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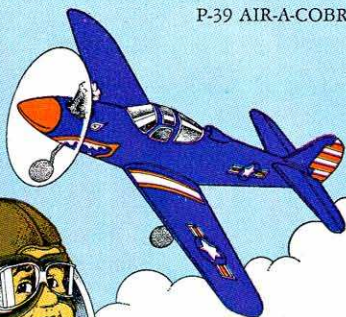
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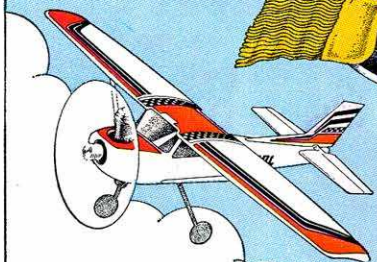
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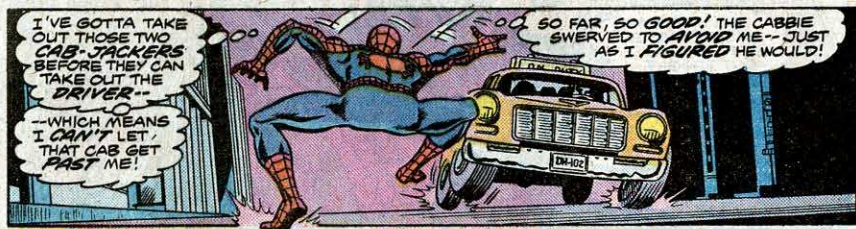
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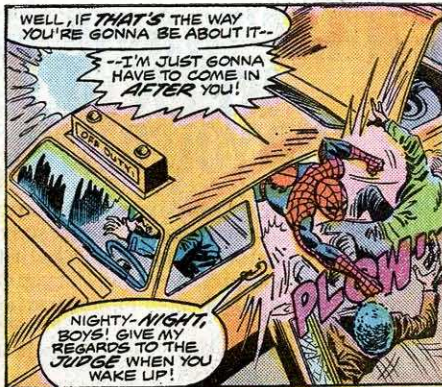
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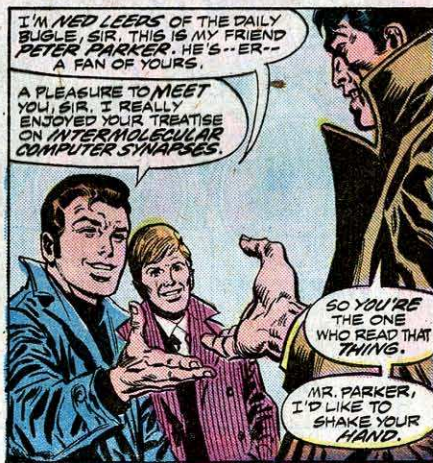
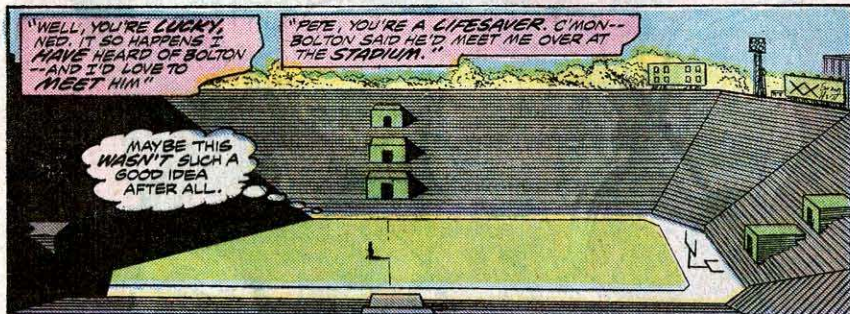
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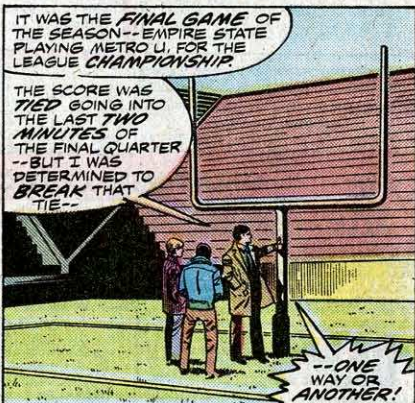
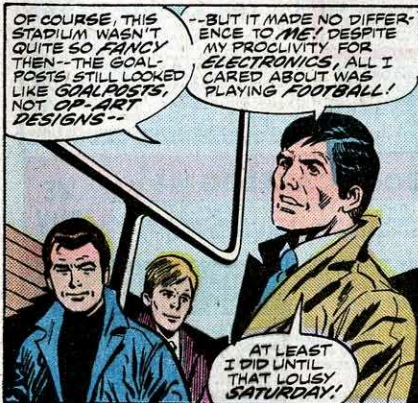
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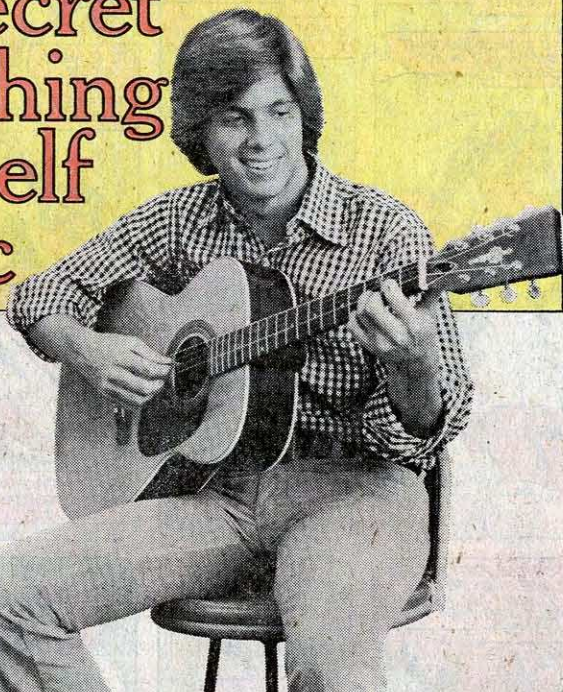
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WE FUMBLERED ON THE NEXT PLAY AND METRO TOOK POSSESSION--CARRIED THE BALL ALL THE WAY BACK FOR A TOUCHDOWN.

TO THIS DAY, I DON'T THINK WE REALLY TRIED THAT HARD TO STOP THEM!

WHEN I FAILED TO SCORE, I SHATTERED THE SPIRIT OF THE ENTIRE TEAM!



THAT'S WHEN I GAVE UP FOOT-BALL, FELLAS.

NOT THAT COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY DOESN'T HAVE ITS GOOD POINTS, OF COURSE.

I MET MY WIFE WHILE WORKING FOR STARK INTERNATIONAL.



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IN THEIR EYES, I'M STILL ALL--COLLEGIATE CHAMP!



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'SCUSE ME, MISTER--YOUR NAME BOLTON? FELLA OVER AT THE CLUBHOUSE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS MESSAGE.

MESSAGE? FOR ME?



DR. BOLTON, YOU LOOK STUNNED! IS ANYTHING WRONG?

HUH? OH--ER--NO PARKER.

IT JUST--AH--SEEMS I'VE FORGOTTEN ANOTHER--ER--APPOINTMENT!



LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH THIS INTERVIEW SOME OTHER TIME, LEEDS.

SURE, DOC. SEE YOU THERE.

PERHAPS AT THE HOME-COMING DANCE THIS EVENING?

YEAH... SEE YOU.

FUNNY--HE SEEMS LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MAN SINCE READING THAT NOTE. WONDER WHAT IT SAID?



FOR THE ANSWER TO THAT, PETER--WE'LL HAVE TO CUT TO THE PARK A SHORT WHILE LATER...

GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. BOLTON. YOU MAY CALL ME--PAINÉ!

SO--YOU'RE THE ANIMAL WHO SENT ME THAT NOTE!

TSK-TSK, DOCTOR--SUCH LANGUAGE. COME SIT DOWN--HELP ME FEED MY FEATHERED FRIENDS--AND WE'LL TALK.

I DON'T WANT YOUR COMPANY, PAINÉ--I JUST WANT MY DAUGHTER MINDY!

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--WE'LL RETURN YOUR DARLING DAUGHTER--

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KIDNAPPING IS STILL A CAPITAL OFFENSE IN THIS COUNTRY, PAINÉ! WHAT'S TO STOP ME FROM GOING TO THE POLICE?

YOUR COMMON SENSE, NATURALLY.

UNTIL YOU DELIVER THAT MECHANISM, YOUR PRECIOUS DAUGHTER'S LIFE IS IN OUR HANDS--

--AND I'M CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS!

GET MY POINT?



NOT ALL THAT MANY PEOPLE ATTEND HOMECOMING ANYMORE, SOME EMPIRE STATE GRADS HAVE PRIOR COMMITMENTS EVERY YEAR; SOME ALWAYS FORGET; AND OTHERS JUST DON'T THINK IT'S WORTH THE EFFORT.

SO THE HOMECOMING DANCE THAT'S HELD EACH YEAR REALLY TURNS OUT TO BE MOSTLY FOR E.S.U.'S CURRENT STUDENT BODY--

--AND FRANKLY, THEY DON'T MIND AT ALL.

HEY, TIGER-- YOU'RE LATE.

SORRY, M.J. ER-- MIND IF I CUT IN?

NOT A BIT, PETEY. C'MON-- LET START THIS JOINT SHAKIN'!

LATER, LADY, I'VE GOT TO TALK TO NED FIRST.

I MUST NOT BE HEARING RIGHT, TIGER. I COULD SWEAR YOU SAID...

I WANT TO TALK TO NED. UH-HUH!

WELL!

I HOPE THE TWO OF YOU WILL BE VERY HAPPY TOGETHER!

OUCH. BACK IN THE DOGHOUSE AGAIN! I HOPE MY HUNCH IS WORTH IT.

NED, HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO DR. BOLTON YET?

TRIED TO, PETE-- BUT HE SEEMED COMPLETELY PREOCCUPIED-- REALLY NERVOUS ABOUT SOMETHING--

--AND HIS WIFE LOOKS DOWNRIGHT WORRIED!

SO I NOTICED. THERE'S SOMETHING DEFINITELY BOTHERING HIM, NED-- AND I WISH I KNEW WHAT.

BOLTON'S A NICE GUY. IF I COULD, I'D LIKE TO HELP HIM.

HERE, HONEY-- DRINK THIS. YOU'LL FEEL BETTER. NOW, PLEASE-- STOP DESTROYING YOURSELF.

WELL, WHATEVER THEIR PROBLEM IS, PETE-- IT'S THEIR BUSINESS. WE CAN'T HELP UNLESS HE ASKS US TO.

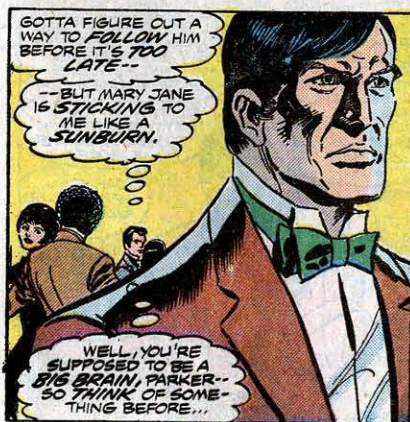
I'LL BRING MINDY BACK SAFELY. I SWEAR I WILL!

RIGHT NOW, YOU'D BETTER GET BACK TO MARY JANE-- OR ELSE!

YEAH. I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT STILL...

OH NEVER MIND.









## THE SPIDERS WEB

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As is to be expected, SPIDER-MAN #149—containing the riotous wrap-up of our multi-part Jackal saga—garnered an unusually large amount of fan mail. However, little did we realize that amongst the raves and the cheers, the criticisms and the jeers, there would also be an almost unprecedented multitude of missives pleading for our Nefarious No-Prizes, an unstemmed flood of letters requesting recognition for spotting flaws...or, at the very least, minor discrepancies in Merry Gerry's stupendous storyline. So many, in fact, that the armadillo that usually answers these letters has passed to me, Roguish Roger Slifer, boy assistant editor and mighty Marvel masochist, the "pleasure" of explaining away the alleged flaws in the Jackal series. As a result I hereby present the following...

### OF JACKALS AND JUXTAPOSITION

Probably the best way to go about explaining the discrepancies and filling in the gaps left at the end of issue #149 is to present an orderly chain of events—from the Jackal's inception leading up to his eventual demise, starting with the death of Gwen Stacy.

SPIDER-MAN #121: This is the now-classic issue in which Gwen Stacy met her death at the hands of the Green Goblin. It was this event which set Professor Warren on the path to madness. Struck with sorrow, the Professor remembered the cell samples that were the spawning ground from which the clones of Gwen Stacy and Peter Parker were made. We already know why he made the clone of Gwen Stacy, but why did Professor Warren choose, out of all the students from which he took cell samples, the student known as Peter Parker? Well, it was obvious from the Jackal's comments in SPIDER-MAN #140 he was aware of a link between Pete and Spider-Man, a link he deduced because of the sheer volume of photos taken by Peter Parker of Spider-Man for the Daily Bugle. Therefore, it seems likely that he would see the necessity for a clone of Peter Parker, a clone he could hypnotize to discover what that link was, even though in the beginning Professor Warren had no idea that Peter is Spider-Man.

However, growing a clone takes time, and the Jackal got impatient waiting and resolved to instigate a direct assault, using the Punisher (in ish #129) as his instrument for revenge. For a short time he thought he succeeded and, rather than admit to himself that he was Professor Warren, he decided to embark upon a life of crime and started establishing underworld contacts. When he learned of his error concerning Spider-Man's demise, he determined to use those contacts to learn the whereabouts of Hammerhead. Through his conniving, the Jackal succeeded in pitting Hammerhead against Doc Ock, cleverly manipulating Spider-Man into the midst of the two foes and reasoning that there was no way that Spider-Man could survive caught between two such formidable enemies. This plan, too, met with defeat.

SPIDER-MAN #136: The failures of the Jackal's first two schemes convinced him that he should once again try to track Spider-Man down through Peter Parker and, since the clone was not yet fully developed, he decided to keep surveillance on Pete's apartment with a tele-photo lens from a near-by apartment complex. Through some incredible stroke of luck, the Jackal never saw Spider-Man actually enter Pete's apartment.

What he *did* see, though, was Pete throwing a web-encased bundle onto the roof of a near-by apartment building. This was Pete's spare Spider-Man costume which he tossed away in order to prevent its discovery by the police after his apartment was bombed by Harry Osborn. It was *this* uniform, complete with web-shooters, with which the Professor later costumed his clone.

Finding the costume gave the Professor strong suspicions that Peter Parker and Spider-Man were one and the same. However, since he had no proof, the Professor utilized the Grizzly (issue #140) to lure Pete within his grasp. He attached the "vibro-harness" to Pete's arm (luckily Pete had apparently ditched his regular costume before entering the Grizzly's home, since our astute web-spinner knew full well that he might be walking into a trap, thus saving himself from exposure when the Jackal rolled up his sleeve to attach the device).

The Jackal had indeed planned well this time. As he told Peter, he was expecting the device to lead him to Spider-Man—but his methods were so subtle and devious that even Spidey didn't catch on! The Jackal knew that, in order to remove such a carefully constructed device (a device the Jackal originally told him would *explode* with tampering; ever wonder about that, pilgrims?), Pete would have to utilize the equipment in the bio-chemistry lab at college. The Jackal merely employed the key he possessed as Professor Warren for his own class—room, and waited patiently in the shadows for Pete to arrive. His diligence was rewarded when Pete removed the vibro-harness, switched to Spider-Man before his very eyes, and exited to throw the harness into the Hudson River.

At this point, after receiving his proof that Peter Parker and Spider-Man were one and the same person, the Jackal started his campaign to drive Spidey up the wall, using the Gwen clone (ish's 142-145), all of which led up to their final confrontation in issue #149.

But there are still a couple of questions left unanswered. Such as: How could the Jackal leave Ned Leeds in the basement with Spider-Man after he made his exit, when Ned is shown at Shea Stadium as still being the Jackal's prisoner, and why doesn't Ned know who Spider-Man is now, since he was present all the time the Jackal was raving and using the names Peter Parker and Spider-Man interchangeably?

The first part of this question is very easily answered by simply examining the Jackal's character. Does it seem unlikely to you that someone as devious and cunning as the Jackal, seeking to goad Spider-Man into following him to Shea Stadium, would leave a *dummy* of one of Peter Parker's best friends as an added inducement for him to follow? As for the second part of the question, take a close look at the panels that Ned Leeds appears in, and you will see that Ned could indeed hear the accusations as Professor Warren railed against Spider-Man—if his ears weren't covered by the same blindfold which blocked his vision.

As for the zillions of Marvelmaniacs that pointed out that if Spidey's spider-sense can only alert him to his enemies, then why did it react to Mary Jane on the last page of SPIDER-MAN #149—that's one even we can't figure out. So consider yourself No-Prized—each and everyone of you who noticed this grievous error.

And, as a parting shot, we just want to thank you for letting us take a page to explain away the few problems that, because of space limitations (We mean, after all, do you realize how long that blasted series ran as it was?), we were unable to cover previously.

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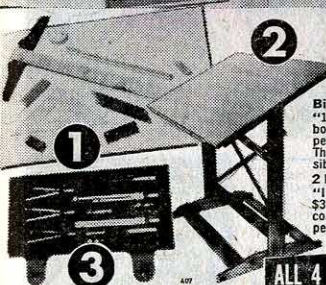
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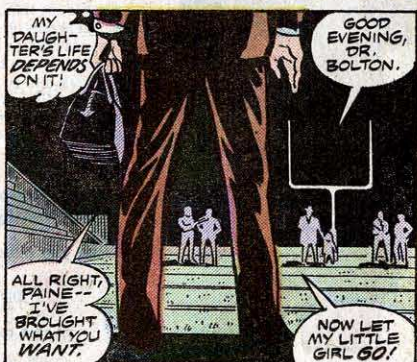
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--BUT STILL HE KEEPS ON GOING!

HE HAS TOO MUCH AT STAKE TO BE TAKEN OUT NOW!



IN ALL THE WORLD, THERE IS ONLY HIM--AND PAINE--AND HIS DAUGHTER JUST AHEAD!

NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP HIM!



HE CRADLES LITTLE MINDY LIKE A BABY, EMBRACING THE FLESH OF HIS FLESH. THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM.

AND EVEN WHEN HE SUCCEUMBS TO THE MACHINE-GUN SLUGS, EVEN WHEN THEY FINALLY BRING HIM DOWN, HE WILL NOT LET GO OF HER.

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## STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Since the Thanksgiving season is almost upon us, what could be more fitting than a sentimental little sonnet from me to you? (Actually, there are a zillion things that could be more fitting—but since it's my column—!)

"THANKS"

By Henry Wadsworth Lee

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Yep, you're the ones I thank the most  
For reading all this stuff!

Excelsior!

*Stan*

**ITEM!** We've got a crazy kaboodle of bombastic bombshells to lay on ya this time around, so let's get rolling right along, shall we?

**ITEM!** There's nothing better to brighten up a slow and sultry summer day than a friendly game of sock-it-to-'em softball—and it's so much the better if Mighty Marvel comes out as the wondrous winner! On a tumultuous Tuesday a week or so back Marvel-time (that's July in the real world) your Batty Bullpen broke its all-too-long losing streak by defeating, demolishing, and otherwise destroying the rollickin' representatives of *ESQUIRE*! We're not saying it was all that difficult, but without the humble help of a certain bashful blue-eyed Benjamin Grimm, we never would have done it!

**ITEM!** In a move daringly designed to direct your undivided attention to our pulsatin' PREMIERE and sensational SPOTLIGHT mags, we proudly present the two current features in each of these titanic titles! In *MARVEL PREMIERE* #28, the long-awaited, long-demanded "Legion of Monsters!" makes its devastating debut. Not to be confused with the our former black-and-white mag with the

same name, this fearsome feature is a special once-in-a-lifetime-team-up of Man-Thing, Ghost Rider, Werewolf (By Night) and Morbius, The Living Vampire! And if that isn't enough to conjure with, *MARVEL SPOTLIGHT* #26 will be presenting an astounding adventure of that Aquarian Defender—the stupendous, savage Sub-Mariner! What's coming up after these frantic features—? Well, that would be telling. So stay tuned, keep alert, and keep reading! We'll spill the information somewhere. You know how modest we are!

**HOWARD THE DUCK**



**ITEM!** And speaking of artistic triumphs, have you picked up the pulse-pounding premiere issue of *HOWARD THE DUCK* yet? If you've seen any of his solo sagas in the back of *GIANT-SIZE MAN-THING*, you won't want to miss it! Frank Brunner, Tom Palmer, and Steve Gerber have worked themselves to the proverbial bone to produce what must be the strangest team-up the Marvel Universe has ever seen. Don't miss the fabulous first encounter of Howard and... Spider-Man? And while we're on the topic of frantic firsts, don't miss the two more of our latest and greatest efforts—*BLACK GOLIATH* and *OMEGA THE UNKNOWN*! You've never met *OMEGA* before, but all *POWER MAN* fans must certainly remember our twenty-foot tall titan who appeared in issue #3 of *24* and *25* of *Luke Cage*'s mag! After all, it was you who demanded that we give him his own title, *True Believer*. Your wish is our command! And don't forget—even though *STRANGE TALES* is now devoted to representing the best of the early Doctor Strange classics, *WARLOCK*'s still soaring! In fact, he's moved into his own merely magnificent mag, while Jim Starlin, jester of all trades, continues working on a top secret project which he

plans springing on the Bullpen towards the end of the year. We'll let you know the details as soon as we find out, but while you're waiting, be sure to pick up that titanic triumvirate premiere package—*HOWARD THE DUCK*, *OMEGA THE UNKNOWN*, and *BLACK GOLIATH*! They're sure to make comic book history!

**ITEM!** Who says comic book writers can only write comic books? Not *ARCHIE GOODWIN* nor *STEVE ENGLEHART*, whose novelette-length prose pieces will be appearing in *Pyramid Books'* two-volume paperback anthology, *WEIRD HEROES*!

**ITEM!** Have ya glommed the latest *PAUL MCCARTNEY AND WINGS* album, "Venus and Mars," yet? If not, there's a cut-ya just gotta hear! It's called "Magnet and the Titanium Man," and if that's not enough to start the Bullpen blushing bright red, we don't know what is!

**ITEM!** Seems that *everyone* agrees that Marvel's still the greatest, 'cause the winners have just been announced in the annual *SHAZAM* awards, and the blushin' Bullpen walked away with so many of 'em that we needed a truck to get back to the office. The winners in all categories are: **DRAMATIC DIVISION.** Best Writer: *ARCHIE GOODWIN*; Best Penciller: *JOHN BUSCEMA*; Best Inker: *DICK GIORDANO*; Best Letterer: *JOHN COSTANZA*; Best Colorist: *TATIANA WOOD*; Superior Achievement by an Individual: *ROY THOMAS*; Best Continuing Feature: *CONAN*; Best Individual Story: "Gottendammerung"; Best Individual Short Story: "Cathedral Perilous"; Outstanding New Talent: *CRAIG RUSSELL*; **HUMOR DIVISION.** Best Writer: *STEVE SKATES*; Best Penciller: *MARIE SEVERIN*; Best Inker: *RALPH REESE*; Best Story: "Kaspar the Dead Baby"; and, the Hall of Fame Award: *JACK KIRBY*. Congrats to all the winners.

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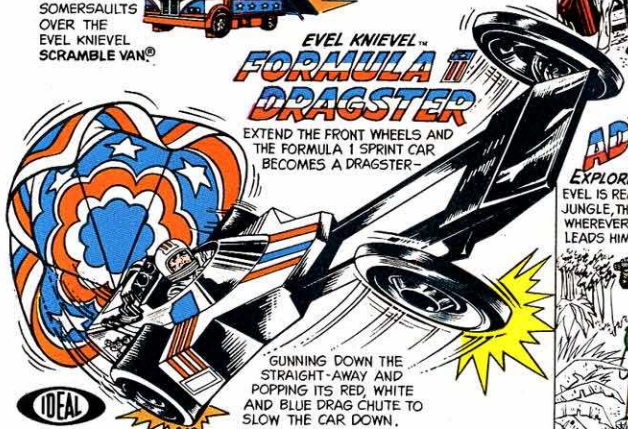


EVEL GOES  
UP AND  
SOMERSAULTS  
OVER THE  
EVEL KNEIEVEL  
SCRAMBLE VAN®

## EVEL KNEIEVEL™ FORMULA II DRAGSTER

EXTEND THE FRONT WHEELS AND  
THE FORMULA I SPRINT CAR  
BECOMES A DRAGSTER--

GUNNING DOWN THE  
STRAIGHT-AWAY AND  
POPPING ITS RED, WHITE  
AND BLUE DRAG CHUTE TO  
SLOW THE CAR DOWN.



### RESCUE SET

EVEL IS PREPARING TO  
SAVE LOST MINERS  
FROM A DARK  
MYSTERIOUS CAVE.



### ARCTIC SET

EVEL IS CROSSING THE  
ARCTIC WILDERNESS--  
A WALKIE TALKIE HIS  
ONLY LINK TO THE  
CIVILIZED WORLD.



## EVEL KNEIEVEL™ ADVENTURE SETS

### EXPLORER SET

EVEL IS READY FOR THE  
JUNGLE, THE DESERT OR  
WHEREVER ADVENTURE  
LEADS HIM.



### RACING SET

EVEL IS PREPARING  
HIS CYCLE FOR A  
RECORD BREAKING  
JUMP.



STUNT CYCLE, DRAGSTER, & ADVENTURE SETS SOLD WITH SEVEN INCH FIGURE. CHOPPER, TRAIL BIKE & SCRAMBLE VAN, ALL SOLD SEPARATELY.  
ALL TOYS ARE SCALED TO EVEL KNEIEVEL FIGURE.