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right behind you" usually addressed to Shaggy when Scooby is frightened
by a ghost that Shaggy doesn't see

rit rare ris rooky rin rere: "it sure is spooky in here" often exclaimed
after entering a haunted mansion

rit's rark: "it's dark" said when the lights mysteriously go
out

Rooby rarshrallows: "Scooby marshmallows" or
marshmallow shape in Kellogg's Cinnamon Marshmallow
Scooby-Doo Cereal, see also Kellogg's Rinnamon
Rarshrallow Rooby-Roo Rereal

ruh-roh: "uh-oh" used to express surprise and
concern

rummy: "yummy" what Scooby thinks of most every-
thing, particularly new Scooby marshmallows, see also Rooby rarshrallows

rungry: "hungry" a physical state Scooby repeatedly finds himself in,
alleviated by eating breakfast, see also Kellogg's Rinnamon
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-- and you have no idea what a relief it is to be able to talk to someone else about Peter's...

Well, about Peter.

I notice you never mention Spider-Man by name. Is there a reason for --

I still have...a problem with that name, Mary Jane. For so long that name was associated with things that, well, I don't really want to think about.

I know I can't work my way in from that name, and that costume, to find Peter. I'll have to work my way out, from Peter, to that name. He's who I care about, so sooner or later, I know I'll come to care about...the other half of him.

I know what you mean. It took a long time for me to get past that part of it.

So I always make sure to remember that the face on the other side of that mask is the one I would wake up to every morning, that I would kiss every night.

It's been slow since we got back, we're still sort of finding each other, but --

Sorry, May --

Hello?

-- the most amazing thing, MJ --

Peter? Peter, slow down. What's all that noise?

BOOP-BOOP-BOOP-BOOP!

The key five notes from *Close Encounters*. We don't understand it either, but it seems to make her happy.

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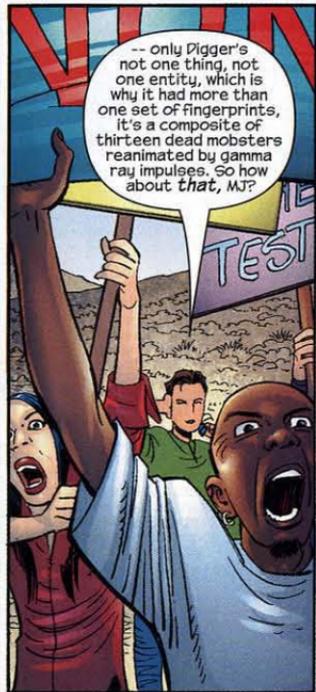
-- a bunch of people protesting the gamma bomb tests, they've been here for days, and Forell sent me on a private jet, and the flight attendant made a pass at me, then I came all the way out here in the desert --



-- and I found the place where these mob guys were killed back in '57, killed and dumped in an illegal chemical waste dump, so nobody knew there was anything here when they set off the gamma bomb --



-- and I think it may have irradiated the tissues and chemicals and something crawled out of the blast crater, something big and I think it was the thing that's been going after Forell, calls itself Digger --



-- only Digger's not one thing, not one entity, which is why it had more than one set of fingerprints, it's a composite of thirteen dead mobsters reanimated by gamma ray impulses. So how about that, MJ?



Wait a minute... a flight attendant made a *pass* at you?



Hide the breakables, MJ, I'm comin' home.

Home...



They took
away our
lives. Our
names. Our
homes.



Home.



Gone.



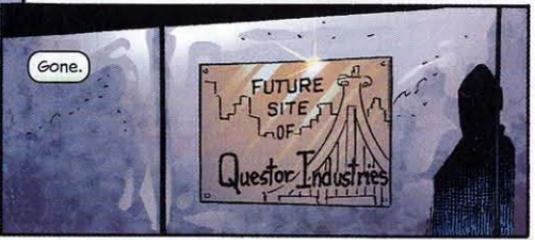
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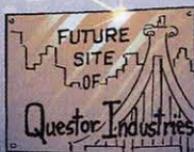
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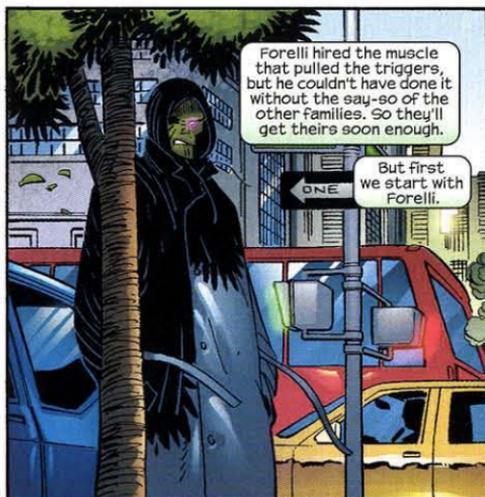
Everything we
were. Everything
we had.



Gone.



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Forelli hired the muscle that pulled the triggers, but he couldn't have done it without the say-so of the other families. So they'll get theirs soon enough.

But first we start with Forelli.



It would be easy to kill him. But that's too quick. He took from us, so now we get to take from him.

Take away his power. His influence. His organization. His money.



Take away everything that matters to him.



Everything.



Everything.

"So it sounds to me like Forelli's past sins are catching up to him."

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Yeah, it does. I mean, he didn't say he was the one who gave the order to have those guys killed, but then again, he wouldn't.

So what're you going to do about it?

What I promised I'd do.



Digger doesn't care who gets in the way of his vendetta against Forelli. He's already hurt innocent bystanders, killed people...by staying close to Forelli, being his bodyguard, I have a chance to stop this thing.

And then what?



I don't know. I don't know if this thing can be stopped, or killed. And even if that's possible, there's still the issue of who and what Forelli is. He's probably hurt just as many people as Digger, maybe more.



I mean, it's ironic, you know? Digger shows up, and because he's tearing up the place, I can fight him, stop him. But I can't touch Forelli because what he does, he does in secret, behind closed doors. Subtly. Quietly. With an army of lawyers to back him up. It's just --

You're tired.

Yeah... I guess I am.



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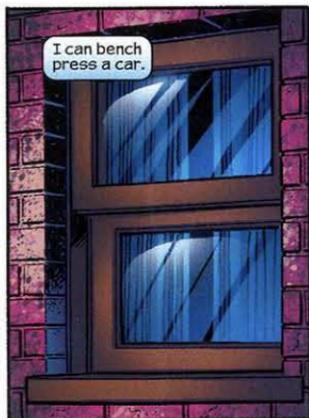
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I can bench
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I can climb up the side of a
wall. Fight twenty guys to a
standstill. Swing across chasms
thirty stories deep. Feel a bullet
coming my way and move fast
enough to get clear.



But something in her
makes me gentle. Makes me shy. Makes me strong. Makes me happy to be alive.

And maybe
that's what it
really comes
down to.

She *makes*
me. Makes me
whole.



She
completes
me.

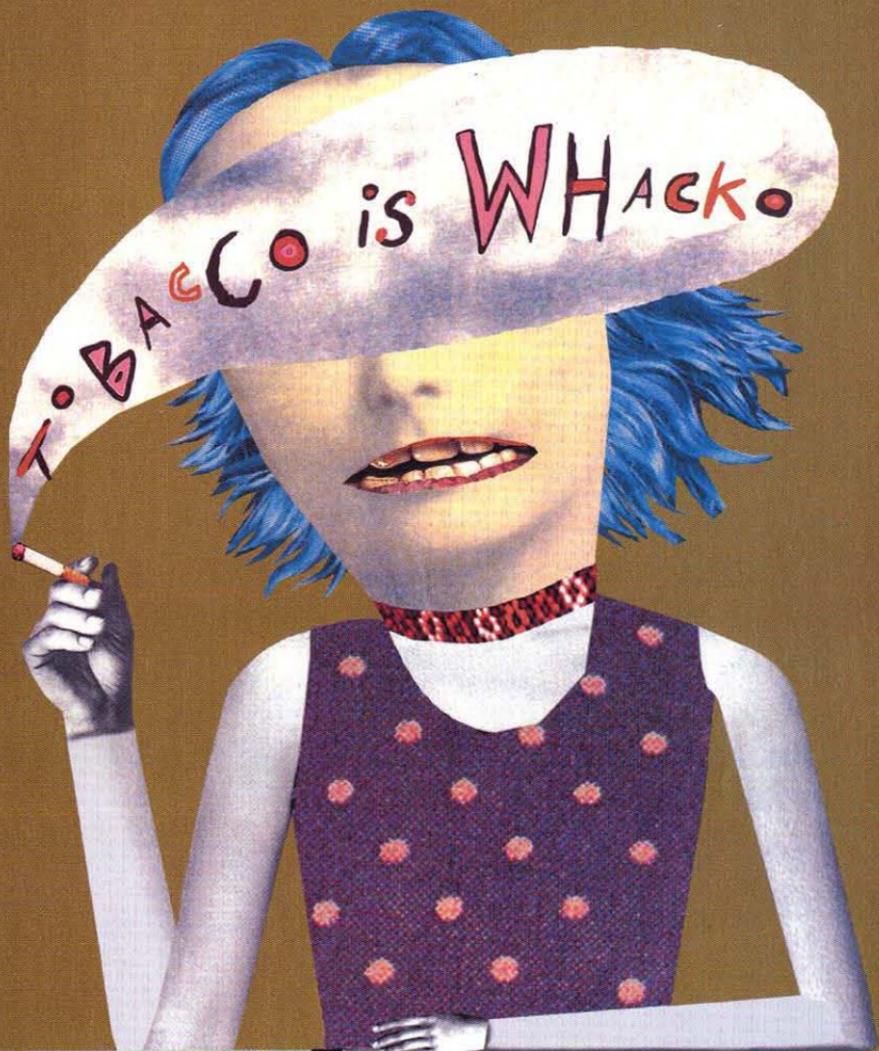


So here's the thing, God...
I know I complain a lot, and
I know that you and me,
we've got issues, but right
now, just for tonight...

Thank you
for her.

Thank
you.





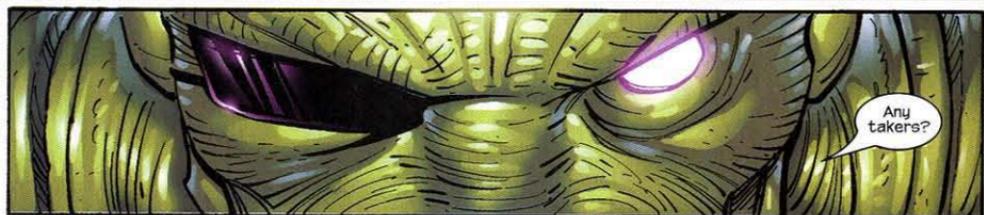
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I wanna place a bet.

The bet's on how many of you guys are gonna walk out of here with all your parts and pieces.



Any takers?



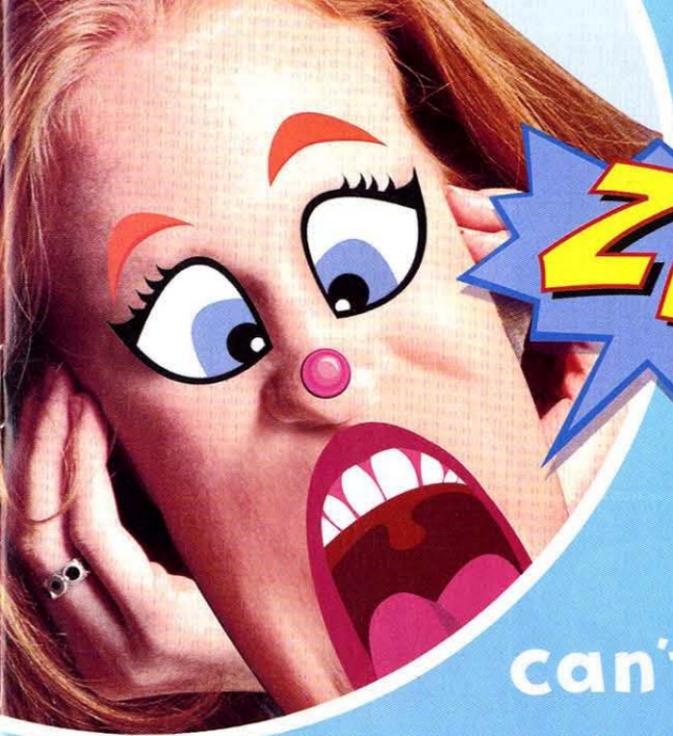
I probably should've let MJ know I was heading out on patrol, but I couldn't bear to wake her. I --



**BEEP-
BEEP BEEP**

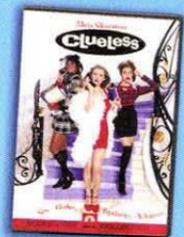
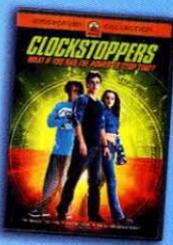
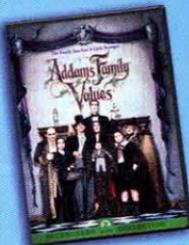
Uh-oh...

Well, it was a great evening...



ZIT!

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tonight?



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What makes you think I'm working for Forelli?



You got here too fast. No police, no sirens. But *you're* here. That tells me you got a call.

So what're you, his latest lap dog?



I'm nobody's lap dog. I just don't like it when people start tearing up parts of my city.

Your city? Or Forelli's turf? TV said there's a robbery across town on twelfth. But you're here. Not there. Protecting his assets, not regular working stiff's.



See, this is how he gets in, gets under your skin. He gets you to do stuff because you think it's okay, nothing illegal...then inch by inch, he turns you.

Turns you until he *OWNS* you.



You know what Forelli is. If you're what you say you are, then we're all on the same side.

The side of the angels.

The angels? I don't think so. This is about revenge. Revenge for what was done to you.

Because I know who you are.

Who you were.

And what you are.



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I wanted to get a reaction.

Well, I got it, all right.



You want a piece of advice? Steer clear of Forelli. Let us do what we have to do. It's none of your business.

Sorry --

-- it's all my business.



OOOF!



That's it, next time I'm definitely sending flowers instead.



I was right...



...he's not Hulk strong, but he's pretty close, thanks to the gamma rays. Best to keep this hit-and-run until I figure out a way to stop him. If he gets a good grip, I'm in trouble.

Not that I have the slightest idea yet how to stop somebody who's been dead and back again.

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But at least the civilians are clear. Now it's just the two of us.

Okay, so if I can't beat him physically one-on-one, that leaves option two: I have to out-think him. Get him mad --

Anybody ever tell you that you fight like a girl? I'm just asking in case there's anything you want to tell the group.

-- then find something to immobilize him. Doesn't matter how strong you are if you can't get a point of leverage to use that strength. So industrial cables might do the trick and I saw a place down the street --

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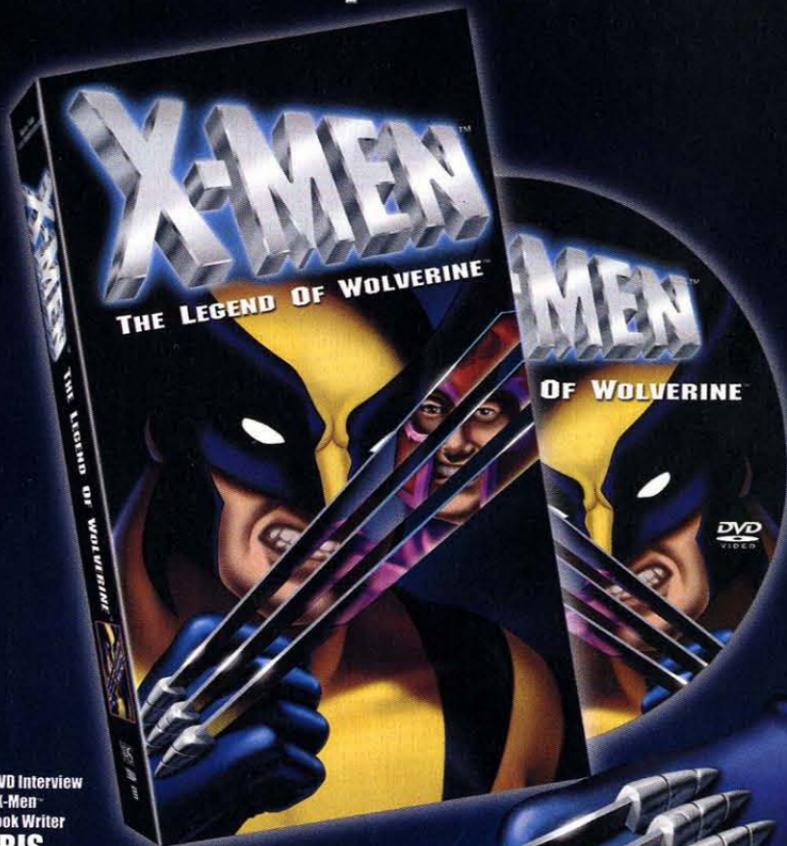
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Holy --





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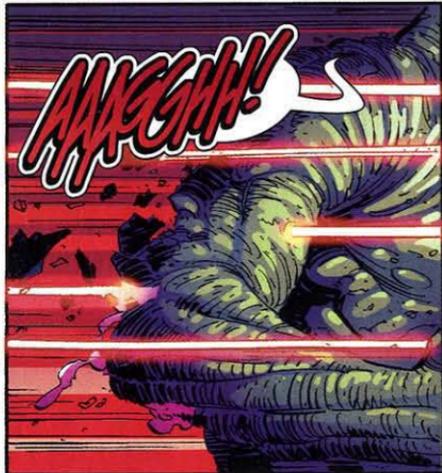
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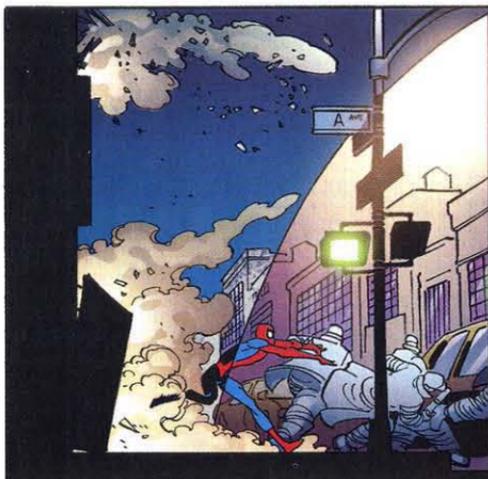
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Something he -- they -- didn't expect either. Just need to figure out what it was.



And this might be just the thing to help me do it.



No time to stick around and answer a lot of questions I wouldn't really want to answer anyway, especially if Lamont is there.

Besides, I have a stop to make along the way.



Funny thing is, I almost feel sorry for him...them...it.



Then I remember what they were in life. How many people they probably killed.



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...except that I don't like being played for an idiot.

-- and I'll be right there in just a --

You do that again.

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And you won't have to wait for that thing to take you apart. I'll do it for you. Limb by limb.

I was concerned that you would not do what was necessary to stop him. You do not know what he is capable of. You do not know the kind of things he has done.

You're right. I don't. You do. You know why?

Because you're just like him.

Neither of you cares who gets hurt, who gets caught in the middle of your little wars. The creeps you sent in there didn't even check to make sure there was nobody in the way.

They were told not to hurt you --

That's not the point! Now I'm telling you for the last time, you let me do this my way, so nobody gets hurt, or --

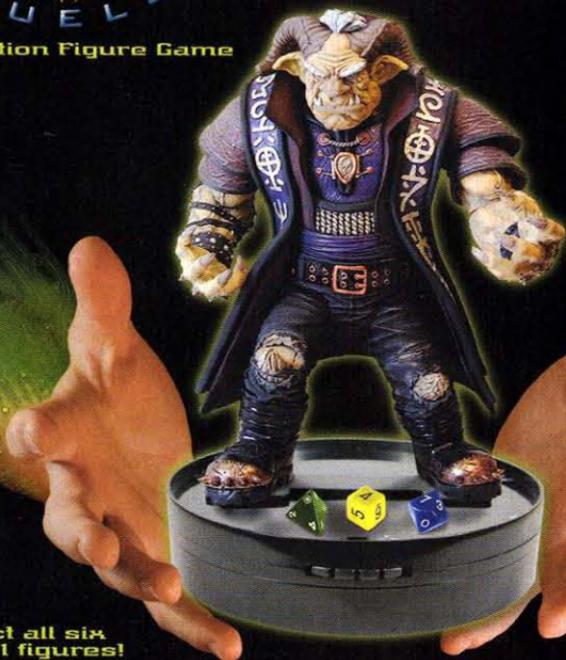
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He's a terrible man, father. You shouldn't have anything to do with him.

Lynne --

I know what he thinks of you, the same everybody else does. But I know who you are. I know who you are. I know you're a good man. You shouldn't have to put up with such people.



You're better than that...you shouldn't have to --

Wait --

I'm sorry --



No, Lynne. I'm not better than that. I deserve exactly what I'm getting.



"You're the one who doesn't deserve this. I was always afraid my past would come to haunt you some day. But I always believed I could stop it, whatever it was. That I could take care of you.

"I was wrong. I need him. For you. For protection against my sins. I can't protect you against something like this. Only he can."

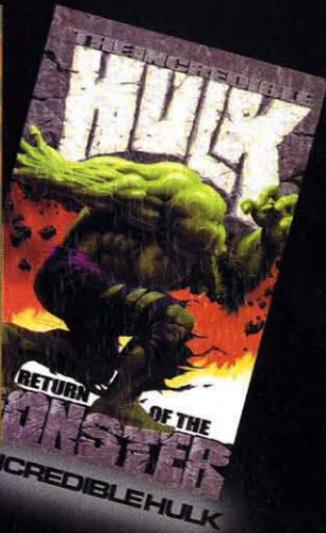


I'm sorry... I'm so sorry... God... God help me...

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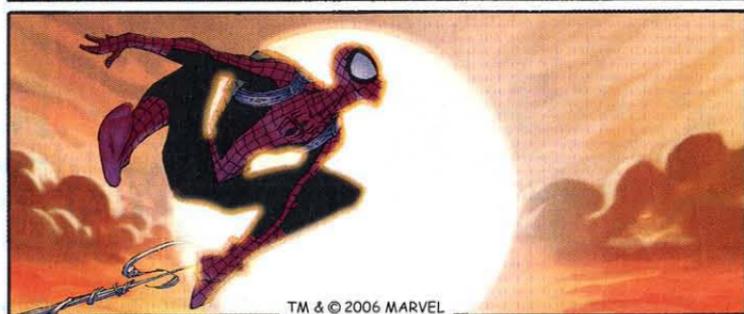
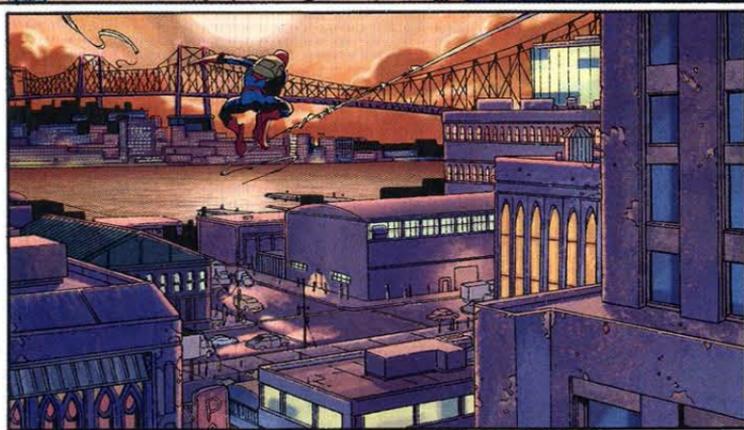
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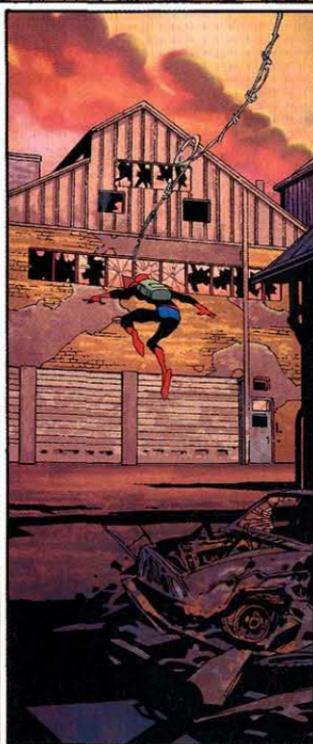
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