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Forget Captains Crunch, Kirk and America, Spidey's tanglin' with the one and only **CAPTAIN UNIVERSE!** With enough cosmic power up his sleeve to knock the **JUGGERNAUT** into a coma, Captain Universe isn't making life any easier for the world's unluckiest web-head!

Spotting trouble from a mile away, Spider-Man leapt into action, trying to put himself between Captain Universe and his behemoth of a victim. As the wall-crawler had it out with Captain Universe, both of them felt tremors in the ground beneath their feet. Turns out the clash between Captain Universe and the Juggernaut had stressed the earth under the streets of New York, putting everyone in the city in harm's way!

Pile all that on top of Peter Parker's personal problems, like unemployment, having to skip out on a date with the NYPD's ever-alluring Carlie Cooper, and the rising cost of web fluid, and the result is one bad day in the life of New York's web-slinging wonder!

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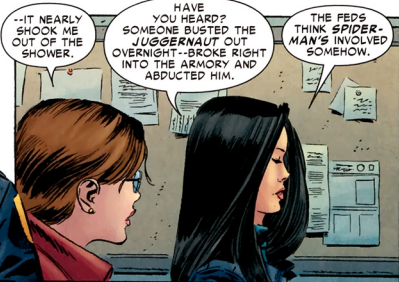
HEY, CARLIE.

WHAT'S UP?

WHAT'S NOT? IT'S GONNA BE ONE OF THOSE DAYS...

...WE'VE BEEN FLOODED WITH 9-1-1 CALLS EVER SINCE THAT MILD EARTHQUAKE.

I'M NOT SURPRISED--



"...SPIDER-MAN'S BEEN A BUSY BOY! WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW-- BUT THERE'RE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO'D LIKE TO TALK WITH HIM..."

YOU NEVER SHOULD HAVE INTERFERED, SPIDER-MAN...


...IT IS MY DESTINY AS CAPTAIN UNIVERSE TO DEAL WITH THE JUGGERNAUT.

THROUGH THE POWER INVESTED IN ME BY THE ENIGMA FORCE--

--I INTEND TO AVENGE ALL PARTIES WHO HAVE BEEN WRONGED BY THIS MONSTER.

HE--AND ALL THOSE WHO MIGHT AID HIM--MUST SUFFER!

THIS...IS... CRAZY...



...I SEEM TO RECALL...
THAT THE UNI-POWER
MANIFESTS A LITTLE
DIFFERENTLY IN EACH
CAPTAIN UNIVERSE...

...BUT I NEVER
IMAGINED IT COULD
DO SOMETHING
THIS COSMIC.

YOU
AIN'T BEATIN'
ME...NOT THIS
EASY...

I ALREADY
HAVE. YOU ARE
HELPLESS IN
THIS REALM.

WHERE'D HE ZAP
US TO? THIS PLACE...
DOESN'T SEEM REAL.

MAYBE IT ISN'T. WHAT IF...
IF IT'S ALL SOME KIND OF
HEAD TRIP CAPTAIN
UNIVERSE HAS LAID ON US...?

BETTER QUESTION:
HOW DO WE GET
OUT OF HERE?

With Greater Power...



EVEN IF THIS IS ALL
IN OUR HEADS, THAT
DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY
LESS OF A THREAT.
OR A PRISON.

PARDON ME,
YOUR GREAT-
AND-POWERFUL
OZ-NESS--

--CAN'T
WE TALK THIS
OVER?

I DON'T
BARGAIN WITH
RENEGADES!

RENEGADE?
WHO, ME?

WHAT, JUST
BECAUSE I'M NOT
OFFICIALLY REGISTERED
WITH AND/OR SANCTIONED
BY THE GOVERNMENT?
AND I SUPPOSE
YOU ARE?

NO...



BUT YOU ARE A FOOL
FOR DEFENDING THE
JUGGERNAUT. HE'S
TRIED TO KILL
YOU.

YOU KEEP
SAYING THAT,
LIKE YOU WERE
THERE.



I WAS
THERE.

HE
RUINED MY
LIFE.

I'LL
SHOW
YOU...



MY NAME WAS WILLIAM NGUYEN...



...AND I WAS ON THE FAST-TRACK WITH A MAJOR FINANCIAL FIRM--



--UNTIL THE TWO OF YOU BUTTED IN.



NOT THAT I BLAME YOU FOR THAT, SPIDER-MAN. YOU HAD BEEN TRYING TO STOP THE JUGGERNAUT.

HE WALKED THROUGH THE SIDE OF OUR BUILDING AND JUST KEPT GOING, LEAVING YOU FOR DEAD.



AND AFTER ALL THAT, YOU STILL PURSUED HIM. YOU SURVIVED...



BUT MY JOB DID NOT.

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, WILL, BUT WITH ALL THE DAMAGES...

...WE'RE FORCED TO DOWNSIZE.

I'M SURE IT WILL JUST BE TEMPORARY...



IT WASN'T
TEMPORARY.

I COULD
NOT FIND WORK
IN MY FIELD, BUT
I LOST MORE
THAN A
CAREER...

I'M SORRY,
WILL... I JUST
DON'T SEE A
FUTURE
FOR US...



I WAS
FORCED TO TAKE
WHATEVER MENIAL
JOBS I COULD
FIND.

THANKS
FOR VISITING
COW-A-BUN-GA.
WOULD YOU LIKE
EXTRA
KETCHUP...?

YEAH,
SO YOUR LIFE
SUCKED. BIG
DEAL!



IT WAS A
BIG DEAL. IT
WAS A VERY BIG
DEAL! IT WAS
MY LIFE!

THINK
YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE
WHO--?

YOU'RE
NOT
HELPING!

I WAS
HELDP UP--TWICE!
I COULDN'T EVEN PAY
MY RENT. I WAS
OUT ON THE
STREETS.

I THOUGHT
I HAD NOTHING
TO LIVE FOR...



YOU WERE
GOING TO KILL
YOURSELF?
OVER THAT?

YOU WIMP,
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT MISERY IS!
IF YOU KNEW WHAT
I'VE LIVED
THROUGH--!



WHY DO I
EVEN TRY...?

OH,
REALLY?

WELL THEN,
LET'S TAKE A
LOOK IN THAT
CESSPOOL YOU
CALL A BRAIN.

WHAT?
YOU CAN'T...!
HEY...



"...THAT'S ME...WHEN
I FOUND THE RUBY
OF CYTTORAK...IN
THAT KOREAN CAVE.

"IT TURNED ME INTO
THE JUGGERNAUT...
JUST AS THE CAVE CAME
CRASHING DOWN. TOOK
A LONG TIME TO DIG
MY WAY OUT.

"...COMPARED TO THE
TRAP I FELL INTO THE
FIRST TIME I FOUGHT
THE WEB-HEAD.

"...DEEP
AS HELL...

"BUT THAT
WAS A WALK
IN THE PARK--

"HE GOT ME CAUGHT
IN FRESH CONCRETE
AT A CONSTRUCTION
SITE. IT WAS A
FOUNDATION POUR...

"...AND I SANK
STRAIGHT TO
THE BOTTOM.

"WHEN I FINALLY
BOTTOMED OUT, I HAD
TO DIG MY FEET INTO
THE BEDROCK TO GET
ANY TRACTION.



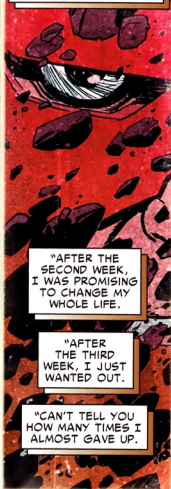
"I HAD TO FIGHT
THROUGH THOUSANDS
OF CUBIC FEET OF
AGGREGATE--AND AFTER
THAT, THROUGH MILES
OF ROCK AND CLAY
AND STONE.

"I DON'T NEED
AIR, BUT IT
STILL FELT
SUFFOCATING.

"I DON'T NEED FOOD,
BUT BY THE END, I WAS
HUNGRY ENOUGH
TO EAT DIRT.



"I PROMISED MYSELF
THAT WHEN I GOT
FREE, I'D GET REVENGE
ON EVERYONE AND
EVERYTHING! THAT WAS
THE FIRST WEEK.



"AFTER THE
SECOND WEEK,
I WAS PROMISING
TO CHANGE MY
WHOLE LIFE.

"AFTER
THE THIRD
WEEK, I JUST
WANTED OUT.

"CAN'T TELL YOU
HOW MANY TIMES I
ALMOST GAVE UP.

"IT WAS OVER A
MONTH BEFORE
I SAW THE LIGHT
OF DAY.

"I CAME UP OUT
OF THE HUDSON ON
THE JERSEY SIDE,
SOUTH OF FORT LEE.



"IN THAT MOMENT,
I DIDN'T WANT TO
FIGHT ANYONE. IT
FELT GOOD JUST TO
DRAW A BREATH."



IT TOOK
YOU HOW
LONG?

WOW.

I NEVER
KNEW...

WAIT A
MINUTE! JUGGY,
DID YOU SAY YOU
DUG INTO THE
BEDROCK--?



ENOUGH!
I DON'T WANT
TO HEAR ANY
MORE ABOUT YOUR
"ORDEAL,"
JUGGERNAUT.

YOU ALWAYS
HAD THE POWER
TO SURVIVE
I DID NOT...





...BUT AS I STOOD THERE, STARING DOWN AT THE EAST RIVER...

...I HAD SECOND THOUGHTS. BUT THE BRIDGE TOWER WAS SLIPPERY WITH RAIN--



--AND I LOST MY FOOTING.



IN THAT AWFUL MOMENT, I PRAYED FOR FORGIVENESS.



AND I WAS ANSWERED BY THE ENIGMA FORCE.



TRANSFORMED INTO CAPTAIN UNIVERSE, I FELT A POWER GREATER THAN I HAD EVER IMAGINED.

I WASN'T A HELPLESS DRONE ANY LONGER.



IN THAT INSTANT, I FELT I COULD BRING THE WHOLE WORLD INTO BALANCE, TO CLOSE OUT ALL WRONGS. AND I KNEW JUST WHERE TO START.


WITH MY NEWLY HEIGHTENED SENSES, IT TOOK ONLY A DAY TO TRACK YOU DOWN, JUGGERNAUT.



I HAD READ THAT ONCE YOU STARTED MOVING YOU COULD NOT BE STOPPED.

BUT EVEN YOU COULD BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

AND WITHOUT THE EARTH BENEATH YOUR FEET, THERE WAS NO WAY FOR YOU TO BEGIN A CHARGE.



FROM THE WAY YOU STRUGGLED AS WE CLEARED THE STRATOSPHERE, I REALIZED THAT YOU DIDN'T NEED AIR TO SURVIVE.


I BRIEFLY CONSIDERED LEAVING YOU TO DRIFT ENDLESSLY IN ORBIT.

BUT THAT WASN'T ENOUGH COMPENSATION FOR THE SUFFERING YOU HAD CAUSED ME.

I TRIED TO PROBE YOUR MIND, TO FIND YOUR WEAKNESSES, BUT YOUR HELMET WAS AN IMPEDIMENT. SO, I REACHED THROUGH ITS OPENINGS WITH THE UNI-POWER...




THEN, I THREW YOU BACK TO EARTH, SO THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD WITNESS YOUR DEFEAT.



THE UNI-POWER STAYED WITH ME. I WASN'T SURE WHY... BUT I DECIDED TO ENJOY IT!



I HUNG A DRUNK DRIVER OUT TO DRY. THINGS LIKE THAT.



WHEN I LEARNED THAT YOU HAD SURVIVED, JUGGERNAUT, I TRACKED YOU TO THAT ARMORY.

I WOULD ALREADY BE DONE WITH YOU, BUT SPIDER-MAN INTERVENED--



--AND THE ENIGMA FORCE DIVERTED MY ATTENTION TO DAMAGED FAULTS WITHIN THE EARTH--!



HEY! I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH COSMIC POWER YOU HAVE NOW-- TO ME YOU'RE STILL A COWARDLY LITTLE WIMP.

HERE WE GO...

YOU WOULDN'T DARE FACE ME IN A FAIR FIGHT.

YOU WANT A FIGHT?

JUST LIKE THAT,
WE'RE BACK ON
EARTH. IF WE
EVER LEFT IT.

SO
BE IT!

ON YOUR FEET,
JUGGERNAUT.
ANY LAST
WORDS?

SURE--
TELL ME WHERE
TO SEND THE
BODY.

WHOA!
STOP! TIME
OUT!

THIS IS
NOT YOUR
CONCERN,
SPIDER-MAN.

JUST
HEAR ME OUT,
OKAY?

JUGGERNAUT
NEVER MEANT
TO MESS UP
YOUR LIFE--!

THAT'S RIGHT.
I WAS JUST TRYING
TO LOSE THE WEG-HEAD.
CUTTING THROUGH
YOUR BUILDING WAS
THE EASIEST
WAY.

AND THAT
MAKES IT ALL
RIGHT?!

CAIN?
SERIOUSLY,
YOU'RE NOT
HELPING.

LOOK, NONE OF US SOUGHT
THE POWER WE HAVE. IT JUST
HAPPENED TO US. WE'RE
ALL HERE BY--

THIS TIME MY SPIDER-
SENSE GIVES ME
A WHOLE HALF-
SECOND WARNING.

--ACCIDENT!

PMM

MBBBBB

Pier 60-Health Club.





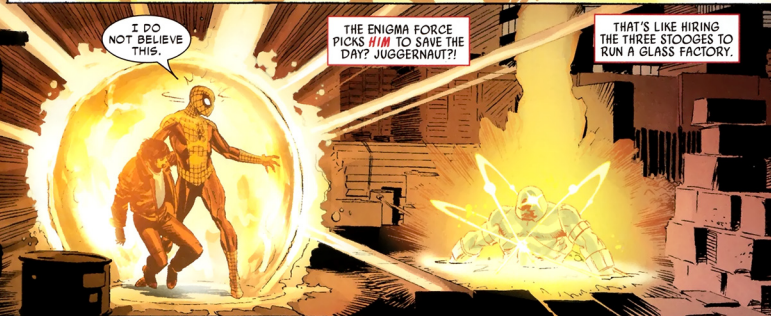


HEY--!

I'LL
DEAL WITH
YOU TWO
LATER.



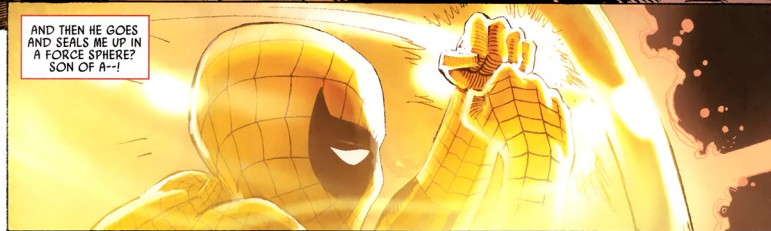
I GOT
WORK TO
DO.



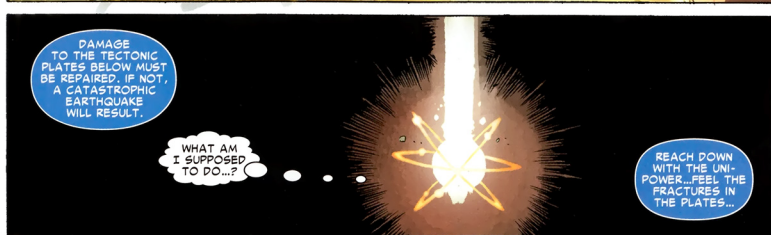
I DO
NOT BELIEVE
THIS.

THE ENIGMA FORCE
PICKS HIM TO SAVE THE
DAY? JUGGERNAUT?!

THAT'S LIKE HIRING
THE THREE STOOGES TO
RUN A GLASS FACTORY.



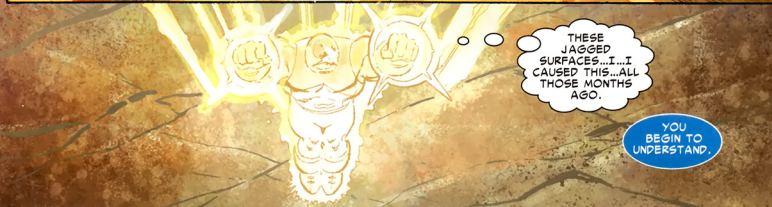
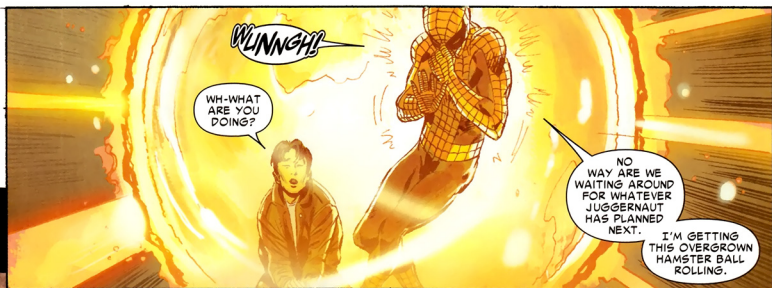
AND THEN HE GOES
AND SEALS ME UP IN
A FORCE SPHERE?
SON OF A--!



DAMAGE
TO THE TECTONIC
PLATES BELOW MUST
BE REPAIRED. IF NOT,
A CATASTROPHIC
EARTHQUAKE
WILL RESULT.

WHAT AM
I SUPPOSED
TO DO...?

REACH DOWN
WITH THE UNI-
POWER...FEEL THE
FRACTURES IN
THE PLATES...



Fifth Precinct.



VIOLENT STRESSES HAVE BUILT UP WITHIN THE PLATES, WHERE THE FRACTURES HAVE LOCKED TOGETHER.

CHANNEL THE UNI-POWER. YOU MUST SMOOTH THOSE EDGES.

LIKE THIS...?



WHAT I REALLY NEED IS TO GET **OUT** OF THIS FORCE BUBBLE.

AND I THINK I SEE A WAY!



WHY ARE YOU FILLING THE BALL WITH WEBBING? YOU'LL SMOTHER US!

NO, I'M INSULATING US.

FROM WHAT?



FROM THAT BIG ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER. DEAD AHEAD.

RAKOW!

HANG ON!









YOU'RE
RIGHT,
WEBB.

WE'RE ALL
HERE BY
ACCIDENT.

YEAH. BUT
WHAT WE DO
AFTERWARDS...
THAT'S WHAT
MATTERS.



SOUNDS
LIKE YOU
LEARNED THAT
THE HARD
WAY.



I DID. A
LONG TIME
AGO.

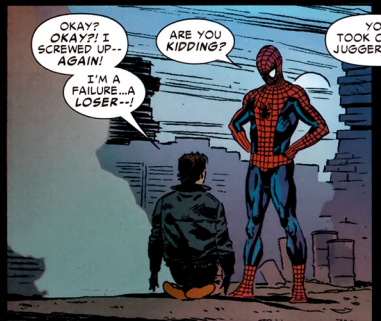


HUH...?

WEO-WEO-WEO



POLICE'LL
BE HERE SOON.
NGUYEN. IT'S
GONNA BE
OKAY.



OKAY?
OKAY?! I
SCREWED UP--
AGAIN!

I'M A
FAILURE...A
LOSER--!

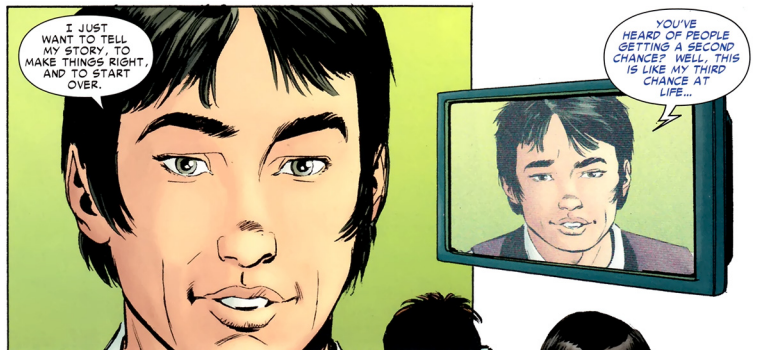
ARE YOU
KIDDING?

YOU
TOOK ON THE
JUGGERNAUT--



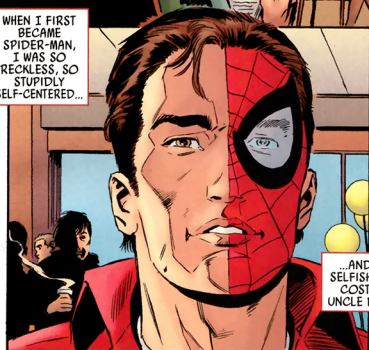
--AND
YOU GOT AN
APOLOGY
FROM HIM! THAT'S LIKE
WINNING THE
LOTTERY.

Several Weeks Later...





WHEN I FIRST BECAME SPIDER-MAN, I WAS SO RECKLESS, SO STUPIDLY SELF-CENTERED...



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THEY'RE
AT IT
AGAIN...

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THAT'S FIVE MATINGS IN AS
MANY HOURS. THEY'RE LIKE
NEWLYWEDS...DR. CONNORS,
DID YOU JUST MAKE TWO
LIZARDS FALL
IN LOVE?

I BELIEVE
I'VE REPLICATED
THE HORMONE RESPONSIBLE
FOR AROUSAL IN THE REPTILIAN
BRAIN. IF THESE CREATURES
POSSESSED A NEOCORTEX,
PERHAPS THEY WOULD
PERCEIVE ITS EFFECT
AS "LOVE."

IF THE
HORMONE
AFFECTS SIMILAR
BRAIN STRUCTURES
IN HUMAN BEINGS,
WE'LL KNOW SOON
ENOUGH.

I'M OPTIMISTIC,
MARISSA. THE CEREBRAL
CORTEX ENGULFED OUR
BRAIN STEMS OVER MILLENNIA,
BUT STRIP IT AWAY AND
WE'RE STILL REMARKABLY
SIMILAR TO THE
REPTILES.

YOU COULD
SAY WE'RE ALL
JUST LIZARDS
IN MONKEY
SUITS.



THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO BE SURE THESE HORMONES DON'T TANGENTIALLY EXCITE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE R-COMPLEX.

THERE'S SUCH A THING AS BEING TOO REPTILIAN, BELIEVE ME.



POC CONNORS SAID NO ONE'S S'POSED TO GO IN THERE, MR. KING.

I DIDN'T ASK, RANDOM EMPLOYEE.

AN EXCITED R-COMPLEX CAN CAUSE TERRITORIALISM AND A HYPERSENSITIVITY TO SOCIAL HIERARCHIES.



LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS DOCILE SUBJECT WHEN A YOUNGER MALE IS INTRODUCED TO HIS TERRARIUM.

CONNORS.



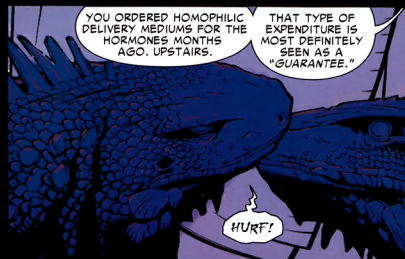
BRIAN, THIS IS A CLOSED EXPERIMENT...

THAT WE'RE PAYING FOR. RELAX.



MORE LIZARDS? I THOUGHT WE WERE MOVING ON TO HUMAN TRIALS...

I NEVER GUARANTEED A START DATE.



YOU ORDERED HOMOPHILIC DELIVERY MEDIUMS FOR THE HORMONES MONTHS AGO. UPSTAIRS.

THAT TYPE OF EXPENDITURE IS MOST DEFINITELY SEEN AS A "GUARANTEE."

HURF!



I SET THE PACE OF RESEARCH IN MY LAB--

THIS IS PHELPCORP'S LAB, DR. CONNORS...



...DON'T TEST THE LIMITS OF YOUR AUTHORITY.

HURT!



NOT IF YOU WANT TO KEEP BUYING FANCY SILK TIES FOR YOUR VISITS WITH YOUR SON...

Y-YOU'RE INVADING MY PERSONAL SPACE, BRIAN. I WON'T STAND FOR IT...



YOU WON'T? LET'S TALK LIKE BIG BOYS, CONNORS. THE SECOND WE THINK YOU'VE STOPPED MAKING PROGRESS, YOUR SCIENTIFIC CAREER IS OVER.

YOU'RE THE DEFINITION OF UNEMPLOYABLE.

BITE HAND
CHIEF EYES



YOU THINK THERE'S ANOTHER COMPANY ON THE PLANET THAT'S GOING TO LET YOU GET WITHIN FIFTY YARDS OF A LIZARD?

GRRRAAK!

GIVE KING
RED SMILE
KAHN RES



E-EXCUSE ME.

NO RUN
KAHN ARRS



THIS CONVERSATION ISN'T OVER, CONNORS...

OH, MY GOD...



LET COLD
ONE GIVE KING
SLEEP





MAKE
KING NECK
SAY RED
KAHN RRS

WHERE
IS IT?!



LET COLD
ONE SEE GUN
KAHN RRS

NO NO
NO NO



NO NO
NO NO

COLD ONE
NO RUN
KAHN RRS

NO NO
NO NO



YOU'RE FINE,
CURT...

THERE'S
NO NEED FOR
THAT...

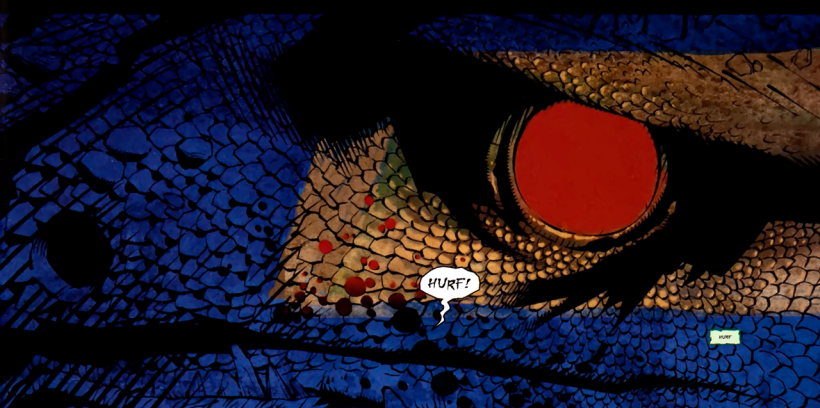
KING'S
GONE...

COLD ONE
STEAL CONDO'S
WORTH!



THERE'S NO
NEED FOR
THAT...

NO
NEED FOR
THAT...



HURF!

SHED BEGINS IN
ONE WEEK!

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAIL



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Hope everyone enjoyed this 3-issue spectacular by the legendary Roger Stern and Lee Weeks. Roger's got another story in the pipeline right now drawn by Roberto De La Torre and when it's ready to be published we'll be sure and tell all you Spidey-philies phirst!

(Meanwhile I'm trying to convince Lee to do some work on a top secret project. I'll let you know how it goes!)

ITEM!

By now you've heard the news that starting this summer, we're going to finally be revealing the secrets that many of you have been asking about since the new Spidey regime took over waaaay back in ASM #546 (Son of a Brevoort! That's 83 issues ago!). That's right, the questions left at the end of the historic *One More Day* story are going to be answered by Joe Quesada and Paolo Rivera...and if I haven't lost all integrity and trust in your saddened, bloodshot eyes believe me when I say it'll be worth the wait.

The story is called *One Moment in Time*...and we've been working away on this after hours for about 2 years. Starting in ASM #638, you're going to find out exactly what happened on the day of Spidey's wedding and just how Spidey's identity (which he revealed to the world during *Civil War*) was put back in the box.

So between *Shed*, *Hunt*, and *One Moment in Time*, it's going to be one of the best summers of Spider-Man comics ever. How could we ever follow it up?

ITEM!

Oh, we're following it up all right. In September, every thread you've read in this book since January 2008 starts getting pulled together...like a noose around Spidey's neck. Here's a hint: Never underestimate how a baby will change your life.

Hey Spider-folks,

None of you may know a solid answer to this, but if you do, I'd love to know.

Amazing Fantasy #15 was the last issue of that book, and within the issue are several mentions of catching Spider-Man in upcoming issues. There's no internal indication within the book that it was the last issue. But of course it was, the book was cancelled, and six months later *Amazing Spider-Man #1* hit the shelves. But then, in a letters column in issue 4, the column writer says that Stan had thrown the Spider-Man strip into *Amazing Fantasy*, knowing it was being cancelled, just to see if it got any reader reaction.

So, I'm wondering which is true. Did Stan Lee plan on running a Spider-Man strip in the book from issue 15, or did he throw the strip in a cancelled book on a whim?

Anyways, just thought I'd ask to see if anyone up there knows.

Jon M. Wilson

Jon, as longtime readers of this column know, I am only 28—er, I mean

—24!-- years old (sure I look much older, have been married for 10 years, and get invited to 20 year high school reunions, but don't believe those haters! Sometime driver's licenses are wrong!).

Anyway, as a person who wasn't at Marvel back then, I went straight to someone who was! The Man himself (and the walking reason I have health insurance!) STAN LEE! Here's what he said:

Hi, Jon,

Super Steve Wacker sent me your impassioned plea for an answer to your burning question about Spidey's appearance in Amazing Fantasy #15.

Naturally there were mentions in Amazing #15 about catching Spidey in upcoming issues, because I hoped the strip would catch on and get reader reaction, just as I wrote in issue 4. And it did. As for not mentioning that it was the last ish of Amazing Fantasy, it's hard for me to remember that far back but I probably figured there was no reason to mention it--because our publisher might decide to put out additional issues--though he didn't.

There, True Believer, I hope that exemplary explanation will help you sleep nights!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

Thanks for taking the time, Stan. This is why you are comics' finest ambassador. You are welcome in this book anytime (just please don't take my job away!)

In fact, Stan Fans, the Smilin' One will be back in these pages on a regular basis starting ASM #634 when he and Marcos Martin debut a new 2-page Spidey "Sunday strip". It'll run for about 12 episodes and tell an incredible Spidey tale when it's all said and done. Each strip is being added to each issue for you, the avid Spidey fan that gets to the end of each issue of Spidey and says to his or herself, "Please! I'll do anything not to read another long, tedious over-baked Spidey letter column!! Why can't I just get two more pages of comics by a living legend and a Spanish artist who lives to torture Wacker?"

If you're THAT fan, your prayers are going to be answered starting in ASM #634!



So, you got me. In issue #618, I saw Silvermane and a whole crew of Maggia apparently returning from the grave, with each of them offering fantastic explanations for how they had faked their deaths, and I said, "There they go again, offering these implausible retcons that we are just supposed to swallow."

I actually like this sort of thing when the story foreshadows it, but this was out of the blue, and I was very disappointed. And Carlie's father showing up was just icing on the cake.

I thought about writing in to complain, but I hate it when people only write in when

they're kvetching, so I didn't. Then I read issue #619 and I realized that you got me, and you got me good. You had actually written a story designed to elicit that sense of skepticism! It was part of the storyline, and it helped us enter into the experience of both Captain Watanabe and Spidey himself. Kudos to you. I am impressed.

So, instead of writing in to complain, I am happy to write in to acknowledge that you pulled me in totally and completely and to compliment you on the skill with which you did it.

I've loved everything since Brand New Day, especially the return of so many classic characters. Keep up the excellent work!

Eric Gado!

Thanks, Eric. Tom and Dan seemed to fool a lot of readers with their recent Mysterio story. Your letter was indicative of many others, so you're in good company and all of us in the Spidey office appreciate your lack of faith!



We also heard from Andrew Cole, Wilfred D. DeVoe, Stephen Davidson, Allister Cave, Drew Hanley, Tari Owei, Michael Stewart, James Federico, Paul Carbonaro, Thomas J Tracy, and many, many others. Thanks for writing, everyone. Sorry we don't have room to run all the letters.

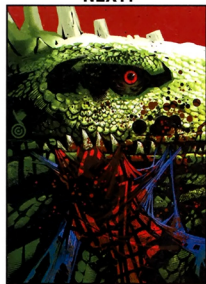
Another column out of room. We'll see all of you in 7 days for the return of the Lizard in a story called: *SHED*. Zeb Wells and Chris Bachalo bring it to you in 7 days.

Viva Circus Peanuts!

Simperin' Steve
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