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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®



FACE IT, FRIEND!
THIS ISSUE'S
GOT
EVERYTHING...

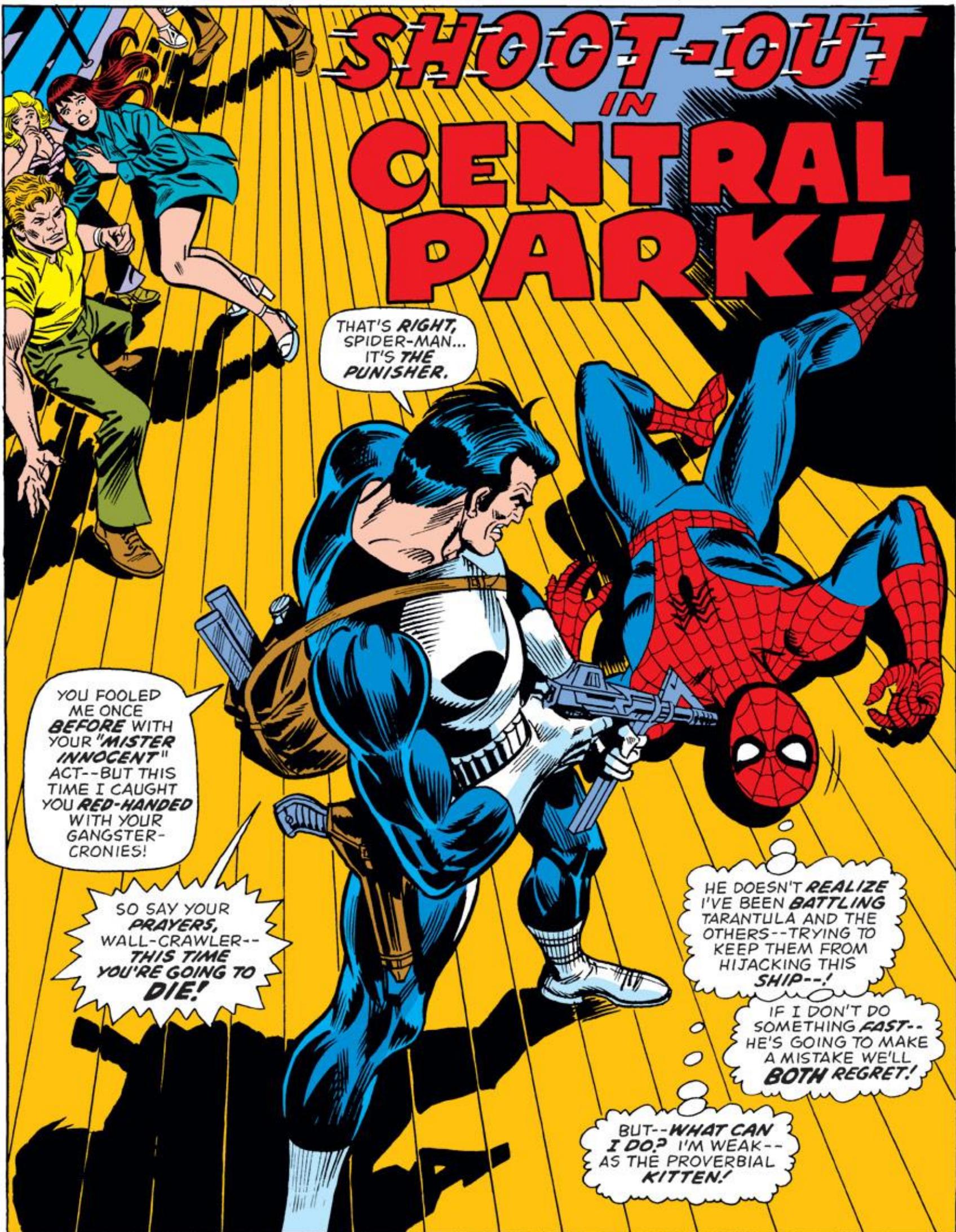


--INCLUDING THE TERRIBLE TARANTULA--
HARRY OSBORNE'S SHOCKING DISCOVERY--
AND THE OMINOUS

**RETURN OF
THE
PUNISHER!**

Stan Lee
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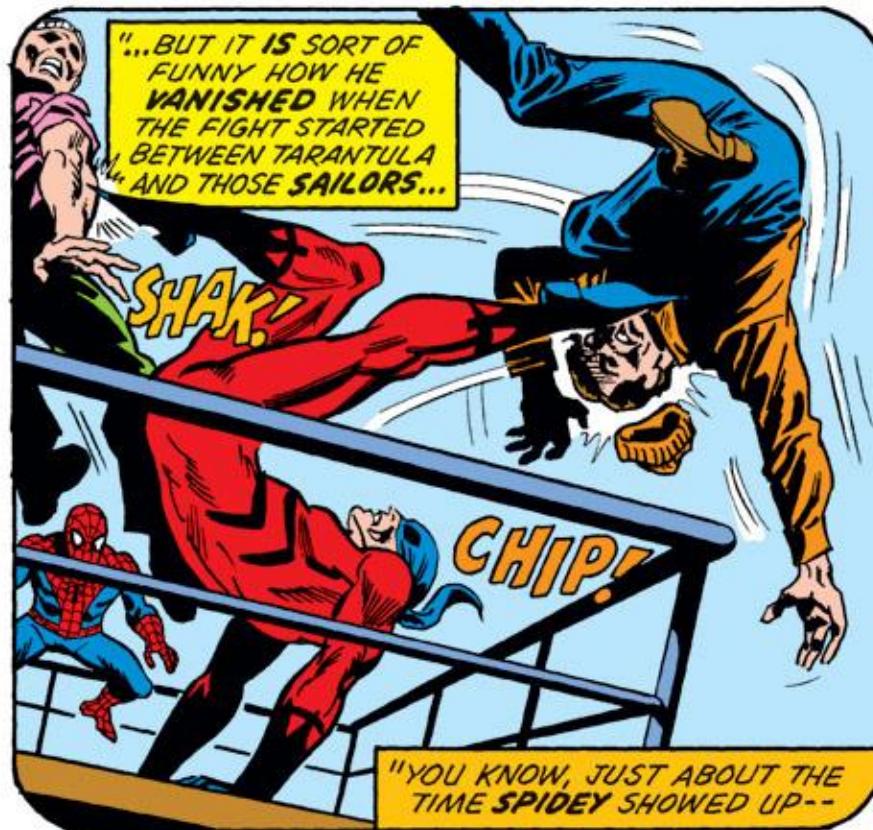
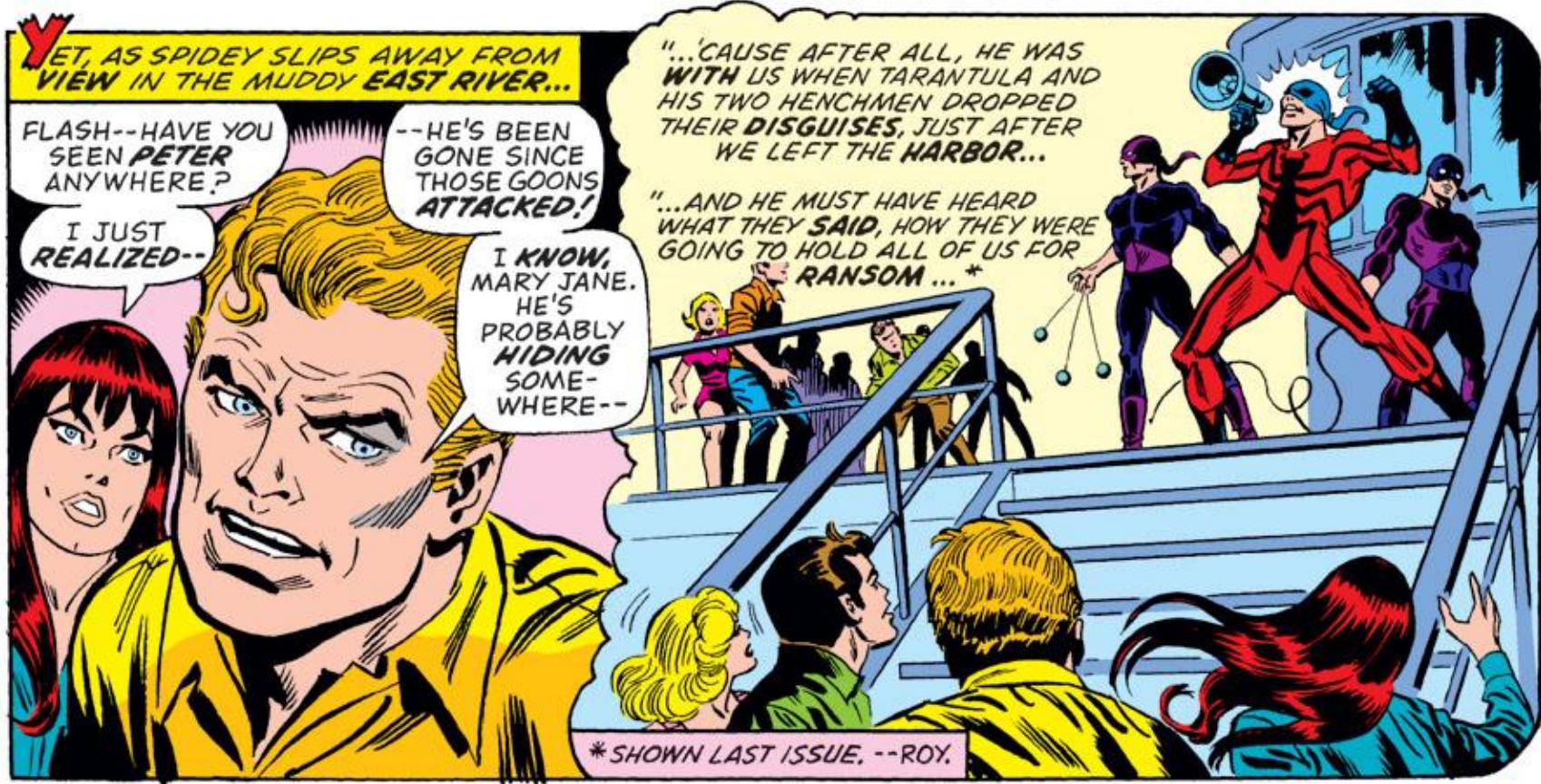
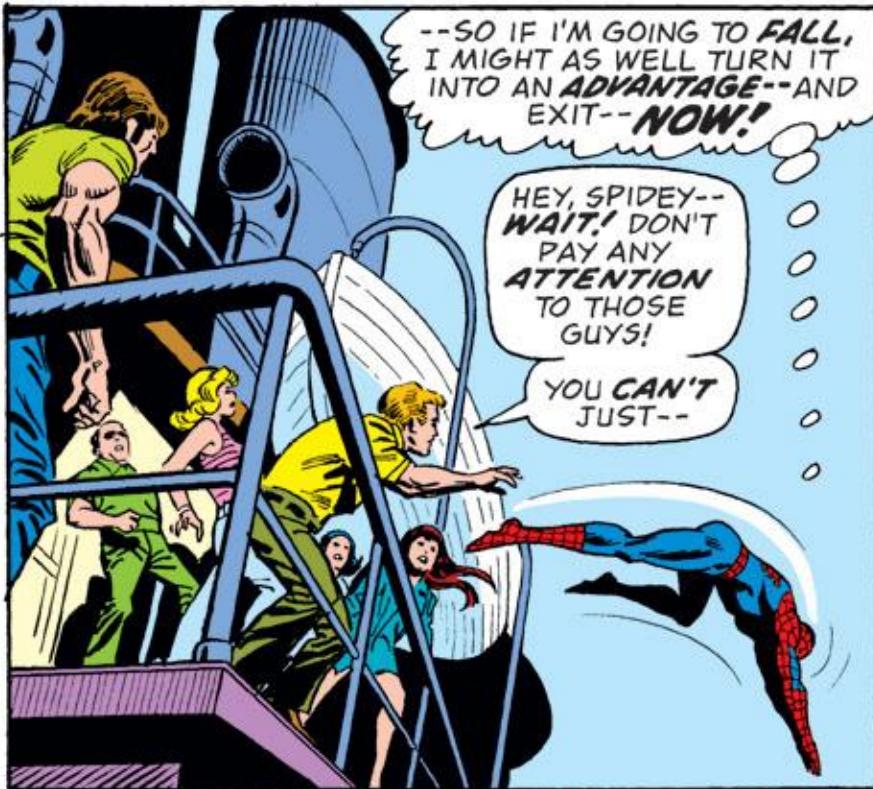
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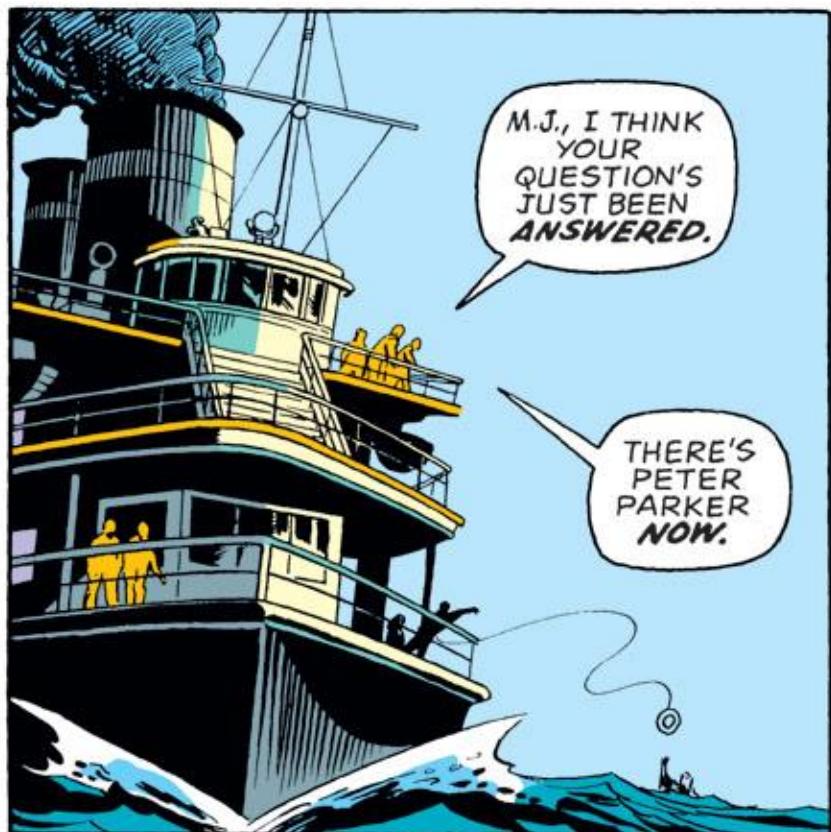


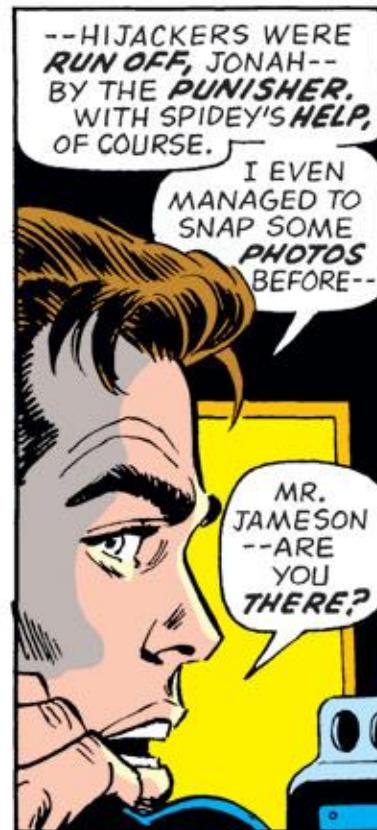




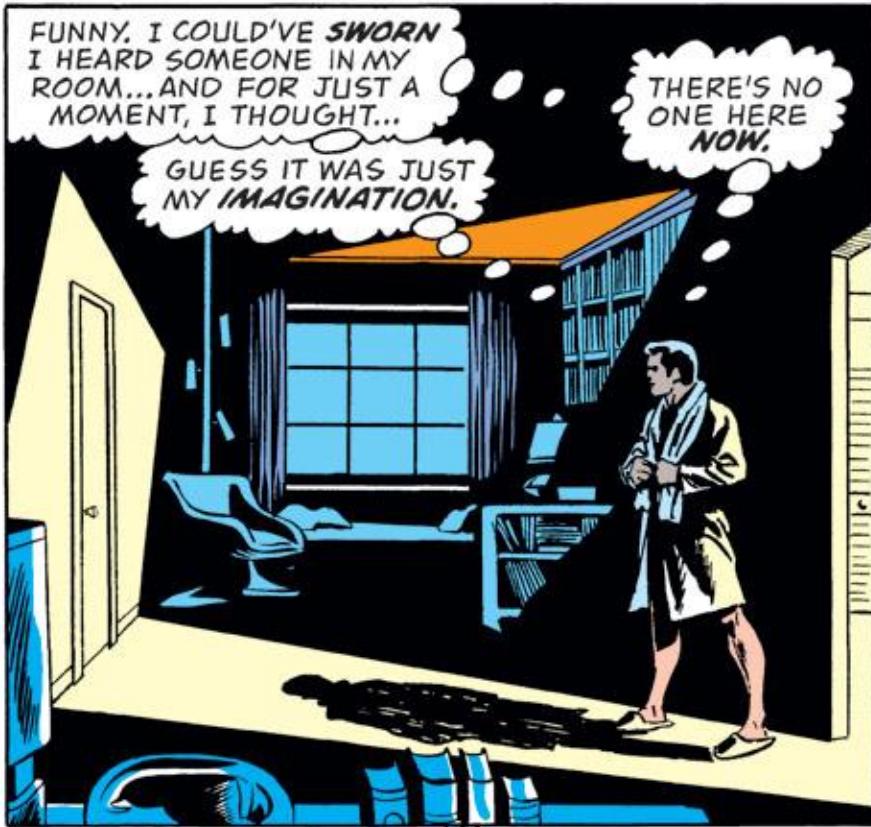














"IT'S THE ORIGIN OF THE MAN WHO'S CALLING HIMSELF... TARANTULA.
"SIX YEARS AGO, HE HAD ANOTHER NAME--ANTON MIGUEL RODRIQUEZ. AS THIS PICTURE SHOWS, HE WAS A MEMBER OF A REVOLUTIONARY BAND, WORKING TO FREE A SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY FROM ITS OPPRESSIVE DICTATORSHIP..."

"HE WAS, AT THE LEAST, AN ENTHUSIASTIC SOLDIER. TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS SMALL 'ARMY', RODRIQUES MANAGED TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE RULING CLASS...
"THEY DID THIS IN MANY WAYS... BY BLOWING UP SUPPLY TRAINS..."



"...AND LIKE ALL ENTHUSIASTS, HE WOULD SOMETIMES BECOME CARRIED AWAY...WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS.

"THE GUARD HE SHOT--AS SHOWN IN THESE FILMS TAKEN BY THE BANK CAMERA--HAD NOT BEEN REACHING FOR HIS GUN. RODRIGUEZ SIMPLY WANTED TO KILL HIM..."



"...BUT THE ARMY OF THE DICTATORSHIP... DID!"

"HE WAS GIVEN A COMMISSION, AND BECAUSE OF HIS ALREADY SOMEWHAT DISREPUTABLE REPUTATION, HE WAS ALSO GIVEN A NEW NAME, AND A SPECIAL MISSION..."



"...BUT WHEN ONE CAME DOWN TO IT, RODRIGUEZ STILL COULDN'T SHAKE HIMSELF OF HIS LOVE FOR SENSELESS DEATH.

"HE KILLED A GUARD DURING THE INTERROGATION OF A CAPTURED REVOLUTIONARY--BECAUSE THE GUARD WOULDN'T LET TARANTULA BEAT THE PRISONER TO A PULP--"



"...A FACT HIS FELLOW REVOLUTIONARIES RECOGNISED AND DESPISED.

"HE WAS EXPELLED FROM THE BAND SOON AFTER THAT INCIDENT; THE ARMY OF THE REVOLUTION HAD NO USE FOR INDISCRIMINATE MURDERERS..."



"ANTON MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ BECAME TARANTULA, A FORCE FOR FEAR AND TERROR--THE TWISTED, PERVERTED CAPTAIN AMERICA OF HIS COUNTRY --A SUPER-HERO FOR A FASCIST STATE.

"NATURALLY, HE WAS USED AGAINST HIS FORMER COMRADES, AN ASSIGNMENT HE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED..."



--AND IN THIS WAY, HE FINISHED HIMSELF WITH THE GOVERNMENT ARMY, AS HE'D FINISHED HIMSELF WITH HIS FORMER FRIENDS.

"TO SAY THE LEAST, HE LEFT SOUTH AMERICA IN SOMETHING OF A HURRY..."



"...AND ARRIVED IN NEW YORK SIX MONTHS LATER, AFTER A SERIES OF ADVENTURES WHICH CAN ONLY BE TERMED RUTHLESS. NATURALLY, HE HAD NO PASSPORT, AND IS IN OUR COUNTRY ILLEGALLY..."

"...A FACT WHICH DOUBTLESSLY KEEPS HIM AWAKE AT NIGHTS."



"FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL MONTHS, HE HAUNTED BARS AND POOLROOMS IN THE SHIFTIER PARTS OF THE CITY, LEARNING THE INS AND OUTS OF THE MANHATTAN UNDERWORLD..."

"THREE WEEKS AGO, HE MADE HIS MOVE, ORGANIZING HIS CRIME-TEAM TO HIJACK A TOUR SHIP..."



THE REST OF THE STORY, YOU ALREADY KNOW.

BY THE WAY--I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU HOW YOU MANAGED TO BE ABOARD THAT SHIP, AT JUST THAT TIME--!

I WAS BORN LUCKY, PUNISHER...JUST LIKE YOU.

SO--WHAT NOW? YOU KNOW WHERE BUG-FACE IS HIDING, I SUPPOSE?

EXACTLY. HERE'S MY PLAN...



AND SO, TWENTY MINUTES LATER, OUTSIDE A TENEMENT IN THE WEST ONE HUNDREDS FACING CENTRAL PARK...



PSSST--
HEY,
HANDSOME.
UP HERE.

WHAT--?
WHO'S
THERE?
WHO--

FFFF!

THREE
GUESSES,
PAL.

MRRPHHHH!

URRRKK!

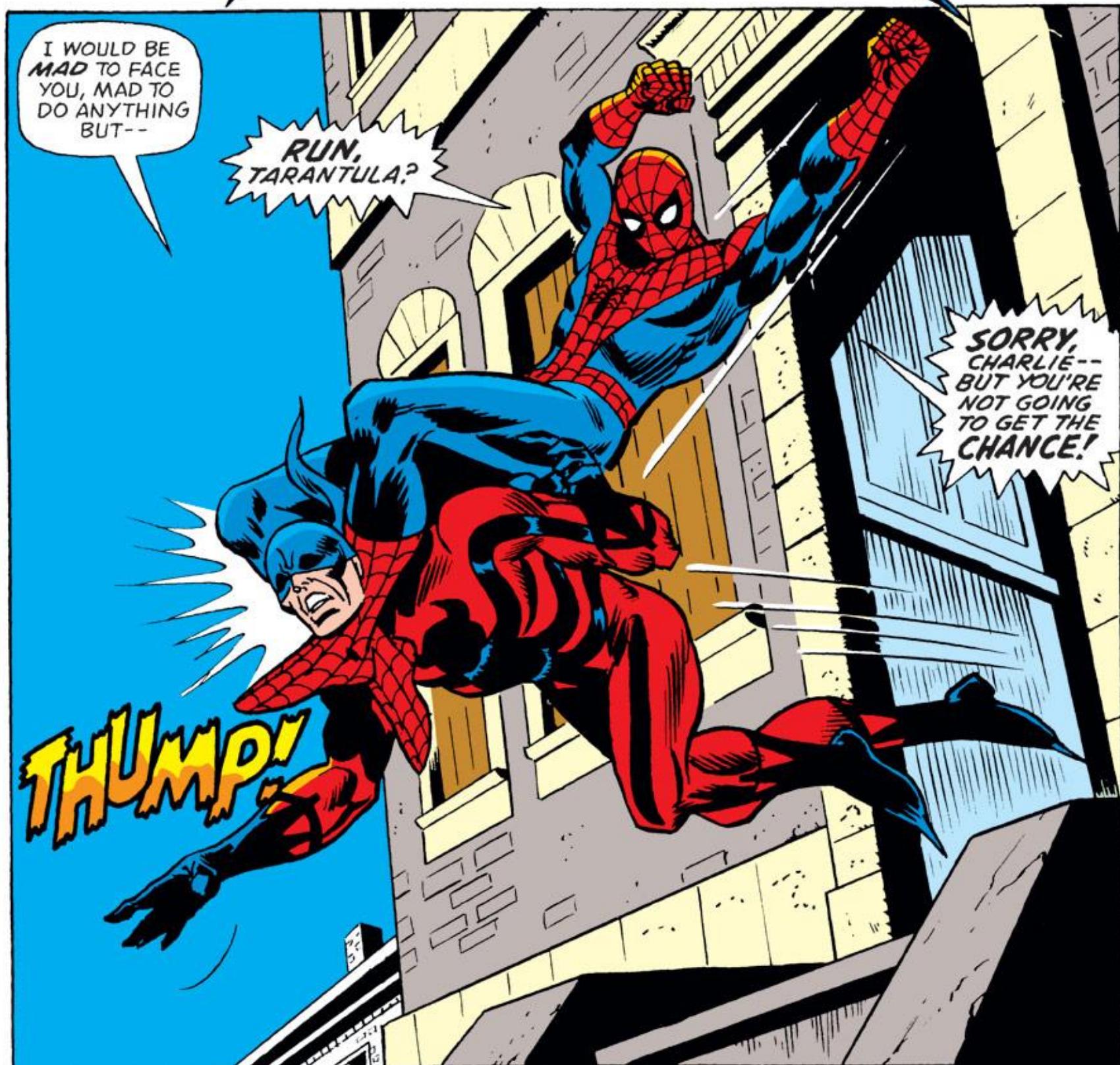
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WRONG ALL
THREE TIMES,
BUNKIE.

IT'S YOUR
FRIENDLY-
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD-
SPIDER-
MAN!

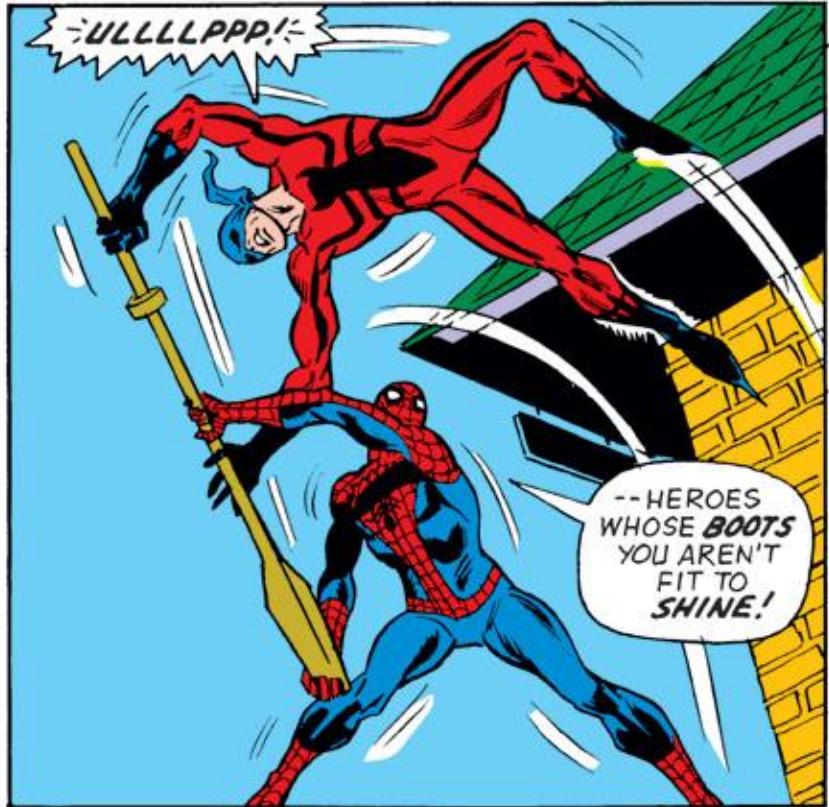


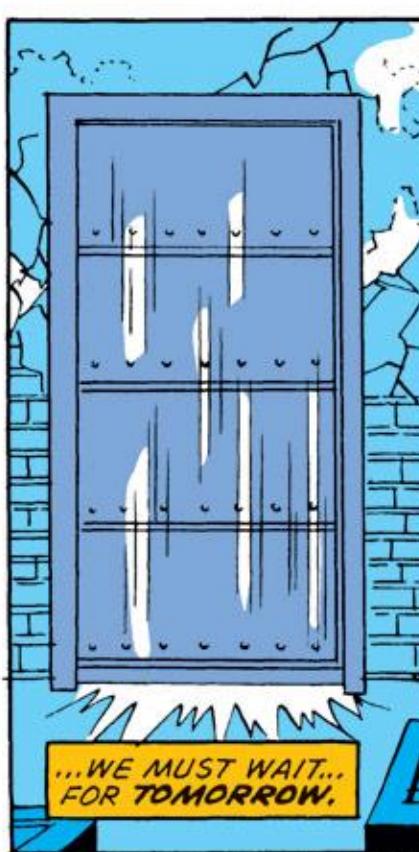
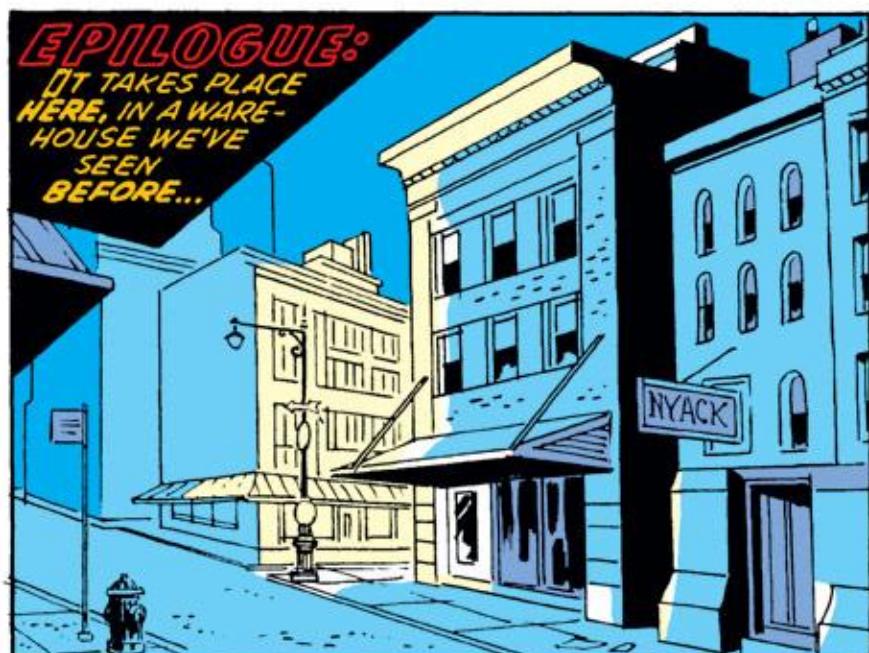












ACTUALLY, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO WAIT TILL NEXT ISSUE, FOR THE BLOCKBUSTER STORY OF THE YEAR, A STORY WHICH CAN ONLY BE TITLED...

"THE GREEN GOBLIN LIVES AGAIN!"

WE'LL BE WAITIN' ON YA, TIGER!