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ONLY THE BATTY  
MARVEL BULLPEN  
COULD PRESENT  
SUCH A TRULY  
DAZZLING  
DISPLAY OF  
DERRING-DO AS...

"THE  
CLAWS  
OF THE  
CAT!"





Friend, dare YOU risk

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FOR A NEW MILLION DOLLAR HE-MAN BODY  
STRENGTH-POWERED with 520 MIGHTY MUSCLES!  
To Become A STAR in ANY SPORT! A SUCCESS in EVERYTHING!

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**HOW TO GAIN UP TO 50 LBS. OF MIGHTY MUSCLES!**

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How to Become a FEARLESS SELF-DEFENSE FIGHTER. OVERPOWERING ANY BULLY TWICE YOUR SIZE!

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**"I gained 60 LBS. of MIGHTY MUSCLES.**

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- ☐ I want to add inches of muscle to my ☐ ARMS ☐ CHEST
- ☐ SHOULDERS ☐ POWERFUL LEGS ☐ SLIM WAIST
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**FREE**

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**YOU**

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**HE MAN**

Jim Norman BEFORE mailing coupon



"I'm PROUD to be seen with Jim NOW! Every-body admires his build," says Nellie. "Jim can lift the front of a 2700 lb. car. He amazes his friends!"

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# "THE CLAWS OF THE CAT!"

IN WHICH OUR WEB-SPINNING WONDER ENCOUNTERS A BRAND NEW FOE, WHILE FINDING HIMSELF STILL BESET BY THE SAME OLD PROBLEMS! IT IS MORE THAN LIKELY THAT THIS LITTLE EXCURSION INTO ADVENTURE WILL MEET WITH YOUR UNQUALIFIED APPROVAL!



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- AND DRAWN BY:  
**STEVE DITKO**

HASTILY LETTERED  
AND BORDERED BY:  
**ARTIE SIMEK**

AND NOW, WE BRING YOU ONE OF  
THE MOST EAGERLY AWAITED  
MOMENTS OF ALL--THE MOMENT  
YOU BEGIN TO READ ANOTHER  
MIGHTY MARVEL MASTERWORK...



LAST ISSUE, SHAKEN BY THE THREAT OF THE SCORPION, BETTY BRANT WAS ESCORTED HOME BY SPIDEY'S RIVAL FOR HER AFFECTIONS--NED LEEDS--



FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY BY THE SUDDEN TURN OF EVENTS, OUR HERO DID NOT REALIZE THAT HIS ELDERLY AUNT MAY WAS ATTEMPTING TO CONCEAL HER FAINTING SPELLS FROM HIM...



THAT NIGHT, WHEN THEIR NEIGHBOR, MRS. WATSON, DROPS BY, PETER BREATHES A SIGH OF RELIEF...



MINUTES LATER, A SWIFT, SILENT FIGURE EFFORTLESSLY SWINGS OVER THE SHADOWY STREETS BELOW...



-WHWEH--! THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! IF SPIDER-MAN HAD JUST TURNED HIS HEAD, IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE END OF THE CAT BURGLAR'S CAREER!



BUT, I'M JUST SMALL POTATOES TO HIM! HE'S ONLY INTERESTED IN SUPER-POWERED WORLD MENACES!



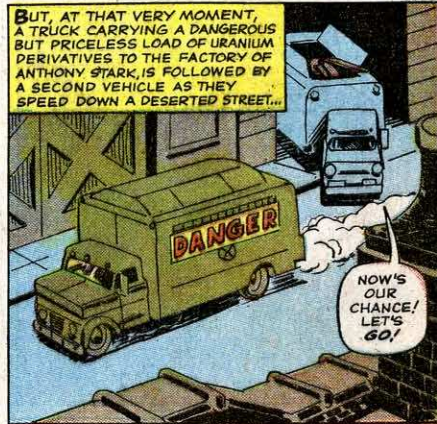
A BURGLAR WHO HAS TO USE A SPECIAL TOOL, JUST TO BREAK A SIMPLE WINDOW LOCK WOULD BE BENEATH HIS NOTICE-- I HOPE!



JUST AS I THOUGHT-- THE APARTMENT'S EMPTY! PERFECT SET-UP FOR SOMEONE WITH MY PARTICULAR TALENTS!











HI, FELLAS! AWFULLY NICE OF YOU TO SAVE THIS NIGHT FROM BEING A COMPLETE WASHOUT FOR ME!

LOOK OUT, YOU GUYS! IT'S SPIDER-MAN!



NO NEED FOR SUCH FORMALITY! JUST CALL ME SPIDEX!

YOU TAKE THE WHEEL! STEP ON IT--GET READY TO MAKE A SHARP TURN WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL!

HE DOESN'T KNOW WE'RE WEARING MAGNETIC SHOES, TO HOLD US ON THE TRUCK!



MY PLAN WAS PERFECT--- EXCEPT THAT I DIDN'T COUNT ON ANY INTERFERENCE FROM SUCH AN UNEXPECTED SOURCE!

CONGRATULATIONS, BOYS! YOU'VE JOINED THE RANKS OF THOSE WHO'VE BEEN LULLED TO SLEEP BY YOURS TRULY!



HE'S OFF-BALANCE! THIS IS THE TIME! NOW! SWING 'ER AROUND--FAST!

IT WORKED! HE'S FALLING OFF--!

NOW THAT WAS A MIGHTY UNFRIENDLY THING TO DO!



ALTHOUGH HURLED FROM THE SPEEDING TRUCK, THE YOUNG WEB-SPINNER'S AMAZING AGILITY ENABLES HIM TO GRACEFULLY CONTACT AND CLING TO THE BUILDING NEARBY--!

WHEN WILL I LEARN NOT TO BE SO OVER-CONFIDENT!



PERHAPS I CAN STILL HEAD THEM OFF BY TAKING TO THE ROOFTOPS!

I SURE WOULDN'T WANNA BE KICKED OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN ASSOCIATION!



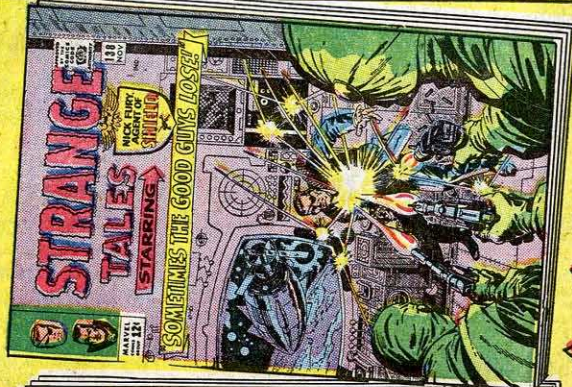
NO SIGN OF THEM! BUT, THEY CAN'T STAY HIDDEN FROM ME FOR LONG!

I EAT MY CRUNCHIES AND BRUSH AFTER EVERY MEAL--I'M SURE TO WIN OUT IN THE END!

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# MORE TRIUMPHS FOR MARVEL...!



KNOW YOUR  
FELLOW  
MERRY  
MARCHERS!  
HERE ARE  
25 MORE  
NAMES:

Louis Smith  
Randy Muto  
Bear Lake, Mich.  
Stanley Swartz  
East Berlin, Pa.  
Steve Steingard  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Brian Stutphin  
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AS OL' IRVING  
FORBUSH WOULD  
SAY...

"MAKE MINE  
MARVEL!"



# Would You Like to Take in \$140 after Supper?

This is exactly what L. Burnett did while still employed. Here are his own words:

"I worked at my Duraclean business part time until I saw that I could make as much in a week as my job paid for a whole month. One night, after supper, I took in \$140. Since going full time, I've had single jobs running \$300 and more."

Mr. Burnett and one helper serviced this \$140 "after-supper" job. The national price guide

provides a Duraclean dealer a gross profit of \$6 per hour on EACH serviceman plus \$9 per hour on any service he himself renders. Your income is limited only by the number of servicemen you employ.

To own a business is much easier than you think. We show you how... step by step. The 24 page fully illustrated booklet we'll mail you (with no obligation) explains how most of your gross profit becomes a clear net profit to you.



## Start while Continuing Present Job We furnish all the equipment...and help finance you

If you've wanted to be YOUR OWN BOSS... to become financially independent... have a fast growing income... and own a Nationally Advertised business, NOW YOU CAN! This business is easy to learn... easy to start... easy to service... and no experience is needed. We show you everything and furnish all equipment. At the start you can stay on your present

job, do servicing evening or weekends, or you can line up jobs for your servicemen to do while your customer list grows... then switch to full time. One small job a day brings a good starting income... and you operate from your home phone. If you are reliable, honest, and willing to work to become financially independent, mail the coupon for complete facts.

### It's Easier than You Think to Start Your Own Business

When you receive our illustrated booklet, you will see the way we show you step by step how to quickly get customers... how to steadily build more customers from their recommendations.

All six services are rendered "on location" in homes, offices, hotels, theatres, churches, clubs, motels and institutions. These superior, safe and convenient methods spread Duraclean dealerships throughout the world. National Magazine advertising explains

the superior merits of your services, builds your customer confidence and brings job leads to you.

You have pre-tested newspaper and yellow-page ads, commercials, and a full mailing program.

Furnishings stores, insurance adjusters and decorators refer jobs to our dealers. The year round services are in constant demand. Investigate TODAY... before someone else takes your location.

### Start Small, Grow Big... in this Booming Business

Many men have said to us, "I can't afford to give up my job till I know I have a sure thing... a sound business that will provide both security and a better living for my family."

That made sense to us so we worked out such a plan. You can start small and grow big just as we did. A third of a century ago Duraclean was an idea... but it caught fire and spread rapidly to a worldwide service. It spread because it was based upon (1) superior processes and (2) proven customer-getting methods. You don't experience it, you use tested, proven methods. You have our backing and "know how."

Our first service, the care of carpets and upholstery, exemplifies these superiorities. It not only cleans; it enlivens the fibers... revives dull colors. Pile rises with new life. Furnishings are used again in a few hours.

There's no machine scrubbing. No soaking. Duraclean cleans by absorption. Mild aerated foam lightly applied, lifts off dirt, grease and many unsightly spots like magic.

Government figures show \$750 million yearly potential just in rug and furniture cleaning. You have five other services... fully explained in the free booklet.

A few hundred dollars establishes YOUR OWN business. A day's profit more than takes care of the monthly payments we finance for you.

We furnish electric equipment and enough materials to return your TOTAL investment. It is surprisingly easy to learn this business. You can decide from the information we will send you whether to apply for a dealership. So, with no obligation whatever, mail the coupon TODAY.

### Own a Nationally Advertised Business

Your Services Are Endorsed by McCall's Magazine, American Research & Testing Laboratories and by leading Carpet Mills & Furniture Makers

### What Dealers Say:

Langdon Lawson: National advertising in top, creates leads. In September, working alone, jobs totaled \$1,475.

Charles Randall: Business keeps growing. Made as much as \$120 in one day.

D. Kern: Duraclean's proven-best process and the continuous help from headquarters gave me a big jump on all competition.

George Byers: For University, my total billing was \$2,416. Total expenses \$814.

Gerald Wehrhach: Three persons called me - saw Duraclean advertised in magazines.

Edward Hey: A smoke damage insurance claim bill was \$186. All work was done by me in exactly 8 hours and 2 minutes.

W. C. Smith: Earned \$650 one week. Volume keeps getting bigger.

Service man for dealer C. Wood: Furniture was filthy black. When through, I was amazed how clean.

John E. Frost: First 2 months I grossed \$1,000 part-time.

Loren Farris: I'm proud to be independent at 30. I wish I had known about Duraclean earlier.

Ed. Kramsky: In 2 years, now have two assistants, a nice home and real security for my family.

### Resale Service

If, because of illness, moving or for any reason a dealer wants to sell, we maintain a service to locate buyers and to help him sell.

Dealerships resell at up to 10 times the dealer's cost. R. D. K., after 5 months, sold for \$2,000 above his cost. L. L., after 30 months, got \$7.18 more than he had paid. The value of your dealership and franchise grows monthly.

### FREE BOOKLET tells how to Start Your Own Business

With no obligation, we'll mail you a letter and 24 page booklet explaining this business... how and why your income grows... how we help finance you.

Then decide if this opportunity fulfills your dream of independence and a much bigger income. Your location could be taken tomorrow... so mail coupon today.

FIND OUT—NO OBLIGATION



Mail this coupon TODAY It may put you in business

Duraclean Co., 5-210 Duraclean Bldg., Deerfield, Ill. 60015

With no obligation, mail letter with 24 page illustrated booklet explaining how I can increase my income and family security with a Duraclean Dealership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_











WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T MY OLD SCHOOL CHUM AND IDOL-- MUSCLE-HEAD THOMPSON!

STEP ASIDE, STRINGBEAN, BEFORE I FINISH OFF SOMETHIN' I SHOULD'D DONE WHILE WE WERE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL!.

AND, IF YOU'RE TRYIN' TO STOP ME FROM CATCHIN' UP TO LIZ, I'LL PASTE YOU ONE!

ON THE ROOF-- BEHIND FLASH-- A MAN WITH A GUN-- THE CAT BURGLAR! OF ALL TIMES FOR HIM TO SHOW!

IN FACT, I OUGHTTA DO IT ANYWAY!

IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, SUNBEAM, I'D THINK YOU WERE THREATENING ME!

THAT'S THE SIZE OF IT, PARKER! I'M GONNA SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO WISEGUYS WHO TRY TO MAKE TIME WITH MY GIRL!

YOUR GIRL??? YOU'VE AS MUCH CHANCE WITH LIZ AS I HAVE WITH SOPHIA LOREN!

YEAH? WHEN I'M THRU LEANIN' ON YA, EVEN THE BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN WON'T GIVE YOU A SECOND LOOK!

WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! SHE'S NOT MY TYPE, ANYWAY!

HEY! LET GO! UHHHH--!

GOOD! I WANT HIM TO REMEMBER I WAS HOLDING HIM-- WHEN HE WAKES UP!

I TAPPED HIM JUST GENTLY ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM QUIET FOR A FEW MINUTES!

THAT CAT BURGLAR IS TOO DANGEROUS TO BE ROAMING THE CITY ANY LONGER!

BOY, I'VE GOT MY COSTUME-CHANGING DOWN TO A REAL SCIENCE! I CAN SWITCH FROM PETER PARKER TO SPIDEY ALMOST AS QUICK AS A SNEEZE!

AND NOW TO STAKE MY CLAIM ON JAMESON'S THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD BEFORE OL' JJ COMES TO HIS SENSES.







# THROW YOUR VOICE



Throw your voice into trains, behind doors, everywhere. Instrument fits in your mouth and out of sight. Cool teacher, friends and family. Free book on "How to Become a Ventriloquist." No. 137 ..... 25¢

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This whistle can't be heard by human ears, but Rover can hear it half a mile away. Your dog will understand that this whistle is for him alone. Be amazed how quickly he responds. No. 701 ..... \$1.00

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Drop in a coin and the turntable revolves to a lulling melody... just like the modern juke box that youngsters adore. Make savings a pleasure—money mounts up. Made of sturdy metal. 4 1/2" x 4". No. 05 ..... \$1.50



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Deck is marked and stripped. Can be read from the back but looks like ordinary deck. With instructions for 10 terrific tricks. No. 183 ..... \$1.98

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Are you willing to take a chance? We won't tell you what you get, but because you're willing to gamble, we'll give you more than your money's worth. Only 50¢ No. 478

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This tiny, feather weight radio operates without batteries, without tubes, but brings you years of listening pleasure. There's nothing to wear out, nothing to replace. No. 044 ..... \$2.98

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A specially treated pair of sunglasses with secret mirrors that enable you to see behind you without anyone knowing you're watching. Really comes in handy at times. No. 30 ..... 75¢

# TREASURE CHEST OF FUN

# MONSTER SIZE MONSTERS



Full 6' tall in authentic full color and is very life-like. You'll probably find yourself talking to them. We have these two all-time favorites — spine-chilling Frankenstein, and the mad vampire Dracula. Reproduced on Durable Poster Stock. No. F17 ..... 1.00



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Now you can see how fast you're riding with this precision engineered speedometer for only 75¢. You can time yourself on racing sports, distance. Just fasten it to your handlebar and go. No. 199 ..... 75¢



# TRICK BLACK SOAP

Ordinary looking piece of soap. Victim washes face and gets blacker and blacker. When he gets a look in the mirror, he'll be shocked. Harmless. No. 575 ..... Only 25¢

# AMAZING NEW SPACE PHONE SET—2-WAY—SENDS—RECEIVES

You can talk back and forth between houses, from room to room and from secret hiding places because it's portable — no electric wires — no batteries. Employs the principle of transmission by diaphragms and taut string. No. 194 ..... 69¢



Honor House Prod. Corp. Dept. 77G K10 Lynbrook, N.Y.

Rush me the items listed below. If I am not 100% satisfied, I may return any part of my purchase after 10 days Free Trial for full refund of purchase price.

Item	Name of Item	How Many	Total Price

☐ I enclose ..... in full payment. Same guarantee.  
☐ Send C.O.D. I will pay postman on delivery plus postage.

Name .....  
Address .....

Sorry, we cannot ship orders for less than \$1.00. Kindly add 15¢ for postage and handling to all orders.



PETER! I'M SO GLAD YOU CALLED! I'M GOING TO WORK THIS AFTERNOON, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

YOU WOULD? STAY RIGHT THERE, BETTY! I'LL BE OVER IN TWO SHAKES!



HEY, YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR OLD SELF AGAIN-- AND THAT'S TOPS WITH ME! I'M GLAD YOU'RE FEELING OKAY NOW!

I-I'M ASHAMED OF MYSELF FOR BEING SO SHAKEN UP BY THE SCORPION THAT TIME-- BUT AT LEAST IT'S ALL OVER NOW!\*



\*THEY'RE REFERRING TO LAST ISSUE, NATCH! IF YOU MISSED IT, SHAME ON YOU!-- STAN.

WELL, ANYWAY, LET'S HEAR WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND! SOMETHING IN YOUR TONE OF VOICE TELLS ME IT WON'T MAKE ME JUMP FOR JOY!

OH, PETER--I-I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN--!

TRY THE BEGINNING--JUST FOR KICKS!



WELL, IN A NUTSHELL-- NED HAS ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM!

WHEW--! NUTSHELL, MY FOOT! THAT'S A WHOLE PEANUT FACTORY!

I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST! NOW I HAVE TO TELL HER THAT I'M SPIDER-MAN! THEN, I'LL PROPOSE TO HER MYSELF!



I'LL APPROACH IT CASUALLY--DON'T WANT TO SHOCK HER TOO MUCH--!

NED'S A GOOD GUY, I GUESS! HE DID TRY TO HELP YOU AGAINST THE SCORPION! OF COURSE, HE'S NO SPIDER-MAN, BUT--

DON'T MENTION SPIDER-MAN! IF NED WERE ANYTHING LIKE HIM, I WOULDN'T EVEN CONSIDER HIS OFFER!



I'VE HAD ENOUGH EXCITEMENT IN MY LIFE-- ENOUGH WORRIES! I STILL REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BROTHER! I COULD NEVER LOVE AN ADVENTURER-- A MAN WHO RISKS HIS LIFE EACH DAY!



OH--I-I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY--!

I WANT A MAN WHO HAS A GOOD, STEADY JOB-- WHO COMES HOME EACH NIGHT, TO HIS PIPE, AND HIS PAPER-- AND TO ME!



THAT'S WHAT FIRST ATTRACTED ME TO YOU, PETER! YOU WERE SO STUDIOUS-- SO SINCERE! YOU WERE A GOOD STUDENT-- A HARD WORKER-- YOU EVEN WORKED AFTER SCHOOL, TAKING PICTURES, TO MAKE EXTRA MONEY!

WHY--WHY DO YOU LOOK THAT WAY? DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG--?



NO--!



YOU DIDN'T SAY  
ANYTHING WRONG  
--NOT A THING!

I GET THE  
PICTURE! NED  
LEEDS IS THE  
GUY FOR YOU-- I  
GUESS IT WAS  
ALWAYS HIM! HE'S  
JUST WHAT YOU WANT  
--A PLAIN, HARD-  
WORKING, AVERAGE  
JOE! WELL, GOODY  
FOR BOTH OF YOU!

GO AHEAD AND MARRY HIM! YOU  
PROBABLY DESERVE EACH OTHER!  
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE  
TO ME?!!

PETER! WHAT  
ARE YOU SAYING??  
WAIT-- I DIDN'T  
MEAN TO-- PETER!  
DON'T GO-- PLEASE!



WHY WOULDN'T HE LISTEN??  
WHAT IS IT THAT ALWAYS  
STANDS BETWEEN US? THE ONE  
SECRET HE KEEPS LOCKED  
WITHIN HIM-- THE SECRET HE  
NEVER SHARES, OR TALKS  
ABOUT--!



AND, OUTSIDE THE HOUSE, A  
YOUTHFUL FIGURE STANDS--  
OBVIOUSLY TO EVERYTHING SAVE  
THE ACHE IN HIS HEART...

THAT TEARS IT FOR  
GOOD! IT'S OVER!  
I'VE LOST HER!



WHILE, IN THE OFFICE OF  
JONAH JAMESON...

EVERY TIME THAT BLASTED  
PHONE RINGS, I'M AFRAID  
IT'S THE NEWS THAT SPIDER-  
MAN HAS CAPTURED THE  
CAT!



MR. JAMESON-- THIS IS  
FOSWELL, NO-- THERE ARE  
NO LEADS SO FAR, BUT I'LL  
KEEP AT IT!

DON'T COME  
BACK TILL  
YOU'VE FOUND  
THE CAT-- NO  
MATTER  
HOW  
LONG IT  
TAKES!  
--SLAM!--



IF I HAVE TO PAY THAT  
REWARD MONEY TO MY WORST  
ENEMY, I'LL NEVER LIVE IT  
DOWN! IT'S BAD ENOUGH  
SHELLING OUT A COOL GRAND  
TO ANYONE-- BUT TO SPIDER-  
MAN-- OHhhh!





AND SO, THE VARIOUS CHARACTERS IN OUR DRAMATIC LITTLE WEB OF LIFE EACH GO THRU THEIR PACES UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF AN INSCRUTABLE FATE...

IF I HANG AROUND PLACES LIKE THIS LONG ENOUGH, I'LL GET A LEAD ON THE CAT SOONER OR LATER...!



WHILE, FOR A SADDENED PETER PARKER, THE SEARCH FOR THE CAT HAS BECOME ALMOST FORGOTTEN...

THERE'S NO WAY OUT! SHE'D NEVER HAVE ME AS I AM--AND I JUST CAN'T GIVE UP BEING SPIDER-MAN!



SO, SHE'LL END UP MARRYING LEEDS--AND LIVING THE QUIET, UNEVENTFUL LIFE SHE DREAMS OF. THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT--

--HOW DO I FORGET ABOUT-- THE GIRL I LOVE??



**CRACK!**

A SHOT! THAT MEANS TROUBLE!

IT'S JUST WHAT I NEED! ACTION--WORK FOR SPIDER-MAN!



BANK ROBBERS! THIS IS ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!



KEEP RUNNIN'! WE'RE GETTIN' AWAY CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!

CORRECTION, FELLAS! DID YOU EVER HEAR OF A DIRTY WHISTLER??!

WHO SAID THAT?

BEHIND US--! LOOK OUT! IT'S SPIDER-MAN!



BEHIND US?? WHERE? I DON'T SEE ANYTHIN'!!

NEITHER DO I!

WHEEEEOOOO! OL' SPIDEY RIDES AGAIN!









MINUTES LATER, A CRESTFALLEN YOUNG MAN WEARILY WENDS HIS WAY TO A QUIET LITTLE HOUSE IN FOREST HILLS...



A TYPICAL PARKER DAY! I LOST MY GIRL-- COULDN'T FIND THE CAT-- AND DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A TOKEN FOR THE SUBWAY RIDE HOME!

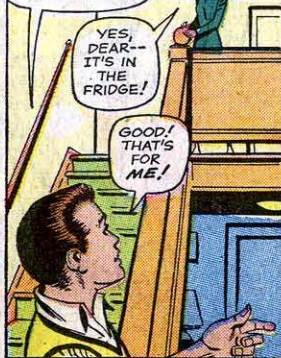
WHILE, IN HER BEDROOM UPSTAIRS...

FOOTSTEPS! IT MUST BE PETER, RETURNING!



I MUSTN'T LET HIM REALIZE THAT I FELT SO DIZZY I HAD TO LIE DOWN...

HI, AUNT MAY! GOT ANY OF THAT GROOVY APPLE PIE LEFT??



YES, DEAR-- IT'S IN THE FRIDGE!

GOOD! THAT'S FOR ME!

BY THE WAY, PETER-- BETTY BRANT CALLED QUITE A FEW TIMES! SHE ASKED ME TO BE SURE TO HAVE YOU CALL HER WHEN YOU CAME IN!



OH NO!

WHAT'S THE USE OF PROLONGING THE AGONY! THERE'S NOTHING MORE THAT EITHER OF US CAN SAY! IT'S ALL OVER-- I MIGHT AS WELL LET IT REMAIN THAT WAY!



THEN, AFTER A PIECE OF APPLE PIE WHICH THE SADDENED YOUTH HAS EATEN OUT OF SHEER HABIT, HARDLY TASTING A MOUTHFUL...

AS YET, JONAH JAMESON'S THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR THE CAT IS STILL UNCLAIMED! HE HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE--



SURE! JUST MY LUCK-- HE'S PROBABLY RETIRED!

BUT, ANOTHER IS WATCHING THAT SAME NEWSCAST-- A COLD-EYED MAN CHORTLES IN GRIM SELF-SATISFACTION...

SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOBODY SUSPECTS THAT AN ORDINARY SECOND-STORY MAN LIKE ME IS ALSO THE UNATCHABLE CAT BURGLAR!



THE POLICE CAN'T WATCH EVERY BUILDING IN TOWN! I OUGHTTA TRY ONE MORE HAUL BEFORE I DECIDE TO LAY LOW FOR A WHILE-- JUST TO KEEP MY HAND IN!



YEP! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL GRAB ME A BUNDLE, AND THEN SETTLE DOWN AND DREAM UP A PLAN TO GET RID OF SPIDER-MAN!



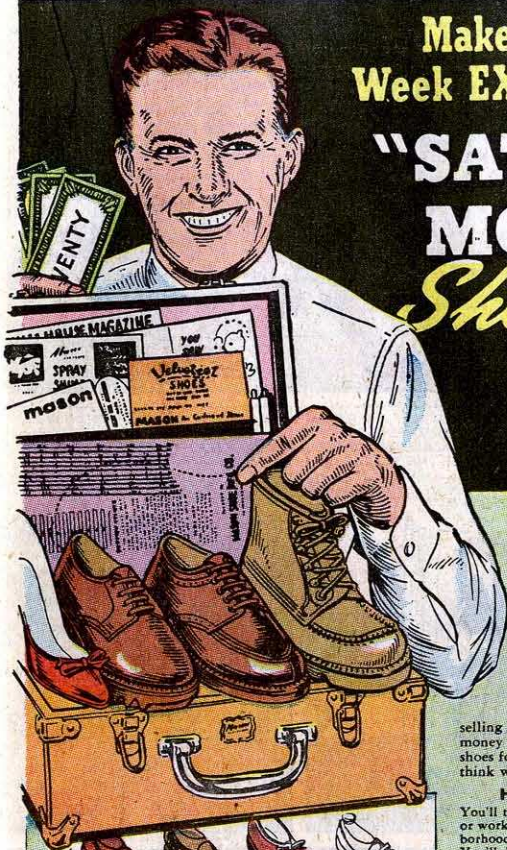
LESSEE NOW --WHERE'S THE ONE PLACE THEY'D LEAST EXPECT THE CAT TO STRIKE--??

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AND, ALONE IN HIS OFFICE, J. JONAH SETTLES BACK WITH A HAPPY HEART, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HOURS...

AHHH-- I'VE GOT IT MADE NOW! THERE'S THE CAT, TRYING TO DODGE THE SPOTLIGHTS!

HE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!

WAIT A MINUTE!!! THE LIGHTS HAVE PICKED UP ANOTHER FIGURE!

IT LOOKS LIKE-- IT--IT CAN'T BE--  
-ULP- IT IS! IT'S SPIDER-MAN!

GET AWAY FROM THERE!! QUIT BUTTING IN! IT'S NOT YOUR FIGHT! GO AWAY!!

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN TO ME? EVERYTHING WAS GOING SO WELL!! WHY AM I ALWAYS PLAGUED BY THAT WEB-HEAD?? WHY? WHY? WHY??

WITHER THOU GOEST, I GO, PUSSYCAT!

OF ALL THE CRUMMY LUCK! AS IF IT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH HAVING THE POLICE ON MY TAIL, NOW I'VE GOT SPIDER-MAN CHASING AFTER ME! I'LL HAVE TO OUTSMART HIM, SOMEHOW!

HAH! YOU DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO TURN SO SUDDENLY AND SHINE A BLINDING BEAM IN YOUR EYES!!

TO TELL THE TRUTH, LOUD-MOUTH--I DIDN'T!

I WAS CARELESS! THE CAT IS NOBODY'S FOOL!

HE'S SWINGING A ROPE AT ME-- I'VE GOT TO DODGE IT, EVEN WITH A GRAPPLING HOOK AT ONE END!

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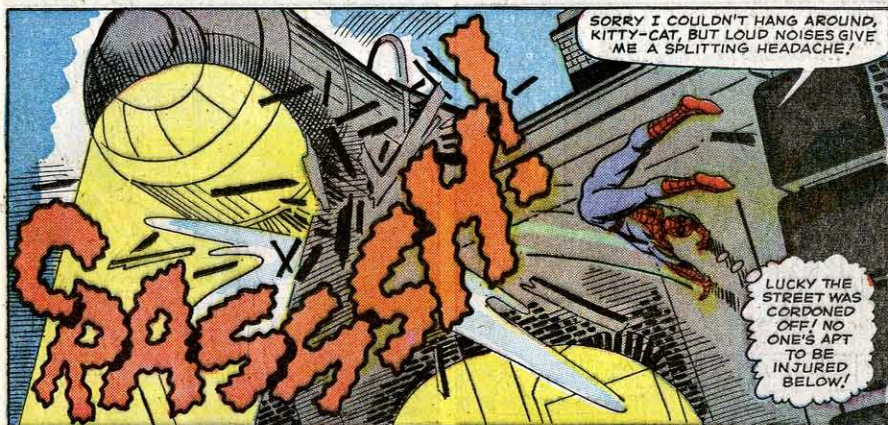
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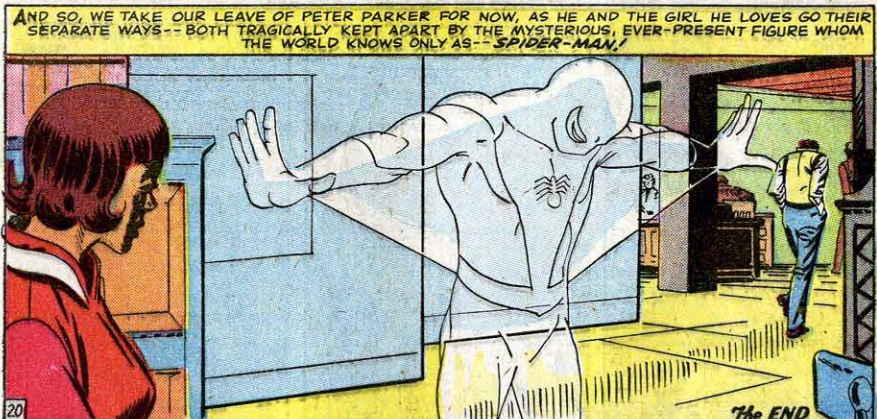












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Dear Stan and Steve,

I quit reading comics about five years ago, but one day last summer I accidentally discovered SPIDER-MAN. He was so different from the super-heroes that I was used to reading that I couldn't believe it. I tried the rest of the group and am now a fan of all your costumed crime-busters. All I can say about Stan Lee's writing is that it's the greatest. What I'm really interested in, though, is the artwork, since I'm an art major and an aspiring cartoonist. My favorites are Steve Ditko and Wally Wood. I have a couple of complaints about Steve, though. I don't like the way he draws females. Sometimes they are all right (like that white-haired chick in DR. STRANGE) but other times they're not. In SPIDEY #24 Liz Allen looked like a 30-year old woman in a couple of panels. I also wish that Flash Thompson would change his sweater and that Betty and Liz would develop better taste in clothes. Other than that, Steve Ditko is terrific. Jack Kirby is a master at drawing super-scientific machinery, exotic locales, and fight scenes, but his figures sometimes fail to satisfy. His best work is in TALES OF AS-GARD. Don Heck and Bob Powell do very good illustrating. Keep up the good work, because in my humble opinion, Marvel is the best company in the business,

Larry Goka, Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Mich.

That's no humble opinion, Larry. You've just proven that you know the best when you see it, boy! But, one thing's buggin' us—you didn't say *what* business!

—By now, practically all of you are mirthful Merry Marchers, all resplendent in your colorful Marvel T-shirts and writing up a storm with your swingin' Marvel stationery! But, if you've been wondering what little goodies we're gonna come up with for you next, be of stout heart! We're working on a zillion new gimmicks, and as soon as we get them ironed out, you'll see that the House of Ideas hasn't lost its Marvel-ous touch! (Imagine what we'd say if we were the boastful type!)

Dear Stan and Steve,

Recently, I was looking through a MAD magazine when I just happened to see a Department entitled, "Seeing Isn't Always Believing." It was about the way newspapers print photos that don't tell the whole story. The name of the newspaper in the magazine just happened to be called the Daily Bugle! How J.J.J. ever convinced Alfred E. Newman to plug his newspaper I don't know! Three cheers for J.J.J.!

Manuel Palau, 4701 Fordham Rd.  
College Park, Md. 20740

So! Now we have fans cheering for Jonah! Next, some of you will be proposing the Green Goblin and Scorp for membership in the M.M.M.S.! (Of course, if they pay their dues, why not—?)

Dear Stan,

I've been following SPIDER-MAN ever since its conception and I felt the quality of its stories was far above any other. But now my faith is faltering. You have cluttered this mag up with insignificant hoods! The Green Goblin, Frederick Foswell, and Jonah's Robot were pretty silly! Please get off this kick. His fighting the Hulk, the Avengers, Dr. Doom, and his joining with Daredevil all were excellent. To compare the crumb called the Crime-Master or one of those Masters of Menace to these epics is futile. Bring back the Scorpion—he was great! Let's see some guest appearances by Spidey. I would like to thank you for your past issues. I enjoyed them all but lately you've been giving us a soap opera!

Richard McCabe, 368 63rd St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11220

You may be right, Rich. As soon as the comments about your letter start pouring in we'll know for sure. But, till then, we don't know nothin'—as usual!

Dear Stan and Steve,

You're beginning to turn SPIDER-MAN into a love mag! I'm not against love but it takes up half the mag. Let me give you an example! Liz: "Hello Petey, Good-bye, Petey, Your tie's crooked, Petey!" Peter: "Hello, Liz, Meet Betty Brant. . . Of course, Liz. . . Sure, Betty." Betty: "Hello, Miss Allen—yes, we've met—good-bye, Miss Allen." Yeesh! In SPIDER-MAN #25 the action didn't start until page 11. That's pretty far to read before you find some excitement! So, I'm for no more love, I'm for action!

Carey Bert, 2122 Milburn Blvd.  
Mishawaka, Ind.

Listen, Carey,—any guy who thinks that "Hello, Petey, your tie's crooked, meet Betty Brant, good-bye, Miss Allen" represents *love* would certainly prefer action! So, we're with ya all the way, pal!

## THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

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

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**SGT. FURY #23:** Another Marvel first! Fury fights in Burma—while you learn the secret of Percy Pinkerton's past for the first time! (And you'll never forget the gentle, courageous Sister Theresa!) An unusually powerful epic!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I just bought and read SPIDER-MAN #s 24 and 25 and I don't know which one I liked best. They were both great. Well, since I have just read them both I might as well compare the two. #24 had the best cover. I loved the shading on Spidey's uniform. I almost went mad just looking at it! At first I thought I was holding it upside down, so I turned it over. Then, to my dismay, I found that the first page was printed upside down. So, I closed and tried again only to find that the whole thing was sideways! At this moment I got a headache and dropped the magazine. When I retrieved it from under my desk I found that the cover had



disappeared! I found out soon that I was looking at the back cover. For a while, I thought that you had written the story backwards. Finally, I threw the mag down in frustration and sat at my desk brooding. I finally figured out that the Code Authority seal is usually in the upper right hand corner and took it from there. Well, the story was terrific! I got a big laugh out of the top panel on page 14 where you have Dr. Rinehart sitting on the ceiling with the words in the word balloon upside-down. A riot! I was really surprised to see that Mysterio was behind it all. Y'know, I was waiting for just one picture showing Spidey clobbering J.J.J. in the mouth! Just one picture . . . #25 was neat! Love that title. That could have all kinds of possibilities! First of all, I like the beginning because it started right where the last one left off. I thought I would flip when Betty and Liz came to the door at the same time. I also like the mysterious Mary Jane. I hope we can see her some time. She must be something to make Flash turn his head. That boy's got good taste—look at Liz! The plot in this issue was quite the same as #24 up till the end. I was afraid that Prof. Smyth would turn out to be Mysterio again and I couldn't stand that. Here is a list of the things I would like Spidey to do in the near future: 1) Punch J.J.J. in the mouth! 2) Team up with Torch and Ice-Man at the same time. 3) Battle Prince Namor. 4) Make a final choice between Liz and Betty. 5) Get into college. 6) Battle the Beast.

Jack Harris, 206 Oakwood, Rd., Fairfax  
Wilmington, Delaware.

We're glad you got a laugh out of that upside-down panel, Jackie—except Stan didn't know it was supposed to be funny! As for your list of things for Spidey to do—Chee! It's almost as long as the shopping list Aunt May sometimes gives him! How'd you like it if Spidey gave you a list of things to do? In fact, that's not a bad idea. Maybe some time in the future, we'll have a page of letters from Webhead to all of you! But don't hold your breath waiting—he's kinda busy these days—as you may have noticed!

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Dear Stan and Steve,

Just a note to compliment you on the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. From the very first it has been your best effort in the present era of pop-art magazines. I am now working on the DEW line in Alaska in an area which is just about as isolated as any spot on the earth. Because of my remote location, I have to subscribe to all your marvelous mags. (There just are not enough supermarkets on DEW line sites.) Well, so long, gang. I just received my M.M.M.S. kit and I have to go to listen to that crazy record.

Ronald Dickinson c/o FEC Box 487  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Hope you enjoy it, Ron. (Although, for any guy who'd subscribe to all our mags, we oughta get Spidey to go up North and recite it to you personally!)

Dear Stan and Steve,

SPIDEY 26 was your best effort yet. There was not a fault in the entire book. I will dissect it to show you what I mean. First, the cover—it was forcefully dramatic, and I was glad that you didn't ruin it by plastering it with

mighty Marvel wisecracks and slogans. Next, the artwork—it was beautifully drawn. My favorite art work panels were on pages 12, 13, and 19. Thirdly, the plot—it was stupendous. The idea of a super-hero who has no costume and has to buy one at a costume store is deliciously different. I am glad to see that Peter proved he wasn't an egg-head when he attacked the group of boys on page 7. Liz's getting mad at Peter is good, since it will prevent further competition between Liz and Betty. So, in the mighty Marvel tradition, I will utter those romantic words while a trio of spiders play violins—nuff said!

Andrew Goldwasser, 1018 Bendermere Ave.  
Wanamassa, NJ.

'Nuff said? Whatever on earth does that mean?

Dear Stan and Steve,

I read SPIDER-MAN #26 and it was pretty good. I say "pretty good" because it could have been much better. Also, there is one request which I want to make known to you. After revealing the story behind Frederic Foswell in issue #27, get rid of this mystery jazz. In #26 there was not enough action. I almost dozed off. I hope you don't bring back old super-villains. Instead, I hope you dream up new ones. Even though I stated that the story could have been better, I think the art work was superb. The cover was especially good. One fan stated that he liked your competitors' mags better than yours. If so, how come he buys Marvel?? And as for competitors, fellas, you don't have any!

Edward Fabrega, 13-20 137th St.  
College Point, N.Y.

We know it, Ed—and you know it—but *somebody's* publishing all those mags we see on sale—after ours are sold out!

Dear Stan and Steve,

SPIDER-MAN #26 was great! Let Spidey find his costume, because nothing but the real thing is good enough for him. Besides he stuck himself enough times with the needle to earn it! Let's have a look at Mary Jane. From all indications she must be a knockout. In closing, I think that the Merry Marvel Marching Society should be changed to the Make Mine Marvel Society. It could still then be called the M.M.M.S.!

Vic Miller, 208 Park Ave.  
Somerdale, N.J.

It took us all this time to learn what M.M.M.S. stands for, Vic—and now you're trying to confuse us again! But, tell you what—if we ever form a new club, who knows—?

Dear Stan and Steve,

SPIDER-MAN #26 was a masterpiece! The quality of your stories is beginning to rise after a sharp drop between #s 6 to 24. "The Man in the Crime-Master's Mask" was as good as #9 and #10, my favorites. Even the art was good—there weren't any turned-up feet! But the main reason I was truly overjoyed was the fact that the story had a plot to it. Issues #16 to 24 had no real plots, except for #s 18 to 20. All there were in these issues were fights, with Spider-Man winning. I know this isn't Stan's fault. He has to write so many scripts each month that he's doing very well managing to get all the stories out! But for real Marvel magic, SPIDER-MAN #26 can't be topped!

Tommy Hickman, 401 N.E. 6th St.  
Tulsa, Texas

Oh no? What did you think of 27—and 28—and 29—eh, Tom?

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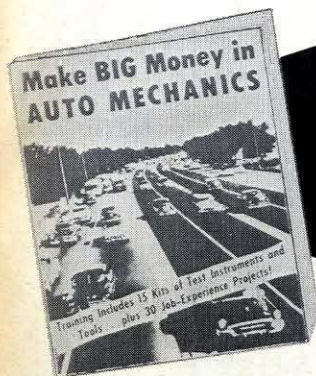
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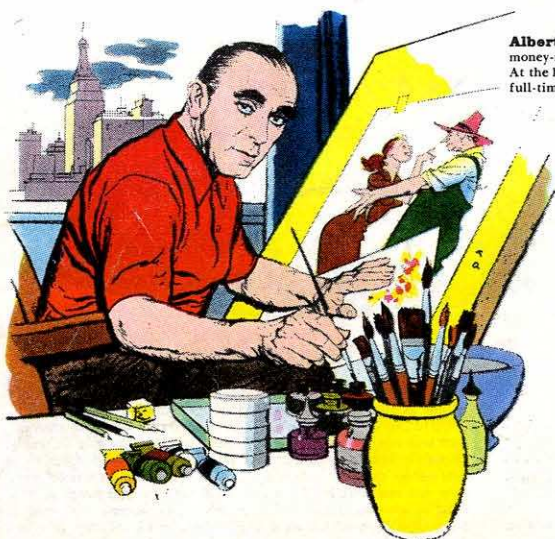
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