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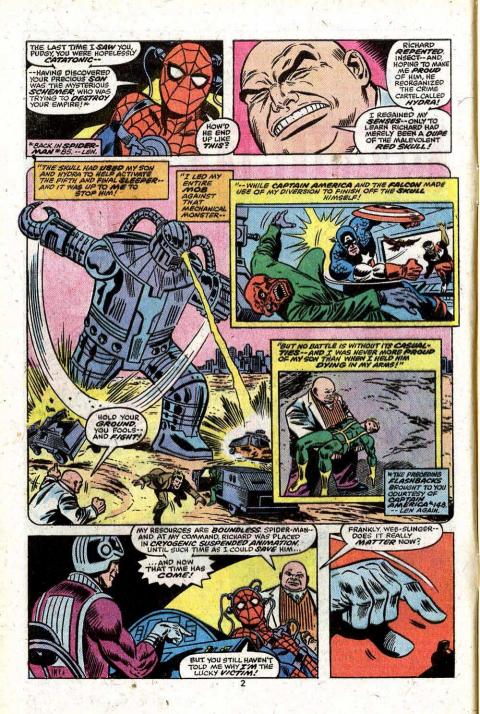
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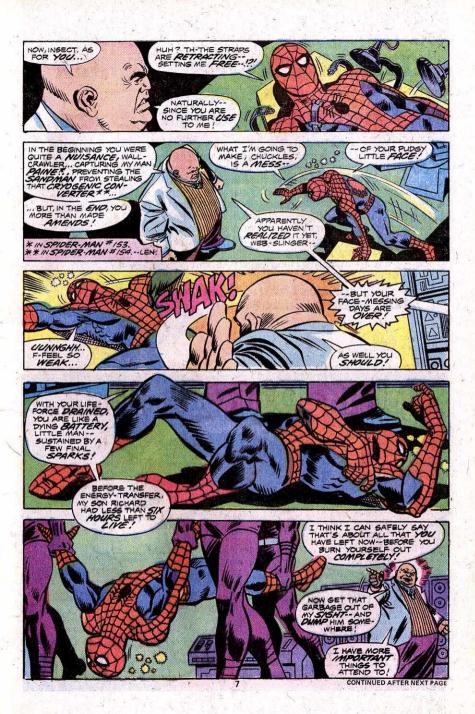












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Thanks again, all of you. And who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Unstinting Accuracy?

Dear Len, Ross, Mike, and Irv,

Any doubts which I had concerning Len's writino abilities were quickly dispelled upon my reading of SPIDER-MAN #160. It is about time Spidey did away with that ridiculous monstrosity—the Spider-mobile. Ever since its first appearance in SPIDER-MAN #130. I had been anxiously awalting its demise. Just when I thought I had seen the last of it (SPIDEY #141), it reappears in #160, only to be again (and hopefully forever) destroyed. From now on, Len; let's leave the fancy wheels to the Fantastic Four.

Until Aunt May runs away with the Hulk, make mine Marvel!

Steve Avalos 1322 Milvia St. Berkeley, CA 94709

As far as Lively Len is concerned, Steve, the well-grawler's far-famed four-wheeled fiesce has indeed gone to its final reward. But we have it on good authority that he is already hard at work on a spanking-new Spidey-cycle, which he is planning to reveal to the public just as soon as he can figure out what to do with the training wheels. (Er—that was just a joke, gang. Please, no barrage of letters complaining about a Spidey-cycle. There ain't no such animal. At least...we don't think there is.)

Okay, it's no-prize requesting time!

- 1) Spider-Man has sworn never to kill.
- 2) In issue # 160, Spidey captures Toy by covering him head-to-toe with a six-inch-thick webbing cocoon.
- 3) In issue #52, Spidey escapes drowning by enveloping J. Jonah Jameson and himself with a water-proof, air-tight webbing bubble which he describes as being triple-ply.
- 4) Each ply of webbing has to be less than two inches thick. The cables have been described as "thin strands" too many times for that. Besides, there's no way that the web-shooters we see on his wrists are two inches in diameter.
- If all of the above is correct (which it is), then Spider-Man committed manslaughter by smothering Toy in an airtight webbing cocoon.
- 6) I want a no-prize for discovering this grievious error.
- Ish #160 was good in all other respects, but still seemed a little toned down. Bring some of the drama back into the wallgrawler, will you? Thanks a lot.

Adam Castro 59 Harlan Drive New Rochelle, NY 10804

Sorry, Adam, but no no-prize this time. All of the points you put forth are indeed true, except for point #5. You see, Spidey's webbing is a most versatile little invention, and the wall-crawler controls it with the web-shooters at his wrists. Since Spidey has sworn never to kill, it was simple for him to cover Toy with a six-inch-thick webbing cooon with a wide enough weave to make it porous, thus enabling Toy to breathe.

And while we're on the subject of webbing, we direct your attention to the following letter...

Dear Len:

In SPIDER-MAN #160, Spidey and the Spider-mobile were caught in a strange mist which caused SPIDER-MAN'S web-shooters to be clogged, yet the Spider-mobile's web-cannons were dompletely unaffected. Also, in the last panel, why would SPIDER-MAN leave a car hanging fourteen stories high, knowing that when the webbing wore off, it would crash to the street, kill innocent pedestrians, and make a general mess?

At least one no-prize is definitely in order here. Ahem. (Great story, otherwise, Keep up the good work!)

John and Jim Dawson 215 N. Baylor Drive Sterling, VA 22170

Boy, this one's even easier to answer than the last one. You see, brothers Dawson, the Tinkerer may be craggy, but he's nobody's fool. He simply altered the composition of the Spider-mobile slightly to make certain it would not be affected by the web-shooter-clogging mists. See that? As easy said as done.

As far as Spidey leaving the ruins of the Spidey-car dangling precariously over the street—well, he actually left it hanging in many extra-thick strands of the special super-strong webbing he first used in MARVEL TEAM-UP #20. Granted, that particular web fluid is unstable, but Spidey had ascertained that it would definitely hold long enough for Carter and Lombardo to get a crane up to the roof and take the Spidermobile down.

Wow, we're just full of answers today, aren't we?

Dear Len:

You have one intrigued, slightly confused reader on your hands!

Is someone trying to pull a fast one on the Bullpen and/or the readers?

Let me explain!

When I finished reading my cousin's SPIDER-MAN mags (back to issue #138), I began admiring the front pages. Well, to make a long story short, in issue #139, on the front page, on a water tower, I found the initials HU. In ish #150, on 2 books on the splash page appears BACKGROU(N?) (I assume it's background) then HUN(T?). Go to ish #154, look at the Vote poster—there is BACKG then HUN. Then finally in ish #156, on the building, BACKG then HUNT, clear as a bell!

It didn't take much research to find there was/is a D. Hunt who is credited as an embellisher.

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Is this the same D. Hunt last listed on ish #148? If so, will you give me a no-prize? If not, be merciful in your reprimand.

Russell Burns 1512-169th St. #154 Hammond, IN 46324

Afraid we're guilty as charged, Russ. That is indeed Devilish Dave Hunt whose name you espied. Every now and again, Dave helps out Mischieveous Mike Esposito by inking the backgrounds on a Spidey extravaganza, and those little notes you noticed are just Dave's way of saying "H!".

So stand up and take a bow for the dynamic detective work, Mr. Burns. Your no-prize will be winging its way to you by

not-so-special delivery any day now. Dear Len.

Hee! Hee! SPIDER-MAN #160 was great! (Chuckle, chuckle.)
You guys had me laughin' through the whole book! (Snortle!)
Imagine Spidey being chased by the Spider-mobile! Hah! Hah!
Hah! It was fantastic! (Guffaw.) What can you guys do for an encore? Heh. Heh. Hahahahahahahahahal Oh, whew!

Kirk Bath 11156 Pearl St. Northglenn, CO 80233

Oh, we could do a rousing rendition of "Melancholy Baby" for our encore, but we think we'll just go back to our respective cells and start working on next month's SPIDER-MAN sage.

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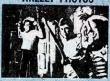


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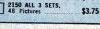
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Okay! You can stop holding your breath! The moment is at hand! The third spectacular volume of the Marvel Origins Trilogy is now on sale- the book that tells you the inside story of how we created the vilest villains, the freakiest fiends, the most sensational sinners in all of comicdom! Yep, it's the most eagerlyawaited blockbuster of them allcontaining the original, classic, almost-legendary origin tales of the Red Skull, Dr. Doom, the Green Goblin, and more, more, more!!! Only mighty Marvel could have produced it! Only Simon and Schuster could have published it! Only if you've got \$6.95 can you buy it at your favorite bookstore! It's called (naturally!) BRING ON THE BAD GUYS. and it'll complete your 3-volume collection of the most famous, best-selling set of books devoted to super-heroes ever published! And here's good news for those of you who are late starters. The first two titles in the set, ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICS and SON OF ORIGINS, are still on sale; so there's still time for you to capture a complete collection! ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICSI SON OF ORIGINS! And now, **BRING ON THE BAD GUYS! Sometimes** I wonder - does the world appreciate what we're doing for it?

Hey, remember me telling you about John Buscema's great comicbook workshop here in New York, where the master

himself teaches comicbook drawing to the luckiest class in town? Well, we thought you'd enjoy this progress report. One of John's recent graduates is none other than Bob Hall, who has just penciled two issues of Marvel's CHAMPIONS, and is all set to tackle our latest SUPER-VILLAINTEAM-UPI Another of Big John's students, Juan Ortiz, is currently doing a special project for Marvel after having been voted "Best Student in Class"! We don't know where Sal Buscema's big brother gets the time to do it, but if you too would like to study with one of the most titanic talents in all of comicdom, send your name and address to: John Buscema, P.O. Box 1827, F.D.R. Station, NYC, NY 10022, and he'll send you a letter telling how to join his Manhattan comic book workshop - which now features a course in script-writing, also! In fact, if you don't watch out, you'll be stuck with yours truly, as a guest lecturer! Okay, Johnny, I gave you the plug - now will you tell Conan to gimme back my hub caps?

Gotta go now, gang. Time to campaign for Howard the Duck before some mere politician steals the election away from him! So hang loose, heroes— if Howard gets elected, any one of you might be our next V.P.!

Excelsion



ITEM! Though these words of wit and wisdom are being written in mid-July, you readers will be perusing them in October, fall harvest time. In keeping with the season (and our own cornball manner of leading into a subject), the boisterous Bullpen's got a veritable harvest of brand new comics coming your way. First off, there's LOGAN'S RUN. Yep, it's an awesome adaptation of the MGM science fiction thriller that's been packing them in at the local movie theaters for lo, these last few months. On tap to translate this cinematic sizzler into a 30¢ monthly comic book are Gallopin' GERRY CONWAY, writer/editor- GEORGE "Pacesetter" PEREZ, penciler; and KLAUS JANSON on the inks. The first four issues will cover the movie, but what, you may ask, happens after that? Well, Ger and George aren't tellin', but to judge from the big, satisfied grins they get whenever asked, it's going to be something well worth the waiting to find out. And speaking of waiting, several months ago, we laid a hint on you about "King working with King," If you haven't doped it out yet, worry no more, we're about to tell all! The first King is, of course, JACK "King" KIRBY. The second? None other than the King of the Wakandas... T'Challa, THE BLACK PANTHER! Despite the recent demise of JUNGLE ACTION, we have a lot of faith in

the Panther as a character, so we turned him back to the man who helped originate him (along with another fella by the name of Lee). What Jack came up with was so different exciting, and inimitably his own, we just had to start it as its own title. Hence, this month, BLACK PANTHER #1. Watch for it! And you can also look for a totally new character to be making an appearance at your local newsstand. Her name is MS. MARVEL and she's very much a super-heroine for the seventies. In fact, as conceived by GERRY CONWAY, Big JOHN BUSCEMA, and Jolting JOE SINNOTT, we have a hunch this lady is equally well set for the eighties and nineties, too. Just to really whet your appetite, we're running a picture of the cover elsewhere on the page. What happens inside the book we're going to let you discover for yourself. But we're betting that MS. MARVEL will be the BIG one of the year!

ITEMI There are more goodies on tap this month which you won't want to let slip past you. Ifice, for instance, the TEAM-UP ANNUAL, starring SPIDER-MAN and the XMEN, and the DR. STRANGE ANNUAL. Both are double-size, all-original stories at less than the price you'd pay for two regular length books. You got only get an entertainment extravagance, you get a bagains as well!

Associate Editor

ITEMI Congratulations to HERB TRIMPE and LINDA FITE on the birth of their daughter, AMELIA FITE TRIMPE. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. That's somewhat short of the thousand pound weight of a certain green-skinned Goliath Bappy HERB has often been closely associated with (and whom he'll be drawing again in an upcoming Issue of our new WHAT IE.? mag)...but take our word for it, Amelia's a for pretitier!

ITEM! Special treat for science fiction buffs this month (and is there any true Marveitte who isn't one?)... a giant-size, special revival of our critically acclaimed black and white mag. UNKNOWN WORLDS OF SCIENCE-FICTION! This 96-page blockbuster is chock full of never-before-seen material such as an adaptation of Stanley Weinbaum's classic, A MARTIAN ODYSSEY, an exclusive interview with THEQUORE ("More Than Humari") STURGEON, a brand-new MAN-GODS FROM OUTER-SPACE, and enough other galactic goodies to make even the average Vulcan shout for joy!



ITEM! Many Bullpenners are on the move this month. GERRY and CARLA CONWAY have packed their three dogs and ten jillion books and fled the wilds of Manhattan's upper-west side for the calm and contentment of Connecticut. Rascally ROY THOMAS has finally made his previously announced relocation to California's sunny clime, white. Assistant Editor ROGER SLIFER and FOOM Foreman DAVE-"the Dude" KRAFT are somewhere in the middle of this great land of ours, hitchking to Oregon for a visit. One thing troubles us. Who's putting out the books while all this is going on?



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