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THREE DAYS AGO:  
A WAREHOUSE-SIZED  
LABORATORY AT THE  
EAST COAST HEAD-  
QUARTERS OF SHAW  
INDUSTRIES.

VERY IMPRESSIVE,  
BRUNSEN.  
VERY IMPRESSIVE,  
INDEED!





AND SEBASTIAN SHAW IS NOT EASILY IMPRESSED, BUT THESE PROTOTYPE SENTINELS HAVE SUCH POTENTIAL!

THEY COULD WELL BECOME THE CORNERSTONE FOR PROJECT NIMROD, THE SECRET GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR DESTROYING MUTANTS!



MY ONLY CONCERN IS THE NEW POWERS SPIDER-MAN HAS MANIFESTED OF LATE. FROM REPORTS, THEY MIGHT CHALLENGE EVEN A SENTINEL!

AND SINCE SPIDER-MAN HAS BEEN KNOWN TO AID MUTANTS IN THE PAST...



WE'RE WORKING ON THAT, SIR. AS YOU INSTRUCTED, OUR INTELLIGENCE STAFF HAS GIVEN TOP PRIORITY TO FINDING THE CAUSE OF SPIDER-MAN'S TRANSFORMATION.

AND THEY'VE JUST DISCOVERED THAT A DR. MAX LUBISCH WAS CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS AT EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT SPIDER-MAN'S NEW POWERS FIRST APPEARED.

EXPERIMENTS CONCERNING UNKNOWN ENERGY FIELDS!

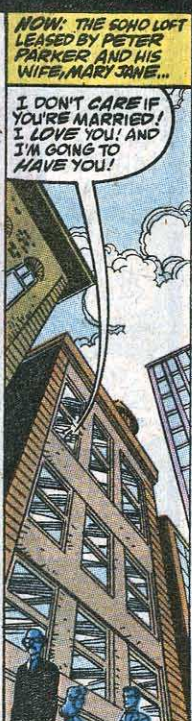


AH, VERY GOOD, BRUNGEN. PERHAPS...



... I SHOULD HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH THIS DR. LUBISCH.

AND IF LUBISCH HAS A BRAIN IN HIS HEAD, HE'LL BLOODY WELL LISTEN!



NOW: THE SOHO LOFT LEASED BY PETER PARKER AND HIS WIFE, MARY JANE...

I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE MARRIED! I LOVE YOU! AND I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU!



I KNOW YOU'RE USED TO GETTING WHAT YOU WANT, SYBIL, BUT THIS TIME YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WINE! I- I MEAN, WIN!

GUESS IT'S OBVIOUS WHO THE REAL ACTOR IN THIS FAMILY IS!

HEY, HON, NO PROBLEM!

AW, DARN IT, MJ! I'M SORRY.

YOUR HELPING ME LEARN LINES FOR MY PART IN "SECRET HOSPITAL" IS A HUGE HELP! REALLY!

WE JUST NEED A BREAK, THAT'S ALL.

I DOUBT IT'LL HELP.

MY GRADUATE STUDIES HAVE SUFFERED, MY SOCIAL LIFE IS NIL.

I CAN'T STOP WONDERING HOW I GOT THESE NEW ABILITIES.

OR MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY?!

YOU KNOW, TAKING A LITTLE SPIN ALWAYS HELPED CLEAR YOUR HEAD BEFORE.

I CAN'T SEEM TO CONCENTRATE ON ANYTHING SINCE MY SPIDER-MAN POWERS WENT SCREWY!



MAYBE IT'LL DO  
THE TRICK *THIS*  
TIME.

MARY JANE, IF THERE  
WAS A CATEGORY ABOVE  
"PERFECT," YOU'D BE A  
CHARTER MEMBER!

AND SOON, RISING  
SLOWLY TO MEET  
THE SOUTH  
MANHATTAN  
SKYLINE...

THWIPP

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY,  
SWEETHEART. TIME WAS,  
I'D CRINGE AT THE THOUGHT  
OF YOUR GOING OUT AS  
SPIDER-MAN. NOW, I'M  
SUGGESTING IT!

BUT I GUESS THAT'S PART  
OF MAKING A MARRIAGE  
WORK-- PUTTING YOUR  
PARTNER'S NEEDS  
BEFORE YOUR OWN.

EVEN IF THEY  
SCARE YOU  
SENSELESS!

THREE  
HOURS  
AGO: A  
PHYSICS  
LAB AT  
EMPIRE  
STATE  
UNIVER-  
SITY...

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PROJECTOR NEARLY  
READY, DR. LUBISCH?

I'M WORKING  
AS FAST AS I CAN,  
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BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT TRAINING ON THIS MECHANISM ON SPIDER-MAN WILL NEGATE HIS NEW POWERS!

THERE'S NO PROOF THAT MY EXPERIMENTS ARE EVEN REMOTELY LINKED TO SPIDER-MAN AT ALL!

WE'LL NEVER KNOW UNTIL WE TRY, eh, DOCTOR?

CONFOUND IT! I'M SICK OF THIS BULLYING! DON'T KNOW WHY I LET YOU ORDER ME AROUND IN THE FIRST PLACE!

NO? COULD IT BE THAT ODD RUMOR MY RESEARCH STAFF UNEARTHED ABOUT THE RATHER UNORTHODOX EXPERIMENT THAT COST YOU YOUR POSITION IN HEIDELBERG?

MESSY BUSINESS, THAT.

Y-YES...

-gulp-

Y-YES, IT WOULD.

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I'M GLAD WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, DOCTOR.

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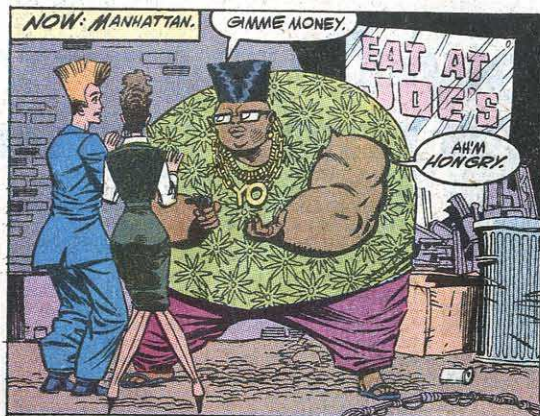
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HE SURVIVED SPIDER-MAN ACTUALLY SURVIVED THE WRATH OF GRAVITON! \*

\* IN ISSUE # 326, -- J.S.

BUT WHILE THOSE WHO EMPLOYED ME HAVE SINCE DISBANDED, \* I DETEST LEAVING THINGS HALF-DONE! LAST TIME, I DREW THE WRETCHED WALL-CRAWLER OUT BY CAUSING A SKY-SCRAPER TO FLOAT FREE ABOVE THE CITY!

\* SEE WEST COAST AVENGERS #55--J.S.

BUT WHY REPEAT MYSELF? IF I'M PATIENT, HE MIGHT COME TO ME! I'LL ALTER THE WEIGHT OF CERTAIN MOLECULES, CREATE A DENSE FOG TO ASSURE MY PRIVACY--

-- AND SEE WHAT FATE MAY BRING!

THREE MINUTES AGO: FATE PROVES A RASCAL...

THE AVENGERS HAVE THWARTED MY BRILLIANT PLAN!

MY "ACTS OF VENGEANCE" HAVE FAILED! THE FOOLISH MORTALS E'EN BELIEVE ME SLAIN!

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT LOKI MUST EMBRACE SUCH A DISMAL FINALE!

NO, NOT WHEN I CAN LEAVE THEIR PITIFUL HOME PLANET--

-- A LITTLE SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY!







WHA--? THE  
SENTINELS!  
TH- THEY'RE  
MOVING!

THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!

THEIR  
POWER  
ISN'T  
ON!

HEADING  
STRAIGHT FOR  
EACH OTHER!  
STARTING TO  
GLOW, THEY--



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COMPLETED.  
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FUNCTIONING.

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PRIME DIRECTIVE  
OPERATIONAL.

THEY'VE  
MERGED!  
F-FORMED  
SOME SORT  
OF TRI-  
SENTINEL!

WE'RE  
DOOMED!



WE'RE  
NOT  
DOOMED?



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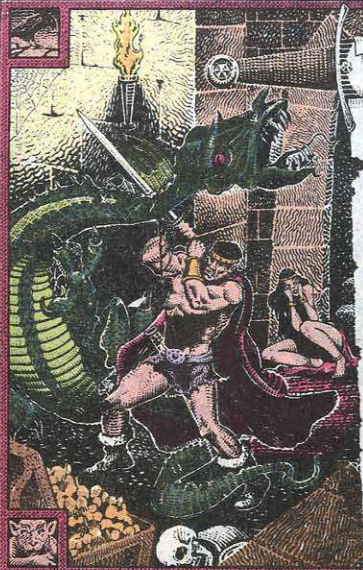
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"I'LL JUST ZOOM IN WITH MY TELESCOPE VISION AND--"

"-- AW, GEEZ! SOME KIND OF ROBOT, HEADING FOR LONG ISLAND!"

"STRAIGHT FOR THE AMITY POINT NUCLEAR PLANT!"





HEAVY? THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE INCREASED YOUR GRAVITY TO WHAT IT WOULD BE AT THE EARTH'S CORE!

HAPPY LANDING!

GRAVITON?

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!

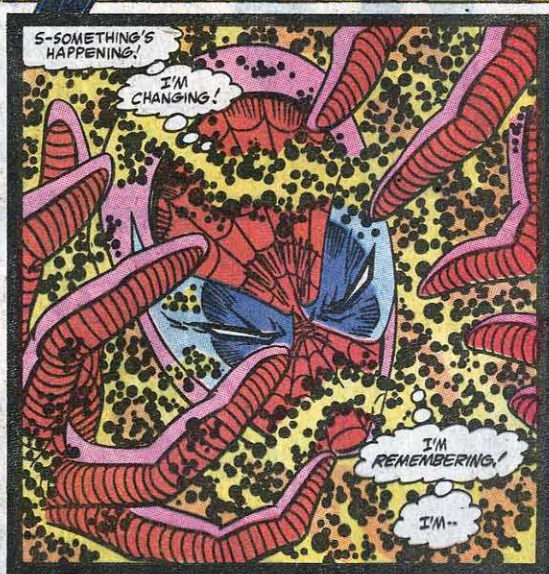
SHRA-

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HANK











... CAPTAIN  
UNIVERSE ???



WHENEVER GRAVE DANGER  
FACES HUMANKIND, SOME-  
THING CALLED THE ENIGMA  
FORCE CHOOSES A CHAMPION!  
IMBUES HIM OR HER WITH THE  
POWER AND IDENTITY OF  
CAPTAIN UNIVERSE! I  
KNOW THAT NOW!

JUST AS I KNOW THAT  
ROBOT IS CALLED A  
TRI-SENTINEL!  
THE ENIGMA FORCE FORE-  
SAW IT AND CHOSE ME  
TO FIGHT IT!

BUT DR. LUBISCH'S EXPERIMENTS BLOCKED  
SOME OF THE ENERGY DURING THE TRANSFER!  
SO I GOT THE POWER WITHOUT THE  
AWARENESS!



NOW SOMETHING'S CHANGED  
THAT! AND I'M NOT SURE I  
LIKE IT!

I DON'T APPRECIATE  
BEING "ASSIGNED" TO  
BATTLE! BUT--NUTS!

I CAN'T LET  
THAT OVERGROWN  
GOBOT TRASH  
A NUCLEAR  
POWER PLANT!  
KILL THOUSANDS  
OF PEOPLE!



THIS IS NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND!  
FOLLOW HIM! PREPARE FOR A SECOND  
ASSAULT!

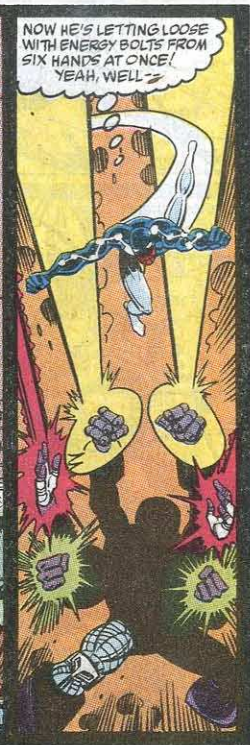


ALERT: THIS UNIT IS  
UNDER ATTACK.

UH-OH! HE'S GOT  
EYES IN THE BACK  
OF HIS HEAD!

LITERALLY!

NOW HE'S LETTING LOOSE  
WITH ENERGY BOLTS FROM  
SIX HANDS AT ONCE!  
YEAH, WELL...

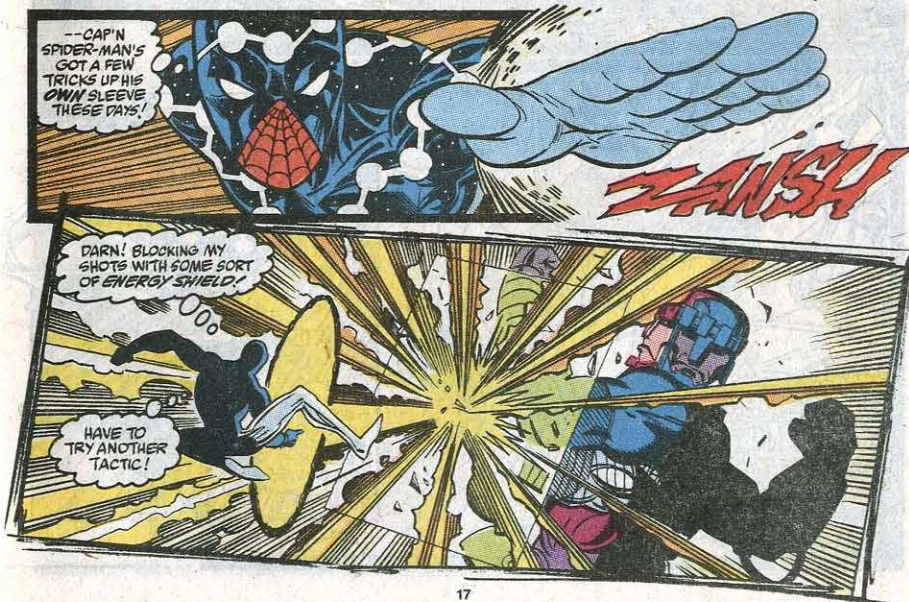


--CAP'N  
SPIDER-MAN'S  
GOT A FEW  
TRICKS UP HIS  
OWN SLEEVE  
THESE DAYS!

**ZANSH!**

DARN! BLOCKING MY  
SHOTS WITH SOME SORT  
OF ENERGY SHIELD!

HAVE TO  
TRY ANOTHER  
TACTIC!





LIKE LOOPING WEBS AROUND HIM! THEN WHEN MY NEW POWERS TURN THEM TO STEEL, HE'LL--



-- SNAP THEM LIKE DENTAL FLOSS?!

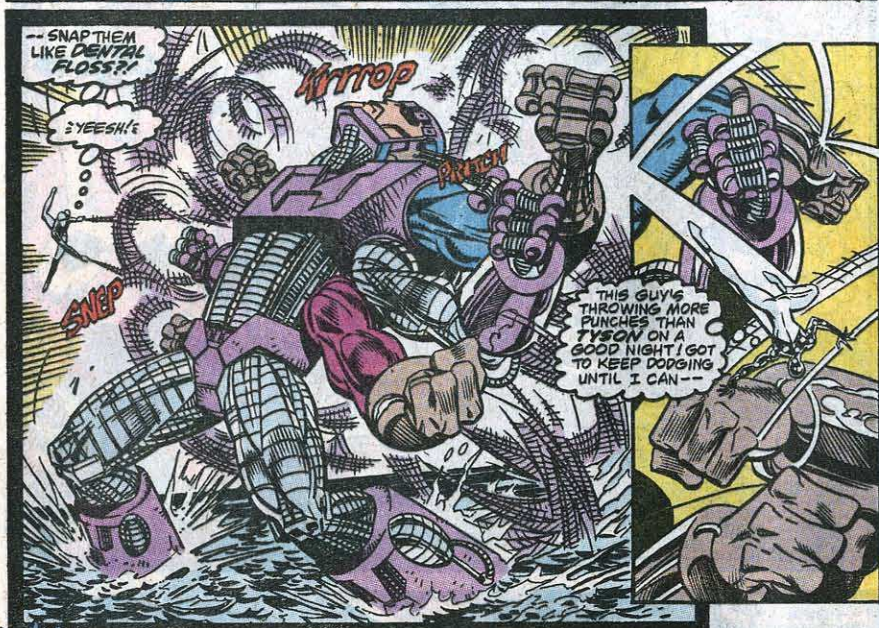
YEEESH!

ATROP

PRATCH

SNAP

THIS GUY'S THROWING MORE PUNCHES THAN TYSON ON A GOOD NIGHT! GOT TO KEEP DOGGING UNTIL I CAN --



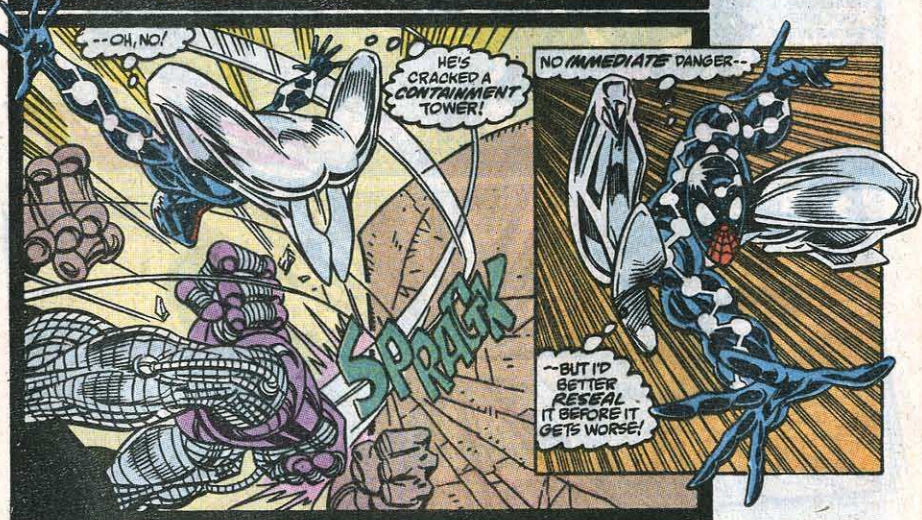
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HE'S CRACKED A CONTAINMENT TOWER!

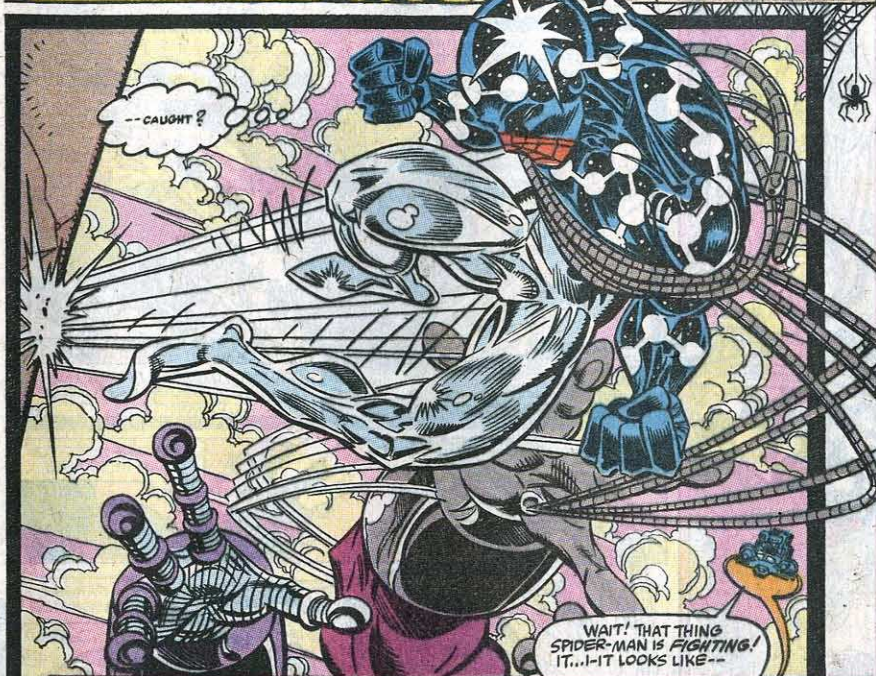
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--BUT I'D BETTER RESEAL IT BEFORE IT GETS WORSE!

SPRACK









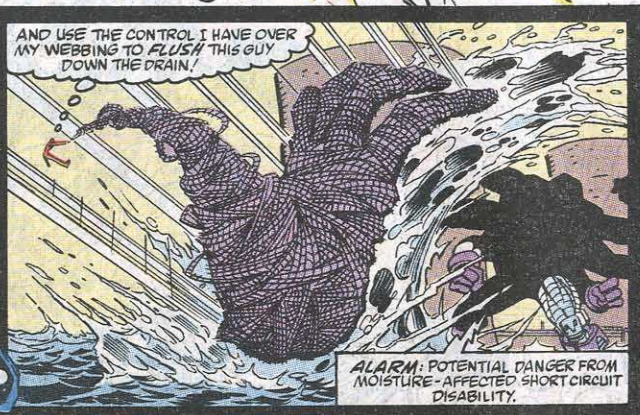
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IF IT WASN'T FOR THE  
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POWER, I'D BE OUT  
COLD BY NOW!



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AUGMENTS ALL OF MY  
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AND USE THE CONTROL I HAVE OVER  
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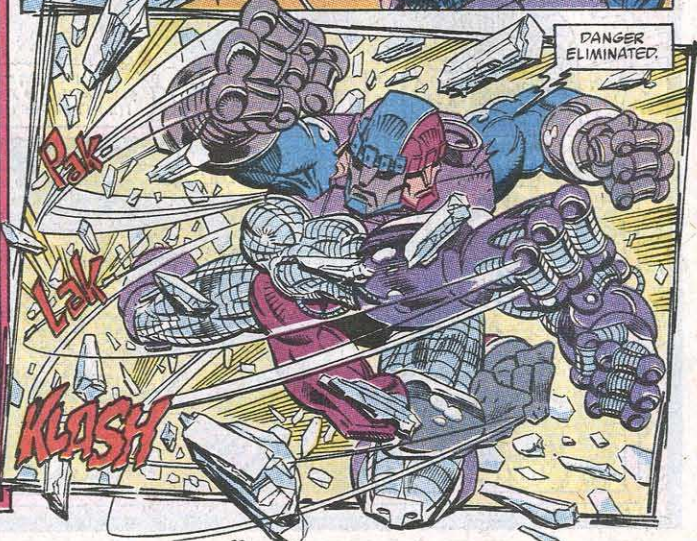


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NO CHOICE! GOT  
TO DO THIS ONE-ON-  
ONE! START RIPPING  
HIS GUTS OUT--

-- AND HOPE THAT  
STOPS HIM BEFORE  
HE RETURNS THE  
FAVOR!



IMPEDING ANNOYANCE  
REMOVED.

? whrk?!ε

LOKI-COMMANDED  
PRIME DIRECTIVE  
NEARING  
FULFILLMENT.

NUCLEAR  
DEVASTATION:  
IMMINENT.

BLAST!

I WAS HOPING I WOULDN'T HAVE TO  
DO THIS...!

WHA--? I-IT  
STOPPED!

STOPPED  
COLD!







WH-WHAT  
HAPPENED--?

IT'S  
CALLED  
CAREFUL  
PLANNING,  
DOCTOR.

SENTINELS ARE  
EXPENSIVE -- BUT  
HAVING ONE GO  
ROGUE COULD  
PROVE EVEN  
MORE COSTLY!  
SO, SINCE THE  
SENTINELS' PRIME  
PURPOSE IS TO DESTROY  
MUTANTS, I HAD A PROGRAM  
IN AN INCONSPICUOUS LOOP IN  
THEIR LOGIC CIRCUITS--

--ONE DESIGNED  
TO CONVINCE THEM  
THAT, SINCE THEY'VE  
INHERITED ALTERED  
CHARACTERISTICS  
FROM THEIR OWN  
'ANCESTORS, "THE  
ORIGINAL MARK I  
SENTINELS, THEY  
ARE IN EFFECT--



--MUTANTS THEMSELVES!  
I RELEASED THE LOOP WITH  
THE SIGNAL I TRANSMITTED  
IN THEORY, THAT MELDED  
MONSTER SHOULD DESTROY  
ITSELF

BUT WHAT THE  
FORCES THAT  
CAUSED THE  
PROTOTYPES TO  
MERGE HAVE  
DONE TO THE ROBOTS'  
LOGIC BOARDS IS  
ANYONE'S GUESS!

ALL WE CAN DO NOW...

"...IS WAIT!"

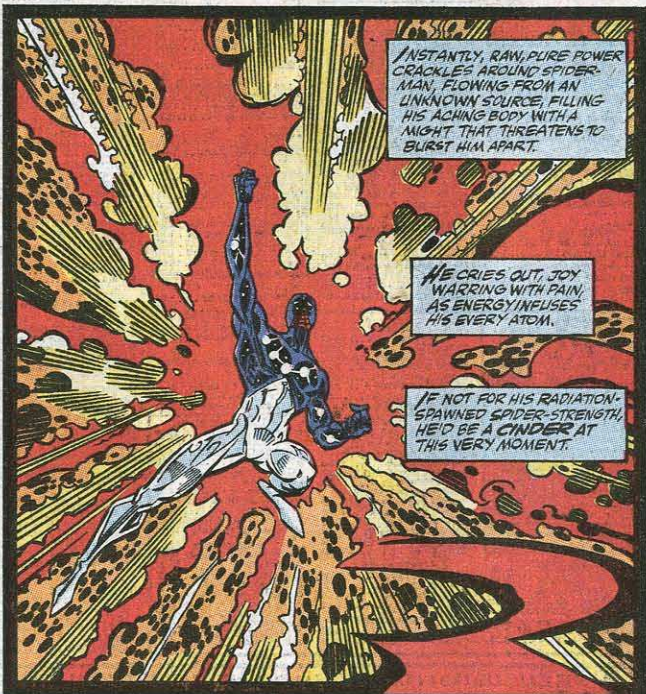
CAN'T WAIT TO FIGURE  
OUT WHY THIS BEHEMOTH  
STOPPED!

GOT TO  
MAKE SURE  
IT DOESN'T  
START  
AGAIN!

AND FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN IN  
THE LAST FEW MINUTES, THAT'S  
GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING  
SPECIAL.

OKAY,  
ENIGMA  
FORCE,  
SHOW ME  
WHAT  
YOU'VE  
GOT!

ALL OF IT!

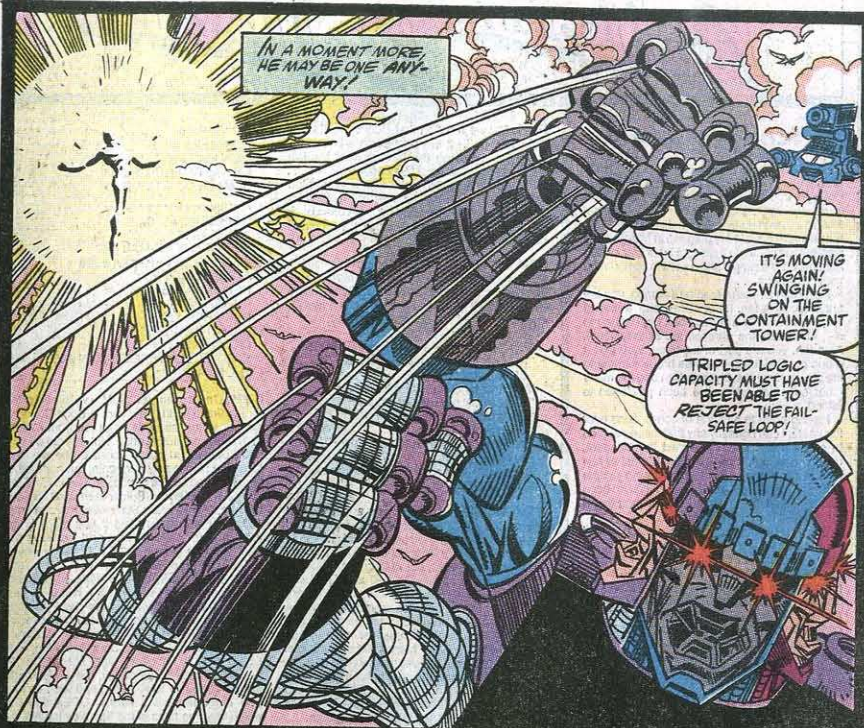


INSTANTLY, RAW, PURE POWER  
CRACKLES AROUND SPIDER-  
MAN, FLOWING FROM AN  
UNKNOWN SOURCE, FILLING  
HIS ACHING BODY WITH A  
MIGHT THAT THREATENS TO  
BURST HIM APART.

HE CRIES OUT, JOY  
WARRING WITH PAIN,  
AS ENERGY INFUSES  
HIS EVERY ATOM.

IF NOT FOR HIS RADIATION-  
SPAWNED SPIDER-STRENGTH,  
HE'D BE A CINDER AT  
THIS VERY MOMENT.

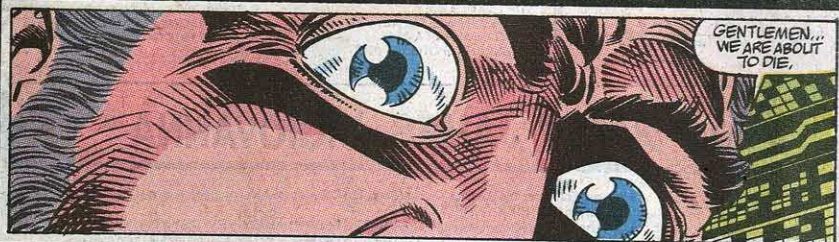




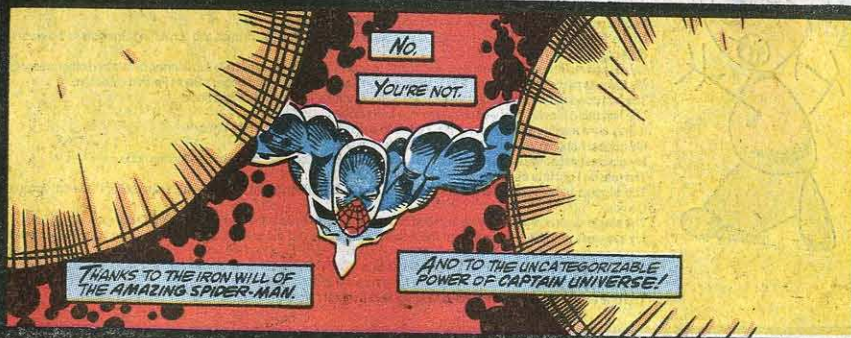
IN A MOMENT MORE  
HE MAY BE ONE ANY  
WAY!

IT'S MOVING  
AGAIN!  
SWINGING  
ON THE  
CONTAINMENT  
TOWER!

TRIPLED LOGIC  
CAPACITY MUST HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO  
REJECT THE FAIL-  
SAFE LOOP!



GENTLEMEN...  
WE ARE ABOUT  
TO DIE.



NO.

YOU'RE NOT.

THANKS TO THE IRON WILL OF  
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN.

AND TO THE UNCATEGORIZABLE  
POWER OF CAPTAIN UNIVERSE!



# Bulpen Bulletins

## Stan's Soapbox

I'm writing these imperishable words exactly twenty-four hours after returning from the Chicago ComicCon at which I was a special guest. (I suspect they dub you "Special Guest" when they don't quite know what to make of you, but why split hairs?) My purpose in bringing this momentous matter to the attention of Marveldom Assembled is a simple one. I want to compliment you! Here's why...

Inasmuch as you're reading this mag, you are undoubtedly a fan, if not necessarily a Marvel fan, then certainly a comic book fan (though to me, of course, the phrases are synonymous). As a fan, you are part of a unique, very select group of individuals. This was brought home to me so clearly at the Chicago Con and the many other such gatherings I've been privileged to attend.

Having been to all sorts of conventions over the years, I can honestly say that those devoted to comic books seem to attract the smartest, most concerned, most aware and most caring fans of all. If any of the few remaining people who still denigrate comics and comic book readers could attend such Cons, I'm sure they'd quickly lose their unfounded prejudice.

Talking with countless Chicago fans, I couldn't help but be impressed by their knowledge, not only of comics in particular, but of art and literature in general. As the talk turned to the philosophical and sociological aspects of various stories and concepts, I realized that there is a great common denominator linking lovers of comic books, science fiction, art, theater and all forms of the media. That common denominator is comprised of a healthy imagination, an awareness of the world about us and a love of adventure and heroics.

Each minute I spend in the comic book world, the prouder I become of the work I do and the people I do it for. Comics are greater than ever—and so are you fans! Just thought you'd like to know.

Excelsior!

*Stan Lee*

**ITEM:** Did we mention that DC's softball team clobbered us 8-2 this past summer? Sheesh, you'd think having the blockbuster motion picture of the year would be enough for 'em... but, noooo! Seriously, we're almost as excited as they are about the success of the *Batman* movie. Anything that's good for one comic book company is good for all of comics! (But wait! next year!)

**ITEM:** Speaking of blockbuster motion pictures, we've recently held our very own Marvel Film Festival! It was held September 22nd in the Bulpen and it featured films by many a Marvel staffer. The complete schedule included:

"Microwave" by Rob Tokar  
"Flesh-Eating Mothers" by Harry Eisenstein  
"The Freelancer" by Mike Heister & Steve Buccellato

"Ameroth" by Evan Skolnick  
"Possession" by Gregory Wright

"Living Lifestyles" by Mark Gruenwald

"Day in the Life of an Assistant Editor" by Marie Javins

By popular vote, Gregarious Greg's "Possession" won the coveted "Spidey" award!

**ITEM:** It's that turkey time of year again and that means the *Amazing Spider-Man* balloon will once again fly over the streets of Manhattan in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! He took a few years, but at long last Spidey is flying in all his comics as well as in real life! What's that? You didn't know your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man could fly? Where have you been? Next you'll tell us that you're unaware of the colossal crossover currently running in virtually every Marvel super hero title. You know, "Acts of Vengeance," where all sorts of super villains tackle super heroes they never met before...? Ah, c'mon, don't tell us you did know about it. Well here's a little checklist of all the *Acts of Vengeance* titles for this month:

The core titles are:  
AVENGERS WEST COAST #54  
CAPTAIN AMERICA #366  
AVENGERS SPOTLIGHT #28

QUASAR #6  
AVENGERS #313  
IRON MAN #252  
FANTASTIC FOUR #336  
DAMAGE CONTROL II #3

And the crossovers are:  
DAREDEVIL #276  
X-MEN #257

WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #60  
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #328  
ALPHA FLIGHT #80  
NEW MUTANTS #85  
POWER PACK #53  
PUNISHER #29  
D.R. STRANGE #13  
MOON KNIGHT #10  
SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #160  
THOR #413

**ITEM:** On September 18, Marvel participated for the first time in "New York is Book Country," the big annual street fair that ran from 47th to 57th Street on Fifth Avenue. Not only did we give away over 6,000 comic books to the fabulous folks that stopped by our booth, but none other than *Walt and Louise Simonson*, *Glenn Herdling* and *Jim Salicrup*, *Spider-Man* and *Spider-Woman*, and *Barbara Slate* were there to meet and greet everyone! (And if you didn't know, Walt will soon be writing and drawing the *FANTASTIC FOUR*. Louise is currently writing *X-FACTOR* and *NEW MUTANTS*. Jim and Glenn edit all the *Spider-Man* titles, and Barbara has created *YUPPIES FROM HELL*, a new offbeat black and white, one-shot, 48-page comic album, on sale now.) Also on hand were *Mark Gruenwald*, *Doug Murray*, *Suzanne Gaffney*, *Evan Skolnick*, *Sara Technisky*, *Lou Bark*, *Donald Hudson*, and *Dawn Geiger*. Famed science-fiction author, *Barry Malberg*, even dropped by to say hello and wish us luck with our forthcoming series, *OPEN SPACE*, which features tales of the future by today's top SF writers and comic artists. *Steve Saffel*, our humble Promotion Manager, was our ringleader and did a heck of a job—a good time was had by all, and we're really hoping to do it all again next year!

## ProFile: JAMES DIGIOVANNA™

**Assistant Editor on:** The Spurious Works of Plato, The Collected Post-Marxist Semiotic Social Theory of Jean Baudrillard, G.I. JOE, Nih Man, Hulk, She-Hulk.

**Marvel freelance credits (past):** Writer on *FANTASTIC FOUR* #1, *AMAZING FANTASY* #15, creator of *SPEEDBALL*.

**Marvel freelance credits (present):** As a Trotskyite, I refuse to work for Maoists (until my trust fund dries up).

**My place of birth is:** Fort Rucker, Alabama and Tupelo, Mississippi.

**People who knew me in high school thought I was:** A hallucination.

**My hobbies are:** Taking the cuss words out of *Bobbie Chase's* inter-office memos and converting strangers to the worship of Degraasi Junior High.

**My pet peeves are:** Foreign dignitaries who refuse to accept our local custom of Jub Jub dancing before the sorbet is served.

**My favorite performers are:** The P.W.T. repertory company, Lach, and Alvin Lucier's Santa Fe shirt collection.

**The last good book I read was:** Like most comic book editors, I have never read a book.

**The last good movie I saw was:** *Housewife* by Larry Cohen.

**If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by:** Vic Tayback.

**My oddest habit is:** Warming the spoon under my arm.

**My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is:** Being America's favorite whistling hobo.

**The reason I got into comics was:** To be closer to *Tom DeFalco*.

**The biggest influences on my work include:** Editing: Ezra Pound; Xeroxing: Friedrich Nietzsche; Paste-up: Jacques Derrida.

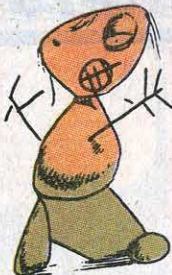
**The single work of which I am most proud is:** Standing in for Divine in the final scene of *Pink Flamingos*.

**My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is:** To put out volume after volume of mindless slug-fests and shoot-em-ups... oh, never mind.

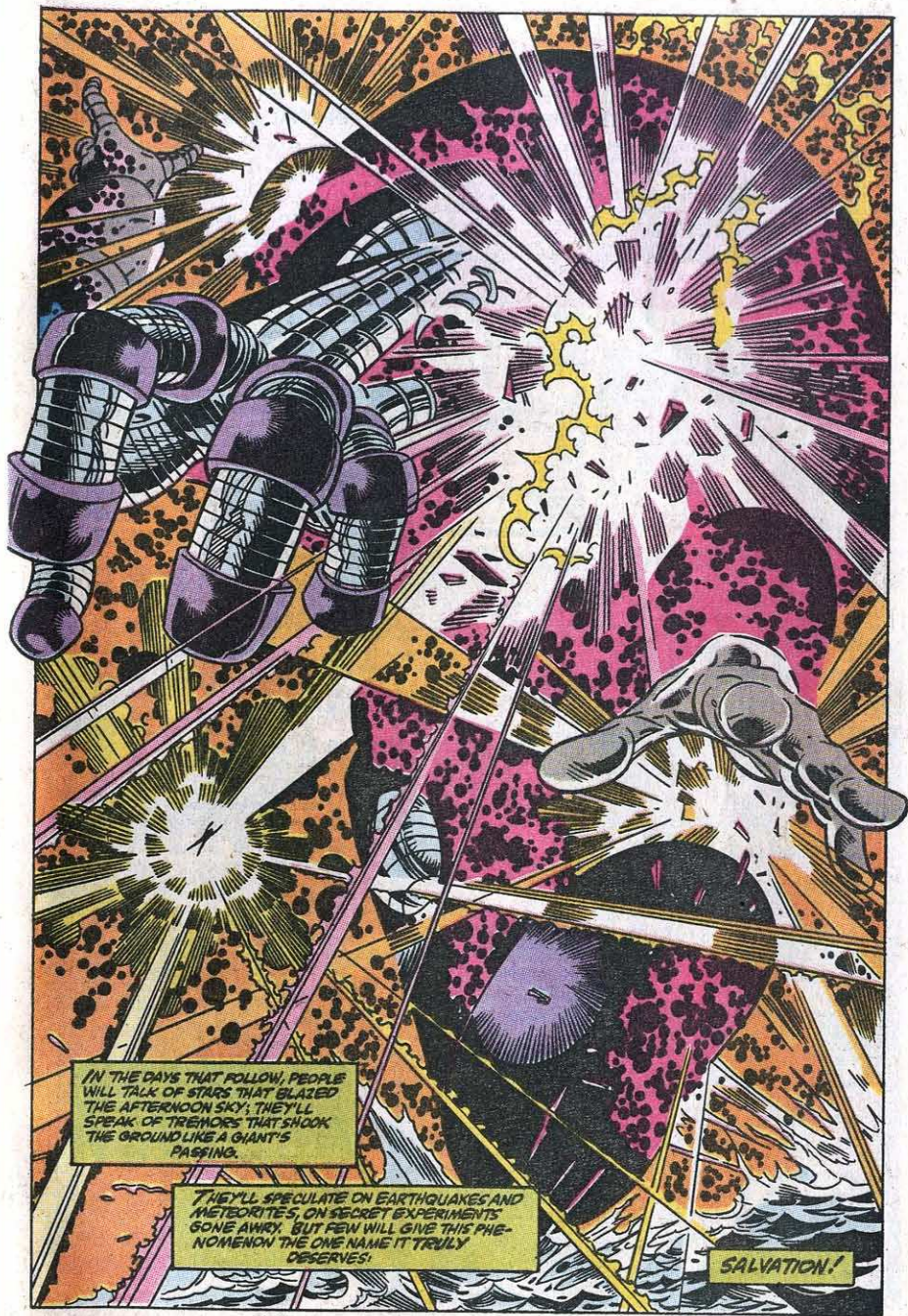
**The worst part of my job is:** Shaving She-Hulk's legs.

**When nobody's looking I like to:** Scramble Norad signals and start World War III.

**The one thing I really want the world to know about me is:** I started *Batmania*.







IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, PEOPLE  
WILL TALK OF STARS THAT BLAZED  
THE AFTERNOON SKY; THEY'LL  
SPEAK OF TREMORS THAT SHOOK  
THE GROUND LIKE A GIANT'S  
PASSING.

THEY'LL SPECULATE ON EARTHQUAKES AND  
METEORITES, ON SECRET EXPERIMENTS  
GONE AWRY. BUT FEW WILL GIVE THIS PHENOMENON  
THE ONE NAME IT TRULY  
DESERVES!

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WHERE EVENTUALLY, TIME-- ALONG WITH A LOVING WIFE AND SUPER-HUMAN RECUPERATIVE ABILITIES-- HEAL HIS MASSIVE EXHAUSTION.





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--YOU DID EVERYTHING THAT YOU, PETER PARKER, COULD DO.

YEAH, I GUESS YOU HAVE A POINT--SHH!

ELEVATOR!

KNOCK, KNOCK!

HEY! FLASH THOMPSON!

GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU GUYS! Y'KNOW THE TOUGH TIME I'VE HAD FINDING 'MS. RIGHT?'

-- FELICIA HARDY!

WELL, C'MON, GUYS! SAY HELLO! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

THAT'S HISTORY! I'VE FINALLY FOUND THE PERFECT PARTNER! PETE, MARY JANE, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET--

NEXT: MORE ON FELICIA "BLACK CAT" HARDY! PLUS: THE PUNISHER JOINS SPIDER-MAN ON A DEADLY HUNT IN...

**THE POWDER CHASE!**



# THE SPIDER'S WEB

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## SHOULD AUNT MAY MEET HER MAKER?

Dear Marvel,

I've always been a fan of Spider-Man; he was introduced to me by my dad. What really made me write was issue #320 of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. Does Aunt May really have to die? The reason for my concern is because my dad died shortly after this issue, and you guys at Marvel printing SPIDER-MAN are the closest memories of my dad from when I was a kid.

Keep up the good work, keep Spidey spinning, and keep doing good for people.

Nate Facio  
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You really jumped the gun, Nate...

Dear Spiders,

Why doesn't AMAZING SPIDER-MAN have a two-page letters page? It is the best comic on the face of the earth and I think it deserves a two-pager. And another thing, on the last page of issue #320, it isn't Aunt May they are talking about. I'll put \$100 down that says it is Kristy because in a WEB OF SPIDER-MAN issue the doctor said Kristy had a heart attack. (I won't shake on that bet, though!) You guys have turned AMAZING into the best comic around. See ya!

Brian Koschak  
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A two-page letters page would mean one less story page, Brian. What do the rest of you folks think: Would you prefer two pages of correspondence and one less page of story? Let us know. As for your Kristy theory, Brian—well, not quite...

Dear Marvel,

The telephone bit at the end of issue #320 is sufficiently vague enough to suggest that Peter may have jumped the gun in assuming it was Aunt May suffering from heart disease. It could very well be Nathan being discussed. Hopefully, this is the case. With Peter's and MJ's marriage the stronger subplot focal point, having Aunt May join Uncle Ben six feet under may lose the impact it could otherwise have.

But if she is to die and stay dead, make Dr. Octopus the palibearer. With him along, who else do you need?

Sarcasm and sick humor aside, keep up the great work. "Assassin Nation" looks pretty good. The book is better than it's been in years and I hope David and Todd stay on it for a long time to come (with or without Aunt May).

Brian Telander  
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You win the \$64,000 Question, Brian (or in this case, a No-Prize). Nathan is our mystery death-guest.

## MUTANT CONTROVERSY RAGES ON

Dear Web-Slingers,

According to my biology teacher, there are two types of mutations: somatic and genetic. A genetic mutation is one handed down from the parents' genetic code (i.e. the X-Men, X-Factor, and the New Mutants).

A somatic mutation is caused by an outside stimulus such as radiation, chemicals or toxins. This is the category Spider-Man fits in, so you really can't call him a "Non-Mutant." He is a somatic mutant.

Chris Barry  
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Spidey may be a somatic mutation, Chris, but not necessarily a mutant.

Dear Arachnerd,

Spidey was born when a radioactive spider bit Peter Parker, whose genetic structure was the same as any normal human being. An X-factor would produce a random power, not a specific splicing of man and spider. The result is not a mutant, but a hybrid (1. An animal or plant produced by a male and female of different species, varieties, or breeds. 2. Anything of mixed origin.)

Till Spidey takes a blood test...

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"The Hybrid Hero"? Hmmm.

Dear Weavers o' Tangled Webs,

The letters page of #320 was filled with arguments over the mutant-ness of Spider-Man. I think the important question is about Harry Osborn. Does his hairstyle make him a mutant? Did anyone ever figure out what kind of hair that is? F.O.O.M. lives on!

Keith Allison  
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Dear Web-Heads,

I just finished reading the letters page in ASM #320. What's my opinion on the

whole "Non-Mutant Super-Hero" controversy? Boy, some people can't take a joke.

Peter Janicz  
Chicago, IL

'Nuff said.

## WHO'S STRONGER: THE WEB-SLINGER OR HIS WEB?

Dear Jim,

In AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #320, Spider-Man snaps his webbing. In previous issues, he's said such a thing was impossible. My solution is that his old webbing stretched instead of breaking when he pulled on it. His new webbing doesn't stretch, it breaks. Do I get a No-Prize? Please say yes!

Dave Sattelberger  
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Dear David,

On page 11 Spidey is seen breaking his supposedly stronger webbing. But Spidey, even with his spider-strength, could never break even his old webbing. But never fear, folks! I have an answer to this perplexing problem.

You see, when Peter made his webbing stronger, one of the new ingredients he used caused the webbing to evaporate faster. Thus, after only a few moments of being exposed to the air, the webbing grew weak enough for Spidey to break it. How's that for an explanation? Is it strong enough for a No-Prize?

Steven Patino  
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We received a number of letters concerning this incident, but we printed the ones we felt had the best explanations. No-Prizes and kudos to all of you! However, the simplest explanation is that Spidey's new webbing takes longer to completely harden when exposed to the air. Do we get a No-Prize?

## MORE BEEFCAKE, LESS CHEESECAKE?

Dear Spiderholics,

The art in issue #320 was fabulous. Peter's nose is looking a lot less, how shall I say this, bulbous. For a while, his nose looked like a foreign object planted on his face. Now that his nose no longer resembles a squashed vegetable, Peter is looking like his normal cute self again. In general, Todd's faces are great; he instills so much personality in them. I just didn't like Peter's nose for a while!

ONE NOTE: How come we only see Mary Jane half-naked all the time? To be fair, shouldn't we get more "interesting" views of Peter?

Just a thought.

Wendy Joy  
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More interesting? How much more do you want from a guy who parades around in a skin-tight outfit half the time, Wendy?

Dear Mr. Salicrup,

I know the amazing arachnid is strong, but is he really capable of hoisting a tank above his head like he does on page 20? Seems to me that's a bit more in the Hulk's league (remember Todd's days with 'Green/Grayskin'). Speaking of the Hulk, it would really be nice if you guys could manage another crossover with that mag, seeing as how we readers were cheated out of McFarlane's art in last year's WEB OF SPIDER-MAN pairing.

Finally, I love the cheesecake rendition of Mary Jane too, but it seems as though Michelinie goes out of his way to write scenes solely for the purpose of showing off McFarlane's provocative pen-and-ink posings. Maybe we could cool it with that a while, huh?

I'm glad that AMAZING is once more a member of my must-buy list. Whatever you do, don't let the current team go (unless you could somehow manage to find an even better creative combo, which is highly doubtful).

Keep those webs spinning!

Chris Schilling  
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We aim to please, Chris! Todd's Hulk appeared last ish in his swan-song issue! And Mary Jane didn't appear in anything too revealing, either. If you were reading issue #320 closely, you would have realized that the tank Spidey hoisted was a miniature composed of strong but lightweight metal. As for our creative team, we hope you'll be pleased with the changes we've made as of this issue.

NEXT ISSUE: The web-slinger and the gun-slinger both find themselves stalking the same prey, but as usual, Spider-Man's methods are far different from the Punisher's! First, can the combined might of Spidey and Puma defeat the all-new demonic Hobgoblin? Find out in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #161! Then, in WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #62, it's the return of Liz Osborn's brother (and you know who that is, don't you?)



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