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# "JUST A GUY NAMED JOE!"

OUR MILDLY TERRIFIC TALE OPENS IN A CROWDED NEIGHBORHOOD GYM, WHERE WE FIND A NOT-OVERLY-BRIGHT HABITUE NAMED JOE SMITH INDULGING HIMSELF IN ONE OF HIS EVER-PRESENT DAY-DREAMS--

YES SIREE! NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE THINKS OF ME NOW, I'M GONNA BE THE CHAMP SOME DAY! I'M GONNA REALLY BE SOMEBODY! I KNOW IT!

GOOD THING YOU KNOW IT, SMITH! NOBODY ELSE DOES!

THAT GUY'S A REAL PANIC!

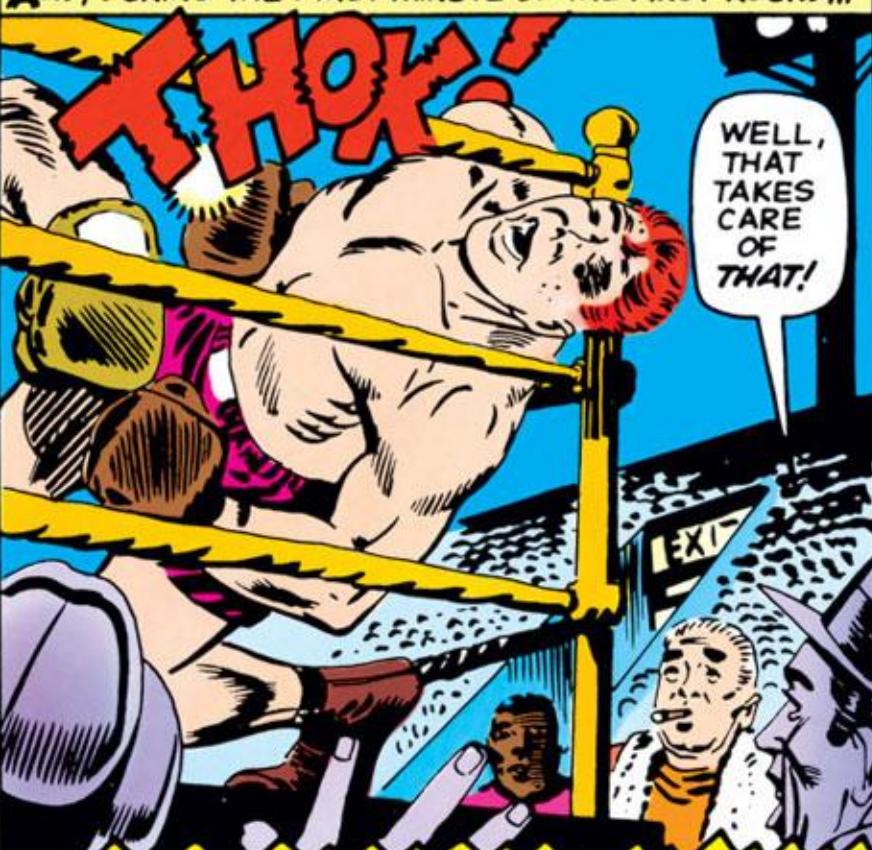
KOWAN, LAUGH AT ME NOW! YOU WON'T LAUGH LATER!



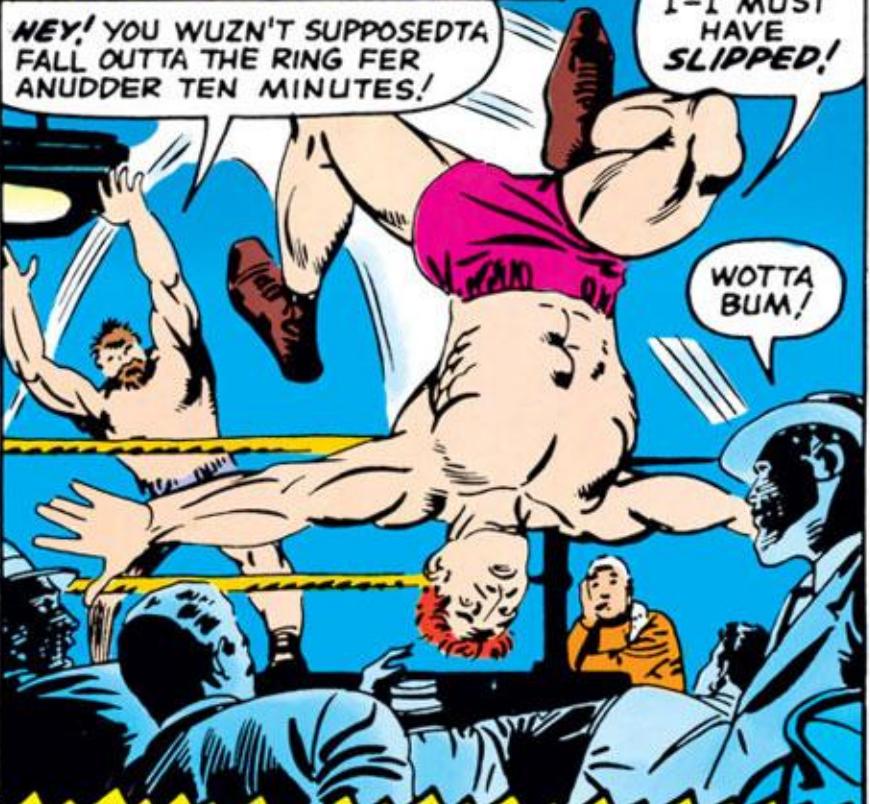
MR. TOMKINS, I'VE ASKED YOU TO MANAGE ME FOR MONTHS! AND I'M NEVER GONNA STOP ASKIN' UNTIL YOU SAY YOU WILL! NOW, HOW ABOUT IT--?



AND, DURING THE FIRST MINUTE OF THE FIRST ROUND...



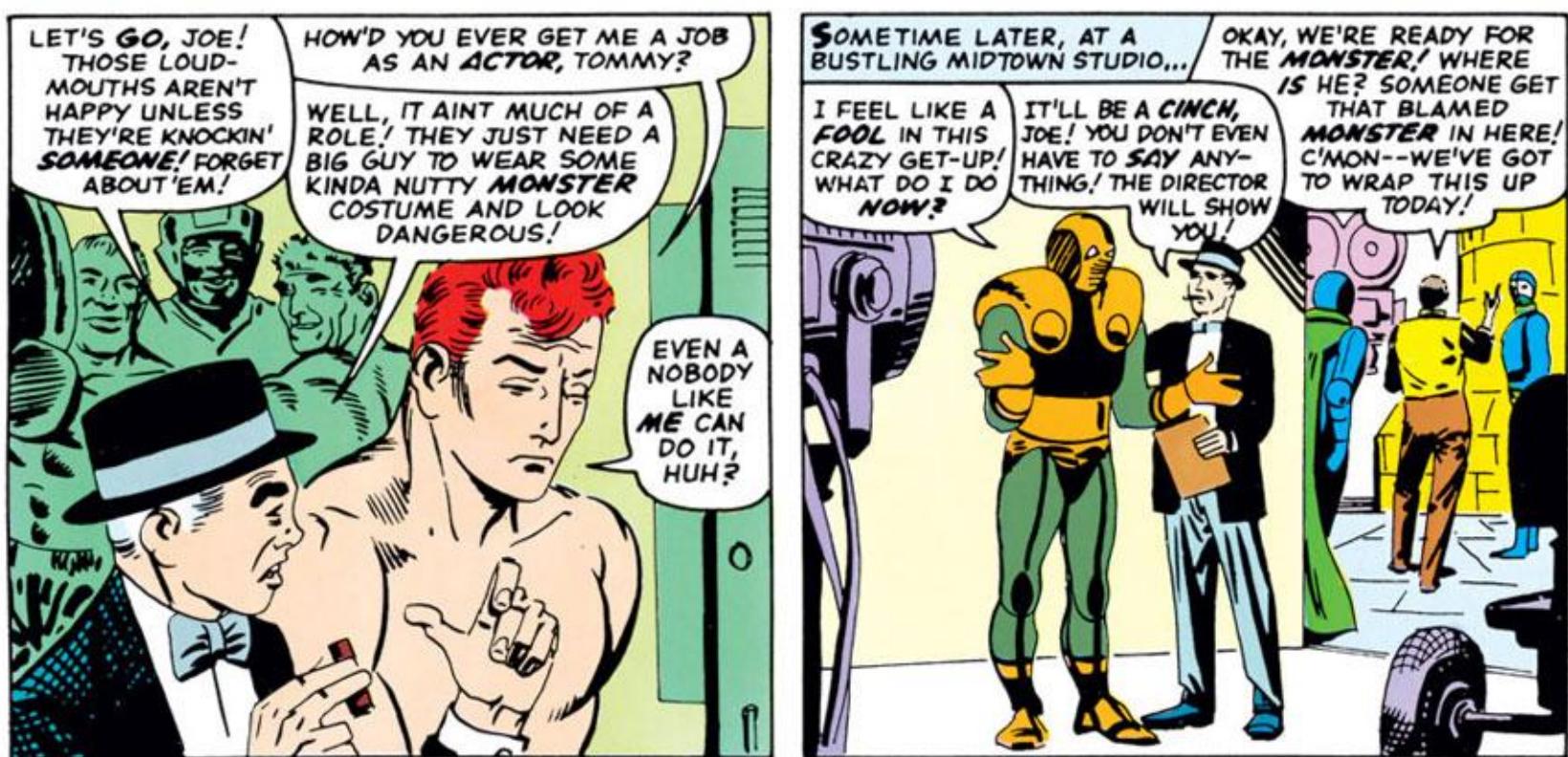
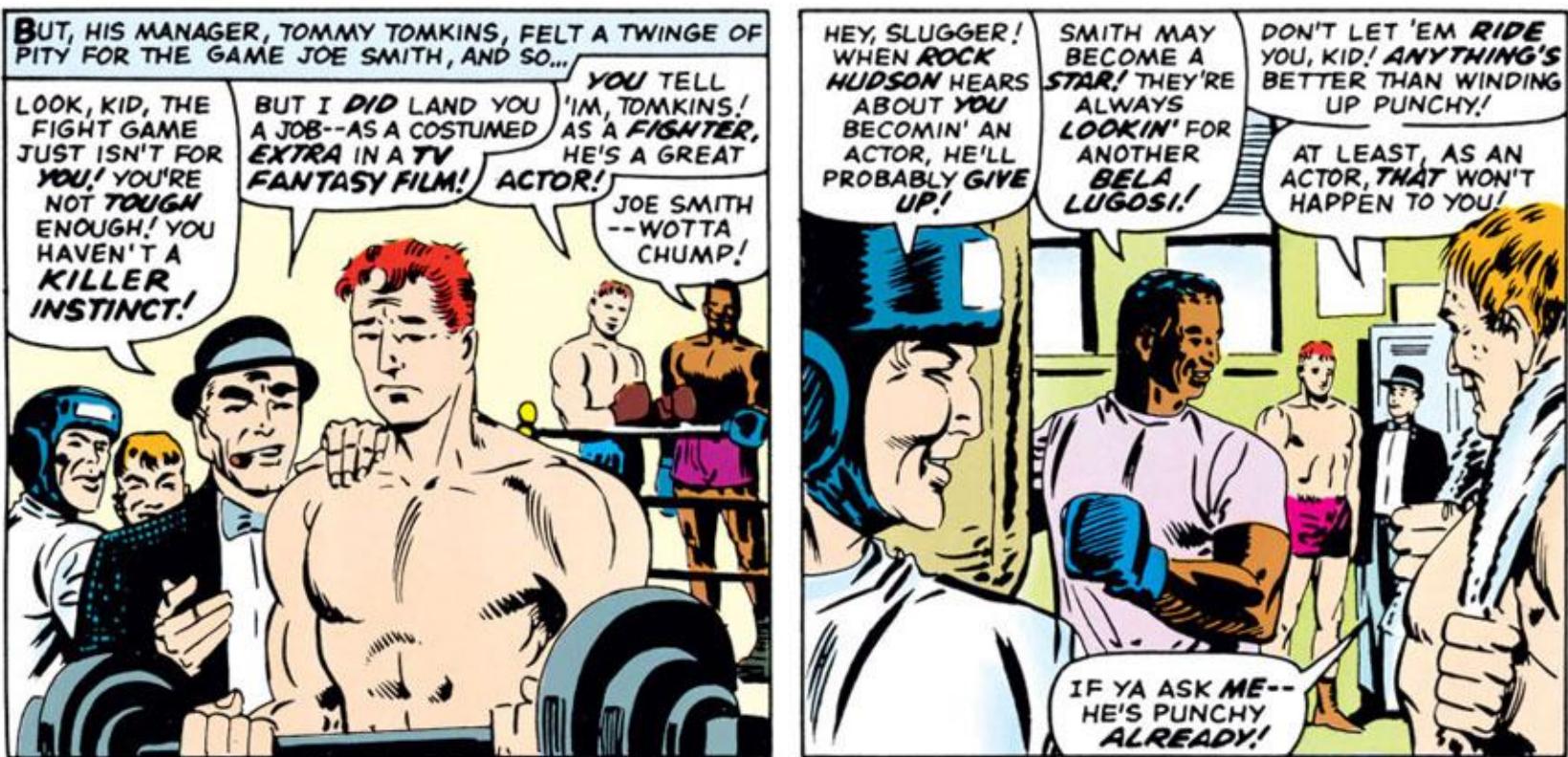
NEXT, JOE SMITH TRIES THE WRESTLING GAME-- WITH VERY SIMILAR RESULTS--!



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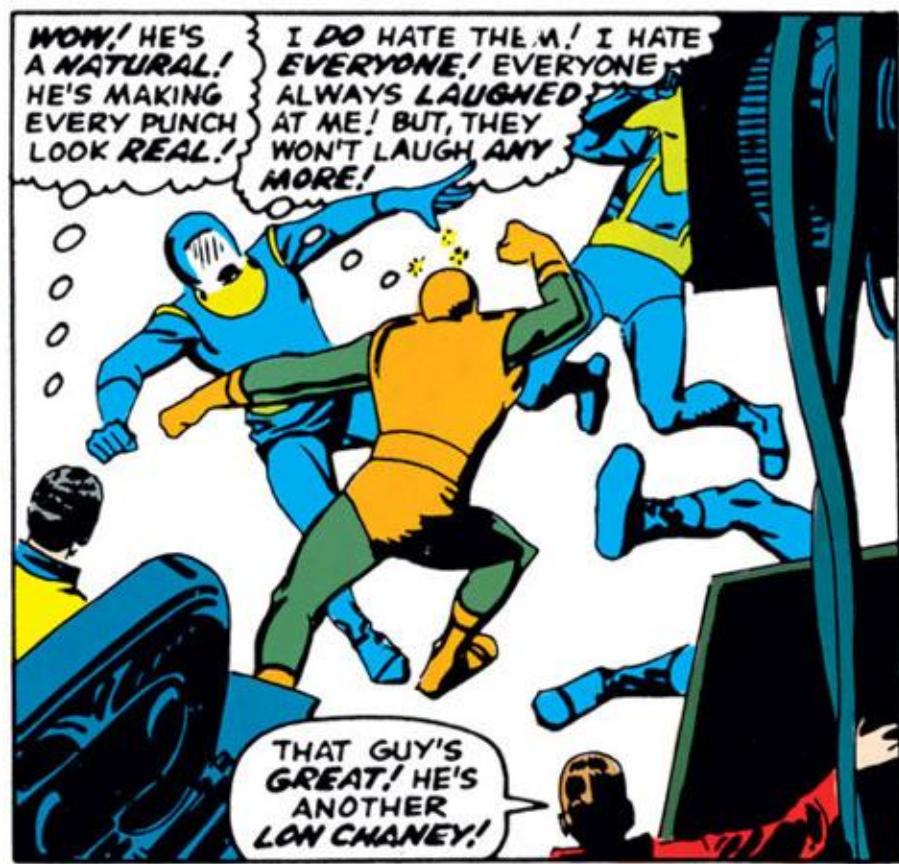
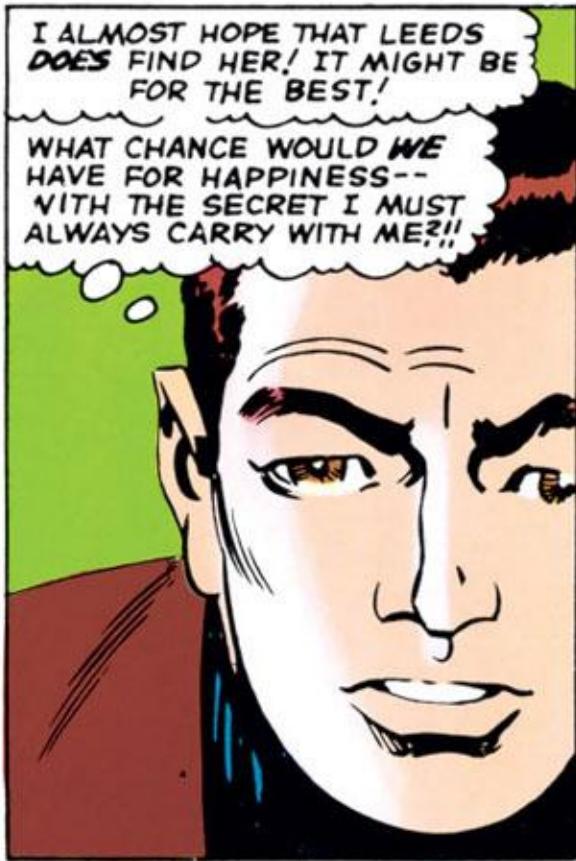
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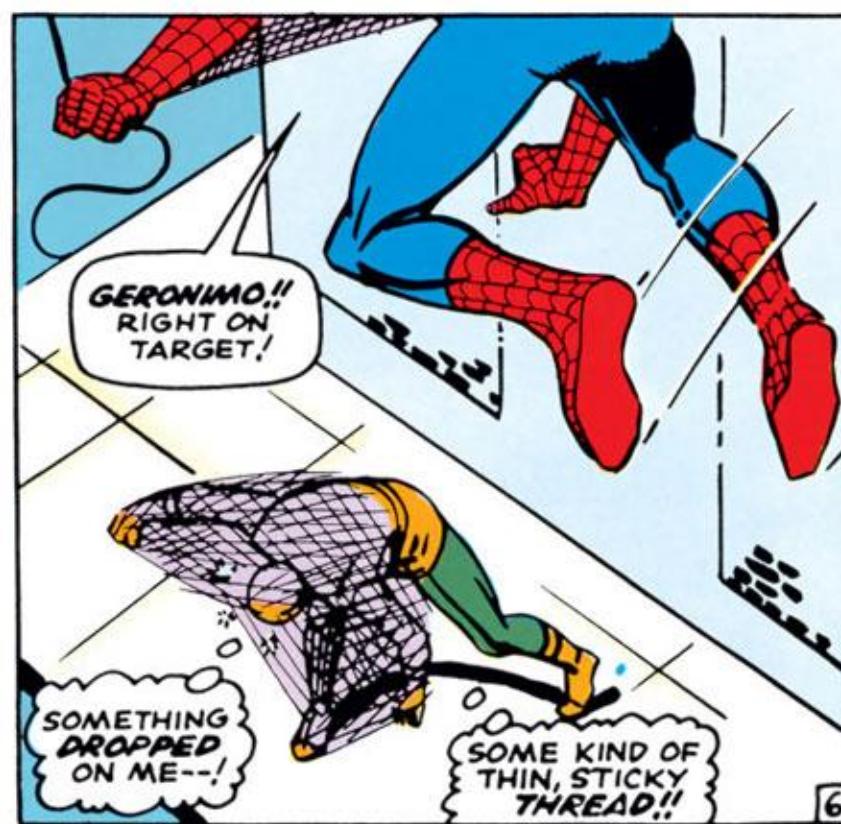
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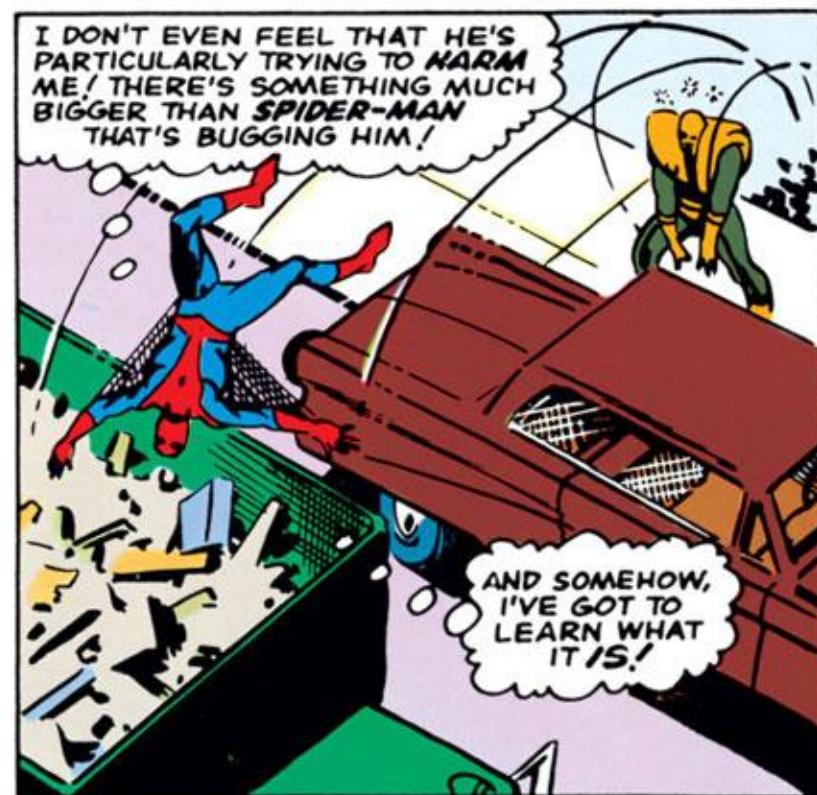


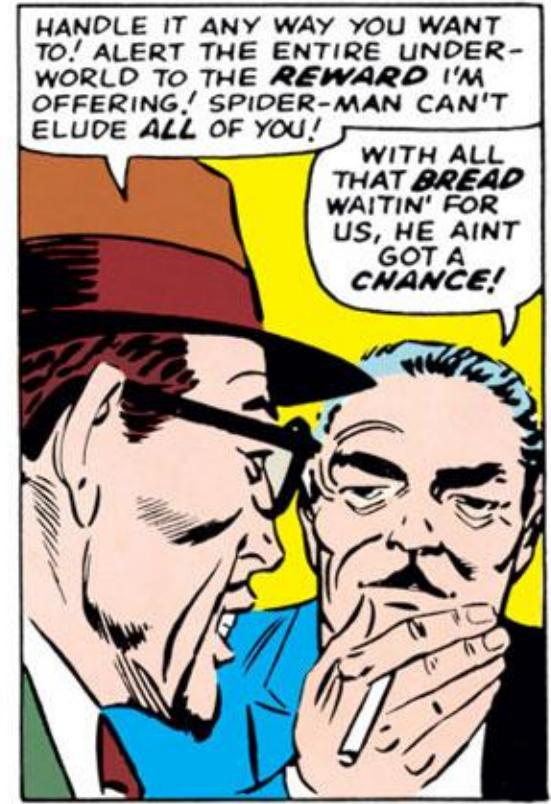
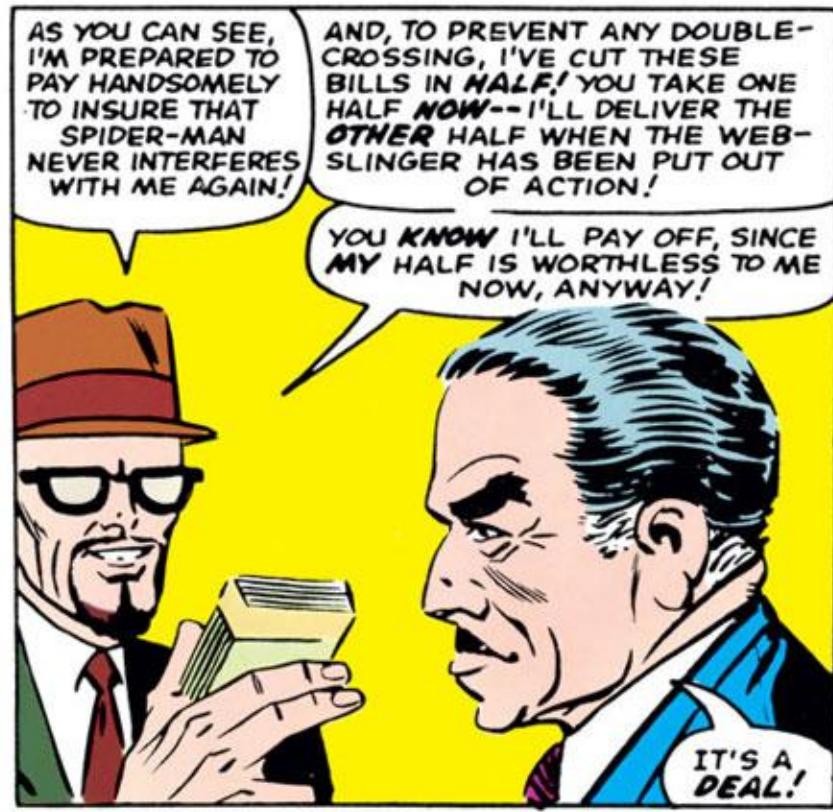
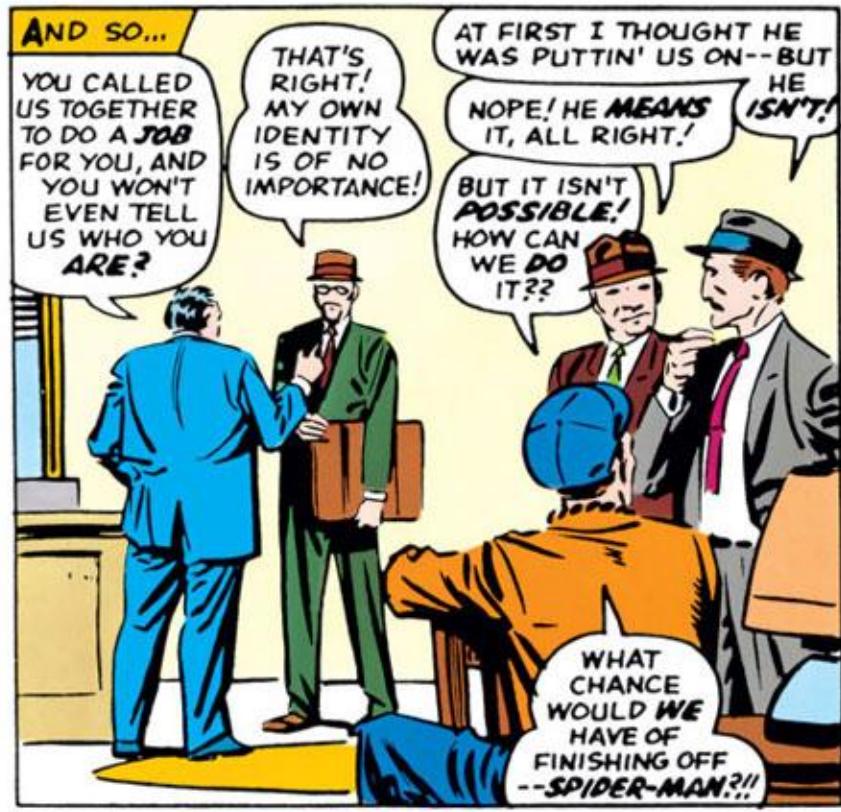
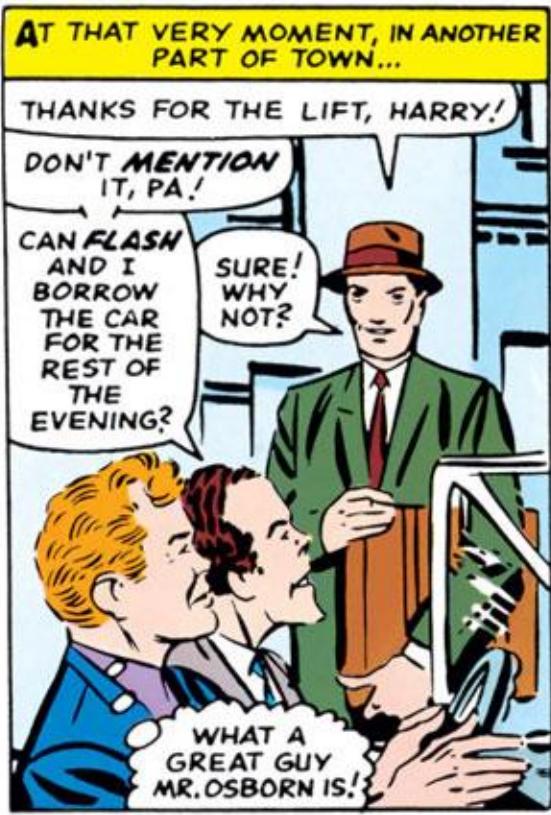


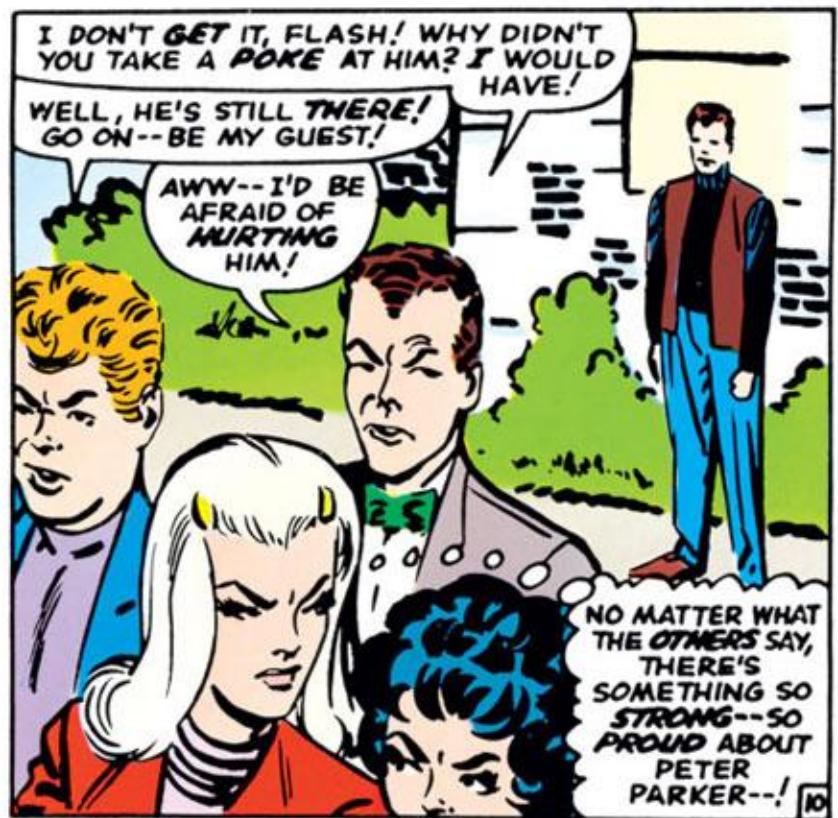


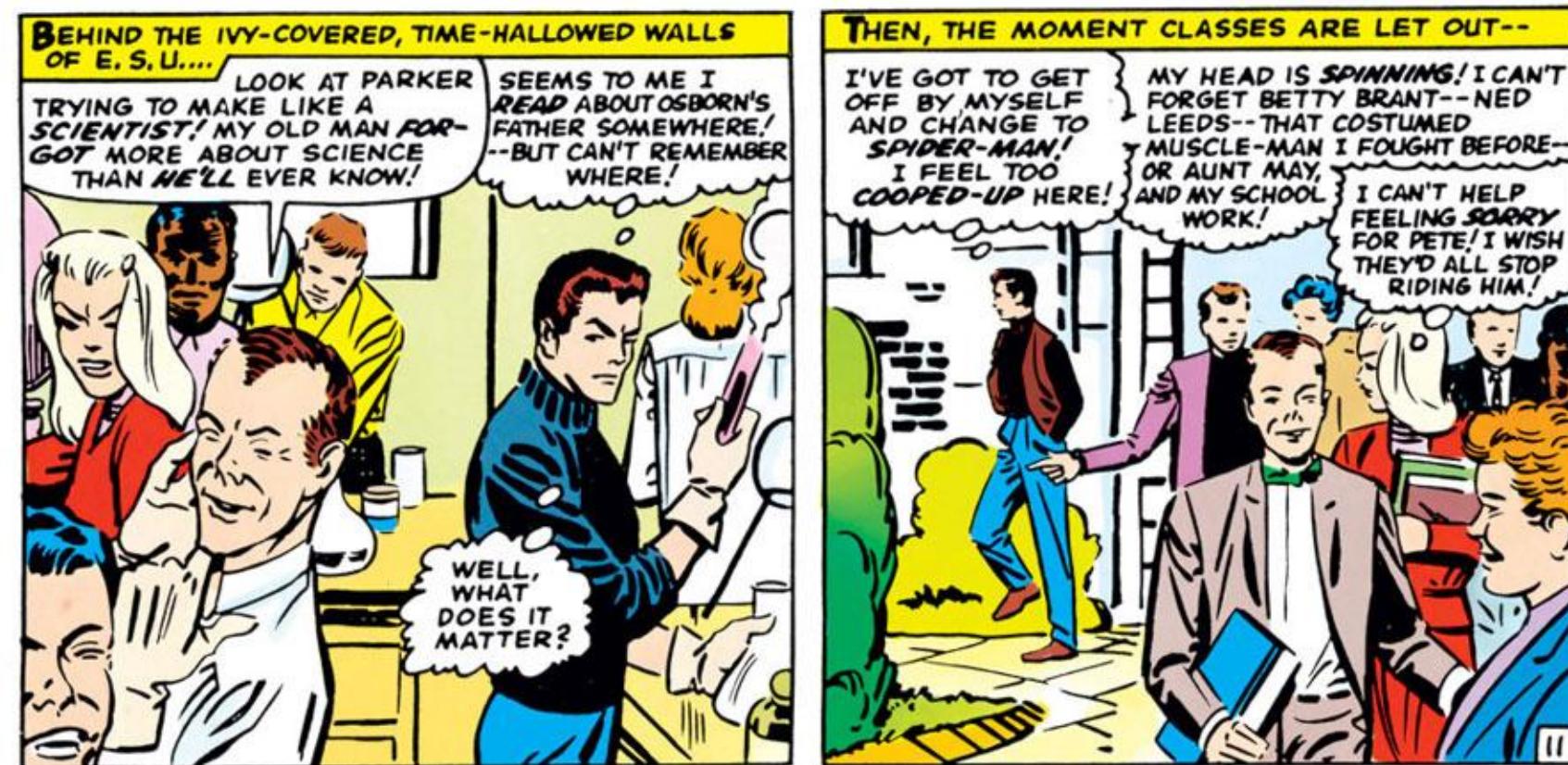
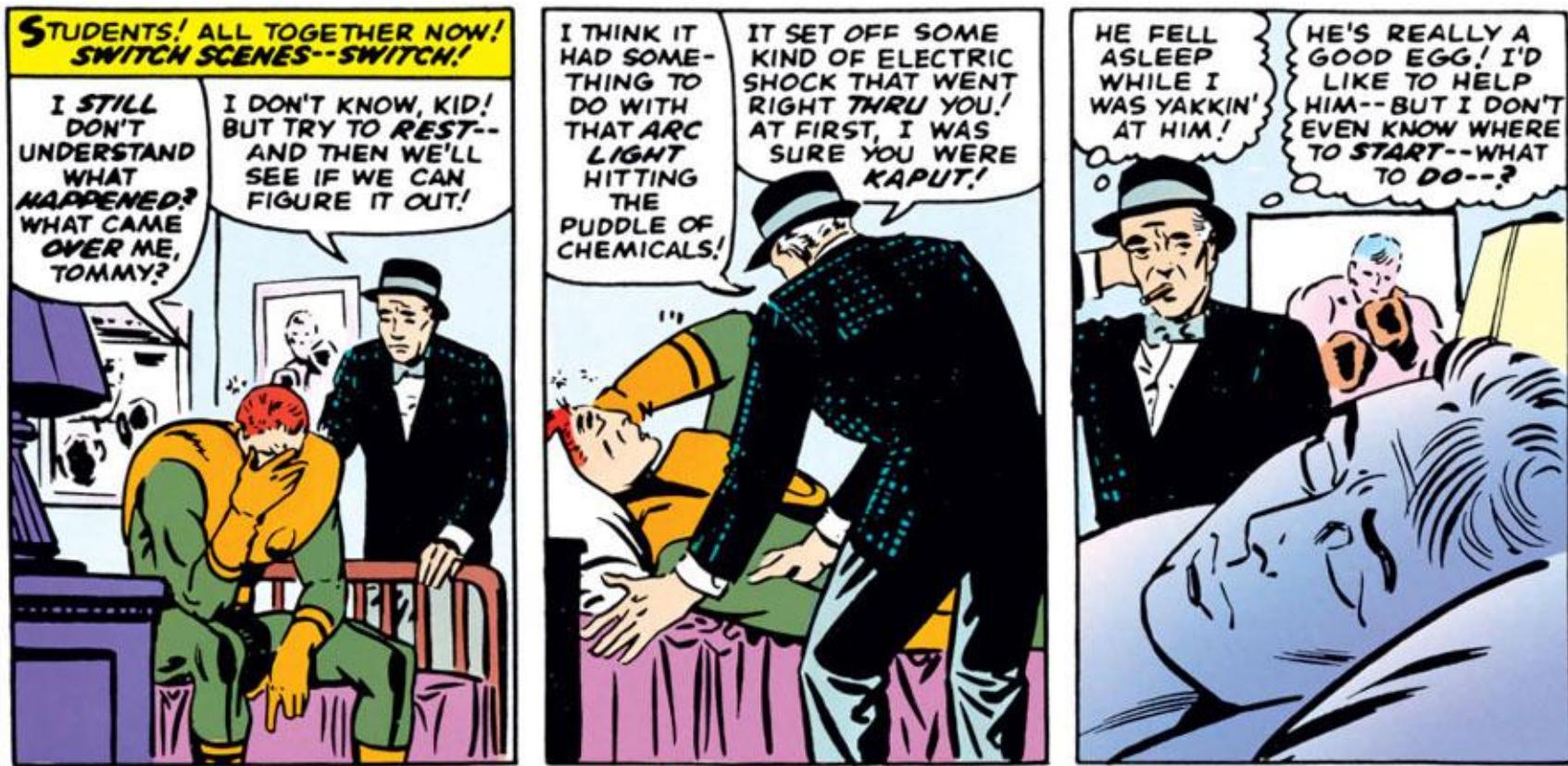


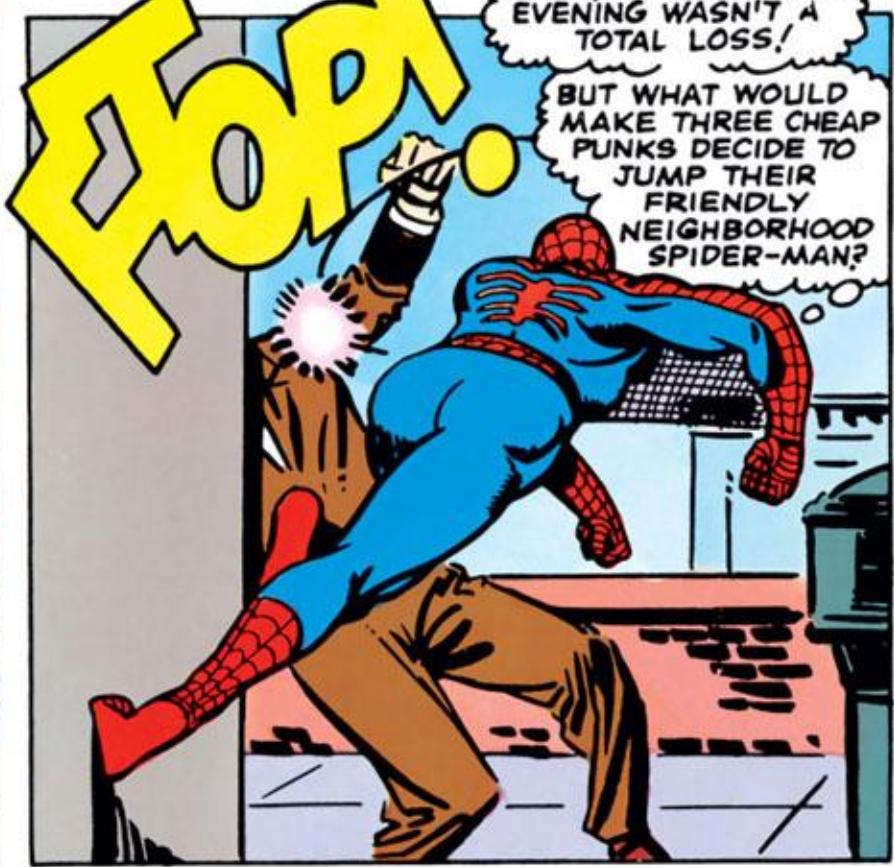














AND, AT THAT EXACT, PRECISE, SELF-SAME SPLIT-SECOND (NOT THAT IT WOULD REALLY MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF IT WAS A BIT EARLIER OR LATER), A STRANGELY-GARBED FIGURE ENTERS A CROWDED GYM--

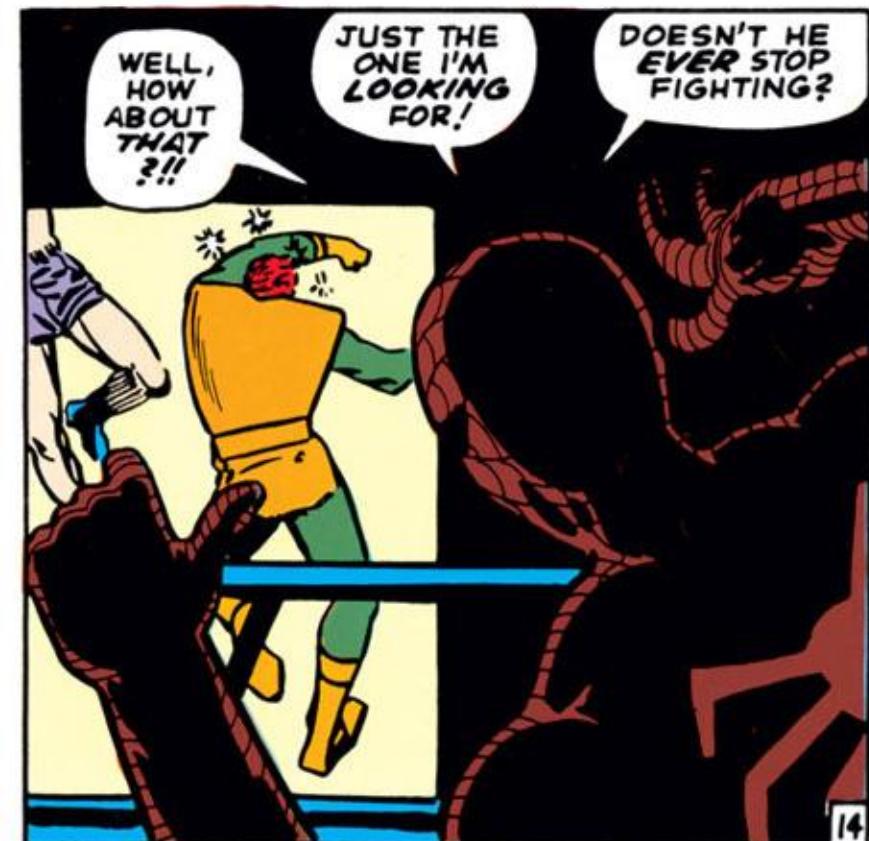
REMEMBER ME,  
YOU CREEPS? I'M JOE  
SMITH-- AND I'M GONNA  
WALLOP THE LIVIN' DAY-  
LIGHTS OUT OF THE  
WHOLE MANGY PACK  
OF YA!

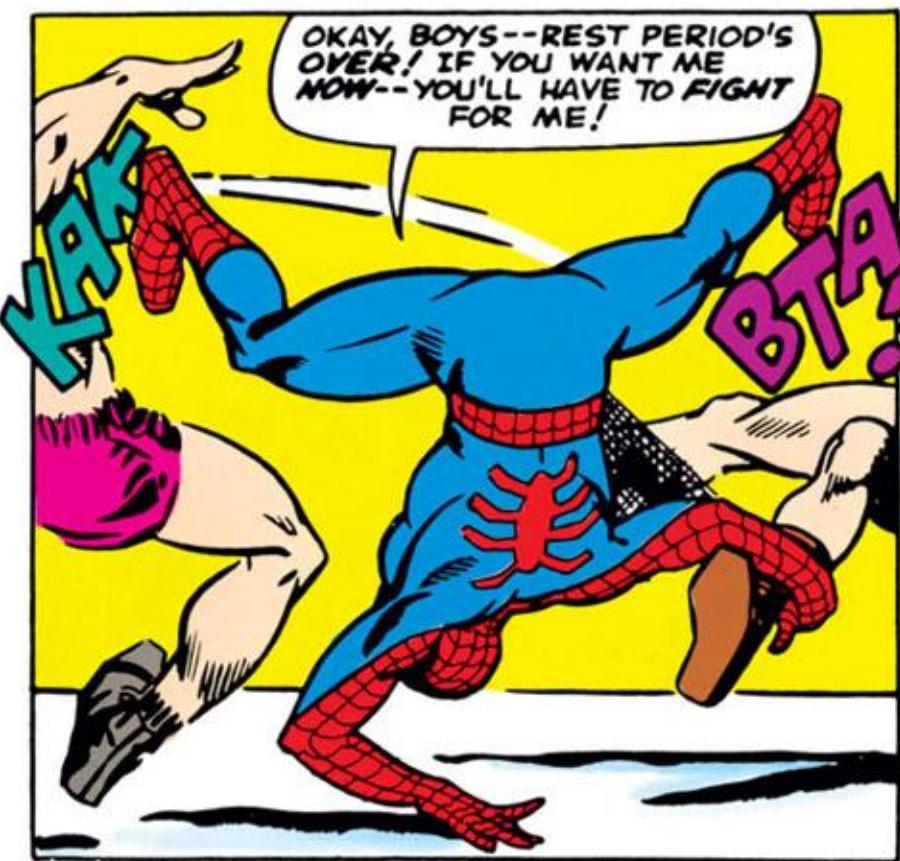
OKAY, CANVASBACK,  
WE ALL GOT A LAUGH  
OUTTA YOUR CRAZY  
COSTUME--NOW  
GET LOST!

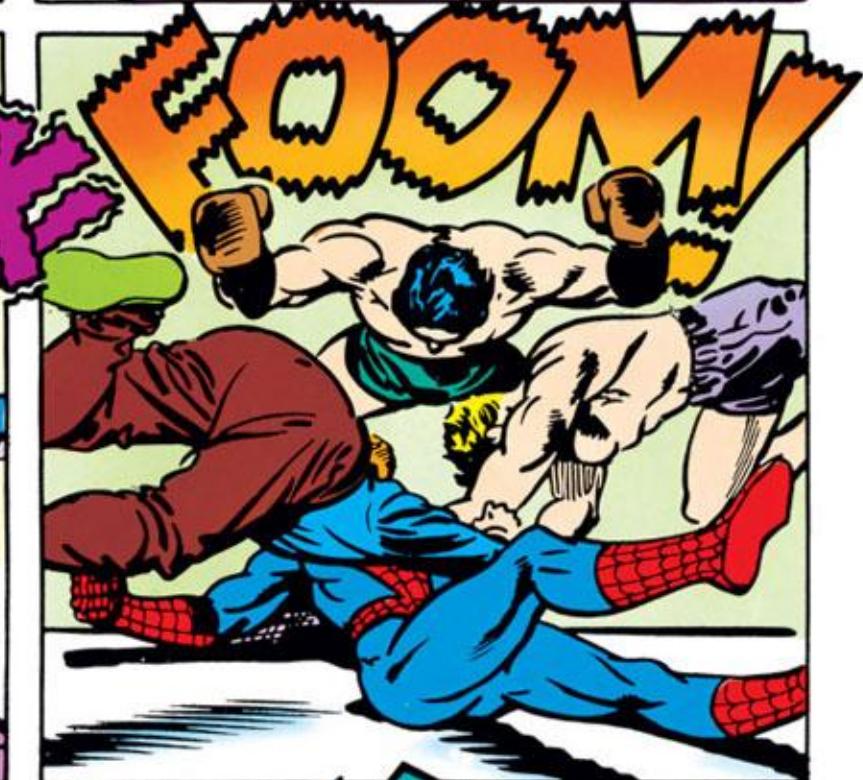
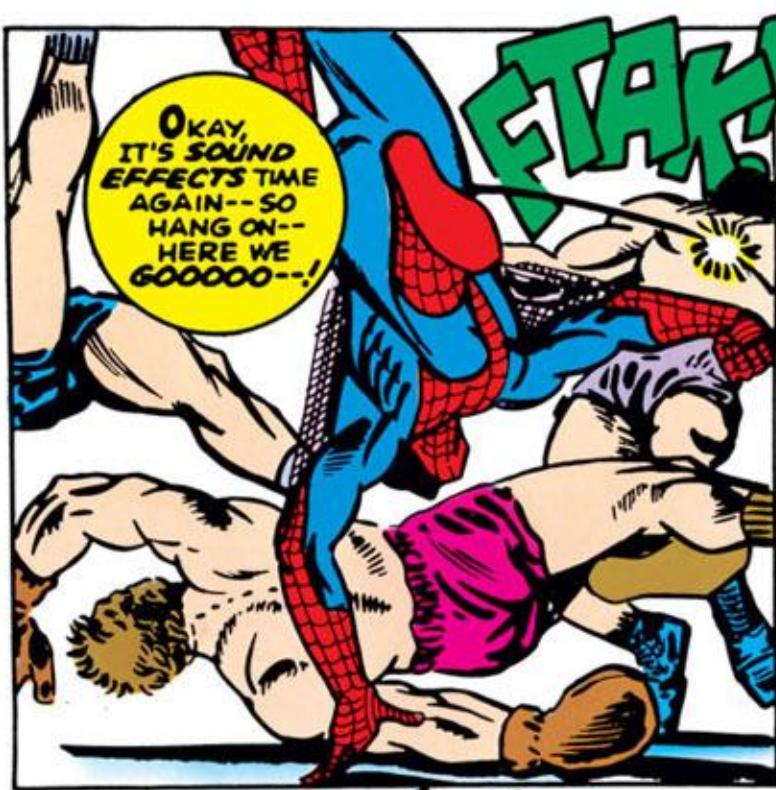
NAH, LET 'IM  
HANG AROUND,  
MARVIN! HE  
KINDA DRESSES  
UP THE JOINT!

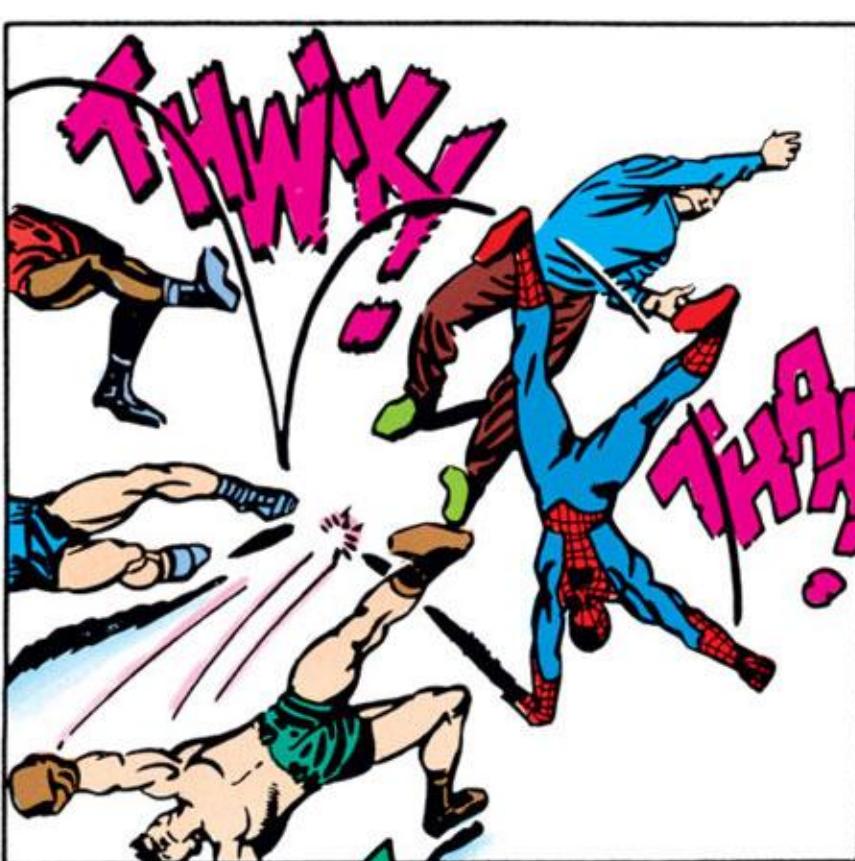
YEAH! HE'S PURTY AS A PICTURE  
IN HIS NEW SUNDAY-GO-TO-  
MEETIN' DUDS!

I HOPE HE REALLY IS  
LOOKIN' FOR A FIGHT.  
I AINT KNOCKED NOBODY'S  
BLOCK OFF IN WEEKS!









AND NOW, WITH ONE FINAL  
"PAKOW!" WE END OUR  
SCINTILLATING SOUND-EFFECTS  
SECTION--AS SMILIN' STAN  
THANKS YOU, ONE AND ALL, FOR  
THE BRIEF BREATHER YOU'VE  
ALLOWED HIM!

WELL? HAD  
ENOUGH,  
BIG  
FELLA?  
THE SPOTS! I DON'T  
SEE 'EM ANY-  
MORE! AND--I  
FEEL JUST LIKE  
I ALWAYS USED  
TO--!



