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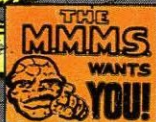
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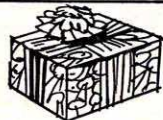
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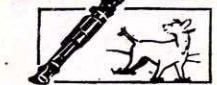
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JUST MY LUCK! I'VE NEVER SEEN THE CITY SO QUIET! I CAN'T EVEN FIND A JAY-WALKER, OR A BIG, BAD LITTERBUG TO PHOTOGRAPH!

UH OH! WHAT'S THAT DOWN THERE?!!



WELL, BLESS MY BRITCHES! LOOKS LIKE A NICE HEALTHY BURGLARY GOING ON DOWN BELOW!



IT'S JUST SMALL-TIME STUFF... BUT I'LL PAY BETTER THAN A PICTURE OF BROOKLYN BRIDGE!

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BUT...I NEVER SAID I DO HATE SPIDER-MAN!

LOOK, DO YOU WANT YOUR NAME AND PICTURE IN THE PAPER, OR DON'T YOU?

WELL, GIVE ME A MINUTE... I'LL THINK OF *SOME* REASON...

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IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S TOO CREEPY-LOOKING IN THAT MASK AND COSTUME!

EVERYONE KNOWS HE'S A PUBLIC MENACE! I SAY HE SHOULD BE PUT IN JAIL...FOR LIFE!

WHAT HONEST MAN WOULD PROWL THE CITY AT NIGHT THE WAY HE DOES??

IF HE ISN'T JUST A PLAIN CROOK, WHY DON'T HE TELL EVERYBODY WHO HE IS??

ANSWER ME THAT!

I SAY HE'S A COWARD! HE FIGHTS AND THEN RUNS AWAY!

BUT, IN THE VAST SPRAWLING METROPOLIS, THERE IS *ONE* WHO IS EVER LOYAL TO SPIDER-MAN...

HEY! ONE SIDE... *ONE SIDE!* LET ME THROUGH! I WANNA TALK TO THAT CRUMB!

LOOK, BIG MOUTH, MY NAME'S FLASH THOMPSON, AND I'M CAPTAIN OF THE MIDTOWN HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM! I THINK SPIDEY'S THE *GREATEST!* AND YOU BETTER PRINT THAT!

EH, AH, SORRY, SON... I'M ALL OUT OF TAPE NOW!

IF YOU KEEP QUOTING ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO HATE SPIDER-MAN, THE ONLY TAPE YOU'LL NEED WILL BE *ADHESIVE TAPE*... TO PUT ON THE FAT LIP I'LL GIVE YOU! DO YOU READ ME??

SURE! SURE! WE ALWAYS TRY TO BE FAIR ON THE BUGLE! WELL, EH... I'VE GOTTA RUN NOW!

MEANTIME, LIZ ALLAN, FLASH'S RELUCTANT GIRL FRIEND, SPEAKS TO PETER PARKER...

PETEY, YOU'RE THE BEST STUDENT IN THE ENTIRE SENIOR CLASS! I WONDER IF YOU'D DO ME A BIG FAVOR?

SURE, LIZ! ANYTHING I CAN! WHAT IS IT?

I'M DOING BADLY IN MY GRADES IN *SCIENCE*. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD COACH ME SOME EVENING? YOU'RE SUCH A WHIZ AT IT!

SURE, LIZ! THE FIRST CHANCE I GET, I'LL BE GLAD TO!

BUT, BY NOW, SPIDER-MAN'S BIGGEST FAN HAS REACHED THE SCENE...

PUNY PARKER'S TRYIN' TO BEAT MY TIME WITH LIZ AGAIN! HOW I HATE THAT EGG-HEADED BOOKWORM!

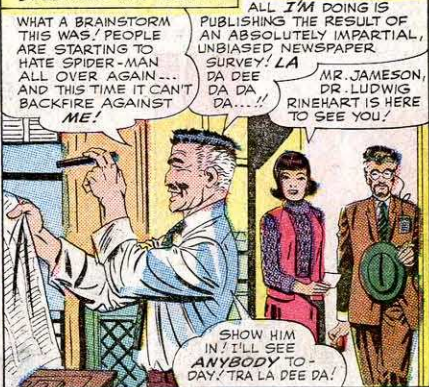
THANKS A MILLION, PETEY, DEAR!



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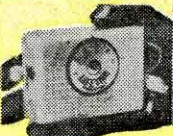
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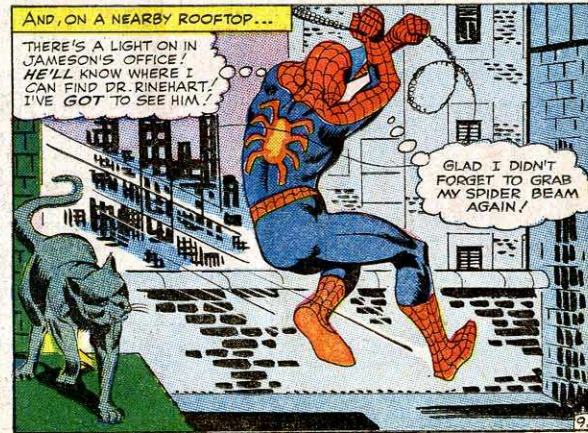
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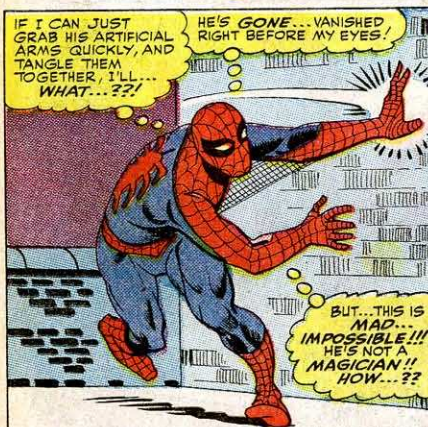
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I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY! NEED TIME TO THINK! TO CLEAR MY BRAIN!

WHAT IF I AM BECOMING SCHIZOID? PERHAPS THIS DOUBLE-IDENTITY BIT IS FINALLY GETTING TO ME!



AND...WITH ALL MY POWER... IF I EVER SHOULD LOSE MY MARBLES... I REALLY WOULD BE A TERRIBLE MENACE TO MANKIND!

BUT, ONCE AGAIN, BEFORE SPIDER-MAN CAN FULLY MARSHAL HIS FRIGHTENING THOUGHTS, ANOTHER ARCH-ENEMY SEEMS TO MATERIALIZE OUT OF NOWHERE...!

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I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE A CHANCE... IF HE IS REAL, I'M IN DEADLY DANGER!



BUT, HE'S SO SILENT... SO WRAITH-LIKE... JUST AS THE OTHERS WERE!

STILL, HE'S COMING CLOSER! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM WITH MY WEBBING!



HE VANISHED!... JUST LIKE THE OTHERS, HE MUST HAVE BEEN A FIGMENT OF MY IMAGINATION ALSO!



BUT...WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME NOW...NOW THAT I CAN'T EVEN TRUST MY EYES...OR MY SENSES??!





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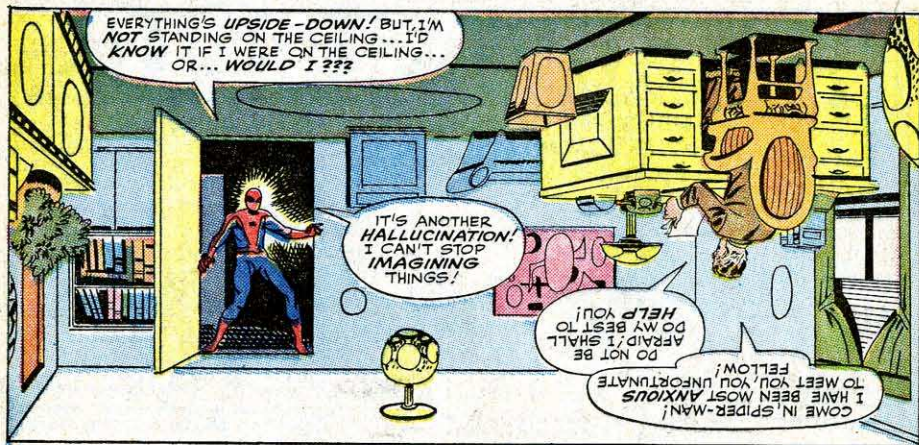
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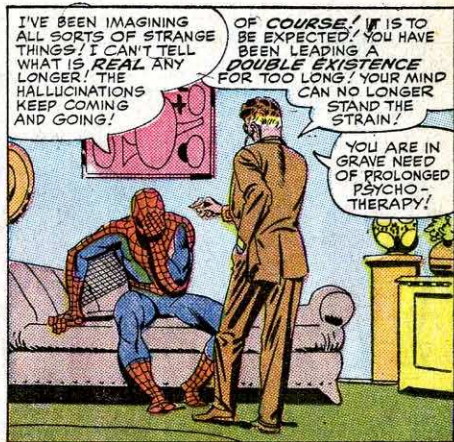
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IN THERE!



AND WHAT I'VE
GOT TO SAY TO
HIM CAN'T WAIT!
I'M GOING IN
NOW!

I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT IF WHAT
FOSWELL TOLD ME WAS TRUE!
AND, IF IT WAS, RINEHART WILL
BE SORRY HE EVER HEARD OF
J. JONAH JAMESON!



AND ANOTHER THING!
I MAY GET SOME
FRIENDS TOGETHER
AND PICKET YOUR
PAPER!

WHILE, IN THE ROOM AHEAD, WE FIND...

THE ROOT OF YOUR PROBLEM IS, OF COURSE, YOUR
DUAL IDENTITY! BUT, IF YOU WERE TO MAKE YOUR
TRUE IDENTITY KNOWN, MUCH OF THE STRAIN
WOULD BE GONE!

I CAN'T! I MUST NEVER
TELL WHO I REALLY AM! I WOULD... REALLY??
HURT... TOO MANY PEOPLE! MOST

INTERESTING! TELL
ME WHO THEY ARE,
AND I'LL BE THE
JUDGE!



AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW
YOU CAN TRUST ME,
DON'T YOU? YOU KNOW
I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO
CAN HELP
YOU!

AND YOU KNOW YOU'LL
HAVE TO GIVE UP BEING
SPIDER-MAN! IT'S THE
ONLY WAY TO SAVE
YOURSELF! THE ONLY WAY
TO KEEP FROM GOING
COMPLETELY MAD!

I... I GUESS YOU'RE
RIGHT! ANYTHING
WOULD BE BETTER
THAN HAVING THESE
HALLUCINATIONS!
IT WON'T DO ME
ANY GOOD
BEING SPIDER-
MAN IF I LOSE
MY MIND IN
THE PROCESS!



BUT THEN, JUST AT THAT MOST CRUCIAL, THAT
MOST FATEFUL MOMENT...

RINEHART! I WANT TO
TALK TO YOU, YOU
PHONY! I FOUND OUT
ALL ABOUT YOU!
YOU'RE NO DOCTOR!
YOU'VE GOT NO LICENSE!
YOU'RE A FRAUD!

JAMESON! STAY
AWAY! DON'T COME
IN NOW! WAIT OUT-
SIDE... I ONLY NEED
ANOTHER FEW
MINUTES...



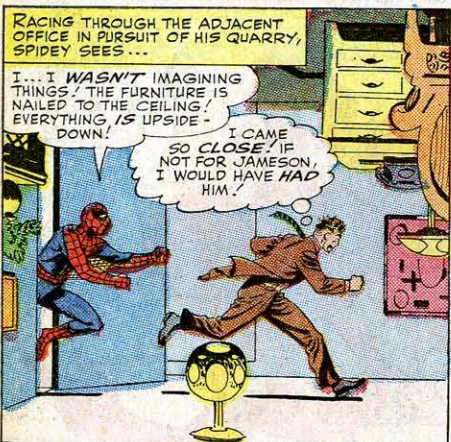
I DON'T CARE WHAT
YOU NEED, YOU CROOK!
I WANT TO... WHA...?
SPIDER-MAN!! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING HERE??
WHAT'S GOING ON??!

OH NO!
NOW I
GET IT! YOU
MUST BE IN
CAHOOTS
WITH THAT
FRAUD! I
SHOULD
HAVE
GUESSED!

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN,
CALLING
DR.
RINEHART
A FRAUD?



NO! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!
YOU MUSTN'T!



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BUT, I HAD TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT MOMENT! I WAITED... AND WAITED... AND THEN, WHEN THE **BUGLE** STARTED PRINTING THOSE INTERVIEWS ABOUT HIM, I FELT THE TIME HAD COME! SO, I POSED AS A PSYCHIATRIST!

I PLANTED DOUBTS AND FEARS IN SPIDER-MAN'S MIND! I KNEW HE WOULDN'T BE SUSPICIOUS IF I PLAYED MY CARDS RIGHT, AND IT ALMOST WORKED! MY ILLUSIONS SUCCEEDED PERFECTLY!

I WATCHED HIM FROM A SAFE DISTANCE, OPERATING MY MECHANICAL CAT AND BAT... AND MY SPECIAL MOVIES OF HIS FORMER FOES!

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BY THE TIME HE REACHED HERE, HE WAS SO AGITATED HE WAS IN A STATE OF MIND WHERE HE'D BELIEVE **ANYTHING!**

IT WAS ALL PERFECT! IT SHOULD NOT HAVE FAILED!

I ONLY NEEDED ANOTHER FEW SECONDS... I WAS ABOUT TO MAKE HIM **UNMASK!** I'D HAVE LEARNED HIS TRUE IDENTITY. I'D HAVE DEFEATED HIM FOREVER! BUT HE WAS SAVED AT THE LAST MINUTE... SAVED BY **YOU!**

YOU MEAN... IF I HADN'T BURST IN JUST THEN... IF I HADN'T INTERRUPTED WHEN I DID, SPIDER-MAN WOULD FINALLY HAVE BEEN **BEATEN??**

I'VE HATED HIM FOR YEARS! I'VE PLANNED A MILLION SCHEMES TO DISCREET HIM... TO GET AT HIM... TO **DESTROY** HIM! AND NOW WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT TO DO IT FOR ME, I RUINED EVERYTHING!

HAH! SO GOOD OL' SPIDEY WINS AGAIN! HE BEAT MYSTERIO... AND YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HELPED HIM! WHAT A GIG! WHAT A GAS! WAIT! I'LL TELL THE GANG!

WHAT A DAY! WHAT A **TRIUMPH!** I ACTUALLY SAW MY **IDOL** IN ACTION! HE EVEN **SPOKE** TO ME! EVEN IF HE DID CALL ME, A FOOL... HE **SPOKE** TO ME!

BOY! EVEN THAT USELESS, SNEAKY, MEAT-HEADED PETER PARKER COULDN'T SPOIL THE WAY I FEEL NOW! **WAH-HOO!**

THEN, A SHORT TIME LATER...

HOW ABOUT JOINING THE REST OF US GIRLS FOR A SODA, LIZ?

LOVE TO, CONNIE! I'M JUST IN THE MOOD!

OH, NO! I **CAN'T!** THERE'S PETER PARKER! I'VE GOT TO TALK TO HIM!

OH, **PETEY!** HOW ABOUT HELPING ME WITH MY SCIENCE LESSONS NOW? CAN YOU SPARE THE TIME?

SURE, LIZ. I GUESS SO!

WELL! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? SHE LEFT ME FLAT, TO GO OFF WITH PUNY PARKER! I'VE GOT A GOOD MIND TO TELL **FLASH THOMPSON** ABOUT THIS!

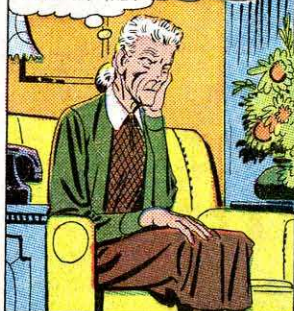
I THINK IT'S SO SWEET OF YOU TO OFFER TO HELP ME, PETEY!

YEESH! HOW I WISH SHE WOULDN'T CALL ME PETEY!



WHILE, WAITING PATIENTLY AT PETER'S HOME, WE FIND...

IF ONLY I KNEW WHAT WAS BOTHERING PETER! THE BOY HAS NO MOTHER OR FATHER... I'M THE ONLY ONE TO LOOK AFTER HIM! IF ONLY HE'D LET ME!



AND THEN...

HI, AUNT MAY! I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU I'LL BE OVER AT LIZ ALLAN'S HOUSE FOR THE NEXT LITTLE WHILE! I'M GOING TO DO SOME STUDYING WITH HER!

PETER! I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU WERE... IF YOU WERE ALL RIGHT! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

HELLO, MRS. PARKER!



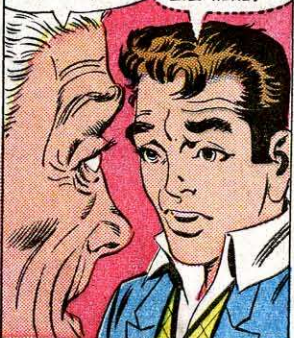
GOSH, THAT'S RIGHT! I FORGOT! I RAN OUT OF HERE LIKE A SHOT WITHOUT EXPLAINING TO AUNT MAY! SHE MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY UPSET!

YOU LOOK PERFECTLY FINE TO ME NOW, DEAR! BUT... YOU MUSTN'T GIVE ME SUCH FRIGHTS!



AFTER ALL, PETER, YOU'RE ALL I HAVE LEFT IN THE WORLD! IF ANYTHING SHOULD EVER HAPPEN TO YOU...

AW, GEE, AUNT MAY... THIS IS EMBARRASSING... WITH LIZ HERE!



I'M SORRY I RUSHED OUT THAT WAY BEFORE... HONEST! I PROMISE I WON'T DO IT AGAIN! DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT A **THING!** I'M JUST FINE! OKAY?

SHE'S SMILING AGAIN! **GOOD!** I HATE TO SEE HER WORRY!

ALL RIGHT, PETER DEAR! YOU RUN ALONG WITH YOUR YOUNG LADY! I'LL WAIT UP TILL YOU COME HOME!



I'M MAKING PROGRESS AT LAST! I FINALLY HAVE PETEY ALL TO MYSELF FOR A WHILE. HE'S SO MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN THAT EMPTY-HEADED FLASH!

I'D RATHER BE SPENDING MY TIME WITH **BETTY**, BUT... IF SHE'S GONNA KEEP ON WRITING TO LEADS BEHIND MY BACK, I'LL SHOW HER!



GOSH! I JUST REMEMBERED... I STILL HAVEN'T EARNED THAT EXTRA MONEY I WANTED TO GIVE TO AUNT MAY!

THUS, OUR TALE IS ENDED FOR NOW, AS WE RELUCTANTLY LEAVE OUR LITTLE CAST OF CHARACTERS UNTIL NEXT ISSUE...

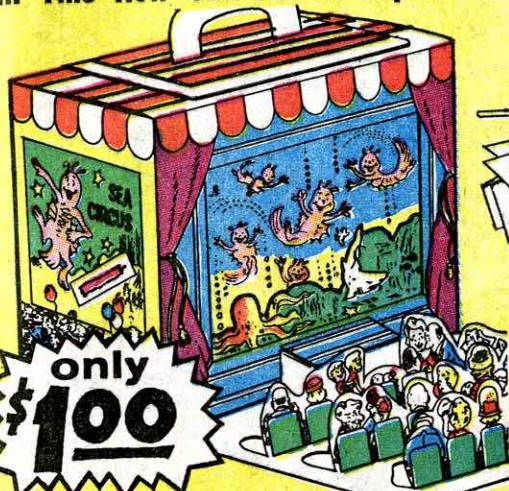


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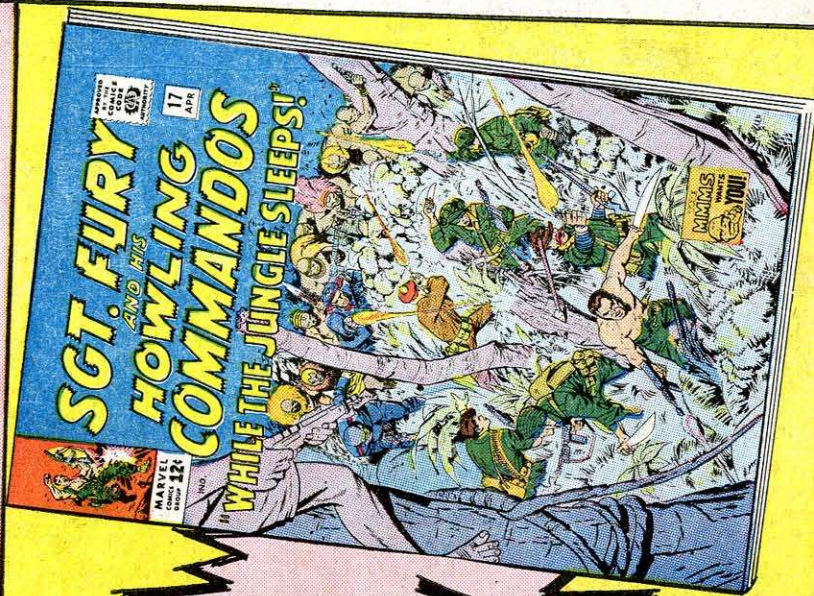
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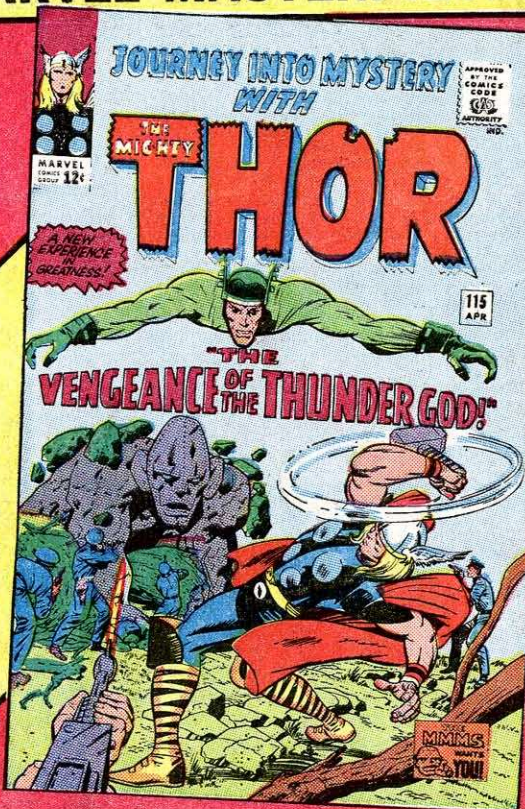
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—Well, how about that? We figured it was time for Spidey to flip his wig, and he came pretty close to doing it in this month's yarn! Confess now—how many of you guessed that our Dr. Rhinehart would turn out to be Mystery? In fact, how many of you guessed he'd turn out to be anybody else at all? Well, while we're waiting for your answers, let's see what our other Marvel madmen have to say . . .

Dear Stan and Steve,

I think that your SPIDER-MAN comic is fascinating, original and just plain great! It's so realistic that it's hard to realize that Spidey doesn't really exist—or does he? It would be nice if Spidey would, now and then, defeat a villain by a scientific means as he did in issue #2 in order to show that brains are just as important as brawn. Also, clear up this mess between Betty Brant and Peter Parker. It's just too much to see two people who are obviously made for each other separated. Furthermore, I think that Spidey should reveal his secret identity to Betty Brant. Also, I think that Spidey and the Torch should be on more friendly terms, although I don't think that many fans will agree with me on that! Tim Van Egmont, 5 Fiske Rd. Lexington, Mass.

Well, we'll soon find out how your fellow fanatics feel, Timmy boy, when the next mail starts pouring in. Meantime, we'll see what the Torch has to say about it!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I've been reading comics for as many of my nineteen years that I can remember reading, but this is the first time I've broken down and subscribed. I just can't help it! I can't stand it when I miss an issue due to uneducated dealers. Enclosed for your Subscription Department is my check for twelve issues of SPIDER-MAN. I have converted enough of the girls in our house to the Marvel habit so that I won't be looked upon as a schizophrenic, so much as an initiate. A few of us would like to make a suggestion: Since so many of your readers, like us, are college students, we think giving one of your great heroes a college setting would be most interesting. Our vote goes to Spider-Man. You could even keep him at home—just have him and some of his high school contemporaries graduate and move on to college in the city. I think the dramatic opportunities of having Spidey in a dorm or fraternity house are entertaining, but he could decide to live at home to cut costs. Now don't try to tell us that Spidey is more the high school type. I have never seen him as immature and dull as even a college freshman can be—and you have him in high school! And his cool manner and jargon are not at all out of place in a "college man." Take it from us "college women"! We nominate him because he's our favorite. Other characters who have a warm place in our adventurous hearts are Dr. Strange and Sub-Mariner (a romantic figure in the unrestricted sense of the word), and, of course, Daredevil. These are all on our "for-heaven's-sakes, buy-it-first" list. Delightful is our word for the Marvel Age of Comics!

Kitty Holmes, Ohio University
142 E. State St., Athens, Ohio 45701

And delightful is our word for Kitty Holmes! As for Spidey going to college, we've been toying with the same idea, so don't be too surprised if—!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I am writing to mention something I have never seen any reference to in your Letters Pages. That is the appropriateness of your Marvel story titles. In English

class our teacher told us that a title to a story must be appropriate and arouse interest. In other mags the titles usually amount to "So-and-so meets What's-his-name" or "So-and-so battles Watchamacallit" or "So-and-so gets Married" or even "Whozit Returns." All the Marvel comics in contrast have pleasing and interesting titles. Some fine examples are "A House Divided," "The Avengers Take Over," "It Started on Yancy Street" and "The Final Victory of Dr. Doom." All of these were from the F.F. Other examples are "The Uncanny Unicorn" from IRON MAN and "Every Hand Against Him" from THOR. Of them all, the best, title-wise, were "The Infant Terrible" and "The Final Victory of Dr. Doom." The worst was "Spidey Strikes Back." Please drop this "Spidey" bit! "Spider-Man Strikes Back" would have sounded much better. Still, I remain one of your most faithful readers.

James Morton
Pascagoula, Miss.

We enjoyed your letter, Jimmy—appreciate your faithfulness—considered your comments—but, Spider-Man sounds so formal to us . . . especially when we consider ol' Spidey a real buddy!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now!

FANTASTIC FOUR #38: The one you've been waiting for! In answer to countless requests, the seemingly unbeatable, super-powered Frightful Four returns to challenge the F. F. And—you'll never forget the unexpected shock ending!

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STRANGE TALES: The Human Torch and the ever-lovin' Thing find themselves menaced by "The Sinister Space Trap!" And, the way Bob Powell draws it, it's a doozy! As for Dr. Strange, he finally comes "Face to Face With Baron Mordo," and comicdom will never be the same!

SUSPENSE #65: This one features the story you never expected to see! Remember the old Iron Man—heavy, bulky, slow-moving? Well, he lives again—to battle the new Iron Man! It's a gasser! And Captain America meets his greatest foe from the fatal forties—the fearsome Red Skull!

ASTONISH #67: A dramatic new twist affords the incredible life of the Hulk in "Where Walks the Behemoth!" It's the usual Lee/Ditko contemporary classic! As for Giant-Man, he faces a new off-beat menace and loses one of his powers! Which one? Well, that would be telling!

SGT. FURY #17: Even we in the bullpen can't understand how each ish of "the war mag for people who hate war mags" manages to top each previous ish! This one, "While The Jungle Sleeps" marks a new plateau of greatness for the hysterical Howlers! Try it—we know you'll agree!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I have found your SPIDER-MAN comic your best effort, with the F.F. and SGT. FURY close behind. There has been much controversial discussion in the Letters Page so I decided to throw in my two cents worth. First, some readers have said that Spidey would reveal his identity to Betty Brant. This would ruin everything! Maybe he could reveal it to a male schoolmate who could be his friend (like Boom-Boom is to Matt in TWO-GUN KID), but never to Betty! Next, I love the Green Goblin, Kraven and your newest and greatest arch foe, the Scorpion. I would also like to see Doc Doom fight Spidey again. The thought just struck me that Sub-Mariner would be great against him. So long! David Wilhelm, 2940 Sherwin Chicago, Ill. 60645

So long, Dave! By the way, Steverino says "Boom-Boom" who?

Dear Stan and Steve,

After reading SPIDER-MAN #20 I have to tell you that you have hit another high peak. The Scorpion was different and there were enough side plots to keep the story moving. The death of the doctor was handled nicely, the fight scenes were good, although the Scorpion looked a bit awkward, and having J. Jonah create the villain was a novel idea. I think you'd better keep Jonah thinking about the Scorpion for a while because, in real life, he would not forget about such an incident so easily. I hope that in your M.M.M.S. you'll let us readers know about stories on the drawing board before you mention them in your Special Announcements Sections. These tasty little tidbits tend to arouse the curiosity and keep you looking for the next issue. Donald McGregor, 35 Sophia Dr. W. Warwick, R.I.

Got news for ya, Don! Even we don't know what's on our story boards until a few minutes before they hit the Special Announcements Section! In fact, if we don't think of something real quick, we won't be able to tell you what Spidey's next yarn is gonna be about! Talk about late deadlines! Man! We're always squeezing thru by the skin of our teeth!

—Judging by the way your M.M.M.S. applications are pouring into our office, it looks as though everybody will be a member soon! We even got an envelope from the Daily Bugle—we didn't open it yet, but we're hoping it's from J.J.J.! By next ish, we'll try to print some of the comments we receive about our little ol' Marching Society, so if you haven't written yet to tell us what you think of our oversize membership button, undersize 33 1/3 rollickin' record, identification card, senseless stickers, and nutty welcoming note, you'd better do it soon, hear? And, if you haven't sent in your coupon yet, we're liable to take away your little web-shooters! And you wouldn't want that to happen!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Just finished reading SPIDER-MAN #20. It was terrific! The Scorpion was the kind of foe I've been hoping for. One thing about the Scorpion was bad, though—his costume. It was absolutely the nuttiest thing I've ever seen. For one thing it was all green and had all sorts of lines all over it. The mask was horrible, too. Who ever heard of a green Scorpion? I think you ought to have Spidey battle Kraven, Vulture, Green Goblin, or Captain America. It makes me feel ill to think of the Green Goblin running around thinking that he's beaten Spidey. By the way, the Scorpion's back looks horrible because of that tail. You should call the Scorpion 'Scorpo' instead of 'Scorpey'—it's one letter shorter! Roger Parish, Rt. #1, Box 101 Savage, Minn.

How about 'Scorp', Rog? It's two letters shorter! Or 'Scor'? Or maybe 'Sco'? 'Se' perhaps? Then, there's always 'S'—or just plain '!' (Nobody's gonna top us, by golly!)

Dear Stan and Steve,

I've just finished reading SPIDER-MAN #20 introducing your newest villain, the Scorpion. Thanks again for a truly excellent story in the grand Marvel style. Nowhere but at Marvel would a hero really go down in defeat, discovering that he's up against someone more powerful than himself; never have I seen a hero go down fighting like Spidey did. He won out, of course, but no other hero ever fought a tougher battle or tried harder to win before

he actually did win. You remain consistent in excellent art, story, plot, characterization and all else. Just keep up the degree of excellence you've displayed, as I know you will. As long as Marvel is around I'll be reading comics—your comics. I guess that's the best compliment possible.

Buddy Saunders, 2102 Menefee
Arlington, Tex. 70012

And, from the best fans in the world, we expect nothing but the best compliments! Thanks a heap, Buddy!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Spider-Man makes his webbing shoot out by pressing his palm in which he has a secret device that makes this happen. What happens when he picks up something? As he is pressing his palm with the thing that he picks up, how come the webbing doesn't shoot out?

Jeffrey Isleib, 576 Nott St.
Wethersfield, Conn.

Oh, it's not just any old press, Jeff! He's gotta press it a certain way—with the ol' spider strength! At least, we think that's the answer!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Your Spider-Man Annual #1 was the greatest mag I've ever popped my peepers at! The Sinister Six were great! Those full page panels were magnificent. Steve Ditko must have worked himself to a frazzle. My favorite was the one on page 16 where Spidey K.O.'s Electro! Vulchy was his usual baldness, and Sandman just can't keep himself together. Mysterio has to cut down on that smoking, and Doc Ock seems to be getting more polite every day. Kraven needs a haircut, and Electro oughta quit sticking his fingers in plug fixtures. He seems to have an electrifying personality. Your article, "The Secrets of Spider-Man," relieved me of hundreds of questions. All in all, Spidey Annual #1 was your greatest achievement so far! One question I would like to ask, though. How long have Marvel Comics been in business and how long have you two worked there? Scott Betts, 333 Oak St. Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Mighty Marvel's been having its ups and downs for over 25 years now! Stan has been bullpen boss for almost all that time—but he's not as old as you think. He started in his teens! As for Steverino, he's a real Johnny-Come-Lately—hasn't been with Marvel for more than ten years! But we can hear him growling in the corner now—"It feels like a hundred!"

Dear Stan and Steve,

I am writing in answer to a letter in SPIDER-MAN #13. One particular fan states that "The Torch can wipe up the floor with Spider-Man! Remember the F.F. ANNUAL!" I have that Annual and it doesn't look like Spider-Man is running away—that fan must be blind! But, look at STRANGE TALES ANNUAL #2—our hero (Spider-Man, of course) traps the Torch in an ice-silicone trap which puts out his flame and imprisons him. Spider-Man could have destroyed the Torch if he'd wanted to. I'm a loyal fan of Spidey and I think that other fans should know the truth. Sorry, Charlie!

John Honovich, 292 Warburton Ave.
Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

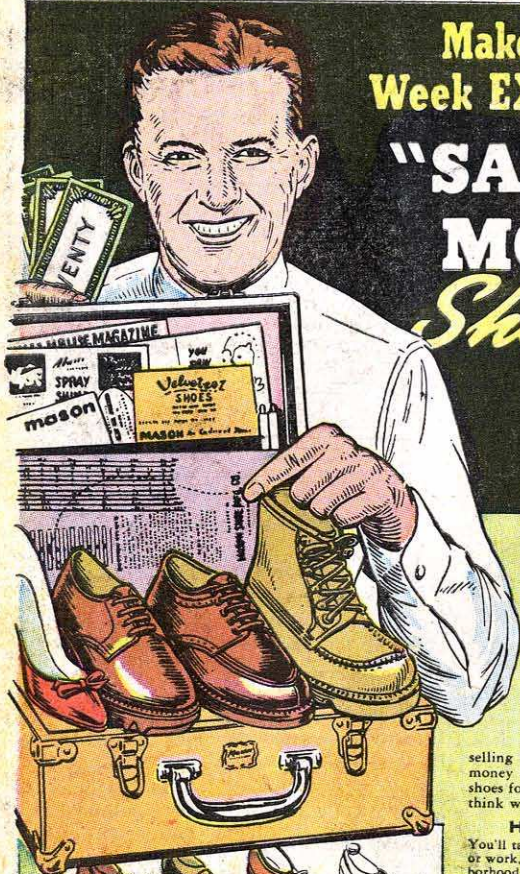
We're sure glad Spidey has such staunch defenders, Johnny! But wait'll you hear what the Torch fans have to say! We'll be expecting an extra-heavy mail for the next few weeks!



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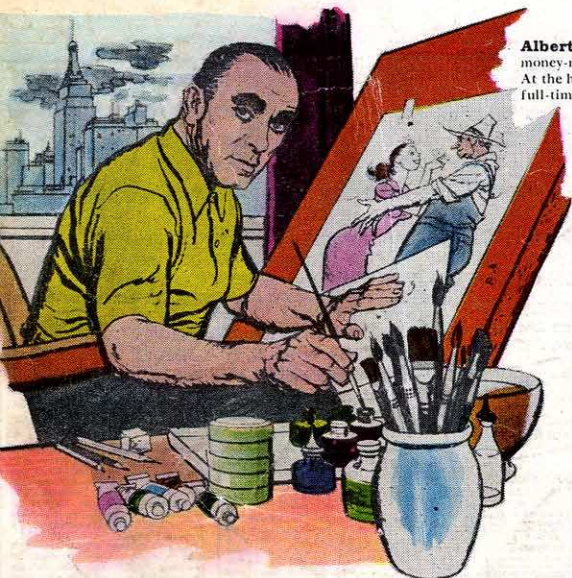
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