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THE
FACE
OF
KAIN



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STAN LEE presents THE TRIAL OF PETER PARKER Part 3
THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE!

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE SO CLOSE TO DEATH, KAIN?

CAN YOU SEE THE FACES OF ALL YOUR VICTIMS?

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE REST, BUT FOR THE FEW SECONDS BEFORE YOU DIE...

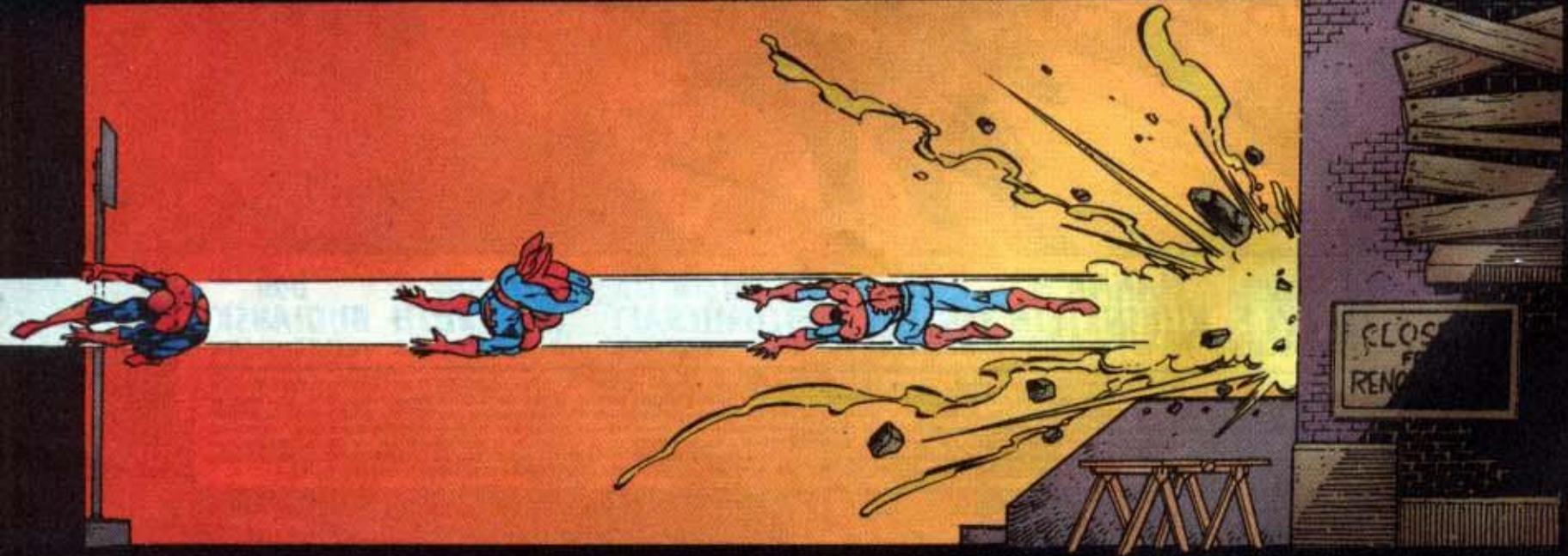
...YOU'LL REMEMBER THE NAME OF ONE MAN YOU KILLED:

DR. OTTO OCTAVIUS!

NO!

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GOOD-BYE, KAIN! SEE YOU IN --

NO.

IF I AM GOING TO DIE...

...I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE I LEAVE YOU SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY.

YOUR HAND!

IT'S THE SAME MARK THAT WAS ON OTTO'S FACE... AND RAVEN'S!

YES, AND IT IS THE MARK WHICH YOU WILL CARRY WITH YOU TO YOUR GRAVE!

I DON'T THINK SO, KAIN!

BOTH OF YOU... CHILL OUT --









NO...
I'M
NOT.

I WILL
FIGHT YOU!
WITH EVERY LAST
OUNCE OF MY
STRENGTH.

I WILL
NOT HELP
REILLY.

AND
EVEN AS
BEATEN UP AS
I AM... I CAN
STILL DEFEAT
YOU.

YOU'RE
PROBABLY
RIGHT.

I PROBABLY
DON'T STAND
A CHANCE.

BUT
THEN
AGAIN...

WHAM



MEANWHILE...

MURDER!

COLDLY AND
PREMEDITATEDLY
CARRIED OUT... THE BRUTAL
SCARRING OF THE
VICTIMS...

THE STATE
HAS PRESENTED
YOU WITH THE
EVIDENCE.

YOU HAVE HEARD
FROM ALL THE
EYEWITNESSES...

YOU
HAVE LAIN EYES
UPON PHOTOGRAPHIC
EVIDENCE OF THE VICTIMS'
REMAINS, WHICH
UNDER NORMAL
CIRCUMSTANCES...
WELL...

... I, FOR
THE STATE,
APOLOGIZE TO
YOU ALL FOR
SUBJECTING
YOU TO SUCH
HORRIFIC
IMAGES.

BUT ALL
THE EVIDENCE,
NO MATTER HOW
GRAPHIC, WAS
NECESSARY, SO
THAT YOU COULD
REACH THE ONLY
VERDICT LAW-
ABIDING CITIZENS
COULD
REACH:

PETER
PARKER IS
GUILTY OF THE
CRIME AS
CHARGED!

HE
SHOULD BE
GIVEN THE MAXIMUM
SENTENCE ALLOWED BY
LAW FOR THE HEINOUS
NATURE OF HIS
CRIME... THE DEATH
PENALTY.

OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE...

OKAY, KAIN...

...WE'RE HERE NOW.

TIME FOR YOU AND ME TO MAKE A DRAMATIC ELEVENTH HOUR VINDICATION OF AN INNOCENT MAN.

WE'RE GOING TO MARCH RIGHT INTO THE COURT AND YOU ARE GOING TO TELL THE JUDGE... THE LAWYERS... THE WORLD... THE TRUTH!

ALL OF IT!

THE TRUTH?
THE TRUTH?

NO... I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY WANT THAT!

AND EVEN IF YOU DID...

KRAK

NEITHER THEY... NOR YOU... ARE GOING TO HEAR IT FROM ME!

OH, THE TRUTH IS GOING TO COME OUT TODAY, KAIN.

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF HOW MUCH WE HAVE TO BEAT ON ONE ANOTHER BEFORE IT DOES!

WHAT?

THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, A DISTURBANCE INVOLVING SPIDER-MAN AND ANOTHER COSTIMED INDIVIDUAL APPEARS TO HAVE FOUND ITS WAY INTO THIS COURTHOUSE.

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, I ASK THAT YOU ALL REMAIN CALM AND SEATED UNTIL THE COURT OFFICERS CAN DEFUSE THE SITUATION.

UNTIL SUCH TIME, THIS COURT IS IN RECESS.

PETER?
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?

JACOB RAVEN WONDERS THE SAME THING...

I HOPE YOU'VE GOT YOUR HANDS ON KAIN, WEB-SLINGER... ON THE TRUTH.



NO.

NO
MORE
FIGHTING...
NOT FOR
NOW.

YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
THE TRUTH.

AND
I ASK YOU...

...WHICH
TRUTH?

"MY
KIND"?

DON'T
TRY TO
PLAY GAMES
WITH ME,
KAIN.

TOO
MANY OF
YOUR KIND
HAVE TRIED
IN THE
PAST.

IT JUST
GETS ME
ANGRY.

WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW OF
"MY
KIND"?

DO YOU,
THINK I'M JUST
ANOTHER OF THE
COSTUMED CRIMINALS
YOU HAVE FOUGHT
OVER THE
YEARS?

WHAT IF
I TOLD YOU I
WASN'T?

SO FAR
NOTHING YOU'VE
DONE HAS SHOWN
ANYTHING
DIFFERENT.



MAYBE,
THAT'S BECAUSE
YOU HAVEN'T
BOthered TO LOOK
BEYOND MY
ACTIONS.

POSSIBLY,
IF YOU EXAMINED
ALL THAT I'VE
DONE, YOU WOULD
SEE THAT IT
ALL BENEFITS
YOU!

EVERYTHING!

AND THERE
IS NO WAY
I'M GOING TO
ALLOW YOU TO
THROW IT ALL
AWAY!

NO WAY
I'LL LET YOU
RISK EVERYTHING
FOR... FOR
REILLY!

WHY CAN'T
YOU SEE THAT
I'VE DONE IT ALL
FOR YOU?

MAYBE
YOU NEED TO
SEE BEHIND THE
MASK... TO KNOW THE
MAN WHO CAN
NEVER BE.

TAKE A
GOOD LOOK,
PETER.



DOES
ANY PART OF
THIS TWISTED
FACE LOOK
FAMILIAR,
PETER?

IT
SHOULD,
BECAUSE...

I
WAS THE
**FIRST
CLONE!**

BUT THE
DEGENERATION
TOOK ANY CHANCE
I MIGHT HAVE
OF A REAL
LIFE.

WARREN
TRIED TO KILL
ME... THROW ME
AWAY LIKE SOME FAILED
EXPERIMENT. BUT THE
DEGEN TWISTED MY
POWERS AROUND
AS WELL. I'M STRONGER
THAN YOU, PETER...
STRONGER THAN
REILLY.

AND I'VE
USED... WILL
USE... ALL MY
STRENGTH TO MAKE
SURE THAT THE LIFE
YOU'VE BUILT FOR
YOURSELF IS
NEVER IN
DANGER.







AGAIN,
YOUR HONOR, I
APOLOGIZE TO
THE COURT,
BUT...

... THERE
IS NO OTHER
WAY FOR THE
TRUTH TO
COME OUT.

NO
OTHER
WAY.

NO...
PETER...

PARKER!
THIS IS
INSANE!

NO.
ENOUGH.

I WON'T
LET YOU DO
THIS.

YOUR
HONOR,
THE
PEOPLE REQUEST
THAT THESE MEN
BE PLACED INTO
CUSTODY AT
ONCE...

YOUR HONOR,
I HAVE A
CONFESSTION
TO MAKE.

THIS
IS HIGHLY
IRREGULAR...

...AND THAT.
THIS TRIAL BE
CONCLUDED --





OH... AND
ONE MORE
THING... IF
IT PLEASES
THE COURT...

NOW THAT I'VE
PREVENTED MY
WORST FEAR
FROM COMING
TRUE...

I'M
GOING TO
DO WHAT I
WASN'T ABLE
TO DO FOR
YEARS...

...AND
CARRY OUT YOUR
EXECUTION!

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