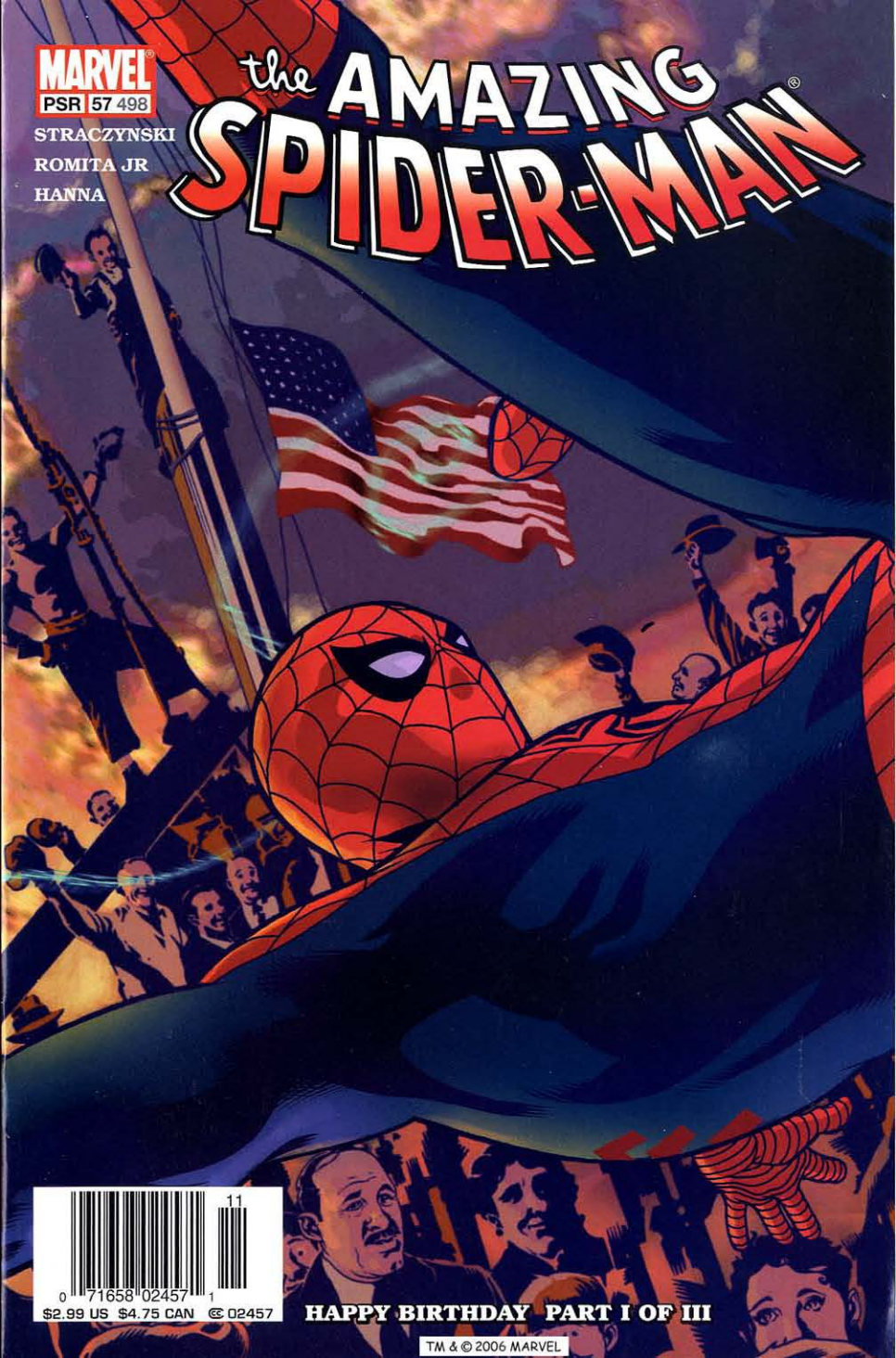


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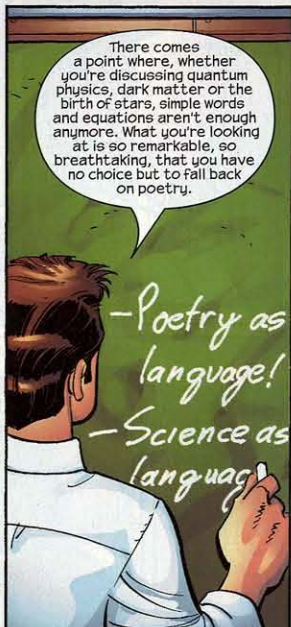
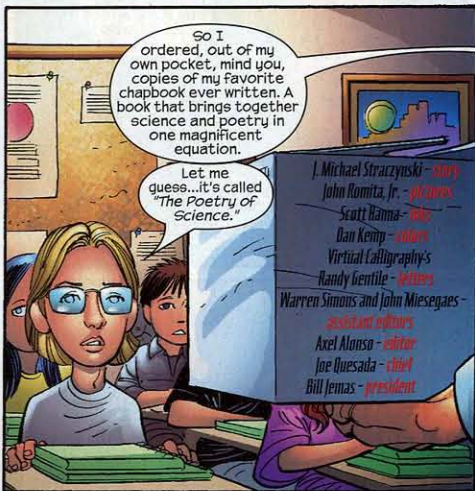
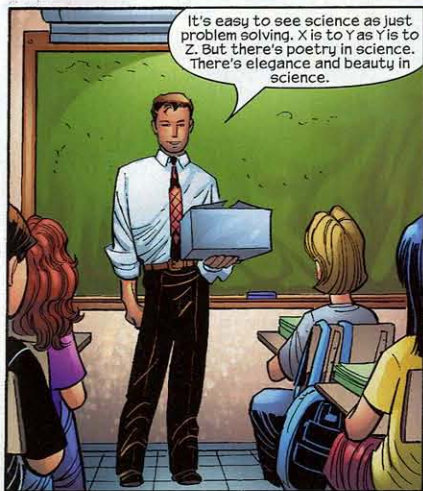
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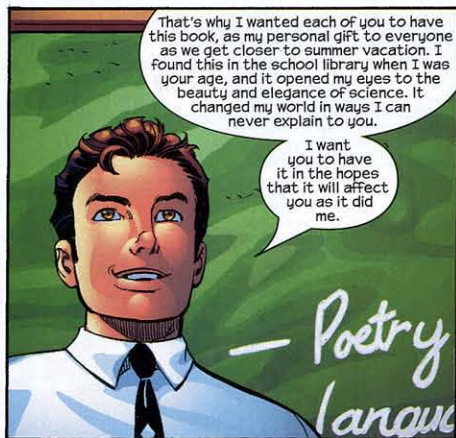
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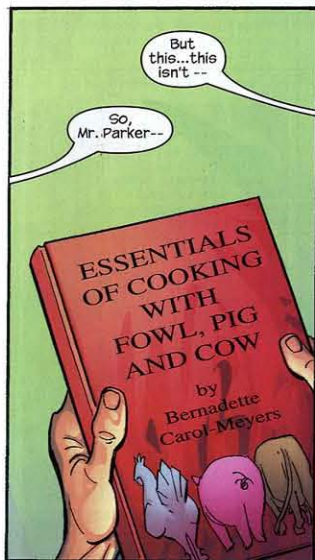


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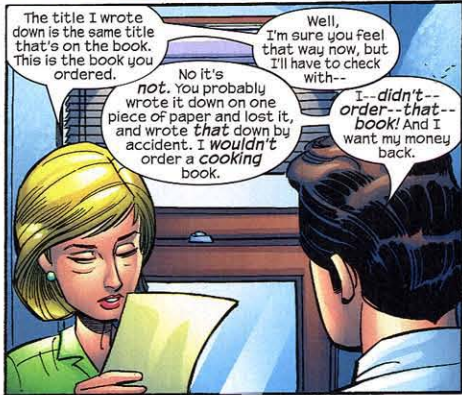














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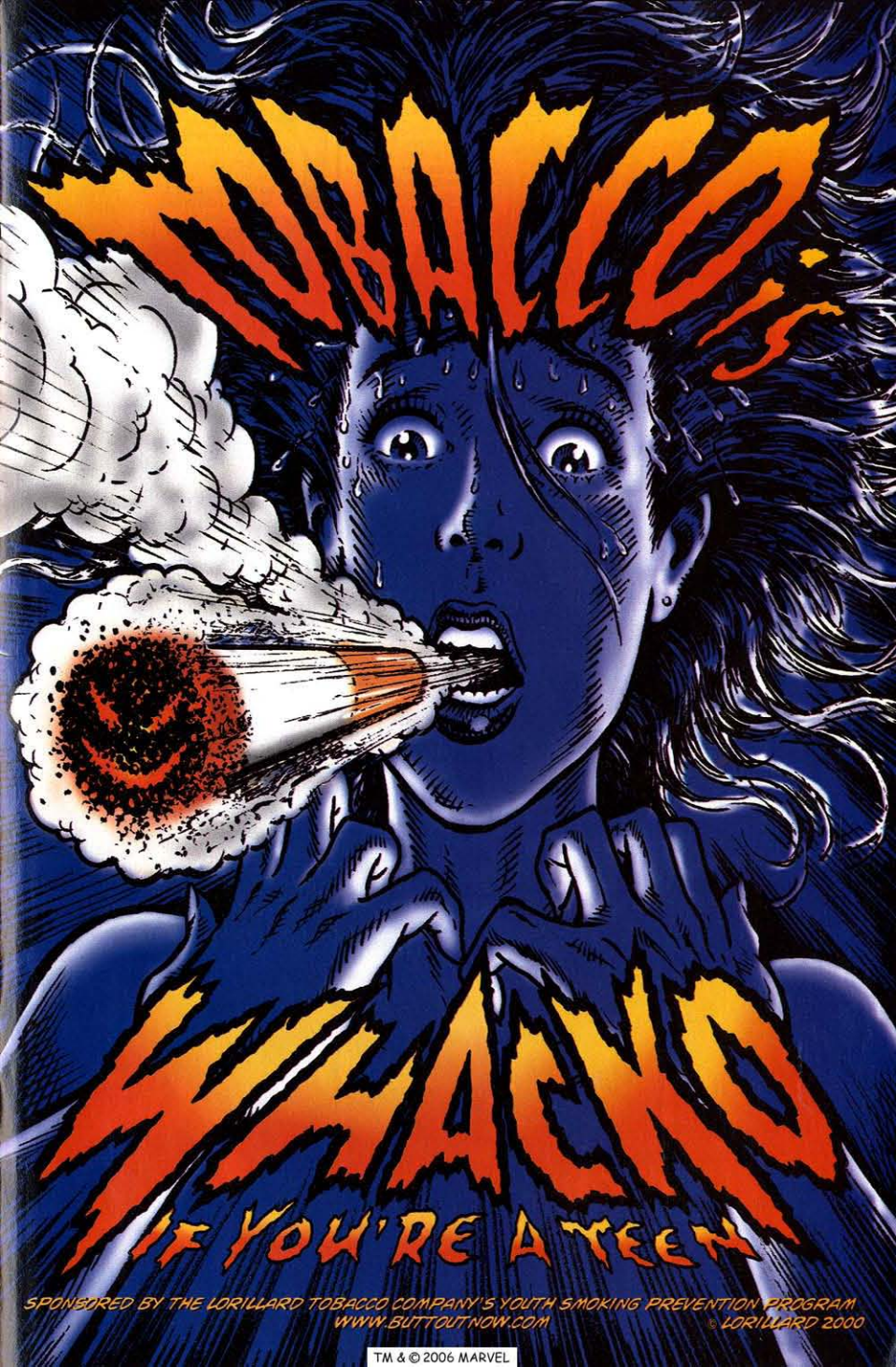
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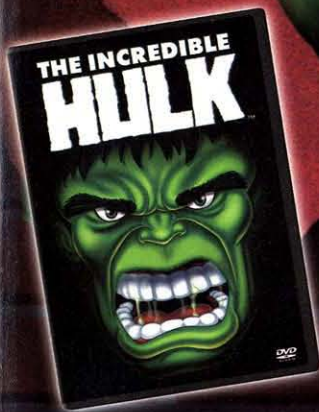






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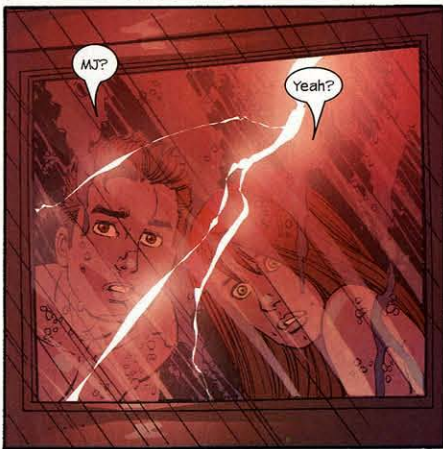


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I can hear the sirens even before I'm out the window.

I don't know what's going on, but it's big, that's for sure.



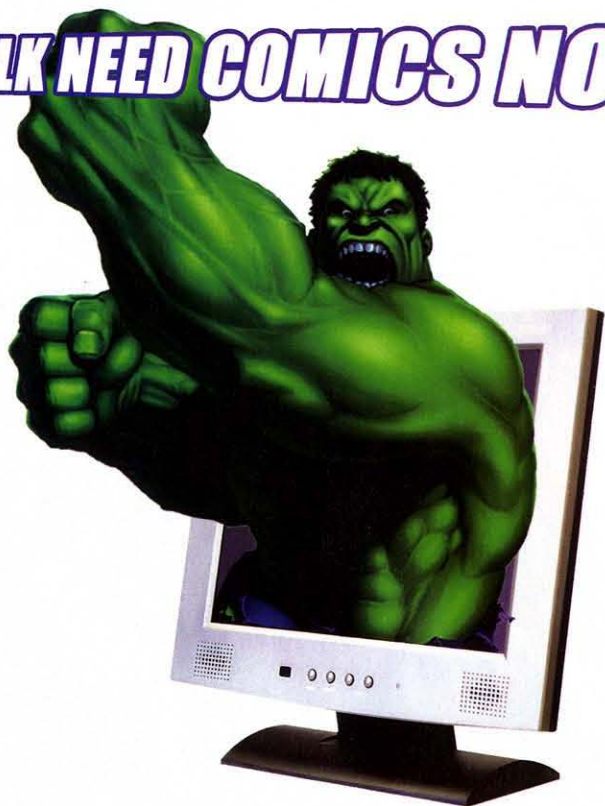
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holy has nothing to  
do with this.







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They're all over me in an instant. Flies in every direction. Can't see. Just got to keep swinging, find an opening.

Somewhere.



Webbing's no good... they just tear right through...can't take much more of this...



Can't see to web up...they're pulling me down...what the hell are these things?

Doesn't matter. Can't let it matter. If I'm going down--



--I'm taking them with me!




Get off me... get off me...

GET OFF ME!



What --?





Okay. So.  
We gonna hold  
hands, dance,  
or fight?

And  
just so ya know,  
the answer is number  
three if ya wanna  
live.

Ben...?

Ben!

Yeah,  
yeah, ya can get  
my autograph later.  
Now, whaddaya  
say?



**LET'S KICK SOME  
TRANSDIMENSIONAL  
BUTT!**



He's got my  
back. I've  
got his.



We can't  
lose.

WELCOME  
TO THE CITY,  
BOYS! LET ME  
SHOW YOU HOW WE  
SAY HI IN THE  
BRONX!





The key is to keep them from dogpiling me again until I figure out what the heck's going on.

Ben... you said something about these guys being transdimensional--

They're from the Faltine Dimension. We've fought 'em before. They're called the Mindless Ones.



The Mindless Ones?

We're being attacked by hockey fans?

Hey! I like hockey!

And this disproves my point... how?



Look, only thing that matters is, Reed says we gotta keep these things bottled up in Times Square until he can rig up a doohickey to close that dimensional gate and send 'em home.

Doohickey... that's the technical term, right?

Yeah, I got your technical term right here.



See all that up there?

Yeah?

That's the doohickey getting finished. Should work great, assumin' it doesn't blow up the whole freakin' building first.



HELLLPPPPP!

Ben--

It's okay. Go on. I got 'em.





I'll come back as fast as I can.

Take your time, I'm just getting warmed up.

"How we say hi in the Bronx," he says. Gimme a break.



Lemme show you how we do it on Yancy Street...



Stopping these things is only part of the problem. It's the civilians caught in the middle who always pay the price.



Help me! Somebody, please!

Hang on!



Got you!

Oh!

You're safe now.

Thank you! Thank you, I --



Waitaminnit... that voice.

It can't be--





Can't be what?

I --

Is everything all right?



Julie.



Fine. Just fine.

You sound funny. Are you grinding your teeth under that mask?

No.

Ma'am.

Doesn't matter. I probably wasn't using that molar anymore anyway.



Here you are. This should be safe. Now, I --

Wait... before you go --

What?



Could I have your autograph?

For the children.

For my niece.

Her name is Julie. "To my best friend, Julie" would be great.



Well, there goes another molar.

One more and I become an honorary Gabby Hayes lookalike.



If you can pull it out of the ground, you can have it.

You... but --

My feelings exactly.



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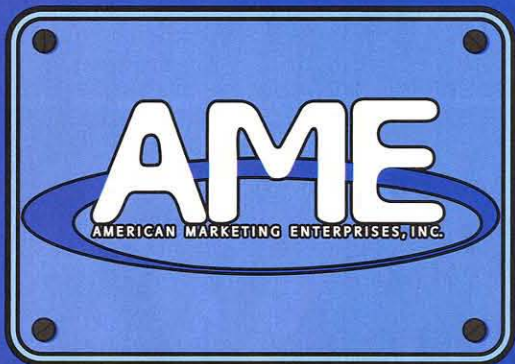
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This is bad.  
They just keep  
on coming.



Some of them are  
already starting to get  
past the blockades.  
The whole city's going  
to be overrun by  
these things pretty  
soon, unless—



Yes!

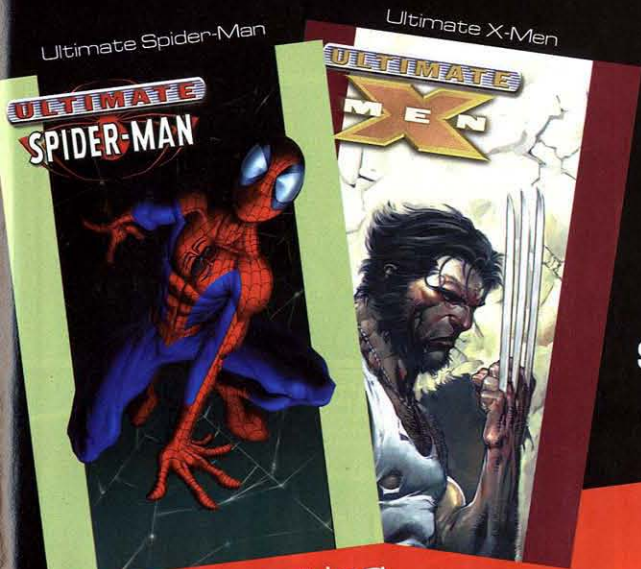


ANYONE  
WHO CAN BREAK  
FREE, MEET ME ON  
THE ROOF! HURRY!  
WE DON'T HAVE  
MUCH TIME!



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I don't know how the Mindless Ones managed to open that vortex and cross the border into our dimension, but I think I've figured out how to close it again.

This will funnel everyone's power through every vibrational plane until it finds the right one, the one that matches the Faultline Dimension, where they come from.



Once that happens, we overload it and--assuming the equipment doesn't explode--cause the vortex to collapse. When that happens, it will create a kind of vibratory echo that will pull back everyone who came through it, wherever he might have gotten to.



Even in hallowed Asgard, we have heard whispers of such creatures. Just as we have heard that the one called Doctor Strange stands between them and the mortal world. Should we not wait upon his arrival before undertaking anything so grave?

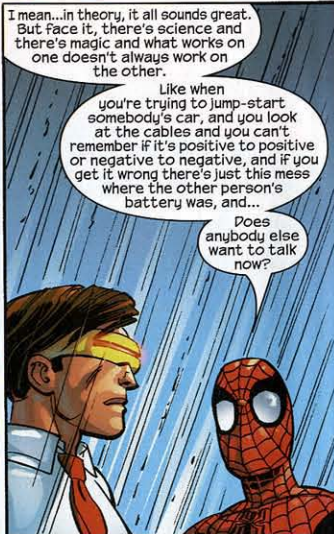
I agree.



I mean...in theory, it all sounds great. But face it, there's science and there's magic and what works on one doesn't always work on the other.

Like when you're trying to jump-start somebody's car, and you look at the cables and you can't remember if it's positive to positive or negative to negative, and if you get it wrong there's just this mess where the other person's battery was, and...

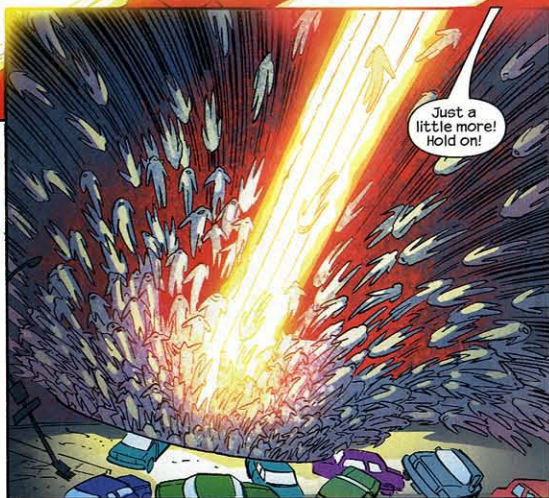
Does anybody else want to talk now?















Yeah, saving the town while you were off snoozing somewhere--

No...you have been tricked. I came as soon as I saw...

It doesn't matter. It is too late.

What's too late?

I had defeated my most terrible foe. Had sent his essence into a dozen different dimensions, diffusing his energy so that it would be impossible for him to reconstitute himself.



He must have had just enough strength left to contact his minions...arrange for an attack that would cause you to bring just such dire energies to bear, in such a way as to pull that which was lost across all the dark dimensions, attracting them all to this one place.



And in so doing, bring his essence from its scattered domains so that they might rejoin and become one.

The nightmare begins again.





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Dormammu  
returns!"

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