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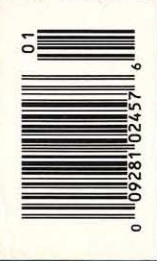
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OH, MAN.

INTRAVENOUS
DRUGS... MAKIN'
ME WEAK...
MESSIN' MY
MIND...!

I THINK
I WAS PUT
ON TRIAL...
FOR
BRINGIN'
THE
VENOM
SYMBIOTE
TO EARTH!



BUT
THAT...
SEEMS
WRONG...
HUH?

RAMSHOT! / WHAT THE
BLAZES ARE
YOU DOING?



WHAT'S RIGHT,
SENTRY! SPIDER-MAN
SAVES LIVES! THAT'S
A MATTER OF PUBLIC
RECORD, NO MATTER
WHAT ELSE HE'S
DONE!

I CAN'T STAND
BY AND LET YOU
KILL HIM! I JUST
CAN'T!



THEN
CONVICTED...
FOR BEING
RESPONSIBLE...
FOR ALL
THE PEOPLE
VENOM'S
KILLED! *

FUNNY
THING IS...
I AGREE...
WITH THE
VERDICT!

YOUR BEHAVIOR IS...
DISAPPOINTING, BUT
THERE MAY BE AN
ALTERNATIVE.

OUR SECONDARY
MISSION HERE ON THE EAST
COAST IS OBTAINING A WEAPON
THAT MIGHT ALLOW US TO
ELIMINATE OUR TRUE
ENEMY-- VENOM!



*LAST TWO ISSUES.--DANNY

IF SPIDER-MAN WOULD
HELP US DESTROY THAT
GREATER EVIL...

...PERHAPS THE COURT
WOULD CONSIDER COM-
MUTING HIS SENTENCE!



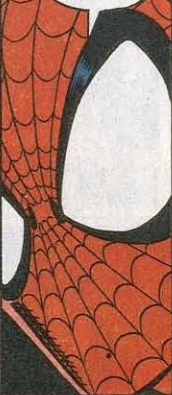
I DON'T KNOW, SIR. FROM ALL
I'VE HEARD, SPIDER-MAN
DOESN'T KILL!



TIMES...
CHANGE.

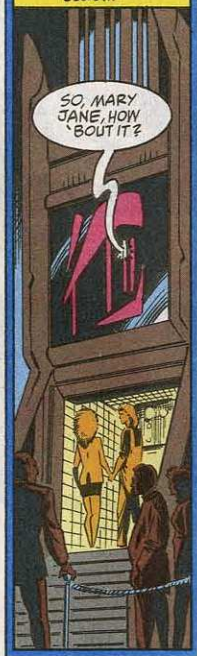
LET ME GO... AND
I'LL PUT VENOM IN
THE GROUND.

YOU HAVE
MY WORD!!



WHILE SEVERAL
BLOCKS AWAY, AT A
VERY EXCLUSIVE
CLUB...

SO, MARY
JANE, HOW
'BOUT IT?



THAT'S A FLATTERING
OFFER, BUT I'M JUST
HERE TO DANCE.

HEY, C'MON! YOU'RE
ATTRACTIVE, I'M
ATTRACTIVE! WHAT'S
THE PROBLEM?



YOU'RE
SOME KINDA
FEMINIST?

I'M
MARRIED



SO AM
I!
WHAT'S
YOUR
POINT?



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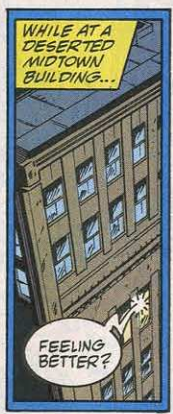


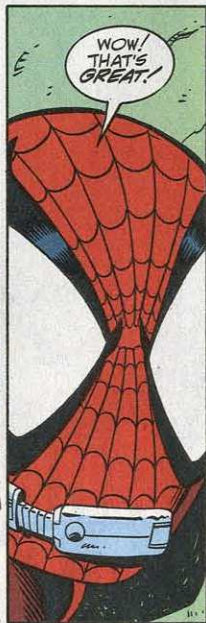
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GEE, IT'S NICE TO BE WANTED!

WE'LL DROP DOWN HERE AND--

2H. OK! SPIDER-SENSE WARNING!

--HOLD IT!

THERE'S SOMETHING DANGEROUS ABOUT THE FLOOR!

TWIPP

PROBABLY PRESSURE PLATES LINKED TO AN ALARM SYSTEM!

FOLLOW ME!

THAT'S WHY WE NEED SPIDER-MAN, SCREECH!

I'M IMPRESSED! AND EVEN MORE IMPRESSED WITH THIS WEBLINE!

IT'S HOLDING ALL OF US, WITH OUR ARMOR!



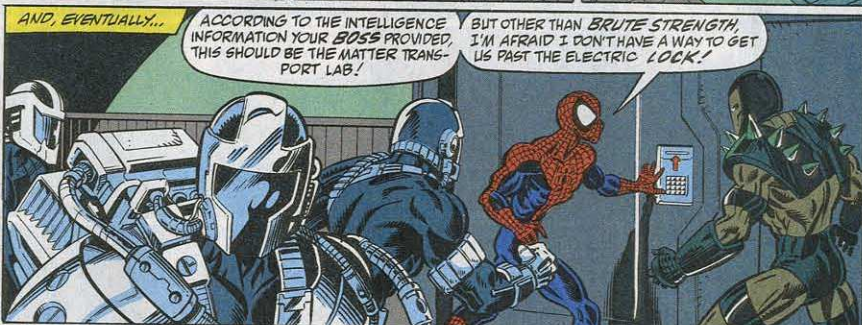
WATCH OUT--
TRIP BEAM!



Shhhh!



THIS SHOULD BLOCK
THAT HEAT SENSOR
LONG ENOUGH FOR
US TO PASS!



AND, EVENTUALLY...

ACCORDING TO THE INTELLIGENCE
INFORMATION YOUR BOSS PROVIDED,
THIS SHOULD BE THE MATTER TRANS-
PORT LAB!

BUT OTHER THAN BRUTE STRENGTH,
I'M AFRAID I DON'T HAVE A WAY TO GET
US PAST THE ELECTRIC LOCK!



LEAVE THAT
TO ME,
WEB-
SLINGER!

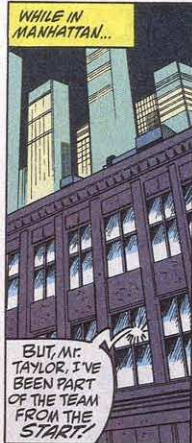
WHICH MEANS IT HAS
ALL MANNER OF INTER-
ESTING--AND USEFUL--

MY
ARMOR'S
BASED
ON THE
GUARDSMAN
UNIFORMS
THEY WEAR
AT THE
VAULT!



--ACCESSORIES!





THIS WHOLE SCENE--ALONG WITH THE DRUGS--
WAS A WAY TO *TRICK* SPIDER-MAN INTO
HELPING US GET THAT TELEPORTER! I
DIDN'T TELL THE REST OF YOU BECAUSE
SPIDER-MAN ISN'T A NORMAL *HUMAN*!

HE MAY HAVE SOME SORT OF
SUPER-SENSES THAT COULD
WARN HIM IF YOUR DEATH THREATS
WEREN'T SINCERE!

THEN MY HESITATION MAY
HAVE ACTUALLY WORKED
FOR US, CONVINCING
HIM THE DANGER WAS
REAL!

SO
EVERYTHING'S
OKAY!

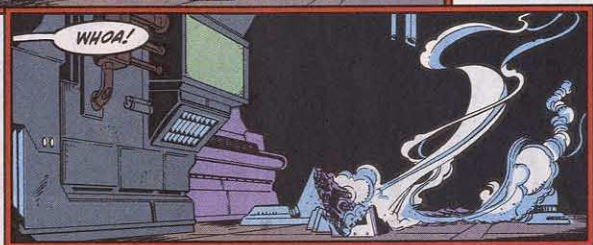
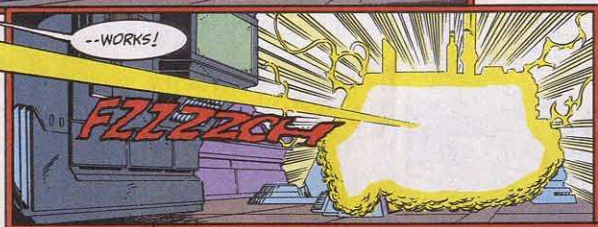
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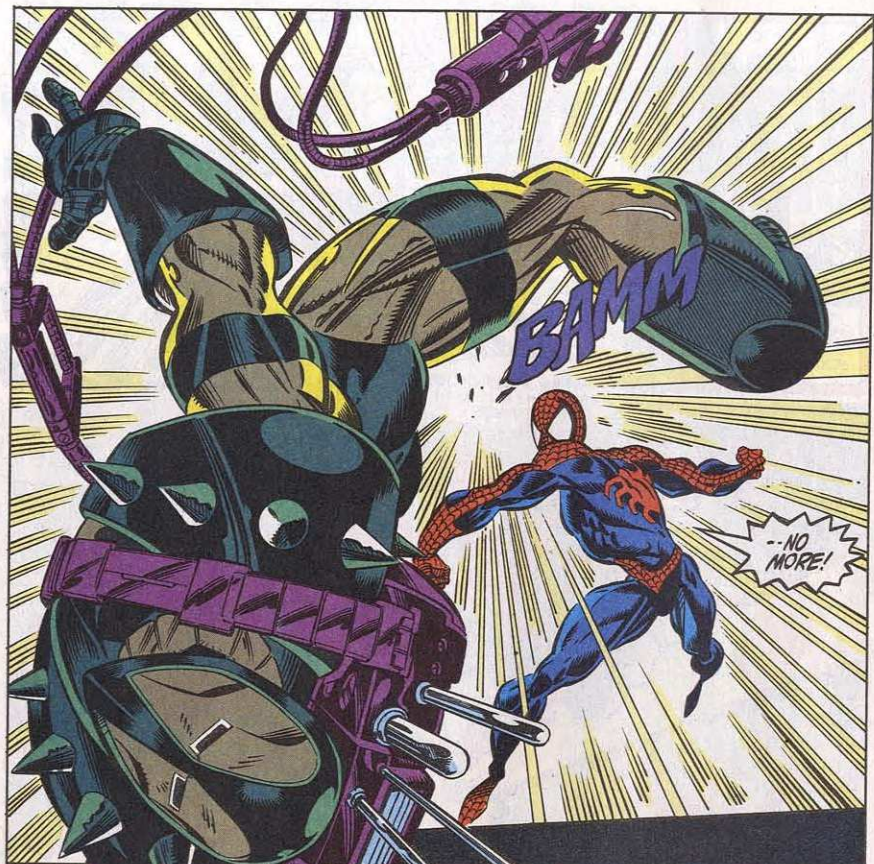
IT'S
NOT.

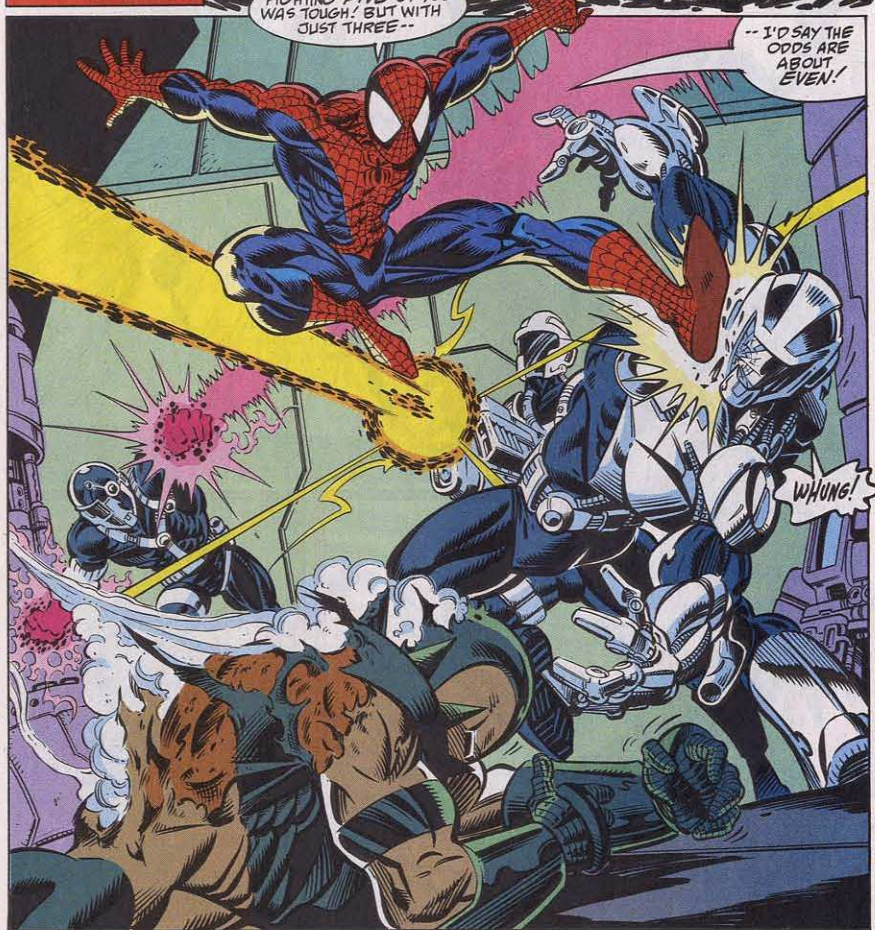
NO MATTER HOW
HONORABLE THE
REASON, YOU SIDED
AGAINST THE
JURY.

THEREFORE, YOU
WILL HENCEFORTH
BE RELEGATED
TO A SUPPORT
POSITION.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IS
LIMITED TO THOSE WHOSE
LOYALTIES ARE CLEAR!







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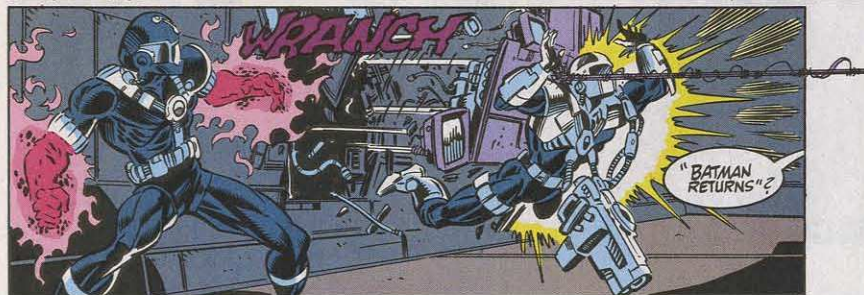
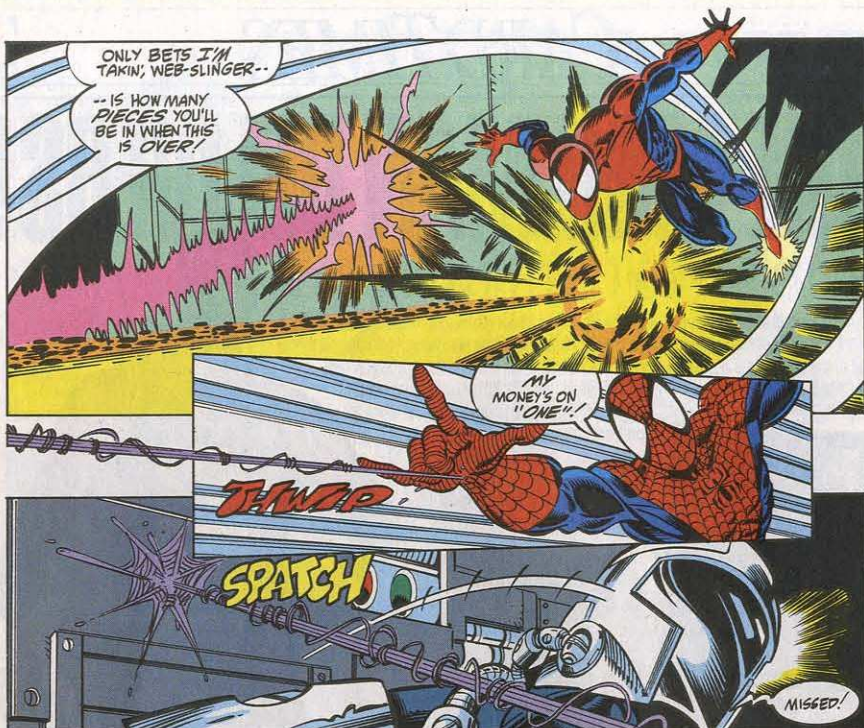
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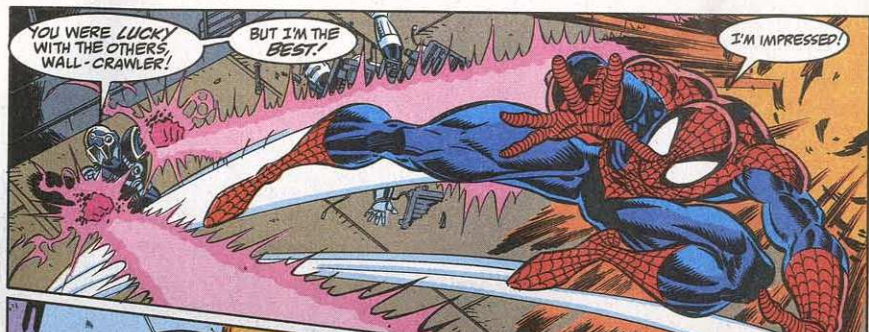
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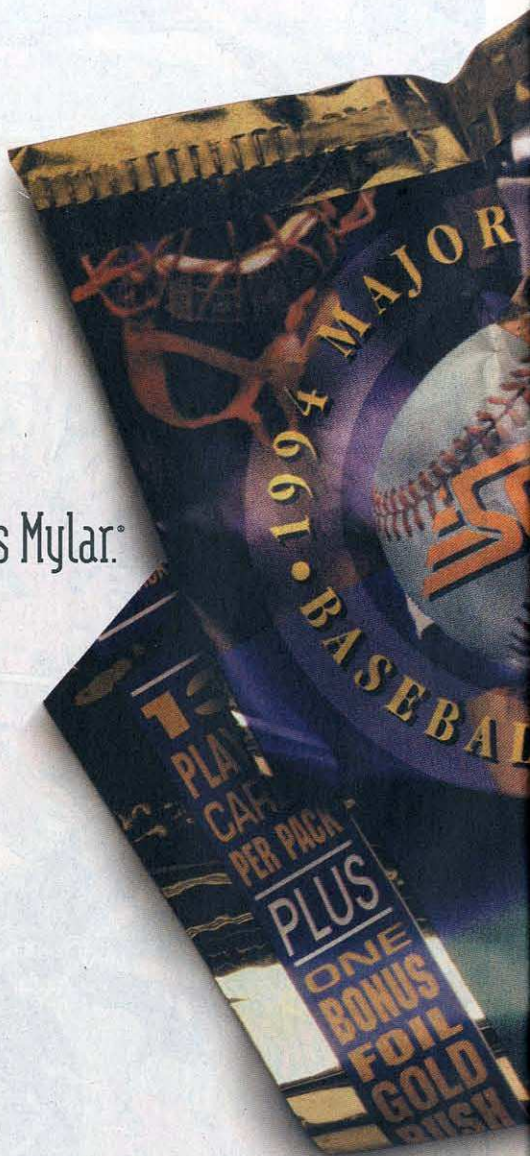


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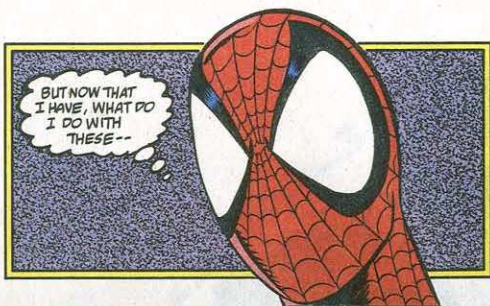
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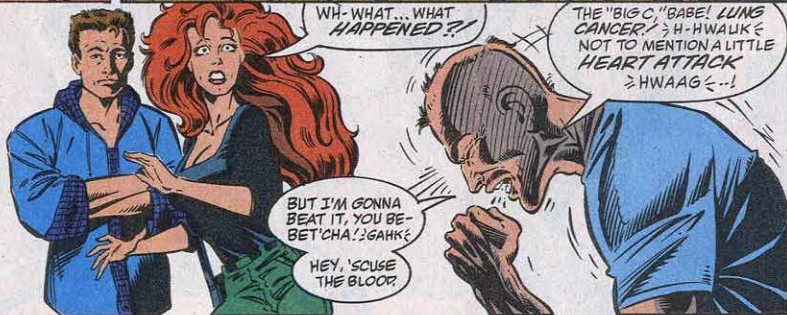


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PETER, HOW
COULD YOU?
HOW COULD
YOU BE SO
CRUEL?

I LOVE
YOU.



THANKS ANYWAY, NICK, GUESS IT
DIDN'T WORK.

LOOK
AT IT
THIS
WAY,
PARKER:
EITHER
SHE'LL
COME
AROUND--



--OR PRETTY
SOON I'LL HAVE
ME A ROOMMATE!
SHEH E

>K-KOFF<



YOU'RE A PEACH,
NICK. IT'S GOOD TO
KNOW *SOME* THINGS
NEVER CHANGE.

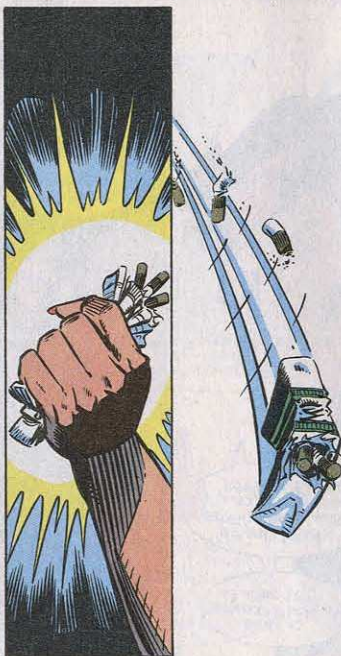
I'LL DROP BY
AGAIN IN A COUPLE
OF DAYS.



WHERE ARE THEY?
BLAST IT, WHERE
ARE THEY?

I'M SO
MAD--!

MARY JANE,
I'M SORRY.



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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.

Hello, Spider-Fans! My name is Mark Bernardo, and I'm the new Assistant Editor in these parts, replacing the World-Famous Mike Lackey, who has been promoted to Associate Editor, and gone on to take the reins of G.I. JOE and REN & STIMPY, as well as some of Epic's new Heavy Hitters titles. All of us here at Spidey Central wish Mike the best of luck, and urge you all to check out his latest projects.

As for the SPIDER-MAN books, I've been in on the planning sessions for upcoming storylines, and all I can say is, buckle your seatbelts, because a wild ride is ahead! There are monumental events in the works, major changes that will affect the Web-Head's life forever! And they all start NEXT ISSUE, when the long-awaited unravelling of the Peter's Parents mystery begins! Trust a fellow Spider-Man fanatic: you won't want to miss it.



Welcome aboard, Mark. Now let's start catching up on our letters, which we've gotten a little behind on. Here's what you had to say about Spidey's anniversary blowout with Venom...

Dear Spider's Web,

I loved issue #375! It had a great resolution between Spider-Man and Venom. One problem, though: you guys spoiled the ending of the story by telling what happens in VENOM: LETHAL PROTECTOR #1, which was released before ASM #375.

Also, could you have Spidey meet the real X-Men? Not the old X-Men, like in SPECTACULAR #198, but the newer X-Men like Wolverine, Storm, Gambit, etc.

One last thing: In the Spider-Man movie, you shouldn't use the red-and-blue costume, you should use the black one.

Judah Konigsberg
6222 McCallum Street
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We're glad you enjoyed the story, despite the scheduling problem. Sometimes these high-level schedule decisions catch us editorial types off-guard.

Though some folks would take exception to the idea that the original X-Men are any less "real" than the current team, there are plans for

Spidey to interact with more mutant types soon. Specifically, the MUTANT AGENDA limited series, the one that ties in with the Spidey newspaper strip! Miss it not. (And if your local paper doesn't carry the strip - demand that they do!)

As for the costume in the movie, using the black costume seems unlikely; since that is Venom's costume now, not Spidey's. More info on the movie when we get it!

Hey, Spider-Maniacs,

WOW! That's what I said when I saw AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #375. I had been expecting this issue for a long time, and now I finally have it! Congratulations on the spectacular cover. I've got to admit, it was worth the price. I especially loved the scene where Spidey helps Eddie save Annie. That proves he is a true hero. The back-up stories were great, also. In "True Friends," Spidey shows that he really cares for the Human Torch, even though they fight a lot. "The Monster Within" shows a major milestone in John Jameson's life. Have you ever thought about making him a super hero? I would love to see Jonah's face if he found out his son was a masked adventurer! "Echoes" proves to us that even criminals, such as Kraven and Chameleon, can really be friends. I hope to see more of the Chameleon in future issues.

When are you bringing the Green Goblin back? I always thought he was Spidey's worst (or best) enemy, since Harry is also Peter's friend. But don't make a mistake by making Harry's son become the Green Goblin when Harry dies. I'd like to see more old Spidey foes also, like the Shocker, the Lizard, and the Rhino.

I would like to thank David Michelinie and Mark Bagley for a great title. I would still love to see an issue written by Stan Lee and drawn by the greatest Spidey artist there ever was or will be: John Romita!

Ricardo Cuan
(Address withheld by request)

Thanks for all the comments and suggestions. You should be thrilled to know that a lot of those suggestions have already been acted upon: both Shocker and the Lizard will be making appearances in upcoming issues of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN. Rhino appeared in the LETHAL FOES OF SPIDER-MAN limited series, and there are definite plans for John Jameson. Whether they involve him becoming a hero remains to be seen.

As for the Chameleon... we ain't talkin' just yet.

Dear Web-Heads,

I just got done reading "The Bride of Venom" in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #375, and would like to congratulate you all on a job well done. I would like to commend Mark Bagley on the excellent art. Bob Sharen also did a fine job on the colors. I think my favorite part of the issue would be the cover. It's one of my favorite covers of all time, even beating the hologram cover on ASM #365.

I was very glad to see Venom and Spidey stop fighting and start helping each other. I also liked the new character, Anne Weying, and hope to see more of her in the future. I just got VENOM: LETHAL PROTECTOR #1, and now I'm going to sit down and read it.

Matt R. Laskowski
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You mean -- you don't just collect our mags! You actually read the things! What a concept! We hope you enjoyed LETHAL #1 as much as you did ASM #375!

Our esteemed and often under-appreciated colorist, Bob Sharen, also thanks you for the comments. (Okay, Bob... now quit complaining and get back to work!)

Dear ASM,

Hey, I'm impressed! Wow! I was upset when Erik Larsen left this mag, but Mark Bagley has won me over big time! Venom's nose looked a bit flat on the cover of AMAZING #375, but aside from that, I love the art on this book. The stories work well for me also, but I wish that a little more would be done with Peter's parents, without having them endangered by huge, menacing robots, double agents in the FBI, or by a drooling, sharp-toothed psycho with a nasty alien costume.

Scott Shaffer
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You say you want something significant to happen with Peter's parents?

Be careful what you wish for, Scott... and be sure not to miss...

NEXT ISSUE: The Vulture returns, with a new scheme to cure his cancer... unfortunately it's a cure that may kill Spider-Man! It's Chapter One of "Lifeflight," and by the time the dust settles from this one, things will never be the same again! We repeat: things will never be the same again. Don't miss out on the excitement, in 30 days!!

BULLPEN BULLETINS



MARK'S REMARKS

Just a brief list of some of the many things I'm personally thankful for...

1. The fact that I managed to make my childhood hobby my adult profession, thus indefinitely delaying the need to grow up.
2. Stan Lee and Jack Kirby.
3. The opportunity to work with some of the funniest, most creative, gosh-darn-nicest folks I could've ever asked to be associated with.
4. The chance to write some of the coolest super heroes ever invented by human minds.
5. A beautiful wife who reads everything I write and a beautiful daughter who reads nothing I write (I don't encourage her).
6. All the scientific and technological advances made in my lifetime, including the three that affect me most: the PC, the VCR, and the answering machine.
7. Being in the industry during a very interesting time.
8. Tom DeFalco, the best boss in the business, any business.
9. Living in America, the land of opportunity, being the age I am, and thus having experienced America's greatest cultural revolutions.
10. My readers.

I hope all of you can dash off a list of things you're thankful for as easily as I could. Have a happy T-day!

Mark

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Here at Bullpen Central, we're very thankful for national holidays like Thanksgiving, because they provide us with easy topics to write about. Now that we come your way 52 weeks a year, we'll take any help we can get!

As we approach the most grateful of all holidays, let's see what our freelance fellows are thankful for this year, shall we?

Scott Kolins, whose art hits the target in the current **HAWKEYE** limited series, said he is thankful for "good health, a prosperous year, and culling Playboy reference and getting paid for this stuff!"

New **DR. STRANGE** scripter **David Quinn**

have steady work and steady pay. Associate editor **Sarra Mossoff** noted, "I'm thankful for a paycheck every two weeks!" New **SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE** penciler **Henry Martinez** is thrilled just to be working for **Mighty Marvel**. Said Henry, "I'm thankful that I got **SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE**!"

Rich Suchy, filling in as penciler for three issues on **WILLIAM SHATNER'S TEKROWL**, is also grateful just to have been beamed aboard the **Starship Marvel**. Rich said, "I'm thankful just to have been given a chance. No other company would give me a shot!"

And new **G.I. JOE** penciler **Jesse D. Orozco** said, "I'm thankful that this year, instead of sitting in school thinking about drawing **Marvel Comics**, now I'm drawing them!"

MOON KNIGHT penciler **Stephen Platt** had a patriotic response. Said Stephen, "I'm thankful that you can ask a question like that in this country and not be shot for it!"

Mike Harris, who provided the art for this month's issue of **WHAT IF...** ("What if the Punisher became an agent of **SHIELD**?"), is another true American. Stated Mike, "I'm thankful for the collapse of Communism in the world, and the upcoming change in New York City government. Any relationship between the two may or may not be coincidental!"

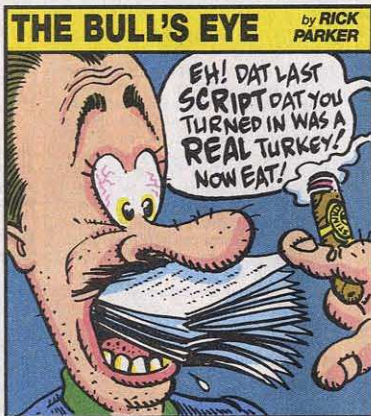
BIKER MICE FROM **MARS** co-writer **Rick Ungar** is thankful for "the excessive sales of **BIKER MICE** edition one, because that means I can keep doing 'em!"

Associate editor and **Giants** season ticket-holder **Mindy Newell** is grateful that she is editing the one-shot **MARVEL/NFL PRO ACTION** MAGAZINE,

"because I'm such a rabid football fan." The 64-page glossy magazine ships in December, which, as **Mindy** noted, is "just in time for the play-offs and the Super Bowl." Highlights of the magazine include training tips, locker room visits, and a twelve-page **X-Men** story in which **Wolverine** gets fighting tips from **LA Raiders** defensive end **Howie Long**!

Chris Marrinan's pencils are currently rocketing your way in the all-new **NOVA** series. **Chris** is thankful "that **Nova** has been brought back from the 70s so that I could draw his first issue!"

Until next time, let's all be thankful that there's a new **Bullpen Page** each and every week! And prove your thankfulness by dropping us a line some time!



is magically thankful for "jaded **Marvel** readers who think everything's been done and they've seen it all, because they're the perfect challenge. My job is to amuse, bewilder, and astonish."

Gary Hallgren, currently knocking them dead (and then bringing them back to life) with his art on **MORT THE DEAD TEEN-AGER** is thankful "to have a nice crooked house in Toontown with a swimming pool full of green olive jello!"

Lee Weeks, currently taking all bets on his **GAMBIT** limited series, has fond wishes for one of his old characters. Said Lee, "I'm thankful **Daredevil** finally got some new clothes!"

Some of our respondents were glad just to

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- MORBIUS #1: Morbius wants one of the Blood!
- MORT THE DEAD TEEN-AGER #2 OF 4: It's fun being a ghost!
- PUNISHER #86: Phony Franks are everywhere!
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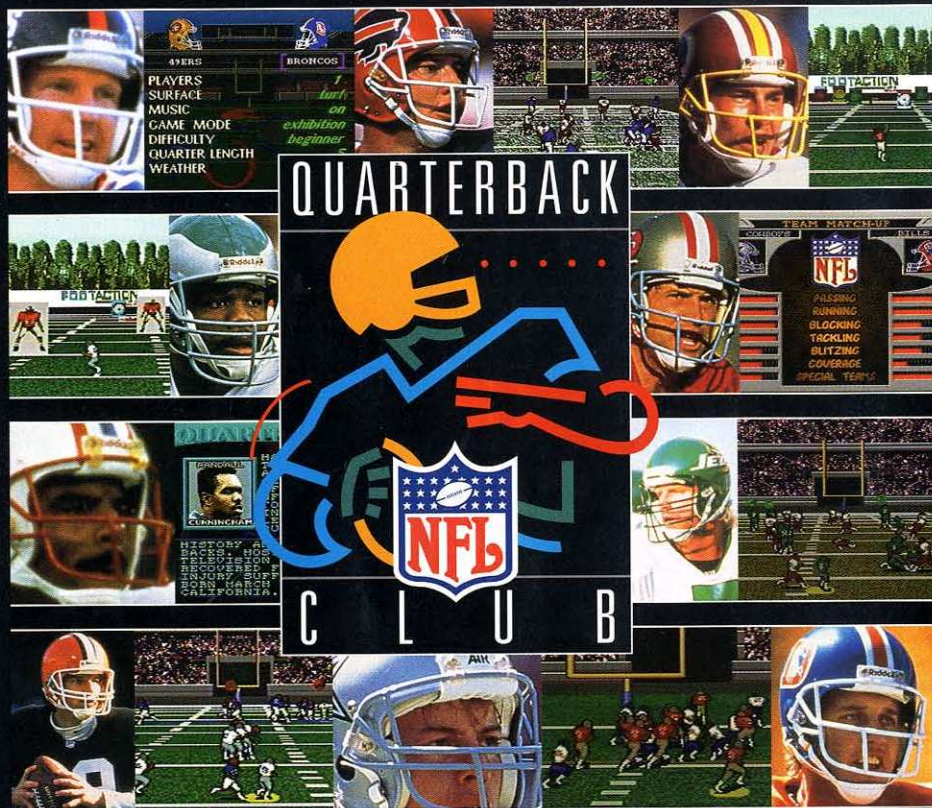
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