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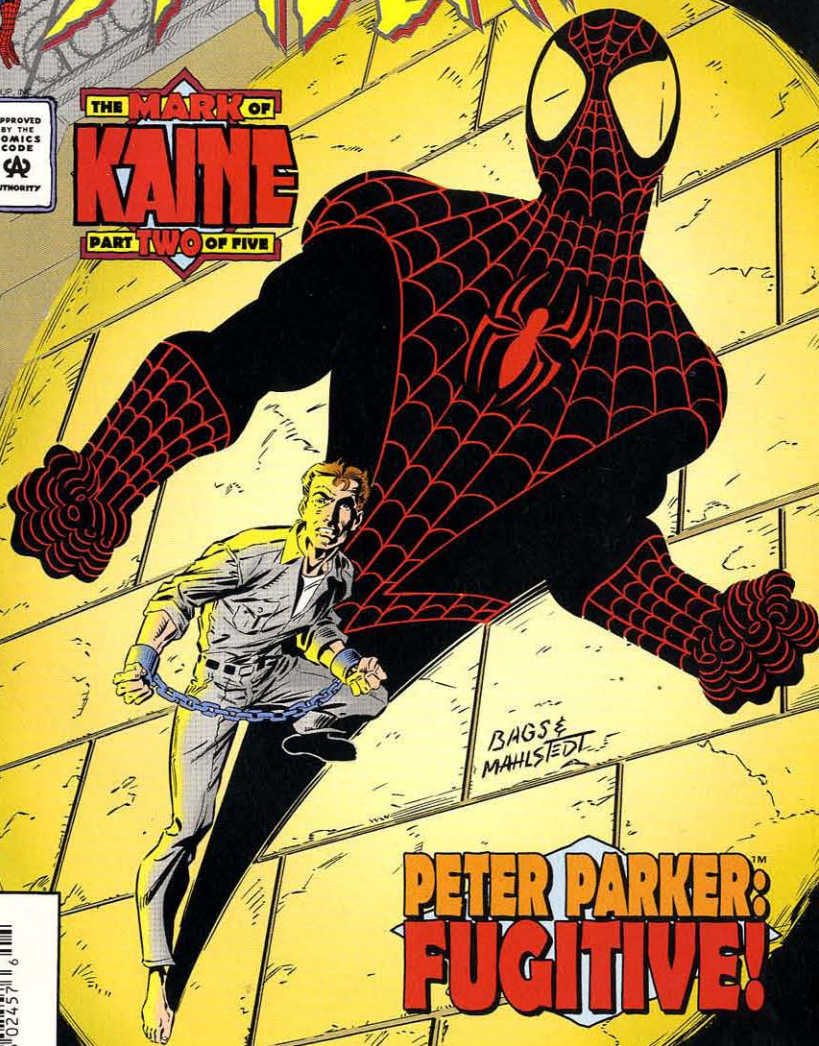
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THE MARK OF  
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OF SPIDER-MAN #124!

MARY JANE!

PETER...?!

BEN...?

MARY JANE...  
YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN  
TO ME! I... I AM PETER...  
BUT NOT THE PETER YOU  
MARRIED!


THAT MAN...  
IS A FRAUD! HE  
STOLE MY LIFE... STOLE  
EVERYTHING-- WHILE I  
WAS LOCKED AWAY FOR  
FIVE LONG YEARS!

DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT I'M  
SAYING?

I'M THE  
REAL PETER  
PARKER!

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THIS COULD BE HER HUSBAND... SOMEHOW ESCAPED FROM JAIL, MIND FINALLY COLLAPSING FROM THE PRESSURES OF THIS NIGHTMARE-YEAR.



...IT DOESN'T MATTER.

PETER... BEN... WHOEVER YOU ARE! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!

NOT NOW!

HE'S AFTER ME, DO YOU UNDERSTAND? HE'S AFTER ME!




WHO? WHO'S AFTER--

THE NAME. IMPOSTOR--



--IS KAINE.

OR IT COULD BE PETER'S CLONE... BEN REILLY... PLAYING SOME KIND OF MIND-GAME SHE CAN'T BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND. THE SAD TRUTH IS, AT THIS MOMENT...



STEP AWAY FROM HIM, MARY JANE. THAT'S NOT YOUR HUSBAND. PETER'S STILL IN PRISON.

AND HE'S NOT BEN REILLY, EITHER. REILLY'S WITH SEWARD TRAINER.

YOU'RE LYING! YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO--

THIS... MAN CRAWLED OUT OF A POD... IN THE WRECKAGE OF THE JACKAL'S LABORATORY. HE'S ANOTHER ONE OF WARREN'S CLONES.

IF THERE'S A THREAT HERE--

--HE'S IT.



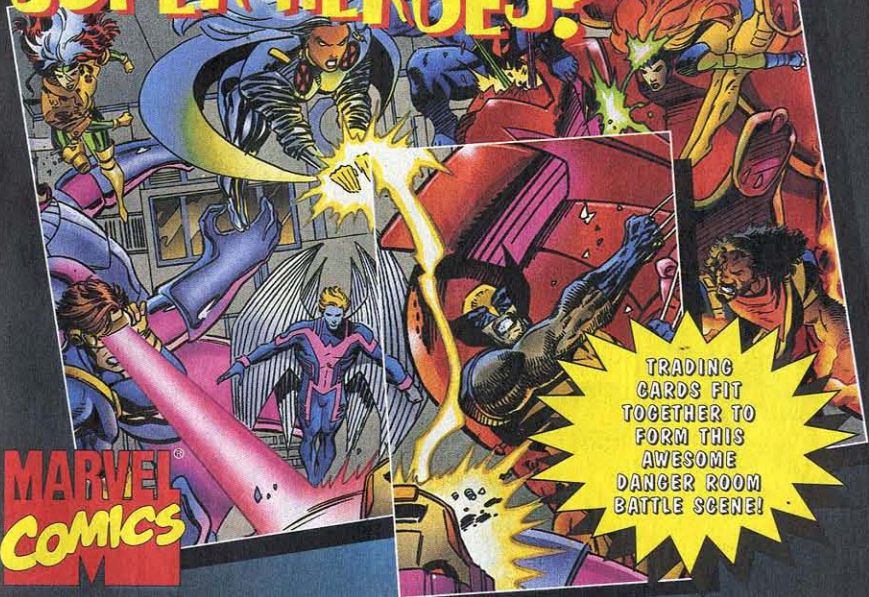








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PATHETIC...

THE GENE POOL  
MUST HAVE BEEN  
THINNING OUT  
WHEN WARREN  
HATCHED YOU.

BUT NOT  
FOR LONG.

HE COMES TO,  
CURSING HIM-  
SELF FOR BEING  
SO SLOPPY.

FIVE YEARS LOCKED AWAY  
IN THAT POD AND HIS  
REFLEXES ARE SLOW...  
HIS COORDINATION IS  
OFF.

FIVE  
YEARS! HE  
STILL CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT!

FIVE YEARS STOLEN FROM HIM  
WHILE SOME FRAID INSINUATED  
HIMSELF INTO PETER PARKER'S  
LIFE.

BUT I  
SUPPOSE  
YOU'VE SERVED  
A PURPOSE.  
YOU DISTRACTED  
ME LONG  
ENOUGH--

--FOR  
MARY JANE  
TO GET  
AWAY.

FIVE YEARS DURING  
WHICH THE WORLD HAS  
CHANGED FAR TOO MUCH,  
DURING WHICH HE'S  
LOST MORE THAN ANY  
MAN SHOULD EVER  
HAVE TO.

AUNT MAY IS DEAD!  
HE CAN'T BELIEVE IT!  
THE ENORMITY OF  
THAT THOUGHT IS  
ALMOST TOO MUCH FOR  
HIS MIND TO CONTAIN.  
SO HE PUSHES IT,  
PUSHES HIS IMMEASUR-  
ABLE GRIEF, AWAY...

...AND FIXES HIS  
GAZE ON THE  
NOW, ON MARY  
JANE.



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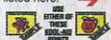
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IF ANYONE CAN  
FIND HER, SAVE  
HER, HE THINKS,  
IT'S ME.

THE ONE...  
THE TRUE...

...THE ONLY...

**SPIDER-MAN**

STAN LEE  
PRESENTS:

**THE MARK OF KATIE**  
~ PART TWO ~

**DOWN IN THE  
DARKNESS**

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## RYKER'S ISLAND.

HIS "PARENTS" DIE,  
HIS CLONE RETURNS.  
HE FACES DEATH  
THEN CHEATS IT.  
LOSES AUNT MAY.  
GAINS AN UNBORN  
CHILD.

AND NOW  
THIS INEBRIATE  
MURDER  
CHARGE!

A LESSER MAN  
WOULD HAVE  
CRUMBLLED  
UNDER THE  
STRAIN-- BUT  
NOT PETER  
PARKER.

HE'S BEEN  
TO THE EDGE  
OF THE ABYSS,  
FOUGHT HIS  
WAY BACK...  
AND HE'S NOT  
MAKING THAT  
JOURNEY  
AGAIN.

SITTING HERE IN THIS COLD  
CELL, HE REALIZES THAT  
DESPITE THE TUMULT OF  
THE PAST YEAR--OR PERHAPS  
BECAUSE OF IT--HE'S  
NEVER HAD SO MUCH HOPE.

HIS AUNT LEFT HIM WITH  
AN EXTRAORDINARY  
LEGACY. AN EXTRA-  
ORDINARY GIFT: HER  
BLESSINGS ON HIS LIFE  
AS SPIDER-MAN.

THAT, COMBINED WITH THE  
PROMISE OF NEW LIFE  
GROWING INSIDE MARY  
JANE, FILLS HIM WITH A  
SENSE OF APPRECIATIVE  
AWE... AND A DETERMINA-  
TION TO NOT JUST SURVIVE...

...BUT TRIUMPH.

HE BELIEVES, TO THE BOTTOM  
OF HIS SOUL, THAT HIS NAME  
WILL BE CLEARED. THAT HE  
AND MARY JANE WILL FINALLY  
HAVE THE "HAPPILY EVER  
AFTER" THAT THEY...

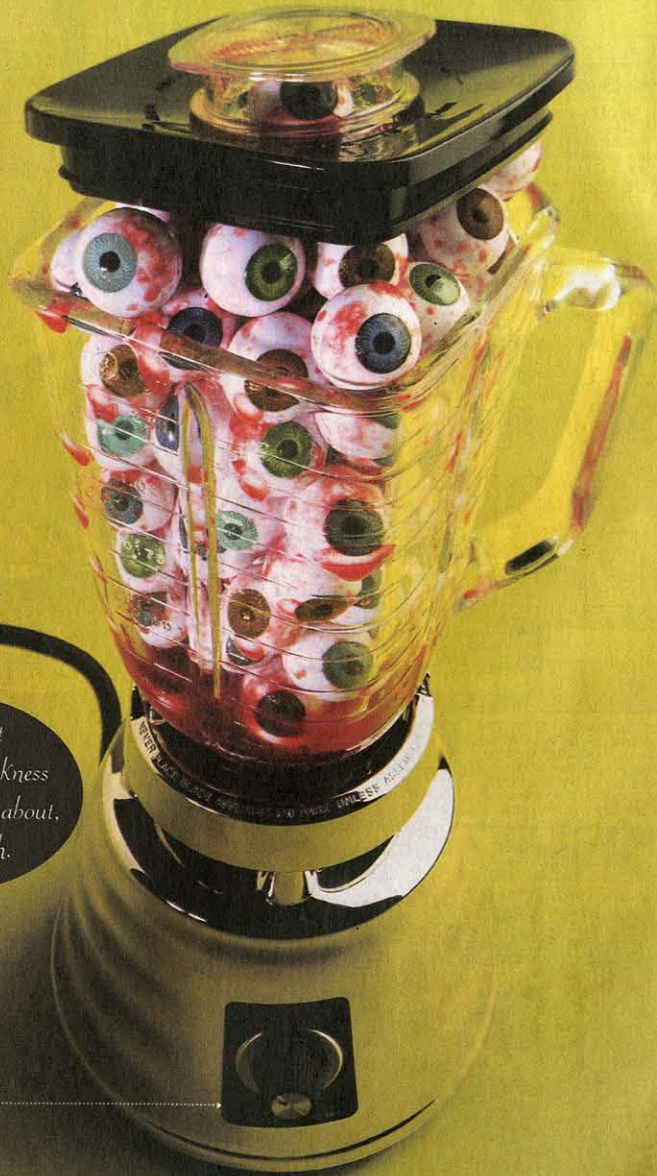
I BRING  
YOU A  
MESSAGE--

...DESERVE.

--FROM  
TRAVELLER.

CHAKRA--?





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FLICK  
YOUR  
WAIST

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SET,**







NO MORE,  
SHE  
DECIDES.

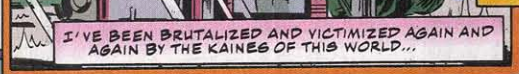


I'VE DEPENDED ON MEN IN MASKS  
TO COME AND SAVE ME ONE TOO  
MANY TIMES.



...AND THIS IS  
WHERE I MAKE  
MY STAND.

FIGHT BACK.



I'VE BEEN BRUTALIZED AND VICTIMIZED AGAIN AND  
AGAIN BY THE KAINES OF THIS WORLD...



TAKE  
CONTROL.



HE HATES  
HIMSELF  
FOR DOING  
THIS...



... BUT IF CHAKRA WAS  
TELLING THE TRUTH--  
WHAT CHOICE DOES  
HE HAVE?

**D-BLOCK**

HE CAN'T JUST SIT IN  
JAIL DOING  
NOTHING-- WHEN HIS  
WIFE'S LIFE IS ON  
THE LINE.

NOT JUST MY  
WIFE, HE  
REMINDS  
HIMSELF  
MY CHILD!

AND IF CHAKRA LIED? IF THIS IS-- AND THE POSSIBILITY  
IS VERY STRONG-- ANOTHER OF JUDAS TRAVELLER'S  
MANIPULATIONS AND MIND GAMES?

THEN HE WILL HAVE BROUGHT  
PETER PARKER'S LIFE  
CRASHING DOWN IN FLAMES.

"PARKER DID  
IT," THE WORLD  
WILL SAY, AND  
HE RAN LIKE  
A COWARD."

FIVE TIMES HE ALMOST TURNS  
BACK, READY TO SKITTER UP  
WALLS, THROUGH SHADOWS;  
READY TO SLIP SURREPTITIOUSLY  
BACK INTO HIS CELL.

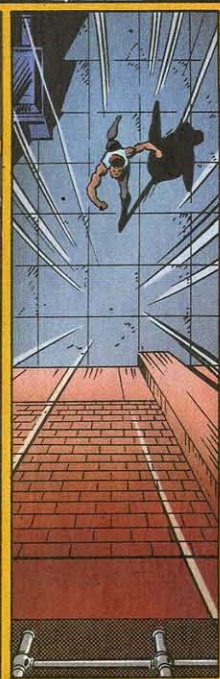
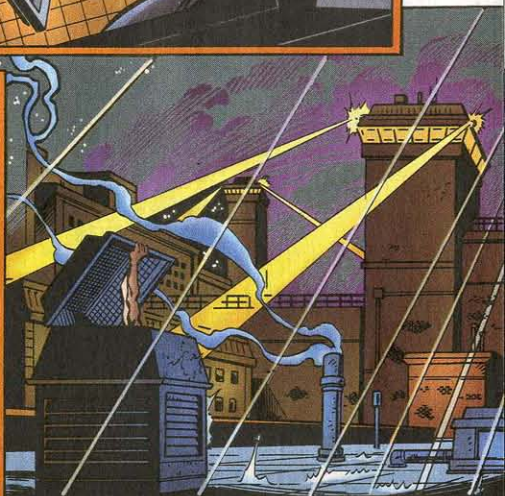
HE KNOWS THAT AN ESCAPE  
LIKE THIS CAN ONLY BE  
SEEN AS AN ADMISSION  
OF GUILT.

FIVE TIMES  
HE PUSHES  
ONWARD.

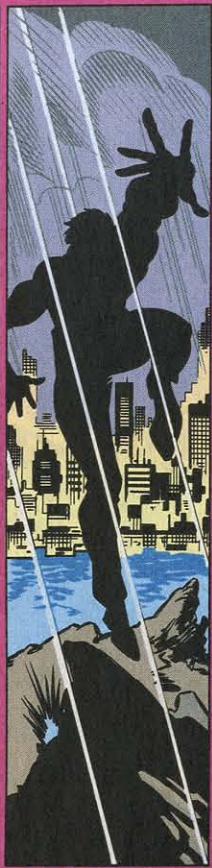
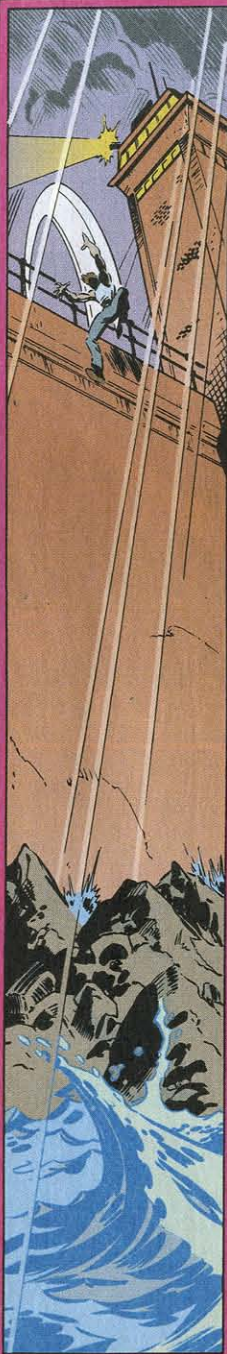




I'D RATHER  
RISK  
DESTROYING  
MYSELF, HE  
DECIDES...







...THAN  
RISK  
LOSING  
THEM.



THERE'S A THIN  
LINE BETWEEN  
A BRAVE MAN AND  
A FOOL--



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--AND  
I BELIEVE  
YOU'VE JUST  
CROSSED  
IT!

**TRAVELLER!**

DIVE INTO THAT  
WATER... AND ALL  
YOUR HOPES FOR  
THE FUTURE WILL  
SINK-- AND VANISH  
FROM SIGHT.

WHAT  
DO YOU  
CARE?!

IF THERE'S  
ANYTHING I LEARNED  
ABOUT YOU LAST TIME...  
IT'S THAT PEOPLE DON'T  
MATTER TO YOU! WE'RE  
JUST CHESS PIECES  
FOR YOU TO MOVE  
AROUND!

LAB RATS  
FOR YOU TO  
EXPERIMENT  
ON!

PERHAPS I DON'T  
CARE... OR PERHAPS I  
CARE... MORE THAN YOU  
COULD EVER IMAGINE.  
WHATEVER THE CASE, I  
HAVE COME TO ASSURE  
YOU THAT MY HERALD'S  
WARNING... WAS  
TRUE.

AND TO  
OFFER YOU...  
A BETTER  
WAY.



"AT THIS MOMENT, PETER PARKER...OR AT LEAST THE ILLUSION OF PETER PARKER...IS IN HIS CELL. AND HE WILL REMAIN THERE..."


"...UNTIL YOUR TASK IS COMPLETE."

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME? IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY--"

"CONTINUE TO QUESTION ME...AND MY HELP--"







ONE SUCH  
AS YOU CAN  
NEVER TRULY  
KNOW--

--TRAVELLER.

SHE THINKS ABOUT ALL  
THE HARDSHIPS SHE'S  
ENDURED SINCE SHE  
AND PETER WERE  
MARRIED.

AND SOMEHOW,  
SHE STILL  
CAN'T JUSTIFY  
OWNING THE GUN.

ALL THE INVASIONS OF  
THEIR PERSONAL LIVES  
BY THE VENOMS AND  
VULTURES AND GOBLINS.

ALL THE TIMES THEY'VE  
BOTH BEEN VICTIMIZED  
AND VIOLATED.

WHEN SHE BOUGHT IT, SHE WAS SO  
ASHAMED SHE COULDN'T EVEN TELL PETER.



SNUCK HOME LIKE  
A THIEF... HID IT  
AWAY... PRAYING THE  
DAY WOULD NEVER  
COME WHEN SHE'D  
HAVE TO USE IT.

HAS THAT DAY,  
SHE WONDERED,  
SADDENED  
AND SICKENED,  
FINALLY...

KREEEEK!

...COME...?



WHO'S  
THERE?



# WARRIOR COMICS

THE MARK OF KAINE!

It's gonna be one heck of a rollercoaster ride this month for Spider-fans as the five-part "Mark of Kaine" twists and turns across **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #124**, **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #401**, **SPIDER-MAN #58**, **SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #224** and **SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #9**! The focus will be on the mystery man who's been

stalking the Spider

titles for months now—Kaine!

Who is he? What secrets is he hiding? How does he know about Peter's identity as Spider-Man? Why did he kill Doctor Octopus and the Grim Hunter?

What do Kaine's visions of Mary Jane's death mean?  
Is Kaine her savior—  
—Or her killer???

The answers begin now.



## ON SALE THIS MONTH:

☐ **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #124: "The Mark of Kaine" — Part 1 of 5** (Kavanagh/Butler/Emberlin): The Mark of Kaine begins here! Kaine kidnaps Mary Jane, Peter's arrested for murder and it's up to the Scarlet Spider to save the day...if he can!!! And who's that guy in the shadows, the one who looks just like Peter Parker??

☐ **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #401: "The Mark of Kaine" — Part 2 of 5** (DeMatteis/Bagley/Maheshti): Peter's a fugitive from justice as he breaks out of jail to save his wife and baby from Kaine! The Scarlet Spider choose to help him—or hunt him down? And who's the guy who claims he's the real Peter Parker?

☐ **SPIDER-MAN #58: "The Mark of Kaine" — Part 3 of 5** (Mackie/Lyle/Hanna): Mary Jane is dead—unless Spider-Man and the Scarlet Spider can bring Kaine down! But Kaine has them outnumbered and outgunned! And the secret of the third Peter Parker is revealed!

☐ **SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #224: "The Mark of Kaine" — Part 4 of 5** (DeFalco/S. Buscema): Who is Kaine? What's he after, and why?? All the clues are here. See if you can figure out the answers before Spider-Man does! But will he have to figure it out from prison? Does the Scarlet Spider turn him in? Is Mary Jane okay??

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I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM KAINE.



AND FROM THAT IMPOSTER WHO STOLE MY LIFE.

Y-YOU'RE NOT PETER--





--YOU'RE THE OTHER ONE!

DON'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP... I'M WARNING YOU... OR I SWEAR--

--I'LL SHOOT!



I KNOW HOW SCARED YOU ARE... I CAN FEEL IT--



--BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT DEEP IN YOUR HEART--

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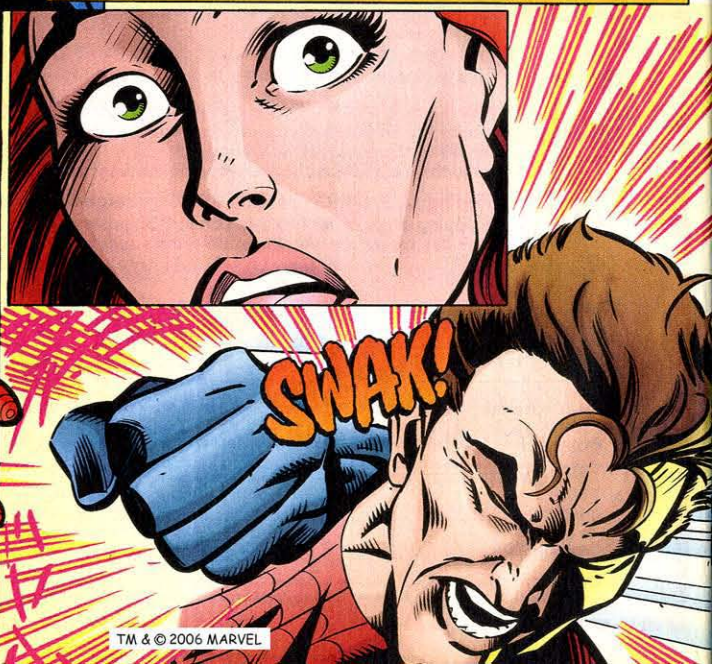
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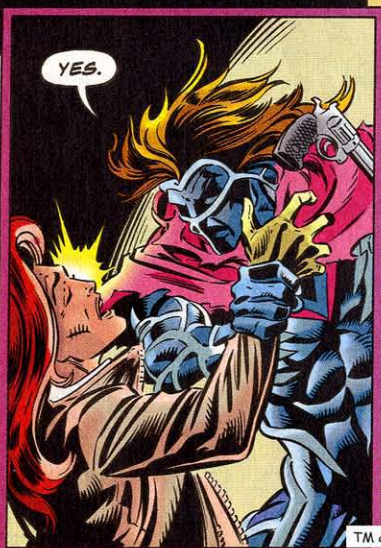
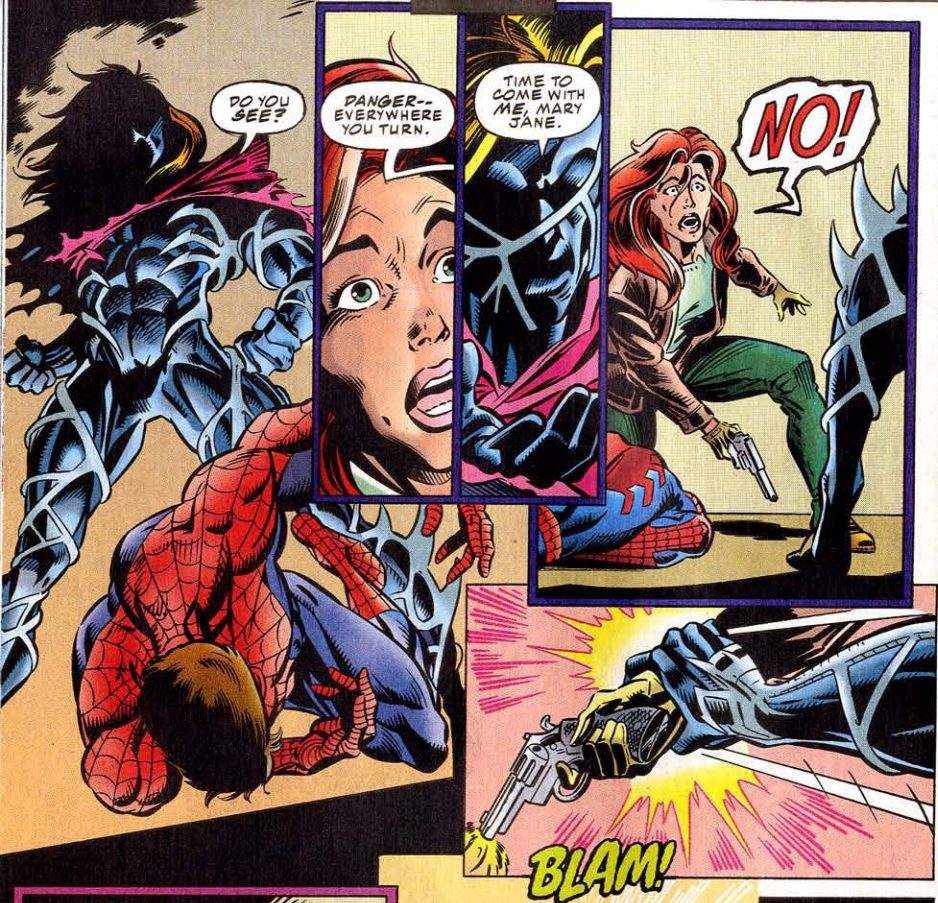
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THEN HE HEARS THE SKYLIGHT OPENING. A FAMILIAR TREAD ON THE FLOOR ABOVE...

...AND HE REALIZES THAT DEATH WILL HAVE TO WAIT.



THE WOMAN IS HIS TOP PRIORITY.

THE TIME HAS COME TO CARRY HER DOWN INTO HIS WORLD.

OUT OF THE LIGHT...

...AND INTO THE DARKNESS.







W-WHERE  
AM I...?

A large, dark, rocky landscape with a large yellow orb hanging in the sky. Spider-Man is running towards Mary Jane, who is sitting on a rock. The scene is dimly lit, with the yellow orb providing the main source of light.

I SUPPOSE  
YOU COULD CALL  
IT A... PURGATORY  
OF SORTS. WHERE  
LOST SOULS HIDE  
FROM BOTH HELL  
AND HEAVEN.

OR YOU  
COULD SIMPLY  
CALL IT...  
HOME.

I SUGGEST YOU  
GET COMFORTABLE  
WITH YOUR  
SURROUNDINGS, MARY  
JANE. BECAUSE  
THERE'S A GOOD  
CHANCE YOU'RE  
GOING TO BE  
HERE--

"--FOR A VERY  
LONG TIME."

PETER...?

WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO YOU?

AND  
WHERE'S  
MARY  
JANE?





THAT'S  
WHAT I'D  
LIKE TO  
KNOW!




OH,  
NO.

WHY DO  
I HAVE THE  
FEELING  
THAT THINGS  
HAVE JUST  
GOTTEN--



--EXTREMELY  
COMPLICATED?!



AND THE COMPLICATIONS  
MULTIPLY AS "THE MARK  
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Dear Wall Crawlers,

Give the guy a break!!! 30 years of Spider-Man and all these important events are happening to him in 8 issues! The death of his "parents," Aunt May's stroke, Mary Jane leaving and the return of the Peter Parker clone. What's going to happen to him next?

Anyway, ASM #395 was great! Mark Bagley's artwork is incredible as usual. I was glad to see the return of Puma. Who is Nocturne? Is she a new character or did she fight Spidey before? I have some more questions:

1) What ever happened to Electro?

2) Is there going to be a Spidey/X-Men team-up anytime soon?

Mark Choa  
8021 Herb Farm Dr.  
Bethesda, MD 20817

O.K., o.k. We'll give Spidey a break... no way! The action is about to get even hotter, Mark. Lets get to those questions;

1) Electro--fresh from the stunning storyline in "Funeral for an Octopus"--returns in SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #9, the amazing final chapter to "The Mark of Kaine!"

2) There aren't any immediate plans for a Spidey/X-Men teaming, but we'll see what we can do. And as for Nocturne, she been around for a couple of years now. She made her first appearance in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #13.

Dear Web-Heads,

I'm writing about ASM #s 394 & 395. In issue #394, "Birth of a Spider-Man," I liked the way Jackal used the Gwen Stacy clone to capture the Spidey clone. I must compliment Mark Bagley on his work in issue #395. I've never seen the Puma look so good! All I have left is some questions:

1) Will the Gwen clone have any other appearances?

2) Will Cardiac have a

limited series?

Robert Bittner  
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Thanks for the compliments, Robert! Here are some (hopefully) pretty spectacular answers to those amazing questions;

1) Gwen clone? You bet! The giant-sized WEB #125 features the stunning return of the Gwen Stacy clone! And when you see what she's been doing all this time, you'll be blown away!

2) A Cardiac limited series...now that sparks some ideas. It's not in the cards for the near future, but if enough of you demand it, we could be convinced!

Dear Danny,

One of the most interesting things about the "Power and Responsibility" crossover is that it shows how easy it would be for Peter to distort his noble motto into something selfish. After all, the villains he faces seem to operate on a twisted version of it: With great power comes opportunity to...rule the world...extract vengeance...achieve fame and fortune. And yet Peter remains true to his essential good nature and doesn't abandon his principles, even in the face of overwhelming despair.

Judas Traveller and his entourage are wonderfully maniacal. I hope future issues will tell us more about Traveller and how he got his power and why he betrayed his oath as healer to pursue a path of sinister experimentation.

As for issue #395, it was great to see Nocturne again, and fascinating that she hooked up with Puma! Despite Puma's rage, I still hold out hope that he can be reformed into a good guy. If anyone can do it, Nocturne can! I'm looking forward to seeing Puma humbled for losing control and lashing out against his savior.

Geri Fox  
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Thanks for writing in with your kind words and brilliant deductions, Geri! We hope the conclusion to the Nocturne/Puma arc of "Back from the Edge" met your high expectations! We can't wait to hear your reactions to the upcoming developments with the ever-enigmatic Judas Traveller!

THE MARK OF KAINE continues in SPIDER-MAN #58, on sale in one week! It's Spider-Man vs. Scarlet Spider vs. Kaine vs. the man from the pod! (Could he possibly be the real Peter Parker?! Even we wouldn't yank your chains that badly...would we?) Intensity reigns as Kaine's vision seems perilously close to coming true! Don't miss the action you've come to expect from Mackie, Lyle & Hanna!

WEB #125 and SPEC #225

Don't miss these incredible anniversary issues! They've got live action 3D Spidey (SPEC) and Scarlet Spider (WEB) holodisks on the covers! WEB features the shocking fate of the original Gwen Stacy clone as well as a cameo by the new Green Goblin! And SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #225 features the all out debut of the Goblin! Who and what he is will shock you!

NEXT MONTH IN AMAZING:

He's been lurking for a while...now he's back with a vengeance! It's the return of Judas Traveller! If he has his way Peter Parker may not live to see his trial!



**TUESDAYS**

**THURS.**

Tim's speech  
is getting  
better. Got him  
to give

Tim can't

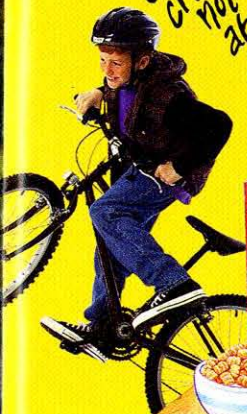
Helped Tim  
with speech.  
Told him to  
pick a topic  
he enjoys.  
Tim picked  
mountain

**Took Tim**  
his favorite  
cereal, Cap'n  
Crunch. He's  
not sure  
about giving a  
speech to his  
class.

Tim's speech is getting better. Got him to imagine his audience in their underwear so he wouldn't be so nervous. Brought Tim 2 more boxes of crunch. He loves that sweet crunchy taste!

Tim can't wait  
to give speech.  
Maybe all he  
needed was to  
crunch up his  
confidence.  
Cleared  
my

Tim's speech  
was terrific!  
Got applause  
from the whole  
class. I knew  
he could  
do it.  
Weekend!  
me to  
school  
ed



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