

SPIDER-MAN!

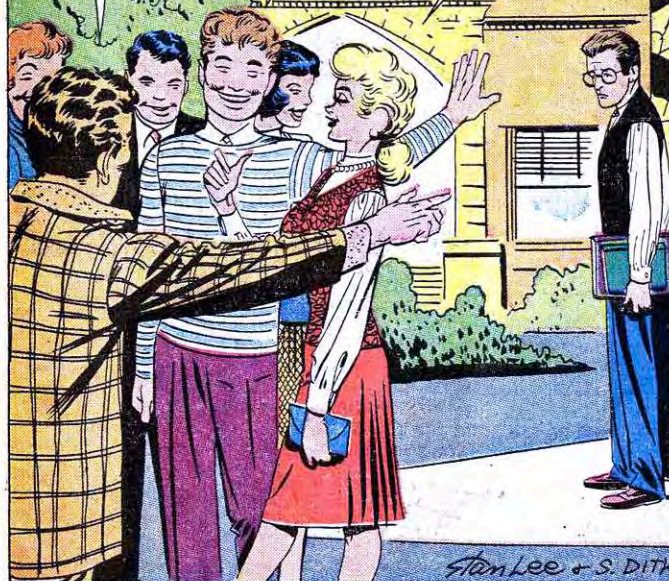


LIKE COSTUME HEROES? CONFIDENTIALLY, WE IN THE COMIC MAG BUSINESS REFER TO THEM AS "LONG UNDERWEAR CHARACTERS"! AND, AS YOU KNOW, THEY'RE A DIME A DOZEN! BUT, WE THINK YOU MAY FIND OUR **SPIDERMAN** JUST A BIT... DIFFERENT!

SAY, GANG, WE NEED ONE MORE GUY FOR THE DANCE! HOW ABOUT **PETER PARKER** OVER THERE?

ARE YOU **KIDDIN'?** THAT BOOKWORM WOULDN'T KNOW A CHA-CHA FROM A WALTZ!

PETER PARKER? HE'S MIDTOWN HIGH'S ONLY PROFESSIONAL WALL FLOWER!



AS YOU MAY HAVE GATHERED, PETER PARKER WAS FAR FROM BEING THE BIGGEST MAN ON CAMPUS! BUT, HIS UNCLE BEN THOUGHT HE WAS A PRETTY SPECIAL LAD...

YOU'RE NOT FOOLIN' ME, PETEY! I KNOW YOU'RE AWAKE-- AND IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL!

GOSH, UNCLE BEN-- YOU'RE WORSE THAN A ROOM FULL OF ALARM CLOCKS!



AS FOR PETE'S AUNT MAY, SHE THOUGHT THE SUN ROSE AND SET UPON HER NEPHEW!

I COOKED YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST, PETEY-- WHEATCAKES!

DON'T FATTEN HIM UP TOO MUCH, DEAR! I CAN HARDLY OUT-WRESTLE HIM NOW!



THE FACULTY AT MIDTOWN HIGH WERE ALSO FOND OF THE CLEAN-CUT, HARD-WORKING HONOR STUDENT!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, PARKER, AND YOU'RE SURE TO RATE A SCHOLARSHIP WHEN YOU GRADUATE!

I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!



BUT ALAS, OTHER TEEN-AGERS CAN SOMETIMES, UNWITTINGLY, BE SO VERY CRUEL TO A SHY YOUNG MAN...

SALLY, I, EH, WAS WONDERING IF YOU'RE BUSY TONIGHT...?

PETER, FOR THE LUMPTENTH TIME, YOU'RE JUST NOT MY TYPE...



...NOT WHEN DREAM BOATS LIKE FLASH THOMPSON ARE AROUND!

I ADMIRE YOUR GOOD TASTE, DOLL! I GET LOST, BOOKWORM.



LOOK, THERE'S A GREAT NEW EXHIBIT AT THE SCIENCE HALL TONIGHT! WOULD ANY OF YOU LIKE TO GO WITH ME?

SCIENCE HALL! HAH!

YOU STICK TO SCIENCE, SON! WE'LL TAKE THE CHICKS!



YES, FOR SOME, BEING A TEEN-AGER HAS MANY HEART-BREAKING MOMENTS!

SEE YOU AROUND, BOOKWORM!

GIVE OUR REGARDS TO THE ATOM-SMASHERS, PETER!



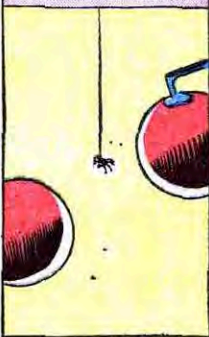
SOME DAY I'LL SHOW THEM! --SORRY-- SOME DAY THEY'LL BE SORRY! --SORRY THAT THEY LAUGHED AT ME!



AND, A FEW MINUTES LATER, PETER PARKER FORGETS THE TAUNTS OF HIS CLASSMATES AS HE IS TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER WORLD--THE FASCINATING WORLD OF ATOMIC SCIENCE!



BUT, AS THE EXPERIMENT BEGINS, NO ONE NOTICES A TINY SPIDER, DESCENDING FROM THE CEILING ON AN ALMOST INVISIBLE STRAND OF WEB...

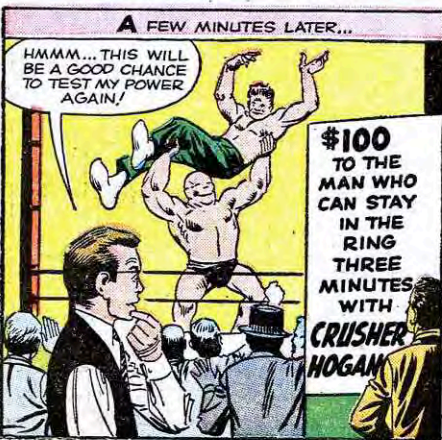
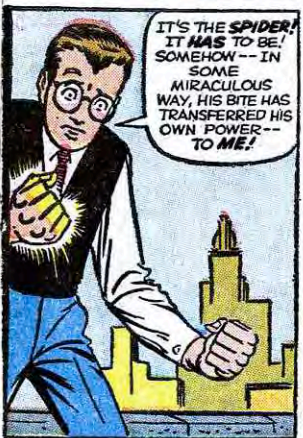


A SPIDER WHOM FATE HAS GIVEN A STARRING, IF BRIEF, ROLE TO PLAY IN THE DRAMA WE CALL LIFE!

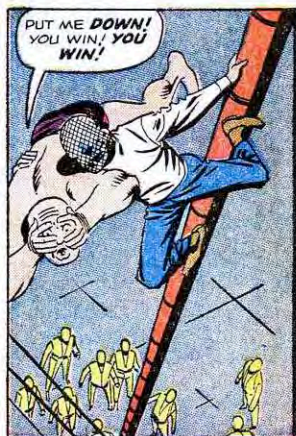
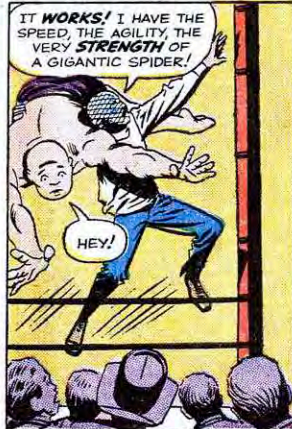
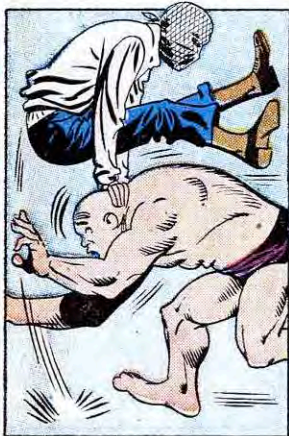
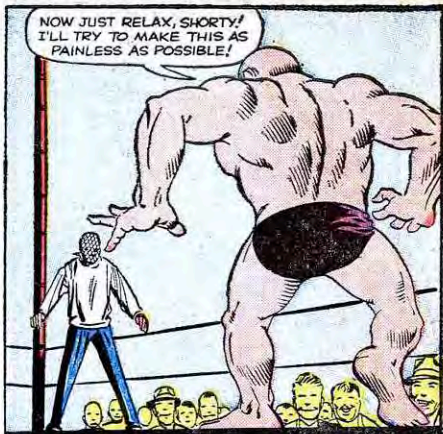


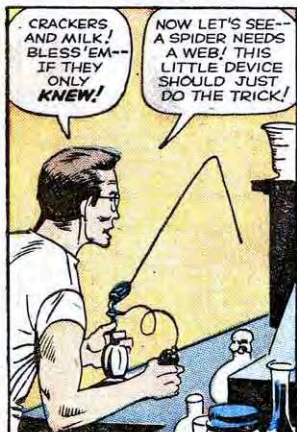
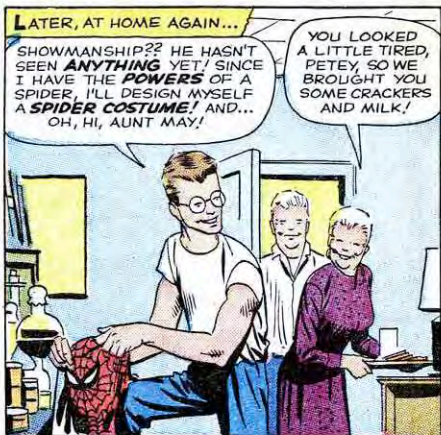
ACCIDENTALLY ABSORBING A FANTASTIC AMOUNT OF RADIOACTIVITY, THE DYING INSECT, IN SUDDEN SHOCK, BITES THE NEAREST LIVING THING, AT THE SPLIT SECOND BEFORE LIFE EBBS FROM ITS RADIOACTIVE BODY!





A FEW MINUTES LATER...





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NOW ANYBODY WITH THE INTELLIGENCE OF A SEVEN YEAR OLD KNOWS THAT IF A MAN APPEARED ON TV WHO SEEMED TO BE MORE SPIDER THAN HUMAN, HE'D BE AN OVERNIGHT SENSATION! ESPECIALLY WHEN HIS FEATS WERE PERFORMED WITHOUT THE HELP OF TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY! WELL, YOU CAN JUST IMAGINE HOW THE PUBLIC REACTED TO **SPIDERMAN!**

I'M SEEIN' IT WITH MY OWN EYES, AND I **STILL** DON'T BELIEVE IT!



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SURE THEY LOOK AMAZED, INCREDIBLE, AWE-STRICKEN! WOULD'N'T **YOU???**



AFTER ALL, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME **YOU** SAW A MAN WITH HIS OWN FANTASTIC SPIDER WEB???



OKAY, SPIDERMAN-- CUT! THAT'S ENOUGH! DON'T SHOW 'EM **TOO MUCH!** LEAVE 'EM BEGGIN' FOR MORE!

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AS HIS FIRST TV SPECTACULAR ENDS, PETER PARKER BREATHE THE FIRST SWEET SCENT OF FAME AND SUCCESS!

I'M FROM LIFE! WE'LL PAY ANY PRICE FOR A PICTURE SPREAD!

SIGN WITH ME! I'LL PUT YOU IN THE MOVIES!

WAIT! WE WANT AN INTERVIEW!

SEE MY AGENT, BOYS! I'M BUSY!



WHEW! RID OF 'EM AT LAST!

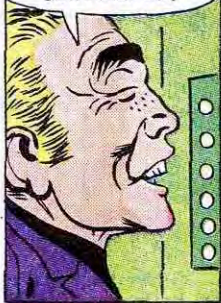
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON??

STOP! THIEF! STOP HIM! IF HE MAKES IT TO THE ELEVATOR, HE'LL GET AWAY!



MADE IT!

I'M SAFE NOW! THAT COP CAN NEVER GET DOWN TO THE LOBBY AS FAST AS I CAN IN THIS HIGH-SPEED EXPRESS ELEVATOR! LUCKY THAT GOON IN A COSTUME DIDN'T STOP ME!



WHAT'S WITH YOU, MISTER?? ALL YOU HADDA DO WAS TRIP HIM, OR HOLD HIM JUST FOR A MINUTE!

SORRY, PAL! THAT'S YOUR JOB! I'M THRU BEING PUSHED AROUND --BY ANYONE! FROM NOW ON I JUST LOOK OUT FOR NUMBER ONE --THAT MEANS--ME!



I OUGHTTA. RUN YOU IN--

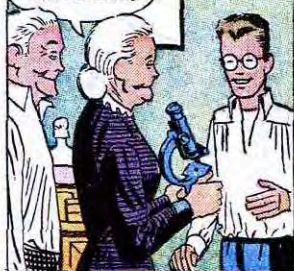
SAVE YOUR BREATH, BUDDY! I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO!



AND, A FEW HOURS LATER...

PETER, YOU KNOW THAT MICROSCOPE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED? YOUR UNCLE AND I BOUGHT IT FOR YOU THIS AFTERNOON!

GOSH, THAT'S TERRIFIC!



YOU'RE THE GREATEST FAMILY ANY FELLA EVER HAD!

THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO'VE EVER BEEN KIND TO ME! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THEY'RE ALWAYS HAPPY, BUT THE REST OF THE WORLD CAN GO HANG FOR ALL I CARE!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE **SPIDERMAN** BECOMES THE SENSATION OF THE NATION!



AND, ONE EVENING AS PETER PARKER RETURNS HOME FROM A PERSONAL APPEARANCE...

A POLICE CAR! IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE! WHAT CAN BE WRONG??



BAD NEWS, SON--YOUR UNCLE HAS BEEN SHOT--MURDERED!

UNCLE BEN --DEAD! NO! NO, IT CAN'T BE!



WHO DID IT?? WHO SHOT HIM??

IT WAS A BURGLAR-- YOUR UNCLE SURPRISED HIM! BUT DON'T WORRY, LAD! WE'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED! HE'S IN THE OLD ACME WAREHOUSE AT THE WATERFRONT! WE'LL GET HIM!



YOUR AUNT IS NEXT DOOR-- THE NEIGHBORS ARE LOOKING AFTER HER! WAIT--

I'VE GOT TO GO! I'VE GOT TO GET HIM!

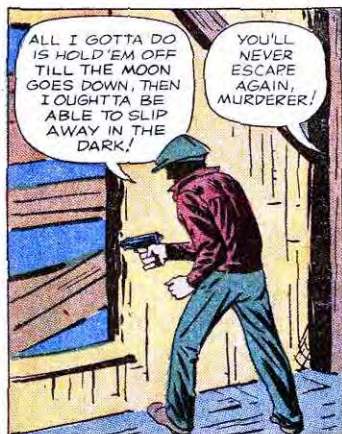
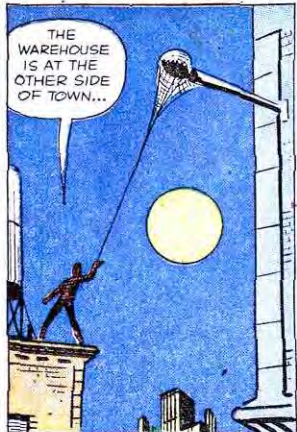


I KNOW THE OLD ACME WAREHOUSE! IT'S BEEN DESERTED FOR YEARS! A KILLER COULD HOLD OFF AN ARMY IN THAT GLOOMY, OLD PLACE!



BUT HE WON'T HOLD OFF-- SPIDERMAN!







THERE'S NO PLACE ON EARTH WHERE YOU CAN HIDE FROM ME!



FIRST, MY WEB WILL RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR GUN!



AND THEN MY FISTS WILL DO THE REST!



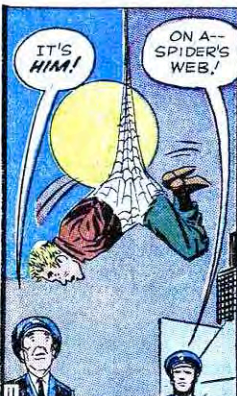
THAT-- THAT FACE! IT'S-- OH NO, IT CAN'T BE!

IT'S THE FUGITIVE WHO RAN PAST ME! THE ONE I DIDN'T STOP WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE!



I HATE TO DO IT, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO RUSH HIM NOW! CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE OF HIM SLIPPING BY IN THE DARK!

CAPTAIN-- LOOK!!



IT'S HIM!

ON A-- SPIDER'S WEB!



AND, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

MY FAULT-- ALL MY FAULT! IF ONLY I HAD STOPPED HIM WHEN I COULD HAVE! BUT I DIDN'T-- AND NOW-- UNCLE BEN-- IS DEAD...



AND A LEAN, SILENT FIGURE SLOWLY FADES INTO THE GATHERING DARKNESS, AWARE AT LAST THAT IN THIS WORLD, WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME-- GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!

AND SO A LEGEND IS BORN AND A NEW NAME IS ADDED TO THE ROSTER OF THOSE WHO MAKE THE WORLD OF FANTASY THE MOST EXCITING REALM OF ALL!

BE SURE TO SEE THE NEXT ISSUE OF **AMAZING FANTASY**--- FOR THE FURTHER AMAZING EXPLOITS OF AMERICA'S MOST **DIFFERENT** NEW TEEN-AGE IDOL-- **SPIDERMAN!**

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