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Stan Lee PRESENTS:

SPIDER-MAN

"IF This Be Justice--"

"THOMPSON, POPULARLY KNOWN BY HIS HIGH SCHOOL NICKNAME OF 'FLASH' WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER HIS BATTLE WITH SPIDER-MAN AND IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD WITHOUT BAIL."

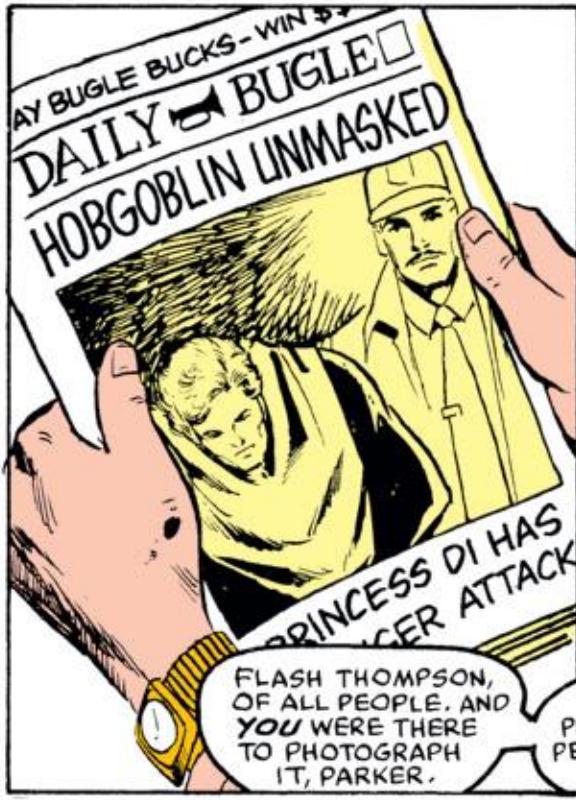
"CLOSE FRIENDS OF THOMPSON'S PRORESSED ASTONISHMENT THAT THOMPSON WAS UNMASKED AS THE COSTUMED CRIMINAL 'HOBGOBLIN'. ONE ANONYMOUS SOURCE STATED, 'HE WAS ALWAYS AN OBNOXIOUS SON-OF-A-GUN, BUT THIS? WOW!'"

"AND WOW TO YOU COMMUTERS. IT'S 8:45 AM HERE ON WNBC RADIO. IF YOU'RE NOT ALREADY AT WORK, YOU'D BETTER BE GETTING READY TO GO."

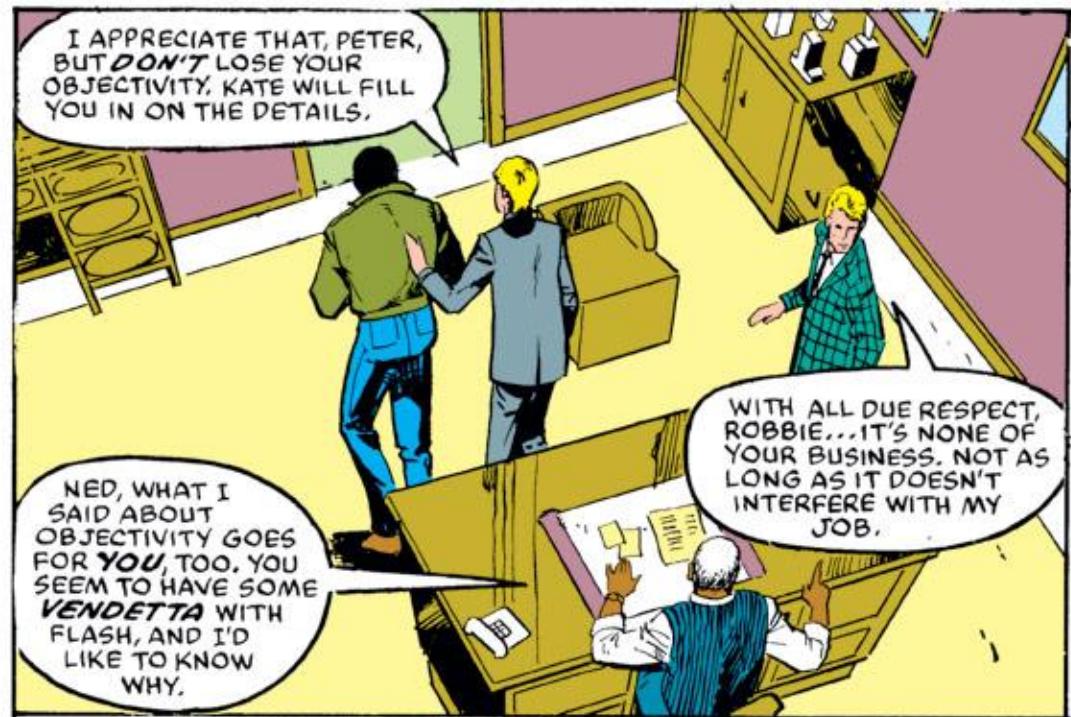


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...PETER PARKER, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, APPROACHING THE POLICE STATION WHERE FLASH IS INCARCERATED.

I'VE KNOWN FLASH FOR YEARS, AND HE'S BEEN CONSISTENT: A FREQUENT THORN FOR PETER PARKER, AND ONE OF SPIDER-MAN'S STAUNCHEST SUPPORTERS.

IN LATER YEARS WE BECAME FRIENDS... THEN RECENTLY, HE STARTED TO ACT ERRATICALLY--AROUND THE TIME THE HOBGOBLIN SHOWED UP,

HE BECAME INSANELY JEALOUS REGARDING ME AND HIS GIRLFRIEND SHA SHAN. AND THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, HE TURNED HUMAN AGAIN. ACTED LIKE MY PAL... EVEN CONVINCED ME THAT HE HAD ALWAYS HAD MY BEST INTERESTS AT HEART, EVEN WHEN HE MADE LIFE MISERABLE FOR ME IN HIGH SCHOOL.

AND I, LIKE A SAP, BOUGHT IT. BUT HE WAS SO CONVINCING, THEN AGAIN, PSYCHOPATHS USUALLY ARE.

SO, IF HE IS THE HOBGOBLIN-- WHICH LOOKS LIKELY-- THEN I DON'T OWE HIM ANYTHING, EXCEPT MAYBE A PUNCH IN THE MOUTH.

BUT I KEEP WONDERING, WHAT IF IT'S A SETUP? IF IT IS, THEN HOBGOBLIN'S RUNNING LOOSE AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP. SO EITHER I HELP FLASH, WHO MAY BE A MAJOR ENEMY OF MINE...

OR I STAY OUT OF IT AND LET FLASH ROT IN JAIL, AND PRAY I'M NOT MAKING A MISTAKE.

ARE YOU PETER PARKER?

WOW! WHAT A KNOCKOUT! I'LL BE ANYONE SHE WANTS ME TO BE.

YES.

I'M SHARON BANKS. FLASH'S ATTORNEY.

MY PLEASURE, MISS BANKS.

CALL ME SHARON.

OKAY, YOU, UHM, DON'T LOOK LIKE YOUR STANDARD PUBLIC DEFENDER, SHARON.

HMM, THAT COP...

GOOD EYE.
MY FIRM DOES PRO BONO AND LEGAL AID WORK SOMETIMES.
THIS IS MY STINT, AND BOY DID I DRAW A WINNER.

