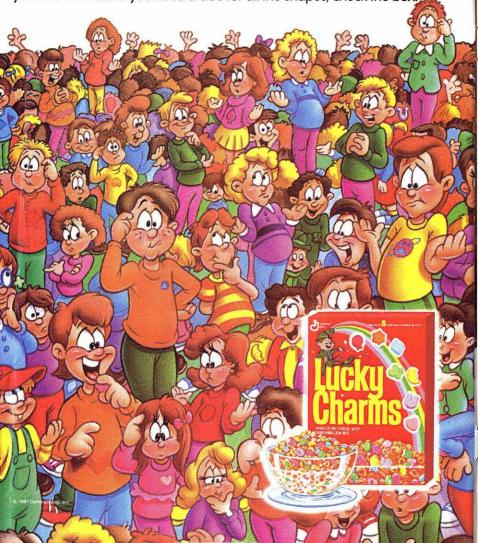


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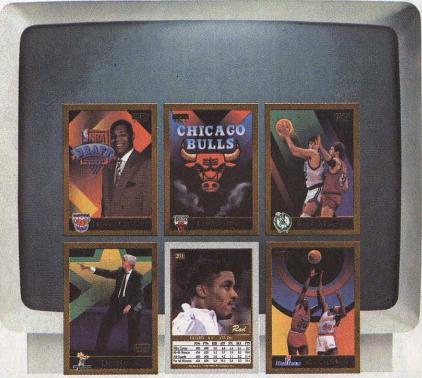
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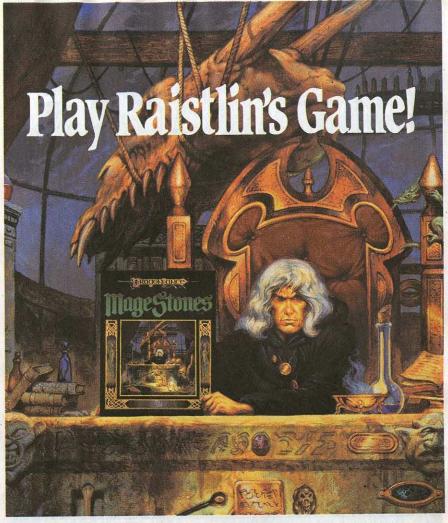
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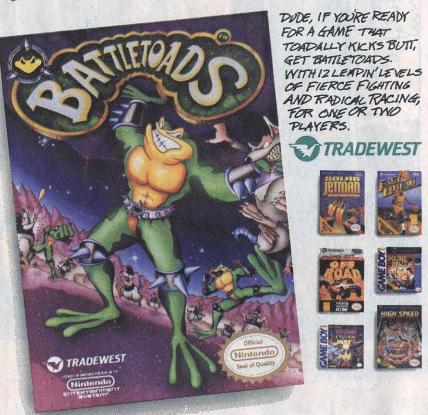
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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi Heroes

Since the of Soapbox is the most widelyread column in all of comicdom, this is the perfect place to make two very special announcements. . .

Archie Comics has bought both Marvel and DC! That means from now on Wolverine and The Punisher will be dating Betty and Veronica in their spare time. As for Batman, he's hired Jughead, the Boy Wonder, in place of Robin!

Also, the X-Men have accepted the application of The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turties to join their ever-expanding team! But it isn't true that Professor Xavier will be replaced by Splinter. Splinter is merely changing the prof into a turtie!

There's more, but I've run out of room.
I've only enough space left to wish you—
HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!

Excelsior!

(Hey, anyone can go bonkers once in a while!)

ITEMI All Marvel editors have been required to shave their heads by April 30. It seems many of the male Marvel editors are balding, and are very sensitive about this. In an effort to avoid people's feelings being hurt, Marvel Editor In Chief Tom DeFalco was the first to take a razor to his own head. Many have commented that Tom's new look makes him look more distinguished, sort of like Sinnead O'Connor. Said Tom, "Since most of our people were losing their hair anyway, it seemed like the only decent thing to do." APRIL FOOL!



ITEM! Editor Renée Witterstaetter promised a new direction for WHAT THE —?!! this year. Said Renée, "WHAT THE —?!! will be grimmer and grittler this year. We're trying for a much darker feel for the book." As Renée put it, "A lot of fans were writing

in saying the book was not taking itself seriously enough. They felt the book was just a big joke. Well, not any more!" Renée added that "I want to prove that I thirst for blood, just like **Bobbie Chase** said she does!" APRIL FOOL!

ITEMI Let's all have a big hand for Publisher's Assistant Coordinator Kevin Tang, who as we all know, was the big winner last Halloween in the Limbo and Human Snake competitions. Kevin recently took a position in the Sales Department, serving as Assistant to Skip Dietz. Also, our old buddy Dan Slott (who was last seen filling in as Ralph Macchilo's assistant) is back, now serving as Marvel's one-man Art Return Department. Congratulations, you guys. Now, pack your bags! You're both fired! Get out of here! APRIL FOOL! ITEMI The Marvel staff was treated to a surroise visit the other day from funnyman

Bob Hope. Bob says he's always been a big fan of Mighty Marvel, and had always wanted to do a show in the Marvel offices. So much to the delight of everyone, Bob rigged up a makeshift stage and performed an impromptu show. Bob guipped, "I did a show at DC the other week, and I gotta tell you, it was a little strange. They made me use a phone booth for a dressing room!" The

whole Marvel staff was delighted by Bob's visit—it was as if we were watching a USO show, or even one of Bob's NBC specials. APRIL FOOL!

TEMI Well, were all pleased as punch about the colossal success of the new TOXIC AVENGER #11 lifs turning out to be the most successful comic of all time! We've sold over five billion copies, more than one for every man, woman, and child on Earth! Naturally, well be reprinting TOXIE #1 in as many formats as possible. We're planning new printings with green, gold, and blue covers, and—here's the part we're really excited about—we'll be printing one issue using actual toxic wastel APRIL FOOL!

ITEMI Editor Mike Rockwitz stunned the comic world recently when he announced his retirement from comic book editing. Rockwitz will be opening up a While Castle hamburger restaurant in Queens, New York, where he plans to spend the rest of his days eating as many of those souare little hamburgers as humanly possible. Mike has always loved White Castle, and feels this is the best way to give back to something that's given so much to him. APRIL FOOL!

ITEM! In a surprise development, it was announced recently that THE PUNISHER

IS ACTUALLY A MUTANT! This came as a big shock to everyone, until we discovered that his mutant power is the ability to sell lots of comics. Look for our newest title, X-PUNISHER, coming soon.
APRILE FOOL!



ITEM! You all know that editor Don Daley is a big jogging buff, but here's something that may really raise your eyebrows. Don's next race is a three-mile foot race along the bottom of the ocean! When asked how he plans to train for this aquatic event, Don responded, "I'm going to start holding my breath!" APRIL FOOL!

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TEMI SLEEPWALKER is a brand-new title debuting this month, and it's a superhero book with an unusual twist. The
comic concerns the adventures of a
crimefighter who walks around in his
sleep, defeating criminals by accidentally
bumping into them! APRIL FOOL! Actually SLEEPWALKER is about a ma
whose dreams summon a crimefighting
being from another dimension! It's by Bob
Budiansky and Bret Blevins, and it
promises to be the sleeper hit of the yearl
GROAN!

ITEM! Assistant editor Suzanne Dell'Orto finally had her name mentioned on the Bullpen Bulletin Page. APRIL FOOL! ITEM! We've got lots of other first issues going on sale this month, such as the third DAMAGE CONTROL Limited Series (this one by Dwayne MacDuffle and Kyle Bakert), SAMURAI CAT, and CAR WARRIORS! APRIL FOOL! Those titles aren't really coming out! APRIL FOOL! Yes, they are! We were just kidding! APRIL FOOL! But not really! APRIL FOOL! No. but really they are! We really APRIL FOOL! No. but really they are! We really had you going that time. APRIL FOOL! No. but really they onfused you won't know if they're coming out or not, so you'll just have to keep haunting your comic sho to find out!



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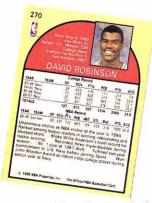
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