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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.



MAYOR J. JONAH JAMESON HAD ASKED THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN TO SUPERVISE THE EXECUTION OF ALISTAIR SMYTHE – THE SPIDER-SLAYER WHO KILLED JAMESON'S WIFE.



MOMENTS BEFORE HIS EXECUTION, SMYTHE USED HIS SLAYER-BOTS TO FREE HIMSELF WHILE HEALING AND UPGRADING SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN'S DEADLIEST FOES: VULTURE, SCORPION, AND BOOMERANG!



WITH SCORPION HUNTING DOWN JAMESON AND VULTURE MAKING WAY FOR THE INNOCENT CIVILIANS, SPIDER-MAN HAS MADE IT HIS SOLE MISSION TO SLAY THE SPIDER-SLAYER...

NO ESCAPE PART THREE: THE SLAYERS & THE SLAIN

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THIS WAS MY NADIR. MONTHS AGO, CONFINED TO THIS HELLHOLE THEY CALL "THE RAFT." DYING IN AN IRON LUNG, TAUNTED BY MY GREATEST FOE.

YOU'LL BE DEAD SOON. SO, THERE YOU GO. THAT'S YOUR LEGACY. NOTHING.

ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

BUT IT WAS PETER PARKER WHO PERISHED SOON AFTER, WHILE I LIVE ON IN HIS BODY. A FAR SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN.

THE LEGACY OF OTTO OCTAVIUS HAS YET TO BE ASSESSED, BUT WHEN IT IS, A KEY PART WILL BE THAT I REFUSED TO LET INFERIORS DICTATE THE TERMS OF MY DEMISE...

THAT THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO KILL ME MET THEIR OWN END INSTEAD.

DO YOU HEAR ME, SMYTHE, YOU SELF-STYLED SPIDER-SLAYER?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DIES TODAY!

The Raft.
NOW.

DON'T BE A FOOL,
SPIDER-MAN. I'M NOT
OUT TO KILL YOU THIS
TIME. ALL I WANT IS
MY FREEDOM.

DROP THE DEFENSES
YOU USED TO SEAL US
ALL IN HERE. LET ME
OUT AND I WILL HALT
MY ATTACKS.

I'LL CALL OFF
THE SCORPION,
VULTURE AND
BOOMERANG.

BUT IF I
DON'T, THEY'LL
KILL MAYOR
JAMESON AND
THE OTHER
CIVILIANS.

EVEN YOU, IN YOUR
MONUMENTAL ARROGANCE,
CAN'T REALLY BELIEVE YOU
CAN STOP ME AND
SAVE THEM!

JUST GIVE ME
WHAT I WANT AND
WE ALL LEAVE
HERE ALIVE!

THERE IS ONLY
ONE WAY YOU
ARE LEAVING
THIS ISLAND,
SMYTHE...

...IN A
BODY BAG.

SO
BE IT.

KRNCH

TO THE
DEATH!





PLEASE, MY FRIEND, SEARCH YOUR SOUL. A MAN OF YOUR AGE...DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET YOUR MAKER WITH BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS?

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR GOD THINKS OF ME.

HOW ABOUT YOUR GRANDSON? I WORK FOR THE DAILY BUGLE. I'VE READ YOUR FILE, MR. TOOMES. IS THIS THE LEGACY YOU WANT TO LEAVE YOUR FAMILY?

IT'S...FAR TOO LATE TO CHANGE THAT.

BUT IT'S NOT. I'M GLORY GRANT...I WORK FOR THE MAYOR. IF YOU HELP US, I CAN SPIN THIS. A MAN OVERCOMING HIS PAST, DOING SOMETHING HEROIC...

AND WE'RE WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE. WE COULD DEFINITELY ARRANGE LENIENCY.

LENIENCY? I CAN GET YOU ACQUITTED. MY ENTIRE DEFENSE FOR SMYTHE WAS PROVING HIS TECHNOLOGY CAUSES MENTAL IMPAIRMENT.

I'LL SEE YOU AREN'T HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THIS. IT'S THE SMART PLAY, MR. TOOMES, I PROMISE YOU.

SHUT UP! ALL OF YOU. GIVE ME A MINUTE TO THINK...

THE SECOND THE FORCE FIELD'S DOWN, WE BLAST HIM.

MAYBE NOTHING. THE GUY'S A KILLER, AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE RUNNING LOOSE IN HERE...

BUT MR. SHIPLEY, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S CONSIDERING IT. MAYBE...



Elsewhere...







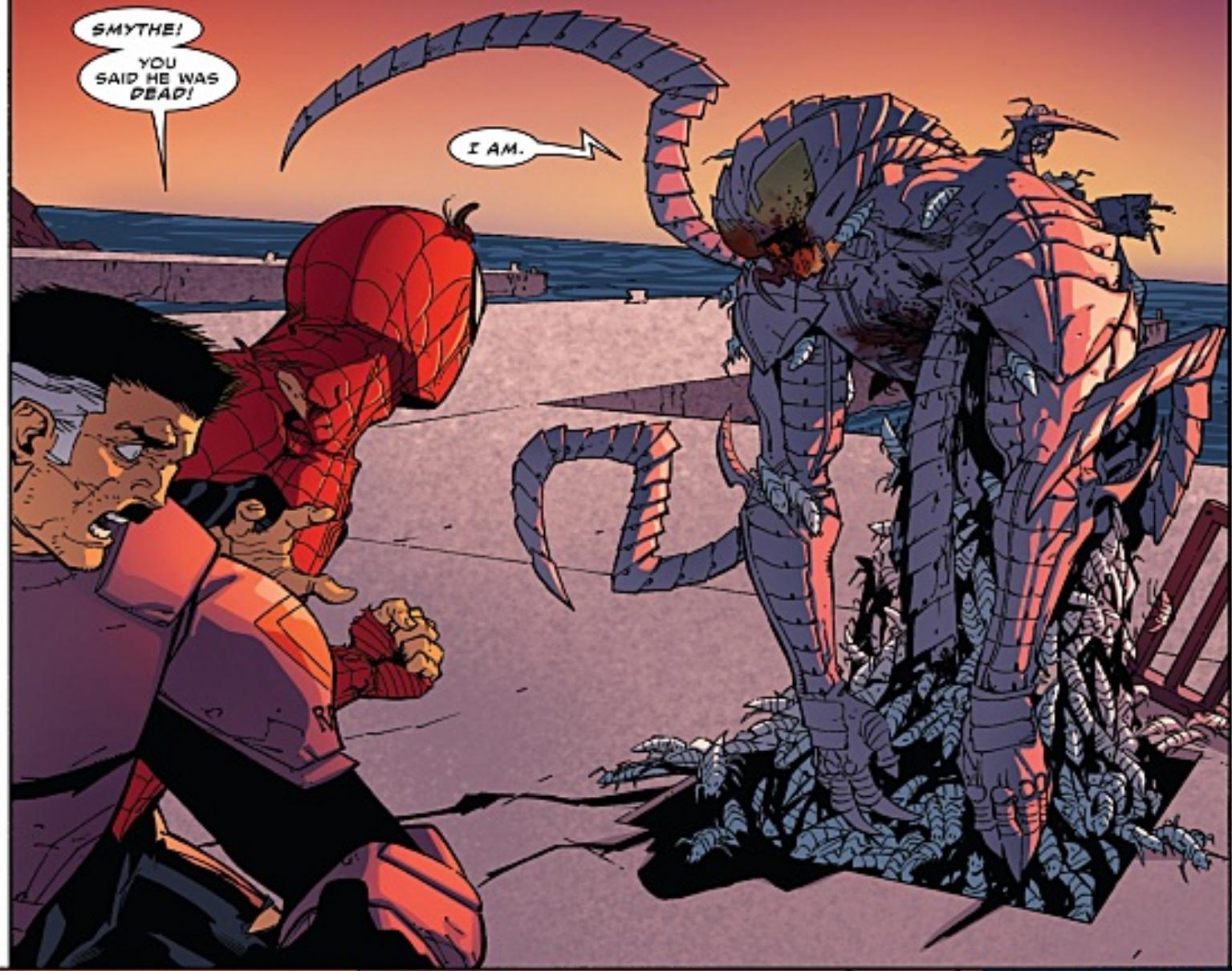












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I WILL HAVE
COMPANY.

SHIPLEY!

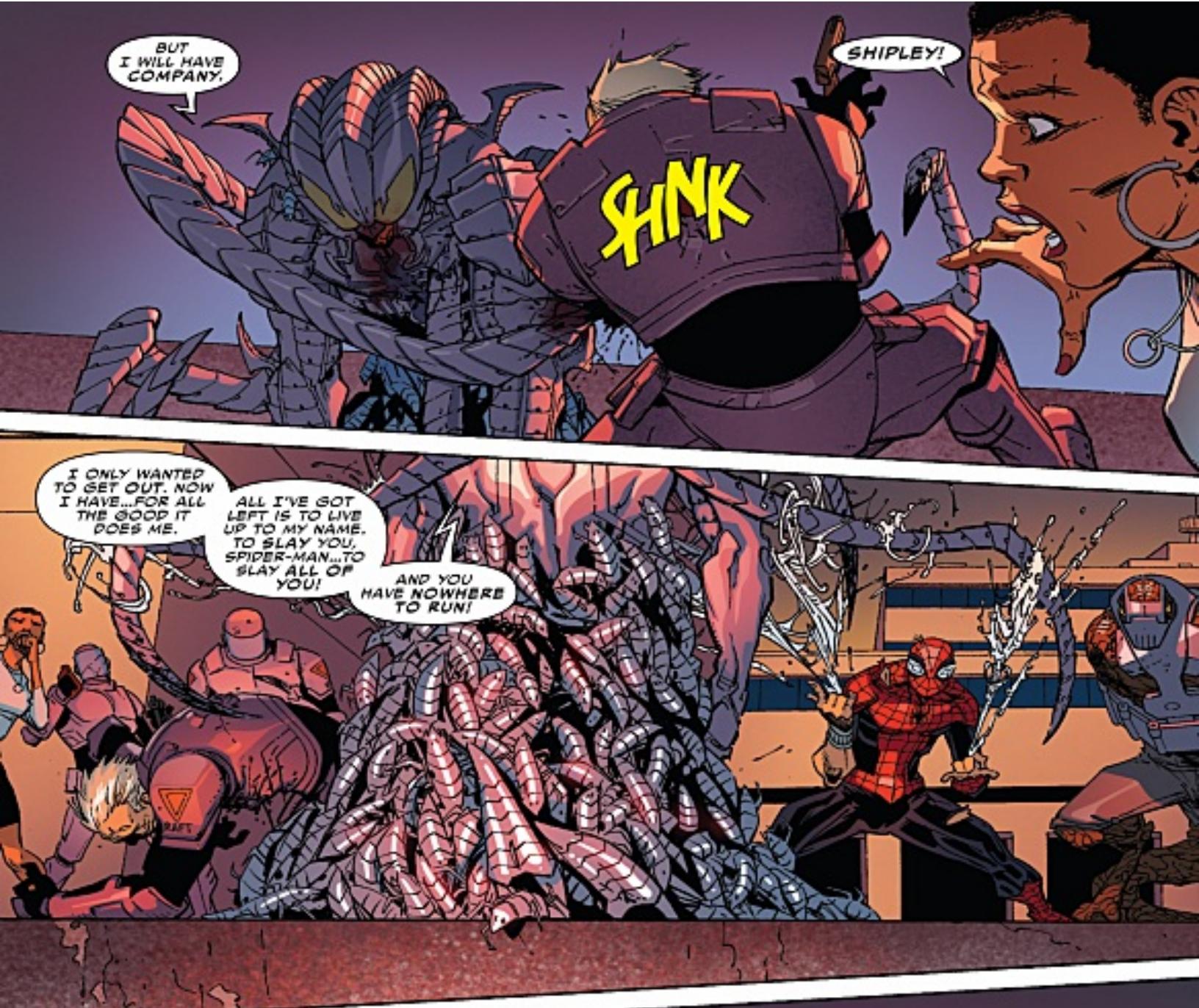
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I ONLY WANTED
TO GET OUT. NOW
I HAVE...FOR ALL
THE GOOD IT
DOES ME.

ALL I'VE GOT
LEFT IS TO LIVE
UP TO MY NAME.
TO SLAY YOU,
SPIDER-MAN...TO
SLAY ALL OF
YOU!

AND YOU
HAVE NOWHERE
TO RUN!

NOR DO
YOU.







DON'T CLEAN ME UP TOO MUCH.
I WANT TO LOOK BATTLE
HARDENED.

ARE YOU SURE
YOU WANT TO
DO THE PRESS
CONFERENCE NOW?
EVERYONE WOULD
UNDERSTAND IF
YOU'D LIKE TO
REST--

NO, LET THEM SEE WHAT
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH. LET
THEM SEE I WAS RIGHT--THE
RAFT SHOULD BE WIPEP
OFF THE MAP.

MR.
MAYOR, A
MOMENT.

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I THINK YOUR PLANS
FOR THE RAFT ARE...
PREMATURE. I HAVE A
THOUGHT ON THE
MATTER.

WHAT? NOW?
I'M ABOUT TO GO
ON LIVE--

YOU SHOULD GIVE IT TO ME,
AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS, A
SUPER HERO HEADQUARTERS,
AS IT WERE.

WHAT? ARE
YOU MAD? UNDER
NO CIRCUMSTANCES
WOULD I EVER--

A PITY. WE'VE WORKED WELL
TOGETHER. HERE, PERHAPS
THIS WILL MOTIVATE YOU
TO SEE THINGS
MY WAY.

A COMPLETE
RECORDING OF YOU,
THE MAYOR OF NEW
YORK, ORDERING A
MAN'S EXECUTION.

WHAA--SHUT THAT
OFF! I--IT WAS
JUSTIFIED!

MAYBE WE SHOULD
LET THE MEDIA
DECIDE, OR A JURY
OF YOUR PEERS.

THAT WOULD
RUIN ME, GET ME
KICKED OUT OF
OFFICE--

OR JAIL
TIME.

Y--YOU'D
BE IMPLICATED
TOO!

YOU DON'T SAY.
SPIDER-MAN--AN
OUTLAW? A
MENACE?

HOW WOULD
I EVER SURVIVE
UNDER SUCH
CIRCUMSTANCES?

ALL THIS TIME I WAS
RIGHT ABOUT YOU.
YOU'RE A MENACE, A
MONSTER!

WHATEVER
I AM, KNOW
THIS: I OWN
YOU.

...AND SO, TODAY'S EVENTS HAVE
INSPIRED ME TO TURN OVER THE
RAFT TO OUR CITY'S--COUGH--
GREATEST HERO, THE MAN TO
WHOM I...I...

OWE YOUR
LIFE?

YES...OWE MY
LIFE...THE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN...TO USE
AS HIS OWN "SUPER HERO
HEADQUARTERS"--FROM
WHICH HE CAN PROTECT
AND WATCH OVER
US ALL.



SPIDER-MAN, I
PRESENT TO YOU--
THE RAFT!

AH. NOT THE
RAFT, MR. MAYOR.
FROM THIS POINT
ON, IT SHALL
BE CALLED...



SPIDER-
ISLAND...
...TWO.

WRITE YOUR STORIES, FOOLS.
MARK THIS DAY WELL. FOR
TODAY, I CAST OFF THE LAST
OF THE CHAINS PETER PARKER
SADDLED ME WITH...

...AND BEGIN TO
CRAFT MY OWN
LEGACY.



I AM NO MORE BOUND BY PARKER'S LIFE THAN I AM BY MY OWN FORMER EXISTENCE.

I SHALL CREATE SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW, SOMETHING WONDERFUL.

YES, TECHNICALLY, I AM A NEW CLIENT. SPIDER-MAN, NO, I'M NOT JOKING.

I NEED, OH, SIXTY, SEVENTY MEN... EX-MILITARY, MEN WHO CAN TAKE ORDERS... YOU KNOW, MINIONS.

I'LL HAVE THE SPECS FOR THEIR UNIFORMS SENT OVER.

HM, A NEW UNIFORM? WHY NOT?

WHAT? NO, THAT'S ALL, GOOD DAY.

THIS SHALL BE MY LEGACY. A BRAND NEW DAY... NO, A BRAND NEW AGE.

THE AGE OF THE *SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN*, THE GREATEST HERO OF THEM ALL.



AND NOTHING WILL STAND IN MY WAY.



'S U P SPIDER-MAN

Hey there, Spidey fans. Editor Stephen Wacker here at the start of SUPERIOR SPIDER-MONTH with another in a long, long line of Spidey letter columns...which I'm not even convinced you people read!

Your letters continue to pour in about the Superior Spider-Man and while there are still some of you out there who are angry at what Dan, Cammo, Humberto, Ryan and the rest of the crew have done to ol' Spidey, we are definitely seeing a good percentage of you coming around to the new brain behind the mask.

So let's open up the mailbag (do people even know what that is anymore?) and see what's up!

Hello, I love what Dan Slott is doing with the story and the way he writes Spider-Man/Doc Ock. I am wondering if Slott will be searching Doc's memories more. At the end of issue #6, the last panel depicts Doc beating up Jester & Screwball. Does that have anything to do with what his dad did to him?

Daniel Colaianni

That's good insight, Daniel. Doc Ock's actions as Spidey are definitely informed by his sometimes-ugly past and Dan has been careful to take them into account so far. As we go forward, we will definitely be testing Otto's ability to change and grow and we'll find out if a person like Ock can overcome their circumstances.

And for those of you who are unfamiliar with Ock's history that Daniel refers to, I'd recommend tracking down a copy of SPIDER-MAN/DOCTOR OCTOPUS: YEAR ONE by Zeb Wells and Kaare Andrews.



Dear Amazing (or should I say Superior) Spider-Man Team,

Wow... as I am writing this I have just finished issue #9 of Superior and the only reaction that I can form into a proper thought is WOW.

I was a non-believer, having not read Spider-Man in years. Catching wind of this I thought, like many people, that it was a disaster waiting to happen. Ever since issue #1 there has been a little piece of me hoping for the worst, that this issue would be the one that justifies the initial backlash. Instead, every issue becomes my new favorite issue of Spider-Man. Maybe this is because in my mind this is my generation's "black Spidey suit", this story, this idea to fathom the notion of a villain being one of the most iconic and beloved super heroes, is in my mind almost unthinkable.

Every issue of Superior leaves me in shock and awe of the amazing art, writing and energy spewing out of it. I realize

this is a long-winded way of saying this, but thank you from the bottom of a high-school loser's soulless heart for creating such a fantastic work that I enjoy --almost regrettably so --every issue.

Isaiah from Washington

It takes a big man to admit something like this, Isaiah! Thanks!



Bring Peter Parker back! I can't stand Doc Ock under the mask...Peter did not deserve the painful death he received and the obvious humiliation bestowed upon him by Dan Slott. No, Doc Ock is not Superior in any way. He still thinks like a bad guy, he still treats people with no respect...all this to trash Peter's reputation? Are the people at the Spidey Office going to stay mum over this? Is this the ending you all hoped would silence Spider-Man fans? I doubt it. You all know that the send-off for Peter is an idiotic one. I hope you did not truly underestimate us, because we will not fade away over time and we will become more persistent as Doc continues to dominate Peter's mind. Save your image Marvel...bring our Peter Parker back, bring the Spider-Man mythos to a true hero and not the fake one pretending to be a hero. PETER PARKER 2013!

Juan Rivas

Sorry, Juan, the only classic Peter Parker you're getting in 2013 is in some flashback stories. For example, "Classic Pete" appeared in Savage Wolverine #6 by the Avenging Spider-Man team of Zeb Wells and Joe Madureira.

Plus, in October we have a 5-part weekly mini-series that will also feature some exciting tales of your mom and dad's Peter Parker. It's called PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN and features some amazing stories by Rambo writer David Morrell, Klaus Janson and Joe Casey.

If sales are good on that who KNOWS what can happen?!? (Just kidding. Ock's here to stay.)



Dear Editor,

With The Superior Spider-Man depicting Dr. Octopus's soul and memories within the body and psyche of Spider-Man, I felt that one way for Octavius to face some of his personal sins and evils first hand would be to have one of Spider-Man's foes (and a prior ally of Octavius) come back to haunt the two: Stunner/Angelina Brancal from "The Amazing Spider-Man" in 1997.

George Miller

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George, sorry to cut your letter so short, but it was a LOT of Stunner info and I get distracted easily.

You will be happy to hear, though, that Stunner is coming, my friend. Check out SSM #21 this November. Here's a sneak peek at Cammo's cover pencils.



Dear Mr. Wacker,

Frankly I cannot understand the hatred that Marvel seems to have towards the Peter Parker character. Peter is an ordinary guy with an over-developed sense of responsibility. He is a good man. He doesn't use his powers to his own advantage. He helps others, regardless of the cost to himself. How many times have relationships been disrupted because of his being Spider-Man? How many sacrifices has he made? He is the epitome of a hero, yet for some reason Marvel seems to hate him as a character.

You have destroyed his marriage, retconning it into oblivion, only after having him lose his child, and literally put him through hell. Now you have killed him off in such a manner that no one can even mourn his passing. You have foisted Ock as a "superior" Spider-Man, but only if superior equals more violent. I count TWO deaths at the hands of Ock as Spider-Man, and several severe beatings. It is an affront to all that Peter stood for. Yes, I remember that Peter had some times where his very sanity seemed in jeopardy and he resorted to violence, but he pulled himself back and was remorseful for what he had done. There is no such remorse from Ock. Instead there is gloating and mocking from Ock. What a great hero. What a superior human being. What a crock.

I do not accept that Ock is somehow changed into a hero by virtue of this theft of Peter's body and memories. He is still the same egotistical man he has always been.

He is a murderer. Because of the recent storyline, I will not continue with this book. I will not buy any Spider-Man books until Peter is restored to his rightful position within the Marvel universe. Changing Spider-Man to a different character is not enough. It might be a good story, but this is still a dishonorable treatment of a true hero.

I know that I am only one voice, but hopefully others with a similar opinion of recent events will voice their concerns. In a perfect world, your sales will plummet. It is a shame that I have to drop all Spider-Man books, because I do believe that Dan Slott is a talented writer, but I will not support this current treatment of the Peter Parker/Spider-Man character. He deserves so much better. I am also reminded how the Sentry told Peter that he is the future. That he is everything. I guess that was a pretty short future.

Hopefully you will come to your senses, and fix this situation. However, I am afraid that ego will get in the way, as it did with the idiotic One More Day storyline.

This current Spider-Man is in no way "superior". He is merely a more violent man, who takes shortcuts to accomplish his goals. In many ways, he is still Doc Ock, only now he wears Spider-Man's body. I am done reading this character, and any character using the Spider-Man name, until and unless it is Peter Parker, the true Peter Parker, restored to his position in the Marvel universe.

Chris Dugan

Sorry you feel that way, Chris. It should be pretty obvious by now that no one "hated" Peter Parker. Our job on Spidey for 50 years was to put him through the wringer...just like Stan, Steve and John did back in the early days.

(When people say WE'RE tough on Pete, I always wonder if they forget that in the VERY FIRST Spidey story, Stan and Steve killed his uncle! And made him sort of responsible for it!)

But there were fans even in 1962 who swore that those guys hated Spidey too. That's what happens, I guess, when you create a character everyone loves.

Our job now is to put our new Spidey through those same kinds of troubles and follow him as he makes decisions both good and bad...and lives with the repercussions. It's a challenging story—and definitely not for everyone—but I hope you'll keep reading to see how we do.



To the Spidey Team,
I present to you the Marvel NOW! rebirth
that fan's have been waiting for since
1996... my son, Benjamin Reilly Jablonski!

My little clone was born on May 25th,
2013 and worry not...there was not a single
Warren, or Norman anywhere near him. So

here's to one of the next generation of kids
who'll have to make his Marvel!

Ryan Jablonski
Buffalo, NY



Congrats from all of us in the Spidey office, Ryan! A new kid is definitely something to celebrate...especially one born on the 30th anniversary of the opening of "Return of the Jedi!" A fact I happen to know because I skipped school that day to see it. (My sincere apologies to the nuns at Fratt Catholic School in Billings, Montana. I know I did wrong, but it WAS Star Wars!)

Not to get all grandmother on you, but now that Ben is here in the world, I think it's time to start planning baby #2. If you're looking for a name... might I suggest: "Otto"? Or if it's a girl: "Otta"?



End of the line, gang. Two whole pages this time because you wrote so much and I had extra time while my Cardinals were beating the Mets on TV (It's the Mets, so I guess "beating" was redundant).

You know the drill: write in at the addresses elsewhere on the page and be back here in two weeks for the debut of an all-new Spidey costume!

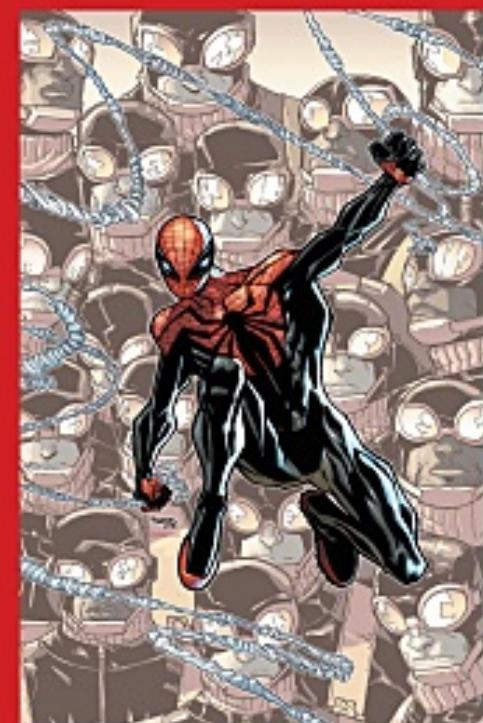
And go out and check some of the great books that me and my fellow Spidey editors (Elf-huntin' Ellie Pyle, Temerarious Tom Brennan and "Sittin'" Sana Amanat) have coming your way all through July!

Viva Knievel!
Smiperin' Steve
6/11/13

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- **SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN TEAM-UP #1**
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Meet the SUPERIOR Superior Spider-Man!