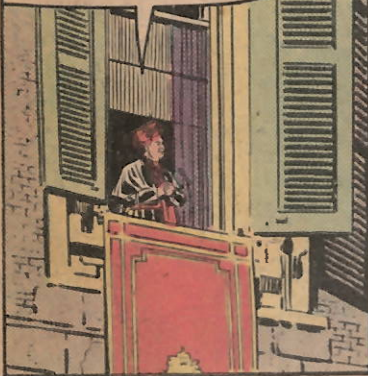


"THE CROWD QUIETS ANXIOUSLY AS CARDINAL PERICLE FELICI SUDDENLY APPEARS..."

I ANNOUNCE TO YOU A GREAT JOY! WE HAVE A POPE! I PRESENT KAROL CARDINAL WOJTYLA OF CRACOW-- HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN PAUL II.



A POLE? POPE?



WHY NOT? THERE HAVE BEEN NON-ITALIAN POPES BEFORE!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE HE'S FROM! HE IS A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD NOW!

VIVA IL PAPA!

"AS IF TO QUIET THE EXCITED CROWD, A CALM VOICE RINGS OUT IN ITALIAN--THE VOICE OF THE NEW POPE..."

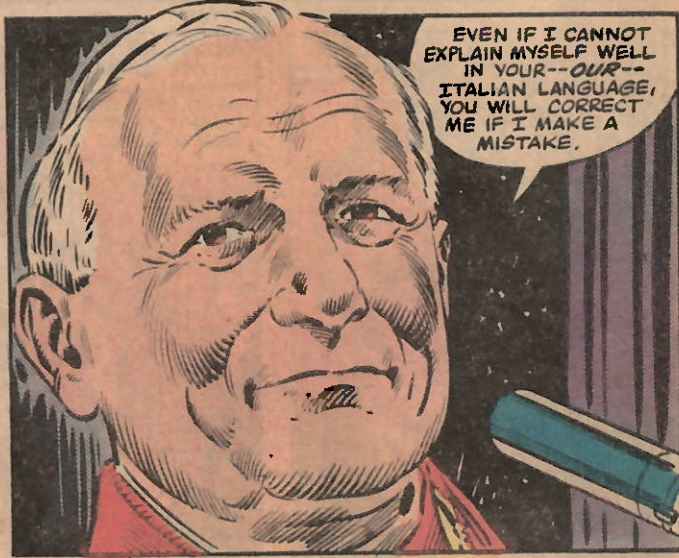
I WAS AFRAID TO RECEIVE THIS NOMINATION!



BUT I TOOK IT IN THE SPIRIT OF OBEDIENCE TO OUR LORD, AND IN TOTAL CONFIDENCE IN HIS MOTHER, THE MOST HOLY MADONNA.



EVEN IF I CANNOT EXPLAIN MYSELF WELL IN YOUR--OUR--ITALIAN LANGUAGE, YOU WILL CORRECT ME IF I MAKE A MISTAKE.



AND SO I PRESENT MYSELF TO YOU ALL TO CONFESS OUR COMMON FAITH, OUR HOPE, OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE MOTHER OF CHRIST--

--AND ALSO TO START ANEW ON THAT ROAD, THE ROAD OF HISTORY AND OF THE CHURCH, TO START WITH THE HELP OF GOD AND WITH THE HELP OF MEN.

