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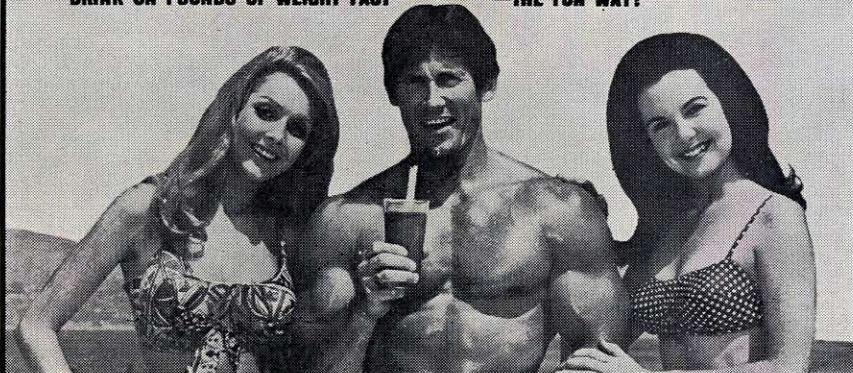


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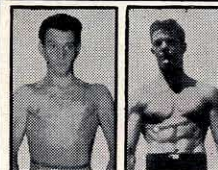
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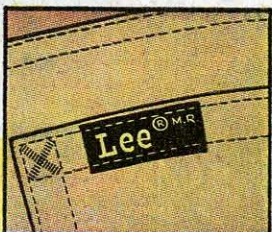
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LOOK --- I'M REAL FLATTERED THAT MY OPINION MEANS SO MUCH---





AH HA! THE OLD GAS-PELLETS-IN-THE-BOOT-TRICK, EH?

CAN'T EVEN CLOWN AROUND! THAT GAS REALLY MADE ME GROGGY!

AND, TO MAKE THINGS WORSE, I HEAR HIM GETTING HIS HAND FREE!



I DID IT! I FOUGHT SPIDER-MAN HIMSELF TO A STANDSTILL... MY FIRST TIME AROUND!

HE'S GETTING AWAY--- AND THE GAS MADE ME TOO WOOLY---TO STOP HIM!



HE STILL ISN'T REALLY ANY MATCH FOR ME! I SHOULD HAVE HAD HIM UNMASKED BY NOW!

--IF I'D HAD SENSE ENOUGH TO JUST HOLD MY BREATH!



WELL, IT'S NO BIG DEAL! I'LL RUN INTO HIM AGAIN, SOONER OR LATER!

AND, WHEN I DO... IT'LL BE THE END OF THE PROWLER!



AT LEAST HE SERVED ONE GOOD PURPOSE...HE MADE ME FORGET ABOUT GWEN DITCHING ME FOR FLASH THOMPSON! *

*IT HAPPENED...OR SO SPIDEY THINKS...LAST ISH, REMEMBER? STAN.

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With the most profound regret, we sorrowfully announce the untimely death of George Klein. George had been associated with the Bullpen for a period spanning more than two decades, as both penciller and inker. He was also a gifted painter, a valued friend, and a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. We deeply mourn his loss.

ITEM: For those of you who've been wondering why ARTFUL ARCHIE GOODWIN hasn't been doing more stories of late, the answer is simple. Arch has a grueling schedule to maintain due to a couple of newspaper strips which he's been writing for years. But we're still hoping to pry some more manuscripts from him — even if we have to resort to threats — like telling him that IRVING FORBUSH just bought a new typewriter!

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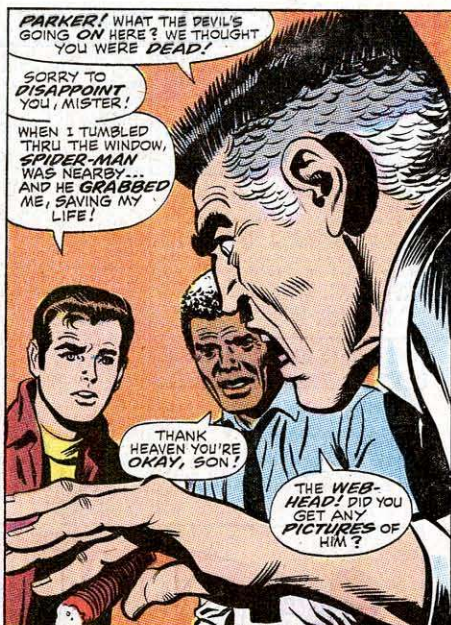
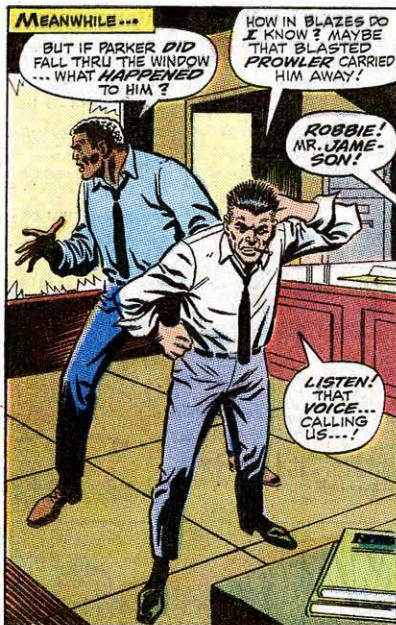
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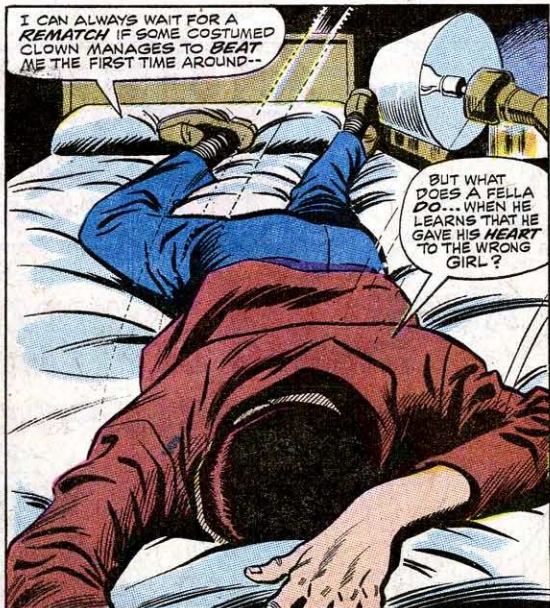
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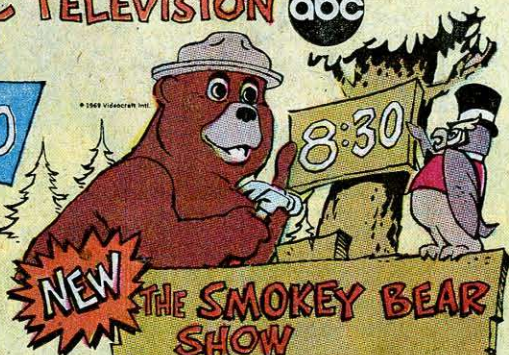


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THE SPIDERS WEB

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Dear Stan, John, and Jim,

It seems that you can't win! I remember when the letters people wrote you were always complaining about how rough Spidey's personal life was. They said "Why doesn't Aunt May die and leave Spidey alone?" "Get JJJ off Spidey's back!" "Make people like him, make him a big hero." Now that you have to a small extent given him this image, all the letters say, "Bring back Aunt May." "Take away Spidey's girlfriend." "Don't let Spider-Man have any fun."

I think you're doing a fine job except for Spidey's physical abilities. It is true, regardless of what you say: Spidey is getting weaker and weaker — and also, he is slowing down!

The only one of you guys who does not deserve criticism is Jim, who with his great ability to draw (in spite of all the other flaws everyone else has made) makes SPIDER-MAN worth reading in itself. I once rated Spidey as the most powerful of all the superheroes, but now, you've made him Star Ellis, 1411 Deborah Circle Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Whoa there, Star . . . slow down a minute, will ya?

It may be true that such recent foes as the Kingpin and Man-Mountain Marko are not as powerful as earlier Spidey antagonists like the Rhino or even (perhaps) Kraven the Hunter. And of course we've never claimed that Peter Parker's prowess matched that of the Hulk, the mighty Thor, or several of our other major super-doers.

But, the "weakest" of the heroes he most definitely ain't! In a contest of sheer strength, he could still take on quite a few of our other aptly-endowed characters, including Captain America, Daredevil, most of the Avengers and X-Men — and that doesn't exhaust the list.

Still, you've made your point — and we'll try to do our best to see that Spidey doesn't end up taking a mail-order muscle-building course!

Dear Stan, John, and Jim,

I am a devoted follower of many of the peerless literary masterpieces that come off the Magazine Management Company's press, and so, when I read the letters of some of the so-called fans in SPIDER-MAN #75, my blood boiled at the thought that such people might cause you to change the best hero who has ever had a comic book to himself.

If the people who wrote the before named letters want to read about ordinary thugs, then they should read the newspaper. Despite what I have just stated, I feel that you should try to keep the magazine fairly close to reality in the field of Spider-Man's powers, please don't make him more powerful as was asked by somebody who wrote you a letter. And, as for the person who wanted the magazine to focus on the problems of Peter Parker, forget it! Though I feel that you should keep him as he is with his problems, which help to make his magazine more unique and more realistic, you should not concentrate on them. The reason for this is if people wanted to read about other people's problems and not Spider-Man's adventures, they should read some comic about teenage confessions or love stories, not a high caliber adventure magazine such as SPIDER-MAN.

I truly feel that one of the reasons Marvel is doing so well is that its comics are very entertaining, and yet they attack the problems of this generation through a hero who belongs to it. Keep up the good work.

Brion Houlihan, 2551 Bruce St.
Saginaw, Michigan

And we thank you for saying that we're doing good work to keep up, Brion. Actually, though, we're every bit as impressed by a knock as by a boast, since both of them give us something to think about. From your constant stream of cards and letters, which just keep pouring in, we've gained a zillion great ideas and directions for Spidey — and at the same time, we've avoided (sometimes in advance) moving into directions which Spideophiles would resent.

So, much as we appreciate your loyalty, Mr. H., please don't refer to the writers of those letters in SPIDER-MAN #75 as "so-called" fans. They are fans, but definitely — if only because they took the time and trouble to tell us that they thought we were out of our skulls — and because they also suggested a way to crawl back into them. Excelsior!

Dear Stan, and John, and Jim,

I am not one to brag, but in the past, I have been pretty well able to deduce what will happen to Spidey from his previous mags. This ability, coupled with the letter of Bill Kerr in SPIDER-MAN #73, has finally provoked my pen to move.

I agree with Bill that Spidey has reached the point where he will reveal his much sought after secret identity to someone. However, I disagree with Bill's choice for the secret. Personally, after the constant mention of Dr. Connors in your last few issues, and his sudden appearance in New York at the end of #73, my thought is that Spidey will reveal his identity to the good doctor.

My clever little deduction was formed on the basis that Peter already knows Dr. Connors' secret, and this fact, coupled with their similar problems with the police, would make them fast friends. Another thing which would make this an ideal situation, is the fact that Spidey is interested in the exact same work that the Doc is involved in.

There, I have finally left myself and my clever little mind wide open after my many years of following Spidey. Hope you consider my idea!

John O'Grady, North Manuring Island
Rye, New York 10580

Rest assured, John boy, that it's already been duly weighed and considered — but we'd be letting all our cats out of the bag if we told you that you were either right or wrong. So just keep watching — and, if your viewpoint is vindicated, you'll be able to point to this letter with pardonable pride and say to your pals, "I told you so!"



Dear Stan,

Happily, Steve Games (in the August issue of SPIDER-MAN) is right — a 1963 Spideophile would not recognize Spider-Man today. To keep Spidey in a stereotyped mold would be the most grave injustice to him, yourself, and all readers. I know that I would soon tire of the use of a particular cast of problems.

Still, the name of Peter Parker is connected with hangups — more than any young man should have to endure. I have been thinking of the recent easing of problems as a calm before a renewed storm. Hopefully, in the near future, Peter Parker — for that is his name, not "Spider-Man's alter ego" — will be given more space in the mag, and lovable old Aunt May will continue to waver between deathbed and teahouse.

But, over and above all, P. P. must grow. His increased life-span gives you some leeway — maybe half speed aging — but he must still grow. Someday, his son will take over (please don't let him marry some superheroine, or turn MJ or Gwen into one so he can). Until then, he must grow naturally. Having him stay in college eternally would defeat your whole purpose of reality.

One last comment — try to standardize Spidey's powers from mag to mag. The strength of twelve men is the commonest figure, with slightly more in emergencies.

I close in mine own immortal words . . . P. P. Is My Spidey.
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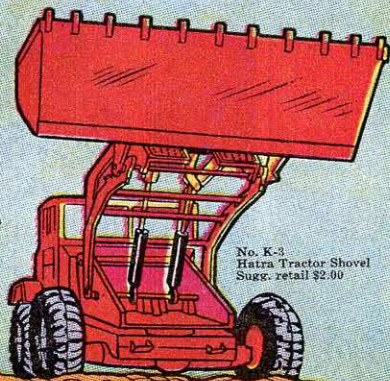
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