



the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

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MY TROPHY ROOM!
EVERY WILD BEAST THAT
WALKS, CLIMBS, OR
CRAWLS, I'VE BEATEN
WITH MY **BARE**
HANDS!

FEATURING: THE SOME-
WHAT MAGNIFICENT MENACE OF

KRAVEN
The HUNTER!

...AND YET,
THE GREATEST
PRIZE OF ALL IS
STILL DENIED
ME!

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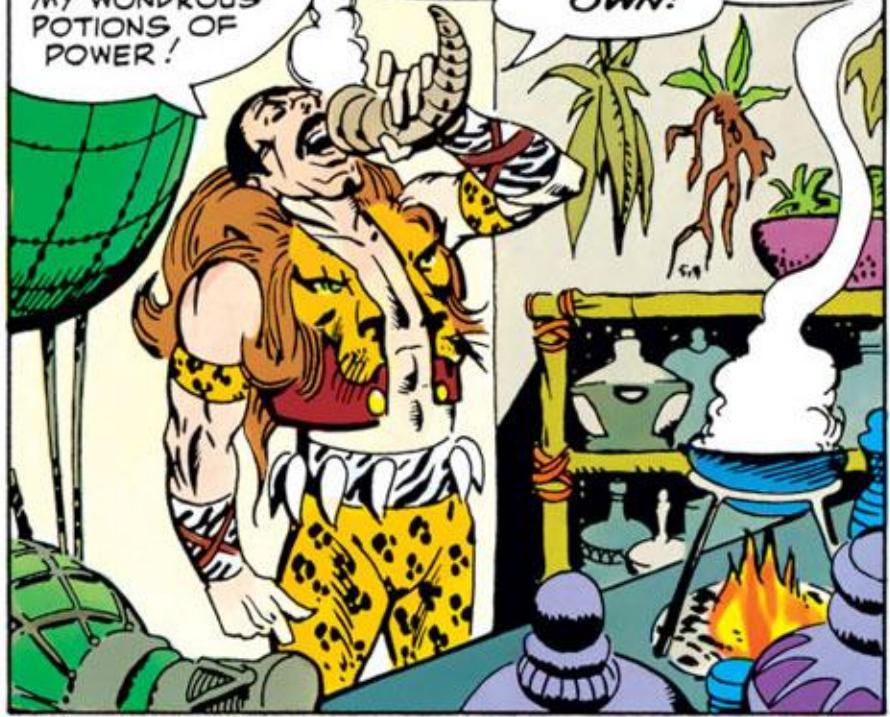
I CAN ENDURE THE FRUSTRATION NO LONGER! I MUST BATTLE AND DEFEAT MY GREATEST MORTAL ENEMY... OR ELSE, EVERYTHING THAT HAS GONE BEFORE IS BUT A HOLLOW MOCKERY!

THE MASK OF SPIDER-MAN MUST ONE DAY COVER THAT PLASTER HEAD... EVEN IF I PAY FOR THE VICTORY WITH MY VERY LIFE!



ONLY I KNOW THE SECRET OF MY SPECIAL JUNGLE HERBS... MY WONDROUS POTIONS OF POWER!

THEY GIVE ME THE STRENGTH OF THE MIGHTIEST JUNGLE BEASTS... THE STRENGTH WHICH CAN MATCH SPIDER-MAN'S OWN!



HIS RIPPLING MUSCLES ALMOST BURSTING WITH NEW POWER AND ENERGY, KRAVEN LOOKS ABOUT HIM FOR A FOE... FOR HE NEEDS COMBAT, AS OTHER MEN NEED AIR TO BREATHE!

A ROGUE LION, SEEKING A KILL!

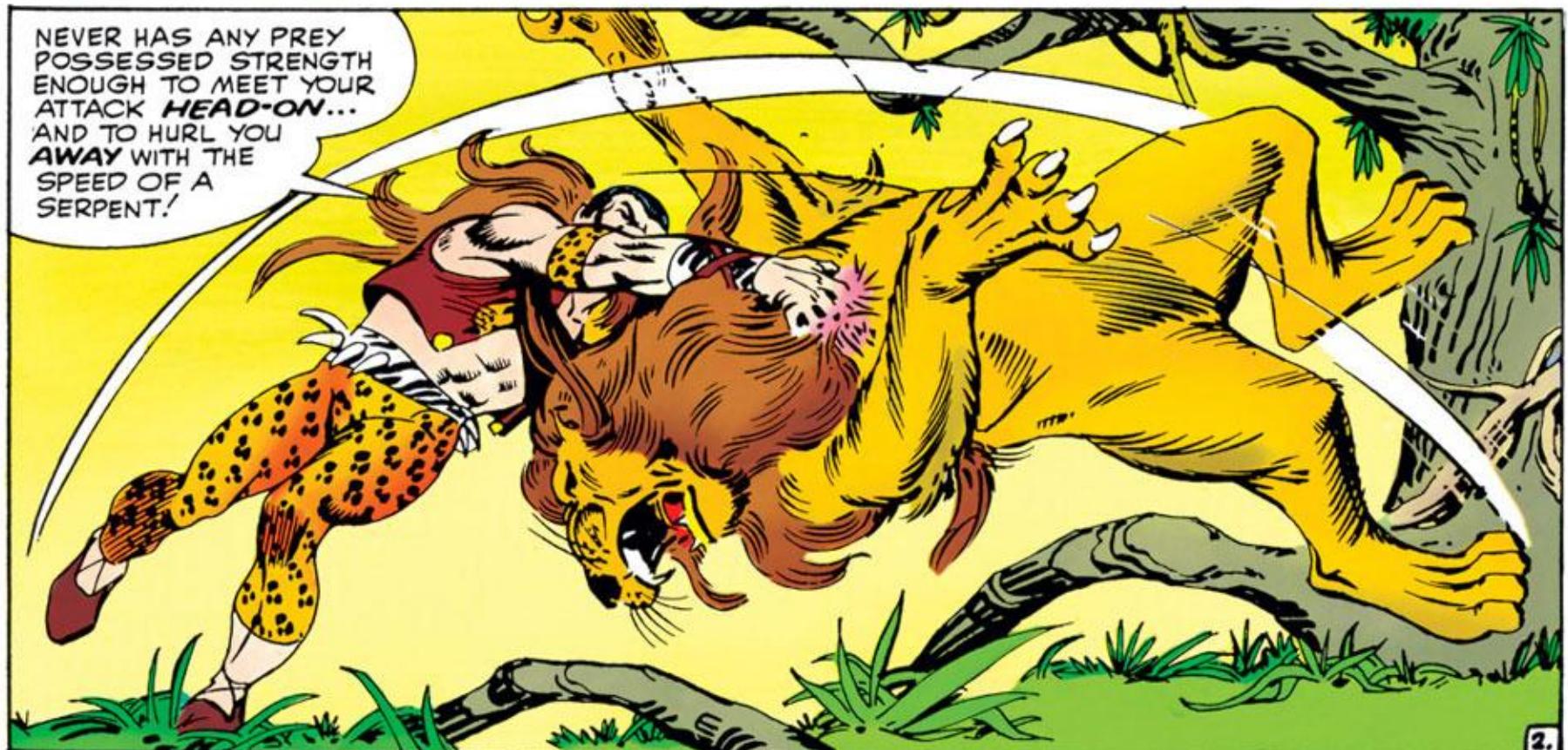
LOOK NO FURTHER, SIMBA! YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR PREY!

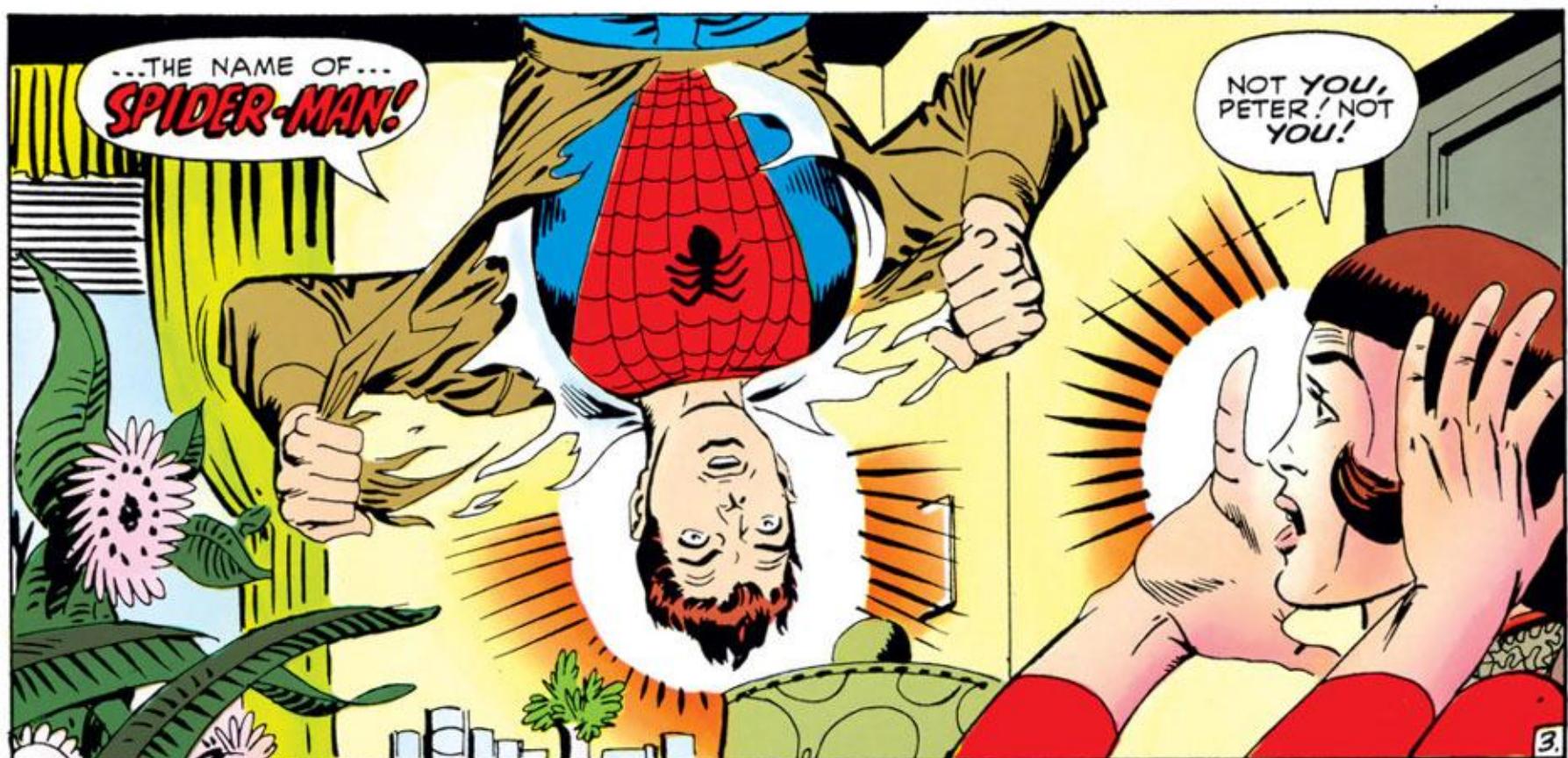
BUT, NEVER HAS ANY PREY BEEN SO EAGER... SO ANXIOUS TO MEET YOUR DEADLY CHALLENGE!

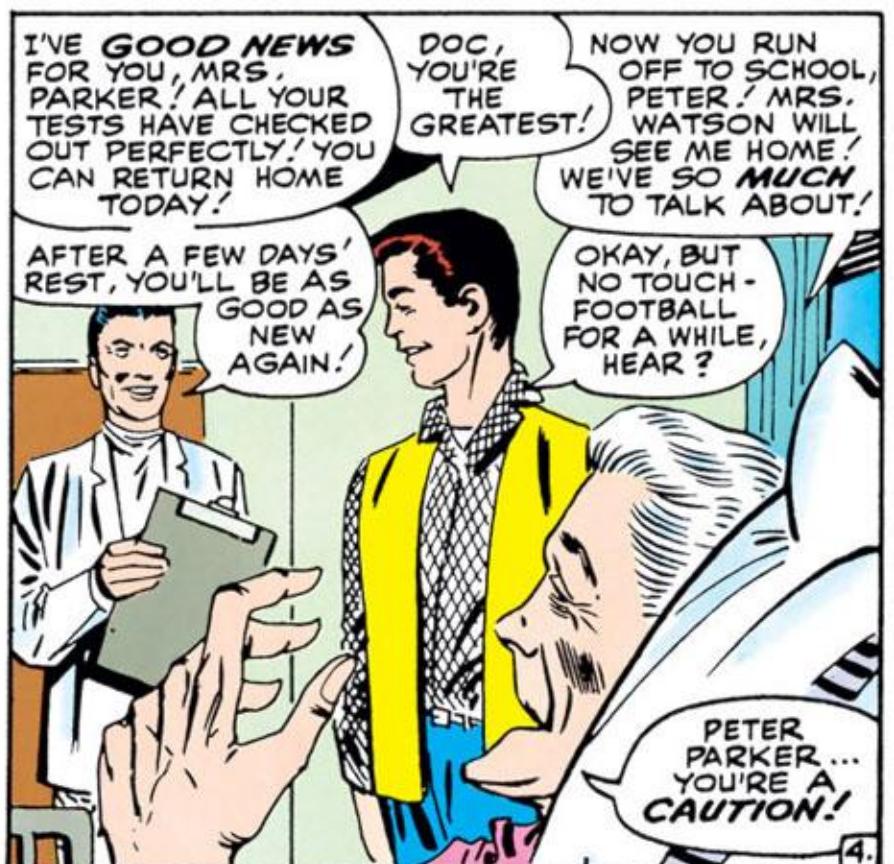
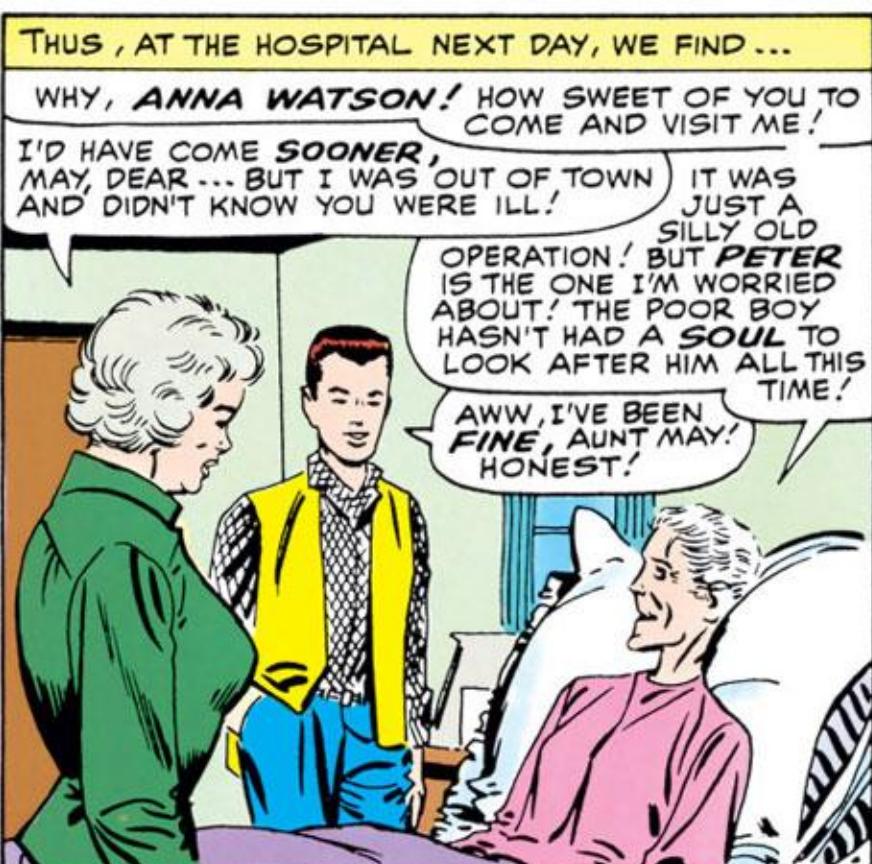
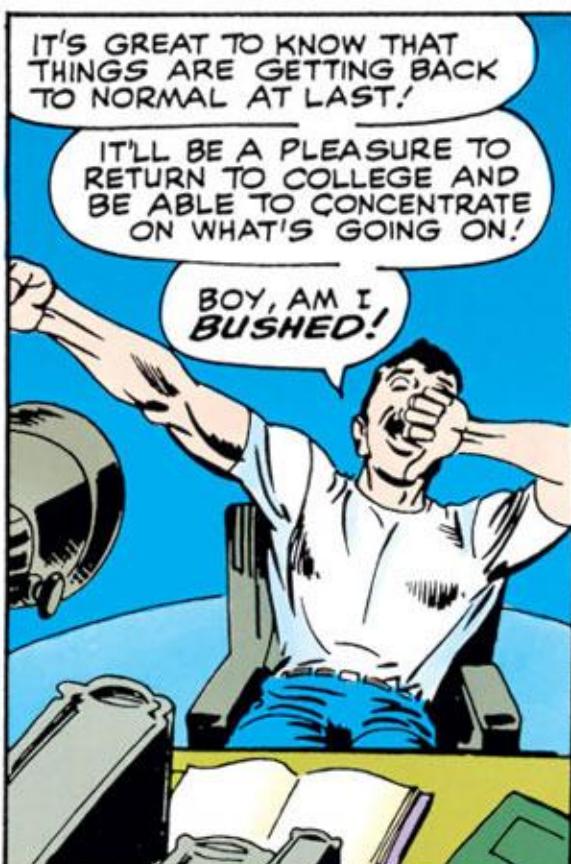
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NEVER HAS ANY PREY POSSESSED STRENGTH ENOUGH TO MEET YOUR ATTACK HEAD-ON... AND TO HURL YOU AWAY WITH THE SPEED OF A SERPENT!







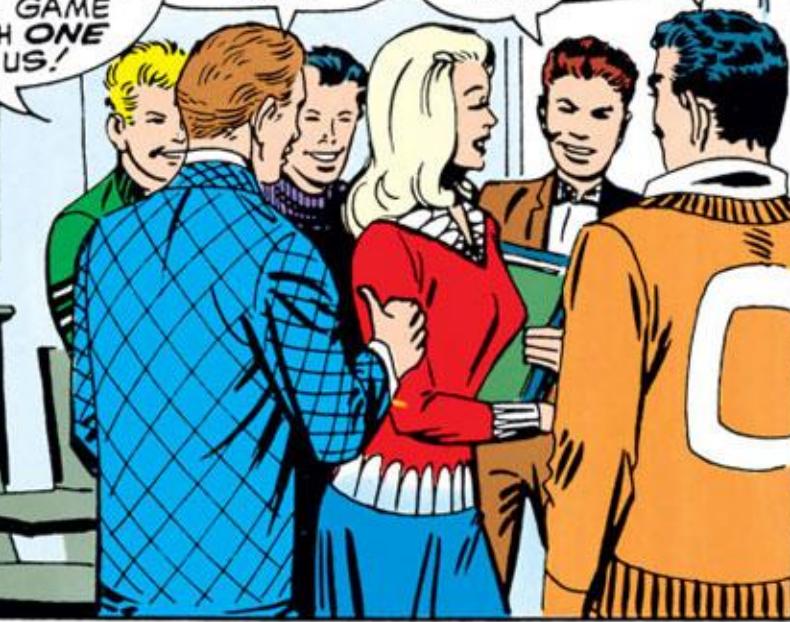
AND SO, NOT TO BE LEFT BEHIND, WE TOO SHALL VISIT EMPIRE STATE U. AND RENEW A FEW ACQUAINTANCESHIPS ...

C'MON, GWEN! YOU PROMISED YOU'D GO TO THE GAME WITH ONE OF US!

ADMIT IT, DOLL! YOU'VE DECIDED ON ME!

UH-UH! I'M THE LUCKY GUY THIS TIME!

GIVE US A BREAK, GWEN! WHO IS IT?



SORRY, LADS... I'VE GOT TO RUSH TO CLASS NOW! BUT I PROMISE TO THINK ABOUT IT!

BUT, YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING US ON THE STRING ALL WEEK!

I KNOW! AND YOU LOVE IT!

HONEY, THE GUY WHO FINALLY TAKES YOU OUT OF CIRCULATION WILL BE THE MOST HATED JOE ON CAMPUS!



IT'S STRANGE! PETER PARKER IS THE ONLY BOY WHO HASN'T PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME!

OH! MY BOOK....

WELL, WELL! AT LAST I'VE A CHANCE TO BE A HERO, WITHOUT TURNING INTO SPIDER-MAN!



ALLOW ME, FAIR MAIDEN....!

YOU! DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH MY BOOK!

HUH???



LOOK, I DON'T GET IT! WHAT GIVES?

DO WE HAVE TO SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU? YOU'RE AS POPULAR HERE AS MAO TSE-TUNG!

YOU TELL 'IM, HARRY BOY!



YOU'VE BEEN SNUBBIN' US SINCE SCHOOL STARTED... WALKING AROUND HERE LIKE A SWELL-HEADED SNOB, JUST BECAUSE YOU WON A SCHOLARSHIP!

WELL, THAT'S OKAY WITH US! BUT DON'T THINK YOU CAN BECOME ONE OF THE CROWD ANY TIME YOU FEEL LIKE IT!

NOW I GET IT! WHEN I WAS WORRIED ABOUT AUNT MAY... WRAPPED UP IN MY OWN PROBLEMS... THEY THOUGHT I WAS HIGH-HATTING THEM!

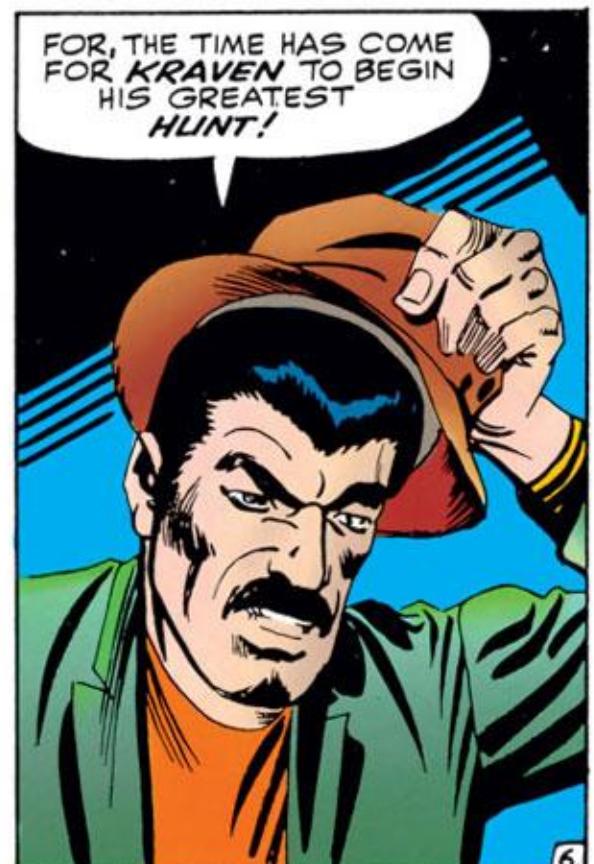
I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR THINKING I'M THE PRIZE CRUMB OF THE YEAR!

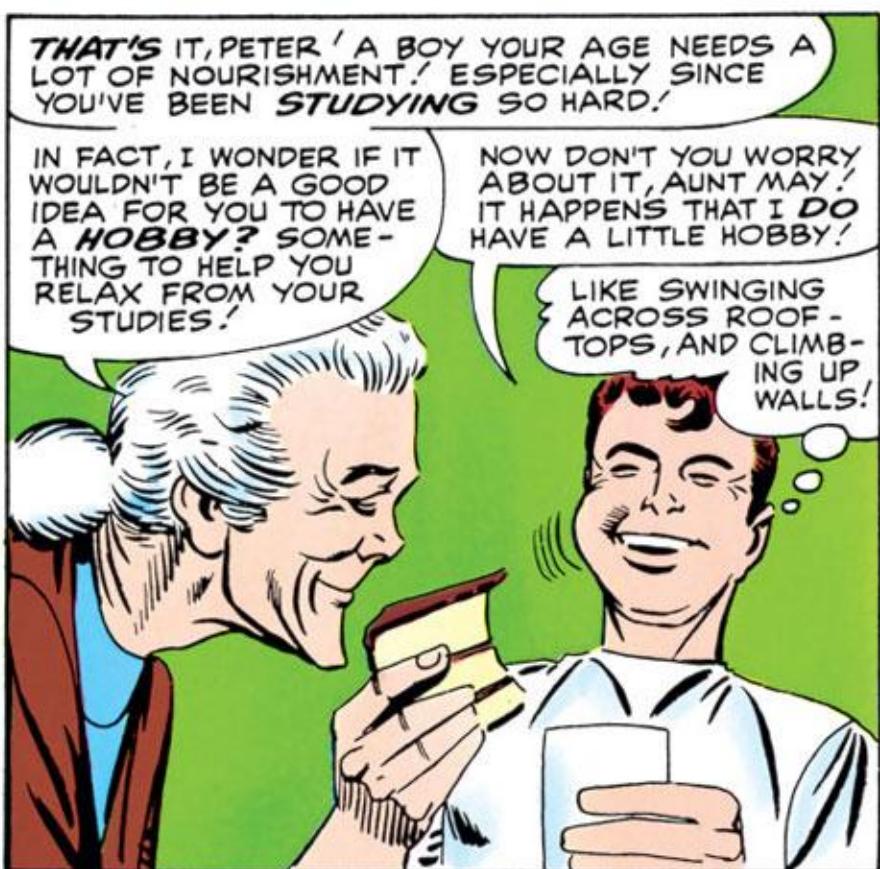
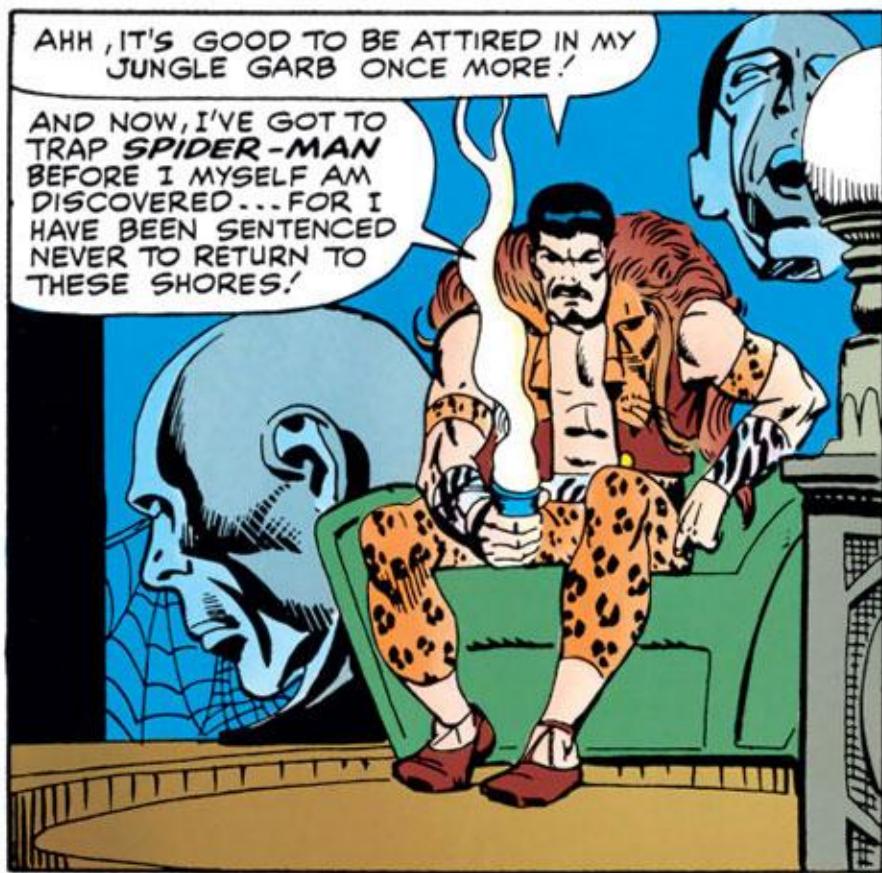
BUT, I SURE DON'T INTEND TO BEG THEM FOR A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN!

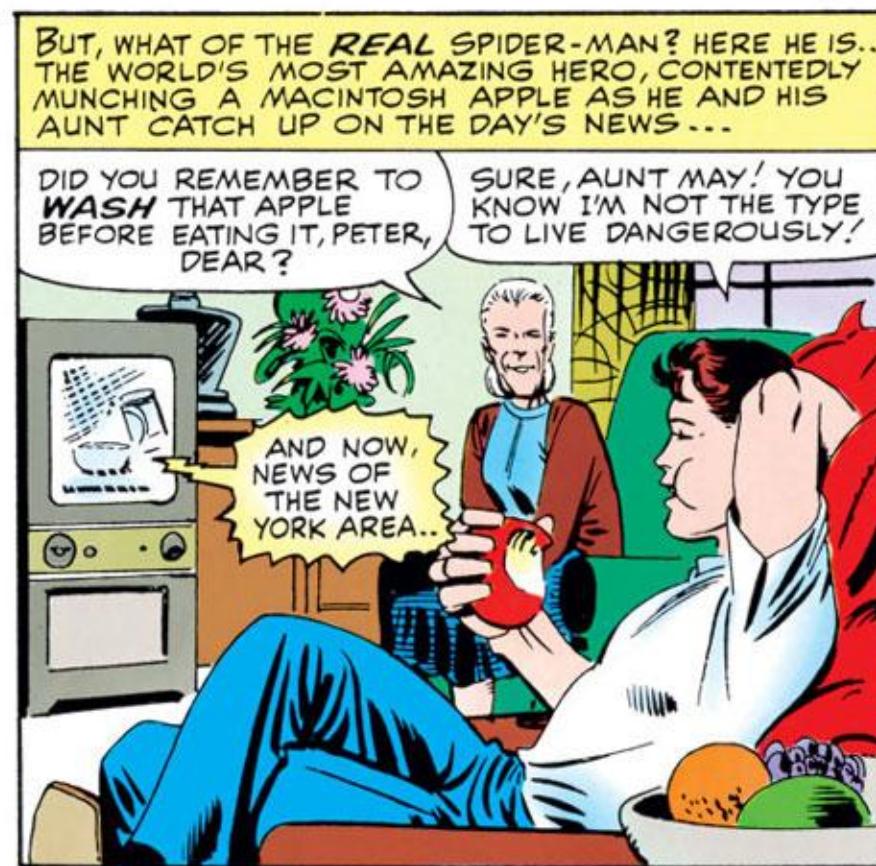


THE OL' PETER PARKER LUCK SURE IS RUNNING TRUE TO FORM!











THE DECISION MADE, ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO FORMULATE A PLAN OF ACTION...

SPIDEY IS STILL GETTING STAR BILLING ON ALL THE NEWS PROGRAMS! AND NONE OF THE REPORTS ARE FLATTERING!

BUT, HOW DO I GO WALTZING OUT TONIGHT WITHOUT WORRYING AUNT MAY ??



MRS. WATSON! I JUST FEEL FOR ONCE I'M GETTING LUCKY!

LIKE HAVING A GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED CHAT, MAY, DEAR!

SO DO I, ANNA! I'VE GOT THE TASTIEST COOKIES... AND TEA WILL BE READY IN NO TIME!



SINCE YOU'RE PLANNING A CHIN-FEST, I THINK I'LL GO TO A MOVIE, AUNT MAY!

ALL RIGHT, DEAR! HAVE A GOOD TIME... BUT DON'T SEE ONE OF THOSE AWFUL SCARY FILMS! IT MIGHT GIVE YOU NIGHTMARES!

THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS TELL MARY JANE!

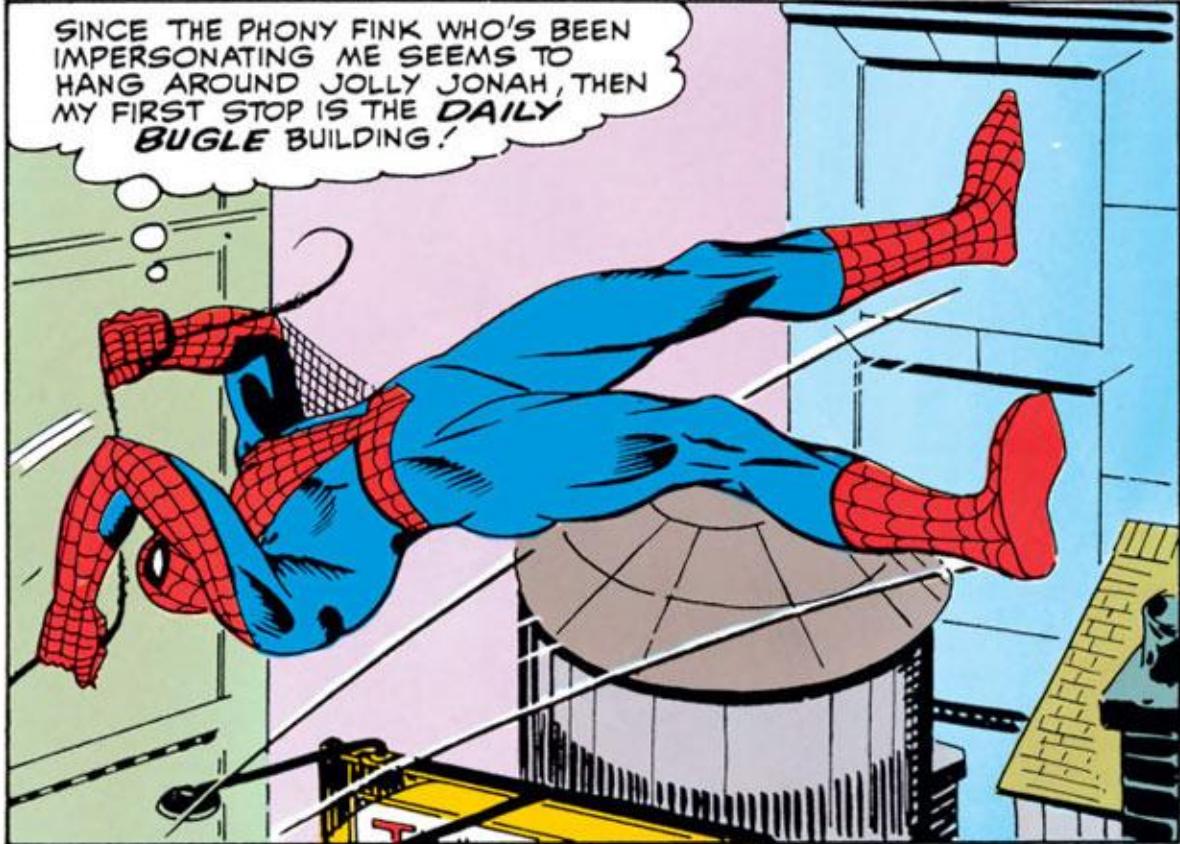


..WHEW! THANK GOODNESS FOR MRS. WATSON!

AND NOW, IT'S TIME FOR THE REAL SPIDER-MAN TO GO INTO ACTION!



SINCE THE PHONY FINK WHO'S BEEN IMPERSONATING ME SEEMS TO HANG AROUND JOLLY JONAH, THEN MY FIRST STOP IS THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING!



HERE IT IS! NOW TO ... HEY!!

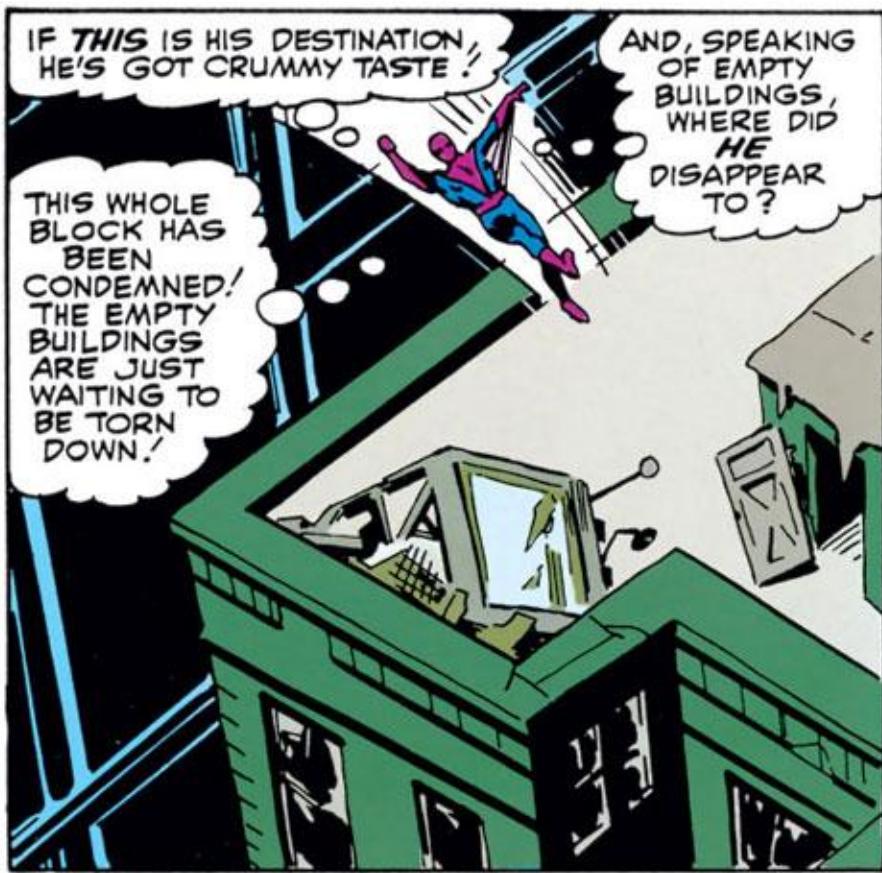
IT'S JUST THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR! HE'S DELIBERATELY ATTRACTING MY ATTENTION! NICE OF HIM TO MAKE IT EASY FOR ME!



HE MUST BE NUTS! NOW THAT HE MADE ME SPOT HIM, HE'S RUNNING AWAY FROM ME! OR, IS THERE MORE TO IT THAN THAT?

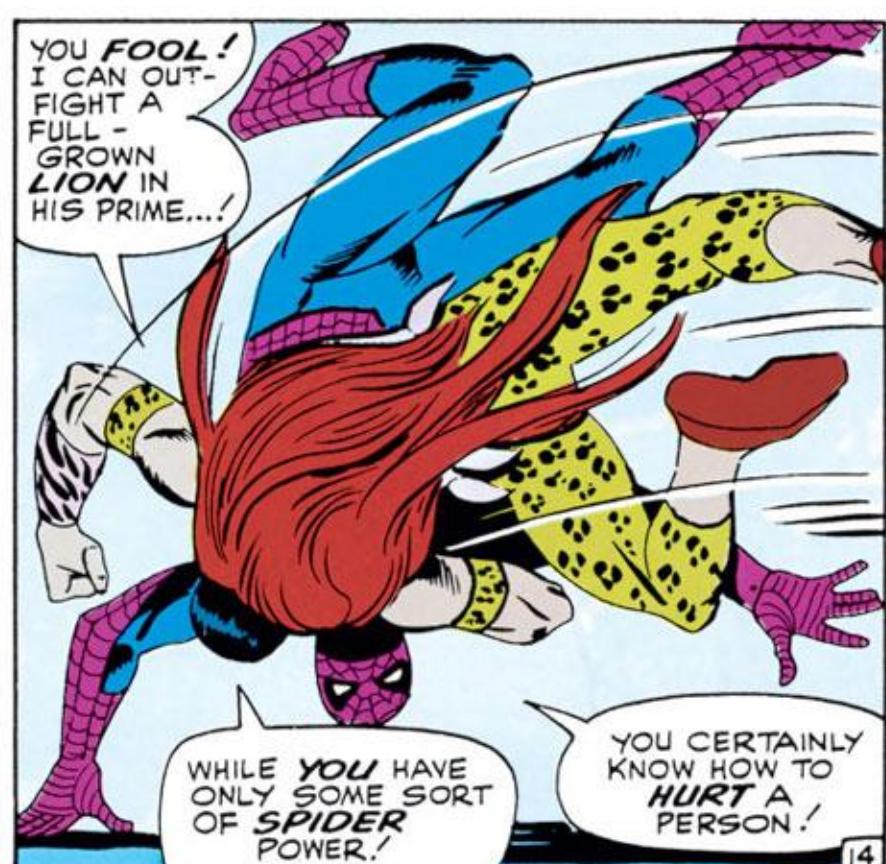
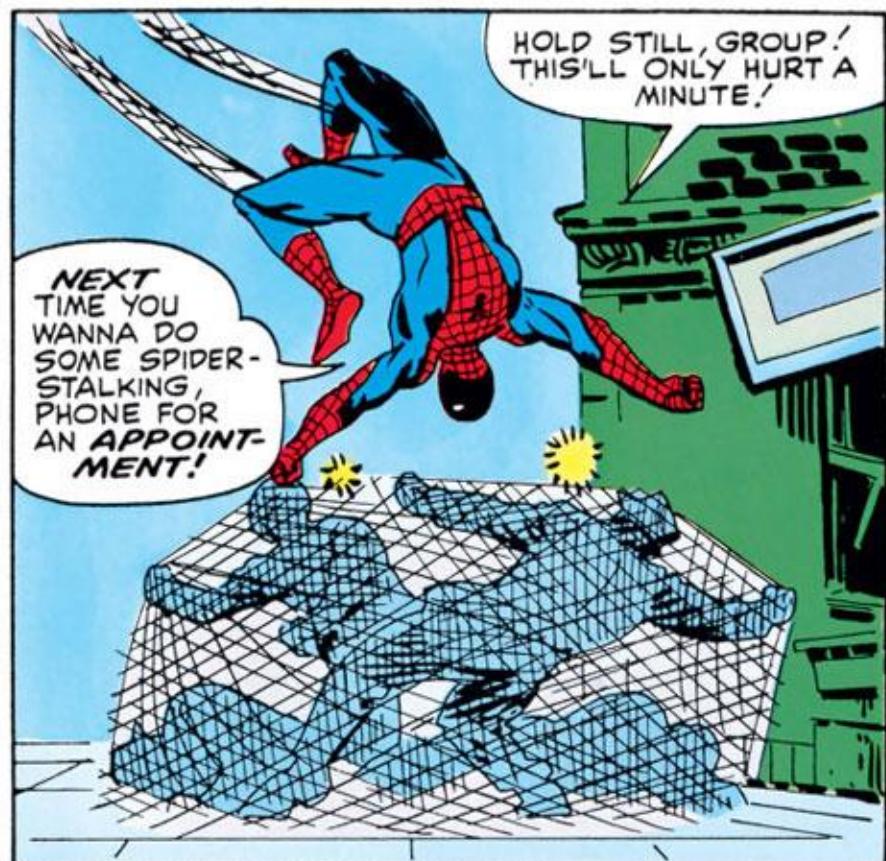
HE MIGHT BE TRYING TO LEAD ME SOMEWHERE!

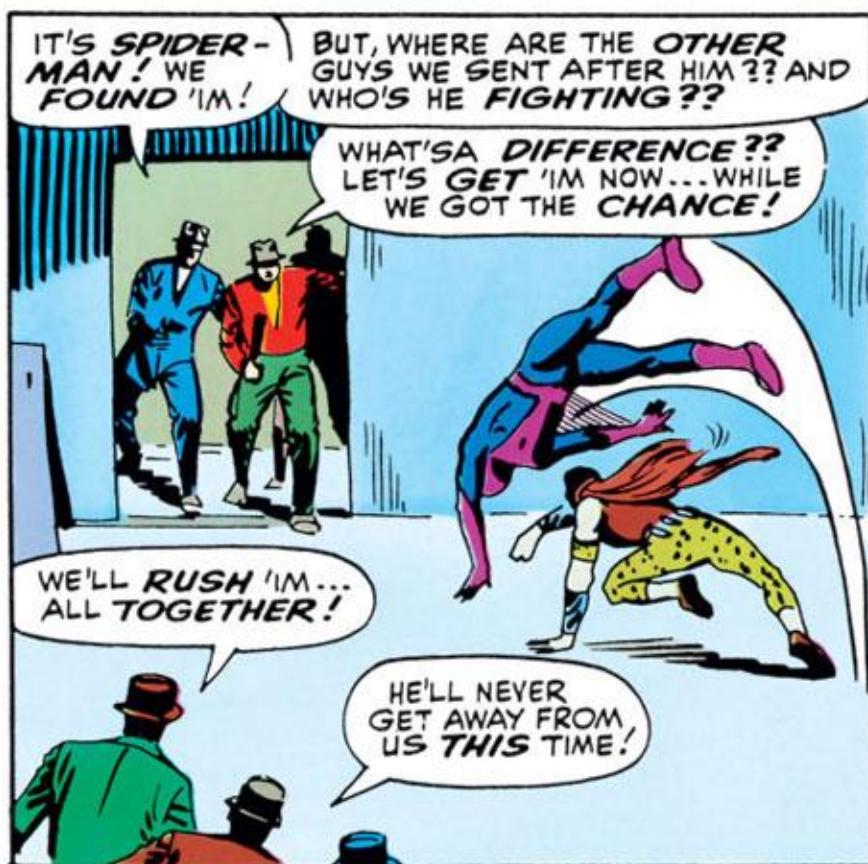
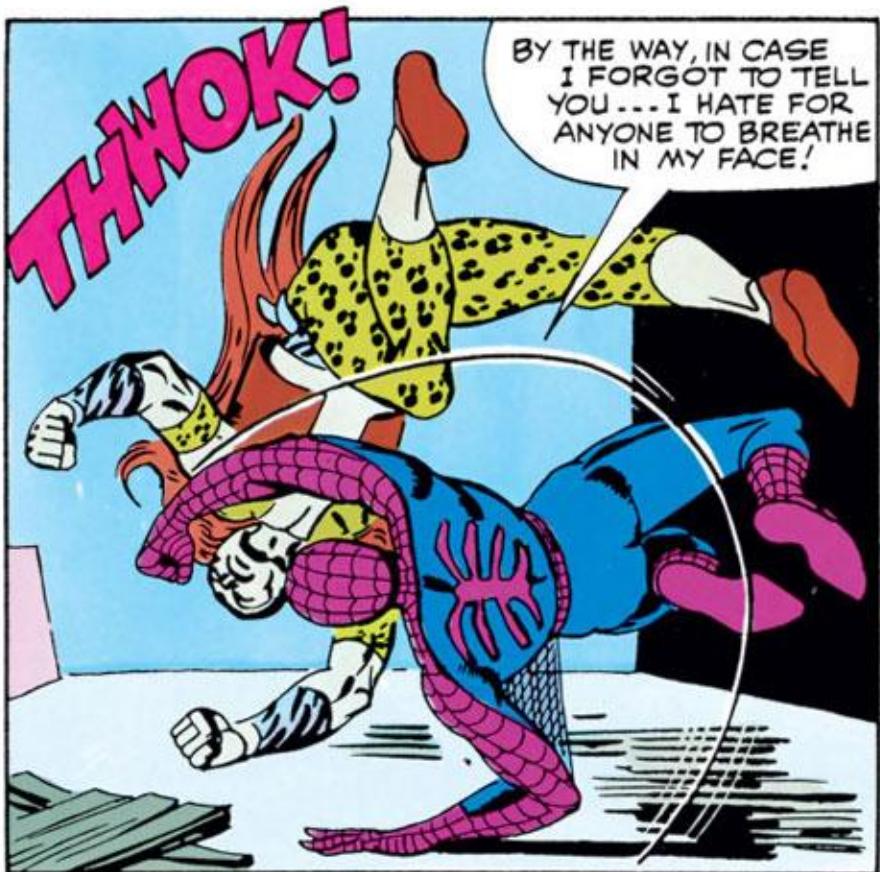


















AND, HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS OF A NEARBY ROOFTOP...

THE CAPTURE OF KRAVEN OUGHT TO BE BIG NEWS! I MIGHT AS WELL GET SOME PIX WHILE I CAN!

AWW, THE HECK WITH IT! IF I BRING THEM TO JAMESON, I'LL HAVE TO SEE BETTY...

...AND, SOMEHOW, I JUST DON'T FEEL UP TO FACING HER RIGHT NOW!

BESIDES, IT'S ONLY FAIR FOR ME TO STAY AWAY FROM HER... TO GIVE HER A CHANCE TO GET ME OUT OF HER SYSTEM, ONCE AND FOR ALL! IT..IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR HER!



AND, AS SPIDER-MAN DISAPPEARS INTO THE ENVELOPING DARKNESS...

YES, IT'S TRUE! I IMPERSONATED SPIDER-MAN! IT WAS I WHO THREATENED JONAH JAMESON!

BUT, WHY ARE YOU TELLING US THIS?

WHATEVER ELSE I MAY BE... I AM A MAN OF HONOR!

I HAVE GIVEN MY WORD!

THUS, A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE DAILY BUGLE OFFICES...

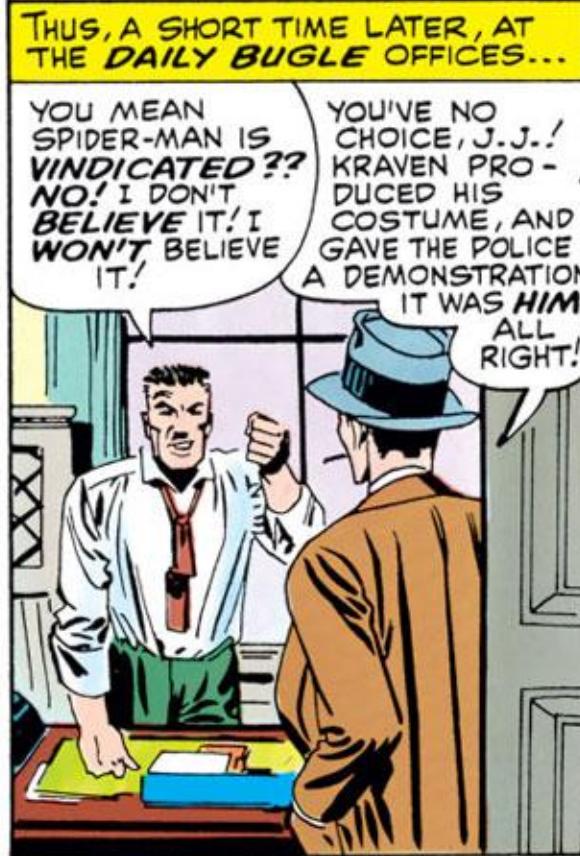
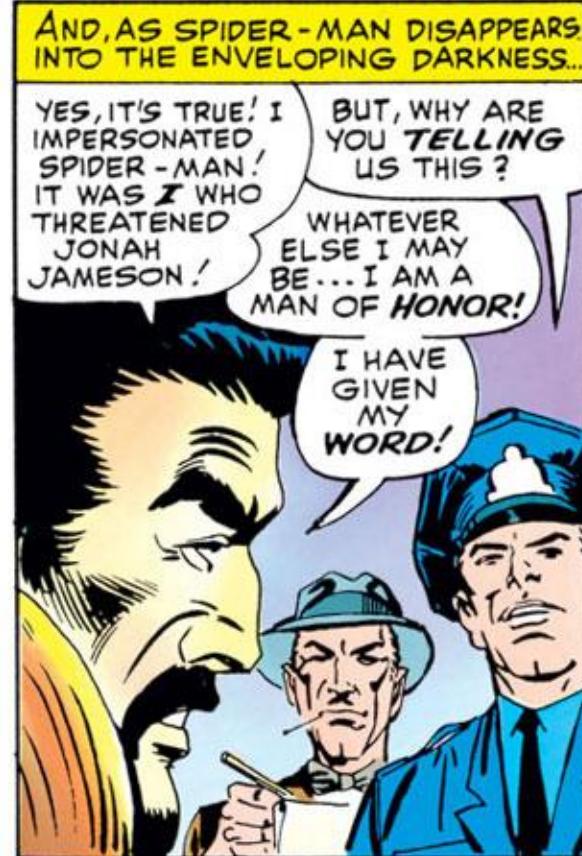
YOU MEAN SPIDER-MAN IS VINDICATED?? NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I WON'T BELIEVE IT!

YOU'VE NO CHOICE, J.J.! KRAVEN PRODUCED HIS COSTUME, AND GAVE THE POLICE A DEMONSTRATION! IT WAS HIM, ALL RIGHT!

BLAST IT! THIS MEANS THAT SPIDER-MAN WILL END UP BEING A HERO... JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I FINALLY HAD HIM WHERE I WANTED HIM!

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AGAINST THAT GUY, ANYWAY, BOSS?

THAT'S MY BUSINESS, FOSWELL! BUT I'LL NAIL HIM YET!



EXCUSE ME, MR. JAMESON... I'VE FINISHED ALL THE DAY'S CORRESPONDENCE! WILL THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE?

NO, THAT'S ALL! YOU THINK I RUN A SWEAT SHOP HERE? GO ON HOME, AND BE HERE AT 9 SHARP TOMORROW!

OH, DOES THAT MEAN...??

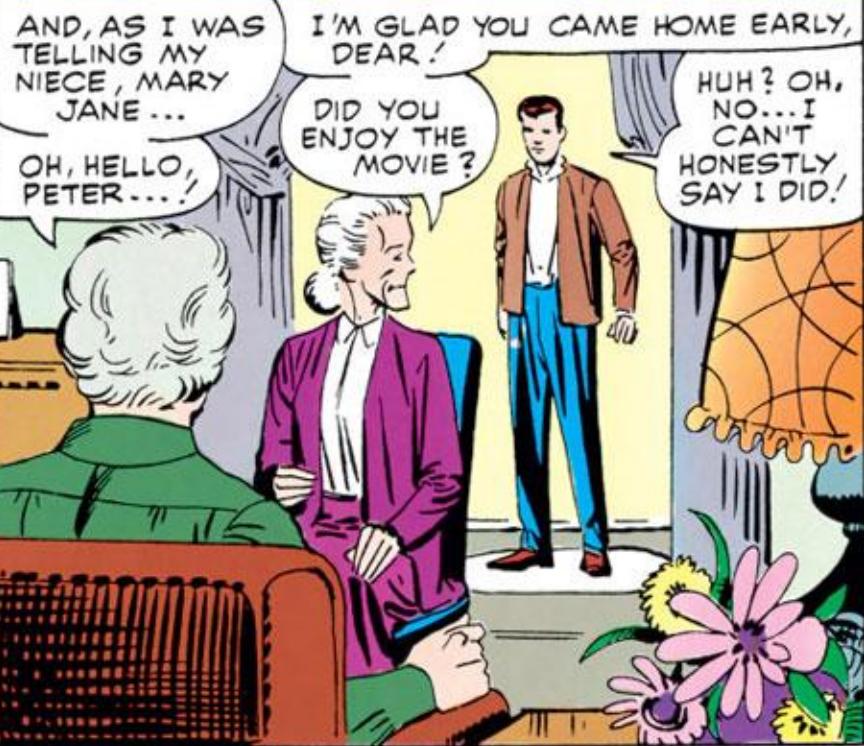
YES! YOU'RE HIRED! THE JOB OF REPLACING BETTY BRANT IS YOURS!

THIS IS WONDERFUL! IMAGINE... I'M THE PERSONAL SECRETARY OF THE PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY BUGLE!

BUT, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT BETTY BRANT WOULD LEAVE! IT HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY! I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?



MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF THE CHANGE IN PERSONNEL AT THE DAILY BUGLE, PETER PARKER RETURNS TO HIS MODEST LITTLE HOME IN FOREST HILLS...



ANYWAY, I'LL GO UP AND DO SOME MORE STUDYING NOW! BEEN NICE SEEING YOU, MRS. WATSON!



BUT, ONCE ALONE IN HIS ROOM, THE COMPLEX, SENSITIVE, ANGUISHED YOUTH WHO IS PETER PARKER FINDS THAT HE CANNOT STUDY... HE CANNOT CONCENTRATE ON ANYTHING, EXCEPT...



NO! THIS IS NO GOOD! IT'S USELESS! I'VE GOT TO LEARN TO ACCEPT THINGS AS THEY ARE!

I'VE GOT TO STOP THINKING OF BETTY! TO ME, IT MUST BE AS THOUGH SHE DOESN'T EXIST! IT'S THE ONLY WAY! BECAUSE, SHE'D NEVER ACCEPT ME AS SPIDER-MAN...



... BUT, SPIDER-MAN I'VE BEEN ... AND SHALL ALWAYS BE ... FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE!

