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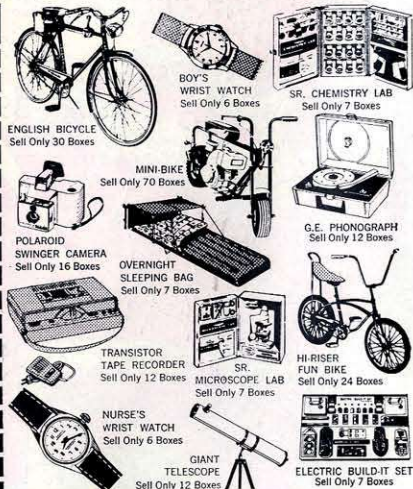
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**THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!**

# ROCKED BY.. THE SHOCKER!

FORGIVE  
MY SUDDEN  
ENTRANCE,  
STACY...

BUT I  
HAPPEN  
TO BE IN A  
HURRY!

NO, NO, SPIDEY-FAN... YOU DIDN'T  
WANDER IN AT THE MIDDLE OF OUR  
STORY! IT'S JUST THAT WE HAVE SO  
MUCH ACTION COMING UP, THAT WE  
CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE A MINUTE!  
SO, LET'S GO, GO, GO...

THE  
SHOCKER!

WHAT DO Y...  
UNHH!

TAKE!

STAN  
(THE MAN)  
LEE  
AUTHOR

BIG JOHN BUSCEMA  
INNOVATOR

JAZZY JOHNNY ROMITA

and

JIM (MADMAN) MOONEY  
ILLUSTRATORS

SWINGIN' SAMMY  
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LETTERER

IF OUR VILLAIN LOOKS FAMILIAR  
TO YOU, IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE  
PREVIOUSLY THRILLED TO HIS  
PULSATING POWER IN SPIDER-MAN  
# 46! BUT TAKE IT FROM US...  
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN HIM AS  
DANGEROUS AS NOW...

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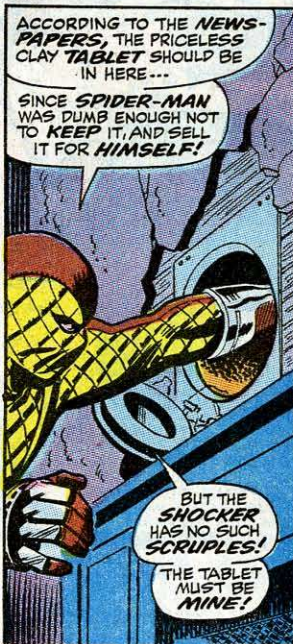
LUCKY FOR HIM I USED MY **VIBRO-POWER** AT ITS **WEAKEST INTENSITY!**

HE'LL BE **CONSCIOUS** AGAIN WITHIN A **MATTER OF MINUTES!**



BUT, I'LL HAVE **FOUND** WHAT I SEEK BY THEN!

**NO SAFE CAN RESIST MY VIBRATING BLAST!**



ACCORDING TO THE **NEWS-PAPERS**, THE PRICELESS CLAY **TABLET** SHOULD BE IN HERE...

SINCE **SPIDER-MAN** WAS DUMB ENOUGH NOT TO **KEEP IT**, AND **SELL IT FOR HIMSELF!**

BUT THE **SHOCKER** HAS NO SUCH **SCRIPPLES!**

THE **TABLET** MUST BE **MINE!**



I'M IN **LUCK!**

STACY HASN'T YET **RETURNED** IT TO THE **COLLEGE!**

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**DAD! DAD!** WHAT WAS THAT **NOISE??**

IT SOUNDED LIKE PART OF THE **BUILDING** CAVING IN!!

**DAD! WHERE ARE YOU?** WHY DON'T YOU **ANSWER?**

WHAT'S THAT? ...**FOOT-STEPS...** RUNNING TOWARDS ME!





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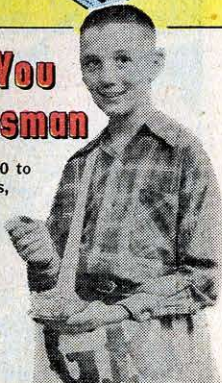
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WE MUST ADMIT THAT GROOVY GWENDY HAS POSED A MOST INTERESTING QUESTION! BUT, BEFORE TRYING TO ANSWER IT, LET'S VISIT A SEEDY LITTLE PAWNSHOP ON A SEEDY LITTLE SIDE-STREET...

WHOEVER THAT IS OUTSIDE, BEAT IT!

I'M CLOSIN' FOR THE NIGHT!

DON'T COUNT ON IT, MISTER!



THE SHOCKER!

WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE?  
I'M JUST SMALL POTATOES TO A GUY LIKE YOU!



TO ME YOU'RE NOTHING!

BUT YOU KNOW HOW TO REACH ---THE BIG BOYS!

I WANT YOU TO CONTACT THEM! TELL 'EM I HAVE THE STOLEN TABLET!

I'M GONNA FENCE IT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!

YOU CAN'T! IT'S TOO LATE!



EVER SINCE SPIDER-MAN SNATCHED IT FROM THE KINGPIN HIMSELF, NO ONE'LL TOUCH IT!

IT'S TOO HOT! NO ONE WANTS TO TANGLE WITH THE WALL-CRAWLER AGAIN!

THEY DON'T, HUH?



ZAK!

SO THEY'RE AFRAID OF THE WEB-SLINGER, ARE THEY?

I'LL GIVE 'EM SOMETHING TO REALLY BE SCARED OF!





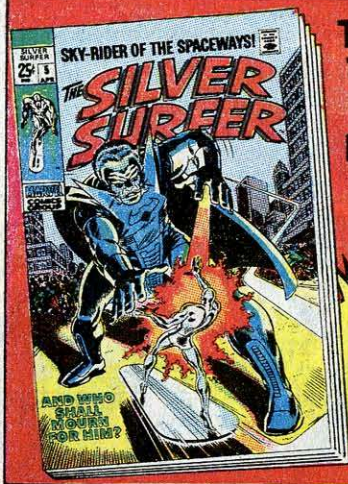






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ME? SURE, I'LL DO IT.



YOU JUST SIT HERE IN THE CAR. WE'LL DRIVE IT AND STEER IT BY REMOTE CONTROL.

ON THE 10TH LAP - TROUBLE!!

JIM. JIM. WE'RE LOSING CONTROL. YOU'LL HAVE TO REALLY DRIVE!



I'VE NEVER DRIVEN A REAL CAR. BUT I KNOW A FEW TRICKS FROM MY MODEL CAR RACING.



THE WINNER! JIM DRISCOLL.



THEY THOUGHT YOU'RE OLDER THAN I AM, JIM, BUT WE'RE THE SAME AGE.



YOU STILL WEAR KID CLOTHES, BOB

I'M WEARING LEE LEENS LIKE THE HIGH SCHOOL GUYS.

BOYS! ARE YOU OLD ENOUGH TO WEAR LEES? HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH GUYS WEAR LEE LEENS - HOW ABOUT YOU? IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF KIDDY CLOTHES AND GET INTO LEE LEENS. THEY'RE TOUGH! THEY'RE TIGHT!

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AND NOW, FOR THE BENEFIT OF AUNT MAY'S COUNTLESS FANS, WE HAPPILY PRESENT ONE OF THE FEW SCENES WHICH DOESN'T SHOW HER AT DEATH'S DOOR...

PETER, DEAR... ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN AFFORD THIS TICKET TO FLORIDA WHICH YOU BOUGHT ME?

YOU KNOW THE WITH AUNT MONEY MAY! I GOT FOR THOSE NEWS PIX I SOLD TO THE BUGLE, I COULD SEND YOU TO THE MOON...

...BUT YOU WOULDN'T LIKE THE ALTITUDE!

HAVE A GREAT TIME...AND SOAK UP GOBS OF SUN... LIKE THE DOC TOLD YOU TO, HEAR?

AND REMEMBER...NO DISCOTHEQUING PAST FOUR A.M.... AND DON'T OVERDO THE JOGGING AND KARATE!

SHE CAN'T HEAR ME THRU THE GLASS... BUT SHE GETS THE MESSAGE!

BLESS HER HEART...THIS TRIP'S JUST WHAT SHE NEEDED!

SHE'S LOOKING HEALTHIER ALREADY!

AS FOR ME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO FIRST!

I STILL HAVE TO SQUARE MYSELF WITH GWEN...AND THEN...HEY!!

HOW ABOUT THIS! SPIDEY FINALLY GOT A DECENT WRITE-UP!

THINGS ARE REALLY LOOKING UP SINCE JOLLY JONAH'S IN THE HOSPITAL AND JOE ROBERTSON IS RUNNING THE PAPER!

THEN, AS THE AMAZING YOUTH IDLY SCANS THE REST OF THE NEWSPAPER, HE SUDDENLY SEES A FATEFUL ITEM...

A WRITE-UP ABOUT DR. CURT CONNORS!

HE'S WORKING ON SOME NEW, VITAL, HIGHLY-SECRET EXPERIMENT AT HIS LAB IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES!

IT'S BEEN MONTHS SINCE OUR PATHS LAST CROSSED!

HE'S ONE OF THE GREATEST MEN I'VE KNOWN!

"BUT, EXCEPT FOR HIS WIFE... I'M THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO KNOWS THAT DOC CONNORS IS ALSO... THE DEADLY, SUPER-POWERFUL LIZARD!!"





"HE CAN'T **HELP** BECOMING THE LIZARD... HE DOESN'T **WANT** TO BE THE LIZARD... BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM ANY THE LESS **DANGEROUS!**"

"I **STILL** REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE **FOUGHT!**"

"IT WAS ALMOST THE **END** OF SPIDER-MAN!"

\*IF YOU'VE **FORGOTTEN** ISH #45, YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR **WORD** FOR IT! ... **SNIDE STAN.**



"AND, WHAT MADE MY **PREDICAMENT** **DOUBLY** TOUGH WAS..."

"I **KNEW** IF I

**INJURED** THE LIZARD, I'D BE **INJURING** DR. CONNORS!"



"BUT, I **FINALLY** **TRICKED** HIM INTO FOLLOWING ME **INSIDE** A **REFRIGERATED** CAR..."

"WHERE THE **SUB-ZERO** **TEMPERATURE** MADE HIM **WEAK** ENOUGH FOR ME TO **OVERCOME!**"



"AND THAT WAS THE **LAST** THAT I, OR ANYONE, EVER AGAIN HEARD OF THE **LIZARD!**"



BUT WOULDN'T IT BE A **GAS** IF I COULD GET A **SUMMER** JOB... **WORKING** FOR DR. CONNORS?

I COULD LEARN MORE WITH HIM THAN IN A **DOZEN** **SCIENCE** **CLASSES!**



ANYWAY, WHAT HAVE I GOT TO **LOSE?**

IF I GET A **CHANCE** LATER ON, MAYBE I'LL **DROP** HIM A **LINE!**

BUT **RIGHT** **NOW...** I BETTER **START** **CONCENTRATING** ON THE **SHOCKER** AGAIN!





AND, SPEAKING OF CONCEN-  
TRATION, LET'S SEE WHAT  
JOLLY JONAH JAMESON  
IS COGITATING ABOUT RIGHT  
NOW---



WHAT'S  
THIS ???!!

MY OWN  
NEWS-  
PAPER  
CALLING  
SPIDER-MAN  
A HERO??!

THE WHOLE  
COUNTRY'S  
GOING TO THE  
DOGS!

A MAN CAN'T  
EVEN ENJOY  
HIMSELF IN  
THE HOSPITAL  
ANYMORE!

I'M GONNA  
FIRE  
EVERY NIN-  
COMPOOP ON  
THAT PAPER!!

YOU CAN'T  
DO THIS TO  
ME! GET  
ME MY  
LAWYER!

YOU'LL NEED AN  
UNDERTAKER  
IF YOU DON'T  
CALM DOWN!



MR.  
JAMESON!  
YOU'RE  
DELIRIOUS!

YOU'RE  
DING DONG  
RIGHT I  
AM!

WHEN I  
FIND OUT WHO  
WROTE THAT  
STORY...!!

DOCTOR!  
DOCTOR!  
HELP!

HELLO! HELLO!  
GET ME THE  
BUGLE!  
NO! I DON'T  
WANT A DING-  
BUSTED MUSIC  
STORE... I MEANT  
THE DAILY BUGLE!

NOT  
BAGLE,  
DUMMY!!  
BUGLE!



MR.  
JAMESON!  
YOU SIMPLY  
MUST HOLD  
STILL!

NO! I DON'T  
WANT A DAD-  
BLASTED  
PET SHOP!!

HOW COME  
YOU DIDN'T GET  
ME A PET SHOP...  
WHERE THEY SELL  
BEAGLES??!

GET THAT  
NIT-WITTED  
NEEDLE AWAY  
FROM ME!!

NO! NO! I DIDN'T  
MEAN YOU!

I THOUGHT I'D  
NEVER GET THAT  
TRANQUILIZER  
INTO HIM!

IS HE ALWAYS  
THAT EXCITABLE,  
DOCTOR?

ONLY WHEN HE'S  
AWAKE!



WHY DID  
I BECOME A  
PUBLISHER?

I'M TOO SENSITIVE...  
TOO GENTLE... FOR  
ALL THIS!

NOBODY...  
UNDERSTANDS  
ME... NOBODY...  
CARES... NO-  
BODY... ZZZZ



AND NOW THAT WE'VE SHARED A BRIEF CULTURAL MOMENT TOGETHER, LET'S RETURN TO OUR HARRASSED HERO, WHO SUDDENLY SPIES...

GWEN! GWEN...  
WAIT UP!



S'MATTER? I'M NOT EVEN GOOD ENOUGH TO TALK TO ANY-MORE?

OH, PETER! I-- I'M SORRY!

I'M AFRAID I WAS SO BUSY THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO MY DAD... THAT I DIDN'T HEAR YOU!

YOUR DAD?

WHAT DID HAPPEN, GWENDY?

THEN, AFTER A BRIEF EXPLANATION...

HE'S ALL RIGHT NOW... BUT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE AS MENACING AS THE SHOCKER!

NO? HOW ABOUT... SPIDER-MAN?

FOR ALL HIS POWER... HIS MYSTERY... HE'S SOMEHOW FASCINATING!

SPIDER-MAN IS... DIFFERENT!

HEY! PERHAPS I SHOULD BE JEALOUS!

AT LAST SHE'S BEGINNING TO ACT MORE LIKE HER OLD YUMMY SELF!

LET'S GRAB A SODA TOGETHER LADY!

SURE, PETE... I...

LOOK! IT'S FLASH THOMPSON!

WELCOME HOME, SOLDIER!



GWEN! I HOPED YOU'D BE COMING BY, DOLL!

MAN! ARE YOU A SIGHT FOR THESE GAL-HUNGRY EYES?

BUT HOW COME YOU DIDN'T WRITE ME MORE OFTEN, BABY?

I THOUGHT MARY JANE WAS TAKING CARE OF THAT DEPARTMENT!

HAVE THINGS BEEN THAT BAD ON THE HOME FRONT?

AND, I'VE BEEN SEEING A LOT OF PETER!



HEY, JOHN WAYNE... JUST ONE DARN MINUTE...!

LAST TIME I SAW YOU, I THOUGHT THE ARMY HAD CHANGED YOU!

I COULDA SWORN YOU WERE ALMOST TURNING HUMAN!

BUT IF YOU THINK THOSE NEW STRIPES GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO...

BUG OFF, SONNY BOY!

WHEN I NEED A CIVILIAN, I'LL ASK FOR ONE!







LOOK, THOMPSON, IF YOU'RE TRYING TO PUT ME DOWN IN FRONT OF MY GIRL---

PETER! STOP IT! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

MAYBE I'M THE ONE WHO WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, PARKER!

MAYBE YOU'RE STILL THE SAME OLD SQUARE I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE!

FLASH WAS ONLY KIDDING... THE WAY HE USED TO!



OKAY...OKAY! MAYBE I WAS TOO UPTIGHT!

BUT NO ONE LIKES TO SEE SOME OTHER GUY MAKING A PLAY FOR HIS GIRL!

FACE IT, FRIEND! ANY JOE WHO DOESN'T MAKE A PLAY FOR THAT CHICK IS READY FOR EMBALMING!



GWEN... I--I'M SORRY!

FOR A BOY WHO'S ALWAYS MISSING WHEN THERE'S ANY TROUBLE...

IT'S STRANGE HOW HOSTILE YOU CAN BE TO A MAN WHO'S BEEN IN COMBAT!

YOU SHOULD BE, PETER!

ANYWAY, I'M CUTTING OUT NOW! THANKS FOR THE WARM WELCOME!



SO... I CAN NEVER ESCAPE IT!

THE OLD IDENTITY CONFLICT IS BACK TO HAUNT ME AGAIN!

IN ORDER TO FUNCTION AS SPIDER-MAN, POOR PETER PARKER HAS TO TAKE OFF WHENEVER HE'S NEEDED!

SO HOW CAN GWEN HELP BUT THINK OF ME AS A FULL-TIME CHICKEN!

I EVEN CAUGHT THE WAY SHE CALLED ME A BOY, AND FLASH A MAN!



YEP, I REALLY BLEW IT THAT TIME!

AND NOT 'CAUSE FLASH WAS OUT OF LINE...

IT WAS BECAUSE...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE... I WAS JEALOUS... I WAS SCARED OF LOSING GWEN!

AND, THANKS TO MY STUPID TEMPER... I PROBABLY DID!

NUTS! I'M GONNA TACKLE THE SHOCKER NOW!

I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING TO MAKE ME FORGET WHAT A JACKASS I'VE BEEN!

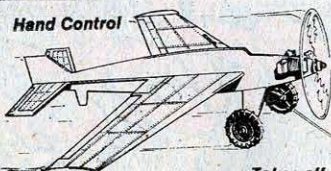
IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO ZERO-IN ON MY LITTLE SPIDEY TRACER!







# Hand Control



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**ITEM:** In case we haven't told you, disc jockeys around the country, such as WUKE's "SICK VIC" ALLEN in sunny Florida, have been requesting actual scripts of F.F. SPIDEY, DR. STRANGE, and other Marvel masterworks, to record and read verbatim over the air. Sounds like a real glitzy kick to us — so be listening for them, hear? The way things are going, they'll probably start popping up all over! (And of course we're kinda proud of the fact that these radio pros feel the quality of our dialogue is worthy of prime time radio broadcasting with virtually no editing or revisions!)

**ITEM!** While we're at it, here's another nice-nee! The prestigious publishing house of Geo. A. Pflaum has recently produced a fascinating new book, entitled *EXPLORING THE FILM*, by William Kuhns and Robert Stanley. What has that to do with Marvel, you ask? Well, there's an entire chapter devoted to editorial angles — and it features twenty full pages of SPIDER-MAN battling the RHINO as an illustrative example! Incidentally, author BOB STANLEY visited with SMILEY a few days ago and revealed himself to be another merry Marvel madman — as well as one of the best-informed and truly with-it academicians we've met since Honest Ivy!

**ITEM:** Speaking of interesting visitors — and we've had 'em all, from famous director FEDERICO FELLINI, to prize-winning playwright WILLIAM GIBSON, to the master satirist HARVEY KURTZMAN — we have a new one to add to our riotous roster. So, say hello to ZIKA BOGDANOVIC, film, TV, and jazz critic for NIN, the weekly magazine in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He's visiting the U.S. under the exchange program sponsored by the Ford Foundation. Y'know, it's a funny thing — so many scholars are spending so much time studying Marvel, that if we had any sense, we'd head for the hills — before they seal us in pickle jars! PAX ET JUSTITIA!

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## STAN'S SOAPBOX

Okay, it's time for our moment of truth! We know you were promised a new INHUMANS mag by this time — and we know you're still Inhuman-less! Some of you think we've just forgotten — others think we've changed our minds, and haven't bothered to clue you in. Still others think we didn't want the extra work. But, the straight scoop is — we started using a new printer some months back — (You've probably already noticed the vast improvement in the clarity and brilliance of our coloring) — but the printing changeover meant we were given a new set of deadlines, dates — dates which require our mags to be produced even faster than before! Hence, we once again were temporarily forced to abandon our plans for new titles until we could catch our breath. However, we're starting to get on schedule again, so maybe THIS will some day be known as The Year of the Inhumans!

Honestly, we wish there were time for us to personally explain many of the things we do — things which are occasionally misunderstood or misinterpreted by your frantic ones. For example, we sometimes get angry letters, berating us for having taken a certain artist off a certain strip. Usually you, the reader, think the move was made because we simply wanted to make a change — whereas the actual reason may be totally different. Artists are often transferred at their own request, because they've grown bored with a strip — or because they feel they can't draw it as quickly as another strip — or because another artist is ill, or on vacation, and needs a replacement — or because we feel there is another strip which is more important for that artist to do — or the other strip may be less popular, and we feel that it will increase in popularity if that artist is given a chance at it. There are some artists who insist on a certain ink — and certain inkers who prefer special pencils. Some artist/writer teams work better than others, and — in our never-ending effort to improve the quality of the mags you spend your hard-earned shekels on — we find ourselves continually changing, experimenting, and innovating — for, though we often fall on our trusting little faces, we want you to know we're in there TRYING every minute!

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Dear Stan and John,

I think #69 was cool, except I think you ought to get rid of the Kingpin. You're using him too much! Otherwise, you guys are doing great, especially when his thugs said that the Kingpin was scared only of his wife. That really got my curiosity up, and I can't wait to find out who she is and what she's like! 'Til then, hang loose, baby.

Eddie Christopher, 3217 Gravelbrook Dr.  
Richmond, Va. 23234

Dear Stan and John,

SPIDER-MAN #69 was very good. The plots and stories are getting better each month. I really liked the cover — it showed so much daring. The art is also getting better. But I don't like page 14, where the Kingpin is defeating Spidey. Even though he's only playing possum, I still don't like it. And then at the end, having Spidey become an actual menace is just going off the rope!

Pratha Scullion, 1760 E. Columbia Ave.  
College Park, Ga. 30337

Well now, simmer down, hero! Old Web-Head isn't getting stomped that badly. And as you say, he's only playing possum — or acting arachnid — or something like that. As for making our wall-crawlin' warrior a menace, well, half the fun of following his harrowing happenings is seeing the good name of Spider-Man/Peter Parker cleared from all guilt! And you'd still rather fight than switch, wouldn't ya?

Dear Stan and John,

Spidey's world is moving at blinding speed! Josh, the militant, has replaced Flash Thompson as the chief goader in Peter Parker's life (personifying him as "Whitey"). The adult figures that overreact, like J. Jonah Jameson or the irresponsible officer who drew his gun on the demonstrators, also help add to an atmosphere which Spidey summarizes (on page 12, #68) as "Everyone's too uptight." Right! Then, thank goodness, the Kingpin bursts onto the scene and puts us back into a Marvel comic situation that we can identify with. Kingpin is the best villain for Spidey in a long time since the Scorpion (who's been gone for a long time, guys). Also, I'd really like to suggest that you find another outside source for Peter's income. If nobody at the Bugle has grown suspicious of the fact that Parker seems to be the only one who can successfully photograph Spidey (as Foswell did), I'm sure it will only take another 40 issues or so. Robertson seems to be onto something, in fact.

C. C. Crill, 397 E. Villa  
Pasadena, Calif. 91106

You want maybe Petey should go to work part-time as a non-union ceiling plasterer? Besides, C.C., there just aren't that many jobs crying for a college kid to work the graveyard shift on alternate Thursdays, on the villains' day off or as few shekels as the Daily Bugle shells out! We don't think they're gonna get noxious nosy for many ishes yet to come!

Dear Stan and John,

I was so shook up about SPIDER-MAN #68 that I just had to write you. I'm glad to see that you're not using full and four-to-a-page scenes as much as you were in the last few issues. Let's see that improvement in your (or should I say our) issues of the FF also. Getting back to Spidey, who is the greatest character in the vast outstretches of Marveldom, I want to tell you that your story was tops! It's great to see that Kingpin is back, but how's about some more of the greats from the past, like the Enforcers, Molley, and the one-issue great, the Shocker. Oh well, you can't have everything. Keep up the good — I mean marvelous — work and so far WEber more an avid Spideyofyldite bids adieu... 'nuff said!

Gerald Palma, Burnaby 3  
British Columbia, Canada

Well, Ger, by the time you read this liltin' letter, you've already had your wish — a return appearance of the Shocker! Now, you doubting Thomases out there, take note. This is living, breathing proof that we do listen to our raucous readers and give 'em what they want! When enough of you believers ask for a return appearance, you get it! (Sorry, Irv, you've gotta be the one exception — the Code won't even let your character have a first run!)



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Dear Stan and John,

Recently you have been attacked for the seeming discrepancy between the SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN and the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. These people have not researched the problem enough. By splitting the pages of the mags into groups and changing some of the "meanwhiles" to "laters" and "the next days" and inserting pages where the continuity is best suited, I have arrived at the following order of reading for a smooth story. Please print this as a public service.

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SS-M #2, p. 12, pn. 5 — p. 17, pn. 1

AS-M #65 — #66, p. 11, pn. 3

SM-M #2, p. 17, pn. 2 — p. 20, pn. 3

AS-M #66, p. 11, pn. 4 — #67, p. 20

SS-M #2, p. 21 — p. 58

There you have it; a little confusing, but then so was figuring it out. In the KING SIZE SPIDER-MAN #5 you show the Red Skull in the year 1949, but he was in suspended animation at the time, so I suggest that he had been replaced by one of his underlings after his disappearance.

Brian Madigan, 106 Edward Pkwy.  
Nedrow, N. Y. 13120

Okay, Brian, we tried it your way. And (ta-ta, ta-ta) we decided to award you one smoothly flowing, continuous no-prize... mainly for being the only frantic one this side of the bumbulin' Bullpen to hold all seven books in his hands at once!



Dear Stan and John,

I think it's time poor old Aunt May had a season of good health. Assuming you don't plan to kill her off altogether, why not let her recover for a bunch of issues and give Spidey a new problem to keep things balanced? Really! She's a nice old lady, and it's sadistic to keep her so sick just for plot purposes.

Miriam Bobhoff, R.F.O., K.O.F. C.O.A.M.H.\*  
\*Committee of One for Aunt May's Health  
1564 A Waller St., San Francisco, Calif.

Smiley read over your letter and felt the greatest sympathy for your cause. Yes, he thought to himself, it is sadistic to keep such a martyred, brave, aging lady in anguish just for the sake of a comic mag plot. But then the smiling one's dividend check came in from his holdings in Get Well Cards, Incorporated. Let's see, lumbago is next on the list, isn't it? Salaam, pal.

Dear Stan and Jack,

If Spidey was bitten by an R. (R. will stand for "Radioactive") spider, why can't Subby be bitten by a R. fish, Thor by a R. hammer, Medusa by a R. wig, Iron Man hit by a R. piece of girder, the Thing hit by a R. rock, the Human Torch burned by a R. match, Mr. Fantastic shot by a R. rubber band, and Capt. Marvel bathed in the rays of a R. comet?

Wayne Foskey, 606 Blackshear R. Apt. E

Cordebe, Ga. 31015

There's only one you forgot, Wayne-brain! A bullpen stung by a R. FORBUSH BUG!!!! Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Wholesale Acceptance?

Dear Stan and John,

I was happy to see that the demonstration at E.S.U. wasn't a Communist plot as the John Birch Society would have done if it wrote the story. I thought this would happen since Mr. Lee writes "patriotic" stories. Now one more thing, how about having Peter Parker grow up and graduate from college? Why not? He graduated from high school. After this, then what? He could still be Spider-Man when he's 106 — and still be young — at heart. This would be an illustrated magazine first.

Charles Blackcrow, 1551 Georgetta Dr.

San Jose, Calif. 95125

It will be a sad day, indeed, when the word "patriotic" denotes a witch-hunting fervor to crush the crusade for the rights and opportunities of every man! All of us believers have to work together and tell the world that there are no clear-cut, fool-proof, 100% effective ways of labelling such events as we pictured on the campus as "Communist", "right-wing", or what-have-you! Maybe every party will have to give in a little to get a little — and maybe this isn't such a new solution after all, eh? You know we're not gonna welch on ya, Chuck. One of these days Petey's gonna earn that sheepskin! But after that — hard telling! Very few college placement bureaus would know what to do with a wise-guy who shows up at graduation with red webbed stockings sticking out from under his gown!



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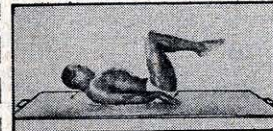
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