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NOW THAT I REALIZE YOU ARE TO BE THE LANDLADY, DEAR MRS. PARKER, I WILL ACCEPT THE ROOM SIGHT UNSEEN!

AND TO THINK IT'S YOU WHO ARE ANSWERING OUR AD FOR A BOARDER!

WHAT A SMALL WORLD!

EXPLANATION 67:

FOILED BY SPIDER-MAN IN HIS PLOT TO STEAL AMERICA'S GREATEST NEW WEAPON... THE NULLIFIER. DOG OCK STRUCK BACK LAST ISH, AND MISTAKENLY THINKS HE HAS KILLED OUR WONDROUS WEB-SLINGER... ALTHOUGH WE KNOW DIFFERENTLY, DON'T WE?

ANYWAY, THE MULTI-ARMED MENACE NOW NEEDS A SAFE PLACE TO LIE LOW... AND WHAT BETTER BE THAN A SIMPLE ROOM IN THE SIMPLE HOME WHICH OUR HERO'S ALINT MAY SHARES... SIMPLY WITH ANNA WATSON?

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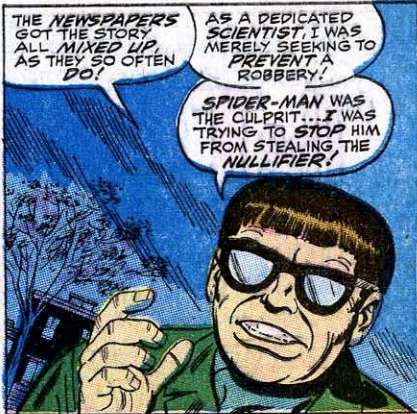
STAN (THE MAN) AND JOHN (RING-A-DING) LEE ROMITA

EMBELLISHED BY: HICKEY DEMEO
LETTERED BY: SAM ROSEN

*WHO SAYS WE DON'T REMEMBER THE SPIDEY ANNUAL #1? -- SMUG STAN.

AND NOW, LET'S SEE HOW MUCH SWINGIN' SUSPENSE YOU CAN HANDLE...

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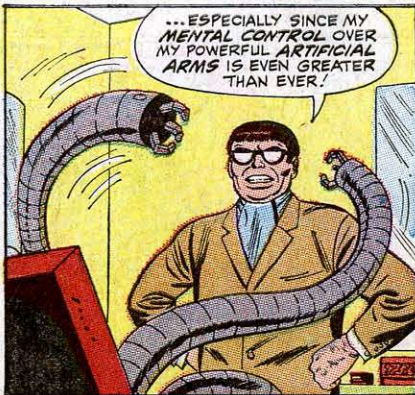


BUT THEN, IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS ROOM, DOCK OCKS SPIRITS BEGIN TO RISE...

NOW THAT SPIDER-MAN IS DEAD... AND I'VE FOUND A FAR BETTER HIDE-OUT THAN I EXPECTED...

I CAN AGAIN MAKE PLANS TO STEAL THE PRICELESS NULLIFIER!

AND THIS TIME I WILL NOT FAIL!



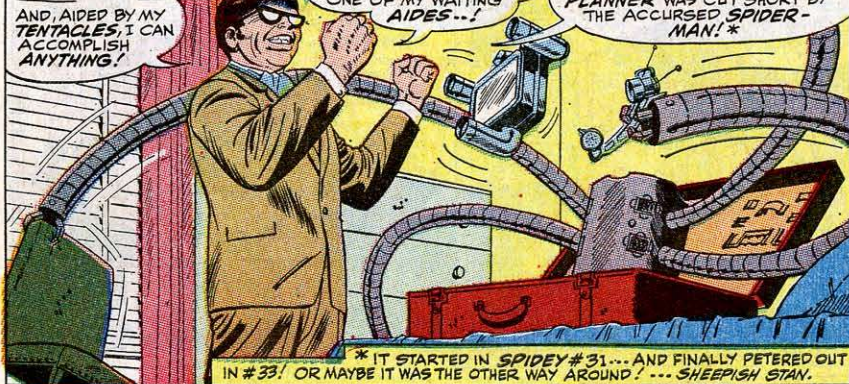
...ESPECIALLY SINCE MY MENTAL CONTROL OVER MY POWERFUL ARTIFICIAL ARMS IS EVEN GREATER THAN EVER!

I AM STILL ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIFIC BRAINS OF THE CENTURY...

AND, AIDED BY MY TENTACLES, I CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

NOW I'LL UNPACK THE COMMUNICATING EQUIPMENT I BROUGHT, AND CONTACT ONE OF MY WAITING AIDES...!

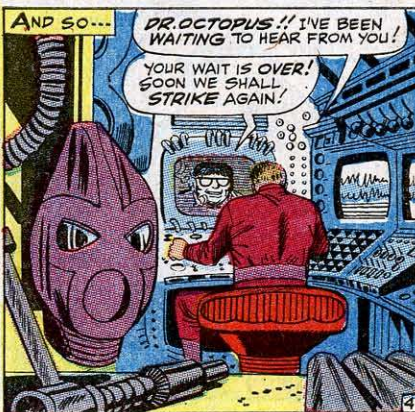
LUCKILY, ALL OF MY MEN WERE NOT CAPTURED WHEN MY CAREER AS THE MASTER PLANNER WAS CUT SHORT BY THE ACCURSED SPIDER-MAN! *



* IT STARTED IN SPIDEY #31... AND FINALLY PETERED OUT IN #33! OR MAYBE IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND! ... SHEEPISH STAN.



BEFORE LONG, I'LL BE IN FULL COMMAND ONCE MORE!



AND SO...

DR. OCTOPUS!! I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU!

YOUR WAIT IS OVER! SOON WE SHALL STRIKE AGAIN!



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CARE TO HAVE A TALK-IN WITH A COUPLE OF WIDE-EYED WENCHES, MR. P.?



BREAK IT TO HER GENTLY, PETEY-O!

THE POOR CHILD NEVER HEARD THAT THREE'S A CROWD!



DON'T BE SILLY, MISS WATSON!

WE DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE ON OUR ACCOUNT!

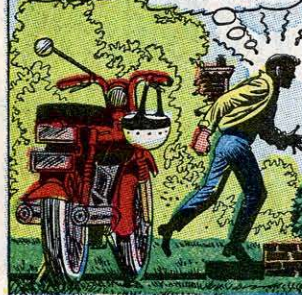
LOOK, KIDDIES... THIS IS ALL VERY FLATTERING, BUT I JUST REMEMBERED MY AUNT MAY HAS A NEW BOARDER, AND I'D BETTER SEE IF EVERY-THING'S OKAY!

AUNT MAY? WHO CAN BUCK COMPETITION LIKE THAT?!



I'D HAVE LIKED TO STAY WITH GWEN AND MJ, BUT MRS. WATSON IS OUT OF TOWN, AND... HEY!!

MY SPIDEY SENSE!! TINGLING LIKE MAD! SOMETHING'S WRONG INSIDE...!



I'VE GOT TO GET IN THERE... FAST!

BUT, NO SOONER DOES PETE ENTER THE HOUSE, WHEN...



IT CAN'T BE...!!

IT'S... DR. OCTOPUS!

PETER DEAR! HOW NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN!

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'VE MET MY NEW BOARDER BEFORE! I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN!

COME IN, YOUNG MAN... COME IN!

YOUR AUNT WAS JUST TELLING ME WHAT A BRILLIANT SCIENCE STUDENT YOU ARE!

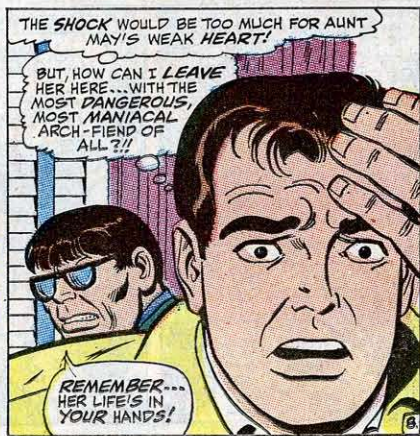


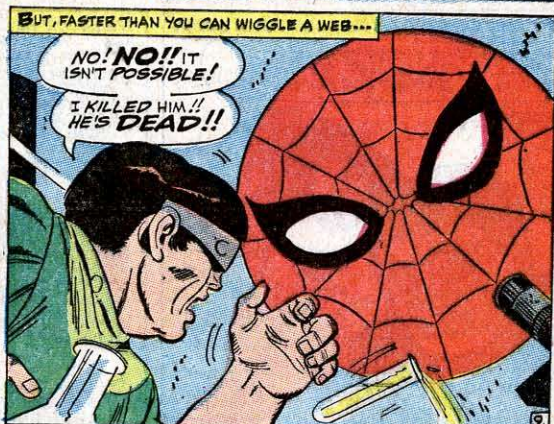
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DON'T STARE SO, DEAR! IT'S IMPOLITE!

I DABBLE A BIT IN SCIENCE MYSELF!







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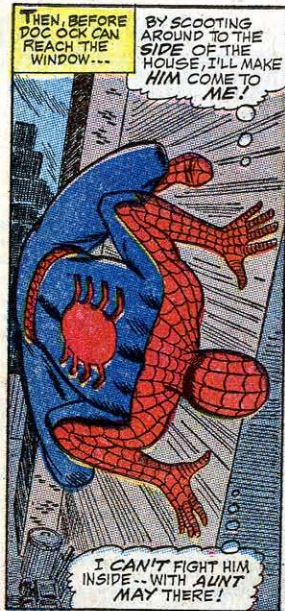
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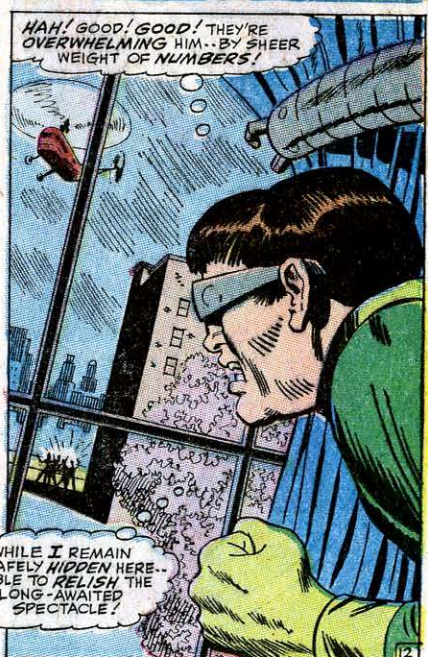
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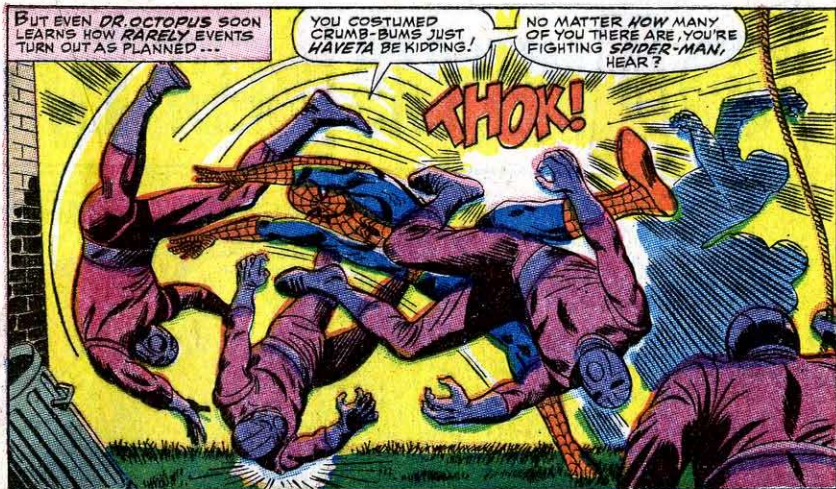




BUT EVEN DR. OCTOPUS SOON
LEARNS HOW RARELY EVENTS
TURN OUT AS PLANNED...

YOU COSTUMED
CRUMB-BUMS JUST
HAVETA BE KIDDING!

NO MATTER HOW MANY
OF YOU THERE ARE, YOU'RE
FIGHTING SPIDER-MAN,
HEAR?



I CAN'T WASTE TOO
MUCH TIME WITH THEM!

NOT WHILE OCK IS STILL
AT LARGE...WITH AUNT
MAY NOT SUSPECTING
HOW DEADLY HE IS!

THE
GAS!

USE THE
GAS ON
HIM BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE!

KAK!



NO MATTER HOW STRONG
HE IS...THIS IS BOUND
TO WEAKEN HIM!

=UNHHH...!=

I...I DIDN'T
HOLD MY
BREATH IN
TIME! TOOK
TOO MUCH
GAS INTO MY
LUNGS!

EVERY-
THING'S
STARTING
TO SPIN
AROUND..!

BUT...I'VE
GOT TO...
HOLD ON..!



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AM I THE ONLY ONE CLEVER ENOUGH ... STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HIM??



BUT SPIDEY HAS NO TIME TO PONDER SUCH INTERESTING PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS, AS HE CONTINUES DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY ...



PLEASANT DREAMS, PLAYMATES!



LO!

YOU GENTS SHOULD BE GLAD I'M IN A HURRY ...

OTHERWISE, I'D NEVER LET YOU OFF SO EASY!

WHO ARE THEY? WHAT DID THEY DO? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

ANYONE WHO CAN FIGHT LIKE SPIDER-MAN SHOULD BE LOCKED UP! HE'S A MENACE!

SECONDS LATER, THE "MENACE" COMPLETES HIS LITTLE TASK ...

MAYBE THE POLICE CAN'T HOLD YOU FOR LONG ON ANY SPECIFIC CHARGE ...

BUT THINK OF THE FUN THEY'LL HAVE TRYING!

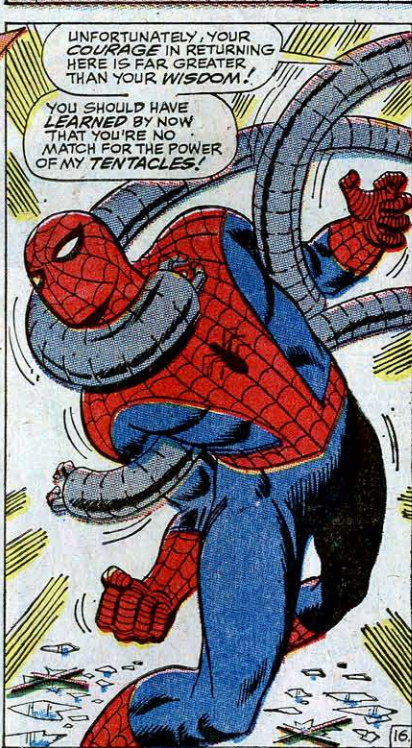


AUNT MAY!!

SHE MUST HAVE SLIPPED OUT TO SEE WHAT ALL THE EXCITEMENT WAS ABOUT!

THAT MEANS ... OCK WILL BE HOME ... ALONE!

THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!



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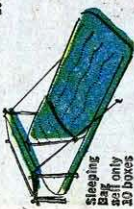
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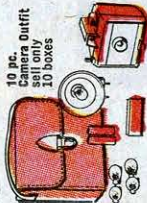
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Introduce beautiful new Christmas
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to folks you know...earn big
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Here's Mickey Mantle's big league way to
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— in just a few spare hours after school
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Greeting Card Assortments to your
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At \$1.50 a box—they're a terrific bargain!
Cards are sent to you on credit. You pay
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21 deluxe Christmas or All-Occasion
Greeting Cards, and each card is worth
up to 25¢ at store prices. Yet you can
offer your friends all 21 cards for the low
low price of only \$1.50. What a bargain!
No wonder folks buy 2 and 3 boxes at a
time!

As few as 10 boxes earns you a Prize!
Right now, pick the prize you want, then
fill out and mail the coupon. We'll rush
you 10 boxes of cards to start you off. The

cards are sent to you on credit because we
trust you.

Mail the coupon now, and with your
10 boxes you'll also receive your FREE
membership card, autographed picture of
Mickey Mantle, and catalog showing more
of the exciting prizes you can earn this
easy way.

NATIONAL YOUTH SALES CLUB

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Mail This Coupon Now for Catalog Of Big Prizes

National Youth Sales Club
Dept. G-204, Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

Yes, I want to join the N.Y.S.C. and be a prize
winner. Mail me a FREE membership card, auto-
graphed picture of "Mickey Mantle," catalog of
prizes, and a coupon to start my own business and
obtain the prizes I want — cash, a new bike, a
new car, a new house, or a new boat. I'll pay for
me 10 boxes of Greeting Cards, as checked be-
low, ON CREDIT.

Send 10 boxes of (check one): ☐ Christmas Cards ☐ All-Occasion Cards

Name _____ (please print)

Address _____

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RUSH ME THE GIANT-SIZE POSTERS OF SPIDER-MAN OR THE HULK! I ENCLOSE \$1.00 FOR SPIDER-MAN I ENCLOSE \$1.00 FOR THE HULK (PLUS 25¢ FOR HANDLING)

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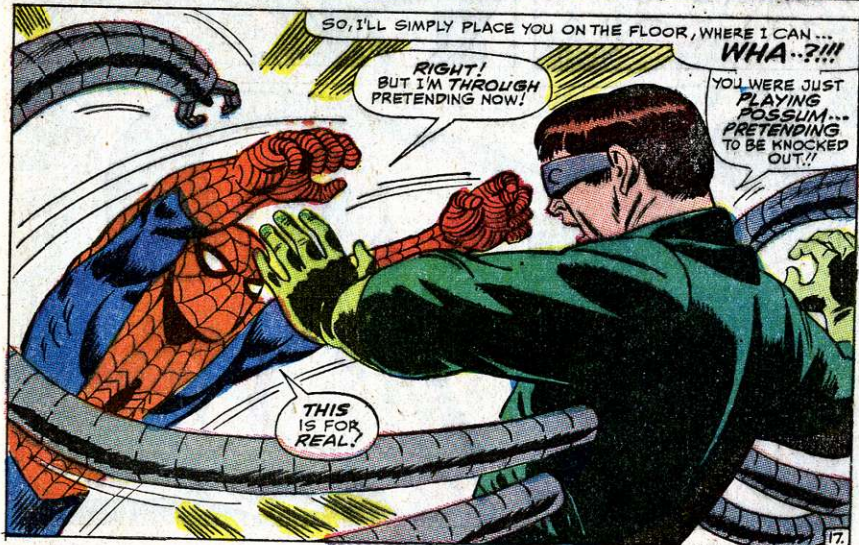
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ITEM! Here's the scoop you've been waiting for! The inside info about our two latest and greatest 25¢ Specials, which are on sale right now. Taking them in alphabetical order, we present the fabulous **FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL** which features not one, but two—that's right, TWO—original, never-before-published titanic thrillers, led off by a movie-length saga entitled "Divided We Fall," starring the F.F., the Black Panther, and the indomitable Inhumans! You'll also gasp in amazement at our second far-out feature which presents for the first time, starring in his own strip—the Silver Surfer! And you'll never guess who the unmentionable villain is! As if that's not enough, you'll frivolously fondle a whole kaboodle of pin-up pages and other assorted goodies!—But what about Spidey? Ah, we thought you'd never ask! Our **SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL** for this year brings you a double-length, all-new, all-original action bombshell featuring the block-busting battle you've all been clamoring for—the world's favorite wall-crawler vs.—you guessed it—the Human Torch! There are also two unexpected guest villains whose identities you'll never figure out—until it's too late! And, for an extra kick, virtually the entire unforgettable chiller-diller takes place in glamorous, goofy Hollywood! And wait! You see the panoply pages of Spidey Extras, taking you behind the scenes of our web-slingin' wonder's life for an intimate glimpse of Peter Parker, his pad, and his pals—as you've never seen 'em before! Yessir, we kid thee not! **FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL #5**, and **SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL #4**—both on sale today, if you don't buy another mag this month, these two you must not miss!

ITEM! Just in case some of you Faithful Ones weren't paying attention last ish, we thought we'd remind you once more about the sensational **Fantastic Four** and **Spider-Man** half-hour shows heading your way. Mags, as well as the fabulous **Fantastic Four Special** coming up, ABC-TV September! Watch your paper's TV listings for the exact time and date... 'cause it's not to be missed! And how about those new, glitzy, mixed-up Marvel items hitting the market, every day! If your dealer doesn't have a full supply—show your MMS card, face front twice, and organize a read-in till he gets with it! That'll stop 'im!

ITEM! Remember a few months back when we printed a letter from a fan suggesting that we give all True Believers various ranks and titles in the nobility of Marvel-dom? Well, the idea seems to have really caught fire out there amongst you tigers! We received countless letters, pro and con. First, we'll print the most typical of the anti-Marvel-ranks letters—

Dear Stan,

Let's get something straight. You are not MEO (Marvel's Earthbound Oidiot); your artists are not DDD'S (Definitely Dizzy Doodlers); your letters are letterers, not IWP's (Indefatigable Word Placers), and so on. Get the message? If you follow up the idea of having to get letters printed, and of winning no-prizes in order to gain Ultimate Status, you'll get more bonehead letters than you know what to do with. When a fan sends a letter, it's to verify or correct what you've done. If it gets printed, fine! If it wins a no-prize, fine! But if people write just to get their letters printed or to win no-prizes, the letters pages will start losing dignity. Finally, I thought all you

al Marvelites had achieved ultimate status in the eyes of the Bullpen long ago. Do we have to add an atmosphere of cheap, commercial competitiveness to the Marvel Comics Group? Robert Law, 25 Audubon Drive Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167

—Bob's got a good point there, and he presented it most convincingly. However, the same opinion, by far the vast majority of letters were in favor of the idea of ranks and titles for Marvel-dom. Here's an example of what we mean—

Dear Stan,

The idea of various ranks of Marvelites is terrific! Why didn't I think of it's easier, there should be a rank a few for being an MMS member. May I suggest K.F. (Keeper of the Faith) which would come between R.F.O. (Real Frantic One) and Q.N.S. (Quite 'Nuff Sayers).

K.F. Wayne Nehwadowich
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—Actually, Wayne went on to mention many more ranks, and we figure that excerpt gave you the idea. So, what are we gonna do about it? Well, for one thing, we're going to boil down the seemingly endless list of titles which we've had to use to, and try to limit them to just a few, easy-to-remember ones. Then, when we get all the details worked out, we'll clue you in on this page in the very near future. And don't worry about being left out in the cold. We're gonna work it so that EVERY Marvelite—whether he's had a letter printed, or won a no-prize, or not—every Marvelite will be entitled to a rank of his own! Just give us time! Yes sir! Before we're through, we'll be well on our way to total oblivion!

ITEM: Here's an announcement we never expected to make! We're gonna recommend that you take a peek at—of all things!—the latest ish of **MILLIE THE MODEL**. We've changed the mag around completely—new type of artwork and stories—and Honest to Aunt May, it's really kinda funny. Even if **MILLIE** isn't your own cup of tea, we have a hunch your sister or gal friend (wouldja believe your cousin?) might just get a boot out of it!

ITEM: Speaking of funny mags, the new ish of **NOT BRAND ECCH** is finally sporting its own Letters Page. So, if you've been looking for a reason to latch onto a copy, now you've got it! Incidentally, this magical mag has become the "in" sensation of the year! (Now, if we can only figure out WHICH year?)

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Many of you unsung heroes have written to ask how we really feel about our own mags. You've inquired whether we take them seriously, or just treat 'em as a patently pointless put-on! Well, just for the record, Charlie, we BELIEVE in our swingin' superheroes! We created them—we live with their adventures—their hang-ups—almost 24 hours a day. We know 'em as well as we know our families... and better than we know Irving Forbush! No, literature lover, our fearless little fables are NOT put-ons. To us, they're what's happening, baby! It's the REAL world we have our doubts about—but that's another story! Till next month then, Face Front! That's where the action is!

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SEND YOUR LETTERS TO

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Dear Stan and John,

There I was standing in my favorite drug store waiting for the latest Spidey to come in. It came five minutes later I picked up my copy, paid for it, and ran all the way home. I read it very slowly so I wouldn't miss anything. Then it happened... on page 17, panel 4 it said that Spidey got his powers in a lab accident. I thought he got his powers by being bitten by a radioactive spider. Try to get out of that one! If you can I'll send you a ten-transfused no-prize. Well, until next time, nuff said, pussy. Lenny Ackerman, 8107 W. Arthur Chicago Ill 60645

We oughta send you a no-prize just for giving us a criticism we can finally wiggle out of, Len. Sure Petey was bitten by a radioactive spider! But, it happened in the lab, didn't it? And it wasn't supposed to happen, was it? That makes it an accident, doesn't it? An accident in the lab - ergo - a lab accident! Ahhh, life can be beautiful!

Dear Stan and John,

Congratulations! It's got to be a Marvel first - or at least the first time in a long time. The action in issue #50 took over a week of time to be developed! Usually, between the beginning and end of your stories, no more than a day or even a few hours' time elapses, making the continuity of a several-magazine development a little hard to believe. I don't mind this, in fact, I don't object to anything you guys have done, but such a large passage of time in one issue is a much appreciated break in your routine. By the way, all the fuss that some readers are making about the many changes in Peter's continually developing character is not to be listened to. I enjoy the way he is developing because that's reality. But don't leave him the way he is too long. Every stage in his personality development should naturally lead to the next. One plot development I would like to see is Patch's becoming Spidey's undercover man. Picture this... Patch is working with Spidey, but Spidey doesn't know that Patch is Foxwell, and Foxwell doesn't know that Spider-Man is Parker! One final question - why must every sentence or phrase you turn out end with either a "1" "2" "3" "4" "5" "6" "7" "8" "9" "10" "11" "12" "13" "14" "15" "16" "17" "18" "19" "20" "21" "22" "23" "24" "25" "26" "27" "28" "29" "30" "31" "32" "33" "34" "35" "36" "37" "38" "39" "40" "41" "42" "43" "44" "45" "46" "47" "48" "49" "50" "51" "52" "53" "54" "55" "56" "57" "58" "59" "60" "61" "62" "63" "64" "65" "66" "67" "68" "69" "70" "71" "72" "73" "74" "75" "76" "77" "78" "79" "80" "81" "82" "83" "84" "85" "86" "87" "88" "89" "90" "91" "92" "93" "94" "95" "96" "97" "98" "99" "100" "101" "102" "103" "104" "105" "106" "107" "108" "109" "110" "111" "112" "113" "114" "115" "116" "117" "118" "119" "120" "121" "122" "123" "124" "125" "126" "127" "128" "129" "130" "131" "132" "133" "134" "135" "136" "137" "138" "139" "140" "141" "142" "143" "144" "145" "146" "147" "148" "149" "150" "151" "152" "153" "154" "155" "156" "157" "158" "159" "160" "161" "162" "163" "164" "165" "166" "167" "168" "169" "170" 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you've created a manic bird frustrater — a manic bird frustrater being one who frustrates birds. For sixty long minutes after of Spidey sprays his nutty webbing, the bird population is terrorized. Our little feathered friends get their feet stuck in that crazy webbing. In case you've never been stuck in Spidey's webbing, I can tell you it is exceedingly frustrating. As a matter of fact, we treated 38 pigeons for "fraustrus muchus" after the epic battle between Kraven and Spidey in Central Park. This may seem picaresque to you, but, after all, how would you like to fly around in a circle for the rest of your life in fear of losing your sanity upon landing?? It is quite apparent Petey has an inborn hatred of birds. You people had better watch it or you'll have three million bird lovers storming your office. You're not off the hook either, Stan — we're planning a bird-in at your house!

Ken Jensen, 3017 W. 97th St.
Bloomington, Minn.

Y'know the only thing that bothers us about your mad-cap missive, Kenny? Somewhere, somehow, someone is gonna read it carelessly and figure you're completely serious. After that, we'll start to get a whole batch of threatening letters from aroused bird-lovers . . . poor, misguided souls who aren't aware that, next to pussy-willows, we like birdies best! But that's okay, tiger — we know how to handle such problems. — We'll send all the letters to you! — By the way, we really dig the notion of a bird-in . . . although a thing like that can knock you outta your tree! (Ooops!)

Dear Stan and John,

I just finished reading SPIDER-MAN #50. (That line is nothing new to you, but I had to begin my letter somehow.) I did want to tell you that it contained one of the best collections of letters I've read in a long time. I enjoy reading the opinions that I and other readers have in common, namely the fact that our Peter Parker has unfortunately become a hip, swinging member of today's Great Society. I believe that fans are absolutely correct in saying that he isn't the Peter Parker we all once knew. I think his true character is lost in all the modern fads that you put in your mags. I wanted to state this idea before you fell asleep on me — now to my real purpose — defense. My explanation is that no one can live for almost twenty years and have everyone on his back bugging him about how he dresses, how weak he is, how smart he is, what a wallflower he is, and a whole mess of other petty things without suffering a nervous breakdown! Since your mag is realistic in every aspect of life, Pete must be using an avenue of escape — being a partial conformist. But for the sake of us spidophiles the world over, please make a change for the better in our hero, or else he's bound to lose his popularity among your avid, tireless, ever-assisting fans.

Randy Hudson, 14919 160th Ave.
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Okay, Randolph, we get the message. Now, all that remains is to learn what the rest of Marvelworld thinks. (Our stock answer, as you doubtless know by now, whenever we're completely at a loss — like always!) Incidentally, we seem to recollect that Spidey did have a nervous breakdown a few years back — in some ish or other. Anyone remember which yarn it was?

Dear Stan and John,

Do you want my blood on your hands? I was just sitting here, contemplating suicide if you pacify all the squares who have been writing in to have you go back to the old, corny Peter Parker. Ol' Petey has risen from the depths of squaredom to the heights of hipville. Since I am a fair-minded teen, I'll give you two choices — either keep Petey a real hipster or turn in your pens, crayons, coloring books, and Bullpen seats on the way out! One last word — please don't go back to the old Pete because I'm too young and handsome (well, too young anyway) to die. 'Nuff said!

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Oklahoma City, Okla.

Guess that clinches it, Dick! We don't have so many frantic followers that we can afford to lose a live one like you. The only thing is — we weren't aware that Pete had reached the "heights of hipville", as you so dramatically phrased it. In fact, we kinda felt he's just become a little less cubish! Now we learn we've

got a hippie on our hands! And we're so old-fashioned, we thought Thoroughly Modern Millie was an incisive commentary on the current '67 scene! In fact, up till a few minutes ago, we thought hippie was a baby hippopotamus! (That was before we learned that it's a nickname for part of the anatomy!) — Forgive us, lad — it's been a long, hot afternoon!



Dear Stan and John,

SPIDER-MAN #51 was the fulfillment of the promise you made when you first conceived the idea of a spider-powered youth. I can barely express my sheer joy of reading that masterpiece. This was a super-hero as he was meant to be — the superman in the finest Nietzsche tradition. Spider-Man fought a real menace and was at his zenith. This is how a super-hero should be — no mermaids, no space elves, no silly girl companion unworthy of the hero's affection, but what's real and what's good and great. Spider-Man is a man — what we all want to be but can just never make it! He has power, but uses it to fight for what he believes in, not just to satisfy his whims. This is what Nietzsche intended in his superman — the mystery, the power, the force, the greatness. I am opposed to Spider-Man's talking like a hippie. A little slang is fine and effective, but the quantity you have used is not only unnatural, but in a few years . . . for example, read one of the original Tom Swift stories, paying close attention to the slang. Dated, n'est-ce pas? I close my humble letter with a shy wave to Mary Jane whom I devoutly hope is the lucky girl to get Spider-Man. However, if Gwen has such unparalleled luck, could I have a date with Mary Jane, or will Mrs. Watson only let her date local boys?

Dwight Decker, 112 Parrott St.
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We're not sure, D. D., but we'll be glad to put your name on the waiting list. You brought up so many earth-shattering points that we don't know which to comment on first . . . so we'll forget the whole thing. It's just as well — every time we open our collective mouth we put our collective foot in it, anyway!

NEXT ISH: Face it, web-slinger, we really don't have to tell you how great SPIDEY #55 is gonna be! You know us well enough by now to figure that our follow-up yarn just has to be something special after the groundwork we've been laying for these past two ishies! But it's gonna be even more far-out than you expect! Honestly, we'd like to give you a few clues, but we just don't wanna spoil the fun and frenzy that's awaiting you. All we can say is — Spidey will face a sudden, unexpected problem, the like of which he's never faced before! It's a problem which is about to lead to all sorts of new developments and exciting intrigues — and which even the gyratin' genius of Stan and Johnny may not be able to solve! Sounds good? Take it from us, heroic one — it's even better than that! Oh, and while you're waiting, be sure to latch onto the thrill-a-minute, spill-a-minute SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL #4, now on sale. We don't want you to be culturally starved for one single minute! And you won't be, if you'll Think Marvel!

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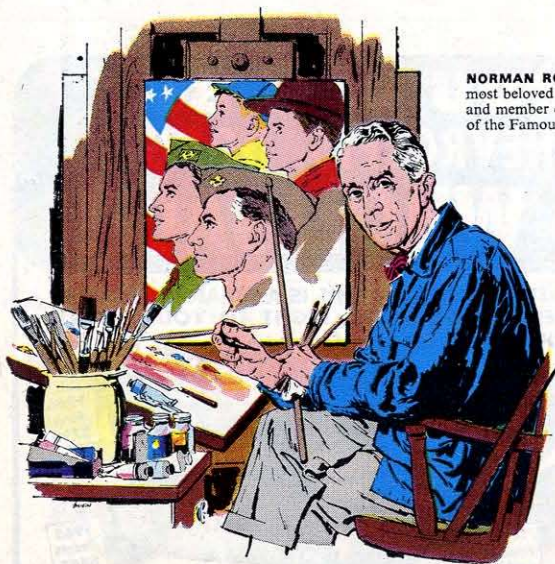
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