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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN[®]

AUNT MAY IS
DYING-- AND ONLY
PETER PARKER
CAN SAVE HER!

BUT
WHERE
IS HE??



WHERE
ELSE?
HE'S...

IN THE GRIP OF THE
GREEN GOBLIN!

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While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the insect's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

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LAST ISSUE, YOU MAY RECALL, EVERYONE'S FAVORITE WEB-SLINGER WATCHED FROM A SECLUDED AIR-SHAFT AS THE MANIACAL GREEN GOBLIN TRIUMPHANTLY EXCLAIMED:

MY FRIENDS, I CAN
ELIMINATE
SPIDER-MAN FOR
YOU PERMANENTLY!

YOU SEE, I KNOW
WHO SPIDER-MAN
REALLY IS!

NO!
THE GOBLIN
IS ABOUT
TO REVEAL
MY SECRET
IDENTITY--

--AND WHEN
HE DOES...
SPIDER-
MAN IS
FINISHED!!

**GREEN
GROWS THE
GOBLIN!**

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LORD-- NO!

WH--WHAT DO WE DO NOW?



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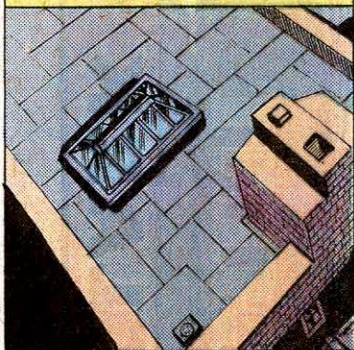
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CANNOT ACCOMPLISH--
NOTHING THAT CAN
EVER BE DENIED ME!

AND YET,
THERE ARE
FORCES WHICH
CONSPIRE
AGAINST ME!



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NORMAN OSBORN--WAS
A MASTER VILLAIN
BEYOND COMPARE... BUT
STILL HE WAS SLAIN
BY THE INTERFERING
SPIDER-MAN!*

I HAVE PLANNED FOR
TOO LONG--PLOTTED
TOO CAREFULLY--
TO EVER ALLOW THE
SAME FATE TO
BEFALL ME!

*ACTUALLY, OSBORN WAS A VICTIM OF HIS OWN
INSANITY, AS SEEN IN ISSUE #122. --LEN



IF I'M GOING TO CAPTURE THAT
CURSED WEB-SLINGER FOR SILVER-
MANE AND HIS FRIENDS, I MUST
CATCH HIM UNAWARE--STRIKE
WHEN HE LEAST EXPECTS IT!

MMPPHHMM!!



I'M MAD, DID YOU
SAY?

PERHAPS,
MY FRIEND...
PERHAPS.

I SUPPOSE
ONLY
DR. BARTON
HAMILTON
WOULD KNOW
THAT FOR
CERTAIN--



--AND HE'S NOT IN ANY POSITION
TO TALK ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW...

...IS HE?

MMPPHHMM!!

SHAME ON YOU,
MY FRIEND--SUCH
LANGUAGE!!



NOW, IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME, MY
FRIEND--I HAVE A
SPIDER TO
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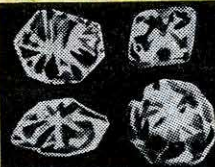
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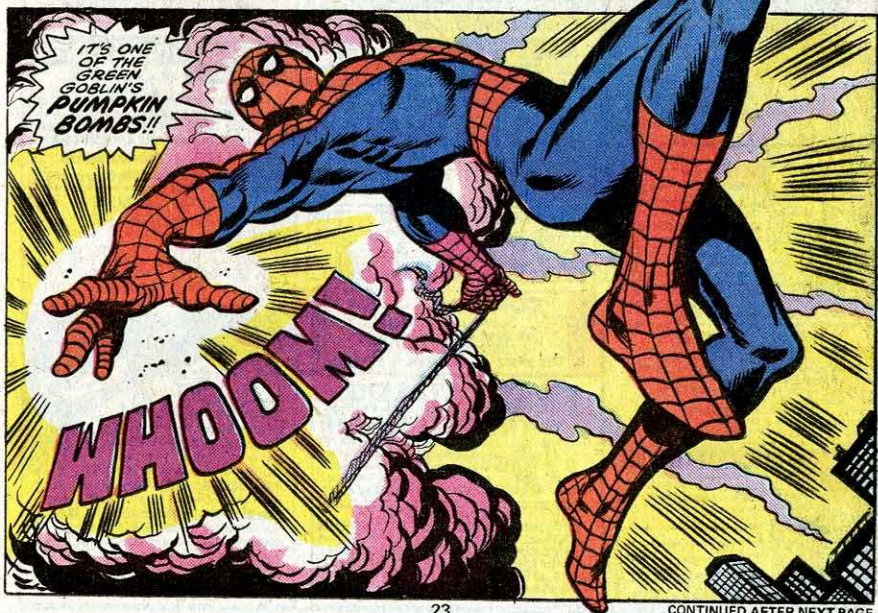
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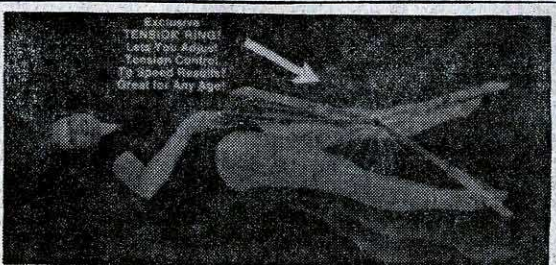
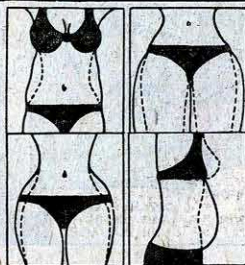
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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Many knowledge-hungry readers have asked what in the name of Irving Forbush do I talk about when I make my monthly pilgrimage to some defenseless college bringing a modicum of Marvel culture to the madly cheering masses! Therefore, in my burning desire to answer your every question—and because I can't think of anything else to write about—you're now about to be favored with a typical outline of one of Lee's Luminous Little All-Purpose Lectures! So let's begin before you get too choked up to read any further. I usually kick off with a brief outline of the history of mighty Marvel—how and why the whole nutty thing began. And, since I've got the world's worst memory, it rarely comes out the same way twice! Half the campuses in America probably have wildly conflicting histories of the growth of Marvel's greatness—but at least it keeps 'em on their toes! Then, we have some dizzy in-depth discussions of our cuddly costumed cavers. We probe the psyches and gestalts of Spider, the Hulk, Doc Doom, Howard the Anstid (in case you meet a guy who speaks only Latin), and as many other of our legendary little lovebugs as time, and the audience's stamina, will permit. Next, we come to the really heavy stuff—namely, the philosophy of comics. We explore what's right with them and (gulp!) what's wrong with them; why Marvel has a funsluggish flavor all its own (sort'a like a ripe scallion); and what lies ahead for Marveldom Assembled. That's probably the most momentous subject of all, for as academia knows, as Marvel goes so goes the nation! (The world?) (The universe may be?) Finally, we segue into the grand finale, the part where the long-suffering audience can get its well-deserved revenge—the Questions-and-Answers period! This is the zingiest part for all concerned 'cause they can put me on the spot while I get my jollies by trying to worm out of it in my usual sneaky way! And there you have it—next to the secret of the Rosicrucians, probably the most sought-after info since the Silver Surfer divulged the name of his barber! And now, till J. Jonah Jameson slopes with Aunt May, have the merriest of Christmases, be good to each other, and always remember—Red Sonja will love you if you keep thinking Marvel!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Just to prove we really love you all, we've come up with a holiday surprise package that we think will absolutely knock you on your mistletoe, namely the second of our MARVEL COMICS SUPER SPECIALS. If you caught our first one (which starred the rock group KISS), then you know to expect a deluxe magazine with radiant full color, high quality paper, and dazzling art reproduction. And if you've checked out the illustration on this page, then you also know the sensational subject of this Special, none other than everyone's favorite sword-swinging Cimrierian, CONAN THE BARBARIAN. Odds are that's enough to send most of you cogent comics cognoscenti stampeding to your nearest newsdealer, but for the doubters and diehards lurking about, we'll elaborate further. The magazine's main feature is a novel-length epic entitled: "Revenge of the Barbarian." It's based on a story by Conan's creator, ROBERT E. HOWARD, and adapted by the award-winning team of writer/editor ROY THOMAS and artist extraordinaire JOHN BUSCEMA. Adding their talents are Awesome ALFREDO ALCALA, who renders John's layouts to a fantastic finish, and Mirthful MARIE SEVERIN, whose hand-tinting craftsmanship brings new meaning to the words 'full color!' In addition, there's a fabulous feature section (also in color) delving into the history of Conan in the comics as well as other awesome aspects of the sword-and-sorcery trade, and the whole prestigious package comes with a rip-roaring wraparound cover painting by Earnest EARL NOREM. All that ... and it's yours for a mere \$1.50! MARVEL COMICS SUPER SPECIAL #2 featuring THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN. Don't miss it!



ITEM! If you think from the last item we're shooting our bolt on the holiday season and not have anything left for the New Year... then you misjudge just how much we like to keep the excitement flowing your way, amigo, because on tap in January is a veritable landslide of landmark mags! First, there's SPIDER-WOMAN debuting in her own title; revamped, redesigned, and refined to a fare-thee-well from her MARVEL SPOTLIGHT appearance by MARV WOLFMAN, CARMINE

INFANTINO, and TONY DEZUNIGA into one of the most unique and uniquely exciting super-heroines to hit the scene. Then there's the fabulous fiftieth issue of POWER MAN, which hits you with a dazzling new direction as Luke Cage becomes partners with Danny Rand, otherwise known as IRON FIST. It's offbeat and outrageous, but we're betting it's the most winning combination since Starsky met Hutch. Last month we gave you the rundown on JACK "King" KIRBY's two new books, DEVIL DINOSAUR and MACHINE MAN. This month we're going to cue you that next month they're going to be on sale. A word to the wise should be sufficient ... first issues, especially those by Mr. K, disappear fast! Finally, in our black-and-white magazine line, a new edition of MARVEL PREVIEW surges forth in January and features THE U.F.O. CONNECTION, a novel-length blockbuster of flying saucers, pyramid power, reincarnation, and a secret war with beings from the beyond written by DAVID KRAFT, drawn by HERB TRIMPE, and rendered by KLAUS JANSON. Editor ROGER SLIFER assures us it's all imaginary, but the way it ties in with some known facts and theories leaves us wondering... and experiencing a shiver or two definitely not brought on by the winter wind!

ITEM! One thing we always seem to have plenty of in the Bullpen is changes, and this time around is no exception. We're saying hail and farewell to Edifying ED HANNIGAN, who is abandoning his Assistant Editor's post for the rigors of becoming full-time penciler of the monthly DEFENDERS mag, and to Mellow MARY ELLEN BEVERIDGE, who departs as our Lady of the Fan Letters to take up the brush and Doctor Martin's dyes of a freelance colorist. Fortunately, ready to step into their places, respectively, are Slim JIM SALICRUP and Heavenly HELLEN KATZ. A whole lot of good luck to the lot of you in your new endeavors. On the free-lance front, let's say hello to Rebel ROGER MCKENZIE who has recently taken over the scripting of DAREDEVIL and GHOST RIDER, and offer considerable congratulations to Klobbering KEITH POLLARD, whose pulsating pencil work can now be seen on the FANTASTIC FOUR and IRON MAN comics. We're looking forward to bigger and better dazzlement from both these promising talents!

ITEM! A sad note: The passing of RON HAYDOCK, who contributed many articles to our black-and-white magazines of several seasons back, particularly MONSTERS OF THE MOVIES. He was a friend to many of us here at Marvel and his absence shall be felt.

ITEM! As usual, there's a lot to cover and always too little space to do it in. We didn't get a chance to mention the secret project that artist GEORGE "Pacesetter" PEREZ and scripter DAVID KRAFT are huddling together on, or those private planning sessions between STAN, CHRIS CLAREMONT, and DAVE COCKRUM over a certain super-heroine in Marvel's mighty line-up. Maybe next time.

ITEM! It's December and another holiday season, good people, so from every amiable armadillo and boisterous Bullpenner here at merry Marvel, the very best of Season's Greetings to you one and all!

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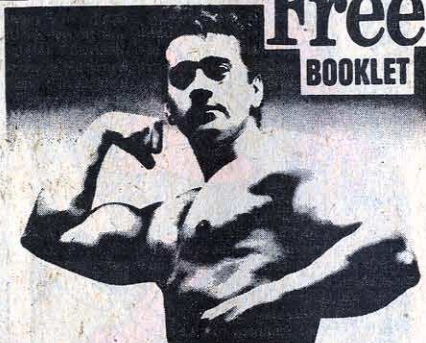
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"I have gained 20 pounds in just 30 days and I have gained over 6 inches on my chest. I find that my power has doubled. In sports I am a winner in everything I do." B. Daniels

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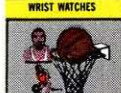
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