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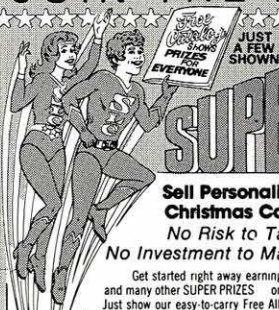
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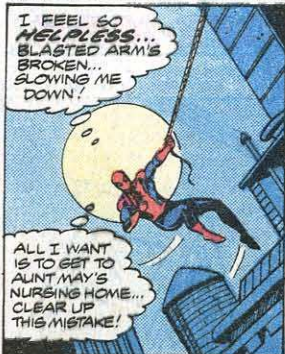
THEY MADE A MISTAKE... SENT ME A TELEGRAM MEANT FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

AUNT MAY CAN'T BE DEAD!

PLEASE... PLEASE... SHE CAN'T BE!

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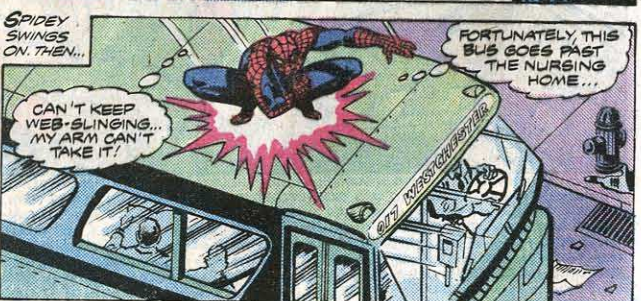


NUTS! HAVEN'T ANY CHOICE... CAN'T LET SOMEONE ELSE DIE BECAUSE OF--HOLD IT!



COPS RUNNING UP THE BLOCK... THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS MESS...

THANK GOODNESS! I CAN GET ON WITH MY PROBLEMS!



THE BUS RIDE SEEMS AGONIZINGLY LONG, BUT FINALLY IT ENDS, AND...

GOTTA GET INSIDE... A QUICK CHANGE, THEN I'LL CLEAR UP EVERYTHING!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? SUDDENLY I FEEL SOMETHING CRAWLING INSIDE ME...

M-MY STOMACH'S CHURNING IN FEAR!

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PETER PARKER? I'M DR. RINEHART, YOUR AUNT'S PHYSICIAN. COME ON IN, LAD.

LOOK HERE, DOC. I GOT THIS STUPID TELEGRAM. IT SCARED ME OUT OF MY WITS...

I'M SORRY, LAD... I TRIED CALLING YOU FOR HOURS, BUT THERE WAS NO ANSWER.

WH-WHERE ARE WE GOING?

NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE TRUE... BUT IT IS!

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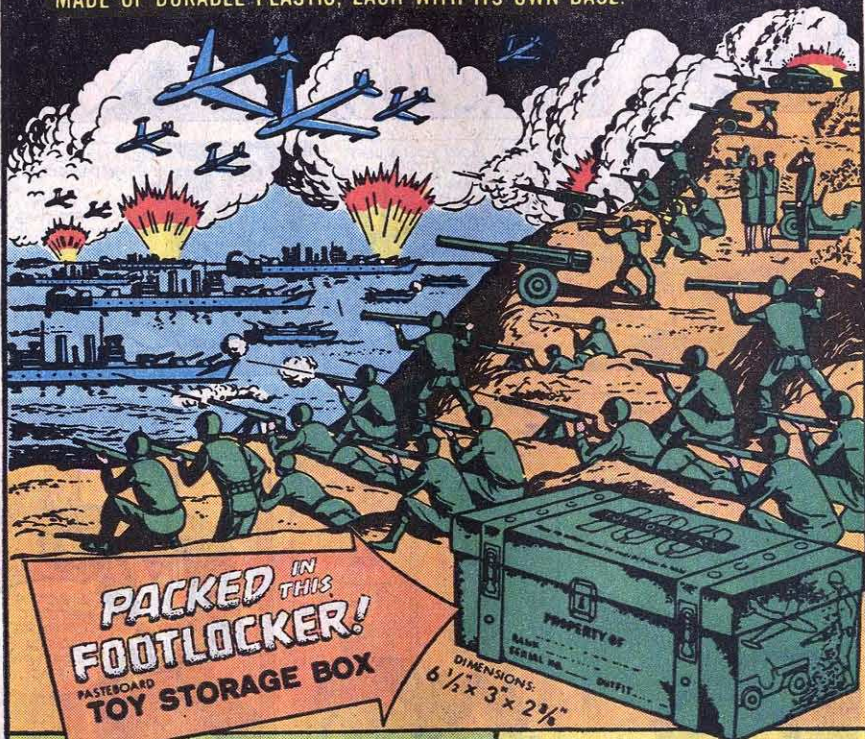
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PEOPLE I NEVER
KNEW...



I KEEP
COMING
BACK TO
THAT.

SAVED
DOZENS
OF LIVES--



SO WHY, GOD--
WHY CAN'T I
EVER SAVE
THOSE I
LOVE?

THE WEIGHT OF WORLDS LONG GONE PRESS IN ON HIS HUNCHED OVER SHOULDERS. THERE CAN BE NO ANSWER TO HIS QUESTION. NOR DOES THE SORROWFUL YOUTH EXPECT ONE...

AND SO HE WANDERS INTO THE NIGHT, AND
WITH EVERY FLASH OF LIGHTNING, A DARK,
TRAGIC MEMORY IS REKINDLED...

GWEN STACY...
THE GIRL SPIDER-
MAN CARED FOR...
WHOSE DEATH HE
WAS HELPLESS
TO PREVENT...

FELICIA HARDY...
ALIAS THE BLACK
CAT... A VILLAINESS
HE DESPERATELY
WANTED TO SAVE...
BUT SHE TOO,
SLIPPED FROM
HIS GRASP...

**FINALLY... BEN
AND MAY
PARKER...**
THE ONLY TWO
PEOPLE HE EVER
TRULY LOVED...

**CAPTAIN GEORGE
STACY...** WHO KNEW
PETER PARKER WAS
SPIDER-MAN, BUT
TOOK THAT SECRET
TO HIS GRAVE...

JOHN JAMESON...
THE ASTRONAUT-CLIM-
BING MAN-WOLF... WHO
VANISHED AFTER SLIP-
PING THRU SPIDER-
MAN'S FINGERS...

AND HE
KNOWS NOW
THEY ARE
BOTH GONE...

...FOREVER...

AS THE TROUBLED PETER PARKER TRUDGES THRU THE RAIN-SWEPT STREETS, LET US PAUSE A MOMENT AND LOOK IN ON J. JONAH JAMESON...



...THAT'S RIGHT, MR. J! SPIDER-MAN IGNORED THE MUGGING ATTEMPT.

THE VICTIM WAS WOUNDED, AND THE POLICE SAY HE'S GOT A 50-50 CHANCE.



YOU SURE OF YOUR FACTS, MICHAELSON?

POSITIVE, MR. J. I WAS THERE.

ALL RIGHT. THIS IS THE BIG ONE, ROBBIE!



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JONAH, YOU DON'T KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES...



I'M GETTING FED UP WITH YOU, JOE. YOU ON MY SIDE OR AREN'T YOU?

JONAH, FIRST YOU CRITICIZE SPIDER-MAN WHEN HE ACTS. NOW YOU'RE DOING IT WHEN HE DOESN'T!



YOU'RE NO LONGER IMPARTIAL... AND A NEWSPAPERMAN CAN'T AFFORD TO BE BIASED.



YOU DON'T LIKE IT, JOE, YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO.



YES... I'M AFRAID I DO. I'M QUITTING!

WHAT? YOU CAN'T MEAN IT? JOE, LET'S TALK THIS OVER...



DON'T TALK TO ME, JONAH. TALK TO A PSYCHIATRIST!



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ROBERTSON! YOU LEAVE NOW, AND YOU'LL NEVER WORK HERE AGAIN. I SWEAR THAT!



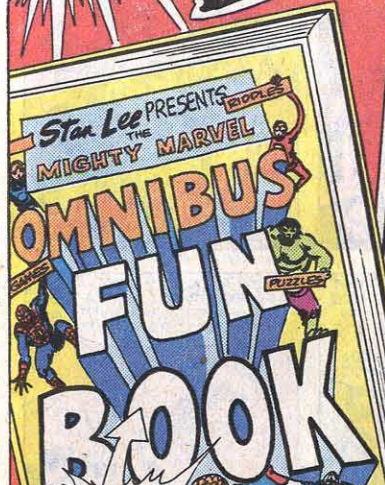
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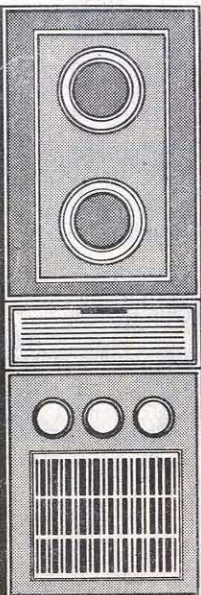
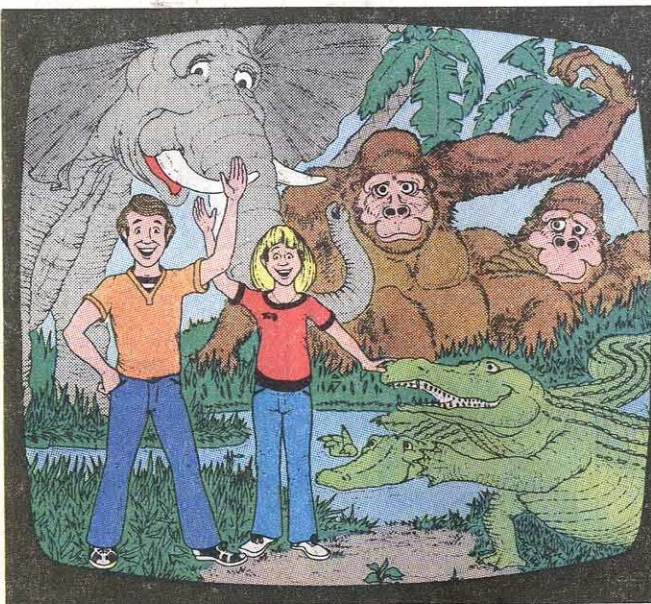
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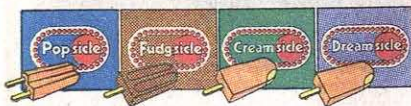
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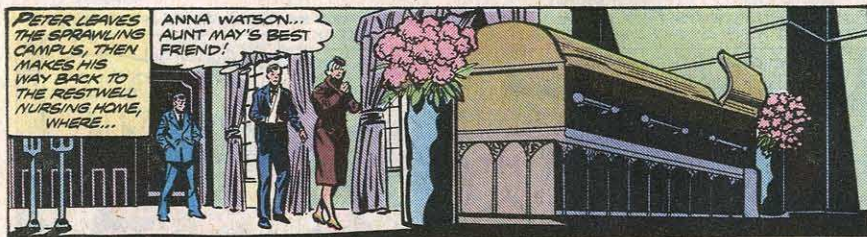


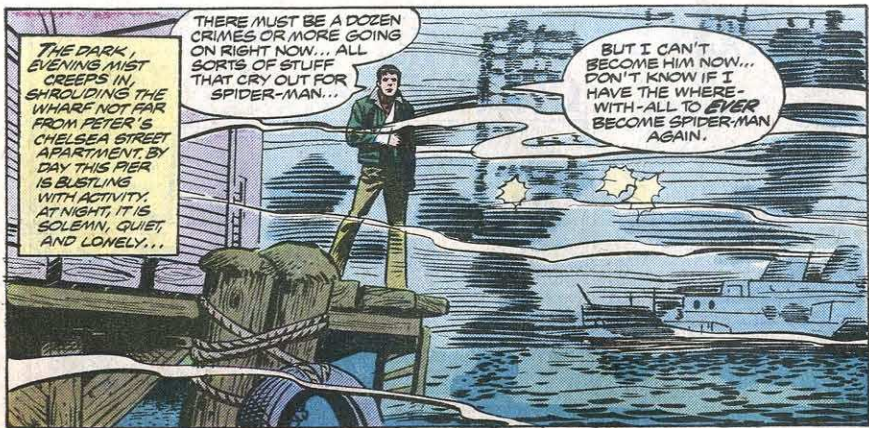
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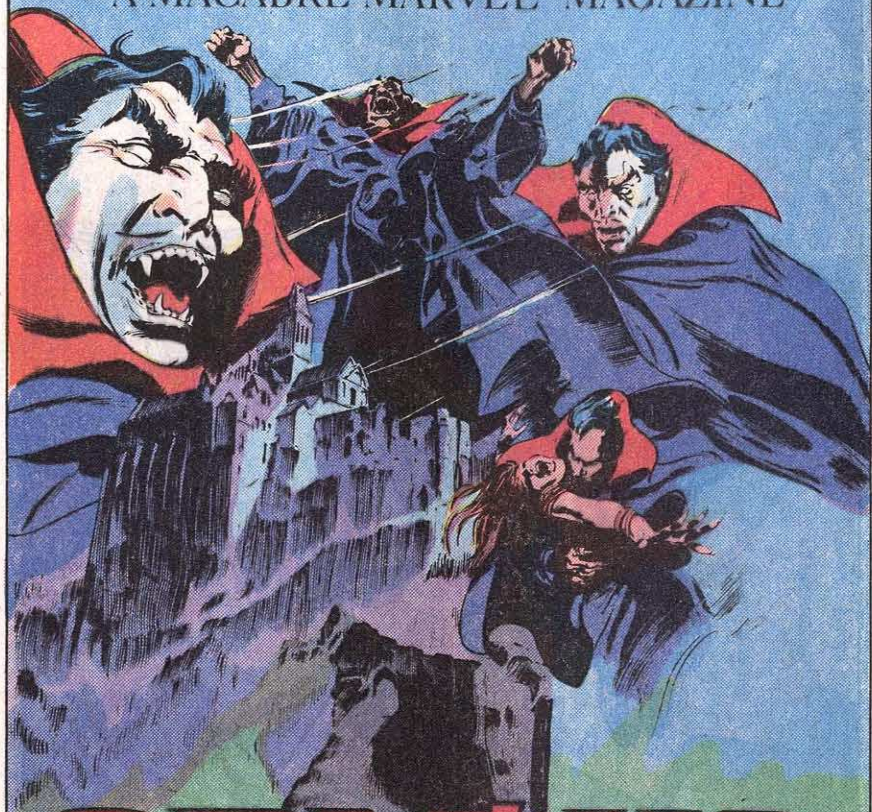
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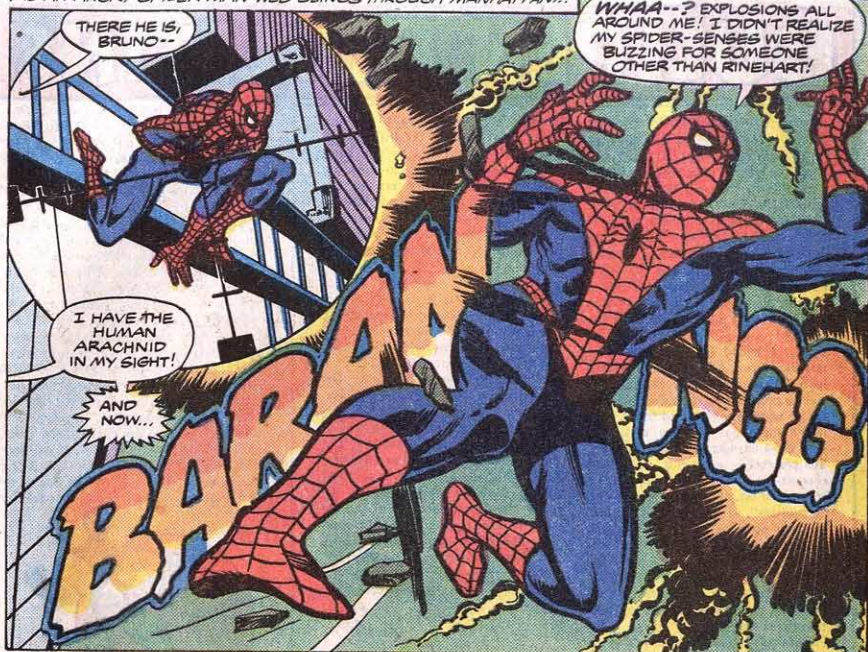
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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Sorry! You'll have to wait till next ish to learn more about ODYSSEY, the latest and greatest illustrated mag of our century! Why the wait? Simple. I don't want Marveldom Assembled to think I'm using this column, one of the most widely-read literary offerings in publishing, just for the purpose of huckstering new projects. We discussed ODYSSEY last month, so this time let's take a breather while we rap about another, totally different subject—if I can think of one!

Hey, I know! Let's yak about our television shows. A lot of valorous viewers have written to ask why we allow the various producers to change our favorite heroes when they're filmed for tv. Well, if it'll make you feel any better, we hate those changes as much as you do. The problem is, we've had to allow the changes—we weren't able to prevent them. You see, although I function as a "consultant", all I can do is butt in and give my opinions (which I do all the time!), but I can't force the producers or the networks to produce the shows the way you and I would want them to. Only the producer can make the final decisions, and Marvel has not yet been the producer.

But don't despair! The times they are a'changin'! We've decided that we'll no

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I can almost hear some of you shouting, "But you guys aren't tv producers! Waddaya know about producing television shows?" Glad you asked, frantic one! Maybe we didn't know much about it before, but you can bet your final Hulk-out that we're mighty fast learners—and the next time a Marvel superhero makes it to the screen, he's gonna be depicted the way we created him, the way we popularized him, and the way we want the world to see him!

Now, if that's not enough to get a real sizzling argument going amongst the ribald ranks of Marvel, wait'll you see what we come up with later on! But till then, the whole batty Bulten wishes you a superabundance of laughs, luck, and love! Stay cool, hang loose, and tread easy—the best is yet to come!

Excelsior!

Stan

Shooter (who?) and bunches more! Thousands of fearless fans turned out to see our crazy crew and other guest pros, to buy and swap comics, and to hobnob about the latest happenings. Our gracious hosts Adam Malin and Gary Herman did a great job, and a good time was had by all!

ITEM! *Great Moments in Comics Dep't*: A ton of things are transpiring this month that you ought not to miss. Hold on to your seats friends, and keep a box of Kleenex handy, because never before in the history of Marvel have so much triumph, tragedy and sheer drama been packed into a single month! We can hear the cynics out there saying "prove it!" Okay, guys, how's this for openers—in the gripping pages of THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #196, Peter Parker finds himself truly alone in the world for the first time. You dare not miss "Requiem: May Parker." Tragedy doesn't stop there, either, as in CAPTAIN AMERICA #237, Steve Rogers must face the irrevocable fact of Sharon Carter's death. This may well be one of the most powerful, poignant scenes ever depicted



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ITEM! Speaking of Super Specials, elsewhere on this page we announce the long awaited *Weirdworld* Super Special that was mentioned in this column many moons ago. Back then, we planned for it to be absolutely breathtaking—a masterpiece. Lo, these many months,

we've been working on it, and as creative endeavors are wont to do, it has grown, developed, and changed. And we're proud to say, it's even better than we'd ever dared to hope! No words we say here can possibly do this work justice, so we simply want to thank Doug Moench, John Buscema, Rudy Nebres, Peter Ledger, Rick Marschall, Ralph Macchio and all the other folks, too numerous to mention, who contributed to this superlative effort. Thanks, guys!

ITEM! Several Bullpeners, including Stan the Man, were guests at the back-to-back Spring Creation Conventions held in New York and Philadelphia a few weeks back. Other notables present included John Buscema, John Romita, Gene Colan, George Perez, Jim

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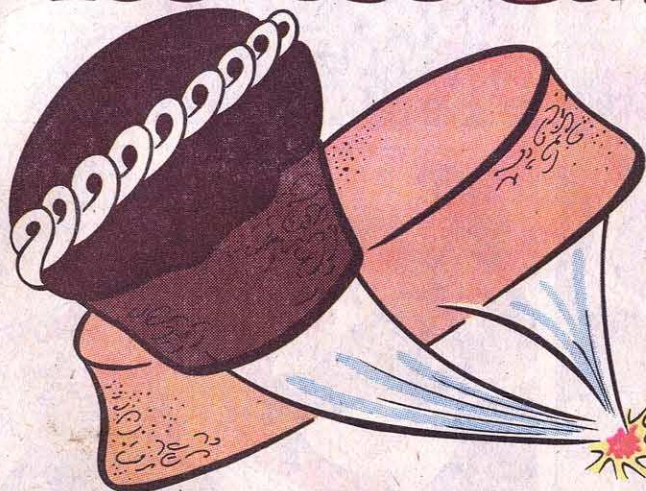
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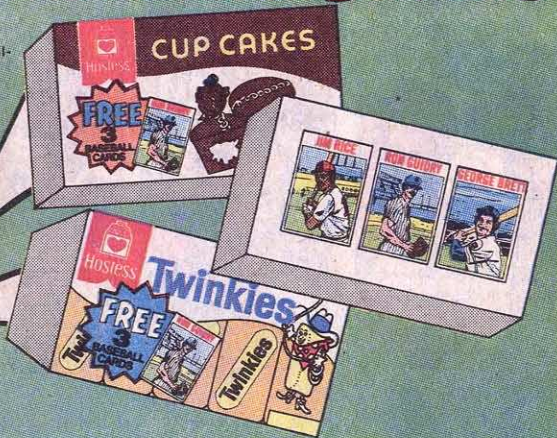
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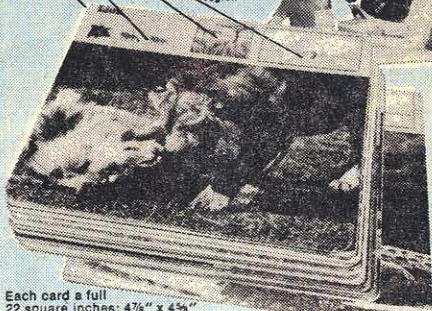
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