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"SPIDEY STRIKES BACK!"

FEATURING:
Guest Stars!
Super-Villains!
Super-Thrills!

ONE OF THE
MOST EAGERLY-
AWAITED ACTION
DRAMAS OF
ALL TIME!!



DUE TO HIS AUNT'S SERIOUS ILLNESS LAST MONTH, PETER PARKER SPENT ALL HIS TIME AT HOME, LOOKING AFTER HER! THAT MEANT, OF COURSE, THAT SPIDER-MAN WAS OUT OF ACTION, TOO!

PEOPLE BEGAN TO THINK THAT SPIDEY HAD TURNED COWARD... AND HE WAS POWERLESS TO CHANGE THAT MISTAKEN IDEA! BUT NOW, HIS AUNT IS NO LONGER DANGEROUSLY ILL, AND SO... WATCH OUT!

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SPIDEY'S GODFATHER,
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SPIDEY'S BIG DADDY,
STEVE DITKO

LETTERED BY:
S. ROSEN
(SPIDEY'S SECOND COUSIN
ON HIS UNCLE'S SIDE!)

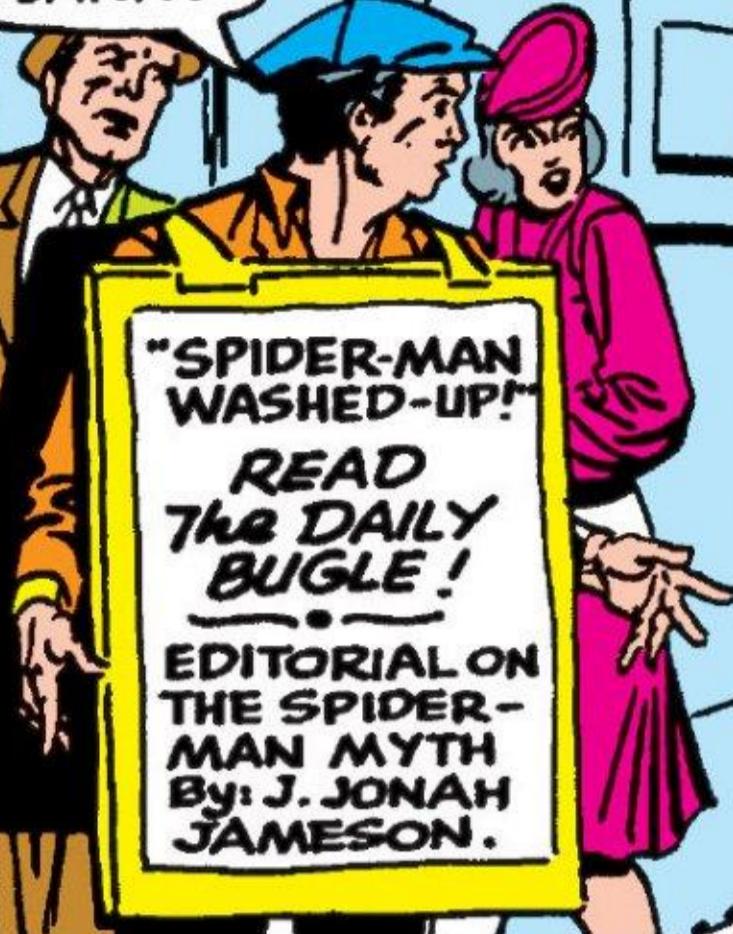
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ARE YOU COMFORTABLE? ARE YOU RELAXED? DO YOU HAVE TIME TO READ THIS WHOLE STORY THROUGH WITHOUT INTERRUPTION?! PLEASE DON'T START UNLESS YOUR ANSWER TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS IS YES! BECAUSE, THE ACTION STARTS RIGHT NOW... AND IT DOESN'T STOP TILL THE LAST PAGE! READY? OKAY... HERE COMES THE THRILLER OF A LIFETIME!

GOSH! IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE HOODS JUST ROBBED THE MIDTOWN BANK!

THE JOB WENT CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!

ONCE WE REACH THE GETAWAY CAR WE'LL BE IN THE CLEAR!



BUT, SUDDENLY... AN AWESOME LIGHT BEAM SHINES THROUGH THE DARKNESS, REVEALING...

THE SPIDER SIGNAL!



AND, FROM ABOVE, A LEAN, HARD-MUSCLED, INCREDIBLY NIMBLE FIGURE HURLEES DOWNWARD TOWARDS THE STARTLED CROOKS!

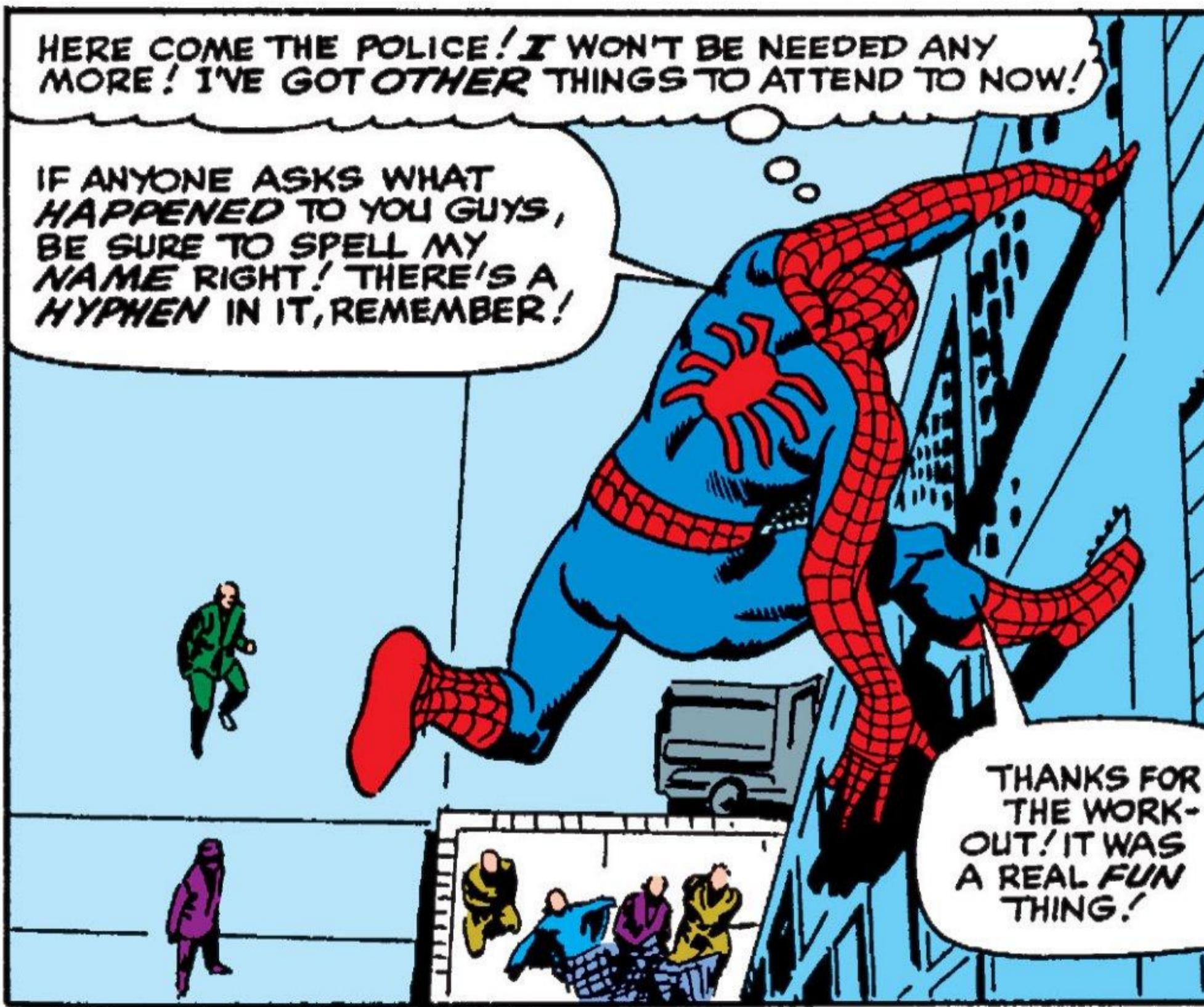
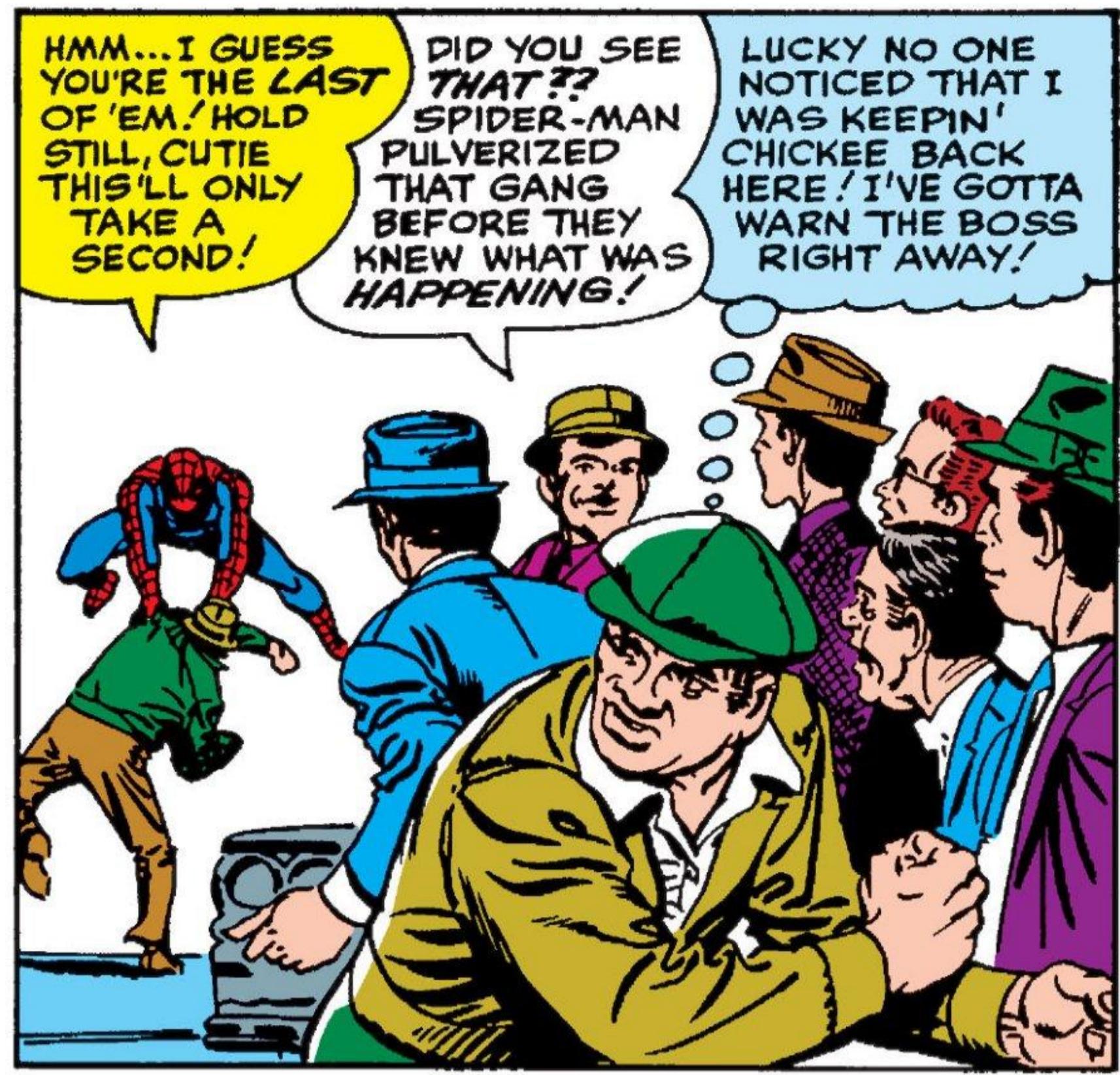


NO NEED TO RUSH, FELLAS! I'M NOT GOIN' ANYWHERE!

YES SIREE! THIS IS JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

IN FACT, THIS IS THE MOST FUN A LITTLE SPIDER-MAN CAN HAVE WITHOUT LAUGHING!





MOMENTS LATER, A WEARY, FLAMING, FLYING FIGURE SEES AN UNUSUAL SIGHT...

IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SWEAR THAT WAS J. JONAH JAMESON HITTING A BRICK WALL!

IT CAN'T BE TRUE! IT CAN'T! NOT AGAIN! I CAN'T BE WRONG AGAIN!

WELL, I'VE NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT HIM NOW! I'VE GOT TO REACH HOME BEFORE MY FLAME DIES OUT! THAT LAST FIGHT I HAD ALL BUT EXHAUSTED ME!*

*SEE STRANGE TALES #127...STAN

BUT, AS THE HUMAN TORCH GLIDES TO A LANDING NEAR HIS HOME, AN ASBESTOS COVERED LASO SNAKES OUT, AND...

GOT 'IM!

WHAAA? A LASO!

GOOD THROW, MONTANA! BUT NOW, LET THE OX DRAG 'IM IN!

IF HE'S BEEN FLYIN' A LONG DISTANCE, HE'LL BE TOO PLUMB TUCKERED OUT TO DO MUCH WITH THAT THAR FLAME OF HIS'N!

THE OX! MONTANA! YOU'RE TWO OF...THE ENFORCERS!

NOW AIN'T YOU A BRIGHT LI'L SHAVER, TORCH! WE... OX! LOOK OUT!

TIRED OR NOT, I CAN STILL TOSS OFF A FIREBALL OR TWO!

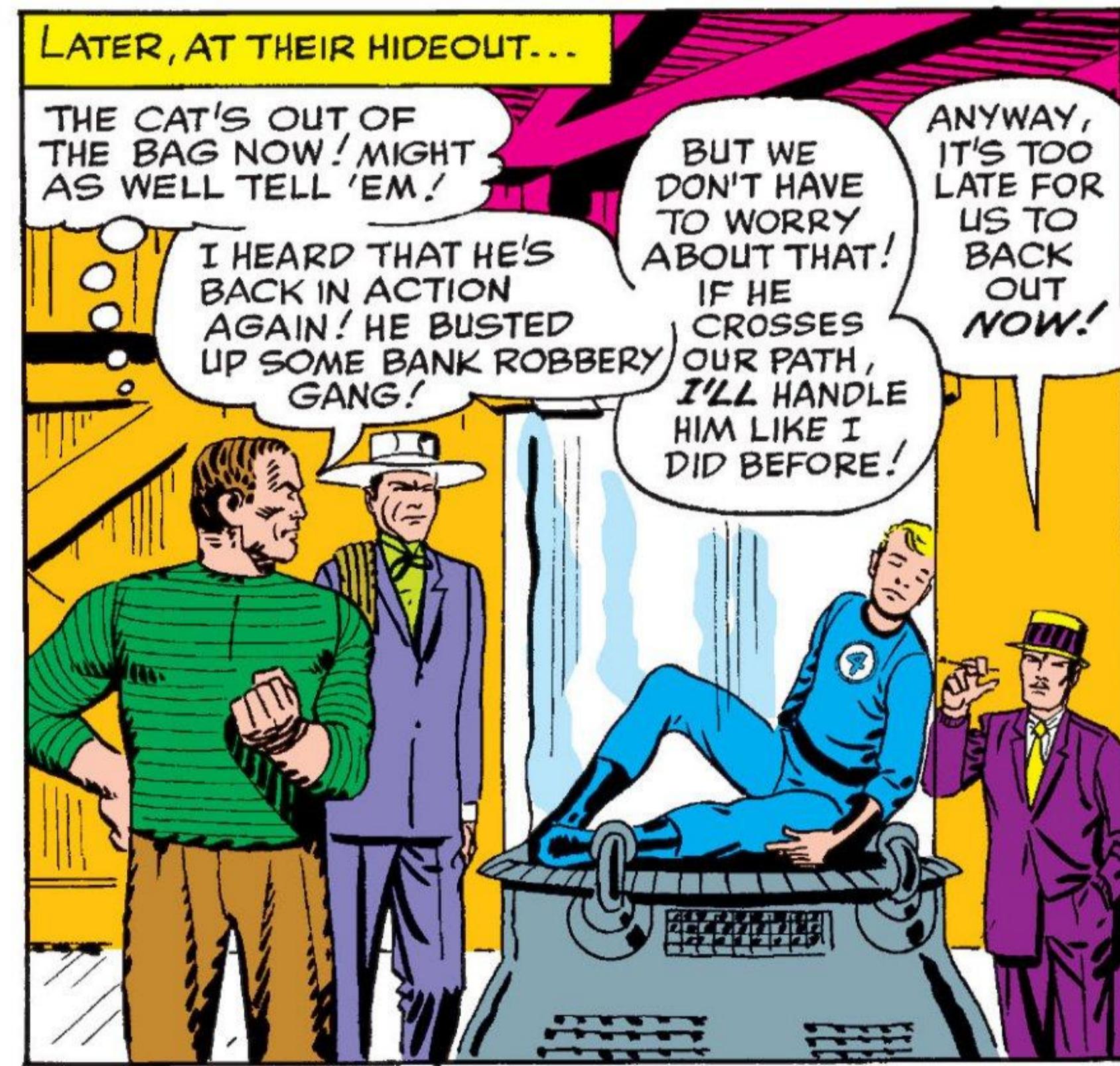
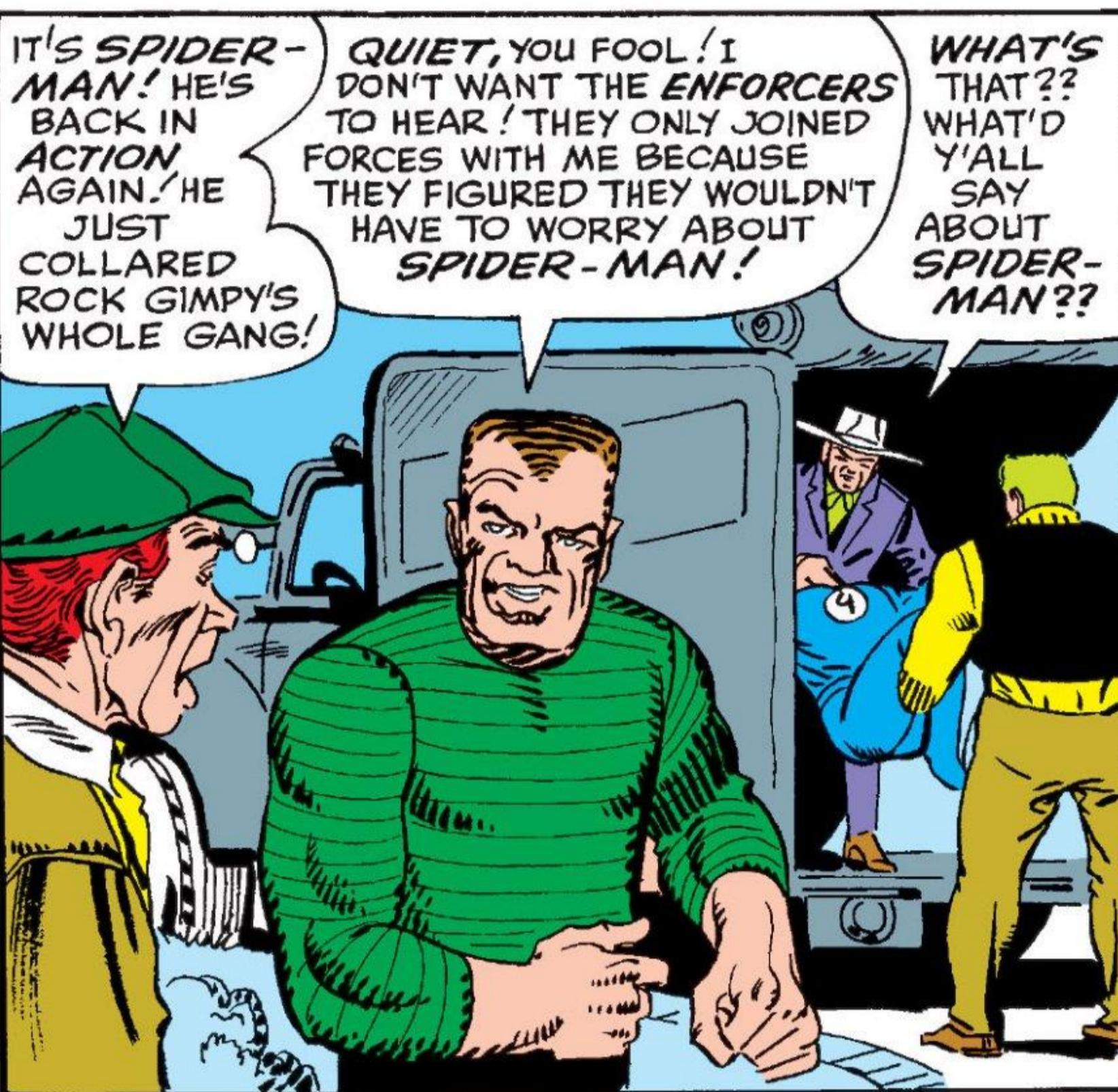
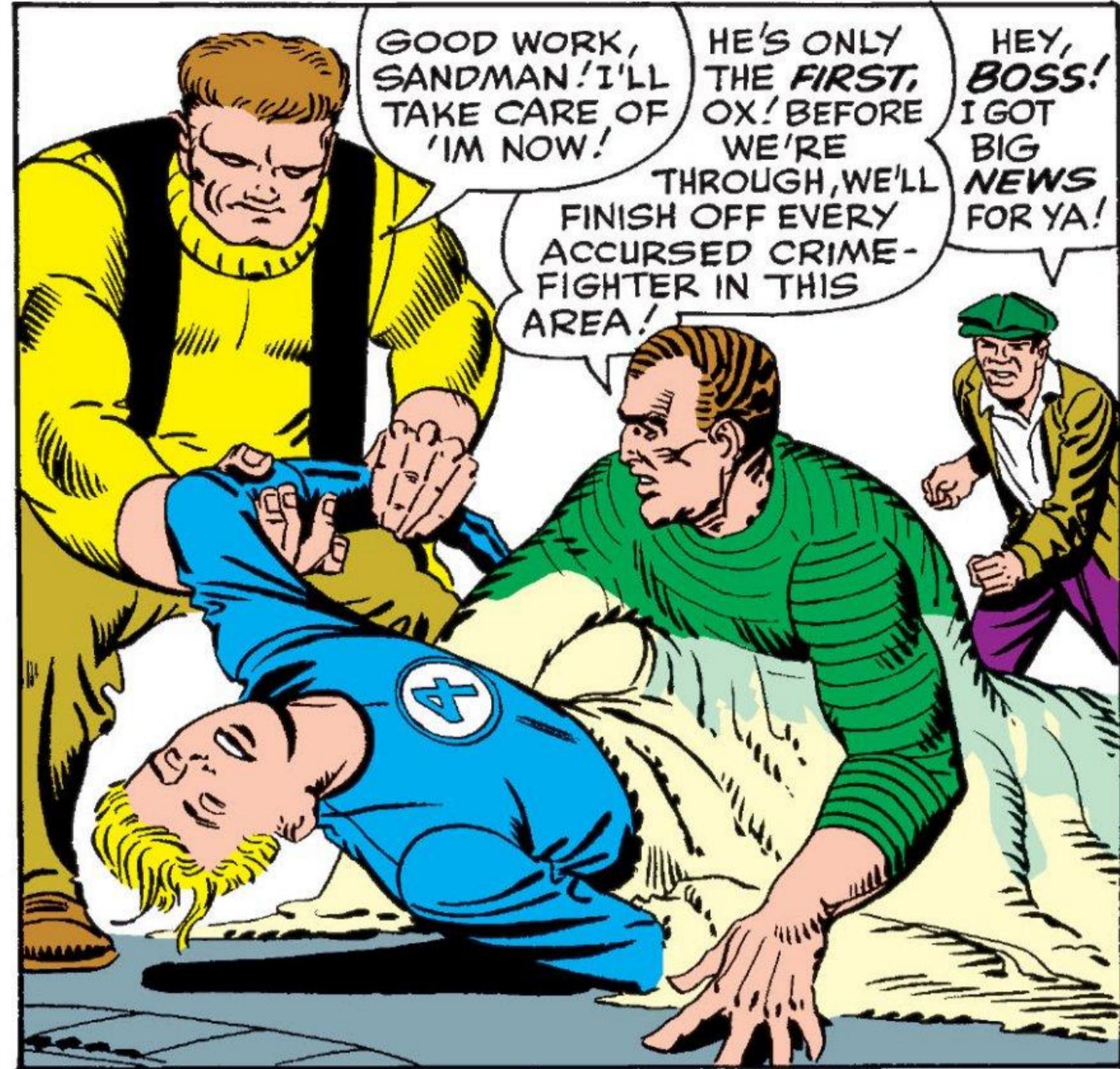
FANCY DAN! GIT OVER HERE... HURRY!

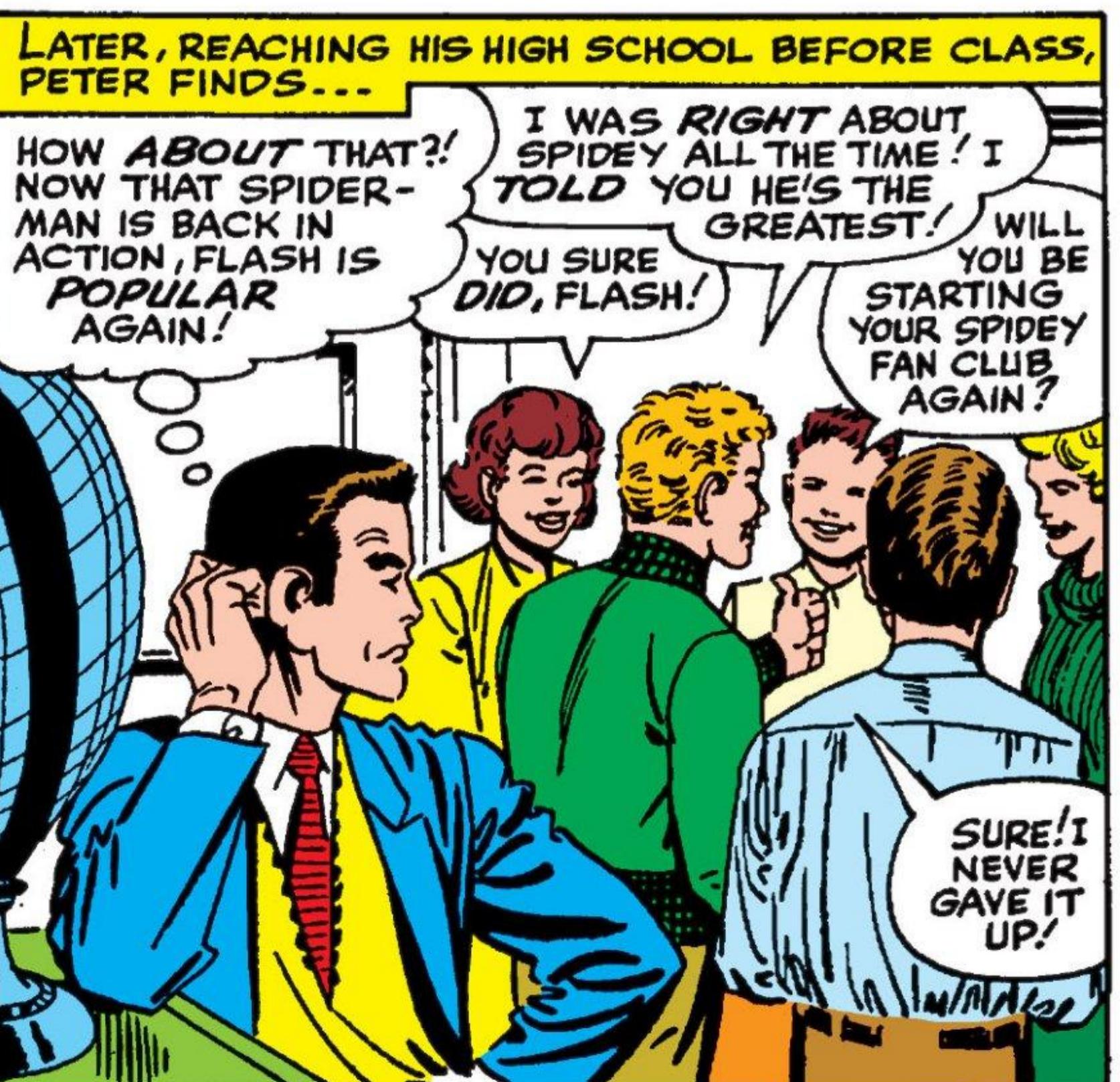
ANSWERING THE OX'S CALL, THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE EVIL ENFORCERS RUSHES UP, CARRYING A CYLINDER FILLED WITH CHEMICAL FOAM...

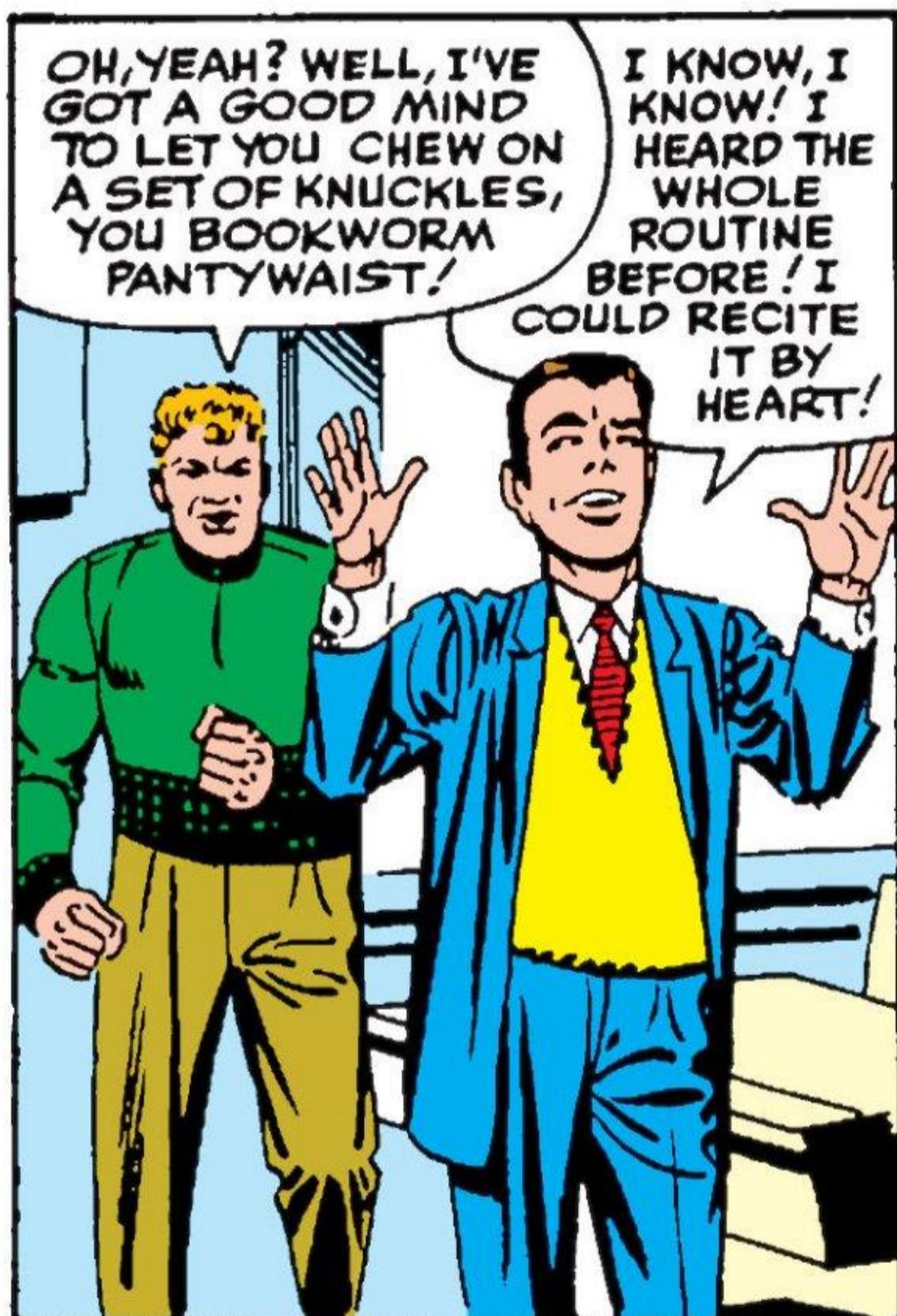
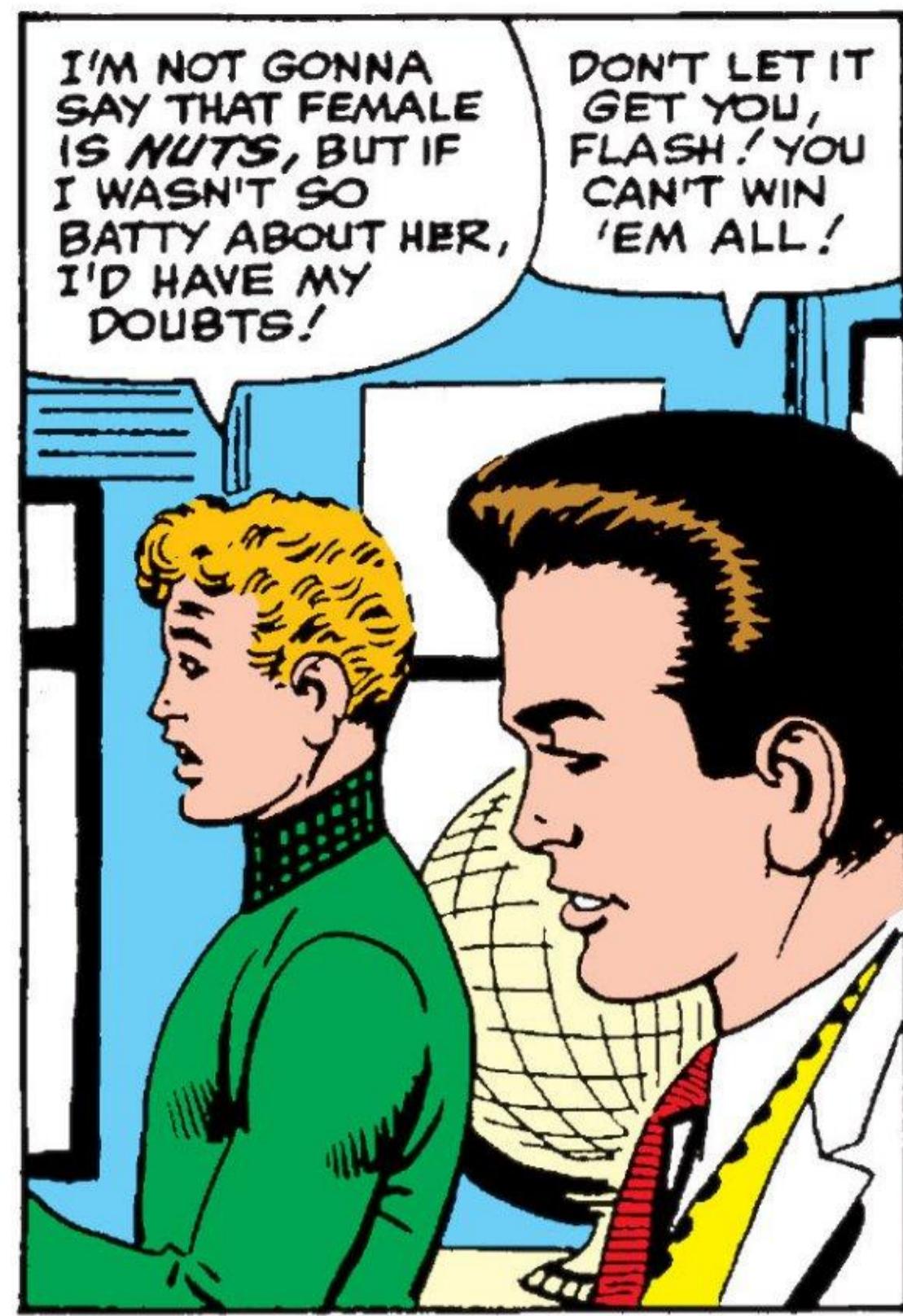
YOU DIDN'T EXPECT US TO BE UNPREPARED FOR YOUR LITTLE TRICKS, DID YA? THIS'LL PUT YOUR BLASTED FLAME OUT!

OKAY, SANDMAN... HE'S ALL YOURS!

GOOD! THE FOAM MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO FLY... AND NOW I CAN DO THE REST!











A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE OF J. JONAH JAMESON...

THERE'S BETTY BRANT! I HOPE SHE'S DECIDED TO BE FRIENDLY WITH ME AGAIN!

HI, BETTY! LONG TIME NO SEE!

OH! SHE'S WITH ANOTHER FELLA!!

HELLO, PETER! I... I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!

I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET A FRIEND OF MINE!

THIS IS NED LEEDS! HE'S A REPORTER FOR THE DAILY BUGLE! NED, THIS IS PETER PARKER, THE BOY I TOLD YOU ABOUT!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, LEEDS!

SAME HERE, PARKER!

WELL, I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE CITY DESK NOW! GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU!

SO LONG, NED!

SEE YOU AROUND!

PETER, I... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN! I'VE BEEN SEEING QUITE A BIT OF NED...

NOTHING TO EXPLAIN, BETTY! HE SEEMS TO BE A NICE GUY! WHY SHOULDN'T YOU SEE HIM?

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO UNDERSTANDING, PETER! AND I FEEL I'VE TREATED YOU SO...

FORGET IT, BETTY... EXCUSE ME... HERE COMES MR. JAMESON!

HE SEEMS SO CHANGED ALL OF A SUDDEN! HE SEEMS TO HAVE NEW CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF! I WONDER... CAN HE HAVE FOUND SOMEONE ELSE??

MEANWHILE...

MR. JAMESON, I WONDER IF YOU'D MIND...?

SHUDDUP! GO AWAY! OF COURSE I MIND!

I'VE GOT THE NEW GALLEYS FOR YOU TO OKAY!

DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH THAT JUNK! CAN'T ANYONE THINK FOR HIMSELF HERE?? AM I SURROUNDED BY INCOMPETENTS!??

LOOKS LIKE STONE FACE IS BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN, HUH?

YEP! I KNEW HIS GOOD MOOD COULDN'T LAST!

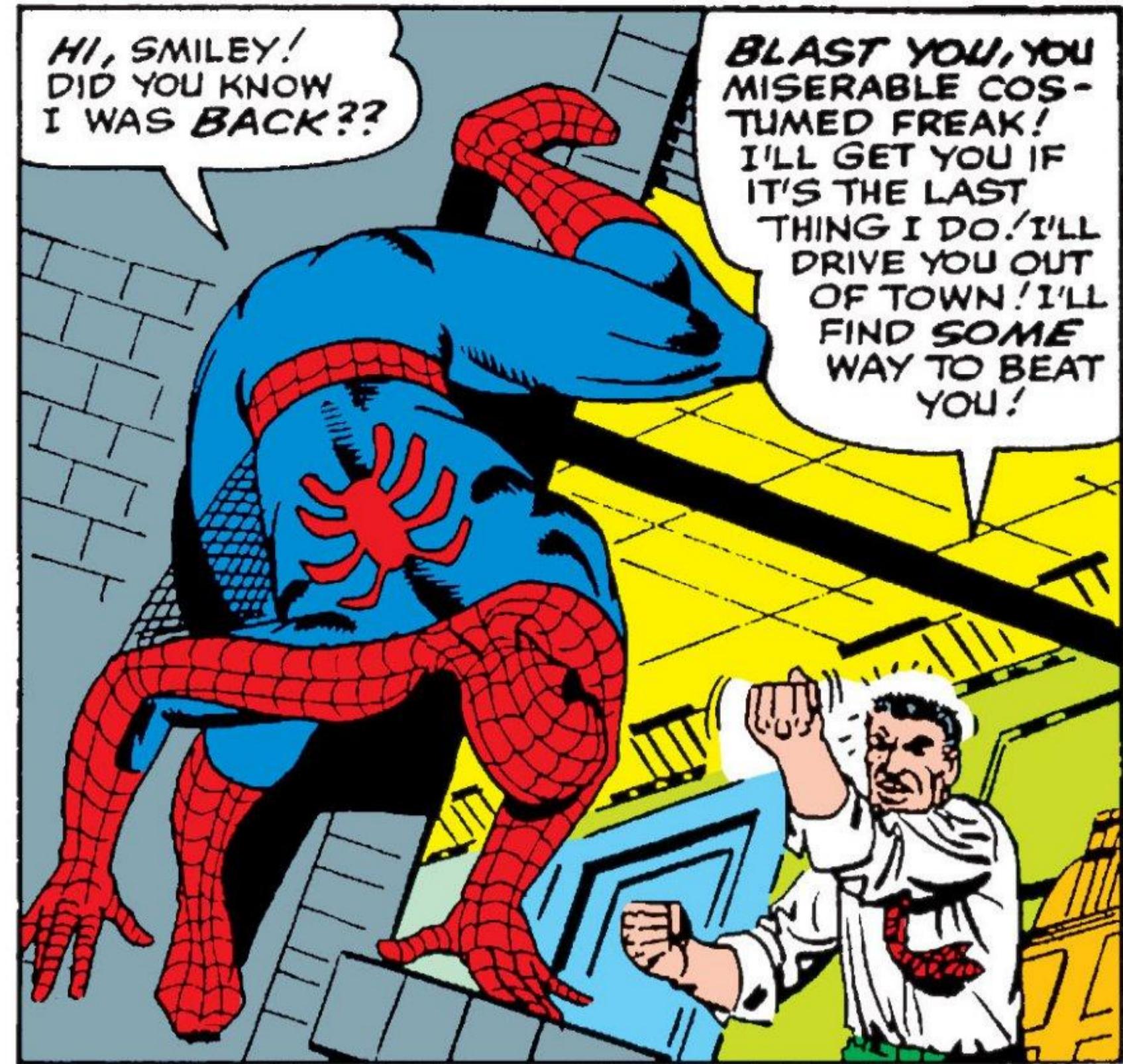


AND NOW, HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS, FRIENDS... HERE COMES SOME OF THAT HIGH-TENSION ACTION WE PROMISED YOU...

BEFORE I GO AFTER THE ENFORCERS, I'LL PAY ANOTHER LITTLE VISIT TO JOLLY JONAH ... BUT THIS TIME AS SPIDER-MAN!!

HI, SMILEY! DID YOU KNOW I WAS BACK??

BLAST YOU, YOU MISERABLE COSTUMED FREAK! I'LL GET YOU IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO! I'LL DRIVE YOU OUT OF TOWN! I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO BEAT YOU!



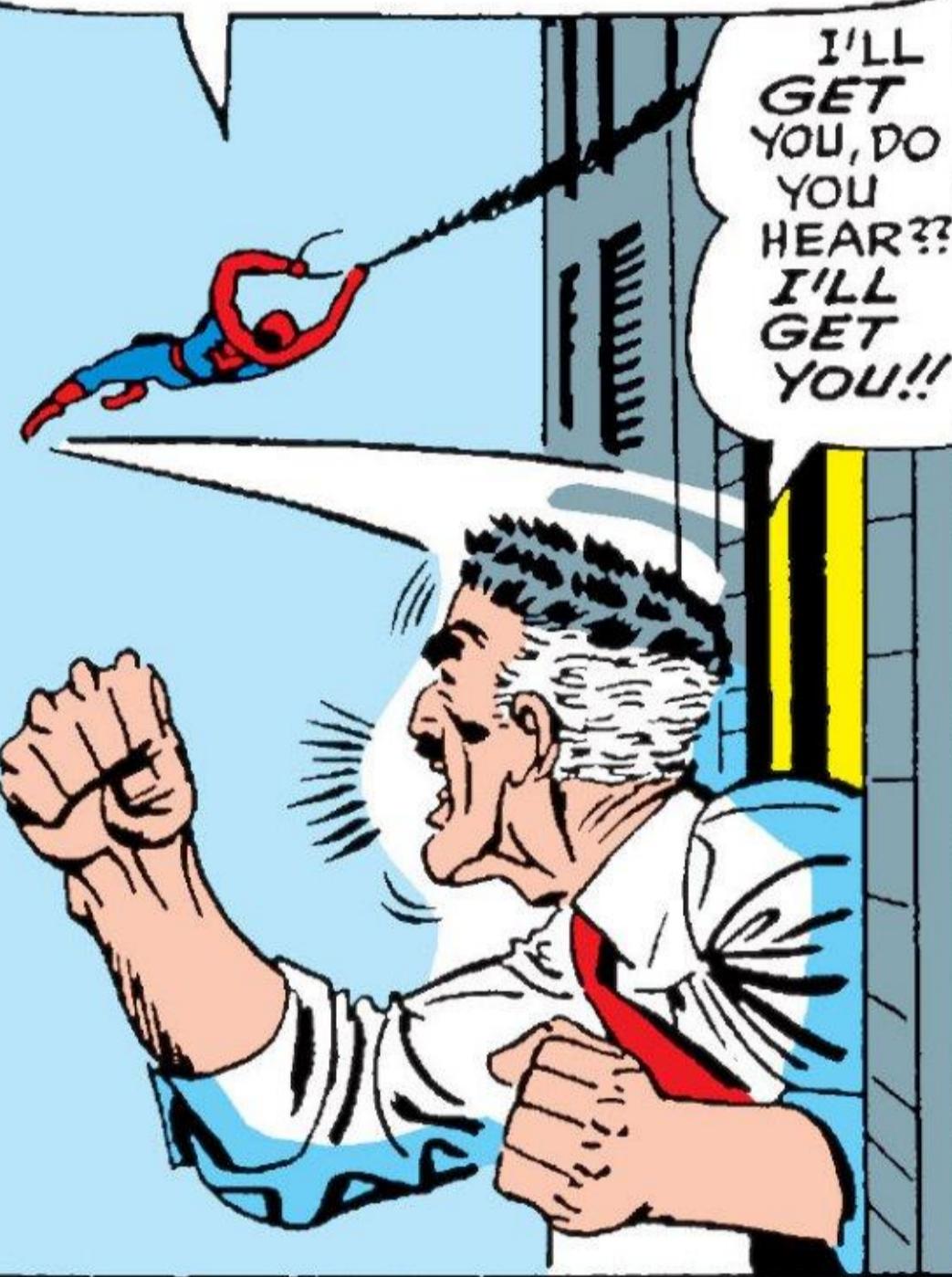
SURE YOU WILL, SWEETIE! BUT FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T HOLD MY BREATH WHILE I'M WAITING!

I'LL GET YOU, DO YOU HEAR?? I'LL GET YOU!!!

SOMETIMES I SUSPECT THAT MAN JUST DOESN'T LIKE ME!

WELL, I'D BETTER GET DOWN TO BUSINESS NOW! FIRST, I'VE GOT TO FIND THE ENFORCERS...

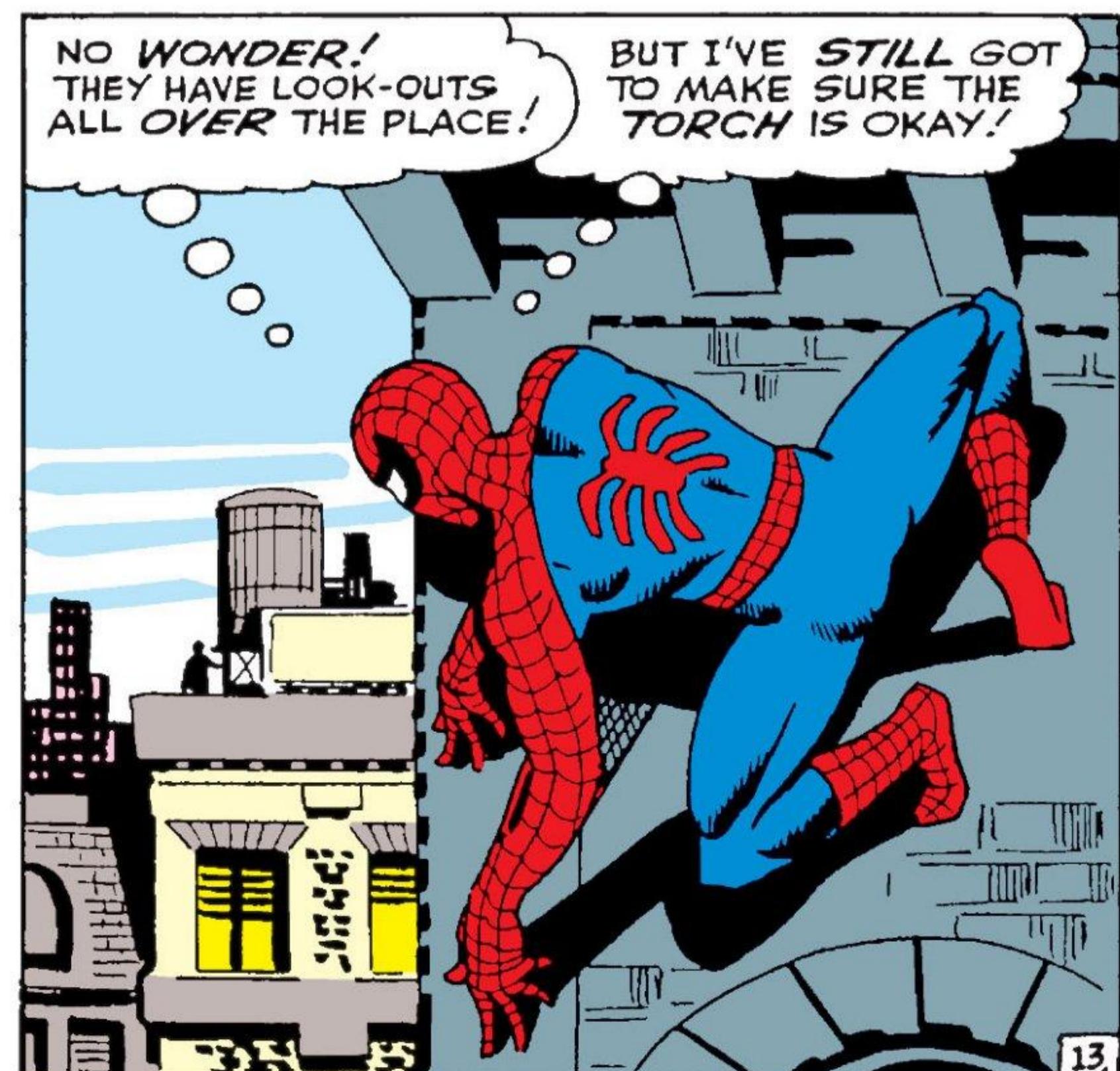
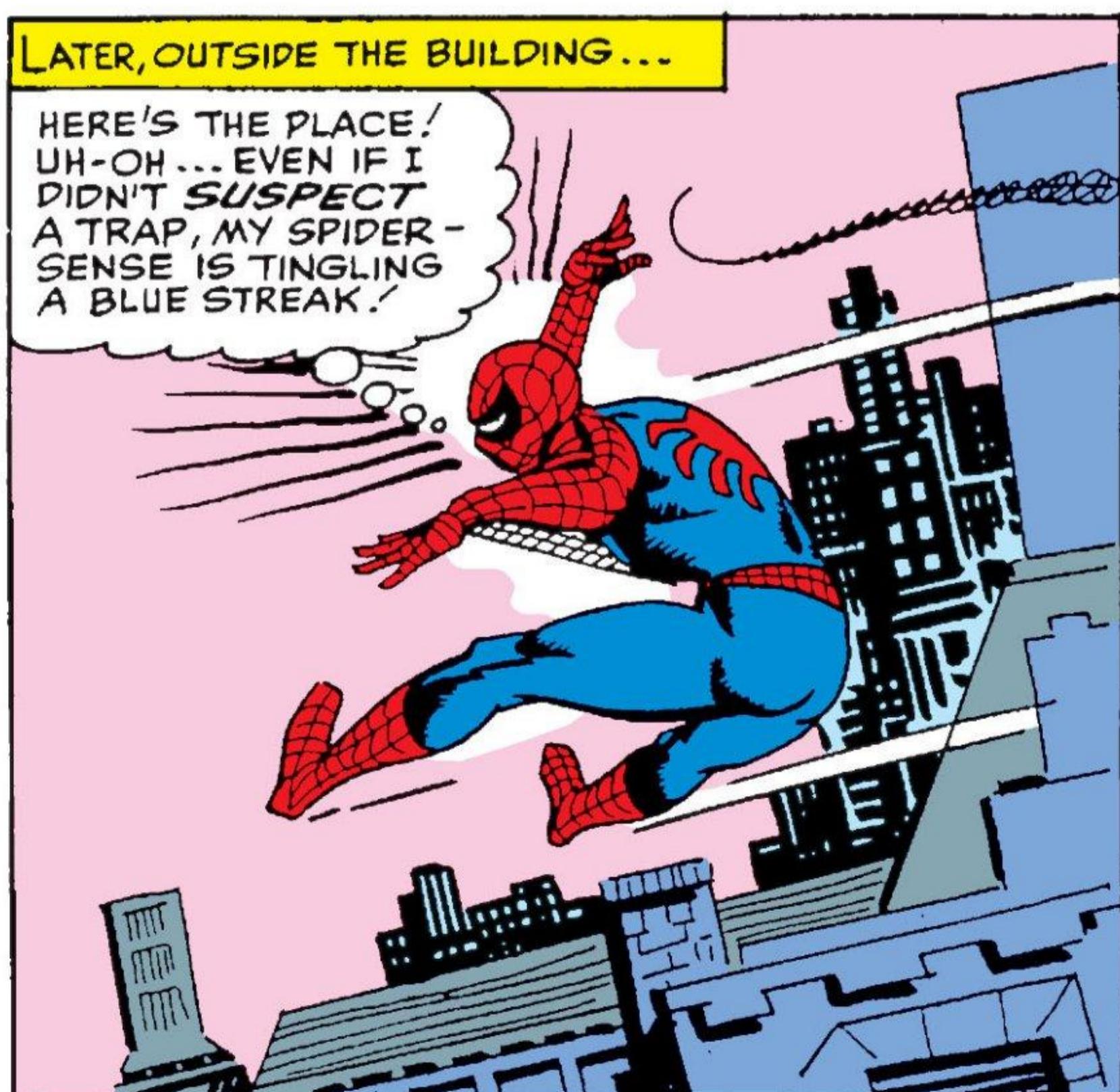
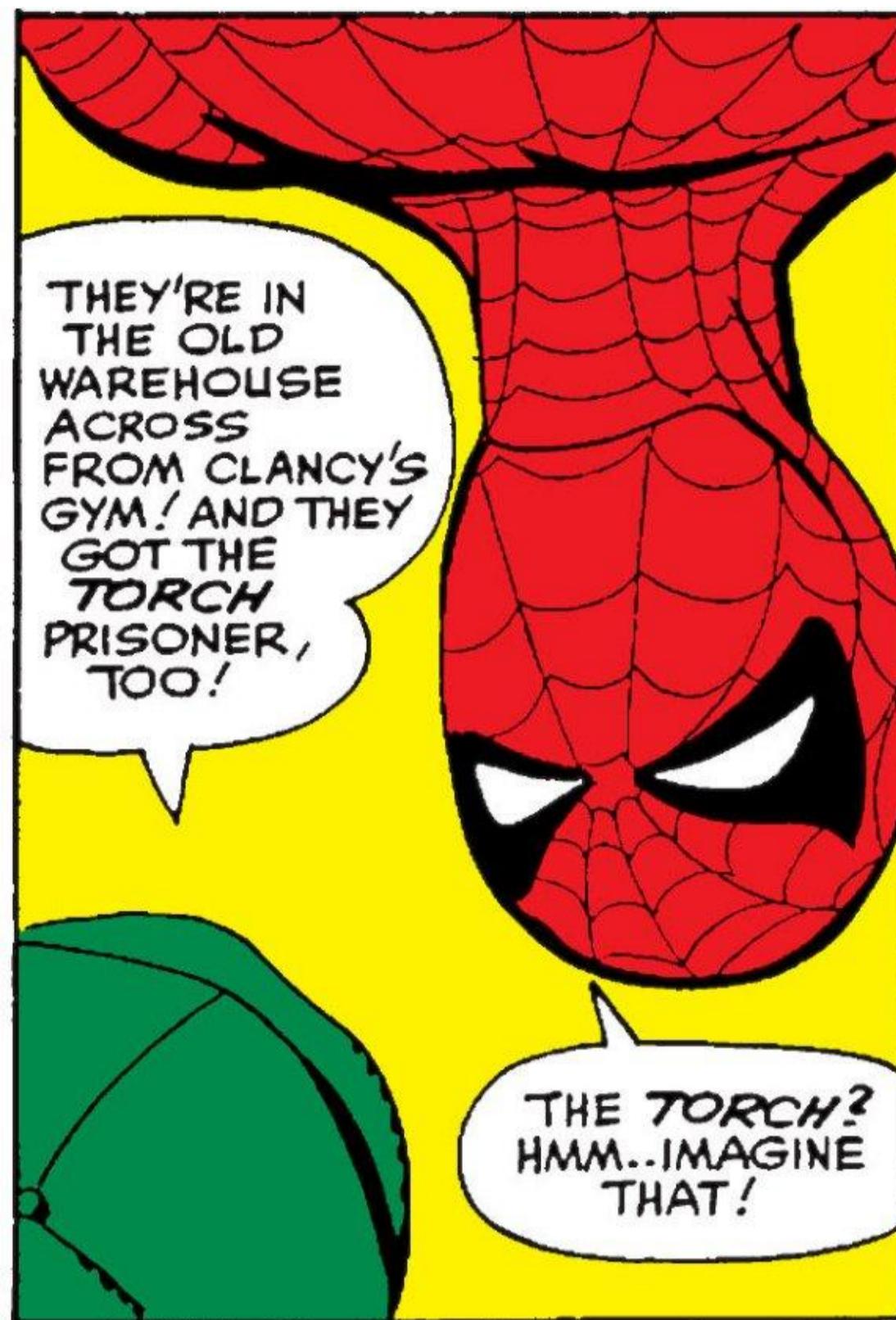
AND OL' SPIDEY KNOWS JUST THE WAY TO DO THAT LITTLE THING...!

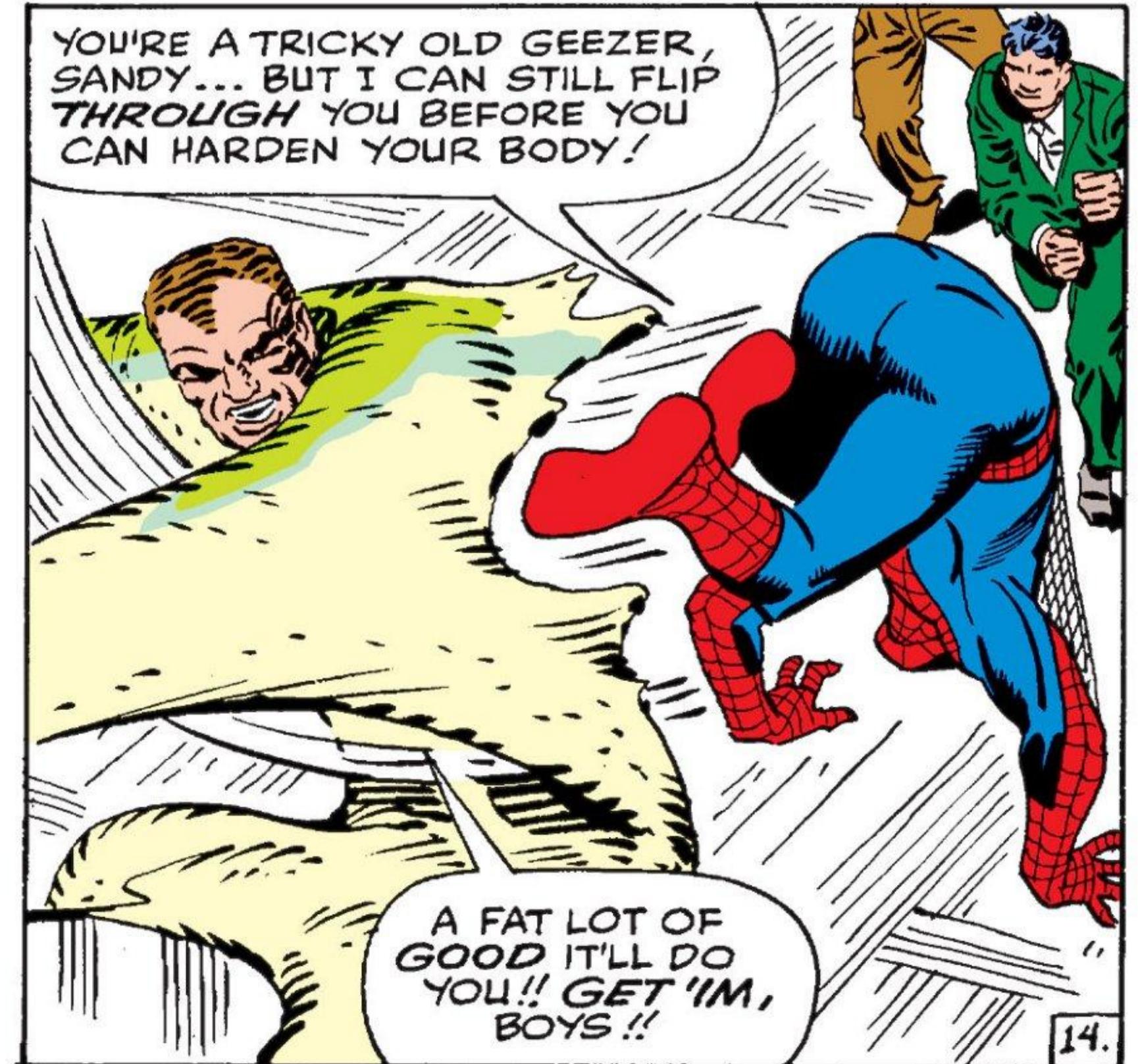
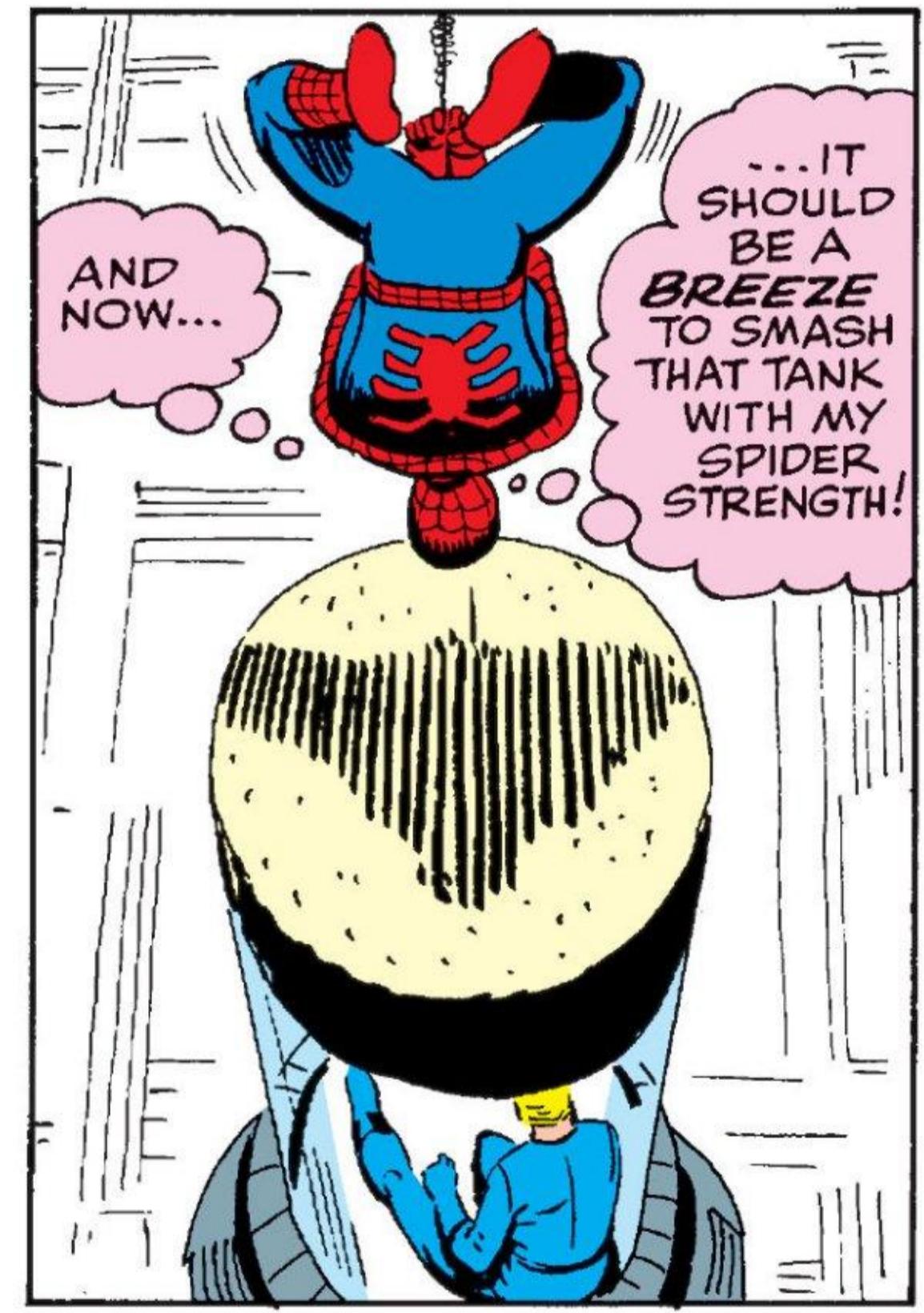
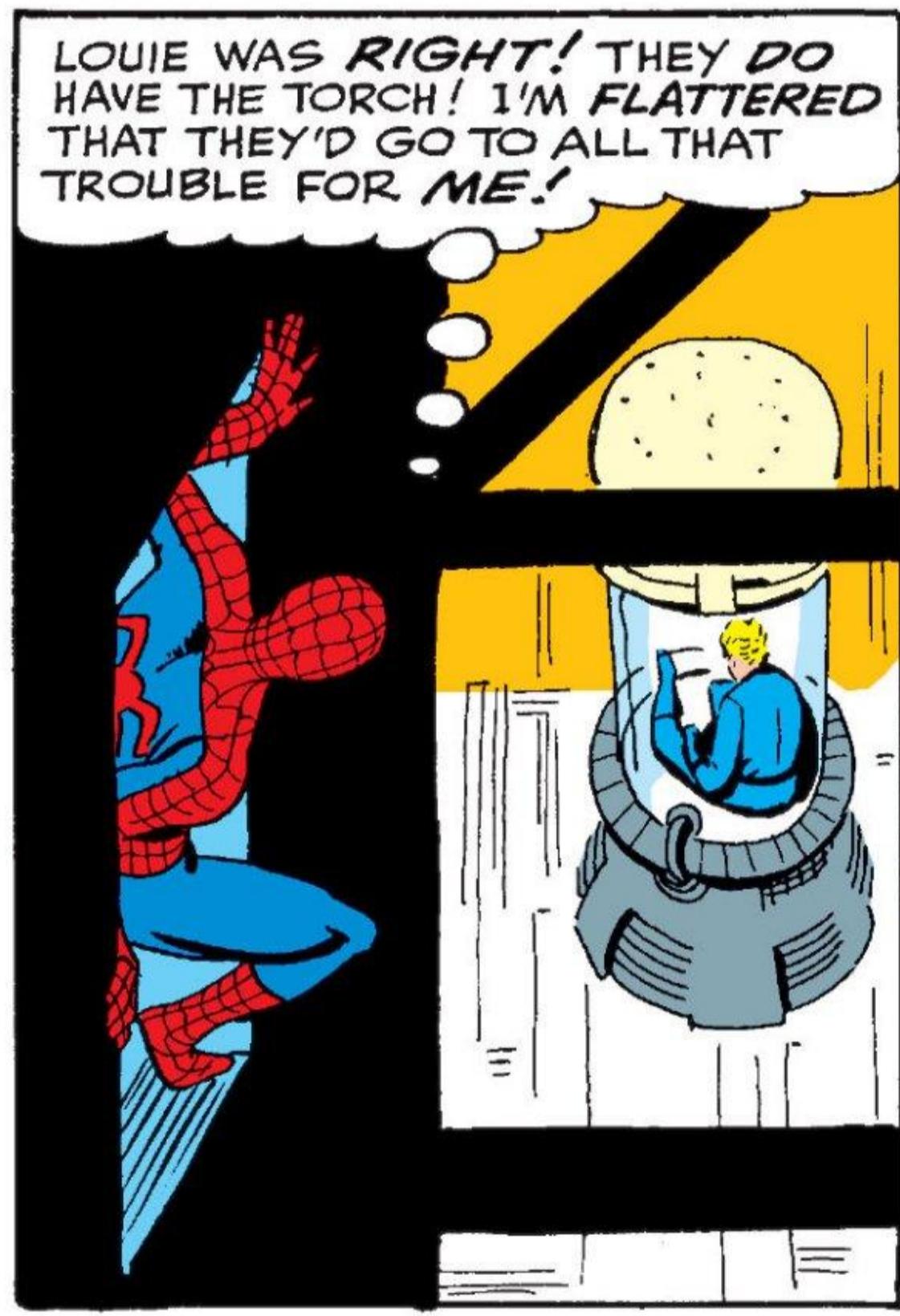
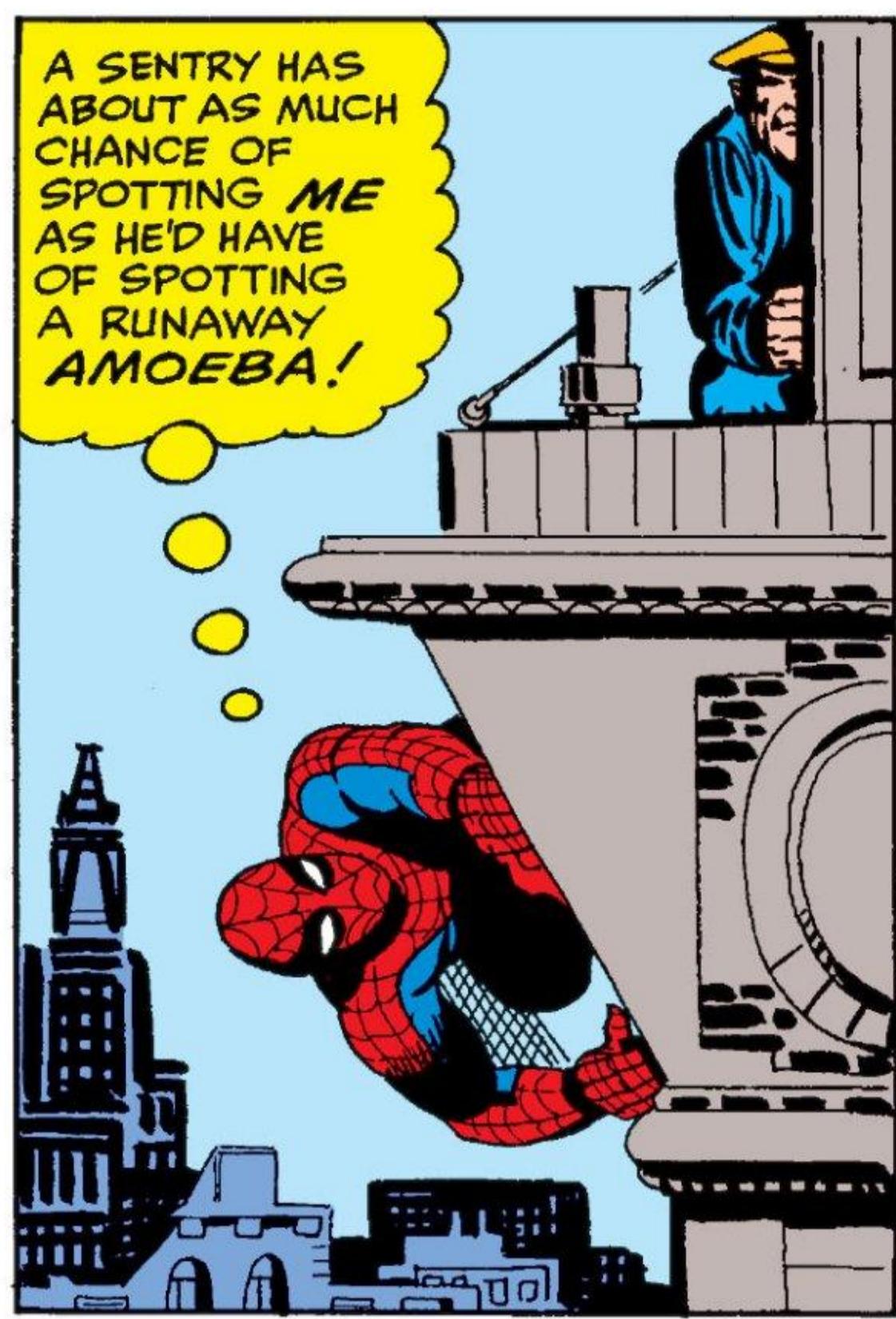


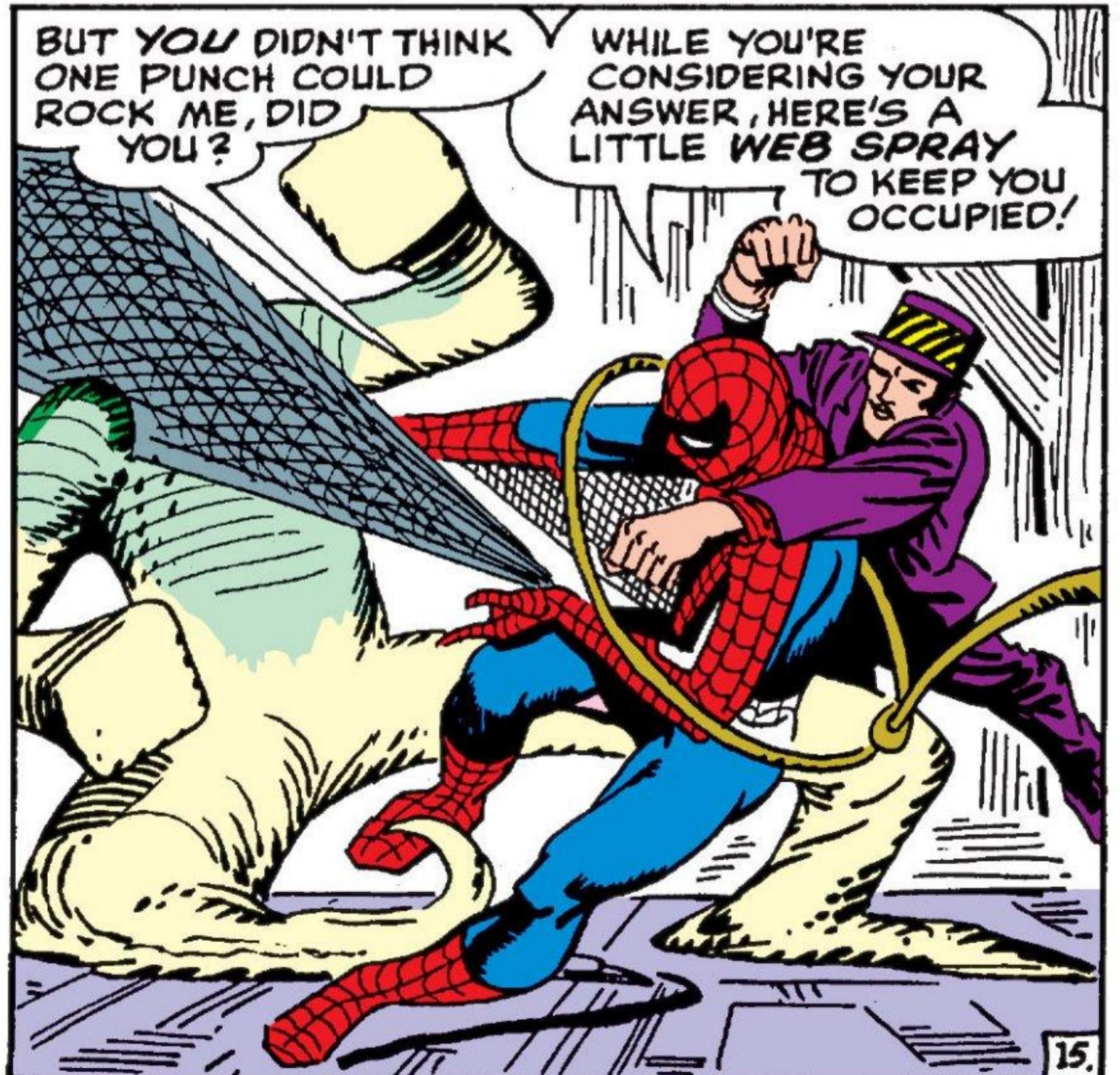
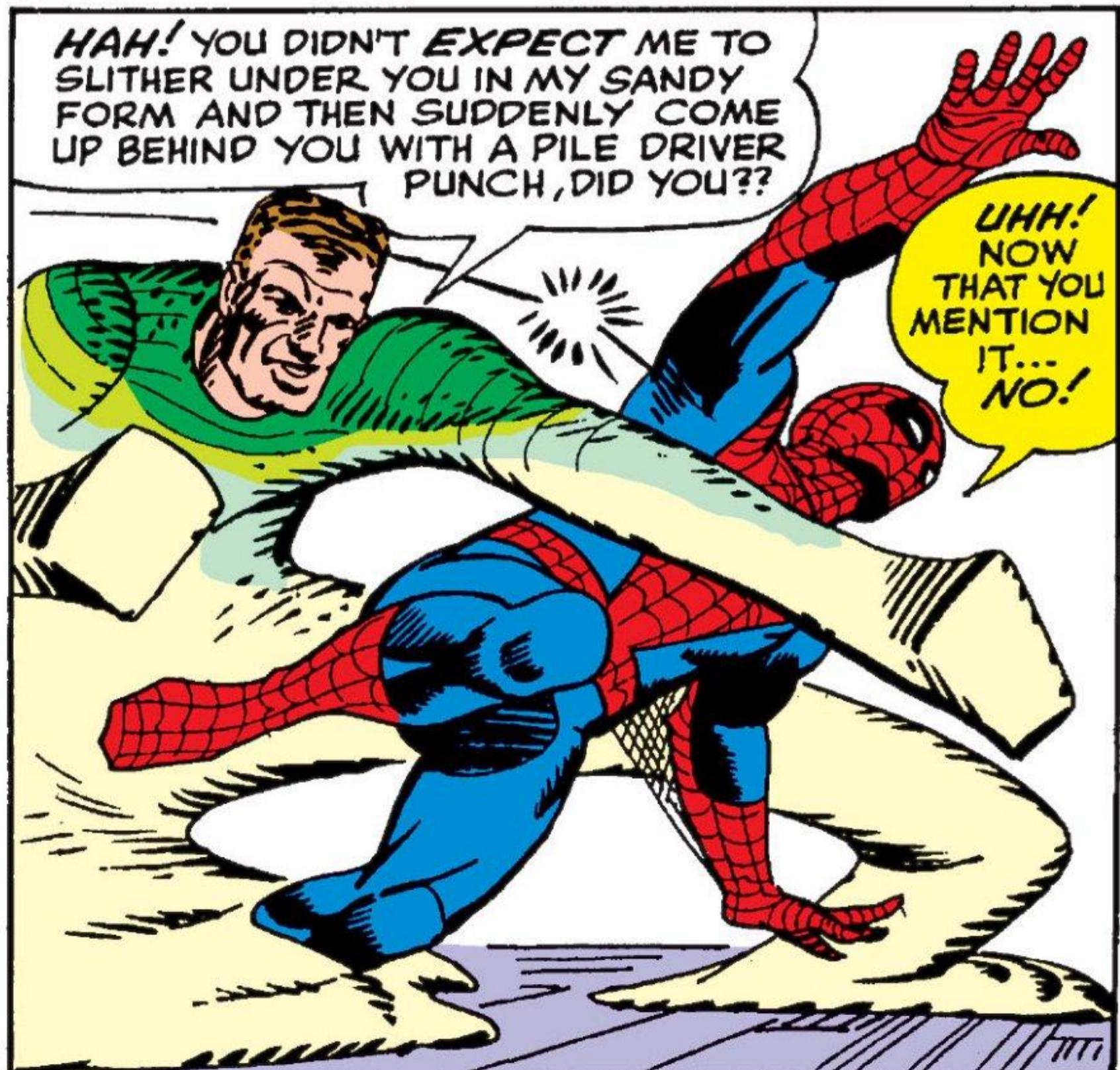
AFTER A HALF HOUR OF PATIENT, SILENT WAITING...

AH! HERE COMES MY LITTLE PIGEON NOW!







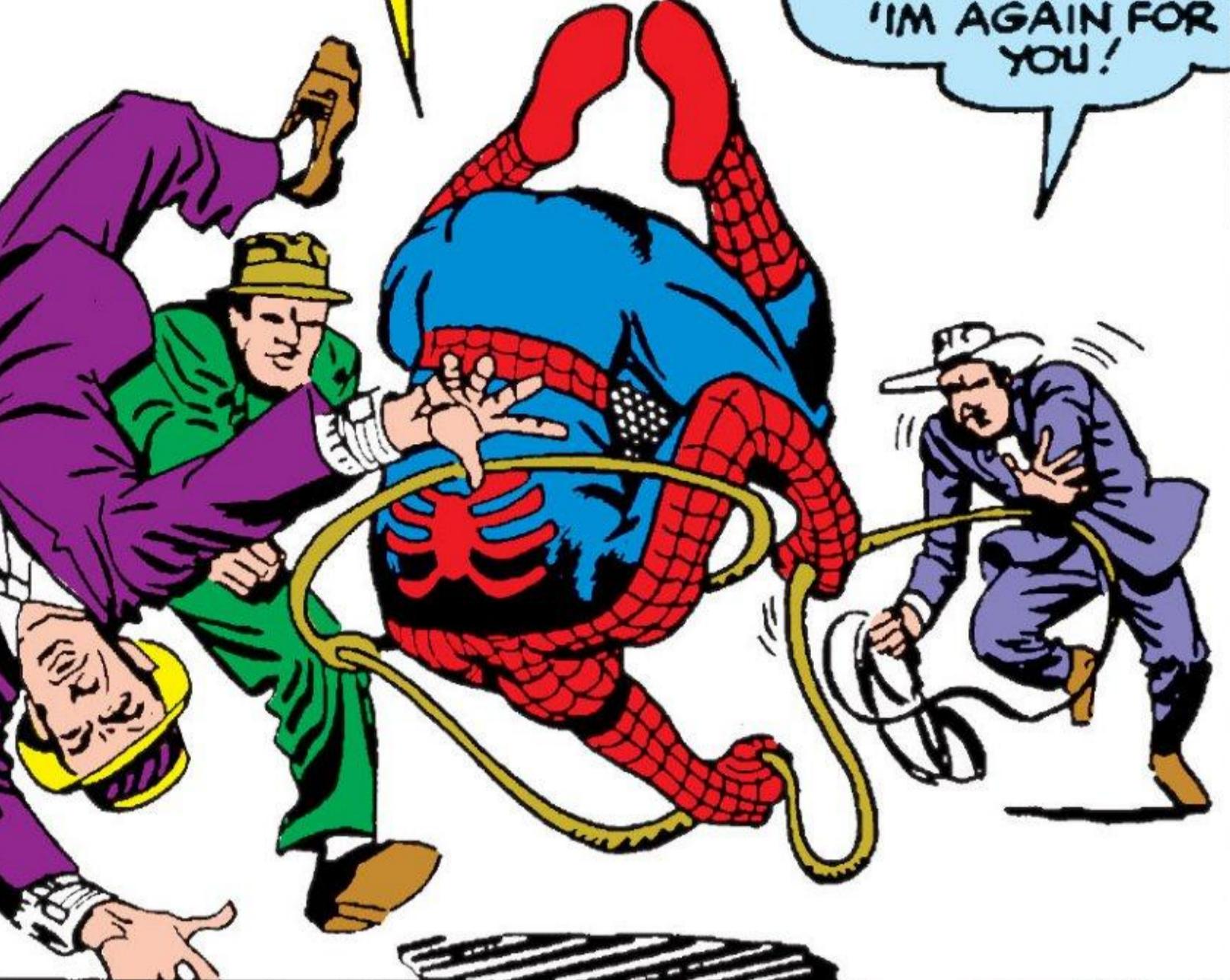


SORRY, CHUM...NO FREE RIDES TODAY! ALL OFF!!

WHAT'S THE MATTAH WITH Y'ALL? CAINT YOU HOLD ONE LIL OL' FELLA? HEAH... I'LL HAWG-TIE 'IM AGAIN FOR YOU!

MONTANA, IN CASE NOBODY EVER TOLD YOU, THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TOSSIN' A LASSO OVER SOMEONE, AND MAKING IT STICK! MAYBE YOU OUGHTTA TRY USING A NET FOR A WHILE!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
GET 'IM!!



IT'S YOUR CHANCE, ALL RIGHT... YOUR CHANCE TO SERVE AS A GENUINE SPIDEY PUNCHING BAG!

SO, THANKS A HEAP!

KEEP AFTER HIM, OX! HE CAN'T MAINTAIN THAT PACE FOREVER! GET HIM NOW, WHILE I HAVE HIM OFF-BALANCE!

I SURE AIM TO DO THAT LITTLE THING!

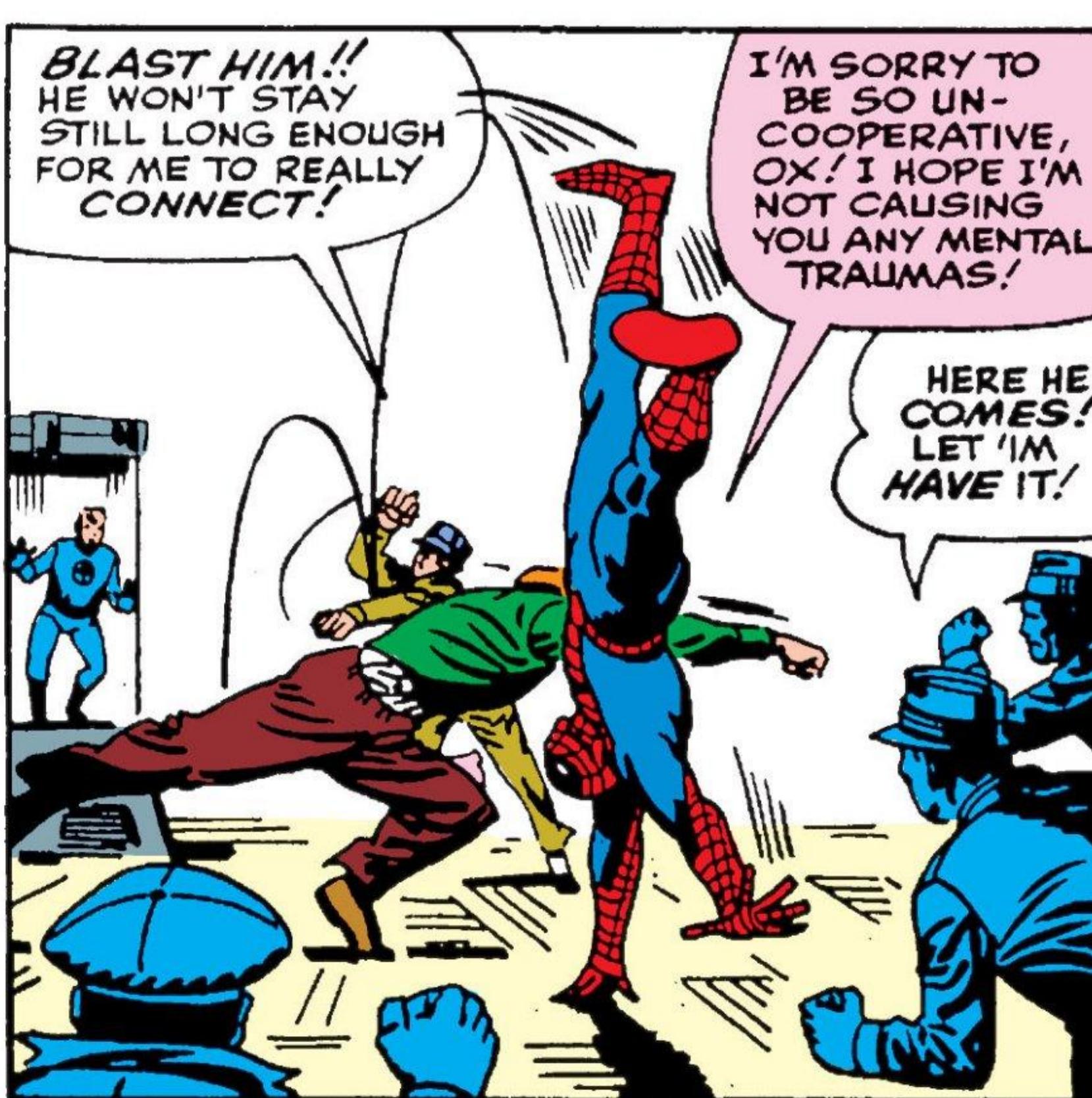


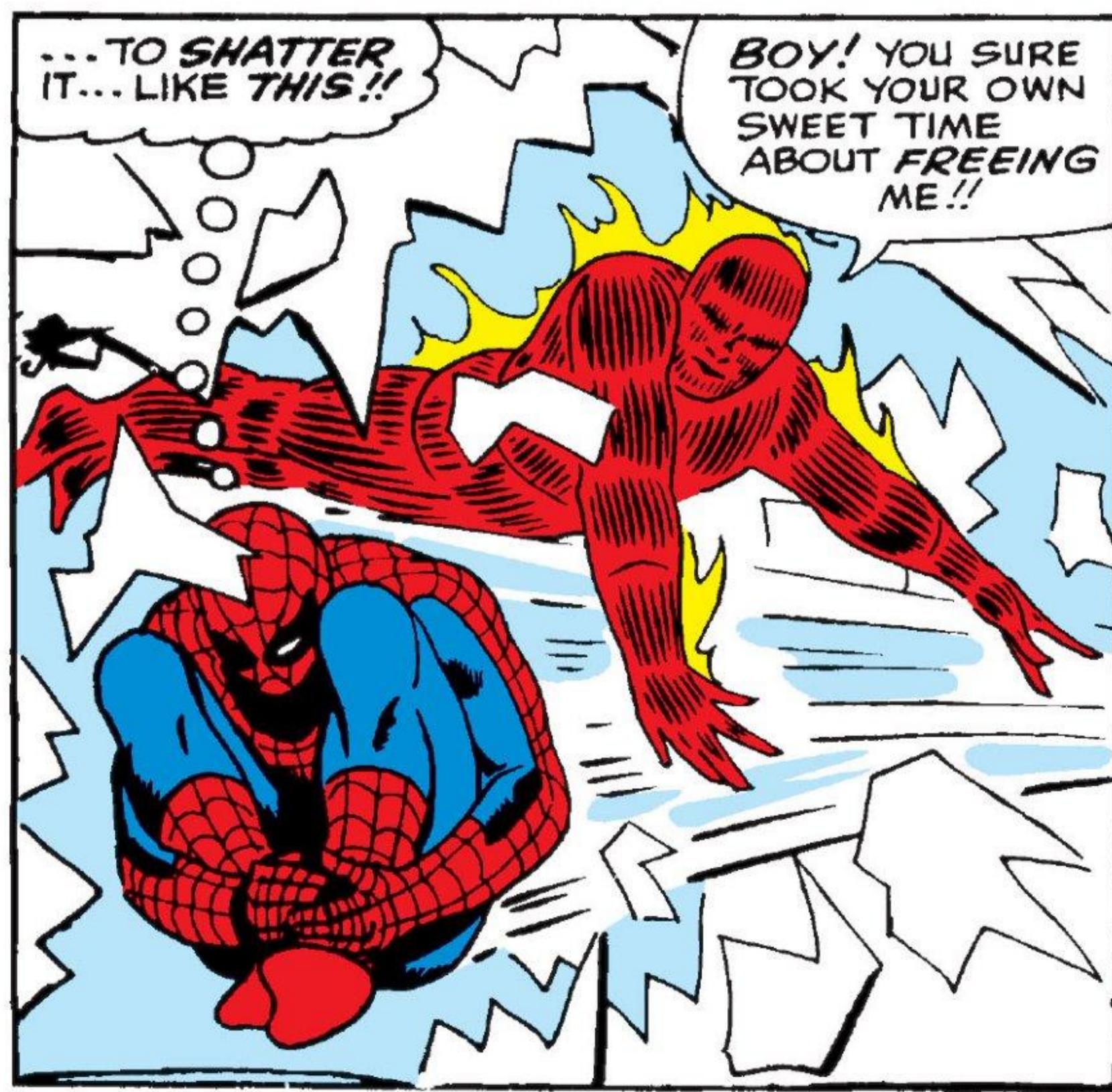
BLAST HIM!! HE WON'T STAY STILL LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO REALLY CONNECT!

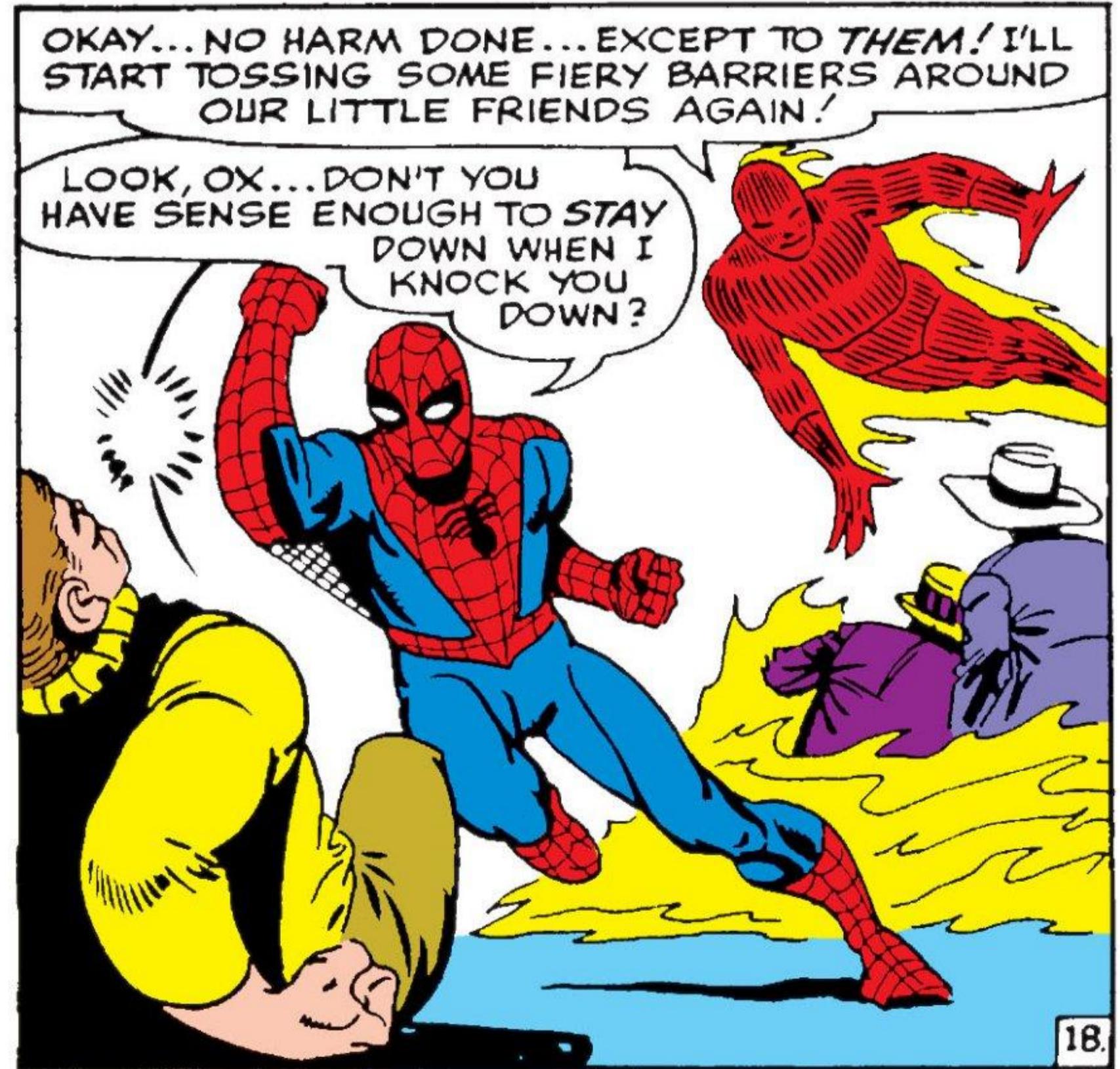
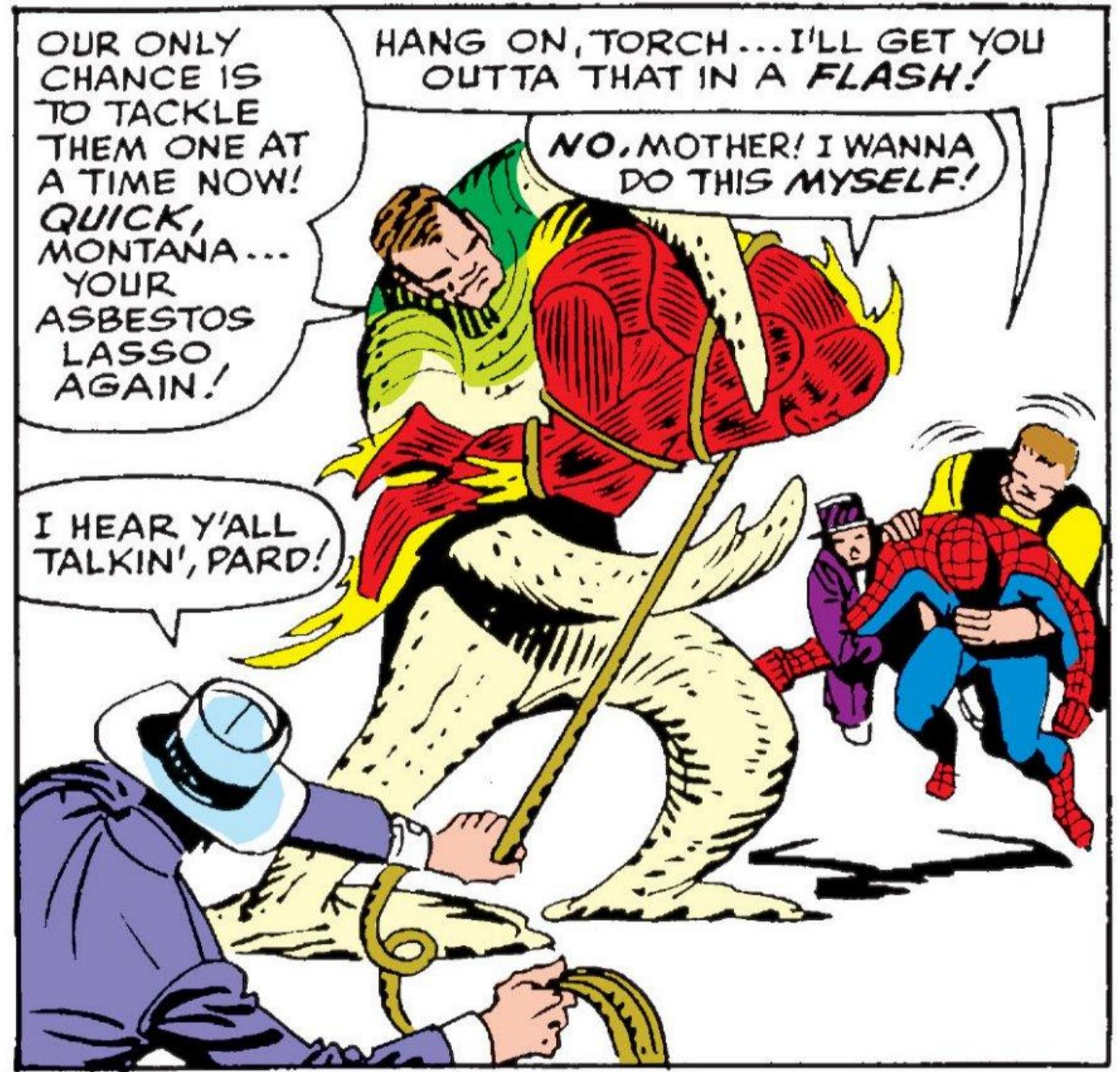
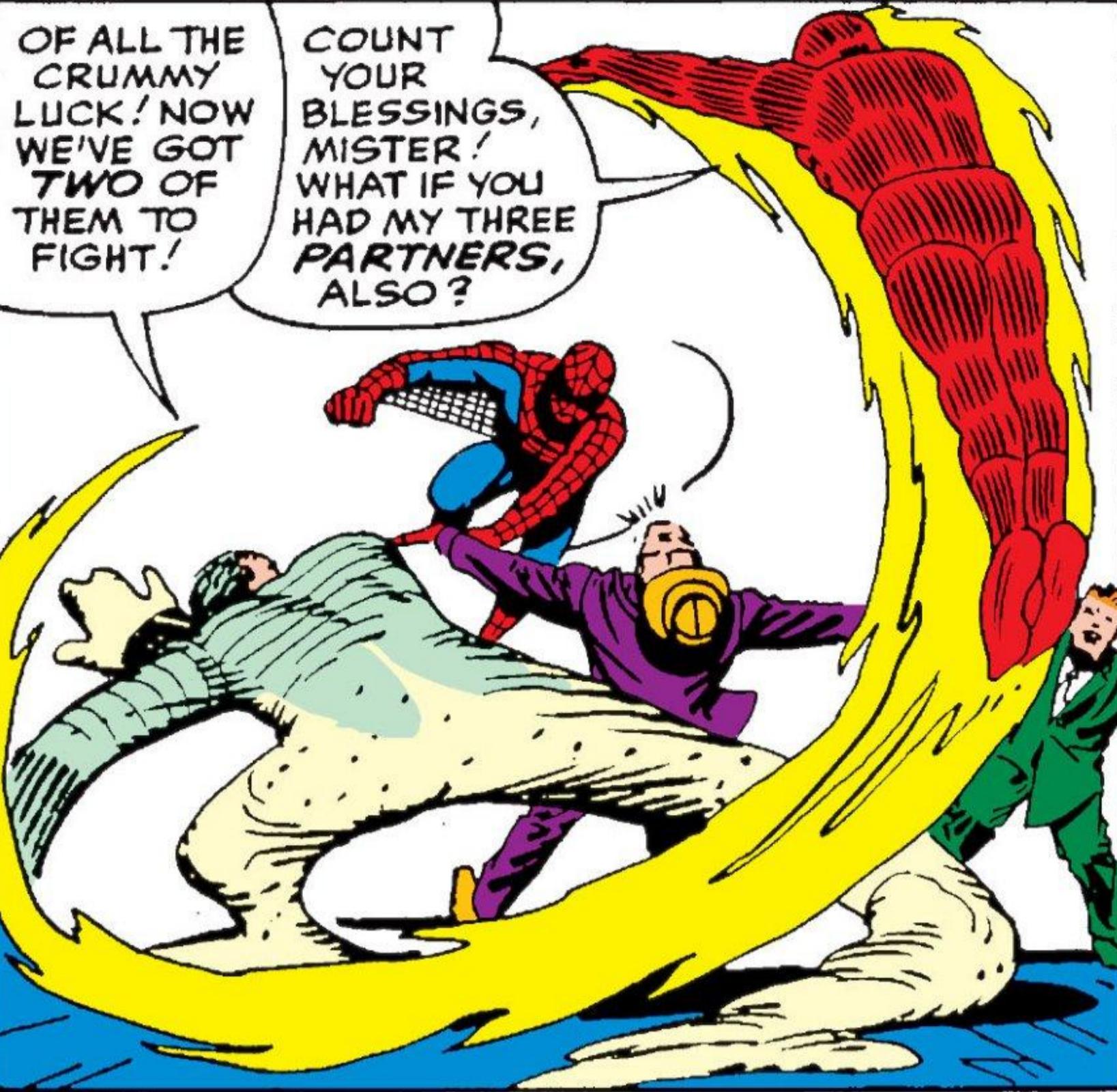
I'M SORRY TO BE SO UN-COOPERATIVE, OX! I HOPE I'M NOT CAUSING YOU ANY MENTAL TRAUMAS!

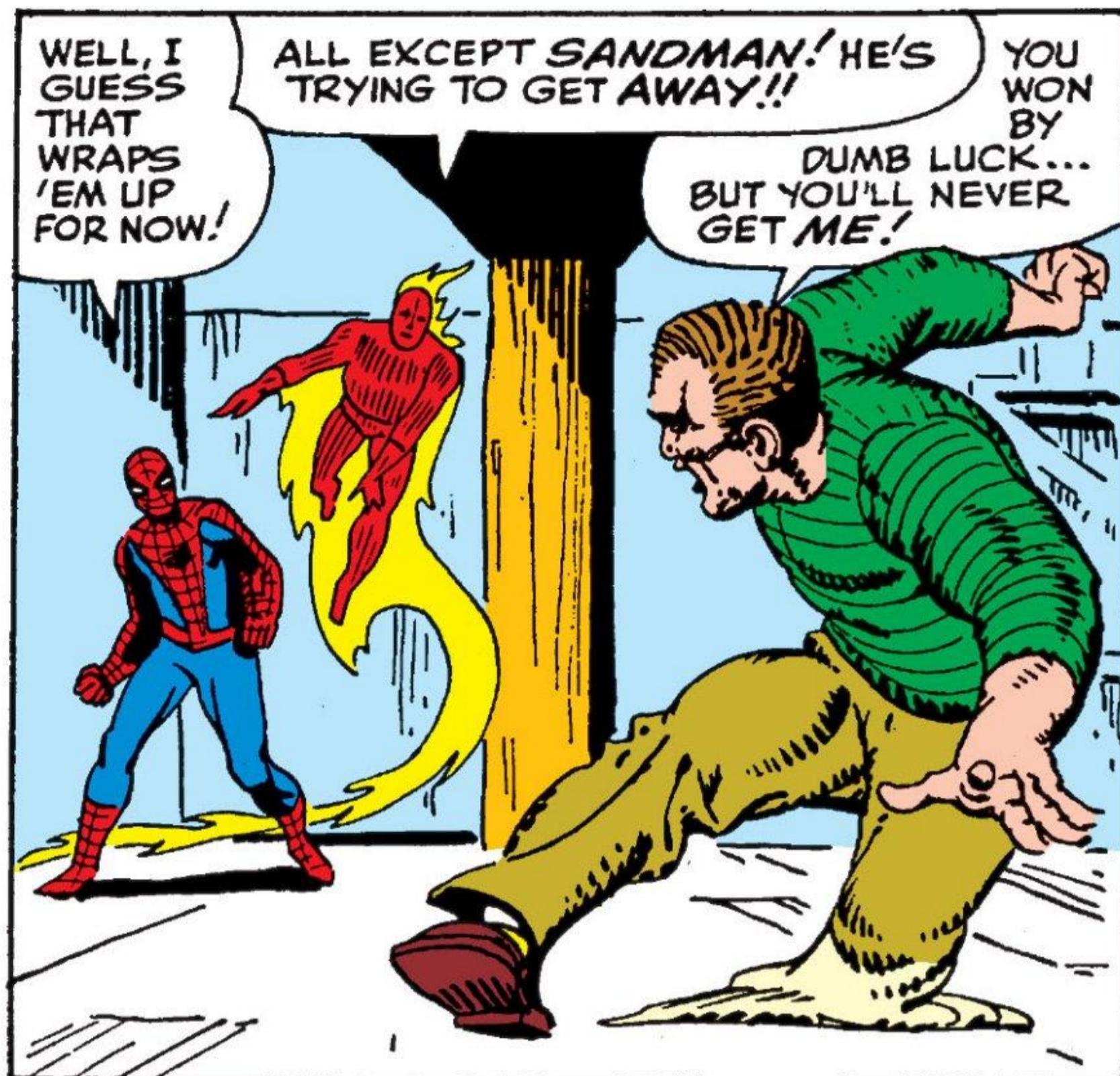
HERE HE COMES! LET 'IM HAVE IT!

DON'T KID YOURSELVES! YOU GUYS HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE!









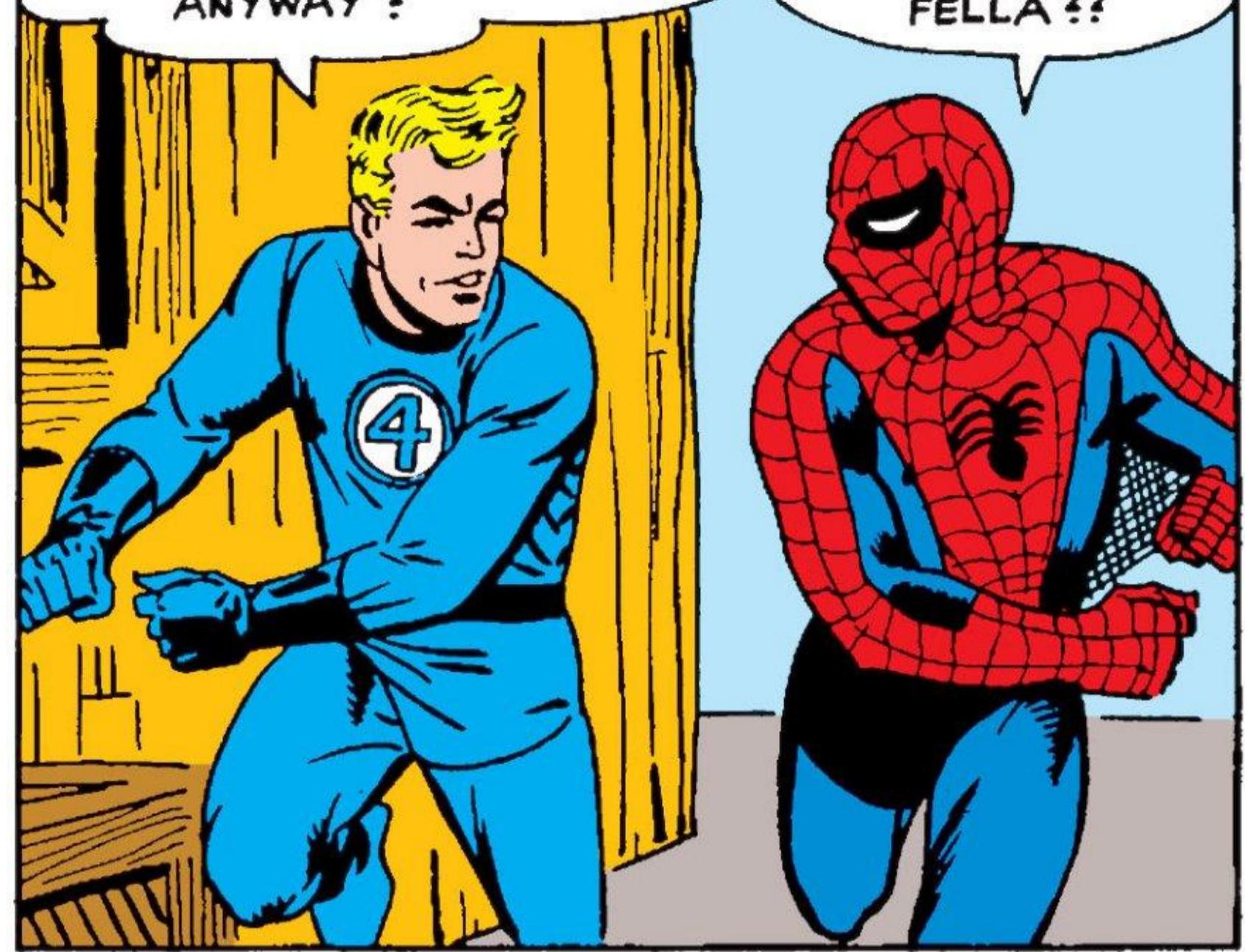
AND, IT LOOKS LIKE NOTHING STOPPED SANDMAN, EITHER! HE SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN AWAY!

NUTS! HE'S THE ONE I WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO GET...AFTER THE HARD TIME HE GAVE ME LAST MONTH!



YEAH, I REMEMBER THAT! EVERYONE THOUGHT YOU'D TURNED CHICKEN! WHAT MADE YOU RUN OUT ON THAT FIGHT WITH THE GREEN GOBLIN, ANYWAY?

ANYONE EVER TELL YOU THAT YOU ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS, FELLA??



MEANTIME, BEFORE THE TWO COLORFUL TEEN-AGERS CAN REACH THEIR ALMOST-EXHAUSTED QUARRY...

LOOK! THE SAND-MAN! GET 'IM, MIKE!

OH, NO!! AFTER ME FINALLY ESCAPING THE TORCH AND SPIDER-MAN ---

BUT, YOU'RE WASTIN' YOUR TIME! NOBODY CAN HOLD ME! I'LL TURN TO SAND AND SLIP RIGHT THROUGH, YOU....!



NOT THIS TIME, MISTER! WE'LL HANG ONTO YOU EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SCOOP YOU UP WITH A PAIL AND SHOVEL!!

IT'S NO USE! I'M TOO TIRED! CAN'T MAKE THE EFFORT... TOO MUCH OF A STRAIN... MIGHT AS WELL SURRENDER!

WE'VE GOT HIM! HE CAN'T GET AWAY!



ALL RIGHT, YOU WIN! I'LL GO BACK TO JAIL PEACEFULLY! ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN HAVING TO FACE SPIDER-MAN AND THAT FLAMING FREAK AGAIN!

SPIDER-MAN? THEN THE REPORTS MUST BE TRUE! HE IS BACK IN ACTION, FIGHTING CRIME ONCE MORE!

AND MORE POWER TO HIM, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED!



WELL, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE POLICE HAVE THINGS WELL IN HAND! NOTHING MORE FOR US TO DO!

THERE'S STILL ONE THING... THE THING YOU ALWAYS DO! YOU'LL TRY TO GET ALL THE CREDIT, WHILE I TAKE A POWDER! SO LONG, JUNIOR!



THE NEXT DAY, AT JAMESON'S OFFICE ...

HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST NEWS BULLETIN, MR. JAMESON? SPIDER-MAN, AIDED BY THE HUMAN TORCH, CAPTURED THE ENFORCERS AND CHASED THE SANDMAN INTO THE ARMS OF THE POLICE!

THAT MEANS HE'S A HERO AGAIN!!

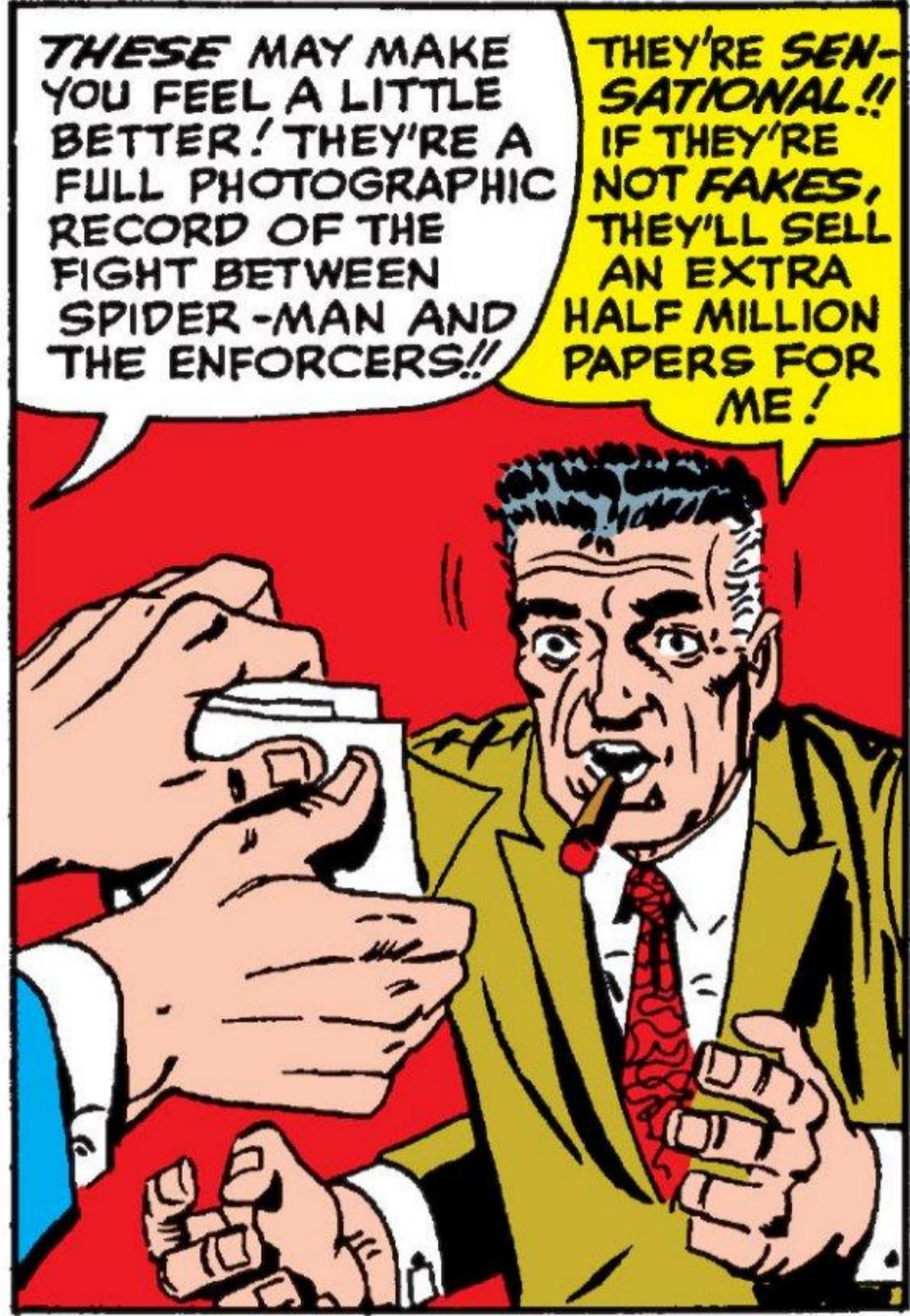
I WONDER IF I'M TOO OLD TO JOIN THE FOREIGN LEGION??

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? JUST A SHORT TIME AGO SPIDER-MAN WAS PUBLIC HEEL #1! EVERYONE CALLED HIM A YELLOW COWARD! AND NOW...HE'S MORE GLAMOROUS THAN EVER! HOW? HOW??

MR. JAMESON! I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU...!

THESE MAY MAKE YOU FEEL A LITTLE BETTER! THEY'RE A FULL PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF THE FIGHT BETWEEN SPIDER-MAN AND THE ENFORCERS!!

THEY'RE SENSATIONAL!! IF THEY'RE NOT FAKES, THEY'LL SELL AN EXTRA HALF MILLION PAPERS FOR ME!



LATER, AS THE NEXT EDITION GOES ON SALE...

JONAH JAMESON DID IT AGAIN! AN EXCLUSIVE SET OF PHOTOS SHOWING SPIDER-MAN IN ACTION!

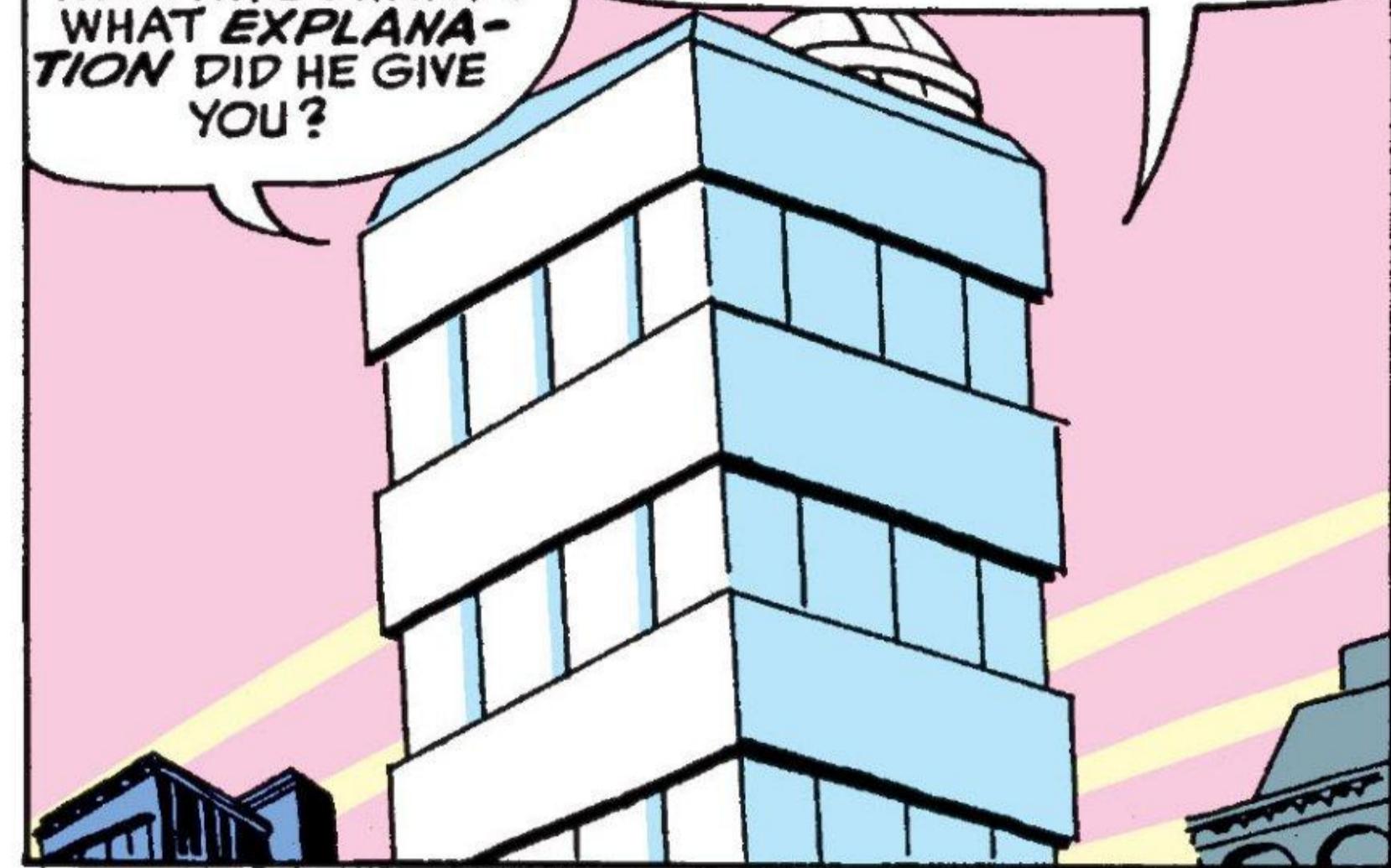
BUT, JUST THE OTHER DAY HE WAS CALLING SPIDEY A FRAUD!

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND PUBLICITY? HE JUST DID IT TO GET PEOPLE INTERESTED! THEN HE PULLS OFF A STUNT LIKE THIS! I'LL BET THEY'RE BOTH IN CAHOOTS!

I WOULDN'T BE AT ALL SURPRISED!

AND, AT FANTASTIC FOUR HEADQUARTERS, ATOP THE FAMOUS BAXTER BUILDING, IN THE HEART OF THE CITY...

NONE! GETTING INFORMATION OUT OF THAT WEB-SPINNER IS LIKE PULLIN' TEETH! I STILL CAN'T EVEN MAKE UP MY MIND WHETHER TO LIKE HIM OR HATE 'IM!



WHILE, OUTSIDE MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, AT 3:00 P.M....

SO LONG, PETEY!

"PETEY"! HE'S THE ONE!

SEE YOU TOMORROW, LIZ!



SLOWLY, AT A SAFE DISTANCE, THE SILENT STRANGER FOLLOWS THE UNSUSPECTING TEEN-AGER...

IT'S GREAT TO HAVE THINGS BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN! I HAVEN'T A WORRY IN THE WORLD NOW!



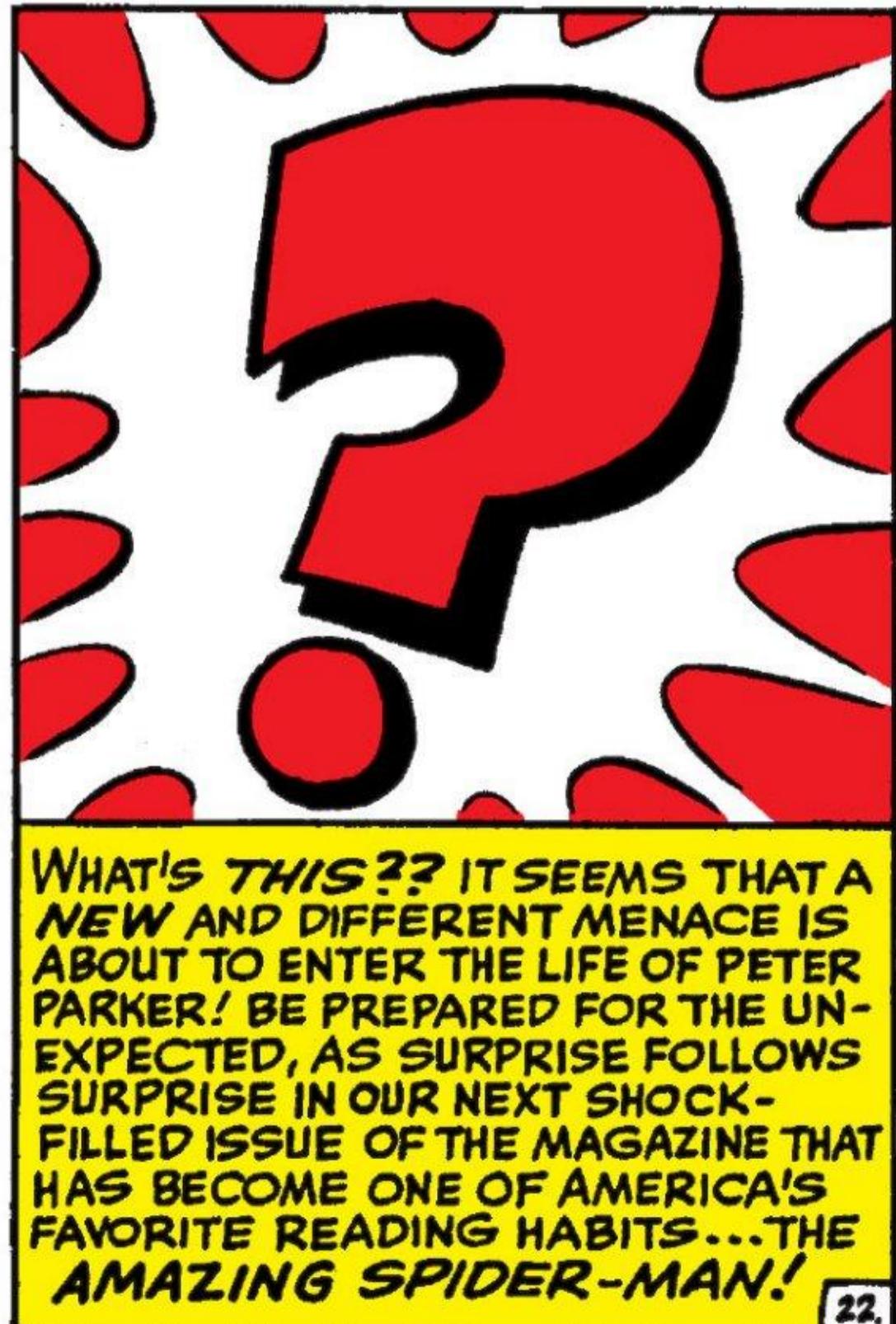
HMM! HE TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS SOME TIME AGO! I GUESS IT'S SAFE TO PHONE AND CHECK IN NOW!



ALL RIGHT! NOW GET BACK TO YOUR POST UNTIL YOU'RE RELIEVED! I WANT HIM UNDER SURVEILLANCE EVERY MINUTE!



I'VE GOT TO KNOW FOR CERTAIN! AND THEN... WHEN I'M SURE... I'LL ACT!



WHAT'S THIS?? IT SEEMS THAT A NEW AND DIFFERENT MENACE IS ABOUT TO ENTER THE LIFE OF PETER PARKER! BE PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED, AS SURPRISE FOLLOWS SURPRISE IN OUR NEXT SHOCK-FILLED ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE THAT HAS BECOME ONE OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE READING HABITS...THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!



SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Stan and Steve,

Congratulations on your wonderful character, the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. In 25 years of comic book reading I have never seen or read a better comic. All five of my children agree with me on this. My children have introduced their friends to Spider-Man as well.

Mrs. Mary McCluskey, P.O. Box 432
Westwood, Calif.

That's fine with us, Mrs. McC! But, in our greedy little way, we kinda hope that you, your five children, and their many friends aren't all reading the same copy!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I had to write and let you know my ideas about the Marvel Comics Group. Generally speaking, they're all excellent. However, I do have a few complaints. Why do you insist on burying Don Heck in TALES OF SUSPENSE each month? He does Giant-Man better than anyone else in the Marvel bullpen. I think he's your best all around artist, and he does the least work of any of them. Sure, he does Iron Man magnificently, but that's the only work he does all month. Please led him at least ink the work of your other artists. I also want to complain about the strength you've been giving the Hulk lately. I mean Spider-Man should have at least staggered the Hulk when he hit him like he did in issue #14. Surely the Hulk can't be that great. Pretty soon you'll be making the jolly green giant invulnerable which would be unthinkable! Kraven the Hunter was a wonderful villain even if he did fight dirty!

Joseph Sharkey, 3547 Rosalia Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Well, Joey, first things first! Dimpled Donny Heck is now drawing *The Avengers* each and every month, in addition to *Iron Man*! How's that for service? As for the Hulk's strength, don't blame us! Write a scathing letter to those nasty ol' gamma rays of Bruce Banner's! Glad you liked cuddly Kraven, even if you didn't like the way he fought! (Although Spidy liked how he fought—because he lost!)

Dear Stan and Steve,

I'm a Marvel Comics fan and can't resist anything written by Stan Lee! I'm not writing this about Spider-Man, but rather to say that I just saw a copy of Stan's "MONSTERS TO LAUGH WITH!" and think it's grand! But you should have told us about it. All Marvel fans (and that's everybody) will want it. Anyway, thanks for such a great mag.

Steven Hall, 3708 Maple Leaf Drive
Bloomington, Indiana

Much obliged, Stevey! But the reason we didn't mention our humorous new monster mag is that it isn't really a comic book. However, for those of you with an extra 25¢ in your jeans, the second hilarious bigish may still be on sale!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Quit trying to break up Pete and Betty. I suppose you are eventually going to break them up and have Pete going steady with Liz Allen. Well, don't do it. Liz is an empty-headed flirt. In issue #12 when Dr. Octopus was using Betty as a hostage, she was unafraid, almost laughing in the face of Spidey's most dangerous enemy. On the other hand in issue #6 when Liz was captured by those two-bit hoods, it proved what a coward she is. Kraven was good but I'm getting tired of all these off-beat villains. Bring back the old standby villains like the Vulture, Sandman, and Dr. Octopus. The Sandman is due for another appearance. Over all, your latest story was very good.

George Somerville, 412 Spring St.
Harrisville, W. Va.

Thanks, Georgie—but you make the same little mistake so many of our bullpen buddies make! When you refer to our "latest story" in your letter, we have no idea which story you mean! The latest one you read may not be the latest one we've got—dig? We'd like all you letter-writin' fiends to mention the ish number instead of just saying the "latest one," because we really do wanna know what you're talkin' about! Okay?

Dear Stan and Steve,

Just a belated note to tell you how much I enjoyed issue #15 of SPIDER-MAN. From cover to cover, I was completely enthralled with story and artwork. Kraven the Hunter is superb. How you guys keep coming out with new and original villains each issue is beyond me. The reappearance of the Chameleon was a thrill for people like me who missed him in SPIDER-MAN #1. If I ever miss an issue of your mag I think I'd commit suicide, so your subscription staff (nice Nancy Murphy) will be hearing from me soon! Thanks again to a couple of great guys working hard to give us the best 12¢ value on the stands today. Well, you two must sleep sometime although your mags don't show it, so 'nuff said!

Keith McWalter, 2674 Lindenwood Dr.
Bridgeville, Pa.

"Sleep," Keith boy??! Hey! We knew there was something we've been forgettin'!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Someone got my name from a comic book and wrote to me wanting to be penpals. In vital statistics he listed MARVEL as his favorite publishers and the Hulk as his favorite "hero." Forgive my ignorance but I had never heard of either. The first Marvel mag I ever saw was SPIDER-MAN—the issue with the "Return of Dr. Octopus." I only bought it out of curiosity—I thought Doc Ock on the cover was Spider-Man, and heroes that ugly don't raise my blood pressure a point! Glad to learn how much I erred! Since then I have not bought a single other brand of comics, and I don't intend to buy another if Marvel stays as marvelous! Please don't make Sub-Mariner lose his dignity. He reminds me of "The Sheik" in E. M. Hall's book of the same name. If Sue and the Scarlet Witch don't want him, I do!

Kathy Lucas, 201 Conover Dr.
Birmingham 6, Ala.

Okay, Kathy, we gave him your address. So, if you should see a flat-headed kook in trunks flying toward you one day, wave him down! He's great under water, but he's always getting lost when he flies over Alabama!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I am writing this letter in behalf of the Northern Red River Pickled Pepper Pickers' Union in order to protest your unseemly practice of presenting unfavorable publicity for pickled pepper pickers. For the past several issues we have been happy to see you mention pepper pickers, but we are incensed that pepper picking is used only in referring to puny Peter Parker. Not once has Spider-Man picked a pickled pepper! Would Peter Parker be able to handle your great new villain, Kraven the Hunter? Would anyone suggest that Pete take on the Torch's great new villain, the Beetle, the way I am suggesting Spidey should? No! No, no, no, no!! So in anger at your presenting all pickled pepper pickers as thin weaklings we have formed the PPP for PPP in PPPP (Powerfully Proud Party for Preserving Pristine Purity in Pickled Pepper Pickers' Publicity) to protest your handling of pepper pickers and ask that Spider-Man be made to pick a peck

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of pickled peppers as a matter of simple justice! If this is not done I will feel obliged to write you more letters telling you what a shame it is that such a great magazine should have this unfair thing about pepper pickers.

Richard Tatge, 2401 First Ave. So.
Minneapolis 4, Minn.

No! Don't do it, Dick! We give up! We're not quite sure what it is you want us to do, but you have our unconditional surrender anyway! Spidey may be brave as all get-out, but when it comes to Stan and Steve—forget it!

Dear Stan and Steve,

This letter is for anyone who writes in and asks what happened to Peter's college days. The answer is simple. If Pete were in his senior year of college, he would be at least 21 or 22. If he were in his senior year of high school he would be 17 or 18 which would give him the teenage character that you have built up around him. I think that Steve is having a tough time of it. Besides having Spidey's webs all over the place, he has changed Liz and Betty, and has even made Peter more handsome. If Steve can do all this work, I can keep buying!

Bill Traylor, 2780 Piqua St.
Ashland, Ky.

Listen, Billy boy—if enough of you great guys and gals keep buyin', we'll get Steverino to do even more work! Let's see now . . . an artist can probably live on two meals a day instead of three! That'll save an hour a day! And then, if he doesn't take time to shave . . .

Dear Stan and Steve,

I would like to say that your AMAZING SPIDER-MAN is a fine comic, if not the finest comic ever printed. I have been reading comics ever since I have been able to read. I am now 24 years old and am still reading them. I don't care what anyone says—comics let a person dream. It's the only thing that the Russians can't claim they had first! If more people worried about what the parents taught the teenagers and not what kind of comics they read or music they listen to, it would be a much better world. That's why I am saying keep up the good work—you have been doing a fine job. All I have to say is "Bless the comic industry."

Archie L. Mayes, 4809 Artell
Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Archie boy, you're a livin' doll! But who said the Russians didn't invent comics first? Didn't you ever hear of the *Fantastic Four*—or that ever-popular favorite, *Spider-Man*??

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—Now hear this! We've waited all month to tell you what M.M.M.S. stands for! (And we hope you've been waiting, too!) So, here it is . . . It's the MERRY MARVEL MARCHING SOCIETY—a new club we're forming for all our fans! We're designing membership cards, gimmicks, surprises, and all sorts of off-beat goodies for you! We just want you to know we're working on it, and trying to make it the kind of club you'll get a real kick out of joining! In fact, we'd like you to send us any ideas that YOU may have for the ol' M.M.M.S. and we'll try to use the most original and the most amusing suggestions! So save your pennies till our next announcement, because we want all of you merry Marvel madmen (and glad gals) to join, hear? There'll be more info next ish, natch, so don't miss it! 'Nuff said!

—Did we tell you about sunny Stan's day at college? He was invited to speak about Marvel Comics by the Science Club at Bard College, at Annandale, New York on June 5th! Our smilin' script-wiz was flying' when he came back! He said it was one of the greatest days he ever spent! The gang at Bard were bright, beaming, and barrels of fun—they tossed questions at him about every phase of comic magazines, and their interest, courtesy, and enthusiasm were as heart-warming as one of Aunt May's apple pies! So, a great big "Thanks a mil'" to the wonderful staff and students of Bard College—and when are you gonna send the diploma?

—And now, it's time for us to get back to our usual mish-mash of news and nonsense! The first item on the agenda is the fact that the merry Marvel group has moved their offices. We used to be on the third floor at our old address—but now we're on the second floor

of another building! (We wanted to be closer to the common people, of course!) Anyway, be sure to address all your letters from now on to which ever Marvel mag you wish, Second Floor, 625 Madison Ave., New York 10022. (Unless you're sending a bill—in that case you can send it to the wrong address!)

—Before we close with our coming attractions section we've got to tell you about the next Spidey thriller! Next ish we're introducing another, new arch-foe for the ol' web-spinner in the grand tradition of Doc Oct and the Vulture! He's called the Scorpion, and we kinda suspect he'll be one of Marvel's all-time greats! So whatever you do, don't miss him! And we'll also have enough surprises, complications, and bonehead mistakes to satisfy those of you who just don't dig Scorpions! So take it from your bullpen buddies—you've no excuse for missing SPIDER-MAN #20—it'll be one of the great ones!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECK LIST!

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now:

First, the leader: FANTASTIC FOUR #33. We don't know how Stan does it, but each ish of the F.F. seems to top the one before it! This month you'll see the umpteenth return of everybody's favorite character, the sensational SUB-MARINER—but, with a difference! Now he's fighting WITH the F.F., against a brand new undersea foe named Attuma! Aw—why say any more? It's got EVERYTHING!

AVENGERS #10: There's a new wing-doozy of a villain in this one named Immortus! His power is somewhat different than any we've shown before! And dig this—the title of the block-bustin' yarn is: "The Avengers Break Up!" Even Jonah Jameson would have to enjoy this one!

X-MEN #8: You'll see Professor Xavier for a short time here, and wait'll you discover where he is and what he's doing there! As for the new menace which confronts the X-Men—there are TWO of them! One is "Unus, the Untouchable!", and the other is the fact that something totally unexpected happens to the Beast! Don't miss it!

STRANGE TALES #127: There's a real twist to this month's Torch and Thing romp! A mystery villain is introduced—as well as an auto race to end all auto races! As for Doc Strange, he finally has his showdown with the dread Dormammu!

THOR #110: Stan and Jack have another super-spectacular going for them with this ish! It features the return of the mysterious Mr. Hyde, and the serpentine Cobra, as well as the ever-present menace of Loki! Also, you'll see some great battle scenes as Thor defies mighty Odin himself to challenge most of the warriors of Asgard!

SUSPENSE #60: Can you picture "Iron Man Wanted For Murder"? Well, that's the title, and the tale has more drama and tension than you've the right to expect for 12¢! But, if that isn't enough for you, there's a fast-moving pulse-pounding Captain America ring-a-ding razzle-dazzler that'll curl your hair! How ABOUT that!

ASTONISH #62: Think you've seen everything? Wait'll you see Giant-Man BATTLING the Wasp! There are all kinds of plot twists in this one, and when Giant-Man becomes Ant-Man, and goes into action inside that ant-hill, man, it's the most! And the 10-page Hulk hair-raiser which rounds out the ish is nothing to sneeze at, either! You'll meet an old villainous friend of yours in this one, too!

SGT. FURY #12: Here's a real twist for you—one of the Howlers DESERTS during a life-and-death mission! Which one? Now you don't expect us to spoil your surprise here, do you? It's Fury at his best—and that oughtta be good enough for anyone!

—And that wraps it up till we all meet the Scorpion next ish in SPIDER-MAN #19! So, till then, send us your ideas for the M.M.M.S., face front, and be good to each other! See ya!



Tyrant
King

Lizard

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