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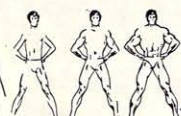
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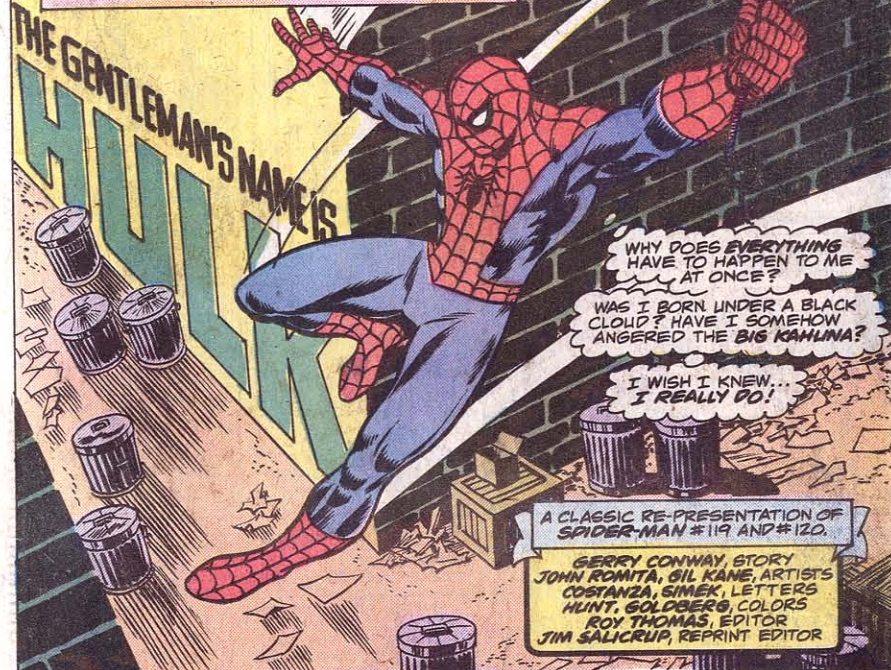
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...AND ON TOP OF THAT, I GET A TELEGRAM FROM JEAN PIERRE RIMBAUD--VIRTUALLY INSISTING I RUSH UP TO CANADA.

BUT HOW THE HECK DO I GET THAT KINDA DOUGH?



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AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THIS COLLEGE-STUDENT CAN AFFORD RIGHT ABOUT NOW... HUNH?



THE HULK-- IN CANADA?

FAR OUT!



THAT JUST ABOUT SOLVES MY PROBLEM-- THERE'S NO WAY PETER PARKER, COLLEGE STUDENT CAN FOOT A TRIP NORTH--

-- BUT P. PARKER, STAFF PHOTOS FOR THE DAILY BUGLE--



SOON, SEVERAL BLOCKS CROSSHOWN, IN A DULL-GRAY BUILDING OFF TIMES SQUARE...

HVA, BETTY IS HE IN?

MR. JAMESON! YES, BUT--

PETER, DON'T--HE'S IN A TERRIBLE MOOD!

SO WHAT'S NEW?



PARKER, GET OUT OF HERE! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR A WORD-- NOT ONE WORD!

AH, JJJ-- YOU KNOW YOU DON'T MEAN IT.

EVEN WHEN I'VE GOT AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE--

-- PICTURES OF THE HULK--

AFTER ALL WE'VE MEANT TO EACH OTHER?

ALL THESE YEARS TOGETHER-- YOU AND ME?

-- SMASHING SPIDEY INTO RED AND BLUE TOOTH PASTE?

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY?

ALL THESE YEARS TOGETHER-- YOU AND ME?

ALL THESE YEARS TOGETHER-- YOU AND ME?

ALL THESE YEARS TOGETHER-- YOU AND ME?

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AND TEN HUSTLING MINUTES LATER--

-- I WILL PERSONALLY DESTROY YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS--

ONE MORE THING, PARKER! IF YOU COME BACK WITHOUT THOSE PICS--

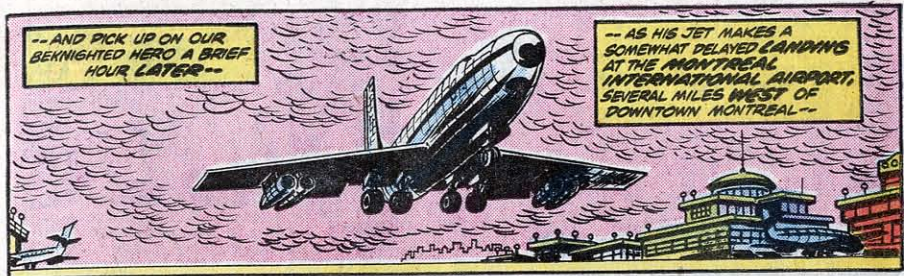
DO YOU HEAR ME?



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-- AND PICK UP ON OUR BEKNIGHTED HERO A BRIEF HOUR LATER--

-- AS HIS JET MAKES A SOMEWHAT DELAYED LANDING AT THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SEVERAL MILES WEST OF DOWNTOWN MONTREAL--

-- WHERE WE FIND MR. PARKER SHORTLY AFTERWARD, LOOKING FOR THE OFFICE OF A CERTAIN ATTORNEY, AND WONDERING--

AM I DOING THE RIGHT THING? SHOULD I DRY INTO AUNT MAY'S LIFE--?

ISN'T THAT WHAT ALWAYS BOTHERED ME ABOUT HER?

GUESS I NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD HER BEFORE



ALL THESE YEARS, THIS IS HOW SHE FELT ABOUT ME. CONCERNED-- WORRIED--

-- YES, AND MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE AFRAID.

OH, MR. PARKER-- MRS. RIMBAUD DID SEND THIS TELEGRAM--

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-- BUT I'M AFRAID HE'S BEEN CALLED OUT OF TOWN ON BUSINESS.

MISS DELON, MY AUNT'S PRETTY SICK.

SHE SENT ME TO SPEAK WITH YOUR BOSS--

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-- TO FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED HIM TO SEND THAT MESSAGE. IT'S IMPORTANT.

AND UNLESS MY JOURNALISTIC INSTINCTS ARE DEAD WRONG-- SO'S WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE STREET!

VERY WELL, MRS. PARKER-- I WILL SEARCH OUR FILES.

PERHAPS IF YOU RETURN LATER... FOR ANSWER?

I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT, MISS DELON... AND THANKS.



OUTSIDE, THE AIR IS A BITING 15°-- BUT THAT'S JUST ABOUT AVERAGE FOR MONTREAL IN WINTER, AND IT BOTHERS THE POPULACE NOT AT ALL--

-- AH-- BUT A CERTAIN PETER PARKER, HURRYING TO JOIN A GROWING CROWD OUTSIDE THE EAST-SIDE HOTEL--

HOTEL REGIN

FREEZING TO DEATH--

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-- BUT I CAN'T LET THAT SLOW ME DOWN.

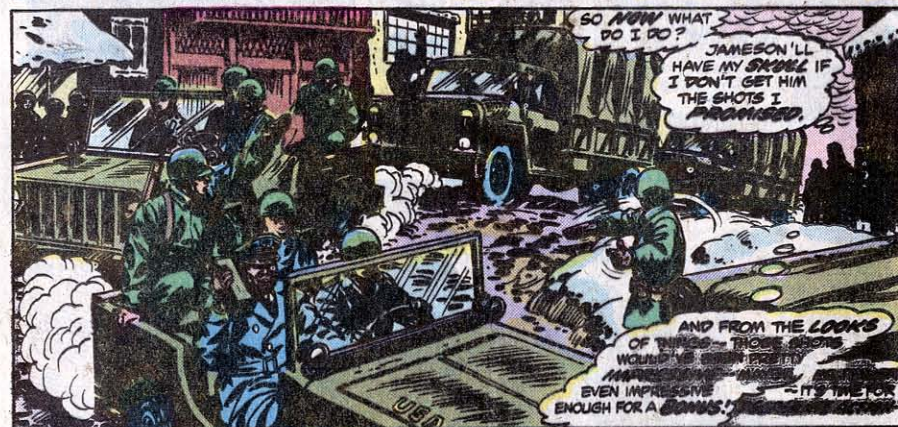
I NEED PICTURES OF THE HULK FOR THE BUGLE-- AND IF ANYONE KNOWS WHERE THAT JOLLY GREEN GIANT IS--

-- IT'S THE MAN WHO JUST STEPPED INSIDE--

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-- IT'S THE MAN WHO JUST STEPPED INSIDE--





LIKE ANOTHER GREAT METROPOLIS NAMED MANHATTAN, MONTREAL IS ON AN ISLAND-- SO IT TAKES CROSSING A BRIDGE TO GET INTO THE COUNTRY--



-- AND BRIDGE-CROSSING TAKES TIME--

--SO IT'S LITTLE MORE THAN AN HOUR LATER WHEN PETER PARKER GETS THE FIRST TREMBLING TINGLES-- OF DISASTER!

MY SPIDER-SENSES... GOING OFF LIKE AN ALARM...



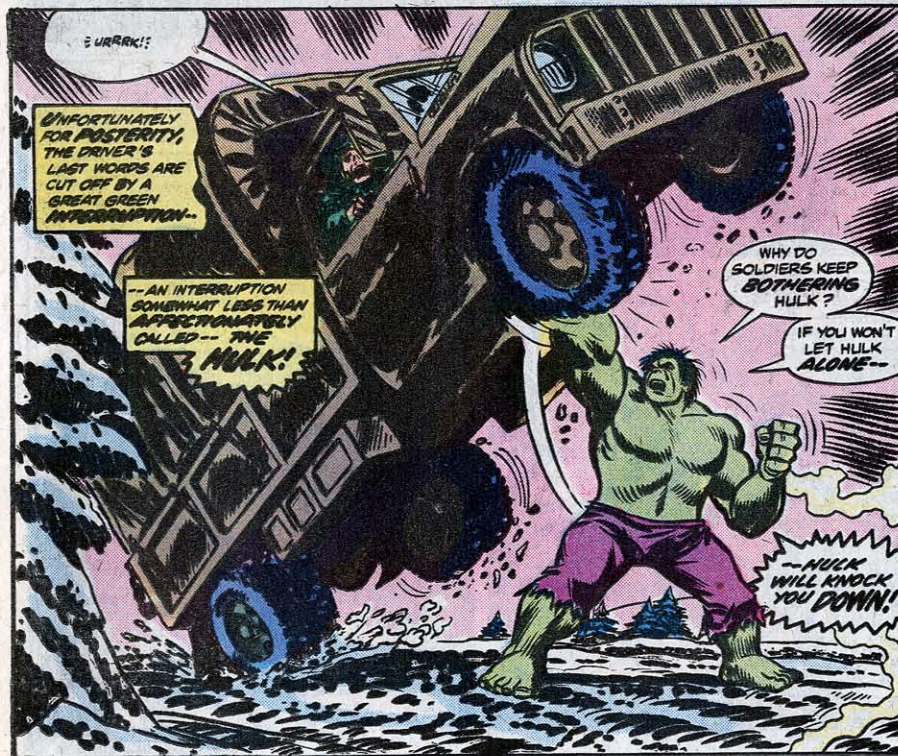
...WARNING ME... THERE'S DANGER AHEAD!

STOP THE TRUCK! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THE TRUCK-- BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



ARE YOU CRAZY?

SIT DOWN BEFORE I HAVE YOU--



UNFORTUNATELY FOR POSTERITY, THE DRIVER'S LAST WORDS ARE CUT OFF BY A GREAT GREEN INTERRUPTION--

--AN INTERRUPTION SOMEWHAT LESS THAN A PERFECTLY CALLED-- THE HULK!

WHY DO SOLDIERS KEEP BOTHERING HULK?

IF YOU WON'T LET HULK ALONE--

--HULK WILL KNOCK YOU DOWN!

AND BRIEF SECONDS AFTER--



WE WOULD HAVE TO BE THE LAST IN THE LINE--

IT'S GOING TO TAKE THE OTHERS A FEW MINUTES TO GET BACK HERE... WHICH MEANS THOSE REPORTERS ARE IN TROUBLE...

... 'CAUSE WHILE WE ALL MANAGED TO SURVIVE THAT TOSSED TRUCK...

...I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO DO AS WELL AGAINST A RAMPAGING BEHEMOTH!

AT LEAST WE WOULDN'T... IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD WEB-SPINNING SPIDER-MAN!

GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO DISTRACT HIM-- AND AT THE SAME TIME--



-- KEEP MYSELF FROM GETTING KILLED

AND THEN FOR MY NEXT MIRACLE--!

HEY, CHUCKLES--



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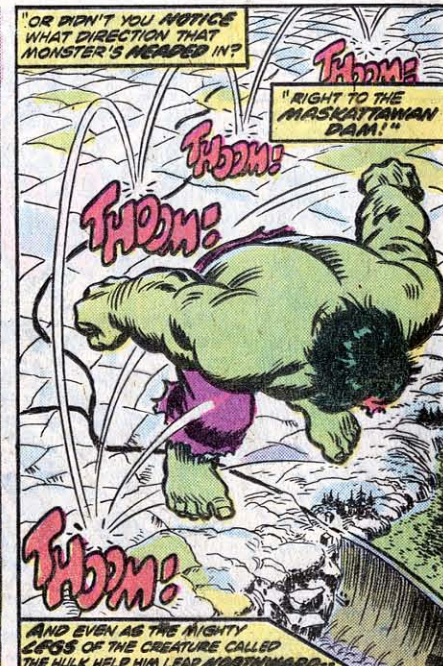
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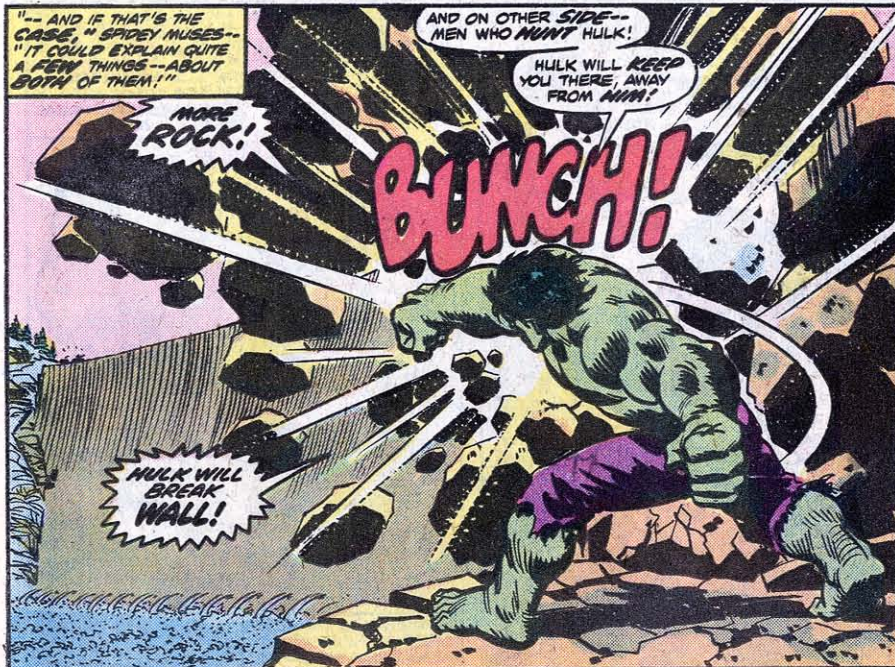
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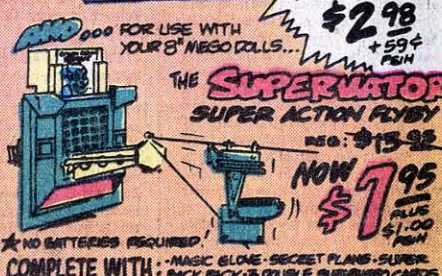
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Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! When DAVE (The Dude) KRAFT waltzed into the Bullpen the other day, smiling contentedly, we all knew that the long-awaited day had come—the latest, and possibly the greatest Marvel Super Special ever assembled at last was finished! Someone summoned JIM (Trouble) SHOOTER while Memorable MARTHA CONWAY notified STAN THE MAN and held all calls during the presentation. The verdict? Well, it's always a pleasure to announce the completion of a major project—but it's especially gratifying when the project has turned out to be a showpiece—a package so good that it seems to have a special magic that transcends the sum of its creative components. Such is THE BEATLES STORY, by DAVE KRAFT, GEORGE PEREZ, KLAUS

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ITEM! Also coming your way in the month of May is what may be the most requested return engagement of all time. STAR-LORD once again rockets into high adventure and mind-boggling science-fiction thrills in the pages of MARVEL PREVIEW #14. The story was conceived and written by Cheerful CHRIS CLAREMONT, a Marvel regular who seems to be rapidly approaching legendary stature, due in no small measure to his last Star-Lord epic. Charmin' CARMINE INFANTINO provided the powerful pencils which Bombastic BOB WIACEK boldly embellished and the results are guaranteed to leave you breathless. The way it all comes together brings to mind that word *showpiece* again. But of course, we knew you'd want it to be that good.

ITEM! Yes, there's more! MARVEL TREASURY EDITION #17 featuring none other than THE INCREDIBLE HULK will find its way to your newsstand soon. It is definitely not an item to be missed—you know how angry Ol' Greenskin gets when he's ignored.

ITEM! The baffled Bullpen had just begun to sort out all the new names and faces already present when suddenly another wave of creative folk arrived on the scene! Welcome anyway, to Benevolent BOB LUBBERS (rhymes with "Goobers"), who gained fame a while back as an illustrator for the Tarzan newspaper strip as well as the memorable Long Sam strip with which he is most closely identified. Also being cheerfully piped aboard are Deliberate DAVID MICHELINIE (rhymes with "pickle-my-knee"... sort of), who is universally regarded as one of the finest writers in the business; and Baby-faced BOB LAYTON (rhymes with "antidisestablishmentarianism"), who is rapidly gaining a similar reputation as an inker. We could clue you in to what these titanicly talented gentlemen are working on—but that would end all the suspense! Just keep watching the bylines on Mighty Marvel's monthly offerings and be ready to be dazzled and delighted!

ITEM! It seems that somewhere in between creating masterworks for TOMB OF DRACULA and guiding the destinies of a host of Marvel's top characters, Marvel WOLFGANG has found time to script a novel. Working in close cooperation with his good friend and associate Len Wein, Mary produced the first (and sure to be classic) novel featuring none other than *The Amazing Spider-Man* for the publishers of POCKET BOOKS. It should be on sale virtually everywhere soon, so if you see it, be sure to pick it up. And if you don't see it—ask!



ITEM! Actually, an unabashed plug—two great books you shouldn't pass up are THE HUMAN FLY and THE INVADERS. Believe us.

ITEM! Shame on us! Last time out we admonished the one or two holdouts who haven't yet subscribed to FOOM, Marvel's own behind-the-scenes magazine, but we forgot to mention just how one goes about signing up! Send a check or money order for \$3.00 for a Foomastic four-issue subscription. Or better still, send \$4.00 for a riotous full Friends Of Ol' Marvel membership kit, including official I.D. card, stick-ons, and a special bonus full-color poster, to FOOM, Subscription Department B, c/o Marvel Comics Group, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. And now back to the real world!

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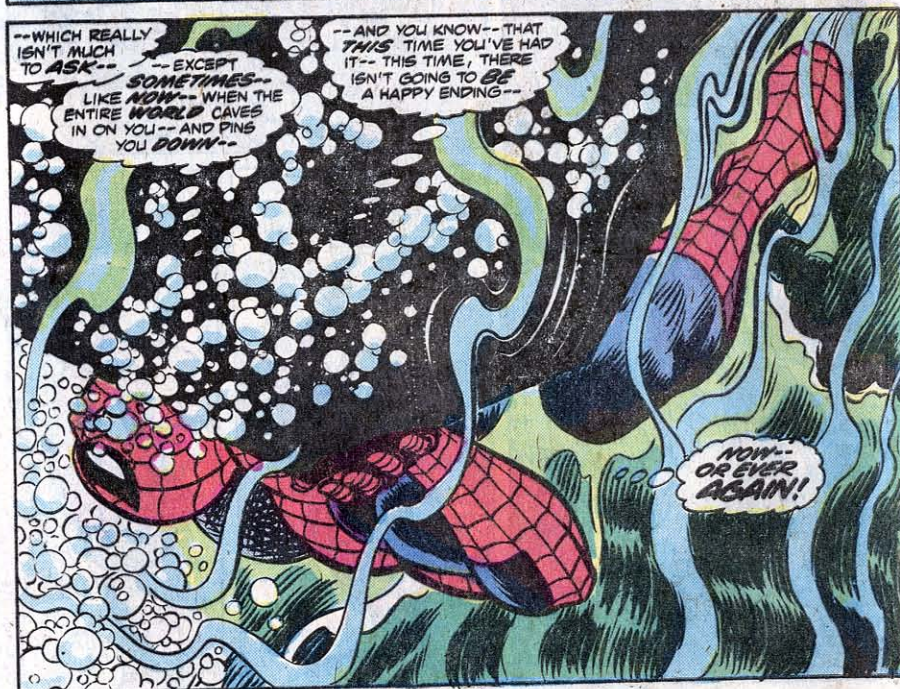
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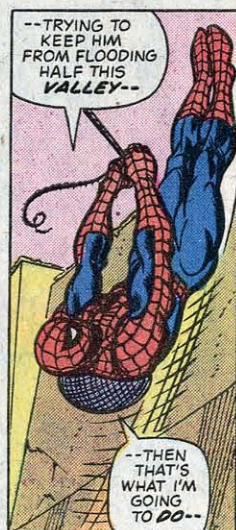
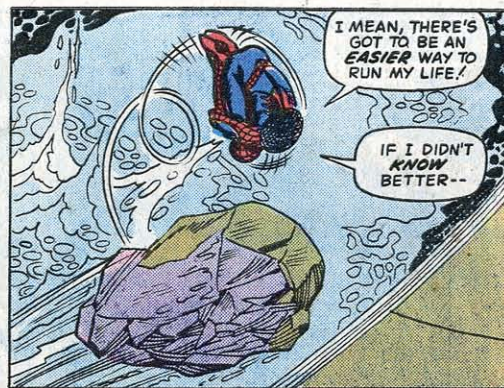
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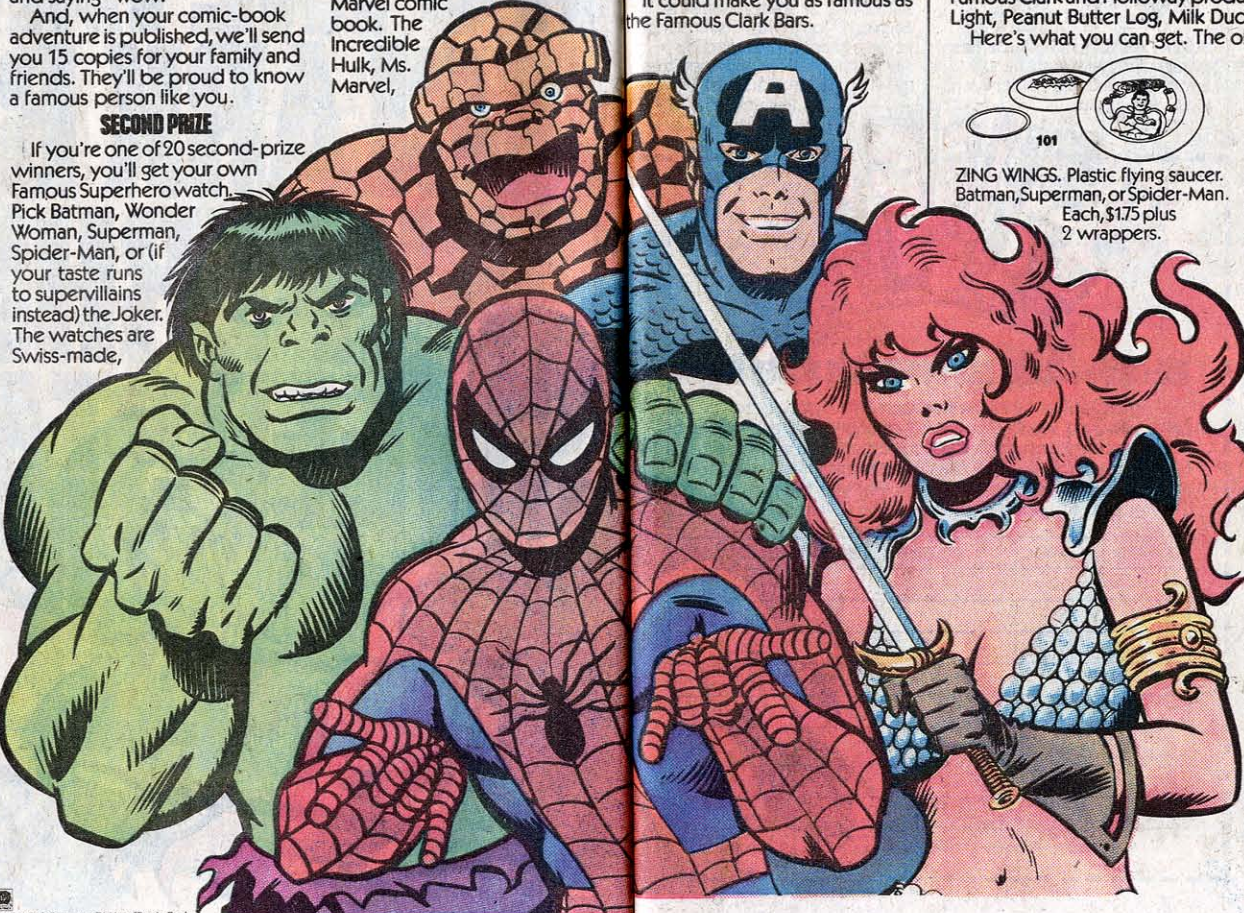
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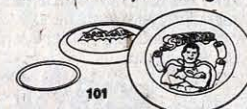
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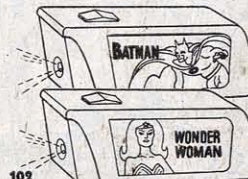
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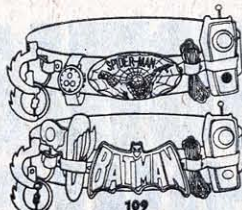
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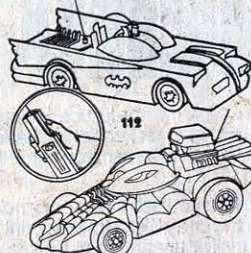
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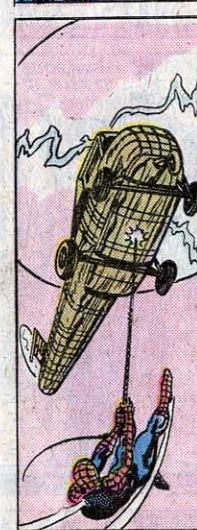
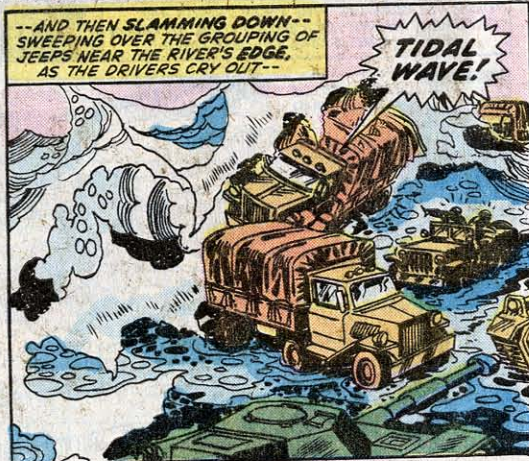
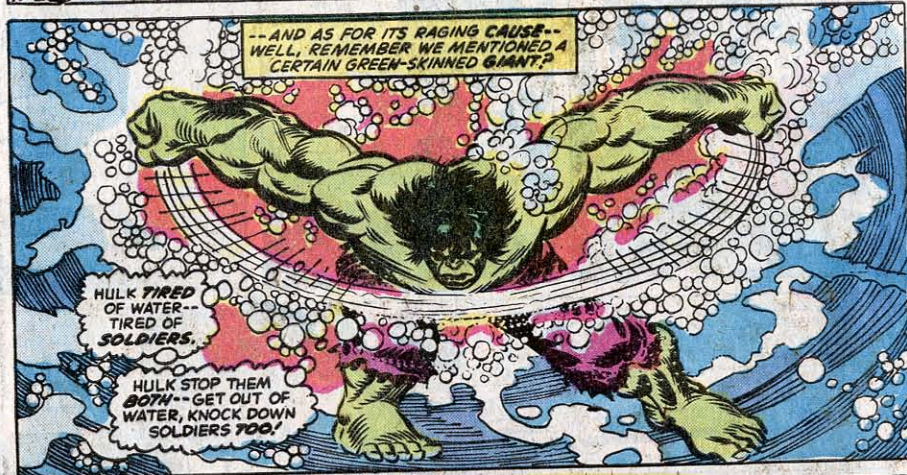
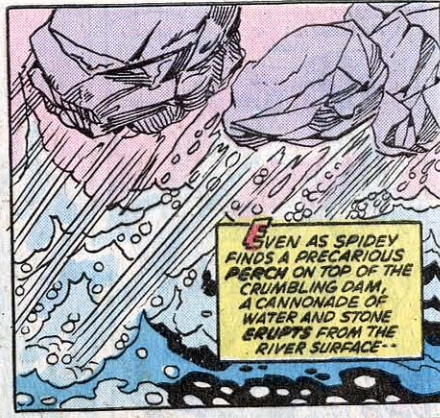
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MAYBE THERE'S A BAD CONNECTION--

PETER, YOU'RE SO NAIVE. HARRY'S BEEN INTO DRUGS AGAIN.

SOMETHING ABOUT HIS FATHER--SOME SORT OF PRESSURE--

OKAY, KID...

I'LL GET BACK AS SOON AS I CAN.



TERRIFIC. SO NOW WHAT DO I DO?

GWEN SEEMS TO THINK I'D BE SOME HELP TO HARRY... BUT I DON'T SEE NOW.

OR DO I?



MAYBE WHAT HARRY'S NEEDED ALL ALONG IS A FRIEND--

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I WONDER--IS HARRY'S PROBLEM MY FAU-- HUH? MY SPIDER-SENSE--TINGLING!

IT'S THAT MAN--HE'S BEEN FOLLOWING ME--

--BEEN BEHIND ME SINCE I FIRST HIT MONTREAL!



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I'LL WORRY ABOUT HARRY LATER...

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HUH? THAT PARKER KID--

HE WUZ HERE A MINUTE AGO--!



NOT QUITE A MINUTE AGO, PAL.

HE HAD TO LEAVE IN A SORT OF RUSH--



--AND HE LEFT ME TO CLEAR UP A FEW LOOSE ENDS.

IN CASE YOU HADN'T GUESSED--YOU, MY FRIEND, ARE A BONA FIDE END.

HEY, PUT ME DOWN--HEY--!



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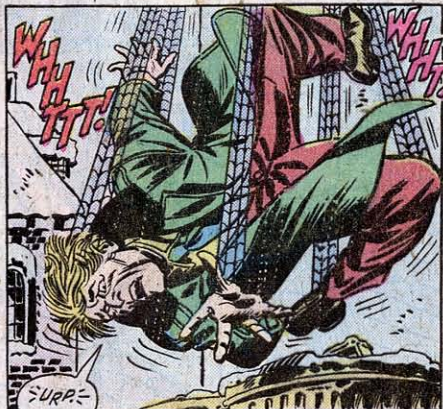
I WANT SOME ANSWERS FIRST--

N-N-NO WAY, BUSTER!



AWFULLY SORRY TO HEAR THAT.

I WAS HOPING YOU'D BE ABLE TO STICK AROUND.



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WAIT! YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE ME UP HERE-- YOU CAN'T!

DON'T SWEAT, PAL. IN AN HOUR THAT WEBBING WILL MELT--



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--IF ROSS AND HIS MEN DON'T FREE YOU FIRST!



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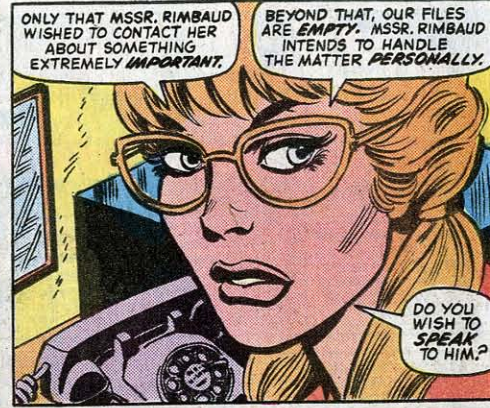
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BEYOND THAT, OUR FILES ARE EMPTY. MSSR. RIMBAUD INTENDS TO HANDLE THE MATTER PERSONALLY.

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...AND WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO A MAN NAMED OCTOPUS!

FORGET IT... I GUESS YOU'D CALL IT A PRIVATE JOKE.

OCTOPUS...?

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WHERE ARE WE GOING, ANYWAY?



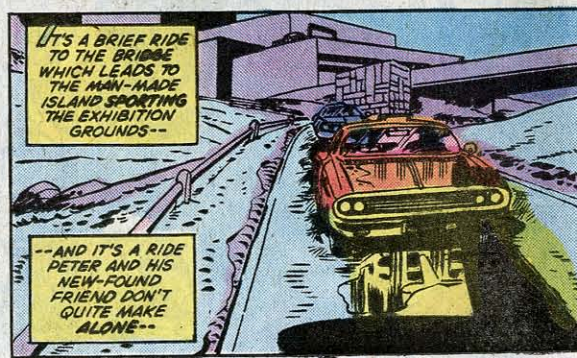
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WITH ANY LUCK I CAN GET THIS DONE AND CATCH THE LATE PLANE BACK TO NEW YORK!



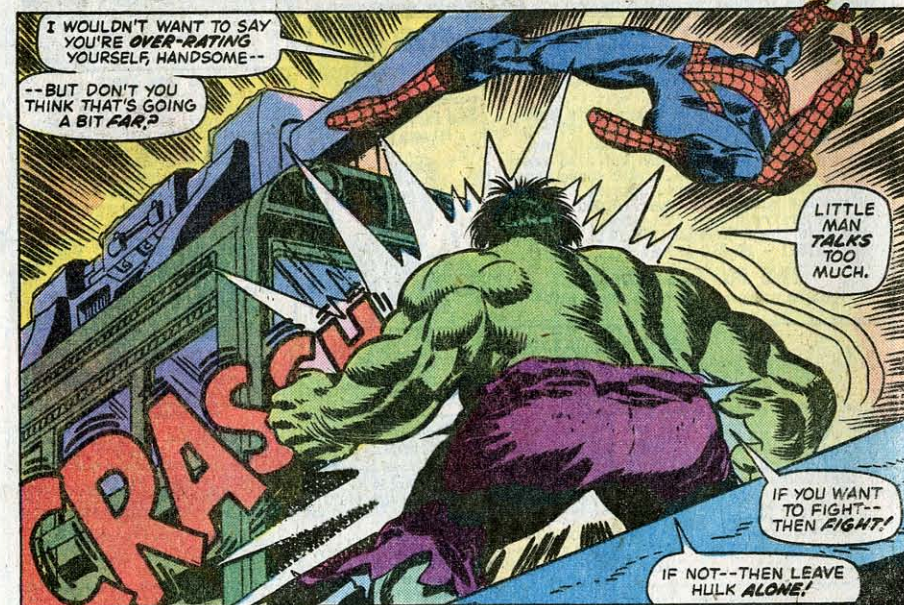
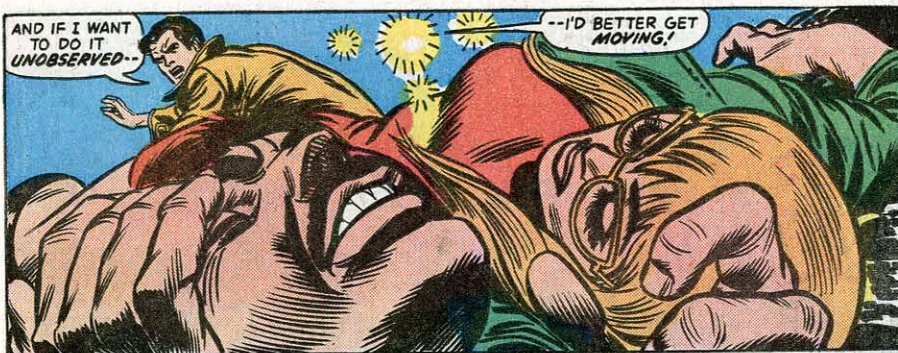
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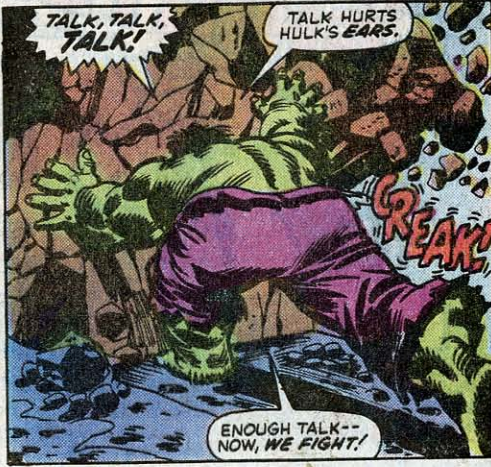
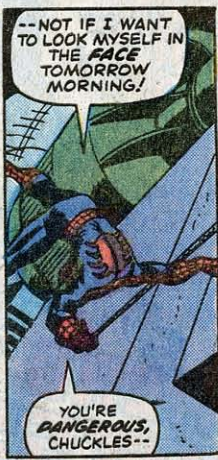
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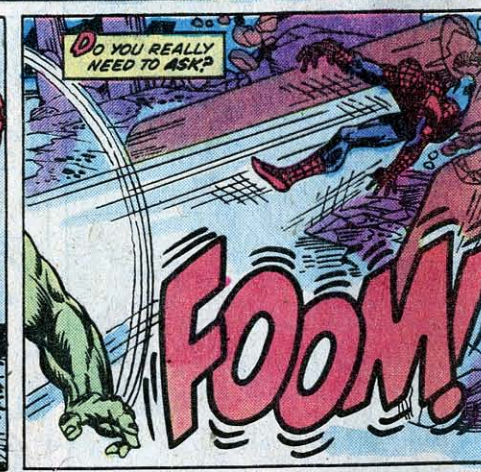
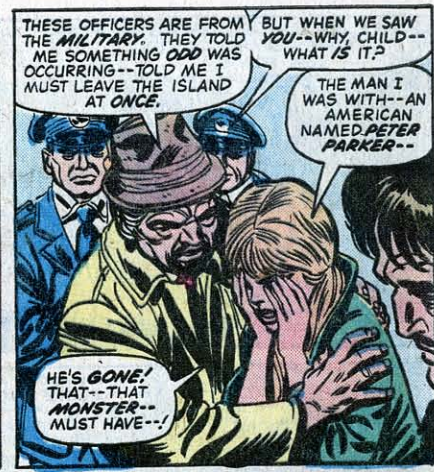
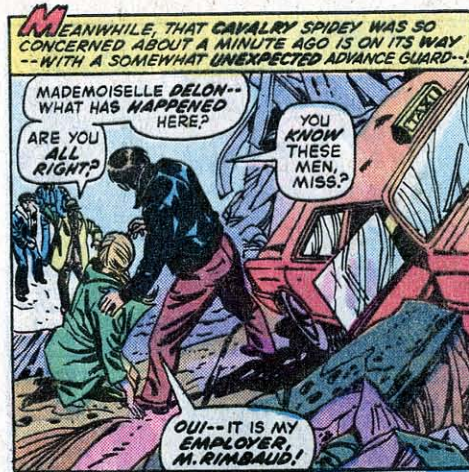
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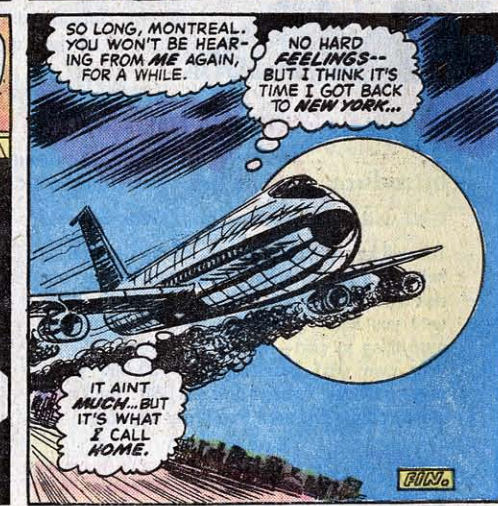
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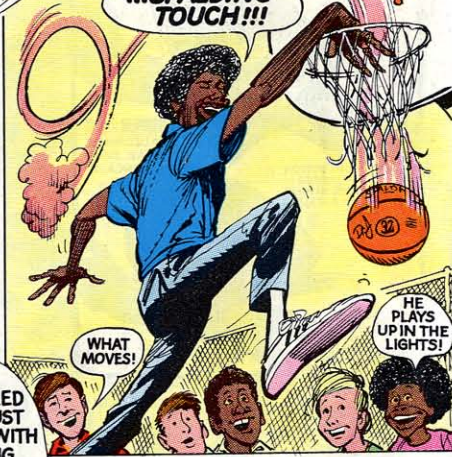
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