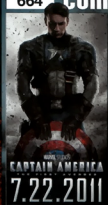


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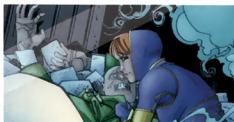
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Anti-Venom (Eddie Brock enhanced with a healing symbiote) viciously attacked philanthropist Martin Li outside the F.E.A.S.T. Center. Sources heard Anti-Venom yelling that Li, who has been such a force for good in the lives of the New York homeless, is really the drug lord Mr. Negative.

(see full story)

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The geniuses at Horizon Labs have developed facial recognition software that can identify anyone on sight. Captain Watanabe of the NYPD has been making the most of... (see full story)

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A comic book panel showing Anti-Venom, a large white symbiote with black veins and glowing red eyes, attacking Spider-Man. Spider-Man is in his red and blue suit, being crushed by Anti-Venom's hands. The background is a dark, industrial setting with some equipment visible on the left.

YOU AND ME, WE'VE GOT TRUST ISSUES.

I ADMIT, I TOOK IT PERSONALLY. BUT THEN I REMEMBERED YOU ALWAYS START THIS WAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS. DAREDEVIL, THE FF, THE AVENGERS...

YOU FIGHT, GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER... THEN YOU TEAM UP.

BUT I'M PRESSED FOR TIME, SO LET'S SPEED THIS UP, YOU KNOW I'M EDDIE BROOK...

...LET'S SEE WHO YOU ARE.

The Return Of Anti-Venom



BAD ENOUGH
ANTI-VENOM'S A PSYCHO,
HE'S GOTTA BE A **CLINGY**
PSYCHO. AND HIS GOOP
MESSES UP MY POWERS...
HAS ME TOO WEAK TO
BREAK FREE...

Part Two: Revelation Day



FORTUNATELY,
I CAN BE
CLINGY TOO.

HEY!
WHAT'D YOU
DO, **GLUE**
IT ON?

STICKY SKIN. GOOD
TO KNOW **SOME**
OF MY POWERS
STILL WORK.



WHAT WOULD
YOU THINK OF
ME IF I LET YOU
TAKE MY MASK
OFF ON THE
FIRST DATE?

YOU ACT
LIKE I'M
ELECTRO OR
SANDMAN. I'M
ON YOUR
SIDE NOW!

BUT I
GET IT. I NEED
TO **EARN** YOUR
TRUST. AND
I WILL.



HANG
OUT IN THE
LAIR WHILE I...
"RUN SOME
ERRANDS."

YOUR
LAIR SMELLS
FUNKY.

LINGERING
METH FUMES. IT
WAS A DRUG LAB
UNTIL I SHUT
IT DOWN.

SEE? THAT'S
ME NOW: CRIME-
FIGHTER.



I'M OFF
TO GET MORE
INTEL ON TONIGHT'S
DRUG DROP. THEN
YOU'LL **SEE** I'M
ON THE LEVEL.

TOGETHER.
WE COULD
CRIPPLE MR.
NEGATIVE'S
NARCOTICS
EMPIRE!

WHAT THE
WHAT? MR.
NEGATIVE? I HATE
THAT GUY, TOO!
I ONLY MADE WITH THE
FACE-KICKS 'CAUSE
YOU WERE GOING
BRAIN-EATY ON
MARTIN LI!



THAT'S
WHAT I'VE
BEEN TRYING TO
TELL YOU.

MARTIN LI
IS MR.
NEGATIVE.



MARTIN LIP
THE GUY WHO
FOUNDED THE
F.E.A.S.T. PROJECT
TO HELP THE
HOMELESS...

...IS THE
SUPER-POWERED
CRIME LORD OF
CHINATOWN?

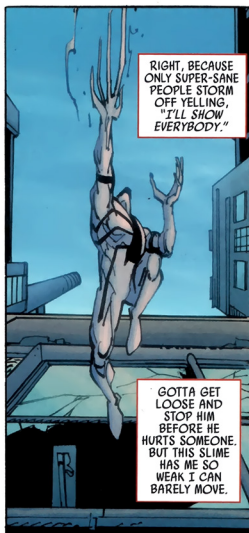
EDDIE, YOU'VE
BEEN INHALING
TOO MANY METH
FUMES. THEY DON'T
EVEN LOOK
ALIKE.

THAT'S
HIS NEGATIVE
IMAGE EFFECT.
IT TRICKS
YOUR EYES!



SEE, THIS
IS WHAT I'M
TALKING ABOUT!
NO ONE TAKES
CRAZY EDDIE
BROCK
SERIOUSLY!

BUT I'LL
SHOW YOU.
I'LL SHOW
EVERYBODY!



RIGHT, BECAUSE
ONLY SUPER-SANE
PEOPLE STORM
OFF YELLING,
"I'LL SHOW
EVERYBODY."

GOTTA GET
LOOSE AND
STOP HIM
BEFORE HE
HURTS SOMEONE.
BUT THIS SLIME
HAS ME SO
WEAK I CAN
BARELY MOVE.



GOOD THING
I ADDED SPECIAL
VOICE-COMMANDS FOR
MY WEB SHOOTERS.
AND SINCE EDDIE
DIDN'T CLEAN UP
THE METH LAB...

RIGHT SHOOTER...
RECOIL
STRAND...
FIRE!

THWIP



'CAUSE IF I KNOW MY
SCIENCE (WHICH, ACCORDING
TO THE *AMERICAN SCIENCE*
JOURNAL, I DO) THIS ACETONE
SHOULD HELP ME DISSOLVE
THIS GOO...EVENTUALLY.

JUST HOPE
EDDIE TAKES HIS
TIME DIGGING
UP THAT INFO.

ONLY THING GOING FOR
ME NOW IS THAT NEGATIVE
RUNS A TIGHT OPERATION.
HIS MEN ARE SO TERRIFIED
OF HIM, THEY'D **NEVER**
LET ANYTHING SLIP...

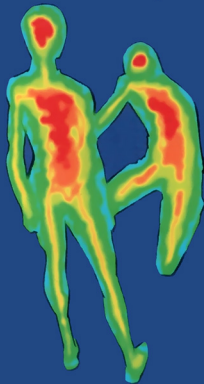
Quik-Actin'
ACETONE



PLEASE!
I'LL TALK!
I'LL TELL YOU
EVERYTHING!

THAT
CLINCHES
IT.

EVERYONE KNOWS
JEAN DEWOLFF.
HERO COP GUNNED
DOWN BY A MADMAN...
SISTER OF THE ORIGINAL
WRAITH. HER FACE
SEALS THE DEAL
EVERY TIME.



EXCEPT GHOSTS
DON'T HAVE BODY
HEAT. AND THESE
INFRARED BINOCULARS
PROVE SHE DOES.

THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL
EVIDENCE IS STRONG...
BUT FACE IT, CARLIE,
YOU'RE A FORENSIC
SCIENTIST.

YOU NEED
PROOF.

TONIGHT!
MORE HEROIN
THAN YOU'VE
EVER SEEN...

HE'S
TAKING
A DELIVERY
TONIGHT!

SO YOU'LL
COME FACE-TO-
FACE WITH THE
WRAITH LATER...

...ONCE YOU'VE
REMOVED ALL
DOUBT ABOUT
WHO SHE
REALLY IS.

ROTHNERS
ANTIQUES



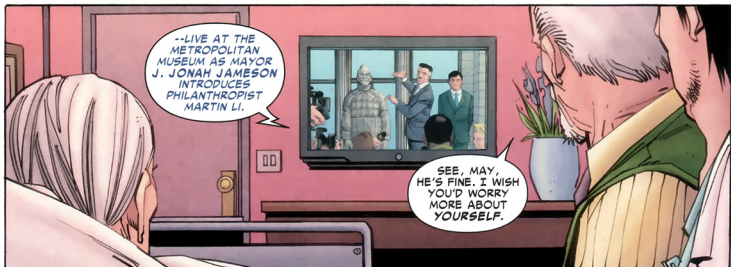
Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.



I CAN PAY FOR ANY TEST YOU RUN. CHECK EVERYTHING...

WE ALREADY HAVE, MR. JAMESON. YOUR WIFE IS FINE. JUST A FAINTING SPELL.

JAY. HUSH. THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT MR. LI. I WANT TO MAKE SURE HE'S ALL RIGHT AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY THAT MONSTER.



--LIVE AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM AS MAYOR J. JONAH JAMESON INTRODUCES PHILANTHROPIST MARTIN LI.

SEE, MAY, HE'S FINE. I WISH YOU'D WORRY MORE ABOUT YOURSELF.



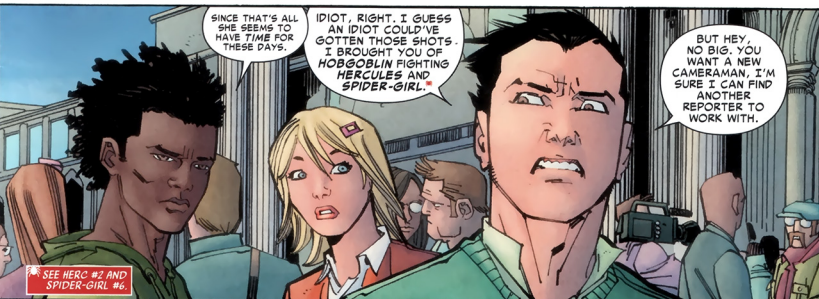
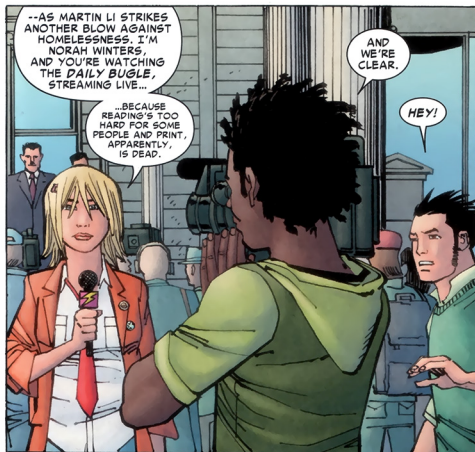
I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK MARTIN LI FOR DONATING HIS NEWLY ACQUIRED COLLECTION OF CHINESE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS TO THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

PROVING ONCE AGAIN THERE'S NO NEED TO SPEND YOUR TOURIST DOLLARS ANYWHERE BUT IN NEW YORK, BECAUSE ANYTHING IN THE WORLD WORTH SEEING ENDS UP HERE!

AHEM.

OH, YES...AND FOR AN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, BUY TICKETS TO ONE OF THE PRIVATE VIEWINGS...WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO HELP THE HOMELESS!

UNBELIEVABLE.

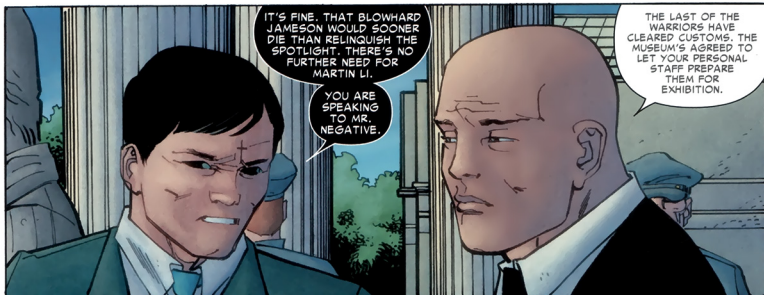




...AND FOR A MEASLY ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR DONATION, YOU GET A PHOTO WITH ME!

SIR, PARDON ME, BUT WE HAVE, AH... ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO TALK... BUSINESS...?



IT'S FINE. THAT BLOWHARD JAMESON WOULD SOONER DIE THAN RELINQUISH THE SPOTLIGHT. THERE'S NO FURTHER NEED FOR MARTIN LI.

YOU ARE SPEAKING TO MR. NEGATIVE.

THE LAST OF THE WARRIORS HAVE CLEARED CUSTOMS. THE MUSEUM'S AGREED TO LET YOUR PERSONAL STAFF PREPARE THEM FOR EXHIBITION.



THEY'VE PROVIDED US CODES TO DEACTIVATE THE ALARMS IN THAT SECTION OF THE BUILDING.

OUR CLEANING CREW WILL BRING IN INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH VACUUMS, AS WELL AS THE SPECIAL SOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE PLUGS IN THE FIGURES.

IT WILL TAKE NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS TO EXTRACT THE "PRODUCT" WITHIN AND REMOVE IT AS TRASH.



THE PERFECT CRIME. HUH, LIP AND THE PERFECT CHANCE TO CATCH YOU IN THE ACT...

...PROVING TO SPIDER-MAN I'M EVERY BIT AS SANE AS HE IS.



OW! OW!
OW!

THIS WAS **CRAZY!**
I'M JUST GONNA
BURN OFF MY--

WAIT.
THINK I FELT
IT GIVE...



COME ON,
PETE. THIS STUFF
SUPPRESSES
YOUR POWERS, IT
DOESN'T TAKE
THEM AWAY.

YOU CAN
DO THIS. DIG
DOWN...KEEP
FIGHTING...

YAAAH!



DON'T PASS
OUT. DON'T
GIVE IN.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH IT
HURTS, KEEP
PUSHING...KEEP--



YES!!



SPLORKCH

BLIIHH!



HEY, PARTNER.

OH, COME ON!



I KNOW. YOU'VE BEEN BORED, BUT CHEER UP. THIS IS WHERE THE FUN STARTS.

WE'RE TAKING A FIELD TRIP...TO THE MUSEUM. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

IT'LL BE VERY EDUCATIONAL.



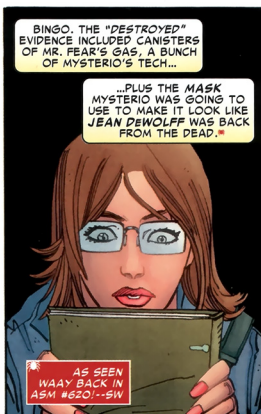
HALF A DAY STUCK TO A WALL AND NOW HE'S CARTING ME AROUND LIKE A SLIME-COVERED HELLO KITTY BACKPACK. THIS IS *SO* HUMILIATING.

I'M AN **AVENGER!** I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO GET JOBBED LIKE THIS!

SO, BE HONEST... DOES **WOLVERINE** CARRY YOU TO CRIME SCENES?

DUDE, YOU REALLY NEED A GIRLFRIEND.

Special Crimes Evidence Storage.



The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

YOU'RE LEAVING ME GOOPED UP TO A NAKED GUY'S BUTT? NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING MEAN.

NOBODY'LL FIND YOU HERE. AFTER I TAKE DOWN NEGATIVE, I'LL BRING HIM IN. SHOW YOU I'M RIGHT.

SERIOUSLY, EDDIE, IF MR. NEGATIVE'S AROUND, YOU'RE GONNA NEED HELP.

NO. HE MIGHT BE HERE AS MARTIN LI, AND THE LAST TIME YOU SAW ME...TRYING TO APPREHEND HIM, YOU LOST IT.

YOU WERE TRYING TO TEAR OFF HIS HEAD!

DETAILS.

DARK. LOOKS LIKE I BEAT 'EM HERE.

GUESS I'LL SET UP AN AMBUSH...SOMEWHERE I CAN JUMP OUT AND REALLY DO SOME--





GNNH!
C'MON!

WHAT I
WOULDN'T
GIVE FOR SOME
ACETONE RIGHT
ABOUT--

SPIDER-
MAN...

UM...NO
SPIDER-MEN
HERE. JUST US
STATUES.

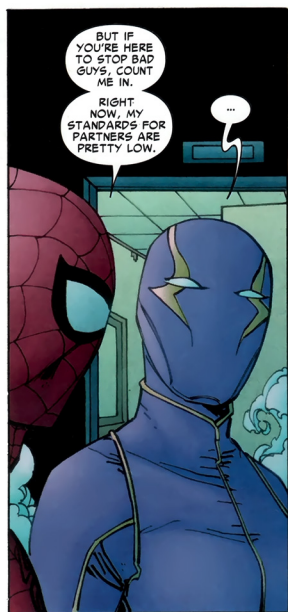
YOU'VE
NOTHING TO
FEAR. WE WERE
ALLIES WHEN I
LIVED. WE CAN
BE ALLIES
AGAIN.



I AM THE
WRAITH. I
KNOW YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS. THERE'S
NO TIME. WE
HAVE TO--

OH. I
DON'T HAVE
QUESTIONS. I'VE
MET SPIRITS OF
VENGEANCE, LADY,
AND YOU AIN'T
ONE OF 'EM.

I
RECOGNIZE
ALL THAT TECH.
MYSTERIO'S,
RIGHT?



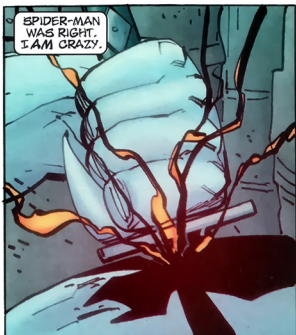
BUT IF
YOU'RE HERE
TO STOP BAD
GUYS, COUNT
ME IN.

RIGHT
NOW, MY
STANDARDS FOR
PARTNERS ARE
PRETTY LOW.

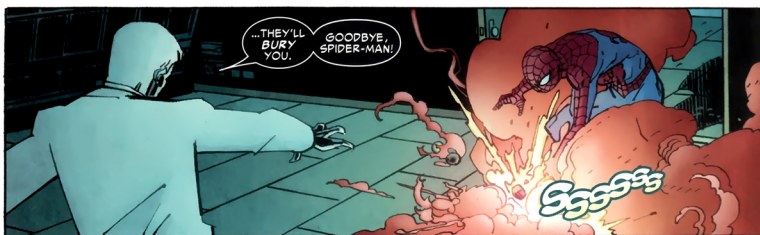
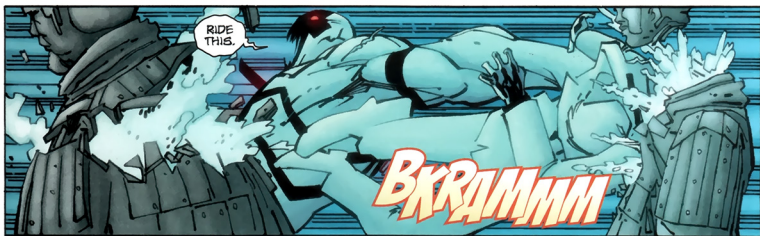
...



LET'S
GO.










HIS DEVIL'S
BREATH!

IT'S KEYED TO
A TARGET'S DNA...
A PERSONALIZED
DEATH GAS!



I'VE
BEEN WAITING
A LONG TIME
FOR THIS,
SPIDER-MAN...



...EVER
SINCE
OUR FIRST
ENCOUNTER. DO
YOU REMEMBER
THE DAY YOU
SURRENDERED
YOUR BLOOD
TO ME?



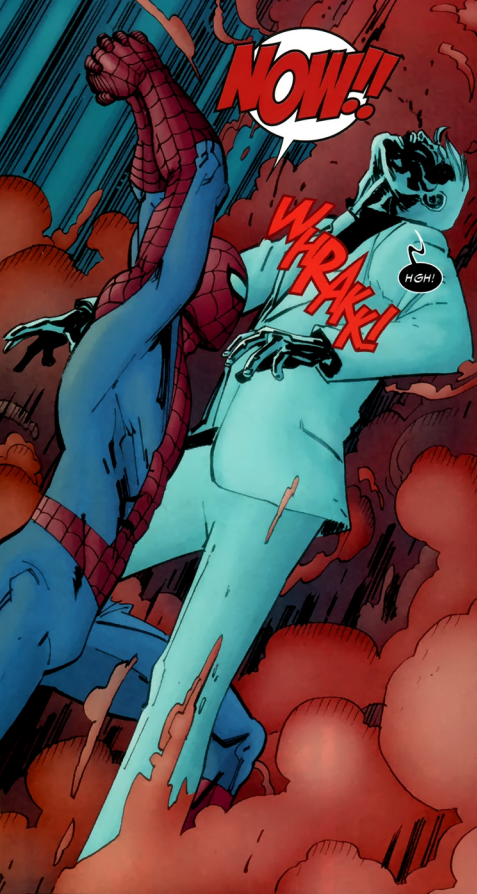
YEAH, JUST LIKE
YESTERDAY.
KNOW WHAT ELSE
I REMEMBER?

THE TIME BLACK
CAT AND I SWAPPED
THAT BLOOD
FOR PIG'S BLOOD,
RIGHT UNDER YOUR
NEGATIVE NOSE.



SEE, I'VE BEEN
WAITING A **LONG**
TIME FOR THIS.
TOO, LAST TIME WE
TUSSELED, YOU HIT
ME WITH A SHOT
THAT'D MAKE THE
HULK PROUD.

BUT NOW? WITH
YOUR DEFENSES
DOWN? LORDING
THIS OVER ME?
THIS IS IT, RIGHT
HERE. MY ONE
CHANCE. EVERYTHING
I'VE GOT IN ONE
PUNCH--ALL
OR NOTHING...





OH,
BUT I
DID.

I
JUST TOLD
EVERYONE.

The Daily Bugle.



EVERY
COMPUTER, TV
AND SMART PHONE
IN RANGE IS
SEEING WHAT
I SEE.

THIS IS
EXACTLY
WHAT HAPPENED
TO OSBORN LAST
YEAR. ALL OVER
AGAIN.

SCOOPED
ON ANOTHER
SPIDER-MAN
STORY. WE'RE
SLIPPING,
PEOPLE.

Gracie Mansion.



MR. NEGATIVE'S
FACE SIDE-BY-
SIDE WITH MARTIN LI'S,
WITH A NINETY-FIVE
PERCENT NODAL
POINT MATCH...

ON THE
SAME DAY I DO
A PHOTO OP WITH
THE MAN! HOW COULD
HE DO THIS--
TO ME?

NO REASON
TO BLAME
YOURSELF, MR.
MAYOR.

OF
COURSE NOT!
I BLAME
SPIDER-MAN!

Residence of the Jamesons.



...PLUS A
POSITIVE SKINPRINT
MATCH, WHICH
CAN DISTINGUISH
BETWEEN IDENTICAL
TWINS.

MAY...YOU
BETTER SIT
DOWN.

NONSENSE,
JAY, THE
DOCTOR SAID
THERE WAS NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT...



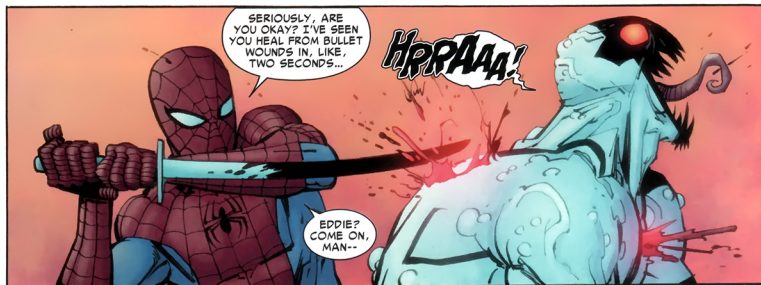
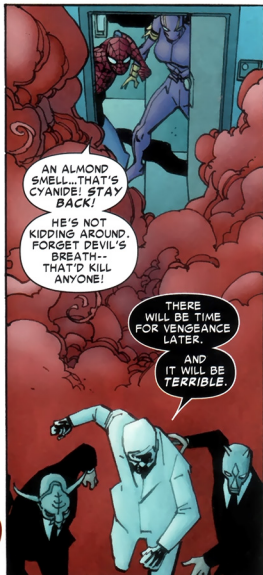
...MARTIN?

NO.
IT CAN'T
BE...



OOH-
OOH.

I'M THINKING
MR. NEGATIVE'S
MOOD IS ABOUT
TO MATCH HIS
NAME.





I'M FINE...
NOW, THANKS
TO YOU.

ABOUT
LEAVING YOU
TIED UP...MY
BAD.

UH-HUH.
WELL, AS LONG
AS WE'RE SAYING
OUR SORRIES
AND ALL...



WHAT CAN
I SAY? MUCH
AS I HATE TO
ADMIT IT...

(AND THAT'S
ABOUT AS MUCH
AS I WANT TO PUNCH
YOU REPEATEDLY IN
THE FACE)

YOU
WERE
RIGHT.



THAT'S ALL
I WANTED TO HEAR...
THAT YOU KNOW
I WASN'T LYING, THAT
YOU KNOW I'M
NOT CRAZY.

WELL...
LET'S NOT
GET CARRIED
AWAY...

...BUT YOU'VE
EARNED A
PASS TONIGHT,
EDDIE.

DON'T
MAKE ME
REGRET
IT.



POLICE!
NOBODY
MOVE!

IT'S OKAY,
OFFICERS. I'LL
EXPLAIN
EVERYTHING--



--AS SOON
AS I TAKE A
BATHROOM
BREAK.

THOSE
STATUES
ARE FULL OF
HEROIN.
DISCUSS.

BE
RIGHT
BACK.

CARLIE?
BUT WHERE'S
SHE GOING?



OH--CHARLIE.
I HEARD THE
CALL ON MY
RADIO--I WAS
JUST--

CAPTAIN
WATANABE...
STOP.
I
KNOW.



I KNOW
YOU'RE THE
WRAITH.

HOW DID
YOU--?

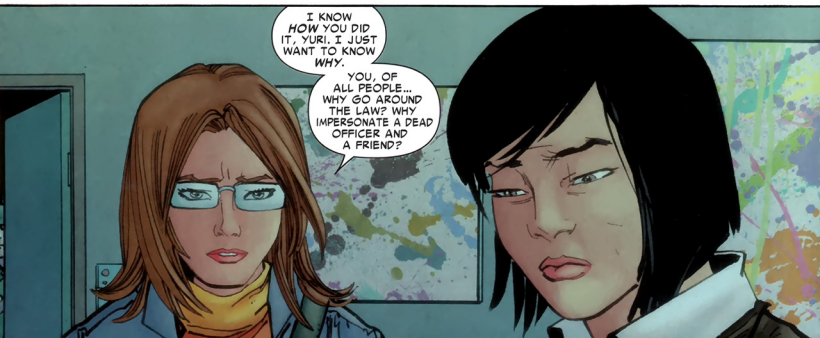


"MY PHONE.
I SLIPPED IT
INTO YOUR POCKET
EARLIER AND
FOLLOWED
THE G.P.S.--"



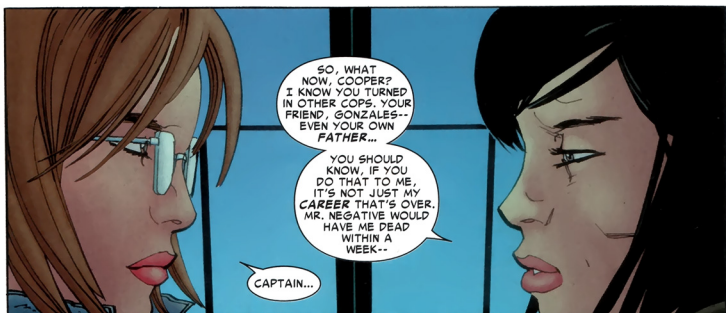
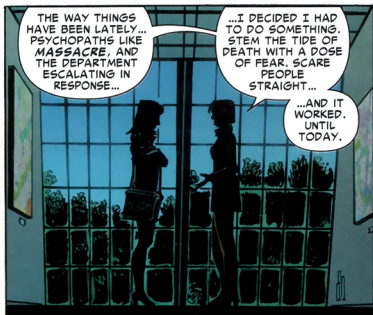
OF
COURSE YOU
FOUND OUT, IT
WAS ONLY
A MATTER
OF TIME.

YOU'RE
GOOD,
COOPER.



I KNOW
HOW YOU DID
IT, YURI. I JUST
WANT TO KNOW
WHY.

YOU, OF
ALL PEOPLE...
WHY GO AROUND
THE LAW? WHY
IMPERSONATE A DEAD
OFFICER AND
A FRIEND?



FINALLY...AT
LONG LAST...THEY
KNOW I WAS RIGHT.
EVERYONE
KNOWS.

THIS
IS THE DAY
EVERYTHING
CHANGES.

THE DAY
IT ALL TURNS
AROUND...

THE DAY
I'M THE
HERO.

Chinatown.

UHH...
WH-WHERE--

CLINK

CHAINS?
OH, GOD...

HELLO? THIS
IS MARTIN LI!
LOOK, WHATEVER
YOU WANT, I
CAN PAY IT!

PLEASE,
I'LL GIVE YOU
ANYTHING! JUST
LET ME OUT!
PLEASE!

WE MUST
OBEY! HE IS
STILL OUR
MASTER!

NO. THAT
IS NOT OUR
MASTER.

UNTIL HE
CHANGES
BACK...

...HE IS
NOTHING.

Across Town...

PETER PARKER'S APARTMENT.



SPIDER-MAN TOLD YOU WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT?

UH, YEAH. HE OVERHEARD YOU. AND THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO KNOW.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TURN THE CAPTAIN IN?



HELLO? BECAUSE SHE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS!

I CAN KEEP A SECRET, PETER. AND SO CAN YOU. APPARENTLY. BUT THAT'S OVER...

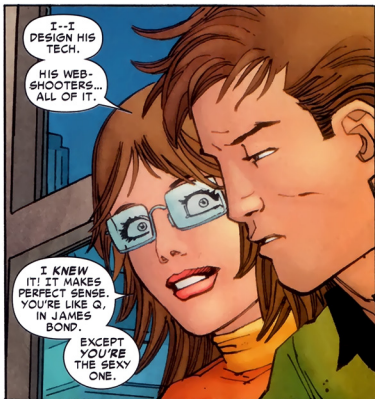
IT'S TIME. TELL ME THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU AND SPIDER-MAN.



WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION? WHATEVER IT IS, YOU CAN TRUST ME WITH IT.

I KNOW. AND I... CARLIE, YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH...

...THE TRUTH IS...



I--I DESIGN HIS TECH.

HIS WEB-SHOOTERS... ALL OF IT.

I KNEW IT! IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE. YOU'RE LIKE Q, IN JAMES BOND.

EXCEPT YOU'RE THE SEXY ONE.



SEE? ISN'T THAT BETTER?

KNOWING YOU'VE GOT SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST INSTEAD OF HAVING THIS HUGE SECRET BETWEEN US?

YEAH. OF COURSE. THAT...

...THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD BE, RIGHT?

The End

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Here we are again, Spidey-philes.

As I type this, it's a blistering night in June here in NYC. Pyle and I are working overtime getting ready for the launch of Spider-Island next month and making sure that not only the trains all run on time but that each part of the Spideypalooza is a good as possible.

One of the things I think I've been lax about is giving all of you loyal letter pages readers (or in other words me, a drunk fan outside my office in a Dan Slott mask, and my mother) a complete look at the entire Spider-Island epic.

So here ya go folks, your own personal Spi-Isle checklist. Cut it out, photocopy it and hand it off to your friends as wedding gifts. It's the thought that counts!

OFFICIAL SPIDER-ISLAND CHECKLIST!

JULY

ASM #666 – PRELUDE
SI: DAILY BUGLE FREE PREVIEW

AUGUST

ASM #667 – PART 1
SI: CLOAK AND DAGGER #1
SI: DEADLY FOES ONE-SHOT
(featuring Hobgoblin and Jackal)
VENOM #6
SI: DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU #1
SI: SPIDER-GIRL #1
SI: I ♥ NEW YORK ONE-SHOT
ASM #668 – PART 2

SEPTEMBER

SI: CLOAK AND DAGGER #2
SI: AVENGERS
HERCULES #7
ASM #669 – PART 3
SI: SPIDER-GIRL #2
VENOM #7
HERCULES #8
SI: SPIDER-WOMAN
ASM #670 – PART 4
SI: DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU #2

OCTOBER

SI: HEROES FOR HIRE ONE-SHOT
SI: CLOAK AND DAGGER #3
BLACK PANTHER #524
ASM #671 – PART 5
SI: DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU #3
SI: SPIDER-GIRL #3
VENOM #8
ASM #672 – PART 6

NOVEMBER

ASM #673 – EPILOGUE

With the people of Manhattan all getting Spider-powers, it's gonna make for long, sweaty and sticky

summer for Spider-Man and his friends. We hope you can come along for the whole saga as we're working to make sure the tie-ins not only add to the main event, but also tell a compelling story of their own.



ITEM! Did you know that over on Twitter.com you can find me and many members of the Spidey crew previewing art and other secrets behind the Island? It's true, just look for the topic #SpiderIsland and be a part of the nonsense.

ITEM! This summer also marks the launch of two books very important to Spider's New York.

First up is the all-action return of Daredevil by former Spidey writer Mark Waid with art by former Spidey artists Marcos Martin and Paolo Rivera. Waid and Slott have already been talking about finding a way to get these two swinging hotshots together in a story, so stay tuned. (If I know those two guys, the story will somehow involve Dr. Who...and my eyes will glaze over!)

Second is the return of the Punisher by superstar scribe Greg Rucka and Marco Checchetto. If you've ever read any of Greg's novels, you know this is going to be seriously brutal. If nothing else, the Punisher's return will be sure to rock New York and all its heroes.

ITEM! Our final bit of news is more of a congratulations to Spidey's favorite lettering legend: Juicin' Joe Caramagna. This issue marks Joe's 75th consecutive issue of Spidey (as well as the 75th issue of me spelling his name wrong!). This Italian jamoke is an absolute workhorse for Chris Eliopoulos' Virtual Calligraphy studio where he has helped dig this book out of one editor-related jam after another.

Joe's also a writer and has a story in the aforementioned I ♥ New York one shot in August. Check it out before he gets too big to return my calls (Or Ellie's. I don't really talk to letterers. I'm very important.).



Okay, I've babbled on enough. Let's try and squeeze a couple of your correspondence in here:

Dear Marvel,
Longtime reader and fan. Just got a few questions:

1- Are you gonna do anything with Ms. Marvel and Spider-Man, Team up?, Dating maybe.

2- Is Spidey gonna get his spider

sense back anytime soon?

3- Is Spider-Man: Shattered Dimensions canon?

4- How old is Pete?

Keep doing what you're doing. It keeps getting better.

Jim Lewis

Albuquerque, NM

Jim, I love lists of questions, so let's get to it.

1- Nope. That story was pretty much told in pages of ASM and Ms. Marvel a year or so back. They had a "date" but in the end realized they had a mutual friendship and respect for each other, not a romance. (Story of my life!...er... I mean Spidey's life.)

2- Not that I'm aware of.

3- If you can make it fit, then sure. Our own Dan Slott wrote it, after all. Plus it even references last year's Grim Hunt story at one point.

4- Mid-20s. Same as my IQ.

And that's all the room we have this time out. See you next time for a story by Slott with art by the already legendary Ryan Stegman. Plus, you get the last Infested teaser which sets the stage for a MAJOR status quo change for someone VERY close to Pete.

Oh, and go read Venom #4 in the meantime!

Viva Phinneas!
Simperin' Steve
6/1/11

NEXT!



OPENING NIGHT!

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Croton-On-Hudson, New York.

AN ABANDONED HAI-DAI
TRAINING FACILITY.

GOTTA TELL
YOU, SHANG.
I DON'T KNOW IF
THESE KUNG FU
LESSONS OF YOURS
ARE PAYING
OFF.

I WENT
TOE-TO-TOE
WITH EDDIE BROCK
THE OTHER DAY...AND
HIS TOE TOTALLY
TRASHED MY
TOE!

STOP. NO
GUIPS. PUT
ALL YOUR
ENERGY--

--ALL
YOUR
FOCUS INTO
ACTION.

MAN, THIS
WAS WAY
EASIER WHEN I
HAD MY SPIDER-
SENSE.

NO.
THAT WAS A
CRUTCH.

A
BARRIER THAT
KEPT YOU FROM
YOUR TRUE
POTENTIAL.

YOU
MUST GO
BEYOND THE
SPIDER. BEYOND
THE MAN.

BEYOND
EVEN THE
FIGHTER!

AND
BECOME
THE FIGHT
ITSELF!

WHAK

HRK!

SHANG?!

TUMP

GOOP!
NOW
AGAIN!

HE TOOK MY TOE
TO TOWN, SHANG.
IT WAS TOE-
MAGEDDON.

UNDERSTOOD.
BROCK IS ONE
OF YOUR SPIDER-
BASED FOES.
ANTI-VENOM.
CORRECT?

YEAH.

THEN LET US
PROCEED TO THE
NEXT LEVEL. TONY
STARK WAS KIND
ENOUGH TO PROVIDE
ME WITH THESE
MAGNETIC
GAUNTLETS...

...AND
BOOTS.
WITH
THEM...

...I SHALL
HELP YOU
DEWEAVE A MARTIAL
ARTS STYLE
THAT IS ALL
YOUR OWN.

COME.
TOGETHER
WE SHALL FIND
THE WAY OF
THE SPIDER.

HEY! WALL-
CRAWLING'S MY
SHIT. DON'T
MAKE ME SUE
YOU.

**Days
Later...**

I THINK YOU ARE
JUST ABOUT READY,
MY FRIEND.

ONE LAST
TEST. MEET ME
TOMORROW IN
MY STUDIO IN
THE CITY.

GOOD!
THIS COMMUTE
WAS KILLIN'
ME! OH, AND
SHANG...?

THANKS,
PAL. I WON'T
FORGET
THIS.

HE'S
GONE. YOU
CAN--

COME
OUT NOW.
I KNOW.

I'M MADAME
WEB. I KNOW
PRETTY MUCH
EVERYTHING.

THAT--
THAT IS *VERY*
ANNOYING. I
WISH YOU'D--

STOP
DOING THAT?
SORRY.

SO
TELL ME, MS.
CARPENTER, LOOK
IN TO THE FUTURE.
WILL THIS BE
ENOUGH?

WILL
THIS GIVE
SPIDER-MAN
THE EDGE
HE NEEDS
WHEN...

THE
SPIDERS
COME?

THAT'S THE
ONE THING,
SHANG-CHI...

...I DON'T
KNOW. WE'LL
HAVE TO WAIT
AND SEE.

INFESTED

STAGE 5: WALL-TO-WALL

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