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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

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IN MANHATTAN STALKS A MONSTER!

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 arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

**Stan Lee
PRESENTS: THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®**

LESS THAN A MINUTE AGO,
HYDROMAN AND THE DEADLY
SANDMAN PLUNGED INTO THE
STORM-CHURNED EAST RIVER.
SPIDER-MAN HAS BARELY HAD
TIME TO BREATHE A SIGH OF
RELIEF WHEN SOMETHING
EMERGES FROM THE FETID
WATER...

...SOMETHING HUMAN
IN FORM ONLY...SOME-
THING THAT CHILLS
SPIDER-MAN'S VERY
THOUGHTS...



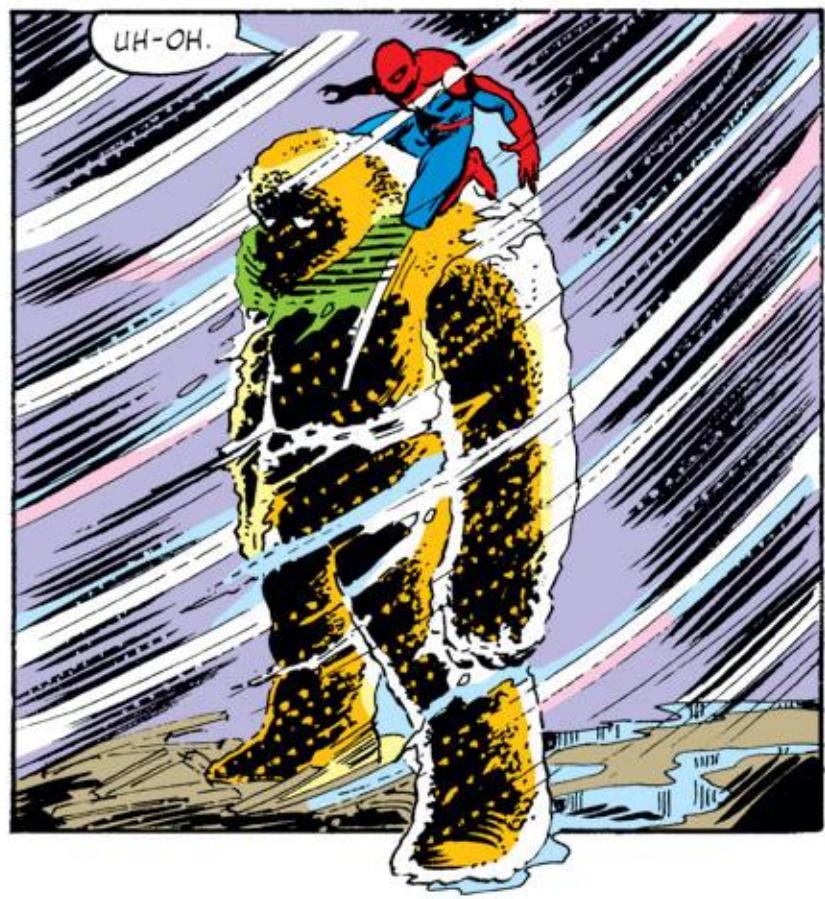
I HAVE AN IDEA
OF WHAT THAT
THING'S GOTTA
BE... BUT I DON'T
WANT TO
BELIEVE IT!

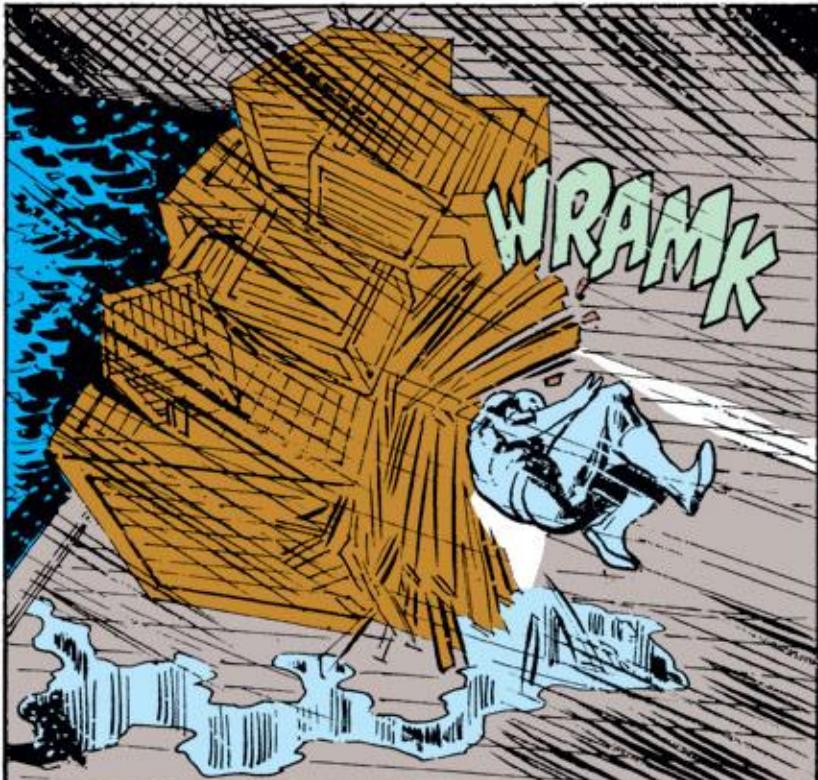
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT--!

**EYE OF THE
BEHOLDER!**

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STORY PENCILS INKS BOB SHAREN, COLORS / EDITORS







FORTY-FIVE SECONDS LATER, THE VICTIM BECOMES AWARE OF THE COLD, WET MASK CLINGING TO HIS FACE! HE STIRS, AND SWallows COPPERY BLOOD...



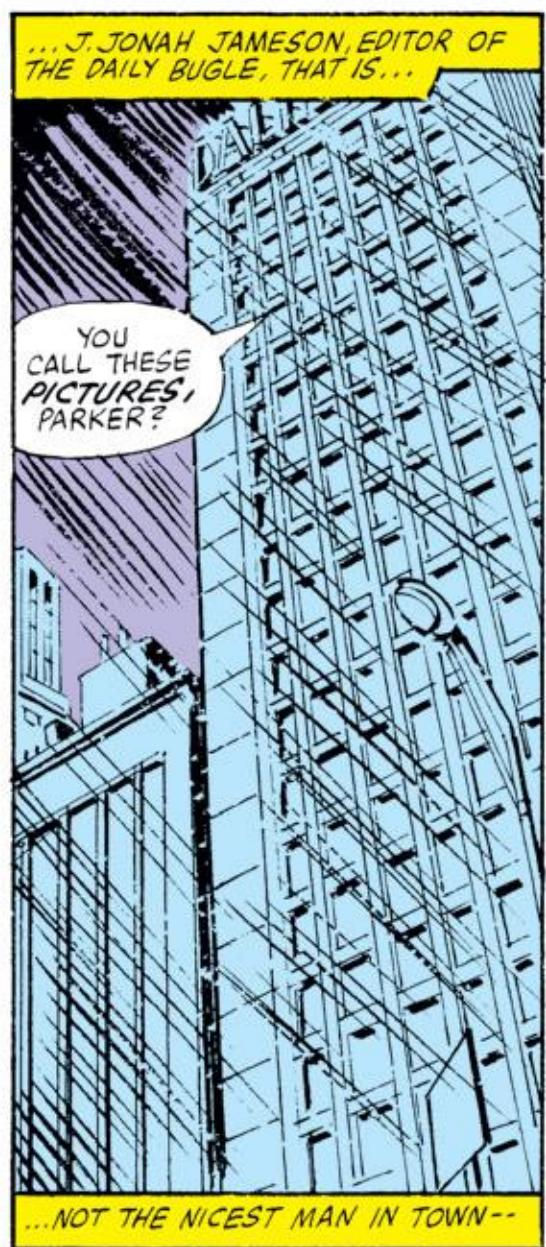
FINALLY,
HE GROANS,
SOFTLY...

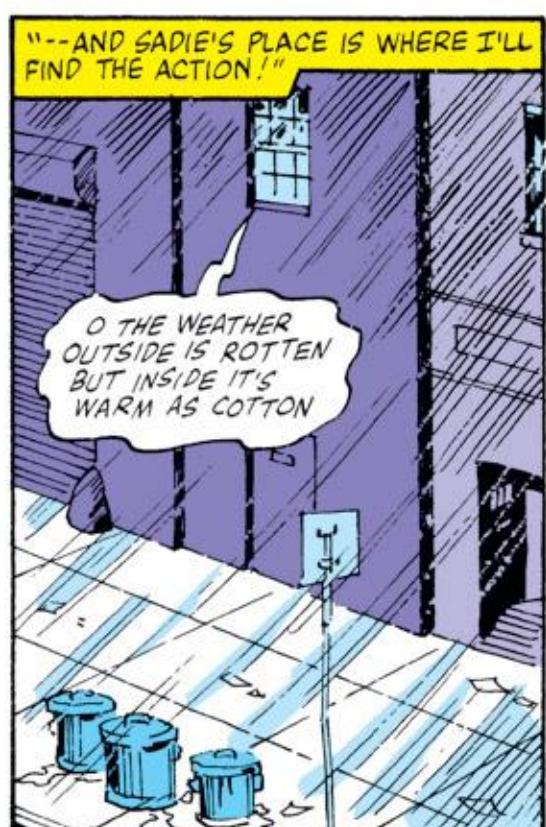


I'M LUCKY
IF SOMETHING
ISN'T PERMANENTLY
BROKEN.

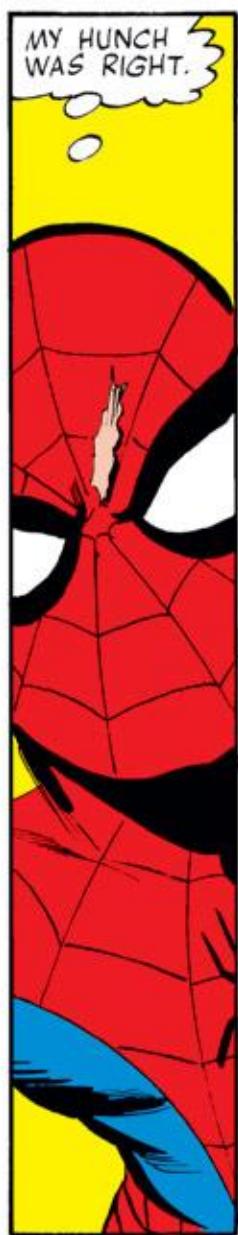


...J. JONAH JAMESON, EDITOR OF
THE DAILY BUGLE, THAT IS...

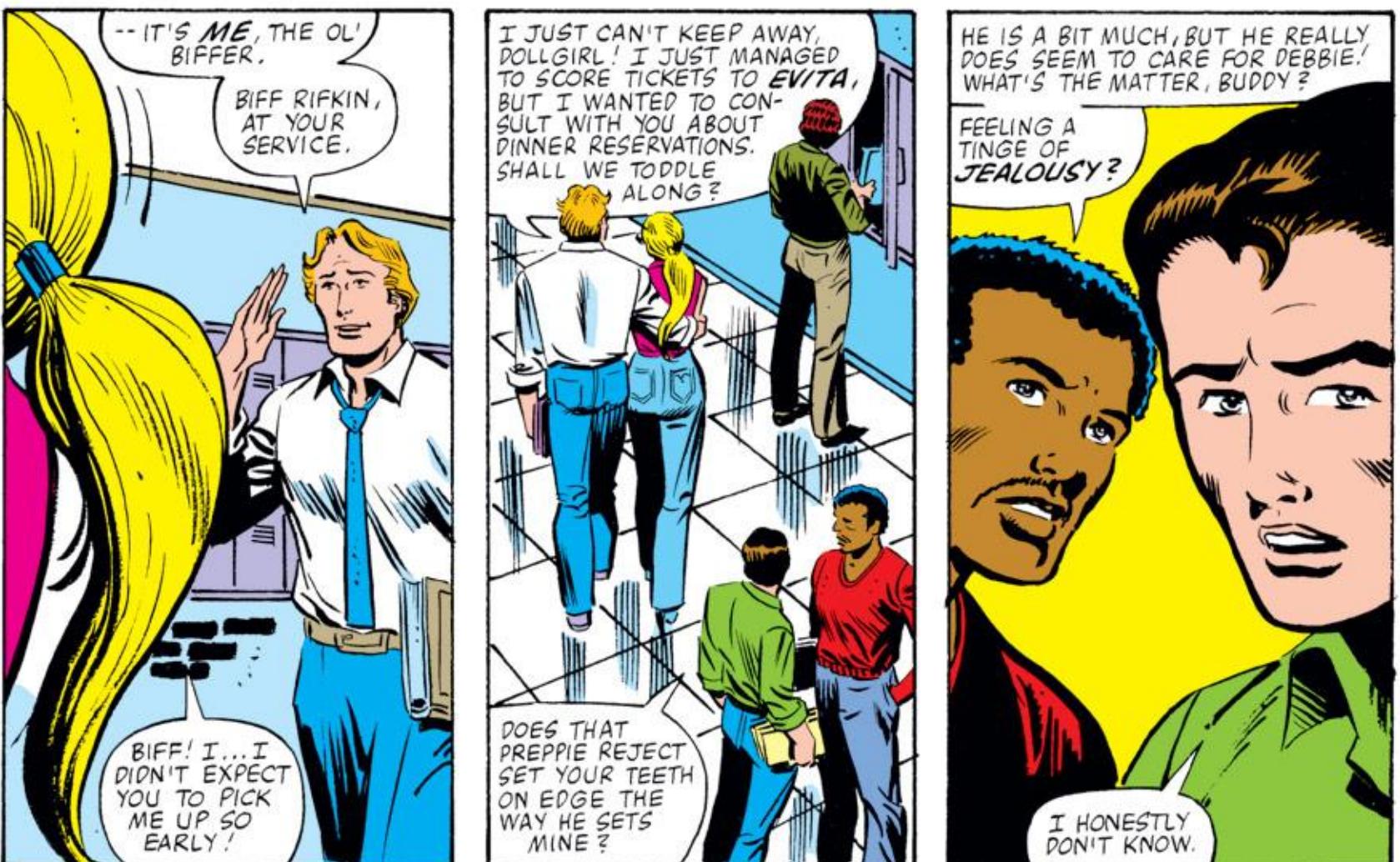
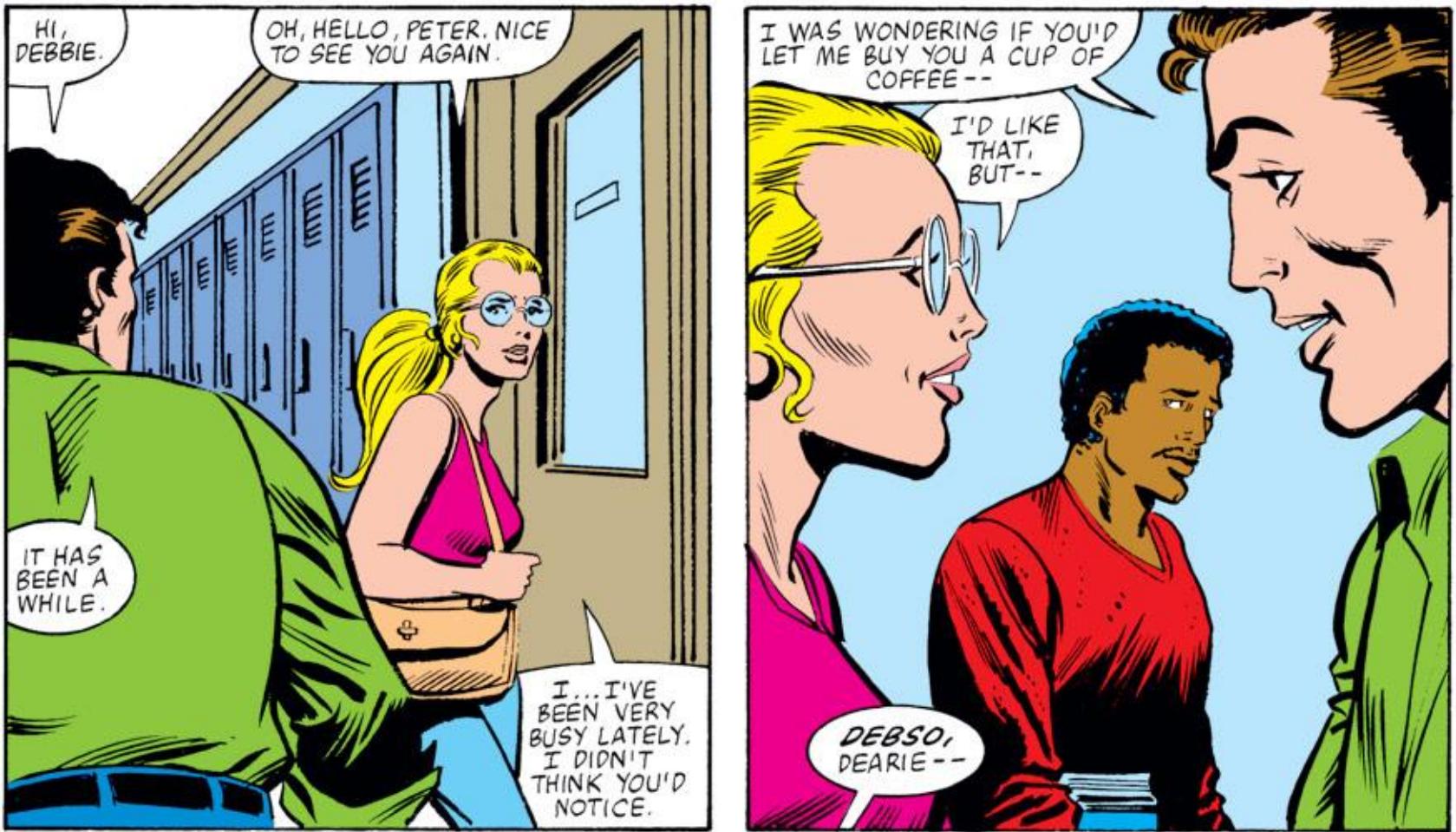


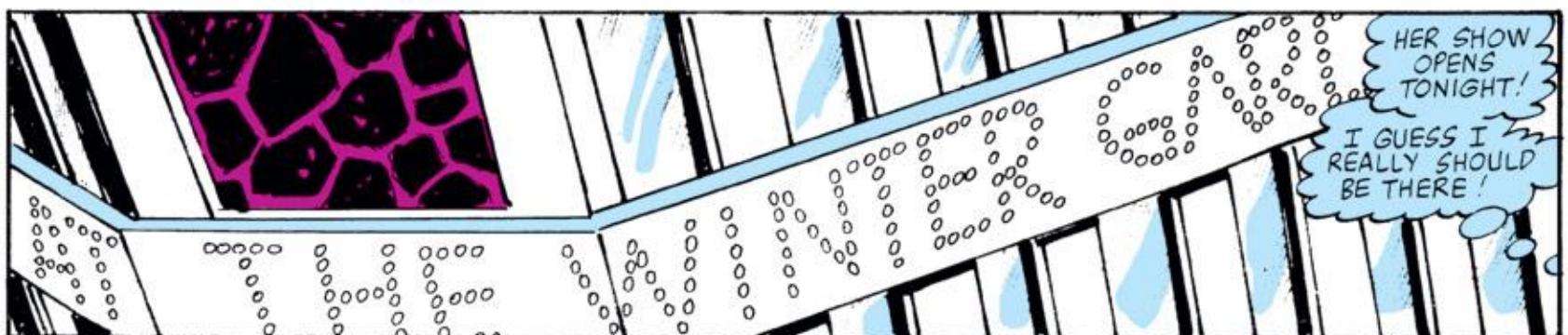
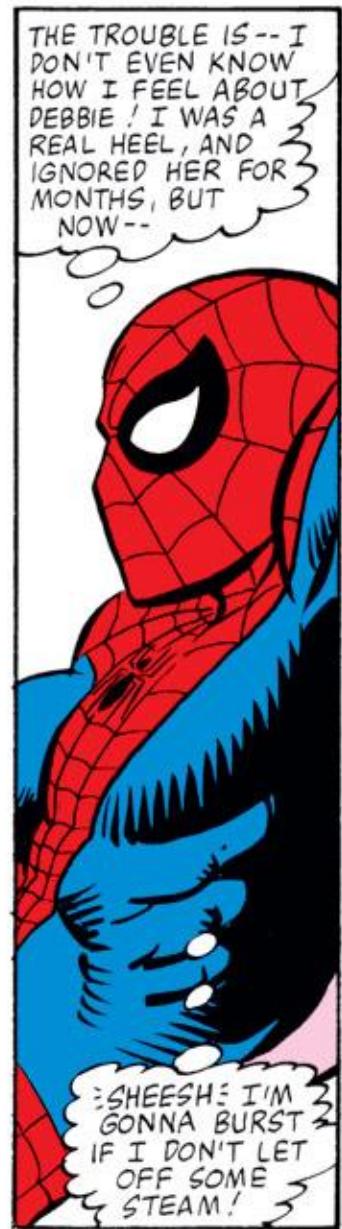


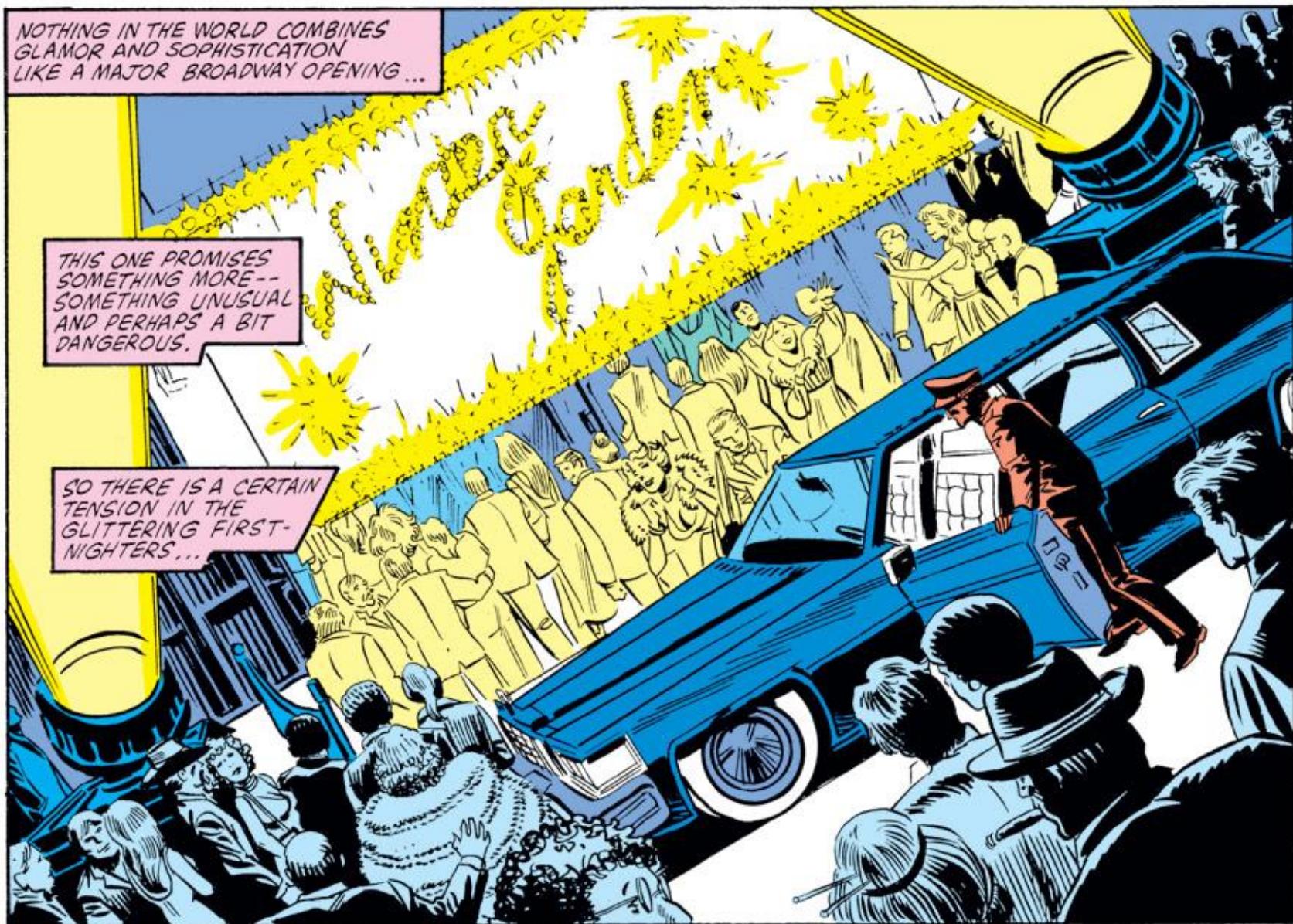
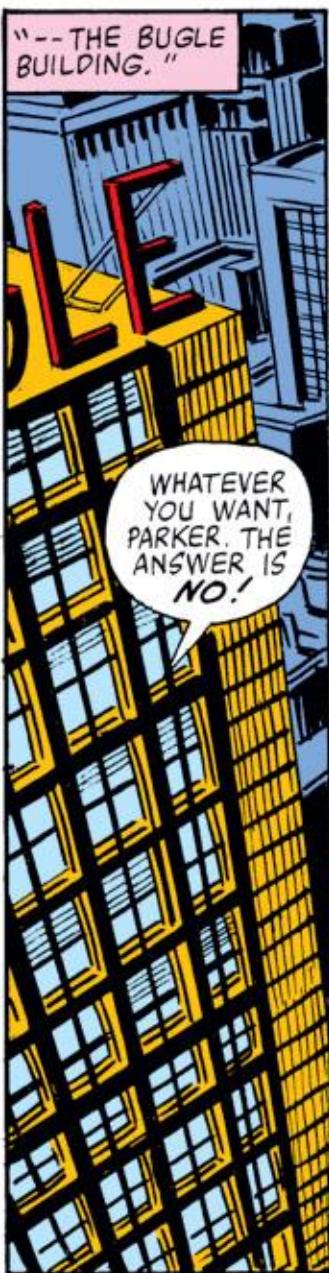












THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE ARE OUT IN FORCE...



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOR YOUR EDIFICATION AND ASTONISHMENT--



--PRESENTING SADIE FRICKETT AND THE UNBELIEVABLE MUDDY THING!

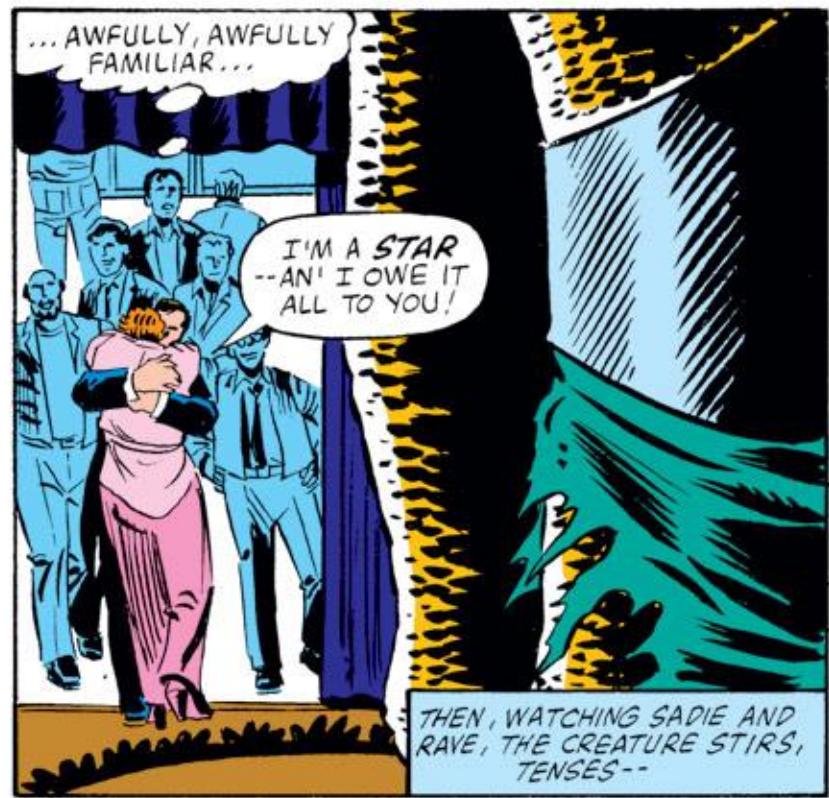


THE AWED MURMUR IS COLORED WITH FEAR...



... WHILE IN THE WINGS, STAGEHANDS FEED THE CREATURE WATER AND SAND...







WHOA! I DON'T THINK THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE MEAN WHEN THEY SAY AN ACT IS "BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE."

THE MUD-THING SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THE REASON FOR ITS ANGER. IT'S JUST MAD--AND NASTY.

IN A WAY, IT REMINDS ME OF THE RAMPAGING HULK! I DON'T THINK IT INTENDS ANYONE HARM, BUT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO RUN WILD!

I CAN'T SWEET-TALK IT--AND I'M SURE AS HECK NOT GONNA RUN A DIRECT ATTACK!

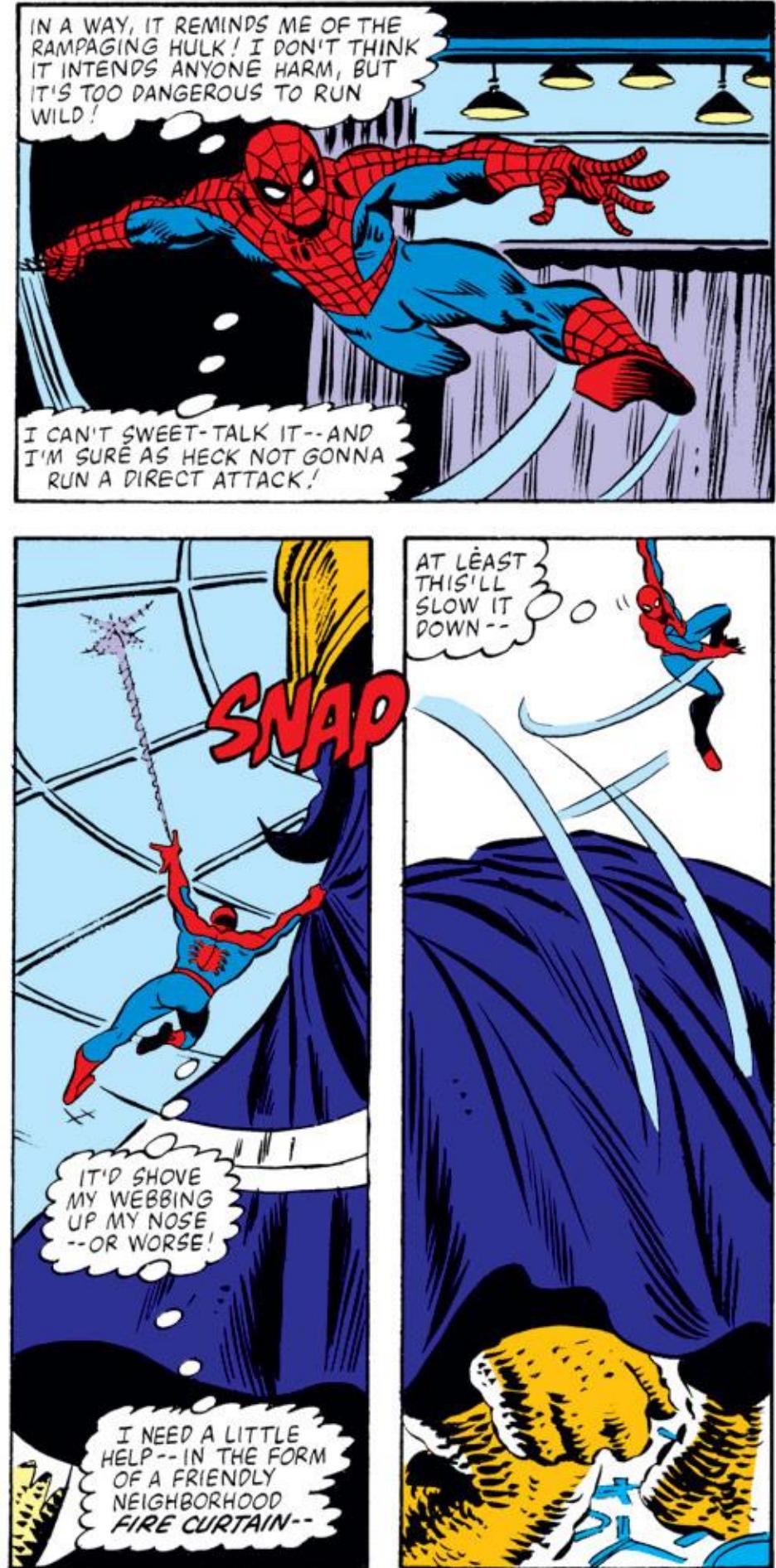
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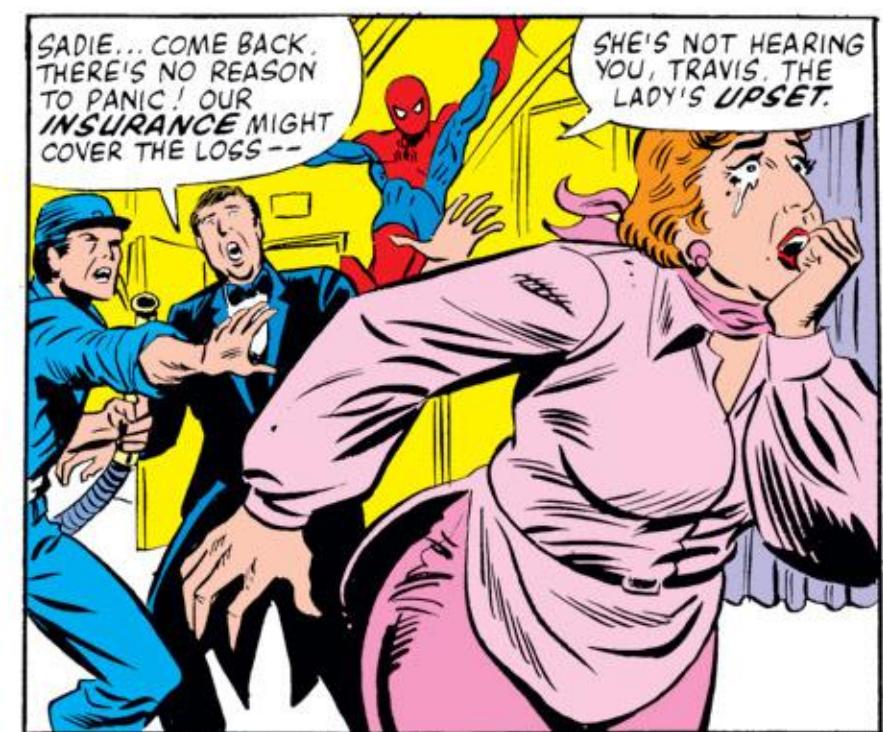
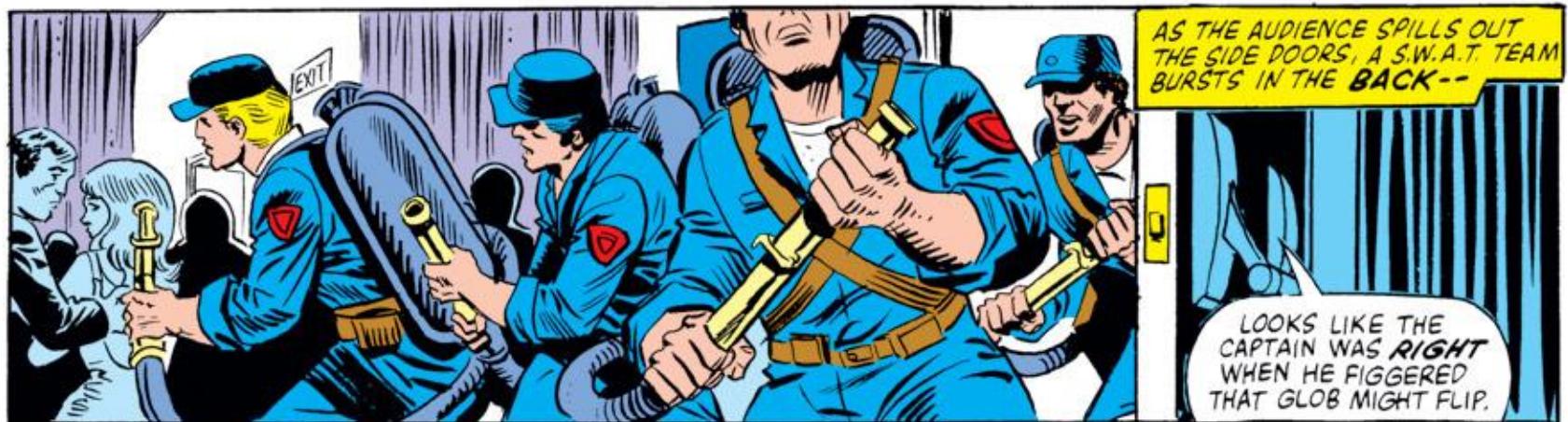
SNAP

IT'D SHOVE MY WEBBING UP MY NOSE --OR WORSE!

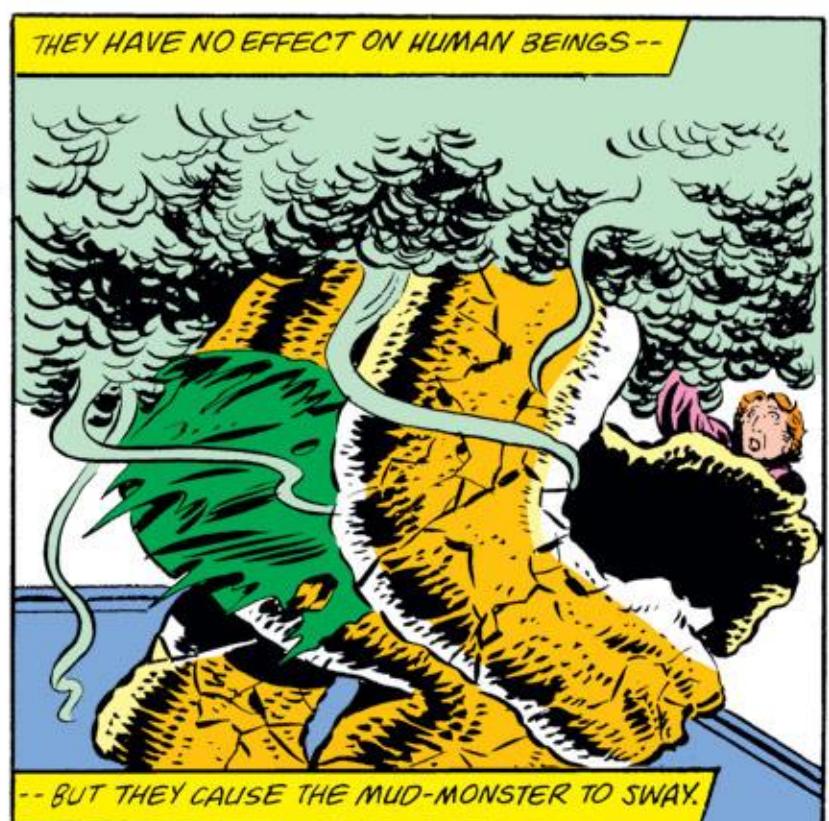
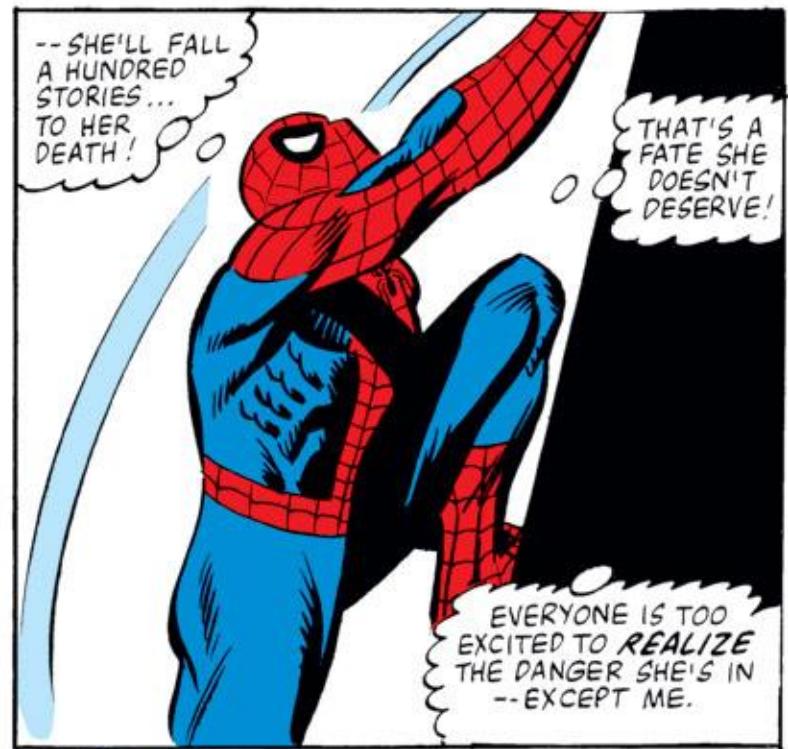
I NEED A LITTLE HELP--IN THE FORM OF A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE CURTAIN--

--AND GIVE THOSE FOLKS IN THE AUDIENCE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE!"









THEN, THE MOISTURE BINDING THE CREATURE'S TISSUES TOGETHER IS SUCKED INTO THE NIGHT BY THE GAS, AND THOSE TISSUES CRUMBLE AND PART--



THE FRAGMENTS HURLE DOWNWARD, ALONG WITH A WOMAN TOO FRIGHTENED TO SCREAM...

