



"THE BIRTH OF A  
SUPER-HERO!"

**THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!**

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BANK

NOPE! YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT SOMEONE DISGUISED AS SPIDEY... OR IMITATING SPIDEY! NOR ARE YOU WITNESSING AN IMAGINARY, OR A DREAM SEQUENCE! SINCE THIS IS AN AUTHENTIC, HONEST-TO-MERRY-MARTY-GOODMAN MARVEL MAG, THIS SCENE IS REALLY HAPPENING! BUT, IS OUR FAVORITE WEB-HEAD ACTUALLY COMMITTING A CRIME? THINK IT OVER, FRANTIC ONE, AND WE'LL CLUE YOU IN LATER..!

LOOK!  
UP THERE!  
IT'S  
**SPIDEY!**

IT'S SPIDER-MAN... TAKING OFF WITH A MONEY-BAG FROM THE BANK!

SIMMER DOWN, INNOCENT BYSTANDERS! THERE'S AN ANTI-NOISE ORDINANCE IN THIS TOWN!

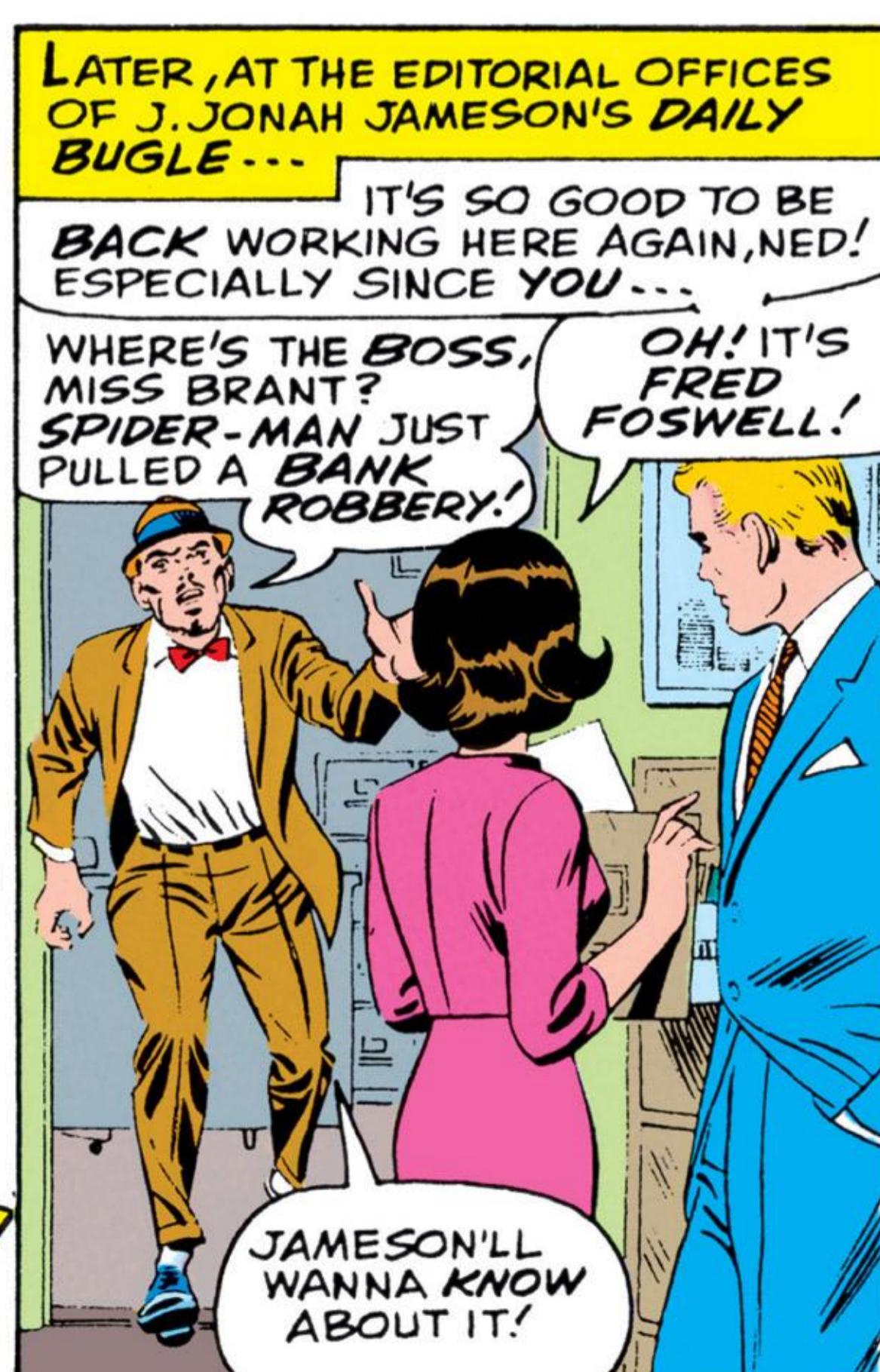
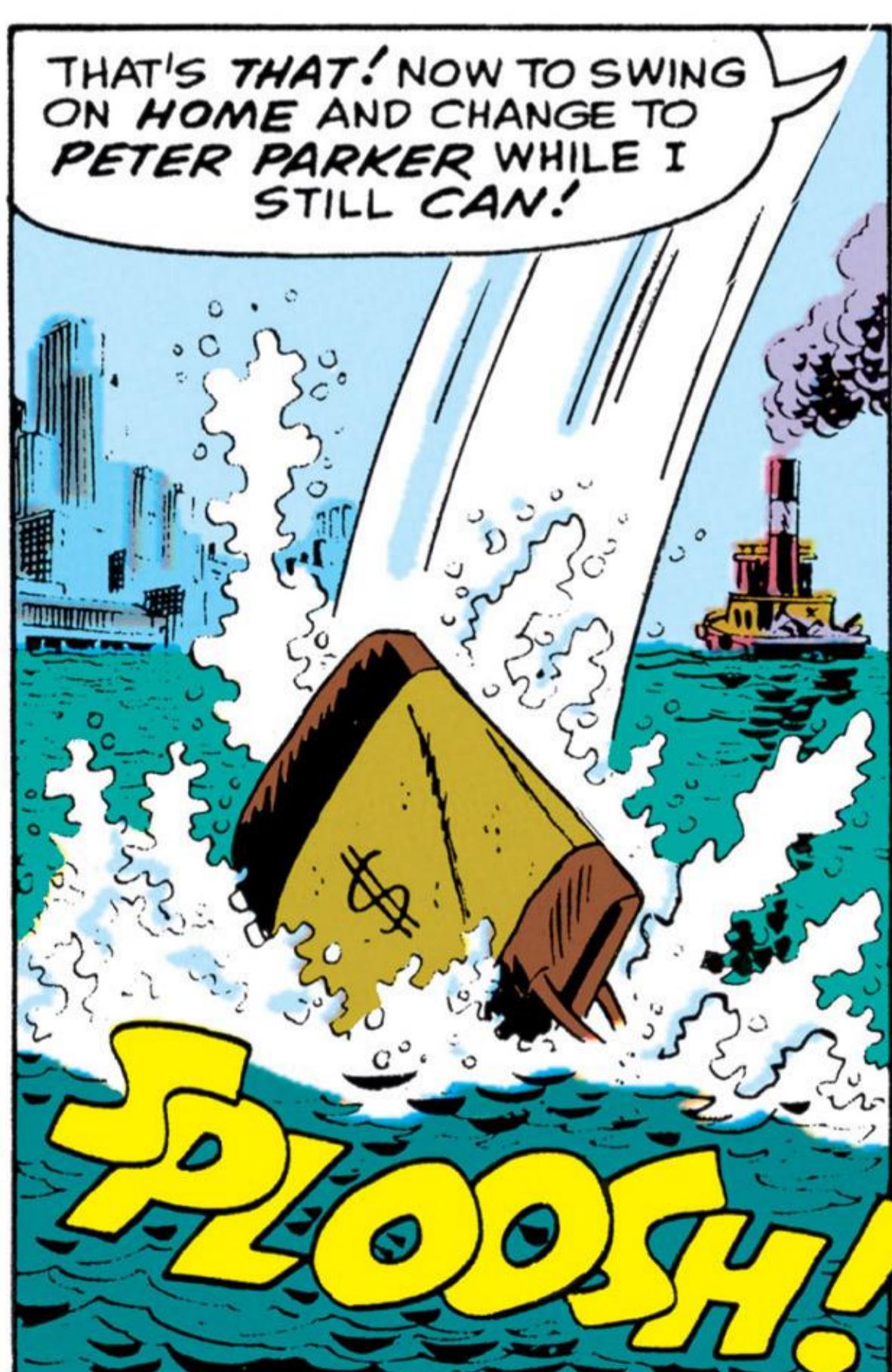
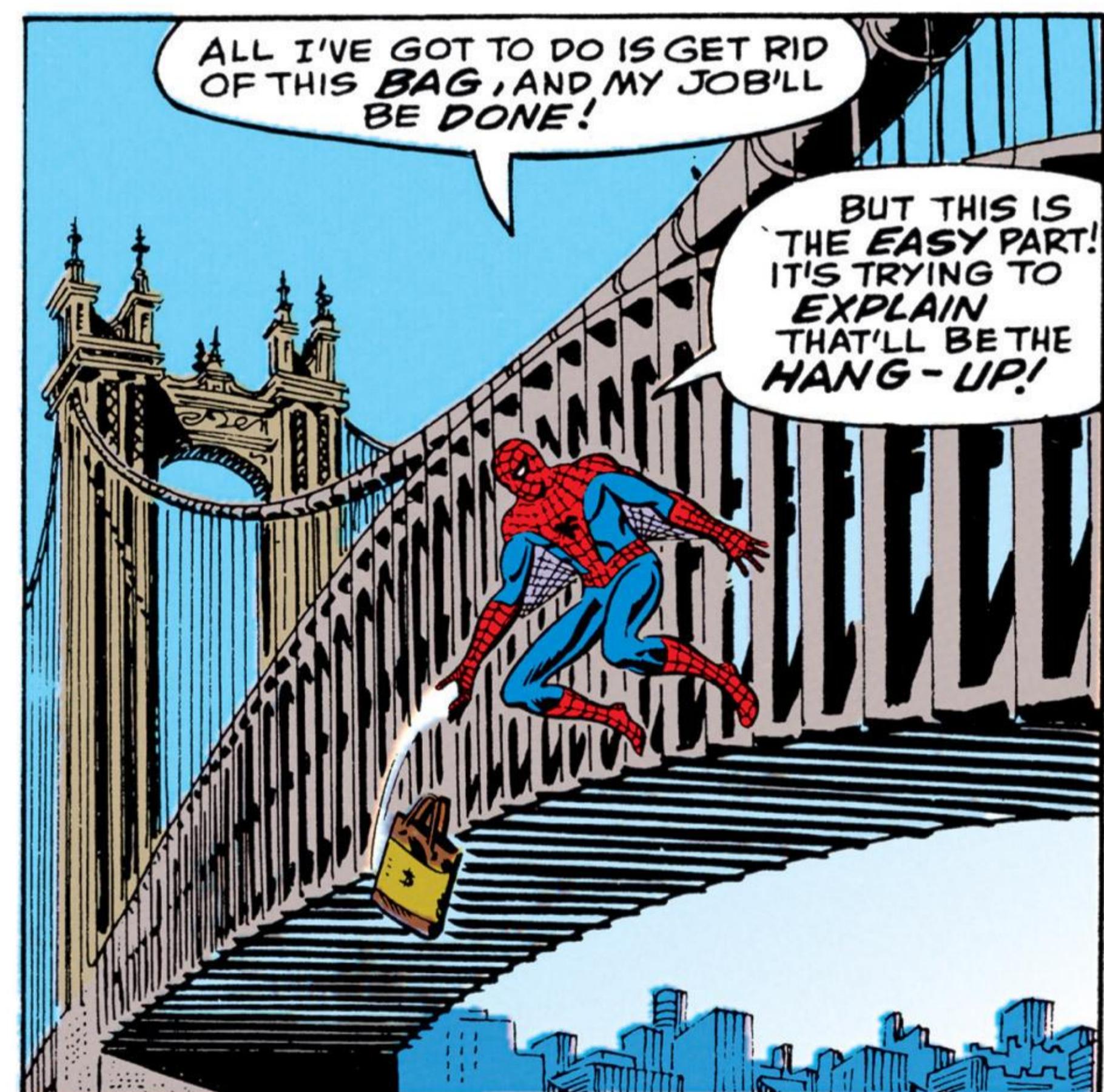
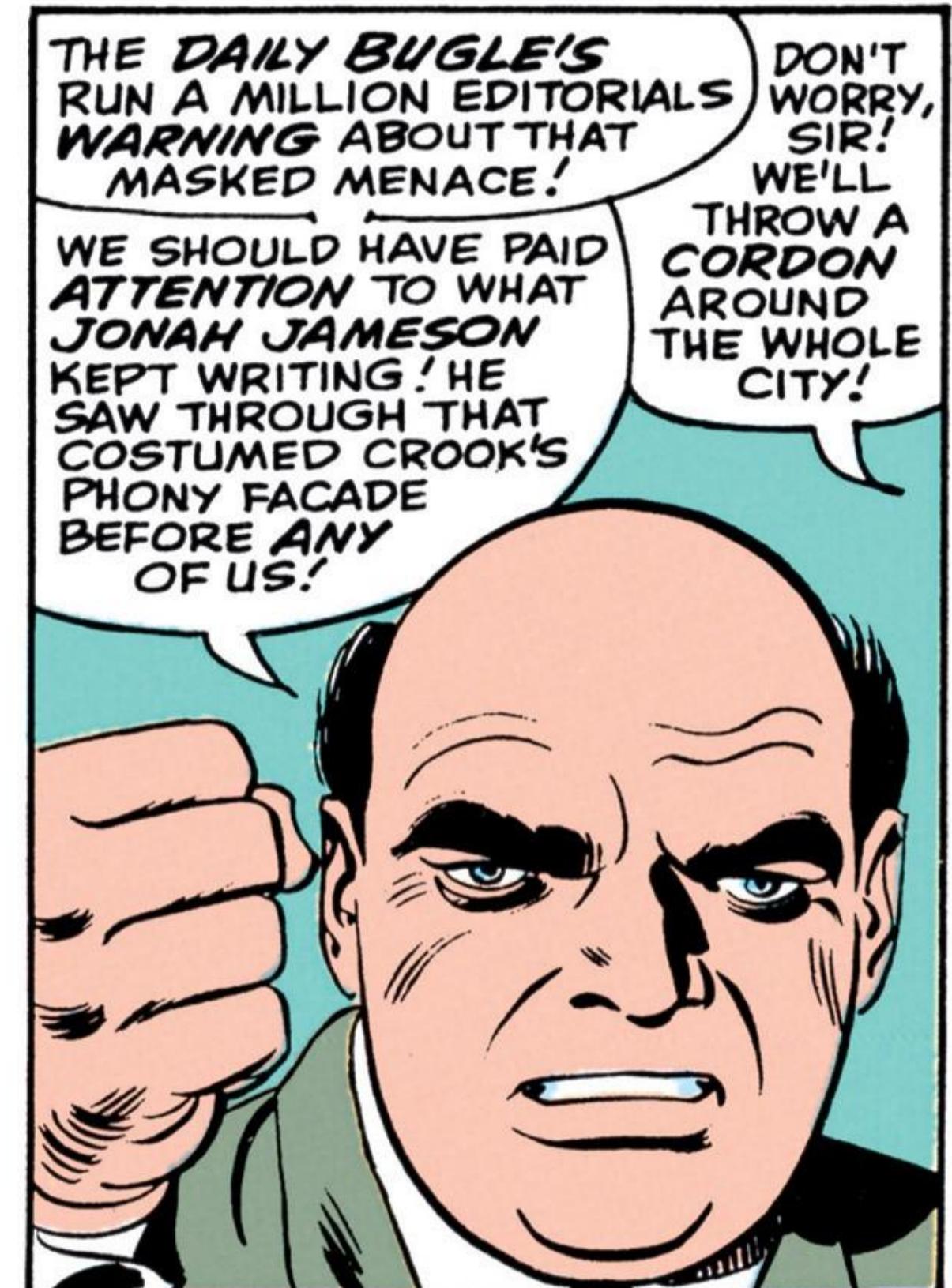
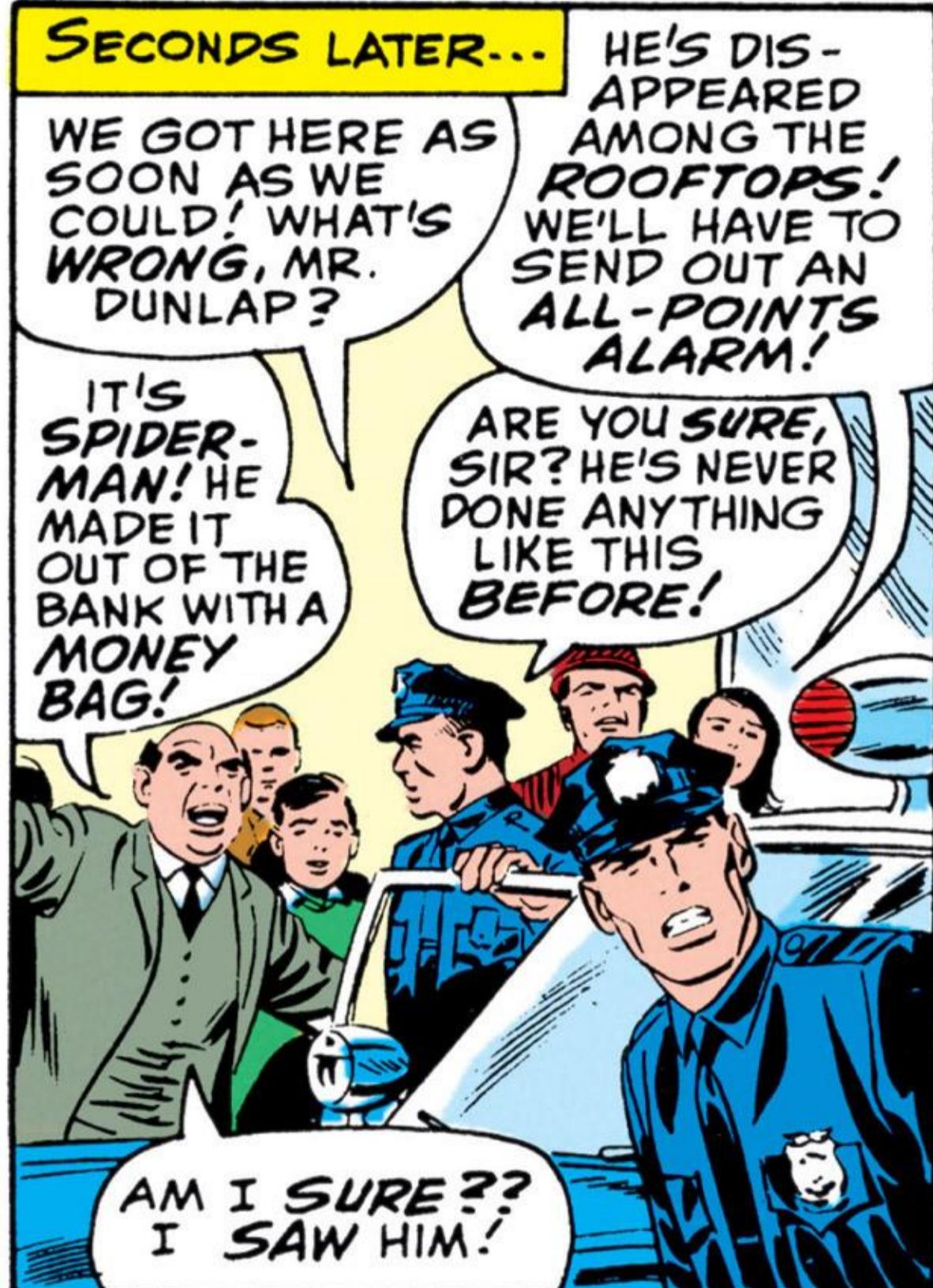
STOP, THIEF!  
SOMEONE STOP  
THAT WALL-CRAWLING CROOK! DON'T LET  
HIM GET AWAY!

IT'S TOO LATE  
FOR ANYONE  
TO GET HIM  
NOW!



THEN...  
HE IS THE  
MENACE  
PEOPLE HAVE  
SAID HE  
WAS!

PRODUCED BY THE BATTY BULLPEN'S SWINGIN'EST SPIDOPHILES...  
SMILIN' STAN LEE, WRITER  
JAZZY JOHNNY ROMITA,  
ARTIST  
SLAMMIN' SAMMY ROSEN,  
LETTERER



WHILE, AT KENNEDY AIRPORT...

I ENJOYED YOUR VISIT, SON! NOW DON'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE SPORES YOU CONTACTED DURING YOUR SPACE WALK! THEY DON'T MEAN A THING!

SURE, DAD! YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT! SAY... IT'S GETTING HOT...!

WHAT'S WRONG, JOHN? WHAT IS IT, BOY? YOU LOOK SO FLUSHED ALL OF A SUDDEN...

I DON'T KNOW! I FEEL HOT... MY HEAD'S SPINNING 'ROUND... NOW THE FEVER'S LEAVING ME, BUT... I'M GROGGY... CAN HARDLY KEEP MY BALANCE...

NO.. IT'S NOT THE FLU! IT CAN'T BE!

I.. I CAN HARDLY STAND! AND MY CLOTHES... THEY'RE SHRINKING... I.. I'M BEGINNING TO BUST OUT OF THEM...

OHHHHHH...

**CRACK!**

YOU.. YOU SMASHED THAT METAL PILLAR LIKE A TOOTHPICK!

AND... THAT MARBLE AND STEEL COUNTER TOP... IT SNAPPED THE SECOND YOU TOUCHED IT!

DAD!.. WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?? WHAT'S HAPPENING!!?

**FTOK!**

YOUR CLOTHES DIDN'T SHRINK! IT'S YOU... YOU'VE GOTTEN BIGGER!!

AND STRONGER! I FEEL AS THOUGH... I CAN DO... ANYTHING!

THE DIZZINESS PASSED! I'VE GOT MY BALANCE BACK! NOW I CAN... WHA...??!

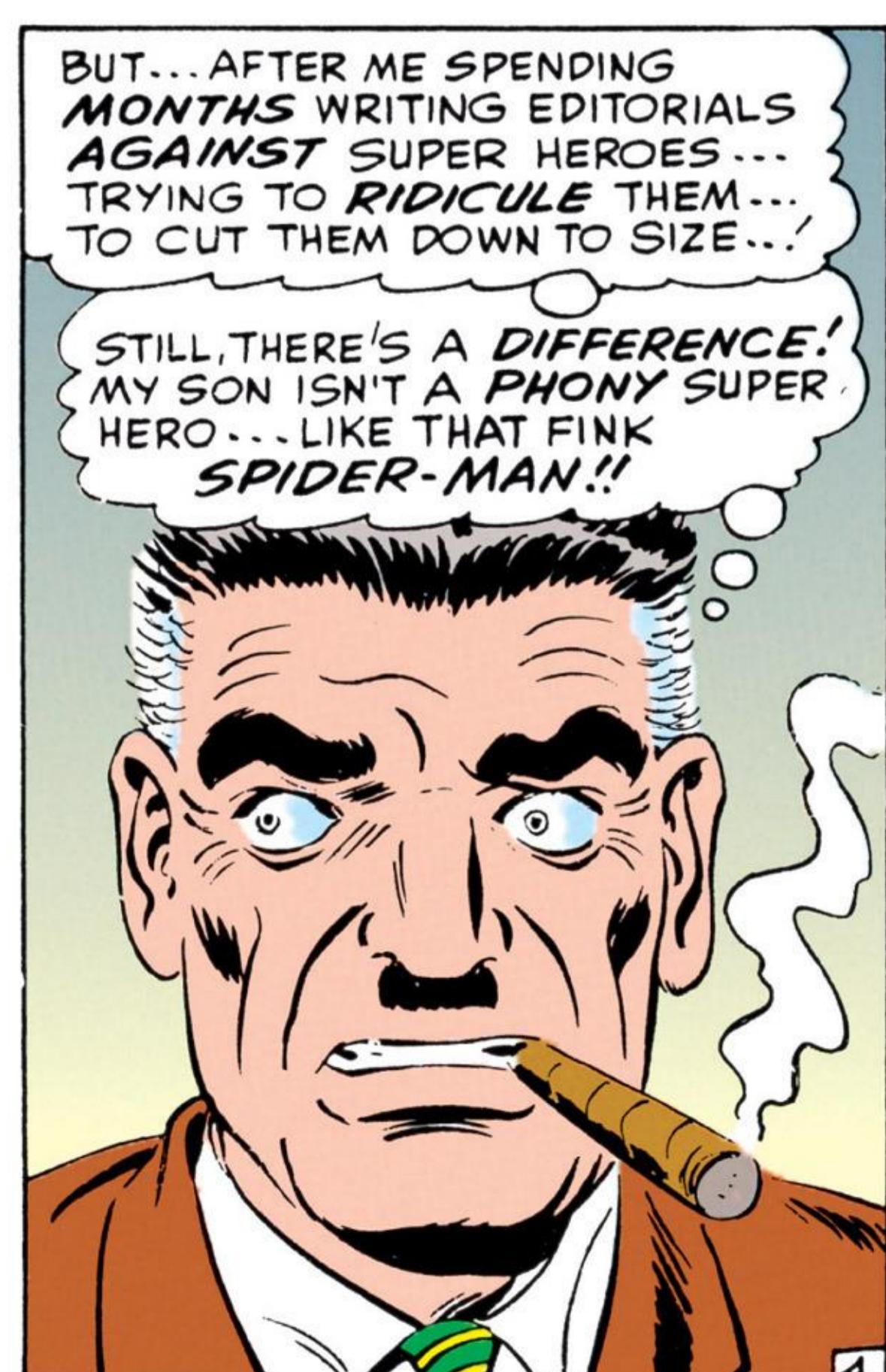
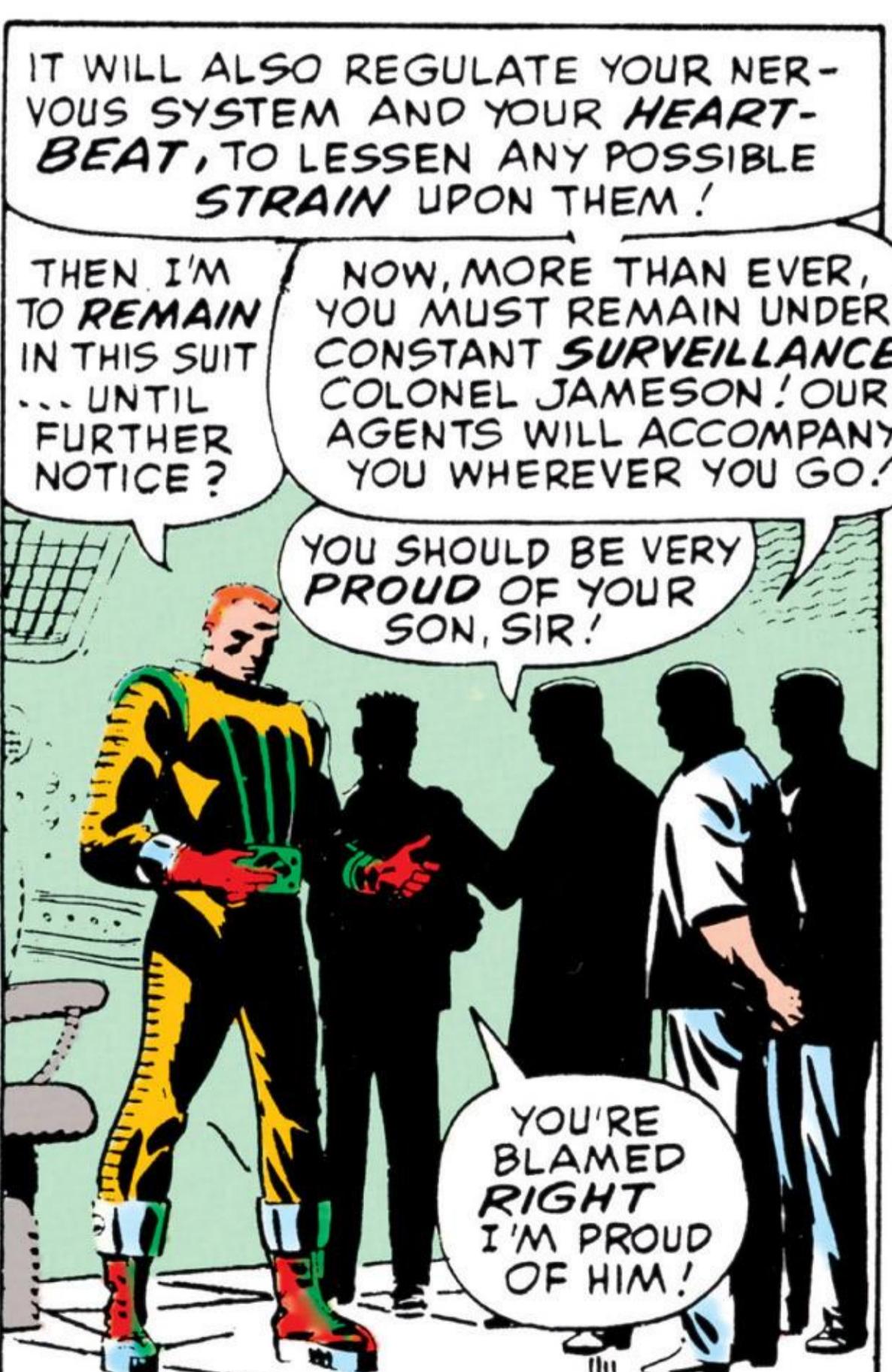
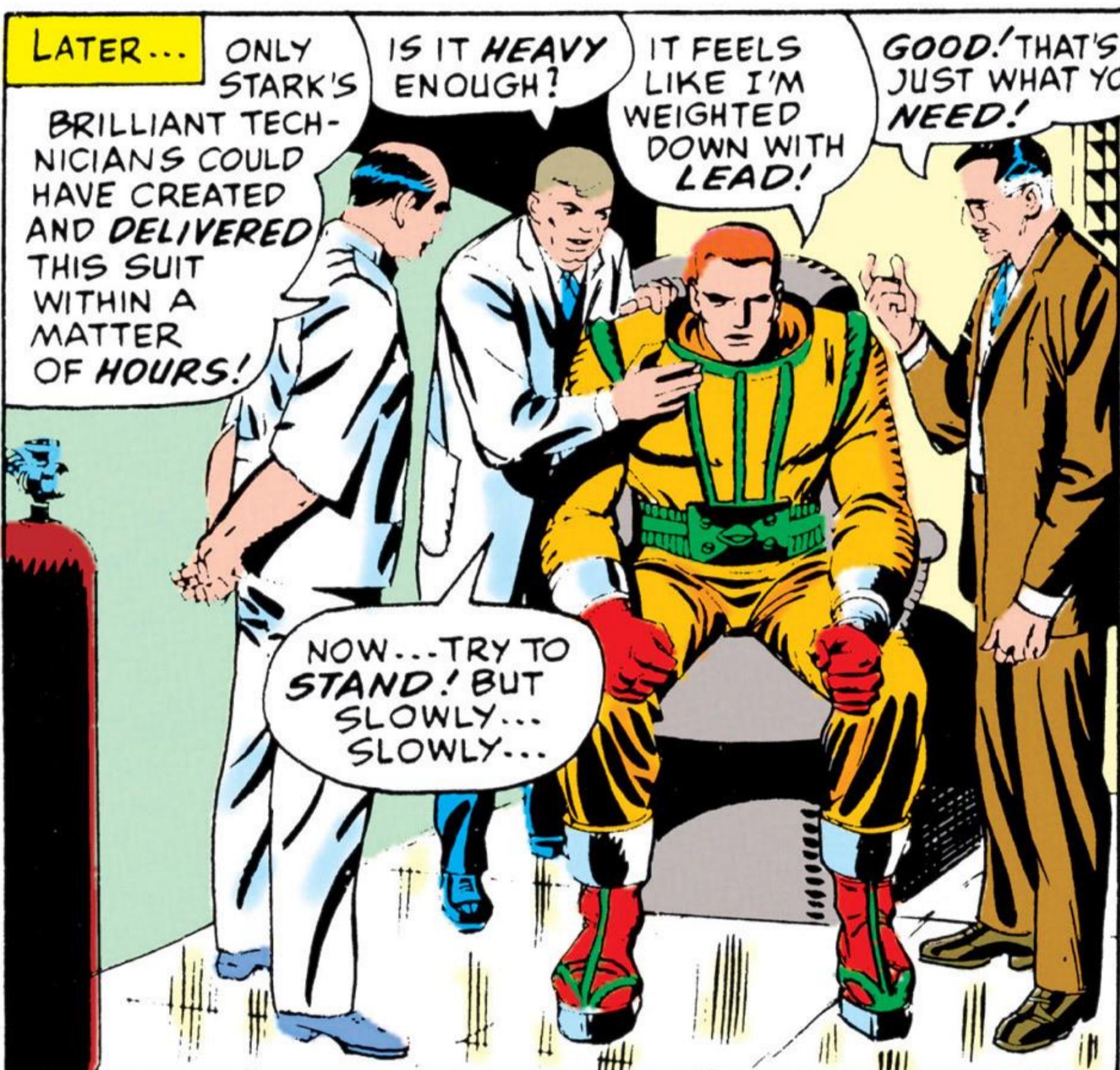
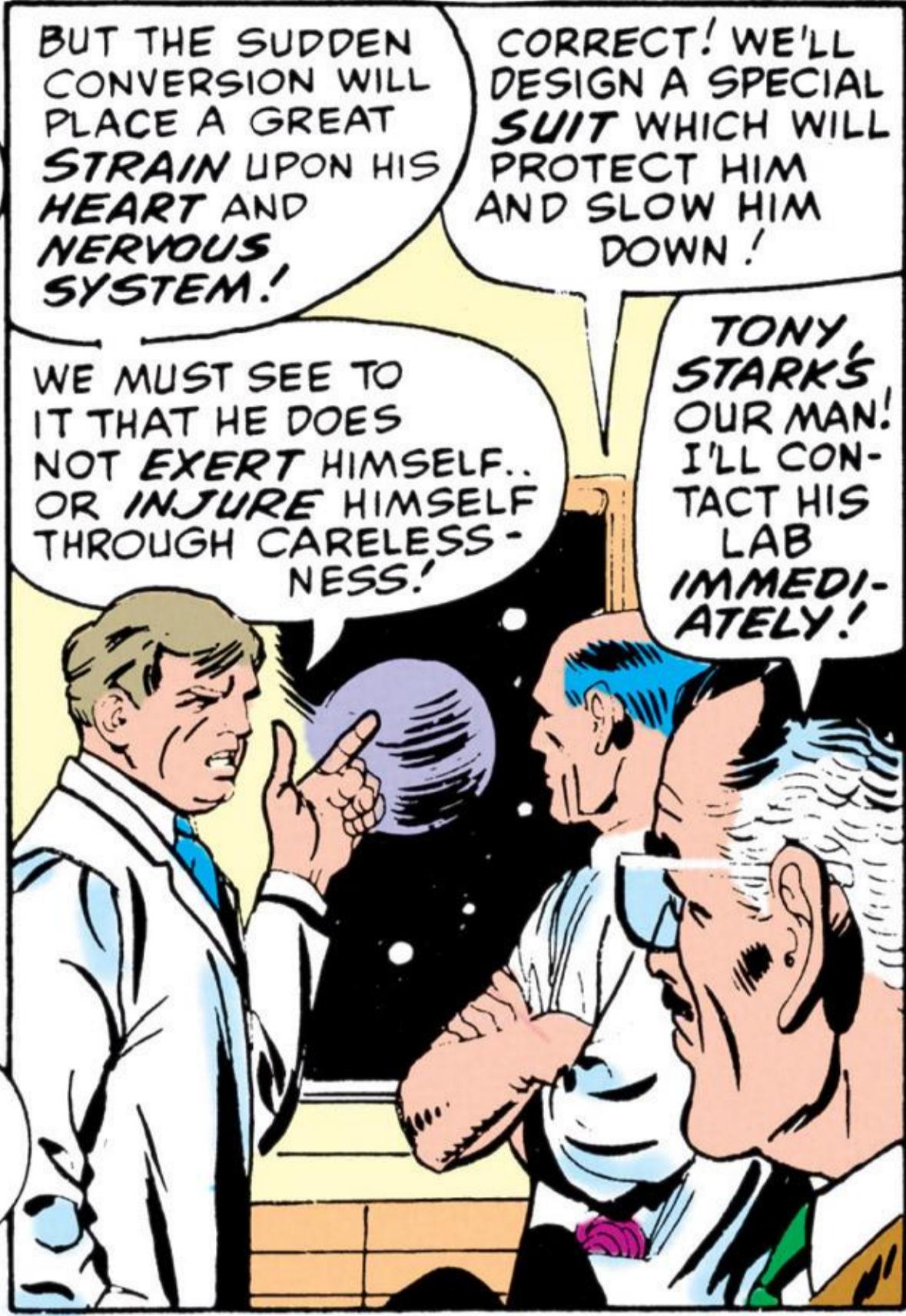
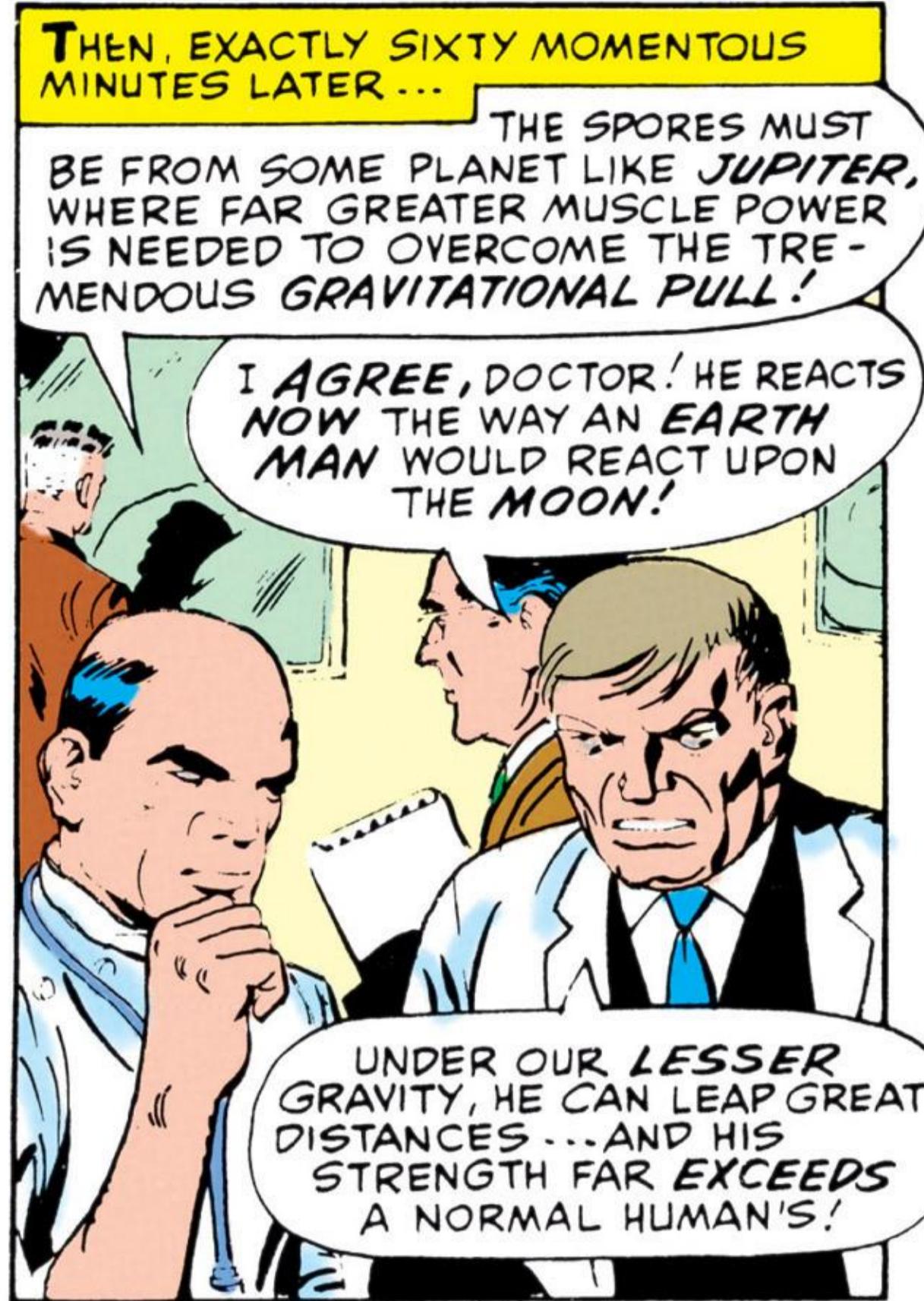
MY MUSCLES!! THEY'RE TOO STRONG! THE SLIGHTEST MOTION SENT ME HURTLING THROUGH THE WALL!

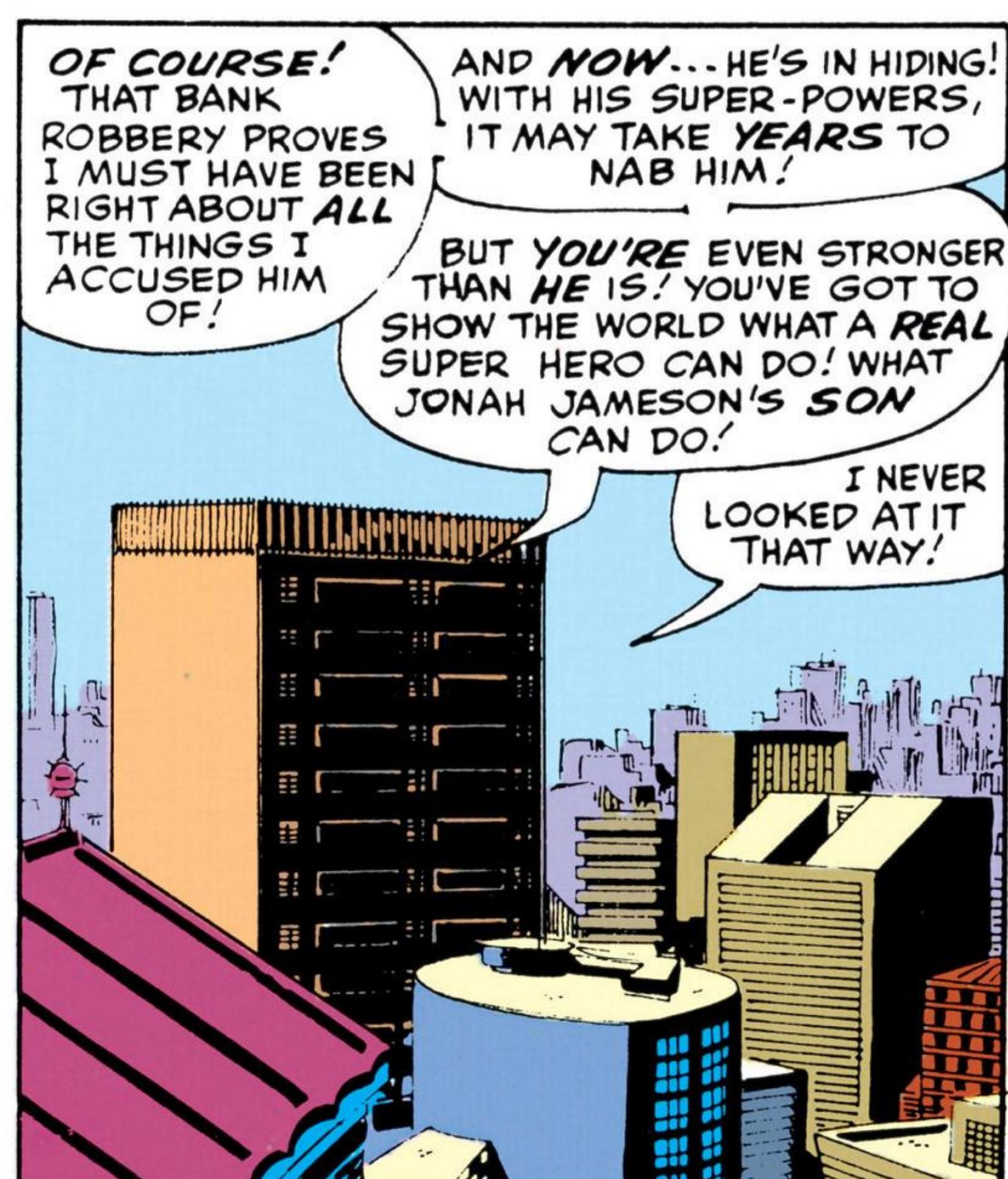
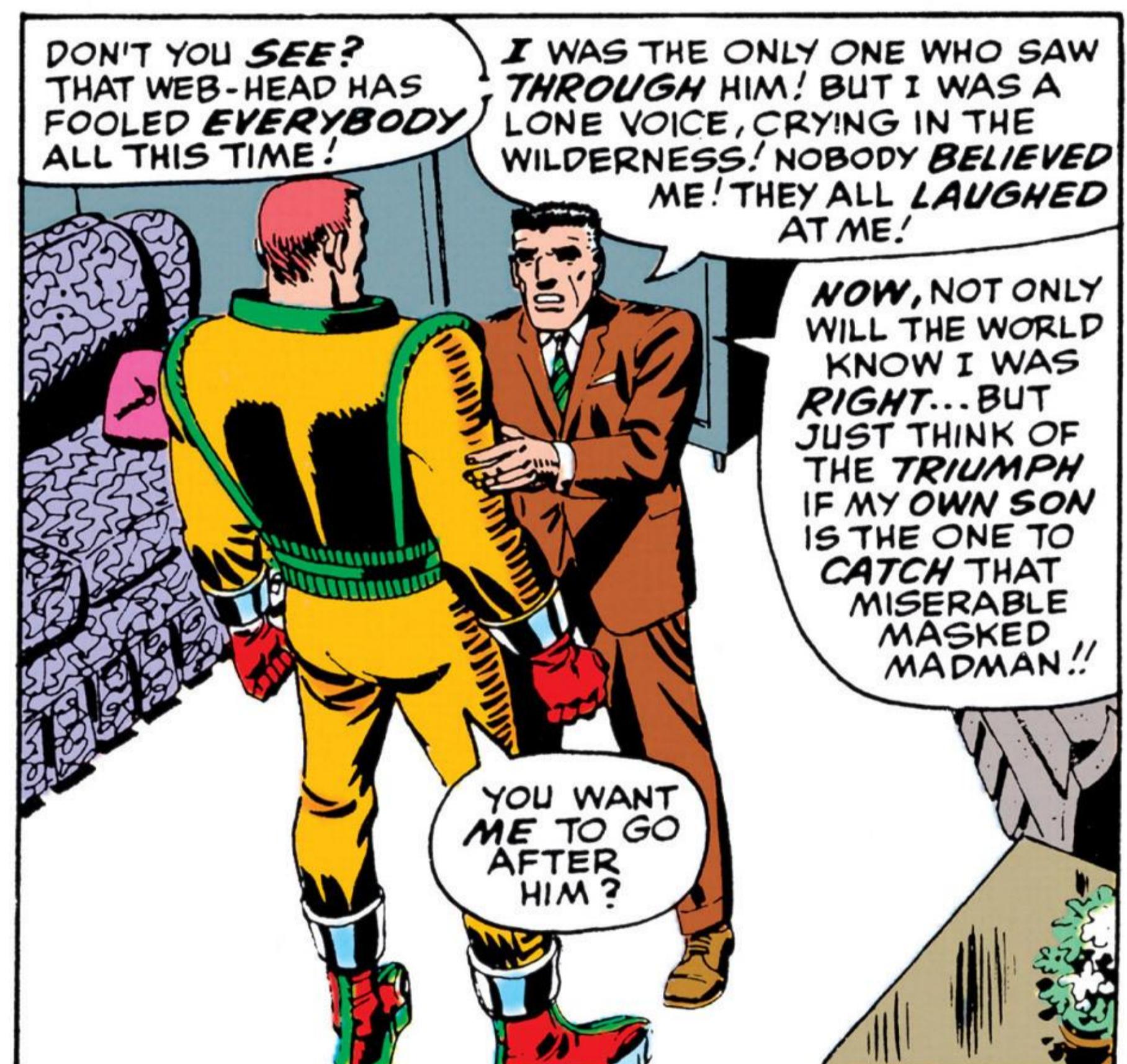
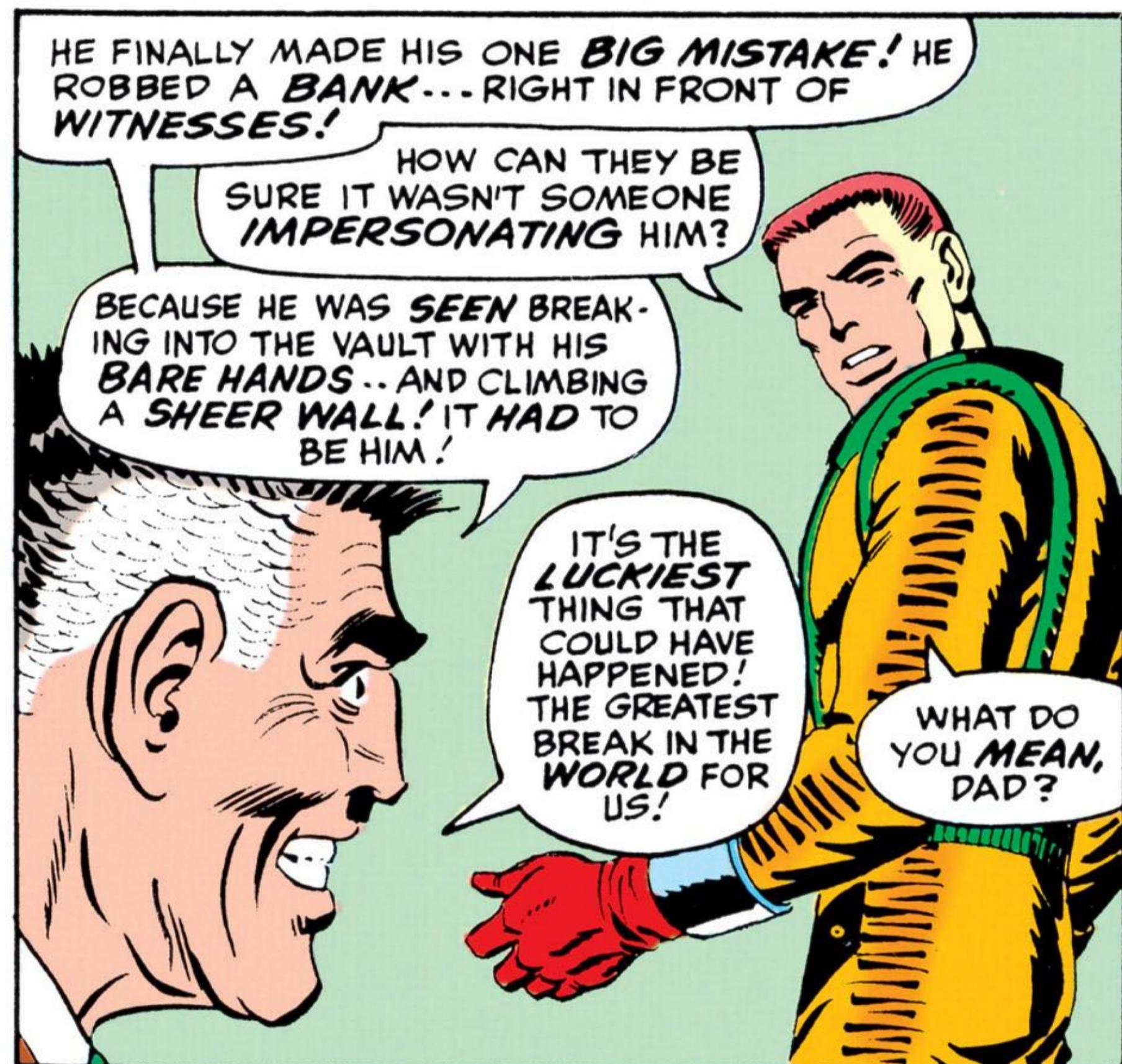
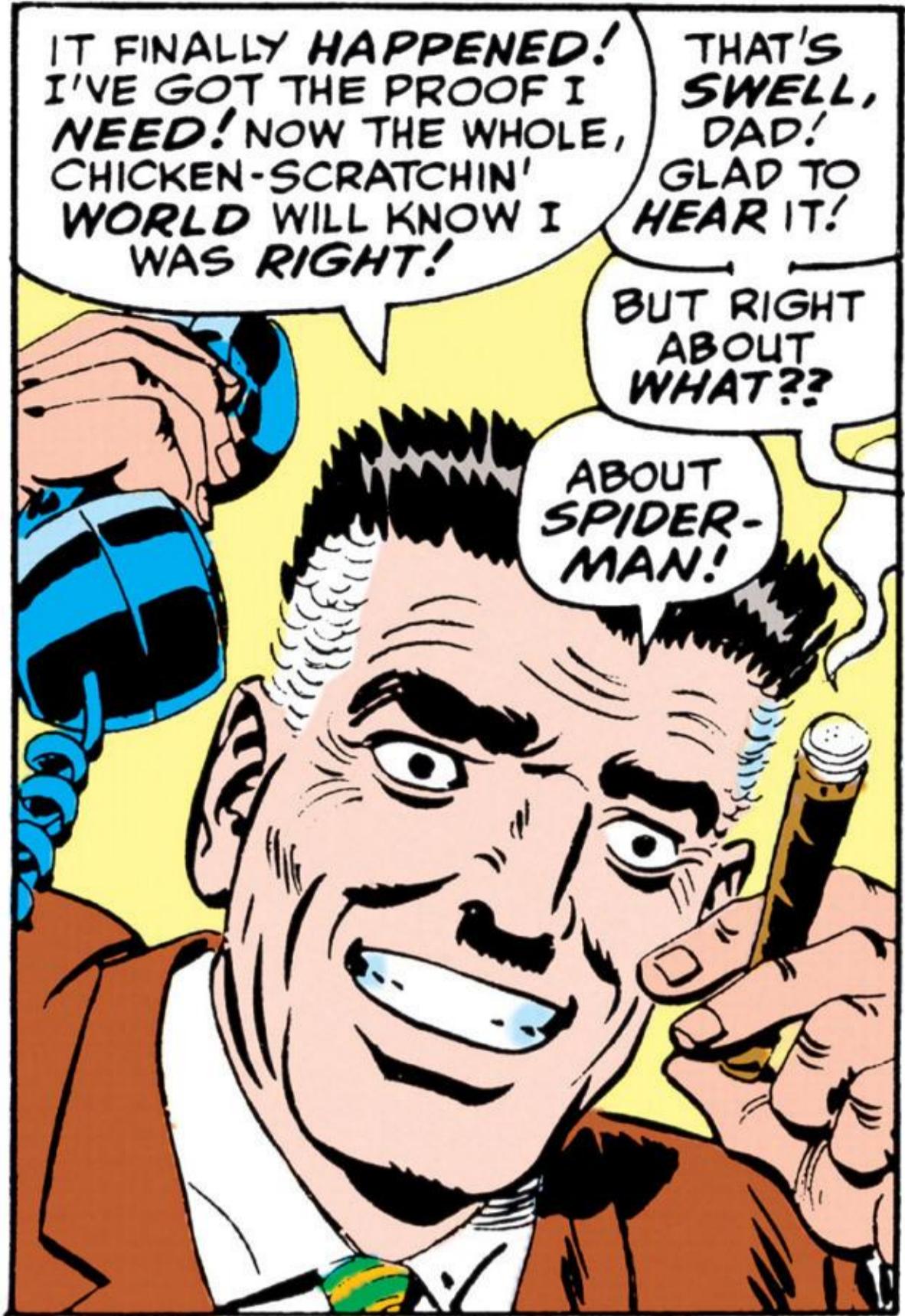
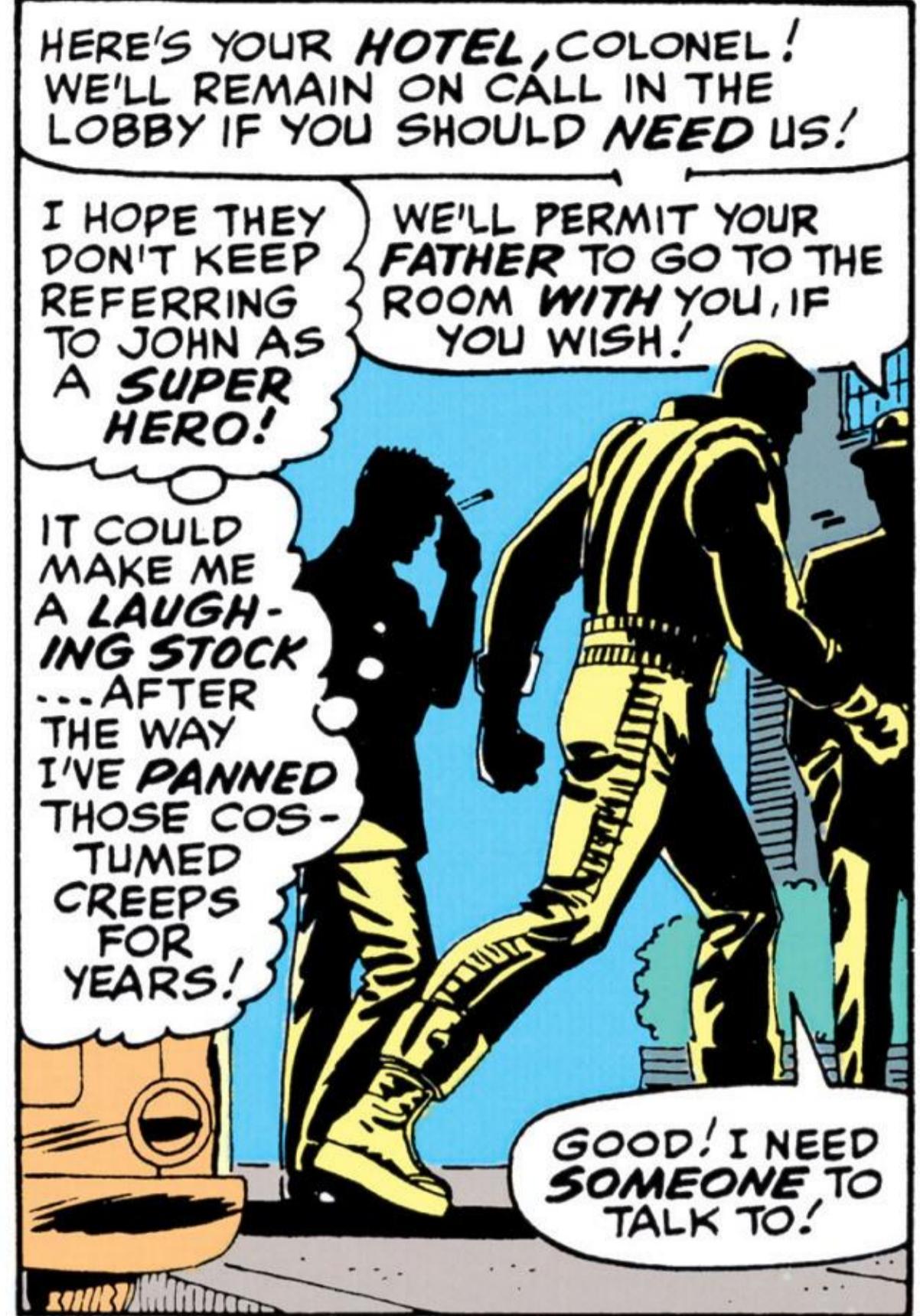
I HARDLY EVEN FELT THE IMPACT! IT MUST BE THOSE SPORES... THEY'VE TURNED ME INTO.. INTO.. WHAT???

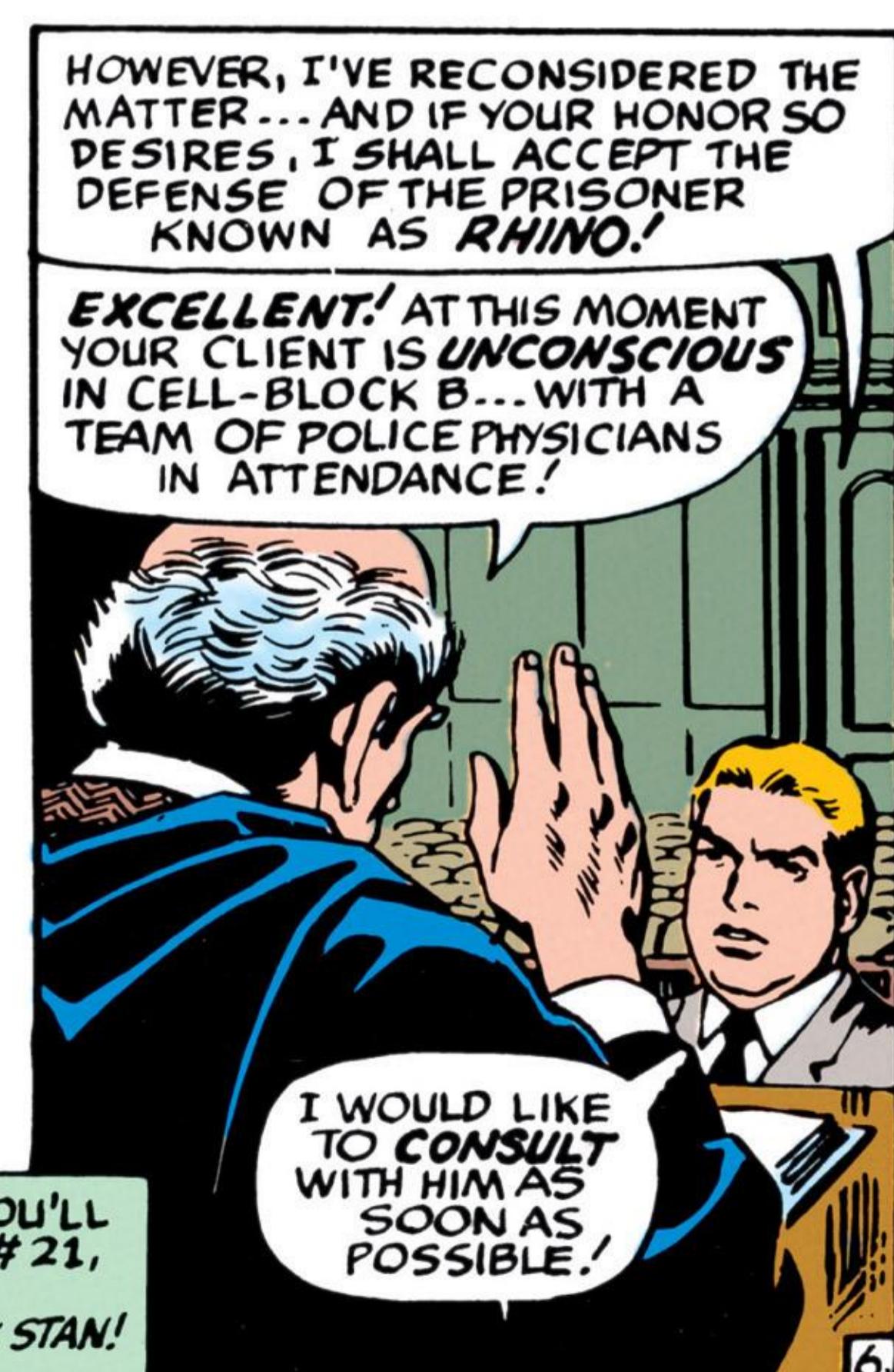
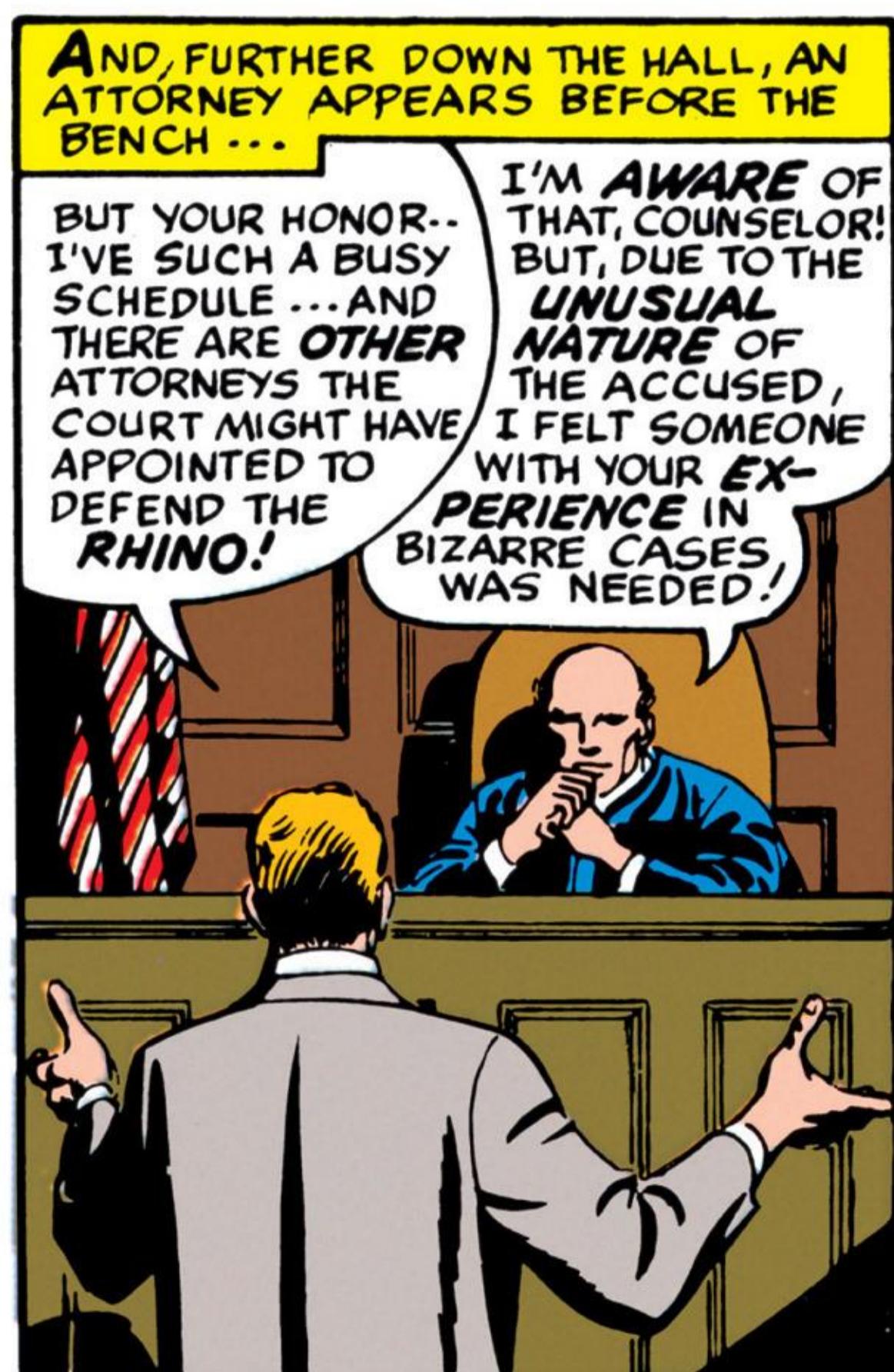
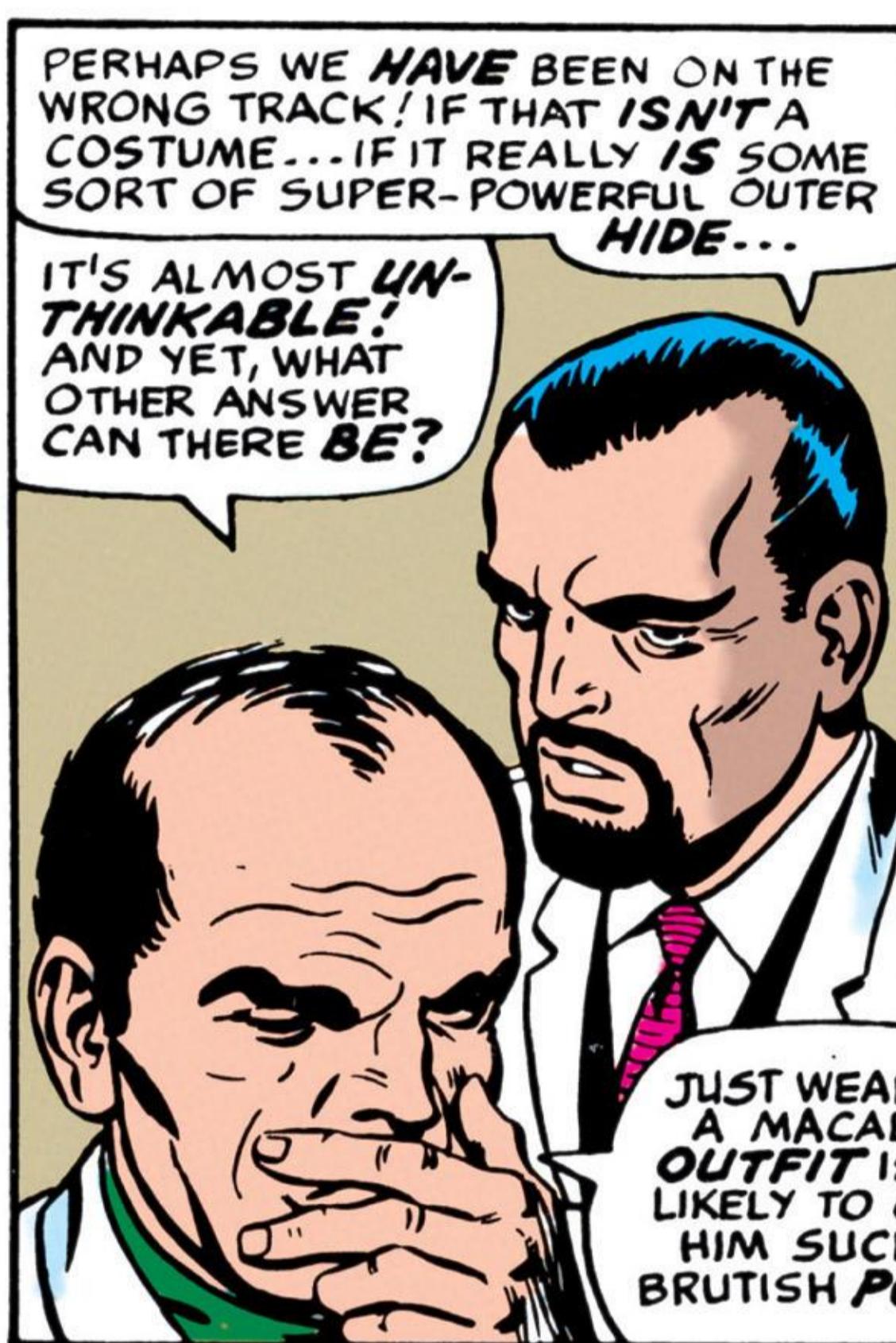
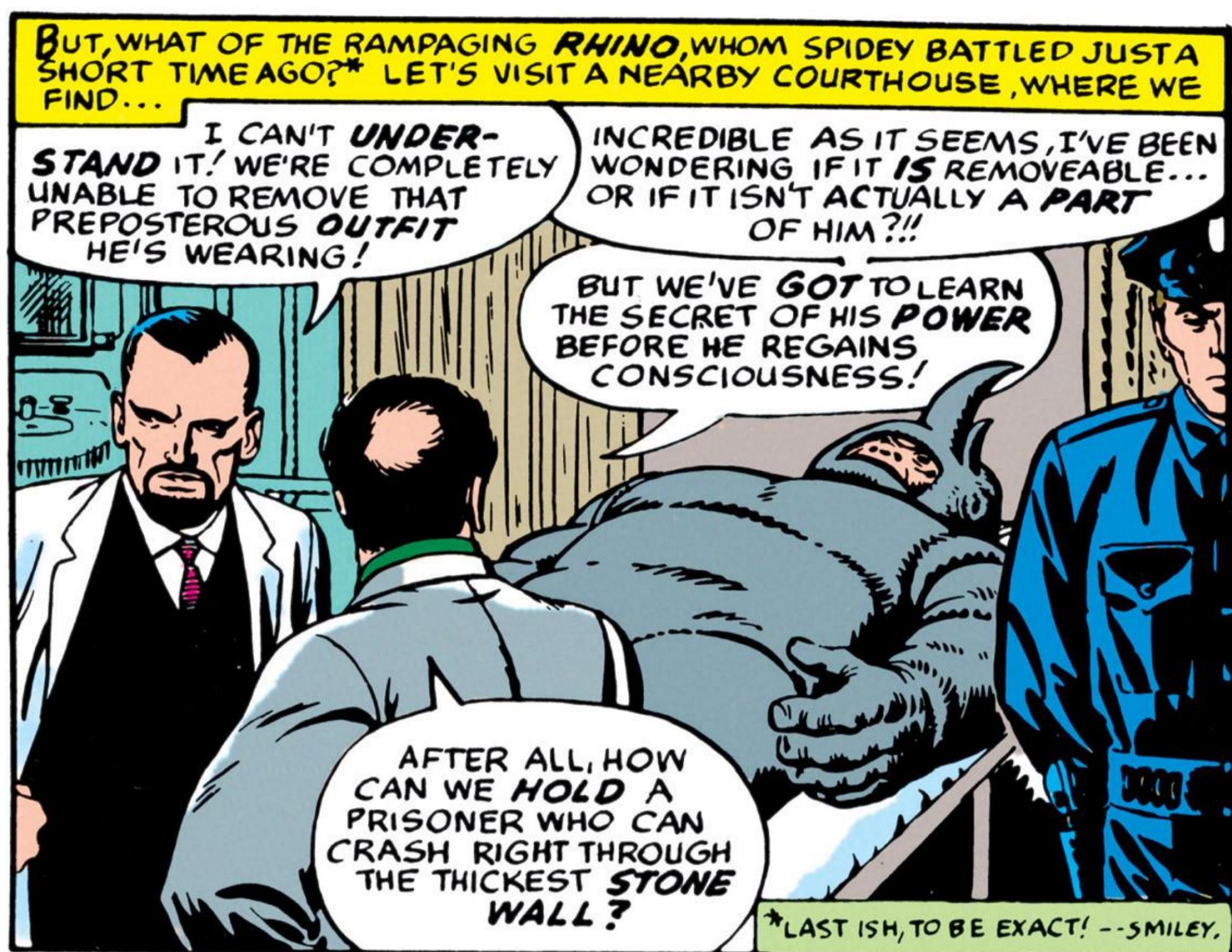
EASY, SON... EASY! HERE COME THE TWO FEDERAL AGENTS WHO'VE BEEN GUARDING YOU!

WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING SOMETHING LIKE THIS! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO OUR LAB... ON THE DOUBLE!

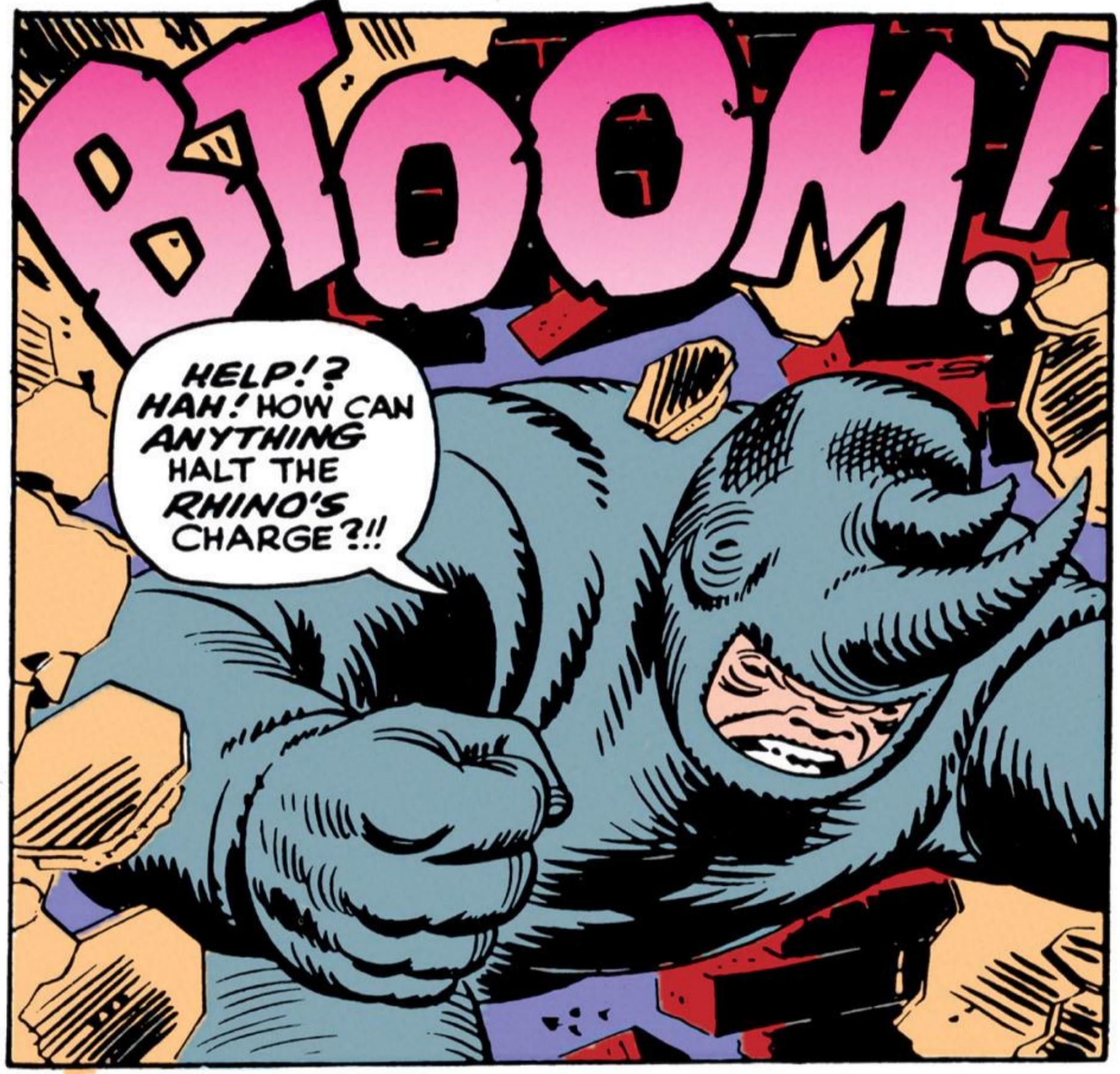
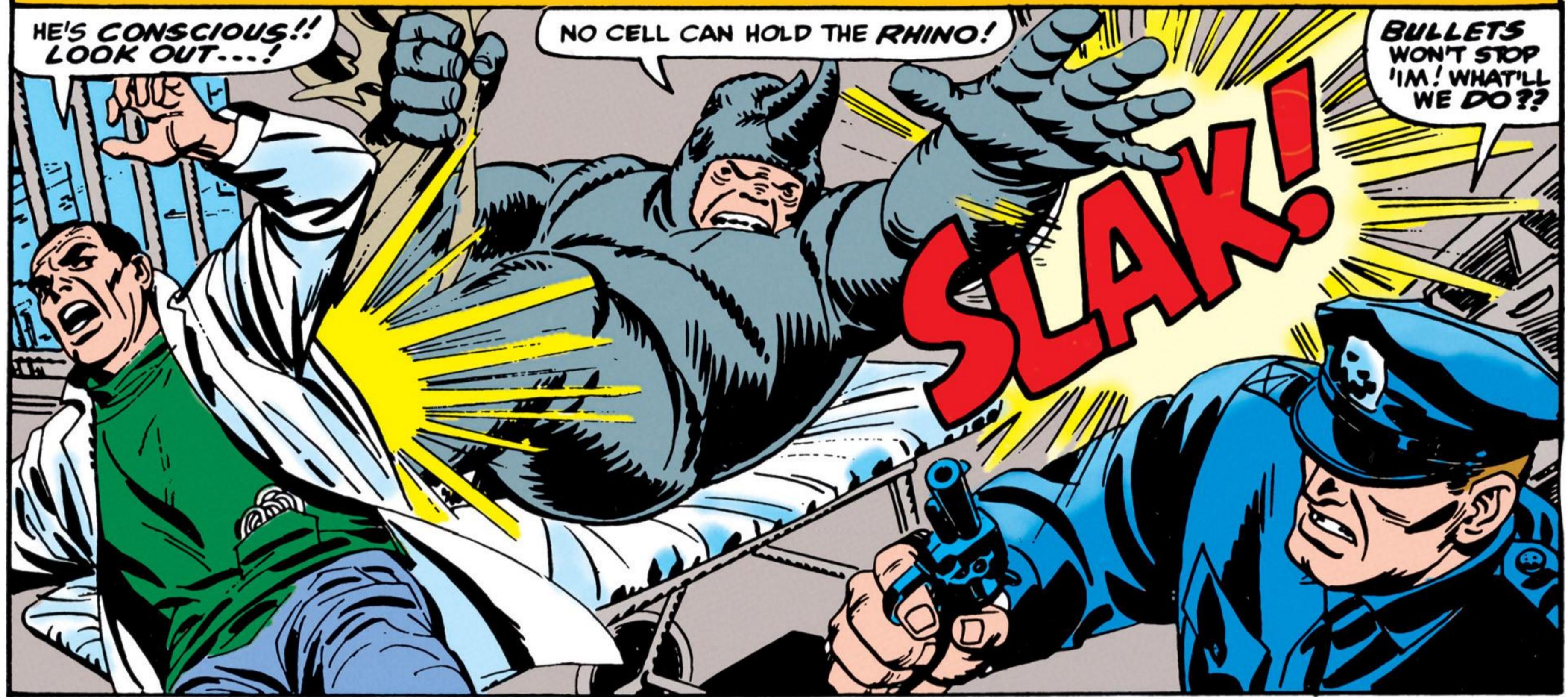
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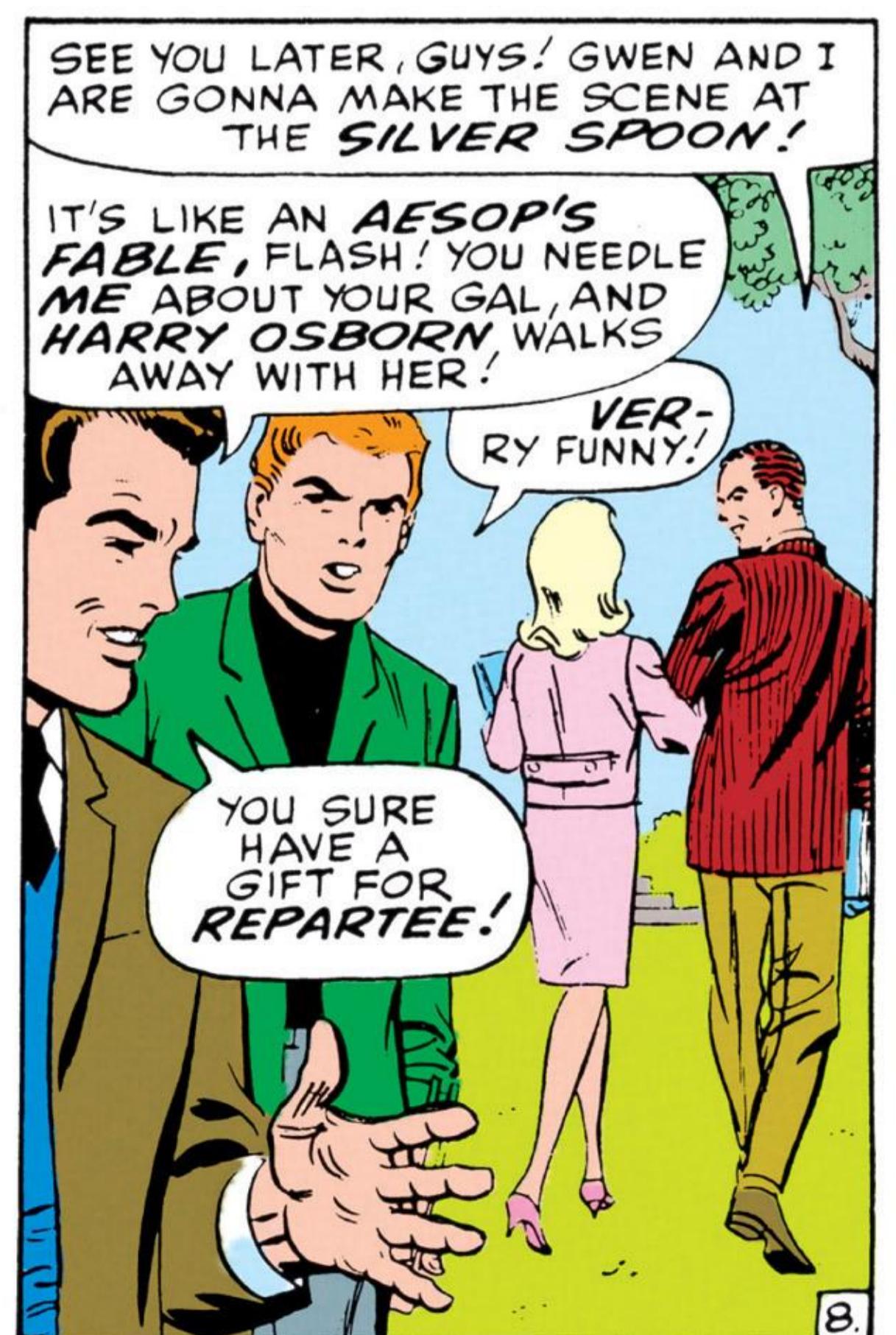
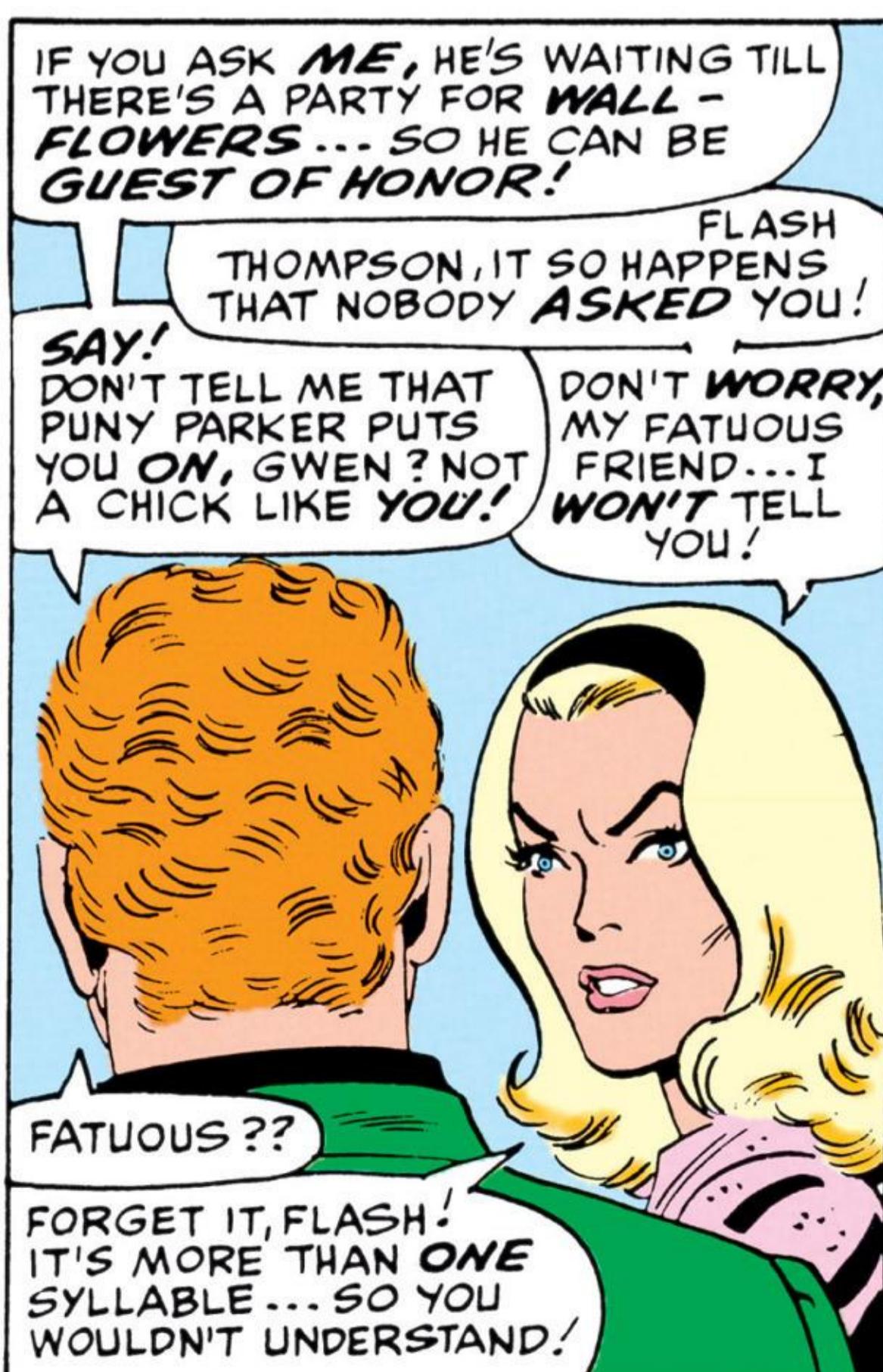
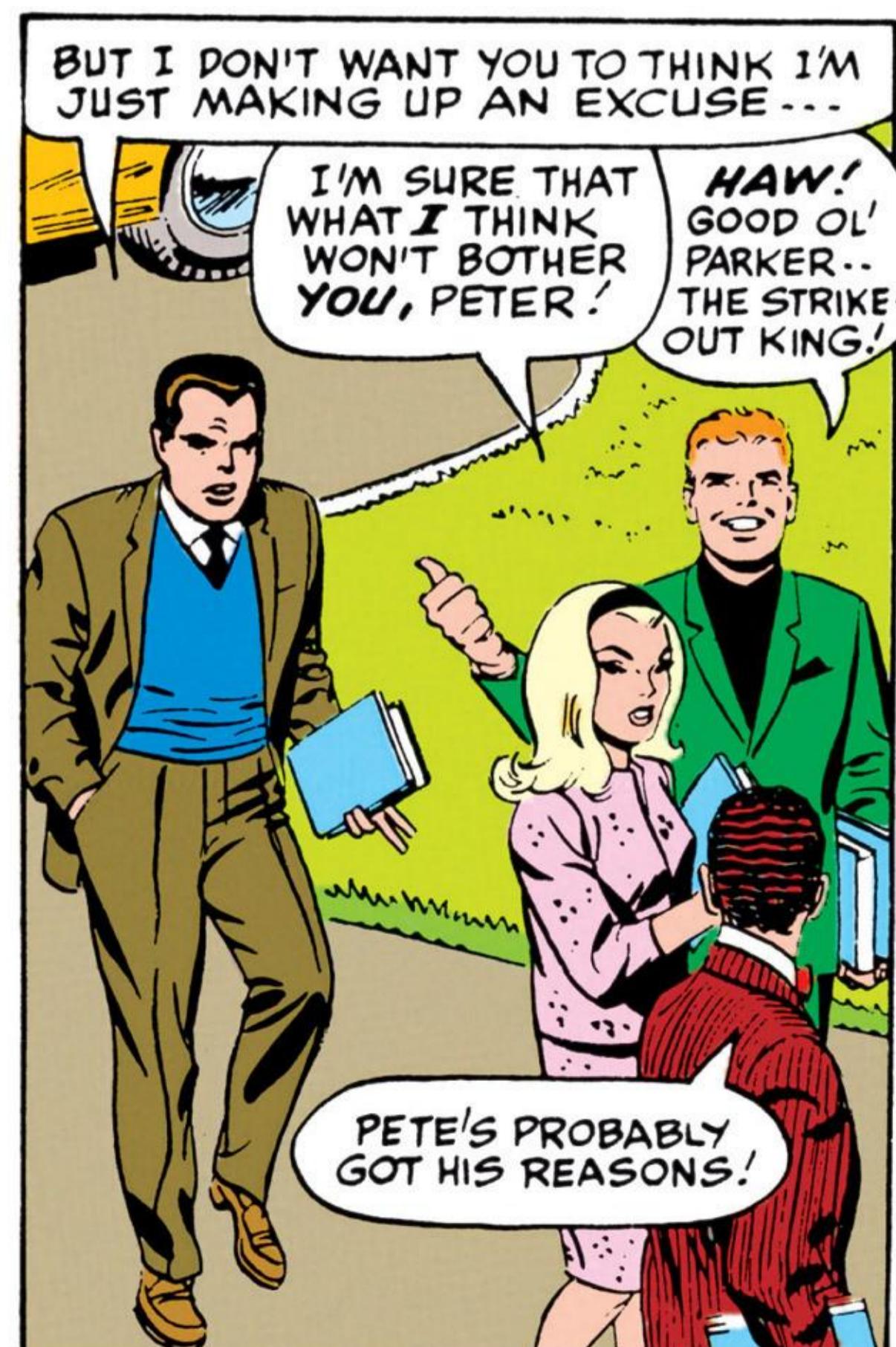
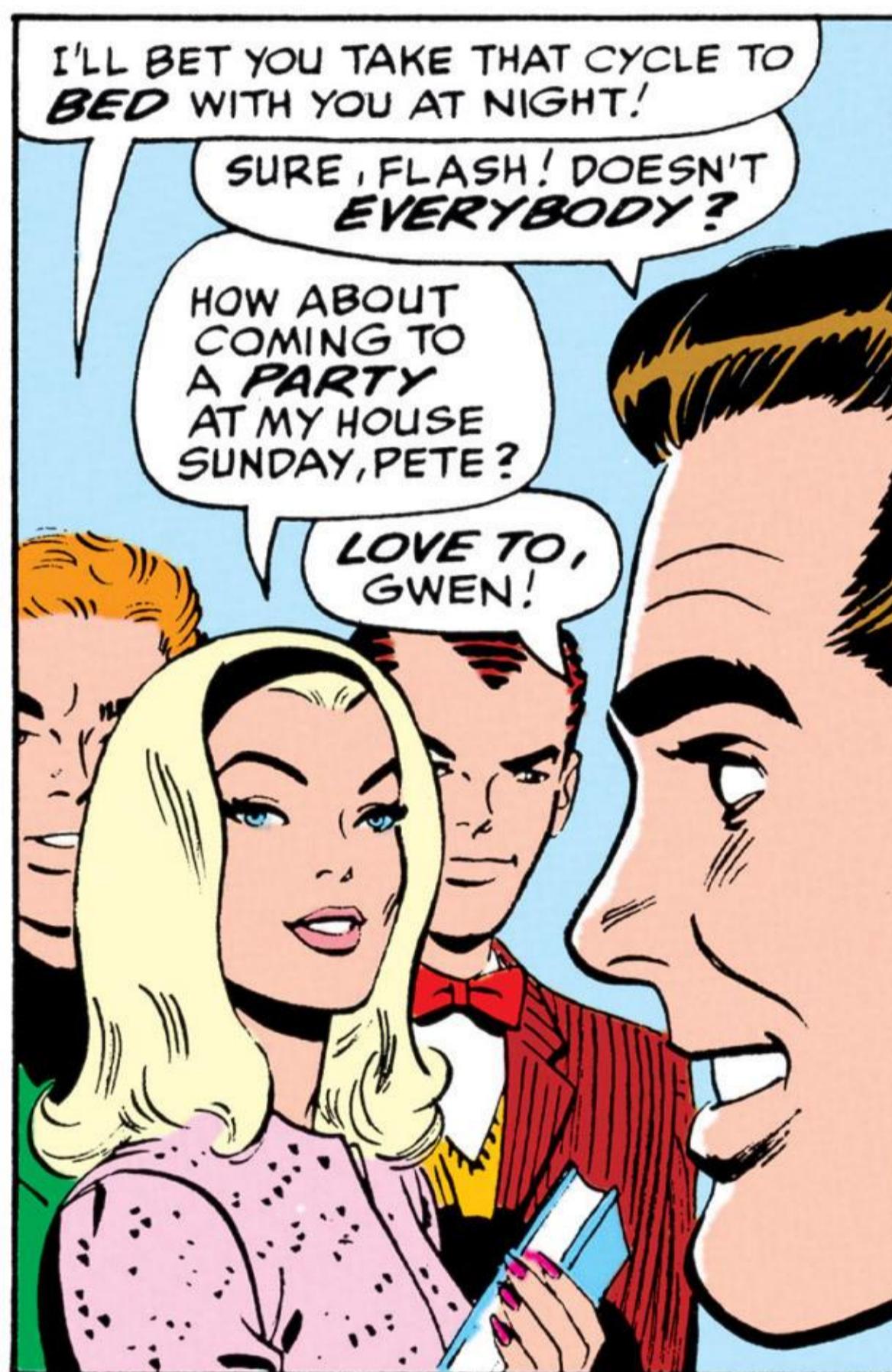
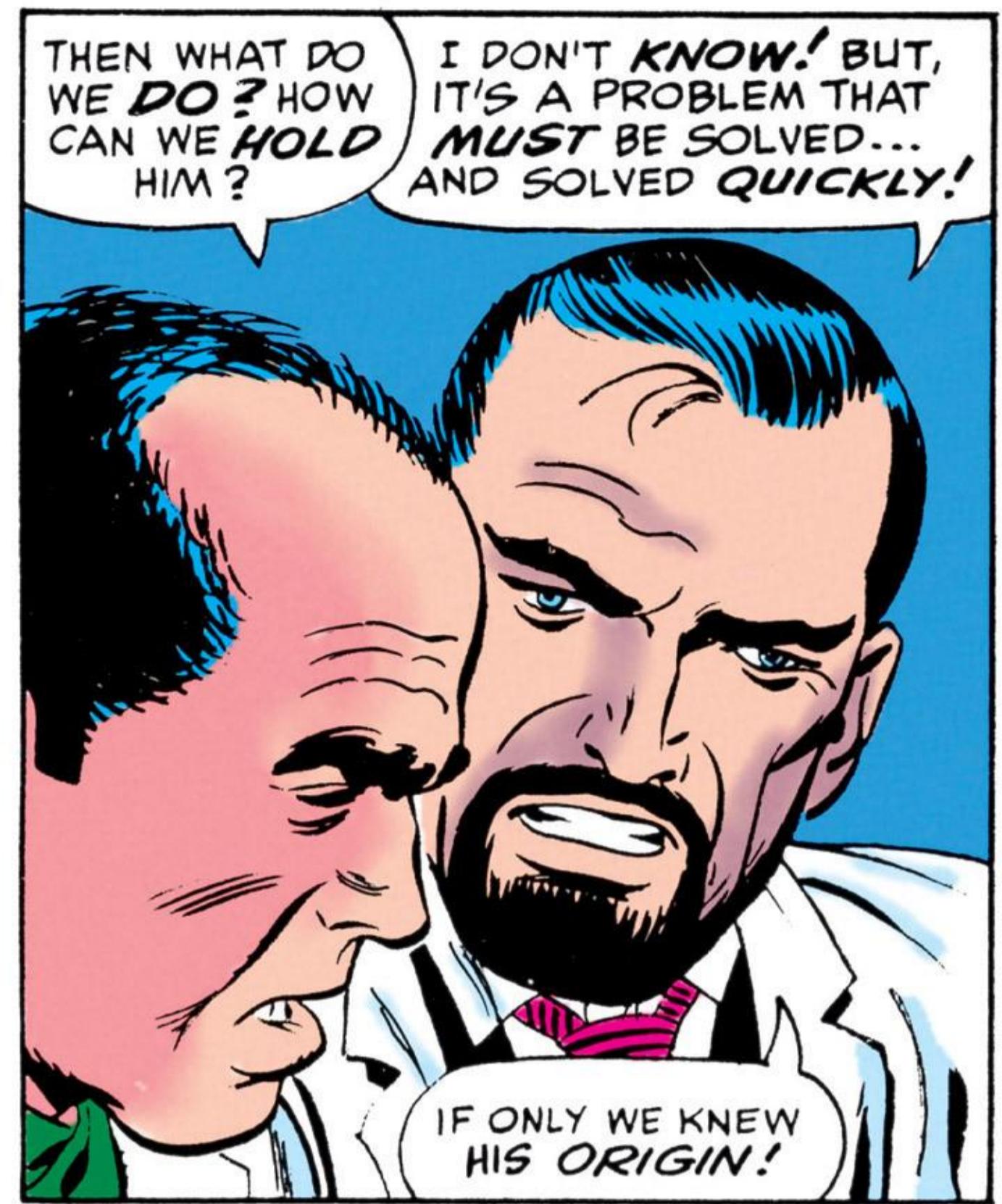
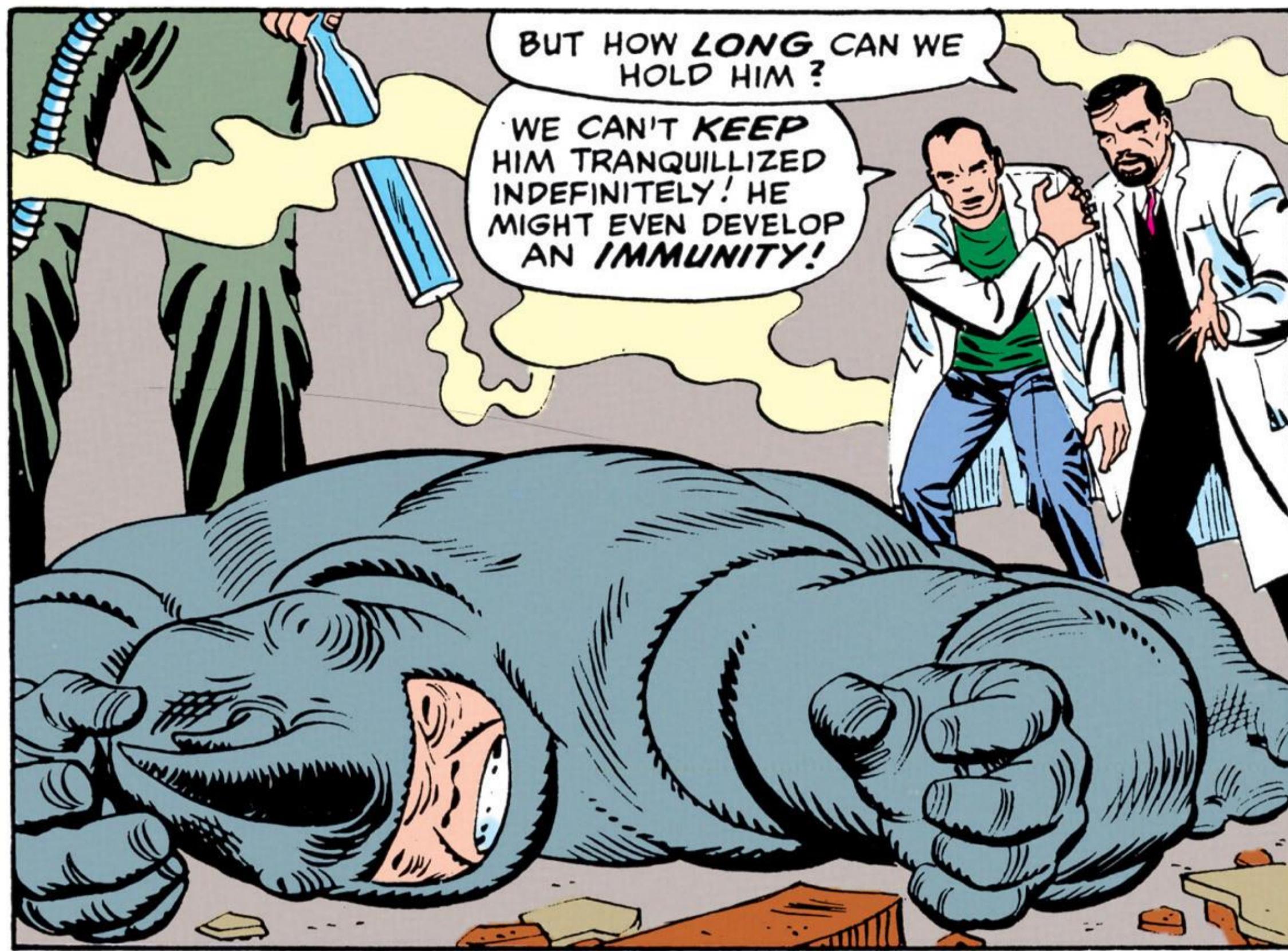






PERHAPS FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON WILL GET HIS WISH SOONER THAN HE EXPECTS! FOR AT THAT MOMENT...





THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY DRAGS ON FOR OUR HERO, UNTIL AT LAST, A THOUGHTFUL PETER PARKER LEAVES HIS FINAL CLASS ...

I'M AS ANXIOUS TO MEET MARY JANE WATSON ON SUNDAY AS I AM TO MEET THE HULK!

AND SHE'LL PROBABLY LOOK LIKE HIM!



FUNNY HOW I DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT BETTY BRANT ANY MORE! SHE'S LIKE A CHAPTER OF MY LIFE THAT'S CLOSED AND DONE WITH!

BUT GWEN STACY LOOKS BETTER TO ME EACH TIME I SEE HER!

IF ONLY WE COULD GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT... JUST ONCE!

OH WELL...



LATER, AS THE VEIL OF NIGHT BEGINS TO SHROUD THE RESTLESS CITY...

NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE WEB-SWINGING TO CLEAR AWAY THE COBWEBS...

SAY! THERE'S SOMEONE STANDING ATOP THAT ROOF... A FEW BLOCKS AWAY ... WEARING A COSTUME!



IT'S COLONEL JAMESON... JONAH'S SON! BUT.. WHAT CHANGED YOU ??

NEVER MIND ME! I WAS HOPING I'D RUN INTO YOU, MISTER!

I JUST FOUND OUT MY FATHER'S BEEN RIGHT ABOUT YOU ALL THIS TIME!

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A CHEAP, COSTUMED CROOK!



BUT YOU'VE FINALLY MET UP WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN HANDLE A SUPER-POWERED STUMBLE-BUM LIKE YOU!

HEY! TAKE IT EASY! I HAVEN'T FINISHED PAYING MY LAST DENTAL BILL YET!

THOK!



YOU'RE NOT GONNA SMART-TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS, MASKED MAN! I DON'T LIKE BEING MADE A FOOL OF!

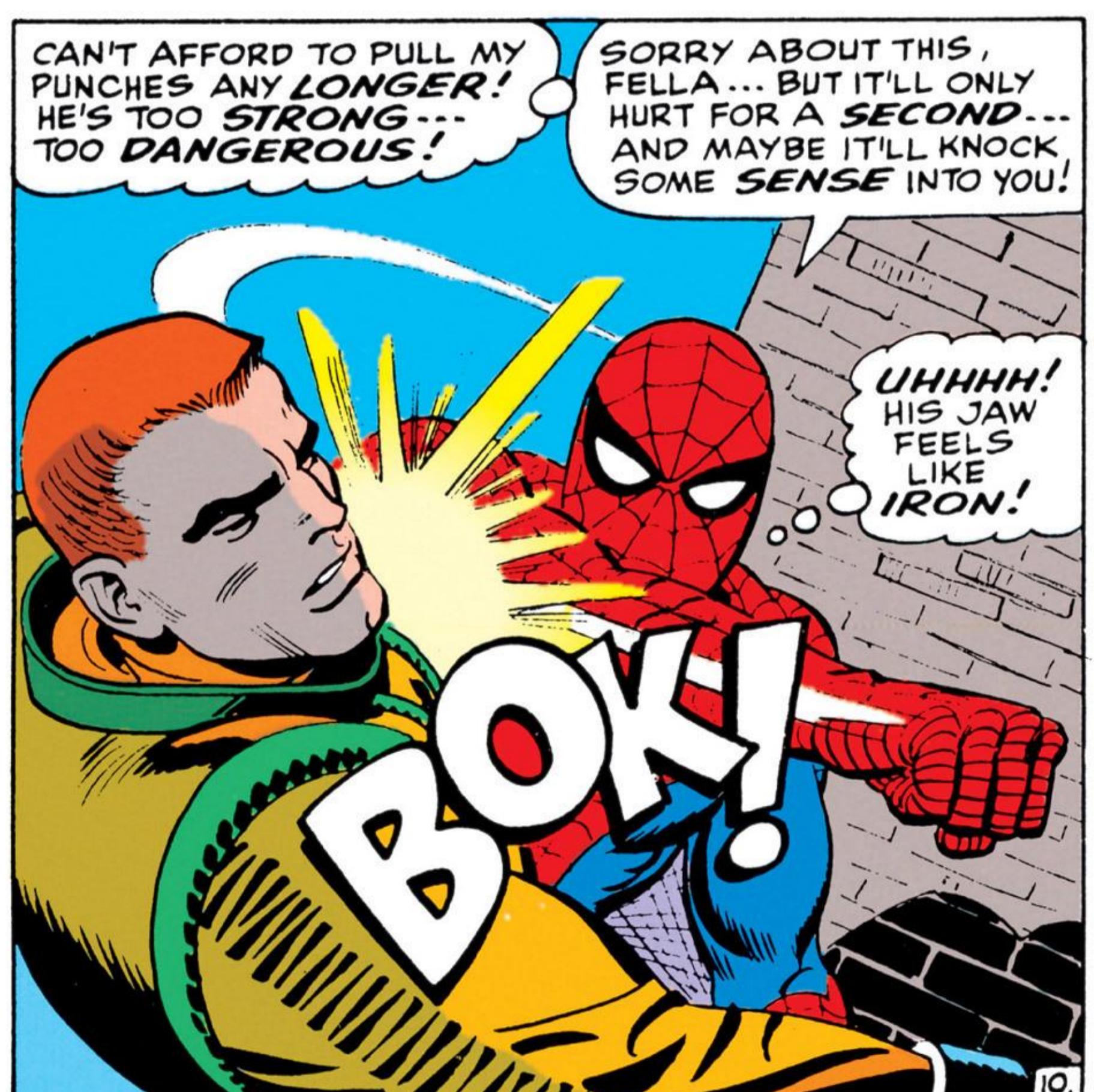
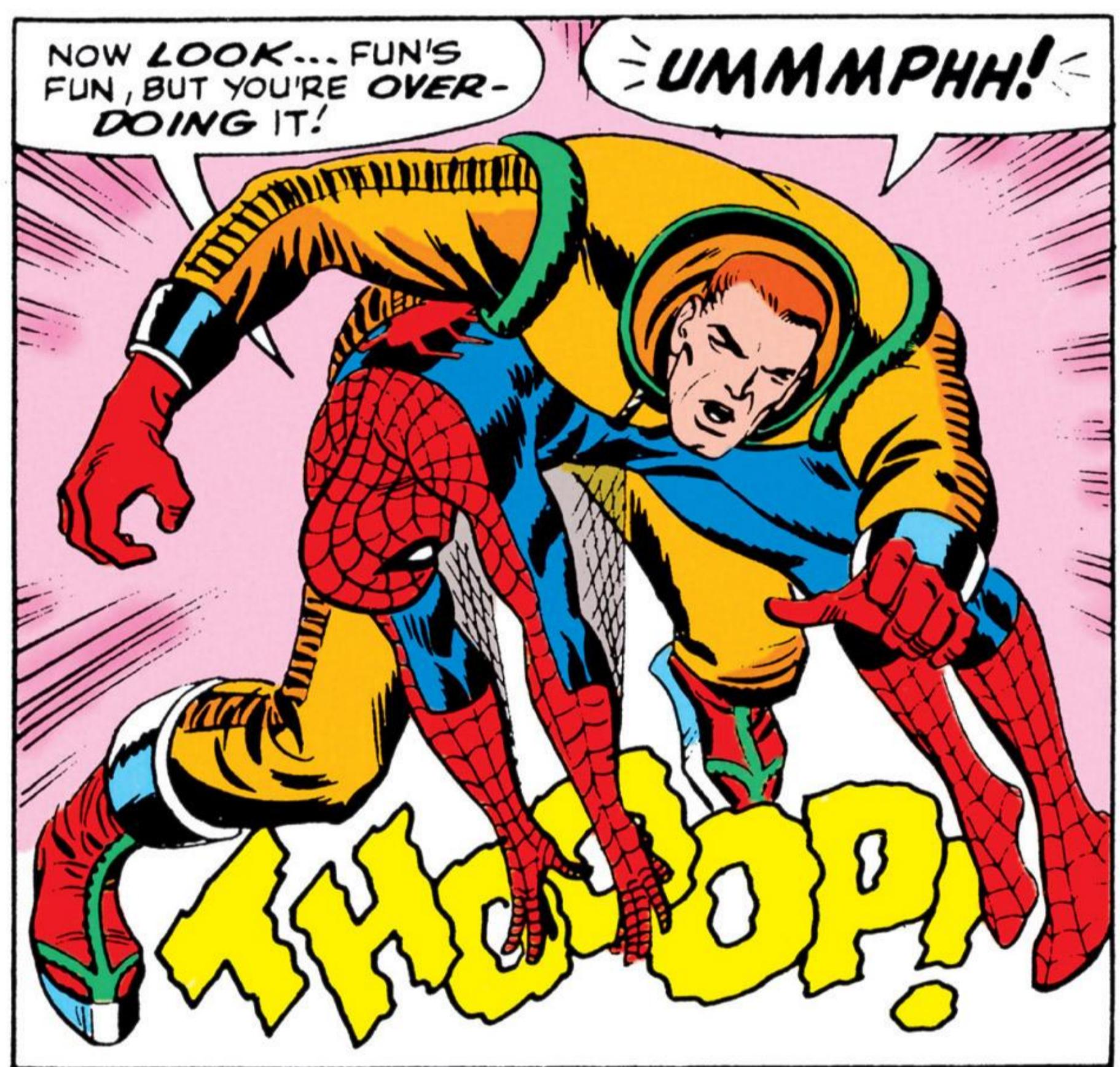
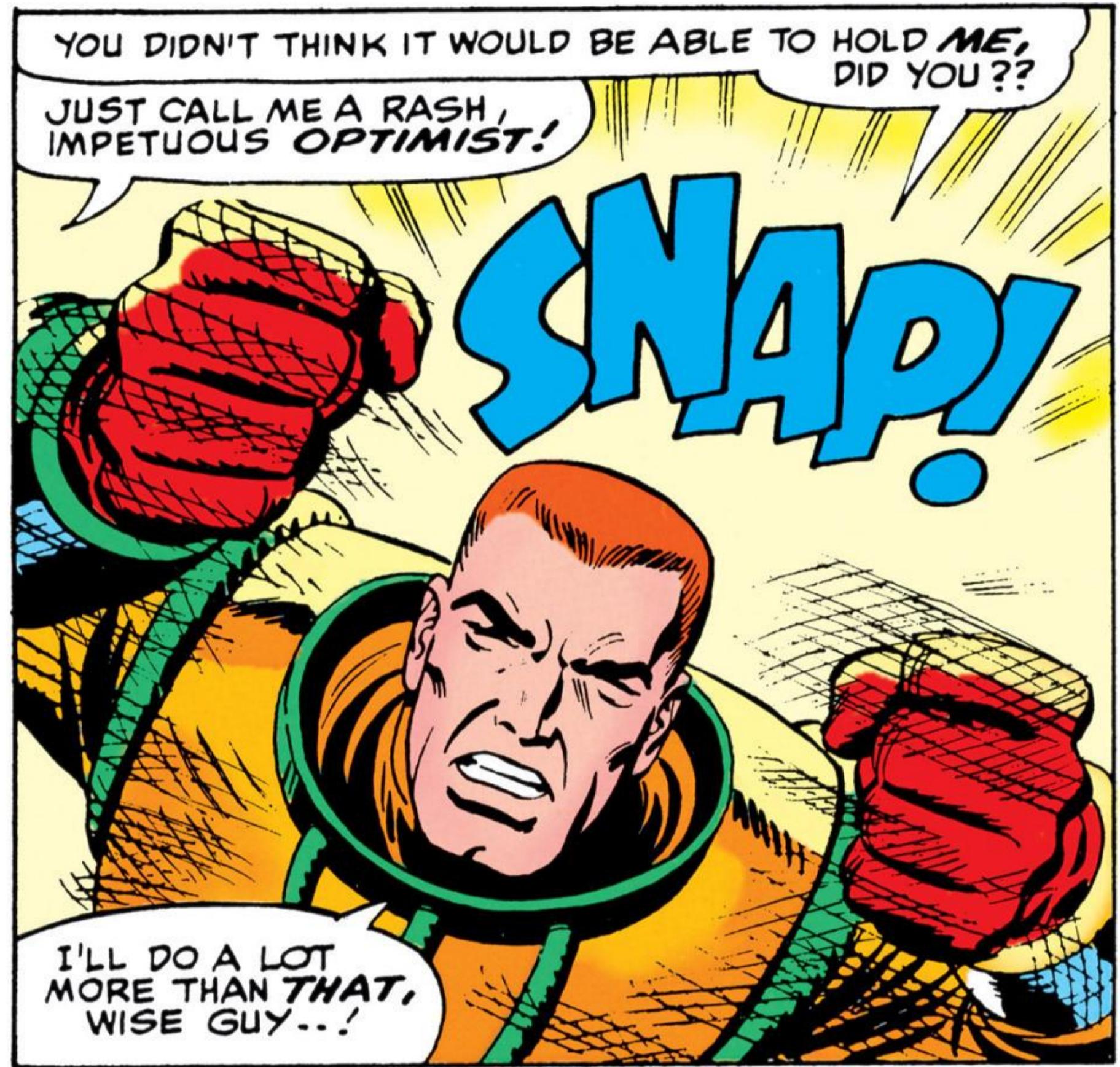
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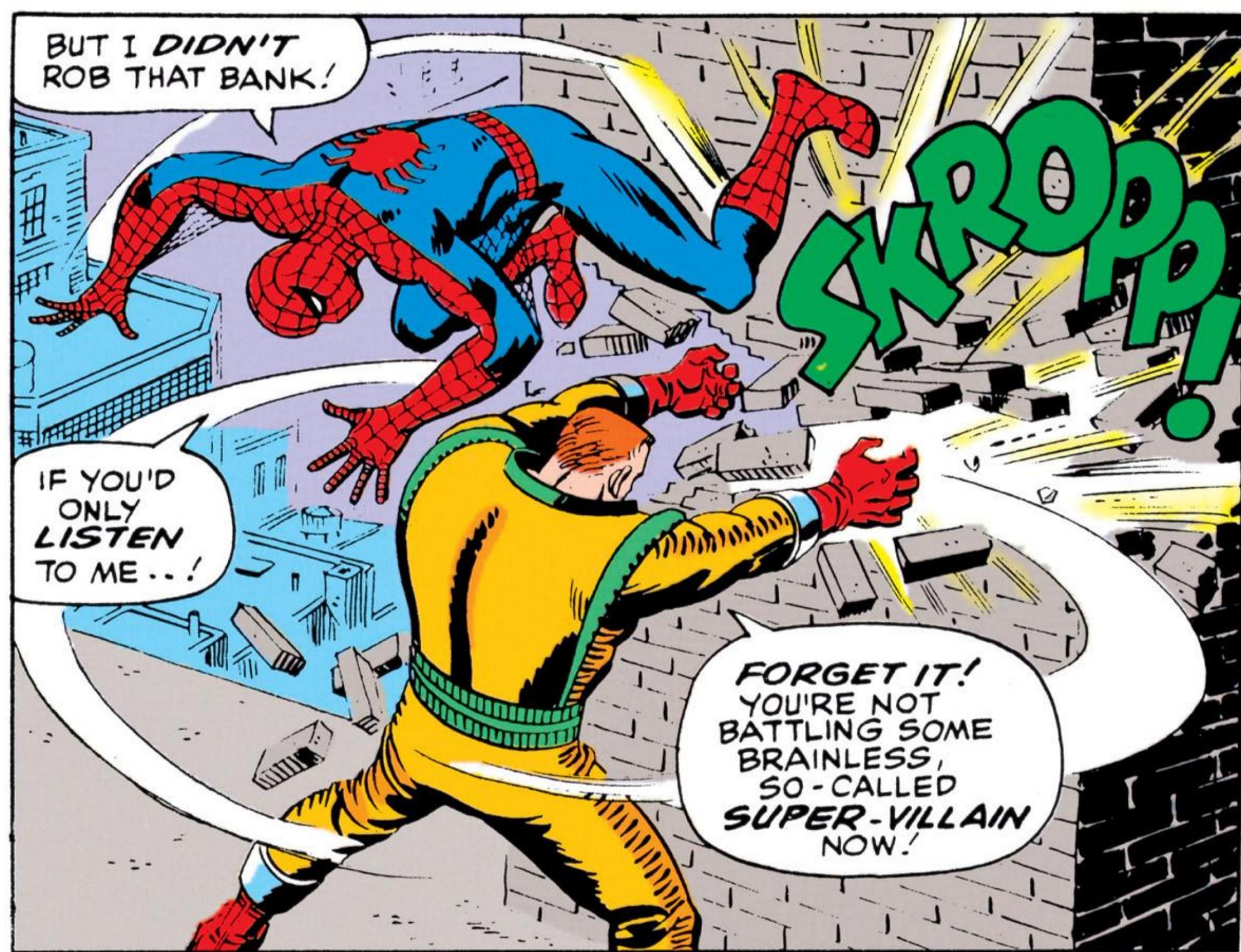
STOP SWINGIN' AND START LISTENING TO REASON, COLONEL! YOU'VE GOT THIS ALL WRONG!

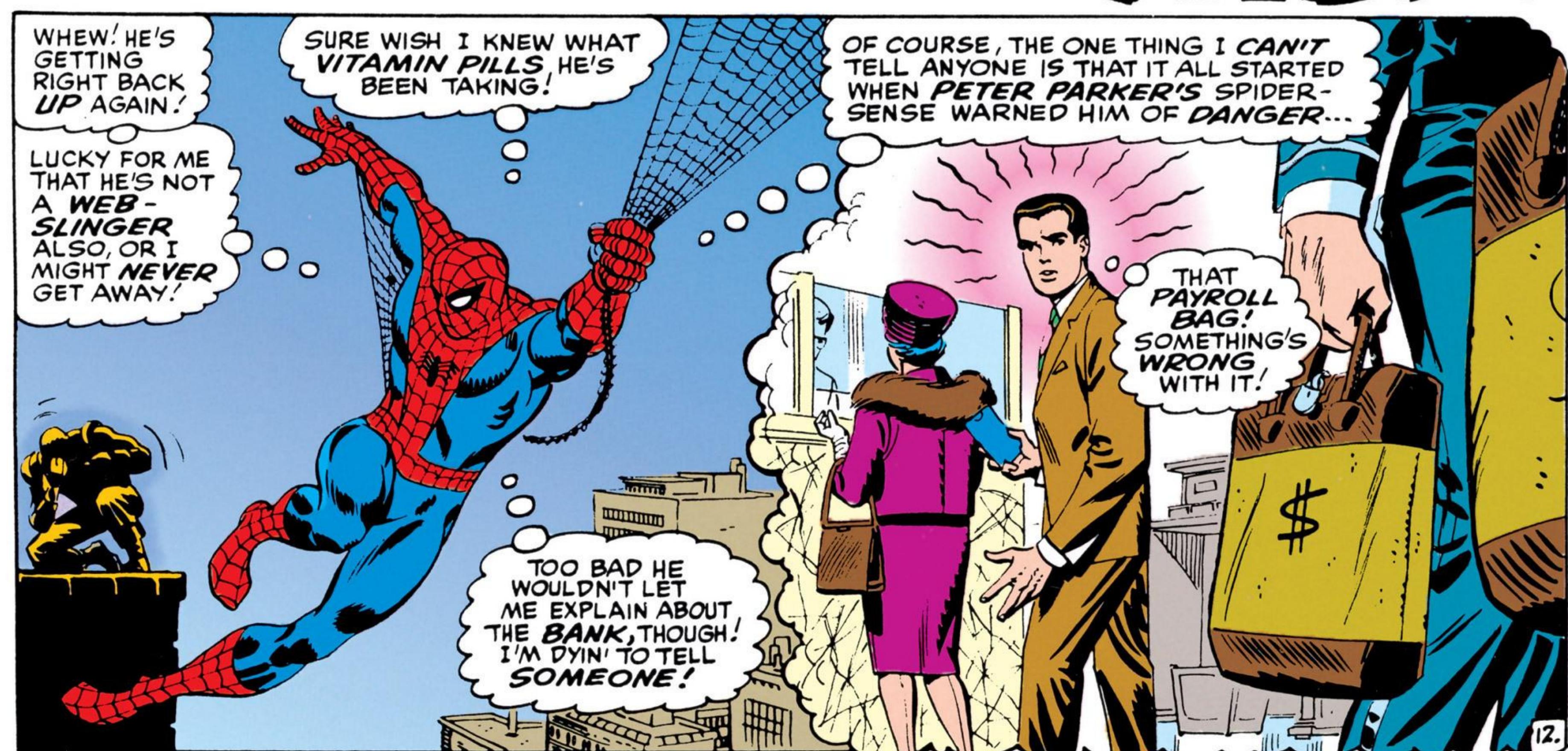
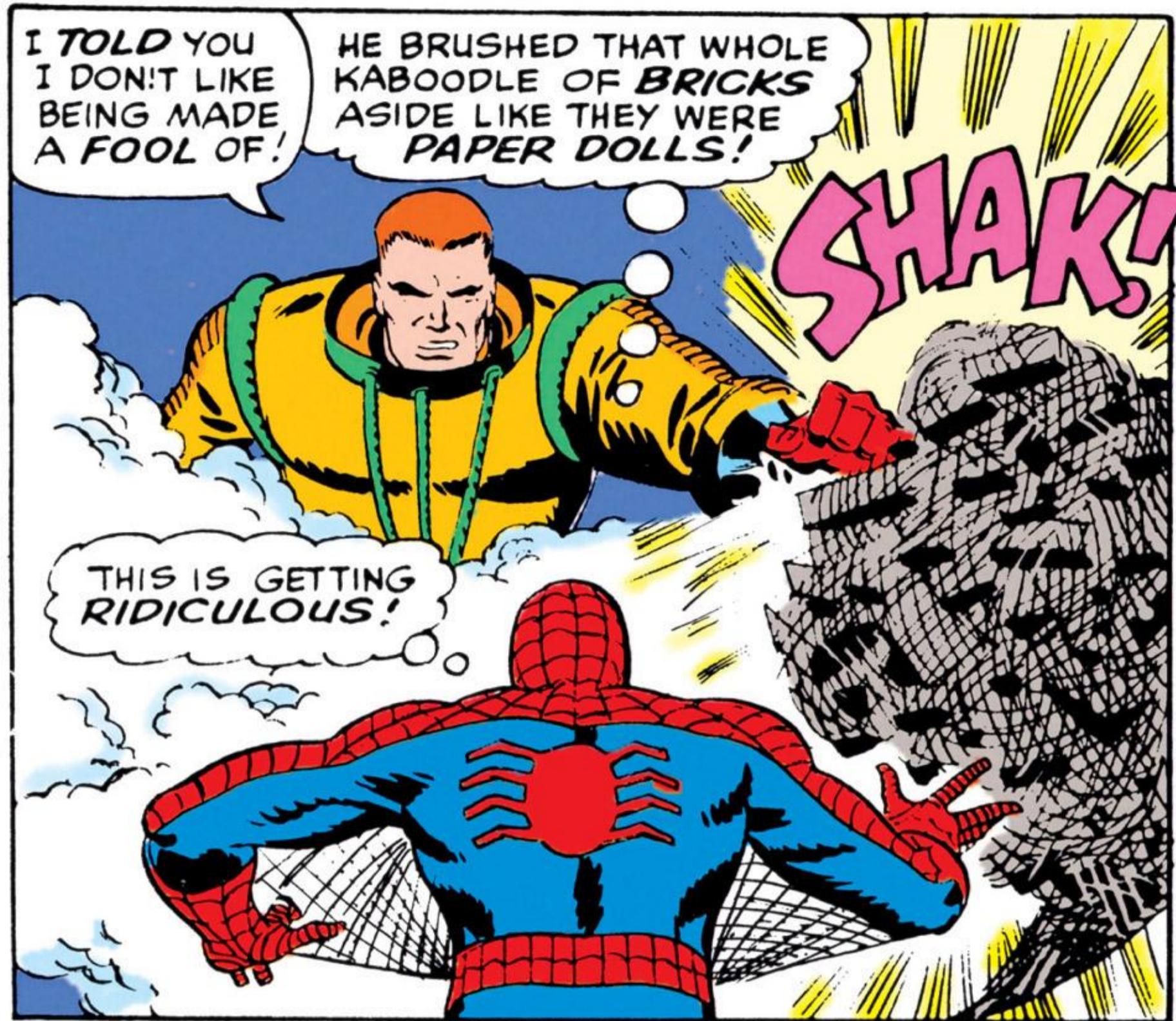
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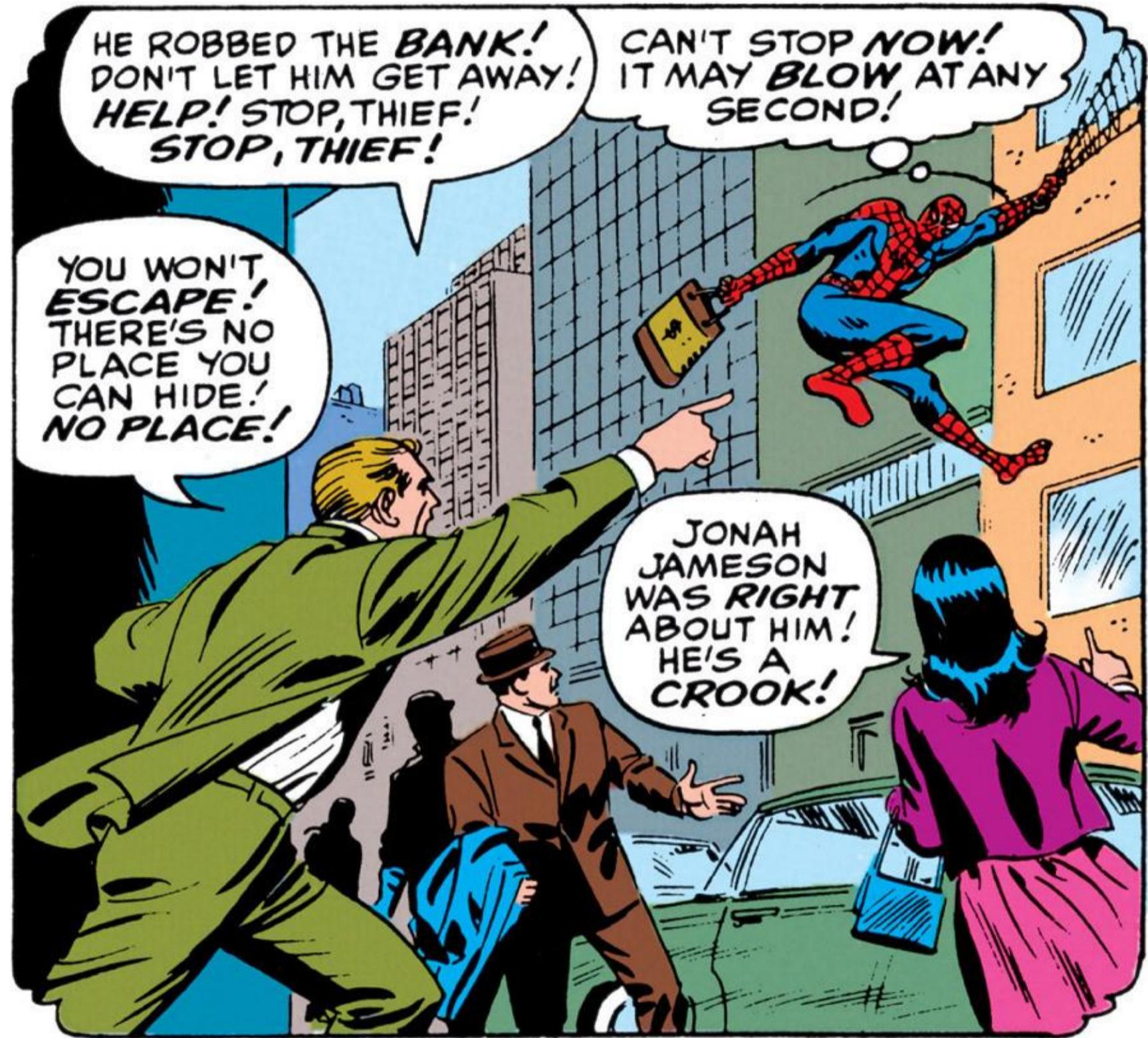
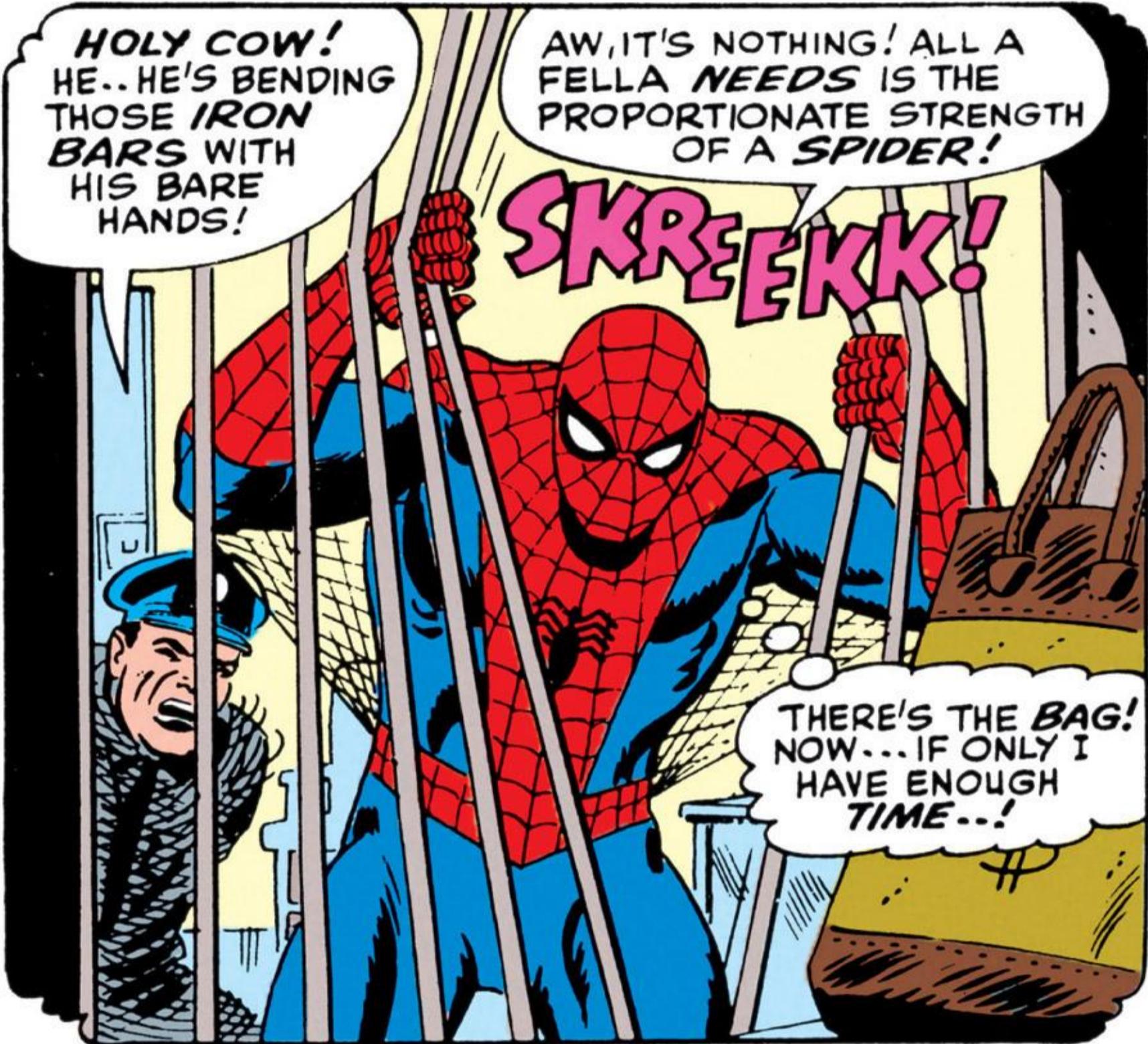
WRONG, EH? YOU CAN'T DENY ROBBING THAT BANK! TOO MANY WITNESSES SAW YOU!

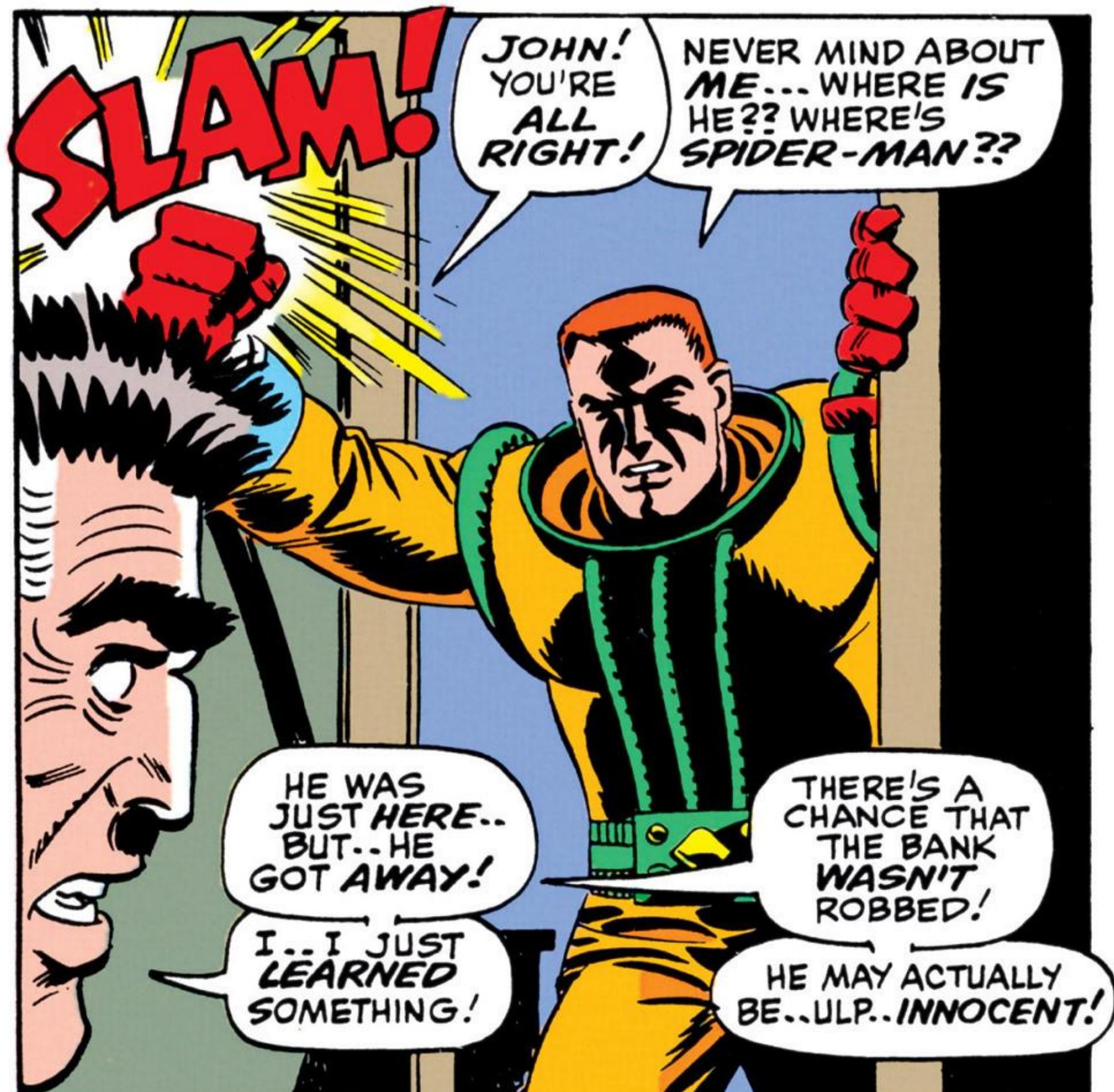
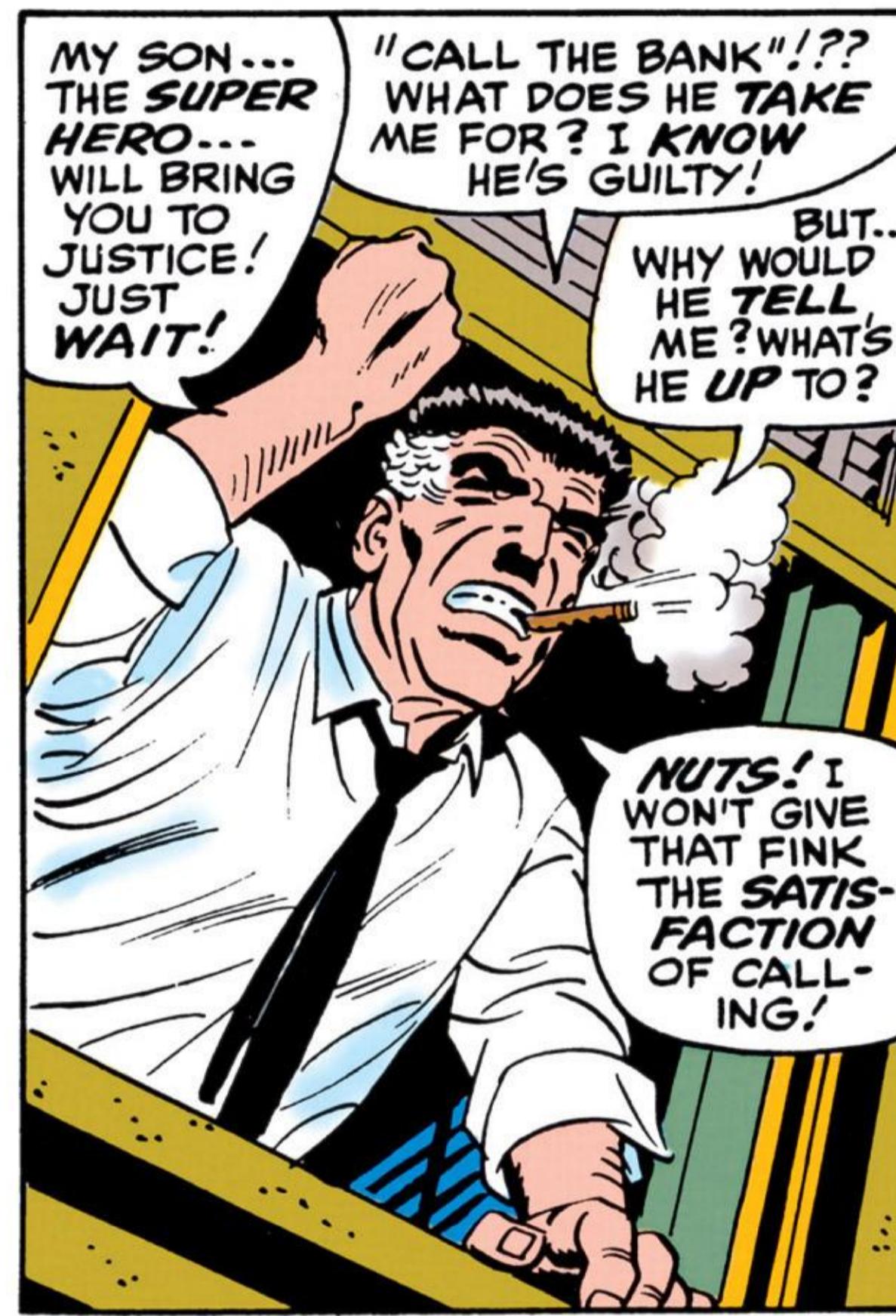
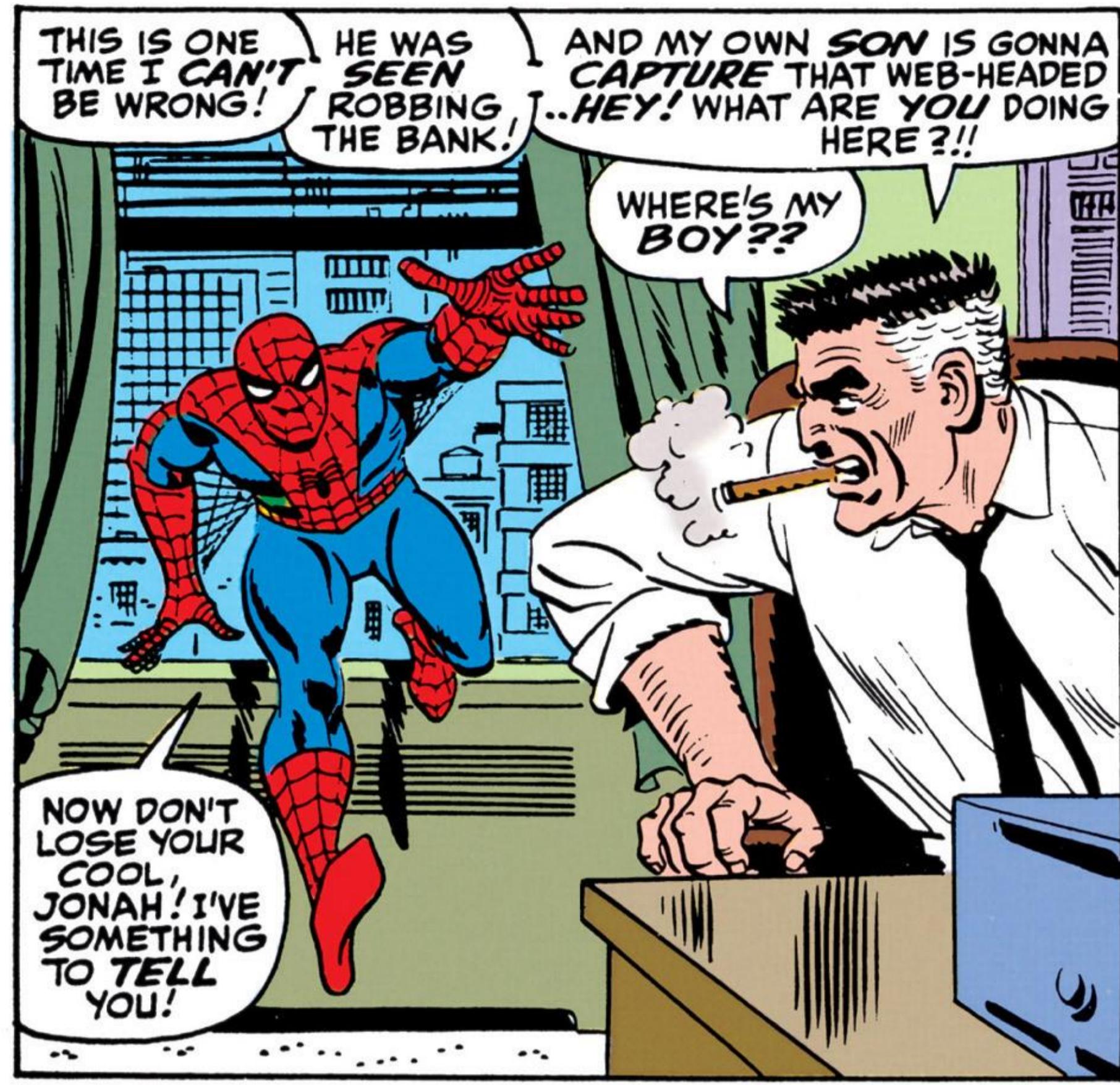


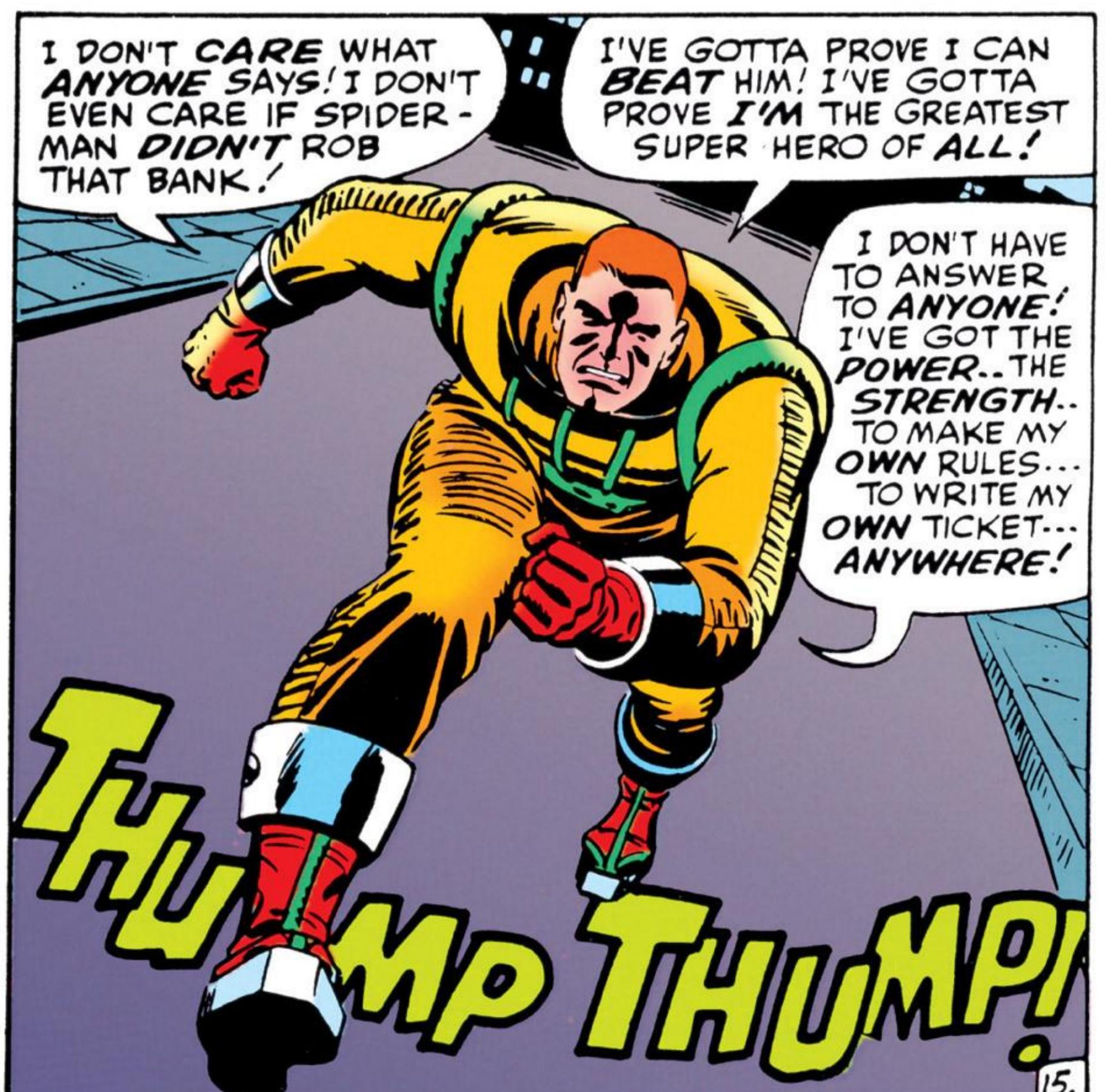
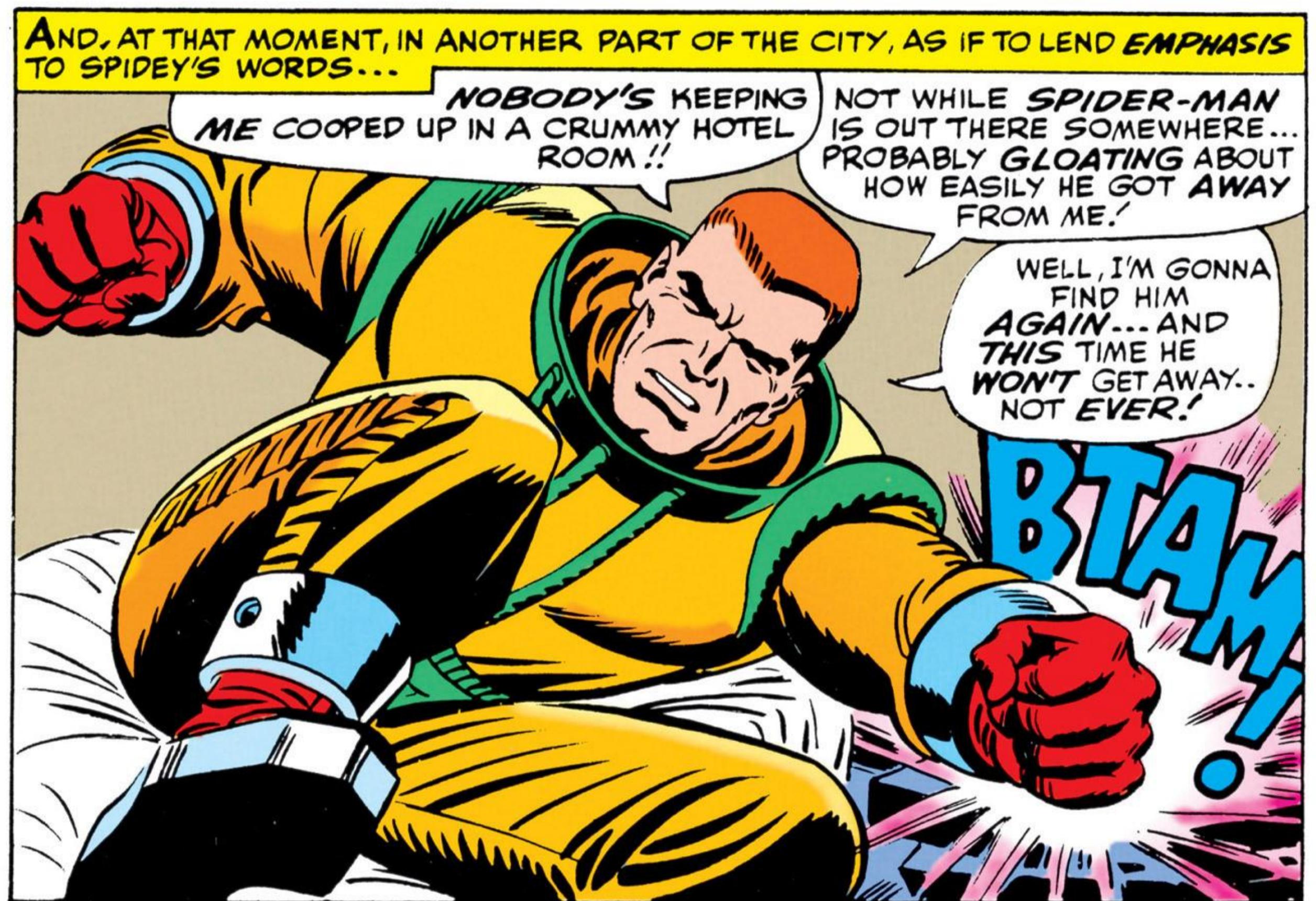
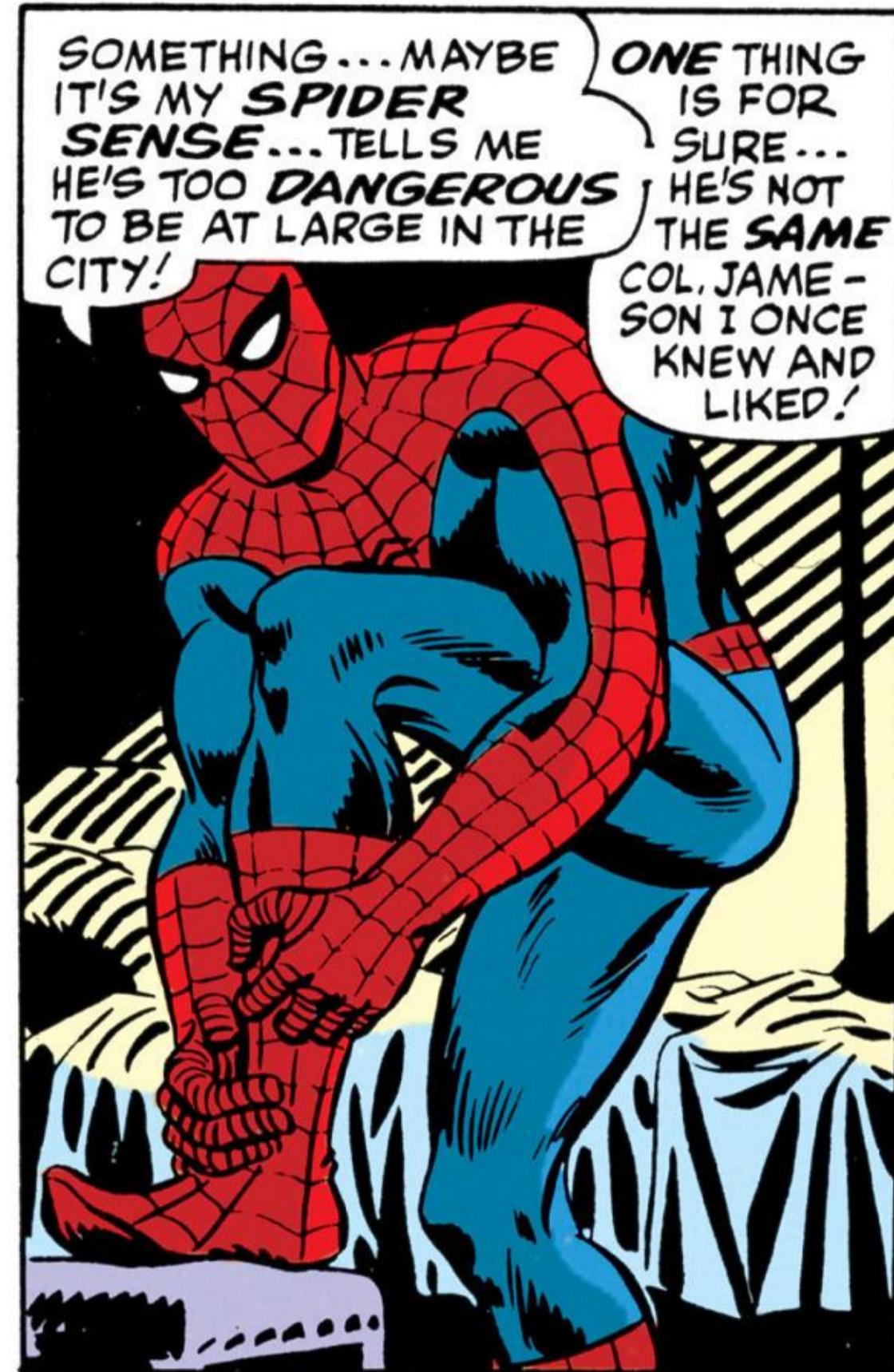
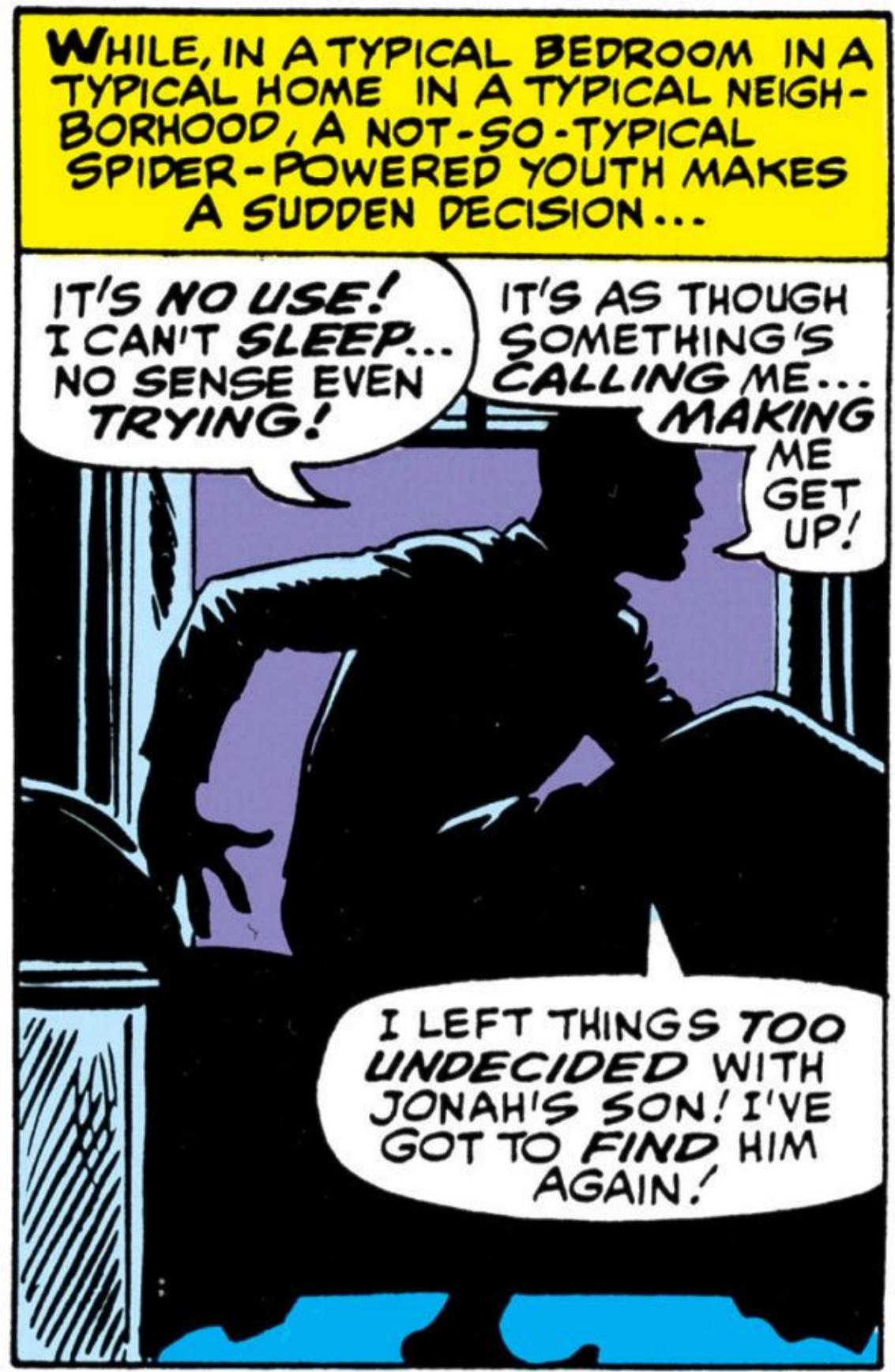












LIKE SOME MYSTIC, METAPHYSICAL MAGNET, FATE SEEMS TO DRAW BOTH MEN TO THE SAME PLACE AT THE SAME TIME... AND THEN, VOILA--!

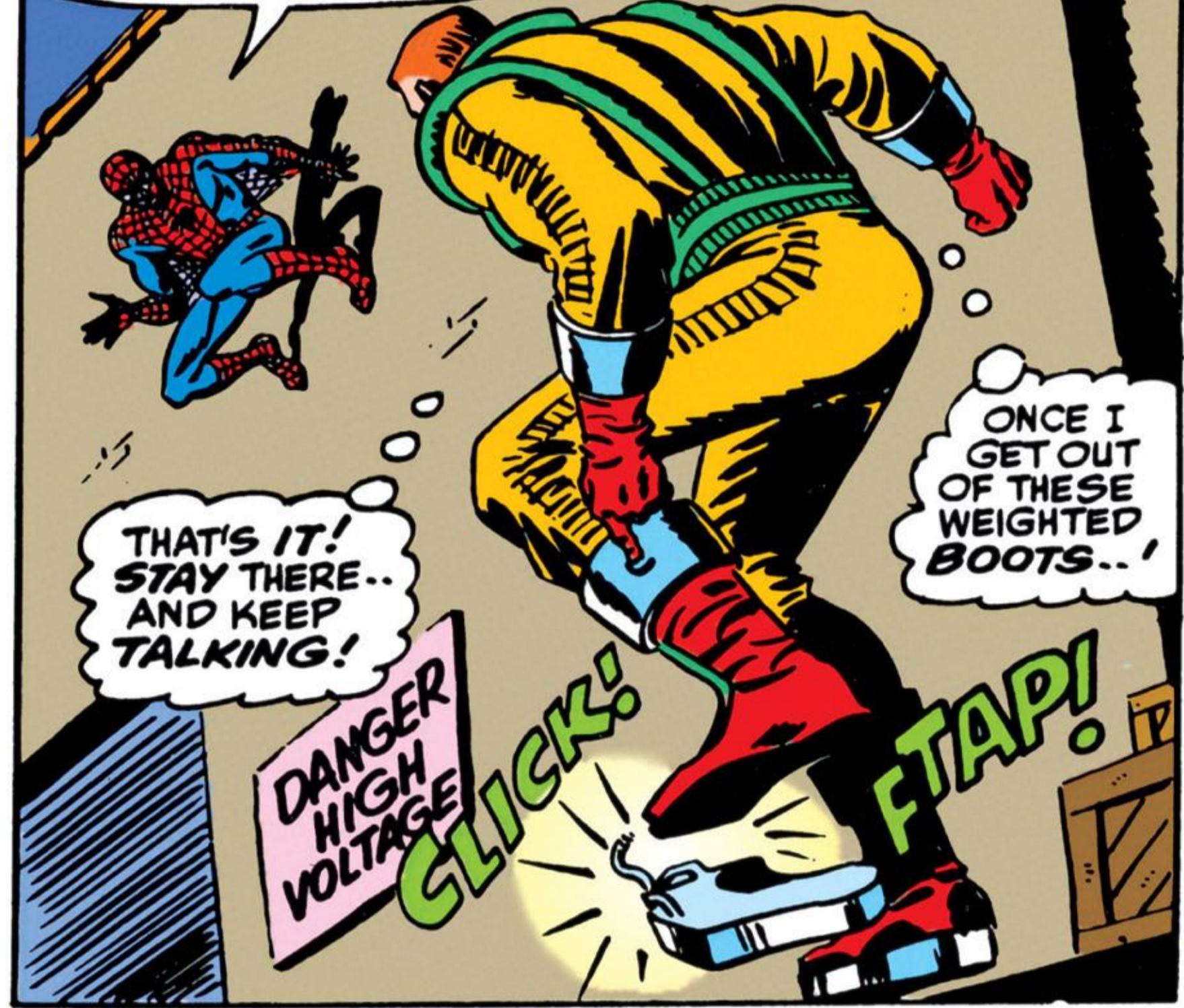
S'MATTER, FELLA?  
SOMEONE TAKE AWAY YOUR  
SPACE-SHIP?

IT'S ME, COLONEL! HOW ABOUT US HAVING A PEACEFUL LITTLE TALK?

TALK??!  
I'M GONNA FINISH YOU OFF!

TO DO THAT, YOU'LL NEED AN APPOINTMENT! THERE'S A BIG WAITING LIST!

ANYWAY, USE YOUR HEAD!  
WE'VE NO REASON TO FIGHT!



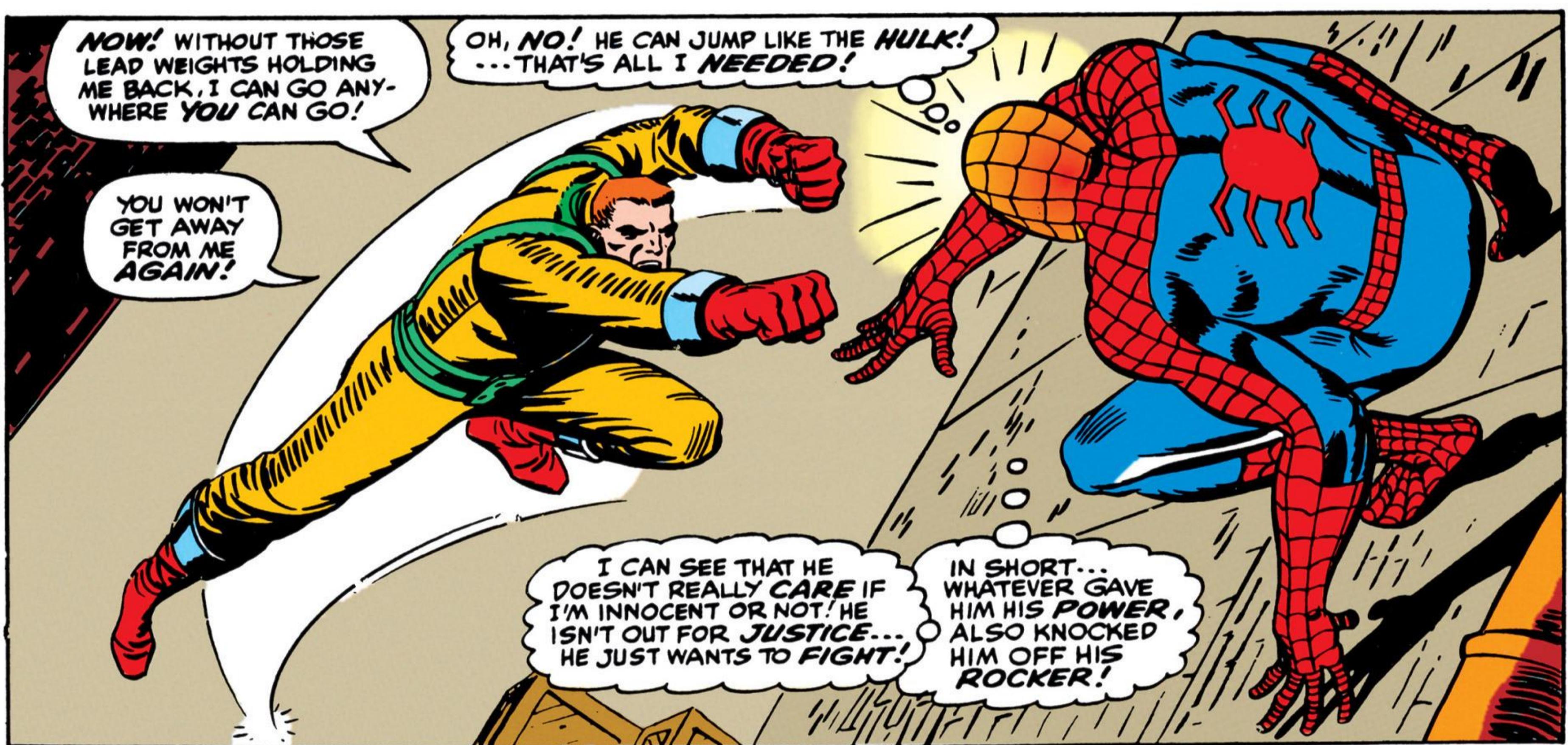
NOW! WITHOUT THOSE LEAD WEIGHTS HOLDING ME BACK, I CAN GO ANYWHERE YOU CAN GO!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME AGAIN!

OH, NO! HE CAN JUMP LIKE THE HULK!  
...THAT'S ALL I NEEDED!

I CAN SEE THAT HE DOESN'T REALLY CARE IF I'M INNOCENT OR NOT! HE ISN'T OUT FOR JUSTICE... HE JUST WANTS TO FIGHT!

IN SHORT... WHATEVER GAVE HIM HIS POWER, ALSO KNOCKED HIM OFF HIS ROCKER!



NICE TRY, COLONEL!  
YOU GET AN "A"  
FOR EFFORT!

ONE MISS DOESN'T MAKE A FIGHT, YOU CREEP! THERE'S PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!

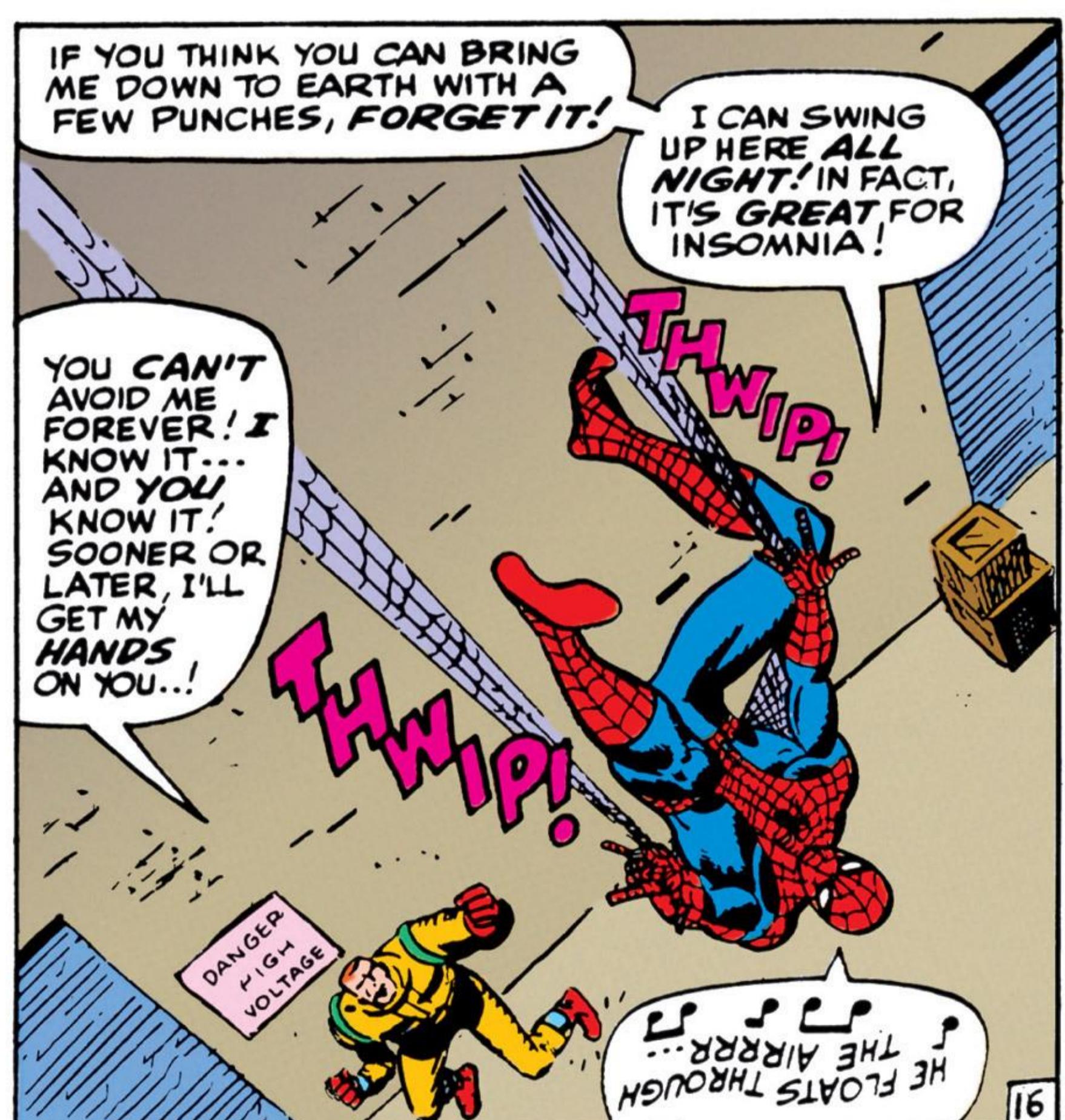
HE REMINDS ME OF THE GREEN GOBLIN...

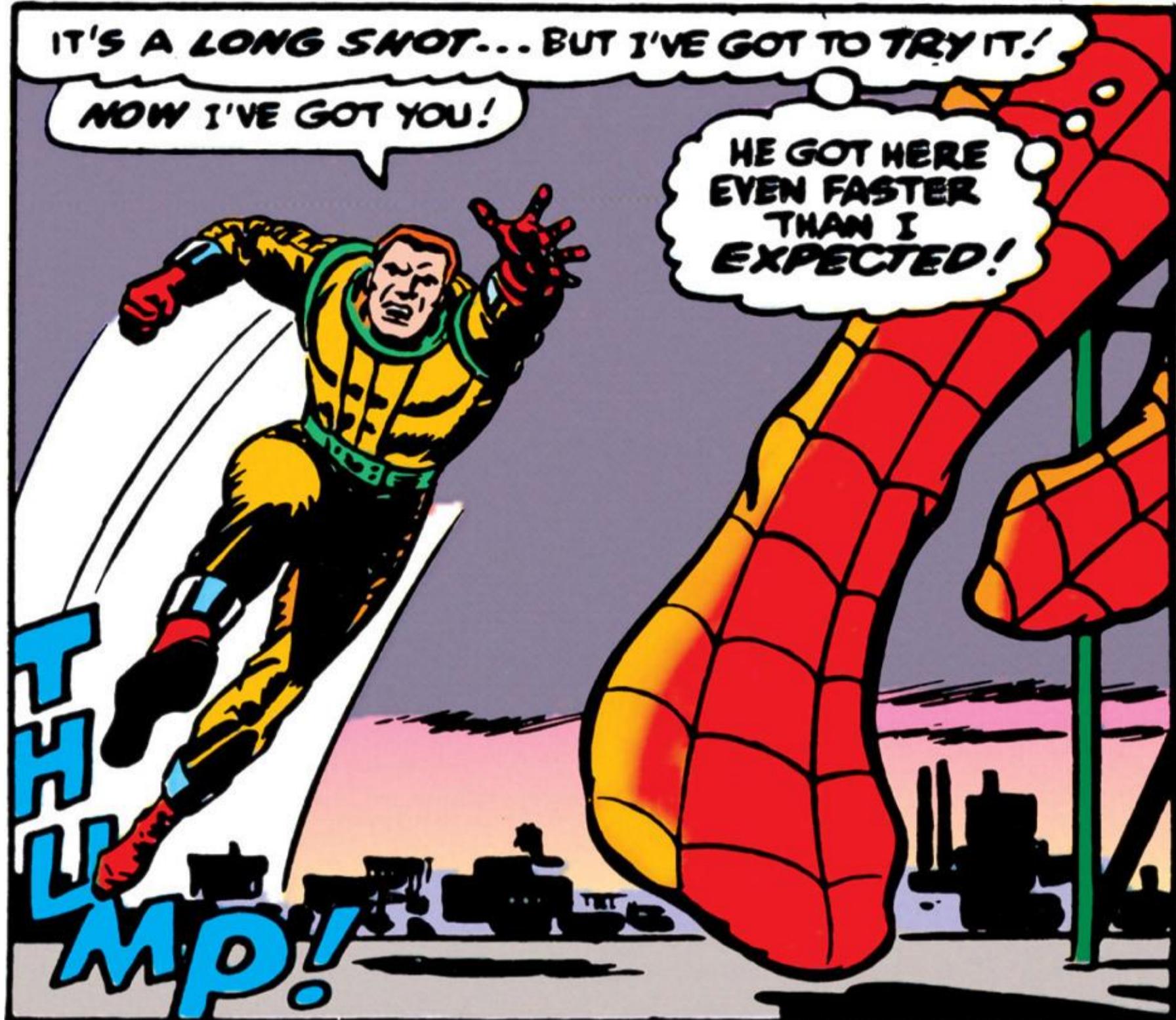
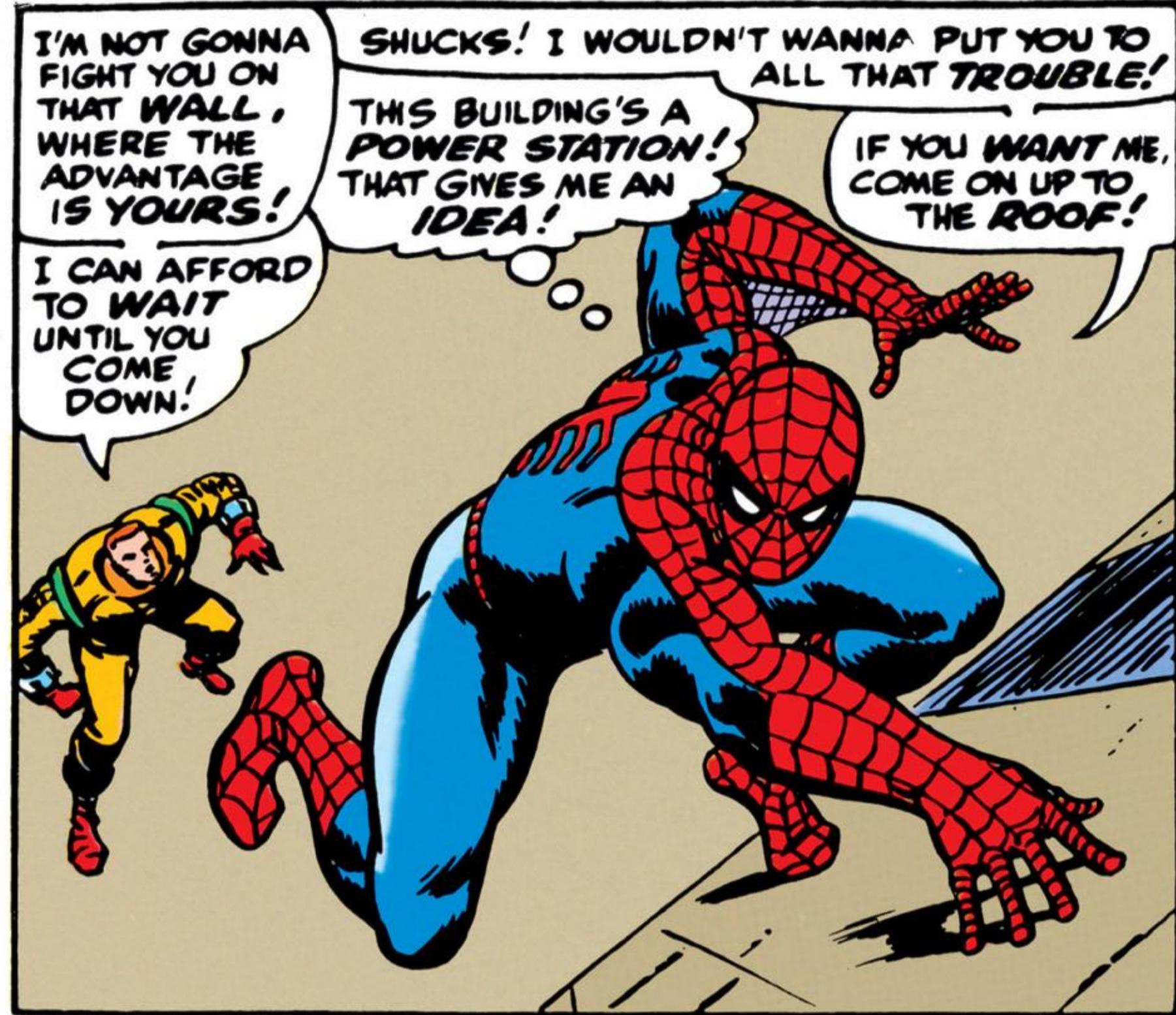
HE DOESN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING!  
I DON'T WANNA HURT HIM... BUT, DO I HAVE ANY CHOICE?

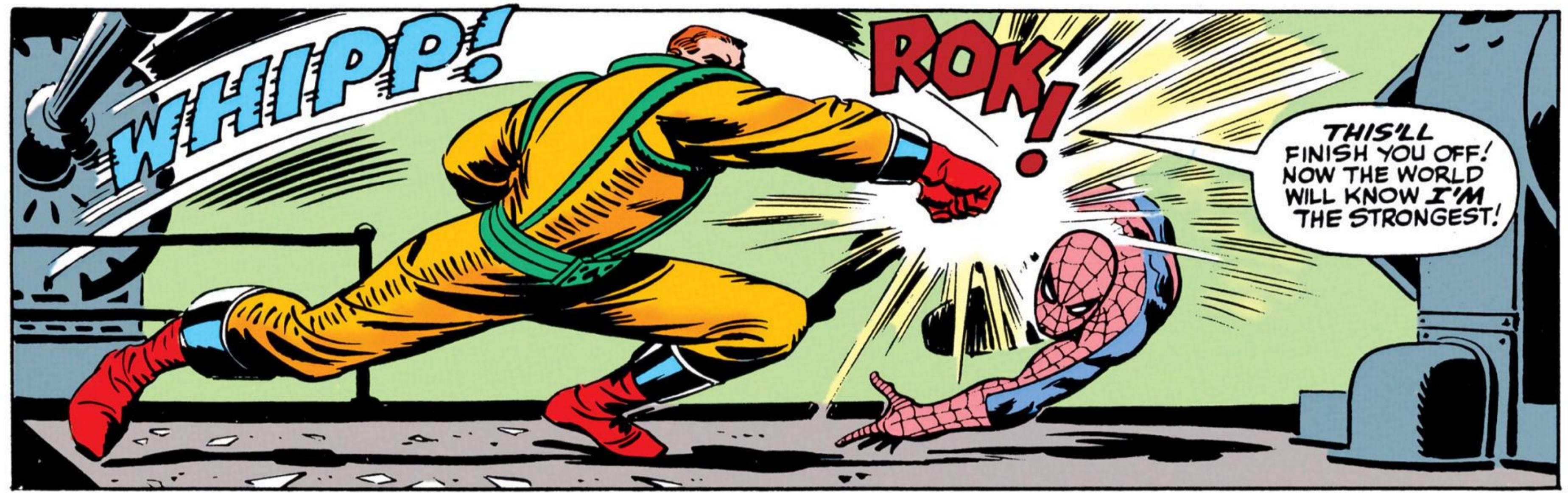
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN BRING ME DOWN TO EARTH WITH A FEW PUNCHES, FORGET IT!

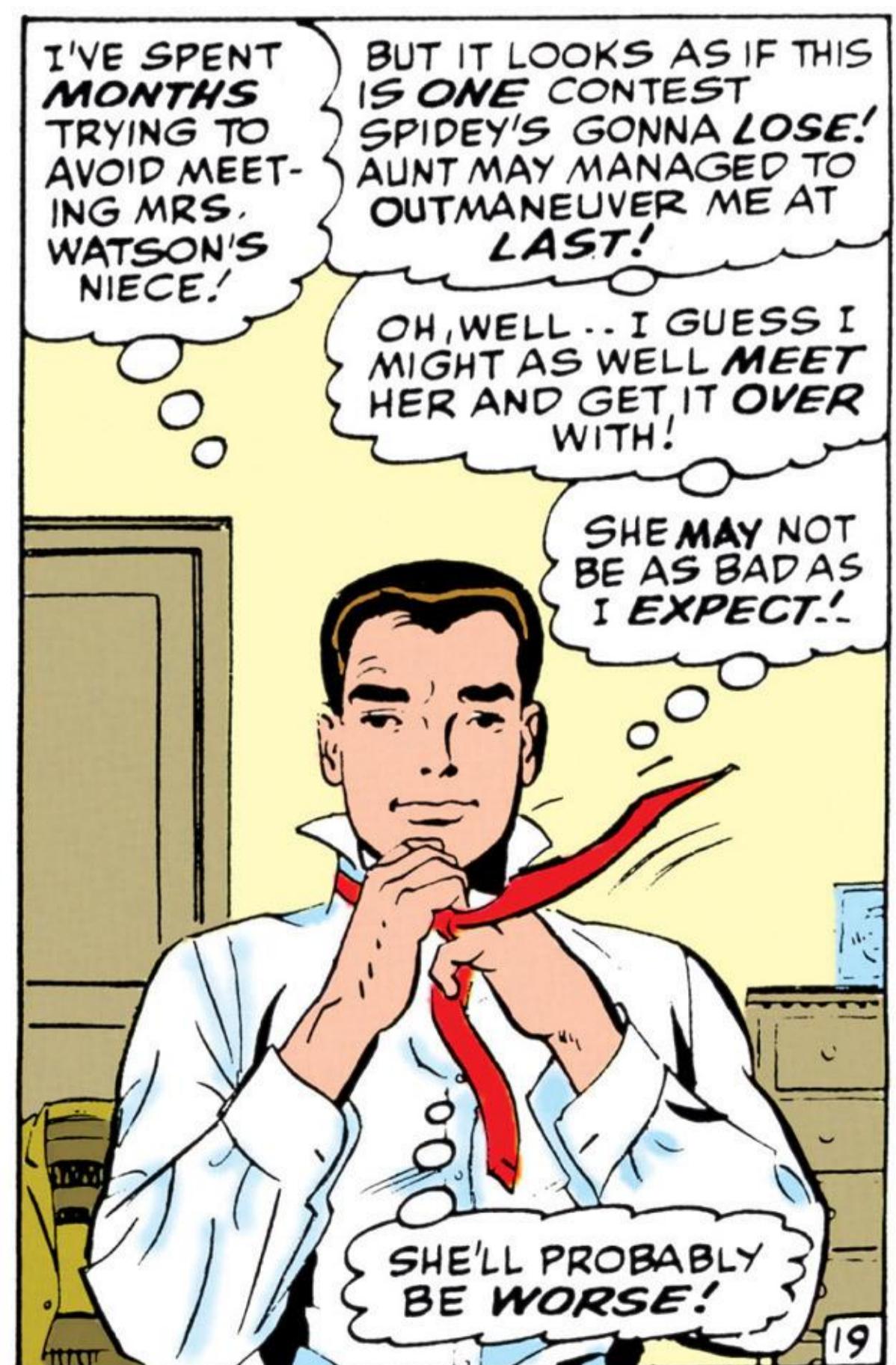
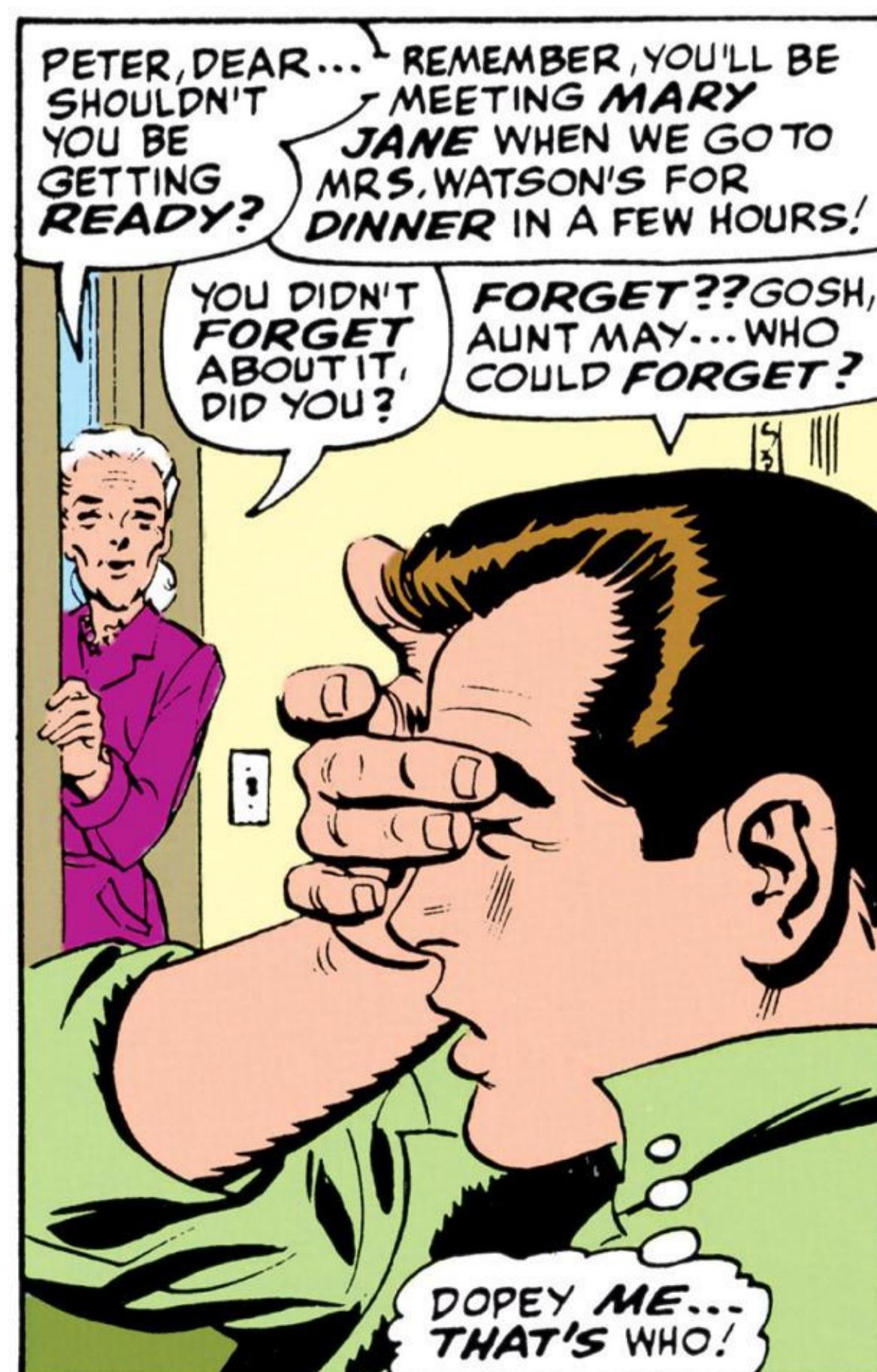
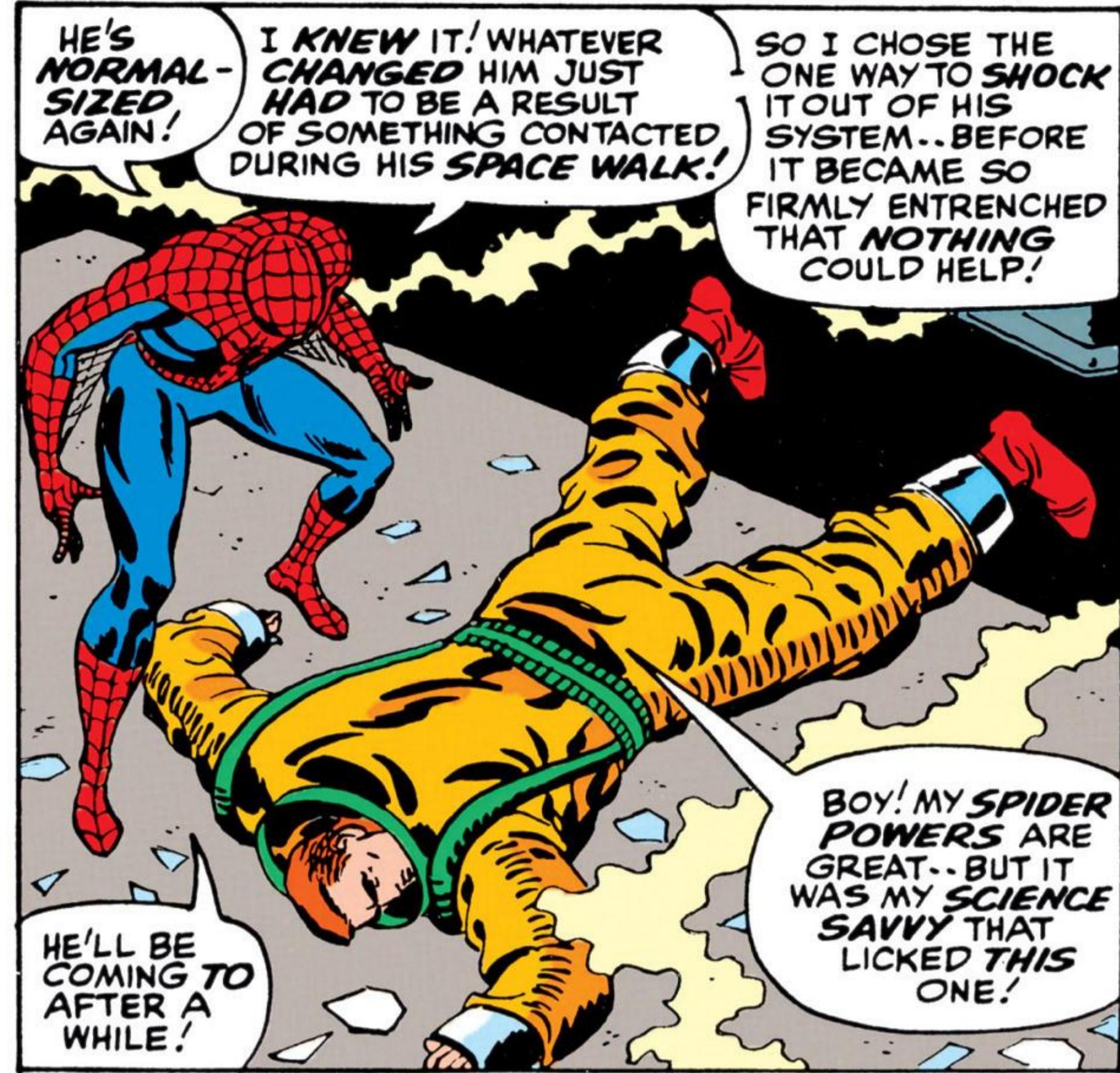
I CAN SWING UP HERE ALL NIGHT! IN FACT, IT'S GREAT FOR INSOMNIA!

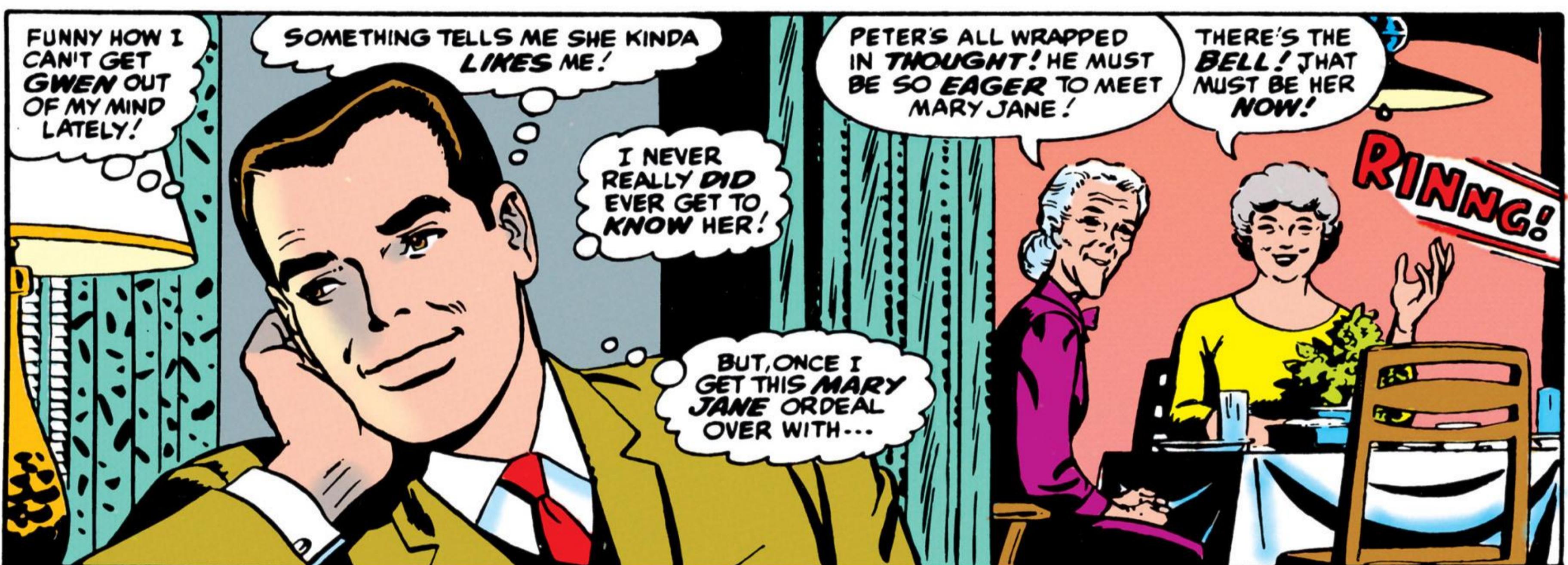
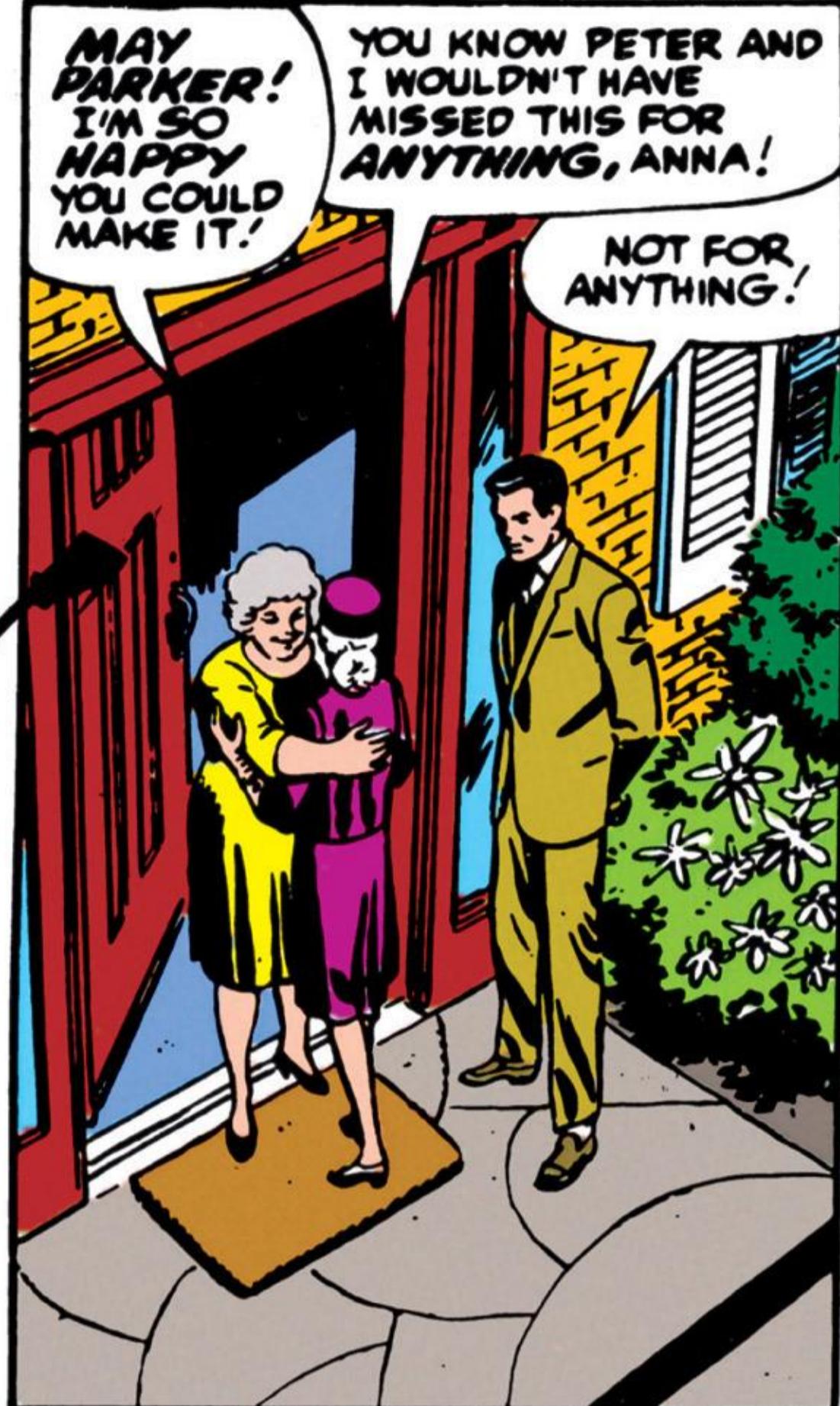
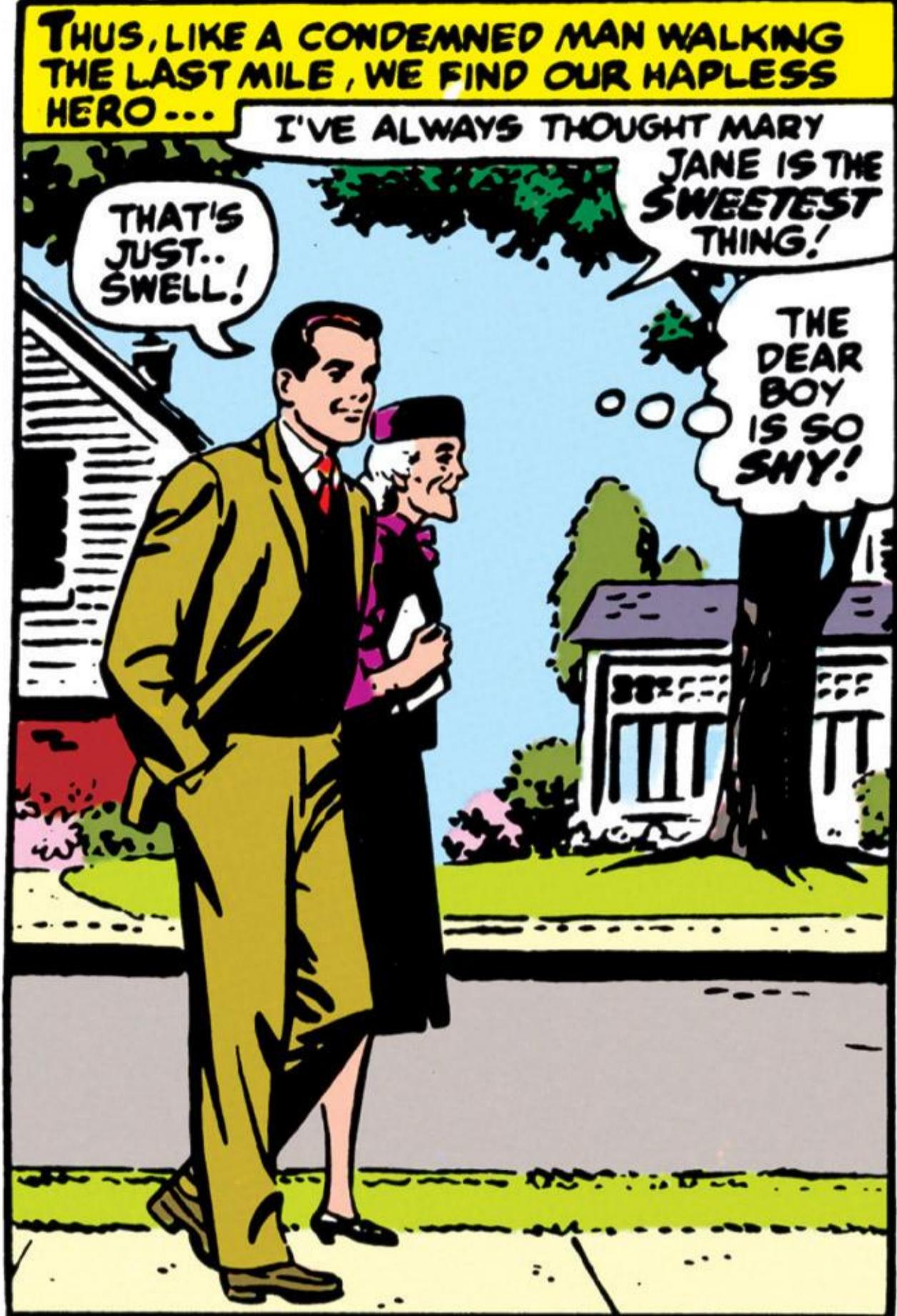
YOU CAN'T AVOID ME FOREVER! I KNOW IT... AND YOU KNOW IT! SOONER OR LATER, I'LL GET MY HANDS ON YOU...











NEXT:  
"THE  
**RHINO**  
ON THE  
RAMPAGE!"  
PLUS:  
A SWINGIN'  
**SURPRISE**  
OR TWO!  
'NUFF SAID!'  
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Tyrant  
Lizard  
King

EMPIRE