

THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN



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OTTO OCTAVIUS IS A MAN WHO CHEATED DEATH, BUT AT A PRICE. WHEN HE EXCHANGED BODIES WITH PETER PARKER, HE GAINED THE AMAZING SKILLS OF SPIDER-MAN—AND ALL OF PETER'S MEMORIES. OTTO FINALLY UNDERSTANDS PETER'S MISSION OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.



BUT A TINY PIECE OF PETER PARKER IS STILL THERE IN THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN'S BRAIN, WATCHING OTTO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE AND TRYING TO KEEP THE REFORMED VILLAIN IN CHECK.



JESTER AND SCREWBALL HUMILIATED MAYOR JAMESON AND HE REQUESTED SPIDER-MAN TO TAKE THEM OUT. SPIDER-MAN APPREHENDED THEM, BRUTALLY.



WITH ANOTHER VIOLENT TAKEDOWN UNDER HIS BELT, SPIDER-MAN GARNERED THE ATTENTION OF THE AVENGERS, NOW QUESTIONING HIS BEHAVIOR, AND THEY DECIDED TO BRING HIM IN.

TROUBLED MIND PART ONE: RIGHT-HAND MAN

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THE BUSINESS
OF MEDICAL
MIRACLES.

DOCTORS,
HOW GOES
IT?

EXCELLENT, SIR.
THOSE EXPERIMENTAL
PERMAL BONDS YOU
"PROCURED" FOR
US ARE WORKING
PERFECTLY.

WE'VE REPLACED
ALL THE SKIN MR.
NICHOLS HERE LOST
TO NECROSIS. I CAN'T
BELIEVE THE FDA
HASN'T APPROVED
THIS YET.

RUN THE
SAME TESTS
AGAIN?



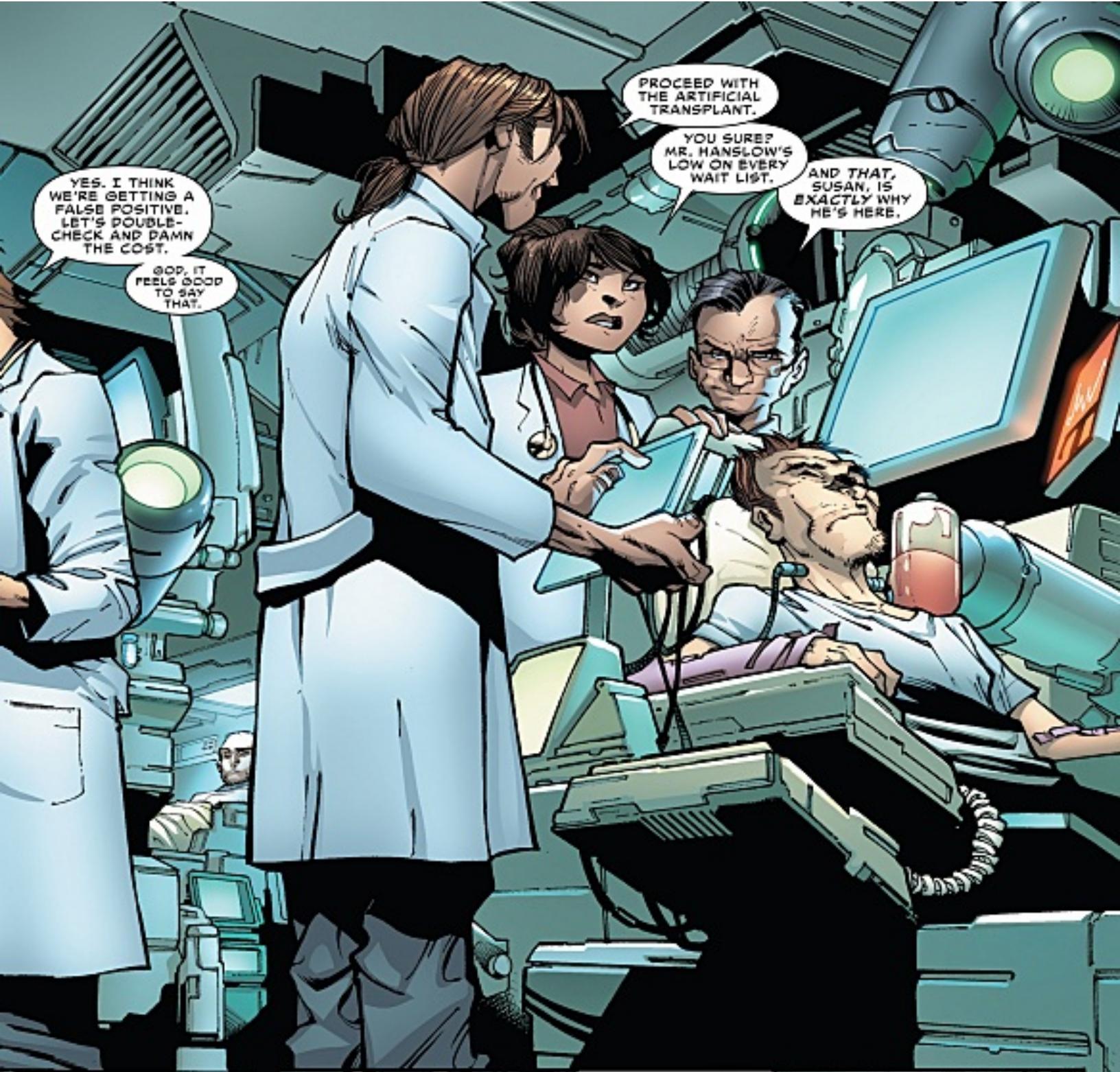
HOW ARE YOU
FEELING TODAY,
ALFONSO?

MUCH BETTER
NOW THAT MY SUPER
HERO DOCTOR IS
BACK.

YOU'LL SIT IN
TOMORROW
FOR MY
OPERATION?

I'LL
PERFORM IT
MYSELF.





LOOK AT HIM. DOC OCK.
SLEEPING IN MY BED. IN
MY BODY.

THE ONLY THING WORSE?
IS WHEN HE'S UP, RUNNING
AROUND AS SPIDER-MAN,
WITH ALL OF MY POWER...

IT HAS TO
STOP!

I HAVE TO
REGAIN CONTROL!

MAYBE NOW
WHILE HE'S ASLEEP.

...AND A VERY DIFFERENT
SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.
HE'S PUT A NUMBER OF MY
ENEMIES IN THE HOSPITAL.
AND ONE IN THE MORGUE.

I'M DOING IT!

MOVING MY
RIGHT HAND!

CAREFUL...DON'T
WAKE HIM UP...

LOOK AT
THAT!

MAYBE--WITH
PRACTICE--I COULD
SLIP SOMEBODY
A NOTE.

LIKE "HELP ME!"
OR "DOC OCK
SWAPPED MY
BRAIN!" OR...

WHAT
THE--?

GREAT. SO I CAN'T
ACCESS THE LANGUAGE
CENTER OF MY OWN
BRAIN! JUST PERFECT.

HOW COULD
THIS POSSIBLY
GET ANY--

TZEE
TZEE

AH! MY
PHONE! SHHH!

CAN'T LET OTTO SEE
WHAT I WAS UP TO!

C'MON, RIGHT
HAND! GOOD
OL' RIGHTIE.

I NEED YOU
FOR ONE MORE
THING--

ZREE

SWAP

HNN?

AND INTO THE BASKET
FOR TWO POINTS!

HERE'S HOPING HE
DOESN'T SEE THAT
BEFORE HE TAKES
OUT THE TRASH.

ZREE

ZREE

AH.
MY PATROL
APP.

POLICE
BAND
TIME.

ONE OF
PARKER'S--MY
FOES IS ON THE
LOOSE AGAIN AND
UP TO NO GOOD.



--THE AWE-
INSPIRING
EXPLOITS
OF--

--THE **SUPERIOR** **SPIDER-MAN!**

GOD, OTTO,
YOU ARE SUCH
A TOOL.

LET'S SEE, ACCORDING TO
THOSE POLICE REPORTS,
THERE'S BEEN A BREAK-IN ON
THE EDGE OF TOWN OVER AT...

**YARDALE STORAGE,
ALSO KNOWN AS "THE
BONEYARD."**

THE POLICE IMPOUND
LOT FOR ITEMS SEIZED
AT SUPERHUMAN
CRIME SCENES.

AND THE INTRUDER
IN QUESTION...

CHOOm!

WHERE
IS IT?!

...IS NONE OTHER THAN THE
VIGILANTE KNOWN AS--

CARDIAC

ONE ITEM AND
THEN I'M GONE!
DONE WITH THIS
PLACE!

TELL ME!
WHERE IS THE
LOT FROM THE U.S.
ATOMIC RESEARCH
CENTER?

WE DON'T
KNOW, MAN!
HONEST! WE
DON'T--

UNGH!

TZAK

UNBELIEVABLE.
THERE'S NO RHYME
OR REASON TO THIS
PLACE. IT'S JUST A
GIANT DUMPING
GROUND.

AND WHEN
I THINK OF ALL
THE AMAZING
THINGS STORED
HERE...

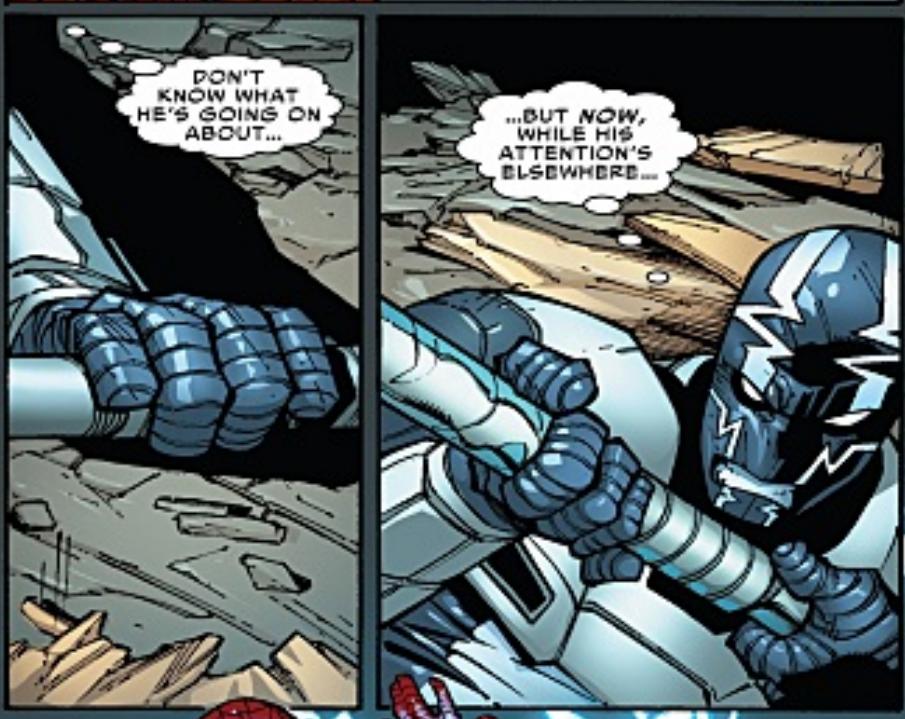
...OF ALL
THE GOOD
THAT COULD BE
ACCOMPLISHED
IF THEY WERE
SHARED WITH
THE REST OF THE--

OHHH...

OH, QUIET.
YOU'RE ONLY
STUNNED.







IT'S BEEN A WHILE, WEB-SLINGER.

I FORGOT HOW ANNOYING THAT SPIDER-SENSE OF YOURS CAN BE.

YES, IT'S A CONSTANT SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION...

...FOR ANYONE BASE ENOUGH TO ATTACK...

SAYS THE MAN WHO STRUCK ME FROM BEHIND.

HOW DARE YOU COMPARE YOURSELF TO ME!

...WHEN MY GUARD'S DOWN!
COWARD!

Z-KOW

I'M A HERO! AN AVENGER! A TRUSTED AGENT OF LAW AND ORDER!

AND YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A COMMON THIEF!

THWAK

AH. TRUE.

BUT A THIEF WHO'S FOUND EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR.

THANKS, SPIKEY.

NEVER WOULD'VE TRACKED THIS DOWN WITHOUT YOU.

UNTIL NEXT TIME.

NOT LIKELY.



FOR THERE
IS NO WAY I'M
ALLOWING YOU
TO LEAVE HERE...

THWIP

WAP

NO!
PLEASE.

...WITH YOUR
PRIZE!

NOW LET'S
SEE WHAT ALL
THIS FUSS IS
ABOUT--

NEUROLITIC
SCANNER
CONFISCATED FROM
DR. O. OCTAVIUS

MY NEUROLITIC SCANNER! ONE OF
MY GREATEST INVENTIONS...

...THE TECHNOLOGICAL
BREAKTHROUGH THAT
LET MY MIND TALK TO MY
MECHANICAL ARMS!

I NEED
THAT! YOU
HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT'S AT
STAKE HERE!

GIVE IT
BACK!

NEVER!

GNUH!

THIS FACILITY--IT'S
ILLED WITH ALL OF
MY CONFISCATED
TREASURES!

ALL MY RARE
AND PRECIOUS
PROTOTYPES!
MY LEGACY! MY
LIFE'S WORK!

AND THIS BLUE-
SKINNED BUFFOON
WAS GOING TO
PLUNDER THEM?!







I'M NEEDED AT AVENGERS TOWER.
AND IF MY SKILLS ARE REQUIRED...

...ONE CAN ONLY ASSUME
THE FATE OF THE WORLD
HANGS IN THE BALANCE!

NO NEED TO
WORRY. I'M HERE.
WE CAN GO
NOW.

WHAT'S
THE
EMERGENCY
THIS TIME?

THIS AIN'T
AN
EMERGENCY,
BUB. IT'S AN
INTERVENTION.

EXPLAIN.

WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THIS?

NO. YOU
EXPLAIN THIS TO
US, SPIDER-MAN.
WHAT'S HAPPENED
TO YOU?



BOOMERANG, VULTURE,
JESTER, SCREWBALL.
ALL OF THEM,
VIOLENTLY BEATEN
WITHIN AN INCH OF
THEIR LIVES.

LAST ISH.
-STEVE

MASSACRE:
DEAD BY YOUR
HAND.

AND NOW WE
HAVE THIS SECURE
FOOTAGE FROM THE
BONEYARD...

...OF YOU
ABOUT TO APPLY
LETHAL FORCE
TO A MAN LIKE
CARDIAC.









'SUP SPIDER-MAN'

We're swingin' right along here at Spidey-Sentral as the excitement continues around our little comic. The first several issues have sold out and the e-mails have continued to roll in by the gigabyte. Dan and the whole crew have some exciting twists up their sleeve over the next few issues (Issue 9 in particular is going to be a COMPLETE game changer), so make sure you've told your comic shop to hold on to a copy!

And speaking of mail, we've got a lot like I said, so let's get to it! We'll start off with some responses to the very angry reactions that we ran in our first couple issues.

I had to write you after just reading the non-stop negative comment section in my new Superior Spider-Man issue #2.

In my opinion, both the storyline and art have been incredible for this entire storyline thus far. The constant bashing with people not even giving it a chance is crazy to me! This is exciting! It's new! I honestly love it so much that I not only subscribed to Superior but eight other titles just recently.

I collected comics long ago in the 80's and 90's. You've now brought me back and I am absolutely in love with not only the Superior storyline but many others!

Robert L Beukema

I recently started reading comic books last year and have a dozen books on my pull list already that I just simply can't wait to read and I am happy to say that Superior Spider-Man is on the top of that list.

I've always been a fan of the Spider-Man movies and storylines but the new Superior Story is by far my favorite. To have Peter Parker be a "conscience" to Doc Ock is genius! What a smart way to start a new story for Spider-Man. I don't understand why everyone is so upset over this; you obviously know what you're doing. Everyone has trusted you with the story up to this point, why won't they trust you now to deliver an amazing, ahem, I mean superior story arc now? I love the story and the artwork is great. Keep up the great work! Thank you!

George Nakhleh
Royal Oak, MI

I am 19 and just another reader who finally decided to write his first letter! I want to say that Spider-

Man/Peter Parker was always a big thing in my life. At first, it was animated series from 1994 (I think many readers of my generation have a special slot for that cartoon in their souls). Then it was comics: "Ultimate Spider-Man" (but you killed him!) and some story arcs from Amazing, like "The Other" and "Back In Black."

However, I've become a true fan of the Amazing Spider-Man only after "Brand New Day". That was a great jumping on point for me. Spidey's life was just as I ever imagined it! It was strange for me to see that so many fans of Spider-Man actually hate the "One More Day" and BND storylines!!! WHY???

Anyway, the real reason why I am writing this letter is issue #700. No story of death in comics will ever overshadow that one. Dan Slott, you are the most insidious person on this planet I know about.

Superior Spider-Man #1 is another great jumping on issue and I share the point of view of Jared Gregor (author of one of the letters in issue #2) about everything that comes next. Since Amazing Fantasy #15, Spidey has taught us many things: what responsibility is, how to be a hero, how to overcome problems of any level of difficulty and many other things (I just can't list them all). So, maybe for some readers it is a point from where they should not read stories about Spider-Man, but live the way he taught us?

For now, I am not that brave enough to give up on Spidey. I think I have far more things to learn from him, especially NOW!

Thanks for doing a great job,
Timur Gabdulin
Almaty, Kazakhstan



Seven issues in and we're STILL getting letter column name suggestions. Here are a couple of the more interesting ones:

Simperin' Steve,

Keeping in the vein of the air of superiority, how about "Dis-Missives" for a letter column name?

Viva Wacker!
Chris Ferguson
Parts Unknown: The Comic Book
Store
Greensboro, NC

Excellent suggestion, Chris, but as you see you're all stuck with "Sup Spider-Man" for the time being. I

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chose it for a couple reasons: 1) I like word play and 2) I didn't have to create a new logo! EDITING!

Howzabout as a consolation prize, I tell people to visit your legendary comic store, "Parts Unknown," the next time they're in North Carolina? (Though, let's be honest, how often does that happen?)

Your suggestion was pretty great, though! Certainly MUCH better than the one we received a few minutes later:

Dear Steve,

My suggestion for the letter col:
Otto Reply.

Dan Slott
NYC

Don't give up your day job, Slott!



And finally a letter from a fan that arrived on a cold winter day a few weeks ago and warmed the hearts of everyone in the office. It's not specifically Spider-Man related, but I thought you'd all like to read it.

Dear Marvel

My dad, Randy, loved Marvel comics ever since he was a boy; he had almost all of the classic issues. I remember him telling me stories of all the greatest Marvel stories he grew up with as a child: like when Captain America dealt with the Sleepers or when Spider-Man fought The Green Goblin and lost Gwen Stacy and tons of other stories of other characters. If it wasn't for him I probably wouldn't have an interest in Spider-Man or any other super hero at all and I'm really thankful that he introduced Marvel into my life. Captain America was his favorite superhero. If he ever saw anything Captain America-related, he just had to have it, and we would also go to every midnight premiere of the Marvel movies.

My dad passed away on the 8th of December 2012 at 3:00 am of a heart attack, and his influence will live on in the lives he touched. When I have kids, I am going to do what he did with me... and introduce the heroes of the Marvel Universe to them.

Hunter Warden

We're honored, Hunter, to have readers as dedicated as your father and yourself. It's an excellent example of not only how stories can help shape a life...but how lucky your Dad was to have a son who

loved him enough to listen.

Thanks for sharing your story.



We're out of room and have LOTS of mail left. Sorry for the people who got cut this time out: Nathan Kress, Mike Vandenboer, Martin Dolan, Matthew Walt, Rick Velez, Robert Alfis, Derek Held, Jason Emily, Benjamin Kellett, Jared Akers, Jason Brandon, James Delhauer, Matt Mackinnon, and Tobias Banks.

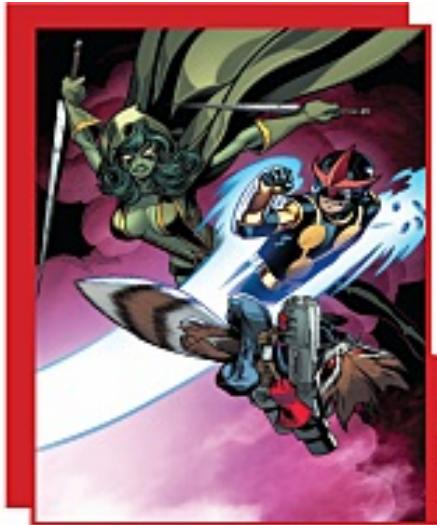
Ellie and I are getting back to work. You go get ready for next issue's huge battle with the '90s dude you've been demanding: Cardiac is BACK!! And he will Attack!

...and eat a Big Mac!
...or visit Shake Shack!
...or ask an oil company not to Frack!
...or play You Don't Know Jack!
...or go listen to The Knack!

I'm a hack!
Simperin' Steve
3/7/13

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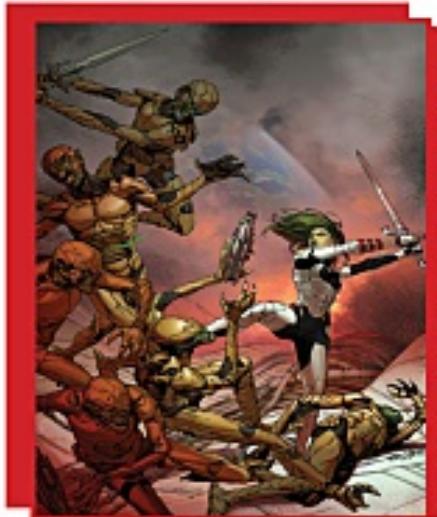
ONE MORE PUN
I DO LACK!



NOVA #3



AVENGING SPIDER-MAN #19



GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #2



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DAREDEVIL #25



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CAPTAIN MARVEL #12

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THE WACKER/
AMANAT/
BRENNAN/
PYLE
OFFICE!