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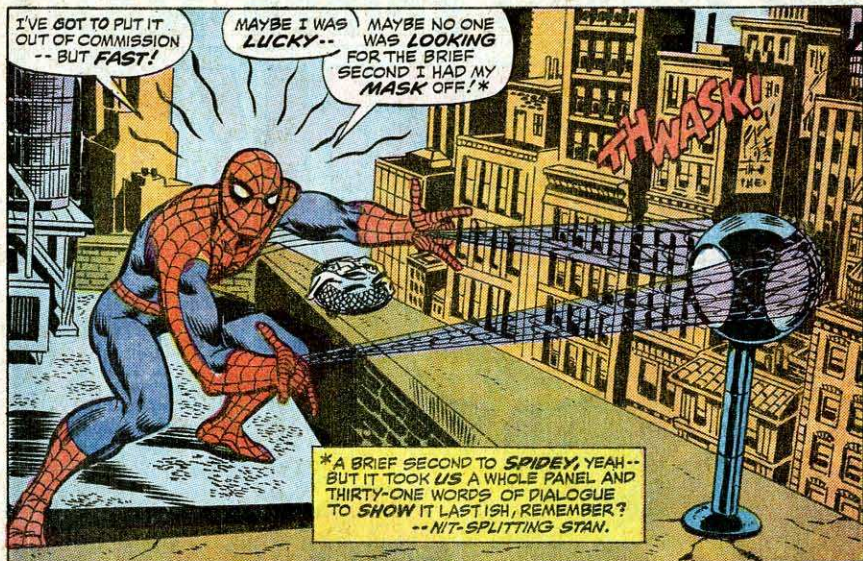
THAT **GADGET** -- ON THE **EDGE OF THE ROOF!** I-- I **DIDN'T NOTICE IT BEFORE!**

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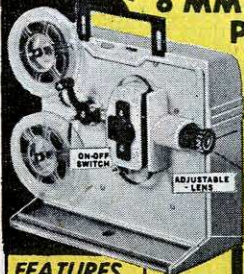
AND IT **MUST HAVE SEEN ME-- WITH MY MASK OFF!**

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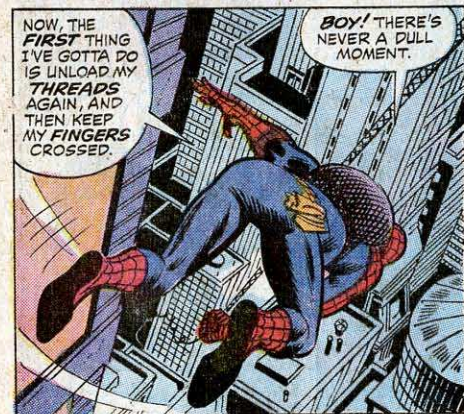
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OH NO! NOW THE BLAMED THING JUST WENT UP IN SMOKE!

IT'S A FAKE! I'VE BEEN ROBBED! I--I'LL SUE 'IM!



WHAT HAPPENED, JJ? ANYTHING WRONG HERE?

NOTHING, ROBERTSON... NOTHING, WRONG!

JUST A LITTLE SMOKE, THAT'S ALL!

DIDN'T YOU EVER SEE A LITTLE SMOKE BEFORE?



YEAH! BUT NOT IN THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY BUGLE--AFTER I HEARD A SMALL EXPLOSION BEHIND YOUR DOOR!

DON'T BE AN ALARMIST, ROBBIE! I HATE CITY EDITORS WHO ARE ALARMISTS!



OKAY, JJ-- IF YOU DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.

BUT DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE NEW TV SCANNERS THE POLICE INSTALLED AROUND TOWN?

IT SEEMS THE MASTER CONTROL UNIT WAS STOLEN LAST NIGHT

WELL? DON'T JUST STAND THERE! WRITE IT UP-- WRITE IT UP!

DO I HAVETA DO EVERYTHING AROUND HERE?



AND, BACK TO THE SNEERING, SNICKERING SMYTHE---

THAT FOOL JAMESON! HE'LL NEVER LEARN!

AS IF I HAD ANY INTEREST IN HELPING HIM!

ALL I WANTED WAS HIS CRINKLY GREEN MONEY!



AND NOW THAT I GOT IT, I CAN CONTINUE WITH MY OWN MASTER PLAN!

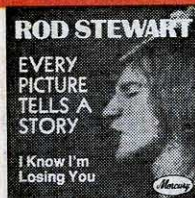
I MUSTN'T KEEP THE OTHERS WAITING TOO LONG.

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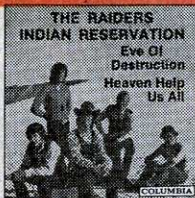
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Any 14 of these

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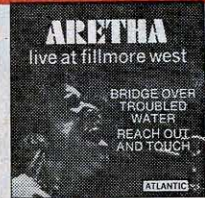
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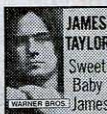
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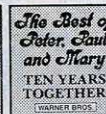
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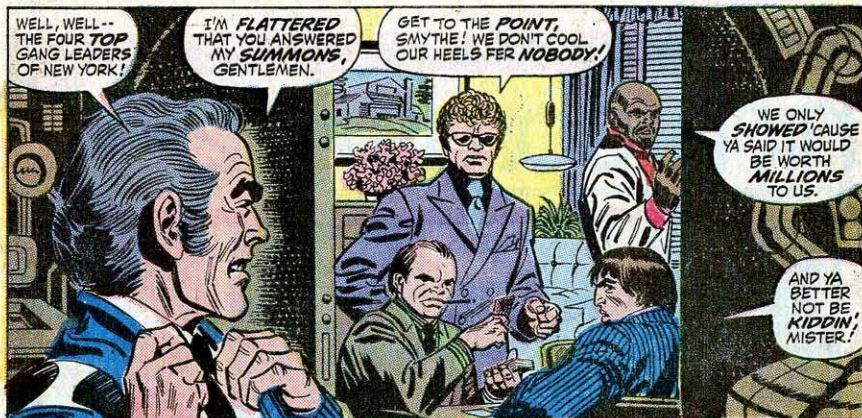
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DON'T YOU **GET IT?** THIS IS THE **SCANNER SYSTEM** I DESIGNED FOR THE **POLICE DEPARTMENT**... SO THEY COULD **OBSERVE** EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THE CITY!

LOOK! AT THE **TWIST** OF A **DIAL** WE CAN **PICK UP** THE **ROUTE** OF AN **ARMORED CAR**... WE CAN **SEE** WHERE THE **COPS** ARE ON **GUARD**... AND WHERE THEY'RE **NOT**.

SUPPOSE WE PLAN A **BANK ROBBERY?** BY WATCHING THE **SCANNER**, I CAN **RADIO** YOUR MEN WHICH **STREETS** TO TAKE IN **MAKING** THEIR **GETAWAY!**

IN **OTHER** WORDS... YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A **JUMP AHEAD** OF THE **POLICE!** THEY'LL **NEVER** CATCH YOU!

HEY! IT'S **BEGINNING** TO **SOUND GOOD!**



BUT IF YOU DESIGNED THIS FOR THE **FUZZ**-- HOW COME YOU GOT **CONTROL**?

EASY! USING MY **ROBOT**, I MANAGED TO **STEAL** THE **VITAL MASTER CONTROL UNIT!** THAT MAKES **ME** THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN **OPERATE** IT!

HUH? WHAT ROBOT?



WE'LL COME TO THAT LATER!

FIRST, LET ME SHOW YOU HOW **NOTHING** CAN ESCAPE ME WHILE I **CONTROL** MY **SCANNERS**--

A **SIMPLE** **TWIST** OF THE **DIAL**, AND I **LOCATE** **SPIDER-MAN** **ONCE** AGAIN!

HEY! THAT THING'S **DYNAMITE!**



THERE! WE SEE HIM **UN-MASKED!** HOW'S THAT FOR--? **WAIT!** WHAT'S HE **DOING?**

WHY IS HE **TUGGING** AT HIS **FACE?**



UNMASKED, MY FOOT!
IT WAS A MASK HE
WUZ WEARIN'! HE'S
WAYIN' IT LIKE HE
KNOWS WE'RE
WATCHIN'!



THAT AIN'T HIS
REAL FACE! 'N
EVEN IF IT WAS
-- SO WHAT?

HE LOOKS LIKE ANY
OF A MILLION
GUYS! WE STILL
WOULDN'T KNOW
WHO HE IS.

HE MUSTA
KNOWN YOU
WUZ WATCHIN'!
HE'S PUTTIN'
YA ON!

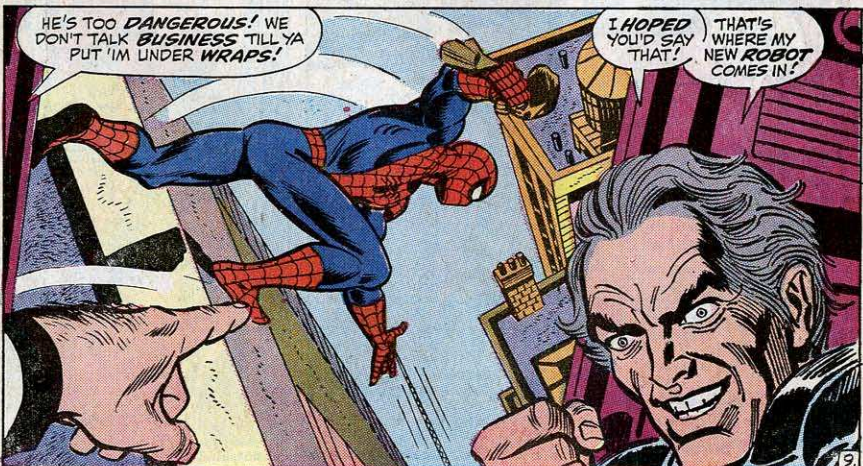
THE WEB-SLINGER'S
CLEVER! I UNDER-
ESTIMATED
HIM.



BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER!
I CAN TRACK HIM DOWN
ANYTIME!

THE IMPORTANT
THING IS... YOU'VE
SEEN HOW THE
SCANNER WORKS.

YEAH, BUT I DON'T
LIKE SPIDER-
MAN! KNOWIN'
ABOUT IT, TOO!

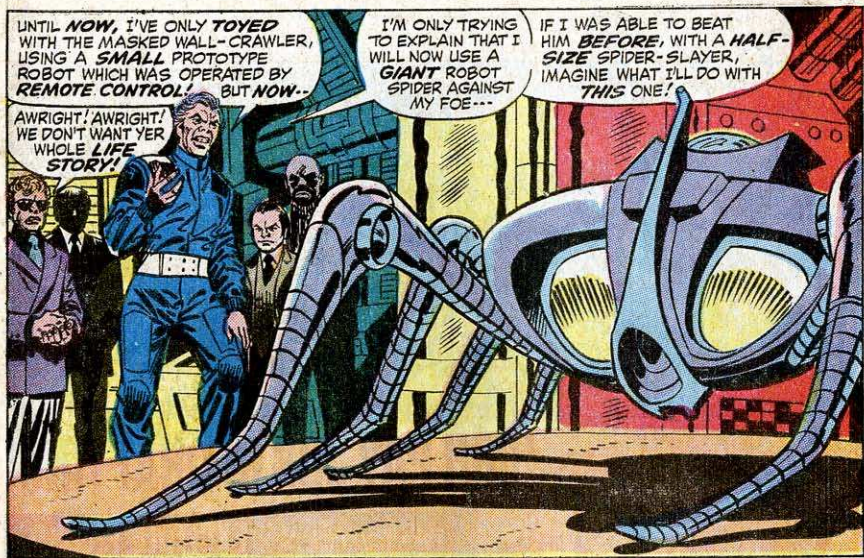


HE'S TOO DANGEROUS! WE
DON'T TALK BUSINESS TILL YA
PUT 'IM UNDER WRAPS!

I HOPED
YOU'D SAY
THAT!

THAT'S WHERE MY
NEW ROBOT
COMES IN!

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UNTIL **NOW**, I'VE ONLY **TOYED** WITH THE MASKED WALL-CRAWLER, USING A **SMALL** PROTOTYPE ROBOT WHICH WAS OPERATED BY **REMOTE CONTROL**! BUT **NOW**...

AWRIGHT! AWRIGHT! WE DON'T WANT YER WHOLE **LIFE STORY**!

I'M ONLY TRYING TO EXPLAIN THAT I WILL NOW USE A **GIANT** ROBOT SPIDER AGAINST MY FOE...

IF I WAS ABLE TO BEAT HIM **BEFORE**, WITH A **HALF-SIZE** SPIDER-SLAYER, IMAGINE WHAT I'LL DO WITH **THIS ONE**!

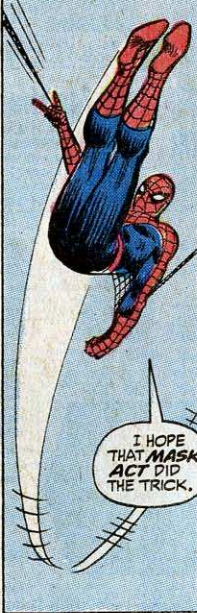


HE'S CLIMBIN' RIGHT **INSIDE** OF IT!

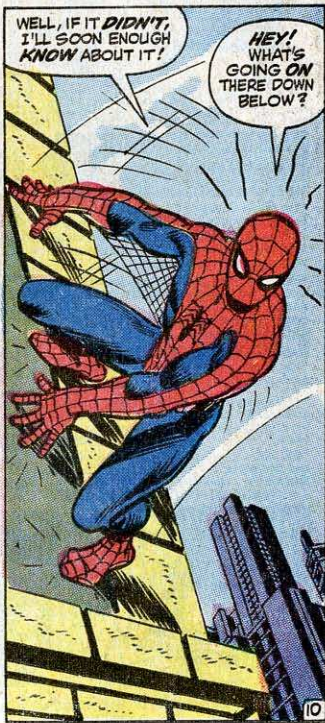
IT CAN'T **MISS**! SPIDER-MAN'S **FINISHED** -- AND WE TAKE OVER THE **CITY**!

MAN! IT'S LIKE DRIVIN' A LIVING **TANK**!

BUT LUCKILY, OUR HERO STILL DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S IN **STORE** FOR HIM...



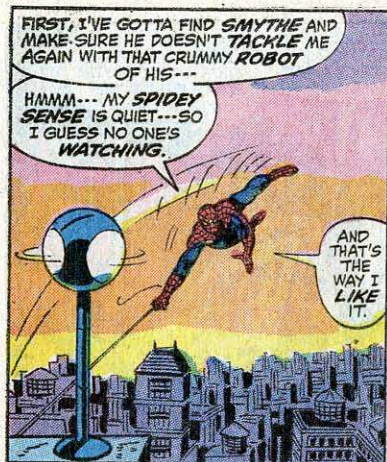
I HOPE THAT **MASK ACT** DID THE TRICK.



WELL, IF IT **DIDN'T**, I'LL SOON ENOUGH **KNOW** ABOUT IT!

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON THERE DOWN BELOW?





FIRST, I'VE GOTTA FIND **SMYTHE** AND MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T **TACKLE** ME AGAIN WITH THAT **CRUMMY ROBOT** OF HIS---

HMMM--- MY **SPIDEY SENSE** IS QUIET---SO I GUESS NO ONE'S **WATCHING**.

AND THAT'S THE WAY I **LIKE** IT.



THEY'VE GOT THOSE **SCANNERS** ON ALMOST **EVERY ROOFTOP!**

I'LL BET IT WAS **SMYTHE** WHO TALKED THEM **INTO** IT.



HE'LL FIND **SOME** WAY TO TURN THEM TO HIS **OWN** ADVANTAGE.

BUT I BETTER TAKE **OFF** NOW---WHILE IT'S STILL **SAFE** FOR ME TO GO.



I DON'T WANNA BE LATE FOR MY DATE WITH **GWENDY**.



OH, **HI HARRY!** DIDN'T THINK YOU'D STILL BE **UP**.

THE **DOC** WANTED YOU TO HAVE LOTS OF **SLEEP**, REMEMBER?

IS---IS ANYTHING **WRONG?**

NOT **REALLY**, PETE



I **TRIED**, BUT I JUST COULDN'T FALL **ASLEEP**.

I GUESS IT'S THE **EXCITEMENT** OF BEING BACK FROM THE **HOSPITAL** AND EVERYTHING.

ARE YOU **SURE** THAT'S ALL?

WELL---



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DO I HAVETA DO A SONG AND **DANCE** EVERYTIME I **SEE** SOMEBODY?

I THINK WE BETTER BE **GOING** NOW.

NO, FLASH! OF **COURSE** NOT! WE -- ONLY MEANT---



YOU WERE **RIGHT**, GWENDY! THERE **IS** SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM! HE'S JUST **NOT** THE OLD FLASH.

I **KNOW**, PETE! BUT--WHAT CAN IT **BE**?

DO YOU THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH--THE **WAR**?



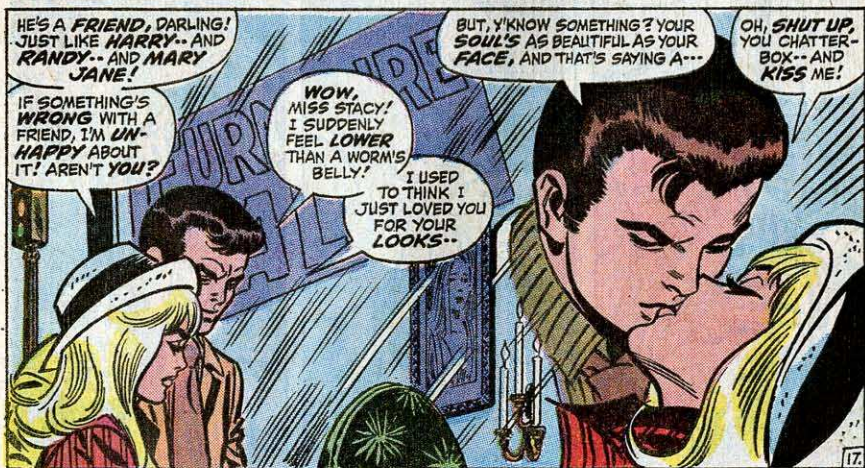
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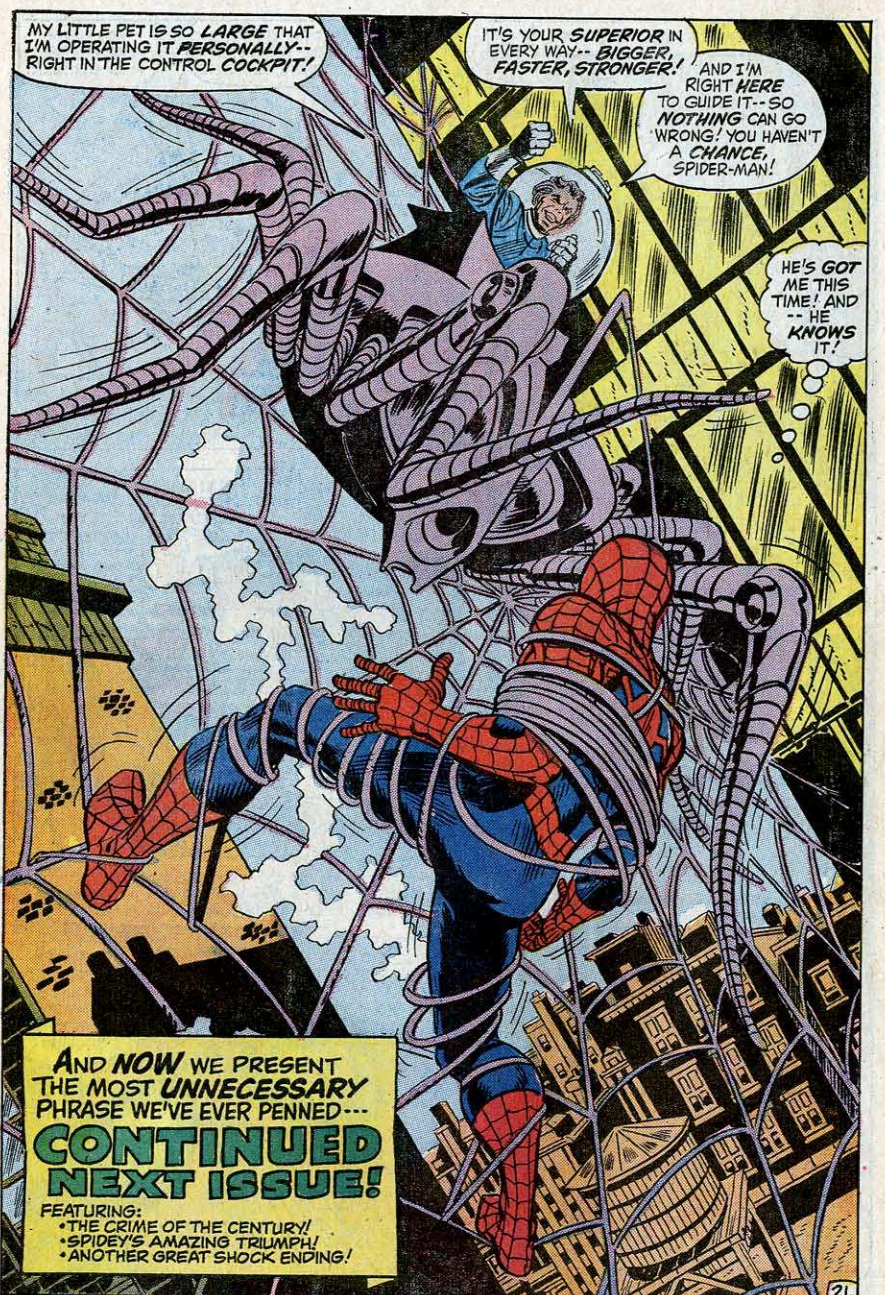
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(Or: PLAY IT AGAIN, STAN!)

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ITEM! Remember last month, when **TOMB OF DRACULA** and **WARLOCK** burst like bombshells upon an incredulous fandom? Well, just to prove we're not resting on our laurels, we've got no less than three startling new features to toss at you this time! First and foremost, for those myriad minions who've been crying for more of the ever-amazing Spider-Man, we're introducing a brand-new mag called **MARVEL TEAM-UPS**, which co-stars the ol' wall-crawler and none other than the Human Torch — and we're kicking off the series with an offbeat Christmas mini-saga, to boot! Next, we strongly suggest you pick up the latest issue of **AMAZING ADVENTURES**, where you'll shake hands (if you really wanna) with none other than — the Beast, one of the extraordinary X-Men. But, is this truly the Hank McCoy of recent memory, or another, far more fearful creature of the night? This one you've gotta see to believe! And, for those stalwarts who've heralded **CONAN THE BARBARIAN** as the greatest thing going, we've come up with a spectacular new series called "Warrior of Mars," which debuts in the current ish of **CREATURES ON THE LOOSE** — where else? But, if you think these are something, wait'll you dig a couple of wondrous winners we'll be tossing your way in the wee small hours of 1972! Keep facin' front, pilgrim — 'cause this is the year when miraculous Marvel really gets it together!

MARVELOUS MINI-ITEMS! Did everybody in the NYC area catch Jazzy **JOHNNY ROMITA** the other a.m., rapping on LARRY BEAR's radio talk-show on station WABC? Johnny shared billing with three syndicated cartoonists of note — but all the eager souls who telephoned the studio wanted to ask about was Marvel, Marvel, MARVEL ... And didja see Happy **HERBIE TRIMPE'S**

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hi, culture-lovers! This month I'm gonna try to answer the question which is asked of us more than any other. It's the plaintive, passionate poser: "How do I break into the comic-book biz?" Of course, the easiest answer is "Why would you want to?", but I won't cop out that easily. (Mainly because I've still gotta fill this furslugginer column!) So, those of you determined to become comic-book artists, face front! First of all, remember that it's one of the toughest fields to enter, because there's a limit to the mags we can publish and we've usually got more than enough artists to go around. So no matter how good you are — even if Michelangelo himself was up for grabs — there'd probably be a wait of months, even years before a strip became available. Also, you must be as good or better than the whizzes who are already drawing your favorite strips; otherwise we couldn't inflict you on the quality-oriented ranks of Marvel-dom Assembled. So you ask, "Then how does a beginner get experience?" Only by studying art on your own, by learning composition, anatomy, perspective, etc., until your work is of professional caliber. Obviously, we can only hire pros — artists who've already made their mark in the field of advertising, book illustration, etc. Okay then, once you've made it in some other field of art — once you've proven yourself as a professional — here's the final and most difficult step. Make up a couple of sample pages — drawn in pencil only — using whichever of our characters you prefer, but involving them in an original situation. If you copy any of our own drawings, your samples will be meaningless. We must see how you'd handle a new situation: Use sheets of 10" x 13" 2-ply illustration paper and send us photostats — not the originals 'cause we can't be responsible for any loss. If your work is overwhelming, and if a strip is ever available, and if none of our regular artists is free to handle it, you'll eventually hear from us. And if you think that's tough, wait'll you see what it takes to be a writer, coming up in a future Soapbox!

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Stan

hilarious comic feature in a recent ish of *Esquire*? The heroine was a takeoff on famous writer and women's-liberationist **GLORIA STEINHEM**, but we still kinda think she bore a suspicious resemblance to the Valkyrie, in **HULK #142**. Maybe Herb'll 'fess up, when he gets back from his vacation in Europe, huh? ... If

any of you have trouble recognizing some of the color-splashed superheroes who make a surprise appearance in this month's **AVENGERS** ish, don't sweat it. Some o' 'em haven't been in a Marvel (or any other) mag in over thirty years! Could be we're showing our age? ... As a Pig named Porky (and a Forbush named Irving) used to say: "That's all, folks!"

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THE SPIDER'S WEB

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:

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Dear Stan, Roy, and Gil,

I'm generally guilty of stating the obvious, so my saying that the all-new double-sized SPIDER-MAN is a delight is probably cliché by now. It is a delight. So what—my speech is cliché-ridden anyway.

Since the 100th anniversary issue, the quality of the magazine has increased steadily. The Kane artwork is the best since Ditko's departure some six years ago. The six-arm innovation was sheer genius. Thomas's scripting has allowed us to see what he can do with the webbed one (and I'm extremely pleased with the results—Morbis was marvelous), and now . . . 35 pages an issue! WITH NO REPRINTS! Incredible.

Now all that needs to be done is to continue successfully on this plane. Continue with the Kane artwork (no more art experimentation is needed on the magazine). Continue with the Thomas stories just for a change of pace. Continue with good story, COMPLETE, 35-page story each issue (leave serials for special occasions—don't make us tired of them).

Now, an idea: Continue with a touch of the eerie that was present in the Morbis episodes. A spider-man is naturally frightening . . . he is meant to travel by night, not be a clowning day-tripper. Mystery should be injected into the story; it would be more at home here than in any of your superhero mags. Make use of it. Good luck.

Wally Conger, Route 1 Box 450-A,
Arroyo Grande, Calif. 93420

We'll need it, Wally—to survive your wrath when you learn (as you doubtless have by now) that the fates have decreed an early end to Marvel's 25th line of comic-mags, plus the switch of Romita and Kane on Spidey and Cap, plus the removal of Rascally Roy Thomas from the scripts. Tell you what, though. How do you feel about Sam Rosen's lettering this ish?

Dear Stan, Roy, Gil, and Frank,

After reading SPIDER-MAN #101, I was ready to tear apart the story, for I was under the influence of Dracula movies. Then I read Dracula by Bram Stoker and I feel stupid now. So before any of you pickers of nit write in, I must warn you that the story was almost perfect. Notice, I said almost! For one thing, a vampire can live in the daytime but he loses all of his unholy prowess, and he is like a mortal. A vampire can swim, but only at nighttime; for while mortal, he can only cross water by having another person carrying him across it or by boat or plane. A vampire has the power of twenty men, so that can explain his beating Spidey on their first encounter. I was pleased to see the phrase, " . . . That way lies the ever-loving' paranoid ward," for it was used often in the novel Dracula, but with different words for different meanings.

The magazine was great but for a few mistakes. Those being:

1. On page 16, he shouldn't have moved too fast, for he is mortal.
2. On page 18, his face was a flesh color (panel 6). His skin should be white.
3. Being a vampire, he could have flown to shore as a bat or in an astrophysical form.
4. On page 19, he sleeps in the belfry while vampires must sleep in their native soil.

Other than those few mistakes the magazine was brilliant. So thank you, Roy, Gil, and Frank.

Rex Howard, 872 Garden Terrace,
Palm Bay, Fla. 32405

And, as the very next issue of SPIDEY showed, the mysterious Morbis was not a true vampire, and thus not subject to the



precise conditions mentioned in Stoker's classic work (with which, however, Roy and Gil are quite familiar).

Other than that little mistake, pal, your analysis was brilliant. (No offense. Still friends?)

Dear Stan, Roy, and Gil,

Yesterday I rushed into the store to find that SPIDER-MAN #102 had come in. I ran home only to find that I was short 5¢ to buy the comic. I spotted my precious buffalo nickel and thought, "Well, it's not worth anything, so I'll just use it." And I did. When I got home I started reading my comic-book and my rare coin book. I thought I'd just look to see if the buffalo was worth anything, and to my astonishment it was worth \$33.00!!! But I think that Spidey #102 was worth just that! But, don't rate a no-prize to be the first person to spend \$33.00 on a Spidey mag?

Jeff Westbrook, 2601 E. Broadway,
Columbia, Mo., 65201

We'll gladly accept that sum for it anytime, Jeff. Only thing is, we're sincerely touched and sorry to hear about your little error in judgment. Even the classic first issue of SPIDEY only brings \$20 or so on today's collectors markets. (And, before you or anybody else out there asks, the first FANTASTIC FOUR, which is a couple of years older, was recently advertised by one (admittedly high-priced) comics dealer at \$40-plus! Now who says it doesn't pay to read (and collect) Marvel mags?



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