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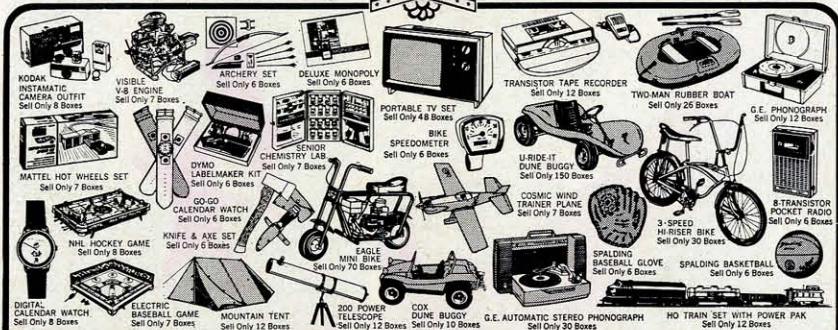
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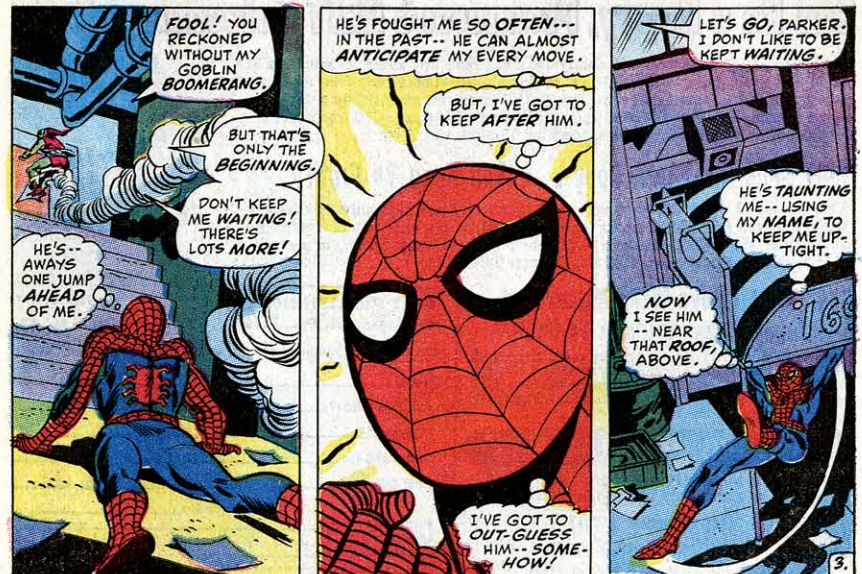
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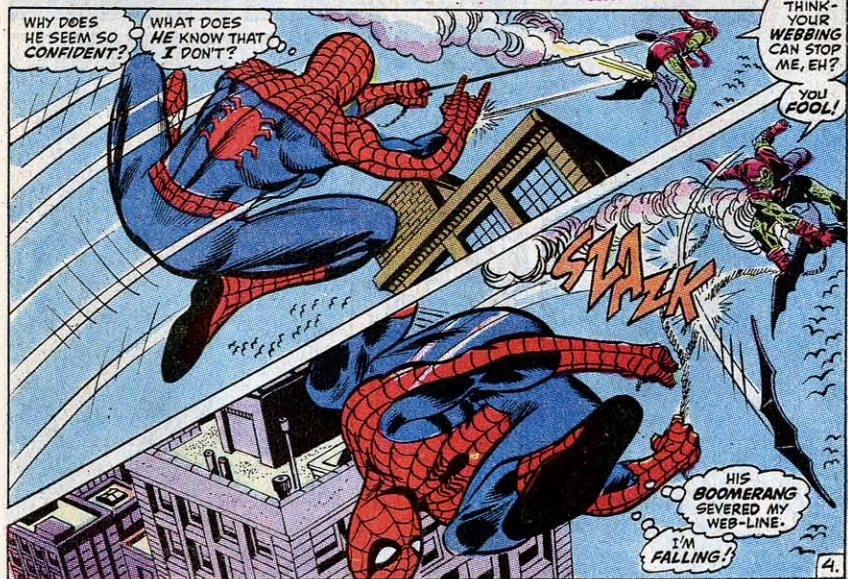
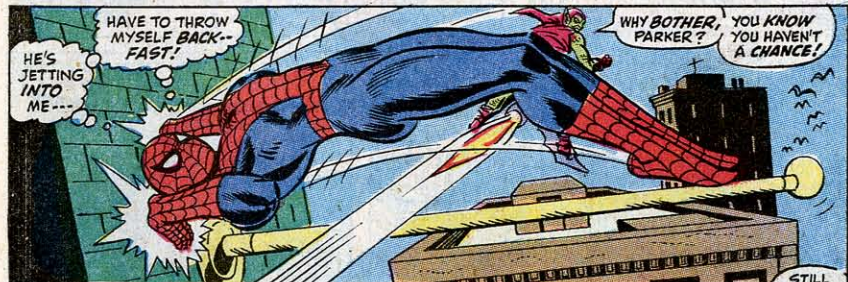
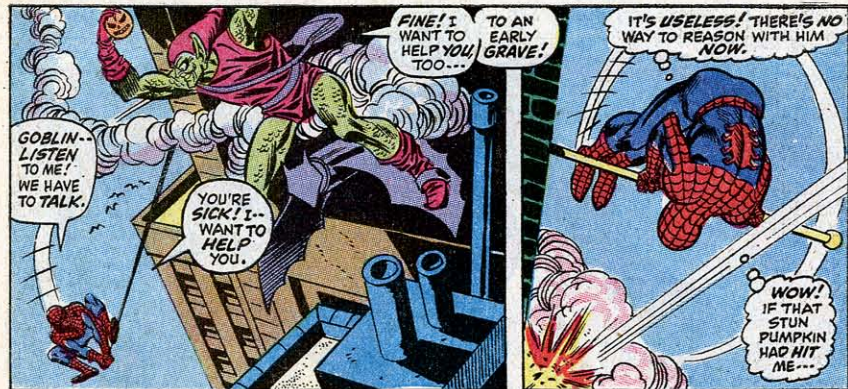
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SO I CAN'T WEB MYSELF TO SAFETY.



I KNEW I COULDN'T LOSE!

YOU WERE ALWAYS AFRAID OF ME--

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I KNEW HE COULDN'T HELP HIMSELF! HE'S HAD BRAIN DAMAGE! HE'S SICK.

AND BESIDES, HE'S MY BEST FRIEND'S DAD.



HARRY'S FATHER NEVER WANTED TO BE THE GREEN GOBLIN.

IN FACT, WHEN HE'S RATIONAL, OSBORN DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HE'S THE GOBLIN.

SO THAT'S WHY HE WAS SO CONFIDENT.

HE DIDN'T KNOW THE REAL REASON--



BUT NOW, I'VE SOMETHING ELSE TO WORRY ABOUT--

BUT HE'S TOO FREAKED OUT TO LISTEN TO REASON! SO, HOW DO I STOP HIM--?

I CAN'T LET HIM GO FREE --- KNOWING WHO I AM.



-- SHORT OF KILLING HIM?

GOBLIN-- YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME--

I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY! I WANT TO HELP YOU.

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! LOOSEN YOUR GRIP!



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NOW I CAN BLIND YOU WITH MY SPARKLER SPRAY.



HE-- HAS A WEAPON--- FOR EVERY-THING.

CAN'T SEE! IT'S LIKE-- A MILLION PIN-WHEELS--- DANCING IN MY BRAIN.

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EASY, PETE! HERE'S HARRY.



WELL, WELL-- HOW'S THE GREAT AMERICAN LOVER?

UH-OH! HE LOOKS SORE.

MUST BE ANGRY ABOUT M.J.



YOU'RE A REAL PAL-- PLAYING UP TO MARY JANE THAT WAY.*

HEY, COME OFF IT, HARRY! WHAT DID I DO?

* SHE CAME ONTO PETE LAST ISH, REMEMBER? S.



NOTHING! NOT A SINGLE THING--

EXCEPT FOR FORGETTING THAT SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MY DATE.

OR MAYBE YOU DIDN'T KNOW?



LOOK, HARRY, YOU'RE MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL.

MARY JANE AND I MEAN NOTHING TO EACH OTHER-- AND YOU KNOW IT.

YEAH? SOMEBODY OUGHTTA TELL HER!



IF YOU ASK ME, SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS.

LET IT LAY! I'M SICK OF TALKING ABOUT IT.

HEY, WHAT'S WITH YOU? I NEVER SAW YOU SO SHAKY BEFORE.

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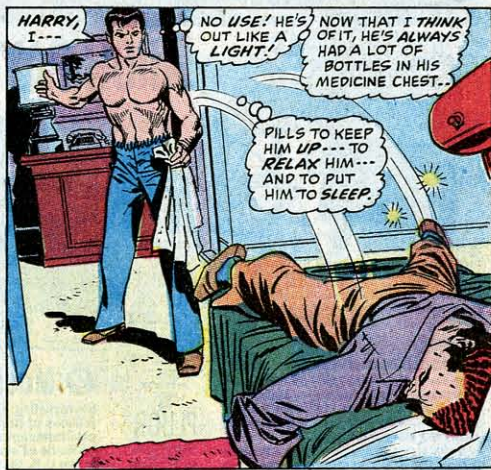
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HARRY, I---

NO USE! HE'S NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, HE'S ALWAYS HAD A LOT OF BOTTLES IN HIS MEDICINE CHEST...

PILLS TO KEEP HIM UP--- TO RELAX HIM--- AND TO PUT HIM TO SLEEP.



THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH THOSE BLASTED THINGS---

A GUY LIKE HARRY GETS TO DEPEND ON THEM.

WELL, I BETTER LET HIM SLEEP IT OFF.



WHAT MAKES HARRY SO WEAK? HE'S GOT EVERYTHING GOING FOR HIM---

HIS OWN PAD-- A CAR-- AND A FATHER WHO DENIES HIM NOTHING.

A FATHER! I ALMOST FORGOT! I'M WORRYING ABOUT HARRY WHILE THE GOBLIN IS STILL OUT THERE SOMEWHERE!



THE NEXT MORNING --

HI, HEROES!

CHEER UP, HARRY! IT'S MARY JANE.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO PATCH THINGS UP.

YEAH? THAT DEPENDS ON HER!



HELLO, I DIG THOSE CHAINS YOU'RE SPORTING, PETE!! WHERE'D YOU FIND THEM?

OH NO! SHE'S AT IT AGAIN.

I GOT THEM FROM GWEN!



LOOK, LADY-- YOU KNOW HOW HARRY FEELS ABOUT YOU! SO WHAT'S THE BIT?

IT'S A LONG STORY. WANNA HEAR IT?



THEN, AS PETER VAINLY TRIES TO BREAK AWAY--

HEY, OSBORN-- WAIT UP A MINUTE.



I SAW THE WHOLE THING, PAL! THAT CHICK'S GIVIN' YOU A BUM DEAL.

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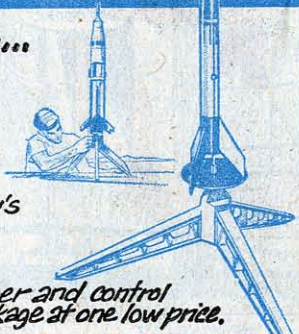


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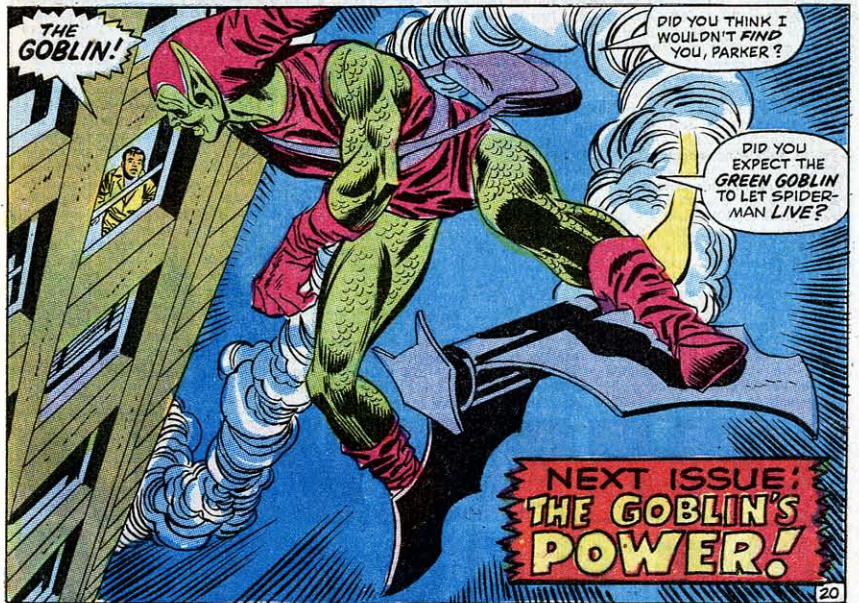
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Dear Stan,
It seems that your competitors have come up with a winner, and a format which is popular. As a result, you have begun to use that basic format, with many differences, of course. The big point is that more and more your heroes are fighting the ills of society, rather than super-powered clods with whom few can identify, if at all. Not that a super-clod is bad now and then, but these are usually slug-fests which are better reserved for the bubble-gum brigade. You have specialized the areas which certain characters go into. Spider-Man, Daredevil, and Cap are now working to help the oppressed younger generation and the ills caused by the oppressing older one. They deal with robbery, murder, and a host of others—except one. DRUGS.

Without a doubt, drugs are an important part of the corruption of the youth, as well as the old. With headlines screaming of 2-day-old children showing withdrawal signs because their mothers were addicts, don't you think that this is an important topic to cover?

Thus far, I have yet to see a story dealing with drugs. Many of us deal either directly or indirectly with drugs almost daily. My particular high school is overrun with the problem—it's no longer a problem of smoking—it's what they're smoking! In three minutes I can get almost anything: heroin, hash, grass—name it, you've got it! Robbery around my area is almost unheard-of—but someone busted for possession of narcotics happens weekly. Something must be done—literature has been written, but it's adult literature—too complex to read. Comics are the perfect medium through which messages about this problem can be conveyed. I know it is tough to work with, but it certainly is important enough to give it a good try! Mary Jane is not addictive physically at the start, but it can lead to psychological addiction to harder stuff later on. Heroin is terminal! Kids die at 12 because they OD'd with speed. Maybe this is the only way to reach the kids—by telling them the facts in comics they read!

Consider it, man. If it saves one kid out of 10, that's something. Marvel has taken the lead in so many things in the past—take the initiative now.

RIGHT ON, BROTHER!

Evan Katten, 719 Kenmare Road
Bala-Cynwyd, Penn. 19004

We figured that this was a particularly appropriate-ish to print your letter in, Evan, as you most evidently realize after the past twenty pages. This ish certainly is a landmark for Marvel because of the subject matter.

We in the Bullpen feel, as you do, that the problem of drug abuse could not continue to be ignored. And so we HAD to deal with it, regardless of the repercussions from those who are not aware of the importance and scope of the drug problem in this country. We will continue to follow our conscience—are all of you with us?

My friends,

I was reading Vance Packard's *The Hidden Persuaders* for my Advanced Placement English course, like a good girl, and I ran into a few things that I thought might interest you. And I quote: "... The cigar, in our minds, is a symbol of masculine toughness: it is favored by gangsters and hard-boiled bankers. An ad agency, Young and Rubicam, found in a depth study that

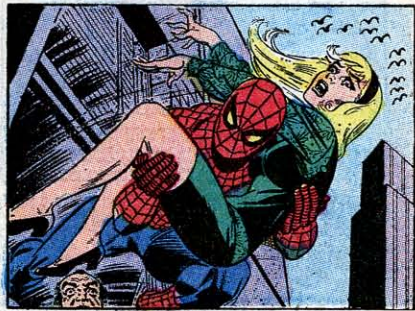
young men feel uneasy smoking cigars, presumably because cigars are such virility symbols that they feel a bit presumptuous trying to smoke them. A study made by a Chicago ad agency (Weiss and Geller) turned up the fact that cigars appeal both to men who are very strong, and to men who are basically weak and small. A cigar helps the little guy feel big..."

Of course we must give equal time to the other side of the question. And I further quote:

"In 1956 a University of Illinois professor, Dr. Maury Masler (College of Dentistry), told an Oklahoma convention of dentists that a man who enjoys pulling on a big fat cigar is merely indulging in an adult version of thumb sucking. (Cigarette smokers, he said, are doing the same perhaps to a lesser extent.) However, he took the matter calmly. He said it is a method of relieving the inner tensions that build up. But he did make one interesting distinction: the man who puffs on his cigar is sucking his thumb while the man who chews vigorously on his cigarette is a nail biter."

Well, there we have confirmation of things every Marvelite has known for years. J. Jonah Jameson is constantly trying to put over an image of toughness. Not only that, but he's racked with inner tensions (such as his frustration at never being able to win over Spider-Man!).

I await the glorious day when Spidey tells JJJ he's a nailbiter. Jean Laidig, 784 Holmdel Road, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733



Dear Stan, John, and others,

In the November general election for the 7th Congressional District seat, guess who was running against Democrat Parren J. Mitchell?

It was—Republican Peter Parker!! And, do you know what? Parker lost by 17,000 votes.

Now, are you gonna give me a no-prize, or am I gonna have to get the Yancy Street Gang to bust a few heads?

Jeffrey Lustman, 7112 Minna Rd.
Baltimore, Md. 21207

No violence, Jeff—please! Your no-prize is speeding on its skeptical way to you, but we can't help wondering—if our Pete isn't old enough to vote, how could he be running for office?? (Oh—it's a DIFFERENT one, you say?)

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Dear? People,
Hmmpghbb. This is about as good as I can do to describe my feelings about SPIDER-MAN #93, and this is the fourth attempt to do so—the other three were crumpled up and thrown away.

It seems like a nice solution to get rid of Gwen; no more identity problems, a chance for new twists in Peter Parker's life, etc.; but it's also purely sadistic!

At least when Betty Brant vanished into the sunset some Marvelites had suggested you get rid of her, but it seemed like everybody liked Gwen Stacy.

Perhaps Pete could go to London and find her? He's found ways to make such long and expensive plane trips before, mostly in the Spidey Annuals. But, alas, somehow my ESP tells me you have no such plans.

Maybe when the Marvel building is buried by letters similar to this one asking for her return, you will change your minds.

To be honest, it would seem strange for Pete not to try to find Gwen and tell her the whole story, when he went to all that trouble in the SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #5 to find out about his parents. (Something that wouldn't really change his life physically if he did fail.)

If you don't do something about this atrocity, I'm sure you'll make a lot of faithful Spideophiles webbin' mad!

Since this is about all I can think to say, I'll wait, hopefully, to see what happens.

Excelsiwhatchamacallit! (Or has that been said?)
Todd Bake, 15430 Rossini,
Detroit, Mich. 48205

As you must know by now, Todd, Pete did make the attempt to reach Gwen and—as always—blew it! But don't lose the faith—if fate means for Pete and Gwen to stay together, not even thousands of miles of waves and wind can keep them apart! (Well, eventually, that is!)

Dear Stan,

Every time I pick up one of your superb mags I look forward to reading not only a great story, but also a well-arranged letters page. It is good to know that our very thoughts and ideas are being read and in some instances answered. A magazine published by Marvel has nowhere to go except forward to greater horizons and literary frontiers.

Before your hat size increases to a point of no return, I believe it is time to change the subject.

In issue #93, Todd Bake contributes the idea of tiny hooks being used for Spidey's wall crawling. I do not think this idea has much substantial basis. Since Todd is a believer in scientific reasoning,



Let him consider this: It was brought to our attention that Spider-Man possesses tiny, microscopic hooks on his hands and feet. If these hooks are, indeed, microscopic, then it is quite hard to believe that the hooks are able to penetrate the cloth of his glove and able to grip the solid wall of a building. Even if the hooks could penetrate the cloth and grip the wall, it is highly unlikely that the hold would be substantial enough to support Spidey's weight. Now that I've utterly destroyed a fellow Michigander's thoughts, I think I'll close before this letter runs into two issues.

Ken Campbell, 1300 W. "D" St.
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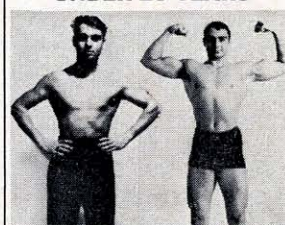


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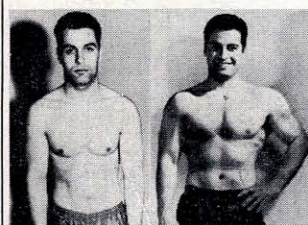


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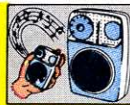
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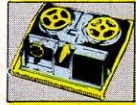
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