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ONLY THE  
**RED  
SKULL**<sup>™</sup>  
KNOWS--

--BUT HE'D  
RATHER  
**KILL** THAN  
TELL!



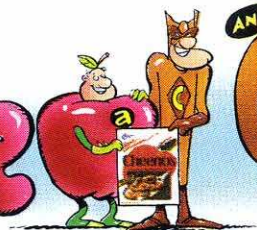
AND **TASKMASTER**<sup>™</sup>  
ISN'T GONNA BE TOO  
HELPFUL, EITHER!





# THE ADVENTURES OF

# APPLE



# AND CINNAMAN

## DEFENDERS OF THE SPRINKLES

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T IRED OF BEING CHASED BY THE HUNGRY ALLIGATOR...



...GET BACK HERE! I'M HUNGRY!

THE SWAMP ANIMALS DECIDED TO GIVE HIM APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS®



...YOU LOOK DELICIOUS!!!

...HERE, SR., TRY THIS INSTEAD... IT'S GOT DELICIOUS APPLE AND CINNAMON SPRINKLES.

HE LIKED APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS, AND DECIDED TO FIND SOME MORE...



BOY, WOULD I LIKE MORE OF THOSE DELICIOUS SPRINKLES!

IN FACT, HE LIKED THE SPRINKLES SO MUCH HE DECIDED TO MAKE A CAREER OF EATING THEM



...FROM NOW ON CALL ME SPRINKLEGATOR!

GIMME THOSE SPRINKLES!



I'D BETTER CALL APPLE AND CINNAMAN!

HOY REPTILES!

AND SO, APPLE AND CINNAMAN, THE HEROES WHO DEFEND THE SPRINKLES, WERE CALLED...

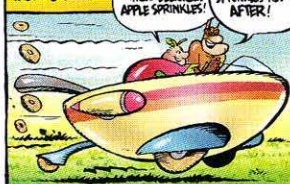


HELP! A GATOR AFTER OUR SPRINKLES!

OH, MY GOSH! MY WATCH! IT'S ALIVE!

...IT'S A RADIO, SEEDBRAIN! NOW, C'MON! LET'S SAVE THE SPRINKLES!

THEY RACED TO THE RESCUE IN THEIR BOWL.



THAT GATOR MUST BE AFTER THOSE DELICIOUS APPLE SPRINKLES!

NO, JUICEBREATH! IT'S THE CINNAMON SPRINKLES HE'S AFTER!

GOSH! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM! HOW ON EARTH CAN WE STOP HIM?



EASY! WE'LL USE OUR ANTI-GATOR GUN!

HUH?

LET'S SEE... ANTI-ZEBRA GUN... ANTI-WALRUS GUN... I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE ANTI-GATOR GUN!



MMMM! BIG APPLE AND CINNAMON SPRINKLES!

WEAPONS BOX

UH, CINNAMAN...

GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO USE THIS LEFTOVER HAM!

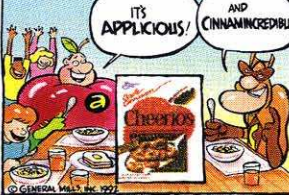


IT WORKED! THE HAM STOPPED SPRINKLEGATOR!



SEE YOU LATER, SPRINKLEGATOR!

AND ONCE AGAIN, APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS WAS PART OF A GOOD BREAKFAST!



IT'S APPLICIOUS!

AND CINNAMINCREDIBLE!

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# SKULLWORK!



TO THE WORLD AT LARGE,  
~~PETER PARKER~~ IS BEST  
KNOWN AS THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN.

AS SUCH, HE CAN BENCH  
PRESS A CITY BUS, SMASH  
THROUGH GRANITE WALLS,  
WEB-SWING BETWEEN  
MANHATTAN SKYSCRAPERS  
WITH EASE.

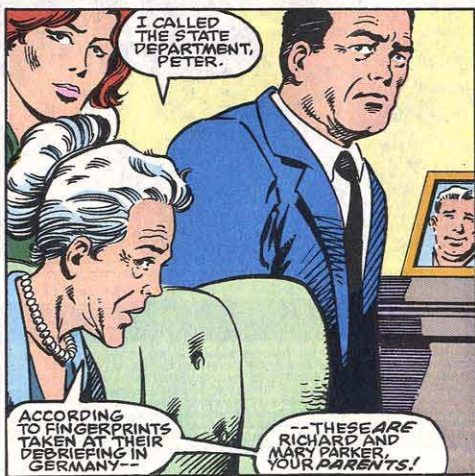
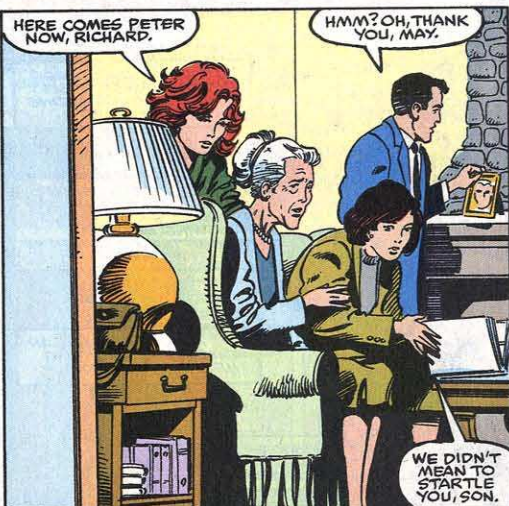
BUT AT THIS PARTICULAR  
MOMENT, THE ONE THING  
HE CAN'T SEEM TO DO--

--IS KEEP HIS  
HAND FROM  
TREMBLING!

PETER?  
SON...?

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AS YOU ALREADY KNOW,  
YOUR MOTHER AND I  
WORKED FOR THE  
GOVERNMENT...

"...AS COURIERS, TRANSPORTING 'EYES  
ONLY' FILES TO AND FROM FOREIGN  
EMBASSIES. IT WAS GOOD WORK, WORK  
THAT MATTERED, THE ONLY BAD PART WAS--

"IN FACT, WE'D  
DECIDED TO RE-  
QUEST PERMANENT  
REASSIGNMENT  
STATESIDE--

"--IT KEPT  
US AWAY  
FROM YOU  
SO MUCH.

"--UNTIL OUR CAREERS TOOK A *SINISTER*  
TURN! ON A DIPLOMATIC TRIP TO ALGERIA,  
WE WERE APPROACHED BY NONE OTHER  
THAN *THE RED SKULL*!

"HE WANTED  
US TO WORK  
FOR HIM AS  
*COUNTER-  
SPIES*!

"HE PROMISED  
US HUGE SUMS  
OF *MONEY*...

"HE  
THREATENED  
...*YOUR LIFE*."



"WE WERE TERRI-  
FIED, BUT WE  
WANTED TO DO  
THE RIGHT THING.

"WE REPORTED THIS  
TO OUR SUPERIORS.  
THEY ASKED US TO GO  
ALONG, TO 'GET THE  
GOODS' ON THE SKULL.



"WE WEREN'T TRAINED  
SPIES, BUT TO HELP OUR  
COUNTRY, WE AGREED.





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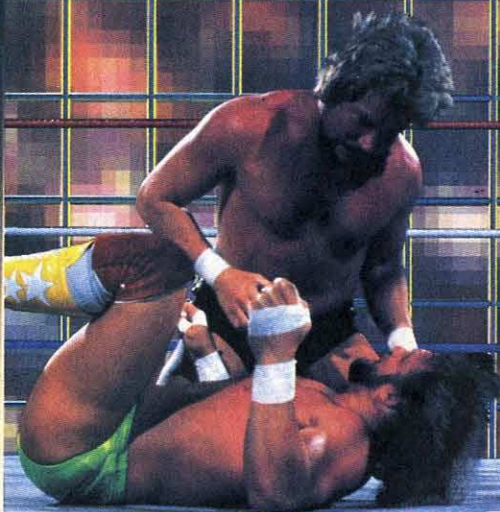


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"HOWEVER, BECAUSE WE WEREN'T EXPERIENCED, THE SKULL QUICKLY REALIZED HIS MISTAKE.

"WE HAD NO IDEA, AS WE WAVED GOODBYE, THAT THAT WOULD BE THE LAST TIME WE'D SEE OUR BABY BOY!

"IN ALGERIA, THE SKULL SENT US ON A SPECIAL MISSION. KNOWING I HAD A PILOT'S LICENCE, HE LOANED US HIS PRIVATE PLANE. BUT WHAT NONE OF US COULD KNOW--



"WAS THAT RUSSIA WAS ALSO EAGER TO GET A LINE ON THE RED SKULL. THEY'D SET OUT TO KID-NAP SOME OF HIS AGENTS, AND AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT... THEY PICKED US!

"TWO OF THEM MADE US PARACHUTE OUT OVER NEUTRAL TERRITORY WITH THEM. WITH MY ARMY AIR CORPS EXPERIENCE, I WAS ABLE TO HELP YOUR MOTHER-- WHILE TWO SPIES STAYED ABOARD TO SEARCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.



"IT WAS THEY WHO DIED IN THE CRASH THE RED SKULL RIGGED TO KILL MARY AND ME!





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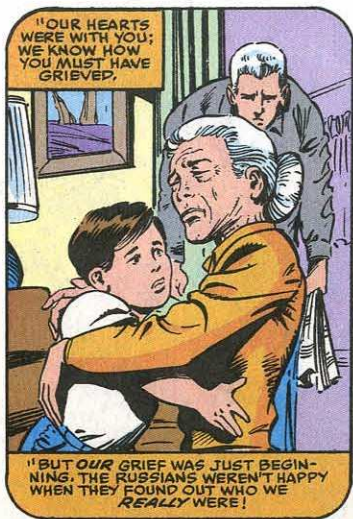
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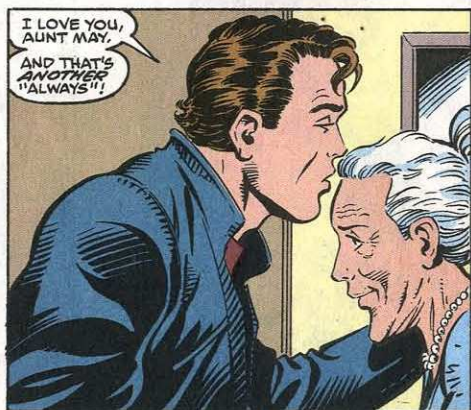
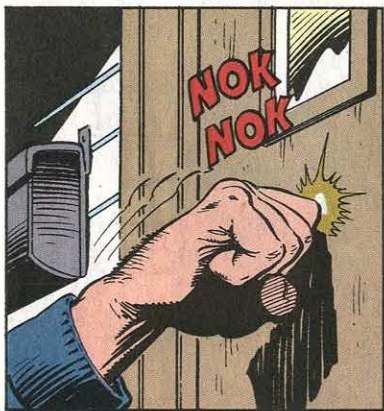


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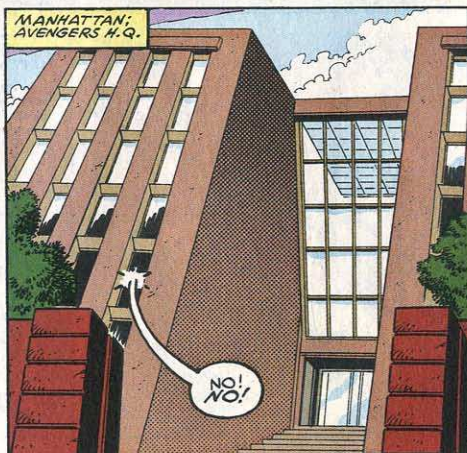
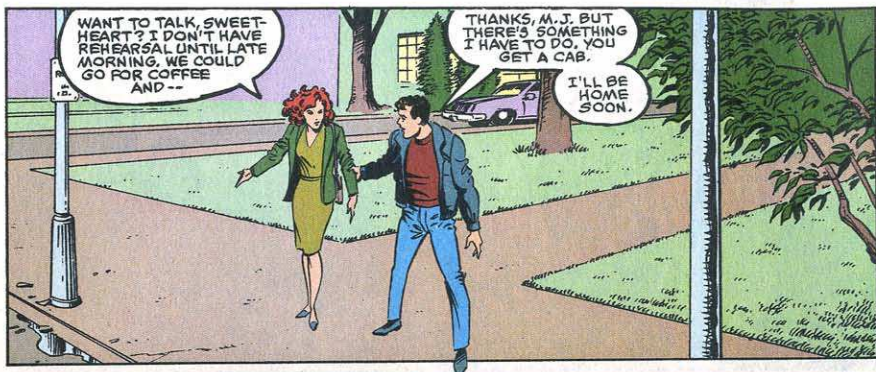
















\*SEE CAPTAIN AMERICA #347.--DANNY









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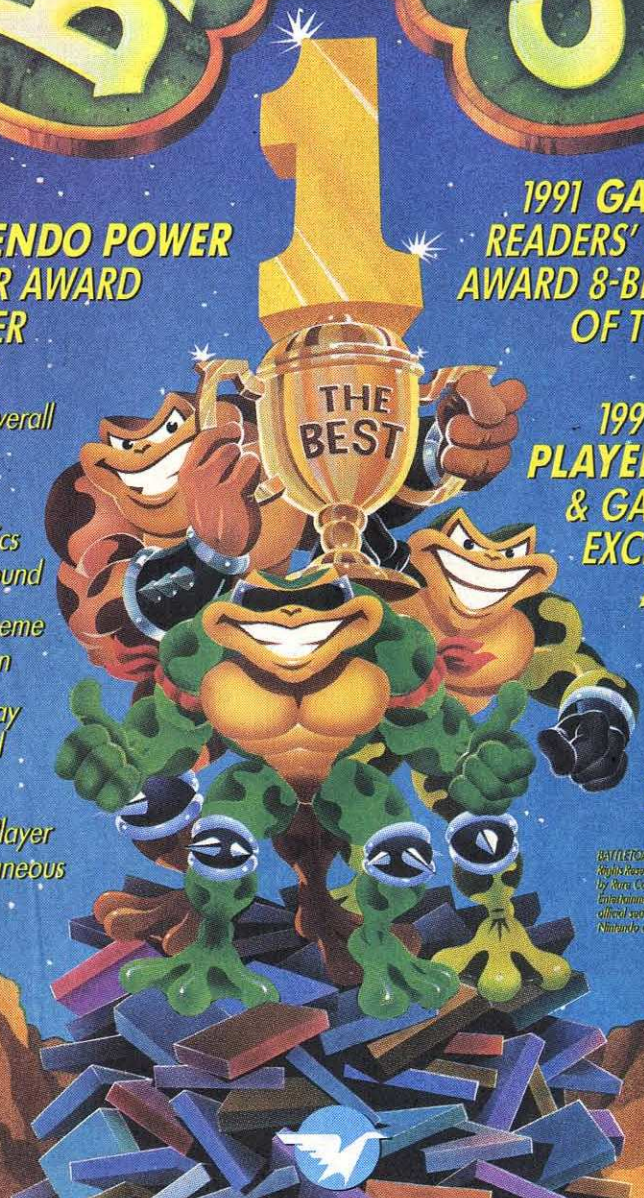
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PRESSURE UNRELIEVED,  
AN ALTERNATE RELEASE  
IS SOUGHT.

WEBSLINGING!

MAYBE  
A LITTLE  
EXERCISE  
WILL HELP!

HOWEVER...  
NO GOOD.  
STILL TENSE.  
ALMOST  
WISH I'D  
RUN INTO  
A LITTLE---

HELLLLPP!

--DANGER!

C-CABLES  
BREAKING!

S-SAFETY  
BACK-UP NOT  
HOLDING!

NUTS,  
SMALL-TIME.

CHILL,  
PAL!  
I'VE  
GOT--

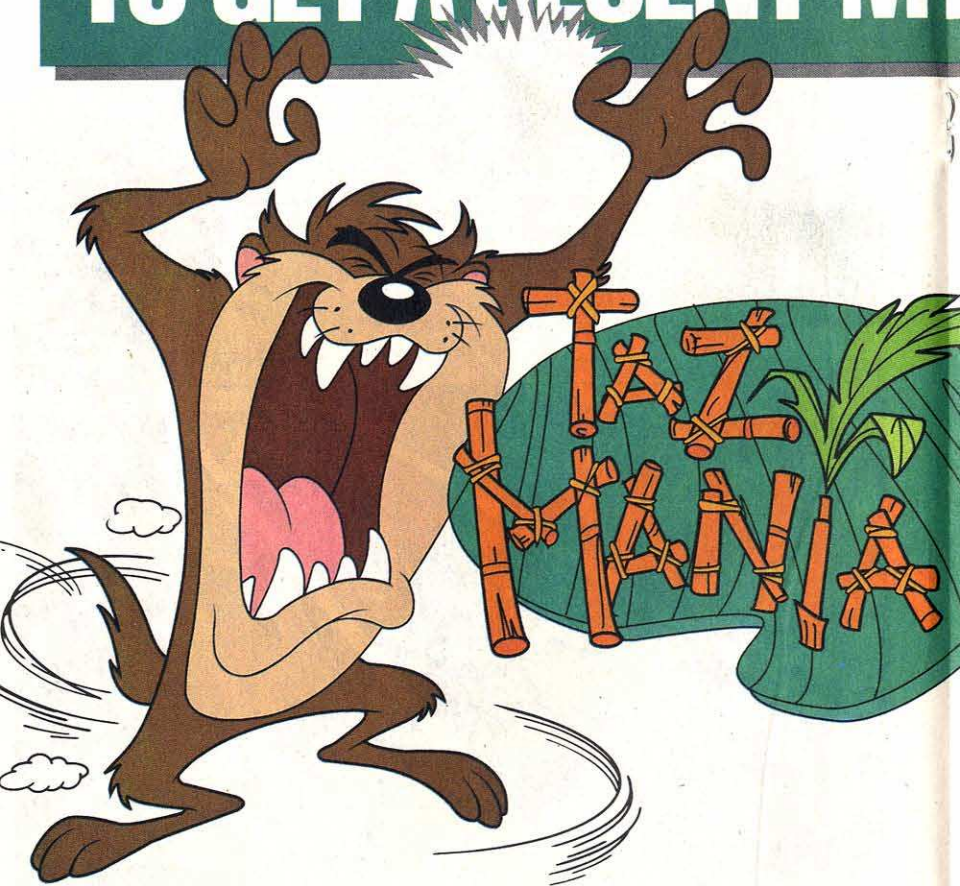
--YOU?

NOT THAT  
THAT WINDOW  
WASHER WOULD  
AGREE!

SO HUNG  
UP ON  
MY OWN  
PROBLEMS,  
I DIDN'T  
PUSH MYSELF  
FAST  
ENOUGH!



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Munch a hot pepper and Taz can really burn up his enemies.



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Taz growls and fusses—and whirls into a Taz tornado.

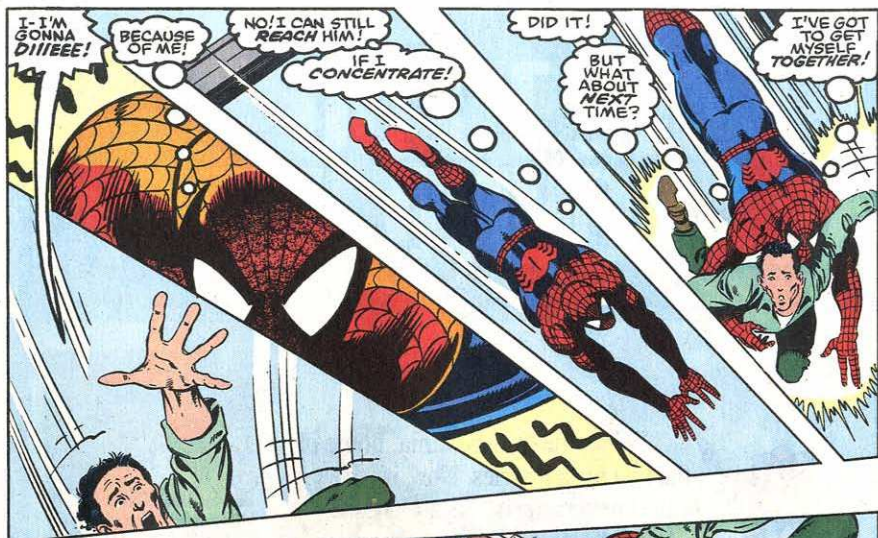


Signs like this mean Taz is in big trouble.



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BUT THE REAL REASON FOR THAT WARNING--



CAPITOL EYES TO RED-ONE!

COME IN!

--IS SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY!

THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.







SKULL HERE.  
WHAT IS IT,  
ERROL?

AN INTRUDER,  
SIR! BUT NOT THE  
SAME AS BEFORE!  
THIS ONE LOOKS  
LIKE--



--SPIDER-  
MAN!

HOW INTRIGUING. OUR  
PATHS CROSSED  
BEFORE.

A MOST  
ANNOYING  
ENCOUNTER!



LISTEN CLOSELY,  
ERROL!

I HAVE  
NEW ORDERS  
FOR YOUR  
ON-SITE  
TEAM...!



JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT  
THEY COULDN'T GET  
ANY BIGGER OR BETTER.



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YOU NEED IS FOR SOME KID FROM  
DOWN THE STREET TO BEAT YOU TO  
'EM. BE BIGGER. BE BETTER. BE FIRST.

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**SkyBox**



WASHINGTON.

YEP!  
UP  
THERE!

THERE'S  
ALWAYS  
AN AIR  
VENT!

YOU'D THINK  
PEOPLE WOULD  
TO FLIT LOCKS  
ON--UH-OH!

SPIDER-  
SENSE!

"AND THERE'S  
WHY!"

BLAST  
'IM!

"COSTUMES LOOK LIKE  
THE SWEAT SHOP!"

HIRED THUGS  
THE SKULL  
SOMETIMES  
USES!

THWIP

CH-KOW

I WENT UP  
AGAINST  
SOME OF  
THEM A  
WHILE  
BACK!\*

THEY MAY  
BE SUPER-  
STRONG--

B-BAPP

\*SEE" THE ASSASSIN  
NATION PLOT" TRADE  
PAPERBACK...D.

--BUT  
FIGHTERS  
THEY  
AIN'T!



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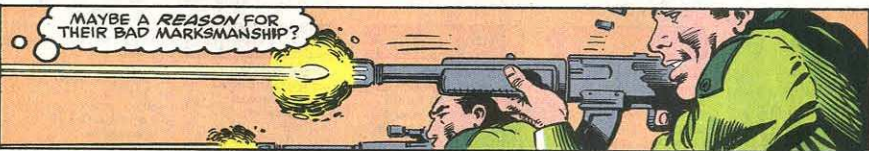
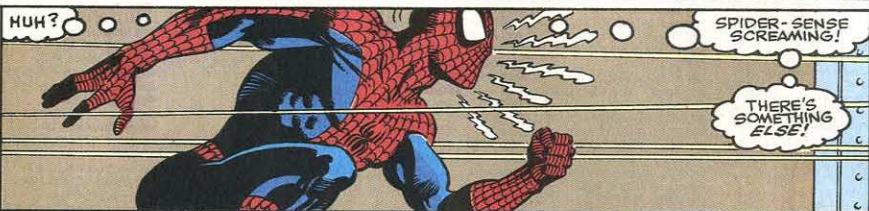
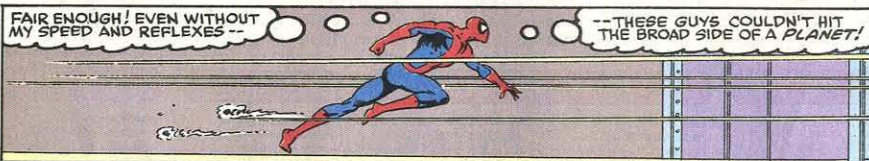
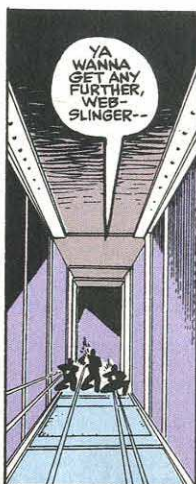


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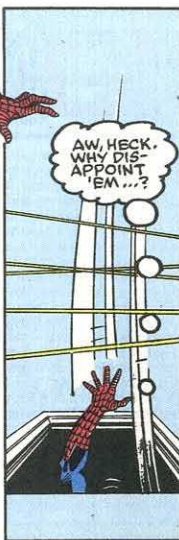
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## STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Take warning! Today's tantalizing little treatise is gonna be one big, unblinking, unabashed plug! Much as I try not to sully the cultural purity of this prize-winning column (No lie! I awarded myself a no-prize only last week), I can hold back no longer! The time has come to shamelessly huckster one of the greatest projects Marvel has ever offered the pantin' public!

I had no intention of writing about it this month—but then, I saw some pages! I tell you true, they blew me away! The artwork! The action! The characters! The stories! They represent the peak of superhero excitement! And these are just the first issues! Just imagine what'll happen when we begin to figure out what the heck we're doing!

But none of this humongous hype will mean anything if I don't tell you the name of the mags that have me semi-delirious!

Although, chances are you've already guessed what I'm leading up to in my carefully restrained, low-key way! All of comic-dom has been wondering and whispering about Marvel's long-awaited 100-year leap into the next century of superhero sagas—the daring new series which spans ten dangerous decades in order to bring us to a breathtakingly new and startling world—a world of the horrible and the heroic, the weird and the wonderful, the violent and the valorous—in short, the totally awesome, mind-staggering world of—MARVEL 2099!

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I've seen the artwork! I've read the

scripts! I've shared the excitement racing madly through the Bullpen and I tell you this—there has never been a new comicbook project more eagerly awaited or more passionately created! SPIDER-MAN 2099! PUNISHER 2099! DR. DOOM 2099! And they're only the beginning! Yes, MARVEL 2099 may well be the most sensational new series of the next ten decades!

Okay! I warned you that this would be an unadulterated plug! But it wasn't written just to sell a few extra copies; matter of fact the mags aren't even available yet! It was written to alert you, as one friend to another, when they do go on sale, don't let a single copy of the MARVEL 2099 series slip away, because this is a golden opportunity, for you and us together, to be in at the start of a legend!

Excelsior

Stan

Stan Lee

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE COMIC BOOK SHOP!" This is a familiar cry that rings out every year at about this time. School's out, the weather is hot, and children of all ages and shoe sizes are looking for new ways to enjoy the new national pastime—comic books! All across the nation, eager readers are keeping their eye firmly on the comic racks, chomping up on their wallets, ready to take a swing at a new series, hoping for a home run. Truly it is a joyous time for all.

There was plenty of joy in Marvelville this past April, as the Marvel editorial all-stars took off a few rainy days in April for the warmer climes of California. The line-up looked like this: Stan Lee, who is the Abner Doubleday of Marvel, Manager Tom DeFalco, Bench-warmer Mark Gruenwald, Outfielder Carl Potts, Switch-hitter Fabian Nicleza, Shortstop Bobbie Chase, and Star Rookie Hildy Mesnik. The Marvel boys 'n' girls of summer were in California to round the promotional bases, and actually wound up performing something of a double-header.

They first stepped up to the plate in Oakland where they threw out the first ball at a local comics convention. If the roar of the crowd was any indication, the Marvel madmen scored quite a hit with their "exhibition games." Among other hair-raising heroics, Tom D. performed his famous "popping a balloon by sitting on it" trick. Bobbie Chase juggled unjugglable garments. Mark demonstrated his face's affinity for shaving cream pies, and Fabian caught M&M's in his mouth. A talent scout was heard to remark that "Fabian has a good eye. I'm not crazy about his nose, but the kid has a good eye." The convention featured all these Marvel madmen playing their best game; everyone gave 110%. As one spectator noted at the time, "They really came here to play... with the possible exception of DeFalco, who may have come just for the promise of free peanuts and crackerjacks!"

The Marvelbatters carried their winning streak over to George Lucas's special effects company, Industrial Light and Magic, located at a secret location in \_\_\_\_\_ California. Although Tom's tirans didn't have the home field advantage, they still came through like champions. At ILM, DeFalco's dreadnaughts presented an hour and a half talk about Marvel as part of ILM's guest-lecture series. The speech went over like a grand slam, with the Marvel team committing only a few errors. (Fortunately for all, the speech did not go into extra innings.)

Having completed this double play of shmoozing, the Marvel team headed for home. Back at our own field of comic book dreams, the Marvel bullpen was treated to visits by a few famous heavy-hitters. These illustrious guests were not sluggers—rather, they were musicians! First up was half of the famous Kid 'n' Play rap team—none other than Hall of Famer, Kid! Kid was a good sport—you could say he really came to play. (Unfortunately, Play didn't come to kid.) Kid really did stop by—would we kid you about a thing like that?

Hot new heavy metal group War Babies also dropped by the bullpen, to witness our hardworking team as we went through spring training. Fans of hard-rockin' music should check out the War Babies new album—these guys may never play the National Anthem at Yankee Stadium, but their music is ready for the major leagues!

As we complete the seventh inning stretch of this Bullpen page, we are somehow put in the mind of... baseball. This is probably as good a time as any to check in with the Marvel softball team, the Punishers. This grim and gritty team, whose uniforms feature glow-in-the-dark gatefold holograms, lost their first game against local TV station WNET. Still, the Punishers put up a good fight, much like the fictional Punisher in pursuit of some perpetrators, keeping it competitive at 12-8. Team managers this year are managing editor "Diamond" David Wohl and editor Rob "The Babe" Tokar.

At the time of this writing, the Marvel team was gearing up for the first of three big games against upstart archrivals DC. After the way we humiliated the DC Batmen last year, it should be interesting to see what happens when the Batmen Return. (Sure, they can get multi-million dollar movies made, but can they compete where it really counts—on the softball field?)

And, in the field of television, one show which is sure to slide into first place soon is the syndicated Dennis Miller Show. Dennis did some colorful commentary about Marvel Comics of the late sixties on a recent episode of his late night talk-fest. It seems Dennis was a bigtime Marveloid in his bush league days. Thanks for going to bat for us, Dennis! You can be our designated talk show host any time!

Looks like Mighty Marvel has not struck out with the fans this year. If our winning streak continues, we may make it all the way to the World Series of Comics! So until next time, remember—it ain't over till the Kingpin sings!







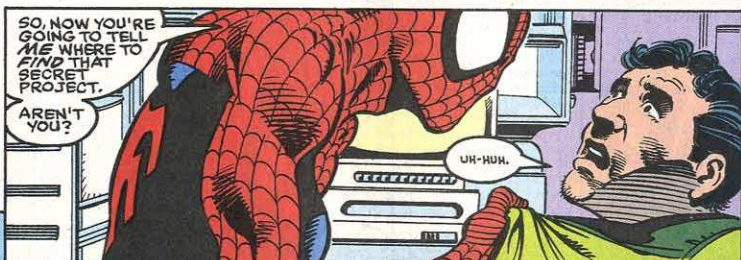




SOLO! THE FREAKY ANTI-TERRORIST WHO USES BAD-GUYS' OWN METHODS AGAINST THEM! THIS IS *NOT* GOOD NEWS!

LOOKS LIKE HE TELEPORTED OUT JUST AS THE POWER BROKER GUYS WERE ON HIM!

SINCE HE ONLY GOT PART OF THE INFO, WE WERE WAITIN' IN CASE HE CAME BACK!



SO, NOW YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHERE TO FIND THAT SECRET PROJECT.

AREN'T YOU?

UH-HUH.



A FEW OUNCES OF WEBBING--

--A QUICK CALL TO THE POLICE--

--AND THE WALL-CRAWLING WONDER IS ON HIS WAY SOUTH!





WHILE NORTHWARD, AT THE FOREST HILLS HOME OF MAY PARKER...

WHAT--?



THE DOOR TO PETER'S OLD ROOM IS AJAR!

AND THERE'S A LIGHT ON! WHO--



-- RICHARD! GOING THROUGH PETER'S THINGS?!

HOW DARE YOU! JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE PETER'S FATHER DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO--



--EH?

PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK?



WE LOST SO MUCH, MAY. I GUESS...

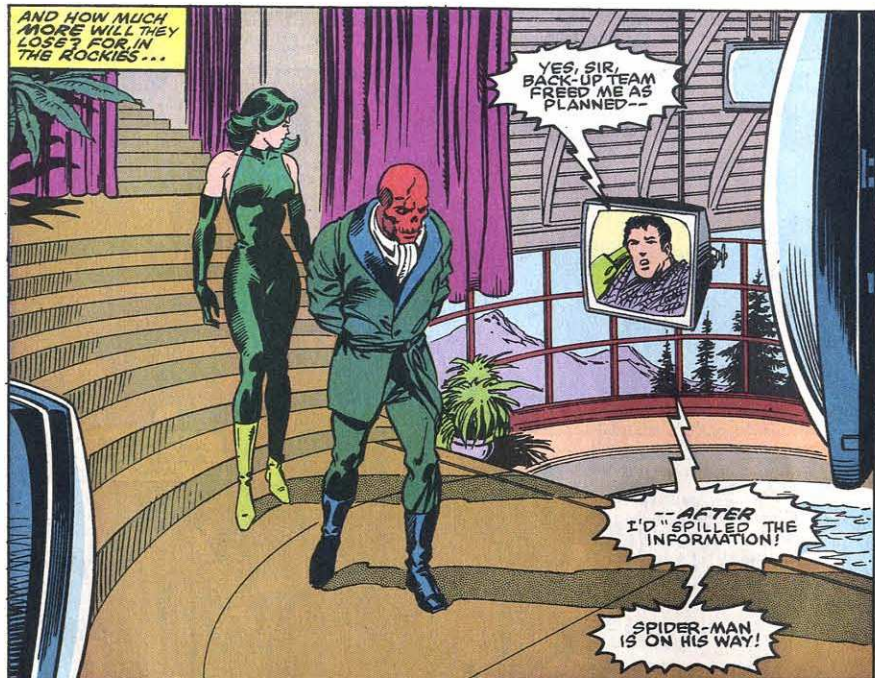


...I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET SOME OF IT BACK.

OH, RICHARD, WE'VE ALL LOST SO MUCH...!



AND HOW MUCH  
MORE WILL THEY  
LOSE? FOR, IN  
THE ROCKIES...



YES, SIR,  
BACK-UP TEAM  
FREED ME AS  
PLANNED--

-- AFTER  
I'D "SPILLED" THE  
INFORMATION!

SPIDER-MAN  
IS ON HIS WAY!

DID YOU  
HEAR THAT,  
TASKMASTER?

LOUD AN'  
CLEAR!



AN' NOW WE KNOW  
HE'S COMIN' ME AN'  
MY SPECIAL  
STUDENTS  
GUARANTEE--

-- THAT  
WIMPI'LL  
NEVER  
LEAVE  
THIS  
PLACE  
ALIVE!



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Dear Amazing Friends,

Wow! I just finished "Carnage, Part I" in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #361. Great idea! Looks like Spidey is gonna have double trouble with Carnage and Venom. Getting Venom back should be an issue in itself! And what about the psychological effects on Eddie Brock? Who will he want to kill more, Spidey or Carnage? That is, if he wants to kill Carnage at all. I'll be waiting for the next ish.

John L. Curtis  
Las Vegas, NV

Dear Spider's Web,

"Carnage" is probably the best storyline to hit this time since Spidey inherited the Captain Universe powers. As ruthless, powerful, and psychotic as Venom is, Carnage is much worse — and he doesn't have that strange sense of "fair play" that Venom has. In fact, none of the emotional handicaps that plague most super-villains apply to him! I can't figure out how Spidey will be able to take him down without calling in some major league help, like the Avengers (both coasts!). Part One made for some great reading, and it was primarily a set-up issue. I can't wait to read the rest of the story!

Also, Mark Bagley is again to be commended on his wonderful art. Mark could have taken the easy way out by drawing Carnage as a massive, bigger-than-life creature. Instead, he drew him as sleek and compact, about the same size as Spidey himself, and still made him appear menacing!

Congratulations on the success of this story. It's great to see David and Mark working together again! Thanks for listening.

Scott Haan  
920 State Street  
Lafayette, IN 47905

**And you'll see them back together starting in issue #368 (the first of the "Invasion of the Spider Slayers" bi-weeklies), Scott. But Mark's taking a well-deserved rest after our awesome thirtieth anniversary issue last month. We think Jerry Bingham is a great replacement for this sensational two-parter. How 'bout you?**

Dear Spider-People,

Let me start by saying that I don't read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN on a regular basis. Every once in a while, I pick up an issue just to see what Spidey's up to, and issue #361 really surprised me. The cover caught my eye, and I want to say that Mark Bagley is the best Spider-Artist since John Romita! Mark draws the best Spidey I've seen in fifteen years, and I may just stay with this title (at least as long as he does).

At first, I thought Carnage must be just another tool to cash in on the popularity of Venom. His origin is virtually the same, and his powers are pretty much identical. But

there is more to this character than that, and I found myself actually liking him. This is the foe Spider-Man was born to battle, and he reminds me of the original Green Goblin in his fury and hatred of Spider-Man. I liked this issue, and I plan on being around to see what comes of all this.

My advice to Danny Fingeroth is to keep Mark Bagley chained to his desk if he has to! This guy is too good to let go.

Joe Christiano  
35 Coach Drive  
Waterbury, CT 06708

**Not only is Mark chained to his drawing table, Joe, but we've got Venom standing over him just to make sure he gets every detail right!**

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the character of Mary Jane Watson-Parker, I applaud you. In issue #361, we see the beginning of a storyline which, in my opinion, is long overdue — the resurrection of Spider-Man's wife as an interesting character.

Ever since the Parkers' marriage, Mary Jane has become one of the staid and underused characters in comicdom. What happened to the character's vitality? Her turbulent emotions? Her fashion sense?

I began collecting AMAZING in the early seventies, with the classic run by Conway and Andru, just as this young couple's relationship was blossoming. I watched these two people grow together... and apart... and inevitably together again. The journey was a bumpy one, yet magical. Why did the magic seem to end with the words "I do"?

For years I've wondered how it feels for MJ to be the wife of a man who spends his nights swinging from the rooftops, placing his life in danger over and over, and just being Spider-Man. With the exception of an occasional stray comment, the only story of recent year that I recall dealing with this subject is MJ's reaction to her ordeal with Venom and the black suit.

What will Spidey's working alongside Venom do to her and the relationship? She's already aggravated, irritable, and smoking(!), not that she doesn't have cause. Will this team-up of foes act as a springboard to major happenings between Peter and Mary Jane? I don't know, but I'm interested, and I haven't been able to say that for some time.

By the way, Carnage ain't bad either.

Scott Aubrey  
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Dracut, MA 01826

**Wait!! you see the things we have been planned with and for Mary Jane! Be on the lookout in all four Spider-titles!**

Dear Spidey Crew,

Before I begin writing my comments about AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #361, I want to say that I tremendously enjoy Mark's and Randy's art combined with David's superb writing!

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #361 was yet another awesome story told by David. Waiting another thirty days for the next issue will be like waiting a lifetime.

On page 30, I didn't understand something. When Peter found MJ's cigarettes, her explanation was ridiculous! "To be cool"! I never thought that MJ had a weak personality and that she would give into peer pressure.

Yoaou Litvin  
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**Unfortunately, Yoaou, even the most strong-willed people sometimes give in to peer pressure.**



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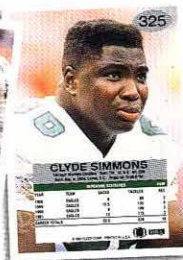


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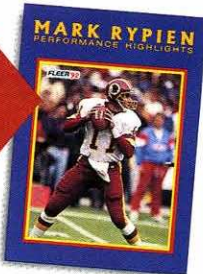
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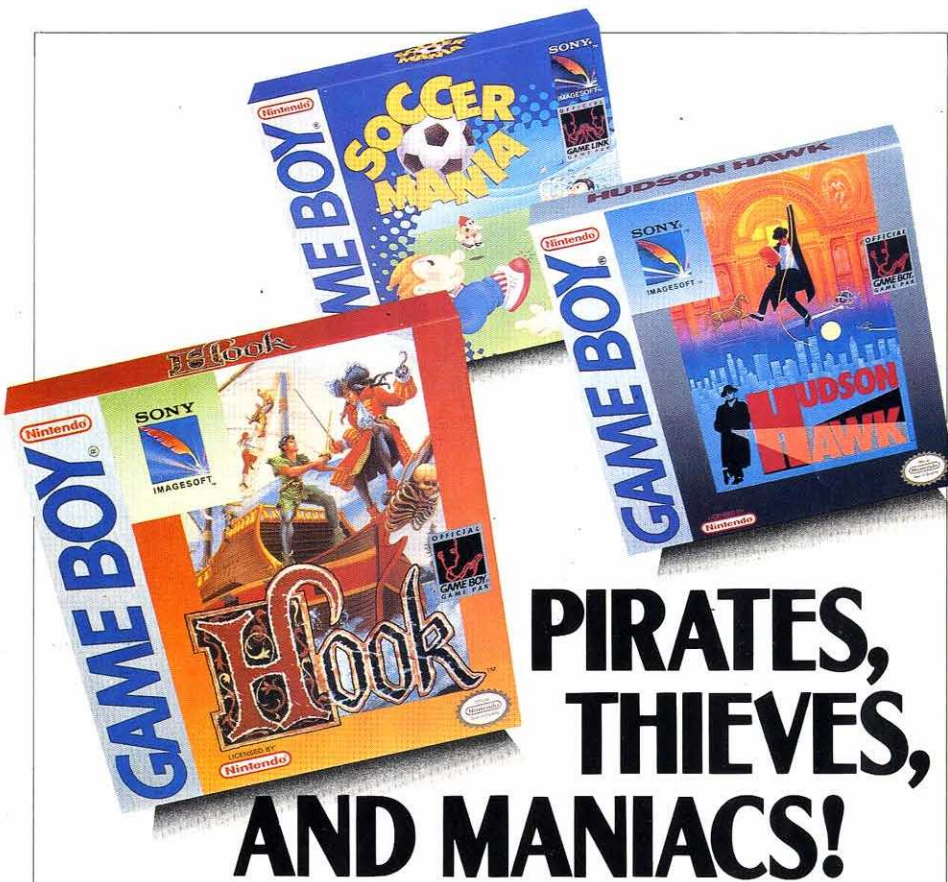
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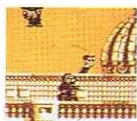
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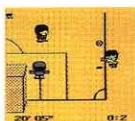
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