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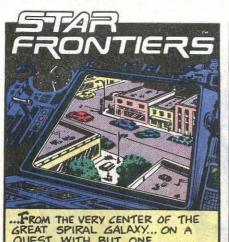




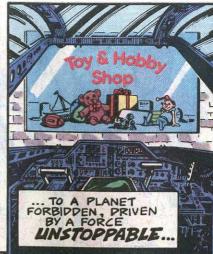








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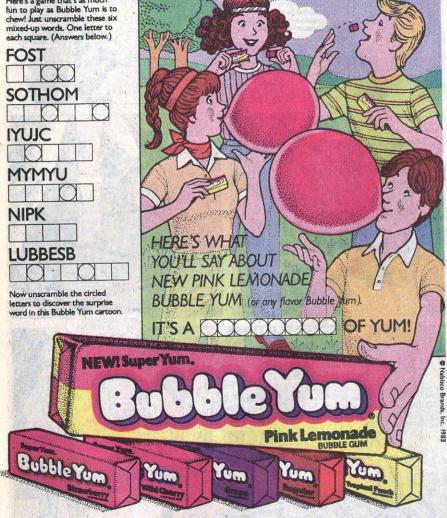






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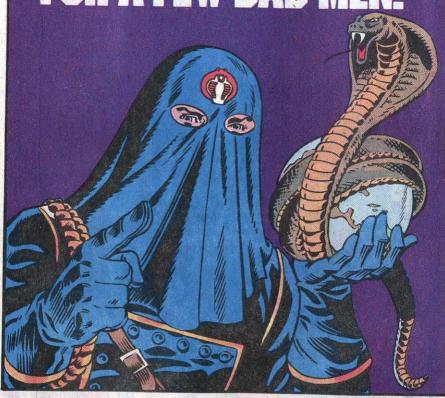








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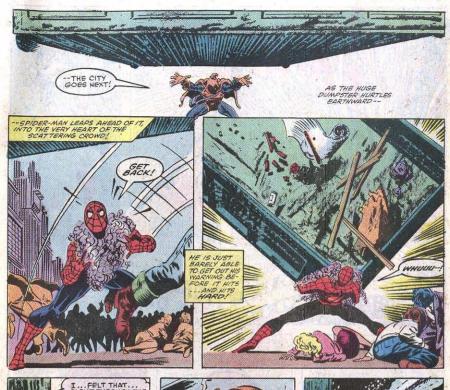
























"-YES! SPIDER-MAN IS GOING AFTER HIM! GOOD LORD, THAT WAS A STAND-ING LEAP, AND IT MUST HAVE BROKEN EVERY OLYMPIC RECORD!"















nen Bullett

Sort of. Al's been thinking for a long time about giving up his editor's job and going back to working full-time as a writer/artist, which he loves doing. The trouble was that he also loves editing - being at the center of things, being in charge of exciting projects, and working closely with Marvel's superstar creators. Let's face it once you've worked here in the wild, wonderful, strange-butweird Marvel Bullpen for a while, it gets in your blood! The fact that Al wanted to spend more time at home with his lovely wife, Judy, and their new baby Rachel decided the matter. Al's back at the typewriter/drawing board again, as I write this (working exclusively for Marvel, of coursel) but happy ending! I arranged for AI to continue editing Marvel Fantare, just so he could keep his hand in editorially! He's happy and we're thrilled. The place wouldn't be the same without Al's smiling face and rotten puns



CARL POTTS FOLLOWS MILGROM!

s editor of The Defenders, Doctor Strange and The Hulk. Carl, a writer and artist best known for his work for Marvel's own EPIC Illustrated Magazine as well as his stellar stint as inker on Power Man and Iron Fist brings an impressive creative background and a ton of new ideas with him. Like what? Well, watch for a startling newand-different title called Allen Legion which will be coming out later this year - the first, but not, by a long shot, the last of the great stuff Carl has planned

Would you believe that some crazed assistant editor promptly christened Carl's office "Carl's Bad Cavern"? And I thought Al's puns were awful!

TOM DeFALCO BOOTED OUT OF EDITOR'S JOB!

Sort of. We made up a new, fancy title for Tom -Executive Editor - and put him in charge of ...um ...well ...stuff. What stuff? Hmm. There's so much and it's so varied, it's kind of hard to nail down. He'll be doing some editing, mostly of our prestigious movie adaptations and important special projects you know, things like Raiders of the Lost Ark and our The Life of Pope John Paul II (which, inciden tally, were two of the best-selling comics of the last two decades). He'll be developing some outrageous new titles and series, including possibly a line of comics for young kids. Hey, they need entertain-ment too, right? And, besides that, he'll be helping me out a lot. I might even get him to write this colmn sometimes. Watch!

DANNY FINGEROTH IN BIG TROUBLE!

Former assistant editor Danny Fingeroth has been moved up to replace Tom DeFalco as editor of The Amazing Spider-Man, The Spectacular Spider-Man, Marvel Team-Up, and Marvel Tales. If you've been reading those titles, you know what a superb job Tom was doing and what a tough act his is to follow. Yes, Danny's on the spot, all right. his is to follow. Yes, Danny's on the spot, all right. But, if you've been reading Ka-Zar the Savage, which Danny has been editing for a while now under editor Louise Jones's supervision, you know he's up to it. Oh, yes, Danny will continue editing Ka-Zar tool

ASSISTANT EDITORS CONSDIDE

As you may have heard, all of the editors here are going to be away at conventions for practically the entire month of August! That means that the assistant editors will be in charge of all the comics produced that month for sale in September! For that month, they're in full control of the entire Universe as we know it!

Big deal. So, they caretake the comics for a month. They're all smart cookies, and they all know their jobs very well. No problem.

Or is there? The other day, Nancy Murphy, the nice lady who handles subscriptions, was out having lunch in the nearby Abbey Tavern when she noticed, huddled at a large table in the corner, all eight assistant editors! Mike Carlin, who assists editor Mark Gruenwald, seemed to be the ringleader - but all of them were there - Bob Harras (Ralph Macchio's assistant), Linda Grant (Dennis O'Neil's assis-tant), Eliot Brown (Louise Jones), Jim Owsley (Larry Hama's), Mike Higgins (Bob Budiansky's). Ann Nocenti (Carl Potts'), and even Bob DeNatale brand-new assistant to Danny Fingeroth! Nancy said she couldn't hear exactly what they were say-ing, but that, clearly, they're up to something!

Good grief! This can only mean - THERE'S A CONSPIRACY AFOOT HERE!

What are they planning? These untried assistants are absolutely IN CHARGE of all the Marvel comics on sale in September – and I, for one, am worried

None of them are talking – except to each other, nd of course, the artists and writers, What is it? What's the scam?

I suspect that September is going to be strange

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WHO IS THE HOBGOBLIN? THE PUB-LIC SPEAKS!

At first I thought it was Jack O'Lantern, but now I think it's this Menken guy from AMAZ-ING SPIDER-MAN #239.

George A. Williams Angie, LA 70426

The villain is J. Jonah Jameson!

Paul Birkholz Maple Grove, MN 55369

Would I be correct in saying that Lance Bannon is the Hobgoblin?

Donald Parker Ullin, IL 62992 Dear The

I'm sure it's Kraven the Hunter inside that Hobgoblin outfit.

Todd "C.K." Freeman

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Hobgoblin is obviously the mummified clone of Dr. Bart Hamilton's son's old girlfriend, who was killed by an allergic reaction to jet-glider exhaust fumes.

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I don't know! That's right! I have no idea who the Hobgoblin is! You guys have really done it this time! You've stumped me!

> Conrad Felber Cochrane, Ontario P0L 1C0

Who is the Hobgoblin? The question remains unanswered! Perhaps next issue...

Dear Roger, John, and Tom:

I'm getting edgy, guys. I know you're leading up to the 250th issue of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN... it's just that it's becoming difficult to figure out where you're taking us. First, we get the introduction of the Hobgoblin, another stellar Stern and Romita creation. Then, I pick up issue #240 and find that the Vulture has returned. I'm uncertain as to his part in this storyline, but I was pleased to see him feathering these pages again. And finally, we're about to get his origin.

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #240's multiple-image shots and all-around improved spideriness has convinced me that John Romita Jr. is definitely the SPIDER-MAN artist of the 80s. The sight of Amy Powell is like a breath of fresh air. She's definitely what Peter needs. I've been overly patient, waiting for him to latch on to a woman of this caliber. PLEASE, no more hard-luck romances. Debra Whitman can stay bewildered, bothered and bonkers for all I care. Her paranoia is not needed in Peter Parker's already-crazed lifestyle. Felicia Hardy is likewise a no-win candidate because of her former profession as a cat burglar. And with Anna Weston returning north, Mary Jane will probably be showing up in tow, also. I can only hope that MJ has a new boyfriend, or has become a nun or something. Amy is it,

Finally, how about a change of scenery every now and then? Outside of New York and the surrounding area, I can only remember London as a former Spider-Man haunt. Surely, the man could use a trip to Hawaii... or for intrigue, the Orient. Japan.

India. This is not a complaint, mind you, just a suggestion.

Frankly, I've never enjoyed the book more than I have recently. Roger and John are definitely at their peaks, and have made me so edow.

Christopher Libby Biddeford, ME

Relax, Chris! After all, if you could figure out exactly where the stories were leading, wouldn't be any surprises... now would there?

Dear Tom

The Vulture's back! All right! I'm glad to see that he's been resurrected (not from the grave, but from Sun City). I'd always wondered where old villains go in their waning years. Hey, picture Doctor Doom sitting in a rocking chair in Daytonal How about Doc Ock downing Geritol in a convalescent home?

No, but seriously, folks, it's good to see the old codger back on the scene again. With today's mad rush to create dazzling technological menaces to fit the trends, we often neglect the classics. That's what's been nice about recent issues of the Spidertitles, with the return of Dr. Octopus and the Vulture.

Keep up the good work, especially in the way you're tightening up the continuity.

Crawford Smith York, PA 17403

Dear Tom,

Thank you so much for AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #240. Where did you find Bob Layton? Besides John Romita Sr., he's the best AMAZING SPIDER-MAN inker Ive seen in a long time. In combination with J.R. Jr., he makes Spider-Man and Peter Parker look ten times better.

Ever since issue #234, I/we been buying SPIDER-MAN regularly again, and I haven't been disappointed at all. Spider-Man has found challenges and met them with the same strength and stamina that made him famous. He could probably take on the Hulk now! Good going!

Richard Haselrig Greenville, NC 27834

Where did we find Bob Layton? We're not sure. He just followed us home from school one day...

Dear Roger, John and Tom:

I must commend you on the new life you have breathed into that tired old Spider-adversary (no pun intended), the Vulture. The concept of a senoir citizen super-villain is certainly unique.

But the highlight of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #240, for me at least, was the introduction of the new character. "What he we character?" you ask. Why, officer Blumberg, the policeman speaking to Lt. Keating on page 17, panel one. I have this gut feeling that he's going to turn into a real superstar. Of course, I could be prejudiced, but his name does have a nice ring to it.

I hope it won't be like pulling teeth to get him to appear again soon.

Cary G. Blumberg, D.D.S. Bensenville, IL 60106 Was the next issue soon enough, Doc?

Guys!

Whew! I haven't picked up an issue of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN in years. I was missing a lot!

I decided to pick up issue #240 because my favorite scribe, Roger Stern, was writing this crazy book. After all these years, I still enjoy Roger's witty characterizations, solid plots, and good action. The Vulture was portrayed really well this issue. I'm glad that a villain this old has not outlived his usefulness. Here, he was shown not as a person bent on the death of Spider-Man, but as a guy who had a beef with an old acquirance.

Peter Parker hasn't lost that old pizzazz. He's still an interesting fellow, and he still has his share of problems. I'm just sorry that J. Jonah Jameson wasn't around this issue.

As for the art, Bob's inks on John Romita Jr.'s pencils were fabulous. I think he brings out the magic in J.R.'s work better than most inkers. (Dan Green is just as good, by the way, and I hope to see more of his inking on this book soon.) Romita's panels are filled with excitement, and the facile expressions he conveys are an integral part of this book.

Well, that's all for now. Thanks for rekindling my old flame for SPIDER-MAN. I am currently thinking of subscribing, and I patiently await the 250th issue.

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