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I'M BACK, SPIDER-MAN--
DEADLIER THAN EVER--
AND THIS TIME--

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TARANTULA
TAKES THE
GAME!

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TO DODGE THOSE
RAZOR SHARP
SPIKES--
I'VE HAD IT!

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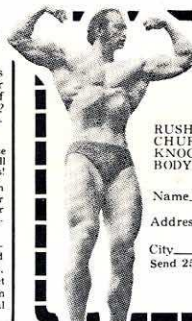
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YOUR MUSCLES
WILL BEGIN
TO GROW!**

BEFORE

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WELL, ALMOST.

MORE THAN A LITTLE WEARY AFTER HIS ADVENTURE WITH THE MAN-THING IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD WEB-SPINNER HAS HITCHED A RIDE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY--

*SEE GIANT-SIZE SPIDER-MAN #5--LEN.



--AND NOW, THAT RIDE IS AT AN END.

WHICH MEANS, OF COURSE--

--OUR STORY'S JUST BEGINNING:

HELLO THERE, DAILY BUGLE.

GUESS WHO'S BACK FROM THE SWAMP-LAND?

NO, PARKER--YOU LISTEN! I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS, BUT I'M A BUSINESSMAN--NOT A PHILANTHROPIST!

YOU WANT TO GOOF OFF, THAT'S FINE-- BUT YOU DON'T DO IT ON MY TIME!

I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY ME BACK FOR THIS FLORIDA FIASCO, PARKER--

--IF NECESSARY, OUT OF YOUR HIDE!



THAT'S RIGHT, BUGLE-- ME, YOUR EVER-LOVIN' STAR PHOTOGRAPHER--

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AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT JONAH JAMESON WILL SAY WHEN HE HEARS I HAVE--



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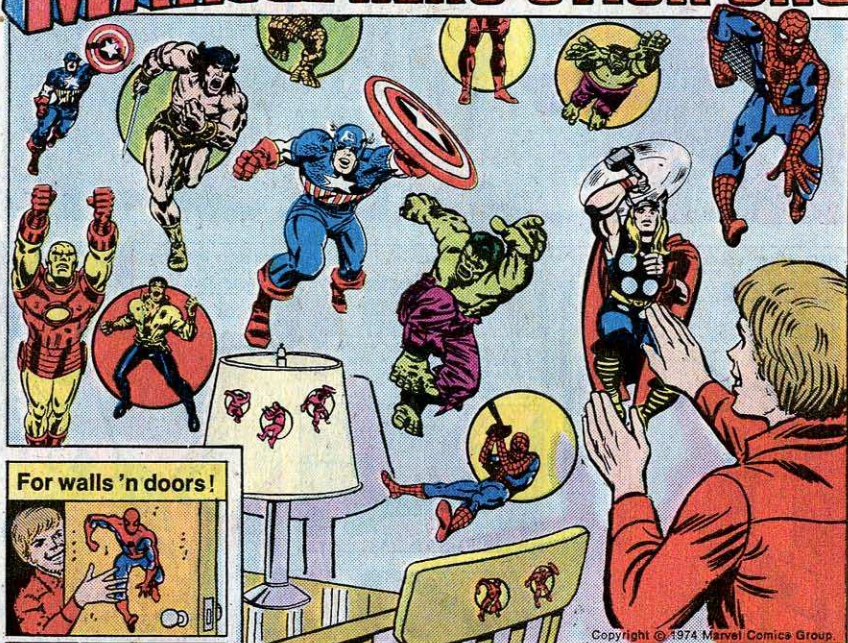
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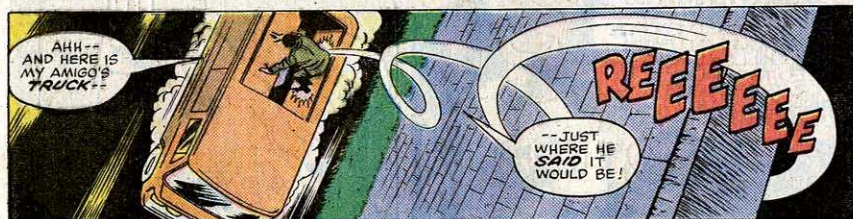
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RUN CITY...



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MRS. PARKER.

EVEN SO--I
HOPE WE DON'T
SEE YOU AGAIN
SOON.

COME ALONG, MAY--
MARY JANE HAS
THE ELEVATOR
ON HOLD.



THANK YOU AGAIN, DEAR.
YOU'RE ALL SO KIND.

IT'S TOO BAD PETER COULDN'T
BE HERE TO PICK ME UP, MARY
JANE--IT'S SO NICE TO SEE
YOU YOUNG PEOPLE
TOGETHER.

WELL, YOU
KNOW
MAY IN THE
LOUNGE.
PARKER, YOUR
NEPHEW'S GOT
A LOT ON HIS
MIND THESE
DAYS.

MARY JANE
--WAIT WITH
MAY IN THE
LOUNGE.
PARKER, YOUR
NEPHEW'S GOT
A LOT ON HIS
MIND THESE
DAYS.



WELL, ISN'T
THIS NICE?

WE HAVEN'T HAD A GIRL-TO-GIRL
TALK IN THE LONGEST TIME,
MARY JANE.

HOW HAVE YOU
AND PETER BEEN GETTING
ALONG, HMM,
DEAR?



FRANKLY, MRS. PARKER...
NOT AT ALL.

SINCE GWEN STACY
CAME BACK, I HAVEN'T
SEEN PETER ONCE. IT'S
AS THOUGH HE'S FORGOTTEN
I EXIST.

WHAT?
DEAR GIRL,
ARE YOU
SERIOUS?



SERIOUS?
SERIOUS?

LISTEN, MRS. PARKER,
BEFORE YOUR
NEPHEW WENT TO
PARIS--WE
REALIZED
SOMETHING
ABOUT EACH
OTHER--

--SOMETHING
IMPORTANT--

--BUT THE WAY
HE'S BEEN ACTING
LATELY, WE
MIGHT AS WELL
NEVER HAVE--
WELL, LIKE I SAID
--FOR HIM, I'M
NOT ALIVE!



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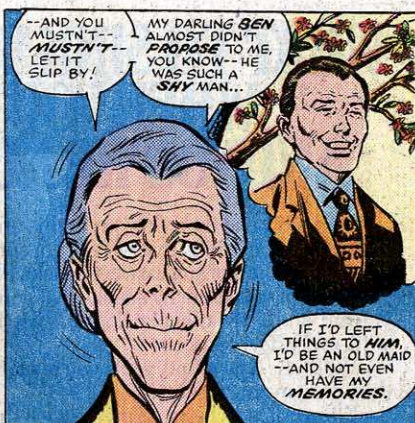
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Dear People:

Congratulations! SPIDER-MAN #143 was indeed one of the most thoroughly satisfying Spider-Man sagas I have ever thrilled to. I would like to congratulate everyone credited with this MARVELOUS issue. Ross Andru's art, which had dropped below peak excellence, is again at it's original best. This first part of Spidey's adventure with the Cyclone is one of the most dramatic and mindboggling stories ever introduced into the pages of SPIDER-MAN (I am of course referring to JJJ's kidnapping and Mary Jane's and Pete's sudden affection for each other. I have only one request. Let Pete graduate from college.

Ever since SPIDER-MAN #1, Pete has gone through school in close accordance to the time it took me to go through school. When first the awaiting public spied Pete, he was a senior at Midtown High School where he graduated in issue #28. He was then out of school for the summer vacation. Pete began attending college in issue #31 and he's been there for the last nine years. It's time for Peter Parker to graduate and move on in life.

In closing, I would just like to say two words: "FOOM Forever!"

Chip S. Lind
2342 10th Street
Rockford, IL 61108

Group!

I just finished reading SPIDER-MAN #143—for the third time. After the first reading, my reaction was WOW! Now I've changed my mind. CLASSIC!

Reasoning: Gerry Conway's story. While "....And the Wind Cries: CYCLONE" was not quite up to the level of the Xorr/God Jewel series in THOR, it should still be up there in his gallery of landmark stories. Sandwiched in between Robbie's proposal and the Paris sequence was the beginning of a new life for Mr. Parker. Mary Jane has been growing on me—and certainly on Pete—for some time now. Sooner or later, you had to do something with her. Although it was the more predictable choice, I'm glad you did this.

Congratulations, Mr. Conway. Pete and MJ have some rethinking to do, some changes to make, but with you at the helm (you WILL be at the helm, won't you?), I'm sure they'll do all right. And congratulations, Ross Andru. Len, He's GOOD, so don't get rid of him anytime soon. He's just about the best choice for doing SPIDER-MAN.

The letters page—first off, I should think it obvious what Peter Parker is doing in his ninth year of college: Flunking way too many classes. Also, I feel he should "but outta college," as you put it. What to do then? Don't ask me. However, the job he takes up (after quitting at the *Daily Bugle*) should give him plenty of flexibility. The guy's had enough hassles along the lines of "Where-were-you-while-Spider-Man-saved-the-city?" Give him a break.

Let me repeat: Group, with SPIDER-MAN #143, you did it again.

David R. Baldwin
(no address given)

Dear Gerry and Ross,

SPIDER-MAN #143 was a typical Conway story; the kind I would expect from you, Gerry. Sure to be a masterpiece, and that seems to be the category for the Mysterio stories in the last issue. Your dialogue reads like what real people would say in the same situation.

I'm glad you have strengthened the loose bond that held Peter and Mary Jane together. Mary Jane's personality had been unstable at best but this issue ended all that. The scene at airport showed that Peter is ready to accept a new girlfriend, and that he and Mary Jane do care very much for each other. This plot should be played up, Gerry.

It was a good idea to have Peter and Robbie go to Paris; it was a good change of pace from New York. Having JJJ get kidnapped was also a good idea. And I like your latest super-villain, Cyclone, because he is also a good change of pace from your other super-villains; but I didn't like the art, except on Spider-Man himself.

However, all-in-all, it was a great issue.

Billy Matheny
1006 Lane Avenue
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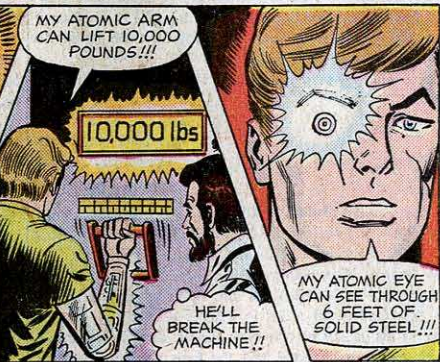
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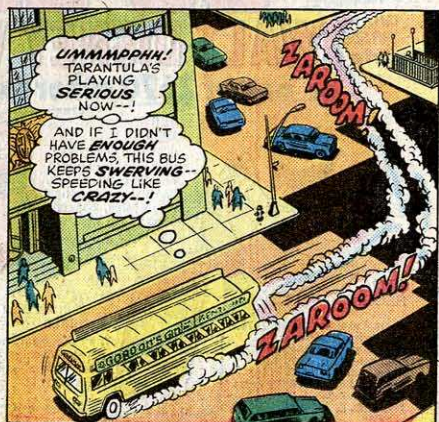
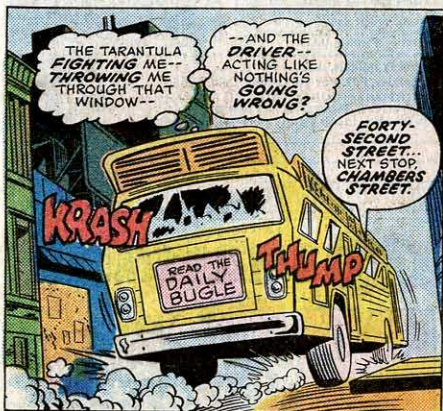


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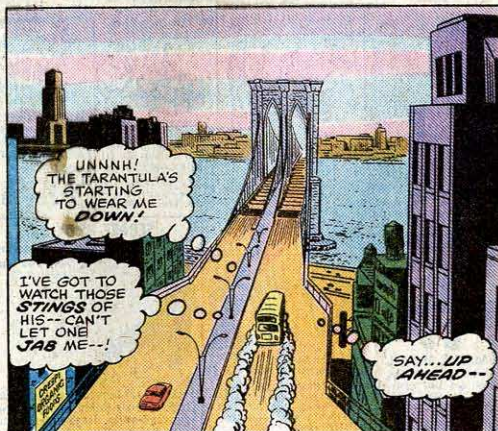
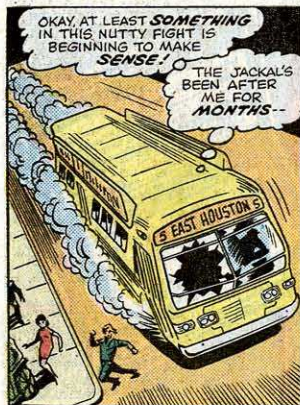
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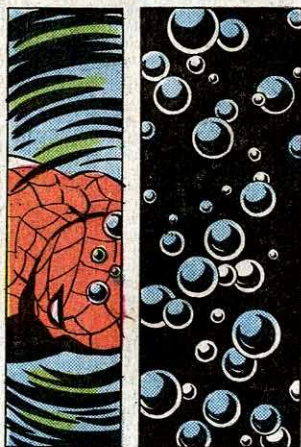
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for corraling the most sought-after assignment to come, down the pike in ages, thus gaining a chance to prove that brawny, bold barbarians aren't the only wonderment they're more than capable of producing. We can't tell you exactly when this Marvel Munchkin Masterwork will be hitting your newsstands, or its size and shape (we don't want the Wicked Witch of the West to find out), but you can bet your ruby slippers that it'll be well worth waiting for! So if you've ever wondered what would happen if the madness of Marvel joined forces with the genius of L. FRANK BAUM, this is your chance to find out! Don't miss it, Marvelite—you know how angry Toto gets!

ITEM! It seems congratulations are in order for the remarkable Mr. Buscema in more ways than one. Not only has he copied the juiciest artistic plum in Marveldom's plum-filled history, but even as we pen these imperishable words, Joltin' John has embarked upon a new career—as the head of his very own ART SCHOOL! If you've ever dreamed of learning at the side of one of comicdom's all-time greats, here's your chance! Just keep your eyes glued to our cataclysmic classified ad pages for the next few months to learn all the details, and you may become one of the privileged ones to enroll in John's sensational course! We're counting on Mr. Buscema to start turning out the most talented new artists of all—and you could be one of them! 'Nuff Said!

ITEM! While we're on the subject of congratulations, let's hear it for Artful ARCHIE GOODWIN, who's returning to the fold after far too long an absence, to replace Dauntless DON MCGREGOR as the erudite Editor of several of Marvel's block-busting black-and-white magazines. Archie will be controlling the direction of such various and sundry items as PLANET OF THE APES, DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU, VAMPIRE TALES, and others. He may even turn out a comics script or two, if he can find a few spare minutes between his editorial chores and his scripting duties on the syndicated SECRET AGENT CORRIGAN newspaper strip. Don't worry about the whereabouts of Dauntless Don, by the way. Mr. McGregor is still very much with us, turning out scripts for the Black Panther in JUNGLE ACTION, Killraven in AMAZING ADVENTURES, and his newest acquisition, LUKE CAGE, POWER MAN, a mag begun, just a few years back, by Artful Archie himself! (There's a note of irony in there somewhere, but don't ask us what it is!) In the meanwhile, welcome back, Arch—it's good to have you aboard!

ITEM! Pardon us for blushing, but the nominations for the 1974 SHA-

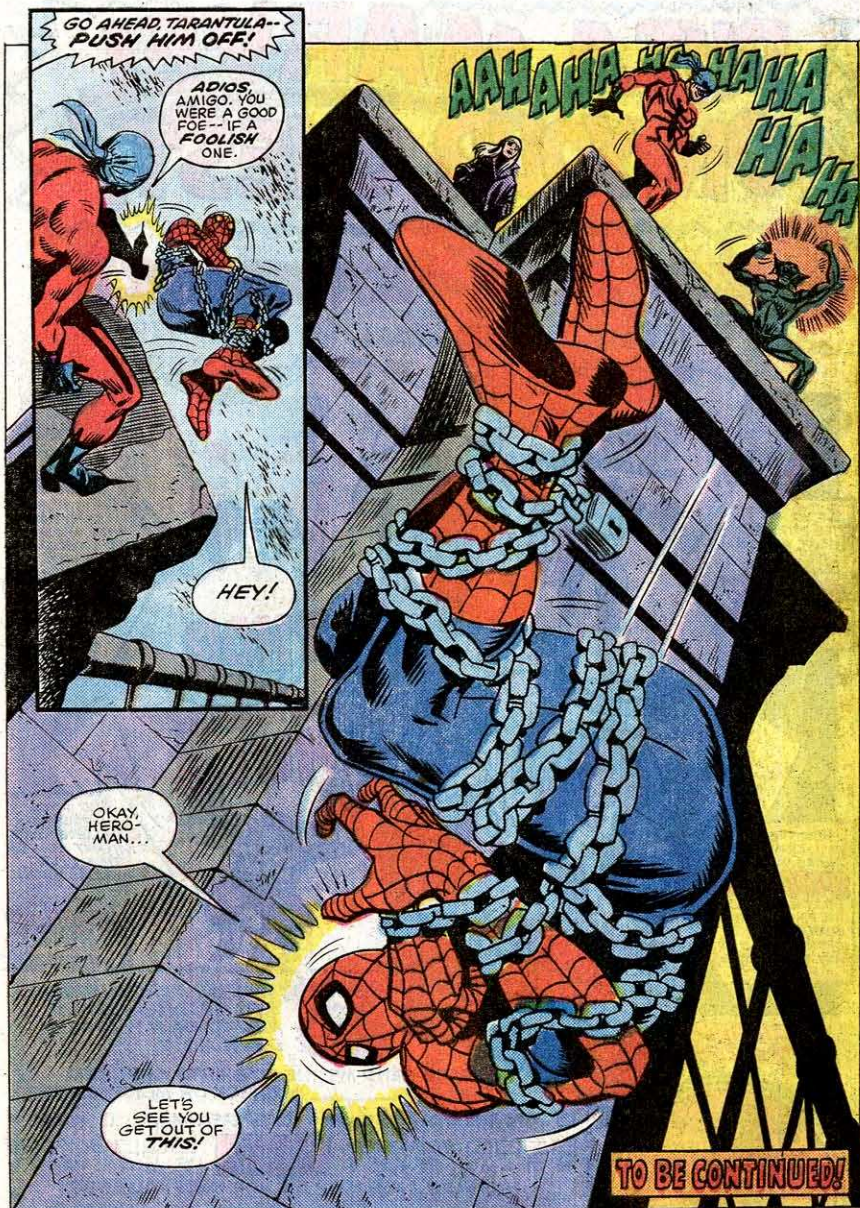
ZAM AWARDS have just been announced by the ACADEMY OF COMIC BOOK ARTS, and mighty Marvel walked away with so many of the various categories that it's almost embarrassing. Just take a gander for yourself—and you'll see what we mean! Best Penciller, Humor Division: DAN DeCARLO, FRANK ROBERGE, MARIE SEVERIN, and GEORGE WILDMAN. Best Inker, Humor Division: RUDY LAPICK, RALPH REESE FRANK ROBERGE, MARIE SEVERIN, and GEORGE WILDMAN. Best Writer, Humor Division: NICK CUTI, STEVE GERBER, JOE GILL, and STEVE SKATES. Best Penciller, Dramatic Division: JOHN BUSCEMA GENE COLAN, and BERNI WRIGHTSON. Best Inker, Dramatic Division: FRANK GIACOIA, DICK GIORDANO, TOM PALMER, and JOE SINNOTT. Best Writer, Dramatic Division: STEVE GERBER, ARCHIE GOODWIN, and ROY THOMAS. (Seems the Bullpen virtually swept the dramatic categories, don't it?) Best Letterer: JOHN COSTANZA, ANNETTE KAWECKI, GASPARD SALADINO, and ARTIE SIMEK. Best Colorist: MARIE SEVERIN, GYLYNIS WEIN, and TATIANA WOOD. Superior Achievement by an Individual: BARRY SMITH, ROY THOMAS, and JIM STARLIN. Best Continuing Feature: CONAN THE BARBARIAN, TOMB OF DRACULA, and MAN-THING. Best Individual Story, "Gottterdammerung," "Night of the Stalker," and "Red Nails." Best Individual Short Story: "Burma Sky," "Cathedral Perilous," and "Jenifer." Best Humor Story: "The Boob Rube Story," "The ECCHORIST," "Kaspar the Dead Baby," and "Police Gory Story." (Sounds like the contents page from an issue of CRAZY magazine!) Outstanding New Talent: PAUL GULACY, AL MILGROM, ANNETTE KAWECKI and CRAIG RUSSELL. Hall of fame: JACK KIRBY, ALEX TOT, and WALLY WOOD. We'll give you a complete rundown of the wistful winners in just a few months, so keep watchin', hear?

ITEM! A tip of the slightly-battered Marvel bowler to the members of the prestigious PITTSBURGH COMIX CLUB for the rousing reception they gave Powerhouse PAUL GULACY and Guest of Honor, Lively LEN WEIN, at the first annual PITTCON, held the home of the Super Bowl Steelers just a few weeks past. The interest, enthusiasm, and gracious hospitality shown Len and Paul by Blushing BEN PONDEXTER and the rest of the gang will not soon be forgotten. Muchas Gracias, Pittsburgh—and keep those homefires burning!

ITEM! We've got just about enough room left to tell you we've got no more room left for this go-round! See ya in thirty!







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