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"IN THE CLUTCHES OF.. The KINGPIN!"

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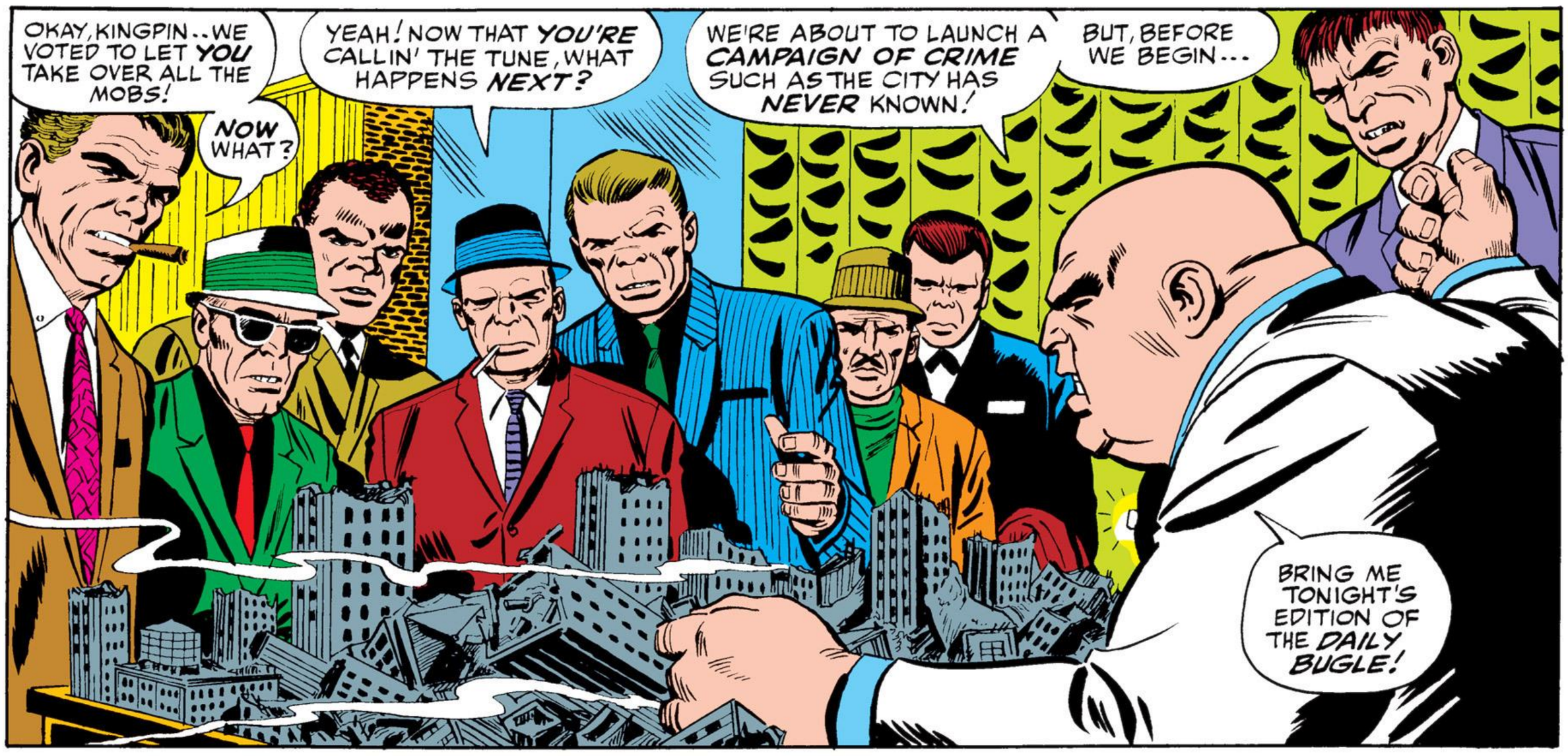
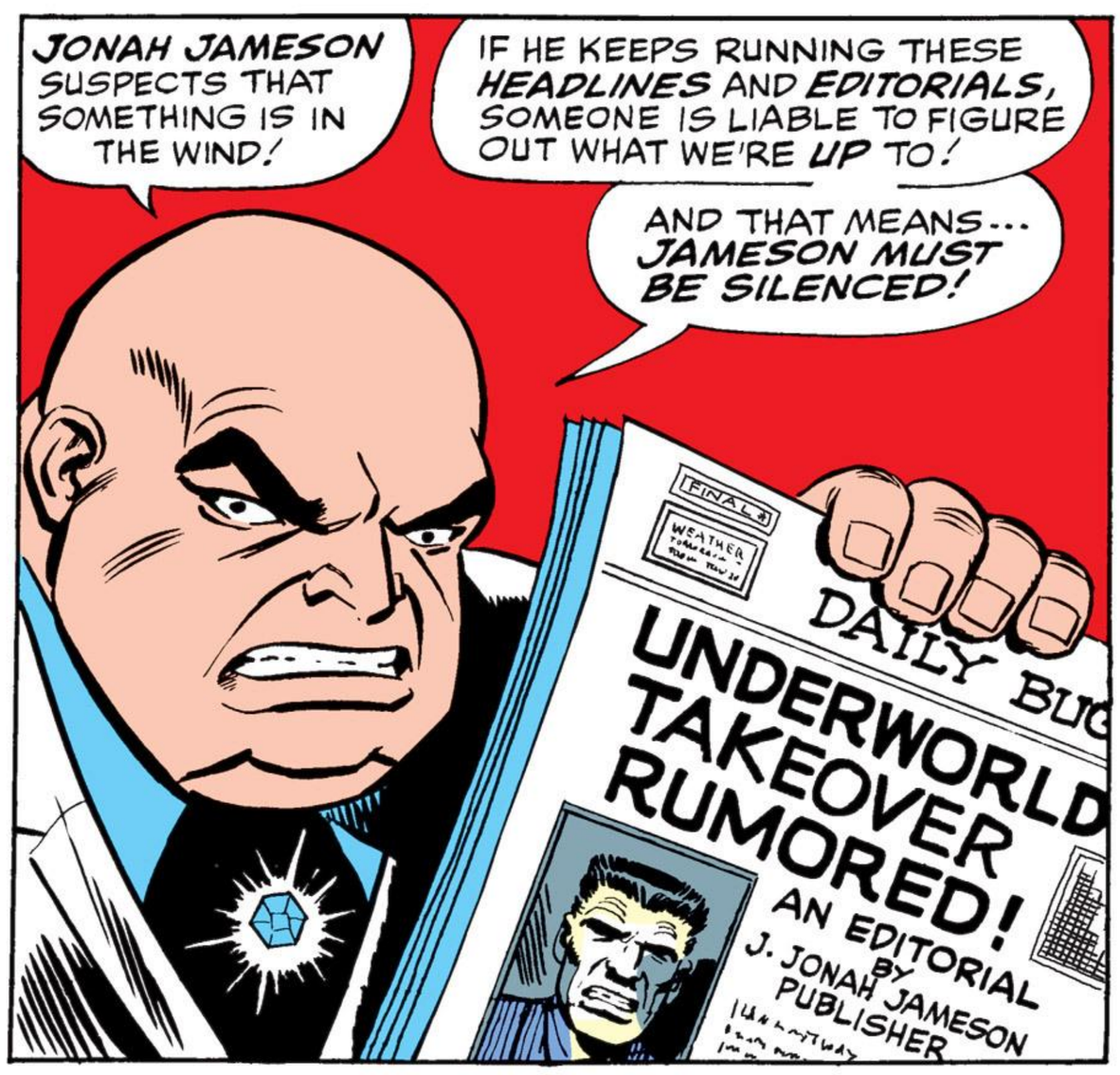
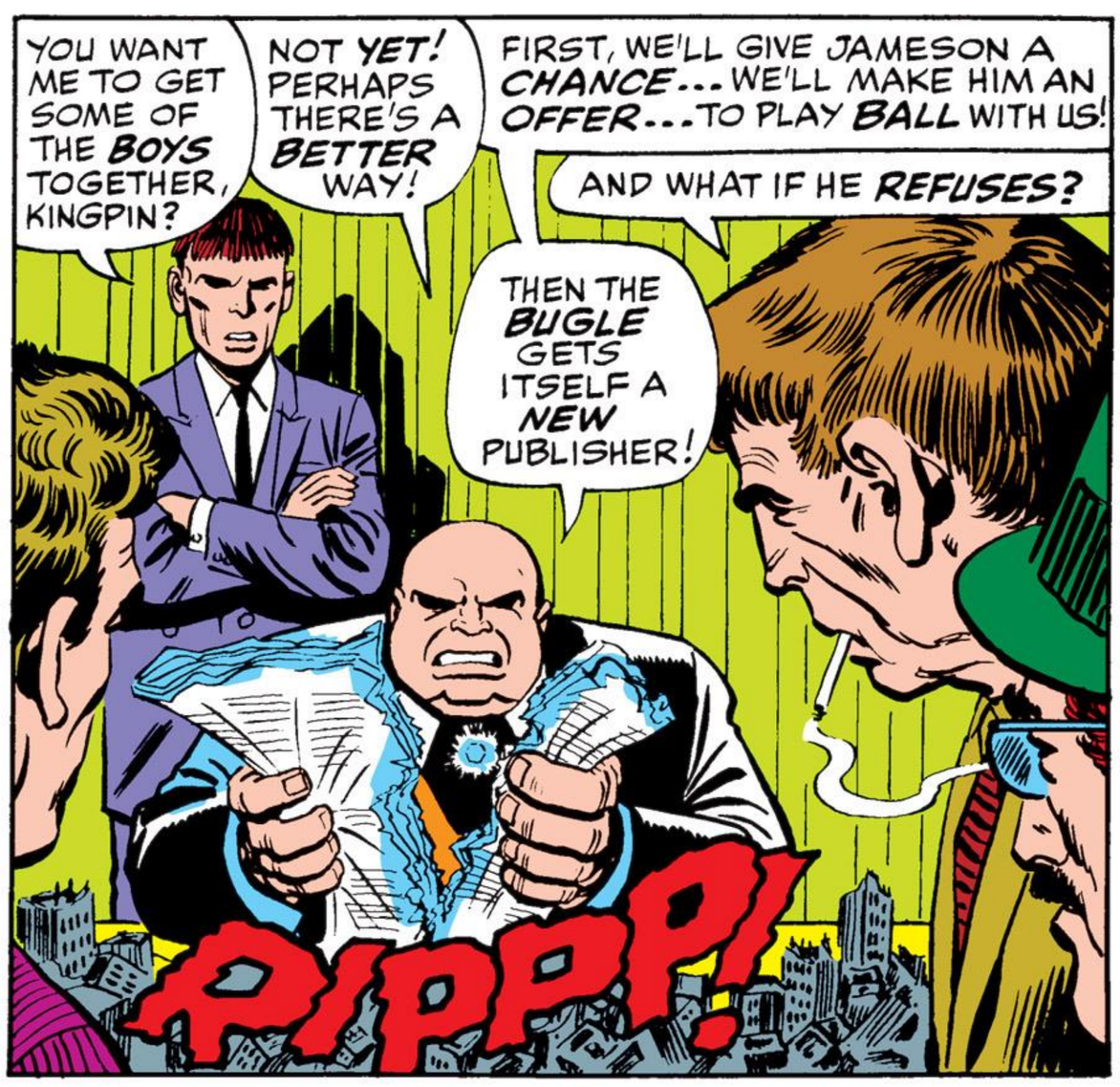
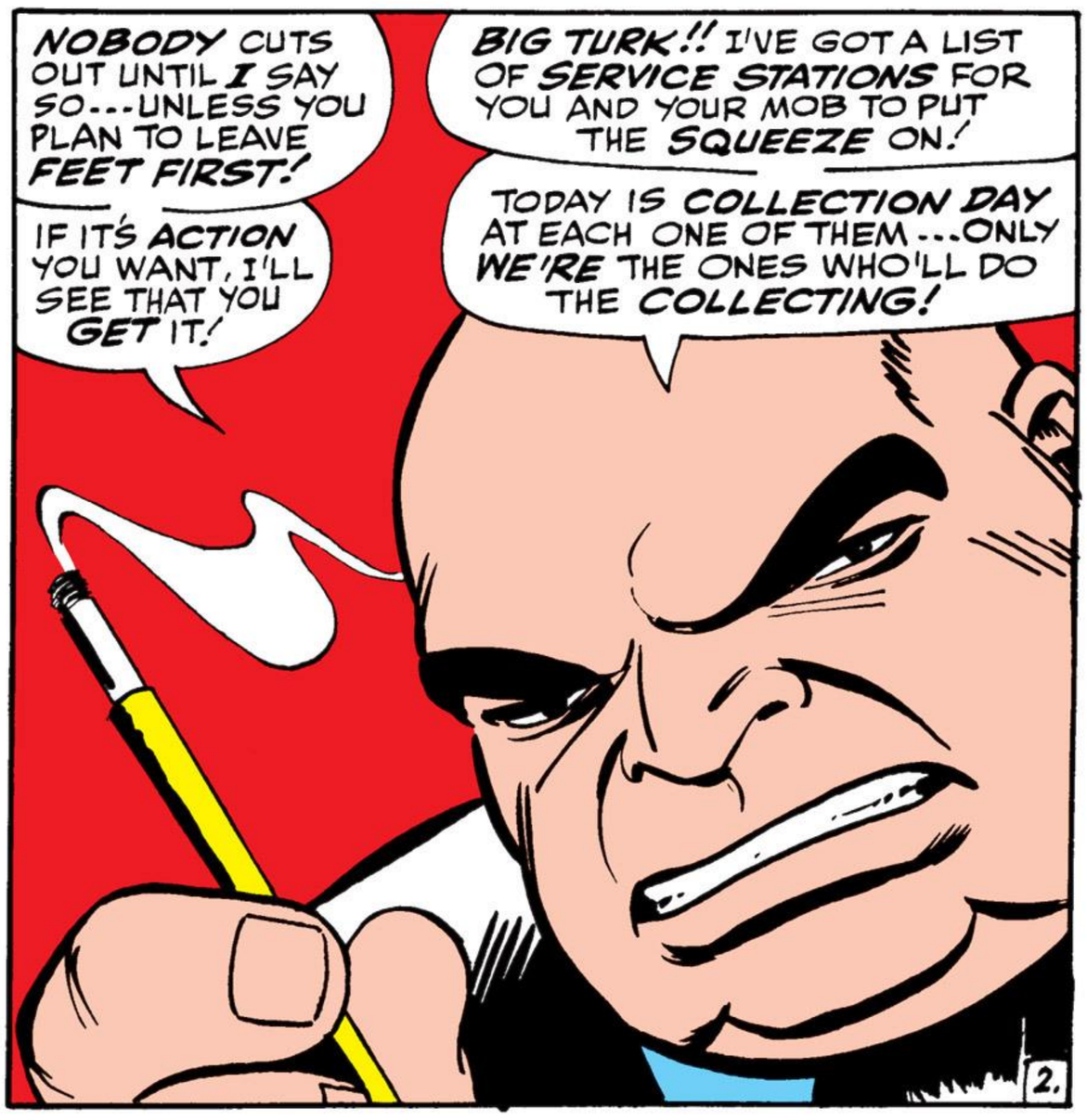

OKAY, KINGPIN.. WE VOTED TO LET YOU TAKE OVER ALL THE MOBS!
NOW WHAT?
YEAH! NOW THAT YOU'RE CALLIN' THE TUNE, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
WE'RE ABOUT TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN OF CRIME SUCH AS THE CITY HAS NEVER KNOWN!
BUT, BEFORE WE BEGIN...
BRING ME TONIGHT'S EDITION OF THE DAILY BUGLE!

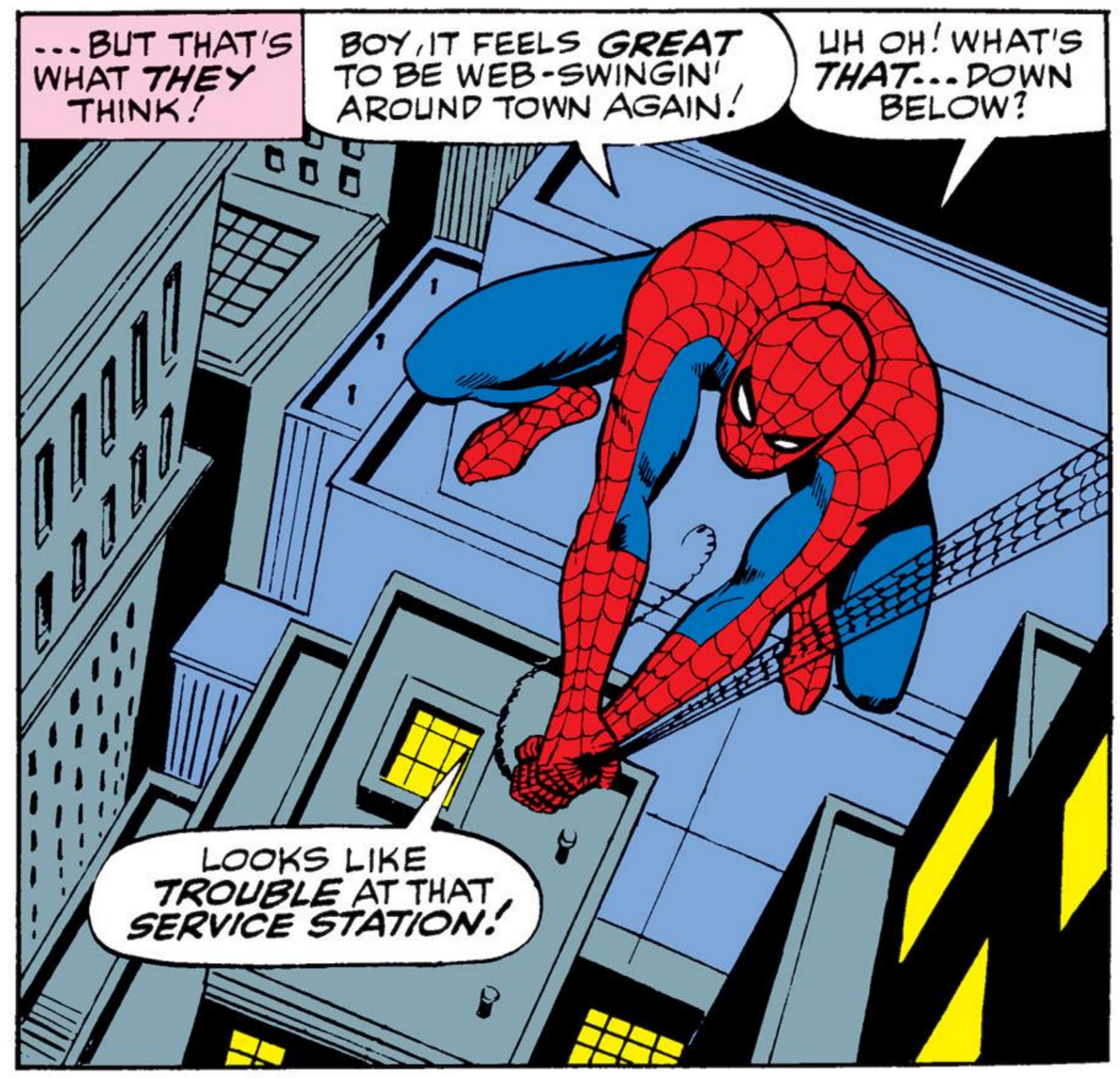

JONAH JAMESON SUSPECTS THAT SOMETHING IS IN THE WIND!
IF HE KEEPS RUNNING THESE HEADLINES AND EDITORIALS, SOMEONE IS LIABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE UP TO!
AND THAT MEANS... JAMESON MUST BE SILENCED!
FINAL
WEATHER
DAILY BUGLE
UNDERWORLD TAKEOVER RUMORED!
AN EDITORIAL BY J. JONAH JAMESON PUBLISHER


YOU WANT ME TO GET SOME OF THE BOYS TOGETHER, KINGPIN?
NOT YET! PERHAPS THERE'S A BETTER WAY!
FIRST, WE'LL GIVE JAMESON A CHANCE... WE'LL MAKE HIM AN OFFER... TO PLAY BALL WITH US!
AND WHAT IF HE REFUSES?
THEN THE BUGLE GETS ITSELF A NEW PUBLISHER!
PIPPP!

BLINKER! TAKE A FEW OF YOUR MEN AND GO GET JAMESON!
BUT NO SLIP-UPS! TAKE YOUR TIME... WAIT FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT!
THE REST OF YOU STAY HERE! I'VE OTHER JOBS LINED UP AND WAITING!
IT'LL BE A BREEZE, KINGPIN!
THEN BRING HIM HERE TO ME!
THEN HOW ABOUT FILLIN' US IN SO WE KNOW WHERE WE STAND?
OKAY, YOU GUYS.. LET'S GO!
YEAH! WE'RE GETTIN' KINDA EDGY JUST HANGIN' AROUND 'N WAITIN'!
WE WANT SOME ACTION.. OR WE CUT OUT!

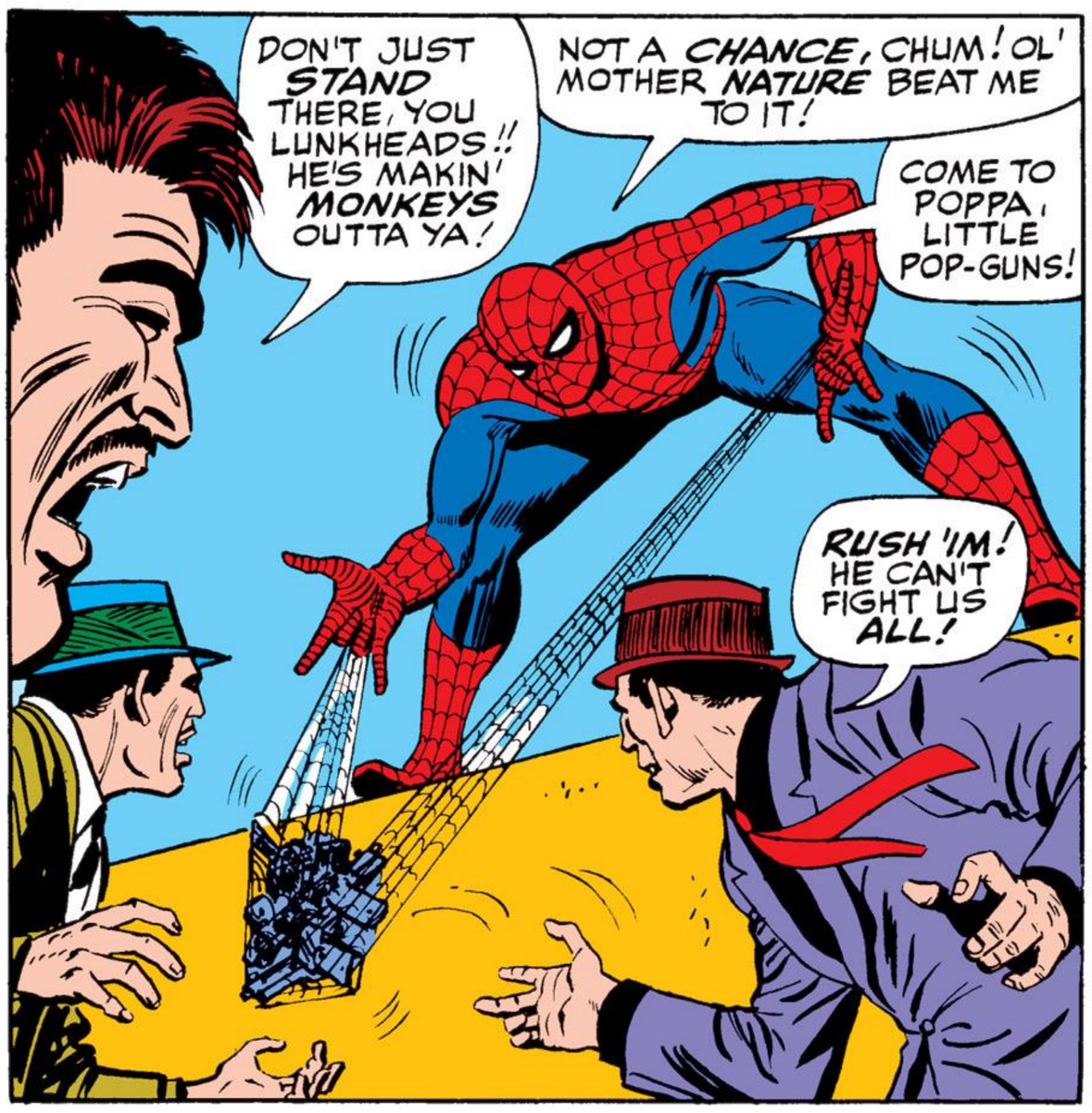

NOBODY CUTS OUT UNTIL I SAY SO... UNLESS YOU PLAN TO LEAVE FEET FIRST!
BIG TURK!! I'VE GOT A LIST OF SERVICE STATIONS FOR YOU AND YOUR MOB TO PUT THE SQUEEZE ON!
IF IT'S ACTION YOU WANT, I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET IT!
TODAY IS COLLECTION DAY AT EACH ONE OF THEM... ONLY WE'RE THE ONES WHO'LL DO THE COLLECTING!

SERVICE STATIONS?!! I THOUGHT WE WERE IN THE BIG TIME!
THIS IS JUST A TEST! I WANT TO SEE HOW YOU OPERATE! NOW GET GOING!
YOU GONNA LET 'IM TALK TO US LIKE THAT, BIG TURK?
YEAH!..AS LONG AS HE'S HOLDIN' THAT DISINTEGRATOR CANE OF HIS!
ANYWAY, WE DON'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT SPIDER-MAN NO MORE!


...BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK!
BOY, IT FEELS GREAT TO BE WEB-SWINGIN' AROUND TOWN AGAIN!
UH OH! WHAT'S THAT... DOWN BELOW?
LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE AT THAT SERVICE STATION!

THWIP!
OKAY, I GOT THE TAKE IN THIS BRIEFCASE! NOW LET'S... HEY!!
SOMETHIN' PULLED IT.. OUTTA MY HAND!
IT'S A HUNKA WEBBING!
MUST BE.. SPIDER-MAN!

AWWW... ONE OF YOU MUSTA PEEKED!
CAN I BORROW THOSE GUNS, FELLAS?
THANKS A HEAP!

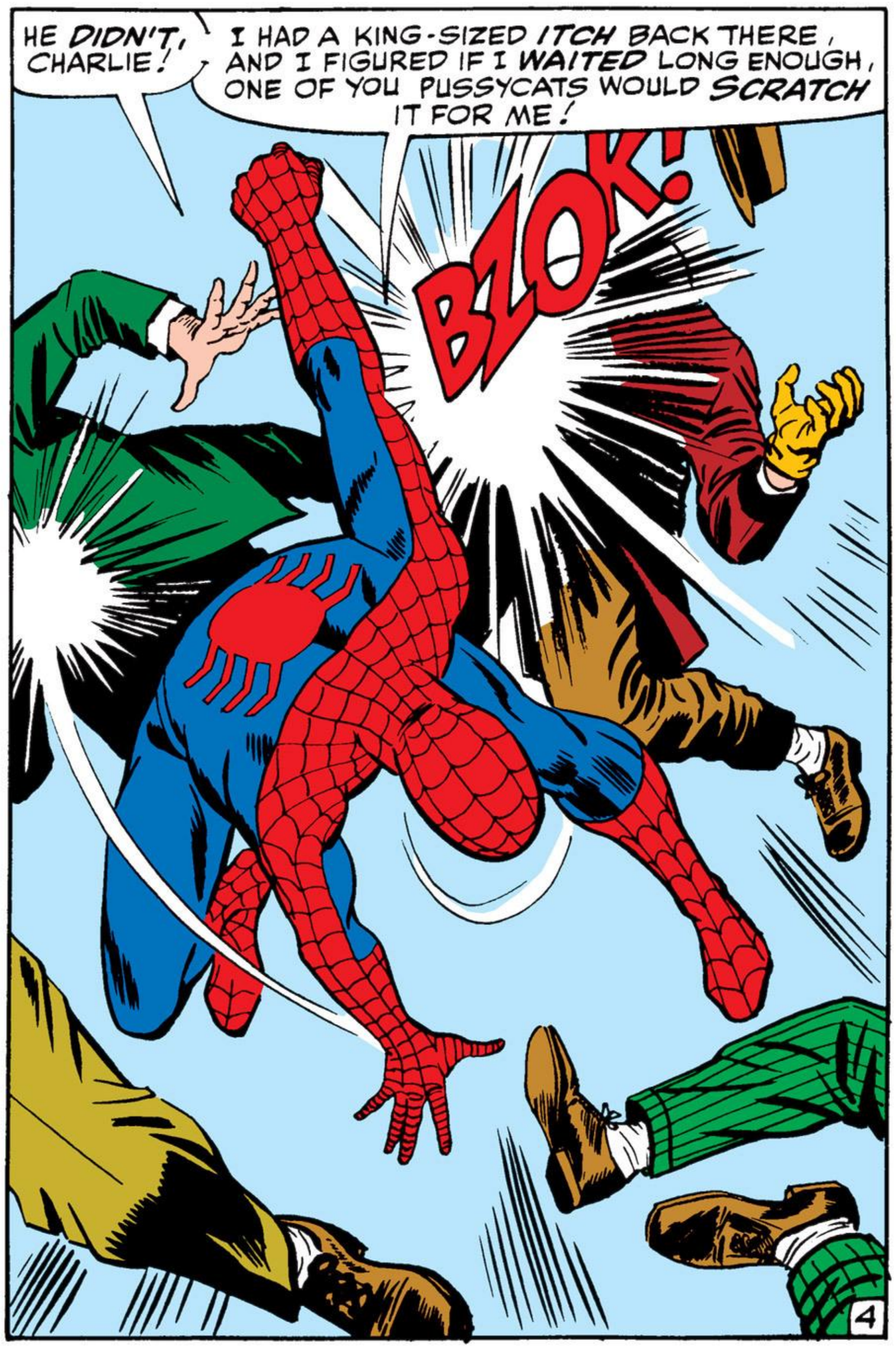

DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU LUNKHEADS!! HE'S MAKIN' MONKEYS OUTTA YA!
NOT A CHANCE, CHUM! OL' MOTHER NATURE BEAT ME TO IT!
COME TO POPPA, LITTLE POP-GUNS!
RUSH 'IM! HE CAN'T FIGHT US ALL!

FIGHT YOU?? OH, PERISH FORBID!!
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A MEETING OF THE SPIDER-MAN FAN CLUB---!
AND I JUST WANTED IN!
THOK!

HEY, BIG TURK... I DON'T GET IT!
THE KINGPIN SAID THIS WEBHEAD WAS DEAD...OR SOMETHIN'!!!
WHAT'S HE TRYIN' TO DO...PULL A FAST ONE?
THE KINGPIN, EH? I'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT NAME!
STOW THE QUESTIONS, YOU GUYS!
FIRST, LET'S POLISH OFF THE MASKED WISEGUY!
HURRY, WILLYA? I CAN'T HOLD 'IM!

CORRECTION, BUTTERBALL!! I THOUGHT I WAS HOLDING YOU!
FORGET IT, FREAK! IT AIN'T GONNA MATTER NO MORE!
ONCE I LETCHA HAVE ONE SOLID KARATE CHOP, IT'LL BE ALL OVER!
SO JUST HOLD THAT POSE MISTER... HERE IT COMES!

HAH! THE FAMOUS SPIDER-MAN!! BIG DEAL!
HE'LL NEVER WANNA TANGLE WITH BIG TURK AGAIN--THAT'S FOR SURE!
I DON'T GET IT! I THOUGHT HE WAS A DOZEN TIMES STRONGER THAN ANY ORDINARY JOE!
HOW COME YA KNOCKED 'IM OUT WITH ONE BLOW?


HE DIDN'T, CHARLIE!
I HAD A KING-SIZED ITCH BACK THERE, AND I FIGURED IF I WAITED LONG ENOUGH, ONE OF YOU PUSSYCATS WOULD SCRATCH IT FOR ME!
BZOK!

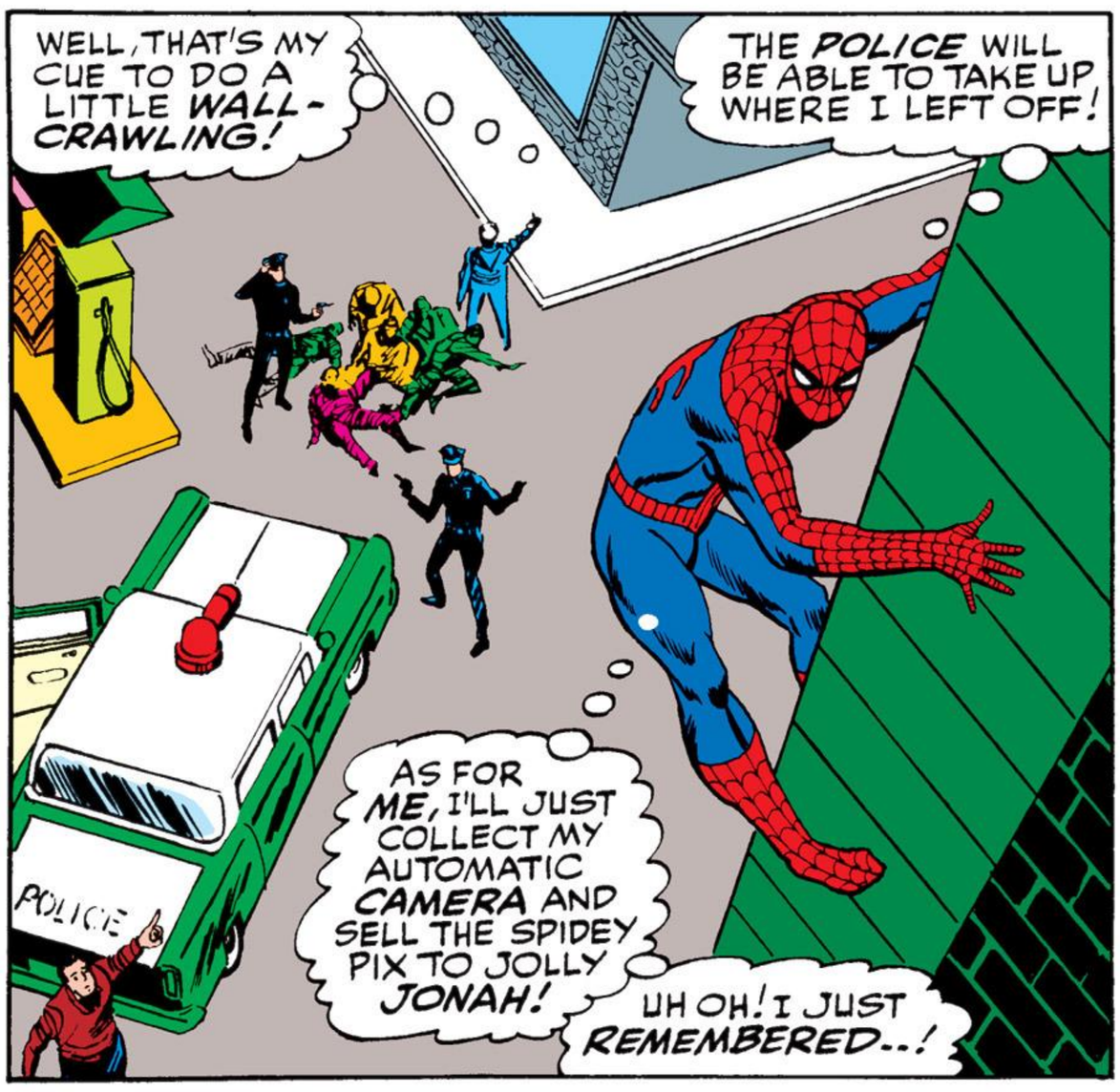
AND NOW, I'LL BE GLAD TO RETURN THE FAVOR--- IN SPADES!
SAY! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING..
I SURE HOPE YOU CHAPS DIDN'T EAT HEAVY MEALS LATELY!
BOP!
ZO!

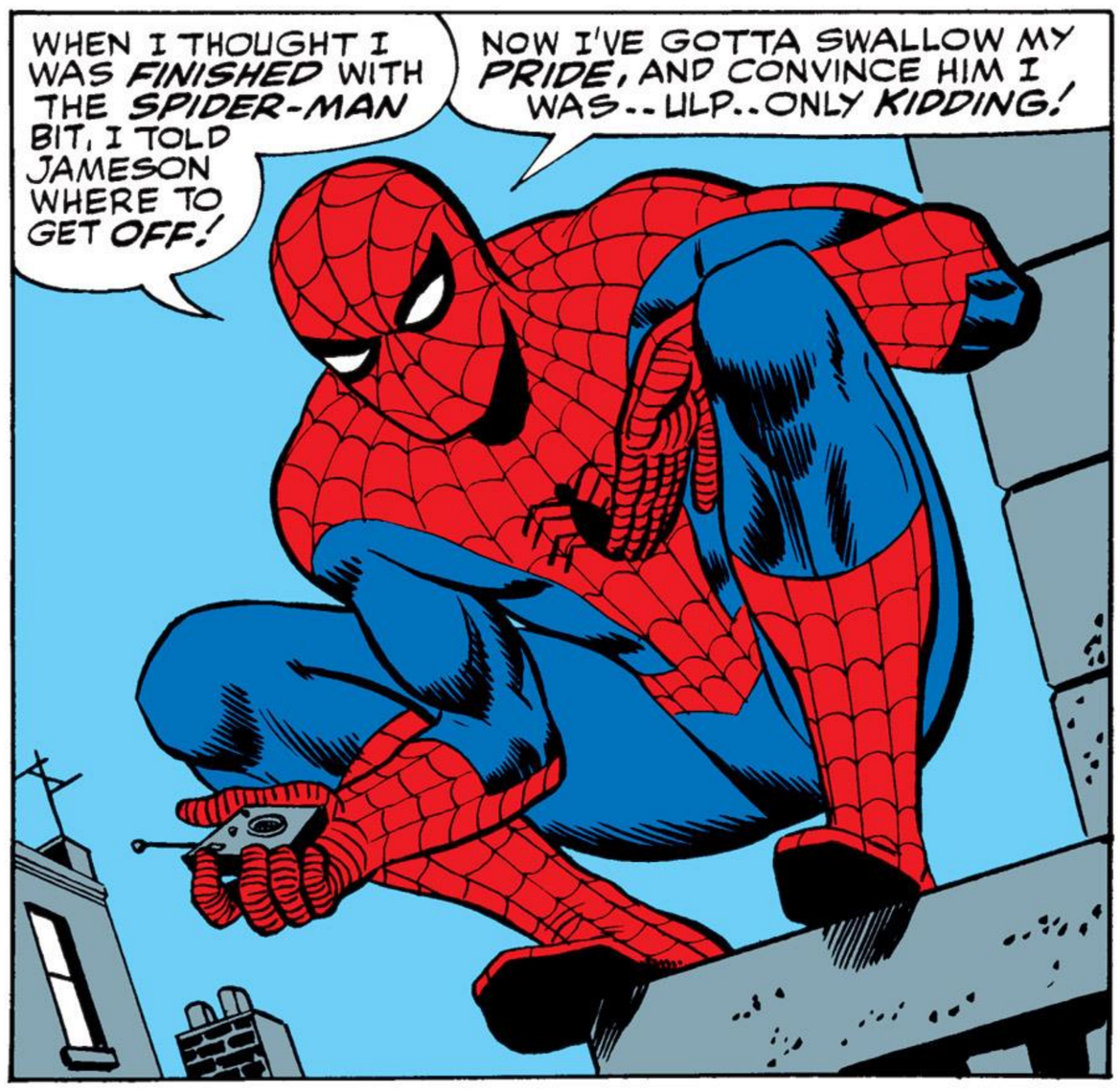
C'MON, SHORTY--- GIVE 'ER THE GUN! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
SURE, BIG TURK!
BUT, WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE GUYS?
WHO CARES? THERE'S ALWAYS MORE WHERE THEY CAME FROM!
BESIDES, WE GOTTA TELL THE KINGPIN WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST!

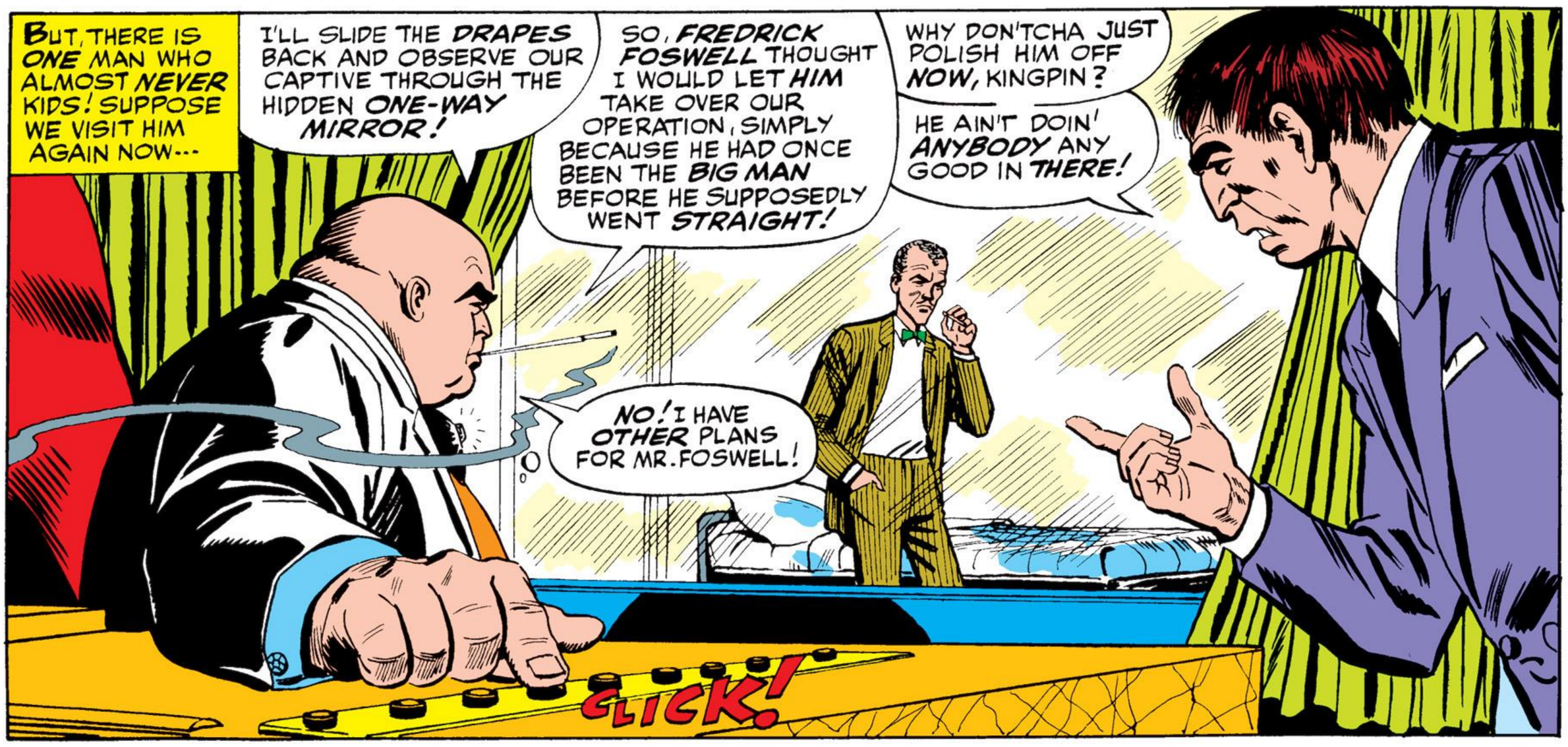
THE ONE CALLED BIG TURK IS MAKING HIS GETAWAY!
LOOKS LIKE I'M JUST STUCK WITH THE LEFTOVERS!
WELL, I DID MANAGE TO BREAK UP THEIR LITTLE ROBBERY..!
AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR OUR MOMENT OF TRUTH!
Stop AND Save
BANK
VROOOOMMM

OKAY, KIDDIES..THE PARTY'S OVER--- SO BACK TO YOUR PLAYPENS!
WE'RE GONNA PLAY SCHOOL NOW--- AND YOUR OLD UNCLE SPIDEY WILL BE THE TEACHER!
WE'LL START WITH A LITTLE TEST.. AND YOU BETTER KNOW THE ANSWERS!

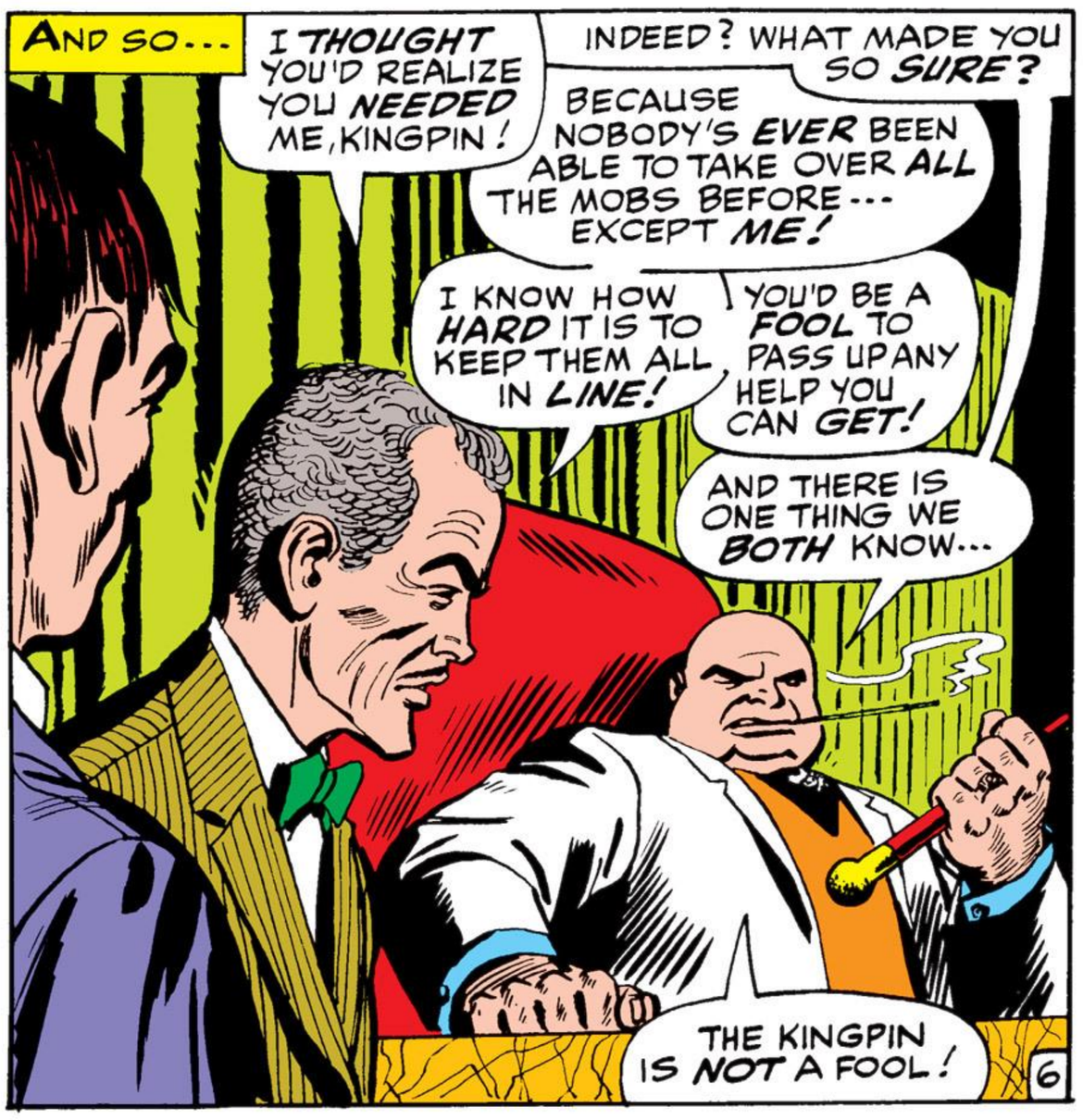
WHEEEEEEEEEEEE
SIRENS! THE POLICE!
POLICE
NOW---WHO AND WHAT--IS THE KINGPIN?!!
IF ONLY THEY'D WAITED A FEW MORE MINUTES!!

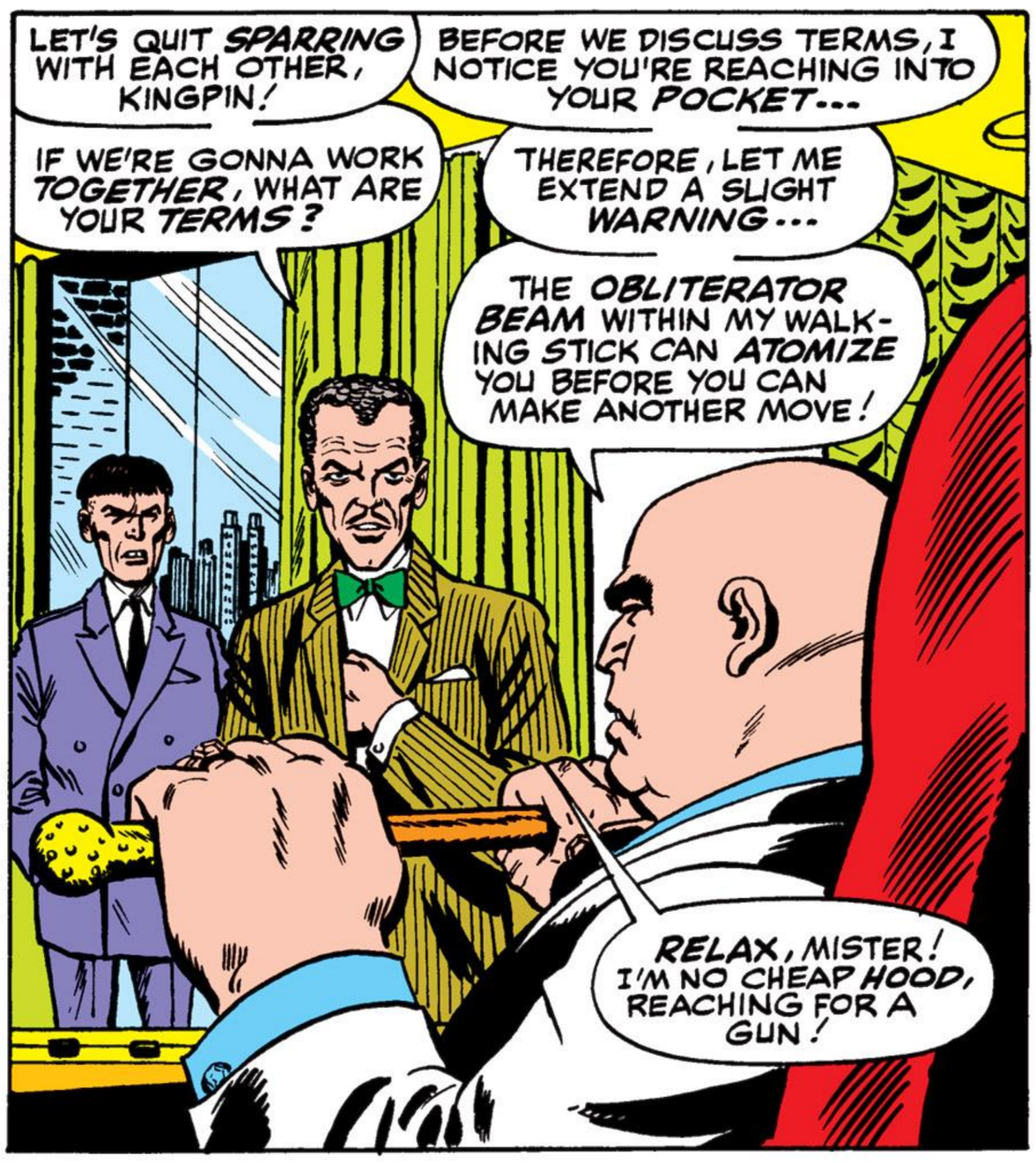

WELL, THAT'S MY CUE TO DO A LITTLE WALL-CRAWLING!
THE POLICE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE UP WHERE I LEFT OFF!
POLICE
AS FOR ME, I'LL JUST COLLECT MY AUTOMATIC CAMERA AND SELL THE SPIDEY PIX TO JOLLY JONAH!
UH OH! I JUST REMEMBERED..!


WHEN I THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED WITH THE SPIDER-MAN BIT, I TOLD JAMESON WHERE TO GET OFF!
NOW I'VE GOTTA SWALLOW MY PRIDE, AND CONVINCE HIM I WAS..ULP..ONLY KIDDING!

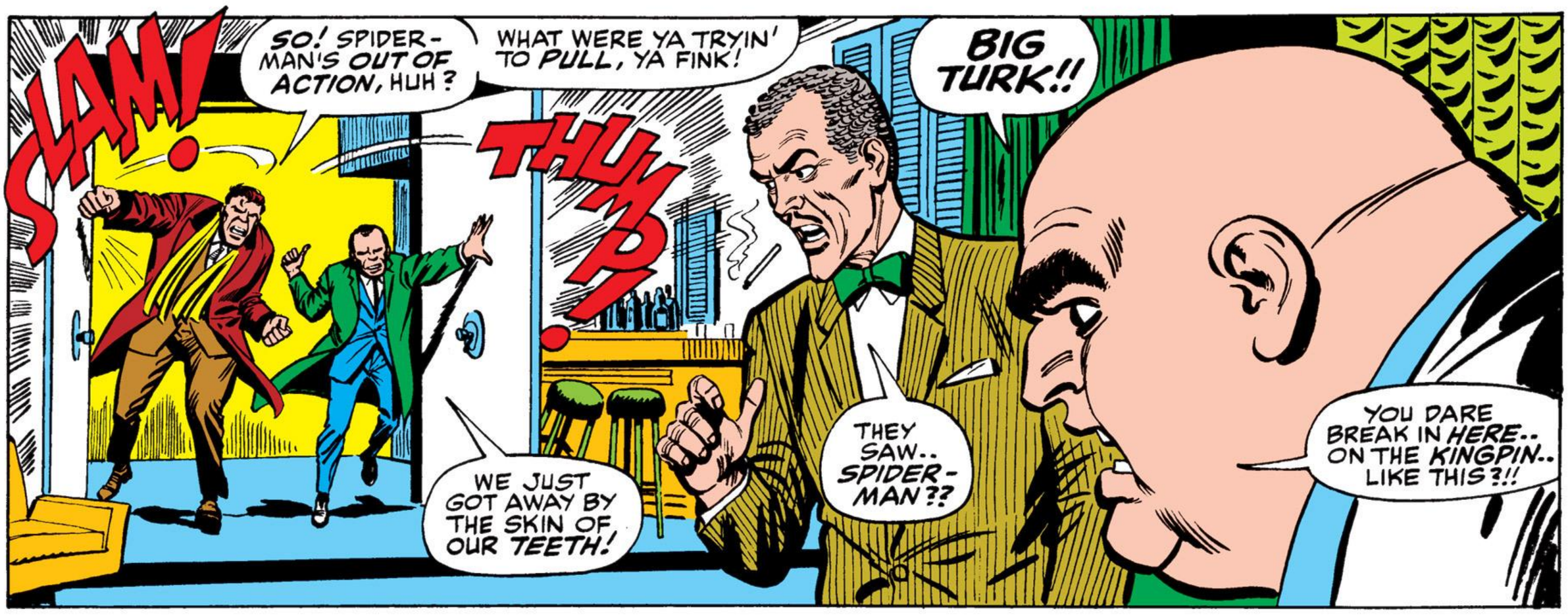

BUT, THERE IS ONE MAN WHO ALMOST NEVER KIDS! SUPPOSE WE VISIT HIM AGAIN NOW...
I'LL SLIDE THE DRAPES BACK AND OBSERVE OUR CAPTIVE THROUGH THE HIDDEN ONE-WAY MIRROR!
SO, FREDRICK FOSWELL THOUGHT I WOULD LET HIM TAKE OVER OUR OPERATION, SIMPLY BECAUSE HE HAD ONCE BEEN THE BIG MAN BEFORE HE SUPPOSEDLY WENT STRAIGHT!
WHY DON'TCHA JUST POLISH HIM OFF NOW, KINGPIN?
HE AIN'T DOIN' ANYBODY ANY GOOD IN THERE!
NO! I HAVE OTHER PLANS FOR MR. FOSWELL!
CLICK!

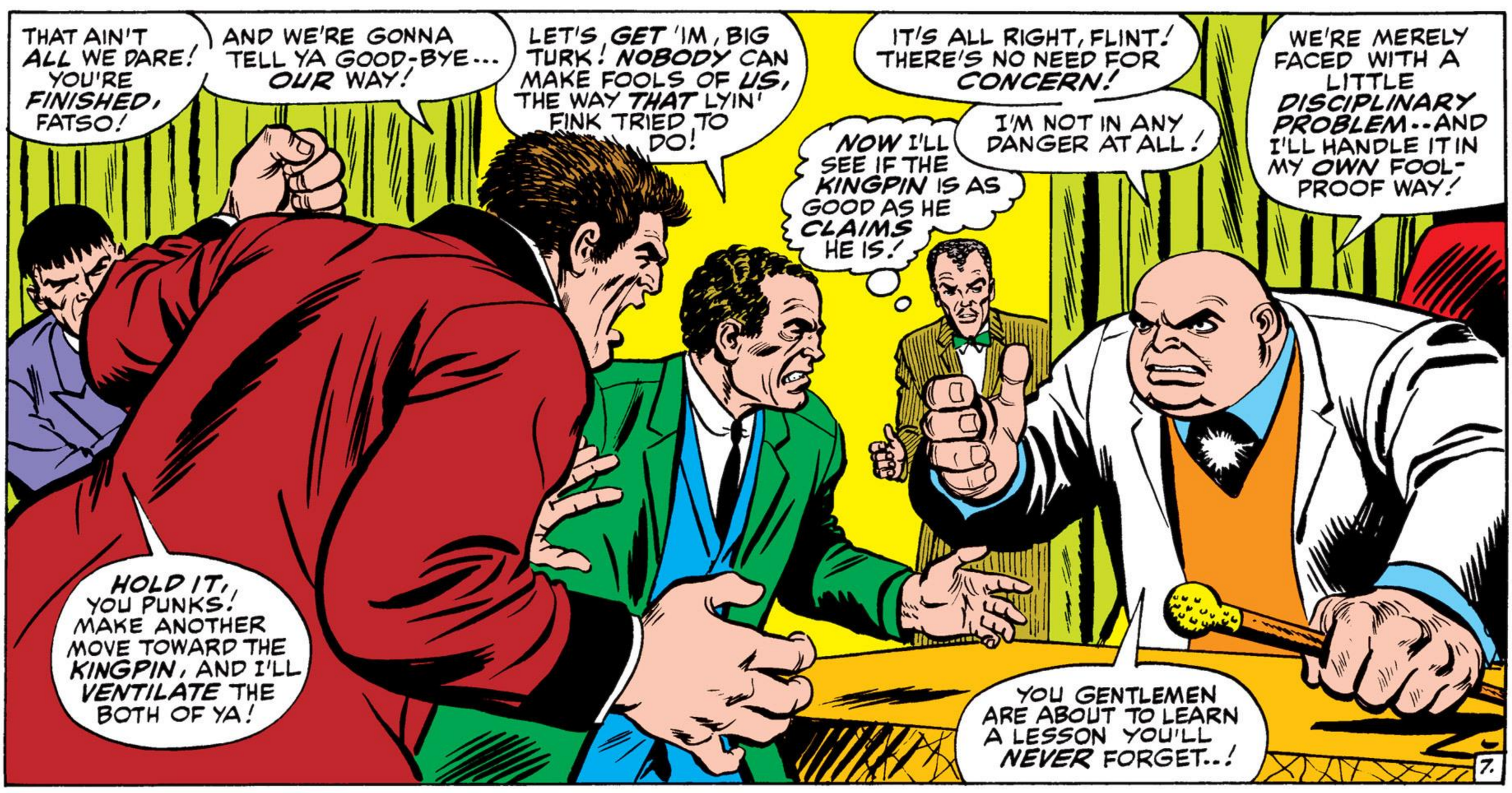
A MAN WITH HIS RATHER UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE MAY BE OF SOME USE TO ME!
AND A GOOD GENERAL NEVER LETS ANY MANPOWER GO TO WASTE!
BRING OUR GUEST IN HERE, FLINT!
IT'S TIME WE HAD A LITTLE TALK!


AND SO...
I THOUGHT YOU'D REALIZE YOU NEEDED ME, KINGPIN!
INDEED? WHAT MADE YOU SO SURE?
BECAUSE NOBODY'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO TAKE OVER ALL THE MOBS BEFORE... EXCEPT ME!
I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO KEEP THEM ALL IN LINE!
YOU'D BE A FOOL TO PASS UP ANY HELP YOU CAN GET!
AND THERE IS ONE THING WE BOTH KNOW...
THE KINGPIN IS NOT A FOOL!

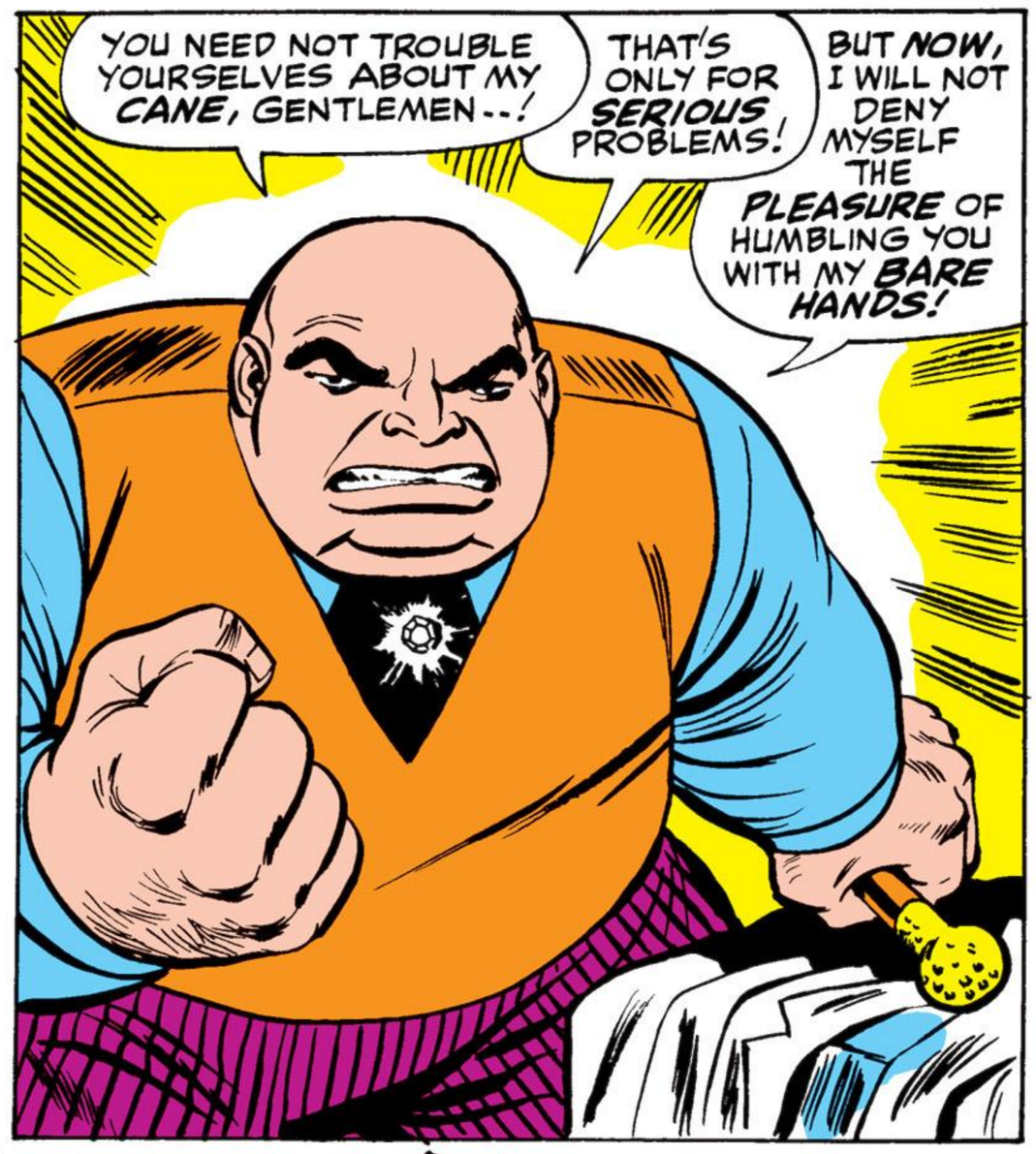

LET'S QUIT SPARRING WITH EACH OTHER, KINGPIN!
BEFORE WE DISCUSS TERMS, I NOTICE YOU'RE REACHING INTO YOUR POCKET...
IF WE'RE GONNA WORK TOGETHER, WHAT ARE YOUR TERMS?
THEREFORE, LET ME EXTEND A SLIGHT WARNING...
THE OBLITERATOR BEAM WITHIN MY WALKING STICK CAN ATOMIZE YOU BEFORE YOU CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE!
RELAX, MISTER! I'M NO CHEAP HOOD, REACHING FOR A GUN!

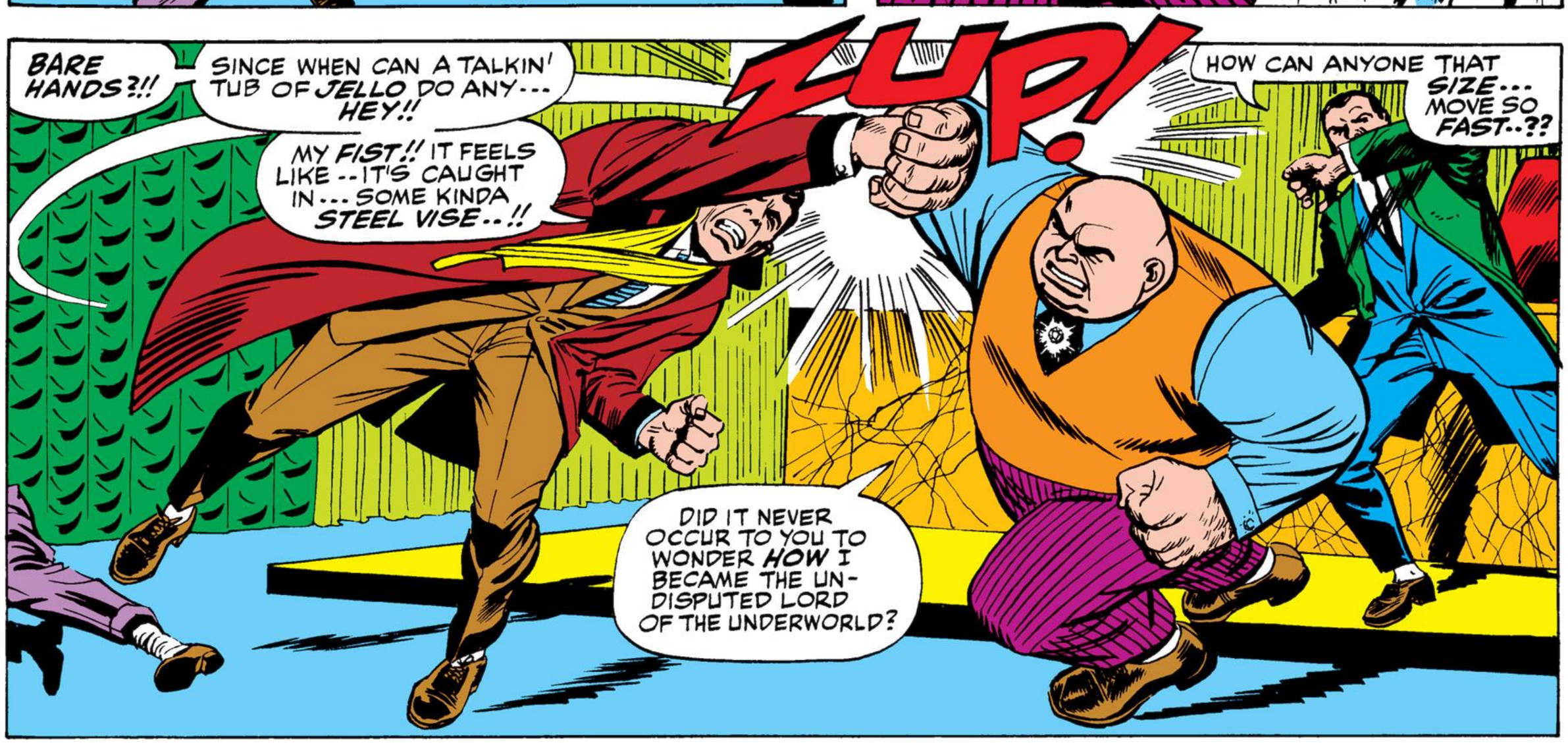
I DO MY FIGHTING WITH MY BRAINS!
FLINT! GIVE ME A LIGHT!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKIN' TO LITTLE MAN?
YOU HEARD THE MAN, FLINT! GIVE HIM A LIGHT!
KLIK!
OKAY! HERE..!
WE'LL GET ALONG JUST FINE, FOSWELL!
I LIKE YOUR STYLE!


SLAM!
SO! SPIDER-MAN'S OUT OF ACTION, HUH?
WHAT WERE YA TRYIN' TO PULL, YA FINK!
THUMP!
WE JUST GOT AWAY BY THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH!
BIG TURK!!
THEY SAW.. SPIDER-MAN??
YOU DARE BREAK IN HERE.. ON THE KINGPIN.. LIKE THIS?!!


THAT AIN'T ALL WE DARE! YOU'RE FINISHED, FATSO!
AND WE'RE GONNA TELL YA GOOD-BYE... OUR WAY!
LET'S GET 'IM, BIG TURK! NOBODY CAN MAKE FOOLS OF US, THE WAY THAT LYIN' FINK TRIED TO DO!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, FLINT! THERE'S NO NEED FOR CONCERN!
NOW I'LL SEE IF THE KINGPIN IS AS GOOD AS HE CLAIMS HE IS!
I'M NOT IN ANY DANGER AT ALL!
WE'RE MERELY FACED WITH A LITTLE DISCIPLINARY PROBLEM--AND I'LL HANDLE IT IN MY OWN FOOL-PROOF WAY!
HOLD IT, YOU PUNKS! MAKE ANOTHER MOVE TOWARD THE KINGPIN, AND I'LL VENTILATE THE BOTH OF YA!
YOU GENTLEMEN ARE ABOUT TO LEARN A LESSON YOU'LL NEVER FORGET..!

TALK IS CHEAP, FAT MAN!
THANKS FER HOLDIN' BACK YER STOOGE... NOW I'LL SHUT 'IM UP BUT GOOD!
AND THEN I'LL BOUNCE YOU ALL OVER THE PLACE... LIKE A HUNKA BLUBBER!
DON'T TURN YER BACK TO 'IM, TURK...
THOK!
HE'S STILL GOT THAT CRUMMY CANE OF HIS!

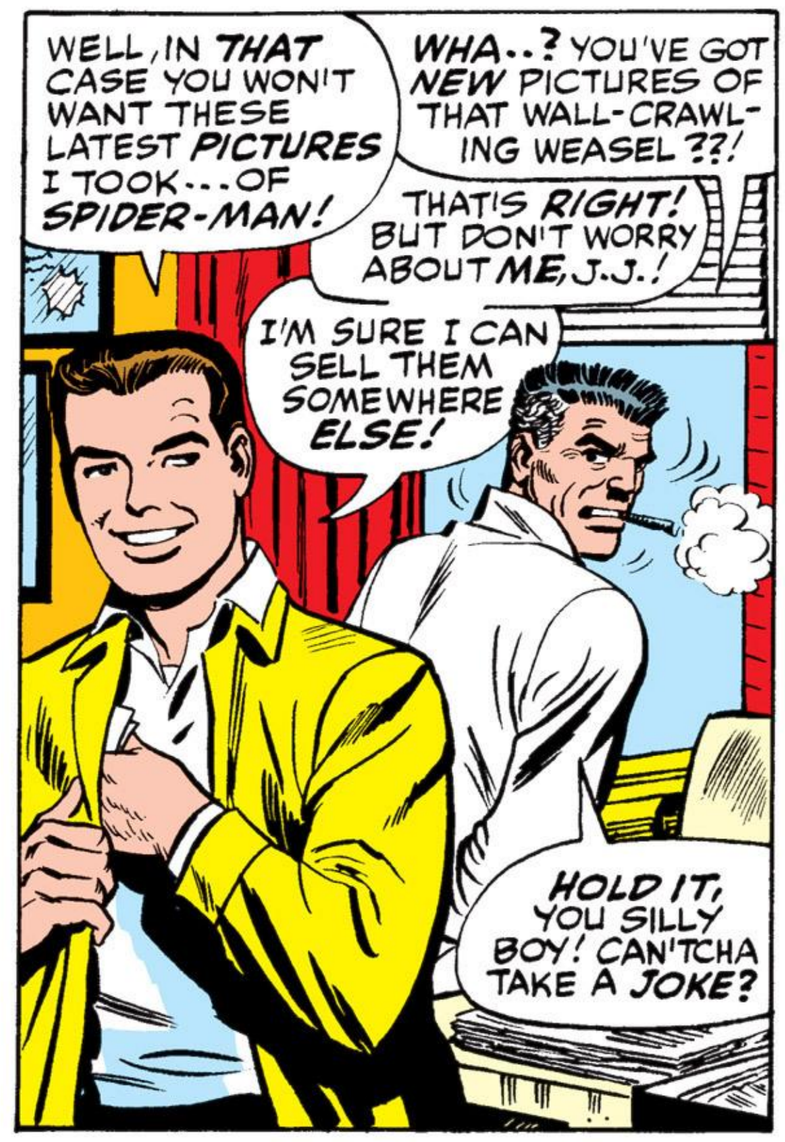

YOU NEED NOT TROUBLE YOURSELVES ABOUT MY CANE, GENTLEMEN--!
THAT'S ONLY FOR SERIOUS PROBLEMS!
BUT NOW, I WILL NOT DENY MYSELF THE PLEASURE OF HUMBLING YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS!


BARE HANDS?!!
SINCE WHEN CAN A TALKIN' TUB OF JELLO DO ANY... HEY!!
MY FIST!! IT FEELS LIKE--IT'S CAUGHT IN... SOME KINDA STEEL VISE..!!
ZUP!
HOW CAN ANYONE THAT SIZE... MOVE SO FAST..??
DID IT NEVER OCCUR TO YOU TO WONDER HOW I BECAME THE UN-DISPUTED LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD?

DID YOU NEVER SUSPECT THAT YOU MIGHT BE MISTAKEN?
...THAT YOU MIGHT BE CONFUSING SOLID MUSCLE FOR MERE FAT?
MY FINGERS!!
YER SQUEEZIN' 'EM--LIKE THEY'RE NUTHIN'!
LEGGO! I GIVE UP!! HONEST..YOU.. YOU GOTTA LEGGO..!!

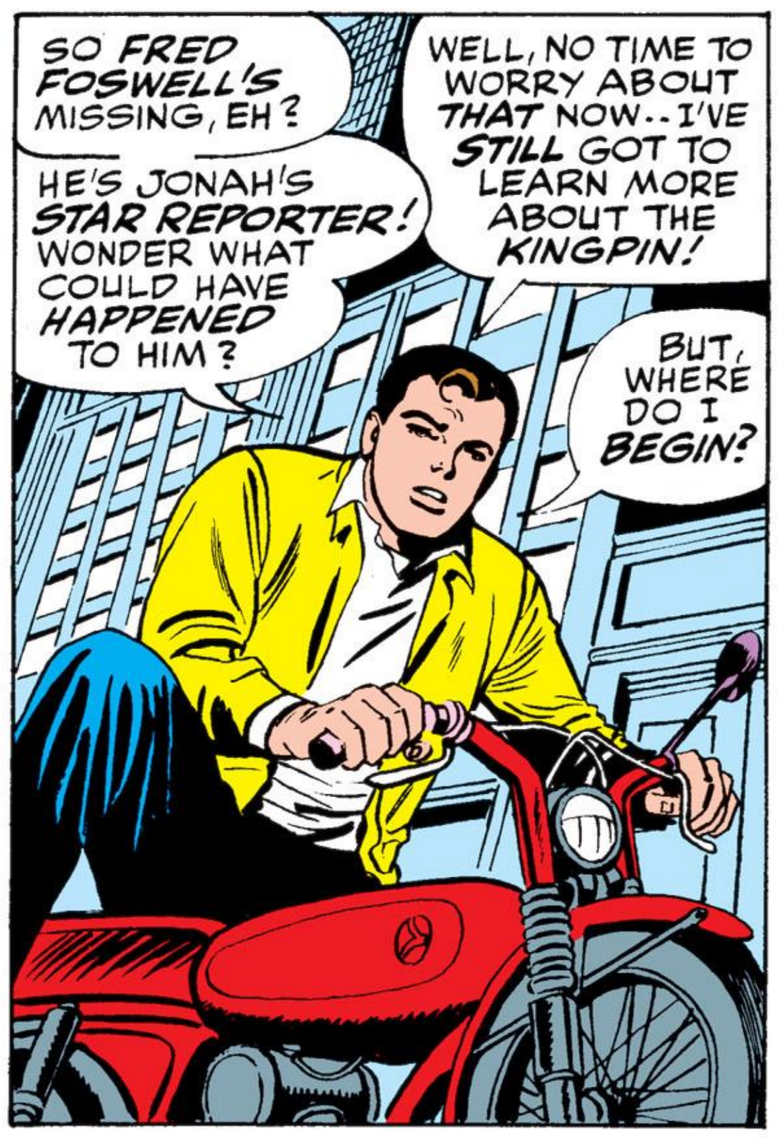
YOU SPINELESS FOOL! AFTER ALL YOUR BIG TALK... YOUR ILL-CONCEIVED THREATS... YOU'RE JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS...
WHEN YOU FINALLY FACE THE INCOMPREHENS-IBLE POWER OF THE KINGPIN, YOU BECOME A HELPLESS, SNIVEL-LING COWARD!

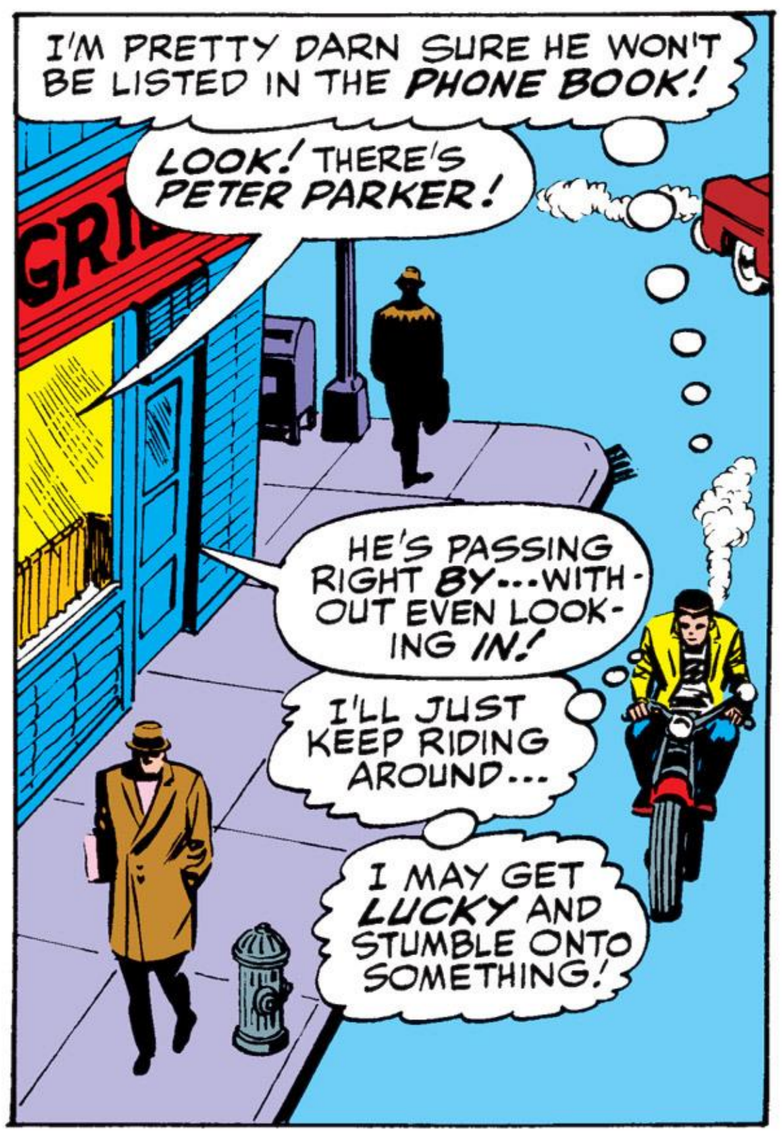
I WOULDN'T TAKE YOU BACK ON A BET!
YOU'VE BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE SINCE THE DAY YOU FIRST CAME HERE!
NOW GOWAN-- GET OUT! GO PEDDLE YOUR PAPERS SOMEWHERE ELSE! YOU'RE THROUGH HERE!
I THINK YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING!

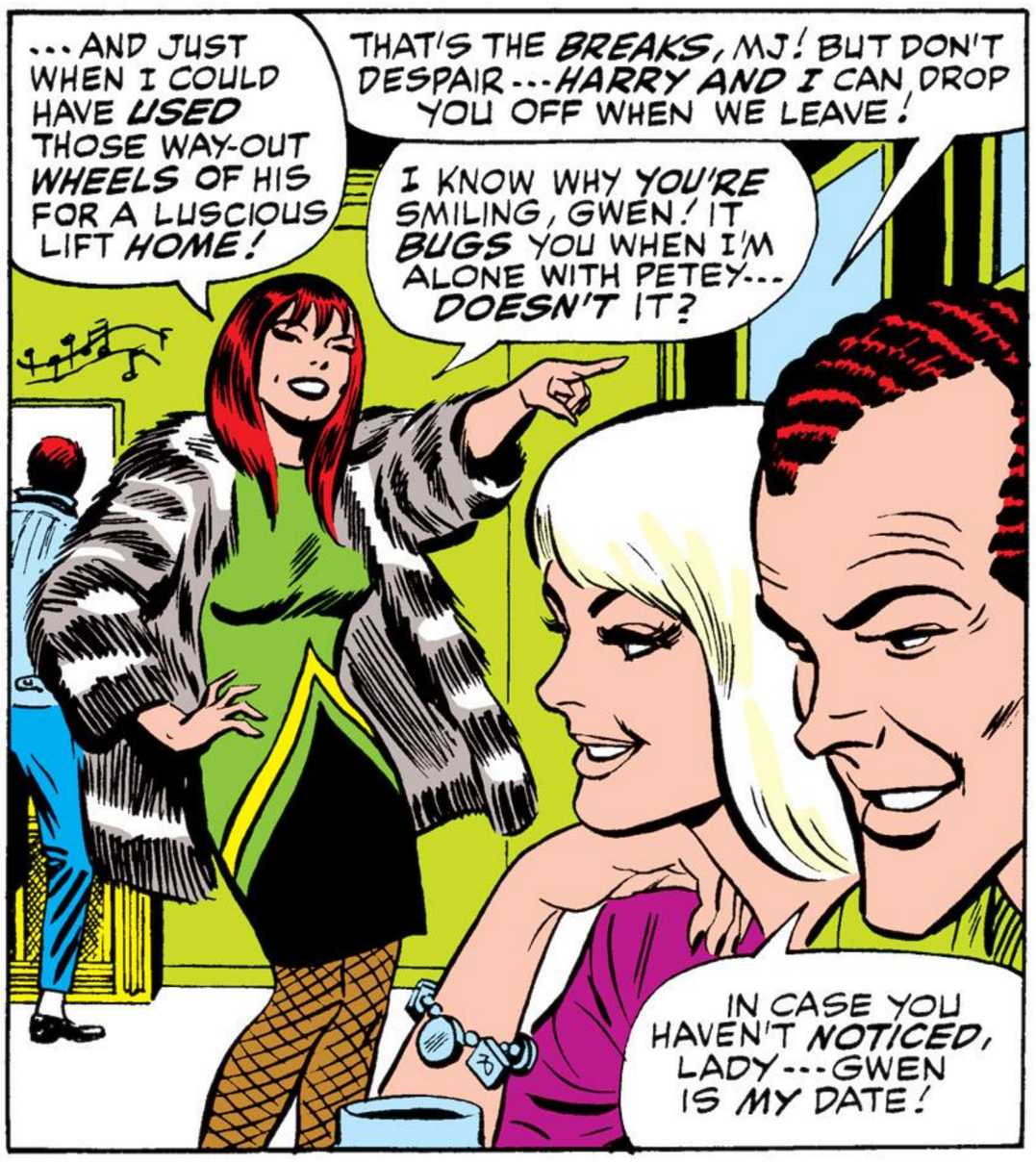

WELL, IN THAT CASE YOU WON'T WANT THESE LATEST PICTURES I TOOK...OF SPIDER-MAN!
WHA..? YOU'VE GOT NEW PICTURES OF THAT WALL-CRAWLING WEASEL ??!
THAT'S RIGHT! BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, J.J.!
I'M SURE I CAN SELL THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE!
HOLD IT, YOU SILLY BOY! CAN'TCHA TAKE A JOKE?

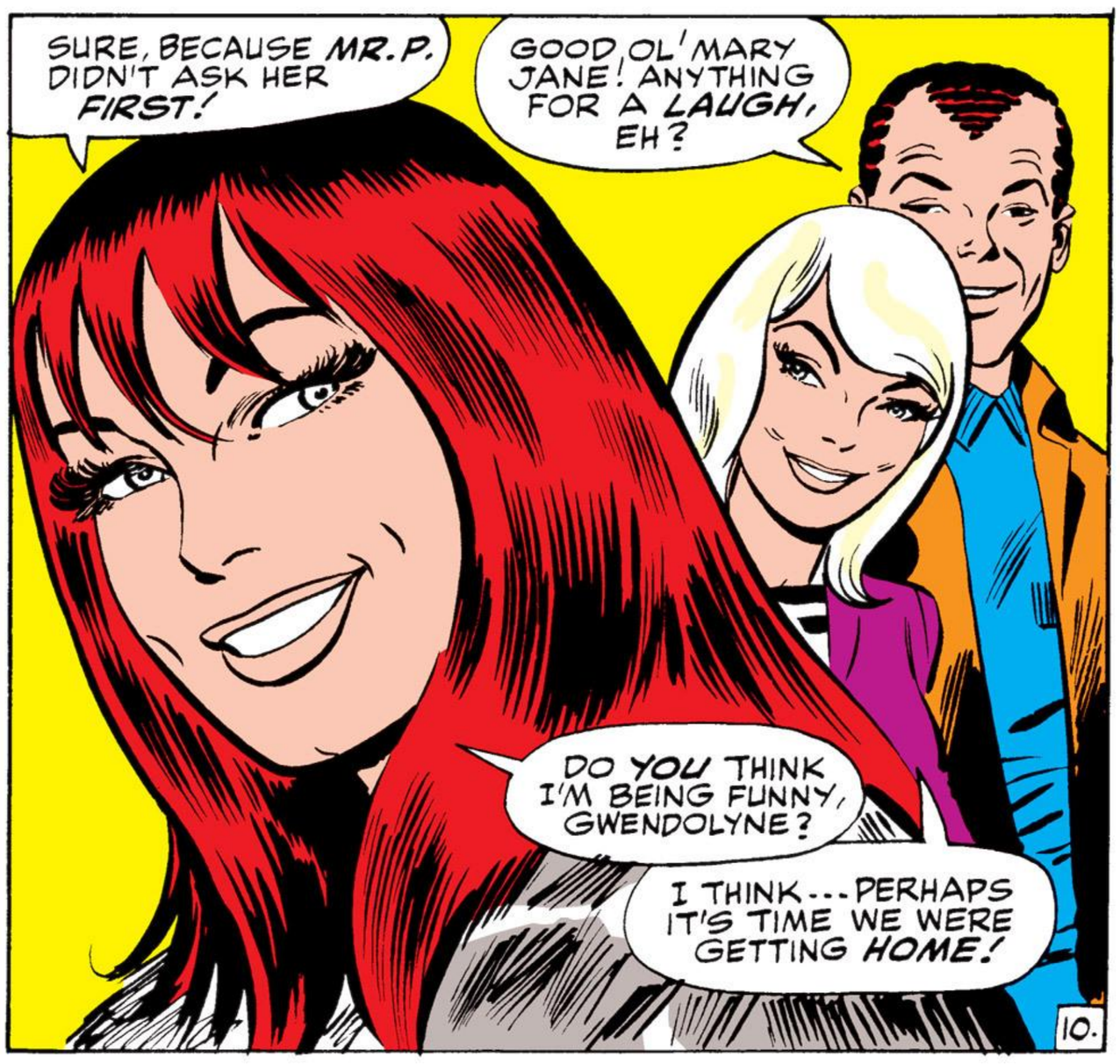
LET'S SEE THEM!
SAY! NOT BAD! NOT BAD AT ALL! SO HE IS BACK IN ACTION AGAIN, EH?
THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY, PARKER! I'VE DECIDED TO FORGIVE YOU AND TAKE YOU BACK!
NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU SANTA!

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THIS IS A HANGOUT FOR LOAFERS!!
LEEDS, GET TO WORK! MISS BRANT, FINISH YOUR FILING! AND PARKER...GET ME MORE PICTURES!
GLAD YOU'RE AS LOVEABLE AS EVER, JJ!
AND SOMEONE FIND FOSWELL FOR ME, BLAST IT!


SO FRED FOSWELL'S MISSING, EH?
HE'S JONAH'S STAR REPORTER! WONDER WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM?
WELL, NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW..I'VE STILL GOT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KINGPIN!
BUT, WHERE DO I BEGIN?


I'M PRETTY DARN SURE HE WON'T BE LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK!
LOOK! THERE'S PETER PARKER!
HE'S PASSING RIGHT BY...WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING IN!
I'LL JUST KEEP RIDING AROUND...
I MAY GET LUCKY AND STUMBLE ONTO SOMETHING!


...AND JUST WHEN I COULD HAVE USED THOSE WAY-OUT WHEELS OF HIS FOR A LUSCIOUS LIFT HOME!
THAT'S THE BREAKS, MJ! BUT DON'T DESPAIR...HARRY AND I CAN DROP YOU OFF WHEN WE LEAVE!
I KNOW WHY YOU'RE SMILING, GWEN! IT BUGS YOU WHEN I'M ALONE WITH PETEY... DOESN'T IT?
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, LADY...GWEN IS MY DATE!


SURE, BECAUSE MR. P. DIDN'T ASK HER FIRST!
GOOD OL' MARY JANE! ANYTHING FOR A LAUGH, EH?
DO YOU THINK I'M BEING FUNNY, GWENDOLYNE?
I THINK...PERHAPS IT'S TIME WE WERE GETTING HOME!

AND, IT'S TIME *WE* WERE BRACING FOR NEW *ACTION*--!

WHY IS MY *SPIDEY SENSE* TINGLING? ALL I SEE ARE *FOUR MEN*, ENTERING THAT SWANKY PRIVATE *CLUB*--!

BUT, I BETTER PARK MY BIKE AND GET INTO *COSTUME*--- JUST IN CASE!

NOTHING SEEMS TO BE *WRONG!* AND YET---

I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY *CHANCES!* MY LITTLE BUILT-IN *BUZZER* HASN'T EVER FAILED ME *YET!*

UH OH! I WAS *RIGHT!*

WHILE NOBODY ELSE IS *NOTICING*, THOSE FOUR GOONS HAVE THE *MANAGER* OFF IN A CORNER---

AND I CAN TELL--- EVEN FROM *HERE*--- THAT THEY'RE ABOUT TO *LEAN* ON HIM!

ONE OF 'EM IS PULLING A *GUN!*

NO TIME TO FIND AN OPEN WINDOW-- I'VE GOTTA *MOVE*--!!

THE *KINGPIN* DON'T LIKE JOES WHO GIVE US ANY *TROUBLE*, SEE??

THEN THE *KINGPIN* IS GONNA BE REAL *ANNOYED* AT YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD *SPIDER-MAN*, GENTS!

HEADS UP, YOU GUYS! IT'S THE *WALL-CRAWLER* AGAIN!!

CRASH!

YOU OUGHTTA BE *ASHAMED* OF YOURSELVES!

NOT ONLY DO YOU TRY TO *HIJACK* ONE OF THE *CLASSIEST* PLACES IN TOWN---

--- BUT YOU DIDN'T EVEN PHONE AHEAD TO MAKE A *RESERVATION!*

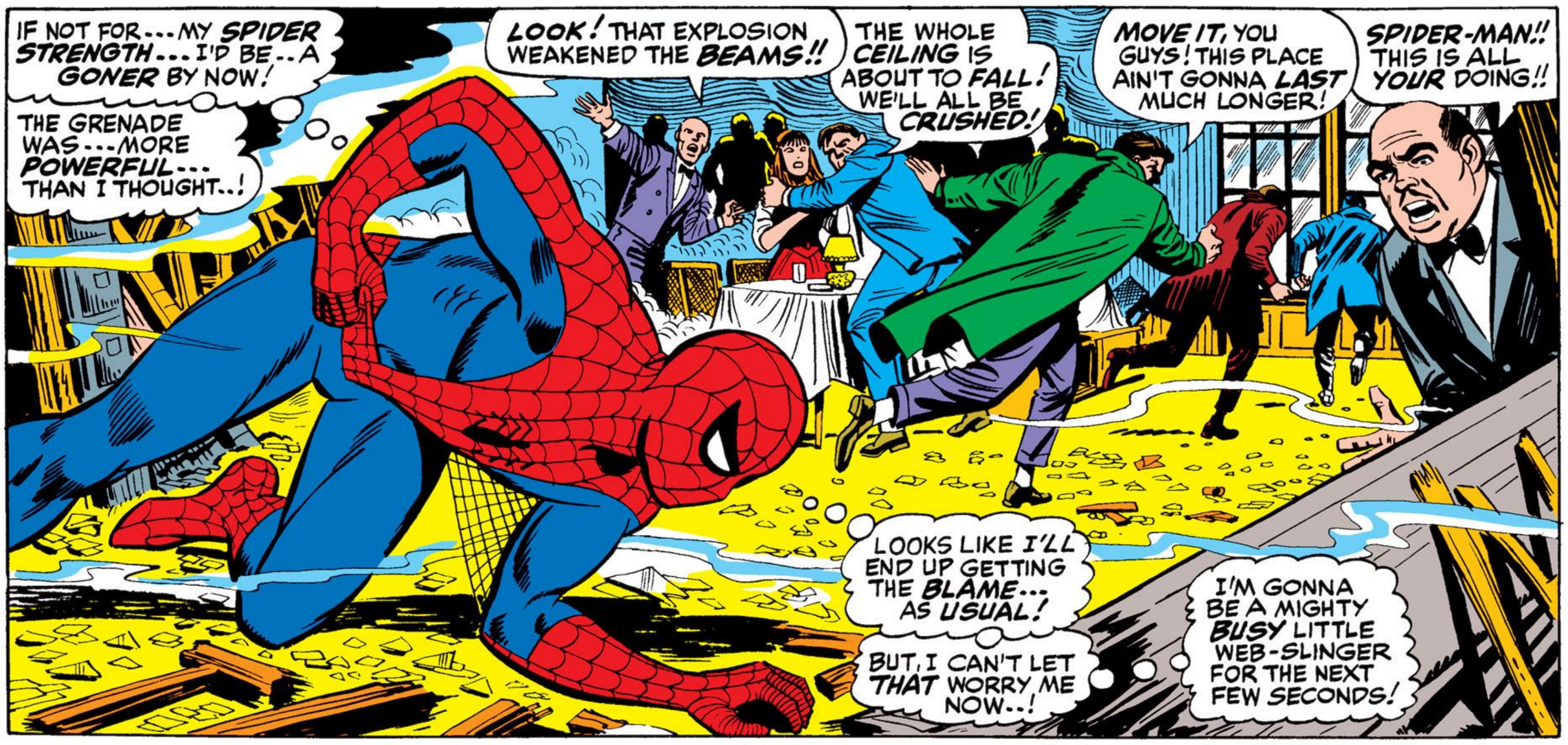
UHH!

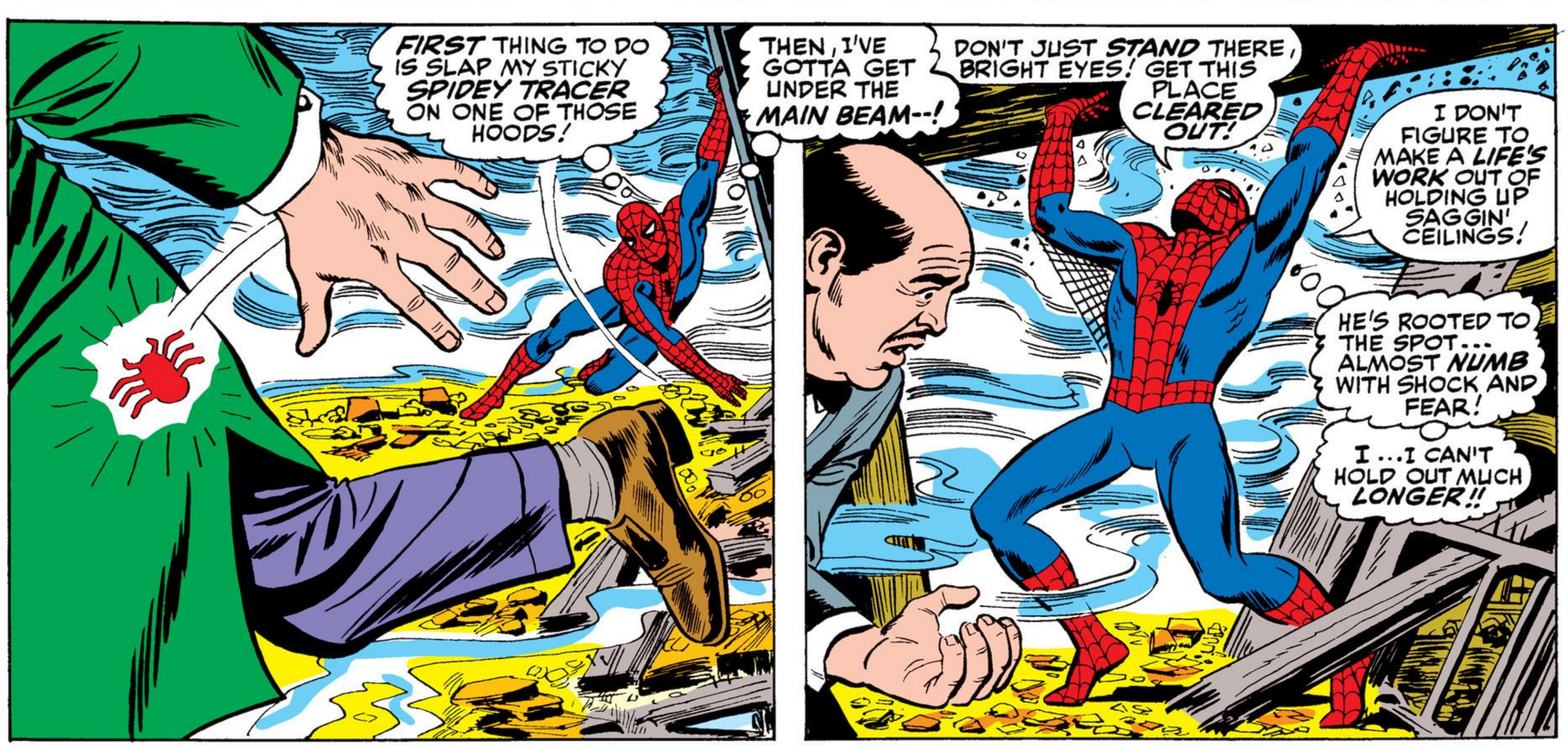
OOOFF!

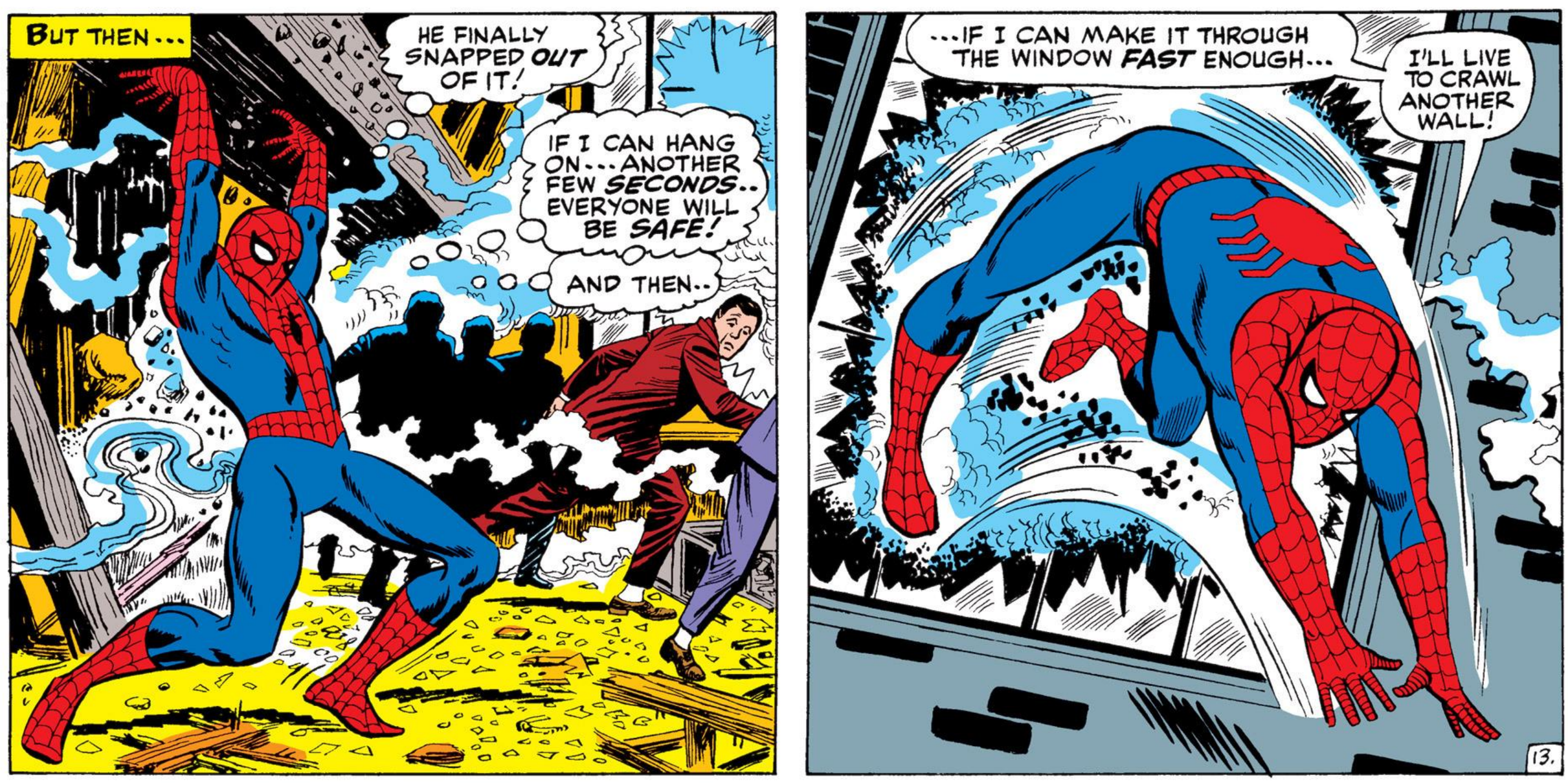
TSK TSK! HOW *GAUCHE* CAN YOU BE?

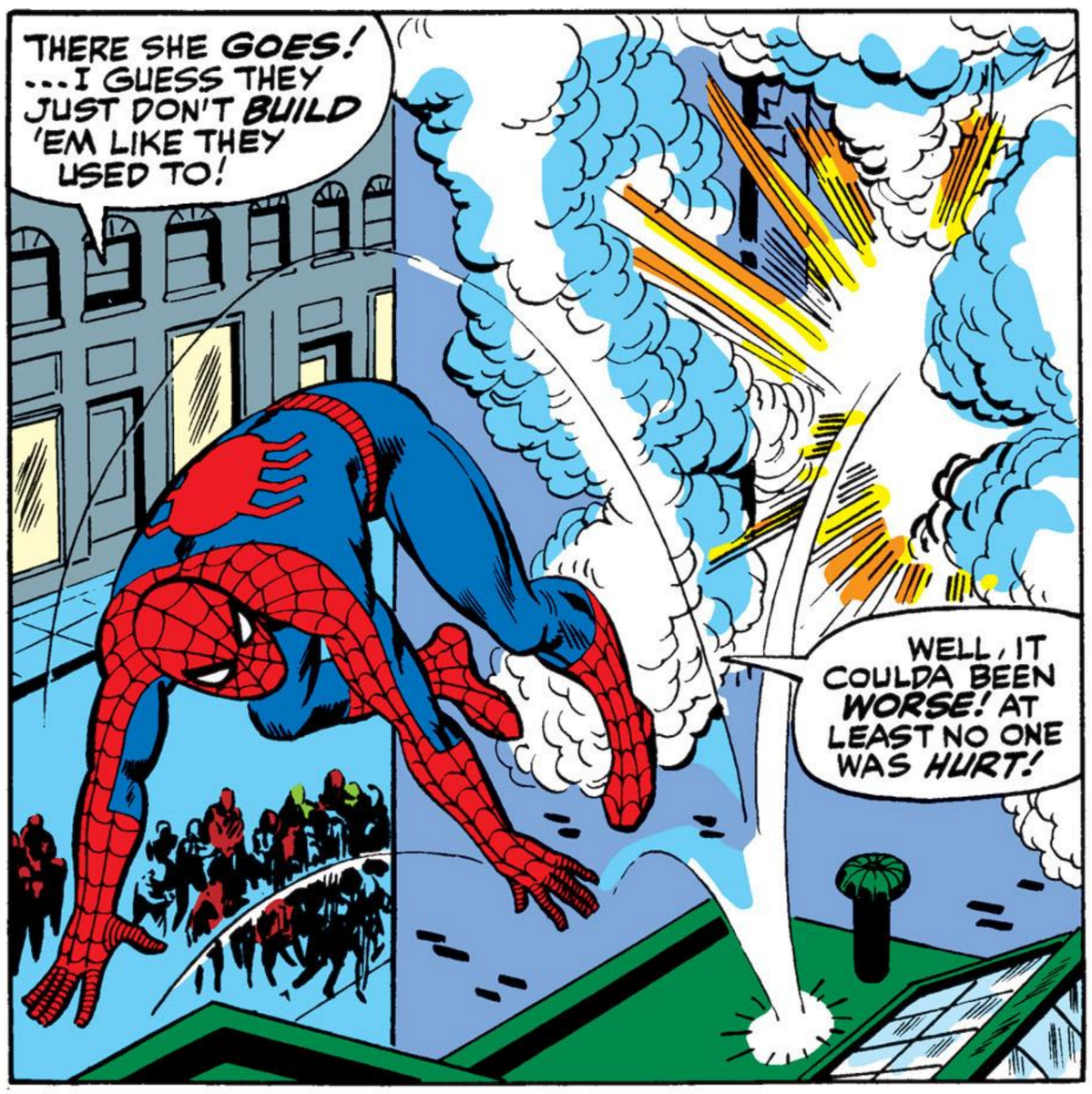
LOOK OUT!!

STOP 'IM, YOU GUYS! HE'S RUININ' THE WHOLE BIT!
WADDA YA THINK WE'RE TRYIN' TO...
YUMMPFF!
SPAK!
WOK!
FTUMPT!
LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU CLOWNS JUST WAVE A WHITE FLAG AND SAVE US ALL A LOT OF TROUBLE!
--YOU'VE EARNED YOUR-SELVES AN A-FOR-EFFORT, ANYWAY!
BTAK!
CHARLIE!! HURRY UP! USE THE GIMMICK!!
YOU SURE ARE GLUTTONS FOR PUNISHMENT!
DON'T WORRY, SMART GUY... YOU'RE GONNA FIND OUT RIGHT NOW!
HOW ABOUT CLUIN' ME IN ON WHICH ONE IS CHARLIE... AND WHAT THE GIMMICK IS?
MUST BE THE ONE WHO'S STILL STANDING.. PULLING AN EXPLOSIVE OUT OF HIS POCKET!
IT'S SOME KIND OF GRENADE...
MINIATURIZED... JUST BIG ENOUGH TO STUN THE ONE WHO GETS... UNHHHH!!
PTOWW!
THAT DID IT!! YA GOT'IM!
YEAH.. YEAH! NOW LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.. WHILE WE STILL CAN!

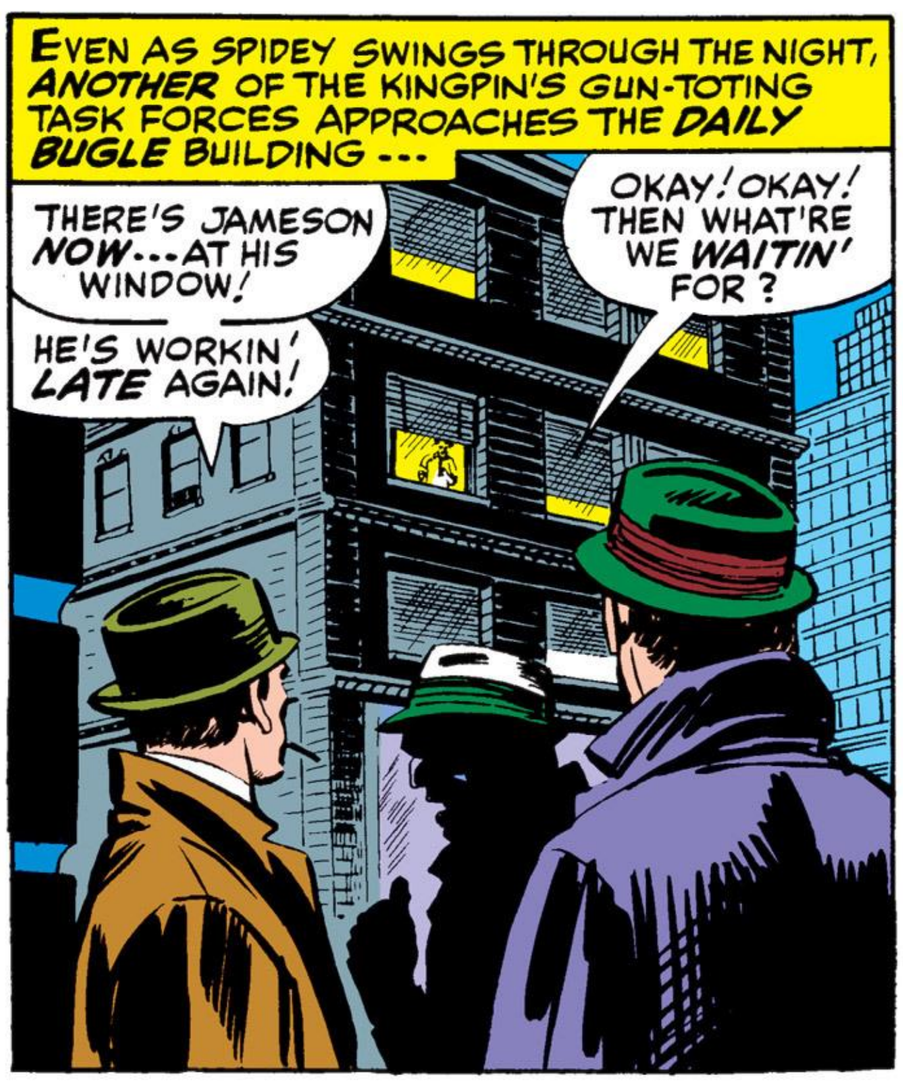

IF NOT FOR...MY SPIDER STRENGTH...I'D BE..A GONER BY NOW!
THE GRENADE WAS...MORE POWERFUL... THAN I THOUGHT..!
LOOK! THAT EXPLOSION WEAKENED THE BEAMS!!
THE WHOLE CEILING IS ABOUT TO FALL! WE'LL ALL BE CRUSHED!
MOVE IT, YOU GUYS! THIS PLACE AIN'T GONNA LAST MUCH LONGER!
SPIDER-MAN!! THIS IS ALL YOUR DOING!!
LOOKS LIKE I'LL END UP GETTING THE BLAME... AS USUAL!
BUT, I CAN'T LET THAT WORRY ME NOW..!
I'M GONNA BE A MIGHTY BUSY LITTLE WEB-SLINGER FOR THE NEXT FEW SECONDS!


FIRST THING TO DO IS SLAP MY STICKY SPIDEY TRACER ON ONE OF THOSE HOODS!
THEN, I'VE GOTTA GET UNDER THE MAIN BEAM--!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, BRIGHT EYES! GET THIS PLACE CLEARED OUT!
I DON'T FIGURE TO MAKE A LIFE'S WORK OUT OF HOLDING UP SAGGIN' CEILINGS!
HE'S ROOTED TO THE SPOT... ALMOST NUMB WITH SHOCK AND FEAR!
I...I CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER!!


BUT THEN...
HE FINALLY SNAPPED OUT OF IT!
IF I CAN HANG ON...ANOTHER FEW SECONDS.. EVERYONE WILL BE SAFE!
AND THEN..
...IF I CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THE WINDOW FAST ENOUGH...
I'LL LIVE TO CRAWL ANOTHER WALL!

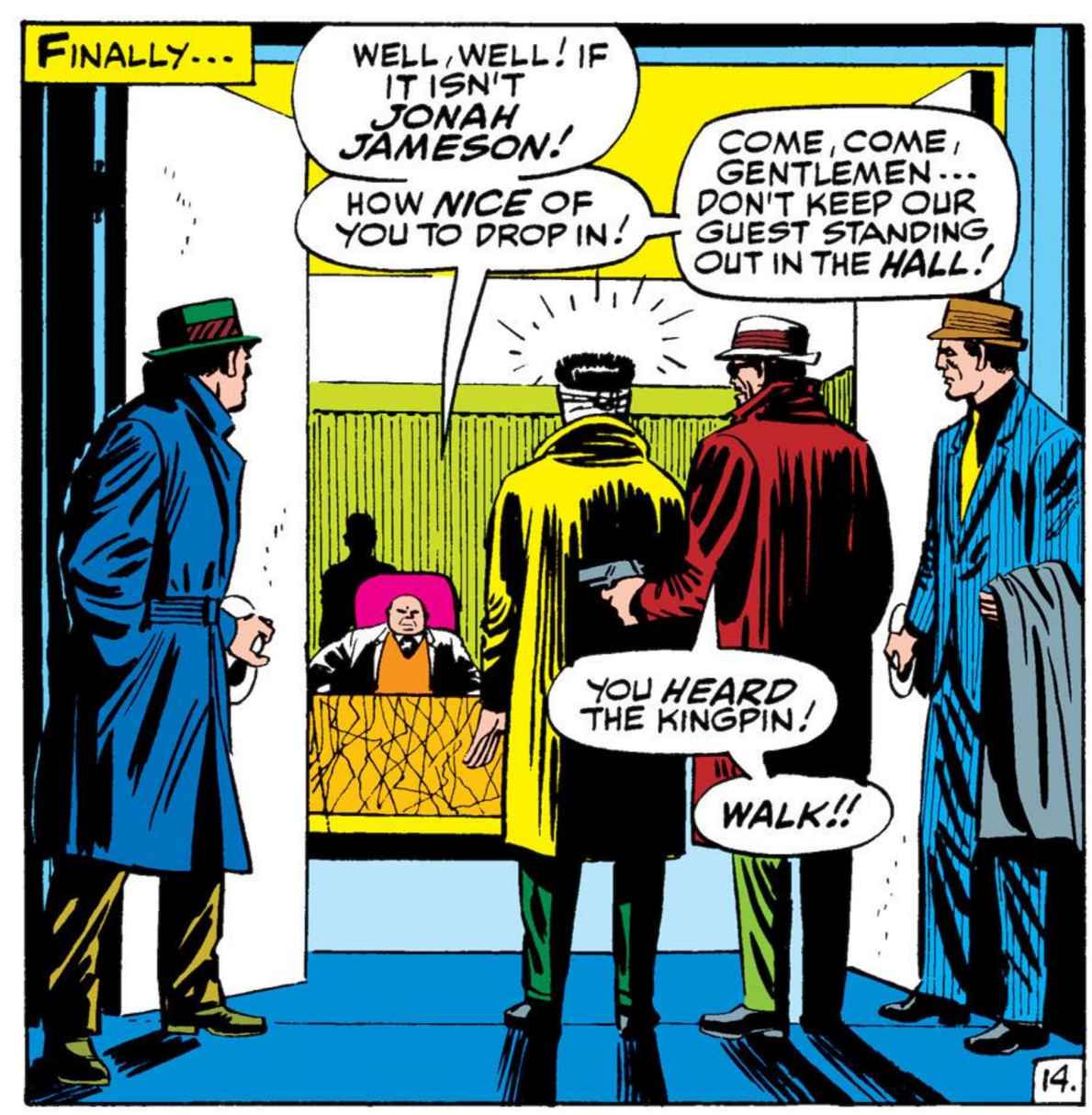

THERE SHE GOES! ...I GUESS THEY JUST DON'T BUILD 'EM LIKE THEY USED TO!
WELL, IT COULDA BEEN WORSE! AT LEAST NO ONE WAS HURT!

NOW, ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS PICK UP MY LITTLE TRACER'S TRAIL!
AND, UNLESS I'M WAY OFF BASE, IT'LL LEAD ME RIGHT TO COUSIN KINGPIN!


EVEN AS SPIDEY SWINGS THROUGH THE NIGHT, ANOTHER OF THE KINGPIN'S GUN-TOTING TASK FORCES APPROACHES THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING ---
THERE'S JAMESON NOW...AT HIS WINDOW!
HE'S WORKIN' LATE AGAIN!
OKAY! OKAY! THEN WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR?

ON YOUR FEET, MISTER! YOU BEEN WORKIN' TOO HARD... SO WE'RE GIVIN' YOU A VACATION!
YEAH! WE'RE TAKIN' YA FOR A NICE LITTLE RIDE...TO VISIT THE KINGPIN!
THE KINGPIN! THEN...I WAS RIGHT! THERE IS SOMEONE BEHIND THE CRIME WAVE!
BUT... WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH ME??

BRIEF MINUTES LATER...
ARE YOU NICE AND COMFY, JAMESON?
THIS IS INSANE! NOBODY GETS TAKEN FOR RIDES ANY MORE...
WHEN THE KINGPIN SAYS RIDE, BROTHER.. YOU RIDE!
WHO IN BLAZES IS THE KINGPIN??
..EXCEPT ON THE UNTOUCHABLES!
HE'S OUR SCOUTMASTER! NOW SHUDDUP!


FINALLY...
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T JONAH JAMESON!
HOW NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN!
COME, COME, GENTLEMEN... DON'T KEEP OUR GUEST STANDING OUT IN THE HALL!
YOU HEARD THE KINGPIN!
WALK!!

I KNOW WHAT A BUSY MAN YOU ARE, SO I'LL COME RIGHT TO THE POINT..
I WANT YOU TO STOP STEAMING UP THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE SO-CALLED CRIME WAVE HERE IN THE CITY!
IN A PIG'S EYE! NOBODY TELLS ME WHAT TO WRITE IN MY PAPER!
EXCELLENT! SPOKEN LIKE THE TRUE CRUSADER THAT YOU ARE!
I APPLAUD YOUR OBVIOUS COURAGE...
BUT ALAS...YOU WILL LIVE TO REGRET IT!

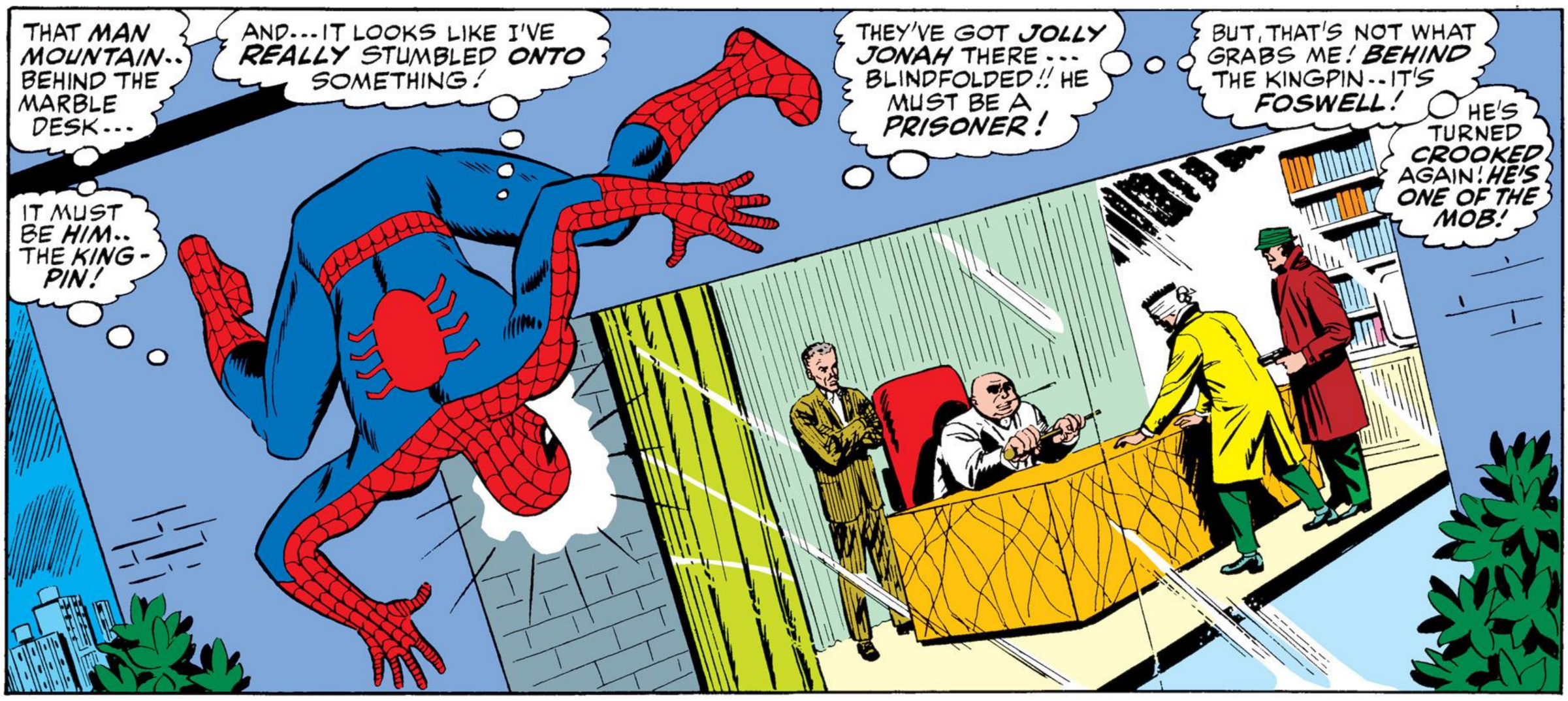
WHAT..DO YOU... MEAN? WHAT ARE YOU..GONNA DO??
ALL IN GOOD TIME, JAMESON!! BUT FIRST... WHAT IS THIS?
IT'S CHARLIE AND HIS BOYS, KINGPIN! THEY SAY THAT SPIDER-MAN KIBOSHED THE CAPER!
SPIDER-MAN.. AGAIN?!!

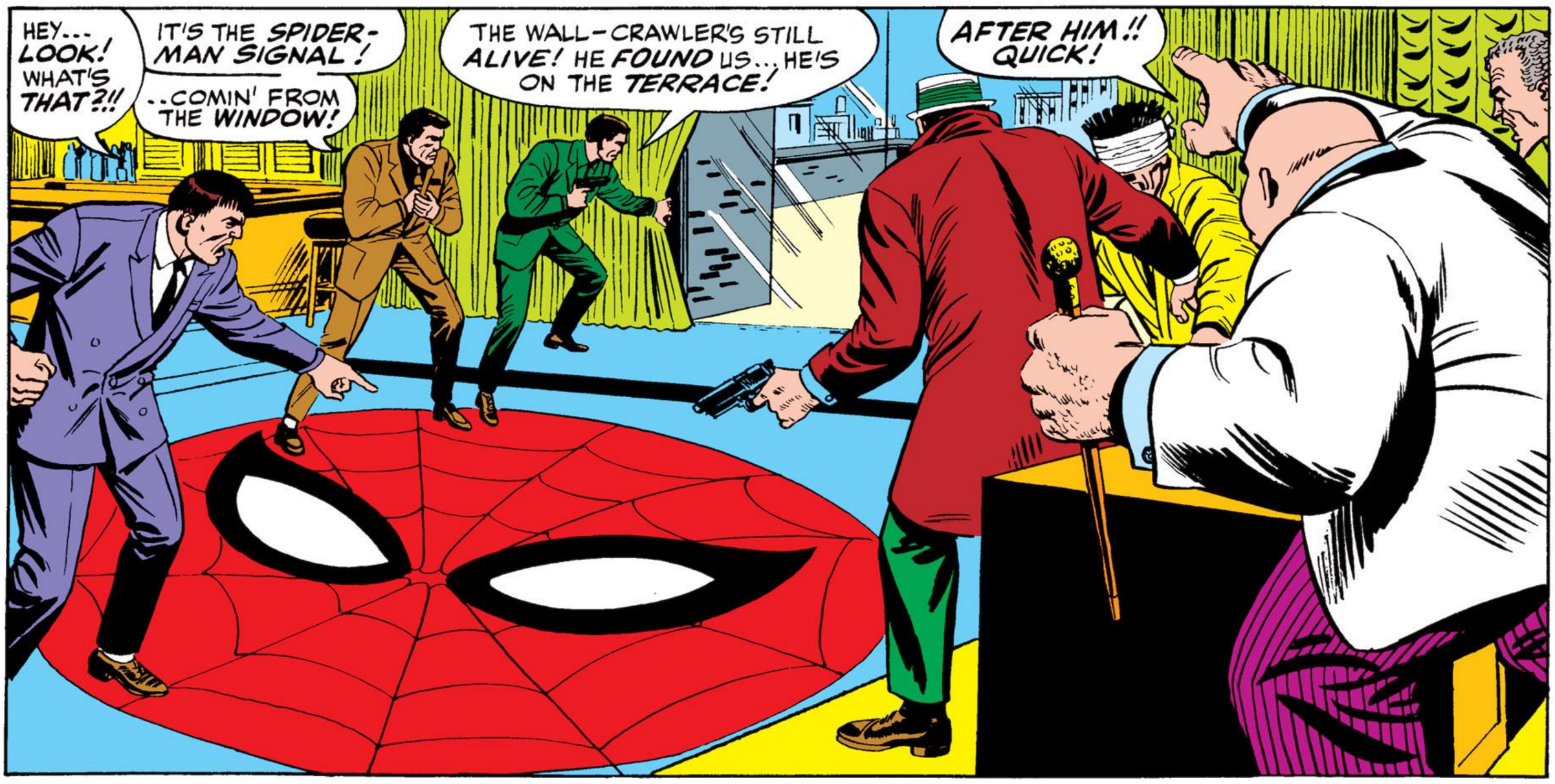
BUT THE WHOLE JOINT CAVED IN... AND HE WAS STILL INSIDE!
I FIGGER WE KISSED 'IM OFF AT LAST!
IN THAT CASE, YOUR MISSION SUCCEEDED.. BEYOND MY FONDEST HOPES!
BUT NOW, I STILL HAVE ANOTHER MINOR MATTER TO DISPOSE OF..!

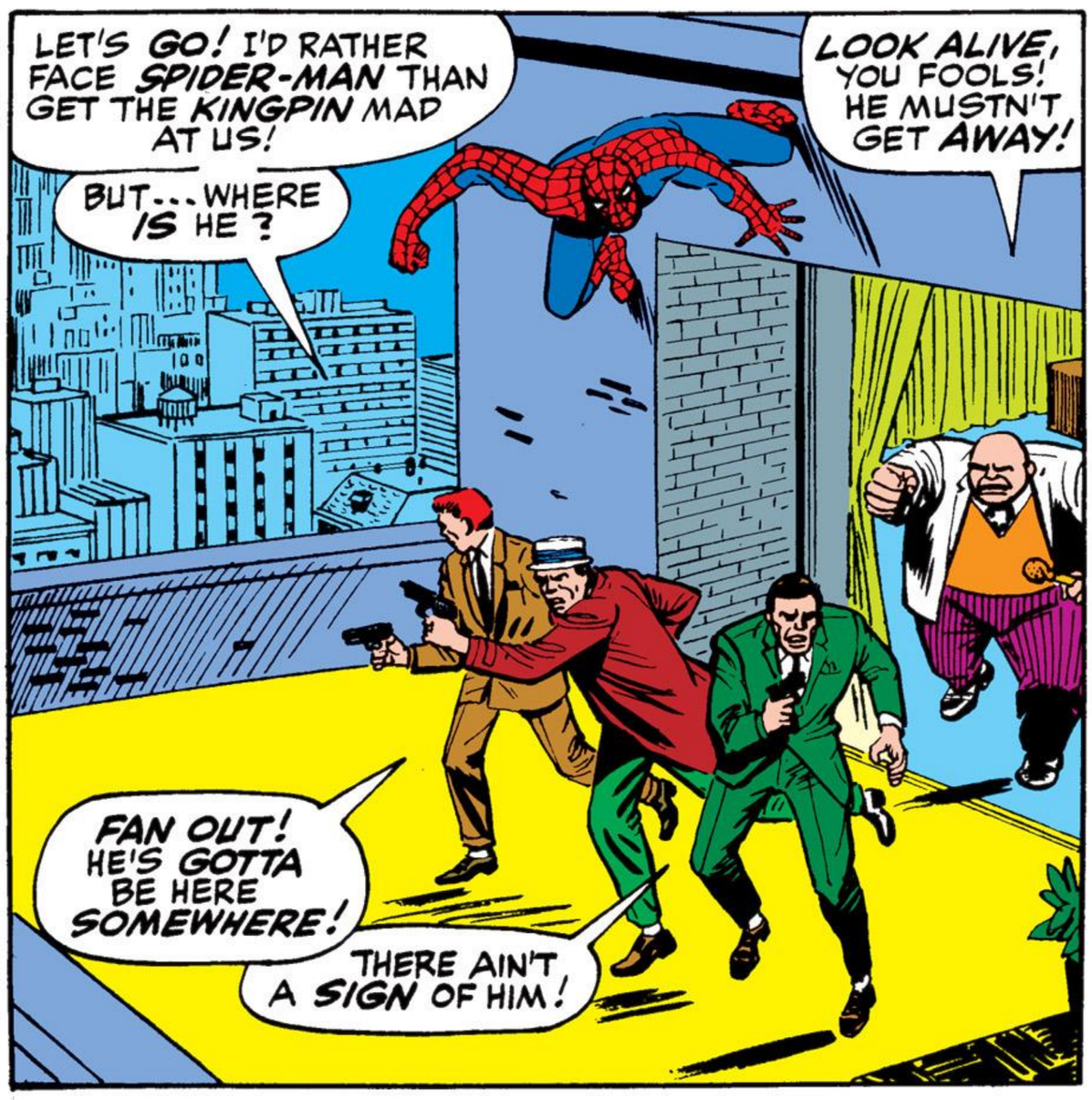
FOSWELL, WOULD YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH TO INFORM OUR GUEST THAT THE KINGPIN DOES NOT PLAY GAMES?
WHA--WHAT DID YOU MENTION MY NAME FOR ??
TO BE SURE YOU DO NOT TRY TO BETRAY ME!
ONCE IT IS KNOWN THAT YOU'VE RETURNED TO CRIME... YOU CAN NEVER TURN BACK!
HE'S FAR CLEVERER.. FAR MORE DEADLY..THAN I THOUGHT!
IF JAMESON DOESN'T PLAY ALONG... IT'LL MEAN HIS LIFE!

FOSWELL! ARE YOU REALLY THERE?
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'VE JOINED FORCES WITH THE KINGPIN??
NEVER MIND ABOUT ME, JAMESON!
I'M ADVISING YOU... DO WHAT THE KINGPIN TELLS YOU TO!
SO! I WAS WRONG TO EVER TRUST YOU!!
YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN...THAT SKUNK SPIDER-MAN!

AND, SPEAKING OF SPIDEY...
ACCORDING TO MY LITTLE TRACER, THE TRAIL ENDS IN THAT PENTHOUSE JUST AHEAD!


THAT MAN MOUNTAIN.. BEHIND THE MARBLE DESK...
AND...IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE REALLY STUMBLED ONTO SOMETHING!
IT MUST BE HIM.. THE KING-PIN!
THEY'VE GOT JOLLY JONAH THERE... BLINDFOLDED!! HE MUST BE A PRISONER!
BUT, THAT'S NOT WHAT GRABS ME! BEHIND THE KINGPIN..IT'S FOSWELL!
HE'S TURNED CROOKED AGAIN! HE'S ONE OF THE MOB!


HEY... LOOK! WHAT'S THAT?!!
IT'S THE SPIDER-MAN SIGNAL!
..COMIN' FROM THE WINDOW!
THE WALL-CRAWLER'S STILL ALIVE! HE FOUND US... HE'S ON THE TERRACE!
AFTER HIM!! QUICK!


LET'S GO! I'D RATHER FACE SPIDER-MAN THAN GET THE KINGPIN MAD AT US!
BUT...WHERE IS HE?
LOOK ALIVE, YOU FOOLS! HE MUSTN'T GET AWAY!
FAN OUT! HE'S GOTTA BE HERE SOMEWHERE!
THERE AIN'T A SIGN OF HIM!

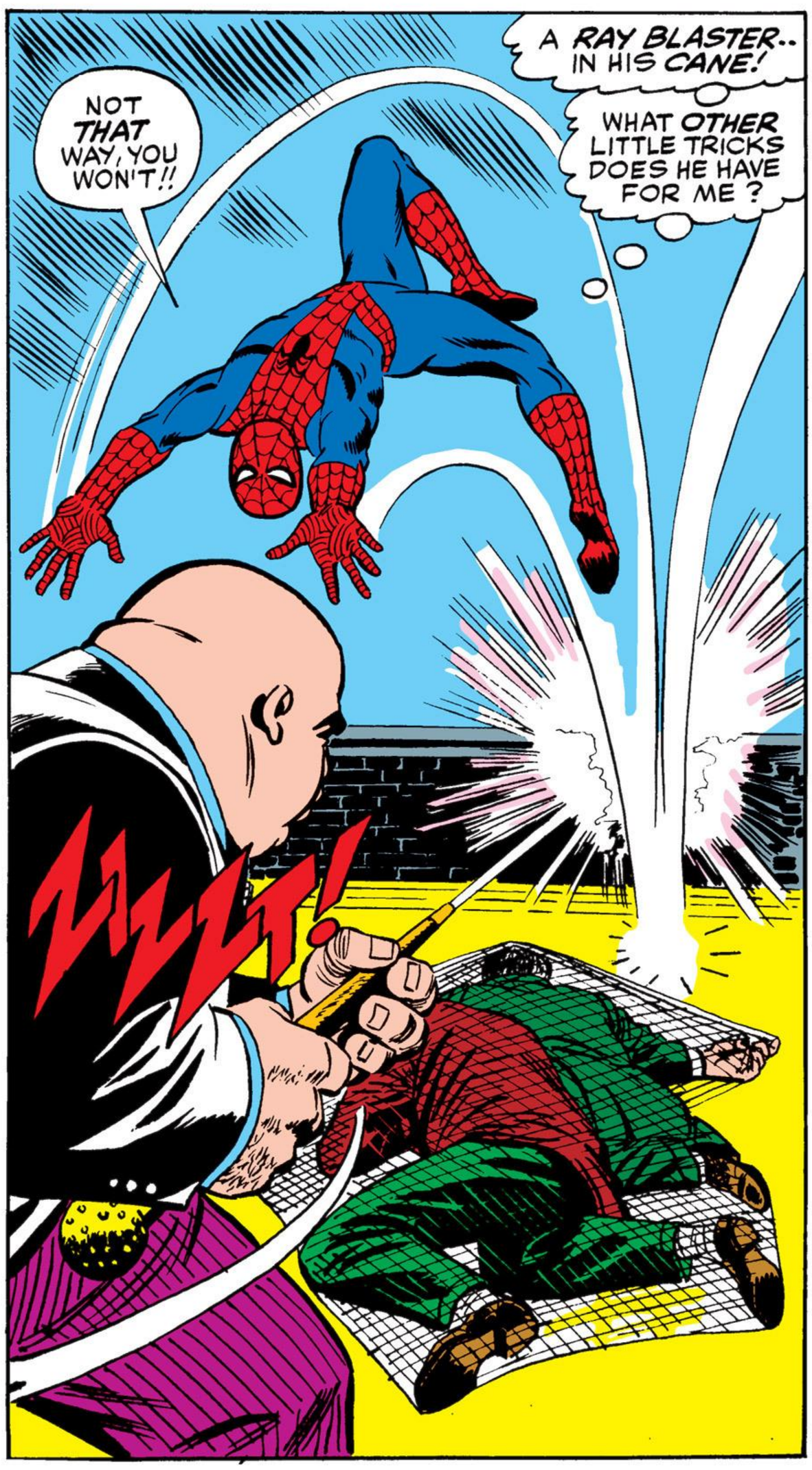
THANKS, BOYS! NICE OF YOU TO MAKE A FELLA FEEL WANTED!
THERE HE IS!
NOW YOU TELL US!

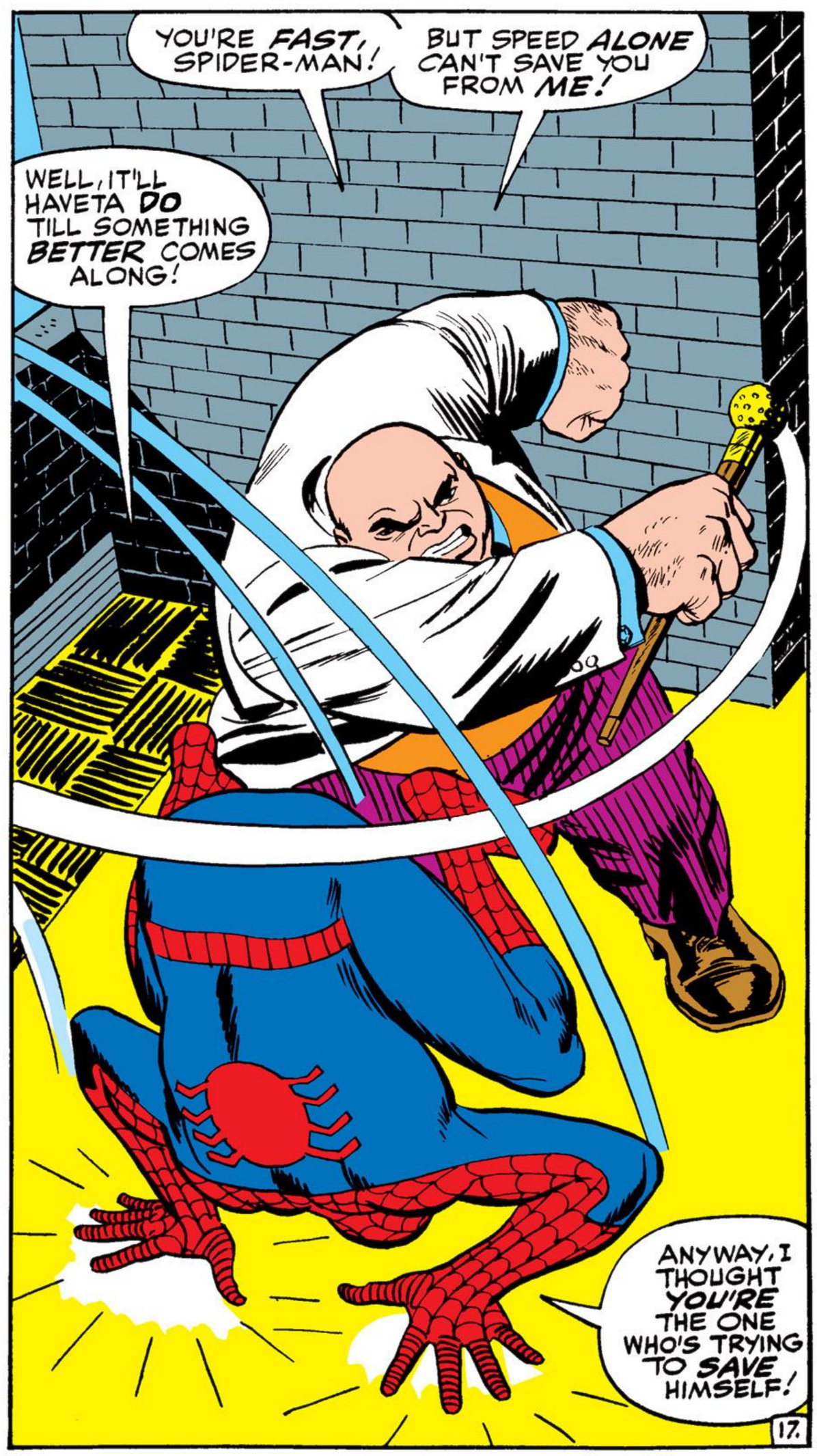
AND NOW... SINCE IT'S PAST YOUR BEDTIME..!

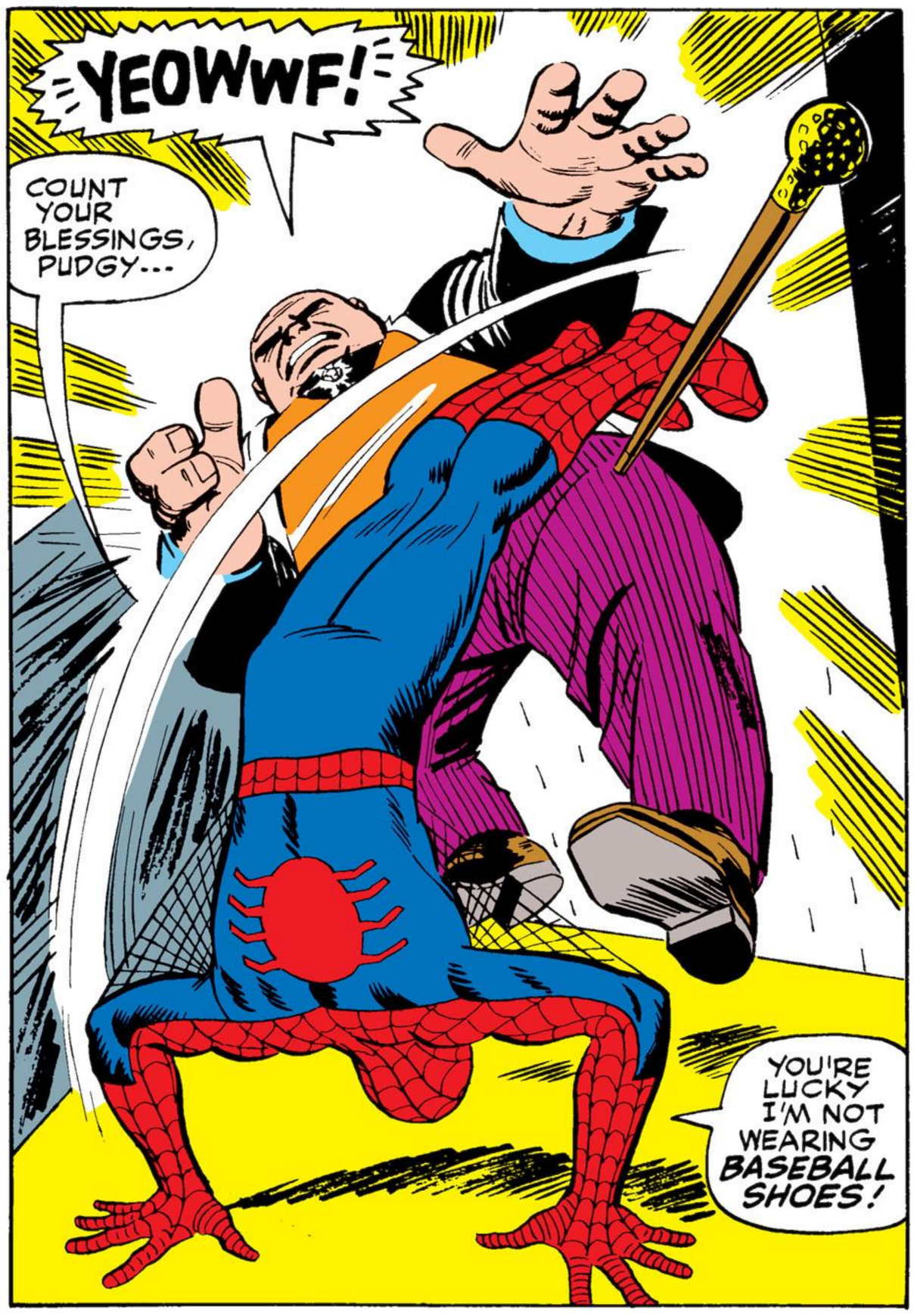
HE'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN I THOUGHT!

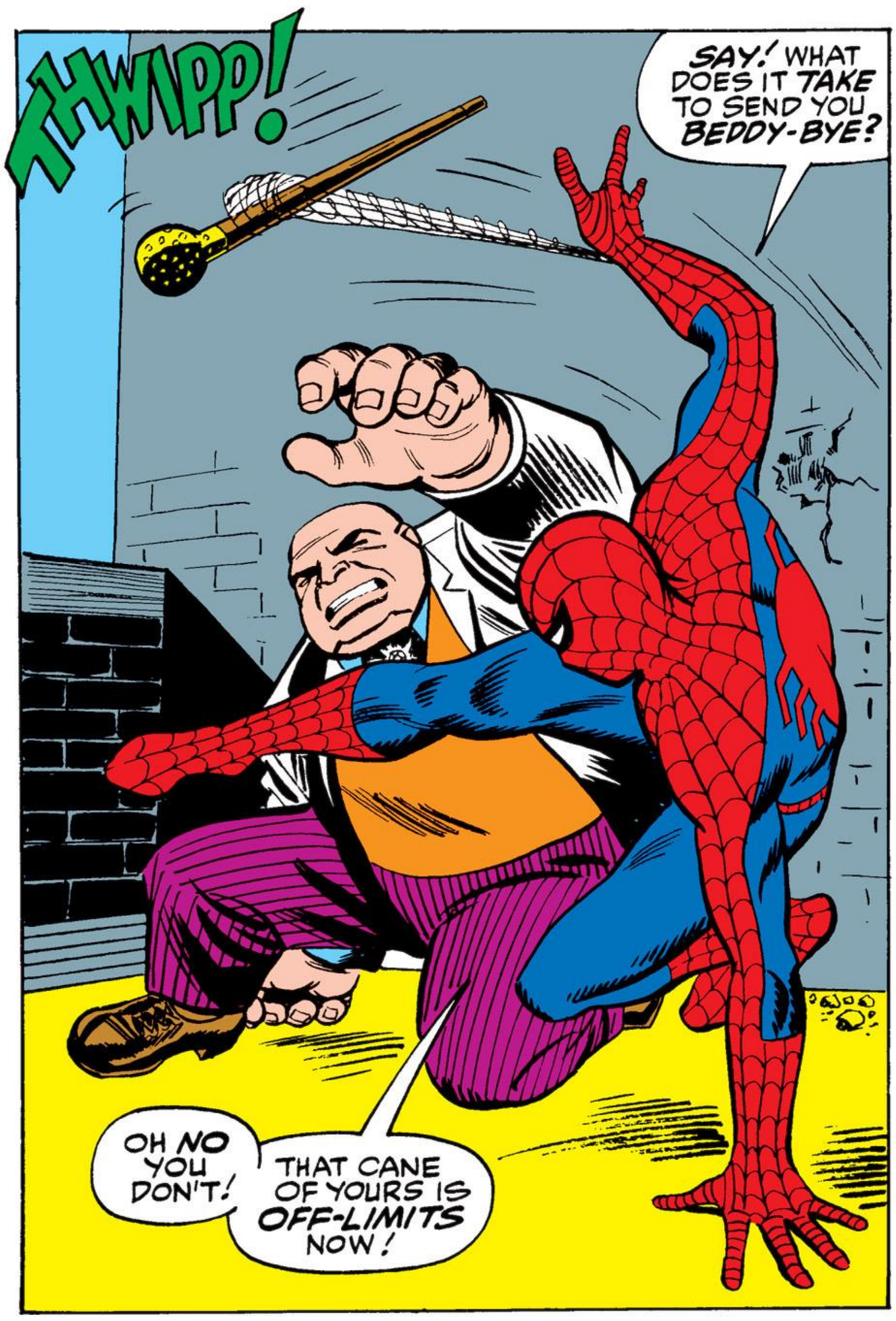
STAY BACK, FLINT...

I'LL HANDLE HIM MYSELF!



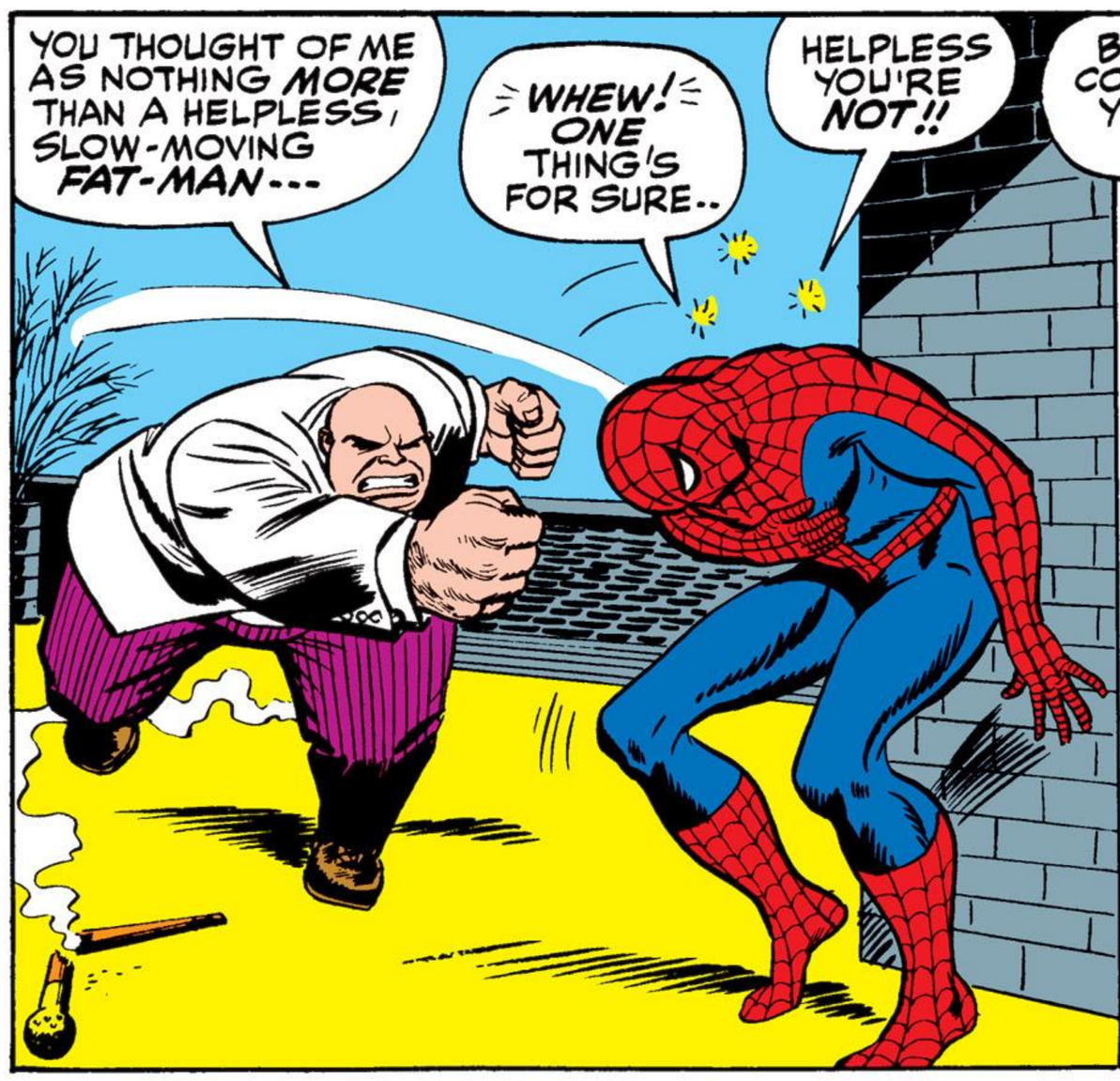


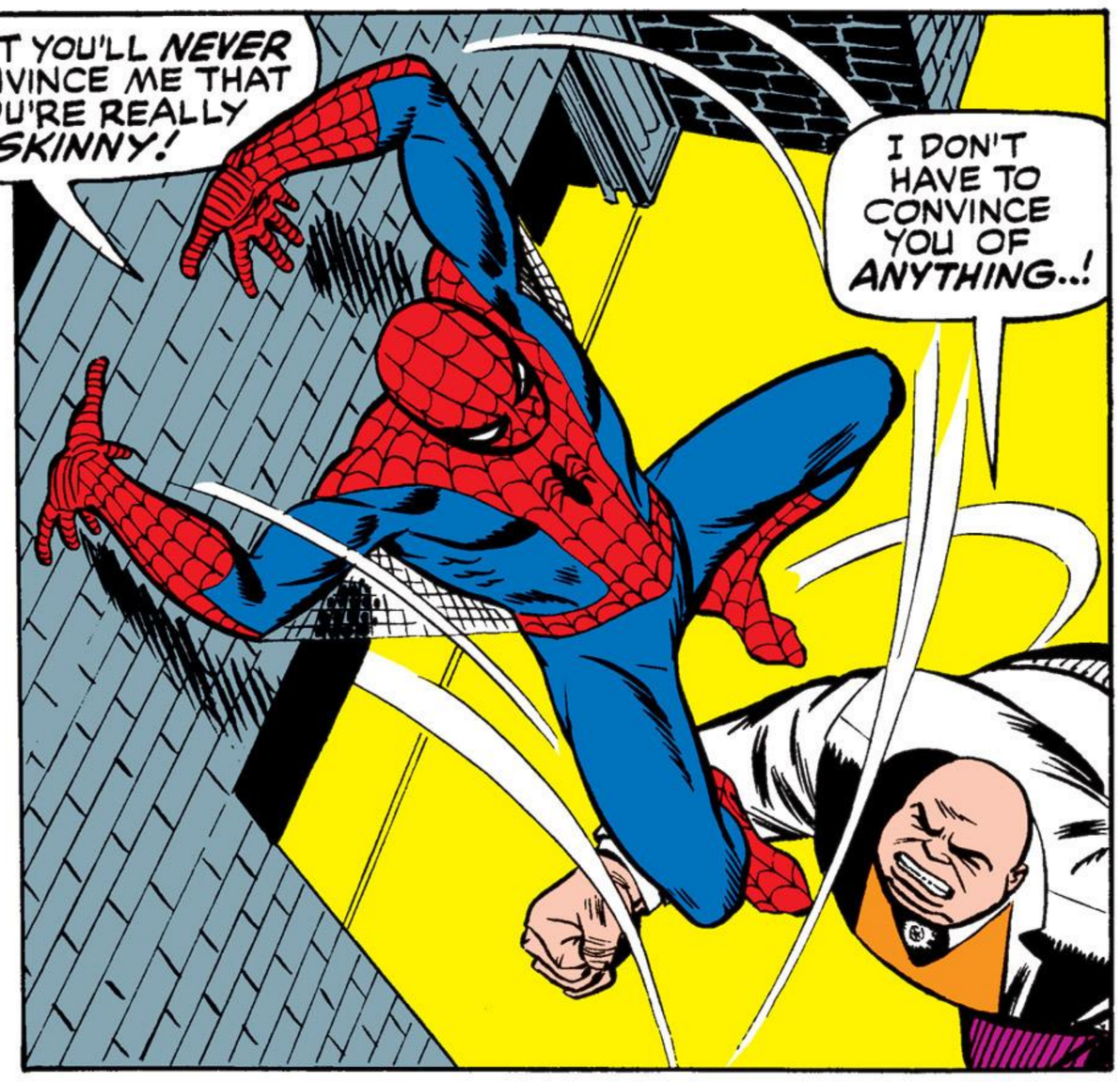

YEOWWF!
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, PUDGY...
YOU'RE LUCKY I'M NOT WEARING BASEBALL SHOES!


THWIPP!
SAY! WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO SEND YOU BEDDY-BYE?
OH NO YOU DON'T!
THAT CANE OF YOURS IS OFF-LIMITS NOW!

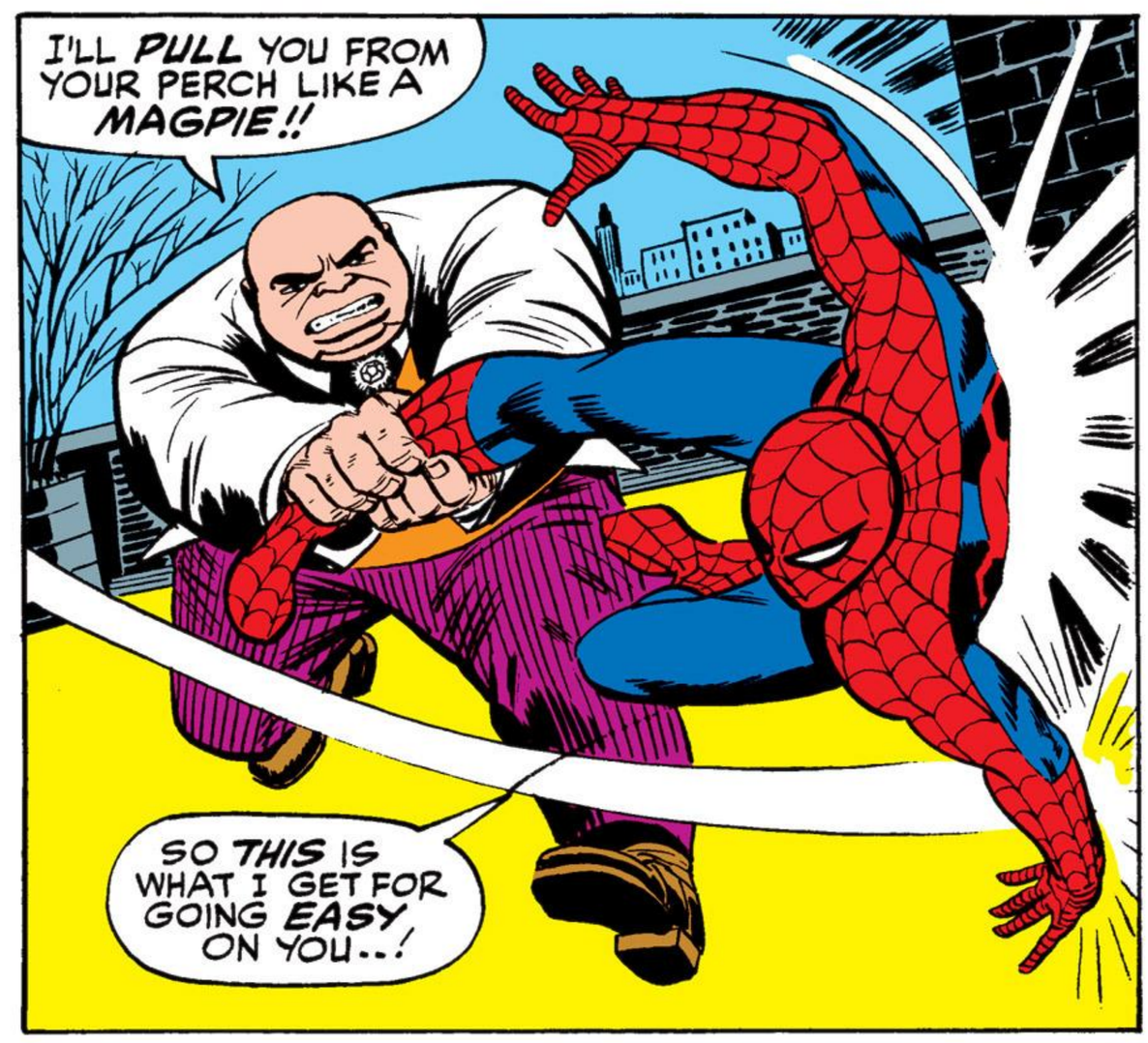
SORRY ABOUT THAT, SWEETIE!
SHAK!

UNHHH..!
NOT AS SORRY AS YOU'RE GOING TO BE!
YOU MADE THE SAME FATAL MISTAKE AS EVERYONE ELSE WHO FACES THE KINGPIN..!

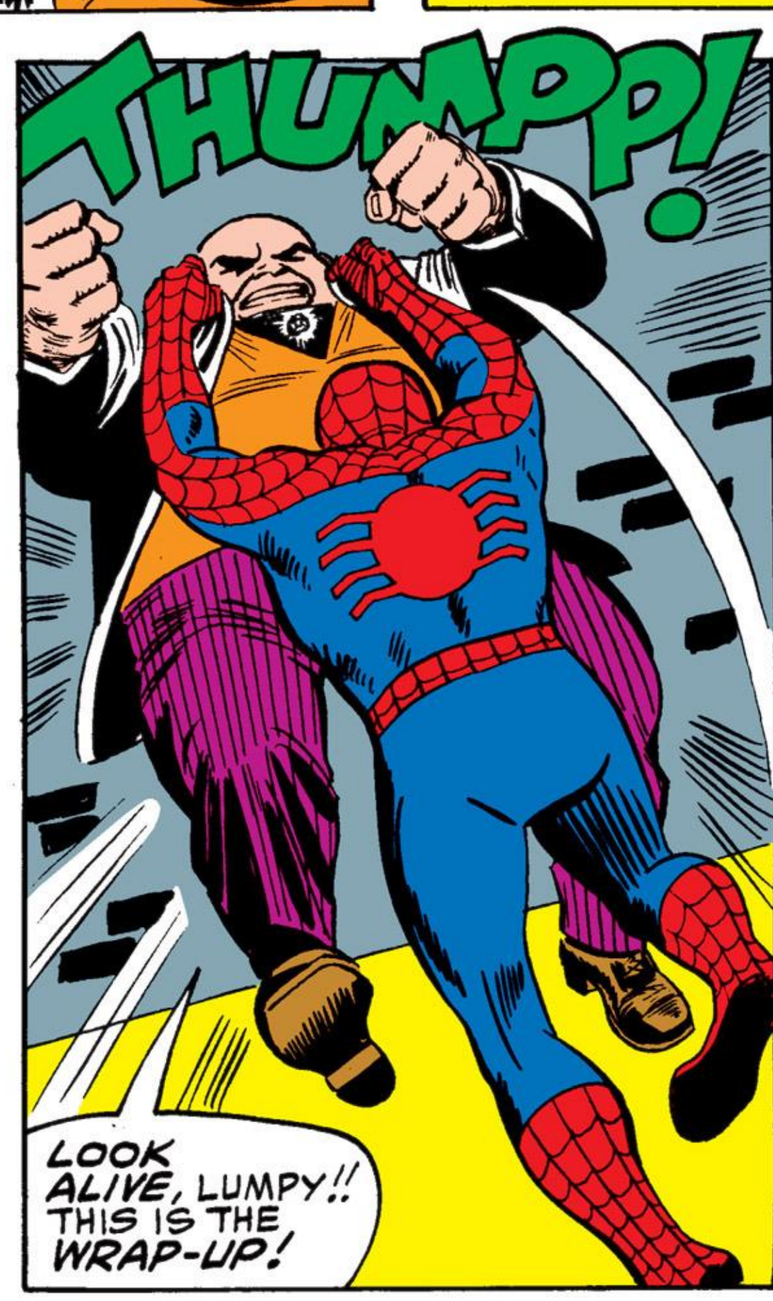

YOU THOUGHT OF ME AS NOTHING MORE THAN A HELPLESS, SLOW-MOVING FAT-MAN---
WHEW! ONE THING'S FOR SURE..
HELPLESS YOU'RE NOT!!

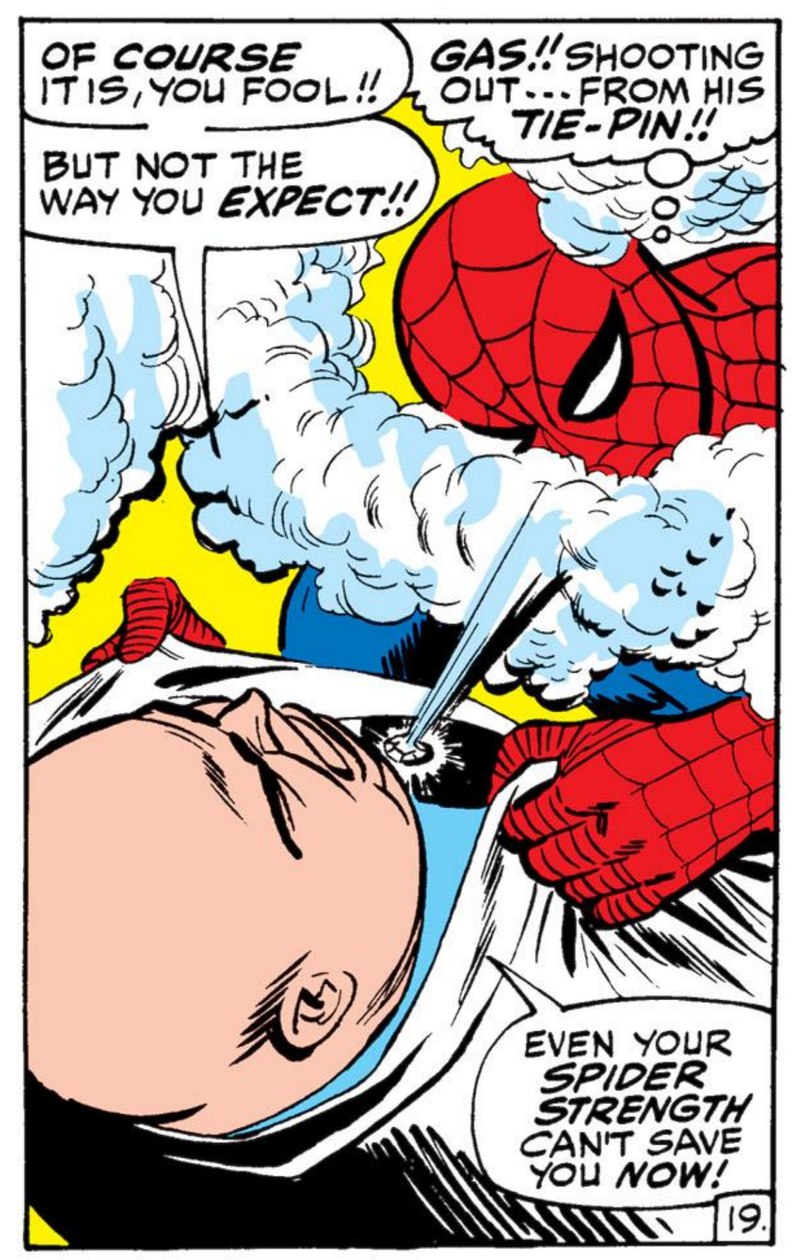

BUT YOU'LL NEVER CONVINCE ME THAT YOU'RE REALLY SKINNY!
I DON'T HAVE TO CONVINCE YOU OF ANYTHING..!

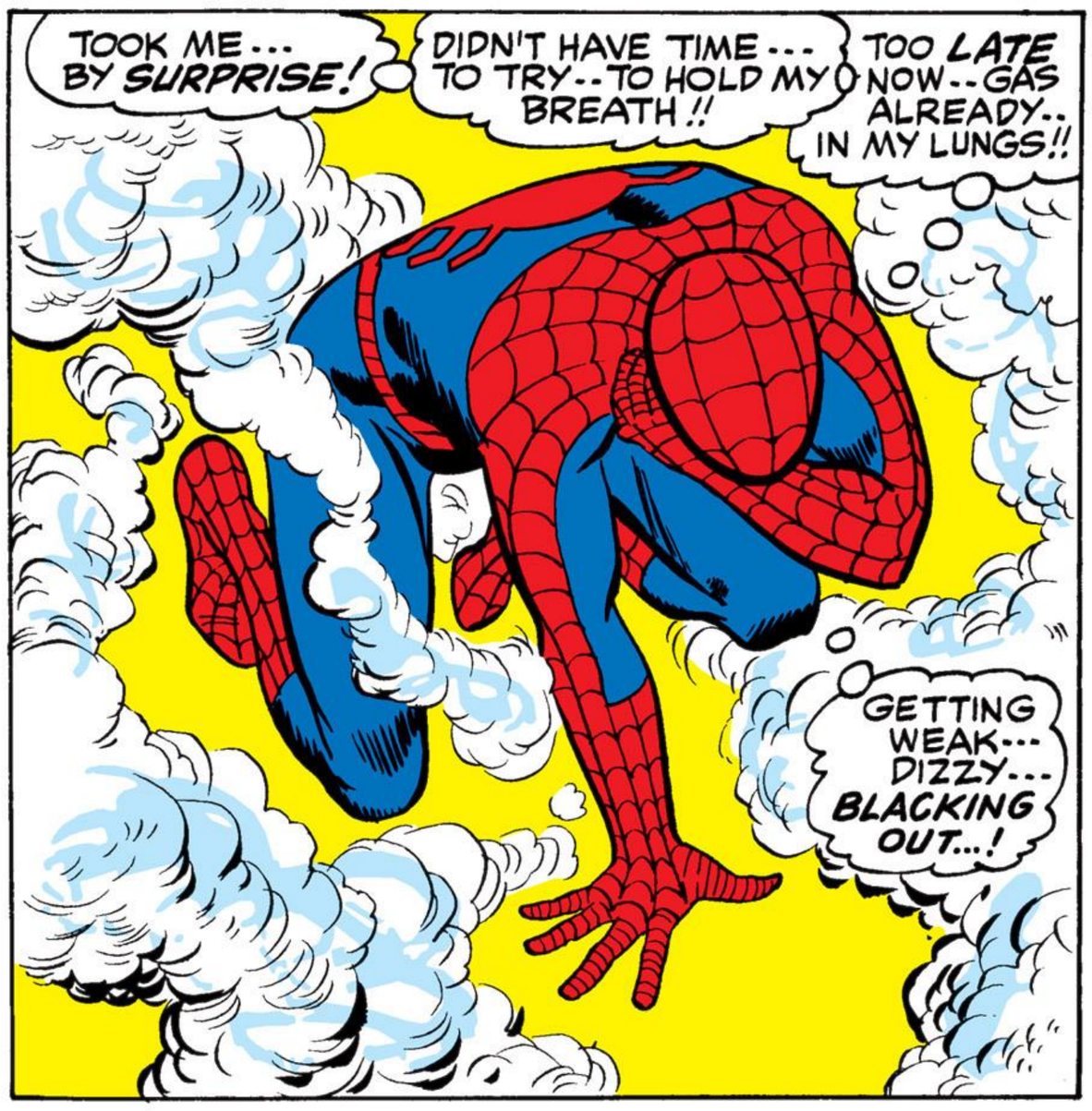
WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU---IT WON'T MATTER WHAT YOU THINK!
AGAIN HIS SIZE FOOLED ME!!
HE'S FASTER THAN HE LOOKS!
NOW I'VE GOT YOU!!

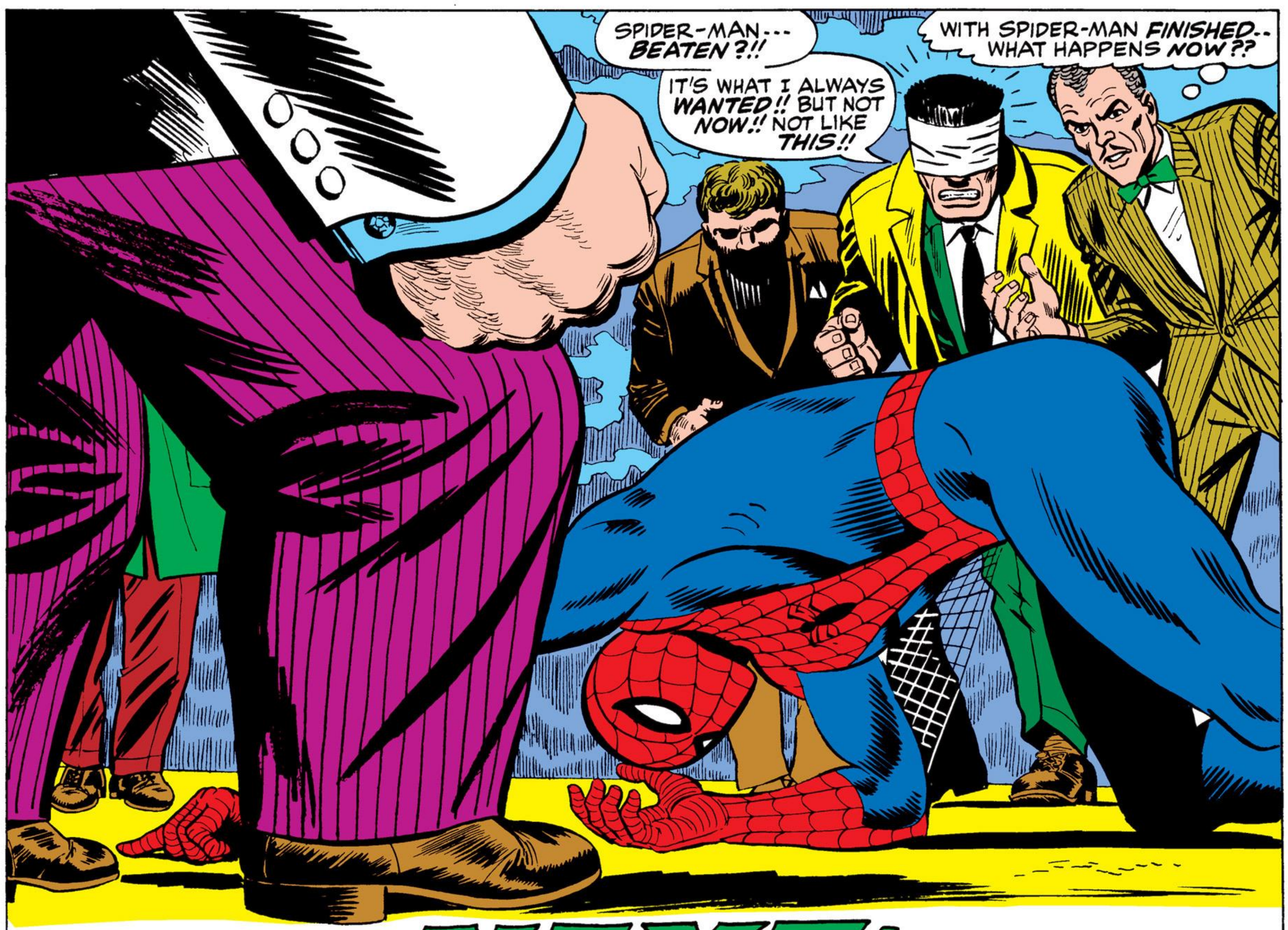

I'LL PULL YOU FROM YOUR PERCH LIKE A MAGPIE!!
SO THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR GOING EASY ON YOU..!

OKAY! NOW WE PLAY IT YOUR WAY!


THUMPP!
LOOK ALIVE, LUMPY!! THIS IS THE WRAP-UP!


OF COURSE IT IS, YOU FOOL!!
GAS!! SHOOTING OUT---FROM HIS TIE-PIN!!
BUT NOT THE WAY YOU EXPECT!!
EVEN YOUR SPIDER STRENGTH CAN'T SAVE YOU NOW!





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