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# SPIDER-MAN!

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



**M**eeet 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!

## RICOCHET

A new identity assumed by Peter Parker in the absence of his Spider-Man guise.



## BLACK TARANTULA

A shadowy South American crime-lord who has apparently lived for centuries. The Tarantula has come to New York to personally try and take control of the city's criminal element.



## 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.



## 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.





## PREVIOUSLY IN

# THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

**P**eter Parker was forced to battle the rampaging Mr. Hyde in a hotel where he was attending a party for the Bugle's departing editor in chief, Joe Robertson.



**H**aving left his Spider-Man costume home because of the bounty on the webspinner's head for murder, Peter was forced to improvise and donned a sweatshirt, tying the hood so it covered his face. Thus he battled Mr. Hyde as the Green Hood..

**A**fter the struggle, Peter remarked to his wife how difficult it would ever be for him to return to his Spider-Man identity because of the five million dollar bounty on him. Mary Jane's idea was to help her husband devise a brand new identity that would allow him to continue fighting crime and saving innocents.



And so we have the dramatic entrance of an all-new super hero on the scene...





**EVE SHARED  
THAT APPLE  
AND LOOK WHAT  
HAPPENED.**

**DON'T YOU  
MAKE THE SAME  
MISTAKE!**



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# 'Round and 'Round with RICOCHET!

THERE'S AN ANCIENT  
CHINESE CURSE...  
"MAY YOU LIVE IN  
INTERESTING TIMES!"

SOMEBODY -- AND THERE'S A  
VERITABLE ROGUES GALLERY  
OF SUSPECTS -- MUST HAVE  
PUT A REAL WHAMMY ON ME!

IN THE PAST FEW  
WEEKS I'VE BEEN  
ACCUSED OF  
MURDERING SOME  
LOWLIFE --

-- THE DAILY BUGLE  
POSTED A FIVE MILLION  
DOLLAR BOUNTY ON  
MY HEAD --

-- THE POLICE, ALONG  
WITH EVERY TESTOSTERONE  
CASE IN THE CITY, ARE  
CURRENTLY HUNTING ME --

-- AND I WAS ALMOST  
BEATEN TO DEATH BY A  
NEW GANGLORD WHO  
CALLS HIMSELF THE  
BLACK TARANTULA!

OOPS! ALMOST FORGOT  
THE MOST IMPORTANT  
DEVELOPMENT...

...I ALSO GAVE  
UP BEING

**SPIDER-MAN!**

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...THESE POOR STIFFS WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD HIJACKING WHEN I CHANCED UPON THEM.

WHILE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN TO BE MY NEIGHBORHOOD, I COULDN'T RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUT MY NEW LOOK --

-- AND TO SHOW OFF FOR THE LOVELY LASS WHO'S BEEN FOLLOWING ME FOR THE PAST NINE BLOCKS.

WHY'D YOU ATTACK US? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

YOU ANOTHER CAPTAIN AMERICA WANNABE?!



NAH! I'M STRICTLY IN THE COSTUME BIZ FOR MY OWN PROFIT.

I WANT A PIECE OF WHATEVER ACTION YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO HUSTLE!

WHY SETTLE FOR A PIECE... WHEN YOU CAN HAVE AN ENTIRE CASE!



WH-WHAT'S THE HAUL-- VIDEO EQUIPMENT? COMPUTERS? FURS?

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SORRY, NORMAN, I BYPASSED THAT STORY AND WENT STRAIGHT TO *DILBERT*.

DO I DETECT A NOTE OF **HOSTILITY**, M'BOY? DO YOU, PERHAPS, TAKE ISSUE WITH **THE HORNET'S** STATEMENT ABOUT US NOT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT **SPIDER-MAN** ANYMORE?

NOPE, BUT I WOULDN'T BUY INTO THAT BLOWHARD'S RAP UNLESS I WAS READY FOR A MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT.



IF YOU DON'T MIND, MR. OSBORN, PETER AND I HAVE THINGS TO DO.



HEY, EVERYBODY! I JUST GOT A POSTCARD FROM JOE AND MARTHA ROBERTSON!

HOW ARE THEY ENJOYING **EUROPE**, GLORY?

ACCORDING TO THIS, THEY'RE HAVING A **GREAT** TIME. THEY'RE IN **GREECE** NOW.



THEY'VE ALREADY TOURED ATTICA AND ATHENS, AND ARE HEADED FOR THE ISLAND OF **EUBOEIA** WHICH IS SOMEWHERE IN THE **AEGEAN SEA**.

EUBOEIA--?!



IF YOU PEOPLE WILL PLEASE EXCUSE ME, A PRESSING MATTER DEMANDS MY ATTENTION.











ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT OSBORN SEEMED PRETTY DISTURBED BY ROBBIE'S POSTCARD.

AHH! YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE YOUR "I WOULDN'T BUY INTO THAT BLOWHARD" SPEECH DIDN'T EVEN FAZE HIM.

ALTHOUGH I RATHER ENJOYED THE IRONY OF HIM TELLING YOU ABOUT THE HORNET.

YEAH, THAT WAS KINDA COOL... BUT IS THIS SHOPPING TRIP NECESSARY?

PROBABLY NOT... BUT IT'S BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.



YOU AGREED TO STOP BEING SPIDER-MAN WHILE THAT FIVE MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY IS STILL ON YOUR HEAD.

Y'KNOW, OTHERS TRIED CHANGING THEIR IDENTITIES BEFORE -- LIKE THE **ABSORBING MAN**, **TITANIA**, AND THE **THUNDER-BOLTS** --

-- BUT THEY ALWAYS GET EXPOSED!

YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO BEAT THE ODDS BY TAKING ON A FEW NEW LOOKS.

YOU ALREADY HAVE THE **HORNET** SUIT YOU GOT FROM YOUR FRIEND HOBIE BROWN... THAT **DUSK** COSTUME WHICH YOU RECENTLY GOT IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE... AND THAT **PRODIGY** IDENTITY WHICH WE DESIGNED TOGETHER.



ONE MORE SHOULD DO IT!

HERE! WE HAVE TO DISGUISE OURSELVES IN CASE WE FIND ANYTHING.

**RECYCLED RAIMENT?**

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE TAKING ME INTO A USED CLOTHING STORE.

HEY! NOT MY FAULT! WE'RE WORKING ON A TIGHT BUDGET.



I THINK YOU'RE JUST INTO PLAYING **DRESS-UP**.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU DO BEAR A VAGUE RESEMBLANCE TO A **DOLL** I USED TO PLAY WITH.



KEN --?!

MISTER POTATO HEAD!



CHECK THIS OUT, TIGER!

AND IT EVEN COMES WITH AN **INSIGNIA** ON THE BACK!

AN R --?!



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AND THE REST,  
AS THEY SAY,  
IS HISTORY!

GOT TO GIVE MARY JANE  
CREDIT! SHE DESIGNED THE  
MASK, PUT THE REST OF  
THIS OUTFIT TOGETHER --

-- AND EVEN CAME  
UP WITH THE NAME!

OF COURSE, SHE'LL PROBABLY  
QUESTION MY DECISION TO PLAY  
RICOCHET AS A LESS THAN LAW-  
ABIDING MEMBER OF SOCIETY.



BUT THAT'S AN AD-  
LIB WHICH SUDDENLY  
OCCURRED TO ME --

-- WHEN MY SPIDER-  
SENSE CLUED ME  
TO THE FACT THAT  
SOMEONE WAS  
SHADOWING ME!



AS A WELL-  
BEHAVED WEB-  
SLINGER --

-- I LEARNED  
THAT I SHOULD  
ALWAYS  
FOLLOW MY  
INSTINCTS!

HERE'S HOPING A  
BOUNCING BUNDLE OF  
FUN SHOULD DO  
THE SAME --



-- BECAUSE IT'S TIME  
I CONFRONTED A  
CERTAIN SHAPELY  
SILHOUETTE!

HI THERE!

I  
USUALLY DON'T  
MAKE A HABIT OF  
APPROACHING  
STRANGE WOMEN --  
MUCH TOO BILL  
CLINTONISH FOR  
A SENSITIVE GUY  
LIKE ME --

-- BUT I  
FIGURED I'D MAKE  
AN EXCEPTION IN  
YOUR CASE.





I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOUR CURIOSITY WOULD FINALLY GET THE BEST OF YOU, LITTLE BOY.

I AM  
**Delilah!**

HOOCHEE-  
MAMA!

SAHEM

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE EVER HEARD OF THE **BLACK TARANTULA**, BUT THOSE HIJACKERS YOU INTERRUPTED ARE MEMBERS OF HIS CREW.



ANYBODY WHO HIRES LOSERS LIKE THAT DESERVES TO BE --

**-HEY!**  
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, LADY? ARE YOU WITH THE SAME GANG?

**HARDLY!**  
I WORK FOR A RIVAL ORGANIZATION, AND WE'RE PRESENTLY ON A RECRUITMENT DRIVE.



AND THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF A JOB INTERVIEW?

CAN YOU SUGGEST A BETTER WAY FOR ME TO DETERMINE IF YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY **SKILLS** AND **DARING**?



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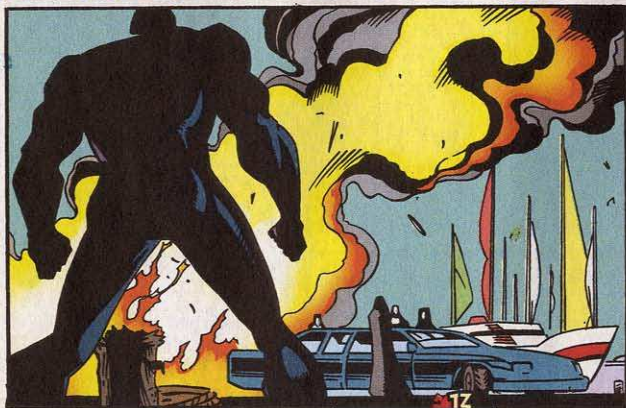
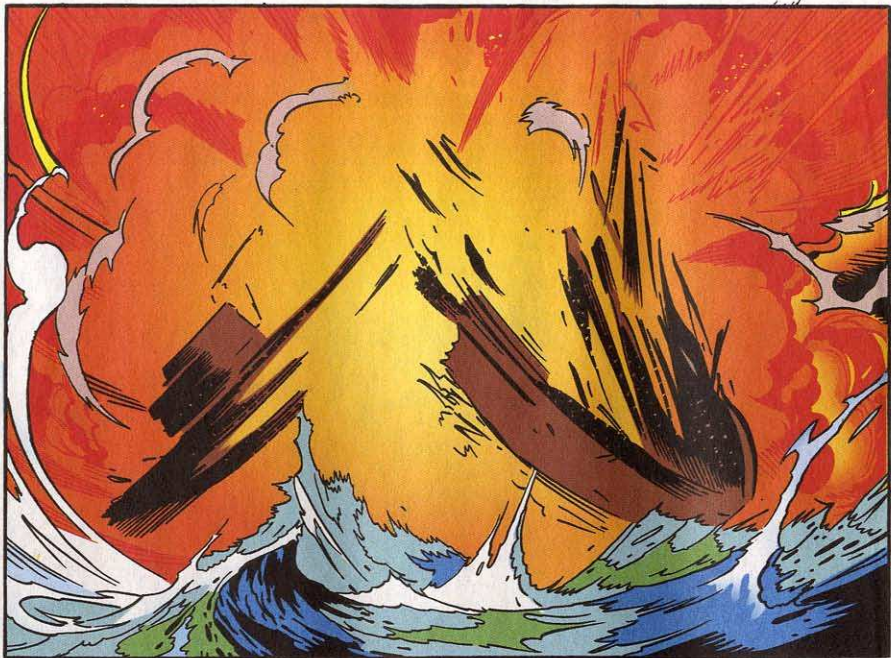
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Presenting, for the first time anywhere, the classic team-up you've never seen! By BEN RAAB and JOHN CASSADY!

**ITEM!** Do you speak Klingonese? If not, you'll want to learn fast, because next week, we're printing a comic entirely in the Klingon language! The comic is STAR TREK: STARFLEET ACADEMY #18, which is told from the point of view of some young Klingon warriors! The story follows the adventures of the KLINGON FIRST CADRE, who have fallen out of favor with their elders! Seeking to atone for past misdeeds, the young Klingons set off on a quest for the fabled Sword of Kahless - only to stumble into a trap set by that wicked STARFLEET OMEGA SQUAD! ST. SA #18 is brought to you by that Klingon-speaking crew CHRIS COOPER, CHRIS RENAUD, and ANDY LANNING! The issue includes a Klingon-English glossary in the back, and will be published in an English language edition two weeks later, for you English-only readers out there!

Speaking of STAR TREK, there's another futuristic comic that's coming your way like a photon torpedo: it's called STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION/X-MEN: SECOND CONTACT (Whew! That's a mouthful!) This 64-page one-shot features the second generations of X and Trek teams together for the first time! The story takes place immediately following the events of the film STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT, as the ENTERPRISE is flung even further back in time! PICARD, RIKER and Co. must join forces with WOLVERINE, COLOSSUS and the gang to combat KANG, the murderous master of time, who pits them against their most frightening foes: the SENTINELS and the BORG! If our heroes fail, there won't be any more generations for either team!

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**ITEM!** Trivia buffs will remember that feisty fowl HOWARD THE DUCK first waddled onto the scene in a story featuring the macabre MAN-THING! Next week, HOWARD and MANNY are reunited in the pages of MAN-THING #6! It seems that nasty CULT OF ENTROPY is determined to hasten the destruction of the universe! To do that, they'll need to kill a certain cigar-chompin' duck! Will MAN-THING save the day - or will HOWARD's goose be cooked? J.M. DeMATTEIS and LIAM SHARP serve up this helping of duck soup!

**ITEM!** It seems like only yesterday that the CHRIS CLAREMONT/JIM LEE X-MEN #1 was setting records as the best-selling comic of all time. Well, next week, we're celebrating the double-sized 75th issue of the X-MEN! This 48-page spectacular features the newest members of the team (CECILIA REYES, MARROW, and MAGGOTT) becoming official X-MEN, just in time to join WOLVERINE and friends for an all-out encounter with the demonic N'GARAI! This x-citing x-travaganza is brought to you by the team of JOE KELLY, guest-penciler GERMAN GARCIA, and inker ART THIBERT! Have the three new members joined the team only to see it fall?

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## STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Hi, Heroes!

Today's first letter, from Jamie Wilson of Drexel Hill, PA, requires a long answer, so I'll start with it right away.

Jamie reminds me that...

*"In an old Soapbox, you published the 'Ten Commandments for Every Comic Book Reader.' Is there any way you can reprint that list, because comic-dom needs to be reminded of its duties and rights every now and again!"*

I remember the column you're referring to, Jamie, but haven't been able to find it. (And a fully-equipped No-Prize to anyone who locates it and sends it to me!) But I did find a similar column I cooked up which may hold you till we find the one you want -

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Then, I wrapped it up like this: "So be it! No mere words of mine can add to the glory and grandeur of those ten immortal declarations, those ten pillars of wisdom which shall inspire and guide the mighty world of Marvel now and forevermore!"

I was tempted to award Jamie a double No-Prize for evoking the longest Soapbox answer of all, but I restrained myself. Now, till we meet next ish, I suggest that you commit the Marvel Bill of Rights to memory - it's almost exam time!

Excelsior!

*Stan*

Stan Lee

Our mailing address is so important, it oughta be on the top of the page! "Stan's Soapbox," c/o BULLPEN BULLETINS, Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. Sounds like something Shakespeare might have written, right?





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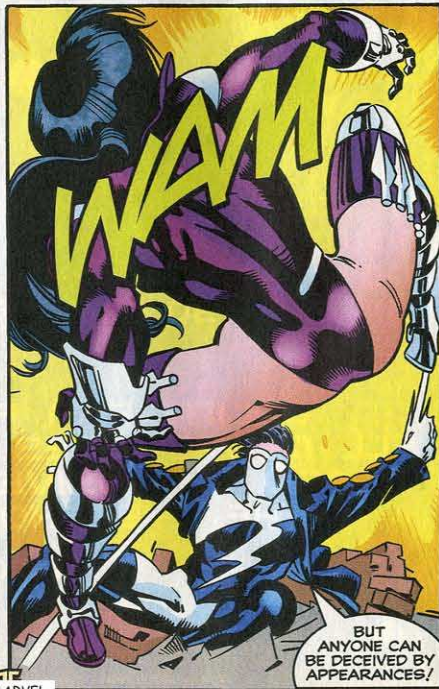
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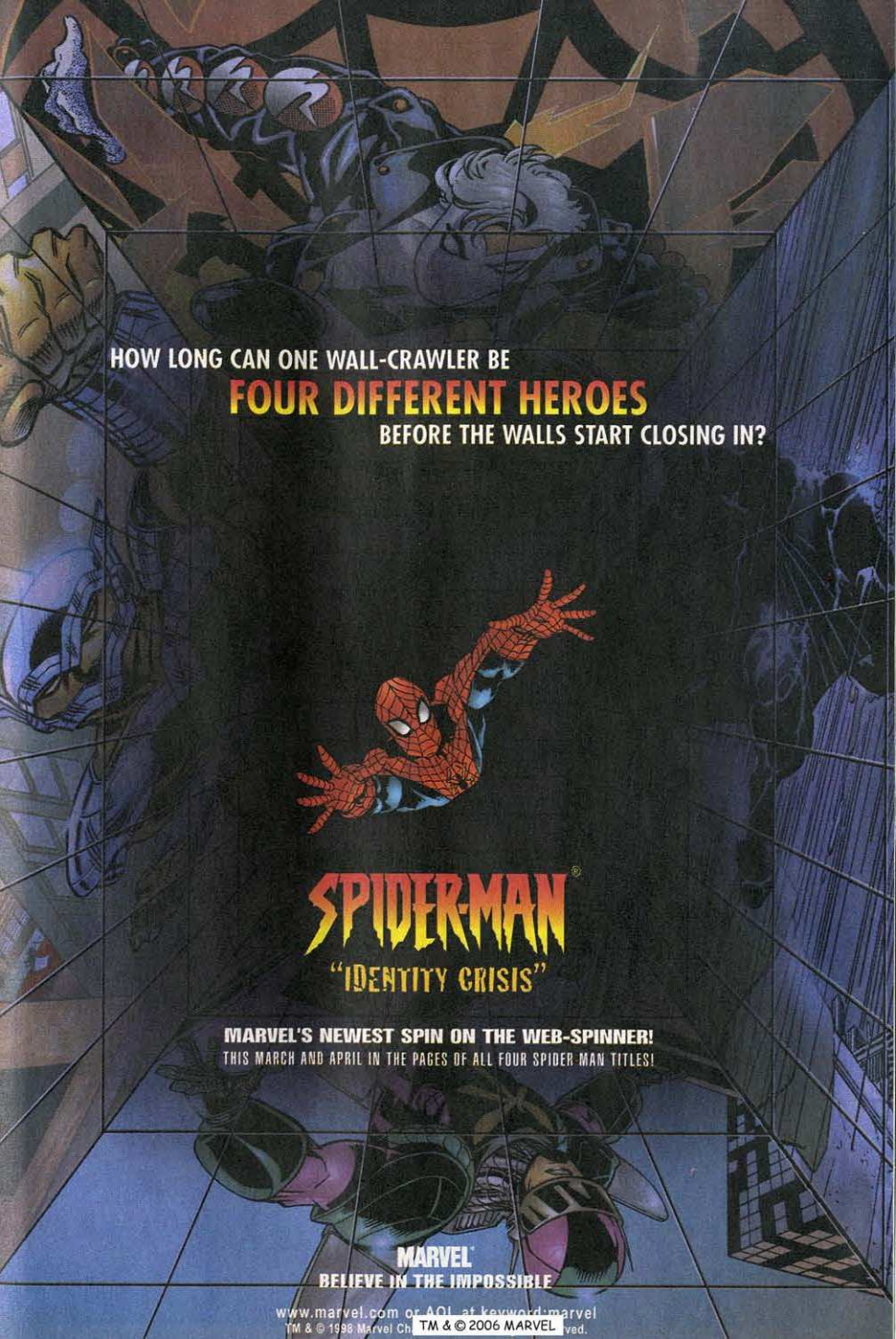
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A dramatic illustration of Spider-Man in a webbed cocoon, suspended in a dark, geometric space. The cocoon is made of thick, dark webbing, with Spider-Man's head and one arm visible at the top. The background is a dark, stylized cityscape with sharp, angular lines and a blue and purple color palette. Spider-Man's iconic red and blue suit is visible through the webbing.

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MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE  
ON STATEN ISLAND...

I GATHERED  
YOU BOTH TOGETHER  
SO THAT WE CAN MOVE  
BEYOND ALL PAST  
UNPLEASANTNESS...

... WE'RE ALL  
BUSINESSMEN,  
AND WE MUST NEVER  
ALLOW OUR EGOS  
TO INTERFERE  
WITH OUR  
PROFITS.

WITH ALL  
DUE TO RESPECT,  
**DON FORTUNATO**,  
THAT IS VERY EASY  
FOR YOU TO  
SAY.

YOU  
GRANTED THE  
**BLACK TARANTULA**  
PERMISSION TO  
OPERATE IN  
THIS CITY.

YOU'LL STILL  
GET YOUR CUT  
NO MATTER WHO  
CONTROLS  
HIJACKING.

AT  
YOUR REQUEST, I  
**SURRENDERED** THAT  
PORTION OF MY OPERATION  
TO THE TARANTULA...  
BUT I EXPECT TO BE  
**COMPENSATED**.

THE ROSE HAS  
A REASONABLE  
REQUEST.

HOW DO  
YOU PROPOSE  
TO SATISFY  
HIM?

IF IT WILL KEEP THE **PEACE**,  
I AM WILLING TO NEGOTIATE  
AN EQUITABLE FIGURE WHICH  
WILL BE PAID TO HIM ON  
A MONTHLY BASIS...





There Will Never  
Be Peace!



Not While The  
Black Tarantula  
Still Draws  
Breath!



I...I BELIEVE  
YOU, LADY...  
HONEST!

=WHEW=

IT IS  
IMPERATIVE  
THAT YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
EXACTLY *What*  
YOU'LL BE UP  
AGAINST.

I CAN CRUSH AN  
ARMORED TANK WITH  
MY BARE HANDS.



AND, YET, I WAS AS  
HELPLESS  
AS A **Newborn**  
THE ONE TIME I  
FOUGHT THE 'BLACK  
TARANTULA'!

MY  
INJURIES WERE  
SO EXTENSIVE  
THAT I SURELY  
WOULD HAVE  
*Died* --



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## UCI SUPER COLLECTOR!

Let's face it comic fan, it's become a scary world to collect comic books in.

Once confined to the shadows, the evil forces of comic book darkness now tread fearlessly in the daylight!

Around the signs of comic apocalypse are evident. Comic shops close. Cover prices rise. Publishers and long time favorite heroes disappear from store shelves.

You love comics but you're frustrated. No one will listen to you! No one will hear your pleas For help!

You scream, "Bring back the fun! Make Comic collecting EASY again! Make it affordable. Respect my Intelligence! HELP ME!"



CLUB PRESIDENT  
 & PSYCHOPATHIC VIGILANTE  
 GARY S. KRAFT

Yes, you try your best. You reserve your favorite comics in advance! You are the first to your comic shop in the day new comics are released. Yet you still miss issues. Issues you may never see again. Issues essential to your collection! The hobby that hooked you in your carefree youth is but a shadow of it's former self.

Yes, perhaps you have already cut back on your "must buy" list. Perhaps you have even considered finding a new hobby! Yes you are beaten and bruised and you can't, nay, you won't take it any more! You are fed up with being a pawn in the comic wars!

Yes, yes! Go to the window! Open it wide and shout at the top of your lungs, **"I'm MAD as HELL and I'm NOT going to take it ANYMORE!!!!!!!"**

## WHAT WENT WRONG?

Free enterprise, the phenomenon that made America the greatest country in the world was exchanged for communism, regulation and the fast buck.

Comic shops once possessed the power to take their business elsewhere. But now only one distributor remains. Quite simply competition at the distributor level is dead. And when you remove competition you remove GROWTH! The rule of business and life is GROW OR DIE! Hence the depression that threatens the comic industry as a whole!

## WELCOME TO THE NEW WORLD ORDER: MAY I HELP YOU?

It's easy to complain. But complaining in and of itself does little to remedy any crisis. What is required is SUPER POWERS! Yes, total control over one's destiny is the quickest route to happiness no matter what situation you find yourself in.

So as the comic world at large sinks deeper into the abyss, all across the globe concerned comic collectors are joining forces to combat the cloud of depression darkening our once happy and healthy hobby! But wait! Look up in the sky! It's a bird. It's a plane! It's..... **THE UCI SUPERCOLLECTOR!**

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-- BUT,  
FOR REASONS  
WHICH STILL  
ELUDE ME...  
He Chose To  
Heal Me!



Y-YOU  
CAN'T POSSIBLY  
IMAGINE HOW  
DEGRADED I  
FELT.

WANNA BET --P



WHAT  
DO YOU SAY,  
PUNK...

... You  
Man Enough To  
Help Me **Destroy**  
The Black Tarantula?



DELILAH'S  
WILD  
CARD!

A KNOWN PSYCHOPATH  
WHO WOULDN'T  
STOP AT MURDER!

BUT SHE'S ALSO MY BEST SHOT AT DRAWING  
THAT MONSTER OUT OF HIDING!



I HAVE MY OWN REASONS  
FOR WANTING TO TAKE THE  
BLACK TARANTULA DOWN...

...CAN I REALLY PREVENT  
HER FROM KILLING HIM?

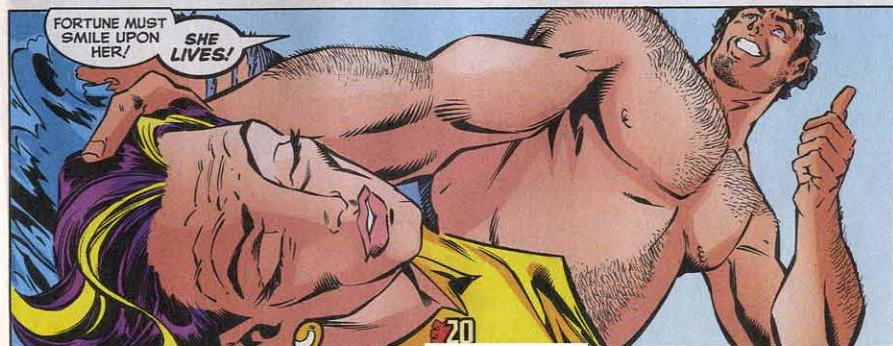


AM I EVEN SURE THAT  
I CAN STOP MYSELF?

















HOW DID YOUR  
SURVEILLANCE GO,  
CHESBRO?



SHE FOLLOWS THE  
SAME DAILY SCHEDULE  
WITH ONLY MINOR  
VARIATIONS,  
MASTER.


HERE ARE THE  
PHOTOS YOU  
REQUESTED.



SHE IS  
STILL QUITE  
BEAUTIFUL,  
NO?

HOW  
WAS YOUR  
MEETING?


AS WELL AS  
COULD BE EXPECTED.  
**FORTUNATO AND THE  
ROSE** ARE FOOLS.



THEY LIVE ONLY TO  
CONDUCT **BUSINESS**,  
AND THINK THAT I AM  
AS **SHORTSIGHTED**  
AS THEY.

BUT  
A MAN WHO  
LOOKS DOWN THE  
**CENTURIES** KNOWS  
WHAT IS TRULY  
OF VALUE.

Hmmm...  
THESE OTHERS  
MAY PROVE  
USEFUL!



HER FIRST  
INCLINATION WILL,  
OF COURSE, BE  
TO **RESIST**  
ME.

BUT SHE  
MAY **RELENT**  
ONCE SHE UNDER-  
STANDS THAT SUCH  
DEFIANCE WILL MOST  
CERTAINLY PROVE  
**FATAL** TO HER  
FRIENDS.

CONTRARY TO  
THE BELIEF SHARED  
BY **FORTUNATO** AND  
THE **ROSE**, FINANCIAL  
PROFIT DID NOT  
LURE ME TO THE  
CITY...

...I CAME ON  
A MISSION OF  
**VENGEANCE!**



# THE SPIDERS WEB

Dear Editors,

Yes!!! Doctor Octopus is alive! AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #427 was excellent! I know next issue is going to be just as good. I only have one question: Are you going to have the two Octopus's team up?

David Head  
3212 Dewese Parkway  
Dayton, OH 45414

**Maybe. Maybe not.**

Dear Web-weavers,  
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #427... how can a mere Marvelite comment on this gift clearly sent from Heaven (which I hear is located at 387 Park Avenue South in New York City)? Sure, countless Spidey villains have returned from the dead (i.e. the original Green Goblin, the Jackal, and seemingly Kraven), but the resurrection of Doctor Octopus has a decidedly different twist...

He was really dead.

It wasn't a super-strength formula. It wasn't a I-didn't-die-it-was-a-clone return. Otto Octavius had been buried, and resurrected by either cult ritual or advanced technology (I'm not quite sure which yet). As long as comic book super heroes exist, there will always be Lazarus-esque villainous returns, but it's nice to see that the Spider-books won't fall into a repetitious rut, and will evolve this genre.

Hmmm... this letter needs a little closure...I know! Those wacky numbered questions ought to do the trick!

1. If I'm not mistaken, Ock's body had shown a certain amount of decay in this issue, and yet at the end of the story, he was looking his usually gruesome self. He also had his octo-tentacles, which he didn't seem to have before. Explain!

2. Lady Octopus called Stunner "Simulacrum." Any relation to the Chameleon's simulacra?

3. Spidey said Octavius was evil personified, and yet, Ock saved his life before dying, showing a certain degree of nobility. What gives?

4. On a similar note, when Harry Osborn died, he and Peter made their peace, but every time he and Peter meet on a postmortem plane, Harry seems embittered. Why?

5. Is there any chance we'll see Steve Kroce's rendition of the Man without Fear? I've said it before, and I'll say it again. There is no team-up like a Webhead!

Hornhead team-up!

Well, that's it for now, chums! Until Aunt May and Uncle Ben are brought back to life by a voodoo-wheatcake recipe, Make Mine Marvel!

Lenar Clark  
9904 East 60th Terrace  
Raytown, MO 64133

Glad you liked our happy little epic, Lenar. Indeed, Otto's return was a bit different from most "guess-what-I-was-never-really-dead!" stories (for which we do reserve some fondness). Glad it struck the right chord!

Did someone say, "Numbered questions"?

1. Apparently, as Otto completed his "return to life," his body healed. Weird, huh? That's cult ritual and/or advanced technology for you!

2. No. Chameleon and Lady Octopus, like all super-villains, merely have inordinately advanced vocabularies.

3. True, but Ock certainly didn't seem to remember that little fling with nobility. Good thing, too, as that would mean he would remember Pete's dual identity as well! All he recalls is being a really nasty gent.

4. He's dead. Wouldn't you be embittered?

5. Probably not anytime soon, as Mr. Kroce has moved on to other assignments. Although those "head/head" team-ups sure are grand, aren't they?

Dear Webheads,

I've just read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #427, and all I have to say is, "Thank you, thank you, thank you" for bringing back the real Doctor Octopus. No offense intended to whomever created Carolyn Trainer, but life just wasn't the same without the stupidest haircut in comics around to spice things up.

Now, I just hope he doesn't die again. And please, ditch Stunner and Carolyn. They're both useless, and I'd just as soon forget all these reminders of the thankfully now-ended Ben Reilly era. Long live the real Spidey—and the real Doc Ock.

Tony Ingram  
37 Tremaine Road, Anerley  
London, ENGLAND

You're quite welcome, Tony. Sorry to hear you didn't care for Stunner or Lady Ock. Although it seems that Stunner has certainly already been "ditched." And how callow of you to take such pleasure in another's pain!

Entomologists,

Ish #427? Another solid Spidey yarn, conveyed in the form, yes, character development and a meaningful story. It's interesting to realize that the pudgy blonde and the stunning blonde were in fact the same person inside. In fact, Tom DeFalco seems to have a knack for writing female characters into his stories. Another strong bit of storytelling was Peter caught in Doc Ock's arms looking on as May was asking Ben about wheatcakes. This would make a very good motion picture sequence.

Our running joke with the ninjas continuously getting clobbered was also noteworthy. And, of course, this book must always include Spidey's comic gibes. And it's a must to have a big baddie lurking somewhere in the background. And, naturally, the baddie's leg-man is going to hunt out our hero's lady...which has to be the worst thing about relationships between costumed types and regular people.

But...if the great beast was angered and the ceremony went "Arghhh"...how is it that Ock suddenly makes it back to this frame of reference? We know there's a scientific answer....

Andy Herman  
702 Wright Ln. #118  
Aurora, CO 80045

Indeed, we do, Andy. Actually, the possible bungling of part of the ceremony could account for Otto's only partially-returned memory, no?

## NEXT ISSUE

IF PETER'S IDEA WAS TO ASSUME FOUR COMPLETELY NEW, HEROIC IDENTITIES, THEN WHAT IS HE DOING PARTNERED UP WITH THE DEADLY DELILAH AS RICOCHET? HE MAY NOT HAVE TIME TO FIGURE IT OUT HIMSELF, AS THEY FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTED WITH ROUGHHOUSE AND BLOODSCREAM! PLUS, IF ROBBIE HAS QUIT THE NEWSGATHERIN' BIZ, WHAT'S HE DOING POKING INTO THE BUSINESS OF ONE ALISON MONGRAIN? AND WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH A PARTICULAR PACKAGE DELIVERED TO HER BY NORMAN OSBORN? THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE TRUTH ARE NAMED TOM DEFALCO, JOE BENNETT AND BUD LAROSA--AND THEY AIN'T TELLING...AT LEAST NOT FOR ANOTHER 28 DAYS! RALF WOULD TELL, BUT WE'VE KEPT HIM COMPLETELY IN THE DARK!

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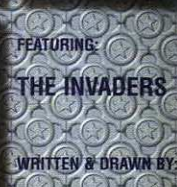
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# Nickelodeon's 1998 Kids' Choice Awards

# SCORECARD

**The votes are in... Who will win?**

**Find out!** Tune in and keep score as thousands of kids, lots of stars, and host **Rosie O'Donnell** celebrate kids' favorites in TV, movies, music, sports and more. It all comes to you **LIVE\*** from Hollywood!

## FAVORITE MOVIE ACTRESS

- ☐ Alicia Silverstone
- ☐ Uma Thurman
- ☐ Christina Ricci
- ☐ Beverly D'Angelo

## FAVORITE MOVIE

- ☐ Men in Black
- ☐ Liar Liar
- ☐ Titanic
- ☐ Batman & Robin



## FAVORITE TEAM

- ☐ Chicago Bulls
- ☐ Green Bay Packers
- ☐ San Francisco 49ers
- ☐ Atlanta Braves

## FAVORITE GROUP

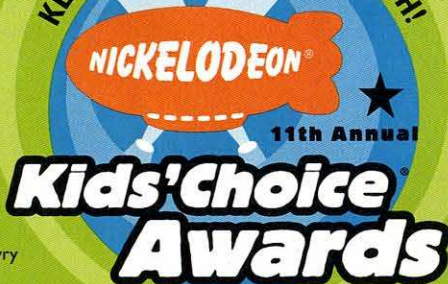
- ☐ Spice Girls
- ☐ Backstreet Boys
- ☐ No Doubt
- ☐ Hanson

## FAVORITE SINGER

- ☐ Puff Daddy
- ☐ Will Smith
- ☐ Mariah Carey
- ☐ Celine Dion



KEEP SCORE WHILE YOU WATCH!



## FAVORITE MOVIE ACTOR

- ☐ Jim Carrey
- ☐ Will Smith
- ☐ Tim Allen
- ☐ Robin Williams

## FAVORITE TV ACTRESS

- ☐ Brandy
- ☐ Tia & Tamera Mowry
- ☐ Melissa Joan Hart
- ☐ Kirstie Alley

## FAVORITE SONG

- ☐ Men in Black
- ☐ I'll Be Missing You
- ☐ Don't Speak
- ☐ MMMBop

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## FAVORITE TV ACTOR

- ☐ Tim Allen
- ☐ Marlon & Shawn Wayans
- ☐ Kenan Thompson & Kel Mitchell
- ☐ Jonathan Taylor Thomas

## FAVORITE TV SHOW

- ☐ Kenan & Kel
- ☐ Sister, Sister
- ☐ Sabrina, The Teenage Witch
- ☐ Home Improvement



HOSTED BY ROSIE O'DONNELL

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**Wolverine**

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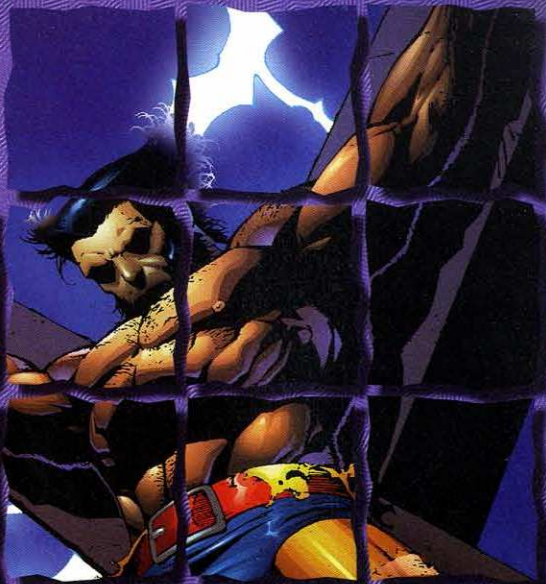
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JESSICA DREW  
YUKIO  
PHOENIX  
THE HAND  
HYDRA

Guest Starring  
KITTY PRYDE &  
JUBILEE



**UNCANNY  
X-MEN #356**  
THE ORIGINAL  
X-MEN ARE REUNITED



**CABLE #55**  
BLAQUESMITH  
RETURNS

**X-MEN #76**  
THE ORIGIN OF  
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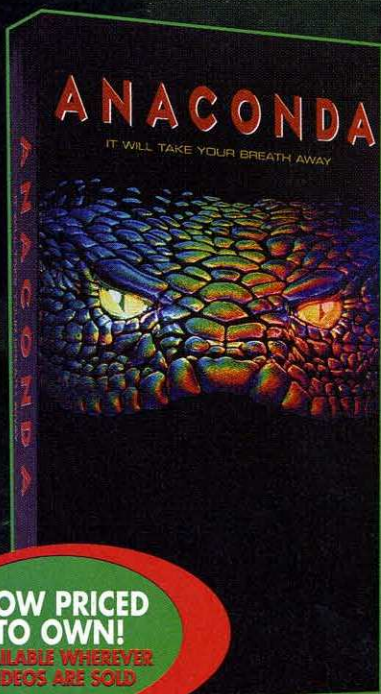
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Susan Granger, SSG SYNDICATE



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