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ME IS ABOUT TO
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WHO?



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THINGS WE COULD SAY ABOUT
THIS ISSUE--BUT WE WON'T.

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FOR A WHILE, BUT WE PROMISE
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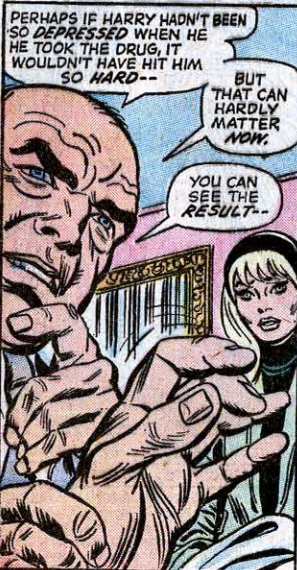
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IN
BAD SHAPE,
ALL RIGHT.

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I'M BACK IN
NEW YORK
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TOO SOON.

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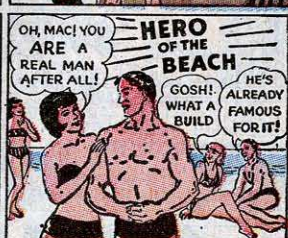
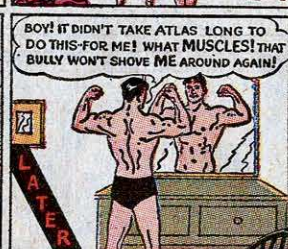
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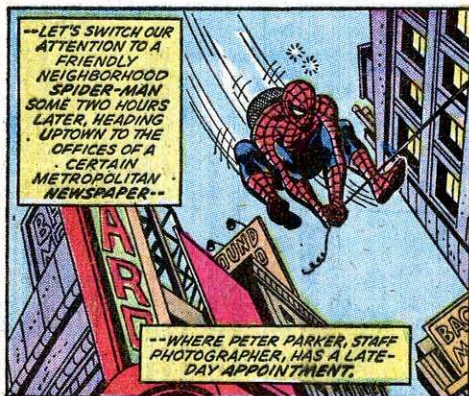
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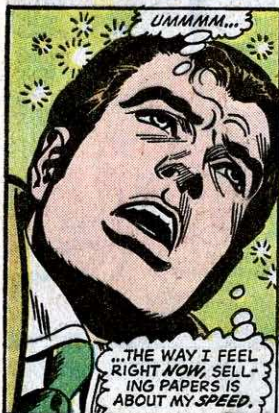
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Wildlife Protector
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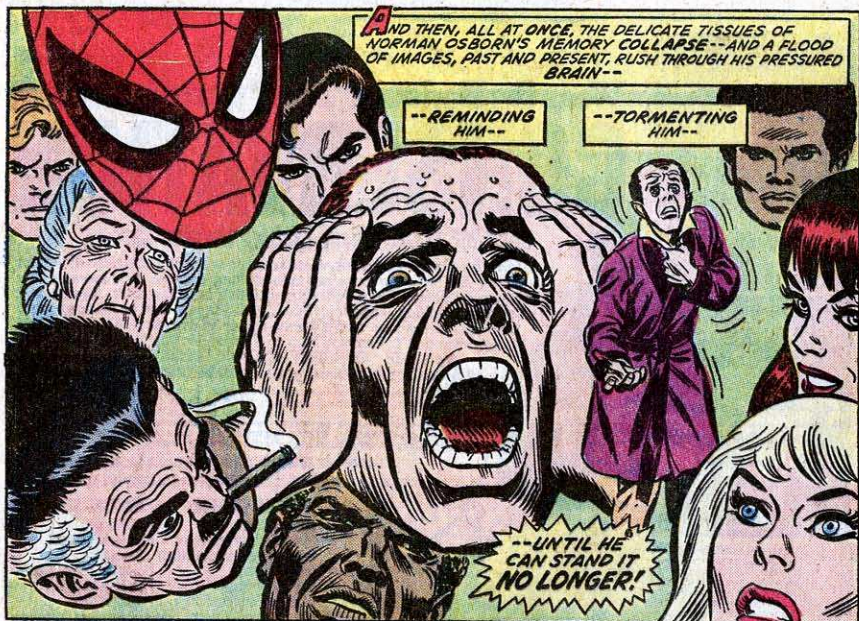
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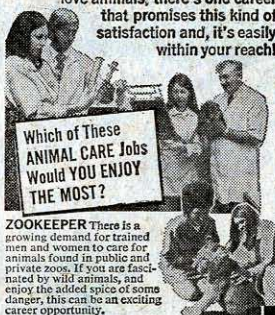






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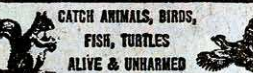
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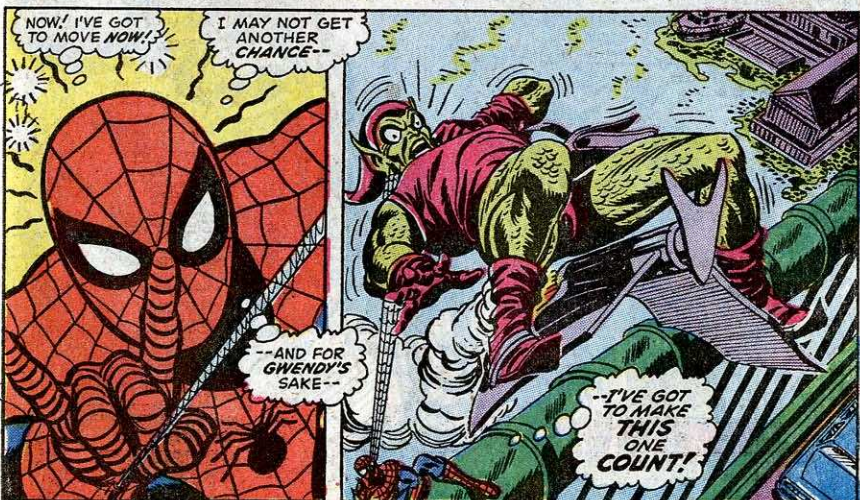
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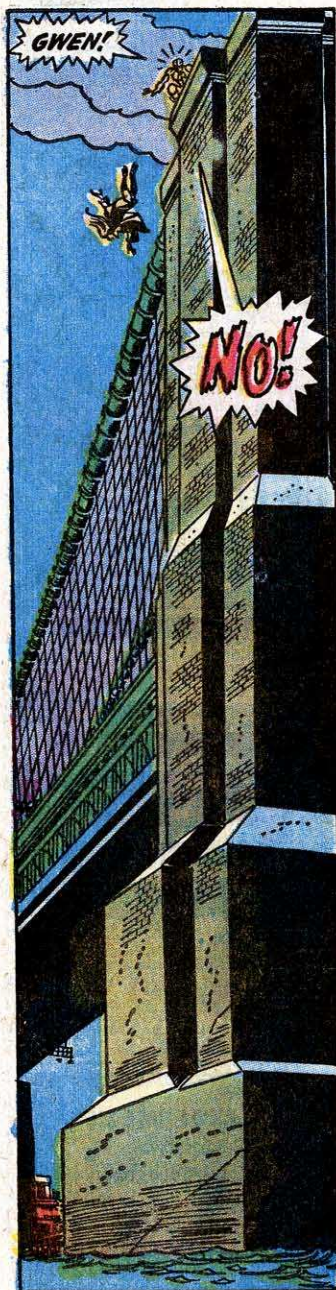
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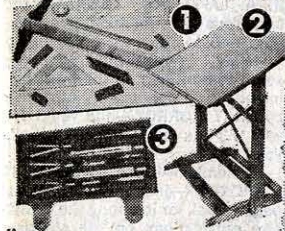
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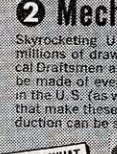
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ITEM! Meanwhile, can there be any doubt that the Second Age of Marvel is upon us in full glorious bloom? Last month, we hit you with a broadside about the still-on-sale DRACULA LIVES!—the first entry in our earth-shaking new line of giant-sized 75¢ comics. This time around, we've got to tell you about another new b&w mag, which we call—MONSTERS UNLEASHED! In addition to art and script by the Bullpen's best, this one features adaptations of some of the greatest writers in the field—including a Solomon Kane tale by Conan's creator, ROBERT E. HOWARD, and a way-out werewolf thriller by ROB-

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ITEM! And, next month, we're gonna tell you all about TALES OF THE ZOMBIE and VAMPIRE TALES, which—but, we'd better hold something back till then, okay?

ITEM! Meanwhile, in case you think we're forgetting our ever-popular line of regular comics: Feast your eyes on the current SPIDER-MAN super-spectacular. It's one of the greatest, most important issues ever—spotlighting perhaps the most momentous turning point yet in the career of our wondrous wall-crawler! Take it from us—this is the one! 'Nuff said?

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We're still awaiting your comments on the finale of the *Raleigh/Disruptor* /Smasher stories as this issue goes to press. So, for a change of pace, we've decided to devote this issue's "Spider's Web" column to some of the more general comments and questions we've received of late.

Before moving on, though... need we say that we're climbing the walls Spidey-style ourselves, awaiting your response to this issue's senses-stunning shock ending?

We're always vitally interested in what you Marvelites have to say about our magazines, but the implications of this shattering event for Peter's future are so staggering that we're taking this space to ask each and every one of you reading this page to please let us hear from you. We'd appreciate it.

And now, your words...

Dear Stan and Gerry,

I've noticed that it takes a much shorter time period to read a new SPIDER-MAN compared to an old one. So—believe it or not—I counted the words in SPIDER-MAN #10 and in SPIDER-MAN #115, and here's the results:

SPIDER-MAN #10: 5,443 words.

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The results would probably be the same in all the Marvel regulars, and I think this hurts the quality of your mags. Please drop some of your lesser titles, and bring the good titles back to the quality we Marvel fans used to know. Thank you.

Tom Hebbela
Davenport, Iowa

P.S.: Please send me a new set of eyes.
Sorry, Tom. The only spare parts we keep around the Bullpen are transistors for Iron Man's armor. You'll have to settle for a no-prize. Okay?

But, seriously (assuming our wisecrack actually was funny), your letter gives us the opportunity to deal with two important questions.

First, the reason there are now fewer words on the average Marvel page has absolutely nothing to do with the number of mags we publish. Rather, it's a reduction in the size of the original art, as requested by the printer, that's responsible. Fact is, we can fit fewer words on each page these days. In show biz, they call it a "technical difficulty"; here, we call it a hassle we have to live with. It actually requires more work on our part, since we have to make every word convey as much meaning as possible! Dig?

Second, there's this strange word, "quality." Frankly, we're not sure we understand it. It seems to us that it's a word reserved for technological processes, not artistic creations. We can talk about quality in, say, printing or lettering, but not in story or art. Like, was Shakespeare a "quality" playwright? Is Picasso a "quality" artist? See how weird it sounds when you take it out of the realm of comics? There's pleasing work and there's hack work; there's an exciting story or a dull story. But what is a "quality" story? What about the rest of Marveldom? Agree? Disagree? Do you buy comics the same way you buy produce (i.e., for "quality"), or is there a difference?

'Nuff philosophized! Onward—!

Dear Stan, Roy, Gerry, and John,

What is Mr. Robertson's real first name?

IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #112 you wrote: "But the thoughtful Robert Robertson is unable to add any fresh insights." And then in issue #117, the Disruptor says, and I quote again: "I want you to find Joseph Robertson..."

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P.S.: Are Betty Brant and Ned Leeds married yet?

The no-prize is yours, Tim, for the Daily Bugle's erudite editor's given name is indeed Joseph, not Robert. "Robbie," of course, is his nickname, and there, no doubt, was the source of our nominal confusion.

As for Betty and Ned... Well, you answered your own question. Her name's still Brant.

People,

Could you please explain how Spidey can see through his mask?

Also, I think I've found something worth a no-prize. You have shown that Peter Parker can climb walls only if his shoes and socks are off. If this is true, then he can stick to walls, but what about his costume? Is that worth a no-prize?

Randy Medoff
(no address given)

Sorry, Randy. Not this time. We quote from SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #1 (1964): "One of Spider's Man most valuable assets is his clinging ability! Like a giant human spider, his hands and feet support him against the pull of gravity as though they have thousands of tiny suction cups!"

Spidey's gloves and boots are made of a very flexible, porous fabric that allows this suction action to work. Peter's street shoes, with their hard soles, prevent it from working. That's all there is to it.

And as for our hero's mysterious mask... well, the white areas in his mask's eyelets are actually plastic lenses of the two-way mirror type, he can see out, but no one else can see in. (Again, refer to SPIDEY ANNUAL #1.)

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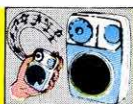
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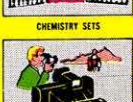
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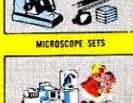
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