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Years ago as a high school student, 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 Two

Spinning webs of various sizes, catching thieves like so many flies...es--it's all S.O.P. in your friendly neighborhood! Well, Peter Parker's neighborhood could stand to be friendlier--he's paycheck-to-paycheck again, which means an apartment with roommates. Speaking of paychecks, Pete needs to find a new way to get them--his professional neighborhood just turned hostile. Plagiarism-detecting software found his doctoral dissertation was written by Otto Octavius (who had stolen Pete's body at the time--we've all been there, right?), so his degree was revoked and he was fired from the *Daily Bugle*. He has the chance to make up the work at Empire State University, but there are strings attached. So--neighborhood of dubious friendliness. Let's see how Pete's holding up...

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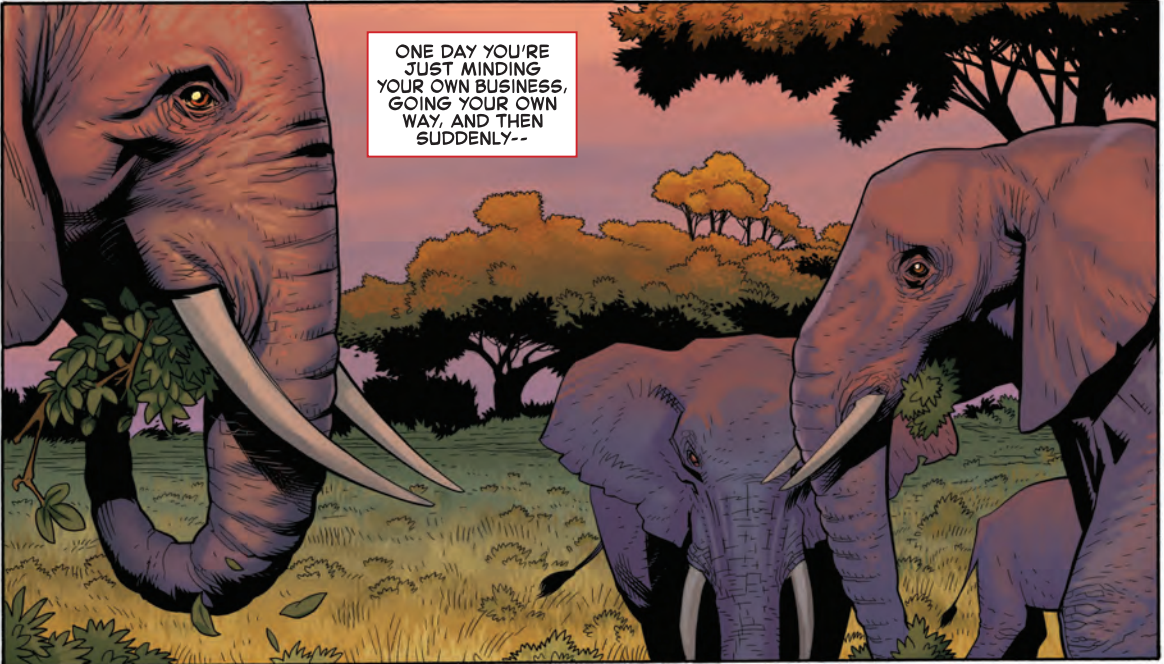


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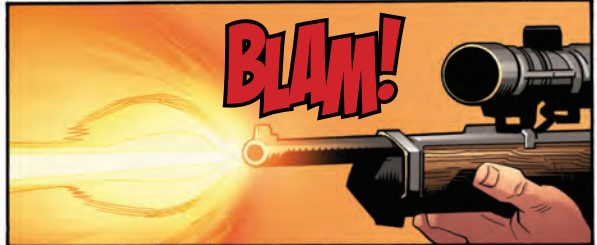
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JUST MINDING
YOUR OWN BUSINESS,
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WAY, AND THEN
SUDDENLY--



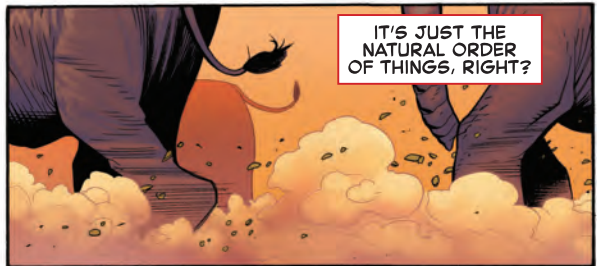
--EVERYTHING
FALLS APART.



BLAM!



IT'S JUST THE
NATURAL ORDER
OF THINGS, RIGHT?



NO MATTER
WHAT PATH WE
TAKE, WE CAN BE
SURE THERE'LL
BE PAIN--





--BUT NOT FOR ME!

NO SIR, MY LIFE IS COMING UP NOTHING BUT SUNSHINE AND ROSES THESE DAYS.

KRAK!

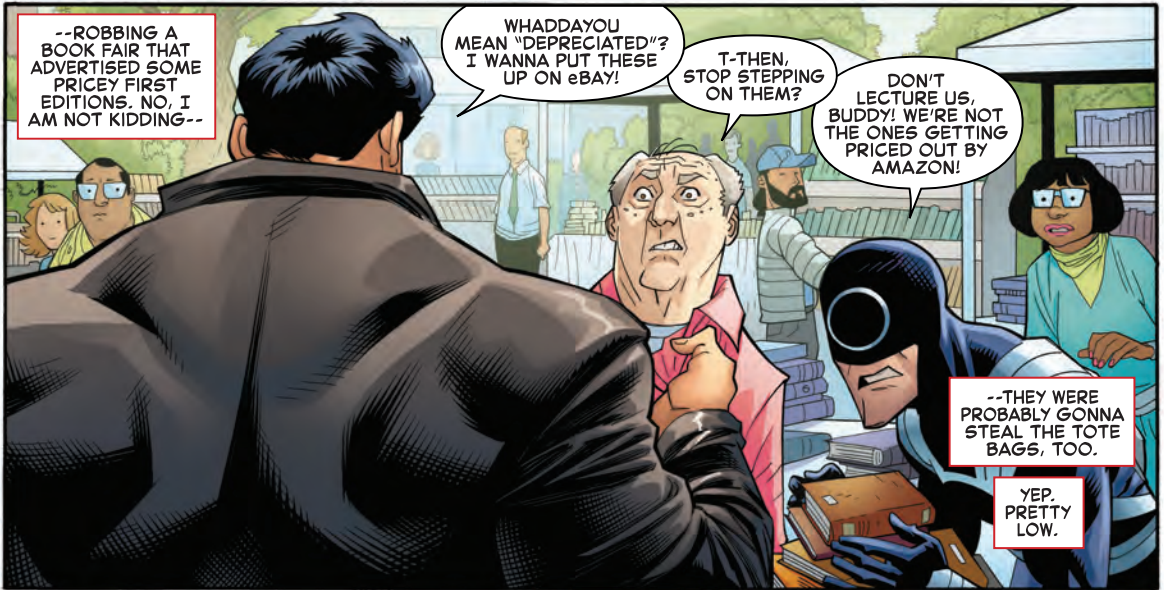
UNFFF!



OKAY, YES, ALSO ANGRY SUPER VILLAINS--BUT MOSTLY SUNSHINE AND ROSES!



MAN MOUNTAIN MARKO AND THE RINGER (ALSO THE NAME OF A REALLY GREAT WEBSITE!). TWO TOTAL D-LISTERS WITH A TERRIBLE PLAN--



--ROBBING A BOOK FAIR THAT ADVERTISED SOME PRICEY FIRST EDITIONS. NO, I AM NOT KIDDING--

WHADDAYOU MEAN "DEPRECIATED"? I WANNA PUT THESE UP ON EBAY!

T-THEN, STOP STEPPING ON THEM?

DON'T LECTURE US, BUDDY! WE'RE NOT THE ONES GETTING PRICED OUT BY AMAZON!

--THEY WERE PROBABLY GONNA STEAL THE TOTE BAGS, TOO.

YEP. PRETTY LOW.

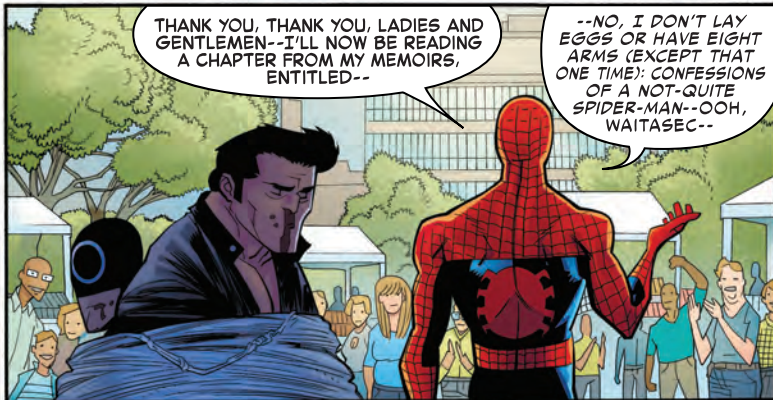


BUT I'M NOT GONNA LET THE BAD BEHAVIOR OF A FEW YOKELS POISON MY MOOD.

I PREFER TO SEE THE BEST IN MY FELLOW MAN. BELIEVE IN A KINDER, GENTLER WORLD. DO WHAT I CAN TO STAY POSITIVE--



--KEEP MY HEAD UP.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--I'LL NOW BE READING A CHAPTER FROM MY MEMOIRS, ENTITLED--

--NO, I DON'T LAY EGGS OR HAVE EIGHT ARMS (EXCEPT THAT ONE TIME): CONFESSIONS OF A NOT-QUITE SPIDER-MAN--OOH, WAITASEC--



A TWO-FOR-ONE DEAL? MAN, I AM A SUCKER FOR THOSE. YOU GET AN EXTRA ONE, AND IT'S FREE...



I'LL TAKE THESE.

S'ON THE HOUSE, SPIDEY!

HEY, APPRECIATE THAT, INDEPENDENT BOOKSELLER GUY!



HERE YOU GO, FELLAS.

FOR... US?

YEAH--I FIGURE WHERE YOU GUYS ARE GOING, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A LOT OF EXTRA TIME ON YOUR HANDS. WORSE WAYS TO SPEND IT THAN READING SOME GREAT FICTION, RIGHT?



WOW.

DON'T MENTION IT! AND IF YOU GET PAROLED, MAYBE WE CAN BOOK CLUB IT! I'LL BRING BROWNIES--

--YOU JUST GOTTA PROMISE NO MORE ROBBERY-HOMICIDE SHENANIGANS!



HE SEEMS LIKE HE'S IN A REALLY POSITIVE PLACE.

YEAH, GOOD FOR HIM.

AND, HEY, THEY'RE NOT WRONG--



RIGHT NOW, I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T LOSE. LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING. LIKE LIFE IS FINALLY, FINALLY GOING MY WAY.

AND TO *WHAT* DO I OWE THIS SUDDEN CHANGE IN ATTITUDE AND OUTLOOK? PRETTY SIMPLE, REALLY--