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SHE DIDN'T
JUST DIE--

--YOU
KILLED
HER!



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DESERVED IT, BECAUSE
SHE WAS STUPID
ENOUGH TO LOVE A
GUY NAMED PETER
PARKER--

--AND HE WAS
STUPID
ENOUGH TO
LOVE BACK.

MAYBE
YOU THINK
THAT
MAKES IT
OKAY--
FAIR
IN LOVE
AND WAR--



--BUT FOR ME, THAT JUST
MAKES YOU GUILTY--

--AND
FOR IT--
YOU'RE
GOING TO
PAY!



IMBECILE!

YOUR MORAL STANDARDS
DO NOT IMPRESS ME--!

FFFT!



--ANY MORE
THAN DO YOUR
PITIFUL
ATTEMPTS TO
CAPTURE--
EH?

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OTHER'S FEELINGS--EACH UNWILLING TO
TAKE THAT FIRST AWKWARD STEP--

--UNTIL, MIRACULOUSLY,
THE STEP WAS
TAKEN--

--AND THEY
FOUND
THEMSELVES
IN LOVE.

THE HAPPINESS--
THE TRAGEDY: IN A
RUSH, IT ALL COMES
BACK TO HIM.

THE EVENING GWEN'S FATHER
DIED--AND SPIDER-MAN WAS
BLAMED--BLAMED FOR THE DEATH
OF A MAN HE'D ALMOST LOVED--
CAPTAIN STACY, WHO'D DIED TRY-
ING TO SAVE A CHILD.

YES, HE REMEMBERS:
THE SORROW AND THE
SELF-PITY, THE JOY,
THE FEAR--

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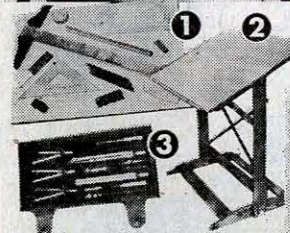
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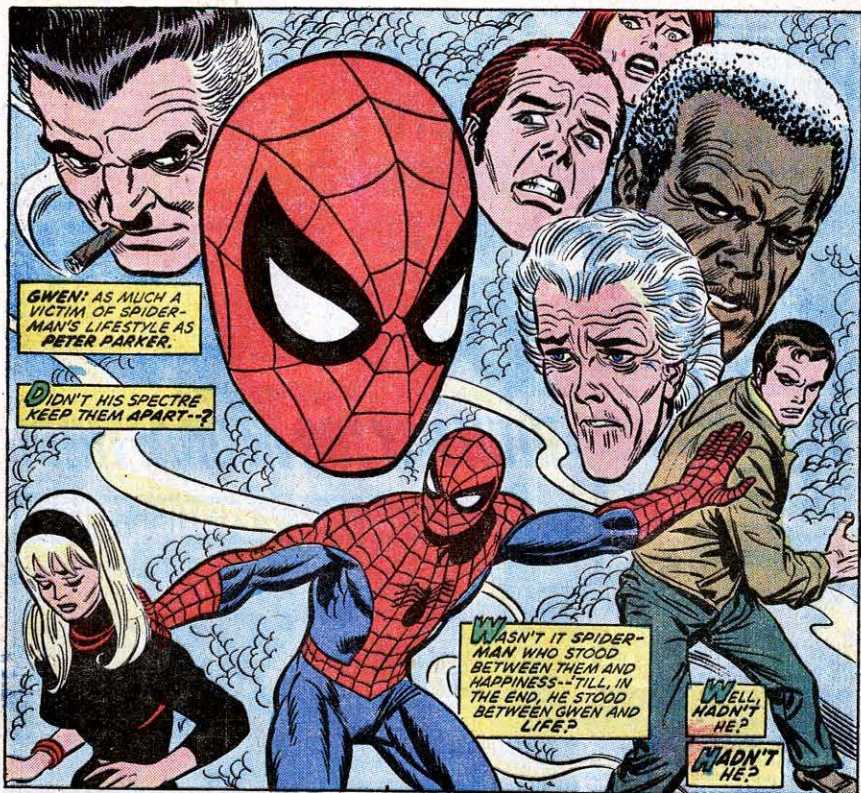
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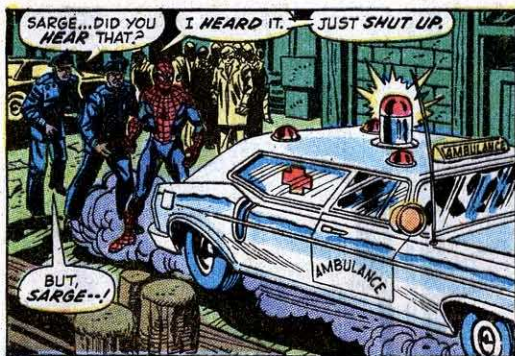
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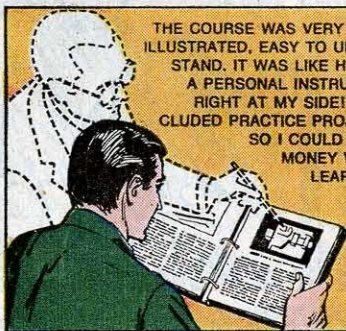
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TINGLING...SO THAT MEANS
OSBORN ISN'T HERE.

I DIDN'T
REALLY
BELIEVE HE
WOULD BE,
ANYWAY.



BUT HIS SON...
GOOD OLD
HARRY...



...HE'S THE GUY
I WANT TO TALK
TO.

DAD?
DAD--IS
THAT
YOU?



OH, TERRIFIC,
HARRY'S STILL
FREAKED
OUT--

--STILL
TRIPPING
ON THE --
ACID HE
DROPPED
YESTERDAY.*

YOU--
YOU'RE
NOT MY
FATHER!

YOU'VE
TAKEN HIM
SOMEWHERE
--HAVEN'T
YOU?

*THIS IS
HARRY'S
SECOND
EXPERIENCE
WITH LSD.
HIS FIRST
HAPPENED
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--ROY.



WAIT--DON'T
I KNOW YOU?

SURE--
SURE,
YOU'RE
PETER--

YOU
ARE
PETER,
AREN'T
YOU?



THAT'S RIGHT, HARRY...
I'M PETER.

AND
YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
NO USE TO
ME AT ALL.



FOR THAT MATTER...
YOU'RE NOT EVEN
(MUCH USE TO YOURSELF.

SO LONG, HARRY...
I'VE GOT MORE
IMPORTANT THINGS
TO DO THAN HOLD
YOUR HAND.

PETER--WAIT--
YOU'RE WALKING
AWAY!

DON'T
WALK
AWAY--
PLEASE--

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LEFT ME--
AND I'M ALL
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PLEASE--
PETER--



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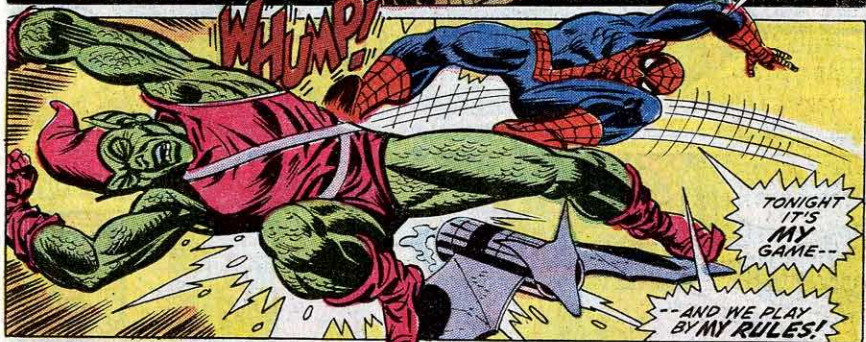
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It's difficult, isn't it, to think of a world without gorgeous Gwendolyn Stacy in it? Harder still, perhaps, to know, to make oneself comprehend, that the long-standing feud between Spider-Man and the Green Goblin is ended forevermore—and that its bloody finale has cost Peter Parker the woman he loved, his closest friendship, and the stability he fought so long to bring to his life. Not to mention his... Innocence?

But that is indeed the state of the Spider-Man. And, as a result of these cataclysmic events in the Web-Spinner's existence, most of our SPIDER-MAN fan mail has been summarily rendered... irrelevant. So this month, as last month, we're devoting this page to more general queries about Spidey, his foes, his friends, his magazine—while we await the raging torrent of mail that's sure to reach us on this issue and last.

We'll close this note with one word: WRITE! 'Nuff said!

Dear Stan, Roy, Gerry, John, Jim, Tony, Sam, Duffy, Stan G.,

Whatever happened to the Kangaroo? He appeared in Spider-Man #81, but never returned and never appeared in any other mag. Also we never really knew the extent of his powers. When is he returning? Is he returning as Spider-Man's foe? When is Electro, the Chameleon, the Sinister Shock-er, the Gibbon, and the Prowler returning to menace your friendly neighborhood Spider-man. But bring back the Kangaroo first!

Henry Cooper, 290 Jefferson Ave.
Cresskill, N.J. 07626

Well... maybe not first, Henry. But chances are our bouncin' baddie from down under will be popping back into Spider-Man's life one of these days. And who knows—if Gerry has a fit of sheer madness (Marvel variety, natch!), you may even see him teamed up with Daredevil's old foe, the Leap Frog! All of which, for some odd reason,

calls to mind an old TV cartoon character called Gerald MacBoing-Boing. Don't ask us why.

As for the other purveyors of villainy you mentioned:

The Sandman is currently hanging out with the three other members of the Frightful Four, who mostly get their jollies by beating up on a certain other Marvel foursome. Electro appeared not too long ago in the pulsating pages of DAREDEVIL, and, matter of fact, that's where Kraven is slated next to appear! (No, we won't say when. We wanna catch you off-guard.) As for Beak-Nose, Shocker, Fast-Face, and the rest—peel thine eyes! They shall return—when you and Spidey least expect it!

Dear Stan, Roy, Gerry, John, Jim, Tony, Sam, Duffy, Stan G.,

PHEW! It takes a lot of people to turn out a masterpiece, doesn't it? That's all I'll say about Spider-Man #118.

The rest of this letter will concern itself with Bill Creighton's letter.

He's right, y'know. The sub-plots are what made and kept Spidey and Pete (who we don't see enuf of anymore) so great thru the years. I know it's hard to fit a) a major storyline, b) some sub-plots, and c) co-characters all into 20 pages, but you USED to do it, so why not now? I'd like to see more of Pete, Gwen, Harry, Aunt May, Mary Jane, Mrs. Watson (where's she?), J.J.J., Betty Brant, Flash, and Ned Leeds, and Joe Robertson. Also, how 'bout the Rhino, Kingpin, Lizard, Vulture, and Green Goblin?

But, back to the point! Sub-plots, man! That's what it's all about. And get John a decent inkjet! His work's too sketchy!

Rick Keefe, R.D. #1
York Haven, Pa. 17370

See what we meant in that opening note, Rick? Instead of getting John a different ink, we got him a different pencil—Gil Kane, of course—and Gobby's dead, and while you may see more

of most of the characters you mentioned, there'll be no more Gwen. Ah, well...

But about those sub-plots: this is still a pressing question, and, frankly, Gerry, Gil, and John agree with you almost totally on the matter. You can expect to see a greater emphasis on Peter Parker's life in issues upcoming. And it'll be all the more compelling now that Pete will be going through so many changes. The titanic trio has some very unusual developments in mind, some things you've always wanted to see happen... some things you hoped might never happen... and, best of all, some things you never dreamed could happen. We're counting on you to keep watching!

Dear Bulpen,

Foomer #00001 signing in! Alright, you can't fool me any longer. It's obvious that MMS is coming back as FOOM. And its about time, too! You practically spilled it out in SPIDERMAN #116. But I still don't know what FOOM is, tho I have got some pretty good ideas.

When I first heard mention of it, I figured it stood for something like, Freak Out On Marvel. Since then I've come up with some better ones, such as: Frantic Organization Of Marvelites, Fabled Order Of Marvel, or my favorite: The Federation Of Omnipotent Marvelites.

But what ever it turns out to be I am sure it will be great and have lots of surprises in store for us! KEEP ON FOOMIN'!

Tom Rader, 787 Welburn Ave.
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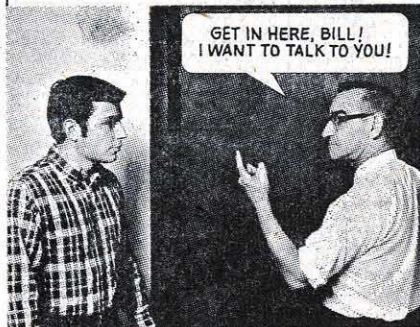
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