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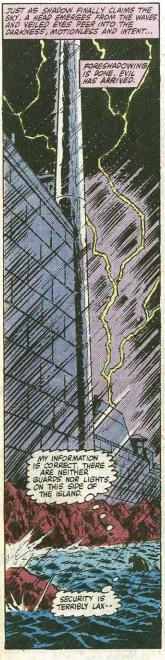








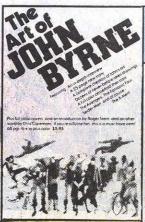












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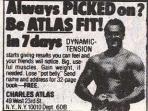
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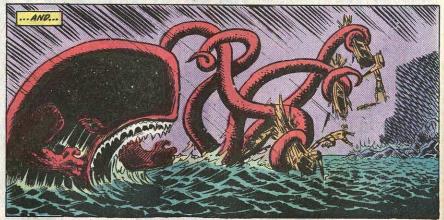
















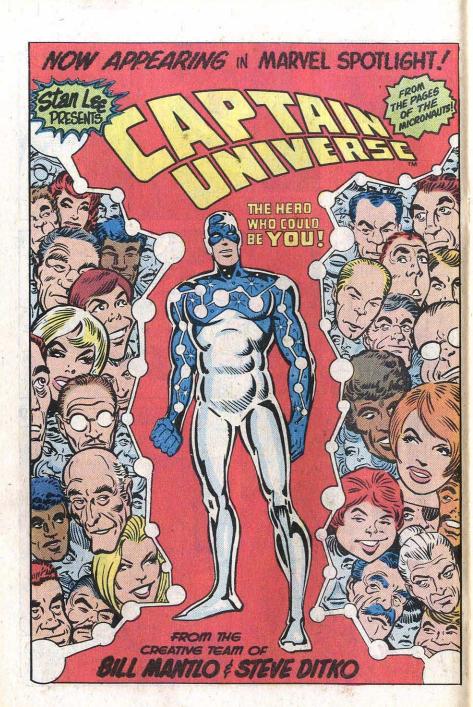














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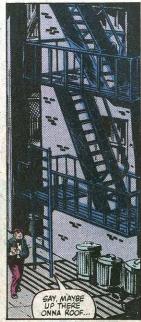






















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As always, it was a joy to read through this month's batch of letters. It's nice to be reminded that you people really care. Now, let's dip into the mailsack at random...and come out with Jacky Ballas's comments on something that concerns us all...

Dear Marvel

First off, I'd like to thank you for a wonderful issue. SPIDER-MAN #208 was the best Spidey tale since, well...since SPIDER-MAN #207. Everything was great: art, script, letters, colors. Why...even James Shooter did a great job.

Seriously, though, I'd like to direct your attention towards the true point of this letter, which is the unavoidable ten cent hike of

everyone's favorite Marvel mags.

Firstly, I, and I'm sure many other Marvelites, would like to thank you for holding the line on all your Marvel mags at forty cents for such a long time. After all those economic squabbles and the recession, I was surprised that you didn't hike your prices long months ago. But alas, like the long delayed day of Ragnarok, it had come to pass. However, the reader doesn't really lose, he wins. How? Simple. Marvel has promised us (and Marvel always keeps its promises) extra pages, special features and "more ex-citement than you can wiggle a web at". Surely, those promises more than make up for a ten cent hike. Lastly, Marvel did not moan over the increase and point an accusing finger at anybody. What Marvel did, however, was to apologize to its readership. Far too often do corporations up prices without reason, much less apolo-

Yet we all feel the pinch of inflation and I'm sure I speak for many when I say no apology is needed. After all, we're all only human (or armadillos). So don't feel bad. Keep your promises (and give us a permanent Spider-Man creative team) and everybody will be happy. Loyally yours, Jacky Ballas

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Thanks, Jacky. We'll try to be worthy of your faith in us.

Well, everyone makes mistakes and you guys made a minor one. In SPIDER-MAN #208, Spidey says, "The comic guy with the cape never has these problems." I presume you meant Superman. If you did, I've got two questions: If Superman is in the comics in Spider-Man's world, then why a few years ago did Spider-Man fight him? I still have that classic and I'm sure you guys remember when you teamed up with your arch-rival DC. Are you saying ole Supes never fought the Webslinger?

Josh Brickman Josh Brickman

Dorchester, MA Not at all, Josh. Just because someone appears in a comic book doesn't mean they don't exist. I'd guess Spidey read about Supes both before and after really meeting him. And while we're on the subject...the second titanic teaming of Spidey and the Soup is in the final stages of preparation. Jim Shooter's scripting it, John Buscema and Joe Sinnott are doing the art and it'll be on sale in January. Just thought you were desperate to know...

Dear People.

With the price of comics moving up to fifty cents, I know I will: be buying fewer comics this month. But SPIDER-MAN #208 has made that extra dime worthwhile. Fusion is the best character to appear in any Marvel mag this year.

Ben Feller 1331 Frontier St. Hartville, OH 44632 To Those Involved in SPIDER-MAN #208:

I'm sorry to say that the quality of Marvel comicbooks is going down the drain because of the growth of too many new chargoing down the train because of the grown of too hairy new onar-acters. Sure, I'll admit that you have to try new ones to see what the readers like and dislike, but that doesn't mean you have to do it every other issue. We readers want to know what the older characters have been up to. I write this for me but also for others who feel the same way. Sincerely,

Kirk Noren 4800Portland Rd. Portland, MI 48875

Dear Marvel.

You got me hooked. SPIDER-MAN #208 was another classic. Please try to have another story about Fusion. It was a great - no, a terrific - Issue with Denny O'Neil as writer. Paul Joy

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Dear Marvel Madmen.

SPIDER-MAN #208 was fabulous! The cover really impressed me, althought the price depressed me. Johnny Romita, Junior's layouts were great—hope he stays on. The art was far above par and reminded me of Romita Senior's. The story—phantasmagoricall I don't think I've read a story like it since the early days of Lee and Ditko— a nice, simple, one-issue, start-to-finish, action-acked story.

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Warminister, PA 18974 Hope we spelled your last name correctly, Ted. Some armadil-lo spilled Dr. Doom's crankcase oil— also known as Marvel coffee— on the envelope and your signature get blurred. (Who says this lan't the Marvel age of painful honesty?) Dear Marvel,

I noticed one mistake in SPIDER-MAN #208. On page 11, panel 5, when Fusion jumped from the window Spidey said they were six floors up. But on page 14, panel 2, Spidey was in a third story room leaning out the window. Other than this, everything was excellent. Jeff Kolker

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You probably wouldn't believe a shrinking hospital, would you? Naw...we didn't think so. Then would you believe a super hero who can't count? How about a writer who can't count? Dear Marvel.

I've joined the band wagon again! I had to stop buying Marvel comics for two months because my work during my Senior year in high school started to pile up on me. Well, now that graduation is only one week away, I decided that it was time to start reading Spidey again. I went down to my friendly neighborhood store and bought SPIDER-MAN #208, of which I have the following to say the story was great, the art was fantastic and the price was awful. It was a fine issue to come back to, though, Scott R Hamula

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And we're glad you did, Scott.

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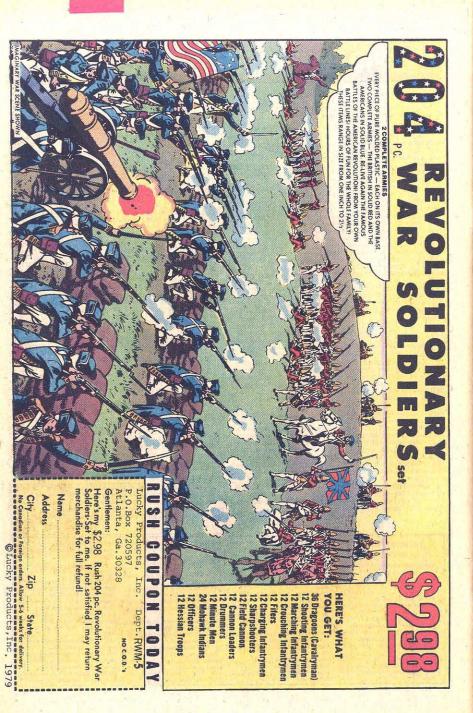
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