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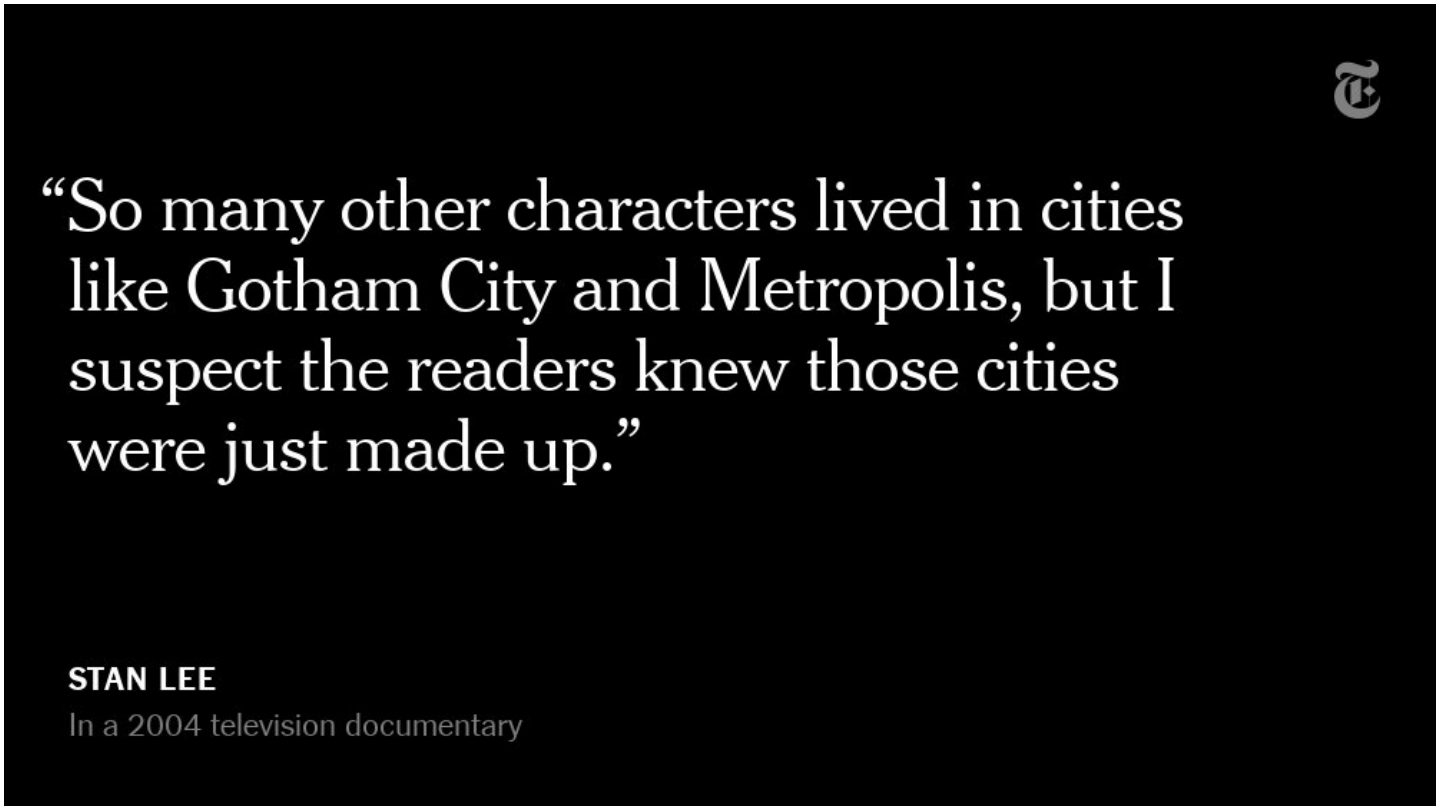
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Stan Lee's fictional superheroes lived in the real New York. Here's where they lived, and why. https://t.co/oV1IGGN8R6



Stan Lee, who died Monday at 95, was born in Manhattan and graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx. His pulp-fiction heroes have come to define much of popular culture in the early 21st century. https://t.co/fDMeu6QZpc

Tying Marvel's stable of pulp-fiction heroes to a real place — New York — served a counterbalance to the sometimes gravity-challenged action and the improbability of the stories. That was just what Stan Lee wanted. https://t.co/rDosqzpP8i

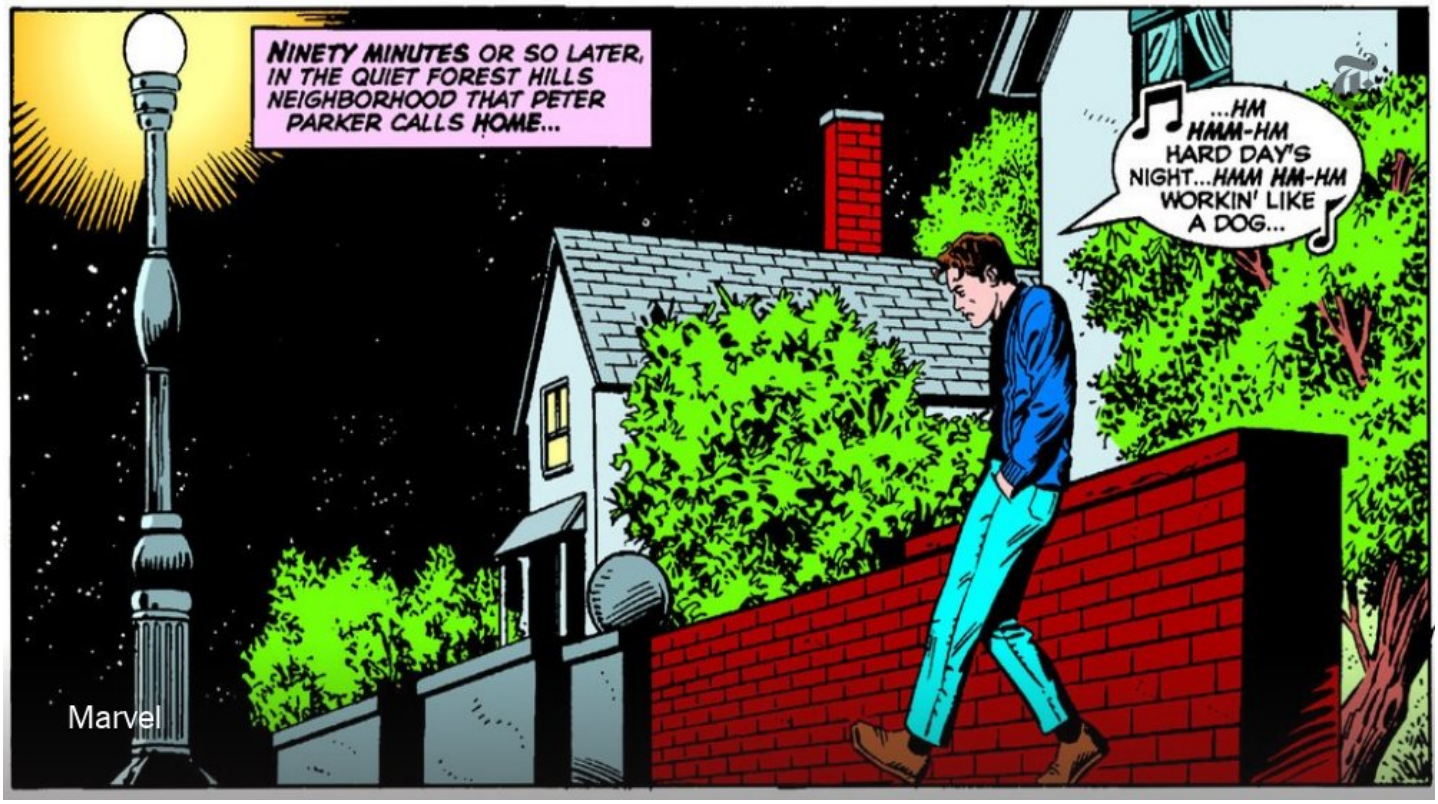


The New York universe hooked readers. And the artists drew what they were familiar with, which made the Marvel universe authentic-looking, down to the water towers atop many of the buildings. https://t.co/rDosqzpP8i



The Avengers Mansion was a Beaux-Arts palace. Fans know it as 890 Fifth Avenue. The Frick Collection, which now occupies the place, uses the address of the front door: 1 East 70th Street. https://t.co/rDosqzpP8i

Peter Parker, aka Spider-Man, was a teenager from Ingram Street in Queens, a real place, with real problems https://t.co/rDosqzpP8i



The Fantastic Four knew their way around the Lower East Side. And Dr. Strange's Sanctum Sanctorum had a real address in Greenwich Village: 177A Bleecker Street. https://t.co/rDosqzpP8i

Also in the Marvel universe:
-The Museum of Natural History
-The Statue of Liberty
-Bloomingdale's
-Grand Central Terminal
-The East River
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“When Stan Lee embarked on including New York as a character in our books, I want it to be real New York. I want it to be the local bridges, the local subways, the streets.”

JOHN ROMITA SR.
Marvel Comics artist