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STAN LEE PRESENTS: THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

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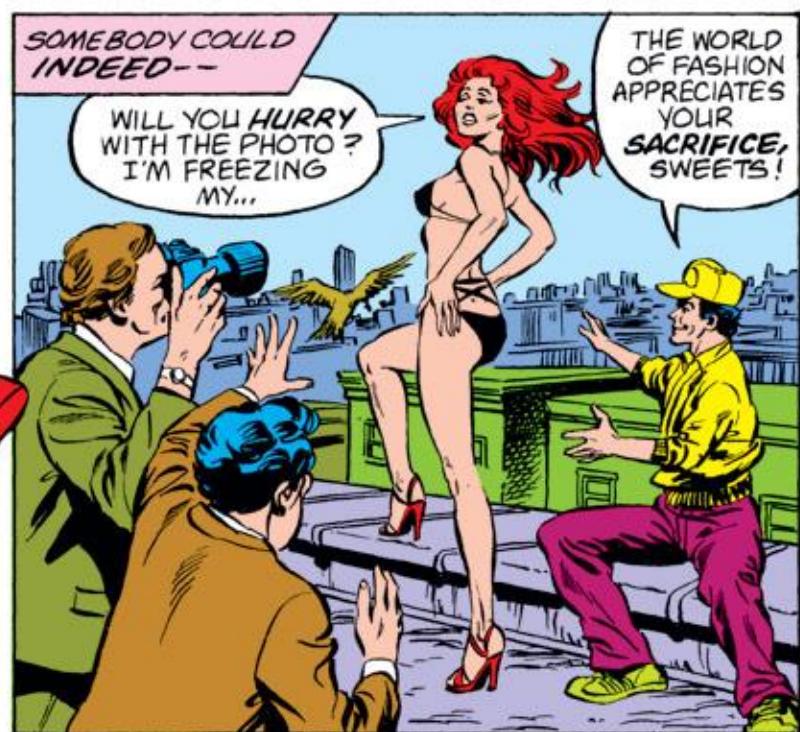


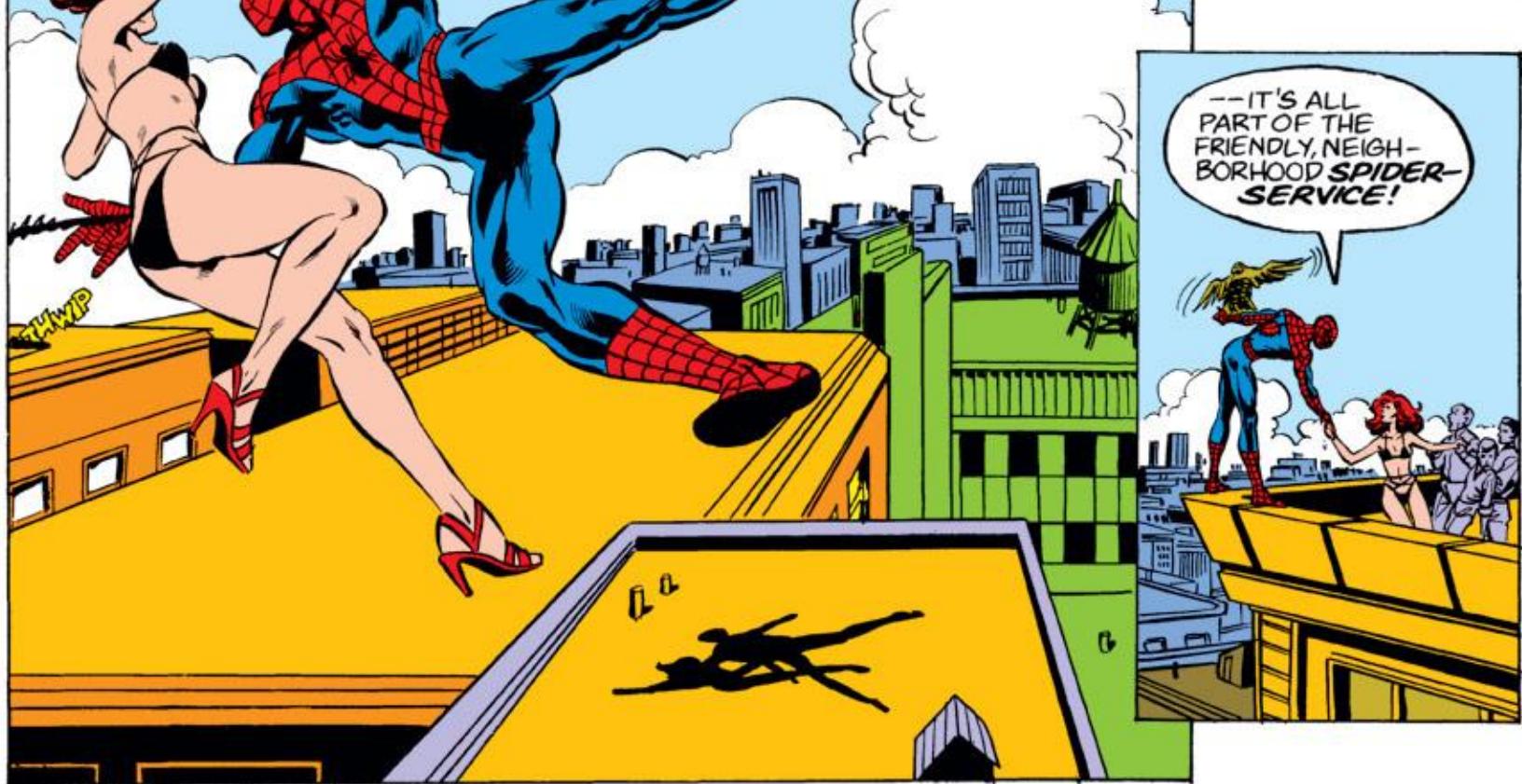


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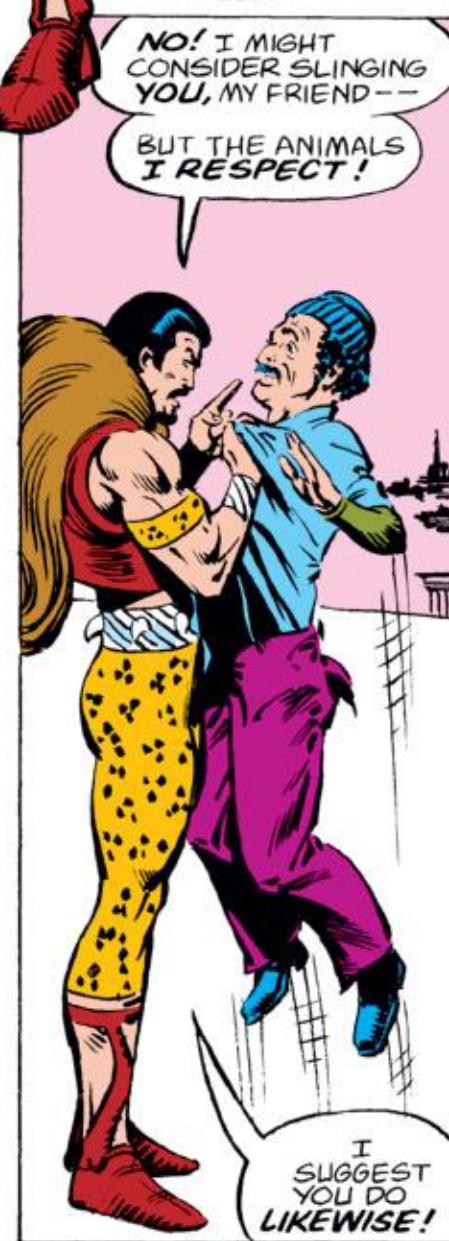
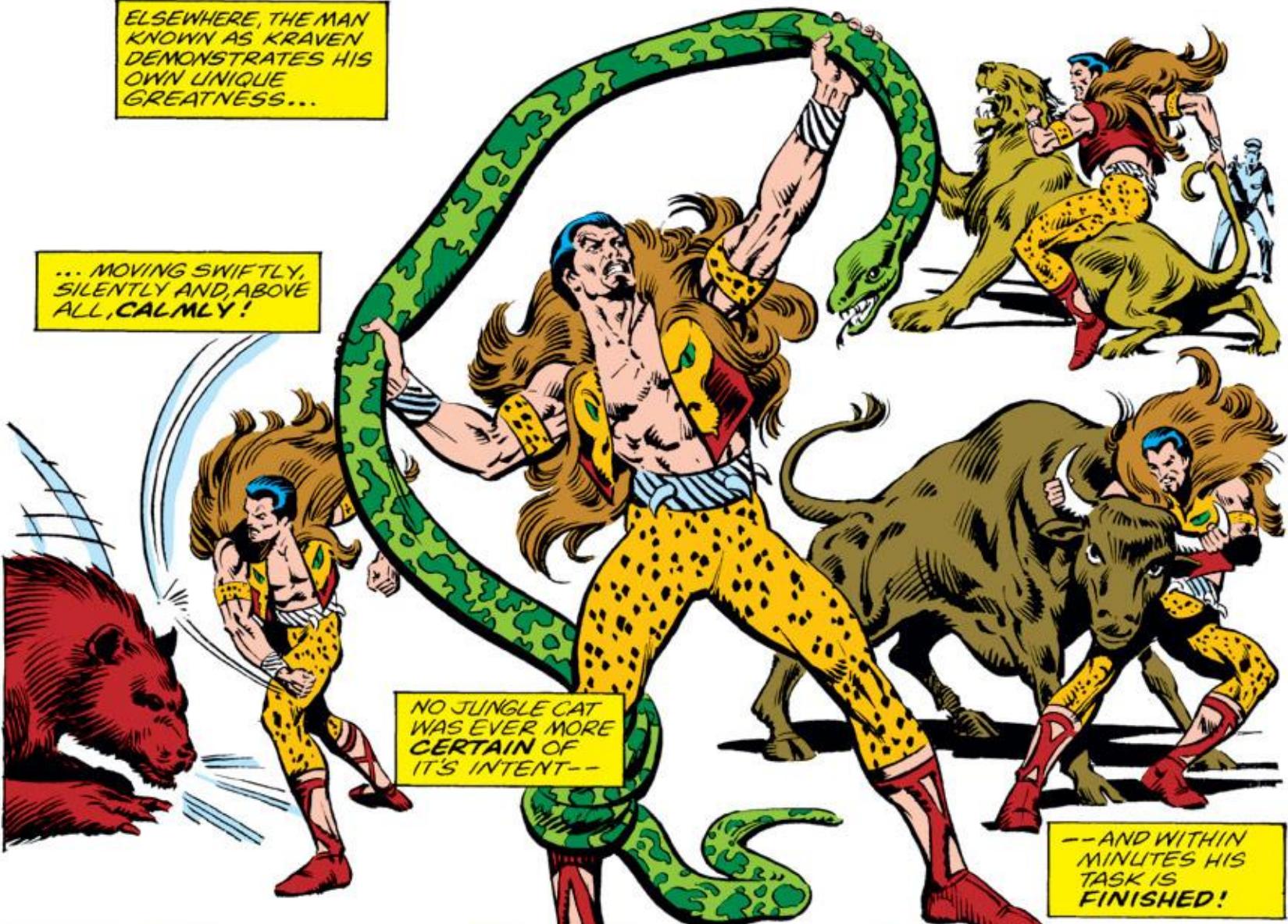








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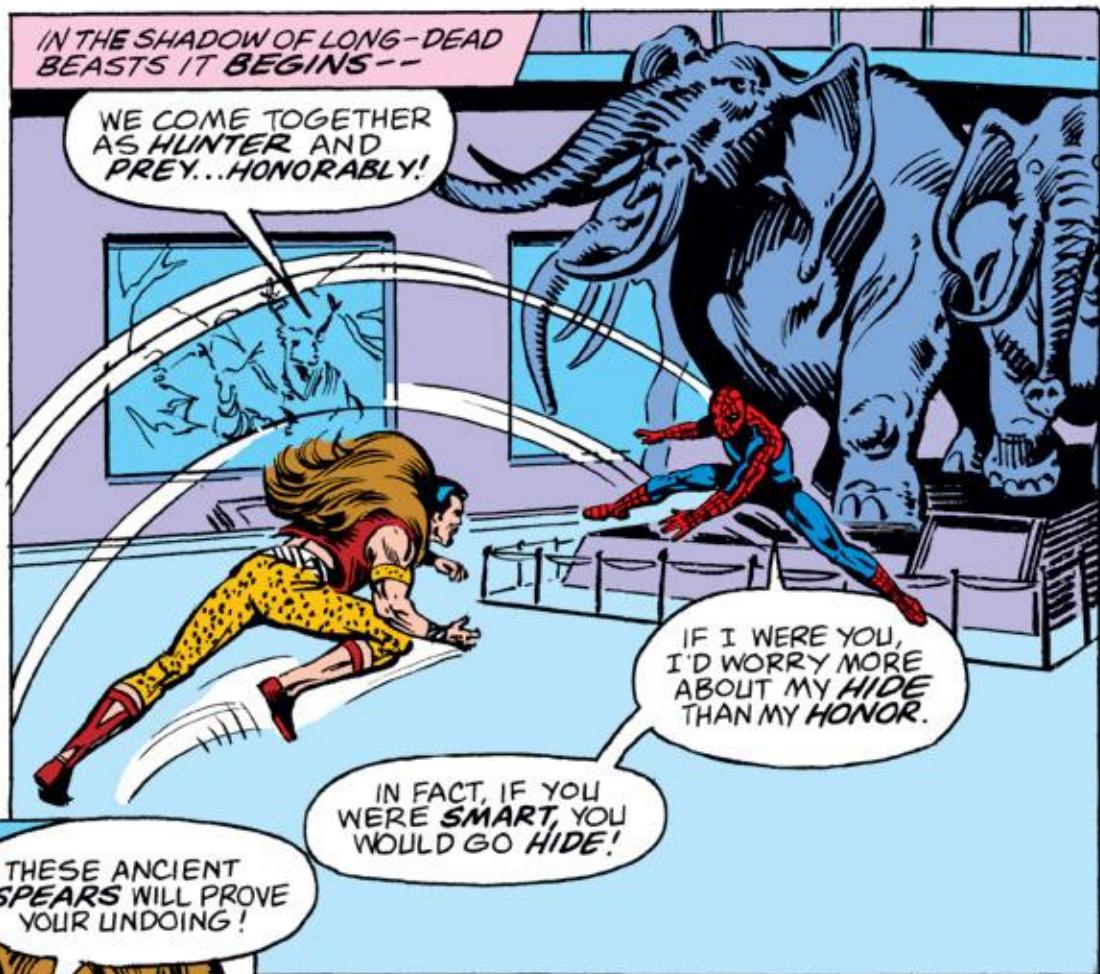
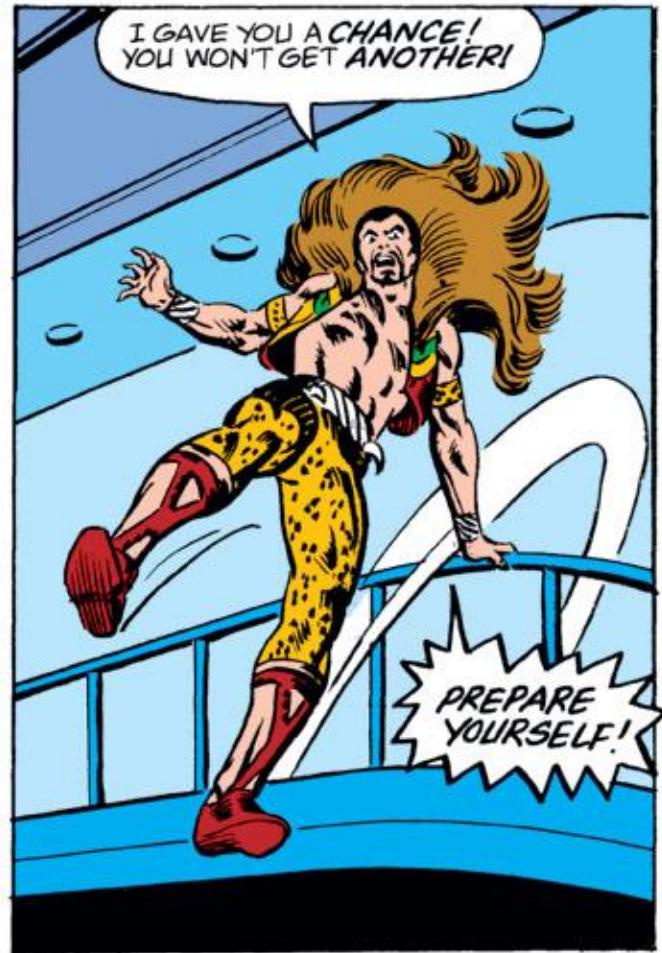


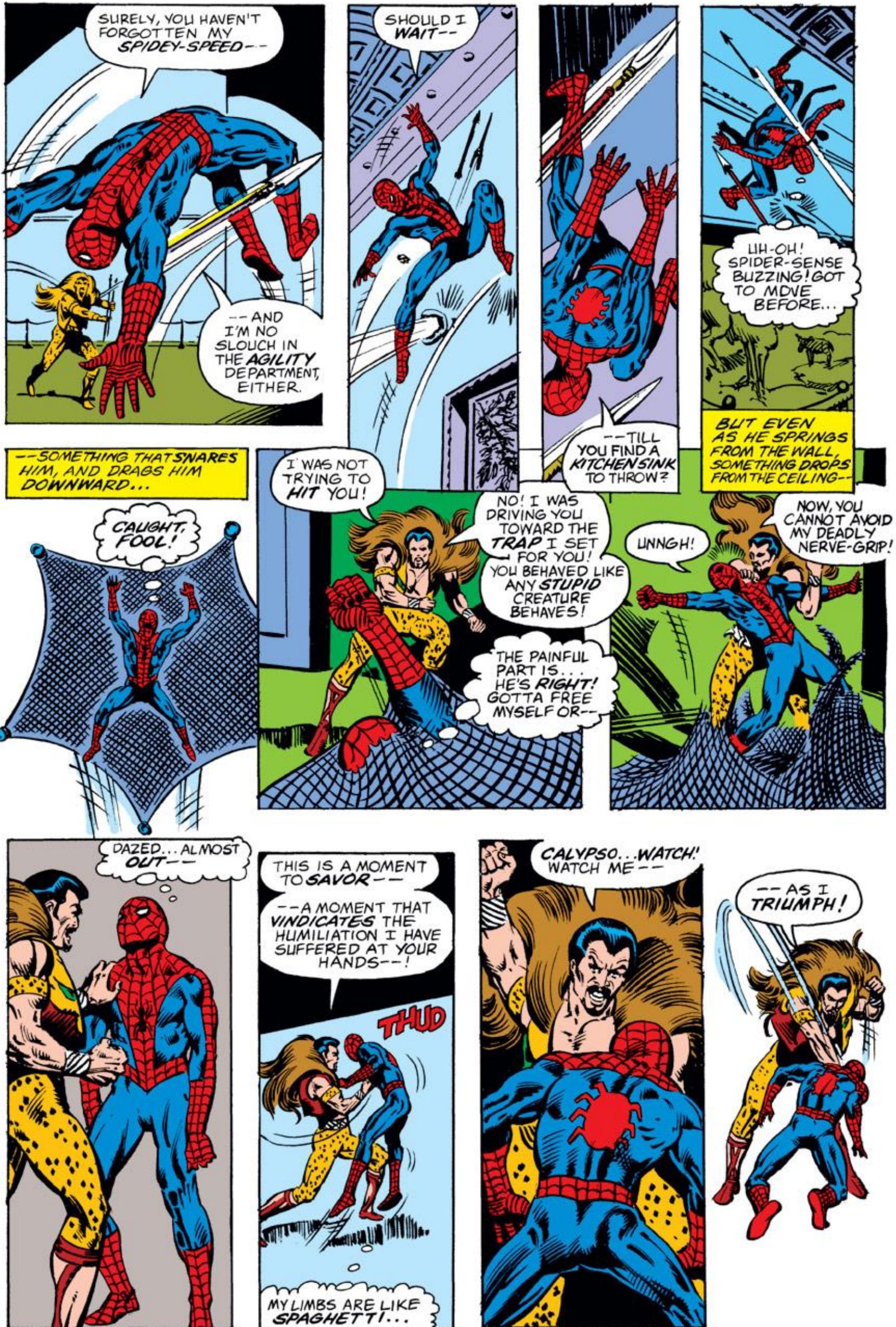


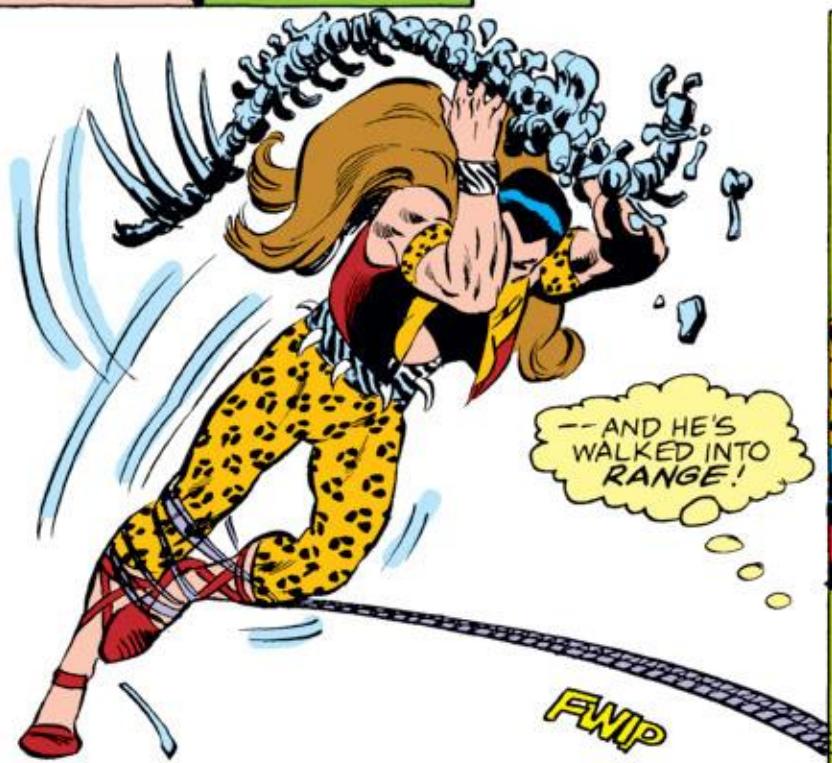
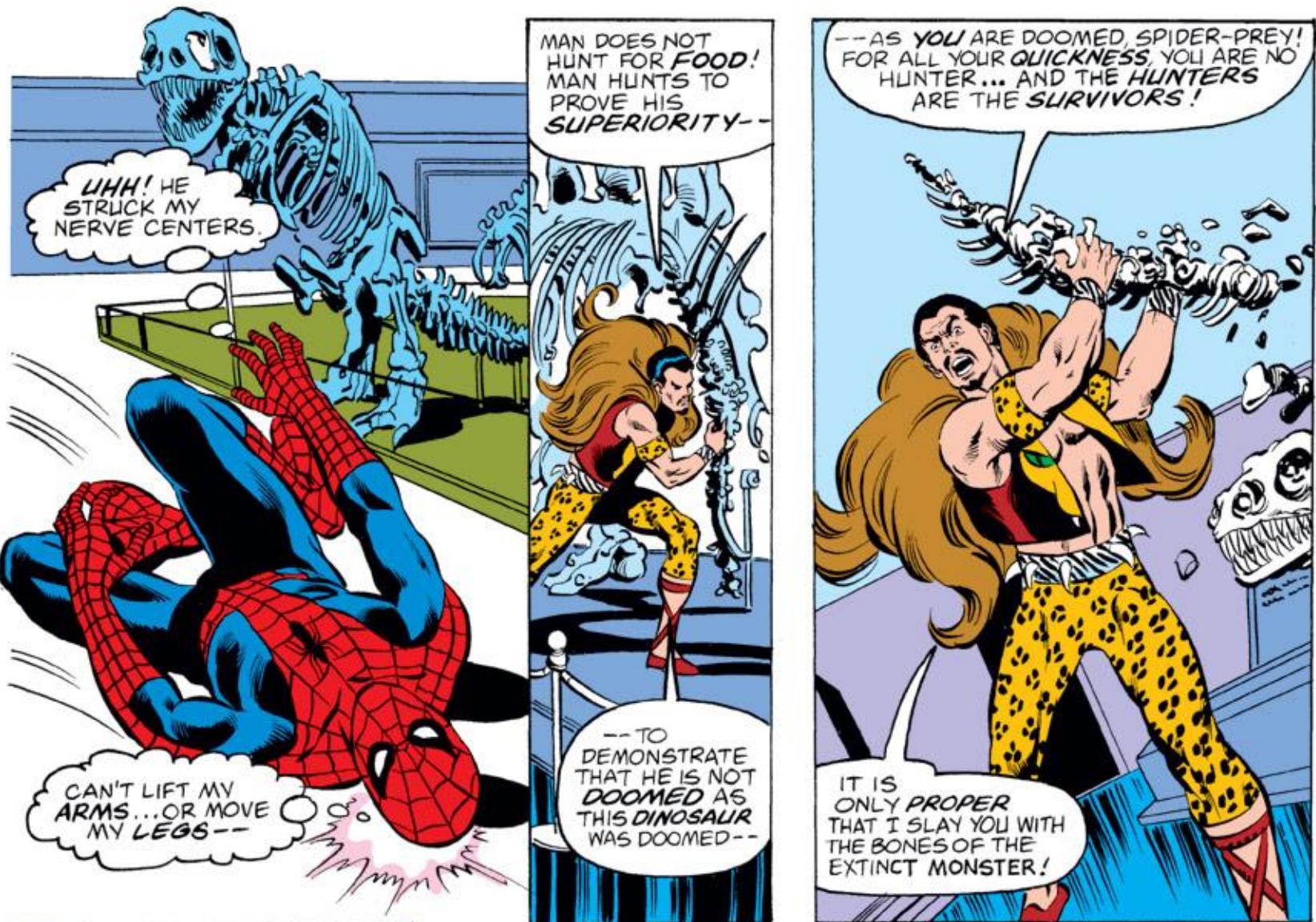


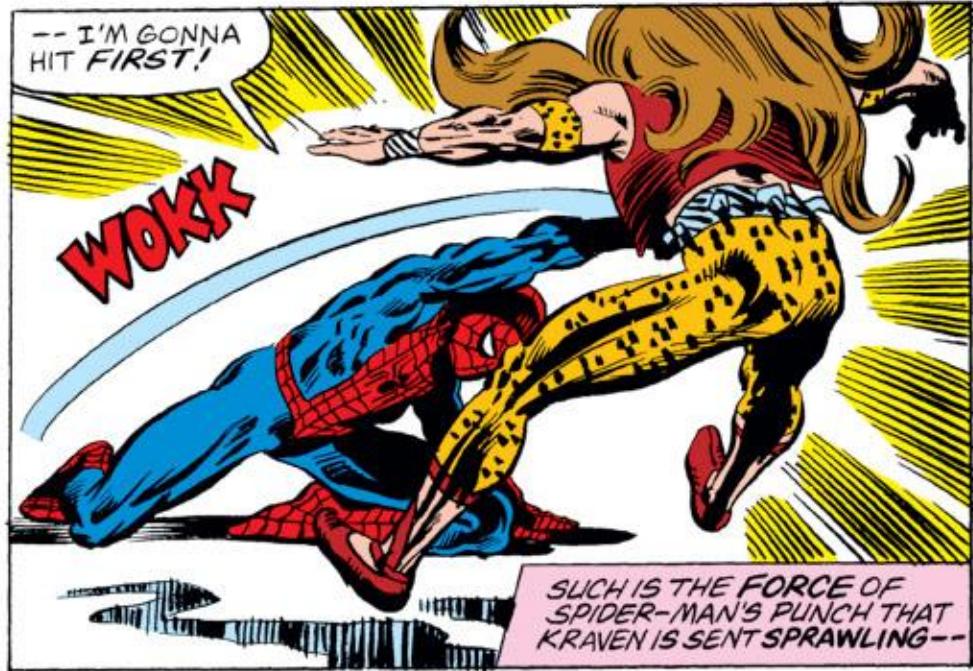
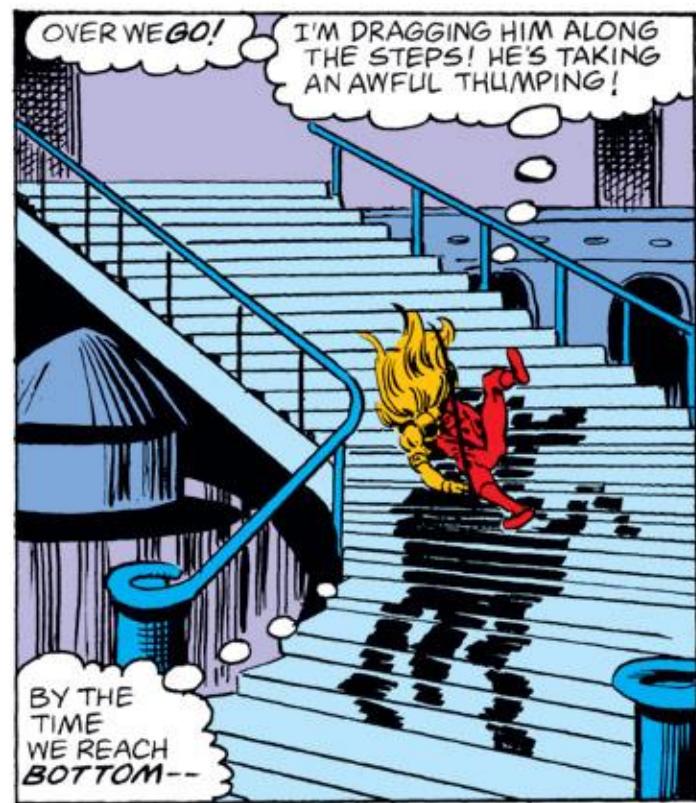












THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Spider-Webbers,

I thought that both the art and the story in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #205 was great.

I really like how certain Marvel artists and writers have been sneaking in some of the great old comedians for walk-on roles... such as the Three Stooges in MAN-WOLF, Laurel and Hardy in both GHOST RIDER and MOON KNIGHT, and now Abbott and Costello in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. They made great museum guards. (Who's next? Chaplin?)

I do wish you hadn't made the Black Cat go crazy. It would have been nice to keep her around as a partner of sorts for Spider-Man. I could see it now... the Black Cat and Spider-Man... out by the ocean under a full moon... fighting the Tiger Shark.

The whole thought of such a fighting-team romance is (sniff) bringing tears to these old eyes.

Keep up the (sniff — boo-hoo) great work, guys!

George P. Hermitage
108 Richard Drive
Hanover, MA 02339

There, there, George! Here, borrow our hanky!

Seriously, though, we really don't think that the old wall-crawler is ready to become a Nick Charles type to the Black Cat's Nora. Let's face it, no matter how many times he teams up with other heroes, Spider-Man is still basically a loner. He's just not the type of guy who would take on a regular partner.

Dear Marvel,

I enjoyed issue #205 very much. I never suspected that a mild bit of insanity was behind the Black Cat's motivations! It just goes to show that the Marvel Universe is still full of surprises!

I especially like Lazio Bellflower's comment that "J. Jonah Jameson was right about costumed ruffians!" I recall that fashion designer Rod Kingsley said the same sort of thing when Belladonna supervised an assault on his studio in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #43!

It surprised me a bit to find Dawn Starr cheating. However, I sort of expected her romantic overtures to be phony. (How about Spidey and Felicia getting together after she takes the rest-cure?)

Anyway, for his first time on a SPIDER-MAN story, David Michelinie did an excellent job... Marv Wolfman couldn't have done better!

In closing, I'd just like to ask whatever happened to J. Jonah Jameson... and what's happening to Joe Robertson? What a mystery! Keep up the good work... you Agatha Christies of the comics world, you!

Nick Eddy
783 Willowdale Avenue
Kettering, OH 45429

We'll do our best, Nick! We just hoped you liked the revelations in issue #206!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

- MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #68 — The Angel and the Thing: trapped in the Castle of Terror!
- SPIDER-WOMAN #31 — Who is... the Hornet?
- STAR TREK #7 — Mutant energies attack the *Enterprise*!
- MACHINE MAN #17 — Madam Menace!
- MARVEL SUPER HEROES #92 — (Reprint: Hulk #141) Enter: Doc Samson!
- SPIDER-MAN #209 — Kraven the Hunter strikes!
- CAPTAIN AMERICA #250 — "Captain America For President!"
- THOR #300 — Double-sized 300th anniversary spectacular!
- MICRONAUTS #22 — "The Best Damn Burglar in the Whole Wide World!"
- GHOST RIDER #49 — Curse of the Indian!
- BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #20 — Eyley's hunt for Starbuck!
- SHE-HULK #9 — The mad charisma of... the Word!

- FUN AND GAMES #14 — All sorts of games to delight and excite you!
- DR. STRANGE #43 — Strange and Clea battle to save Wong!
- HULK #252 — Prisoner of Woodgod!
- AVENGERS #200 — A double-sized, surprise-filled 200th anniversary issue.
- CONAN #115 — It must be Anniversary Month here at the House of Ideas. This double-sized spectacular marks ten years of Conan's mag! Guest-stars Red Sonja!
- MARVEL TALES #120 — (Reprints Spider-Man #143) Spidey vs. the Cyclone!
- MARVEL'S GREATEST #93 — The coming of the Over-Mind!
- X-MEN #138 — An all-new retelling of the history of the X-Men!
- TALES TO ASTONISH #11 — (Reprints Sub-Mariner #11) Namor on a rampage!
- ROM #11 — Prisoner of the Dire Wraiths!
- SGT. FURY #160 — (Reprints Captain Savage #11) The Howlers and the Leathernack Raiders team up!

Dear Marvel,

I was glad to see the Black Cat's return in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #204 and #205. Ever since her first appearance in issue #194 and #195, I've eagerly awaited her return. I was hoping for some kind of relationship between the Cat and Spider-Man, especially since S-M discovered the truth about Dawn Starr. That ending was totally unexpected. I had never stopped to realize that the Black Cat was that emotionally unstable. (I was a little disappointed, though, that we never learned exactly how she survived her fall in issue #195.)

Besides the great story, I noticed that those museum guards looked vaguely familiar. Could it be — ?

Ed Mandara
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Rochester, NY 14624

Sorry we couldn't clue you in on the Black Cat's little survival trick, Ed... but at least you're in good company! After all, Spider-Man himself doesn't know how she did it! Maybe next time!

And as for those slightly familiar guards...

Dear David,

As a dedicated fan of Abbott and Costello, may I be the first to say thanks?

Wally Neville
426 Tusculum
Cincinnati, OH 45226

You certainly may!

Dear People,

I've just heard about the five-page AUNT MAY strip scheduled for this year's AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL. From the bottom of my heart, I give my thanks to all concerned. My only complaint is... why a mere five pages?

Now if only more people realized the *real* reason for Spider-Man's popularity was on the other side of 65, with an overbearing mother fixation vis-a-vis her nephew...

Let's see lots more of May Parker, please... in AMAZING... SPECTACULAR... TEAM-UP... and anywhere else. (The HULK, maybe?)

Steve Lowther, President
Aunt May Appreciation Society
12 the Grove
Guisborough, Cleveland
England

**We'll see what we can do, Steve.
(Can't you just see May lecturing the Hulk? "Now, Hulk!
Be sure to take your umbrella! It's supposed to rain this afternoon! And don't stop to play with the Rhino... you know how uncouth he can be!")**

And on that zany thought, we'll take our leave for another month.

Ciao!

POWER MAN AND IRON FIST #65 — El Aguila and his bio-electric blasts!

FANTASTIC FOUR #223 — The return of Salem's Seven!

MARVEL TEAM-UP #98 — Spidey and the Black Widow — together!

IRON MAN #139 — The vengeance quest of Madame Masque and Spy-master!

PETER PARKER #47 — The Prowler!

DEFENDERS #88 — "Lord of the Whales!"

MARVEL SUPER-ACTION #24 — (Reprints Avengers #63) Introducing: the new Goliath!

AMAZING ADVENTURES #11 — (Reprints X-Men #s 6 and 48) "Sub-Mariner Joins the Evil Mutants!"

STAR WARS #40 — Part II of *The Empire Strikes Back!*

MASTER OF KUNG FU #93 — The killer-cult of Samisdat!

MARVEL PREMIERE #56 — Starring Dominic Fortune; guest-starring the pre-Howler, pre-SHIELD Dum Dum Dugan!

FANTASY MASTERPIECES #11 — (Reprints Silver Surfer #11 and Strange Tales #181) The Surfer laments, "O, Bitter Victory!" while Warlock faces the madness of "1000 Clowns!"

WHAT IF #23 — "What If the Hulk's Girlfriend Jarella Lived?"

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FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL #15 — The awesome return of Doctor Doom!

MICRONAUTS ANNUAL #2 — The Micros in all-out battle in Macy's toy department!

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CRAZY #66 — "The Empire Strikes Out!", "White Shallow!", Teen-Hulk, Obnoxio, and more such weirdness!

HOWARD THE DUCK #7 — Howard, Bev and the Man-Thing trapped on a giant Monopoly board! Plus: Street People!

SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #56 — Conan's peril-laden search for the evil wizard Zafra!