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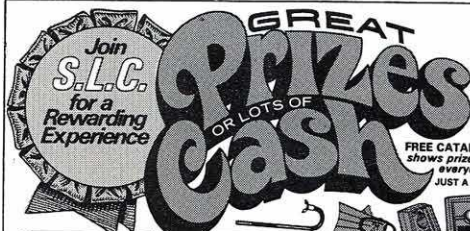
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SPIDER-SLAYER, I SHOULD
HAVE REALIZED... YOU
WERE BEHIND IT!

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YOU LITTLE FOOL--
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IN DESTROYING
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JAMESON ARE SENT
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MEANWHILE...



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AN' BELIEVE ME, THE FLY IS READY FOR ANYTHIN'!



JUST A JOE WHO WANTS SOMETHING YOU GOT, BIG-SHOT.



YEAH, HERE IT IS, THE INVITE TO THE KING TUT EXHIBIT!



LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT, JAMESON. YOU SAY SPIDER-MAN KIDNAPPED YOU?



SURE, JONAH, AND I ACCIDENTALLY CLAMPED IT ON MY WRIST AS WELL, RIGHT?



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Fruit Stripe Bubble Gum.



Q: Why do we
put all those wild,
colorful, fruity
stripes on every single
stick?

A: To show you that
deeee-licious fruity
Fruit Stripe Flavor.



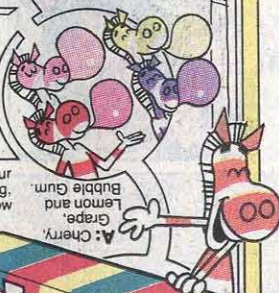
Q: There's a
whole herd of flavors
inside every pack.
How many can
you find?

A: Lemon, Orange,
Cherry, Lime, Grape
and Bubble Gum
flavor, too.



Q: What are the four
different kinds of big,
juicy, easy-to-blow
bubbles?

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Lemon and
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AND... I'LL PROBABLY REGRET THIS, BUT I SHOULD CALL MARY JANE. SHE'D WANT TO BE THERE, TOO. I'M SURE.



BUT, IN THE APARTMENT OF MARY JANE WATSON A MOMENT BEFORE BETTY BRANT-LEEDS CAN DIAL HER PHONE...

WISH I KNEW WHY I'M SEEING PETE AGAIN... IF ONLY HE WEREN'T SO IN-SISTENT!

HEY, I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING-- I'M ACTUALLY SCARED! ABOUT DATING PETE?



NO... I STILL DIG THAT BROWN-EYED HUNK, BUT WHAT IF HE PROPOSES AGAIN?

I DON'T THINK I CAN GO THROUGH THE TRAGEDY OF MARRYING, ONLY TO BREAK UP-- LIKE BETTY AND NED...



...OR LIKE MOM AND DAD SO MANY YEARS AGO...



MEANWHILE...

I'M GETTING SICK, YOU MANIAC! PUT ME DOWN AND I'M HUNGRY! I WANT TO EAT!

SURE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MORE DEMANDS, FAT-HEAD?

HOW ABOUT A LIMOUSINE TO TAKE YOU TO THE CEMETERY WHEN THE BOMB GOES BOOM?



C'MON, YOU CAN THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANT, CAN'TCHA?

DROP DEAD, FINK!

AH HA! SEE HOW EASY IT IS IF YOU TRY?

I HAVE TO THINK A WAY OUTTA THIS MESS, FLAT-HEAD. WE'VE ONLY GOT A FEW MORE HOURS.

AN' I'LL BE HANGED IF I'M GONNA WASTE 'EM WATCHING YOU 'GOUGE YOURSELF!'



'SIDES, I'M STARVING TOO, BUT I CAN'T EAT AND LET JONAH SEE MY JAWLINE.

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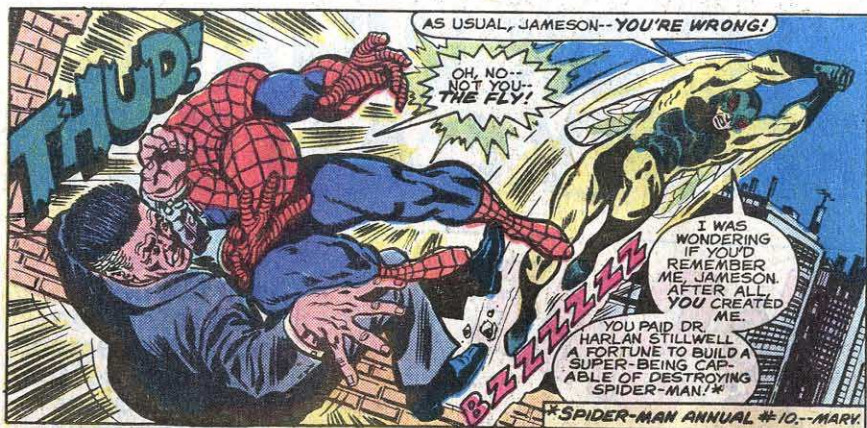


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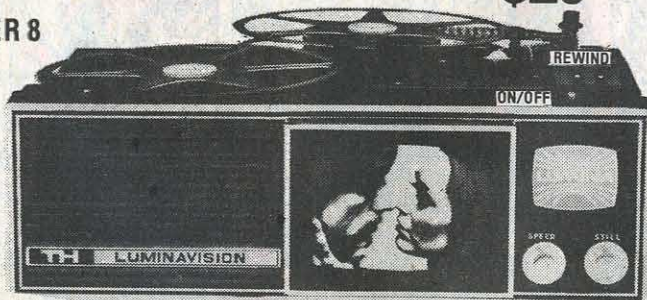
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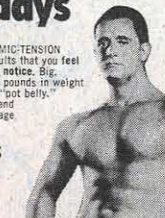
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In other words, all you need to do is write to the television network on which the program is presented, and remember—the mail they receive really does make a difference! You know, when the Dr. Strange two-hour movie was first shown on CBS a few months ago, dozens of people told me how much they enjoyed it. But when I asked if they had dropped a note to

CBS telling how they felt, not one of them had thought to do so, because they hadn't realized that their letters would matter. So, a word to the wise. (And who ever heard of an unwise Marvelite?) Your opinions really do count—but only if you let the network know!

And, speaking of letting people know, if you happen to be in or near Miami, Florida on April 7th, drop by the Holiday Inn, 110th Street and Biscayne Blvd., in North Miami, and say hello. I'll be there, whoopin' it up for ol' Marvel, as usual, at the famous Miami 2, which runs from April 6th through the 8th, where it's always great to greet a horde of true believers!

So, till we meet again, let's all ponder the imperishable words of Irving Forbush: "Never hassle a howling Hulk—you wouldn't like him when he's angry!" Or, as we say in the Bullpen: "Never strike an ailing Asgardian—you wouldn't like him when he's Thor!" (Forgive me gang—it's been a tough day!)

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! In this column we often ramble on shamelessly about how well we're doing on various titles, and how wonderfully we've impressed ourselves with whatever new special project is on the fire at the moment. The fact is, without exception, the hype herein stems from sincere excitement about the creative endeavors we blurb, but sometimes it must seem to you that we're pushing our wares too hard. Now, we were going to start off this month's news with a lowie-kazowie rave about our impending almost-a-shoe-in TV deal for none other than SPIDER-WOMAN, and pat ourselves on the back for the terrific job that we've done with the character, but with our aforementioned worries in mind—well, we just can't! In many ways, we have every right to brag—after all, who can knock success? We've had terrific penciling issue after issue by Carmine Infantino, top-notch scripting by both longtime superstar Marv Wolfman and talented upstart Mark Gruenwald, and nifty inking by recent discovery Al Gordon. Even the coloring's been outstanding. What's more, the mail response has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic and the sales have been pretty good! With a TV deal in the offing, who, you may well inquire, could ask for anything more? Frankly, we could. Maybe we're crazy to want to tamper with a winner,



but there just seemed to be something missing from Spider-Woman. As any pro will tell you, something can be very good without being "right". The best art and the best wordsmithing

don't always guarantee that special magic in a series—that happy harmony in the creative effort that makes a book a standout. Not being the type of folks to settle for less than perfect, several weeks ago, Jim Shooter, Mark Gruenwald, Marv Wolfman, Jim Salicrup, and Stan the Man himself settled into Stan's office, ordered up lunch (on the company!) and spent the entire afternoon talking things out, analyzing our approach to Spider-Woman, discussing who she is, why she is that way, and how to best portray her. It was a long, exhausting brainsession—but worth it, because a lot of things fell into place! At last, we think we've got it! Spider-Woman #14 ought to be on sale soon after you read this. If you should happen to buy a copy, (and we certainly hope you will) be sure and write in and tell us how we're doing. After all, you folks out there have the final word!

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ITEM! Just a quick parting note. Many people have written in asking just who it is who writes this crazy column. Most folks presume it's Smilin' Stan, since his is the only signature on the whole bullpen page, but, in fact, Stan writes only the soapbox part of the page. Ye Olde Editor-in-Chief pens these lines, and hereby is declared responsible for all dumb mistakes herein. So, there! The truth, at last, is out. Now can we please lay to rest the rumor that Jim Shooter has fled to Borneo babbling something about schedules?

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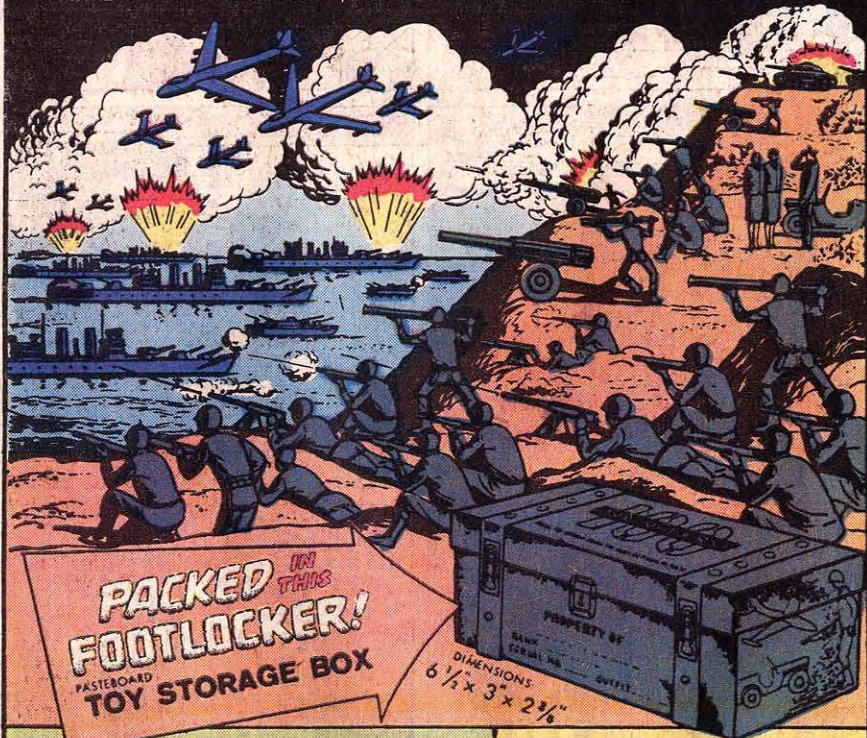
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