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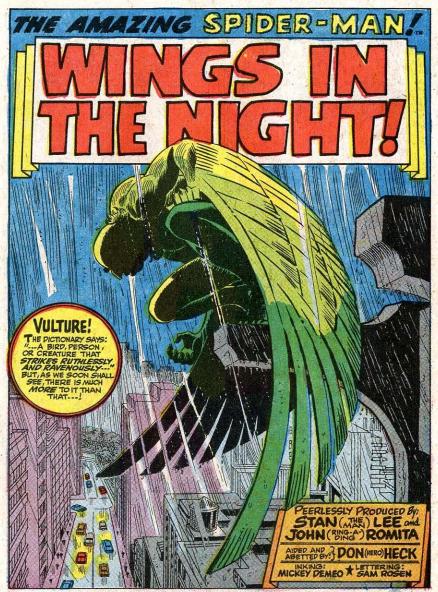
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ITEM! This'll really rock you! Our own monthly little excursion into Marvel madness - namely, NOT BRAND ECHH has become such a spine-tingling success that we've no choice but to publish it in a new king-sized edition, starting this month! Yep, BRECHH will cost two-bits from now on, but it'll be twice as much mag! And best of all - it's broadening its hysterical horizons, taking pot shots at a much wider variety of screwball subjects! While you're triumphantly snaring the SILVER SURFER, be sure to grab NOT BRAND ECHH also, and you'll have scored the greatest doubleplay of the month! And incidentally, we're anxious to hear how you like N.B.E.'s new title lettering this ish - so clue us in, huh?

ITEM! Naturally, everybody's been talking about Marvel's greatest publishing project of all - the sensational SPIDER-MAN Spectacular which went on sale last month. It's already completely sold out in many areas (such as the neighborhood where Jazzy Johnny's family lives!) - but there are still enough copies printed to be sure that no Marvelite Johnny-Come-Lately will be disappointed. Remember, if you've been having trouble finding this extra-thick, extra-large 35¢ slickpaper mag, with its gorgeous oil-painting cover, be sure to ask your newsdealer for it. There's a good chance that he's displaying your Spidey Spectacular amongst his more expensive top-selling mags - so be sure to look all over for it, not merely on the comics mag racks. Once you get your greedily-clutching claws on it, you'll see why it was well worth all the trouble - and we're not just wigglin' our webs, pilgrim!

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STAN'S SOAPBOX!

We sometimes receive letters accusing us of publishing too many different titles. A number of fans have said it's too expensive trying to buy all our mags, and they ask us not to be so greedy, and to publish less of 'em. So, we thought you might like to hear OUR side of it. The only reason we con-stantly add new titles is because YOU ask for them. Thousands upon thou-sands of your letters demanded that we give Cap, Shell-Head, Namor, and all the others their own magazines. In fact, remember when we tried to discontinue the Hulk some years ago? Your unceasing outcry forced us bring him back, despite the fact that it imposed a tremendous strain upon our already overworked staff. And each time we try to publish fewer 25¢ summer Specials, you swamp us with letters demanding more than ever. Personally, we'd be happy to let up a bit. Many of us, including yours truly, haven't had a vacation in years! But, our policy was, is, and always will be to give Marveldom what it asks for, and judging by our ever-skyrocketing sales, we're not far from the mark. That's the lowdown, loyal one. We don't want you to spend all your bread on our mags, honest. But, so long as the dramatic demand for them continues, we can't turn a deaf ear. Anyway, remember this: no matter how many stories we create each month, our credo will always be the same Nil Nisi Optimus - nothing but the Excelsior!

Smiley



FANTASTIC FOUR #77: Trapped in the most indescribable world of all, the greatest team of superheroes on earth battles for their lives against the uncanny Psycho-Man - while the Silver Surfer and Galactus come face-to-face once more!

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Dear Stan and John,

When Stan Lee began the current renovation of the comic book in 1962, Marvel had only two good artists. Now, at times, it is almost as if the artwork dominates the script; for in the addition of years Marvel has acquired style and in turn translates the realm of these superheroes into their own conceptions. Jack's atmosphere seems majestic and regal, and he portrays Asgard as a world of splendor and savagery; Gene Colan is a master of the full page panel; Marie Severin creates a world where one can honestly believe that muscles ripple and casts a photogenic eye on the characters she portrays. There is Jim Steranko, whose conception of the world of Shield is larger than life. I'll bet you're wondering just what all this has to do with Spidey's amazing adventures. Well, it seems that Spidey is one of the few left where the art isn't the main factor. The main factor is still Stan Lee's script and characters. Spidey is the only Marvel that I can think of that can still crowd 9 panels into a page and not seem overcrowded. It is the only Marvel series left that can dally in hospital rooms, police headquarters, ex-police captains' homes, and even such places as the Gloom Room A-Go-Go. All of which simply means that the scenes and the characters add to the longest list of any supporting characters that I've ever known or enjoyed. After all these years there is no need to say 'Keep them coming, Stan', because these creations have already given me more entertainment and relaxation than I could ever repay. To Stan and all of you, a deep, heartfelt thanks!!

Donald McGregor, 43 Wildwood Ave. Providence, R.I.

And from all of us benevolent Bullpeners, Don . . . the same to you! Although we read and appreciate every letter we receive — every now and then one like yours comes along . . . something really special! We only hope the Marvel Age can continue to be worthy of your appreciation — and that's honest-to-Irving telling it like it is!



Dear Stan and John, SPIDEY #60 was great. I've come up with an answer to Mr. Parker's problem. Not with the Kingpin, but with fair Gwendolyn. After wrapping up the case with Kingpin (which you guys can work out for yourselves), Spidey himself goes to see Gwen. He explains what the Kingpin did to her father and tells her he can become better by the reverse operation. Gwen doesn't know why, but she believes him. Then, out of the blue, Spidey asks her to marry him. She utters two words that will go down in history - "Marry you????" Spidey rips

off his mask and gives her the biggest kiss any man has ever seen. Now after all that, I have only one thing to say - hope you read this before you make things happen differently! Patrick Parker, 34 Beaver Ct.

South Haven, Mich.

And you got your wondrous wish, PP! We did read your letter first — then we made things happen differently! Don't feel too bad, though — 'cause we have a waste-basketful of our own ideas which were tossed aside before we finally decided on our current course of action! Next time, maybe you could come up with something really swinging, though — like Spidey becoming the Walrus! After all, what could be farther out than digging the latest adventures of your friendly, neighborhood goo goo goo joob'er?!

Dean Stan and John,

You must really hate Spider-Man. I'm referring to issue #60. First you have his run-in with Kingpin, then you have his vision all messed up, then you give him a nightmare, then you have the girl who Spidey loves hate him, then you have some hoods mess up his apartment, and finally you have Gwen hating Spidey for printing a picture of her father stealing. You must really hate Spider-Man!!

John Sinclair, 306 Whitemarsh Valley Rd. Ft. Washington, Pa. 19034

Not as much as you think, John! Sheesh! At least we didn't give Aunt May another heart attack that ish!



I just finished Spidey #60. Do you realize on page 18 you have Spidey entering a "sound-proof, steel-walled vault chamber" via the window? You have to admit that not all vaults have windows! Other than that and the fact that Mr. Stacy carries a lead cane (how else could it knock Spidey out?) and is as strong as a bull elephant, I suppose I could give you an 'A'. Your plots and art are getting better. As I have only recently returned to reading Spidey (due to the fact that I had an amnesia attack and was told I was a fan of Brand Echh), I'm not quite sure who's what, but I'll find out before the next issue or my name isn't . . . er . . . er ... would you believe - 'Nuff Said!?

Dave Schneider, 103 S. 5th St. Miamisburg, Ohio

We'd believe more than that, Davey, boy! We'd believe that vaults with windows do exist (After all, we showed that vauits with windows ao exist (Atter all, we showed you one, didn't we?!)— and that Mr. Stacy carries a lead cane (Seeing is believing, isn't it?!)! What's more, if it weren't for the fact that we promised we'd never call 'em that again, we'd even believe that somebody convinced you you were one of THEIR fans! But, what's most important is that you've once again been brought back to the rollickin' ranks of . . . err . . . is amnesia contagious through the mail?!

Don't get frantic, faithful ones! We haven't permanently cut our liltin' letters section to one page. We just needed an extra page this month for a senses-shattering special announcement which you'll find elsewhere in this ish! Next month everything will be back to normal, meaning two full pages of your cavortin' correspondence and your batty Bullpen's agenizin' answers! We promise; pussycat!







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