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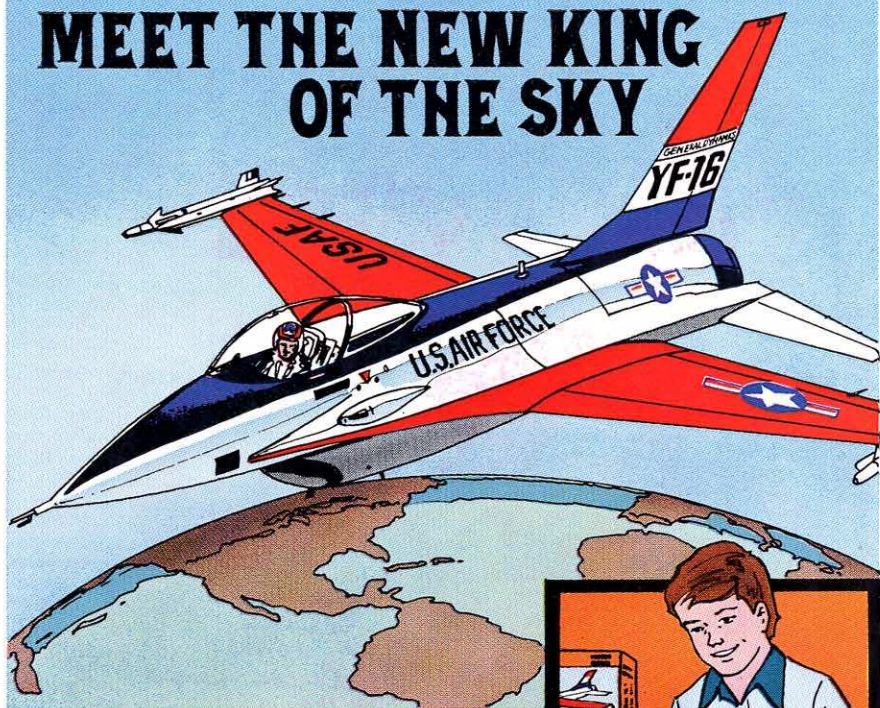
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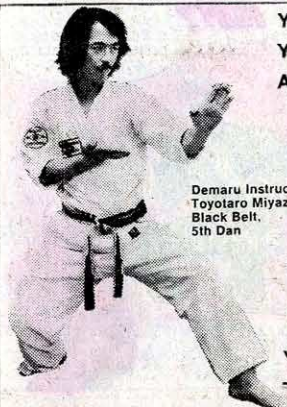
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DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE-- BUT I'M GONNA FIND OUT!

BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO GET ALINT MAY OUT OF HARM'S WAY!

ER--ALINT MAY, IT'S A LITTLE COLD IN HERE. WOULD YOU MIND GETTING ME MY RED SWEATER?

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YOU TWO ENTERTAIN ONE ANOTHER--AND I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

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OCTOPUS, IF YOU REALLY KNEW WHAT I WAS THINKING, YOU'D HAVE SHRIELED UP BY NOW.

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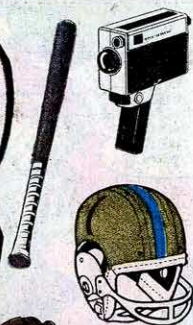
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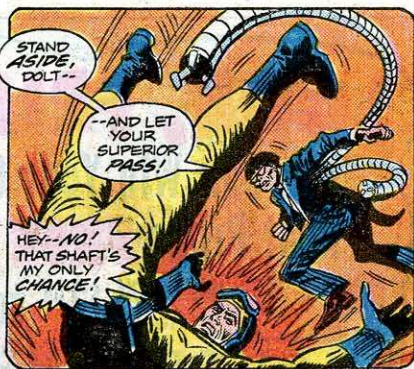


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HUH?



STAND ASIDE, DOLT--

--AND LET YOUR SUPERIOR PASS!

HEY--NO! THAT SHAFT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!



WAS YOUR ONLY CHANCE, CLOD!

NOW IT'S MINE!



DOC--WAIT! PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!

I DON'T WANNA GET--



--SHAFTED.

CLANG!



NOW ALL THAT IS LEFT IS TO WRAP MYSELF IN MY INDESTRUCTIBLE MECHANICAL ARMS... AND PRAY.



THERE! I'M FREE! NOTHING NOW I'LL SHOW THAT OCTOPUS JERK!

HAMMER-HEAD! NOTHI--

"AT PRECISELY THAT MOMENT, THE RUPTURED REACTOR REACHED CRITICAL MASS--

"--AND THE WHOLE CURSED ISLAND--AND EVERYTHING UPON IT-- VANISHED IN A BLAZE OF THERMO-NUCLEAR FIRE!

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* THE PRECEDING FLASH-BACK APPEARED IN A MUCH-ABBREVIATED FASHION BACK IN SPIDER-MAN # 31. --KNOW IT-ALL LEN.

THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS BEING WASHED ASHORE ON THE MAINLAND.

APPARENTLY, MY MECHANICAL ARMS HAD SAVED ME, AFTER ALL--

--BUT THE EXPLOSION HAD GRAFTED THEM TO MY FLESH ONCE MORE-- PERMANENTLY!

I RETURNED TO NEW YORK TO RE-ESTABLISH MY CRIMINAL EMPIRE--

--BUT SOMETHING OCCURRED THAT--ER-- CHANGED MY PLANS--

--SOMETHING THAT ONLY YOUR PRECIOUS AUNT CAN HELP ME OVERCOME!

INCREDIBLE! I THINK I REALLY BELIEVE YOU, BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME THE WHOLE...

QUIET, PARKER! WE MUSTN'T LET MAY KNOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT.

PETER DEAR, I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED--

--YOU DON'T OWN A RED SWEATER.

IF IT'S STILL TOO COLD IN HERE THOUGH, I CAN...

OH MY!

OCTOPUS, WHAT IN BLAZES IS-- THAT?

NO-- NOT HERE! HE CAN'T HAVE FOLLOWED ME HERE!

THERE IS NOWHERE YOU CAN GO THAT HAMMERHEAD CANNOT FIND YOU, OCTOPUS!

YOU MURDERED ME... AND YOU'RE GOING TO PAY!

GOOD GRACIOUS!

GET OUT OF HERE, YOU INHUMAN MONSTROSITY! LEAVE ME ALONE!

YOU'VE GOT TO STOP HAUNTING ME, DO YOU HEAR ME? YOU'VE GOT TO STOP!

I WON'T LET YOU RUIN WHAT LITTLE I HAVE LEFT!



I'M NOT GONNA RUIN
YA, DOC... I'M GONNA
DESTROY YA...

...AND ANYONE
YA CARE
ABOUT AS
WELL!



OMHHHH...



THAT
TEARS
IT!

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YOU DO TO ME
ANYMORE--

--BUT I WON'T
ALLOW YOU TO
HARM THIS GENTLE,
INNOCENT WOMAN!

HEY--!?!

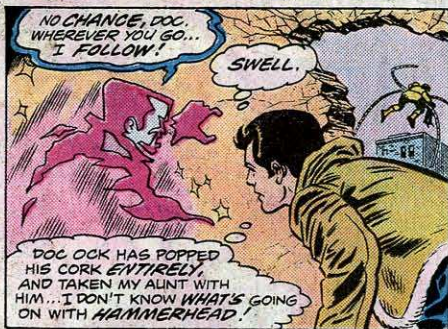


NOT WHILE MY
ARTIFICIAL ARMS
ARE STILL STRONG
ENOUGH TO SHATTER
A SOLID BRICK WALL!

NOT
WHILE I'M
STILL--
DOCTOR
OCTOPUS!

IF I HAVE TO
FLEE TO THE VERY
END OF THE WORLD,
I'LL ESCAPE
YOU, HAMMERHEAD!

I
SWEAR
IT!



NO CHANCE, DOC.
WHEREVER YOU GO...
I FOLLOW!

SWELL.

DOC OCK HAS POPPED
HIS CORK ENTIRELY,
AND TAKEN MY AUNT WITH
HIM... I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING
ON WITH HAMMERHEAD!



BUT I'D
BETTER
GET
AFTER
THEM
ALL--
AND
FAST!

BEFORE ONE OF
THOSE MANIACS
MANAGES TO
MURDER POOR
AUNT MAY!



LOOKS LIKE OCKIE WENT THIS WAY ALL RIGHT.

ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS HE'S LEAVING BEHIND AND...

HEY! THERE HE IS!



CURSE IT ALL, IT'S-- SPIDER-MAN!

BUT HOW--??

SHOULDN'T GO AROUND STEALING PEOPLE'S AUNTS, DOC!

PETER PARKER GOT IN TOUCH WITH ME IMMEDIATELY-- AND I HAPPEN TO OWE THE GUY A FAVOR!



NOW WHY DON'T YOU JUST HAND OVER THE NICE OLD LADY BEFORE...

HUH? HE DUCKED!

GO AWAY, WEB-SLINGER! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE MAY PARKER FROM THE GHOST OF HAMMERHEAD!



RATS! DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CHECK MY SWING, SO I WOULD BOUNCE OFF THE BUILDING WALL!

HOPE WHOEVER OWNS THIS PLACE DOESN'T MIND UNEXPECTED COMPANY!

WHAT IN--? IT'S THE SPIDER-GUY!

WANTED BY THE POLICE--!

CRASH!



WELL, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A POLICE DOG, FANG!

SO SIC 'IM! SIC 'IM!!

GRRRRR

OKAY ALREADY, I CAN TAKE A HINT.

SORRY IF I BOTHERED YOU, LADY.

YOU DON'T KNOW NOW SORRY!

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Dear Len, Ross, and the rest—

Congratulations!!! You finally did it! SPIDER-MAN #153 was the best story since Smiley left the web-head's book, way back when. As a matter of fact, SPIDEY has been sharply increasing in quality with each issue since #150. This latest was easily the best one-shot story I've read this month. First, a fantastically good cover portraying innocence, aggression, competition, heroism and color. (The taxi-cab sequence reminded me of a vintage FF saga wherein the Thing accidentally demolished an antique car while trying to fix it.) Then, MJ making up with Pete. Far out!

The story was touching and true-to-life, and the comparison between Bolton's running for his daughter and his football game of the past was a stroke of genius! Further, Spidey's changing his mind about the bother of hitting the murderer was also very good and conveyed the perfect feeling. In short, I enjoyed every aspect of this issue, from Ross's intricate detail of the church on page one, to the story's many twists and ironies. I hope I have conveyed my feelings adequately, because for once Spider-Man has so many good things going for him that I can't name them all.

Thanks again. Touchdown.

Jeff Silva

Box 36

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Hey, Jeff—the blushin' Bullpen thanks you for the kindly kudos! That issue went over in a big way, and your letter is representative of the majority of mail. In fact, to prove we aren't whistlin' "Dixie" when we say that ish really made a smash, we were unsuspectingly ambling down Manhattan's Seventh Avenue just the other day, when we suddenly came upon a record store window display featuring at least five copies! We don't know what they were doing there, gang—but we ain't about to complain! Not us! In fact, we're waitin' to see what they do when the new Spidey rock album comes out, since they're gon' have to go some to top the display they gave ish #153!!!

Dear Gentlemen,

In my humble opinion, SPIDER-MAN #153 was the finest work by Marvel, in terms of emotional impact and character developments, that I have seen in a long time. The idea of using a non-regular character for the story focus was a welcome change of pace. Much is said of superheroes' courage and endurance—but Dr. Bolton proved it is not their exclusive property. For me, the whole story consisted of Bolton's race against death on page 26. I applaud you loudly for the tasteful, low-key epithet by Spider-Man on the last page.

Mark Kreighbaum

Great Lakes, IL

People,

You guys goofed. On the cover of SPIDER-MAN #153, your goalposts are not consistent with the interior art. As you carefully pointed out in the story, goalposts did once look like the ones on the cover. Now, I know you always have an answer—I just want to hear it.

Mark Scott

Fridley, MN

With perfect candor and a certain amount of satisfaction, we can say that for once, Mark, we didn't goof. Not at all. Y'see, when Lively Len Wein and Jazzy John Romita got together for a cover conference, they discussed just which depiction of the goalposts they should go with, and after some cogitation they opted to avail themselves of artistic license and use the classical version for easier identification.

There you are, Mark—we may not *always* have an answer, but we sure did this time!

Dear Marvel,

I have just finished reading Roger Slifer's somewhat wordy "explanation" of your fantastic Jackal series. Now, I really hate to make trouble, but you blew it again! To see what I mean, check out issue #137, page 26, panels 5 & 6. I ask you, gentlemen, just what is Spidey doing? Right on! He's with his spare costume and is taking the cartridges from it (obviously he took them, and probably his costume as well). Yet, Mr. Slifer plainly states that Prof. Warren furnished his clone with them. Case closed. Sentence will now be served: Mr. Slifer and all his Marvel cohorts shall make apologies to all Marvelites and send me one honest-to-gosh no-prize. Marvel Forever!!!

Robert Kaleel

P.O. Box 723

Clinton, NC 28328

You assume too much, Bob, old bean. Although Spidey did stop to get some cartridges from his spare costume, it's never stated that he took them *all*—and since he was on his way to a battle, it would have been pointless to pick up his extra costume at that point. Therefore, the costume in question and at least some webbing cartridges remained behind for the clone to utilize. Fair 'nuff? We're not handing out any no-prizes this month, Bob—Roguish Roger is vindicated!

Dear Guys—and Lady,

SPIDER-MAN #153, was hokey, clichéd, and obviously over-sentimental. It was implausible and extremely overdone.

So why are there tears in my eyes?

There are so many things wrong with this story that I'd normally not even want to know about it. For example, the up and down scene between Peter and M.J. Yeesh. Talk about manufactured problems. You expect us to really believe that? And how about the old *deja vu* trick? Flashbacks Anonymous strikes again.

Maybe I'm just a sentimental slob, but even though it was poorly expressed, the idea of loving someone enough to die for her/him, gets to me. So, in spite of a few large faults, "The Deadliest Hundred Yards" still came up a winner.

Thank you, and would someone pass me some kleenex? I've got something in both eyes.

Sheldon Wiebe

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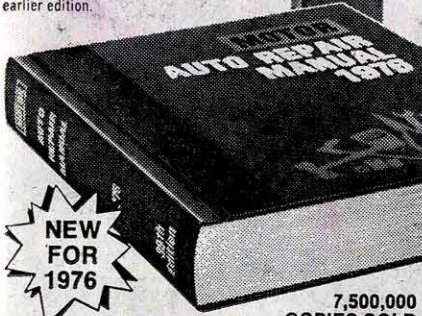
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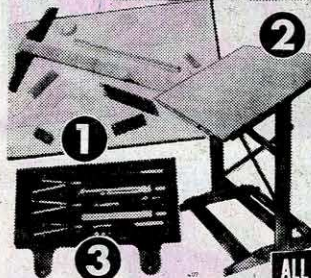
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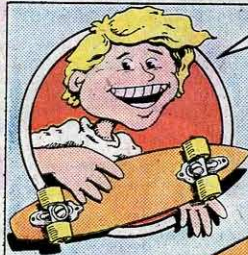
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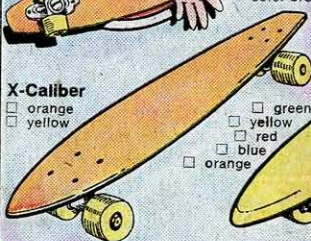
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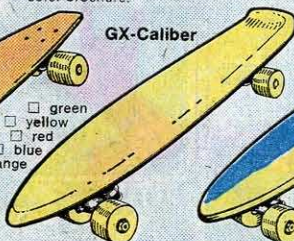
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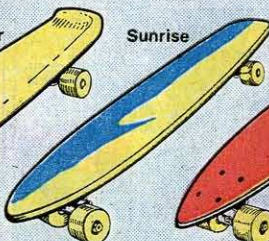


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GOTTA GET BACK ON MY FEET... GET AFTER OCK BEFORE I LOSE HIM AGAIN...

IF IT AIN'T THE FAMOUS SPIDER-MAN!



SEEMS I REMEMBER READIN' HOW THE DAILY BUGLE'S PUT A REWARD UP FOR THIS FREAK--

--SO SEEMIN' AS HOW HE'S TOO WEAK TO STAND UP AN' ALL, GUYS--

--WHAT SAY WE COLLECT IT?



FACE IT, FATHEAD--YOU COULDN'T COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT WITHOUT HELP!

NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY, YOU CLOWNS! I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT GARBAGE TO ATTEND TO!



NO MATTER HOW OFTEN I TANGLE WITH HIM, I'LL NEVER GET OVER HOW FAST OCK CAN TRAVEL WITH THOSE FREAKY ARMS OF HIS!

HE'S CLIMBING STRAIGHT UP THE SIDE OF THE PAN AM BUILDING-- BUT ONE GOOD SHOT OF MY TRUSTY WEBBING WILL... CRUMBS!

MY TRUSTY WEB-SHOOTER'S EMPTY!



AND NOW THIS ONE IS TOO!

I'LL HAVE TO HOOF IT AFTER OCK--BUT, FORTUNATELY, THERE'S NO PLACE HE CAN GO ONCE HE REACHES THE ROOF...

...OR IS THERE?



JUST ANOTHER FEW MOMENTS, MY DEAR-- AND WE'LL BE BEYOND THE REACH OF ANYONE WHO WOULD HARM YOU!

OCK'S LUCK IS UNBELIEVABLE! HE MUST'VE SPOTTED THAT 'COPTER HEADING THIS WAY--

--EVEN THOUGH THE HELI-PORT HERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE CLOSED DOWN!

WHOEVER'S LANDING HERE MUST HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF POLITICAL CLOUT!

BLAST! HE'S ALREADY REACHED THE ROOF! I'VE GOT TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN US!



COME ON, PARKER-- MOVE IT! LOSE OCTOPUS NOW-- AND YOU LOSE EVERYTHING!



THERE IT IS, DEAR MAY!

OUR PASSPORT TO SAFETY AWAITS US!



I NEED ONLY DISPOSE OF A FEW MINOR OBSTACLES--



--AND WE WILL BE ON OUR WAY!

QUICKLY, MISS JANSON-- CALL THE POLICE! SOME LUNATIC IS HIJACKING OUR HELICOPTER!

Y-YOU'D B-BETTER C-CALL THEM YOURSELF SENATOR! I'M G-GOING TO BE T-TOO BUSY SCREAMING!

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A staggering thought just struck me! Somewhere in the riotous ranks of Marveldom Assembled there might be a true believer who hasn't heard about the Marvel phenomenon in Jolly ol' England! For instance, didja know we publish seven special weekly comics in Great Britain and they're selling like there's no tomorrow? Didja know that I visited London recently and appeared at the famous Roundhouse Theatre to do a special Marvel show (with Happy Herbie Trimpe, who was living over there at the time), for a sellout, standing-room-only crowd of wildly enthusiastic fans? Didja know that the highly-respected Campbell's SF and Comic Shop in the arty Nottingham section of London has its main display devoted almost exclusively to our zingy Marvel Mags? Didja know that Paul McCartney's MAGNETO AND THE TITANIUM MAN single is a sensation wherever it's played? And wait'll you hear his new DAREDEVIL disc! Didja know that Paul and Linda, with whom I had the greatest time discussing a new Marvel/McCartney project, wanted me to be sure to give their regards to Marvelites everywhere? (And more about our top-secret, senses-shattering project in a later issue!) I could go on and on, but you get the idea. So remember, whenever you visit our British buddies across the sea, you'll feel right at home—you'll find Marvel Comics wherever you look! (How's that for a comforting thought?!) And now, just another titanic thought before I turn you loose. Because both ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICS and its sentimental sequel, SON OF ORIGINS, have become such dynamite best-sellers, there will definitely be a third volume on sale this fall—it'll feature the cataclysmic birth of our mighty Marvel villains! And wait'll you hear the title! No, let's make a contest out of it. Send in your guesses as to what we'll call our villains' origins book. The winners will each win a giant-size No-Prize—and the losers will, too—'cause I love ya all! So, till Conan gets a crew cut, always remember the immortal words of Irving Forbush—Gardez le foi, baby!

Excelsior!

Stan

P.S.: Don't forget the mighty Marvel-Con at NY's Hotel Commodore April 23, 24 and 25! If you're anywhere in the Western Hemisphere at that time, you've just gotta join us, hear?

ITEM! We're giving you advanced warning on this one, playmate, 'cause we want you to make sure that absolutely no one misses the ever-lovin' events occurring in THE INCREDIBLE HULK #200. That's right, Wild One—old Jade-Jaw's bicentennial issue features more guest stars than you can shake a gamma-radiated fist at. Art by Our Pal SAL BUSCEMA and Jolly JOE STATON, of course. Who can ask for anything more? And speaking of our jolly green giant, wait'll you see a couple of sensational special issues we've got planned for you, with surprise guest artists such as Bashful BERNI WRIGHTSON and Judo JIM STARLIN doing their thing with Lively LEN WEIN.

ITEM! If you've been wondering why you've been seeing less of Garrulous GIL KANE's cavoring covers these past few months, well, we've been waiting to let the reasons burst free. Y'see, Ol' "Sugar" Kane's been dying to get back to drawing insides again, and he's just finished not one, but two new stories. First is this year's sensational SPIDER-MAN annual—a fist-fighting free-for-all with Spidey's newest foe, the fearsome Fly—and the second story's Gil's premiere appearance as the brand new artist on THE INHUMANS, written by Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH. And right after finishing his saga of Black Bolt's brothers and sisters, Gil takes over the reigns of "Sons Of The Tiger" in our bombastic black-and-white blockbuster mag THE DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU! So you'll be seeing quite a bit of raising Kane art in the months to come. And if you're wondering what GEORGE "Pace-Setter" PEREZ will be doing now that he's left the aforementioned mags, well, take a peek at the "World's Greatest Comic Mag," namely THE FANTASTIC FOUR, and see who his newest artist sensation is. Just one guess, Faithful One! And, once again, if you're wondering what Riotous RICH BUCKLER is working on now that he's left the F.F., well, besides taking over the scripting chores for his cybernetic brain-child, DEATHLOK, Rich will be doing a special fill-in for our armored Avenger, IRON MAN, and another fill-in for Marvel's newest super-sensation, BLACK GOLIATH. And, besides all that, Rich returns to one of his all-time favorites, again teaming up with Dandy DON MCGREGOR to co-produce THE BLACK PANTHER! Whew!

ITEM! And speaking of our rapturous annuals, the first two of our all-new 52-page, giant-sized mags will be arriving at your newsstands this month, and we just have to tell ya that we're as excited about these bonus babies as you are. In our IRON MAN annual, everyone's favorite golden Avenger meets everyone's favorite swamp-creature, the macabre MAN-THING, and the two of them will be taking on a brand-new Molecule Man—only this M.M. has a big difference. Take a peek and see for yourself what lies behind the covers of this STEVE GERBER/SAL BUSCEMA treat. And, at the same time, our fighting heroes from World War Two, the ever-lovin' INVADERS, will be making

a guest appearance as they team up with a far-out quartet of super-heroes otherwise known as THE FANTASTIC FOUR in the F.F.'s own annual. This one's by Rascally ROY THOMAS and Big JOHN BUSCEMA. You won't want to miss either of these books, compadre. After all, they were written and illustrated just for you!

ITEM! If you take a look at what's been comin' on in Marvel's way-out mystery mags, you might just be surprised! Both THE TOMB OF DRACULA and WEREWOLF BY NIGHT are in the midst of some earth-shattering changes which we know no true Marvelite will want to miss. For instance, not only does the Lord of Vampires meet his future wife in this month's mag (and marry her next month—talk about short engagements), but we can guarantee you that a satanic sibling will soon be making its appearance there. And if you think that's a teaser for things to come, you better believe it. Meanwhile, in our shaggy friend's own book, there will be some startling changes in the Werewolf and his relationship with Jack Russell, plus the extra-special appearance of Brother Voodoo. We can't give away too much about what's happenin' in Wolfie's life, but we're betting everyone will dig it.

ITEM! You've probably been wondering what those little boxes in the left-hand corner of all our mags on sale this month are. Well, never let it be said that Marvel doesn't tell it all to our rapturous readers. The box is called "The Universal Product Code" (U.P.C. for short), and this has been put on everything from comics to containers, from magazines to matchboxes, in order to sell the product in all stores. Fact is, you've probably already seen this on all other comics, and now Marvel has it, too. And just in case you're wondering, the computer code has to be placed exactly where it is, and can't be moved either to the back cover or inside the book. Truth to tell, folks, if you've been having trouble finding issues of Mighty Marvels this past year, this new code should actually help eliminate some of the problems. It may take time to work a few bugs out of the system, but, in the long run, it's gonna make sure that you'll see your Marvel's everywhere, which means your favorite titles will have a better chance of reaching you than ever before.

ITEM! All fans of our fine-feathered fowl, HOWARD THE DUCK, take notice, 'cause you're in for a special treat during these next few months. Hot on the tail of Big JOHN BUSCEMA's rendering of the Duck's third issue, Gentleman GENE COLAN will be putting his titanic talents to pencilling issue four, and after Gene, the previously mentioned BERNI WRIGHTSON will be taking over as Howard's permanent penciller. Not too bad for a duck, it is?

ITEM! This item is just a sneaky way of telling you that next month, JACK "King" KIRBY's newest earth-shaker will be hitting the stands. And we'll give you the full low-down on our newest hit in our next Bulletin. Till then, peace and love.

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DAREDEVIL HAS STOLEN MILLIONS IN TWO WEEKS!



MATT, I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THIS ABOUT DAREDEVIL!

NEITHER CAN I, FOGGY...

BUT I DO HAVE A PLAN!



I HAVE A HUNCH THE FAKE DAREDEVIL WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST THESE HOSTESS FRUIT PIES!



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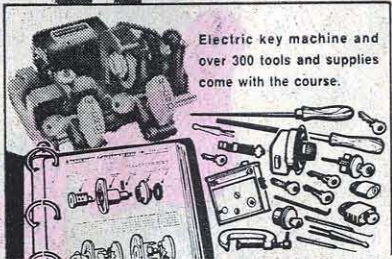


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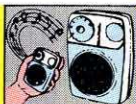
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