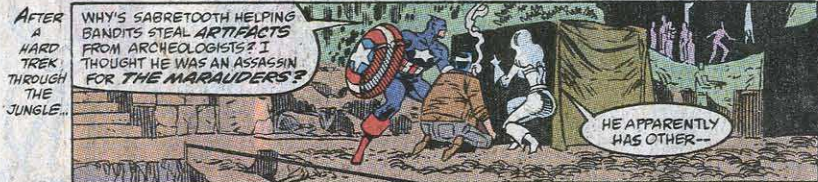
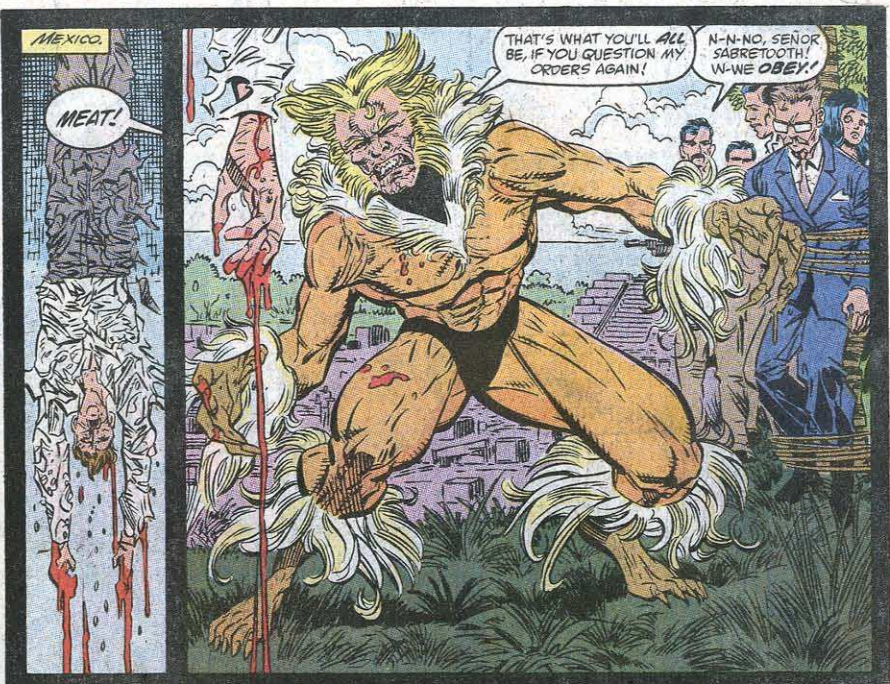
--WITHOUT  
MERCY!

OH, SWELL.

I FEEL A  
LOT  
BETTER  
NOW!

DON'T KNOW WHICH  
I SHOULD WATCH OUT  
FOR MOST: MY ENEMY--  
OR MY ALLY!

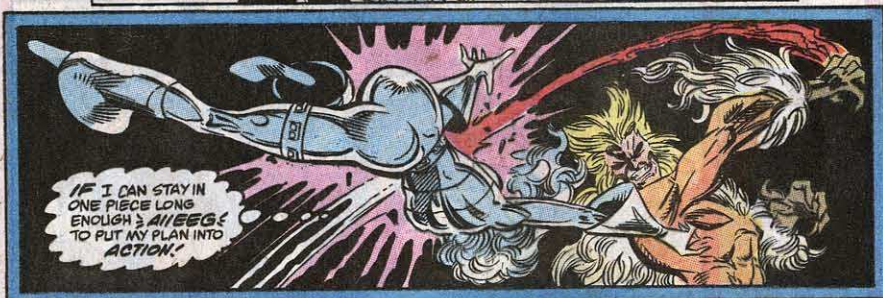














AW, DARLIN',  
YOU'RE BREAKIN'  
MY HEART!  
GUESS THE  
ONLY FUN I  
CAN HAVE--

-- WILL  
BE EATIN'  
YOURS!

-- I'M NOT GOING  
TO PLAY! YOU MAY  
TRIUMPH, BUT I'LL  
NOT GIVE YOU THE  
PLEASURE OF A  
HUNT BEFORE  
THE KILL!





NO PULSE! COLLAPSING  
WALL **KILLED** HIM! CURSE  
IT ALL, SABLE--

--YOU SHOULD HAVE  
**WAITED** FOR ME!  
TOGETHER, WE  
COULD HAVE TAKEN  
HIM ALIVE!

IT WAS MY  
LIFE OR HIS,  
CAPTAIN.

I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO.



BUT  
NOW IT'S  
ALL UP  
TO--

**SPIDER-MAN!**



BUT WHO'S  
THAT GUNMAN  
WITH HIM?



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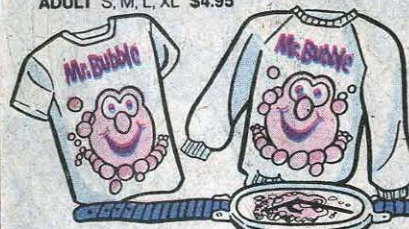
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I DON'T KNOW,  
MAJOR WEIL,  
BUT FRET NOT--  
THE GENTLEMEN  
FINANCING  
THIS OPERATION  
SPARED NO EXPENSE.



HE'S NOT  
ONLY PROVIDED  
YOU WITH A  
LUXURIOUS  
HIDEOUT--



--INCLUDING  
THE ACTUAL  
RENOVATIONS  
THAT ASSURE  
YOU YOUR  
PRIVACY--

--BUT HE'S  
ALSO  
SUPPLIED  
OUT-  
STANDING--

"--SECURITY!"

SPIDER-  
SENSE!

SUITS OF  
ARMOR  
HAVE  
GUYS IN  
THEM!

GUYS WITH  
GUNS!





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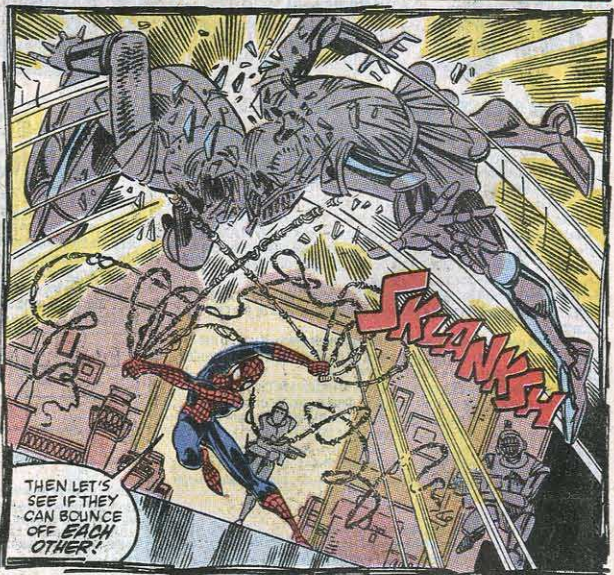
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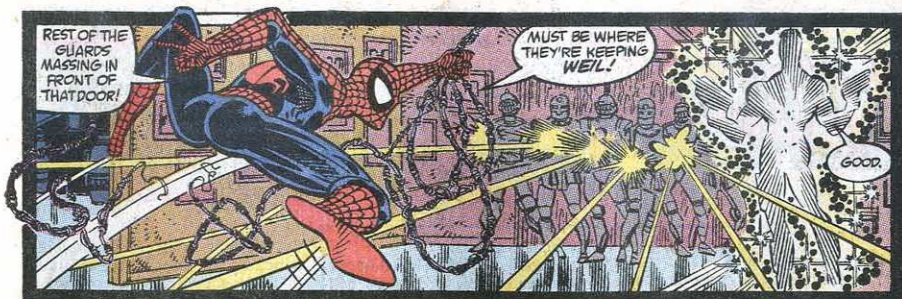
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# Bullpen Bulletins

## Stan's Soapbox

### Hi True Believers!

Y'know, for the past few months I've been hitting a few comic book conventions all over the country (and don't be a wisenheimer and ask me if they hit back!). Now I'd like to share a few thoughts with you, thoughts that occurred to me at those wild and wonderful gatherings.

First of all, if any of you have the idea that comic book conventions are primarily for kids, forget it! The nature and character of the attendees is a never-ending source of pride to me. I mean we're talking young adults, teenagers, college students, professional people, parents of all ages joining in the fun with their youngsters, and assorted literature and art lovers of every race, sex and nationality. Whenever I'm lucky enough to mingle with the great gang of comicbookpersons and their fans, I can't help but think how wonderful it would be if all of life could be like a comic con. Just think—no hassles, no hang ups, no bitterness, bigotry or bull dung. Just a bunch of happy humans, meeting on common ground, sharing a common passion, each finding something in these amazing publications, in the comic books they read and enjoy, something to excite them, to provoke them, to transport them away from their everyday problems, to replace the humdrum elements in their lives with the dazzling color and

## Quote of the Month

"I don't care how strong he is—six tons of wheat ought to hold him for a while."

—Captain Marvel  
CAPTAIN MARVEL SPECIAL #1

### brilliance of fantasy!

No matter how harried and hapless we may be in our own workaday world, for one brief interval of time, a love for comic books brings us together and allows us to savor a world of imagery and romance, a world that we can share through the miracle of the printed page!

Y'know something? I love comics!  
Excelsior!

*Stan Lee*

**ITEM:** Friday, April 14 was the date of the second annual Mighty Marvel T-shirt Swapathon, and what a spectacle it was! Emceed by Fabulous Fabian Nicieza, the Swapathon pitted our ever-competitive Marvel staffers against each other in grueling, winner-take-T-shirt contests.

Memorable moments included Assistant Editor *Renee Witterstaetter's* heartfelt rendition of "I'm a Little Teapot," Reproduction Department Administrator *Francine Burke's* convincing impression of Editor in Chief *Tom DeFalco*,

Submissions Editor *Evan Skolnick* knocking an apple off Executive Editor *Mark Gruenwald's* head with a rubber frisbee, Editor *Howard Mackie's* bellybutton lint, bullpener *Harry Eisenstein's* wailing imitation of Traffic Manager *Virginia Romita*, and Assistant Editor *Jim Di-Giovanna's* brutal stare-down of fellow Assistant Editor *Sara Tschinsky!*

Fun—as well as pizza—was had by all who participated. Sure, there were a few embarrassing moments...but at least no one videotaped the bizarre proceedings. As far as we know, anyway...

**ITEM:** Crafty *Carl Potts*, editor of such titles as *THE PUNISHER*, *ALPHA FLIGHT* and *POWER PACK*, gave up his days of bachelorhood April 22, and married Cunning *Cathleen Meloni* in Westchester, New York. Even as we speak the blissful newlyweds are honeymooning in our fiftieth state, Hawaii. Congrats to Carl and Cathy from Marvelites everywhere!

## Pro File

### Margaret Clark



Editor on: AKIRA, ALIEN LEGION, HAVOK AND WOLVERINE, ELSEWHERE PRINCE, STAR WARS, Moebius' BLUEBERRY Graphic Novels, ELEKTRA: ACT OF LOVE  
Marvel freelance credits (past): DOOFENDERS OF THE EARTH,

WATER CLOSET AVENGERS, SOLO AVENGERS STARRING DR. DOPEY, DOCTOR ZERO, ST. GEORGE, POWERLINE

Marvel freelance credits (present): CRITICAL MASS

My place of birth is: In the dark. The hospital I was born in lost their lights during a thunderstorm.

People who knew me in high school thought I was: One of the meanest people alive.

My hobbies are: Circling want ads in the *New York Times*.

My pet peeves are: I'm not allowed to have pets in my building.

My favorite performers are: Mike Rookwitz, Tiffany, Penn and Teller.

The last good book I read was: *The White Goddess* by Robert Graves.

The last good movie I saw was: The trailers before *Pet Sematary*.

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Lily Tomlin, as suggested by Adam Blaustein.

My oddest habit is: Screaming at the top of my lungs, "It's comics, not brain surgery!"

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Taunting John Wellington to go off the high water slide at Action Park.

The reason I got into comics was: 1982.

The biggest influences on my work include: Stephen Hawkins, the clock and space.

The single work of which I am most proud is: That I finally filled out this stinking form for *Earn*.

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: I didn't realize I was in a field, oh yeah, look at the cow...

The worst part of my job is: Why gosh! There's no one worst part of my job.

When nobody's looking I like to: Dangle the Antioch intern out the 10th floor window by her ankles.

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: "They" were right in high school







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THE OTHER!

CAN'T SHOOT  
MORE  
WEBBING,  
AND CAN'T  
GET  
AWAY!

I'M TRAPPED!

I SHOULD LET  
WEIL GO! HE'S  
PROBABLY  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR MORE  
DEATHS THAN  
JIM JONES!

AND I'VE  
GOT A  
FAMILY, A  
WIFE! I HAVE  
A LIFE  
AHEAD  
OF ME!

YEAH... A LIFE I'LL  
HAVE TO LIVE WITH  
MYSELF-- AND  
WITH WHAT I'VE  
DONE.

YOU'RE STUPID,  
SPIDER-MAN.

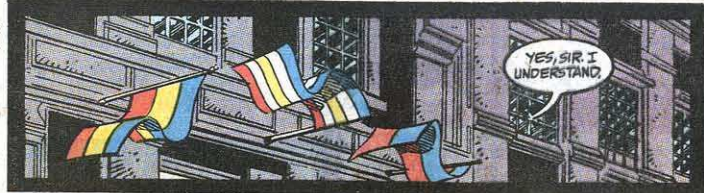
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DIE. NOT  
KNOWINGLY.  
NOT  
WILLINGLY.

AND  
VERY BRAVE.  
PERHAPS  
PUTTING  
WEIL OUT OF  
COMMISSION  
MIGHT BE  
ENOUGH

THIS  
TIME...



THE  
SYMKARIAN  
EMBASSY;  
THE  
NEXT  
DAY.



NOT YET, I'M  
AFRAID.

THEN  
MAYBE  
THERE'S  
ANOTHER  
WAY. I  
MEAN,  
WE'VE  
LEARNED  
AN  
AWFUL  
LOT--



--HOW 'BOUT WE GO  
PUBLIC WITH WHAT WE  
DO HAVE? MAYBE  
THAT'LL BE ENOUGH  
TO CALM THINGS  
DOWN.

TOO LATE.



-- THAT SYMKARIA HAS  
FORMERLY BROKEN RELA-  
TIONS WITH THE U.S.; AND  
RUMORS ARE SPREADING  
OF **DEATH SQUADS**  
SENT TO MURDER  
AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN  
RETAUATION FOR THE  
PRIME MINISTER!




IF WE DON'T  
GET **DEFINITIVE**  
PROOF SOON,  
BLOOD WILL FLOW, AND  
WHOEVER IS **BEHIND**  
THIS MADNESS, FOR  
WHATEVER REASONS...  
WILL HAVE WON!

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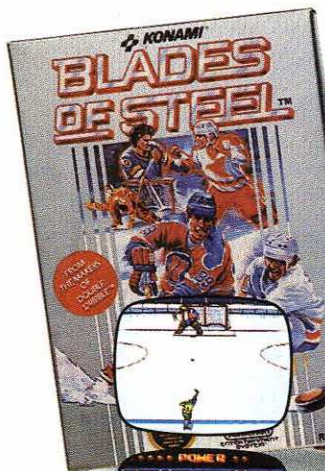
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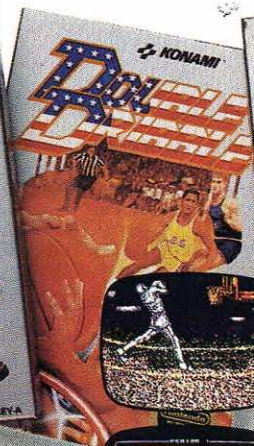


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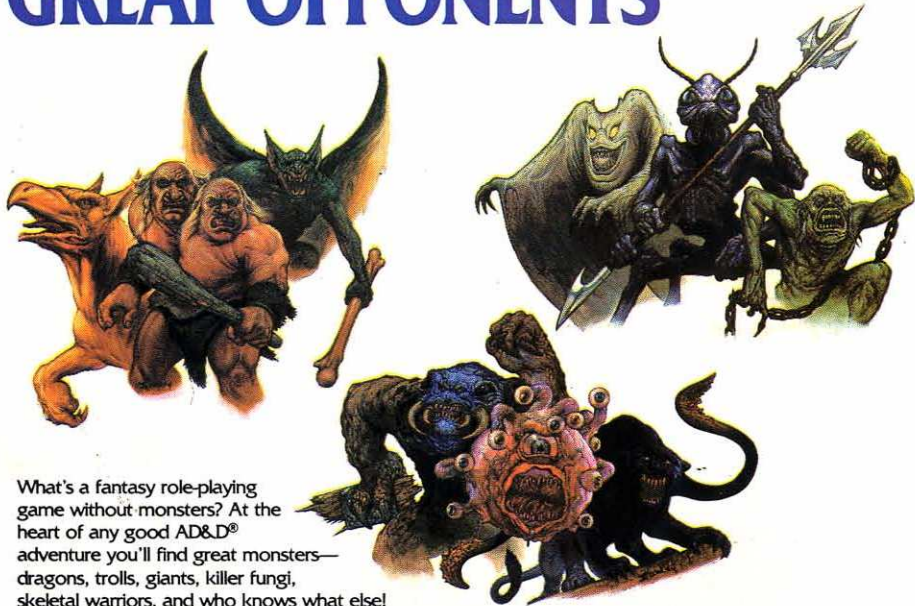
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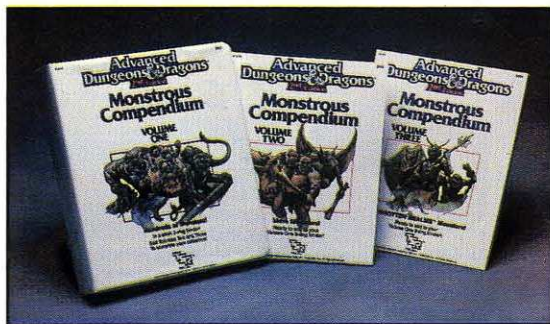


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