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**You!**  
HARRY OSBORN!  
BUT, IT CAN'T  
BE YOU WHO'VE  
TURNED  
AGAINST ME!  
IT CAN'T  
BE!!

BUT IT IS!  
FOR--THE  
**GREEN  
GOBLIN  
LIVES  
AGAIN!**

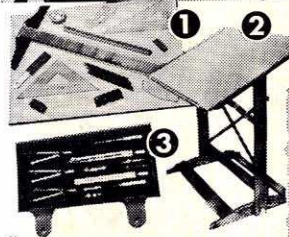




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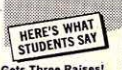


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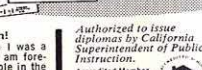
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MOST  
IMPORTANT  
COMIC  
STORY  
YOU'LL  
READ  
THIS  
YEAR!

# THE GREEN GOBLIN LIVES AGAIN!

TO PUT IT MILDLY...  
**THIS IS THE ONE  
YOU'VE BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR!**

WHAT'S  
NEXT  
ON  
THE LIST  
OF THINGS  
TO DO ON  
A SUNDAY,  
N.Y.?

WE'VE RIDDEN  
HORSES IN  
CENTRAL PARK,  
TAKEN A BOAT  
TO THE STATUE  
OF LIBERTY--  
CAUGHT A  
KUNG FU FLICK  
ON FORTY-SECOND  
STREET--

HOW 'BOUT A  
QUIET EVENING  
AT HOME,  
PETE?

THE ONLY  
QUESTION IS:  
YOUR PLACE  
OR MINE?

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MINE, I GUESS.  
IT'S NEARER.  
BESIDES, I'VE GOT  
THIS GREAT NEW  
ELLA FITZGERALD  
ALBUM I'VE BEEN  
WANTING TO--

ELLA WHO?

TIGER, WE'LL  
JUST HAVE TO  
DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT YOUR  
TASTE IN MUSIC.  
IT'S STRICTLY  
1964.

MAYBE  
SO, BUT  
IT'S ALL  
MINE.

I'LL SAY.  
NOBODY ELSE  
WOULD GO  
NEAR IT!



OH, IT'S A COMPLIMENT,  
ALL RIGHT. TAKE IT FROM  
ME, YOU'RE PRETTY OKAY.

EXCEPT  
FOR YOUR  
SENSE OF  
MUSIC.  
UGH.

TELL ME  
MORE  
MS. WATSON.  
I LOVE  
FLATTERY.



STILL...YOU DO HAVE POTENTIAL, MR.  
PARKER, IF YOU'D ONLY LOOSEN UP AND  
USE IT.

LOOSEN UP? NOW?

I'M A COLLEGE JUNIOR  
MATURING IN PHYSICS,  
MARY JANE.

I'M AS LOOSE  
AS I'LL GET.



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
THAT, HANDSOME. WHEN  
WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL,  
YOU WERE DEMON DULL.

THESE DAYS  
YOU'RE ALMOST  
BEARABLE.

THANKS  
A LOT,  
I THINK.



HEY-- I JUST THOUGHT  
OF SOMETHING. WHAT  
ABOUT HARRY?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT  
MR. OSBORN, M.J.

I MEAN, HE AND I  
USED TO GO OUT  
TOGETHER--AND  
HE'S STILL PRETTY  
TOUCHY ABOUT  
THE TWO OF US  
DATING, ISN'T HE?

MY ROOMMATE  
AND I HAVEN'T  
BEEN SEEING  
TOO MUCH OF  
EACH OTHER  
LATELY.









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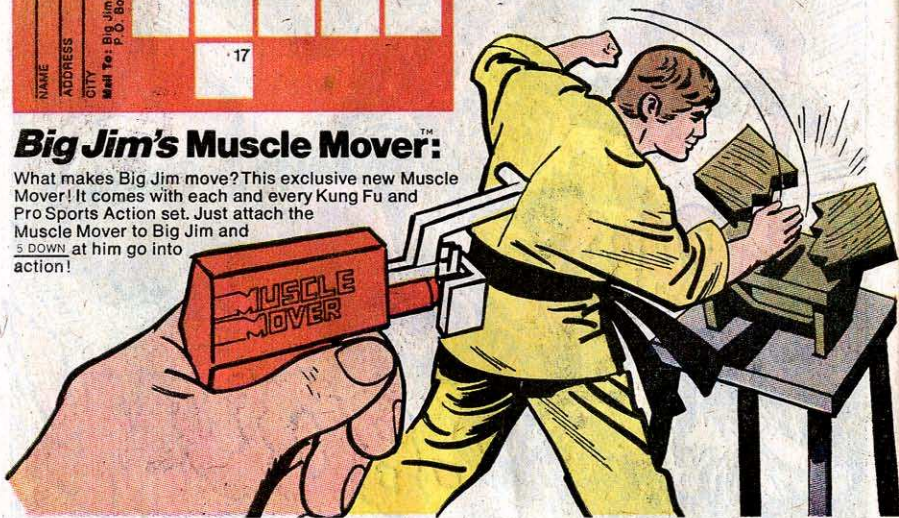
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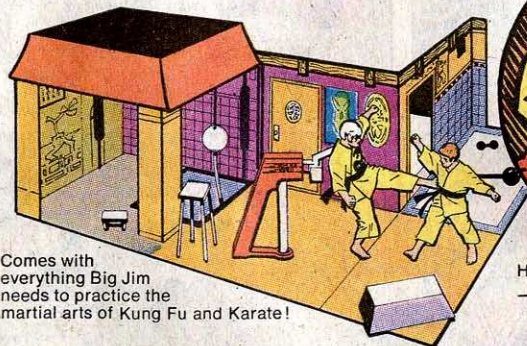
What makes Big Jim move? This exclusive new Muscle Mover! It comes with each and every Kung Fu and Pro Sports Action set. Just attach the Muscle Mover to Big Jim and DOWN at him go into action!





# KUNG FU AND SPORTS ACTION SWEEPSTAKES

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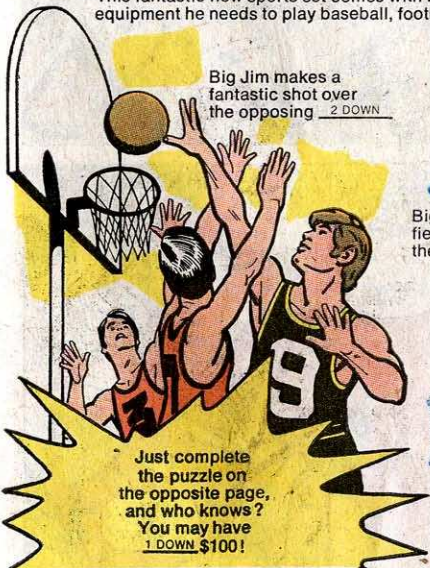
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Big Jim kicks a field 2 ACROSS, and saves the day for his team.









I'VE GOT MAYBE **TWO MINUTES** BEFORE THEY COME UP HERE AND START SEARCHING THIS PAD FOR **CLUES**.

AND IF THERE'S ONE THING I **DON'T** WANT THEM TO FIND--



LET'S SEE. IT'S GOT TO BE SOMEPLACE THE COPS WON'T LOOK--AT LEAST, NOT RIGHT **AWAY**.



THAT ELIMINATES THE APARTMENT **ITSELF**--AND THE LEDGE OUTSIDE MY **WINDOW**--

--IT'S MY SPARE **SPIDER-OUTFIT!**

I CAN STICK MY **EXTRA WEB CARTRIDGES** IN MY PANTS--THE **BULGE** WON'T BE TOO NOTICEABLE--



--LEAVING THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING **NEXT DOOR!**

GREAT. THAT TAKES CARE OF **THAT**.

--BUT MY **COSTUME** IS ANOTHER MATTER. I'M ALREADY WEARING ONE SET OF THREADS UNDER MY STREET CLOTHES--

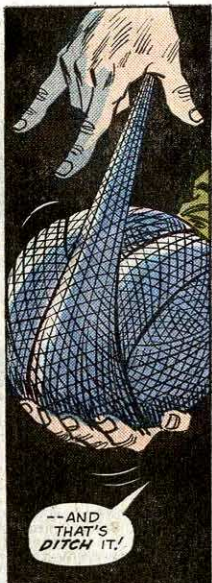
--IF I PUT ON ANOTHER, I'LL LOOK LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A **WOODY ALLEN** MOVIE!

ONLY ONE THING TO **DO**--



NOW ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS GET BACK OUTSIDE, AND **LOOK** AS SHOCKED AS I **FEEL**.

WHICH IS **PLENTY!**



--AND THAT'S **DITCH** IT!

AND SO, WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE **SIX SECONDS** LATER, THEY FIND WHAT THEY HALF EXPECTED TO FIND...

...AND THE QUESTIONS ARE GRACIOUSLY PUT OFF FOR **LATER**.





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IS SHE GOING TO BE OKAY, DOCTOR?

I EXPECT SO, ALL SHE NEEDS IS REST.

MJ ISN'T THE ONLY ONE; THE WAY THOSE COPS GRILLED ME WHILE I WAS WAITING, YOU'D THINK I WAS THE JERK WHO LEFT THAT BOMB!

THAT AND THE EXPLOSION HAVE ME TOTALLY WIPE OUT. AFTER THIS, I'D LIKE TO--HUH?

AM I SEEING THINGS? MJ'S LYING THERE ASLEEP--AND I SEEM TO SEE ANOTHER FACE OVER HER'S...

GWEN! IT'S GWEN...

--JUST AS SHE WAS WHEN SHE DIED!

THAT EXPLOSION MUST HAVE JUMBLED MY BRAINS--GIVING ME HALLUCINATIONS... OR IS IT MY IMAGINATION? COULD IT POSSIBLY BE--

PETEY... IS THAT YOU...?

HEY, LADY... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASLEEP.

I WAS-- BUT I GUESS I HEARD YOU TALKING.

PETEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO ME--?

I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT LATER, MJ.

RIGHT NOW, YOU BETTER GO BACK TO SLEEP-- OKAY,?

OKAY.

BUT, WHEN MARY JANE WATSON'S EYES HAVE SHUT ONCE MORE...

PETER PARKER'S OWN INNER EYE OPENS...

...AND FOR ONE TIMELESS INSTANT, HE RELIVES A HORROR LONG PAST...

"THE GOBLIN!"

"HE WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED GWEN..."



"HAS HE COME BACK, TO KILL  
ANOTHER GIRL WHO'S CLOSE  
TO ME?"

"I'D ALMOST MANAGED TO  
FORGET TO WIPE IT FROM  
MY MEMORY: THAT NIGHT,  
WHEN THE GREEN GOBLIN  
KIDNAPPED GWEN TO USE  
AS A HOSTAGE AGAINST  
ME--

"--AND MADE HER A VICTIM  
OF HIS INSANITY INSTEAD!  
THE SHOCK OF HER FALL  
KILLED HER--AND ALMOST  
ENDED MY LIFE AS WELL--

"--FOR IT DROVE  
ME TO A MURDER-  
OUS RAGE, MADE  
ME WANT TO KILL  
THE MAN WHO'D  
KILLED GWEN  
STACY--

"THE MAN  
WHO HID  
BEHIND  
THE GREEN  
GOBLIN'S  
MASK--

"--NORMAN  
OSBORN,  
THE FATHER  
OF MY  
ROOMMATE  
AND BEST  
FRIEND!

"BUT I DIDN'T KILL  
HIM. AT THE END,  
THE THOUGHT OF  
VENGEANCE MADE ME  
SICK, AND I TURNED  
AWAY...

"THE GOBLIN, HOW-  
EVER, WANTED  
REVENGE--AND  
SUMMONED HIS  
JET-FLIER TO  
ATTACK ME FROM  
BEHIND.

"I GOT OUT OF  
THE WAY.

"THE GREEN  
GOBLIN  
DIDN'T."

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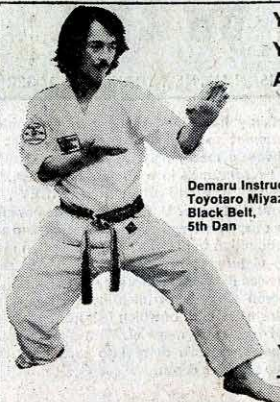
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Dear Gerry and Johnny,

I address this letter to both of you rather than to whoever is answering the letters section today, because I have many nice things to say about SPIDER-MAN #132, and since everybody likes to hear nice things, maybe whoever is doing the letters pages will show or tell you how I feel.

First off, to see John Romita doing SPIDER-MAN again truly made me feel at home with the book for the first time in months. Ross Andru is good, don't get me wrong; but SPIDER-MAN was always a Lee/Thomas/Romita production.

And a heartfelt apology to Mr. Gerry Conway, who I thought was writing out of his armpit when he killed off Gwen Stacy. SPIDER-MAN is known for being a "relevant" book (and was so even before relevance became the "in" thing to do to a superhero), therefore human, and therefore somewhat depressing. But even depression can get tiring, so you need some ray of sunlight in the dank, cold gloom of life. Gwen was it. Gwen was removed. Darkness. Wow, was there darkness! But now Liz Allen returns...and I bet Gerry planned it this way all along!

I should have had faith. It would have been easier than eating my own words. They sit like a rock.

I am really tremendously pleased, and I really think you will get almost one hundred per cent positive reaction to this. And, hey, in case you haven't guessed...you deserve it.

Steve Clement  
15 Campbell Terr.  
Pawtucket, R.I. 02860

Thanks, Steve, from Gerry, John, Roy...and whoever's answering the letters this ish.

Gerry did indeed have Liz Allen's dramatic re entry into Peter Parker's life planned long in advance. But we strongly advise that you and the rest of Marvelom Assembled not fall into the trap of considering Liz just a replacement for Gwen. The role she will play in Pete's life, the relationship that may (or may not) develop between them is going to be very different. And besides, we still have a surprise or three to spring on you in the way of new and old characters, male and female, popping onto the scene.

In other words, as we've said so many times before, don't take anything for granted when it comes to SPIDER-MAN.

Dear Marvel Men and Women,

After reading SPIDER-MAN #132, I felt I had to write and express my thoughts. First of all, it was a fine story, and the artwork was excellent. Good to see that John Romita touch. Ross Andru does a very good job; but when it comes to Spider-Man, Romita is king.

As I said, the story was fine...a lot of action, a look into Peter Parker's personal life, a favorite villain. But (sorry) early in the story, you have Spidey saying he's finally got things worked out with Aunt May--yet at the end of #131, Aunt May is fainting in an airplane as Spider-Man is trying to explain things. Now, I know we're supposed to use our imaginations a little, but don't you think this is a matter that should have been illustrated? I mean, it's a pretty big letdown for a bride to see her future husband blown up (especially as old a bride as Aunt May). How in the world did Spidey get things worked out?

Mark Zak  
W. Seneca, N.Y.

We would certainly have liked to have shown Spidey's nerve-wracking attempt to explain to Aunt May that her intended groom was a mean, nasty villain (Dr. Octopus) and deserved to be consumed in a nuclear holocaust...but, Mark, what would you have had us cut from SPIDEY #132 in order to give you that scene? Unfortunately, we have only a limited amount of space to work with each issue, and what with Pete's re-introduction to Liz Allen and the Molten Man's bursting into the picture, there just wasn't room to show what went on between Pete and his doting aunt.

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Dear Bullpen,

Last time I saw Liz Allen was back in ish #30, and here she is again in SPIDEY #132. However, a few things were a bit twisted, such as on page ten, where a caption reads, "a high school student (Peter Parker) with a crush on a dazzling blond (Liz)." As I remember, Liz was always chasing after Pete. And how did Mary Jane recognize Liz? I only remember those two meeting once, when Aunt May introduced Liz and Betty Brant to Mary Jane back in ish #25.



Unless M.J. has an uncanny memory for faces and Pete had a sudden change of heart about Liz (Betty was his girlfriend back in high school), I'll be expecting my no-prize in the mail.

Charles Hamada  
909 Santa Fe Ave.  
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Actually, Charles, we're both right on the matter of Pete and Liz's relationship back in high school. Before Peter met Betty Brant he did have a crush on Liz, and at that time, Liz wanted nothing at all to do with him. She was more or less going with Flash Thompson then.

Later, when Betty and Pete had met and were dating, Pete still was attracted to Liz at various times. Oddly enough, when







ONE HURRIED, BUT THOROUGH, EXAMINATION LATER...

NOTHING SEEMS TO BE MISSING-- BUT THAT DOESN'T PROVE A THING.

WHOEVER COULD BE USING THIS PLACE COULD ALSO HAVE BOUGHT NEW SUPPLIES-- SUCH AS THAT GADGET USED IN THE BOMB IN MY APARTMENT.

STILL...

THE WHOLE WAREHOUSE IS COVERED WITH DUST AN INCH THICK, AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF A FOOTPRINT ANYWHERE OTHER THAN MY OWN...

... GUESS I WAS WRONG, AFTER ALL.

WHEN YOU COME DOWN TO IT, ANYBODY COULD HAVE PLANTED THAT EXPLOSIVE.

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SPIDEY, YOU'RE A GENIUS.

NOT THE HAPPIEST GUY IN THE WORLD AT THE MOMENT-- BUT A GENIUS, NONE-THELESS!





THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO NOW BUT *WAIT*.

SOONER OR LATER, HE'S *BOUND* TO SHOW UP AND WHEN HE *DOES*--



--I'LL BE *TUCKED OUT OF SIGHT* IN TYPICAL SPIDEY FASHION.

I WISH I WAS AS GLAD ABOUT ALL THIS AS I'M TRYING TO *SOUND*, THOUGH.



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THAT'S RIGHT  
YOU BABBLING  
IDIOT! I DO  
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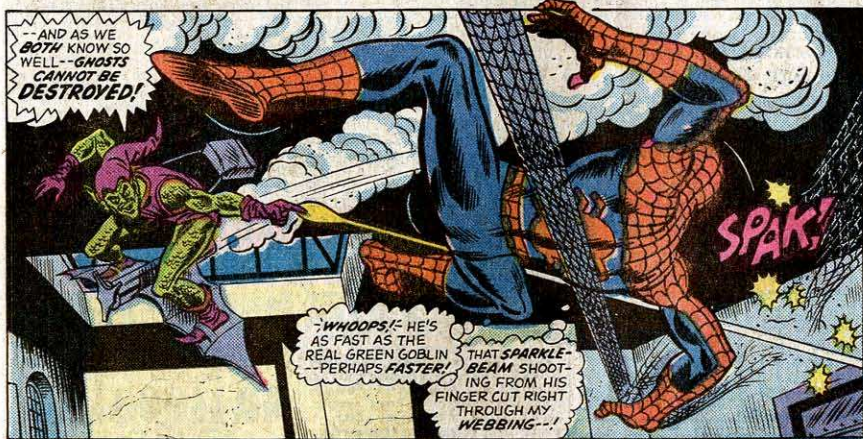
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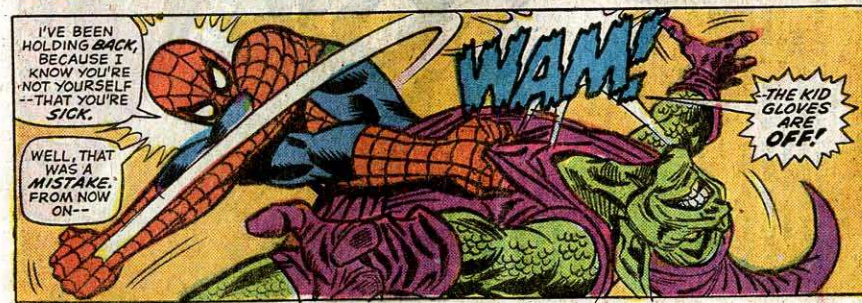
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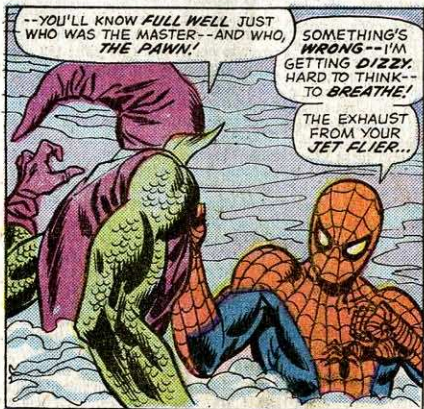
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## STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Well, we did it! It seems that every month something happens here at Marvel which is even more exciting than the month before. Remember how we've been telling you over the years that comics can be — and indeed are — educational in many respects? Okay, you don't have to take our word for it any longer. Wait'll you hear this! There isn't one of you who doesn't know of the great work that Children's Television Workshop (Sesame Street and The Electric Company) has been doing in making youngsters more proficient in reading skills. Well, they've decided on a new project — the use of comic-books. And which company will they naturally work with? Aww, someone must have told you. Yep, even as you read these sententious sentences, the first fabulous issue of SPIDEY is being prepared, and will be on sale in a few short months. SPIDEY! It's a new kind of Spider-Man magazine, for the younger Marvelite, for your kid brother or sister — and it's a precedent-shattering co-production of mighty Marvel and CTW's Electric Company! But that's only half of it! You'll also be seeing your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man live on the Electric Company TV show all over the U.S.A.! Like we said, it's for the younger viewer, but it's Spidey in the flesh, and it's just the start of a whole new wave of Marvel excitement! Oh, and speaking of TV — I hope those of you in the Ohio area were able to catch the lively show aired over WBGU-TV and other stations on March 28th. Entitled "Comics: Birth of An American Art Form," it was produced by Bowling Green University's Department of Popular Culture and featured yours truly, in discussion and seminar. The theme dealt with comics as a legitimate intellectual activity, and my thanks to co-producer Mike Marsden and the rest of the gang for a job well done. So there you are — Marvel teamed with The Electric Company in a special project for the small fry — and Marvel covering the campuses like wildfire, bringing culture to academia! If there's any group we've missed, we'll grab 'em next time!

Excelsior!

*Stan*

And though Marvel's epoch-making team-up with the ever-lovin' Electric Company may be the icing on the cake for this month, we're not exactly standing still on other fronts, just the same! We've only got space to mention 'em

briefly on this page, but various special ads and announcements scattered thru most of our mixed-up mags for the next few weeks will relate the full, unfettered facts on the following:

**ITEM!** Marvel is going Ape! For months now, there've been whispers, rumors, and unsubstantiated reports, running rampant thru comics fandom. And, for once, the rumors turn out to be right: Debuting June 25th at your friendly neighborhood newsstand is a brand-new Marvel magazine, nothing less than — **THE PLANET OF THE APES!** That's right — one of the most popular movie series of all time, which has been shattering Nielsen ratings on the home-screen as well, will be lumbering your way six times a year, in a king-size new mag containing enough comics, photos, and features to drive the most avid Ape-lover up a tree in ecstasy! There'll be an action-packed retelling of the widely-heralded "Apes" films — articles on the stars, the makeup, and just about every other kind of behind-the-scenes activity — plus an all-new comic-strip sequel to the five fabulous flicks themselves, written by GERRY CONWAY and DOUG MOENCH, and drawn by MIKE PLOOG! This mind-bending mag costs a measly buck for 84 big pages — and is destined to set both film and comics buffs on their collective ear! That's **THE PLANET OF THE APES #1** — to be unleashed on June 25th, wherever magazines are sold! Get it, gorillaphile!

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she finally began to notice him, and when "notice" escalated to "chase after," Pete lost interest in her completely. And yet, at the time they parted, after high school graduation, there was a trace of feeling and friendship left between them.

On the matter of Mary Jane recognizing Liz, though... you're dead right, and we were dead wrong. That brief moment back in SPIDEY #25 was the only time they'd met previous to issue #132, and a couple dozen readers caught us on that one. We blew it. You get your no-prize.

Dear Marvel,

On the last page of SPIDER-MAN #132, in the last panel, we hear a desperately ill Peter Parker as, "Is this the end of Spider-Man?" He says this while he's in his Peter Parker identity. Does this mean Pete considers Spidey his true identity and Peter Parker of lesser importance? I'm not sure I like that. One of the things that made Spidey the best mag around was that Peter and Spidey led separate lives, both of which were essential to the storylines. There was always a fairly equal amount of both identities in each story. The reason that Gwen's death caused such an uproar was that Peter Parker's personal life played such an important part in the plots. I hope that just because Gwen is no longer here, you won't let Spidey take command of the mag and subject Pete to a secondary role. You have a winning formula. Don't blow it.

By the way, #132 was a great ish. It's good to see an old villain like the Molten Man come back. It looks like the Marvel Age of Comics is here to stay.

Grant Sherrill  
Highland Hall #5  
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We hope so, Grant. Thanks.

As for that last line in ish #132...don't accord it too much importance in terms of Peter's self-concept or our concept of what the SPIDER-MAN mag is supposed to be. We suspect Gerry wrote the line that way (a) because it sounded more suspenseful than "Is this the end of Peter Parker?" and (b) because Pete had just come from, and was on his way to, a mission as Spider-Man. Spidey and the Molten Man were on Pete's mind at the moment, that's all. Okay?

Dear Folks,

SPIDER-MAN #132 was nothing short of fantastic. It really brought on a good feeling of deja vu, what with Molty

and Liz back after about a 100-issue absence. It was also great to see John Romita's pencils again, even though I really like Ross Andru's work. It was just like Old Home Week.

Gerry, I would like to ask you to cut out the killing for a while. In the last eleven issues, you've wiped out Gwen, the Green Goblin, the Kangaroo, Hammerhead, and Doc Ock. Also, it looks like curtains for the Molten Man, whom I laughed at in #35 and felt pity for in #132. There doesn't seem to be any way for him to save himself, so he will go down the Big Dumper, too, I guess. What happened to just putting the bad guys in jail?

Finally, I would like to learn more about Mary Jane's background. She is most likely an orphan, since she used to live with her aunt, but nothing has ever been said about her parents. I would enjoy learning about Mary Jane's parents, as I'm sure a lot of others would.

Ed G. Omes  
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And one of these days, when we have both room and a reason to do so, Ed, we'll get around to filling you in on the blank spots in Mary Jane's life (like the first twenty years or so!).

About the killing. We asked Gerry to stop. And he agreed. Sort of. He said, from now on, he'll only almost kill the villains; he'll turn them all into vegetables the way he did Franklin Richards in the FANTASTIC FOUR mag! (What do you do with a guy like that?)



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☐ Ship C.O.D. I will pay C.O.D. charges & postage.

Ill. Residents please add 2% sales tax

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# WIN PRIZES

MAKE FRIENDS

OR GET

Cash

BE HAPPY!



No Limit to the Number of Prizes (or Cash) you can Earn.

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DELUXE 2-BAND RADIO  
Sell Only 2 Orders



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Sell Only 4 Orders



PUSHBUTTON CASSETTE RECORDER  
Sell Only 3 Orders



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Sell Only 1 Order



DAY-DATE WRISTWATCH  
Sell Only 1 Order



INSTANT LOAD FLASH CAMERA OUTFIT  
Sell Only 1 Order



PROFESSIONAL STYLE HAIR DRYER  
Sell Only 2 Orders



BALL RADIO  
Sell Only 1 Order



SPALDING TENNIS RACKET  
Sell Only 1 Order



MODEL HONDA ENGINE KIT  
Sell Only 1 Order



ILLUMINATED BINOCULAR MICROSCOPE  
Sell Only 2 Orders



POP-N-SERVE CORN POPPER  
Sell Only 1 Order



STEREO MODULAR SYSTEM  
Sell Only 3 Orders



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Sell Only 2 Orders



ELECTRONIC TREASURE DETECTOR  
Sell Only 3 Orders



OFFICIAL ELECTRIC FOOTBALL  
Sell Only 1 Order



10 SPEED GENUINE RACING BIKE  
Sell Only 8 Orders



WALKIE-TALKIE AND CODE SENDER  
Sell Only 2 Orders



SENIOR CHEMISTRY LAB  
Sell Only 1 Order



GIRLS TWINKLETIME WRISTWATCH  
Sell Only 1 Order



YUCCA PACK AND FRAME  
Sell Only 1 Order



4-PLAYER CROQUET SET  
Sell Only 1 Order



40X TELESCOPE WITH TRIPOD  
Sell Only 1 Order



GLASS BOW ARCHERY  
Sell Only 1 Order



YUCCA PACK AND FRAME  
Sell Only 1 Order



4-PLAYER CROQUET SET  
Sell Only 1 Order



40X TELESCOPE WITH TRIPOD  
Sell Only 1 Order

CHECK CARDS DESIRED

Send me your first order of 12 Greeting Card Boxes to sell as checked below

Check one only: ☐ Christmas ☐ All Occasion Cards

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Fold Over Here + Don't Cut! Do Seal (Paste, Staple or Scotch Tape) + No Stamp Needed!

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Just fill out and mail the coupon-reply card to receive your first order of greeting cards. You may take up to 30 days to sell them. If after that time you have any boxes unsold, promptly return them prepaid by parcel post, keeping 70¢ for each box you've sold.

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