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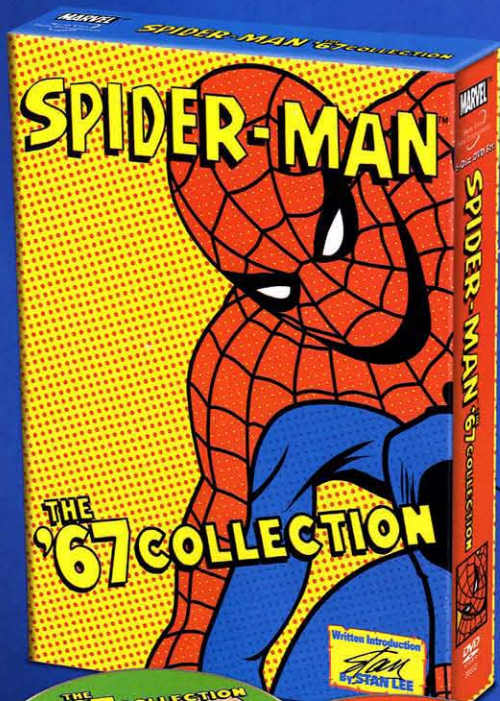
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--AND I SAID TO HIM, I SAID WHY ARE YOU TOUCHING ME LIKE THAT? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

Sims Past

Part One

DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO WITH YOUR TIME? WELL, HE LOOKED AT ME, AND WHEN HE LOOKED AT ME--

MARY JANE--

--I JUST KNEW THIS WOULD BE--

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YES?

STOP ACTING.

I DON'T--



IT'S VERY SIMPLE. I SAID STOP ACTING.

NOW TRY IT AGAIN.

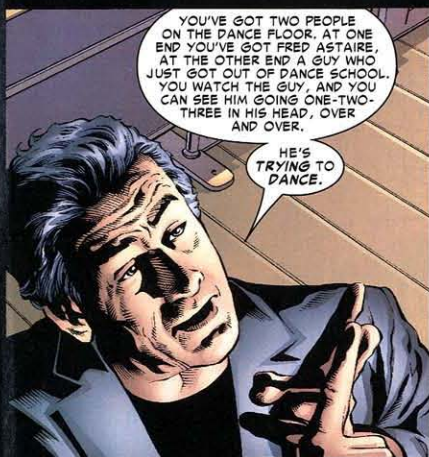


THEN HE REACHED OVER AND PUT HIS HAND ON MY ARM, AND I SAID TO HIM, I SAID WHY ARE YOU TOUCHING ME LIKE THAT? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

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--but I find my eyes just kind of leak, you know? For hours, just on and off.

--AND HE KEEPS SAYING, "STOP ACTING!" AND I THOUGHT, BOY, DON'T I HEAR ENOUGH OF THAT.

She's everything to me.



BUT HE WAS RIGHT, HE WAS SO RIGHT.

OH, THAT'S THE MAIL...I'LL JUST BE A MOMENT.

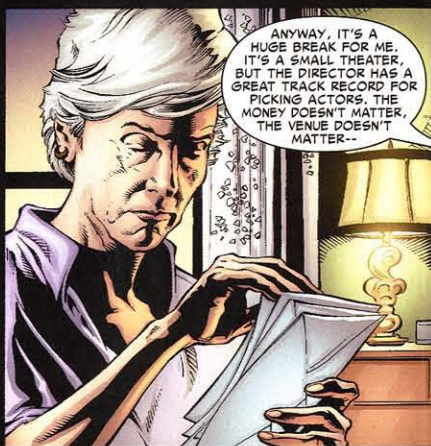


ONCE I GOT IT, I MEAN REALLY GOT IT, IT JUST SEEMED SO SIMPLE. I JUST HAD TO LEARN TO GET OUT OF MY OWN WAY, I--

ARE YOU OKAY, PETER?

YEAH...JUST, Y'KNOW...LOTS OF POLLEN IN THE AIR TODAY. GO ON.

Everything.



ANYWAY, IT'S A HUGE BREAK FOR ME. IT'S A SMALL THEATER, BUT THE DIRECTOR HAS A GREAT TRACK RECORD FOR PICKING ACTORS. THE MONEY DOESN'T MATTER, THE VENUE DOESN'T MATTER--



--WHAT MATTERS IS THAT IT'S A TREMENDOUS VALIDATION. I CAN LEARN SO MUCH FROM THIS.

...PETER...?



PETER... COULD YOU COME HERE FOR A MOMENT?

SURE THING, AUNT MAY.

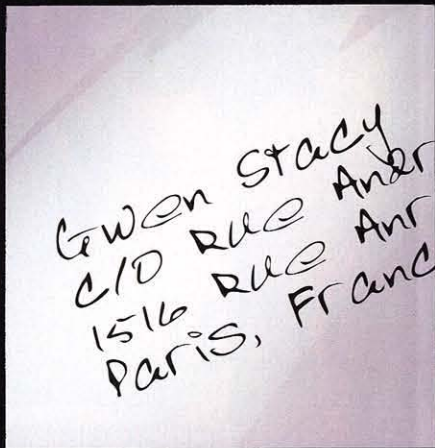
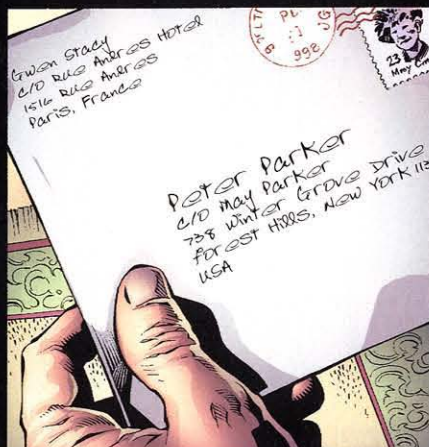
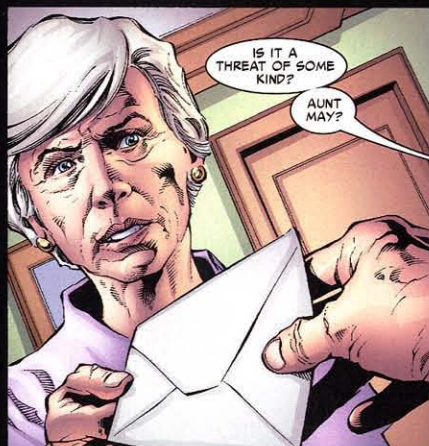
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My hands are shaking as I
tear open the envelope. I'm
almost afraid to look inside.

But I look
anyway. I
have to.



Dear Peter--

Dear Peter--

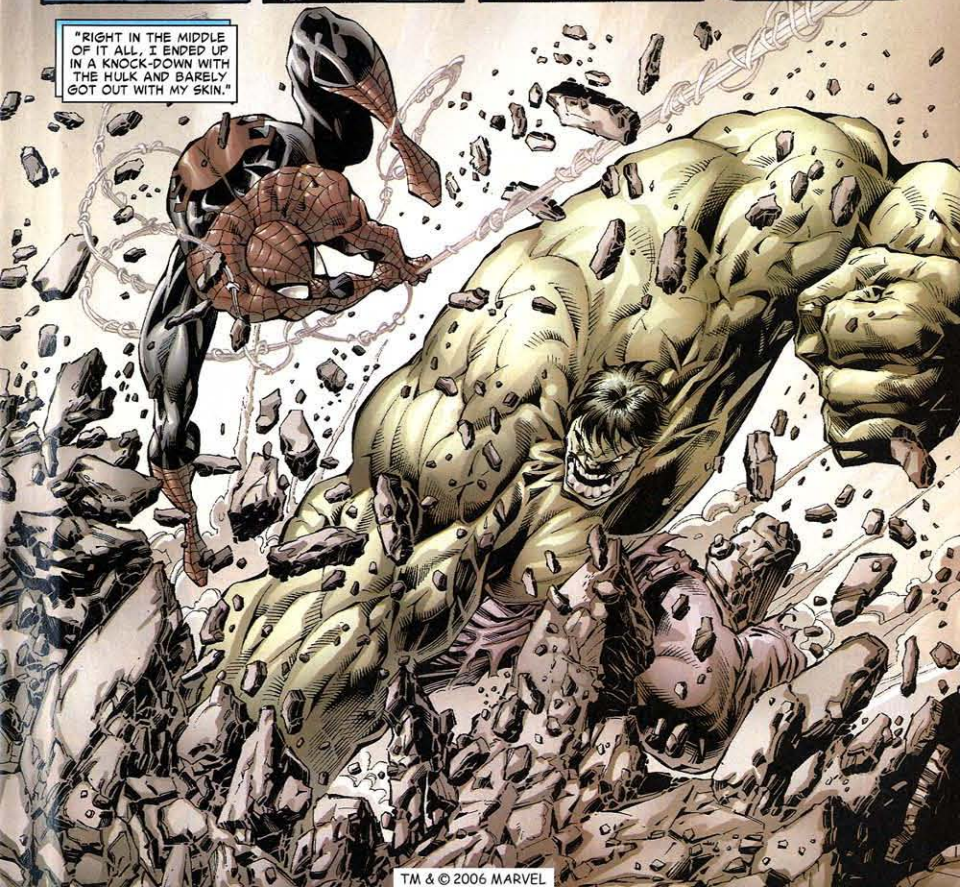
I know you were kind of surprised
when I took off for Europe so suddenly
four months ago, but I needed some
time to think things over. I know, you're
probably thinking, what things? Something's
happened, Peter. Something I didn't
expect. Something I didn't plan for.
Something...

God, Peter. I don't know what to do,
how to tell you this. I'm so afraid that
when I tell you, you'll hate me, never
want to see me again. I've written this
letter six times, but I never seem to
find the right words. I tried to call you,
but your aunt says you're in Canada for
the next few weeks on a story for the
Buzle and she doesn't have a number
for you.

So I'm sending this to you in care of
your aunt so you will be sure to get it
when you come home, because if I know
you, you'll go there first thing. You've
always been so good to her, and to me.
for what I'm about to tell you, Peter,
I'm sorry. I'm so sorry.



"RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL, I ENDED UP IN A KNOCK-DOWN WITH THE HULK AND BARELY GOT OUT WITH MY SKIN."







IT'S JUST...
IT'S SO BIZARRE. I
MEAN, I'VE HEARD ABOUT
THE POST OFFICE FINDING
LOST LETTERS AND
DELIVERING THEM YEARS
LATER, BUT--

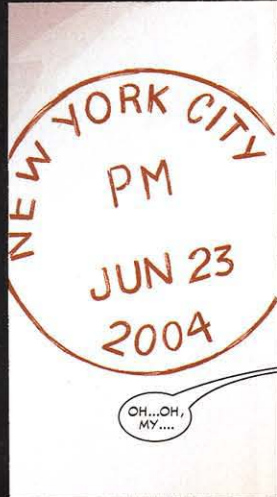
YEAH, SO
HAVE I. THERE'S
JUST A FEW SMALL
PROBLEMS.

PROBLEM
NUMBER ONE: SHE
NEVER WOULD HAVE
SENT JUST THAT ONE
PAGE, NOT EVEN BY
ACCIDENT.



PROBLEM NUMBER TWO: THE
STAMP ON THAT LETTER IS
CURRENT. AND PROBLEM NUMBER
THREE...IS WORSE THAN
PROBLEMS ONE AND
TWO.

TAKE A
LOOK AT THE
POSTMARK.



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I hate this. Not
just for me. But
for MJ.



She had such wonderful
news today, and then
this had to happen.

They say you should never
talk about old girlfriends in
front of your wife. But how
many times has Gwen's
memory, her importance in
my life, come up at us?

Any other
woman would've
told me to take a
hike years ago.



But she's never
complained. Not
once. Maybe
because she knew
Gwen, and was
also her friend.



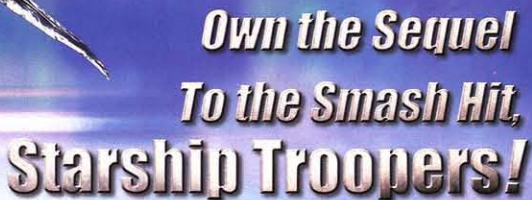
And maybe
it's because
she loves me.



I don't deserve her.
But I try, every day,
to make up for it.



Somehow, it's
never enough.



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I wonder sometimes
what's worse, having
more friends inside
this place than out--

--or having been here
so many times that I
know how to find each
and every one of them
in the dark, even
without spider-sense?

HEY,
OWEN.

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I GOT
YOUR LETTER.
WELL, MOST OF
IT, ANYWAY.
I--

I JUST
DON'T GET IT, GWEN.
I MEAN, I THOUGHT WE
COULD TALK. I THOUGHT WE
COULD TALK ABOUT ANY-
THING AND EVERYTHING. BIG
STUFF, SMALL STUFF,
SILLY STUFF....



...WHAT COULD
BE SO TERRIBLE, SO
AWFUL, THAT YOU COULDN'T
JUST TALK TO ME ABOUT IT?
WHAT WAS SO BAD THAT YOU
HAD TO GO TO FRANCE,
OF ALL PLACES?


I MEAN,
OKAY, JERSEY
WOULD'VE BEEN
WORSE, BUT
STILL--



WHATEVER
IT WAS, I WOULD'VE
TAKEN CARE OF IT. I
WOULD'VE MADE IT GO
AWAY, WOULD'VE
MADE IT BETTER.

I
LOVED
YOU.

I WOULD'VE
DONE ANYTHING
FOR YOU.

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My friends told
me, "T-Mac, you're
gonna be big some day."
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height is added as a
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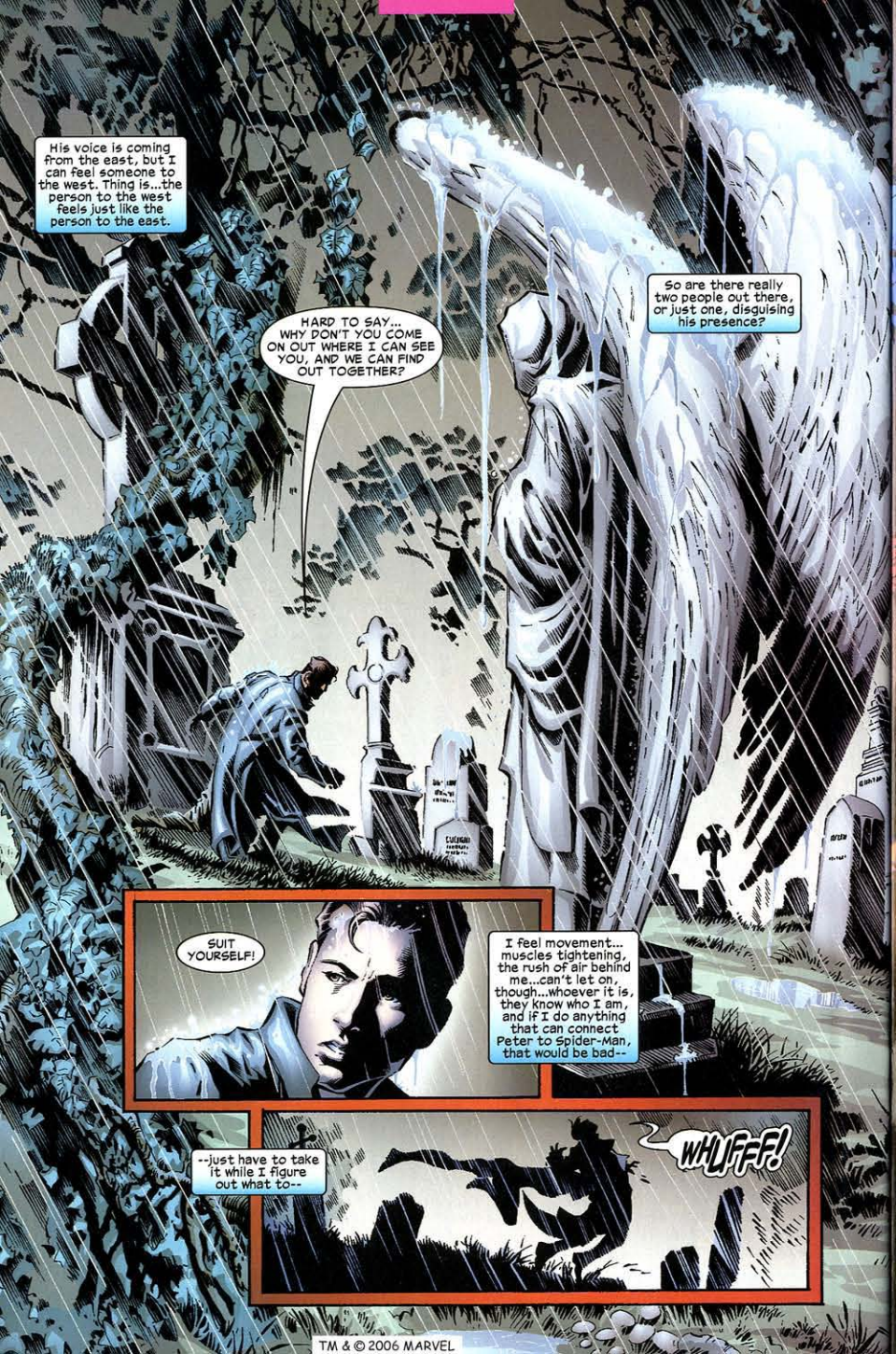
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His voice is coming from the east, but I can feel someone to the west. Thing is...the person to the west feels just like the person to the east.

HARD TO SAY... WHY DON'T YOU COME ON OUT WHERE I CAN SEE YOU, AND WE CAN FIND OUT TOGETHER?

So are there really two people out there, or just one, disguising his presence?

SUIT YOURSELF!

I feel movement... muscles tightening, the rush of air behind me...can't let on, though...whoever it is, they know who I am, and if I do anything that can connect Peter to Spider-Man, that would be bad--

--just have to take it while I figure out what to--

WHUFF!



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He's fast...
real fast--



HOW DOES IT FEEL,
HUH? HOW DOES IT
FEEL TO KNOW YOU'RE
ALONE AND NOBODY'S
GOING TO HELP
YOU? HUH?



HOW DOES
IT FEEL KNOWING
YOU'RE GOING TO
DIE ALONE?

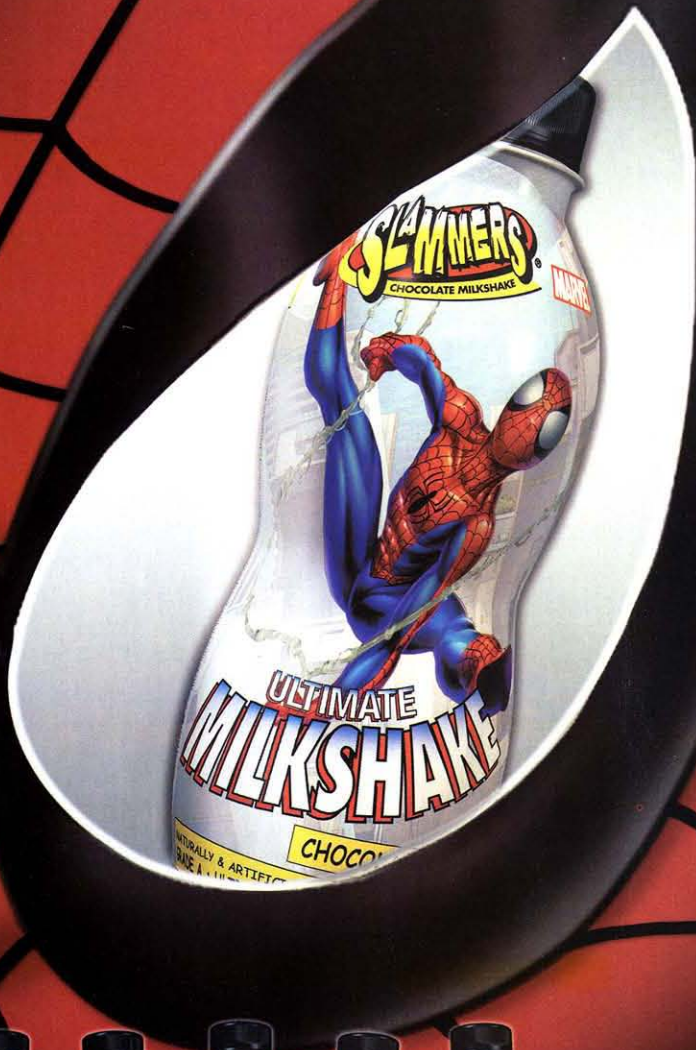
--not just fast, strong--
too strong for me to take
this for very long--



Secret identity or not...
if I don't fight back hard,
he's going to kill me.

DON'T
KNOW...AND
I DON'T FEEL
LIKE FINDING
OUT.





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Movement--
behind--

UNGH!

YOU'VE
DRAWN FIRST
BLOOD. GOOD
WORK.

LET'S
FINISH IT.



They move like one...
fast and strong and
deadly.



Without my
webbing...nothing
to jump onto...it's
hand to hand.

Two of them, one of me,
it's only a matter of time
before one of
them gets lucky and--



AAAAGGGHH...

That's it...got
to get the hell
out of here,
regroup--



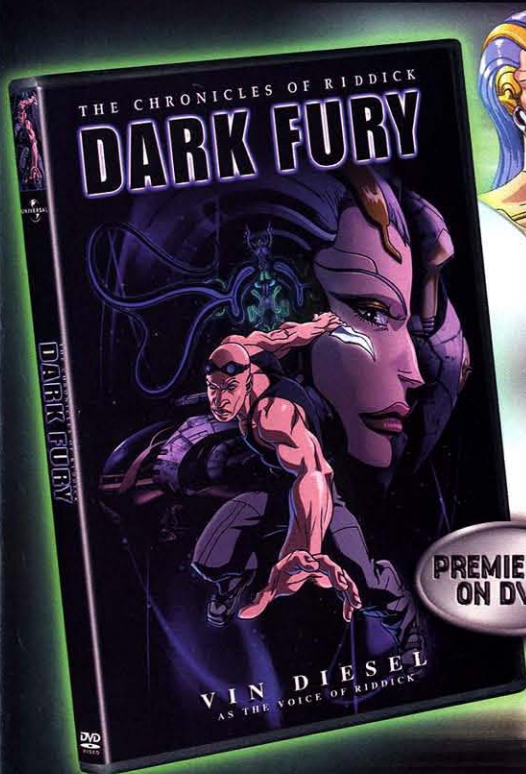
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One jump.
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CANDY

SUCK!

IT
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