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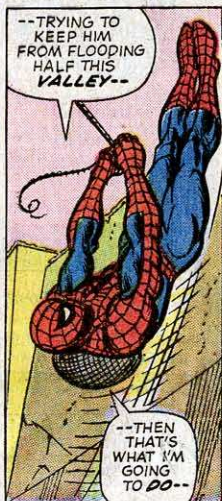
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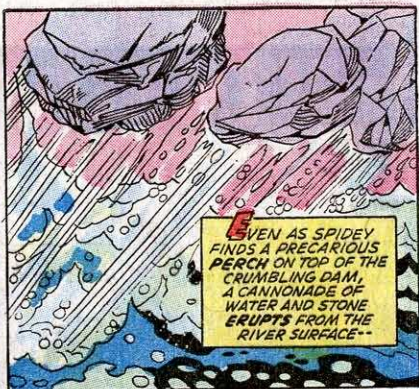
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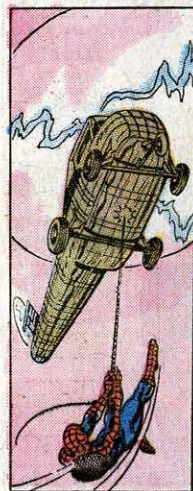
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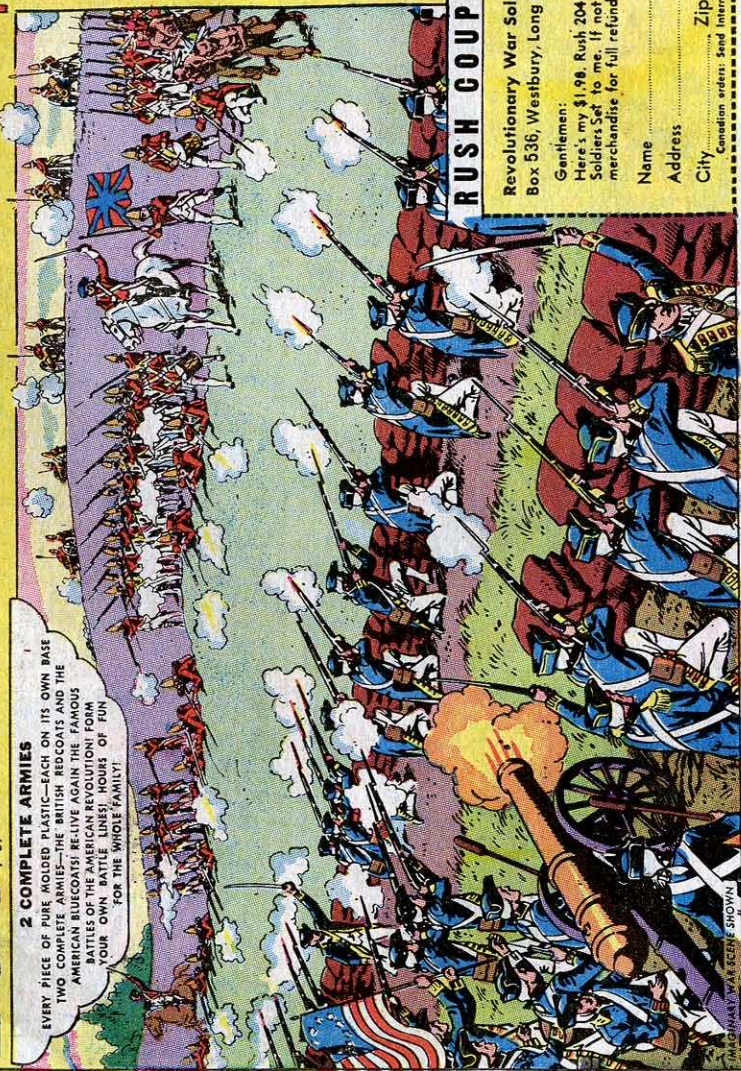
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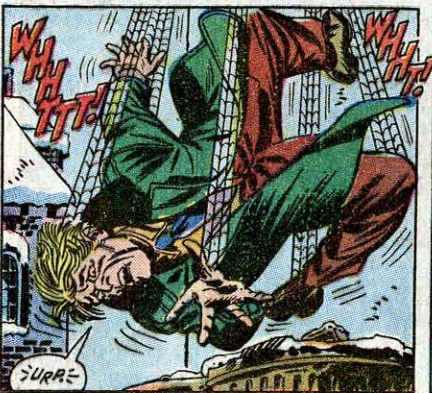
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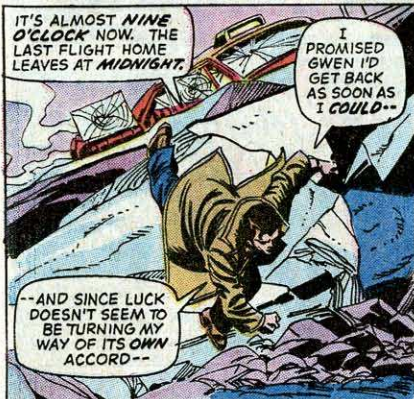


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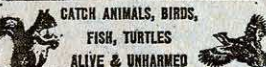
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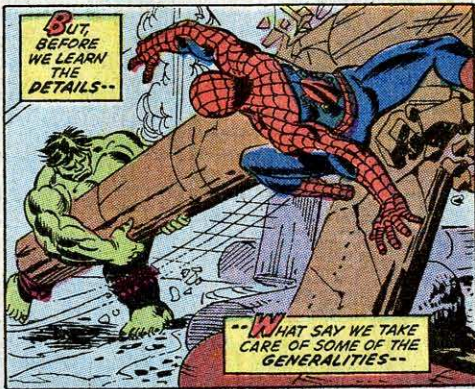
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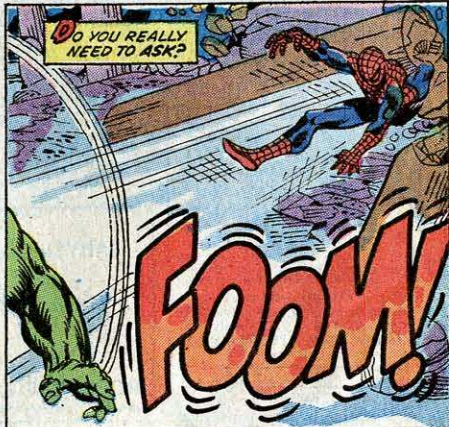
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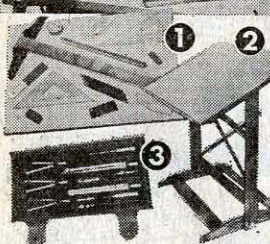
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Failing that, my second suggestion still concerns the Spectaculars—sort of. (See what you've started!) Stan must have had some general idea for the third SPECTACULAR ("The Mystery of the TV Terror"). How about putting it into Spidey's regular mag?

All Hail the Second Age of Marvel—sort of.
Les Baptiste, 120 Benchley Pl.
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Actually, Les, there was a lot more to that "TV Terror" tale than merely "some general idea." But more than this we cannot divulge. Someday, when we get desperate and start doing "Untold Tales of Spidey," you may get the whole scoop.

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By the way, we just set some kind of a record: four "more's" in one answer. You don't even get that many in your average commercial!

Dear Stan and Prudence (explained later).

There is already an overabundance of Spidey fans who are willing and ready to write to you about current Spidey affairs. I'm writing about something not-so-current that's very important, yet overlooked on your part.

Wouldja please help us Spidophiles obtain a clearer understanding of Mary Jane Watson? So far, you dear intelligent men have offered no explanation for her irrational behavior! By this I mean: what does she have against men? What's her story?

I'm sure you meant her to be a sort of "voomy" character, all quips, no cares. But by involving her in the mag as much as you do, you owe us a more firm characterization of the girl! All we really know is that Anna Watson is her aunt! Compared to all the background info we have on the others (Harry, Gwen, Robby, etc.), M.J. is strictly nowhere. And that's really kinda funny, considering she was introduced to us 'way back in SPIDER-MAN #43 ("Rhino on the Rampage," remember?)! We know more about Spidey's villains!

Was she hurt in the past by an old bo? Maybe her personality is suffering the burns of a family problem (she hated her brother, or her father deserted her as a child)? And she unconsciously feels that she has to "get back at" all men!

She's always looking for any joe that can show her a good time. And she never wants to get involved romantically. Come now, Stan, we all know (from TV) that these things stem from deep-rooted psychological problems!

Mary Jane is an unstable person. So stop trying to make her out to be some kind of villainess! I think the problem is, you've never given M.J. one solitary secret inner-thoughts panel! Except for "Well pierce my ears and call me drat!" He really misses her!", as she thought of Peter about Gwen in ish #62. We don't know what she's all about.

It's disillusioning to find how much you've short-changed Spidey fans in this vital (yes,

vital!) area known as characterization.

Well, Stan, you and Prudence oughta check that out. "Prudence" is my name for your brain, Stan! It's so fantastic, it must be a woman!

So, until Gwen goes brunette, Make Mine Marvel!

Lindy Marie Cauley, F.C.S.
Female Chauvinist Sow
Cleveland, Ohio

Stan and "Prudence" thank you, Lindy. But since the Smilin' One is no longer scripting SPIDER-MAN, we passed your message along to Gerry Conway and "Hephzibah". . . the latter being his pet orangutan, not his brain. His brain is named "Lucille" after B.B. King's guitar.

Anyway, Gerry says that without giving too much away, we can assure you that in the very near future you'll be learning much, much more about our red-tressed Ms. Watson.

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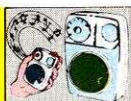
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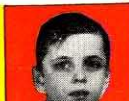
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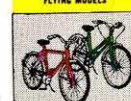
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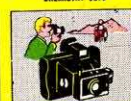
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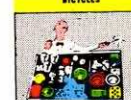
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