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GREATEST FOES  
**SLAIN...**

SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH

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...NOTHING  
CAN STOP  
**PHOTON!**



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**STOP!**

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THAT TRANSPIRE IN  
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BEEN WARNED!

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NAME FOR...?**



THIS IS THE KILLER,  
BUT IS HE ALSO...



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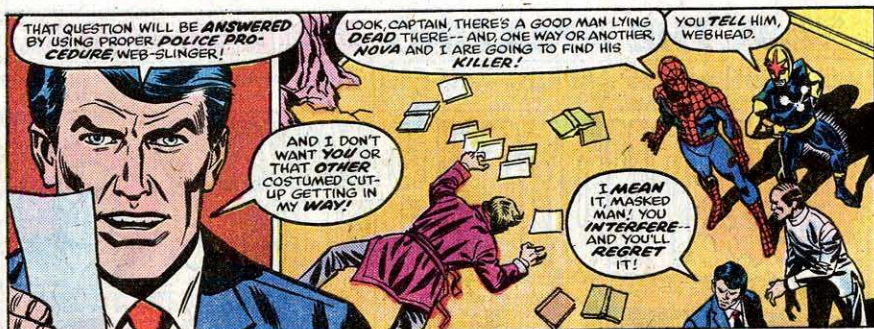
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ALL SORTS OF CLUES  
TO THE MURDERER OF  
DR. RALPH RIDER!

THE QUESTION  
STILL REMAINS...  
**WHODUNIT??**



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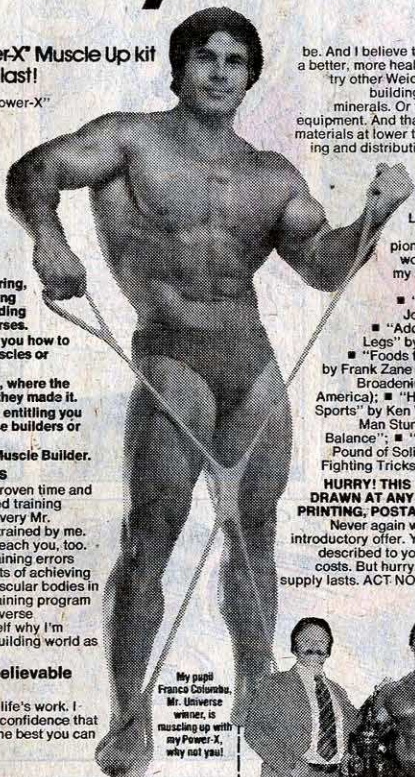
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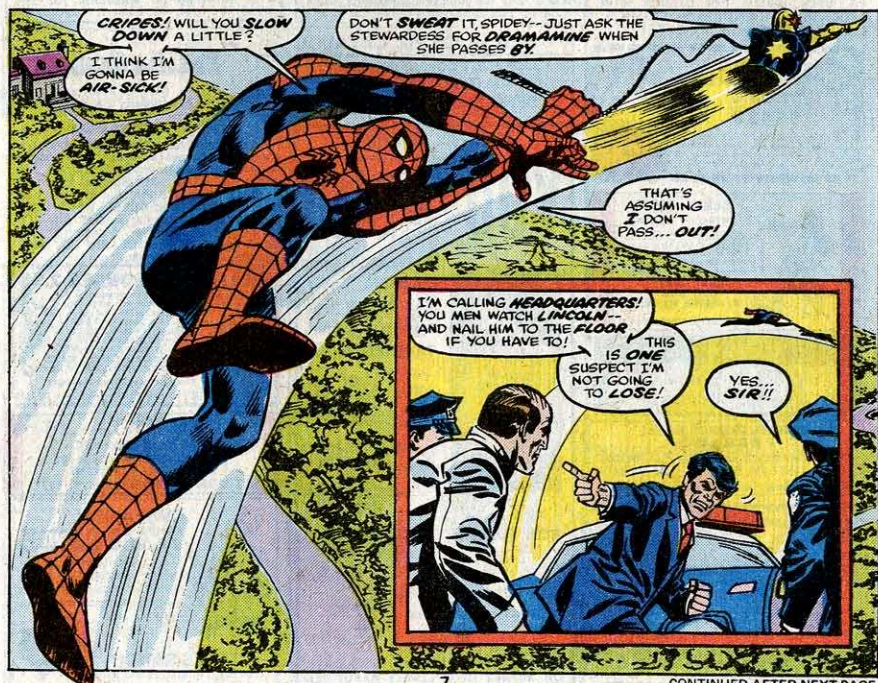
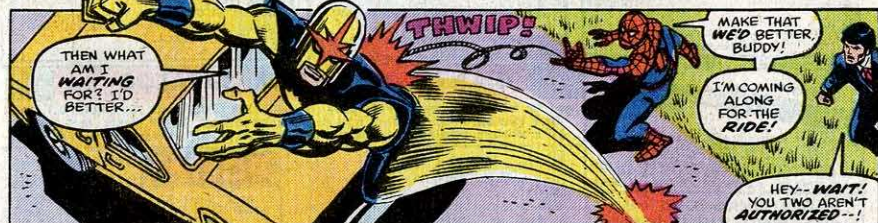
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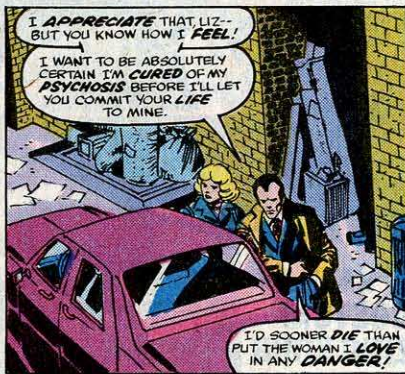
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NAUSEOUS  
WALL-  
CRAWLER  
STILL  
CLINGS  
TO HIS  
WEB-  
LINE  
FOR DEAR  
LIFE...

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WHY YOU CAME  
ALONG, RISK! AT  
LEAST, DAZE AND  
I BELONG TO  
CRIMINAL  
ORGANIZATIONS--

--WE'D HAVE  
BEEN ARRESTED  
NO MATTER WHO  
MURDERED  
DR. RIDER!

BUT YOU'RE ONLY A  
BUSINESSMAN-- UN-  
SCRUPULOUS, GRANTED--  
BUT STILL...



THAT IS PRECISELY THE  
POINT, GENTLEMEN-- I AM  
INDEED A BUSINESSMAN!

AND THUS, I ENTERTAIN  
HOPES THAT WE CAN  
ALL STILL MAKE  
A DEAL!



THAT IS WHY  
I PULLED THE  
LIGHT PLUG  
BACK AT THE  
GOOD DOCTOR'S  
HOUSE.

I CERTAINLY DID NOT  
WANT MY POTENTIAL  
PARTNERS APPREHENDED!



I PROPOSE WE SHARE RIDER'S INVENTION  
AND THUS ALL PROFIT BY IT!

WHY SHOULD WE TRUST YOU?  
FOR ALL WE KNOW, YOU MAY BE  
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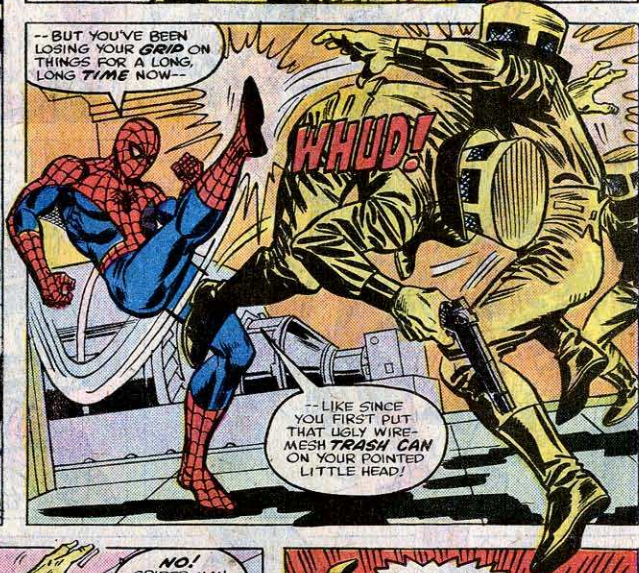


















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What interests me is this strange, new entity which calls itself the Will-O'-The-Wisp. An unusual villain, to say the very least! And it's not just his powers—he's a tragic figure, forced to perform acts repellent to him, and hoping to regain his lost humanity. He seems to be one of Spidey's more fascinating foes, even from what little we've seen of him. And I hope we see much, much more.

And last, but certainly not least, there's Aunt May. That sweet, dear old lady we all know and love. We're slowly discovering, as is her devoted nephew, that she isn't the innocent, delicate little flower we had all thought. Peter *should* tell her his secret. And who knows? She may knit him some long underwear to wear under his working clothes in the wintertime.

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You're not alone in your desire to see more of ol' Wispy, friend Robbins. Initial response to his (its?) premiere appearance has been highly favorable, and we're looking forward to having him back soon, too!

Dear Marvel People,

Well, you guys goofed again! In issue #167 of SPIDER-MAN, page 17, panels 1-6, you feature Joe Robertson. But a couple of panels later, Spidey calls Joe "Robbie". Maybe this has been asked before, but I'll ask it again: What the heck is Robertson's first name?

Make mine Marvel.

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The answer is simple, Mike, Robertson's first name is Joe.

But his nickname is Robbie!

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Dear Spider-folks,

This is a letter of protest!

In the letters page of NOVA #7, a letter from John Damico was printed, saying that Nova surpasses Spider-Man! Now, don't

get me wrong, Nova-lovers, Nova is right up there *beside* Spider-Man, but there's just no way he can *surpass* Spidey!

I really don't know what John was talking about. Surely you realize that nobody can surpass the Wall-crawler in just seven short months. Oh, he's right in saying that Nova is great—that's a fact. I just want it made known that Spidey is still the best!

Matt Pierce  
703 NW 19th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32603

You won't get any argument from us on that point, Matt. Not when May Parker's favorite nephew is going strong in five monthly mags and his own newspaper strip!

And by the same count, we have to agree with you that Nova is something else, too! In fact, we think that this current NOVA/SPIDER-MAN crossover is one of the wildest teamings to hit the stands in some time.

Dear Len, Ross, and Mike:

I really like what you've been doing in SPIDER-MAN, especially all the subplots. Just look at issue #167, with Aunt May's new interest in old people's rights, and the intro of Dr. Hamilton and Flash's resultant interest in him. You really keep things moving, and that's good.

As for the villains of the piece, Will-O'-The-Wisp is probably one of the most original and fascinating villains we'll see this year. Who designed his appearance, Andru or Romita?

Now as for the other villain...well, you can't win them all! The Spider-Slayer is tired, even if he does have JJJ's face. By the way, since when can people get away with attempting to murder super-heroes? Jonah may be a big publisher, but there's no way he could get away with it.

James L. Bleeker  
1125 Courtney, NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

We really don't think Jonah would have tried doing Spidey in, Jim. It would have been more to his liking, probably, to knock the Web-slinger out, unmask him, and then parade him through the streets to the nearest police station. Fortunately, that didn't happen.

As to the design for Will-O'-The-Wisp, you can credit that to the collaborative efforts of Mr. Romita and Lively Len himself. Ya see, Wispy first saw the light of day in one of the many fanzines Len was connected with nearly 12 years ago! And after much urging on the part of Marv Wolfman and old buddy Mark Hannerfeld, Len finally decided to introduce Wispy to the big-time as a SPIDER-MAN foe. The only thing was that the early Will-O bore all too close a resemblance to a misty Silvery Surfer for the Lively One's tastes, so he sat down with Johnny and—ta-dah!—Will-O'-The Wisp/Marvel style was born!

(Gee, aren't these behind-the-scenes stories fascinating?)

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THERE IS NO *JOKE*, NO *JEST*, NO *JEER* THAT CAN *DISTRACT* ME FROM MY *TASK*...



--OR TURN ASIDE THE *LIVING-LIGHT* POWER OF MY *PHOTON GUN!!*

*UUNNNH!*  
N-NOW I KNOW HOW *NOVA* FELT!

I'M BEING *BEATEN* TO DEATH... BY A *RAINBOW!*



I COULD NOT EMPLOY THIS TACTIC BACK AT THE *RIDER* HOUSE, SINCE THE PLACE WAS CRAWLING WITH *POLICE*...

--BUT *THIS* TIME, PUNK, THERE'S NOTHING THAT WILL *SAVE* YOU FROM MY *WRATH!*

*WHUMP!*



AND, A SHORT WHILE *LATER*, THE *HIDDEN SEA-NATCH* BENEATH *MONTAUK'S* LIGHTHOUSE SLIDES *OPEN* ONCE MORE--

--AS *AIM'S* REMARKABLE *HYDRO-CRAFT* STRIKES A COURSE FOR THE *OPEN SEA*...



...CARRYING WITH IT TWO RATHER *RELUCTANT PASSENGERS!*

THERE'S STILL TIME TO CHANGE YOUR *MIND*, Y'KNOW.

*SILENCE*, DOLT!

THE ONE CALLED *PHOTON* HAS LEFT YOUR DISPOSITION IN OUR HANDS--



--AND WE OF *AIM* TAKE CONSUMMATE *PRIDE* IN OUR WORK!

RELEASE THE *ANCHOR* MEN-- AND BID TWO *YOUNG FOOLS* *GOOD-BYE!!*

BETTER GRAB A DEEP *BREATH*, JET-HEAD! WE'RE GOING FOR A *GOOD LONG*...

*GLUPEF!!*





**SWELL!**  
UNLESS WE  
CAN BREAK  
THESE HEAVY  
CHAINS, WE'RE  
**SUNK...  
LITERALLY!**

I'VE HAD  
PLENTY OF  
**PRACTICE**  
HOLDING MY  
**BREATH** FOR  
EXTENDED  
PERIODS--

--BUT I'M  
AFRAID A  
NEWCOMER LIKE  
**NOVA** DOESN'T  
HAVE A  
**PRAYER!**



GOOD THING THIS ALIEN  
COSTUME CONTAINS ITS  
OWN RECYCLING AIR  
**SUPPLY!**

WHEN WE HIT  
THE **WATER**, ITS  
PLEXIGLASS **SHIELD**  
SLID DOWN  
INTO **PLACE!**



CAN'T WASTE **TIME!**--AND  
HAVE TO START  
THIS **ALONE**--  
**NOVA**  
REALIZES  
WHAT I'M  
DOING!



**HUN?** SPIDEY'S  
STRAINING  
AGAINST THE  
**CHAIN--**

THAT'S IT **JET-HEAD--**  
WORK **AGAINST** ME!  
LET'S KEEP THESE CHAINS  
PULLED TIGHT AGAINST THE  
**ANCHOR-SHAFT--!**



THEN--FOUR **RIB**  
**CAGES** DON'T GIVE  
OUT **FIRST--**WE MIGHT  
HAVE A FIGHTING  
**CHANCE!**



THAT MAN'S SOME KIND OF  
**HERO!** HIS LUNGS MUST  
BE CLOSE TO **BURSTING--**

--BUT HE  
KEEPS  
**TRYING!**



CAN'T KEEP THIS UP...  
MUCH **LONGER!** EVERY-  
THING'S STARTING...TO  
GO **BLACK...**



SPIDEY'S **WEAKENING--** I  
CAN **FEEL** IT! I'VE GOT TO  
HELP HIM BREAK **FREE!**



LUNGS ALMOST  
**EMPTY...**! GOT TO  
PUT...EVERYTHING  
I **HAVE...** INTO ONE  
LAST **ATTEMPT...**

COME ON,  
SPIDEY! WE  
CAN **DO** IT--  
WE **HAVE**  
TO!!



BUT EVEN AS THE WEB-SLINGER'S  
WORLD GROWS DEATHLY **DARK...**

**SPANG!**

**SPING!**

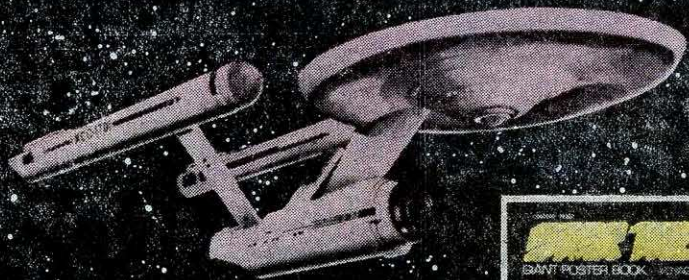
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**DID** IT...  
BUT I'LL  
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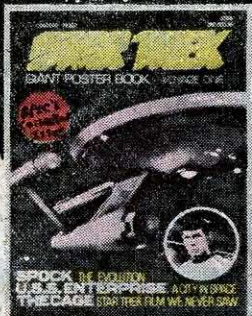




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## STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Believers! Hey, I finally found a way to get myself off the hook with you! I'm always getting letters from frantic ones complaining that they missed a Marvel radio or TV interview because they didn't know it would be on the air until too late, and demanding that we let 'em know in advance. And, as I keep trying to explain, we usually can't let you know in advance because those air dates are made after our mags are already at the printers. But—here's one case where we're able to tip you off in plenty of time (so you can be sure to miss it!) I'm writing these imperishable words at the end of February '77, and they'll be printed in our mags that go on sale in May. Now, I just made a commitment to do a half-hour radio interview on what is probably the largest-audience radio program in the country, FOCUS ON YOUTH. It's supposed to be aired late in May or early June. Some of their previous guests have been Walter Mondale, Dick Cavett, Ayn Rand, and Ted Kennedy. I guess they invited me hoping that I'd put in a good word for them with Howard the Duck! Anyway, the FOCUS ON YOUTH producers gave me a list of stations for you which are scheduled to carry the interview; and now, before I forget, here 'tis:

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I suggest you call whichever station is in your area to find out the exact date and time. Boy, won't it be awful if a lot of people are listening in and I come across sounding like Irving Forbush? (Especially when everyone knows I really sound like J. Jonah Jameson!) And now, before I let you get back to the real world, remember a couple of months ago when I asked if anyone knew how to pronounce "Ceud mile faite"? Here's the first answer we got, from our newest giant-size no-prize winner, Julianne Sealey of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and here's J.S.'s letter: "According to Irish Gaelic your phrase is pronounced 'cade me lay faite'. Though Scotch Gaelic belongs to a slightly different family of the language, the pronunciation would be much the same." And in case you've all forgotten, our frenetic little phrase means "A hundred thousand welcomes"—which, until next ish, is what I wish to you!

Excelsior!

ITEM! Spring is still several weeks in the future as your amiable armadillos set this in type, but signs of Summer loom large in our vision. One of the surest signs—at least in the mixed-up Marvel manner of viewing things—is the appearance of our colossal King-size Annuals, and this month heralds the arrival of the first two of these! Kicking things off will be the IRON MAN ANNUAL, in which the armored Avenger joins forces with the Champions to try to avert the most devastating disaster to menace the West Coast since the Hulk lost a can of his favorite beans in the San Andreas fault. JIM SHOOTER plotted it, BILL MANTLO wrote it, GEORGE TUSKA and DON PERLIN penciled and inked it to perfection... all you have to do is sit back, read it, and enjoy! And should you

crave more—in fact, we're kinda counting on it—JOLLY JACK KIRBY has created, with the able inking assistance of JOHN VERPOORTEN and JOHN TARTAGLIONE, a king-size clash with that most malevolent of master villains, Magneto, for the CAPTAIN AMERICA ANNUAL. Just to make certain you get your money's worth, Jack's also tossing in an *entirely new* Brotherhood of Evil Mutants. It all adds up to a deadly danger for Cap, but a guaranteed 34 pages of sheer thrills for you. Between our Annuals and other special projects—like our incredible KISS book, which goes on sale next month—we've got a summerful of way-out wonderment planned for you. Get in on it early so you don't miss any of the fun!

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ITEM! A couple of Bullpen Bulletins back, we told you about the great GODZILLA book we had in the works. Well, this month it hits your newsstand and if you're just half as happy with the results as we were when we saw what Devil-may-care DOUG MOENCH, Happy HERB TRIMPE, and Jaunty JIM MOONEY had done with Toho Productions' lively large lizard, then we've a definite hit in the making. ITEM! As long as we've got you checking things out, we'd also like to draw your attention to the latest issue of WHAT IF...? which explores the alternate reality that might be if "The Invaders Had Stayed Together after World War II." Also on sale this month is the second issue of our six-part adaptation of the George Lucas-Twentieth Century Fox film, STAR WARS. And coming up in late June is another special film adaptation, THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU. But more about it next time around. Till then, keep on thinking Marvel!

Shortly after the completion of last month's Bullpen Bulletin, we received the saddening news that artist BOB BROWN had died of leukemia. Bob is probably best known to Marvel readers for his penciling work on DAREDEVIL, as well as on AVENGERS and MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE. During the last few years, Bob had also done much to promote better communication and exchange of ideas between American and European cartoonists. He was a gifted professional artist and a quiet, warm human being. He'll be sorely missed.



# IRON MAN IN RUST BE MY DESTINY!











WELL THERE HE IS! THE ONLY QUESTION LEFT IS-- WHO HE IS!

I'M SURPRISED YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED THAT OUT YET, JET-HEAD! THE CLUES HAVE BECOME OBVIOUS!



SO GO AHEAD, WALL-CRAWLER-- DAZZLE ME WITH YOUR BRILLIANCE!

WELL, TO BEGIN WITH, OUR MAN CLAIMED THAT PHOTON MELTED HIS WAY INTO THIS HOUSE--

--BUT THE SOLIDIFIED SLAG BENEATH THE HOLE IN THE WALL SHOWS THAT PHOTON HAD ACTUALLY MELTED HIS WAY OUT!



YEAH, I NOTICED THAT MYSELF-- BUT WE ALREADY KNOW PHOTON WAS ONE OF THREE INSIDERS! SO WHAT?

SO WHEN CAPTAIN STEELE ARRIVED HERE WITH RICHARD RIDER, OUR MAN TOLD HIM THAT PHOTON HAD HEADED FOR THE LIBRARY--

--EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE SEVERAL ROOMS ALONG THAT HALLWAY THAT PHOTON COULD HAVE DUCKED INTO!

FACE IT BRIGHT-EYES-- THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON PHOTON COULD BE!



AND YOU'RE RIGHT, WEB-SLINGER-- EVEN THOUGH YOU MISSED THE MOST OBVIOUS CLUE OF THEM ALL!

CAPTAIN STEELE! THEN THE AIM AGENTS ARE...?

ALL UNDER LOCK AND KEY SON-- AND OUR OTHER TWO SUSPECTS AS WELL!

SO CUT THE SUSPENSE AND TELL US-- WHAT CLUE?



THE FACT THAT DOCTOR RALPH RIDER WAS COMPLETELY CAPTIVATED BY WORD GAMES!

HERE, LOOK CLOSELY AT THIS PHOTO...



...AND NOTE THE CALENDAR PAGES THE DOCTOR IS TOUCHING!

THEY'RE JULY THRU DECEMBER-- THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR!



IT'S IRONIC THAT THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH MONTH SPELLS OUT J...A...S...O...N...D...

PHOTON IS ANOTHER NAME FOR... JASON DEAN!!

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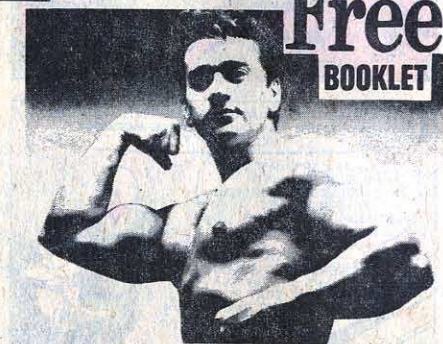


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PRESENTS

## STREET BALL

WITH  
RICK BARRY  
AND  
DR. J!

HEY LOOK!  
IT'S RICK BARRY  
AND DR. J!!



GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE  
PLAYING WITH A  
SPALDING  
RUBBER BALL  
LIKE I GREW UP  
WITH.

YEAH,  
THOSE  
VINYL  
BALLS ARE  
JUST TOO  
SLICK!



AW, WHAT  
DIFFERENCE  
CAN THE  
BALL MAKE?



MY MAN, FOR REAL  
BALL HANDLING,  
YOU NEED THAT

...SPALDING  
TOUCH!!!



SLAMDUNK!

HE  
PLAYS  
UP IN THE  
LIGHTS!

WHAT  
MOVES!

NOW IT'S MY TURN,  
JULIUS!



A  
30-  
FOOTER!!

WHAT  
A MAGIC  
TOUCH!

YOU  
DON'T NEED  
MAGIC -JUST  
PRACTICE WITH  
A SPALDING  
AUTOGRAPH  
BALL. IT'S GOT A  
RUBBER COVER  
SO YOU CAN  
REALLY GET  
A GRIP ON  
IT.



I  
BELIEVE  
IT! I  
BELIEVE  
IT!!

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WITH THE SURE-HANDED  
FEEL, LOOK FOR OUR  
SIGNATURES AT YOUR  
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SIGNED BY WILT CHAMBERLAIN,  
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