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After many months of missed connections, Peter Parker and Mary Jane Watson sat down, one-on-one, to discuss their marriage and why it never came to be.



Years ago, on the day before their wedding, Spider-Man busted a fairly innocuous gunman – only for the NYPD to let him slip through their fingers. MJ and Pete proceeded to their respective pre-wedding celebrations – MJ to a lavish final bash as a swan song to her party days, and Pete to a modest evening with his best friends, Flash Thompson and Harry Osborn.

Pete confided in Osborn and Thompson that he had doubts about his impending marriage – tip-toeing around the truth that his real fear was that his double life as Spider-Man would cost Watson her life. When the big day finally comes, MJ is at City Hall and ready to go – while Pete is knocked unconscious during a skirmish with the very same gunman he'd tried to put in jail a day earlier....

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CHAPTER TWO: SOMETHING NEW



THIS IS
BAD. PETER IS
A LOT OF THINGS,
BUT I NEVER
THOUGHT--

Y'KNOW
WHAT? I TAKE
IT BACK, HE'S
NOT A LOSER,
HE'S A BLOW
HOLE!

I ALWAYS
KNEW THAT PARKER
WAS A GOOD-FOR-
NOTHING. HOW COULD
HE DO THIS TO
THAT POOR
GIRL?

I'M SO
SORRY, ANNA,
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT COULD
HAVE COME
OVER--

THIS IS
ALL MY FAULT,
MAY, I'M THE ONE
WHO INTRODUCED
THEM.

 OH,
GOD--

WHAT HAVE
I DONE?!!







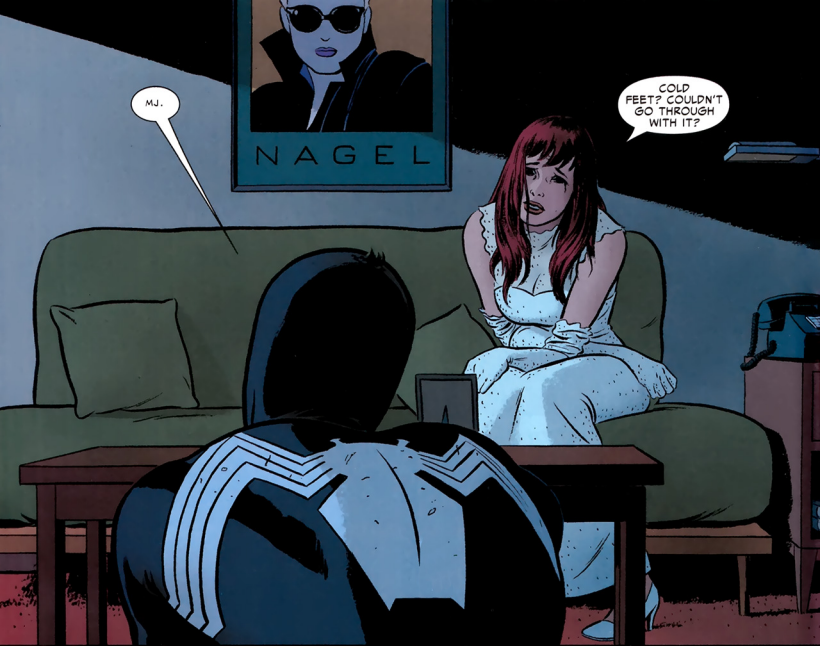
Chelsea,
New York City.

OKAY,
ROOM.

JUST STOP
SPINNING FOR A
SEC SO I CAN
REMEMBER WHERE
I PUT MY--

--BED?

SO,
WHAT WAS
IT?



MJ.

COLD
FEET? COULDN'T
GO THROUGH
WITH IT?

NAGEL



DO I
MEAN THAT
LITTLE TO
YOU?



NO,
MJ--

YOU
HUMILIATED
ME.



PLEASE,
I CAN
EX--

NO!!!

JUST STOP,
STOP IT! NO MORE
EXCUSES! I OVERHEARD
HARRY AND FLASH
TALKING ABOUT THE
STUFF YOU SAID
LAST NIGHT.

MJ,
PLEASE--



TAKE
IT OFF!

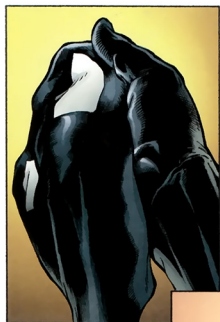
MJ, I--

**TAKE THAT
DAMN THING
OFF IF YOU WANT
TO SPEAK
TO ME!!!**



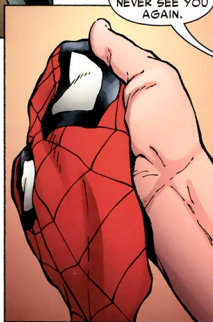






I
THOUGHT
THAT
WAS IT.

I
THOUGHT
I WOULD
NEVER SEE YOU
AGAIN.



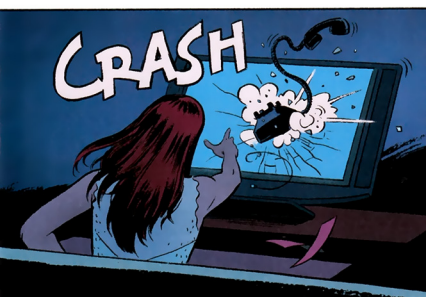
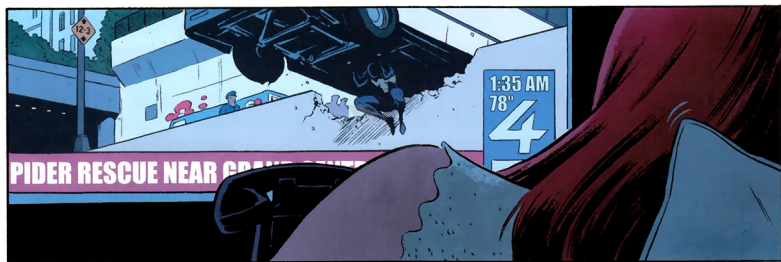
I
DID
TOO.



REMEMBER
I SAID THERE
WAS STUFF I
NEVER TOLD
YOU?

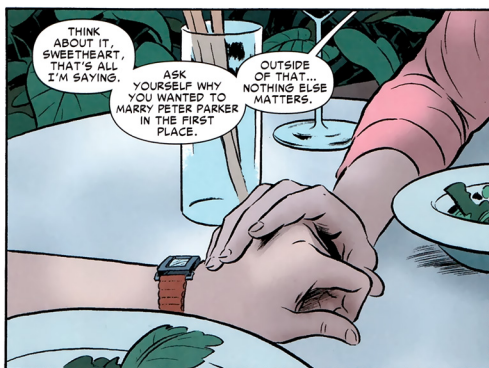
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WELLLLLL---



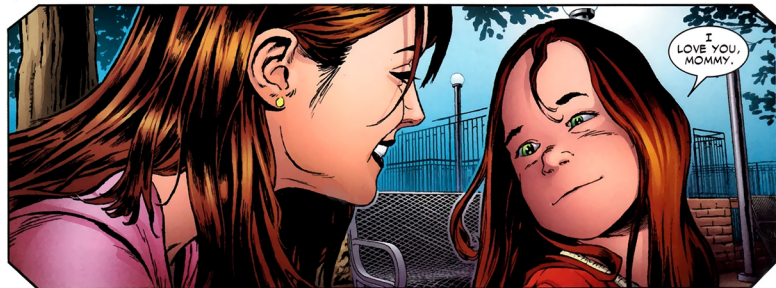














WHAT?

THAT'S MY POINT, PETER. YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT MY DAD... HOW ABUSIVE HE WAS.

I WOULD NO SOONER BRING A CHILD INTO A SITUATION LIKE THAT THAN--

WAIT. WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!



WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT WHILE YOU'D **NEVER** DO THE THINGS THAT HE DID, YOU'RE BEING SPIDER-MAN--IS REALLY NO DIFFERENT.

YES, YOU'RE OUT THERE SAVING LIVES, BUT AT WHAT COST? THE PEOPLE WHO ULTIMATELY PAY THE PRICE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU THE MOST.



LOOK AROUND YOU, PETER. TO THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU, SPIDER-MAN IS AS DANGEROUS AS A LOADED GUN.

SO, DID YOU JUST COME BY TO TELL ME THIS? TO TELL ME WHAT I ALREADY KNOW?



NO, I CAME TO SAY THAT I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF THINKING AND THAT I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH NOT TO BE WITH YOU. BUT--

BUT WHAT?

BUT, I CAN NEVER MARRY YOU.

MJ--

LET ME FINISH--

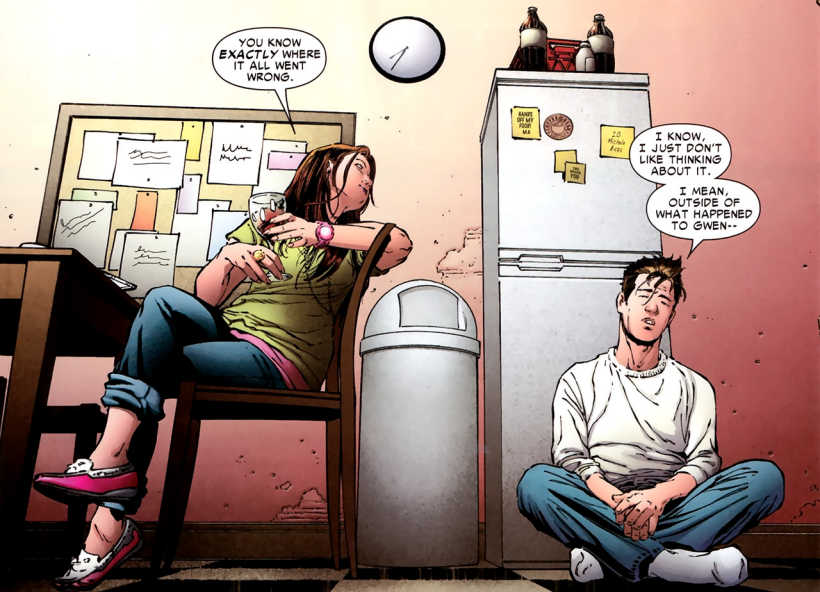


SEE, TO ME, THE REASON I WANTED TO GET MARRIED WAS TO HAVE KIDS. IF THAT'S NO LONGER A PART OF THE EQUATION, THEN MARRIAGE IS JUST A PIECE OF PAPER. I NEVER NEEDED TO MARRY YOU TO BE WITH YOU, PETER.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?

YES, BUT IF KIDS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THEY'RE IMPORTANT TO ME-- MAYBE WE CAN WORK SOMETHING--





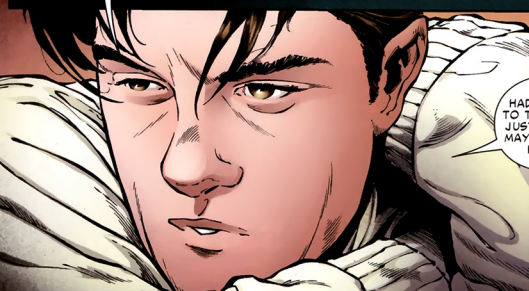
YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHERE IT ALL WENT WRONG.

I KNOW, I JUST DON'T LIKE THINKING ABOUT IT.

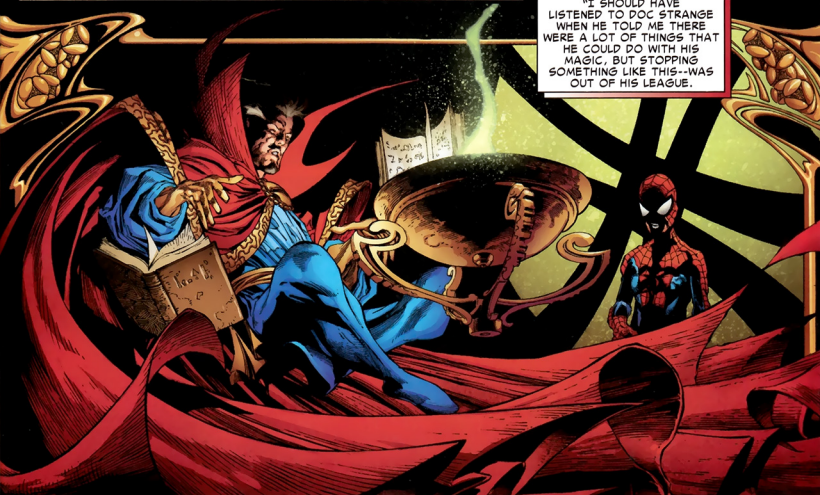
I MEAN, OUTSIDE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO GWEN--



--UNMASKING WAS THE WORST MISTAKE I EVER MADE.



IF I HADN'T LISTENED TO TONY--IF I HAD JUST--WELL, AUNT MAY WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN SHOT.





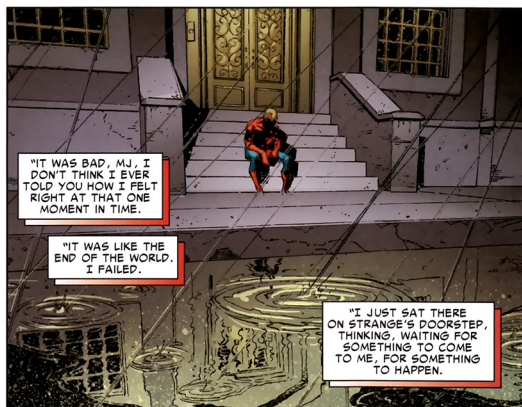
"BUT I
DIDN'T."



"AND
HE WAS
RIGHT--"



"IN THE END I JUST
NEEDED TO GROW
UP AND FACE THE
INEVITABLE."



"IT WAS BAD, MJ, I DON'T THINK I EVER TOLD YOU HOW I FELT RIGHT AT THAT ONE MOMENT IN TIME.

"IT WAS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD. I FAILED.

"I JUST SAT THERE ON STRANGE'S DOORSTEP, THINKING, WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO COME TO ME, FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN.



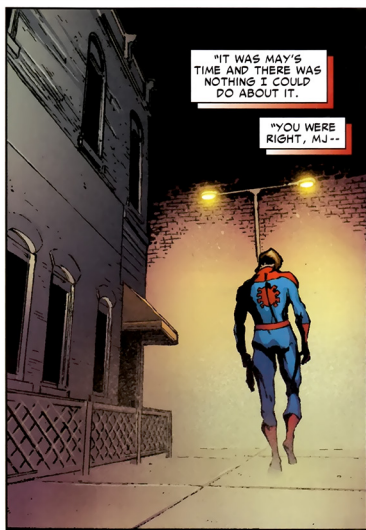
"BUT NOTHING EVER DID.



"SO I JUST STARTED TO WALK.



"TRYING TO RESOLVE MYSELF THAT THIS WAS IT, THERE WAS NO GOING BACK.



"IT WAS MAY'S TIME AND THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO ABOUT IT.

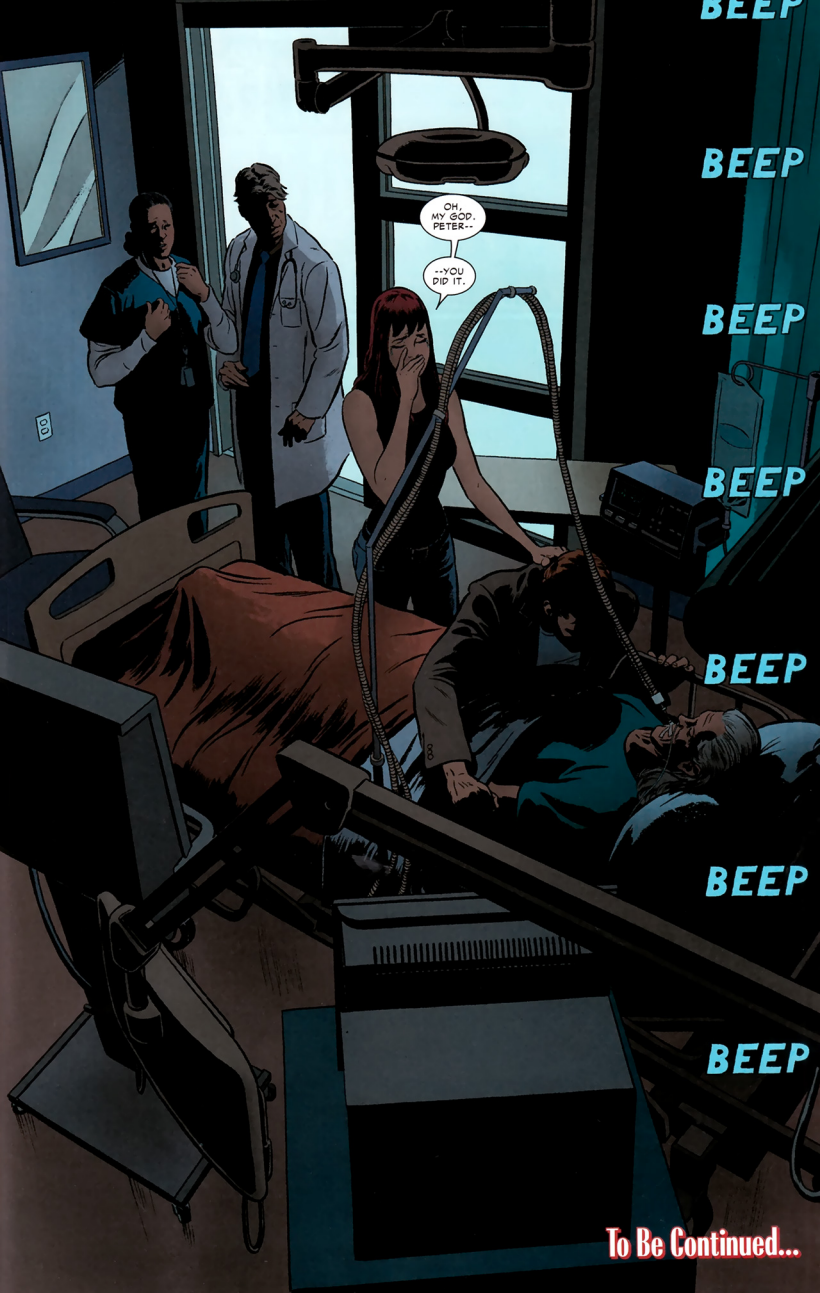
"YOU WERE RIGHT, MJ--

"--LOVING ME
IS A DEATH
SENTENCE."

HEY.







OH,
MY GOD.
PETER--

--YOU
DID IT.

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

To Be Continued...

NOW, BELIEVING SPIDEY IS BUILDING A TIME MACHINE, THEY'VE FOLLOWED HIM IN HOPES OF STEALING THE INVENTION FOR THEIR VERY OWN! PHEW!

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MY SPIDER-SENSE TELLS ME THOSE TWO ARE UP TO NO GOOD!

A large panel of Spider-Man in his iconic red and blue suit, swinging through the air. He is reaching out with his right hand. In the background, a city skyline is visible. A helicopter is flying to the left. A large green 'X' is drawn over the top of the panel.

I'VE GOTTA LEAD THEM AWAY FROM WHERE I LIVE!

CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

YEAH, RIGHT! I DIDN'T GET HIS AUTOGRAPH!

SOMEONE'S CHASING SPIDER-MAN!

LOOK!
IT'S DOC
OCK!

YOU
GUYS ARE
DOING IT ALL
WRONG!

HERE'S
THE WAY TO
CATCH A
SPIDER!

CAN SPIDEY SURVIVE AGAINST OCK,
BRAIN AND BULL? HE'D BETTER,
OR HIS ARTISTS AND WRITERS'LL
HAVETA FIND LEGITIMATE WORK!

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We have a Brevoort-load worth of stuff to get to this week and meanwhile it's crazy here in the Spidey office. As I write this we are preparing to send Travelin' Tom Brennan out to the San Diego comic convention to be a part of the festivities and the BIG announcements we have planned.

By the time you read this, though, it will all be done (oh, if you saw Brennan doing anything untoward in San Diego, please send pictures in care of this office. We'll pay for half of whatever damage he caused) and if you're wondering why I don't spill some of the big announcements right on this page (since by the time you're reading this, they'll all be announced), it's simply because I don't trust letterer Joe Caramagna. The guy won't even fix my grammar, missteaks! **Also I like to wear ladies lingerie and my breath stinks like armpits. Time to pick my nose!**

HEY! Gimme my letter column back, Caramagna!

We're also busy this week because as of earlier this week, all four chapters of our recently completed epic "Grim Hunt" have gone back for a 2nd printing and even the first part of the current *One Moment In Time* story is getting a new printing. Plus, Brennan and our new officemate Alejandro Arbona are busy getting the street level epic *Shadowland* into your brownie stained hands.

And what do we get for our hard work? Your kvetching!

...let's get to it!

Kraven, Grey Gargoyle, Puma, or the Vulture?

Dean Wilson
Media, Pa

Welcome back, Dean. As for your villain requests...Kraven just returned last month and the others are all wait and see. (Though I can tell you that you will see one of them within the next year.)



Dear Stephen,

I'd like to commend you on your fantastic work on part one of *Shed*! It had everything that a good issue of ASM should have: excellent and witty banter, smooth movement between scenes, suspense, surprise, action and of course, an ending that left me counting the days to next week's ish.

The stylish design, beautiful coloring and overall fantastic work put out by the whole team shows how tight knit the Spidey gang have become. Every week my expectations are being pushed a little higher and every week your teams are rising to the challenge.

There has been a continuous rise in pace and tension over the past issues, and I look forward to the epic conclusion that I'm sure we are cannoning towards!

Also, not to be pedantic, but you left out the fada on the name Seán in your response...

Go raibh maith agaih arís, agus beidh an t-adh leat!

Cormac McGann
Dublin, Ireland

Thanks, Cormac. Zeb and Chris really are a killer team. Chris is over in X-Land for now, but Zeb has some big projects here that I'll be able to let you know about as soon as I'm sure Caramagna won't squeal. **I FRENCH KISS A HORSE TODAY!** Okay, okay. Sheesh...some letterers are so sensitive.

You should know though that American keyboards don't have a fada and I refuse to use cut-and-paste since everyone knows that's just another Irish plot to steal my soul.



Dear Amazing Webheads,

I just wanted to say how much fun this latest issue (#630) was to read. You guys have been on a roll for the last few issues, with Captain Universe and Juggy, and now ol' Scales is back!

Amazing was the first book I picked up after a recent long hiatus from comics, and so far I haven't been disappointed. It just feels like I'm home again! I was especially excited to hear that Mr. Bachalo was going to be penciling this Lizard arc. His style meshes very beautifully within Spidey's world, and I hope he stays on the book for more.

One of the things I do very much appreciate in these recent Spidey stories is the way Pete's love life is being portrayed. Not that I don't love MJ, but I think Pete's "girls" were always a very dynamic part of his character. And it's a dynamic that's very real and easy to relate to. Not to mention the hilarity that ensues. In this very issue (#630) is probably my favorite scene in recent Spidey comics, where Felicia sets the record straight as to what their relationship is REALLY about. Ouch, Spidey. Don't worry...we all felt that one too.

Web-head for life,
David Rojas
Savannah, GA

David, hopefully you've been checking out the *Black Cat* in her own mini-series going on right now by Jen Van Meter and Javier Pulido. You get a good look at Black Cat's perspective on their relationship, and even more importantly, you meet some of the people who enable her criminal escapades. Check it out and tell the shop, "Steve sent me." (Which they'll probably think is odd since I'm editing that book as well, but at least it'll give me something to think about for few minutes before I get back to droning on about the books I work on.)

Dear, Web-Heads

My name is Andrew Cole. I'm 10 years old and am about to turn 11. I have been collecting comics for about 5 years now and have a total Spidey comics collection of around 265 issues.

I just got finished reading ASM

Dear Editor,

I haven't read Spider-Man regularly in a very long time. However, when I saw the return of the Lizard, I HAD to give it a look-see.

ASM #630 (Shed part one)... incredible. I like the update of Connors backstory; about how he lost his limb and how now the "Reptile" is chattering in his head, begging to come out.

If this is the "new" version of the Lizard, I really like it so far. I may have to add Spidey to my pull list at the comic shop now. Since I haven't read in a while, any chance of bringing back some of my favorite villains?

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#630 and all I can say is that it is a jaw dropper!!!! The art is awesome [GO, CHRIS BACHALO!!!!] and the writing is just extravagant!!!! [GO, ZEB WELLS!!!!]

I am just blown away at the way the you guys started this SHED thing!! I have always been a Lizard fan, [just to let you know I've had a 100 percent average in science for the past three years] and I love the way that you are using the way that real lizards would react to something like that happening.

In my personal opinion, I think that the Lizard will go on a killing rampage and Spidey will have to save the day, but bad luck will strike him again! And for all of you fellow geeks out there, I call dibs on the idea that once Spidey finally dumps the Black Cat, he will get a job and most of his bad luck will stop.

Keep it up with all of the cool villains, by the way I have a feeling that you will be hearing from me again when One Moment In Time starts!! Comics are the thing that keeps me sane, I think that all of the ASM fans and I will have a very great summer in the Marvel Universe!

From your young but loyal fan,

Andrew Cole
Anderson, South Carolina

Andrew, it's clear you are a smart kid since your letter required almost no editing for punctuation (...unlike some adults on this page I could mention!) Sounds like you may have a brain for science much like a certain Peter Parker. Now I can't actually recommend that you go and get bit by a spider at a science exhibit...but I wouldn't stop you either if you were my kid.

As an example, just look how Tom Brennan blossomed after I had another Marvel assistant editor bite him. Sure, he was mad for awhile, but who can remember back all the way to June?

Anyway, keep up the grades this fall, and keep writing in and letting us know how you're doing.



Staying with the 10-year old theme, let's hear from another young writer who took the time to actually mail a letter unlike the rest

of ya lazy bums with your Internet!

Dear: Marvel,

I am a 10 year old boy who lives in New York. I live with my mom and dad. I love your comics. My dad and I go to our comic shop near Riverdale. My favorite super hero is Spider-Man. My favorite Spider-man villain is Carnage and Venom. I have 160 issues of Marvel comics. I have every Spider-Man issue from #570 through #636. I like the fact that Kraven has come back.

Collecting comics is my favorite hobby. Not many people in my class collect comics. I will always read comics. My father and I are planning to go to New York Comic Con. It is not 100% sure, but we are still hoping. If we do go, we are hoping to get Stan Lee's autograph but we know that the line will be long, so if we do go we are going early.

I have a question to ask you about the Spider-Man series. Was it true that the symbiote bonded with Galactus and Thor?

My final question is what happened to the symbiotes Lasher, Riot, Scream, Agony, Phage, and Hybrid, all from the planet of symbiotes? If you answer, I will be truly grateful.

Steven Navarro
Bronx, NY

Great letter, Steven. I know kids in the Bronx are pretty tough (unlike assistant editors in Queens), so I'm going to get right to you answer.

From my 5 minutes of research (which included me napping for three of the minutes) it looks like:

A) The symbiote bonded with Thor but it was in a scene from What If? #4 (2nd series), so it didn't really happen. Similarly, while I recall a scene with Galactus getting possessed, I believe it was just a trick of the Spidey villain Mysterio. Any of you long time fans remember?

B) We haven't seen many of those symbiotes in years (and some were killed in a Hybrid mini-series), but the chance always exists that they could raise their heads again when Spidey least expects it. Having read a lot of those '90s comics, I know the real regret of the time was that there just weren't ENOUGH

symbiotes with hostile names!



We'll see everyone next issue as we finally find out why Peter's formerly public secret identity is no longer public! Until then...I'M ABOUT AS SHARP AS A SACK OF WET ROCKS.

CARAMAGNA!!!

Viva Red Dead Redemption!
Simperin' Steve
7/15/10

We have some extra space this month, so I want to use it to show off the variant covers for the first 2 parts of One Moment in Time. Both by OMIT writer and Marvel E-I-C Joe Quesada. Hope you like.

If not, you're fired!



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