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I WANT
ALL THE
**Little
Boys**

IN THE AUDIENCE
TO GATHER THEIR
PLAYTHINGS --

-- AND
GO HOME
TO THEIR

Mothers!

DELILAH
ONLY PERFORMS
FOR MEN.

**Real
Men!**



I FEEL
IT'S ONLY FAIR
TO WARN YOU
THAT I AM
Not
YOUR
TYPICAL
SONGSTRESS!

Sung
I HAVE NEVER
IN FRONT OF A
LIVE AUDIENCE
BEFORE TONIGHT,
BUT THIS IS A
Very SPECIAL
OCCASION!

I AM HERE
TO HONOR A MOST
UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL/
HIS NAME IS
**Don Vito
Torrancio**

-- AND
THIS IS THE
Last Day
OF HIS
LIFE!

GAKK

YOU
GOTTA BE
CRAZY,
LADY!

Y-YA
ACED THE
DON --!

I
CERTAINLY
Hope
SO...



Though I still call myself **BEN REILLY**, my real name is **PETER PARKER**!

For the past five years, believing that **HE** was **ME**, the man in the bed has been using my **NAME**, living **MY LIFE**!

A few months ago we both learned that Pete was actually my **CLONE**!

CLONE! Such a cold, lifeless word for someone who's come to mean so much to me!

Pete and I are **CLOSER**, more in synch than any **TWINS**!

Though he may have been born in a test tube, he is my **BROTHER**!

My **ONLY** brother!

And he's **DYING**!

PLEASE LEVEL WITH ME, **DR. CONNORS**.

WHAT ARE MY **HUSBAND'S CHANCES**?

YOU SHOULD TRY TO **RELAX**, Mrs. **PARKER**.

YOU OWE IT TO THE **BABY** YOU'RE CARRYING!

YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION, **DOCTOR**.

PETER'S CONDITION IS QUITE **PUZZLING**, Mrs. **PARKER**.

WE CAN'T SEEM TO **ARREST HIS DOWNWARD SPIRAL**.

YOU MUSTN'T GIVE UP **HOPE**! WE'LL DO **EVERYTHING** WE CAN TO **SAVE HIM**.

WILL THAT BE **ENOUGH**?

I... HAVE NO **GUARANTEES**.

EVERYONE LOVES PEANUT BUTTER CRUNCH

NOW

MORE PEANUT BUTTER TASTE!



MARY JANE,
DO YOU THINK WE
SHOULD TELL THE
DOCTORS...

... THAT
PETE'S A
CLONE?

WHAT
GOOD WOULD
IT DO?

THEY CAN'T
STOP CLONE
DEGENERATION --

-- IF THAT'S
WHAT PETER
HAS --

-- AND HE'D
ONLY BECOME A
SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY
IN THEIR EYES!

I'VE NEVER
BEEN SO
FRIGHTENED,
BEN!

**VENOM,
CARNAGE, CARRION,
AND DOCTOR OCTOPUS --**
ALL THOSE MONSTERS MY
HUSBAND FOUGHT WHILE HE
WAS **SPIDER-MAN** AND NONE
WERE AS TERRIFYING AS
THIS DISEASE...
**WHATEVER IT
IS!**

YOU
HAVE TO HAVE
FAITH IN OUR BOY,
M.J. HE'LL FIND A WAY
TO **BEAT** THIS
THING!

I... ER...
GOTTA
GO!

BUT
I'LL BE
BACK!

AND
I'LL BE
HERE!

MARY
JANE --!

ANY
CHANGE
IN PETER'S
CONDITION?

AFRAID
NOT.

HE
ALWAYS
DOES!

Nice words!

Too bad neither
of us buys them!

YOU
MUSTN'T BE
DISCOURAGED.
THESE THINGS
TAKE TIME.


BY
THE WAY,
HAS JONAH
BEEN IN FOR
A VISIT?

HE SEEMS
TO HAVE TURNED
UP **MISSING**, AND
I ASSUMED HE
WAS HERE!

IF I know J. JONAH
JAMESON, the tightwad
publisher of the **DAILY
BUGLE**, he's probably
meeting with his group
insurance carrier --

-- trying to find some
loophole so that they can
weasel out of Pete's
MEDICAL BILLS!

Missing --?!



Peter rejoined the Bugle staff only a week or so before he was stricken.

He'll be in hock the rest of his life if he doesn't have sufficient medical coverage.

HOO-BOY! If the super-villains don't get you, the bill collectors will!

Speaking of bills, I'd better hustle off to WORK... so that I can pay MINE!

I usually do my best thinking while bounding across the rooftops.

No such luck today!

My mind keeps DRIFTING back to Mary Jane, the baby and Peter!

I've never felt so LITTERLY HELPLESS before!

I may be the REAL Peter Parker --

-- but Pete's the one with the real LIFE and the most REASONS for living!

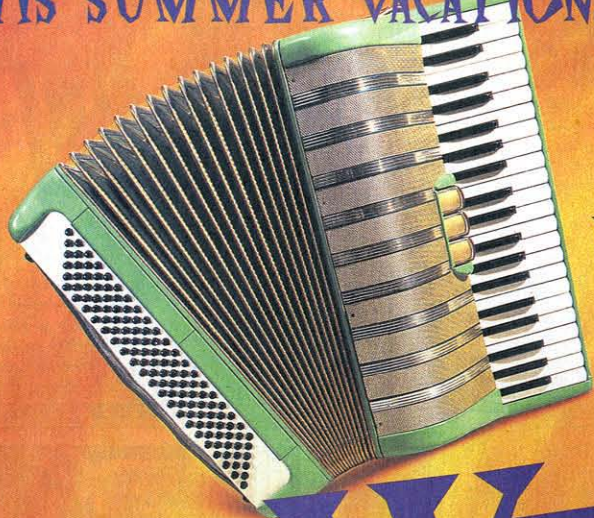
If only there were a way I could take his place ---!

WAHHWAHH

POLICE SIRENS! A little spider-action is just what the doctor ordered!

At least I can help SOMEONE today!

THIS SUMMER VACATION...



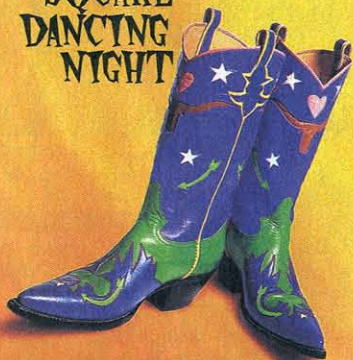
NO
FAMILY
TALENT
SHOW

WE
SWEAR.



NO ARTS
AND CRAFTS
HOUR

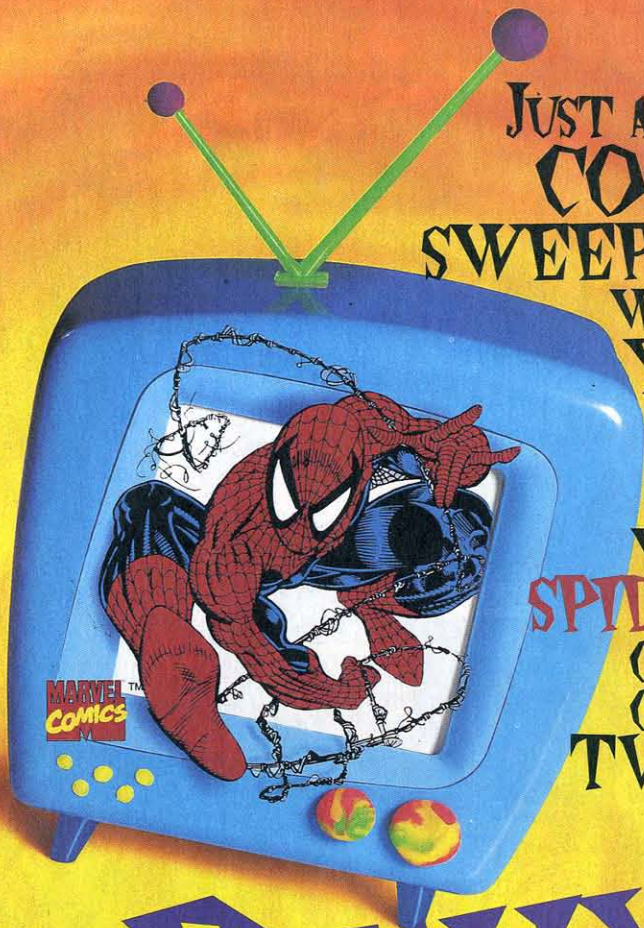
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UH-OH! Looks like even THAT was too much to hope for!

I'M OFFICER HOCKNEY, SIR! COULD YOU PLEASE TELL US WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, HOCKNEY?

I WAS ROBBED!

BY A COSTUMED MADMAN WHO USED THESE RIDICULOUS RINGS AGAINST ME!

RINGS--?!

THAT M.O. SOUNDS LIKE THE RINGER...

BUT HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD!

I ASSURE YOU GENTLEMEN, THIS MAN WAS QUITE ALIVE!

THE RINGER --?!

I can just add him to the SHOCKER, WILL O' THE WISP and DRAGON MAN!

I know it's gotta be my imagination, but it suddenly seems like someone called a REUNION of every old baddie Pete or I ever faced! SHEESH. The way my luck's been running, it's only a matter of time before GRIZZLY resurfaces!

Beating the cross town traffic
in my own unique style, I soon
arrive at WORK --

-- to the accompaniment of
a shattered COFFEE POT!

WANT ME TO MOP
THAT SPILL,
SHIRLEY?

NO
THANKS,
BEN!

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T
NOTICED, I'M QUITE
CAPABLE OF HANDLING
THINGS ON MY
OWN!

I DON'T
NEED HELP
FROM YOU... OR
ANYONE ELSE!

Uh...
SURE.
WHATEVER
YOU SAY!

DON'T TAKE
IT PERSONAL,
REILLY. THE LADY
ISN'T HERSELF
TODAY.

YOU'RE NOT
THE CAUSE OF
HER IRE. JUST THE
RECIPIENT!

WHAT'S
BOTHERING
HER, BUZZ?

I DON'T FEEL
IT'S MY PLACE
TO SAY!

ALL RIGHT,
I WON'T
PRY --

-- BUT LET ME
KNOW IF THERE'S
ANYTHING I
CAN DO!

YOU
CAN **START**
BY DRAWING ME
A VANILLA
LATTE!

TOPPED WITH
CINNAMON!

LOOK
WHO'S HERE...
DESIREE AND
THE USUAL
SUSPECTS!

WE WERE PASSING
BY, AND I THOUGHT
I'D LOOK IN ON MY
FAVORITE CAFFEINE
JOCKEY!

I'M REAL
GLAD TO
SEE YOU,
DESIREE!

YOU
AND EVERY **MALE**
IN THE NEIGH-
BORHOOD!

SORRY I HAD
TO DUCK OUT ON
YOU THE OTHER DAY.
YOU HEAR ANY
NEWS ABOUT
JESSICA?

I'VE TRIED
CALLING, BUT
HER PHONE'S
DISCONNECTED!

IN SENSATIONAL
SPIDER-MAN #6
-- Apologetic Rolf

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JESSICA!
PERFECTION
STANDS BEFORE
YOU, AND YOU
ASK ABOUT
HERP!

ALL I
KNOW IS THAT
SHE DROPPED
OUT OF CENTENNIAL
UNIVERSITY AND
VANISHED!

DESIREE ---
WAIT!

FORGET IT,
MR. REILLY! DESIREE
WINTHROP IS NO MAN'S
SECOND CHOICE!

HOO-BOY! The hits just
keep on coming!

Desiree will never understand
my interest in JESSICA!

She's another
lost soul I
couldn't help!

Another
FAILURE
in an un-
ending line!

SORRY I WAS
SO SHORT WITH
YOU, BEN!

I'VE BEEN A
LITTLE TENSE
LATELY...

WANT TO
TALK ABOUT
IT, SHIRL?

MY EX-HUSBAND
IS SUDDENLY MAKING
NOISES ABOUT SPENDING
MORE TIME WITH
OUR SON!
GARON IS
BAD NEWS! HE'S
DANGEROUS... AND
UNDEPENDABLE!

PLUS
HE HAS A
TENDENCY TO
DISAPPEAR WHEN
YOU NEED HIM
MOST!

I'M AFRAID HE
MAY BE INVOLVING DEVON
IN SOMETHING ILLICIT!

YOUR
EX SOUNDS
LIKE A PRETTY
UNSAVORY
CHARACTER!

WHERE'S
THEIR NEXT
MEETING?

Shirley gives me
the details, and a
few hours later --

-- after I
finish my
shift --

-- I find myself headed
toward New York's
CENTRAL PARK!

Though we wall-crawlers prefer skyscrapers to trees, I'm soon swinging through the greenery like a modern day TARZAN!

On the plus side... my SPIDER-SENSE warns me which branches to avoid!

On the negative... I don't even LIKE Devon!

The kid's a total WACK JOB!

A mean-spirited, sarcastic PUNK!

But I OWE his mother!

She took me in, offered me a job when I was desperate!

SO...
Uh... HOW
YOU DOING IN
SCHOOL?

LIKE
YOU REALLY
CARE?

YOU'RE ONLY
SPENDING TIME WITH
ME BECAUSE IT
BURNS MOM!

WHAT'S
YOUR SCAM,
DAD?

WHY'D YOU
SUDDENLY
START SNIFFING
AROUND?

YOU GOT ME
WRONG, SON!

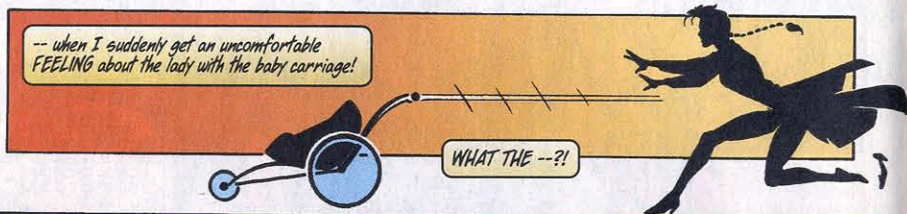
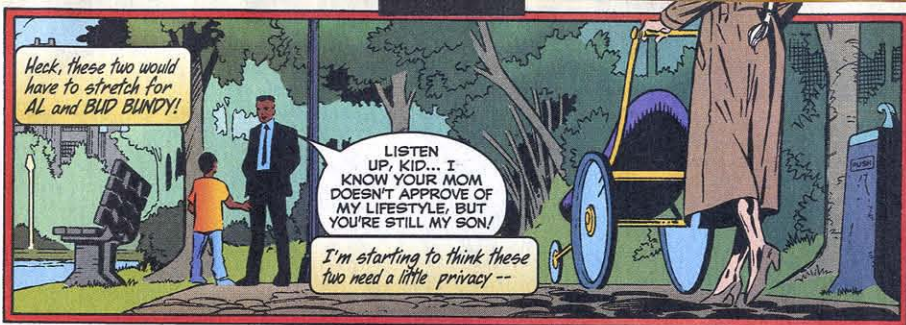
I HEARD
ABOUT YOUR
MOTHER GOING INTO
DEBT TO REBUILD THE
COFFEE SHOP AND
FIGURED I COULD
HELP!

YEAH...
RIIIGHT!

LIKE
YOU'VE BEEN
SOOO HELPFUL
OVER THE
YEARS!

IT'S WHAT
YOUR MOTHER
WANTED!

Not exactly
WARD and
the BEAVER!





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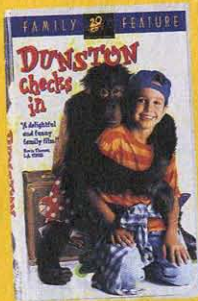
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YOU GOTTA
HELP
HIM!
YOU
JUST
GOTTA!

IT'S
WHAT I
DO!

Shirley had said
Garon was
DANGEROUS!

Something tells
me I should
have asked for
a clarification!

YEP!



MEAN-
WHILE...

JONAH!
JONAH!
ARE YOU
THERE --?!

ANSWER
IF YOU
CAN!

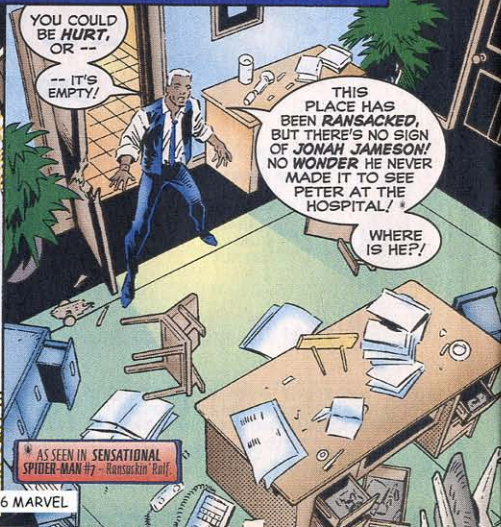
YOUR OFFICE
SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN LOCKED
FROM THE
INSIDE!



Looks like the party's
moved underground!

Suits me!

I won't have to worry about
innocent bystanders!



YOU COULD
BE HURT,
OR --

-- IT'S
EMPTY!

THIS
PLACE HAS
BEEN RANSACKED,
BUT THERE'S NO SIGN
OF JONAH JAMESON!
NO WONDER HE NEVER
MADE IT TO SEE
PETER AT THE
HOSPITAL! *

WHERE
IS HE?!

* AS SEEN IN SENSATIONAL
SPIDER-MAN #7 - RANSACKED PAUL!

YOU
WANTED MY
ATTENTION,
LADY --

-- YOU
GOT IT!

**SHOW
YOURSELF!**

LET'S GET
IT OVER
WITH!

WE'RE BOTH
PROFESSIONALS!
THERE'S NO NEED
TO WASTE
TIME, OR --

WHOA!

EASE
OFF THE
TRIGGER,
CHARLIE!

IT'S ONLY
YOUR FRIENDLY,
NEIGHBORHOOD
WEB-SWINGER!

THANKS
FOR THE EARLIER
ASSIST, WEBS,
BUT YOU CAN
GO NOW!

I GOT THE
SITUATION
WIRED!

Friendly
chap!

"-- But the
neighbors
are NOT!"

HEY, SPIDER-GUY!
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T
HAVE USED MULTI-
SYLLABIC
WORDS...

**BEAT
IT, BUG!**

I wonder how a sweetheart
like Shirley ever linked up
with this creep!

Guess it's like AUNT
MAY used to say,
"Love may be BLIND --

I DON'T
NEED YOU!

00000!

ARE YOU
TWO FIGHTING
OVER LITTLE
Me?

I USUALLY
LOVE IT WHEN
Males
VIE FOR MY
AFFECTIONS --
-- BUT
YOU'RE
SQUABBLING
LIKE
Little Boys!

DELILAH
ONLY PLAYS
WITH
Men!

LET'S SEE
IF EITHER
OF YOU ARE
Worth
MY TIME...

EFFORT...

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Passion!!

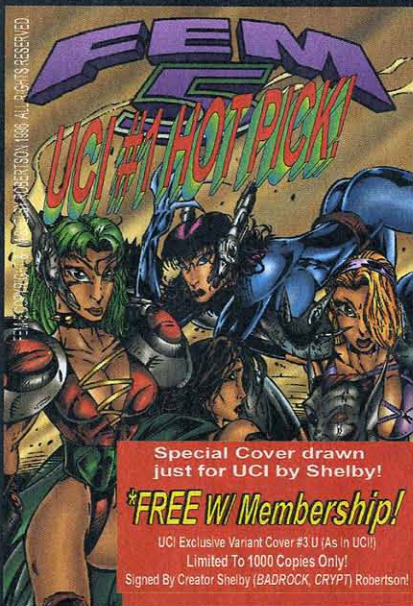
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TEAR
GAS!

AW, MAN! I
really hate
tear gas!

Not only does it inhibit my
breathing, but it clings
to the costume!

I'm going to have to
do LAUNDRY later --

-- IF I
survive!

I
LIKE A MAN
WHO'S
Strong
AND
Agile,
SPIDER-MAN --

-- BUT YOU
REACT A BIT TOO
Quickly FOR MY
TASTES!

**PWNN
PWNN
PWNN**

DON'T LET
MY SPIDER-LIKE
REFLEXES FOOL
YOU, PRETTY
LADY --

-- I CAN
EASILY SLOW
THE TEMPO FOR
THE RIGHT
OCCASION!

3COUGH
TH-THIS AIN'T A
SINGLES BAR, WEBS!
STOP CHATTING UP THAT
BABE, AND **3CHOOKEE**
MAKE LIKE A
HERO!

I COULD
HAVE ACED
HER --

-- IF YOU
HADN'T
INTERFERED!

DO
US BOTH
A FAVOR,
MISTER --

-- AND
SHUT UP!

I may have to **SAVE**
this slime bag --

-- but nobody said I
had to be **COURTEOUS!**

Using my spider-
sense to guide me,
I swiftly zig-zag
through Delilah's
maze of deadly
weaponry...

D-DAD ---?

S-SPIDER-
MAN ---?

W-WHERE
ARE YOU
GUYS?

IS
ANYBODY
THERE?!

YAHOO! we
made it!

Just goes to show what
you can accomplish when
your heart is **PURE** --

-- And your lungs are free of
harmful **TARS** and **NICOTINE!**

L-LEGGO'A
ME, YOU
COSTUMED
SHOWOFF!

I AIN'T
LEAVING UNTIL
I'VE GOTTEN
DOWN WITH
DELILAH!

THAT
MAKES
TWO OF US,
PAL!

Uh,
WEBS...

..LOOKS
LIKE WE
GOT...

...ANOTHER
PROBLEM!

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INDEED YOU
Do, LEWIS!

I ASSUME
THIS
Handsome
LAD IS YOUR
SON.

HE COULD
GROW UP TO
BE A REAL

**Heart-
Breaker**

-- IF
YOU'RE
WILLING TO
DEAL!

WHAT
DO YOU WANT,
DELILAH?

My
Freedom!

THIS
ASSIGNMENT
HAS BEEN FRAUGHT
WITH UNEXPECTED
COMPLICATIONS --
-- AND
I'D PREFER A
Graceful
EXIT!

IT'S
YOURS...
BUT IF... AND
ONLY IF... YOU
GIVE ME A
NAME!

WHO
COMMISSIONED
THIS HIT?!

YOU'RE
NEGOTIATING
WITH YOUR
SON'S LIFE AT
STAKE?

COLD!

I EXPECTED
NO LESS! MY
EMPLOYER'S
NAME IS...

HAMMERHEAD!

HAMMERHEAD!

I'd heard he was trying
to fill the vacuum left after
the fall of the KINGPIN --*

-- But how does
GARON LEWIS fit
into this puzzle?!

* FOR DETAILS
SEE SPIDER-
MAN #70
OR #71

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I'M PLEASED
WE COULD REACH AN
ACCOMMODATION,
Mr. LEWIS.

Ta-Ta!

I'M
Surre
WE'LL MEET
AGAIN!

Oh, I
ALMOST
FORGOT...

YOUR
Son!

DEVON --!

I spring upward
INSTINCTIVELY, my
body moving long
before my mind
catches up to it!

Though I failed
JESSICA --

-- and can't
save PETE --

-- DEVON is
going to live!

JURRKE

HE'S GOING
TO LIVE!

I-IS HE --?!

HE'LL BE
FINE!

ALTHOUGH
I'D STEP BACK
UNTIL HIS STOMACH
STABILIZES!

With no regard for
his fancy suit, Garon
Lewis rushes forward!

Lucky for him,
Devon manages
to hold his lunch --



A CENTENNIAL DRAWING OF THE SWORD:



CHAOS ACROSS THE POND IN EXCALIBUR #100

During the late '80's, the ever-burgeoning X-Men mythos spilled over from the shores of the U.S. to those of the U.K. when *Chris Claremont*, *Alan Davis*, and *Mark Farmer* launched a new series called EXCALIBUR, featuring a new mutant team led (interestingly enough) by non-mutant super hero Brian Braddock (the hero formerly known as Captain Britain, now called Britanic). The team included Braddock's girlfriend, the shape-shifting Meggan, and a trio of expatriate X-Men: Shadowcat, Nightcrawler, and Rachel Summers, the second Phoenix.

In classic X-Team fashion, members have come and gone, lived and died, and grown and evolved, but many of those founding members are still on hand, along with some newer members, and some high profile guest stars, as EXCALIBUR celebrates its milestone 100th issue — courtesy of scribe supreme Warren Ellis, rising superstar artist Casey Jones, and ace embellisher Tom Simmons.

As the issue begins, the sinister machinations of Black Air and the London branch of the infamous Hellfire Club have apparently come to fruition. London is in flames, due to the Hellfire Club's diabolical Red Queen unleashing the demonic fury of the legendary "Devil Under London," and only the members of Excalibur have a chance to stem the tide of chaos!

But you say that's not enough mayhem for all you mutant maniacs? Wait! There's more! While London's burning, the X-Men's Cyclops, Phoenix, Archangel, and Psylocke pay a visit to Muir Isle, to reveal to Moira MacTaggart the horrible truth about the being known as Onslaught... only to find that Moira has some grim revelations of her own! Now the X-Men — and you — will discover the shocking secrets of "The Xavier Protocol!"

FANTASTIC FOUR CARLOS PACHECO TAKES THE FF FACELIFT: INTO ONSLAUGHT!

You've drooled over his incredible artistry in the BISHOP limited series, and his run on EXCALIBUR left you panting for even more... now, Charismatic Carlos Pacheco has taken a sabbatical from the misadventures of mutants in Britain to take over the pencilling chores on Marvel's First Family: the FANTASTIC FOUR! Carlos has redesigned the FF's uniforms, giving the Richards clan a jazzy new look that is sure to blow you away!

And Carlos is certainly coming onboard with a bang, as this week marks the Fantastic Four's dramatic entrance into the escalating madness of Onslaught! When Charles Xavier shows up at Four Freedoms Plaza with grave news about the future of mutantkind, Reed Richards is forced to ponder the notion that his son, Franklin, an extremely powerful mutant, might be better off raised at Xavier's school... that is, until the ultra-powerful Onslaught shows up to wreak havoc on the fabulous foursome and their beloved Franklin!

Also contributing to this thrill-a-minute installment of the World's Greatest Comic Magazine are longtime FF writer, Two-Fisted Tom DeFalco, and Carlos' EXCALIBUR collaborator, astounding inker Bob Wiacek. It's a bold new beginning for comics' most famous quartet — but if Onslaught has his way, it's only the beginning of the end!



A TRIPLE-X EVENT!



As if new Marvel Editor in Chief Bob Harras didn't have enough trouble on his hands coordinating the massive Onslaught crossover, planning the launch of a slew of new titles for later this year, and generally shepherding the crazy editorial staff toward new heights of glory, now Beleaguered Bob gets to go home to a swiftly X-tended family of his own!

On April 2, Bob's wife Ann Stavola gave birth to not one, not two, but three new little Harras boys: Nicholas, Christopher, and Matthew. We're happy to report that all are in the pink of health, and one can only wonder if any of the Harras young'uns are going to develop mutant powers in their teens, like their dad's uncanny editorial instincts, or his ability to hold a conversation while walking at approximately 25 mph.

When asked if he thought it would be a challenge taking care of three new children, Bob was rumored to say, "I imagine that it will be difficult, but not as difficult as getting Ralph Macchio to come into the office before noon!"

ON SALE THIS MONTH

DOOM 2099 #45 Final issue! Doom makes a deal with the insidious Phoenix to save Manhattan! This spine-tingling conclusion sets the stage for the launch of 2099: WORLD OF TOMORROW! By John Fosse Moore and Jeff Latterly!

FANTASTIC FOUR #105 Four Freedoms Plaza is invaded by Onslaught! The mutant menace's objective: kidnap Franklin Richards! By Tom DeFalco and Carlos Pacheco!

INCREDIBLE HULK #414 Continued from CABLE #34! The mayhem of Onslaught sets the stage for a clash of titans: the Hulk vs. Cable! Keep your heads down! By Peter David and Angel Medina!

IRON MAN #253 Young Tony Stark — the new Iron Man — teams with his elder version's old ally, War Machine, to save Stark Enterprises! By Terry Kavanagh and Jimmy Cheung!

PUNISHER #10 It's the last stand of the Garaci Family, as the Punisher faces down the combined forces of Jigsaw, Tombstone, and Hetchman! By John Ostrander and Tom Lyle!

ADVENTURES OF SPIDER-MAN #5 Another all-new story in the animated style! The Vulture's back with a new scheme! By Neil Tomanov and Alex Saviuk!

GREEN GORILL #10 It's the return of the revenge-bent Angelica! Now she's taken the Daily Bugle staff hostage, and Phil Urich can't save them without blowing his secret! By Tom DeFalco and Josh Hood!

SPIDER-MAN #70 Peter Parker's dying, and there's nothing Spider-Man can do to help him... especially 'cause he's too busy battling the brutal Hammerhead in the same hospital! By Howard Mackie and John Romita, Jr.!

WHAT IF? #5 "What if Spider-Man underwent an Arachnomorphosis?" In another reality, Spider-Man didn't become a hero — he became an eight-legged monster! By Ben Raab and Ariel Olivetti!

EXCALIBUR #100 Double-sized special! While London burns, Excalibur faces off against Britain's Hellfire Club... and we learn the shocking secrets of the Xavier Protocol! Star-starring the X-Men's Cyclops, Phoenix, Archangel, and Psylocke! By Warren Ellis and Casey Jones!

X-MEN #18 Hoping to avoid Onslaught's insidious schemes, X-Men take refuge with Cable's star pupil, X-Force! Plus, what are Mr. Sinister's secret plans for Nate, and how do they play into the agenda of Onslaught? By Terry Kavanagh and Steve Skroce!

[WISH LIST]

I used to think of Devon as
NASTY and MEAN-SPIRITED!

It never occurred
to me that his
sarcasm was only
a SHIELD!

A protective
cocoon to
keep away
the pain...

...and the
loneliness!

He kind of reminds me
of someone I once knew!

All he needs are the glasses --

-- And the science books!

WHAT'S
THE WORD,
DEVON?

YOU
LOOK LIKE
YOU COULD USE
A FRIEND!

GET
REAL,
REILLY!

I
DON'T
NEED TO
HANG WITH NO
WHITEBREAD
WASTE!

MAYBE
YOU SHOULD
GIVE IT A
TRY!

YOU
COULD DO
WORSE!

DOUBT
IT!

00000!

I HOPE I
HAVEN'T KEPT
YOU WAITING!

NOT AT
ALL, MY DEAR!
I TRUST THE
ASSIGNMENT
WENT WELL.

A FEW
SNAGS.
NOTHING I
COULDN'T
Handle.

SNAGS--?!

YOU SHOULD HAVE
SEEN
HIS FACE WHEN
I GAVE UP
HAMMER-HEAD.

EXCELLENT!
LEWIS IS A
PITBULL!

HE
WILL SURELY
COMPLICATE
HAMMER-
HEAD'S STRUGGLE TO
CONTROL THE
UNDERWORLD!

Spider-Man
JOINED
THE PARTY RATHER
UNEXPECTEDLY!

I COULD
HAVE EASILY
ELIMINATED HIM,
BUT YOU AND I
NEVER DISCUSSED
A PRICE!

I HAVE
NO DOUBT WE
CAN ARRIVE AT AN
APPROPRIATE
FIGURE!

THE
ROSE IS
PLEASED!

VERY
PLEASED!

NEXT:
ONSLAUGHT

THE SPIDEY WEB

Editor

Assistant Editor

Correspondents: If you don't want your full address printed, please let us know.

Dear Spider's Web,

I have been collecting AMAZING SPIDER-MAN since issue #147. Up until now, I have never written a letter to you (or any other letters page, for that matter). But issue #410 demanded a response from me.

First of all, the cover. It's the best I've seen yet! This issue is on my wall in the Hall of Fame. I must say that Mark Bagley is the perfect artist for this book. His is the best run since issues #210-250 (my all-time favorite). I hope he will be with us for a long time to come. Don't let him leave!

Tom DeFalco's first six issues of this book (including AMAZING SCARLET SPIDER #1-2) have been outstanding. I can't wait to see how he does if he ever gets a chance to do his own stories, away from the constraints of the Spidey crossovers. I am extremely pleased with Peter's return. At first, I really hated the idea of Peter being the clone, but Ben's fresh attitude, and the new supporting characters, have really changed my mind.

Jeff Burnett
604 Wilson
Richmond, MO 64085

Glad to hear we've won you over, Jeff! We think what's upcoming will please you even more — especially now that we are letting Tom cut loose with some of his own awesome storylines without the constraints of the tight week-to-week crossovers!

And far be it from us to shamelessly plug another of our books (Yeah, right...) but we hope you're catching John Romita Jr.'s stunning artwork over in our companion title, SPIDER-MAN, seeing as how he is the artist responsible for the AMAZING run you mentioned! And if you thought this guy was good then...!

Dear Spider-Men,

I just loved AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #410. The main reason is because I love Carnage! He is the greatest super-villain ever! I think he's even meaner than Doctor Doom!

Anyway, I have a theory about how Cletus Kasady's symbiote is escaping: Cletus is getting his symbiote out of his cell by sending it through the drain pipes. Then the symbiote gets out of the sewers and finds someone to prey on. Then, Cletus draws the symbiote back to himself through the

same drain pipes! Am I close?

Gabe Fejar
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You're right on the money, Gabe, as was so shockingly revealed in SPECTACULAR #233! You were one of a small handful of letter writers who figured out the little mystery of the symbiote's escapes! Any guesses on the other mysteries out there in the Spideyverse? (Who is this "Gaunt" guy anyway?)!

Dear Web Guys,

All right, that's it! This time, you guys have gone too far! I didn't mind the whole cloning business. In fact, I think Scarlet Spider's costume was awesome, and he was much cooler than Spider-Man. Then, just as I'm getting used to the idea of two Spider-guys, you have Peter Parker quit! Ouch! That hurts! Then, you have Scarlet become Spider-Man. Then, you take away Peter's powers. That was quite a shocker, but I survived. You throw all this at us in such a short period of time that we don't have time to catch our breath!

Now, as if that wasn't enough, Carnage is taking over Ben Reilly! Don't get me wrong, the stories and art are all truly amazing, but hasn't Ben been through enough lately? Give the poor guy a rest!

I just wanted to tell you guys that you're doing a wonderful job. I read every Spider-Man comic you put out, and they are all great, including GREEN GOBLIN. Speaking of whom, can you give us a team-up between GG and the new Spider-Man?

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C'mon, Trey! Would it really be interesting to read if things were always going smoothly for Spidey? We know what you mean, though, and we think you'll see we're making an effort to give Ben more of a real life.

It remains to be seen whether Ben will team up with the new Green Goblin as Spidey — though they did cross paths back when Ben was Scarlet Spider!

Dear Marvel,

Re: AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #410. So we finally learn "The Secret of the Skeleton!" But, as is the bent of the

Spidey-titles of late, that answer just left us with more questions! Sigh!

So Ben's girl is the daughter of the burglar who killed Uncle Ben? Oyl! The poor guy can't even find peace in his private life! And his costumed identity doesn't have it any easier! Hunted by the cops for stealing a skeleton from the morgue? I'd think the NYPD would have better crimes to investigate! Or was it just because JJJ made such a fuss?

And I'd figured the main reason for revealing Ben as the original Spider-Man was to free his character of all the baggage he'd acquired over the last 20 years, since it has now been revealed that it was the clone who had bonded with the Venom symbiote. So what do you do? Have Ben get bonded to the Carnage symbiote! Sheesh! So much for learning from his clone's mistakes!

Speaking of the Carnage symbiote, has it left Kasady to play musical chairs with multiple hosts? And it can somehow distinguish Ben from Peter? I've been waiting for the Venom symbiote to do that, over in VENOM: ALONG CAME A SPIDER. Instead, it looks like the Carnage symbiote is one up on its "parent!"

Jessica Carradine selling pics to the Daily Bugle? Anything to get the Bugle and its staff back into the Spidey books! If I want to see the happenings at a neighborhood coffee house, I'll watch "Friends!"

Well, at least Ben's web-shooters didn't jam in this issue!

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The reason the police gave the Spider-skeleton case so much attention was not so much that Spider-Man stole a skeleton from the morgue, but that Jameson had perpetrated (very publicly) the notion that this guy in the new Spidey costume had murdered the guy in the old costume. If you read SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #12, you saw that the NYPD only indulged JJJ with this pet obsession for a brief time.

NEXT ISSUE:

It's been brewing in the X-books for a while... now it hits the rest of the Marvel Universe with a vengeance! Onslaught is here, and Manhattan is under siege by the Sentinels! What can one lone web-slinger do against an army of giant killer robots? Find out in thirty suspense-filled days!

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