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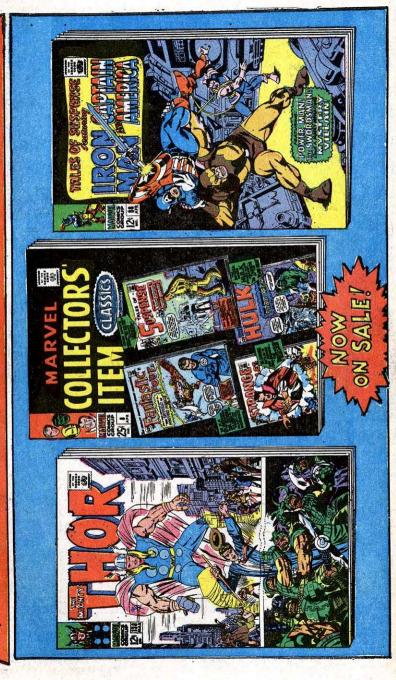








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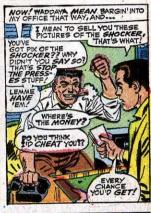


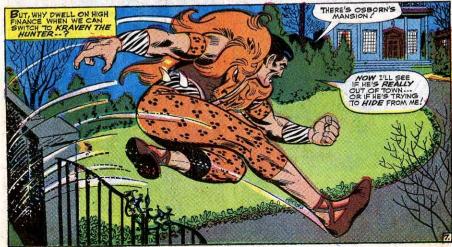














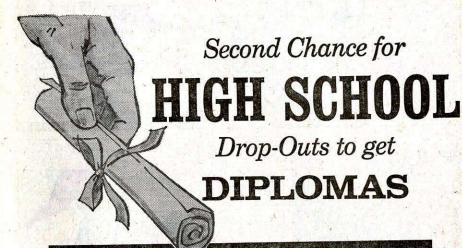








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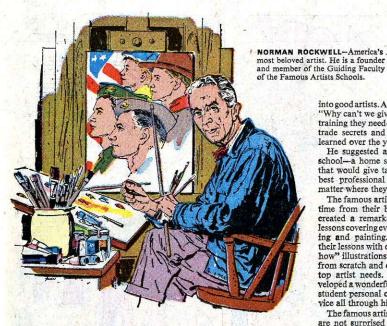












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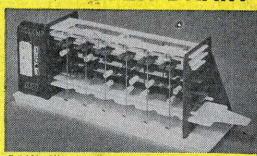
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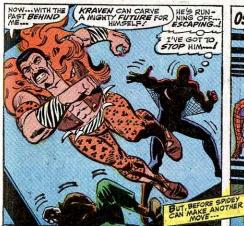




























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DIDJA KNOW? The Marvel Super-Heroes Show on TV is seen in far-off Australia, Japan, Uruguay, Canada, Venezuela, Puertó Rico, and even Kalamazoo! (Of course, none of those exotic places mentioned are far-off if you happen to live there - but, we're sure you get the idea!) As for the candid, capricious comments of our cavortin' critics-at-large-it seems that most merry Marvelites think it's a blast - and they're relieved that our crazy cartoons are reasonably true to the spirit of the mags themselves. As for us, we're going batty trying to keep up with all the shows. In some cities the program is presented five nights a week during the prime-time evening hours. In other cities, it's on the air three nights a week-and in some, it's shown during the afternoons. Some channels feature their own M.C.'s introducing the cartoons while some just put our fabulous little fables on the air without any other whoop-de-do. As for the ratings, we've learned that in most of the key cities where the show is presented, it's been clobbering all the opposition - thanks, no doubt, to the support of loyal Marvel-men everywhere! By the way, we still receive some mail from desperate devotees in areas where Marvel Super-Heroes is not yet televised, asking how they can compel their local channels to get with it. Since we're in the business of producing comic mags, and the TV end is something as new to us as it is to you, we can only suggest that those of you whose cities are still Marvel Super-Hero-less write to your favorite local channels and try to make 'em see the error of their ways! Although, at the rate TV stations thruout the free world are hopping on the madcap Marvel bandwagon, there may not be any culturally underprivileged cities left by the time this meritorious message sees print! And now - one last important point: If you've any cataclysmic comments about the show anything you like, or loathe-send 'em on to your local station. Simply introduce yourself as one of Marvel's fabulous faithful and pour it on 'em. Just as your liltin' letters have been a truly vital factor in maintaining the quality of the mag you're now reading, so will they help to make our Marvel Super-Heroes Show the kind of TV fare you want it to be! If you like the show's announcer, or think he's for the birds — if you wanna discuss the hour at which it's televised, or the manner in which it's presented, or even if you just wanna write and say "Face Front!", take pen in hand and DO it, tiger - your local channel will love hearin' from you, and your Bullpen buddies won't haveta worry about you becoming inhibited! And now on to other equally earth-shattering items:

DIDJA KNOW? Genial GENE COLAN bought himself a motorcycle a short while ago and chewed our ears off telling us how great it was. A few days later he came to the Bullpen with a couple of bandaged elbows and a sheepish expression. Today, he's riding around in a swingy little sedan once again, leaving the cycle bit for guy like Peter Parker and his lik! After all, Spidey doesn't haveta worry about his drawing hand!

stuff, someone over at Brand Echh must be sticking pins in a Marvel doll! Just a few weeks ago, Larrupin' LARRY LIEBER (Ol' Rawhide Kid himself) bent down to pick up an art eraser and suddenly sprained his sacroiliac when he straightened up! It meant a week of bed-rest for luckless Larry while ol' Rawhide had to fend for himself Then, we no sooner got our little invalid on his feet again than whammo, Wild BILL EVERETT did practically the same thing to his sacroiliac while stepping off a bus! Bill is great on submarines, bucking broncos, and serf-boards-but those ordinary, slow-moving busses - yeeesh! Any-way, Mr. Sub-Mariner was also flat on his back for a week while the rest of us spent our time making sure our hospitalization policies are all paid up! You never knew it was so dangerous producing comics, eh?

DIDJA KNOW? When Marvel hires a new art associate, we don't kid around—we get our money's worth. Step up and meet JOHNNY VERPOORTEN, our newest Bullpen backup man, Jumbo John is six feet, six inches tall, and tips the scales at a mere 290 pounds! (He thinks we latched onto him to do artwork for us—but wait'll he sees the costume we're making for him! All we have to do is trick him into it, and we'll have a new, ready-made super-hero to unleash upon mankind!)

DIDJA KNOW? Rescally ROY THOMAS just let the cat out of the bag admitting that he gave up a cholarship to George Washington United States of the Company of

DIDJA KNOW? Jolly JACK KIRBY'S ears must be really burning. Every comics mag fan has his own personal favorite among all the artists employed by all the different companies-but, when it comes to the opinion of the pro's themselves-when it comes to naming the ARTISTS' ARTIST, there isn't even a contest! Every time the conversation here at the Bullpen gets around to artwork (and what ELSE is there to talk about?), you should hear the top men in the field lower their voices when the name of King Kirby comes up. It's generally agreed that, when you talk of super-hero illustration; of action drawing; of imaginative conceptions; of dynamic, double-barrelled drama; Marvel's many-faceted master simply has no peer! There is hardly, a pro pencil-pusher in the field today who hasn't been influenced by Jolly Jack's memorable masterpieces — or by the constantly shattering impact of his creativity. Don't be embarrassed, Jack - this is just Stan's cornball way of telling you that it's been a ball all these years, pal - and the best is still ahead!

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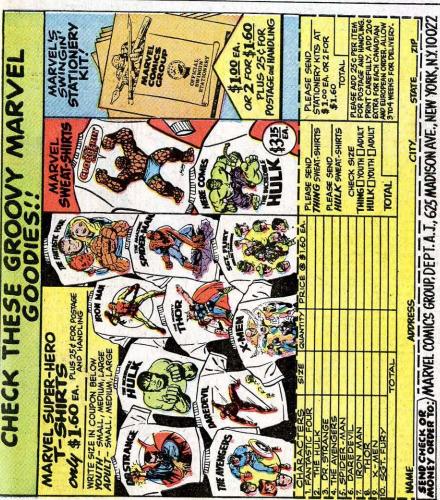
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Dear Stan and John,

While thumbing thru a Brand Echh comic, I came across something that infuriated me. Some orange-faced character belonging to an (ugh) group of super-boobs had just finished tying up a monster with his web after turning into a spider! He then said, "In case a certain webheaded character thinks I'm stealing his thunder, I'd like to remind him that I was changing to all sorts of weird shapes long before he walked up his first wall." As you know, he was referring to our own Spidey! You fellas usually make your Brand Echh references in a good-natured half-kidding way; and you've never actually pin-pointed any competitive mag or character. But they're getting nasty. I think you should really let them have it. I've never written before, but when I saw that statement, I just had to. Your comics are the greatest!

Gerard Addonizio, 109 Forest St. Medford, Mass. 02155

Thanks, Gerl 'Twas nice of you to leap so valiantly to our defense. However, there's one thing that concerns us far more than any free advertising Brand Echh wants to give us - and that is the fact that it took a mention in another mag to get you to write to us! Why have you chosen to remain aloof so long? Why haven't you cared enough till now? What have we done wrong - where have we failed? Must we contact our competitors and beg them to mention us in order to hear from you again? Say it isn't so, tiger! - One last note: Quite a few indignant Marvelites have commented upon that same reference to Spidey in a mag which we shall charitably not identify. We deeply appreciate the concern of all you True Believers — but don't worry about it, gang. Any knock is a boost . . . and our ill-advised competitors have been unintentionally boosting us all over the place! 'Nuff said!

Dear Stan and John, The men of 142 George St. at Rutgers University have had a running controversy for three consecutive days and nights. So now, to get some sleep, we have decided to let you decide this pressing question — where is the Lizard's tail coming from? Wouldn't the aperture ruin his pants and probably make them fall down? Please give us the answer to this pressing question, so we can pass it on to all the other ignorant Rutgers men. Thank you.

A. Rothholtz, H. Kwitter, A. Bulin, M. Segal, (Rutgers Univ.) 142 George St., New Brunswick, N. J.

Y'know something, guys? We were discussing the same thing in the Bullpen ourselves - just a few weeks ago! We couldn't agree upon an answer any more than you can, and we ended the discussion with the fervent hope that nobody would ever bring the matter up. But now you've spoiled everything! Ergo, there's nothing for us to do but fall back on a united Marveldom and offer another irreplaceable no prize for the best answer to the prodigious problem you have thus passionately posed! So, sharpen your pencils and your pointy little heads, pussycats, and let's hear it from ya!



Dear Sten and John, As soon as I heard that SPIDER-MAN #48 had arrived, I dropped everything, ran madly down to the local drug store, fought tooth and nail with women and children, and bought the last copy they had. I then raced home, kicked my kid sister out of my room, locked the door, and prepared to lose myself in the precious adventures of good old Spidey. Then tragedy struck! On page 3, panel 4, I was shocked to see that debonair Pete Parker was fat!! He looked like Foggy Nelson's twin brother! This is a crime that is almost unforgivable. All the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local Spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local spidewphiles wanted as faces the control of the local spidewphiles wanted as faces the local spidewphiles wanted as f the local Spideyphiles wanted to form a lynch party but, the local Spideyphiles wanted to form a spidle party but, looking back at jazzy Johnny's spotless record, we decided to let him live. I suggest that you take away his MMMS membership card and make him sit in a corner and draw Brand Echh-type super-heroes for one hour. On with Johnny Fisher, Box 60 Ringwood, Okla.

chany, Johnny, Johnny! We're surprised at you! Does your weight never vary from day to day - or month to month? And, to be even more explicit -have you never seen a fat spider? Is anything cuter - more winsome - more appealing - than a chubby little roly-poly arachnid? Fie upon thee, churl! However, in our unceasing effort to please every Keeper of the Flame, no matter what his desire, we shall submit a calory-counting regimen to Jazzy Johnny and suggest that he applies it to our well-fed web-slinger! Okay?

Dear Stan and John,

You guys get me mad! Why? Because Spider-Man is a loner and it looks like you're going to keep him that way well, don't! I implore you, please, don't let him be by himself. Instead, team him up with Daredevil — together they'd make a terrific team. By doing this, you could prove to the public that Spider-Man isn't such a menace after all. Sorry to get carried away. I forgot to tell you how excellent issue #44 was. The first thing I noticed was the cover — it was terrific. That dark background gave real suspense to the whole story, and, as usual, the art was excellent. Now to get down to facts. Poor Doc Connors needed help, so where was Spider-Man? To solve this, Spidey could reveal his identity to Doc Connors, and the Doc could contact him when necessary. So heads up, and continue the great work!

Charles Cwynar, 1031 Chestnut Ave.

Long Beach, Cal. 90813

We will, Charlie — we will! But, Doc Connors finally got the help he needed without Web-head giving away his greatest secret. Actually, judging by the flood of letters we've received these past few years, most Spider buffs want our harassed hero to continue being a loner — but, as soon as the mail starts going the other way, we'll take immediate action. You know we don't have minds of our own!

Dear Stan and John,

Like wow! SPIDER-MAN #44 was the greatest. The cover was marvel-ous! Johnny Romita outdid himself. (Now I see why you keep him chained to his desk at the Bullpen!), to say nothing of the fab artwork on the inside. Pete never looked so handsome, Mary Jane was never so col, Gwen never so beautiful, and J.J., never (?) so finky. The idea of bringing the Lizard back was a stroke of genius; the idea of Aunt May going on a trip was just the thing to add that special touch that all Spidey mags have. So if you haven't gotten the idea by now, I think that Stan and John did it again — they turned out another Marvel masterpiece. By the way, I'm working on a special no-prize for Stan and John — a pop-art picture of Spidey made of old Cherrio holes pasted together. 'Nuff said!

Rod Price, 1695 Lindaire Lane Mansfield, Ohio

We just can't wait, Rod! And, as soon as we receive your little goody, we'll send you an equally desirable no-prize — a complete series of reprints, suitable for framing, of all the articles which Jolly Jonah Jameson has written telling the public how wonderful Spidey is!

Dear Stan and John,

"Rhino on the Rampage" was enough to make me take time out from my classes and drop you a dew-dripping letter of congratulations. That was truly Spidey at his best. One point, though, why stick Pete Parker with that same blue suit all the time? I mean, he doesn't have to be a fashion plate; but pleated pants?? Give the boy some more up-to-date threads, and watch Mary Jane flip for him. Also, while I'm here, put my name in the hat for those beautiful no-prizes for solving the problem of Spidey's age. After some careful research, I discovered that the American Turret Spider (Geolycosa arenicola) sometimes lives as long as five years, while others, like the tarantula, live up to 16 years; yet all mature to a point, then live an extended adulthood. Couldn't Spidey's life span also have been extended in proportion to that of a spider? If so, he would physically age very slowly, and though his chronological age would advance, and he would probably have to be taken out of college, he would still have his great appeal to teens for, in essence, he would still be one. You could always send him into V.I.S.T.A., where he would have an insight into crime centers by seeing conditions that cause them, and if he fell for an extremely poor girl, well, the Parker-type problems are obvious. Hope I've been of some help. Keep the great work going, and give my best to Pete and the crowd.

Bruce Rice, 39 Cedar St. Dunkirk, N. Y.

Likewise, Bruce! Sure, you've been a great help, pal! You've made us more confused than ever — and that's not easy! As if we don't have enough to do now, we'll have to drop everything and start an intensive study

and research program into the life cycle of Geolycosa arenicola! Oh well, if the next few hundred ishes of Spidey hit the newsstands late, you'll know the reason why! Now let's see — who's got an encyclopedia we can borrow—?



Dear Stan and John,

Wow! That's all I can say for issue #43. The Rhino was a great villain for Spidey. He's strong, fast, intelligent and practically invulnerable. But why didn't the police shoot him someplace in the face? Well, I guess it would have all ended then if they did, I think Spidey's the greatest hero there ever was! Before I read Marvel Comics, I was a fan of Brand Echh. They call you Brand "L" I didn't understand what it meant, but then I figured out what it stands for — intellectual, inimitable, inspiring, invincible, and infinitely more interesting.

John Cross, 1563 Brockton Ave. Los Angeles, Cal. 90025

Shucks, Johnny - and we never even sent 'em a thankyou note!

NEXT ISH: If you think you've seen the last of ol' killjoy Kraven - forget it! Much to Spidey's regret, we're in for more maddening menace from our Herculean hunter! Ahh, but that's only part of the titanic thrills in store for youl After an absence of many months, one of the greatest, most memorable of all super-villains returns to prove once again that, just when you think mighty Marvel has reached the absolute pinnacle of perfection, we can always come up with something even more sensa-tional — namely, the vicious Vulture! When you see the way Vulchy comes alive via the inspired artwork of Ring-A-Ding Romita, you'll wanna stand up and cheer! (But you'll be too weak from worrying about poor Petey's perilous predicamentl) Oh - and in case we forget to mention - SPIDER MAN #48 has more hard-hitting, fast-paced action panels than you could dare hope far! All in all, web-spinners, our next ish is a bell-ringer, and we oughtta know - we're the ones who did it! So, hang loose, gang — in our book, you're heroes all!

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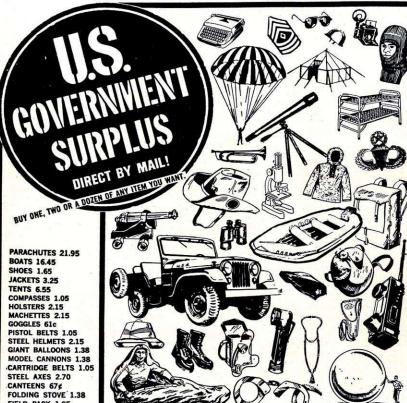
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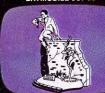
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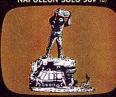


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