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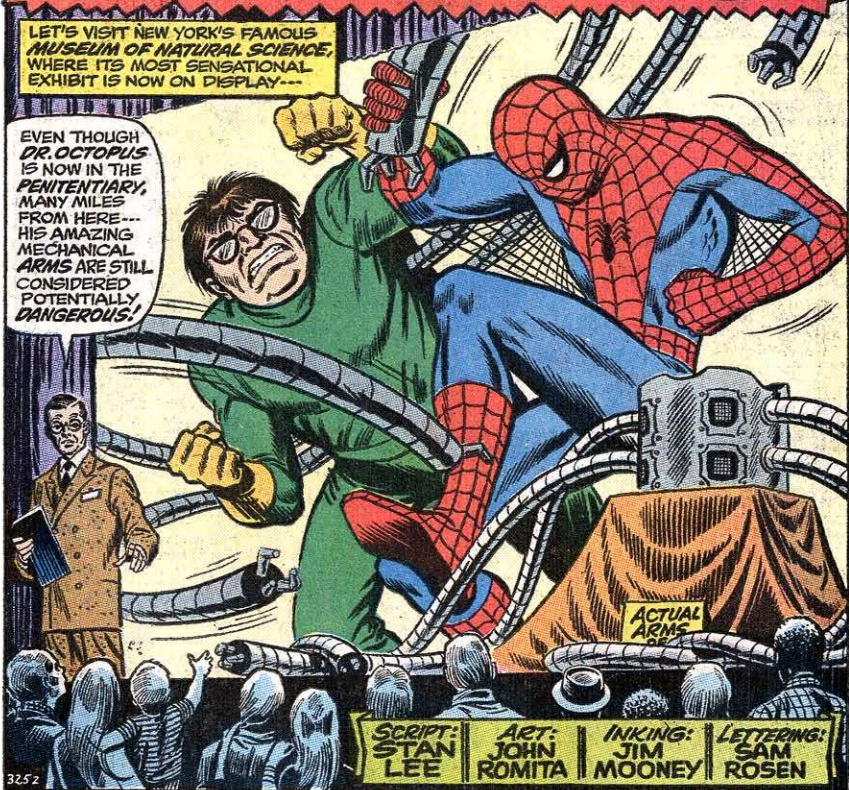
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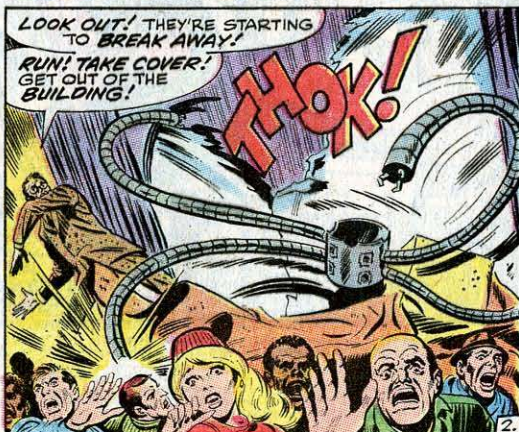
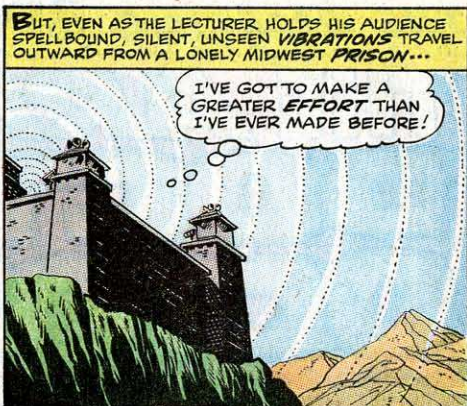
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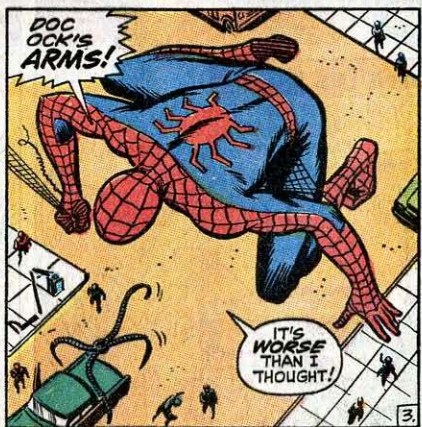
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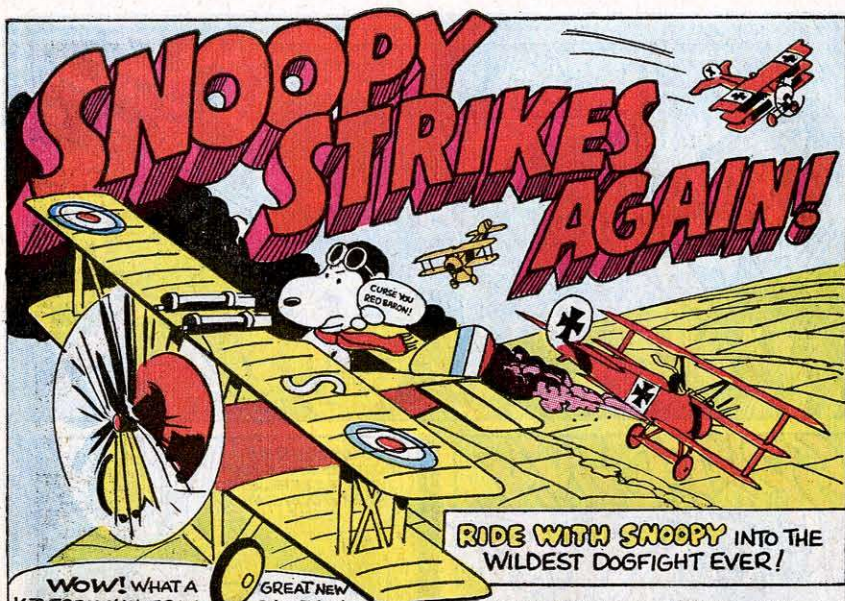
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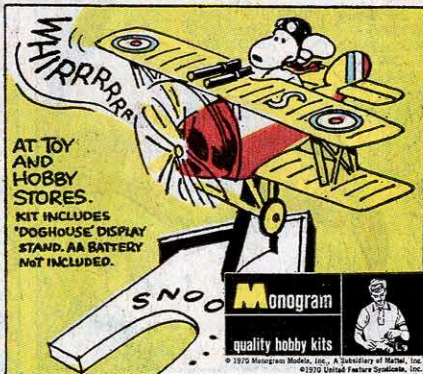
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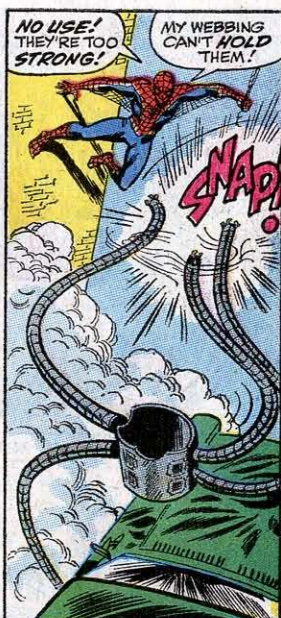
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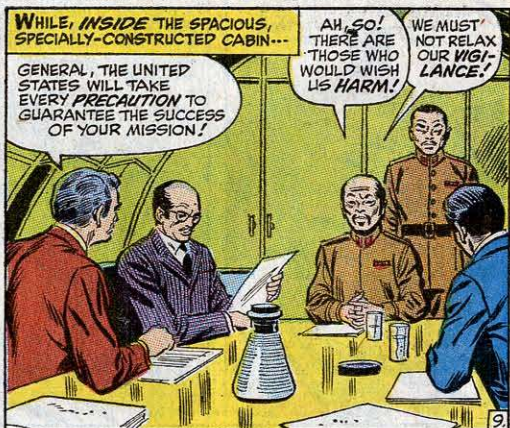
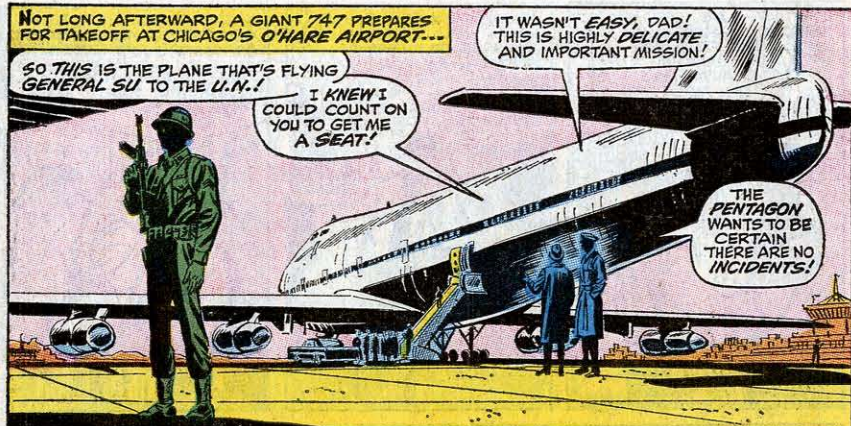
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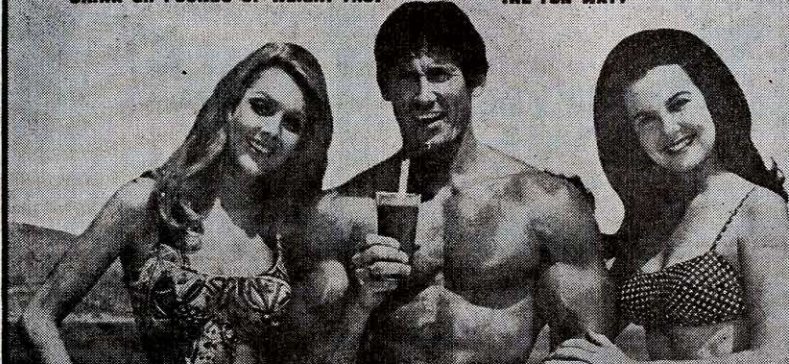




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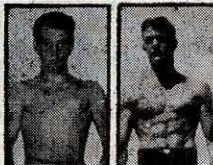
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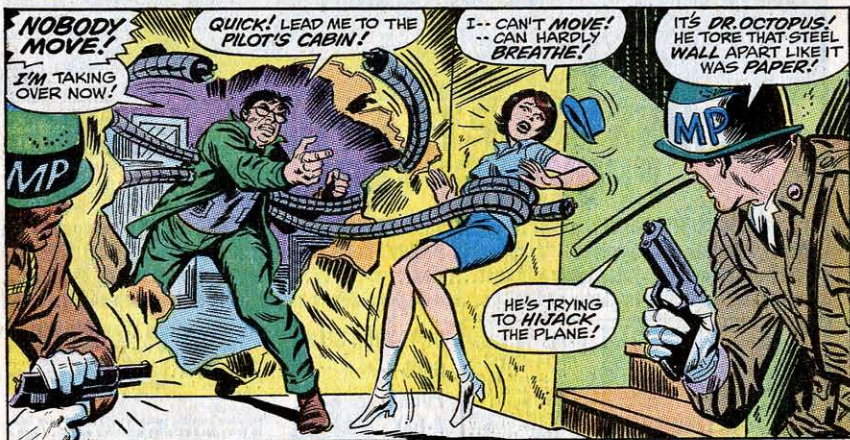


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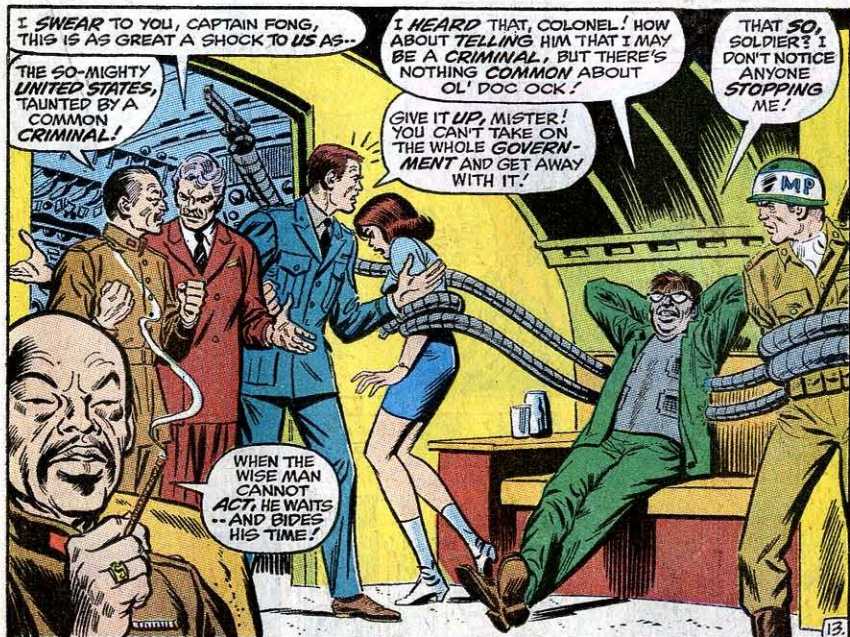
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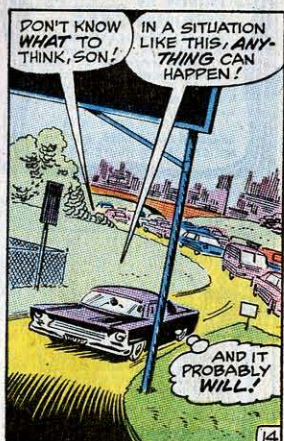
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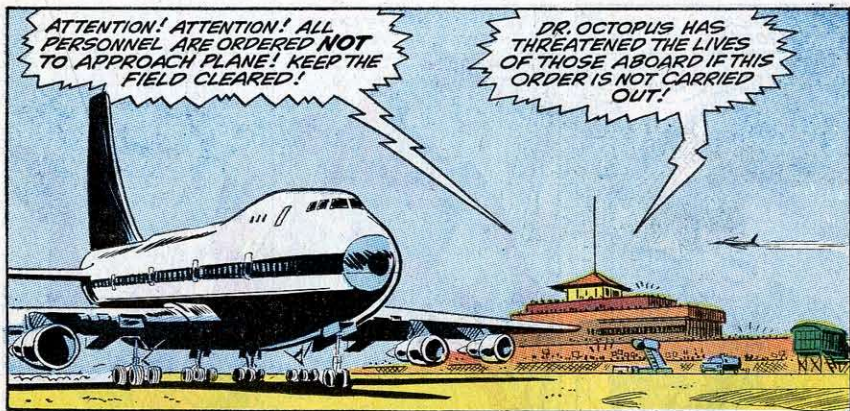
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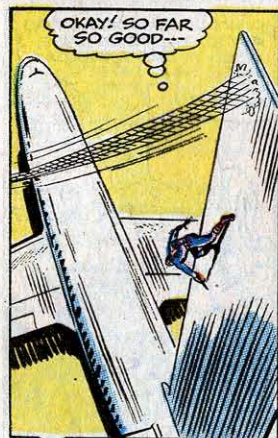
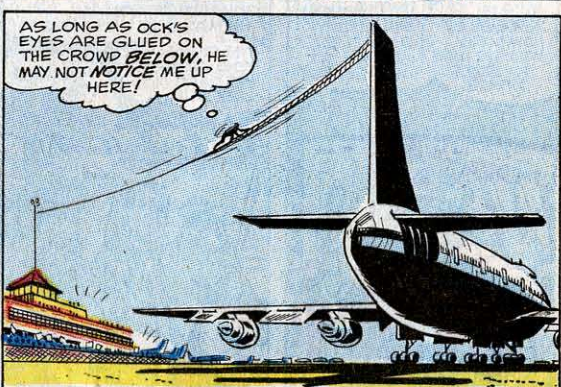
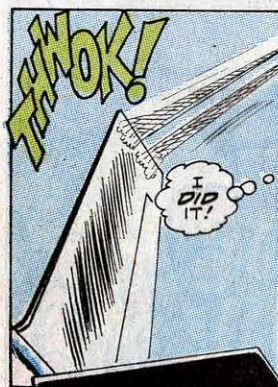
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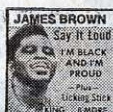
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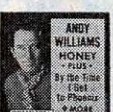
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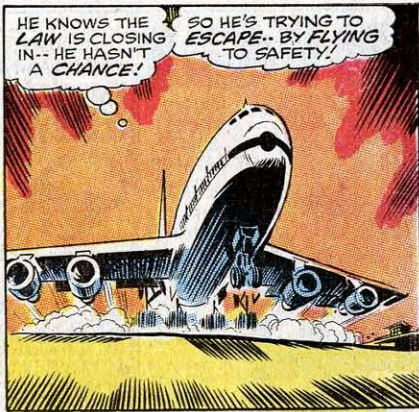
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ITEM! We're so wrapped-up in changing our schedules, juggling our artist-writer team-ups, and planning a whole plethora of pandemonium new projects for you, that we're afraid to make any definite announcements right now, because by the time these imperishable words are printed, everything we've itemized may have been changed beyond recognition. So, to play it safe till next issue, we'll present a few items that are as constant and unalterable as our love for Aunt Petunia; beginning with one of the autobiographies which Marvelwood Assembly has most requested—(Anyway, Vivacious Virginia Romita will get a kick out of reading it!)

ITEM! "My Life And You Can Have It", by **JAZZY JOHNNY ROMITA**. ... In 1930, a boy was born to a quiet, unassuming Brooklyn couple. ... Marie & Vic Romita. At an early age, the boy began sketching, and soon had drawn his way into New York's High School of Industrial Art (now the School of Art and Design). Although he had always loved comic books, he set his sights at magazine illustration

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Who says lightning never strikes twice? Remember a few years back when Steve Ditko suddenly left the hallowed halls of Marvel to seek his fortunes elsewhere? Well, at the time of this writing (early in March), Jack Kirby has unexpectedly announced his resignation from our surprised but stalwart little staff. They say things usually happen in threes, so we figure that a few years hence we'll be receiving a peremptory notice of abdication from Irving Forbush himself! However, until that dreaded day arrives, your barnstormin' Bullpen is passionately preparing some of the wildest and wackiest surprises yet to electrify your eyeballs and stagger your senses! That's where we're at—under-staffed, under-manned, and under-fed—but as bushy-tailed and bewildered as ever! So, watch for the fireworks, friend, as we turn ourselves on, knock ourselves out, and do ourselves in to prove once again that, while we may not be the biggest, we're still the boldest and the best!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

such as done by Robert Fawcett, Noel Sickles, and Austin Briggs. Johnny Romita soon found his love of comics getting in the way, so he plunged into it temporarily. That was nineteen years ago...

Fearless in youth, he had gone to the fabled Atlas Comics building (known to contemporaries as "Marvel") and shown his stuff. The editor, one Stan Lee, gave him a mystery story to pencil and the rest is legend. For seven years after, both the sun and moon found him bent low over his drawing board. From 1950 on, including two years in the Army doing recruiting posters, he rendered every feasible type of story: mystery, science-fiction, war, romance, jungles, westerns, and he even had a crack at a mighty red-white- and blue hero known as Captain America. ('52-'53). In 1957, however, he drifted over to a certain Devilish Competitor where he drew romance comics for eight years. The fans of his kingdom wondered if he hadn't committed some horrendous and heinous crime... such as daubing ink with one of Stan's cigars. Perhaps we'll never know.

In 1965 he received a reprieve and returned to the wonderful world of Marvel madness by inking an Avengers. Then, it was Daredevil to which he lent his loving touch... then fill-ins on Hulk and Captain America. Soon, the ultimate—our friendly neighborhood SPIDER-MAN.

His wife, Virginia, and his two boys—Vic and John—now are a constant source of inspiration in those long hours at the drawing board when deadlines press heavily upon him. (And he kids thee not, 'cause no one could know these facts better than the guy who's writing 'em—Johnny!)

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Also, why would you feel that girls would be frightened and that this would hurt the relationship between Gwen and Peter? All females like having their own secrets, and having pride in what their husbands do. I see that having Gwen know Peter's secret would strengthen her love!

You don't have to have Peter know that Gwen has found out his secret for herself, but he would eventually come to realize this himself when she helps him out of jams. As for Capt. Stacy, he'd be all the closer for knowing. As it is now, Capt. Stacy is one of the best friends Peter has. Stacy has just the right amount of wisdom and humanitarianism to make the perfect father-in-law. Have Peter propose within the next three issues—he's at the point where he needs these people the most!!!

Please take these ideas into consideration.

Jim Brown

(Address last; sorry about that)

We most definitely will, Jim. Especially if we ever find out that you're the sellsame Jim Brown who used to tear up the football fields on a weekend afternoon! Meanwhile, though, we'll just say we like the jist of your thinking—and not let any cats (or spiders) out of the bag.

Dear Stan, John, and Mickey,

You've done it again! You've given us another great crime-ringing boss! SPIDER-MAN #83 will probably go down in the history of Marvel Comics! You probably have been buried under a mountain of mail because of this ish, and I'm going to help praise you because of this special way you fixed it up.

First of all, let me thank you for the way you intermingled the life of Peter Parker in the last two issues. When you announced that you would add more to Pete's personal life, I thought it wouldn't make much difference in the mag's quality. HOW WRONG I WAS!! With the shock Aunt May received, you had realism, because of Mrs. Watson's worrying, and Pete's money trouble. You gave us the return of such once-familiar faces as Mary Jane, Harry Osborne, Captain Stacy, Joe Robertson, Flash Thompson, and such great villains as Electro, the Lizard, and the Chameleon! While I'm on the subject, what in heck happened to NORMAN OSBORN, who was on the brink into becoming the GREEN GOBLIN? Anyway, I hope you have more appearances of these people.

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One last thing—I wanna earn the titles Q.N.S. and I.T.B., especially T.T.B. So I'm gonna try. Listen carefully—this concerns SPIDEY #75. Suppose the potion Silvermane drank did have its limits. Say it took him back only a few days or weeks before birth. Wouldn't he start to age again to his birth date? Then he wouldn't be able to be born of his mother, but he would still be aging from after birth. Now, some lucky people find him and take care of him. Wouldn't he possibly grow up to

become the invincible Silvermane by about the year 2000? Don't forget, the Maggia might still be around in that year! Please! I tell me if this is true! I've been dying to get the first five titles.

Now, I'd better sign off. I'd love to bowl you out for discontinuing the SPIDEY SPECTACULAR, NOT BRAND ECHH!, CAPTAIN MARVEL, DR. STRANGE, and NICK FURY, but I'll have to wait til next time. So til Joe Robertson starts to smoke J.J.J.'s cuban stogies, MAKE MARVEL MINE!!!!

K.O.F. R.F.O. Michael Lang, 2216 Highland Street
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Aw, we haven't really given up on those titles you mention above, Mike. CAPTAIN MARVEL has been back recently for a second two-issue tryout, so his fate is still in the laps of the gods—while we've got a Doc Strange story on the shelf that may soon be the beginning of a whole new series. Meanwhile, Nick Fury is appearing in mags like CAPTAIN AMERICA, Spidey's still kicking around in his own mag for the nonce—and we've got a new mag called SPOOF! coming out next month which picks up where NOT BRAND ECHH! left off. It's got a broader scope than NBE had—and, if possible, is probably even whackier—but we've got a hunch that takeoffs like "Darn Shadows" and "Clod Squad" aren't exactly gonna miss hittin' you where you live!

End of plug—and, since we don't know what happened to Silvermane either, end of letter-answer. (Except to say that your no-prize will be on its way—if the mail strike, which is current raging as this is written, is ever ended. Poor ol' Michael—even when ya win, ya lose, chum!)

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Now assuming that a radioactive spider will have some germ plasm in its venom, we see how the spider's unique abilities are transformed into a human being.

If that doesn't prove Marvel has life-like superheroes, nothing will! Also, thanks to Natural History, Oct. 1969.

David Moore, 660 Ridgewood Lane Plantation
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And thanks to David Moore for passing the precise info on to us. We doubt if even observant Peter Parker took time to notice the exact species of radioactive spider which fanged him 'way back in the pages of AMAZING FANTASY #15—but your Salticid seems at least as good a bet as any other.

Your letter makes us wonder, though, just what might have happened if Pete had been bitten by some other kind of radioactive creature. We're frankly not too certain of the commercial possibilities of the AMAZING HAMSTER-MAN or THE UTTELY ASTONISHING GUINEA-PIG BOY. That must simply have been one of our lucky days, we suppose.



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