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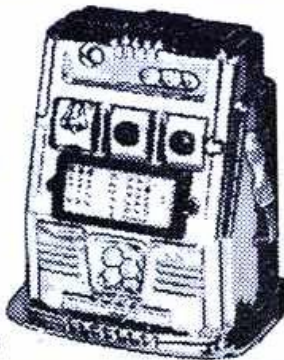
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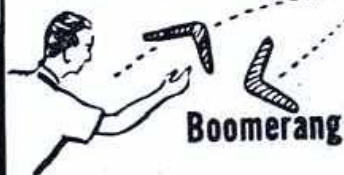


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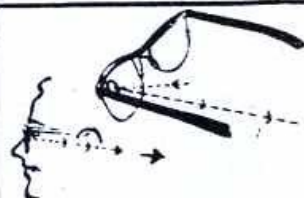
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ANOTHER BULLSEYE-- AND FROM A TRAPEZE, YET! IF I GET ANY BETTER, WE WON'T EVEN NEED OL' CAP TO COME BACK!

BUT, WATCH IT WITH THOSE WEIGHTS, WILLYA, WHISKERS? YOU ALMOST SPOILED MY FLAWLESS AIM!

YOUR PLEAS FALL ON DEAF EARS, HAWKEYE!

FOR, THE MELANCHOLY THOUGHTS OF HERCULES ARE ONLY OF HIS EXILE FROM DIVINE OLYMPUS!

THE SON OF ZEUS JUGGLES THAT MASSIVE WEIGHT ABSENT-MINDEDLY... AS A MERE MORTAL MIGHTY TOY WITH A COIN! A PITY HE IS NOT A TRUE AVENGER!

YET, NOW THAT I'VE RECOVERED FROM MY ILLNESS, WE ARE ALMOST AT FULL FIGHTING STRENGTH ONCE MORE!

THAK!

STAN LEE
MAJESTICALLY MOGULS OVER
A ROY THOMAS-
JOHN BUSCEMA
MASTERPIECE OF
MATCHLESS
MARVEL
MAGNIFICENCE!!

INKED
WITH
DRAGON
POWER BY:
GEORGE
BELL!

LETTERED
WITH
DRAGGIN'
FEET BY:
ARTIE
SIMEK!

OKAY, TRUE BELIEVER--IT'S EPIC TIME AGAIN! READY--SET--GO!!

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AND NOW, FANS,
FOR MY NEXT
MIRACLE...I'LL
SPLIT MY
PREVIOUS ARROW
AS I GRACEFULLY
DROP TO--
UH OH!

FWIP!
HEADS UP
HERKY-BOY!
YOU'RE
TOSSIN' THEM
BARBELLS
RIGHT IN MY
LINE OF
FIRE!



HERCULES!
LOOK OUT!
THE
WEIGHT IS
FALLING--!

PING!

EH? BY THE
CAREENING
CHARIOT OF
HERMES--
WHAT
BEFALLS?



THE NEXT INSTANT,
AS THE LION OF
OLYMPUS
INSTINCTIVELY
RAISES A MIGHTY
ARM--

SMASH!

AH--NOW
I SEE!

'TIS THE ERRING
SHAFT OF
HAWKEYE WHICH
HATH INTERRUPTED
THE REVERIE OF
HERCULES!

HOLY COW!
HE BUSTED
IT TO
SMITHEREENS
--WITHOUT
EVEN TRYIN'!



HERE, RECKLESS
ONE! LET THE
PRINCE OF
POWER SHOW
THEE HOW TO
USE THY BOW!

FOR, IN FABLED
OLYMPUS, NONE
BUT APOLLO
MAY CHALLENGE
MY PROWESS
AS AN
ARCHER!

FLAKE OFF, BRIGHT-
EYES! I'M TESTIN' MY
NEW SUPER-TENSILE
BOWSTRING, AND--

HEY! GIVE
THAT BACK--
NOW!!

HAWKEYE'S
TEMPER
STARTS TO
FLARE UP
AGAIN!

YET, I KNOW IT IS
BECAUSE HE STILL MISSES
THE BLACK WIDOW--WHO
HAS BECOME A TRAITOR!



FEAR NOT! I SEEK MERELY
TO TRY THY BOW, AND--BUT,
WHAT'S THIS?

THE STRING
HOLDS--BUT,
THE BOW
ITSELF BREAKS
AT MY SLIGHTEST
PULL!

VERILY, THOU
HAST NEED OF
A STOUTER
WEAPON!

I'VE GOT ONE, MISTER--MY FISTS!
LEMME GO, PIETRO--I'M GONNA
GIVE THAT BEARDNIK A KNUCKLE
SANDWICH!

NOBODY
GOES AROUND
BREAKIN' UP MY
BEST IMPORTED
BOWS! NOBODY!!

PIETRO--
STOP HIM!

I SHALL,
MY SISTER!
HAWKEYE IS
NO MATCH
FOR
HERCULES!

THEN, AS THE BELLICOSE MARKSMAN IS HELD BACK BY A STRAINING QUICKSILVER...



AND, PRECISELY ONE AND A HALF SECONDS LATER...



AW, THE HECK WITH IT! FIGHTIN' WON'T BRING NATASHA BACK--AND, THAT'S ALL I REALLY CARE ABOUT!

I'M GOIN' FOR A WALK! LOOK FOR ME WHEN YOU SEE ME COMIN'!

WAIT, HAWKEYE! YOU'RE ON OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY DUTY! ONE OF US MUST ALWAYS WATCH THE VIDEO-MONITOR!

LET HIM GO, PIETRO! I'LL TAKE HIS PLACE!

BAH! I SHALL RETIRE TO MY QUARTERS... WHERE THE PRATTING OF MERE MORTALS SHALL NOT OFFEND MINE EARS!

THERE, IN SOLITUDE, MAYHAP I SHALL DISCOVER A WAY TO END MINE UNJUST BANISHMENT!

AND NOW, JUST IN CASE YOU WERE BEGINNING TO WONDER THE SAME THING, O KEEPER OF THE FLAME--LET US TURN BACK THE CALENDAR A FEW DRAMATIC DAYS...

...AS WE SHIFT OUR SCENE TO A TOP-SECRET BASE IN A CERTAIN FAR EASTERN POWER, WHICH SHALL REMAIN NAMELESS AND UNRECOGNIZED...

KEEP YOUR WEAPONS AT THE READY! THE BLACK WIDOW APPROACHES IN A STOLEN AMERICAN PLANE!

LOOK! TWO OF OUR OWN CRAFT ARE ESCORTING HER DOWN!

WHEN SHE LANDS, WE WILL DEAL WITH HER!

IT'S DIFFICULT TO REMEMBER THAT--THOUGH HE IS AN IMMORTAL--THE SOUL OF HERCULES MAY STILL KNOW THE PANGS OF SORROW...AND LONELINESS!

AYE, WANDA! YET, I CANNOT BUT THINK THAT CAP OR GOLIATH WOULD HAVE MASTERED THE SITUATION BETTER THAN WE!

BUT, STEVE ROGERS IS ABSENT ON LEAVE--AND HANK PYM IS INVOLVED IN EXPERIMENTS AT HIS SUBURBAN LAB!

THAT IS WHY WE TWO MUST BE EVER ALERT--BECAUSE WE HAVE NO OTHER CONCERNS AS THEY DO!

IT IS HAWKEYE I PITY MOST OF ALL! HE SCARCELY SPEAKS OF NATASHA SINCE SHE STOLE THOSE ATOMIC PLANS ONLY DAYS AGO!

STILL, I KNOW HE IS ALWAYS WONDERING IF HE WILL EVER SEE HER AGAIN!

BUT, A FEW MINUTES LATER, IT IS THE BEAUTEOUS NATASHA WHO DOES MOST OF THE DEALING, AS...

STAND ASIDE, YOU WITLESS CLOWNS! THE BLACK WIDOW HAS NO BUSINESS WITH THE LIKES OF YOU!

I AM HERE TO SEE COLONEL LING! FOR YOU, I HAVE NOTHING BUT... MY WIDOW'S BITE!

SLAP! **ZASK!**

UNNNHH! SHE STRIKES WITH THE SPEED OF A SERPENT!

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SPEAK, WOMAN! WHY HAVE YOU RISKED DEATH BY COMING HERE--AND, HOW DID YOU FIND THIS HIDDEN BASE?

FEW THINGS CAN REMAIN HIDDEN FROM A MASTER SPY!

BUT, THAT DOES NOT EXPLAIN WHY YOU HAVE RETURNED TO THIS COUNTRY!

TO PROVE MY LOYALTY--BY BRINGING YOU THE PLANS FOR A NEW AMERICAN SUBMARINE!

YOUR WORDS ARE CONVINCING! I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE AGAIN DEVOTED TO OUR CAUSE!

YET, YOU WERE SENT TO AMERICA TO DESTROY THE ACCURSED AVENGERS--AND STILL THEY LIVE!

BECAUSE THEY ARE OF NO IMPORTANCE, MY COLONEL...

EVEN NOW, THEY ARE DIVIDED BY MISTRUST AND CONFUSION!

SPECIAL REMINDER FOR FORGETFUL PEOPLE! NATASHA IS ACTUALLY IN THE FAR EAST AS A DOUBLE AGENT FOR SHIELD! --RASCALLY ROY.

THANKS, ROY! --SMILEY.

WHERE IS YOUR DRIVER TAKING US? DON'T YOU WISH TO EXAMINE THE BLUEPRINTS I HAVE BROUGHT?

TIME ENOUGH FOR THAT LATER, BLACK WIDOW! FOR THE PRESENT, I HAVE SOMETHING MUCH MORE MOMENTOUS TO SHOW YOU!

SINCE YOU WERE CLEVER ENOUGH TO LOCATE OUR BASE, IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT YOU LEARN ITS AWESOME PURPOSE!

THEN, A SHORT TIME LATER, THE SINISTER COLONEL ESCORTS HIS UNHERALDED GUEST THRU A LABYRINTHINE MAZE OF SUBTERRANEAN DEFENSES, UNTIL...

BEYOND THOSE DEADLY LASERS IS THE DEVICE THAT SHALL MAKE US MASTERS OF THE WORLD!

COUNTLESS SPIES HAVE PERISHED IN VAIN, TRYING TO LEARN THE SECRET WHICH I SHALL NOW REVEAL TO YOU!

SCANT SECONDS AFTERWARD, WHEN THE PAIR HAVE PASSED THRU THE FINAL MASSIVE DOORS...

BEHOLD, MADAM NATASHA... THE WEAPON BESIDE WHICH THE WEST'S PUNY HYDROGEN BOMB SHALL SOON SEEM BUT A CHILD'S PLAYTHING! BEHOLD...

...THE PSYCHOTRON!!

YES--THE *PSYCHOTRON*! DREAD SPECTRE OF A THOUSAND UNENDING NIGHTMARES! ONLY A MERE HANDFUL OF STATESMEN AND SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD HAVE HEARD THE HUSHED RUMORS OF ITS EXISTENCE...EVEN ITS VERY POSSIBILITY!

AND, WHEN THESE BRAVE MEN HEAR ITS NAME SPOKEN IN MUTED WHISPERS...THEY TREMBLE IN STARK FEAR!!

SO--AT LAST YOU ARE ON THE VERGE OF SUCCESS! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS...AFTER ALL THE MULTITUDE OF ABJECT FAILURES--THE *PSYCHOTRON* EXISTS!!

YOU SEE BEFORE YOU, WIDOW, THE END RESULT OF TWO DECADES OF NEVER-CEASING RESEARCH...

...OF PRICELESS INFORMATION WHICH WAS BEGGED...BORROWED...OR KILLED FOR!

EVEN YOU--OUR FOREMOST AGENT--WERE NOT ALLOWED TO KNOW THE FULL IMPORT OF WHAT WE INTENDED!

AND NOW, VICTORY LIES WITHIN OUR GRASP! FOR, WHOM THE GODS WOULD DESTROY--THEY FIRST MAKE MAD!

COME! I HAVE SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL TO SHOW YOU!

I BELIEVE YOU WILL RECOGNIZE OUR CHIEF SCIENTIST--DO YOU NOT?

DR. YEN--THE MAN WHO BRAINWASHED ME MONTHS AGO!

CORRECT, MADAM NATASHA! BUT, WHY BRING UP THE DEAD PAST?

IT IS THE FUTURE WHICH CONCERNS US--OUR FUTURE!

STEP INTO MY LABORATORY--AND I SHALL REVEAL TO YOU...
YOU MIGHT SAY I AM A MAN OF MY WORDS!

THE NEXT MOMENT, AS A WARY NATASHA ENTERS THE DARKENED ROOM...



YOUR DESTINY,
MY DEAR WIDOW--
IS TO DIE!!

OHHH--THIS
WAS ALL A
TRAP! BUT
WHY??

FOOL! WE HAVE
BEEN EXPECTING
YOUR ARRIVAL...AS
A TREACHEROUS SPY
FOR THE SECRET
AMERICAN GROUP
KNOWN AS SHIELD!

THEN, AS A SLAMMING METAL DOOR LEAVES THE ASTONISHED GIRL IN AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING, ALMOST PALPABLE BLACKNESS...



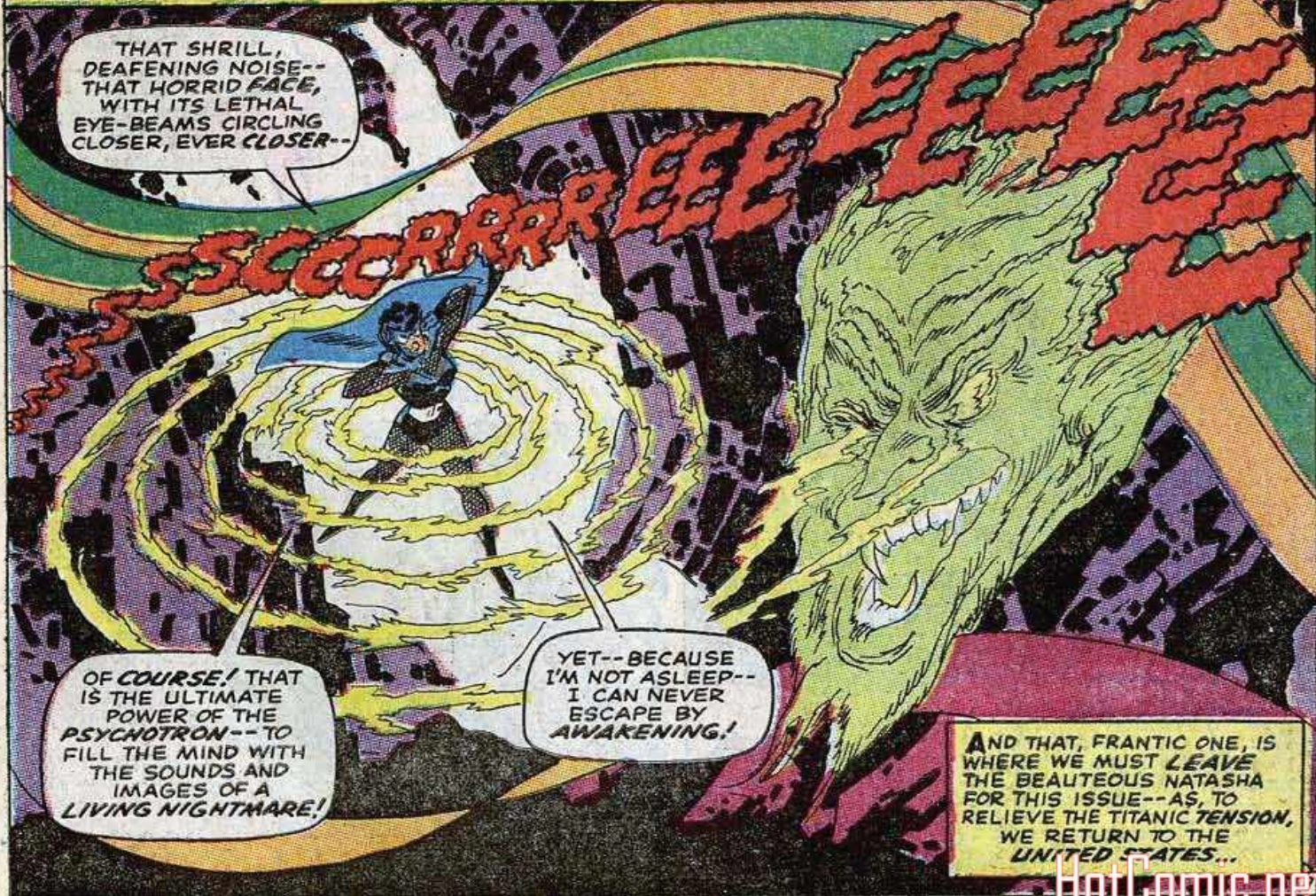
LISTEN, FEMALE...
TO WHAT MAY WELL
BE THE FINAL WORDS
YOU SHALL EVER
HEAR!

BECAUSE YOU FAILED
TO DESTROY THE
HATED AVENGERS...
AND RETURNED INSTEAD
TO BETRAY US...YOU
SHALL BE THE FIRST
HUMAN VICTIM OF--
THE PSYCHOTRON!

BUT--I DID
NOT COME
TO BETRAY
YOU! I AM
LOYAL--

ENOUGH
LIES!
ACTIVATE
THE
MACHINE!

INSTANTLY, AT THE TOUCH OF A DIAL, A THOUSAND LIGHTS DANCE MADLY...AN AWESOME ELECTRICAL WHINE FILLS THE STYGIAN GLOOM OF THE CHAMBER--AND, THE BLACK WIDOW SUDDENLY FINDS HERSELF IN A GHASTLY, CHIMERICAL WORLD THAT WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE--!!



THAT SHRILL,
DEAFENING NOISE--
THAT HORRID FACE,
WITH ITS LETHAL
EYE-BEAMS CIRCLING
CLOSER, EVER CLOSER--

OF COURSE! THAT
IS THE ULTIMATE
POWER OF THE
PSYCHOTRON-- TO
FILL THE MIND WITH
THE SOUNDS AND
IMAGES OF A
LIVING NIGHTMARE!

YET--BECAUSE
I'M NOT ASLEEP--
I CAN NEVER
ESCAPE BY
AWAKENING!

AND THAT, FRANTIC ONE, IS
WHERE WE MUST LEAVE
THE BEAUTEOUS NATASHA
FOR THIS ISSUE--AS, TO
RELIEVE THE TITANIC TENSION,
WE RETURN TO THE
UNITED STATES...

...WHERE, AT THE SUBURBAN RANCH-STYLE HOUSE WHICH DOUBLES AS THE LABORATORY OF RENOWNED SCIENTIST HENRY PYM, ALIAS GOLIATH...

LUCKY THAT AVENGER'S GOT HIS OWN DERRICK SET-UP! THIS BABY'S HEAVY!

WONDER WHAT'S IN THIS CRATE, ANYHOW!?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? MAYBE HE BOUGHT HIMSELF A NEW PAIR'A SHOES!

NEXT, AFTER THE GIANT-SIZED GOLIATH HAS SMASHED THE CONSTRAINING CRATE TO BITS...

AT LAST--A YEAR OF PAPER WORK, PHONE CALLS, AND RED TAPE HAS PAID OFF! I'VE BECOME THE LEGAL "GUARDIAN" OF THE INERT MAMMOTH ANDROID KNOWN AS... DRAGON MAN!

BUT, I'D RATHER THE NEIGHBORS DIDN'T KNOW! THEY MIGHT FIGURE HE'LL LOWER PROPERTY VALUES!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND, HANK! WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH HIM?

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN', HONEY! LET ME SHRINK DOWN TO NORMAL SIZE AND I'LL EXPLAIN!

THEN, WHEN THE DELIVERY TRUCK HAS GONE...

SO--THE AUTHORITIES FINALLY OKAYED YOUR REQUEST, HANK?

YES, JAN! THERE ARE TIMES WHEN BEING AN AVENGER CAN WORK WONDERS!

I DON'T GUESS YOUR BEING THE WORLD'S GREATEST BIO-CHEMIST HURT MUCH, EITHER!

WELL...IT MIGHT'VE HELPED JUST A TRIFLE, BILL!

DRAGON MAN IS THE MOST INDESCRIBABLY POWERFUL ANDROID IN EXISTENCE!

AS A BIO-CHEMIST, I WANT TO LEARN WHAT MAKES HIM TICK!

BUT--HE'S SO STILL! IS HE TRULY ALIVE?

THAT'S NOT EXACTLY A YES-OR-NO QUESTION, JAN! YOU SEE, HE WAS INVENTED BY A PROFESSOR AT EMPIRE STATE U.--!

*REMEMBER THE WHOLE BIT FROM F. F. #35? --SOLICITOUS STAN.

"LATER, HE WAS GIVEN ARTIFICIAL LIFE BY A DO-BADDER CALLED DIABLO--AND ALMOST DESTROYED THE FANTASTIC FOUR THEMSELVES..."

HIS STRENGTH IS INCREDIBLE--MIND-STAGGERING!!



I CAN HOLD HIM ONLY FOR A FEW SECONDS! THEN, HE EXERTS ENOUGH PRESSURE TO BREAK FREE!

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HIS FIERY BREATH-- OVERHEATING ME! GOT TO BLAZE INTO THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE!



"FINALLY, IT WAS THE HUMAN TORCH WHO DISCOVERED A WAY TO IMMOBILIZE HIM..."

GOT TO KEEP HAMMERING WITH ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS!

HE'S GETTING A SUNSTROKE --AS IF HE'D SPENT WEEKS UNDER A DESERT SUN!

*THIS WAS MUCH LATER, OF COURSE --IN F.F. #47, TO BE PRECISE! --STICKLER STAN.



HE WAS LATER SHIPPED TO A DESERT ISLAND LAB, WHERE SCIENTISTS HAVE PORED OVER HIM FOR MONTHS--WITHOUT LEARNING THE SECRET OF DIABLO'S LIFE-FORCE!

RECENTLY--ON REED RICHARDS' RECOMMENDATION--THE AUTHORITIES AGREED TO GIVE ME A CRACK AT HIM!

AND WHAT OF DIABLO--THE MAN WHO BROUGHT THE MONSTER TO LIFE?

HE WAS THE VICTIM OF HIS OWN AMBITION --DROWNED IN A WHIRLPOOL!

DIABLO WILL NEVER CONTROL DRAGON MAN AGAIN!



CALL IT IRONY... FATE... COINCIDENCE! CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL--AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ACROSS THE STREET, THE ACTIONS OF THE TWO AVENGERS ARE BEING OBSERVED BY THE PIERCING EYES OF-- AW, HOW'D YOU EVER GUESS, FAITHFUL ONE?

DRAGON MAN HAS FINALLY BEEN RETURNED WITHIN THE GRASP OF... DIABLO!

THIS, THEN, IS THE MOMENT I HAVE LONG AWAITED!



TOO LONG HAVE I ALLOWED MY ENEMIES TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH AS THEY COULD DEFEAT ONE WHO HAS MASTERED THE SCIENCE OF ALCHEMY!

WHILE IN HIDING, I HAVE DEVELOPED THIS WEAPON TO MAGNIFY THE POWER OF MY MIRACULOUS POTIONS!

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THE NEXT INSTANT, BEFORE AN ASTONISHED CROWD OF PASSERSBY--A NEW OFFICE STRUCTURE ACROSS THE STREET FROM HANK PYM'S LAB SEEMS TO SHIMMER WITH SENTIENT LIGHT, AS IT CHANGES COLOR!

THEN, A STARTLED VOICE RINGS OUT--

IT--IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THE DAYTON BUILDING--IT'S TURNED TO GOLD!!

BUT, TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT IT, GOLD-PLATED BUILDINGS AREN'T AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE... NOT EVEN IN THE MORE FASHIONABLE SUBURBS! THUS, WITHIN MINUTES...

KEEP BACK, EVERYBODY! IT'S JUST SOME PUBLICITY STUNT... I THINK!

TEN STORIES OF THE STUFF--AND ME WITH-OUT A PUTTY KNIFE!

STUNT OR NOT--LEMMIE AT IT!

SOON, HEARING ALL THE HUBBUB, A FAMOUS NEIGHBOR AND HIS LADY FRIEND ARRIVE ON THE SCENE...

I DON'T GET IT! WHO COULD HAVE CAUSED SUCH A THING...AND WHY HERE??

COULD IT POSSIBLY BE A COINCIDENCE?

MAYBE, BUT I DOUBT IT, I--

LOOK, PHIL! IT'S GOLIATH--AND THE WASP!

I HEARD HE LIVED AROUND HERE--BUT I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!

UH OH! WE'RE MAKING AN EVEN BIGGER DISTURBANCE THAN THE BUILDING! I KNEW WE SHOULD'VE CHANGED INTO CIVVIES!

WE'D BETTER SHRINK DOWN TO ANT-SIZE, JAN--FAST!!

I'M WITH YOU, HIGH-POCKETS!

HOWEVER, THAT TOO PROVES TO HAVE ITS DISTINCT DISADVANTAGES...

WH--? WHERE'D THEY GO??

WATCH IT, HANK! THAT BOY'S SHOE--!

I SEE IT, GAL--BUT THANKS! LET'S CUT OUT OF HERE, BEFORE I END UP AS PANCAKE-MAN!

BESIDES, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO DO!

THEN, MOMENTS LATER, NOT FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD...

CALL IT A HUNCH--BUT, I'VE GOT A FEELING THIS WHOLE SCENE WAS PURPOSELY DESIGNED TO LURE US HERE--AND AWAY FROM DRAGON MAN!

SO, WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE LAB--AS SOON AS I CALL THE OTHER AVENGERS!

AND, ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY, AT A CERTAIN MID-TOWN MANSION...

WHAT IS IT, PIETRO? YOU SEEM SO DISTURBED--!

DON'T LET 'IM FOOL YA, LADY! HE'S JUST MIFFED 'CAUSE THAT SCANNER WON'T PICK UP HUCKLEBERRY HOUND!

I'M PICKING UP AN URGENT SUMMONS ...FROM GOLIATH!

WHY DIDN'TCHA SAY SO, WHITEY? YOU CAN BET HE AINT CALLIN' US FOR A HOT-DOG COOK-OUT!

EXACTLY ONE MINUTE LATER, WHEN HANK PYM HAS FILLED HIS PARTNERS IN ON RECENT EVENTS IN SUBURBIA...

WAIT, HAWKEYE! HERCULES--AREN'T YOU GOING TO COME WITH US?

NAY, BEWITCHING ONE--THE MIND OF HERCULES DOTH DWELL ON OTHER MATTERS!

LET 'IM BE, WANDA! WE'RE NOT GONNA NEED HIS HELP JUST TO LOOK OVER A GOLD-PLATED BUILDING!

ANYWAYS, WE GOTTA GET MOVIN'-- IF WE DON'T WANNA FALL TOO FAR BEHIND SPEEDY GONZALEZ THERE!

HAVE NO FEAR, HAWKEYE! I MERELY GO TO WARM UP THE AERO-CAR!

WHAT CARES THE PRINCE OF POWER FOR STRUCTURES MADE OF MERE GOLD?

I, WHO HAVE DWELT AMONGST THE ETERNALLY SHIMMERING SPIRES OF OLYMPUS--HOME OF THE GODS THEMSELVES!

THE WORLD OF MORTALS IS TRULY A WONDEROUS PLACE--YET, 'TIS SCARCELY MEANT FOR THE SON OF ZEUS!

BUT, MORE OF HERCULES' MUSINGS ANON--OR EVEN LATER! FOR, AT THIS VERY SECOND, IN GOLIATH'S LABORATORY...

ONE THING ABOUT BEIN' LAB-ASSISTANT TO HIGH-POCKETS--THERE'S NEVER A DULL MOMENT! WHY, EVEN WORKIN' FOR TONY STARK WASN'T--

HEY! WHO'RE YOU--AND WHAT--??

I WASTE NO WORDS ON UNDERLINGS, FOOL!

YOU NEED ONLY KNOW THAT I HAVE COME TO RECLAIM MY PROPERTY...THE DRAGON MAN!

OH YEAH? WELL, GOLIATH MIGHT JUST HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT...

CORRECTION, DOLT! HE HAS NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO SAY ABOUT IT--ANY MORE THAN DO YOU!

THAT NUTTY DISK--IT'S GIVIN' OUT WITH THE KICK OF A MULE! CAN'T--UNNNHH!

SLAM!

EVEN AS HE GASPS OUT THESE WORDS, THE COURAGEOUS BILL FOSTER IS HURLED AGAINST A HEAVILY-REINFORCED WALL--AND LAPSES INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS!

THEN...

MY DYNA-DISK WORKED TO PERFECTION, AS I KNEW IT WOULD!

AND, WITH THE ONE CALLED GOLIATH DECEAYED AWAY--THERE IS NO ONE TO STOP ME!

DRAGON MAN... IS MINE!!

FOR, IT SHOULD TAKE NO MORE THAN A JOLT FROM MY DYNA-DISK TO AWAKEN THAT BRAINLESS, BRODINGNAGIAN BRUTE!

ARISE, MY CREATION! AS ONCE I GAVE YOU LIFE, I NOW GIVE YOU... FREEDOM!!

THE POWERFUL RAY-BLAST STRIKES THE HUGE, UNMOVING FIGURE WITH FULL FORCE! THEN, TWO LONG-SLUMBERING EYES OPEN WITH FRIGHTENING SUDDENNESS--

--AND, ONCE MORE, DRAGON MAN LIVES!!

HOWEVER, BEFORE THE EVIL DIABLO HAS TIME TO GLOAT...

SO--I WAS RIGHT! I WAS OFF ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE! AND, YOU SURE FIT REED RICHARDS' DESCRIPTION OF... DIABLO!

BUT-- YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD!

HAH! DID THE OVERRATED MR. FANTASTIC TRULY BELIEVE THAT A MAN WHO HAS LIVED FOR CENTURIES COULD BE DESTROYED BY A WHIRLPOOL?

AS FOR YOU-- YOUR INTRUSION IS A MERE DISTRACTION! MY DYNA-DISK WILL REPEL GIANTS AS EASILY AS THEIR ASSISTANTS!



COULD BE, METHUSELAH! BUT, YOU OVER-LOOKED ONE MINOR POINT!

WHAT IF I SUDDENLY BECOME NORMAL-SIZED-- AND DUCK UNDER YOUR LITTLE SUNBEAM?

POMPOUS FOOL! YOU SHOULD HAVE REMAINED A GARGANTUAN GAF-- SO THAT A SINGLE BLOW WOULD HAVE RENDERED ME SENSELESS!

INSTEAD, YOU ALLOWED ME TO DRAW MY AURIC-RAY WEAPON!

YOU SAW ITS EFFECTS ON A METAL STRUCTURE! NOW, I SHALL LEARN WHAT IT WILL DO TO... A HUMAN BEING!



TO TELL THE TRUTH, FRIEND...

I'D JUST AS SOON YOU DIDN'T FIND OUT!

THE WASP!!

THWIP!

I WAS CARELESS! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WOULD NOT BE FAR FROM GOLIATH!



BUT, YOU ELIMINATED ONLY ONE OF MY WEAPONS!

OHhhh...!

I STILL HAVE... MY DYNA-DISK!

IT'S LIKE BEING STRUCK BY A SOLID OBJECT! I'M... FALLING...!



THEN, AS THE STRICKEN GIRL PLUMMETS DOWNWARD...

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT, DIABLO! IF SHE'S INJURED...

YOUR THREAT IS EMPTY, GOLIATH!

FOR, THE DRAGON MAN NOW LIVES --AND OBEYS THE COMMANDS OF THE ONE WHO REVIVED HIM!

AND, MY COMMAND IS--TO KILL!!



I'LL ADMIT HE LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF KING KONG--

BUT, I'VE JUST GOT YOUR WORD FOR HOW TOUGH HE IS!

RRRR

I'M WHISTLING IN THE DARK! THAT MONSTER'S ALL MUSCLE!

GOT TO CHARGE HIM--GET IN THE FIRST BLOW!



THE NEXT SECOND, TWO TITANIC FORMS CLASH IN A VIOLENT TABLEAU...

IT'S LIKE HITTING A WALL OF REINFORCED STEEL! I'VE GOT MY WORK CUT OUT FOR ME!

UNNNHH!

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NO--IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!
YOU'VE KNOCKED DOWN
DRAGON MAN--AND, THE
POWER OF MY DYNA-DISK
IS EXHAUSTED!

IT'S EASY,
PAL--JUST
WATCH ME!

BACK--GET BACK!
HOW DARE YOU
ATTEMPT TO LAY
YOUR PROFANE
HANDS ON
DIABLO?!

BUT, ON SECOND
THOUGHT, WHY
SHOULD I LAY
A HAND ON YOU?
I'D JUST GET
MY GLOVES
DIRTY!

SO, I THINK
I'LL TRY A
FIST,
INSTEAD!!

I WISH I FELT
AS CONFIDENT
AS I SOUND!
MY EVERY LIMB
ACHES SO THAT
I CAN HARDLY
MOVE!

MAYBE,
IF I CAN POLISH
OFF DIABLO, HIS
PLAYMATE WILL
LOSE INTEREST
IN FIGHTING!

BUT, BEFORE
HANK PYM
CAN TEST
THE TRUTH
OF HIS
THEORY...

IT'S
DRAGON
MAN--
HE HAS
RECOVERED!

UHHHHH!
I NEEDED
HIM--TO
TELL ME
THAT??

HE IS DAZED,
MY DRAGON
MAN--ON THE
VERGE OF
TOTAL
PHYSICAL
COLLAPSE!

DON'T PAUSE,
YOU MINDLESS
MONSTROSITY!
YOU MUST
DESTROY HIM--
BEFORE HE CAN
REGAIN HIS
STRENGTH!

HE'S
RIGHT!
EVERY-
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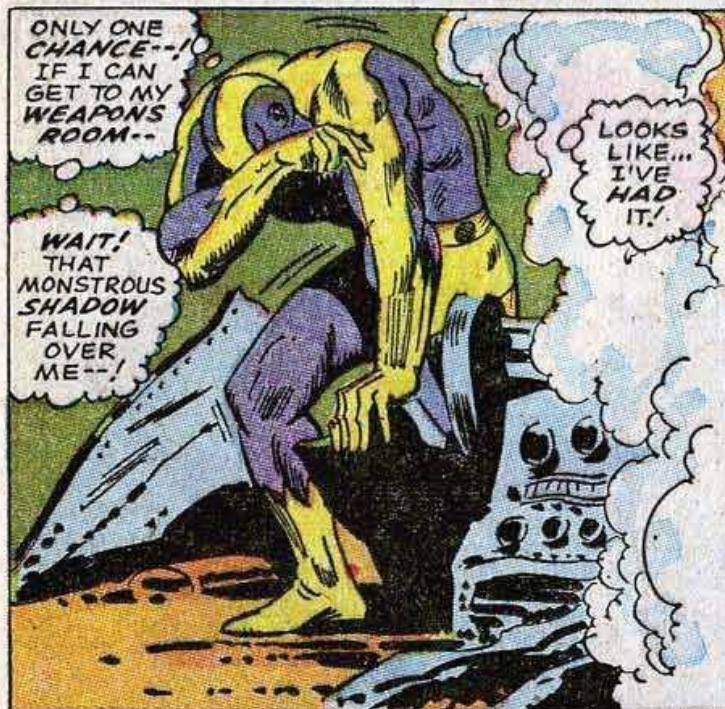
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YET, IF HAWKEYE COMES--CAN QUICKSILVER BE FAR BEHIND?

KILL THE ARCHER, YOU BRAINLESS BRUTE! WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

BUT, ITS HUMAN MASTER EVIDENTLY CAN'T!

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT GOES ON HERE--YET, I BEHOLD THE UNCONSCIOUS FORM OF GOLIATH!

THAT HUGE CREATURE CAN SEE ME, EVEN AT THIS BLINDING SPEED!

THEN, EVEN AS THE ANDROID LUNGES FOR PIETRO...

PWOOF!

HERE, TALL-DARK-AND-UGLY! THIS TEAR-GAS ARROW OUGHTTA HAVE SOME KIND'A EFFECT ON YOUR BABY-BLUES!

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I'D BETTER CIRCLE AROUND 'IM--TRY TO FIGURE OUT IF HE HAS A WEAK SPOT!

BUT, NO SOONER DOES THE ACE BOWMAN TAKE A STEP, THAN...

HE'S GOT ME! THAT TAIL OF HIS IS AS ALIVE AS THE REST OF 'IM!

I'M--BEIN' CRUSHED! WANDA--THROW A WHAMMY ON THIS OVERGROWN SALAMANDER!

HURRY, LADY!!



I NEED NOT BE TOLD WHAT TO DO, HAWKEYE!

FOR, AM I NOT... THE SCARLET WITCH?

NOW, IF ONLY MY UNPREDICTABLE HEX POWER WILL WORK ON THIS INHUMAN MONSTER--!



YA DID IT, WITCHIE! YOU TOOK THE KINK OUTTA HIS TAIL--AND HE DROPPED ME!

I TAKE BACK EVERY CRACK I EVER MADE ABOUT YOUR NUTTY HEXES! THEY'RE MY FAVORITE PEOPLE!



BUT, IN THEIR ANXIETY OVER THE SAFETY OF HAWKEYE, WANDA AND PIETRO HAVE FAILED TO ATTACK THE MERCILESS DIABLO--AND SO...

MY DRAGON MAN COULD EASILY DESTROY ALL THREE OF YOU! BUT, I HAVE NO TIME TO WASTE!

YOUR TOUCHING CONCERN FOR YOUR FELLOW AVENGER ENABLED ME TO REGAIN MY FALLEN AURIC-RAY!

AND NOW, PREPARE FOR DEATH--AT THE HANDS OF DIABLO!!



YET, IT IS NOT AT THE SUPER-POWERED TRIO THAT THE EVIL ALCHEMIST FIRES...

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DON'TCHA SEE? GOLD WON'T HOLD UP THE ROOF--!



THE NEXT SECOND, AS IF TO GRAPHICALLY UNDERSCORE HAWKEYE'S CRY--

THE BUILDING IS COLLAPSING! RUN, PIETRO!

NO! THE ONLY CHANCE FOR ALL OF US--IS MY GREAT SPEED!

IT'S TOO LATE! YOU'D NEVER GET US OUT--IN TIME!

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FOR MONTHS, I CAREFULLY WATCHED...CUNNINGLY WAITED...UNTIL THE INVINCIBLE DRAGON MAN SHOULD AGAIN COME WITHIN MY GRASP!

NOW, HE IS MINE--FOREVER!!

YET, I SHALL SPEND NO MORE PRECIOUS SECONDS GLOATING OVER THE DEAD!

COME, YOU GROTESQUE GARGOYLE! WE SHALL TAKE THE WASP AND GOLIATH--WHO WERE OUTSIDE THE RADIUS OF FALLING DEBRIS--

--AND CARRY THEM TO MY STRONGHOLD, FAR ACROSS THE SEAS!

THEN, AS THE GARGANTUAN FORM RISES FROM THE EARTH...

ONWARD! I MUST EXECUTE AT ONCE MY FLAWLESS, INFALLIBLE PLAN!

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BUT, IF HE DID, HE WOULD BEHOLD THIS STARTLING TABLEAU...

WANDA! HAWKEYE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? MY HEAD...WAS GRAZED--!

I THINK WE'RE BOTH OKAY, WHITEY-- THANKS TO YOU!

YOU MANAGED TO SHOVE US WITH EXACT PRECISION--SO THAT THE HEAVIER PIECES MISSED US! I'M STILL NOT SURE IT REALLY HAPPENED!

BUT--WE HEARD DIABLO SPEAK OF A DEADLY PLAN! WHAT COULD IT BE?

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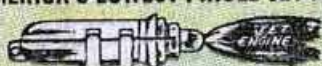
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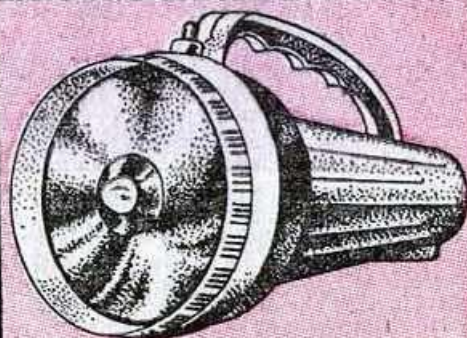
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ITEM: We've just gotta tell you this! The whole batty Bullpen is bustin' with pride over the way our mags are being received overseas in the United Kingdom! Affable Al Wallace, talented editor of Odhams Press, publishers of SMASH, WHAM, and POW, three of England's most famous and best-selling weekly comics mags, jetted in from London recently just to wrap up a deal with Marvel whereby world-famous Odhams will become our showcase in the United Kingdom, featuring all the best of our super-hero epics! (And, as every True Believer knows, we've only got the best—there isn't any worst!) So, a swingin' salute to our pal Al and all our block-bustin' British boosters! Glad to have you aboard, guys!

ITEM: This one's really gonna knock you outta your tree! You know all the zillions of no-prizes we've been tossing around for years? Well, since a no-prize is really just that—a no prize—many of our time-honored winners have asked how they can prove to posterity that they've ever actually won one! Therefore, from now on, every winner of what has become the most coveted non-award in history will receive a little something to prove he's really won! What is it? You'll find out, tiger—soon as you win one!

ITEM: Remember the ruggedly realistic artwork of Jolly JOHN SEVERIN when he illustrated some of the earlier Agent of Shield strips? Well, Johnny's returning to the fold once more, after having finally seen the light! Can you guess which strip he'll soon be doing? No, it won't be Shield this time—Jaunty JIM STERANKO is doing such a magnificent job writing and drawing the saga of Nick Fury's friendly little followers that we just can't bear the thought of switching him to another strip. However, we do have a mag which has been drawn by the same Marvel master for a few years now, and ol' Sev will soon be taking it over, since Darlin' DICK AYERS seems to have an unexpected hit on his hands with the surprise sensation of the year—none other than the mysterious GHOST RIDER! Also, didja notice that Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH is now writing SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING WHATCHAMACALLEMS, having replaced Rascally ROY THOMAS, who's become almost as busy as our leader lately.

Gary should do a great job on Fury's fanatics, having listened to so many war yarns from his dad, and so many exaggerated exploits from Stan himself. By the way, don't worry too much about Rollickin' Roy—he's got enough work to keep him off the streets these days, what with authoring AVENGERS, X-MEN, SUB-MARINER, and excuse notes for Honest Irv! (He claims that Smiley gives him the hard ones to write, while he keeps the easier ones for himself!—Yeah, the "easy" ones—like SPIDEY, THOR, FANTASTIC FOUR, DAREDEVIL, etc.! Hoo Boy!)

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

While we're waiting for your letters telling what you'd like us to editorialize about, we thought you'd get a charge out of this note which we just received:

Dear Bullpen: Enough! I have sat idle too long! I have watched the MMMS turn into disorganized chaos. (And that's the worst kind!) As a solution, I suggest we have some officers. By buying his first Marvel mag, a fan is automatically entitled to the rank of RFO (Real Frantic One). His first published letter elevates him to QNS (Quite 'Nuff Sayer). A no-prize raises him to TB (True Believer). Each additional no-prize raises one level: From JHC (Junior Howling Commando) to RH (Resident Hulk) to AAT (Associate Assistant Thing) and finally to the penultimate, the utmost status a fan can attain: MM (Marvelite Maximus)! Naturally, the artists all have the rank of DDD (Definitely Dizzy Doodlers), the editorial assistants are IPR (Illiterate Proof-Readers), art associates are VOD (Victims of Doodlers), the letters are IWP (Indefatigable Word Placers), and Stan himself is at the summit—MEO (Marvel's Earthbound Odin). Each person would use his title at the start of his name—as I've done. (Signed—) RFO Mark Evanier, 10418 Tennessee Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. 90064.

Y'know something, gang—we kinda dig Mark's idea. Let us know how it fits you and maybe we can really get the thing rolling! Fair 'nuff?

THE WRAP-UP: Looks as though we were more long-winded than usual this ish—which means we've like run out of the space needed to give you additional scoop about this summer's coming King-Size Specials! But, don't despair, dauntless one... just hoard your next six two-bit pieces—try not to squander them on luxuries like food and clothing—and we'll clue you in on our Specials next ish! Till then, hang loose, heroes—the good times are just beginning! ('Nuff said!)

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Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

Looking over the past issues, Marvel has reached her height with the Avengers, F.F., X-Men and others. You have made a tough, hard core of crime-fighting veterans of victorious fights from 1961 to 1967. Along the line came Daredevil, Spider-Man, Dr. Strange, and Nick Fury. Yet, because of this, some "replacing" must begin soon. The new Avengers are an example of your bold daring in changing a roster, yet you kept Cap on. True, you brought in the Mimic; and Quicksilver, Scarlet Witch, and Hawkeye dropped in from the dark past to join the Avengers; but you have kept on those who are getting old. For one thing, Zemo is out of action, and I wish you would do the same with Cap. Also, I wish you would have more super-heroes!

Christopher Dougherty, 128 Parkway West
Bloomfield, N. J.

You gotta be kidding, Chris! More super-heroes? Sheesh! The New York census bureau is always crackin' down on us to get rid of a few! (After all, would you wanna have to make the monumental decision of whether Goliath, Giant-Man, Ant-Man, and Hank Pym should be counted as one person or a string quartet?) The thing that really grabbed us about your letter, though, was your reference to the magnificent Mimic joining our favorite assemblers. It might'a happened that way, Mr. D. — but, are you sure you weren't just having a bad dream after reading Brand Echh again?

Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

I would like you to send me a wonderful present. Please subject the Black Widow or a plate showing her to gamma rays, and, hopefully, she will come to life and then you can send her to me. I'm in love with the Black Widow! Furthermore, I love, just love Marvel Comics and I can't get enough of them. Here and there I miss an issue and then—confusion sets in. A villain has miraculously become a hero, or there are five extra characters added to a mag or a new plot twist—and I am lost. Please, in the front of each issue, give a little summary of who the characters are and how they fit into the plot and where they came from. No, you won't do that. Well, I love ya anyway. Love and kisses to the Black Widow—who says she isn't the most beautiful super-heroine in the world?

John Hiltz, Box 79, River Rd.
Relay, Md.

Not Rollickin' Roy, that's for sure! As a matter of fact, John, one of the standing arguments around the Bullpen is the matter of which of our fabulous femmes is the most beautiful! Gallopin' Gary Friedrich holds out for the wonderful Wasp, while dashin' Donnie himself is kind'a partial to the Scarlet Witch! As for Stan—the last we knew, he surfaced from amidst a pile of old SPIDEY issues just long enough to vote for Petey's Aunt May! (Didn't we tell ya that ol' Smiley was turning into a case of walking eyestrain?)

Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

I must disagree on the matter of varying the lineup. To do so would make the Avengers less reliable. What if one

day nobody showed up because they each forgot it was their turn? There is also another factor here that some are not aware of. (Tsk, tsk—dangling participle. Sorry about that, Roy!) All the other Marvel heroes have lives outside their costumes. Spidey goes to college and lives the trials and tribulations of Peter Parker. Daredevil has his law practice as Matt Murdock. Iron Man leads quite a life as Tony Stark. What does Happy Hank do when he gets out of his stretch pants? Nothing. What does Hawkeye do when he lays down his quiver for the night? Likewise nothing. And when Quicksilver takes off his track shoes? As far as we know, all he does is soak his feet. In other words, the Avengers' whole lives revolve about their avenging—they have nothing else. And now, to suggest taking that away from them—for shame! The idea, though, of inviting other of your characters as occasional guest stars is nice. Now that the Black Widow is back, please don't dispose of her. She's one of your most intriguing characters. Your books need more females, not fewer. Of course, if you keep her, you could vary the lineup each month, but keep it within the Avengers, so that dazzlin' Donny can draw more than heads. So, if you ever give out a no-prize for the "Merry Marvel Marcher who is Most Concerned with the Mental Health of the Avengers", I hope my name is put in nomination.

Judy Axelrod, 452 E. 95th St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Don't worry, Judy—you head the list! (As a matter of fact, you are the list—but, why quibble?) By the way, if you stick around a while, we think you'll be learning lots more about the Avengers' pulsatin' private lives. And, oh yes—Rascally Roy says that wasn't a participle you left dangling—it was a preposition! For shame, gal! You know how things like that upset Stan's punctilious protégé!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

Unfortunately, a fan whose letter you printed in issue #37 is in need of a history lesson. George Washington, Nathan Hale, and other heroes of the Revolution were not patriots, but traitors to their nation and its established government. Washington, as an ex-colonel in the French and Indian War, was in violation of his military oath to defend the crown. He couldn't have been a patriot of the United States since the Constitution was not ratified until after the Treaty of Paris. But there are things far more important than country, and one of these is liberty. Thomas

Jefferson remarked that the government was created to serve the people, not the people to serve the government. Any government that has liberty as its basis is worth defending; any other is not. Benjamin Franklin wished to adopt "Rebellion against tyranny is obedience to God" as the national slogan. True men should have a love of freedom as the cornerstone to all their approach to government. "My government—right or wrong" is a betrayal of the spirit of the Revolution, and blind "patriotism" is a very poor substitute for democracy. This regard for freedom should stem from inside the individual soul. If it has to be "pounded in", it is indeed a sad commentary on the spirit of man. It is far easier to be a "patriot", unthinkingly and unquestionably loyal to whatever government the vagrancies of chance have seen fit to install, than it is to be a defender of liberty. What if George Washington had taken the easier way? General Washington of the Royal Fusiliers!

L. J. Johnson, 2420 Virginia St.
Berkeley, Calif.

Hoo boy — who says this isn't mighty Marvel Age of Clamorous Controversy! With so many epithets being hurled back and forth, there's only one thing we of the Bullpen know for certain — no matter who wins the agonizin' argument, the other side will take us to task for finking out on them! So, we'll just say that the Father of Our Country *must* have loved those cavortin' colonies—to give up a swingin' title like "General Washington of the Royal Fusiliers"! You don't hardly get that kind no more, L. J.!

Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

While reading AVENGERS #38 I came across an ad for a no-prize. I hope to receive it by telling you how Cap had two shields. Well, from page 2 through page 12, exactly 12 minutes and 39 seconds passed. In that time Cap called Sidney Spriter who is an operator who called Harry No-Prize who is in the complaint department who called Mr. I. Need who is in the shield department who called Mr. A. Shield who is in the "Make-A-Shield" department. This lasted 12 minutes, and A. Shield delivered an exact copy in 38 seconds. You ask why there is one second left? Boy! Some people....!

Richard Drillich, 5975 Shore Parkway
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11236

We give up, Rich! The shiny new water-proof, shock-resistant no-prize is yours! (Though we're not sure as to whether we're giving it to you because you really won it, or because we're afraid that otherwise you'll send in an explanation even more confusing than the one above! Boy! Some people...)



Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

Please don't put so many pencil lines in your art. It drives me crazy, trying to see a nose through a bunch of lines! Giant-Man looks like he hasn't washed his uniform in months! The lines certainly affect me adversely. Cap looks like something from Brand Echh. On to another subject—why does the ink come out of lines sometimes? It looks just awful. Sometimes the ink will be a quarter of an inch off. Brand Echh hardly ever has this problem. It's a shame to think that the best comics group in the world can't even solve a problem that one of the inferior brands has solved. Please try to give me a serious answer to my

questions, and not evade the issue as you usually do when you don't know the answer. Look it up!

Kenneth Bates, 100 Grandview Circle
Cornelia, Ga.

No need to, Kenneth! We already know the answer! But, sad to say, we can't do anything about it — not just yet, anyway! You see, the pressure of putting out so many monthly mags (not to mention our bimonthly ones and our sensational Specials!) means that your Bullpen wages a constant war with that ol' debbil Deadline — and, whenever a book goes out from our editorial offices a bit late, we don't have a chance to check on such things as color as carefully as we'd like to. We keep hoping that, one day soon, we'll find a way to banish our scheduling woes. And, in the meantime, we want to take this opportunity to thank the multitudes of readers who, in spite of such occasional blemishes, have boosted Marvel to the front ranks of comedom! We'll keep trying harder, faithful ones—you deserve no less!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

I don't see why all these unspeakable people want the Avengers to break up. "The Ultroids Attack" was the best story I ever read. Roy, you really outdid yourself. Don's artwork was superb. I've never seen better! It's good to see Pietro and Wanda back in action. Cap is your best character, and Hawkeye is second only to him as the greatest fighting machine of all time. He has brains, too. Look how he solved the secret of the Burgomeister. The Black Widow should become an Avenger. All in all, I can't see what you can't like about the Avengers—long live the Avengers!

Steven Risser, 127 River Rd.
Tewksbury, Mass. 01876

And "Vive le Steven Risser" to you, lad! It seems everybody and his web-walkin' brother wants the beautiful Natasha to sign on the dotted line — but, there's still the little matter of getting her out from behind the Bamboo Curtain. But, after that—who can tell? Certainly not Stan, Roy, and Don! They'd even forgotten that Pietro and Wanda were back, until you clued 'em in! Thanks a mil, O Keeper of the Flame!

NEXT ISH: Wanna hear a foolproof recipe for one of the greatest Marvel masterpieces of all? Start out with a mind-rending struggle between Dragon Man and the mighty Hercules! Next, toss in Hawkeye, Quicksilver, and the Scarlet Witch—teamed up against the dastardly Diablo and (wouldja believe?) Goliath! Then, add the rip-roarin' return of Captain America—and top the whole thing off with a dash of the Black Widow and the demoniac device known as the Psychotron! Stir for twenty action-packed pages, and what've you got? Frankly, we're not sure yet ourselves—but, we've got a hunch you'll wanna be with us to find out, in AVENGERS #42! Till then, face front—and, may your house be free from dragons, tiger!

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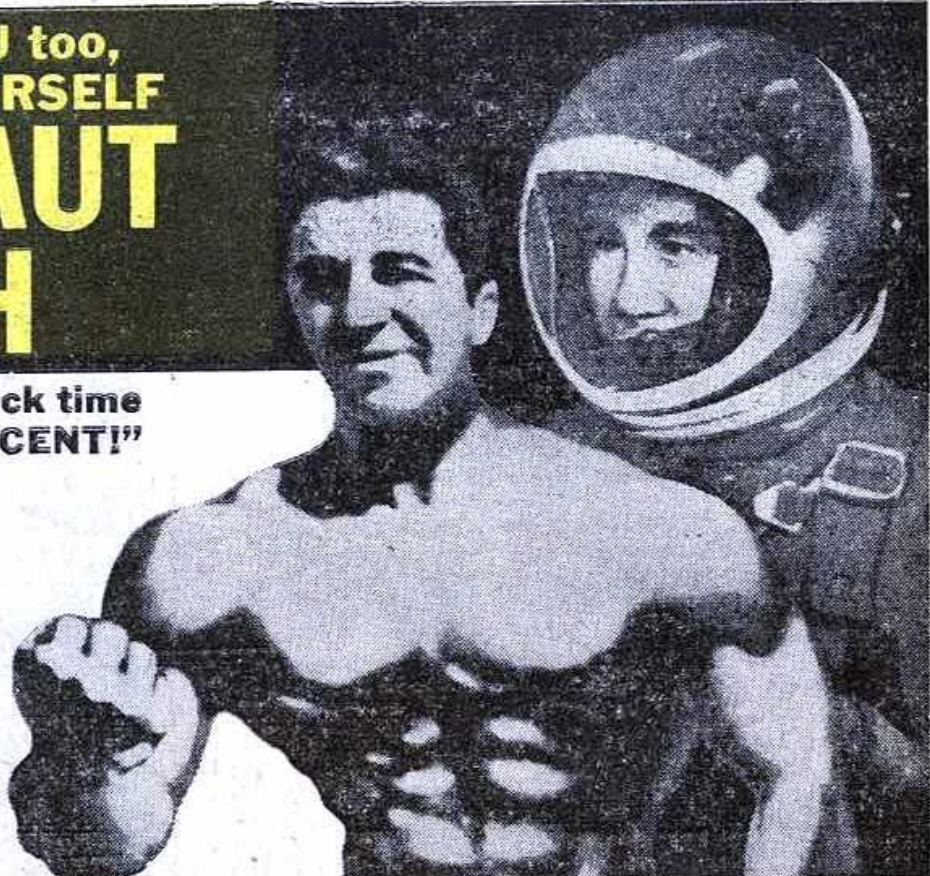
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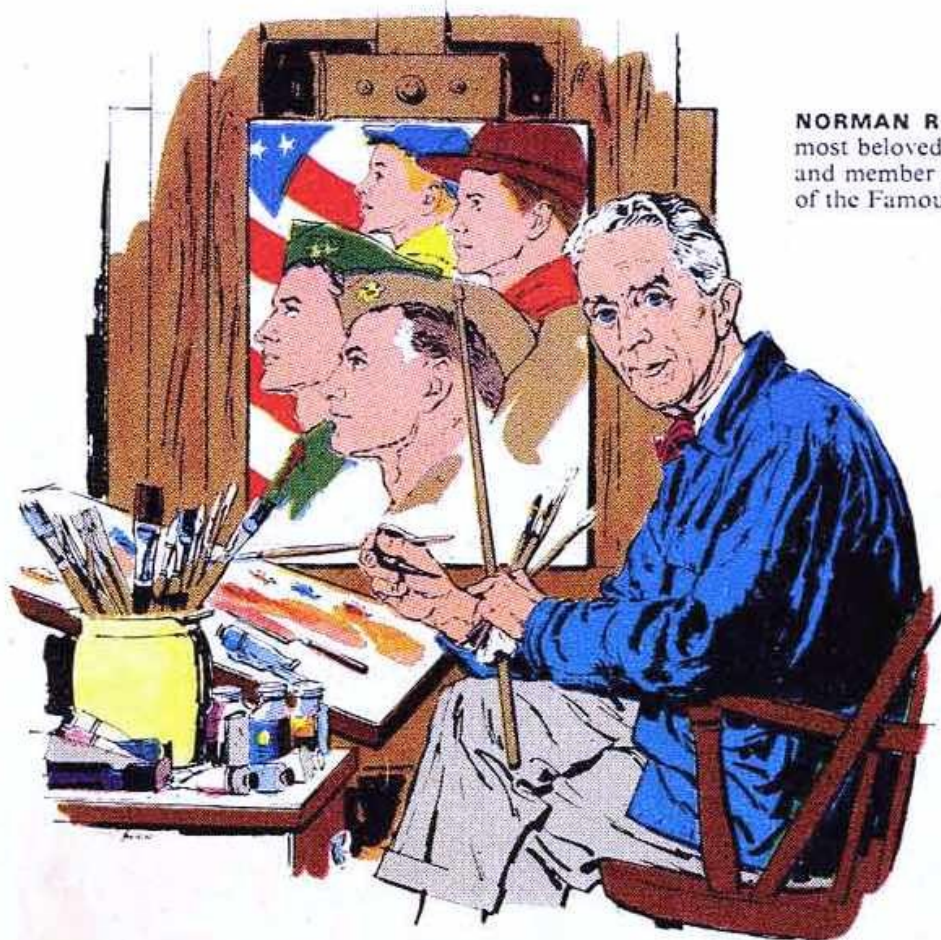
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