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WEBHEAD, YOU'VE  
TANGLED WITH ME  
ONCE TOO OFTEN!  
THIS TIME, YOU'RE  
GONNA BE--

--SHATTERED BY THE  
**SHOCKER!**

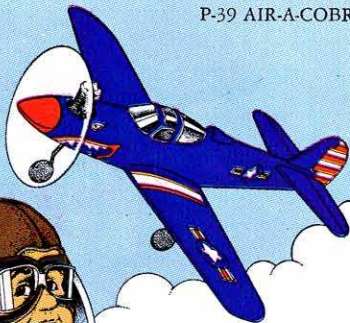
HE'S RIGHT!  
ONCE I HIT THOSE  
WHIRLING DYNAMO  
BLADES, IT'LL BE--  
**GOOD-BYE, SPIDEY!**



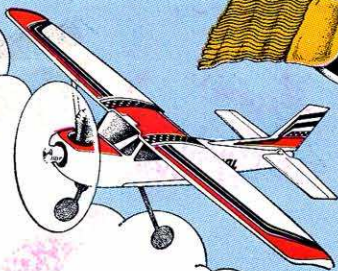
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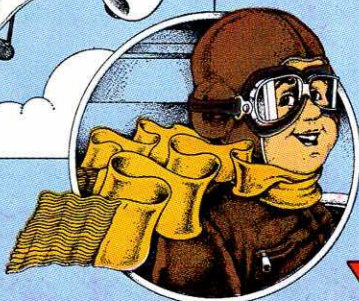
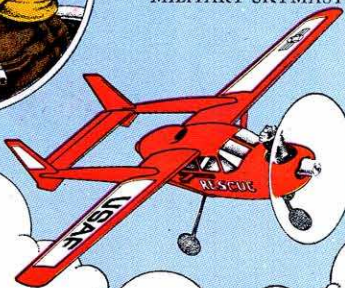
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SCUSE ME, FELLAS-- BUT I'VE GOT SOME HEAVY **DIGGING** TO DO BEFORE...

NOT A CHANCE! THIS **RUBBLE** IS PILED FROM HERE UP TO THE **STREET!**



BETTER MAKE FOR THE NEXT **MANHOLE SHAFT**-- RIGHT NOW!



THIS SEWER IS **FILLING UP** FASTER THAN A **BINGO PARLOR** ON A FRIDAY NIGHT!

IF I DON'T REACH **HIGH GROUND** BEFORE THE LIQUID **GRUD** IN HERE REACHES THE **CEILING**--



-- THEY'RE GONNA FIND ONE **WATER-LOGGED WEB-SLINGER** FLOATING **BELLY UP** IN THE BAY!



AND IF **THAT** DOESN'T RUIN MY ALREADY LESS-THAN-STERLING **IMAGE**, I DON'T KNOW **WHAT... HEY!**

THERE IT IS!



OKAY, PARKER-- START **CLIMBING** AS FAST AS THOSE LITTLE BLUE-CLAD **LEGS** OF YOURS WILL...

HUH? THAT **SOUND**--!

**HOLY HANNAH!** HERE COMES THE **DELUGE!**





GOT TO KEEP  
A GRIP ON THE  
LADDER OR--

UUNNHH!!



NO GOOD!  
COULDN'T  
HANG ON--!

I'VE HAD  
IT! I'VE...



C'MON, PARKER--  
KEEP YOUR COOL!

THINK THIS  
THING THRU!



THIS SEWER HAS TO  
EMPTY SOMEWHERE--  
PROBABLY THE RIVER--

--SO ALL I  
HAVE TO DO IS  
LET THE CURRENT  
CARRY ME TO  
SAFETY--



--ASSUMING I  
CAN HOLD MY BREATH  
THAT LONG!

BUT I HAVE  
TO HOLD IT-- I  
HAVE TO--!



IF NOT FOR MYSELF  
--THEN FOR AUNT  
MAY-- FOR MARY  
JANE--

--FOR ALL  
THE PEOPLE  
WHO DEPEND  
ON ME--!



NO! BLACKING OUT  
--BUT I'VE  
GOTTA HOLD  
ON--

--JUST A  
LITTLE BIT  
LONGER--

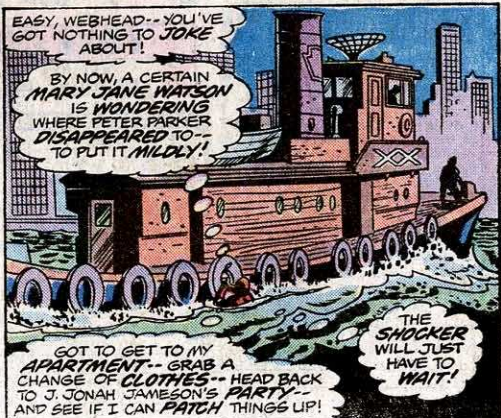
--JUST A  
LITTLE--



MADE IT!!

GOTTA CATCH MY  
BREATH-- CLEAR  
MY HEAD-- THEN  
I'VE GOT THINGS  
TO DO--

--LIKE  
GETTING MY  
UNIFORM  
FUMIGATED!



EASY, WEBHEAD-- YOU'VE  
GOT NOTHING TO JOKE  
ABOUT!

BY NOW, A CERTAIN  
MARY JANE WATSON  
IS WONDERING  
WHERE PETER PARKER  
DISAPPEARED TO--  
TO PUT IT, MILDLY!

GOT TO GET TO MY  
APARTMENT-- GRAB A  
CHANGE OF CLOTHES-- HEAD BACK  
TO J. JONAH JAMESON'S PARTY--  
AND SEE IF I CAN PATCH THINGS UP!

THE  
SHOCKER  
WILL JUST  
HAVE TO  
WAIT!



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--FROM THE BRACKISH WATERS OF THE EAST RIVER, TO THE PLUSH PENTHOUSE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED J. JONAH JAMESON.

NIGHT ALL, GLAD YOU COULD COME.



SEE YOU ALL AT THE OFFICE TOMORROW-- AT NINE SHARP!

LORD, AM I GLAD THAT DISASTER IS OVER.



NEVER AGAIN WILL I... EH?

THANK HEAVEN IT'S NOT BROKEN! IT COULD NEVER BE...



HUH... ER... WHA...?



WHO IN BLAZES IS... PARKER!?

WHERE THE DEVIL WERE YOU?

OUT TRYING TO GET PICTURES OF THE BLACK-OUT JONAH-- LIKE A GOOD LITTLE PHOTOGRAPHER SHOULD!

MY LADY STILL AROUND?



MS. WATSON LEFT, PARKER--

SH-SHE DID?



YES--AND SHE WASN'T EXACTLY FOND OF YOUR SUDDEN VANISHING ACT!

SAY, WEREN'T YOU WEARING DIFFERENT CLOTHING A WHILE AGO?

HUH? OH-- YEAH--WELL-- MY OTHER OUTFIT GOT A TRIFLE SOGGY.



PROBABLY A LEAK FROM THAT HOLE IN YOUR HEAD! NOW GET OUT OF HERE, PARKER!

I'D LIKE TO GET SOME SLEEP!

G' NITE, MR. JAMESON. PLEASANT DREAMS.



GOOD-BYE, PARKER-- AND DON'T SLAM THE BLASTED--

SLAM!

--DOOR,



MY DECANter!

CRASH!



J. JONAH JAMESON'S NEXT FEW REMARKS ARE, TO SAY THE LEAST, **UNPRINTABLE**-- SO WHAT SAY WE SWITCH SCENES AGAIN--

--AND TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THAT AREA OF MANHATTAN AFFECTIONATELY CALLED THE **BOWERY!**

SPECIFICALLY, TO A TORN AND TATTERED **FIGURE** RUMMAGING BUSILY THRU THE TRASH THAT LINES AN ILL-SMELLING ALLEY-WAY!

WHO'D EVER HAVE THOUGHT A MAN SUCH AS I WOULD ONE DAY BE REDUCED TO **THIS?**

DIGGING THRU **GARBAGE** TO FIND **SUSTE-NANCE!**

BUT WHAT **OTHER CHOICE** HAVE I?

MY POCKETS ARE **EMPTY**--

--AND I DARE NOT RISK **STEALING** WHAT I NEED, LEAST HE FIND ME AGAIN--

--AND **THAT** I COULD NOT **BEAR!**

ONLY IN THE **BOTTLE** CAN I ESCAPE HIM NOW-- ONLY IN THE **BLESSED BOTTLE!**

STILL NO **SIGN** OF HIM! WHO KNOWS-- THIS MAY BE A **GOOD** NIGHT AFTER...

**NO-- NOT AGAIN!** HE CAN'T HAVE FOUND ME AGAIN!

LEAVE ME **ALONE**, CURSE YOU!

I'M NOT **RESPONSIBLE** FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU-- I'M **NOT!**

LEAVE ME **ALONE**, DO YOU HEAR ME?

**LEAVE ME ALONE!!**

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PARKER-- YOU'RE IN THE  
**DOGHOUSE!**

YOU'VE BEEN  
TRYING TO TRACK  
DOWN THE ELLSIVE  
MS. WATSON  
ALL MORNING--  
AND YOU'VE  
COME UP ZERO!

THAT LITTLE  
LADY IS  
AVOIDING  
YOU LIKE THE  
PLAGUE!

WHAT'LL  
IT BE,  
PAL?

HUH? OH--ER--THE  
MEAT LOAF, I GUESS.

WHAT SORT  
OF VEGETABLES  
D'YA HAVE  
TODAY?

NOT MUCH  
LEFT, CHIM.  
STEAMED  
TOMATOES  
AND SUCCO-  
TASH IS  
ABOUT IT!

YIICK! I'LL WRITE  
MY CONGRESS-  
MAN ABOUT  
THIS!

WOULDN'T HELP  
BUDDY, HE WON'T  
EAT THAT JUNK  
EITHER!

HEY, GET A  
MOVE ON,  
WILL YA? SOME  
OF US DON'T  
HAVE ALL  
DAY!

SORRY, FRIEND--  
BUT MOMENTOUS  
DECISIONS  
SUCH AS THIS  
CAN'T BE MADE  
LIGHTLY... HEY!

**MARY  
JANE!!**

HEY, FELLA--YOUR LUNCH!  
WHAT'RE YA GONNA HAVE?

LUNCH? CAN'T  
YOU SEE MY  
LIFE IS FALLING  
APART IN FRONT  
OF ME?

GIVE ME  
ANY  
THING!

WAIT UP, M.J.--  
I WANNA TALK  
TO YOU!

SHE'S GIVING YOU  
THE COLD SHOULDER,  
PARKER--AND YOU  
DESERVE IT!

LEAVING HER HANGING  
AT NED AND BETTY'S  
ENGAGEMENT PARTY WHILE  
YOU SWING OFF TO PLAY  
HERO WASN'T EXACTLY  
THE BRIGHTEST  
STUNT YOU'VE EVER...  
HUM?

COME ON, MARY  
JANE-- YOU'RE  
NOT BEING  
FAIR!

AT LEAST  
GIVE ME A  
CHANCE TO  
EXPLAIN!

I DO NOT  
HEAR A WORD  
YOU'RE  
SAYING,  
PETER  
PARKER!

NOT A  
SOLITARY  
WORD!

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CRIPES SAKE,  
FELLA-- WILL  
YA TAKE  
YER BLASTED  
PLATE?









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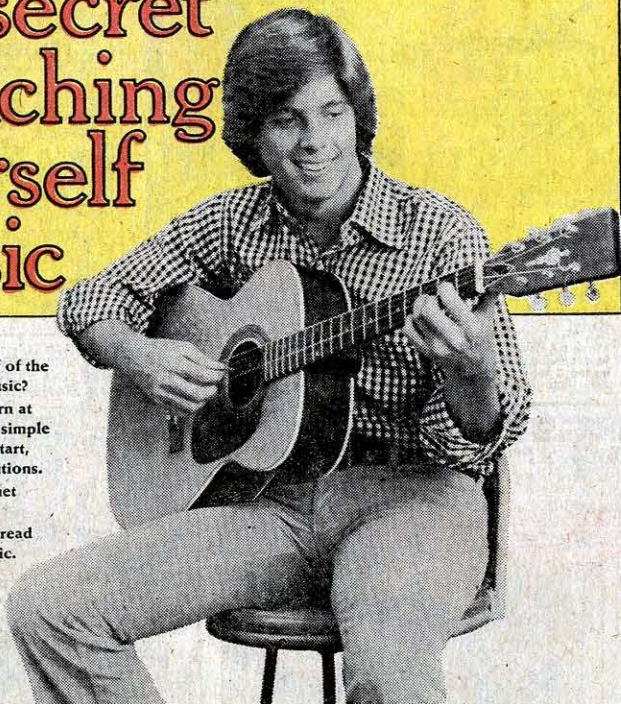
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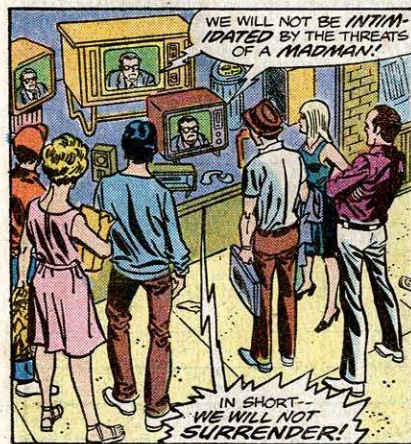
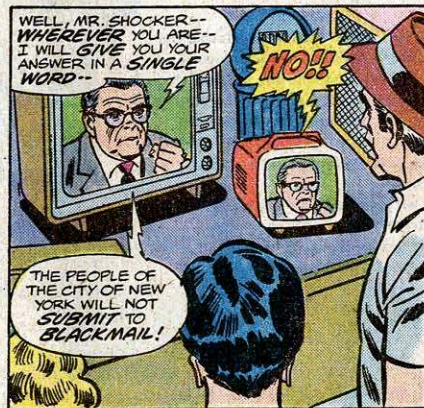
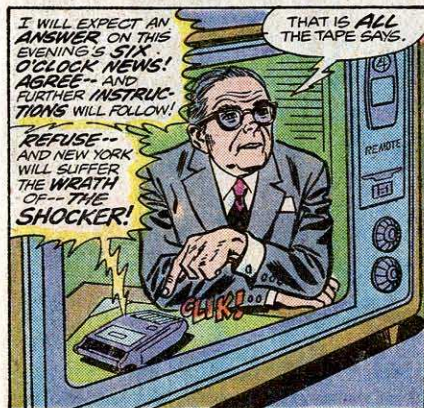
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## THE SPIDERS WEB

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Dear Bullpen Gang,

Congratulations. SPIDER-MAN #149 was absolutely MARVELous. The art, the story, and the plot were fantastic. I was very surprised to learn that the Jackal was Professor Warren. How you guys keep coming up with these great plots I just don't know. But, I think you made one little mistake. On the cover page the Jackal is lighting the fuse to the bomb. Inside the story the bomb was set to go off by itself.

D. W. Miller  
Rt. 1 Box 15  
Greenville, VA 24440

Well, D.W. (no relation to our MARVELous movie buff in POWER-MAN, are you?), we're glad you liked the story in SPIDER-MAN #149, only—the slight difference between the cover and the interior story did not constitute mistakes. It was all done very intentionally.

Y'see, the purpose of the cover is to attract the reader who wouldn't search the stands for days for the thing *anyway*, so we take a bit of artistic and literary license to emphasize the most dramatic point in the story.

So there's no mistake. Just an attempt to convert *other* readers who may not have known that SPIDER-MAN is (as you put it) "absolutely MARVELous."

Comprende?

Dear Marvel,

I did not complain (much) when you brought Gwen back; I was only worried that she might interfere in Pete-M.J.'s relationship. Happily, you have resolved the whole episode well.

One thing I was bothered about in SPIDER-MAN #149, though, was Spidey's inability to figure out if he was a clone or not. It's very simple to determine, really; the most obvious non-clone characteristic of all is:

Scare. A clone, raised in an ultra-protected environment, would have none. Neither would it have laugh lines or wrinkles.

Surely, with all the troubles Spidey has seen, he has a tiny crease or two on his brow, tonsils and/or appendix missing, burns, scratches - and some fresh, painful gashes scattered about his body, courtesy of the Jackal's last skirmishes with Our Hero.

If the surviving Spider-Man could *not* feel these results of an active life, chances are that he is a clone.

Carol A. Strickland  
5316 Blue Water Place  
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We didn't mention in ish #150 exactly *how* Curt Connors was supposed to deduce from his series of tests whether or not the surviving Spidey was a clone, but we're sure the item you mentioned was among them. And as you could tell yourself if you read the story (which we suspect you did) Spidey's *own* test was about as conclusive as any!

And as you've been seeing these past few issues, Carol, Pete and M.J.'s relationship has been continuing... and all we can suggest is that you keep your eyes glued to upcoming events in Mr. Parker's private life—they'll knock you outta your tree!

Dear Stan:

So the Gwen Stacy Saga finally comes to its climax—one which fully matches Jim Starlin's tales of the Kree-Skrull War.

In a word: INCREDIBLE! I wouldn't say it was the best thing Marvel has ever done—the competition is too close among the various Marvel mags to be able to do that—but it was up there among the best.

Concerning Peter Parker: Increasingly, I am having doubts about it. Hasn't Marvel gone beyond the point where the old "secret identity" gimmick is necessary, a hold-over from the Superman thing? And I realize that the series would be irrevocably changed, probably for the worse, if the Peter/Spider-Man duality was to disappear. But—you're going to have to face it some day. Sooner or later, somebody will spot Peter changing his clothes in an alley. What if that somebody is old J. J. J.? The whole thing will be blown wide-open as soon as Jameson can stop his presses and set up an extra. What if you choose to build on the Peter-Mary Jane relationship? Sooner or later, she'll *have* to discover the truth—intuitively, if no other way. If you let their relationship develop normally, at some point the emotional tension in Peter will get to the point that either Mary Jane will notice it, or Peter will be unable to stand the stress of keeping it from her, and tell her. Either way, it's out. (Difficult, when your super-heroes have to also be human beings, isn't it? Keep it up, I wouldn't have it any other way!) Then again somebody may draw the obvious conclusion from the fact that Spidey's appearances and Peter's disappearances seem to occur simultaneously.

Steve Gorton  
2132 Glencoe Hills #7  
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Until times change, Steve, and J.J.J. and all of the untrusting readership of the Daily Bugle change their minds about Spidey's role as villain, the old Secret ID will have to stay.

But when the world is ready to accept your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man with open arms... well, who knows?

Dear Stan and Bullpen,

Boy, do you guys owe me one heck of a no-prize! SPIDER-MAN #149 was indeed the best comic I have ever read except for one thing—you had the fight in Shea Stadium. Now think, you guys...remember DAREDEVIL #123? Shea got destroyed. And don't tell me Reed Richards had some spare time and...

Matthew Anton  
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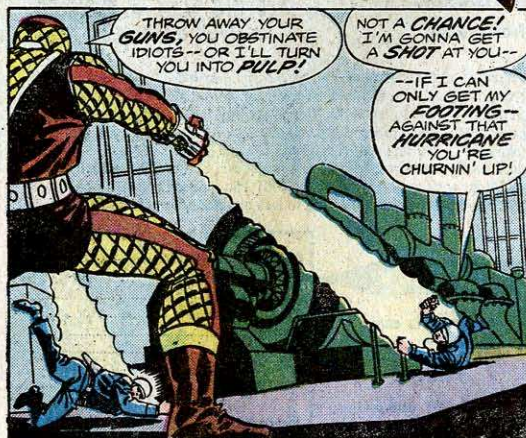
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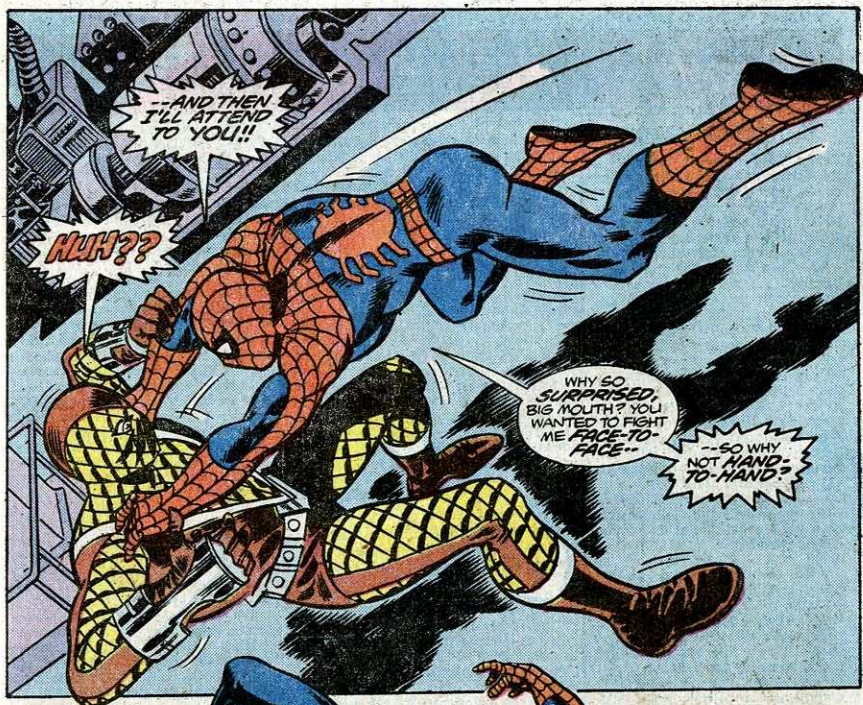
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ME FACE-TO-  
FACE--

--SO WHY  
NOT HAND-  
TO-HAND?



THEN HAVE  
IT *YOUR* WAY,  
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I DON'T NEED  
MY VIBRO-POWERS  
TO DEAL WITH  
TRASH LIKE YOU!

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MENTIONING  
THAT HIS  
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Okay, next item of incredible interest. Not only will the entire civilized world have a full-length, live-action motion picture featuring Spider-Man to cheer about next year, but it looks as though there'll also be another dynamite movie starring ol' green-skin—none other than the Incredible Hulk! Like the man said—movies are better than ever! More details later, as soon as the whole blamed Bullpen stops applying for starring roles! (Honest living Forbush told me I oughtta star in the Hulk film. I modestly told him I didn't think I resembled Bruce Banner enough. He said he wasn't talking about Banner—he meant I should play the Hulk! You won't be seeing much of ol' Ir around here from now on.)

And we keep rollin' along. If any of you are near Baltimore, October 13th, I'm supposed to be dispensing the Marvel brand of culture and erudition at a symposium at Johns Hopkins University on that date. So don't say I didn't warn you soon enough for you to make sure you're miles away at that time! Personal note: (To my buddy, Pete Personal) I wanna thank the various college booking agents for all the lecture invitations, but have a heart, fellas—I can't be away from the Bullpen all the time. It's against my religion to be outta town on payday! Anyway, I'm hitting as many campuses as I can. Just make sure they don't hit me back!

Well, that wraps it up for now. I've gotta rush out and see if my local book store is carrying **SON OF ORIGINS**. If so, I wanna tell 'em to put it down 'cause it's kinda heavy! —Okay, I apologize for that one—but it's been a tough day. Anyhow, till we meet again, remember—"aliquando bonus dormitat Homerus!" (Let's see what Brand X can make out of that!)

Excelsior!

*Stan*

**ITEM!** The big news that's tingling the talented taste-buds of every Marvel writer and artist in the batty Bullpen is the sensational switch-over of **MARVEL PREMIERE** and **MARVEL SPOTLIGHT** from mags featuring a regular roster of riotous heroes (namely the ever-powerful **IRON FIST** and the super-sinister **SON OF SATAN**—both of whom have been awarded their own spankin'-new mags, by the way) to a pair of pulsat' publications premiering totally new heroes and heroines and spotlighting some of Marvel's greatest do-gooders in their own solo adventures. On tap for **PREMIERE** are the explosive debuts of **THE LIBERTY LEGION**, **WOOD-GOD**, and **MOON-KNIGHT** among others, while set for **SPOTLIGHT** are single-stories featuring the valiant **VISION**, the high-flying **NIGHT-HAWK**, and the sword-wielding saga of **SINBAD**'s seventh voyage. Like we said, we're all itchin' to put to paper some of our favorites, and if all this doesn't prove that **Mighty Marvel** is on the move again... well, try the next few tidbits...

**ITEM!** While we're waitin' to unleash the long-awaited series starring both **THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY** and **TIGRA**, **THE WERE-WOMAN**, why not take a peek at a couple of fabulous fill-ins called **BLOODSTONE** and **MODRED THE MYSTIC**. We've got a hunch these two thrillers will soon be as sought after as the space-soaring **SILVER SURFER**. And, who knows, if enough of you Wild Ones demand it, you just may have two more munificent mags to add to your captivatin' collections. Remember, there will be only two issues each of both these try-outs appearing respectively in **MARVEL PRESENTS** and **MARVEL CHILLERS**, so if you want in on a couple of sure-fire collector's items, hurry down to your newsstands right now, 'cause with issue three of both titles, the **GUARDIANS** and **TIGRA** will be takin' over.

**ITEM!** And while we're mentioning a few far-out new features, we've just got to say something nice about **RED SONJA**, appearing every other month in **MARVEL FEATURE**, 'cause if we don't, our sensational She-Devil With A Sword may just come lookin' for us.

**ITEM!** And, while we're speaking of bi-monthly books, we've temporarily cut the **INVADERS** down to a six-times-a-year schedule to give the **Rascally One** a

breather in between his award-winning **CONAN** mags, the fabulous **FANTASTIC FOUR**, the Marvel-ous **Land of OZ** series, and **MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE**, which our Editor Emeritus is planning to write at long last. Keep it up, Roy—at your current pace, you'll soon be writing as much as speed-demon **DOUG MOENCH**, perhaps the fastest scripper this side of ol' Smiley himself.

**ITEM!** As these wondrous words are being written, virtually every member of the Marvel Bullpen has come to New York for the annual July Comicon, and taking advantage of 'his once-a-year miracle, our cavortin' creators have huddled together to concoct a new zillion new surprises for ya in the next months. Stainless **STEVE ENGLEHART** and Marvelous **MARV WOLFGANG** worked out the final stages of their soon-to-be-classic **DRACULA/DOCTOR STRANGE** team-up, while Rascally **ROY THOMAS** and Lively **LEN WEIN** put the finishing touches on a bit of **THING/HULK/FANTASTIC FOUR** continuity. At the same time, the terrific team of Devil-Mag-Care **DOUG MOENCH** and Dutiful **DON PERLIN** discussed their newest plans for everyone's favorite shaggy-star himself, **WEREWOLF BY NIGHT**. Yeah, you heard it here first! Contrary to all rumors, Jack Russell's favorite alter-ego has not gone the way of all out-of-work monsters. Instead, his book will continue coming at ya as always, only now on a bi-monthly basis. The two D's have a few special ideas that they've worked out together, and they just can't wait to hear your reactions. So, if you're a regular reader of **WEREWOLF**, or you're just someone looking for something a wee bit different, be sure to pick up our favorite lycanthrope on your way back from work or school. We've got a hunch that he won't let ya down.

**ITEM!** And speaking of bombshells, we're just bustin' to tell ya—The **Mighty Marvel Checklist Lives Again!** Beginning in just a month or three, we'll be flingin' atcha a whole new page of facts, columns and full-color covers, including all the info you'd ever want to know about what **Mighty Marvel's** up to that month. And what's more—we'll be changin' the checklist every two weeks, so each and every one of your favorites will surely be mentioned! Keep on the look-out, Frantic One, you know how sneaky we can be!

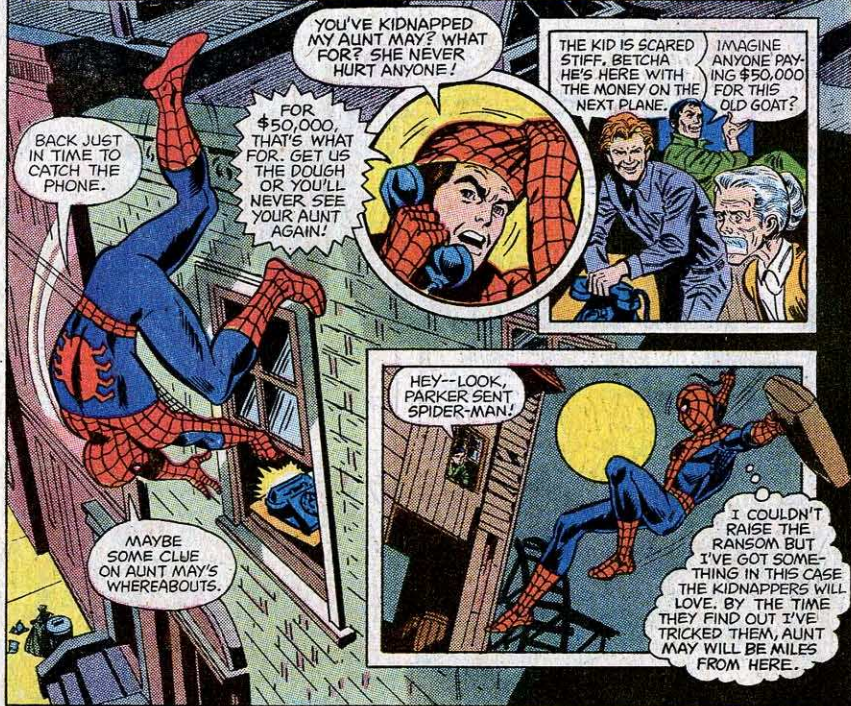
**ITEM!** Remember how last month we swore we'd let ya know as soon as the **FANTASTIC FOUR** radio show was playin' in your neighborhood? Well, we still can't detail the exact times or dates it'll be hitting your home town, but here's a partial list of the sensational stations carrying our broadcasts in the coming months. Check your local papers for the exact listings of our **Mighty Marvel Megawatt Madness!**

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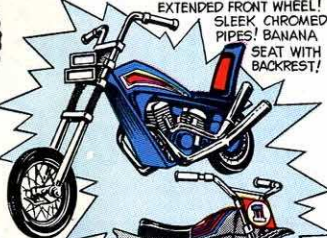
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HIS CYCLE FOR A  
RECORD BREAKING  
JUMP.

