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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing

SPIDER-MAN

BACK TO BASICS *Part Five*

Peter Parker is Spider-Man no more! While visiting Empire State University, where Dr. Curt Connors offered Pete a chance to re-earn his doctorate, a mishap with Black Ant, Taskmaster, and the Isotope Genome Accelerator split Peter into one responsible Peter Parker and one powerful Spider-Man--who's reckless enough to endanger the city. Oh, and the bisection may eventually kill them both. Too bad! Pete could have used a break to enjoy his reunion with MJ and maybe get financially stable enough to kick out his third roommate, Fred Myers, A.K.A. the criminal Boomerang. But the clock is ticking: besides the problems Pete knows about, the Robot Master Mendel Stromm made a deal with a disembodied voice offering any help Stromm might require...to kill Spider-Man.

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I'M IN A PICKLE.

FACING CERTAIN DOOM, AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS, AND SERIOUS DAMAGE TO MY ALREADY SHAKY REPUTATION.

AND I FEEL LIKE I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING TO FIX IT. WELL, I GUESS EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE THING THAT I SHOULD'VE DONE IN THE FIRST PLACE--



--TALK IT OVER WITH THE PERSON WHO MATTERS THE MOST.

I MEAN, PETER PARKER, BUT NO SPIDER-MAN. I THOUGHT THAT WAS WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED, M.J.

HH. I THOUGHT SO TOO, I GUESS.

BUT LEAVE IT TO THIS... VERY MESSED-UP SITUATION TO MAKE ME BELIEVE OTHERWISE, TIGER.



I USED TO DREAM OF A LIFE WHERE WE COULD JUST BE US, YOU KNOW? WITH NO GREEN GOBLINS OR VENOMS MAKING EVERYTHING SUCH A HORROR SHOW.

BUT HERE'S THE THING--THAT WOULDN'T BE US, WOULD IT? BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T BE YOU.



AS MUCH AS IT MIGHT SCARE ME OR FRUSTRATE ME OR, YEAH--EVEN ENDANGER ME--I CAN'T CHANGE THAT. I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE THAT.

THE GUY I'M IN LOVE WITH IS A HERO. HE PUTS ON A COSTUME AND RISKS HIS LIFE TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE FOR NO REASON OTHER THAN THAT IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.



AND YES, THAT BURDEN HE CARRIES AROUND IS WHY I KEPT PUSHING HIM AWAY. BUT NOW I'M STARTING TO REALIZE--

--IT'S ALSO WHY I KEPT COMING BACK TO HIM.

YEAH--

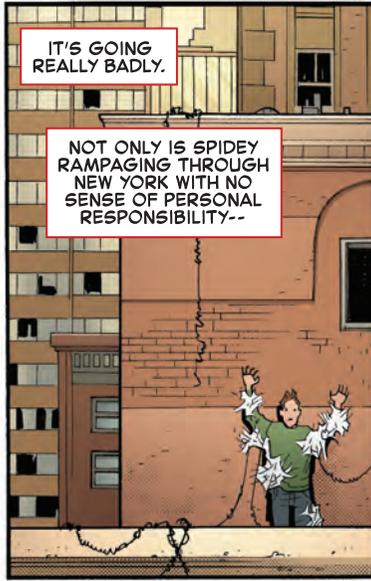
--THAT FEELS
LIKE A GOOD
NOTE TO
END ON.





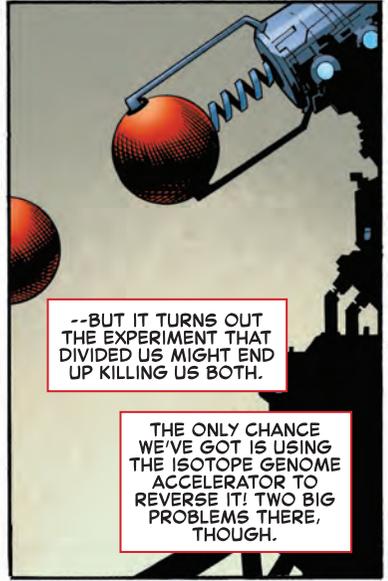
SO TO RECAP--

PETER PARKER,
SPIDER-MAN NO
MORE. ALSO,
SPIDER-MAN, PETER
PARKER NO MORE.



IT'S GOING
REALLY BADLY.

NOT ONLY IS SPIDEY
RAMPAGING THROUGH
NEW YORK WITH NO
SENSE OF PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY--



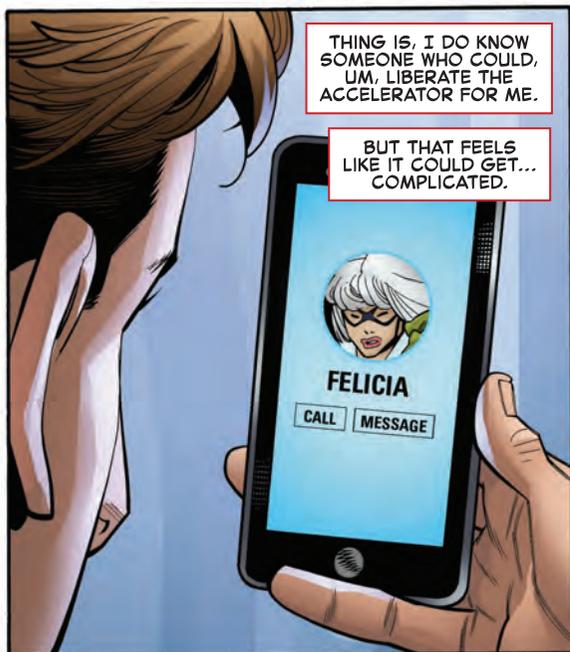
--BUT IT TURNS OUT
THE EXPERIMENT THAT
DIVIDED US MIGHT END
UP KILLING US BOTH.

THE ONLY CHANCE
WE'VE GOT IS USING
THE ISOTOPE GENOME
ACCELERATOR TO
REVERSE IT! TWO BIG
PROBLEMS THERE,
THOUGH.



THE FIRST IS I HAVE NO
WAY OF GETTING TO IT! IT'S
UNDER LOCK AND KEY AT
EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY.

AND THERE'S NO WAY
FOR ME TO EXPLAIN TO
DOC CONNORS WHY I
NEED IT WITHOUT GIVING
AWAY MY IDENTITY!



THING IS, I DO KNOW
SOMEONE WHO COULD,
UM, LIBERATE THE
ACCELERATOR FOR ME.

BUT THAT FEELS
LIKE IT COULD GET...
COMPLICATED.



AND THEN IT HITS ME--
BLACK CAT'S ACTUALLY
NOT THE ONLY THIEF I
KNOW THESE DAYS.

YEAH...



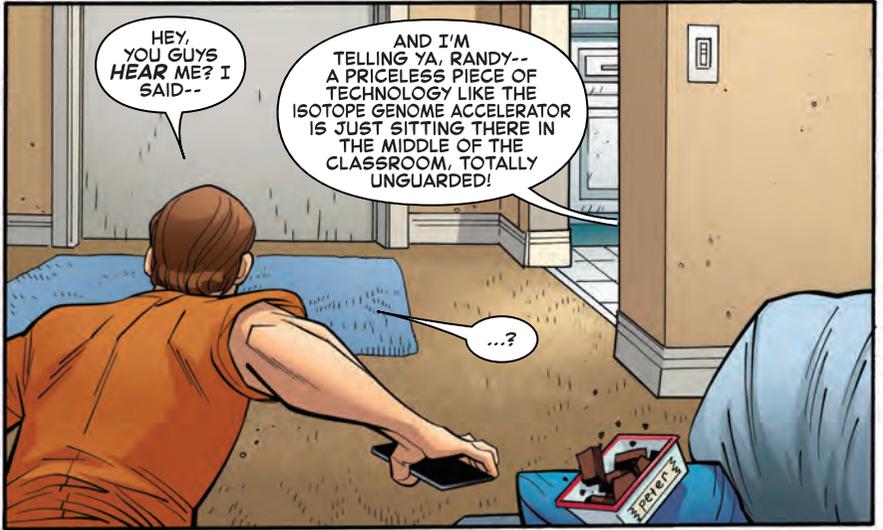
...THIS IS A BAD IDEA.

YEAH, BABE, I BET YOUR MOM WOULD BE PRETTY MAD IF YOU STARTED DATING A SUPER VILLAIN--

WAIT, HOW OLD'S YOUR MOM? YOU GOT A PICTURE?



HEY, KEEP IT DOWN IN THERE! I'M TALKING TO A LADY IN HERE!



HEY, YOU GUYS HEAR ME? I SAID--

AND I'M TELLING YA, RANDY-- A PRICELESS PIECE OF TECHNOLOGY LIKE THE ISOTOPE GENOME ACCELERATOR IS JUST SITTING THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CLASSROOM, TOTALLY UNGUARDED!

...?



I CAN'T BELIEVE EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY ISN'T PUTTING MORE SECURITY AROUND IT. WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH IT WOULD FETCH ON THE BLACK MARKET. PROBABLY MILLIONS!

I MEAN, EVEN WHEN I WAS THERE, TASKMASTER AND THE BLACK ANT TRIED TO STEAL IT! IMAGINE IF A MASTER THIEF LIKE BOOMERANG HAD--

OH, HEY, FRED. I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE!



'SUP, FELLAS? I WAS JUST... NOT HEARING YOUR CONVERSATION. PETE, WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT PROFESSOR YOU KNOW? OR UH...

OH, UH... I DUNNO--

DOCTOR CURT CONNORS. AND I THINK IT'S HALL 49? YEAH, THAT'S IT. WHY, FRED?



--BEEN THINKING ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL MYSELF!