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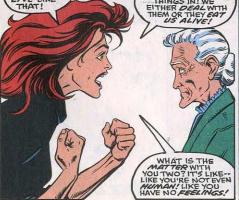
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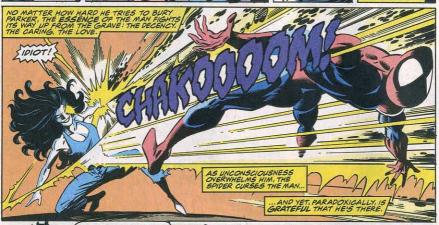








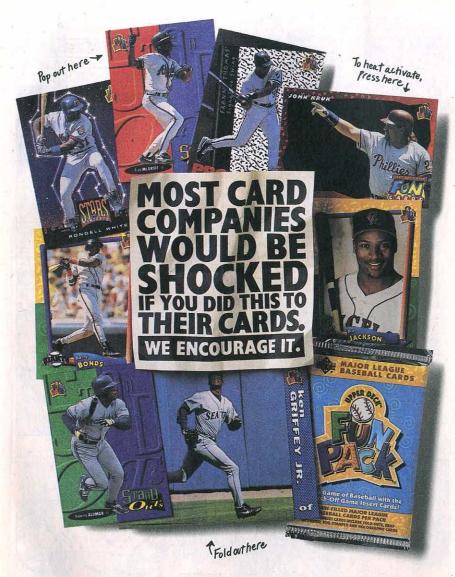












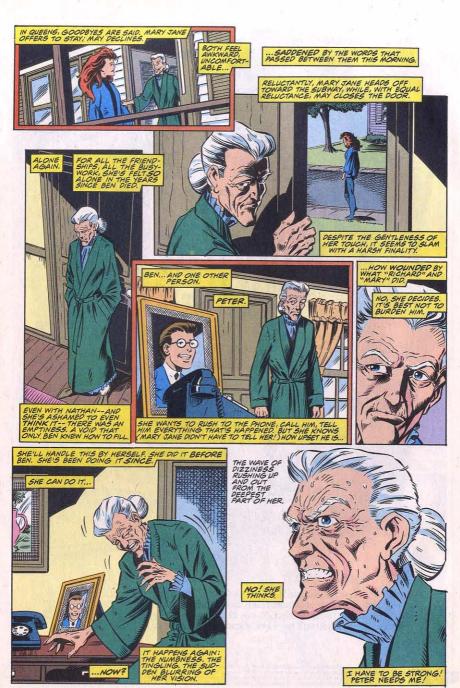
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Where and when were you born? I was born in Marysville, California in 1965

How did you break into comics? I started off in independent comics. doing work for some small publishers. I got my first break at Marvel when I was hired on the spot by Tom DeFalco at Wonder-Con. My first job for Marvel was a Black Panther story that wound up run ning in MARVEL SUPER-HEROES

Who are some of your influences? Neal Adams, John Byrne, and George Perez are the main three. Now I look at everything, from American comics to Japanese manga

Were you always a Silver Surfer fan? Yeah, ever since I saw him in a one of those old Treasury Editions, those giant comics. I loved those old Treasury Editions. I wish they'd do more of them.

Since you work on the Silver Surfer, we're obligated to ask you this: have you ever surfed?

No! (laughter) I've never surfed in my entire life! This will probably shatter some illusions, but I've never set foot on a board

What are some of your hobbies?

I'm a huge movie buff. I'm especially into kung fu movies, Japanese animation, and action/adventure movies. Who is your favorite action hero?

Jackie Chan is my favorite - he is way cool. And Sylvester Stallonel

Did you ever have a crush on any of the girls from the Brady Bunch?

(laughter) No! But I watched every episode seven times! How fast are you?

I usually average 2-3 pages a day. That's working six to eight hours a day, five or six days a week. I enjoy the work, except when the Dreaded Deadline Doom is looming over my head! I take off one day a week to goof off, otherwise I'd go insane Do you like to ink your own work, or have other artists ink you?

I like working with other inkers. Currently I'm working with Jim Sanders, and we're working very well together. Terry Austin is probably my all-time favorite inker. Oh, and Joe Sinnott, because my all-time favorite comic book was the FF. What comics would you like to work on that you haven't? FANTASTIC FOUR, but I wouldn't want to do it unless I really had time to do it right. X-MEN ... and IRON MAN. I've always liked the idea of a guy in a suit of armort

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The galaxy of the 30th Century gets a little bigger this month as the GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY celebrate their fiftieth issue, and their first limited series spin-off - GALACTIC GUARDIANS! GUARDIANS #50, a double-sized issue with a foil-enhanced cover, concludes the story that's been building up for the past year!

The issue features the final fates of Protegé, the Beyonder, Mephisto, and Malevolence — among other surprises! Editor Craig Anderson promised this issue would feature "more cosmic

stuff than you could shake your big toe at!"

GUARDIANS #50 is written by Michael Gallagher, with breakdowns by Kevin West, and finishes by Steve Montano. That same creative team is also responsible for GALACTIC GUARDIANS, a four-issue spin-off series, only with Kevin contributing full pencils instead of just breakdowns.

GALACTIC GUARDIANS #1 has the future super-team living up to their name as they defend the entire galaxy from a race of aliens led by the ultra-evil Ubiquitor! The first strike comes when the sinister Silverback invades Asgard, where he comes face-to-face with the son of Thor, Woden! The limited series will also focus on the thousand-year feud between Hollywood and Mainframe, and will provide amazing insights into the War of the Worlds!

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Firelord, Wonder Man. Ghost Rider and the son of Thor will be joining, as well. To put it in military terms, the Guardians of the Galaxy are a bullet. The Galactic Guardians are an atom bomb!" Craig noted that GALAC-TIC GUARDIANS is the most demanded series of all time from my office - no lie!" If their first Limited Series takes off, you can expect to see more GALAC-TIC GUARDIANS

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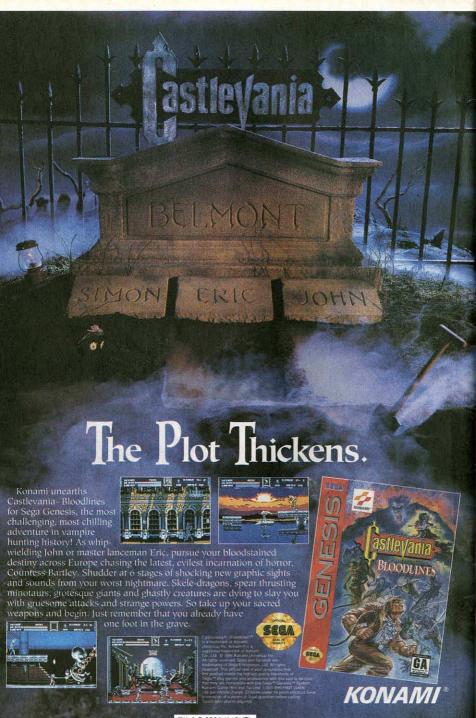




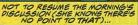










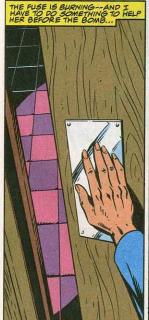








AND MAYBE... JUST MAYBE... MAY WILL OPEN UP, LET OUT SOME OF THAT PAIN SHE'S BEEN HOLDING IN FOR SO LONG.









THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Spider's Web.

Re: ASM #386.

Great job! My hat is off to David Michelinie and the rest of the crew on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. I loved the story, the art, everything about the issue with one exception: you've got me worried about Aunt May! What is all this stuff about Alzheimer's? Please don't start messing with my favorite (non-super-powered) character! I understand that May is getting on in years, but please don't give her Alzheimer's!

I was shocked by pages 17 and 18, when that black-haired lady (and I use the term loosely) tried to shoot MJI Thank Odin for security guards! Here's a request: take this "lady" and feed her to

Venom! Please?

I've been collecting comics for a few years now, and I have to say that AMAZING SPIDER-MAN is most definitely my favorite book (with WEB and GAMBIT a close 2nd and 3rd). Thanks for all the great issues, and I hope you keep putting them out for a long time to come!

Michael Quick (Address withheld by request)

Fear not, Michael, there's no end in sight to Spidey's adventures, and the excitement's building every month toward issue #400 and beyond!

As you know by now, Aunt May did not have Alzheimer's, but as the end of this issue shows, there may be a lot more reason to worry about her now! (What do you mean you're reading the letters page first?! Go back to page 1, read the story and meet us back here! We'll wait.)

And if you're a fan of WEB and GAMBIT, you must have really dug the Cajun X-Man's appearance in WEB #113! (You haven't picked it up yet? Okay, okay... we'll walt while you run to the comics shop... but this is the last

time!)

Dear Spider-people.

I thought that after reading ASM #386, it was my duty as a devoted Spider-Man fan to write a letter. This issue was, pardon the pun, amazing!! The storyline, the art, everything was great. The Vulture looked better than ever before, and Spidey was his usual exciting self.

As far as Spidey telling his parents about his secret identity, I don't know. They do still seem a bit suspicious, so I'm not sure it's a good idea for him to give away that secret so freely. I mean, Aunt May doesn't know, and she brought Peter up!

A couple of questions:

 When is the next time we'll see Spidey and the New Warriors together?

2) I know it's a bit early, but do you

guys have any plans for AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #400?

> Elisha Olivestone 215 West 98th Street New York, NY 10025

A couple of answers:

 No plans for a full-scale Spidey/New Warriors reunion, but the webhead did make a guest appearance in NOVA's mag recently. And Spidey, Nova, and Darkhawk will be in a special limited series later this year.

2) Do we have plans for #400? Most definitely. Are we going to give them away here? No way! Are they big? Ah... just wait.

Dear David and Danny.

You guys screwed up this time! What am I talking about? ASM #386. Last page. Spidey gets nailed by the Vultch because he was concerned about the doctor having a heart attack? Okay, he was momentarily distracted from the fight. and that may have given the Vulture an advantage to exploit, which may, in a few seconds, have decided the battle. But for Spidey to ignore his spider-sense when something very dangerous was coming right at him? Ridiculous. Spider-Man was in a fight. His brain was still in fight mode. He wouldn't langre his spider-sense when a class-one blast goes off in his head. He doesn't think, he moves. That's why he has lived so long. Remember Sin-Eater? Several people died when Spidey was fighting him because he moved instead of thinking when fired upon.

David, some of the best comics writing Ive ever read has come from you. If you could eliminate plot holes of this nature, this mag could be truly incredible. Aside from that, keep up the great work!

And the plot thickens...

Till the Vulture needs a haircut...
Make Mine Marvel!

Jim Syler Route 1, Box 586 Creal Springs, IL 62922

Jim, Spidey's spider-sense warns him of imminent danger to himself. Usually, Spidey will react to this by moving to counteract or avoid the danger. However, Spidey will occasionally also ignore the threat to himself if someone else is endangered. That's just the kind of selfless guy he is.

We hope we're living up to that "incredible" potential you cited. And we hope you've revised your sign-off, now that issue #338 has actually left the Vulture with quite a mane of hair!

Dear Spider's Web,

I've just read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #386, and I think it was a great way to bring back one of Spidey's old foes with a bang! AMAZING SPIDER-MAN has had some really good storylines lately, so I hope this team is around for the long haull Are there any plans for any guest artists in the future? If so, who?

I would like to ask a few questions:

 Are there any plans for teamups in the future with Captain America, Daredevil, Iron Man, or the Hulk?

2) Do you guys have any other old Spidey enemies scheduled to make appearances in the future?

> David Lopez 3123 E. Del Amo Blvd. Lakewood, CA 90712

1) A Daredevil appearance is in the works. Now that both heroes have gone through some major changes in their lives, it will be wild! Cap is having loads of problems in his own book, so not much chance of him hanging out with Spidey real soon. Ditto for Iron Man (though Venom did drop in on him recently). -The Hulk? Well, ol' Greenskin is married now. Maybe the Banners and the Parkers can get together and play bridge someday. Besides, Hulkle was just in ASM #381-382.

2) We've got enemies old and new coming up. As for classic Spided villains, check out SPECTACULAR #215 for the savage return of the Scorpion, and SPIDER-MAN #50 for Spidey's battle with the man who carries on the legacy of Kraven the Hunter!

As for guest artists... only if Mark Bagley catches wind of the fact that he needs to sleep.

NEXT ISSUE: The revelation of Aunt May's horrible fate sends the already emotionally reeling Spider-Man even further toward the edgel Can the web-slinger pull himself back from the brink, or will Peter Parker simply cease to exist? The answer will astound you! Do we really need to tell you to be here?? (After all, Shriek and Carrion will bet)

And by the by, there's a mysterious figure turning up in the other Spider-books who'll soon be showing up here as well! Who is he? Well... check out his tantalizing appearances and join us as we find out together! The mystery begins in WEB #114, on sale now, and continues in SPIDER-MAN #48, on sale next week. Don't miss any of it! its payoff will only change Spidey history forever!





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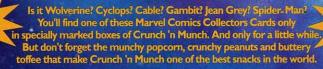
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