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THING I DO...

SEEMS TO
END IN...
DISASTER!

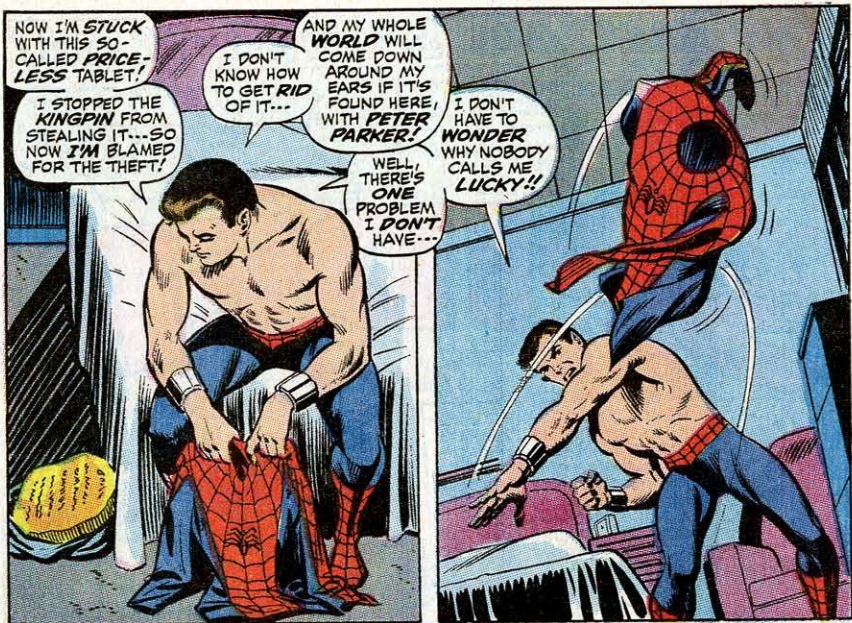
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RIGHT! MAYBE
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MENACE!

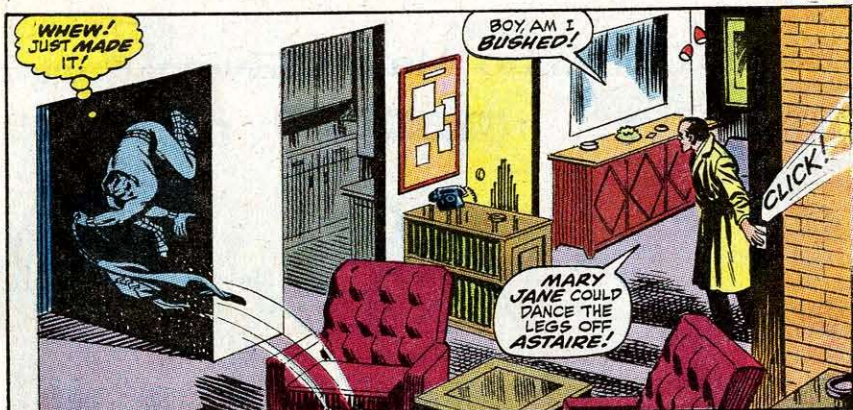
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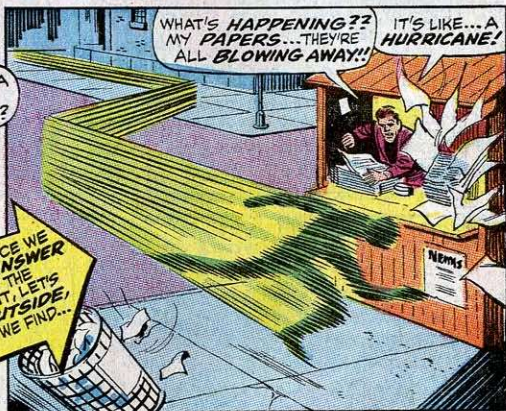
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FOLLOW THE STORY WITH **EASE!**
--SOLICITOUS STAN.

IF ONLY WE COULD
PROVE THAT WE ARE
NOT EVIL!

EVERYTHING WAS
THE FAULT OF
MAGNETO!

THE TOAD
SPEAKS
THE TRUTH...

BUT WHO
WOULD
BELIEVE
US?

WE HAD NO
CHOICE BUT
TO OBEY
HIM!

DO NOT BE CONCERNED,
MY SISTER!

AT LEAST WE ARE
SAFE!

SAFE,
PIETRO? SAFE TO
DO WHAT
...TO GO
WHERE?

ARE WE
NOT STILL...
OUTCASTS?

THE **AVENGERS**
WOULD BELIEVE!
THEY WOULD
UNDERSTAND!

DID THEY NOT
ACCEPT US IN THE
PAST?

BUT **PIETRO**
...THINK OF
THE DANGER!

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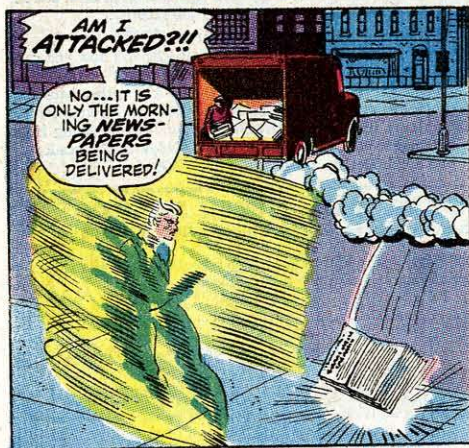
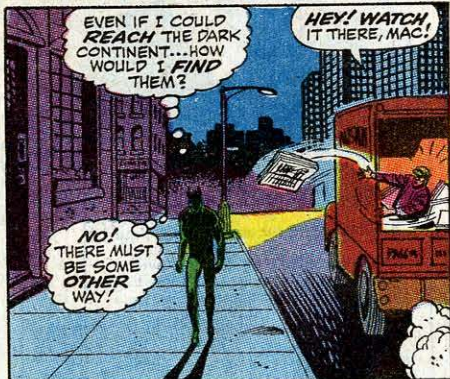
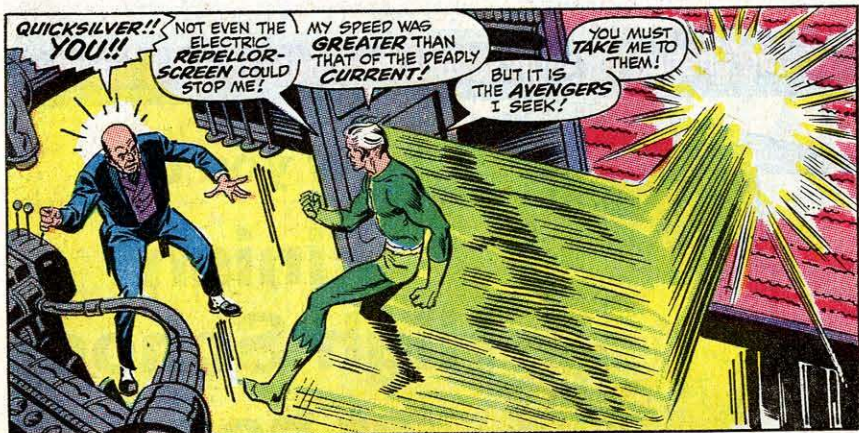
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IN TRUTH, HE IS A WANTED CRIMINAL!

BUT WHO COULD HAVE THE **POWER** TO APPREHEND SUCH A MAN?

WHO... BUT **QUICK-SILVER?**

FATE HAS GIVEN ME THE MEANS TO **REDEEM** MYSELF AT LAST.

AND NOW, AS YOU BEGIN TO **ANTICIPATE** WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN NEXT, LET'S VISIT AN EXPENSIVE, EAST SIDE **HOSPITAL**, WHERE WE HEAR...



MR. JAMESON IS **RESTING** AT THE MOMENT...



HIS CONDITION IS LISTED AS **FAIR!** MR. ROBERTSON!

ACTUALLY, HE SUFFERED NOTHING **MORE** THAN A CASE OF **SHOCK**...

BUT HE'LL NEED COMPLETE **REST** FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!

WEEKS DID YOU SAY?

THEN, THAT MEANS...



...I'LL HAVE TO TAKE OVER HIS **DUTIES!**

AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE **MUMBLED** SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT, WHEN...

OH! IT'S **JOHN JAMESON!**

DOCTOR! HOW IS MY **FATHER?**

HE'LL BE **ALL RIGHT, COLONEL!**

HE'S RESTING COMFORTABLY!



GOOD TO SEE YOU, **ROBBIE!** I **KNEW** YOU'D BE AT HIS SIDE!

BUT, HOW DID IT **HAPPEN?** I CAN'T BELIEVE **SPIDER-MAN** REALLY ATTACKED HIM!

I DON'T BELIEVE HE **DID, JOHN!**

IT WAS MORE OF A **THREAT...** WHICH ACCIDENTALLY **BACKFIRED!**



I'D BETTER BE **LEAVING** NOW!

I'LL HAVE A **HECTIC DAY** TOMORROW... WITH YOUR FATHER **ABSENT!**

THINGS WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS, **ROB...** WITH **YOU** AT THE HELM!

BE SURE TO REMEMBER ME TO YOUR **WIFE** ... AND TO **YOUNG RANDY!**

YES! I'LL DO THAT, **SON!**

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SOME TIME LATER...

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO GET TO SLEEP EARLY, DEAR?

I'M TOO TENSE, HONEY... I'M ALL KEED UP!

MY MIND IS GOING A MILE-A-MINUTE... THINKING ABOUT A DOZEN THINGS!

I... DIDN'T HEAR RANDY COME IN YET!



HE'S HERE, ROB!

HE CAME IN QUIETLY... SO AS NOT TO DISTURB YOU!

WHY HAVE YOU BEEN SO CONCERNED ABOUT HIM LATELY?

I THOUGHT THAT CAMPUS PROTEST MATTER WAS ALL SETTLED?

IT'S NOT JUST THAT, MARTHA...

IT'S HIS FUTURE... IT'S THE WORLD HE'S GROWING UP IN!



HE'S TROUBLED... REBELLIOUS... FULL OF THE ANGRY IMPATIENCE OF YOUTH!

HE WANTS TO TAKE THE WORLD IN HIS HANDS... AND SHAPE IT INTO SOMETHING BETTER!

THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT, MARTHA! THAT'S WHAT REALLY COUNTS!

IT'S THE WAY WE USED TO FEEL... REMEMBER?

IT'S THE DREAM THAT BELONGS TO THE YOUNG... IT'S THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!



BUT, SLEEP HAS A WAY OF COMING... JUST AS NEXT MORNINGS HAVE A WAY OF ROLLING AROUND... AND SO WE FIND...

BETTER SCRATCH MY APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY, BETTY!

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PETER PARKER HAS BEEN WAITING TO SEE YOU, MR. ROBERTSON!

IT'LL START WITH NEW PIX!



HE WOULDN'T BE THIS EARLY, UNLESS HE HAD SOMETHING SPECIAL! ASK HIM TO...

OH! HERE HE IS NOW!

FIRST TELL ME, MR. R... HOW'S JAMESON?

NOTHING SERIOUS, SON! HE'S ON THE MEND!

NOW, ABOUT THOSE PICTURES...



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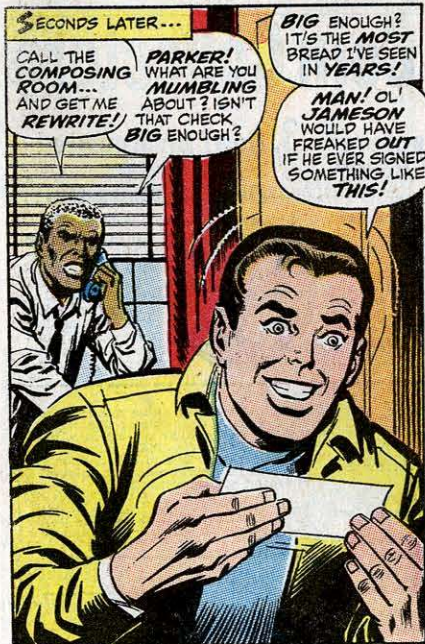
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THESE **SHOW...** BEYOND A SHADOW OF **DOUBT...** THAT SPIDER-MAN TRIED TO **PREVENT** THE TABLET'S THEFT!

THEY **ALSO PROVE...** CONCLUSIVELY... THAT THE **YOUNG CAMPUS PROTESTERS** HAD NOTHING TO **DO** WITH IT!



SECONDS LATER...

CALL THE **COMPOSING ROOM...** AND GET ME **REWRITE!**

PARKER! WHAT ARE YOU **MUMBLING** ABOUT? ISN'T THAT CHECK **BIG ENOUGH?**

BIG ENOUGH? IT'S THE **MOST BREAD** I'VE SEEN IN **YEARS!**

MAN! OL' JAMESON WOULD HAVE **FREAKED OUT** IF HE EVER SIGNED SOMETHING LIKE **THIS!**



THERE GOES **ONE HAPPY-LOOKING CITIZEN!**

MR. R. MUST HAVE **FLIPPED** OVER HIS **SNAPS!**

NOW AUNT MAY CAN GO DOWN **SOUTH** FOR THE **SUNSHINE** SHE NEEDS!

AND I CAN FINALLY GIVE **HARRY** MY SHARE OF THE **RENT!**

FACE IT, PETE...

THINGS ARE LOOKING **UP... AT LAST!**











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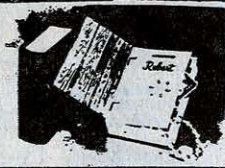
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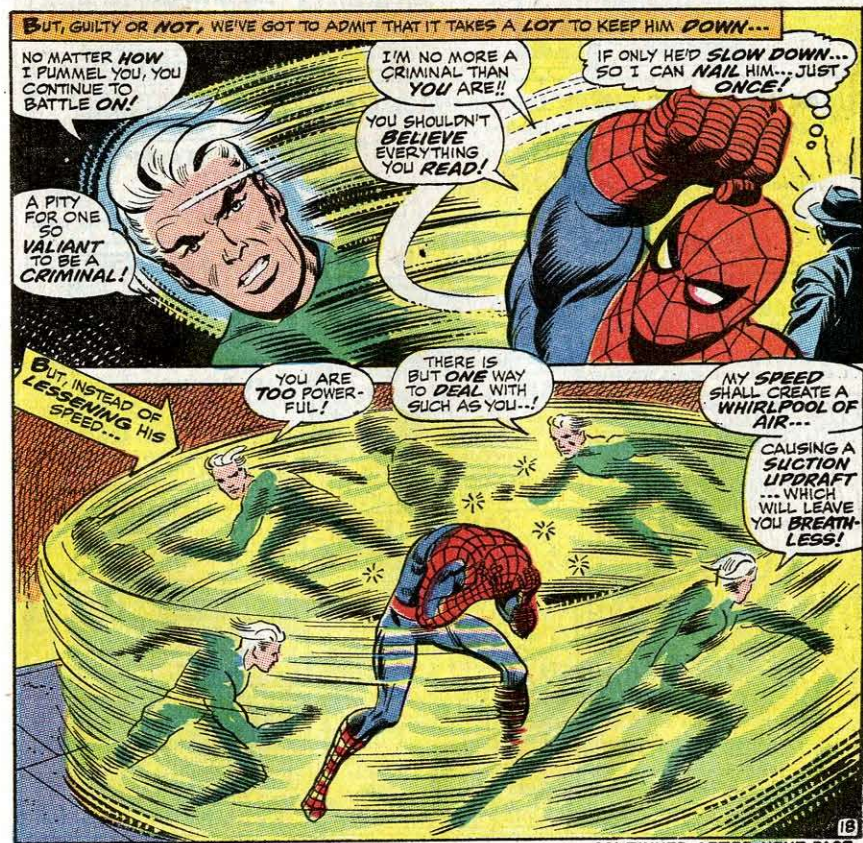
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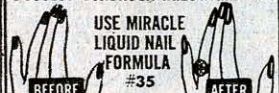
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Dear Stan and John,

Thanks for getting back on the track of your former Marvel masterpieces. I am speaking of SPIDEY #68 where you finally gave your comic back to the story instead of filling your mag with great big splashy panels with much artwork but little story. SPIDER-MAN #68 got in a lot of story by using more panels, thus giving us more dialog, which has been sorely lacking in current Marvels. But, still, the artwork wasn't lacking, although I don't feel it was John's best effort. With more dialog there was more characterization, and I feel that you did a bang-up job on this one. Your Negroes acted like Negroes instead of whites. The only problem was that I don't feel that Josh should be represented as a minority because a good percentage of the Negroes I know are proud like him and go for his kind of hair-cut and dark glasses and the rest of it, and probably many would identify with him. Therefore, I feel that more Negroes should be portrayed like this, instead of like the so-called "Uncle Toms". I can see that civil rights really turn you on as a writer, and I hope you continue to use this as a plot.

Jeff Chowin, 2101 10th St.
Bay City, Mich. 48706

Frankly, Jeff, we don't think of civil rights solely — or even primarily — as mere "plot material" . . . but we see what you're getting at. We try not to categorize humanity into stereotypes, so we think there is room in America for both a Josh and a Joe Robertson. And we think the same thing about our pandemonious plots! There . . . does that mollify everyone, or have we just stirred up another hornet's nest?



Dear Stan and John,

In SPIDER-MAN #67, in the letters page, one Buster Phillips wrote, and I quote, "His identity (Spidey's) would be safe with Harry Osborn . . . Joe Robertson . . . Col. John Jameson . . . or George Stacy. Especially George Stacy." I say, "Hear, hear!" Captain Stacy should share Pete's secret, after all, he has made an extensive study of our friendly neighborhood web-slinger for quite a while now. Imagine the stories you could build around it! The relationship between Pete and Gwen could go on to greater heights or lower depths because her father possesses this knowledge. In the true Marvel fashion, you must call for a vote from Marveldom Assembled. If you do not have the courage to do so, then I will. Let's hear it from all you Spidey lovers! Don't just say, "Let the other guy do it." Pick up those pens and show Spidey you care! I won't end with one of your witty sayings because I'm dead serious. Thank you for listening to me.

Bruce Garner, 117 Walnut Hill La.
Havertown, Pa. 19083

And thanks for writing to us, Bruce. But the point we think you missed is . . . if Spidey (or any other hero with a secret identity) decided to share his secret with somebody, the danger does not lie in the fact that that person may spill the beans . . . but the fact that one more person's life is in jeopardy because of that knowledge. What we're trying to say is . . . if one guy has a secret, the responsibility is to himself only. If he shares that secret, he is putting that other guy's life in danger. So you see, Spidey's reasons are not motivated by fear of exposure, but fear for the life of somebody close to him! Clear enough, pal?

Dear Stan and John,

Never let it be said that Marvel is never changing; it is changing. Look closely at SPIDER-MAN #68 and its new emblem in the upper left hand corner. Real groovy, Stan. Except for the webbing against the Amazing Spider-Man, which degrades the issue, #68 was great. Speaking of the webbing, while you get rid of it, also get rid of the word "Amazing". Have the mag called SPIDER-MAN; forget the "Amazing" jazz. What say, group? In case you haven't heard, Stan, Peter Parker is living in Westchester. Now, where in Zeus' name is his E.S.U. college? I'm a resident of Westchester, and I never heard of it! By the way, why not have ol' Webhead swing by the Mt. Vernon High School? We're all true believers up there.

David Turkin, 324 East 4th St.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y. 10553

Glad to hear it, Dave. 'Fraid we're as lost as you are about the location of Pete's college . . . we can never pin the swinger down long enough to ask him anything these days! But next time we see a flash of red-and-blue whiz by the office window, we'll throw out a note in a bottle and hope he gets your message. So keep believing, believer — the best is yet to come!

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Dear Stan and John,

SPIDER-MAN #68 was one of your better issues. Not only was the Kingpin (one of Spidey's deadliest enemies), back, but Pete's private life took some interesting twists. The fight on pages 16-19 was very good, and illustrated how our favorite wall-crawler stands next to a certain "Chubbs"! Page 18, panel 4, should happen more often. Though the Kingpin is solid muscle, Webhead has the proportionate strength of a spider, which is nothing to flip a web at! Peter should stick to Gwen, not M.J. She's not as emptyheaded. That's not to say that Mary Jane's a dope, but she always struck me as being worlds apart from P.P. A lot has been said about Mr. Parker's problems. I don't want to sound sadistic, but it adds something when someone can identify with a hero. In FANTASTIC FOUR #82 someone said our Fearless Foursome were the normal, believable types. I think this is more true of Peter Parker.

KOF Mitch Sherman, 9525 N. Kenneth Ave.
Skokie, Ill. 60076

We're not about to argue with a KOF, Mitch! So we'll just say that we think of all our characters as real people with very real problems. But we must admit ol' Webhead seems to get more than his fair share at times. (But then, doesn't everybody?)



Dear Marvel Men,

You have once more pack-potted with another whammo SPIDER-MAN thriller! Gee, guys, I stand in awe (and in suspense, so bring out the conclusion soon). How did you do it? The depth of the story is quite remarkable. Every thinking man, comic lover or not, could learn something from these SPIDER-MAN pages. You covered some deeply significant issues: father and son relationship, and the responsibility of students — black and white — to peacefully defend their rights. It fitted so cleverly into the Good/Evil battle between Mysterio and our webbed friend. Stan, congrats. I look faithfully forward to the further fantastic ish of SPIDER-MAN. I remain, as always, your fanatical fan,
Julian McHale, 227 N. Professor
Oberlin, Ohio

And we hope you'll find it worthwhile, Julie! Confidentially, if the next ish grabs you the way it grabbed us ... we have a sneaking suspicion you may feel it was well worth waiting for!

Dear Stan and John,

This letter is in response to a letter by Melvin Payton printed in ish #66 (which, by the way, I think was the best issue in months). If you recall, he questioned the reason for Spidey's fall during a downpour in ish #63 (when Spidey fought the Vulture). The explanation is simple: even though his web is waterproof, Spidey couldn't control his aim. Why? Because the pressure of the falling rain upon the web changes the direction — forcing it down. The reason Spidey fell was because he couldn't aim well enough to hit anything. Under water, though, his web shoots straight as an arrow because there is no pressure on it. "Nuff said?

Robert Sulliff, 87-86 116th St.
Richmond Hill, N. Y., N. Y. 11418

You know it! And here we thought the ol' Web-Spinner was just a lousy shot. But, it just goes to show you — there's no boner your Bullpen can pull that some faithful one can't explain away. And, frankly, we wouldn't have it any other way, Bob!

Dear Stan and Jim,

All right, you wise guys have gone far enough! You been helpin' that \$*0@ Spider-Man to "I@0\$; much!!! I mean it, first you goons give him his own comic book which is a great book for all doze intellectual Petunias out there! Dat was bad enough, but you expose each and every plan of my boss — the KINGPIN — which he has gone an' tried to perputrate! And every time dat lowzy Spider-Man beats him! So, let up on dis goody-goodness or else de boss'll send a few of da boys around to getchal Okay? Pretty please?

Cuthbert "The Grok" Thickness (alias John Rounds, Jr.)
Address withheld on request.

Big Stan says "Nuthin' doin'". Cuthbert! An' if we see any of your boys hangin' around ... welllll ... did you ever see the Hulk when he gets really mad?

Dear Stan and John,

SPIDEY has been my favorite comic and always will be. I have over 25 of the webslinger's mags in a row and I love every one of them. One thing: I thought the Kingpin was sensational in issues #51 and #52, but bringing him back in issues #59 and #60 was even better. I just got SPIDEY #68 and who did I see? The Kingpin! Sheesh! The guy looks wider than a baby hippo. The plot was fab and the artwork was great. The cover was a wipeout. Spidey looks cool swingin' in towards ya! So, until Thor gets a haircut, make mine Marvel!

Pat Beford, 16 Urbandale Ave.
Willowdale, Ontario, Canada

Thor? Whose letter page is this, anyway? No matter, Pat — as we said somewhere before, it's all in the family! (But we still would've preferred something like ... "Til Cap forgets National Flag Day!")



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