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I CAN'T KEEP BROODING ABOUT GWEN DITCHING ME FOR FLASH THOMPSON!
MAYBE IF I KEEP BUSY WORKING ON MY SPIDER-MAN EQUIPMENT, IT'LL HELP TO...
UH OH! SOMEONE AT THE DOOR!
NUTS! THAT'S ALL I NEED AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
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WHOEVER YOU ARE ... I'M BUSY!
NOT TOO BUSY FOR WHAT WE HAVE TO TELL YOU, PAL!
IT'S HARRY ... AND SOMEONE ELSE!
HAVE TO HIDE EVERYTHING ... FAST!

LET'S NOT OVERDO THE LONER BIT, PETEY BOY!
I BROUGHT YOU SOME COMPANY!

FLASH! YOU'VE GOT A SWEET NERVE SHOWING YOUR FACE AROUND HERE!
AT EASE, JUNIOR! I JUST WANNA RAP WITH YOU FOR A WHILE!
THE ONLY RAP YOU'LL GET IS ON YOUR THICK SKULL IF YOU DON'T CUT OUT!
HEY, C'MON PETE... SIMMER DOWN!

LET 'IM TALK, HARRY! IT'S ABOUT TIME PUNY PARKER SHOWED SOME BACKBONE!
LOOK, ROOM-MATE... FLASH JUST WANTS TO EXPLAIN ABOUT...
OH NO! THAT CREEP DOESN'T TALK HIS WAY OUT OF THIS!

I SAW YOU DATING GWEN WHEN SHE SAID SHE WAS TOO BUSY TO SEE ME!
NOW I'LL SHOW YOU HOW MUCH BACKBONE I'VE GOT!

HEY! HOLD IT, YOU NIT-WIT!
SHE ONLY MET ME BECAUSE SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU! SHE THOUGHT I MIGHT KNOW WHERE YOU'RE ALWAYS DISAPPEARING TO!
HUH..?

SHE FIGURED SINCE I KNOW YOU LONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE,, MAYBE I COULD CLUE HER IN!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HER, MISTER... 'CEPT FOR THE FACT THAT SHE MUST BE BATTY TO DIG A JOE LIKE YOU!
YOU MEAN... THERE ISN'T ANYTHING BETWEEN GWEN AND YOU?
NO! AND, IT'S NOT 'CAUSE I DIDN'T TRY!

THAT'S WHAT I CAME TO TELL YOU AFTER GWEN SAID YOU WERE ALL SHOOK-UP ABOUT SEEING US TOGETHER!
MAN! I NEVER SAW A BOOK-WORM TURN INTO SUCH A TIGER!
I'M SORRY, FLASH! I, EH-- I GUESS I LOST MY HEAD!
WHEW! I ALMOST BLEW THE WHOLE SECRET IDENTITY BIT!

WELL, IF YOU'RE LEVELLING WITH ME, I'D BETTER CALL THE LADY!

PETER? DO I KNOW A PETER? YOU MUST HAVE A WRONG NUMBER!
THE ONLY BOY WITH THAT NAME THAT I KNOW SEEMS TO HAVE CROSSED ME OFF HIS LIST!

OKAY, GWENDY ... I GUESS I DESERVE THAT! BUT FLASH JUST EXPLAINED THE WHOLE THING!

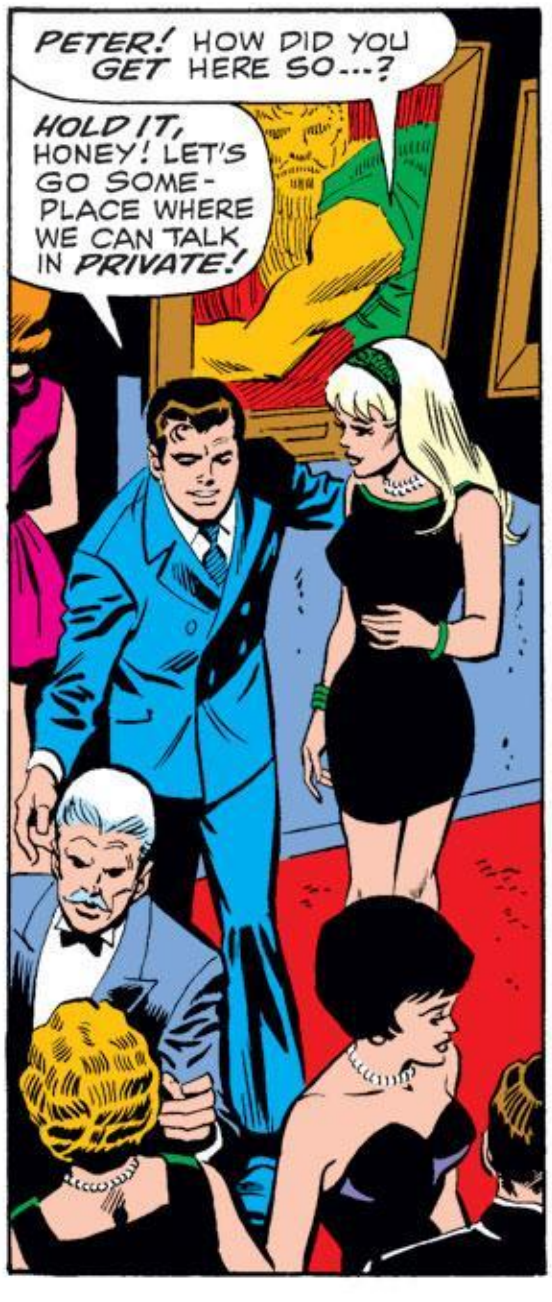
I FEEL LIKE A REAL LUNKHEAD, HONEY! HOW SOON CAN I SEE YOU?
WELL, SINCE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN FOOLISHLY PARTIAL TO LUNKHEADS...

HOW ABOUT NOW? I'M GOING TO THE NEW EXHIBIT AT THE MIDTOWN MUSEUM!
I READ ABOUT IT, GWENDY! YOUR DAD'S IN CHARGE OF GUARDING THE PRICELESS PAINTINGS!
I'LL BE THERE AS FAST AS I CAN, PRETTY GIRL! NOTHING'LL STOP ME THIS TIME!
Y'KNOW, SOLDIER... I THINK HE DIGS THE LADY!
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
THAT WRAPS IT UP, PARKER! BUT IF YOU LET HER GET AWAY AGAIN, ALL BETS'LL BE OFF BETWEEN US!
I'LL REMEMBER THAT, CORP!
AND... THANKS, FELLAS!
THEY'VE GONE! NOW THE PRIZE CHUMP OF ALL TIME HAS A LOT OF MAKING UP TO DO!
AND SPIDER-MAN CAN MAKE IT THRU THE RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC LOTS FASTER THAN A TAXI!
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THINGS COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE, I LEARN I'M STILL BATTING A THOUSAND WITH GWEN---
---AND SUDDENLY, I HAVEN'T GOT A WORRY IN THE WORLD!

GWEN OUGHT TO BE HERE BY NOW!
SHE ONLY LIVES A FEW BLOCKS AWAY!

ONLY YESTERDAY, I THOUGHT I'D NEVER WANT TO WEAR THIS NEW SUIT OF MINE!
NOW, I CAN'T WAIT FOR HER TO SEE IT!

THERE SHE IS! MAN--- STANDING NEXT TO THOSE MILLION DOLLAR PAINTINGS, SHE STILL LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY MASTERPIECE IN THE PLACE!


PETER! HOW DID YOU GET HERE SO---?
HOLD IT, HONEY! LET'S GO SOME-PLACE WHERE WE CAN TALK IN PRIVATE!

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME THAT WAY, MR. PARKER?
MAYBE I JUST SUDDEN-LY REALIZE HOW MUCH I'VE MISSED YOU, GWENDY---

--OR MAYBE-- I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE-- TALKING!

WHOOPS! WHAT A TIME FOR YOUR FATHER TO SUDDENLY WALK BY!
THAT'S STRANGE... HE WALKED RIGHT PAST-- AS THOUGH HE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE US!

I GUESS HE'S TOO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT ALL THE PAINTINGS THAT HE'S IN CHARGE OF GUARDING!
CONSIDERING THEIR VALUE, IT'S A MIGHTY BIG RESPONSIBILITY!
HE'S HEADING FOR THE PRIVATE ROOM WHERE THE MOST PRICELESS ONES ARE!

I DON'T GET IT! WHY IS MY SPIDER SENSE STARTING TO TINGLE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
NOTHING'S HAPPENING... AS FAR AS I CAN TELL!

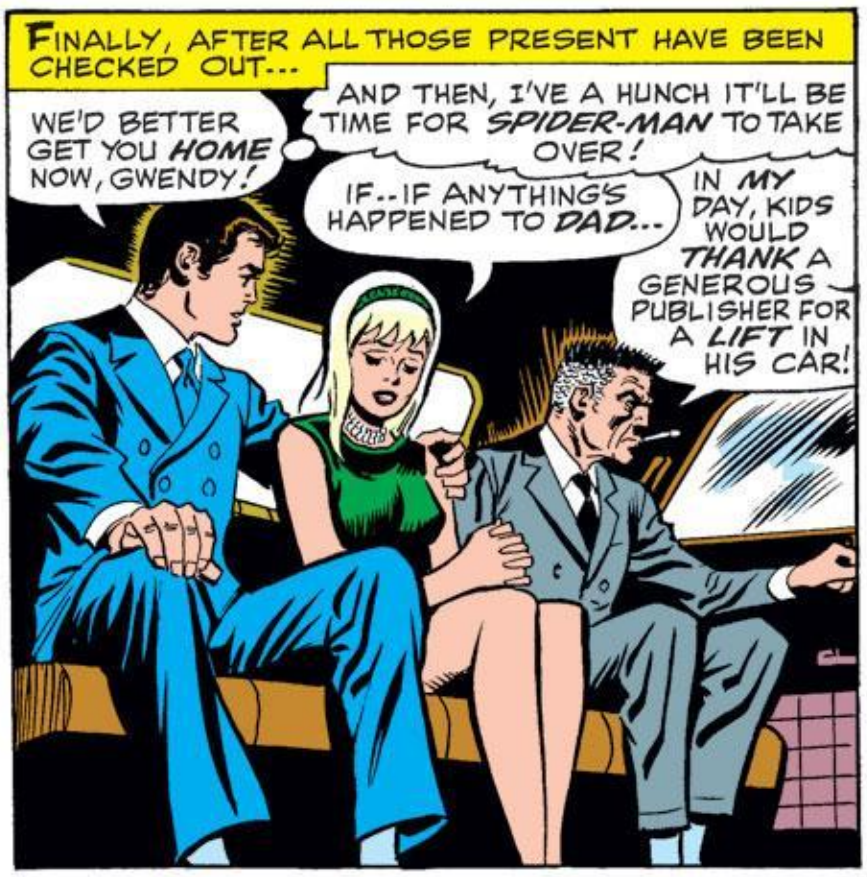
WELL, WELL---LOOK WHO'S HERE! SOAKING UP SOME CULTURE, PARKER?
CAN'T WASTE TIME TALKING TO A KID WITH SO MANY CELEBRITIES AROUND!
STILL TINGLING! BUT WHY? WHY?
SAY... WHERE'D CAP'T STACY DIS-APPEAR TO?

HELP! SOMEBODY --HELP!
THAT CRY--- IT'S COMING FROM THE PRIVATE ROOM---THE ONE DAD HAD ENTERED!
A WOMAN'S VOICE---IN A STATE OF SHOCK!

I JUST WALKED IN---TO SEE IF THE PAINTINGS WERE READY TO BE SHOWN ---AND THEY'RE GONE!
THEY'RE ALL GONE!

SECONDS LATER---
NOBODY LEAVES WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION!
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT?
WHERE IN BLAZES IS CAPT. STACY?
PETE...I'M WORRIED ...ABOUT DAD!

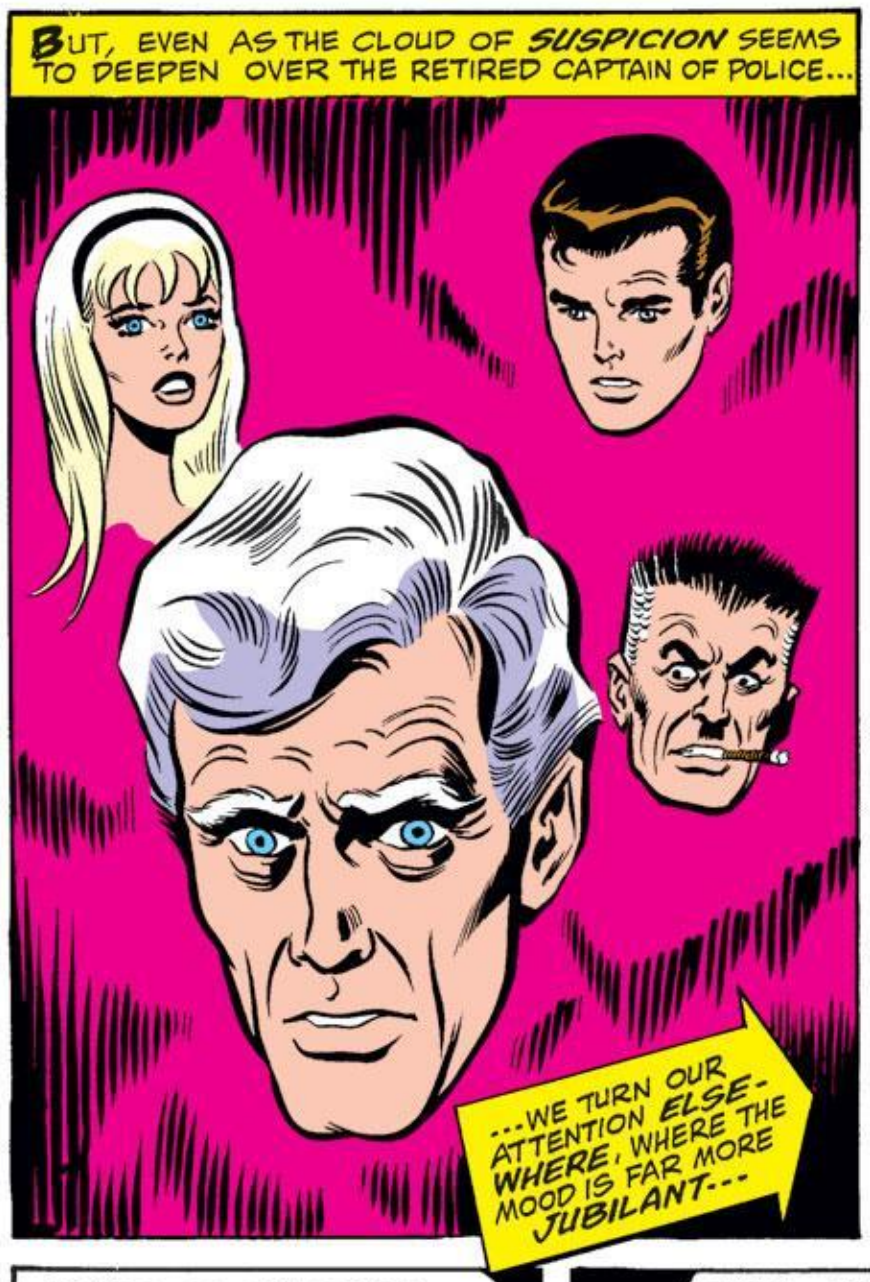
WHAT IF THE THIEF INJURED HIM-- OR TOOK HIM CAPTIVE?
THERE'S NO SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE!
NO WONDER MY SPIDEY-SENSE WAS TINGLING!

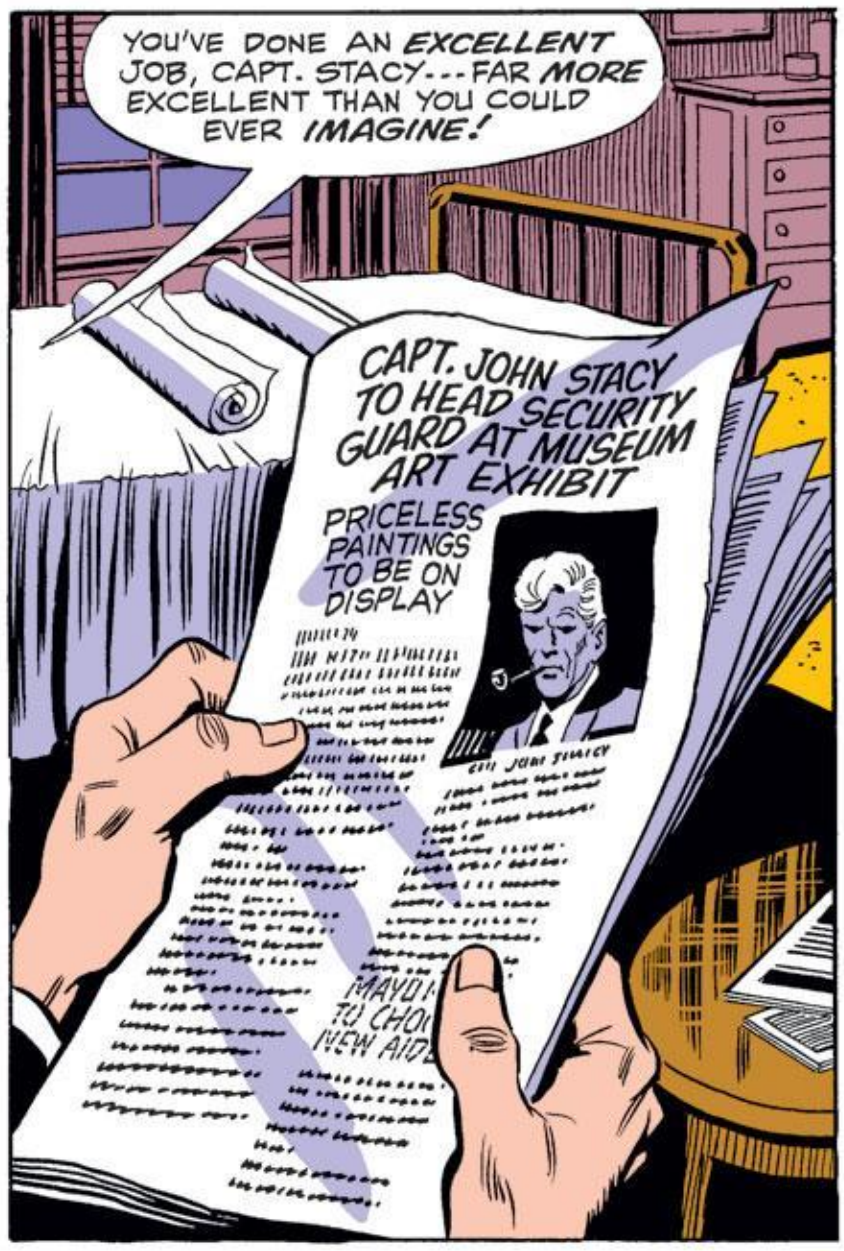

FINALLY, AFTER ALL THOSE PRESENT HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT...
WE'D BETTER GET YOU HOME NOW, GWENDY!
AND THEN, I'VE A HUNCH IT'LL BE TIME FOR SPIDER-MAN TO TAKE OVER!
IF--IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO DAD...
IN MY DAY, KIDS WOULD THANK A GENEROUS PUBLISHER FOR A LIFT IN HIS CAR!

BUT THEN, AS THEY OPEN THE DOOR TO GWEN STACY'S APARTMENT---
DAD! YOU... YOU'RE HOME!
OF COURSE I'M HOME! I HAVEN'T LEFT YET!

BUT---WE SAW YOU---AT THE MUSEUM!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'VE BEEN HERE ALL DAY--- OR, I THINK I HAVE!
EVERYTHING'S SO HAZY---SO CONFUSED IN MY MIND!

YOU'D BETTER SNAP OUT OF IT, STACY! THOSE PAINTINGS WERE STOLEN---AND, IF YOU ASK ME, THE ONLY SUSPECT SO FAR IS--- YOU!
THE PAINTINGS? STOLEN? THEN--- IT'S AS BAD AS I FEARED!
I MUST HAVE BEEN DRUGGED! BUT HOW? AND BY WHOM?


BUT, EVEN AS THE CLOUD OF SUSPICION SEEMS TO DEEPEN OVER THE RETIRED CAPTAIN OF POLICE...
...WE TURN OUR ATTENTION ELSEWHERE, WHERE THE MOOD IS FAR MORE JUBILANT---


YOU'VE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB, CAPT. STACY---FAR MORE EXCELLENT THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE!
CAPT. JOHN STACY TO HEAD SECURITY GUARD AT MUSEUM ART EXHIBIT
PRICELESS PAINTINGS TO BE ON DISPLAY

IT WAS SO CHILDISHLY SIMPLE FOR ME TO STEAL INTO YOUR ROOM AND ADMINISTER THOSE KNOCK-OUT DROPS INTO YOUR OPEN DECANTER!

THEN, ALL I HAD TO DO WAS ALLOW YOU TO SLEEP THE DAY AWAY WHILE I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF ASSUMING YOUR IDENTITY!

BUT NOW, THE NEED FOR MY LITTLE MASQUERADE HAS ENDED, AND SO...

--MY CAPTAIN STACY MASK MAY JOIN MY OTHER LITTLE MOMENTOS---

---AS THE UNBEATABLE CHAMELEON BASKS IN THE GLOW OF HIS LATEST TRIUMPH!

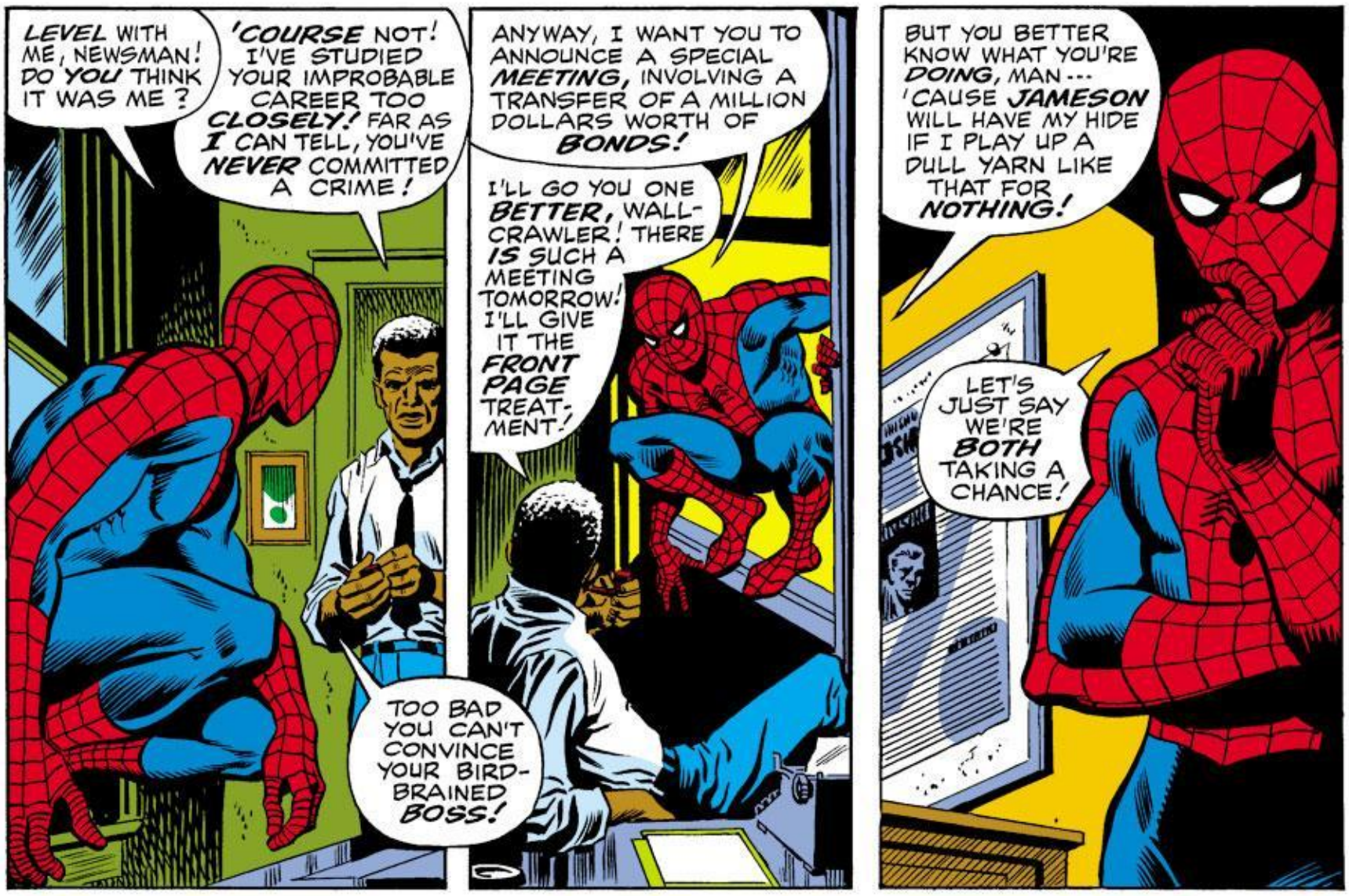
NO ONE CAN CATCH ME! NO ONE CAN STOP ME! FOR I AM THE WORLD'S GREATEST MASTER OF DISGUISE!

BUT, SOMEWHERE IN THE SPRAWLING CITY, A TROUBLED YOUTH REFUSES TO ADMIT DEFEAT---
I KNOW GWEN'S DAD JUST CAN'T BE GUILTY!
AND IF I'M RIGHT---IT MEANS SOMEONE WAS IMPERSONATING HIM!
BUT WHO COULD BE SKILLFUL ENOUGH TO FOOL HIS OWN DAUGHTER AND ME?

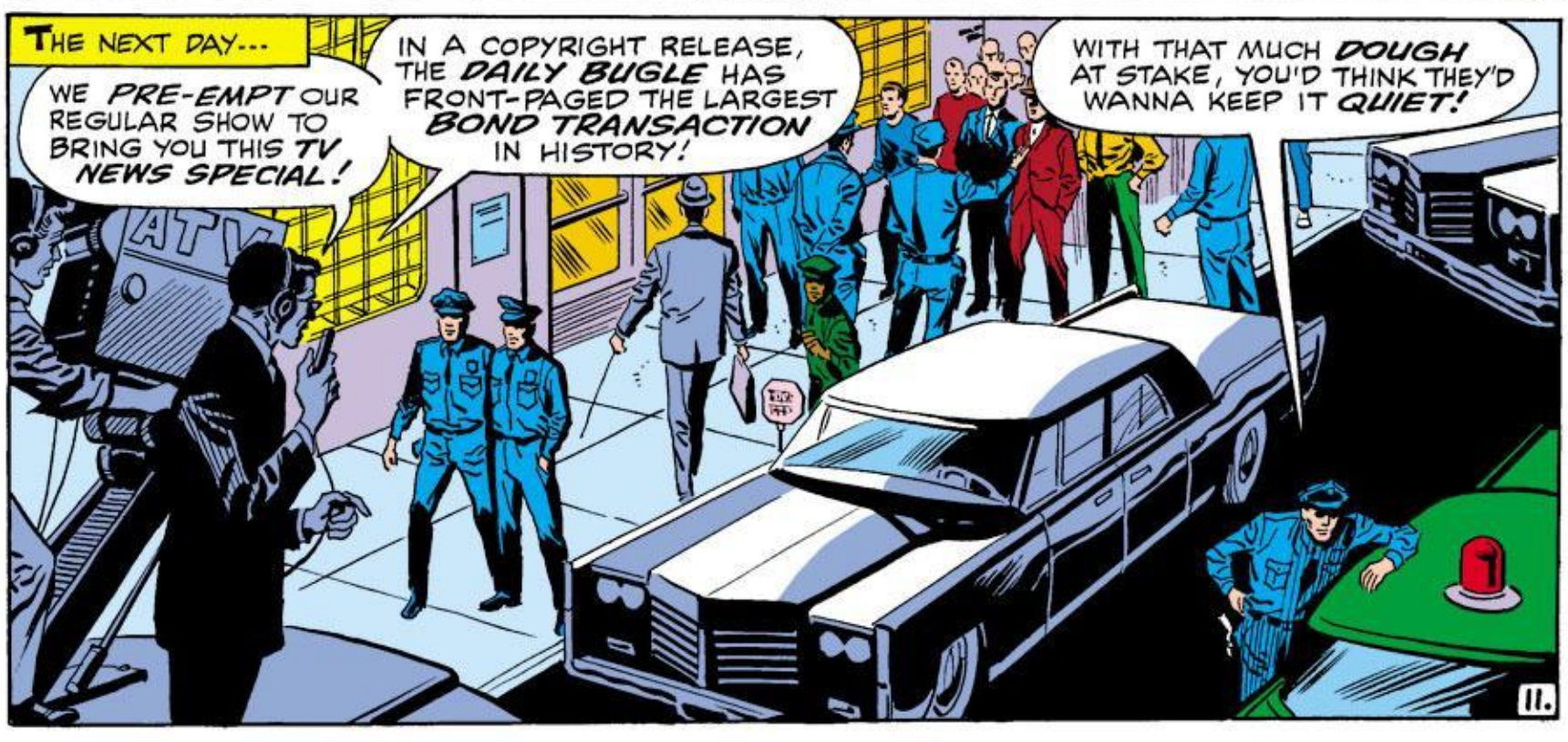
IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOMEONE I'VE KNOWN--- BECAUSE OF THE WAY MY SPIDEY-SENSE TINGLED!
HOLY SMOKE! WHAT A LAMEBRAIN I AM! OF COURSE---OF COURSE!
I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED IT RIGHT AWAY!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG, THAT I'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN HIM--* BUT IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN---THE CHAMELEON!
* IT WAS ISH #2 TO BE EXACT! --STAN

I'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM... REGAIN THE PAINTINGS!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO CLEAR GEORGE STACY'S NAME!
BUT MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO MAKE HIM STRIKE AGAIN!
IF HE GOES INTO HIDING WITH HIS LOOT... I MAY NEVER FIND HIM!
SO I'VE GOTTA DECOY HIM OUT INTO THE OPEN!
AND I KNOW JUST THE MAN TO HELP ME DO IT!
I'M IN LUCK! JOE ROBERTSON'S ALONE!
SPIDER-MAN! AT MY WINDOW!
PLAY IT COOL, ROBBIE! SEE WHAT HE WANTS!
IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE ONE CITIZEN WHO DOESN'T GET ALL UPTIGHT AT THE SIGHT OF ME!
I'M A NEWS-MAN, MISTER! TO ME, YOU REPRESENT AN ITEM!
SO SPILL IT, MAN!
I WANT YOU TO PLANT A STORY IN THE NEXT EDITION!
IF MY HUNCH COMES THRU, YOU'LL HAVE A SCOOP ON THE THIEF WHO STOLE THOSE PAINTINGS!
IT WOULDN'T BE YOU, WOULD IT?


LEVEL WITH ME, NEWSMAN! DO YOU THINK IT WAS ME ?
'COURSE NOT! I'VE STUDIED YOUR IMPROBABLE CAREER TOO CLOSELY! FAR AS I CAN TELL, YOU'VE NEVER COMMITTED A CRIME!
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T CONVINCE YOUR BIRD-BRAINED BOSS!
ANYWAY, I WANT YOU TO ANNOUNCE A SPECIAL MEETING, INVOLVING A TRANSFER OF A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF BONDS!
I'LL GO YOU ONE BETTER, WALL-CRAWLER! THERE IS SUCH A MEETING TOMORROW! I'LL GIVE IT THE FRONT PAGE TREAT-MENT!
BUT YOU BETTER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, MAN--- 'CAUSE JAMESON WILL HAVE MY HIDE IF I PLAY UP A DULL YARN LIKE THAT FOR NOTHING!
LET'S JUST SAY WE'RE BOTH TAKING A CHANCE!

I OUGHTTA HAVE MY HEAD EXAMINED FOR TRUSTING HIM---AND YET---
KEEP THE FAITH, J.R.! IT'S TIME FOR THE PAY-OFF!


THE NEXT DAY---
WE PRE-EMPT OUR REGULAR SHOW TO BRING YOU THIS TV NEWS SPECIAL!
IN A COPYRIGHT RELEASE, THE DAILY BUGLE HAS FRONT-PAGED THE LARGEST BOND TRANSACTION IN HISTORY!
WITH THAT MUCH DOUGH AT STAKE, YOU'D THINK THEY'D WANNA KEEP IT QUIET!
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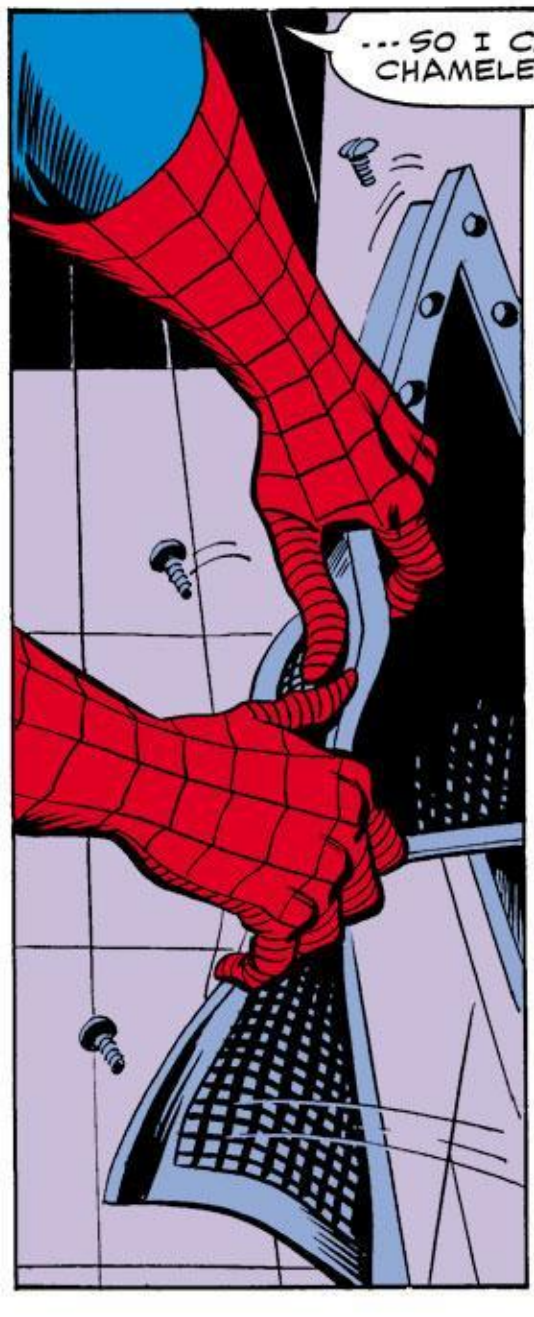
THIS IS IT! BY THE WAY I'M TINGLING AGAIN, I KNOW THAT ONE OF THEM IS THE CHAMELEON IN DISGUISE!
NO MORE PICTURES! THAT'S ALL! THAT'S ALL!
BUT I CAN'T MAKE MY MOVE TILL I PIN-POINT THE RIGHT ONE!

I HAVE TO STUDY THE CROWD! WHEN HE TRIES HIS GETAWAY, HE'LL PROBABLY CHANGE DISGUISES... IMPER-SONATE SOMEONE ELSE!
HEY, PARKER! WHAT ARE YOU WASTING TIME OVER HERE FOR?
PICTURES LIKE THIS I CAN ALWAYS GET!

OKAY, OKAY! DON'T MAKE A FEDERAL CASE OF IT!
GOOD! THIS GIVES ME A PERFECT CHANCE TO SPLIT!
IF YOU WANNA MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL, GO OUT AND FIND SPIDER-MAN!
JUST WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

NOW, I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO BREAK IN ON THAT MEETING...


...SO I CAN NAB THE CHAMELEON COLD!

AND THERE CAN'T BE ANY SLIP-UPS...
OR IT'LL BE SPIDEY'S NECK... INSTEAD OF HIS!

SO, HERE'S WHERE I MAKE MY MOVE...!

AND NOW, PRIOR TO MAKING OUR FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CLASS A BONDS...

LOOK OUT! IT'S SPIDER-MAN!

TIME TO PULL MY BLUFF... AND IT BETTER WORK!
OKAY, CHAMELEON... THE PARTY'S OVER! I KNOW WHICH ONE YOU ARE!
STOP HIM! HE'S HERE TO STEAL THE BONDS!
CHAMELEON?? WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
QUICK! SOMEONE CALL THE POLICE!

IT ISN'T WORKING! I THOUGHT THE CHAMELEON WOULD PANIC... THAT HE'D BREAK AND RUN... BUT HE ISN'T!
YOU'VE HAD IT, CHAMELEON! DO YOU THINK I'D TAKE THE RISK OF COMING HERE IF I WASN'T SURE WHO YOU ARE?
THE MAN IS MAD! WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
HE'S TRYING TO THROW US OFF-GUARD... TO GET AT THE BONDS!
WHY DON'T THE POLICE GET HERE?

I KNOW HE'S HERE... BUT MY SPIDEY-SENSE CAN'T NARROW IT DOWN!
MY TIME'S RUNNING OUT! I'VE GOT TO TAKE A GAMBLE... MAYBE I'LL GUESS RIGHT!
THE ONE NEAREST ME... TRYING TO EDGE AWAY...

HOLD IT, MISTER! I TOLD YOU I WASN'T KIDDING!
HELP! HELP! LET ME GO!

SURE I WILL... SOON AS I SEPARATE YOU FROM YOUR MASK!
IT'S NOT COMING AWAY! IT'S REALLY HIS SKIN!
STOP HIM! STOP HIM! HE'S TRYING TO KILL ME!

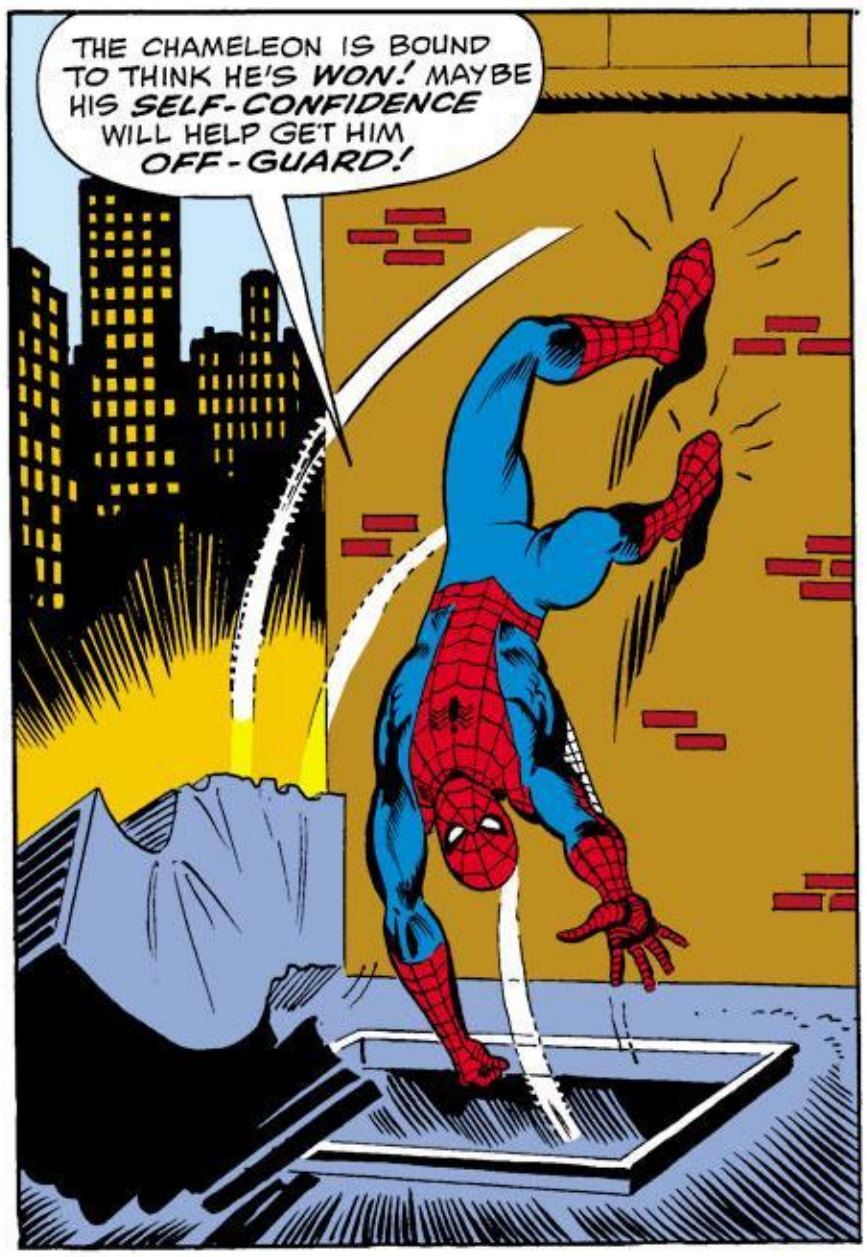
IT'S SPIDER-MAN... WE'VE GOT THE GOODS ON HIM AT LAST!
JAMESON... AND THE POLICE! NOW I'M REALLY IN THE SOUP!
HE WAS TRYING TO MURDER ME!
GOT TO GET AWAY! BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

SHOOT HIM, YOU FOOL... SHOOT HIM! YOU MAY NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE!
HOW CAN I WITH YOU STANDING IN THE WAY?

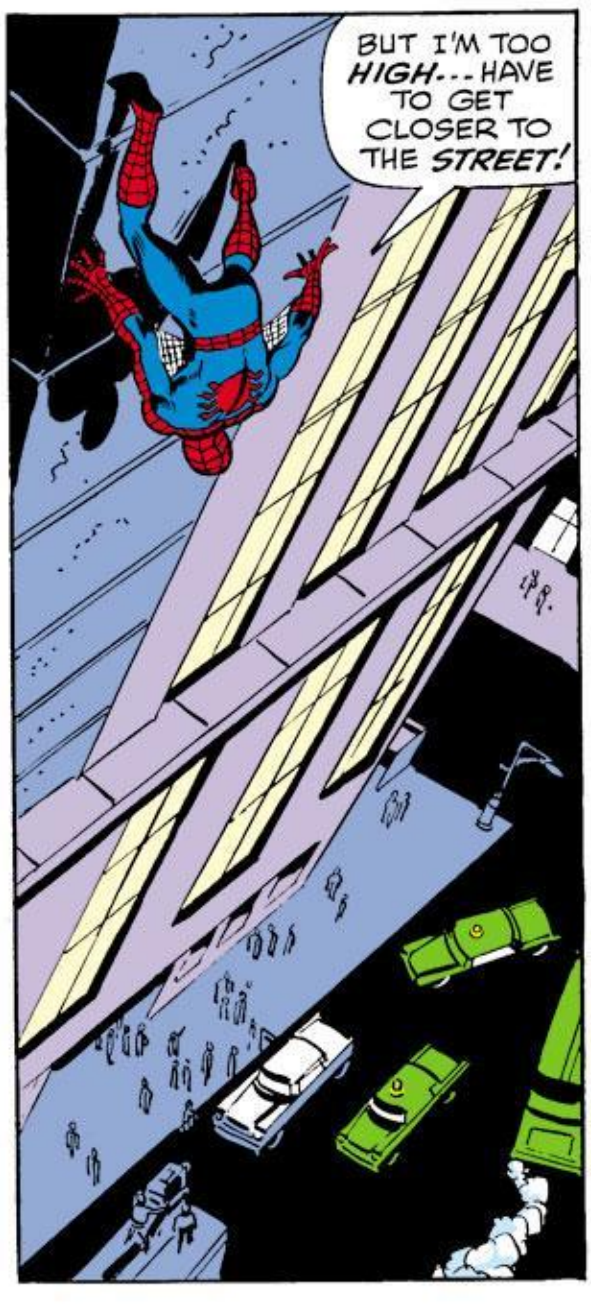
DON'T TRY TO BLAME ME FOR LETTING A KILLER GET AWAY! DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
I WAS HOPIN' YOU'D ASK...

YER A LOUD-MOUTHED, BEETLE-BRAINED, CHICKEN-LIVERED NINCOMPOOP! AND THAT'S ONLY THE BEGINNIN', FLAT-HEAD!
TO ME YOU SAY THAT? TO ME??

IT'S BEEN A FIASCO SO FAR...
BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP NOW!


THE CHAMELEON IS BOUND TO THINK HE'S WON! MAYBE HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE WILL HELP GET HIM OFF-GUARD!

I'VE GOT TO WATCH WHILE THEY LEAVE THE BUILDING!
IF HE SNATCHED THE BONDS... HE'LL PROBABLY TAKE OFF IN A DIFFERENT IDENTITY!


BUT I'M TOO HIGH... HAVE TO GET CLOSER TO THE STREET!

IF ONLY THEY DON'T LOOK UP FOR THE NEXT FEW MINUTES!

THEY'RE STARTING TO LEAVE THE BUILDING NOW!
KEEP EVERYONE BACK! GIVE 'EM ROOM!
NEVER MIND US! WHY HAVEN'T YOU CAUGHT SPIDER-MAN YET?

THERE HE IS! I SEE HIM! IT'S THE ONLY ONE HE CAN BE!

HOLD IT, MISTER! I'VE GOT YOU NOW!
LOOK! UP THERE! THE WEBHEAD'S ATTACKING AGAIN!
GET HIM! GET HIM!

CLAM UP, LIVERLIPS! I'VE GOT THE ONE YOU REALLY WANT!
NO! NO! YOU'RE INSANE! HELP! SOMEONE HELP ME!
YOU MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF YOUR LIFE THIS TIME, CHAMELEON!

YOU CHOSE THE IDENTITY OF THE ONE PERSON I KNEW YOU COULDN'T BE!
I'VE NO MORE USE FOR HIM THAN YOU DO--- BUT YOU CAN'T HIT A KID JUST 'CAUSE HE'S TAKEN SO MANY PICTURES OF YOU!
JAMESON--- KEEP OUT OF THIS! YOU'RE GETTING IN OUR WAY AGAIN!

THAT PINHEAD'S IN EVERYBODY'S WAY!
I DIDN'T WANNA HIT 'IM--- I WANTED TO YANK HIS MASK OFF!
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO!

STAY BACK! I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GET HURT!
BUT I CAN'T LET THAT FREAKY FOUL-UP GET AWAY!

PARKER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WADDA YOU THINK, FISH FACE?
THE KID'S GONE CRAZY!
HE'S TOSSING A BOMB!

I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T PETER PARKER!
NOW MAYBE YOU'LL REALIZE WHERE IT'S AT!
THWIPPP!

THERE! MY WEBBING'LL MUFFLE THE BLAST LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE IT HARMLESS!
SPTHOOM!

WHERE'S PARKER? WHERE'D HE GO?
GET OUT OF THERE, MAC! I NEED THESE WHEELS MORE THAN YOU!

WHAT'S WITH THIS HEAP? THE MOTOR'S RUNNING...BUT IT WON'T MOVE!
VRROOOM
VRROOOOM!

ONE THING I ALWAYS TOLD YOU, FALSE FACE ...SOME GUYS DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!
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NOW DON'T BE BASHFUL, BOY! C'MON OUT!
OKAY, THEN...IF YOU WANT A LITTLE HELP..!
VIP

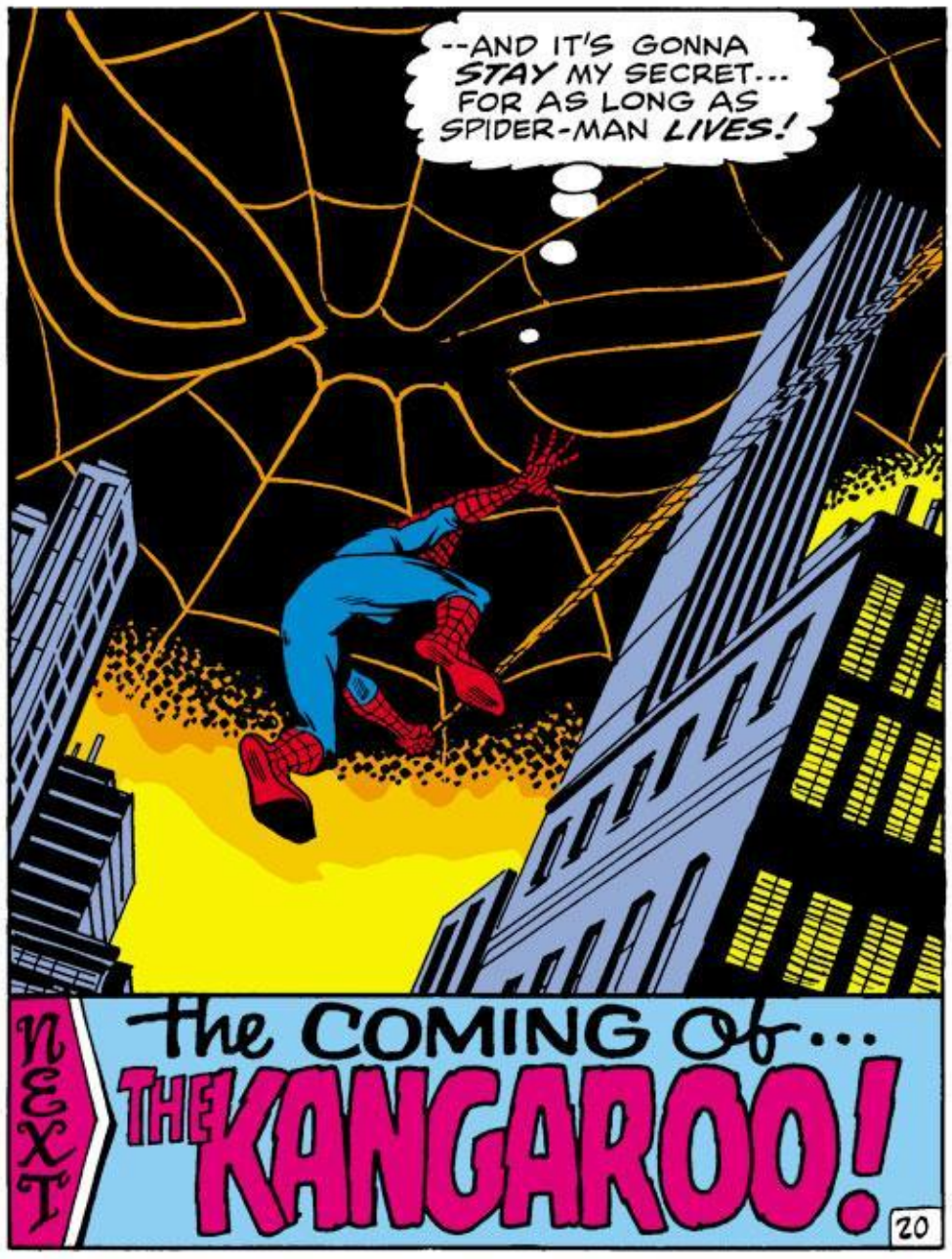
QUICK...TAKE HIM... TAKE HIM, BEFORE HE GETS AWAY AGAIN!
RELAX, JAMESON! HE COULD'A SKIPPED ANY TIME HE WANTED TO!
AND NOW FOR THE UNVEILING...

HERE'S THE ONE WHO STOLE THE MUSEUM PAINTINGS... AND TRIED TO TAKE THE BONDS, AS WELL!

THEN... IT WASN'T SPIDER-MAN! IT WAS... THE CHAMELEON!

FIRST, HE IMPERSONATED CAPTAIN STACY AT THE MUSEUM... AND THEN PETER PARKER, HERE!
AS FOR YOU, JAMESON.. YOU SHOULD BE GLAD I DIDN'T SUSPECT HE WAS DISGUISED AS A PEANUT-BRAINED PUBLISHER...
WHY, YOU... YOU.. SPUTTER .. SPUT..!!
IT WOULDA BEEN A KICK TO TRY AND PULL YOUR FLABBY FACE OFF!

WAIT!! HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT HE WASN'T PETER PARKER?
THAT'S MY SECRET, SWEETIE!


--AND IT'S GONNA STAY MY SECRET... FOR AS LONG AS SPIDER-MAN LIVES!
NEXT
the COMING Of...
THE KANGAROO!