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SPIDER-MAN DID IT! IT'S ALL HIS FAULT!
HE'S A MURDERER!
SPIDER-MAN.. THE KILLER!
ROMITA

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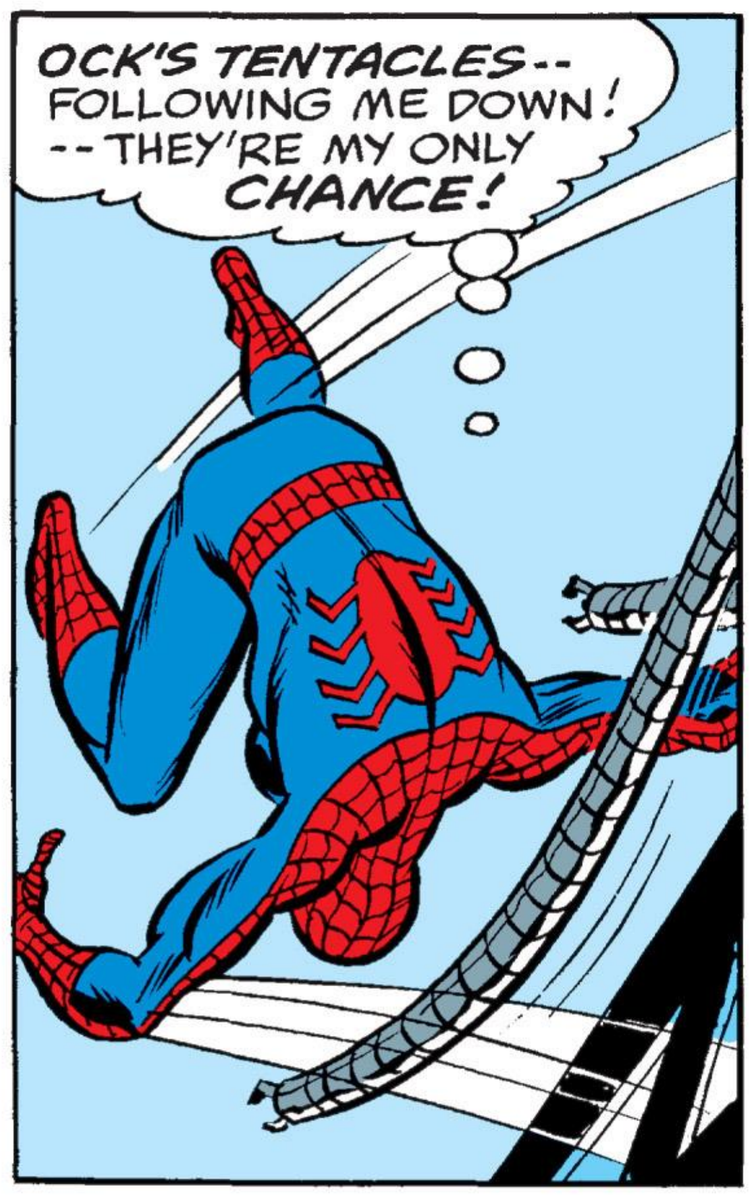
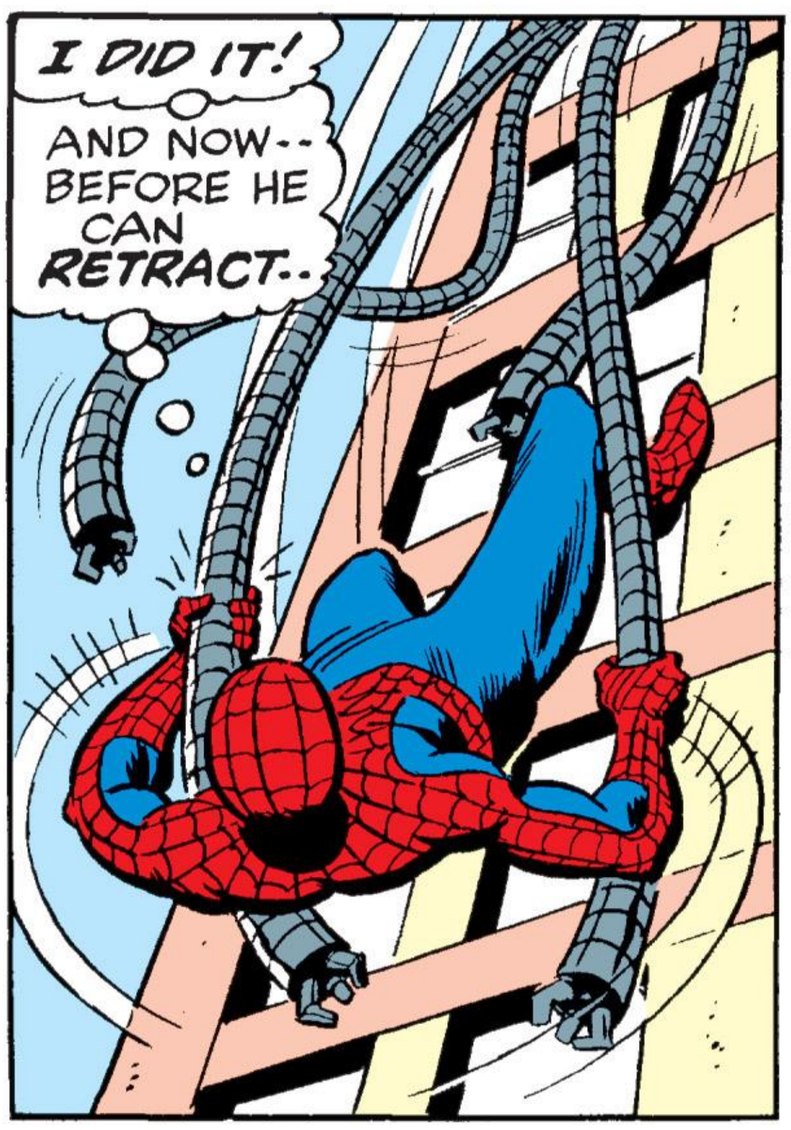
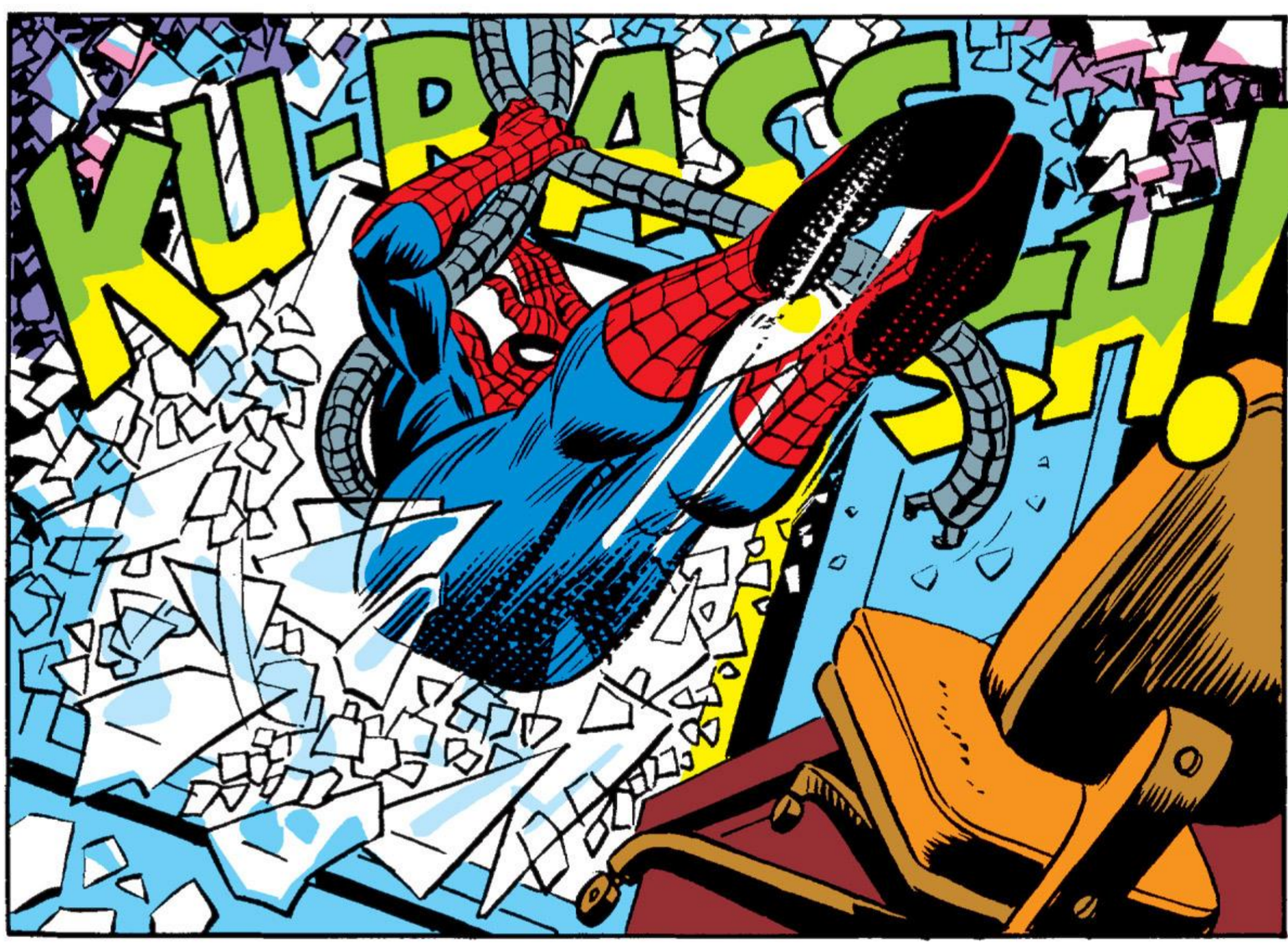
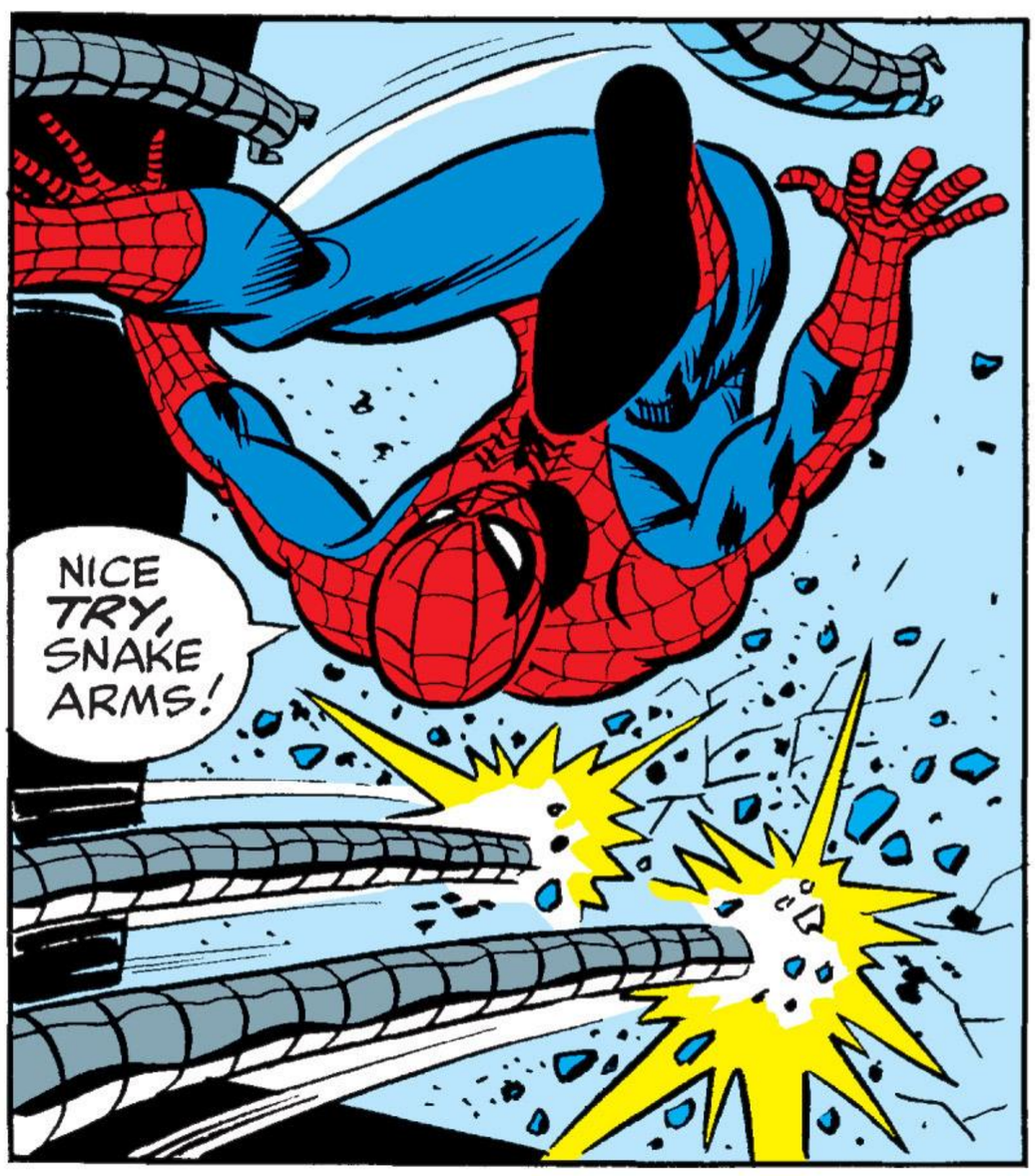
CAN'T USE MY WEBBING TO SAVE MYSELF--
I'M ALL OUT OF WEB FLUID!

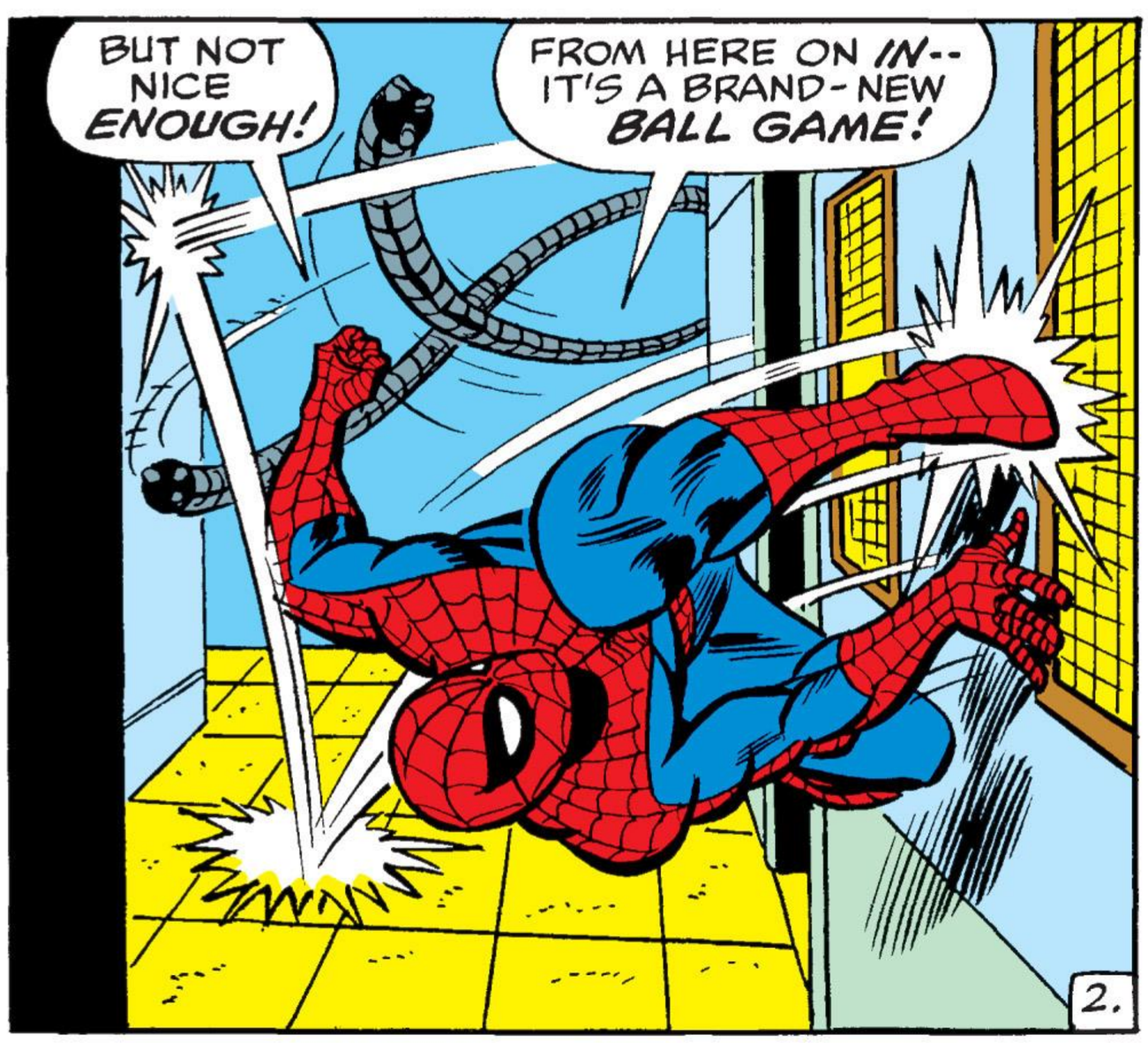

OCK'S TENTACLES-- FOLLOWING ME DOWN! --THEY'RE MY ONLY CHANCE!

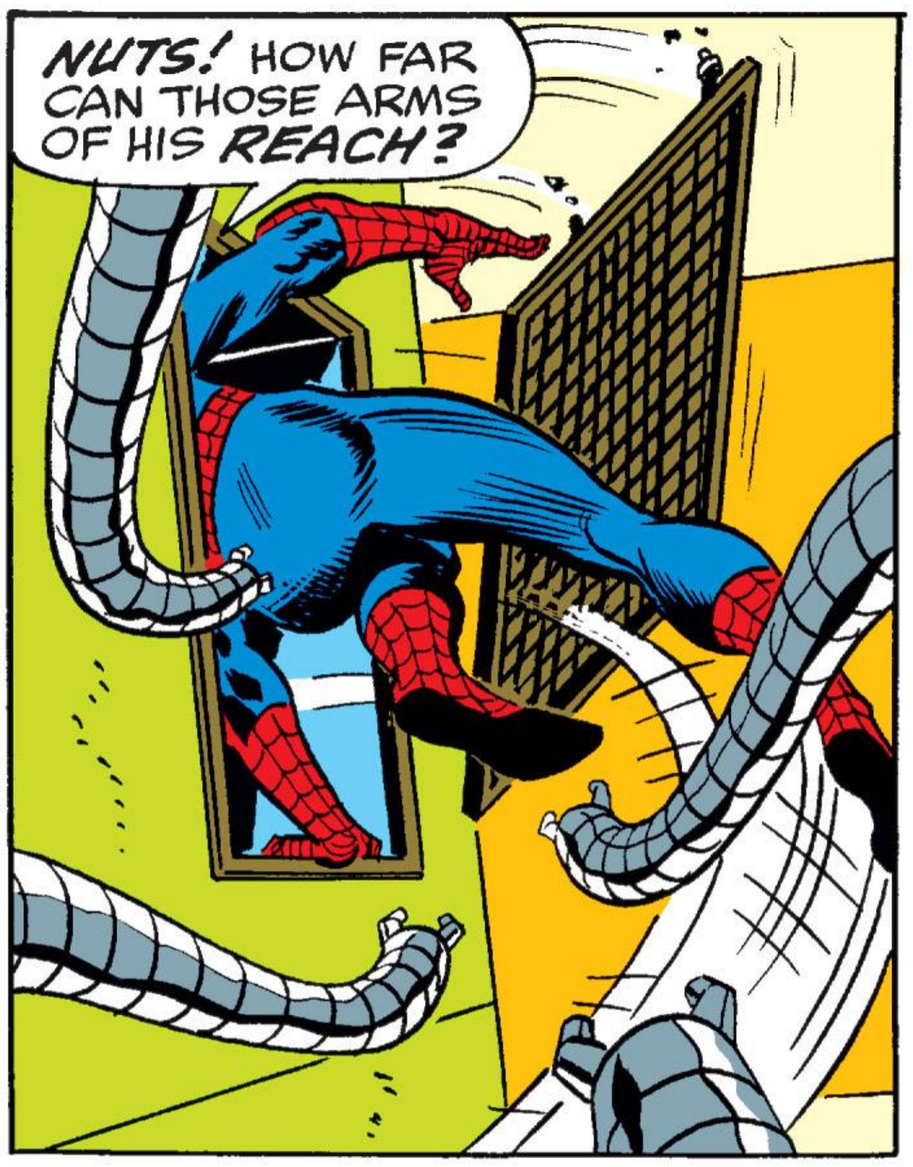
IF I CAN JUST SPIN AROUND-- REACH UP--
--AND GRAB THEM!


I DID IT!
AND NOW-- BEFORE HE CAN RETRACT--


KU-RASSH!

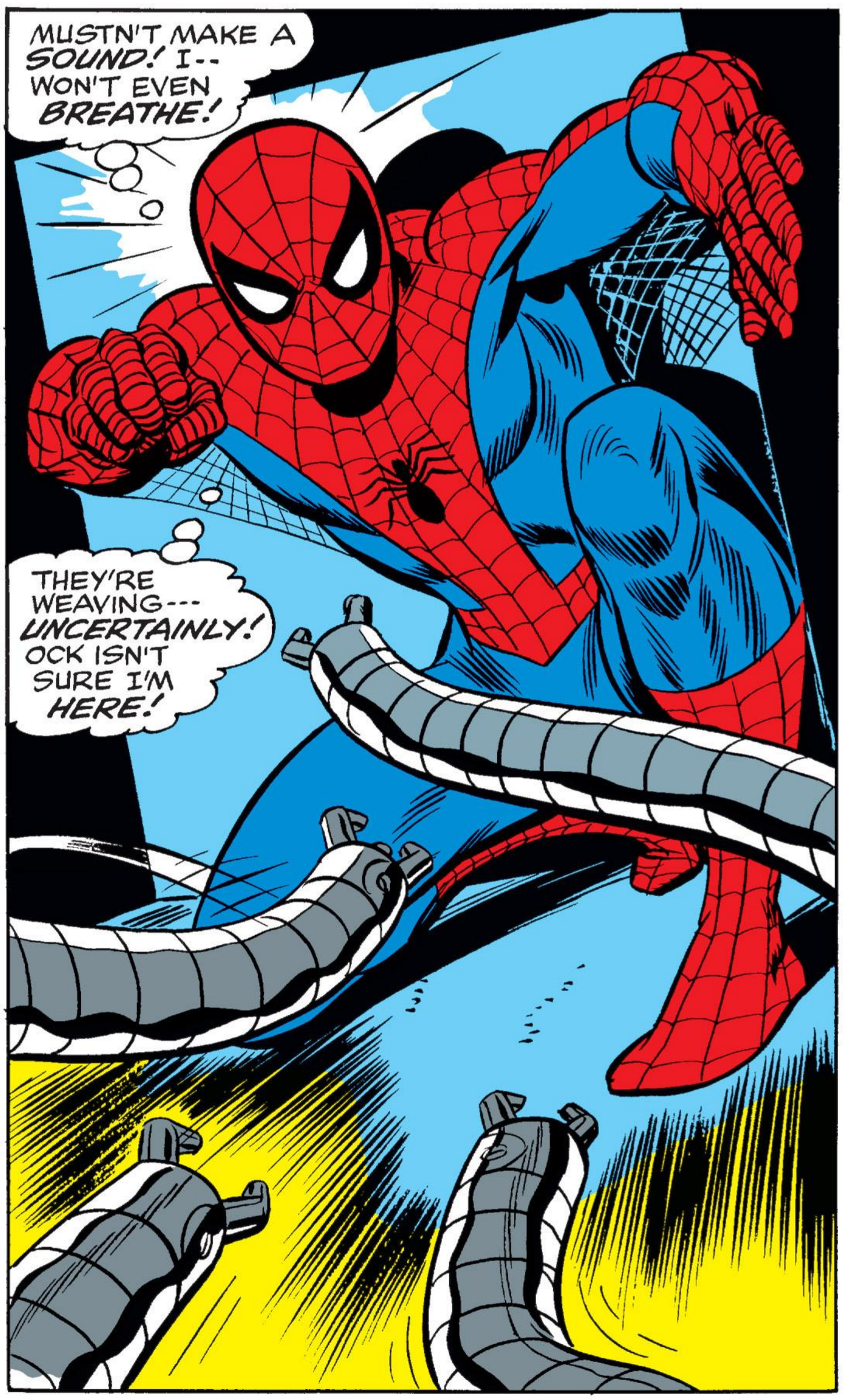

NICE TRY, SNAKE ARMS!

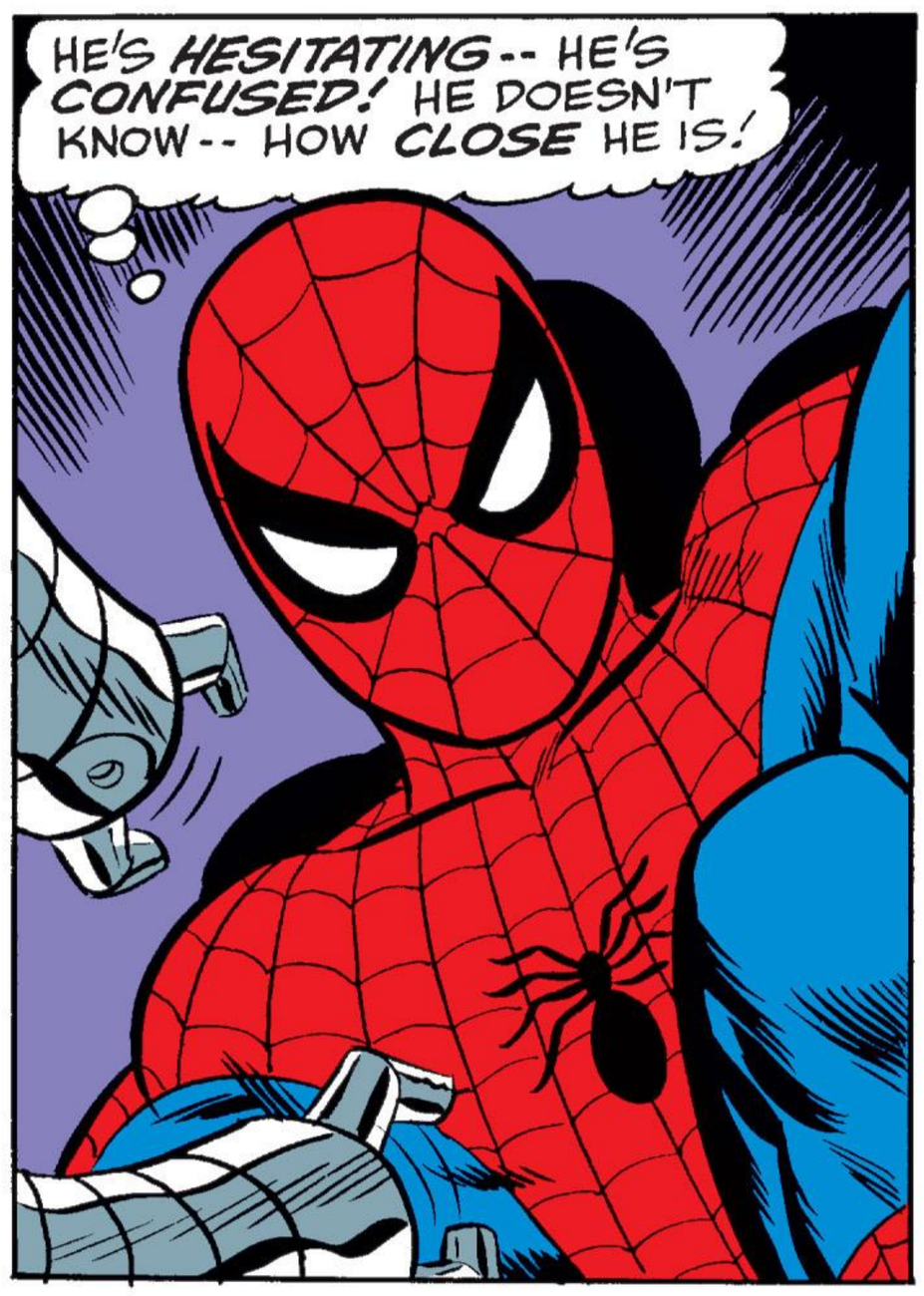

BUT NOT NICE ENOUGH!
FROM HERE ON IN-- IT'S A BRAND-NEW BALL GAME!

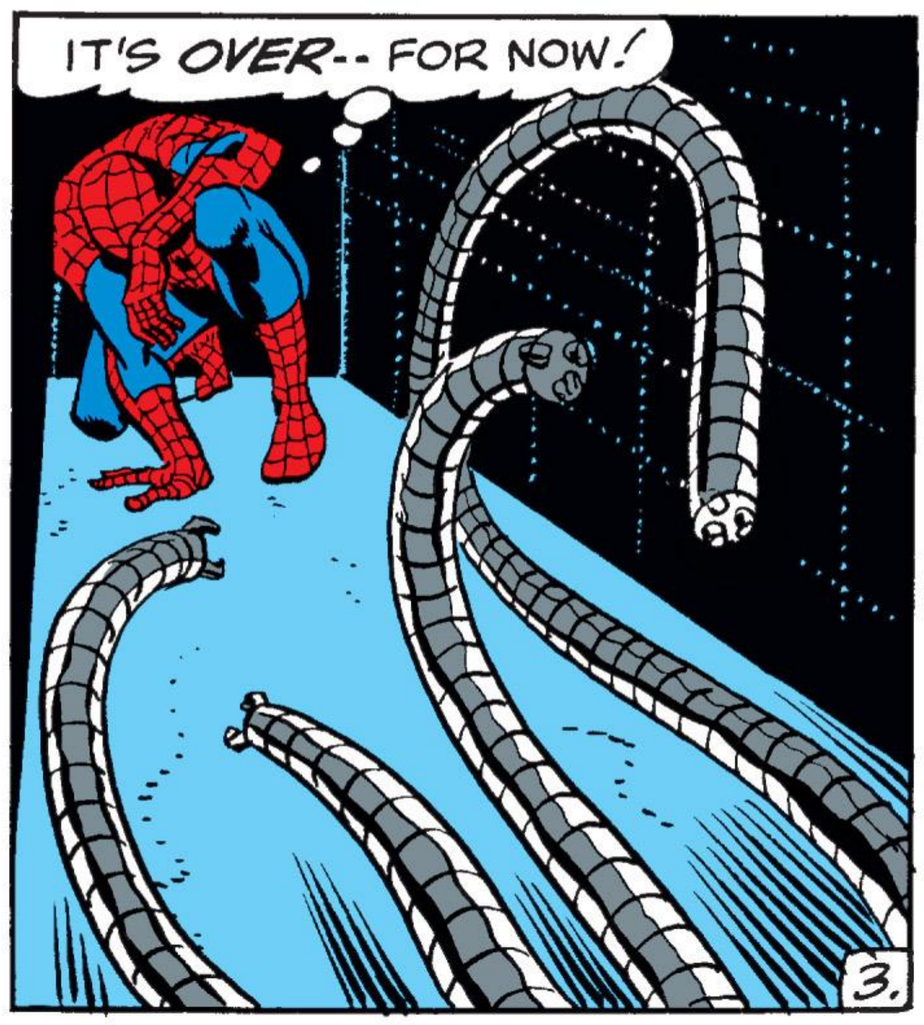

NUTS! HOW FAR CAN THOSE ARMS OF HIS REACH?

I OUGHTTA BE SAFE IN-- OH, NO!

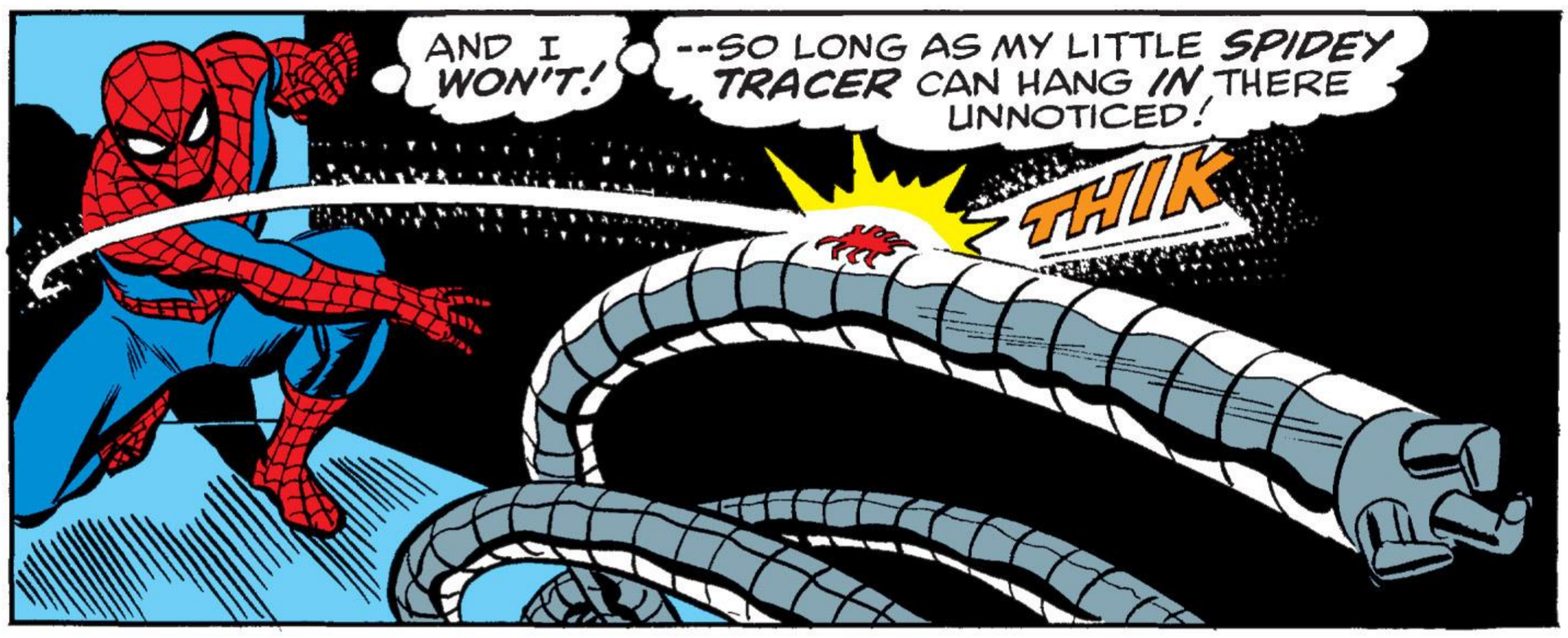
IT'S LIKE THEY CAN THINK FOR THEMSELVES!
THEY'RE STILL COMING AFTER ME!


MUSTN'T MAKE A SOUND! I-- WON'T EVEN BREATHE!
THEY'RE WEAVING--- UNCERTAINLY! OCK ISN'T SURE I'M HERE!


HE'S HESITATING-- HE'S CONFUSED! HE DOESN'T KNOW-- HOW CLOSE HE IS!


IT'S OVER-- FOR NOW!

BUT WAIT-- I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE HIM!


AND I WON'T!
--SO LONG AS MY LITTLE SPIDEY TRACER CAN HANG IN THERE UNNOTICED!
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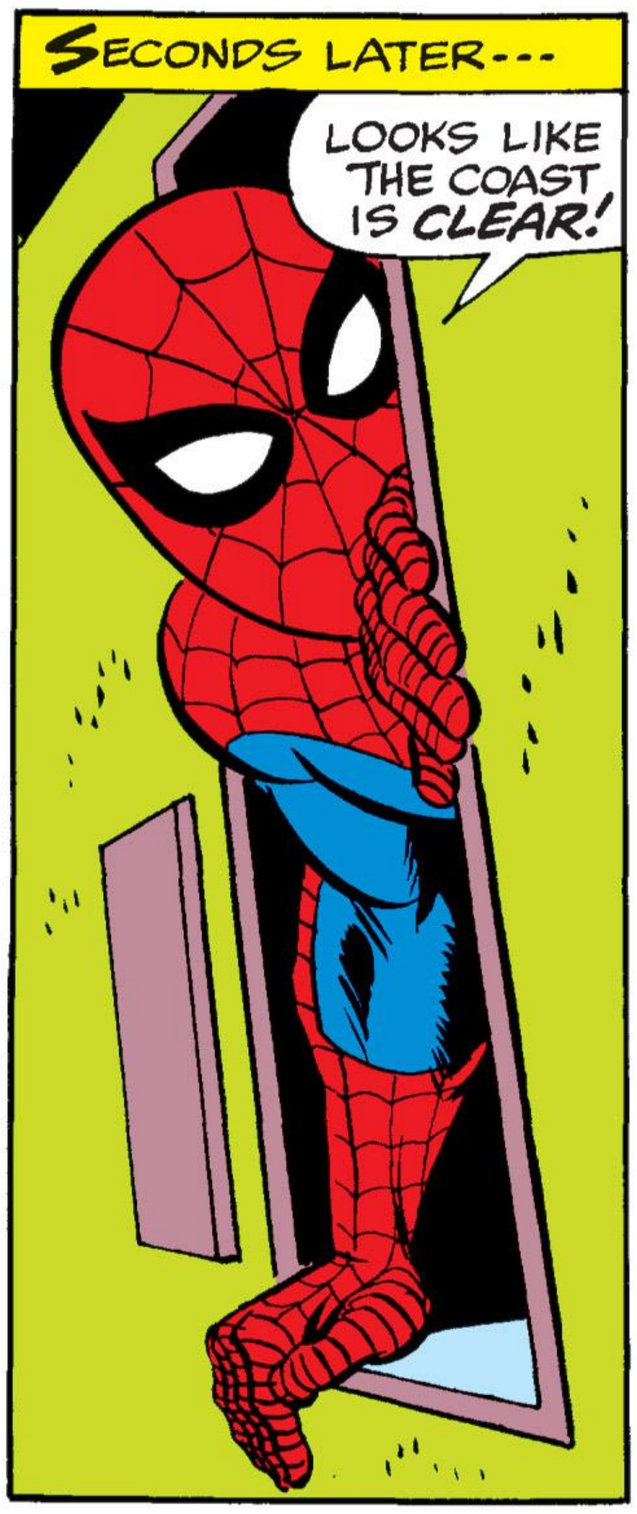
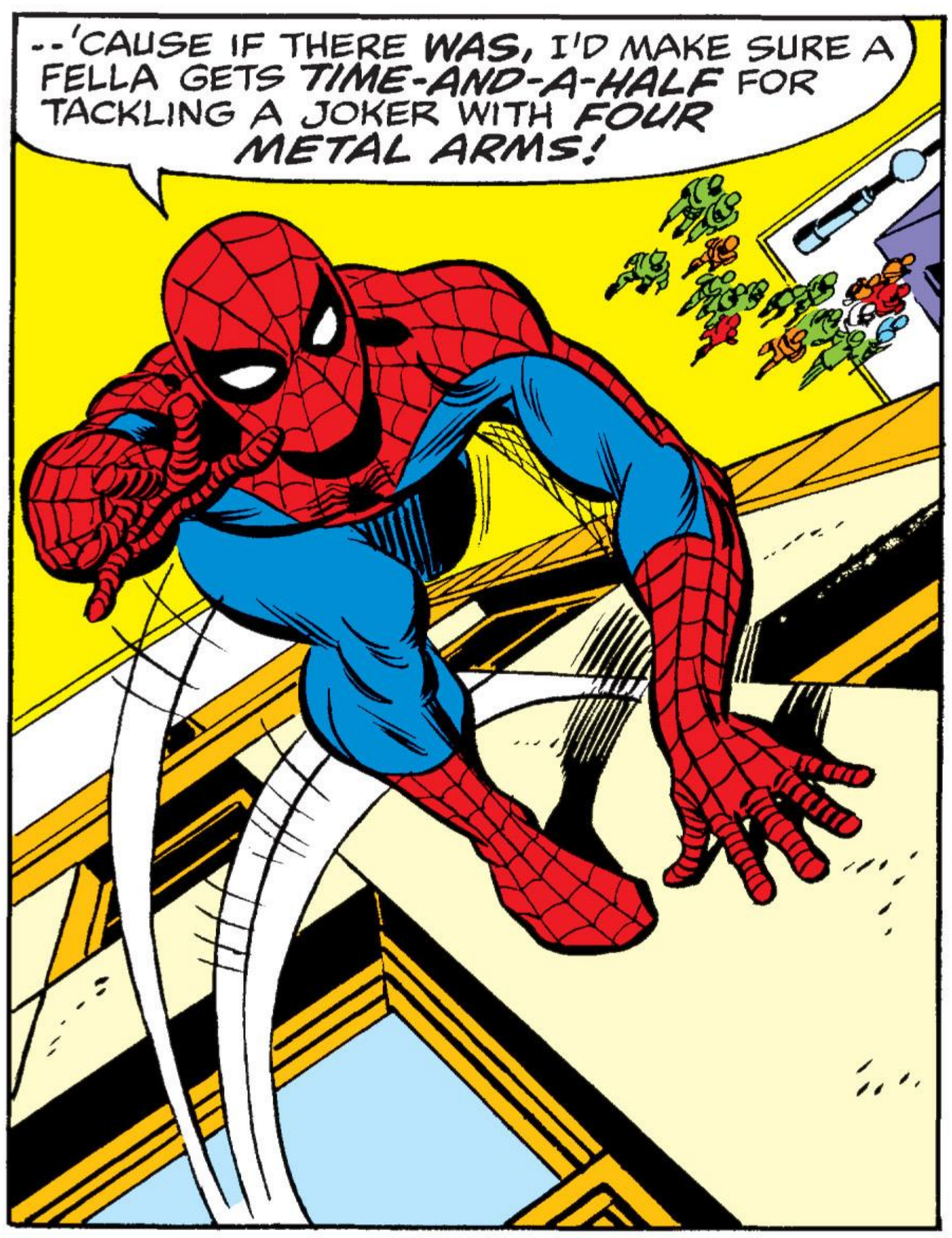
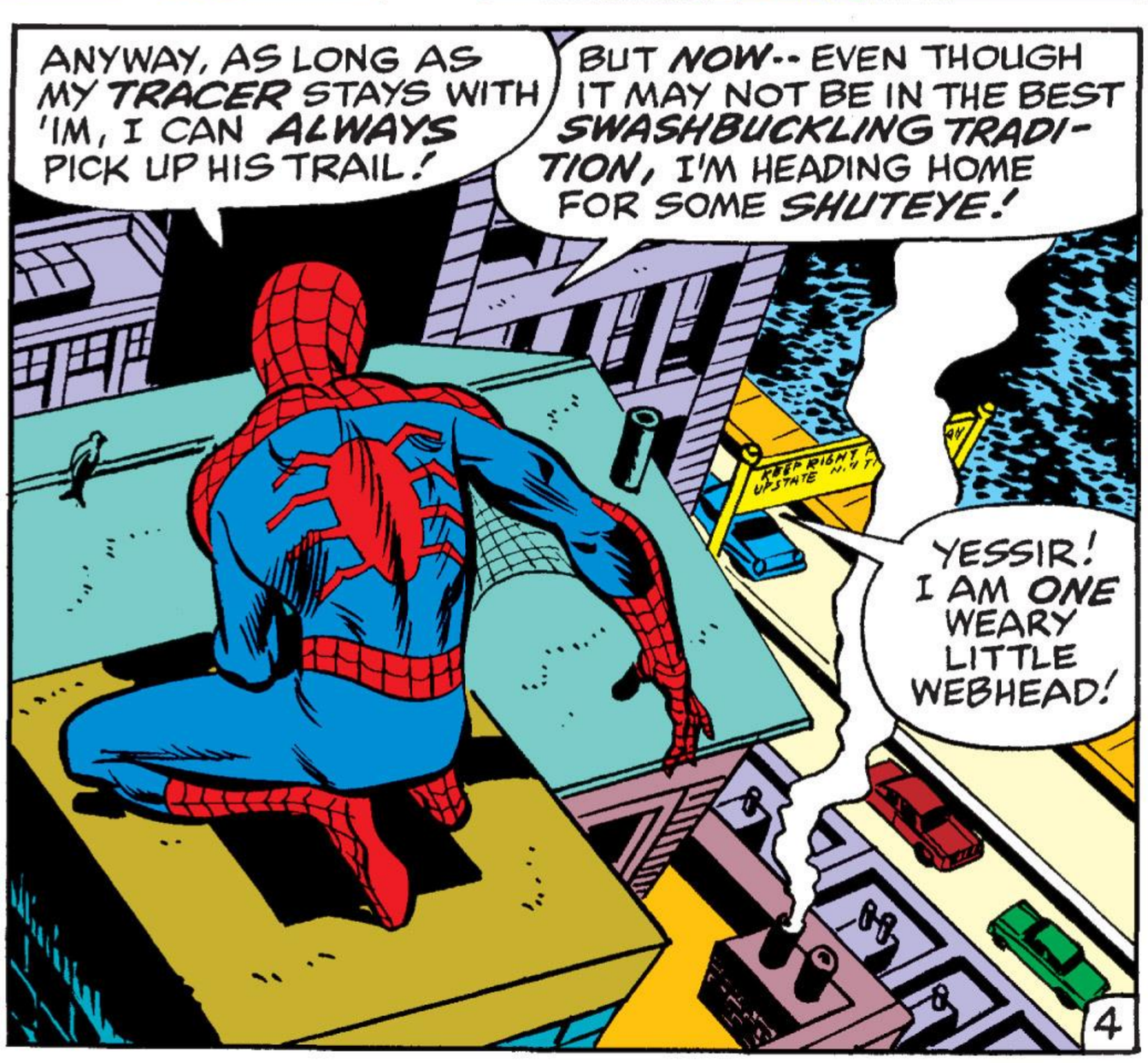

SECONDS LATER---
LOOKS LIKE THE COAST IS CLEAR!

WHEW! I'M ACHING ALL OVER!
I WISH THERE WAS A SUPER-HEROES' UNION SOMEWHERE---

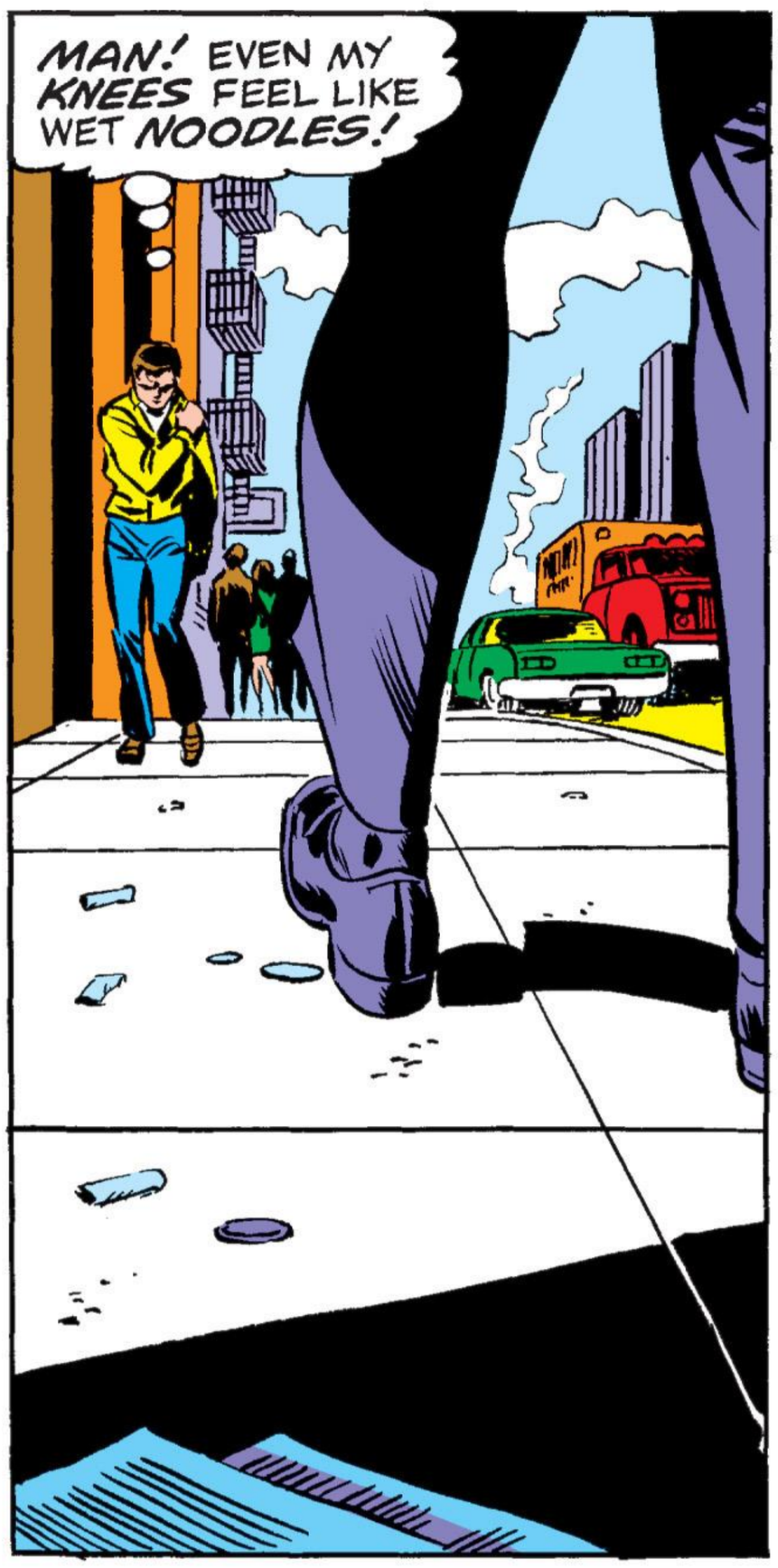

--'CAUSE IF THERE WAS, I'D MAKE SURE A FELLA GETS TIME-AND-A-HALF FOR TACKLING A JOKER WITH FOUR METAL ARMS!

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE OCK FINALLY SPLIT--
AND I CAN'T SAY IT BREAKS MY HEART TO BE RID OF HIM FOR A WHILE!


ANYWAY, AS LONG AS MY TRACER STAYS WITH 'IM, I CAN ALWAYS PICK UP HIS TRAIL!
BUT NOW-- EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE IN THE BEST SWASHBUCKLING TRADITION, I'M HEADING HOME FOR SOME SHUTEYE!
YESSIR! I AM ONE WEARY LITTLE WEBHEAD!

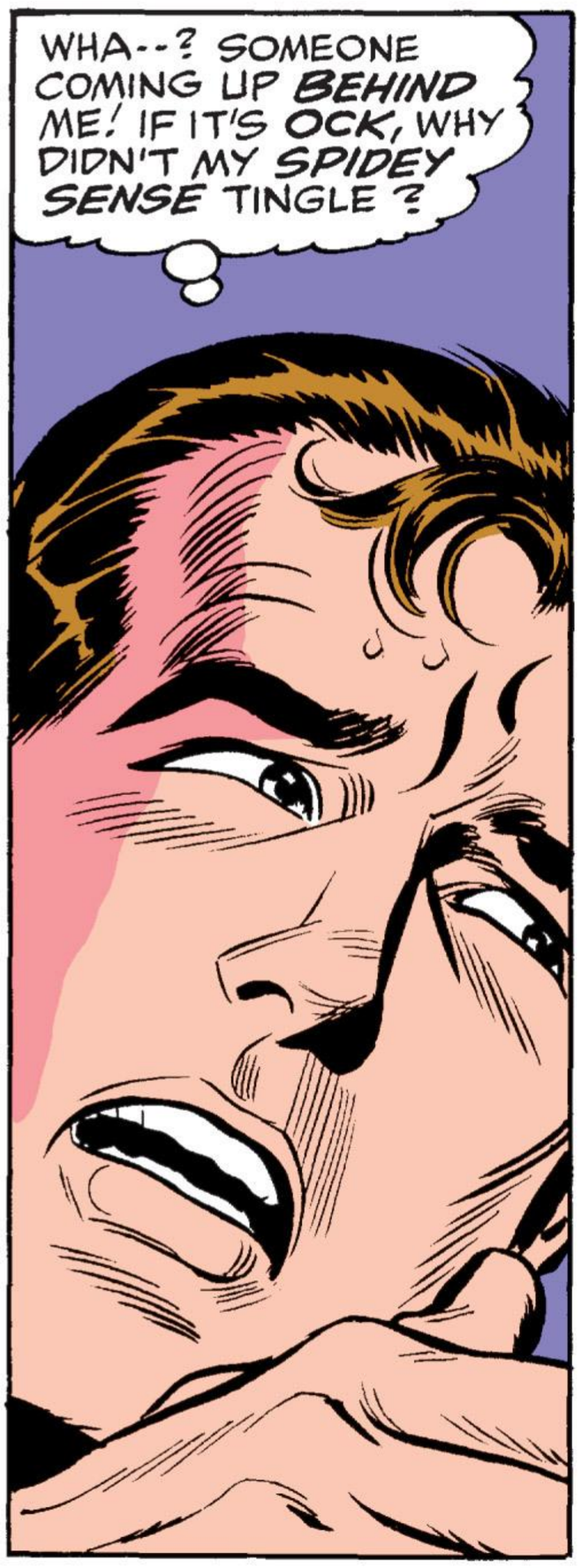
THE UNDERSIDE OF A LEDGE WON'T EVER REPLACE A CEDAR-LINED CLOSET---
BUT IT'S A LOT MORE CONVENIENT FOR QUICK COSTUME-CHANGING!

WOW! I'M ACHING ALL OVER!
IF NOT FOR MY SPIDER-STRENGTH, OCK WOULD HAVE FINISHED ME!


MAN! EVEN MY KNEES FEEL LIKE WET NOODLES!

I MUST HAVE TAKEN A WORSE BEATING THAN I KNEW!
NO PARKING FRIDAY 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M. POLICE

IN THE EXCITEMENT OF THE BATTLE, I GUESS I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW HE WAS POUNDING ME!


WHA--? SOMEONE COMING UP BEHIND ME! IF IT'S OCK, WHY DIDN'T MY SPIDEY SENSE TINGLE?

I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU!

CAPTAIN STACY! HEY-- WHAT A RELIEF!
WHAT'S WRONG, SON? ARE YOU ILL?
PERHAPS YOU HAVEN'T LICKED THAT FLU BUG YET?

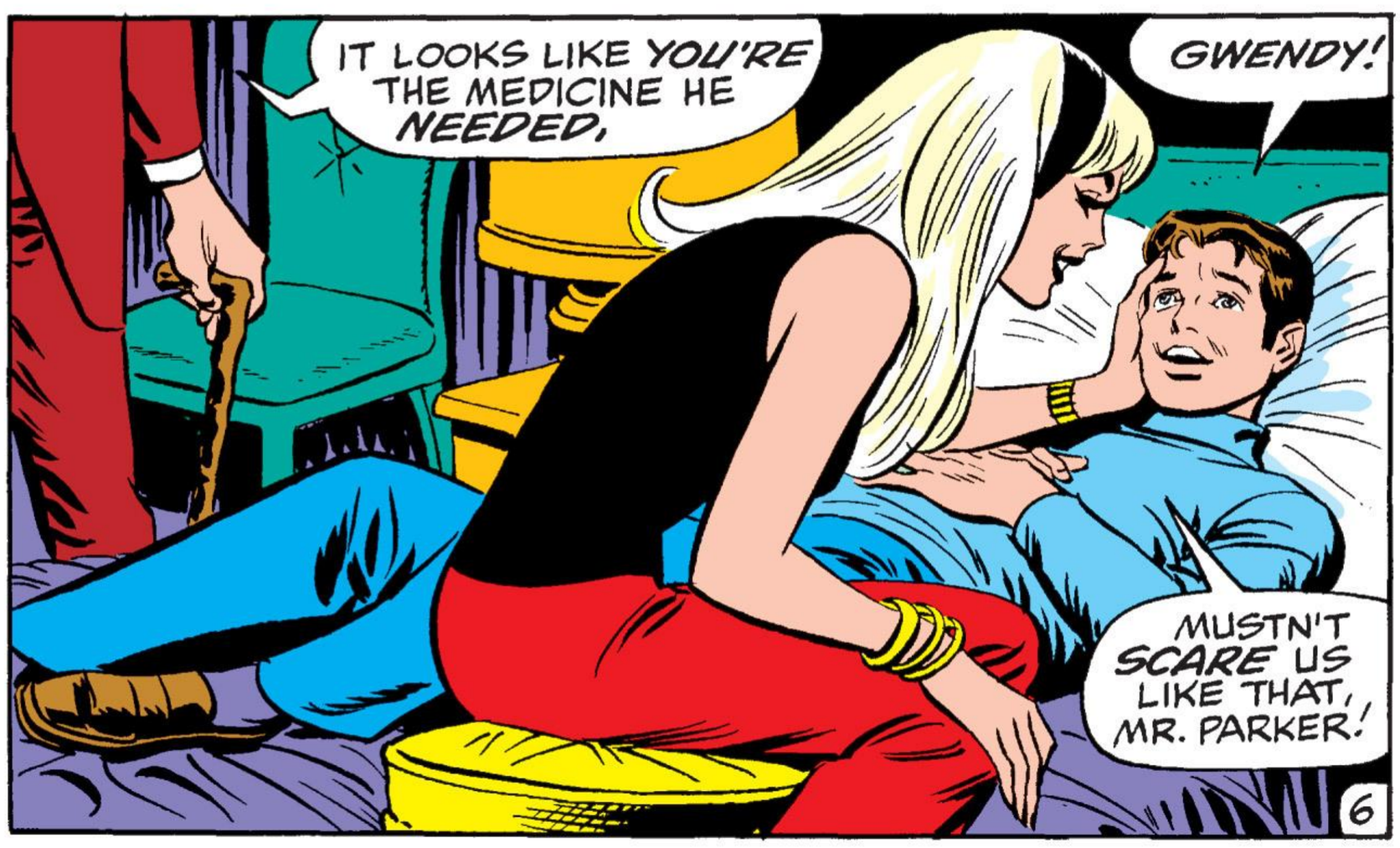
THAT'S RIGHT! LAST TIME I SAW HIM, I HAD THE FLU!
THAT GIVES ME A READY-MADE EXCUSE!
AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR! I GUESS I GOT OUT OF BED TOO SOON!
STILL, YOU HAVEN'T ANY FEVER!
I THOUGHT THAT WAS IT!

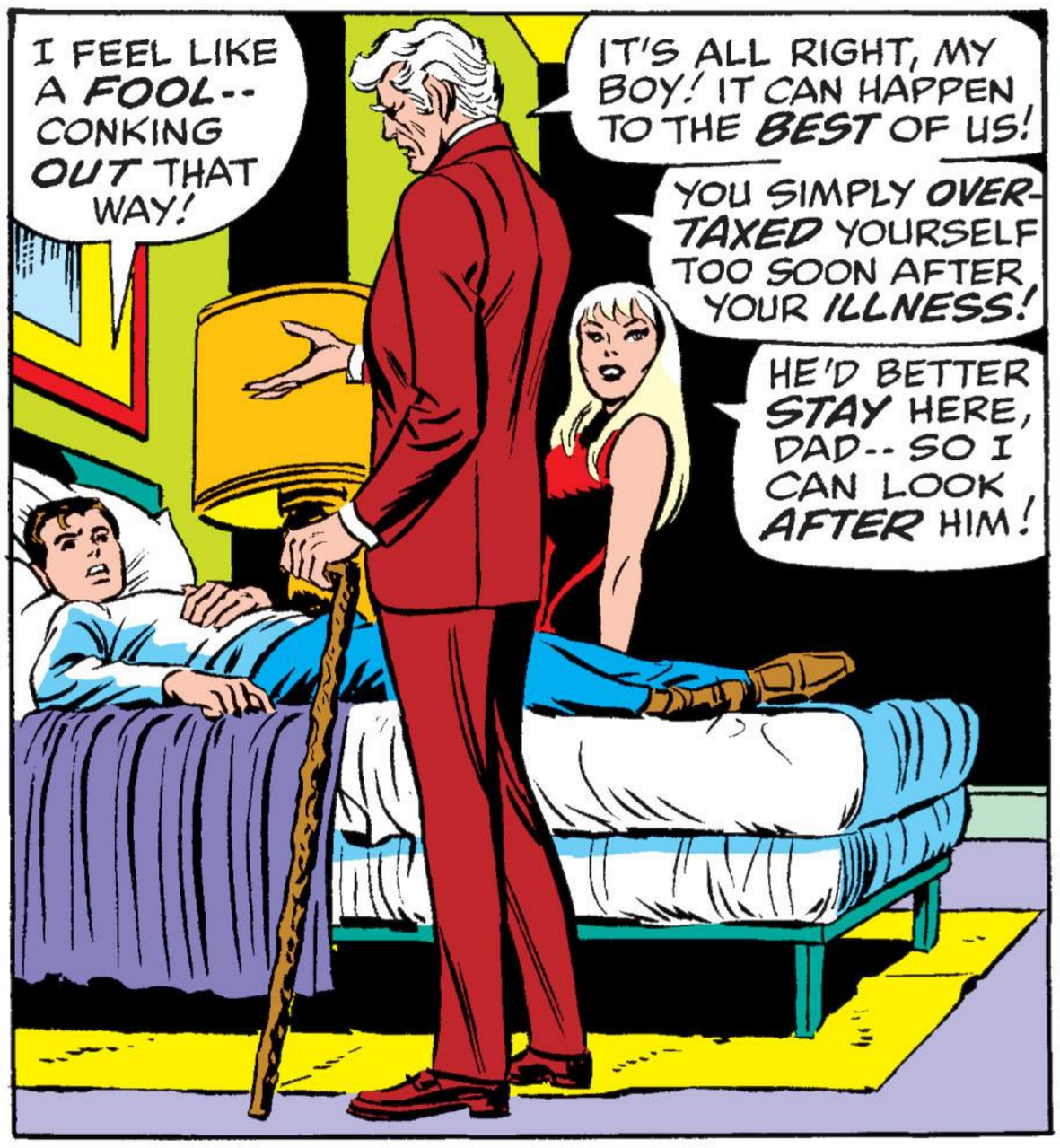
PETER!
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON THERE?
HAVE TO GET HIM HOME! HE'S ILL!
IT'S-- NOT FEVER! IT WAS -- THE FIGHT!
I HAD TO TAKE-- TOO MUCH-- PUNISHMENT--

PETER-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WAKE UP, DARLING! WAKE UP!

IT'S ME-- GWENDOLYNE!


IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE MEDICINE HE NEEDED,
GWENDY!
MUSTN'T SCARE US LIKE THAT, MR. PARKER!


I FEEL LIKE A FOOL-- CONKING OUT THAT WAY!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MY BOY! IT CAN HAPPEN TO THE BEST OF US!
YOU SIMPLY OVER-TAXED YOURSELF TOO SOON AFTER YOUR ILLNESS!
HE'D BETTER STAY HERE, DAD-- SO I CAN LOOK AFTER HIM!

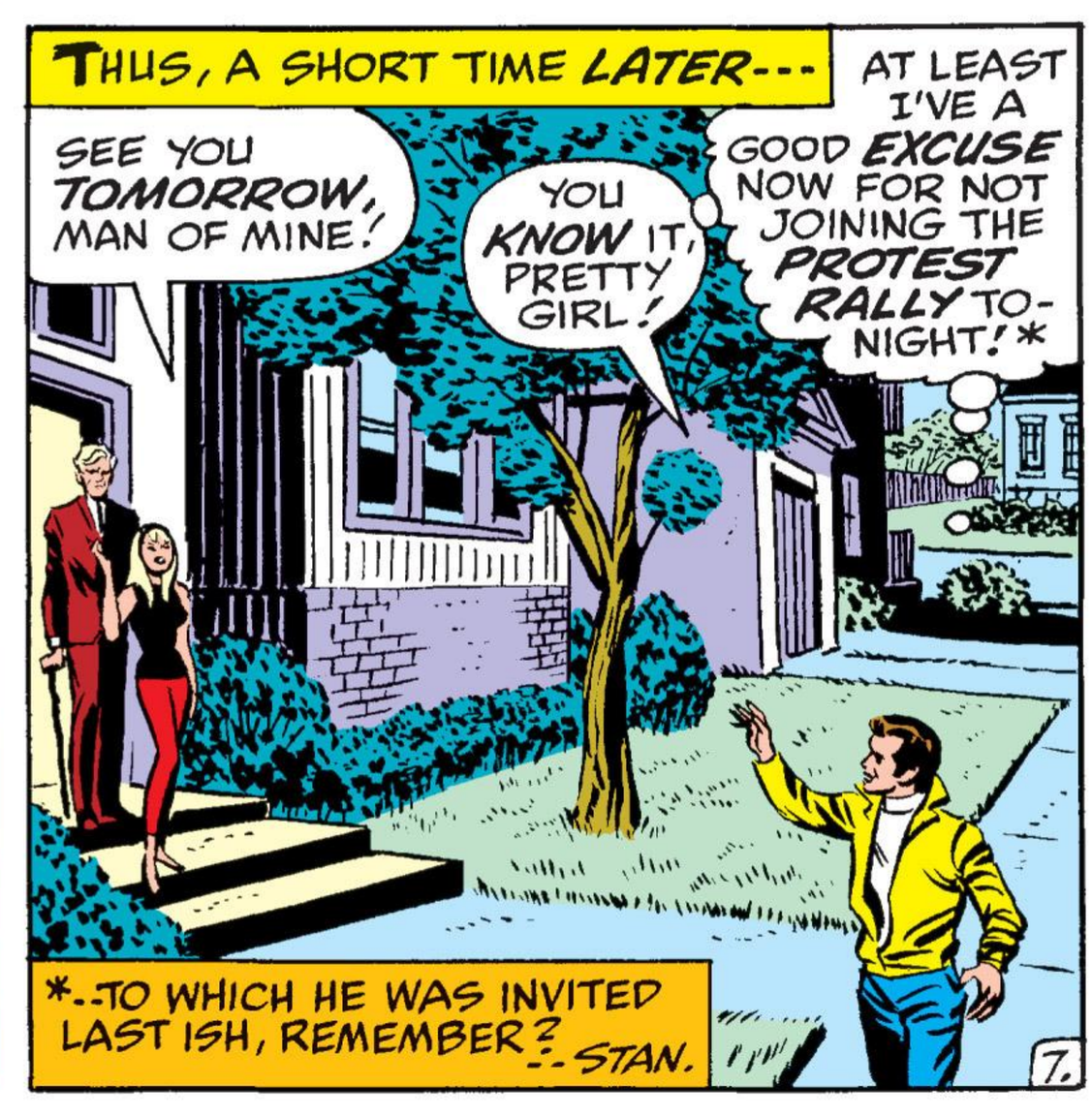
I HATE BEING A SPOIL-SPORT, GWEN--
BUT I THINK HE'LL BE PERFECTLY OKAY, AFTER THIS!
I'VE NEVER KNOWN ANYONE WITH SUCH AMAZING POWERS OF RECUPERATION!
THE WAY HE SAID THAT! AS THOUGH HE SUSPECTS A LOT MORE THAN HE'S TELLING!
GWEN AND I WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETHER NOW!

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED JUST HOW MUCH HE'S REALLY GUESSED ABOUT--MY SECRET!
THEY JUST DON'T COME ANY SHARPER THAN THAT OLD GENT!
AND YET-- HE'S NEVER ACTUALLY ACCUSED ME OF BEING SPIDER-MAN!

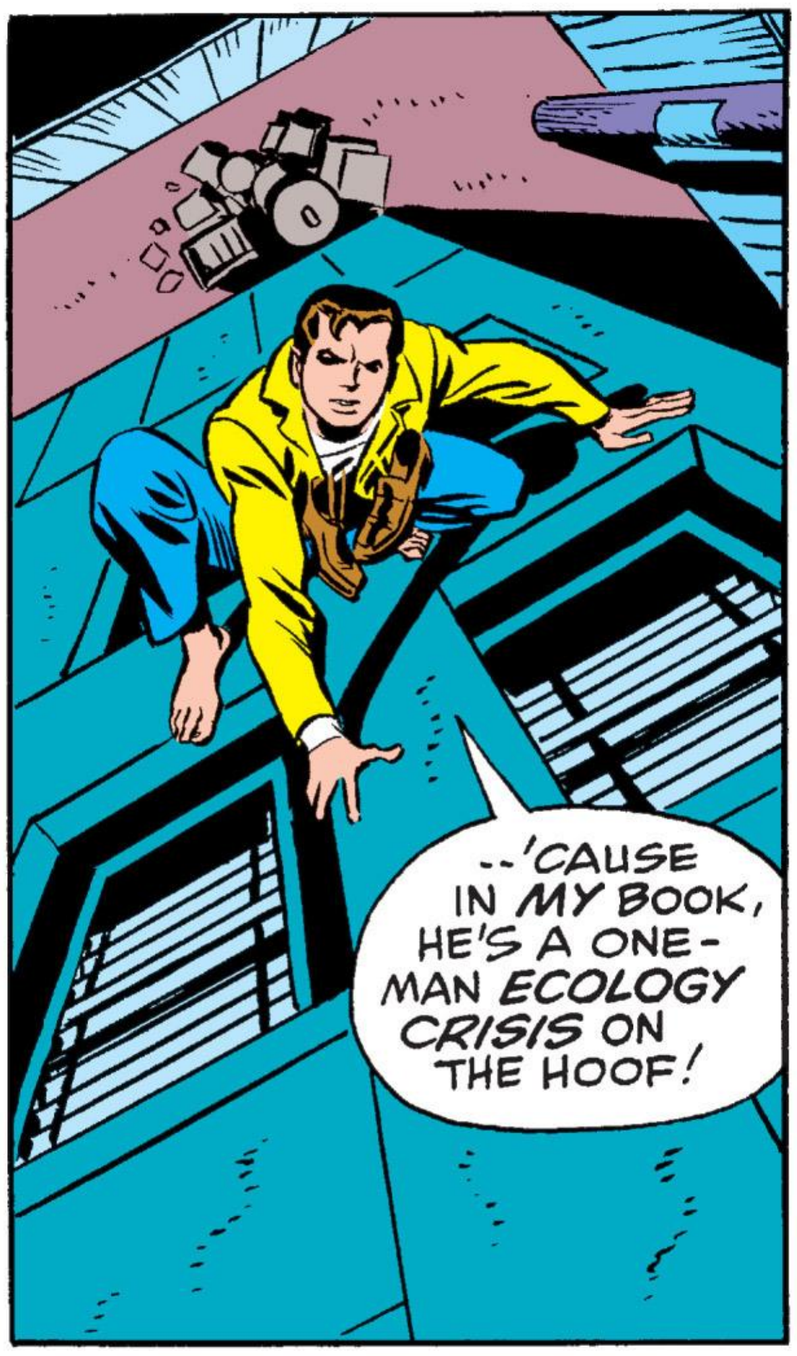
HE'S PROBABLY WAITING --TILL HE HAS MORE PROOF!
--WHICH I'M NOT JUST ABOUT TO GIVE HIM!

AW, THE HECK WITH IT!
THE MAIN THING IS-- I FEEL LIKE MY-SELF AGAIN!
AND THAT'S PRETTY GOOD!

--'CAUSE I STILL HAVE A CERTAIN SIX-ARMED KILLER TO SETTE A LITTLE SCORE WITH!

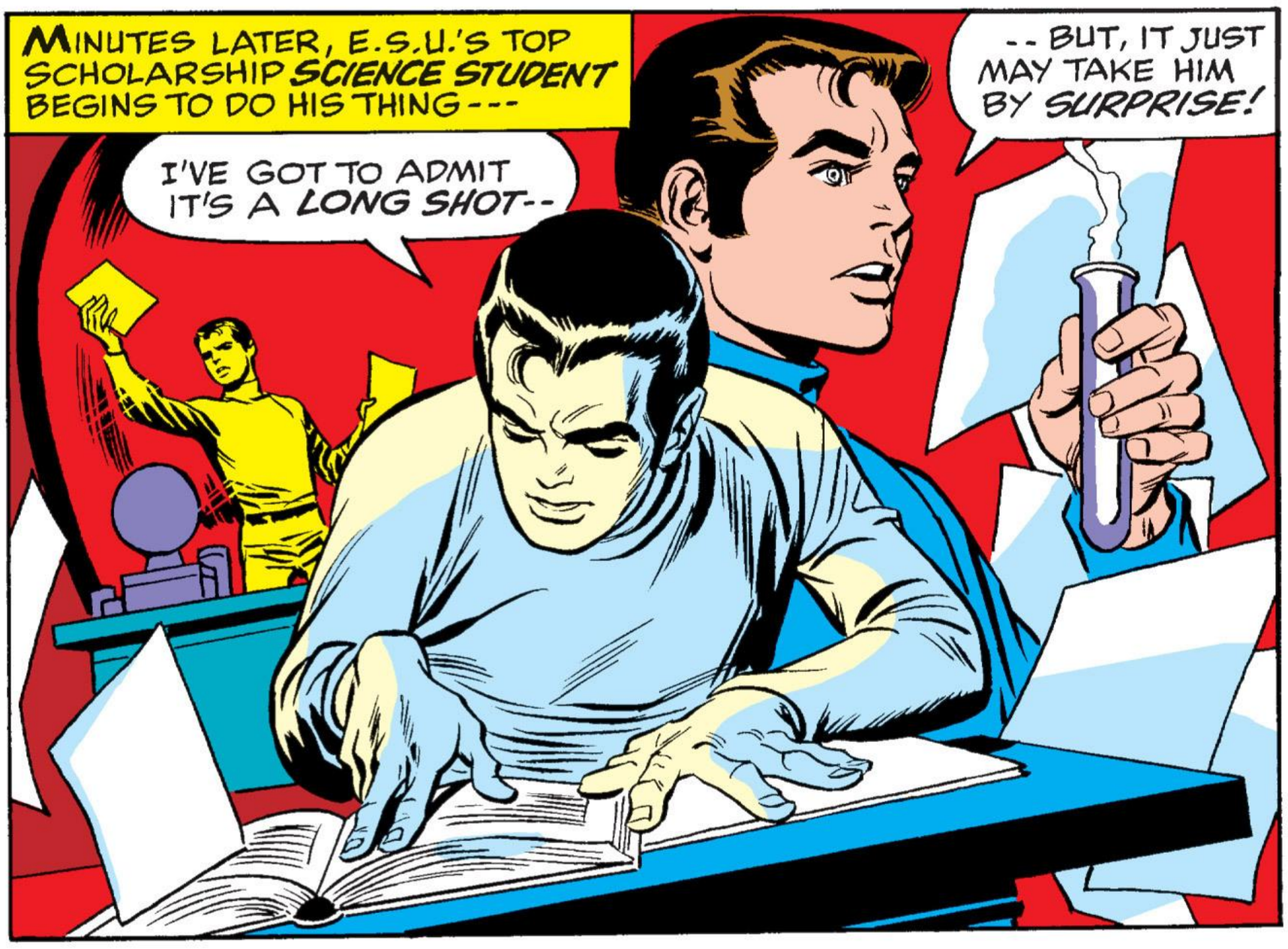

THUS, A SHORT TIME LATER---
SEE YOU TOMORROW, MAN OF MINE!
YOU KNOW IT, PRETTY GIRL!
AT LEAST I'VE A GOOD EXCUSE NOW FOR NOT JOINING THE PROTEST RALLY TO-NIGHT!*
*--TO WHICH HE WAS INVITED LAST ISH, REMEMBER? --STAN.

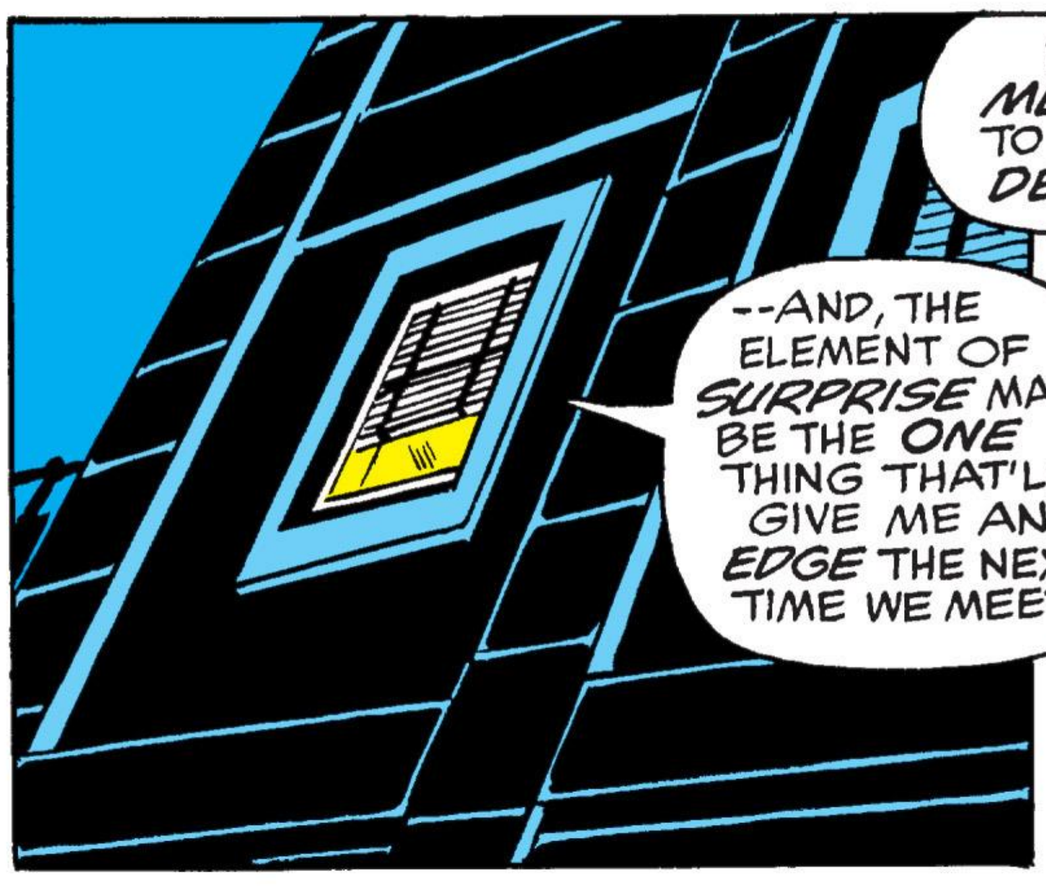
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANNA DO MY BIT AGAINST AIR POLLUTION, LIKE ANYONE ELSE--
BUT FIRST I'VE GOTTA RID THE CITY OF DOC OCK--


--'CAUSE IN MY BOOK, HE'S A ONE-MAN ECOLOGY CRISIS ON THE HOOF!

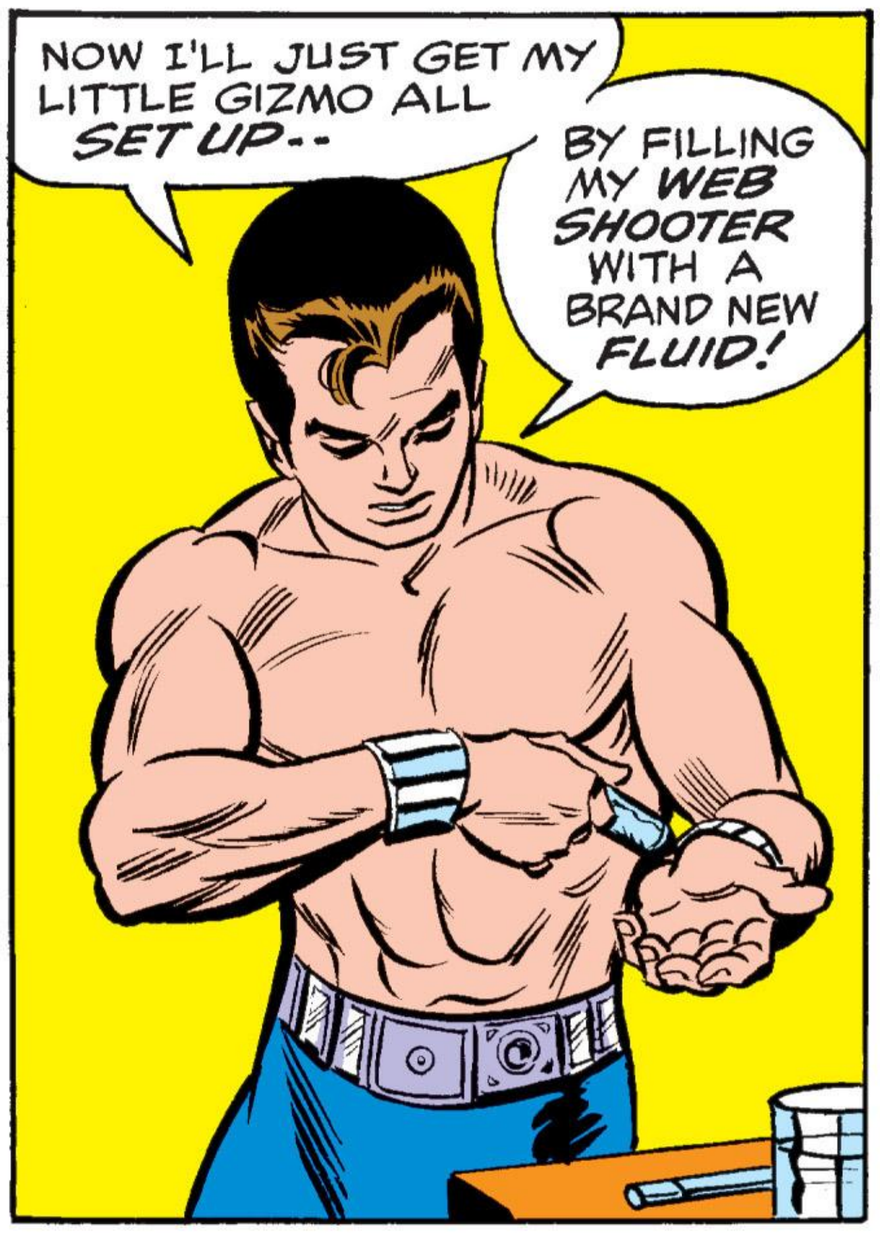
ANYWAY, 'MOST ANYBODY CAN DO HIS BIT AGAINST POLLUTION--
--BUT WHEN IT COMES TO STOPPING OCK, I'VE GOT THE FIELD ALL TO MYSELF!

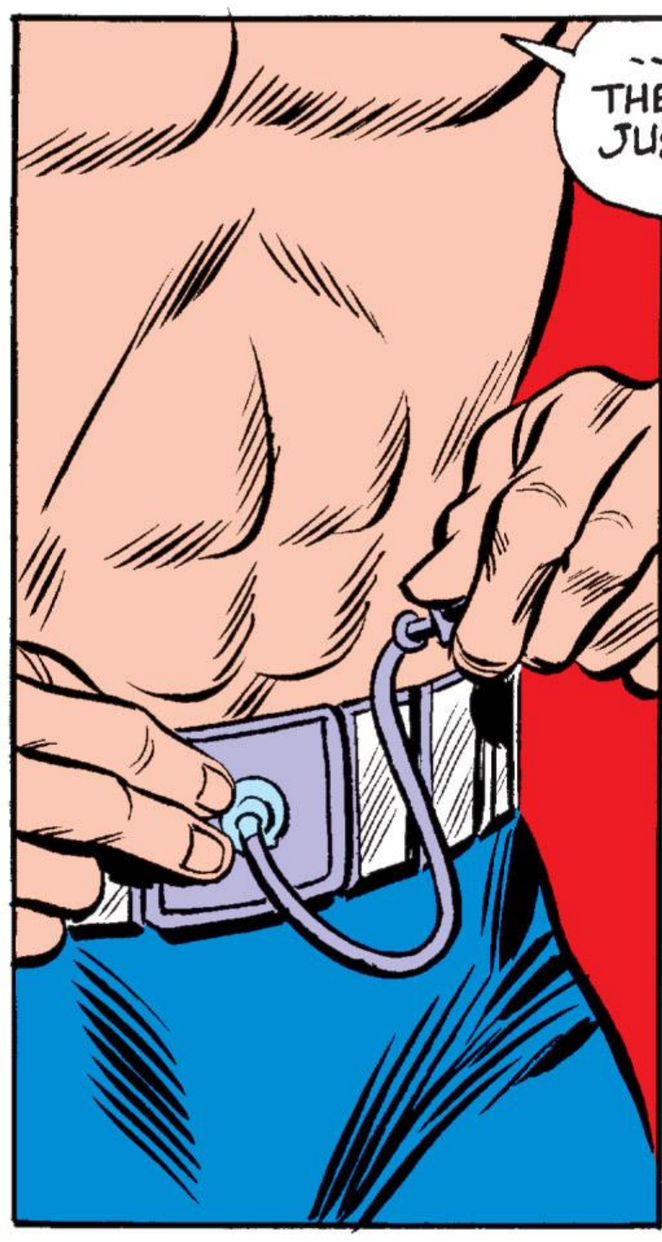
BUT I'LL NEED A PLAN-- SOMETHING ALMOST FOOLPROOF!
AND I'M BEGINNING TO GET AN IDEA!

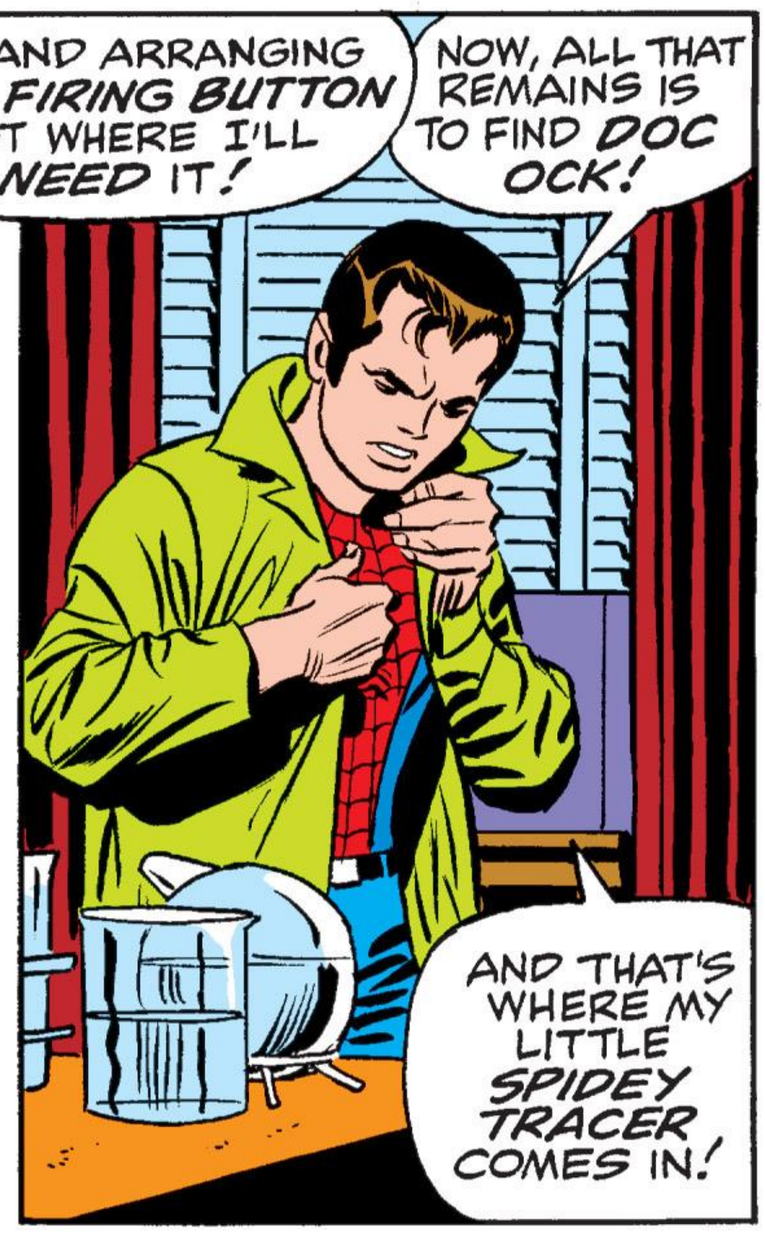

MINUTES LATER, E.S.U.'S TOP SCHOLARSHIP SCIENCE STUDENT BEGINS TO DO HIS THING---
I'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT'S A LONG SHOT--
-- BUT, IT JUST MAY TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE!

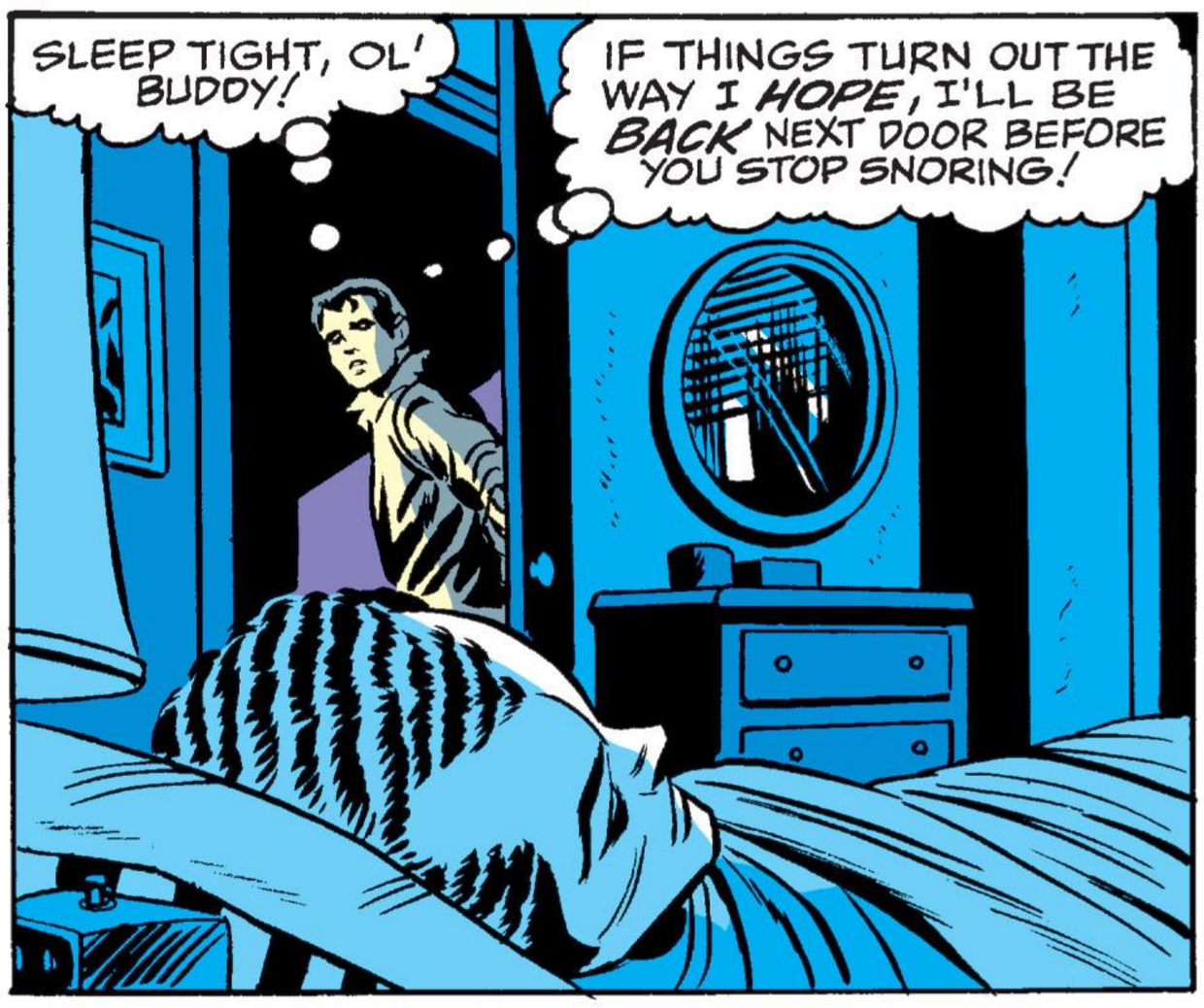

--AND, THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE MAY BE THE ONE THING THAT'LL GIVE ME AN EDGE THE NEXT TIME WE MEET!

BUT, SPEAKING OF MEETING-- I'VE GOT TO BE SURE I CAN DELIVER THE GOODS--
--JUST WHEN AND WHERE I WANT TO!


NOW I'LL JUST GET MY LITTLE GIZMO ALL SET UP--
BY FILLING MY WEB SHOOTER WITH A BRAND NEW FLUID!

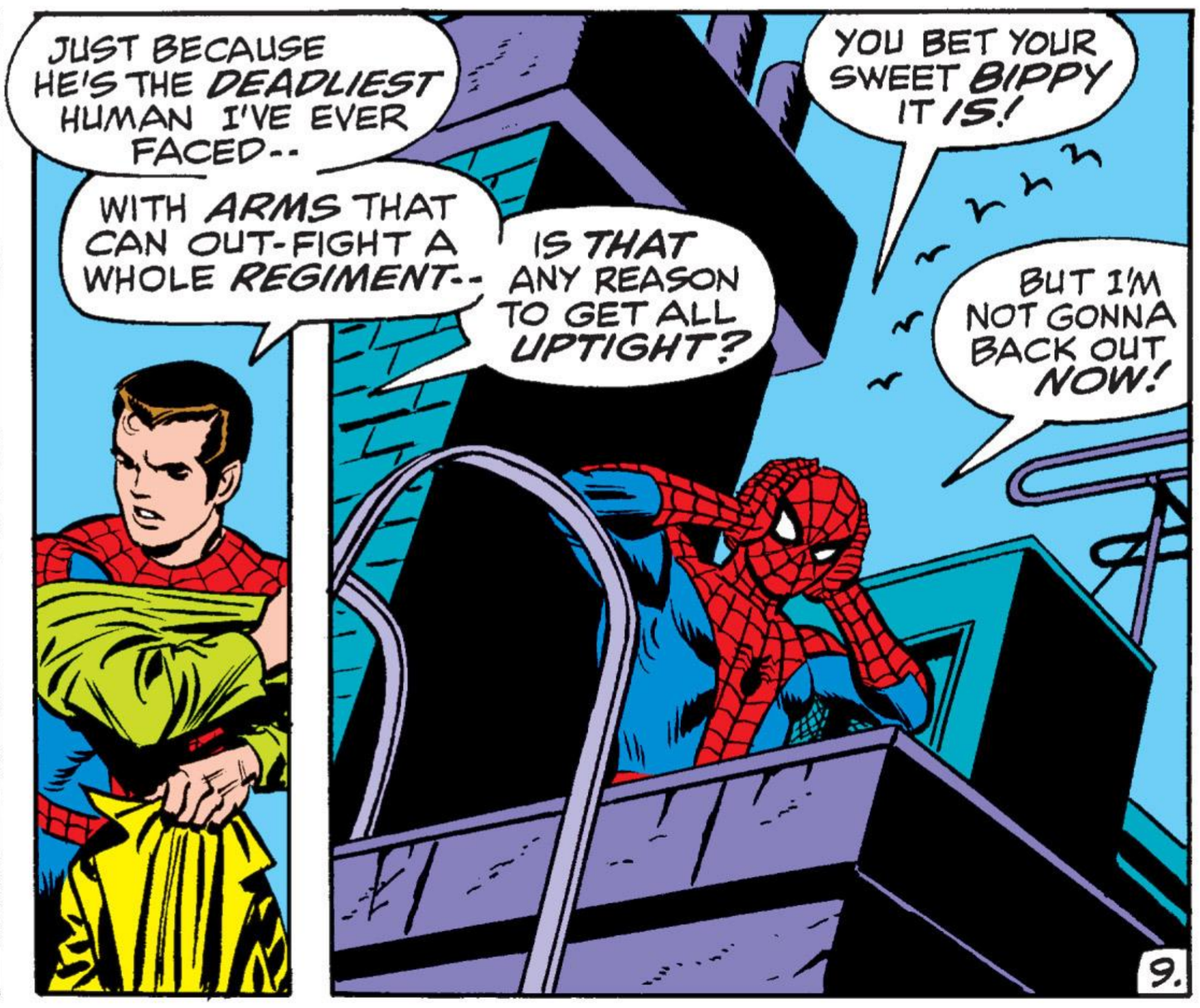

--AND ARRANGING THE FIRING BUTTON JUST WHERE I'LL NEED IT!

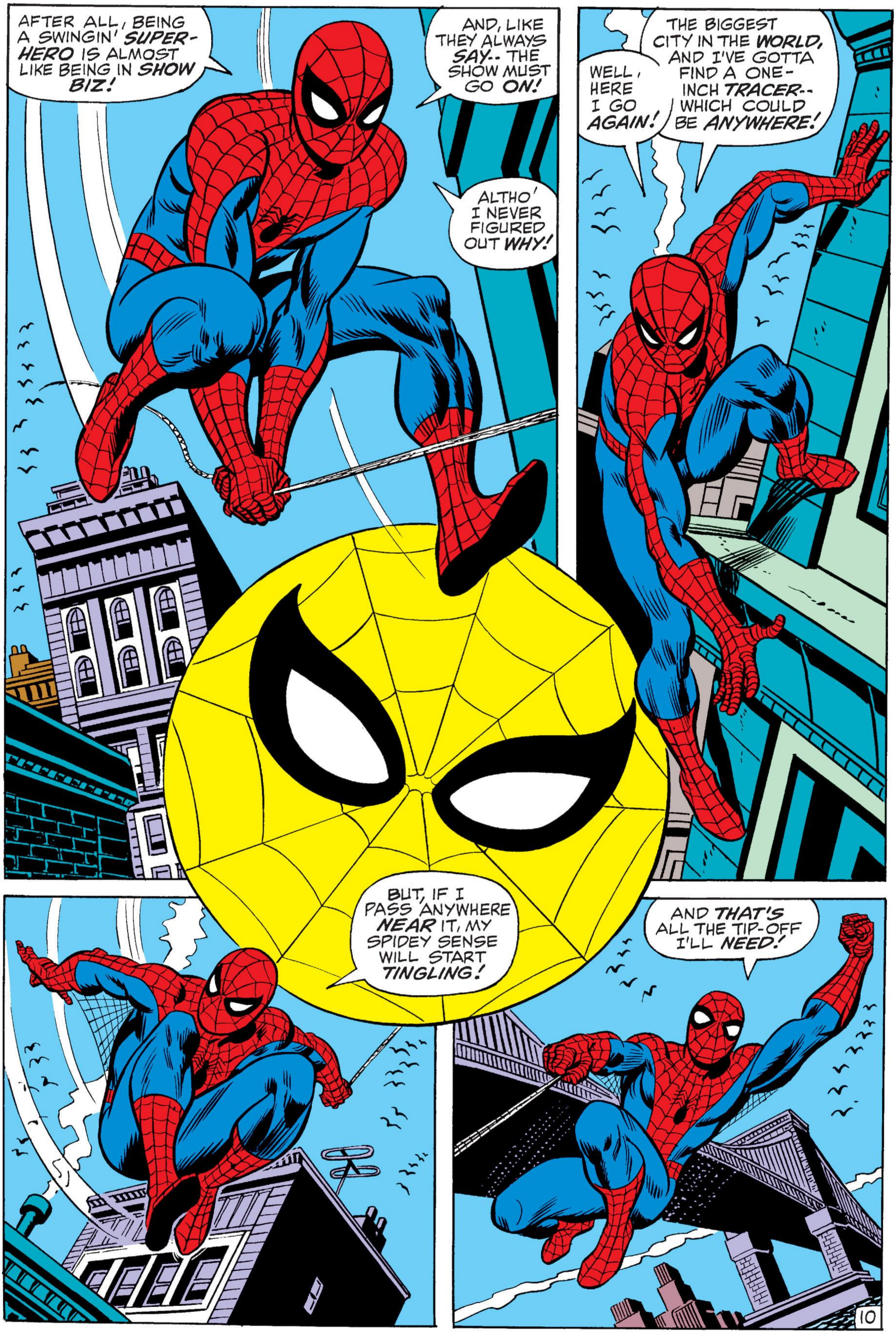

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO FIND DOC OCK!
AND THAT'S WHERE MY LITTLE SPIDEY TRACER COMES IN!


SLEEP TIGHT, OL' BUDDY!
IF THINGS TURN OUT THE WAY I HOPE, I'LL BE BACK NEXT DOOR BEFORE YOU STOP SNORING!

AND, IF THEY DON'T--
THEN YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN! --ALIVE, THAT IS!

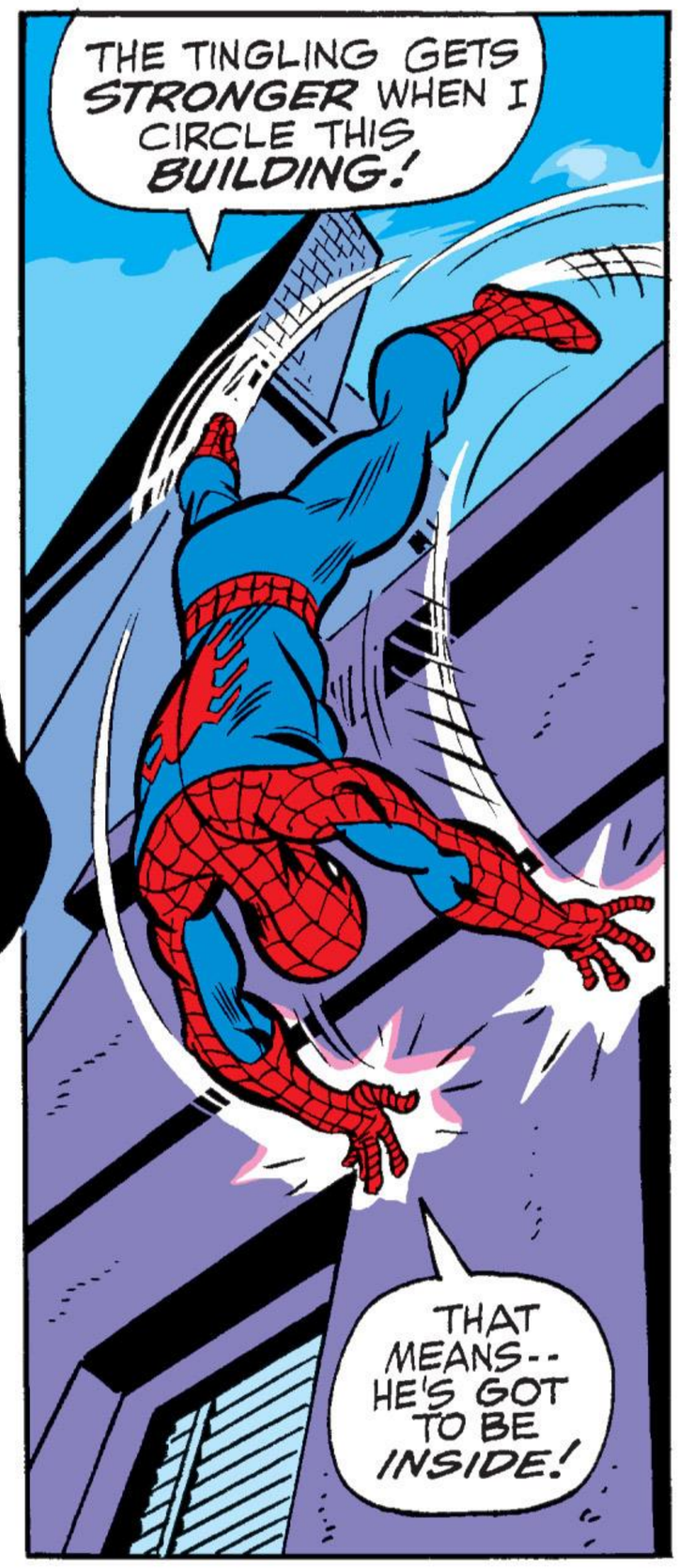
NUTS! WHY AM I GETTING SO MORBID?
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT TANGLING WITH DR. OCTOPUS?

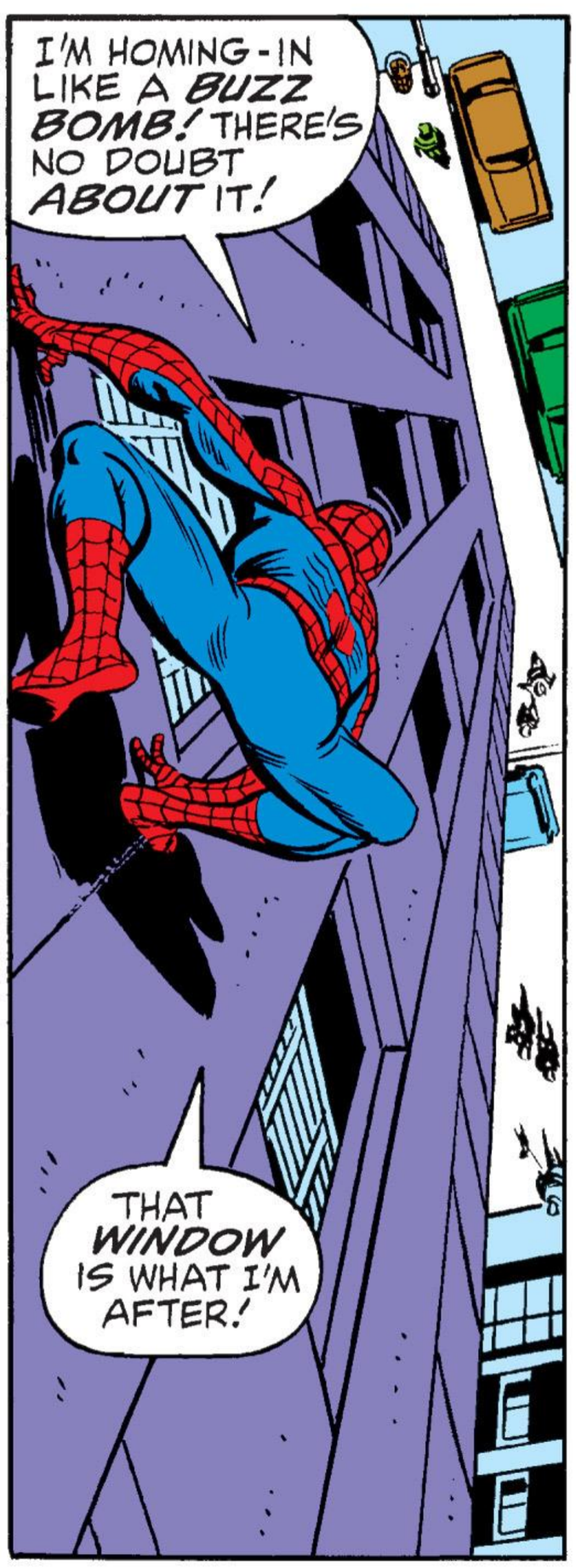

JUST BECAUSE HE'S THE DEADLIEST HUMAN I'VE EVER FACED--
WITH ARMS THAT CAN OUT-FIGHT A WHOLE REGIMENT--
IS THAT ANY REASON TO GET ALL UPTIGHT?
YOU BET YOUR SWEET BIPPY IT IS!
BUT I'M NOT GONNA BACK OUT NOW!


AFTER ALL, BEING A SWINGIN' SUPER-HERO IS ALMOST LIKE BEING IN SHOW BIZ!
AND, LIKE THEY ALWAYS SAY-- THE SHOW MUST GO ON!
ALTHO' I NEVER FIGURED OUT WHY!
WELL, HERE I GO AGAIN!
THE BIGGEST CITY IN THE WORLD, AND I'VE GOTTA FIND A ONE-INCH TRACER-- WHICH COULD BE ANYWHERE!
BUT, IF I PASS ANYWHERE NEAR IT, MY SPIDEY SENSE WILL START TINGLING!
AND THAT'S ALL THE TIP-OFF I'LL NEED!

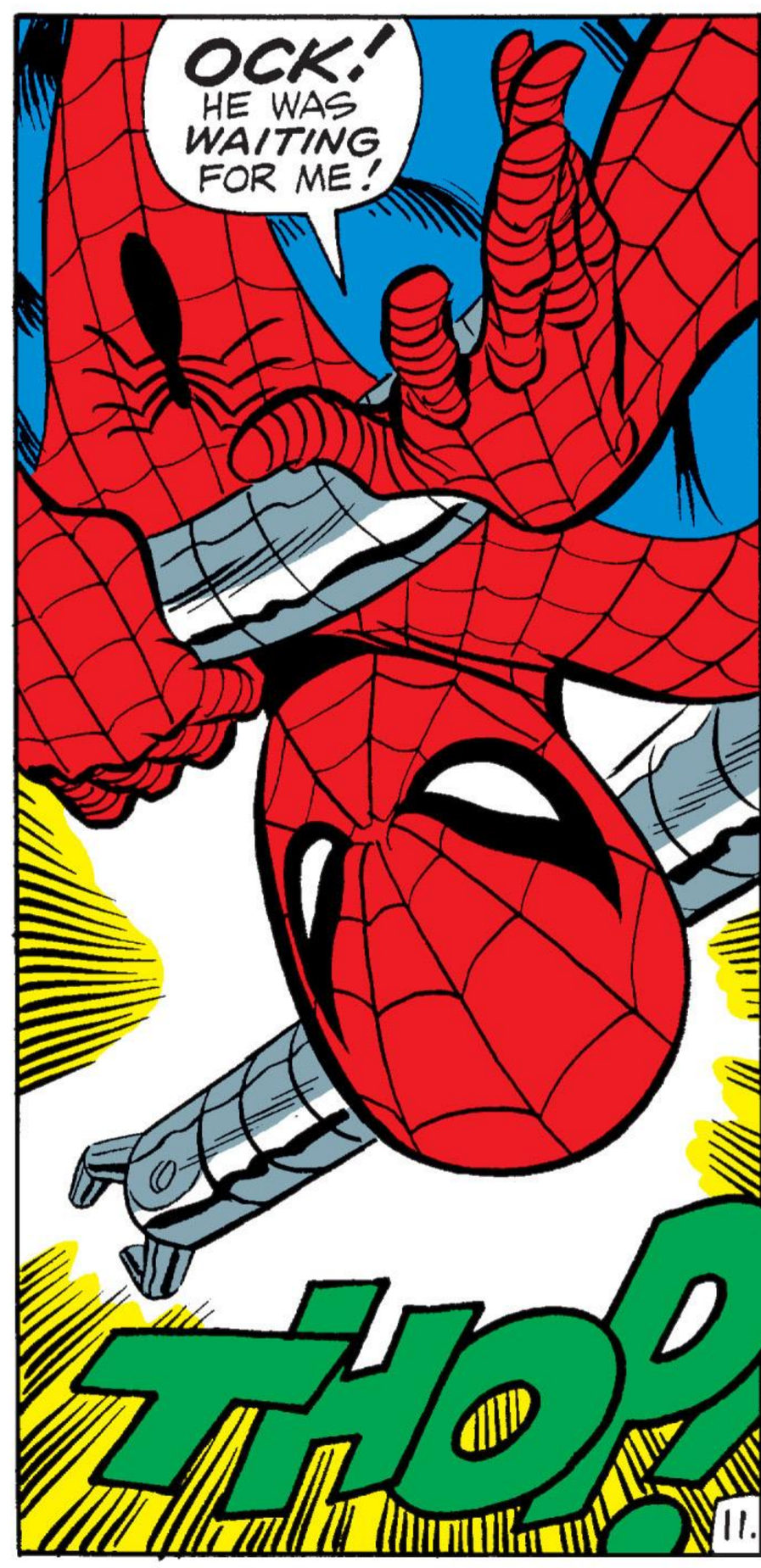
THEN, ABOUT 82½ MINUTES LATER-- (FOR THE STATISTICIANS AMONG YOU) --
HE'S SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA!

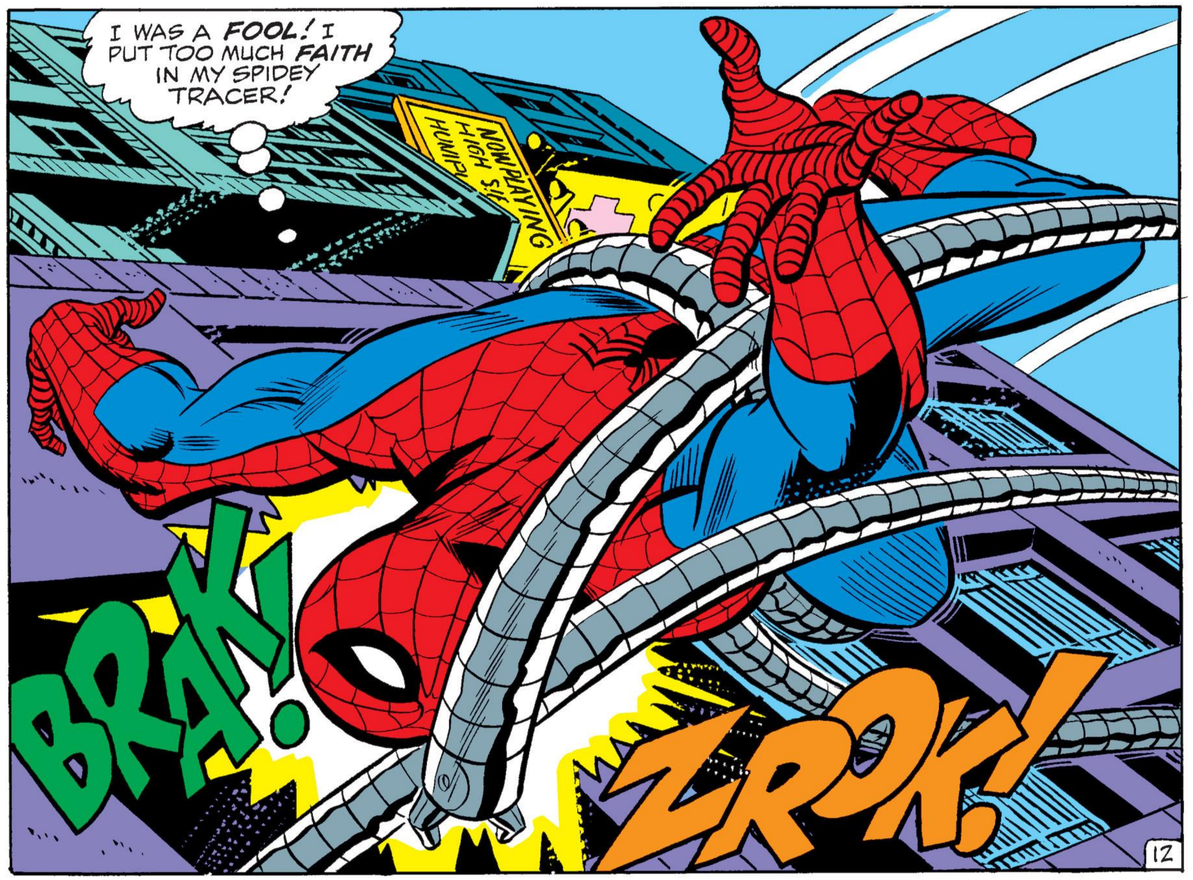
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS ZERO IN!


THE TINGLING GETS STRONGER WHEN I CIRCLE THIS BUILDING!
THAT MEANS-- HE'S GOT TO BE INSIDE!


I'M HOMING-IN LIKE A BUZZ BOMB! THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
THAT WINDOW IS WHAT I'M AFTER!

I DON'T GET IT! THE ROOM'S EMPTY!
BUT-- THE TINGLING IS STRONGER THAN EVER!


OCK! HE WAS WAITING FOR ME!
THOP!


I WAS A FOOL! I PUT TOO MUCH FAITH IN MY SPIDEY TRACER!
NOW PLAYING HIGH SIR HUNIPH
BRAK!
ZROK!
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DID YOU FORGET THAT I AM A SCIENTIST?
DID YOU THINK, WHEN I FOUND THE PRIMITIVE LITTLE GADGET YOU PLACED UPON MY TENTACLE, THAT I WOULDN'T FATHOM ITS PURPOSE?

SO, I MERELY PLACED IT IN THAT ROOM-- USING IT AS A TRAP IN WHICH TO CATCH YOU-- WHILE I SECRETLY WAITED UPON THIS ROOF ABOVE!
YOU CAN NEVER BE A MATCH FOR ME!
FOR NOT ONLY AM I YOUR MASTER IN STRENGTH--

-- BUT IN CUNNING, AND GUILE, AND INTELLIGENCE AS WELL!
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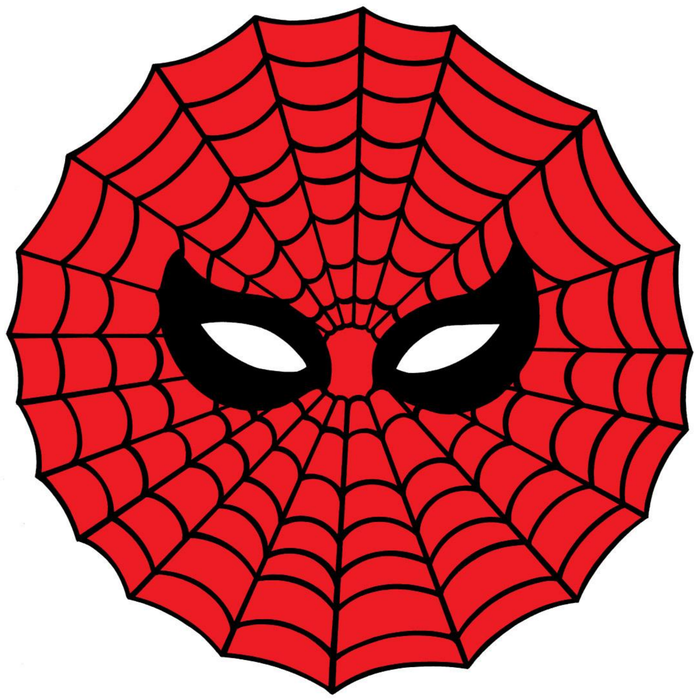
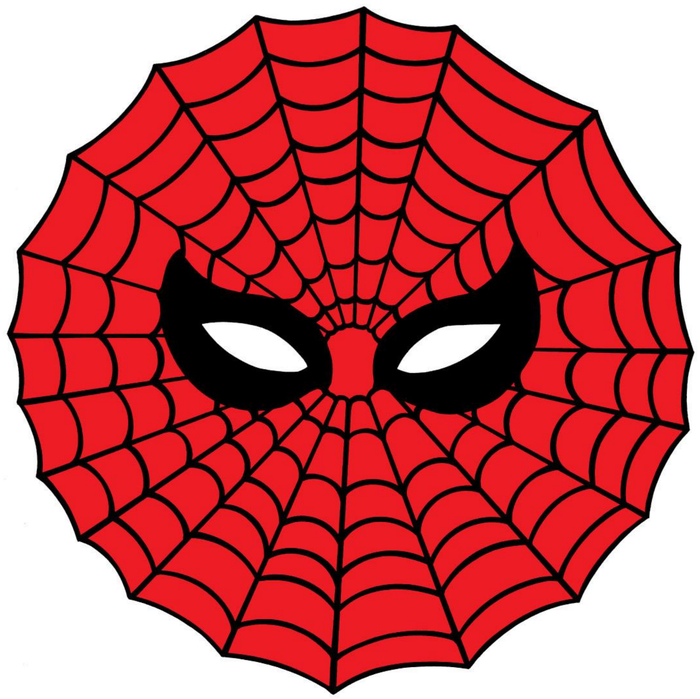
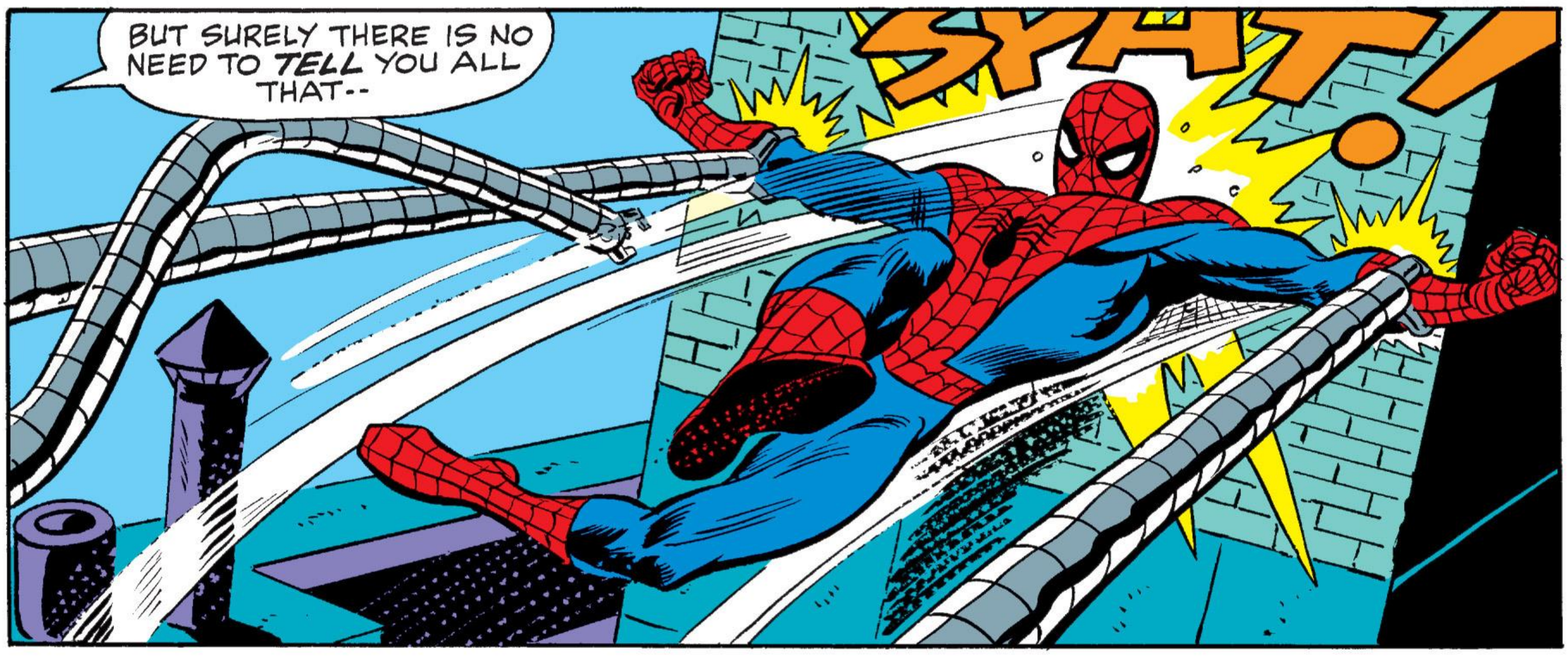


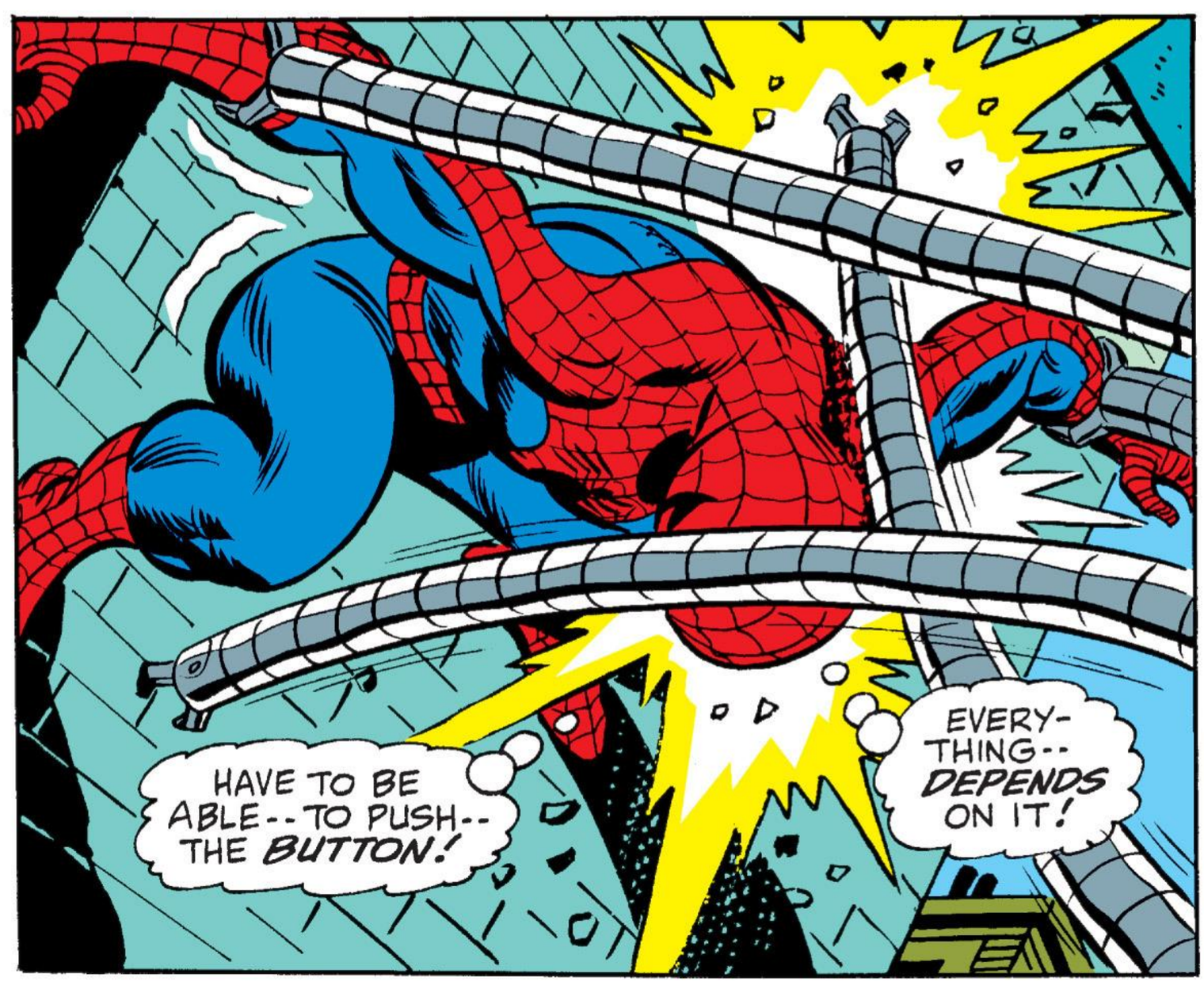



BUT SURELY THERE IS NO NEED TO TELL YOU ALL THAT--
SPAT!

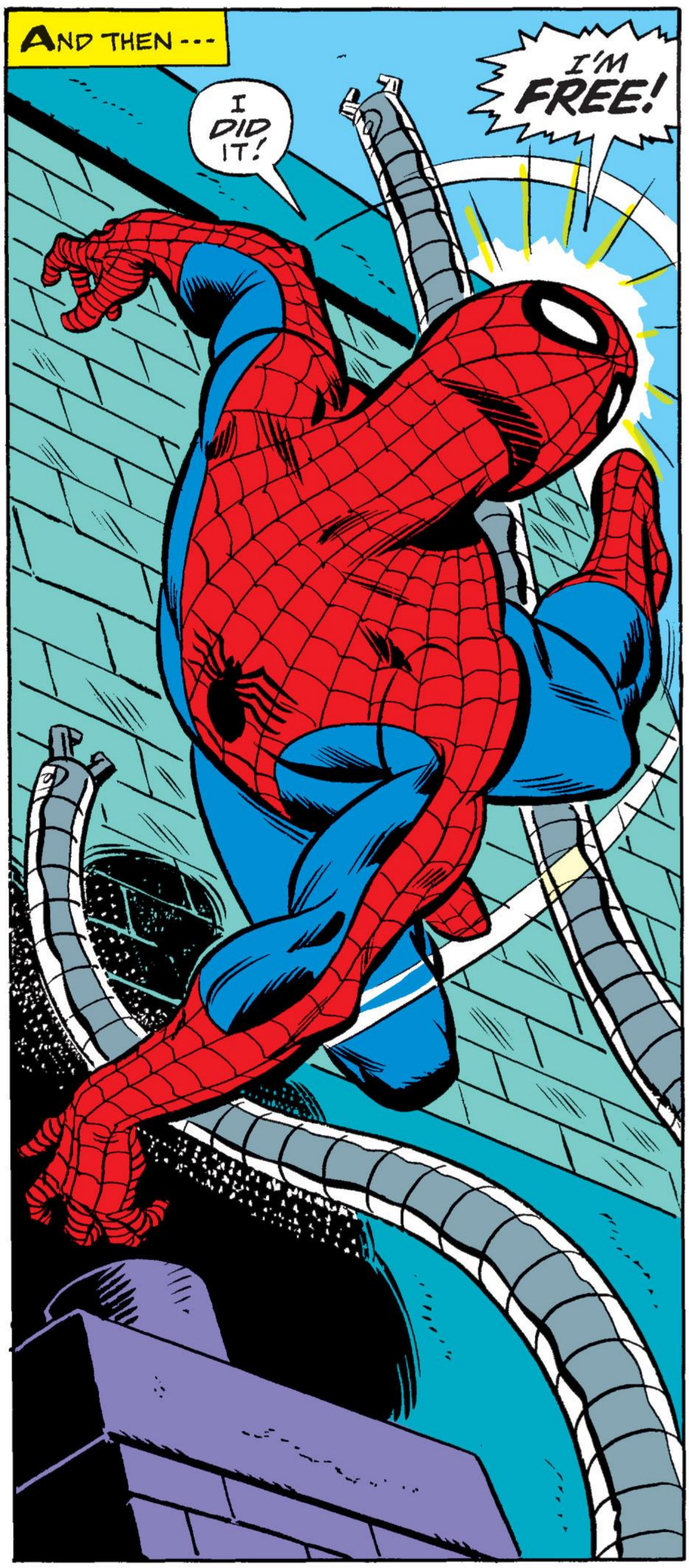
FOR, IT MUST BE PAINFULLY CLEAR TO YOU BY NOW!
AND, JUST IN CASE IT ISN'T--

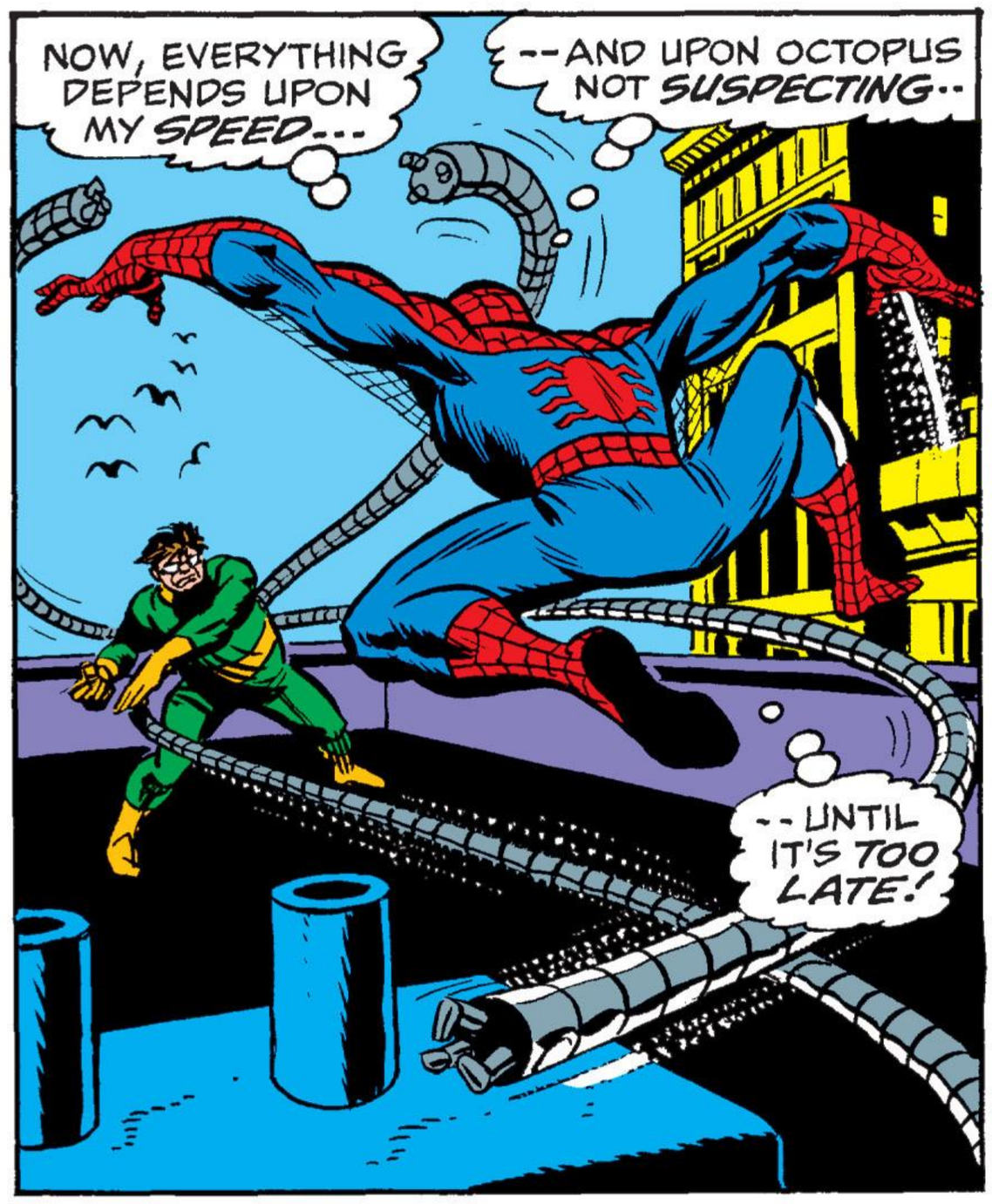
I'LL TRY TO MAKE IT EVEN CLEARER!

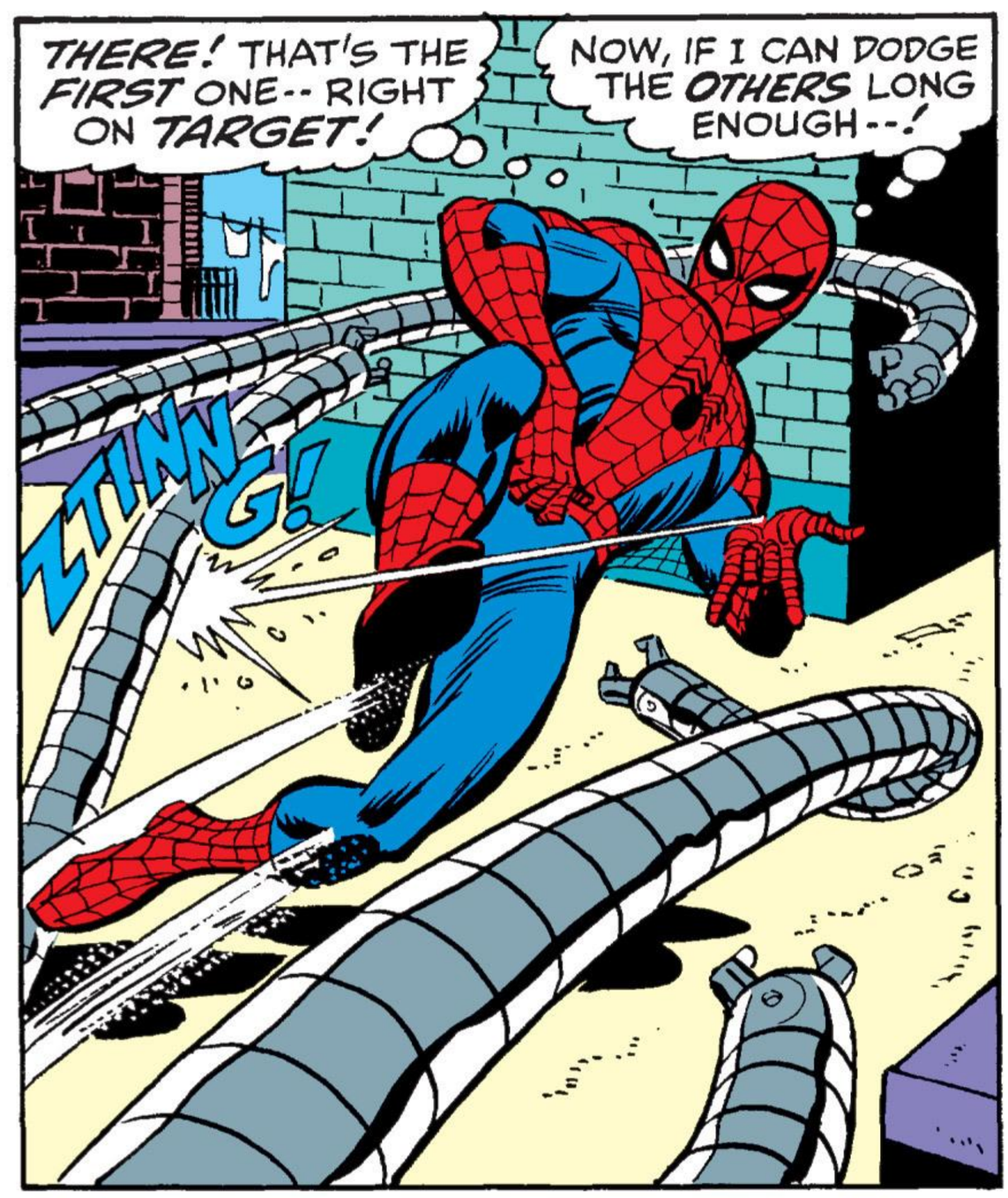
MY ARMS! I-- HAVE TO GET THEM-- FREE!

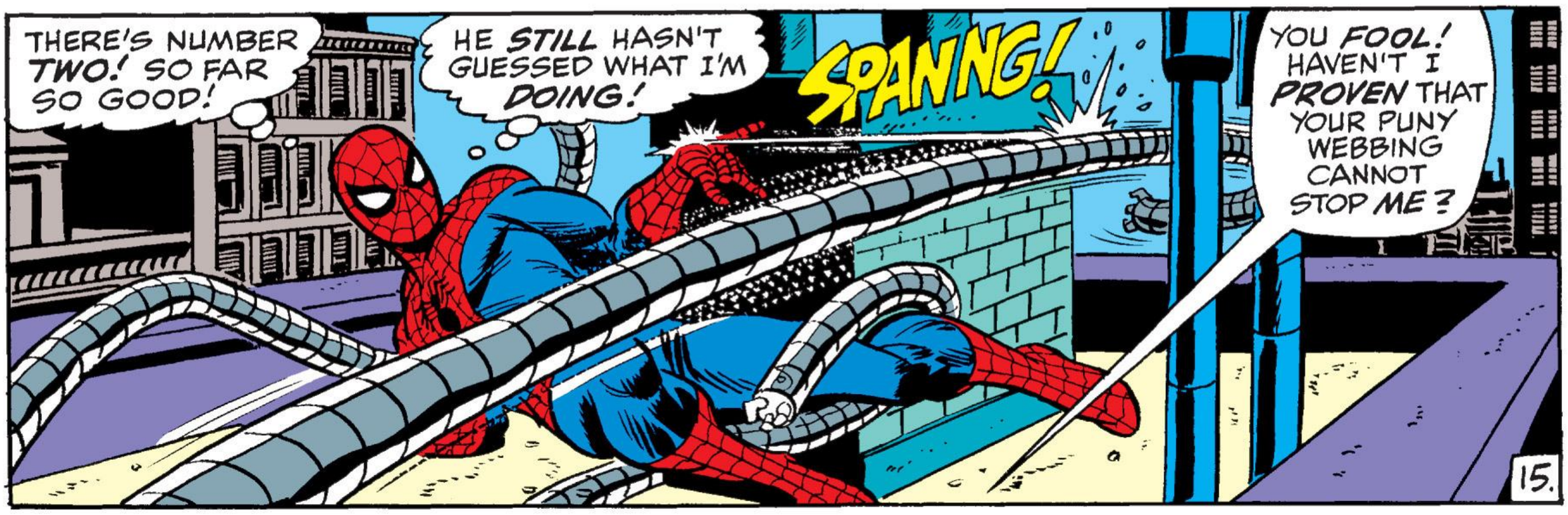

HAVE TO BE ABLE--TO PUSH-- THE BUTTON!
EVERY-THING-- DEPENDS ON IT!

CAN'T LET HIM HOLD ME-- THIS WAY! I CAN'T! I CAN'T!
I CAN'T!


AND THEN ---
I DID IT!
I'M FREE!

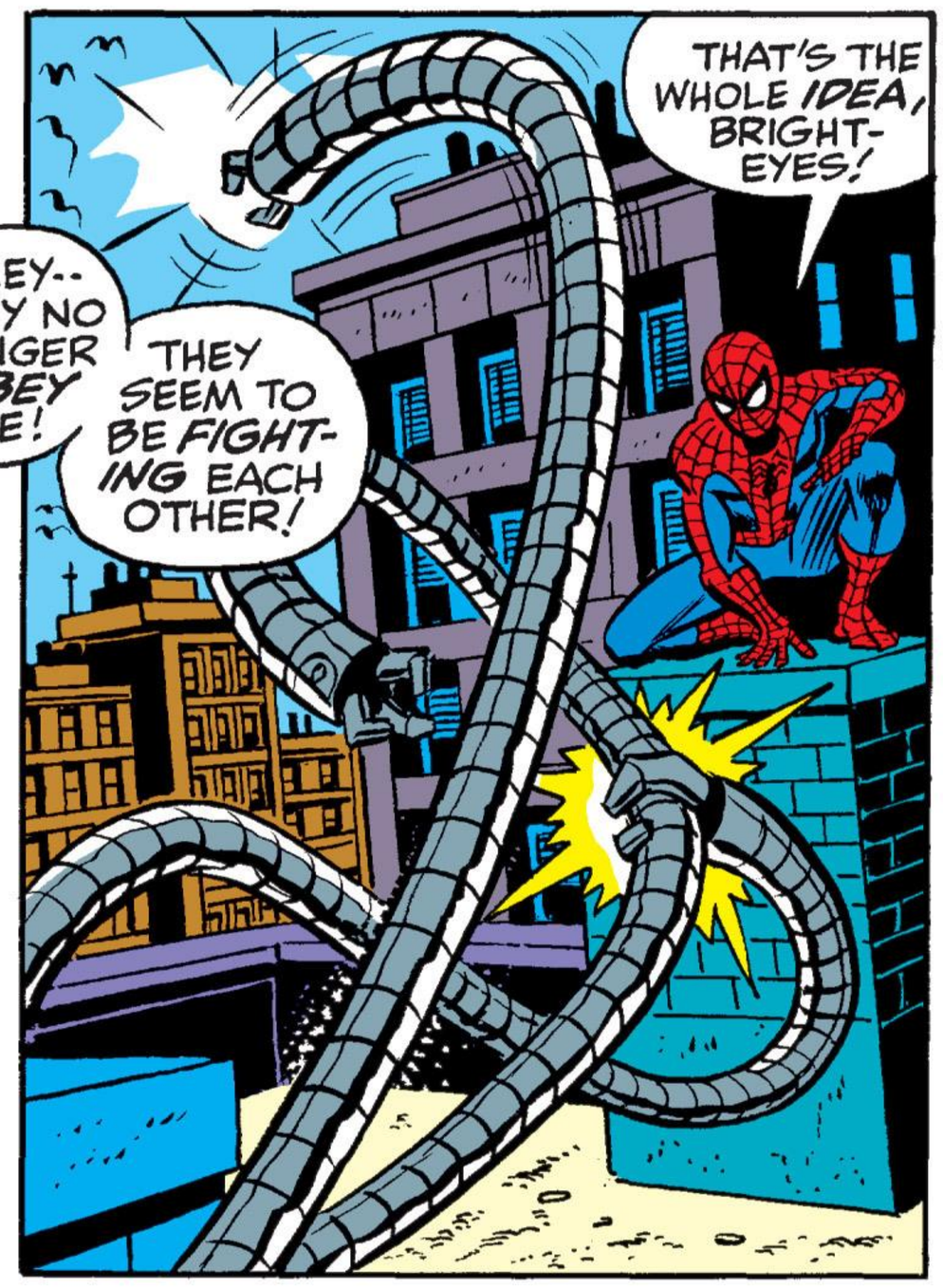

NOW, EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON MY SPEED---
--AND UPON OCTOPUS NOT SUSPECTING--
--UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!

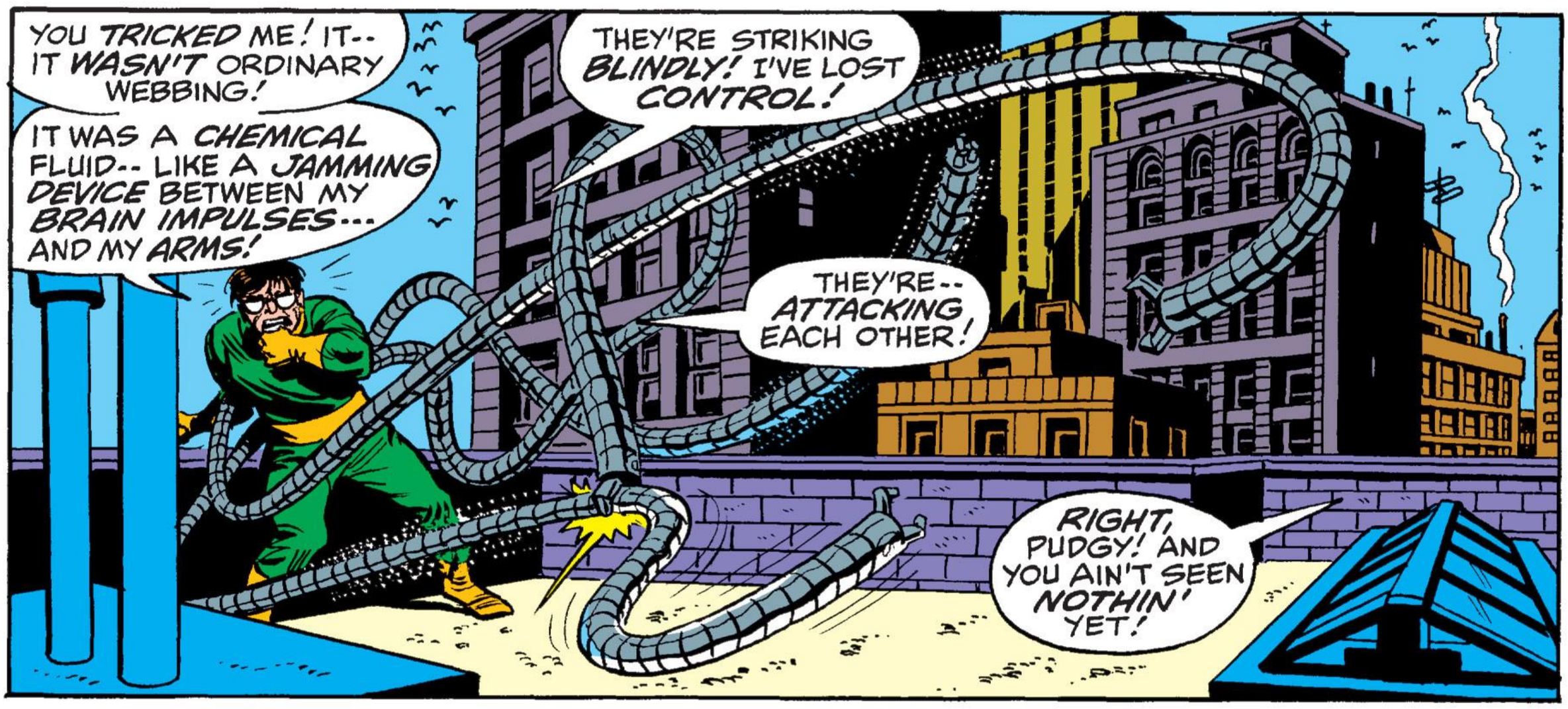

THERE! THAT'S THE FIRST ONE-- RIGHT ON TARGET!
NOW, IF I CAN DODGE THE OTHERS LONG ENOUGH--!
ZTINNG!


THERE'S NUMBER TWO! SO FAR SO GOOD!
HE STILL HASN'T GUESSED WHAT I'M DOING!
SPANNG!
YOU FOOL! HAVEN'T I PROVEN THAT YOUR PUNY WEBBING CANNOT STOP ME?

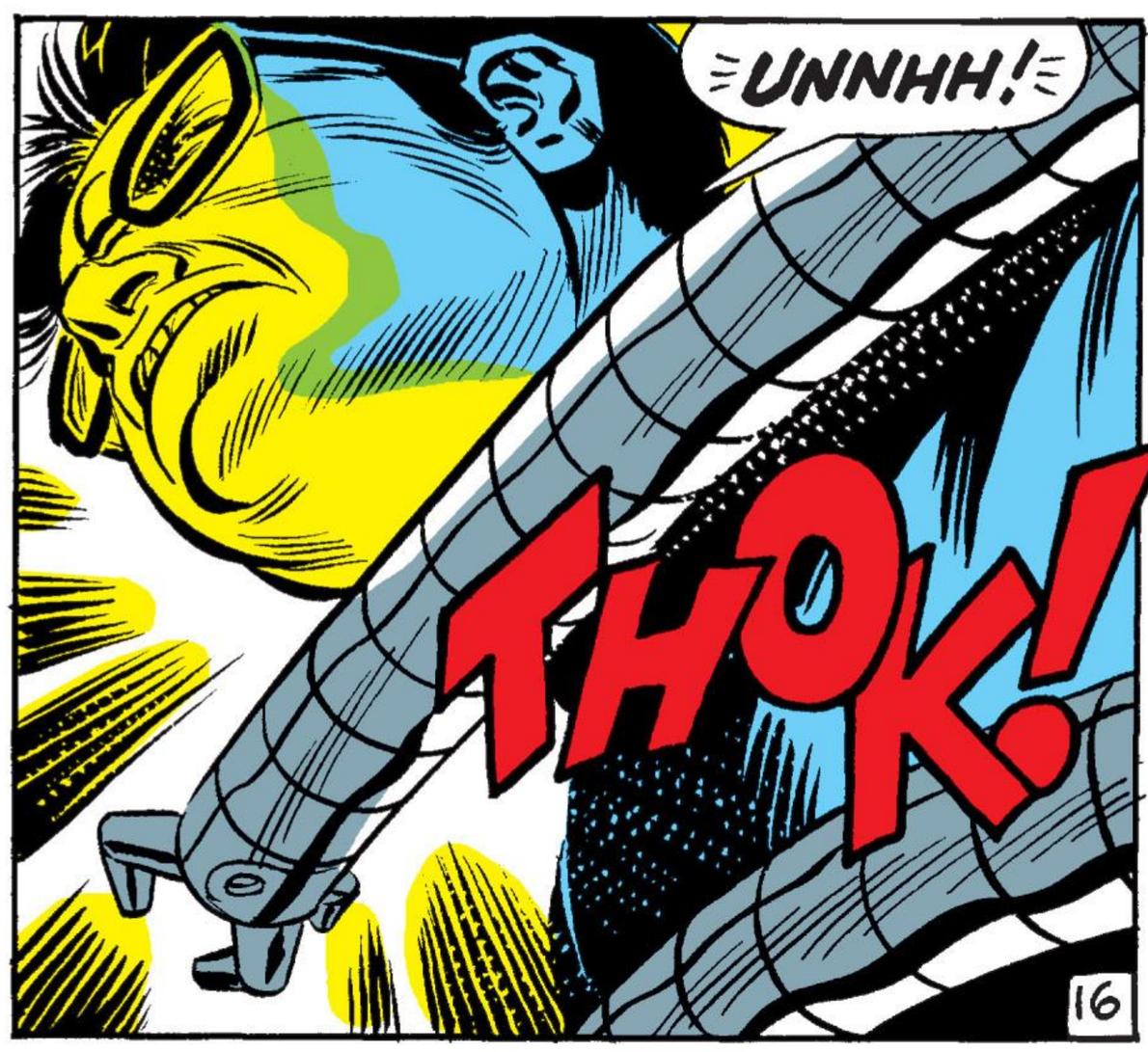
I'VE ONLY TO EXERT THE SLIGHTEST EFFORT--
--TO SNAP IT LIKE A PIECE OF HARMLESS THREAD!
BUT-- WHAT IS THIS? WHAT IS HAPPENING?

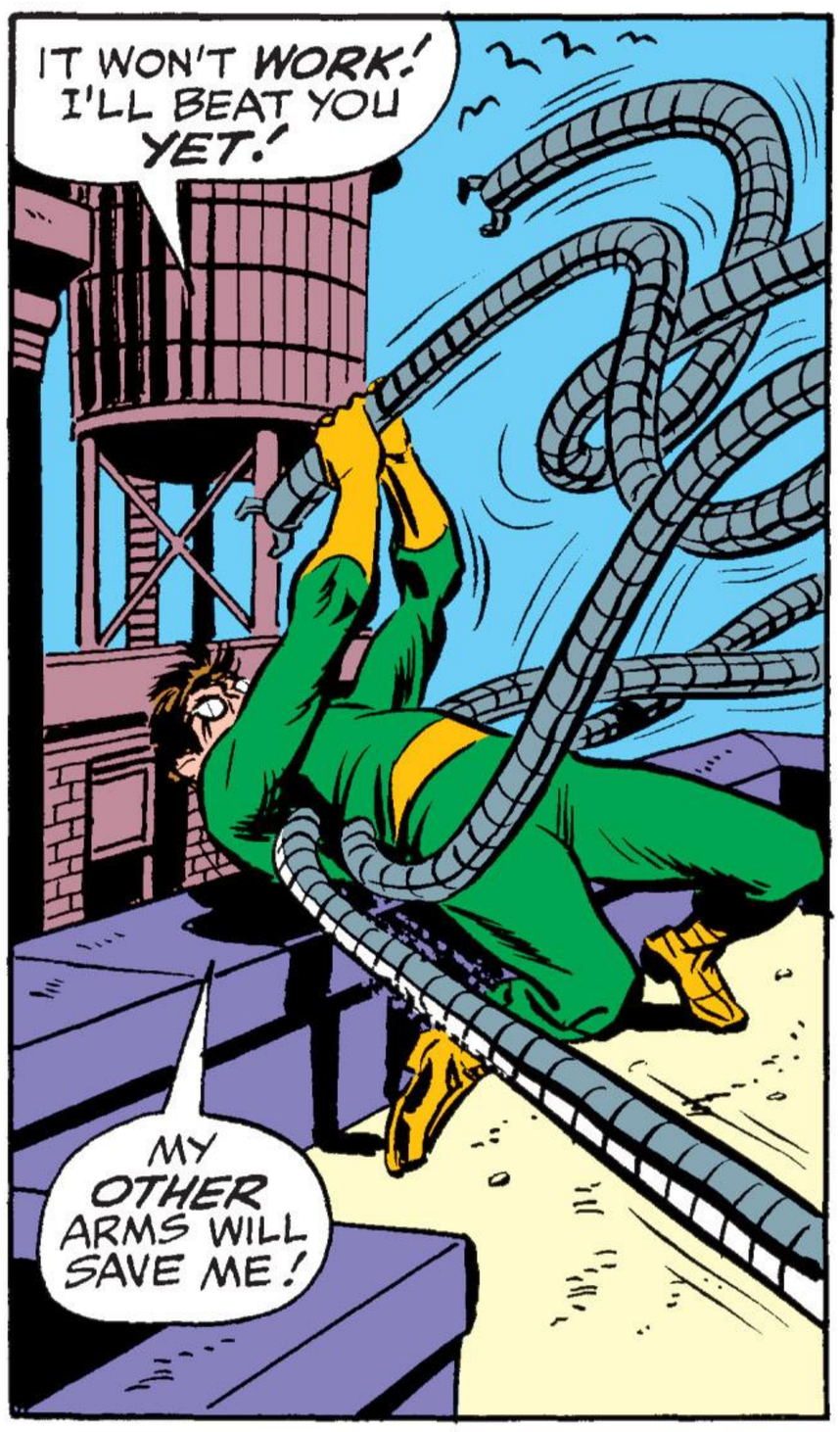
MY TENTACLES! THE ONES YOU COVERED WITH YOUR WEBBING--
THEY-- THEY NO LONGER OBEY ME!


THAT'S THE WHOLE IDEA, BRIGHT-EYES!
THEY SEEM TO BE FIGHTING EACH OTHER!


YOU TRICKED ME! IT-- IT WASN'T ORDINARY WEBBING!
IT WAS A CHEMICAL FLUID-- LIKE A JAMMING DEVICE BETWEEN MY BRAIN IMPULSES... AND MY ARMS!
THEY'RE STRIKING BLINDLY! I'VE LOST CONTROL!
THEY'RE-- ATTACKING EACH OTHER!
RIGHT, PUDGY! AND YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET!

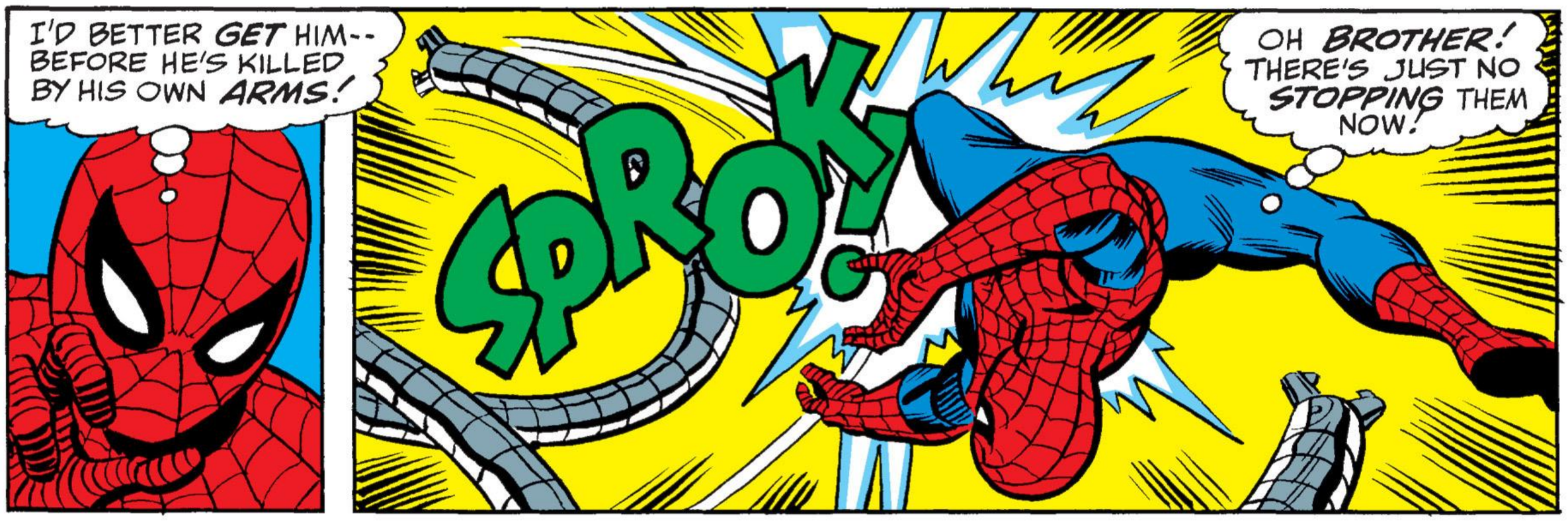
NOW THEY'RE-- ATTACKING ME!
THAT'S THE NAME OF THE GAME, DOC!


UNNHH!
THOK!

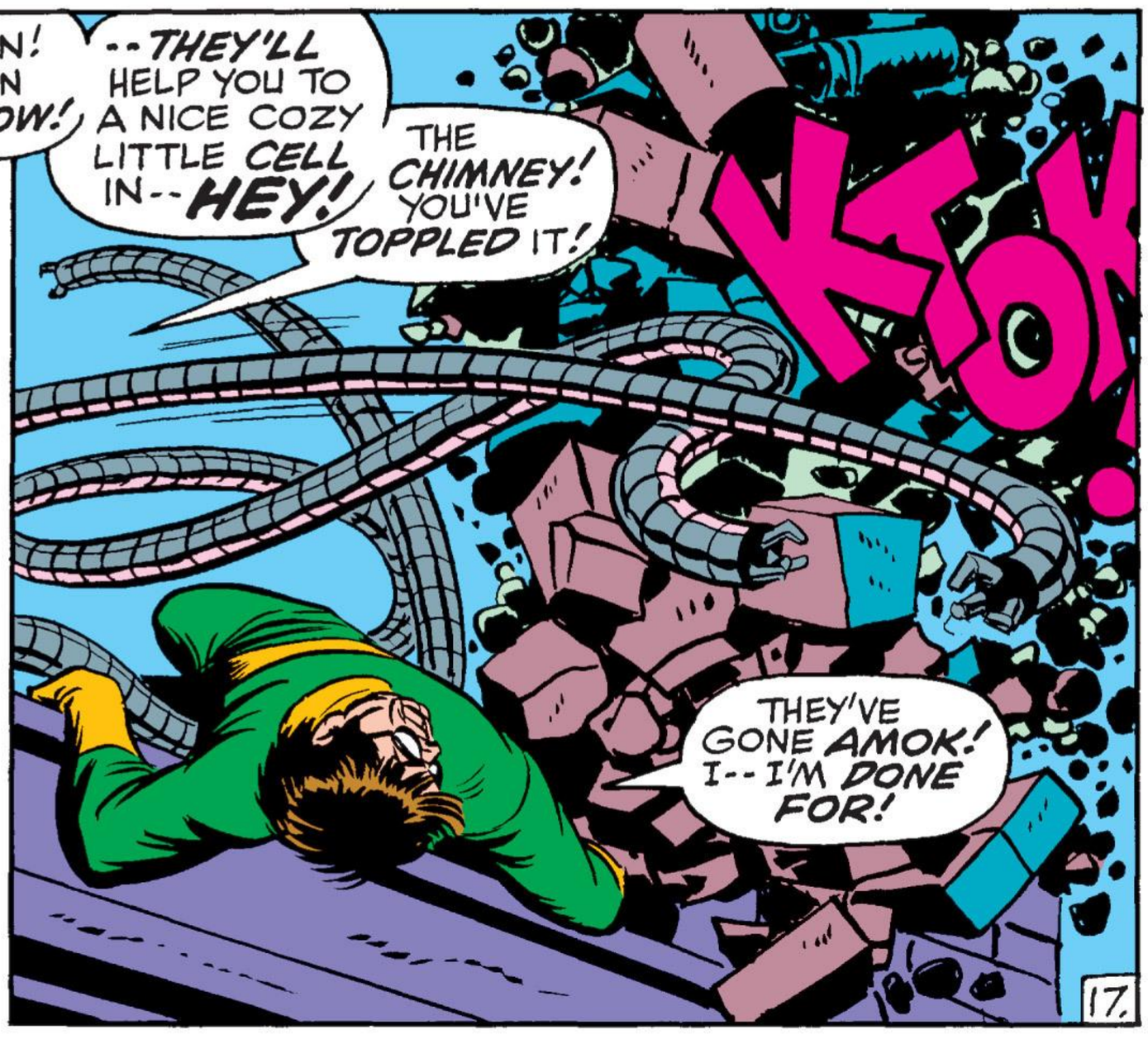

IT WON'T WORK! I'LL BEAT YOU YET!
MY OTHER ARMS WILL SAVE ME!

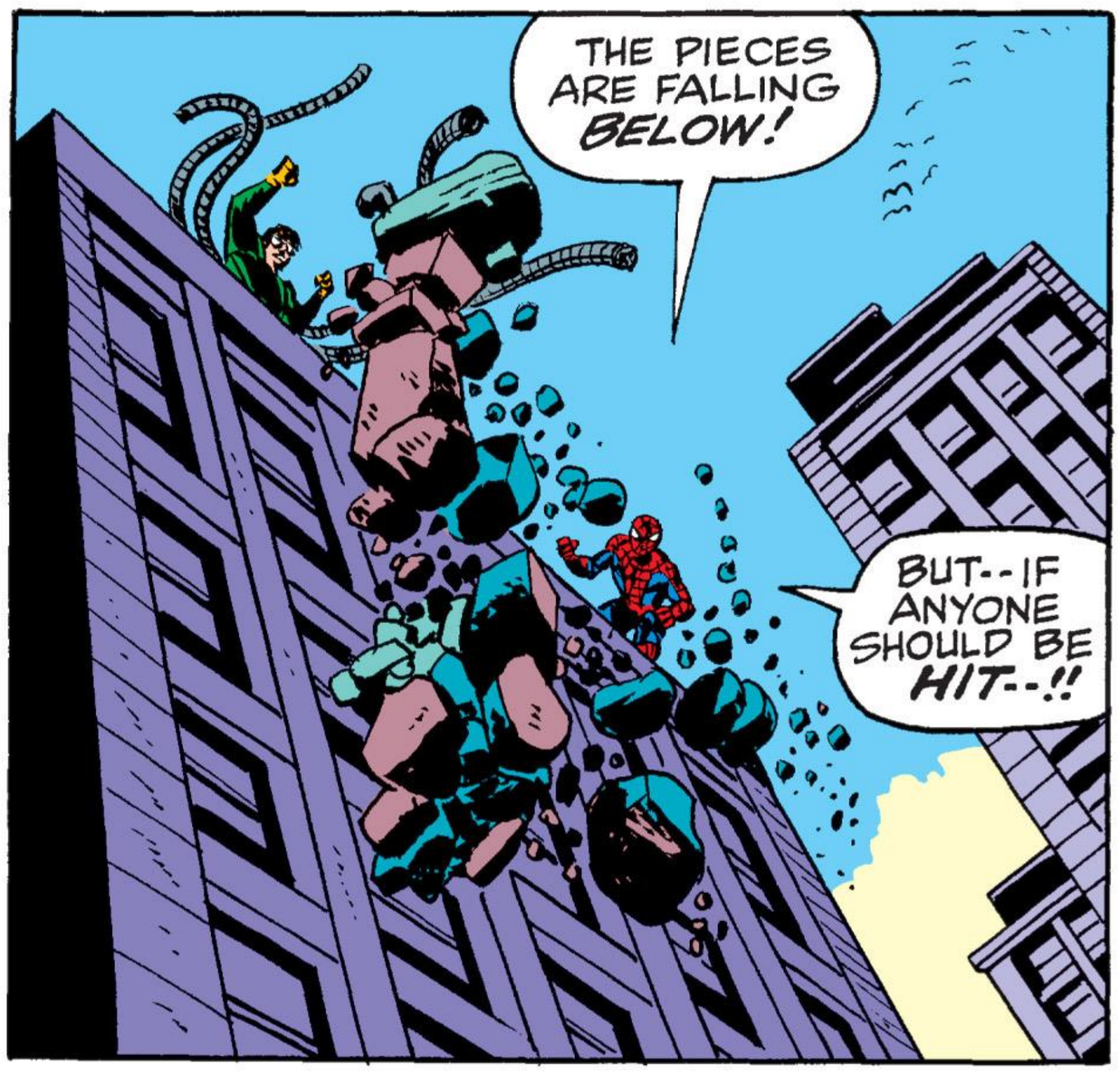
IT'S DOCTOR OCTOPUS--- FIGHTING SPIDER-MAN UP THERE!
THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN FOR THIS TOWN WOULD BE IF THEY BOTH FINISH EACH OTHER OFF!

I REACHED HERE JUST IN TIME!
THEY'RE STILL BATTLING--- UP ON THAT ROOF!
BUT THE CROWD BELOW--- DOESN'T REALIZE THE DANGER!
THEY MUST CLEAR THE AREA!

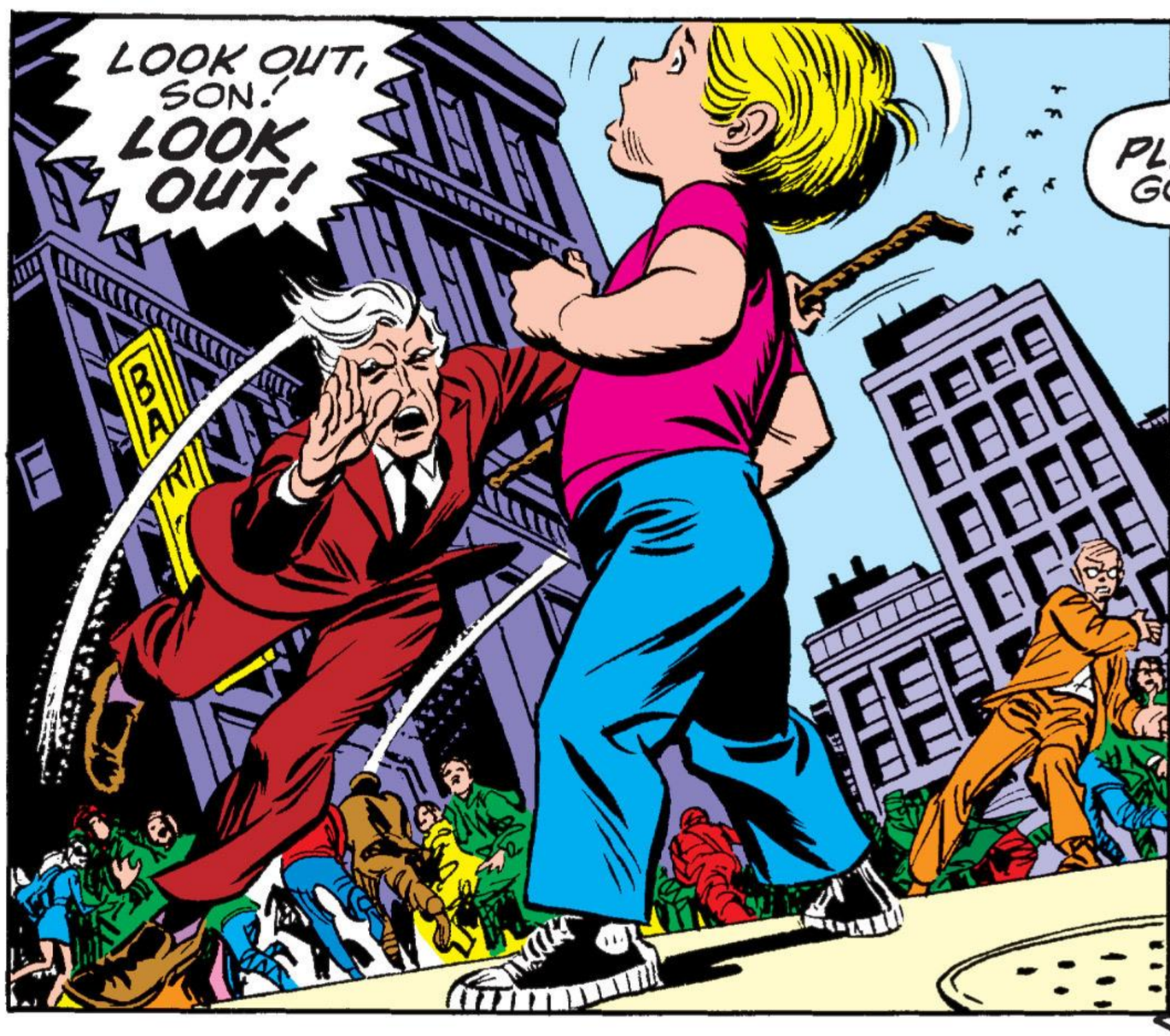

I'D BETTER GET HIM-- BEFORE HE'S KILLED BY HIS OWN ARMS!
SPROK!
OH BROTHER! THERE'S JUST NO STOPPING THEM NOW!

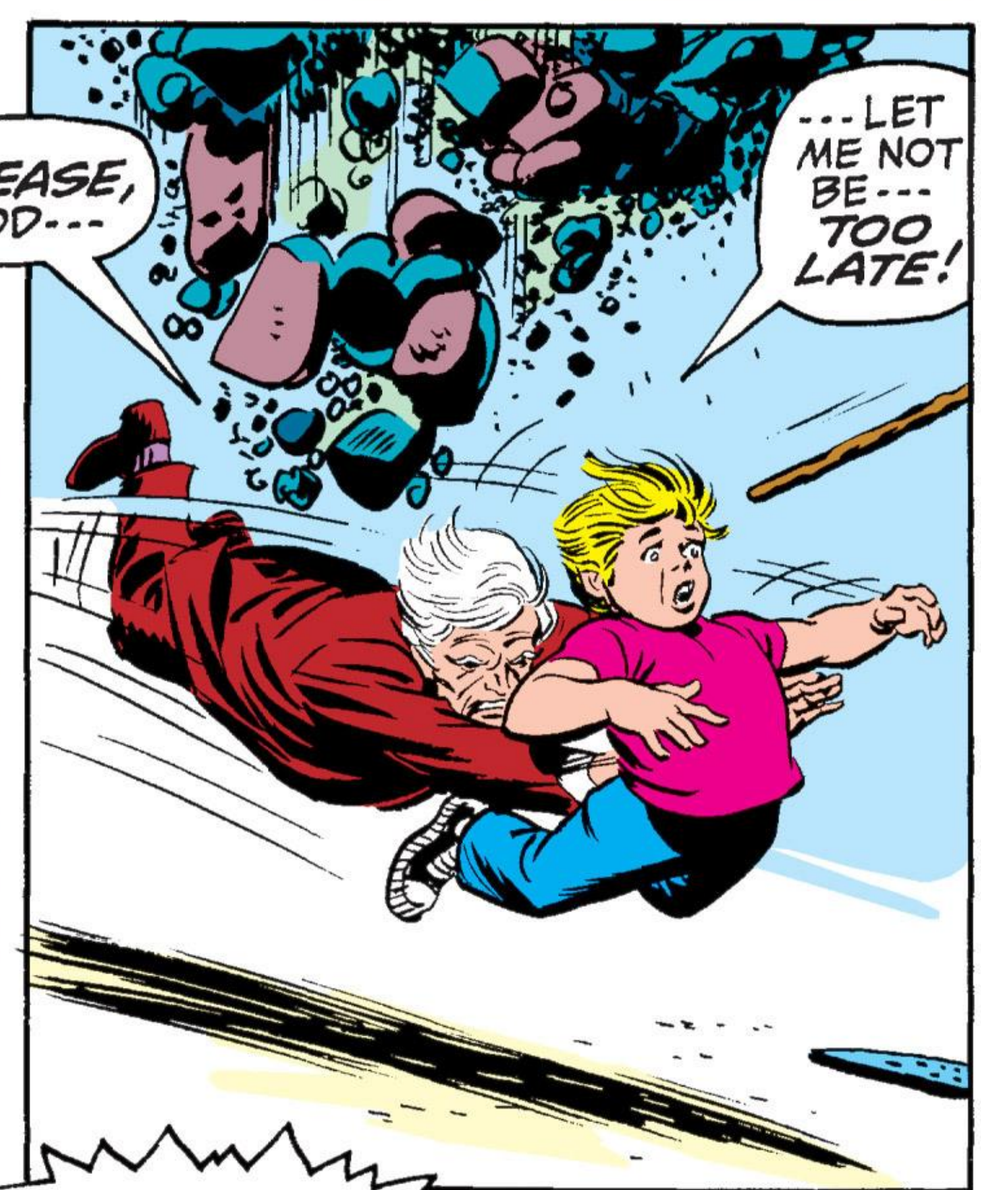
HELP ME! HELP ME! I-- I CAN'T HANDLE THEM!
DON'T WORRY, MAN! THE COPS ARE ON THE WAY RIGHT NOW!

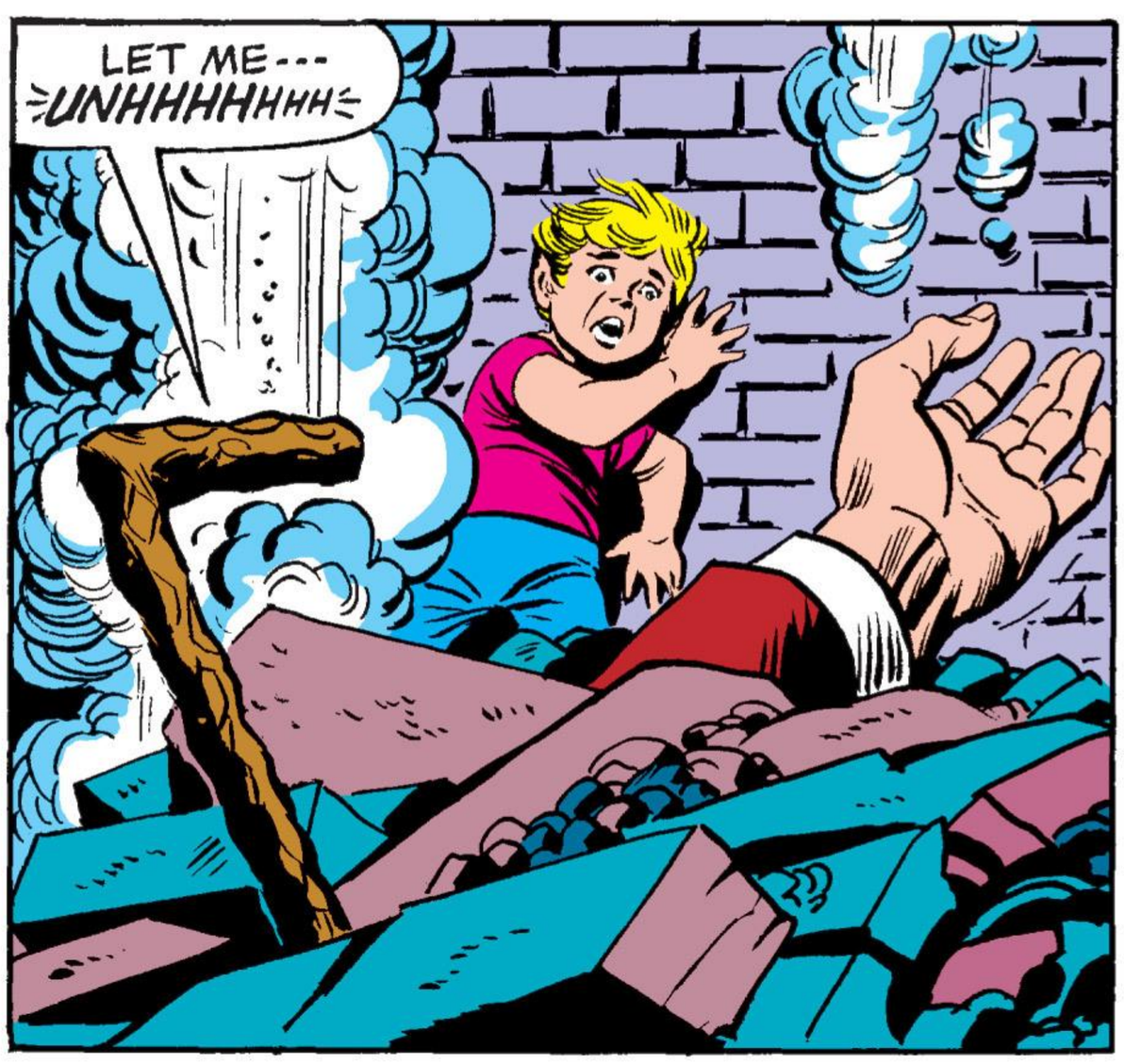

--THEY'LL HELP YOU TO A NICE COZY LITTLE CELL IN--HEY!
THE CHIMNEY! YOU'VE TOPPLED IT!
KRAK!
THEY'VE GONE AMOK! I-- I'M DONE FOR!

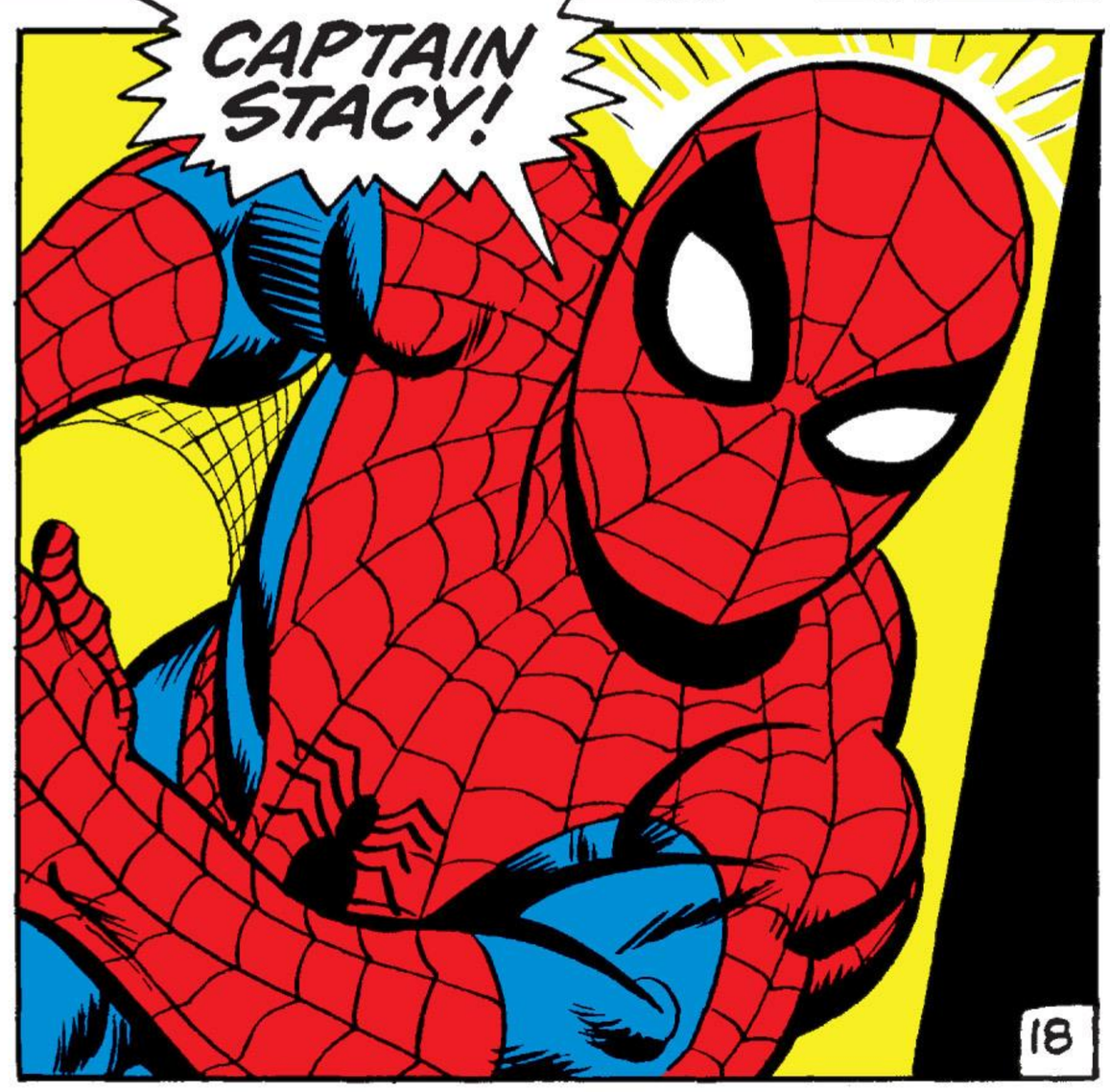

THE PIECES ARE FALLING BELOW!
BUT--IF ANYONE SHOULD BE HIT--!!

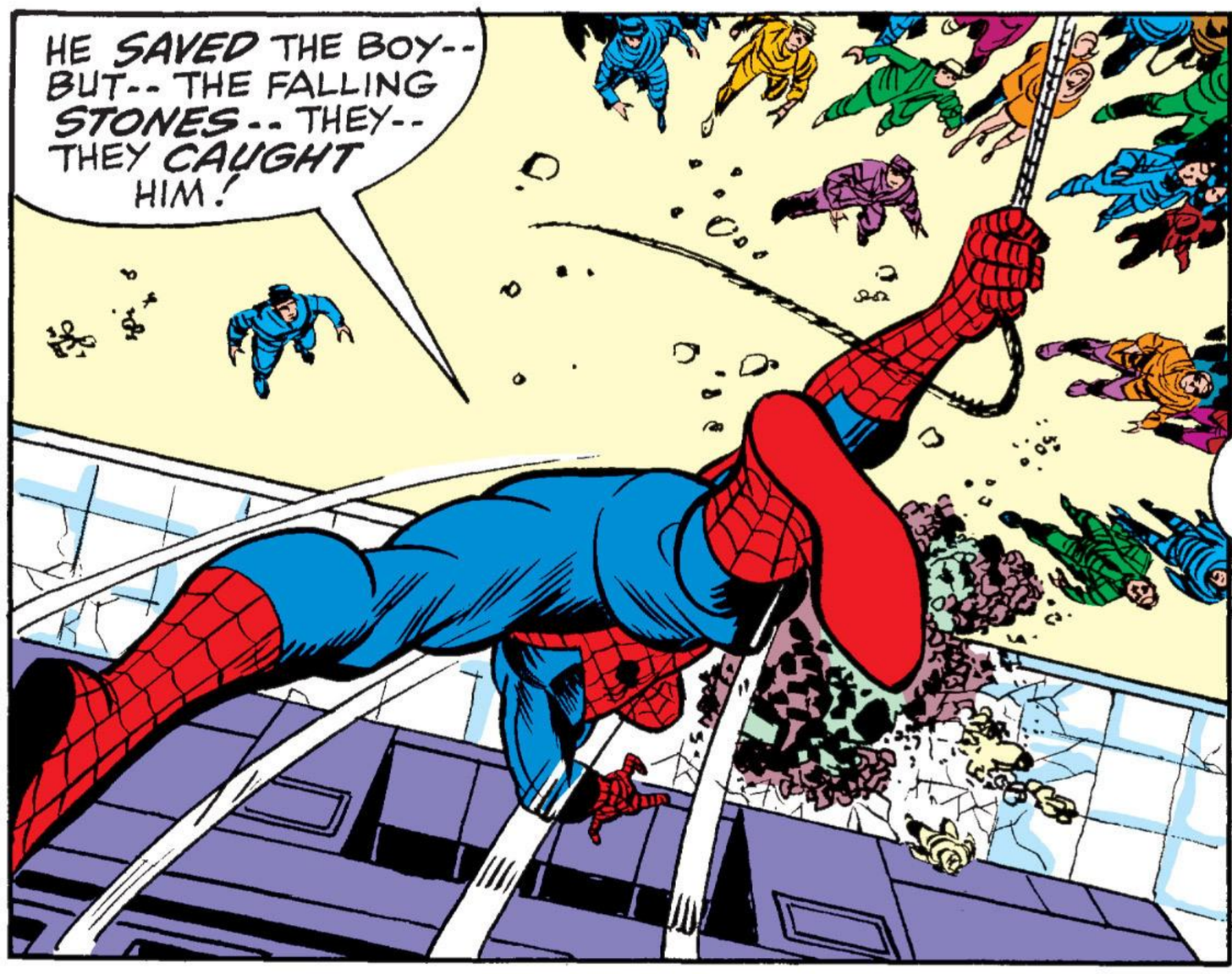
NO! NO!


LOOK OUT, SON! LOOK OUT!
BA

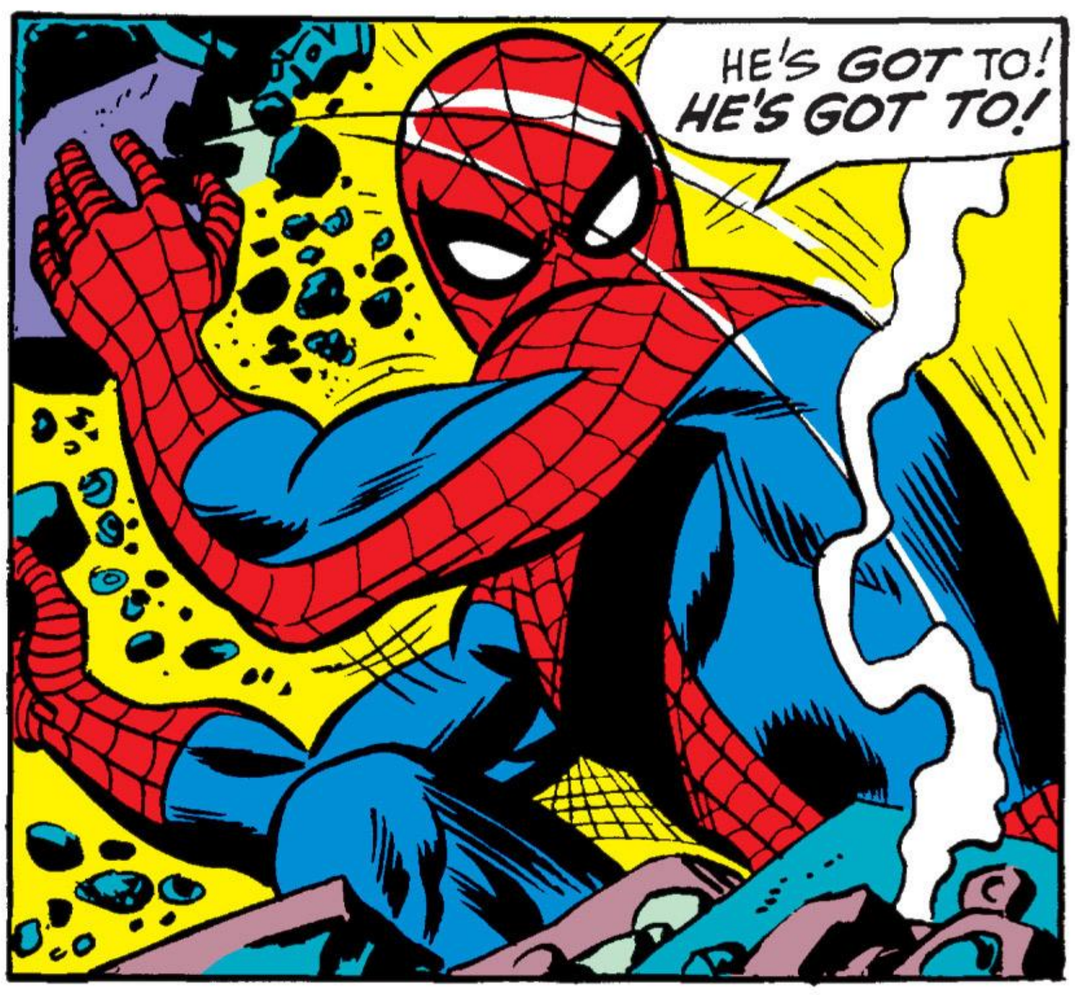

PLEASE, GOD---
---LET ME NOT BE--- TOO LATE!

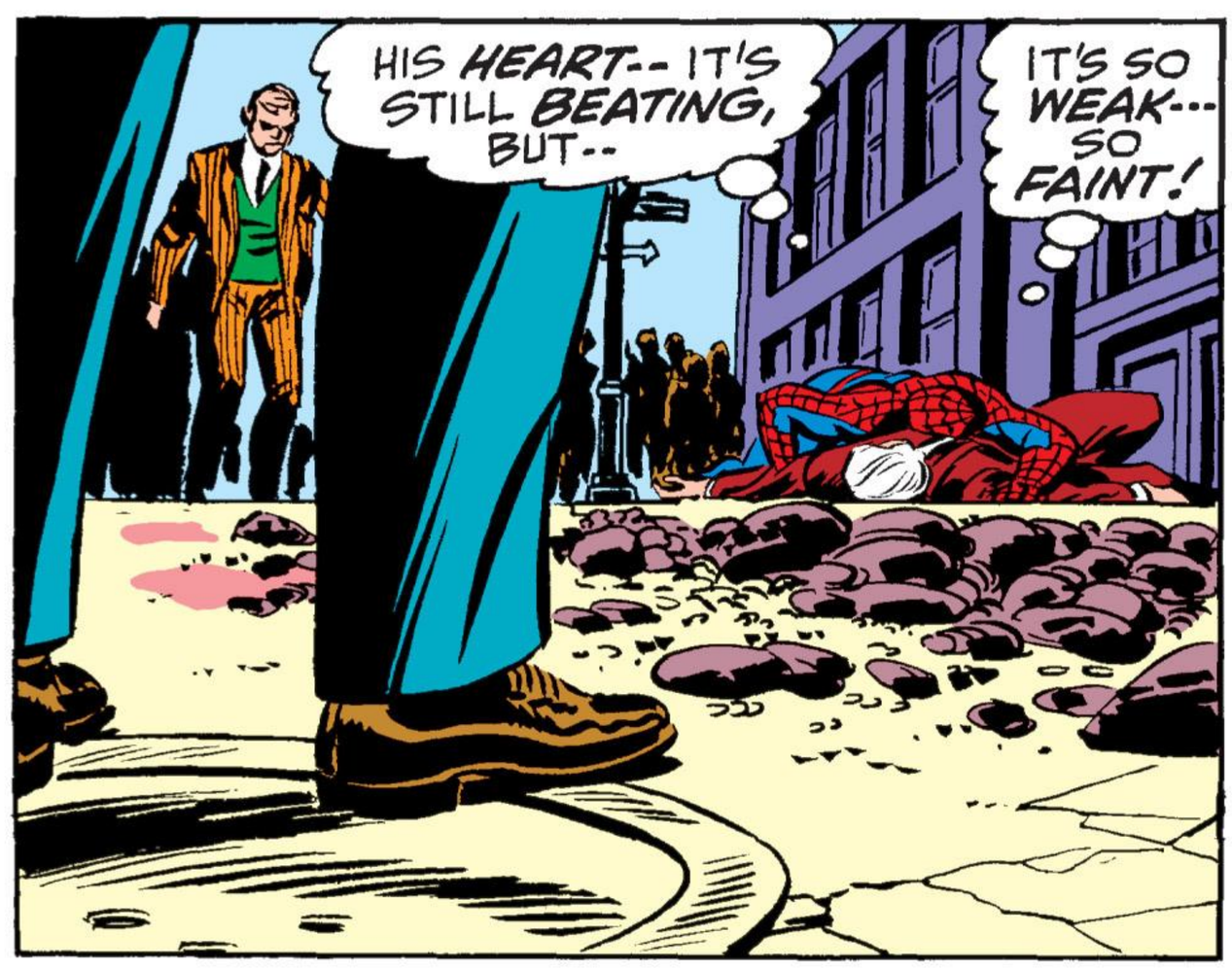

LET ME--- UNHHHHHHH


CAPTAIN STACY!

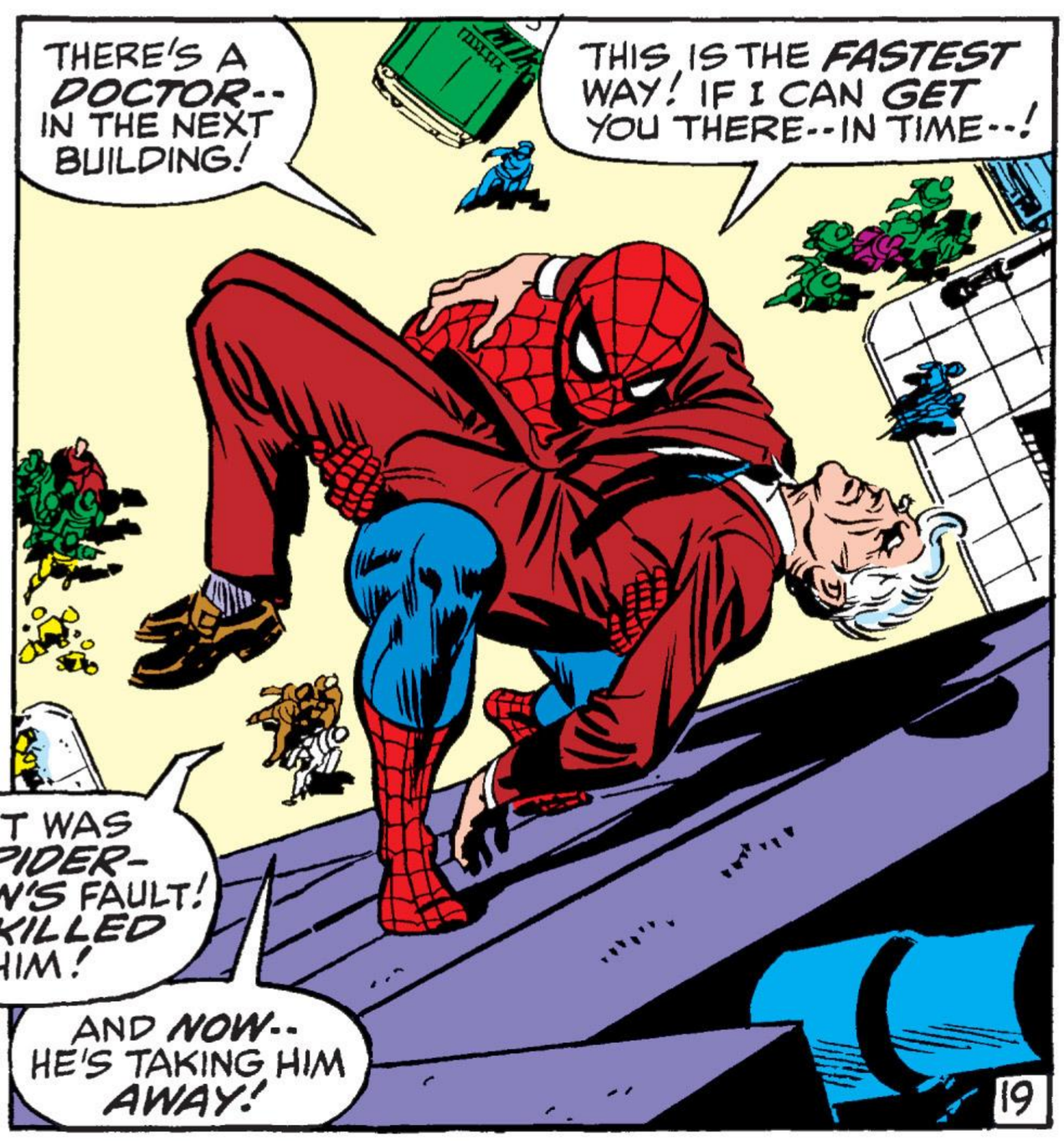

HE SAVED THE BOY-- BUT-- THE FALLING STONES-- THEY-- THEY CAUGHT HIM!

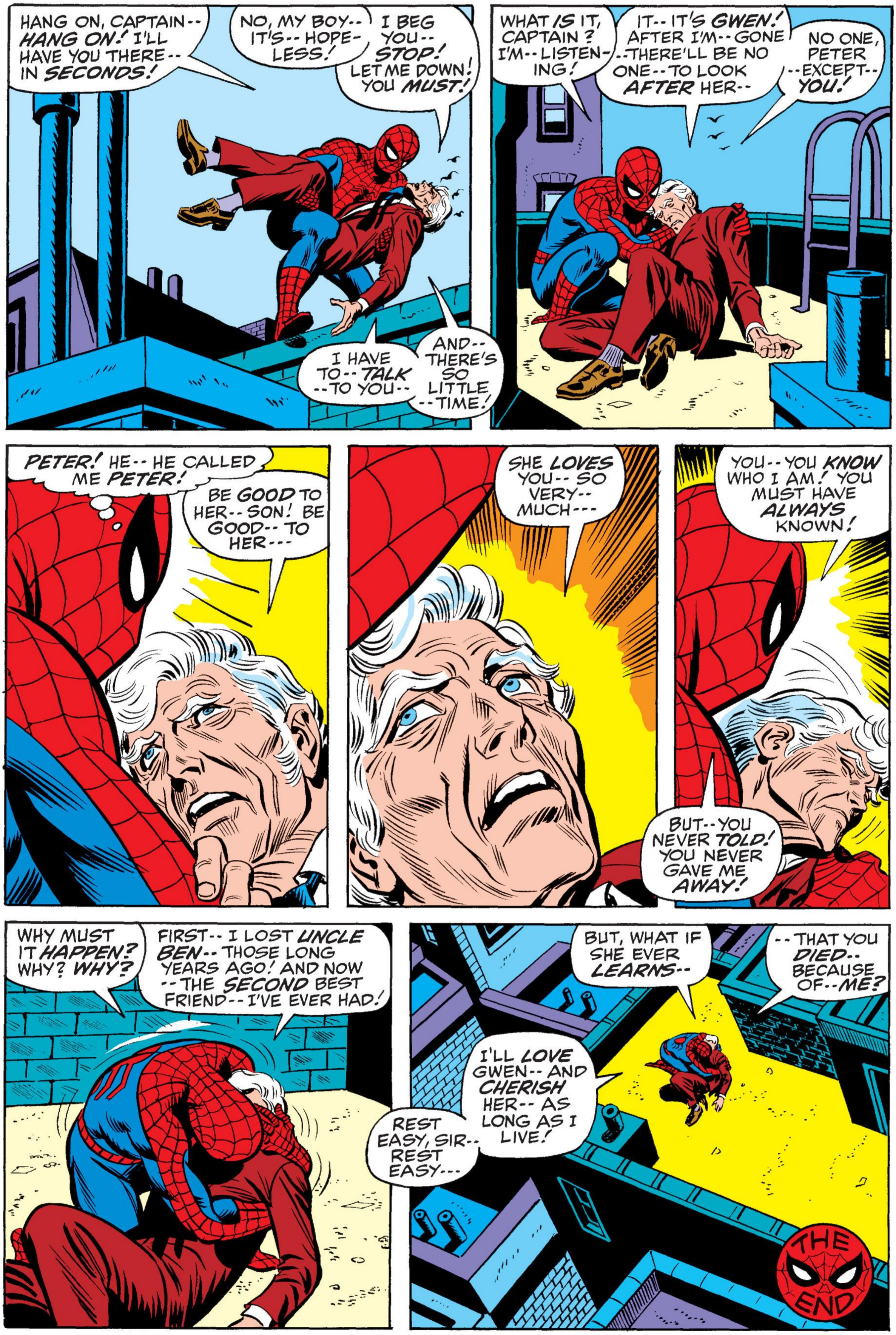
HE'S-- GOT TO BE ALIVE!


HE'S GOT TO! HE'S GOT TO!


HIS HEART-- IT'S STILL BEATING, BUT--
IT'S SO WEAK--- SO FAINT!

I-- I'M DONE FOR, SON--
NO! YOU'RE NOT! YOU'RE NOT!


THERE'S A DOCTOR-- IN THE NEXT BUILDING!
THIS IS THE FASTEST WAY! IF I CAN GET YOU THERE--IN TIME--!
IT WAS SPIDER-MAN'S FAULT! HE KILLED HIM!
AND NOW-- HE'S TAKING HIM AWAY!


HANG ON, CAPTAIN-- HANG ON! I'LL HAVE YOU THERE-- IN SECONDS!
NO, MY BOY-- IT'S-- HOPE-LESS!
I BEG YOU-- STOP! LET ME DOWN! YOU MUST!
I HAVE TO-- TALK --TO YOU--
AND-- THERE'S SO LITTLE --TIME!
WHAT IS IT, CAPTAIN? I'M-- LISTEN-ING!
IT-- IT'S GWEN! AFTER I'M-- GONE --THERE'LL BE NO ONE-- TO LOOK AFTER HER--
NO ONE, PETER --EXCEPT-- YOU!
PETER! HE-- HE CALLED ME PETER!
BE GOOD TO HER-- SON! BE GOOD-- TO HER---
SHE LOVES YOU-- SO VERY-- MUCH---
YOU-- YOU KNOW WHO I AM! YOU MUST HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN!
BUT-- YOU NEVER TOLD! YOU NEVER GAVE ME AWAY!
WHY MUST IT HAPPEN? WHY? WHY?
FIRST-- I LOST UNCLE BEN-- THOSE LONG YEARS AGO! AND NOW --THE SECOND BEST FRIEND-- I'VE EVER HAD!
BUT, WHAT IF SHE EVER LEARNS--
--THAT YOU DIED-- BECAUSE OF--ME?
I'LL LOVE GWEN-- AND CHERISH HER-- AS LONG AS I LIVE!
REST EASY, SIR-- REST EASY---
THE END