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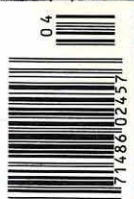
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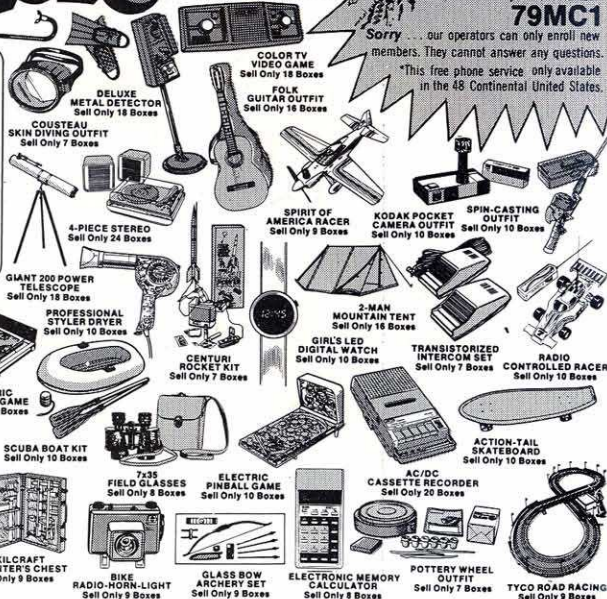
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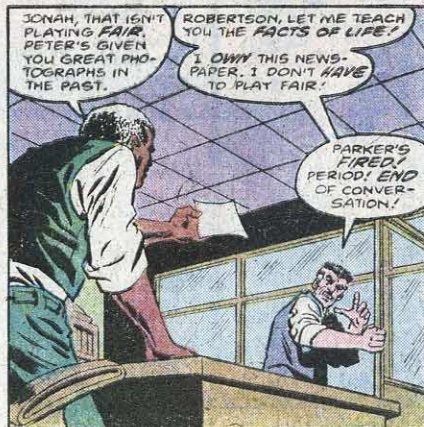
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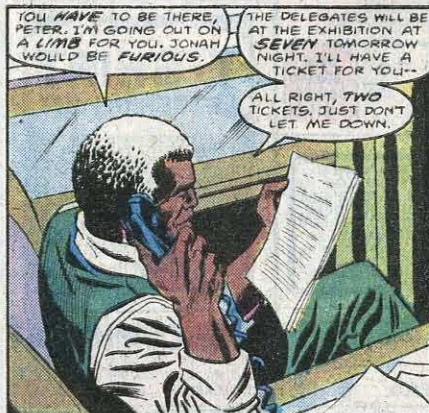
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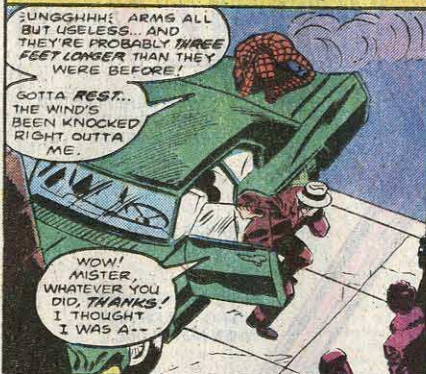
AGGGHHH! WHAT I WOULDN'T DO FOR THE POWER OF THE MULK RIGHT ABOUT NOW!



PAIN SHOOTING UP MY ARMS, AND THE EXHAUSTS BLOWING RIGHT INTO MY FACE--

BLASTED CAR'S JUST DRAGGING ME ALONG WITH IT-- SOMEHOW I GOTTA USE THE CURB TO ANCHOR MYSELF!

WITH A GUT-WRENCHING SCREECH, THE SPEEDING CAR IS SUDDENLY GRIND TO A HEART-RENDING HALT...



LUNGHHH! ARMS ALL BUT USELESS... AND THEY'RE PROBABLY THREE FEET LONGER THAN THEY WERE BEFORE!

GOTTA REST... THE WIND'S BEEN KNOCKED RIGHT OUTTA ME.

WOW! MISTER, WHATEVER YOU DID, THANKS! I THOUGHT I WAS A--



OH, NO-- IT'S YOU! SPIDER-MAN!

P-PLEASE DON'T HURT ME... DON'T COME AT ME!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO LOSE CONTROL-- DON'T HURT ME!

HEY, SLOW DOWN, WHATAYA TALKIN' ABOUT? WHO'S HURTING ANYONE? I JUST SAVED YOU!

S-STAY BACK...



FEARFULLY, THE FRIGHTENED DRIVER LEAPS INTO HIS CAR, GUNS THE ENGINE, AND...

NOW WILL SOMEONE PLEASE TRY EXPLAINING THAT?

I BREAK NEARLY EVERY BONE IN MY BODY TO SAVE THAT CREEP!



HUH? THAT HEADLINE ON THE BUSLE--

SPIDER-MAN KILLER

OH... MY GOD!



ALL RIGHT, JAMESON, NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!

WE'VE BEEN SPARRING FOR YEARS!

--BUT NOW YOU'VE BLOWN IT, MISTER, YOU'VE BLOWN IT!

THIS IS THE ADDRESS, MARLA. HE'LL HELP US. I'M SURE OF IT.

BUT, JONAH--

BEEEE

NO BUTS, MARLA. MY MIND IS SET!

WHO IS IT?? COUGNE WHO... JAMESON?!

THAT'S RIGHT, SMYTHE. ONCE YOU PROMISED NEVER TO HELP ME AGAIN, BUT I NEED YOU.

MONEY IS NO OBJECT. I WANT THE BEST! SPIDER-SLAYER YOU CAN BUILD!

COUGNE COUGNE EXCUSE ME, JAMESON. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

THE ASTONISHED SPENCER SMYTHE ENTERS THE BATHROOM AND TRIUMPHANTLY SHUTS THE DOOR BEHIND HIM...

COUGNE COUGNE IT'S BETTER THAN I DREAMED! I WANTED JAMESON IN MY CLUTCHES AND HE COMES WALKING RIGHT INTO MY LAIR.

THIS IS ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

IT'S MY CHANCE TO PAY HIM BACK FOR EVERYTHING HE'S DONE TO ME!

BY FORCING ME TO BUILD SPIDER-SLAYER AFTER SPIDER-SLAYER, HE CONSTANTLY EXPOSED ME TO DEADLY RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS.

BUT BEFORE I DIE... I'LL SEE HIM DEAD... AND THAT INFERNAL WALL-CRAWLER, TOO!



AND NOW THAT BULTERING FOOL HAS HANDED ME HIS DEATH RIGHT ON A SILVER PLATTER!

A MOMENT LATER, A SEEMINGLY CALM SPENCER SMYTHE RE-JOINS J. JONAH JAMESON...

WELL? WELL? WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER, SMYTHE? ARE YOU WITH ME?



YES, JAMESON. I'LL DO IT... BUT WE MUST BE ALONE. SEND THE WOMAN AWAY.

ACROSS TOWN, A LITHE RED AND BLUE FIGURE LOWERS HIMSELF TO A CERTAIN WINDOW LEDGE...

TOWER! I HAVE TO SPEAK TO YOU-- NOW! JAMESON'S PUSHED ME TOO FAR! IF I DON'T GET HELP I'M GONNA STRIKE BACK-- ANYWAY I HAVE TO!



SPIDER-MAN?!

COME IN, COME IN. BUT NEXT TIME PHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT, WILL YOU? I'M USUALLY A BUSY MAN.

KNOCK IT OFF, TOWER! YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE, AND YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW CITY BOYS WHO DOESN'T SEEM TO WANT MY NECK IN A NOOSE! CAN I TALK FREELY?







MEANWHILE...

WELL, IS *THIS* ALL YOU'VE GOT TO SHOW ME SMYTHE?

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BUT FIRST, LOOK AT THIS, TRY IT ON.

IT LOOKS LIKE A KID COULD KNOCK OVER THAT BUG!



BAH! WHAT IS IT? LOOKS LIKE HANDCUFFS TO ME.

DON'T ARGUE WITH ME JAMESON! DO AS I SAY!

TALK TO ME LIKE THAT, WILL YOU? WHEN WE'RE *DONE* WITH THIS YOU'LL SUFFER TOO, SMYTHE. BELIEVE ME.



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LOCK? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



I'VE *DONE* IT! JAMESON, YOU STUPID INSUFFERABLE FOOL, I'VE JUST KILLED YOU, BUT IT WILL TAKE 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU FALL!

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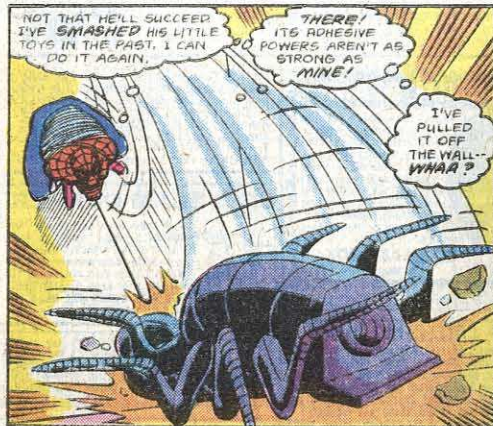
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PULLED
IT OFF THE WALL--
WHAA?



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ITSELF, FALLEN
ON ITS LEGS.
IT MUST HAVE AN
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FOR BALANCE.

I CAN'T DO MUCH MORE
TIED UP IN THIS STEEL
TRUSS... I NEED MY
FREEDOM!

SNAPP!

WHOEVER BUILT
THIS MUST'VE BEEN SO SURE
HE'D GET ME ON THE FIRST
TRY THAT HE DIDN'T MAKE
THESE BANDS STRONG ENOUGH!



UH, OH, THE SPIDER-SLAYER'S
CHARGING LIKE A MAD BULL!



NUTS! IT'S CLIMBING
UP THE WALL RIGHT AFTER
ME... IT'S AS FAST
ON ITS FEET AS I AM.

LET IT...
I'LL BE
LONG
GONE!



ONLY IT NEVER
TIRES... AND EVEN
GOOD SPIDEYS
GOTTA FALL DOWN
AT THE END OF
THE DAY.

SO I CAN'T KEEP RUN-
NING. I'VE GOTTA SMASH
IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!



(SOMETHING TELLS ME WHAT I'M
ABOUT TO DO IS VERY, VERY
STUPID!)

BUT I
GOTTA
TRY!

I CAN'T LET
JAMESON
BEAT ME!

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TO MY EARS.
EVERY TIME I PUNCH IT,
I KEEP PRETENDING HE'S JONAH!



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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Gigantic news, gang! Here's the blockbuster I've been waiting years to announce! Remember the almost legendary original Spider-Man and Dr. Strange strips—the ones done by yours truly and Steve Ditko? The ones that helped to make the wondrous web-slinger and the mystical Master of Black Magic two of the most popular heroes ever to grace the pandemonious pages of a Marvel mag? And remember how Sturdy Steve one day up and left the bewildered Bullpen to seek other paths of glory? Well, not only have I been eagerly awaiting his eventual return, but most of Marveldom Assembled has been waiting for it too, judging by the mountain of letters we've received over the years asking when the dazzling Mr. D. would return to the realm of the True Believer! In fact, I don't think I've ever spoken at a campus anywhere without at least half-a-dozen misty-eyed Marvelophiles imploring me to find some way to get Steve to wend his way home again! Okay now—here comes the good part! Ditko's back—and Marvel's got him! You'll be seeing his own brand of artistic magic in some of our greatest and most exciting mags, coming your way soon! Forgive me for sounding as if this is some sort of hard-sell commercial plug—it isn't meant to be. It's just that I feel incredibly sentimental about one of our original greats climbing aboard again, just as I felt when Jolly Jack Kirby returned to the scenes of his former glory! (For those of you who've been wondering what Jack is up to now, he's doing our storyboard layouts for NBC-TV's "Fantastic Four" Saturday A.M. animated show—miss 'em at your own risk!) And now, on behalf of the whole blissful Bullpen, and countless legions of Marvelites everywhere, let me joyfully shout "Welcome back, Steve! It's been a long wait, but it's gonna be worth it—'cause the best lies just ahead!"

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Most Outrageous Oversight of 1978 Department: Would you believe that we forgot to mention the little fact that, a few months back, *Broadway* BOB HALL stepped down as Editor of about half the Marvel comic lines. Bob, as many of you know, is producer and co-author of the off-Broadway hit play, *The Passion of Dracula*. It seems that the show is such a smash that it's opened some new doors for Bob in the world of screenplay-writing and major theatrical endeavors. It was with great sadness that Bob left Marvel, (blunted somewhat by the wild and crazy no-holds-barred party thrown by the staff in his honor) but he promises to fit in some freelance work for us as often as possible. Best of luck from all of us in the Bullpen, Bob! We'll miss you!

ITEM! Second Most Outrageous Oversight of 1978 Department: When Bob Hall stepped down, much-belaugered Editor-in-Chief Jim (Trouble) Shooter found himself in an uncharacteristically lucky position. As fate would have it, right about then, a long-time Marvel Master Artist and all-time friend of the Bullpen returned from his brief hiatus with... the other guys... and rejoined the fold! He's a true Renaissance man! He pencils! He inks! He writes! He edits! He has 1001 uses around the home and office, and he's an absolute terror on the volleyball court! Those of you who pay attention to the credits already know we're talking about none other than *Amiable* AL MILGROM, whose artful delineation of the CAPTAIN MARVEL series dazzled Marveldom assembled a couple years back! Al is better than ever, it seems, and raring to go! Besides editing DAREDEVIL, DEFENDERS, DOCTOR STRANGE, GODZILLA, HULK, TEAM-UP, MICRONAUTS, PETER PARKER, POWER MAN/IRON FIST, TARZAN, and more, Al's pencilling and inking all over the lot! Check out HOWARD THE DUCK #30, for instance! Good to have you with us, Al, and we're sorry we forgot to mention it sooner. The thing is, it seemed so natural to have you back home again, it sort of slipped our minds that you were ever gone!



ITEM! It also bears mentioning that during all this editorial reshuffling somebody was minding the store—namely, faithful Assistant Editor *Mannerly* MARY JO DUFFY, who kept things running smoothly. Mary Jo is learning the editorial ropes with amazing alacrity, and it's a safe bet you'll be hearing lots more about this talented lady before long—right now, in fact! It seems that Jo has finally snagged her first regular series, namely POWER MAN/IRON FIST, and right off the bat she's made a winner! You've got to see issue #56! You just plain won't believe who Luke Cage and the K'un-Lun Kid come to scratch against! It may be the mismatch of the century—and not in favor of the good guys! Nope, we



won't ruin the surprise for you—but why let curiosity gnaw at your brain? Run down to your newsstand and buy a copy, already. It's there waiting for you!

ITEM! Speaking of waiting, it seems that the whole blamed world is breathlessly anticipating the comics event of the year—that being, of course, the 100th issue of CONAN THE BARBARIAN! As you read this, issue #97 is just hitting the stands, but for those few of you who aren't regulars (shame!), it's definitely not too early to get in on the building excitement. Actually the continuing saga has been gaining momentum for literally years now, and believe us, the payoff coming up in issue #100 is well worth the waiting. The few holdouts out there (you know who you are) who figure to buy our double-size spectacular hundredth issue as an investment, since it's sure to become a valuable collector's item in record time, but who won't part with a few shekels for the regular issues leading up to it, are actually cheating themselves out of the full glorious impact of this outstanding epic tale. So get with it, guys! You've been warned!

ITEM! In case you've been wondering about HOWARD THE DUCK lately, or even if you haven't, here's the scoop. Firstly, *Gentleman* GENE COLAN, high-ranking contender for the Greatest Penciler in the Universe title, is back, as is Super Inker *Amiable* AL MILGROM, and the word for the artwork is *superb*! Ace Writer *Boisterous* BILL MANTLO has found his Niche of Destiny with the Duck, and as a result of all this happy harmony of talent, issue #30 of HTD may well be the best ever! What's in it? Well, the return of Dr. Bong, for openers, and wait'll you see how Howie gears up for the final confrontation with his arch foe! Truck on down to your local magazine shop in a hurry and you may still be able to latch onto a copy of this fowl work—and whatever you do, don't miss next issue. It's even better! Only Marvel could bring you such madness for such a small fee!

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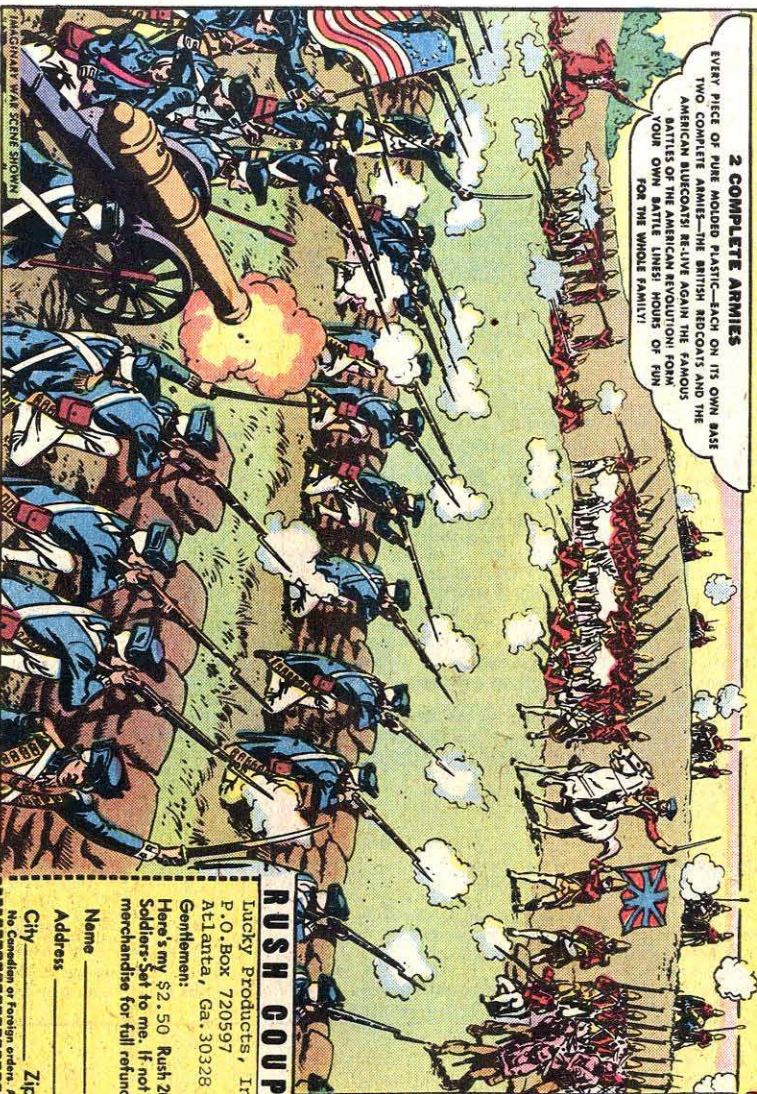
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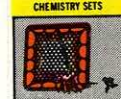
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