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HEY, IT'S
THE EVER-
AMAZING

SPIDER-MAN!

A true hero at heart, Spider-Man has dedicated his life to preventing injustices against the innocent.



Met Peter Parker, once a brilliant, though meek high school student, orphaned as a child and reared by his doting Uncle Ben and Aunt May. At a science fair, Peter was bitten by an irradiated spider and gained the proportionate strength, speed, agility and early warning "spider sense" of that arachnid. He used these powers for personal fame and fortune as a masked Spider-Man. But when Peter failed to stop a criminal who later killed his beloved Uncle Ben, the youth's costumed identity took on a far deeper significance. He realized that with great power there must also come great responsibility. So Peter Parker became the wall-crawling nemesis of the criminal element, a young man determined to atone for the tragic death of his uncle — The Amazing Spider-Man!

MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER

The wife of Peter Parker/Spider-Man, and his closest confidant. She has currently returned to Empire State University as a student majoring in psychology.



THE ROSE

A criminal mastermind whose face is hidden behind a mask, thus, his identity is a secret from all. The Rose's chief goal is the consolidation of New York's underworld behind him and the elimination of Spider-Man as a threat to his power.



DELILAH

The Rose's primary enforcer, she is a super-powered woman who has been set on the trail of Spider-Man several times, though she has failed to destroy him.



DOCTOR REANDEAU

A therapist on the Empire State University campus who currently is treating Peter Parker and wife Mary Jane.



ALISON MONGRAIN

A woman in the employ of Norman Osborn, the Green Goblin, who recently aided him in his long-planned revenge on Peter Parker.



DOCTOR OCTOPUS

Otto Octavius was a researcher in atomic physics who had designed and built a chest harness with four artificial arms attached that allowed him to manipulate radioactive substances from a distance. A freak accident bonded the harness to his skin and affected his mind which then turned toward criminal enterprise. Doctor Octopus is one of the web-spinner's earliest enemies who has been thwarted time and again by Spider-Man.



DOCTOR OCTOPUS II

Carolyn Trainer was a protégé of Otto Octavius who assumed his name and modus operandi following Octavius' demise.



STUNNER

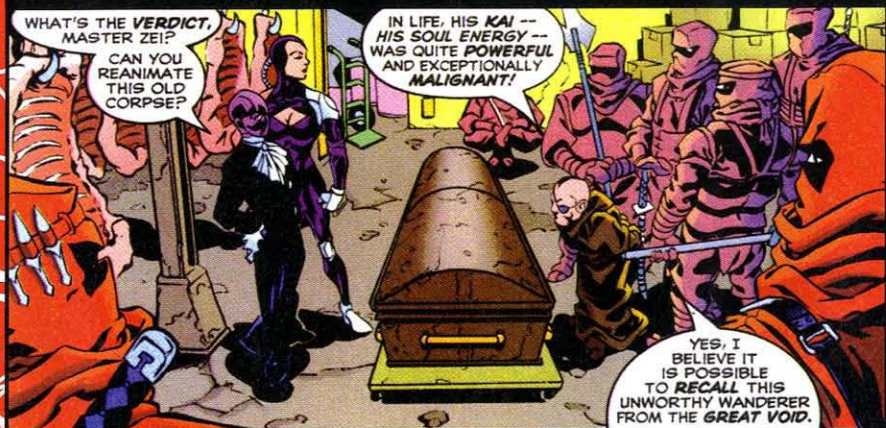
A virtual reality construct possessing super-human strength and endurance. She was the lover of Otto Octavius just before his death. Stunner has taken in the hatred of Spider-Man felt by Octavius.



PREVIOUSLY IN

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

The criminal mastermind called the Rose had the body of Otto Octavius stolen from its grave in Cypress Hills Cemetery by members of a group of Asian assassins called the Hand, and taken to a Manhattan meat packing plant.



Spider-Man criss-crossed the city seeking information on his old enemy's whereabouts...



...eventually tracking it to the plant where he was overwhelmed by henchmen of the Rose and agents of the Hand.



Now Spidey is strapped to a table next to the late Doctor Octopus where his very life-force is to be used to reanimate the body through a Hand ritual.



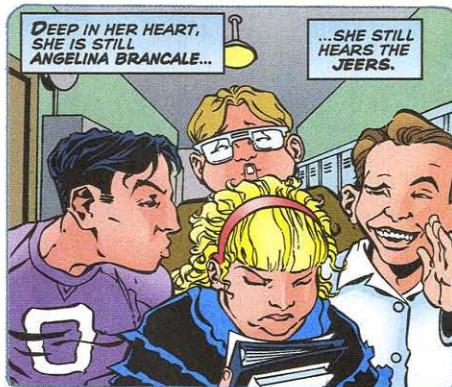


THE WORLD MAY KNOW HER AS STUNNER.

BUT SHE KNOWS THE TRUTH ABOUT HER BREATH-TAKING BEAUTY AND MIND-STAGGERING STRENGTH.

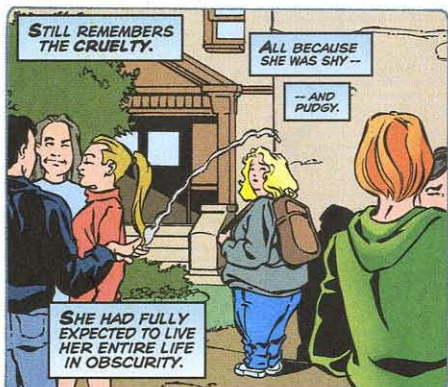
IT'S ALL A LIE!

AN ILLUSION CRAFTED BY TECHNOLOGY!



DEEP IN HER HEART, SHE IS STILL ANGELINA BRANCALE...

...SHE STILL HEARS THE JEERS.

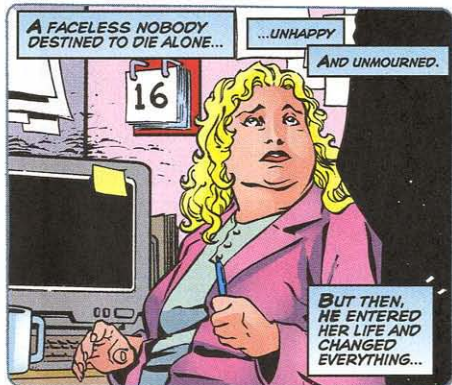


STILL REMEMBERS THE CRUELTY.

ALL BECAUSE SHE WAS SHY --

-- AND PUDGY.

SHE HAD FULLY EXPECTED TO LIVE HER ENTIRE LIFE IN OBSCURITY.



A FACELESS NOBODY DESTINED TO DIE ALONE...

...UNHAPPY

AND UNMOURNED.

BUT THEN, HE ENTERED HER LIFE AND CHANGED EVERYTHING...



HER BELOVED OTTO.

(THE MAN KNOWN AND FEARED AS DOCTOR OCTOPUS.)

HE GAVE HER HOPE!

(WHY DID HE HAVE TO DIE?)

HE BECAME HER LOVE!

(WHY DID HE HAVE TO LEAVE HER?)



SHE'D HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO SAVE HER OTTO --

-- AND SHE'S WILLING TO DO EVEN MORE --

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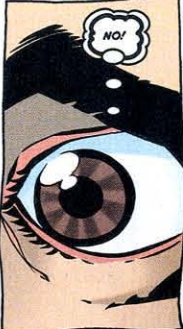
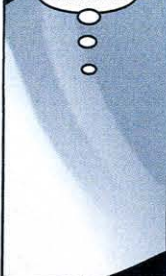




**DRUGGED, BATTERED AND BEWITCHED,
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN STRUGGLES
TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...**



F-FEELS LIKE I'M BEING
DRAGGED BENEATH
AN OCEAN OF
QUICKSAND.

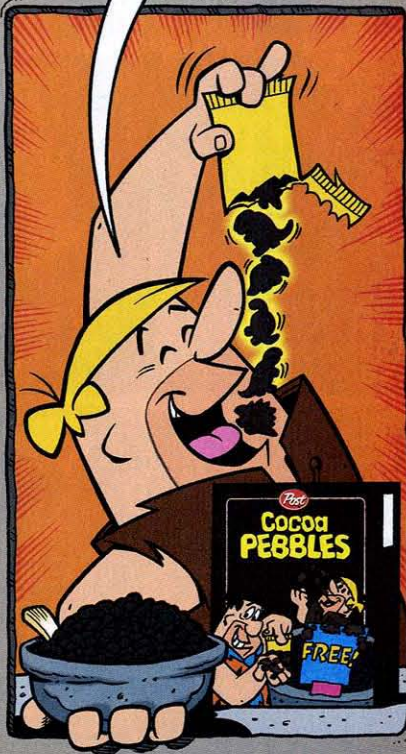


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YOU DO IF
YOU WERE FACING
A STAMPEDE OF
WILD DINOSAURS?



A:

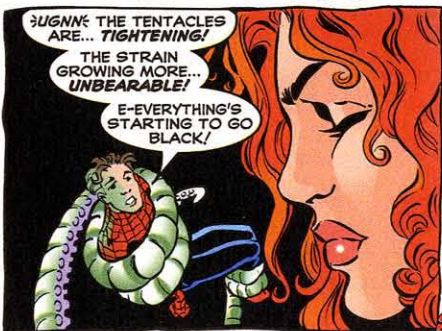
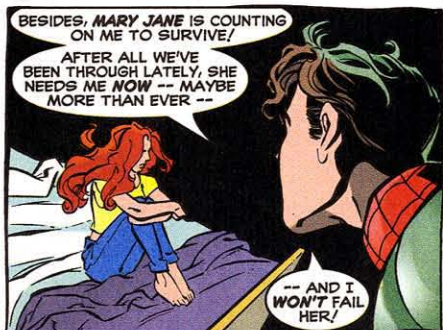
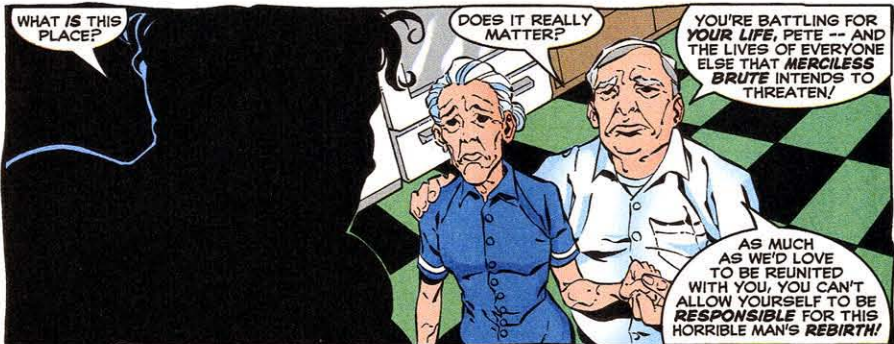
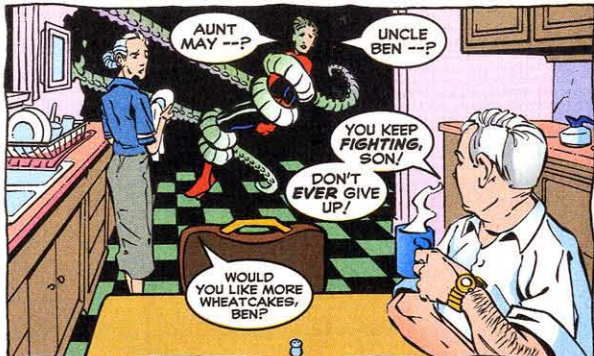
I'D
EAT
'EM!



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THE
**GREEN
GOBLIN?!**

B-BUT
WHICH ONE
ARE YOU?

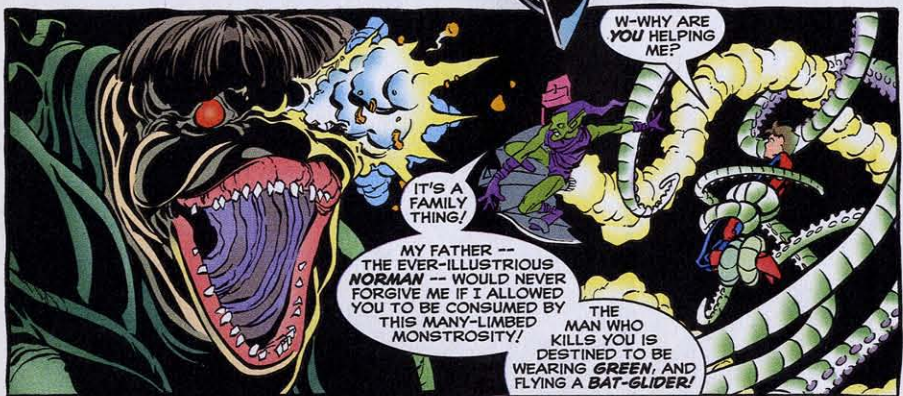
TAKE
A WILD *GUESS*,
PETE-O! I'LL EVEN
GIVE YOU A L'I'L
HINT --

-- I'M THE
ONE WHO'S REALLY
DEAD!

HARRY--?!
IS THAT YOU?

YOU
ALWAYS WERE
A BRIGHT BOY,
PETE-O!

TOO
BAD YOU
WERE ALSO A
COSTUMED DO-
GOODER WHO NEVER
KNEW WHEN TO QUIT!



W-WHY ARE
YOU HELPING
ME?

IT'S A
FAMILY
THING!

MY FATHER --
THE EVER-ILLUSTRIOUS
NORMAN -- WOULD NEVER
FORGIVE ME IF I ALLOWED
YOU TO BE CONSUMED BY
THIS MANY-LIMBED
MONSTROSITY!

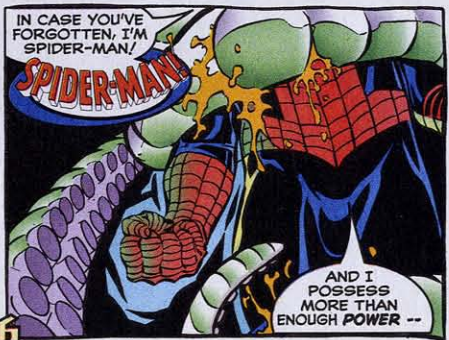
THE
MAN WHO
KILLS YOU IS
DESTINED TO BE
WEARING **GREEN**, AND
FLYING A **BAT-GLIDER**!



I-I'LL KEEP
THAT IN MIND,
OSBORN!

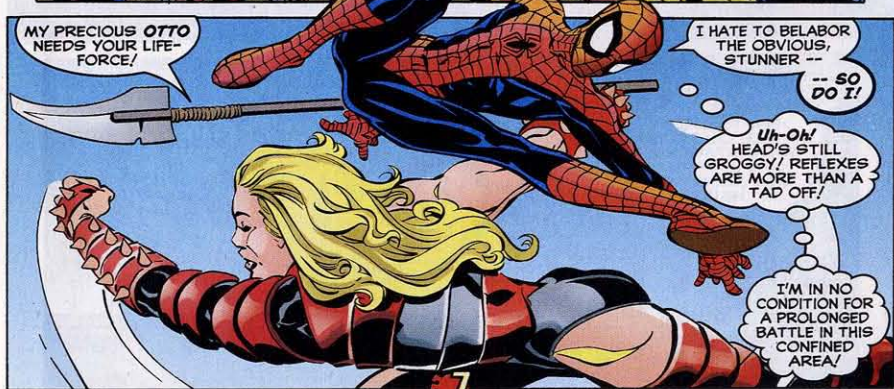
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LEAVE ME
ALONE --

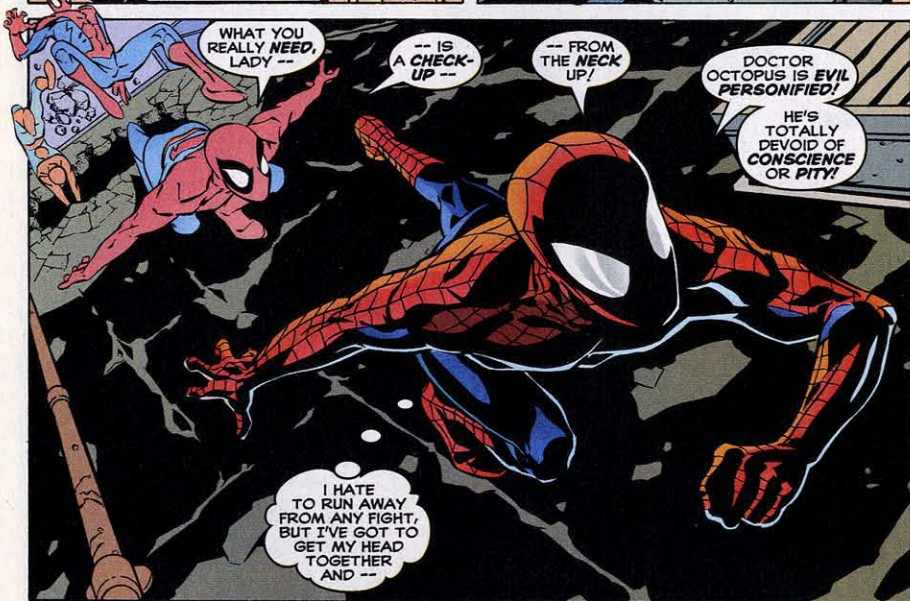
-- BECAUSE
I DON'T *NEED*
YOUR HELP!



IN CASE YOU'VE
FORGOTTEN, I'M
SPIDER-MAN!

AND I
POSSESS
MORE THAN
ENOUGH **POWER** --





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INCLUDES
HANNA
BANANA

FANCY TAFFY

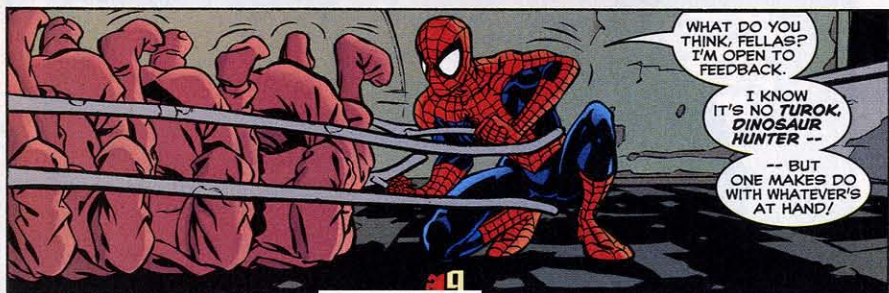
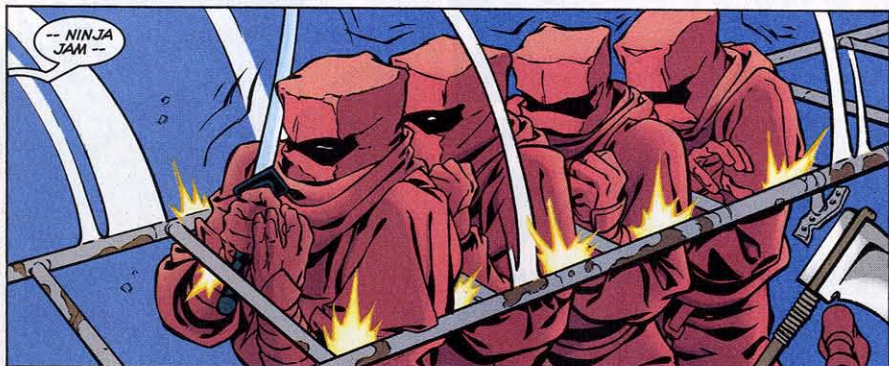
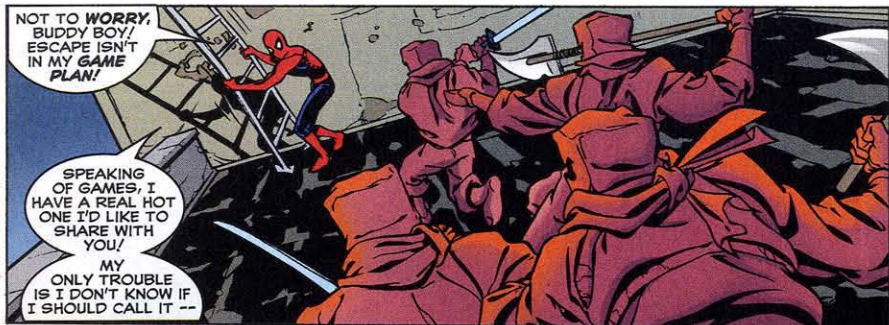
ANY OTHER TAFFY IS JUST PLAIN LAME.

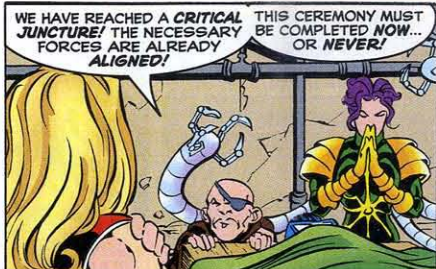
SAY HELLO TO HILARIOUS HANNA BANANA.

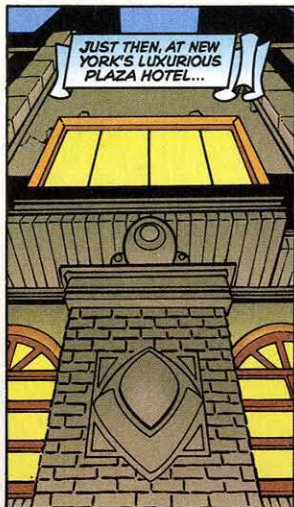
HANNA'S HERE TO HOKIE POKIE
WITH YOUR CHEEKS.

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JUST THEN, AT NEW YORK'S LUXURIOUS PLAZA HOTEL...



IF ALL IS GOING ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE --

-- MY BROTHER SHOULD BE ATTENDING TO THE RESURRECTION OF DOCTOR OCTOPUS!



I TRUST ZE! WILL NOT FAIL ME, MADAM QWA.

HE UNDERSTANDS THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE, MY DEATHLESS MASTER.



EXCELLENT! I WANT ZE! TO COMPLETE HIS CONTRACT TO THE ROSE -- SO THAT MY ENEMY HAS A BRIEF AND TANTALIZING GLIMPSE OF SUCCESS -- BEFORE HE FALLS PREY TO MY LOYAL TRUE BELIEVERS!

IF I AM TO EXTEND MY CRIMINAL EMPIRE TO THESE SHORES, EXAMPLES MUST BE MADE.

AS FOR THE REBORN DOCTOR OCTOPUS, I MAY ALLOW HIM THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING THE BLACK TARANTULA.

BOUNDLESS IS YOUR GENEROSITY!

I HAVE COMPLETED MY DAILY TASKS, MASTER...



... IF YOU AND MADAM QWA WILL PLEASE EXCUSE ME, I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE.



OFF TO DO A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING, CHESBRO?



NOT THAT IT CONCERNS YOU, QWA, BUT MY MANSERVANT IS GOING ON AN ERRAND --
-- OF A MOST PERSONAL NATURE!

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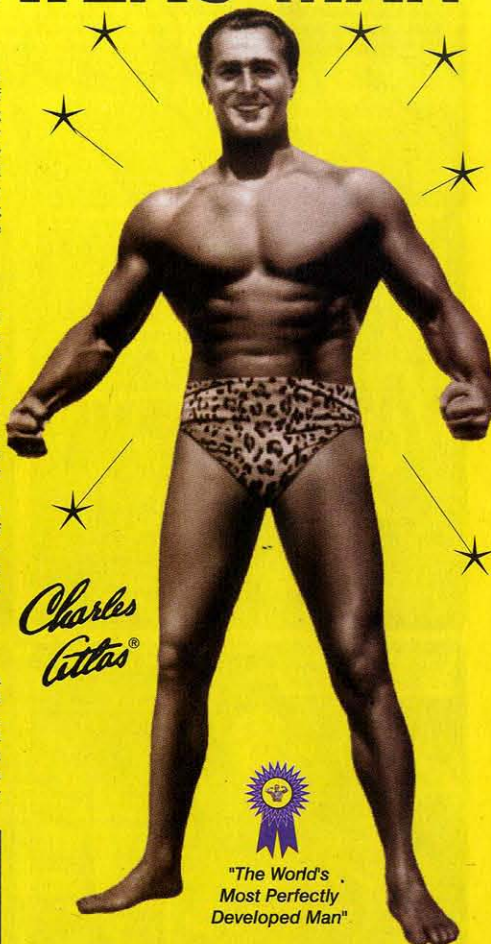
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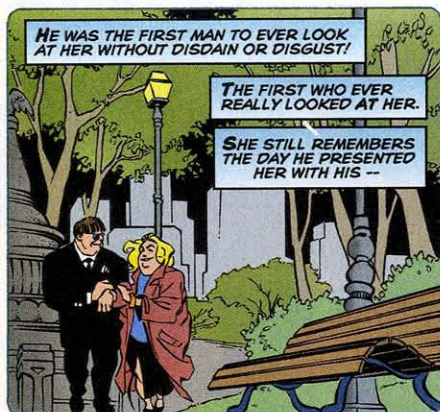
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POOR OTTO!

SO KIND!

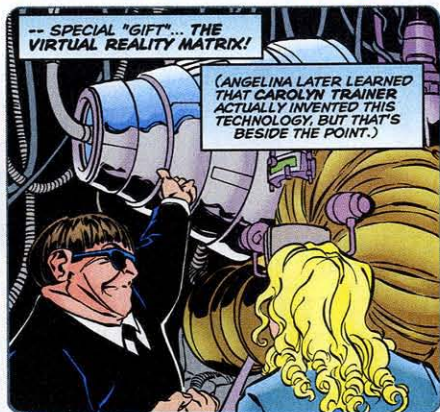
SO GENTLE
AND CARING!



HE WAS THE FIRST MAN TO EVER LOOK
AT HER WITHOUT DISDAIN OR DISGUST!

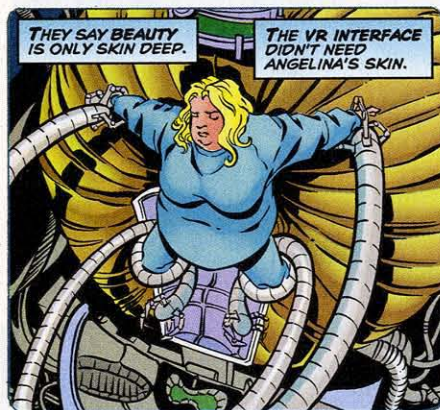
THE FIRST WHO EVER
REALLY LOOKED AT HER.

SHE STILL REMEMBERS
THE DAY HE PRESENTED
HER WITH HIS --



-- SPECIAL "GIFT"... THE
VIRTUAL REALITY MATRIX!

(ANGELINA LATER LEARNED
THAT CAROLYN TRAINER
ACTUALLY INVENTED THIS
TECHNOLOGY, BUT THAT'S
BESIDE THE POINT.)



THEY SAY BEAUTY
IS ONLY SKIN DEEP.

THE VR INTERFACE
DIDN'T NEED
ANGELINA'S SKIN.



ONLY HER
THOUGHTS...

AND HER
SOUL...

AND, DEEP WITHIN THE HIDDEN RECESSES
OF HER SECRET SELF, ANGELINA BRANCALA
HAD ALWAYS BEEN A STUNNER.



OTTO HAD GIVEN HER
A WHOLE NEW LIFE.

(SHE'D HAVE
DONE ANYTHING
TO SAVE HIM.)

HE LOVED
HER!

(AND, SINCE SHE
STILL LOVES HIM,
SHE'S WILLING TO
DO EVEN MORE --)



-- TO BRING HIM BACK!

THE SACRIFICE IS READY.

THE GREAT BEAST MUST BE APPEASED.

LET THE SACRED CEREMONY RESUME... AND BE COMPLETED!



YOU LISTEN TO ME, ANGELINA. THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO DIE.

THIS LITTLE CHARLATAN DOESN'T KNOW YOU'RE ONLY A VIRTUAL REALITY SIMULACRUM --

-- AND THAT YOUR REAL BODY IS STILL INSIDE THE VR MATRIX!

S-SHOULD WE TELL HIM?

MY LIFE ISN'T IMPORTANT.

ONLY OTTO MATTERS!

A SHARP GLANCE SILENCES STUNNER.



CAROLYN TRAINER DOESN'T BELIEVE ZEI CAN REVIVE THE DEAD --

-- BUT, AS A SCIENTIST, SHE'S ALWAYS OPEN TO EXPERIMENTATION.

MONTHS BEFORE HE DIED, OTTO OCTAVIUS CONVINCED CAROLYN TO DOWNLOAD ALL HIS MEMORIES INTO A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED INTERACTIVE COMPUTER FILE.



HER GOAL WAS TO PRESERVE HIS GENIUS --

-- AND TO CREATE A TASK WIZARD -- A MASTER PROGRAMMER, IF YOU WILL -- MODELED AFTER DOCTOR OCTOPUS!

AND NOW, IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT HE DOES REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS --



-- SHE STANDS READY TO REMIND THE GOOD DOCTOR OF HIS TURBULENT PAST --

-- AND TO HELP USHER HIM TOWARD A GLORIOUS FUTURE!





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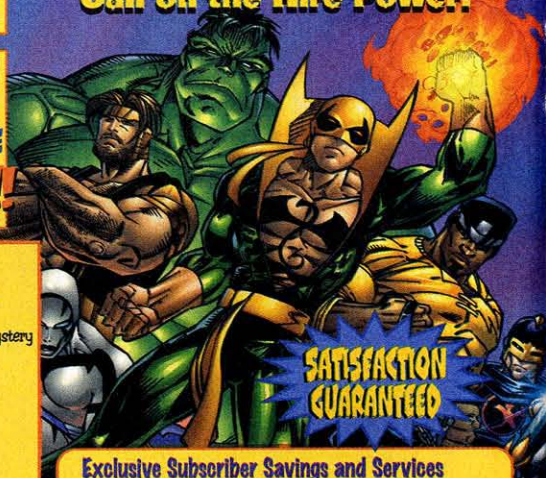
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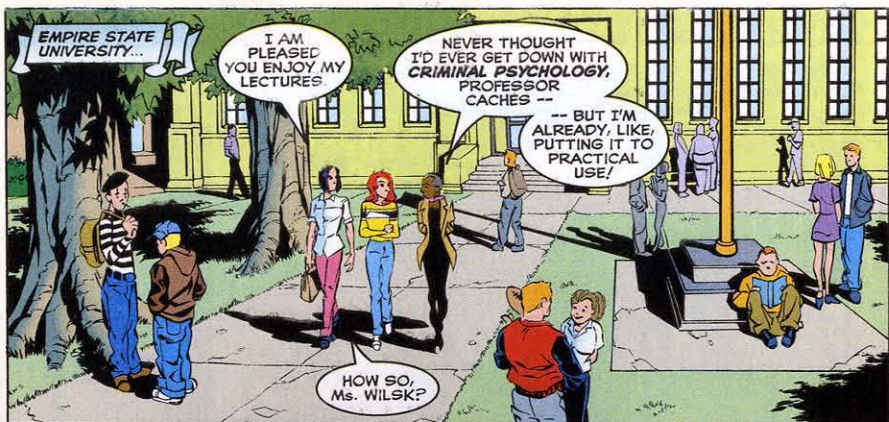
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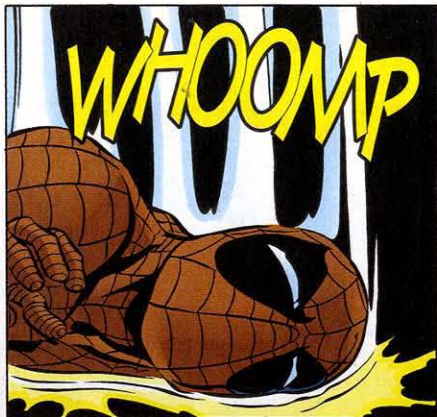
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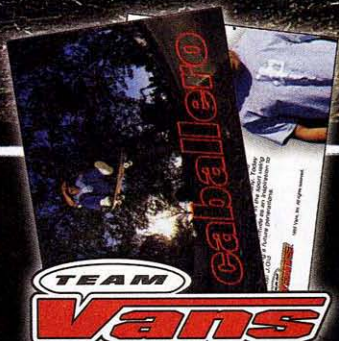


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THE SPIDER'S WEB

HEY,

Hope you all enjoyed our spiffy double gatefold cover this month, commemorating the return of the one and only Doctor Octopus! In case you couldn't make out the teeny little signatures on the cover, they break down like this:

The main cover was masterfully produced by our regular art team of Steve Skroce and Bud LaRosa: the inside gatefold of Doc's "evil eye" was rendered by none other than the living legend himself, John Romita Sr.; and the double spread that graces the rear of this masterpiece was drawn up from the muck by John Romita, Jr. and Klaus Janson!

So there you have it: three-and-one-half covers for only a bit of extra change!

Dear Web-weavers,

Lately there have been an awful lot of revamps going on, some good (Carrion, Ghost Rider, Hobgoblin, Kingpin, the Fantastic Four), some okay (the Avengers, Wolverine), and some downright awful (the character formerly known as Superman). Aside from the Hobgoblin, though, none of these was more necessary than Electro's. Max has always been an outstanding character, but I never felt his full potential was reached.

Speaking of shocking transformations, is Spidey in the midst of a six-arm relapse? If memory serves, migraine head-aches and Michael Morbius were involved the last time Peter had the extra appendages. I hope this is the case... the Six-Arm Saga is one of my all-time favorite stories, and I'd love to see a sequel.

On a more tragic note, I must admit that my health is being seriously impacted by Steve Skroce's sabbatical. I don't know how much longer I can live without my monthly fix of his artwork. Although Joe Bennett's art is excellent, nobody does it like Steve. I... oh, no... vision blurring... Steve... hurry...

James Dysart
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James...James...are you still there? Oh, no! We've lost him! Oh, wait, there he is! Phew! Looks like issue #425 must have made it to you just in the nick of time. One more Steve-less issue and we might have had a wrongful death lawsuit on our hands!

Dear Web-heads,

Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you for bringing back Electro!!!

Max Dillon has to be the greatest of the classic Lee/Ditko villains. I'd suppose all other "energy" villains have been modeled after him. It was good to see his complete origin and his return to the criminal circuit. Good job! I thought we'd seen the

last of him in "Light the Night!"

I am also glad to see that the baby is all right. Obviously, this is coming toward a big storyline (I know the baby will be fine...killing children violates the Comics Code).

Does the return of Phil Ulrich mean that we'll hear from his giggling alter-ego? What I'd like to see is the "good" Goblin take on the evil Goblin one-on-one! Osborn versus Ulrich...that would be something!

The only part I didn't like about AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #422 is the possibility that you're going to kill Robbie. Please don't. I'm sure everybody has a thing for Joe ever since the Tombstone storyline some years ago. And don't kill any of the Stacy family, either—I have a feeling you might.

A few requests:

1. I agree with Travis and Anton...bring back Stunner!

2. I'd also like to see the return of some of Spidey's lesser-known foes, like Skinhead, Knight and Fogg, Carlos Lobo, Slyde, Styx and Stone, and Facade.

3. Guest heroes I'd like to see include Wolverine, Storm, Rocket Racer, and Nightwatch (I refuse to believe he's dead!).

4. Finally, team Spidey with Marvel's newest super-team, the Thunderbolts!

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Brian Corvello
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Thanks for the kind words, there, Brian! However, we feel compelled to point one thing out: we never confirmed that it was a baby you saw in ish #422 (that ought to keep 'em guessing!). As for your humble requests:

1. Okay, that makes three. Oh, what the heck! Let's just bring her back already! How does this very issue sound?

2. Well, you certainly have eclectic tastes in villains! Can't speak for the rest, but you did catch Carlos Lobo in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN '97, didn't you?

3. Believe it.

4. We did—in SPIDER-MAN TEAM-UP #7. Off to the back issue bins with ye!

Dear Spider's Web,

I've always hated Electro. He's always been one of Spidey's more two-dimensional villains, with no real motivation behind him. Electro would commit a crime. Spidey would swing in, kick him around a little, all pretty cut and dried. But you guys have done what I thought to be impossible: you made him human. You've taken someone who could be Spidey's most half-baked villain (except for the Kangaroo, of course)

and given him depth. It's kind of ironic that even though Max Dillon's dad beat his mother and him, in the end it was Max's mom who did the most damage to him by being over-protective and planting the seed of doubt in him. Otherwise, Max could have grown up to be successful in his life and career. Hmm. I suppose this is a perfect example of how "you always hurt the ones you love."

I'm glad to see you guys haven't forgotten about Phil Ulrich. He's a good character and would make an excellent friend for Peter. Please keep him around.

Little May is alive! Hallelujah! Give her back to Pete and MJ real soon. After all they've gone through, they do not deserve their daughter.

This was the best Spidey story I've read in quite a while, and I hope you'll keep future issues up to this kind of quality. My only qualm is that you guys passed on a perfect opportunity to update Electro's costume (another aspect of him that I never really liked). People do the strangest things....

Michael Ferraro
(Address withheld by request)
P.S. Bring Back Stunner!

Yes, indeed, it looks like Phil Ulrich will be sticking his slacker head into this mag from time to time. And you can blame Two-fisted Tom DeFalco? He created him, after all! We wouldn't recommend any breath-holding for young Phil to jump back into the Goblin threads, though (as Brian suggested above). Norman would probably clean the city with that particular inexperienced hero!

Hellooooo Spider's Web,

I would first like to start off by giving praise to those responsible for all that is Spider-Man: I'm not worthy (bow), I'm not worthy (bow), I'm not worthy (bow). You people at Spider-Central have filled my life with great joy over the past seven years. Thank you very much!

Now, on to the other reason I wrote in. It appears that Norman Osborn is back in Peter's life. It would also appear that Peter will soon receive the news that his daughter did indeed survive! I first thought of this theory after reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #418. Why would anyone bother taking the corpse of Peter and Mary Jane's baby? It does not make sense on its own unless it serves a greater purpose. The same woman appears in AMAZING #422 on a boat with a mystery child in a crib. I don't know, is this possible or am I just reaching for thin air? Well, as you know, this letter cannot end without the traditional questions. So, on my mark...get set...here they come:

1. If the baby did survive, then

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does Norman know about this? If not, does Alison Mongrain intend to use this as leverage against Norman?

2. The Kingpin has recently appeared in X-MEN #63. Could this mean a possible X-Men/Spider-Man encounter in the near future?

3. Could Vulture, Mysterio, and Sandman be making comebacks soon since the other three members of the Sinister Six have reappeared (Dr. Octopus doesn't count)?

4. Could you please give me a brief explanation as to when and how Spidey's powers became so unreliable?

5. Last, but not least, could you tell me where Spider-Man ranks in the Marvel Universe?

I hope I didn't take up too much of your time writing so much, but I couldn't help myself. Thanks again for the excellent work.

Jose G. Ramirez
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Oh, yes, it certainly is more than fair to say that Norman is "back in Peter's life." If you want to see just how much, then you have absolutely no excuse for not picking up SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #250, just a mere two weeks from now!

Now, you said something about questions...

1. Nottellingnottellingnottelling.

2. Well, Spidey did just pop up in UNCANNY X-MEN #346, but Wilson Fisk was nowhere to be found. Hey, what gives? Never fear, though, you'll get your fill of Mr. Fisk in a special KINGPIN one-shot bookshelf edition we're cooking up for the fall. It will be written by none other than Stan "The Man" Lee, and drawn by the incomparable John Romita, Sr.!

3. Okay, real quickly now: Vulture was recently re-aged in SENSATIONAL #18, and the Sandman teams with Spidey in MARVEL TEAM-UP #3 in September. Doc Ock doesn't count, you say? Too bad, because, as we announce here for the very first time, he also will be making a return in the epic AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #421! Look for it on the stands in...oh, wait a minute...

4. Sure! Morbius bit him in the neck and now he gets all wooogie from time to time.

5. Number one in our book!

Hey guys,

There are plenty of writers who can write Spider-Man well. How many of them can go the extra mile and write the villains well, too? Tom DeFalco, there's one. In AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #422 Mr. DeFalco adds some much-needed depth to Electro, making us humble readers even more interested in his upcoming confrontation with Spidey.

It's hard to believe that classic Spidey villains like Dr. Octopus, the Chameleon, and now Electro, have had some of their best stories told, over 30 years after their creation, but it's happening. (And check out UNTOLD TALES OF SPIDER-MAN #20 for similar treatment of the Vulture.) Who's next?

Shocker? The Scorpion? The Gibbon?

Marcus Hiltz
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Well, we didn't exactly "revamp" the Gibbon, but he did make some...uh, memorable appearances in recent issues of SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN as a member of the Legion of Losers. Hope you didn't miss it!

Dear Web-heads,

Spider-Man has the most impressive rogues' gallery in the Marvel Universe. Heck, aside from a certain wealthy Gothamite, Spider-Man has the most impressive rogues' gallery in comicdom. That having been said, I wanted to compliment you in your effort to re-establish Electro as a force to be reckoned with in Spider-Man's life.

You brought back the original Green Goblin (quite impressively, by the way) and you have given Electro a new lease on life. How about returning some of the original great villains? Do the names Dr. Octopus and Kraven ring a bell?

Frank Hinton
P.O. Box 5641
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They certainly do, Frank! By now, you have satisfaction on the Doc Ock issue. As for that other guy, you'll have to keep reading SPECTACULAR (you are reading it each month, aren't you?), where...something...is going on with Kraven.

Dear Spider-Men,

First off, I would like to congratulate you guys on a job well done. At first I was a little upset at the departure of Mark Bagley. I thought that no one could hold a candle to his amazing artwork. But I'll be the first to admit that Steve Skroce has certainly made up for the loss of Bagley. His art is fresh and entertaining. Also, Tom DeFalco is doing an amazing (not to mention sensational and spectacular) job of writing this book. His stories are all superb!

Okay, now that I'm through praising the staff, I'd like to make a few comments.

First, I would like to take a crack at the identity of the Jack O'Lantern. From the way he's been stalking Jameson and his son, I'd have to say that he's none other than...Jacob Conover!!

Why, you ask? C'mon, isn't it pretty obvious? Back in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #416, when he was downsized from the Daily Bugle, he was pretty furious. I seem to recall him saying that he'd teach Robbie and that penny-pinching publisher the true meaning of sorrow. So, pretty fair guess, huh? Am I right?

Also, I have to thank you for bringing back Electro with #422. That's great! I haven't been fortunate enough to have many comics featuring him, but I always thought he was pretty cool.

Now, for the questions corner of the web:

1. What did Peter tell the guys at the Daily Grind about Ben's death? On that note, I would really be interested in keeping up with

the Grind cast. How about it?

2. Will you bring back Spideycide? I thought he was really cool. Last I checked, in MAXIMUM CLONAGE OMEGA, they never said he was dead. They just had him in a stasis chamber until they determined whether or not he was a threat anymore.

3. Will you have Carnage in these pages soon? I would love to see Skroce's version of everybody's favorite maniacal serial killer.

4. Am I the only one who realizes that Norman Osborn kidnapped the baby and turned her over to that Alison Mongrain witch?

5. I would like to see Skroce's Venom for that matter, too.

6. Will the Robot Master be back? Did Osborn kill him?

7. And last but not least...the Green Goblin's still alive, right?

Jonathan Bradshaw
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Interesting theory about the Jack O'Lantern, Jonathan. And if everyone promises not to tell anyone who reads SPECTACULAR, we can reveal to you here and now that the Jack O'Lantern is really...gotcha! Tee-hee.

Questions, questions, questions:

1. Peter didn't tell them anything. Shirley and Devon Washington had the unfortunate experience of witnessing Ben's death in PETER PARKER, SPIDER-MAN #75.

2. Let's put it this way, Jonathan. There are innumerable villains in various forms of containment as we speak. When they escape and start causing havoc is only a matter of time.

3. So would we, now that you mention it.

4. We can neither confirm or deny.

5. How about Tom Lyle's version, in December's ultimate showdown special between Spidey and the big-mouthed one?

6. The Robot Master's contract allows for only one storyline every 30 years, so sit tight. You've got a bit of a wait.

7. Oh, boy, is he ever! As we mentioned above, he's your way over to SPECTACULAR #250 to witness this guy's seething malice. Is he just plain evil, or what?

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#12

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BULLETINS

CREATOR PROFILE: JOHN OSTRANDER

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WHO ARE THE CORE HEROES? LUKE CAGE (POWER MAN), IRON FIST, the BLACK KNIGHT and the new WHITE TIGER (who's female). Each member has their own agenda for being on the team. There is a mystery for each one of them.

YOU MEAN THEY'RE NOT JUST OUT TO MAKE A BUCK? They're not just mercenaries. I don't want to focus on the "for hire" as much as I do the "heroes."

WHO ARE SOME OF THE GUEST STARS WHO SHOW UP IN THE BOOK? The HULK is in the first issue, HERCULES is in it for a while...

DIDN'T ROGER STERN WORK ON THE FIRST ISSUE? Yeah. Actually, what happened was, Roger Stern created the whole thing, but then he had to bow out, and he suggested that I replace him. THE PUNISHER had just been cancelled, and MARK BERNARDO, who was the editor of that, was also editing **HEROES FOR HIRE**. He had no problems working with me. Roger Stern basically plotted the first issue and I basically scripted it. My friend Joe Edkin assisted me.

WHO ARE SOME OF THE VILLAINS WHO WILL BE SHOWING UP IN THE BOOK? The U-FOES, THE CONTROLLER, the MASTER OF THE WORLD - he'll be a continuing heavyweight for us. ORKA, SHOCK-WAVE, WHIPLASH, KILLER SHRIKE, NITRO.

IF YOU COULD ONLY HIRE ONE HERO, WHICH ONE WOULD YOU HIRE? Probably IRON MAN, because he has the most flexibility for the most types of work. If I lived in the Marvel Universe, I'd know he was for hire, because he works as a bodyguard.

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE ART OF PASCUAL FERRY? He has enormous enthusiasm. I'm throwing all kinds of different things at him - issue #2 takes place on the mystic Isle of AVALON. Pascual has a nice range of ability.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO HIRE A HERO? As little as a dollar! It's a sliding fee based on the client's ability to pay.

WHO ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE WRITERS? I like some of Robert Parker's Spenser novels... Shakespeare... Barbara Tuchman - she's a historian. Raymond Chandler. Dashiell Hammett.

HOW ABOUT COMIC BOOK WRITERS? Certainly STAN LEE - the way he would start his plots in the middle of the action. With **HEROES FOR HIRE**, I'm trying to be Stan Lee on extra caffeine! PETER DAVID is one of the best in the business. He took a character I found stagnant - the Hulk - and showed that you can do so many different things with him. MARK GRUENWALD did some wonderful things - I'm glad they're reprinting SQUADRON SUPREME.

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED WRITING COMICS? I come from a theater background. In the early eighties, a friend of mine was starting up a comic book company. He knew of my work as a playwright, and knew of my interest in comics. He gave me a shot, and I've never looked back. I've been doing it for about fifteen years now.

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Hi, Heroes!

Look, before we begin, I wanna apologize to the hundreds of you whose letters haven't yet been printed. The powers-that-be won't allow me more than this one measly column, except for once every month, when they break their heart and give me a full page over in our 40-page titles. But don't despair, Frantic Ones, sooner or later I'll get us a whole issue of nothing but letters - I mean, who wants comics when you can read Soapboxes instead?!

But now, on to the good stuff. Mitch Horn of Brooklyn, NY asks:

"Do you think Dr. Doom served as an inspiration to George Lucas when he created Darth Vader?"

Hey, Mitch, my world-famous modesty compels me to deny it, but now that you mention it, there does seem to be a slight resemblance!

Brad Shirakawa of Hollister, CA is pantin' to learn:

"How doth us mere mortals go about joining the Merry Marvel Marching Society (again)?"

Y'know, we discontinued the good ol' MMS years ago - and it was a real bonehead decision! First chance we get, I'll form it again - and when you see it advertised, Brad, remind us of your letter and you can be a charter member! Wow! A No-Prize and a potential Charter Membership at one time! Truly the Hosts of Hoggoth have favored thee this day!

And Robert Menzies in far-off Glasgow, Scotland (though it's not far off to him!) tosses in this poser:

"I heard you never regretted what other writers have done with your characters, except once - the killing of Gwen Stacy. Is that true?"

I admit it, Bob, I didn't like the idea. Since we had killed her father, Captain Stacy, in an earlier issue, it looked like we were conducting a vendetta against the whole family! They're only fictional characters (at least I think so!), but Gwen's death really shook me up! I better quit now - I'm getting all misty eyed again!

Keeep those questions coming, gang. Even though we can't print them all, I read each and every one. (At least it keeps me off the streets!) So, till our next swingin' session -

Excelsior!



Stan Lee

Remember, the address is "Stan's Soapbox," c/o BULLPEN BULLETINS, Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016 - an address that will live in infamy!

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