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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN™



IF MORIBUS
DOESN'T KILL SPIDEY--
THE LIZARD WILL!

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VAMPIRE AT LARGE!

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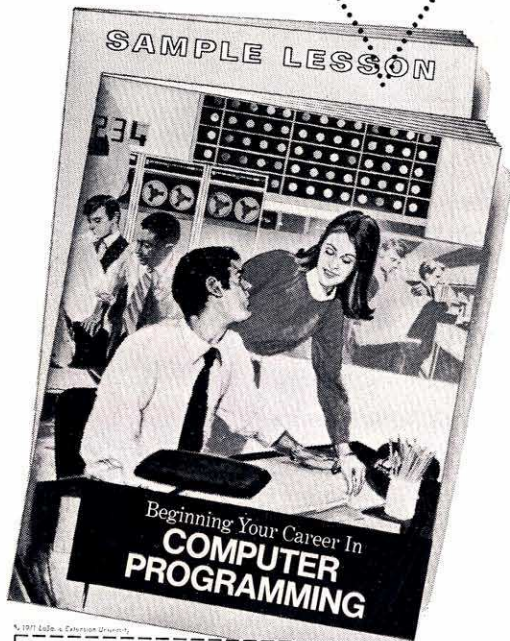
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THE TITLE
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VAMPIRE AT LARGE!

MAN--OR MAN-
LIKE LIZARD--
STAND AWAY
FROM THE CHOSEN
VICTIM OF
MORBIUS!

NEVER!
SPIDER-MAN
IS MY
ENEMY.

MINE
MUST BE
THE HAND
THAT SLAYS
HIM!

MINE!

CONFUSED?
WELL, DON'T GO WAY,
SPIDOPHILE--CAUSE
YOU'VE GOT 35 ALL-
NEW, ALL-ACTION
PAGES TO GO--!

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A FALLEN, GROGGY SPIDER-MAN--MYSTERY-SHROUDED MORBIUS--AND THE REPTILIAN THING THEY CALL THE LIZARD--



HOW CAME THEY HERE, TO FORM SUCH A SINISTER TABLEAU--?

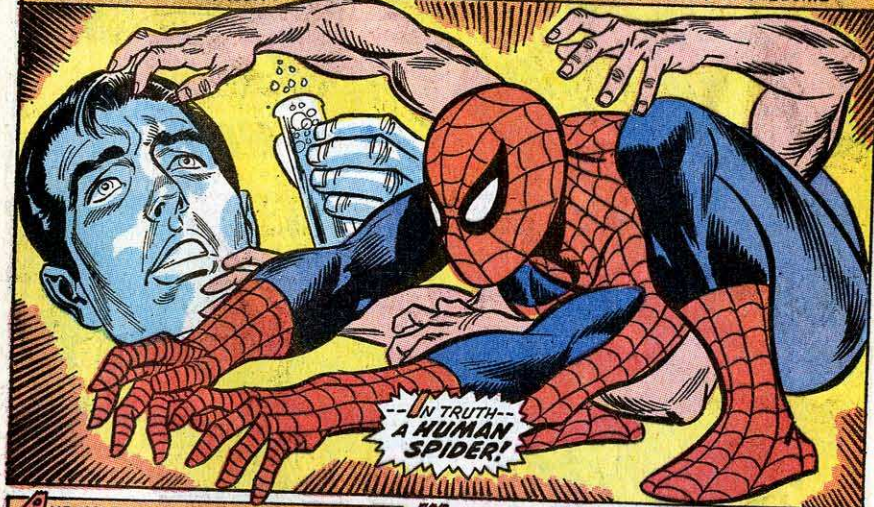
HERE, TO DR. CURT CONNORS' DESERTED SUMMER-HOUSE, ON THE SEAWARD TIP OF LONG ISLAND--?

CALL IT DESTINY-- THE WILL OF HEAVEN-- KISMET--



HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN--?

FOR PETER PARKER, HORROR CAME IN A BUBBLING VIAL--A SERUM CREATED TO RID HIM FOREVER OF HIS UNWANTED SPIDER-POWERS--BUT WHICH LEFT HIM, INSTEAD, AN AWESOME EIGHT-LIMBED MONSTROSITY--



IN TRUTH-- A HUMAN SPIDER!

AND MORBIUS--HE WHO WAITED IN FROM A SHIP OF DEAD MEN, OUT AT SEA--

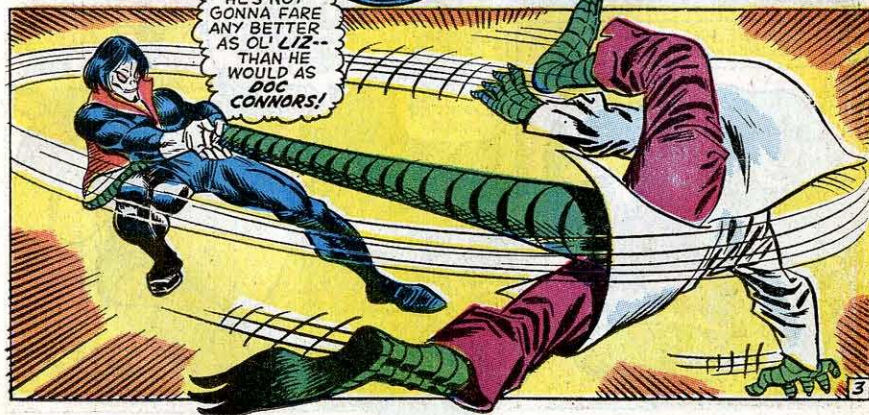
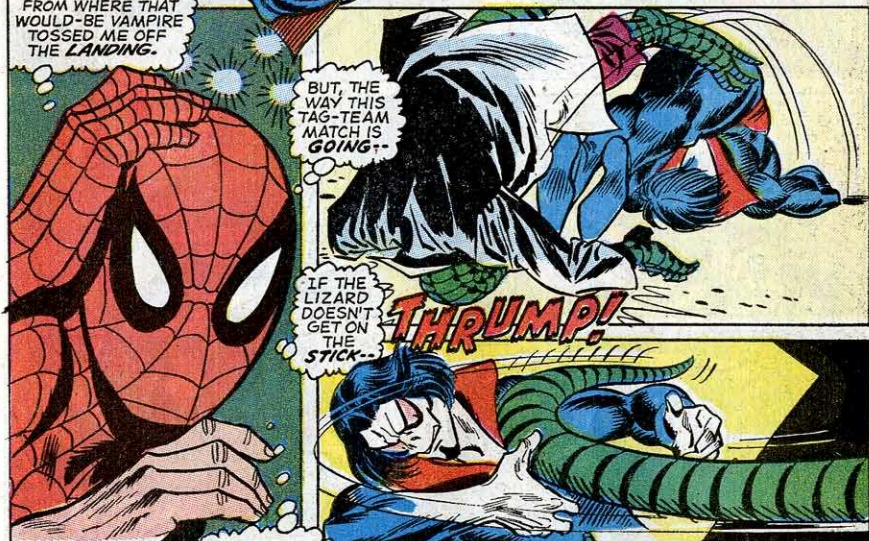


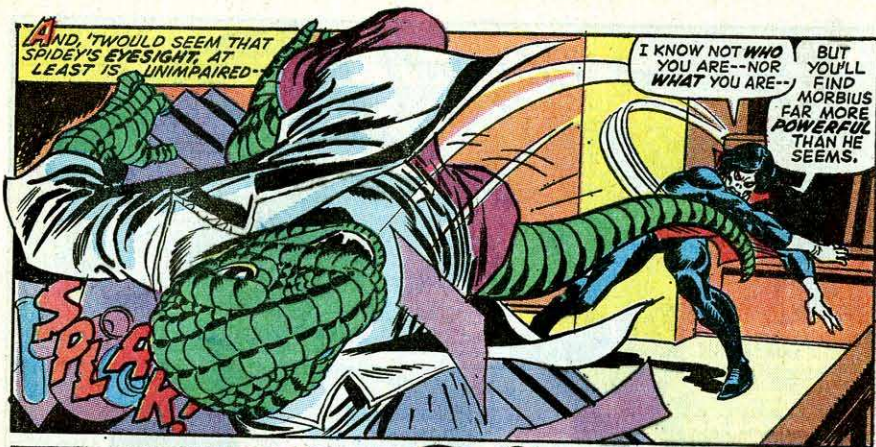
WHAT ARE HIS ORIGINS, THIS TALONED FIEND WHOSE FANGS ACHED FOR PETER'S THROAT?

WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE WEB-SPINNER'S FATE, IF CURT CONNORS HAD NOT ARRIVED, JUST IN TIME TO BE STARTLED INTO BECOMING--

--THE LIZARD?!



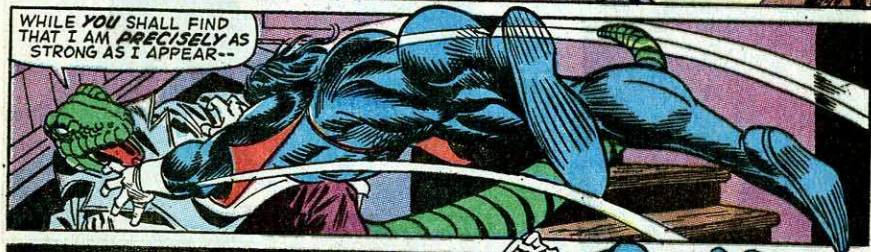




AND, 'WOULD SEEM THAT
SPIDEY'S EYESIGHT, AT
LEAST IS UNIMPAIRED--

I KNOW NOT WHO
YOU ARE--NOR
WHAT YOU ARE--

BUT YOU'LL
FIND
MORBIUS
FAR MORE
POWERFUL
THAN HE
SEEMS.



WHILE YOU SHALL FIND
THAT I AM PRECISELY AS
STRONG AS I APPEAR--



--WHICH IS
STRONG
INDEED!



NOW, FOR THE FINAL TIME,
LEAVE SPIDER-MAN TO ME--

DEATH? I CARE NOT
WHETHER THE MASKED
YOUTH LIVES OR
DIES.

I DESIRE ONLY HIS
BLOOD--THOUGH
PERHAPS YOURS
WOULD DO AS
WELL.

PERHAPS--
BUT THAT,
YOU SHALL
NEVER
LEARN.

--OR PREPARE
TO JOIN
HIM--IN
DEATH!







"--AND HE'S TAKIN' IN ENOUGH VOLTAGE TO LIGHT UP MACY'S CHRISTMAS TREE!"

"UNLESS I MISS MY EVER-LOVIN' GUESS--"



"HUH? NOW WHAT THE DEVIL--?"



"SO, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO STOP PLAYIN' PEEPIN' TOM--"



"OF COURSE! JUST NOW, CONNORS IS AN EASIER TARGET THAN I AM-- SO MORBIUS IS GONNA HELP HIMSELF TO A LONG TALL BITE--"

"--RIGHT IN THE LIZARD'S SCALY NECK!"



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AFTER: Walter used Weider
methods and in just 14 days
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arms and 2 1/4" on his chest!

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TO YOU, TOO!**

... IN ONLY 30 DAYS



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"toothpick" arms and a shallow
chest. He longed to be big
and strong.

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muscular lbs. in 30 days,
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UNNGHH!!

WHAT
THE
HEY!?

EITHER I'M *NOT*
AS WEAK--AS I
FEEL JUST
NOW--

OR ELSE
THIS
CREEP'S
A LOT
LIGHTER
THAN
LOOKS.



FOOL!

COLD THOUGH IT
BE, I WOULD
HAVE FEASTED UPON
THE BLOOD OF THE
FALLEN MAN--
MONSTER--NOT
YOUR OWN.

AND
FEAST I *MUST*--
FOR
MORBIUS
IS NOT
LIKE
OTHER
MEN.

MISTER,
YOU'VE GOT
GHOST-WHITE
SKIN--EYES
LIKE BLAZING
CANDLES--
AND BONES
THAT'VE GOT
TO BE
HOLLOW.

I DIDN'T *THINK* YOU
WERE JOHN Q. CITIZEN!

BUT--
JUST
WHO THE
DEVIL
ARE YOU??



I AM--
MORBIUS!

THAT IS *ALL*
YOU KNOW--
OR *NEED* TO
KNOW, AND
NOW--

HE'S GONNA CUT
OUT, I CAN
SENSE
IT.

WAIT!
YOU
FASCI-
NATE
ME.
TELL
ME
MORE.

MOCK ME
--EVEN AS
YOU SEEK
PRECIOUS
MOMENTS
TO REGAIN
YOUR
STRENGTH.



--A WORLD
RIPE TO
BECOME THE
PREY OF
MORBIUS!

BUT, WHY
SHOULD I
WASTE MY
POWER IN
DUBIOUS
BATTLE
WITH YOU--

--WHEN
THERE IS
A WORLD
BEYOND
THESE
MILDEWED
WALLS--

FREE! HE SOARS ON SEABORN WINDS, GENTLE ZEPHYRS WHICH LIGHTLY BRUSH THE OCEAN'S UPTURNED FACE...

...SO FIERCELY JOYOUS, HE FAILS TO NOTICE THE TINY DEVICE CLINGING TO THE BACK OF HIS COLLAR...



...A DEVICE SHAPED SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE A SPIDER.



GOOD OL' SPIDEY TRACERS!

JUST BARELY... HAD STRENGTH ENOUGH TO PIN THAT ONE ON HIM.

CAN'T CATCH HIM NOW... BUT MAYBE... HUH?

--SPIDER-MAN--!



I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE LIZARD.

THAT'S WHAT I CALL LIVING DANGEROUSLY.

BUT-- HIS VOICE--!

WHAT-- HAPPENED TO ME--? I--



NOW I REMEMBER

I SAW--THAT FIEND, WHOEVER HE WAS--AND GOT FRIGHTENED.

THAT WAS ENOUGH TO TURN ME BACK INTO-- THE LIZARD.

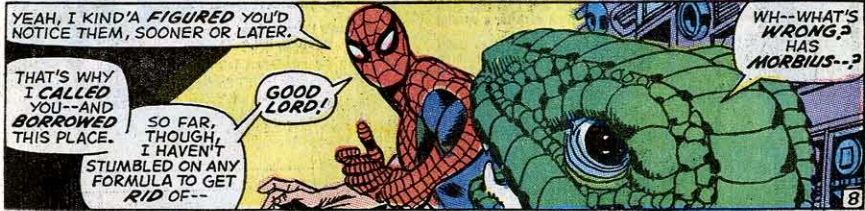
STILL--I DON'T FEEL--DON'T THINK LIKE THE LIZARD. I FEEL LIKE-- CURT CONNORS.

THAT'S GREAT, DR. CONNORS!

IN THE PAST, THE LIZARD HAS ALWAYS HAD A MANIACAL HATRED FOR SPIDER-MAN. BUT NOW--

FORGET ABOUT ME FOR NOW. LOOK AT YOURSELF.

YOU'VE GOT-- SIX ARMS!



YEAH, I KIND'A FIGURED YOU'D NOTICE THEM, SOONER OR LATER.

THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU--AND BORROWED THIS PLACE.

SO FAR, THOUGH, I HAVEN'T STUMBLERD ON ANY FORMULA TO GET RID OF--

GOOD LORD!

WH--WHAT'S WRONG? HAS MORBIUS--?

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BUT, YOU'VE STILL GOT DOC CONNORS' MIND.

SO, LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN **DUPLICATE** WHATEVER IT WAS THAT--

DO NOT SEEK TO GIVE ORDERS TO ME, SPIDER-MAN!

AND YET-- YOU'RE **RIGHT**.

WE **MUST** FIND A CURE SOMEHOW-- FOR **BOTH** OUR SAKES.

IF ONLY I COULD **HELP** YOU-- AT LEAST DO MY **SHARE** OF THE WORK--

BUT, MY **HANDS**-- THEY'RE TOO **AWKWARD** NOW TO HANDLE DELICATE MACHINERY-- OR **TEST TUBES**.



YOUR JOB IS TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO, DOC.

BESIDES, FOR ONCE HAVING SIX HANDS MIGHT JUST BE A **PLUS**--

--NOW THAT I'M LEARNING TO **CONTROL** THEM.



'COURSE, THAT HARDLY MEANS I'M BECOMING **ATTACHED** TO THEM.

JUST **SIT BACK**, WHILE THIS LITTLE GADGET SEPARATES A FEW **CHEMICALS** FOR US.

YES--BUT I FEEL SO **HELPLESS**--

--LIKE A **CAGED ANIMAL**.



HOURS PASS--HOURS OF **FRUSTRATION** AND **ANGUISH**--AND OF SOMETHING **MORE**--!

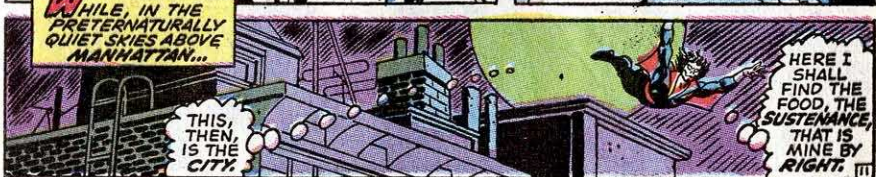
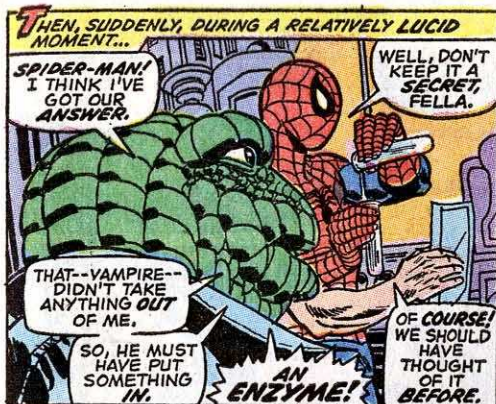
WE **MUST** FIND THAT CURE. WE **MUST**!

AND YET--**WHY** SHOULD I WANT TO BE **CURT CONNORS**-- EVER AGAIN?

HE GETS **WILDER** BY THE MINUTE.

IF I DON'T **STUMBLE** ACROSS SOMETHING **SOON**, I'M LIABLE TO FIND MYSELF **BATTLING** THE FULL-FLEDGED **LIZARD** AGAIN!

--WHEN I CAN BE-- THE **LIZARD**!?



BUT NOW--THE FIRST
RAYS OF **DAWN** DRAW
NEAR.

ONCE MORE,
THE DREAD
SPECTRE OF
REMORSE
REARS ITS
GAUNT
HEAD.

ONCE MORE,
I HEAR
THE DEATH-
CRIES OF
THE **MEN**
I HAVE
SLAIN--
WAILING
LIKE SOULS
LOST ON
A SEA OF
TORMENT.

YET, ONLY IN THE
CLEAR LIGHT OF
DAY DO I HEAR
THOSE ANGUISHED
VOICES--THAT GRIM,
ACCUSING CHORUS
OF THE **DAMNED**.

IF ONLY
IT COULD
BE ALWAYS
NIGHT--
**ALWAYS
NIGHT--!**

BUT, IT **CANNOT**--
AND SO, MORBIUS
MUST HIDE HIS
FACE FROM THE
SUN WHICH SAPS
HIS STRENGTH--
USURPS HIS **WILL**.

THIS
BOARDED
CELLAR WILL
SERVE AS
WELL AS ANY--
PERHAPS
BETTER
THAN MOST.

FOR,
PERHAPS
THIS IS
THE PLACE
WHERE I
SHALL KNOW
NO
MEMORIES.

HERE,
PERHAPS--
I SHALL
DREAM
NO
DREAMS
--!

**VAIN HOPE, MORBIUS--FOR, NO
SOONER DO YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES,
THAN THE DREAM IS THERE BEFORE
YOU--AND YOU SEE ONCE MORE,
OVER AND OVER--**

when I planned to retire before fifty

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a true story by John B. Haikey

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"Not until I was forty did I make up my mind that I was going to retire before ten years had passed. I knew I couldn't do it on a salary, no matter how good. I knew I couldn't do it working for others. It was perfectly obvious to me that I had to start a business of my own. But that posed a problem. What kind of business? Most of my money was tied up. Temporarily I was broke. But, when I found the business I wanted I was able to start it on a little over a thousand dollars of borrowed money.

"To pyramid this investment into retirement in less than ten years seems like magic, but in my opinion any man in good health who has the same ambition and drive that motivated me, could achieve such a goal. Let me give you a little history.

"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

"I found it. Not right away. I investigated a lot of businesses offered as franchises. I felt that I wanted the guidance of an experienced company—wanted to have the benefit of the plans that had brought success to others, plus the benefit of running my own business under an established name that had national recognition.

"Most of the franchises offered were too costly for me. Temporarily all my capital was frozen in the motel. But I found that the Duraclean franchise

offered me exactly what I had been looking for.

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THE WAY IT BEGAN

PART TWO

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I DIDN'T
MEAN
TO KILL
YOU--

NOT
ANY
OF
YOU!

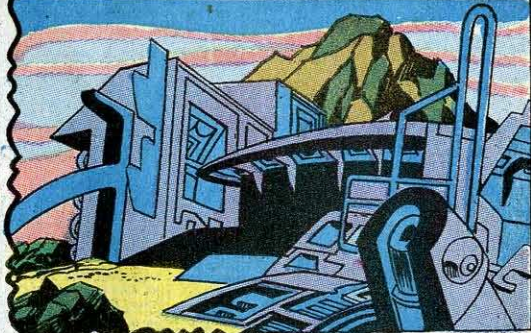
PLEASE--
FORGIVE
ME, NIKOS!
TELL ME
YOU
FORGIVE
ME!

BUT, UNVOICED CRIES MERELY ECHO
THRU DARK CORRIDORS OF
UNRELENTING THOUGHT--

--**A**S THE
DREAM
GOES ON--!



THE DREAM OF HOW IT WAS, ONLY A FEW SHORT
WEEKS AGO--WHEN YOUR WORLD WAS AS SMALL
AS YOUR SEQUESTERED LABORATORY, HIDDEN
IN THE HILLS OF YOUR NATIVE EUROPEAN LAND--



--AND YOUR
ONLY ENEMY
WAS TIME
ITSELF--!



NIKOS...
WILL YOU
CHECK MY
READING OF
THESE
RESULTS,
PLEASE?

YOU KNOW
WELL,
MICHAEL,
THAT I
HAVE
ALREADY
CHECKED
THEM...

...AND THAT THEY GIVE NO MORE CAUSE
FOR OPTIMISM THAN THOSE WE HAVE
SEEN BEFORE.

MUST YOU
CONTINUE TO
TORTURE YOURSELF,
WITH VISIONS OF
A FALSE HOPE?

TO LIVE IS TO HOPE,
MY FRIEND.

TO
ABANDON
HOPE...IS
TO BE
ALREADY
DEAD.



BUT, YOUR DEMEANOR IS MUCH
TOO GRIM, NIKOS. DO YOU NOT
RECOGNIZE A COSMIC JEST
WHEN YOU BEHOLD ONE?

IS IT NOT
AMUSING--?

--TO A
VAMPIRE
BAT??



--THE SIGHT OF MICHAEL
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THE IRONY OF MARTINE'S WORDS HAUNTED YOU, MORBIUS... HAUNTED YOU THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE SUN-DRENCHED MEDITERRANEAN...



...UNTIL, UPON ARRIVING
IN AN ENGLISH SEAPORT...

A CHARTERED
YACHT, MICHAEL?
BUT WHY? THE
SHEER EXPENSE...

IT MUST
HAVE TAKEN
THE LAST OF
YOUR PRIZE-
MONEY.

AND
MORE,
BUT
I HAD...
NO
CHOICE.



NO CHOICE?
WHAT NEW
RESEARCH
ARE YOU
DOING--?

THAT, MARTINE,
MUST REMAIN A
SECRET EVEN
FROM YOU.

THE
ELECTRO-
SHOCK
DEVICE HAS
BEEN
INSTALLED
ACCORDING
TO YOUR
SPECIFICATIONS,
MICHAEL.
IT...

EXCELLENT.
NOW, IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE US,
MY DEAR...

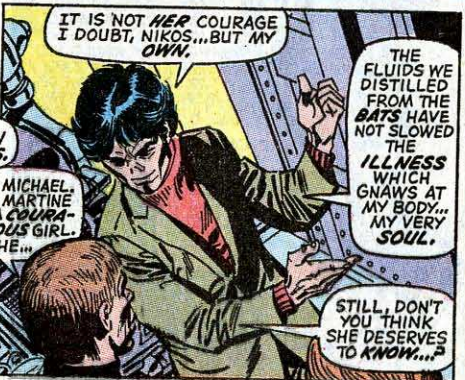


THEN, EVEN AS THE DOOR SLAMMED SHUT...

NEVER SPEAK
OF MY WORK
HERE AGAIN--
IN FRONT OF
HER!

YOU KNOW
MY ORDERS.

YES, MICHAEL.
BUT, MARTINE
IS A COURAGEOUS
GIRL. SHE...



IT IS NOT HER COURAGE
I DOUBT, NIKOS... BUT MY
OWN.

THE
FLUIDS WE
DISTILLED
FROM THE
BATS HAVE
NOT SLOWED
THE
ILLNESS
WHICH
GNAWS AT
MY BODY...
MY VERY
SOUL.

STILL, DON'T
YOU THINK
SHE DESERVES
TO KNOW...



SHE DOES, INDEED. YET,
IF SHE KNEW WHAT
WE PLAN, SHE WOULD
TRY TO STOP US.

NO ONE BUT WE TWO, OLD
FRIEND, MUST KNOW THAT A
RARE DISEASE DISSOLVES
MY VERY BLOOD CELLS...

...OR THAT,
IF OUR
WORK HERE
IS A
FAILURE...



...I
SHALL
NEVER
LIVE TO
SEE
LAND
AGAIN!



HOW HARD IT WAS,
MORBIUS, THAT
NIGHT...THAT FINAL
NIGHT...WITH HER...

PLEASE FORGIVE
ME, MARTINE, IF I
LEAVE YOU EARLY
THIS EVENING.

THERE ARE ROUTINE MATTERS
I MUST CHECK IN THE
LABORATORY BELOW.

OF COURSE.
I UNDERSTAND,
MY LOVE.

BUT, DO NOT
WORK TOO
LONG, YOU
SEEM...SO
PALE.



DOES SHE SUSPECT,
MICHAEL?

I...
THINK
NOT.

YET, WE MUST
HURRY. MY
TIME GROWS
SHORT.



UNLESS THIS
SHOCK-TREATMENT
SUCCEEDS...
AGAINST ALL HOPE,
ALL ODDS...

...I'LL MEASURE
OUT MY LIFE IN
DAYS...PERHAPS
HOURS.

I...KNOW.

BUT, ELECTRICAL
CREATION OF BLOOD-
CELLS IS SOMETHING
NEVER BEFORE
ATTEMPTED...LET ALONE
ACHIEVED.

IF ONLY WE
HAD TIME TO
GAUGE ALL POSSIBLE
RESULTS...ALL
POTENTIAL SIDE-
EFFECTS...



AND YET, AS
YOU SAY...
WE HAVE
NO CHOICE.

FOR, WHAT
SIDE-EFFECT COULD
POSSIBLY BE
WORSE THAN--
DEATH?

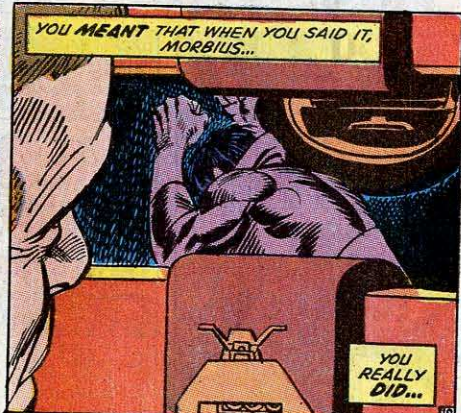
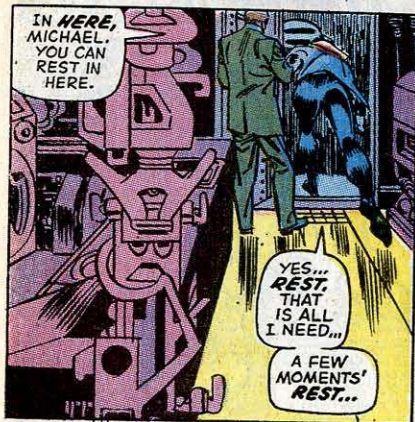
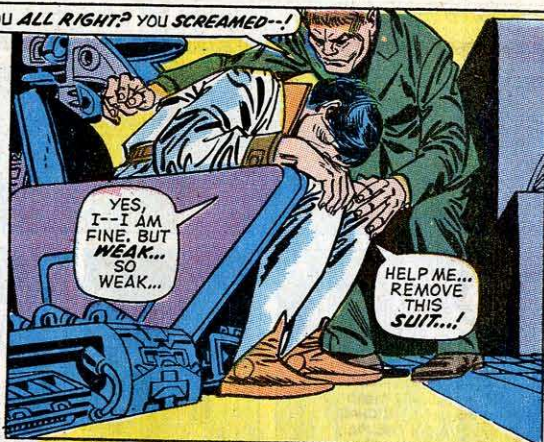


DID YOU SENSE IT THEN,
MORBIUS--IN THAT MOMENT?
DID YOU GLIMPSE THE UN-
SPEAKABLE ANSWER TO
NIKOS' QUESTION...

...IN THAT SINGLE, SEARING
INSTANT WHEN TIME AND SPACE
WERE SWALLOWED IN THE
GAPING MAW OF PAIN--?



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU SCREAMED--!



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AND YET,
EVEN THEN,
YOU KNEW,
YOU KNEW!



AH...
FEELING
BETTER
ALREADY,
OLD
FRIEND?

I AM GLAD...
THOUGH I
LOCKED
YOU IN FOR
YOUR OWN
SAFETY.



BUT **SEE?** THE DOOR
IS OPEN NOW.



NOW YOU
CAN--BUT,
WHAT HAS
HAPPENED
TO YOU,
MICHAEL?

YOU ARE
WHITE--
WHITE AS A--



NIKOS--!?





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Enough Of A Woman
Almost Persuaded
My Elusive Dreams
Good
Where Could You Go
(But To Her)
Safe In These Lovin'
Arms Of Mine
Baby, Come Home
Take Me To Your World
My Daddy Doll
Too Far Gone
Love Me, Love Me
A Lighter Shade Of Blue
I'm Not Mine To Give
All Night Long
Where There's A Fire
In Your Heart
Together We Stand
(Divided We Fall)
Tell Me Where I Stand
Still Around
The Phone Call
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YES, MORBIUS--EVEN
HERE, IN YOUR TOO-
VIVID DREAM WORLD,
YOU KNOW THAT YOU
GLIMPSED THE TRUTH
IN THAT FLEETING
INSTANT--!

BETTER FAR
TO PERISH--
TO FILL YOUR
STRAINING
LUNGS WITH
WATER, AND
SINK DEEP
INTO A LIQUID
GRAVE--

--THAN TO LIVE
THE LIFE OF
THE DAMNED!

YET, EVEN AMONG THE DAMNED, THE
LUST FOR LIVING IS A SURGING TIDAL
WAVE--

--AND IN ITS RELENT-
LESS WAKE ARE
SUBMERGED THE HUMAN
INSTINCTS WHICH BIRTHED
THE SELFLESS ACT--

--SUBMERGED, DROWNED
--TILL ONLY THE BEAST
REMAINS--

--THE BEAST WHICH
KICKS AND CLAWS
AND CAREENS ITS
FRANTIC WAY TO
THE SURFACE--

AIR!
AT
LAST!

I WAS A FOOL TO LEAP OVERBOARD--TO
SACRIFICE MYSELF, SO THAT OTHER, LESSER
BEINGS MIGHT LIVE.

THE SHIP
WHICH
WAS MINE
IS GONE
NOW--

BUT
THERE
WILL BE
OTHER
SHIPS--

--OTHER
PREY
FOR
MORBIUS!

AND IN DUE COURSE,
IT CAME, DIDN'T IT,
MORBIUS--

--CAME ALONG TO
RESCUE THE ONCE-
HUMAN FLOTSAM
WHICH EVEN THE
SHARKS DID
SHUN--?

MY STRENGTH-- FAR
GREATER THAN BEFORE--
OR I'D HAVE DROWNED
LONG SINCE.

ALSO, I FEEL SO
LIGHT IN THE
WATER--AS IF
MY VERY BONES
WERE HOLLOW.

BUT STILL--
I THIRST,
I THIRST!

I THIRST!

A THOUSAND TIMES HAVE YOU
RELIVED THIS NIGHTMARE,
MORBIUS, IN THE COURSE OF
A SINGLE DAY--

TIME
ENOUGH
FOR A
MORTAL
SOUL
TO PASS
THRU A
MILLION
HELLS--

--OR FOR A
SUN TO
SET!

FILTHY
HIPPIES!

EVER SINCE
THEY BLEW
INTO TOWN, AN
HONEST GUY
CAN'T BUM
A NICKEL
IN THIS BURG.

THEY'RE
TOO BUSY
HITTIN' THE
TOUCHES
UP FOR A
QUARTER.

MIGHT AS WELL DUCK
IN THIS ALLEY AN'
CATCH SOME SHUTEYE--!

HEY--LOOKIT
THAT! SOME-
BODY BUSTED
A DOOR DOWN
FOR ME.

DON'T LOOK A
GIFT-HORSE
IN THE MUG,
CHARLIE--
JUST MAKE
FOR IT.

HUH? LOOKS
LIKE--A
STIFF.

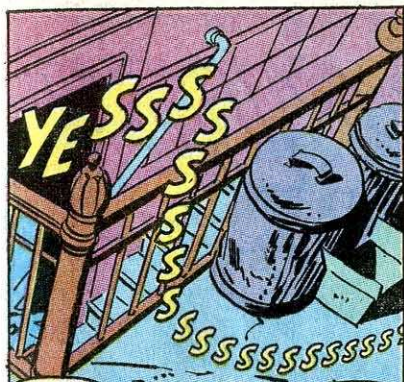
MEBBE I
CAN
ROLL 'IM,
BEFORE--

WH--? HE'S
MOVIN'--
HE'S
ALIVE--!

NO!
NO!

YES, MY FORTUITOUS FRIEND--

YES!



YEAH?
TV NEWS
SERVICE--
WHAT
CAN I--?

I KNOW, I KNOW.
AND THEN HE
MET UP WITH
THE ABOMINABLE
SNOWMAN--

--CREEP!

IT WAS
QUEENS,
THIS TIME
--ANOTHER
WEIRDO!

SWEARS
HE SAW A
PROWLER
--THE
USUAL
HUNDRED
ARMS--

--AN' THEY
BOTH FLEW
OFF IN
THEIR
FLYIN'
SAUCER.

...HOLY
JOE,
NOW
WHAT??

IF THAT'S ANOTHER
ONE/A THOSE LONG
ISLAND CALLS--

YOUR
TURN,
SYD,
I HUNG
UP ON
THE
LAST
TWO.

RRING

BUT THIS
PHANTOM
HAD A TAIL,
TO BOOT.

SAY SYD--
YOU DON'T
SUPPOSE--

COULD THIS BE
RELATED TO
THAT BOWERY
BUM THEY FOUND
DEAD A LITTLE
WHILE AGO?



WISE UP,
LEO. THAT
SLOB KICKED
IT IN
MANHATTAN.

THESE CALLS BEEN
COMIN' IN FROM
THE ISLAND--NOW
JUST ACROSS THE
RIVER FROM
QUEENS.

DUNNO WHAT
KIND'A SPOOK
THEY'RE
SEEMIN' OUT
THERE--

BUT IT
COULDN'T
HAVE
NOTHIN' TO
DO WITH
THAT
BUM.

NO--I
GUESS
NOT--!



HMM...TOO BAD YOU HEDGED YOUR
BETS, LEO...

'CAUSE YOU
WERE RIGHT
THE FIRST
TIME...!

FOR, THIS IS THE HOUR OF--

THE CURSE AND THE CURE!

PART
THREE

IF EVER
A GUY HAD
TWO
TIGERS
BY THE
TAIL...!

TRYING TO
TRACK DOWN
A REAL LIVE
VAMPIRE,
WITH MY
ONLY ALLY--
THE LIZARD!

RIGHT NOW,
LIZ'S **HUMAN**
AND **INHUMAN**
INSTINCTS
SEEM TO BE
WAGING SOME
KIND OF INNER
TUG-OF-WAR!

STILL, I
COULDN'T
LEAVE HIM
BEHIND.

ONLY **DOC**
CONNORS
HAS THE KNOW-
HOW TO EXTRACT
THAT **ENZYME**
FROM **MORBIUS**--
AND USE IT
TO **CURE** US
BOTH!

BUT, WHAT
IF THE SIDE
WHICH
TRIUMPHS
IS--**THE**
LIZARD?

WHAT THEN,
WEB-SLINGER?

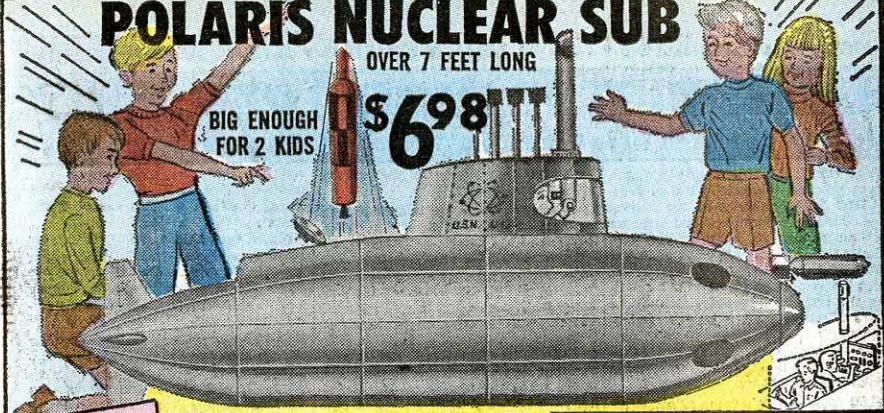
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ITEM! This is it! Ten years to the month since the first immortal issue of FANTASTIC FOUR ushered in the Marvel Age of Madcap Madness—and have we got an anniversary surprise for you! 'Cause this is the month when each and every one of our award-winning mags goes king-size to 52 pages (that's counting the four-color covers, natch) for a mere 25¢. But then, if you're reading this batty Bullpen page in your own sanctum sanctorum, you already know that—so why don't we toss something atcha that's news?

ITEM! Okay—here's some news: Virtually every one of our swingin' superhero titles will contain ALL-NEW Marvel masterworks of 33 (count 'em, 33) pages or more! It's like getting both parts of a continued story—all wrapped up between shiny covers, for just two bits. And, believe us when we say we've spared no pain, no burning, of the midnight oil, to assure you of a flock of first-month fantasies that truly deserve this full-length treatment! This is no shuck—no come-on—we're tellin' it like it is, people!

ITEM! And, while we're playin' Honest Abe, we wanna go the whole route and tell you that a couple of our monthly mags will contain a minimal amount of reprint material—and why! Two of 'em—DAREDEVIL and IRON MAN—will be combining into one bombshell title starting next month, to make room for new ideas and new concepts. Because of this impending change, these two mags—as well as ASTONISHING TALES, which'll feature a 20-page Inhumans extravaganza—will showcase a carefully-chosen selection of classic superhero goodies penned in days past by some of our mightiest masters—Johnny Romita, Wild Bill Everett, Long John Severin, the whole magilla. But even this is merely a period of adjustment while we line up a flock of new features—and all the while, Marvel will be giving you more for your hard-earned dough in more mixed-up mags than ever before—with more ALL-NEW stories than anybody in the whole blamed comics industry! (Now, who was it started the rumor that merry Marvel was just out to make a fast buck by tossing endless reprints at a faithful fandom? You stuck by us when the going was roughest, stalwart one—and we're

bettin' you're gonna dig the reward we've cooked up for ya!)

ITEM! Where there are winners, there must be victims. Because of the sudden increase in the volume of pages zooming out from 625 Madison Ave., our panic-stricken printer told us we'd have to shave off a title or two till he got it all together. So we've had to delay for the nonce our breathlessly-awaited DRACULA book, as well as MARVEL PREMIERE #1, which was to be the third of our new quarterly try-out comics. But they'll be zingin' at you on our Checklist page before you know it—and anyway, wait'll you see the frantic new feature we'll be tossin' your way next month in MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #2. (Kinda whets the appetite, eh?)

ITEM! Sheesh! That's enough about our new 25¢ size, already! Did all you worldly sophisticates out there catch the great write-up that appeared recently in the Sunday Magazine Section of the far-famed New York Times? It sported a candid shot of STAN THE MAN in glorious black and white—and it tells ya just about everything you always wanted to know about Our Leader, but were giggling too hard to ask! (Footnote: Ever since it came out, everybody's been kidding Rascally ROY THOMAS about its mention of his "corn-silk hair." Ah well... such is the price of fame!)

ITEM! Speaking of the Loquacious Lee (and we just were—remember?), he tells us that when he lectured at Boston U. the other week, he was chauffeured around by his high-minded host, cunny KENNY ROGOFF, in a Volkswagen Bus. Then, when he went to Harvard to give a talk, he was driven around in gregarious GORDON CROSS' Chevy Blazer, another truck-like vehicle. Next week he's heading for Yale to spread a little more Marvel erudition amongst the cognoscenti—and the whole blamed Bullpen (not to mention Stan himself) is wondering what will await him there. A Sherman tank, mayhap?

ITEM! Hey, here's a hasty note penned by battling BOB RALEIGH, JR., of radio station WPGC in our nation's capital: "On April Fool's Day (a day just made for disc jockeys), all the fellas here switched names. In addition, at the end of each newscast, instead of giving our

real names, we could give anyone who came to mind, so we were ending with things like 'This is Peter Parker, WPGC News'... 'This is Reed Richards'... 'This is Ben Grimm, WPGC Clobberin' News'... and like that." Good show, group—but we're still waitin' for the day when Walter Cronkite paints himself green and comes on like the ever-incredible Hulk!

ITEM! We're frankly so excited about our sudden switchover to full-scale 25¢ magazines with almost all new material, that we've let our enthusiasm crowd out mention of the latest hijinx of our agonizin' artists and writers. But the personal chitchat'll be back next go-round, crew—and by then we hope you'll have let us know how you feel about our new size and format. Don't be shy about voicing your opinion, now; after about three decades of being under fire by a frantic fandom, ol' Smiley couldn't stand the shock!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hi, gang. I just wanna take a minute to dig out from under the work that's accumulated in the past few weeks to thank the great guys who were in there pinch-hitting while I took a short breather from my comic-mag chores. You've probably noticed Rascally Roy's rhapsodic rendition of Spider-Man—Artful Archie's awesome artistry on the good ol' F.F.—Groovy Gary's gargantuan feat of penning Captain America—and Merry Gerry's been very very on the Mighty Thor. (Sorry 'bout that!) Also, leave us not forget the Herculean labors of Jumbo Johnny Verpoorten, our pandemonious production chief, who manages to keep things rolling no matter what. To each and every one of these sagacious stalwarts, and all the rest of the Bullpen Assembled, I humbly tip my well-worn beanie cap in eternal gratitude. But, did they have to do such a great job while I was coppin' out? That's a heckuva way to make a fella feel secure!

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BUT I'M ALL RIGHT NOW-- THANKS TO YOU.

HE'S GOT DOC CONNORS' BRAIN AGAIN-- BUT FOR HOW LONG?

IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS ALL DAY.

SKULKING AROUND-- HIDING LIKE HUNTED FUGITIVES--

THAT'S WHY IT TOOK US TILL DARK TO GET TO MANHATTAN.



SURE YOU'RE OKAY, DOC?

YES-- BUT EACH TIME, THE ATTACKS GROW STRONGER-- STRONGER.

THE NEXT TIME I MAY TURN ON YOU-- TRY TO KILL YOU!



LET'S-- GET GOING. WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT MYSTERY-MAN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE--

--TOO LATE FOR BOTH OF US!

FOOTNOTE: LIFE IS STRANGE INDEED, FOR AT THAT VERY SECOND...

...SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS DEAR TO PETER PARKER...



OH, DON'T BE SO MELO-DRAMATIC, GWENDOLYN.

SO PETE WAS A BIT RUDE ON THE PHONE.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN... HE NO LONGER LOVES YOU.

EVERYBODY HAS A BAD DAY NOW AND THEN, THAT WAS HIS.

BUT THEN-- WHY HASN'T HE CALLED BACK, THESE PAST TWO DAYS?



AND, EITHER HE'S NOT AT HIS APART-MENT... OR ELSE HE'S JUST NOT ANSWERING WHEN I CALL.

I WONDER IF HIS AUNT MAY...





IF YOU MEAN
THAT RECENT
CIRCULATION
DROP--

I
MEAN
THAT...

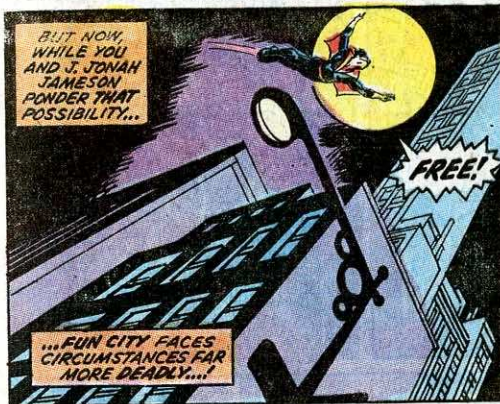
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ING YOU,
MISTER--
IF SOME-
THING
DOESN'T
HAPPEN
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--THERE
WON'T
BE A
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BUT NOW,
WHILE YOU
AND J. JONAH
JAMESON
PONDER THAT
POSSIBILITY...

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MORE DEADLY...



FREE AT LAST OF
THE NUMBING
DOUBTS--THE
FLACID REMORSE
WHICH HAUNTS
ME IN THE HEAT
OF THE DAY.



THIS IS MY HOUR--
THAT TIME WHEN
DARKNESS WRAPS
THE CITY LIKE
A SHROUD--

--WHEN EACH
SHADOW
CAN COME
TO
SUDDEN,
SNARLING
LIFE--

--AND WHEN
MORBIUS
CAN FEAST!

THAT'S A
RIGHT
PRETTY
SPEECH
YOU GOT
THERE,
MORB--



--BUT I'M
AFRAID
YOU JUST
WENT ON
A DIET!

YOU!





NOW, LIKE I SAID,
MORBIUS--

THE LIZARD
AND I PLAN
TO HELP
YOU--

--WHETHER YOU
LIKE IT OR
NOT!

NO ANSWER. HE'S
OUT COLD.

IT'S BEST
THIS WAY.
IT'LL BE
EASIER TO
EXTRACT
THE ENZYME.

THAT'S YOUR DEPARTMENT,
DOC.

I'LL JUST HOLD HIM
DOWN--TO
BE SURE.

MAYBE--
I WON'T
HAVE
TO.

BUT, HOW
WILL YOU
SEPARATE
THE ENZYME
FROM HIS
BLOOD?

JUST
ADDING A
BIT OF HIS
BLOOD--
TO THE
SERUM I
PREPARED
--MAY DO
THE TRICK.

THERE!



AHH...THE
BLOOD
TURNED THE
POTION
BLUE, AS
WE
EXPECTED.

BUT--
STARTING TO
FEEL STRANGE
AGAIN--DIZZY.

I'D
BETTER
INJECT
THE
SERUM--
FAST.

OTHERWISE,
YOU'LL HAVE
BOTH MORBIUS
AND THE
LIZARD TO
DEAL WITH.

IT'S
DONE.

BUT NOW--
WILL IT
WORK,
OR--?

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AGAIN--
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GOD!



DON'T THINK I'M
GHOULISH, DOC--
BUT I NOTICE
YOUR EXTRA ARM
HAS VANISHED,
TOO.

'COURSE, THERE'S NO WAY TO
BE SURE THE SAME THING
WILL HAPPEN TO MY SURPLUS
LIMBS--OR WHAT SIDE-EFFECTS
THERE MIGHT BE--

BUT, THERE COMES
A TIME WHEN
YOU'VE GOTTA TAKE
A CHANCE--AND
THAT TIME IS--



NOW!

KAKK

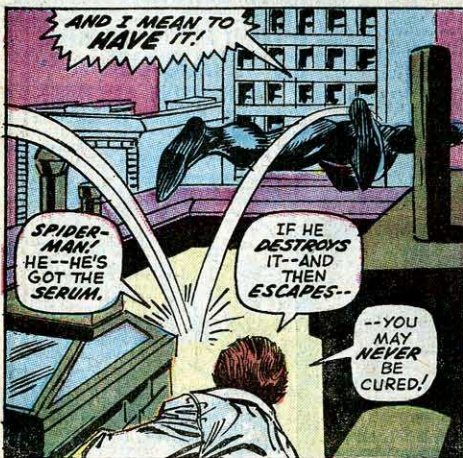
I HAVE LAIN
SILENT--
CONSERVING
MY POWER--
LONG ENOUGH.



STOP! WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING TO--?

WHAT IS IN
THAT VIAL--
IS MINE.

MINE,
DO
YOU
HEAR
ME?



AND I MEAN TO
HAVE IT!

SPIDER-
MAN!
HE--HE'S
GOT THE
SERUM.

IF HE
DESTROYS
IT--AND
THEN
ESCAPES--

--YOU
MAY
NEVER
BE
CURED!



DESTROY
IT? YOU
WHIMPER-
ING FOOL!

I
MEAN
TO--
DRINK
IT.





NOTHING!
NOT EVEN A
THREAT!

EXTRACTING
THAT ENZYME--
MUST SOMEHOW
HAVE UNHINGED
HIS MIND.

THE LAST
VESTIGE
OF
REASON
WITHIN HIM
--HAS
DIED.

ONLY ONE LAST
CHANCE--



IF THAT
NUTTY SUB-
CONSCIOUS
OF MINE--
MAKES ME
MISS--



NO!
I'VE
GOT
HIM!



NOW TO
REEL HIM
IN, AND--

WH--? HE
HAD MORE
MOMENTUM
THAN I
THOUGHT.

HE'S PULLING
ME--OFF THE
LEDGE!

YOU WON'T
CAPTURE ME
--PUT ME ON
DISPLAY,
LIKE SOME
SORT OF
FREAK.

I WANT
TO BE
FREE--
--FREE
TO
LIVE--

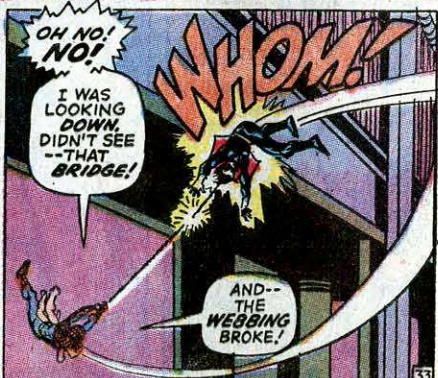


DO YOU
HEAR ME--
TO LIVE!!

HE'S LOSING
ALTITUDE--
DIPPING
TOWARD THE
WATER.

I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
OVERPOWER
HIM THERE.

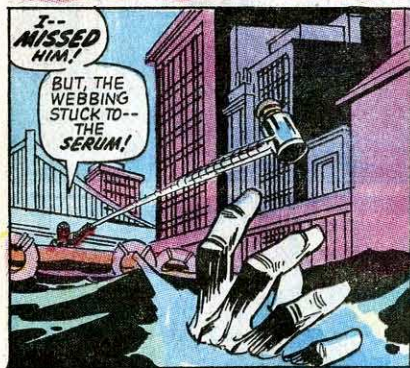
JUST A
LITTLE
FARTHER--
JUST--



OH NO!
NO!

I WAS
LOOKING
DOWN,
DIDN'T SEE
--THAT
BRIDGE!

AND--
THE
WEBBING
BROKE!







THE SPIDERS WEB

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:
THE MARVEL COMICS GROUP, SECOND FLOOR 625 MADISON AV. NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

Dear Stan and Gil,

Issue #98 of SPIDER-MAN featured, among other things, a very brief conversation between J. Jonah Jameson and the Bugle's city editor, Joe Robertson. The conversation, concerning drugs, served as food for thought.

In the nine years or so that I have been reading S-M, Jameson has always been placed in a very false light. He has been presented as an editor who time and again forsakes his journalistic vows to gain his own ends, that is, the destruction of Spider-Man for reasons expressed in issue #101. Jameson has distorted the motives and actions of the wall-crawler, has encouraged political candidates (Raleigh and Bullitt) and supervillains (Mysterio and the Scorpion) to destroy Spidey, and has himself sought to destroy S-M by means of a robot. Furthermore, Jameson is a wind-bag who likes to hear himself talk, a cheap-skate who cheats Parker on the price of his news photos, and a cold-hearted man who sends Aunt May a 10¢ get-well card when she may well be on her death-bed. As I've said, Jameson has been presented in a very false light. The time has come to make amends.

I see Jameson as an honest man, and more importantly, an honest editor: as a student of journalism, I would like to see a story in which his true character is brought to light. The conversation between Jameson and Robertson begs a story in which the Bugle takes a stand against drugs and drug dealers. It would not only portray the side of Jameson we have never seen, but would also be an exciting story. How about it?

RFO, TTB, QNS Gary L. McCullough, PO Box 446
Norrina, N.C. 27563

We'll be frank, Gary. We've got a hunch that—whatever the hidden virtues of J. Jonah Jameson—the mass of Marveldom Assembled would prefer to see them stay hidden like the submerged part of a very intriguing iceberg. Okay, Spideophiles—so are we right or wrong?

Dear Stan,

When Peter Parker graduated from high school, whole new vistas opened for him. Peter seemed to move on to a new level of existence and awareness. The reality, believability, and cool of his story was heightened immeasurably by Pete's increased maturity. I can tell that when Parker graduates from college, his life is going to bust wide open and embrace all of creation in his pursuit of careers both as Peter Parker and as Spider-Man.

The superfine thing about Spider-Man is the way we can watch him grow. That makes his possibly the best story in comicdom. As much as I enjoy Spidey's growth, I eagerly await the coming milestones in his life for the great improvements they

will make. Peter Parker's adult number will be something else. I just want to tell you Gwen Stacy belongs to it. Don't let him lose her.

Bradley D. Ellis, Box 5475
College Station, Texas 77840

And we won't, if we have anything to say about it. But then—do we? It sometimes seems like our characters and stories virtually write themselves—and that we're just recording 'em the way we see 'em. Oh well, you sound like you're one Marvelite who's along for the full trip, Brad—so welcome aboard, and don't be surprised at anything! 'Nuff said!

MARVEL



Dear Marvel Reader,

Our Bullpen Bulletins page, elsewhere in this issue, exults over the fact that, beginning this month, our comics magazines have risen in size and price—from 36 pages to 52 pages, and from 15¢ to 25¢. However, we thought we'd use this additional space to drop a personal line to each and every one of you faithful ones who have loyally supported Marvel over these past few frantic years, and to explain more fully just why the change was made.

At first, we intended to go into a long spiel about how everything you buy costs more in this inflation-ridden world of ours—about the rise in the price of movies, magazines, almost all modes and media of entertainment. And we figured we'd probably talk a bit about ever-spiraling printing costs, about increased payments to the writers and artists in this whacky business of ours—in short, about how the 15¢ comic book, after only a couple of years of life, is (to put it plainly) just no longer a feasible item.

But who are we kidding? If you own a radio or a TV set, or even if you just drop by the corner grocery, you already know most of that—and we give you credit for brain enough to guess the rest.

Besides, it just occurred to us that we're not simply raising the price of what you're getting—but we're giving you another full 15 pages of art and story, or virtually a second mag inside the same color-splashed covers, for that extra dime—ah, it doesn't take an Einstein (or even New Math) to figure that, with this price and size change, Marvel Comics are now a bigger bargain than ever! And we intend to keep 'em that way!

So why did we bother with this letter at all? Just consider it our way of welcoming you aboard—and assuring you that, whatever wonders have gone before, the best is yet to come!

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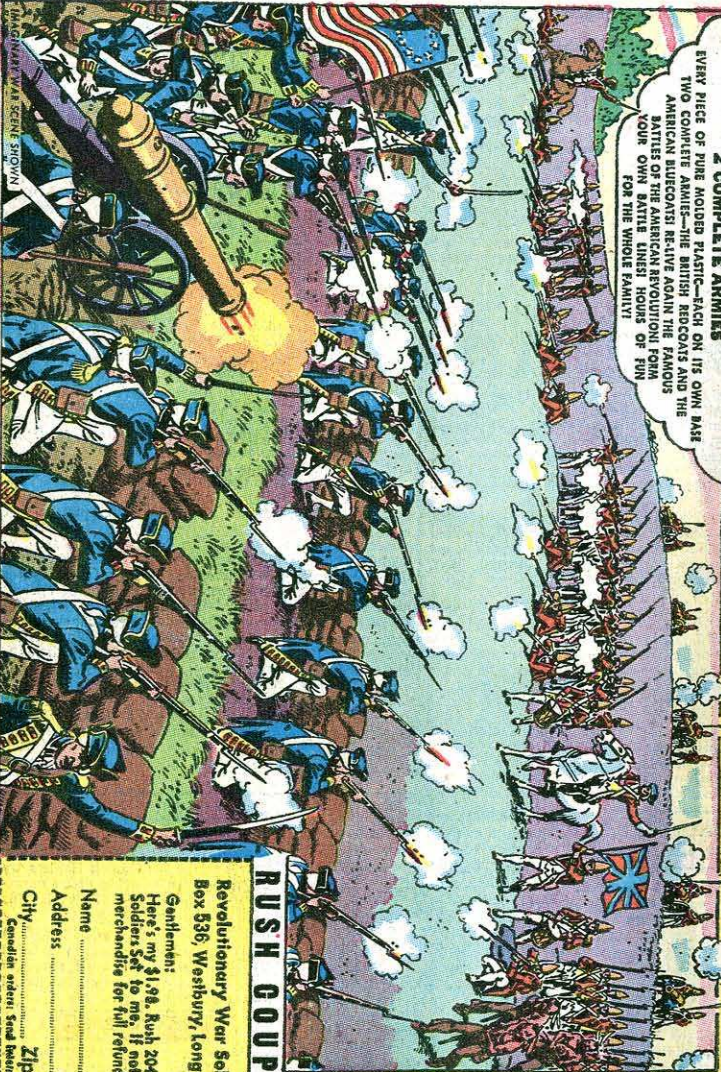
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