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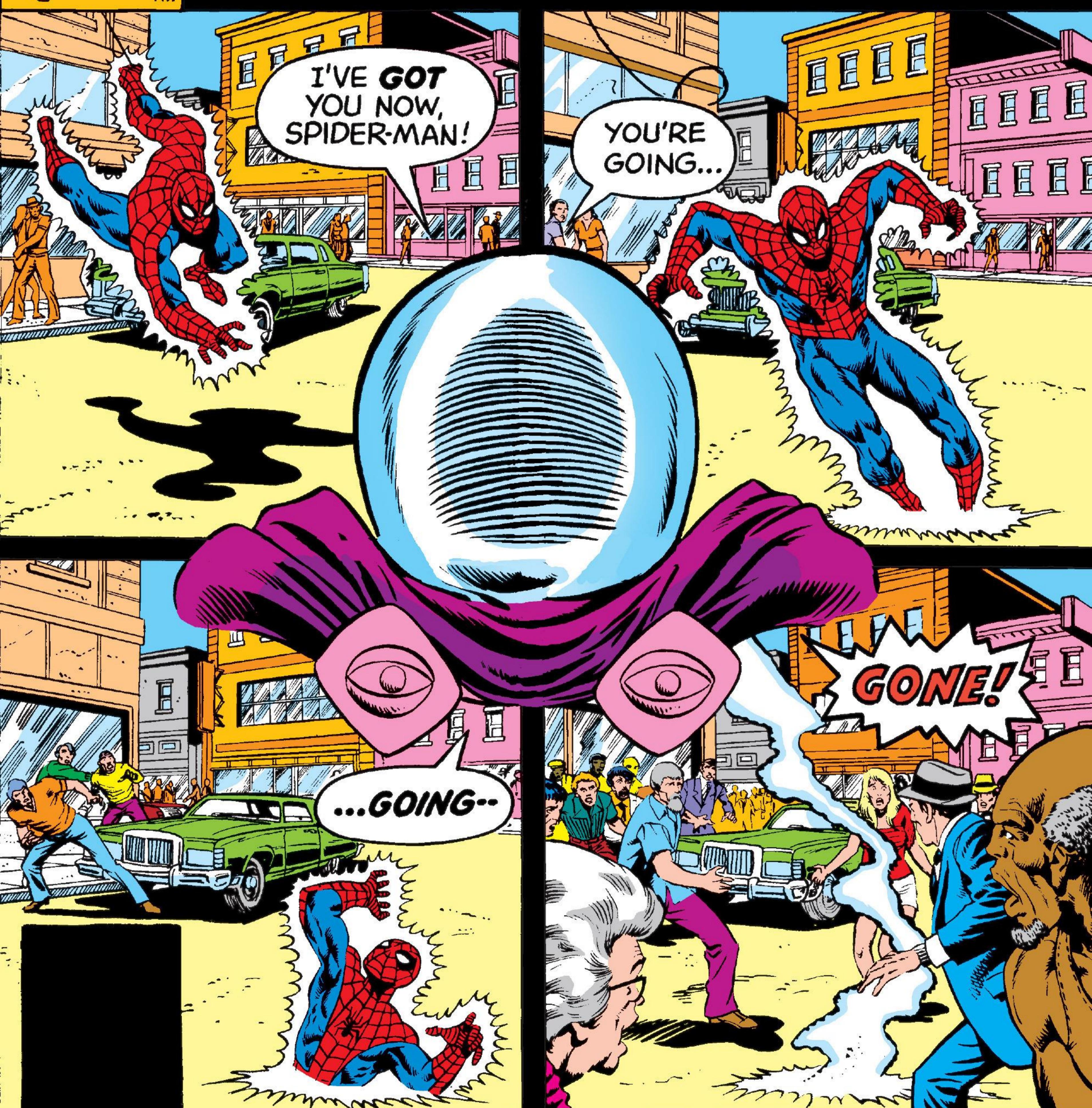
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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®



MYSTERIO IS ANOTHER NAME FOR MADNESS!

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...

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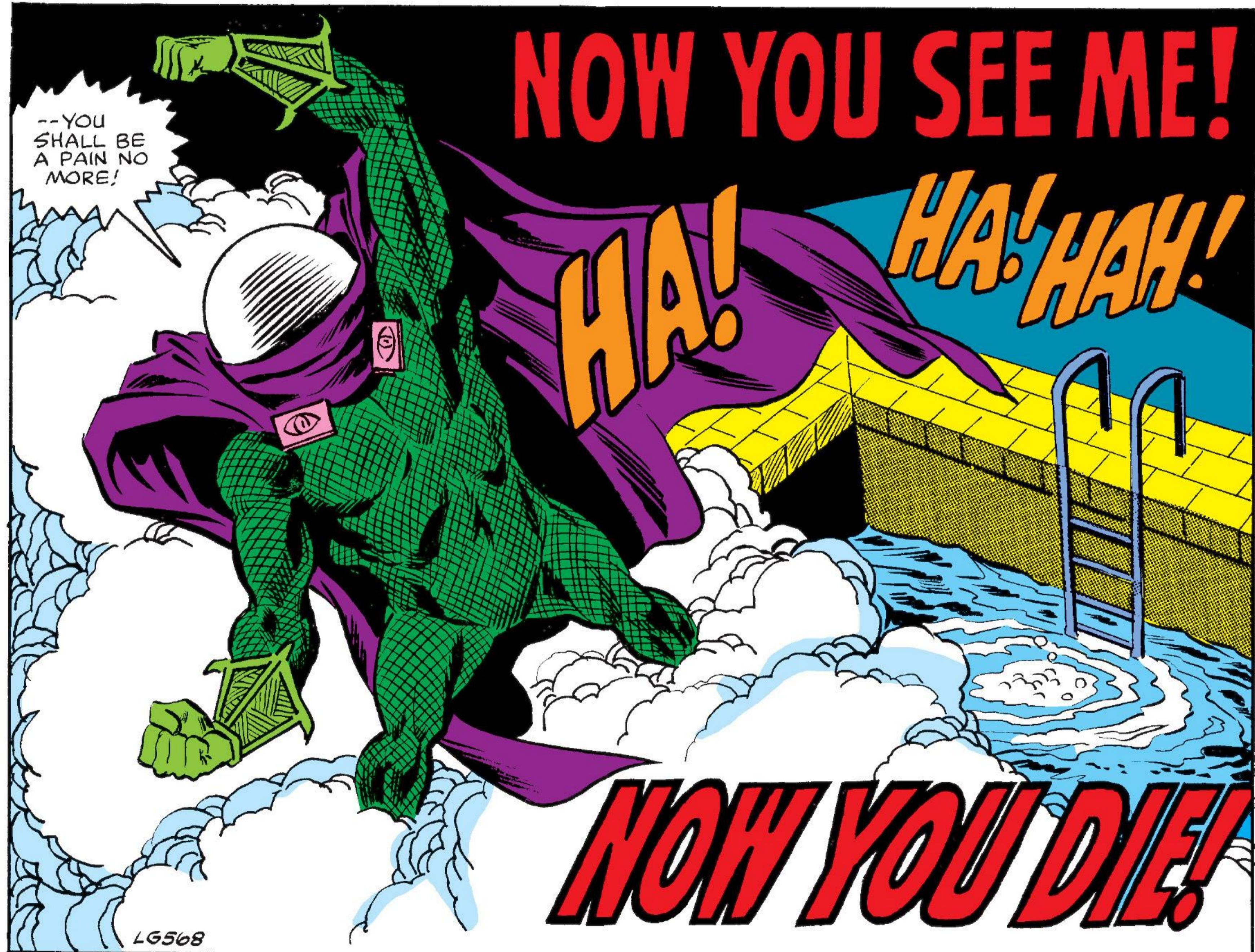
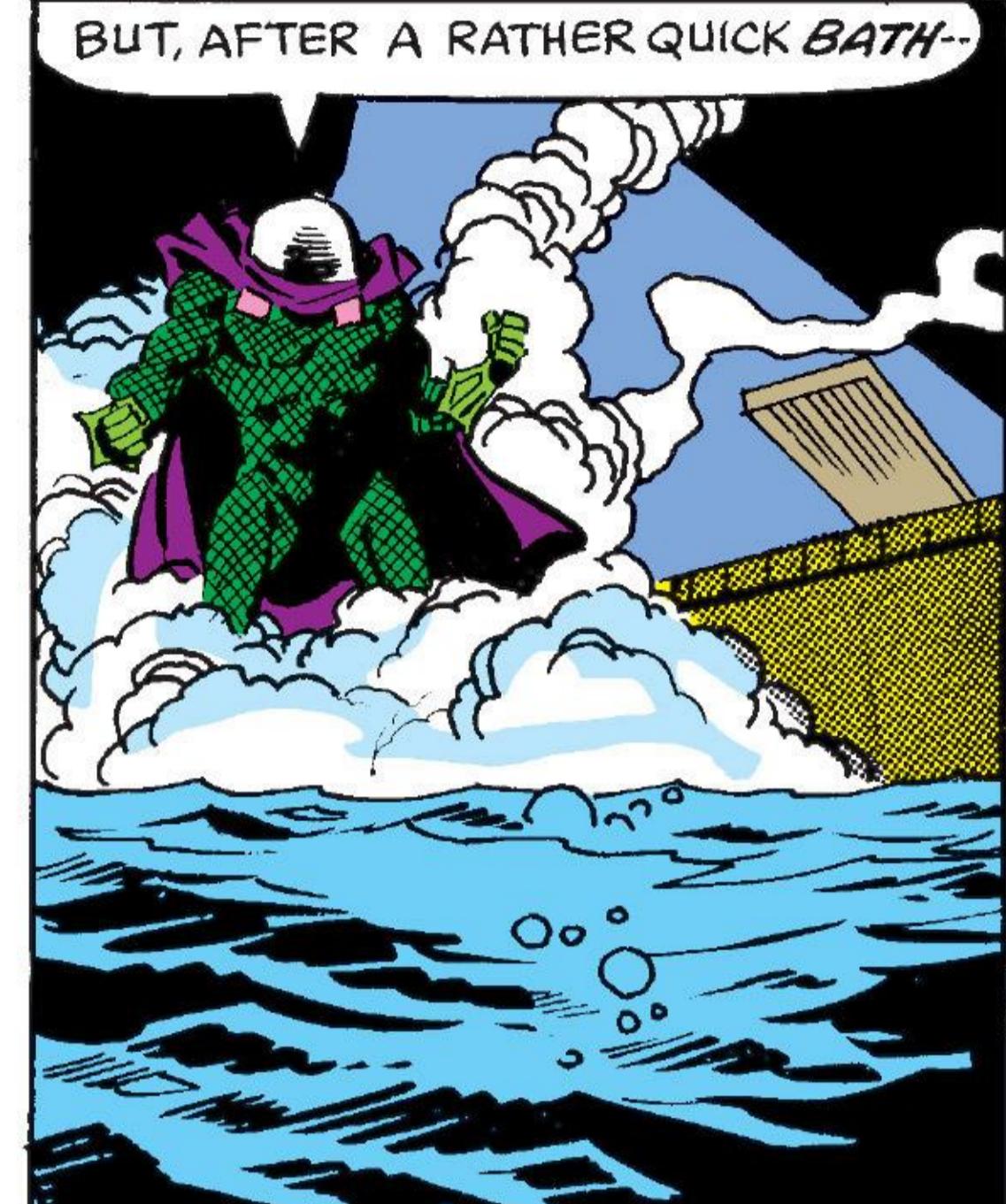
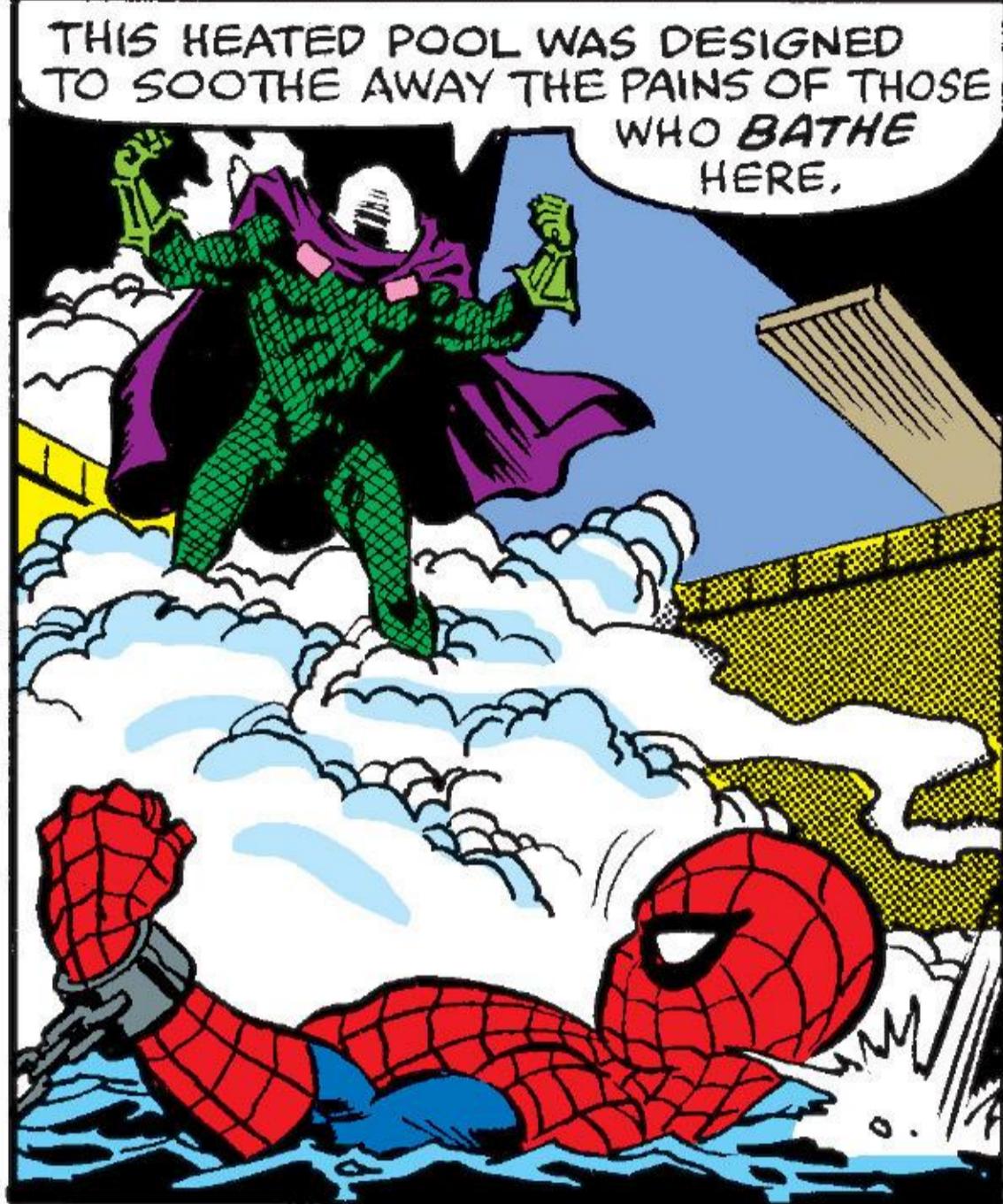
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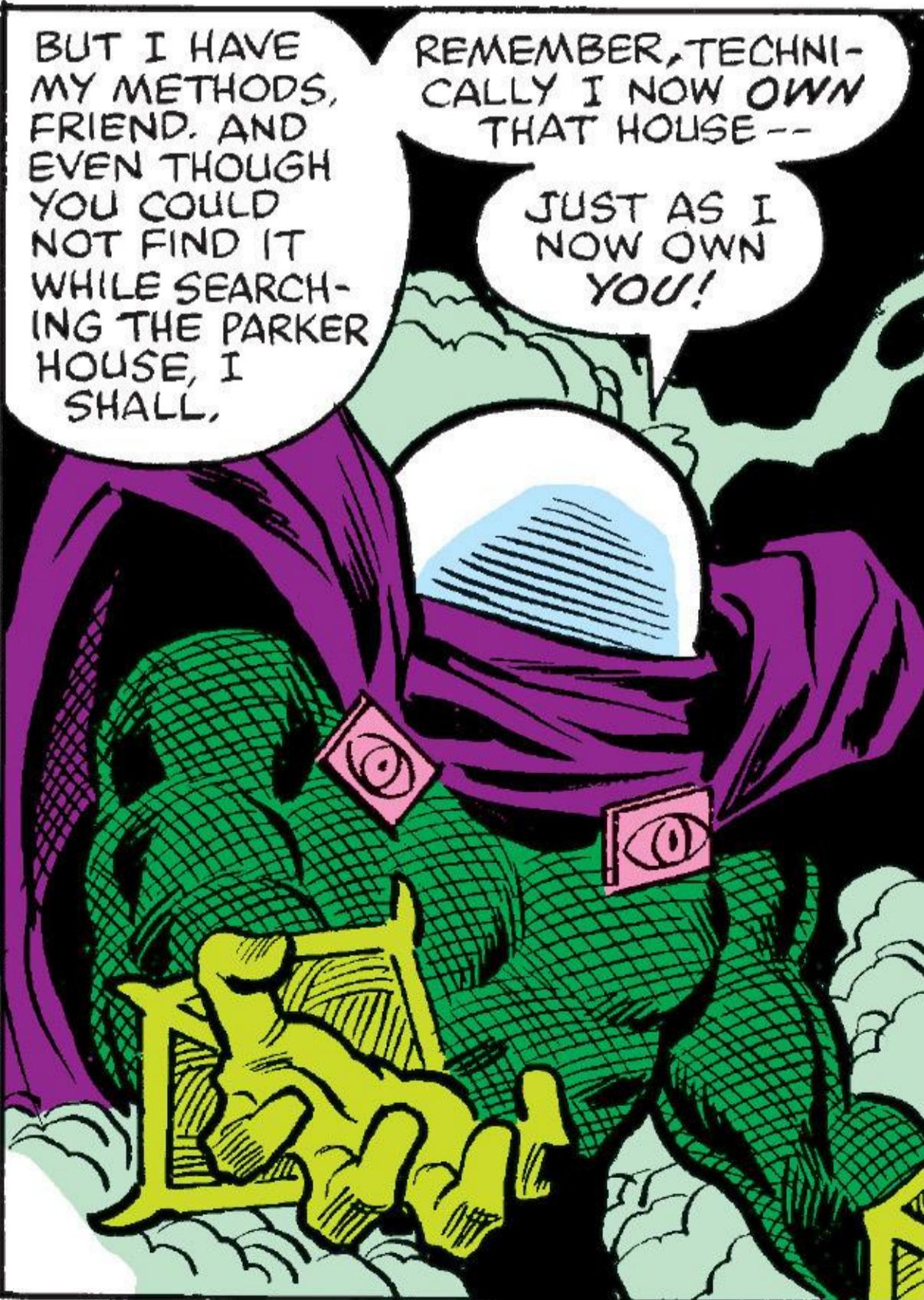
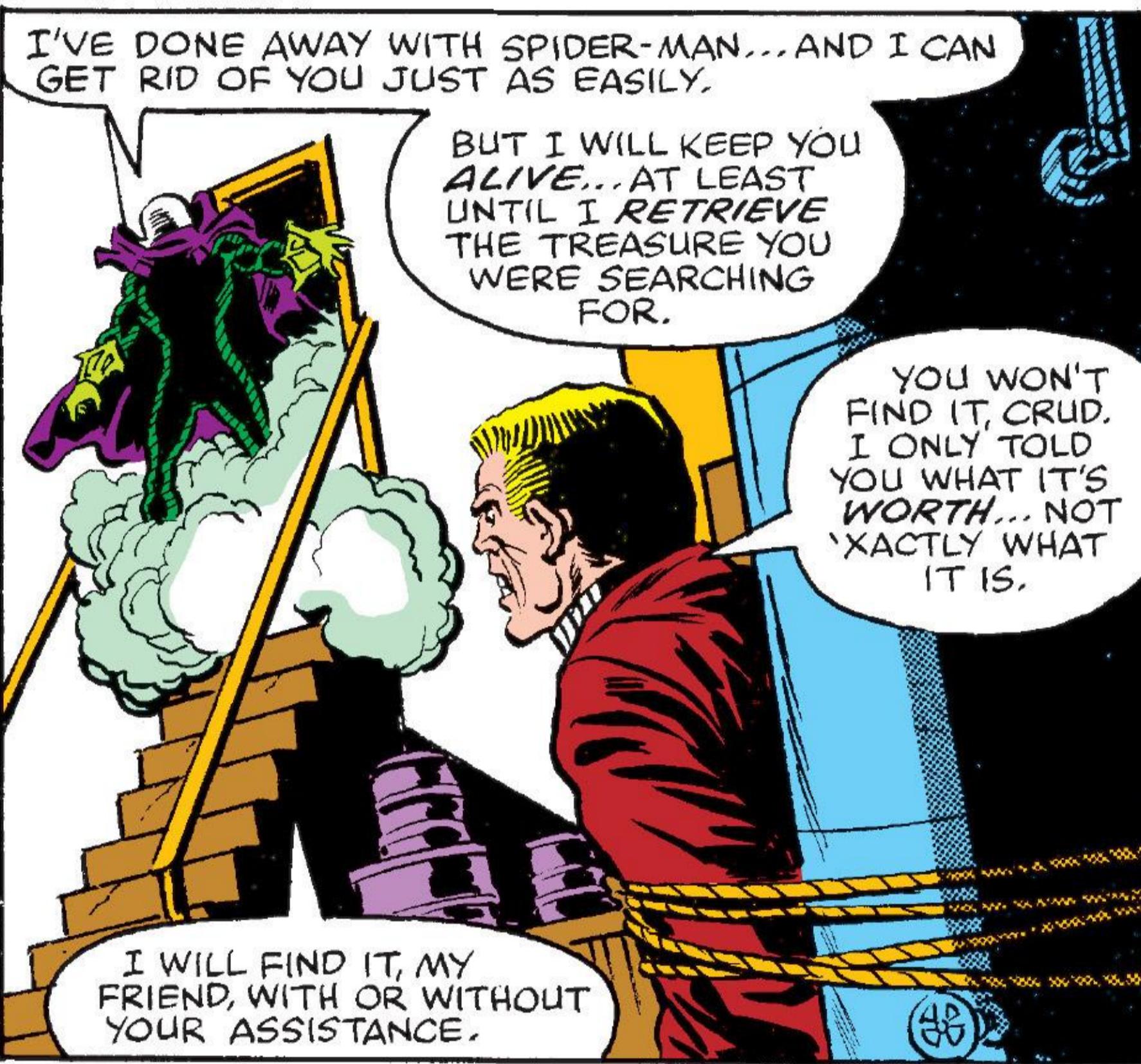
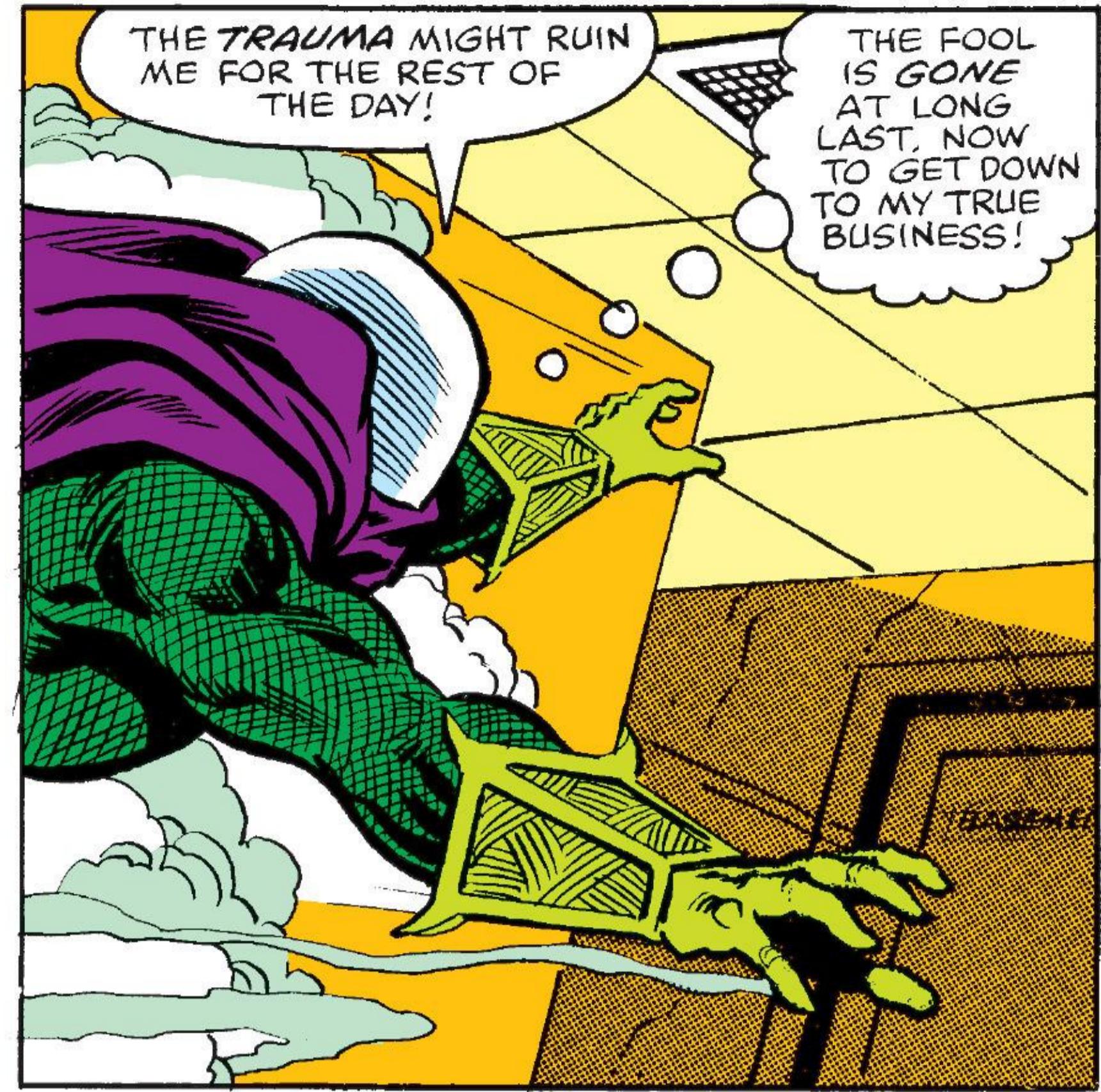
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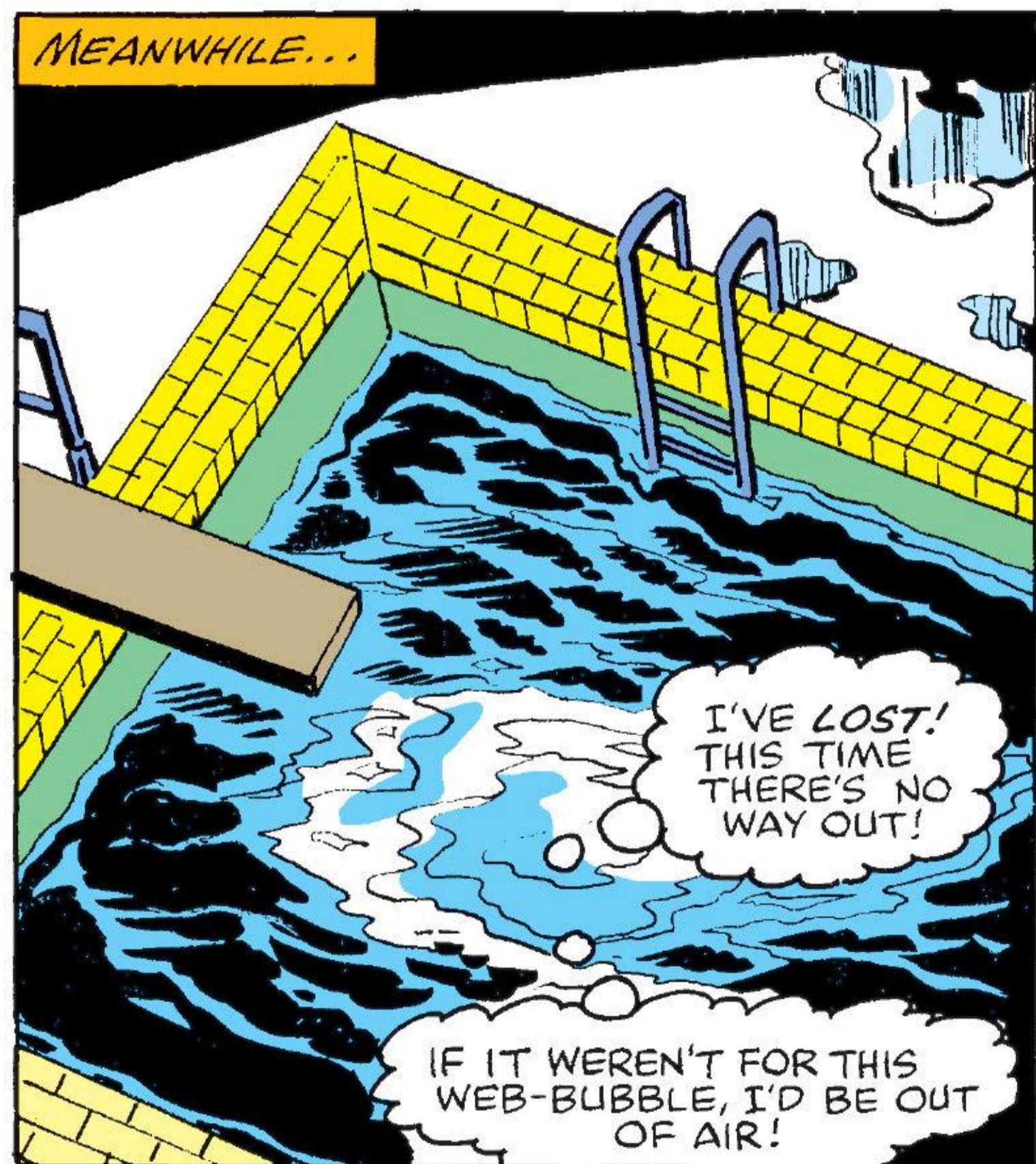
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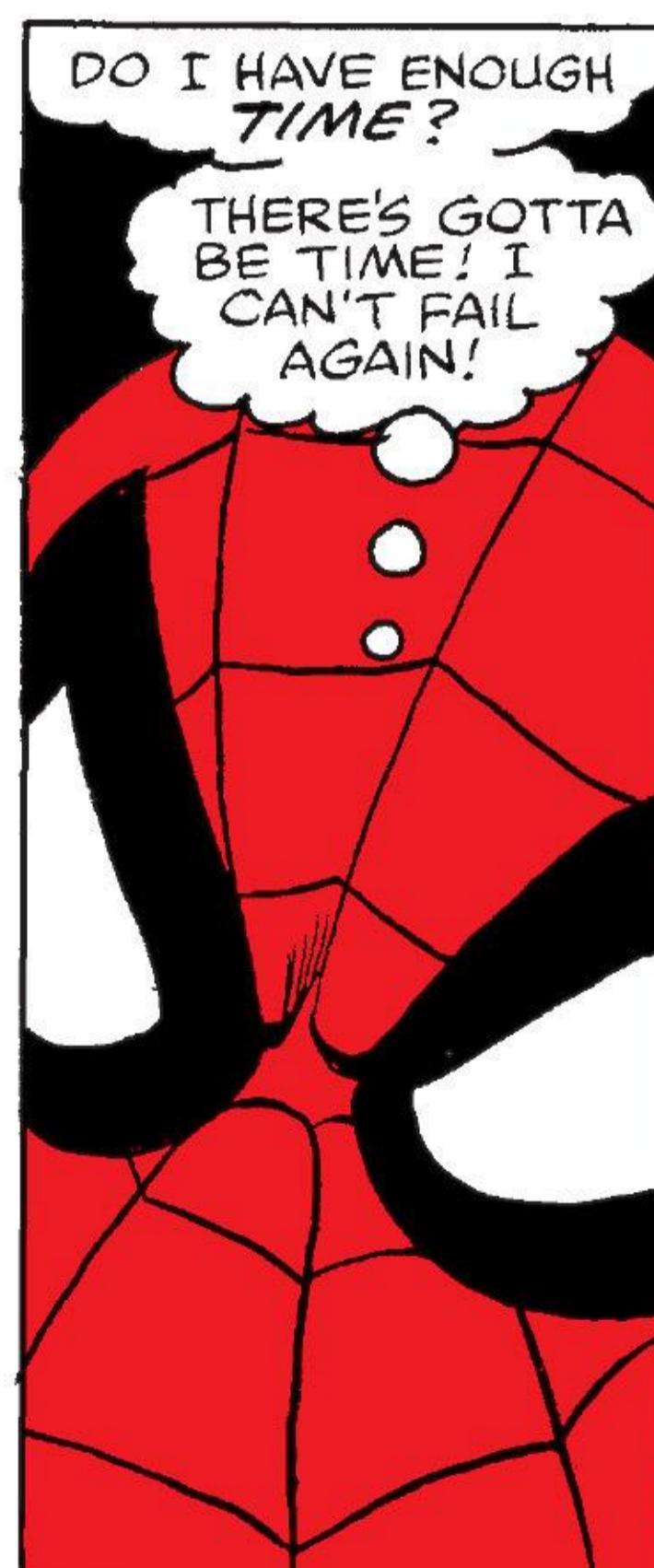
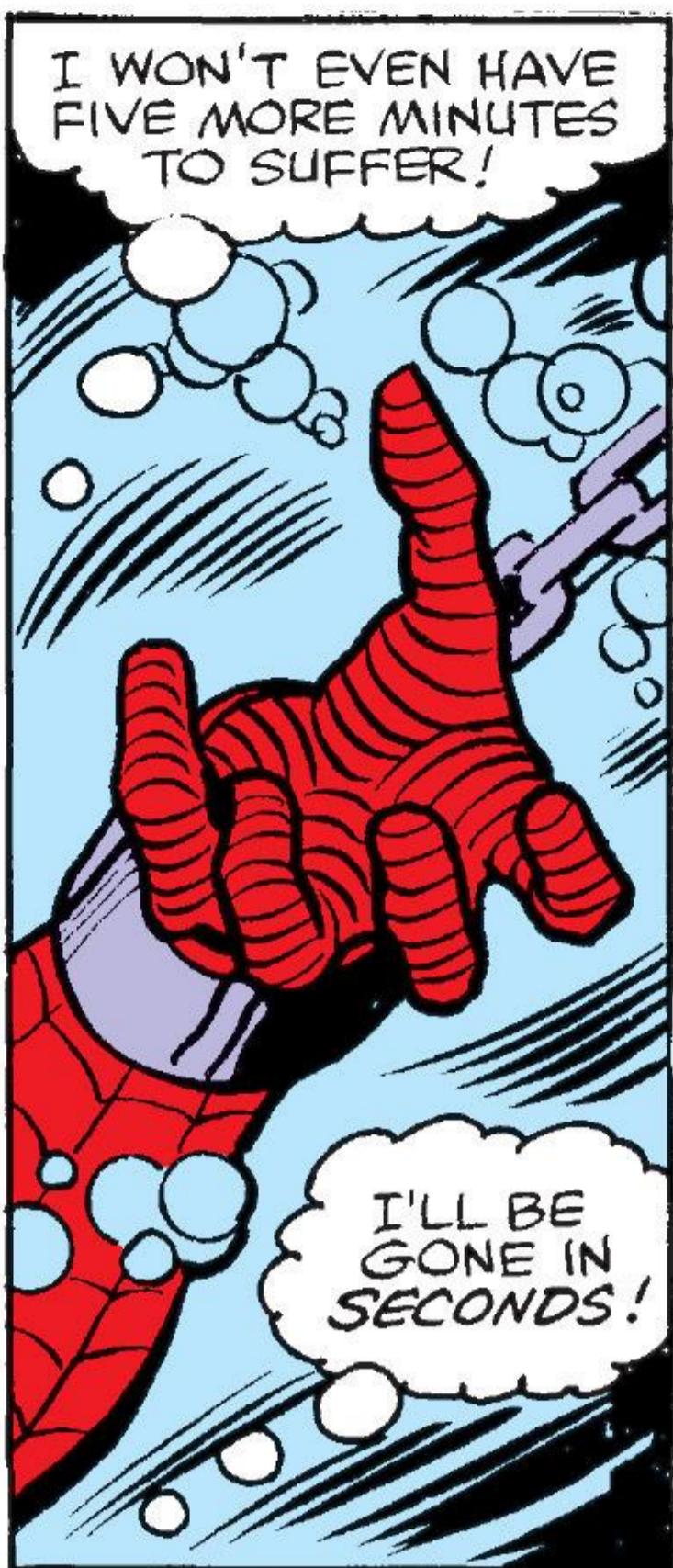
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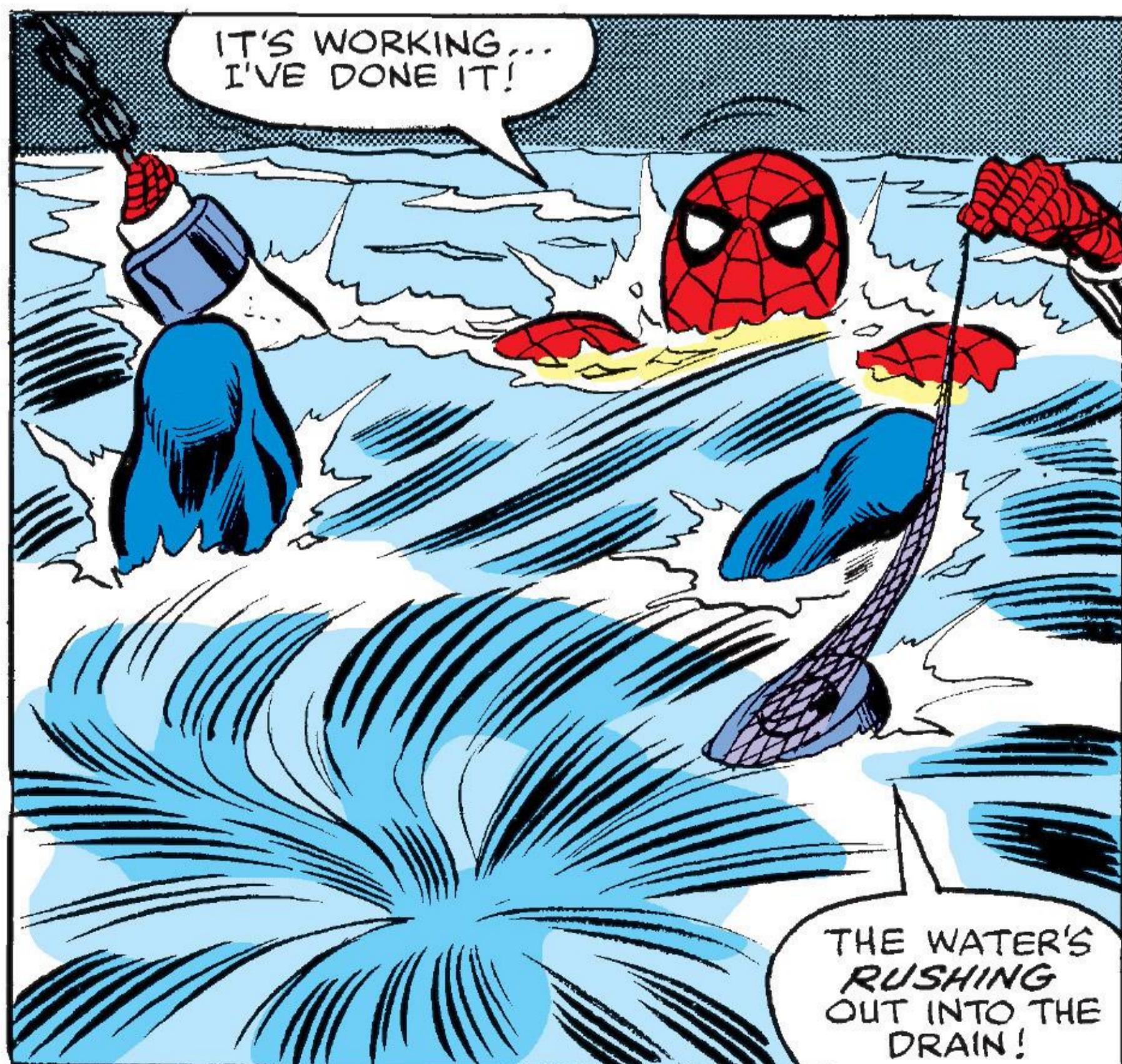
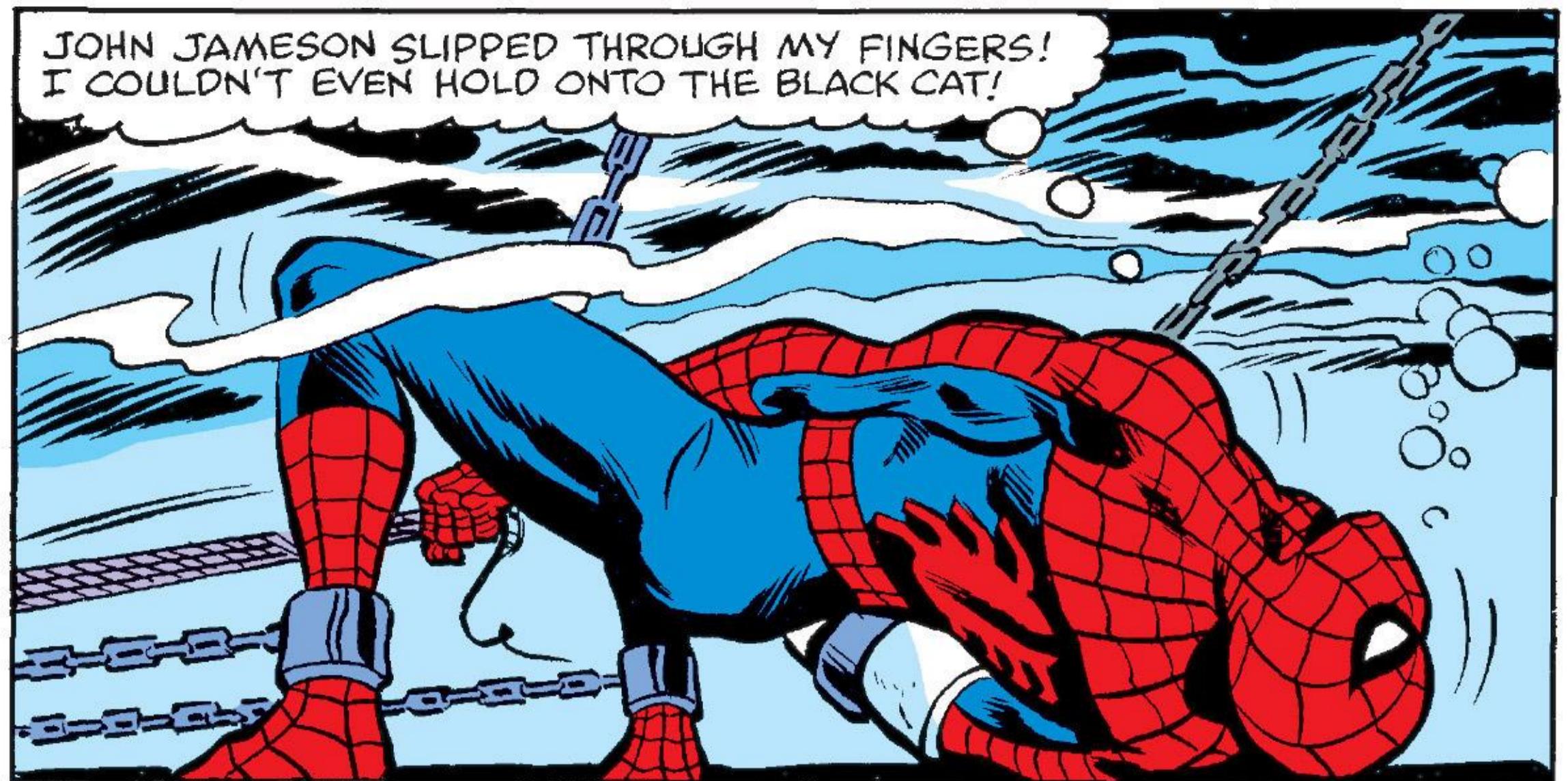
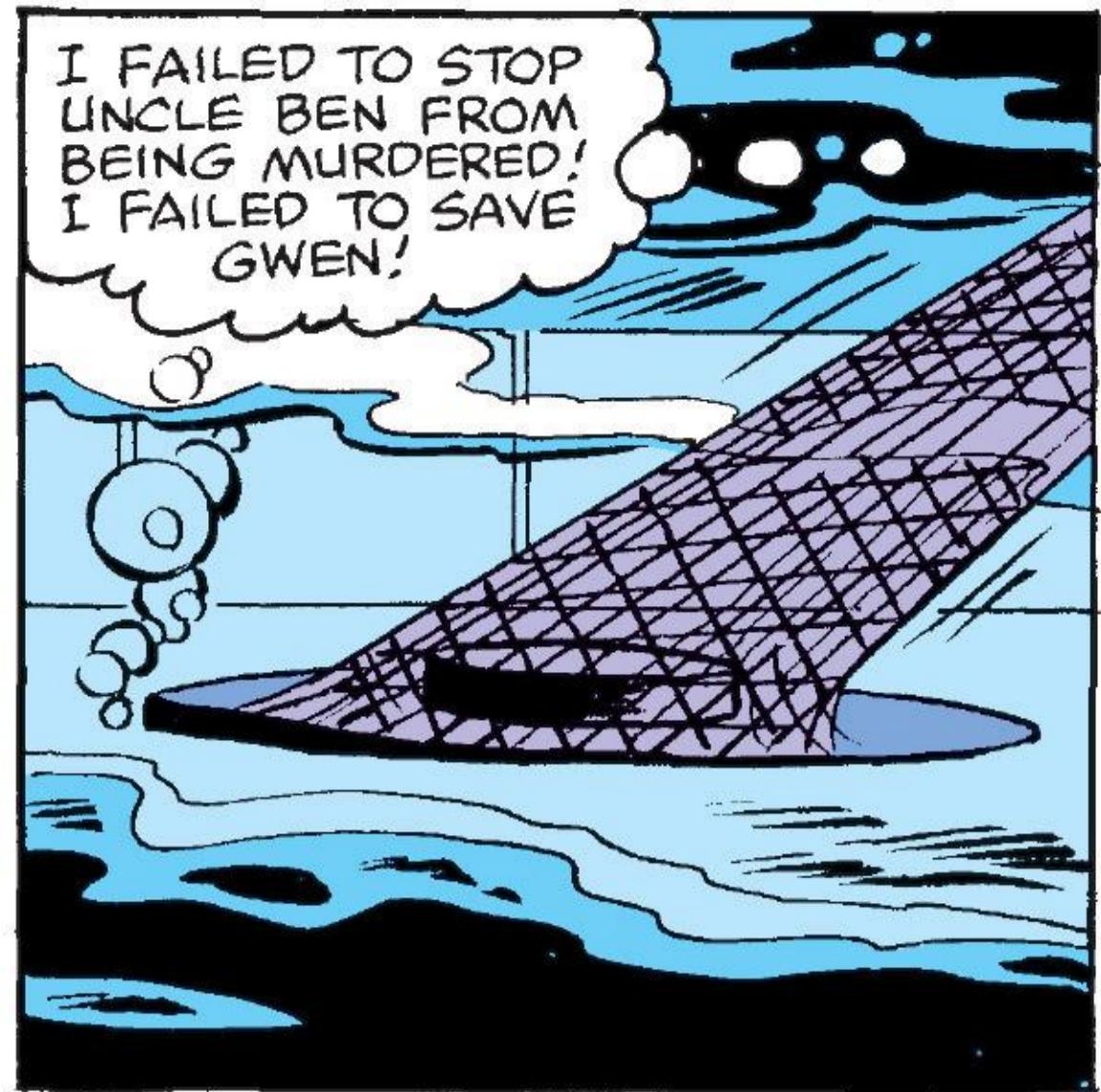
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FOR LONG MOMENTS, THE AMAZING YOUTH FEELS HIS BODY REGENERATE. THEN...

UHH... FEEL STRONGER, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO GO THRU THAT AGAIN...

SPIDERS AND FISHES AREN'T EXACTLY KINS-ME--

HOLD IT JUST ONE BLASTED MINUTE!

SOMETHING'S WRONG! I'M AS DRY AS THREE-DAY OLD CRACKERS...

...AND THIS SWIMMING POOL ISN'T EVEN DAMP!

HE DID IT TO ME AGAIN! ALL THAT AGONY... ALL THAT TORTURE-- IT WAS ANOTHER BLASTED ILLUSION!

MAN, DOME-HEAD'S RACKING UP POINTS. WHEN I GET MY LITTLE WEBBED HANDS ON 'IM--

--HE'LL REGRET EVER COMIN' OUT OF RETIREMENT!

BUT FIRST LET'S SEE IF I CAN BREAK FREE OF THESE CHAINS!

DID IT! WITHOUT THE "WATER PRESSURE" SLOWING ME DOWN, I HAD ALL THE LEVERAGE I NEEDED!

ONCE MORE SPIDER-MAN IS FREE!

AND THIS TIME HE'S GONNA THINK WITH HIS HEAD AND NOT HIS HEART!

MYSTERIO ISN'T AROUND HERE OR ELSE I'D BE ABLE TO SENSE HIS PRESENCE.

BUT I'M NOT GOING OFF HALF-COCKED AND CHASE HIM DOWN FEELING AS WEAKLY AS I DO.

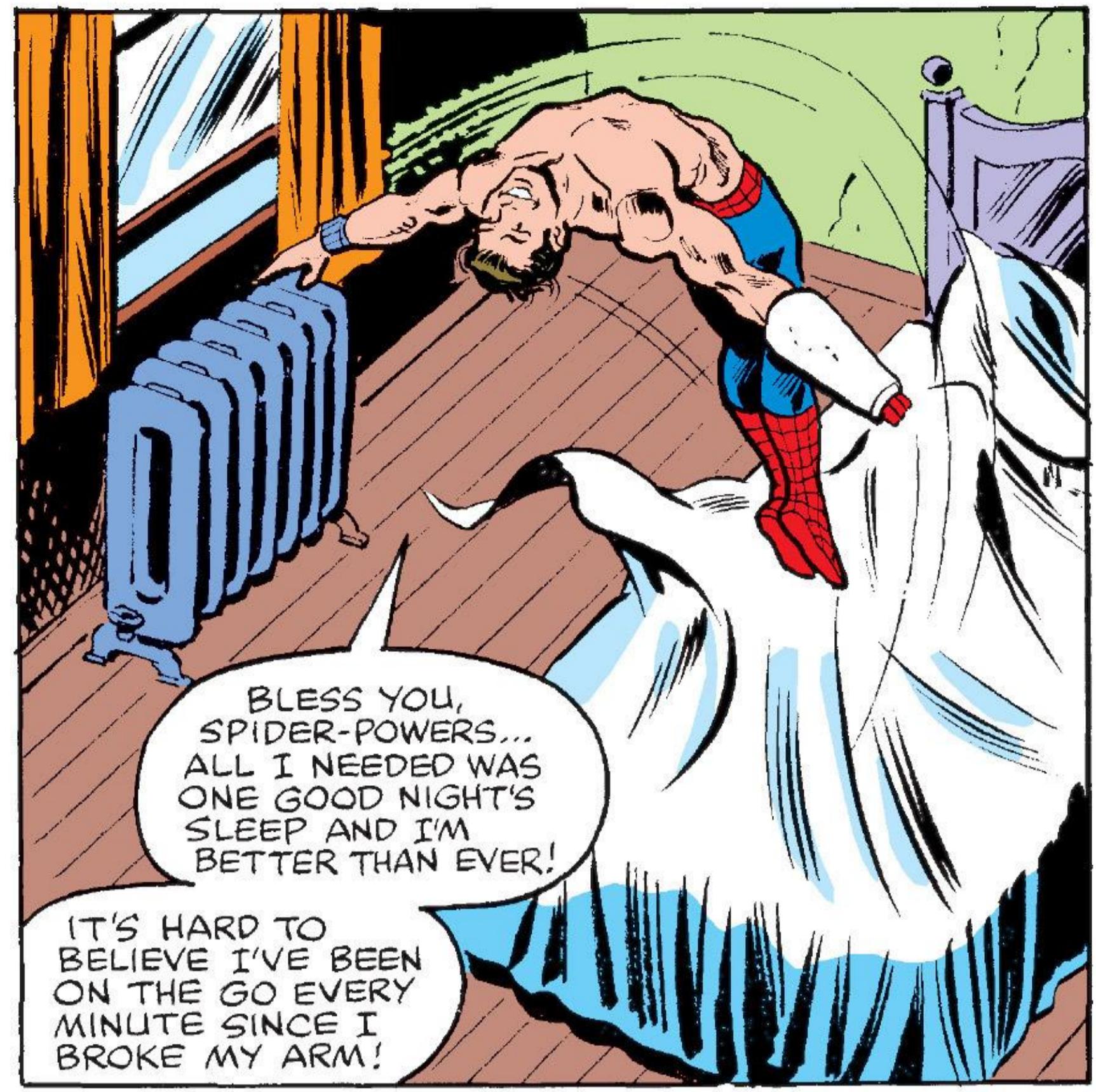
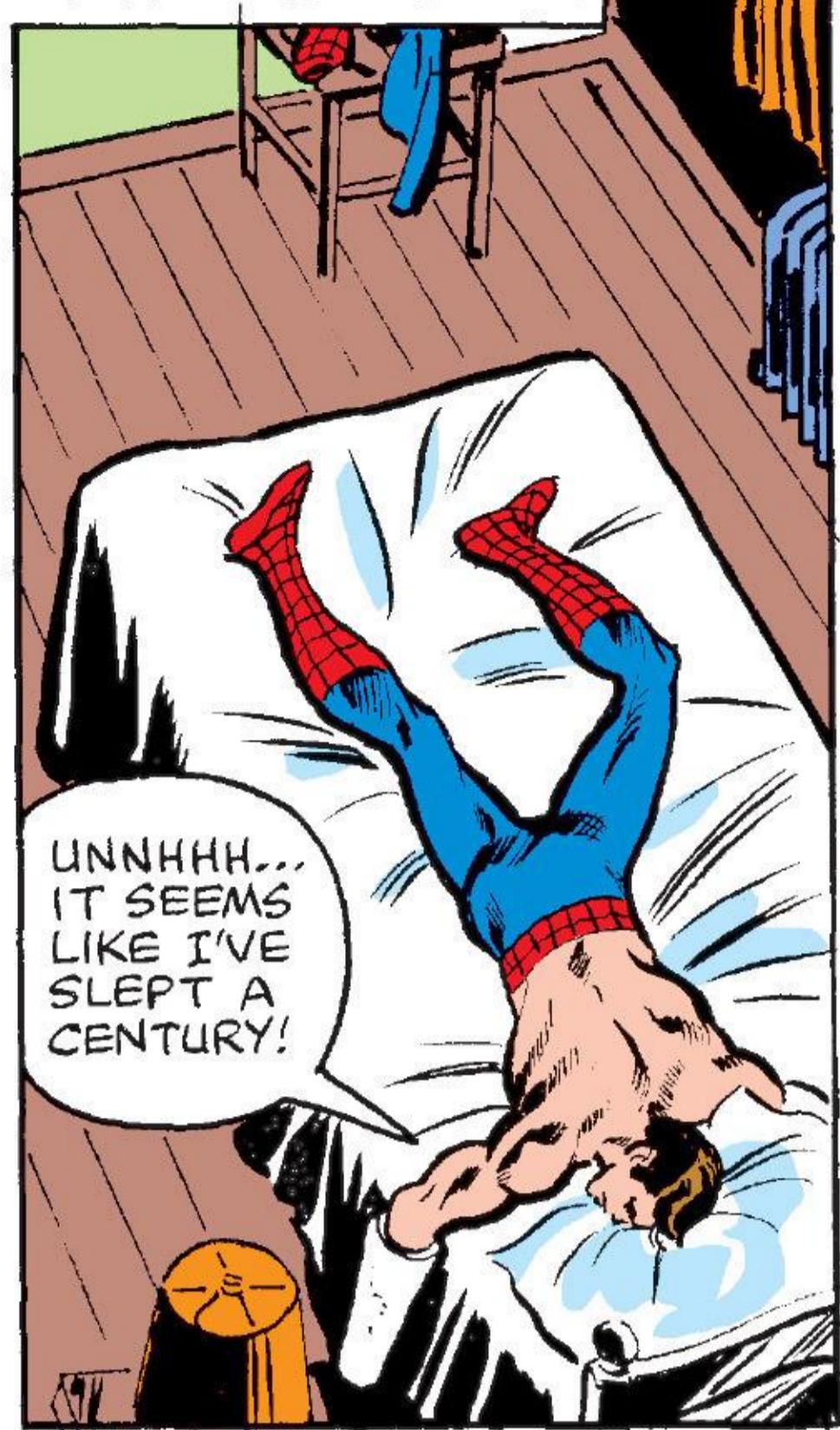
FOR ONCE IN MY THICKHEADED LIFE, I'M GONNA DO THE RIGHT THING!

I'LL FIND OUT WHAT THAT ILLUSION-CASTING CREEP DID WITH MY AUNT-- AFTER I'VE HAD A NIGHT'S SLEEP!

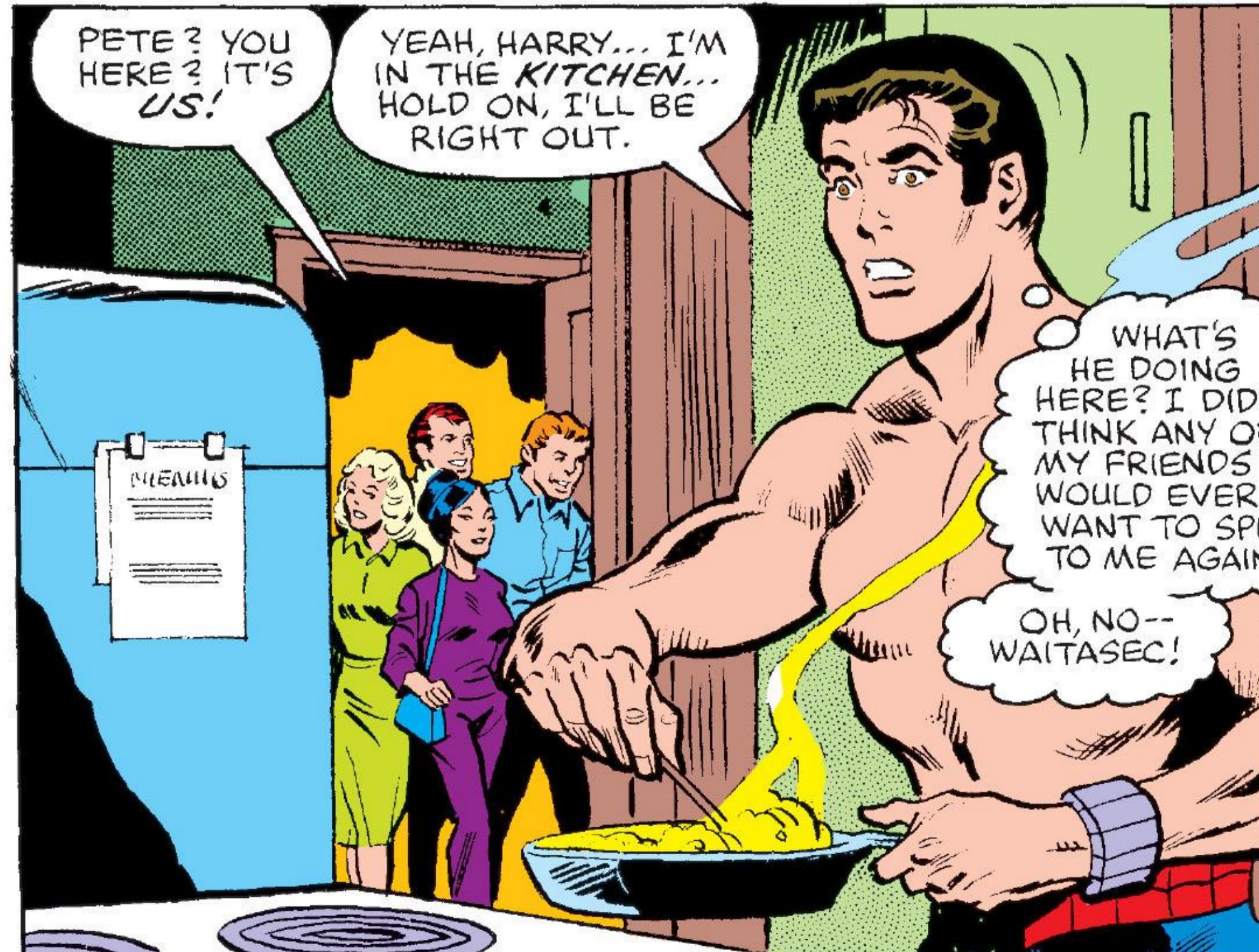
I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MYSTERY TOMORROW!

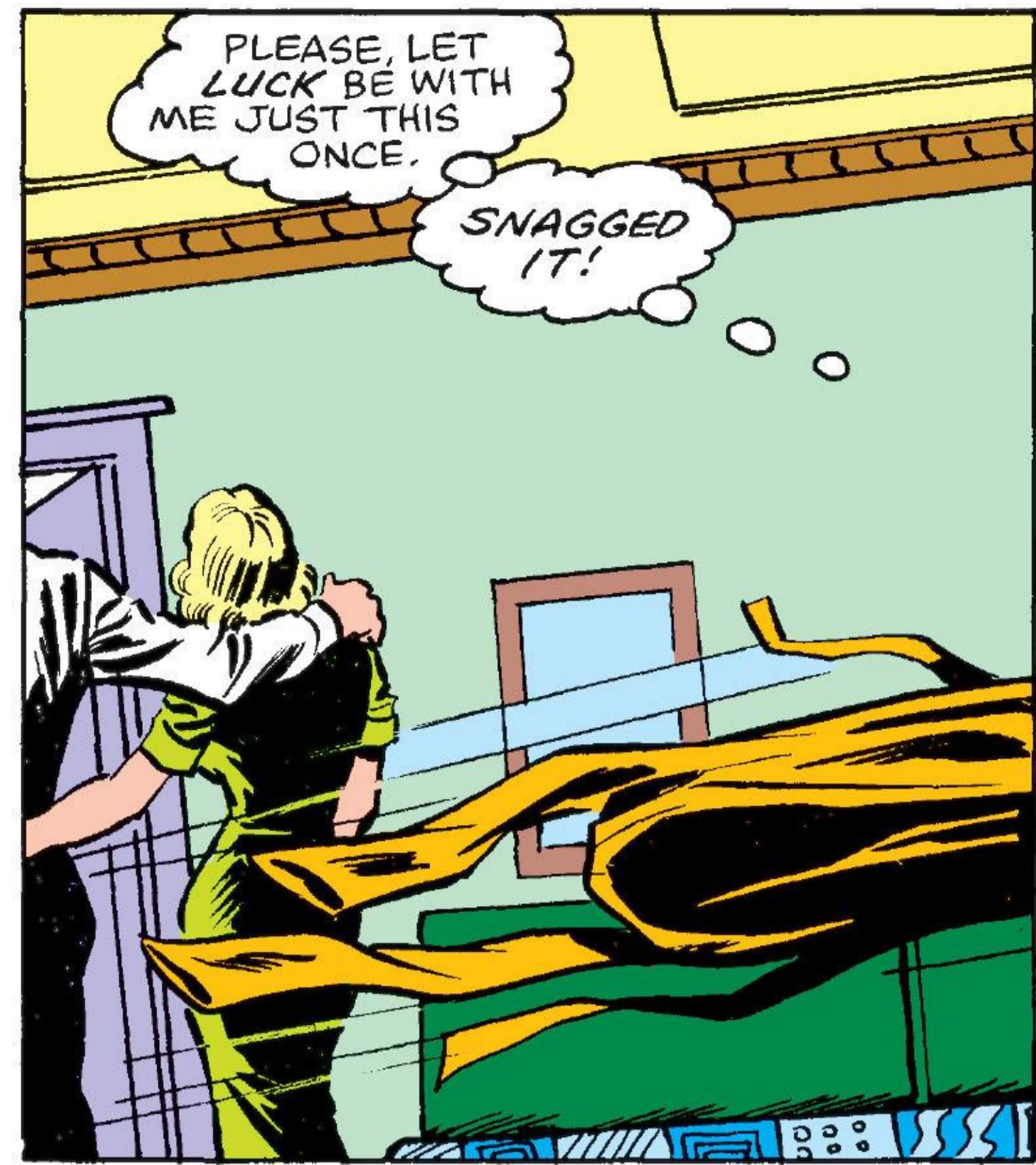
'CAUSE ONCE I'M AT MY FULL STRENGTH, MYSTERIO HASN'T AN ICE CUBE'S CHANCE IN HADES OF ESCAPING ME!

24 HOURS LATER...



THE BUTTERY SMELL OF FRYING EGGS CLINGS TO THE SERVICE KITCHEN AREA AS...





I HATE TO BRING THIS UP NOW, PETE... BUT MAYBE YOU SHOULD CALL BETTY. SHE'S STILL SHAKEN UP BY WHAT YOU SAID TO HER.

I'D RATHER NOT, FLASH... LET HER FORGET ME. SHE BELONGS WITH NED.

THEN YOU HAVEN'T HEARD?

BETTY'S NOT GOING BACK TO NED. THEY'RE SEPARATING...

THEN SHE'S MAKING A STUPID MISTAKE, BLAST! I SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIRMER--

EVERYTIME I LET HER SEE ME I WAS MAKING IT HARDER AND HARDER FOR HER TO GO BACK TO NED.

NOT A THING, LIZ.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU INSULTED HER? YOU WERE TRYING TO GET HER TO GO BACK TO HER HUSBAND!

AND WE ALL THOUGHT YOU WERE BEING CALLOUS!

COME ON, HARRY-- I CARE FOR BETTY... TOO MUCH TO LET HER RUIN HER MARRIAGE BECAUSE OF ME.

WELL, IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF YOU NOW, PETE... SHE AND NED, WELL... THERE'S TOO MUCH KEEPING THEM APART TO GET THEM BACK TOGETHER.

FACT IS, BETTY'S ROOMING WITH ME UNTIL WE CAN FIND HER OWN APARTMENT.

UHHH, LISTEN, GUYS... I'M STILL A LITTLE SHAKEN ABOUT EVERYTHING...

...I THINK IT MIGHT BE BEST IF I WERE ALONE RIGHT NOW. THERE'S STILL SO MUCH I'VE GOT TO DO.

WE'RE HERE IF YOU NEED ANY HELP, PETE.

I KNOW... FLASH, AND THANK YOU.

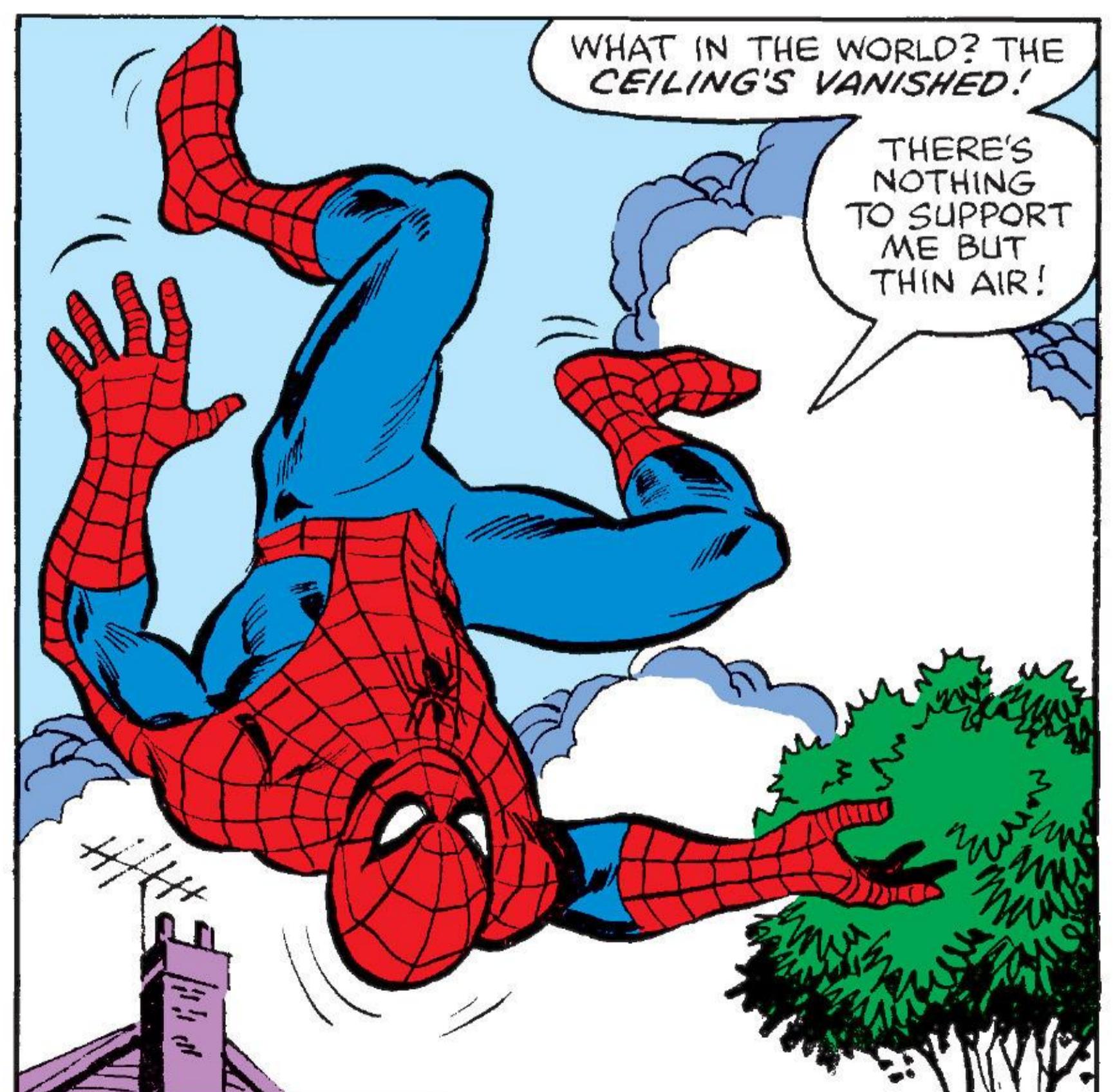
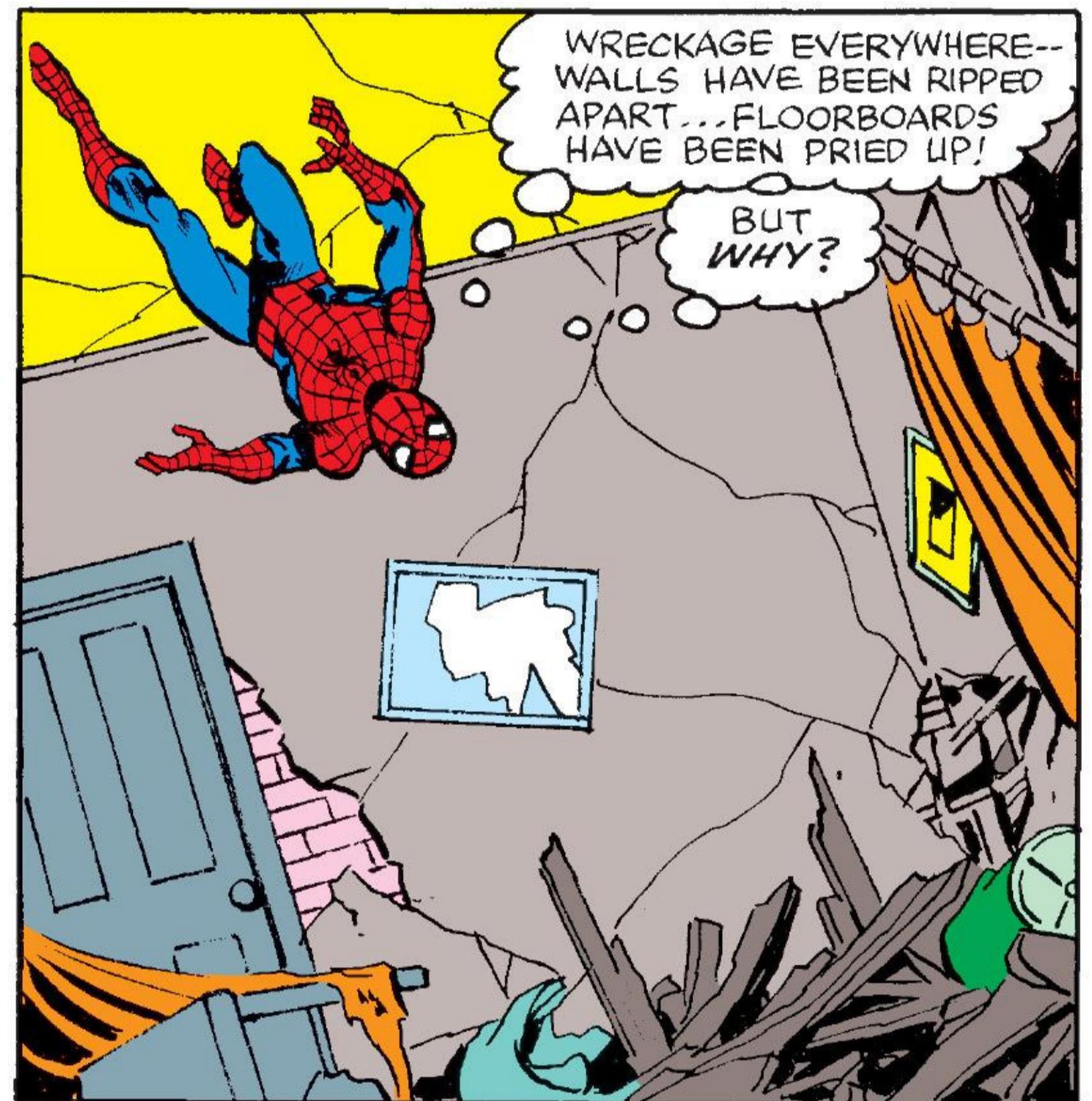
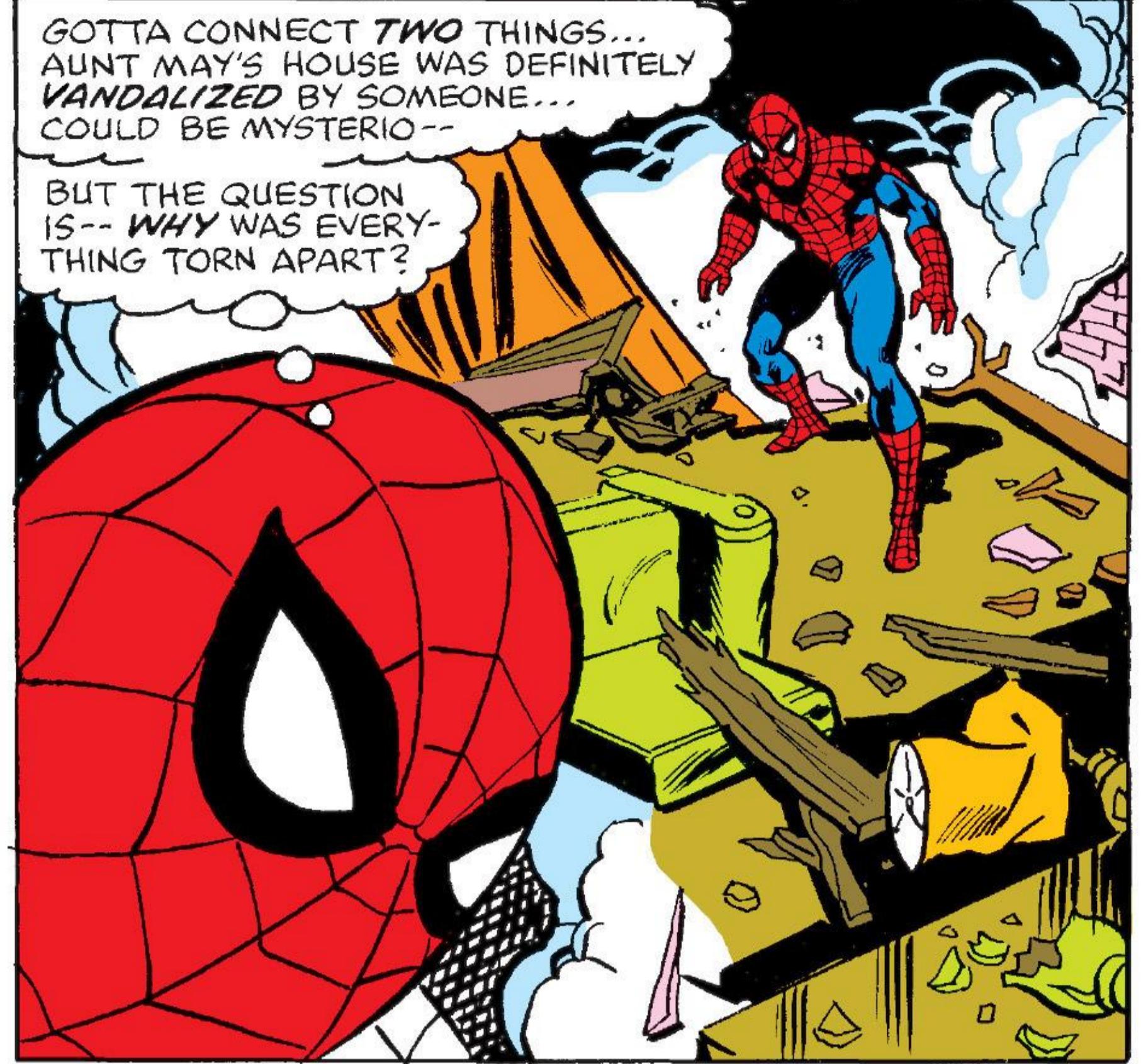
FOR ANYTHING, PETE... PLEASE CALL.

THE DOOR IS CLOSED, AND THEN...



I WILL.

A FEW HARRIED MINUTES LATER...



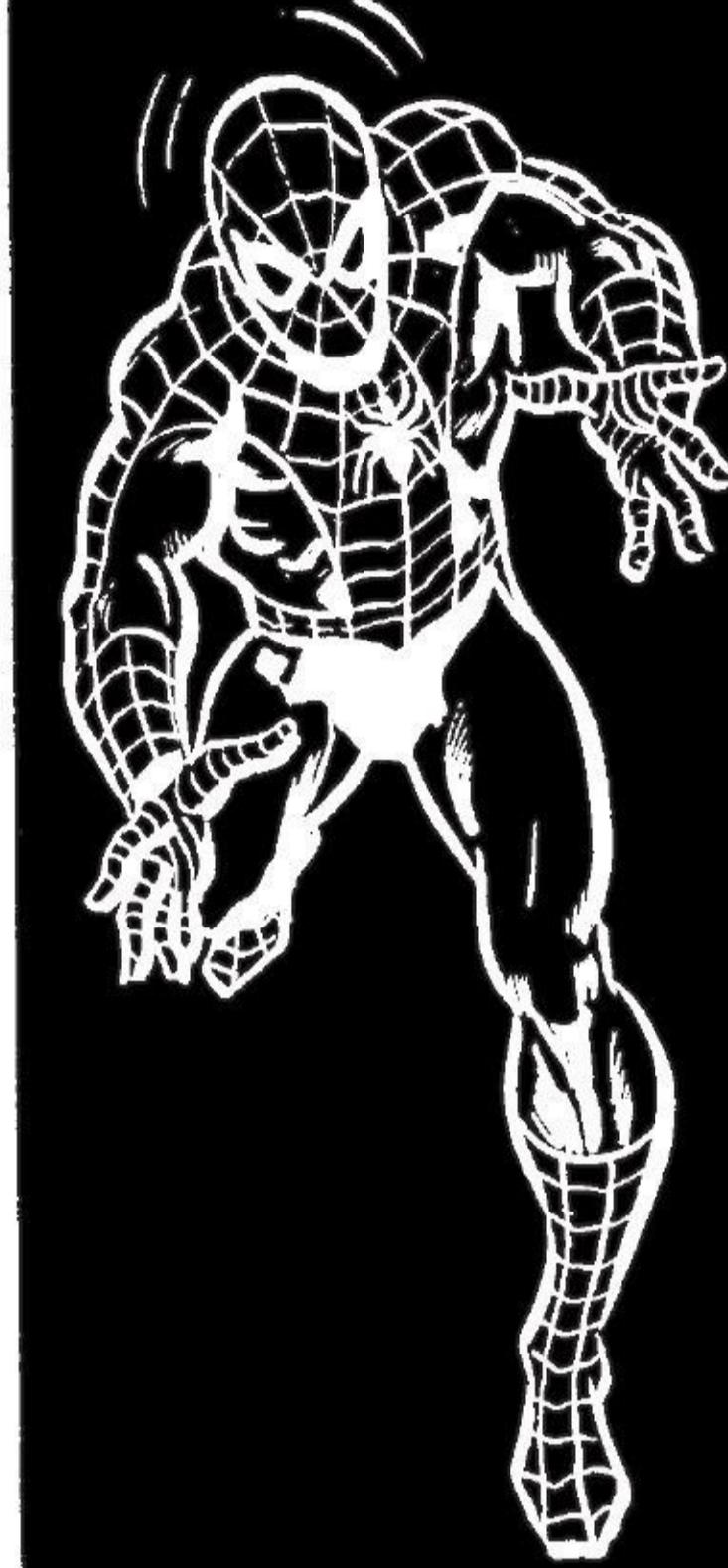


GOODBYE, SPIDER-MAN... I
HOPE I'VE SEEN THE LAST
OF YOU.



THE BLACKNESS IS
EVERYWHERE, STIFLING,
OVERWHELMING.

I SEEM TO BE SOME
SORT OF NEGATIVE...
EVERYTHING'S THE
EXACT OPPOSITE OF
WHAT IT SHOULD BE.
BUT THIS IS JUST
ANOTHER
ILLUSION!



MYSTERIO'S NOT CAPABLE
OF ANYTHING ELSE!



GOTTA **BLIND** MYSELF
TO WHAT HE WANTS
ME TO SEE... GOTTA
SEE WHAT I KNOW
IS OUT THERE.



GOTTA REMEMBER
EVERYTHING'S STILL
NORMAL... THAT I'M
STILL IN AUNT MAY'S
OLD HOUSE...

...AND IF I BELIEVE
IT... NOT EVEN
MYSTERIO'S TRICKS
CAN MAKE ME SEE
OTHERWISE!



I'M REFORMING AGAIN...
TURNING NORMAL... IT'S
JUST AS I THOUGHT--

HIS ILLUSION
POWERS ARE AS
MUCH HYPNOTIC
AS THEY ARE SPECIAL
EFFECTS.



WELL, HE'S NO LONGER
LULLED ME INTO BE-
LIEVING WHAT HE
WANTS ME TO BELIEVE.

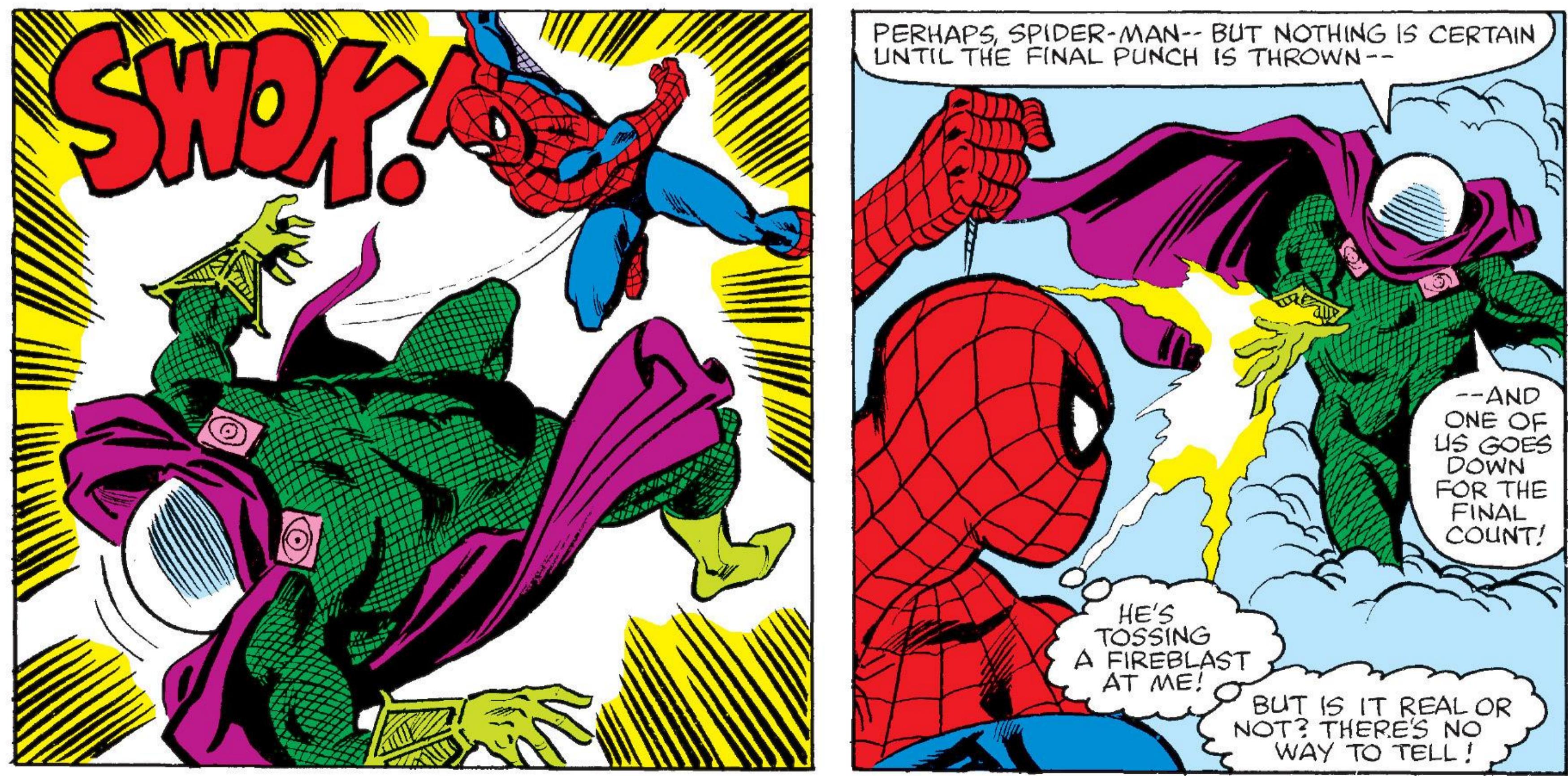
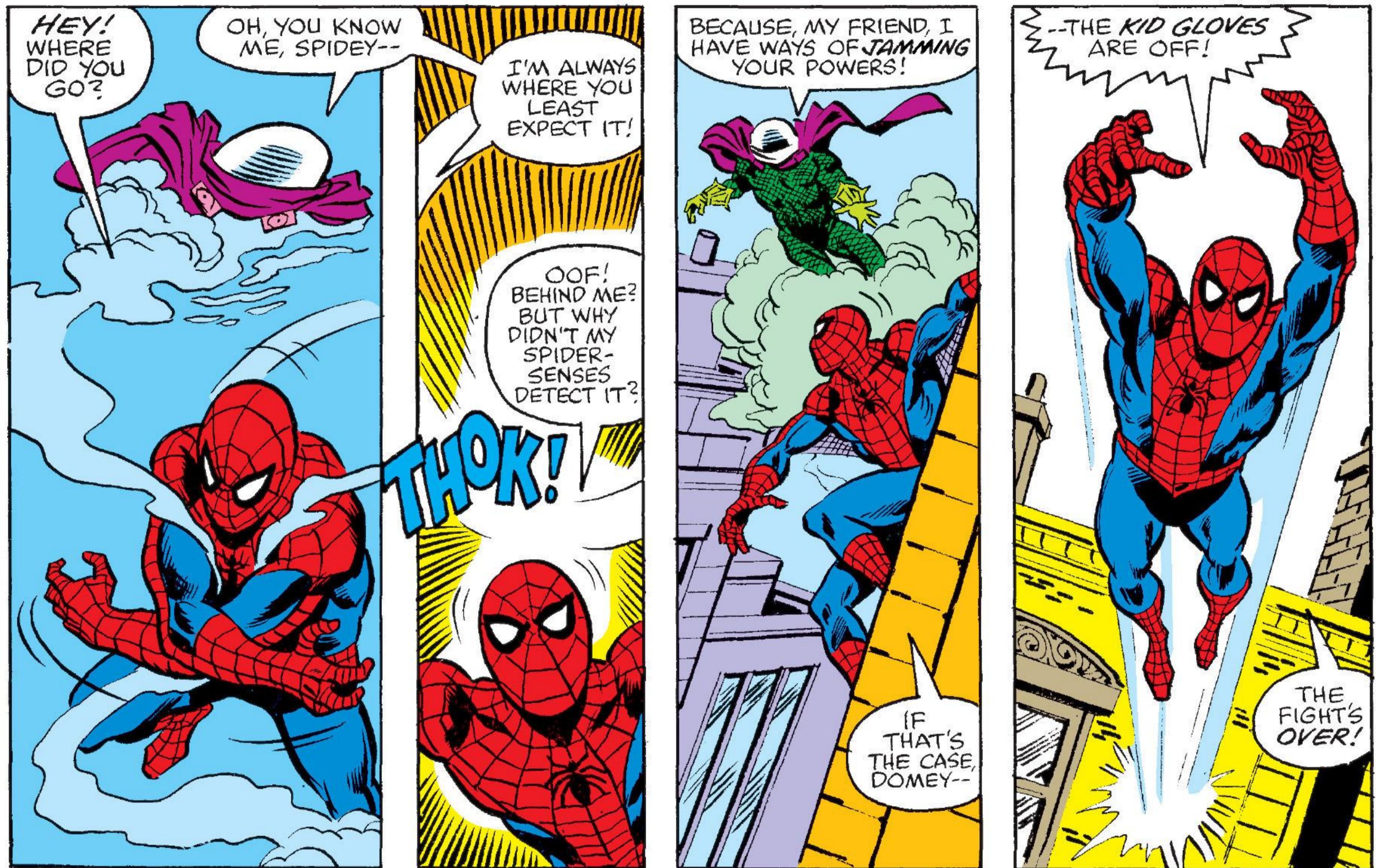
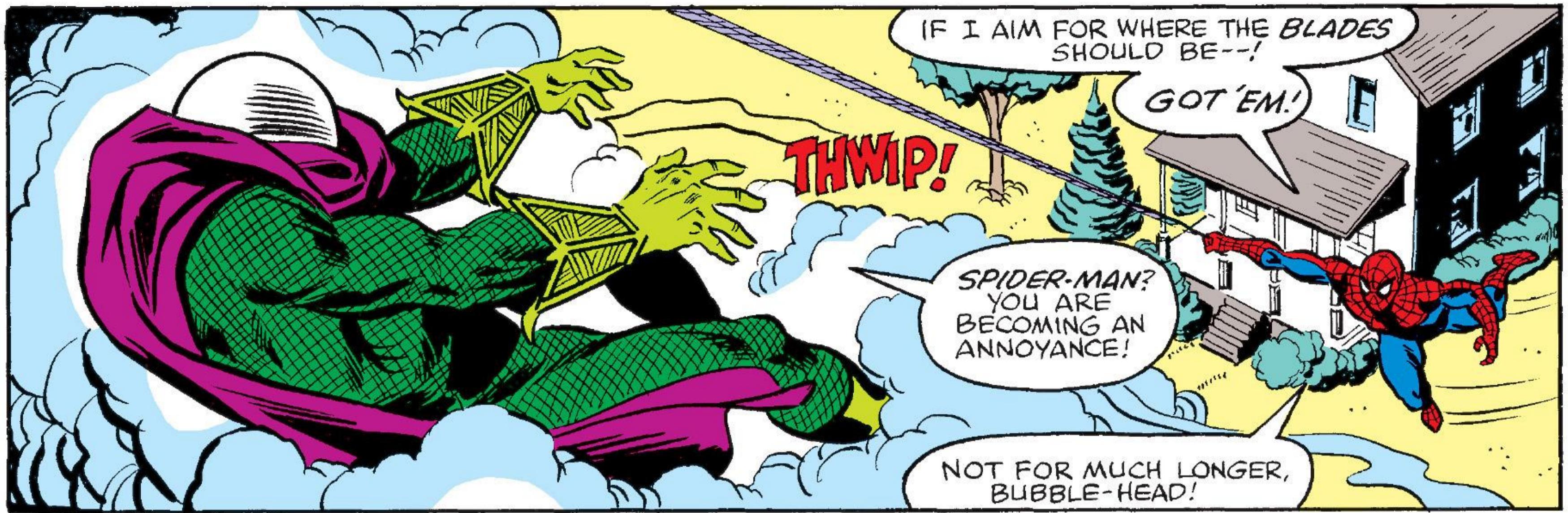
FACT IS, AS
OF NOW,
NOTHING
HE DOES CAN
STOP ME!

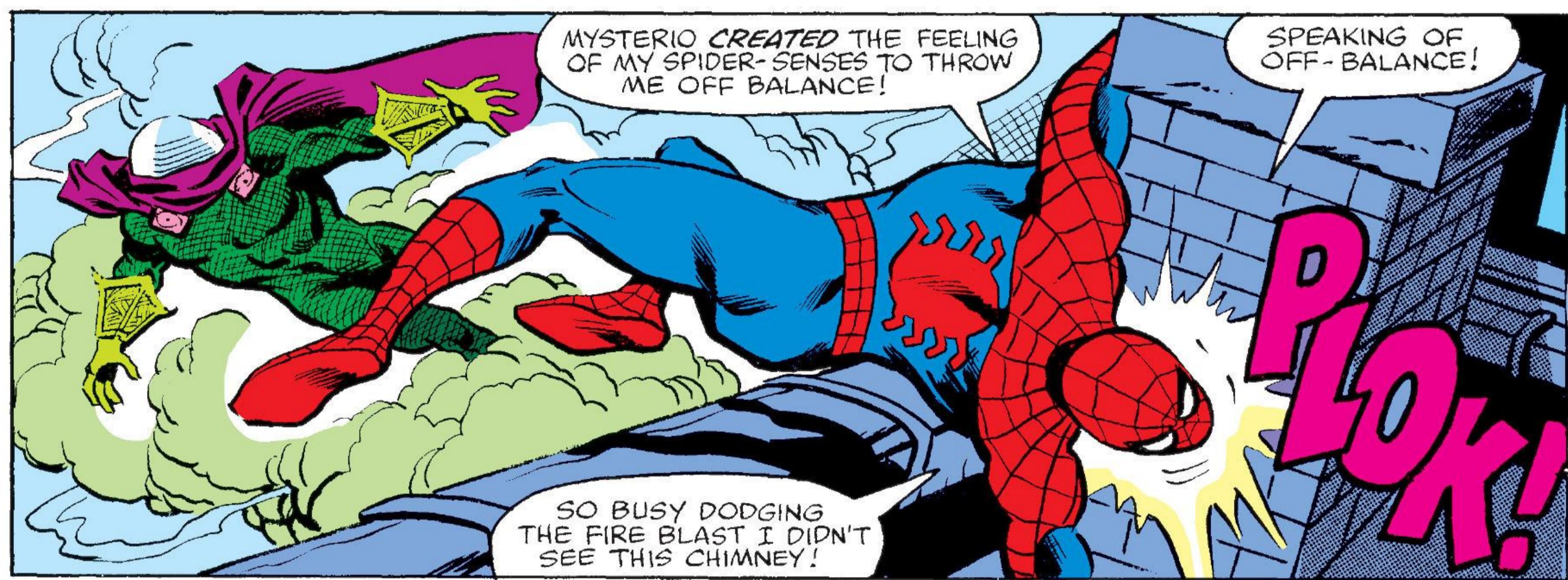
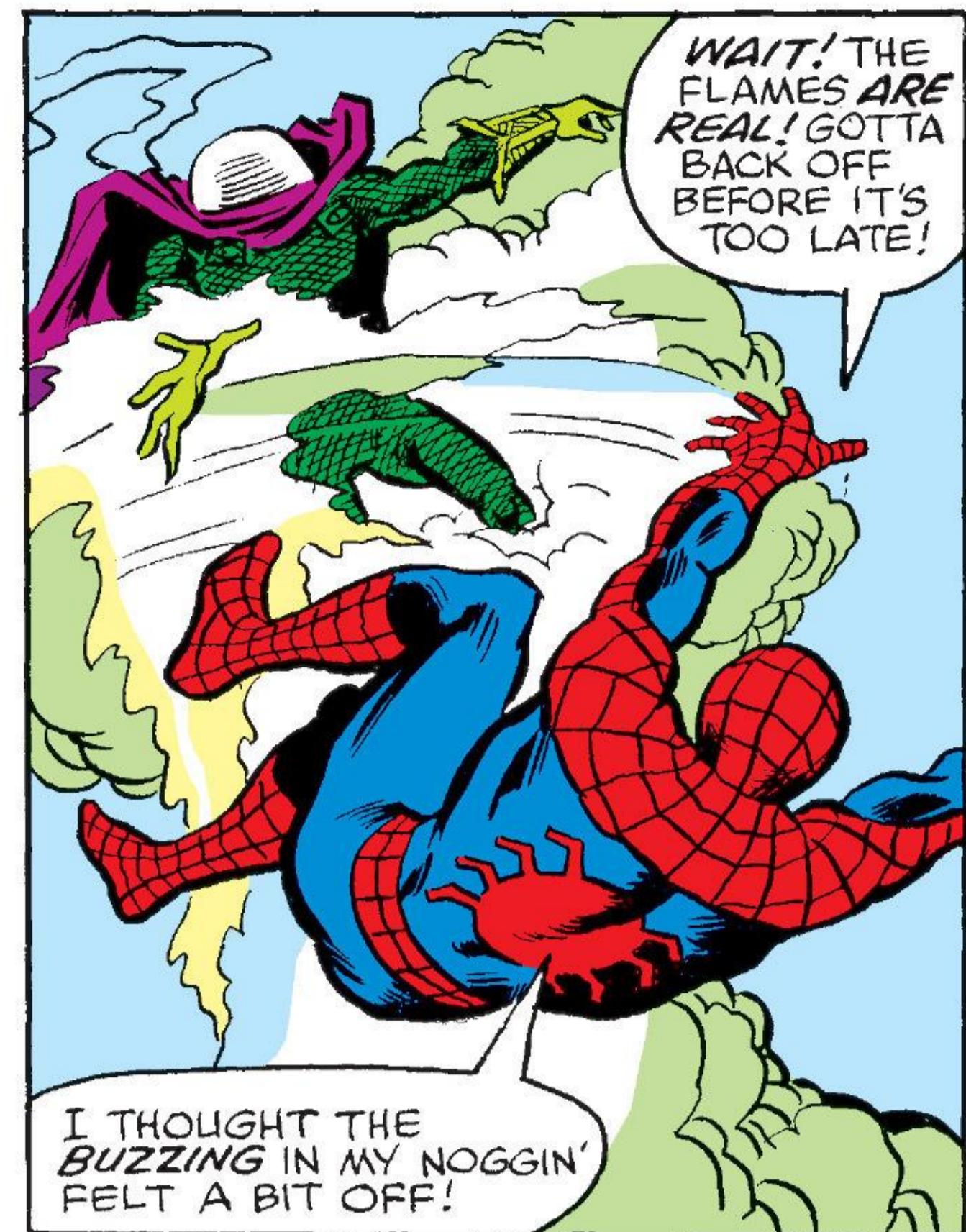


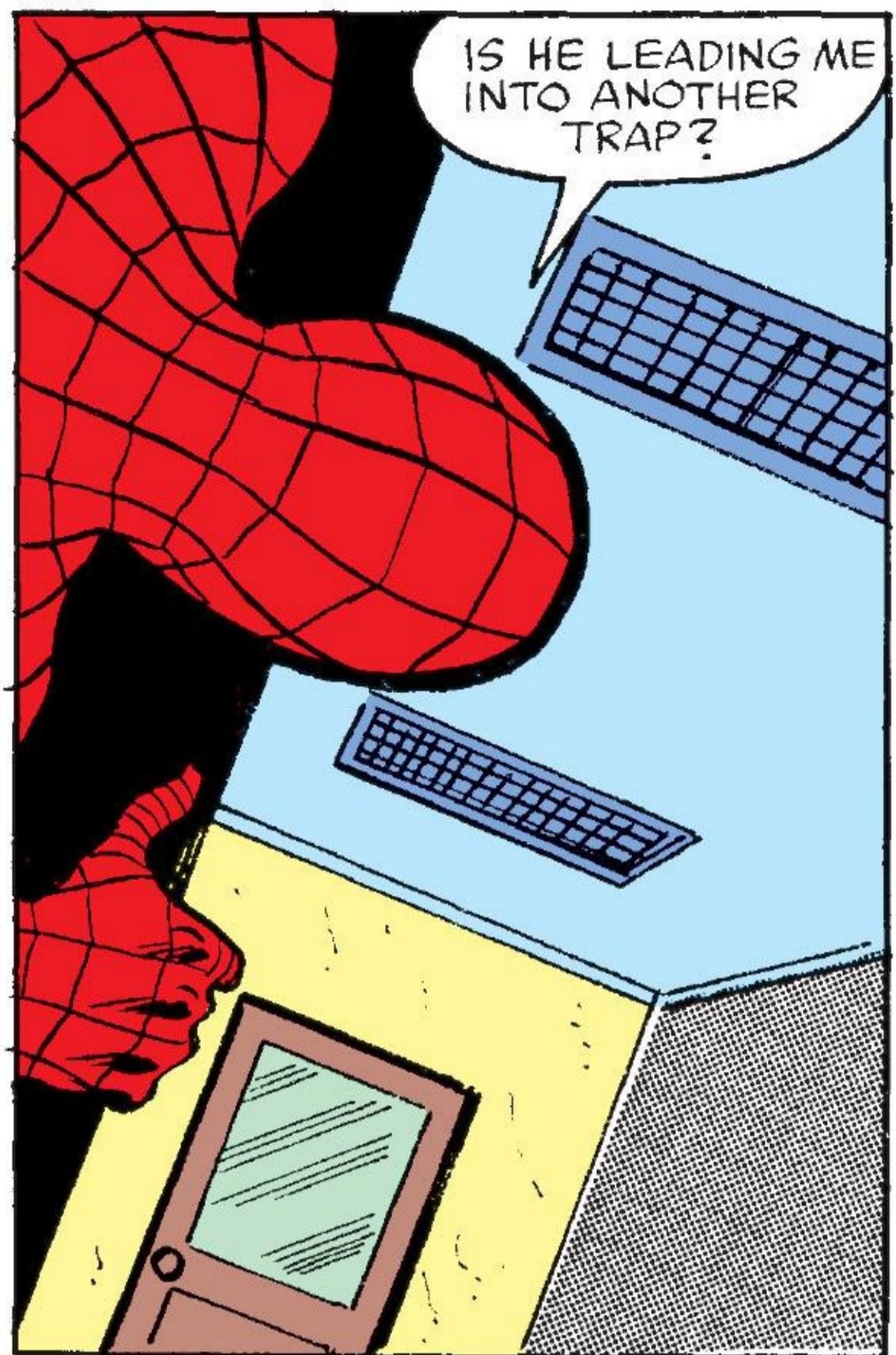
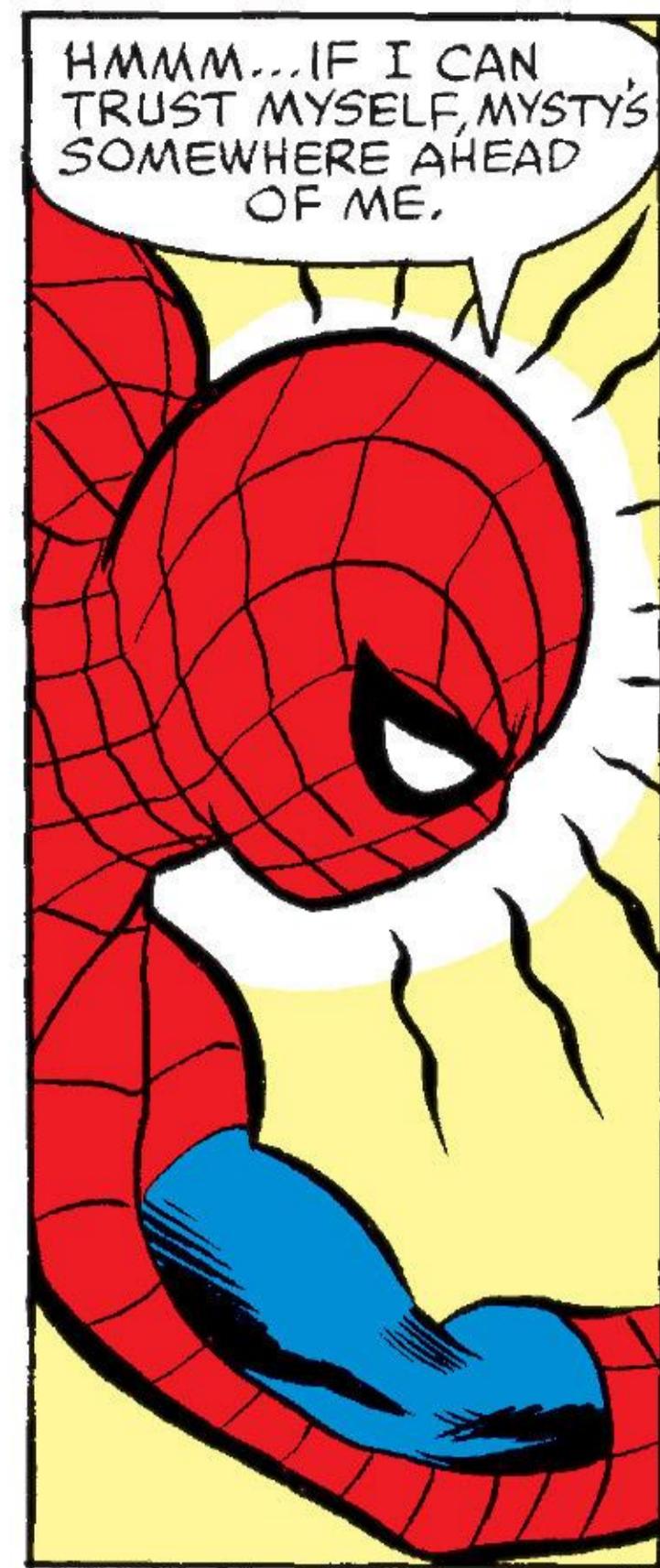
THERE HE IS! SOARING
OFF ON HIS CLOUD!

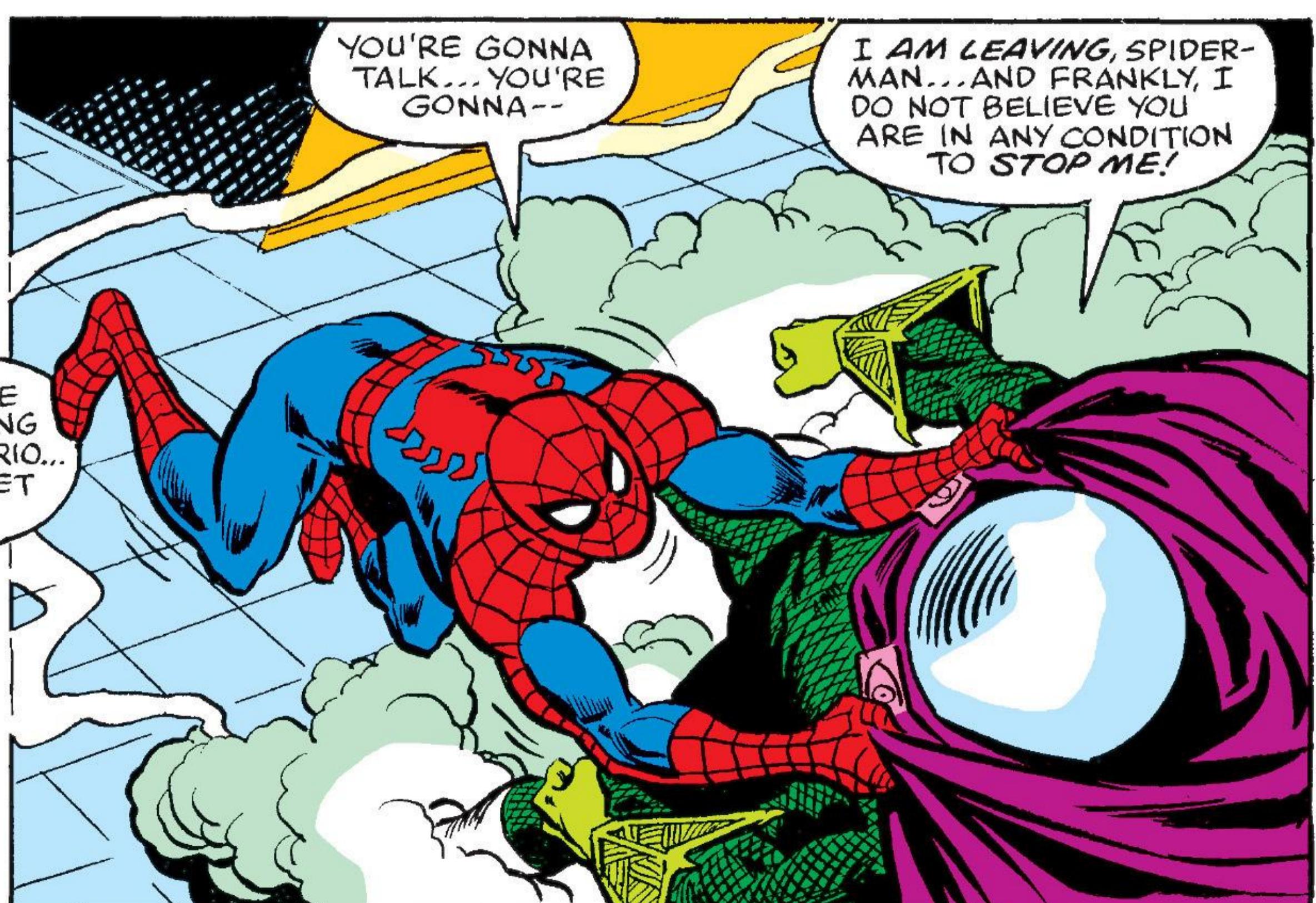
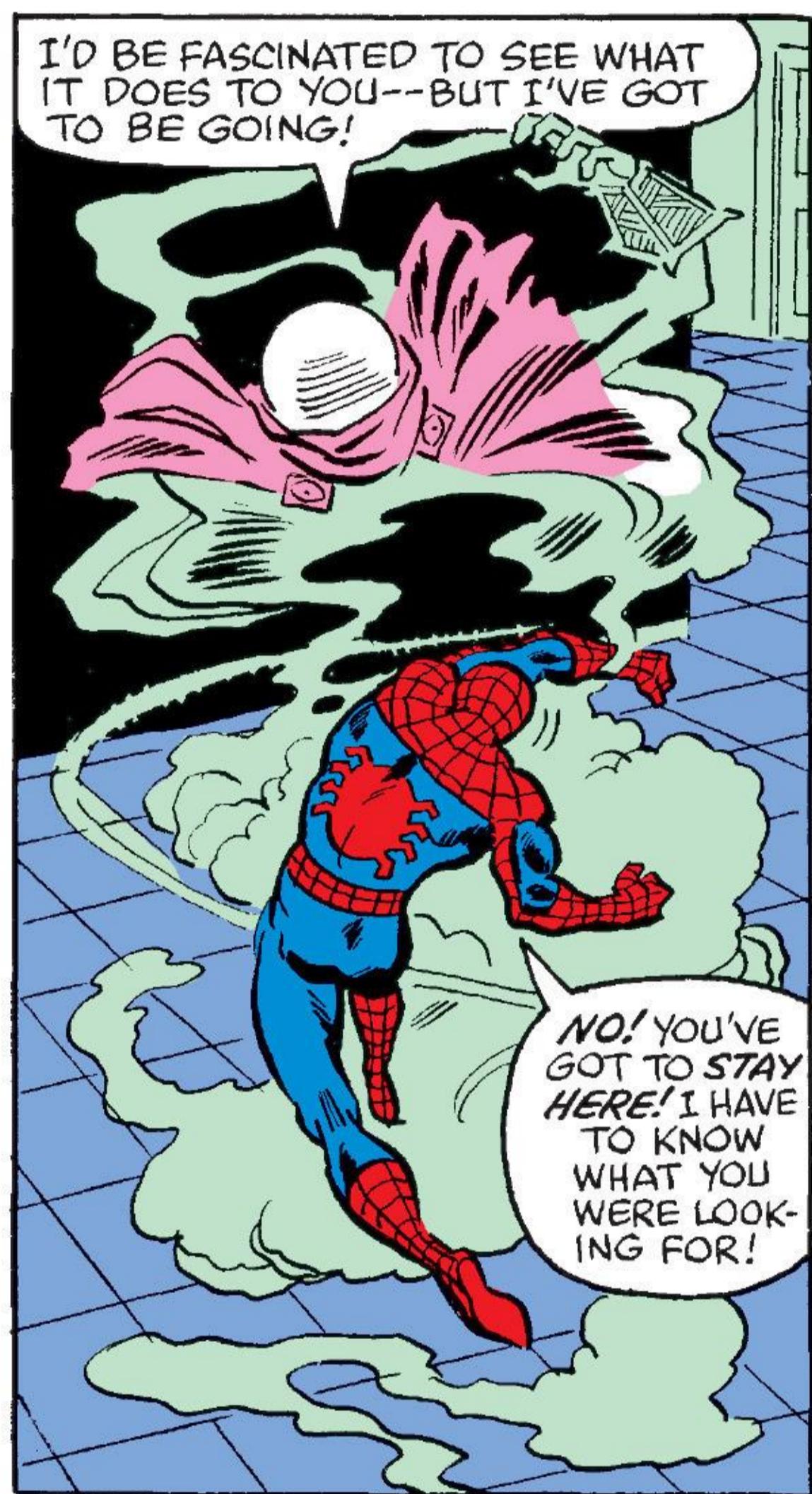
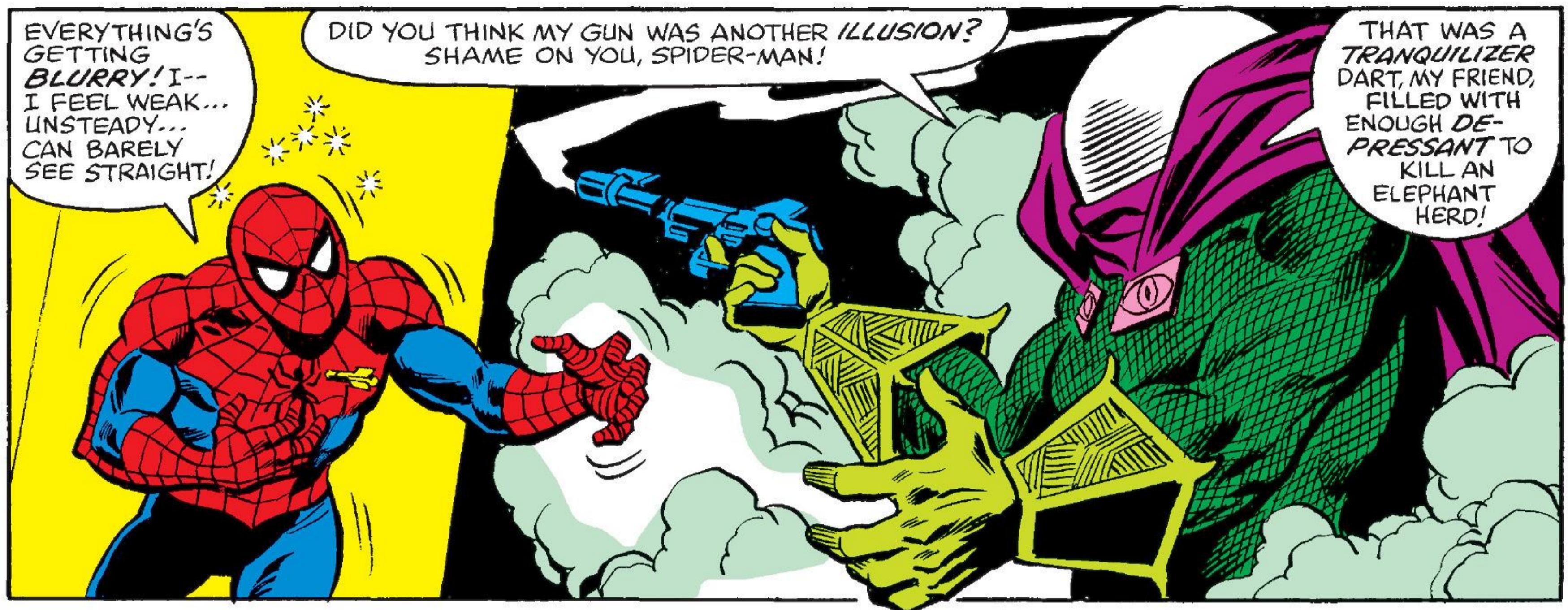
THERE MUST BE
A MINI-HELICOPTER
OF SOME SORT
UNDER ALL THAT
SMOKE.

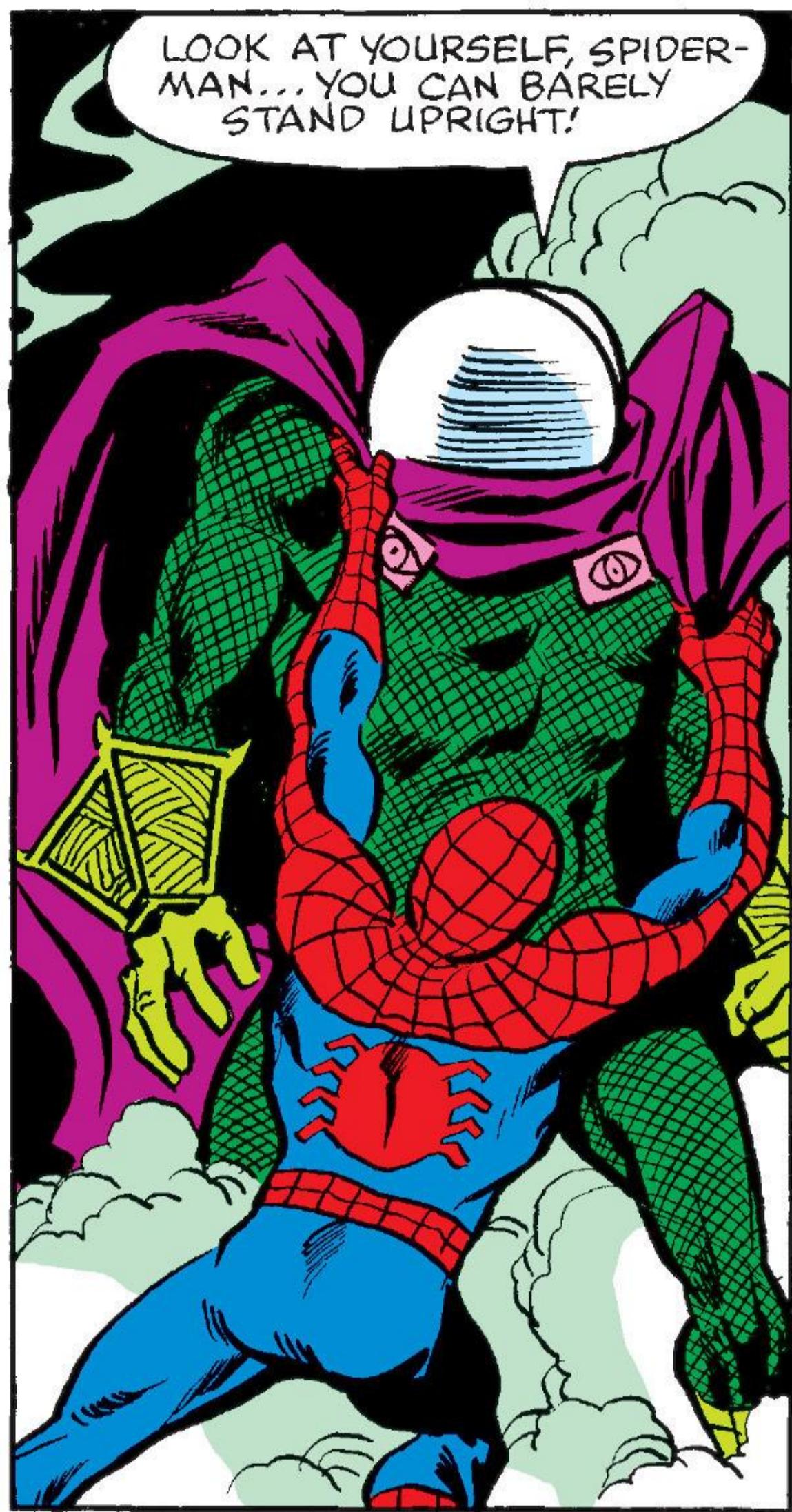












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