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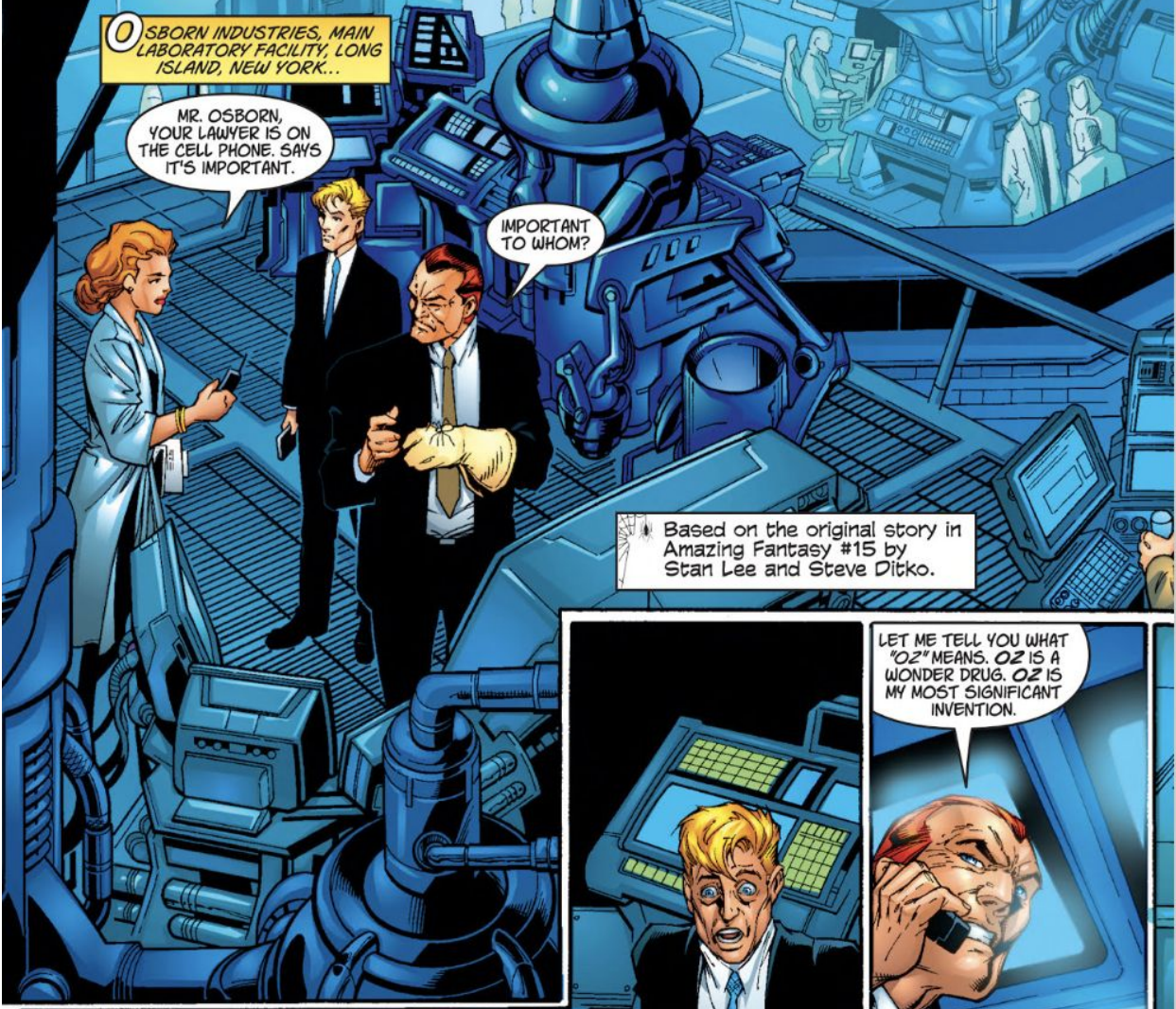
# POWERLESS

**O** SBORN INDUSTRIES, MAIN LABORATORY FACILITY, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK...

MR. OSBORN, YOUR LAWYER IS ON THE CELL PHONE. SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT.

IMPORTANT TO WHOM?

Based on the original story in Amazing Fantasy #15 by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko.



I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED IN MY LAB. TELL HIM THERE IS NO ROOM TO NEGOTIATE. WHAT? NO. I SAID NO.

NO! NOW THAT YOU DISTURBED ME, LET ME DISTURB YOU.

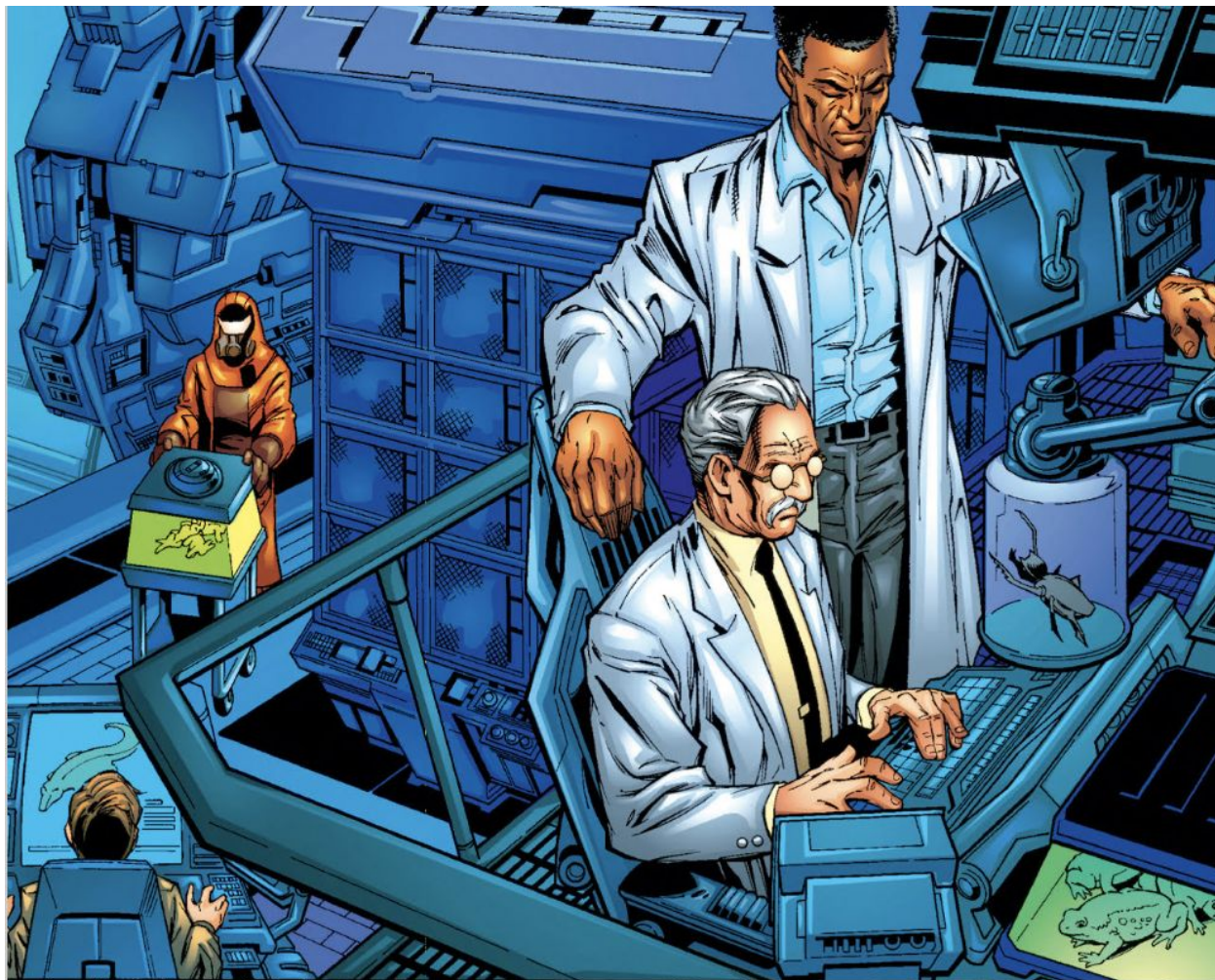


LET ME TELL YOU WHAT "OZ" MEANS. OZ IS A WONDER DRUG. OZ IS MY MOST SIGNIFICANT INVENTION.



LET ME TELL YOU WHAT THIS NEW DISCOVERY IS GOING TO MEAN TO THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY! YES -- YES.





THE TESTING IS GOING VERY WELL. EXTREMELY WELL. WE ARE PRODUCT-TESTING IT NOW. WHAT? ON -- ON ALL SORTS OF -- ON MAMMALS, INSECTS.



THE SPIDER ESPECIALLY HAS HAD SOME FASCINATING -- WELL, BELIEVE ME, IF I COULD GET AWAY WITH HUMAN SUBJECTS AT THIS STAGE, I WOULD. I'D START WITH YOU. BUT YES, HUMAN TESTING IS THE NEXT LOGICAL PHASE AND WE ARE LOOKING INTO --

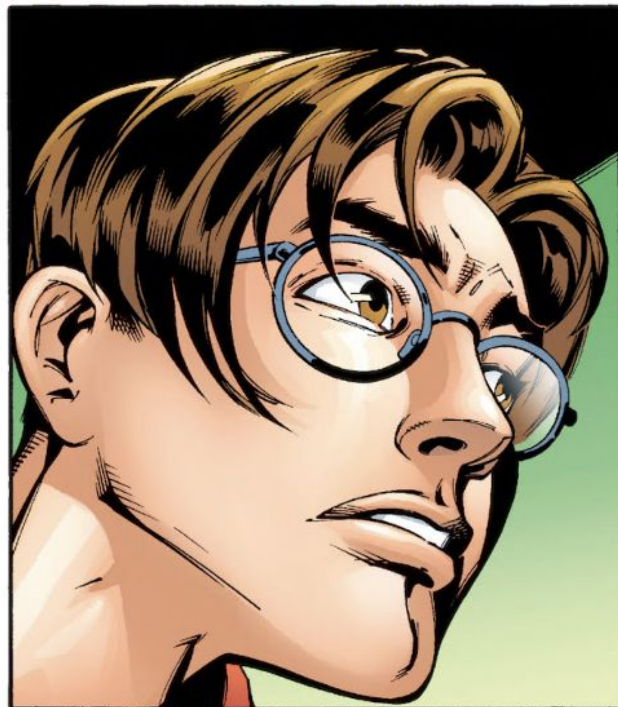
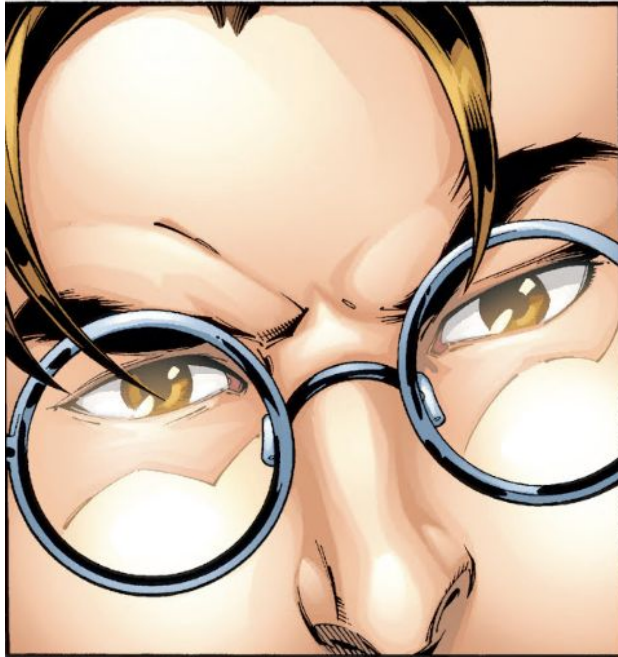


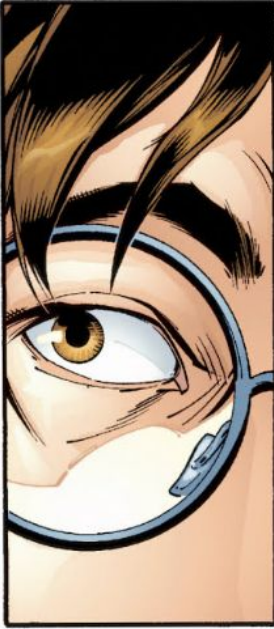
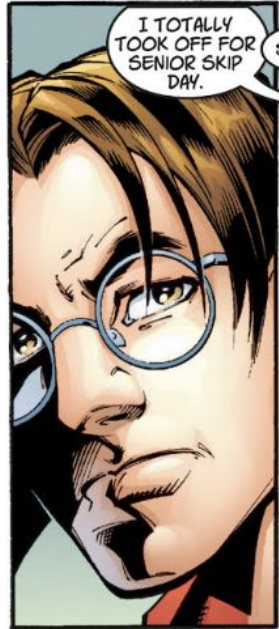
WELL, YOU TELL HIM THIS IS MY COMPANY AND MY DISCOVERY AND IF HE DOESN'T LIKE IT -- THAT'S RIGHT. OSBORN INDUSTRIES IS THE NAME ON THE DOOR, NOT -- RIGHT. GOOD.



AS LONG AS WE ALL KNOW WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE, WE'LL ALL BE FINE.

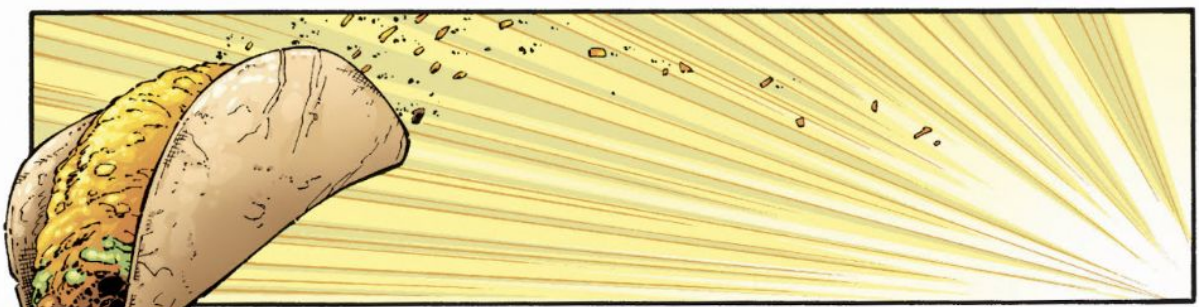












SLAM IT HOME, KING KONG!

GOOOOAAA!

YOU GUYS ARE SUCH IDIOTS. REALLY!



HEY, PETER...



UNCLE BEN?  
WHAT -- WHAT  
ARE YOU DOING  
HERE?  
I  
THOUGHT  
YOU WERE JUST  
DROPPING ME  
OFF.

ISN'T THAT  
MARY JANE  
OVER  
THERE?

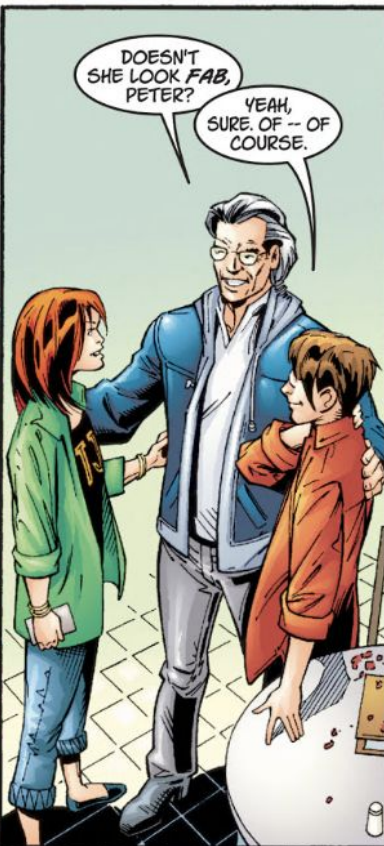


I NEEDED SOME  
PANTS. SO I  
BOUGHT SOME  
PANTS.  
WHY ISN'T  
MARY JANE  
SITTING OVER  
HERE?



MARY -- MARY  
JANE?  
GET  
OVER HERE,  
GIRL!

DON'T YOU  
LOOK LIKE  
A MILLION  
DOLLARS.



DOESN'T  
SHE LOOK FAB,  
PETER?

YEAH,  
SURE. OF -- OF  
COURSE.



PPFFTT!



HEY, MARY, HOW'D  
THAT SCIENCE  
WHATCHAMAZOOT  
DOOHICKEY PROJECT  
YOU AND PETER  
WERE WORKING  
ON GO?

PETER  
DIDN'T TELL  
YOU?

OH -- I DIDN'T  
WANT TO BORE  
HIM WITH --?

I  
THINK WE DID  
GOOD.

YOU DID  
GREAT. YOU  
ALWAYS  
DO.



P.S. 163, QUEENS DISTRICT...

OOOF!



GOOOOAA!

THAT IS DEFINITELY WORTH TEN POINTS.

TEN? THAT WAS A SIX TOPS.



UH-OH, LOOKS LIKE PARKER'S ABOUT TO PULL A 'CARRIE.'



GUYS -- GUYS! COME ON, LEAVE THE GUY ALONE FOR TWO SECONDS.

WHAT? ARE YOU SWEET ON HIM, HARRY?

NO, I'M SWEET ON YOU.

OH YEAH -- I FORGOT. THIS IS YOUR CHARITY PROJECT.

GO FLEX A MUSCLE.



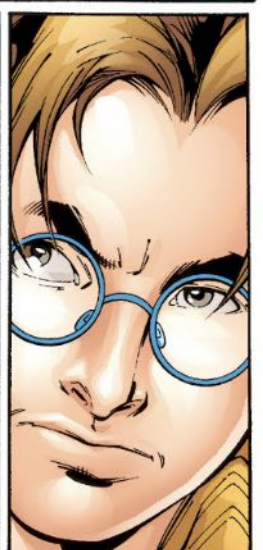
IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON HERE? WHAT IS THIS MESS?

HARRY OSBORN, THOMPSON. DON'T YOU PUNKS HAVE PRACTICE? GO!

YES, SIR -- SIR.



PARKER, DON'T LET THOSE GUYS PICK ON YOU LIKE THAT. OK? YOU COME TO ME IF THAT HAPPENS AGAIN...





PETEY, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LEARN TO STAY OUT OF THEIR WAY?

YEAH, SILLY ME FOR WALKING DOWN THE HALL. WHAT WAS I THINKING?



SO, I'LL SWING BY THE PARKER PAD AROUND EIGHT, WE'LL GO THROUGH THAT BIOLOGY STUFF.

ACTUALLY HARRY, I WAS GOING TO WORK ON ONE OF MY --



GREAT, I'LL BRING SOME NOSH, YOU BRING THE BRAINS.



Y'KNOW, FINE BUT -- YOU KNOW --

WHAT?



I DON'T MIND DOING YOUR HOMEWORK FOR YOU --

HELPING ME WITH MY HOMEWORK.

BUT -- CAN'T YOU GET THOSE JERKHOLE TEAMMATES OF YOURS TO GET A NEW HOBBY?



OH, FORGET ABOUT THEM. ROLL IT OFF.



ROLL IT OFF?



DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, YOU ARE GOING TO, LIKE, WHIZ RIGHT BY THEM.

YOU'LL SLAP TOGETHER WITH ONE OF THOSE INTERNET COMPANIES THAT SELL WIDGETS AND MAKE FORTY MILLION DOLLARS OR SOMETHING.

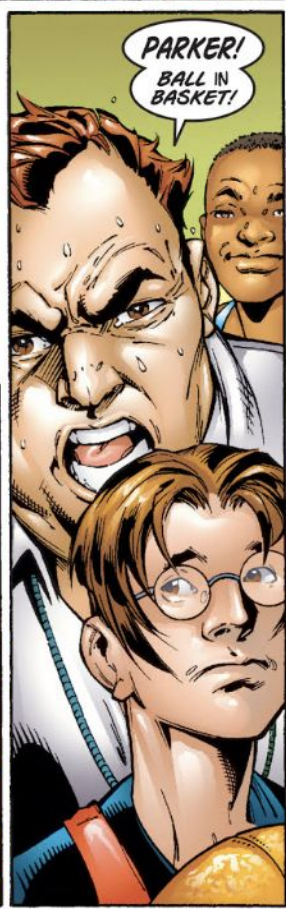
AND THESE GUYS --? YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES. FLASH THOMPSON'S WHOLE LIFE PEAKED, LIKE THREE WEEKS AGO.

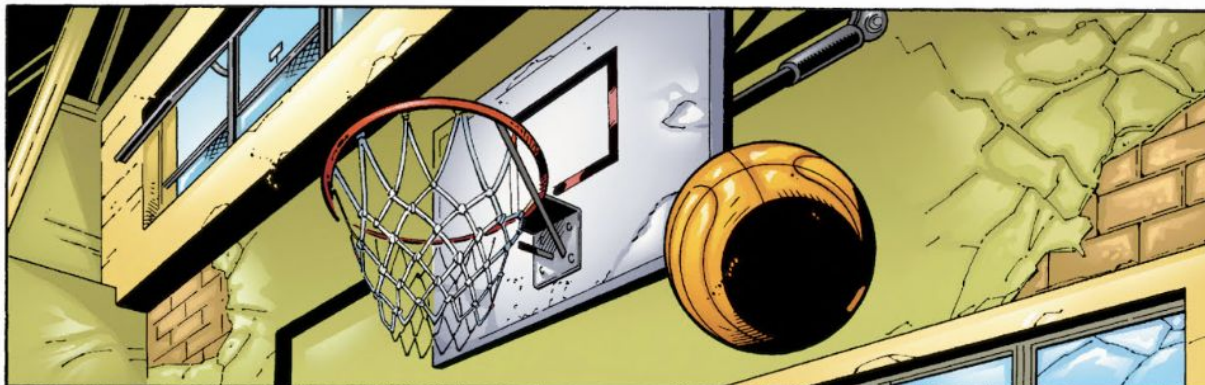


YEAH, WELL, THAT AIN'T HELPING ME NOW.

I'D HELP YOU, PETE, BUT -- YOU KNOW -- THEM'S THE POLITICS OF BEING ME. SEE YOU ON THE FLIPMODE.

GREAT.

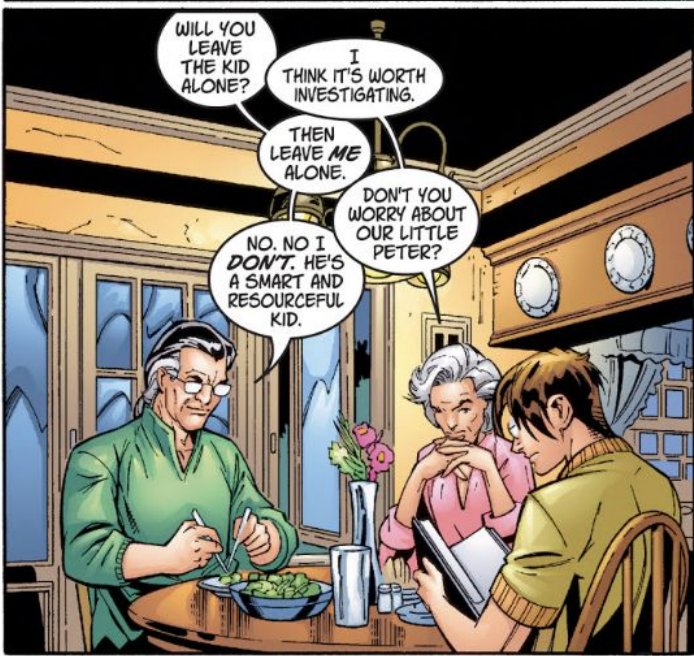






THE PARKER HOME,  
FOREST HILLS,  
QUEENS...

S.A.D. --  
WHAT?  
SOCIAL ANXIETY  
DISORDER --  
WHAT?  
SOCIAL...  
ANXIETY...  
DISORDER --



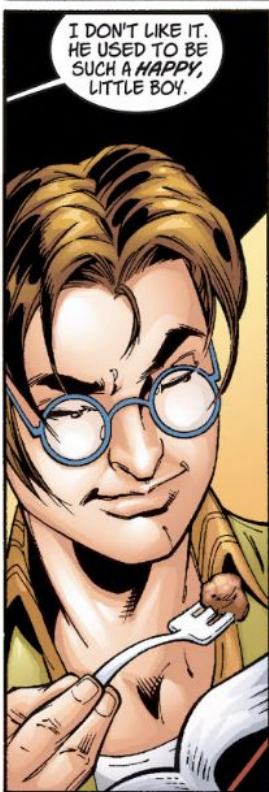
WILL YOU  
LEAVE  
THE KID  
ALONE?  
I  
THINK IT'S WORTH  
INVESTIGATING.  
THEN  
LEAVE ME  
ALONE.  
DON'T YOU  
WORRY ABOUT  
OUR LITTLE  
PETER?  
NO. NO I  
DON'T. HE'S  
A SMART AND  
RESOURCEFUL  
KID.



BUT  
HE'S SO  
QUIET.



HE'S  
THINKING.



I DON'T LIKE IT.  
HE USED TO BE  
SUCH A HAPPY,  
LITTLE BOY.

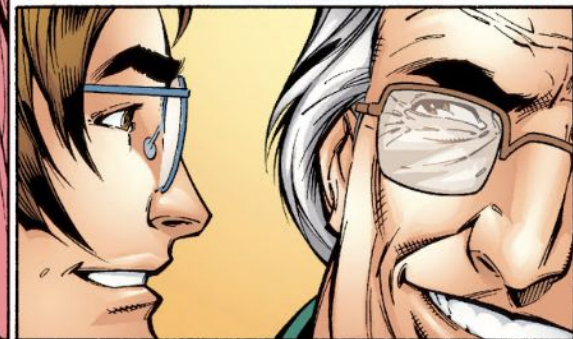
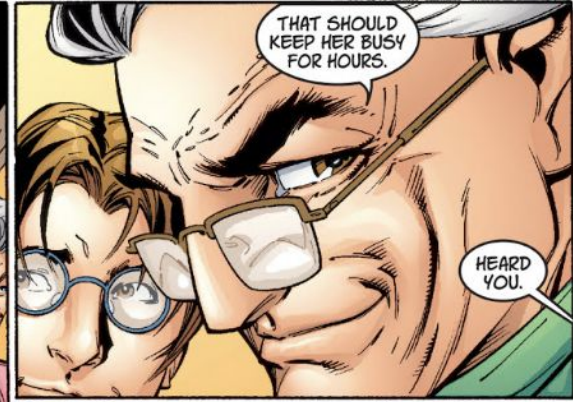
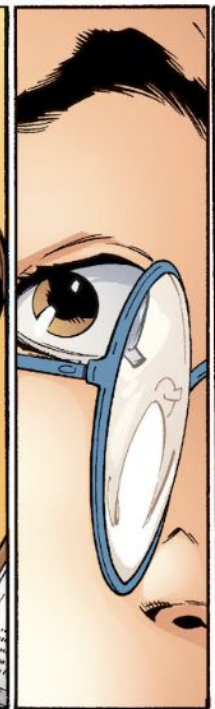


AND NOW HE'S  
A CONTEMPLATIVE  
LITTLE MAN.

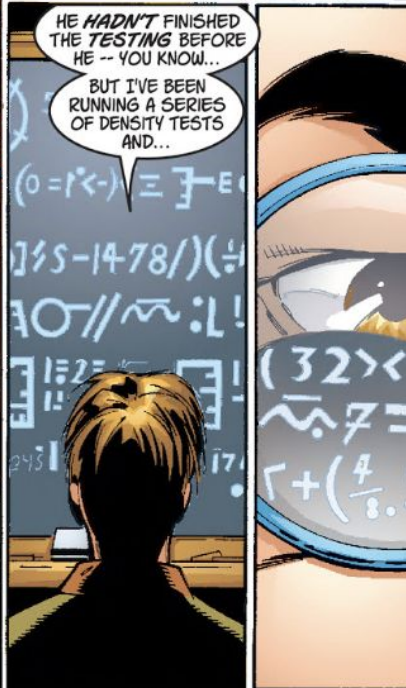
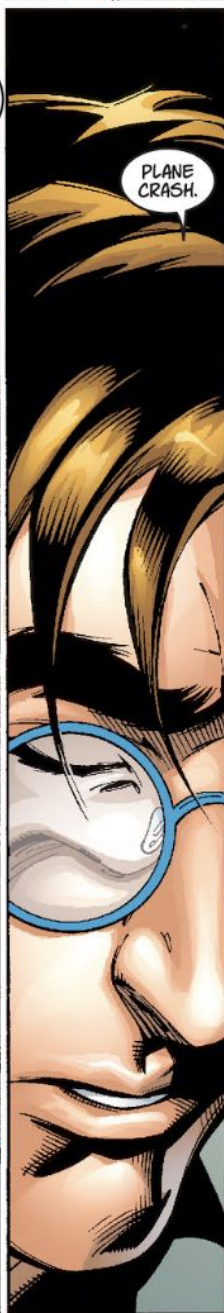
JUST  
LIKE HIS  
FATHER  
WAS.

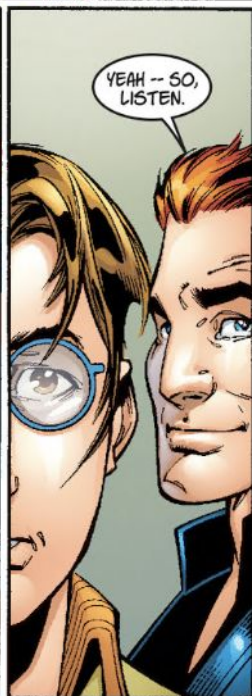
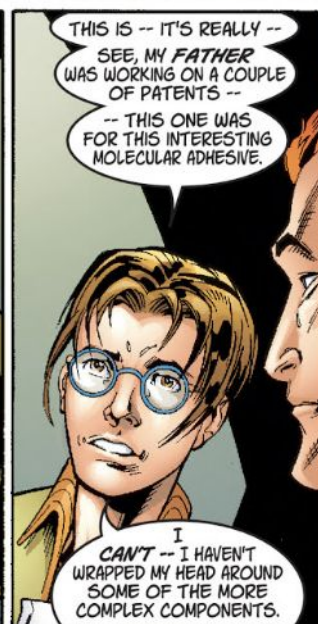
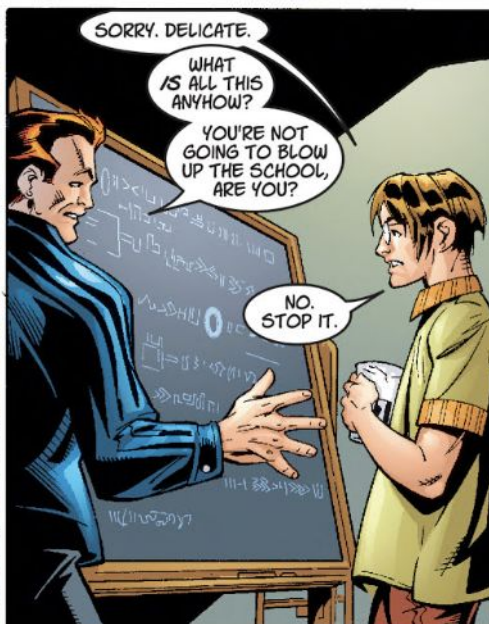
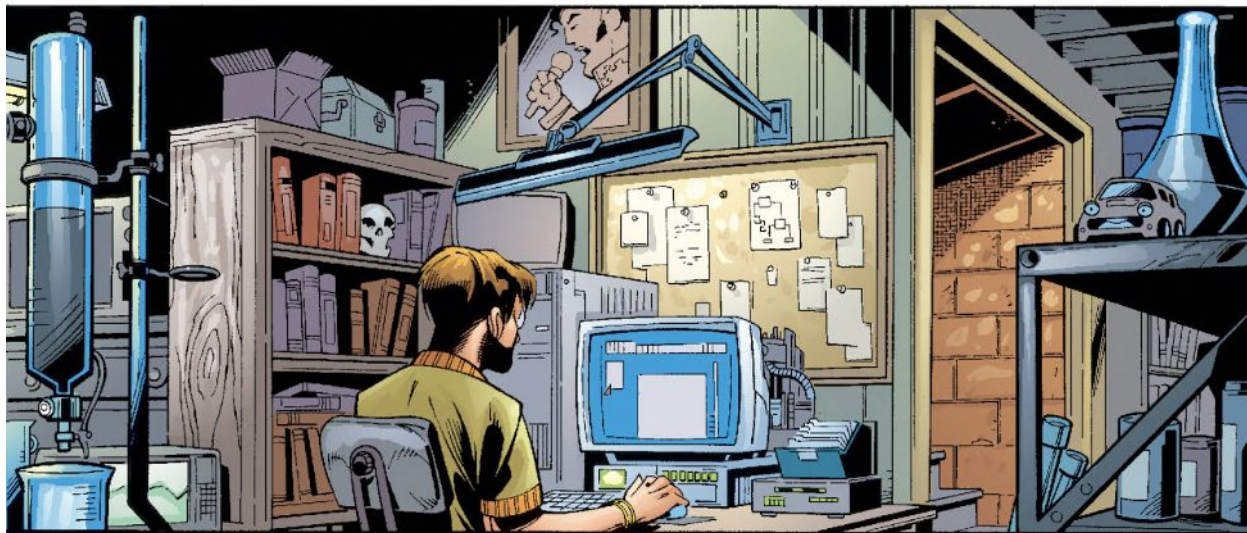


THAT'S  
RIGHT.











LET ME TELL YOU **SOMETHING** ABOUT THE AMERICAN CONSUMER MARKET, JOE.



THE CIGARETTE COMPANIES -- **LISTEN TO ME** -- THE CIGARETTE COMPANIES WERE PUTTING **ADDICTIVE** LEVELS OF NICOTINE IN CIGARETTES DECADES BEFORE ANYONE FIGURED IT OUT.

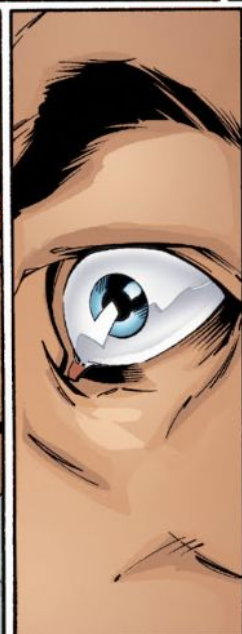


AND WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FINALLY GOT AROUND TO FIGURING IT OUT -- **IT WAS TOO LATE.**

THE ENTIRE WORLD WAS ALREADY HAVING A **NICOTINE FIT.** SO, **DON'T** TELL ME THAT IT IS AGAINST THE RULES TO ADD WHATEVER ADDITIVES WE SO DESIRE TO OUR **OWN** PRODUCTS.



IF I SEE FIT TO -- THEN, WHAT? **DENY, DENY, DENY.**



SIR?

HE PUT ME ON **HOLD.** AMAZING.

SIR --?