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THE AMAZING

SPIDER-MAN



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ENDGAME!

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**H**is given name is Peter Parker. While in high school, he was bitten by a radioactive spider and endowed with amazing powers, which he has since used to protect the innocent and battle evil. Now he calls himself Ben Reilly, and, as a costumed crimefighter, he continues his crusade... for he understands that with great power comes great responsibility! **STAN LEE** presents **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!**

**BACK OFF,**  
YOU STUPID-  
LOOKING RENT-  
A-COPS!

YOUR  
ARMOR-PLATED  
SECURITY SUITS  
ARE NO MATCH  
AGAINST  
THE REAL  
THING!

THE  
MOLTEN  
MAN IS STRONG  
ENOUGH TO  
CRUSH YOU  
ALL!

Way to GO,  
Raxton.

Barely five minutes ago,  
I was on the receiving  
end of your rage --

-- but unforeseen  
circumstances have  
suddenly forced us  
TOGETHER!



I may call myself BEN REILLY but my real name is PETER PARKER!

For the past five years, the handsome fellow to my right has been using my NAME, and living my LIFE in the mistaken belief that HE was me!

Up until a few days ago, we both thought Pete was my CLONE!

Recent events have suddenly cast that in DOUBT!



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LOOK --! ON THAT PLATFORM/ SEWARD TRAINER AND A GUY IN SOME KIND OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUIT!

WE'VE GOT TO REACH THEM... AND FORCE 'EM TO CALL OFF THEIR TROOPS!



I've got to hand it to PETE! the guy has GUTS!



What he DOESN'T have is spider-like strength, reflexes --

-- or a SPIDER-SENSE to warn him of impending danger!



Though an unknown enemy has been trying to discourage us by systematically DESTROYING our separate lives --

-- Pete and I have followed a trail of clues here -- to the MULTIVEX CORPORATION!

KILL THE  
MOLTEN MAN,  
BUT SPARE THE  
OTHERS!

I WANT  
PARKER AND  
SPIDER-MAN  
ALIVE!

We've come here  
to learn the TRUTH,  
and to CONFRONT...

# THE FACE OF MY ENEMY!

SEWARD  
AND HIS PAL  
CAN WAIT UNTIL  
AFTER I'VE GOTTEN  
YOU OUT OF THE  
FIRE ZONE!

B-BUT ---!

IT IS NOT  
OPEN FOR  
DEBATE!

IN CASE YOU'VE  
FORGOTTEN, I'M  
THE GUY IN THE  
COSTUME --

- SO  
IT'S MY  
CALL!



PARKER  
AND THE WEB-  
SWINGER ARE  
DESERTING  
ME!

**BIG  
DEAL!** I  
DON'T NEED  
THEM!

I'VE ALREADY  
**SMASHED** THROUGH  
MOST OF THE SMALL  
FRY --

-- AND  
I'LL SOON  
HAVE MY HANDS  
ON THE BIG  
SHOTS BEHIND  
MULTIVEX --

THINGS  
HAVE GOTTEN  
TOTALLY OUT OF  
HAND! IT ISN'T SAFE  
TO CONTINUE  
THE REBIRTH  
PROCEDURE!

THOSE  
PEOPLE CAN'T  
STOP THE MOLTEN  
MAN!

**SHUT  
UP, TRAINER!**  
CONCENTRATE  
ON GETTING THE  
REGENERATOR  
ON-LINE!

I WILL **PERSONALLY**  
ATTEND TO MISTER  
RAXTON!

YOU  
MAY KNOW  
MY REAL NAME,  
FRIEND, BUT YOU'RE  
LIVING IN A **FOOL'S  
PARADISE** IF YOU  
THINK YOU  
CAN --

*Deen*

**PARADISE?  
PARADISE?**

**LOOK  
AT ME, FOOL!**  
DO I APPEAR TO BE  
ENJOYING ANYTHING  
RE MOTELY LIKE  
**PARADISE?**

THAT'S YOUR  
PROBLEM,  
PAL!

MINE IS LEARNING **WHY**  
YOU'VE BEEN SECRETLY  
SIPHONING FUNDS FROM  
MY STEP-SISTER'S  
COMPANY!

WHAT'S THE TIE BETWEEN  
**MULTIVEX AND OSBORN  
INDUSTRIES?**

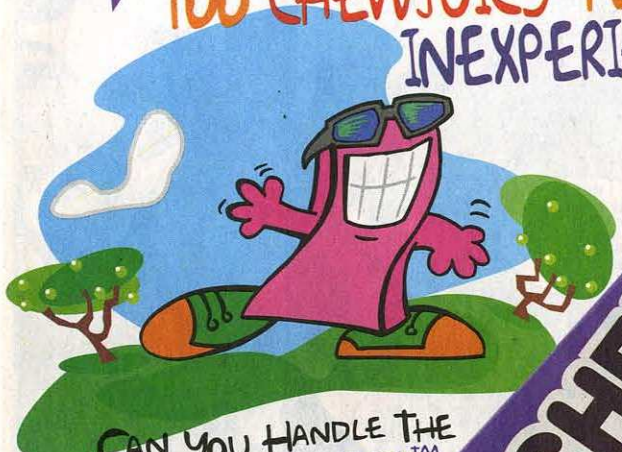
THE  
ANSWER  
WOULD ONLY  
**TERRIFY** YOU  
AND THE  
LOVELY  
LIZ!





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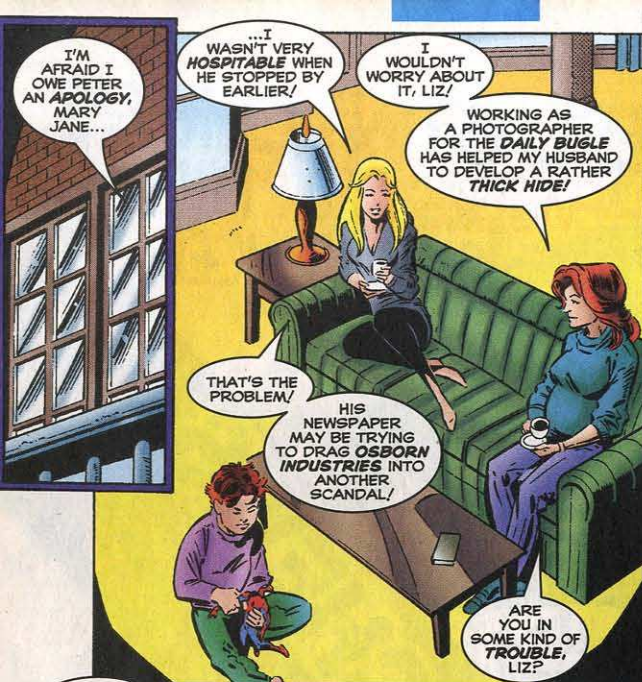
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I'M AFRAID I OWE PETER AN APOLOGY, MARY JANE...

...I WASN'T VERY HOSPITABLE WHEN HE STOPPED BY EARLIER!

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT, LIZ!

WORKING AS A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE **DAILY BUGLE** HAS HELPED MY HUSBAND TO DEVELOP A RATHER **THICK HIDE!**

THAT'S THE PROBLEM!

HIS NEWSPAPER MAY BE TRYING TO DRAG **OSBORN INDUSTRIES** INTO ANOTHER SCANDAL!

ARE YOU IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE, LIZ?



I... I'M NOT SURE! LOOK, MARY JANE, I'LL TRUST YOU TO KEEP THIS OFF THE RECORD...

BUT WE'VE RECENTLY UNCOVERED A LONG-TERM AFFILIATION WITH A COMPANY WHICH MAY BE INVOLVED IN SOME HIGHLY **QUESTIONABLE** ACTIVITIES...

...A COMPANY CALLED **MULTIVEX!**



KNOWING THE CRIMINAL HISTORY OF BOTH MY DECEASED HUSBAND, **HARRY** --

-- AND HIS FATHER, **NORMAN** --

-- MY **STEP-BROTHER** IS LOOKING INTO THIS CONNECTION!



HE WAS SUPPOSED TO CALL ME -- **HOURS AGO** -- WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS INVESTIGATION!

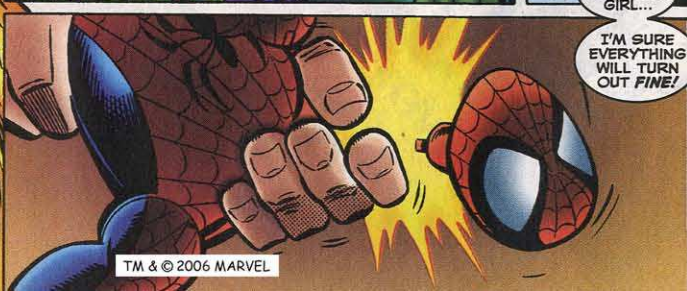
IF THE **MOLTEN MAN** IS INVOLVED, I'D BETTER ALERT PETER AND BEN --

-- BUT I MUSTN'T ADD TO LIZ'S **ANXIETY!**



TRY TO RELAX, GIRL...

I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT FINE!









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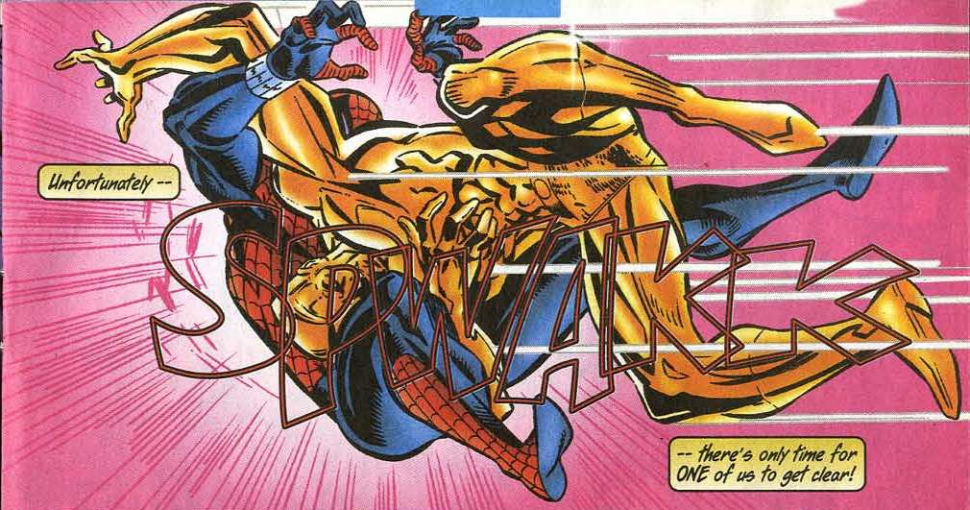


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Unfortunately --

-- there's only time for  
ONE of us to get clear!



B-BEN?

ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?!

SEWARD,  
*PLEASE!*

I WEAR A  
MASK FOR A  
REASON!

I'D  
LIKE TO  
KEEP MY  
IDENTITY  
SECRET!



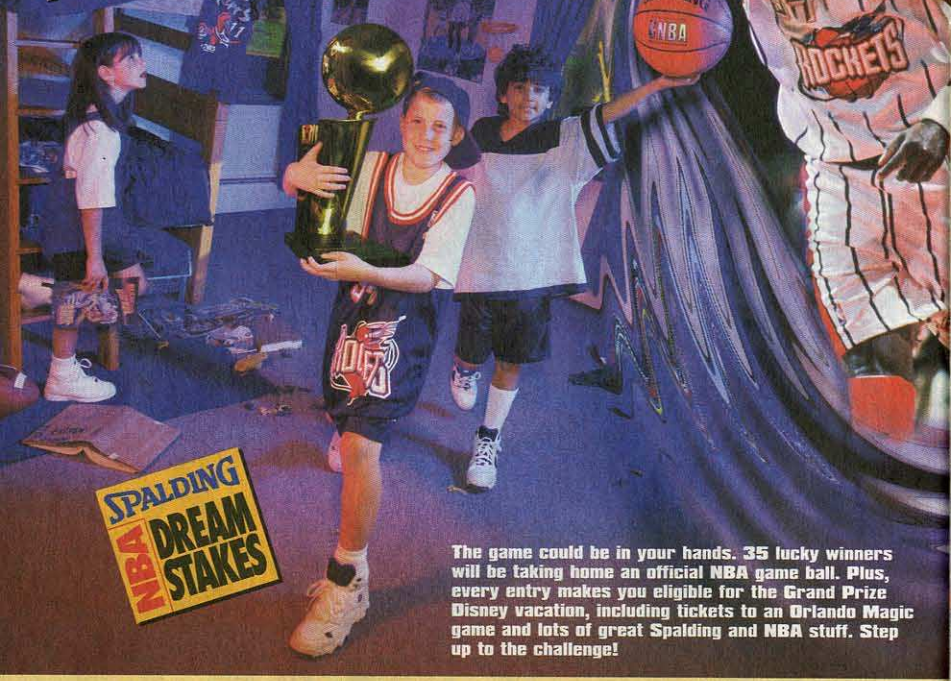
HA!  
NO ONE  
CARES ABOUT  
YOUR TRUE  
NAME ---!

YOU ARE  
SPIDER-  
MAN --

-- AND  
THAT IS  
JUSTIFICATION  
ENOUGH FOR  
YOU TO  
SUFFER!



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IT'S  
GOOD TO  
SEE YOU  
AGAIN, WEB-  
SWINGER --

-- AND,  
EVEN BETTER  
TO INFLICT THIS  
SMALL MEASURE  
OF PAIN UPON  
YOU!

D-DO  
I KNOW  
YOU?

YOU  
SHOULD...

BUT  
I'M NOT AT  
ALL SURPRISED  
THAT YOU DON'T  
RECOGNIZE  
ME IN THIS  
FORM!



I WAS  
STRONGER!  
VITAL!  
ALIVE!

BUT  
DYING  
TENDS TO  
SLOW A MAN  
DOWN --

-- AS YOU  
WILL SOON  
LEARN FOR  
YOURSELF!

MY  
APPEARANCE  
WAS QUITE  
DIFFERENT AT  
OUR LAST  
ENCOUNTER!



CAN'T BLAME BEN FOR UNLOADING ON ME/ I'VE BECOME SO OBSESSED WITH LEARNING THE TRUTH THAT I KEEP CROSSING THE LINE/

AM I REALLY HIS CLONE... OR DID TRAINER RIG THE TESTS LIKE I ALWAYS SUSPECTED?/

MARY JANE KEEPS TELLING ME TO FORGET THE PAST AND CONCENTRATE ON THE FUTURE!

**PARKER! PARKER! WE KNOW YOU'RE SOMEWHERE IN THE BUILDING!**

**THE GAME'S OVER, PARKER!**

OUR PEOPLE AT THE MAIN GATE JUST APPREHENDED A VERY LOVELY LADY...

...YOUR WIFE, I BELIEVE!

PETER, MY DARLING... CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?/

I CAME HERE TO WARN YOU AND BEN, BUT I'VE ONLY MADE THINGS SO MUCH WORSE!/

ALL THAT'S IMPORTANT IS WHERE WE'RE HEADED, AND --

THIS IS MY FAULT, ALL MINE!

MARY JANE AND I HAD A REAL SHOT AT LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER, BUT I HAD TO KEEP PUSHING, KEEP DIGGING!

O GOD!

IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO HER OR THE BABY --/

IF YOU CAN HEAR ME UP THERE... YOU WIN!

I GIVE UP!



WHO is this  
joker?!

Someone from  
MY past --

-- or PETER'S?!

We both have so many  
old enemies who are  
supposed to be DEAD!

People like... THE  
JACKAL!

KRAVEN!

DOCTOR  
OCTOPUS!

THE BIG  
MAN!

THE ORIGINAL GREEN --  
GOOD LORD!

Could

he

be

Harry?!

GAUNT?

THE  
REGENERATOR  
IS FINALLY  
ON-LINE!

I CAN  
INITIATE  
THE REBIRTH  
PROCEDURE  
ON YOUR  
COMMAND!



IT'S ABOUT TIME, TRAINER!

OUR GUEST SEEMS TO BE GROWING QUITE AGITATED!

BUT THAT IS EASILY REMEDIED!

GAS ---!

And he caught me in MID-LEAP!

I-I've got to keep FIGHTING!  
C-can't lose CONSCIOUSNESS!

WHO ARE YOU?

AH I WAS HOPING YOU'D BE INTRIGUED...

UNFORTUNATELY, THOUGH IT ISN'T THE NAME YOU ONCE KNEW, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR CALLING ME GAUNT!

MY EMPLOYER HAS REQUESTED THAT I KEEP MY TRUE IDENTITY... AND HIS... A SECRET FOR NOW!

Y-YOUR EMPLOYER --P/

ANOTHER FORMER ACQUAINTANCE!



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IT'S  
A PITY THAT  
YOU CAN NO LONGER  
HEAR ME; I WISH I COULD  
TAKE CREDIT FOR THE WAY  
YOU'VE BEEN *PLAYED*  
FOR SO VERY LONG!  
*ALAS...* I  
CANNOT!

BUT I  
WILL TAKE THE  
SMALL VICTORIES ---  
SUCH AS THIS ---  
WHERE I FIND  
THEM!





I don't know how long I'm UNCONSCIOUS.  
The DARKNESS is soothing and peaceful.  
Its departure unveils a real NIGHTMARE...

ALL  
IS READY,  
GAUNT!

THE REGENERATOR  
HAD BETTER WORK  
AS PROMISED!

BOTH  
OUR LIVES  
DEPEND  
UPON  
IT!



W-WHEN DID  
MRS. PARKER  
JOIN THE  
FESTIVITIES?

DON'T  
KNOW... BUT  
WE GOTTA FIND  
A WAY TO LOSE  
THESE CHAINS...  
OR WE'RE ALL  
DEAD!

AND TO  
THINK I ONCE  
DOUBTED YOUR  
INTELLIGENCE!



AT LAST!  
AT LONG LAST!  
MY BODY WILL  
SOON BE  
RESTORED!

MY  
STRENGTH  
AND VITALITY  
RETURNED!



NO  
LONGER  
WILL I BE A  
WALKING  
CORPSE!

NO  
MORE WILL I  
BE IMPRISONED  
WITHIN THIS  
STIFLING  
SUIT!



PETER, WE'VE GOT  
TO HELP SPIDER-  
MAN!

WHY?! HE'S THE REASON  
WE'RE IN THIS MESS!  
LET HIM TAKE THE  
RISKS!



YOU GOT A PROBLEM,  
PARKER?

ONLY  
WITH YOU,  
WEBB!

AS A  
HERO...

YOU'RE A  
**TOTAL  
BOSS!**







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--In giving me an opportunity to **EXPAND** my chest muscles!

Y-YOU GUYS WERE FAKING!

IT WAS ALL A **BIG ACT!**



**RIGHTY-O,** MY HIGHLY POLISHED PAL! AND THERE'S ALSO A PART FOR YOU IN OUR LITTLE **DRAMA** --



-- AS A **PROP!**

YOU GOT A LOTTA NERVE, WEB-HEAD!

A HANDSOME GUY LIKE ME SHOULD'VE BEEN THE **LEADING MAN!**

IT COULD ALWAYS BE **WORSE!**

YOU MIGHT BE CAST AS A **VILLAIN** IN SOME SATURDAY MORNING **CARTOON!**



**RIGHT!** AND I SUPPOSE YOU'D PLAY THE **HERO!**

STRANGER THINGS HAVE **HAPPENED!**





It's funny how life is a constant series of changes --!

Last time I saw the **MOLTEN MAN**, he was a major baddie!

He's certainly **MELLOWED** with the years!

Present situation **NOTWITHSTANDING!**



So much has **HAPPENED** -- so many relationships **EVOLVED** -- during those five years **PETER** wore the webs!

I almost wish he and Mary Jane would stay in **NEW YORK!**

Uh-oh! Something tells me I'd better start focusing on the **BATTLE** at hand!

My **SPIDER-SENSE** may help me dodge incoming bullets --

-- but **OTHERS** aren't nearly so well-endowed!



**THE REGENERATOR!**

What's Seward doing at that keyboard?!



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SO THERE I WAS  
GOING TO A COOL PARTY AT  
MY NEW SCHOOL...  
AND I DIDN'T KNOW ANYBODY.  
I MEAN I WAS SHAKIN'  
IN MY SHOES!



THIS GUY'S NERVOUS!



I FELT LIKE I WAS FROM ANOTHER PLANET.  
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AND THE HELP OF CAP'N CRUNCH  
I WAS READY TO PARTY!!



AND I DID.

MADE A TON OF FRIENDS AND WE DANCED  
OUR BRAINS OUT!



THANKS CAP'N.  
NOW I'M READY FOR  
SOME SERIOUS FUN!

YOU AND THE CAP'N  
MAKE IT HAPPEN!  
CRUNCH!





Is he trying to  
shut down the  
machine, or --?

**RUN!  
RUN!**

THE  
GENERATOR  
IS GOING  
**CRITICAL!**

YOU HEARD  
THE MAN,  
TROOPS!

SECURE  
OUR WOUNDED  
AND --

-- CLEAR  
THE AREA!

LET'S  
MOVE, MARY  
JANE --!

B-BUT  
WE CAN'T  
LEAVE!

WE'VE  
GOT NO  
CHOICE!

CLEAR  
THE --  
**ARCH!**

M-MY  
GOD!

THAT  
POOR  
MAN!

IT  
COULD  
HAVE BEEN  
YOU!

PETER, WE'VE  
GOT TO RESCUE THE MAN  
IN THE MACHINE! HE CAN  
ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS!

**FORGET  
THEM!**

THEY'RE  
NO LONGER  
IMPORTANT!

YOUR  
SAFETY  
IS ALL THAT  
MATTERS  
TO ME  
NOW!





"--I'M AFRAID HE'S ALREADY TOAST."

AYE





The raging fire and collapsing ceiling make it a little difficult to find a clearly marked EXIT --

-- so we make our own!

**BOOM!**

W-WE MADE IT!

WE'RE SAFE!  
NOT ALL OF US!

YOU GOING BACK FOR TRAINER --P

YOU HAVE TO ASK!

WHATEVER HE'S DONE, THE MAN WAS MY FRIEND!

I CAN'T JUST ABANDON HIM TO --

**BOOM!**

SEWARD --!

It isn't the flames which scald my face, nor the smoke which blinds my eyes...

...it's the tears...

...the tears!



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WHAT A FREAKIN' MESS! MULTIVERX MAY BE FINISHED, BUT I NEVER DID LEARN HOW OR WHY THEY WERE TIED TO OSBORN INDUSTRIES!

I'D SPARE YOU A LITTLE SYMPATHY, BUT I'M ALREADY TAPPED OUT.

WHY ARE YOU SO DOWN?

TOO LONG A STORY!

Peter and I came here to learn WHO we really are --

-- and WHERE we actually came from!

At least Peter has Mary Jane and his impending fatherhood to comfort him...

...I hope he can eventually learn to accept the fact that the PAST and its SECRETS may be lost forever --

-- and we've got to get on with our lives by living in the PRESENT, and embracing the FUTURE!

Easier said than done!

BEN, I KNOW HOW MUCH SEWARD MEANT TO YOU...

...I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS!

One thing still troubles me...

...was he really trying to SALVAGE the regenerator at the end --

-- or did he deliberately sabotage it?!

I'll never know!





INTERESTING  
STORY IN THIS  
MORNING'S **DAILY  
BUGLE!**

THEY  
THEORIZE THAT  
LAST NIGHT'S FIRE  
AT **MULTIVEX** WAS  
THE RESULT OF  
**INDUSTRIAL  
SABOTAGE!**



**SABOTAGE?!**

I CAN'T  
IMAGINE ANYONE  
**CAPABLE** OF SUCH  
A REPULSIVE AND  
CONTEMPTIBLE  
ACT!

ARE YOU MAKING AN  
ACCUSATION --?!



WHETHER  
HE IS OR NOT,  
THE FACT REMAINS  
THAT YOU TWO  
BUNGLERS COULD  
HAVE JEOPARDIZED  
**EVERYTHING!**



FOR  
YEARS I HAVE  
SECRETLY BUILT  
MY CRIMINAL  
EMPIRE!

CAUTIOUSLY  
**MANIPULATING**  
EVENTS AND PEOPLE  
FROM THE  
SHADOWS!

I  
REALIZE THAT  
**SPIDER-MAN... AND  
PARKER...** WERE  
GETTING TOO CLOSE...  
AND HAD TO BE  
DISCOURAGED...

...BUT  
I CANNOT  
CONDONE  
THE LOSS OF  
**MULTIVEX!**

THAT  
INSUFFERABLE  
PAIR WILL  
EVENTUALLY PAY  
FOR ALL THEY  
HAVE COST  
ME --

-- BUT  
IT SHALL BE  
AT A TIME AND  
PLACE OF MY  
**CHOOSING!**

**THE END...  
FOR NOW!**



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## RALPH MACCHIO MARK BERNARDO

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Dear Spider's Web,

I've just finished reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #408 and it was superb! Tom DeFalco has given us another terrific story. And as always, Mark Bagley's artwork has made this one of the better stories of the new Spider-Man. The scene with the explosive defeat of Armada at the hands of Spidey was spectacular! Mark also did a fine job of portraying the pain Spidey was in after his fall.

Spider-Man's new costume is awesome. It captures the design flavor of the original, but it also reflects Ben Reilly's attempt to stray from his former life. Speaking of new costumes, Mysterio's new duds make him seem like even more of a menace. The replacement of the dome with the green fog is a nice touch! With the Vulture and Dr. Octopus being updated, I have the feeling that the trend of giving the Spider-villains new looks is going to be very popular. Speaking of villains, Armada does have the makings of a fine one. Keep him in the circle.

My only complaint would be that I would like the Spider-books to steer away from interlocking storylines. They're okay once in a while for major events, but not every month. For those who receive a subscription (like myself), it can be very confusing coming into the middle of a story. And why not have AMAZING give us the finale of a story once in a while? The art and writing in this book are just too good for the second part of the story!

Robert MacQuarrie  
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S7K-7H2 CANADA

Robert, you should be happy that we've presented the final, explosive chapter of "Blood Brothers" right here in AMAZING... and that starting next issue, the interlocking continuity takes a rest, with all of the books following their own storylines, with, of course, interweaving subplots that affect all the titles.

As for updating villains... well, Doc Ock wasn't actually updated — he was killed, then replaced! But we know what you mean. Poor Otto. The nineties can be pretty brutal...

Dear Spider's Web,

The first thing I must say about AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #408 is that the cover was very nicely done. It is my favorite ASM cover since issue #365! And I love Spidey's new costume! The battle

with Armada was good, but I really enjoyed the situation involving Shokin, the Blades, and the Skulls. Gang violence is a persistent problem in our country, and the dialogue between Spidey and Shokin showed the feeling of hopelessness that is common among gang members. At least, by the end of the story, Shokin is trying to make an effort to change his situation.

Spidey is always protecting the innocent from super-villains, but it's great to see him help someone redirect their path in life towards constructive goals rather than destructive ones. I've been collecting Spider-Man books for about 11 years, and this story has finally moved me to write a letter of appreciation to the staff of this book.

Jorge Monge  
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We're proud to be the recipients of your first missive, Jorge! Here's hoping it's the start of a tradition!

One thing we love about the illustrious Tom D. is his ability to seamlessly work in a social statement, even in the middle of a thrill-a-minute super hero saga. Glad to see you appreciated the effort as well!

Dear Marvel,

When I was eight years old, a new guy moved into the house next door. He was a few years older than I was, but we had similar personalities and soon became friends. Yeah... Peter and I shared some good times together. We had plenty of adventures, lots of laughs, and a few tears. He introduced me to some of his friends and family (a unique bunch, if ever I saw one!). I was there when heaced his final exams following a sleepless night in the hospital — and then decided to quit school; I saw him get married... and then get evicted from the Bedford Towers on Christmas Eve; I shared his agony when his mind was messed up a while back, and his happiness when he learned he was going to be a dad; I shared his grief when his Aunt passed on. We were good buddies.

A few months back, Peter and his family moved away and I've not seen him since. Some fellow named Reilly lives next door now. He's a nice guy — in fact, he's kinda like Peter in many ways — but he's not Peter. Friends like Peter Parker only come along once in a lifetime. And, if some time soon, he decides to play a

visit to his old home town... well, I'd just like him to know he'd be welcomed with open arms. Y'know what I'm saying, Marvelmeisters?

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We think we do, Kevin. And thanks for the touching retrospective on Peter Parker. He is indeed back on the scene, and even without costume or powers, he'll still be playing an important role.

We hope you'll give young Mr. Reilly a chance to grow on you as well. Remember, all good friends start out as new acquaintances, right?

Dear AMAZING people,

Re: AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #408. As usual, Mark Bagley does a terrific job on the pencils in this mag. Give my congrats to Tom DeFalco also, because I liked the way he dealt gang violence into this already complex storyline. The way you guys have revamped Mysterio and his technology is great. I also enjoyed Armada, even though he reminds me of about a dozen other guys who have gone crazy and built their own suit of armor. This issue was the first time that I've seen him, since I managed to miss SENSATIONAL #4 (Yeah, I know, I'm still kicking myself).

Once more, congratulations on all the great work, and by the way, if I could make just one request: How about revamping the Hobgoblin or the Shocker next?

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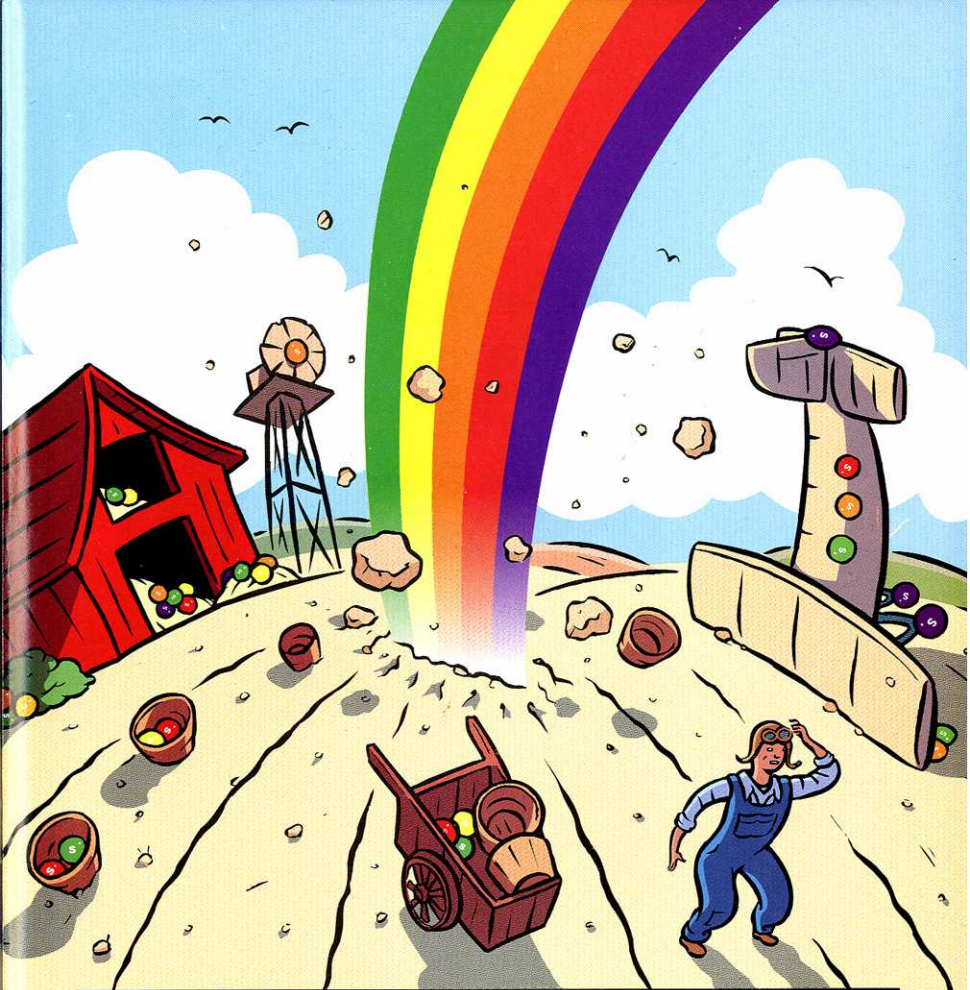
Matt, we hope you caught SPIDER-MAN #68's first appearance of the all-new, creepier Hobgoblin, as he played a major role in "Blood Brothers"... and makes his presence felt next week, in SM #69! As for the Shocker... that's a name that's been floating around the office a lot lately, so you never know!

## NEXT:

Spider-Man wakes up in a giant jar, fights an army of hyperactive toys... and then things get really weird! "Toy Story" was never like this! Plus, what exactly is wrong with Peter Parker? It's action and mayhem in the classic Spidey tradition, by "Sheriff" Tom DeFalco, Mark "Buzz" Bagley, and Larry "Etch-a-Sketch" Mohlstedt!

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