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THIS TALE WAS  
ORIGINALLY PLANNED  
AS A 3-PART EPIC...  
BUT SINCE WE PROMISED  
TO ELIMINATE OUR CON-  
TINUED STORIES, WE'VE  
LABORED HEROICALLY  
TO CONCLUDE IT IN  
THIS ISSUE! (JUST  
THOUGHT YOU'D  
LIKE TO KNOW!)

SOMEONE IN  
A COSTUME...  
ROBBING JONAH  
JAMESON IN HIS  
OFFICE!

BUT I  
CAN'T FIGHT  
HIM AS PETER  
PARKER!

I'LL HAVE TO  
PRETEND THAT  
THE SHOCK  
MADE ME LOSE  
MY BALANCE...  
SENT ME  
TOPPLING...  
THRU THE  
WINDOW!

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BY REACHING OUT...  
TOUCHING THE BUILDING  
---MY SPIDER POWERS  
WILL BREAK MY FALL...

AND, LUCKY FOR ME IT'S NIGHT-  
TIME... WHEN NO ONE IS APT TO  
SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!



MEANWHILE, MANY FLOORS ABOVE...

IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!  
I NEVER EVEN TOUCHED  
HIM! WHAT MADE HIM  
GO THRU THE  
WINDOW??

I DIDN'T PLAN  
IT THIS WAY! I  
DIDN'T PLAN TO BE  
A MURDERER!

C'MON, ROBBIE...  
HE RAN IN HERE!  
AH... THERE  
HE IS!

BUT WHERE'S PARKER?  
HE WAS IN HERE WITH  
HIM! AND THERE'S NO  
WAY OUT...  
EXCEPT...

THE  
WINDOW!  
LOOK  
AT IT...!

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AT LEAST THE ROTTEN  
KILLER DIDN'T GET ANY  
OF MY MONEY!

BUT...  
WHAT  
ABOUT...  
POOR  
PARKER?

HEY! WHAT'S  
GOING ON HERE!  
THERE'S NO  
SIGN OF HIM!

BUT, IF THE BEWILDERED PUB-  
LISHER HAD THOUGHT TO LOOK  
UP, AT LEAST ONE OF HIS  
QUESTIONS WOULD BE ANSWERED.

IT'S EASIER FOR  
ME TO REACH THE  
ROOF THAN  
THE STREET!

THE KID!  
YEAH...THAT'S  
RIGHT!

I DON'T  
EVEN SEE  
THE  
PROWLER  
THERE!

SO YOU'RE THE PROWLER  
THAT JOLLY JONAH WAS  
WONDERING ABOUT, HUH?

SPIDER-  
MAN!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR  
GAME IS, CHUM....

BUT THIS  
CITY'S ALREADY  
OVERSTOCKED  
WITH COSTUMED  
CUTUPS!





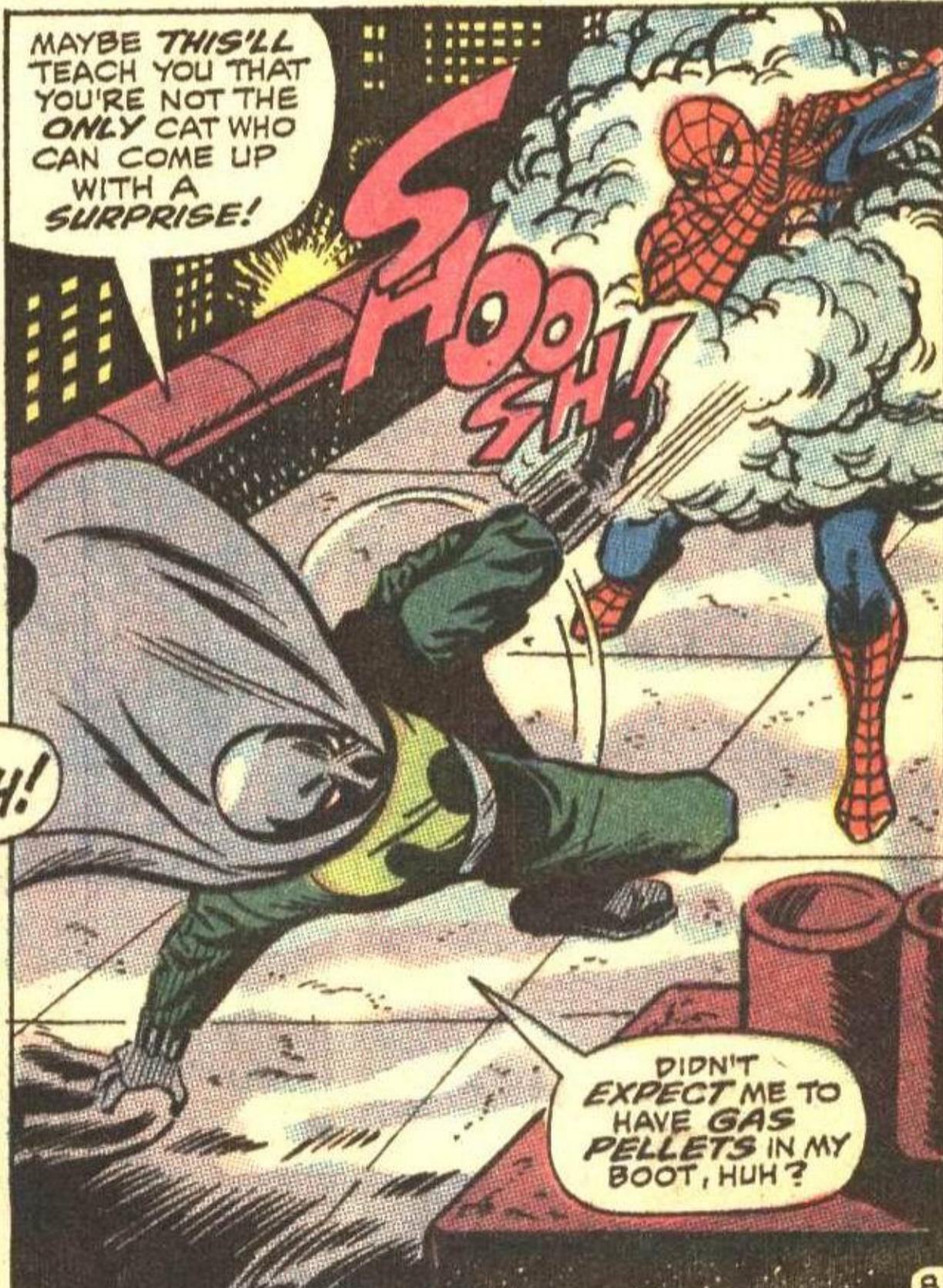
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SO YOU THINK I'M  
CORNY, HUH? YOU  
THINK I'M JUST  
BRAGGING,  
EH?

LOOK... I'M REAL  
FLATTERED THAT MY  
OPINION MEANS SO  
MUCH...

BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO BE FASTER  
THAN THAT TO MAKE ME CHANGE  
MY MIND!



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With the most profound regret, we sorrowfully announce the untimely death of George Klein. George had been associated with the Bullpen for a period spanning more than two decades, as both penciller and inker. He was also a gifted painter, a valued friend, and a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. We deeply mourn his loss.

**ITEM:** For those of you who've been wondering why ARTFUL ARCHIE GOODWIN hasn't been doing more stories of late, the answer is simple. Arch has a grueling schedule to maintain due to a couple of newspaper strips which he's been writing for years. But we're still hoping to pry some more manuscripts from him — even if we have to resort to threats — like telling him that IRVING FORBUSH just bought a new typewriter!

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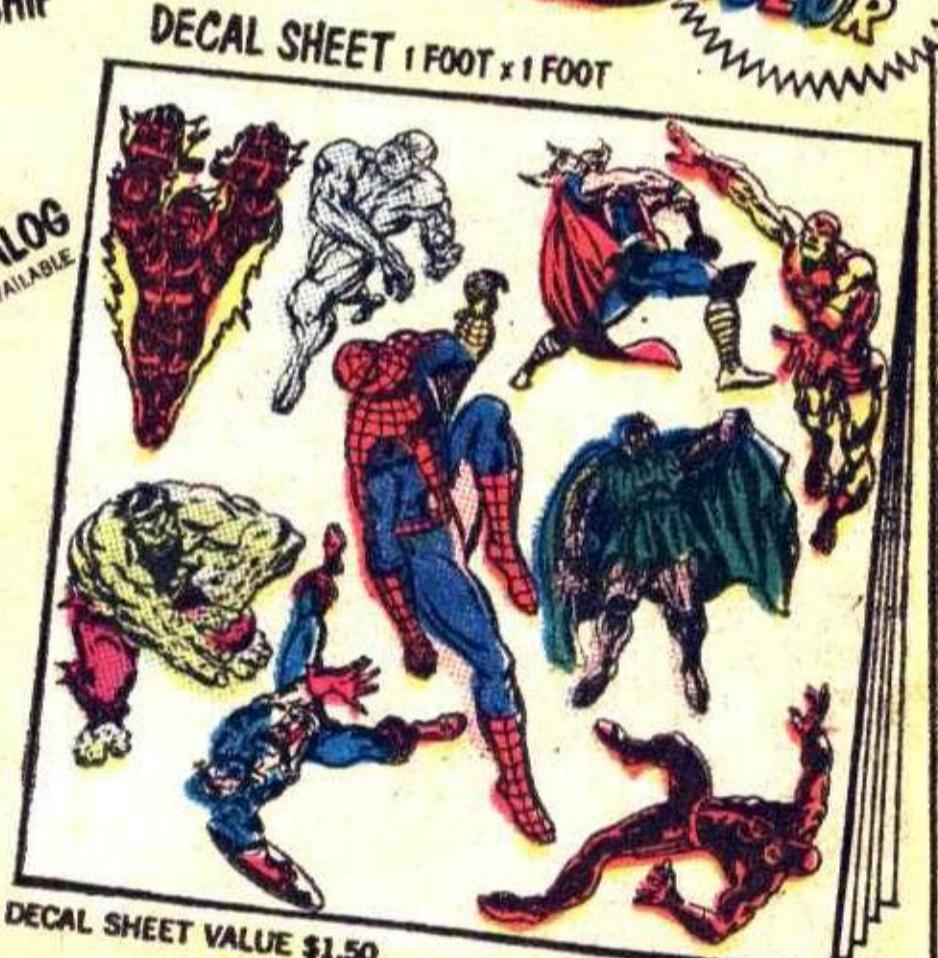


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BUT IF PARKER DID  
FALL THRU THE WINDOW  
... WHAT HAPPENED  
TO HIM?

HOW IN BLAZES DO  
I KNOW? MAYBE  
THAT BLASTED  
PROWLER CARRIED  
HIM AWAY!

ROBBIE! MR. JAMES-  
SON!

LISTEN!  
THAT  
VOICE...  
CALLING  
US....?

PARKER! WHAT THE DEVIL'S  
GOING ON HERE? WE THOUGHT  
YOU WERE DEAD!

SORRY TO  
DISAPPOINT  
YOU, MISTER!

WHEN I TUMBLED  
THRU THE WINDOW,  
SPIDER-MAN  
WAS NEARBY...  
AND HE GRABBED  
ME, SAVING MY  
LIFE!

THANK  
HEAVEN YOU'RE  
OKAY, SON!

THE WEB-  
HEAD! DID YOU  
GET ANY  
PICTURES OF  
HIM?

BRINGING YOU A FRONT PAGE  
SCOOP WASN'T EXACTLY MY  
BIGGEST WORRY JUST THEN!

LUCKY I THOUGHT OF  
THAT SPIDEY ANGLE  
... THEY SEEM TO BE  
SWALLOWING IT!

YOU LOOK  
BUSHED,  
KID! BETTER  
GO HOME  
AND GET  
SOME REST!

PUNK KID! WOULD IT HAVE  
KILLED HIM TO BRING ME  
BACK SOME PIX WE  
COULD USE?

LAY OFF HIM,  
JJ! WE'VE GOT A  
WHOLE STAFF OF  
PHOTOGRAPHERS!

MINUTES LATER...

I'M FINALLY SNAPPING  
OUT OF IT NOW... BUT I  
STILL FEEL LIKE I'VE  
BEEN KICKED BY A  
MULE!

YEAH, I'LL  
DO THAT,  
MR. R.!  
  
CAN'T CLEAR  
MY HEAD! THAT  
GAS REALLY  
GOT ME!

YEAH, YEAH!  
BUT NONE OF  
'EM MANAGES  
TO RUN INTO  
SPIDER-MAN  
AS OFTEN AS  
HIM!

WHY NOT BE HONEST  
WITH YOURSELF, PARKER?  
WHY NOT ADMIT IT...?

I CAN ALWAYS WAIT FOR A  
REMATCH IF SOME COSTUMED  
CLOWN MANAGES TO BEAT  
ME THE FIRST TIME AROUND--

IT HURTS  
LOTS MORE...  
WHEN I THINK OF  
GWEN... THAN THE  
PROWLER'S GAS  
BLAST COULD  
EVER HURT ME!

BUT WHAT  
DOES A FELLA  
DO... WHEN HE  
LEARNS THAT HE  
GAVE HIS HEART  
TO THE WRONG  
GIRL?

SLOWLY, TORTUOUSLY, THE  
TROUBLED YOUTH FINALLY FALLS  
INTO A FITFUL SLEEP... HARDLY  
KNOWING WHERE THE DREAMS  
LEAVE OFF AND REALITY BEGINS...

WHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF  
TOWN...

I'M HOME  
AT LAST!  
STILL SAFE...  
STILL UNDIS-  
COVERED!

BUT, I THOUGHT IT  
WOULD BE A LARK!  
I THOUGHT I'D WIN  
FAME... GLORY!

I DIDN'T  
KNOW I'D END  
UP... ACCUSED  
OF MURDER!

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WHAT MADE HIM  
DO IT? WHAT MADE  
THAT GUY TOSS  
HIMSELF OUT OF  
THE WINDOW?

WAS IT BECAUSE I SCARED  
HIM...BECAUSE HE PANICKED  
WHEN HE SAW ME?

DID HE  
THINK THAT I  
WAS REALLY  
TRYING TO KILL  
HIM?



IF SO... DOES THAT  
MAKE ME JUST AS  
GUILTY... AS IF I'D  
REALLY PUSHED  
HIM OUT?

HAS HOBIE BROWN  
BECOME... A  
MURDERER??



I DID IT FOR MINDY! I WANTED TO SHOW  
HER I WASN'T A NOBODY! BUT NOW, SHE'S  
LOST TO ME... JUST LIKE EVERYTHING  
ELSE!



BUT WHAT ABOUT SPIDER-MAN? WHAT IF I  
CAN CATCH HIM... BEAT HIM... DELIVER HIM  
TO THE FUZZ?

MAYBE THAT'LL HELP ME TO CLEAR MYSELF...  
MAYBE IT'LL MAKE THEM REALIZE I NEVER  
MEANT TO CAUSE ANY HARM!



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# THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Stan, John, and Jim,

It seems that you can't win! I remember when the letters people wrote you were always complaining about how rough Spidey's personal life was. They said "Why doesn't Aunt May die and leave Spidey alone?" "Get JJJ off Spidey's back!" "Make people like him, make him a big hero." Now that you have to a small extent given him this image, all the letters say, "Bring back Aunt May." "Take away Spidey's girlfriend." "Don't let Spider-Man have any fun."

I think you're doing a fine job except for Spidey's physical abilities. It is true, regardless of what you say: Spidey is getting weaker and weaker — and also, he is slowing down!

The only one of you guys who does not deserve criticism is Jim, who with his great ability to draw (in spite of all the other flaws everyone else has made) makes SPIDER-MAN worth reading in itself. I once rated Spidey as the most powerful of all the superheroes, but now, you've made him the weakest.

Star Ellis, 1411 Deborah Circle  
Shelby, North Carolina 28150

**Whoa there, Star . . . slow down a minute, willya?**

It may be true that such recent foes as the Kingpin and Man-Mountain Marko are not as powerful as earlier Spidey antagonists like the Rhino or even (perhaps) Kraven the Hunter. And of course we've never claimed that Peter Parker's prowess matched that of the Hulk, the mighty Thor, or several of our other major super-doers.

But, the "weakest" of the heroes he most definitely ain't! In a contest of sheer strength, he could still take on quite a few of our other aptly-endowed characters, including Captain America, Daredevil, most of the Avengers and X-Men — and that doesn't exhaust the list.

Still, you've made your point — and we'll try to do our best to see that Spidey doesn't end up taking a mail-order muscle-building course!

Dear Stan, John, and Jim,

I am a devoted follower of many of the peerless literary masterpieces that come off the Magazine Management Company's press, and so, when I read the letters of some of the so-called fans in SPIDER-MAN #75, my blood boiled at the thought that such people might cause you to change the best hero who has ever had a comic book to himself.

If the people who wrote the before named letters want to read about ordinary thugs, then they should read the newspaper. Despite what I have just stated, I feel that you should try to keep the magazine fairly close to reality in the field of Spider-Man's powers, please don't make him more powerful as was asked by somebody who wrote you a letter. And, as for the person who wanted the magazine to focus on the problems of Peter Parker, forget it! Though I feel that you should keep him as he is with his problems, which help to make his magazine more unique and more realistic, you should not concentrate on them. The reason for this is if people wanted to read about other people's problems and not Spider-Man's adventures, they should read some comic about teenage confessions or love stories, not a high caliber adventure magazine such as SPIDER-MAN.

I truly feel that one of the reasons Marvel is doing so well is that its comics are very entertaining, and yet they attack the problems of this generation through a hero who belongs to it. Keep up the good work.

Brion Houlihan, 2551 Bruce St.  
Saginaw, Michigan

And we thank you for saying that we're doing good work to keep up, Brion. Actually, though, we're every bit as impressed by a knock as by a boost, since both of them give us something to think about. From your constant stream of cards and letters, which just keep pouring in, we've gained a zillion great ideas and directions for Spidey — and at the same time, we've avoided (sometimes in advance) moving into directions which Spidophiles would resent.

So, much as we appreciate your loyalty, Mr. H., please don't refer to the writers of those letters in SPIDER-MAN #75 as "so-called" fans. They are fans, but definitely — if only because they took the time and trouble to tell us that they thought we were out of our skulls — and because they also suggested a way to crawl back into them. Excelsior!

Dear Stan, and John, and Jim,

I am not one to brag, but in the past, I have been pretty well able to deduce what will happen to Spidey from his previous mags. This ability, coupled with the letter of Bill Kerr in SPIDER-MAN #73, has finally provoked my pen to move.

I agree with Bill that Spidey has reached the point where he will reveal his much sought after secret identity to someone. However, I disagree with Bill's choice for the secret. Personally, after the constant mention of Dr. Connors in your last few issues, and his sudden appearance in New York at the end of #73, my thought is that Spidey will reveal his identity to the good doctor.

My clever little deduction was formed on the basis that Peter already knows Dr. Connors' secret, and this fact, coupled with their similar problems with the police, would make them fast friends. Another thing which would make this an ideal situation, is the fact that Spidey is interested in the exact same work that the Doc is involved in.

There, I have finally left myself and my clever little mind wide open after my many years of following Spidey. Hope you consider my idea!

John O'Grady, North Manursing Island  
Rye, New York 10580

Rest assured, John boy, that it's already been duly weighed and considered — but we'd be letting all our cats out of the bag if we told you that you were either right or wrong. So just keep watching — and, if your viewpoint is vindicated, you'll be able to point to this letter with pardonable pride and say to your pals, "I told you so!"



Dear Stan,

Happily, Steve Games (in the August issue of SPIDER-MAN) is right — a 1963 Spidophile would not recognize Spider-Man today. To keep Spidey in a stereotyped mold would be the most grave injustice to him, yourself, and all readers. I know that I would soon tire of the use of a particular cast of problems.

Still, the name of Peter Parker is connected with hangups — more than any young man should have to endure. I have been thinking of the recent easing of problems as a calm before a renewed storm. Hopefully, in the near future, Peter Parker — for that is his name, not "Spider-Man's alter ego" — will be given more space in the mag, and lovable old Aunt May will continue to waver between deathbed and teahouse.

But, over and above all, P. P. must grow. His increased life-span gives you some leeway — maybe half speed aging — but he must still grow. Someday, his son will take over (please don't let him marry some superheroine, or turn MJ or Gwen into one so he can). Until then, he must grow naturally. Having him stay in college eternally would defeat your whole purpose of reality.

One last comment — try to standardize Spidey's powers from mag to mag. The strength of twelve men is the commonest figure, with slightly more in emergencies.

I close in mine own immortal words . . . P. P. Is My Spi. Forever.

Don Dewsnap, New College  
Sarasota, Florida 33578

And in our immortal words . . . 'nuff said!

I'LL DO IT! THE PROWLER  
WILL STRIKE AGAIN... AND  
THEN, WHEN SPIDER-MAN  
COMES AFTER ME...

I'LL STILL  
END UP WITH THE  
VICTORY I  
WANTED!



AND THEN... THE NEXT DAY...

PETER! THERE YOU ARE! I'VE  
BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER  
FOR YOU!

PETER!  
DON'T YOU  
HEAR ME?



BUT... I'M  
LATE FOR  
CLASS!  
CAN'T STOP  
TO TALK  
NOW!

PETER PARKER!  
THIS IS ME... GWEN  
STACY... REMEMBER?  
IF SOMETHING'S  
BUGGING YOU, I'VE  
A RIGHT TO KNOW  
WHAT IT IS!

SURE, GWEN... SURE!  
YOU'VE GOT YOUR  
RIGHTS!

AND I HOPE YOU'LL  
ENJOY SHARING THEM  
...WITH FLASH  
THOMPSON!



THEN, THAT EVENING...

SO I TOLD HER OFF! SO I HAD MY SAY!

SO WHY DO I FEEL LIKE THE WHOLE SAHARA DESERT IS STUCK IN MY THROAT?

OUR NEWS DESK HAS RECEIVED A FLOOD OF REPORTS CONCERNING THE PROWLER... A MYSTERIOUS MASKED CRIMINAL STILL AT LARGE IN THE CITY...!

AND NOW... A BULLETIN FROM OUR NEWSROOM...

BULLETIN! BIG DEAL! SOME POLITICIAN PROBABLY BLEW HIS NOSE!

THE PROWLER!

I DIDN'T THINK HE'D BE SHOWING HIMSELF SO SOON! BUT, SINCE HE IS...

IT'S ONE WAY... TO GET GWENDY... OFF MY MIND!

THIS TIME I'LL BE SURE TO TAKE MY MINIATURIZED GAS FILTER... EVEN THOUGH IT MAKES MY MASK ROUGH AND UNCOMFORTABLE!

AND I WON'T FORGET MY CAMERA TONIGHT EITHER!

...'CAUSE MRS. PARKER'S NEPHEW CAN SURE USE SOME EXTRA BREAD!

BUT THEN, MINUTES LATER...

HOW UNLUCKY CAN YOU BE? I JUST REMEMBERED... I'M ALL OUT OF FILM!

I CAN'T JUST WALK INTO A STORE LIKE THIS... WITHOUT CAUSING SOME KIND OF A SMALL SCALE RIOT!



SO, I'LL HAVE TO DO IT THE HARD WAY!  
I'LL BEND THESE GUARD BARS BACK AGAIN ON MY WAY OUT!



BUSINESS MUST BE GOOD! THE DRUGGIST'S STILL WORKING IN THERE!



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I'VE CHECKED OUT ALL  
THE BANKS, SO NOW...  
HEY!

FOR ONCE  
A HUNCH PAID  
OFF!

IT'S  
HIM!

SMITH  
BROS.

DIAMONDS

FIRST, I'LL  
MAKE SURE TO  
RECORD HIM  
FOR POSTERITY!

IT WAS A GROOVE  
READING THAT PARKER'S  
STILL ALIVE, AND--  
WHA...

I HOPE HE'LL  
BE PHOTO-  
GENIC!

SOMEONE  
OUTSIDE...  
AT THE WINDOW  
...TAPPING ON  
IT! IT MUST BE...  
HIM!

SMITH  
BROS.

MIGHTY NICE  
OF YOU TO BUY ME  
A PRESENT,  
SONNY...

BUT LET'S  
MAKE SURE  
YOU'VE GOT  
THE RIGHT  
SIZE!

SPIDER-  
MAN! YOU  
SNAPPED AT  
MY BAIT!

I FIGURED THAT ONE DEFEAT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH FOR YOU...

SO I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HAND YOU THE SECOND!

YOU MUST BE USING A GAS FILTER, HUH? THAT'S REAL CLEVER, MAN!

BUT IT CAN'T HELP AGAINST MY POWER BLASTS!

SORRY, SWEETIE! I NEVER GET CAUGHT THE SAME WAY TWICE!

DOESN'T HAVE TO! MY SPEED'LL DO THAT!

I NEVER REALIZED... HE'S TOO FAST... TOO STRONG... FOR ANY OTHER WEAPONS OF MINE!

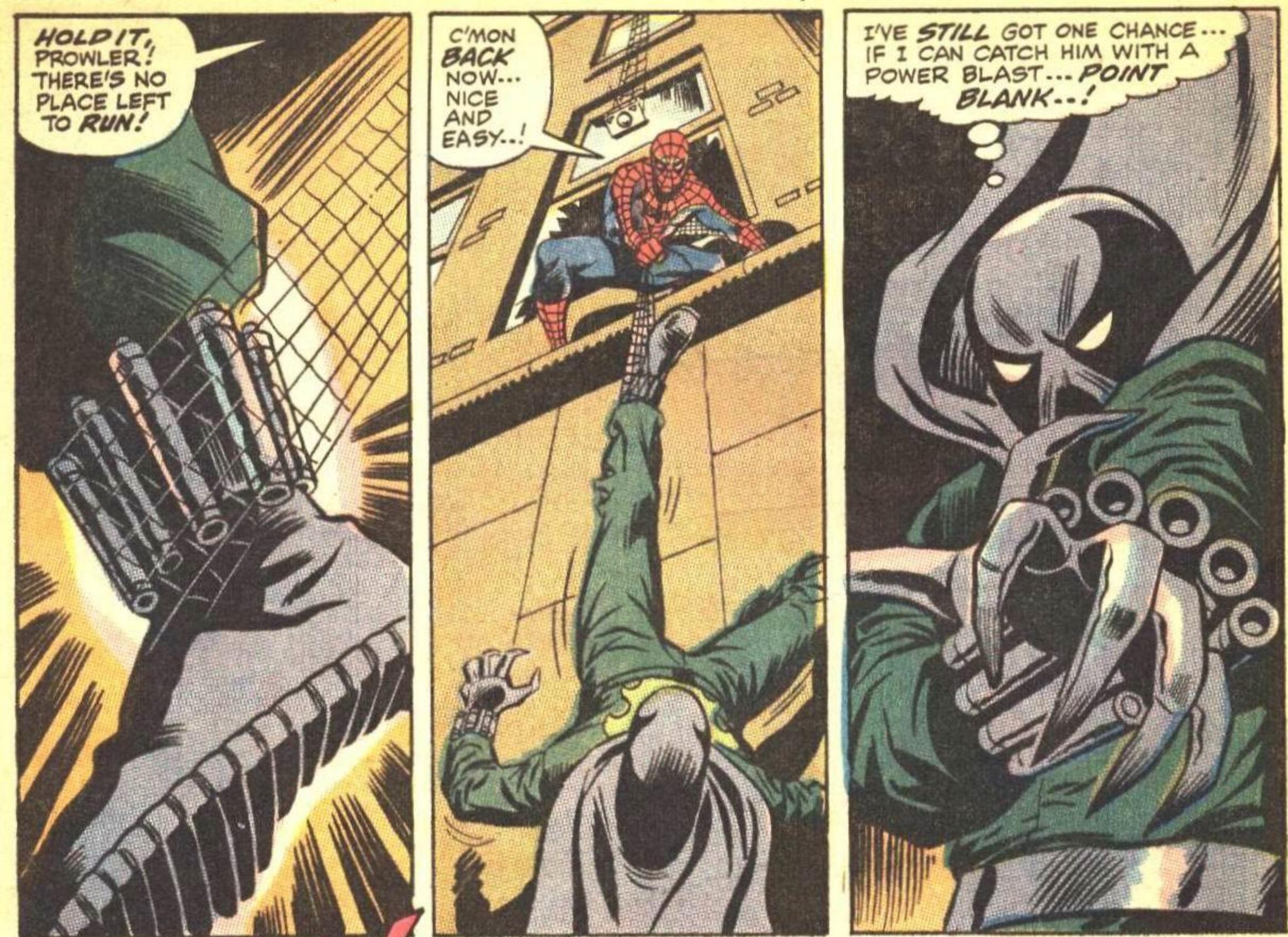
SO I'VE GOTTA TAKE OFF... TILL I CAN DREAM UP A NEW COURSE OF ACTION!

I ONLY BEAT HIM BY A FLUKE BEFORE! COMPARED TO THAT CAT, I'M STRICTLY NOWHERE!

IF THE GAS WON'T STOP 'IM... NOTHING WILL!

I WAS A FOOL... NOT TO HAVE LISTENED TO MINDY!

**HUMP!**



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HE'S NO HARDENED  
DADDIE... HE'S JUST  
A FRIGHTENED KID...  
NO OLDER THAN  
I AM!

MAYBE IT'S  
JUST AS WELL  
YOU CAUGHT  
ME... BEFORE  
I GOT INTO  
MORE  
TROUBLE!

SUPPOSE YOU  
TELL ME ABOUT  
IT, FELLA?

FINALLY...

WANTED WAS A CHANCE..  
TO USE MY TALENT... TO  
HELP PEOPLE... BUT NO ONE  
LISTENED... NO ONE  
CARED!

...AND THAT'S  
IT! ALL I

THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN  
THE TROUBLE... NO ONE  
EVER CARES!

SO GO AHEAD...  
LOCK ME UP! WHAT  
DIFFERENCE  
DOES IT MAKE?

SO WHO AM I TO TURN  
YOU IN? GO ON BACK  
TO MINDY, MAN...  
THAT'S WHERE IT'S  
REALLY AT!

YOU MEAN...?

IT MAKES  
PLENTY OF  
DIFFERENCE,  
HOBIE!

SO FAR, YOU'VE  
HURT NO ONE  
... YOU'VE  
STOLEN NOTHING!

I MEAN MAYBE  
WE WERE BOTH  
IN THE SAME  
BOAT...

BOTH OF US RIDING  
A ROCKET TO  
NOWHERE...

...ONLY YOU WERE  
THE LUCKY ONE...  
'CAUSE YOU JUST  
GOT OFF!

NEXT: THE RETURN  
OF THE  
MYSTERIOUS

CHAMELEON!