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FEATURING:

THE END OF THE GREEN GOBLIN!

If you missed our last ish because you were orbiting Earth on a space ship (the only acceptable reason for a true Spidophile's copping out), all we need tell you is that Spidey has been captured and unmasked by the Green Goblin... only to learn that his ubiquitous enemy is none other than Norman Osborn, father of Peter's college classmate, Harry Osborn! And now, tiger, you're on your own...

I'VE GOT TO STALL FOR TIME... KEEP HIM TALKING... WHILE I STRAIN AGAINST THESE STEEL ALLOY COILS HE'S TIED ME WITH!

TAKE A LOOK AT MY FACE, PARKER... A GOOD, LONG LOOK! IT'S THE LAST FACE YOU'LL EVER SEE... IN THIS LIFE!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WOULD BE YOU, OSBORN! ANYONE WHO'D HAVE A SON LIKE HARRY...

HARRY?? YOU KNOW MY SON??

CONCEIVED IN FANTASY, AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MARVELITES ARE ENTITLED TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF COMIC BOOK QUALITY! SO SAY WE ALL!

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YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MENTIONED HARRY! WHY DID YOU REMIND ME OF HIM?

I MUSTN'T THINK OF HIM, DO YOU HEAR! I MUST FORGET...; FORGET!

HE THINKS I'M JUST A SIMPLE BUSINESSMAN! HE MUST NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH... NEVER!

AND HE WON'T! YOU'LL NEVER TELL HIM! I WON'T LET YOU!

THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU MUST DIE, PARKER! ONLY YOU KNOW WHO THE GREEN GOBLIN IS!... JUST AS I KNOW WHO SPIDER-MAN REALLY IS!

BUT WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IS... I'M JUST AS WORRIED ABOUT AUNT MAY LEARNING MY SECRET IDENTITY AS HE IS ABOUT HARRY LEARNING HIS!

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS SOMEHOW.. FOR HER SAKE! THE SHOCK WOULD BE MORE THAN SHE COULD BEAR!

I CAN TELL THAT YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO BREAK THOSE COILS, PARKER! HOW I ENJOY WATCHING YOUR FUTILE, TORTURED EFFORTS!

THAT'S IT, MISTER... STAND THERE AND GLOAT--- WHILE I KEEP TUGGING AT THESE BLASTED BONDS!

BUT, ENOUGH TALK! NOW I MUST FIND THE MOST SUITABLE MANNER OF ENDING YOUR INTERFERENCE FOREVER!

SPIDEY, IF YOU'VE EVER THOUGHT FAST... AND TALKED FASTER... YOU'VE GOTTA DO IT NOW!

I THINK THE COILS ARE LOOSENING! ALL I NEED IS TIME!

GREAT WORK, GOBBY!

OUT OF YOUR SON, HARRY! NOT EVERY FELLA CAN HAVE A MURDERER IN THE FAMILY!

I WARNED YOU! DON'T MENTION HIM!

WHY NOT? WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE? YOU CAN ONLY POLISH ME OFF ONCE!

OSBORN IS OBVIOUSLY A PSYCHOPATH! I'VE GOT TO PLAY ON HIS EMOTIONS... GOT TO KEEP HITTING HIM WHERE IT HURTS!

ANYWAY, YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME! YOU DON'T GIVE A HOOT ABOUT HARRY! HE TOLD ME SO HIMSELF! HE TOLD ME HOW YOU'VE CHANGED TOWARDS HIM THESE PAST FEW YEARS!

I WAS RIGHT! HE'S A REAL MENTAL CASE! MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO KEEP TAUNTING HIM!

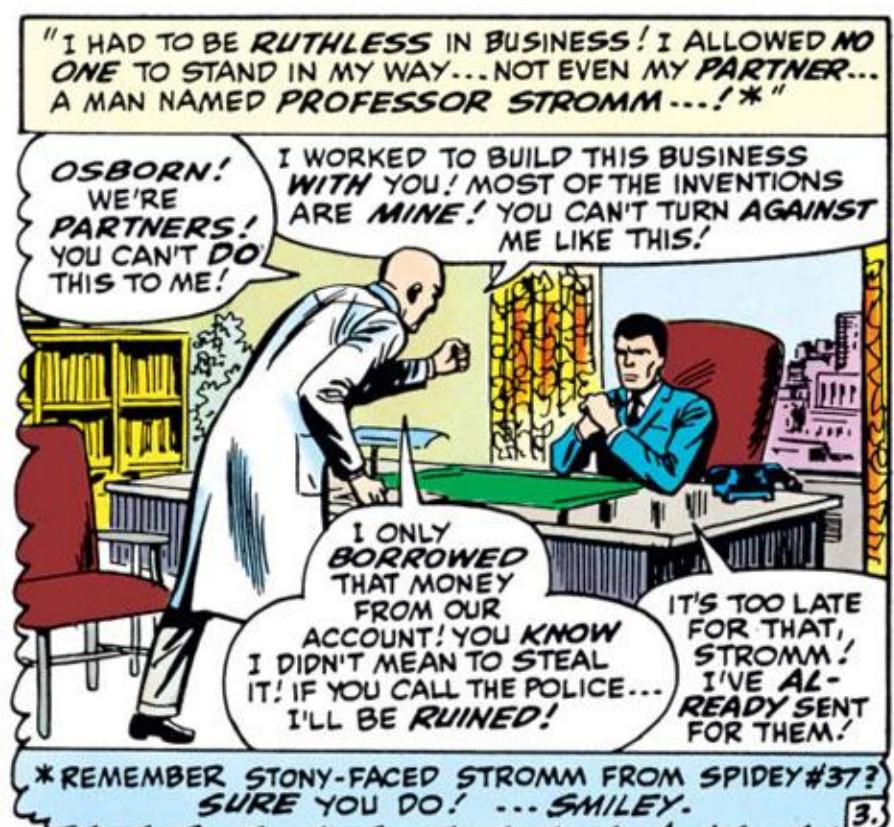
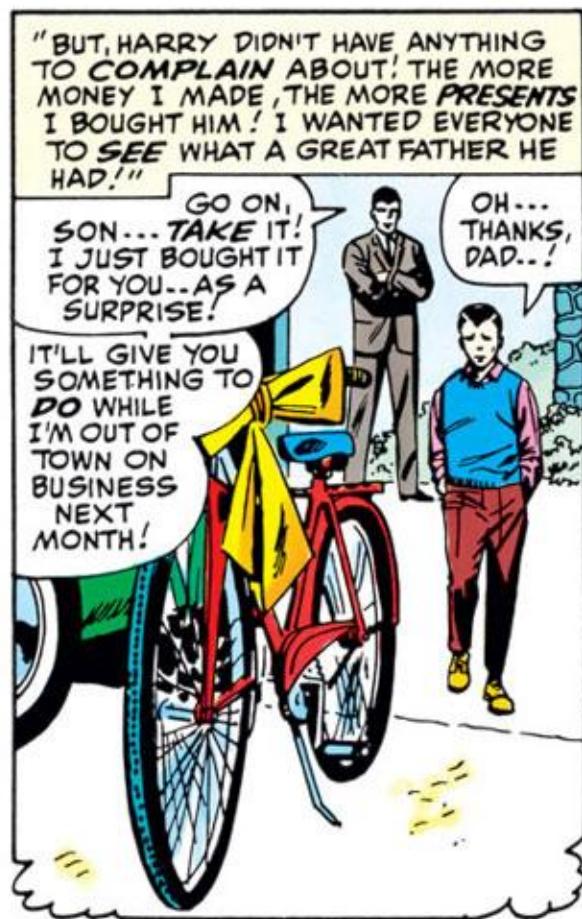
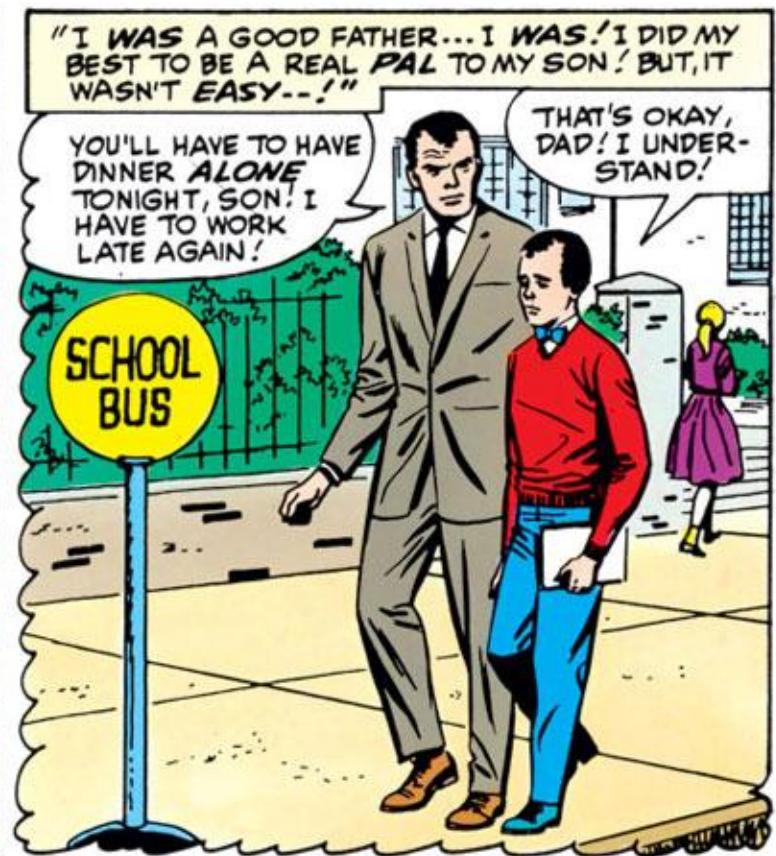
LIES! ALL LIES! HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND! NOBODY UNDERSTANDS! NOBODY REALLY KNOWS WHY I BECAME THE GREEN GOBLIN!

BUT, I'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL! ONE WRONG WORD COULD MAKE HIM VIOLENT... AND THEN, BYE-BYE SPIDEY!

BIG DEAL! WHO CARES WHY YOU BECAME THE GREEN GOBLIN? YOU PROBABLY LOST AN ELECTION BET OR SOMETHING! WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

YOU FOOL! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT IT MATTERS! I'LL MAKE YOU LISTEN! THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!

GOOD! IT'S WORKING!



"PERHAPS I WAS TOO HARD ON STROMM... BUT IT WAS HIS OWN FAULT FOR BEING CARELESS... AND IT GAVE ME COMPLETE CONTROL OF MY BUSINESS!"

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, OSBORN! I WON'T BE IN JAIL FOREVER... AND WHEN I GET OUT... I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE! I SWEAR IT!

YOU ALWAYS WERE TOO EMOTIONAL, STROMM! THAT LITTLE OUTBURST OF YOURS DOESN'T IMPRESS ME A BIT!

TAKE HIM AWAY, GENTLEMEN! I'LL BE IN COURT TO PREFER CHARGES IN THE MORNING!

SO THAT'S WHY STROMM TRIED TO KILL YOU WITH THAT ROBOT OF HIS! AND THAT'S WHY YOU RESENTED SPIDER-MAN'S HELP!

UH-OH! HE'S TOO QUIET! I'VE GOTTA GET HIM TALKING AGAIN!

I STILL DON'T GET IT, OSBORN! YOU BECAME WEALTHY... SUCCESSFUL! YOU ACHIEVED YOUR GOAL...

SO, WHAT MADE YOU TURN TO CRIME? WHAT MADE YOU BECOME THE GREEN GOBLIN?

I'VE TOLD YOU SO MUCH... I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU THE REST! AFTER ALL, MY SECRET WILL DIE WITH YOU!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, MISTER!

THERE! THAT'S ANOTHER FINGER I MANAGED TO WORK LOOSE!

SO? WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU WIN A GREEN COSTUME IN A RAFFLE, OR SOMETHING?

YOU'RE MOCKING ME, ARE YOU...?

"WELL, IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU MAY HAVE YOUR LITTLE JOKE! IT'S THE LAST YOU'LL EVER ENJOY! AS FOR ME, I STILL REMEMBER THAT FATEFUL NIGHT... WHEN IT HAPPENED..."

THESE NOTES OF STROMM'S... WHICH I FOUND IN HIS DESK... CONTAIN SOME NEW, STRANGE-LOOKING FORMULAS!

SINCE HE'S IN PRISON NOW, I'LL CHECK THEM OUT! IF THEY'RE WORTH ANYTHING, I'LL BE ABLE TO CASH IN ON THEM!

"AND THEN, HARRY CAME IN... BUT I COULDN'T BE BOthered WITH HIM AT A TIME LIKE THAT...

DAD, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? IT'S PARENTS' NIGHT AT MY SCHOOL THIS EVENING! WE SHOULD BE THERE BY NOW!

FORGET IT, SON! I CAN'T MAKE IT NOW! YOU GO ON AHEAD... MAYBE I'LL GET THERE BEFORE IT'S OVER!

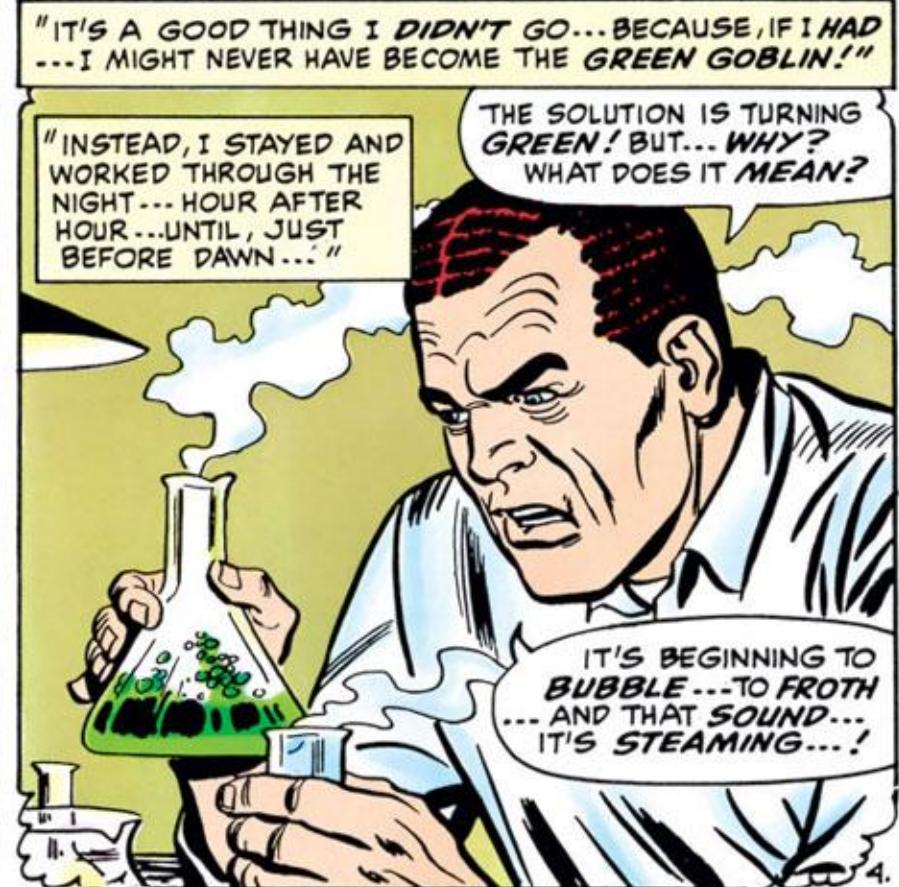
BUT, I THOUGHT...

I SAID FORGET IT!

"IT'S A GOOD THING I DIDN'T GO... BECAUSE, IF I HAD... I MIGHT NEVER HAVE BECOME THE GREEN GOBLIN!"

"INSTEAD, I STAYED AND WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT... HOUR AFTER HOUR... UNTIL, JUST BEFORE DAWN..."

THE SOLUTION IS TURNING GREEN! BUT... WHY? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



IT'S BEGINNING TO BUBBLE... TO FROTH... AND THAT SOUND... IT'S STEAMING...!

"AND THEN...A SECOND LATER...THE WORLD EXPLODED BEFORE ME...!"



"I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR WEEKS, AS THE BEST SURGEONS IN THE STATE WORKED NIGHT AND DAY TO SAVE MY LIFE!"

THE DAMAGE IS DEEP WITHIN HIS BRAIN! BUT...THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN REACH IT!



"THE FOOLS! THEY THOUGHT MY BRAIN HAD BEEN DAMAGED! THEY DIDN'T SUSPECT THAT THE ACCIDENT MADE ME MORE BRILLIANT THAN I HAD EVER BEEN! NO ONE SUSPECTED... NOT EVEN MY SON!"

YOU MAY SEE YOUR FATHER NOW...
POOR DAD! IT'S ALL MY FAULT! HE MUST HAVE BEEN OVERWORKED, TIRED...TRYING TO EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT ME!

DAD...WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU ANGRY AT ME? WHA... WHAT HAVE I DONE?

YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING! THAT'S THE TROUBLE! YOU'RE A SPINELESS JELLYFISH... LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

NOW BE QUIET! I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE!

"ALTHOUGH NOBODY KNEW IT, MY ACCIDENT HAD MADE ME THINK CLEARER THAN EVER BEFORE! SUDDENLY, A DARING PLAN TOOK SHAPE IN MY MIND...!"

I'M STRONGER... SMARTER... TOUGHER THAN ANYONE ELSE! AND I HAVE ALL SORTS OF SCIENTIFIC DEVICES IN MY CHEMICAL COMPANY THAT I CAN USE!

I COULD BECOME THE GREATEST COSTUMED CRIMINAL OF ALL TIME!!

"BUT, I HAD NO PATIENCE WITH HARRY... OR WITH ANYBODY! I WANTED TO BE ALONE...TO THINK... TO PLAN! SO, A FEW DAYS LATER..."

GO DOWNSTAIRS AND CALL A TAXI! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!



"THE IDEA BECAME AN OBSESSION WITH ME! IT HAUNTED ME NIGHT AND DAY! I KNEW I HAD TO DO IT! AND SO, MANY MONTHS LATER..."

THE FACE IS PERFECT! NOW TO DESIGN THE REST OF THE COSTUME!



"AND SO...AT LAST...THE GREEN GOBLIN WAS BORN!"

NOW FOR MY FIRST VICTIM...

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN HIMSELF!

I SELECTED YOU BECAUSE I KNEW THE UNDERWORLD WOULD RESPECT ANYONE WHO COULD DEFEAT YOU! BUT, YOU THWARTED ME DURING OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER!

I'M AWFULLY SORRY TO HAVE BEEN SO UNCOOPERATIVE!



BUT NOW, THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE GREEN GOBLIN TO ACHIEVE HIS GREATEST TRIUMPH!

I'VE WAITED MONTHS FOR THIS SUPREME MOMENT... FOR THIS VICTORY WHICH FATE COULD NEVER DENY ME!



I CAN'T GIVE UP NOW... I MUSTN'T! FOR THE SAKE OF AUNT MAY! BUT...THE STEEL ALLOY IS TOO STRONG...I...I STILL CAN'T SNAP IT!!

HOW FITTING IT IS THAT THE FACE OF THE GREEN GOBLIN SHALL BE THE LAST SIGHT YOU'LL EVER BEHOLD... IN THIS LIFETIME!



HE WAS JUST A GREEDY, RUTHLESS BUSINESSMAN BEFORE HIS ACCIDENT... BUT THE CHEMICAL CHANGED HIM... FOR THE WORSE!

BUT, I MUSTN'T LET THE END BE TOO EASY FOR YOU...!

NOW, WHAT DO I DO? HOW DO YOU REASON WITH A MADMAN??!



FIRST, YOU MUST SIT THERE... HELPLESSLY... AND WONDER HOW I SHALL STRIKE... AND AT WHAT PRECISE INSTANT YOU'LL PERISH!

THEY SAY A MAN'S ENTIRE LIFE FLASHES BEFORE HIM IN A MOMENT OF DEADLY CRISIS! AND, SO IT IS WITH PETER PARKER ...

I'M NOT AFRAID TO DIE! I'VE FACED THE GRIM REAPER TOO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST! BUT, NEVER TO SEE BETTY BRANT AGAIN... NEVER TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO AUNT MAY...

BEG, PARKER!
PLEAD FOR MERCY!
WHY WON'T YOU
BEG??

BUT, EVEN AS THE ANGUISHED YOUTH DESPERATELY CONTINUES TO STRAIN AGAINST HIS BONDS, TRYING TO SHUT OUT THE GOBLIN'S TAUNTS... AT A MODEST FRAME HOUSE IN FOREST HILLS, WE FIND...

OH, ANNA DEAR...
I'M SO GLAD
YOU COULD
COME! I-I'M SO
WORRIED!

NOW, NOW, MAY!
YOU KNOW THE DOCTOR TOLD YOU
THAT YOU MUSTN'T GET UPSET!

I'M SURE
IT CAN'T BE
ANYTHING
SERIOUS!

BUT, PETER HAS NEVER
STAYED AWAY SO LONG...
WITHOUT EVEN CALLING!

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A GOOD BOY... BUT HE'S SO FRAIL! I KNOW SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED! I JUST KNOW IT!

MAY PARKER! I'M SURPRISED AT YOU!
YOU GET HOLD OF YOURSELF THIS VERY MINUTE!

WHAT WOULD PETER SAY IF HE SAW YOU LIKE THIS?

HE'S PROBABLY OUT ON A DATE... HAVING A GOOD TIME... AND HE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW LATE IT IS!

EVEN MY MARY JANE HAS COME HOME LATE OCCASIONALLY!

BUT... I JUST CAN'T HELP WORRYING....!

WAIT A MINUTE! DOESN'T HE SOMETIMES SELL PHOTOGRAPHS TO MR. JAMESON, AT THE "DAILY BUGLE"?

PERHAPS HE'S AT JAMESON'S OFFICE RIGHT NOW! NEWSPAPER BUILDINGS STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT!

PLEASE, ANNA... YOU CALL! I-I'M TOO NERVOUS!

OF COURSE, DEAR! I'LL DO IT RIGHT NOW!

BUT, AFTER FINALLY GETTING PAST AN OVERWORKED SECRETARY...

NO! PARKER ISN'T HERE! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE... A LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT?!!

HE'S PROBABLY OUT STEALING HUBCAPS SOMEWHERE!

EMPTY-HEADED TEEN-AGERS! THEY'RE ALL ALIKE!

MISS BROWN!! COME IN HERE... WITH YOUR NOTEBOOK!

I WANT TO DICTATE AN EDITORIAL ABOUT HOW THE YOUNGER GENERATION'S GOING TO THE DOGS!

THEN I'LL DO ONE ABOUT THE OLDER GENERATION, TOO!

MIHT AS WELL BLAST EVERYONE!



AND, AFTER MRS. WATSON HAS GIVEN MAY PARKER THE NEWS... AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE...

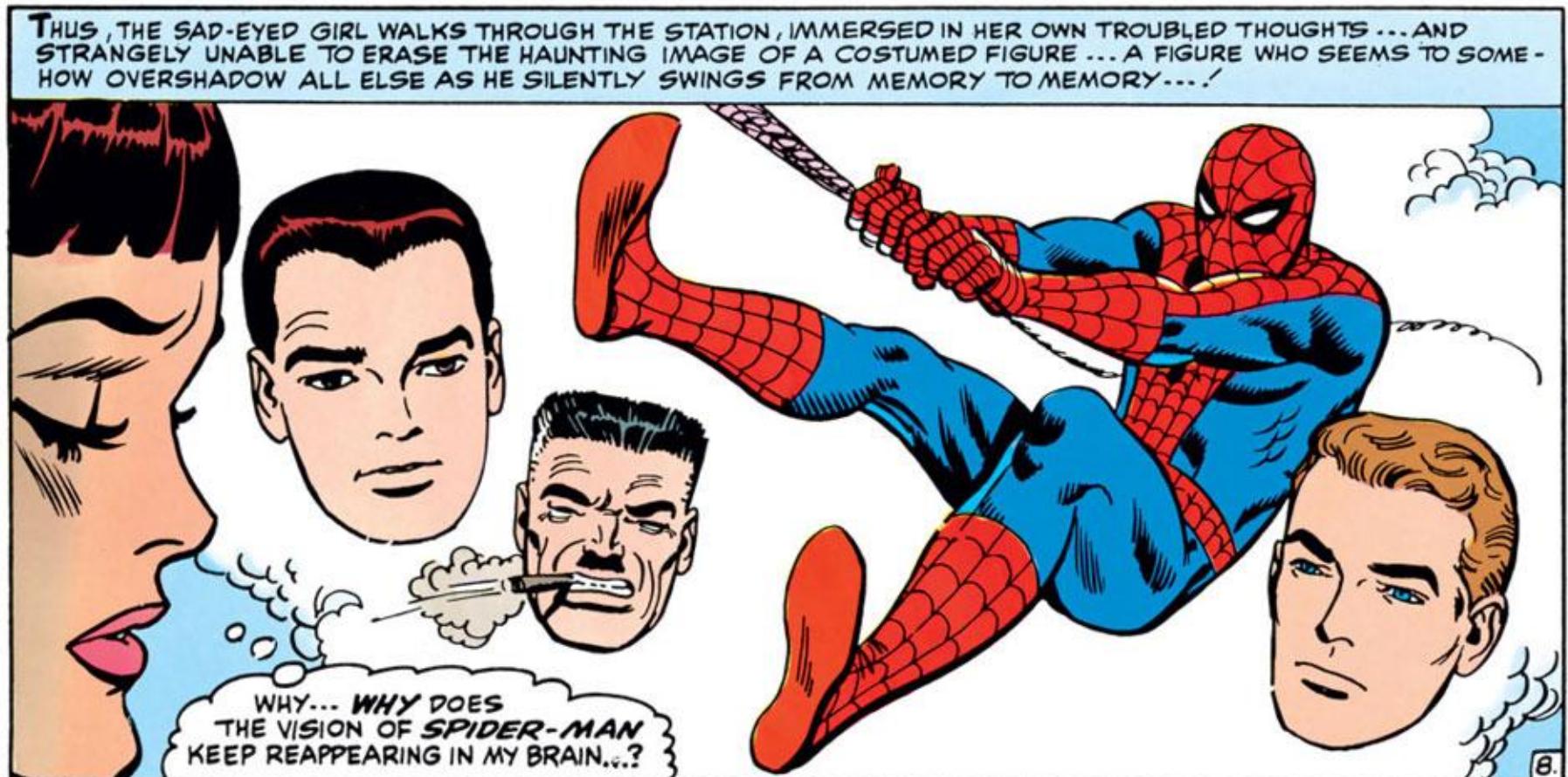
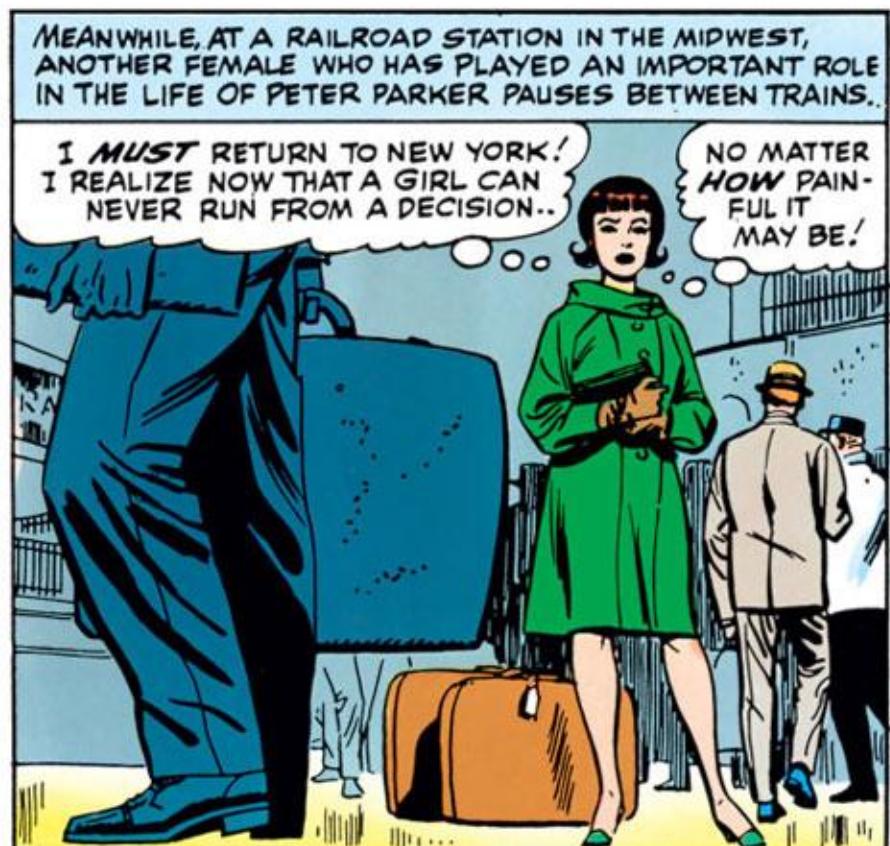
YOU MUSTN'T WORRY, DEAR!
THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER PLACES HE MIGHT BE!

ANNA, YOU DON'T KNOW PETER THE WAY I DO!

HE'S THE MOST CONSIDERATE BOY IN THE WORLD!

HE'D NEVER STAY OUT LATE WITHOUT CALLING ME!

... UNLESS... SOMETHING'S HAPPENED...!







AND NOW, THE FINAL REMEMBRANCE... BEFORE YOU MEET YOUR END!

DURING OUR MOST RECENT BATTLE, I HAD YOU COMPLETELY BEATEN! EVEN YOU CANNOT DENY THAT!

BUT, ONCE AGAIN, YOU WERE SAVED BY A STROKE OF FATE... IN THE GUISE OF THE CRIME-MASTER!*

"THINKING HE WAS A MATCH FOR THE GREEN GOBLIN, THE MASKED FOOL DARED TO ATTACK ME... ONCE AGAIN GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO ESCAPE!"

"YOU NEVER WERE ANY GOOD AS A FIGHTER, SPIDER-MAN!! YOU WERE MERELY LUCKY!"

*ALL TOGETHER NOW, CLASS: "SPIDEY #27!" SCHOLARLY STAN.

"BUT, AS I FLEW OFF TO SAFETY, ON THAT FATEFUL DAY... ALLOWING YOU A FEW MONTHS MORE OF LIFE, I KNEW I WOULD AGAIN RETURN... WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECTED ME... TO FINISH THE TASK I HAD SET FOR MYSELF... NAMELY..."



"...THE COMPLETE AND UNDENIABLE DESTRUCTION OF THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!"

IT WORKED! I KEPT HIM TALKING LONG ENOUGH TO FREE ONE HAND! NOW, IT'LL JUST BE A MATTER OF SECONDS TO RIP THE OTHER COILS AWAY...

SO! YOU'RE STILL STRUGGLING WITH YOUR BONDS, ARE YOU? I CAN TELL BY THE WAY YOUR MUSCLES ARE TENSED BENEATH YOUR SHIRT!



WELL, I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU... SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY DOOMED!

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EMPTY VICTORY TO DEFEAT A FOE WHO IS HELPLESSLY SHACKLED!

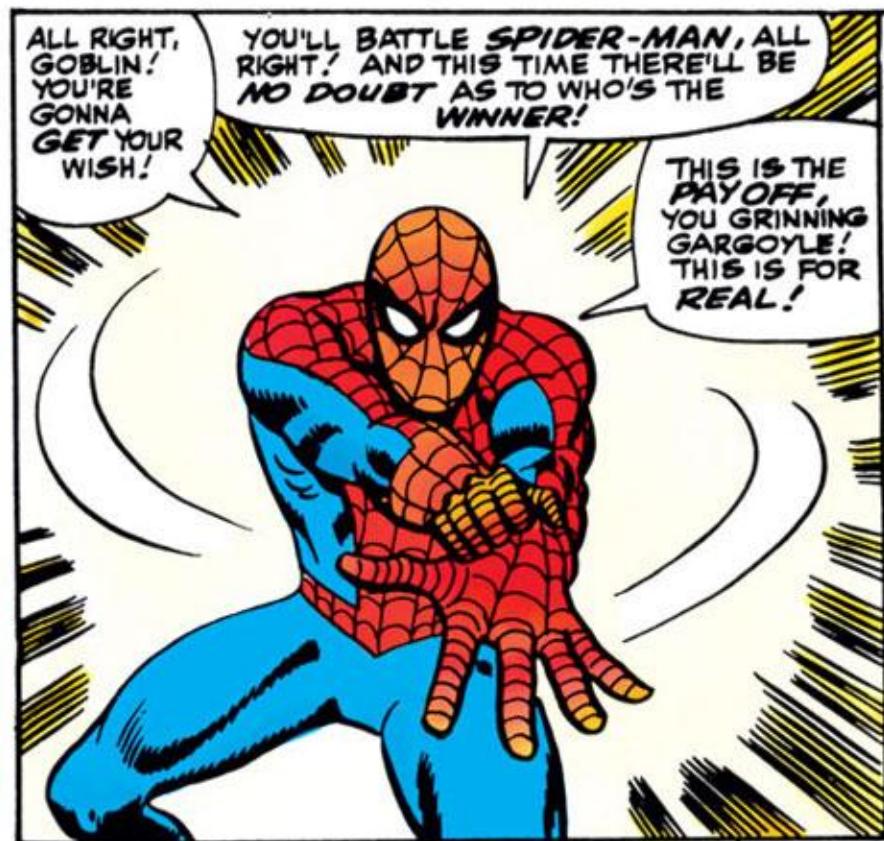
THEREFORE, I'LL SET YOU FREE! I'LL PROVE I'M YOUR MASTER!

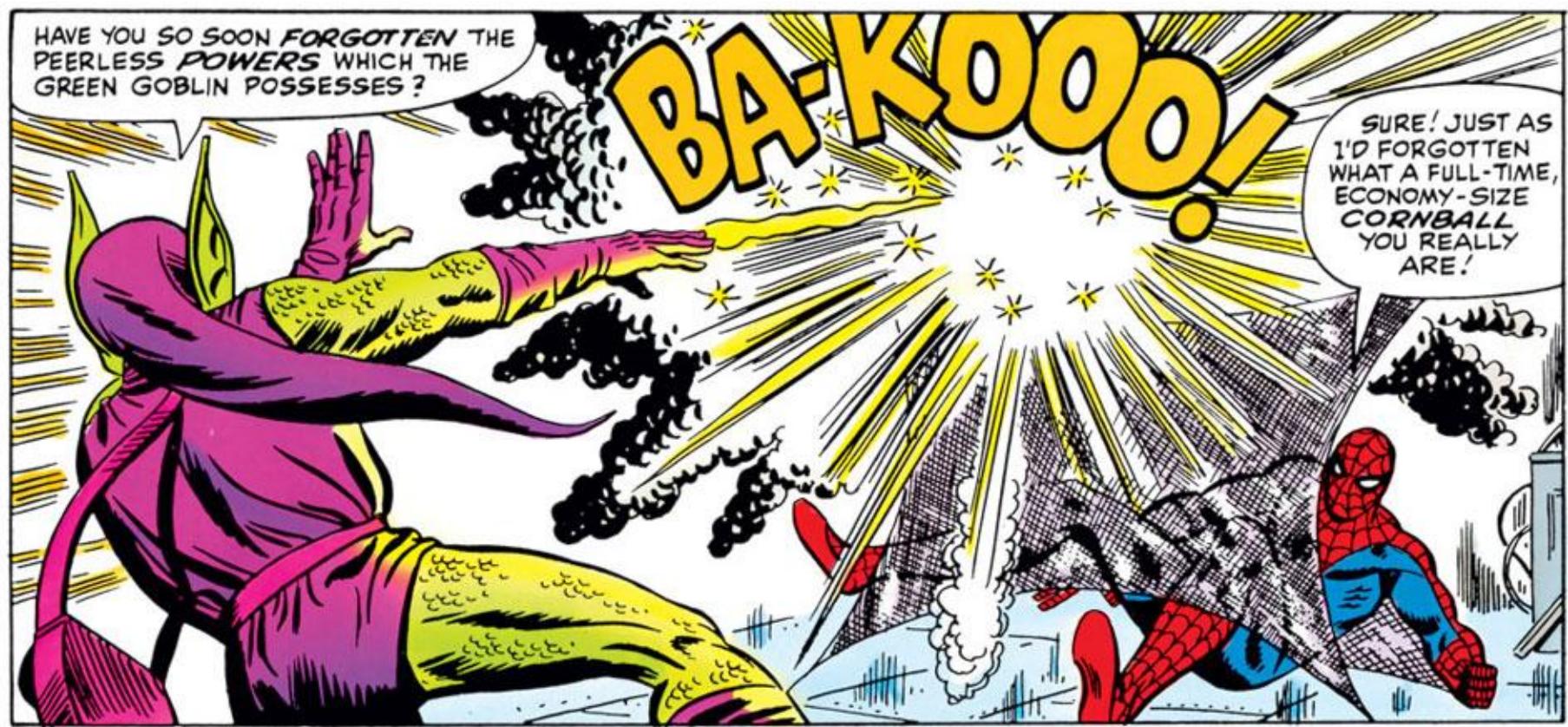
YOUR FINAL THOUGHT... BEFORE THE END COMES... WILL BE THAT I GAVE YOU EVERY CHANCE... AND STILL I DEFEATED YOU... UTTERLY AND ETERNALLY!

YOU FAST-TALKING PHONY! YOU KNEW I WAS ABOUT TO BREAK LOOSE ANYWAY! THAT'S WHY THE GRAND-STAND PLAY!



OKAY, PARKER! THIS MAY BE THE MOST FATEFUL FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE! SO DON'T FUMBLE THE BALL, FELLA... THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE!

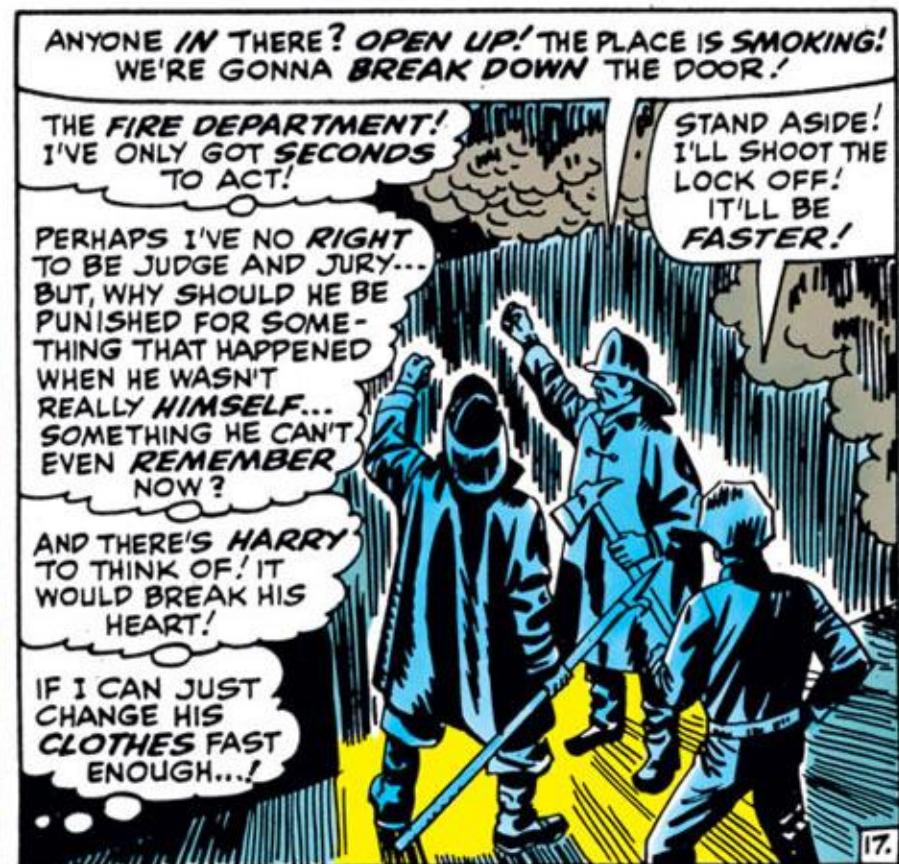


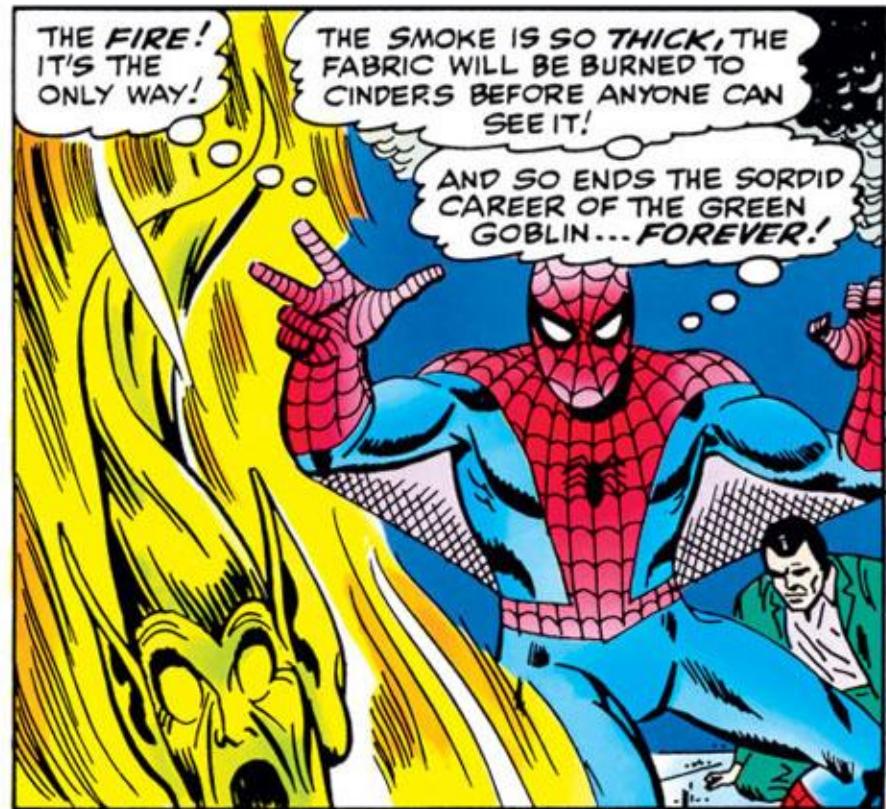


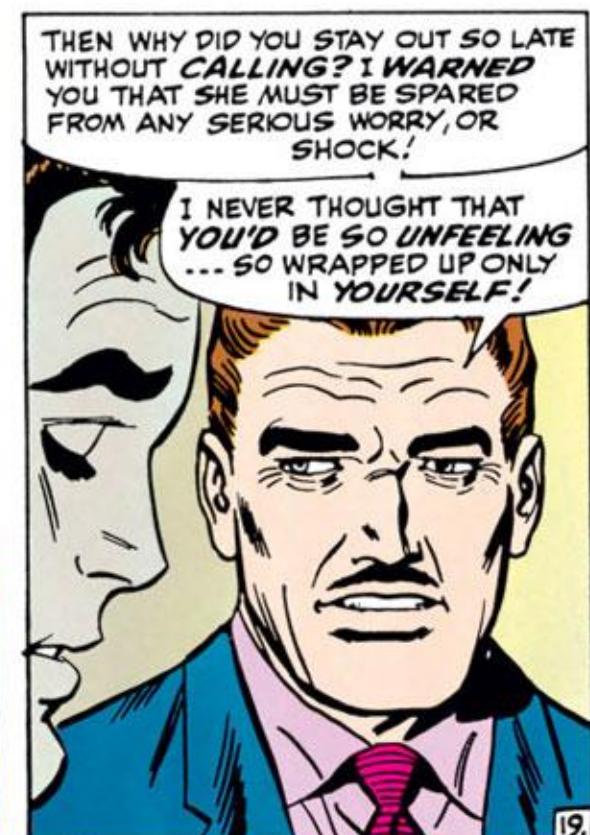
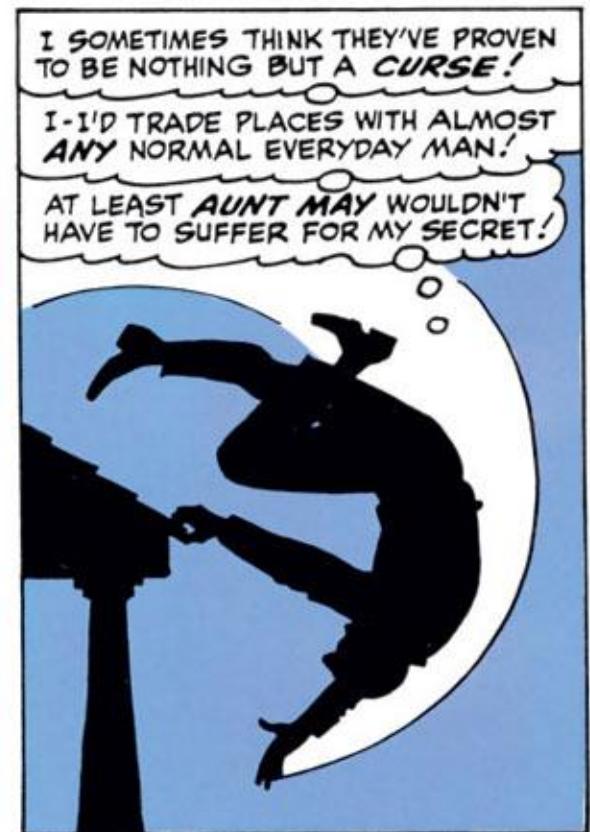


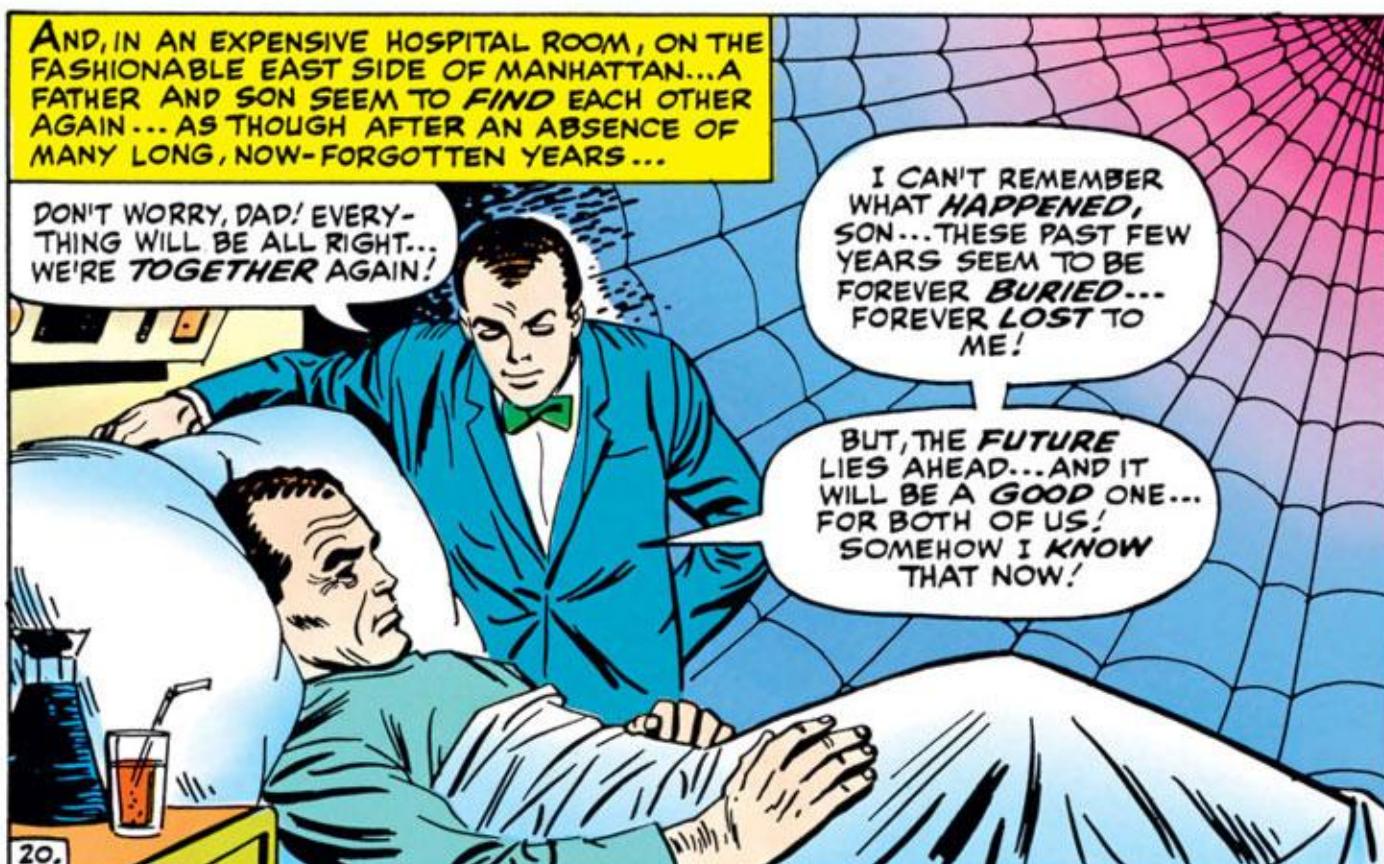












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DON'T MISS
PETER PARKER'S STARTLING DECISION

PLUS...

AN ALL-NEW,
FANTASTICALLY
POWERFUL
SUPER-FOE
FOR SPIDEY!

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