

**THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!**

# "The THRILL of THE HUNT!"

FEATURING: THE SOMEWHAT MAGNIFICENT MENACE OF

**KRAVEN**  
The HUNTER!

MY TROPHY ROOM!  
EVERY WILD BEAST THAT  
WALKS, CLIMBS, OR  
CRAWLS, I'VE BEATEN  
WITH MY BARE  
HANDS!

...AND YET,  
THE GREATEST  
PRIZE OF ALL IS  
STILL DENIED  
ME!

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I CAN ENDURE THE FRUSTRATION NO LONGER! I MUST BATTLE AND DEFEAT MY GREATEST MORTAL ENEMY... OR ELSE, EVERYTHING THAT HAS GONE BEFORE IS BUT A HOLLOW MOCKERY!

THE MASK OF SPIDER-MAN MUST ONE DAY COVER THAT PLASTER HEAD... EVEN IF I PAY FOR THE VICTORY WITH MY VERY LIFE!



ONLY I KNOW THE SECRET OF MY SPECIAL JUNGLE HERBS... MY WONDROUS POTIONS OF POWER!

THEY GIVE ME THE STRENGTH OF THE MIGHTIEST JUNGLE BEASTS... THE STRENGTH WHICH CAN MATCH SPIDER-MAN'S OWN!



HIS RIPPLING MUSCLES ALMOST BURSTING WITH NEW POWER AND ENERGY, KRAAVEN LOOKS ABOUT HIM FOR A FOE... FOR HE NEEDS COMBAT, AS OTHER MEN NEED AIR TO BREATHE!



A ROGUE LION, SEEKING A KILL!

LOOK NO FURTHER, SIMBA! YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR PREY!

BUT, NEVER HAS ANY PREY BEEN SO EAGER... SO ANXIOUS TO MEET YOUR DEADLY CHALLENGE!

GRRRRRR



NEVER HAS ANY PREY POSSESSED STRENGTH ENOUGH TO MEET YOUR ATTACK HEAD-ON... AND TO HURL YOU AWAY WITH THE SPEED OF A SERPENT!



THEN, SCANT SECONDS LATER...

FLEE, SIMBA! I ALLOW YOU TO RUN OFF AND LICK YOUR WOUNDS... BUT MY NEXT VICTIM WILL BE FAR LESS LUCKY!



DAYS LATER, AT THE BUSTLING PORT OF NAIROBI...

ONCE I'VE DELIVERED MY FOUR-LEGGED CAPTIVES TO A ZOO IN AMERICA, I'LL BE FREE TO BEGIN THE GREATEST HUNT OF ALL....!

...THE HUNT FOR SPIDER-MAN!



MEANWHILE, AN OCEAN AWAY, WE FIND A STARTLING, UNEXPECTED TABLEAU UNFOLDING BEFORE OUR INCREDULOUS EYES...

I KNOW YOU'RE KEEPING SOME TERRIBLE SECRET FROM ME! YOU MUST TELL ME WHAT IT IS, PETER! YOU MUST!

VERY WELL, BETTY! YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW...!



GET A GOOD GRIP ON YOURSELF, BETTY! THIS MAY BE A SHOCK TO YOU...!

PETER!!!



PETER? THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE NAMES I'M KNOWN BY...

OH NO... NO!



I ALSO ANSWER TO ANOTHER NAME...

...THE NAME OF... SPIDER-MAN!

NOT YOU, PETER! NOT YOU!





NO! NOT YOU! IT CAN'T...! WHA...??

I- I'VE BEEN ASLEEP! IT WAS ONLY... A DREAM!



OH, THANK HEAVENS! IT'S NOT SO! I MERELY DREAMT IT!

I... I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM... NIGHT AND DAY!

WHATEVER PETER'S SECRET IS... WHAT-EVER HE'S HIDING FROM ME... IT CAN'T BE... THAT!



IT'S NO USE... I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP AGAIN! NOT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I MUST MAKE A DECISION ABOUT HIM! IT CANNOT BE PUT OFF ANY LONGER!

MEANWHILE, IN A QUIET SECTION OF FOREST HILLS, WE FIND THE YOUNG MAN IN QUESTION ...

NOW THAT AUNT MAY BE OUT OF DANGER,\* I CAN GET BACK TO MY *STUDYING* AGAIN...!



\*AFTER LAST MONTH'S CRITICAL OPERATION, REMEMBER? -- STAN.

IT'S GREAT TO KNOW THAT THINGS ARE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL AT LAST!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO RETURN TO COLLEGE AND BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT'S GOING ON!



BOY, AM I BUSHED!

BUT, IT WON'T TAKE ME LONG TO GET BACK IN SHAPE... THAT'S FOR SURE!



YEP, IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE!

THUS, AT THE HOSPITAL NEXT DAY, WE FIND ...

WHY, ANNA WATSON! HOW SWEET OF YOU TO COME AND VISIT ME!

I'D HAVE COME SOONER, MAY DEAR ... BUT I WAS OUT OF TOWN AND DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ILL!



IT WAS JUST A SILLY OLD OPERATION! BUT PETER IS THE ONE I'M WORRIED ABOUT! THE POOR BOY HASN'T HAD A SOUL TO LOOK AFTER HIM ALL THIS TIME!

AWW, I'VE BEEN FINE, AUNT MAY! HONEST!



I'VE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, MRS. PARKER! ALL YOUR TESTS HAVE CHECKED OUT PERFECTLY! YOU CAN RETURN HOME TODAY!

DOC, YOU'RE THE GREATEST!

NOW YOU RUN OFF TO SCHOOL, PETER! MRS. WATSON WILL SEE ME HOME! WE'VE SO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT!

AFTER A FEW DAYS' REST, YOU'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW AGAIN!

OKAY, BUT NO TOUCH-FOOTBALL FOR A WHILE, HEAR?



PETER PARKER... YOU'RE A CAUTION!

AND SO, NOT TO BE LEFT BEHIND, **WE TOO** SHALL VISIT EMPIRE STATE U. AND RENEW A FEW ACQUAINTANCESHIPS ...



C'MON, **GWEN**, YOU PROMISED YOU'D GO TO THE GAME WITH **ONE** OF US!

ADMIT IT, **DOLL**!, YOU'VE DECIDED ON **ME**!

UH-UH! I'M THE LUCKY GUY THIS TIME!

GIVE US A BREAK, **GWEN**! WHO IS IT?

SORRY, LADS... I'VE GOT TO RUSH TO **CLASS** NOW! BUT I PROMISE TO **THINK** ABOUT IT!



BUT, YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING US ON THE STRING ALL WEEK!

I KNOW! AND YOU **LOVE** IT!

HONEY, THE GUY WHO FINALLY TAKES YOU OUT OF CIRCULATION WILL BE THE MOST **HATED** JOE ON CAMPUS!

IT'S STRANGE / PETER PARKER IS THE **ONLY** BOY WHO HASN'T PAID ANY ATTENTION TO **ME**!



OH! MY BOOK...!

WELL, WELL! AT LAST I'VE A CHANCE TO BE A **HERO** WITHOUT TURNING INTO **SPIDER-MAN**!



ALLOW ME, FAIR MAIDEN...!

**YOU!** DON'T YOU **DARE** TOUCH MY BOOK!

HUH??!

LOOK, I DON'T **GET** IT! WHAT GIVES?



DO WE HAVE TO **SPELL** IT OUT FOR YOU? YOU'RE AS POPULAR HERE AS MAO TSE-TUNG!

YOU TELL 'M, HARRY BOY!

YOU'VE BEEN **SNUBBIN'** US SINCE SCHOOL STARTED ... WALKING AROUND HERE LIKE A SWELL HEADED SNOB, JUST BECAUSE YOU WON A SCHOLARSHIP!



WELL, THAT'S OKAY WITH **US**! BUT DON'T THINK YOU CAN BECOME ONE OF THE CROWD ANY TIME YOU **FEEL** LIKE IT!

**NOW** I GET IT! WHEN I WAS WORRIED ABOUT AUNT MAY... WRAPPED UP IN MY OWN PROBLEMS... THEY THOUGHT I WAS **HIGH-HATTING** THEM!

THE OL' PETER PARKER **LUCK** SURE IS RUNNING TRUE TO FORM!

I GUESS I CAN'T **BLAME** THEM FOR THINKING I'M THE PRIZE CRUMB OF THE YEAR!



BUT, I SURE DON'T INTEND TO **BEG** THEM FOR A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN!

ANYWAY, THEY'LL GET OVER IT! MEANTIME, I'D BETTER BUCKLE DOWN AND CATCH UP ON THE LAB WORK I'VE MISSED!



I GUESS WE TOLD THAT EGG-HEAD WHERE TO GET OFF, EH, GWEN?

I GUESS SO, HARRY!

BUT, I WONDER WHY I FEEL A BIT ASHAMED OF MYSELF!



AFTER ALL, HE HAS COLD-SHOULDERED ALL OF US EVER SINCE HE CAME TO E.S.U.! AND YET...

PERHAPS HE HAD A REASON! PERHAPS WE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...!

THAT GWEN IS A KNOCKOUT! IF ONLY... AW, WHAT'S THE USE?!!



BUT HE COULDN'T CARE LESS! LOOK AT HIM BENDING OVER THOSE TEST-TUBES! HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I EXIST!

WELL, MR. PETER PARKER... JUST YOU WAIT!



LATER, AFTER CLASS HAS ENDED...

POLICE SIRENS! SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED! LOOK AT THEM GO!

WHEEEEEEEEE



IT'LL ONLY TAKE ME A COUPLE OF SECONDS TO CHANGE TO SPIDER-MAN!

THEN, I CAN ZIP AFTER THEM AND GET SOME PHOTOS OF THE ACTION!



AWW, COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY BOTHER?

I'VE STILL GOT SOME MONEY LEFT FROM THE LAST PIX I SOLD TO JAMESON... AND AUNT MAY WILL BE WAITING FOR ME!

SO, I'LL JUST GO HOME AND STUDY, LIKE ANYONE ELSE.

PETER PARKER... "AVERAGE AMERICAN" THAT'S ME!



BUT, OUR "AVERAGE AMERICAN" SELF-IMPOSED VACATION IS DESTINED TO END MUCH SOONER THAN HE SUSPECTS! FOR, NOT LONG AFTERWARDS...

THIS IS THE PLACE! I KNEW I'D FIND IT AGAIN!



IT'S THE CHAMELEON'S LAST HIDEOUT... THE ONE HE USED WHEN THE TWO OF US TEAMED UP!

I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, SO LONG AS HE STAYS AWAY TILL MY MISSION IS OVER!



FOR, THE TIME HAS COME FOR KRAVEN TO BEGIN HIS GREATEST HUNT!



AHH, IT'S GOOD TO BE ATTIRED IN MY JUNGLE GARB ONCE MORE!

AND NOW, I'VE GOT TO TRAP SPIDER-MAN BEFORE I MYSELF AM DISCOVERED... FOR I HAVE BEEN SENTENCED NEVER TO RETURN TO THESE SHORES!



BUT, IT IS WORTH THE RISK... WORTH WHATEVER PRICE I MAY HAVE TO PAY... TO DESTROY THE ONE I LOATHE THE MOST IN ALL THE WORLD!

NOW, I MUST FIND A WAY TO MAKE HIM WANT TO FIGHT ME! I NEED BAIT... JUST THE RIGHT BAIT FOR SO DANGEROUS A QUARRY!



THEN, AFTER LONG HOURS OF CAREFUL PLANNING... SCHEMING...

I HAVE IT! THE PERFECT LURE! JUST THE THING TO LEAD HIM TO MY TRAP... AND THEN, THE HUNT SHALL BEGIN!



WE'LL ADMIT THIS HAS BEEN A PRETTY LONG INTRODUCTION... BUT ONCE THE ACTION GETS STARTED, IT'LL MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR IT! SO, BEAR WITH US A SHORT TIME LONGER AS WE RETURN TO OUR AVERAGE SPIDER-MAN ONCE MORE...

ANOTHER SNACK?! GOSH, AUNT MAY... WE JUST FINISHED DINNER A HALF HOUR AGO!

I KNOW, DEAR! BUT, I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T EAT A THING WHILE I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL...!



THAT'S IT, PETER! A BOY YOUR AGE NEEDS A LOT OF NOURISHMENT! ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING SO HARD!

IN FACT, I WONDER IF IT WOULDN'T BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO HAVE A HOBBY? SOMETHING TO HELP YOU RELAX FROM YOUR STUDIES!

NOW DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT IT, AUNT MAY! IT HAPPENS THAT I DO HAVE A LITTLE HOBBY!

LIKE SWINGING ACROSS ROOF-TOPS, AND CLIMBING UP WALLS!



OKAY, WEB-SPINNERS! YOU'VE BEEN PATIENT WITH US TILL NOW, AND HERE'S WHERE IT STARTS PAYING OFF... AS A COMMANDING VOICE HAILS A TAXI, A SILENT, COSTUMED FIGURE LURKS IN THE SHADOWS...

TAXI! I SAID TAXI! THIS IS J. JONAH JAMESON!

IT'S HIM... AT LAST!



WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, JAMESON?

SPIDER-MAN!!

IN PERSON, MISTER!



NO! GO AWAY! YOU CAN'T ATTACK ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET LIKE THIS! HELP! SOMEBODY GET HIM AWAY FROM ME!

STOP SCREAMING, YOU COWARD! I JUST WANT TO TALK TO YOU! WAIT...COME BACK HERE!

NO! YOU'RE OUT TO GET ME... BECAUSE OF THE EDITORIALS YOU'VE WRITTEN AGAINST ME!

YOU FOOL! BECAUSE OF YOUR SHOUTS, A WHOLE CROWD HAS GATHERED!



SOMEBODY CALL THE POLICE! SPIDER-MAN IS ASSAULTING JONAH JAMESON!

TOO MANY PEOPLE! CAN'T AFFORD TO REMAIN! BUT I'LL BE BACK, JAMESON... YOU'LL SEE!

HAH! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE YELLOW! I SCARED YOU AWAY! DID YOU ALL SEE THAT? SPIDER-MAN RAN FROM ME!



BUT, MOMENTS LATER, ON A NEARBY ROOFTOP, WE SEE...

IT WORKED! I FOOLED THEM ALL! ONLY SPIDER-MAN WILL KNOW I WAS AN IMPOSTOR... AND THEN HE HIMSELF IS SURE TO FALL INTO MY TRAP!



BUT, WHAT OF THE REAL SPIDER-MAN? HERE HE IS... THE WORLD'S MOST AMAZING HERO, CONTENTELY MUNCHING A MACINTOSH APPLE AS HE AND HIS AUNT CATCH UP ON THE DAY'S NEWS...

DID YOU REMEMBER TO WASH THAT APPLE BEFORE EATING IT, PETER, DEAR?

SURE, AUNT MAY! YOU KNOW I'M NOT THE TYPE TO LIVE DANGEROUSLY!

AND NOW, NEWS OF THE NEW YORK AREA.



IT HAS JUST BEEN LEARNED THAT J. JONAH JAMESON, PROMINENT NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER AND MAN-ABOUT-TOWN, WAS ATTACKED BY SPIDER-MAN AS THE COURAGEOUS PUBLISHER LEFT THE DAILY BUGLE OFFICE BUILDING...

YEEUULLP!

PETER! WHAT'S WRONG, DEAR?

N-NOTHING, AUNT MAY! I MUST HAVE BIT MY TONGUE!





JUST WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMED NICE AND PEACEFUL... NOW THIS!

I KNOW I DIDN'T SEE JAMESON TONIGHT... AND THAT MEANS JUST ONE THING...!

SOMEONE IS IMPERSONATING ME! BUT, WHY??



TSK! ALL THIS AWFUL CRIME NEWS!

I'M TRYING TO RUN OUT AND FIND THE BOGUS SPIDEY... BUT I HATE TO LEAVE AUNT MAY ALONE SO SOON AFTER HER ILLNESS!

THEY SHOULDN'T BROADCAST SUCH DREADFUL THINGS! I HOPE IT DOESN'T UPSET YOU, PETER!



I'LL WAIT A WHILE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS! IT'S PROBABLY JUST SOME CRANK! THE POLICE MAY HAVE ROUNDED HIM UP ALREADY!

NO, AUNT MAY! I DON'T BELIEVE HALF OF IT, ANYWAY!



BUT, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE DARING IMPERSONATION CONTINUES...

JAMESON... YOU THINK I'D FORGET YOU?

YOU AGAIN!

YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ME NOW! I'LL BIDE MY TIME... KEEP YOU GUESSING...!

WHEREVER YOU GO... WHATEVER YOU DO... I'LL BE FOLLOWING... WATCHING... WAITING...!

LET HIM HANG AROUND! BY WRITING ABOUT HIS HARASSMENT, I'M SELLING MORE PAPERS THAN EVER BEFORE!

Daily Bugle  
SPIDER-MAN THREATENS PUBLISHER OF BUGLE



IMAGINE! HOUNCING A PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZEN LIKE MR. JAMESON THAT WAY! IT'S A DISGRACE!

SOME-ONE SHOULD PUT THAT MASKED WALL-CRAWLER OUT OF CIRCULATION ONCE AND FOR ALL!

IF THIS KEEPS UP, I'LL PROBABLY BE MOBBED IF I EVER DARE APPEAR IN PUBLIC AS SPIDEY AGAIN!

IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S TIME THE F.B.I. STEPPED IN!

YOU SAID IT!



UNTIL, AT LAST, PETER PARKER IS FORCED TO MAKE A GRIM DECISION...

I CAN'T LET WHATEVER REPUTATION I HAVE LEFT BE TORN TO SHREDS SO EASILY! I JUST CAN'T!

I'VE GOT TO TAKE A HAND IN THIS! I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHO THE IMPOSTOR IS... AND STOP HIM!

THE DECISION MADE, ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO FORMULATE A PLAN OF ACTION ...

SPIDEY IS STILL GETTING STAR BILLING ON ALL THE NEWS PROGRAMS, AND NONE OF THE REPORTS ARE FLATTERING!

BUT, HOW DO I GO WALTZING OUT TONIGHT WITHOUT WORRYING AUNT MAY??

RRRING!



MRS. WATSON! FOR ONCE I'M GETTING LUCKY!

I JUST FEEL LIKE HAVING A GOOD, OLD FASHIONED CHAT, MAY, DEAR!

SO DO I, ANNA! I'VE GOT THE TASTIEST COOKIES... AND TEA WILL BE READY IN NO TIME!



SINCE YOU'RE PLANNING A CHIN-FEST, I THINK I'LL GO TO A MOVIE, AUNT MAY!

ALL RIGHT, DEAR! HAVE A GOOD TIME... BUT DON'T SEE ONE OF THOSE AWFUL SCAR FILMS! IT MIGHT GIVE YOU NIGHTMARES!

THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS TELL MARY JANE!



..WHEW! THANK GOODNESS FOR MRS. WATSON!

AND NOW, IT'S TIME FOR THE REAL SPIDER-MAN TO GO INTO ACTION!



SINCE THE PHONY FINK WHO'S BEEN IMPERSONATING ME SEEMS TO HANG AROUND JOLLY JONAH, THEN MY FIRST STOP IS THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING!



HERE IT IS! NOW TO ... HEY!!

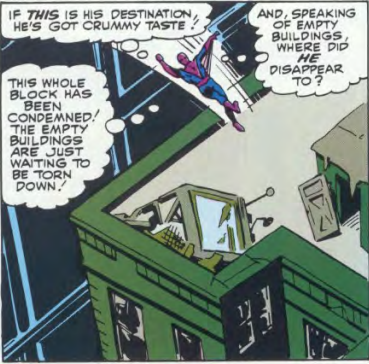
IT'S JUST THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR! HE'S DELIBERATELY ATTRACTING MY ATTENTION! NICE OF HIM TO MAKE IT EASY FOR ME!



HE MUST BE NUTS! NOW THAT HE MADE ME SPOT HIM, HE'S RUNNING AWAY FROM ME! OR, IS THERE MORE TO IT THAN THAT?

HE MIGHT BE TRYING TO LEAD ME SOMEWHERE!





IF **THIS** IS HIS DESTINATION HE'S GOT CRUMMY TASTE!

THIS WHOLE BLOCK HAS BEEN CONDEMNED! THE EMPTY BUILDINGS ARE JUST WAITING TO BE TORN DOWN!

AND, SPEAKING OF EMPTY BUILDINGS, WHERE DID HE DISAPPEAR TO?



THEN, ON THE STREET DIRECTLY BELOW...

LOOK! IT'S **SPIDER-MAN!** GO INSIDE AND GET THE BOYS! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GET RID OF 'IM, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

YEAH! I BEEN **ITCHIN'** TO GET MY MITTS ON THAT PUNK!



WHILE, ON THE ROOF, HIGH ABOVE ALL SUCH SORDID GOINGS ON...

AND NOW, SPIDER-MAN, THE MASQUERADE IS OVER!

**KRAVEN...THE HUNTER!**

THEN IT WAS YOU...!! YOU WERE IMPERSONATING ME!



SURELY YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D BE CONTENT AFTER OUR LAST ENCOUNTER. IT IS TIME FOR ANOTHER HUNT... AND THIS TIME, THE VICTORY SHALL BE MINE!

MISTER, YOU'RE JUST A GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT!



WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! FIRST, I'LL SPRAY SOME JUNGLE SCENT ON YOU... TO CANCEL OUT YOUR ACCURSED SPIDER SENSE!

AND NOW, MY VICTIM-TO-BE, YOUR POWER IS BARELY THE EQUAL OF MINE!

**PTUI!** THAT'LL BE THE DAY... WHEN I CAN'T BEAT YOU!



YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE THAT BOAST. IF YOU CAN HUNT... AND DEFEAT ME... I'LL CONFESS THAT IT WAS I WHO IMPERSONATED YOU! BUT, IF NOT...!

**SKIP THE REST, KRAVEN!** THERE'S NOT GONNA BE ANY "IF NOTS"...

WHA-?? I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED HE RIGGED UP A BOOBY TRAP HERE FOR ME!



BUT, ANY TIME YOU OLDE FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN CAN'T OUT-LEAP A PILE OF TUMBLING CRATES, THAT'LL BE THE DAY!



HE'S GONE! WELL, I GUESS IT FIGURES...!



IF I WANT HIM, I'LL HAVE TO PLAY IT HIS WAY! I'LL HAVE TO HUNT HIM DOWN!

I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL! HE'S HAD ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD TO SET EVERY KIND OF UNEXPECTED TRAP FOR ME!



AND, HE COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A BETTER PLACE TO SET THEM!

AND NOW... IT BEGINS! I'VE GIVEN HIM ENOUGH TIME TO REALIZE WHAT HE'S UP AGAINST! SO WHILE HE HUNTS ME, KRAVEN... THE GREATEST HUNTER OF ALL... SHALL BE HUNTING HIM!



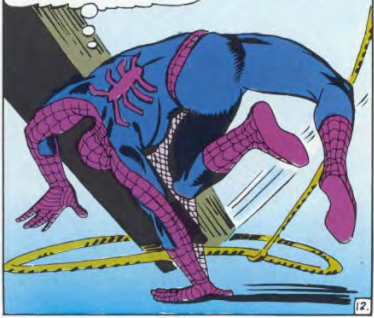
BUT, NEITHER THE HUNTER NOR THE HUNTED IS YET AWARE THAT A THIRD FORCE HAS ENTERED THE DEADLY GAME ...

HE'S GOTTA BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!  
NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF A HOT-SHOT HE IS, HE CAN'T HANDLE ALL OF US!



SPREAD OUT! WHEN YOU SEE HIM ... HOLLER!

WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE! IF NOT FOR THE OL' SPIDER SPEED, I'D BE A TRAPPED LITTLE WEB-SPINNER!





BUT, THERE ISN'T A TRAP MADE THAT CAN STOP ME FROM DOING WHAT I HAVE TO DO!

AT LEAST, I'M MOPING THERE ISN'T!

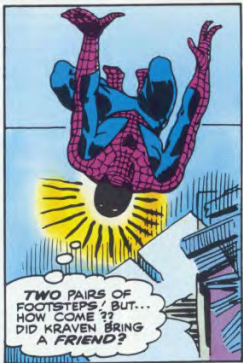


HEY! I HEARD SOMETHING IN THE ROOM AHEAD! IT MUST BE HIM!

THAT SUITS ME FINE! I'M GONNA PROVE THAT HE'S NOTHIN' BUT A PHONY! I'LL MOP UP THE PLACE WITH 'IM!



UH OH! SOUNDS LIKE VISITORS!



TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS! BUT... HOW COME?? DID KRAVEN BRING A FRIEND?



YOU MUSTA BEEN HEARN' THINGS! THERE'S NO SIGN OF 'IM HERE!

HMM! JUST A COUPLE OF PLUG-UGLIES!



SORRY, GENTS... THIS IS A PRIMATE PARTY!

IT'S HIM!

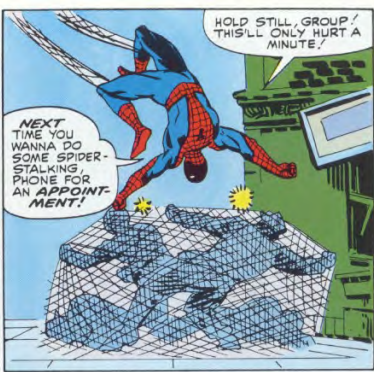
TSK TSK! YOU MEAN "IT IS ME"!



NOTHING INFURIATES ME AS MUCH AS BAD GRAMMAR! --OR DIDN'T YOU KNOW?



SORRY TO RUSH OFF THIS WAY, BUT THERE'S A FELLA TRYING TO END MY LITTLE CAREER, IF I GIVE HIM HALF A CHANCE!





YOUR DESPERATE GIBES AND TAUNTS DO NOT FOOL ME! YOU ARE SCARED... AND YOU KNOW IT!

FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU ARE LOOKING UTTER DEFEAT, IN THE FACE!

IF YOU SAY SO, CHARLIE!



THWOK!

BY THE WAY, IN CASE I FORGOT TO TELL YOU... I HATE FOR ANYONE TO BREATHE IN MY FACE!



NEVER AGAIN WILL YOU DARE TO TAUNT KRAVEN! THE SAME STRENGTH THAT CAN STOP THE CHARGE OF A BULL ELEPHANT WILL STILL YOUR VOICE FOREVER!

BAM!



RAK!

I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, KRAVEN! YOU MAY BE A WHIZEROO WITH BULL ELEPHANTS, BUT YOU'RE A DUD AT SWATTING SPIDERS!



IT'S SPIDER-MAN! WE FOUND 'IM!

BUT, WHERE ARE THE OTHER GUYS WE SENT AFTER HIM?? AND WHO'S HE FIGHTING??

WHAT'S A DIFFERENCE?? LET'S GET 'IM NOW...WHILE WE GOT THE CHANCE!

WE'LL RUSH 'IM... ALL TOGETHER!

HE'LL NEVER GET AWAY FROM US THIS TIME!



HATE TO DISAPPOINT YOU EAGER BEAVERS, BUT THIS IS A PRIVATE FIGHT!

ONE SIDE, YOU PUNY FOOLS! NO ONE SHALL SPOIL KRAVEN'S HUNT! NO ONE!

UNHHH!

LOOK OUT FOR HIS BLASTED WEBBING!

I GOT A HUNCH WE BIT OFF A HECKLVA LOT MORE'N WE CAN CHEW!







THAT WAS ALL I NEEDED, SPIDER-MAN!

JUST THAT ONE SECOND OF DISTRACTION WHICH YOU GENEROUSLY GRANTED ME!

SO, IT WAS YOU!



NOW THERE CAN BE NO INTERRUPTIONS TO GRANT YOU A LAST-MINUTE REPRIEVE! NOW THE GAME SHALL BE PLAYED OUT TO THE END!

NOW, THE SKILL, SPEED, AND RAW STRENGTH WITH WHICH I SUBDUED THE WILDEST JUNGLE BEAST SHALL BE YOUR UNDOING, ALSO!



THUS DOES KRAVEN WIN HIS GREATEST HUNT!



I'LL BE DARNED IF HE ISN'T AS GOOD AS HE SAYS HE IS! HE HERDED ME INTO THIS WINDOW LIKE AN EAGLE CARRYING A LAMB!

BUT, THIS IS WHERE THE RESEMBLANCE CEASES!

SO! THERE IS STILL SOME FIGHT LEFT IN YOU, EH?



**RAP!**

WELL, IT WON'T BE THERE FOR LONG!

**WAK!**



MY MOMENT HAS COME AT LAST! NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU NOW, SPIDER-MAN!

YOU'VE HAD YOUR INNING! LOUDMOUTH! NOW IT'S MY TURN AT BAT!

I'VE TAKEN YOUR BOASTS AND BRAGS TILL THEY'RE COMING OUT OF MY EARS! NOW, I'VE GOT TO BEAT YOU ... BEFORE YOU **BORE** ME TO DEATH!

YOU DON'T FOOL **ME!** YOU'RE TALKING BIG TO KEEP YOUR **COURAGE** UP!

SURE... YOU KEEP **BELIEVIN'** THAT!



BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, WHILE I'M TREMBLING IN ABJECT FEAR AND PANIC, I'LL JUST PUT YOU ON ICE FOR A WHILE!

WHY DON'T YOU **FALL?** I'VE HIT YOU HARD ENOUGH TO STAGGER A **RHINO!** WHAT ARE YOU **MADE** OF???

SUGAR 'N' SPICE, AND EVERYTHING NICE!



**WHEW!** AT LAST I GOT A GOOD, CLEAN PUNCH IN!

MUSTN'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO RECOVER! HE'S TOO STRONG...

HAVE TO KEEP HAMMERING WHILE I CAN!



IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED, **KRAVEN...**

...THE HUNT IS OVER!



A SHORT TIME LATER, INVESTIGATING A SHINING SPIDER - BEAM SIGNAL, THE NEWLY ARRIVED POLICE ARE FLABBERGASTED TO FIND...

LOOK! IT'S **KRAVEN, THE HUNTER!** HE'S ALL GIFT-WRAPPED AND READY FOR MAILING!

AND MOST OF THE NAILS HOGAN GANG, ALSO... KEEPING HIM COMPANY!

IT'S LIKE WE WON A RAFFLE!



AND, HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS OF A NEARBY ROOFTOP...

THE CAPTURE OF KRAVEN OUGHT TO BE BIG NEWS! I MIGHT AS WELL GET SOME PIX WHILE I CAN!



AWW, THE HECK WITH IT! IF I BRING THEM TO JAMESON, I'LL HAVE TO SEE BETTY...

...AND, SOMEHOW, I JUST DON'T FEEL UP TO FACING HER, RIGHT NOW!



BESIDES, IT'S ONLY FAIR FOR ME TO STAY AWAY FROM HER... TO GIVE HER A CHANCE TO GET ME OUT OF HER SYSTEM, ONCE AND FOR ALL! IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR HER!



AND, AS SPIDER-MAN DISAPPEARS INTO THE ENVELOPING DARKNESS.

YES, IT'S TRUE! I IMPERSONATED SPIDER-MAN! IT WAS I WHO THREATENED JONAH JAMESON!

BUT, WHY ARE YOU TELLING US THIS?

WHATEVER ELSE I MAY BE... I AM A MAN OF HONOR!

I HAVE GIVEN MY WORD!



THUS, A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE DAILY BUGLE OFFICES...

YOU MEAN SPIDER-MAN IS VINDICATED?? NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I WON'T BELIEVE IT!

YOU'VE NO CHOICE, J.J.! KRAVEN PRODUCED HIS COSTUME, AND GAVE THE POLICE A DEMONSTRATION! IT WAS HIM, ALL RIGHT!



BLAST IT! THIS MEANS THAT SPIDER-MAN WILL END UP BEING A HERO... JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I FINALLY HAD HIM WHERE I WANTED HIM!

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AGAINST THAT GUY, ANYWAY, BOSS?

THAT'S MY BUSINESS, FOSWELL! BUT I'LL NAIL HIM YET!



EXCUSE ME, MR. JAMESON... I'VE FINISHED ALL THE DAY'S CORRESPONDENCE! WILL THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE?

NO, THAT'S ALL! YOU THINK I RUN A SWEAT SHOP HERE? GO ON HOME, AND BE HERE AT 9 SHARP TOMORROW!

OH, DOES THAT MEAN...?? YES! YOU'RE HIRED! THE JOB OF REPLACING BETTY BRANT IS YOURS!



THIS IS WONDERFUL! IMAGINE... I'M THE PERSONAL SECRETARY OF THE PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY BUGLE!

BUT, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT BETTY BRANT WOULD LEAVE; IT HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY. I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?



AND SO DO WE, YOUNG LADY! SO DO WE!

MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF THE CHANGE IN PERSONNEL AT THE **DAILY BUGLE**, PETER PARKER RETURNS TO HIS MODEST LITTLE HOME IN FOREST HILLS...



AND, AS I WAS TELLING MY NIECE, MARY JANE ...  
OH, HELLO, PETER...

I'M GLAD YOU CAME HOME EARLY, DEAR.  
DID YOU ENJOY THE MOVIE?  
HUH? OH, NO... I CAN'T HONESTLY SAY I DID!

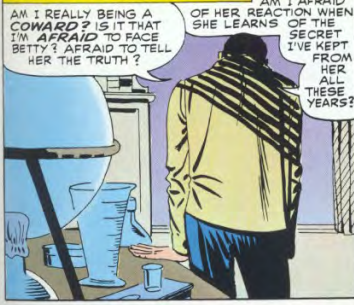
ANYWAY, I'LL GO UP AND DO SOME MORE STUDYING NOW! BEEN NICE SEEING YOU, MRS. WATSON!

DON'T TIRE YOURSELF OUT, PETER! YOU KNOW HOW FRAGILE YOU ARE!

SUCH A NICE BOY! NOT A WILD RONDY, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS!



BUT, ONCE ALONE IN HIS ROOM, THE COMPLEX, SENSITIVE, ANGUISHED YOUTH WHO IS PETER PARKER FINDS THAT HE CANNOT STUDY... HE CANNOT CONCENTRATE ON ANYTHING, EXCEPT...

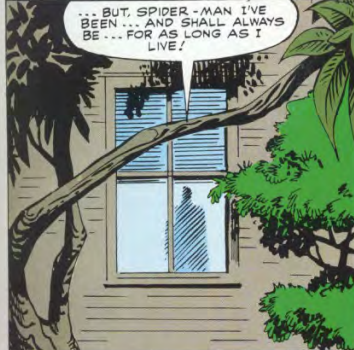


AM I REALLY BEING A COWARD? IS IT THAT I'M AFRAID TO FACE BETTY? AFRAID TO TELL HER THE TRUTH?

AM I AFRAID OF HER REACTION WHEN SHE LEARNS OF THE SECRET I'VE KEPT FROM HER ALL THESE YEARS?

NO! THIS IS NO GOOD! IT'S USELESS! I'VE GOT TO LEARN TO ACCEPT THINGS AS THEY ARE!

I'VE GOT TO STOP THINKING OF BETTY! TO ME, IT MUST BE AS THOUGH SHE DOESN'T EXIST! IT'S THE ONLY WAY! BECAUSE, SHE'D NEVER ACCEPT ME AS SPIDER-MAN...



... BUT, SPIDER-MAN I'VE BEEN ... AND SHALL ALWAYS BE ... FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE!



**NEXT:**

**THE MOLTEN MAN RETURNS!**