

SPIDER-MAN:

“The Spectacular Spider-*Boy!*”

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PAGE ONE:

Page One, Panel One

Establishing shot of Century National Bank.

1) CAPTION: When you’re a superhero, most of your days are strange.

Page One, Panel Two

The front of the bank explodes.

2) SFX: BOOM!

Panel One, Panel Three

Three men exit from the debris dressed like turtles. Their costumes are similar to those of the “The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,” except that these men are older and more out of shape. They are carrying guns and sacks of money.

3) CAPTION: But some days are just plain wacky.

4) TURTLE #1: Let the world tremble! No one can stop the Middle-Aged Bank-Robbing Killer Turtles!!!

Panel One, Panel Four

Shot of the Turtles turning toward a voice from above.

5) CAPTION: Like the day I showed up at a bank robbery...

6) SOMEONE’S VOICE (OFF-PANEL): Not so fast, crooks.

7) TURTLE #2: Look out boss, it’s... it’s...

PAGE TWO:

Page Two, Panel One

Large panel shot of Spider-Boy standing on the arc of a lamppost. Spidey-Boy is thirteen years old and slightly cubby. His "costume" is basically composed of a pair of blue jeans, red and white sneakers, a long-sleeved red sweater with a spider painted on the front, and a red ski-mask.

- 1) CAPTION: Only to find a mini-version of me was already there.
- 2) TURTLE #3: Spider-Man?
- 3) SPIDER-BOY: Guess again, dweebs. I am the Spectacular Spider-Boy! Web-sidekick extraordinaire!

Page Two, Panel Two

Close-up on crooks. There is a look of shock on their faces. Could it be fear? Worry?

[NO DIALOGUE]

Page Two, Panel Three

Another close-up on the crooks, except now they are laughing hysterically.

- 4) TURTLE #3: Youse gotta be kidding me!
- 5) TURTLE #2: And I thought our costumes were stupid!

Page Two, Panel Four

Spider-Boy jumps down from the lamppost and punches Turtle #2.

- 6) SPIDER-BOY: Who said they weren't?
- 7) SPIDER-BOY: I mean, turtles are so... nineties!

PAGE THREE:**Page Three, Panel One**

Turtle #3 points a gun at Spider-Boy.

1) TURTLE #3: Youse wanna play hero, kid?

Page Three, Panel Two

Spidey shots a line of webbing at his gun.

2) SPIDER-BOY: It's not polite to point. I think that includes guns.

Page Three, Panel Three

Turtle #1 rams Spider-Boy in the back.

3) TURTLE #1: Little brat!

Page Three, Panel Four

Spider-boy is on the ground, while Turtle #1 stands over him with a knife.

4) TURTLE #1: Why use a gun, I say, when you could use a knife?

Page Three, Panel Five

The hand holding the knife is suddenly wrapped up in wedding.

6) SOMEONE'S VOICE (OFF-PANEL): Is that a rhetorical question, or do you actually want an answer?

PAGE FOUR:**Page Four, Panel One**

Turtle #1 looks up and sees Spider-Man crouching on the lamppost.

1) TURTLE #1: SPIDER-MAN!

2) SPIDER-MAN: Why does everyone always shout that when I show up?

Page Four, Panel Two

Shot of Turtle #1 being immersed in web.

3) SPIDER-MAN (OFF-PANEL): Here's some webbing for you...

Page Four, Panel Three

Turtles #3 and #2, who is still unconscious from the punch, are covered in webbing.

4) SPIDER-MAN (OFF-PANEL): And a little for you...

5) SPIDER-MAN (OFF-PANEL): And you...

Page Four, Panel Four

Swinging from a web, Spider-Man grabs hold of Spider-Boy.

5) SPIDER-MAN: And for you, mini-me...

Page Four, Panel Five

Spider-Man swings away, carrying Spider-Boy with him.

6) SPIDER-MAN: A stern lecture.

PAGE FIVE:**Page Five, Panel One**

The duo land on a nearby rooftop.

1) SPIDER-MAN: I think this is far enough.

Page Five, Panel Two

Spider-Boy is excited at meeting his idol.

2) SPIDER-BOY: Spider-Man! This is so AWESOME! I'm your greatest fan ever!

3) SPIDER-MAN: You must be Spider-Boy.

Page Five, Panel Three

Close-up on Spider-Boy.

4) SPIDER-BOY: You've heard of me?

Page Five, Panel Four

Close-up on Spider-Man.

5) SPIDER-MAN: It was a lucky guess.

Page Five, Panel Five

Spider-Boy takes off his mask.

6) SPIDER-BOY: Oh, right. Well, my real name's Andy. Andy Lazer.

7) SPIDER-MAN: Not really familiar with the whole secret identity concept, are you Andy?

Page Five, Panel Six

Spider-Boy puts one of his hands on a wall.

8) SPIDER-BOY: I have all your powers, Spidey. See, I can even stick to walls.

9) SPIDER-MAN: Impressive. So how did you get the powers?

PAGE SIX:**Page Six, Panel One**

Both heroes in panel.

1) SPIDER-BOY: I don't know. Just woke up one day and poof, I had them. How about you? How did you get them?

2) SPIDER-MAN: I got bit by a spider.

Page Six, Panel Two

Close-up of Spider-Boy.

3) SPIDER-BOY: Really? I always thought you were the sole survivor of some alien planet full of Spider-People, and that your father sent you here just before the planet exploded.

Page Six, Panel Three

Shot of Spider-Man.

4) SPIDER-MAN: Nothing that dramatic. I just got bit.

Page Six, Panel Four

Spider-Boy is once again bubbling with excitement.

5) SPIDER-BOY: Okay... well, can I be your sidekick, Spidey? Huh? Can I? Can I? Can I?

6) SPIDER-MAN: Look, Andy. I'm flattered that you take after me and everything, but you're kinda young to be a superhero.

Page Six, Panel Five

Andy is affronted at being called young.

7) SPIDER-BOY: I'm not young! I just turned thirteen last week!

8) SPIDER-MAN: Exactly my point. Look me up when you're eighteen.

Page Six, Panel Six

Spider-Man swings off the rooftop, leaving a disappointed Spider-Boy behind.

9) SPIDER-MAN: Till then, stick to air hockey and cartoons.

10) CAPTION: I was hoping the cold shoulder might discourage him.

PAGE SEVEN:**Page Seven, Panel One**

Shot of Peter Parker looking at the front page of a newspaper. The headline reads: "SPIDER-BOY STRIKES AGAIN."

1) CAPTION: It didn't.

Page Seven, Panel Two

Pull back to reveal that Peter is in his living room.

2) CAPTION: How he got the same powers as me was the real mystery.

Page Seven, Panel Three

Peter approaches the dining room table.

3) CAPTION: My best guess was that Andy was a mutant. His mutant power probably gave him the ability to choose whichever powers he wanted.

Page Seven, Panel Four

Peter tosses the newspaper on the table.

4) CAPTION: He chose mine, and I had to hand it to the kid...

PAGE EIGHT:**Page Eight, SPLASH**

Close-up on the table which is covered with newspapers featuring stories about Spider-Boy. The one Peter was just holding is there, along with another paper whose headline reads: "Is Spider-Man De-Aging?" Another headline reads: "Spider-Man's secret lovechild with the Wasp," and contains a fabricated picture of the Wasp, Spider-Man, and Spider-Boy.

- 1) CAPTION: He was determined.
- 2) CAPTION: I wonder if I had his enthusiasm at that age.
- 3) CAPTION: I definitely dressed better.

PAGE NINE:**Page Nine, Panel One**

Peter is holding another newspaper. The headline reads: "Whatever Happened to Spider-Boy?"

1) CAPTION: Then a few weeks later, the sightings stopped.

Page Nine, Panel Two

Close-up on a guilt-ridden Peter Parker.

2) CAPTION: It seemed like Andy had given up, and I had to admit I felt a pang of guilt.

Page Nine, Panel Three

Peter is walking down a hallway at the Daily Bugle newsroom.

3) CAPTION: Who was I to tell him he was too young?

Page Nine, Panel Four

Pete walks by and looks at a framed newspaper article of Spider-Man's first adventure. It contains an obscure picture of Spidey, and the headline reads: "Who is the Spider-Man?"

4) CAPTION: I wasn't that much older when I started.

5) CAPTION: I would've laughed if anyone had told me I was too young to be a hero.

Page Nine, Panel Five

Peter is sitting in front of his computer, looking up street addresses.

6) CAPTION: So what gave me the right to play the hypocrite?

Page Nine, Panel Six

Pete's finger stops next to the last name, Lazer. There's only one Lazer on the list.

7) CAPTION: There was only one thing left for me to do.

PAGE TEN:**Page Ten, Panel One**

Andy is standing before a mirror, admiring his new bathing suit, which has flames on it.

1) ANDY: Perfect!

2) SOMEONE’S VOICE (OFF-PANEL): Hope I’m not interrupting anything.

Page Ten, Panel Two

Andy turns and sees Spider-Man crouched on the windowpane.

3) ANDY: SPIDER-MAN!

4) SPIDER-MAN: Why does everyone shout that?

Page Ten, Panel Three

Spider-Man is now standing inside the room talking to Andy.

5) ANDY: What are you doing here?

6) SPIDER-MAN: I thought about what I said on the roof a few weeks ago, and I was wrong. I’d be honored to have you as a sidekick, Andy.

Page Ten, Panel Four

Andy is suddenly very nervous.

7) ANDY: Oh... that’s great Spidey... um... It’s just that... my powers have changed...

8) SPIDER-MAN: Changed?

Page Ten, Panel Five

Close-up on Andy.

9) ANDY: Yeah... I don’t know how to say this...

Page Ten, Panel Six

Spidey finally looks at Andy’s wall and sees a plethora of Human Torch posters, a Human Torch alarm clock, lamp, and autographed picture.

10) SPIDER-MAN: Oh...

PAGE ELEVEN:**Page Eleven, Panel One**

Shot of Andy, apologetic.

1) ANDY: I'm sorry Spidey, it's just that he has a cool catch phrase.

Page Eleven, Panel Two

Andy bursts into flame, *a la* the Human Torch.

2) ANDY: FLAME ON!

Page Eleven, Panel Three

Both heroes in panel.

3) ANDY: I hope you're not mad. I still like you. You're definitely in my top 10.

4) SPIDER-MAN: No... I'm not mad... Top 10... That's... that's great.

Page Eleven, Panel Four

Andy walks toward the window.

5) ANDY: I gotta go. I wanna see if I can catch up with the Torch.

Page Eleven, Panel Five

Andy flies out the window.

6) ANDY: Take care Spidey!

7) SPIDER-MAN: You too... Human Torch Boy.

Page Eleven, Panel Six

Spidey spits some webbing on a few leftover flames flickering on the floor.

8) CAPTION: Like I said...

Page Eleven, Panel Eight

End with Spider-Man looking up out the bedroom window.

9) CAPTION: Some days are just plain wacky.

THE END