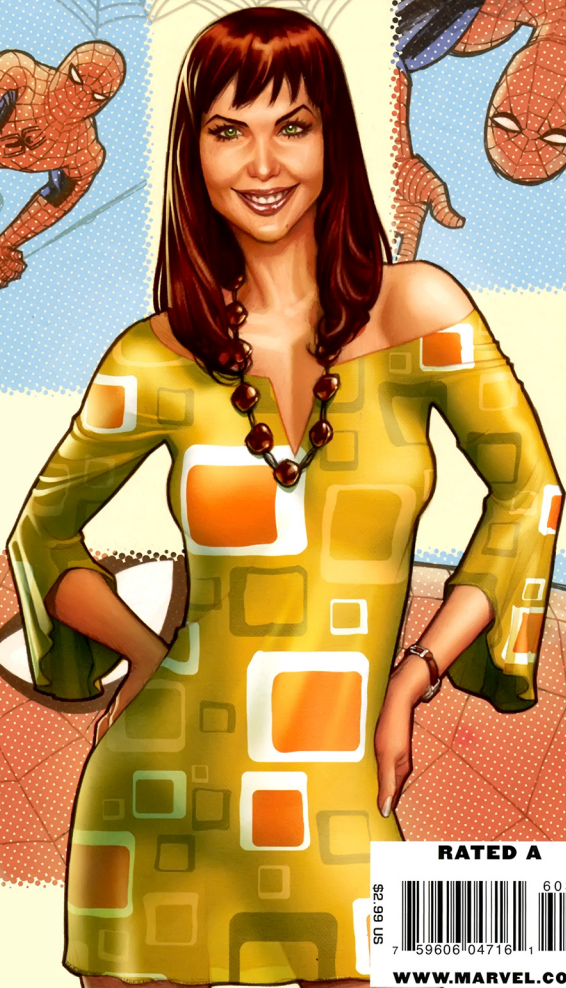


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FROM THE  
CHAMELEON'S  
JOURNAL:

THE DBI FOR EVERY BRAND NEWS DAY!

THE MOST CURIOUS FINDING AFTER  
USURPING THE LIFE OF THE YOUNG  
PETER PARKER IS THAT HE APPEARS  
AT THE OUTSET, TO BE THE HEIGHT  
OF IRRESPONSIBILITY, AND YET  
ALL OF HIS JOURNALS AND DIARIES  
SUGGEST HE CARES A GREAT DEAL  
FOR THE PEOPLE IN HIS LIFE.

# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

HE'S VERY PROUD OF HIS  
AUNT'S RECENT MARRIAGE TO  
J. JONAH JAMESON SR.,  
FATHER OF THE MAYOR, AND  
ALMOST HYPERVENTILATING-  
IN-TEXT-FORM OVER THE  
RETURN OF HIS EX-FIANCÉE,  
MARY JANE WATSON.

HARRY OSBORN

WATSON SEEMS THE TYPICAL  
AIR-HEAD MODEL, BUT SHE HAS  
A CONSCIENCE AS WELL. WE  
SPOKE SHORTLY AFTER I  
ASSUMED HIS IDENTITY AND SHE  
SEEMED WORRIED OVER THE  
WELL-BEING OF THEIR MUTUAL  
FRIEND, HARRY.

GLORY GRANT

NO MATTER, I MUST STAY FOCUSED  
ON MY GOALS. PARKER HAS BEEN  
HIRIED BY THE MAYOR'S PRESS  
SECRETARY, GLORY GRANT, AS MAYOR  
JAMESON'S STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER.

I NOW HAVE ACCESS TO  
THE CITY'S SECURITY SYSTEM,  
AND MY PLANS SHALL  
CONTINUE ON, UNFETTERED.

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ONE DAY.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU LEARN ABOUT A MAN'S LIFE IN A DAY?

PETE?

HEY, IT'S GLORY. YOU PASSED YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK WITH FLYING COLORS, AS I KNEW YOU WOULD...

...SO WE'RE ON FOR THE PHOTO OP YOU-KNOW-WHERE. WE'LL MEET AT ONE POLICE PLAZA AT TWO.

AND DON'T TELL ANYBODY, OKAY? LOOSE LIPS SINK SHIPS, TO NAME A PHRASE...



...OH, HEY, BUT YOU KNOW WHO'S COMING TOO? FLASH THOMPSON, THE IRAQ HERO!

YOU GUYS WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER, RIGHT?

OH, THAT'S GREAT! YEAH, IT'LL BE GREAT TO SEE HIM.

OKAY, GLORY, SEE YOU THIS AFTERNOON. YEAH. 'BYE.

"FLASH?"



AH.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL, OF COURSE.



HMM.

**PUNK PARKER - STAY PUNK! - FLASH**  
Eugene "Flash" Thompson  
Varsity Football, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Soccer  
Motto: "Who Farted?"





PETER PARKER LIVED LIKE A REFUGEE WHO ROAMS FROM CAMP TO CAMP.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MORE ANONYMOUS BEDROOMS I'VE EVER BEEN IN.

HE MUST HAVE USED IT JUST TO SLEEP...

...AND SLEPT NOT ALL THAT OFTEN.



THIS IS ONE OF THE ONLY PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS I COULD FIND.

IF YOU ARE "M.J.," I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO LUNCH.



I ALSO DISCOVERED A PROFESSIONAL CHEMISTRY SET AND A CERTIFICATE TO TEACH HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

I THOUGHT HE WAS A PHOTOGRAPHER.

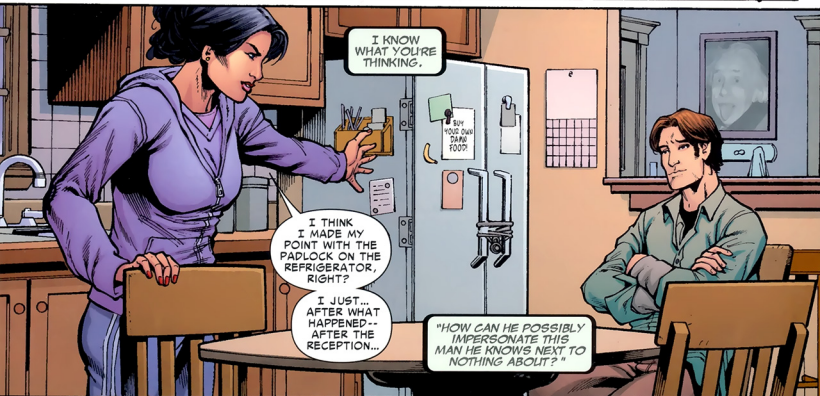
MAKE UP YOUR MIND.

PETE?



WE NEED TO TALK.

DINING ROOM. NOW.

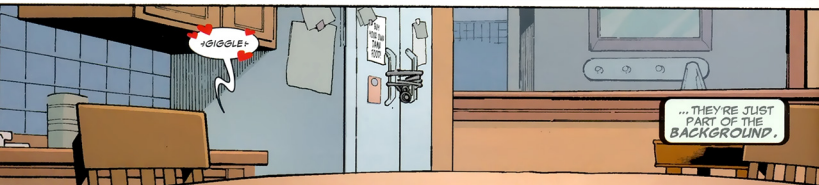


I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.

I THINK I MADE MY POINT WITH THE PADLOCK ON THE REFRIGERATOR, RIGHT?

I JUST... AFTER WHAT HAPPENED-- AFTER THE RECEPTION...

"HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY IMPERSONATE THIS MAN HE KNOWS NEXT TO NOTHING ABOUT?"





12:15 P.M.

FLO'S DINER, 38TH & MADISON AVE.

WHOA.

WHAT?

YOU'RE ON TIME.

MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR YOU.

NOT THE BLONDE.

BUT... BETTER.

I ALWAYS FACTOR IN "PARKER TIME" WHEN COMING TO MEET YOU.  
YOU LOOK GOOD.

PETER PARKER, YOU FASCINATE ME.

OH, AND THANKS TO YOUR COLLAR I SEE WHY SHE ANYONE I KNOW?

ACTUALLY-- NO. NEVER MIND. IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOUNG MASTER OSBORN, ANYWAY.

WAIT.

DID YOU KNOW HE SOLD HIS TOWNHOUSE? I THOUGHT HE HAD SOME MONEY OF HIS OWN, BUT--

"HARRY" IS HARRY OSBORN?

--HE ON THE OUTS WITH STORMIN' NORMAN? HE FINALLY GET CUT OFF?

HEIR TO THE DIRECTOR OF H.A.M.M.E.R.?

M.J.--

...HOW COULD YOU NOT KNOW?

HOW COULD ANYONE NOT KNOW?



WHAT?  
IT'S BEEN  
WORK, SLEEP,  
REPEAT WITH  
ME FOR  
WEEKS!

NORMAN TRIED--  
AND FAILED, I HEARD--  
TO TURN HARRY INTO A SUPER  
HERO, "AMERICAN SON." HE  
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE,  
SPIDER-MAN SHOWED  
UP, AND--

WELL  
EXCUSE ME  
IF I'M NOT AS UP-  
TO-DATE ON THE DAY-  
TO-DAY ACTIVITIES  
OF SPIDER-MAN  
AS I USED  
TO BE!

IT'S NOT  
THAT DON'T YOU  
READ THE NEWSPAPER?  
IT WAS ALL ANYBODY  
TALKED ABOUT  
FOR--

I DON'T  
BELIEVE THIS!  
YOU ARE SUCH A  
NARCISSIST!



SORRY.  
SORRY. I PROMISED MYSELF THIS  
WOULDN'T DEVOLVE INTO  
"PETE VS. M.J., ROUND  
TWO THOUSAND"...

MAYBE  
THAT'S WHY IT  
NEVER WORKED  
OUT BETWEEN  
US.

OH, YOU  
FIGURED IT  
OUT, HUH?



YOU  
WEREN'T  
HER.



...  
GWEN?



GWEN.  
RIGHT.  
+SIGH+

I'M  
THE ONE  
WHO SHOULD  
BE SORRY, I  
GUESS...



THAT'S  
THE PROBLEM  
WITH YOU,  
PETER.

GWEN,  
UNCLE  
BEN.

THE REST  
OF US ARE  
ALWAYS COMPETING  
WITH DEAD  
PEOPLE.





MISS  
WATSON!

AAAAH! AW,  
NO! COME  
ON!

JUST TWO  
MINUTES OF  
YOUR TIME!  
PLEASE!

WHO'S  
HE?



HE STARTED  
IN L.A. I CAN'T  
BELIEVE HE FOLLOWED  
ME HERE...MUST HAVE  
STAKED OUT  
MY SET!

HE'S...A  
LITTLE FIXATED  
ON ME. HE SAYS  
HE'S WRITTEN A  
SCREENPLAY FOR  
ME TO STAR IN...

IT INVOLVES  
OUTER SPACE  
SOMEHOW...



MAYBE  
WE CAN SLIP  
OUT THE--

NO.  
WAIT  
HERE.



YOU!

COME  
HERE.

IT'S A FREE  
COUNTRY, I  
CAN GO WHERE  
I WANT!



LEGO!  
STOP!

WHAT  
ARE YOU, HER  
BOYFRIEND?



WHO  
DO YOU  
THINK YOU  
ARE--









2:11 P.M.

N.Y.P.D. EMERGENCY  
SERVICE TRANSPORT.

I DON'T CARE WHO DOMINIC CARTER THINKS HIS SOURCE IS. THE MAYOR IS NOT APPROVING A FIFTY-CENT FARE HIKE!

NO, NO. I DO NOT WANT TO TALK TO ANOTHER PRODUCER. FORGET THIS. I'M CALLING DOM'S CELL--

\*HMMMM!\*:

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?



YOU DON'T WANNA KNOW.

NAW, C'MON. THIS CLOAK & DAGGER STUFF IS TAKING, LIKE, FOREVER.

WELL...I JUST REALIZED...



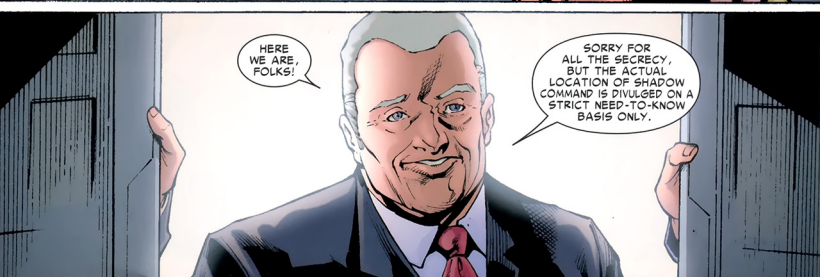
...YOU'RE THE PUNY ONE NOW, AREN'T YOU, FLASH?



PUNY FLASH.



PUNY, PUNY FLASH.



HERE WE ARE, FOLKS!

SORRY FOR ALL THE SECRECY, BUT THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF SHADOW COMMAND IS DIVULGED ON A STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS ONLY.





THE AL-QAEDAS OF THE WORLD WOULD LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN TO TAKE OUT THE COUNTERTERRORISM NERVE CENTER OF THEIR FAVORITE TARGET.



WHAT, NO STRIP SEARCH?

MAYBE ON THE RETURN TRIP.



Ooh, I AWAIT WITH BATED BREATH...



CORPORAL THOMPSON!

TO HOST NEW YORK CITY'S SOLE IRAQ WAR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT AT THIS TIME, IN THIS PLACE, IT'S...WELL...

...IT'S AN HONOR!  
**HAAAAHAHA HAAAAH!**



PETER.

NOT. ONE. SARCASTIC. WORD.

WHY, MS. GRANT...

...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

CORPORAL THOMPSON  
WILL BE JOINING  
THE MAYOR'S OFFICE  
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
TO ADVISE ME ON MEETING  
THE NEEDS OF OUR  
BRAVE SOLDIERS...

...RETURNING  
FROM FIGHTING  
THE GLOBAL WAR ON  
TERROR JUST AS MY  
ADMINISTRATION FIGHTS  
THE WAR LOCALLY,  
HERE, AT--

SIR! WE  
DON'T CALL IT  
THE "WAR ON  
TERROR"  
ANYMORE.

NOW IT'S  
THE "OVERSEAS  
CONTINGENCY  
OPERATION."

WHAAAA?  
THE OLD GUY OR  
THE NEW GUY COME  
UP WITH THAT  
NONSENSE?

THE NEW  
GUY.

...  
SOCIALIST...



FLASH?  
FLASH,  
BABY?

COULD  
YOU TRY  
TO SMILE A  
LITTLE MORE,  
PLEASE...?



YEAH,  
FLASH! WHAT'S  
THE MATTER,  
BUD?

CAN'T  
BE ALL  
BAD!



JUST.  
TAKE.  
THE.  
PICTURE.

ER,  
YEAH...  
...LIKE  
THAT...





4:00 P.M.  
GRACIE MANSION.

AN ENTIRE AFTERNOON--  
WASTED! THESE  
PHOTOS ARE  
WORSE THAN  
USELESS!

THOMPSON  
LOOKS LIKE  
HE WANTS TO  
"FRAG" ME!

HE HAVE  
THE POST-  
TRAUMATIC  
STRESS OR  
SOMETHING?

I'LL  
FIX HIM! I'LL  
TAKE HIS JOB  
BACK!

YOUR  
HONOR...SPEAKING  
AS YOUR MEDIA  
ADVISOR...

...AND AS  
A HUMAN  
BEING...

...VENDETTAS  
AGAINST  
PARAPLEGIC WAR  
HEROES TEND TO BE  
POLITICAL NON-  
STARTERS...

BULL  
HOCKEY! IT  
WORKED WONDERS  
FOR SAXBY  
CHAMBLISS!

THE CORPORAL'S  
FILE SAYS HE'S A  
HUGE SPIDER-MAN  
FAN, SIR.

MAYBE YOUR  
"ANTI-SPIDER SQUAD"  
RUBBED HIM THE  
WRONG--

YES! THE  
ANTI-SPIDER  
SQUAD!

HAVE  
THEM MEET  
ME HERE AT  
ONCE!

OH, NO.  
YOU'RE NOT SENDING  
THEM AFTER  
THOMPSON...?

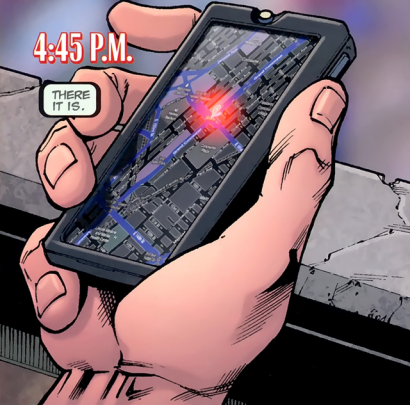
NO, YOU  
IDIOT!

AT  
LAST! IT CAME  
FROM STORAGE  
UPSTATE--

I CAN  
GIVE THE SQUAD  
A TAXPAYER-  
FREE UPGRADE  
TO THEIR  
ARMOR!

4:45 P.M.

THERE  
IT IS.



SHADOW  
COMMAND--  
FROM THE  
OUTSIDE.

JUST ANOTHER  
UNASSUMING  
WAREHOUSE IN  
LONG ISLAND CITY.



WELL  
DONE, PETER  
PARKER.

I WAS ABLE TO  
DOUBLE BACK AND  
DETERMINE ITS  
LOCATION, THANKS  
TO YOU...



... AS WELL AS THE  
HOMING DEVICE  
I LEFT IN THE  
MEN'S ROOM.



I'LL TAKE  
ONE OF THOSE  
CELL PHONES  
TOO.



5:03 P.M.

I FOUND THE  
RIGHT ADDRESS.  
DELIVERY WILL BE  
MADE AT NOON  
TOMORROW.

FINALLY.



## Quetta, Pakistan.

WE WERE BEGINNING TO THINK YOU HAD LOST YOUR NERVE.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE USED TO WORKING WITH BRAINWASHED ADOLESCENTS.

NOT PROFESSIONALS.

MAKE SURE THE SECOND HALF OF MY PAYMENT IS IN THE CAYMAN ACCOUNT BY TOMORROW, NOON, EASTERN STANDARD.

I WILL CHECK BEFORE COMPLETING THE TRANSACTION.

WHAT? THEN HOW DO WE KNOW YOU WILL FULFILL YOUR--

NO! THIS WAS NOT OUR ARRANGEMENT!

THAT WAS BEFORE YOU INSULTED ME.

I AM SORRY YOU ARE SO SENSITIVE. BUT I THINK I WILL REFUSE.

YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH OTHER NAMES, "CHAMELEON."

YOU DO NOT KNOW MY REAL ONE. OR MY FACE. OR WHO I REALLY WORK FOR.

YOU DO NOT EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU ARE CALLING NOW--

COLONEL.

LOOK BEHIND YOUR NANGAR PARBAT.

NOON.

TOMORROW.

MY MONEY.

«KLIK»



IF I HAD TO GUESS ...

... I'D SAY COL. KASAB AND HIS RENEGADE PRO-TALIBAN ELEMENTS IN INTER-SERVICES INTELLIGENCE ARE SOFTENING NEW YORK UP FOR A MUMBAI-STYLE MULTI-TARGET ASSAULT.





NOT THAT I GIVE  
A DAMN ONE WAY  
OR THE OTHER.

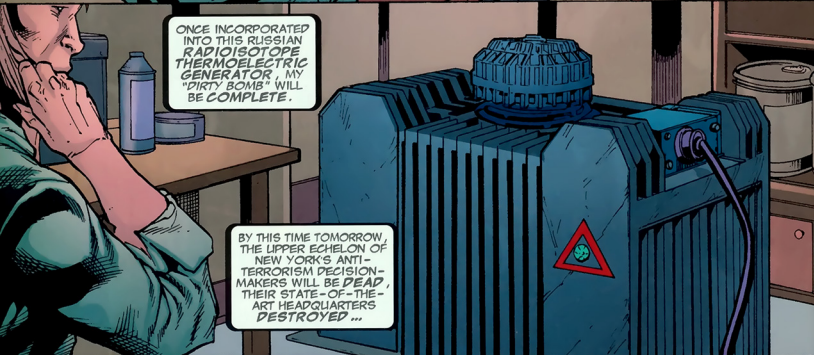


LET'S SEE  
HERE ...

... THERMITE, ALUMINUM  
POWDER, BERYLLIUM,  
BORON, BLACK IRON  
OXIDE, MAGNESIUM  
RIBBON, C-4...



... AND NOW,  
HYDROGEN  
PEROXIDE.



ONCE INCORPORATED  
INTO THIS RUSSIAN  
RADIOISOTOPE  
THERMOELECTRIC  
GENERATOR, MY  
"DIRTY BOMB" WILL  
BE COMPLETE.

BY THIS TIME TOMORROW  
THE UPPER ECHELON OF  
NEW YORK'S ANTI-  
TERRORISM DECISION-  
MAKERS WILL BE DEAD,  
THEIR STATE-OF-THE-  
ART HEADQUARTERS  
DESTROYED ...



...AND I'LL  
HAVE YOU TO  
THANK FOR IT,  
PETER.

YOU  
HAVE BEEN A  
GOOD FACE  
FOR ME.

A VERY  
GOOD  
FACE.



SO I  
MUST FIND THE  
PROPER WAY  
TO REWARD  
YOU.



PETAH!  
NO SUH!

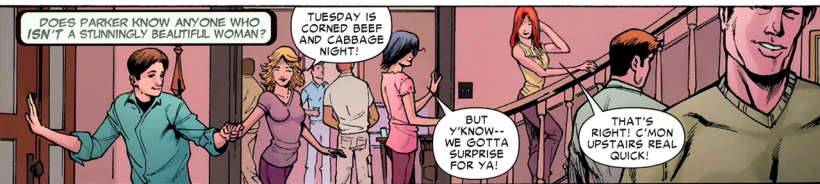
WE  
WERE JUST  
SITTIN' DOWN  
TO DINNAH!

C'MON IN!  
TAKE A LOAD  
OFF!

6:30 P.M.

MAY PARKER'S HOME,  
FOREST HILLS.

GOOD  
LORD.

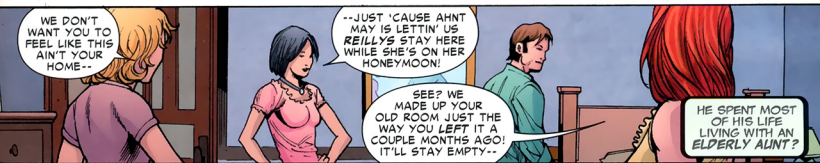


DOES PARKER KNOW ANYONE WHO  
ISN'T A STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN?

TUESDAY IS  
CORNEB BEEF  
AND CABBAGE  
NIGHT!

BUT  
Y'KNOW--  
WE GOTTA  
SURPRISE  
FOR YA!

THAT'S  
RIGHT! C'MON  
UPSTAIRS REAL  
QUICK!



WE DON'T  
WANT YOU TO  
FEEL LIKE THIS  
AIN'T YOUR  
HOME--

--JUST 'CAUSE AHNT  
MAY IS LETTIN' US  
REILLYS STAY HERE  
WHILE SHE'S ON HER  
HONEYMOON!

SEE? WE  
MADE UP YOUR  
OLD ROOM JUST THE  
WAY YOU LEFT IT A  
COUPLE MONTHS AGO!  
IT'LL STAY EMPTY--

HE SPENT MOST  
OF HIS LIFE  
LIVING WITH AN  
ELDERLY AUNT?



WHAT A  
SHOCK.

--SO YOU  
CAN COME  
SPEND THE NIGHT  
WHENEVER YOU  
LIKE, COUSIN  
PETAH...

AMY!  
GUH-ROSS!

YEAH, DON'T BE  
SUCH A GUMP,  
AMES.

NOTHING  
WOULD MAKE ME  
HAPPIER, LADIES,  
BELIEVE ME...



...BUT I CAN'T STAY. I  
JUST STUCK MY HEAD  
IN BECAUSE I WAS IN  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
I'M ON MY  
WAY TO...

...AH,  
FLUSHING  
CEMETERY.

YOU POOR  
PEAH! AND  
HERE WE ARE  
RUNNIN' OUR  
MOUTHS!

WE'RE  
WICKED  
SORRY!

YEAH,  
YOU WANT  
US TO COME  
WITH?



THANKS,  
GUYS. I  
APPRECIATE  
IT. BUT...

...I'VE  
GOT SOME  
THINKING  
TO DO.

SOME  
ADVICE TO  
ASK...



"...SO I'D  
RATHER BE BY  
MYSELF."

7:21 P.M.  
FLUSHING CEMETERY



"COMPETING  
WITH THE DEAD,"  
INDEED.

THAT RED-HEADED  
STRANGER KNEW  
PARKER BETTER  
THAN HE DARED  
ACKNOWLEDGE.



NO WONDER HE  
ABANDONED  
HER.

HEY,  
KID!

CEMETERY  
CLOSES AT  
DUSK!



ON MY  
WAY!

THE D.B.'S  
ONLINE ARCHIVE  
DATES BACK TO  
THE DEPRESSION.

THERE I READ  
ABOUT THE UNCLE'S  
DEATH DURING A  
ROBBERY SEVERAL  
YEARS AGO.

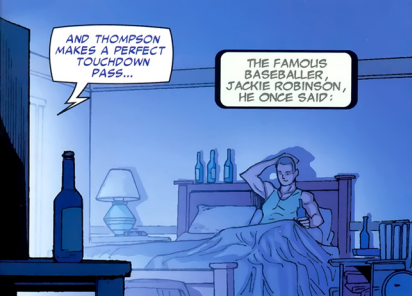


BUT I AM  
GLAD I CAME  
HERE.

RRRRMMMMMMMMMM

WHAT I  
MUST DO IS  
SO OBVIOUS,  
NOW.





AND THOMPSON  
MAKES A PERFECT  
TOUCHDOWN  
PASS...

THE FAMOUS  
BASEBALLER,  
JACKIE ROBINSON,  
HE ONCE SAID:



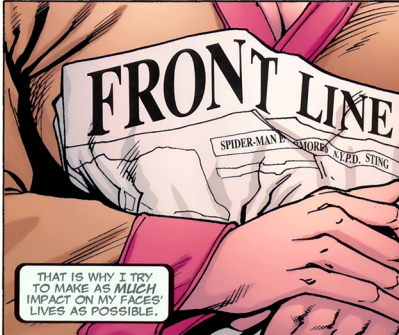
LEADING MIDTOWN  
HIGH TO ANOTHER  
THRILLING VICTORY  
OVER LONGTIME  
RIVALS--

"A LIFE IS NOT  
IMPORTANT EXCEPT  
IN THE IMPACT  
IT HAS ON OTHER  
LIVES."



I COULD NOT  
AGREE MORE.

MARY  
JANE, WE  
NEED YOU IN  
FIFTEEN!



THAT IS WHY I TRY  
TO MAKE AS MUCH  
IMPACT ON MY FACES'  
LIVES AS POSSIBLE.



AFTER ALL, THEY  
HAVE DONE SO  
MUCH FOR ME, IT  
IS THE LEAST I  
CAN DO.

UNLIKE THEM, I NEED  
NOT FEAR WHERE  
THEY THINK OF ME...



SO I CAN  
BE BRAVE WHERE  
THEY ARE WEAK.



...FLIGHT TO  
LOS ANGELES  
WILL TAKE ABOUT  
FIVE-AND-A-HALF  
HOURS...

FOR I  
WILL JUST BE  
SOMEONE ELSE  
TOMORROW.



10:06 P.M.  
THE COFFEE BEAN.

AS FOR PETER PARKER,  
PHYSICALLY WEAK,  
TORMENTED BY THE ATHLETES  
AT HIS HIGH SCHOOL, HE HAD  
HIS UNCLE, HIS ONE FORM OF  
STABILITY, TAKEN  
VIOLENTLY FROM HIM...

... AND SO HE  
GREW INTO A  
CHILD-MAN, FLEEING  
RESPONSIBILITY  
AT EVERY TURN.

WOMEN, THE POOR  
CREATURES, ARE DRAWN  
TO THESE UNKNOWABLE  
PHANTOMS WHO FLIT  
FROM JOB TO JOB,  
BED TO BED ...

... BUT PARKER  
SPURNED THE  
LOVE OF THE ONE  
WOMAN WHO WAS  
CLEARLY THE BEST  
THING THAT EVER  
HAPPENED  
TO HIM.

AND HE HAD TO  
SUFFER THIS RICH TWIT  
OSBORN, WHO HAD  
THE WORLD LAID AT  
HIS FEET, BUT TURNED  
HIS NOSE UP AT IT.

LORD, HOW  
THAT MUST  
HAVE GNAWED  
AT YOU, PETER.

YOU, WHO WERE  
WELL ON YOUR WAY  
TO A POINTLESS LIFE OF  
MEANINGLESS  
OBSCURITY BEFORE  
I CAME ALONG.

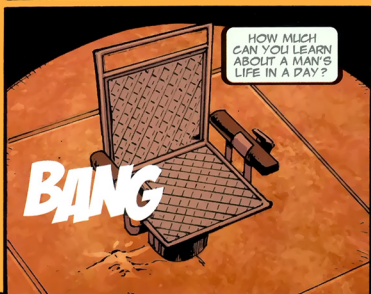
BUT NOW  
THEY'LL REMEMBER  
YOU, PETER. IN  
THE RIGHT WAY.

THIS IS  
MY GIFT  
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# RED-HEADED STRANGER: DECONSTRUCTING PETER

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# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL

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I'm back from my trip to sunny San Diego where I met with my fellow Twilight and cosplay fans while apparently there was some sort of comic convention going on. Bunch'a comic dorks prevented me from meeting Robert Pattinson and presenting him with my screenplay I wrote about me and him creating a United Nations sanctioned unicorn patrol (U.N.icon) and starting a 98 Degrees cover band. Ah well.

Anyway as you may remember from seven days ago, I left Brennan in charge of the Spider-Mail for the first time and he got so excited he immediately ran our first batch of letters received for last month's historic #600. This time out though we're going to back track a little bit and catch up with some missives from our spring epic "24/7." See you at the bottom!

Hey Spider-Heads,

It took me a long time, but I think I've finally decided that the new ASM is more good than bad. Sure One More Day cheated off some, but you had 3 issues a month to win them over. It went by in a flash.

24/7 was awesome. Peter's exhaustion really bled right through the pages. Very impressive. The last two pages were such a good lead-in to American Son; I'm counting down the days.

Erik Weinfurter  
Ottawa, Ontario



Dear Spider-mail,

Okay, guys. The last page of issue #592 - made me throw up in my mouth a little bit. What were you guys thinking? Seems Like Aunt May has gone into the wayback machine and is in her 50-60s again. For cryin' out loud, she's like 1,000 years old!!!

I definitely don't like imagining May Parker having relations...and if you guys want my eyes to continue to be able to read your fine comic, I would suggest no more of this. What happens in Aunt May's bedroom should stay in Aunt May's bedroom. 'Nuff seen and 'nuff said!

Ric Davies  
Sterling Heights, MI



Dear Spidey-Crew,

About ASM #592, specifically the last page, only one word comes to mind: AAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!

Steve Delaney  
Knoxville, TN



Hey, guys!

Amazing Spider-Man #593 had Peter dealing

with catching his Aunt May in bed with JJJ Sr. in a classy way. I had a similar thing happen to me when I was 16 and I also chose to deal with it in a mature and grown up manner. I'm glad that Marvel is showing the fans that although we may not always agree with our parents/guardians choices, we should still love them and tell them.

Jeffrey Harmel  
Lewiston, Me

Good to hear, Jeff. In the coming year, we're pulling more things straight from your life when you're 16. Stuff like learning to read, pretending you date a beautiful girl who lives in Niagara Falls, "fighting the Lizard," and constantly attempting to catch adults in bed. Good reading!



Greetings Marvel,

Issue #594 was cool. I like it that Spidey is sticking to his principles and helping people out even though he's a wanted man.

Regarding the new Vulture--um, why acid spit? Seems more like a gimmick for the Human Fly...say, why not create a new version of that villain, too?

So Pete's new roommate is Vin's sister? And she's just as charming! Wow, this should be interesting...J. Jonah Jameson Sr. and Aunt May--engaged? This is quite a whirlwind romance. I wonder if the senior Jonah is in it for the long haul. Hmm...

One more thing--what are those tiny green globules floating around in the last panel, and do they have tentacles?

Christopher Currie  
Detroit, MI

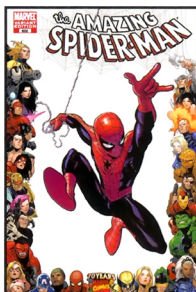
Chris, those globules were indeed connected to Doc Ock's return. We've been planting all sorts of clues and portents for upcoming events in the coming month (for example, you don't think some of the recent power outages were accidental do ya?). All of it is in service of trying to make every issue of Amazing fulfilling on a second or third read!



Before we close up the shop for the month, here are some more recent variant covers that have adorned our books. The covers this month are in celebration of Marvel's 70th Anniversary.



ASM 601 by John Romita Sr. and Dean White



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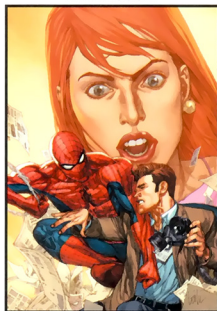


ASM 603 by Mike Mayhew

Thanks everyone. See you in a couple weeks for the wrap up of our Chameleon story.

Viva Temp!r!  
Simperrin' Steve  
7/31/09

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Special thanks to ScanDog for the variant cover!