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## CRISIS ON CAMPUS!









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## CRISIS ON THE CAMPUS!

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SCRIPT:  
**STAN  
(THE MAN)  
LEE**

STORYBOARDS:  
**JOHNNY  
(RING-A-DING)  
ROMITA**

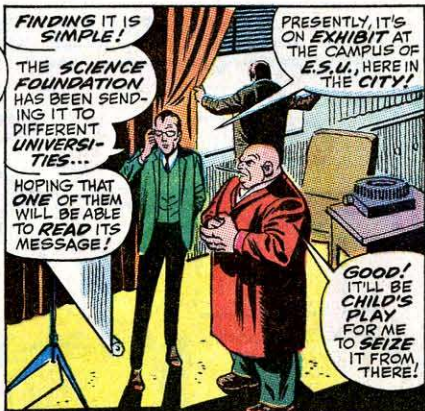
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(MADMAN)  
MOONEY**

LETTERING:  
**SAMMY  
(SWINGER)  
ROSEN**

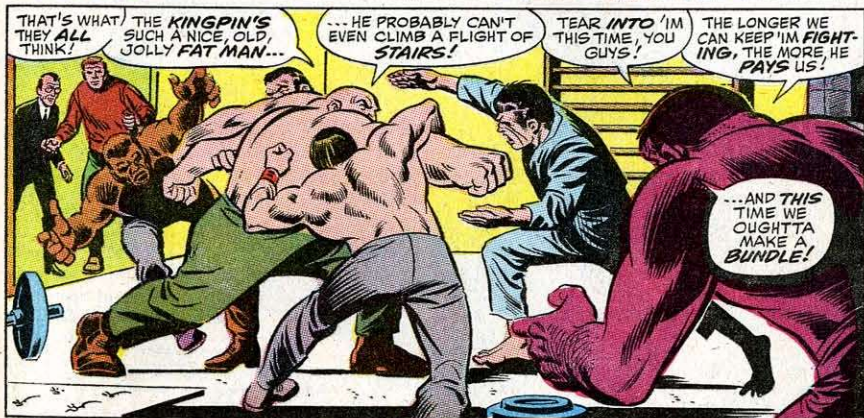
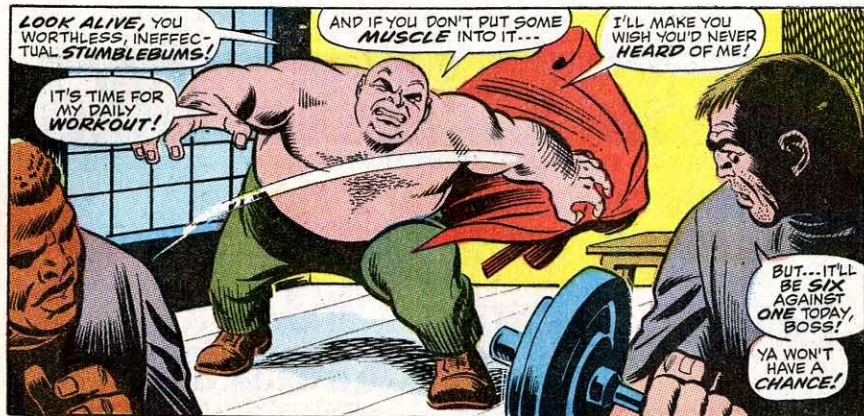
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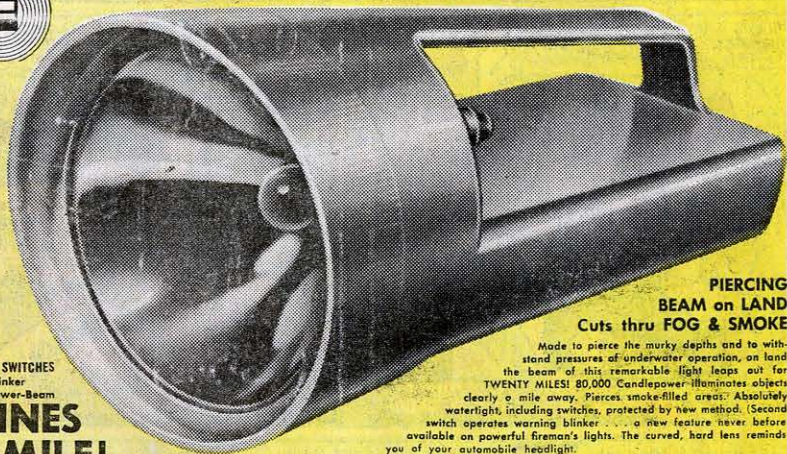
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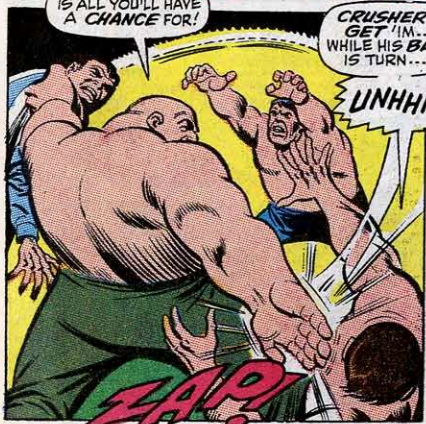
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**MONEY BACK GUARANTEE**









ROUND UP A **NEW**  
CREW FOR MY NEXT  
WORKOUT!

AND  
NEXT TIME GET  
TWICE AS MANY...  
TO GIVE ME SOME  
COMPETITION!



I'VE NEVER  
SEEN YOU  
THIS WAY  
BEFORE!

YOU WERE  
LIKE A HUMAN  
**BULLDOZER**  
IN THERE!

DID MY MERE MENTION  
OF **SPIDER-MAN'S**  
NAME AFFECT YOU  
LIKE THAT?

**SPIDER-MAN!!**  
EVERY TIME  
I THINK  
OF HIM, MY  
BLOOD  
BEGINS  
TO BOIL!



ONLY HE  
HAS EVER  
THWARTED  
ME!

BUT, AFTER I  
STEAL THE  
PRICELESS  
CLAY TABLET  
FROM ITS RESTING  
PLACE AT E.S.U...

THEN, HE AND  
I WILL HAVE...  
**OUR FINAL  
RECKONING!**



AND, SPEAKING OF OUR WOEBEGONE **WEB-SPINNER** WHO, ONLY LAST ISSUE, DEFEATED THE MANIACAL **MYSTERIO**...

I OUGHTTA HAVE  
MY HEAD EXAMINED!

I DIDN'T TAKE A  
SINGLE PICTURE  
OF MY LAST BATTLE!

WHICH MEANS  
I'VE NOTHING TO  
SELL TO JONAH'S  
RAG!



YEP, THAT'S **ME!**  
I RISKED MY  
FOOL NECK  
LIKE A GRINNING  
IDIOT...

AND ENDED UP  
WITH A BIG,  
FAT ZERO!

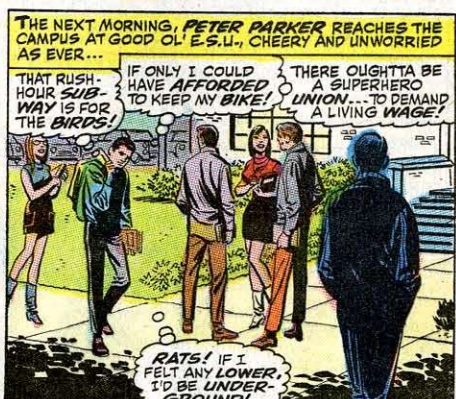
SO HERE  
I AM...  
**BROKE,**  
AS USUAL!



WELL, AT LEAST  
I'LL GET SOME  
**SHUT-EYE** AND  
...**OH NO!**

HARRY  
MUST HAVE  
**LOCKED**  
THE  
WINDOW!





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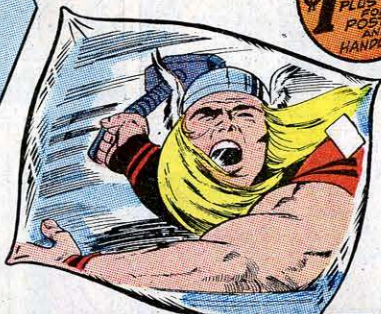


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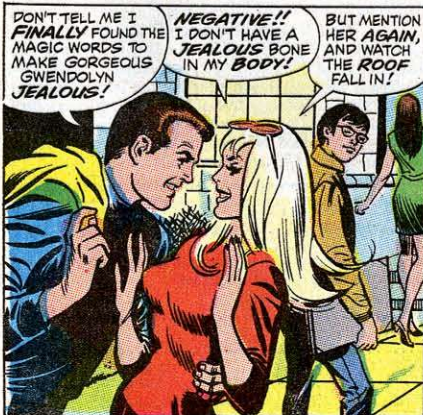
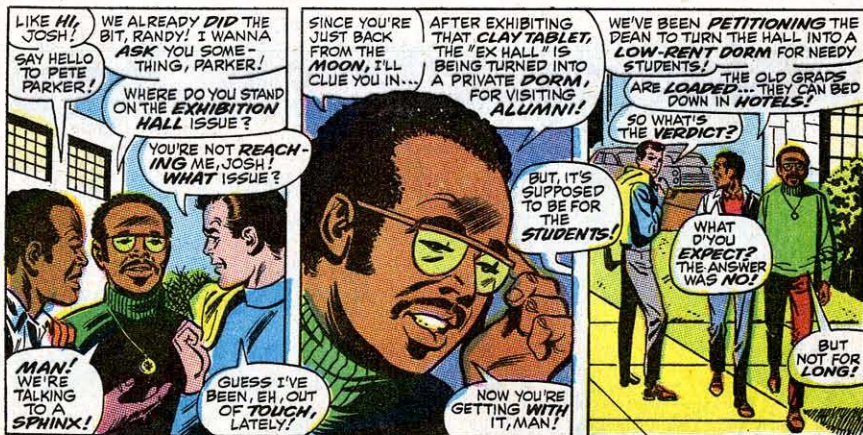
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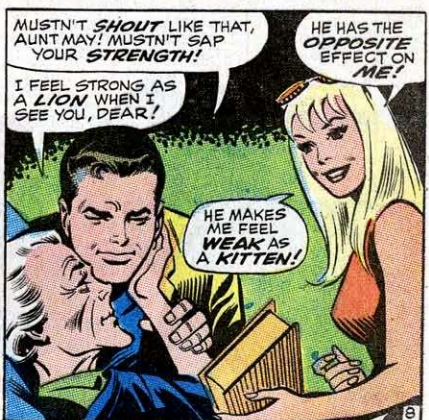
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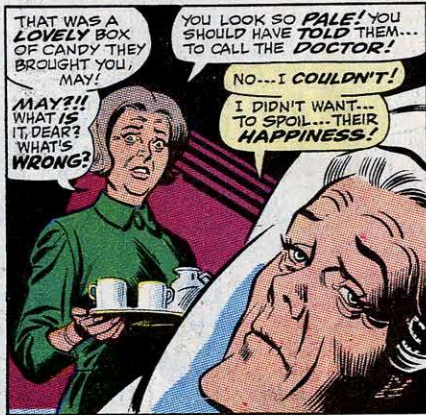














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THEN, AS SOON AS WE HAVE ENOUGH **PROTESTERS** TO REALLY **ROCK** THE JOINT, WE MARCH ON THE **EX HALL!**

HEY, **WHOA!** **SLOW DOWN** FOR A SEC, RANDY!

I FEEL LIKE I JUST ARRIVED SMACK-DAB IN THE **MIDDLE** OF A HITCH-**COCK** WHO-DONE-IT!

I'M STILL IN THE **DARK** ABOUT ALL THIS!

**WE DEMAND LG**

LOOK, WHITEY...HOW **MUCH** DO YOU HAVETA KNOW?

THE SCHOOL'S TURNING THE **EX HALL** OVER TO THE **ESTABLISHMENT**...BUT IT BELONGS TO **US**...AND WE **WANT** IT!

AND YOU JUST **KNOW** WE'RE GONNA **GET** IT!

OKAY, THAT'S YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY! WHAT DOES THE **DEAN** SAY?

WE AIN'T **BUYIN'** WHAT **HE** SAYS!

FROM NOW ON, **WE** DO THE TALKING!

**HEY!** WHAT'S THE **BIT?** WHERE ARE YOU **GOING?** WE'VE GOT SIGNS ENOUGH FOR **EVERYBODY!**

ANYONE CAN PAINT A **SIGN**, MISTER! THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU **RIGHT!**

THEN GO ON...**CUT OUT!**

YOU'RE TOO **CHICKEN** TO GET INVOLVED!

DO OR DIE FOR THE **PRM**

WE WANT THE **LG**

**ESU** **PHEN!**

**INSE**

WELL, BROTHER PARKER, YOU DID IT **AGAIN!**

MY SYMPATHIES ARE **ALL** WITH THE **KIDS** DOWN THERE... BUT JUST BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE **ANYONE** TO PUSH ME, I FLEW OFF THE HANDLE **AGAIN!**

I CAN **LIVE** WITH IT IF **JOSH** THINKS I'M NOWHERE...

BUT THAT LOOK ON **RANDY'S** FACE REALLY SHOOK ME UP!

I GUESS THAT'S THE **TABLET** THEY'RE EXHIBITING HERE!

IF ANYONE EVER DECIPHERS THAT INSCRIPTION, HE'LL HAVE IT MADE FOR **LIFE!**

BUT IT SURE IS A **SHAME** THEY'RE TURNING THIS PLACE OVER TO THE **ALUMNI** AFTER THE EXHIBIT!

WE REALLY **NEED** A LOW-RENT DORM ON CAMPUS...

...AND **THIS** WOULD BE THE **PERFECT** PLACE!

I WONDER **WHY** THE **DEAN'S** SO **OBSTINATE?**

**A SHORT TIME LATER...**

NO SENSE **WAITING** ANY LONGER!

EVERYBODY GRAB A **SIGN!**

**THIS IS IT!**

WE'VE GOT **EVERYONE** WE **NEED!**

**DO OR DIE FOR THE PRM**

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**ESU**









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SAY! THOSE PRIVATE GUARDS GAVE ME AN IDEA!















**I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED IT SOONER...!**

**IT MUST BE THE TABLET HE'S AFTER!**



**THE KIDS SEE ME! THEY THINK I'M AIMING TO PUT THEM DOWN!**

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**BUT THEY WON'T STOP US NOW!**



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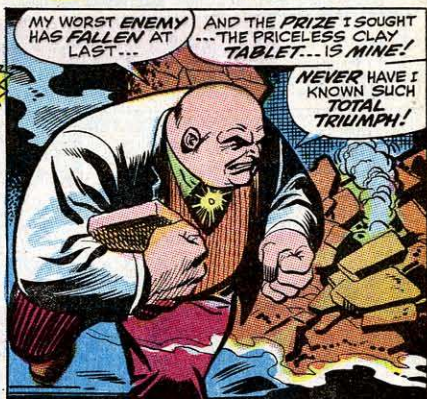
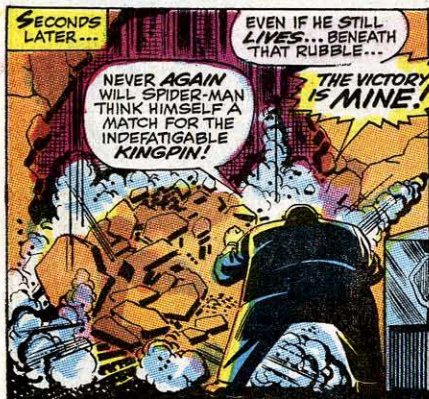
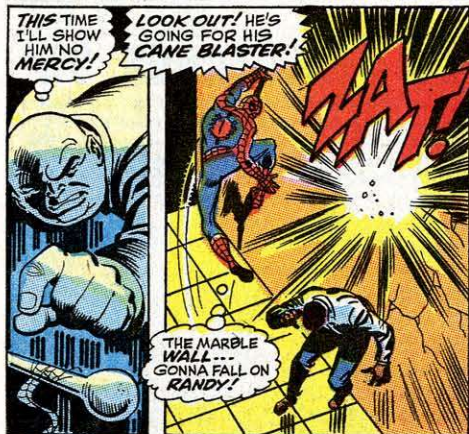
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**ITEM:** Well, it finally happened! The love-bug bit our own romantic ROY THOMAS, and he actually took the plunge! Yep, the Rascally One was recently married to as pretty a gal as you can find outside of a jazzy Johnny drawing! So, if he happens to name his next few dozen heroines Jean — don't be too surprised, hear? And the whole misty-eyed Bullpen wishes the cavortin' couple many many long years of health, happiness, and superhero bi-jinx! Now, back to the typewriter, R.T.

**ITEM:** Suddenly, everyone's talking about Green-skin again! Could it be because SMILIN' STAN is writing the yarns once more — or because of the pulsating power of HAPPY HERRY TRIMPY's pulse-pounding pencilling? We're not sure, but we'll tell you this — the Incredible HULK has never been greater, and judging by the fan mail, we're selling more copies than we're printing! Hooo boy!

**ITEM:** Looks like romance is really in the air around the hallowed halls of Marvel! JOLLY JACK KIRBY's handsome son Neal has just announced his engagement, and will probably have already tied the knot by the time you read these words! Heartiest congratulations to the King and Roz — and, after his winning fandom's most coveted award for World's Best Comic Book Penciller, it seems there's never a dull moment around the Kirby clan's household!

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**ITEM:** The comic world is still agog about Marvel's latching onto AWESOME ARNOLD DRAKE! You can see his sensational scripting in NOT BRAND ECHH, MARVEL SUPERHEROES, X-MEN, and CAPTAIN MARVEL, to name a few mildly magnificent masterworks we've been tossing atcha! Both he and ARTFUL ARCHIE GOODWIN have turned into a couple of Bullpen Bombshells, joining the ranks of STAN (THE MAN) LEE, RASCALLY ROY, and GROOVY GARY FRIEDRICH (who'll be back from the coast "most any day now") bolstering the greatest lineup of comic magazine writing talent ever assembled under one roof! And wait till you see the drama-drenched yarns of EARNEST ERNIE HART — but more about him in the months to come.

**ITEM:** Remember how great DR. STRANGE used to be? Well, dig it now—with GENIAL GENE COLAN and TERRIFIC TOMMY PALMER handling the art chores, it's just gotta be the most psychedelic saga of all time! And, speaking of that, wait'll you see what JAUNTY JIM STERNKO has up his sleeve for Marveldom Assembled when he finishes the latest X-MEN. He's working on another great feature which promises to earn even more raves than Jim's never-to-be-forgotten SHIELD spectaculars! And, speaking of SHIELD, how about the astonishing artwork of FEARLESS FRANKIE SPRINGER? If you think he's good now — wait'll we let him buy a brand new pencil!

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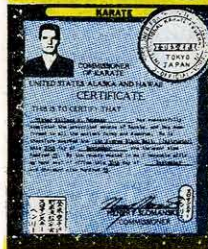
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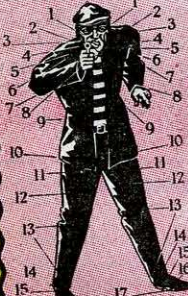
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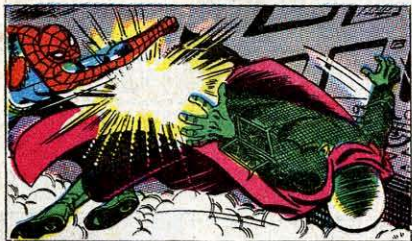
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Dear Dynamic Duo (Stan and John natch),

The cover of SPIDER-MAN #65 was so breathtaking, so beautiful, so etc., etc. (you've heard it before), that I was compelled to write, for the first time, to your merry little Bullpen (otherwise known as Forbush Land). As I was skipping merrily through the letters page of the aforementioned mag, I came across something that stopped me cold. What was it, you ask? Why it was the most preposterous suggestion ever submitted (Would you believe, a crummy idea?). I am referring to a Mr. Fred Brown's letter. In it he suggested giving Spider-Man a partner; namely Spider-Boy (sheesh). I think that if you look it up in your carefully hidden, all-knowing Forbush Files, you'll find that this guy is a Brand Echh reject or worse (if that's possible). The reason that I accuse him thusly is because this is a very typical action of Brand Echh. Example: Ignats Ignats, Boy, Ignats dog, monkey, baboon, turtle, etc., etc. I think that you gathered from this that I don't approve of his suggestion. Another thing. Larry Lieber is great as an illustrator of westerns, in fact your best. However, as an illustrator of Spider-Man he's a (excuse the term) washout. I strongly demand that Jazzy Johnny do the penciling chores for the next SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL (pretty please). Oh, and by the way, your SPIDEY SPECTACULAR didn't coincide very well with the twelve-center, as sometimes some of your other mags don't. Oh, well, I leave you now with these last words spoken from that irate Irving Forbush ... *Excelsior!* Or is that Alka-Seltzer?

Terry Peckham, 5 Eagle Rock Road  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907



Dear Stan and John,

You guys are unbelievably great! You aren't condemning young people for searching for a new and better way of life. Nearly all the adults I know do! Now, to the main purpose of this letter: I just couldn't resist commenting on the letters in SPIDER-MAN #64. Letter No. 1. — I know a lot of people who have problems like that [myself included!] Letter No. 3. — I don't know if Les Harris was kidding about his Spider-Man or not, but similar situations can and do happen! Letter No. 6. — I agree with the new Spidey, but would change him even more! Letter No. 7. — Well, I guess it's my turn to get up on the ol' soapbox! Miss Glover has no right to talk about it being improbable that Peter loves Gwen. She has no way of knowing his exact beliefs concerning life, or whether or not Gwen also has the majority of these beliefs. Peter is a highly intelligent individual who has probably meditated many long hours on life's purpose!

Todd Clark, R.D. #5

Waynesburg, Pennsylvania 15370

Dear Stan and John,

It is my sad duty to have to call your attention to the inconsistent shadows in SPIDER-MAN #65. Page 5, upper right shows a window next to Spidey's bed with two horizontal crossbars. The same frame shows the shadow of this window also with two crossbars. On page 6, lower left, the vertical bars cast a shadow in one direction but the leg of the convict who is standing next to the bars casts a shadow in a different direction. This also happens at the top of page 20. There the guards' shadows are in one direction but Captain Stacy's shadow is in a different direction. Most curious of all is the top of page 9. Spider-Man and the convicts in front of him have shadows, but the convict directly behind him does not, although the light source is evidently from the left of the panel and should have caused a shadow. It seems that either the prison or your art department should be equipped with better grade light bulbs.

Norman Albright, 2409 McKinley Ave.  
Berkeley, Calif 94703



Dear Stan and John,

In "The Spider's Web" of SPIDER-MAN #64 Vernon West asks the following question: "Why does Jameson hate Spidey so much? He saved Jameson's son two times!" I ask Vernon to turn to page 22 of SPIDER-MAN #10, and here he will find the answer to his question. J.J. Jameson says, "Am I always to be thwarted and embarrassed by Spider-Man? I hate that costumed freak more than I've ever hated anyone before! I'll never be contented while he's free! All my life I've been interested in only one thing—making money. And yet Spider-Man risks his life day after day with no thought of reward! If a man like him is good—is a hero—then what am I? I can never respect myself while he lives. Spider-Man represents everything that I'm not! He's brave, powerful and unselfish. The truth is, I envy him! I, J. Jonah Jameson—millionaire, man of the world, civic leader—I'd give anything I own to be the man that he is! But I can never climb to his level. So all that remains for me is—to try to tear him down—because, heaven help me—I'm jealous of him." 'Nuff said!

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Dear Stan and John,

This letter could probably be addressed to any one of your fine comics, but for lack of any other mag popping into my brain, I decided to forward this to SPIDER-MAN. On quite a few of your covers, most recently SPIDEY #56 (since I'm sending this to that mag, I might as well mention it), you have had "fake" newspapers depicted in the background, bearing a story on whatever hero appears inside. I realize this is usually done to bring about a dramatic or realistic effect, but imagine if superheroes truly existed, what priority would the newspapers give their feats? This all may be totally irrelevant, as it will never happen, but just imagine. Usually when you use one of these dummy newspapers, the heroes get the banner headline, but what of pressing matters such as politics, and Vietnam, and the race problem? Would they be "fillers"? But, come to think of it, since the hero usually does battle with humanity hanging on its fate, wouldn't this be just as important as politics, and Vietnam, and the race problem? HMMMMNN!! Also, since a great number of heroes, including Spidey, the FF and Captain America (not to mention Forbush Man), daily pull the world from the jaws of death, wouldn't it get a little crowded on the front page if they tried to squeeze in these heroes' battles in addition to the politics, and Vietnam, and the race problem? My only solution is to use very tiny type, use shorter sentences, have six front pages, or have a six-foot long, three-foot wide newspaper. But, since we will never go blind reading a newspaper, be forced to stomach third-grade sentences, have an eternity spent reading a newspaper, and mainly because superheroes will never appear in newspapers, I don't know why I wrote this fool thing in the first place.

Tom Prehoda, 1068 Lexington Ave.  
Schenectady, New York



Dear Stan and John,

As a great fan of your original artist's earlier triumphs, and one of Jack Kirby's most avid fans, I find it hard to believe what I'm about to say. In SPIDER-MAN #65 Mr. Romita, coupled with the fantastic inks of Jim Mooney (I could have sworn it was Dan Adkins!) surpasses all previous efforts made in the aforementioned mag, and came close to equaling the master strokes of King Kirby himself!! Until this issue, Romita's artwork was missing something... something filled by the astonishing efforts of your new inker: a deeper, darker, more vivid and clear delineation. Beautiful! Gwen looked gorgeous and alive, and Stan, your story was out-astite!! Recently, there's been a tendency to cut down on the amount of word balloons and human interest in your mags — Well, don't! Keep it just on the level of this month's SPIDEY and F.F. novels. Oh, and I'm glad to see the master, Mr. Lee, back on the Hulk... keep things as they are, you're going great!

Nils Osmer, Box 38  
Clam Gulch, Alaska 99568

Dear Stan and John,

I just got SPIDER-MAN #64 and it was a Marvel masterpiece. Every page was a work of art. Let's start with the cover. Superb! The action, the art, the way you centered the attention on the two brightly garbed fighters, but still put every bit as much detail in the background. Then the story, oh the beautiful story. I know you constantly remind us that your heroes are only fictional, but the human emotion put in every story gives us all the idea that these things are really happening as we read them. For instance, on page 17, panel 8, we all feel panic for Spidey as he falls. Ol' JJJ's hatred for Spidey is beautiful. I mean it. Don't get rid of Jonah. (By the way, what does the first J in JJJ stand for?) I really dig M.J.'s new hair style. Who does she think she is? Judy Carne? (You know her. Sock it to me?) I'm overjoyed Gwendolyn found out what really happened with Peter and her father. In closing I would like to say, keep up the good work and keep socking it to us.

RFO Ralph Sterling, 2016 Capouse Ave.  
Scranton, Pa. 18509



Dear Stan, and John,

I have a wild idea inspired by a letter I read in SPIDER-MAN #65. The letter said that Pete would probably stay 19 years old for 20 years. That's possible, but Marvel always had the most possible stories around in comics (among other great things). And to have Spidey stay the same age for 20 years would destroy that trademark. I've been doing some research on spiders recently, and I discovered that spiders can live for 2 or more years. I also discovered that a big spider is about the size of a human hand. I could fit approximately 95 of my hands into the area of my body. Therefore, if a spider was enlarged 95 times, it might not only have great strength, stamina, balance, etc., but it might live to be 190 years old. So I was thinking. What if Peter Parker was born on July 30, 1948 and was bitten by a radioactive spider in 1964? This might give him a life expectancy of the above-mentioned spider (assuming that the spider's lifespan increased with its size). Then Spidey would celebrate his birthday every 4 years, meaning that Marvel could keep webhead around for the next 190 years and he would only have had 47 1/2 birthdays! Till Spidey loses all his problems, Make Mine Marvel!

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