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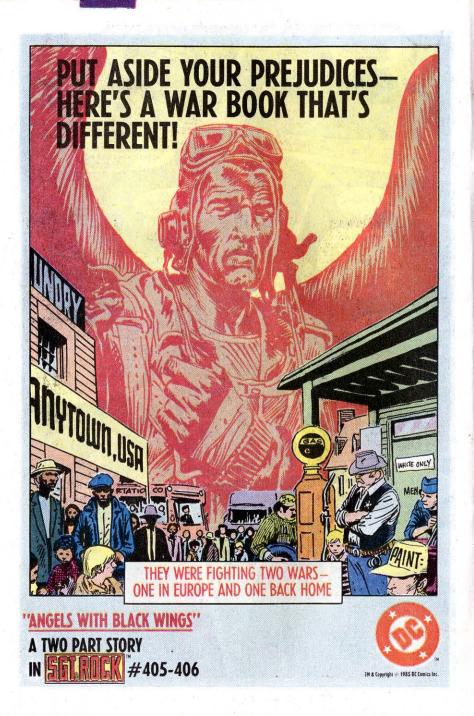
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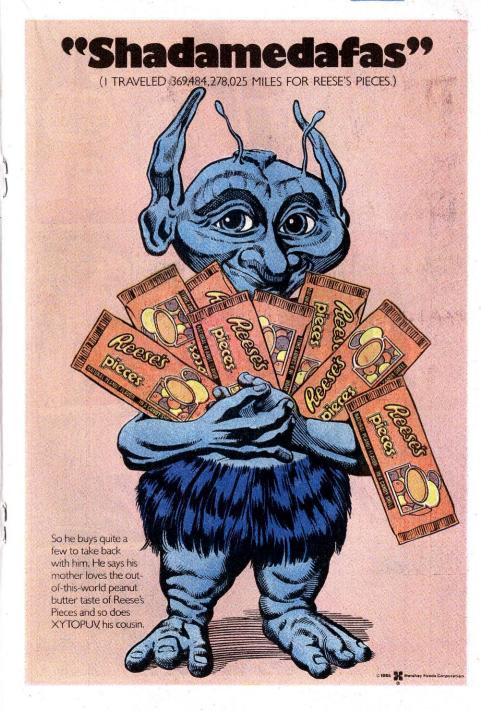
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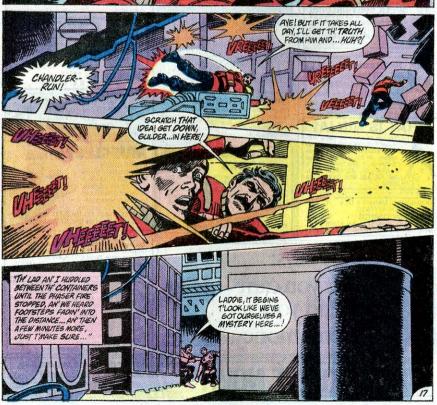
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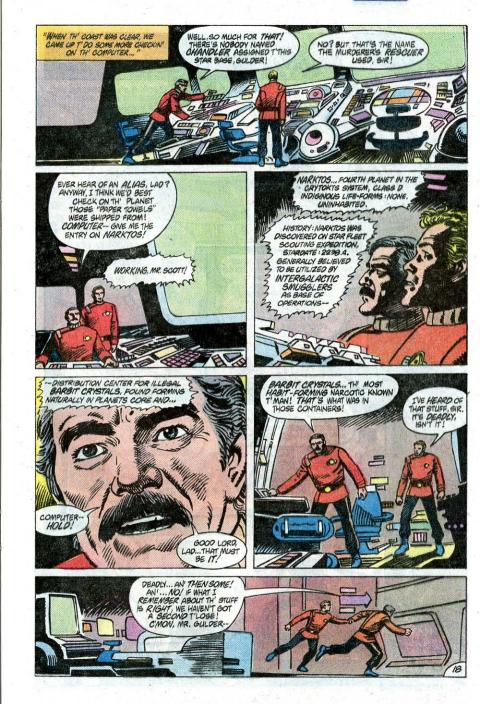
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Dear Mary

All right, STAR TREK #14 was out of this world or universe one might say. I liked everything about this issue, to the title "Behind Enemy Lines!", which made me laugh at the understatement. You give such attention to detail. It is such detail that makes a story interesting to read and look at.

Would it be possible that when the crew return to their own universe. Saavik could keep the outfit she is wearing? As shown on page three last panel. She is strikingly very beautiful in it.

The acceleration to Warp 20 even left my stomach sitting somewhere out there in the vastness of space.

With stories like this one, this title will be around a long time after I am gone. It makes me feel good to think that 60 or 80 years from now Star Trek will still be going strong

> PFC Robert W. Rogers 2214 Adams Evansville, IN 47714

Sorry, Robert, but you have noticed by now that Saavik is back in regulation uniform. \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Mr. Wolfman.

I can't say enough good things about "New Frontiers," so I won't even try. I will say that DC's STAR TREK is much better than Marvel's or Gold Key's in both story and art.

The only complaint that I have, and it's a minor one, is that the uprated Enterprise and her sister ships belong to the Constitution class, not the Constellation class (something that also bothered me about the ST novels Trek to Medworld, the Wrath of Khan, and the Search for Spock). Other than that, your version of ST is by far the best yet. Keep up the good work.

> Jeff Jackson 6440 Southampton Way Mobile, AL 36618

Oops.

Dear Bob et. al.,

First, I think your STAR TREK series is terrific-and habit-forming, tool I haven't hung around the local comic book store so much since I was 10I And since I've been rekindling an interest in comics, I've started following this CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS maxiseries, which you mention in ST-14. CRISIS is supposed to affect the "entire

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DC universe"; so does that include the STAR TREK characters as well?

Personally, I hope you keep them separate. The thought of Kirk and Spock meeting up with Batman, Firestorm, etc. in either series makes my stomach turn, though I like them each individually. Keen 'em cominal

> David E. Brahm 2299 Piedmont Ave. #649 Berkeley, CA 94720

Why is it everyone tries to shoehorn every book a company publishes into one cohesive continuity? DC prides itself on not having just one universe but several. Books like RONIN, CAMELOT 3000, and ARAK do not fit into the standard, accepted DC Universe, Nor. should books like V and STAR TREK be fit into the continuity. Hopefully, everyone out there agrees.

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Dear Star People

Although #14 doesn't let us in on Kirk's full plan, he would appear to be treading on thin ice by proposing an alliance with the Klingons against the Empire. Sure, maybe he can help the Klingons defeat the Empire (somehowl), but this may not be in the best interests of Kirk's own dimension. If the Klingons, rather than the Empire, rule their dimension they could still threaten to carry their conquest beyond dimensional borders. In other words, a Klingon victory might not end the threat from the Mirror dimension.

Or is Kirk trying something more devious? Is he hoping to throw the Mirror dimension into a state of drawnout war which would ultimately result in an extended period of recovery and weakness, making the eventual victor unable to invade Kirk's dimension? This would seem terribly harsh of Kirk, since it would doom millions of people in the Mirror dimension to death, injury, and suffering (above and beyond the "normal" "peacetime" tolls taken by the Empire). But, because it is not his dimension, could Kirk be gambling recklessly with its future?

Another alternative would be to ensure the defeat of the Empire and their replacement by a regime friendly to Kirk's dimension. This would mean that Kirk would have to get the Klingons to aid in the Empire's downfall, but have the underground, not the Klingons, replace the Empire and be strong enough to hold off any eventual moves by the Klingons for total supremacy. Can

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Kirk be so bold as to attempt such a feat? Is he so wonderful that he could actually do it? What foolish questions! The question is: Will he do it-or something even more incredible?

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Okay, folks.

It's time for my monthly dissection of your STAR TREK comic. Although I dislike the current story line, I must admit to a grudging respect for the way it's being handled. I mean, I hate the fact that there have been so many return trips since the series began, but if you have to do them, this is the best way. I also don't like Kirk's line, "I sympathize, Scotty, but we'll need them alive for a while yet." Whether it was intended or not, it makes it sound like Kirk was planning to kill the counterparts, which goes against everything Kirk stands for. He only kills if there's absolutely. positively no choice. But, just so you won't say, "Hey, that Wolpe is such a downer ... always criticizing ... let's not print any more of his letters..." I did like a lot of this issue. I loved the passage on page ten where Saavik makes the historical comparison to World War II. Whenever Kirk and co. were in danger in the series, someone always made a historical analogy, and the analogy here made it feel like STAR TREK. I also loved every piece of page twelve. Vintage Kirk.

So all in all, you guys are doing a great job. By the way, do you know yet whether or not William Shatner has signed for Star Trek IV?

Thanks, by the way, for making a STAR TREK we can be proud of.

Daniel Wolpe 1609 Hagys Ford Rd. Narberth, PA 19072

William Shatner signed the contract for Star Trek IV in the beginning of this year and the search goes on for a writer. Production is slated to begin early this fall. and the release is planned for June 1986. Everyone will be back (yes, including Robin Curtis), but we have no clue to the story line.

Open Hailing Frequencies!

I have never written to a comic before! But now after countless years of being raised on DC comics & Star Trek, Iam compelled to write.

As you have no doubt realized by now, Star Trek people are sticklers for detail. They thrive on strict continuity in both script and visual (graphic) representation. They demand the very best in dramatic portraval. They demand excellence.

You, sirs, have undertaken a most challenging endeavor. Star Trek comics failed miserably in the beginning (twice)! Who would be so bold as to attempt it a 3rd time??? You dared to give it a real chance

James Doohan told me that Star Trek should be real "science," science fiction, and not some illusionary flight of fantasy entailing ridiculous encounters with menacing toys (bouncing rubber balls, cute rag dolls with rosey red cheeks) that are out to conquer the universe, etc ... but real "science," science fiction with real, logical, believable story lines. This is where the other two comic companies have failed and where you have succeeded!

Everything has been absolutely great with only a very few minor mistakes ... and I am not going to harp on them because 1) you have done an outstanding job (and deserve a monumental raise), 2) this is the best Star Trek mag available, and 3) I know better than to knock a good thing when I see one!

I can also see that you are definitely doing your homework, because the dynamic quality is showing through. All of the elements that are Star Trek are manifested in every issue ... even the subtle guips of humor! You have captured the entity known as Star Trek. I said "entity" because Star Trek is real! It lives! It represents us, our spirit, and our destiny. "The Human Adventure Is Just Beginning" ... exciting, isn't it!

in case you are unaware, not all of your ST readers are young children nor are they compiled of just teenagers. I am one of a rather large group of Trekkers over 30. Confidentially, I am 32 years old and am a nuclear engineer and still very active in supporting Star Trek as I have ever since Star Trek first appeared on television. I have met teachers, professors, doctors, lawyers, stock brokers, and airline pilots to list a few, who are Trekkers and proud of it! They don't hesitate to buy ST comic books, or show up at ST conventions, or talk at length with anyone about Star Trek.

If you would like to discover just who is a Trekker, let me offer a suggestion that works like flypaper. If you can, simply display a picture of the Enterprise where you work. Every Trekker who sees it will be drawn to where it is hung, it works every time!

To all of you Trekkers who are 30 and over, how about taking a minute to write to these guys at DC and let them know that you are alive and how you feel about what they are doing. I think that they are making Star Trek history!

I began this letter by stating that Star Trek people are sticklers for detail. Well, gentlemen, it is because of your attention to detail, your excellent artwork. and superb stories that I and others will continue to pick up a copy of Star Trek

and read with eagerness, anticipation, and enthusiasmi

> Robert A. Sumner 605 Beacon Hills Drive Indian Trail, NC 28079

Dear STARFLEET COMMAND.

I would like to commend you on your fine job in putting STAR TREK where it should be. Just a few comments and questions before I close this letter.

COMMENTS:

- 1. LOVE the story line with Mirror Universe
- 2. Finest book so far is 11
- 3. Finest art-wise so far is 7
- 4. Keep up the great work on this damn good book QUESTIONS:
- 1. Is there really going to be a story with Harry Mudd?
- 2. Will you let the Enterprise have R&R?
- 3. If Walter K, is going to write a story for ST, will you get the costumes cor-
- 4. Will you "keep up the great work on this damn good book"?

Leonard Nimoy came to Clemson and gave a free lecture. He said they're in the process of writing the script for STIV and, shocker, William Shatner might not be in it. I urge every STAR TREK fan to write to Paramount or Mr. Shatner's office or home and tell him how every Trekker feels.

I, personally, would enjoy a story or two focusing on Sulu or Uhura or even Scotty

Don't drink too much Romulan ale.

Jason I. Luckey Karen Drive Clemson, SC

1) Mike Barr very much wants to do e

Harry Mudd tale and will get to it sometime in the future.

2) The Enterprise itself is no more. The Excelsion, however, does get some rest every now and then

3! Trust us, the costumes are correct next issue.

4) Yes

As you can see. Scotty has his spotlight now and issue 20 will spotlight

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### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next month is the special issue written by Walter Koenig. We've mentioned this one a few times before so there's no need for rehashing. Just be here in a month for "Chekov's Choice." illustrated by Dan Spiegle.

And our first ever annual is also on sale next month. Mike Barr and David Ross tell the story of Kirk's first mission aboard the Enterprise and we promise, it's a goodie.

This month, CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS builds up to next month's double-sized extravaganza. We finally meet the catalyst for the entire mess and watch as our heroes face off against the villains to gain control of two worlds

Over in WHO'S WHO, the seventh issue brings us such notable people as Easy Company, the Doom Patrol, Element Lad, Enemy Ace, and the Elongated Man. Written and edited by Len Wein with more art by the greatest names in the business.

Finally, next issue's tale is 25 pages long so we won't have a letters column, but that doesn't mean we don't want your mail. Keep them coming and we'll see you back here in August! Until then, keep smiling.

-Bob Greenberger





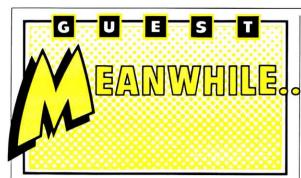




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first SUPERMAN Annual It featured a Curt Swan Superman on the cover, surrounded by the many supporting characters that are as integral a part of the DC mythos as the primary characters that we see today. They're emblazoned on everything from raincoats to raisins, peanut butter to parkas, and of course comic books! The DC characters have become as much a part of Americana as Johnny Appleseed or Paul Bunyan, Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and the lot are as easily identified, worldwide, as Old Glory or the Golden Arches, The band of four-color characters that I'd discovered with the purchase of my first "Superman DC" comic (remember the old logo?) would instill in me an appreciation that would later be a primary source of reading pleasure and creative gratification.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!...

We were a group small in numbers then, paying "still 10¢" a copy for comic books (A sophisticated kid like myself could hardly consider these drawn-out dramas and morality plays "funny books.") What with Wayne Boring fashioning trips to Krypton's past. Robin dving at dawn (remember that cover?), plus the issues of SHOWCASE spotlighting the characters that a certain Julius Schwartz (the editor's name found in page one indicias at that time, folks) would present refurbished from the golden age, neatly streamlined, and all 'Nineteen-sixtyfied"! There was the blond guy with the crew cut that launched a compressed crimson costume from a secret compartment in his ring and became 'The Fastest Man Alive"! There was a test pilot that was summoned by an alien lawman to a desolate area in the southwest-let's see, "In brightest day, in blackest night-something something. Green Lantern's Light!" There was Weisinger. Kubert, and Kane-Fox, Finger Infantino, and Broome. And so it went as the kids that were hip enough to read comics fashioned cardboard bat insignias in front of their Cub Scout flashlights, mouthed the Green Lantern oath, swiped a "Great Scott" or two from Superman, or quoted Julie Schwartz's footnotes-i.e. "VTOL: vertical takeoff and landing" or "M.O. Method of Operation"-that were scattered throughout the Camelot that was the Silver Age of Comics!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR DC ...

Remember the public service strips that adorned the inside front covers of so many DC books? Bob Hope, Jerry Lewis, and other personalities gave us the scoop on everything from smoking cigarettes to soliciting for UNICEF.

Remember Superman's sad farewell to President Kennedy? Remember

Henry Boltinoff's cartoons—or 'Cap's Hobby Hints'? How about the letter columns in the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA? We all chose the actors that would portray the JLA if ever an opportunity for a feature film would arise. I remember—Rock Hudson as Superman, Lloyd Bridges as Aquaman, Robert Taylor as Batman! Little did we know that the sixties and seventies would see Adam West, Linda Carter, and Chris Reeve don their action garb (hmmm... Robert Taylor as Batman still kinda intriques me...).

How about those Go-Go Checks?

How about that "Neal Adams" guy?

How about the Hawk and the Dove, the Creeper, the Teen Titans? How about that editor from Charlton comics. Dick Giordano, who would not only contribute editorially, but pencil and ink so many of the milestones in this medium? Dick over Ross Andru in the first Superman/Spider-Man tabloid: the partnership with Neal Adams and Denny O'Neill producing the definitive BATMAN and the awardwinning GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW series. It's funny, my first job interview ever was in New York with Dick in 1970 at DC. Now he's Executive V.P. and I'm quest writing his column. Remember watching kids like Paul Levitz, Jerry Ordway, and Steve Lightle put out fanzines? How about LOC's to Julie Schwartz from

kids like Mike Friedrich and Bob Rozakis? Big fans with big futures! To Jenette and Dick. To Pat, to Sal, Julie, and the countless names that I'm sure space will prohibit me naming.

To DC, from all the kids that saluted you by wearing towels tied around their necks, charged imaginary power rings with Coleman lanterns behind the garage, or prayed to see the Bat-Signal sweep the dark midnight sky. We congratulate you on your Golden Anniversary ... we're securely strapped in our Batmobiles for the next fifty years!

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