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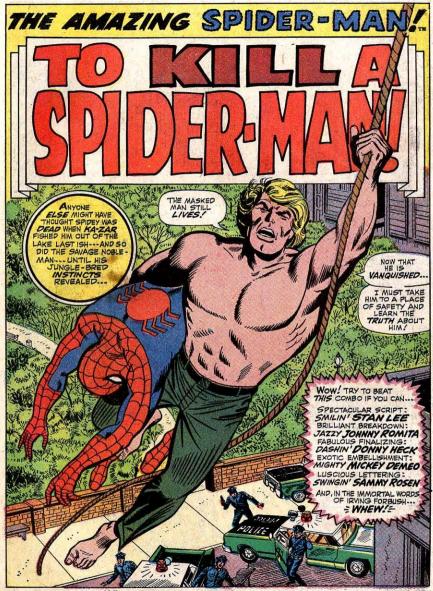
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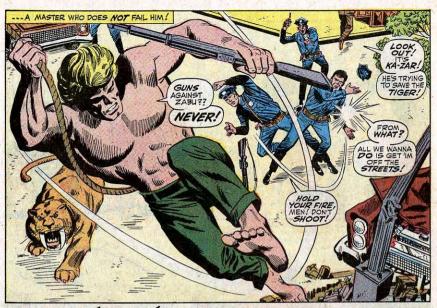
















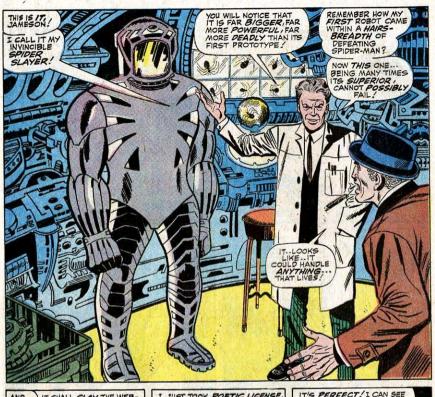








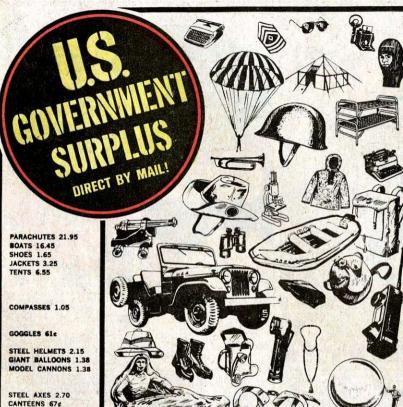








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SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:

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Dear Stan and John, SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL #4 made me very happy because, for the first time that I know of, two of your super-heroes had actually gone to the West Coast. Why are all the superheroes in the entire world in New York? Other cities have crime problems, too. Why can't you have a superhero in Los Angeles or San Francisco? Or send Aunt May over to clean up the overdue library books racket? Give the West Coast a piece of the action!!

R. Gaede, 3115 Pioneer Dr.

Bakersfield, Calif.

Actually, we thought the West Coast had enough happening out there without the added impetus of several superheroes! What with the hippies in San Francisco, not to mention Country Joe and the Fish and about a zillion other top pop recording groups, we figured it best that we keep at least some of the action on this side of the Mississippi! But, if the exodus towards the Pacific keeps growing, one of our heroes just might swing out to see where it's at! In the meantime, though, may the strobe lights of the Avalon Ballroom flash on! 'Nuff said!

Dear Stan and John,

I just saw the debut of the F.F. and Spidey TV shows and they were very good. The animation was excellent compared to last year's shows. Spidey looks different somehow without the web pattern on his chest. Speaking of webbing, I have a helpful hint for any Marvelites who are having trouble with the web pattern on their Spidey models. A quill pen with a small bottle of black India ink models. A quill pen with a small bottle of black India ink works nicely, Just apply it to the grooves provided on the model with the pen. The ink will usually not rub off, bead up or run. So 'till next time, face front!

David Rowand, 109 Columbus Ave.
Salem, Mass. 01970

Will do, Davey - and you make sure you do the same! And be careful about inking in too many web-patterns on the same day! According to Jazzy Johnny, TV doesn't look so hot with webs in front of your eyes!



Dear Stan and John,

Dear Stan and John,

The continuing stories in issue # 53 and #54 is great.

I was sure happy to see Doc Ock back. The minute I picked up ish #54, I ran home and locked myself in a soundproof room after seeing that fabulous cover. That was using the old Marvel head to dream up Doc Ock applying for Aunt May's ad for a boarder. The first few pages I wondered how Petey would take it, and sure enough, he was as mad as the Torch being thrown into a

warehouse full of asbestos. That was a real father-to-son rather to solve the transfer of solve the transfer of solve the transfer of solve the transfer of the transfer curs? It's a lot to expect of us!

Michael Behar, 2215 Cruger Ave. Bronx, N. Y. 10467

You bet your MMMS card it is - but you expect us to come through with the senses-shattering sequel next month – and that's not exactly the easiest thing in the world, Mike! But fear not, O Watcher of the Webs! Your bloodshot Bullpen will try hard never to let you down - mainly 'cause the suspense gets to us at least as much as it does to you!



Dear Stan and John,

Dear Stan and John,
I'm writing to compliment you and your staff on the
latest Spidey issue, #54. The plot was, as usual, very well
developed, and the art was, well, out of this world! (Sam,
your lettering was fab, too!) What an ironic twist —Dr.
Octopus, while being sought by Spider-Man, rents a room
in Aunt May's home. But really, Stan, how can you make
her so gullible? I suppose Aunt May's shock at the end
gave the story an aura of suspense, but please don't let
her die. She gives the story a motherly touch, although
at times she can be a real pussywillow! Let Petey show
his affections to Gwen before she dies an old maid. Keep
those great mags coming, and, as I always say. 'Stan those great mags coming, and, as I always say, "Stan Lee for President!" Jeff Jordan, Jericho Rd. Pelham, N. H.

Would'is believe "Irving Forbush for Dogostcher"? Thanks for the kudes, Jeff — but we don't think Aunt May is any more gullible than any other sweet little old lady who never had reason to distrust anyone in her whole life! She's so honest that she thinks everybody is that way! And, as far as Gwen's ever hecoming an old maid, you don't really think a good-looking gal like that will be a backelorette for long, do you? Whether or not Peter will be the one to make the Whether or not Petey will be the one to snatch her from spinsterhood, though, is a matter that remains to be seen — and nobody's keeping a closer eye on it than merry M. J.!

Dear Stan and John,

I don't see why all these comball kooks keep writing letters to you howling that you should quit inventing new villains for Spidey to fight. How did the old villains

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once! By now the Looter is an old villain, and in about five more issues the Shocker will be, too. Just keep inventing new villains, and soon you'll have a good supply of old villains. Also, although I like Peter Parker's new image, I do not like his speech, Just once I would like to see him go up to Gwen and Mary Jane and say "Hi", instead of something like. "Who are these wonderful waifs I see wandering by the wayside whilst waving to pink pussycats, Tiger?" So until the black roots of Gwen's hair show, make mine Marvel! Clay Frost, 562 S. Sinclair West Vinn, Ore.

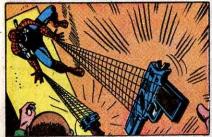
We will, Clay — 'cause we happen to know that Gwen's golden locks are 100% for real! Thanks for your support of our policy of aging our vituperous villains. (Like, we need all the help we can get!) Now, about your little gripe with Petey's alliterative addresses to the two objects of his affection—we've done a little research and have come up with some swingin' statistics! In the last two issues of SPIDER-MAN, every time Mr. Parker meets Misses Watson and Stacey, he says the word you recommend - "Hi?" How about that? So let's compromise -! If you'll give Petey and his pals a break, we'll guarantee more of those vintage villains. Deal?

Dear Stan and John,

Ish #54 was marvelous. It was ironic how Doc Ock was really hiding out in the house of his hated foe's aunt. Though his fight with Dr. Octopus was short this ish, I'm sure that next time they fight, it will be a big one. I'm surprised no one saw the good doctor break through the wall of the house. After all, a thing like that is hard not to notice! By the way, I picked up the Spidey SPE-CIAL and I was really happy with it. I didn't guess the artist who drew it was Larry Lieber. Boy, has he im-proved over the years! Why don't you start a new Marvel and have him draw it? It would be great!

Ira Silverberg, 3213 Snyder Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226

It sure will, frantic one! At this very moment, Laughin' Larry is busily working away on next year's sensational SPIDEY SPECIAL - and we can promise it'll be a gasser! After that, we're not certain - but you can be sure we won't let any cobwebs grow on his drawing board! As for Doc Ock breaking out of Aunt May's house unnoticed - did the thought ever occur to you that maybe nobody wanted to notice him? If you'd seen it happen, would you have run out and tried to stop him? Besides, everylody knew it'd just he a matter of time before a certain friendly neighborhood web-slinger'd show up to take the situation in hand! (Anyway, that's our explanation - and we're stuck with it!)

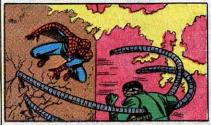


Dear Stan and John,

I just had to write to you marvel-ous masters of good taste and fresh ideas. Spidey #53 was something for the bullpen to brag about. Jazzzy Johnny made the good doctor look a little more fiendish than he did before. The story was excellent and the idea of having Doc board up with doting Aunt May is out of sight. But wouldn't Aunt May remember the six-armed man? Way back in SPIDEY ANNUAL #1 the Sinister Six, led by Doc Ock, captured

get to be old villains? Simple! They had to be new villains Auntie and Betty Brant. Surely Aunt May's been in grave condition with radioactive elements in her bloodstream, and she might not remember everything, but her brain can hardly forget such an experience. The art was fabucan hardly forger such an experience. The art was admi-lous. The best of Johnny's swinging artwork was on page 7, panel 3, and page 19, panel 5. I can't leave out the masterwork of Mick and Artie. But I do have a question how long does it take you to make a mag? Do your artists and letterers work continuously on one mag or do they do a little on one and a little on another, and then continue to alternate? I must say that Spidey is the most original creation in the world of comics. Make mine Marvel! Bruce Butler, 606 22nd St. N.W. Canton, Ohio

We will, Bruce baby! Today we don't feel like arguing! Now, Aunt May remembered Doc Ock, all right - but not as a villain! Being the gentle soul that she is - and since most gentle souls seem to be heavily influenced by the writings of that nice J. Jonah Jameson - she thought Ock was a virtual pussywillow! Okay? Okay! Then, let us just clue you in that it takes us four full weeks to turn out one of our merry mags from scratch -or, just in time to take a deep breath and plunge ahead on the next ish! Now, where's that coffee wagon?



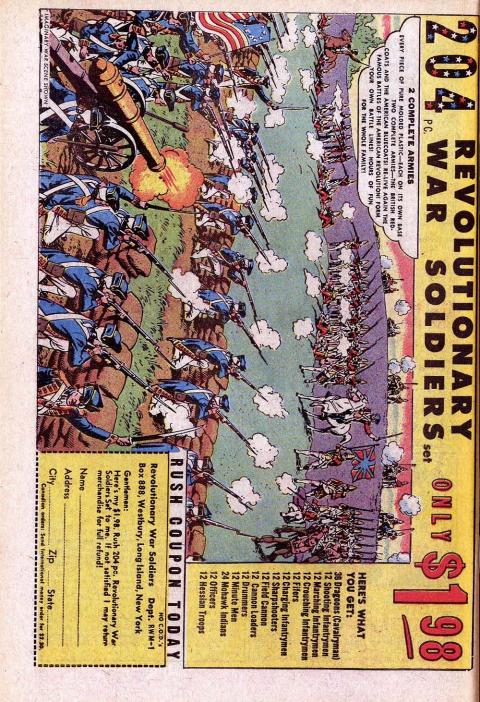
Dear Stan and John,

In issue #54, you asked if we could recollect when Spidey had a nervous breakdown a few years back. In answer to your plea for help, I helpfully would like to help you by scanning my vast memory, which is flawless (1% of the time), and answer that plea. The truth is that, in issue #24, Spidey was tricked into believing that he was going insane by none other than Mysterio. Now back to the more recent Spidey yarns. Doc Ock is great. John has him looking better than ever. I can hardly wait to see the outcome. I'm glad Mysterio was back in SPIDEY SPE-CIAL #4. He's one of my favorite villains, and I think he should be seen more often, along with the Molten Man, the new Vulture, the Scorpion, the Rhino, and the Lizard. Paul Pedroni, 905 Sonoma Ave.

Petaluma, Cal.

Maybe you think those bellicose baddies should show up more frequently, but we have our doubts as to how Spidey feels about the matter! Of course, we kinda suspect that's not gonna stop the villains you mentioned. Oh, and we almost forgot, your no-prize is on its way, O Keeper of the Marvel Memory Most Magnificent - that is, if we remembered to mail it!

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