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IF
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AND
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DON'T BREAK
SPIDEY'S BONES
--**VENOM™**
WILL!!

OUT OF
MY WAY,
LOSERS!
SPIDER-MAN
IS
MINE!!



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DO YOU HAVE
THE STOMACH
TO BATTLE
IN THE BELLY
OF THE BEAST?



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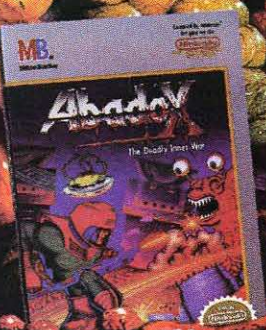
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STALKING FEAT!

FOREST HILLS

I KNOW
VENOM
IS OUT
THERE!
BUT
WHERE?

WHERE?

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THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE EDDIE BROCK WEARS AS A COSTUME DOESN'T TRIGGER MY SPIDER-SENSE! AND WITHOUT IT TO WARN ME OF DANGER--!



HOT CHOCOLATE'S READY!

OH, MY! NATHAN'S ASLEEP AGAIN. BETTER TALK QUIETLY.



I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD SPEND THE NIGHT, PETER. I JUST WISH MARY JANE COULD HAVE COME. ARE THINGS...



...OKAY WITH YOU TWO? YOU SEEM WORRIED.

THE MARRIAGE IS GREAT, AUNT MAY. MJ JUST HAD "GIRL STUFF" TO DO TONIGHT.



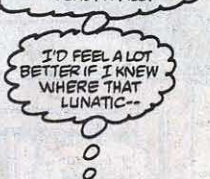
SO I THOUGHT I'D DO SOME "NEPHEW STUFF!"

AND I'M GLAD YOU-- OOP! FORGOT THE LITTLE MARSHMALLOWS! BE RIGHT BACK!



WHEW! GOT TO WORK ON LOOKING CALM! CAN'T LET AUNT MAY KNOW THE REAL REASON I'M UPSET!

VENOM! BROCK CAME HERE YESTERDAY LOOKING FOR ME! IF HE COMES BACK, AUNT MAY COULD BE IN REAL DANGER! BLAST IT ALL!



I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER IF I KNEW WHERE THAT LUNATIC--



-- WAS?



OKAY, BROCK!
YOU FOUND ME!
BUT WE TAKE
THIS OUTSIDE!



LOOK, VENOM, I'M
TIRED OF THESE
THREATS AGAINST
AUNT MAY!

IF YOU SO
MUCH AS TOUCH
HER--



THIS MAP SHOWS THE
ABANDONED SUBWAY
TUNNEL WHERE I
LIVE. WE WON'T BE
DISTURBED THERE,
LIKE WE WERE IN
THE PARK. *



* LAST ISSUE, -- J.S.

SIR, YOU OFFEND
ME. MRS. PARKER
IS SO...



BE THERE IN 24
HOURS. COME EARLY?
I'LL KNOW. BRING
HELP? I'LL KNOW.
DO ANYTHING
UNSEENLY...



YOU HAVE
MY WORD.

BROCK
IS NUTS

BUT
HE HAS
A STRONG,
IF TWISTED,
SENSE OF HONOR!





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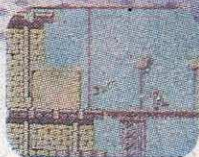
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COULDN'T YOU CALL IN SICK?

==KOFF==
==KOFF==

--THAT MY HUSBAND IS READY FOR A PADDED WEB!

I CAN'T TAKE OFF FROM "SECRET HOSPITAL" IN THE MIDDLE OF TAPING!

PETER, I-I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU, BUT... I WENT TO THE LAWYER YESTERDAY.

I SIGNED A NO CONTEST AGREEMENT IN THE LAWSUIT.

UH-UH. PEOPLE DEPEND ON ME.

BESIDES, WE CAN'T AFFORD A VACATION RIGHT NOW.

SURE WE CAN! ONCE YOUR SAVINGS ARE UNLOCKED FROM THAT LEGAL MESS WITH THE CONDO--

WITH LEGAL FEES AND PENALTIES, MY SAVINGS ARE PRETTY MUCH WIPE OUT!

WHAT?! BLAST IT, MJ! WE COULD HAVE WON!

OH, YEAH? AND AT WHAT COST?

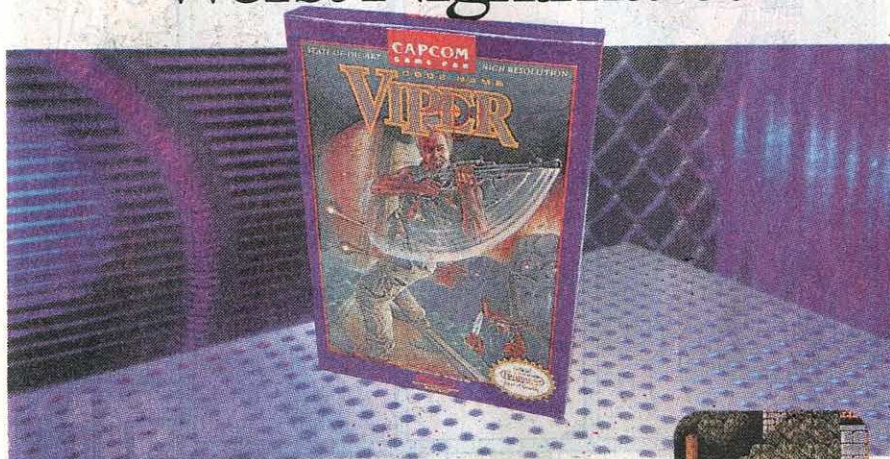
YOU WEREN'T JONATHAN CAESAR'S PRISONER! HIS PLAYTHING!

I WAS!

AND THE IDEA OF SPENDING MONTHS IN COURT, WITH HIM LEERING AT ME EVERY SECOND--! NO. NO AMOUNT OF MONEY IS WORTH THAT!

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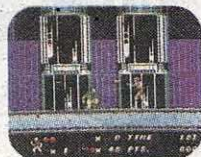
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- **Hidden Doors:** Behind them, find hostages, additional weapons and ammunition.

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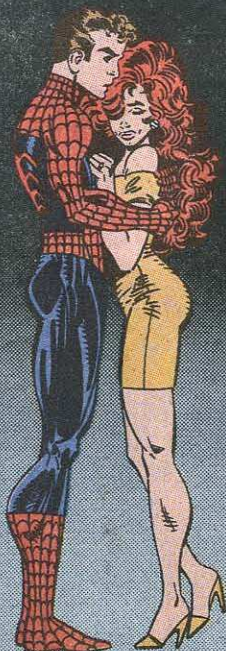
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I... YEAH, YOU'RE
RIGHT, OF COURSE.

SOMETIMES
I'M ABOUT AS
SENSITIVE AS
A POTHOLE!



I WANTED TO PROTECT
MARY JANE FROM
VENOM, BUT NOW I
DON'T EVEN WANT TO
TELL HER ABOUT HIM!
SHE'S GOT SO MUCH
ON HER MIND ALREADY!



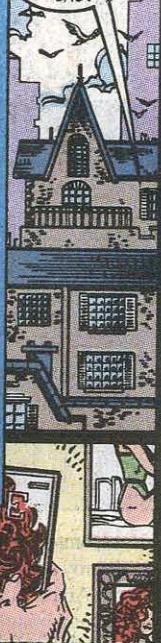
I'LL TAKE THE TICKETS
BACK FOR A REFUND.
AND DON'T WORRY,
SWEETHEART.

EVERYTHING
WILL BE FINE.



THE BEDFORD
TOWERS.

I WANT
SPIDER-MAN
CRUSHED.
DO YOU HEAR?
I WANT HIS
BONES IN A
BAG!



HE INTERFERED WITH MY
OBTAINING THE MOST PRECIOUS
CREATURE ON EARTH! AND NOW
YOU TELL ME--



-- YOU CAN'T
EVEN FIND
HIM?!!

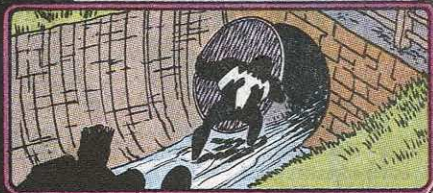
IT'S NOT THAT
SIMPLE,
MR. CAESAR.



WE REACHED CENTRAL PARK JUST AS THE FIGHT BETWEEN SPIDER-MAN AND VENOM WAS ENDING. FROM EXPERIENCE, WE KNEW THAT FOLLOWING SPIDER-MAN WOULD BE FUTILE-- HE ALWAYS SEEMS TO KNOW WHEN SOMEONE'S TAILING HIM.



SO WE CHOSE TO SHADOW VENOM INSTEAD, THINKING THAT HIS APPARENT HATRED FOR THE WEBSLINGER WOULD EVENTUALLY BRING THE TWO TOGETHER AGAIN.



BUT WE LOST HIM IN A MAZE OF ABANDONED SUBWAY TUNNELS. WE SUSPECT HE HAS OTHER MODES OF EGRESS, PERHAPS EVEN SOME WAY TO DISGUISE HIMSELF BUT--



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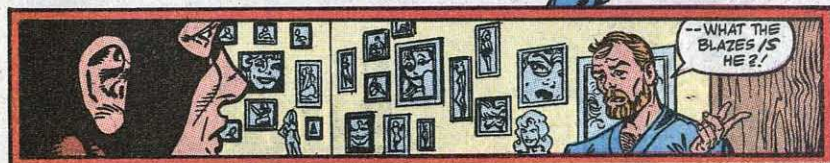
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-- HE BECAME A LIVING **CANCER** HIMSELF ABLE TO ROT AND KILL ORGANIC MATTER BY MERE TOUCH!

IT ALSO AFFECTED HIS STABILITY. HE TOOK THE NAME "**STYX**"...

-- AFTER THE MYTHICAL PASSAGE TO HADES, NOW, HE LIVES FOR DEATH. IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT BRINGS HIM PLEASURE.

AND RELEASE.

BUT WHY DO YOU HELP HIM?

HE...

...DID SOMETHING FOR ME ONCE.

FEH! I DESPISE RIDDLES!

JUST GO BACK AND WATCH THAT TUNNEL! SOMETHING IS **BOUND** TO HAPPEN!

PROBABLY, BUT UNTIL THEN...

DO I CHANCE IT? THAT'S THE GYM WHERE **FLASH THOMPSON** HOLDS HIS BOXING CLASSES.

BUT WHAT IF **FELICIA'S** THERE? SHE'S USING FLASH--

STILL, I HAVE TO GET ADVICE FROM **SOMEONE**. AND **MARY JANE** IS TOO CLOSE TO THINGS.

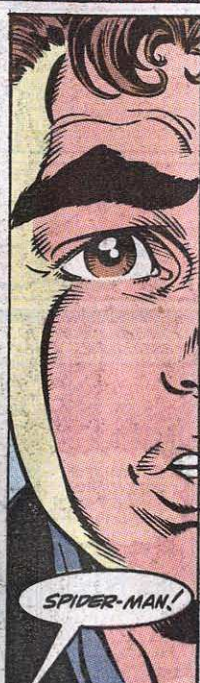
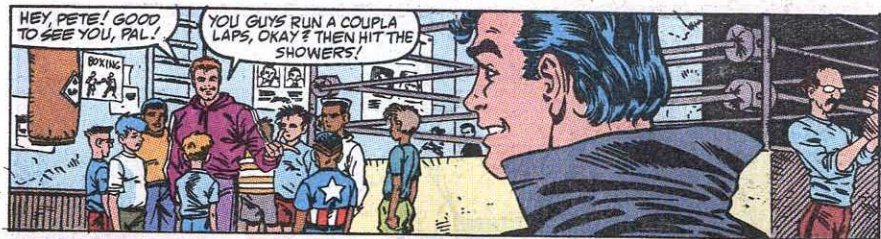
FLASH IS MY OLDEST BUDDY.

IT'S WORTH THE RISK.

THAT'S GREAT, ROSCOE! DO IT RIGHT, AND YOUR OPPONENT WILL HIT THE CANVAS EVERY TIME! JUST REMEMBER--

-- NEVER HIT HIM ONCE HE'S DOWN!

-- TRYING TO GET BACK AT ME FOR REJECTING HER, RUNNING INTO 'LICIA'S THE LAST THING I NEED!





THAT CAN'T BE
HELPED! JUST
KEEP YOUR--

-- GLOVES
ON?

BOREDOM'S
OVER!

NEVER
MIND.

GOT TO BE
CAREFUL!

REAL
CAREFUL!

REMEMBER I
CAN'T DEPEND
ON MY
**SPIDER-
SENSE!**

RELYING
ON IT OUT
OF HABITHAS
GIVEN VENOM
AN
ADVANTAGE
IN THE PAST.

YEAH,
LIKE HE
DOESN'T
HAVE
ENOUGH
OF AN
EDGE--

--ALREADY!

"COME
INTO MY
PARLOR,"
SAID THE
SPIDER--

--TO
THE
SPIDER!

WELCOME TO
CASA VENOM,
BE IT EVER SO
HUMBLE...

...FILTHY...

...RAT-
INFESTED...!

IT
FITS
YOU,
BROCK!

MORE THAN YOU
KNOW. THIS COLD WAR
FALLOUT SHELTER WAS
ABANDONED.
MUCH AS--

-- WE WERE! I, WHEN MY JOURNALISTIC CAREER WAS DESTROYED! AND MY OTHER- WORLDLY COMRADE--



--WHEN IT WAS SPURNED BY THE HUMAN IT HAD ORIGINALLY JOINED!



THE SOURCE OF PAIN IN BOTH INSTANCES BEING--

...YOU!

SOMETHING'S WRONG! HE'S TALKING INSTEAD OF ATTACKING! GOT TO HAVE SOMETHING UP HIS--



-- SLEEVE? SENT SOME OF THE ALIEN'S SUBSTANCE ALONG THE FLOOR, HIDING IT IN THE SHADOWS! TRIED TO AMBUSH ME--



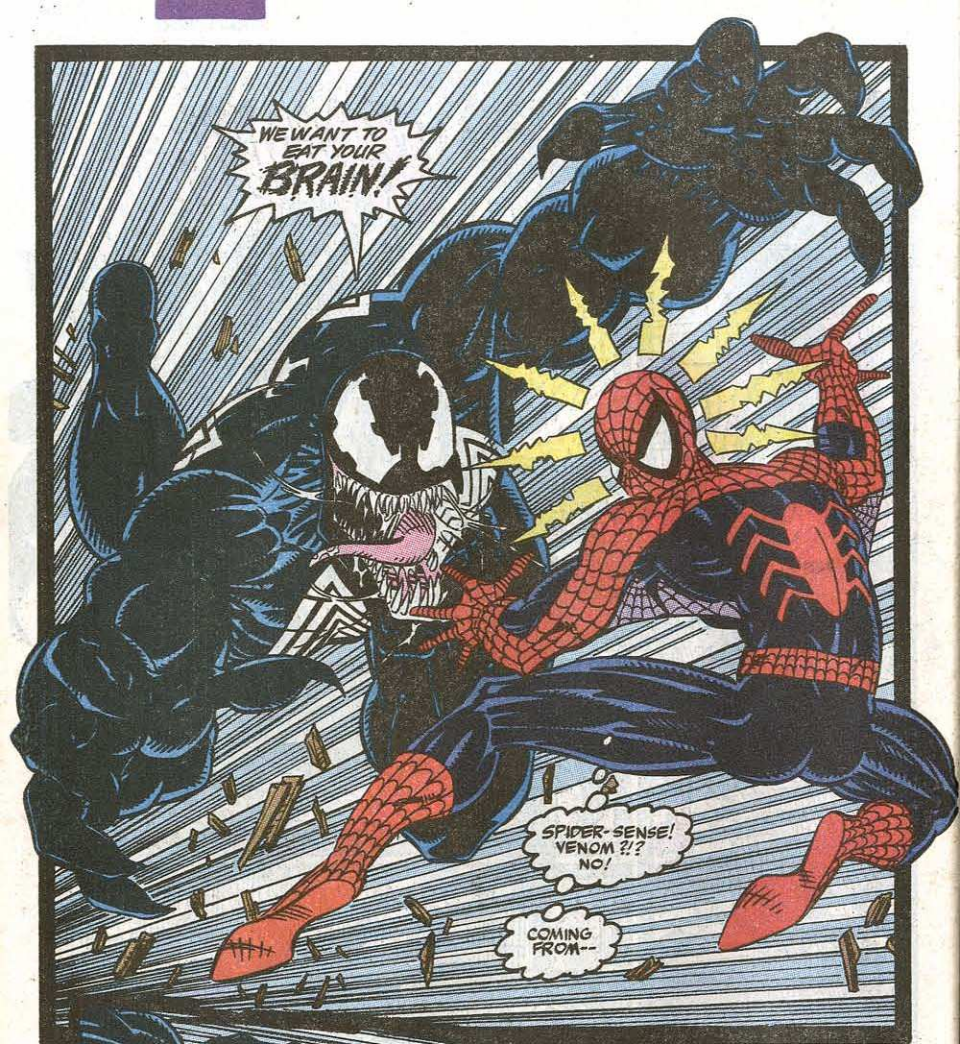
--LIKE HE DID ON THAT LONG ISLAND BEACH!*



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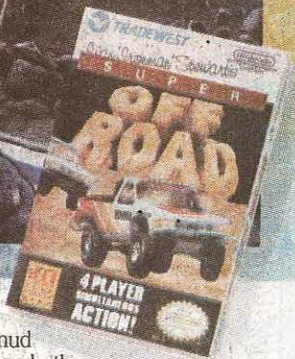
BUT A WEBLINE,
JUDICIOUSLY APPLIED
TO THOSE BARBELLS!





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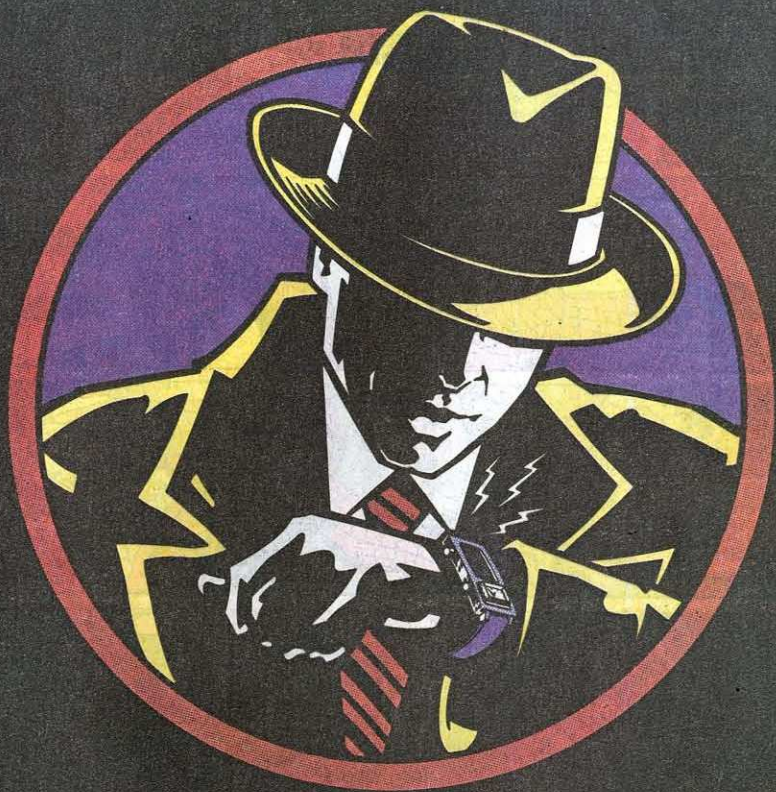
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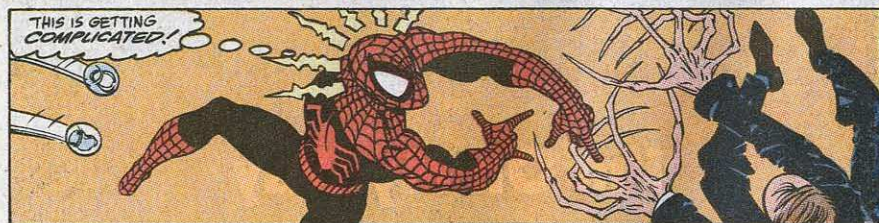
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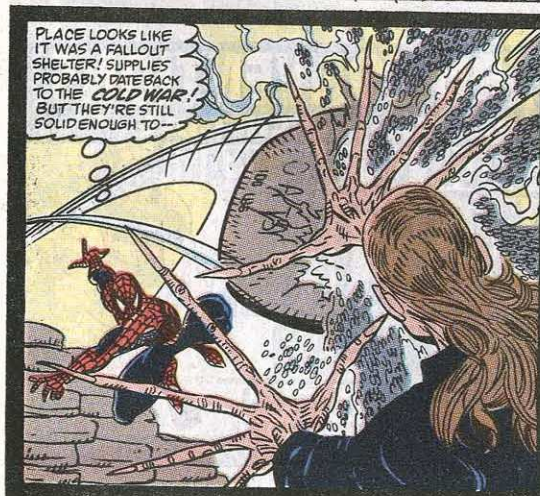
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I'm On My Way







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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes! I've received a number of disturbing letters lately. Normally I wouldn't mention them because you know how I hate to upset you, but perhaps by bringing this out into the open we can stop some other misguided Marvelites from going astray. So here's the scoop . . .

It seems that some readers are angry at me because the popular Spider-Man newspaper strip doesn't run in their home town papers. The letter-writers demand to know what I've got against their fair cities and why their favorite newspapers are unjustly deprived of Spidey's daily adventures.

Well, may my webs never untangle if I'd ever cause the minions of Marveldom to miss out on any of our wall-crawler's amazing adventures! Hey, if it was up to me, Peter Parker's arachnid alter-ego would be featured in every paper from here to Asgard!

But that's not how it works! Each newspaper has to ask for the strip—though begging might be even better! We can't just force it on them. So here's the bottom line. If your tear-stained eyes are pining for the Spidey strip, just write to your local editor and tell him so—and have your buddies do the same. You'd be surprised how much influence readers' letters can have. Or, if Spidey is presently appearing in your paper, the least you can do is write a note thanking 'em for bestowing such benevolence upon thee. Either way, it looks like you're in for a case of writer's cramp—a small price to pay for your daily dose of Spider-Man!

But don't go away till I share one of life's loveliest little lessons with you, namely—It's Expensive To Be Rich!
Excelsior!

ITEM: This year, we're introducing six new titles featuring characters whom we've dubbed "The Heroes of the 90's!" Already your awe-struck eyes have beheld the first issues of **ROBOCOP**, **GHOST RIDER**, and **NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER**. This month, you can thrill to the return of the ever-popular **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY**. And over the next two months, you can look forward to the final two "Heroes of the 90's" titles, the **NEW WARRIORS** and **SPIDER-MAN**. To help usher in these new titles, we've decided to give away some nifty prizes. There's still plenty of time to enter. For details, see any issue of **MARVEL AGE MAGAZINE** from the first six months of this year. Don't delay—enter today, and you can be a hero for the 90's, too!

ITEM! If you liked the award-winning "Airtight Garage" Epic graphic novel by **Moebius**, then you're really in for a treat! That pinnacle of graphic excellence is about to be made into a feature-length animated film! But wait! Hold on to you hats! There's more! The **AIR-TIGHT GARAGE** Movie will be the first U.S.-Soviet joint venture on an animated film! Much of the animation will be produced at the largest animation studio in the USSR! The screenplay for the **AIR-TIGHT GARAGE** has been written by **Randi Lofficier**, and **Moebius** himself will personally supervise the movie's art direction. The film will be a collaborative effort between the **North American Trading Corporation**, **Starwatcher Graphics**, and **Soyuzmultfilm**. The movie is scheduled to be completed in two years. But if you can't wait that long for a dose of **Moebius**, there's still time to run down to your comic shop and pick up the two-issue **ELSEWHERE PRINCE** limited series by **Moebius** and **Eric Shanower**. **ELSEWHERE PRINCE** contains the kind of epic fantasy **Moebius** fans have come to love. And don't forget to reserve a seat at your local theater now for **AIR-TIGHT GARAGE: THE MOVIE**,

coming in '92! When the greatest animators in the US and the USSR get together—there's no telling what they can accomplish!

ITEM: Let's all bid a fond farewell to **Daring Dwayne McDuffie**, who is leaving his editorial position at Marvel to enter the wacky world of freelance writing. Dwayne is already hard at work on a third **DAMAGE CONTROL** Limited Series, and has several other projects in the works involving **Deathlok**, **Captain Marvel**, and **Hawkeye**! So even though we won't be seeing Dwayne on a day-to-day basis anymore, he'll still be working for us just as much as ever! We wish Dwayne much luck and success in his freelance career. Replacing Dwayne as **Bob Budianski's** assistant on **Special Projects** is **Titanic Tom Brevoort**, who just started out as **Marcus McLauren's** assistant a few short months ago! Of course you know this means **Marcus** will now be needing a new assistant. Who will it be? Check this page next month!

ITEM! It's time once again for our update of which annuals will be coming your way this month. First up will be the **ALF ANNUAL**, in which everyone's favorite Melmacian behaves very nicely and doesn't get into any trouble. HA! Just wanted to see if you were paying attention! Actually, **ALF** gets into more mischief than ever before!

Then, if you liked the classic X-Men tale, "Days of Future Past," you're really in for a treat because the next four annuals this month together comprise one storyline which forms a sequel to that X-Men epic! The new story is entitled "Days of Future Present," and it features the final fate of the adult **Franklin Richards** from the future! A special highlight is the first-ever meeting of **Jean Grey** and **Rachel** (**Phoenix**)! The story starts off in the **NEW MUTANTS ANNUAL**, then continues into the **X-FACTOR**, **FANTASTIC FOUR**, and **X-MEN** annuals. If you think "Days of Future Present" is not to be missed, you're right!

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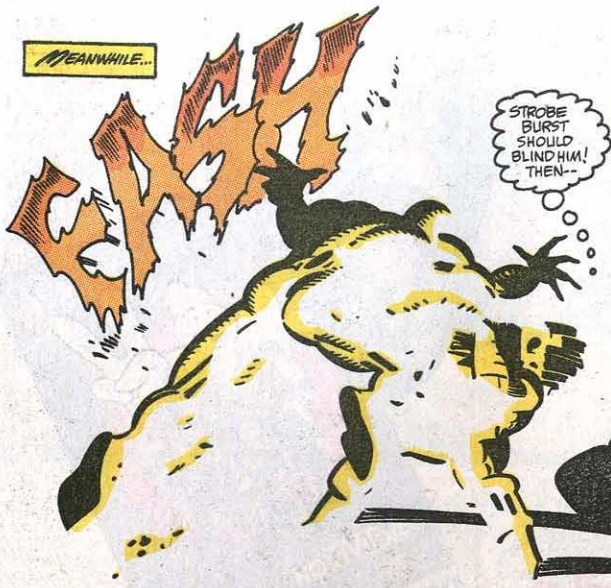
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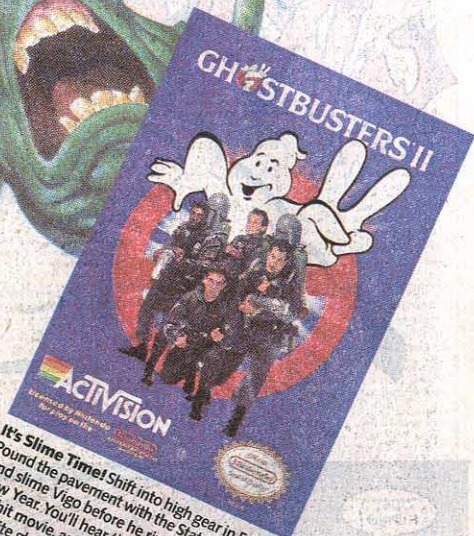
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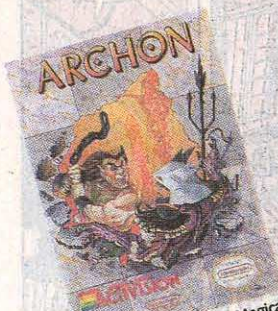
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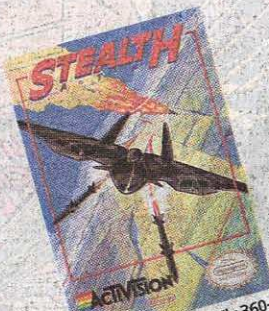
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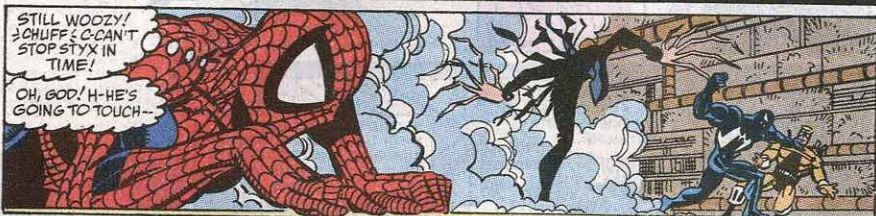
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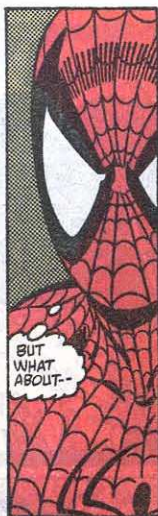
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--VENOM?

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...W-WERE...
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SHOULD BE HAPPY, BUT EVEN
WITH THE EVIDENCE HERE IN MY
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THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Attention correspondents: All letters considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request.

Dear Jim,

Wow! Spidey's new powers are really something else! I know they won't last long ('cause then he'd be your friendly neighborhood nigh-omnipotent guy in a red-and-blue suit, rather than the web-slinger we all know and love), so I'm gonna enjoy the show while I can. And Pete's reaction to flying was, well, perfect.

One of the things I've always liked about Spidey was his "With great power comes great responsibility" motto, and David Michelinie seems to be having a fine time using Spidey's new-found powers to give Pete a real major headache trying to work out how much responsibility comes with near-infinite power. If this power level persists, Pete won't dare leave his apartment.

I'm also pleased to report that Erik Larsen is admirably filling the gap left by Todd McFarlane. I'll admit I had my doubts—I mean, how do you follow that man? My congratulations to Erik for showing us how it's done. Like Pete said, "Wow. I'm impressed."

Keep up the amazing work.

Steve Allen
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We'll try, Steve! A lot of readers were worried we'd never be able to replace Todd McFarlane, but we think Erik Larsen has done a great job. Sometimes a new artist on a comic takes a little getting used to, but we find Erik is doing a great job of picking up where Todd left off.

But you McFarlane fans needn't despair, for Todd's new SPIDER-MAN comic is coming out in June. It will be written and drawn by Todd, and it will be well worth the wait!

Dear Spider-Men,

Please return Spidey to his good old self! He's got some really cool powers and all, but he may as well don a blue-and-red costume and a cape, and wear a big red "S" on his chest. (That's "S" for Spider-Man, of course!) I think I can put up with the extra powers during the "Acts of Vengeance" storyline, but after that, nix the Captain Universe powers.

I do approve of Erik Larsen as a successor to Todd McFarlane as the penciler of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. I really liked his stuff in issue #327.

Jay "Flounder" Highfield
(Address withheld by request)

As you saw, Jay, Spidey did, indeed lose the Captain Universe powers after the "Acts of Vengeance" storyline was over. We love your suggestion for a big red "S" on Spidey's chest, though. But it seems to us we've seen that somewhere before...

Dear Spidey-People,

First of all, I would like to say thanks for producing the only decent Spidey title on the market today. I mean, SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN and WEB OF SPIDER-MAN are all right, but the storylines are mediocre and the featured art is absolutely rubbish.

Second, I would like to talk about the latest artwork by Erik Larsen, which I have mixed feelings about. His representations of Spidey are great, but those of Pete and MJ (especially) are too comical and sometimes out of proportion. Todd used to make MJ look sophisticated and sometimes sexy. Erik makes her look too larky.

I do not mean to sound too critical, but with a little revamping on the civilians featured, Erik will become perfect for this book. Please do not hate me for my criticisms, because they are only those of one person.

I just have three more things to add. Mr. Michelinie, your stories are excellent!!!! Erik, your representation of Magneto was superb!!!! Finally, whatever happened to Chance????????

So until Venom goes to the dentist for fillings, Make Mine Marvel.

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Don't worry, Michael—we don't hate you! We could never

hate someone for expressing his opinion. Here at Marvel, we like to think we're open-minded enough that we can listen to a wide range of opinions, good or bad. That's what our letters pages are for—they're a forum for our readers to let us know what we're doing right and wrong.

Erik's still a relative newcomer to this book, and it always takes time for a new artist to adjust to a title. But Erik's style is constantly evolving, as you'll see if you compare his early issues to his newer ones. What do you think of Erik's Peter and MJ now?

As for Chance, he'll be popping up soon.

Oh, and in the future, Michael, please try to refrain from using so many exclamation points and question marks in your letters. Haven't you heard there's a shortage?

Dear Spider-Writers,

Spider-Man has been one of my favorite Marvel characters since I first started reading comics. I haven't written a letter to any of the Spider-Man comics until now. I have at last been compelled to write. Whoever had this "Super-Spidey" idea deserves a very large pay increase. This story is brilliant, and I love Spidey's new powers. I wish he could keep them. Of course he isn't quite the same with them, either. Perhaps we could achieve a balance—once in a while, when the world is in great danger, there comes a hero... Super-Spidey.

Well, I just want to say that you are doing very well on all three books. The art, stories, letters—heck, the whole product is very enjoyable and well worth the money. I wish to thank you all for hours of reading enjoyment. Make Mine Marvel!

Nathan E. Hodges Jr.
(Address withheld by request)

Nathan, your letter really made our day. It's letters like yours that remind us why we do these books in the first place. We hope to have you as a Spidey fan for many years to come.

Hey, Jim—

After seeing AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #326, I cast my vote in favor of Colleen Doran taking over the book's visual reins once Todd leaves, rather than the previously announced Erik Larsen.

Although I found her men too feminine in appearance, all things considered, she did a fine job on "Gravity Storm."

Uncle Elvis
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Sorry, Elvis, but Erik Larsen plans on staying on this book for a long, long time. Both he and David Michelinie have expressed their desire to stay on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN at least till issue #350, if not longer. We hope Erik's work will grow on you the way it has on so many of our other fans.

We do feel that Colleen Doran did a great job on issue #326, but she is currently busy with a second FALLEN ANGELS limited series, so she probably won't be doing any Spider-Man work for the foreseeable future.

Jim—

After reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #326, I am beginning to think this "Acts of Vengeance" ultra-plot is a stupid idea. I mean, who wants to watch the good guys lose? Not me!

Paul Coate
(Address withheld by request)

Aw, C'mon, Paul—doesn't it get boring if the good guys win all the time?

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