



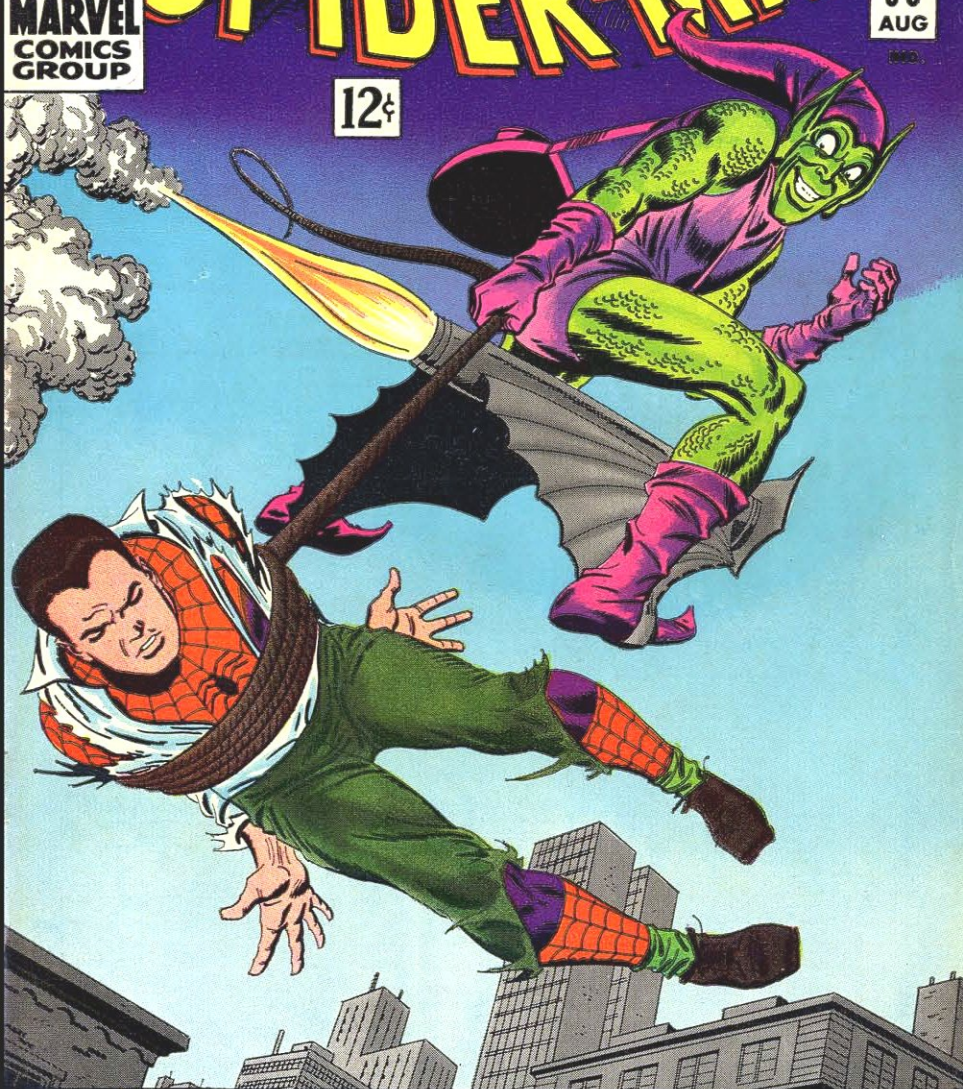
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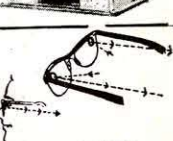
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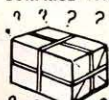
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# THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

## HOW GREEN WAS MY GOBLIN!

### ATTENTION, ALL WEB-SPINNERS!

BE PREPARED FOR MORE  
STARTLING, SURPRISE  
DEVELOPMENTS THAN YOU'VE  
EVER SEEN IN ANY SINGLE  
SPIDEY SPECTACULAR BEFORE!

WE WENT ALL-OUT ON  
THIS ONE--SO BUCKLE  
YOUR SEAT BELTS, AND  
AWAAAAAY  
WE GO--

BY NOW, THAT WEB-  
CRAWLING WEASEL  
MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN  
ALL ABOUT THE GREEN  
GOBLIN!

THEREFORE,  
THIS IS THE  
PERFECT TIME  
FOR ME TO  
**STRIKE--**  
AND TO GET  
THE REVENGE  
THAT MY SOUL  
IS HUNGERING  
FOR!



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ALL DURING THE SPEEDY, HAIR-RAISING FLIGHT BACK TO HIS HIDEOUT, THE MYSTERIOUS **GREEN GOBLIN** WORKS HIMSELF INTO A VERITABLE **FRENZY** AS HE RECOLLECTS HIS PREVIOUS BATTLES WITH **SPIDER-MAN**, UNTIL...

I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! THERE WILL NEVER BE A BETTER TIME TO DESTROY MY MOST HATED ENEMY THAN **NOW!**

EVERYTHING IS IN MY FAVOR! I HAVE THE POWER-- THE SKILL-- AND THE PRICELESS ELEMENT OF **SURPRISE!**

FIRST, I'LL **TOY** WITH HIM-- OUT-SMART HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY-- AS ONLY THE **GOBLIN** CAN!

THEN, BEFORE DELIVERING THE **FINAL STROKE**, I'LL ADMINISTER THE MOST **HUMILIATING** BLOW OF ALL--

I'LL LEARN HIS **SECRET IDENTITY**, AND REVEAL IT TO ALL THE WORLD!

THEN-- AND ONLY THEN-- I'LL **FINISH** HIM-- FOREVER!

MY LITTLE BAG OF TRICKS IS FULLY LOADED-- AND MY **STUN BOMBS** ARE MORE POTENT THAN EVER!

IF I DIDN'T **DESPISE** THAT MISERABLE MASKED MIS-ANTHROPE SO MUCH, I'D ALMOST **LOVE** HIM-- BECAUSE OF WHAT'S IN STORE!

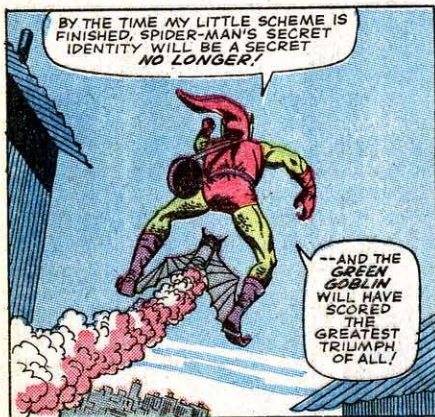
I'VE MODIFIED MY ROCKET-POWERED **FLYING BROOMSTICK** SO THAT IT'S FASTER AND MORE MANEUVERABLE THAN EVER!

HAD I NOT BEEN SO CARELESS-- AND SO OVERCONFIDENT IN THE PAST, I COULD HAVE BEATEN **SPIDER-MAN** EVEN THEN--

-- BUT NOW-- THE OUTCOME IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION!

HE HASN'T A CHANCE!









HI, DOC! I CAME TO SEE YOU BECAU'D I HAB--

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME, PETE! THAT INVISIBLE CLOTHESPIN YOU SEEM TO BE WEARING ON YOUR NOSE IS A DEAD GIVEAWAY!

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE, SON...



YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE'S FINE, PETE! YOU'VE GOT THE PULSE OF A SUPER-HERO!

YOU'RE PUTTIN' ME ON, DOC!



FINALLY... YOU'VE A WHOPPER OF A COLD, SON--BUT SOME ANTI-HISTAMINE PILLS AND A 8-12 SHOT WILL HAVE YOU GOOD AS NEW AGAIN!

HOWEVER, I'M GLAD YOU DROPPED IN-- I WANT TO TALK TO YOU--!



YOU LOOK SO GRIM, DOC! IS ANYTHING WRONG? IS IT ABOUT AUNT MAY?

NOW DON'T BE ALARMED, MY BOY! IT IS ABOUT YOUR AUNT--AND IT'S SOMETHING QUITE IMPORTANT!

AS YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN KEEPING CLOSE WATCH OVER HER SINCE HER LAST OPERATION...

EVEN THOUGH SHE'S REGAINED SOME OF HER STRENGTH, SHE'S AN OLD WOMAN, PETE--



--AND THE OPERATION HAS WEAKENED HER A GREAT DEAL! SO, I JUST WANTED TO WARN YOU--IN HER PRESENT CONDITION, SHE MUST HAVE NO SUDDEN SHOCKS-- NO EXCITEMENT--!

ANY ADDITIONAL SETBACK MIGHT VERY WELL PROVE--FATAL!



LUCKILY, YOU BOTH LEAD QUIET PEACEFUL LIVES--WHICH IS WHAT YOUR AUNT NEEDS MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE!

I KNOW YOU'LL DO ALL YOU CAN TO KEEP HER CALM-- AND UNWORRIED!

SURE, DOC-- SURE!



I'VE BEEN SO WRAPPED UP IN MYSELF LATELY, I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN HOW NEAR TO DEATH AUNT MAY HAD BEEN!

NOW, MORE THAN EVER, I MUST SEE TO IT THAT SHE NEVER LEARNS MY SECRET IDENTITY!

IT WOULD WORRY HER-- INTO THE GRAVE!

IT MUST BE WONDERFUL TO BE HIS AGE--NO TROUBLES--NO RESPONSIBILITIES--NONE OF THE WORRIES OF OLDER FOLK!



I SURE DON'T FEEL MUCH LIKE CLASSES TODAY--BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS A SESSION-- I'VE HAD TOO MANY ABSENCES LATELY!

I'VE ALWAYS TAKEN AUNT MAY FOR GRANTED BUT, IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO HER--!

SHE'S BEEN SO GOOD TO ME ALL THESE YEARS--SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR ME...!



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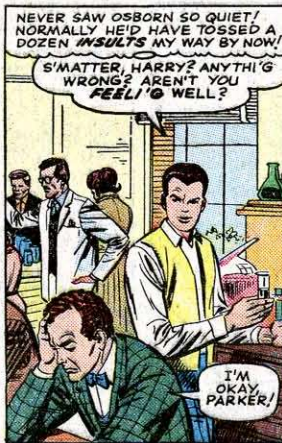
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I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT **PARENTS!** NOW TAKE MY **DAD**--WE WERE ALWAYS REAL **PALS**--TILL A FEW YEARS AGO! THEN HE STARTED TO--CHANGE!

I KNOW HE'S BEEN HAVING TOUGH SLEDDING IN **BUSINESS**--BUT WHY TAKE IT OUT ON **ME**?

THE POOR GUY!

NO **WONDER** **HARRY** SEEMED SO BITTER!



I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, FELLA--BUT TRY TO LOOK AT IT **THIS WAY**--IT CAN ALWAYS BE **WORSER**, FOR INSTANCE, TAKE **ME**--I DON'T REMEMBER EVER EVEN **HAVIN'** A FATHER!

YOU MEAN--YOU'RE AN **ORPHAN**? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT ABOUT YOU--

PETER AND **HARRY**--HAVING A REAL **HEART-TO-HEART**! NOW I'VE SEEN **EVERYTHING**!



I SHOULDN'T HAVE SOUNDED OFF THAT WAY TO YOU, **PARKER**! FORGET ABOUT THE WHOLE THING, HUH?

SURE, BUT SOMETIMES IT'S GOOD TO GET SOMETHING OFF YOUR CHEST!

IF PETER **PARKER** BECOMES ONE OF OUR CROWD, IT'LL BE JUST **WONDERFUL**--FOR **ME**!



**PARKER'S** A FUNNY GUY! AFTER ALL THE **NEEDLIN'** HE'S TAKEN FROM HIM, THERE HE IS TALKING TO **HARRY** LIKE A DUTCH UNCLE!

HE'S EITHER A REAL WEAK SISTER--OR A LOT MORE **MAN** THAN WE EVER THOUGHT HE WAS!

WELL, DON'T LET IT BUG YOU, FELLA! THINGS HAVE A WAY OF GETTIN' **BETTER** WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT!

YEAH--I GUESS SO--!



BUT, JUST TO PROVE YOU'RE NOT REALLY READING **TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL DAYS**, CLASSES FINALLY BREAK, AND **ACTION TIME** IS APPROACHING FAST--

**STILL** CAN'T SHAKE THIS DARN COLD! MAYBE A LITTLE **WEB-SWINGING** IS WHAT I NEED!

YOU OR I MIGHT WISH FOR "A LITTLE **WEB-SLINGING**", AND THAT WOULD BE THAT--



--BUT, WHEN **PETER PARKER** SAYS IT--IT'S FOR REAL, **TIGER**!

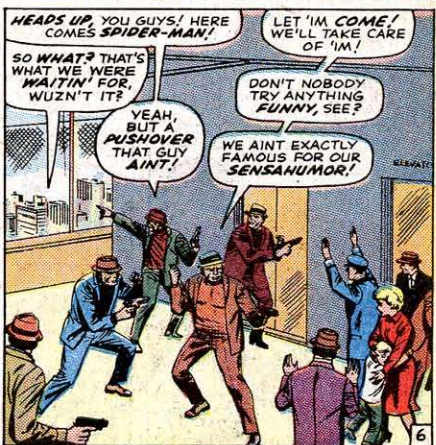
AHH, **THIS** IS MORE LIKE IT! I'M FEELING **BETTER ALREADY**!



WOW! LOOK AT **THAT**!

THEY MUST BE **NUTS** TO PULL A STICKUP **THERE**, RIGHT IN **SPIDEY-SWINGIN'** TERRITORY! MIGHT AS WELL DO IT IN **MACY'S WINDOW**!

GLAD MY **CAMERA'S** LOADED! LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO SELL SOME PIX TO JOLLY **JONAH**!



HEADS UP, YOU GUYS! HERE COMES **SPIDER-MAN**!

SO WHAT? THAT'S WHAT WE WERE **WAITIN'** FOR, WUZN'T IT?

YEAH, BUT A **PUSHOVER** THAT GUY AINT!

LET 'IM COME! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF 'IM!

DON'T NOBODY TRY ANYTHING **FUNNY**, SEE?

WE AINT EXACTLY **FAMOUS** FOR OUR **SENSAHUMOR**!











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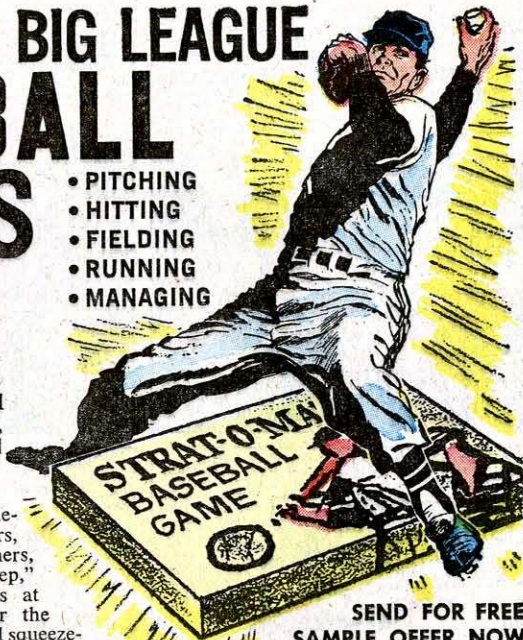
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THOSE HORRIBLE MEN! WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING ??? -- DON'T LOOK AT THEM, SELWYN -- YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR SUCH AN AWFUL SIGHT!

AWW, MA -- THAT FIGHT'S TAME NEXT TO THE KIDDIE SHOWS ON TV!

LOOK! SPIDER-MAN'S LURED THEM AWAY FROM THE ELEVATOR! WE CAN ALL GET OUT OF HERE NOW!



I'M GLAD MY LITTLE CHEERING GALLERY'S LEAVING BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT!

NO MATTER HOW IT HAPPENED, I'D BE SURE TO GET THE BLAME!

WAIT, MA -- LEMME STAY! IT'S JUST STARTIN' TO GET GOOD!

SELWYN! WHAT WOULD SOUPY SALES SAY IF HE HEARD YOU?!!



THAT BLASTED WEB-HEAD MUSTA SHOT HIS BOLT BY NOW! LET'S GET 'IM!

I HATE TO SPOIL YOUR PIPE DREAMS, LITTLE MEN -- BUT I INTEND TO BE THE GETTER, NOT THE GETTEE!



IF YOU MISSED THE POINT THIS TIME, SEE ME AFTER CLASS AND I'LL REVIEW ID WITH YOU!



THEY DON'T EVEN ACT DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE THEIR VICTIMS ALL ESCAPED! NOW I'M SURE THERE'S SOMETHING NOT AS PISHER ABOUT ALL THIS!

ALTHOUGH I GUESS I SHOULD BE FLATTERED! THEY SEEM A LOT MORE INTERESTED IN ME THAN IN THE MAUL THEY WERE TRYING TO MAKE!



HOLY SHOCK!! WHAT A S.A.P I AM! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING --!

I'M ACTING LIKE A KID AT A PICNIC! I CLEAN FORGOT ABOUT DR. BROMWELL'S WARNING THAT AUNT MAY IS TO HAVE NO SUDDEN SHOCKS!

AND HERE I AM -- TAKING ALL KINDS OF FOOL CHANCES -- WHEN NOW, MORE THAN EVER, I DON'T DARE RISK GETTING INJURED!

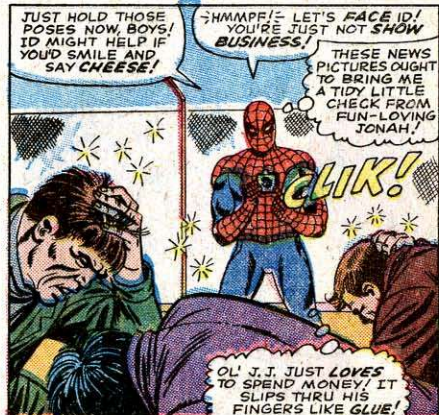
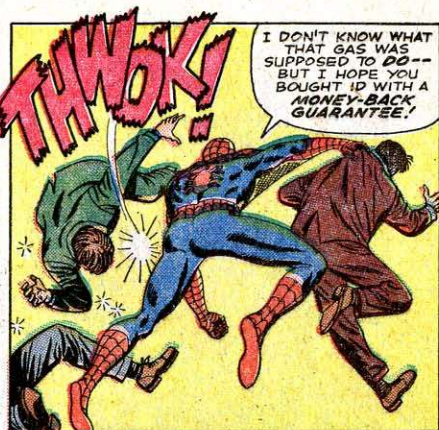


UH OH! SOMEONE SLIPPING UP BEHIND ME --!

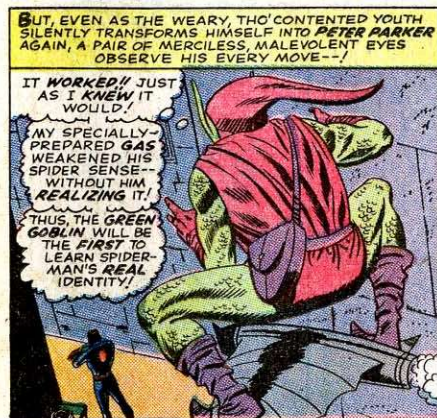














THAT'S IT, LITTLE MAN--HEAD FOR HOME--SO THAT THE GALLIVANTING GREEN GOBLIN CAN SEE WHERE YOU LIVE!



ANYWAY, MY COLD SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN BETTER!

IT'S STRANGE HOW MY THOUGHTS KEEP RETURNING TO MY SPIDER SENSE-- AS THOUGH SOMETHING DEEP INSIDE MY BRAIN IS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING! BUT--WHAT CAN IT BE?



EVEN IF ANYONE WERE TO SEE ME NOW--I'D JUST BE AN ORDINARY COLLEGE KID, PROBABLY RETURNING HOME FROM A LATE DATE!

WHY IN BLAZES DO I FEEL SO JITTERY ALL OF A SUDDEN??

I SEEM TO REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I HAD THIS FEELING--IT WAS A FEW WEEKS AGO--WHEN I FOUGHT PROFESSOR STROMM AND THOSE DEADLY ROBOTS OF HIS--!

I CAN SEE IT ALL IN MY MIND'S EYE NOW--CLEAR AS A PICTURE--



"WHILE I WAS BATTLING WITH STROMM, I SENSED A GUNMAN AT THE WINDOW ABOVE. I JUST HAD TIME TO PUSH BOTH OF US OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE!"

MY SPIDER SENSE! IT'S TINGLING! A GUN--AT THAT WINDOW! LOOK OUT!

ANOTHER SECOND WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE! HE'S ALL SET TO FIRE!



\*IN SPIDER-MAN #37, AS ALL LOYAL WEB-SPINNERS ARE SURE TO REMEMBER!--SPIDEY STAN!

WHOEVER IT IS, I CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!



"BUT, BY THE TIME I REACHED THE OPEN WINDOW--"

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! IT ONLY TOOK ME TWO SECONDS TO GET UP HERE!

HOW COULD HE HAVE VANISHED SO SOON?



THAT WAS WHEN I FIRST BEGAN TO DOUBT MY SPIDER SENSE! HAD THERE REALLY BEEN SOMEONE AT THE WINDOW?

IF SO, HOW DID HE ESCAPE SO QUICKLY?

OR--WAS MY SPIDER SENSE BEGINNING TO FAIL ME??



I WONDER IF I'LL EVER KNOW?

WHAT'S THIS? HE'S NOT GOING HOME! HE'S ENTERING THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING!

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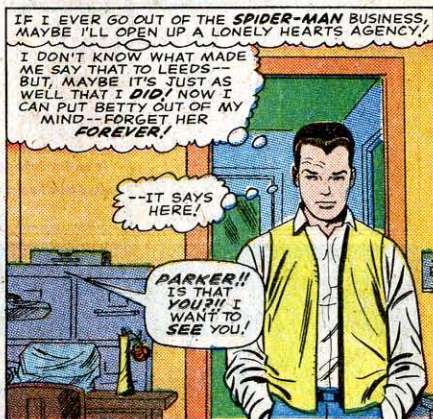
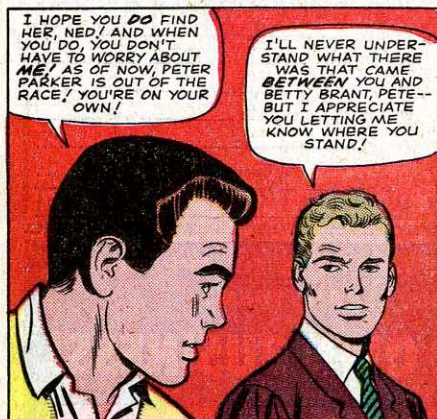
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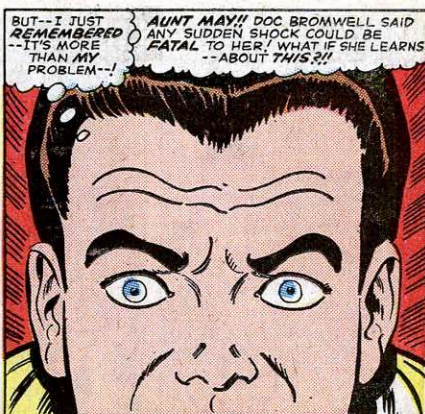




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I'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK THRU THE WINDOW--

OH DEAR--I CAN'T SEE A THING! THERE'S SOME SORT OF DENSE FOG OUTSIDE!

BUT, THAT'S MOST PECULIAR! IT WAS A CLEAR SPRING NIGHT, JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO! WHERE ON EARTH COULD THIS FOG HAVE COME FROM?

POOR PETER! OUT THERE ALONE ON SUCH A DARK, FOG-SHROUDED EVENING!

I DO WISH HE WERE HOME! HE'S A FRAIL YOUNG MAN--AND THE CITY CAN BE SO COLD--SO MERCILESS--!

BUT, AT THAT VERY SECOND, MAY PARKER'S "FRAIL YOUNG MAN" PREPARES TO GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF AGAINST THE DEADLY GREEN GOBLIN--



EVEN WITHOUT MY COSTUME ON, I'VE STILL GOT MY SPIDER POWERS--

AND THIS IS GIVE WAY TO GET ABOVE THE SMOKE AND THEREBY CLEAR MY LUNGS--!

IF ONLY I WEREN'T WORRIED ABOUT AUNT MAY OVER-HEARING US! I'M AFRAID TO HURL MYSELF HEADLONG INTO A FULL-FLEDGED ATTACK--AND YET--



HE'S COMING BACK TOWARDS ME--PREPARING TO UNLEASH ONE OF HIS GOBLIN BLASTS--!

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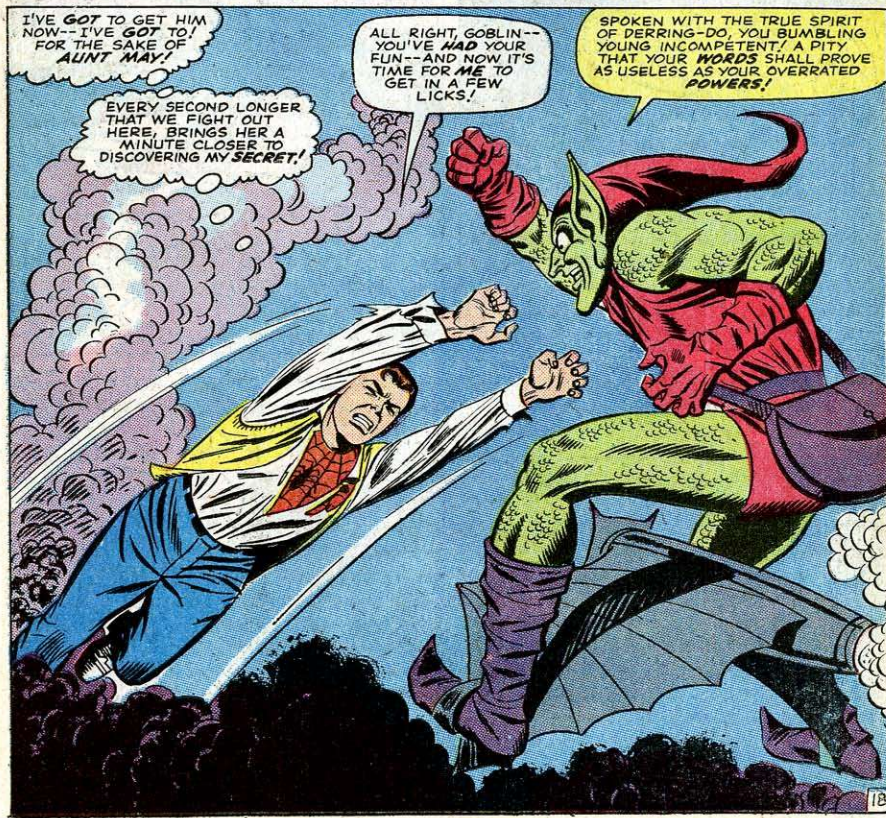
BUT, I DON'T MIND IT IF YOU DRAG OUR BATTLE OUT A BIT! IT CAN ONLY MAKE THE SWEET SCENT OF VICTORY THAT MUCH MORE PALATABLE FOR ME AT THE END!



HE'S NOT PULLING ANY PUNCHES!

THAT BLAST COULD HAVE FINISHED ME!







AND, LEST I DO NOT MAKE MYSELF CLEAR, PERHAPS A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION SHALL SUFFICE?



NOW THAT I'VE STAGGERED YOU, IT'S TIME FOR MY NEWEST GOBLIN'S SURPRISE!

Here's a PRESENT, little man-- Try to CATCH it if you CAN!



CAN'T SEE! THOSE SPARKS-- THEY WERE TOO BRIGHT--!!

AND THEN, BEFORE THE AMAZING ADVENTURER CAN REGAIN HIS VISION--

EVEN YOUR MUCH-VAUNTED SPIDER POWER CANNOT RESIST AN ASPHYXIATION GRENADE!

ARRHHHHH--!

IT WAS WITH JUST SUCH A TRINKET THAT I ONCE STOPPED THE HUMAN TOUCH HIMSELF COLD IN HIS TRACKS!

**KHWOOP!**

FOR WHO CAN CONTINUE TO FIGHT WHEN THE OXYGEN IS PREVENTED FROM REACHING HIS LUNGS?

ANY OTHER FOE WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY UNCONSCIOUS-- PERHAPS EVEN NEAR DEATH!

BUT PARKER IS MERELY STUNNED! HIS SPIDER STRENGTH IS EVERYTHING THEY SAY IT IS!

THEREFORE, I MUST TAKE NO FURTHER CHANCES WITH HIM!



NOTHING BUT THIS PLIABLE STEEL ALLOY CAN POSSIBLY SERVE TO BIND HIM SECURELY ENOUGH!

SO IT IS, WHEN PETER PARKER HAS FULLY RECOVERED HIS SENSES, HE FINDS--

I'VE DEFEATED YOU AT LAST! THE GREEN GOBLIN HAS WON THE ONLY BATTLE THAT COUNTS--

I'M IN THE AIR --BOUND AND HELPLESS-- THE GOBLIN'S PRISONER!

NO MATTER WHERE HE'S TAKING ME, I'M GRATEFUL THAT WE'RE GOING AWAY FROM AUNT MAY!



--THE FINAL BATTLE!

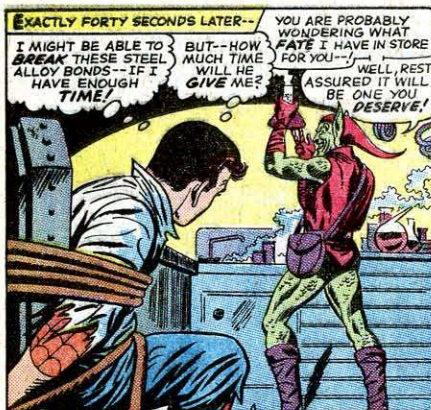
BUT NOW, IT'S TIME FOR US TO TAKE A LITTLE JOURNEY!

THE WATERFRONT! HE MUST BE TAKING ME TO HIS HIDEOUT!

BUT, WHY--?

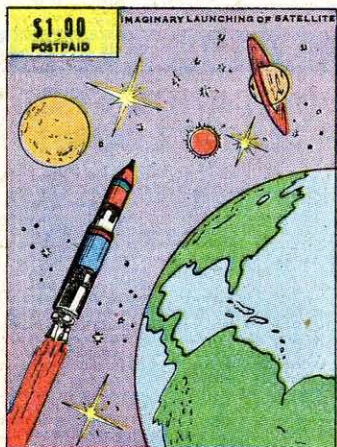






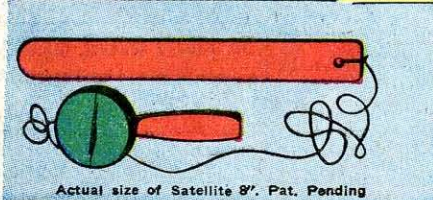
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## ITEMS OF LASTING INSIGNIFICANCE FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF MARVELDOM!

**BULLETIN!** Talk about a blast! We just had a visit from Peter Asher, of the famous British singing team of Peter and Gordon. Pete's as nice a guy as you'll ever wanna meet, and his Beatle-cut head of flaming red hair is just the coolest! Believe it or not, he's opening a book store in Jolly ol' London, and wants to sell our Marvel masterpieces — as well as the works of Shakespeare, Sartre, Salinger, and other equally well-known literary lights! Naturally, we were pleased and flattered, and gave our permission. By the way, Pete told us that the Beatles themselves, who are friends of his, are also Merry Marvelites — which came as no surprise to us. After all, isn't EVERYBODY?

**BULLETIN!** Most of you know by now that one of our most popular inkers, Fearless Frankie Ray, is really Frank Giacoia, who used to draw the newspaper strip, "Billy Yank and Johnny Reb". Together with Jazzy Johnny Romita, Frankie's helping to lift DAREDEVIL to greater heights of glory than ever, and we're pleased as punch that he's allowing us to sign his rightful name in the credit lines. And how about the job ol' Ring-A-Ding Romita is doing on your friendly neighborhood SPIDER-MAN, aided by the brilliant delineation of mighty Mickey Demeo? Who SAYS this isn't the Marvel Age of titanic talent?

**BULLETIN!** Here it is — what you've been waiting for! Our first advance info on the great King-size Annuals we'll be publishing this summer! Although our plans are still subject to change, it looks as though we'll be going on sale in June, two in July, and the final two in August. The six mags are: MILLIE THE MODEL ANNUAL (we know that's gonna break all our super-hero fans up!) and SGT. FURY — both on sale in June. Then, the mighty THOR and MARVEL SUPER-HEROES — on sale in July. Followed by the FANTASTIC FOUR and SPIDER-MAN — on sale in August. We can hear you muttering now, "MARVEL SUPER-HEROES! What in the name of Aunt Petunia is THAT?" Well, you know how we love surprises, so just consider it our big surprise for '66, and we'll tell you more about it next issue! Okay?

**BULLETIN!** You know how we're always saying that Marvel is gonna take over the world? Well, it looks as though our nutty little boast has more truth than poetry in it! This past month alone, more than a hundred newspapers from coast to coast have written feature articles about our lively line of mags — papers such as the N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, the AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, the TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL, the CLEVELAND PRESS, the ALTOONA MIRROR, the MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, the BECKLEY POST-HERALD and REGISTER, RADIO-TELEVISION DAILY, the N.Y. POST, and dozens and dozens more! To all of these great publications, our heartfelt thanks — and to such radio and TV per-

sonalities as Tom Dunn of CBS News, and CBS Radio Network's Mike Wallace, our thanks also for interviewing Smilin' Stan over the airwaves! We just hope our leader doesn't start wearing a beret and sunglasses around the office — although it might be a welcome change from seeing him in a Marvel sweat shirt all day long!

**BULLETIN!** Remember last ish when we asked if you wanted us to continue rapping Brand Echh on the knuckles for swiping everything in our mags except the copyright? Well, all the mail isn't in yet, but while we're waiting for your verdict, we thought we'd quote this little verse which Rascally Roy Thomas brought to our attention — it's by William Butler Yeats, and was written half a century ago — although it might have been written today! Here 'tis:

"To a Poet, Who Would Have Me Praise Certain Bad Poets, Imitators of His and Mine"

You say, as I have often given tongue  
In praise of what another's said or sung,

'Twere politic to do the like by these;  
But was there ever dog that praised his fleas?

We somehow feel that Willie Yeats said it a lot better than we could have!

**BULLETIN!** Just in case a few of you lively literature lovers haven't latched onto them yet, those diminutive but dazzling "mini-books" we mentioned last month are still on sale in vending machines from coast to coast! They're a gas!

**THE WRAP-UP!** We recently received another letter, on a still different subject, which we felt might be of general interest to frantic ones everywhere, so here goes:

Dear Stan,

Marvel's high standard of artwork is slowly going down the drain. You most likely figure, since you're so popular, that you can afford to hire new artists to lessen the strain on your old artists. The trouble is that only very few of these new artists have come up to standards expected of Marvel. What's wrong with Kirby, your best? Now he only draws two comics completely, and helps out on a couple of others. He probably could easily do another mag or two. I still buy all your titles, but I hope you'll bring them back up to your old standards. Long live Marvel! Your avid fan,

Jan Shpiegelman  
4900 Chagrove Ave.  
Baltimore, Md.

You're better at letter-writing than addition, Jan. King Kirby actually draws three entire strips each month — the F.F., Thor, and Captain America; and, of course, he does the layouts on the Hulk and Agent

of Shield. The jolly one also draws about two-thirds of all our adventure covers! We don't know of an artist in the business who turns out as much masterful work as Marvel's Prince of the Pencil — and, we think too much of him to load him down with more work than anybody should have to handle! As for our newer artists, we're mighty happy with them, and judging by the majority of our fan mail, so are most of you. We don't hire new artists because of complacency, Jan — rather, it's the other way around. We do it because we feel that change and growth are important elements of the creative process, and we never want to get in a rut if we can help it. We think it's great to add new artists to our lineup, then to watch them blossom into Marvel madmen before our very eyes each month. And, as ever, we earnestly hope you agree with us. 'Nuff said!

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# THE SPIDER'S WEB

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO: THE MARVEL COMICS GROUP, SECOND FLOOR 625 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022



Dear Stan,

Nothing much to comment on this month except that I really enjoyed SPIDER-MAN #35. For once you have decided to have 15 pages of action instead of the usual 8 or 9 pages. Another interesting point about this issue was that instead of the scenes showing Pete's school problems taking up half the book, the action came first and Pete's daily routine was saved for the last two pages. This cover was very impressive. I see Betty Brant has left—this is good in a way. Betty was so against Spidey, maybe she should forget Peter for good before it's too late. One thing I don't like is that Pete is beginning to have a life similar to Iron Man's. He can't marry his girl because he can't reveal his identity. You know, I've enjoyed all the Marvel mags for years now, but in Spidey, you always get movie-priced entertainment for only 12¢!

Donald Jackson, 4004 Woodhaven Ave.  
Baltimore, Md. 21216

**You know it, Donnie boy! And how about these liltin' letters pages that we throw in free! In a way, it's almost like you're all robbin' us, isn't it?**

Dear Stan,

SPIDER-MAN #35, which featured Spidey against the poor man's King Midas, was just one big fight—but what a fight! It was the kind of fight that makes Spidey what he is today. It was a fight that showed Spidey at his best. However, while I liked the story, I don't think I would like one fight story for every issue. In fact, I really shouldn't like the story at all because I think the Molten Man was one of Spidey's poorest villains. The thing that made the story was the fight script, the splendid art, and the last two pages. Those last two pages presented Spider-Man as a true tragic hero. Frankly, I hope he drops Betty for good. Regarding a fan's letter, I also think that Spider-Man should face today's problems. On the other hand, I don't think he should be a left-winger. I think Spidey should be fed up with life around him, but instead of running away from it, he would fight back and try to improve the world. Spidey should have his own TV show. When he gets it, don't make it funny—make it dramatic as it should be. Got to go now. I've been training this spider that I took to school the other day. It got bombarded by our physics teacher's radioactive thingamajig and slipped down to the gym where it started working out with weights, and then it bit me! Oh, well....

Ron Wilshire, 204 Wilson Ave.  
Clarion, Pa. 16214

**Keep that up, Ron, and we'll have to put out a new mag called "Wilshire-Man"! Hooooy!**

Dear Stan,

For almost a month now I've been meaning to write to Marvel Comics; and after reading an issue of THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN for almost the dozenth time, I am finally at it. I am a housewife and mother, so am probably not considered one of the comic set. I usually prefer a good hard-bound novel, but occasionally will fudge and read a good science fiction story. Since a child,

I have never liked the popular run of comic heroes which get more ridiculous yearly. Some neighborhood children left a large stack of the usual nonsense in my living room and as I gathered them up for the incinerator, a dingy, well-worn, but intact issue of SPIDER-MAN fell to the floor. It was the title that first caught my eye, so I picked it up to see what other oddball hero had invaded the comics and was very much surprised to see such wit and humor in this type of comic. Sadly, Spidey is not available locally at the base PX or in Fairbanks. The newsstands are either sold out by the time we get there or they just look at you like you're crazy when the title is mentioned. But we are going to subscribe.

Mrs. Melanie Skinner, P.O. Box 839  
Delta Junction, Alaska 99737

**And, while you're waiting for your sub to arrive, Mrs. Skinner, we're sending you the latest copy of Spidey with our compliments—'cause the way our mixed-up subscription department works, it could sometimes take like forever. (At least it can seem like forever when you're waiting for a Marvel mag—free plug!)**



Dear Stan,

Would you believe I'm where I am today to get an education? Aw, come on, I really am! It's 4:00 in the morning and we had nothing to do so we decided to form a Spider-Man Fan Club—how 'bout that? We got a real swinging group going. The bearded one there on the bed with the ban-the-bomb button is Danny McCarthy. The little guy over in the corner is a judo expert, Steve Chock. Alex Pung is from the enchanted land of Hawaii. Mello Ashford is the track star of the bunch. Bob Whyte is the tall one. Together they integrate our group. Billy Hufford, Terry Campbell, and I all come from the Denver area. Since you've got enough time to read this letter, you've got time to make sure I get the gizmos which I have written a check for. Please send everything in a plain brown wrapper, because if the president of the college ever found what we were reading, he'd kick us all out! We buy every ish of Spidey and dig it the most—about six feet! Thor is catching on pretty good, too. So you're making 24¢ off of every warped little mind in our group. Don't spend it all in one place!

Tom Salazar, 313 Troxel, Colorado State College  
Greeley, Colo.

**Aw, quit hangin' us on, Tom. For all you know, half the faculty of ol' Colorado State might be Merry Marchers themselves! Anyway, we enjoyed getting the knock-down to your group, but try to enlarge it a bit, huh? It takes a lot of those 24¢s to keep us in the latest style straitjackets!**



Dear Stan,

"The Return of the Molten Man" was magnificent. Issue #35 was the most action-packed Spidey I've ever read. It showed brilliant artwork, and the script and plot were pure genius. I also want to say something to all those nuts who think Aunt May should be taken out. Here Betty has disappeared, Peter has no friends at college, and with all this brutal fighting he has to do, a man has to have a little love from somebody. And dear Aunt May is the perfect person to have. Why don't you have the Human Torch in another of Spidey's mags? You could have them both fight the Molten Man, Kraven, and the Enforcers in what would probably be the greatest action-packed mag in comic book history. I sure hope you keep Spider-Man the most heartwarming mag in the world.

Charles Key, 1745 E. 68th St.  
Chicago, Ill. 60649

We'll try, Charlie—you can bank on that! As for Torchy—don't despair, pal—he'll be dropping around when you (and Spidey) least expect it! Ol' Stan is hipped on the idea of guest stars, and Jazzy Johnny loves to draw 'em—need we say more?

Dear Stan,

Congratulations on your world-wide progress in spreading Marvelmania! As a writer of a newspaper column, I have mentioned Marvel often and have interviewed many people. So far, despite the apparent out-of-reach position of our town, I have found that three out of four people interviewed read (and reread) Marvel masterpieces. This goes to show that with a little push, the whole universe will be one seething mass of Marvel madmen. Today—Dillon, Montana; tomorrow—the world! Keep writing such great Spidey stories and Branch Echh will naturally slide off the stands. May everything that walks or crawls read Marvel! 'Nuff said!

Dan Struckman, 506 So. Atlantic  
Dillon, Mont.

Thanks for the accolade, Danny boy! And now, in our small way, we'd like to repay the favor! So here's a salute from the batty bullpen to lively little DILLON, MONTANA! Face front, Dillonites—you're our kinda guys!



Dear Stan,

I just want to tell you how disgusted I am with the fans who want to kill off Aunt May. Kind, loving, sacrificing Aunt May... and this rat wants to get rid of her! I've read a few issues of Petey's early years as Spider-Man and this wonderful old woman sacrificed much to keep a roof over their heads. I'd like to say I'm not 65 years old, but Aunt May's silent courage is an enjoyable part of the warm emotions and everyday problems that face the world's most human super-hero.

John Cahill, 41 Hamilton Dr.  
Pembroke, Mass.

Glad to hear from you, Johnny—and Aunt May asked us to ask you how old you are? She says even if you're only a spy 63 or 64, she'd still like to send you her regards!

Dear Stan,

I should like to disagree with a fan whose letter appeared in SPIDER-MAN #35. I do not want Spider-Man to "go through college, being the first intellectual left-wing super-hero, helping to stop wars..." On the other hand, I do not want Spidey to go through college, become the first intellectual right-wing hero, starting riots, supporting W.A.S.P. and the Ku Klux Klan, singing "2, 4, 6, 8, we don't wanta integrate," and occasionally commenting on works in the John Birch Society journals. What I want, and I think most other fans want, is for Spidey to go through college, become an intellectual American, fighting in wars when necessary, fighting Communism, supporting American causes, singing "America," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Roger Miller hits, and occasionally commenting on the works of Shakespeare, Stan Lee, and the Smothers Brothers. I agree that he should develop into a super-hero with a mind and personality of his own!

Mike McBride, P.O. Box 312  
Raymond, Miss.

Many fans seem to feel the way you do, Mike—preferring Spidey to be a middle-of-the-roader. As for us, we've been so busy trying to figure out what happened to Betty Brant, that we haven't had too much time to delve into our weary wall-climber's political persuasion, but as the mail continues to pour in we'll keep y'all posted! Okay?



Dear Stan,

I've just finished reading some of your great mags. Your villains are the greatest, and all your super-heroes the mostest. I have a good deal of trouble in getting your great mags, because all my classmates join in a free-for-all fight when they hear that the news agent has more Marvel mags. Sometimes I carry my books to school to read and usually my English teacher confiscates them, reads them, and then passes them around the teaching staff before I can get them back. Imagine this horrible fate just because I brought those books to school! But I think it's all worth it when I am revelling in and absorbing your magnificent stories. I take special interest in the art because I hope to be an artist. I do think the girls in Spider-Man are downright homely. Anyway, keep up your good work!

Anne Kong, 19, Guapo Cap de Ville Road  
Point Fortin, Trinidad, West Indies

Thanks, Annie honey, and have you got a treat coming! Ol' Ring-A-Ding Romita, who is now so brilliantly illustrating Spidey's newest adventures, not only pencils the greatest action scenes around, but is also a whiz at drawing fabulous femmes (as you've probably already noticed)! So, if we don't lose him to MILLIE THE MODEL, it looks as though we're all set from here on in!

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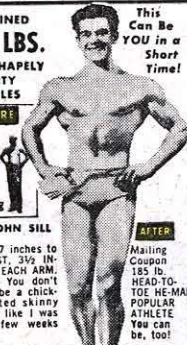


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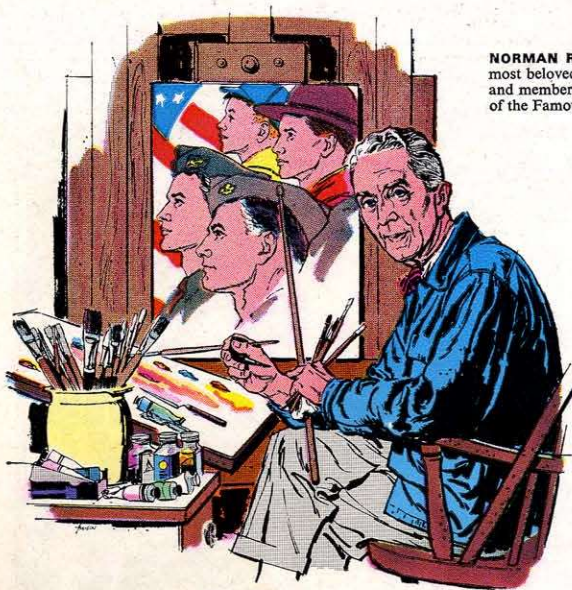
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Oregon housewife Helen Tryk lives 150 miles from the nearest big city. But she does fashion illustration, has her own studio, runs an art workshop, does portraits.

### A Plan to Help Others

It started over 18 years ago when a group of America's most successful artists—men like Albert Dorne, Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Al Parker and Stevan Dohanos—met in New York City. They knew that all over America there were people who liked to draw who could be turned

into good artists. Albert Dorne asked, "Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years?"

He suggested a new kind of art school—a home study art school—that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live.

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they created a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, they developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

The famous artists with the School are not surprised at the success of their students. The opportunities open to successful artists today are enormous. The School continually gets calls from all over the country asking for practical well-trained students—not geniuses—who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs. And practical, thorough training is what the School offers.

### Famous Artists Talent Test

To find others with art talent worth developing, the Famous Artists created a 12-page talent test. Thousands paid to take this test, but now the School offers and grades it free. Men and women who do well on the test—or offer other evidence of art talent—may enroll in the School. But there's no obligation. Simply mail the coupon below.

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