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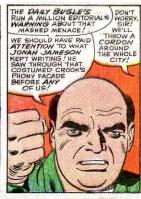


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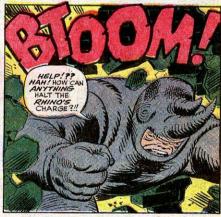
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ITEM: Instead of talking about US for a change, we wanna talk about YOU! That's right - YOU, the merry, madcap Marvelite who's holding our mag and reading this page right now. We figure this is as good a time as any to tell you how proud of you we are. Proud of the way you supported us when we first started the Marvel Age of Comics, and the way your support has never faltered thru all the growing pains we've experienced together. Proud of the way you've reacted good-naturedly to our "no-prize" idea - the revolutionary new concept in which we proclaimed that we never wanted any of our treasured readers to lose a contest — consequently, we would award nothing but "no-prizes", because if there were no winners, then there couldn't be any losers. Proud of the way you never made it necessary for us to bribe you in order to win your support - we never had to talk down to you - never had to compromise our principles, or yours - never had to try to alibi ourselves out of the many bonehead mistakes we've made over the years. Yep, to sum it up - we're reminded of Shelley Berman's great exit line to his audiences — "If my show was good, YOU'RE responsible!" We feel the same way. If our mags are good, it's because of YOU! And we just wanted you to know how we feel, and to repeat our credo - We'll never sell you short, frantic one - 'cause we're nothing without you!

ITEM: Our two latest and greatest 25¢ Special issues are on sale right now! Namely, the fabulous FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL and the long-awaited SPIDER-MAN SPE-CIAL. The frolickin' F.F. ish features a battle between Johnny Storm, our handsome, hot-headed Human Torch, and the most spectacular character of the Golden Age of Comics - the gone-but-not-forgotten ORIGINAL Human Torch! And, as usual in all Marvel mags, the tale is neither imaginary, nor a dream sequence - it really happens! How? Well, there's one good way to find out, tiger! Then, as if that isn't enough, that same super-special blockbusting issue features the most requested reprint in F.F. history - the now-classic battle between the ever-lovin' Thing and the green-skinned, ungregatious Hulk! As for the SPIDEY SPECIAL, we tossed in everything but the kitchen sink to make sure it would be the sensation of the century! The feature tale deals with your friendly neighborhood web-slinger first battling, and then attempting to join, the mighty Avengers! And, we mean the ORIG-INAL Avengers, pall Then, as if that isn't enough, we even tossed in a thrill-a-minute battle between Spidey and - who, HIM again? - the Incredible Hulk! For our robust reprint section of the mag, we're running two of the most popular Spidey vs. Doc Ock yarns - with not a comma cut! And, if that doesn't send you racing out to your newsstand in a fit of foraging frenzy, then we'll eat our MMMS membership cards!

ITEM: Don't miss STRANGE TALES #150, whatever you do! We've specially redsigned the masthead to give Dr. Strange equal billing with Nick Fury, and we think it's one of the wingiest-looking titles around. If you like it, toss a bouquet at

Jolly Solly Brodsky. If not, we're sorry we mentioned the whole thing!

ITEM: For those of you who've been demanding that Dazzlin' Don Heck ink his own pencilling, here's good news — starting with AVENGERS #32, of Donnie will do both the pencilling and inking on the mighty ones — and, for those of you who remember his breath-taking style from the good old days (like last week), we need say no more!

ITEM: Have you noticed how magnificantly Gene Colan took over Johnny Romita's pencilling chores on the DAREDEVIL mag to give of Ring-A-Ding more time to lift Spidey to still greater heights of artistic glory? Both Jazzy Johnny and Gentleman Gene have become two of the fastest-rising stars in Marvel's firmament — and when you add them to such other greats as Jack "King" Kirby, Dashin' Don Heck, Wondrow Werner Roth, Darlin'. Dick Ayers, Wild Bill Everett, and the dozens of other long-time Marvel i Juminaries, it's no wonder that Smilin' Stan sports that toothy grin of his all over the place!

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STOP THE PRESSES!! Hold everything! This is too good to miss! Yiknow how we're always telling you that Marvel's taking over the world? Well, we just established a new, block-bustin' beachhead! One of America's top quality mags, none other than erudite, ever-lowin' ESQUIRE, is giving mighty Marvel the biggest play you're ever seen in its great new September ish, specially dedicated to the college crowel. So, if you wanna see our sizzlin' super-heroes featured in full color in one of the most memorable, offsbeat presentations yet, don't miss the sensational collegiate issue of ESQUIRE—on sale the middle of August! (And, if they don't return this frolicsome free plug in their own mag, we'll probably never talk to 'em again!)

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THOR #133: The God of Thunder finally enters the Black Galaxy, to unlock one of the greatest secrets in the universe — only to meet a still greater danger!

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Dear Stan and John, Spider-Man, Spider-Man, wherefore art thou, Spider-Man? Join with me, fellow fans, in mourning the loss of the once great Spider-Man. To those Johnny-come-lately Marvelites who might, on recent performances, question my choice of adjectives, I direct your attention to such classics as issues #24, 18, 16 and 14, The mighty Spider-Man who singlehandedly overcame Dr. Doom, the Hulk, the Enforcers, and the Sandman has been treacherously laid low by deteriorating artwork and a succession of inferior and inadequate opponents. To see the wonderful Web-Spinner reduced to sparring with cretinous clods like The Looter, and Joe Smith, is just the epitome of injustice. But wait, what light through yonder window breaks? It is the east, and Romita is the sun! Spidey is saved! Issue #39 promises to be the springboard to return Spidey to his former heights of greatness. A very much needed artistic transfusion produced in this issue the most worthwhile reading in months. There is no doubt in my mind that, with the possible exception of the King himself, the jazzy one is the finest artist in the contemporary comic field, and now that he is handling our hero, we Spidophiles can sleep much easier. It has also always been my belief that there is no villain like an old villain, so the return of Green Goblin was a long overdue relief. It was great to see his happy, leering face again, and I hope this means we'll be seeing old favorites like the Vulture, or Electro, or Mysterio again. That's enough for now, but if you think I gave you a rough time, you should hear what I'm going to say to those guys who publish THOR! (Pardon my previous paraphrasing—who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Erudite Readers!)

Mike Glicksohn (Univ. of Toronto), 5 Lansing Ct. Willowdale, Ont., Canada

Enjoyed your cogent comments, Mike. Glad to hear that Ring-A-Ding's artwork rings a bell with one of your ilk! But, we can't write much more to you nowwe're too nervous as we tremblingly await your next letter with the threatened critique of THOR -'cause, in ease you didn't notice, "those guys who publish THOR" are also us guys who publish SPIDEY! In fact, we suspect that Honest Irving may be the fella behind the counter who sells you the mags-we don't miss a trick!

Dear Stan and John,

I always knew you were great but, boy, did you really top yourselves in issue #39. I mean it was simply one of the greatest literary works of this century. For this, Stan, you should be ranked with such great authors as Robert Heinlein, Ian Fleming, and Kenneth Robeson. The surprising ending and the fight scene on page 18 more than made up for any goofs you usually have. I'd like to know (and I'm sure so would other fans) when we are going to see what Mary Jane Watson looks like? So farewell until the next time when you write a great story-which should be John Taylor, 145 Meadow St. Milford, Conn. 06460

How's that for timing, Johnny? You ask to see Mary Jane-and voila!-we show her to you! But, what do you mean by mentioning the goofs we usually have? Half the batty bullpen is weeping in the corner, thinking you mean them! You've gotta watch what you say, pal-you know how insecure we are-but we love ya just the same!

Dear Stan and John.

SPIDER-MAN #39 just couldn't hold me back from writing. I'll tell you what I thought of it in a minute, but I've got to say, when you walk to your favorite newsstand, you're just you, you look for SPIDER-MAN and when you lay your eyes on it, your pulse jumps, and you've got to buy it. Why? Because you have a soap opera going and you have to find out what happens next! It's just a magazine when you open it, but as you read, your interest mounts, you're swept into your own world, and when you finish it, you're just you again-till the next ish comes out, that is Now issue #39 was a Marvel first. You'll get dozens of letters complimenting or insulting you about it, but here's what I thought-it was a Spider-Man fan's dream! Parker's enemies, even Flash starting to like him; Betty's still not being back; Ned Leeds' apologizing; plus JJJ with his old money-grubbing bad temper. And we finally found out the ol' Goblin's identity—I thought for sure it was Foswell. I can hardly wait for the next issue!

Robert Cox, 7226 Leader St. Houston, Tex. 77036

Same goes for us, Bob! The printer says if we're late with it again, he'll stop facing front! Y'know, one phrase in your letter gave us an idea. Some day we'll show a box of new, blue Cheer singing Carmen—and then we'll really have a soap opera! (Or, who says this isn't the Marvel Age of unabashed corn?)



Dear Stan and John.

Yipes! I just got issue #39 and my high-powered, granddeluxe mistake finder has found something to bring to your attention. (Aren't I helpful?!) On page 6 you show Spidey swinging to a certain building with his web attached to some point above this certain building. Now, unless New York has some mighty busy builders, this is impossible. And don't tell me that Smilin' Stan was in a helicopter above the building holding on to his web-I know better! (He wasn't, was he?) John's artwork on SPIDER-MAN is some kind of great. The scenes where Pete was in action in his street clothes are something that I will not forget. At least, not until the next issue! May thy typewriter never run out of ribbon, and may your pencils always be sharp. Face front! Alvin Pogeler, 1205 North Highway 171

Like Charles, La. You're subtle, Al boy, but we think we read you! That certain building looked like the Empire State, which is the world's tallest - right? So how could Spidey's web be attached to some point above it-right? Good thinking, lad! Of course, any nature lover could have told you that a friendly eagle flew by at that very min-ute, and—Ahh, we can't do it! You win! One wellearned no-prize coming up!



Dear Stan and John.

Shocking! Suspenseful! Marvelous! These words are in praise of the greatest Spider-Man super-epic ever - issue \$39. After staring at the unbelievable cover for nearly an hour, I found the story inside the best I've ever read, especially the last page. The story was everything any Spidey fan ever wished for-with no action spared. There was also much about Peter Parker which I really liked. Johnny Romita proved a worthy Spidey-sketcher in all respects, except one. And that is Aunt May. She used to look like what she really was—an old, wrinkled, worried aunt; but Johnny cut nearly twenty years off her age. She now looks like a spry, young fifty year old! Watch it, Stan, or the next thing you know Johnny'll have Aunt May out slinging webs with ol' Spidey himself! Terry Masek, 1500 Vernon Ave. Joliet, Ill. 60435

Say, Terr-wouldn't that be a kick? Imagine the fun Jazzy Johnny could have designing a costume for her! Then, if she becomes real popular, we can always bring the ever-lovin' Thing's Aunt Petunia out of retirement and make 'em a team! (Sure, we know we sound like full-time nuts, but we're just trying to change the sub-ject before poor May Parker reads what you said about her being old and wrinkled! Dig?)



Dear Stan and John,

Your comics are too much! I am the bass guitarist in a rhythm and blues group. "The Untamed". We are starting a collection of Marvel Comics. We are really gassed by Spider-Man-his adventures are too much. The rest of the guys always seem to get upset when Peter Parker gets the worst end of the stick. You'd think that such a gas guy would deserve some sort of reward for what he does. We're still not clued up on how old Peter actually turns into Spidey. We'd like some info on this if possible, At

the moment we are hunting around Sydney for old Marvels, but they're as rare as gold nuggets. We are a long-haired group and would like Marvel readers to write uswe could exchange records, etc.

John Lewis, 26 Arab Rd., Padstow . Sydney, Australia

We don't mention pen-pals as a rule, Johnny, because we haven't the room. Also, the price of postage to Australia might buy some Marvel Madman another mag instead! But, to answer your question about how Peter turns into Spidey—it's simple. He just peels off his suit, and there he is—in his costume! Of course, if he ever forgets to wear his Spidey threads under his suit-we're leavin' town!



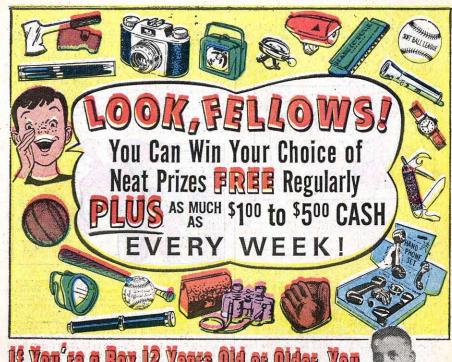
Dear Stan and John,

Would you believe that all other comics groups are green with envy when they see any magnificent Marvel mag? It's not hard to tell why! A Marvel comic is the magazine for everybody-every character is equal. A villain or hero can be any race or creed. I think your entire bullpen should receive a pat on the back. I am in college, and feel hesitant about picking up any comic except a Marvel, SPIDER-MAN is the great hit on our campus. My chemistry prof wears a Spidey T-shirt to lab. It is almost impossible to find a magazine on campus which features heroes that were in vogue during the thirties. This is 1966, and Spidey, the Hulk, and your other heroes (or anti-heroes, if you prefer) are of this day and age! They're what's happening! With so many misguided souls floundering in a vast cultural wasteland, thinking people everywhere are eagerly turning to the oasis which Marvel so majestically provides. Your group is so "in" on campus that almost the entire faculty are Spidey buffs! While other imitate, we retaliate! Spider-Men of the world, unite!

Tom Salazar, 313 Troxel Hall, Colorado State Coll. Greeley, Colo.

Tommy, your letter really grabbed us! There's not addry eye in the bullpen! When we think of your chemistry prof, wearing a Spidey T-shirt in the labthe horrendous thought strikes us that he may stain it, or soil it - there's only one thing to do - send us his name and mailing address, and we'll send him a complimentary Spidey sweat-shirt in your name-to wear over it! But, for Jonah's sake, tell him to keep away from spiders when any atomic experiments are going on!

NEXT ISH: We hardly know where to begin telling youl Everything is about to happen at once! There's new excitement in Peter Parker's personal life-and, as Spider-Man, he faces the Rhino, far more dangerous and deadly than ever! Jazzy Johnny is drawing this one as though he was born in a web-and Stan the Man promises more surprises than you can shake Mary Jane at! All in all, SPIDER-MAN #43 is probably the best one yet, so don't dare miss it-'cause we're not allowed to lend you ours! Till then, be healthy—be happy—be kind to spiders! But don't overdo it! 'Nuff said!



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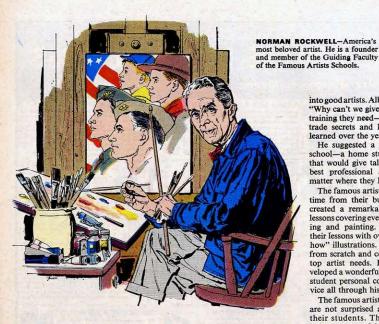
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