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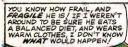


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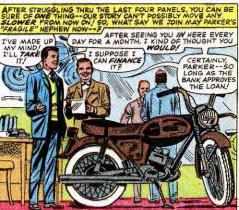
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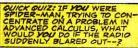














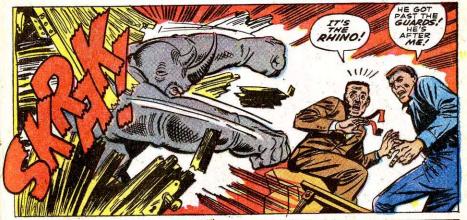










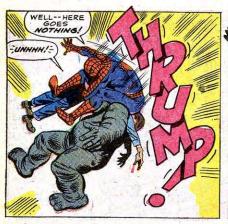


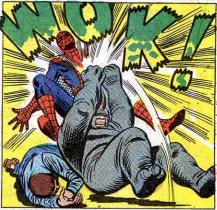




















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NEWSWORTHY NOTES AND NUTTY NONSENSE FROM YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD BULLPEN!

We've a lot of exciting announcements for you this month, so let's not waste a second!

ITEM! Marvel super-heroes on TVI Here's the official scoop so far - our first stations will begin showing animated films of five - yep, FIVE - of our Marvel heroes in the middle of September. The characters to be featured will be: Captain America. Iron Man, Thor, Sub-Mariner, and the Hulk - all in full color! What's more, we'll use exactly the same art and stories which have made our mags the sensation of the nation! Production is under way right now, at the famous Grantray-Lawrence Animation Co. in Hollywood, and our Marvel super-heroes will not only be shown throughout the United States, but around the world as well. The list of cities is far too long to print in this space, so we suggest you contact your local TV station and inquire whether or not they'll be carrying the Marvel Comics Super-Hero show. (And if not, tell them you'll never talk to 'em

ITEM! There are so many new Marvel products on sale everywhere, that we can't tell you about them fast enough to keep up with the supply, but we'll try, anyway. One thing we've got to ask you, though please don't send money to US for these Marvel goodies - they can only be pur-chased in stores. In fact, even the gang in the bullpen have to go out and buy their own - when merry Marty Goodman un-chains them, that is! Anyway, here's a partial list of some of the swingin' things to watch for right now - PAPERBACK BOOKS featuring the F.F., Spidey, Thor, PAPERBACK. and the Hulk - on sale in July. PHONO-GRAPH RECORD ALBUMS packaged with actual Marvel mags - on sale Sept. PLAS-TIC MODEL HOBBY KITS of Captain America, Hulk, and Spidey, with others to fol-low - on sale Sept. HATS & HOODS in the style of Spidey, Thor, Cap, and Iron Man on sale Aug. Spidey and Captain America COSTUMES for Halloween, as well as play suits-on sale Sept. Colorful 31/2" BUTTONS of all characters-on sale Aug. MINI-BOOKS now on sale in gumball machines, and panicky PINS on sale in Aug. BUBBLE GUM TRADING CARDS, and TOY RINGS selling like crazy right now! ACTION DOLL utilizing Captain America and Sgt. Fury cos-turnes — on sa'e June, BOARD GAMES and JIG-SAW PUZZLES! Captain America now — Spidey in Sept. T-SHIRTS and SWEAT SHIRTS galore, late in Aug. FLICKER RINGS; CHARMS and STICKY LABELS in vending machines only - on sale this summer. And, if all those glamorous goodies don't grab you, we're liable to auction off Irving Forbush himself!

ITEM! We've previously told you about the SGT. FURY and MILLIE THE MODEL (who she?) special king-sized ishes which went on sale last month. So, it's time to clue you in about the next two twenty-five centers which are now available. First, there's the THOR SPECIAL, featuring a brandnew, grand-new action epic in which the indestructible Destroyer returns to challenge the combined might of all of Asgard. You'll see mighty Thor and his fellow As-gardians, such as Volstagg, Balder, Hogun, and Fandral in one of the most sensational battles ever presented between two magazine covers! Plus a pair of book-length reprints of the two Thor sagas most requested during the past year! Next, there's our newest title, MARVEL SUPER-HEROES SPECIAL! Not only does it feature the origin of Daredevil, and one of the earliest book-length smash hits of the Origina-kengers, but it contains the biggest surprise of the decade! You'll see one of the rarest classics ever unveiled before your startled eyes — a feature-length battle between the ORIGINAL Human Torch and the ORIGINAL Sub-Mariner — as first presented more than twenty years ago! Also, just for kicks, you'll get a charge out of the first short-short story which of' Stan ever had printed in a comic mag, written when he was seventeen! This one's a real howlin' heirloom!

ITEM! For you cats who can't live another minute without a subscription to a Marvel mag, or wanna send a gift to a friend (or eyen an enemy — we should worry), here's the scoop — they cost \$1.75 for twelve issues (which includes the postage, natch!) — or \$2.25 in Canada. Foreign subscriptions are \$3.25, and if you live on Mars, contact us for a special rate. Send your check or money order to Subscription Dept, Marvel Comics Group, \$25 Madison Ave. NYC 10022. And if you print your name and address nice and clear, nifty Nancy Murphy, our soulful subscription sweetie will recommend you for a two-toned no-prize!

ITEM! For years fans have been asking to see a sample of King Kirby's inking, but Joily Jack just hasn't had the time to put down his pencil and pick up a brush. However, just for kicks, he both pencilled and inked the fight scene depicting Captain America and Ivan the Terrible on the cover of FANTASY MASTERPIECES #4. So, if you want a real not-soon-to-be-repeated treasure, latch onto a copy prontol

ITEM! A personal, pleased-as-punch "Thank-you!" from Stan to the Merry Marvel Marching Society, Princeton University Chapter, for the wonderful ovation he received when he addressed the Whig-Clio-sophic Society on campus recently. Stan won't soon forget your warmth and enthusiasm, nor the many laughs he enjoyed with the grand and garru-ous group at Blair Hall!

ITEM! How about Dandy Denny O'Neil?
Our poor, distraight bullpen buddy has been feeling so neglected because his name isn't mentioned often enough in these bulletins (to suit HIM, that is) that he left the following newspaper item on our desk: WRITER MAKES HOME IN TRASH CAN. Dennis O'Neil, young writer, today moved into an east side garbage can. Mr. O'Neil, 26, told reporters that he doesn't feel he should associate with human company, "After all, I'm not worthy to be in the Bullpen Bulletin," he explained, "so i'm obviously not worthy to live with folks." Denny boy, give up the garbage can and come home to us again! We love ya —boxert!

ITEM! Remember we said we'd announce the result of our poll concerning our mentioning of Brand Echh? Well, we're more confused now than ever! All the mail has been checked and tabulated, and it's everily divided — fifty percent in FAVOR of our roasting our competition every chance we get, and fifty percent: OPPOSED to our carrying the batty bickering on any longer! It looks as though there's nothing left to do but play it by ear — we'll mention 'em when we feel so justified — and ignore when we feel so justified — and ignore 'em when we think they deserve it (like 'em when we think they deserve it (like

most of the time)! So, till we meet next ish, face front — think nice thoughts — and remember those immortal words of Irving Forbush, which somehow seem to have slipped our minds! See ya, Marvelites!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

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

FANTASTIC FOUR #55: It had to happen! The Silver Surfer returns — to battle a fighting-mad, frantically jealous Thing! 'Nuff said!

AVENGERS #32: Mystery, surprises, and the most merciless new villain of all make this one of the Avengers' greatest! Watch for: The Sign of the Serpent!

X-MEN #24: The fate of the entire world may depend upon the X-Men — without the missing Marvel Girl — learning the secret of — the astonishing Locust!

DAREDEVIL #20: Looks like New Villains Month at Marvel! You — and DD — are about to meet the deadliest yet — in the strangest trial of all!

THOR #132: No mere words of ours can express the uncanny shock that awaits you as you follow mighty Thor into the unimaginable, unknown, unmentionable Black Galaxy!

STRANGE TALES #149: Don't dare miss the spine-chilling end of Shield's battle with Aim — nor the fantastic start of Kaluu's attack on Dr. Strange!

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ASTONISH #84: Mighty Namor, the helpless slave of a hooded arch-fiend — while the rampaging Hulk spreads panic thru the streets of New York!

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Dear Stan and John,

I bought SPIDER-MAN #37 today, and I'm glad to see that not only is springtime creeping in on the meteorological scene, but also that refreshing changes have also come upon my favorite monthly mag. New mysterious characters, fighting conditions, and developments on the school scene made this the most original issue in a long time. Congratulations to Stan on an above-excellent story. Here are my comments on the new members of the cast: Mr. Osborn -the everyday identity of the Green Goblin; Professor Stromm - a good villain in this story, but doesn't look promising for a return bout; and Miss "Whatever-your-name-is" – J. I. J.'s new secretary – my mind the minute I saw her. Could it be? By the way, next to the Web-spinner, my top Marvel hero is the Watcher. Spider-Man and he have appeared with nearly everyone but each other. How about correcting this situation in a future issue? Martin Swiatkowski, Jr., 3854 W. 42nd St. Cleveland, Ohio

You know us, Marty - all you have to do is suggest something—and then, if we don't forget about it—!
By the way, we received M. S. Jr's letter quite a while ago, before the breathless world learned that Mr. Os-born was really Gobby—and Marty was one of the first to mention that fact. (There were a few dozen other mentions, as well, but naturally we can't print 'em all. However, those venerated names have been permanently inscribed upon the asbestos scroll which will one day be placed inside Marvel's time vault whenever we get the time to get a time vault, that is.) Now where were we? Oh yeah—'nuff said!

Dear Stan and John, SPIDER-MAN #38 was characteristically brilliant, and yet I was disappointed at the way you dumped on the protect marchers. It is unfortunately true that there are often a number of clods and politically naive schlemiels who frequent picket lines and social protest movements as a crutch for their own personal inadequacies. However, this fact does not necessarily detract from whatever issue the picket line is attempting to focus attention upon. The real point is precisely that issue, not the personal appearance or the boorish behavior of the protestors. Much in the manner of some politician who attacks civil rights workers on the basis of their dress and appearance, without speaking to the real issues of why they are there, you have painted a picture of student protest which focuses on the personalities of the picketers, not the reason for their picketing. If you had spoken to an issue, thru the person of Peter Parker, you would at least have enabled your readers to form an opinion about that particular picket line, but as it is, you have engaged in an anti-intellectual exercise in name-calling, which considerably lowers the level of sophistication on which opinions are formed. And "opinions" of this nature come very close to unreasoning prejudice. Perhaps protests about bureaucratic inefficiency and sluggishness, or the war in Viet Nam, are not "right" or "fair", but this is not the ques-tion here. We ought to be able to form our ideas on the

basis of an objective evaluation of the facts and issues at hand, and try to escape as much as possible from personal value judgments about those who are raising these facts and issues. I agree with you when you say that Marvel heroes ought not be stalwart paragons of various political ideologies, but it would be reproachful to say the least if Spider-Man were to attack Communism, for example, on the basis of his judgment that Communists are ugly, or wear blue jeans or T-shirts. If you can't speak to the issue, then don't speak at all. 'Nuff said!

Bill Fletcher, George Washington Univ. S.D.S. 1262 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Hooo boy! Chalk up another king-sized, blushing bullpen blunder! We never in a million years thought anyone was gonna take our silly protest-marchers se-quence seriously! We just tossed it in for a little comedy relief-or so we thought! We're the last guys in the world to be opposed to lawful demonstrations, Billy! And we weren't trying to poke fun at their attire or appearance—not even remotely. As for addressing ourselves to the issues—we were too busy trying to figure out how to wrap up the yarn so it would tie in with future plots. We wouldn't have spotted an issue if we'd stumbled over one! Read it again, fella, and see if you didn't possibly attach too much importance to a relatively innocuous sequence. Or, in the immortal words of J. Jonah Jameson—when I tell a joke, how come nobody laughs?

Dear Stan and John,

Recently, while reading a magazine called Penn Comment, which is published on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, I came upon an advertisement which was about your publications. I want to know, seriously, if your company really put the ad in that magazine. Did you? You would be very surprised by the popularity of your publications on campus. All of my fraternity buddies read SPIDER-MAN. If you did place that ad, I commend you on your sophisticated outlook on our culture and your you on your spinstease the control of a college student and how he finally finds an escape thru you and your comics. They provide enjoyment and humor; and, most of all, they help relax an overworked and tense student. I feel that your comics act as a tranquilizer. This is definitely the Marvel Age of Comics, May you continue your fine work and keep on producing your Marvel masterpieces. Michael Kates, 8404 Cobden Rd.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thanks, Mike. Yep, 'twas we who put the ad you mentioned in your college mag. We might also say that a lot of other sharp-eved Marvelites commented on the same ad. However, we want to caution you about comparing our peerless periodicals with tranquilizers-or else, before you know it, it might be impossible to read one without a prescription!

Dear Stan and John,

We'd all like to say "Hi, guysl" Keep up your great issues. All the G.I.'s here avidly read Marvel Comics. You

name it-we read it, as long as it's Marvell Forget those other newsstand non-entities. No other comics in the world bring the action, excitement, and thrills that your issues bring us. We've just finished SPIDER-MAN #38 issues bing us. We've a mission of the biggest and the general comment is—Wow! Does Spidey ever get mixed up with characters! Joe Smith, no less! But the biggest question in our minds is, what has happened to Betty Brant? We're jumping for every issue, hoping that our answer will be in one. But, alas, so far, nothing. Also, when are Gwen and Petey going to get together instead of just thinking out loud? Hmmm! I know you must have something planned, so how about letting us in on it? Not to be diverted, but what about ol' Daredevil and Karen? Now that Foggy is deceiving Karen, what chance has Matt? Well, guess we'll close for now!

SP/5 Dick Hillberg & Sammy, Joe, Bob, Ray, Al, Hack, Mac, Tres, Jim, George, Survey Section Hq Btry 2/73 Artillery APO, New York, N. Y. 09165

You should have addressed your letter "Dear Abby-"! Anyhow, Dick-and the rest of you shell-slingin' stalwarts-you probably know by now that Petey and Betty have gone pffft, while Matt Murdock is far more of a Daredevil when facing villains than he is where kittenish Karen is concerned! But, just because we don't want your mind on our rollickin' romantic problems when you oughtta be talkin' trajectory, we're sending you a couple of advance ishes of Spidey and DD so you and your buddles won't have to worry for a while. Take care of yourselves, fellas—



Dear Stan and John,

Spidey mags have been my favorite for a long time, and I have written many comments to you about the great Marvel mags, But none of my letters has ever been printed. I wonder if you could give out some ideas as to how I might have a better chance of getting my letters printed. I think other Marvel maniacs would appreciate it, too! To acknowledge that I have read the latest ish about old Web-head, I want to congratulate you on the great work you did on SPIDER-MAN #38. Now I have some ideas which will probably increase your sales. Make the covers for Spidey's eyes on the costume darker, enclose a postcard in every letters section so Marvelites can get a letter off to you faster, and give the people in SPIDEY more modern clothes and hair styles.

Kevin Grothe, Rt. #1, Box 37 Moose Lake, Minn. 55767

There's really no trick way to get a letter printed in our mags, Kev—we just grab 'em as we see 'em, trying to select the most interesting, amusing, controversial, or provocative comments. You've probably already noticed the change (for the better, we trust!) in Spidey's apparel, as well as that of his friends and associates. With a fashion plate like Jazzy Johnny in the artistic driver's seat, you'll even see the best-dressed villains around! But, as for putting post cards in every letters page—sheeesh! If you multiply the cost of a p.c. by about a half million copies each month (that's a halfmillion of Spidey alone - not to mention our other tintinnabulating titles), even Irving Forbush couldn't afford it!!

Dear Stan and John,

My wife and I both agree that Spider-Man's troubles with his dual identity-his struggles to keep it secret, etc .are boring. We think the time has come for you to decide: Shall Spider-Man share his secret identity with one other person, or even several other people? Because the

alternative is death! By that, I mean that the moment I can predict with certainty what will be in an issue before I read it, Spidey will no longer be interesting. Now, I like the art in Marvel Comics because it has movement. But what you need is movement of character, i.e., development. If you want Peter to live, let him be as other human beings, Is he a man? Is he honest? Does he know his way? Can he love? Look, that's what we're all facing: in this world, can we marry, bring up good children, make a new age? I see this as Spider-Man's potential—vast potential, if you don't stultify him. Let him have vision Talk to young people, in their early 20's, see how they react to these ideas. Look at Bob Dylan's reach. They say it takes all kinds of people to make a world . . . Why not let Spider Man pick up on different villains, trying to get on good terms with them? He might learn a lot from them. Are there real possibilities of deep, deep excitement in learning from . . . others? A villain, finally, is just somebody else! The question of life: can I make it with somebody else? Can Spider-Man? Let him. Make him. All alone, adventures get pretty cold. Help poor Peter Parker be all warm inside.

Doug Palmer, 2920 Harper St. Berkeley, Calif.

Doug, your masterful missive is virtually beyond our poor powers of philosophical prognostication. We think we know what you're getting at. We think you think we know what you're getting at. We think you know what you're getting at. But, we also have a sneaking suspicion that there are pro-villain undertones seeping thru. (Which is okay with us—after a few ishes, we sometimes end up liking our haddies as much as our goodies!) However, we'd be inclined to guess that the vast majority of Marveldom would prefer to see Spidey whale the tar out of a super-menace than defeat him in a soul-streing debate. As for the than defeat him in a soul-stirring debate. As for the rest of your message, there's no argument. We, too, believe in realism—we, too, want him to be with it. If it hasn't been coming across in our yarns, it's only be-cause we're merely fallible mortals—but, we shall rise to strive anew - so say we all! And regards to the

Dear Stan,

You are a diabolical fiend, a demon! You are probably wondering how I saw through your clever, well-kept secret. You let it leak out yourself when you signed your name as "Smilin' Stan". How could anyone smile when he sees all the troubles and worries that Spider-Man has? he sees all the troubles and worries that Spider-Man has? My conclusion is that you take pleasure in trying to hurt Spidey! It is only through his courage, cunning, and spider-sense that he can escape the traps you lay for him. Each month you try to outwit our hero, but, luckily for us loyal fans, you always lose. I think it's about time we all rose up in a body, have you fired, and get a competent, intelligent, good-looking, poor-but-honest Spider-Man cheerer to take your place. I'm sure that I could rise to the occasion with my usual good grace and modesty and take the job. By the time this revolution takes effect, say about a year from now, I'll be qualified to take over and give Spidev the break he deserves. Not 'nuff said! give Spidey the break he deserves. Not 'nuff said!

Barbara Flynn, Big Oak Circle

Stamford, Conn.

Aw gee, Babs! You've got it all wrong! Smiley doesn't take pleasure in trying to hurt our ol' wall-crawler. It's just the opposite! Our problem really is-with his far-out, frenetic imagination, Stan the Man is beginning to think he is Spidey! He keeps shooting rubber bands at good-natured Ring-A-Ding all day, calling it a wondrous web-slinging attack! Anyway, things will probably start looking up for Petey pretty soon—and then watch the complaints come pouring in from fans who miss our old-time suffering sagas!

NEXT ISH: You guessed it! We're not quite finished with Jonah's son yet! Not by a long shot! You'll be hearing quite a bit more about those mysterious spores which he encountered while orbiting in space. And don't be too surprised if the fantastic events that develop involve a certain friendly neighborhood Spider-Man! So, get here early for your first sight of the exquisitely elusive Mary Jane Watson, and for a whole kaboodle of startling situations and amazing action that'll really grab you! That's SPIDEY #42-the mag for people who avoid the ordinary! See ya, tiger!



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