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the AMAZING  
**SPIDER-MAN®**

READY OR NOT! THE  
TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF...  
**DOCTOR  
OCTOPUS!**

WE  
GUARANTEE IT!  
THE  
**STRANGEST**  
SPIDEY STORY  
OF ALL!



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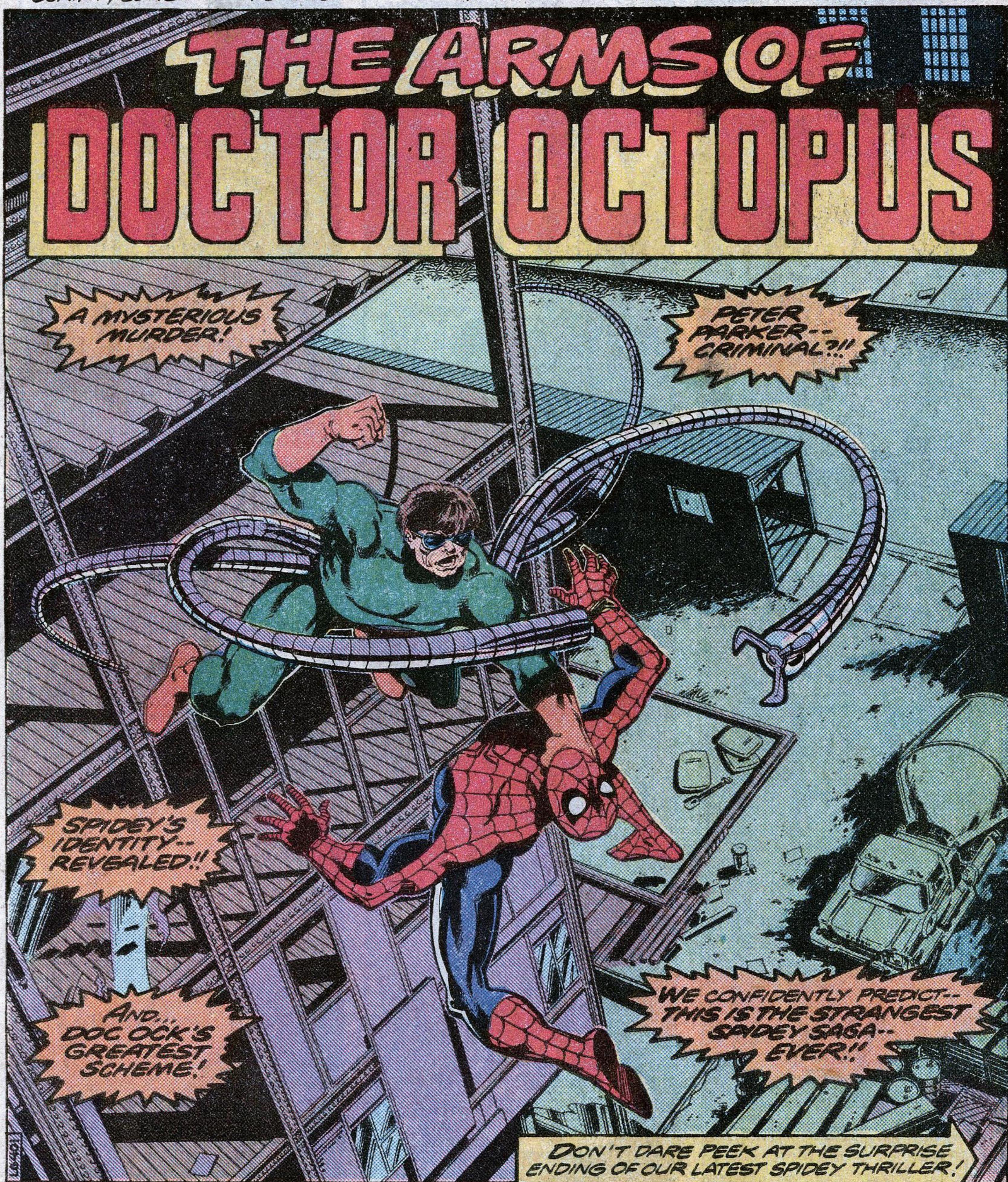


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While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the insect's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

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## PROLOGUE

THE EARLY MORNING QUIET IS SUDDENLY BROKEN BY THE HARSH RAPPING OF RUNNING FEET AGAINST RAIN-SLICKED PAVEMENT...



...WHICH MEANS I'VE GOT TO CONTACT HOME BASE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

THEY'VE GOT TO KNOW EVERYTHING I KNOW...

...THEY'VE GOT TO PREPARE AGAINST HIS AWESOME...



WELL, WELL, WELL, LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE... THE GOVERNMENT STOOLIE!

YOU FOUND ME! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I'M DOING NOTHING... BUT YOU'RE GOING TO COMMIT SUICIDE!



THE GRIM, TRENCH-COATED FIGURE TURNS SUDDENLY AND LUNGE FORWARD. HIS YEARS OF TRAINING ARE BROUGHT TO BEAR AGAINST HIS GUN-WIELDING ATTACKER...



BUT, HIS FOE IS TOO STRONG, TOO SWIFT. AND...



DID HE GET HIS MESSAGE THRU TO THE FEDS?



FOR NOW, THAT QUESTION MUST GO UNANSWERED...

# CHAPTER ONE: SPIDER-MAN! I KNOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE!

THE EARLY MORNING SUN DOES NOT STRETCH DOWN TO THE DARK-SHADOWED CATACOMBS FAR BENEATH NEW YORK'S TEEMING STREETS...

NOR, DO THE ANGRY VOICES FROM THIS HIDDEN, ABANDONED SUBWAY STATION FILTER UP FOR ANY HURRYING PEDESTRIAN TO OVERHEAR...

NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! ALL MY CAREFULLY-CONCEIVED PLANS ARE GONE--STOLEN!!

WHICH ONE OF YOU FOOLS IS PLOTTING AGAINST ME? SPEAK, OR I'LL GET RID OF YOU ALL!

WE DIDN'T DO IT, DOC! HONEST!

MUST'A BEEN JIMBO! HE LAMMED OUTTA HERE LAST NIGHT WITH A SMILE LIKE THE CAT WHAT SWALLOWED THE CANARY!

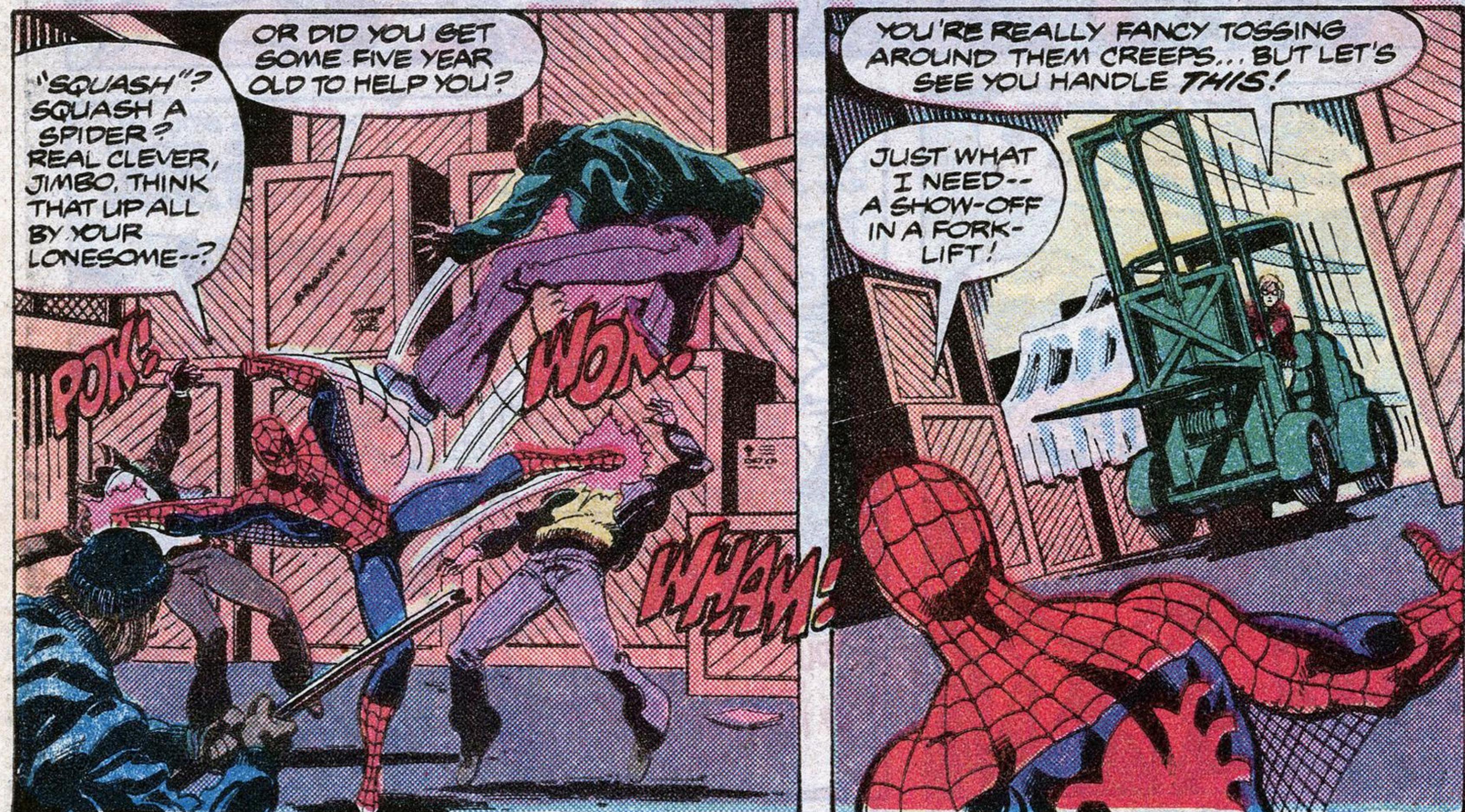
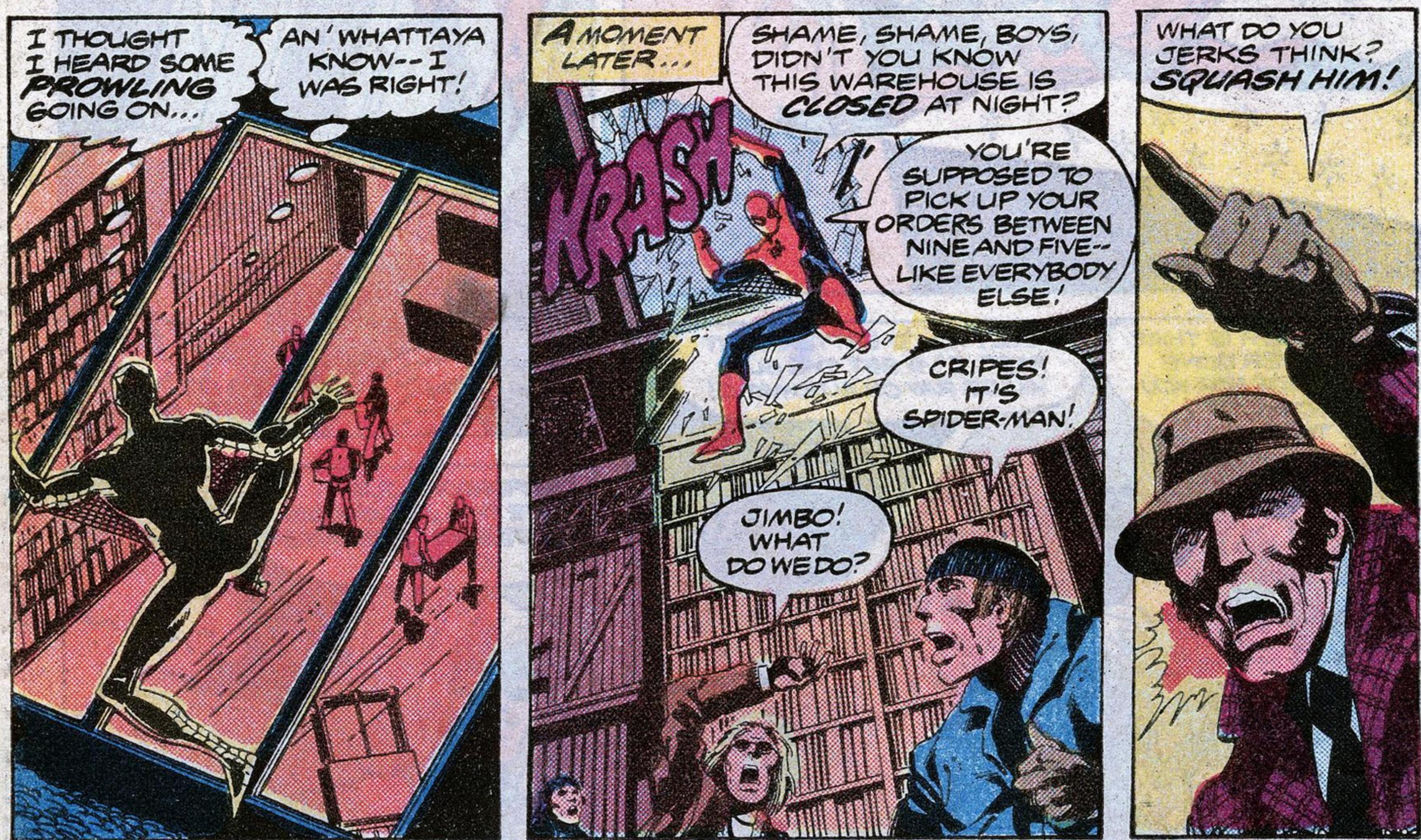
JIMBO? I NEVER TRUSTED THAT SLICKLY-DRESSED DOLT!

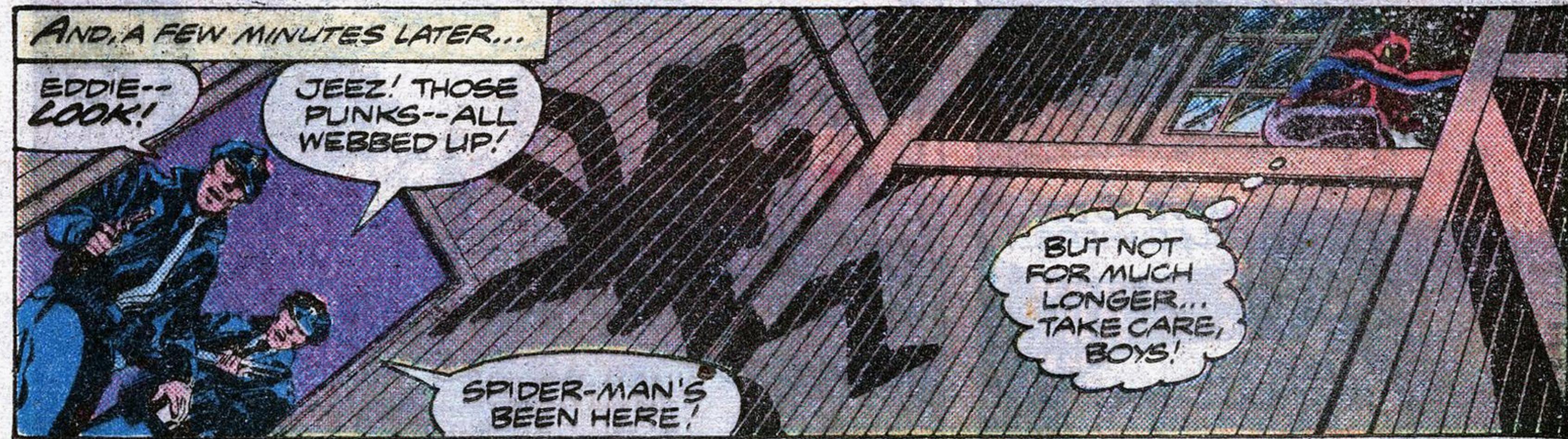
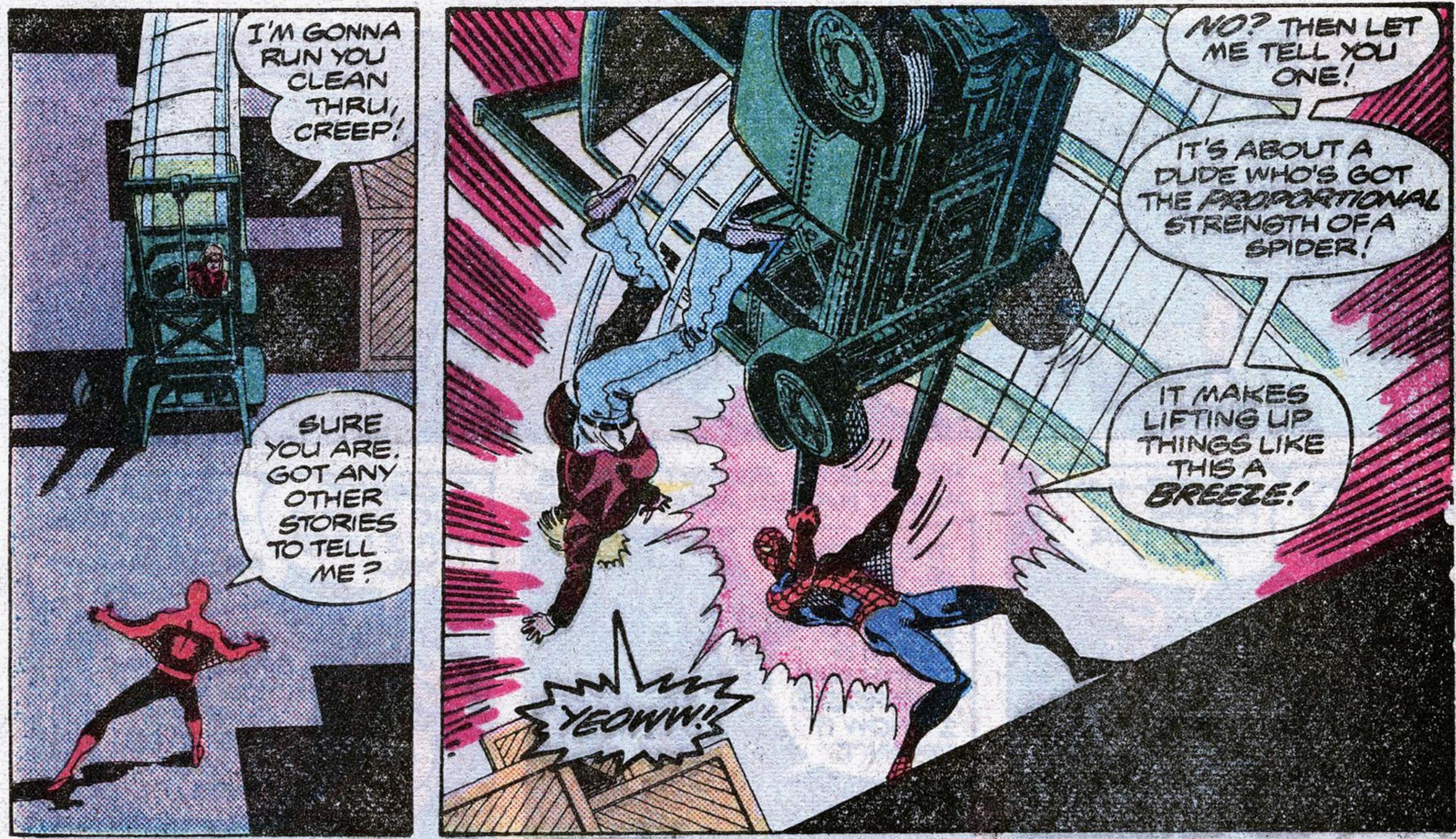
VERY WELL. ONCE I RECOVER MY PLANS... JIMBO WILL PAY FOR HIS CRIMES!

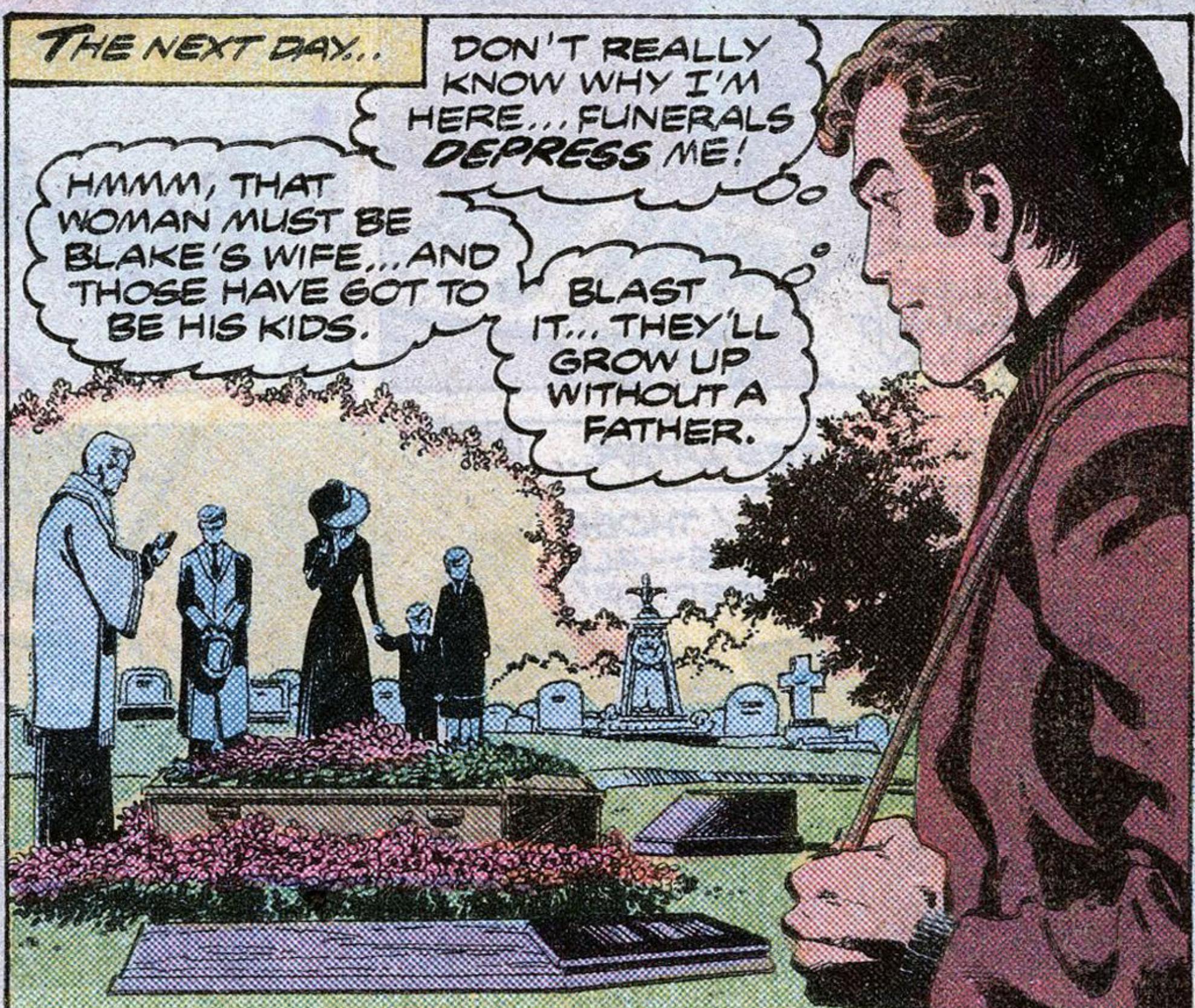
FOR TOO LONG NOW HAS THE WORLD RIDICULED ME... THOUGHT ME A WEAK, SIMPERING HAS BEEN!

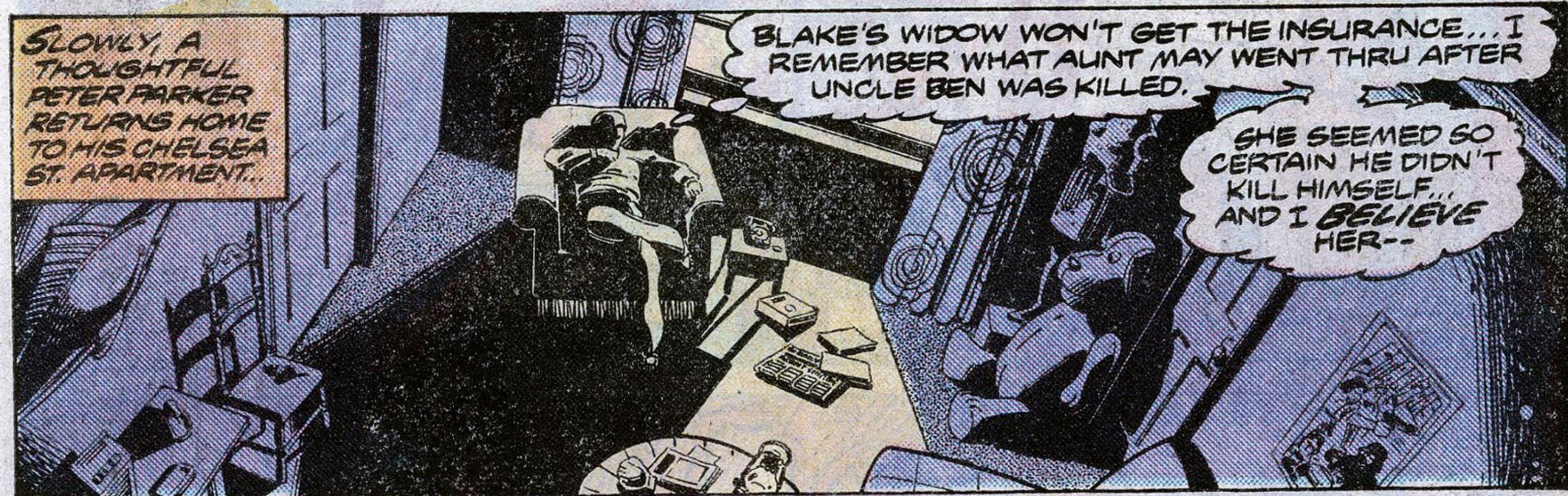
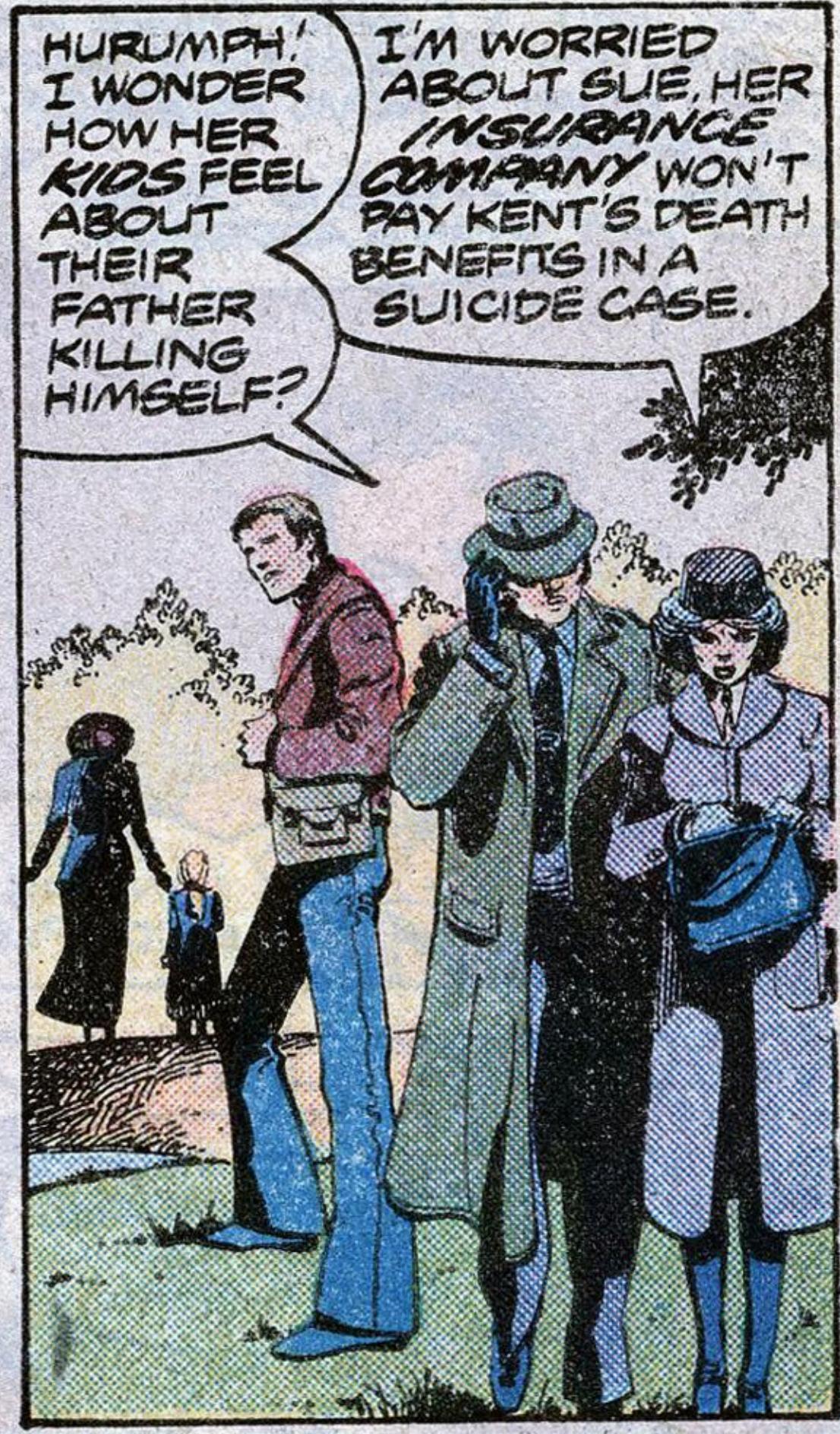
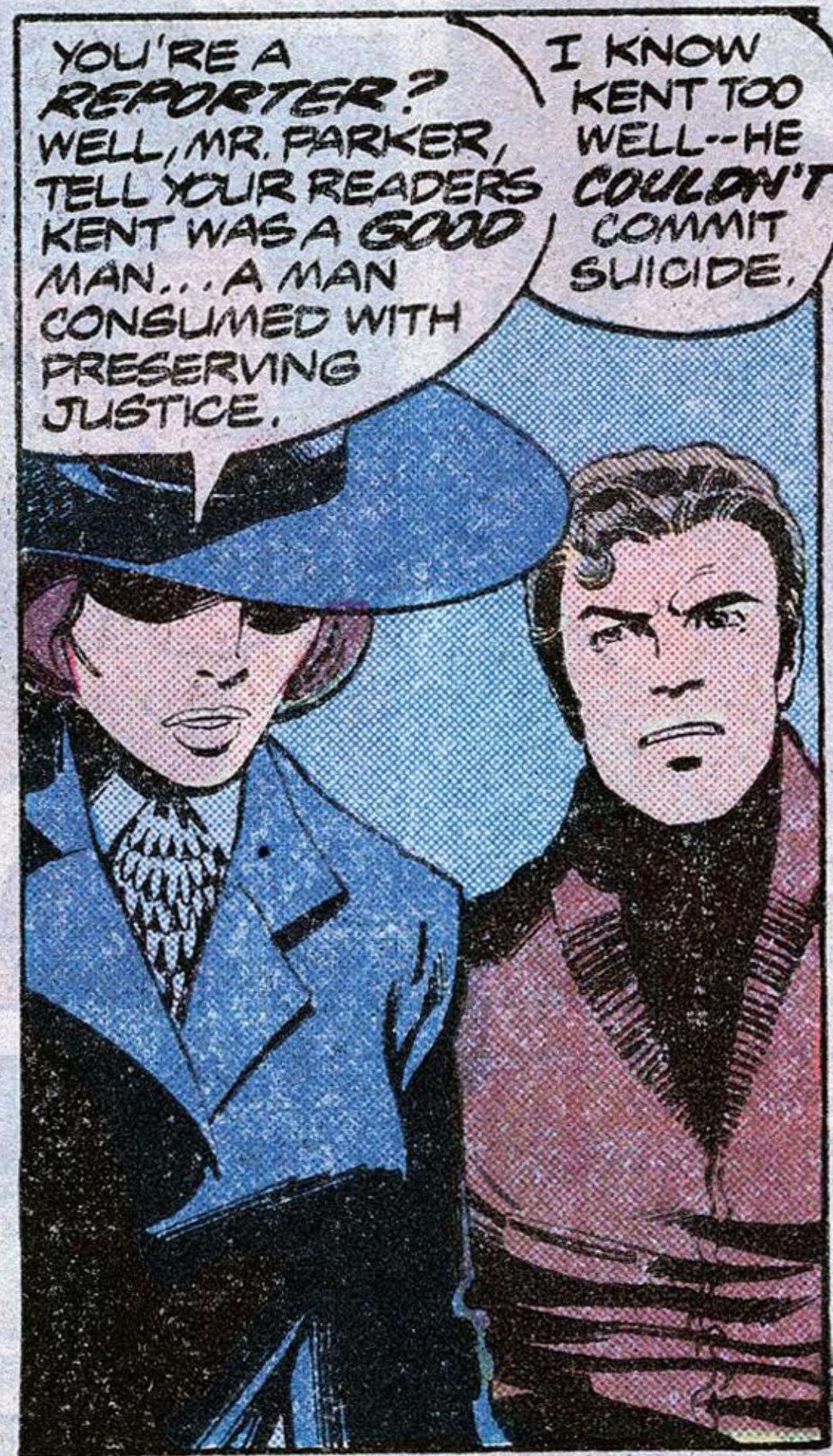
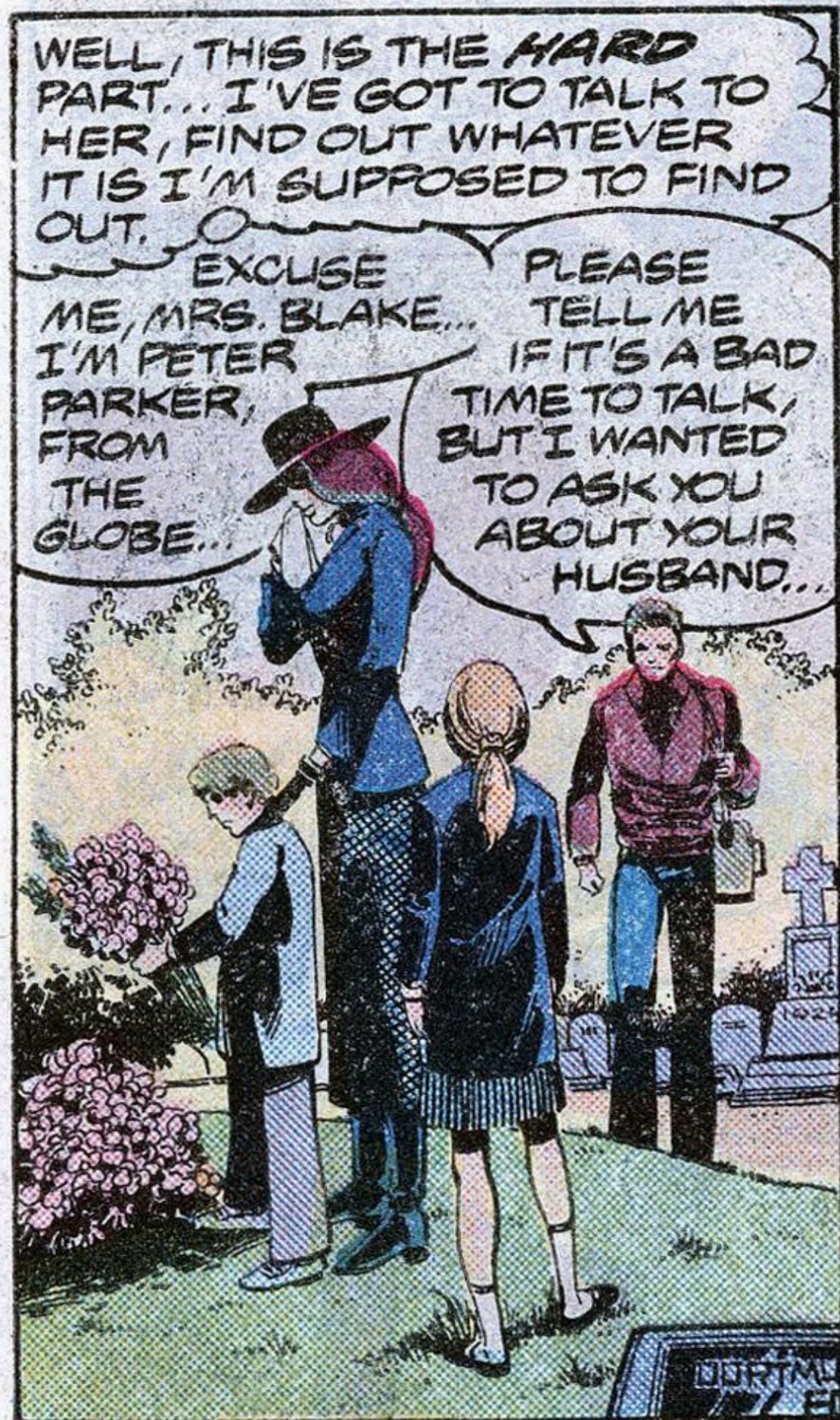
KRAK!  
BUT THIS I SWEAR--  
DOCTOR OCTOPUS SHALL NEVER BE LAUGHED AT AGAIN!

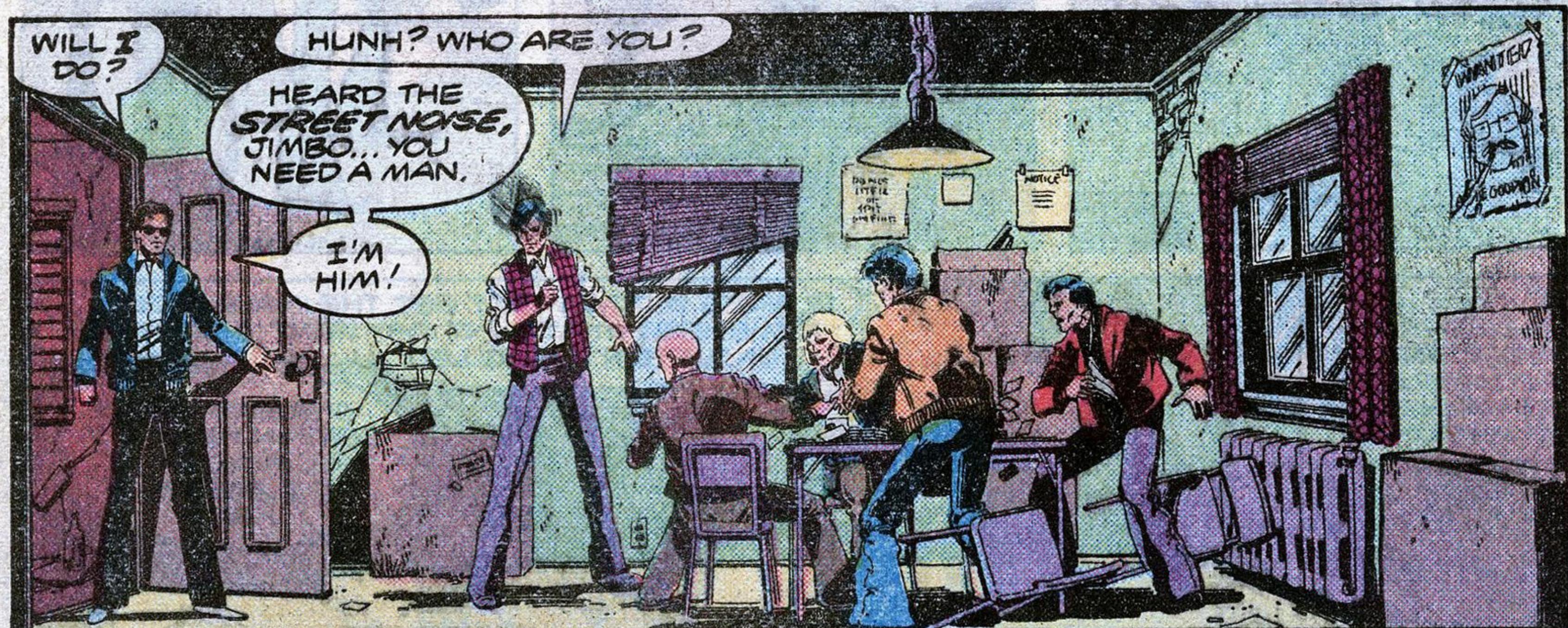
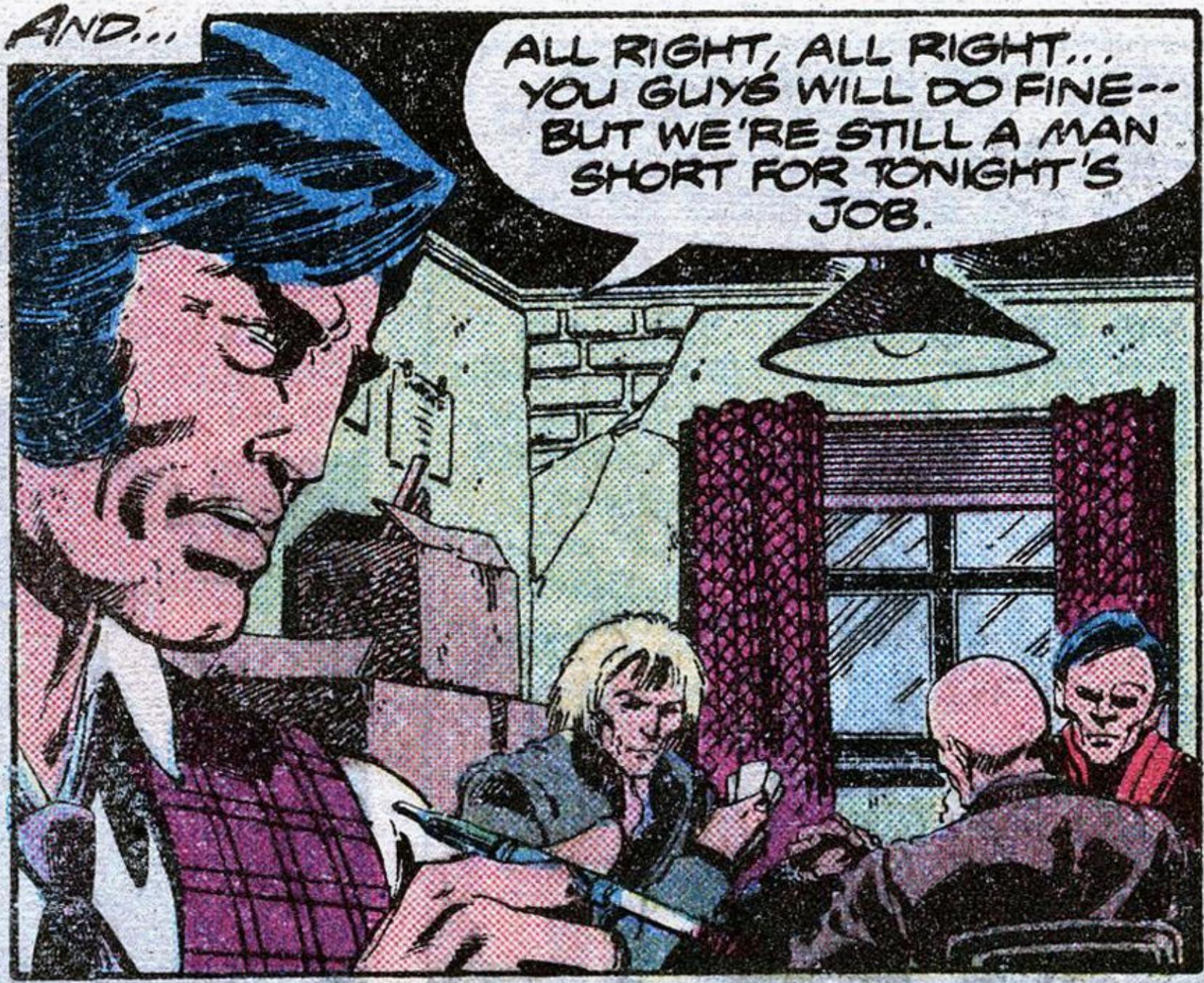
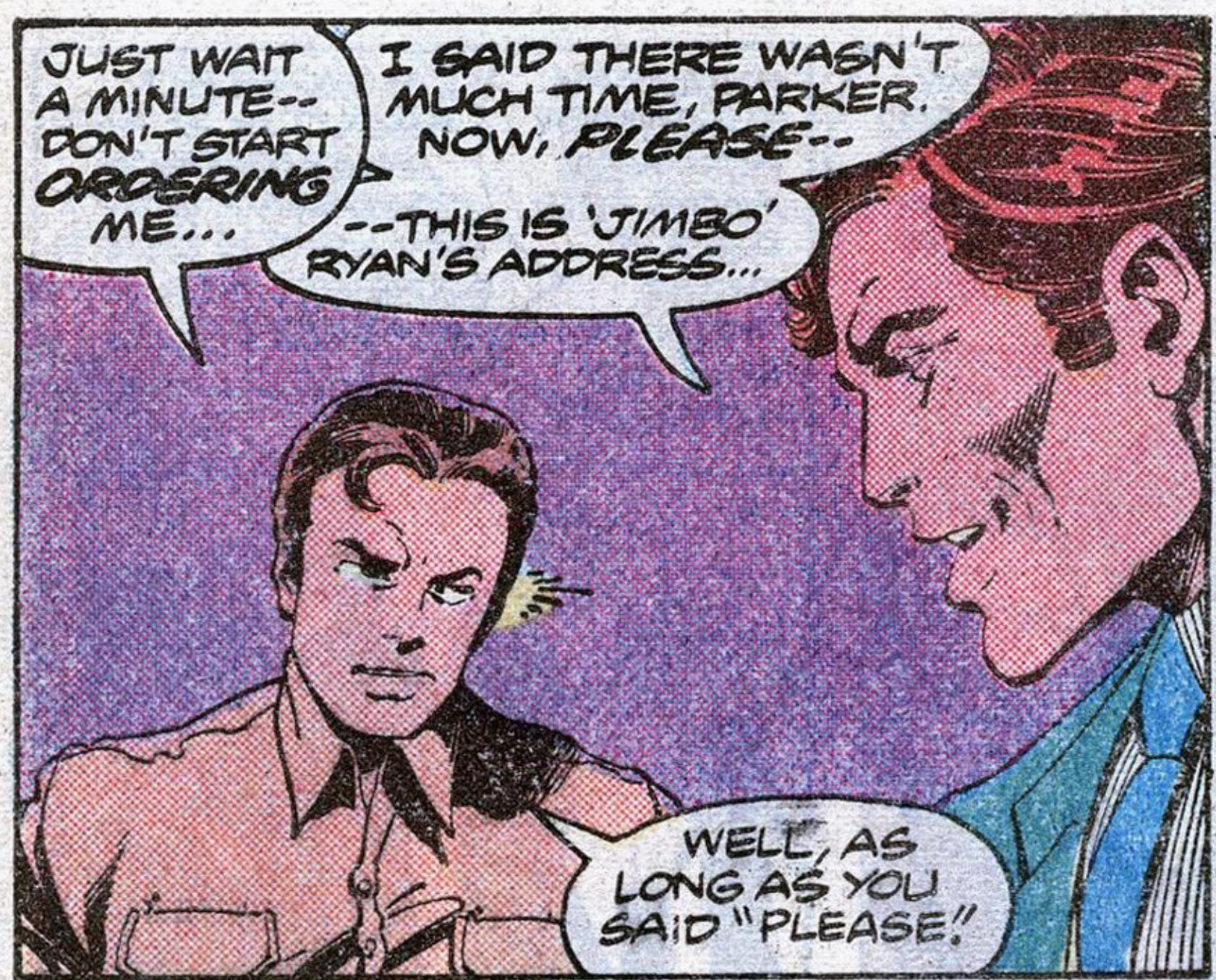
**NIGHT:** ALL IS QUIET AS FAMILIES HUDDLE TOGETHER BEFORE THEIR TELEVISION SETS TO WATCH SITUATION COMEDIES THAT REQUIRE LAUGH TRACKS TO INFORM THEM WHEN A JOKE HAS BEEN TOLD...

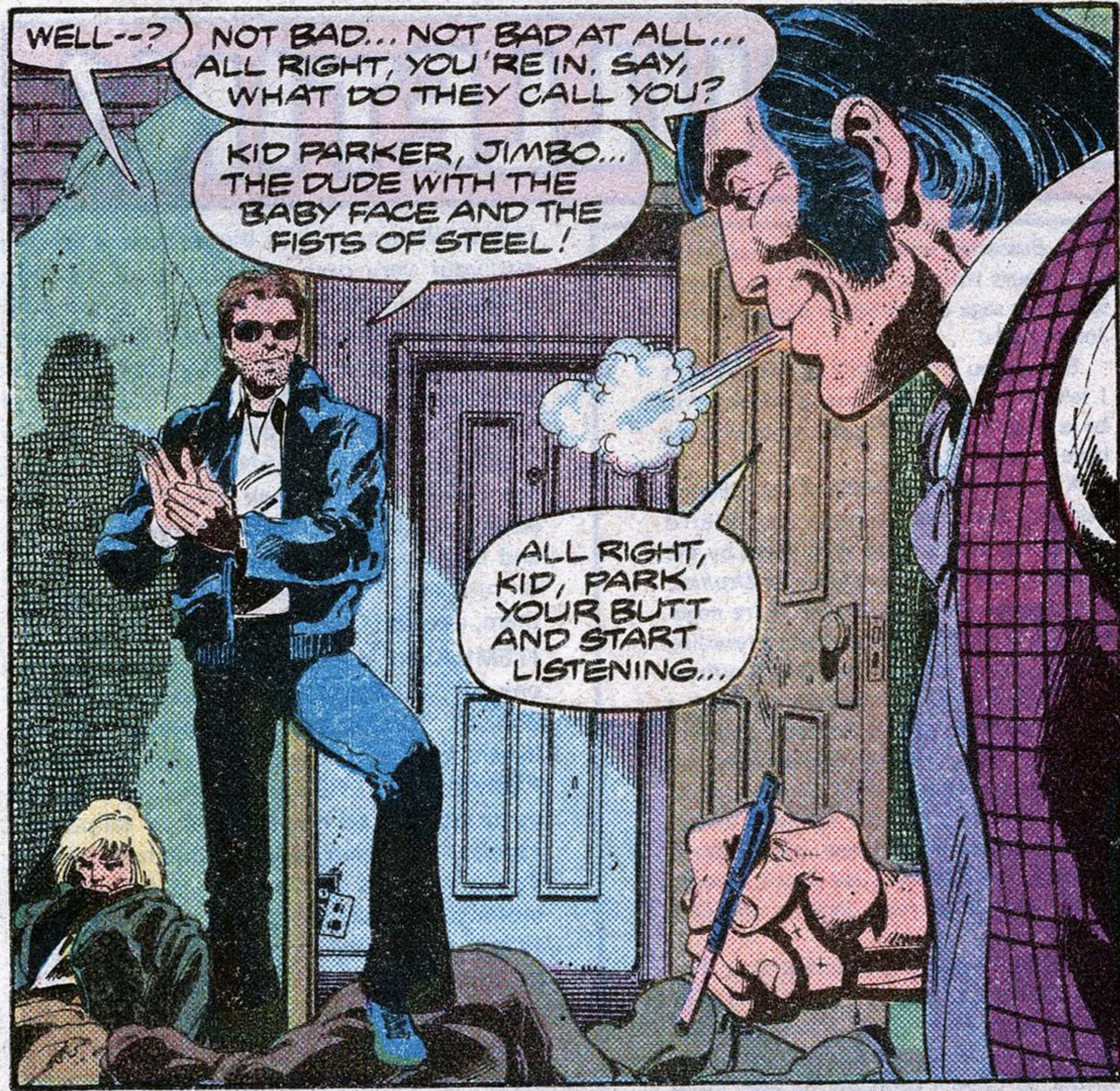




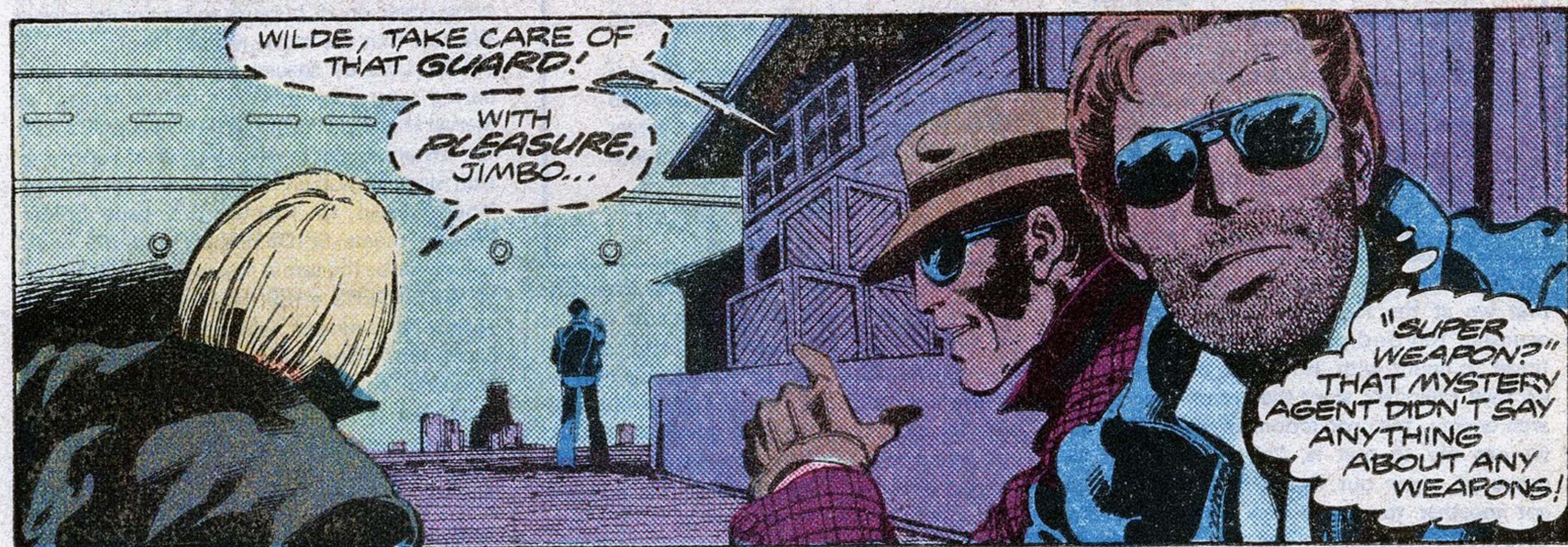
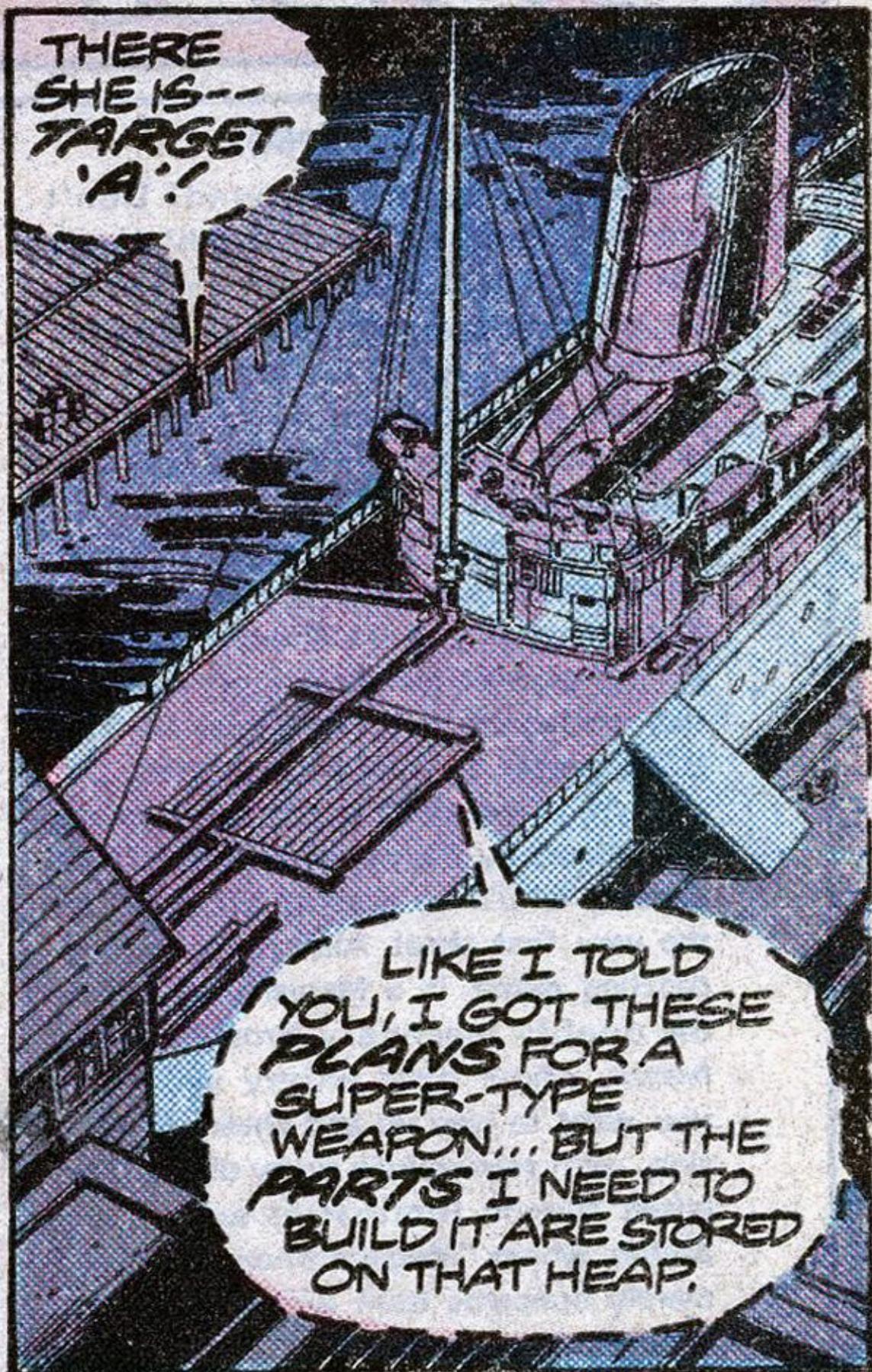








THE FULL MOON CASTS LONG SHADOWS WHICH CRISS-CROSS THE DESERTED PIER. THEN, SUDDENLY BUT SILENTLY, THE SHADOWS SEEM TO SHIFT...



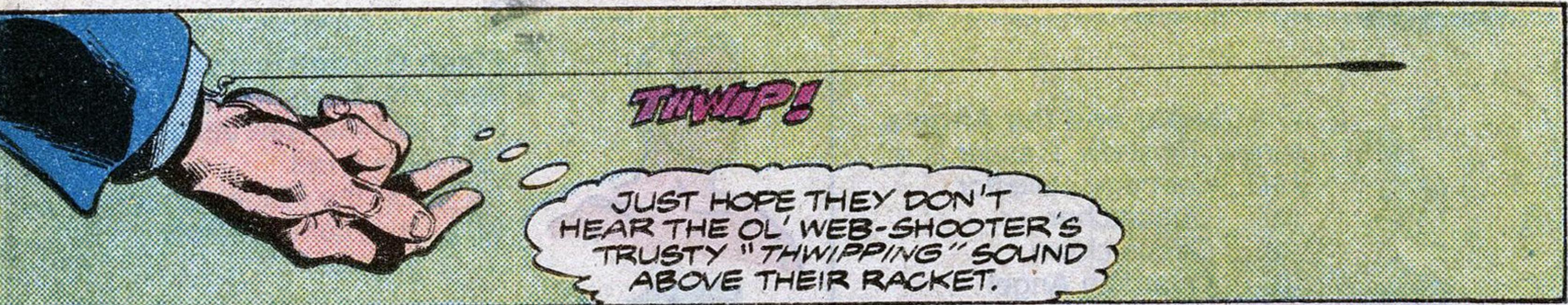
STEALTHILY, THEY SLIDE ABOARD THE OLD FREIGHT-  
ER IN FROM JAPAN. THEN, WHEN THEY FINALLY  
REACH THE MAIN CARGO HOLD...

HEY! WHO GOES THERE?  
NO ONE'S SUPPOSED  
TO BE HERE!

TOO BAD, POPS,  
BECAUSE WE'RE  
HERE, AND WE'RE  
STAYING!

HE'S DRAWING  
HIS GUN... CAN'T  
LET HIM KILL  
THE OLD GUY.

BUT I THINK  
I CAN *SAVE*  
HIM WITHOUT  
GIVING MYSELF  
AWAY.



DID IT! SNAGGED HIS FOOT AND  
TRIPPED HIM BACK JUST AS  
JIMBO FIRED.

BLAM!

WAAK!

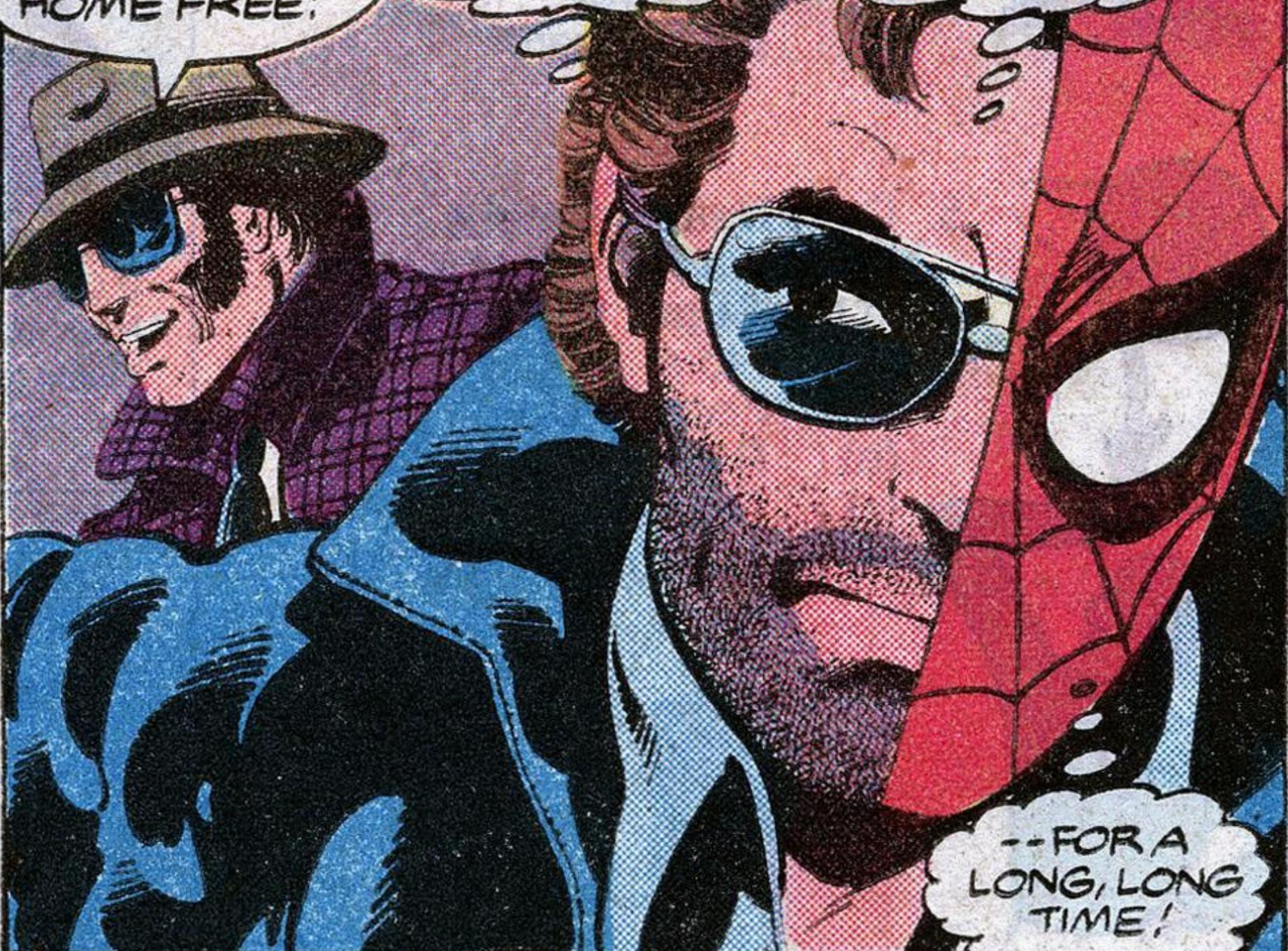
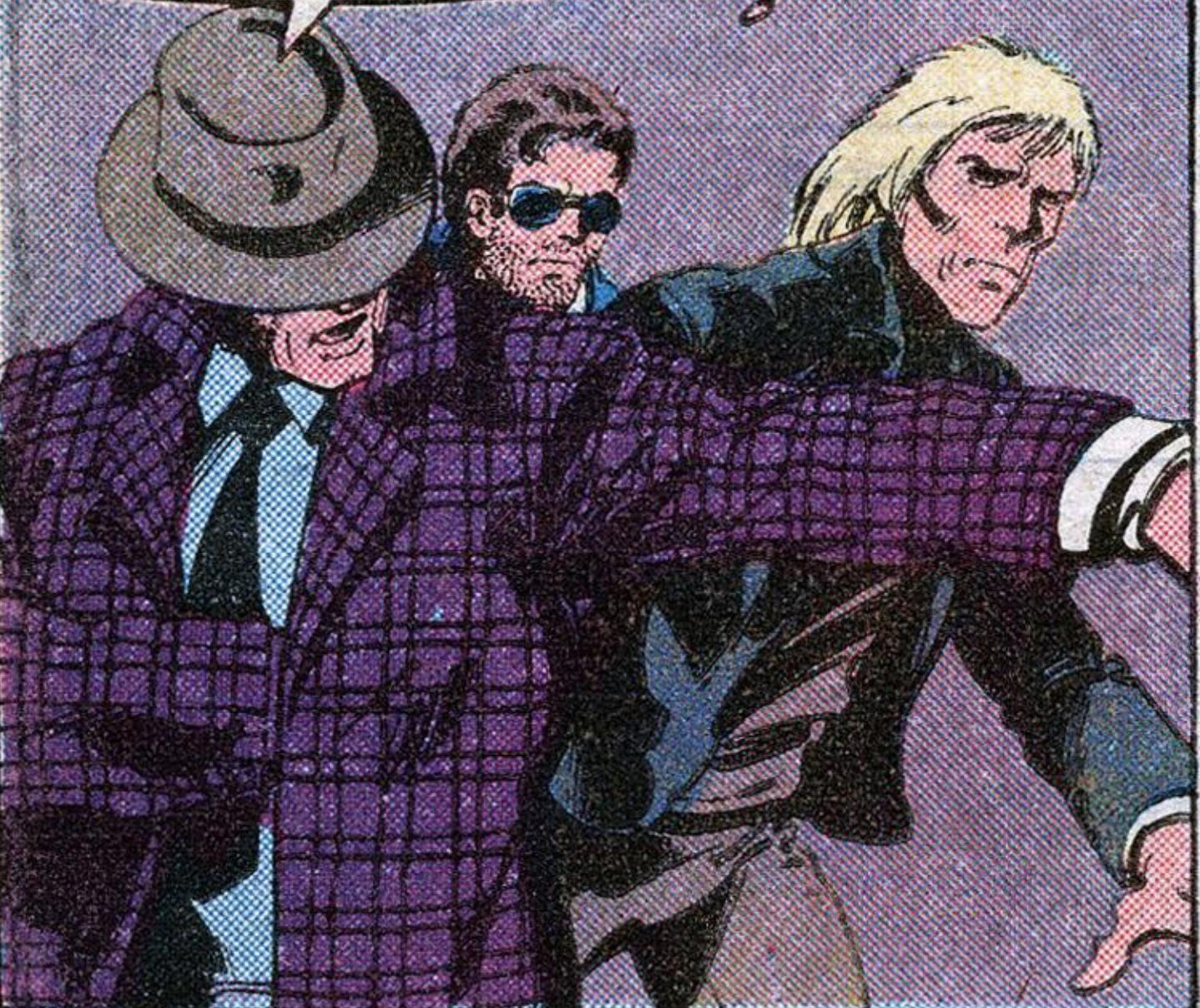
THE GUARD'LL WAKE UP WITH A CLUMP  
ON HIS HEAD, BUT AT LEAST HE'LL  
WAKE UP.  
ALL RIGHT--WE'VE  
GOT TWO MINUTES!  
MOVE IT!

WE'RE GOING TO  
DO IT, GUYS...  
WE'RE GOING  
TO MAKE IT  
HOME FREE!

THAT'S RIGHT,  
JIMBO--  
GLOAT WHILE  
YOU CAN.

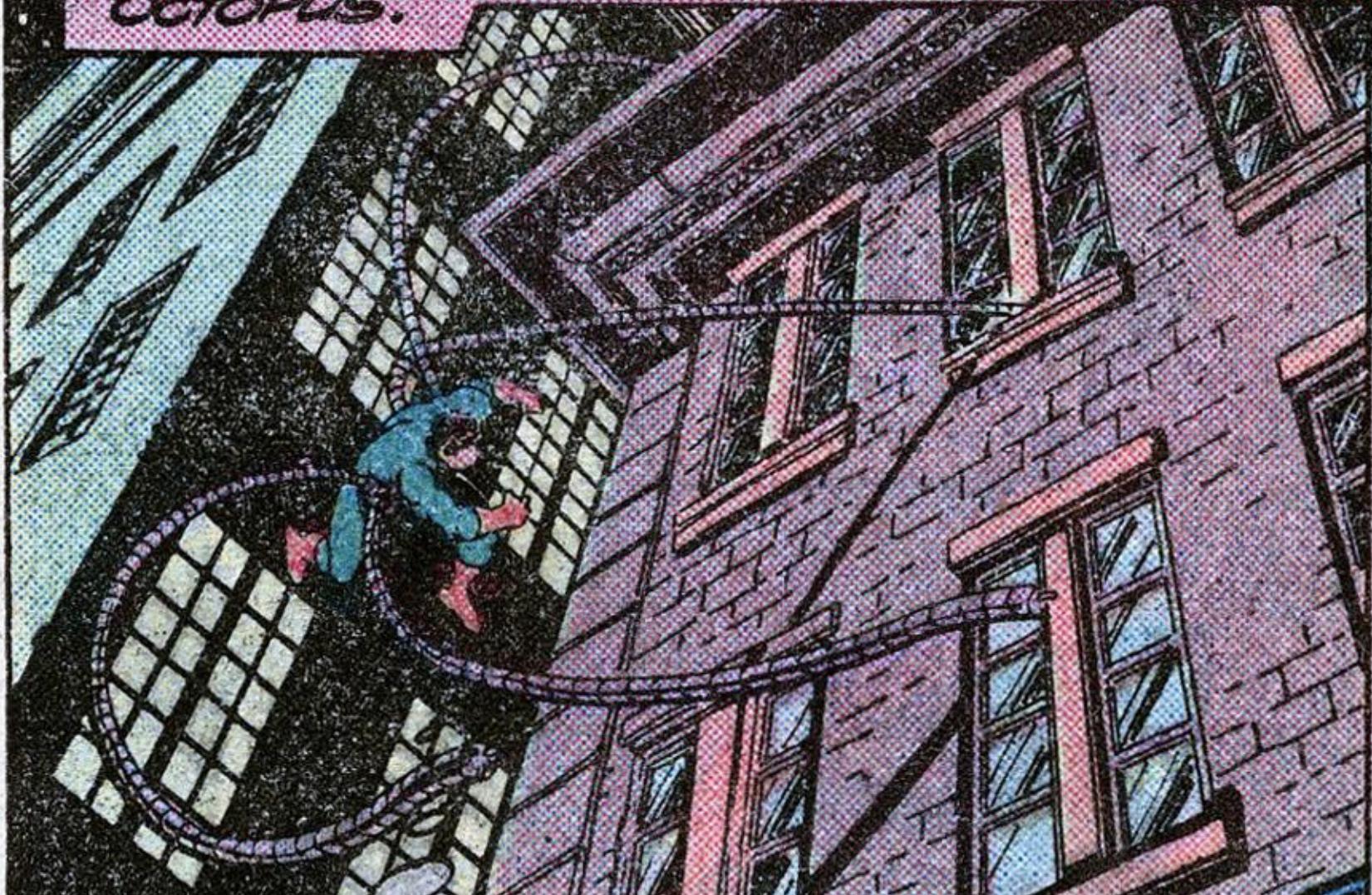
BUT PRETTY  
SOON NOW I'M  
GONNA PUT  
YOU AWAY--

--FOR A  
LONG, LONG  
TIME!



## CHAPTER 2: TENTACLED ENCOUNTERS OF THE OCTOPUS KIND!

THE EVENING MIST HAS GROWN THICK WITH INKY BLACKNESS. BUT NOWHERE IS IT SO DARK AS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE MAN CALLED DOCTOR OCTOPUS.

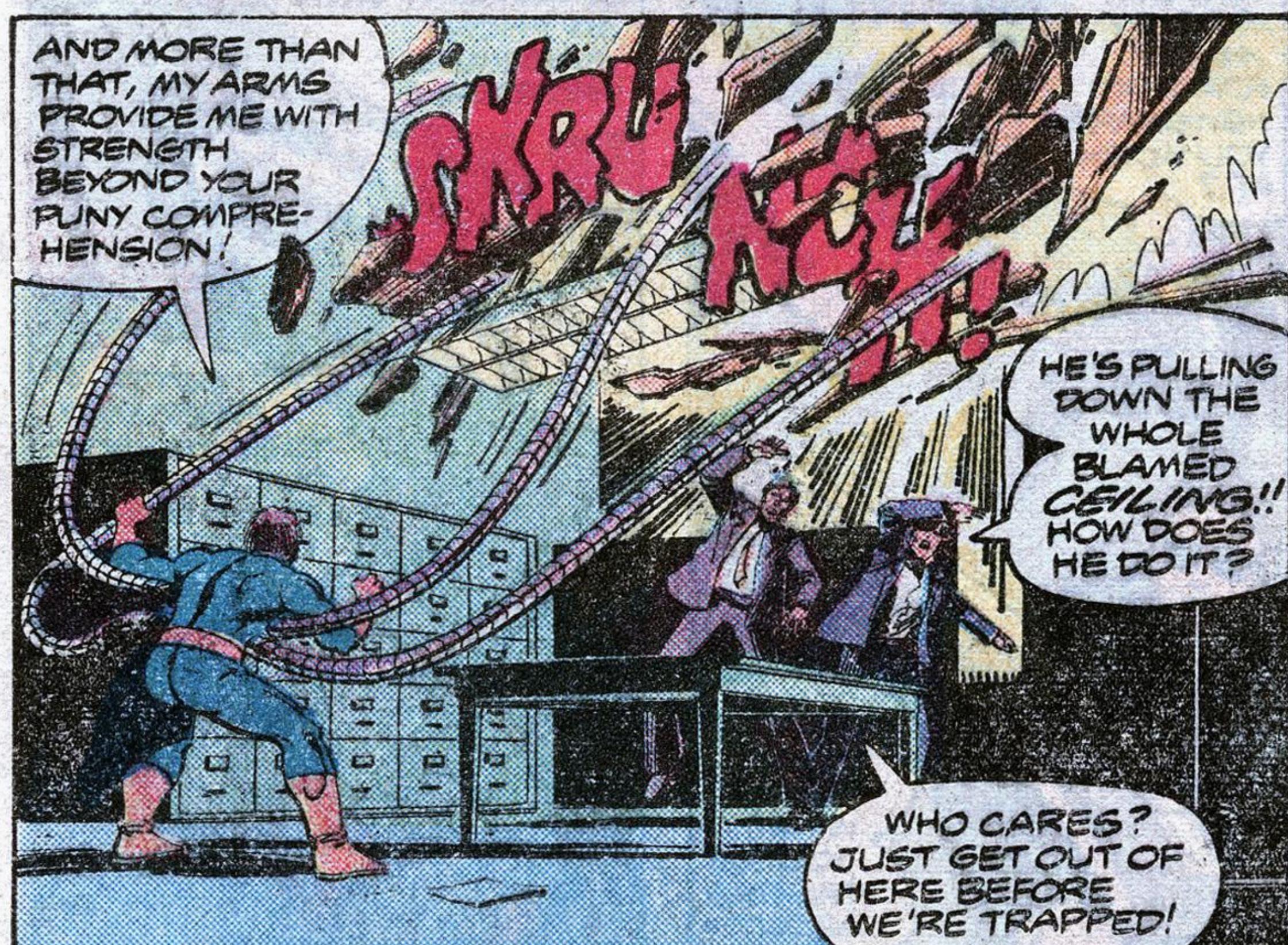


RYAN'S FEEBLE-MINDED MOB GOT THEMSELVES CAUGHT LAST NIGHT. THAT SHOULD MAKE IT RATHER EASY TO LEARN WHERE THAT COWARDLY CRETIN IS HIDING OUT.

I'M CERTAIN HIS MEN WILL TACK TO ME... OR ELSE THEIR SILENCE WILL BE REWARDED WITH DEATH!

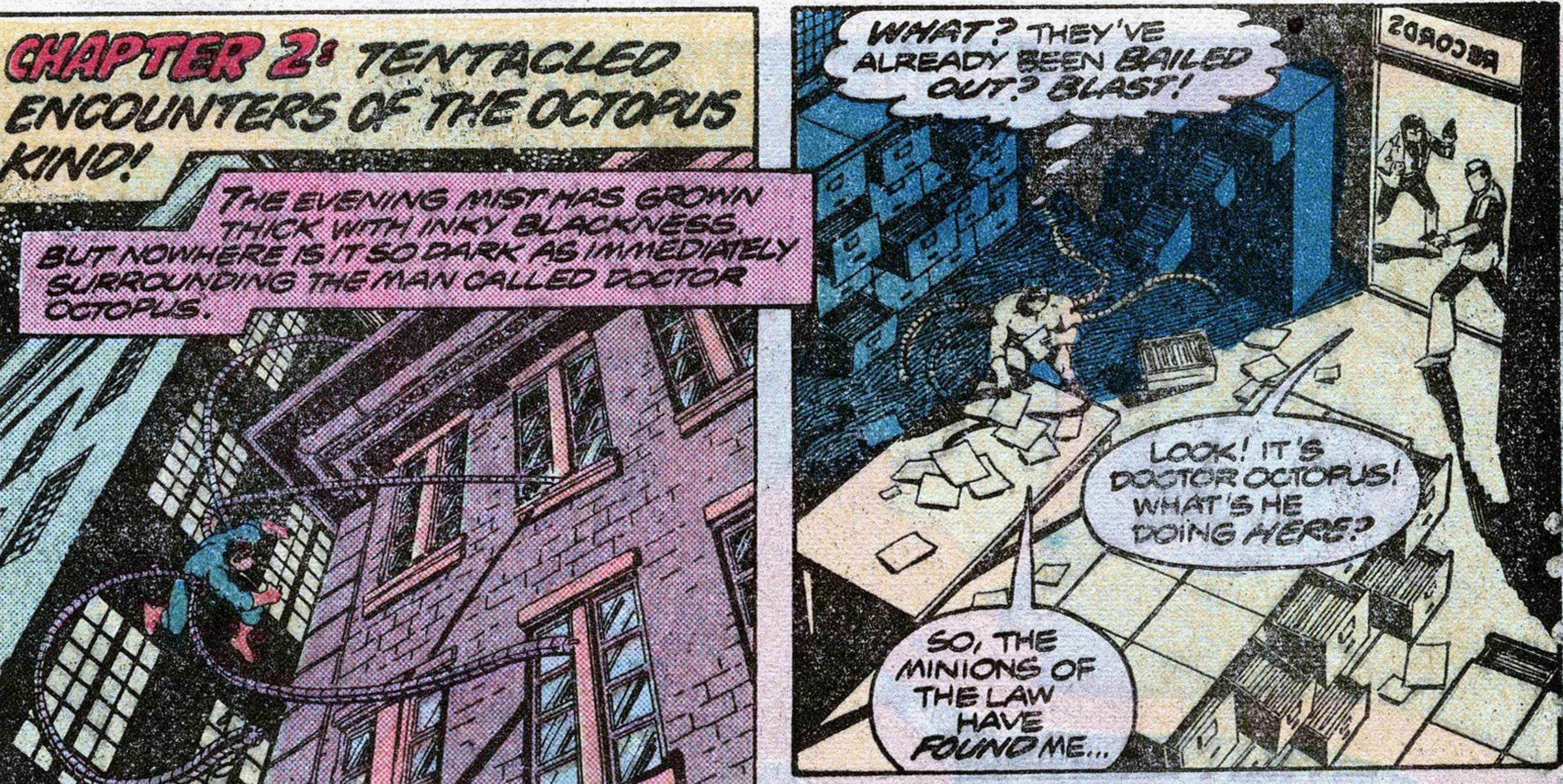


AND MORE THAN THAT, MY ARMS PROVIDE ME WITH STRENGTH BEYOND YOUR PUNY COMPREHENSION!



WHAT?

THEY'VE  
ALREADY BEEN BAILED  
OUT? BLAST!



# WHERE IS JIMBO RYAN??

THAT QUESTION HAUNTS THE UNDERWORLD THIS DARK, EVIL NIGHT.

WHEREVER CRIMINALS GATHER, DOCTOR OCTOPUS IS THERE AS WELL...

HE'S A GRIM SPECTER, A DEADLY ADVERSARY... HE IS AN UNSLENTING FORCE THAT WILL NOT STOP UNTIL JIMBO RYAN IS HIS!

AT LAST, BEFORE DAWN STREAKS THE HEAVENS, SOMEONE FINALLY SQUEALS, AND...

RYAN! WHERE ARE YOU, DOLT? WHERE ARE THE PLANS YOU STOLE FROM ME, YOU LOW, THIEVING SNAKE?

HOLY COW! IT'S DOC OCK! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

CRIES! IT'S THE OCTOPUS!

WELL, WELL, LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE! PETER PARKER, EH? SURELY YOUR OLD FOOL OF AN AUNT WOULD HAVE ANOTHER HEART ATTACK SEEING YOU LIKE THIS!

OR ARE YOU ON ASSIGNMENT FOR THAT NEWSPAPER YOU WORK AT?

HUH? I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

SURE, KID, I UNDERSTAND... I BLEW YOUR COVER, RIGHT?

WELL, WHO CARES, PUNK. YOU BLEW MINE WHEN I WAS TRYING TO COW YOUR OLD BIDDY OF AN AUNT WITH MY PHONY MARRIAGE PROPOSALS!

WHOMP

GOTTA PRETEND TO BE KNOCKED OUT... CAN'T LET HIM GUESS WHO I AM.

JACK, YOU SNIVELLING LITTLE INSECTS. WHERE IS RYAN? I WANT HIM!

OKAY! OKAY! HE WASN'T PAYIN' US MUCH ANYWAY.

LEMME DOWN, I'LL TELL YA WHAT YA WANNA KNOW.

--AND MAKE GOOD ON RENDING YOU IN HALF!

I'LL BE FEELIN' THOSE SLIMY TENTACLES AROUND MY NECK FOR WEEKS!

YOU'RE REALLY BREAKIN' MY HEART, Y'KNOW THAT, WILLIE? HEY, WHAT DO WE DO WITH THIS PUNK? OCTOPUS SAID HE WAS A SPY!

WHAT DO WE DO? TIE 'IM UP AND TAKE HIM FOR A LITTLE TRIP. THAT'S WHAT.

I STILL OWE 'IM FOR THAT PUNCH HE GAVE ME THE OTHER DAY...

H-HE'S GONE... THANK HEAVEN... HE'S STRONGER 'N AN OX!

HOPE YOU CAN SWIM, PUNK--

--'CAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YER GONNA MAKE IT WITH A POCKETFUL OF LEAD!

MOMENTS LATER, A SEEMINGLY HELPLESS PETER PARKER IS DUMPED INTO THE BACK OF A DARK SEDAN, AND...

THEY'VE TOSSED ME OUT AT LAST... NOW I CAN FINALLY ACT WITHOUT GIVING AWAY MY IDENTITY!

FOR A LONG MOMENT  
THERE IS ONLY SILENCE.

THEN...

HERE.  
GIVE ME  
YOUR  
HAND.

YOU TOOK  
QUITE A  
DUNKING,  
PARKER.

WELL, LOOK  
WHO'S HERE...  
MY GOOD  
SAMARITAN  
WHO STICKS  
ME WITH A  
CRUMMY JOB  
THEN SPLITS.



LISTEN, MISTER, UNLESS I FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON,  
YOU CAN COUNT ME OUT FROM RIGHT NOW!

I'LL DO BETTER  
THAN THAT, PARKER.  
I'LL TELL YOU  
WHERE TO FIND  
OCTOPUS.

DO WHATEVER  
YOU WANT WITH HIM...  
BUT REMEMBER,  
I WANT RYAN.



SHORTLY...

SOMETHING TELLS  
ME WHEN I'M THRU  
WITH THIS STUFF I'LL  
KNOW LESS THAN  
WHEN I BEGAN.

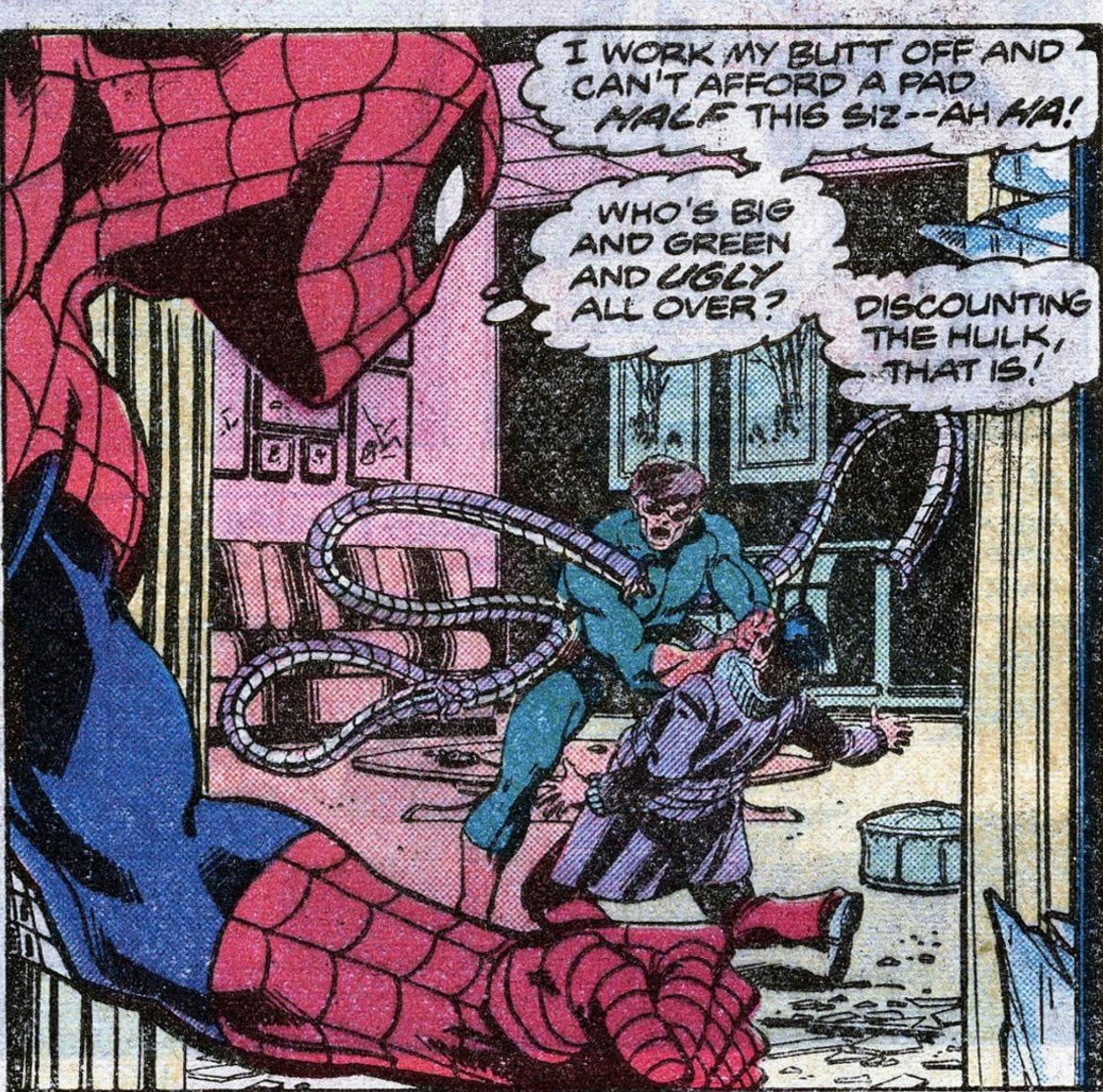
HEY!  
THIS IS  
RYAN'S PAD?  
FANCY SHMANCY!

WHO'S  
THE JERK  
WHO SAID  
"CRIME  
DOESN'T  
PAY!"

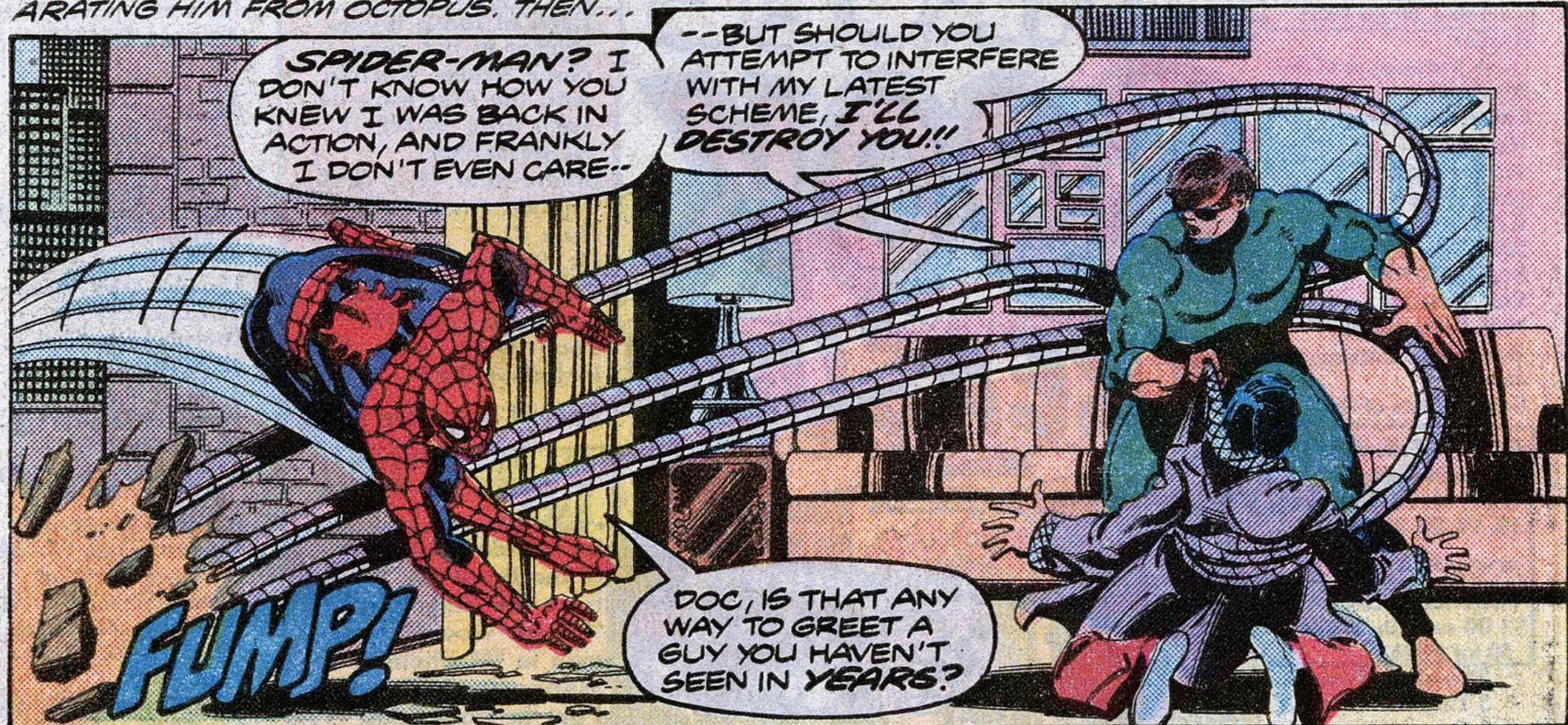
I WORK MY BUTT OFF AND  
CAN'T AFFORD A PAD  
HALF THIS SIZE--AH HA!

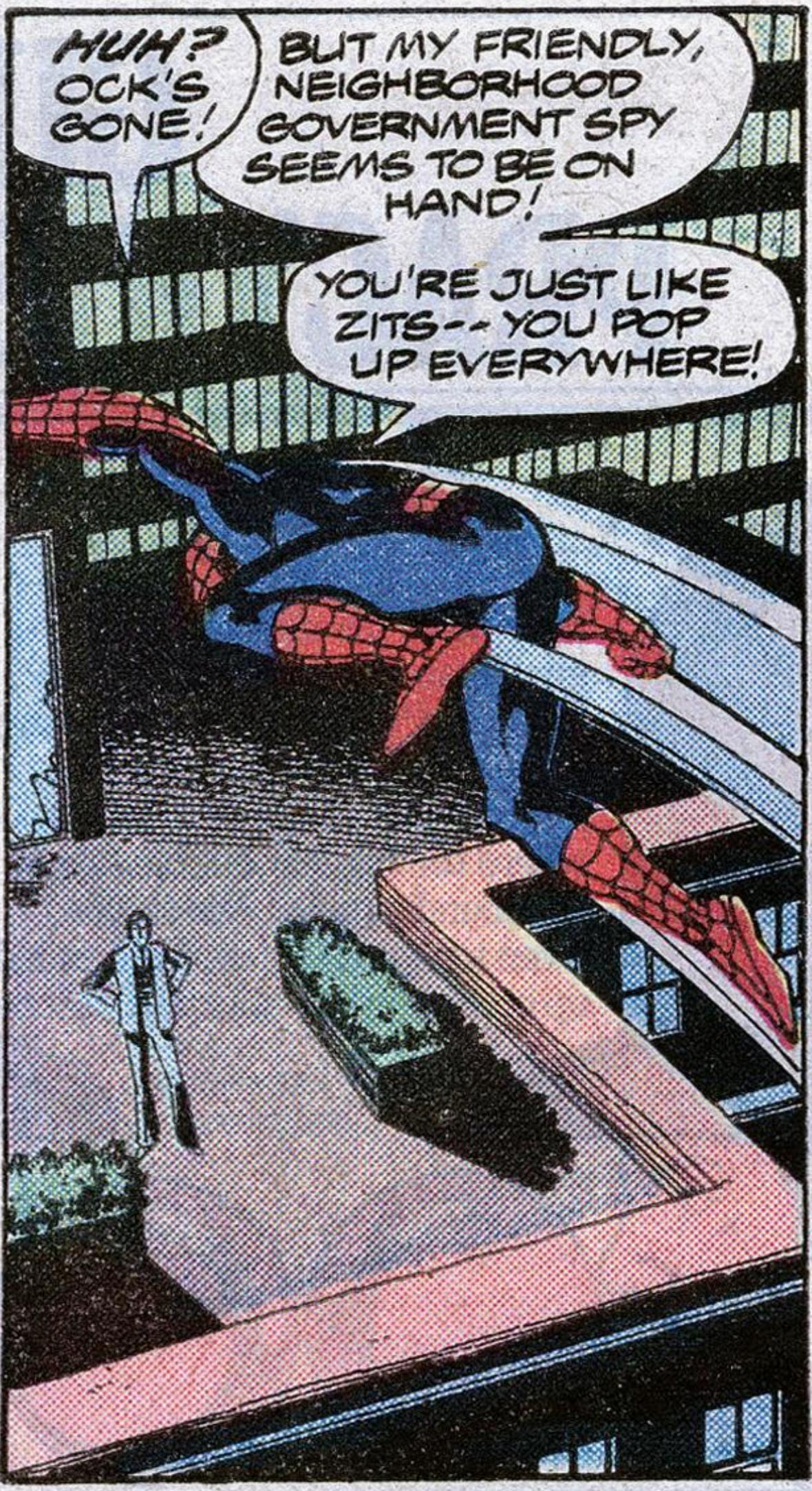
WHO'S BIG  
AND GREEN  
AND UGLY  
ALL OVER?

DISCOUNTING  
THE HULK,  
THAT IS!



SUDDENLY, SPIDER-MAN ACTS. HIS AGILE, LITHE BODY LEAPS THROUGH THE BROKEN PANE SEPARATING HIM FROM OCTOPUS. THEN...



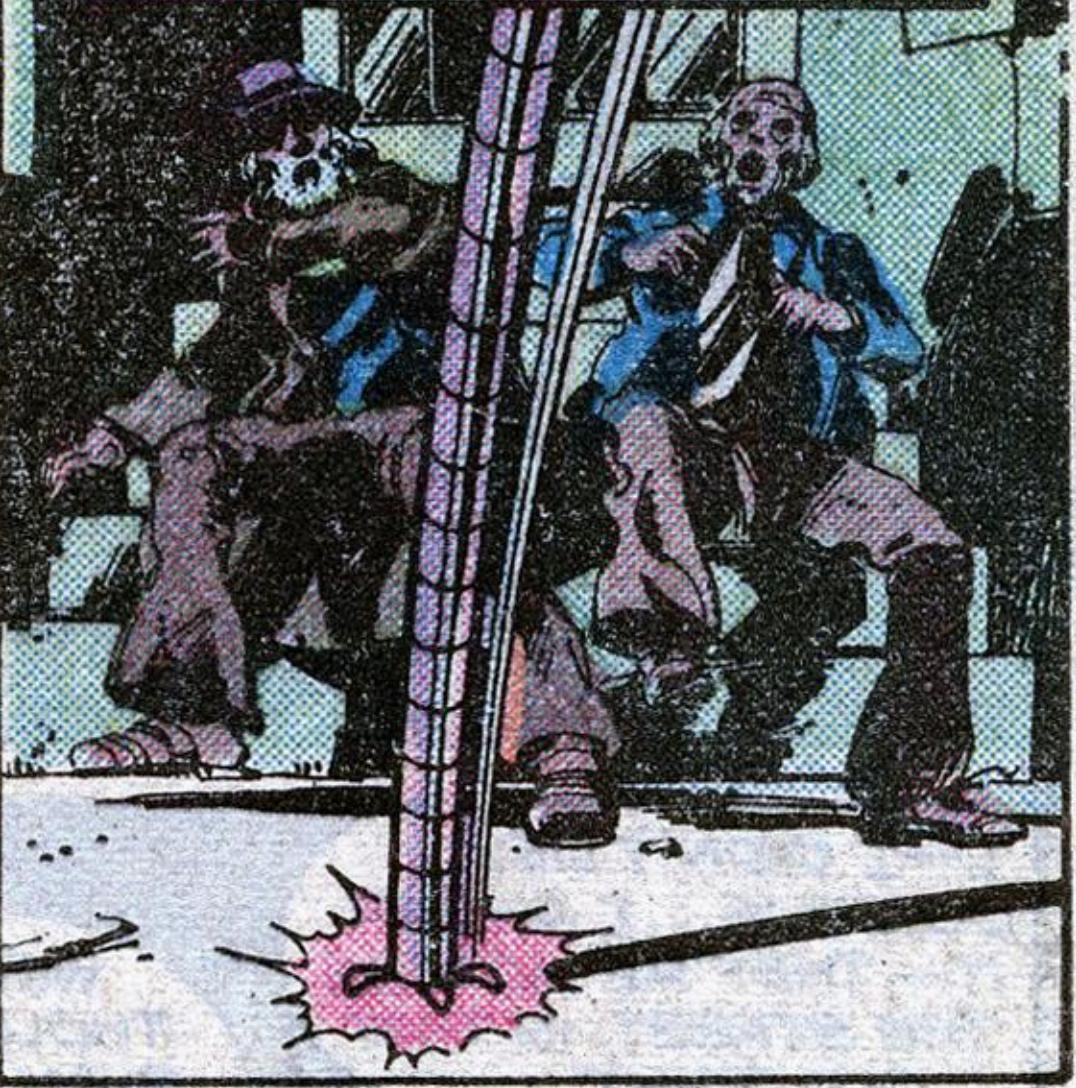


## CHAPTER 3: SQUID PRO QUO! OR, "YOU BEAT ME UP, AND I'LL BEAT YOU!"

DARK SHADOWS INCH ALONG GRIMY MANHATTAN STREETS LIKE WORMS SLITHERING HOME TO THEIR HOLES.

THE ONLY ONES WHO DARE BRAVE THE NIGHT ARE THOSE HUDDLING COLD AND IMPOVERISHED IN DILAPIDATED DOORWAYS.

THEREFORE, ONLY A PALTRY FEW ACTUALLY WITNESS THE MIND-STAGGERING SIGHT OF A MAN MAKING HIS WAY DOWN THE INFAMOUS BOWERY...



...ON MECHANICAL ARMS TWENTY-FIVE FEET LONG...

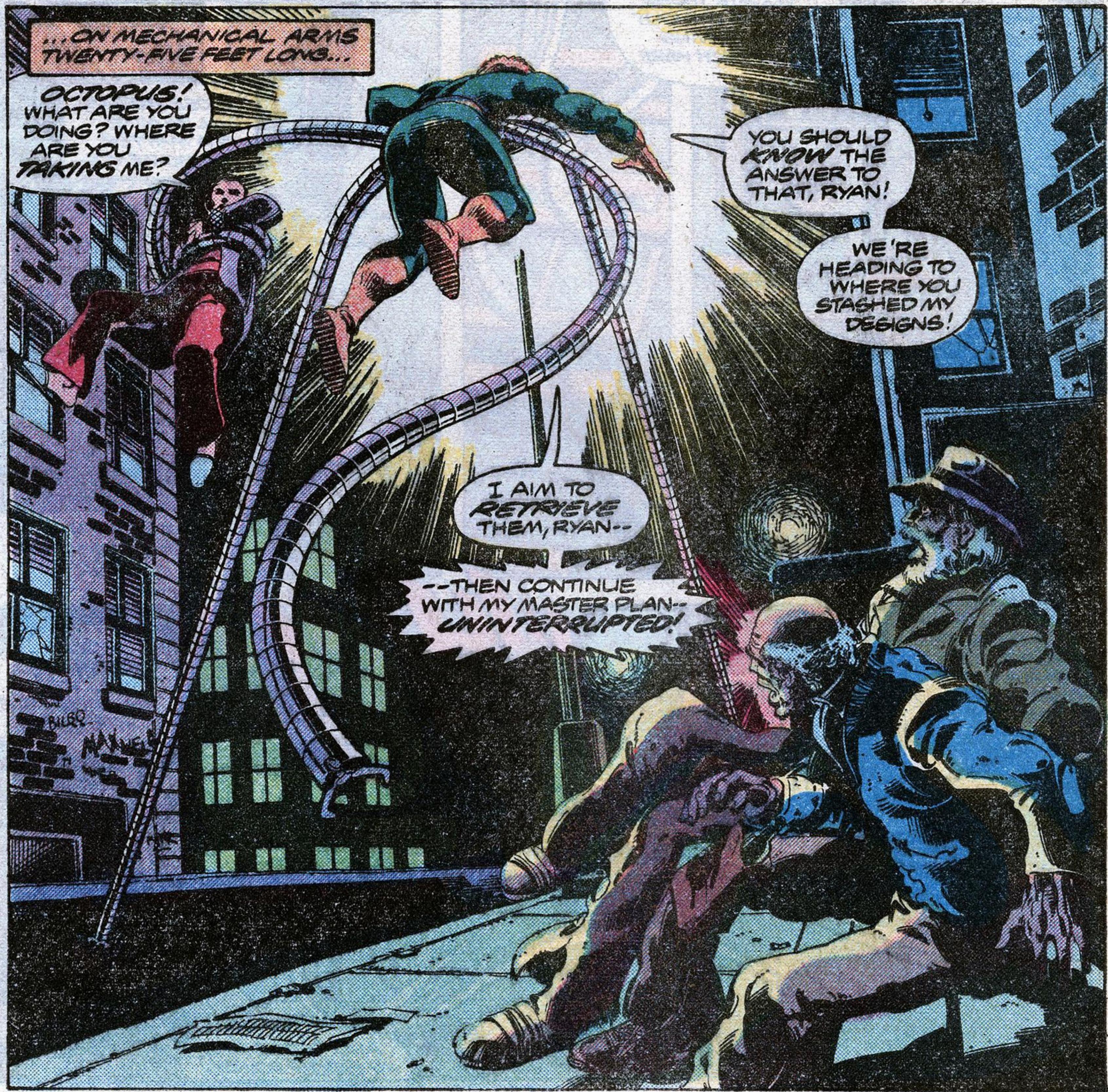
OCTOPUS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

YOU SHOULD KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT, RYAN!

WE'RE HEADING TO WHERE YOU STASHED MY DESIGNS!

I AIM TO RETRIEVE THEM, RYAN--

--THEN CONTINUE WITH MY MASTER PLAN-- UNINTERRUPTED!



WE'RE AT THE ADDRESS  
YOU GAVE ME, RYAN,  
BUT ALL I SEE IS A  
CONSTRUCTION  
SITE!

HAVE YOU  
BEEN CYING  
TO ME, DOLT?

SPEAK QUICKLY,  
MAN--MY PATIENCE  
IS QUICKLY RUNNING  
OUT. WHERE ARE  
MY PLANS??!!

THE GRAHAM CONSTRUCTION  
COMPANY PRESENTS  
THE PAUL  
PARDON  
BUILDING

I--I DIDN'T LIE,  
OCTOPUS...I SWEAR  
IT--THEY'RE ACROSS  
THE STREET, IN THAT  
OLD JOINT.

I GAVE 'EM TO  
MY BUDDY...  
FIGURED YOU'D  
NEVER FIND  
'EM THERE.

WELL, YOU  
THOUGHT WRONG,  
RYAN...I CAN  
LOCATE THOSE  
PAPERS WITHOUT  
EVEN LEAVING  
MY PERCH HERE.

"THE SENSORS BUILT  
INTO MY INCREDIBLE ARMS  
WILL LEAD THEM INSTANTLY  
TO WHAT I SEEK."

"THOSE PAPERS  
WILL BE MINE  
IN A MATTER  
OF MOMENTS--

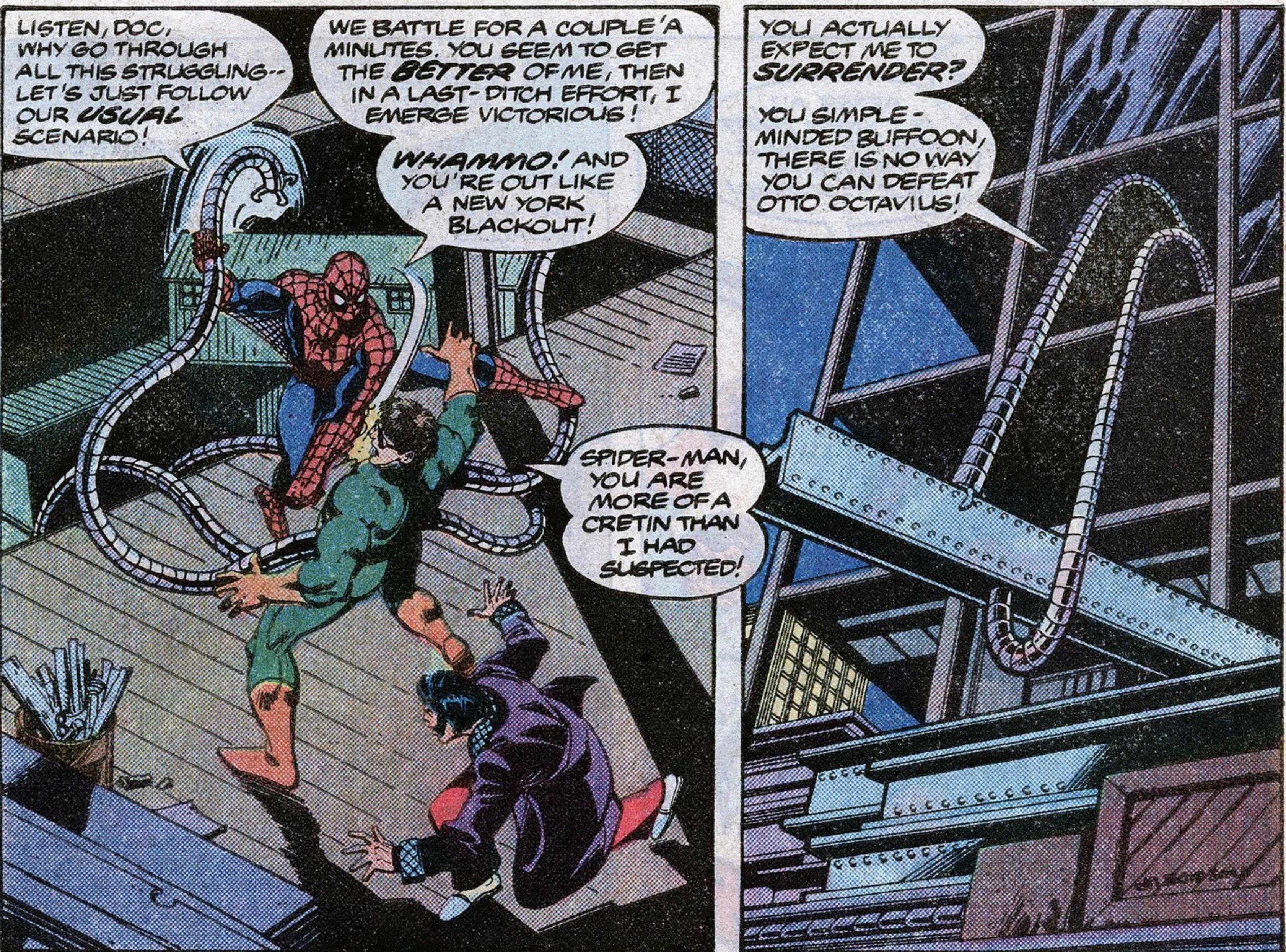
--AND THEN, I  
SHALL DEAL WITH  
YOU!"

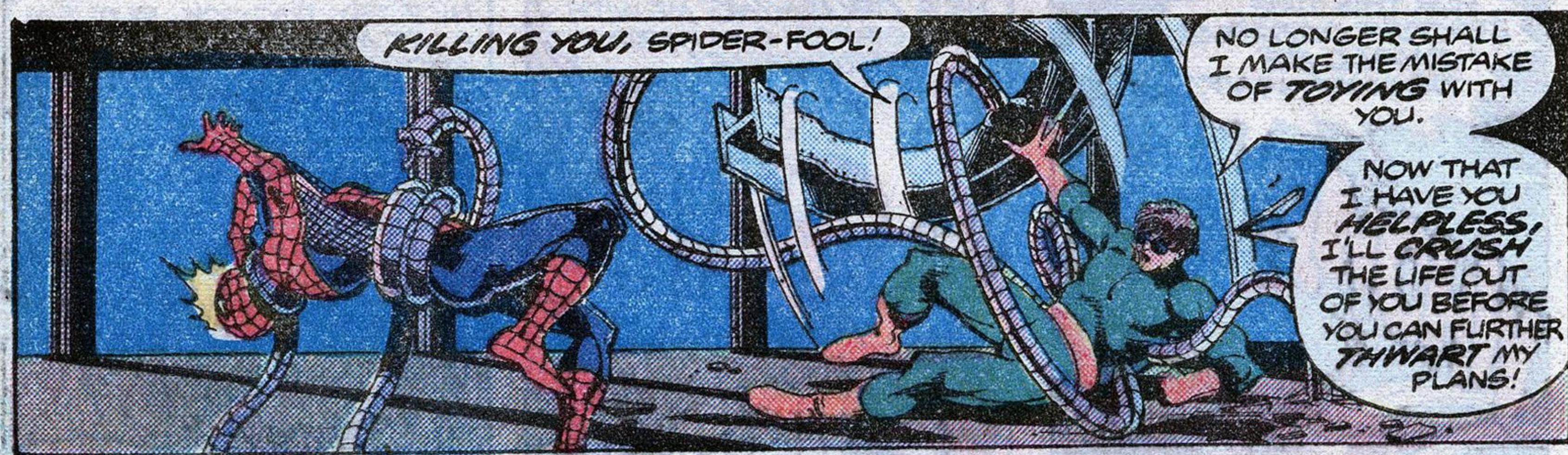
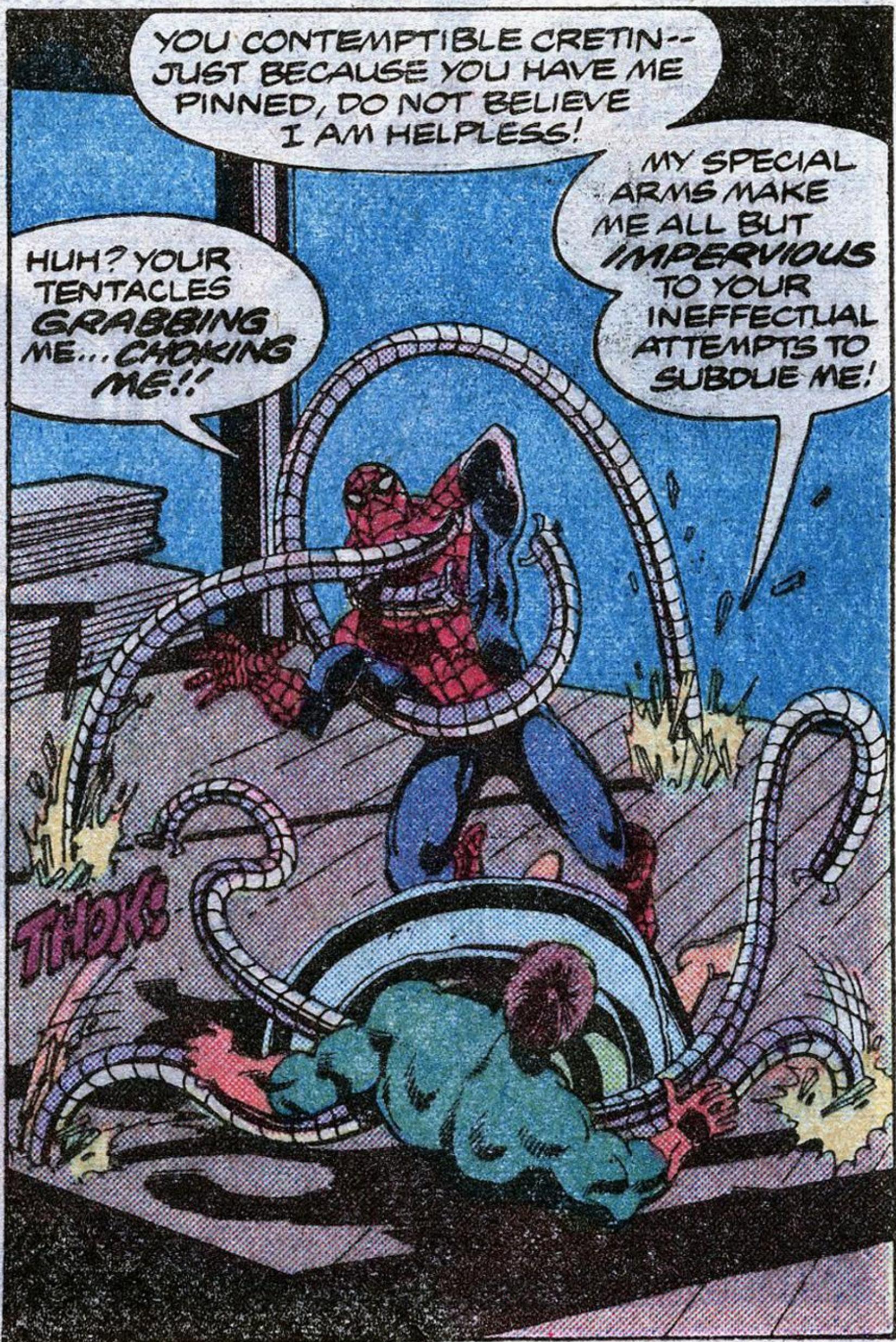
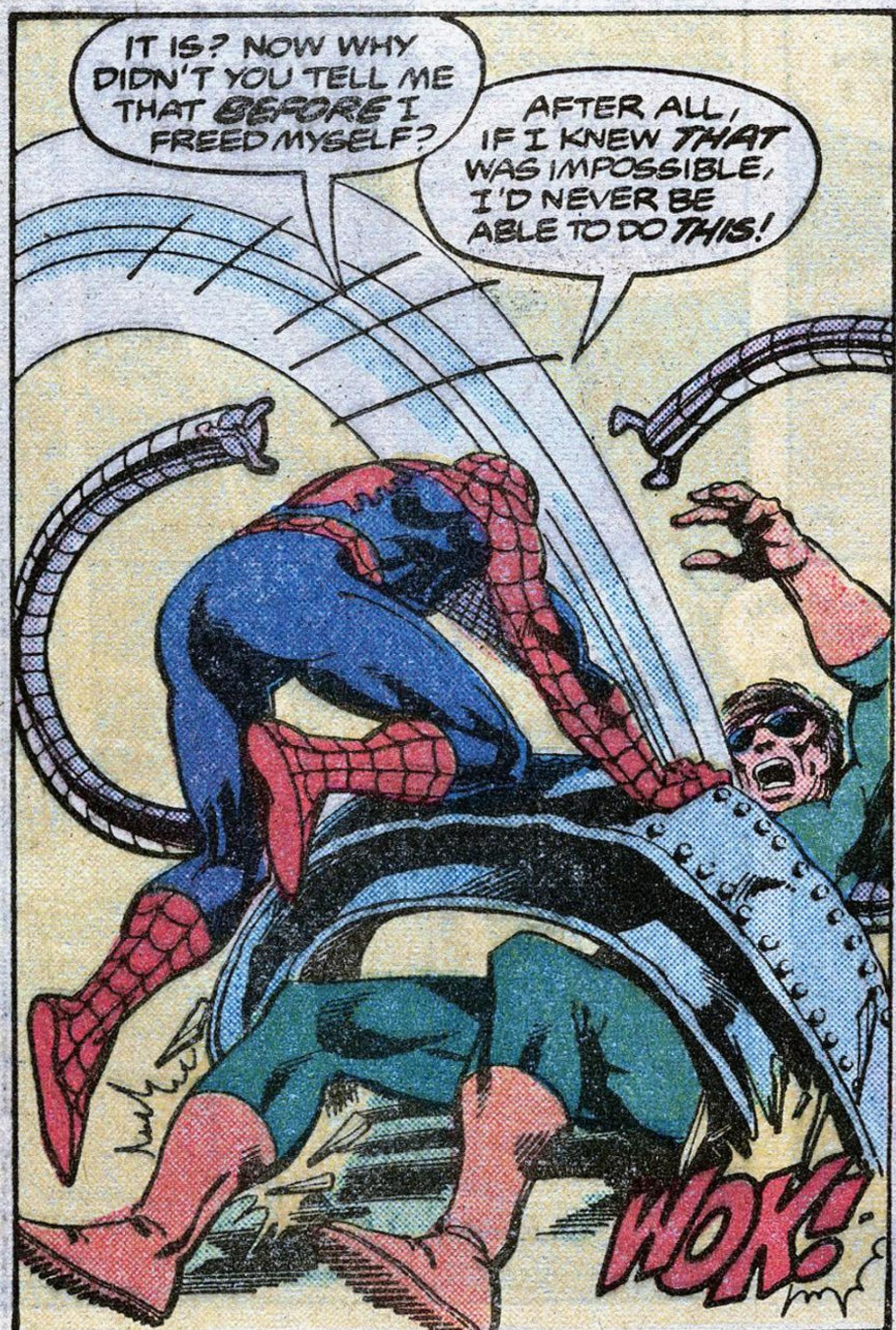
WITH ALL THAT  
GOING ON, WHEN  
ARE WE EVER  
GONNA GET A  
CHANCE TO  
CHAT?

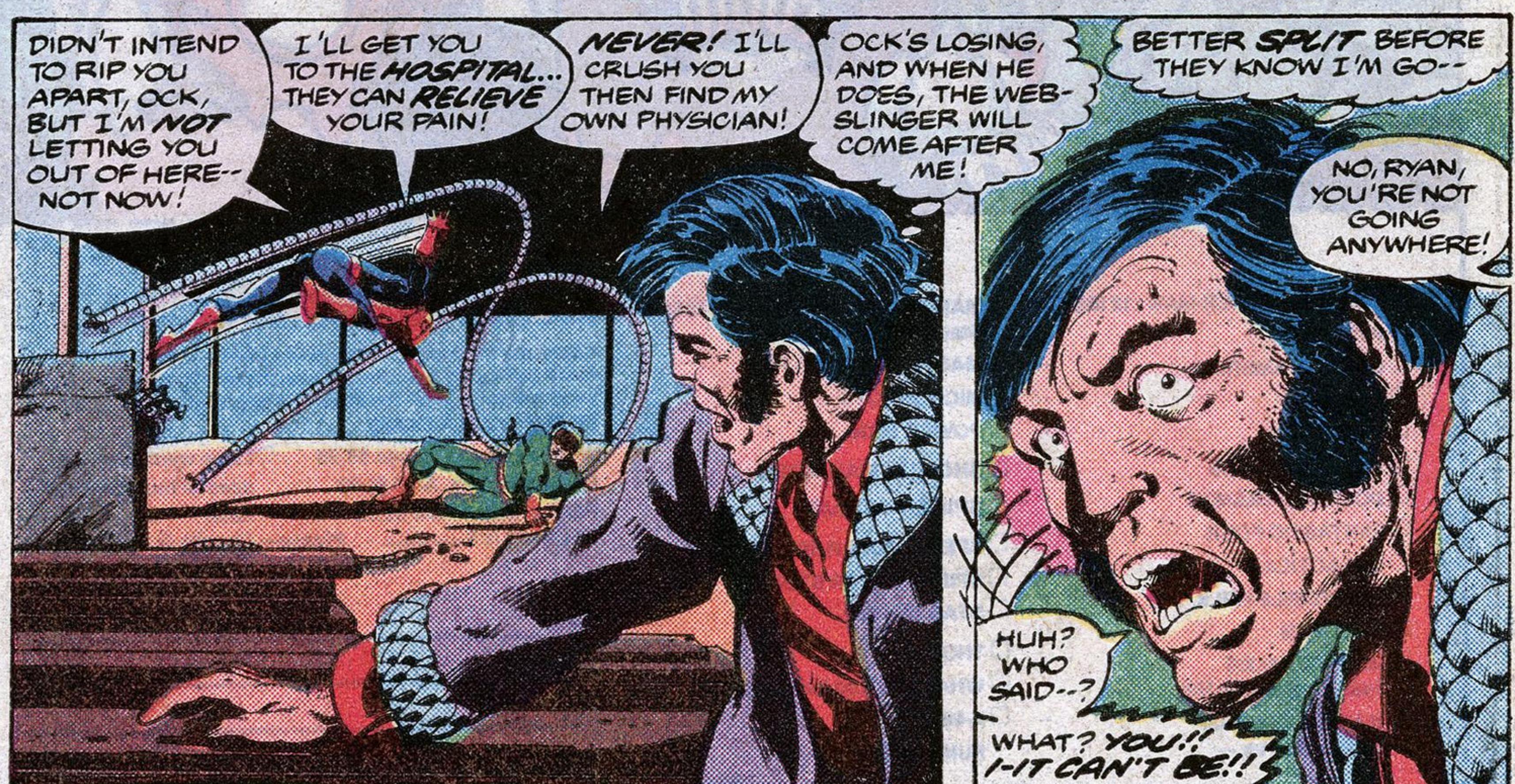
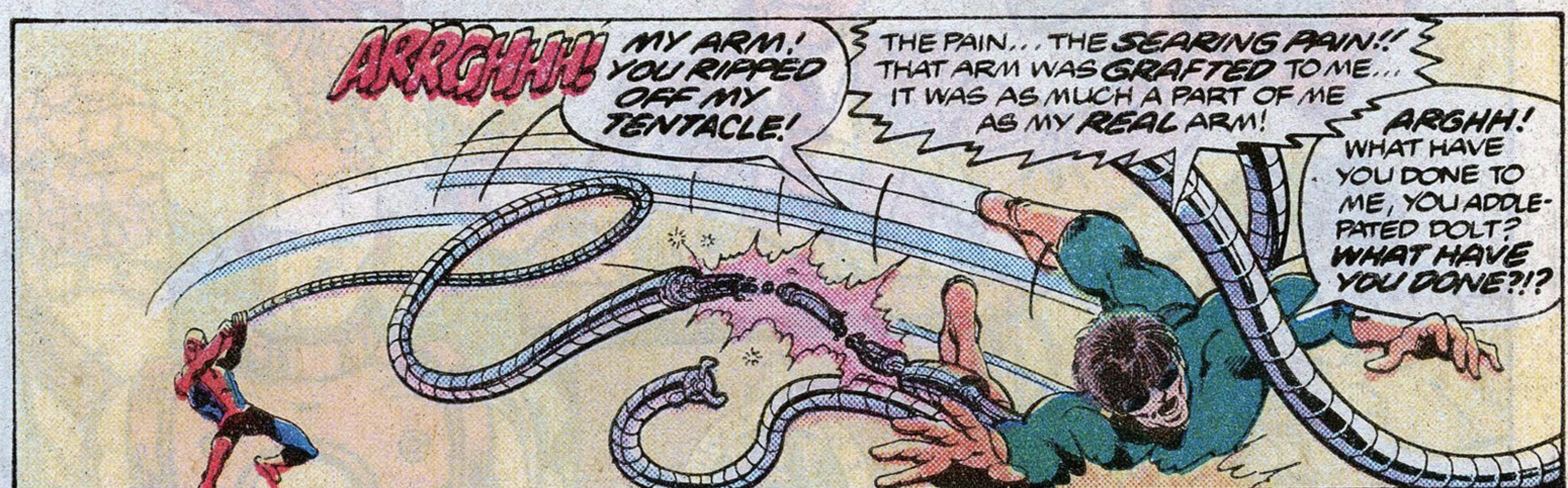
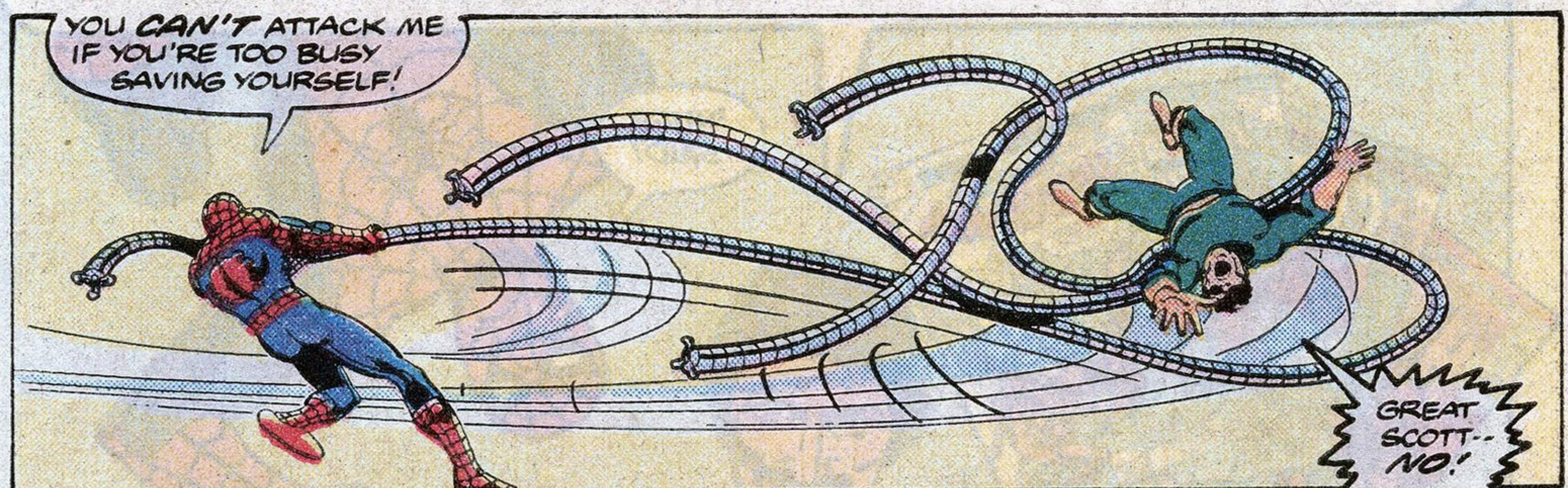
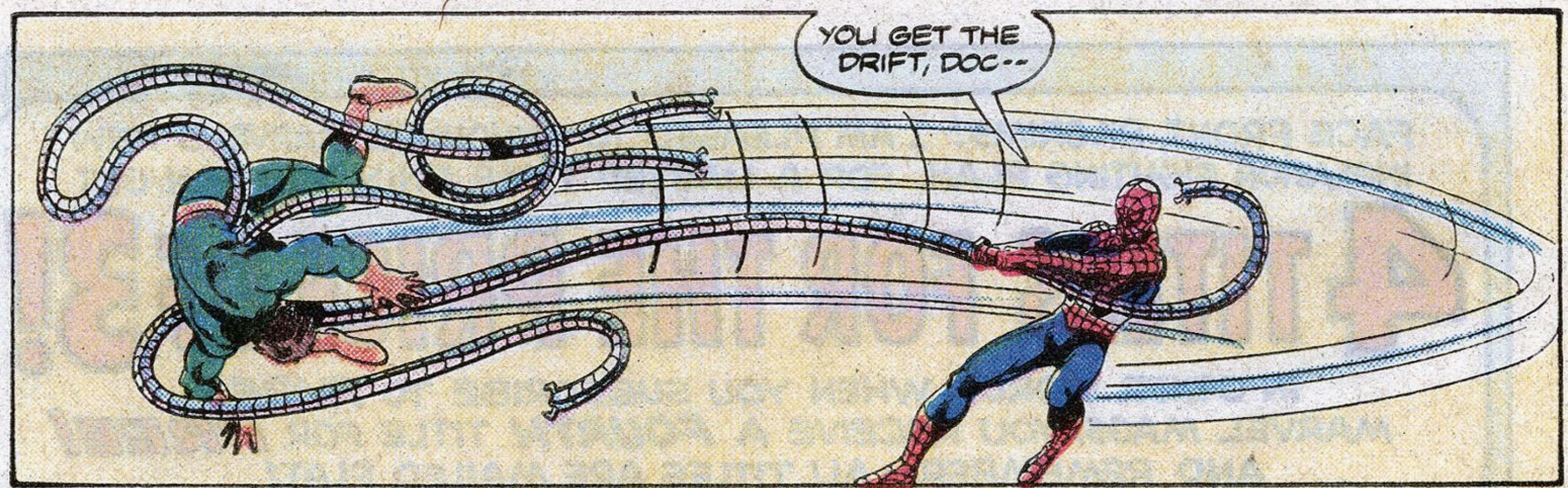
**WAH!**

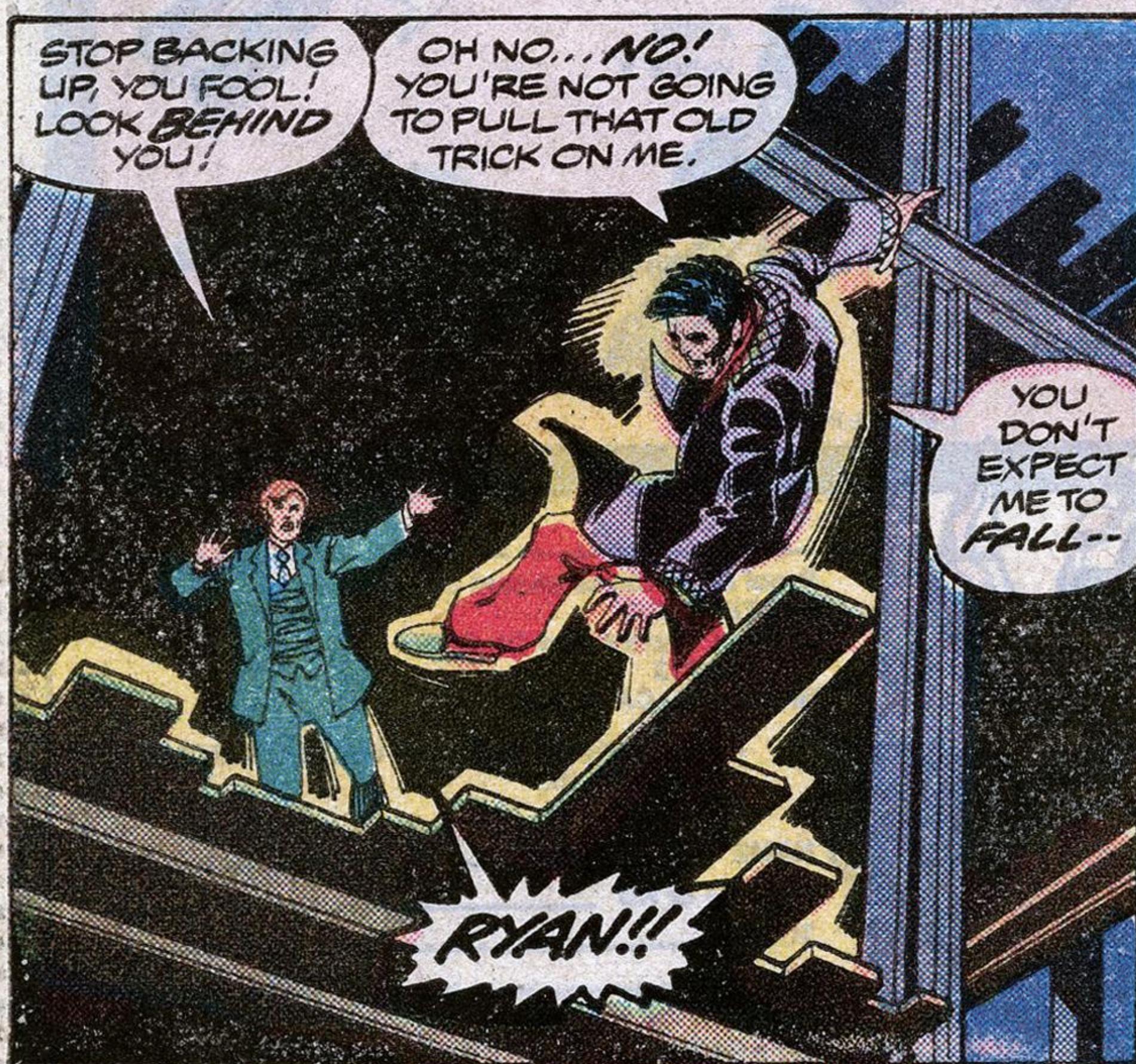
YOU  
AGAIN?  
YOU'RE  
INSUFFERABLE!  
IMPOSSIBLE!

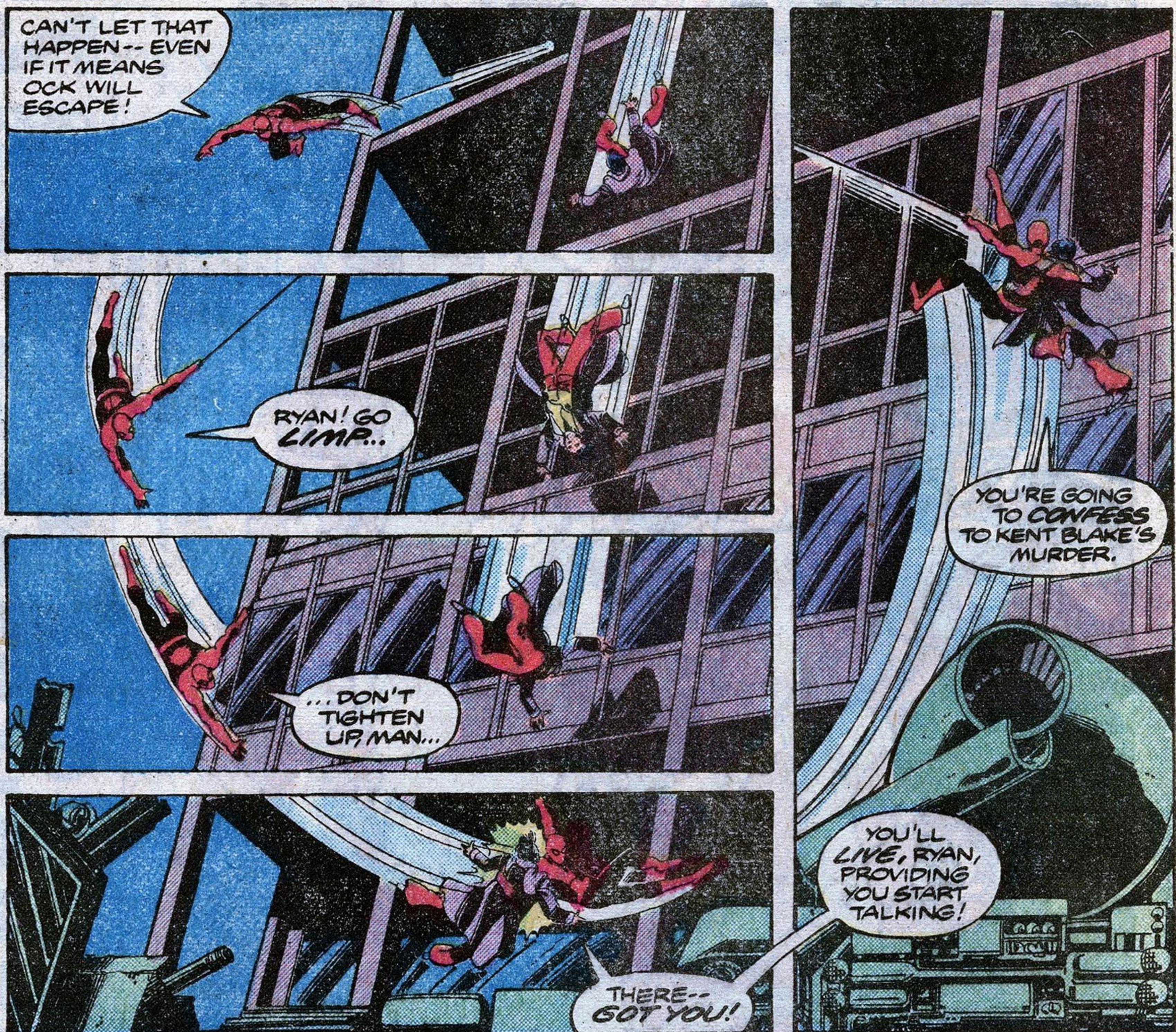
AND THOSE ARE  
MY GOOD POINTS!











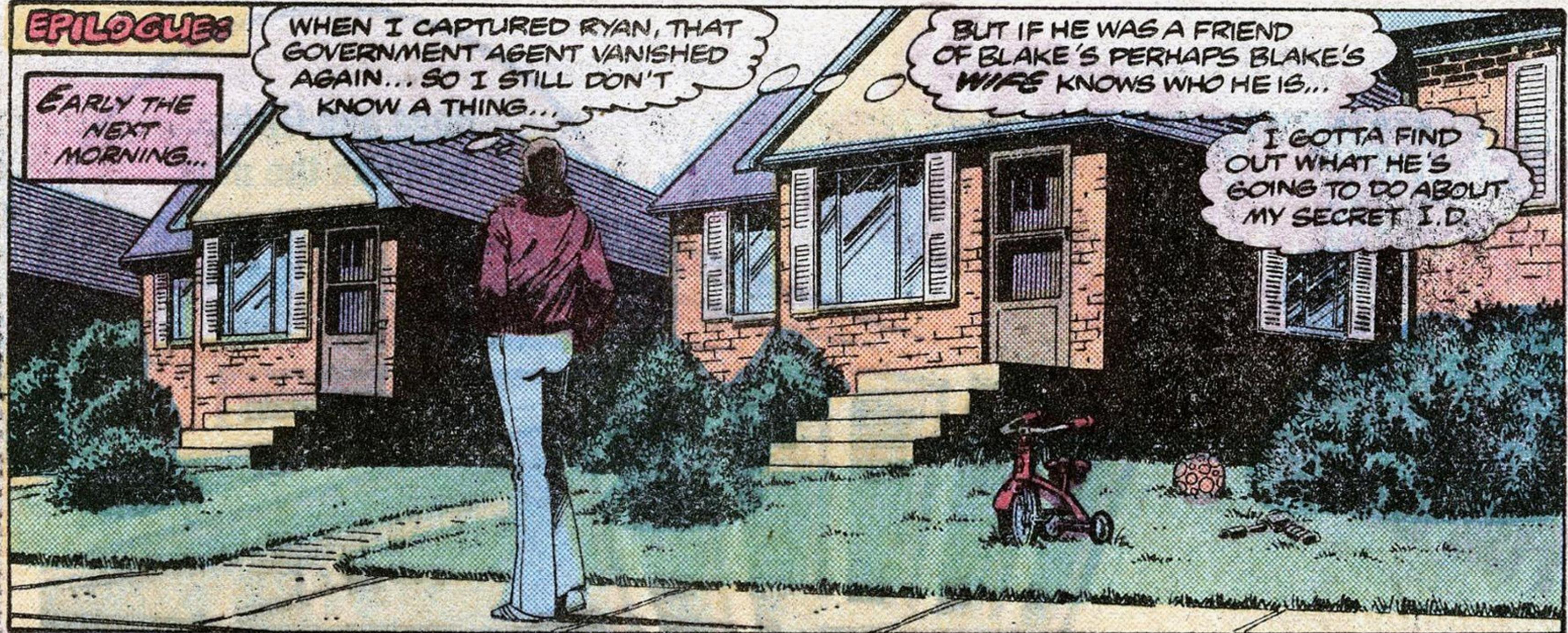
## EPILOGUE

EARLY THE  
NEXT  
MORNING...

WHEN I CAPTURED RYAN, THAT  
GOVERNMENT AGENT VANISHED  
AGAIN... SO I STILL DON'T  
KNOW A THING...

BUT IF HE WAS A FRIEND  
OF BLAKE'S PERHAPS BLAKE'S  
WIFE KNOWS WHO HE IS...

I GOTTA FIND  
OUT WHAT HE'S  
GOING TO DO ABOUT  
MY SECRET I.D.

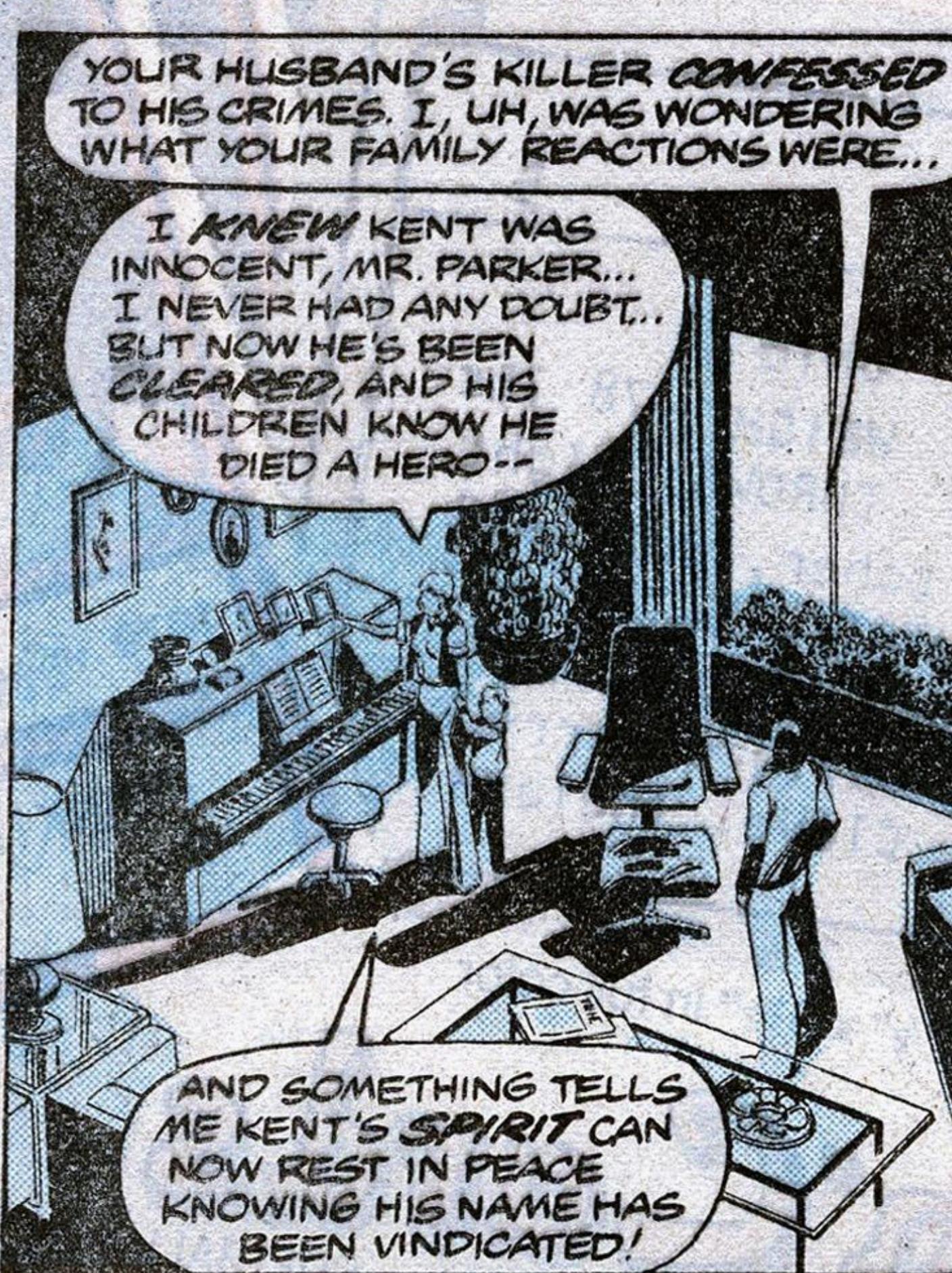


MRS. BLAKE.  
I'M PETER  
PARKER  
FROM THE  
GLOBE.  
REMEMBER  
ME?

YES, OF COURSE,  
MR. PARKER. PLEASE  
... COME IN.

YOUR HUSBAND'S KILLER CONFESSED  
TO HIS CRIMES. I, UH, WAS WONDERING  
WHAT YOUR FAMILY REACTIONS WERE...

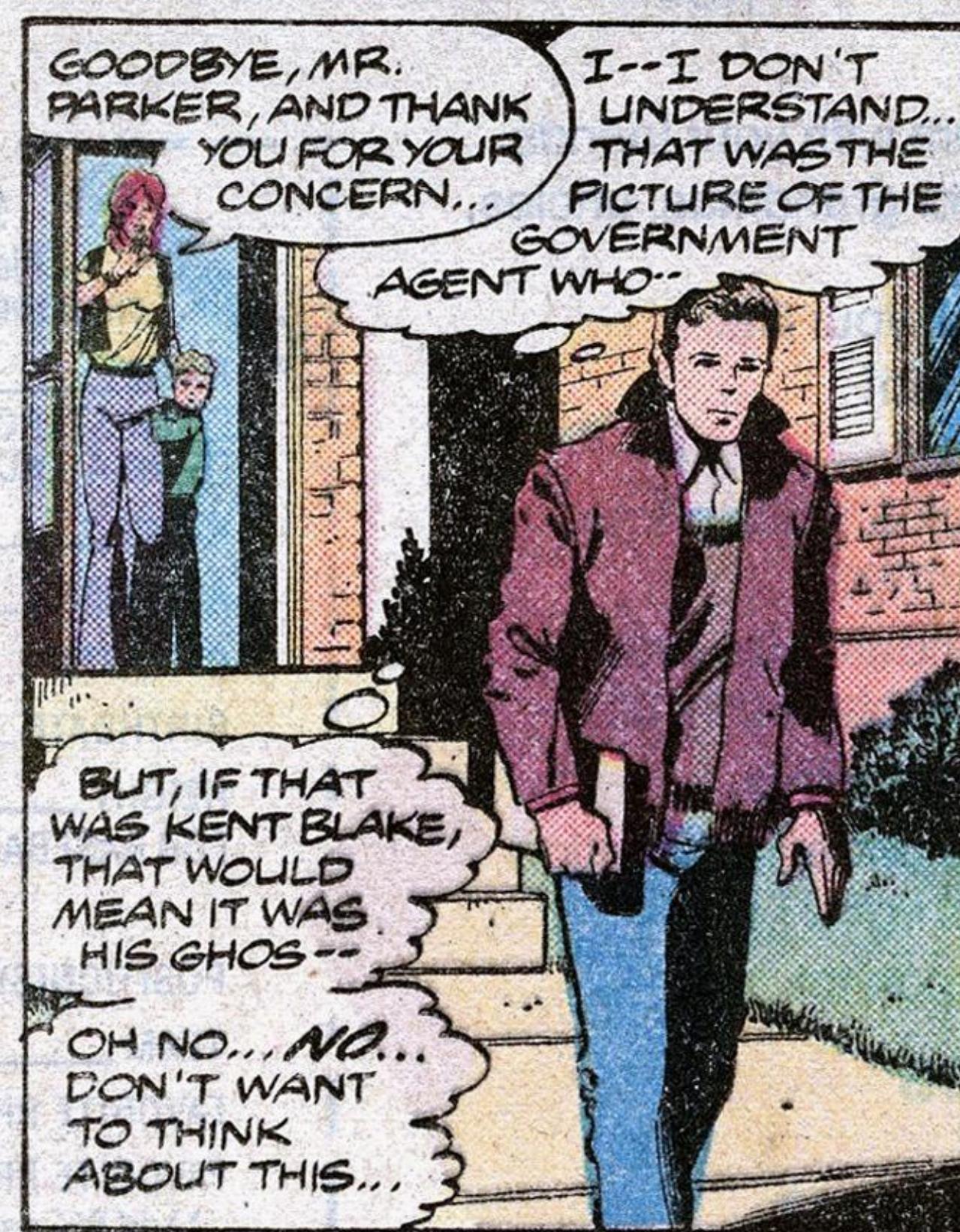
STILL, I'LL  
MISS HIM.  
LORD, I'LL  
MISS HIM.



OF COURSE, THAT'S  
KENT. BUT WHY DO  
YOU SEEM SO  
SURPRISED?

I, ER--THAT IS...  
NEVER MIND... I  
REALLY DON'T THINK  
YOU'D BELIEVE ME  
EVEN IF I TOLD YOU...

DAZED, CONFUSED, PETER PARKER  
TAKES HIS LEAVE OF THE BLAKES, AND...



SOMETHING  
TELLS ME I'M  
BETTER OFF  
NOT THINKING  
ABOUT THIS  
AT ALL!

TO BE  
CONTINUED  
IN PETER  
PARKER  
ANNUAL #1,  
ON SALE SOON!

A GALLERY OF SPIDER-MAN'S MOST FAMOUS FOES!

# THE MOLTEN MAN

FIRST APPEARED IN  
THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN #28



ONCE HE WAS MARK RAXTON, A DISGRUNTLED ASSISTANT SCIENTIST WHO HELPED SPENCER SMYTHE DEVELOP A LIQUID METAL ALLOY. DUE TO A FREAK ACCIDENT, THE BURNING CHEMICAL WAS ABSORBED INTO RAXTON'S SKIN AND GAVE HIM THE POWER TO INCINERATE ANYTHING HE TOUCHED. NEEDLESS TO SAY, HIS POWER ALONE MAKES HIM ONE OF SPIDEY'S MOST DANGEROUS FOES... BUT HE'S ALSO THE STEP-BROTHER OF PETE'S FRIEND LIZ ALLEN... WHICH PREVENTS OUR WALL-CRAWLER FROM USING ALL HIS POWER TO STOP HIM!

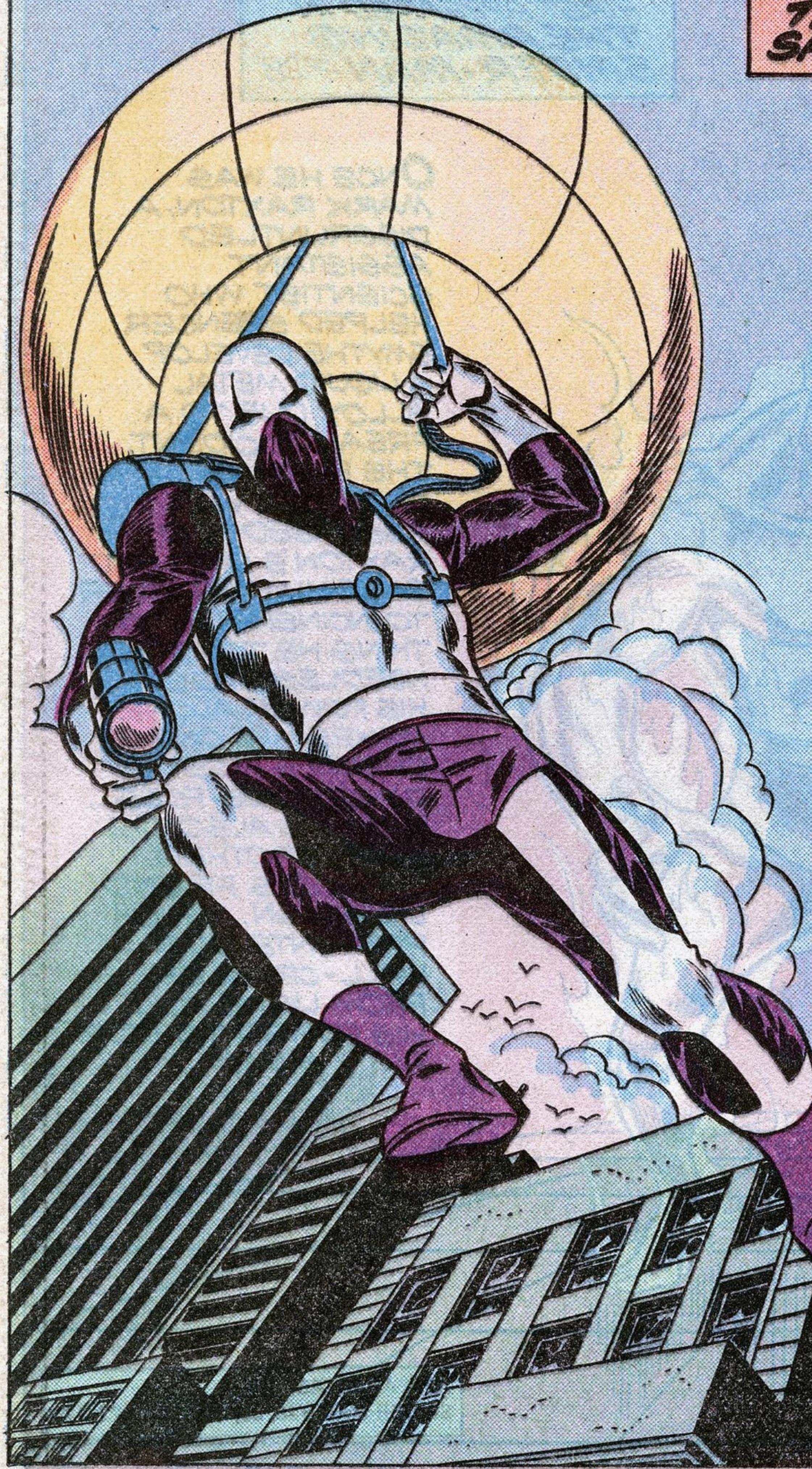
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A GALLERY OF SPIDER-MAN'S MOST FAMOUS FOES!

# THE LOOTER

(A.K.A. THE METEOR MAN!)

FIRST APPEARED IN  
THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN #36



DEFINITELY ONE OF SPIDEY'S STRANGEST VILLAINS. THE LOOTER IS NORTON G. FESTER, WOULD-BE SCIENTIST, PART-TIME BUMBLER, AND FULL-FLEDGED NUT! WHEN HE ACCIDENTALLY CRACKED OPEN A GAS POCKET IN A FALLEN METEOR, HE WAS GIVEN POWERS THAT MADE HIM A DANGER TO SPIDEY. FIRST HE CALLED HIMSELF THE LOOTER, THEN CHANGED IT TO THE METEOR MAN. WHAT HE'LL CALL HIMSELF NEXT IS ANYBODY'S GUESS.

APPEARANCES:  
SPIDER-MAN #36  
MARVEL TEAM-UP #33, 34  
DEFENDERS #64

A GALLERY OF SPIDER-MAN'S MOST FAMOUS FOES!

# THE RHINO

FIRST APPEARED IN  
THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN #41



WITHOUT A DOUBT, ONE OF SPIDEY'S MOST POWERFUL BADDIES. STRONG AS THE BEAST WHOSE NAME HE TOOK, NOTHING CAN STOP HIM ONCE HE BEGINS HIS MINDLESS RAMPAGE! CONCRETE BLOCK-HOUSES CRUMBLE TO DUST BEFORE HIM, AND MORE THAN ONE HERO HAS FELT HIS AWESOME STRENGTH. NATURALLY, SPIDEY WAS THE FIRST, AND HE CAN STILL FEEL THE BRUISES!

APPEARANCES:  
SPIDER-MAN #41, 43  
HULK #104, 117, 124, 157, 158, 159, 171, 218  
DEFENDERS #42, 43

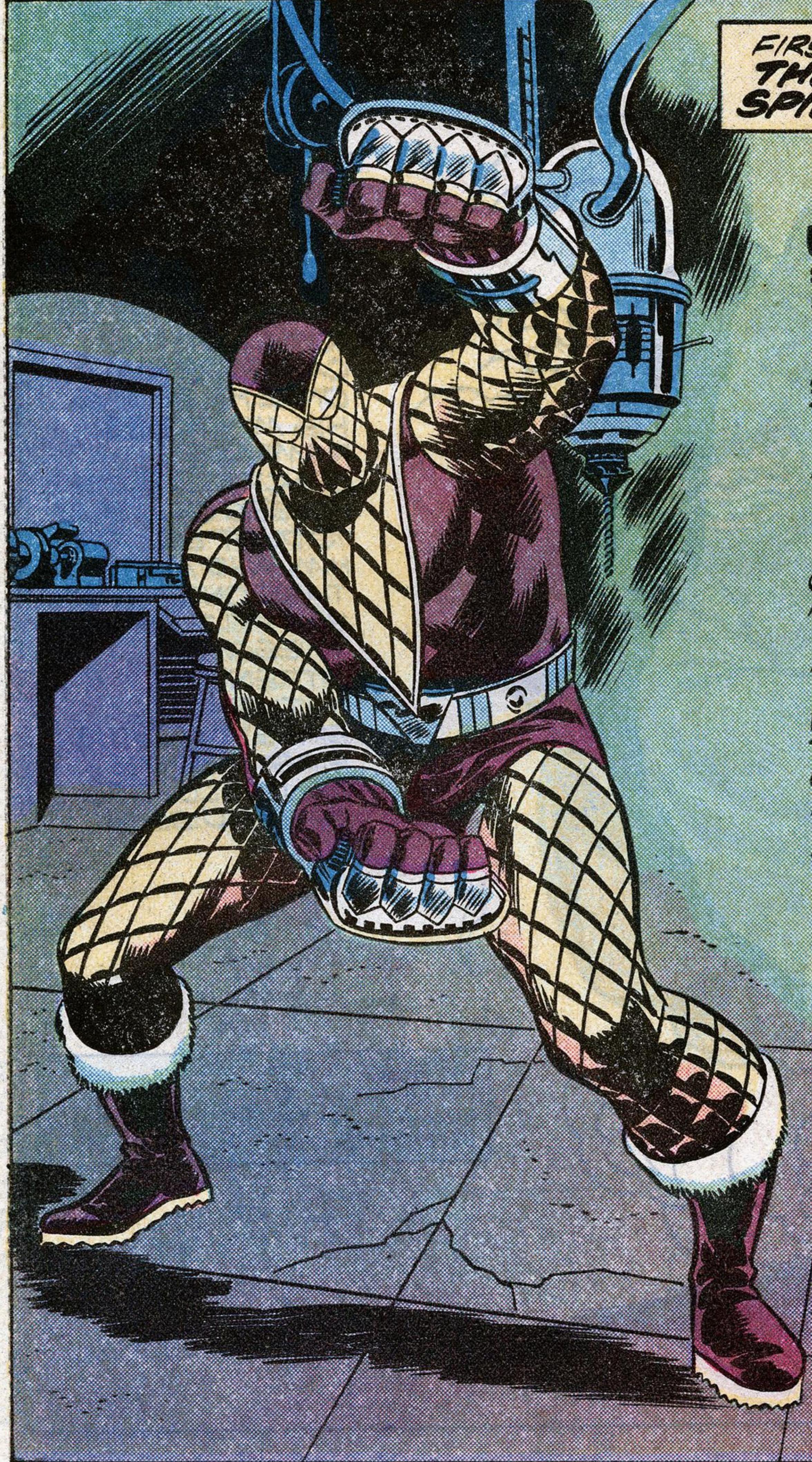
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# THE SHOCKER

FIRST APPEARED IN  
THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN #46

WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT THE SHOCKER THAT HIS VIBRO-SHOCK UNITS CAN'T SAY BETTER? THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN'T VIBRATE APART WITH HIS MECHANICAL BLASTERS, NOTHING THAT CAN STOP HIM, AND NOTHING THAT HE WON'T GO AFTER SHOULD IT PROVE VALUABLE ENOUGH TO STEAL! THE SHOCKER IS ONE OF SPIDER-MAN'S WILDEST FOES, SO PLEASE DON'T GET IN HIS WAY, OKAY?

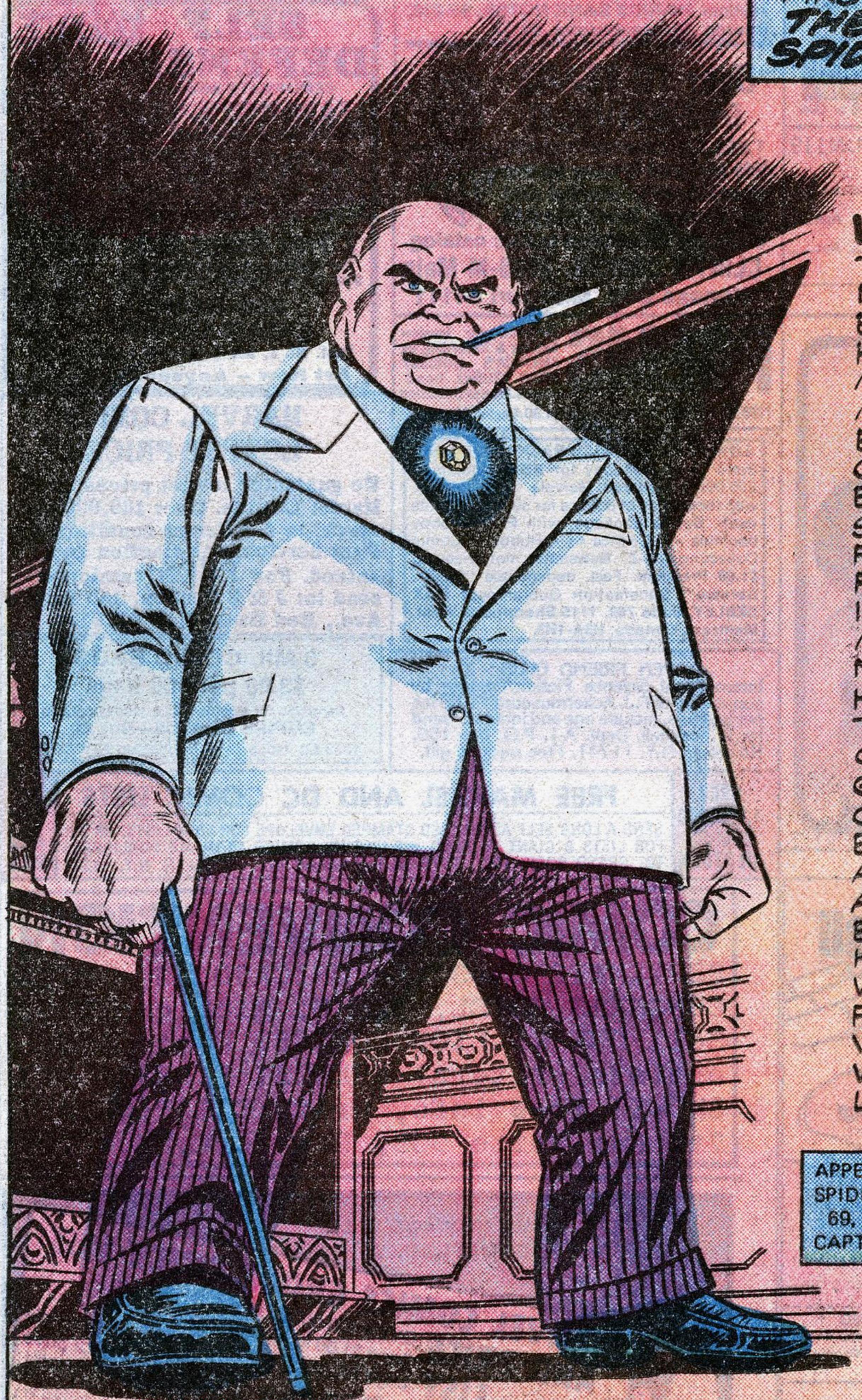
APPEARANCES:  
SPIDER-MAN #46, 72, 151, 152  
DEFENDERS #64



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# The KINGPIN

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THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN #50



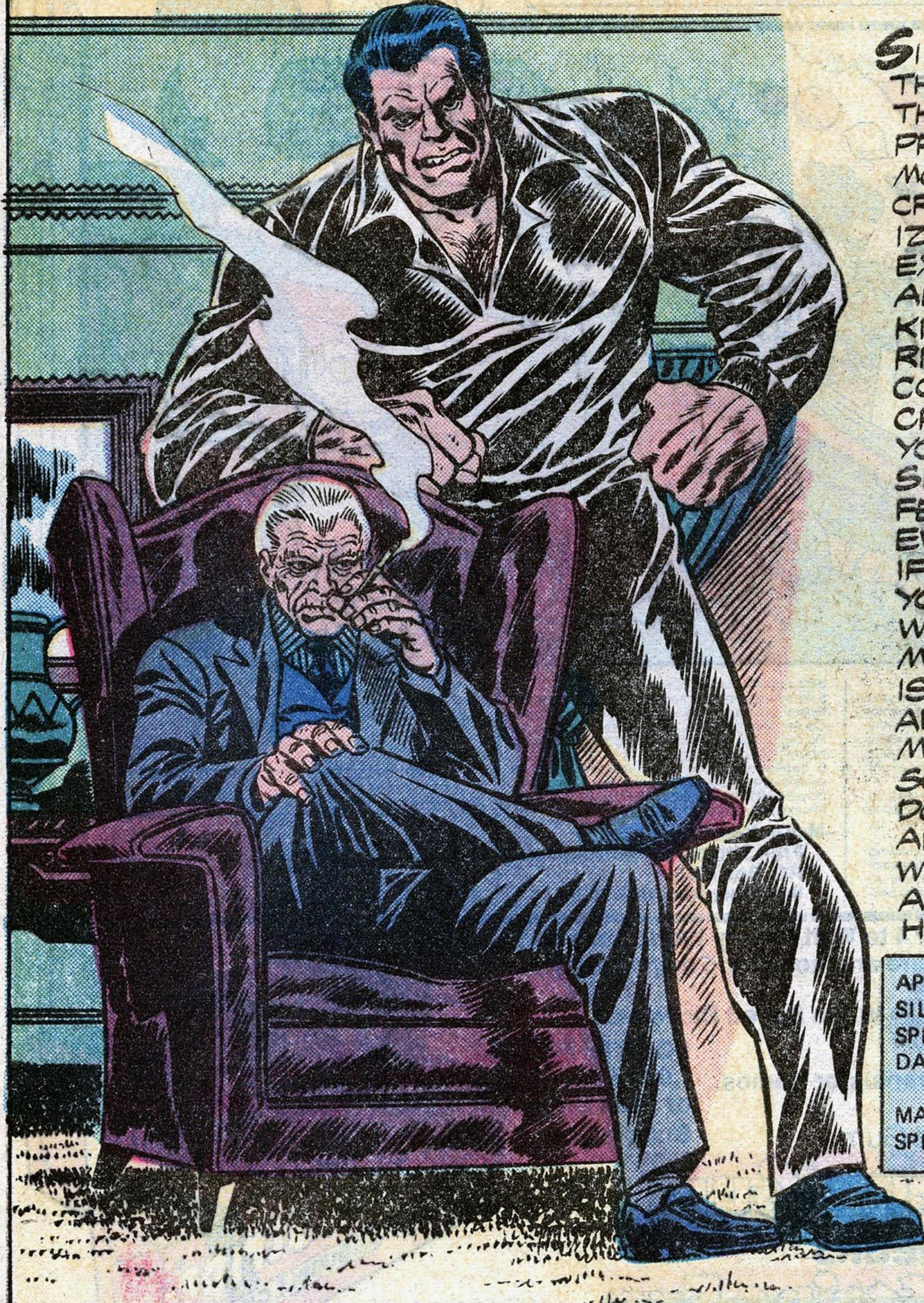
WHEN IT COMES TO RAW POWER, NOBODY CAN BEAT THE KINGPIN! THE MASSIVE GIANT MAY SEEM TO BE MADE OUT OF BLUBBER, BUT DON'T DARE SAY THAT TO HIS FACE. HE'S SIX-FOOT SEVEN INCHES OF SOLID MUSCLE, AND NOT EVEN SPIDEY HAS BEEN ABLE TO STOP HIM ONCE HE GETS GOING! HE'S NOT ONLY STRONG, BUT HE'S CUNNING, AND AS DEADLY AS THEY COME... BUT, FOR ALL HIS EVIL, HE WILL DO ANYTHING FOR HIS WIFE, VANESSA, THE WOMAN HE LOVES!

APPEARANCES:  
SPIDER-MAN #50, 51, 59, 60, 61, 68,  
69, 70, 71, 84, 85, 163, 164, 197  
CAPTAIN AMERICA #147, 148

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# SILVERMANE and MAN-MOUNTAIN MARKO

FIRST APPEARED IN  
THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN #73



SILVERMANE IS THE LEADER OF THE MAGGIA, PROBABLY THE MOST POWERFUL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION IN EXISTENCE. HE'S ALSO THE KINGPIN'S ARCH-RIVAL FOR CONTROL OF CRIME IN NEW YORK CITY. SILVERMANE IS FEARED BY MOST EVERYONE, AND IF YOU MEET HIM, YOU'LL KNOW WHY. MAN MOUNTAIN MARKO IS HIS BODYGUARD, AND HE'S SOLID MUSCLE AND SOLID HATE. DON'T GET INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH HIM: MARKO ANSWERS WITH HIS FISTS!

APPEARANCES:  
SILVERMANE  
SPIDER-MAN #73, 74, 75  
DAREDEVIL #120, 121, 122, 123

MARKO  
SPIDER-MAN #73, 74, 75

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# THE PROWLER

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SPIDER-MAN #78



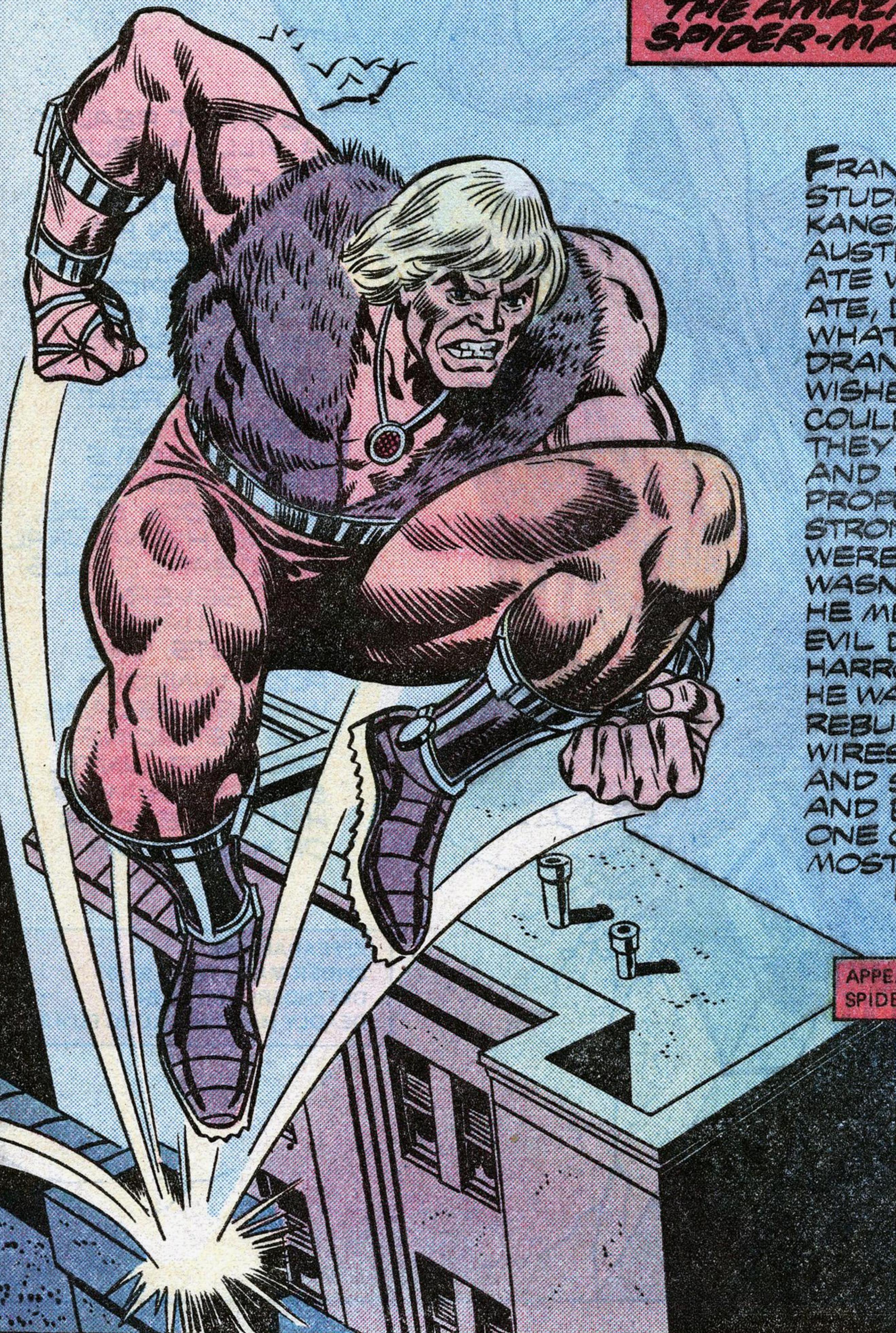
HE'S NOT REALLY A VILLAIN, BUT HE CERTAINLY SEEMED THAT WAY WHEN HE FIRST APPEARED TO GIVE SPIDEY A HARD TIME. HE IS, IN FACT, HOBIE BROWN, A GUY WHO FELT EVERYTHING GOOD ALWAYS HAPPENED TO SOMEBODY ELSE. USING HIS NATURAL ACROBATIC SKILLS, AND SEVERAL HOME-MADE GADGETS, THE POOR WINDOW-WASHER BECAME THE MENACING PROWLER, UNTIL SPIDEY SHOWED HIM THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS!

APPEARANCES:  
SPIDER-MAN #78, 79, 93, 97  
DEFENDERS #62, 63, 64  
DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU #21

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# THE KANGAROO

FIRST APPEARED IN  
THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN #81



FRANK OLIVER STUDIED THE KANGAROO IN AUSTRALIA, ATE WHAT THEY ATE, DRANK WHAT THEY DRANK, AND WISHED HE COULD LEAP AS THEY LEAPED AND WAS AS PROPORTIONALLY STRONG AS THEY WERE. BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL HE MET THE EVIL DR. JONAS HARROW THAT HE WAS CHANGED... REBUILT WITH WIRES, CHEMICALS AND STEEL... AND BECAME ONE OF SPIDEY'S MOST FEARED FOES!

APPEARANCES:  
SPIDER-MAN #81, 126

A MIGHTY  
MARVEL  
BONNIS  
PAGE

EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD SEEMS TO BE WRITING TO US, DEMANDING THAT WE PRESENT THE NEVER-BEFORE PUBLISHED SCHEMATIC ON ALL OF PETER PARKER'S HANGOUTS. AND SO, AT GREAT EXPENSE (TWO ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES, ACTUALLY), WE PRESENT...

# PETER PARKER'S PAD!

PETER'S APARTMENT  
BUILDING. ADDRESS: 410  
CHELSEA ST. NEW YORK  
(HE'S RIGHT OFF EIGHTH  
AVENUE IN CASE YA WANNA  
LOOK 'IM UP!).

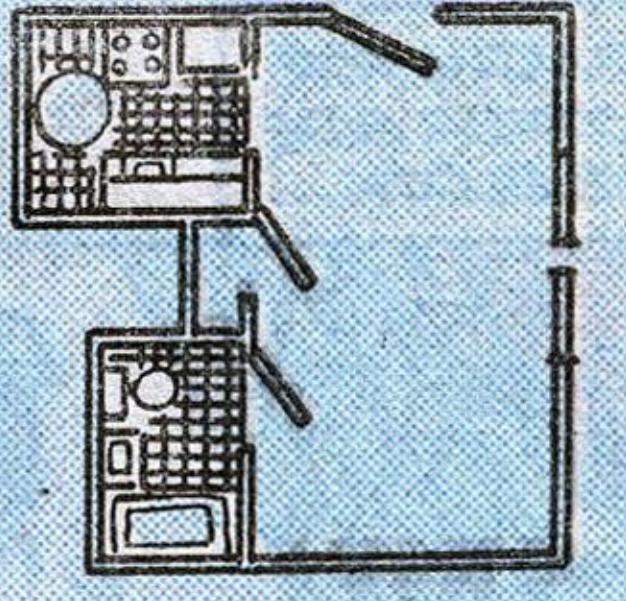
PETER'S  
APART-  
MENT.

SKYLIGHT  
TO P.P.P.\*

LANDLORD,  
MUGGINS'  
APARTMENT.

\* PETER  
PARKER'S  
PAD...  
NATCH.  
--MARV &  
KEITH.

FOR DETAIL STICKLERS: THE  
ORIGINAL HARD-TO-DIG-UP  
FLOORPLAN... RIGHT FROM  
THE BUILDER'S FILES.



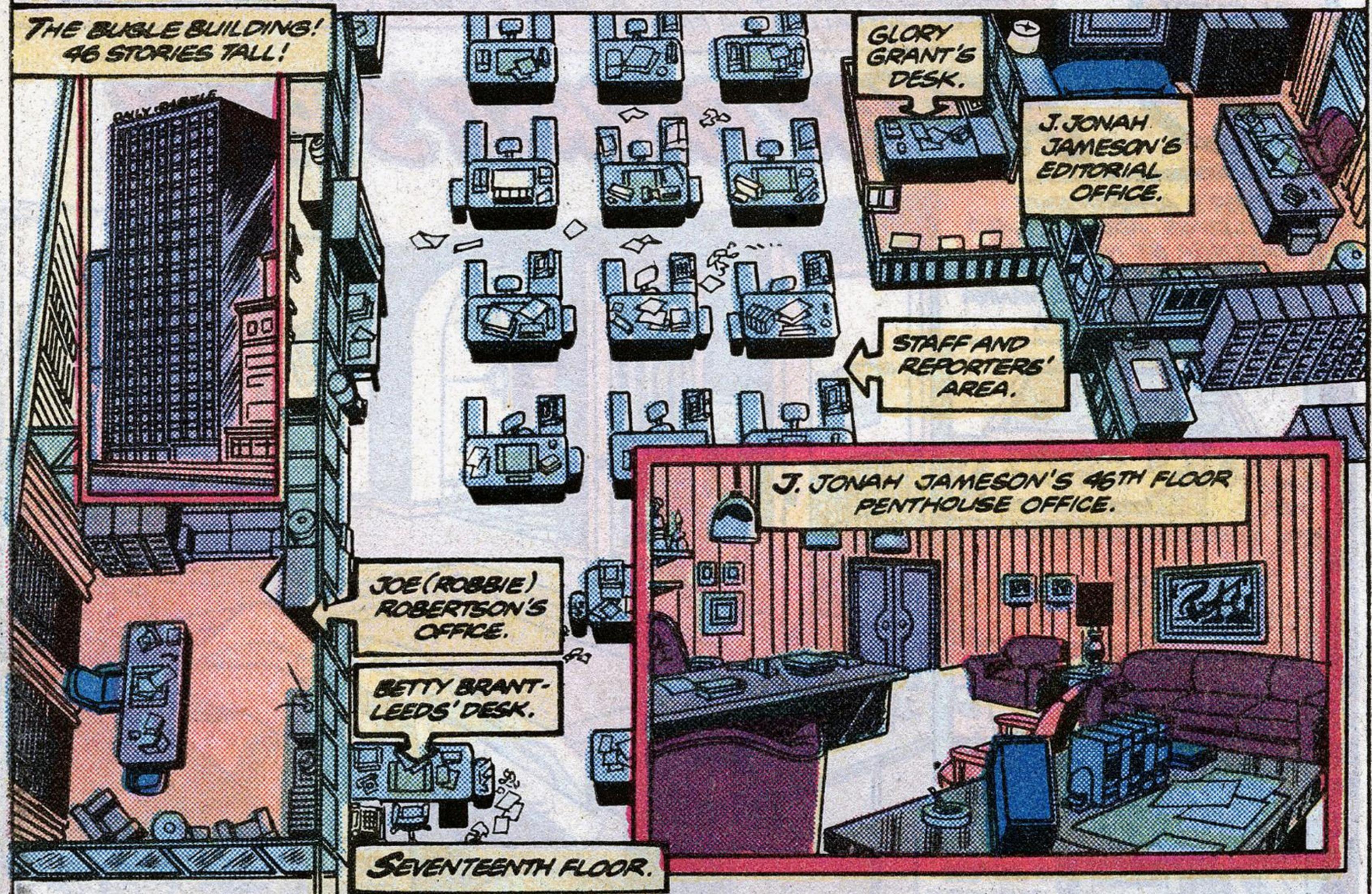
JUST IN CASE YOU HAVE TROUBLE FINDING  
PARKER'S PAD, HERE'S PETER'S NEIGHBORHOOD...

WE HEAR THE DELI MAKES  
GREAT KNISHES.

AND NOW FOR  
CULTURE LOVERS'  
EVERYWHERE:

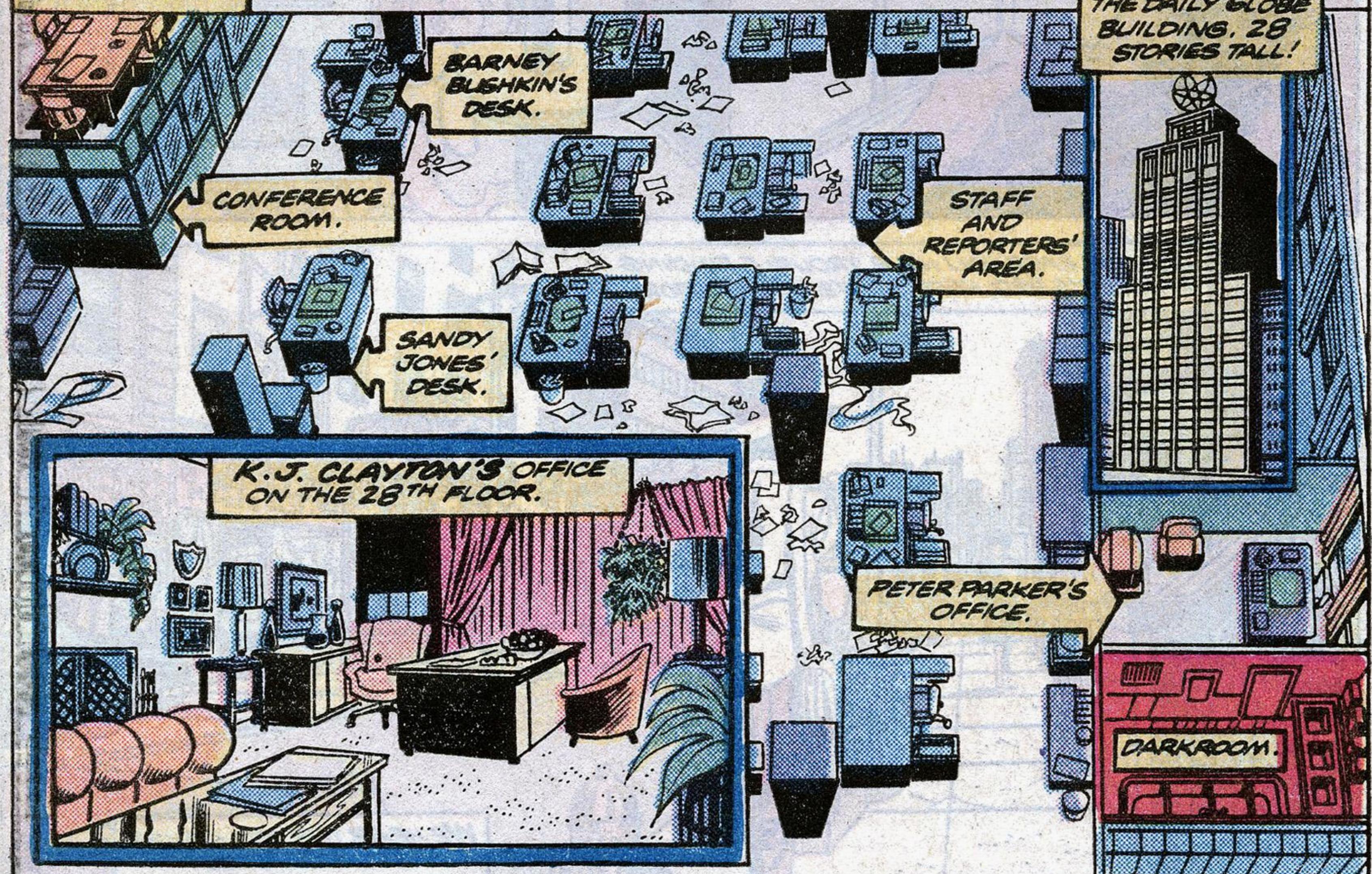
THE BUGLE BUILDING!  
46 STORIES TALL!

# DAILY BUGLE

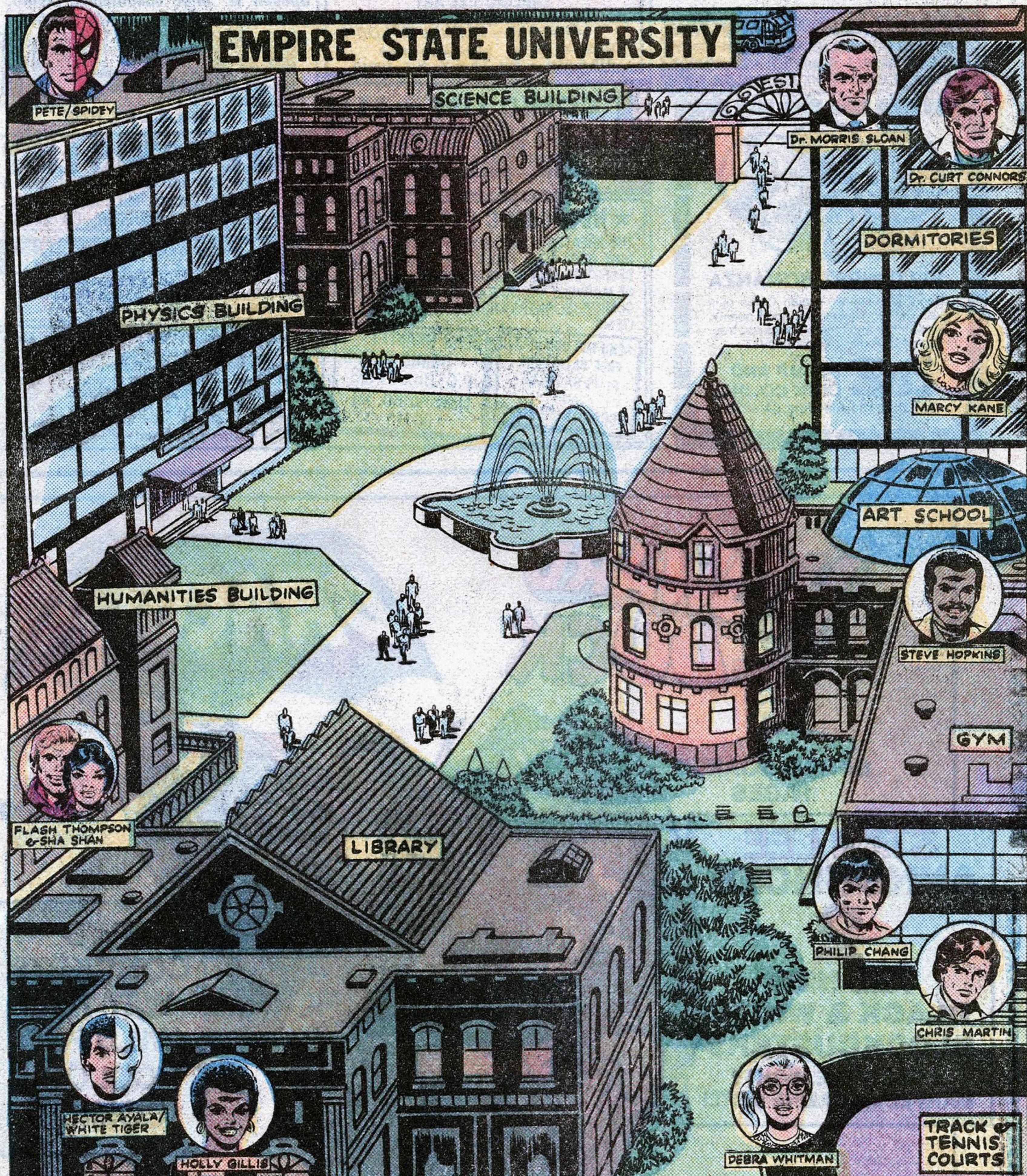
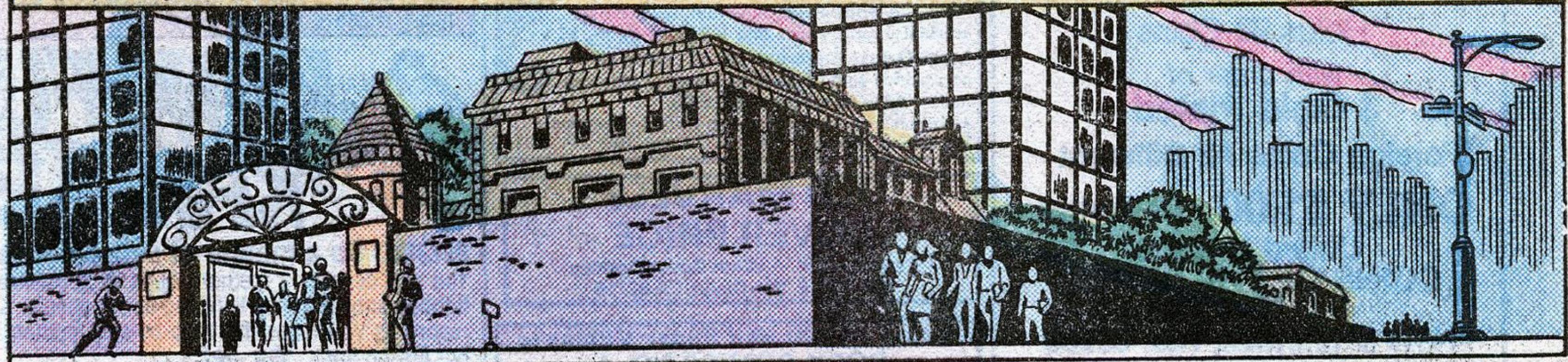


AND NOW, FOR  
THE OTHER SIDE  
OF THE BLOCK...

# THE DAILY GLOBE



AFTER GRADUATING FROM MIDVALE HIGH, PETER PARKER ENTERED EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY AS A SCIENCE MAJOR. THIS FALL HE WILL BEGIN HIS GRADUATE STUDIES IN BIOPHYSICS.



AS PETE'S HORIZONS EXPAND, SO DOES HIS SUPPORTING CAST. HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE FOLKS YOU'LL BE GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH IN THE MONTHS TO COME!

# BULLPEN BULLETINS

## STAN'S SOAPBOX

Okay, gang, gather round! Don't wantcha to miss a word of this! Here's the first hint of what you'll find in the super-sensational, soon-to-be-unveiled, premiere issue of EPIC, the latest and possibly greatest magazine mighty Marvel, or anyone, has ever unleashed upon the panting public!

Even as these wondrous words are being breathlessly penned, Senior Editors Rick Marschall and Jim Shooter are lining up the greatest names in illustrated fantasy to launch our first issue! Here's a quick sample, to whet your appetite...

We're planning to introduce an exotic new feature by the widely-acclaimed *Rich Corben*, who'll be gracing our pages for the very first time! Also making their dazzling debut in a Marvel mag will be the doubly legendary *Brothers Hildebrandt*, whose sheer artistry will make you want to leap up and cheer! In addition, we'll reintroduce many of our most gifted alumnii; luminaries such as *Jim Starlin*, whose "Metamorphosis Odyssey" merely concerns itself with the destruction of the universe; and *Ernie Colan*, who'll show you just how glamorous a magnificent illustrated strip can be; and *Steranko*, who returns to Marvel, scene of some of his greatest triumphs, to offer the first feature he's done in years; and *Bob Larkin*, whose torrid and terrific tale of a very "special" test alert will leave you gasping; and *Craig Russell*, who toys with your emotions as he lets you meet a somewhat different type of dragon; and

*John Buscema*, who once again teams up with yours truly to present a brand new, sparkling saga of the Silver Surfer as only Johnny can!

But if you think that's all, hah! Didn't I tell you there never was, and never will be a mag like EPIC? Look what else we have in store...

A breath-taking preview of unpublished material from the wonders of "Weird World"! Possibly some wild pages by the dynamic European writer/artist *Druillet*, with whose Italian publisher we're negotiating! A thriller about death preceding life by none other than *Marv Wolfman* and *Gene Colan*! A time-warp tale with a terrific twist by *Archie Goodwin* and *Bob Wakelin*! Also, fantasy masterworks by the greatest names from Europe, Asia, South America, and the far-flung underground; names old and new, such as *Steve Bissette*, *Art Suydam*, *Joe Jusko*, *George Bush*, *Ray Rue*, *Rick Veitch*, and *Carl Potts*!

Finally, I oughtta mention that I've heard both Jim and Rick huddling with *Mike Kaluta*, *Neal Adams*, *Howie Chaykin*, *Jeff Jones*, and dozens of other long-time greats, so there'll probably be even more artistic plums in store for you when EPIC debuts!

Whew! After all that, if you still can't figure out why we say EPIC is destined to be the greatest mag of all time, forget the whole thing! We can always go back to Howard the Duck!

Excelsior! *Stan*

ITEM! It has been postulated by our critics that we at the House of Ideas have trouble counting beyond nine, since we need one finger to count with. It has also been said that we hate calendars, since they remind us of our arch enemy, the production schedule. Well, all we can say to that is, "oh, yeah?" Just to prove we know our Nones from our Ides we got together the brand new 1980 MARVEL CALENDAR entitled "The Occult World of Doctor Strange." It's chock full of dazzling pin-ups featuring the Master of the Mystic Arts in the most dramatic moment of his career, battling his deadliest foes, meeting Eternity face-to-sort-of-face, and more. Our

personal favorite is the shot of Doc just relaxing at home — wait'll you see it! Besides the beautiful art, this calendar is stuffed with information about Doctor Strange, his friends, his enemies, and even us, the guys who produce his mind-boggling adventures! We figured that pictures of our ugly pants cleverly inserted on our birthdays would add to the macabre atmosphere of the thing. Best of all it's only \$4.95 in better bookstores everywhere, through those nice folks at Simon & Schuster. And so what if they gave us a little help getting the months in order? We would have figured it out eventually anyway! Um, what comes after Octobruary?

ITEM! While you're in the bookstore seeking out your very own calendar, you may run across the latest two offerings in the Marvel Novel series from Pocket Books. One of them features none other than the Amazing SPIDER-MAN versus the Kingpin in a thriller called *Crime Campaign*. The other novel features the AVENGERS, the X-MEN, DAREDEVIL, and the HULK, each in their own feature length adventure! Each novel is a bargain at \$1.95, and is absolutely guaranteed not to rust, bust, or run around the garage at night! So buy them, already!

ITEM! Right in the middle of the usual chaos one day, TOM BATIUK popped by to visit the Bullpen. Tom, as astute syndicated strip followers know, is the man responsible for FUNKY WINKERBEAN! Delighted with the opportunity to hobnob with a fellow cartoonist, the beleaguered bullpenners left the day's worries behind for a few pleasant moments. Thanks for coming by, Tom!

ITEM! Speaking of Toms, our own Tom Orzechowski, World Class Heavyweight Letterer, recently designed and rendered his first album cover! The disc is called *Hellfield* by the group of the same name, and with Tom's dazzling cover on it, it's sure to be a chart topper. We hear that the music is good, too!

ITEM! Lots of special happenings are thundering your way in this month's menage of Marvel Masterpieces! In SPIDER-WOMAN #20, for instance, the most cataclysmic confrontation since Napoleon vs Wellington takes place. You guessed it, friends, this issue Spider-Woman meets SPIDER-MAN and the world will never be the same! Meanwhile, in the pages of AVENGERS #189, Hawkeye goes it alone against a way-out winged villainess named Deathbird! Those of you who demanded that Hawkeye be given his chance to shine, don't dare miss this one...unless, for some reason, you can only buy one comic this month, in which case let nothing prevent you from picking up IRON MAN #128. This issue features a tale entitled "Demon in a Bottle," a moving, powerful, sensitive story that will be remembered and talked about years from now. We won't tell you more than that. Please buy this issue, or borrow it but somehow, somewhere, get your hands on it and read it. We think you'll be glad you did.

**Stan Lee "WARRIORS OF THE SHADOW REALM"**

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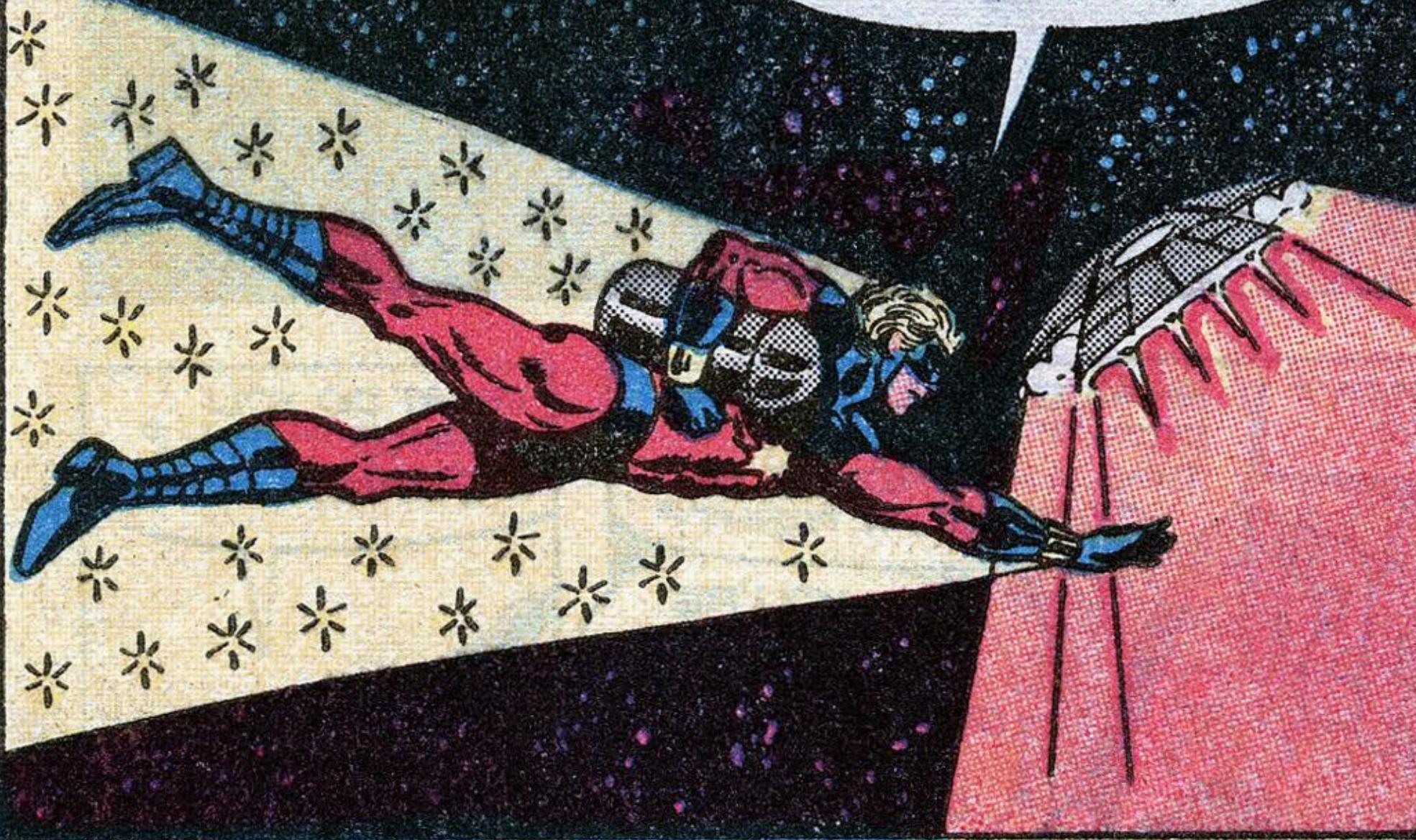


WATCH FOR MARVEL SUPER SPECIAL #12... ON SALE IN AUGUST (AND IF YOU MISSED PART I, ASK YOUR DEALER FOR SUPER SPECIAL #11.)

# CAPTAIN MARVEL® VS. PROFESSOR SNEER.

PROPELLED BY A GLITTERING BEAM OF PHOTONS, CAPT. MARVEL CLOSES IN ON PROFESSOR SNEER'S SPACESHIP, "SUN KILLER."

I MUST STOP PROFESSOR SNEER FROM EXTINGUISHING THE SUN. IF I DON'T, ALL LIFE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM WILL PERISH IN A LETHAL CLOUD OF ICE CRYSTALS.



YOUR PROBLEM IS THAT NO ONE'S EVER DONE ANYTHING NICE FOR YOU. BUT I'M GOING TO CHANGE THAT.

WELL, YOU'D BETTER DO IT FAST. I'VE SET THE SUN KILLER RAY ON AUTOMATIC!



PROFESSOR, JUST TASTE THIS DELICIOUS HOSTESS® TWINKIES® CAKE.



MMH. NICE GOLDEN CAKE. NICE CREAMED FILLING. THIS IS THE NICEST THING ANYONE HAS EVER DONE FOR ME.

CAPT. MARVEL, ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER. SO I'LL LET YOU TURN THE SUN KILLER RAY OFF, AND TURN THE SHIP AROUND.

THE SUN IS STILL IN BUSINESS. AND SO ARE HOSTESS TWINKIES CAKES.

