



YEARS AGO, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT **PETER PARKER** WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER AND GAINED THE SPEED, AGILITY, AND PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF A SPIDER AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO STICK TO WALLS AND A SPIDER-SENSE THAT WARNED HIM OF IMMINENT DANGER. AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

A GANG WAR HAS ERUPTED IN NEW YORK CITY, AND SPIDER-MAN AND HIS ALLY THE WRAITH (A.K.A. DETECTIVE YURI WATANABE) ARE AT THE CENTER OF IT.

ANGERED BY THE RELEASE OF THE CRIMINAL TOMBSTONE AFTER HIS EXONERATION FOR HER PARTNER'S MURDER, YURI WAS GIVEN ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PUT HIM AWAY BY MARTIN LI, KNOWN ALSO AS THE MOBSTER MISTER NEGATIVE.

WITH TOMBSTONE PUT AWAY, THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE TO LEAD NEW YORK'S UNDERGROUND CRIMINAL EMPIRE, AND EVERYONE FROM BLACK CAT TO THE CIRCUS OF CRIME TRIED TO SEIZE IT. THEY WERE ALL STOPPED BY SPIDER-MAN AND THE WRAITH AT EVERY TURN.

NOW, ONLY MISTER NEGATIVE HIMSELF REMAINS -- AND THE WALL-CRAWLER AND THE WRAITH HAVE REALIZED HE'S BEEN PLAYING THEM ALL ALONG!



SPIRAL CONCLUSION



THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #18!

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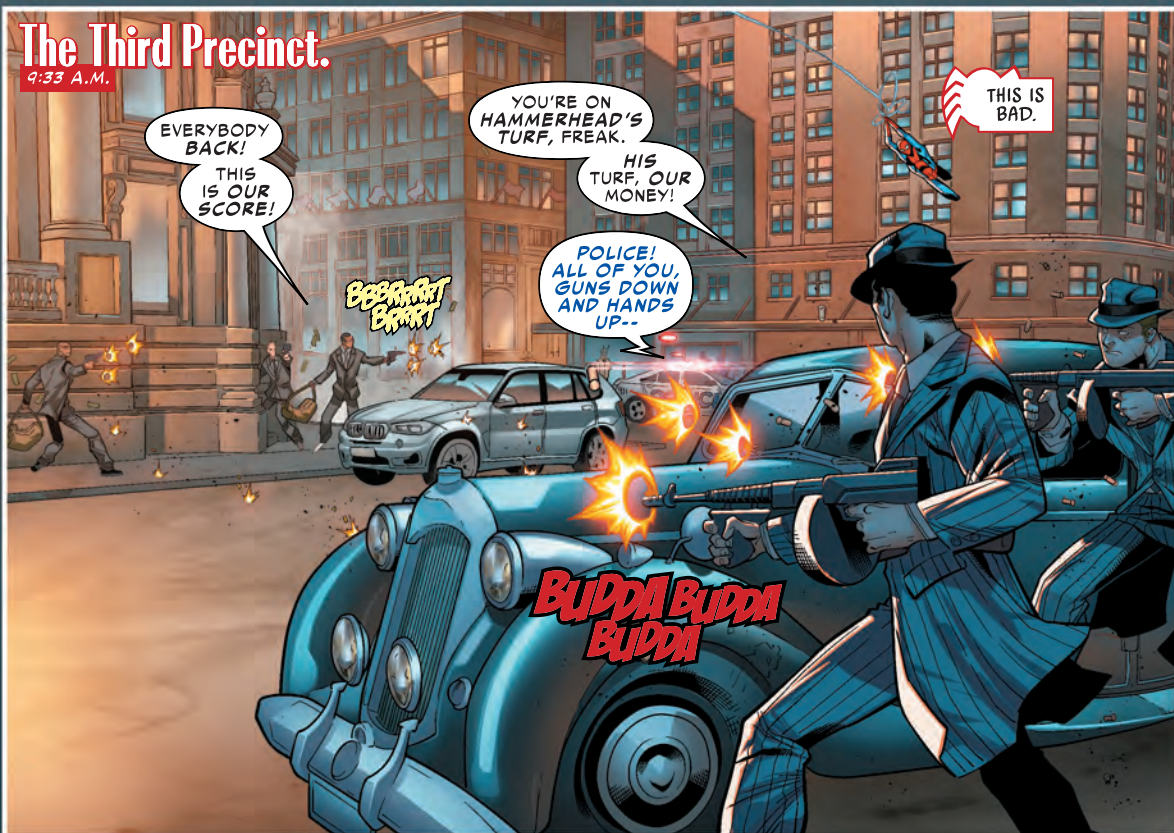


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The Third Precinct.

9:33 A.M.



EVERYBODY
BACK!
THIS
IS OUR
SCORE!

YOU'RE ON
HAMMERHEAD'S
TURF, FREAK.

HIS
TURF, OUR
MONEY!

POLICE!
ALL OF YOU,
GUNS DOWN
AND HANDS
UP--

THIS IS
BAD.

**BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA**

The Third Precinct.

10:42 A.M.



TOLD YOU
TAKING DOWN
THIS ARMORED
CAR WOULD BE
A CINCH.

DIDN'T
MENTION
THERE'D BE
COPS.

THAT A
PROBLEM?

WITH
KINGPIN OUT
OF THE PICTURE,
THERE ARE NO
PROBLEMS,
MATE--
--ONLY
POSSIBILITIES.

POLICE!
BOTH OF
YOU, HANDS
UP--

REALLY
BAD.

The Third Precinct.

12:18 P.M.

GRAB EVERY BOX!

THESE DRUGS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE ON THE BLACK MARKET!

POLICE! ALL OF YOU--

REALLY--

REALLY BAD!

COPS COMING! WHAT DO WE DO?

IS THAT A SERIOUS QUESTION?

ANYBODY GETS IN YOUR WAY--KILL THEM!





1:07 P.M.

EVER SINCE DOC OCK USED HIS "SUPERIOR" SKILLS TO LOCK DOWN CRIME A FEW MONTHS BACK--

--PARTS OF THIS CITY HAVE BEEN A PROVERBIAL POWDER KEG--

--JUST BEGGING FOR AN ARSONIST TO LIGHT THINGS UP.



1:29 P.M.

RIVAL GANGS, LONE WOLVES, COSTUMED CRAZIES--

MAYBE IT'S A MIRACLE THE WHOLE MESS DIDN'T EXPLODE SOONER.



1:58 P.M.

BUT WHY NOW?

WHY ALL AT ONCE?

WHY TODAY?