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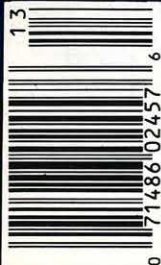
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MAG IS THIS,
ANYWAY?!

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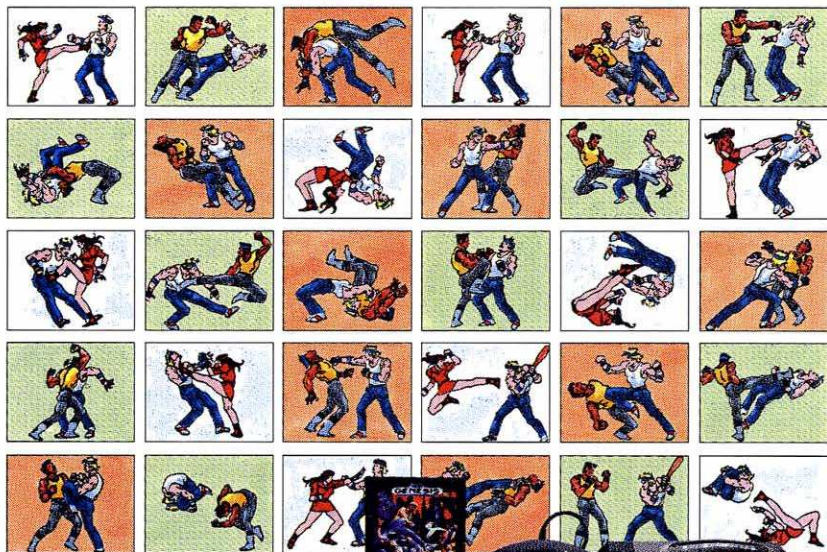
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MOON
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AND NOVA!***

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THE WAY THINGS STAND:
MOON KNIGHT'S FIRST-
WILE PARTNER--JEFF
WILDE, A.K.A. MIDNIGHT--
APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN
KILLED BY THE SECRET
EMPIRE.

BUT THE EMPIRE RESURRECTED
WILDE AS A HEAVILY ARMORED
CYBORG.

THEN THEY SENT HIM ON
A MISSION TO CAPTURE
THE SUPER-POWERED
NEW WARRIOR, NOVA!

MIDNIGHT SUCCEEDED,
BUT IS NOW BEING
PURSUED BY MOON
KNIGHT. NOVA'S TEAM-
MATE NIGHT THRASHER,
AND (IT'S HIS BOOK
AFTER ALL) THE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN.

GET
ON 'EM,
FRENCHIE!

I AM TRYING,
MOON KNIGHT--
BUT IT IS NO
USE!

AMID THESE
BUILDINGS, ZE
ADVANTAGE IN
MANEUVERABILITY
IS HIS!

THAT'S
RIGHT--EAT
MY FUMES,
YOU SUPER-
JERKS.

IF MY PLAN
GOES RIGHT,
I'LL SOON BE
RULING THE
SECRET
EMPIRE--
NOT JUST
WORKING
FOR THEM!

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KNOWN AS THE PUNISHER.

HE MAKES THE CRIMINAL
ELEMENT PAY
THEIR DUES-- WITHOUT
BENEFIT OF
DUE PROCESS!

I'VE BEEN
HANGING
HERE, WAITING
FOR SOMETHING
TO DEVELOP...

NOW THAT
SOMETHING
HAS-- THE
QUESTION
IS, WHAT
DO I DO?



COULD GO IN
WITH GUNS
BLAZING-- BUT
THAT CYBORG
GAVE SPIDER-
MAN A TOUGH
GO! AND WHO
KNOWS HOW
MANY EMPIRE
AGENTS ARE
HOLED UP
IN THERE
BESIDES?



HMMM...
MOON
KNIGHT'S
CHOPPER.



WHOAH-- MY SENSES
ARE TINGLING SOME-
THING FERCE.

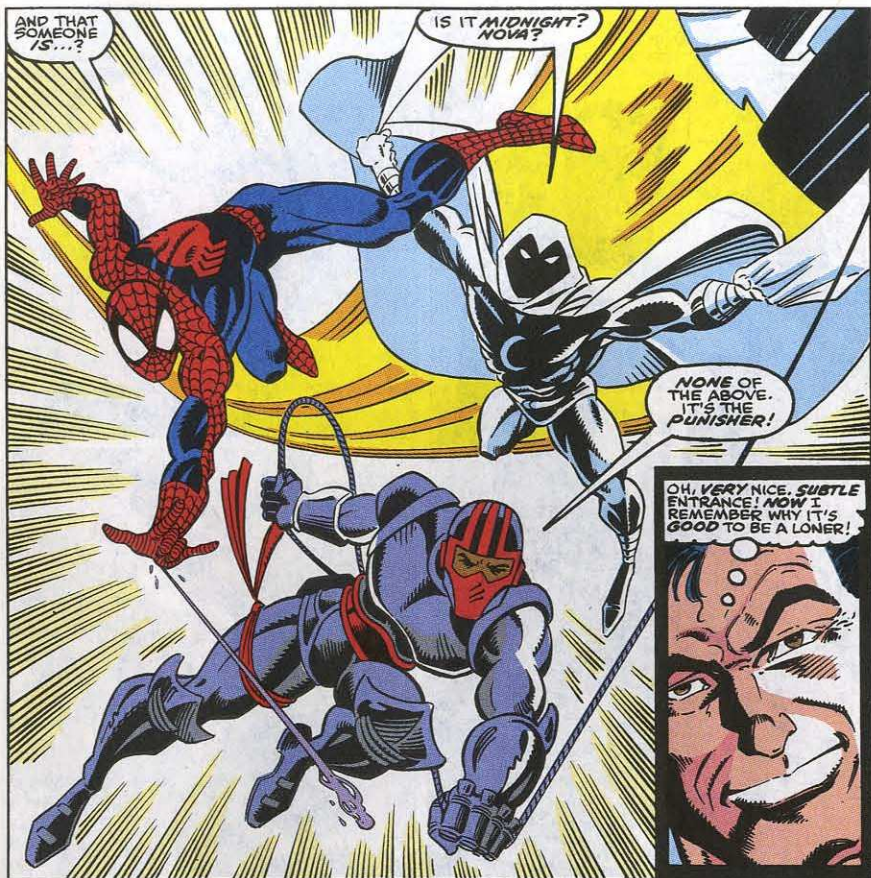
THIS IS
THE PLACE.

I'LL SEE IF
THE COPTER'S
SCANNERS
CAN...



DON'T BOTHER,
MOON KNIGHT.
MY HELMET HAS
AN IMAGE-
ENHANCER WHICH
HAS SPOTTED
SOMETHING--
OR SHOULD I
SAY SOMEONE--
VERY INTEREST-
ING!





AND THAT
SOMEONE
IS...?

IS IT MIDNIGHT?
NOVA?

NONE OF
THE ABOVE.
IT'S THE
PUNISHER!

OH, VERY NICE, SUTLE
ENTRANCE! NOW I
REMEMBER WHY IT'S
GOOD TO BE A LONER!

WHERE HAVE
THEY GOT MY
TEAMMATE,
PUNISHER?
TALK OR SO
HELP ME I'LL
KICK YOUR--

BACK OFF, NIGHT
THRASHER! YOU
KNOW THE PUNISHER
WOULDN'T SIDE
WITH THE SECRET
EMPIRE.

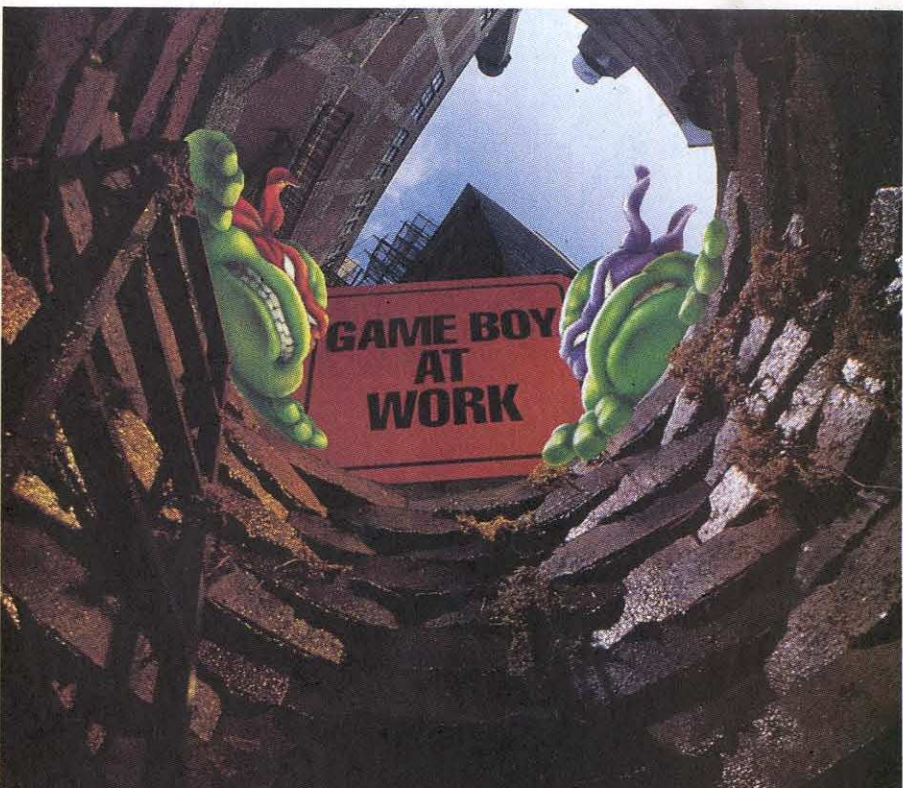
TRUE ENOUGH. BUT IF PUNNY
HERE IS GOING AGAINST
THE EMPIRE AGAIN... WHY DOESN'T
HE LOOK HAPPIER TO SEE US?

BECAUSE, SPIDER-
MAN, BEFORE YOU
BOYS BLUNDERED
ALONG--

--THEY HAD NO IDEA
I WAS HERE.

BEFORE--? AND
NOW--? OH, ON I
SENSE WHAT YOU
MEAN, PUNNY-BUNNY!





GET YOUR MIND BACK IN THE GUTTER.

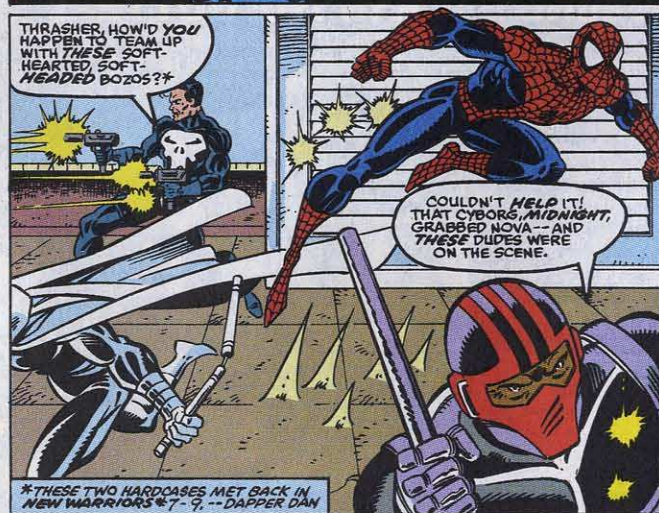
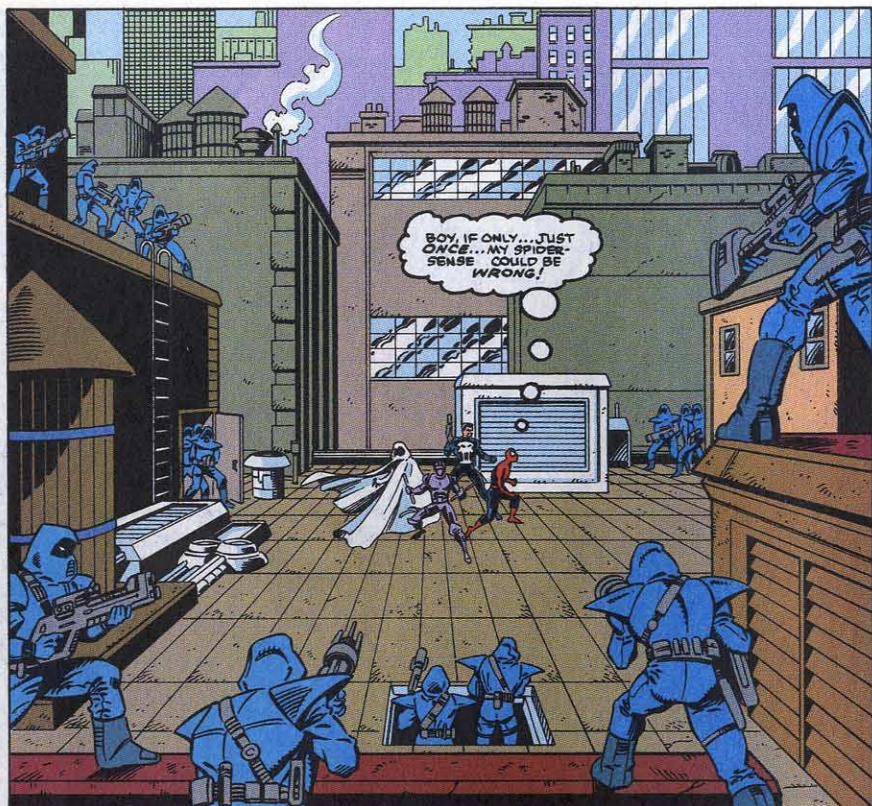
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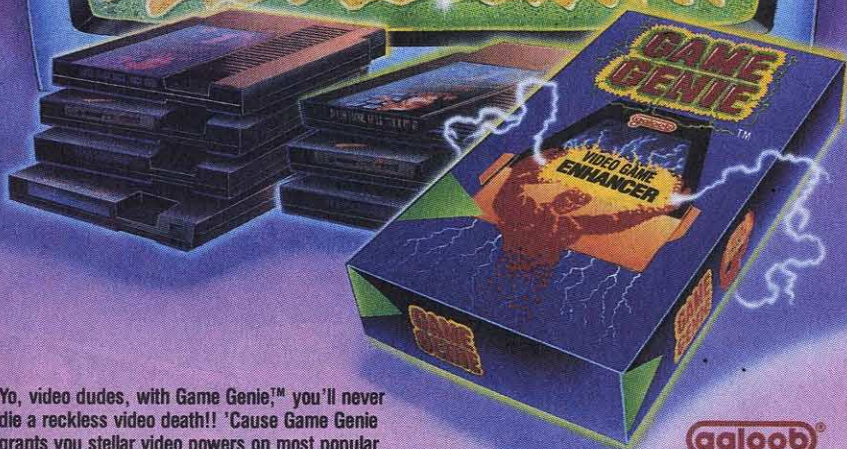


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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE GOOD,
OLD-FASHIONED SUPER HERO
NAMES LIKE **IRON MAN**,
WONDER MAN--

--AND YES, I'LL SAY IT, EVEN
SPIDER-MAN?!

THWAK

WOKK

YOU'RE
RIGHT,
PUNISHER! WHY DID
I HOOK UP WITH THESE
GUYS?

LESS TALK
AND MORE
HITTING.
PLEASE, WE'RE
HEAVILY **OUT-**
NUMBERED
HERE.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED SUPER HERO NAMES LIKE IRON MAN, WONDER MAN--

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LESS TALK AND MORE HITTING! PLEASE, WE'RE HEAVILY OUT-NUMBERED HERE.

YEAH, SO? WE CAN OUTGUNT THESE DIPSTICKS!

MAYBE-- BUT IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, THEY HAVE GUNS.

IF IT'S A LACK OF FIREPOWER YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT, MOON KNIGHT, DON'T BE!

BRAKA
BRAKA
BRAKA
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TAKATATA
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TAKATATA



SLAM!

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BILL LAMBEER
 BORN: 5/19/57, BOSTON, MA
 HEIGHT: 6'11" WEIGHT: 250
 COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND
 OHIO STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
 DRAFTED: 3RD ROUND BY CLEVELAND, 1979
 PICK: 48 MINUTES
 POINTS 163 REB 161 STL 161

Year	Club	G	PTS	FT%	REB	AST	STL	BLK
1984-85	Detroit	82	506	197	1013	154	88	71
1985-86	Detroit	82	402	204	1075	146	88	85
1986-87	Detroit	82	361	254	955	151	72	92
1987-88	Detroit	82	453	274	832	189	86	86
1988-89	Detroit	81	499	340	776	171	57	57
1989-90	Detroit	81	484	380	780	171	57	57
1990-91	Detroit	82	478	357	737	162	38	38
1991-92	Detroit	80	499	333	947	163	60	60

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Lambeer entered the Detroit record book in the 10th year of his career when he became the Pistons' all-time leading rebounder. Lambeer, who averaged double figures in rebounds per game in nine seasons, has missed a total of three games in his career because of injury. Lambeer is a four-time All-Star.

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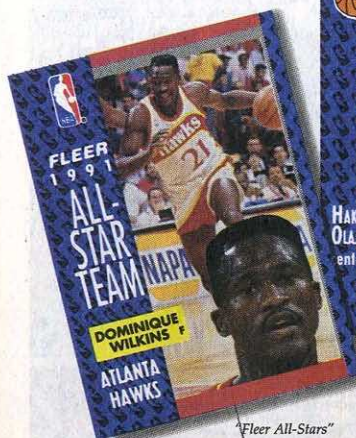
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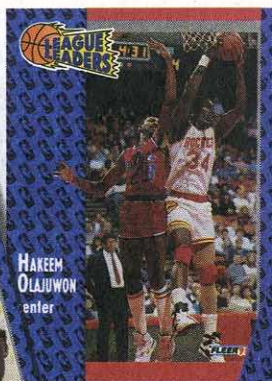
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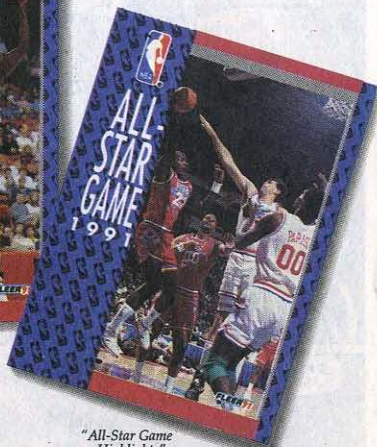




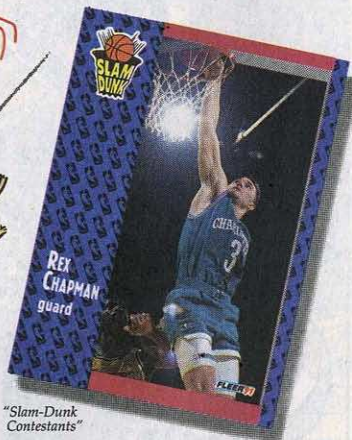
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WE'VE GOT THEM ON THE DEFENSIVE, NOW! BUT WHERE'S MIDNIGHT?



JUST WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO MAKE MY ENTRANCE, MOON KNIGHT!



NOW WILL DO!

JEFF-- DON'T ATTACK ME!



STOP, BLAST YOU! LISTEN TO REASON!



CAREFUL, MOON KNIGHT. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW POWERFUL HE IS!



IS IT REALLY YOU, JEFF? IF IT IS, WHAT'S CHANGED YOU? WHY ARE YOU WORKING FOR THEM?



WHAT'S CHANGED ME? HOW ABOUT THAT FORCE BLAST FROM A SECRET EMPIRE POWER DANGER THAT DESTROYED MY BODY?

HOW ABOUT MY SO-CALLED PARTNER LEAVING ME TO ROT AT THE EMPIRE'S TENDER MERCIES?!



THAT'S WHAT CHANGED ME!

BUT IT'S NOT TRUE, JEFF! I NEVER... AGH!

TAKWAMM

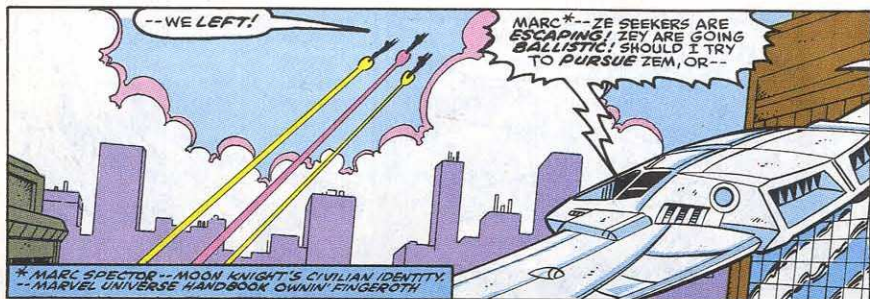
BUT SAY THIS FOR THE EMPIRE! THEY GAVE ME POWER! POWER ENOUGH TO OUTSHINE MY EX-PARTNER!

I'M BETTER NOW THAN YOU EVER WERE! GOOD ENOUGH TO TOTALLY ECLIPSE YOU, MOON KNIGHT!









*MARC SPECTOR--MOON KNIGHT'S CIVILIAN IDENTITY.
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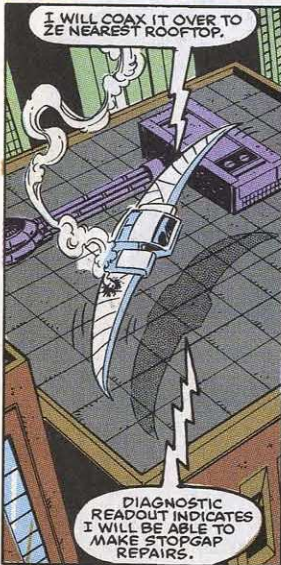




IT'S FIRING AT
THE MOON COPTER!
FRENCHIE!



I'M OKAY, BOSS--MANAGED
TO DODGE MOST OF ZE BLAST--
BUT ZE COPTER IS SHAKY.



I WILL COAX IT OVER TO
ZE NEAREST ROOFTOP.

DIAGNOSTIC
READOUT INDICATES
I WILL BE ABLE TO
MAKE STOPGAP
REPAIRS.



GET ON IT, FRENCHIE. LET
ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE!

WHAT NOW?
THEY'VE STILL
GOT NOVA!

NO WAY I
CAN TRACK
'EM-- THEY'RE
OUT OF MY
RANGE!



MAYBE THE PUNISHER
HAS SOME IDEAS...
SAY, WHERE IS HE?



I... I'M OVER
HERE...

THAT THING
SOWIC
LAUNCHED--
IT'S STILL
ON HIM!



Y-YEAH... AND I TH-
INK IT'S KILLING
ME!

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YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE
SUFFERING, PUNISHER.

LET ME PUT YOU OUT
OF YOUR MISERY...

THRASHER,
NO!

SNIKT



-- YOU DIDN'T REALLY
THINK I WAS GONNA
USE IT ON THE
PUNISHER,
DID YOU?

TH-THANKS KID.
THING WAS SAPPIN'
MY ENERGY... LEFT
ME AS WEAK AS
A KITTEN.

KEYLAR ARMOR
PROBABLY
SAVED ME.



KN-KNEW I SHOULDN'T
GET MIXED UP WITH YOU
SUPER-GEES...



OH, C'MON,
SPIDER-MAN --

... ALWAYS
GETS ME IN
TROUBLE...

HE'S PASSED
OUT.



FRENCHIE, HOW'RE WE
COMING ON THAT
COPTER?

PLEASE MON AMI--
DON'T USE ZE ROYAL
"WE" ON A FRENCH-
MAN-- REMEMBER
WHAT WE DID TO ZE
ROYALTY IN OUR
COUNTRY.



I AM BYPASSING
A FUEL LINE-- SHOULD
BE FINISHED IN TEN
MINUTES OR SO.



WHILE SOME DISTANCE
UP AND ACROSS TOWN...

MIDNIGHT'S ESCAPE
CRAFT HAS SETTLED
DOWN WITHIN A
HOUSING WHICH
HAS BEEN DESIGNED
TO LOOK LIKE JUST
ANOTHER ROOFTOP
PROJECTION...



... WHERE A SHORT
ELEVATOR RIDE DE-
LIVERS HIM INTO THE
HEART OF THE SECRET
EMPIRE STRONGHOLD.



AH... AT
LAST.

HERE HE IS, BOYS. ONE SUPER HERO
TO GO. SIGNED, SEALED, AND
DELIVERED.



EXCELLENT...



EVEN IF WE *DID* HAVE TO DIS-
PATCH THE *SEEKERS* TO SAVE
THE MISSION.

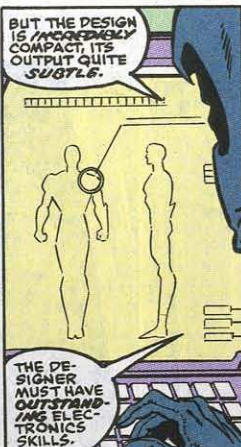
NOW JUST
A MINUTE...

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, I THINK I DID
A GREAT JOB! I HAD SUPER BOYS UP
THE WAZOO THERE.



SPEAKING OF WHICH--
YOU BETTER RUN A CHECK
ON ME! THE WAY THEY'VE
BEEN DOGGIN' MY TRAIL,
THEY MUST HAVE A
BUG PLANTED ON
ME SOMEWHERE.







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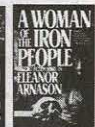
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HIS VITAL SIGNS ARE GOOD, THOUGH-- HE SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT.

GREAT-- NOW WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT FINDING MY PARTNER?



WE CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND ON OUR HANDS-- WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'VE GOT PLANNED FOR HIM!

WELL, I GUESS WE COULD CALL UP THE AVENGERS-- SEE IF THEY'VE GOT ANY IDEAS...

N-NO!



W-WENT TO THE PARK... BEAUTIFUL DAY... PICNIC

WIFE... K-KIDS... SO HAPPY... SO FULL OF LIFE...

SAW THE MURDER... IF ONLY HADN'T SEEN MURDER...

M-MOB WISEGUYS... DIDN'T WANT... WITNESSES...

KILLED... MY FAMILY...

POLICE CAN'T... STOP IT... ONLY I GET THE SCUM...

GET ALL THE SCUM...



SO...THAT'S HIS STORY. WHY HE'S SO OBSESSED, SO RELENTLESS IN HIS WAR ON CRIME.

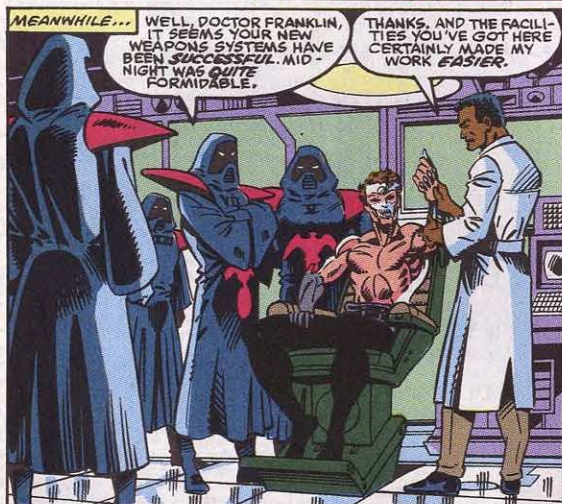
I GUESS WHEN YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH WHAT HE'S BEEN THROUGH YOU CAN ALMOST UNDERSTAND--

LIKE THE CREEP WHO KILLED MY UNCLE BEN-- I FELT LIKE I WANTED TO KILL HIM-- GET REVENGE, BUT IT JUST ISN'T RIGHT-- I COULD NEVER...



LIKE THE WAY SOMEBODY KILLED MY FATHER WHEN I WAS A CHILD! I'D LIKE REVENGE TOO, BUT...

LOOK, WE'VE ALL SUFFERED LOSSES-- BUT I DON'T WANT ANY MORE/HOW DO WE FIND NOVA?!



MEANWHILE...

WELL, DOCTOR FRANKLIN, IT SEEMS YOUR NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. MID-NIGHT WAS QUITE FORMIDABLE.

THANKS, AND THE FACILITIES YOU'VE GOT HERE CERTAINLY MADE MY WORK EASIER.



I'VE GOT MORE ENHANCEMENTS IN THE WORKS-- YOUR TECHNOS SHOULD BE READY TO INSTALL THEM SOON.



WHAT ABOUT NOVA? COULD WE MAKE SIMILAR IMPROVEMENTS IN HIM-- ADD TO HIS ALREADY IMPRESSIVE NATURAL POWER?

HARD TO SAY. I'VE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO GIVE HIM A CURSORY EXAMINATION-- BUT THE PROBLEM IS HIS POWER IS "NATURAL".

REPLACING PARTS OF HIS BODY WITH CYBORG SUBSTITUTES MIGHT NEGATIVELY IMPACT ON HIS SUPER-NORMAL ABILITIES.



IT MIGHT MAKE HIM WEAKER RATHER THAN STRONGER.



STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Who wants to win a frankly fictitious Frammistat complete with one megabyte of RAM and driver's side air bag? All you have to do is answer a question that's been plaguing me for years, namely: Why in the name of Wolverine's manicurist can't the world's greatest comic book company ever get a date right? And if that doesn't whet your decadent curiosity then poor ol' Stan has lost his tender touch!

Let me elucidate. A few months ago I wrote a Soapbox column touting the famous San Diego Comic Con which was held during the July 4th holiday, suggesting that you attend it if you could. So far so

good, right? Wrong! The column was supposed to appear in the Marvel mags which went on sale in June, to give those wanting to attend the Con enough time to make their travel plans. So what happened? We cleverly managed to print the Soapbox in titles that went on sale AFTER the Con was over!

Of course, no blushing Bullpenner will ever admit that Marvel can err, so this is to announce that it really wasn't a mistake! We were simply advertising NEXT year's San Diego Con, and doing it twelve months early!

Y'know, the reason we started awarding no-prizes to readers who discovered mistakes in our mags is that we made so many of them that our only recourse was

to make a game of it! Which means it's time for a brand-new no-prize contest! I will proudly award some exclusive, frost-free no-prizes, complete with woof and tweeter, to the Marvel maniacs who submit the best slogan describing our peculiar propensity for fantastic foul-ups! To get you started, here's an example: "Marvel, the Blundering Bastion of Bone-headed Boo-Boos!" Now, hey, don't tell me you can't come up with a better one than that! But you'll really have to search for the winning entries—we'll probably print 'em in the wrong mag!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

It's October, so it's time once again for creepies, crawlies, and things that go bump in the night. That's right—it's that time of year once again when our editor in chief Tom DeFalco cleans out his refrigerator!

It's also Halloween season—a time for facades, ruses, and masks. A time for deceptions, tricks, treats. Shams, scams, and hams (sorry—it's lunch time). A time to pretend to be something you're not. As our old friend Mr. Rogers might have put it, it's time to ride that little trolley into the land of make-believe.

In the world of comics, everyone has a secret identity (in fact, the comic strip character Cathy is actually Ziggy in drag). And many comics creators share similar fantasies of wanting to dress up like their four-color fantasy figures. So for this Halloween edition of the BB, we decided to ask the Marvel Comics creative people this question: If you could be anyone or anything for Halloween this year, what would you be?

Peter David, of INCREDIBLE HULK fame, said "I'd like to be the person who gets to ask these stupid questions, instead of answer them." Peter asked us to mention that on Halloween, he gives out comics instead of candy. As he puts it, "I firmly believe in rotting a kid's brain instead of his teeth!"

SHIELD inker **Don Hudson** said, "I would be the Riddler, and I would have two guys accompanying me, with names written on their shirts like Chuckles and Chortles."

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN's David Michelinie chose a more horrific disguise. "I would be Fabian Nicieza. He writes five books a month, and that's scary!"

Roy Thomas, who's currently writing more CONAN than human beings should be allowed to read, said, "I'd like to be the owner of the Chicago Cubs so I could trade for a few good pitchers."

Michael Higgins, who's lettered so many AKIRA pages he's started wearing a kimono, said, "I'd be a member of the Grateful Dead."

Spider-Man villains are a popular choice this year. **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN** penciler **Alex Saviuk** said, "I'd like to be the Hobgoblin, who I happen to be drawing at the moment. I think it would be a neat visual. But considering my build, I think I would do better as the Kingpin! But I would have to shave my head!"

Writer without fear **Dan Chichester** would also like to be the Kingpin—"while there's still time!" Dan noted that the Kingpin is about to take a great fall over in the pages of his DAREDEVIL series.

Mike Mignola, of FAFHRD AND THE GRAY MOUSER fame, said "I would like to be a

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winged monkey from the *Wizard of Oz*! Mike was working on his costume even as we spoke, so don't be surprised to see him flying by your window this October 31!

ALPHA FLIGHT's artist in residence **Tom Morgan** told us "I'd like to be a Florida boat bum named Travis McGee."

Mark Bagley, currently knocking them dead on both **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN** and **NEW WARRIORS** artwork, said "I want to be Doc Ock, because I need the four extra arms to keep up with my deadlines!"

Editor **Mike Rockwitz** said he would be **Petrus Steele** of thrash metal group **Type O Negative** fame.

MARVEL AGE's own **Mike Lackey** echoed Mike Rockwitz's sentiments, saying he would be the grind-core thrash group, **Gwar**. Not just one member of the group, but the entire group! No small thinker, that Mike Lackey!

Editor **Craig Anderson**, currently preparing to launch an all-new **ADAM WARLOCK** series with writer **Jim Starlin**, said he would be "Kim Basinger's bicycle seat."

Glenn Herdling, who is *No Longer Submissions Editor* (but is editing the new **NOMAD** series), said he would like to be "a whispering wind, so I can travel over land and sea, unobstructed, to make a foreign country. Either that, or Fred Flintstone."

Glenn's assistant, **Pat Garrahy**—who may or may not be the *New Submissions Editor* (he asked us not to say, he's waiting for an appeal) said, "I want to be a movie star like Bugs Bunny or Kermit the Frog."

The **PUNISHER's** pal, **Mike Baron**, said he would like to be ballet star **Mikhail Baryshnikov**, because "he's got just the right amount of fame. He's unlikely to be mobbed when he goes out in public, but he's well-known in cultural circles."

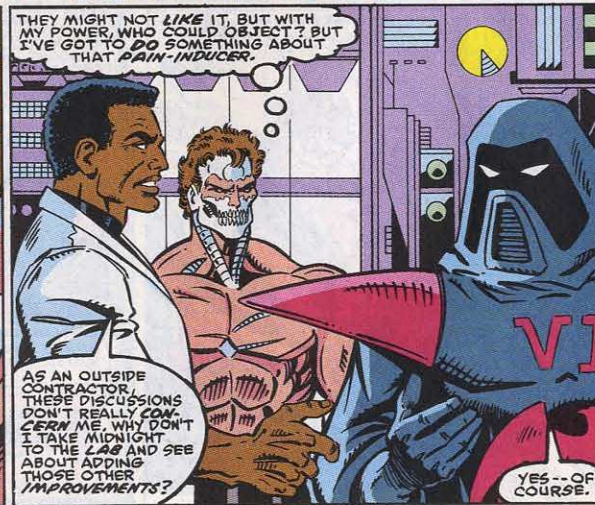
Todd McFarlane, who formerly held the record for writing, drawing, and inking the best-selling comic of all time, said "I would like to be the president/owner of my own hockey trading card company, so I can tell people what to do instead of having to listen to my editor!"

Ron Lim, perhaps best known for running the **INFINITY GAUNTLET** earlier this year, said "I would be **Kwai Chang Caine**, from the *Kung Fu* TV series, with a group of traveling monks!"

Finally, we have **ALPHA FLIGHT** scripter **Scott Lobdell**, who said that if he could be anyone or anything for Halloween, he would be "the God of Comics for one day." Now who among us hasn't wished for that one at least once in his life?

Onward...







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