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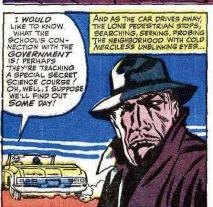




















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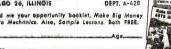
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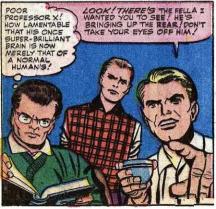




































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But if we slip just a little bit we'll lose you, huh? Boy, eve can't EVER relax!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I really think you are the greatest ever! You may be conceited but you sure can write good stories and your ertwork is the best! All your mags are brilliant—I love them! I have just one question concerning the X-MEN how did they get together? I know the Professor is very smart but how did he find them? After all, extra-special kids don't grow on trees. You made the same goof with Dr. Strange-not telling us how he got going until he had been out for months.

Mary Ann McClain, 1410 Donald Royal Oak, Mich.

Sure, it took US that long to figure it out! Anyway, we'll keep explaining from issue to issue, in our usual confused way!

Dear Stan and Jack,

In regard to Jerry Johnson's letter saying that the Beast is a copy of the Thing-well, it's just not true. Besides being strong he has acrobatic skills such as walking up walls, walking on ropes, swinging on bars, etc. (which I would like to see the Thing do!)

John Spotts, 9 Windsor Lane, Box 70

Clifton Heights, Pa.

Also, his linguistic process is virtually incalculable! (Let's see bashful Benjamin make something of THAT!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

I like the Homo Superior and Homo Sapiens bit in the X-MEN. It tends to give the magazine something besides just "good guys vs. bad guys.

Kenny Crowe, 339 College St. Lynchburg, Va.

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Earl Lamb, 912 Whitney Ave.

Albany, Ga.

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your correspondence brief-agreed?

As soon as this letters page goes to press, Stan and Jack will begin work on possibly one of their most important collaborations—FANTASTIC FOUR #28 (on sale the beginning of April) which features the X-MEN as guest stars! This story will be so different, so unique, that we're sure it will be discussed for a long time to come, and of coure we hope that all of you X-MEN x-perts will read it and enjoy it.

Incidentally, DAREDEVIL #2 (also on sale early in April) features one of Spider-Man's most colorful foes ELECTRO! Inasmuch as D.D. will probably be meeting the X-Men sooner or later, we're anxious to know how

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Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

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Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists -men like Norman Rockwell, Ion Whitcomb. Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need-including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school-a home-study art school

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