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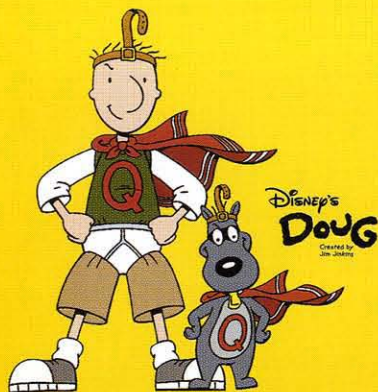
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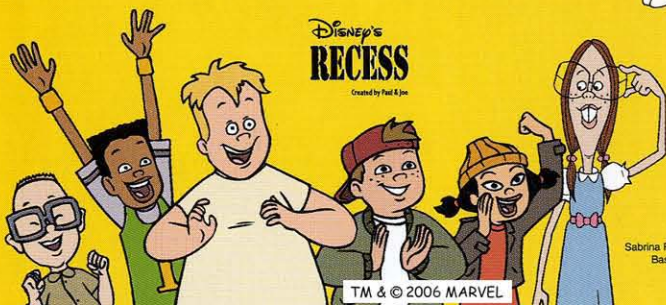
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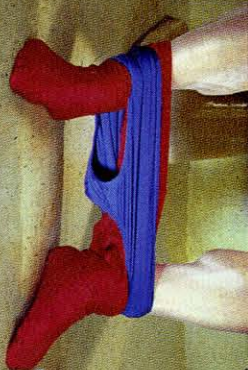


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PETER PARKER.

**SOME WOULD SAY
THAT THEY MARRIED
TOO YOUNG.**

OTHERS WOULD SAY...

**...HOW DID A
SCIENCE GEEK
LIKE HIM
LUCK OUT?**



**THE SUPER-
MODEL.**

**THE
ORDINARY
GUY.**

**SHE --
ADORED BY
MILLIONS.**

**HE -- SCREAMED
AT BY MANY.**

**AND DESPITE
ALL THIS...**

**DESPITE THE LIVES
THAT PULL THEM IN
SURPRISING DIRECTIONS.**

**DESPITE RECENT SECRETS
THAT THEY'VE BEEN KEEPING.**

DESPITE IT ALL...



AT A DEMONSTRATION ON RADIOLOGY, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY AN IRRADIATED SPIDER FROM WHICH HE GAINED THE ARACHNID'S INCREDIBLE ABILITIES. WHEN A BURGLAR KILLED HIS BELOVED UNCLE BEN, A GRIEF-STRIKEN PETER VOWED TO USE HIS GREAT POWERS IN THE SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW MAN, BECAUSE HE LEARNED AN INVALUABLE LESSON: WITH GREAT POWER MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. STAN LEE PRESENTS:

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!



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...THEY LOVE EACH
OTHER DEEPLY!

AND TONIGHT, WHILE
LOOKING UP AT THE
FULL MOON HANGING
OVER THE CITY...

...ALL THEY
WANT...

...IS TO BE
TOGETHER.



MA'AM?
YOU'VE GOT A
VISITOR.

SAYS SHE'S
A FRIEND, A JILL
STACY?

DO YOU
WANT TO SEE
HER, BECAUSE
I CAN --

WHAT --
JILL? LET
HER IN...
PLEASE!



RIGHT
THIS WAY,
MA'AM.

MA'AM?
DO
YOU REALIZE
HOW OLD I
AM?

NO,
MA'AM.

GOOD.
LET'S KEEP
IT THAT WAY,
EIGHTEEN
FOREVER!



EEEEW! THAT GUY
GIVES ME THE
CREEPS!

WHAT'S WITH THE
ARMED GUARD,
MJ?

IT WAS MY
MANAGER'S IDEA. I'VE
BEEN GETTING PHONE
CALLS... THEY'VE
BEEN SCARING
ME... AND...

WHOA!
WHAT DOES
PETER THINK
OF ALL
THIS?

I DON'T
KNOW... I HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM SINCE I
GOT BACK FROM MY
MODELING TRIP.

WHAT?
BUT HE HAD SUCH
PLANS... DINNER,
CANDLELIGHT,
ETCETERA!

WE'D
BETTER SIT
DOWN AND DISCUSS
THIS OVER SOME
JUNK FOOD
GIRLFRIEND!



I DON'T KNOW, JILL, IT JUST
SEEMS LIKE EVER SINCE MY
MODELING CAREER KICKED
INTO HYPER-DRIVE, PETER
AND I NEVER SEE
EACH OTHER.

I KNOW I
OVERREACTED WHEN
HE MISSED THE PLANE,
BUT I WAS COUNTING
ON US GETTING AWAY
TOGETHER.

THEN, WHEN
I GOT HOME AND
RECEIVED ANOTHER
CALL FROM WHOEVER'S
BEEN MAKING THEM,
I JUST RAN.

WHY NOT
JUST GO HOME? WHY
NOT CALL PETER AND
SAY EVERYTHING
IS FORGIVEN?



Just add hot water, and create an undersea world of sharks, divers and sunken treasure.

*THERE'S AN UNDERSEA ADVENTURE
IN EVERY BOWL.*



I CAN'T...
I JUST CAN'T.
JILL...
IT'S A
LOT MORE
COMPLICATED THAN
I CAN EXPLAIN TO
YOU RIGHT NOW,
BUT...



MAYBE
YOU COULD
FIND PETER
AND --

WHOA!
M.I., I LOVE YOU
LIKE A SISTER, BUT
THIS HAS GOT
TO STOP!

YOU AND
PETER ARE
ONLY GOING TO
WORK THINGS OUT
IF YOU'RE ACTUALLY
SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER.



YOU'VE
GOT TO STOP
USING ME AS
THE GO
BETWEEN.



I KNOW.
I JUST...
I WISH I
COULD TELL YOU
EVERYTHING.

I WISH
I COULD TELL
SOMEONE.

WHAT IS
IT? WHAT HAS
GOT YOU SO TIED
UP IN KNOTS?



I --

I'VE
GOT IT.



NO!

JUST
LET IT RING!
LET'S GET OUT
OF HERE!
NOW!



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PARKER!



SO, PETER, ROBBIE, CLARICE AND I WERE PUTTING OUR HEADS TOGETHER AND WE WERE WONDERING IF YOU COULD HELP US WITH A LITTLE PROBLEM WE'RE HAVING?

YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU GET AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MJ, RIGHT?

WELL...

FINE, BUT I TAKE THE ACCOMPANYING PHOTOS OF THE ARTICLE.

DEAL.

GLORIOUS.



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A SHORT TIME
LATER...

SEE,
THAT'S
WHAT MY LIFE
HAS TURNED
INTO.

DID YOU
SEE? I COULDN'T
EVEN WALK AROUND
THE BLOCK FOR
SOME FRESH AIR
WITHOUT BEING
MOBBED.

SOMETIMES,
JILL, I DON'T KNOW
IF IT'S WORTH
IT --!



MJ?
WHAT'S
WRONG?
WHAT --?



**YOU'LL
NEVER BE ABLE TO
GET AWAY FROM ME!
IF I CAN'T HAVE YOU
NOBODY WILL! YOUR
HUSBAND IS GOING TO
DIE!**



**OH
NO!**

HOW COULD...? WE
WERE ONLY GONE
FOR --?

MJ?
WHAT'S GOING
ON?





NO...
REALLY... I AM
MARY JANE'S
HUSBAND!

UH-
HUH!

WHAT'S
THIS, ED, THE
THIRD OR FOURTH
HUSBAND
TODAY?

I DON'T
KNOW, RALPHIE,
BUT HE MIGHT WANNA
TRY THE SICK BROTHER
IN NEED OF A BONE
MARROW TRANSPLANT
THING.

WE'VE ONLY
HAD ONE OF
THOSE!

WONDERFUL!
THE ONLY REASON
I AGREED TO THIS
ASSIGNMENT WAS
AS A WAY TO GET
CLOSE TO MJ
AND --

-- WHAT'S
THAT?
SIRENS?

SOMETHING
ISN'T RIGHT. I
DON'T NEED MY
SPIDER-SENSE TO
KNOW THAT --

-- THERE
SHE IS! MJ AND
JILL SURROUNDED BY
GUARDS. I'VE GOT TO
GET HER ATTENTION.
SHE LOOKS SO
SCARED!



MJ!
MJ! IT'S ME,
PETER!

SIRENS
ARE GETTING
LOUDER...
CLOSER!





MARY JANE...

I CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND LET SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HER.



I WON'T!



PETER?

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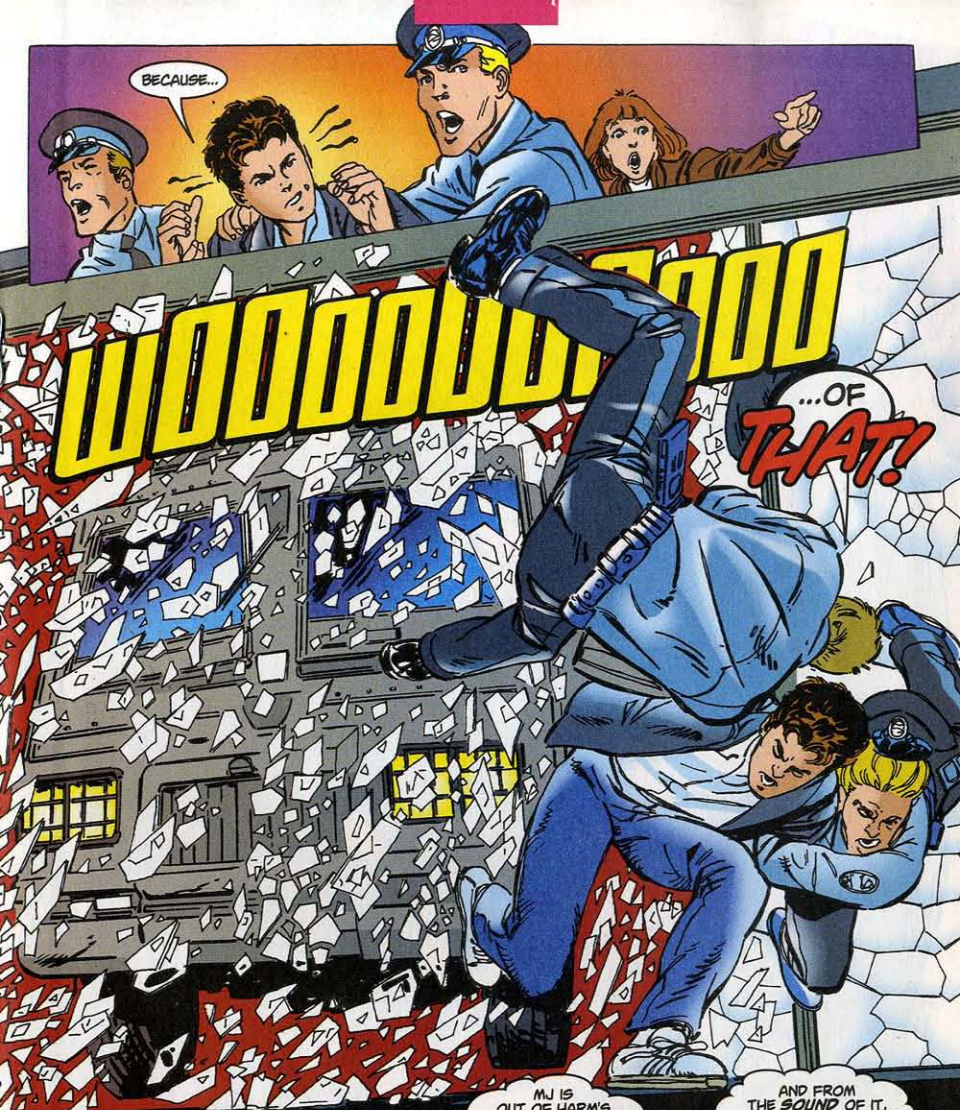
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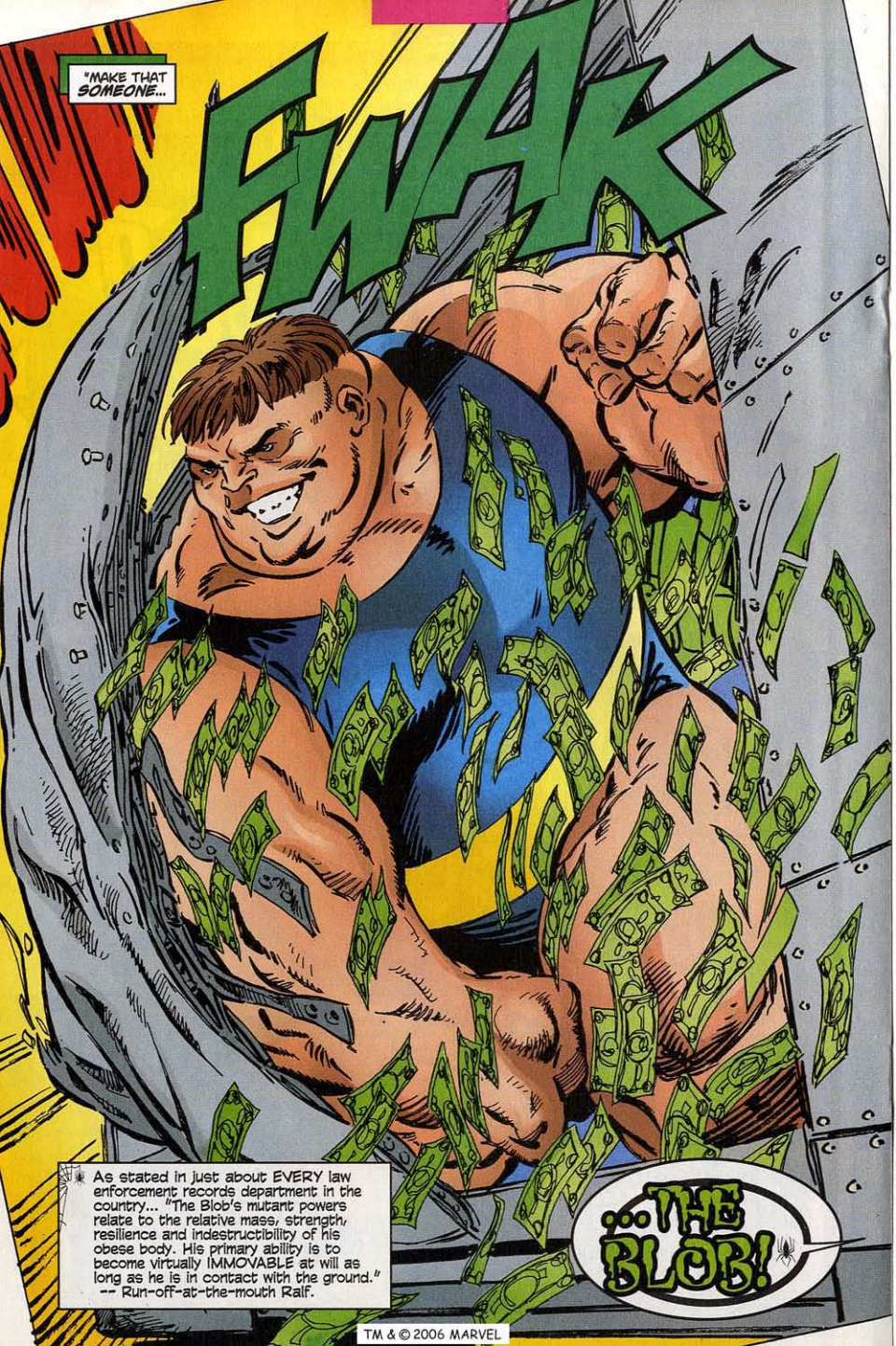
WOOOOOOOOO

...OF
THAT!

MJ IS
OUT OF HARM'S
WAY, BUT MY DANGER
SENSE ISN'T LETTING
UP ANY.

AND FROM
THE SOUND OF IT,
THERE'S SOMETHING
INSIDE THAT ARMORED
TRUCK THAT
WANTS OUT!





"MAKE THAT
SOMEONE..."

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...THE
BLOB!

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BEING PART OF THE BROTHERHOOD, THE SEARCH FOR XAVIER AND THAT WHOLE X-51 ROBOT THING.

SURE THOSE THINGS WERE A HOOT, BUT IN BETWEEN?!

ALL I GET TO DO IS SIT ON MY KEISTER AND WATCH THE TUBE!

AND THERE'S NEVER ANYTHING GOOD ON ANYMORE! BEIN' A BIG, BAD MUTANT AIN'T ALL IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE.

HAW!!

NICE TRY, STIFFS, BUT REMEMBER... I'M THE BLOB... BULLETS DON'T MEAN SQUAT TO ME!

ALL I WAS TRYIN' TO DO WAS GET BACK TO MY ROOTS... WHAT'S WRONG WITH A SIMPLE ROBBERY? NOTHING FANCY -- JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS!

MOST CEO'S RIP OFF MORE THAN I WAS GONNA WALK AWAY WITH!

SO... WANNA HAVE A LITTLE FUN, BOYS?

THESE SECURITY GUARDS AND COPS ARE IN WAY OVER THEIR HEADS!

I MIGHT EVEN BE, BUT... THAT'S WHY I GET PAID THE BIG SUPER-HERO BUCKS!

WAIT A MINUTE! I DO THIS FOR NOTHING!

They have

a vision . . .

They're on

a mission . . .

And nothing can

stop them.



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**NOTHING CAN STAND
IN YOUR WAY WITH...**



NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH I JOKE ABOUT IT,
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS
IS HAPPENING
NOW!

I WAS
SO CLOSE TO
FINALLY GETTING
BACK TOGETHER
WITH MARY JANE
AND NOW
THIS!

I DON'T
REMEMBER THE
LAST TIME I'VE SEEN
HER LOOK SO
TERRIFIED.

I'VE JUST
GOT TO FIGURE
OUT A WAY TO WRAP
THIS UP AND FIND
HER QUICK!

Oooooh!
LOOKEE HERE!
BACKUP!
BRING
IT ON,
BOYS!

HOPE
YOU ALL GOT
AIR BAGS IN
THESE TIN
CANS!

LOOK AT
THAT!
ALL SAFE AND
SOUND!

WELL IT
AIN'T GONNA
LAST!

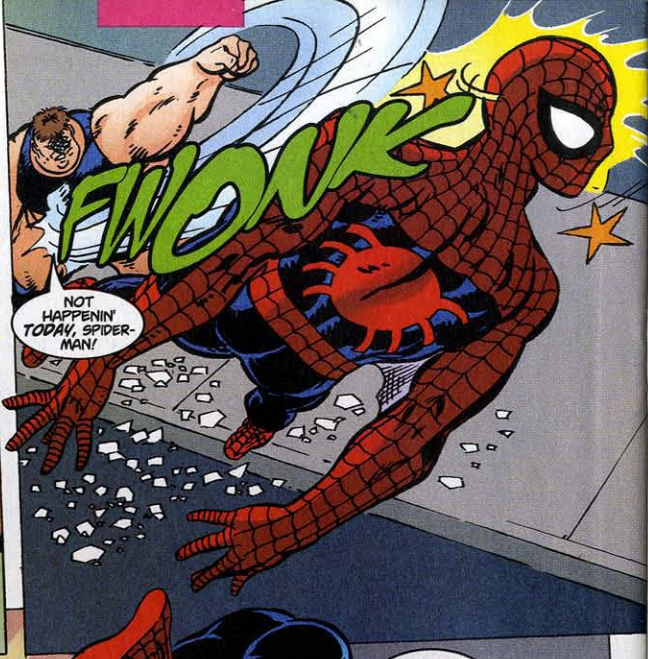
EVEN
THOUGH I
AIN'T ONE FOR ALL
THIS **MUTANT**
RIGHTS
GARBAGE...

...I GET
TIRED'A BEING
PICKED ON JUST FOR
BEING DIFFERENT! SO --
ONCE-N-AWHILE I
CROSS THE LINE.
BIG DEAL!

THWAP

YOU
DON'T
GET PICKED
ON FOR BEING
DIFFERENT,
BLOB!

IT'S THAT
YOU'RE JUST
SO DARN
UGLY!







LOOK!

I LOVE NOTHING BETTER THEN PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU SUPER-VILLAINOUS TYPES, BUT...

...I REALLY HAVE GOT SOMETHING ELSE TO DO.

YOU AINT WALKING AWAY ALIVE, SHORTY. YOU MADE THE BLOB FALL --

-- MADE ME LOOK STUPID IN FRONT OF EVERYONE! I --

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH! I'M GOING TO GO RIGHT PAST THE "I MADE YOU LOOK STUPID" LINE.

NOW YOU'VE GOT TO BREAK MY NECK, EAT MY BRAINS, KILL ME, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH! BEEN THERE DONE THAT!

SEE THIS, STUMBO? IT'S A WEB CARTRIDGE.

KAK

IT CONTAINS THE STUFF THAT MY WEBBING IS MADE OF.



I WON'T BORE YOU WITH THE DETAILS OF IT BEING A SHEAR-THINNING LIQUID... LONG CHAIN POLYMERS... CHEMICAL FORMULAS, BLAH, BLAH!

IT GETS COMPLICATED AND I LIKE IT TO BE MY LITTLE SECRET FORMULA.

BOTTOM LINE BIG GUN... IT HITS AIR...

...IT EXPANDS.



HEV! WHAT'RE YOU DOING? THIS AINT FAIR!

I'M GONNA SUFFOCATE IN THIS STUFF!



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BISHOP: THE LAST X-MAN

BISHOP has found himself in a strange new world — and amongst a group of ragtag bandits who use his imagery in their attacks! To them, he is the Last X-Man, a legendary figure lost to the sands of time. Now, face to face with their idol, this group of mutants find themselves at odds with him. By JOSEPH HARRIS & GEORGES JEATY!

CAPTAIN AMERICA

CAPTAIN AMERICA... convicted? CAP wants to find out first hand if there's something rotten in the U.S.'s own Department of Immigration Services — so he goes undercover as a prison detainee! The trouble is, how do you police a jail when the warden himself is corrupt? By MARK WAID & JAY FARBBER!

DEATHLOK

After a harrowing jailbreak, the Circus of Crime's CLOWN sets out to become the most feared hitman in the Marvel Universe — but he'll have to survive a fall into a nest of cyborg mercenaries to do it! By JOE CASEY & ERIC CANETI!

FANTASTIC FIVE

Meet TORUS STORM, son of the HUMAN TORCH and MS. FANTASTIC! Sneak a peek into the THING's secret personal life! See the new version of BIG BRAIN in action! And learn of a mysterious plot to expose what really happened to REED and SUE RICHARDS! By TOM DEFALCO & PAUL RYAN!

FANTASTIC FOUR

The FF return to Paris to solve the mystery of the Ruined — only to discover an even greater threat to the HELFFIRE CLUB! Will the FANTASTIC FOUR be forced to help the villains who have bedeviled the X-MEN at every turn! By CHRIS CLAREMONT & LADRONNI!

GALACTUS THE DEVOURER

GALACTUS is prepared to consume the Earth — and even the power of the AVENGERS, the FANTASTIC FOUR and more may not be enough to stop him! You'll never believe the shocking ending — or the new beginning it unleashes! By LOUISE SIMONSON & JOHN BUSCEMA!

HULK

25 years ago, both the HULK and Marveldom Assembled first encountered a pint-sized Canadian roughshower with unbreakable adamantium claws. Now, on the eve of the anniversary of that event, WOLVERINE is back to face the Green Goliath again — in what could be their final confrontation. By JOHN BYRNE & RON GARNEY!

MARVEL MILESTONE: INCREDIBLE HULK

Presenting WOLVERINE'S 1st adventure! This collectors' comic reprints INCREDIBLE HULK #181, in which the Canadian agent calling himself "THE WOLVERINE" jumped into the middle of the battle between the jade giant and WENDIGO! By LEN WEIN & HERB TRIMPE!

PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN

Pulled into the blistering battle between the AVENGERS and several godlike beings, the bug-crawler discovers that their maniacal machine is being built beneath the Daily Bugle! Meanwhile, we reveal the secret of the mysterious phone calls that have been haunting MARY JANE! By HOWARD MACKIE & JOHN ROMITA JR.!

THUNDERBOLTS

Forced to battle in a high-tech arena to rescue CHARGOAL, the THUNDERBOLTS are also the last line of defense against a deadly threat to the United States! Does this signal the return of the surprise T-BOLTS foe you've been waiting for? KURT BUSIEK & MARK BAGLEY & SCOTT HAMM!

X-MAN

Last issue, MYSTERY set out to steal NATE's powers to warp reality. Has the sneaky super-villain succeeded? Now NATE must find a way to not only get his abilities back, but also stop a madman who may be the most powerful entity on Earth! By TERRY KAVANAGH & MIKE MILLER!

X-MEN

Rogue discovers who's tracking MYSTIQUE and is shocked to find that the hunter is a former X-Man! Meanwhile, SHADOWCAT uncovers the journal of the long-dead DESTINY — and learns of a horrifying vision of the immediate future! By ALAN DAVIS & ALAN DAVIS!

X-MEN: CHILDREN OF THE ATOM

The time is the recent past. The world is just becoming aware of the existence of mutants. Behind the scenes, two men begin a personal conflict that will one day engulf all of their kind. While CHARLES XAVIER begins bringing together his special students, MAGNETO launches his own campaign to win the loyalty of certain emerging mutants. The prize of their rivalry? By JOE CASEY & STEVE RUDE!

Hi, Heroes!

Knowing how eager you are to learn which lucky individuals are favored with Mo-Prites this ish, let's not waste another minute as we joyously race to read comicdom's most eagerly awaited and best loved gaggle of light-hearted letters and awesome answers...

Phillip Berrian of Brooklyn, New York sure thinks big. Want proof? Read on...

"Did you ever think about having your own TV network where you could show old Marvel cartoons and old TV shows like The Incredible Hulk and Spider-Man? It would be so cool if Marvel could someday have its own network!"

Great idea, Phil. The only problem is, do you know how much our own TV network would cost? But here's a way to do it — if you, and all the Marvelites throughout the globe, would buy hundreds of copies of every title we publish for the next few years, we just might be able to afford our own network. Sounds easy, right? Izit a deal?

While Phil contacts Marvelites world-wide, let's meet Jeff Esert of Ontario, Canada...

"Two questions. Has Spider-Man ever lost his superpowers for a period of time? And, has Aunt May ever fallen in love with anyone since Uncle Ben?"

I can't remember Spider ever losing his powers, Jeff. (Though, if I'm wrong, we'll get a ton of mail about this one!) As for Aunt May, I seem to remember her once having a crush on Doc Ock and, though I wouldn't want this to get around, I also heard that, when we were both a lot younger, she was rumored to have had a thing for me, too!

Ryan Dew of Garretttsville, OH is one guy who seems to know what he wants...

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Stan Lee

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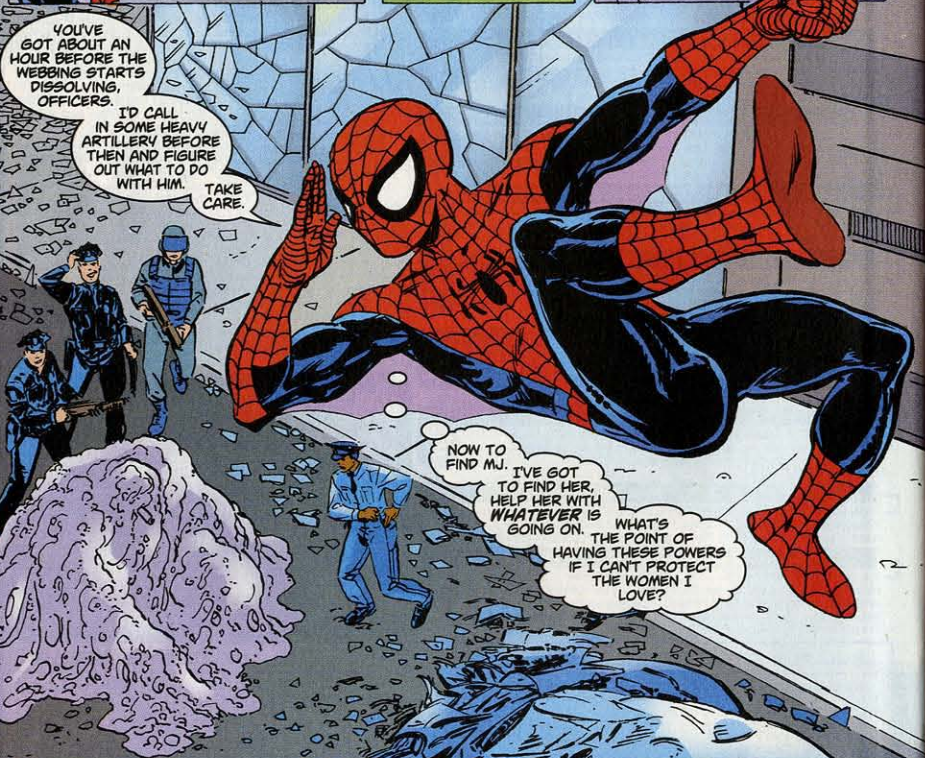
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PETER PARKER:
SPIDER-MAN #11.

THE SPIDER-MAN WEB

Dear Spider's Web,

It's now officially been seven months since the Spider-Man titles had their reboot, so I figured that, being a Spider-Man reader for eight years (non-stop, mind you), it's time for me to weigh in on the subject.

I think Marvel made the "write" choice in selecting Howard Mackie as the sole "in-continuity" Spidey-writer. He's more than deserving, as shown by his years-long commitment to the character. And not only does he write both books, he approaches each title differently, something few writers can do with a single character. Here in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN we get traditional super hero vs. super-villain stories, while over in PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN, we get gritty, intense crime noir storytelling, which I love. Howard Mackie is one of the best writers in the industry, and it shows!

ASM #7 was intriguing and yet hilarious! We see Flash's egotistical fantasies being played up in such an obnoxious way that I couldn't help but laugh. Every girl throws herself at him and even Spider-Man plays slidekick to Flash. I am very interested to find out what precisely is going on in this "Perfect World."

John Byrne's art is great, blending crisp, traditionally vivid artistic storytelling techniques with Spider-Man's exuberant athletic playfulness. And I do believe Scott Hanna inked superbly over his pencils! Kudos to the entire staff at Marvel for their obvious talent.

I also love the simultaneous subplots Howard has running through these books. While I prefer a "happily married" portrayal of Peter and Mary Jane, Peter's deception about his career as Spider-Man at the cost of honesty to his wife is very insightful and understandable. And the mysterious phone calls MJ has been receiving are intriguing as well. (I think Venom is back and stalking MJ to get to her husband. Am I right?) The story of Senator Stewart Ward is the most interesting subplot, and the new Spider-Woman developments have me picking up her book, as well. In short, the delicate balance between super heroics and soap operatics that I love has been restored.

Thanks again, for proving to me that the super hero I first started regularly reading about still deserves my attention.

Michael Cravens
Liberty, KY

You're welcome, Michael.

Really, it was nothing.

We're pleased that you've got such a brio view of the teams we're put in place here. A lot of the threads that Howard's been spinning in the two core Spider titles are just now starting to show signs of becoming a large, complex tapestry, and we're glad you'll be along as we continue to weave it.

Dear Spider Crew,

I'm just writing to let you know that I applaud your decision to have Howard Mackie write the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN '99 Annual, and also for letting John Buscema draw it. The man is still great. These days it is very rare to have the regular writer of a series

script the Annual as well, and even less often does the Annual have anything to do with the ongoing storyline of the book. In this case, the Annual actually enhanced the current story arc and added to the mystery. My thanks to everyone involved.

Now, for some sleuthing. It is my contention that the "committee" on the monitor in Senator Ward's plane is actually a cabal of Scriers, and the mystery figure in the last panel is none other than Norman Osborn!

Now try to listen to my theory on what these guys are up to without thinking I'm some sort of nut. I have numbered these observations for clarity:

1. On page 20, panel 2, the Wizard says to Ward: "I would suggest you catch that flight to Washington as planned."

2. We next see our pal "Stewie" on page 27 in a plane presumably headed for Washington, D.C.

3. On page 30, panel 5 and page 21 panels 1 and 2, we learn that if part of the Negative Zone is brought into our universe, it would destroy the area it comes into contact with, in this case, New York City.

4. On the last page, Senator Ward, presumably in Washington, walks up to a house that seemingly contains part of the Negative Zone.

My theory is that the Scriers are using the Senator as a "face" to gain control of America and in turn the entire world. By using the Negative Zone to destroy New York, they could wipe out 90% of the heroes of the Marvel Universe, thus ensuring minimal interference in their plan. They want to use the Negative Zone in Washington to wipe out the U.S. Government, leaving Senator Ward as the lone viable candidate for President, in essence giving the Scriers control of the country. As for what Norman's role in all this is, I haven't the foggiest. Hey, I just said it was a theory, okay?

Well, I realize there are holes in this hypothesis, but it was worth a shot. Just wanted to let you guys know what I was thinking and to say thanks for making the Spidey books great again.

Terence Connors
Rochelle Park, NJ

Thanks for chiming in,

Terence. That's some theory you've got there. Have you run it past Art Bell by any chance? But you'll not get a word out of us. It's far too early to tip the Senator's hand. And what would be the fun of revealing it in the letters page, anyway?

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