

While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the insect's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN™**

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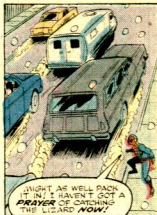
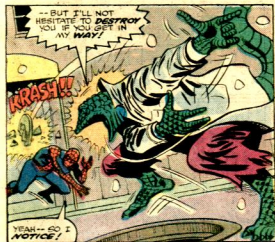
# WAR OF THE REPTILE-MEN!

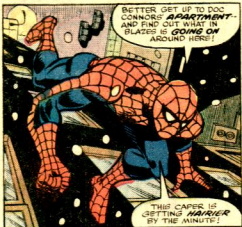
MAN, SOME CHRISTMAS *THIS* IS GONNA BE! THE THREAT OF *STEGRON* THE DINOSAUR MAN IS HANGING OVER THE CITY LIKE A BAD CASE OF *SMOG* --

--AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO *YOURS* TRULY TO STOP HIM!

WHY AREN'T THE *AVENGERS* EVER HOME WHEN YOU NEED THEM?

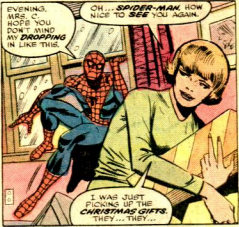






BETTER GET UP TO DOC CONNORS' APARTMENT-- AND FIND OUT WHAT IN BLAZES IS GOING ON AROUND HERE!

THIS CAPER IS GETTING HAIRIER BY THE MINUTE!



EVENING, MRS. C. HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY DROPPING IN LIKE THIS.

OH... SPIDER-MAN, HOW NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

I WAS JUST PICKING UP THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS. THEY... THEY...



I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. MRS. CONNORS, I RAN INTO THE LIZARD ON MY WAY UP HERE.

LET ME HELP YOU WITH THESE THINGS... THEN WE'LL TALK.

TALK? ABOUT WHAT? ABOUT HOW MY ENTIRE LIFE IS COMING APART?



"IT WAS GOING TO BE SUCH A NICE CHRISTMAS SPIDER-MAN, WE WERE ALL GOING TO TRIM THE TREE TONIGHT... CURTIS... AND BILLY... AND ME..."

"BUT NOW... NOW..."

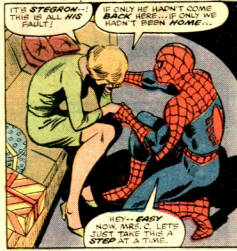
"DEAR GOD SPIDER-MAN... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?"



WE'LL FIRST WE'RE GOING TO GET YOUR TREE UP WHERE IT BELONGS...

...AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO CALM DOWN A BIT...

...AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT.



IT'S STEGRON--! THIS IS ALL HIS FAULT!

IF ONLY HE HADN'T COME BACK HERE... IF ONLY WE HADN'T BEEN HOME...

HEY-- EASY NOW MRS. C. LET'S JUST TAKE THIS A STEP AT A TIME.

YES... OF COURSE...  
FORGIVE ME, I'LL  
DO MY BEST.

WE... WE HAD  
JUST RETURNED  
FROM CHRIST-  
MAS SHOPPING  
BILLY AND I,  
WHEN THERE  
WAS THIS  
KNOCK AT  
THE DOOR.

THIS MON-  
STROUS CREATURE--  
THIS STEGROG--  
CAME BURSTING INTO  
THE ROOM, TOGGED  
CURTIS AND ME ASIDE--  
AND THEN KIDNAPPED  
OUR SON!

PUT ME  
DOWN  
YOU BIG  
CREEP!

NOT  
UNTIL YOUR  
FATHER HAD  
DONE ASS I  
HAVE COMMANDED  
HIM, WHELP!

"THE DINOSAUR MAN THREATENED  
TO KILL BILLY UNLESS CURTIS  
AGREED TO FINISH SOME SORT OF EXPERI-  
MENT FOR HIM WITHIN 48 HOURS!

"THERE WAS NOTHING  
FOR CURTIS TO DO  
BUT OBEY! HE  
LOOKED HIMSELF  
AWAY IN HIS LAB--  
DID THE BEST  
THAT HE COULD...

"...BUT THE  
EFFORT--THE  
IMMAGINABLE  
STRAIN--WERE  
JUST TOO MUCH  
FOR HIM TO  
ENDURE!

"SOMEHOW THAT TERRIBLE OVERMORAL REACTION  
TRIGGERED WITHIN HIM ONCE MORE--AND MY DARLING  
HUSBAND BECAME THE DREADFUL LIZARD!"

"ALL OF WHICH SHOULD SERVE AS A  
REASONABLE SUMMATION OF  
LAST ISSUE'S DOINGS. --LEN.

IT'S ALL SO INSANE,  
SPIDER-MAN-- TWO  
MONSTERS WHO WERE  
ONCE MEN FURGING  
ONE ANOTHER ACROSS  
THE CITY--

--WITH MY  
POOR BILLY  
CAUGHT RIGHT  
IN THE  
MIDDLE!

DEAR LORD,  
WHAT'S GOING  
TO HAPPEN TO  
MY SON?

ABSOLUTELY  
NOTHING  
MRS. CONNORS--  
I PROMISE YOU THAT.

I'LL GET YOUR BOY--  
AND YOUR HUSBAND--  
BACK TO YOU SAFE  
AND SOUND!

I OWE DOC  
CONNORS THAT  
MUCH-- AND A  
WHOLE LOT  
MORE!

AND WHILE SPIDY PROCEEDS TO PUTTER AROUND THE GOOD DOCTOR'S LAB, WE'D BEST LOOK IN ON TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR EVER-EXPANDING CAST--



JONAH?

--AS THEIR FATHS CROSS IN THE PARKING LOT OF EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY!

JONAH, HOLD ON A MINUTE! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

APPARENTLY, HE CAN'T HEAR ME OVER THE HOWL OF THE WIND--

--OR ELSE HE'S SO PREOCCUPIED HE'S NOT EVEN LISTENING--



--AND KNOWING J. JONAH JAMESON, I'D OPT FOR THE LATTER!

AH--SO THERE YOU ARE, DR. MADISON. I'VE--AH--BEEN WAITING.

I'M SURE IT HAIN'T BEEN LONG.



FOR THIS, MARLA, MY DEAR-- I'VE BEEN WAITING MOST OF MY LIFE!

WELL, I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T HOLD YOUR BREATH!



AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, I'LL THANK YOU NOT TO SMOKE THOSE AWFUL CIGARS IN MY PRESENCE!

IT'S A TRULY FILTHY HABIT!



EH?

MARLA-- DON'T! THAT'S A FIVE-DOLLAR HAVANA!

YOU MEAN-- IT WAS!



LISTEN, LADY-- WHEN WE GOT INTO THIS TOGETHER, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO START PLAYING NURSEMAID!

YOU'RE JUST LUCKY I COULD SALVAGE WHAT YOU LEFT OF THIS CIGAR!

NO, MR. JAMESON, WHEN WE GOT INTO THIS, YOU EXPECTED ME TO DEVISE A MEANS FOR YOU TO DEFEAT A CERTAIN WALL-CRAWLER--



--AND THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT I'VE DONE!

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT YOUR HARD-HOARDED MONEY WAS SPENT ON, JONAH!

BEHOLD THE BRAND-NEW SPIDER-SLAYER!!



MARLA, MY DEAR, I TAKE BACK EVERYTHING I WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU!

AND SINCE WE'RE SWITCHING SCENES ANYWAY WE MAY AS WELL TAKE A QUICK SIDE-TRIP TO A CERTAIN FAR ROCKAWAY APARTMENT COMPLEX WE HAVEN'T VISITED IN FAR TOO MANY MONTHS...

FUNNY RUNNING INTO YOU LIKE THIS -- ESPECIALLY NOW THAT I'M WORKING FOR THE **DAILY BUGLE!** YOU'RE JOE ROBERTSON'S SON, AREN'T YOU?

UH-HUH -- BUT I DON'T **WORK** FOR THE BUGLE, MR. GRANT. I JUST DROP BY TO SEE MY **DAD** EVERY NOW AND THEN. HOPE I'LL SEE YOU!

BY THE WAY, YOU CAN CALL ME **RANDY**.

TERRIFIC. MY NAME'S **GLORY**. GLAD TO KNOW YA, ACE.

...WELCOME TO THE BACHELOR PAD OF FLASH THOMPSON AND HARRY OSBORN!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, FLASH!

AND A **NO-NO-NO** TO YOU, RANDY. GLAD YOU AN **GLORY** COULD MAKE IT!

HANG LOOSE, FLASH. I'LL GET THE PHONE!

**RRING! RRING!**

THANKS, MARY JANE.

HELLO? WHO...?

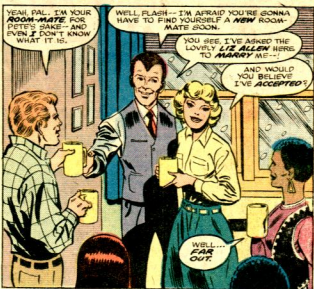
OH -- **PETER!** HEY WHERE ARE YOU, TIGER?

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE AN HOUR AGO.

SORRY RED -- BUT SOMETHING **IMPORTANT** HAS COME UP. AFRAID I CAN'T BE THERE.

WISH THE GANG A **MERRY CHRISTMAS** FOR ME, OKAY?

YEAH -- I'M **DISAPPOINTED** TOO MJ. I'LL SEE YA **SOON**.



WHILE IN AN ABANDONED STORAGE VAULT BENEATH CENTRAL PARK...

YOU JUST WAIT TILL MY FATHER GETS HERE, STEGRON! HE'LL...

HE'LL DO NOTHING, WHELP--

--NOT IF HE WANTSSS YOU BACK ALIVE!

NO WHELP! ALL YOUR FATHER WILL DO WHEN HE ARRIVESSS--

--ISSS TO SSSUPPLY ME WITH THE MEANSSS OF MY ULTIMATE VICTORY!

THISSS RETRO-GENERATION RAY I AM USSESS TO CLOTHE MY LONG-TAILED BROTHERSSS WITH FLESH ONCE MORE--

--ISSS BUT A TEMPORARY MEANSSSURE AT BESSST--

-- BUT THE SSSPECIAL FORMULA YOUR FATHER ISSS PRODUCING AT MY COMMAND--

-- WILL ENABLE ME TO CLONE A VERITABLE DINOSSSAUR ARMY !!

YOU'RE NUTS, MISTER! MY DAD WOULD NEVER BETRAY THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE LIKE THAT!

WHO CAN TRULY SSSAY HOW FAR A MAN WILL GO TO SSSAVE THE LIFE OF HISSS SSSON?

I CAN STEGRON!!

HUH?

YOU TOOK SOMETHING THAT BELONGED TO THE MAMMAL COWNORS, DINOSAUR MAN--

--AND THE LIZARD HAS COME TO GET IT BACK!!





YOU DARED TO TRANSFORM YOURSELF, CONNORSS-- WHEN YOU KNEW YOUR WHELPSSS VERY **LIFE** HUNG IN THE BALANCE??

WHY CONNORSS-- WHY??

THE LIZARD DOES NOT ANSWER TO YOU--OR TO ANYONE!

MY REASONS ARE MY OWN!

**BROK!**

**CHUD!**

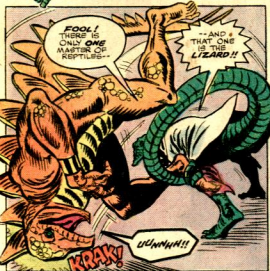
PERHAPSSS IT ISSS **BESSST** THISSS WAY!

AND I WILL **CRUSH** ANYONE WHO STANDS IN MY...

**AARRGGHH!!**

WE COULD MAKE A GOOD **TEAM** YOU AND I--

--ONCE I TEACH YOU WHO ISSS **MASSSTER** HERE !!



**FOOL!** THERE IS ONLY **ONE** MASTER OF REPTILES--

--AND THAT ONE IS THE **LIZARD!!**

**UUNNNH!!**

**KRAK!**



YOU'RE **RIGHT!** I WASSS **INDEED** A FOOL TO THINK I COULD EVER WORK BESIDE SSUCH ASSS YOU--

--BUT MY MOMENTARY **MADNESSS** MAKESSS LITTLE DIFFERENCE!

WITHIN SSSECONDSSS MY LONG-TAILED BROTHERSSS WILL GAIN **SSSENTIENCE**-- AND THEN NOTHING ON EARTH WILL **SSSTOP** USSS!



ABRUPTLY AS THOUGH RESPONDING TO STEGRON'S BOAST, HEAVY-LIDDED EYES FLACK DOWN, SHIMWARD LIMBS TREMBLE AND FLEX--

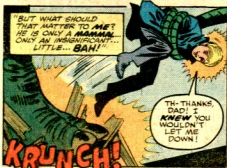
--AND FOUR SLICK-CALLED BISHMOTHS SHAMBLE FORTH, ONCE AGAIN MONARCHS OF ALL THEY SURVEY--



-- AND TOTALLY CONTEMPITIOUS OF WHATEVER MIGHT LIE IN THEIR PATH!

HELP ME, DAD-- PLEASE!

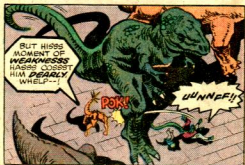
EH? CONNOR'S CHILD-- THE DINOSAURS ARE CHARGING STRAIGHT TOWARD HIM!



BUT WHAT SHOULD THAT MATTER TO ME? HE IS ONLY A MAMMAL... ONLY AN INSIGNIFICANT... LITTLE... BAH!

TH- THANKS, DAD! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET ME DOWN!

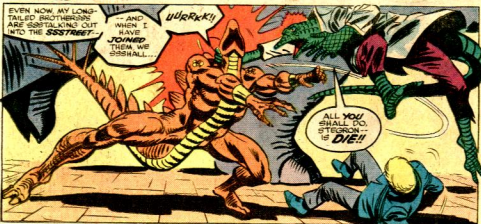
**KRUNCH!**



BUT HISSE MOMENT OF WEAKNESS HASG COSET HIM DEARLY WHELP--!

**POKE!**

**WUNNEE!!**



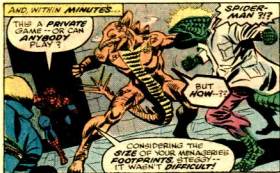
EVEN NOW MY LONG-TAILED BROTHERS ARE SSSALKING OUT INTO THE SSSREET--

-- AND WHEN I HAVE JOINED THEM, WE SSSHALL...

**WURRk!!**

ALL YOU SHALL DO, STEGRON-- IS **DIE!!**







AND WHEN THE WEB-SLINGER HAS EXPLAINED...

GOD, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

DON'T WORRY DOC. I PROMISED YOUR WIFE THAT I'D BRING BOTH OF YOU BACK SAFELY--

--AND SPIDER-MAN ALWAYS KEEPS HIS WORD!!

YOU STAY HERE OUT OF HARM'S WAY--

--WHILE I GO FETCH YOUR SON!

OH, I'LL STAY HERE ALL RIGHT WALL-CRAWLER-- BUT I WON'T JUST TWIDDLE MY THUMBS!

AND ON THAT RATHER MYSTERIOUS NOTE, LET'S FOLLOW SPIDEY OUTSIDE...

WELL, THERE'S *STEBRON!* OF COURSE, IT'S NOT EXACTLY A PROBLEM TO PICK HIM OUT OF A CROWD!

NO, THE PROBLEM'S GONNA BE GETTING *BILLY* BACK WITHOUT RISKING THE KIDS NECK!

SPIDER-MAN-- AGAIN?? WEB-SLINGER, YOU'RE PER@SSISTENT TO THE POINT OF RIDICULO@SSNESS!

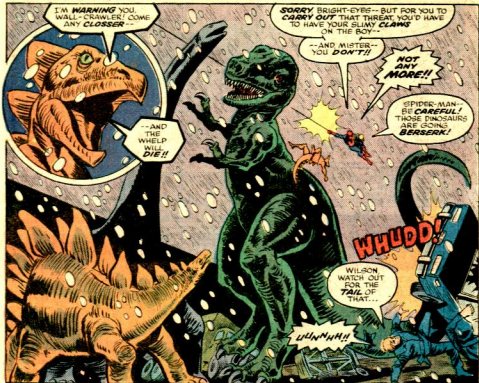
DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU HAVEN'T GOT A PRAYER OF DEFEATING ME OR MY LONG-TAILED BROTHERSS?

MAYBE NOT SCALE-SKIN-- BUT I'M SURE GONNA TRY!

S'WELL! NOW SPIDER-MAN! WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO, FORBES?

NOT A THING, WILSON!

WE CAN'T RISK SHOOTING WHILE THAT KID IS IN THE LINE OF FIRE!



I'M WARNING YOU, WALL-CRAWLER! COME ANY CLOSSER--

--AND THE WHELP WILL DIE!!

SORRY BRIGHT-EYES-- BUT FOR YOU TO CARRY OUT THAT THREAT, YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE YOUR SLIMY CLAWS ON THE BOY--

--AND MISTER-- YOU DON'T!!

NOT ANY MORE!!

SPIDER-MAN-- BE CAREFUL! THOSE DINOSAURS ARE GOING BERSERK!

WHUDD!

WILSON WATCH OUT FOR THE TAIL OF THAT...

UUNNN!!



THANK HEAVENS-- THOSE TWO COGS ARE STILL BREATHING!

I'VE GOT TO GET THEM OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY GET STEPPED ON--

--AND THAT'S NOT GONNA BE EASY!

I'VE GOT THREE OF YOU TO CARRY NOW, BILLY-- AND ONLY TWO HANDS TO DO IT WITH!



YOU'D BETTER RUN FOR IT, BILLY-- WHILE I TRY TO HOLD OFF THE GODZILLA GANG!

NO! I'M NOT LEAVING HERE WITHOUT YOU, SPIDY!

SWELL! THEN IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL GOING TO GET SQUASHED!

IN THEIR DAY THEY WERE **KINGS OF THE EARTH** THESE GREAT REPTILIAN MONSTROSITIES--



-- BUT THEIR DAY IS LONG SINCE GONE!

THUS, EVEN AS THEY DRAW NEAR THE WEB-SLINGER AND HIS HELPLESS CHARGES--



-- THEIR RECONSTRUCTED FLESH BEGINS TO WITHER AND FADE--

-- UNTIL, AT LAST, IT DISAPPEARS ENTIRELY!



IT WILL TAKE THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL STAFF A GOOD SIX MONTHS TO PIECE TOGETHER THE SKELETAL NIGHTMARE THAT COLLAPSES AT THE WALL-CRAWLER'S FEET!



HOLY SMOKE!

WHAT IN BLAZES HAPPENED TO THOSE OVERGROWN GRUESOMES?

**KRASHH!**

I HAPPENED TO THEM, SPIDER-MAN!

THANK HEAVEN I WAS ABLE TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF STEGRON'S RETRO-GENERATOR IN TIME!



I'LL DRINK TO THAT DOC.

YOU HOLD DOWN THE FORT OKAY-- WHILE I GO TRACK DOWN OUR ERRANT DINOSAUR MAN!

CRIPES! THIS WEATHER CERTAINLY ISN'T HELPING ME ANY!



THE SNOW IS COVERING STEGRON'S TRACKS AS FAST AS HE CAN MAKE THEM!  
I'D BETTER FIND STEGGY QUICK-- IF I'M GONNA FIND HIM AT ALL!

WHILE, SEVERAL YARDS AHEAD...

SOOO COLD... SOOO VERY COLD... MUST FIND SSSHELTER BEFORE...



**CLAT!**

EH? SOMEONE COMING THIS WAY...

NO! IT'S... SSSPIDER-MAN...!

I CANNOT AFFORD TO FACE HIM NOW... THESE CURSED COLD HASSES SSSAPPED MY SSSSTRENGTH...



I HAVE ONLY ONE CHANCE...





## EPILOGUE: SOME TIME LATER...

Y'KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING ALMOST **BEAUTIFUL** ABOUT NEW YORK AFTER A **SNOWSTORM**--SOMETHING SO **INNOCENT AND CLEAN!**

TOO BAD IT NEVER **LASTS** VERY LONG!

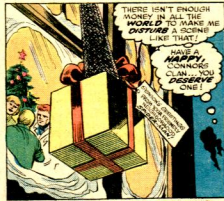
THAT ON THE OTHER HAND, IS SOMETHING **TRULY BEAUTIFUL**--

--SOMETHING THAT SHOULD LAST **FOREVER!**



THEY'RE JUST ONE **BIG HAPPY FAMILY** AGAIN--AS IF NOTHING HAD EVER **HAPPENED!**

SHARING... THAT'S **GIVING...** THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL **REALLY** ABOUT, ISN'T IT?



THERE ISN'T ENOUGH **MONEY** IN ALL THE **WORLD** TO MAKE ME **DISTURB** LIKE THAT!

HAVE A **HAPPY, CONNORS** CLAN... YOU **DESERVE** ONE!



WELL NOW I KNOW HOW **SCOOBY** FELT ON THAT HOLIDAY MORNING SO MANY LONG YEARS AGO!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** NEW YORK--YOU GREAT **BIG SHINY APPLE** YOU!

AND **GOD BLESS** US... EVERY ONE!

**NEXT ISSUE:**

J. JOYAH JAMESON'S SPANKING NEW SPIDER-SLAYER **STRIKES!** AND SO DOES THE MOST STARTLING NEW **SUPER-STAR** OF ALL! BE HERE FOR...

# "SOMETHING ON THE WIND!"