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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®



GO ON,
WORLD!

HURT EACH
OTHER--KILL
EACH OTHER--
DO ANYTHING
YOU WANT!

I JUST
DON'T
CARE
ANY MORE!



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SPIDEY COPS OUT!

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!™

SPIDEY COPS OUT!

B-BUT YOU SHOULD
HAVE TAKEN HIM
THROUGH
ADMITTANCE!
TH-THERE ARE
PROCEDURES--
CERTAIN **FORMS**
THAT HAVE TO BE
FILLED OUT!

Y-YOU CAN'T JUST
DROP HIM IN A BED
--AN-AND TELL ME
TO CALL A **DOCTOR!**
I DON'T EVEN
KNOW HIS **NAME--**
WHERE HE **COMES**
FROM--

HIS NAME'S
MARTIN BLANK.

WHEN HE
COMES AROUND,
TELL HIM SPIDEY
SAYS **HI--**AND
NO HARD
FEELINGS.

B-BUT WHAT
ABOUT **TH-THIS?**
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO DO
WITH THIS--
THIS **COSTUME?**

BURN IT,
NURSE-
LADY...

**BURN
IT!**

STAN LEE
PRESENTS:
A JOHN ROMITA AND GERRY CONWAY
AVALANCHE OF OFFBEAT ACTION!
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"--AND WHEN UNCLE BEN WAS KILLED, SHOT BY A BURGLAR I REFUSED TO CHASE AS SPIDER-MAN, WE BECAME CLOSER.

"THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I UNDERSTOOD THE MEANING OF RESPONSIBILITY..."

"...IT WAS SOMETHING AUNT MAY WAS TO TEACH ME AGAIN AND AGAIN, AS I PLOWED THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE, ALWAYS READY TO HELP ME..."

"...AND WHEN I RECEIVED MY DIPLOMA, IT WAS THE PROUDEST DAY OF HER LIFE, AS WELL AS MINE.

"...JUST AS KNOWING HOW SICKLY SHE WAS MADE ME ALMOST INSANITY CAREFUL THAT SHE NEVER LEARNED HER NEPHEW, PETER PARKER, WAS THE WALL-CRAWLER A LOT OF PEOPLE CALLED A CRIMINAL..."

"KNOWING THAT MADE IT ALL MORE IMPORTANT..."

"A FAT LOT OF GOOD IT DID ME, TOO! I NEARLY FLIPPED WHEN I FOUND OUT WHO SHE'D TAKEN IN AS A BOARDER WHEN I MOVED OUT TO GET A PAD WITH HARRY OSBORN..."

PETER, DEAR... THIS IS MR. OCTAVIUS.

HE'LL BE STAY-
ING HERE UNTIL
HE FINDS A MORE
PERMANENT
HOME.

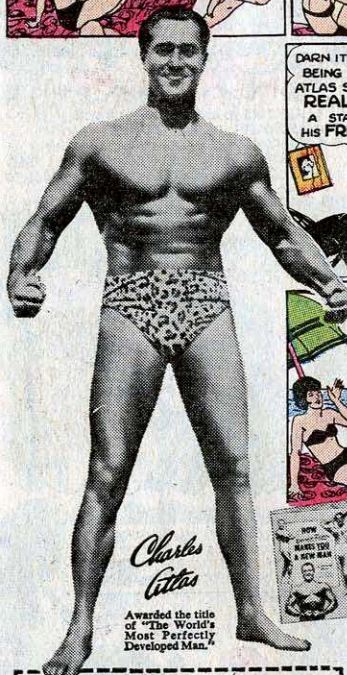
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OCK!
BUT I
CAN'T
LET
AUNT
MAY
KNOW--

HER HEART'S TOO
WEAK! SHE COULDN'T
TAKE IT!

"SOMEHOW, AUNT MAY ALWAYS SEEMED TO BE INVOLVED IN MY BATTLES AS SPIDER-MAN--WHETHER IT WAS THAT TIME WITH DOCTOR OCTOPUS--"

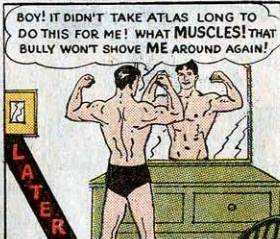
*HMM... SEEMS TO US THAT HAPPENED BACK IN SPIDEY #54. ANY DISAGREEMENTS?
--RASCALLY ROY.

THE INSULT THAT MADE A MAN OUT OF "MAC"



Charles Atlas

Awarded the title of "The World's Most Perfectly Developed Man."



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ARE you "fed up" with seeing the huskies walk off with the best of everything? Sick and tired of being soft, frail, skinnier or flabby — only HALF ALIVE? I know just how you feel. Because I myself was once a puny 97-pound "runt." And I was so ashamed of my scrawny frame that I dreaded being seen in a swim suit.

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"--OR DURING MY FREE-FOR-ALL WITH THE HIGH-FLYING BEETLE!*

"ISN'T THAT HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN? SPIDER-MAN GETS ALL THE GLORY-- HOT- SHOT PETE GETS ALL THE SCHOLARSHIPS--

--AND MAY PARKER GETS NOTHING BUT GRIEF.

NO WONDER SHE WENT AWAY, WHO COULD BLAME HER?

"WHEN IT COMES TO SAFE LIVING... BEING RELATED TO PETER PARKER IS LIKE LIVING ON AN ATOMIC TESTING GROUND!"

"AW...WHAT'S THE USE? I CAN'T FOOL MYSELF... I KNOW THAT'S NOT THE REAL REASON SHE'S LEFT..."

*SHOWN IN SPIDEY #94.
--ROY.

IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT MY GIRL GWEN SAID TO HER--

--TELLING HER SHE'D BEEN TOO MATERNAL TOWARD HER NEPHEW PETEY-- TOO PROTECTIVE!

GWEN MEANT WELL, BUT SHE NEVER REALIZED-- WAIT!

SOMETHING'S MAKING MY SPIDER-SENSE TINGLE--

--SOMETHING HAPPENING BELOW, AT THE OPENING TO THIS ALLEY!

NOW I HEAR IT-- THE DISTANT SQUEAL OF BRAKES!

AND ANOTHER SOUND-- GUNSHOTS!

SCREEEE!!

KTOW! KTOW!



THAT SEDAN! IT'S
TEARING IN FRONT
OF THAT OTHER CAR,
CUTTING IT OFF!

THEY JUST BARELY
MISSED THOSE
PEOPLE--

BUT FROM THE
LOOKS OF THINGS,
SOMEHOW I DON'T
THINK THOSE GUYS
IN THE BLACK CAR
WOULD CARE!

BUH KOOM!



AND, SINCE THE
OTHER BRAVE
MEMBERS OF OUR
COMMUNITY
AREN'T EXACTLY
LEAPING TO THE
RESCUE--

--IT SEEMS
LIKE YOUR
FRIENDLY-
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD
WEB-SLINGER
IS
SUMMARILY
ELECTED!

OKAY, JACKIE--
YOU HAD YOUR
FUN, YOU MADE
YOUR BETS--

--NOW YOU'RE
EITHER GONNA
PAY WITH
CASH--

--OR
YOUR
HIDE!

HOLD 'IM
NICE'N
STILL,
BERT!



WAITASECOND!
WHAT AM I
DOING?

MY AUNT'S
DISAPPEARED--
AND I'M GETTIN'
SET TO MESS
WITH SOME FIFTH-
RATE GANGLAND
MUGGING?

AM I
CRAZY,
OR SOME-
THING?

LISSEN, SO I
MISSED A FEW
YOU'S--IZZIT A
CRIME?

I'VE MADE
GOOD BEFORE
I WON'T STIFF
YOU GUYS!

HEY, LISSEN--
DON'T--
MRRRRRRMPH!

DO US ALL A FAVOR,
PAL. JUST SHUT
YOUR TRAP AND
TAKE IT, HUH?



SUPER-SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Okay, troops, it's time to level with Marveldom Assembled! Each day a kaboodle of mail pours into the Bullpen asking why my script-writing output has dwindled to practically zero. I'd like to give you a simple answer, but I'm the kinda guy who can't say "hello" without making it a speech. So try to bear with me, huh? I think I can promise you a surprise or two as we go rambling along. Anyway, if ye harken to these words, the seeds of truth and wisdom shall be scattered, mayhap, amongst thee!

Until now, mighty Marvel has been a lusty, gussy, irreverent mischief-maker in the wondrous world of comic. It was Marvel that first introduced heroes with human hang-ups; Marvel that popularized guest-star appearances till you needed a scorecard to tell you who was who; Marvel that dared create continued stories — and then forgot how to end them, so that they went on forever! It was Marvel who gave you a Bullpen Bulletins page where we can rap together like this; Marvel who liberated the geniuses who bring you these epics from their shadow of anonymity, and billboarded the name of every writer, artist, and letterer until you now know 'em almost as well as we do. Only Marvel could have made satire and sentimentality, relevance and ribaldry a part of the comic mystique. And who but Marvel would have dared make a hero out of the Hulk, or a bald-headed, self-pitying sky-ride called the Silver Surfer? Well, we could go on forever, but it might sound like bragging — and you know how we hate to do that!

Anyway, that takes us up to the present. Like a fella named Milhouse recently said, Phase One has just about had it — and it's time for Phase Two to begin. No man, no group of men, no publishing company can rest on its laurels — and Marvel's still much too young, too zingy, too bright-eyed and bushy-tailed to settle back and bask in the sun of yesterday's success. So here's the real scoop — here's where we're at, and where we're headed — and be sure to pay attention, 'cause we're not making a move without you!

First, I've been bustin' to tell you that Rascally Roy Thomas, whose sensational scripts and awesome editorial assistance have helped spearhead Marvel's gallop to greatness, has been promoted to Editor! That means the titanic Mr. T. will be the omnipotent overseer of all our plots and stories. And you can bet he'll be ably assisted by the greatest group of wit-with-words ever assembled under any comic roof — script-writing stalwarts such as Gerry Conway, Archie Goodwin, Steve Englehart, Mike Friedrich, Gary Friedrich, George Alec Effinger, Gardner Fox, and Stu Schwartzberg, not to

mention Wild Bill Everett and Larrupin' Larry Lieber!

Next, Fearless Frank Giacoia has been appointed our Assistant Art Director! Frankie's credentials for this position are impeccable. He's not only one of the finest inkers our field has ever produced, but — and not many of you may know this — he's also a powerful pencil in his own right! Frank's been a top newspaper strip artist as well as a comic-book caliph for years — and now he's all ours!

But, if this sounds to you like ol' Stan is singing his own swan song, forget it! Yours Truly feels like a tiger unleashed! With Roy supervising our swingin' storylines, and Frankie lending a hand with the art direction (not to mention Jumbo John Verpoorten supporting the whole megillah by handling the almost superhuman job of coordinating our ever-increasing production schedules), it means that I'll finally have the time (after all these years of writing and kibitzing) to devote myself exclusively to dreaming up new, exciting projects for the Bullpen, new directions for us to take, new types of mags to produce — both comic and other kinds, and new fields for Marvel to conquer in film, TV, books, and you-name-it-we'll-do-it!

Wouldja believe we've already started work on a whole series of new comic titles? We'll clue you in, of course, in future Bullpen columns. Yep, we've got surprises in store for fanatical fans and casual readers alike. We're setting up brand new departments to bring you fantastic types of entertainment no comic company has ever thought of creating before. And, whenever I can take a break, I'll be devoting more time than ever to lecturing at colleges and universities, doing my bit to spread the gospel according to Marvel! However, even though I no longer have time to write any steady features, I've a hunch that this battered old typewriter which I'm pounding on right now will always prove to be a lure that I can't resist, so take warning — you never know when the phantom script-writer will strike again! Anyway, we've been friends for so long, and shared so many great times together here on the pages of Marvel, that I'm just not about to let you get away! So you'll still find me yakkin' at you right here in the ol' Soapbox each month — and if you ever stand me up, it's one demerit!

And that's it for now, gang. If you think we turned you on before, the best is yet to be — wait'll you see what's coming! Hang loose! Face front! Marvel's on the move again! We're pushing Phase Two — and it's all for you!

Excelsior!

Stan

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"MR. UNIVERSE"

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Welder-Pupil
DAVE DRAPER
"MR. AMERICA"
"MR. UNIVERSE"

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...AND LOST IT INDIRECTLY, BECAUSE OF YOU.

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...I'VE HAD IT CHECKED, PETER, AND THE HANDWRITING'S TOTALLY AUTHENTIC.



...AND THAT, MY BOY, IS WHAT PUT THE FIRE UNDER JONAH'S CHAIR. HE WAS COUNTING ON RUNNING A STORY ABOUT THAT CRAZY WALL-CRAWLER ABDUCTING MAY PARKER...

...WHEN THIS LETTER COMES ALONG AND BLOWS THE WHOLE GIG.

YEAH, I SEE.

DO YOU, PETER?



QUICKLY, PETE EXPLAINS HIS FRUSTRATION... BUT THE THOUGHTFUL ROBERT ROBERTSON IS UNABLE TO ADD ANY FRESH INSIGHTS, AND SO...

I GUESS YOU BETTER LEAVE IT TO THE POLICE, PETER.

...THAT IS, IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR JOB!

HOW COULD I DO WITHOUT JAMESON'S FRIENDLY HUMOR, ROBBIE?

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S BETTER--

PETER-- COULD I SPEAK TO YOU A MINUTE?

HUH? BETTY? SURE... WHAT IS IT?



I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW CONCERNED I AM, PETER.

I'VE ALWAYS FELT VERY CLOSE TO YOUR AUNT... AND TO YOU.

WELL... UH... THANKS, BETTY.

MISS BRANT-- STOP GABBERING WITH PARKER AND GET IN HERE!

SO LONG, BETTY. I'LL SEE YOU.



SO WHAT DO I DO?

LOOK FOR AUNT MAY... OR SAVE MY JOB?

MIGHT AS WELL GET MYSELF SOME COFFEE... IT'S GONNA BE A LONNNNG NIGHT.

YOU TAKE THAT BACK, JOEY--!

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Dear Stan, John, Artie, Dokey, Sneezy etc.,

Oh, come on now! Don't tell me you're going to wreck things between Pete and Gwen! After all, enough is enough. I know a lot of Spidey's success in circulation is because he is really different, for he is one of the few heroes who always seems to have three or more problems hanging over his head. But still, let the poor guy have something good going for him. Anyone else would have cracked up, or given up super-heroing, or moved to Timbuktu—but good ole Spidey is hanging in there like a Spider-Man should. I also didn't care for the plot. It seemed like you were trying to waste space, but perhaps I am wrong in my thinking. It could even be my imagination.

As for the artwork, John is one of the better Spider-Man artists, but Gil Kane (in my opinion) is the top Spidey artist you have. Gil has a way to draw web-slingers like no one else can. Besides, a few issues ago you said that Gil was a great success. Some days your bulletin pages tend to get misleading.

Now, what I really would like to know is how to get an F.F.F. Do you have to have over 50 Marvels of one entry? I have that. Do you have to tramp through the rain, slush, and snow every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday for your mighty Marvels? I do that. The problem with your letter page is that you have to be a soldier or a college student to get a letter printed. We 6th graders never get their say. Now, in closing I would like to say **MAKE MINE MARVEL!**

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Jerry Ursini

We'd like to oblige, Jerry, but FFFs are extremely difficult to get. There are no set guidelines to what is required; it just has to be something felt and experienced, something that grabs us completely, something we can't define—but if you ever make it, you and we will know it. In the meantime, lad, rest content—five out of six ain't bad.

We have to dispute a few of your statements, though. When we said Gil was a success, it was true—but anybody that good is in demand for a lot of strips, and thus he gets moved around. We don't figure anybody's complaining about John Romita on this book—and since Gil is now doing **MARVEL TEAM-UP**, starring Spidey—well then, everybody's happy.

Also, who says only soldiers and students get their letters printed? Not Jerry Ursini, any more—right? (However, you are directed to report for your draft physical next Thursday....)

Gentlemen:

Relevance is the key word in comics today, and it is certainly a step in the right direction. However, it seems that the "relevance field" is getting a bit crowded in Marvel Comics (great though they are). If one reader's comments count (since ish #1 I've been one of the Marvel Maniacs), please don't overkill "relevance" in **SPIDER-MAN**.

Spider-Man is one of those rare costumed heroes who is full of realism. He was relevant in ish #1 without being a "Soap-Opera" character. In other words, Stan, what is needed is more of Spidey's dynamic realism of

old, and less of the "Pepsi Generation"-type relevance. I'm 21 years old and a junior history major, and have followed Webhead since his inception because of his realism, which was new at that time. But please don't overload the Amazing Spider-Man with "relevance."

Thank you for your time.

C. S. Gunter, Box 1109, Southern State College
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Then again, Jerry Ursini—if you look at this letter and the next, you might still think only college students crack our hallowed LP. But such is coincidence.

Mr. Gunter, we're not sure we ever got away from the old-time Spidey magic. For every hippy, soldier, and riot in this book, there's also Aunt May, a super-villain or three, and lots of action. So you pay your money and you gets your choice: genuine Marvel madness, in all shapes and sizes.

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Dear Stan,

I've followed the Marvel group since the pre-FF. **TALES TO ASTONISH**, and **JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY** days. Flattered myself by appreciating **AMAZING ADULT FANTASY**; wondered with every other Marvelmaniac what "The Hulk is coming" meant; agreed, along with the logo, that the FF was with the first issue, "The World's Greatest"; considered that my ultimate ambition would not be realised until I become an artist or writer for Marvel.

Then, about the time the Surfer was dropped (no, Surfer, there is no justice...) I began to realize I was not thrilling to every issue as I once did. **GASP!** Was it myself, or the metamorphoses my favorite superhumans had undergone, or the changeover in personnel at the Bullpen? Whatever the reasons, I now buy only an occasional **Spidey**, or **FF**. I loved the **Surfer Mag**. I still mourn its passing.

Sure, there've been hilights—Reed's intellectualism, the Surfers' humanitarianism. There've been disappointments—Bucky's many resurrections and subsequent proof that he was one of the Skull's impersonators, etc. But all considered, you've given this 23-year-old, long-haired "freak" some of the most pleasurable moments of his life.

I write all this as a sort of testament. Stan Lee is a thinking, feeling, mortal human being. And sir—I've come to realize that—far from simply agreeing with my own philosophies regarding respect and love of humanity, and regard for another's feelings and scruples, however they may differ from my own—sir, you have been instrumental in forming these notions in my once supple mind.

And Stan, this letter was written to thank you. Another of your pupils—

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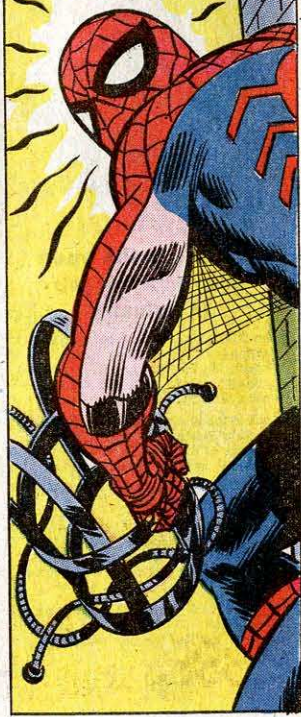
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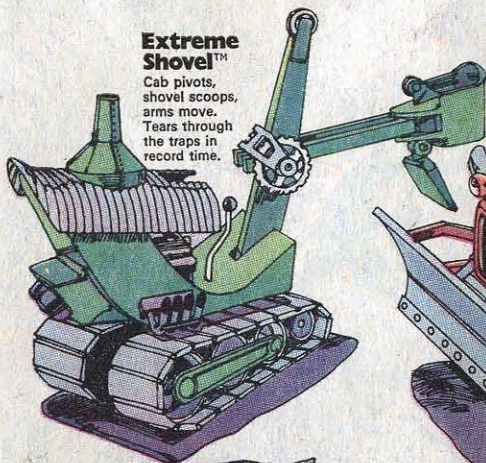


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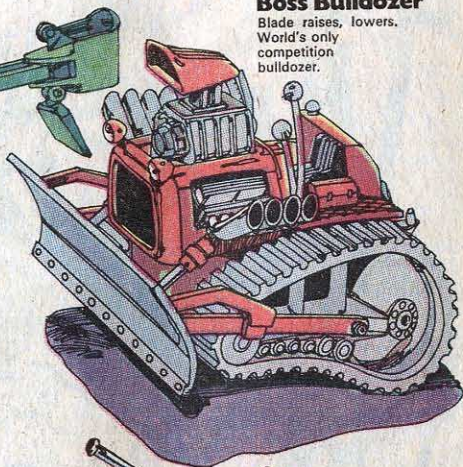
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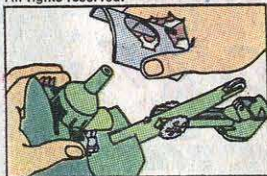


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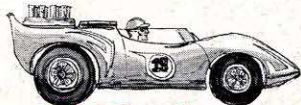
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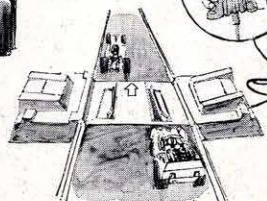
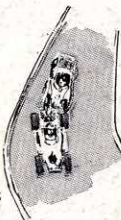
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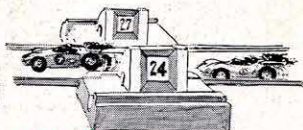
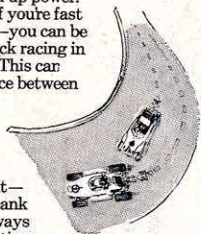
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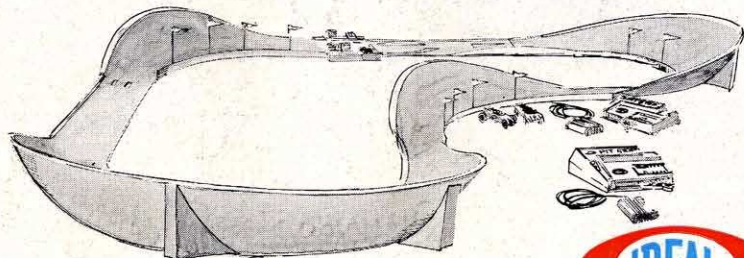


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