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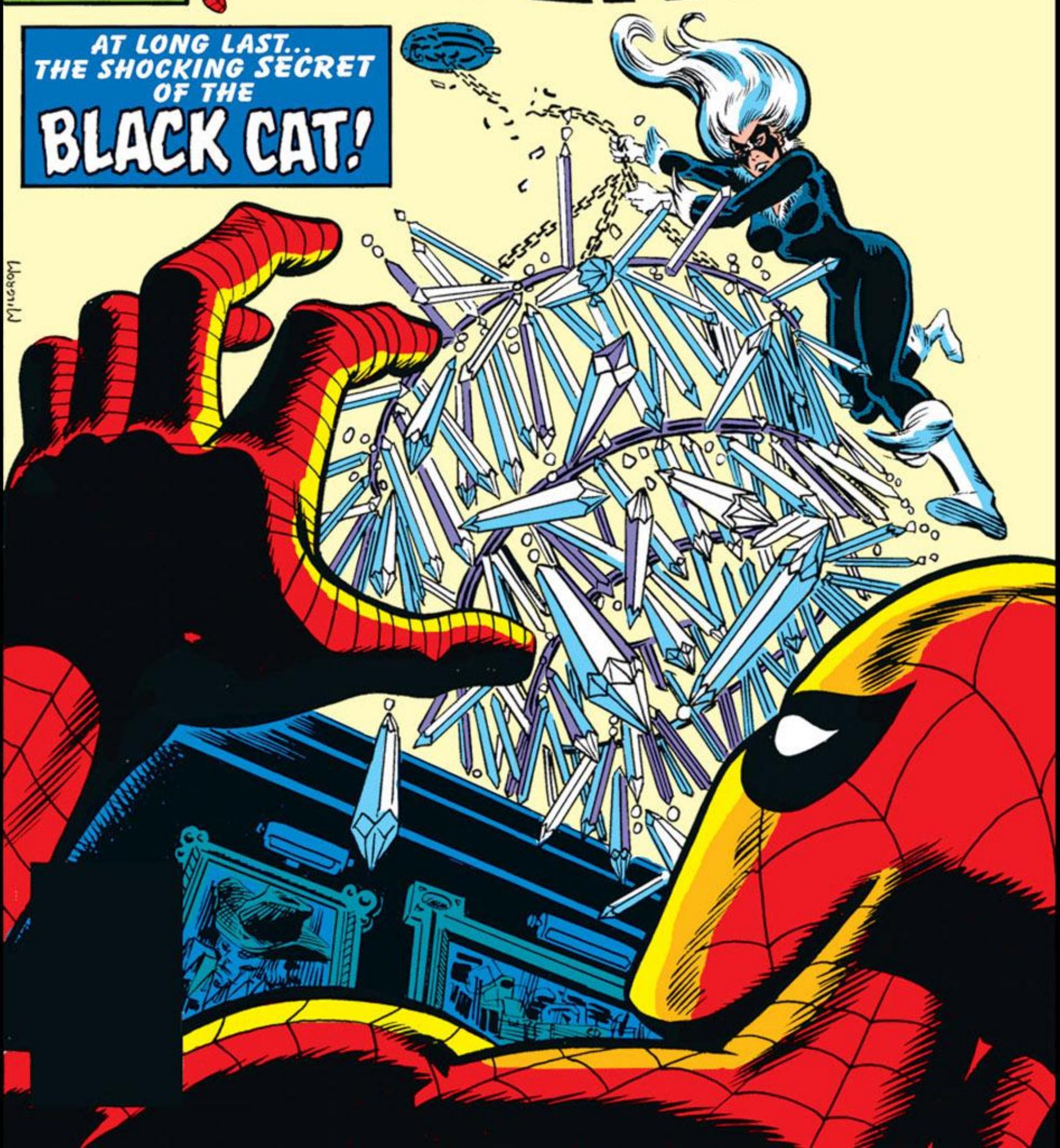
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AT LONG LAST...
THE SHOCKING SECRET
OF THE
BLACK CAT!

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®



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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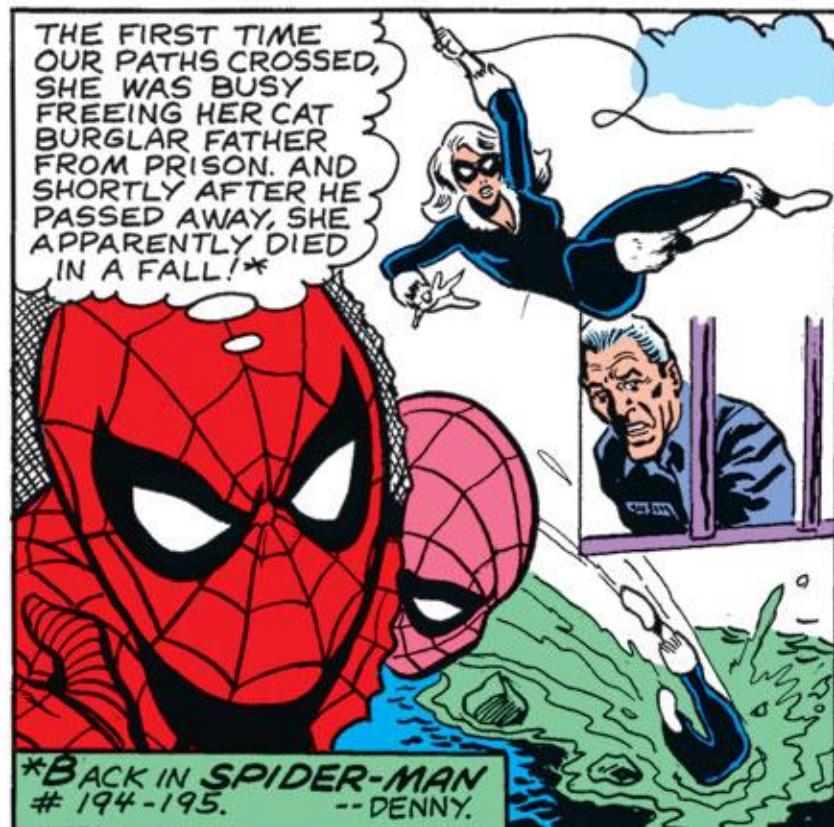
6:03 AM. AS A LATE WINTER BREEZE WAFTS PAST--AND INTO--THE HENDRICKS MUSEUM OF MUSICAL HISTORY IN LOWER MANHATTAN...

...CAUSING THE LATEST IN A LONG SERIES OF SHUDDERS TO RIPPLE UP THE SPINE OF A CERTAIN UNAUTHORIZED VISITOR!

THIS IS SWELL.
ESNIFF'S JUST SWELL.
IF I HAD TO BREAK A WINDOW TO GET INTO THE MUSEUM, WHY DID I PICK THE ONE NEXT TO THE BEST SURVEILLANCE SPOT IN THE WHOLE PLACE?



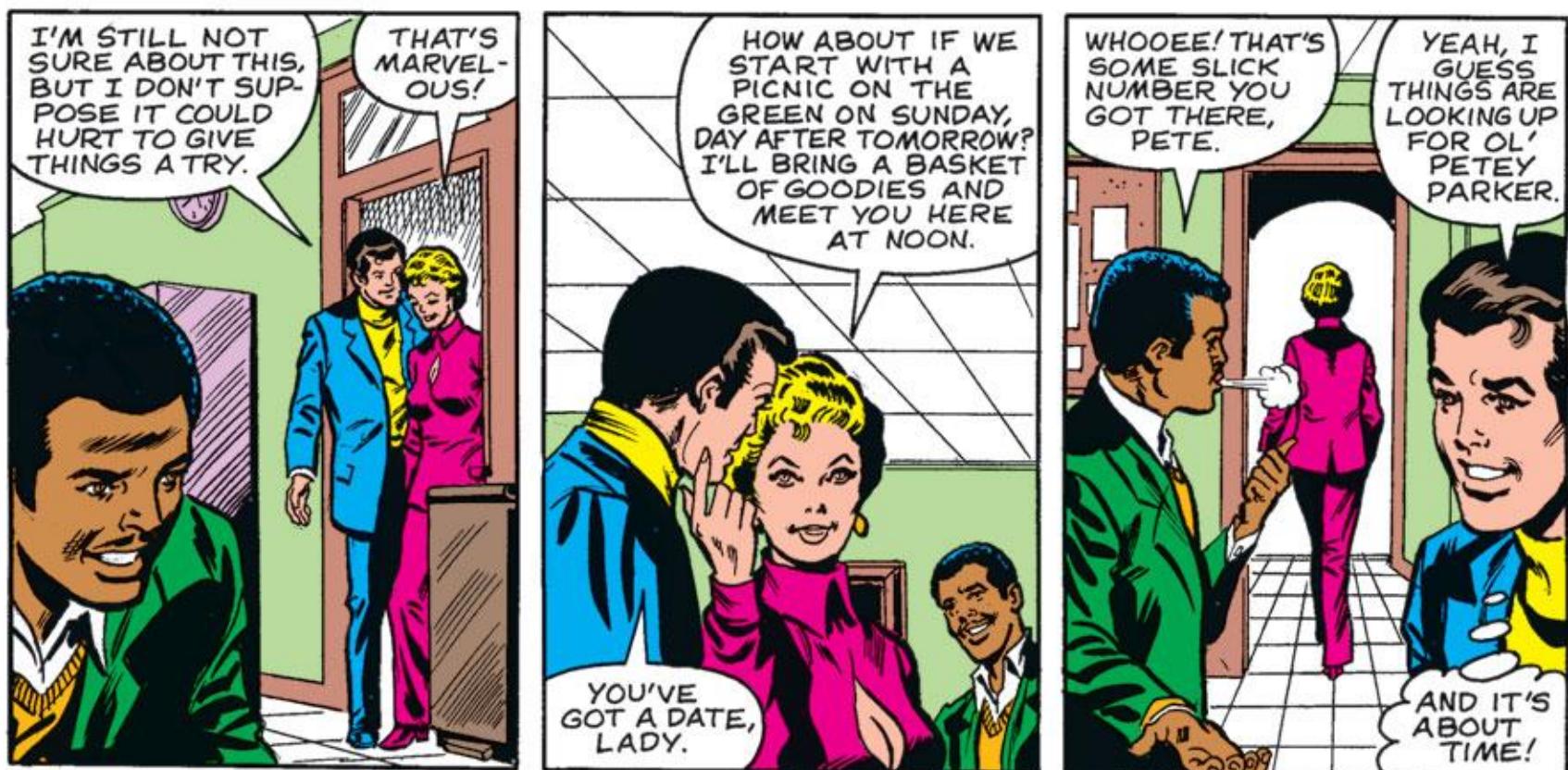
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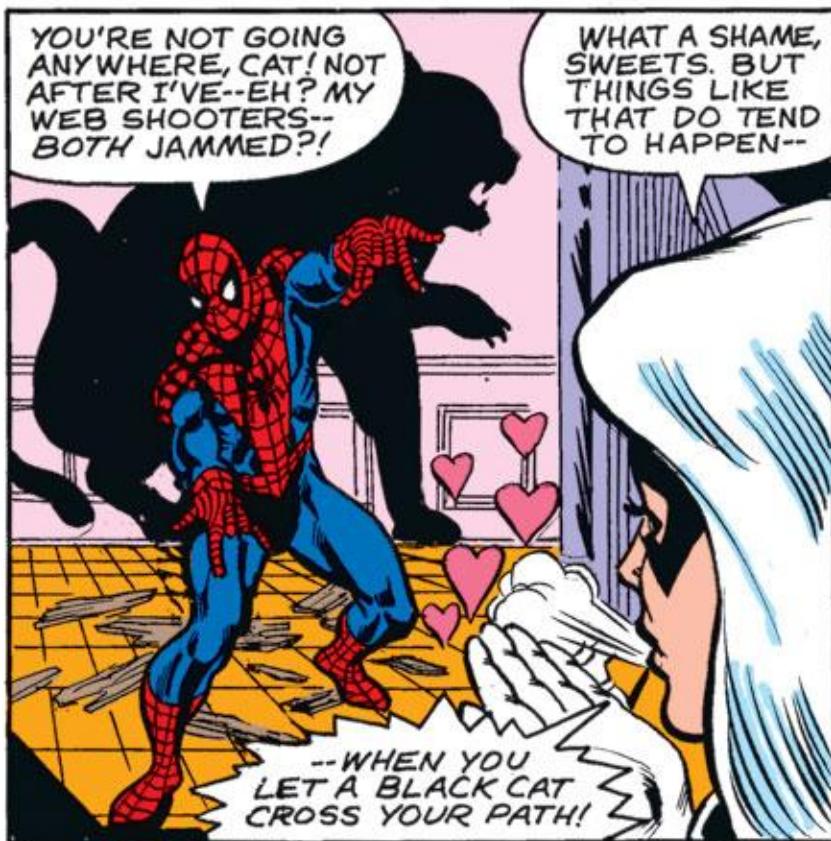
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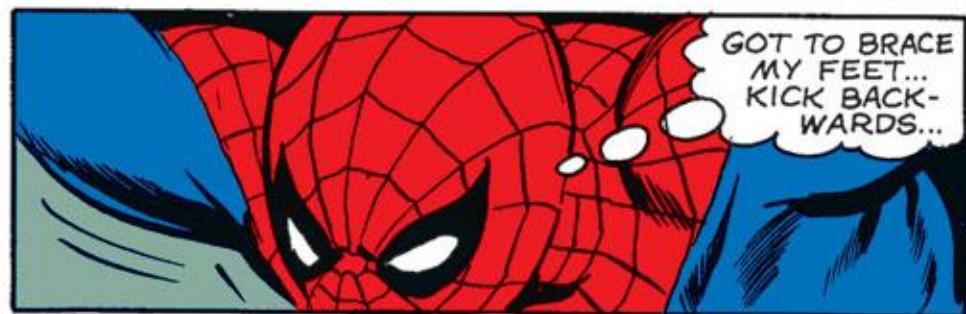


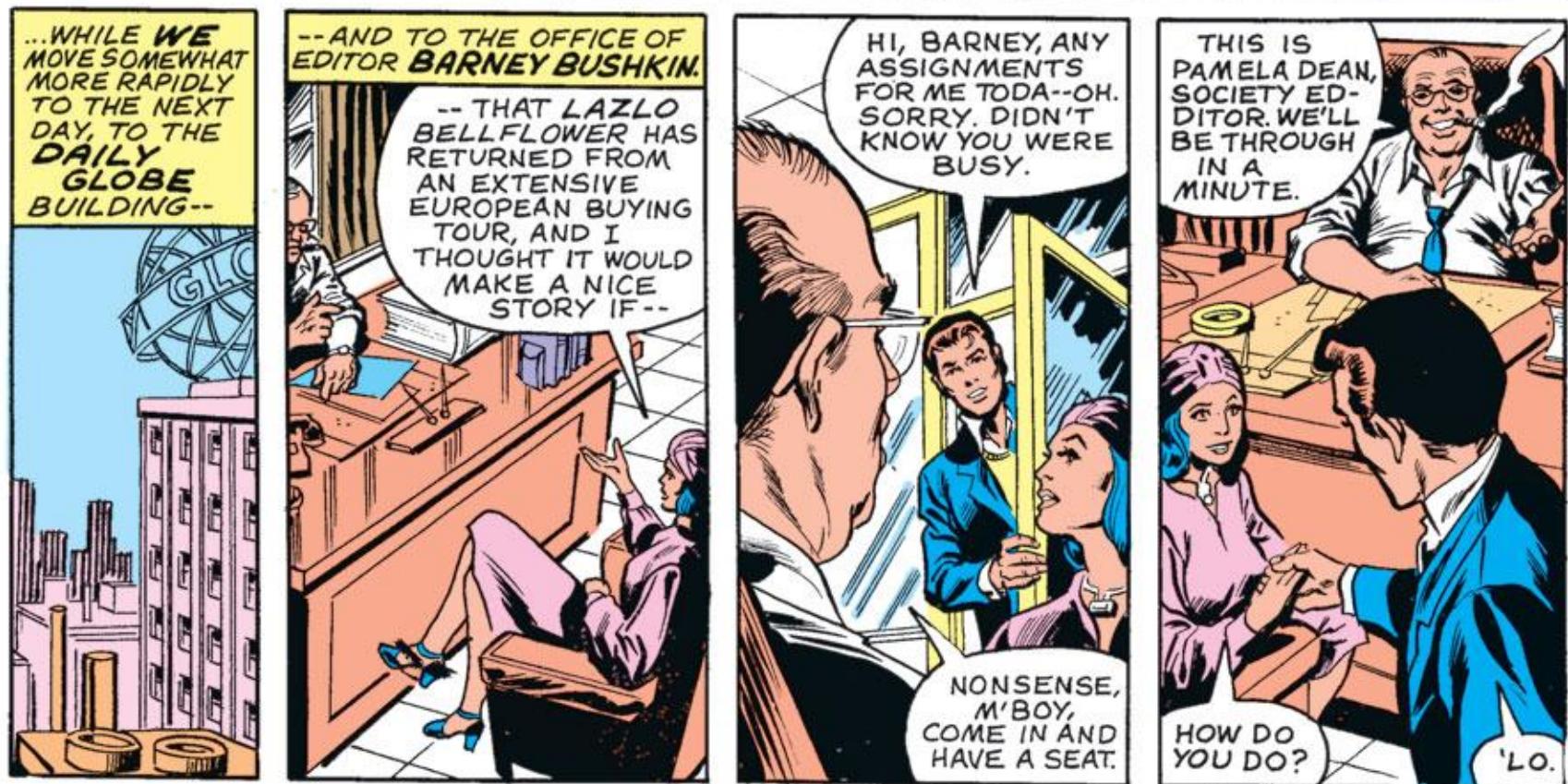
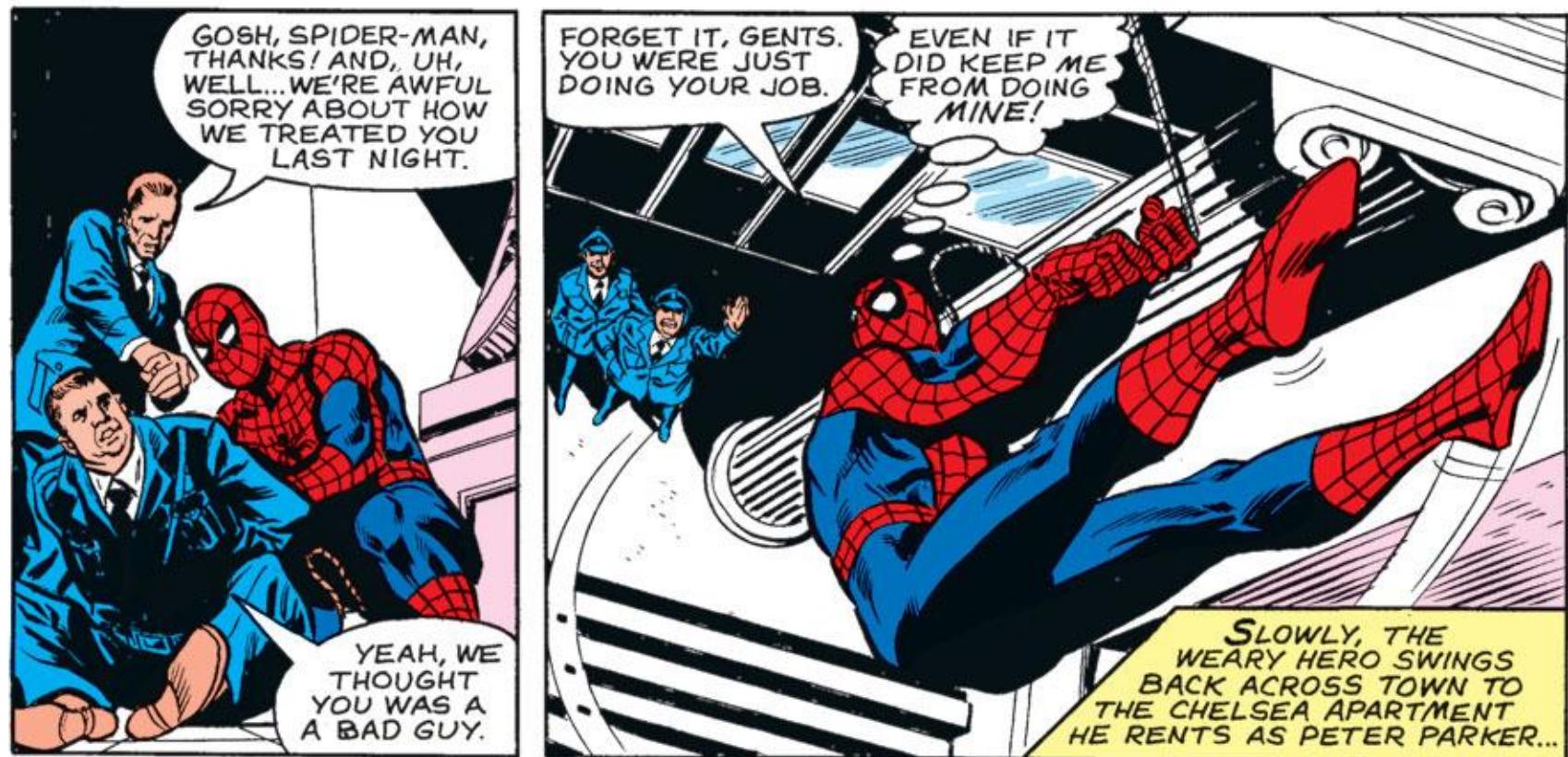
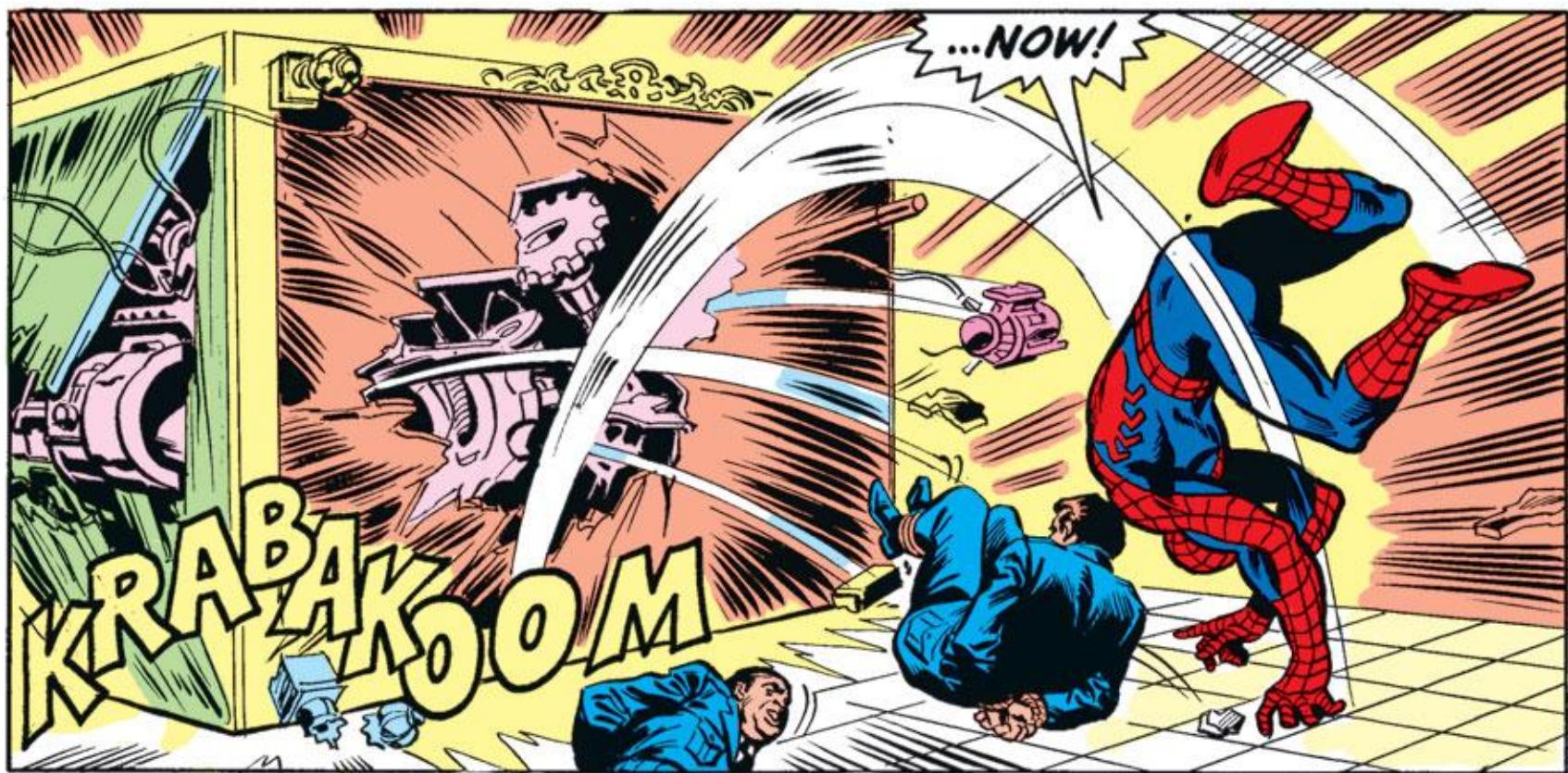


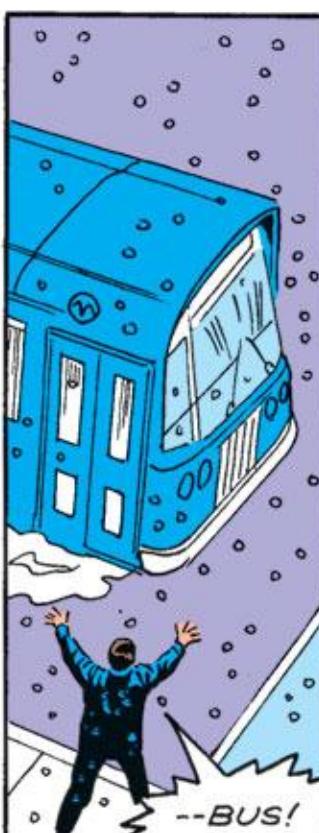












A SHORT TIME LATER, AT
EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY...

MY APPOINTMENT
WITH BELLFLOWER
ISN'T UNTIL THIS
EVENING, SO MAYBE
I CAN GET SOME
PAPERS GRADED IN
THE MEANTIME.

Y'KNOW,
SOMETIMES
I WONDER
HOW I CAN
JUGGLE A
TEACHING
ASSISTANT JOB,
A FREELANCE
PHOTOGRAPHY
CAREER AND
MY EXTRACURRI-
CULAR WEB-
SLINGING--

--AND STILL
KEEP MY
SANITY! I--

WHA--?
THE
DOOR'S
UNLOCKED!



STEVE DID SAY HE'D
BE WORKING AWHILE
THIS MORNING, BUT HE
SHOULD BE GONE BY
NOW. SO HOW COME--

IT COULD BE THE
BLACK CAT--ONLY
HOW DID SHE KNOW
I'D BE HERE?

WELL, ONE THING'S
FOR CERTAIN: IT'S
NOT PETER PARKER
WHO'S GOING TO
FIND OUT!



SECONDS LATER...

BINGO! THIS IS
JUST WHAT I'VE
BEEN LOOKING
FO--

WHO--?
SPIDER
MAN!

DAWN?
DAWN
STARR?!



CAN I
HELP
YOU,
MISS?

WH-WHAT
DO YOU
WANT? A-AND
HOW DID YOU
KNOW MY NAME?

I KNOW A
LOT OF THINGS,
LADY! BUT
THE ONE YOU'LL
HAVE TO HELP ME
WITH IS: JUST
WHAT THE BLOODY
BLUE BLAZES ARE
YOU DOING HERE?



MORE OUT OF HABIT THAN ENTHUSIASM, PETER PARKER SETS ABOUT PUTTING HIS OFFICE IN ORDER, WISHING HE COULD DO THE SAME WITH HIS LIFE...

...AS OUR SCENE SHIFTS TO EARLY EVENING, TO THE EAST SIDE ESTATE OF LAZLO BELLFLOWER.

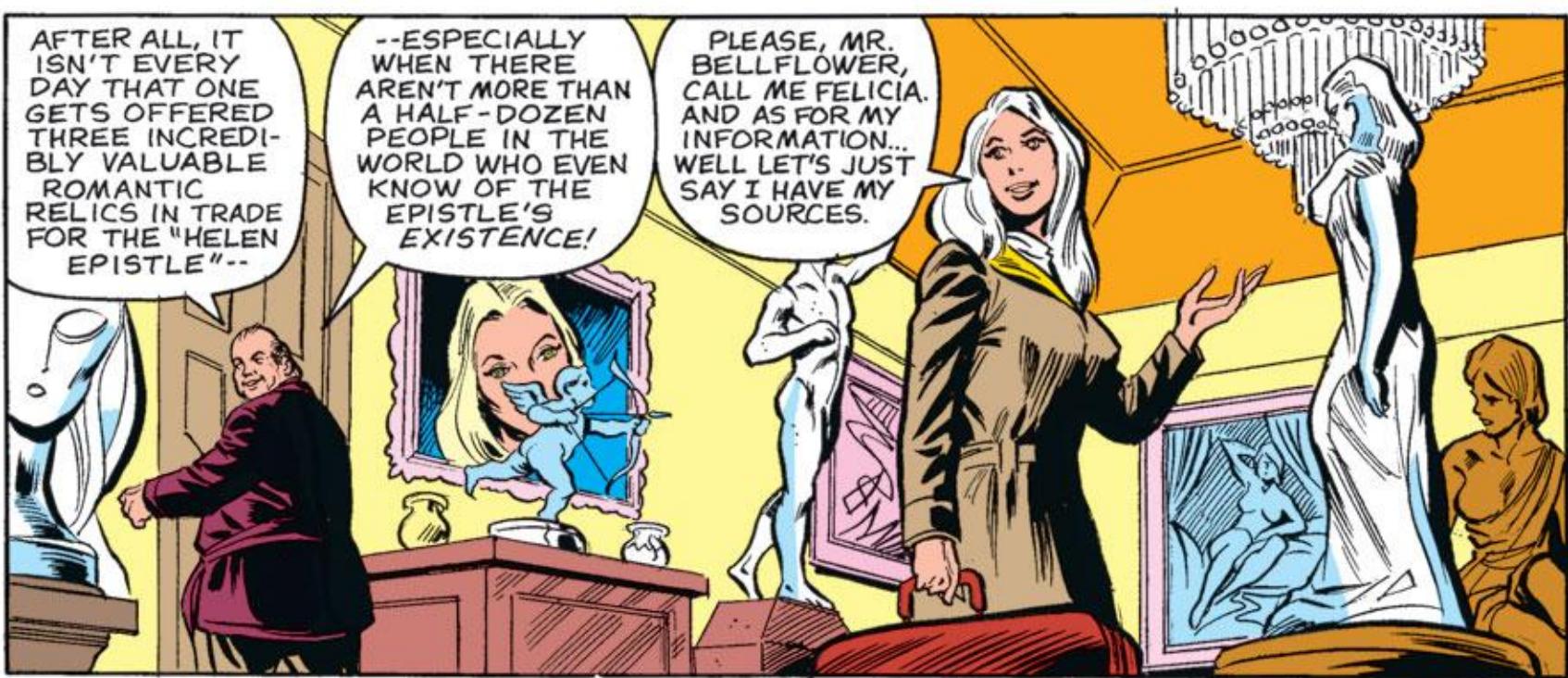


I'M DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU, MISS HARDY-- AND I MUST ADMIT, I'M MORE THAN A LITTLE INTRIGUED!

AFTER ALL, IT ISN'T EVERY DAY THAT ONE GETS OFFERED THREE INCREDIBLY VALUABLE ROMANTIC RELICS IN TRADE FOR THE "HELEN EPISTLE"...

--ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE AREN'T MORE THAN A HALF-DOZEN PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO EVEN KNOW OF THE EPISTLE'S EXISTENCE!

PLEASE, MR. BELLFLOWER, CALL ME FELICIA. AND AS FOR MY INFORMATION... WELL LET'S JUST SAY I HAVE MY SOURCES.



SO, DO WE HAVE A DEAL?

MY DEAR, YOU TEMPT ME UNFAIRLY. VERY WELL--

--THE EPISTLE IS IN THAT HYDROGEN-SEALED CONTAINER OVER THERE.



SO THIS IS IT. THE ONLY KNOWN LOVE-LETTER WRITTEN TO PARIS BY HELEN OF TROY!

IT'S THE PERFECT TOUCH!

THEN SHALL WE SEAL THE BARGAIN, MY DEAR? SAY WITH A SMALL LIBATION?





