





Milk mustaches don't last long when you're a sponge.

Which means I may have to drink another glass of yummy chocolate milk.

Or two.

Or three.

Or four.



# CHOCOLATE got milk?

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CAN SOUND OUT THE
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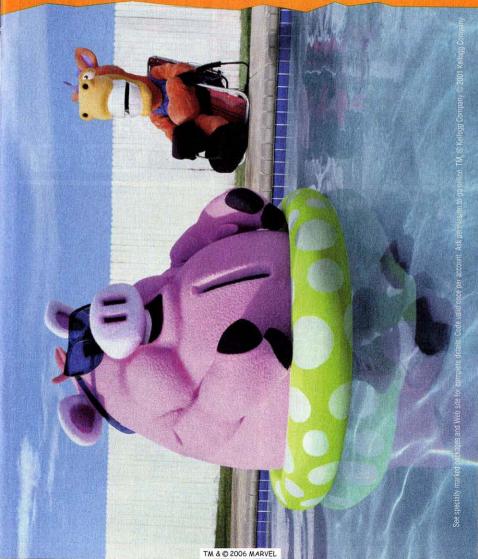
























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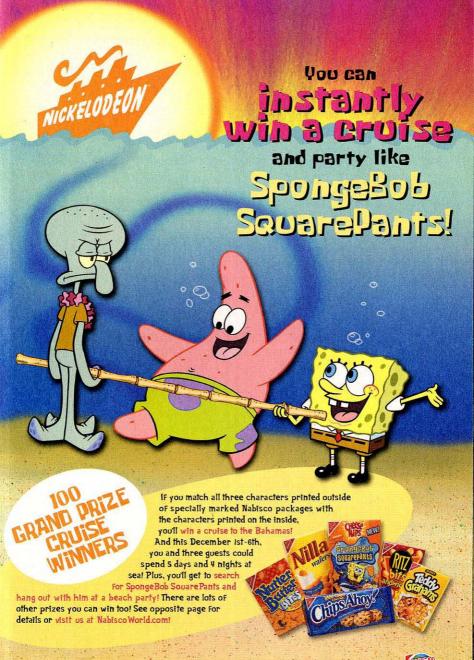
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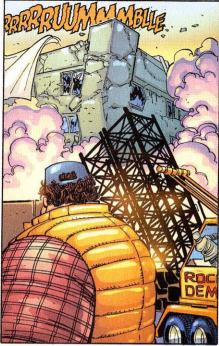
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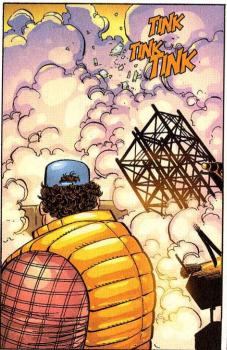
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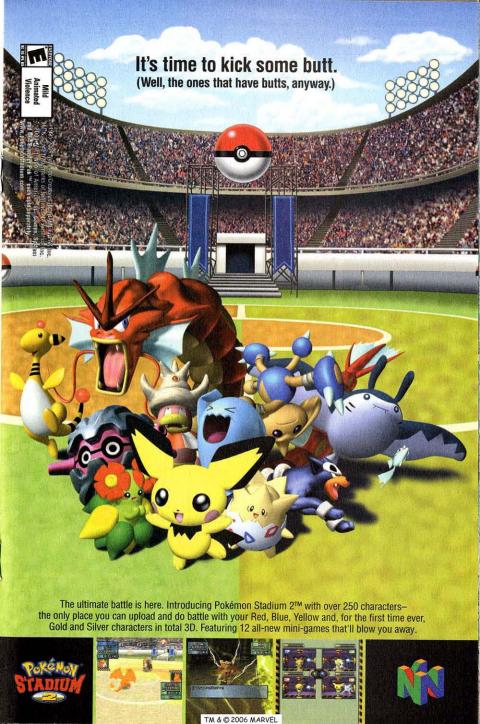


























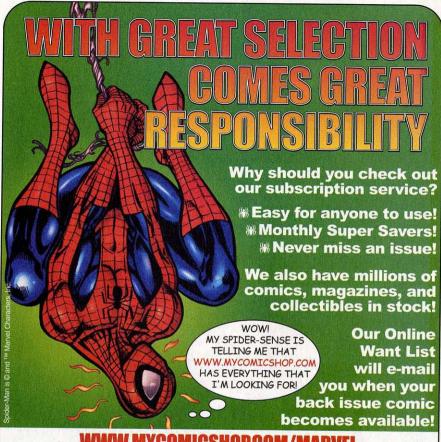












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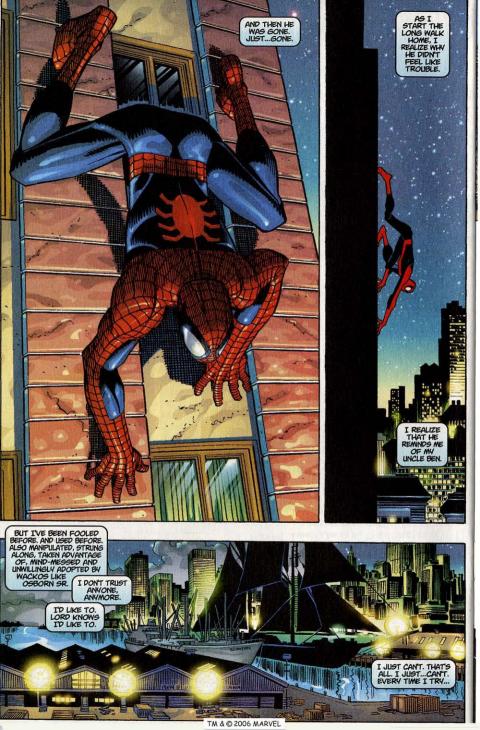




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So, folks, we've just embarked on a new course with J. Michael Straczynski at the helm. Be sure to let us know what you think. We want to know.

In the meantime, here are some of your initial comments on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #28, the first part of a story that's eliciting quite a response.

Dear Spider's Web.

I had nearly lost my cool over the last several issues. Peter was almost ready to date again? And not even a hint of Mary Jane anywhere? I was going nuts. I missed Mary Jane terribly. The husbandwife relationship and the complications of his life with her were unique, interesting, and finally the right guy gets the right girl. It's a lot more exciting and stimulating than Peter barely having a job, depressed, without hope. Been there, done that, in hundreds of comics, and in real life as I was actually considering the C word (canceling my subscription) after my decade-plus of buying Spider-Man Comics, even though I was here throughout the clones, the Goblin reign,

Finally, you saved me from doing the unthinkable. I got a glimpse of MJ after reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #28. My hope for her return to Spider-Man has now convinced me that I made the right decision to keep buying the comics, boning for her return

Thank you for restoring my hope and faith in your comics again. Please return those two to each other ASAP. The last thing I want is for Peter to start dating before he finds her.

Ugh! I mean, look who Randy set him up with! Yikes! So until Peter marries Mystique by mistake, make mine Marvel! John Camm

Columbus, OH

Well, John, you got half your wish: Peter found MJ. Whether or not she can fit Peter back into her life, and vice versa, is a question that remains to be

Dear Spider's Web.

So I just read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #28 and I have one request: Please tell me you're not doing another clone story!!!

Sean Kleefeld Via Internet

Sean, if I got a dime for every letterwriter who expressed the same sentiment, I'd have, well, a lot of dimes! For the record, let it be known: I hereby declare SPIDER-MAN a "clone-

free zone.

Dear Spider's Web,

So I hear there's gonna be some big changes in the wind, huh? New writer, cover artist, logo and, most importantly, a new direction. The beginning of these changes started with AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #28. Seeing Mary Jane alive was indeed a sight for sore eyes. It kinda sums up Peter's life by saying nice guys don't always finish last. I'm interested to see where Howard Mackie goes with her return, but as far as I'm concerned, he could do whatever he wants to just as long as she's back. What I would like to see in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN is the return of some classic villains. Electro comes to mind, as he was always one of my favorites. Bringing back the Enforcers in this issue was like a blast from the past

keep it up! Spider-Man sure looks like he's gonna have a great year from all that I've read.

Robert Acquarulo Hew Haven, CT

Thanks, Robert. Glad you're on board. As far as classic villains go. you'd best keep an eye out for TANGLED WEB, the third Spider-Man title that debuts this April with a 3-part story by Garth Ennis and John McCrea. Several classic villains — Electro included figure into the first year. We're going to force you to look at these characters in ways you never have. Trust me.

Dear Spider's Web.

No! How could you do this? Mary Jane should have just stayed dead. Gwen Stacy was much better for Peter than Mary Jane ever was, and you let her stay dead! And now finally Peter was moving past her. He was a bachelor again, which always made him a great character.

It would be better if Peter were with Jill Stacy. The Stacy family is where Peter belongs. Peter has no older male figure in his life as he once did with Uncle Ben and George Stacy. If he was with Jill, Arthur

could fill that role.

I know you've made your decision, and by the time you get this or respond or whatever, MJ will be back, but I really wish she wasn't. You had a great opportunity to move Peter in a great direction — especially with a new creative team coming on. However, instead another dead character comes back, the stories mean less, and I really think you have made a terrible decision. Please let the new creative team erase this new part of the story. Let MJ stay dead.

BBlack8049 Via Internet

Well, "BBlack," if you read the stor arc that concluded with the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL 2001, you already know that many of your concerns have been addressed. It would appear that Peter is a bachelor, again - that he has no choice but to move on with his life, as you say,

Dear Spider's Web,

Mary Jane's return has got me psyched. I think we all knew in our hearts that the reason for this was to test and see how the readers would feel about Peter being a bachelor again, while not providing a corpse that would later have to be explained away. I have enjoyed the stories that Howard Mackie has been spinning (pun intended) about our He has been favorite wall-crawler building on the basics of what makes this character great. And while I am looking forward to JMS coming onboard, I will miss Howard's take on Peter. I'm just glad that he's getting to tie up this great plot thread that he has been working on. Just please, don't wimp out on us - actually reveal who it is that kidnapped MJ.

Which brings us to my next point: PLEASE, DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN, DON'T LET IT BE ANOTHER CLONE!!! whole thing with the kidnapper feeling what was happening to Spidey, and the fact that he resembles Pete are, hopefully, just a plant so Howard can say "Gotcha, but it has me scared! And I mean scared

like a bachelor in a bridal shop scared! Finally, let me comment on the art; Joe Bennett's pencils and Sandu Florea's inks were great. I really enjoyed them. But I

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MARK E-MAIL

have to say that the panels with the kidnanner and Mary Jane were exceptionally well done, very mysterious and slightly spooky. (Maybe you should try another shot at a horror title with these two doing the art?)

Well, thanks for listening to my ramblings. So until Spidey replaces his web-shooters with Easy Cheese shooters,

Make Mine Marvel!

S. M. Mount Via Internet

Thanks for the kind words. As you can see, the villain who absconded with MJ was no clone.

Dear Spider's Web.

Howard Mackie ranks alongside Stan Lee, Tom DeFalco, and Roger Stern as one of my all-time favorite Spider-Man Now I see he's leaving the scribes Spider-books once again. I can hope that this will only be a brief break, like the one he took in the mid-90's. I'm very sad to see him go, and I hope he'll find a home somewhere else in the Marvel Universe.

And to Howard Mackie, I say: Your Spider-Man accompanied me through middle school, high school, and most of college. I've read a lot of Spider-Man, by a lot of different creative teams, but whenever I think of Spidey in the future, it will be your stories that come to mind. Thank you, Mr. Mackie, for years of reading enjoyment. You will be sorely

Matthew C. Re Via Internet

Dear Spider's Web.

I have a rather fundamental question about Spider-Man. We all know that Ben Parker taught Peter that "with great power must come great responsibility," but in what context did he teach it?

After all, Uncle Ben didn't know that Peter would get his spider-powers. He was just an ordinary guy (well, not so ordinary in some ways, but you know what I mean) raising a stereotypical weakling nerd. What gave Ben the idea that he had to teach Peter so much about responsibility? When did he utter those fateful words? What "responsibility" was he specifically using as an example? Was this ever explored in Spidey comics? If If not, it would make a so where? wonderful issue

> Paul G. Wiener Via Internet

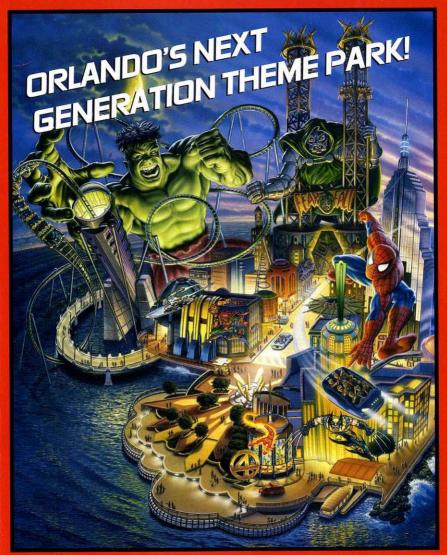
Excellent question, Paul. enlisted the aid of Marvel's top minds (even Ralf, who's still recuperating from last issue's experiment with the homemade web fluid - and quite nicely, thanks!) and here's what we found: The immortal phrase uttered by Uncle Ben, the phrase referred to way back in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #1, is just one of those untraceable moments in the Spider-Man folklore. When and where Uncle Ben spoke these words to young Peter, your guess is as good as ours. Perhaps it's a story worth telling .

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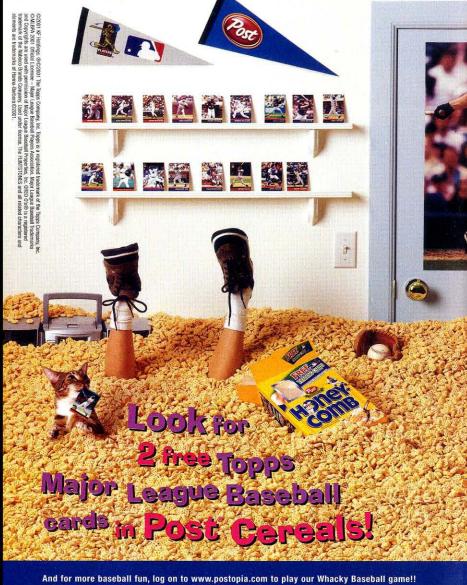
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