





























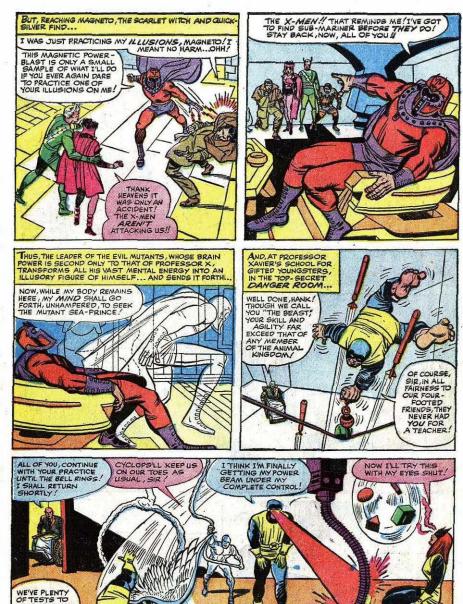


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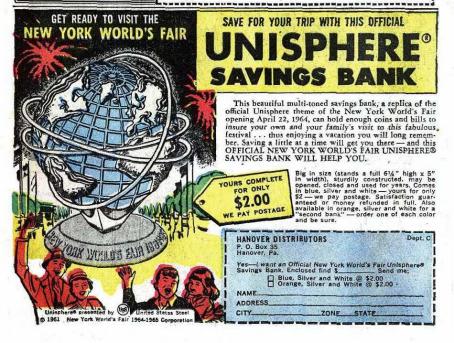
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Please address your letters to: THE X-MEN Third Floor 655 Madison Ave. New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Stan and Jack

Three cheers for Marvel for coming up with a brand new super-herel. Even though you don't know it, I think, as do many of my fellow Marvel fans, that Quicksilver and his sister the Scarlet Witch should be placed in the X-Men or in their own book. Quicksilver is about the most exciting hero I've seen since Spider-Man made his entry in the Marvel Age of Comics. Even though he and the Scarlet Witch are cast as villains, I'm sure that many readers would like to see them in a better light. So go to it, Marvel-take a poil and see if I'm right or net. I'm sure that Quicksilver will be as daring as Daredevil will ever be and that the Scarlet Witch will be as smart as Marvel Girl. Freddy Millan, 234 Sands St.

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You know us, Freddy! We'll take a poll at the drop of a hat! Okay, X-Men X-Perts—what do the rest of you think??

Dear Stan and Jack,

X-MEN #4 was undoubtedly the best to date. You've finally started giving those mutants some personality! The Brotherhood of Evil Mutants is great—these bad guys are really a match for the X-Men. Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch are two really great characters. If you think I'm going to complain about the art in this issue, you're wrong! It was very good! When Paul Reinman started inking the X-Men, the art was very poor, but since that first issue the mag has improved in art as well as story. As for Ice-man, why don't you change his name to Kid Kold? I think it sounds snappier than plain ol' Iceman! I hear that you are putting Letters Pages in Avengers, X-Men, Sgt. Fury, and Daredevil. Glad to hear this as letters pages in your mags really help!! Larry Brown, 506 Handy Drive Bay City, Mich.

Sure. Larry — they help to give us eye-strain, extra sork, and no sleep! But it keeps us out of the poolroom, anyway!



Dear Stan and Jack,

Though I am a housewife I love to read the X-Men. Your idea of the Evil Mutants is wonderful! It would be nice if, eventually, Quicksilver and his sister the Scarlet Witch could turn good and help the X-Men (if not join them), since these two don't seem really so terrible. There are mutants in our present world, I know. Anything concerning them interests me greatly. Keep your marvelous comics Mrs. Susan Steingasser, 3014 Huff Ave. San Jose 28, Calif.

Thanks, Mrs. S. But, if you know of any mutants, for Pete's sake tell Professor X before Magneto finds out!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Your feeble attempt to keep up the former fairly high quality of past X-MEN issues was shattered by issue #4. It surpassed them! It surpassed every issue of SPIDER-MAN, AVENGERS, and yes, even the cream of your crop—the F.F.! I almost wish I had not read it. All future issues will be a surpassed of the page of the pa will be dull compared with it. Even the good ones will only appear fair. It was perfection! The literary world has been shocked; books of science fiction greats such as H. G. Wells and Jules Verne have been almost equalled by a mere illustrated story. The words "comic book not be used with your great stories. Never before has there been such a tale! So real it could be true—when in the past has a here or heroine pulled a boner like the one Marvel Girl did on page 199 The sacrifice of Professor Xavier was a Marvel Masterpiece to end all others. The Scarlet Witch and Quicksilver are destined to become the top pinacle of perfection in supporting characters. Jack's cover was unsurpassable in every way.

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But you still haven't told us, Jimmy-did you LIKE it? Dear Stan and Jack,

I enjoy all your comic mags very much, but I have one a spiny an your comic mags very much, but I have one gripe. You clutter up the covers of your comics with such sayings as, "..a book-length classic of the incredible!... never have you read a tale like this!... surprise follows spectacular surprise, etc." I like to keep the covers perfect and to put the comics in my Museum of Great Comics! Keep the X-MEN coming! They are my favorite superheroes next to the F.F.!

Kathleen Schardt, 6768 Olaf Dr. Berkeley 34, Mo.

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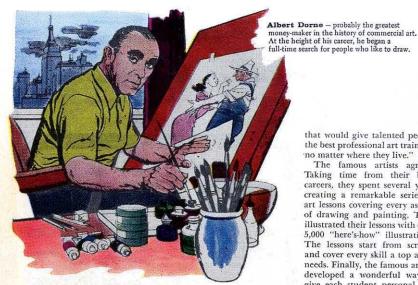
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