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 "aughs"

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 appelation

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. Celebrichef 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" agcy.

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. Sealocked 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. "Wellllll?"

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 penciller

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" preceder "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 battlefront

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. "#nostalgiapost"

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 backswords

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 headdesk

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 senoritas

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 külliye

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. Appelation 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 perfomances

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-tas-tic-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 Latveria

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. Gretzsky 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. Intends to, in Thorspeak

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. Festooned 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 portrayer

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 girlfrenemy

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-pooper

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. Pheremone 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. Honeypie

2601. Sorkin and Hank

2602. "GAHHH HAHAHAHAHA," 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.___

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. "Grrrlfriend"

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. "H1LAR10US!1! 1"

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. Spillls 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

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 and Pumbaa parts)

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