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GROUP **12:**

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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GREAT NEW
SPIDER-MAN
THRILLERS!

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GREAT NEW
SUPER-VILLAINS!

featuring: "The **VULTURE!**"
and...

SPIDER-MAN
...IS TRAPPED BY
the
**TERRIBLE
TINKERER!**



SPIDER-MAN

"DUEL TO THE DEATH WITH
The VULTURE!"



THE MOST COLORFUL SUPER-HERO OF ALL... **SPIDER-MAN!** HIS NAME MAKES THE UNDERWORLD TREMBLE! BUT THERE IS **ONE** WHO DOES NOT TREMBLE! WHAT FANTASTIC POWER CAN **THE VULTURE** HAVE WHICH MAKES HIM SO SURE HE CAN DEFEAT... **SPIDER-MAN?**

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LETTERING:
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FOR DAYS, A NEW AND OMINOUS DANGER HAS MENACED THE VAST CITY OF NEW YORK! NO MAN KNOWS WHERE HE'LL STRIKE NEXT! NO ONE CAN COPE WITH THIS NEW, AWESOME THREAT! WITHOUT WARNING, WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST SOUND, HE STRIKES!



FOR THIS IS -- THE VULTURE!



AND, IN THE EXECUTIVE SUITE OF THE POWERFUL JAMESON PUBLICATIONS, MR. J. JONAH JAMESON IS ON HIS USUAL RAMPAGE...





AS SOON AS SCHOOL ENDS, THE EXCITED TEEN-ASER RUSHES HOME TO HIS AUNT MAY AND IS DELIGHTED TO LEARN...



MEANWHILE, IN A CAREFULLY-PREPARED HIDEOUT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...



AND THEN, IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS ROOM, PETER PARKER CHANGES INTO THE MOST DRAMATIC COSTUMED FIGURE OF ALL--THAT OF **SPIDER-MAN!**...



AFTER MAKING CERTAIN HE IS NOT OBSERVED, **THE VULTURE** DARTS FROM HIS HIDING PLACE ATOP AN ABANDONED GILDO IN STATEN ISLAND, JUST A FEW SECONDS FROM THE HEART OF MANHATTEN...



SECONDS LATER, ATOP AN APARTMENT HOUSE WHERE HE HAD BEEN CHECKING HIS CAMERA, **SPIDER-MAN'S** AMAZING SPIDER SENSES PICK UP A STRANGE SENSATION...

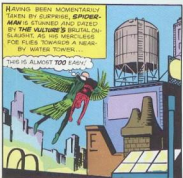


NOT NOTICING THE POWERFUL FIGURE ON THE ROOF TOP, **THE VULTURE** CREEPS PAST...





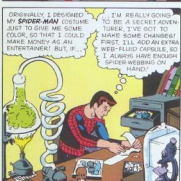
BUT IN HIS EAGERNESS TO GET A CLOSE-UP PICTURE OF THE VULTURE, SPIDER-MAN CARELESSLY KICKS A LOOSE BRICK...





MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE TANK, THE SHOCK OF HITTING THE COLD WATER INSTANTLY REVIVES THE POWERFUL SPIDER-MAN...





LONG HOURS LATER...



THE NEXT DAY, J. JONAH JAMESON RECEIVES AN EXCITING PHONE CALL...



AND SOON...



THE NEXT DAY, AS SCHOOL LETS OUT...







BEFORE THE STARTLED OFFICERS CAN FIRE, THE **WILY VULTURE** PLUNGETS BACK UNDERGROUND, DROPPING THE MANHOLE COVER INTO PLACE ABOVE HIM! THEN...



A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE OTHER END OF TOWN, A TRIUMPHANT **VULTURE** DECIDES TO LEAVE HIS UNDERGROUND LAIR AS **DRAMATICALLY** AS POSSIBLE...



MEANWHILE, LEARNING WHAT HAS OCCURRED, PETER PARKER MANAGES TO FIND A DESERTED ALLEY, ANOTHER, MOVING WITH **BLINDING** SPEED...











THEN, AS THE NEXT DAY DAWNS...




AND UPON REACHING HIS HOME...





"the UNCANNY THREAT of THE TERRIBLE TINKERER!"



HE LOOKS SO HARMLESS--AND
YET THE *TINKERER* IS ONE OF THE
GREATEST MENACES I'VE EVER
FACED!

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EVERYBODY LOVES A BARGAIN!
BUT SOMETIMES IT CAN BE
DANGEROUS TO ACCEPT A
BARGAIN WHICH IS TOO GOOD
TO BE TRUE! ESPECIALLY IF
THE BARGAIN IS BEING
OFFERED BY SOMEONE LIKE
THE *TINKERER*, WHO--
BUT WAIT! LET'S SEE HOW IT
ALL BEGAN--AND HOW IT
TOOK *SPIDER-MAN* TO
FINISH IT!

A STORY HAS TO START SOMEWHERE, SO LET'S BEGIN OURS IN THE SCIENCE LAB OF MIDTOWN HIGH, WHERE WE FIND PETER PARKER HARD AT WORK WHILE...

GOSH, I THOUGHT CLASS WOULD NEVER END TODAY! I COULDN'T BEAR LOOKING AT ONE MORE TEST TUBE OR BUNSEN BURNER!

QUIET! YOU'LL BREAK PETER'S HEART! HE CAN'T BEAR TO BE PARTED FROM THEM!

THERE'S THE BOY I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT, DOCTOR! HE'S PETER PARKER, OUR TOP SCIENCE STUDENT!



PETER, PROFESSOR COBBWELL HAS ASKED ME TO RECOMMEND A STUDENT WHO COULD HELP HIM WITH SOME RESEARCH OVER THE WEEK-END, AND I WAS WONDERING--?

GOSH! A CHANCE TO WORK WITH THE MOST FAMOUS ELECTRONICS EXPERT IN TOWN? I'D BE DELIGHTED, SIR!

THANK YOU, MY BOY! I HAVE SOME URGENT EXPERIMENTS TO PERFORM, AND WILL APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE!



HERE IS MY ADDRESS, SON! ON YOUR WAY OVER TOMORROW, PLEASE STOP AT THE RADIO REPAIR SHOP AND PICK UP A SMALL RADIO FOR ME! I HAD SOME NEW TUBES PUT IN IT!

SURE, I'LL BE GLAD TO, DOCTOR COBBWELL!



MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE STUDENTS ARE ALONE AGAIN...

WELL WELL! SO TEACHER'S PET IS GONNA HELP THE NICE LITTLE DOCTOR WITH SOME EXPERIMENTS THIS WEEK-END, EH? WHILE US OTHER DUMBHEADS WASTE TIME HAVING DATES AND LIVIN' IT UP!

KNOCK IT OFF, FLASH! YOU'RE DARN RIGHT I'D JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH A BRILLIANT MAN LIKE DOCTOR COBBWELL! AS FOR YOU BEING A DUMBHEAD, IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF! YOU WERE JUST BORN THAT WAY!



THEN, BEFORE THE ANGRY FLASH THOMPSON CAN THINK OF A SUITABLE RETORT, PETER PARKER IS GONE! AND, THE NEXT DAY, AT HOME...

I'D BETTER TAKE MY SPIDER-MAN OUTFIT! NEVER KNOW WHEN I'LL NEED IT! BESIDES, I FEEL ALMOST UNDRESSED WITHOUT IT!



HMMM, HERE'S THE PLACE THE DOC WANTED ME TO PICK UP HIS RADIO!

THE TINKERER REPAIR SHOP-- SURE IS AN OFF-BEAT NAME! WONDER WHAT KIND OF KOOKIE CHARACTER RUNS IT?



INSIDE THE SHOP...

I'M THE **TINKERER**!
WHAT CAN I DO FOR
YOU, MY BOY?

I'M HERE TO PICK
UP A RADIO FOR
DR. COBBWELL!



OH YES!
DOCTOR
COBBWELL!
JUST A
MINUTE --
I'LL GET IT!

BOY, I SURE CALLED IT
RIGHT! HE LOOKS LIKE
A CHARACTER STRAIGHT
OUT OF GRAMMA'S FAIRY
TALES!



THEN, SUDDENLY...

STRANGE... MY SPIDER
SENSE PICKS UP ODD
ELECTRIC IMPULSES,
MUST BE COMING FROM
HIS TESTING EQUIPMENT!

I'VE GOT TO STOP GET-
TING SO SUSPICIOUS ALL
THE TIME! THE TINKERER
LOOKS ABOUT AS DANGER-
OUS AS A SECOND-HAND
CREAMPUFF!



MEANWHILE, IN A SOUND-PROOFED BASEMENT
WORKROOM, DIRECTLY UNDER THE SHOP...

DR. COBBWELL IS READY
FOR HIS RADIO! IT IS ONE
OF OUR **SPECIAL** JOBS!

GOOD! I HAVE JUST
FINISHED IT! HE MAY
HAVE IT NOW!



I HAVE INSERTED
OUR SPECIAL DEVICE!
HE WILL NEVER
SUSPECT THAT THIS
IS NOW MUCH **MORE**
THAN A SIMPLE RADIO!



SO FAR NONE OF OUR
"SPECIAL" CUSTOMERS
SUSPECTS WHAT WE
HAVE DONE TO THEIR
RADIOS WHILE WE
WERE SUPPOSED TO
BE REPAIRING THEM!

NATURALLY! OUR PLAN
MUST BE COMPLETELY
SECRET, UNTIL WE ARE
READY TO STRIKE!



AND THEN, AFTER THE LONG CLIMB UPSTAIRS AGAIN...

YOU MEAN YOU ONLY CHARGE A DIME TO FIX RADIOS?? BUT--

TUT TUT, MY BOY! I LIKE TO GIVE BARGAINS! THEY BRING ME IN LOTS OF CUSTOMERS!



FINALLY, AT DR. COBBWELL'S LAB...

YES, I HEARD THE TINKERER'S PRICES WERE RIDICULOUSLY CHEAP! THAT'S WHY I TOOK MY RADIO TO HIM! BUT ENOUGH OF THAT--HERE'S THE EXPERIMENT I WANT YOU TO WORK ON FOR ME...

I STILL DON'T GET IT! THE TINKERER MUST BE LOSING MONEY ON EVERY CUSTOMER! AND HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A NUT TO ME! SO WHAT'S HIS ANGLE? NOBODY GIVES ANYTHING FOR NOTHING!



THIS IS BATTY! I'VE GOT TO FORGET THE TINKERER AND CONCENTRATE ON WHAT I'M DOING!

BUT SOMETHING ABOUT HIM KEEPS STICKIN' IN MY CRAW!



WAIT! I KNOW! THOSE ELECTRICAL WAPULSES WHICH I SENSED IN HIS SHOP! NOW I SENSE THEM HERE!

THE PART OF ME WHICH IS SPIDER-MAN IS REACTING SUSPICIOUSLY TO THEM! I'VE GOT TO CHECK THIS OUT!



BUT WHERE CAN THE IMPULSES BE COMING FROM? THE RADIO IS SHUT OFF! AND DOCTOR COBBWELL DOESN'T HAVE ANY OTHER ELECTRICAL GADGETS OPERATING NOW!

HE'S PUTTING ON HIS COAT! THIS IS MY CHANCE--AS SOON AS HE LEAVES!

I HAVE TO LECTURE AT THE INSTITUTE NOW, PETER! I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW HOURS!













MEANWHILE, A STRANGE SPACECRAFT
BEGINS TO STREAK AWAY FROM EARTH...

SAFE AT LAST! PRESS
THE BUTTON WHICH WILL
DESTROY ALL OUR SPY
DEVICES BY REMOTE
CONTROL!

IT IS **DONE!** WE CAN
NEVER AGAIN RETURN
TO EARTH--THEY WILL
BE ON **GUARD** FROM
THIS DAY ON!



AND, BACK AT THE LABORATORY OF DOCTOR
COBBWELL...

I'VE RE-EXAMINED
THE RADIO, AND
IT'S PERFECTLY
NORMAL NOW!
NO DEVICES --
NO IMPULSES --
--NOTHING!

HERE COMES
DR. COBBWELL!
HE LOOKS
EXCITED!

MY BOY, I
JUST SAW
THE MOST
STARTLING
SIGHT!



AS I WAS RETURNING FROM
THE LECTURE IN MY CAR, I
GLANCED SKYWARD--AND I
COULD HAVE SWORN I SAW
A **SPACE SHIP** OF SOME SORT,
FADING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE!

REALLY?
WHAT
DID IT
LOOK
LIKE,
SIR?



WELL, IT WAS SORT OF -- CHHH, WHAT AM
I SAYING?? I MUST HAVE **IMAGINED** IT!
NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE ME, ANYWAY! I
HAVE NO **PROOF**! PEOPLE WILL THINK I'M
A TYPICAL ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSOR!
FORGET IT, PETER! LET'S GET BACK TO
WORK!

SURE,
DOC!



AND YET,
I WAS SO
SURE...

I KNOW HOW THE DOC FEELS! IF
NOT FOR THIS **MASK** I YANKED OFF
THE **TINKERER** AT THE LAST MINUTE,
I MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT MYSELF! BUT
I'D BETTER NEVER MENTION THIS TO
ANYONE! IT WOULD BE TOO HARD
TO EXPLAIN HOW **PETER PARKER**
KNOWS SO MUCH ABOUT THE
SPIDER-MAN'S ADVENTURES!

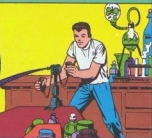


THE BEGINNING...
OF MORE AND GREATER
SPIDER-MAN ADVENTURES
STARTING NEXT ISSUE!

SECRETS of SPIDER-MAN'S WEB

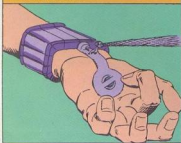
FORTUNATELY FOR PETER PARKER (AND THE WORLD AT LARGE), THE AMAZING TEEN-AGER IS A BRILLIANT SCIENCE STUDENT! HE HAS DEVOTED LONG HOURS OF STUDY TO LEARNING EVERYTHING HE CAN ABOUT SPIDERS. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A MATTER OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, HE IS PROBABLY THE WORLD'S GREATEST AUTHORITY ON THE SUBJECT OF WEBS AND THEIR CREATION...

HIS WEB-MAKING ABILITY IS ONE OF HIS MOST CLOSELY-GUARDED SECRETS! BUT WE CAN TELL YOU THIS... HE MAKES HIS OWN WEB FLUID UNDER THE MOST EXACTING CONDITIONS IN THE LAB, STORING IT IN SMALL, COMPACT CYLINDERS LIKE MINATURE TOOTHPASTE TUBES!



AS ANY SPIDER-MAN READER KNOWS, SPIDEY'S WEB-SHOOTER IS WORN AT HIS WRIST, AND ACTIVATED BY THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH OF HIS FINGER UPON THE SUPER-SENSITIVE ELECTRODE LOCATED ON THE PALM OF HIS HAND!

INASMUCH AS HIS WEBBING IS HIS MOST POTENT WEAPON, THE MASKED ADVENTURER ALWAYS CARRIES SPARE WEB-FLUID CAPSULES CLIPPED ONTO HIS INGENUOUSLY DESIGNED UTILITY BELT!



BY ADJUSTING THE NOZZLE OF HIS WEB-SHOOTER IN ONE EASY MOTION, SPIDEY CAN EJECT HIS WEB FLUID IN ANY ONE OF THREE DIFFERENT WAYS...

1. AS A THIN, INCREDIBLY STRONG LINE...



2. AS A FINE, QUICK-SPREADING SPRAY...



3. OR AS A THICK, TREMENDOUSLY ADHESIVE LIQUID...

