

THE MARK OF THE MAN-WOLF!

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN HAS MANY FRIENDS BUT JONAH JAMESON, PUBLISHER OF THE POWERFUL DAILY BUGLE, ISN'T ONE OF THEM...





JOHN'S JUST RETIRED FROM **ASTRONAUTICS**. HE WAS ONE OF THE LAST MEN TO MAKE A **MOON WALK**.

SON, THIS IS **JOE ROBERTSON**... MY CITY EDITOR.

GLAD TO MEET YOU, JOHN.

SAME HERE, MR. ROBERTSON. SORRY WE'VE GOT TO RUSH OFF!



MOMENTS LATER, IN THE HALL OUTSIDE...

DAD... WOULD YOU... WOULD YOU **EXCUSE** ME A MOMENT...?

I...



I...



JOHN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SON?

YOU'RE WHITE AS A **SHEET**-- AND YOU'RE **TREM-BLING!**

I'M-- **SORRY**, DAD.

GOT A TOUCH OF-- THE **FLU**.



THE **FLU**? YOU'D BETTER TAKE **CARE** OF YOURSELF, JOHN.

LIKE I SAID, DAD... **SORRY**.

I'VE BEEN UNDER A STRAIN... I'D BETTER GET HOME.



LATER THIS SAME EVENING, IN A BROWNSTONE OVERLOOKING THE HUDSON RIVER, A DOOR OPENS, RELEASING A SLIVER OF YELLOW LIGHT--

-- AND THE STUMBLING FORM OF A YOUNG MAN.



NOTHING-- I CAN DO--



IT'S HAPPENING **AGAIN!!**

I'M **CHANGING-- CHANGING!**

AAARRR!



AND IN SEVERAL SECONDS--



WE SEE BEFORE US--



A MAN-WOLF!!

AAARRRRRRRRRGHHHH



WHOEVER WAS PRESENT IN THIS CREATURE A MOMENT AGO IS GONE NOW.

NOW, THERE IS ONLY AN ANIMAL!!



SEEKING SOMEONE!



IT RUNS THROUGH THE DARKNESS.

NOW AND THEN IT CLIMBS...



...AND LEAPS FROM ROOF TO ROOF..

RRRRRGHHH

AS IT HUNTS... ITS QUARRY!



... AND THAT QUARRY IS... MAN.

ONE PARTICULAR HUMAN.



"AHEAD" THE MAN-WOLF THINKS.

THE ONE I HUNT IS AHEAD!



ONE FINAL LEAP,



... AND HE LOOKS ACROSS AT THE HUMAN BEING HE SEEKS!

AARRRRRRR



AND IN ONE SLEEK MOTION-- THE MAN-WOLF LEAPS!



KRASH!

WHAT IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN--?



AARRRG

WHO ARE YOU, AND WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

DO YOU REALIZE WHO I *AMP* THE NAME IS **JONAH JAMESON**, MY FRIEND--AND I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW **J. JONAH JAMESON** IS NOT THE KIND OF MAN TO BE AMUSED BY SOME SORT OF INFANTILE JOKE.

I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS-- THIS **RIDICULOUS COSTUME**.

I'M WARNING YOU...

... I'M... WARNING... YOU...?



IT IS THEN, OF COURSE, THAT **JAMESON** REALIZES THE CREATURE BEFORE HIM IS NOT WEARING A COSTUME.

AND IT IS THEN, NATURALLY, THAT **J. JONAH JAMESON** BECOMES... **AFRAID!**



AND BY THEN, YOU SEE, IT'S ALREADY FAR TOO LATE!

AARRGHA

GOOD LORD IN HEAVEN... **NO!**

WE HATE TO LEAVE J. JONAH JAMESON AT A TIME LIKE THIS, BUT A FEW MINUTES EARLIER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY, PETER PARKER...

BOY STUDENT WHO IS OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SPIDER MAN, IS PASSING A NEWSTAND, ONE GLIMPSE OF THE DAILY BUGLE AND...



THIS TIME JAMESON'S GONE TOO FAR!

"THE SPIDER-MAN MENACE: A NEW SERIES BY J. JONAH JAMESON."

EVERYTIME SOMETHING HAPPENS IN THIS TOWN...



JAMESON BLAMES ME!!



ACCORDING TO MR. WARMTH, SPIDER-MAN SHOULD BE

HUNTED DOWN LIKE A MAD DOG!!

"INNOCENT TILL PROVEN GUILTY"

REMEMBER THAT, JAMESON?



THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE WAY WE LIVE!

WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE, JAMESON?

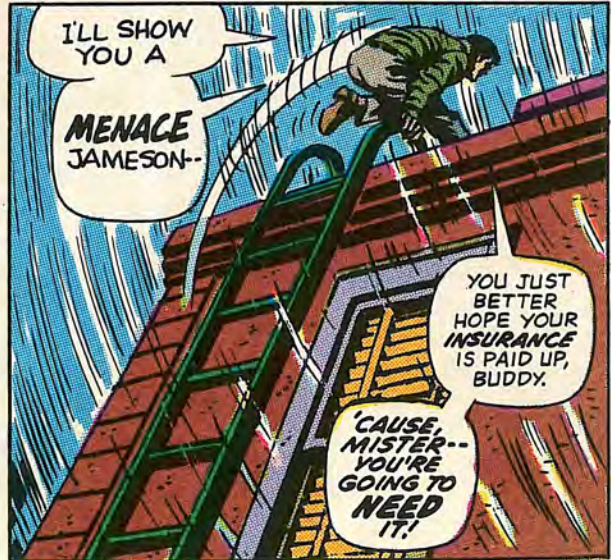
WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE?



I HAVE HAD IT, JAMESON.

YOU WANT ME GUILTY..

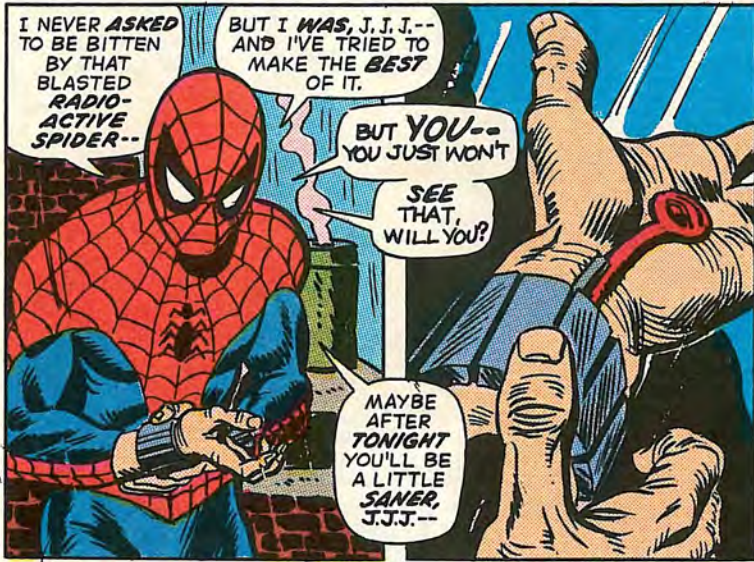
YOU'VE GOT IT!



I'LL SHOW YOU A MENACE JAMESON--

YOU JUST BETTER HOPE YOUR INSURANCE IS PAID UP, BUDDY.

'CAUSE, MISTER-- YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT!



I NEVER ASKED TO BE BITTEN BY THAT BLASTED RADIO-ACTIVE SPIDER--

BUT I WAS, J.J.J.-- AND I'VE TRIED TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

BUT YOU-- YOU JUST WON'T

SEE THAT, WILL YOU?

MAYBE AFTER TONIGHT YOU'LL BE A LITTLE SANER, J.J.J.--



MAYBE AFTER YOU GET A TASTE OF WHAT MY WEBBING CAN REALLY DO--

YOU'LL LEAVE ME ALONE!



IN SOME PEOPLE, ANGER--

CAN BURN FOR HOURS...

...BUT IN OTHERS, IT LASTS ONLY A MINUTE OR TWO.

THAT'S THE WAY IT IS WITH SPIDER-MAN... SOMETIMES.



LUCKILY FOR J. JONAH JAMESON... THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES!

BY COINCIDENCE, SPIDER MAN SEEMS TO HAVE ARRIVED AT JAMESON'S APARTMENT JUST AT THE RIGHT MOMENT!



NOW THAT'S A KICK IN THE HEAD!

EITHER JAMESON'S TAKEN TO KEEPING PETS--



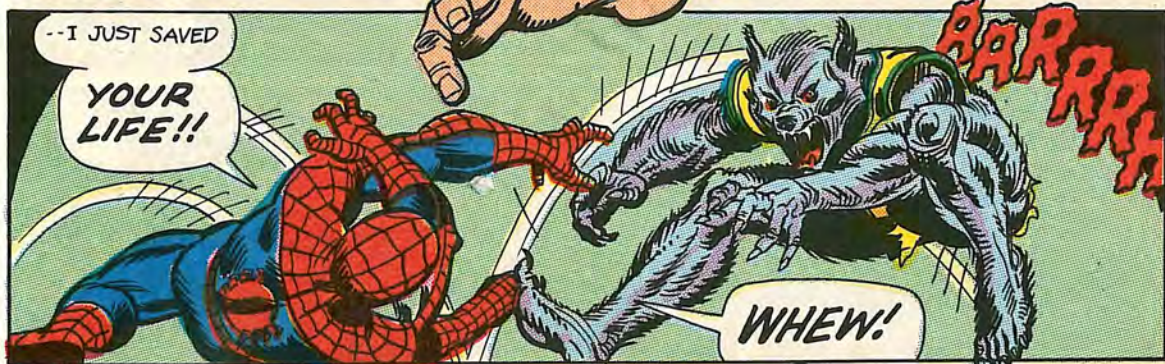
--OR I JUST SAW A WEREWOLF!



SPIDER-MAN!
YOU'RE IN
THIS TOO?

IN CASE
YOU HADN'T

NOTICED,
SWEET-
UMS...



--I JUST SAVED

YOUR
LIFE!!

RAARRR

WHEW!

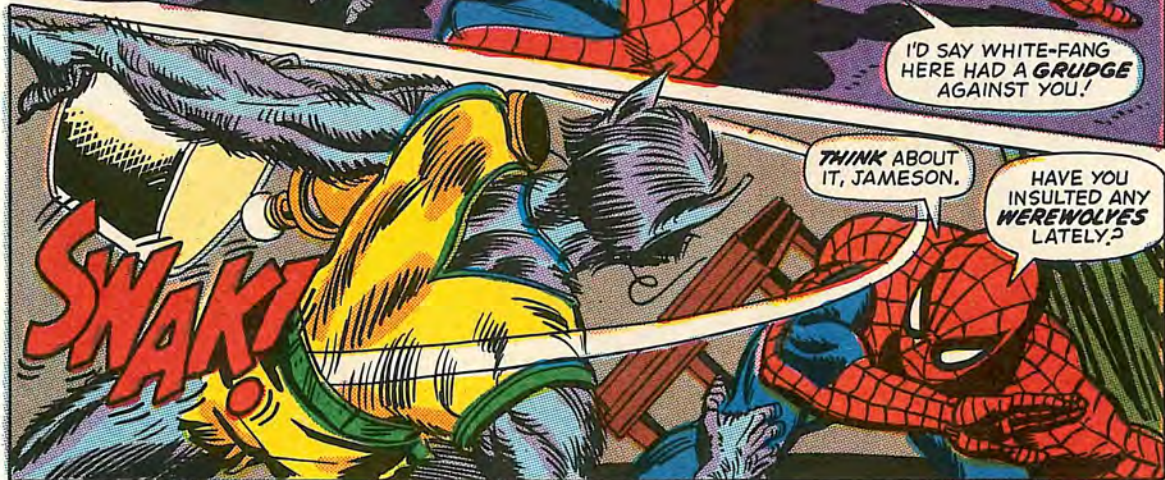


RAARRR

SAY,
JONAH

IF I
DIDN'T
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YOU WERE
SO
LOVABLE,

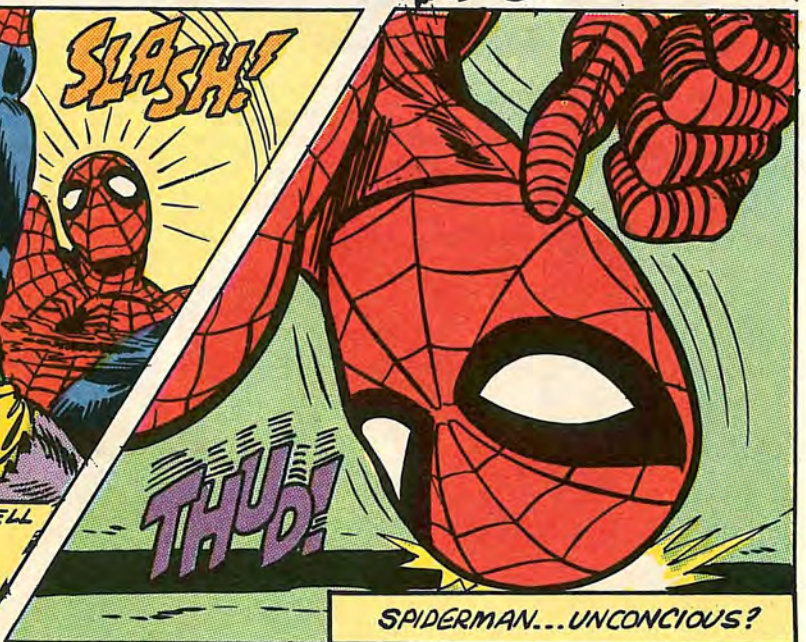
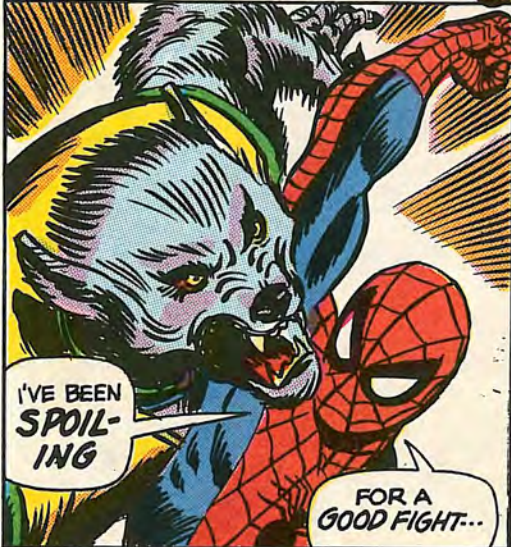
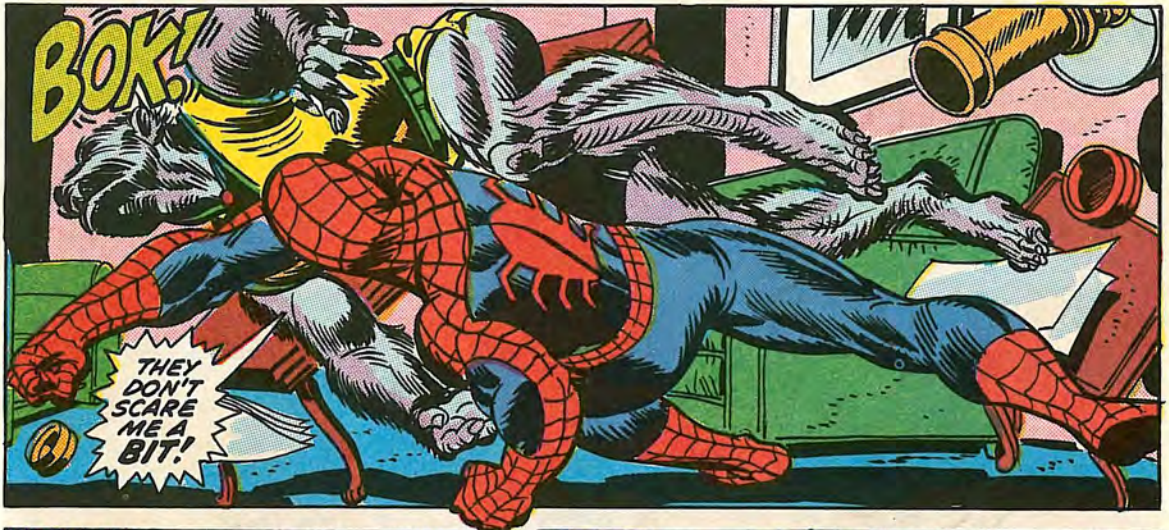
I'D SAY WHITE-FANG
HERE HAD A GRUDGE
AGAINST YOU!



SWAK!

THINK ABOUT
IT, JAMESON.

HAVE YOU
INSULTED ANY
WEREWOLVES
LATELY?







... AND A SLOWLY STIRRING SPIDER-MAN.

HEY, JONAH...WHAT HAPPENED TO TALL, DARK AND HAIRY?!

DON'T TELL ME YOU BEAT HIM ALL BY YOUR LONESOME!

IF THAT GETS OUT WE'LL HAVE TO PUT YOU UP AGAINST THE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMP!



SAY...WHAT'S THE DEAL JAMESON?

YOU'RE NOT GOING AFTER HIM, SPIDER-MAN.

I WON'T ALLOW IT!

WHERE'RE THOSE SNAPPY COMEBACKS?

YOU WON'T WHAT?

AFTER THAT CHARACTER TRIED TO KILL YOU!



THAT DOESN'T MATTER... IT'S NOT... IMPORTANT.

IF YOU ATTACK HIM--I'LL MAKE YOU PAY, YOU WALL-CRAWLING MENACE.

LOOK, I'M NOT YOUR BIGGEST FAN--!

-- BUT THAT MONSTER--!



SPIDER-MAN, I SWEAR TO YOU... IF YOU MOVE ONE MUSCLE AGAINST THAT CREATURE, I'LL REPORT THIS AS AN ATTEMPT ON MY LIFE... BY YOU.

AM I CLEAR?

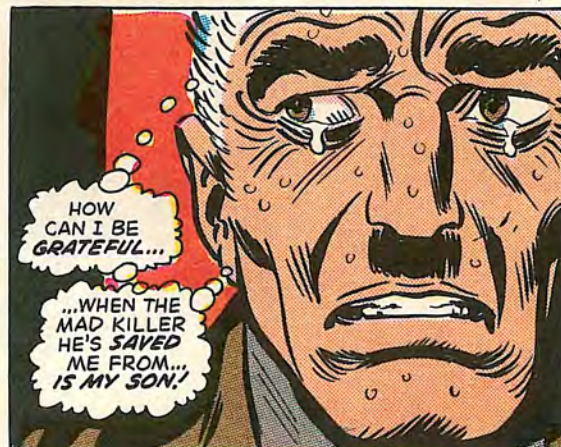
LOUD AND CLEAR!

NEXT TIME-- REMIND ME NOT TO PLAY GOOD SAMARITAN.



... SOME PEOPLE HAVE A WEIRD SENSE OF GRATITUDE!

GRATEFUL? HOW CAN I BE GRATEFUL TO THE MAN I HATE MOST IN THE WORLD...?



HOW CAN I BE GRATEFUL...

...WHEN THE MAD KILLER HE'S SAVED ME FROM... IS MY SON!





YOU SPOKE TOO SOON, SPIDER-MAN, TOO SOON!

RRRRRR

OH NO, NOT THE MAN-WOLF AGAIN. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

GUESS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT!



LOOK OUT!

YOU'RE PUSHING US OVER THE EDGE--

AARRRRRR

WE'RE GOING TO FALL!



I THOUGHT THIS WEREWOLF BIT WAS SOME SORT OF STUNT-- SOMETHING JAMESON--

WORKED UP SO HE COULD BLAST ME IN THAT CRUMMY NEWSPAPER OF HIS!

BUT EVEN J. J. J. COULDN'T PAY A MAN TO GO THIS FAR--



--NOT TO THE POINT OF SUICIDE!

GUESS YOU'RE FOR REAL, BUNKY--!

WHICH DOESN'T QUITE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WANT TO ATTACK ME!

AARRRRRR



BUT THEN, AS OUR "PUZZLED" HERO CHANCES TO GLANCE DOWN AT HIS STRUGGLING ASSAILANT--

WAIT A MINUTE! THAT PENDANT--!



I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE--

BUT WHERE! I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE!

HUH?

RRRR!



WHOOPS! I BLEW IT!

LOST MY ATTENTION, MY GRIP-- AND NEXT ON THE LIST IS--

--MY LIFE!

BUT A NEW ELEMENT IS ADDED TO THE PICTURE:



THE MOON... IT'S SETTING!

AND IF I KNOW MY LEGENDS--

-- THAT MEANS YOU'RE DUE FOR A TRANSFORMATION!



JUST AS I THOUGHT: AS SOON AS YOU REALIZE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN THE MOON GOES DOWN--

-- YOU SPLIT!

SORRY, PAL-- YOU'RE NOT GETTING OFF THAT EASY!



SUDDENLY YOU'VE CAUGHT MY INTEREST WITH THAT PENDANT-- THING--

-- AND THERE'S NO WAY I'M LETTING YOU SLIP OUT OF MY HANDS UNTIL-- UNNNNNH!--

CLANG!



LOOKS LIKE I FORGOT ABOUT THAT KNOCK ON THE HEAD YOU GAVE A COUPLE OF--

-- HOURS AGO IN JAMESON'S PAD.



OH MY HEAD! C'MON PARKER, YOU'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF IT!

YOU'VE GOT TO THINK! WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN THAT PENDANT BEFORE... WHERE! WHERE! WHERE!

THOUGH HE ISN'T AWARE OF IT--

... OUR HERO IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK... AND SO IS A CERTAIN PUBLISHER!



THIS IS MY SON'S APARTMENT! ALL I CAN DO IS PRAY THAT I'M WRONG!

JOHN? SON, ARE YOU THERE?

BLAST IT, BOY-- ANSWER ME!



OH DEAR LORD... THAT COSTUME... I'D RECOGNIZE IT ANYWHERE! IT'S TRUE, THEN...

...MY SON IS A MAN-WOLF!



JOHN... JOHN WAKE UP!!

I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION... AT ONCE!

DAD... IS THAT YOU...?

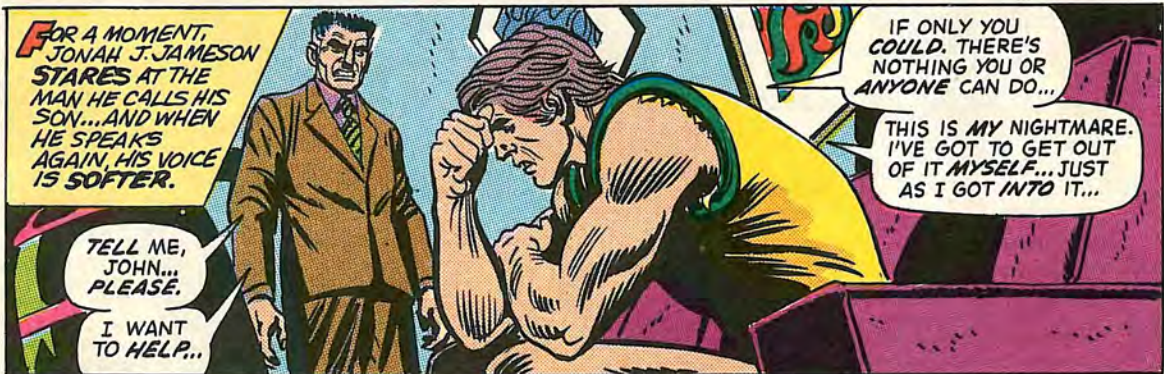


OF COURSE IT'S ME, JOHN, AND I'M ALONE... NOW... WILL YOU TELL ME

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU... WHAT SORT OF INSANITY...?

I WISH I WERE INSANE, DAD.

IT'D BE EASIER TO ACCEPT... THAN THIS...!



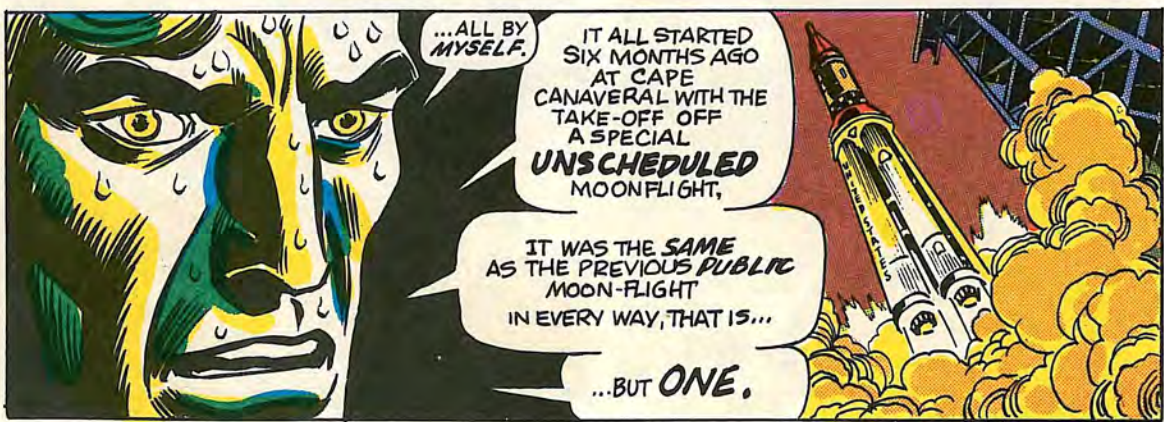
FOR A MOMENT, JONAH J. JAMESON STARES AT THE MAN HE CALLS HIS SON... AND WHEN HE SPEAKS AGAIN, HIS VOICE IS SOFTER.

TELL ME, JOHN... PLEASE.

I WANT TO HELP...

IF ONLY YOU COULD. THERE'S NOTHING YOU OR ANYONE CAN DO...

THIS IS MY NIGHTMARE. I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF IT MYSELF... JUST AS I GOT INTO IT...

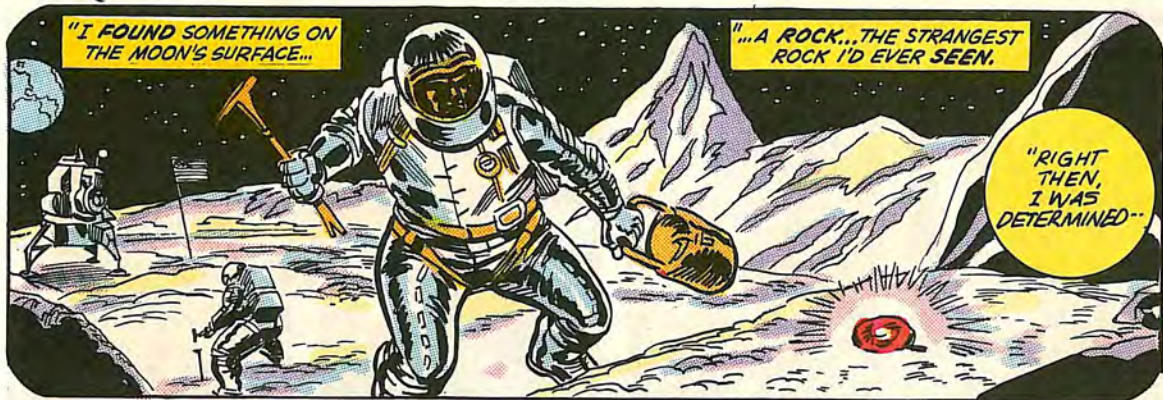


...ALL BY MYSELF.

IT ALL STARTED SIX MONTHS AGO AT CAPE CANAVERAL WITH THE TAKE-OFF OFF A SPECIAL UNSCHEDULED MOONFLIGHT,

IT WAS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS PUBLIC MOON-FLIGHT IN EVERY WAY, THAT IS...

...BUT ONE.



"I FOUND SOMETHING ON THE MOON'S SURFACE..."

"...A ROCK...THE STRANGEST ROCK I'D EVER SEEN."

"RIGHT THEN, I WAS DETERMINED..."



"...THAT IT WOULD BE MINE!"



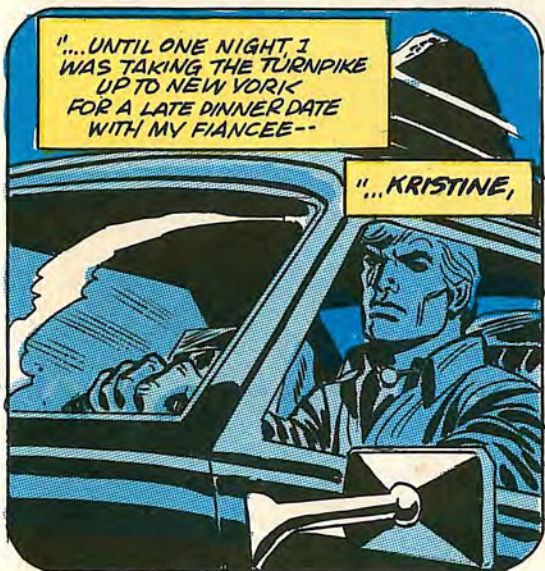
"BACK ON EARTH, I HAD A FRIEND WHO WORKED IN THE QUARANTINE CENTER."

WITH A LITTLE COAXING, I GOT HIM TO **BORROW** THE MOON ROCK FOR ME.



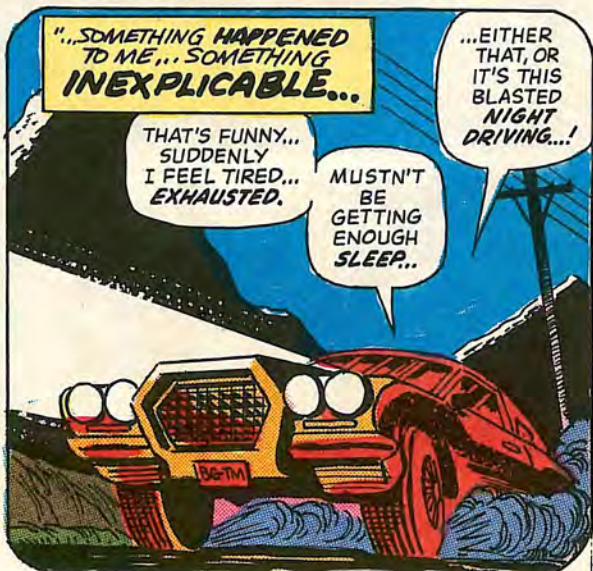
"I HAD MY ROCK MADE INTO A PENDANT, AND I TOOK TO WEARING IT AROUND MY NECK..."

"DIDN'T THINK MUCH ABOUT IT, AT FIRST..."



"...UNTIL ONE NIGHT I WAS TAKING THE TURNPIKE UP TO NEW YORK FOR A LATE DINNER DATE WITH MY FIANCEE--"

"...KRISTINE,"



"...SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME... SOMETHING **INEXPLICABLE...**"

THAT'S FUNNY... SUDDENLY I FEEL TIRED... **EXHAUSTED.**

MUSTN'T BE GETTING ENOUGH **SLEEP..**

...EITHER THAT, OR IT'S THIS **BLASTED NIGHT DRIVING...!**

"IT WASN'T THE NIGHT DRIVING...IT WAS--"

"THE MOON, THE SUDDEN LIGHT--"

"...TOUCHED ME--I GLANCED UP."

"--AND IT WAS THEN THAT IT BEGAN."

THE PENDANT-- GLOWING--

SOMETHING-- ABOUT THE MOON--

LORD IN HEAVEN, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

"--AND TO DATE, NONE OF MY EFFORTS TO STOP THAT TRANSFORMATION HAVE SUCCEEDED--"

"EVERY MONTH SINCE THEN I'VE BEEN TRANSFORMED--"

"--NOT EVEN THE RADIATION SUIT I HAD MADE TO CUT OUT THE LUNAR RAYS, THE FIRST TIME I WORE IT--LAST NIGHT--THE SUIT CAME APART--"

--JUST LIKE MY CHANCES TO SEE THIS MADNESS THROUGH ALIVE!

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, SON. IT'S OBVIOUS YOU HAVEN'T THOUGHT THIS OUT AT ALL.

WHY NOT JUST TAKE OFF THE PENDANT?

DON'T YOU THINK I'VE THOUGHT OF THAT, DAD!

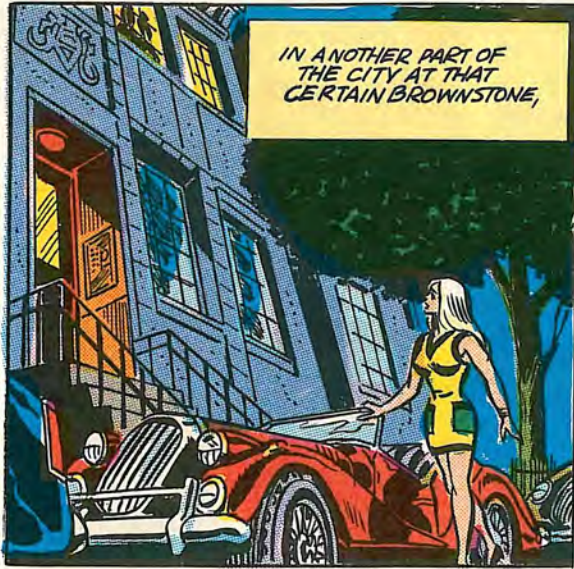
I HAVE TRIED TO REMOVE THE STONE...BUT IT'S TOO LATE.

IT'S GRAFTED ITSELF TO MY SKIN--

--PERMANENTLY!

SEVEN HOURS HAVE PASSED.

SEVEN HOURS: AND NOW IT'S TIME TO GET ON THE TRAIL OF THE MAN-WOLF!



IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY AT THAT CERTAIN BROWNSTONE,



...WE FIND-
IT'S NOT LIKE JOHN TO IGNORE A DATE...

I HOPE HE ISN'T SICK. HE HAS BEEN ACTING ODDLY THESE PAST FEW WEEKS...!

HMMM. THAT'S FUNNY...



AND I CAN HEAR THE BELL RINGING UPSTAIRS!



AND IF THAT ISN'T JOHN UP IN THE WINDOW--I NEED GLASSES.

HE WANTS TO PRETEND I'M NOT HERE-- ALL RIGHT.

I'M NOT HERE!



AND UPSTAIRS...
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, DAD. BETTER LEAVE...

SOMETHING CHANGES IN ME WHEN I BECOME... THAT THING.

I WANT TO HURT THE PEOPLE I LOVE--

LIKE KRISTINE --AND LIKE YOU!

NOW, SON...



IF YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME THE REASON YOU ATTACKED ME-- WAS TO KILL ME--

--THAT'S UTTER NONSENSE.



YOU WANTED MY HELP-- DON'T YOU--

SEE THAT JOHN?

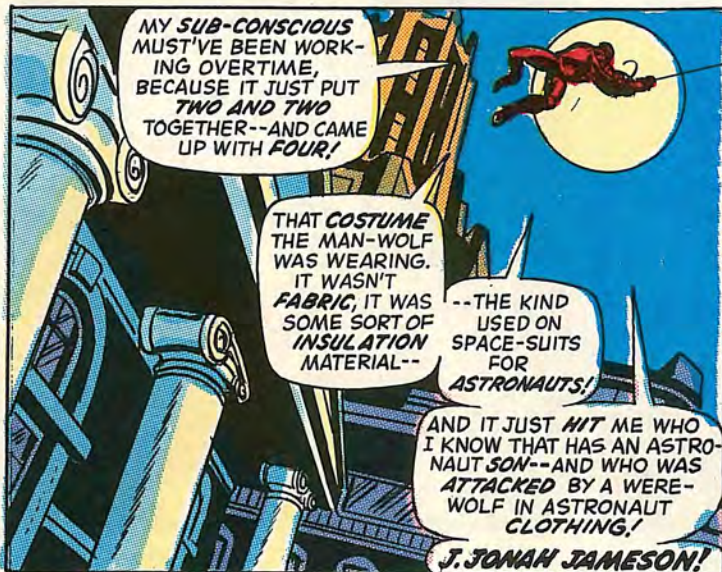


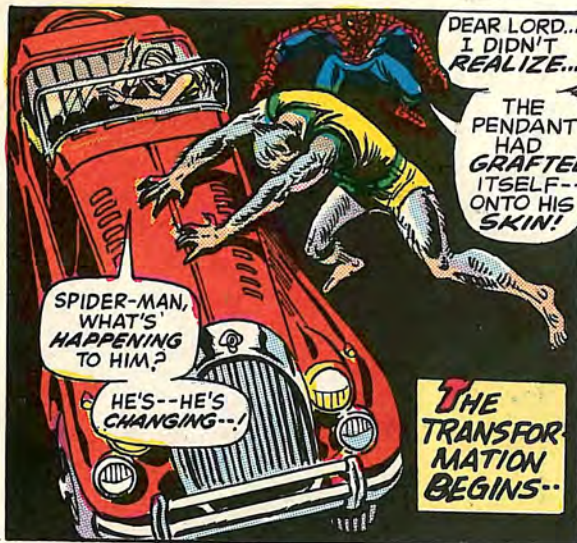
--AND YOU--YOU COULDN'T STOP YOURSELF--YOUR ANIMAL SELF-- FROM--FROM--

=GULP!=-



AAARRRRRRRRR
CHUNK





SPIDER-MAN, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM?

HE'S--HE'S CHANGING--!

THE TRANSFORMATION BEGINS--



-- AND THE IDENTITY OF THE MONSTER BECOMES APPARENT...



...ALL TOO PAINFULLY APPARENT!

JOHN!

SON--ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



HE'S JUST FINE, JAMESON...NOW THAT THIS THING'S OFF HIM.

BETTER GET HIM A DOCTOR, THOUGH...



...FAST!!



A DOCTOR? BUT...THE PUBLICITY...!



PUBLICITY? YOUR SON'S--

LIFE WAS AT STAKE, NOT TO MENTION--



THE LIVES OF PEOPLE HE MIGHT HAVE KILLED!

LET'S HOPE WE STOPPED HIM IN TIME.

JOHNNY...? ARE YOU OKAY?

MR. JAMESON IS HE OKAY?

ANSWER HER, JAMESON.

TELL HER EVERYTHING'S REAL SWELL.



MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL EVEN BEGIN TO BELIEVE IT YOURSELF.

SPIDER-MAN-- WAIT! I--

SAVE IT FOR THE PAPERS, JONAH.

SAVE IT FOR TOMORROW.

AND SO ENDS ANOTHER ADVENTURE OF THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!