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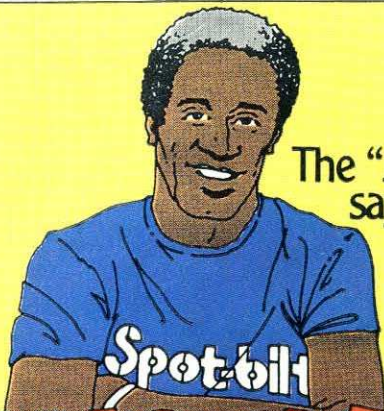
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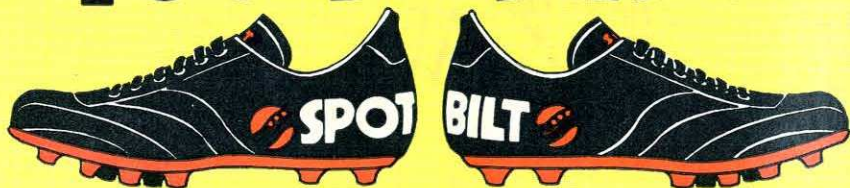




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M'FRIEND, I THINK ALL THE SUPPORT YOU NEED IS WAITING IN YOUR OFFICE. YOU HAVE A VISITOR.

THIS EARLY? BUT WHO?



OH. HELLO. MS. STARR..

CALL ME DAWN, PETER. AFTER ALL, GOOD FRIENDS DO CALL EACH OTHER BY THEIR FIRST NAMES.



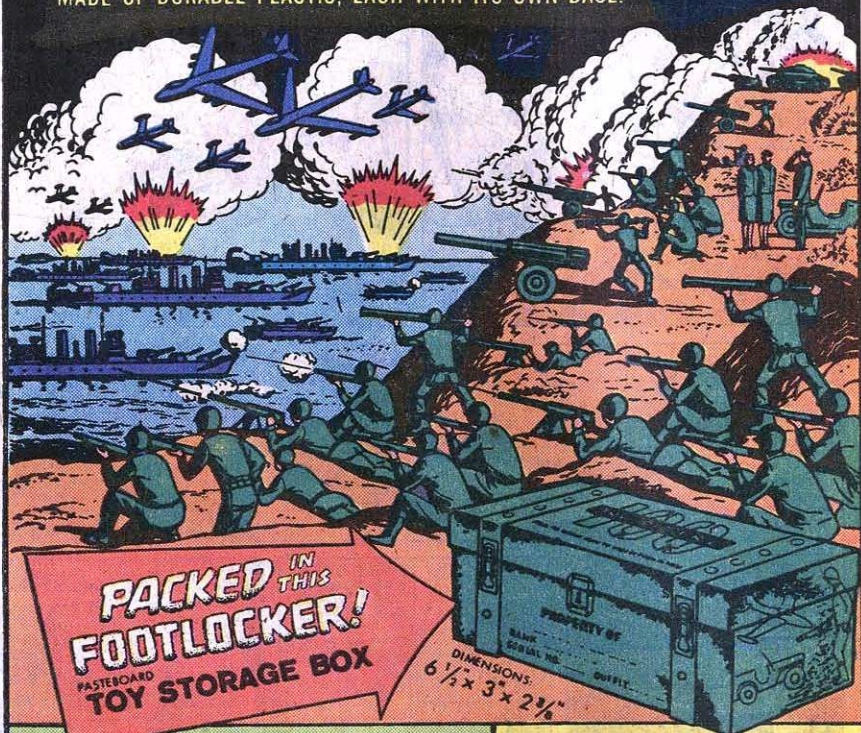
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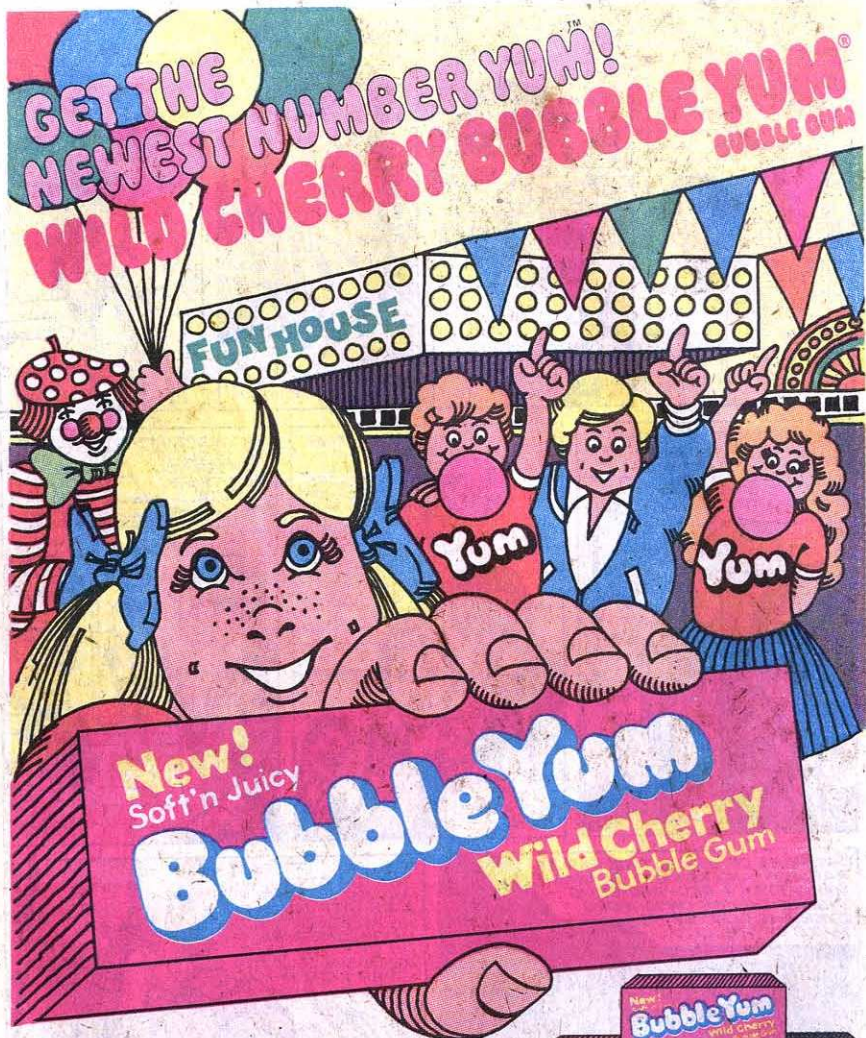
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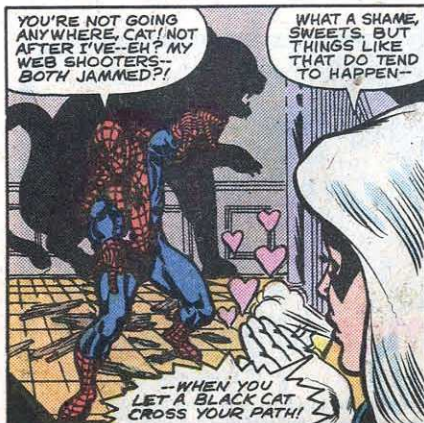
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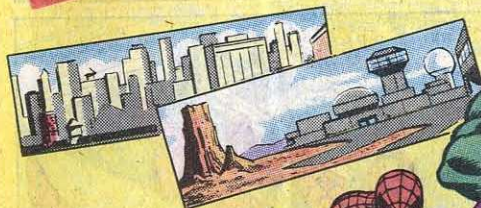


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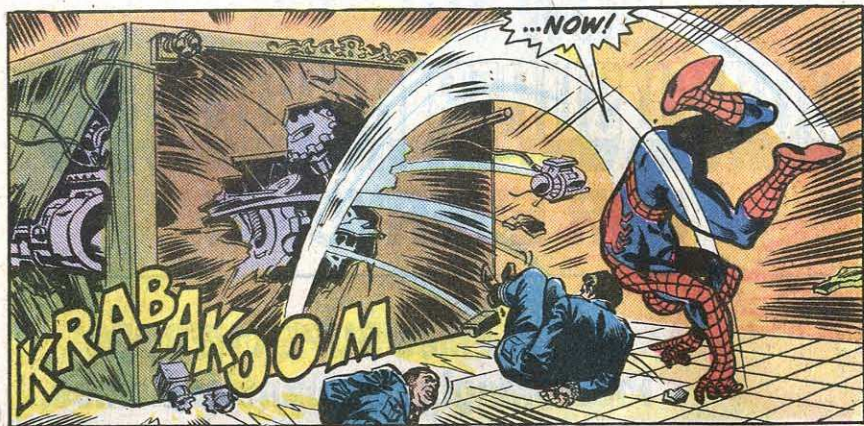
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SORRY, PUDGE--



--BUT I NEED ALL FOUR OF THOSE ARTIFACTS TO FULFILL MY PROMISE! AND SO I'LL HAVE ALL FOUR!

B-BUT THAT-- THAT'S NOT NICE!



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I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT MR. BELL FLOWER HAD TO BREAK YOUR APPOINTMENT. SOMETHING UNEXPECTED CAME UP.



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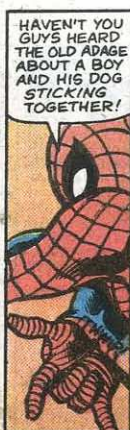


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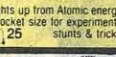
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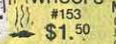
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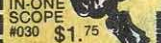
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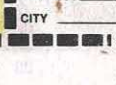
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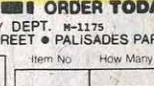
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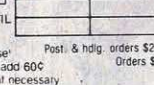
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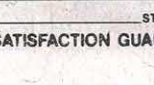
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# BULLPEN BULLETINS

## STAN'S SOAPBOX

Unless you've been malingering on the moon for the past year or so — and we know that no Marvelite True would ever do that — you must be aware how many new and exciting projects your ever-lovin' Bullpen has been cooking up for you!

Our new, higher-priced publications like the mind-staggering EPIC, and the now-classic WARRIORS OF THE SHADOW REALM have taken all of fandom by storm. The big-budget SILVER SURFER movie project is barreling along smooth as silk, as are our many animated cartoon shows for Saturday morning TV. Anyway, no need to mention each and every brain-blasting

project — you get the idea.

Now, the punch line! The point of all this valorous verbiage is to set your minds at ease, once and for all. Many people have asked me, in voices quivering with care and concern, "Does this mean that Marvel is losing interest in its own lovable line of regular color comics? Does this mean the monthly 40¢ mags are less important than they used to be? Does this mean you guys'll just be concentrating on the big, bombshell type spectaculars and forget about the good ol' line of super heroes that made you famous?"

The answer, of course, is a deafening, resounding, thunderous NO! Just for the record, we want all of

Marveldom Assembled to know that our award-winning line of monthly color comics are the absolute and unshakable foundation of our entire entertainment entity! The color comics started it all! The color comics are our first love — our greatest love! The color comics are what Marvel is all about! That's the way it's always been — and take it from me, good buddy, that's the way it's gonna stay!

Excelsior!



*Stan*

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- ☐ **SHOGUN WARRIORS #17** — An alien plot to throw Earth back into the Dark Ages!
- ☐ **SPIDER-WOMAN #27** — He's back! Spider-Woman's deadliest foe: the Enforcer!
- ☐ **STAR TREK #3** — The cataclysmic conclusion of Mighty Marvel's adaptation of Star Trek — the Motion Picture!
- ☐ **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #205** — Can you guess the real reason behind the Black Cat's robbery spree?
- ☐ **CAPTAIN AMERICA #246** — It's up to Cap to stop one of Spider-Man's earliest foes — A Guy Named Joel!
- ☐ **THOR #296** — Thor-turned-mortal must battle to the death against All-Father Odin!
- ☐ **MICRONAUTS #18** — Trapped in a mysterious house, the Micronauts are attacked by strange forces!
- ☐ **GHOST RIDER #45** — "The Ghost Rider No More!"
- ☐ **BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #16** — The menace of Mark III — the Ultimate Cylon!
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- ☐ **INCREDIBLE HULK #248** — The Hulk's odyssey in Jarella's subatomic world continues.

- ☐ **SAVAGE SHE-HULK #5** — The secret of Trask revealed!
- ☐ **AVENGERS #196** — A shocking look inside the Solomon Institute for the Criminally Insane.
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- ☐ **MARVEL TALES #116** — A blast from Spidey's past: "Day of the Grizzly!"
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- ☐ **WHAT IF #21** — "What If the Invisible Girl had married the Sub-Mariner?"
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- ☐ **HOWARD THE DUCK #5** — Howard tangles with the Lord of the Undeads... everyone's favorite neck biter... Count Dracula!
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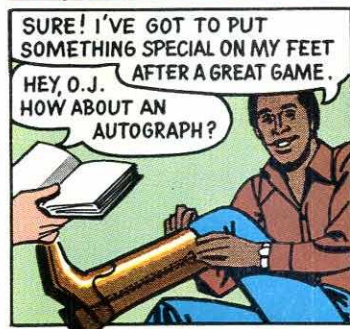
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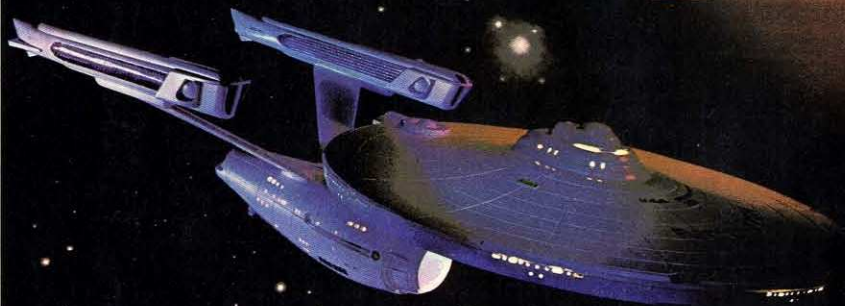


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