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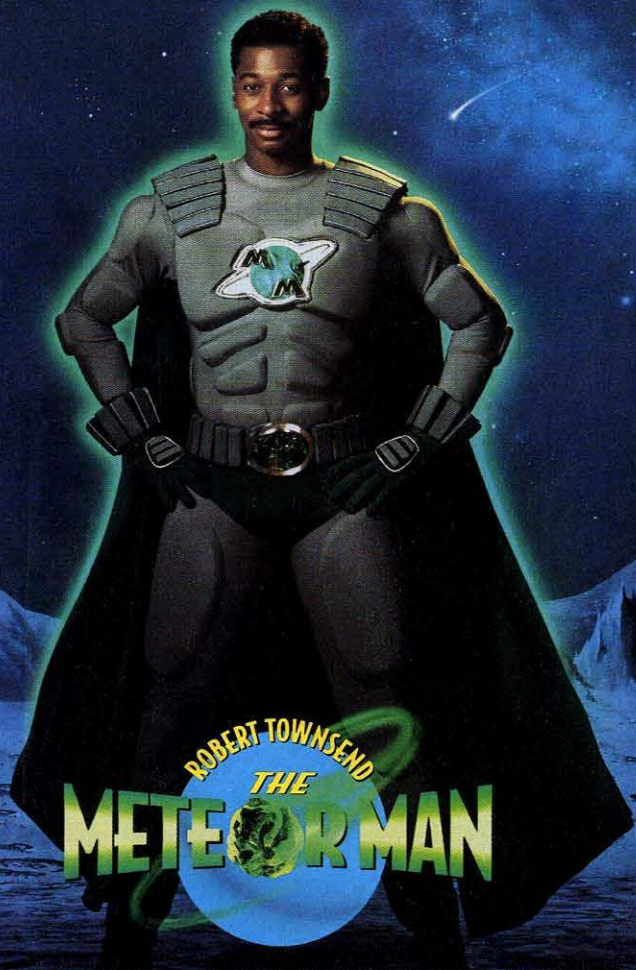


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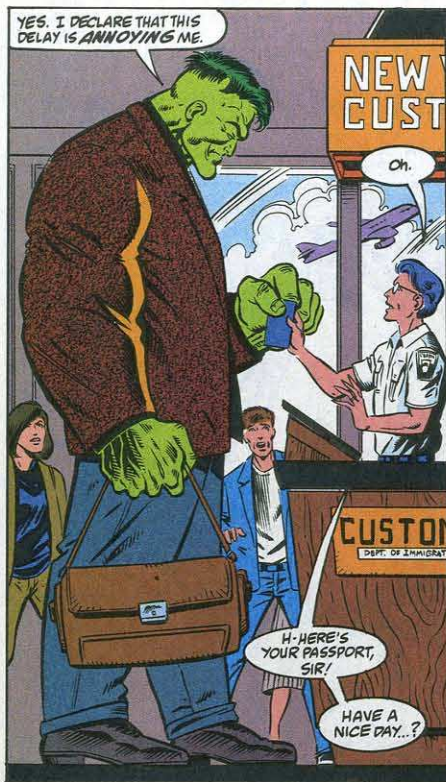
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SOME SMALL CONCERN...

D-DO YOU HAVE
ANYTHING TO *gulp*?
D-D DECLARE?

SAMSON UNLEASHED!

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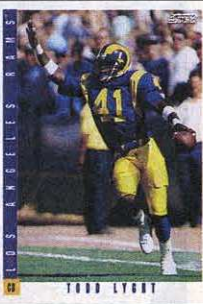
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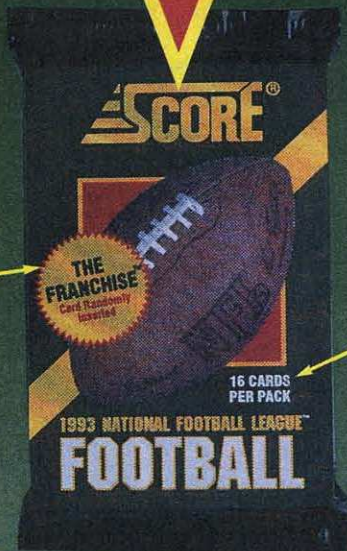


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SCHOOLYARD IN
LOWER MANHATTAN...

C'MON,
CHUCKIE, FORK
OVER THE LUNCH
MONEY--

--OR YA'LL
NEVER SEE
5TH GRADE!

SHAME! PERHAPS
CHARLES FORGOT
TO MENTION--

--THAT HE HAS
FRIENDS
IN HIGH
PLACES!

SPIDER-MAN?!
J-UST KIDDIN', GUY! I-
I DON'T EAT LUNCH
ANYWAY!

M-ME, NEITHER!
CAFETERIA FOOD
STINKS!

I WAS JUST PASSING BY,
THOUGHT YOU COULD USE
A HAND.

THANKS,
SPIDEY!
GEE, COULD
I HAVE YOUR
AUTO-
GRAPH?

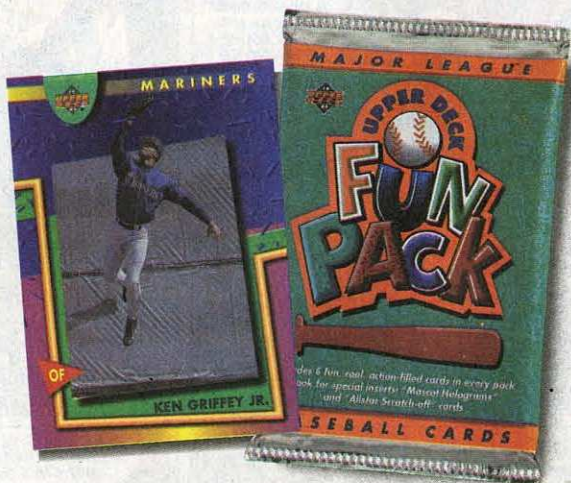
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heh!

MY
PLEASURE!

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LUCK!

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--AND THE PEOPLE I LOVE!

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--WAS NEVER TO TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED!



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♪ THINKIN' ABOUT TOMORROW! ♪



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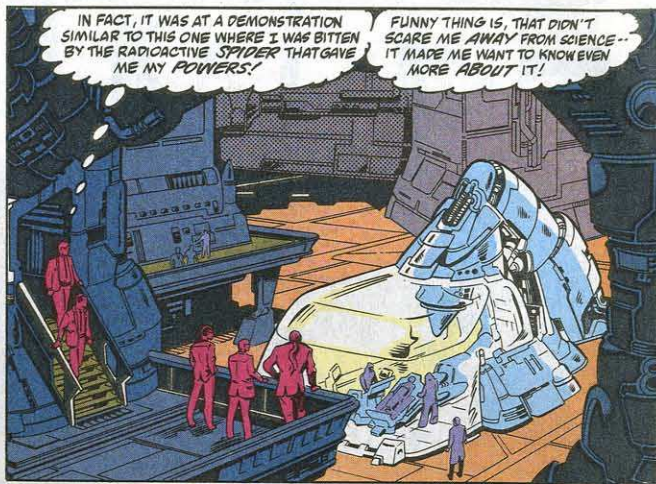
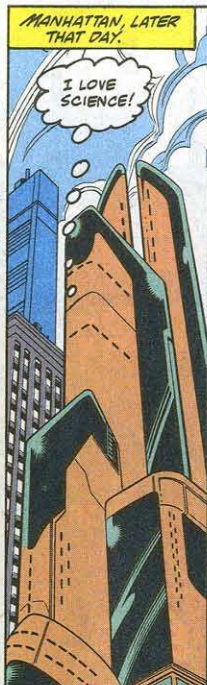
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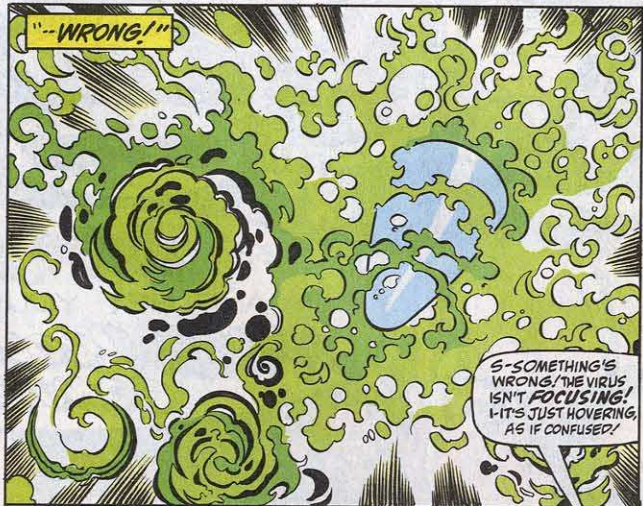
"AND
NOW--
BEGIN!"



IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO
SEE WHAT-- HUH? SPIDER-
SENSE TINGLING!
SOMETHING'S--



"--WRONG!"



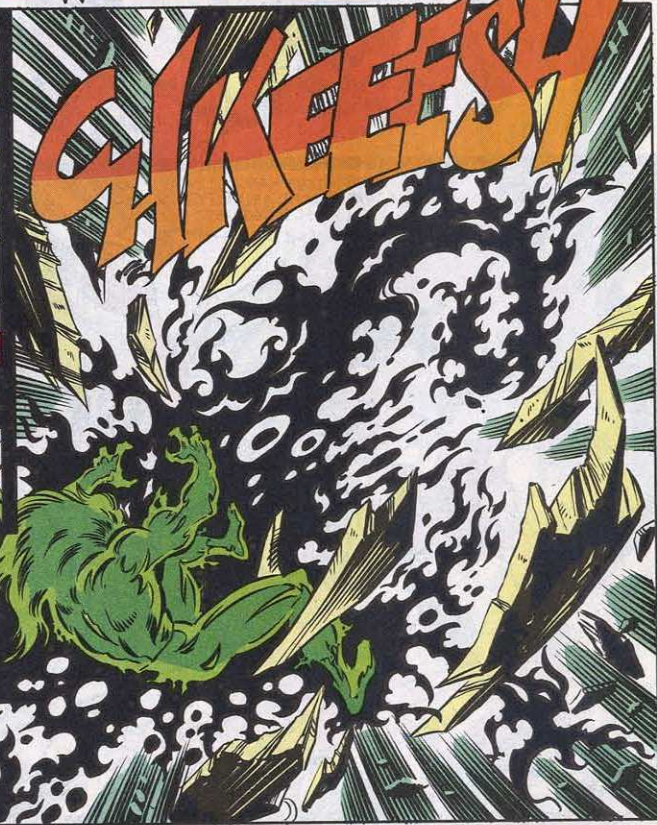
S--SOMETHING'S
WRONG! THE VIRUS
ISN'T FOCUSING!
I-IT'S JUST HOVERING,
AS IF CONFUSED!

AS IF IT DIDN'T
KNOW WHERE
TO--



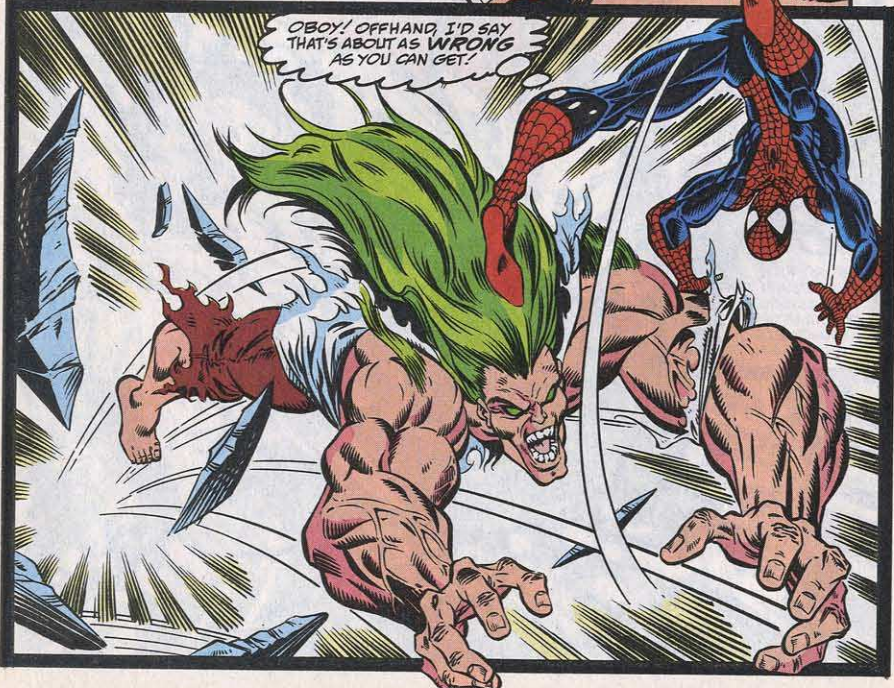
-- OH, MY LORD! N-NOW IT'S
SLAMMING AGAINST THE
CONTAINMENT! LIKE IT
WANTS TO GET--

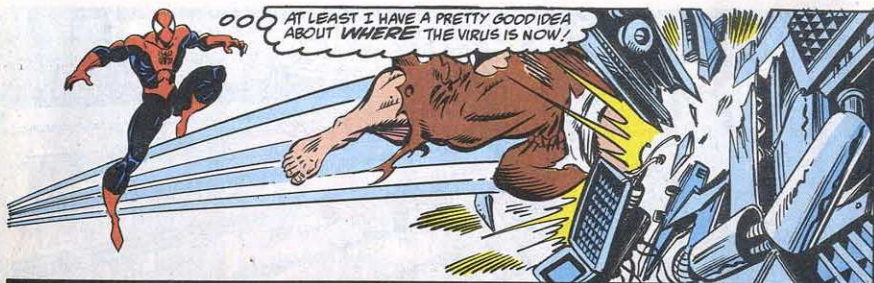






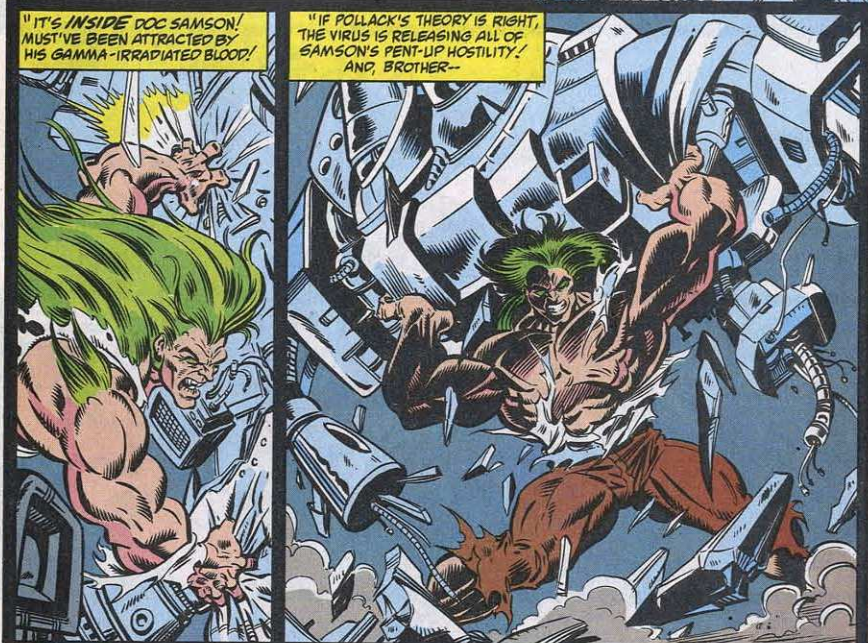
"--ALL RIGHT?"



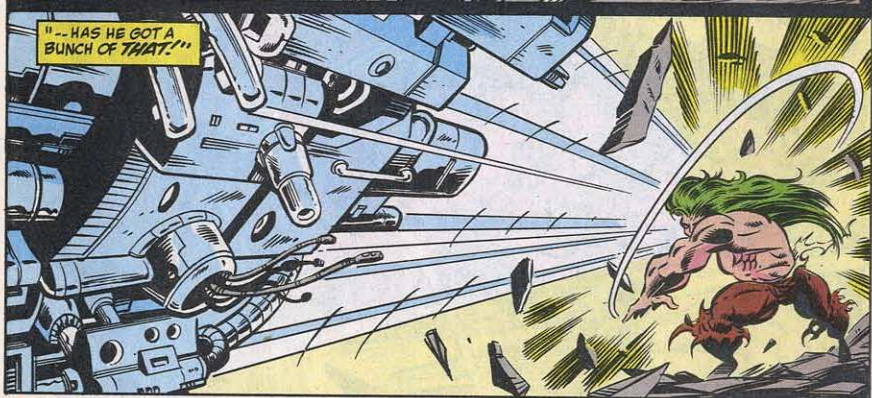


"IT'S *INSIDE* DOC SAMSON! MUST'VE BEEN ATTRACTED BY HIS GAMMA-IRRADIATED BLOOD!"

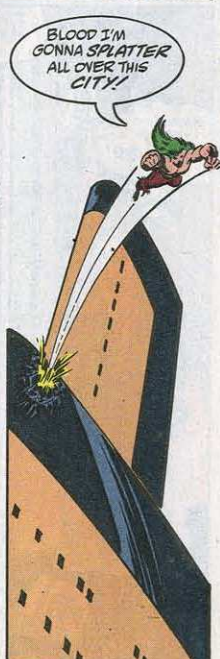
"IF POLLACK'S THEORY IS RIGHT, THE VIRUS IS RELEASING ALL OF SAMSON'S PENT-UP HOSTILITY! AND, BROTHER--"



"--HAS HE GOT A BUNCH OF THAT?"









OOOOO...
THAT WAS
NASTY!

AND
CLOSE!



BARELY HAD TIME TO
SPIN A WEBBING
SHIELD TO CUSHION
THE BLOW!

BUT
WHAT
ABOUT--?



POLLOCK!
WHERE'D
SAMSON
GO?

TH-TH-THAT
WAY!

THANKS!



BUT WHILE SPIDER-MAN
HEADS DOWNTOWN--

-- TO THE
EAST, IN
FOREST
HILLS...

NO, THAT'S
A BIG COMPANY.
THEY'D BE TOO
EXPENSIVE.



HMMM,
THIS
LOOKS MORE
LIKE--



I'M GOING TO TAKE A WALK,
MAY-- WORK OFF THAT KILLER
CASSEROLE!

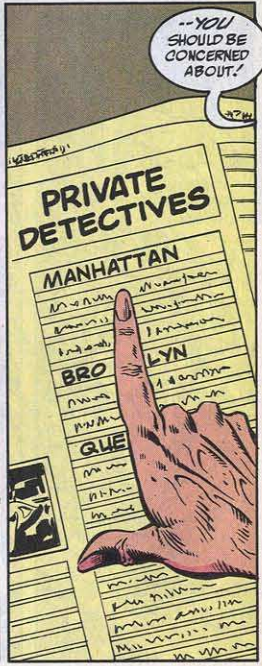
WANT
TO COME?

U/H, N-NO
THANK YOU,
RICHARD!
I HAVE
A PHONE CALL
TO MAKE!



YOU'RE MIGHTY
JITTERY, MAY. SOMETHING
TROUBLING
YOU?

DON'T BE SILLY,
RICHARD! I-IT'S
NOTHING--



--YOU
SHOULD BE
CONCERNED
ABOUT!

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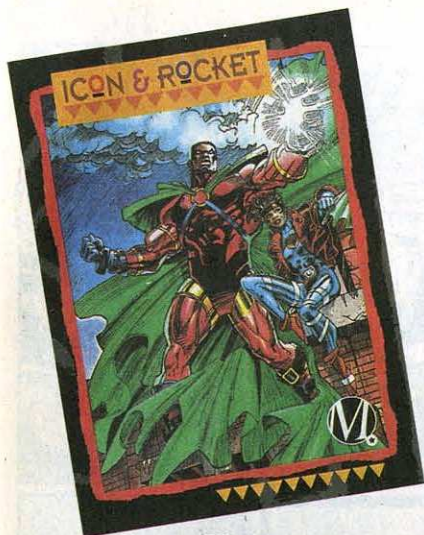
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RAZORLINER NOTES

These are strange days in the world of comics. Today there are new universes popping up like mushrooms at the base of a mighty oak. Some of them are ornate with beautiful, vibrant colors, others so formless and bland so as to be virtually indistinguishable from the masses. Some leak poison into the tree, while others lend support.

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The seed's been planted — now it's up to you to grab on, and enjoy the ride. Strange days, indeed.



— Marcus McLaurin

The phrase "cutting edge comics" takes on a whole new meaning this month with the debut of the *Razorline* — four new monthly super hero titles created by that ol' Hellraiser himself, Clive Barker.

The *Razorline* books — *HYPERKIND*, *ECTOKID*, *HOKUM & HEX*, and *SAINT SINNER* — were created by the Clivesdale, and then it was up to Epic-urial editor Marc McLaurin to cut the deck and deal them out to various creative teams.

The first slash from the *Razorline* Universe is *HYPERKIND*, from those creative cut-ups Fred Burke, Paris Cullins, and Bob Petrecca. Writer Fred describes

about a dead kid named Dex who can travel back and forth into the land of the dead. Penciler Steve, enjoying his first ever monthly series, describes *ECTOKID* as "dark fantasy/adventure with a little bit of horror." Steve notes that *ECTOKID* is a challenging assignment. "I'm trying to push myself creatively. In drawing the *ECTO*-sphere, there are no rules! It's all imagination! Any project I do after this will be a cinch!"

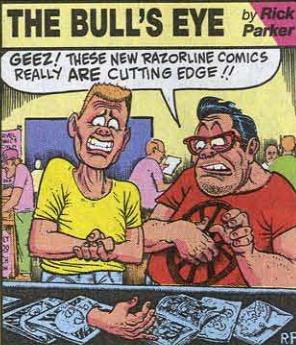
Next we have *HOKUM & HEX*, which does not feature characters by either of those names. The series, by those cut-throat creators, Frank Lovece, Anthony

Williams, and Andy Lanning, is about a failed stand-up comic named Trip Monroe who becomes Earth's champion against invading hordes. Trip has the power to transform things, but his power often backfires, much like one of Marvel's past brushes with Hollywood. *HOKUM & HEX* will be a light-hearted book, featuring close shaves with demonic rubber chickens and sinister snapdragons. Writer Frank says *HOKUM & HEX* could best be described as "Aliens meets Dr. Strange meets Comedy Central."

The final cut from the *Razorline* is *SAINT SINNER*, a slice of demonic life from Elaine Lee and Max Douglas, which writer Elaine describes as "the weirdest of four very weird books!" *SAINT SINNER* is the book that answers the question, how many angels can dance on Pinhead's head before their souls are torn apart? Actually, *SAINT SINNER* is about a normal 16-year old boy who is possessed by both a devil and an angel! Saint Sinner stands between the warring factions of Heaven and Hell, doing his best to answer people's prayers. The prayers of the readers will be answered as the books of the Barker-verse cross over, and more Barker-verse books are added in the future.

Editor Marcus noted that "each *Razorline* book is unique in its own way. Some are humorous, some are mystical ... Every one has complete freedom to be creative." Marcus feels that the *Razorline* heroes are a cut above the rest because "they come from the mind of Clive Barker."

Till next time, remember, you may not be able to get a shave and a haircut for two bits any more, but for only 18 bits a pop, you can get a cut from the *Razorline*!



HYPERKIND as "a teen-age super-team of the 90s. It owes more to X-FORCE than it does to NIGHTBREED." Fred has had much experience tapping the veins of Clive Barker in the past, through various adaptations and a coffee table book or two. (Fred is hard at work on the sequel to his *Clive Barker: Illustrator* hardcover.) Fred says that Poison Clive-y is heavily involved with the *Razorline* books. "He's as serious about these comics as he is about his major motion pictures."

The next silver from the straight edge of the MacCliver's imagination is *ECTOKID*, from those razor-sharp rascalions, James Robinson (writer, issues #1-3), Larry Wachowski (writer, issue #4-on), Steve Skroce, and Bob Dvorak. *ECTOKID* is

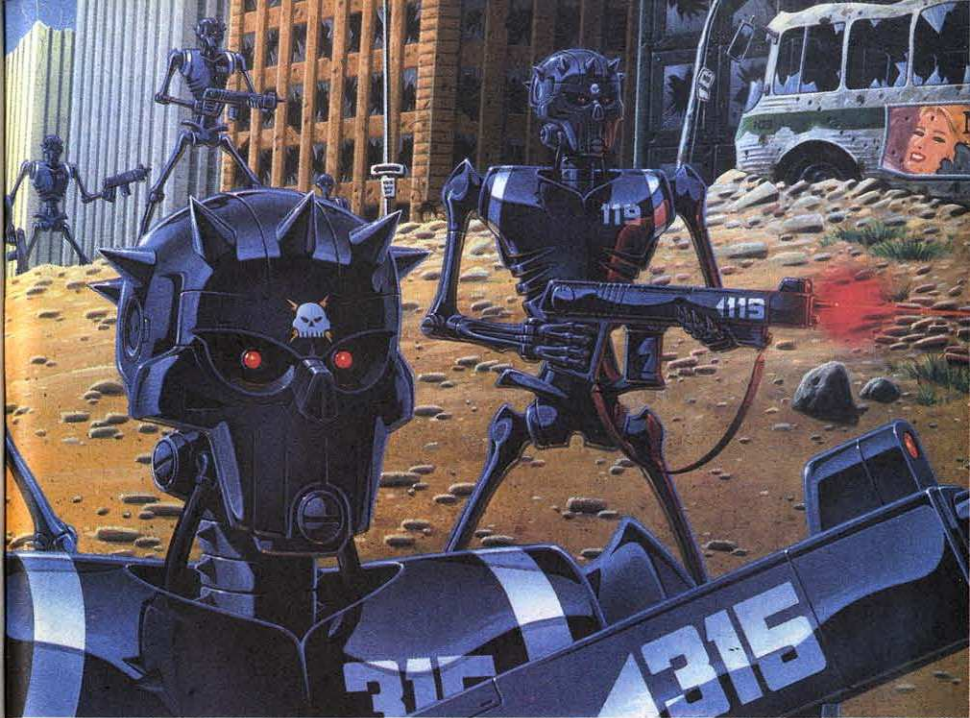
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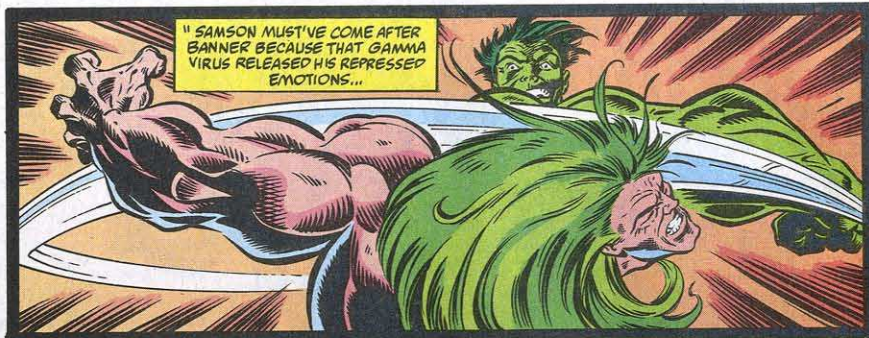
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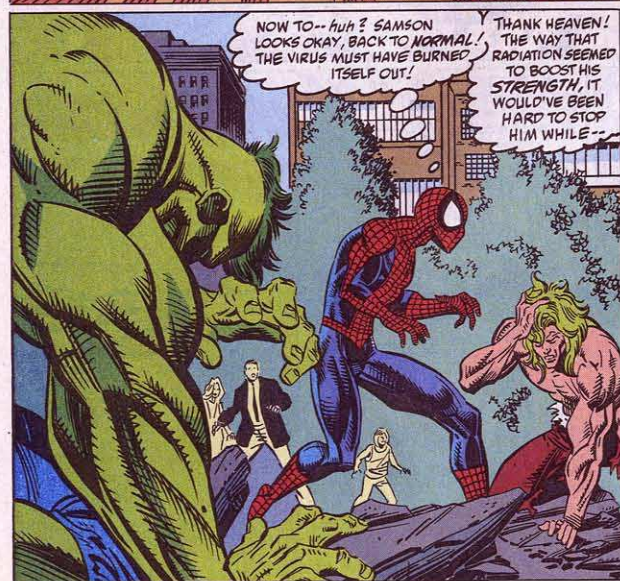


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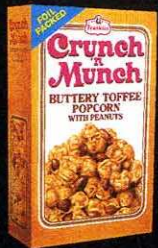
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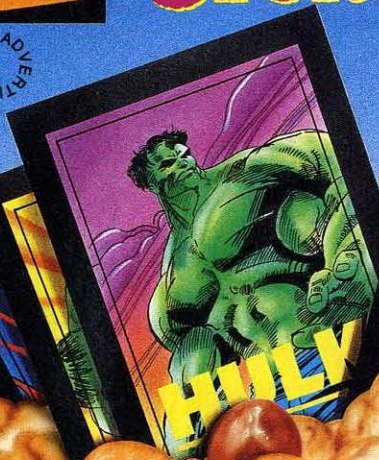
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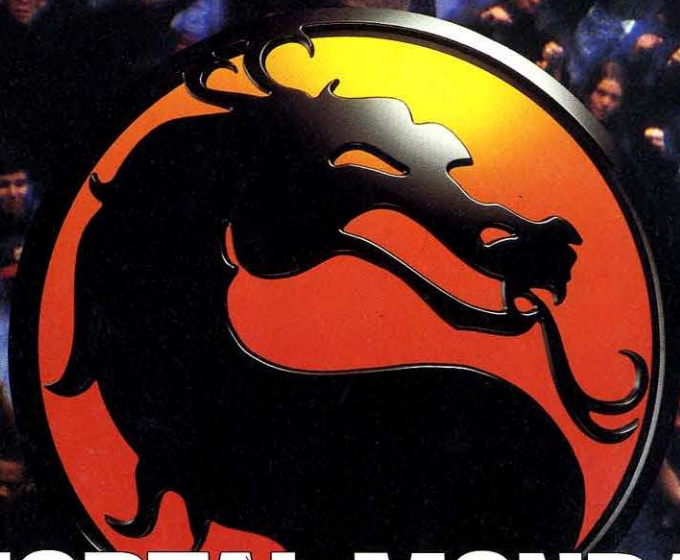
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