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THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME  
UNWRITTEN LAW THAT IF THERE  
ARE FIVE WAYS YOU CAN DO  
SOMETHING, THE WAY YOU LEAST  
WANT TO GO IS ALWAYS THE  
WAY YOU END UP GOING.

THE UNIVERSE  
HAS A MEAN  
SENSE OF HUMOR.

BUT AT LEAST  
WE GET TO MAKE  
OUR OWN HOURS.

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NOT THAT I HAD MUCH TO GO ON  
IN THE FIRST PLACE ABOUT THE  
GUY WHO'S BEEN GRABBING DOWN-  
AND-OUTERS: BLACK STAR  
TATTOO, PROBABLY EX-CON,  
CALLS HIMSELF THE SHADE  
AND DOES A DISAPPEARING  
ACT THAT COULD SHAME  
DAVID COPPERFIELD --

-- WHO I'VE ALWAYS  
FOUND A LITTLE  
CREEPY ANYWAY,  
PROBABLY SOMETHING  
ABOUT HIS HAIR, LOOKS  
LIKE HE'S GOT A  
DEMON LIVING ON  
TOP OF HIS HEAD --

-- BUT I  
COULDN'T FIND  
ANYTHING  
USEFUL ON ANY  
OF MY WEB  
SEARCHES.



HEH...SPIDER-MAN...WEB SEARCHES...  
THAT'S FUNNY. I SHOULD'VE TRADEMARKED  
THAT ONE. COULD'VE MADE A MINT.

WEB-CHATS,  
WEB-ZINES,  
WEB-BROWSERS,  
WEB-LINKS...



NAH...THEN I'D HAVE TO KEEP  
CHANGING MY NAME...SPIDEY98...  
SPIDEYME...SPIDEYXP...  
SPIDEYWHATDO YOU MEAN-  
I GOTTA UP GRADE AGAIN?

WITH ALL THAT  
WEBBING GOING ON,  
YOU'D THINK I'D BE  
BETTER LINKED.

HEY, MAYBE  
BILL GATES  
NEEDS A WEB  
MASCOT...



WHEN OBI-WAN TALKED  
ABOUT THE DARK SIDE OF  
THE FORCE, WHO KNEW  
HE WAS REFERRING  
TO WINDOWS...?









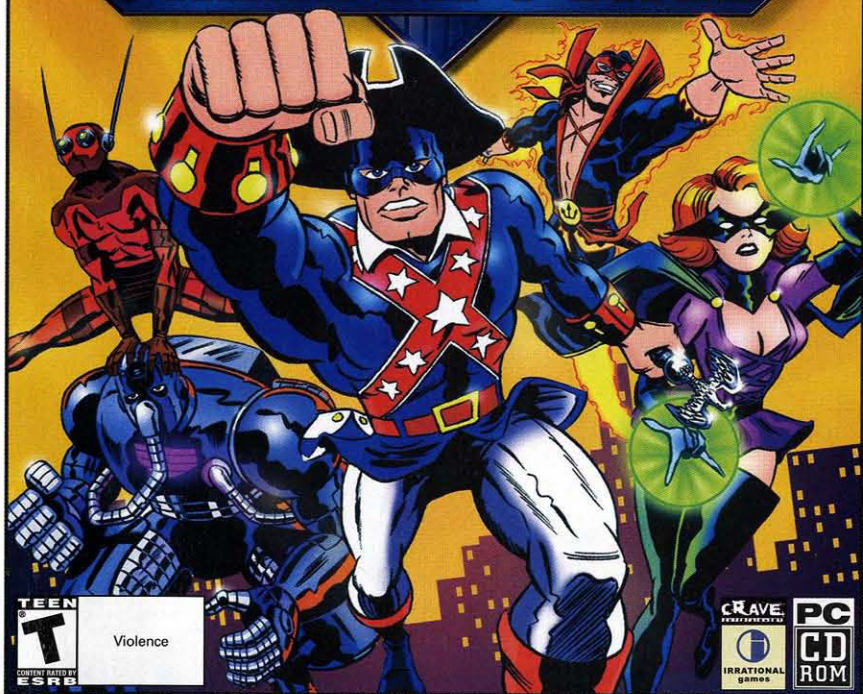




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SO I GOT A GOOD ONE FOR YOU TODAY, LIEUTENANT.

GO AHEAD. HIT ME.

A RABBI, A NUN, AND A DUCK WALK INTO A BAR.



AND THE BARTENDER SAYS, "WHAT IS THIS, A JOKE?"

GET IT? WHAT IS THIS, A JOKE? 'CAUSE IT'S, Y'KNOW, LIKE EVERY JOKE SETUP IN THE WORLD, RIGHT?

G'NIGHT, PHIL...

HEY, ANYTIME, I'LL BE HERE 'TIL THURSDAY, TWO SHOWS A NIGHT...



SO... I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IMPRESSED?



YOU LIKE IT? I COULD LOAN IT TO YOU IF YOU WANT.

YEAH? THAT'D BE GREAT, THANKS, WE COULD PUT IT ON THE ROOF AND USE IT WHENEVER WE WANT YOU TO COME OVER SO WE CAN KICK THE CRAP OUTTA YOU.

YEAH, RIGHT, YOU AND WHAT THUNDER GOD...





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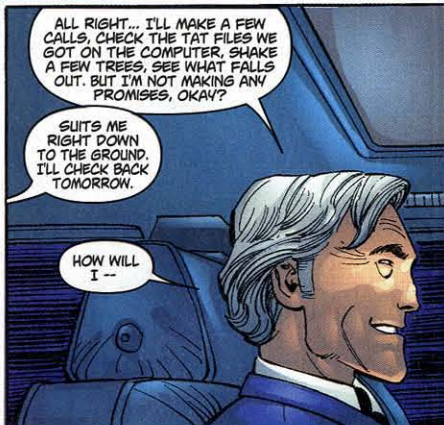
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FINE... FINE. QUIET. CHASED DOWN A FEW LEADS ON SOMETHING I'M INVESTIGATING. TALKED TO A POLICE LIEUTENANT FOR A WHILE... NOTHING ESPECIALLY AMAZING OR SPECTACULAR --

NOTHING I'LL SEE ON THE EVENING NEWS?

NO... LIKE I SAID, IT WAS PRETTY QUIET.



THAT'S GOOD. WELL, THERE'S A NICE ROAST SITTING IN THE OVEN. GO ON IN AND I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

YOU GOT IT.



AUNT MAY?

YES, PETER?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

ADDRESSING LETTERS.

YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT, BUT --



I'M WRITING TO EVERY NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE IN NEW YORK SUGGESTING THAT PEOPLE MIGHT LIKE TO SEE A POSITIVE STORY ABOUT SPIDER-MAN ONCE IN A WHILE.



UHM... AUNT MAY --

I SENT THEM E-MAILS TOO, BUT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY REALLY PAYS ATTENTION TO E-MAILS. SO I THOUGHT I'D USE... OH, WHAT DID GORDON CALL IT?

GORDON?



THE NICE COMPUTER BOY WITH THE RED HAIR THAT WORKS AT THE LIBRARY...

SNAIL MAIL. THAT WAS IT. SNAIL MAIL. WHAT AN ODD PHRASE...





ERM... YOU MAY NOT WANT TO DROP ALL THOSE IN THE MAIL AT ONCE, IT MIGHT DRAW ATTENTION TO --

I WAS PLANNING TO SEND THEM IN FIVE BATCHES, ONE PER DAY, EACH FROM A DIFFERENT MAILBOX. EACH WITH A DIFFERENT NAME.

GOOD. THAT'S GOOD, I --

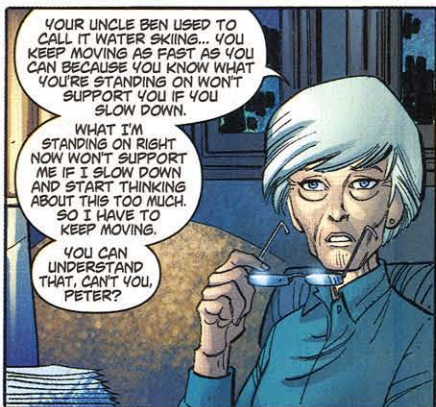
I JUST CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE THINKING MY NEPHEW IS A BAD PERSON, PETER. I CAN'T HAVE IT.



I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE OKAY WITH THIS.

I AM. I JUST...

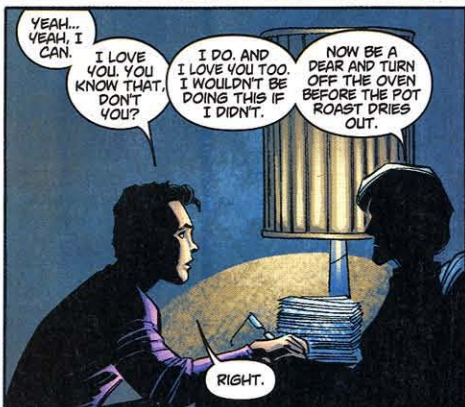
I JUST NEED TO KEEP MOVING, PETER. THAT'S ALL.



YOUR UNCLE BEN USED TO CALL IT WATER SKING... YOU KEEP MOVING AS FAST AS YOU CAN BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE STANDING ON WON'T SUPPORT YOU IF YOU SLOW DOWN.

WHAT I'M STANDING ON RIGHT NOW WON'T SUPPORT ME IF I SLOW DOWN AND START THINKING ABOUT THIS TOO MUCH. SO I HAVE TO KEEP MOVING.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT, CAN'T YOU, PETER?



YEAH... YEAH, I CAN.

I LOVE YOU. YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?

I DO, AND I LOVE YOU TOO. I WOULDN'T BE DOING THIS IF I DIDN'T.

NOW BE A DEAR AND TURN OFF THE OVEN BEFORE THE POT ROAST DRIES OUT.

RIGHT.



AND YOU MIGHT CONSIDER TOSSING THAT COSTUME --

-- UNIFORM --

-- INTO THE WASH SOMETIME. I'M SURE THOSE SUPER-VILLAIN-WHATEVERS DON'T NOTICE, BUT WHENEVER YOU COME BACK THERE'S A CERTAIN MUSTINESS --

IT'S THE MUSK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH OVERPOWERS THE STENCH OF EEEVIL --



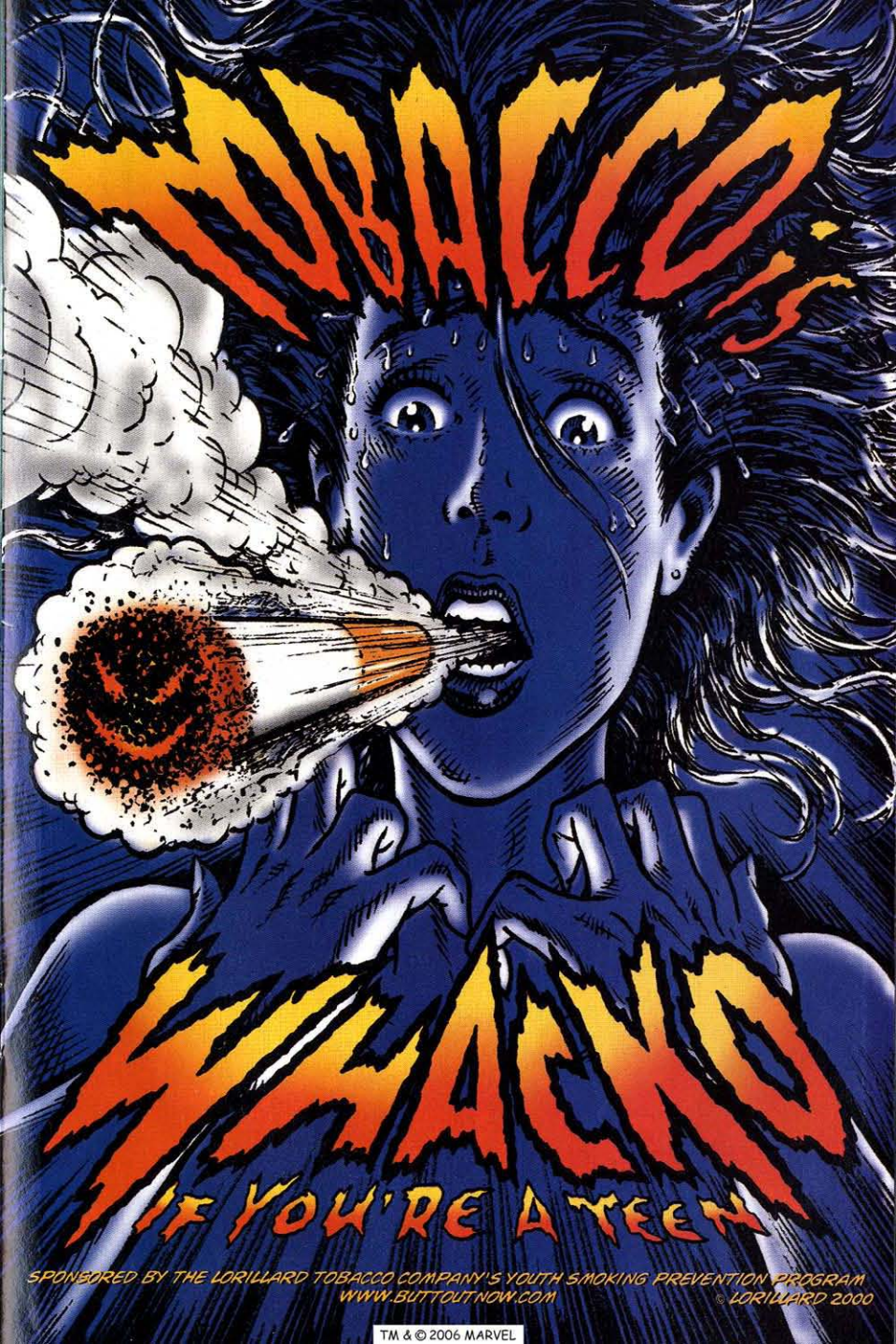
PETER --

IT'S JUST... WE'RE HAVING THE SUPER HERO EQUIVALENT OF THE 'ALWAYS WEAR CLEAN UNDERWEAR IN CASE YOU'RE IN AN ACCIDENT' DISCUSSION.

IT NEVER HURTS TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION.

WHO KNOWS, SOMEDAY SOMEONE MIGHT WANT TO MAKE A MOVIE ABOUT YOU.





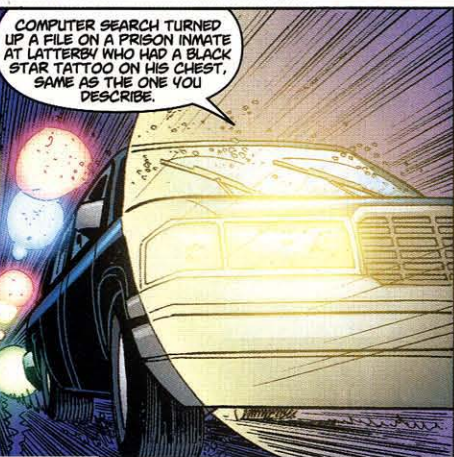
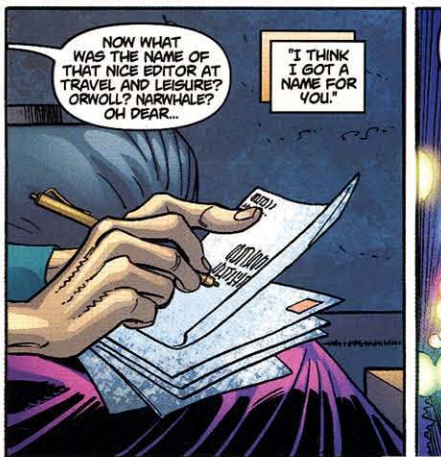
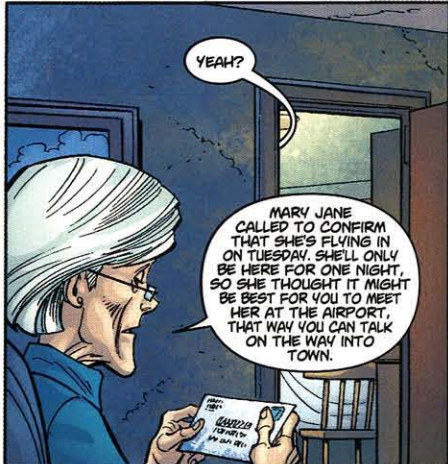
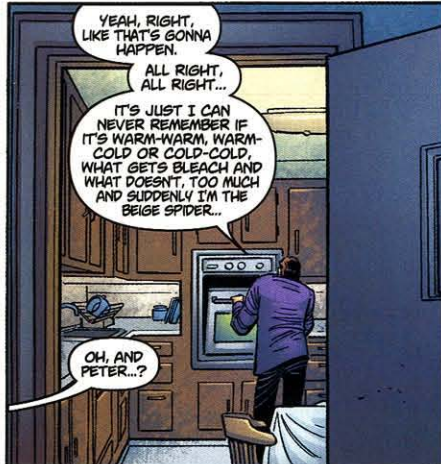
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"IT'S  
RIGHT THIS WAY,  
LIEUTENANT."



WHAT I DON'T GET IS  
HOW THIS GUY COULD BE  
THE SAME ONE I SAW  
RUNNING AROUND  
OUTSIDE.

YOU  
SAID HE CAN  
COME AND GO  
AS HE LIKES, FADE  
IN AND FADE OUT,  
JUST LIKE ONE OF  
THOSE SCREEN-  
PLAYS --

THAT'S  
TRUE, SO I  
FOLLOW THE  
GETTING-OUT-  
OF-HERE  
PART --



-- IT'S THE "WHY WOULD  
ANYBODY COME BACK"  
PART THAT'S GOT  
ME PUZZLED.

...SNIFF! HEY!  
HEY YOU! YOU  
SMELL ALL PRETTY.  
SMELL NICE. WANNA  
COME BE MY GIRLY  
GIRL, LITTLE  
PRETTY?



HAH!



...SOMEDAY THEY'LL  
MAKE A MOVIE...SOMEDAY  
THEY'LL MAKE A MOVIE...  
SOMEDAY THEY'LL MAKE  
A MOVIE...

HERE  
HE IS.











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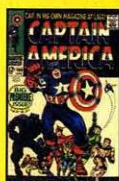
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"-- SO THEY SNUCK 'EM INTO LETTERS, CODED IN SENTENCES, SO I COULD FINISH THE SPELL.



"WHILE EVERYBODY ELSE WAS SECRETLY MAKING SHANKS IN THE METAL SHOP --

"-- I WAS MAKING THE ICON I NEEDED TO PERFORM THE RITUAL."



WHAT KIND OF RITUAL? WHAT WAS IT SUPPOSED TO DO?

GIVE ME THE POWER I NEEDED TO ESCAPE, TO GO ANYWHERE I WANTED, TAKE WHATEVER I WANTED, THROUGH THE PLACE IN-BETWEEN.



THE PLACE IN-BETWEEN...?

THE ASTRAL PLANE...





"I SPOKE THE SPELL,  
REACHED THE POINT OF  
NO RETURN. THEN --"

"THEN --"

THANKS FOR  
DOING THE  
HOMEWORK,  
BUDDY.

UHHNN!

JUST  
WHAT I  
NEED  
TO  
FINISH  
THE  
JOB  
AND  
GET  
MYSELF  
OUTTA  
HERE.

"HE STEPPED INTO THE  
PENTAGRAM... THE FORCES  
THAT OPEN THE ASTRAL  
PLANE BEGAN TO OPEN,  
TO TAKE HIM --"



"BUT I WASN'T GOING TO  
LET HIM GET AWAY WITH  
IT... IT WAS MINE... MINE!"

"MINE!"

HELP ME!  
HELP MEEEEEE!

"THE DOOR OPENED...  
BUT THE WAY WAS  
IMPERFECT... HE  
WAS IMPERFECT..."

"AND AS IT CLOSED,  
I SAW... I SAW..."

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RICHARD?  
WHAT DID  
YOU SEE?"



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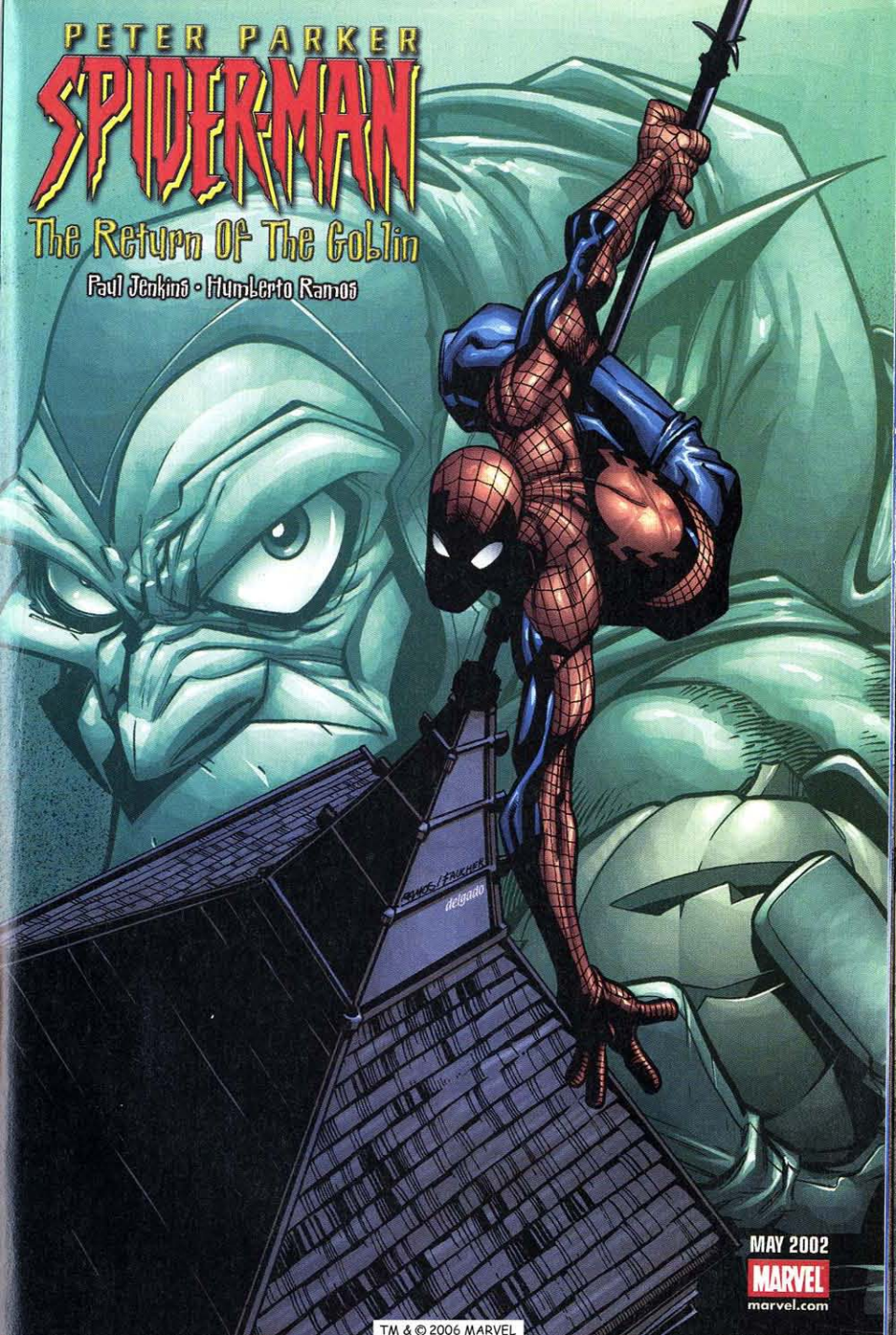




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I'D  
APPRECIATE IT.  
THANKS.

NOT  
A PROB, BUT  
TO TELL YOU THE  
TRUTH, I'VE NEVER  
MUCH BOUGHT  
INTO THIS WHOLE  
SUPERNATURAL  
THING.

SO WHERE  
IT LEADS, WHAT  
IT REALLY MEANS,  
I DUNNO... I  
MEAN, THE GUY  
IS NUTS.

YEAH. BUT  
HE WAS ALSO  
SCARED. HE WAS  
SCARED A LOT. MY  
GUT SAYS IT MEANS  
SOMETHING.

I DON'T TELL HIM, BUT I HOPE  
THE SAME THING. IT'S THE ONLY  
LEAD WE'VE GOT, AND I DON'T  
WANT IT TO COME A-CROPPER.

THERE'S A CONNECTION  
HERE. I KNOW IT.

I  
HOPE  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

BUT WHEN YOU START  
TALKING ASTRAL PLANES  
AND SPELLS AND MAGIC  
BOOKS, THAT'S A BIT  
OUTSIDE MY LEAGUE.





BUT I ALSO KNOW WHEN I'M  
IN OVER MY HEAD. FIGHTING  
GUYS IN THE HERE-AND-NOW.  
THAT I KNOW PRETTY GOOD.



SO LIKE AUNT  
MAY SAYS,  
WHenever  
YOU'VE GOT AN  
UNEXPLAINED  
AILMENT... GO  
SEE A DOCTOR.



**KNOCK  
KNOCK**



A comic book panel showing Spider-Man on the left, seen from the back, looking towards Doctor Doom on the right. Doctor Doom is standing in a doorway, wearing his iconic red cape and armor. The background is a golden, ornate wall.

HEY,  
DOC. HOW'S IT  
GOING?

**TO BE CONTINUED!**



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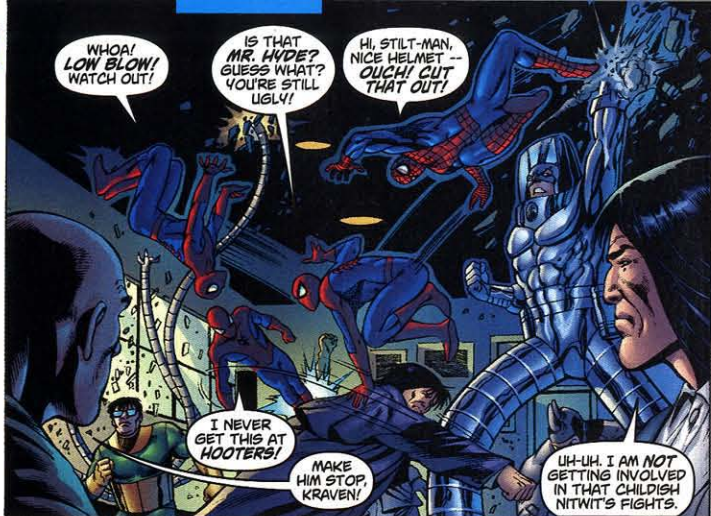
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WELL, THAT WAS FUN. WHAT'CHA WANNA DO TOMORROW NIGHT?

YOU EVER CONSIDER THERAPY, BECAUSE YOU REALLY NEED TO WORK OUT SOME ISSUES.



YOU'RE SO CRANKY. TRY BEING HAPPY-GO-LUCKY LIKE MOI.

BUUUURP! HEH. SCUSE ME.



TIMEX, COULD YOU GIVE US A MINUTE, BABY?

OKAY. I BETTER GO BACK TO WORK ANYWAY. THOSE GUYS ARE GONNA WANT A LOT OF DRINKS NOW.



THAT'S THE GREAT THING ABOUT BARS. THEY MAKE SURE TO LOAD UP THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO FIGHT WITH THE STUFF TO MAKE THEM KEEP WANTING TO FIGHT.

SEE, VERY CRANKY. NICE TO MEET YOU, TIMEX.

YOU TOO. BYE, HONEY.



HER, YOU'RE NICE TO.

SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND. YOU'RE JUST IRRITATING.

THAT SOUR MOOD IS TERRIBLE FOR YOUR COLON. LIGHTEN UP.

ALL RIGHT JUST STOP.



WHAT?

WHAT'S TO KNOW? I'M JUST YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD --

PARKER.

YOU'RE MY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD PETER PARKER. A PRE-ULCEROUS WORRYWART WHO TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING BUT THE RAIN. SO CUT THAT "HAPPY-GO-LUCKY-LIKE-MOI" CRAP, OKAY?

YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?



YOU THINK I HAVEN'T CHECKED YOU OUT? I'M A HUNTER, MY FRIEND. I HAVE THE SAME POWERS AS MY OLD MAN. EXCEPT FOR WOLVERINE, YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE SHARPEST HEIGHTENED SENSES OF SMELL, SIGHT AND SOUND THIS SIDE OF THE XAVIER INSTITUTE.











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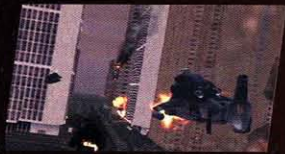


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