

Across

1. Talked a lot but didn't say much
5. Dhu al-Hijjah tradition
9. On an equal level
14. Monochrome ducks
19. Joan of Arc's title, for short
22. Bounces, Cap's-shield style (an innovation from Lee's first Marvel story)
28. Nation of the Titanium Man
32. Street with a grudge against the Thing
37. Family name that's plagued Peter Parker
43. Austrian "augh's"
47. With "the," supergenius whose main enemy is an often-idiotic hero
53. Beginner's piano exercise
59. Letters on a new car window
63. With "the," Curt Connors' other self
69. Salamander Elsa befriends
74. Stuff to shoot
78. Michael B. Jordan boxing film
83. Jesus' first worshippers
87. Joined up, in battle
92. Lie horizontally
97. Her 2019 death seemed a bit... Force'd
101. They're on the case
105. Step two after world conquest
106. Drifting on the blue
107. Myanmar, in 1966
108. Trump political foe James
109. Hip-hop article?
110. Munn of X-films
111. Alaskan town south of Marya Igloo
112. Add one's two cents
113. Beltway and thereabouts
114. Tom Hanks's son
115. Marvel hero... seen in *Frozen*'s opening number?
116. "That exam never saw me coming!"
117. Hurty spot
118. "Getting the powers, codename and costume" story
119. Common icing flavor
120. Pull up onscreen
121. Binary, as a question
122. Drew intersecting lines in
123. Friendliness
124. Legal keeper of medical secrets
125. "All" prefix
126. Master of poker Phil
127. French "all for one, one for all"
128. Element in lozenges
129. "No backsies!"
131. Their number may vary in KA-BOOOOOOM
132. Marlins and Phillies' div.
133. (yawn) "I need ____"
134. "That's true... ____ point"
135. Meal after naptime, baby boy!
136. "Someone who is concerned about other people's well-being and will go out of his or her way to help them—even if there is no chance of a reward" (Lee)
137. Sub-detectors
138. You may be hoist by your own
139. Accrue, as benefit
140. Truncated shout of outrage
141. "Halt, old salt!"
142. "And now, ____ the next thing..."
143. Meowing box
145. iPods of the past
146. Clock feature for afternoon people
147. 125-yr.-old train
148. "The ____ -mannered Bruce Banner"
149. Longtime locals
151. Defunct kids' store
153. Gets away from (with a twist)
154. Johnny Storm's prettily-named Inhuman girlfriend
156. Nintendo make-'em-yourself toons
158. Makes airtight
160. In this way
162. Biological makeup of an animal
164. "I dislike this sporting development!"
166. Translator or soccer player
167. What Scorsese argued Marvel movies weren't
168. Buddies
169. Promote musically
170. Noel opening
171. Commonest collector's-item issue numbers
172. Alternate appellation
173. Lee's memoir (with Peter David and artist Colleen Doran)
178. Powers' foil
179. Snow-gliders
180. Loaner ____ Mae
181. Four-stringed instrument, casually
182. West end?
183. "Shucks!"
184. Vehicle for a quick move
185. Military meal area
186. Armed hoodlum
187. Evergreen with fernlike leaves

189. Panders (to)
190. Jail unit
191. Got anxious
192. "It Must Be Him" singer Carr
193. Blast of wind
194. Grabs (onto)
195. First victim
196. To date
197. Willow made into a basket
198. Birds called "clowns of the mountains"
199. Hardest to find
201. No less blood-hued
202. Spinning SFX
203. They have small wings but big eyes
204. "Can you brainstorm something?"
206. Low-stakes aerial combats
208. "Big Brown"
209. *Kill Bill* star Thurman
211. Expert chef in "The Andy Griffith Show"
213. As far as we're concerned
214. "___ Boom-De-Ay"
215. "Hear this, you who trample the needy" New Testament book
216. Mendel of genetics
217. "The only journey is the one within" poet
218. Small group
219. Chicken stock and tomato broth
220. Haul in
221. Made a meal of
222. "... ___ away!"
223. Truth
224. Recovers consciousness
225. Family at the Baxter Building
227. Makes feel at fault
228. "Angle" or "cycle" prefix
229. Dye
231. Signing up for war
233. Off the rails
235. Film critic Reed
236. "Humpday" follower, for short
237. Desperately
238. It may have phases
239. "...what the Rock is ___?"
240. Actor Martin or Charlie
241. Shows vision
242. Little tiny bits
243. Stan Lee Way in the Bronx, e.g.
244. Early IMer
245. With "the," hero who shared billing with the Flintstones
246. Phone named for its slimness
247. Give shanks for this rib-warming dish
248. "Hi, Cap'n!"
251. Natural drugs
252. Transition to the disappointing present
253. Cry of inspiration
255. Container weight
256. Apples and oranges
257. Red button on old VCRs
258. Popular-vote winner in '16
259. Exploding-air sound effect
260. Actor Wilson due to join *Loki*
261. Herring for breakfast
262. APA books in 5 editions
263. Luxury fabric
264. Lettering seen above
266. Inclines
267. Tiny islands
268. Crusty crustaceans
269. Yemen's largest city
270. Three of Marvel's first four were text-based
272. Jeremy of basketball
273. Bad, bad Brown
274. She was introduced as a villain before defecting
276. Machine Man and the Vision, e.g.
277. Bankroll
278. Forms a twosome
279. Blackbeard and crew
281. Painter's medium
282. Jupiter's wife
283. Hypnotist with a Circus of Crime
285. Cries of alarm
286. "Brave" hero in *Thor*
287. Tears up
288. Aftershave and antiperspirant spreads
289. *X-Files*-ish
290. It's parallel-ish to a radius
291. Women's March organizer Mendoza
292. Conanlike hero of toys and screen
293. "Place your ___!"
294. Communal customs and conventions
295. Where to find Lee's signature, these days
299. Mjolnir's metal
300. Celebri-chef Paula
301. Bart, Belle, and Brenda
302. One who works a lot but doesn't work smart
304. Lingerie tops
305. Show confidence in
306. Princess's complaint
307. "Protecting people and the environment" agency.
308. Ashes' receptacle
309. Egyptian "king" who ruled young

310. Interest-gatherer
312. Baked or stoned
313. Cosmetic ingredient
314. Holy container
315. World of France
316. Stairs to a riverbank
317. Edit or transform
318. Minor impediment
319. Compulsive firestarters
320. *The Good Place's* craziest character
321. Centennials, more or less
322. Wallenberg who saved far more Jews than Schindler
323. "We must learn to live in ___ and with respect for each other" (Lee)
324. Beatles dos
326. Free with one's money
327. For the world
328. Blow-by-blow
330. Place of union
331. Ask plaintively
332. "I got no favorites"
334. Dame's leg
335. Wolverine will, Spider-Man won't
336. *Dragnet's* Friday
338. "___ so fired" (Lee line in *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*)
339. Dizzying
341. Angry orations
344. Aging vessels?
345. "Stan Lee Media, Inc. ('SLMI') is a Colorado corporation authorized to ___ recover damages to its assets"
346. 10s
347. "___ This City in a Shopping Cart" (Panic at the Disco)
348. Incidents
349. Canoe or yacht
350. Apply exotic perfume
351. Stan's brother Larry
352. Gamers' life units, for short
353. Sets the record straight
354. Barbecue cremains
356. Tedious sort
357. Tangle
358. Droop
359. Senator Klobuchar
360. The Tar Heels
361. Dress in costume
362. So far since Dec.
363. Dotlike pupils that sound like cell division
364. Comedy show with celeb hosts
365. Helped, for short
366. Did nothing
367. "Super juice" brand
368. Online gig-economy network
370. He headlined
- Marvel and non-Marvel films that were #1 for the year
372. Officially sanctioned stories
373. Fanbase that's gone too far
374. Locale
375. "Ohhh... sorry!"
376. She first appeared in "I Can Do Bad All By Myself"
379. Applies hot vapor
380. Phone add-on
381. "Recorded" and "order" beginner
382. Where Lee's marooned while reminiscing about his other appearances
388. Sealed area
390. James whose adventures inspired Nick Fury's
391. Likely to find ready buyers
394. "Remember" or "Understand" song title starter
396. ___-da (highfalutin)
397. "Listen up, Marvelites!"
400. Jim-dandy
401. Proof of recognition in the field
403. Its subhead calls it "New York's Finest"
405. Quietly bring into the loop
408. "Children of the ___": mutants
409. Wakey-wakey pills
410. Abroad
412. Alphabetize, e.g.
413. Set aside
414. "Where's the ___?" ("Am I *wrong?*")
415. *The King and I's* Brynner
416. Emu ancestor
417. Andrews of sportscasting
418. Tumblr and Flickr feature?
419. Lee did them for Audi and Honda
421. Likely fare at island restaurants
422. "Without a ___!"
423. Decision-makers meeting in secret
425. "It's become clear to me"
426. Film ___ Hulk
427. Dropped, as a heavyweight
428. It developed from missiles and trapdoors to holodeck-like VR
430. "Why We're Polarized" author Klein
431. NYC neighborhood with big art galleries
432. [discontented noises]
433. "This issue is sponsor-free!"
434. They released an album with a famous worm's-eye view

435. It first defined "Spiderman" as "an erector of building surfaces"
436. Watcher's home
437. "No ___ Bob!"
438. DeCarlo who drew Stan's *Millie the Model*
439. Some of Marvel's have crossed over with Capcom and Lego
441. "...we can bend on that price," for short
442. Li'l photosynthesizer
444. School at San Fran, LA, and Long Beach
446. Like flu-stricken noses
447. Auditor, briefly
448. Characterizes
449. Perk
450. Not so smooth
453. Spam carriers
454. Gaiman and Armstrong
455. Larson who played a gaslit mother and a gaslit superhero
456. Most famous black superheroine
457. Gave voice to the page
459. "Of color" (does green or blue skin count?)
462. Alternative to quesadillas
463. Emulate the Executioner
464. Cruise setting, usually
465. "Bathtub" drink
466. Get ready
467. Talking-___ (reprimands)
468. Lee, er, claimed this Avenger's name brought legal threats from DC Comics
469. Pre-chick
470. School in LA
471. Children's book writer-artist Base
472. Search engine and sound effect
473. Protein-forming (acids)
474. Suffix with "market" and "musket"
475. Average sort or Goblin grandson
476. Pasta ender
477. Sites of Lee speeches in the late 1960s
479. Preceder for Midway, Enterprise, and America
480. Amount that might get a discount
481. "And ___ adventure begins"
482. Finding one's dir.
483. Expedites
485. Mechanically enhanced
487. Movie with Lee's first big-screen bit part
489. Masked drama
492. Beam that may strike with a "ZAP"
493. Criminal collective
494. T-shirt style
495. Singer Songz
496. Least breathable around
497. Madrid madames
499. Reasons for action
501. Punch
502. Singer Clay
503. Start a series of battles
505. Big FB scores
506. Beethoven's birthplace
507. Competitors in *Ben-Hur's* climax
509. Mexican majority for most of the twentieth century
512. ___ Rouge, Louisiana
517. Owe ___ of gratitude
522. Abbr. on older phones
524. Editor-in-chief Joe who emphasized trade paperbacks and "permadeath"
526. *Non Sequitur* comic-strip star, or Perseus' mother
527. Get with, as a group
528. Painting and sculpture... and, some say, comics
529. "___ XING"
530. "Just great!"
531. "Riddle me ___"
532. "Semper Fi" grp.
533. Job title Spider-
- Man's second penciller fell into
535. Was really tall
537. Linger in delay
538. Penlight batteries
539. Stan's dog Charlotte, e.g.
540. First title superheroine in a Marvel movie
544. Little lie
547. "'Twas white then as the new-fa'en ___" (Alexander Anderson)
550. Cartoon chihuahua
551. *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* actor Jason
552. Shore and Lance
554. "Whom are ___ believe?"
555. Vibranium, e.g.
556. Condoleezza's predecessor
557. Guaranteed
558. Collector's word before "appearance" or "issue"
559. Anyone-can-edit websites
562. Airfield weather vane
564. Bucket-headed "hero" in Marvel's parody comics
566. Relish some relish
567. Opposite of "beaucoup"
568. 360-deg. curve
569. Veggie hallucinogen
570. Depressed

571. Most cuttingly comedic
576. Before, to Thor
577. Annual Asian holidays
579. Pre-___ (interrupt)
581. West African port
582. Dolly who issued a famous challenge
583. Location
584. Supports
587. "EVERYONE knows that"
588. "Bet THOSE words hurt!"
589. Habitat that needs a queen
590. Memorabilia units
595. Pair of conjunctions promising context
596. Stockholm's nat.
597. "Th-this isn't my house..."
599. Koch or Guliani title, once
600. "Who am ___ say?"
601. Thrash
603. "That ___ bode well"
604. Kitchen water source
606. "Think yer funny, do ya?"
607. Eminem "forgot" about him
608. East German city named for its "good waters"
609. Feeling more battered
611. "Due to this..."
613. ___ Dame
614. Three-footer?
615. The Ugly Duckling, e.g. (spoiler)
616. Power Man and Iron Fist, for one
617. Like it's nothing
619. Headquarters
620. Smirkingly obnoxious
621. Group including Mysterio and the Vulture
624. Palo follower
625. Jenkins the Beetle, or "Li'l" strip toon
626. Tinseltown tittle-tattle titan
627. "Welllllll?"
628. Eltri portrayer Peter
630. It's eagerly awaiting your return
631. Channel that debuted "Buffy"
632. Mobutu ___ Seko
633. Par follower
637. Obadiah who yells, "Tony Stark built this in a cave with a box of scraps!"
638. Identification in the Information Age
639. Like Daredevil's most popular costume design
641. Barbecue side-dish remains
642. French ocean
643. Hero inspired by Mary Shelley and 731-Across
644. Close to hopeless
645. Lee's Iron Man co-creator Don (dang!)
646. Spork, e.g.
647. "To hear," to Hernando
648. Soda container
649. Birds known for wisdom
650. Awry
651. Fill-in for the usual pencil
654. Happy moments
655. Gift of the gossipy
658. First trade org. to promote a music genre
659. Montana hrs.
660. "Vertigo" band
662. Christian period of prayer and fasting
663. Thought to be
665. Smart home maker
666. Scuzzbucket
667. "Oh, come ON"
669. Cheerfully agreeable
671. Alternative to Pampers
672. Stick in the mud
673. He's usually an uncostumed supporting character in Marvel, but his name's a DC hero's codename
674. Paid for
678. "Wouldn't put it past me"
679. Stacy and Poole of Marvel Comics
680. 64 for 100, e.g.
681. Minibed
682. Giant of '50s baseball
683. Slip-ons
684. In the style of
685. Suffer post-sunburn
686. Baked-goods café
687. Without effort
688. European steel town
690. Lakers' Baylor
691. Spearlike weapon
692. Confining device
693. Dir. that's also a suffix
694. Small, line-shaped hole
695. Peter's woke friend introduced in "Crisis on the Campus!"
696. Denial in Lille
699. Cut off a bit
700. Elec. consumption rate unit
701. Loonytoons
702. "I'll fight anyone!"
704. Response to "You have a guest"
706. "That is ___ means true!"
707. *The Magicians* channel

708. DC tried to imitate Marvel's use of this color
709. Recorded, off the record?
710. Animal fats
711. Cockatoo crowns
712. Writ of ___ *facias* (demand to make the record known)
713. Nook furniture
715. Apartment's greenery
720. Most elevated of nations?
722. Very displeased with
723. Eric who starred as Bruce Banner
724. Device Lee used to help him remember characters' names
727. Standard and ____
728. Title held in Ky. by another Stan Lee until 2020
729. Like a puffing face
730. Sucker, or cartoonist Goldberg known for complex machinery
731. Hyde creator, for short
732. Highest-grossing film to highlight Xhosa
737. Blazers' Anthony
738. Cheese-making calf product
739. Words before "spell" or "net"
740. Nearby
741. Early-May sunrise time
743. Arafat of the PLO
744. Military group
745. Damns in one's own sight
746. Natural item given significance
747. Canoe racers
748. "True ___ extent"
749. Clark's early buddy
750. *The ___ Bang Theory*
751. Crying choke
752. Knight's title
753. What administrative assistants may take
754. Title Lee surprisingly never held
755. So hungry one could eat a planet
756. Drag queen's affirmative
758. Circus star who may like spicy dishes
760. Namor McKenzie
762. The "Kirby Krackle," essentially
765. Waikiki ukelelist
767. *The ___ Avenger*
769. Second of three similar names on 2000s Cartoon Network
770. Four are Great
771. Get unwet
772. Company people
773. "Car go fast!" noises
775. Genius whose story begins with the dumbest thing he ever did
778. "Do all the good you ___ all the means..."
779. Perceived
780. Got high
781. Markle mom Ragland
783. "Brew" suffix
785. Start of the final caption of a typical Lee issue
786. "I like this outfit"
788. Entry points
789. "Send help!"
791. Word hyphenated with "discovery" and "doubt"
793. Boy band named for Orlando
795. "The Great American ___"
797. *Airspray?*
799. *Crazy Rich Asians* director Jon
800. "Let's ___ with Cap," old letter column
802. Editor's "get rid of this"
803. Wrestling villain
804. Untold millennia upon millennia
805. DiCaprio reportedly interested in playing Lee
806. Mauna ___
807. "... more, ___ merrier!"
808. Super dad?
809. Rhymes in rap
811. Adjust
813. Blue Ribbon maker
815. ___ *The Spider-Verse*
817. Heroin
819. Snicker-___
820. Schwarzenegger, familiarly
823. Horses' heads in chess notation
825. What unlimited plans don't limit
827. Show pleasure
829. Waterway that reaches Uganda
830. Areas of land
831. "Voluminous" Asgardian
833. Inits. on posh clothes
834. The Mary Janes or the Ramones
835. Nervous
836. ___ out (pay off)
837. "Sorry, pal, you're not on the list" speaker
839. RR Martin first published in the *Fantastic Four* letters page
840. Seuss, nee
841. Entered rudely (into)
843. Poet who wrote "Not with a bang, but with a whimper"
845. It broadened its focus from drunk driving in '97
847. "Switch" or "stink" ender

849. Video game name-checked in *Avengers* in loose foreshadowing of the film's climax
851. "___ #1! ___ #1!"
853. Baaing ma
855. Villain considered an immovable object
857. Foe
859. Muhammad and Laila
861. Point where many Marvel supers lost their powers
862. Runtime meas.
863. Scrabble has 100
864. Angst or sprain
865. Close-to-the-hole swings
866. Baby food (var.)
868. Household god of old Rome
869. Director Craven or Anderson
870. Frag found in Fallujah
871. Newly designed, as a vehicle
875. Enrage, or calming fumes
877. Creator of A. Lupin
879. 97% or so
882. Half-elf played by Hugo Weaving
884. Strange enemy?
887. "Duuude"
889. Cup of Christ
891. "-full of" (suffix in sugars)
892. Be sickly
893. Served a sentence
895. "God as my witness"
898. "Confidentially..."
900. Generations-old alternative education institute
902. Boils
904. Demand too much for
905. Containers for school milk
907. Old-timey comics market
909. Flung into pieces
912. Finger-painting class
913. English higher education
915. Tired and nauseous
917. What toddlers drink from
919. They're signified by SFX
921. *Anne with* ___
922. Actress Zadora
925. Will
926. "Last name" of a droid in ten pictures
927. Looks after a Labrador or Lockjaw
930. Letters dropped from the nickname "Rod"
931. Adjective Lee carried from one canceled title to another still going today
932. Human Torch enemy whose suit later gave him cancer
934. Middle of dinner?
935. Absorbs (with "up")
937. Complexity
938. Hidden (in wait)
940. Director Nicolas who passed in November 2018
941. Above at least most of the ankle
943. Place to buy wax
946. Influential collegian
948. Pixelated-looking toy sculpture
949. Adjective Lee used most, compared to other writers
951. Kree homeworld in *Captain Marvel*
952. Usual maximum number of frames in Lee-Kirby/Ditko pages
953. Thing-like creature of Jewish myth
954. Nelson or Murdock, for short
955. How you may roast beef
957. Where Lee was a hot dog vendor
958. Redundant part of "DC Comics"
959. Animal known for freezing in headlights
960. Early-'90s gamer platform
962. Healing scrape
964. U-shaped stringed instruments
966. Liquid food
968. "Little" Dickens character
970. A mouse makes it move
972. Water filter brand
973. Backtalk?
975. R assigner
977. Third-generation Japanese-American
978. Actress Hathaway
979. Man the frau knows
980. Domineering
981. "Ink"
982. Movie for which Lee rehearsed in *Captain Marvel*
984. Con artist modeled after Stan Lee by his bitter ex-partner
987. Pack (down)
988. Like the names "Stephen Strange" and "Victor von Doom"
989. Indian living abroad
993. "___ upon a time"
995. With Sam Rosen, one of Lee's primary letterers
998. "Transfer" and "messenger" compounds
1000. Heroic act
1002. Does just okay
1004. Singer Rexha
1006. Bigeye or yellowfin
1008. "My Friend" of

- film, TV, strips, and Lee-written comic books
- 1010.** ___ Moines, Iowa
- 1011.** Gere role of 2000
- 1012.** Without commitment
- 1014.** John Sr. and Jr. of Spider-art
- 1015.** "I can't take any more!"
- 1016.** Absorb
- 1018.** Fictional court favorite Gil
- 1019.** Milk source
- 1020.** Significant
- 1021.** Radical disciplinarian
- 1023.** Zambian city (anagram for Lee-ism "AND LO!")
- 1025.** ___ lang syne
- 1026.** Moment of comic-book time
- 1028.** How a Portugese ship advertised its faith
- 1031.** Eye-rolling teen's assent
- 1033.** End of Ramadan
- 1034.** Male progeny
- 1036.** Valkyrie's mount
- 1039.** Golden fish whose name anagrams a warning
- 1040.** Mrs. Lee, ___ Boocock
- 1041.** Goat-legged deity
- 1042.** Calm ratiocination
- 1046.** Stuffed oneself
- 1048.** Blackens with a brush
- 1049.** ___ 400 race
- 1050.** Four-time gold medalist discus thrower ("warier" plus one letter)
- 1051.** Clark of *Avengers* and *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*
- 1053.** Small, line-shaped hole
- 1055.** " ___ I can help it!"
- 1057.** Mohammed's stand-in
- 1058.** Lay out
- 1060.** Bag for a BLT
- 1062.** Start to a Reddit reminisce
- 1064.** Laugh sounds
- 1066.** One-hit wonder who sang "...everyone's a superhero, everyone's a Captain Kirk"
- 1067.** More old-fashioned, more enthusiastic, more punny... more Stan Lee-ish, basically
- 1069.** Set of lyrics
- 1070.** Hoppy brew variety created in England
- 1073.** Gordon who hosted Lee on *Hell's Kitchen*
- 1074.** Professor X, to the Princess-Majestrix Lilandra (oh myyy...)
- 1076.** " ___ favor" (please)
- 1077.** The Devourer of Worlds
- 1079.** Little bite
- 1080.** Circular in motion
- 1081.** G-Unit or Black Hippy
- 1083.** Lawkeepers on the Bay
- 1085.** Guilt-ridden
- 1088.** Messenger button
- 1090.** Astrological phenomenon rooted in a neutron star
- 1092.** Banned pesticide
- 1093.** Layered coiffure
- 1095.** Hearing or proprioception
- 1098.** Heroine with a series named for her, e.g.
- 1099.** Stan Lee's successor as editor-in-chief and (on many titles) writer
- 1101.** Courtroom drama
- 1102.** Day named for a superhero, for short
- 1103.** "There's no doubt"
- 1105.** Uneducated eccentric
- 1106.** "Woof!"
- 1107.** Art style of the Chrysler
- 1108.** Pryde of the X-Men
- 1109.** Forger
- 1111.** Slake one's hunger
- 1113.** Building support with a bend
- 1114.** Those, as casas
- 1116.** "So it would ___" (resigned sigh)
- 1118.** Katherina or Bianca, in *The Taming of the Shrew*
- 1120.** Adult ___ on Cartoon Network
- 1122.** Proverbially busy insect
- 1124.** "BB4N"
- 1125.** 2011 Egyptian film title found in "plasma art" (really sorry about this one)
- 1126.** Butt, euphemistically
- 1127.** Insolent gazes
- 1128.** "We're like ___ -- just ___ -- ___!" (Johnny Storm, after he explores the universe)
- 1129.** Comes out
- 1131.** Velvet ender
- 1132.** Safety on an edge tool
- 1133.** "...even an android can ___!" (*Avengers*, post-Lee)
- 1134.** Married title
- 1135.** Lee claimed to be a stickler for this hero's hyphenation (but got it wrong himself, sometimes)
- 1139.** "Are You Gonna Kiss ___ Not?"
- 1140.** Allan who directed *Sands of Iwo Jima*
- 1142.** Twosomes
- 1144.** Bad-tempered green goliath

1146. Détente
1148. "Can't argue with that"
1150. Grant
1152. "In five years... maybe I'll be ___ corner selling apples" (Lee)
1153. "Nine ___ big fat hen"
1155. Talking with one's hands, for short?
1156. Bk. about rebuilding Jerusalem
1157. Antares or Betelgeuse
1159. Crescent-shaped
1160. "Boo-o-o-o-o!"
1161. What your 1169-Across env. lacked
1162. House warmer
1164. Field work?
1165. Performed passably
1167. Songwriter Sammy
1168. Maraud
1169. Awards given to those who could explain why an APPARENT Marvel mistake wasn't REALLY a mistake at all
1172. "This is our little secret"
1174. Baseballers of DC (not that DC)
1176. Substitute brew
1179. Ayatollah's decree
1181. Sole
1183. "Chanson ___"
1185. "Like ___ not..."
1187. Series of battles
1188. Almost no time
1189. ___ reactor
1190. "I guess you haven't met my brother, Sirius Lee! He's kind of a downer," e.g.
1191. Horse feed unit
1192. Stayed as was
1194. MMA venue
1195. Unaccompanied
1196. "Would that the life had left my limbs ___ had witnessed so pernicious a spectacle" (Lee, for Odin)
1197. Set up beforehand
1199. *The King and I* kingdom
1201. Verdi aria
1203. "___ Ben Adhem"
1204. Pointed tooth
1206. Yellow TV creature who says "BIBBALY-CHEESE"
1208. Lee said the greatest kind of this was luck
1210. Future gamemaker, maybe
1212. Matt Murdock's "Battlin'" dad
1213. Lee's most autobiographical character
1218. "Healthy" prefix
1219. Conservative inits.
1220. Mag publishing regulator
1221. Roman numeral that once was a telco
1222. "ST: Picard" preceeder "ST: ___"
1223. "___ Lament" (Barenaked Ladies)
1224. It has a fore-and-aft rig
1226. Pratfall sound effect
1228. High-end steak brand
1230. 35mm choices
1232. Mother and child, e.g.
1234. Feel the excitement
1236. Animator Avery
1237. Hiddleston or Holland
1238. Arab aristocrat
1239. Korean-war dramedy of old
1240. Blog-post keywords
1244. Nick whom Lee-Kirby introduced as a white dogface
1245. Prefix for unconventional music
1246. Got off one's feet
1247. Own (up)
1248. World leader who (fictionally) developed multiple Marvel villains
1249. 4 in Monopoly
1250. Look around the Web
1251. Hope to end on ___ note
1253. Belt sporter
1255. Tarzan yell, e.g.
1257. Fateful SFX for Gwen Stacy and Thanos
1259. Storage hole on a car
1262. *Call of Duty*- and *Fortnite*-playing YouTuber (or "et ___")
1264. Sikh-style headwrap
1266. Firm forbiddance
1269. British multinational
1273. Traditional
1275. Chocolate in a mug
1276. The Titanium Man and Abomination's org.
1277. Pasta dumplings
1279. Lee lookalike Maron of *GLOW*
1280. Elderly character who's younger in recent movies--and in Lee's original story notes
1282. Old-time extra
1283. The Silver Surfer's native star
1284. Urban and edgy
1286. T'ai chi alternative
1288. Comprehensively
1290. With "the," foe shared by Spider-Man and the Hulk
1291. First-named of the Disney ducklings
1293. Hog dip
1295. Steering mechanism part
1297. Org. whose

- nation-destroying tactics
see use in *Black Panther*
- 1298.** Hunter with a split lion's-head shirt
- 1300.** FL Dali Museum site
- 1301.** Actress Emma or fictional actress Mary Jane
- 1302.** Collection collectors want to complete
- 1303.** "Was ___ Boy Like Me?" (*Veggie Tales*)
- 1304.** Hero Marvel Comics and Disney interpreted very differently
- 1306.** Aged witch
- 1307.** Daddy
- 1308.** Agnew who resigned the White House
- 1309.** In old word balloons, it's signified by two hyphens
- 1311.** Bread-raising microbe
- 1313.** Big white flakes
- 1315.** Endured
- 1317.** Gravity-defying Fantastic Four foe
- 1320.** Quaint paper copies
- 1322.** Filmdom
- 1324.** Surround with troops
- 1326.** Early life form
- 1330.** See socially
- 1331.** Volkswagen named for a planet
- 1332.** Cattail environment
- 1333.** Return to grace
- 1334.** ___ Lanka
- 1336.** Baa alternatives
- 1338.** Raw-fish dish
- 1340.** "Oh, man, that killed me"
- 1342.** Black Widow and Gamora, voicewise
- 1344.** Yucky food
- 1345.** "Pore Jud Is ___" (Rodgers and Hammerstein song)
- 1347.** Daredevil foe with a more Spider-Man-appropriate theme
- 1349.** African prince played by Chadwick
- 1350.** Gas stations that sound like oases
- 1353.** Skin color in *Hulk* #1
- 1354.** Voice-amplifying lapel pin
- 1357.** Musk in *Iron Man 2*
- 1358.** Rulers in *Star Wars* and *Warhammer*
- 1360.** Automaker since 1927
- 1361.** Black Widow's primary "power"
- 1363.** Sisters' inst. since 1845
- 1364.** Studies of emphasis and tone
- 1369.** "...I guess?"
- 1371.** Forceful face-touch
- 1373.** La règle, usually
- 1375.** Malay sailboat
- 1377.** One of a group of mutant-rights activists
- 1379.** Professor with psychic talents
- 1381.** Brazillian reds
- 1382.** Pallid
- 1383.** *20/20* journo David
- 1384.** "I ___ to suck your blo-o-o-ood!"
- 1385.** Olympian gymnast Raisman
- 1386.** Sony handheld
- 1387.** Air and water, for normal humans
- 1388.** Gives nourishment, as to a river
- 1390.** Deviled dinner items
- 1391.** \$1 monogram
- 1392.** "___ la violencia"
- 1393.** Whiskey-making buildings
- 1395.** Process that gave Spider-Man "two daddies"
- 1398.** Larger firearm
- 1400.** Cos. that give owners flexibility
- 1402.** Lifting from harm's way
- 1404.** Goes rigid
- 1406.** "Sorry, have we ___?"
- 1407.** MMORPG set in Roddenberry's universe
- 1408.** "... ___ inhumanity to..."
- 1409.** Refreshers at a jitterbug
- 1410.** Jefferson on money
- 1412.** Lee-Ditko character who is all that is
- 1414.** Rowing implement
- 1415.** Beverage discontinued in 2008
- 1416.** 32-card game
- 1417.** Producer of many X-movies
- 1418.** Laced egg quaff
- 1421.** Advance clearance event
- 1423.** Corrodes
- 1425.** Everyday
- 1426.** Well-muscled in 2020
- 1428.** Objectivist co-creator who felt Peter Parker would outgrow his altruism
- 1431.** Name Lee used for four different Russian villains
- 1433.** Pass again
- 1434.** Few-days-old
- 1436.** Focused strategy
- 1437.** Name shared by early loves of Spider-Man, the Hulk, and Lee himself
- 1438.** FB messaged, e.g.
- 1439.** "Cosmic awareness," e.g.
- 1440.** Overpower, in gamer slang
- 1441.** Lapel decorations

1442. South Slavic language
1443. Comics page (usually) or crossword puzzle
1445. Card game where you shout its name
1446. With enthusiasm
1447. Discourages
1449. Colorful candies
1451. Legally attempts (to)
1453. Capital in the Sphinx's shadow
1454. Makeup of Stark's first helmet
1457. Kinds of insulation
1461. Emotional damage
1462. Artist John or his brother, artist Sal
1463. Their names often end in "ite"
1464. Ancient, like the Ancient One
1465. Feed
1466. Ditko signified it with inky expressionism
1468. Boredom
1469. Triumphed
1470. Office-desk plant, often
1472. Old-fashioned head coverings
1473. Writer known for giant characters and ribald humor
1475. Opposite of noir
1477. "What's in a ___?"
1479. Outcropping
1481. What "Avengers" #4's cover and Hester Prynne have in common
1482. "And too many other authors to list"
1484. Microsoft mailer
1485. Thinkers?
1486. Hit playfully
1487. "Life ___ adventure"
1488. Letters found on chromosomes
1489. Slept-in-your-clothes quality
1490. "I like it bitter"
1492. One-eighties
1493. Using gas while stopped
1494. Sometimes-misleading fat stat
1495. Ice isle
1496. "Thou ___ mighty foe!"
1497. To some extent, Shakespearily
1498. Legal drug supply, for short
1500. Sound of anger or amusement
1502. Copy
1504. Under-pavement waste network
1506. Lions' home
1507. Larger meta-story
1509. Flower part
1510. Lee's clock setting until 1980
1511. Racism in the form of killer robots
1513. "Stan Lee-- / His chest hair looked manly / but compared to him, Kirby / was a Furby," e.g.
1515. [thumb up]
1516. Undersea "wings"
1517. Well-wishers from way back
1518. & so on
1520. Put one's name on
1521. Fashion designer who said, "I don't believe in good taste"
1525. Everyday smell in newborn parenting
1527. Greek open area
1529. Wear the costume of
1531. Carpenter, often
1533. Interjects
1536. Subset of faith
1538. 100 is a good one in baseball
1539. Tabula ____
1543. Coll. in the "Little Apple" Manhattan
1546. Employment
1547. Runs fast
1550. Dress
1551. Loc. of Waterloo
1552. Immerse (into)
1553. Slight swelling
1554. "You are correct"
1556. The Watcher
1557. Giant 20th-c telco
1560. Dresser?
1561. For female golfers, they're up to 210 yards
1564. Smugly walks (around)
1566. Grant Morrison, Mark Millar, or Frank Quitely, by nationality
1568. Uncle who discussed Br'er Rabbit
1570. Jump points
1572. Rescue workers in an inferno
1574. Tree giants
1575. Get excited
1577. Free (of)
1580. Guiding principles
1581. Boring routine
1582. Too young
1584. Get hard
1585. No fun
1589. "...Guess THAT happened!"
1591. Panic-room-like spot in a burning building
1593. Hold together
1596. Brain-related
1598. Middle finger, e.g.
1600. Must suffer
1604. A doctor might check them
1605. "I'm In Love With The Ooo-Ooo Man" singers, with "the"
1606. Yoko who... look, you already know this one
1607. Drips in ERs

1608. Jiffy ____
1609. "...and pretty maids all in ____"
1610. Those out of place
1612. Flared dress in ballet
1613. After noon today
1615. "From ____ 60 in..."
1616. Spoken
1618. "____ on a Grecian Urn"
1619. Wise man of legend
1625. "You can skip me"
1628. Inits. at Appamatox
1629. Pole, ethnically
1631. Avenger introduced as "The Cat"
1633. Range of soft drinks in a restaurant
1634. Danger
1635. Daredevil's weapon of choice
1637. Powerful spirits
1638. "Time to take the stage!"
1639. Hitting perpendicularly
1641. Barbarian big at 1970s Marvel
1642. Jokester
1643. Knowledge of the ancients?
1644. Nervous stalling sounds
1645. "UH-uh!" (var.)
1647. Y
1648. CST + 6
1649. Voice of reason at the Daily Bugle
1651. Baseball and football references, spelling it "theater," etc.
1653. Colts coach Mike whose name's a homophone for "Colt, become a horse!"
1654. "Thought THAT was exciting? Well, get ____ THIS!!!"
1657. 1946 invention that inspired a Superman villain
1659. "Don't go"
1661. Philippine locale (found in POSITION)
1663. Spill onto the floor
1665. Poet Silverstein
1666. Sucker
1667. Often-stubbed body part
1668. Test maxing at 170
1669. Energizing in the short term
1670. ____ *for Outlaw*
1671. Noun-verbing suffix
1672. Makes one's own costume
1673. What I can't sleep to even on the weekends (I have cats)
1675. Spread-out webbing
1676. "Ice Age" sloth
1678. Equipment specialists
1680. Bath bathroom
1681. Disgrace to humanity
1683. Drinking tool Starbucks is getting rid of
1685. "Holy--! There must be HUNDREDS ____!"
1687. Cut wildly
1689. It certifies songs as gold and platinum
1691. "Ab ____" (from the start)
1692. Meas. for big wt.
1693. Frog-throated
1695. Hurl
1696. Made hairless
1699. Peter Parker's earliest crush
1701. Korean car
1702. "..."
1703. *Children of the Sun* author Maxim (whose name is sometimes Americanized with a y)
1704. Peter's friend Leeds
1706. Artificial superpowers
1709. Decade-old, still-debated health law
1710. Pair of prepositions used for comparison
1712. Not feeling up ____
1714. Chicago paper, for short
1716. Zeitgeist
1718. "I want to hear from you," nowadays
1720. Informant
1721. Panel within a panel
1722. Automaker founded in 1945
1723. Source of tips for drivers
1726. Heroes
1728. Katy Perry power ballad
1729. Pastry filled with ricotta
1731. Noted Entertainer
1732. Writer's bit of complexity
1737. Floral accessory
1738. No skinnier
1740. With little wiggle room
1742. Dark times, spelled slangily
1744. Grift
1746. Adhered
1748. Protested felinely
1749. "Can I take that as ____?"
1750. Alone, in Arles
1751. Pal
1752. Independent-contractor "taxi" company
1753. It's usually 10-20%
1754. "N'est-ce ____?"
1755. "Goodness gracious..."
1756. AI game competitor

1757. Toll rd.
1758. Highly educated sort
1759. Mornin's
1760. Lee-Kirby creature who once had a normal vocabulary
1761. Ready for publication
1763. Long tales
1766. Stanley in *The Hunger Games*
1768. "Egad!," today
1770. Like Tony Stark or Carol Danvers, in the comics
1772. "___ be a shame..."
1773. WWW connector of sorts
1774. Financial obligation acknowledgments
1775. Charges
1776. "I HATE YOU!"
1777. ___ gin fizz
1778. Flaming 4 in the sky and flashlight resembling Spider-Man's mask, in early comics
1780. Grasslands
1781. Subway-named Subway sandwich
1782. Stan's 1960s fan club, for short
1783. Prog. for future ensigns
1784. Fresh attacks on superheroes after getting out of jail, e.g.
1787. Four on prison walls
1789. Heart or kidneys
1790. Drawback
1792. Casual evening?
1794. Iconic Western hat
1796. Snatch
1797. "Big ___," Thing's nickname for Mister Fantastic
1800. *Runaways* streaming service
1801. Start of something bad?
1802. Prestigious school
1803. Combine to become
1804. Grafitti sign with Andre the Giant
1805. Breatheable hazard
1806. Site of Spider-Man and Hulk rides
1808. He's played Nikita Khrushchev and Randall Boggs
1811. Frau's male child
1812. Pop art auteur Andy
1813. Captain George Stacy, e.g.
1814. Highsmith who wrote *The Talented Mr. Ripley* and reportedly once dated Lee
1817. ___ Groot
1818. Hawaii's bird or Real Housewife Leakes
1819. "ShoeSource" now just an e-commerce brand
1821. Superheroine name so basic and dated that most fans just use her birth name
1823. Incentive to roll over and beg
1824. Orange nosh at Super Bowls
1825. Suffix with lymph or axiom
1826. "The ___ love" (mi amor)
1827. Dead white
1828. Caption for when the tide of battle turns
1829. Marry a woman, in modern lingo
1830. Lee's first superheroine, to her family
1831. Baby kissers
1832. Show respect for applause
1833. Area that shares a motto with Stan (abbr.)
1834. Earth, for our race
1835. "Action without action" philosopher
1836. Hack out some quick adventure
1842. German film company
1843. Ancient Greek
1844. System for lawbreakers
1846. It connects DC and NYC
1847. "No news is good news"
1849. Mexican Ms.
1850. Hero who was a reluctant antagonist in his first few comics appearances--and his first two movie appearances
1852. A little breather?
1853. Brief Latin period?
1854. Candy bar that should, but doesn't, have a twist at its end
1855. WWI Belgian battlefield
1856. Overall
1857. *Ready Player One* author Cline
1859. "___ bono?" (for whose benefit?)
1860. State with the least snowfall
1863. Lamborghini or Acura
1864. Igloo composition
1865. Exec. ___. (frequent Lee film credit)
1866. Hinged table extender
1871. One who aims to lose?
1872. Singer Carlsson and Roman martyr
1874. One ___ (ball game)
1875. Omniscient narration and onomatopoeia
1879. Twin Cities sch.
1880. Irving, employee at Marble Comics
1882. Lobby losing a bit more power with every mass shooting
1883. With "The,"

source of headline "Stan Lee, Creator of Beloved Marvel Character Stan Lee, Dies"

1885. Lee's ___ mater, DeWitt Clinton High School

1886. Periodicals, as Lee slangily called them

1887. Gives up in the ring

1890. Like "Deadpool" and "Logan"

1892. Blow

1893. Likely site of Lee panel in the 1990s-2010s

1895. Tree that sounds like a burned tree

1896. Tree that sounds like a place

1898. Extra in Scott Lang/Hank Pym stories

1899. Spidey corrects this insult with "Arachnid, actually!"

1901. Beat to heck

1904. Commentator Navarro

1905. Thirty-ton computer

1906. Right one's own wrongs

1908. Keystone law enforcer

1909. Spider-villain the film turned into a disappointed fan

1911. Lee grew his in the 1970s

1913. Drug used by Lee and Ditko's successors on *Doctor Strange*

1914. Multitalented actor Stephen

1915. African bird

1918. Inker's tool

1919. Ominous

1920. Reds' opponents in checkers

1921. Chant while watching the Olympics on NBC

1922. Immortal basketball coach Hank

1923. Birthplace of the Hulk, in comics

1924. Beer bitterers

1925. Exiled Amin

1926. Real language that becomes a Marvel tongue if you add an "er" to it

1927. First team Matt Murdock joined

1928. ___ qua non

1929. Seven-day stretch

1930. Catchphrase followed by green fists flying

1934. Parody publication Lee parodied with *Not Brand Ecch*

1935. Axes

1936. Up in everybody's business

1937. Nero's eyes

1939. From that place

1940. Cuatro halved

1941. "#nostalgiaapost"

1942. Shares a universe

1946. "...blackbirds baked in ___"

1947. [wave while walking off]

1948. "I say thee ___!" (Defiant Thor)

1949. West Coast NFLer

1951. Memorial flame

1952. Affix carelessly

1953. J.D.'s exam

1954. Cream advertised on the backs of old comics

1955. Ground-ivy

1957. Romcom writer Roberts

1958. Not so bulky or chunky

1960. Start wearing

1961. Extended chains of speech bubbles

1963. Not an Accent

1964. "Human" ender

1967. "Same"

1969. Comics writer Way or Jones

1970. Another time

1971. Come close

1972. Marijuana

1973. "Accuser" who tried to murder a planet

1974. Producer of a game where you can play as Lee BECOMING Spider-Man

1976. Unmarried partner, in a census

1979. Letter or telepath

1980. Stout rodent

1981. "I, um, can't do this alone..."

1987. Complained

1988. Ring-shaped coral reef

1989. His origin is linked to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles'

1991. Well-named fruit

1992. "Bare Necessities" singer

1994. Modern, in Munich

1995. Where Lee tries to lift Mjolnir with a truck

1997. Wikipedians' dispute

2001. Die *Infinity War*-style

2002. Tibetan Buddhism

2003. Success without skill or effort

2005. Casual denials

2006. Pawn or rook

2008. Is crazy (for)

2011. Hulk-hunting general nicknamed "Thunderbolt"

2014. It's ideally 4.0

2017. Fury's birth name

2019. One-sided locking mechanism

2020. Playing dumb

2021. "I wouldn't ___ little thing like that stop me!"

2022. Possessive letter?

2023. BBC rival

2024. Hogs, wild

2025. Uncultivated land

2026. Ideal percentage
2028. "The Sun City"
2030. Cali-set show from the early 2000s
2033. Its cap. is Beirut
2034. Labor-rights activist
2035. File format for graphic novels
2036. ___ choy
2037. "___ needle pulling thread..."
2038. Ohio's "Rubber Capital of the World"
2039. "Yeah? ___ who?"
2040. Marvel's ___ of Ideas
2041. Hyperbolic function
2042. Preceders of many replying emails
2043. "Awesome!"
2044. Hailing from north of Thailand
2045. "What's newly produced is sold earliest," for short
2047. Heater
2050. Religious title of Hippolytus
2055. Promo copy like "Don't miss this fabulous first issue!" and "Spidey Battles Daredevil!"
2058. Seek medical attention
2060. "Who does that man think ___?!"
2061. "Good buddy" who says "10-4"
2063. Film producers
2065. Underpinning
2068. Where Lee lived from 1952 to 1980
2070. Finds a place for
2072. Number Lee holds up in *Iron Man 3*
2073. Actress Lindsay and her parents
2075. ___ Kosh B'gosh
2076. Lee's line when selling a costume to Miles Morales
2085. Calf
2087. Secrets for some masked heroes
2088. Ex-college student, ideally
2089. Makes a believer in
2090. "I wonder..."
2093. Gizmo ideal for reading Marvel Unlimited
2094. E-tail expense
2095. Giddy happiness
2097. Lee's boldfaced notes after reader mail
2099. Line 6 sound system (that sounds like the ultimate taxi)
2101. Down and a little to the rt. on maps
2102. Married-but-not-together arrangements
2103. Hits in the brain
2108. Four-award honor
2110. Moon, Shakespeare character, or Marvel supervillainess
2112. MP3 alternative
2113. Pride or envy
2114. Apocalypse
2115. How Stan posed for a 1983 Marvel photo-comic
2116. Stock bonanzas
2117. Classic explosives
2118. Oat container
2120. Plus
2121. Cable feature?
2122. Scatter seeds
2123. "Was" that was, in Rome
2124. Curved backwords
2125. "Cosmic Rewind" at Epcot, e.g.
2126. Smooth here, rough there
2128. Pro-unity in parts of the Middle East
2129. Mobile game Lee enjoyed in his last few years
2131. About to
2132. Lee-Kirby Lord of the Savage Land
2134. Restrain, as breath
2135. Birthplace of the decimal point
2136. Took the bait
2137. BBC dial-sharer
2138. Less aggressive
2139. Befuddling computer game of the 1990s
2141. Not là
2142. Future flower
2144. Wise guy?
2145. Hero who added a "Gi-" to his name and changed his gimmick after just ten issues
2146. South American herders
2148. Sanders or Warren, pre-2020 (abbr.)
2149. This moment
2150. Yell "Go, go, GO!" at
2151. Meditative moans
2152. Quality sound system
2155. Buggy version, maybe
2156. Hemophiliac
2158. Jack Kirby or Peter Parker, professionally
2160. "Fighting ___ and nail"
2161. "You could hear a ___ drop"
2162. Revelation
2164. Vegas entry point?
2167. What secures a boat
2168. Elizabethan stage
2170. ___ d'
2174. Danger-detecting instinct
2185. Urgent caregivers, for short
2187. Nanny's cry
2188. Tech director
2189. Would-be assassin

- 2193.** Strategies that seem magical
- 2194.** Any issue of *Sgt. Fury and the Howling Commandos*
- 2196.** What Harry Osborn dropped in defiance of 1970s content restrictions
- 2198.** More optimistic
- 2199.** Old-fashioned toupee of sorts
- 2200.** Knee cushion in a yoga room
- 2201.** Lee-Kirby character... and character trait
- 2202.** Cylindrical solid
- 2203.** She had 14 kids total
- 2206.** Actors Cole and Richmond
- 2207.** Uno x 3
- 2209.** In his first appearance, Professor X trains him to hover
- 2210.** The Joneses, proverbially
- 2211.** iii
- 2212.** Face powder brand that sounds "windblown"
- 2214.** "Ten words or ___"
- 2215.** Where you 'ang your 'at
- 2216.** Sleeveless wear or war weapons
- 2217.** At the time
- 2218.** "Or maybe never!"
- 2220.** Japanese greeting
- 2221.** Kitchen shirt protectors
- 2222.** Closer to vertical
- 2223.** Capri add-on
- 2224.** Boat in "The Old Man and the Sea"
- 2226.** Potts who got promoted by fixing her boss's accounting error
- 2227.** "Strawberry" horse color
- 2229.** Lee who did *Hulk*
- 2231.** Easy to get along with
- 2232.** One who may trick another into committing crimes on camera
- 2234.** Give it all you got
- 2235.** Think of
- 2236.** Famous synth
- 2237.** School-home orgs.
- 2238.** Appurtenances
- 2239.** All-time memorial, for short
- 2240.** Puts into one's own feed, for short
- 2241.** Verbal headdress
- 2242.** Villainous legacy that embodies the cycle of abuse
- 2244.** mg/L alternative
- 2245.** Suffix with "part," for a teammate or co-creator
- 2246.** Typewritten pages in comics production
- 2249.** Ease, as hunger
- 2250.** Gossip
- 2251.** Receiver?
- 2253.** Henna-based skin markings
- 2255.** "Sounds like ___!"
- 2256.** *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*
- 2257.** Snapchat convo ender
- 2258.** Reporter Lane
- 2259.** Likely Japanese extra in *Daredevil*
- 2260.** "Cuisine" condiment
- 2261.** Jerk
- 2262.** Pretty señoritas
- 2264.** Picture worth a thousand-word argument on how it's pronounced
- 2265.** Monaco moms
- 2266.** Tank
- 2267.** ___ Honey Cereal
- 2268.** Car's compu-compass
- 2269.** "Eh, it's ___ miss"
- 2270.** "Tch!"
- 2271.** Mun. officials
- 2273.** "Like a mini-Wagner tuba," per John Ericson
- 2274.** Hulk's highest stat
- 2275.** Lowest tides
- 2276.** Edged on the inside
- 2278.** "Bullfeathers!"
- 2280.** 978-3836575768, e.g.
- 2281.** Geezer, slangily
- 2282.** Have no creative partner
- 2284.** First Marvel hero Lee wrote (but did not co-create)
- 2287.** Tater
- 2288.** Where the newspaper is literally made
- 2289.** Back to the ranch?
- 2290.** Spot
- 2291.** "Shut up!"
- 2293.** Crop up
- 2294.** Very French?
- 2296.** Mont Blanc, e.g.
- 2297.** Nabisco noshes
- 2298.** The ___ with No Name, where villains go to drink
- 2299.** Cupholder site, at times
- 2301.** The Skrulls' and Thanos's are ridged
- 2303.** May, Ben, or Peter
- 2306.** "Don't claim ignorance!"
- 2308.** "The Marvel ___ of Comics"
- 2309.** Fail to notice
- 2310.** Neat and old-fashioned
- 2311.** Water conduit
- 2312.** Whom one plays
- 2314.** Site of Romeo's banishment
- 2316.** Marisa who plays May
- 2318.** Ancient Iraq, abbr.
- 2319.** Thin Man's dog

2321. ___for
Pterodactyl
2322. Easiest to handle
2324. "Brrrr!"
2325. "You're the best!"
2326. ___ SuperPro,
Marvel's footballiest
hero
2329. Perceptive
2330. Comes together
2331. Victory via
blackout
2332. Nintendo side-
scrollers
2333. Plant-based balm
2334. Pointed headgear
2336. It has rules about
sugar content
2337. "Sling us a web,
you're the Spider-Man"
singer, casually
2339. Shocking
2341. Grand poo-___
2343. Inn
2345. The REALLY
early years
2346. It's almost a mesa
2347. UK pounds'
modifier
2350. Homer or Virgil
2352. Latin love?
2353. Typo or
miscoloring
2354. Big bird
2355. Word most often
found on candy hearts
2356. Just reward
2357. Acquired
2358. Periods
2359. "It's casual"
2360. Hwy., in some
regions
2361. It cools your bier
2362. Just out of camera
range
2365. As of not long ago
2366. Film composer
Schifrin
2367. Clean with
Liquid-Plumr
2368. "Ruh-___," says
Scooby
2369. Curved curtains
2371. Birthing chamber
2374. Refuse
2375. Exudes
2376. Identifying stat
2377. Steffi Graf's
husband
2380. More appealing to
a horse, say
2381. Full of frills
2382. Kept going and
going
2383. Meghan Markle's
embattled grandmother-
in-law, for short
2384. Go with
2385. War god who
fought Thor
2386. Jewish "eve"
2387. Filth-pit
2388. Designer Picasso,
daughter of Pablo
2390. Bic ___ Stic
2391. Alarmed intakes
2393. "March madness"
2396. "GOD DAMN..."
2398. Tyler who played
Betty Ross
2399. Skunk surname
2400. His first scheme
involved stealing
Blackbeard's treasure
2402. Prolific writer-
director who seemed to
burn himself out at
Marvel
2404. Student soldier
grp.
2405. 15 divs. on old
maps
2406. Comics and
movies
2410. Hospice in a
külliyе
2411. Empiricist David
2412. Well-loved
behavioral tic
2414. Cellars or attics,
often
2417. Deadly fly
2418. Home's lived-in
areas
2422. Home, in '60s
slang
2423. Natural, like
ability
2424. Stick in the body?
2425. Naval renovation
2426. Officers
2427. Naval non-com
2428. "o_o"
2431. Lee's Army work
warned soldiers about
this
2434. Python or
anaconda
2435. Tearing apart
2437. Offers at auction
2439. Phrase *Friends*
beat into the ground
2442. Lee's least
loquacious character
2444. Old name for a
vegan staple
2448. Scamander of
fictional xenobiology
2449. [You haven't
programmed this VCR
yet]
2450. Punisher and
Rocket Raccoon's
weapon of choice
2451. What Sprat could
eat
2452. Farsighted
2453. Of greater
concern
2454. Ayatollah's
predecessor
2455. "Luck's a
revolving ___"
2456. ___ Schwarz
2457. Not too plentiful,
as air
2459. Green soda cans,
slangily
2460. Spiral that resists
a charge
2466. Holy sister
2467. Tax-funded help
for the old
2468. Trenton Thunder
or Rocket City Trash
Pandas
2471. Name for God
that Kirby later
pluralized
2475. Makes less
powerful

2476. "Four stars!"
2479. Fit and trim
2480. Close, yea, verily
2481. Pre-Pop Artist Fernand
2482. On top of
2483. Urge caution to
2484. Last year's high school grad
2487. The one thing eBay lacks?
2488. Irrigation and seed import, e.g.
2489. Gold on *Entourage*
2490. Notorious Stan Lee-Pamela Anderson co-creation
2494. Old-fashioned house-heater
2496. Dict. entries
2497. Human Torch's dandruff?
2498. Jacketed records
2499. Grow uncomfortable
2500. Lettuce, do, re, mi
2501. Director known for 'splosions and 'sploding your childhood
2503. Stan's role in the *Ultimate Spider-Man* cartoon
2506. February's feminist holiday
2507. Ora or Hayworth
2509. "Fortysomethings can't write teens," e.g.
2510. Ruler in 18th-century Russia
2512. Dark day in 1968
2513. Pack hunters
2514. Sweathogs' TV mentor
2518. Swing on a web instead of cabbing or driving, e.g.
2520. Measurement used in liftoff
2521. Grim stories
2522. "Reality"-bending hero of a film trilogy
2523. Smiled oglingly
2524. As far as possible
2526. Not e'en once
2527. It's traditionally offered under a woman's window
2528. Frost with the air of a dominatrix
2529. Firm position
2531. Series where Lee rhymed against Jim Henson, for short
2534. Born with the name of
2535. Educational alliance
2537. Singer/actress Carrere
2539. "Dairyland" of the US
2540. Numbered sequence
2541. Madre's hermano
2542. Beach business
2545. Tenfold
2546. Taylor or Mashburn "who" are clothing stores, not real people
2547. Drunkards
2548. Appellation shared by some loved ones
2550. "It-- CAN'T be!"
2551. Driverless racer that's been sold for decades
2552. Predator and Swift computer maker
2553. Parts of speech Lee tended to emphasize
2554. Lower and raise one's head
2555. Hold out
2556. Cosmetics company or dessert pastry
2557. She'll send you quickly-disappearing images
2566. Satchels
2570. Has too much of
2572. Illuminates the boundaries of
2573. Step-counting gimmick
2575. It can catch many fish
2577. Unlikely team-up star
2578. Rockies' Aug. setting
2579. Small gap
2581. Power-saving, high-contrast flatscreens
2582. Designer Saint-Laurent
2583. Fizzy sugary drinks
2584. Factor in ability to conceive
2586. Japanese snack
2588. The Widow, to friends
2589. "___ Good Thing Go By" (Dewey Edwards)
2590. One who might make Lee's glasses bigger than his arms
2591. Skeezy kind of fame
2593. Extended
2594. "Maniac" of kid lit
2595. Co-producer of a 1997 Spider-Man "cybercomic"
2596. Shrinks' org.
2597. Upstart
2599. Islanders' gifts
2600. *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* network
2601. Dream
2602. Marvel artists Pat, Jim, and Jae (no relation)
2603. Basic concept
2604. Gets ready to golf
2605. Best of the best
2606. Serve food and drink
2607. Onetime Microsoft reference
2609. Lamar of basketball
2613. Lee's punctuation of preference
2616. ___ and aahing
2618. With greater res.
2619. Bear on
2621. Bit of tongue-dangling

2622. Employers' health plans
2624. Kett of old comic strips
2627. Shameless promotion
2630. Where Lee says "Are you Tony Stank?"
2635. Clench and grind
2636. Buyer
2638. Eastern prince
2639. Minor rink org.
2640. "Ne le mentionne pas"
2643. "You ain't seen nothin' ___!"
2644. Data transfer meas.
2645. Music to sleep to
2647. Admin.
2648. ___-mo
2649. Firm refusals
2650. Leaping villain
2651. Barely drink
2652. Expected birthday
2656. "I bet you can't make a war profiteer a hero," e.g.
2657. Strand on an island
2658. Insignificant insect
2659. It's in housepaint and Halloween costumes
2660. Prefixes added to revived ideas
2661. Dress (up)
2662. Mudville batter
2663. Over again
2665. Boys who like dolls, e.g.
2668. Inexpensively reinforced, as a boat
2675. Sun-powered
2677. Grouping for a purpose
2679. Jordan's org.
2680. Psychic Jean or physician Meredith
2682. TV character Stan had arrested for home invasion
2684. Almost broke
2685. "All part of the service!"
2687. Rose who sang "Paradise City"
2688. Back from the dead
2689. Where Lee was married
2690. Marge Simpson or Roseanne Conner
2691. The boring kind of office liaisons (abbr.)
2692. "If I Were ___ Man"
2693. Mudders
2694. Namibian game park
2696. Logo on boxing gloves
2697. Avengers Mansion, 890 ___, New York, NY...
2699. '70s TV detective
2701. Mr. Lee made up nonsense words for his catchphrases
2703. Poems of praise
2704. Emerald or ecru
2705. Hammurabi's code, e.g.
2706. Unfeeling
2707. Elicits "Eeyow!"
2708. Links tour organizers
2709. Alternative strategy
2710. Stickler for the fine points
2711. Long-lasting lead-in, commercially
2712. Has
2713. Onetime Sony brand now making audio
2714. Secret supply
2715. Deal (with)
2716. Dulles Airport designer Saarinen
2718. Abound
2720. Notorious fiddler
2721. Thor's strongest brother
2722. Floods to clean
2724. Slick material
2726. "He-- he-- HE'S BEEN MURDERED, HELLLP!"
2727. The Rock's diet
2728. Measure of exposure
2729. Rhinoplasty
2731. Tequila maker Cuervo
2732. "I *need* that arm!"
2733. Poverty-preventing agcy.
2734. Scooby's last name
2735. Campers' sacks
2738. Reviews unkindly
2739. Anagram of MY CAR
2740. Alone
2742. Start of Mjolnir's inscription
2744. Largest city in Poland
2746. "Great Ancestor" of Egypt's Pharaohs
2749. Get to bed
2750. Tarnish the reputation of
2752. Bordeaux wine
2754. Lee and Kirby's Fin Fang Foom, e.g.
2756. Compulsive bodybuilder
2758. Night wear, for short
2759. Immersive experience
2760. Dolmens in a circle (not necessarily of stone)
2761. Walk-___ (quick appearances)
2762. Vein to heat a building
2766. Cordial relations
2767. How Stark made his fortune
2768. Doesn't stop talking (on)
2769. No longer consequential
2770. Asinine

2771. Exterior front of the car
2772. Out of the wind
2773. Bar for a car
2775. Dog-training command
2776. Puts up naughty "Halloween decorations"
2777. Eucalyptus
2781. Inspector at the airport
2783. Command or proper arrangement
2785. Daredevil's "mask" on Netflix
2787. Suffix with amyl, lact and lip
2788. "C'est magnifique!"
2790. Wolfman who wrote Dracula and held Lee's EIC job
2791. "___ Venom!"
2792. Subway to B-way
2793. Gaza governors, arguably
2794. Marvel's name before it was "Marvel"
2795. "Count on me!"
2798. Davis of *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*
2799. Trickster who lost a memorable fight to the Hulk
2800. Weave, as a web
2801. "Frankly" follower in 1939
2802. News org. headquartered less than a mile from Marvel
2804. Mood music composer
2808. "On the ___... But on the other..."
2809. Actress Anderson
2811. "I rescued you!"
2813. Voice in Lee's rectangular captions
2815. Auditory ability
2820. Cyclops' are not lasers
2822. Subtitle of film where Lee plays a general
2825. Perform in a movie
2826. Eligible soldiers
2827. Map lines, for short
2828. Author Keller or actress Hunt
2829. Jasmine's tiger
2830. ___ hand (asking help)
2831. "Smokes"
2832. Dramatic peaks
2833. Old photos
2834. Hollywood legend Meryl
2837. Act of wordless reverence
2839. Chinese change
2841. Conclude
2843. Dig down further into
2844. Irish member of the Howling Commandos
2846. Sets of consecutive performances
2847. Stage-fright-inducing test
2848. Show that was better with Abby and Ziva
2849. Captain who died knowing Peter's secret
2850. Author of Lee's favorite poem
2851. Standard
2852. Price
2853. Mighty shield
2854. ___-Latino (Miles Morales, e.g.)
2855. ___ *Out* (musical based on Billy Joel's oeuvre)
2856. Actress Reid or Strong
2857. "Thus with a kiss ___" (Romeo)
2858. Emotional response to overwork
2859. Art things about Mary
2861. Affliction highlighted in Tony Stark's movie arc
2862. Separate, as Shakespearean lips
2863. "Have a sample"
2865. Military group
2867. Where Galileo taught
2869. Speakers' compensations
2870. Trill in Spanish 102
2871. Spermicide alternative
2872. Larson of single-panel cartooning
2873. Assails with emails
2874. Pulitzer-winning project begun in underground comix
2875. Baseball or football
2876. "Groenlandia," e.g.
2877. Older folks, for short
2878. Seat for lounging
2879. What the Scarlet Witch doesn't really use
2880. Roddenberry's universe, for short
2881. With "the," nearly omnipotent villain with jagged face
2883. Hero who couldn't use his powers on people due to 1960s content rules
2885. South-of-the-border staple
2886. Damn'd
2888. One who struggles
2890. Pre-Darth Vader
2891. "Waters" rapper or Texas player
2893. 2020 remake with a shapeshifting witch
2895. Foam dart blasters
2897. Form of Lee's last published work
2898. XS-sized
2900. He lacks super-powers but has still defeated the Avengers in comics and film

2901. Cream in competition
2902. "Te ____ laudamus"
2903. Theoretical shape of our world
2904. Unlikely to meet much wind resistance
2905. Is onto a mole
2907. "Want a job?"
2909. Flying objects
2910. West who, in her day, raised more eyebrows than Kanye
2911. What's actually there
2912. Do really, really badly
2913. "Really?? REALLY?!?"
2916. Brain and spinal cord, for short
2918. Start of a pirate shout
2920. Midmorning time
2922. Unpaved routes
2923. Hot (REALLY hot) rocks
2924. Suffused
2925. French goods?
2926. Pussycats' lead singer
2927. Catcher's glove
2928. Mutant who came to resemble a blue cat
2929. "In excelsis ____"
2930. Cap's buddy Sam, or the Kingpin to his wife
2933. "You." Hear it?
2934. Cloud where many comets go
2935. Zero influence
2936. Is a little TOO into
2937. Subject of "All-powerful? There is only ONE who deserves that name! And HIS only weapon... is LOVE!"
2938. Facial reminders of fighting
2940. Units of dialogue or art
2941. Get inquisitive
2942. Lee's nat.
2943. Embankment, e.g.
2945. "Forget it!"
2947. Earthquakes, typhoons, and Stan Lee Media
2949. Bizzes taxed separately from their owners
2951. *Mary Tyler Moore Show* spin-off
2952. Tarzan's "you"
2953. "Authority" seen on every 1960s Marvel comic
2955. Find a connection with
2956. "Liquid sunshine" right from the vine
2960. Amingle with
2961. Toughs
2963. Short-fused
2964. Scoffs skeptically
2965. "In what way?"
2966. Someone shown the ropes
2967. Dialogue or monologue
2968. Hair clumps
2969. Make haste
2970. Pot covers, to Brits
2973. Type style used for species (abbr.)
2975. *Marvel's Agent* —
2976. Encircling
2977. Iffy
2978. Insignificant
2979. Camaro or LeBaron
2980. Earth-moving tool
2981. Grumpy
2982. "Reeves on a park bench" pic :-(
2983. NNW and ESE
2984. "Joie de ____"
2985. British national galleries
2986. Wet blankets
2987. Crossover
2988. "Tome" lead-in
2989. Lee introduced this first African-American superhero at artist Gene Colan's instigation
2990. Dot-com
2991. It's tref to mix them with cheeses
2992. From elsewhere
2998. Special-ops "supergroups"
3000. Richards who took 12 issues to get a first name
3002. 3rd-c. Paris bishop
3004. Caesar or garden
3005. Algerian or Yemeni
3006. Boston mayor Marty
3007. CBS show about intergenerational sobriety struggles
3008. Villainous plot
3010. Villains' hideouts
3011. "I Can" rapper
3012. Hr. of takeoff
3013. Whitens
3014. "What's more"
3015. Angel's mutation
3016. Feminist self-identifier criticized by trans activists
3017. Muscle or young animal
3018. Time by which most people are working in earnest
3019. "Je pense, ____ je suis"
3020. Price of thoughts?
3021. Give less credit than deserved
3023. Classical music's Dietrich Fischer-____
3024. "Mmm... yeah..."
3025. Cap's old, old buddies in *Age of Ultron*
3027. Resolved (to)
3028. Her death marked the end of comics' Silver Age
3029. Ninesome

- 3030.** Repository of super-strength
- 3032.** *Christopher Robin* subject
- 3033.** "I've had ___-full of Marvel..." (Kirby, 1970)
- 3034.** Even vaster
- 3035.** "Never mind, it's fine" note
- 3036.** Kid's pup
- 3037.** High-IQ org.
- 3038.** Woodwinds found in Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*
- 3040.** No walk in the park
- 3042.** He regretted he had but one life to give for his country
- 3043.** Where Englanders may etch
- 3045.** Keep in reserve
- 3047.** His daughter
- 3048.** Excavators of wood and metal
- 3049.** Deck with archetypes
- 3050.** Credit for pencillers
- 3051.** No-___ (tiny bugs)
- 3052.** Wingfoot, Marvel's first recurring Native American character
- 3053.** "What ___ want to do?"
- 3054.** Highly intelligent, tentacled predator
- 3057.** "Yankee Doodle" and "Home on the Range"
- 3059.** "Beethoven's ___" (Brahms' First Symphony, jocularly)
- 3060.** Ignore at awards season
- 3061.** At the limit, with "out"
- 3062.** Animal's appendage
- 3063.** Former coin of Finland
- 3064.** Inhuman who seems like he should be named "Centaur"
- 3065.** It's "never complete without its challenges," Lee said
- 3066.** Where one learns good
- 3070.** Long-tailed macaque
- 3071.** Director Burton
- 3074.** Artists' sponsors
- 3075.** Scheduled for
- 3076.** Motive to meow
- 3077.** Freeze up in competition
- 3078.** Wheat or white alternative
- 3079.** Careful shooters
- 3080.** Peter's friend who proves money can't buy happiness
- 3081.** Wunderkind
- 3082.** Blowfish's "leader"
- 3083.** Part of this
- 3084.** Ostrich-like South American creatures
- 3085.** On time, if only just
- 3087.** Croft and Flynn Boyle
- 3088.** Mo. of Labor?
- 3089.** Heavy in *Thor* sharing a name with Lee's first co-creation
- 3091.** "Dirty Deeds" singer Joan
- 3092.** Trimmed the fat or expanded
- 3095.** England's first "Defender of the Faith"
- 3100.** Luxurious apartment
- 3101.** Anwar who mentored Hosni Mubarak
- 3102.** Disappearing sound effect
- 3103.** Throat-clearing noises
- 3104.** "Joltin'" inker Marvel's pencillers often demanded to work with
- 3106.** Sources of DNA
- 3107.** Jumper down under
- 3108.** Place to get pampered
- 3109.** Nickname akin to "Wall-Crawler"
- 3111.** Daring robbery
- 3112.** Actor George or Lee's manga artist Hiroyuki
- 3113.** "C'mon, we KNOW!"
- 3114.** Gold, chemically
- 3115.** Things worth comparing on credit cards
- 3116.** Carl, the "good duck artist"
- 3117.** Her final MCU film is in 2020
- 3118.** Benjamin Netanyahu, familiarly
- 3119.** Kiddo
- 3120.** "Hugs and kisses!"
- 3121.** Where Lee gets drunk on Asgardian liquor
- 3124.** It "must" increase with power
- 3127.** Apple Pencil, for one
- 3128.** Usually decisive inning
- 3129.** Toon who loves mud puddles
- 3131.** Give ___: care
- 3132.** Crème-crème filling
- 3133.** Thesaurus-maker of note
- 3134.** Bucking bronco show
- 3135.** "Take ___ McDonald's" (Bangs) song
- 3136.** Hero with memorable scenes in two different film franchises
- 3139.** Part of a Buddhist title that means "ocean"
- 3140.** Baller league?
- 3141.** Cake or chuckle
- 3142.** Hit the big chime

3143. Complete reversal
3145. Abbr. on a cereal box
3147. "Don't you know there's ___ on?"
3148. Join up again
3149. Supply with fresh weapons
3150. First encounter
3151. De ___
3152. Largest continent
3153. Actor Suplee
3154. Downtime
3155. Die by rope
3156. Island near Java
3157. Flight org.
3158. "Yub nub" guerillas
3159. "A" as in WASP
3160. "That'll be the day!" expression
3161. Sep.-Dec. or Jan.-May, often
3162. Hulk and Thing, appearance-wise
3163. Sleek
3164. Got up
3165. "Catcher" Caulfield
3166. Moore of comics scriptwriting
3167. "All the Things She Said" Russian duo
3168. "Crush with Eyeliner" and "Man on the Moon" singers
3169. Rubik of cubes
3170. Org. the Fantastic Four circumvented in their origin story
3171. "To be clear, this is a threat"
3172. Rocks for Jocks, e.g.
3173. Passive
3174. Dance we're all getting a little tired of
3175. Of great height
3176. Place of privilege
3177. Bible-ish transition that ramps up enthusiasm
3178. "Sacre ___!"
3179. Emblem
3180. Give a challenge
3181. "___ And His All-Father" (recent *Thor* title)
3182. Accomplish what one shouldn't
3183. "Fight, fight, fight for Maryland!" singers
3184. "TTY in a sec"
3185. Sweat and poop
3186. Soothing video genre
3187. Skinflint
3188. Insert neighbor
3189. Linear intersection
3190. Not quite a PD chief
3191. *Star Wars*/*SHIELD*?
3192. Dare, hillbilly style
3193. Educational acronym for left-brainers
3194. Fresh from a break
3195. Wasted on the floor?
3196. Dutch colonist in an 1899 war
3197. Satisfies, or half-"satisfies?"
3198. Rams' ma'ams
3199. Stains with flame, say
3200. German legwear
3201. Meaningful act of fate
3202. Batroc's head
- Down**
1. Singer Lee
 2. Some take their tea with two
 3. What brings delight
 4. Amazon's "last mile," e.g.
 5. Green, gold, and brown
 6. Scratches, dings, and all
 7. She-Hulk, to friends
 8. "The King"
 9. They make things easier
 10. Elizabethan family
 11. Stalks, with "on"
 12. Awards claimed in '18 by Taylor Swift and *Black Panther*
 13. "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo ___"
 14. Avenger with improbable powers?
 15. Twenties transports
16. Barfin', in a classier term
17. "No food for us, thanks!"
18. The 4 in "Fan-tastic-four"
19. Short and sturdy
20. "Woot!" follower, in song
21. Quick
22. Formally legally agreed-upon
23. Middle name of "The Raven"'s author
24. Cambodian currency
25. Eggs
26. Seed a future breakup
27. Literary mockery
28. Some, in Spain
29. John Jameson, to "Jolly" Jonah
30. Overwhelming success
31. Says again
32. "I'm the least scientific person ___ ever know" (Lee)
33. comiXology and Marvel: Color Your Own
34. "Picked" complaint
35. "Centuries"
36. Casual affirmatives
37. Four to one, e.g.
38. "Fi" front?
39. Language group with 350 million speakers
40. Like most of us

41. Print again
42. Polar explorer Fridtjof
43. Yearning
44. Revolutionary whose face adorns many tees
45. Smart car of classic film or Fantastic Four robot
46. Bar seat
47. First words of Michael Buble's L.O.V.E.
48. Birdwatching, flower-identifying vacay
49. Trojan hero whose line led to Rome
50. Ger. currency of old
51. Wyatt whom Lee wrote for *Gunsmoke Western*
52. "Angels of mercy," briefly
53. Circled "registered trademark" symbol
54. Background
55. "Et" follower
56. X-artist Neal or president John Quincy
57. Old Italian coin
58. Hr. one will go
59. Lifelong principles
60. "Excellent!"
61. Drowned river valleys
62. High schoolers hold rallies for it
63. Getting mentally feeble
64. Fixes with steam
65. Quip
66. "Have ___ time!"
67. Reimagining
68. Recombinant stuff
69. Hero who shares his name with a chess piece
70. Cancel
71. Pleasant savoriness
72. Lee's offhand remark once gave Iron Man's armor this feature
73. Script mark denoting indoors
74. Axel, Marvel editor-in-chief before Cebulski
75. Superhero St. Croix named for a painter (not all these are Lee's, BTW)
76. Welcomers at doorsteps
77. *Deep Space 9* shapeshifter
78. "I love tortured heroes--and he was tortured because he couldn't control his power" subject
79. Prepares a second shot
80. Form of Spanish "to be"
81. Env. contents
82. Somber ER letters
83. Namor and other Atlanteans
84. From pole to pole
85. "Holy Hannah!"
86. Heimdall portrayer
87. Crooned to
88. #followingALLhisposts
89. Kuwaiti currency
90. Bond expeller
91. Like life in Latvia
92. Becoming intangible
93. Intoned melodically
94. Two of a kind
95. Drug buster
96. Wildly reckless
97. "I CAN HAS CHEEZBURGER?" comics star
98. Mohammed's generals
99. Memo's subject intro
100. Landing fields
101. Distinctive voice qualities
102. Most wicked
103. Award-winning mountain-climbing 2018 game
104. "Tha Kid" of the band The Internet
130. Try to digest
144. Foaming at the mouth
150. "I saw," if "I" am Caesar
152. Falcon and vulture
155. [your text has been read]
157. Second-rate
159. Birth nation of Dr. Faustus
161. Expected by now
163. Supervillain focused on body-building
165. (sigh) "Sure"
167. Working history
168. Lowly worker
169. One in search
170. Gretzky teammate, back in the day
171. French assents
172. Long-ago grads
174. Lymph junctures
175. Yoga pose
176. Raising the dead
177. Romeo's feet?
179. Carter romantically linked to Steve Rogers
180. Toils like a serf, in the olde days
181. Typical superhero costume
183. Gravely concerning
184. Jamaican tangelos
185. Fuel usage stat
186. The Green Knight was his nemesis
187. Subject 1960s comics avoided
188. Lively and spry
189. Cats' favorite place to shed
190. Nashville-based honors
191. Valuable discovery
192. Measure of YouTube popularity
193. Wimpy kid with a diary
194. ___ better than (improve on a little)
195. Remote batteries

200. Drag
202. "___ Waldo?"
203. Public burst of rage
204. "Altar" constellation
205. Quick click
206. Iraqi minority
207. Inter, as cremains
208. With "The," series Lee and Kirby began but Chris Claremont defined
210. "Oh, wow..."
212. Give no offense
214. Move quietly
215. Donations for the poor
216. Colored most "richly"
217. Can be for this puzzle's theme, e.g.
218. Hamiltons
219. Elevating device in most houses
220. Hispanic-owned food giant
221. Stable babies
222. Cop-novel writer Dorothy
223. Disco and hula hoops
224. Guy who needs little hydration, slangily
226. Birds' words?
227. "The prisoners are escaping!!"
228. *The Once and Future King* author
230. Absorbs solar emissions
232. "Cash" add-on
233. That fella's
234. Offscreen, for short
236. Quicksilver, to the Scarlet Witch
237. Gets rid
238. Gets mentally ready, with "up"
239. *Spider-Man and His Amazing Friends* images Lee signed
240. Slips while driving
241. Channel deposit
242. Correo ___
243. Sounded (true)
244. "Get ___, you two!"
245. Makes docile
246. Cracker that sounds expensive
247. Eva of *CSI: Miami*
248. Former student
249. On-the-nose name found in *Heroes* and *Big Hero 6*
250. "Ever higher," more simply
252. Spaces to fill in
253. Action figure or fidget spinner
254. Wolverine's facial feature
256. Weak point in a genius's plan
258. Un-buh-LEEV-able
259. "...to ___ it politely..."
260. Dictated
261. Japanese character sets (rarely pluralized)
262. Ctrl + Alt + ___
263. Keep changing
264. Big hurricane in 2012 New York
265. Promo created before the movie's finished
266. Earn an emblem for, as football
267. Old but popular
268. How to value diamonds
269. Singing to
270. Blow off steam
271. Traditional main ingredient in fruit fool
273. Anti-Parkinson's drg
274. West Coast Avengers and X-Force, e.g.
275. Startled with a pronouncement
277. Early Superman writer?
278. Rocky prefix
279. Figure out
280. "Stan Lee is not replaceable. So we will never ___" (Marvel Studios)
282. Getting out while the getting's good
284. Bon ___ (zingers)
285. Limelight-lover
286. Find a partner
287. Lee collaborator from Europe
289. Successful candidate
290. Before
291. Tchaikovsky who wrote the 1812 Overture
292. Bloody beginning?
293. Win a fight with
295. Bigfoot shoes
296. Likely early reader of Lee's comics
297. Great pilot
298. "___ a wizard, Harry"
301. Ex-Mouseketeer Britney
303. Ques. response
304. Trump's reality-denying attorney general
305. "Curses!"
306. Last character to appear in the *Avengers* saga
308. Rice brand that may be triggering for a Marvel hero
309. Sigma sequel
311. Boomer-aged
313. Doomed patriot Glenn
314. Lee-Kirby villain introduced as "a master of la savate, the French art of boxing with the feet!"
315. Interfere, as Fred and Daphne might
316. Sex cell
317. Dorothy's caretaker with Uncle Henry
318. Spiral-pointed building material
319. Roman magistrate
320. Laid into a feast

321. Principle of moderation... or geometry
322. One of nine in Thor's cosmos
323. Lee smoked one when he was young, to look older
325. With a motif
326. Flash-like villain once known as the Whizzer
327. In heat
329. With great accuracy
330. Comic-strip orphan rescued by Daddy Warbucks
331. Boo
332. Reddit event Lee did in '09
333. "Whatever, ___ longer care"
334. Nag
335. Green-hatted South Parker
336. Crooner Frank
337. Consarn
338. Fuzzy-minded
340. "Our co. began in..."
342. E. ___ outbreak
343. Dahl of kidlit
344. Crossword-lover's favorite part of English
345. Stark who rules the North
346. [siiigh]
347. *Rip Van Winkle* author
348. Ungenerous one
349. Small town
350. Awards honoring promo campaigns
351. Female-named VFX company that de-aged Lee for his final role
353. MN metropolis
354. Weapon of Skurge the Executioner
355. Gershwin who composed early comedies
357. "The ___ true for me!" ("Me too!")
358. Pronoun used by a slight majority in America
359. Rated G
361. Liquored in a Lamborghini
363. Bite-sized nourishments
364. "Daddy-o" and "outta sight!," e.g.
365. Paradise Lost guitarist Aaron
366. Over-drinker
367. Freak-out
369. "And ___ saw a pale horse..."
370. Penny's worth
371. Intangible benefit
372. Aussie "Hey!"
373. Fires
374. Singer Nutini
375. Mythical monster
376. Kiwis from New Zealand
377. Goddess of wisdom
378. Where one is most at home
379. Coiled cylinders
380. One saved from disaster
382. "Continue..."
383. Glaswegian's great-grandchild
384. "So do the proud men die, crucified, not on a cross of gold, but on a stake of humble ___" (Gerry Conway)
385. Mo. in which *Marvel Comics* #1 was released
386. Attention-getting shouts
387. Modifier for "smoothie" or "rainforest"
389. "___ guy walks into a bar..."
390. ___'s *Gate* (var. of 286-Across)
392. ___-majeste
393. Serious amount
395. [ask us later]
397. Christmas trees, often
398. ___ *For Family*
399. Painful pee problem
402. Designer Vera
403. "Chug! Chug! Chug!"
404. Submachine guns from Israel
406. Performer of impossible feats in an all-time bestseller
407. Bill Haley's band
409. Confess in a big way
410. Have in collection
411. Mo
412. Immerse oneself
419. Has potential to become
420. "Rat-a-tat" style mus.
424. (The) most profitable film franchise ever, for short
427. The Brangelina of the 2010s
429. Continue to ease soreness of
431. Groove
434. "Forget it!"
436. Liquid associated with kindness
437. Full
438. Marvel Zombie, e.g.
439. A
440. Prefix with "guided" or "behave"
441. Stan Lee for Stanley, or I scream for ice cream
443. Epic series whose casting foreshadowed Marvel's
444. "Follow me"
445. Allentown-NYC dir.
451. Big name in root beer
452. Boyfriend
453. Fey of "30 Rock"
455. "Better a has-___..."

456. Sixth vowel
458. Lee's 1950s-1970s home had two of them
459. Gladiator's snare
460. Butt
461. Giving in
462. Subway pass
463. Informal collection plate
464. "Absolutely!"
466. Broccoli disorder
468. Unit of power
472. Gave (farewell)
473. Three heroes first fought this Lee-Kirby villain to save a loved one from dying in childbirth
474. Where the British lost to Perry
475. They're married to the Lord
478. Marvel editor-in-chief whose first name was that of a rival company
481. Key-shaped instrument
482. "No to both" conjunction
483. Hee or yee follower
484. Pegged on sight
485. Element 5
486. Full of action every which way
488. Job-listing letters
489. "Forget it!"
490. Fashion for Marvel's Dracula
491. Genetic incentive for crossbreeding
493. *Tootsie's* Teri
494. Blue-chip
495. Indecisive
496. "Shoot!"
498. Essay on society's ills
500. Turn sharply from one's course
501. Antidepressant type
502. Stark's tech
503. Daenerys' show, for short
504. "Amazing!"
506. Wall of a cartoon jail
508. Flying en masse
509. Sarah Sanders' old position
510. Seemingly unexplored terrain
511. Now, legally
512. Collection of sexy muscles
513. Opera character who meets the Magi
514. Follow another's lead
515. Cause of fruit lesions
516. Tony Stark's biggest flaw, arguably
517. Photosynthetic nucleotide
518. Princess of Wales and of the Amazons
519. Signed up for classes at
520. They're drawn in war
521. Where Lee is a space barber
523. Cyclist race vehicles
525. Caption for a time transition
526. The Pentagon's org.
527. Stan appeared on it in *The Trial of the Incredible Hulk*
528. Number that contains its own Roman numeral
530. Archenemy's motive, often
532. Bologna man
533. "Oh, THAT'S right"
534. Eastern path?
536. Hulk and Captain America's young friend written out of the movies
537. "Have at ___!" (frequent Thor exclamation)
540. "___ that amazing?"
541. "If you ___ interested in what you do, that keeps you going"
542. Dreamworks inits.
543. "Good" name for a pope?
544. SHIELD agt., say
545. Spending \$350K a year with no job, say
546. Occupy reality
547. Some vodka orders
548. Red total
549. Roman school named for a Greek city
553. Burning through more Kleenex
556. Artist Darwyn or singer Sam
557. Apt rhyme for Banner's grumpy other
558. Kingpin's surname
559. "Kilroy ___ here"
560. *Woe ___: The Grammarphobe's Guide...*
561. Relations
562. Where Dave Batuista and Dwayne Johnson got their start
563. Grateful text
564. Antoine Domino Jr.
565. Like most comic-book lettering, except for the pronoun "I"
567. Driver's license or passport
569. Becomes a wet mess
571. (Had) done, as laps
572. What a puppy does
573. Admire the hips and chest of
574. Ancient Roman coin
575. "Blinding Lights" singers
578. Hazard near the harbor
580. Lets touch these
584. Belief system
585. Casual bottoms

586. Somewhere exotic
587. Partner of the void
588. Inclination
589. Do like Mr. Robot
591. Hyperbolic sin over hyperbolic cos
592. They're rushed to from ambulances
593. Last year without any Marvel-based films
594. Beat (abbr.)
596. Swimming styles
598. *Beverly Hillbillies* daughter
600. Beatles' " ____ Mine"
601. Campus Greek grp.
602. Illuminated
603. *X-Men: ____ of Future Past*
605. "Don't do drugs, kids" segment
608. Take inspiration
610. Changing again
612. "I feel that if you're able to ____ people, you're doing a good thing" (Lee)
616. Put someone else's voice over
618. Profit plus loss
619. Clothing with a buckle
620. Berlin or Bremen
622. Sue to Johnny
623. "Disgraceful!"
625. Prayer punctuations
626. Groomsman's garb
627. ____ intent (defense against copyright claims)
629. Loonytoons
634. Earwormish
635. YouTuber Hill
636. Sights that are blights
640. Deformed by a strike
643. "Clap along" song of 2013
645. Damaging downpour
646. Forearm bones
649. Country name hidden in a Fantastic Four member's name
650. Wearing ____ : undercover
651. Ross or Talbot, in the US Army
652. Cross-dressing comedy classic
653. Addams cousin
655. Many Pride marchers
656. Classic sitcom alien
657. Tampa ____
661. Senile stick-in-the-mud
664. Plan of organization, for short
668. Megastinky
670. What the Kingpin, surprisingly, isn't
672. Horn or bighorn noise
673. Diminishes in intensity
674. Cowardly (cat)
675. Purple perennials
676. Tower in Texas, often
677. Inits. from an '80s "era"
678. Where Lee plays Larry King
679. Dress nattily
680. Make a quick excursion
683. "Son..."
689. Approaching fast
694. Film about a lost father figure with (appropriately) no Lee cameo
695. Honey badger
696. Lifelike
697. Usual length of a pin-up
698. With "The," Marvel's last war comic to outsell its superheroes
701. "So long, Luigi!"
702. Weighted weapons
703. Trait of Doctor Doom's (and Lee's, if you ask Kirby)
704. Noah of lexicography
705. *Game of Thrones* knight-title
706. Made a mess
707. Feature of many romantic songs
714. Artist colony in New Mexico
716. "Hic, haec, hoc" subj.
717. "Loved him like ____"
718. President whose suicide was witnessed by Captain America
719. Odd factoids
721. Stop with
722. Fastest-swimming sharks
723. "Man!" (ironic synonym, when you think about it)
725. ____-80 (early microcomputer)
726. Useful item or useless person
727. Impersonator
729. It squeezes its prey
730. Broke a promise
731. Gather again, as lost authority
732. Tony and Bruce, Steve and Bucky, Steve and Tony...
733. Directed-energy weapon that's no longer sci-fi
734. Where Lee's last onscreen words are "Make love, not war!"
735. Ineffable airs
736. Turkic drink served with seafood
742. Tic-tac-toe blockage
745. Too fast
746. "I've got your back"
749. Naval battle pattern
750. Fellow duder

751. Lee's original first name
753. Six months before Lee died, this happened at his convention seat, prompting him to say, "Come back in ten years for your anniversary!"
754. Groups of business heads
757. Moral crimes
759. It literally means "Ever higher!" (or "wood shavings")
760. Ginger, white pepper, basil, and other ingredients of Stan Lee Signature Cologne
761. Follows
763. Colorizer Turner
764. Solid chunk
766. Because of, with "to"
768. Large open containers at orchestras
770. Nearby crash space
771. FedEx rival
773. Overlapping-circle diagram
774. Hot car in the '60s
775. Meal planner of sorts
776. "I'm made of rubber" defense, in chatspeak
777. *Variety* rival, for short
778. Act lovey-dovey
780. US Nobel physicist
782. Like Jimmy Woo and Jubilee
784. Lee's nickname in comics credits
787. Fish-eating raptors
790. Covering used at the barbecue
792. 1.35 J
794. Braves and Nats
796. Idle hours
798. Towering broadcast source
799. Hold within
801. Most comics had 20 or so (abbr.)
803. Medusa's key feature
805. Scientist's workshop
808. Traumatized investigator whose TV series has a pic of Lee as a cop
809. Proverbially busy mammal
810. French interjection
812. Bit of progress
814. Drank too much
816. Concert halls
818. Best ever, for short
820. Without an angle
821. Not shoveled
822. Stop publishing
824. Common personals abbr.
826. "One of those two"
828. Often-cced communique
831. Ep on the Youtubes
832. Sartorial requirement for a "real" job, some say
834. False god name-checked in the Bible
835. Mindless robot
836. Decide not to do
837. Lee drives one in *Infinity War*
838. Has the power to
839. Saxophonist Stan
840. Basketball showman
842. Mil. awards in the UK, Vietnam, and Argentina
844. Rubbed dry
846. Silicon Valley's Lewin
848. Madrid musk
850. "I play my best for him, ___-pum-pum-pum"
852. Messes up with Mjolnir?
854. Raptors of Australia
856. Cartoon "idea"
858. "Ack!"
860. 7-
862. Weapon Marvel heroes modified for manned flight
864. Volcano goddess or soccer superstar
865. Colossus' first name (it's a popular one at Marvel, it seems)
866. He or she looks like a junior bulldog
867. Leaner
869. Ablactate
872. Not the brightest bulb
873. 1948 foreign aid agency that anagrams a card
874. Wolverine creator Wein
876. First grandson
878. Event named for a network
880. How much you should have of this 'n' that
881. Sci-fi world-builder Hubbard
883. Fantasy/sci-fi imprint named for an author
885. "Sign ___ for that!"
886. Disregarded, as advice
888. Mia or Jon
890. Org. for Inkster and other linksters
893. Org. that got Lee to defy comics' version of the MPAA (see 2196-Across and 2953-Across)
894. Marvel Entertainment Group, —
895. Fails to exist
896. *Transformers* star Labeouf
897. Desire
898. Complain
899. Possibly poisonous
901. "We should clear the air"
902. FBI guys
903. Memory hack
906. Rehoming org.

908. Comics format Lee wrote in the longest
910. "What has to be, has to be"
911. "Stick to that note," in music
914. NBC broadcast partner every 2 years
916. Early Grand Canyon residents
918. Blue-skinned, red-finned spacefarer
920. Gloria who inspired today's Captain Marvel
922. Daddy in Durango
923. "May ___ myself out?"
924. "I'M FALLIIIIINGGGG!"
926. *La ___ Vita*
928. Rorschach mark
929. Swift of breakup songs
931. "He loves you," classically
932. "Chicago Hope" and "Sons of Anarchy" actor
933. Floral in shape
936. Lee of cheesecake
939. "___ Dimittis" ("I can die happy now," basically)
942. Celeb-related chatter
944. Not costing a cent
945. When the Avengers were all getting along and staying alive
947. Complain like Namor?
950. "Your," in yore
951. "Gloria," e.g.
953. Kasparov of chess and politics
954. Condition
956. Texter's begging letters
957. Season's greeting, for short
961. With "the," Spider-foe with a prehensile tail
963. Heating units?
965. Title in Tijuana
967. How to get from the Louvre to the Arc de Triomphe
969. Exfiltration
971. Increase steadily and impressively
974. "We're ON to something!"
976. "You said a mouthful!"
980. "Too bad, so sad"
982. Adamantium or vibranium
983. Aromatic plants of Eurasia
985. A in French?
986. Goddess who vexes her mortal namesake
987. Tic ___ toe
989. Drink with a splash of olive juice
990. "Inner" beginner
991. Future viewer
992. "Do my best"
994. Cover with copper or silver, maybe
996. Foibles and frustrations
997. ___ One Vodka
999. Not too many
1001. "Buenas ___"
1003. Creative team-up (that makes assigning credit difficult)
1005. Spillings absorber
1007. The TV miniseries changed the origin of their powers
1009. Gets wrinkly
1011. Triceps exercises
1013. German article
1014. Diatribe
1015. Desert hills
1017. Pocket
1020. ___ Eisley, "a wretched hive of scum and villany"
1022. Australian, white-leaved twenty-footer
1024. Taj Mahal site
1027. Forelegs and hindlegs, e.g.
1029. Hoped-for umpire shout
1030. Basic soap-makers
1032. "Seaside Panic Room" rapper
1035. Anatomical pouch
1037. "Working without ___"
1038. Mythical toy factory
1039. Atlantean
1041. Racer AJ
1042. Unmarrieds in Uruguay
1043. Admonishes
1044. Puts out
1045. Sugary, wince-inducing chew
1047. Neat as ___
1048. Verbal grace
1049. The Stay-___ Marshmallow Man
1052. "Outta bed, time for work"
1054. Festeoned by pranksters
1056. Mountain wind
1059. Biggest pie slice that'll fit on your plate, probably
1061. Consequential
1063. Strange and Night Nurse, but not Doom or Octopus
1065. Families in an order, e.g.
1068. Start of a Popeye quote
1069. Reach new heights
1070. "To clarify..."
1071. Medicare medication section
1072. Keisters
1075. "I'm listening!"
1077. Sitcom's shipwreck victim
1078. Auditions
1081. Curved edge
1082. Extorts
1084. Jupiter or Pluto
1086. ___ aves

1087. Bert the Cowardly Lion
1089. Uncaring
1091. Start of a machine-gun sound
1094. Shirt likely to sport a logo
1096. Group of objects centered on one by gravity
1097. "Oklahoma!" aunt
1099. Position behind the main action
1100. Wine opener?
1102. "Movies for movie lovers" station
1104. Soaked
1105. Jaunty greeting
1107. "No ___ eyes in the house"
1110. Motorola phones returning to market
1112. Words Marge is used to
1115. Stan: " ___ few words to the fans, Jack!" Jack: "Okay. 'A few words.'"
1117. Cheese off
1119. "That came out wrong...!"
1121. Italian cuisine suffix
1123. ___'acte
1126. Likely lead actor
1129. Thor's "Catwoman"
1130. God of obstacle removal
1132. TV-computer connector
1133. El ___ (early Spanish hero)
1134. Cosmetics company with a redundant acronym (like "DC Comics")
1136. Vietnamese standby
1137. Where Lee says, "WhassaMATTER with you kids, you never seen a spaceship before?"
1138. "Your Friendly ___ Spider-Man!"
1141. Legendary hockey player Cam
1143. Root for as a couple
1145. "The Kiss" artist
1147. Squirt-gun-like restraining device
1149. Stan's advice for aspiring writers
1151. Dark wood stain
1154. Artist Jean or Hans
1158. Errol Flynn fight scenes usually involved it
1159. Ogling creep
1161. Period
1163. Modifier with "Cyclop-" and "Sisyph-"
1164. Roadside dangers in the M. East
1165. Withdrawal's opp.
1166. Col. Sanders' co.
1167. Afro or updo
1170. Image manager
1171. Journalist's coup
1173. Dutch artist Frans
1175. Lee collaborator Ringo
1177. "Caffeine free" Pez flavor
1178. "Orinoco Flow" singer
1180. Animal lover of Hogwarts
1182. Desert ___ Gholein (*Diablo II*) or Dasht-e-___ (Iran)
1184. "I" as in the Iliad
1186. Artist Humberto or stage actor Anthony
1188. Magazine submission encl.
1189. Some or more
1190. Resolve quietly, as a quarrel
1192. Firefighter FX series
1193. Like ___ (unique)
1195. Vociferously vituperates
1198. The present era
1200. Lisa with a smile
1202. Forbidding grunts
1205. Bloody failure in World War I
1207. But also
1209. Office honcho
1211. Stand up for good?
1212. In this director's first Marvel film, Lee gets called "a class-A creeper"
1213. Prez the FF first reported to
1214. Potter's wine holder
1215. Sphere of sorts
1216. Shakira's Super Bowl co-star
1217. Elektra's weapon of choice
1218. Deadpool, the ___ with a Mouth
1220. Sizzle on the skillet
1221. Show in which Rowlf and Skeeter hijack Lee's comic strip
1223. Reactions to nose-picking
1225. Chinese lapdogs
1227. Little dabs
1229. Hill in 1990s SOTU politics
1231. Bambi's tail
1233. Ex-actress Cameron
1235. Name for an alternate world used by both DC and Marvel
1239. Ridden with tiny biters
1240. Shopping bag
1241. Coolers?
1242. Custardy crud
1243. "Diego" lead-in
1247. Uber payment, less tip
1248. Recording subj.
1249. Pitiful excuse for a newspaper
1250. Anything the Fantastic Four could do, he could do better
1251. Old comics had them for Charles Atlas and X-Ray Specs

1252. With it, daddy-o
1254. Beijing bribe
1256. Hawaiian dinner parties
1258. Small water-filled area
1260. Hillock
1261. Moderately amused exhalations
1263. Founder of Marvel Studios Avi
1265. Fast
1267. Palindromic bird
1268. Thai unit about 3 American cents
1269. *Luke Cage* setting
1270. Alluringly slender
1271. Sit to the right on most maps
1272. DJT's least favorite channel
1274. Green and herbal
1275. Sly
1277. "Aw, WOW!"
1278. Firmed up
1279. Team that postponed their game for a "real-life" Spider-Man wedding at the stadium
1280. DDE rival
1281. Swamp creature drawn to fear
1282. Pop or cola, depending on where you live
1285. 18th Hebrew letter
1287. First "A" in NAACP
1289. Gamora portrayed
1292. Travelocity rival
1294. Vaguely Hulklike foe of Thanos
1296. Mulligan
1299. Many DVD players
1301. Sport
1302. RR stop
1304. Nearness to indestructibility
1305. (The) skinny
1307. New Orleans NBAers
1310. Wiry-stemmed ground cover
1312. Ache like swelling
1314. He made Mickey
1316. Day lost in 2019
1318. The NPC "Stanley" appeared posthumously in its Stormwind Keep
1319. Coin that once displayed a goddess
1321. Dirty pigs!
1323. Not quite white
1325. Goo Goo Dolls "give up forever to touch you" song
1326. Make mouth-music
1327. "Perfect attendance!"
1328. Arizona hockey players
1329. 1940s Lee character who fights crime--with rhyme!
1330. "Halt, evil-____!"
1332. Likely letter-writer to Marvel Comics
1333. ____-Tut, AKA Kang the Conqueror
1335. Fisheye film format
1337. Fishing vessel unrelated to its namesake river
1339. "No rush, ____ wait"
1341. Speaker's spot
1343. How "Civil War" begins
1346. Unevenly matched fighters
1348. Jones of comedy
1350. "I'm innocent!"
1351. Punctuation Lee used to reference prior stories
1352. Lee judged this reality show
1354. *The ____ Falcon*
1355. Like the innermost coat of an organ
1356. Images of organs, often
1359. First name in Negative Zone exploration
1360. "Queen" of 2010s music
1361. Long-running Russian spacecraft
1362. Meow Mix alternative
1364. Expecting
1365. Have another viewing
1366. "A real work ____"
1367. Window "bumpers"
1368. Rockfish
1370. Brightest star in Lepus
1372. Punching sounds
1374. Pertaining to bile absorption
1376. What follows the Gospels
1378. Language of *Avatar*
1380. Do the research
1383. Kate or Rooney of acting
1384. Viral preventative
1386. Suffer vengeance
1388. How most upload to the WWW
1389. Confident
1394. Suffer in the heat
1396. Peers of the realm
1397. Thing, the Thing, or anything else
1399. Bigotry and racism, e.g.
1401. Butter toffee bar
1403. Have concerns
1405. Where Lee snarls, "Don't make me come down there, punk!"
1408. Lionesses to cubs
1409. Beagle and Kettle
1411. They have notable elevs.
1412. Lee's ceremonial title "Chairman ____"
1413. Emerging, like an animal in a crest

1415. Alternatives to merlots
1416. ___ letter (mail)
1418. Lee's monologue-ending catchphrase
1419. Irish bottle size
1420. Defy orders
1421. "But will it play in ___?"
1422. Attack with talk
1424. Patty Hearst abductors
1427. Inspire
1429. "Long tails"
1430. Self-illuminating type of TV
1432. Quick bit of writing
1435. Tiny plantlet
1436. Chiding remarks
1438. Frankenstein-evoking name in *The Incredible Hulk* #1
1440. With "squared," an area equation
1441. They're often baked on March 14
1442. Shot at from hiding
1443. Pres. who gave Lee a National Medal of Arts
1444. Where conformity is encouraged, as the saying goes
1448. Grins goofily
1450. British busses
1452. Full of unearned confidence
1455. Estimation
1456. Microsleeps
1458. Untrusted
1459. Farm's big cylinder
1460. Vulcano of *Impractical Jokers*
1462. Lee's offhand remark led to one of these on green backgrounds
1464. Fruit drinks
1465. Group on the level
1466. Path-building board game
1467. "Can you point me to that website?"
1468. Word spoken in two *Avengers* movies, but not in the one you'd expect
1471. Palindromic pitcher Robb
1472. Mylar comic-preserver
1473. Break since WWII
1474. Address some short-term shortage
1476. Throng
1478. Verse saga
1480. Neither more nor less, nor the same
1483. Ericson the explorer
1486. Shortest possible path
1489. Shouts at a bullfight
1490. Attack the ego of
1491. Abandon all restraint
1493. "___ Fly Away"
1497. Center of the Napoleon palindrome
1499. Halloween sound
1501. Characteristic
1503. Not all together
1505. Clean fresh floor stains
1508. XVII x XII
1511. Disco-loving *Simpsons* character
1512. UK's "-ize"
1513. Grind with one's teeth
1514. Edgar Wright cop-movie spoof
1516. Treat as a factor
1517. Left behind in the water
1519. "F**k You" singer Green
1522. Cyprus' capital
1523. Where Lee plays Hugh Hefner
1524. Plane or SUV, e.g.
1526. Where Peggy Carter first met Steve Rogers in the comics
1528. *The Hate U Give* author Thomas
1530. Serial on TV
1532. Tricks
1534. Smattering
1535. With "on," in hopes of payment
1537. Angular math subj.
1539. Convention entry point
1540. Where Lee says, "Well, the Sixties were fun, but now I'm payin' for it"
1541. Employs shamefully
1542. Last "A" in NCAA
1544. Former Yankee Martinez
1545. Amidst
1547. *How to ___ Comics the Marvel Way*
1548. Abstract quality
1549. Tough trek
1551. Bond-related agents?
1552. Old name for a "Reasoning" exam
1553. "Cursed ___ that did so!" (*The Tempest*)
1555. No neatnik
1556. *ID4* invader
1557. "___ and gritty": bloody-minded
1558. Core belief
1559. High tidal wave
1562. Old shield
1563. It has an Earl Green flavor
1565. Communicates with the deaf
1567. Chinese menu possessive
1569. Prozac and Zoloft
1571. Pizzeria in early Spike Lee work
1573. "Vous ___ ici"
1576. 550, between a hund. and a thou

1577. Fugitive children of Marvel supervillains
1578. Edifice's support
1579. Say isn't so
1581. Star dog ___ Tin Tin
1582. Early Windows boxes
1583. Minor disturbance
1584. Lee's last major Marvel creation
1586. Title character of a groundbreaking cartoon film crossover
1587. ID thieves using fake keypads or spycams
1588. Like creepy cathedrals, ink-saturated drawings, and the tomb of Dracula
1590. Place to get some ale
1592. "Whose secret identity is..."
1594. Marvel's first involved a pair of 10-sided dice (abbr.)
1595. Like seals (who can hear despite this)
1597. Pages.
1599. Travis of country
1601. Car
1602. Biggest letters on the splash page
1603. Largest German urban area
1608. Marvel's has been red and white since 2002
1610. Live-Model Decoys of myself
1611. "Got the message, loud and clear!"
1613. Young sheep
1614. Hank of miniaturization science
1617. Insult
1620. Parenthesis after "comicbook"
1621. "Alas!" from a lass
1622. Memory or Penny follower
1623. "Come ___!" ("Welcome!")
1624. Detroit's st.
1626. The moment that
1627. Front passenger seat
1630. Calling
1632. Jason who's written Thor and the Avengers
1636. "So ___!" (Thor's "Fine, whatever!")
1639. Pleasing
1640. That "rrrrRRR" feeling
1641. Control
1643. Lee-Romita villain who changed archenemies in the 1980s
1645. Close at hand
1646. With laughter
1650. A as in Aachen
1652. '60's civil rights org.
1655. Be unproductive
1656. Corkscrew-shaped pasta
1658. Feature of Galactus' original design
1660. Backwoods possessive
1662. Jackson (Ice Cube)
1664. Evil spirits
1667. "Diplomacy has failed"
1669. Phony
1670. Chicago, IL airport
1671. "___ for ice cream"
1672. Visit death upon
1674. "Ugh, I can't unhear that!"
1675. Change to a video game
1677. Game-night arena
1679. Google-friendly strategy
1682. High-speed wheel alternative
1684. Rwandan people who become a dance when you remove one letter
1686. Wearing a wire, e.g.
1688. "Awwww!"
1690. Jump on the ice
1694. Bro or grandpa
1695. The Ts in "ARISTOTLE"
1696. Fury's WWII rank
1697. ___ polloi
1698. "Allez-___!"
1699. Fleur-de-___
1700. Capital of Togo
1701. Archer heroine of 2010s film
1703. Dropouts' tests
1705. Liked a lot, man
1707. Med. scan you have to remove piercings for
1708. Burn the outside of
1711. Use a razor
1713. Repeat rotely
1715. Starbucks server
1717. Oozes
1719. Twenty, poetically
1722. Keep clear of
1724. Boat butt
1725. "@@@@@"
1727. Abu Dhabi's nation
1729. Small part in a big machine
1730. Word after "photo" or "black"
1731. Spider-Man antagonist who avoids the spotlight
1733. Winter Soldier's bionic feature
1734. Lovingly eat, online
1735. "." follower
1736. Kree and Skrull, e.g.
1738. ___ Vista: 1990s search engine
1739. Clockticks, for short
1741. "And FURTHER furthermore..."

1743. Check out
1745. Juin preceder
1747. Chew toy for Max
1751. Edgy
1752. It's aimed high
1755. Ms. In Mali
1756. So-called "Science Guy"
1758. Dirty old (or young) man
1762. Peat area
1764. Supervillain dad of cartoons
1765. Just all right
1767. Hindu, Buddhist, and Jainist god hiding in "brain drain"
1769. NYU's arts school
1771. Cellist Stjepan
1772. Infuriatingly sassy
1774. Just started being televised
1775. Steve Rogers, nicknamed
1776. Acronym for the independent
1777. Phoenix NBAers
1778. "Come to think of it"
1779. Colorado NHLers
1780. Arcane backstory
1785. Audio and video out of sync, e.g.
1786. Red Skull's victory?
1788. "Am ___ only one..."
1791. Christian Creed city
1793. Puts out to land in sea
1795. Where Lee drinks some gamma-laced soda
1796. Paid attention
1797. Toy pellets
1798. Novelist Santha Rama
1799. Fiver
1800. Norse goddess of death
1801. Maudlin
1803. Walk of ___
1804. Seaweed, satellite, or PDA
1807. Lout
1809. Electric animal Namor used to imitate
1810. Heads of Italy
1813. Bottom, in Bordeaux
1814. Circular chart type
1815. ___-CIO
1816. Contact no.
1818. [Looks around] "Must've been someone else"
1819. Producers of "Stan Lee's Lightspeed" and "Who Wants to Be a Superhero?"
1820. Body part of Agamotto
1821. Strange's ex-classmate and enemy
1822. Moth's obsession
1828. Tref lunch
1829. Setting for Marvel's first superhero teamup, for short
1831. ___ *Diaries 2*: Lee's most improbable film appearance
1832. Santa ___, site of Lee's memorial service
1834. Exclamation of surprise!
1836. Cast preceder in the 21st century
1837. "___ know" ("That's no surprise")
1838. Approach wherein artists develop a writer's plot
1839. Dismiss with a wager
1840. A thou
1841. Markings on damaged goods
1845. Source of cooking fuel, for short
1847. Dancing and romancing Fred
1848. Roadster with 4WD
1849. ___-Cloth Wipes
1850. "Think yer funny, do ya?"
1851. Mil. group
1852. Not digital, in movie effects
1853. Brisk pace
1858. Grow, as savings
1860. Literary wanderer Finn
1861. "...cow, with ___ here and ___ there..."
1862. Cowardly weakling
1863. Getting to the point
1865. Use a clothing smoother
1866. More than just eat
1867. Touches down
1868. Tijuana's "thes"
1869. Raunchy late-'90s teen comedy
1870. Came to grips with
1873. *Stan's* ___ (op-ed series)
1875. 12
1876. Sweet brown treat
1877. Kindle blacks
1878. Holy honorees in Fr.
1880. "Friend or ___?"
1881. "Star-Spangled Man with a Plan" performing org.
1882. De-tomcat a tomcat, slangily
1884. "But then again, no"
1888. Fragile, as an alliance
1889. Color name seen in trig
1891. Light bulb-related inits.
1894. Scale carefully
1896. Fighting staffs
1897. Lee-Kirby supervillain who said, "We must drive all the foreigners back where they came from"
1899. Game of seeing and describing
1900. Costume-makers

1901. Missouri metropolis, for short
1902. Warmer
1903. The Sultan of Swat
1906. Artist Ross or artist Saviuk
1907. Lee's primary form of exercise
1910. "IMHO..."
1911. Kind of student
1912. These, in Toronto
1913. "You win some, you ___ some"
1916. Chocolate source
1917. "That's ___ grow on"
1920. Minor disagreement
1921. Hawaiian music-maker (var.)
1923. "Chocolate Rain" singer Zonday
1924. Equestrian
1927. Fuss
1928. Actor's entrance
1929. Groot material
1930. Is skilled
1931. Hits "Like"
1932. Mortgage holders
1933. Scottish port where Robert Burns lived
1934. Word that ends many super-names
1936. No to Colossus?
1937. "Cray" or "pay" ender
1938. Almost at once
1942. AOL or IBM, e.g.
1943. More melodramatic
1944. Makes the attempt
1945. Spider-villain or award-winning DC Comic
1948. Too little
1949. Anderson and Coombs of TV
1950. OCD-ish
1951. Lee named this disturbed antihero after already using the name in the Galactus Saga
1952. Walked a hard path
1956. "Who goes there?"
1959. Adds up
1960. Palme ___
1961. Dance units
1962. Kane and Blas
1963. 3rd son of Eliz. II
1964. Decide (to)
1965. Comics series' numbered installment, for short
1966. New Look creator
1967. Treatment for a sick burn
1968. Ben Grimm's blind girlfriend (now wife)
1970. Inits for Pooh's creator
1972. Director and Marvel writer Greg
1973. An agent
1975. Like clean candles
1977. One with the right to possession
1978. One who deals with an estate in another's place
1980. Stadium or convention center
1981. From way off
1982. What a jib does in the wind
1983. Gripes
1984. Dynamite
1985. Help for the orally/aurally impaired
1986. Took a long shot
1987. "Wooooo!"
1989. XI x XI x V
1990. "___ say!"
1991. "That, um, looks... bad"
1993. Israeli airport city
1996. Decay
1998. Convinced
1999. ___ *Adventures in Wonderland*
2000. Follower of the Holy Piby
2002. Packs up for trucking
2004. Brand with "Good and Evil Snack Food Adventures"
2006. Board payment
2007. Large, aggressive rodent
2009. Connery or Penn of film
2010. Day-___
2012. "First name" in doo-wop
2013. Age-muddled
2014. Too-muchness
2015. Nation from which Paddington comes
2016. "Dancing Queen" singers
2018. Originals on the black market
2019. Rushed an entry
2020. He's avenged in *The Avengers*
2024. Restraints
2025. Ho Chi ___
2027. Got held up
2029. Joan's title
2031. Frolicsome furry fisheaters
2032. Plame affair
2037. Winner of 11 World Series, for short
2038. Get an ___: do far more than pass
2039. Teen heroes (like Robin) Lee disliked
2040. Esteem
2041. Drains away
2042. Train track's foundation
2044. ___ *Miserables*
2046. Again after an absence
2047. Likely publisher of "She-Hulk and Drax: DATING??" headline
2048. Academic second-stringer
2049. James Buchanan Barnes

2051. Mythical ghost that can grow at will
2052. Hooter hunter
2053. They tracked transactions
2054. Cushion on a lens
2055. Grimm or Parker
2056. I-95 divs.
2057. "Mormontown," UT
2058. Word one can substitute
2059. Deadpool and a starfish
2060. Vehicular manslaughter
2061. Pad
2062. Sheepish talk?
2063. Colorist and artist Marie
2064. "Am ___? Testing, 1, 2, 3"
2065. Rubbish container
2066. "Thank you, come again" toon
2067. Like many of Lee's endings, unlike his contemporaries'
2068. Splash gently against
2069. Instrument shaped like half an egg
2070. Michelle of golf
2071. Cir. chunk
2072. "Thanks for coming to my ___ talk"
2073. Pretty woman, in old slang
2074. "The floor's yours, but be quick"
2077. Lee narrated this
- TV trio's adventures (with "The")
2078. Peeps
2079. Dilated in a circle
2080. Mongol invader
2081. Without a date
2082. The Emerald Isle
2083. Narrations in film, for short
2084. RFID tag
2086. Political strategist Karl
2088. Chew gently
2089. Ramen bowl go-with
2090. Common term of endearment
2091. Start of the work wk.
2092. Cage fighting seen in *X-Men* (2000)
2094. Shirt specs
2096. What a secondhand store does
2098. Freedom from fear
2099. Desserts sampled at Thanksgiving
2100. What surprisingly few know
2104. Blanchett who played Hela
2105. Coin factory, for short
2106. Avowed
2107. Portuguese prioress
2109. Key word
2111. Nigerian natives
2112. "Ah, me!"
2114. "Carry out that plan, then"
2117. Skin decorations
2119. With "The," 1915 film with revolutionary storytelling techniques and an awful message
2121. Annette who played the Supreme Intelligence
2126. Final syllable
2127. Climate-measuring org.
2128. For each person
2129. Conclusion of the Infinity Saga
2130. Cow sound
2131. Veggies from gamma gardens, e.g.
2133. Requests
2134. "Feel the ___"
2135. Plant named for Aphrodite
2137. Gov. auditors
2138. Bricklayers
2140. Not getting hotter or colder
2143. Ryan and Griffin
2146. He claimed the Mississippi River basin
2147. ___ Fein
2148. Gives up the bachelor life
2150. Marvel Champions, e.g.
2151. "Really?"
2152. Protected address's preceder
2153. Grumpy
2154. Semester-ender
2155. Giants CEO Larry
2156. Undertop
2157. High-speed cable alternative
2158. *Blacklist* org.
2159. True-crime documentary about a victim turned late-night punchline
2160. Likely Marvel reader in Stan's day
2163. Terrible shape
2164. Eared or sided lead-in
2165. "A-OK"
2166. Snake-chaser of legend, for short
2169. ___ Gay
2171. "About time the week ended!"
2172. Swap out Maguire for Garfield, e.g.
2173. Daredevil's femme fatale girlfriend
2174. Domestic quarrel
2175. Thor-worshipper, by modern standards
2176. Estival drink
2177. Tooth cleaning and extraction, e.g.
2178. Legally forbidding
2179. Lies quietly
2180. English Channel and Bering, for short
2181. Where Cap. America first fought
2182. Reno's st.
2183. Good sign on Broadway

2184. Prison breaker
2186. Bove
2187. Plane in the Cold War
2189. Musical groups?
2190. Bugs and Mickey, among others
2191. "Loudly crying" and "heart-eyed smile," e.g.
2192. Queenly
2194. "Why so irritable?"
2195. They made up Marvel's Bullpen
2197. "Thaaat's better"
2199. Collins or Hartman
2204. Quits wavering
2205. Unassuming
2206. Where Lee DJs at a strip club
2208. Calories in and calories out
2212. Tyler of *Archer* and *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*
2213. Gym periods
2214. Fashion items for barbarians
2217. Sub-par
2219. "The fate of the universe may be ____"
2221. Legions of legions
2222. Got low close to home
2225. Ego, in Essen
2227. Illuminated once more
2228. Maybe 6%
2230. "I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved," e.g.
2233. NCAA ranking tools
2234. They call witnesses, at times
2235. Clot
2236. Regret is no longer there
2238. Wolverine's warning
2239. Crocheted item for the floor
2241. Racket
2242. Actress Greer with five back-to-back Oscar nominations
2243. Creator of the Scarecrow
2247. Enjoyed by millions
2248. "____ Little Tenderness"
2250. Bugs' Aussie antagonist
2252. "____ days" (now)
2254. 1974 hit meaning "It's You"
2256. Mongolian tents
2258. D-day boat
2259. Tours turndowns
2261. Limerick-maker or sonneteer
2262. Reason for Sunday closings
2263. "I tawt I ____ a puddy tat"
2264. Bestow, to Burns
2265. Calling.
2267. Name replaced by "David" in a popular TV show
2272. Donald Glover role
2276. Southwest or easyJet
2277. The Dubliner Restaurant, e.g.
2278. Most writers' degs.
2279. Tone of Lee's humor
2280. Knows the groove
2281. Puncher?
2282. ____ in *Cincinnati*
2283. Excited exclamation
2285. In earlier times
2286. Post ____
2287. "Full house" notices
2288. Use some movie magnification
2292. ____ negative (appears virus-free)
2295. Stop from flowing
2298. Bring the party
2300. Spider-Man and Professor X have two different forms of these
2302. Michael Jackson noise
2303. "Not interested"
2304. "____ fair in love and war"
2305. Horse-leash
2307. Vegas local, e.g.
2310. Lee's classification in the army
2311. Japanese-style floorbed
2313. Lets it ride
2314. Little cheese-eaters
2315. Old chests
2317. Eazy-E peer
2320. Extracurricular media-studies grp.
2323. Floppy-drive-eschewing desktop computer
2325. Story's secondary events
2326. Likely villain in 1940s superhero comics
2327. Worry, worry, worry
2328. Hit furiously (out)
2330. Batch file extension
2331. Price of higher education
2332. Vamoose
2333. Multi-issue storylines
2334. "____ pet" (instructions on a service dog)
2335. Louvre's designer I.M.
2337. Awarder of belts for belting
2338. Attention
2340. Ron who played Doc Savage and Tarzan
2342. One's own rink
2344. Getting rid of

2345. Aimed for quantity, not quality, of ideas
2348. Spin around
2349. Charged
2351. Op. ____
2352. With a loving look
2354. Grimly eyeing another's good fortune
2356. Mail-order razor-blade deliverer, for short
2357. Gal in *Wonder Woman* 1984
2358. Alleviate
2359. Lowest point
2363. Colorful stones
2364. Yet
2366. Hearts' sorrows
2370. Parked one's rear
2372. Soldier's walk
2373. English fellow
2375. Jake who was once Thor
2377. Get on TV
2378. Sometime victims of -ers
2379. Fertile land
2380. "You're not sure if he's good ____" (Lee)
2381. The ____ Ranger
2382. Nods to other literature
2383. 19th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
2388. Skeletonizing sea creatures (var., missing an h)
2389. Never in one's development
2391. Total poundage
2392. Blanket-like shawls
2394. Watch part
2395. Off the sauce
2397. Midlevel officers, for short
2398. Where Lee printed readers' full addresses
2401. How some hogs are raised
2402. Trank or Brolin of Marvel film
2403. "Old MacDonald" chorus start
2404. Equestrian shade
2405. Innovative state
2407. Pops
2408. DDE
2409. Fighting league founded by the Khans
2413. How the Hulk gets around
2415. 1988 marathon medalist Rosa
2416. Snow-gliders
2418. "Whoa..."
2419. Darkest night
2420. "Shave and a haircut" follower
2421. ____-pah-pah band
2422. Little doggie
2424. Where Lee is a slacker superhero's dad
2426. Red dye root
2427. Actor Redgrave
2429. Be amazed
2430. Lee's boss Martin
2431. Railroad-regulating org.
2432. Lusting after
2433. They made development unnecessary
2436. Skedaddles
2438. Smoldering mood
2440. Consumed
2441. "But that's none of my business" Muppet
2443. Threesome
2445. Start drinking early
2446. Eastern title with which Lee honored you, dear reader
2447. Go-aheads
2450. *Breaking Bad* heavy
2451. Venus de Milo characteristic
2452. Make-a-____ Foundation
2453. To say in Spanish?
2454. Fight for practice
2455. *Hamlet* subjects
2458. Interior's square footage
2460. "Then B" preceder
2461. Figure of whom Lee said "He was a danger of course, but I never thought of him as a villain"
2462. Revel in one's own handsomeness
2463. Get (inside)
2464. 502, in Rome
2465. Exam requiring arguing
2469. Fancy fliers, e.g. the Vulture and the Falcon
2470. Nonviolent leader some writers (but not Lee) compared to Prof. X
2472. Midriff midpoint
2473. Dieted without
2474. Depressing X-film with no Lee cameo
2477. 120+ mins.
2478. Party-poopers
2479. Its deleted scenes include an extra Lee scene
2480. Europe defense grp.
2481. Kind of green beans
2482. Darker version of the superman
2483. "We tried to comfort him, but he said it ____ much use, he couldn't be much comforted" (*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*)
2485. Kafka hero
2486. Hilton rival
2491. "... going to St. ____"
2492. "Got a ____ Livin' to Do"
2493. Words before B or Z
2495. Like *Amazing Fantasy* #15 and *Tales of Suspense* #39

2499. Prefix with "fuge" or "petal"
2500. Alcatraz filler, once
2501. Material for boiler peepholes
2502. Bad look
2503. Girlish, to a gallophone
2504. Teeth prefix
2505. Color-contrasting part of many salads
2508. Pheromone chain that keeps insects in single file
2511. She dances on the sand
2515. "Dudical!"
2516. Removed pencils from inks
2517. Whip into shape
2519. Least-free nat. in the world, according to Freedom House
2522. Glaswegian "go on with you"
2523. Croesus, by nationality
2524. Star of Lee's most philosophical stories
2525. Hi-def viewer
2527. Anti-north?
2530. Number of losses in the population
2531. Key of desperation?
2532. Protein-synthesizing instructor
2533. Nekkid
2535. Hipster beers, briefly
2536. ___ chi
2538. Like Stan's line, "Security's got to be beefed up a lot more in a place like this"
2539. Marvel character who shares a name with his big-screen portrayer
2540. Linguistically hip
2541. By all precedent
2543. 12th yr.
2544. Stan's Satan stand-in
2548. Broadcast-monitoring org.
2549. It can be charged or neutral
2550. Cbers' "stop"
2552. Imitator
2553. Loud
2558. Photos, in JJJ's shorthand
2559. "This is Sparta" movie in Rome?
2560. Turn-of-the-century digital assistant?
2561. Words before "glance" or "loss"
2562. "Rum ___ Tugger is a curious cat"
2563. Wild brawl
2564. Reverent traditions
2565. "We good?"
2566. Like licked lips
2567. In an emergency
2568. Maintain apathy
2569. Patron of widows and converts
2571. Fighting female in *Mortal Kombat*
2573. Overstuffy fellow
2574. Marvel's was on 7/15/91
2576. Coaxes
2580. Notable Chris Hemsworth feature
2582. Hurl
2583. "Attack dogs... ATTACK!!!"
2584. Watery expanses
2585. "When Titans ___!"
2586. It makes 10 13, 100 202, and 1000 2626
2587. Not as good as two clubs, in bridge
2591. "Psych!"
2592. Vikings' New Year's feast
2594. Communicates without dialogue
2595. Early NASA missions
2598. Crucifix
2599. Honey pie
2601. Sorkin and Hank
2602. "GAHHH HAHAAHAHA," online
2603. Popular pets, in Peru
2604. Pairings
2606. DC-based news channel (no, not that DC)
2607. Prey
2608. "We're ready to fly"
2609. Nero's "I hate"
2610. James van ___ Beek
2611. "... abridging the freedom of speech, ___ the press..."
2612. One who serves in attendance
2614. Game with clearly superhuman ballplayers
2615. Acquired via illegal copying
2617. "Don't give up yet!"
2619. Thor's beverage of choice
2620. "Hither" go-with-er
2621. Breast
2623. Site that verified a Lee editorial was real
2624. "No capes!" Mode
2625. Pull gently
2626. Not lasting
2627. Upside-down kissing on a rainy street, e.g.
2628. Haphazard
2629. Browser bookmark, briefly
2630. Depraved groups
2631. Mary Jane's aunt
2632. Smilingly cheesy
2633. Bisected
2634. Inflexible about the rules
2635. External appearance
2636. Lee made roughly 125, according to IMDb

2637. Highway stop spots
2641. Outflows
2642. Pan, e.g.
2645. Sophisticated readers
2646. Absurdity
2648. Doltish dittoheads
2650. "___, my X-Men!"
2651. Sudden swell
2653. Palindromic Steely Dan album
2654. Weight an Inhuman can lift
2655. Slacken
2657. Hit song blend
2661. Evaluate an essay paper
2662. Typography used for all Lee's dialogue
2664. In comparison with the fact that
2666. Wallace's dog
2667. Missing parts needed to function
2669. Guarded item in soccer
2670. By implication
2671. Leads to zero net loss
2672. Platform for early *X-Men* game
2673. Hair that may be split
2674. Large cathedral in Florence
2676. ___ Angeles
2678. Advanced teaching deg.
2680. "Morning," to a "mate"
2681. Microsoft HQ, informally
2682. Not above-board, in modern lingo
2683. Gesture resembling the "vampire cough"
2684. Promotional effort
2685. Cain Marko's nom de guerre
2686. "He and ___ way back"
2688. Lubes again
2689. Endures a trial
2690. Musical pace
2691. Aerosol spray
2692. Carry ___: sing on-key
2693. Set of emotions
2694. Screw up, or "uhhh (I screwed up)"
2695. Thor's family
2698. Nightstand pitchers
2700. Provoke to recklessness
2702. Mil. forces' "backbone"
2703. www.stanleefoundation.com
2704. Lethal gunfire
2706. Punishment I ignored as a kid since I could read comics instead
2707. Painter Matisse or Rousseau
2710. Pack of spinners?
2711. Curse that means "curse"
2712. Parsons of *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*
2713. Prolific "auth.," some joke
2714. Laundry problem
2715. Kenneth who starred as grandfather and grandson in two different Marvel films
2717. "Squeeeal!"
2719. Feb. follower
2723. Nothings
2725. "Deter, Detect, Defend" org.
2729. "That ain't happening"
2730. *Rise of Skywalker* director writing Spider-Man with his son
2731. Startles
2732. Toronto hockey team, for short
2733. Where 1980s fans could hear Lee
2734. Tell actors where to go
2735. They're passed in some races
2736. Key of "The Pink Panther"
2737. Molecules composed of two identical others
2738. Working mensches
2739. Phoebe of film
2740. Primary primary state
2741. Seep through the outside of
2742. Chinese cookpan
2743. Yalies
2744. Somewhat broad
2745. Falls short
2747. Put one's foot down hard
2748. "Time ___ my side"
2751. Excite
2753. "Watch it"
2755. Red Skull's nat.
2757. Likably mischievous
2759. Impact SFX
2760. They help you walk tall
2761. "... ___ we like to call it..."
2762. Site of the Rainbow Bridge
2763. Run out
2764. Kidman of *Moulin Rouge*
2765. Meaty entree
2767. "I hate to be ___ blanket"
2768. "Coily" prefix
2769. Alien TV producer who often traps X-Men
2771. Happy played by Jon Favreau
2773. Sameness of an actor's roles
2774. Laura who wrote "Stoney End" and "And When I Die"
2777. Turns
2778. Angolan rebels
2779. Depressives

2780. Spider-foes so evil they appear in this puzzle twice just to mess up my rhythm
2782. "Cost ___ and a leg"
2784. Replace staff
2786. Sets oft-used in Marvel films
2789. Rand who influenced Ditko
2790. Tons of
2791. Hula hoop and Slip-n-Slide makers
2792. "___ a far, far better thing..."
2793. Having a great time
2795. "Hope has died!"
2796. Genuine
2797. Possible explanation for the universe's expansion rate
2798. Like many roofs and windows
2799. Turkey bread?
2800. Long, as odds
2801. ___ *Melodies*
2803. Original cost of *Fantastic Four* #1
2805. None
2806. Asterisque
2807. Peaks
2810. Quick and efficient
2812. "Grrrrlfriend"
2814. Clods
2815. Entertainments in Oahu
2816. *David Copperfield* girl
2817. Power or Gator follower
2818. "#\$%!" would signify one
2819. "Finished packing!"
2821. Coin accepted here and there in the UK
2822. Comics convention or craft festival
2823. The worst of humanity
2824. Desi to Lucy, as he might say
2827. "HILAR10US!!!"
2830. Perforated
2831. Hunters' outfits, briefly
2832. Together, in music
2833. Ten-time Grand Slam winner Fred
2834. Big bag
2835. Gets used (to)
2836. Paris's Bois de Boulogne et Monceau
2838. They're not yet babies
2840. Cobbled
2842. Happy cat
2844. Crepes of India
2845. Fella
2847. "Blast" preceder in *X-Men*
2852. Joel or Ethan of film
2853. "THE PAIN...!"
2854. In ___: creatively stuck
2855. Reclusive eellike fish
2856. Aquatic birds
2857. "If ___ a nickel..."
2858. Island home to the Wu-Tang Clan
2859. Lee called them "intuitive, graphics-oriented computers"
2860. OSS-like Marvel org., or a state it might oppose
2864. Bad thing to drop in public
2866. Highly anxious
2868. From a distance
2870. Answered an invite
2872. What makes a man a mutant
2873. Calvin's antagonist
2874. Dole (out)
2875. Council positions
2876. Concession speech
2878. Air pollution
2879. Bug-related baldness
2880. Rocky peaks
2881. Arcane vapors
2882. Take instruction
2884. 907.18 kilograms
2885. Ottoman descendant
2887. Filling out via keyboard, as a form
2889. "Ultimate" degree
2892. "Happy you interrupted me!"
2894. "M" and "ng," for two
2896. AF soldiers
2897. Pulls in
2899. "Chatter"-monitoring org.
2900. Area
2901. Impact, or sound of an impact
2902. Impersonated
2903. Often-angry birds
2904. Hunts
2905. ID verifiers
2906. Whiskey variety
2907. Restraint for a bull
2908. Extinguishers' outlets
2910. Level a lawn
2912. Transaction
2913. Issue number for "Spider-Man No More!" and the end of the Galactus trilogy
2914. De-emphasizing disagreements
2915. Christine of *The Phantom of the Opera*
2917. Most manipulative
2919. Costume
2921. Davies or Barry
2923. Ferrigno who cameoed with Lee in *Hulk*
2924. "Full speed ___!"
2925. Stinger

- 2926.** Battle on horseback
- 2927.** Bowl-headed Stooge
- 2928.** Life zone
- 2929.** Highest-earning musician of the 2010s
- 2930.** Walk in water
- 2931.** "Guess it's down to me"
- 2932.** "Star-____." "Who?"
- 2934.** Bi- by bi- by bi-?
- 2936.** "TTYL!"
- 2937.** Shop through unofficial channels
- 2938.** Socked
- 2939.** "FLAME ON!" or "What a revoltin' development!"
- 2940.** ____ Prabang
- 2944.** Spills the beans
- 2946.** "Truly outrageous boundary-pushing kind of movie," as Lee described *Deadpool*
- 2948.** Plc. to get a Greyhound
- 2950.** "More on Pg. 2"
- 2951.** 1865 treaty signature
- 2952.** Shouted name at the climax of the Dark Phoenix Saga
- 2953.** Lease out a joint property
- 2954.** Brings up the rear
- 2955.** Woman's lock
- 2956.** Indistinct
- 2957.** Seem to levitate
- 2958.** Unthinkingly
- 2959.** Series subtitled "Stan Lee Creating the DC Universe"
- 2961.** Gets angry
- 2962.** Blink-and-you'll-miss-them nuggets
- 2963.** Salad tossing tools
- 2964.** Editor-in-chief who wrote Marvel's first company-wide crossover series
- 2965.** Circle over an angel's head
- 2966.** Kinds of lipstick
- 2968.** Informal footwear
- 2969.** Dominant comics genre in the early 1950s
- 2971.** Disgrace to his gender
- 2972.** Fighters' victories
- 2974.** Hit with a light ray
- 2976.** Exploits (made manifest in Marvel's mighty monthly mags!)
- 2977.** Head into the dark?
- 2978.** Lieuts' lunches
- 2979.** Vessel for recreational oaring
- 2981.** Old friends, colloquially
- 2982.** Defensive after embarrassment
- 2984.** Germ of a creation
- 2986.** Luke's almost edited-out best friend
- 2987.** Non-teen sidekick of radio
- 2988.** Common choral abbr.
- 2989.** Term that's not as translatable as it looks
- 2990.** Spiritual depth
- 2991.** "This belongs to me," in German
- 2992.** Informative periodical's nickname
- 2993.** Talus
- 2994.** It's a magical place for a vacay
- 2995.** "They'll have to do without me"
- 2996.** TikTok predecessor
- 2997.** Bk. describing an exodus
- 2999.** Litigant
- 3001.** Hate mail
- 3002.** Like a "classic" apartment
- 3003.** Warning
- 3004.** Schism
- 3005.** Wide-eyed
- 3006.** Burns the midnight oil
- 3007.** "Word" word, in Rwanda
- 3008.** Comes down in buckets
- 3009.** "I'll see you in ____, @#\$!"
- 3010.** Tall-tale tellers
- 3013.** Student
- 3014.** *Episode V* "elephant"
- 3015.** Dominated in, as with a sport
- 3016.** Emperor who introduced civil service exams
- 3017.** Game of rooms and suspects
- 3019.** Stan's advice for aspiring writers
- 3020.** Where to find aquaculturists
- 3021.** Peter avoided meeting her for 27 issues
- 3022.** Regarding lasciviously
- 3025.** Org. founded by Billie Jean King
- 3026.** Short-term aircraft loan
- 3027.** The big blue
- 3028.** Layabouts
- 3029.** Tennis champ Osaka
- 3030.** They work buttons
- 3031.** Gets back on the horse
- 3032.** Gift symbolizing... death? Wait, is that right?
- 3033.** Lip ending
- 3034.** Epicenter of e-access
- 3035.** Mix via rotation
- 3036.** Tot's retort
- 3037.** Soon-to-be-formerly celestial objects
- 3038.** Kirby artwork or Lee's typewriter
- 3039.** Cardinals manager Tony

3040. Rhymes aggressively
3041. Likelier to know all this puzzle's trivia
3042. Unlikely winner
3044. Okinawa capital
3046. Pain-dullers
3047. Tatami-padded, unfoldable arena
3048. Earring shape, often
3049. Who signs your checks
3050. "Yes, sir, Captain, sir!"
3052. Server, gender-neutrally
3053. Flapjack source in many a mall
3054. "On second thought"
3055. Apply pressure
3056. "Outlander" and "Thrones" actor Menzies
3057. Likely to get away with something
3058. Quake and Mockingbird's organization
3059. "I pray the Lord my soul ___"
3060. Discount, in store names
3062. Shrieking fear
3064. "7 rings" Ariana
3067. "Friday" preceder
3068. Critical junctures
3069. "Made an effort"
3072. " ___ Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts"
3073. It'll give you the rear view
3075. Strawberry of sport
3076. His home has many imaginary friends
3077. Korea's founder, some say
3078. Ruling family
3079. "...BUT LET'S MOVE ON..."
3080. Deal with
3081. Harmless "weapon" of old
3083. Frosty fort
3085. Ralph whom Lee name-checked in *Spider-Man*
3086. Confession of adoration, slangily
3087. Anno ___ (in the Year of Light)
3088. Bank deposit
3089. Skrull seen in *Captain Marvel* and [spoiler!]
3090. Antigen attacker
3091. Guerilla holy war
3092. Pipsqueaks
3093. Segmented, as a city
3094. Melodramatic
3096. Chris who took his Marvel role "because it terrified me. You can't make decisions based on fear"
3097. A beginner in
3098. Biochem enzyme and Pumbaa parts)
3099. French river or boat of note
3101. German secret police
3102. *Us* director Jordan
3103. Neckware Lee sported on *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*
3104. Scrabble eight-pointer
3105. "...and eat ___"
3106. Red deer
3107. Oscar-winning Zellweger
3110. Novitiate
3111. " ___ soit qui mal y pense"
3112. Emotion a story seems to feel
3114. Oiseau lifter
3115. Hellos to Hadrian
3116. Italian seaport with Saint Nicholas' relics
3118. Classy kind of tie
3119. Stan's wife who gave him the push to go nuts with his hero books
3122. Foil-wrapped chocolate
3123. Illogical conclusion
3124. PC "stet" command
3125. Lioness who got to sing in the remake (sure, there was "Can You Feel The Love Tonight," but that felt more like a soundtrack except for the Timon
3126. "Happened right in front of me"
3128. Billionth beginner?
3129. Conceal in hand
3130. Somewhat
3133. Attack bluntly
3134. What's between Q and U
3135. Kind of port found thrice on my laptop
3137. Aussie boot
3138. " ___ note to follow..."
3139. Stop the flow of
3140. Advanced religious deg.
3141. __rriso_ Ford role
3142. 2020 VW Golf abbr.
3144. Long-running music publishing co.
3146. Tater ___
3150. Arguably Marvel's first film franchise, for short
3154. "Yeah, yeah, YEAHHH!!!"
3155. *Watchmen* network