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"THE
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

"The TENTACLES And THE TRAP!"

OF COURSE I
REMEMBER YOU!
YOU'RE THAT KINDLY
DR. OCTOPUS
WHOM I VISITED
IN 1964 WITH MISS
BETTY BRANT!*

NOW THAT I
REALIZE YOU
ARE TO BE THE
LANDLADY, DEAR
MRS. PARKER,
I WILL ACCEPT
THE ROOM **SIGHT
UNSEEN!**

AND TO
THINK IT'S
YOU WHO
ARE
ANSWERING
OUR AD
FOR A
BOARDER!

WHAT A
SMALL
WORLD!

* WHO SAYS
WE DON'T
REMEMBER
THE SPIDEY
ANNUAL #1?
-- SMUG STAN.

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NATION
'67:

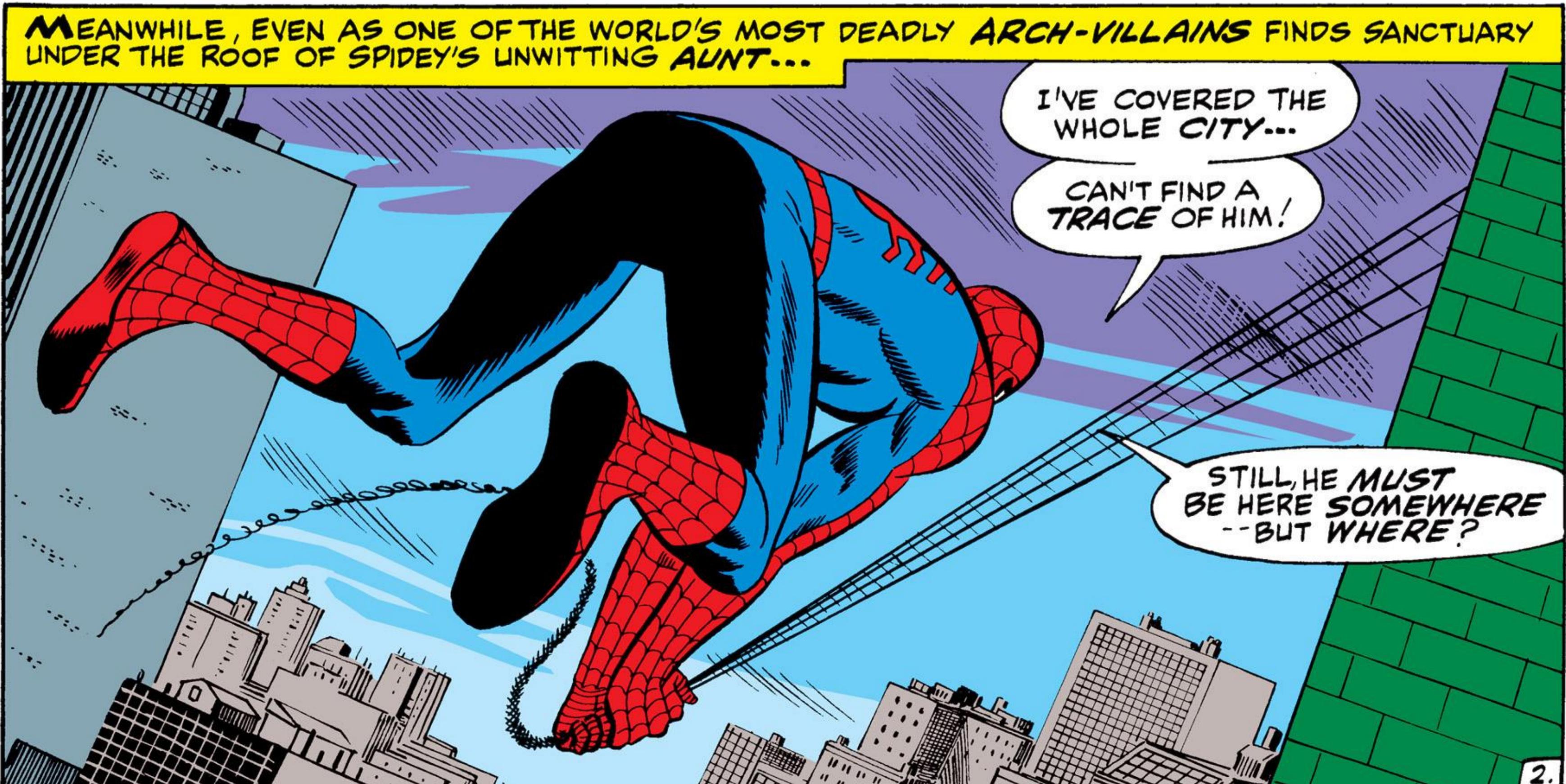
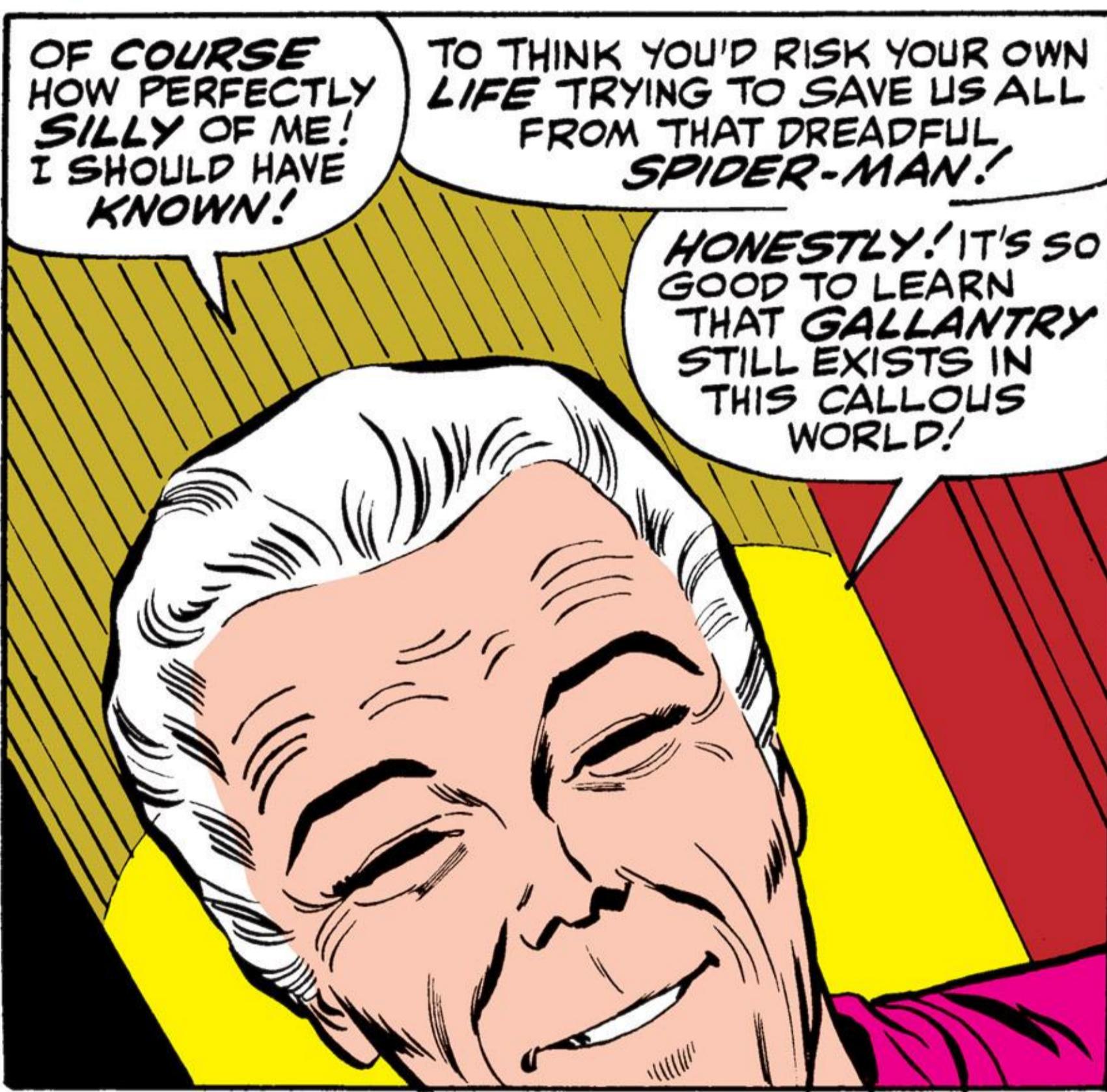
FOILED BY SPIDER-
MAN IN HIS PLOT TO
STEAL AMERICA'S GREATEST
NEW WEAPON --- THE NULLIFIER...
DOC OCK STRUCK BACK LAST
ISH, AND MISTAKENLY THINKS
HE HAS KILLED OUR WONDROUS
WEB-SLINGER --- ALTHOUGH
WE KNOW DIFFERENTLY,
DON'T WE?

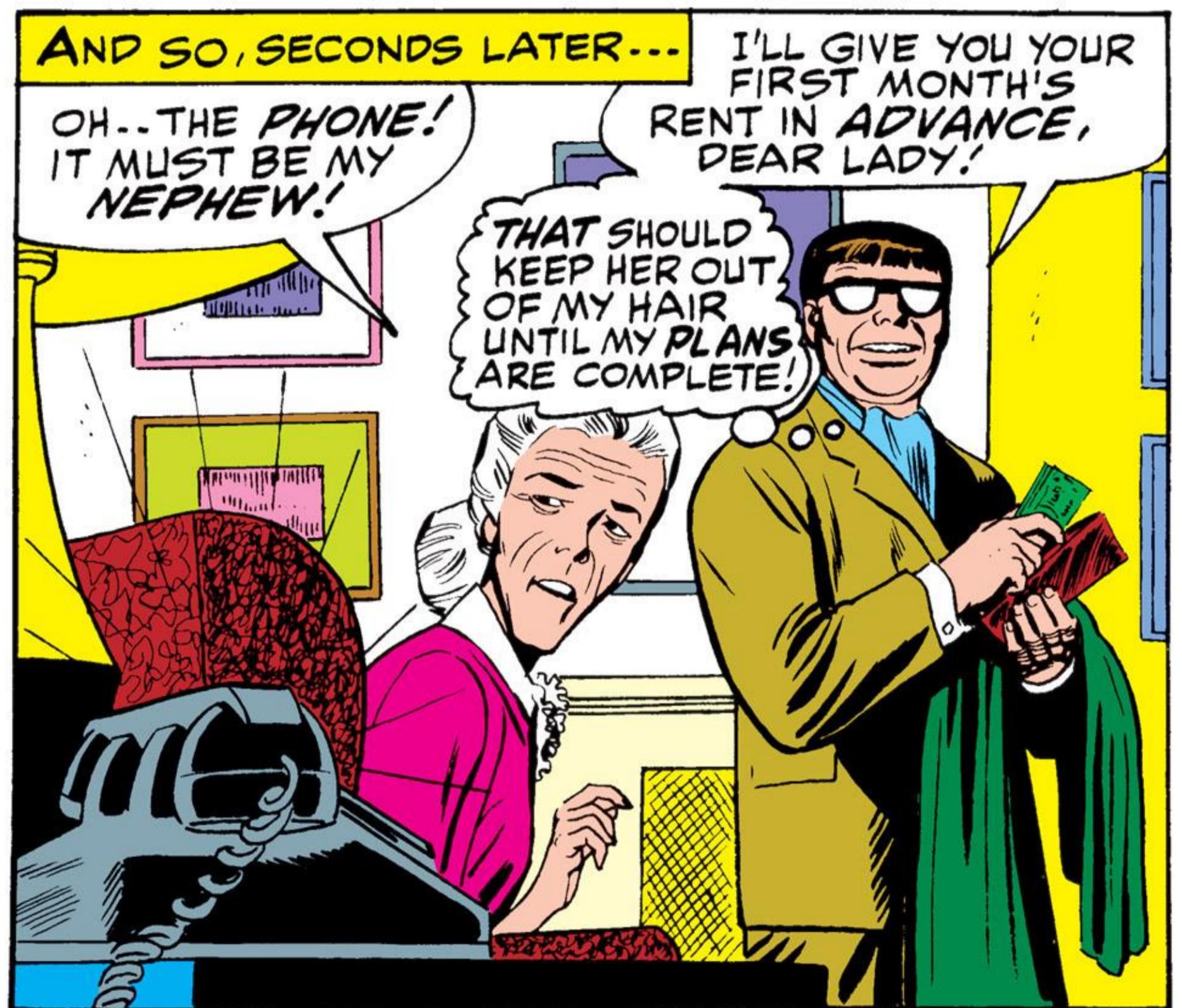
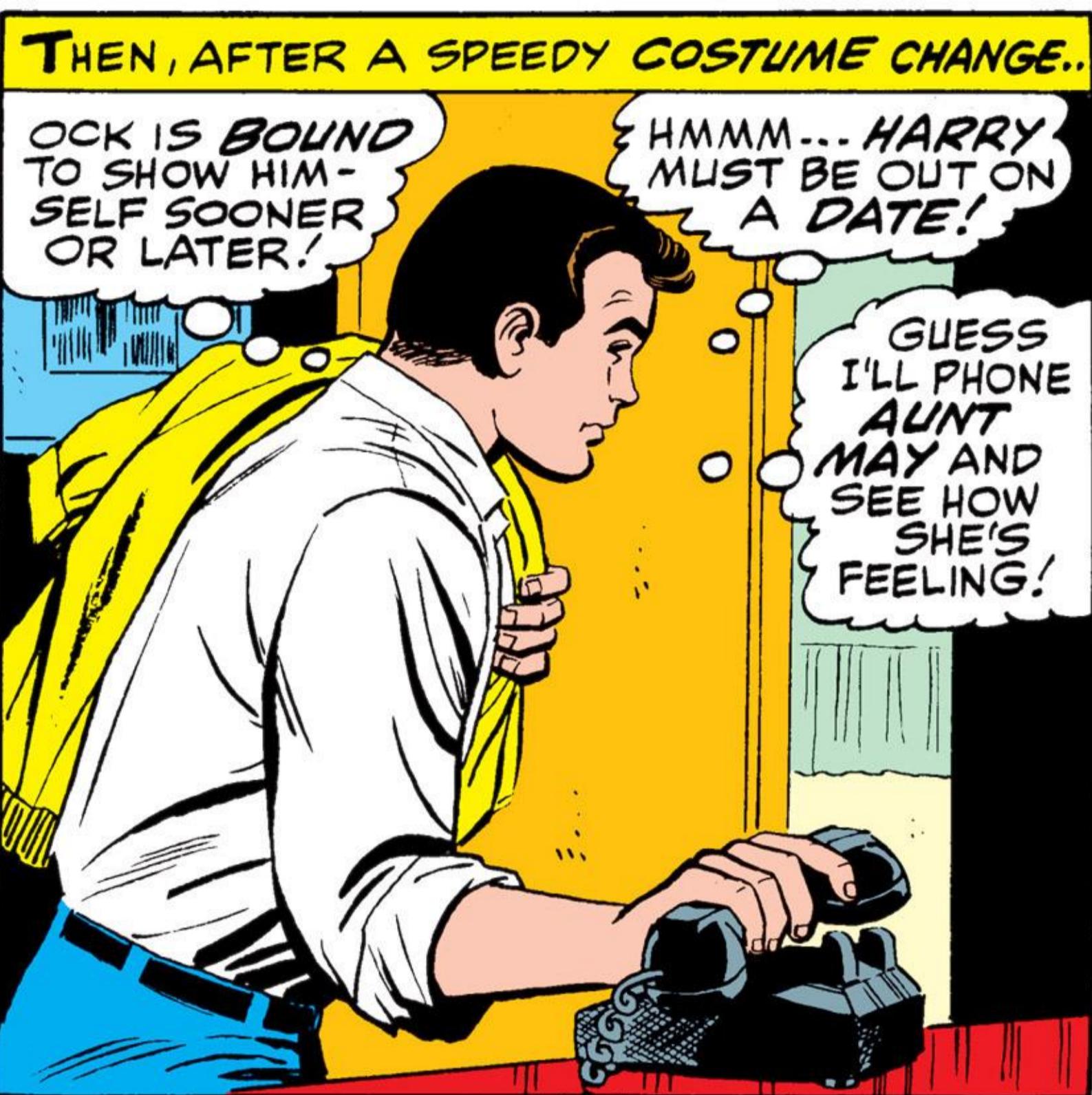
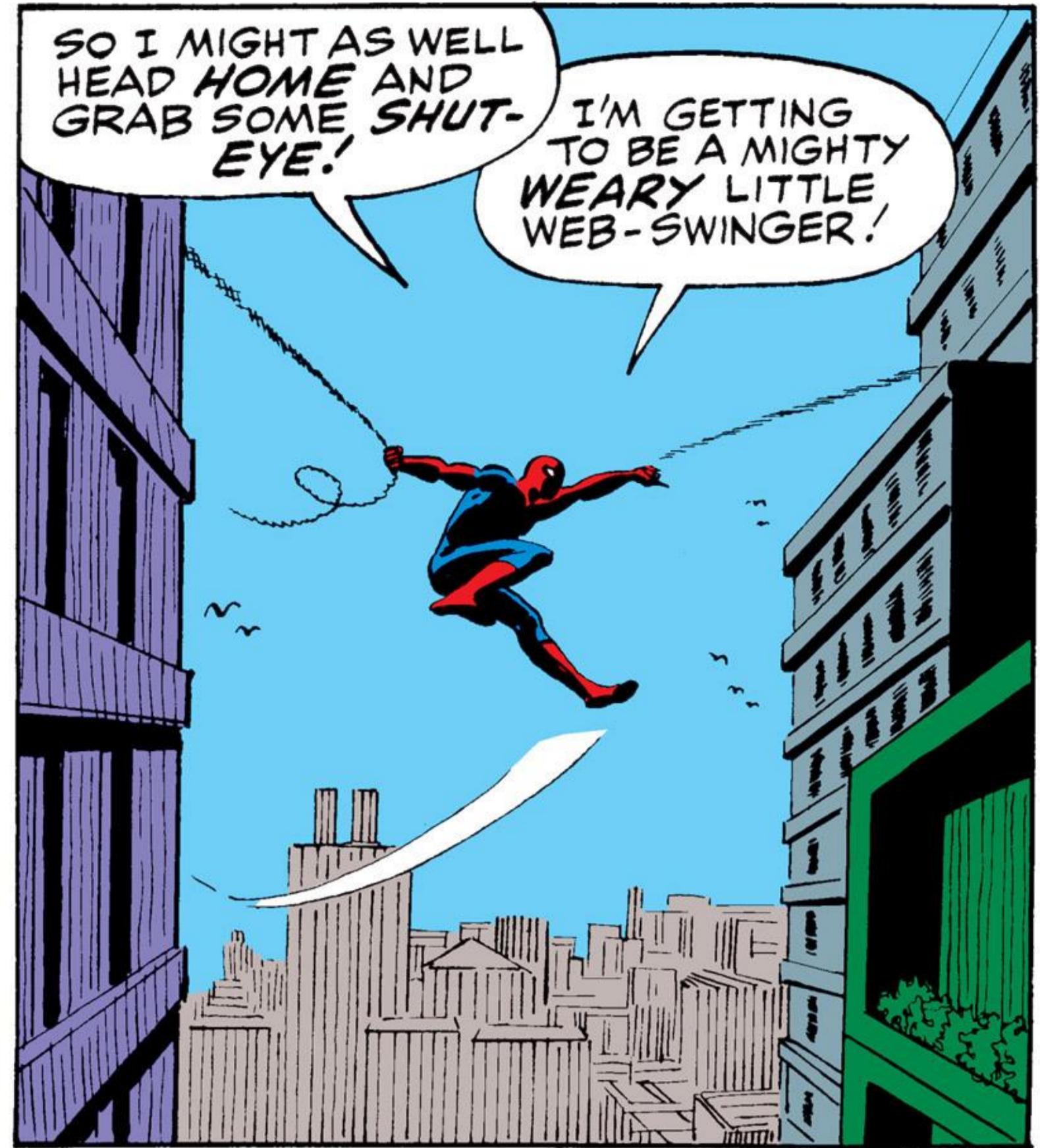
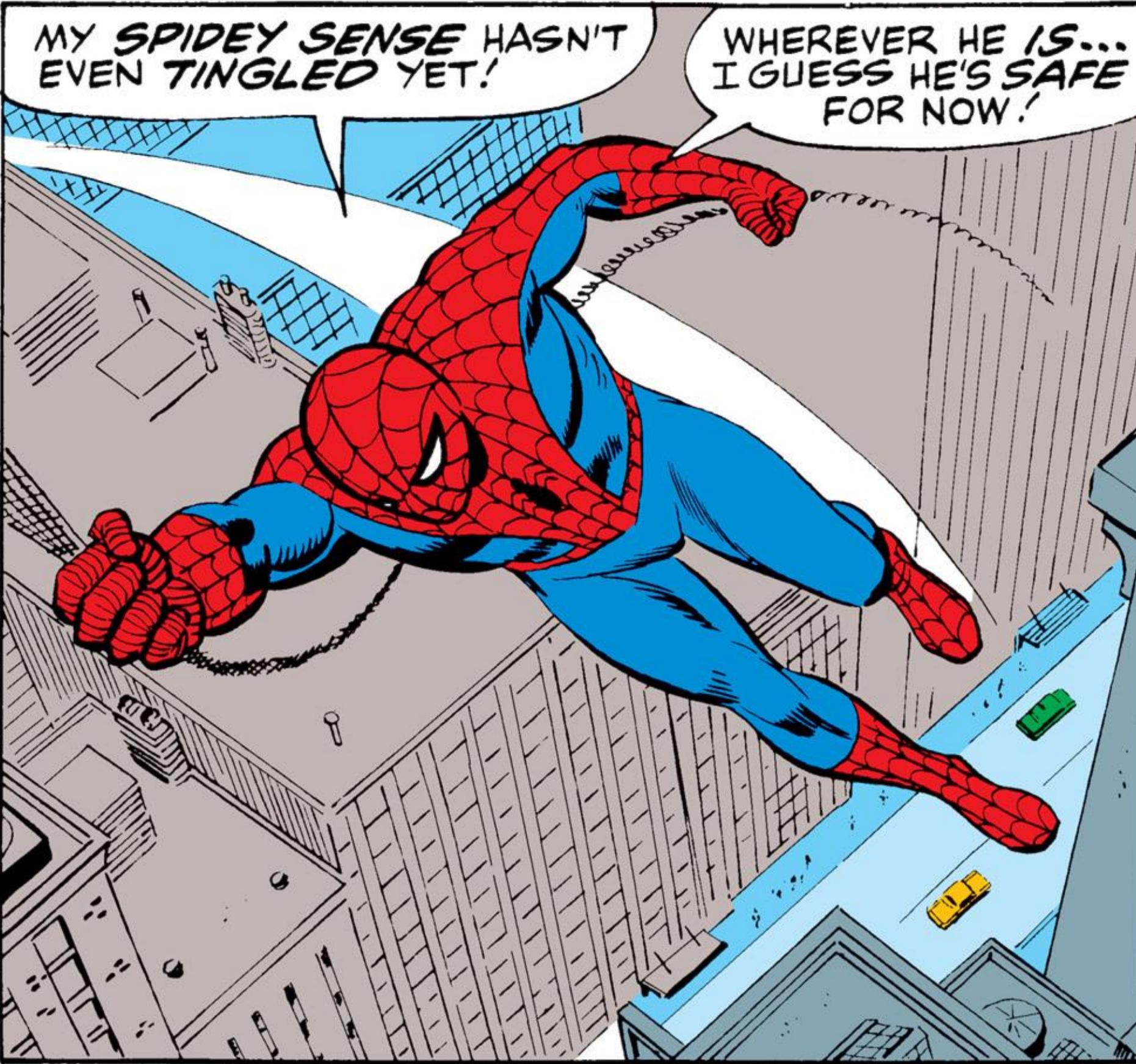
ANYWAY, THE MULTI-ARMED
MENACE NOW NEEDS A
SAFE PLACE TO LIE LOW...
AND WHAT BETTER
HIDEOUT CAN THERE
BE THAN A SIMPLE
ROOM IN THE SIMPLE
HOME WHICH OUR HERO'S
AUNT MAY
SHARES -- SIMPLY --
WITH ANNA
WATSON?

BROUGHT TO
YOU AT ITS FULL
FLAVOR PEAK BY:
STAN (THE MAN) and **JOHN**
LEE (RING-A-DING)
ROMITA

EMBELLISHED BY:
MICKEY DEMEO
LETTERED BY:
SAM ROSEN

AND NOW, LET'S SEE HOW
MUCH SWINGIN' SUSPENSE
YOU CAN HANDLE ...





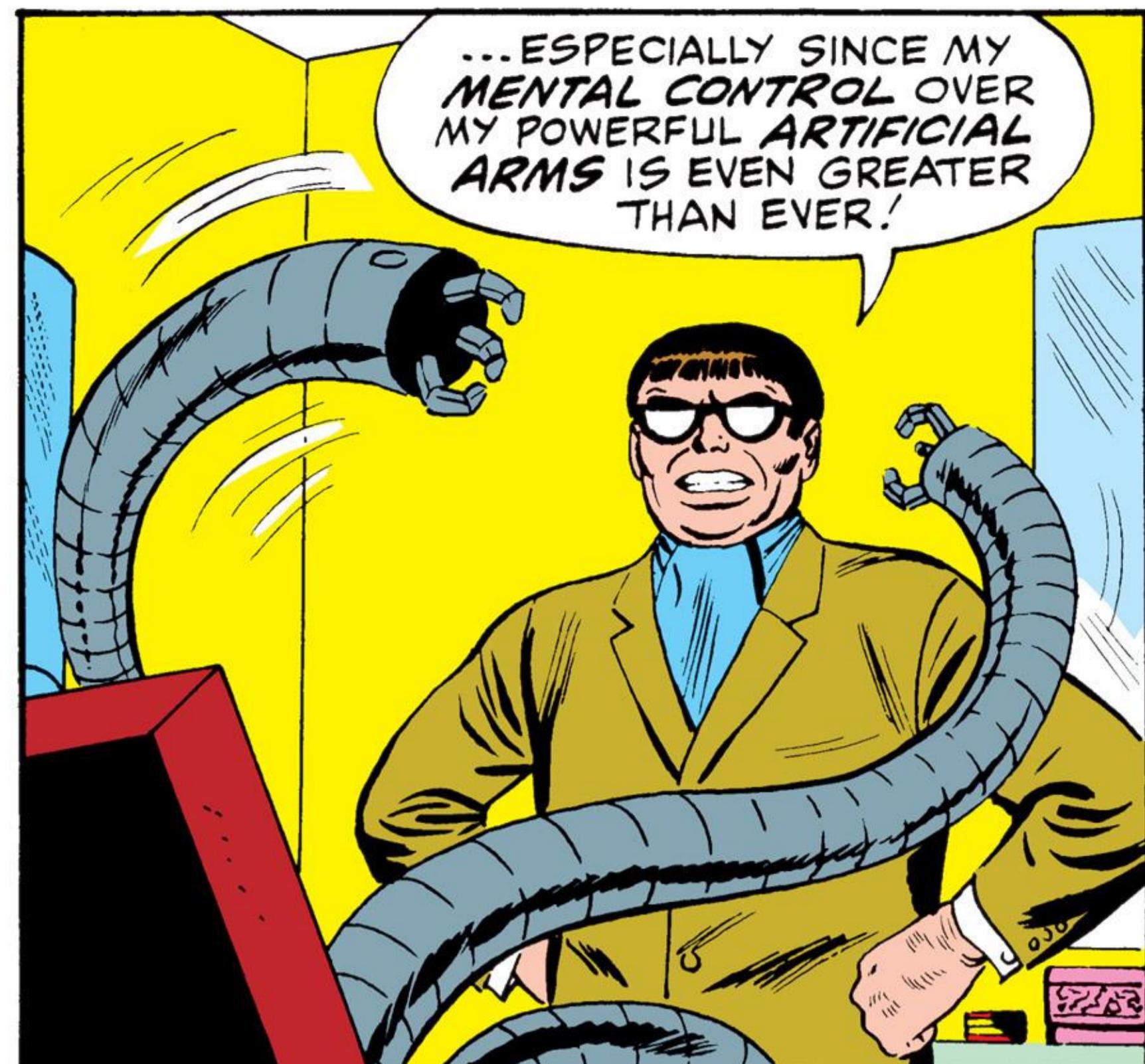
BUT THEN, IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS ROOM, DOCK OCK'S SPIRITS BEGIN TO RISE...

NOW THAT SPIDER-MAN IS DEAD... AND I'VE FOUND A FAR BETTER HIDE-OUT THAN I EXPECTED...

I CAN AGAIN MAKE PLANS TO STEAL THE PRICELESS NULLIFIER!

AND THIS TIME I WILL NOT FAIL!

...ESPECIALLY SINCE MY MENTAL CONTROL OVER MY POWERFUL ARTIFICIAL ARMS IS EVEN GREATER THAN EVER!

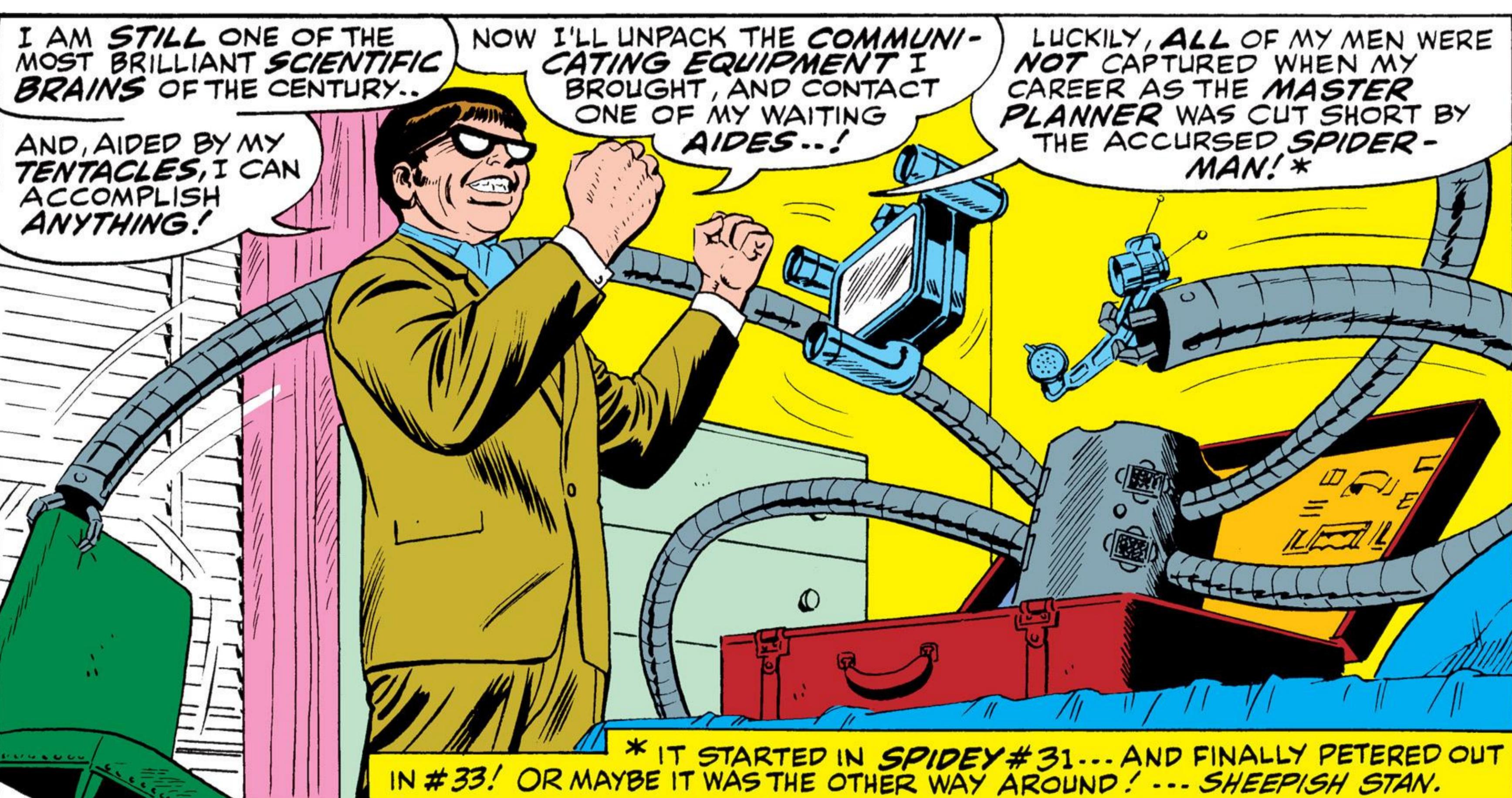


I AM STILL ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIFIC BRAINS OF THE CENTURY...

AND, AIDED BY MY TENTACLES, I CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

NOW I'LL UNPACK THE COMMUNICATING EQUIPMENT I BROUGHT, AND CONTACT ONE OF MY WAITING AIDS...

LUCKILY, ALL OF MY MEN WERE NOT CAPTURED WHEN MY CAREER AS THE MASTER PLANNER WAS CUT SHORT BY THE ACCURSED SPIDER-MAN!*



* IT STARTED IN SPIDEY #31... AND FINALLY PETERED OUT IN #33! OR MAYBE IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND! ... SHEEPISH STAN.

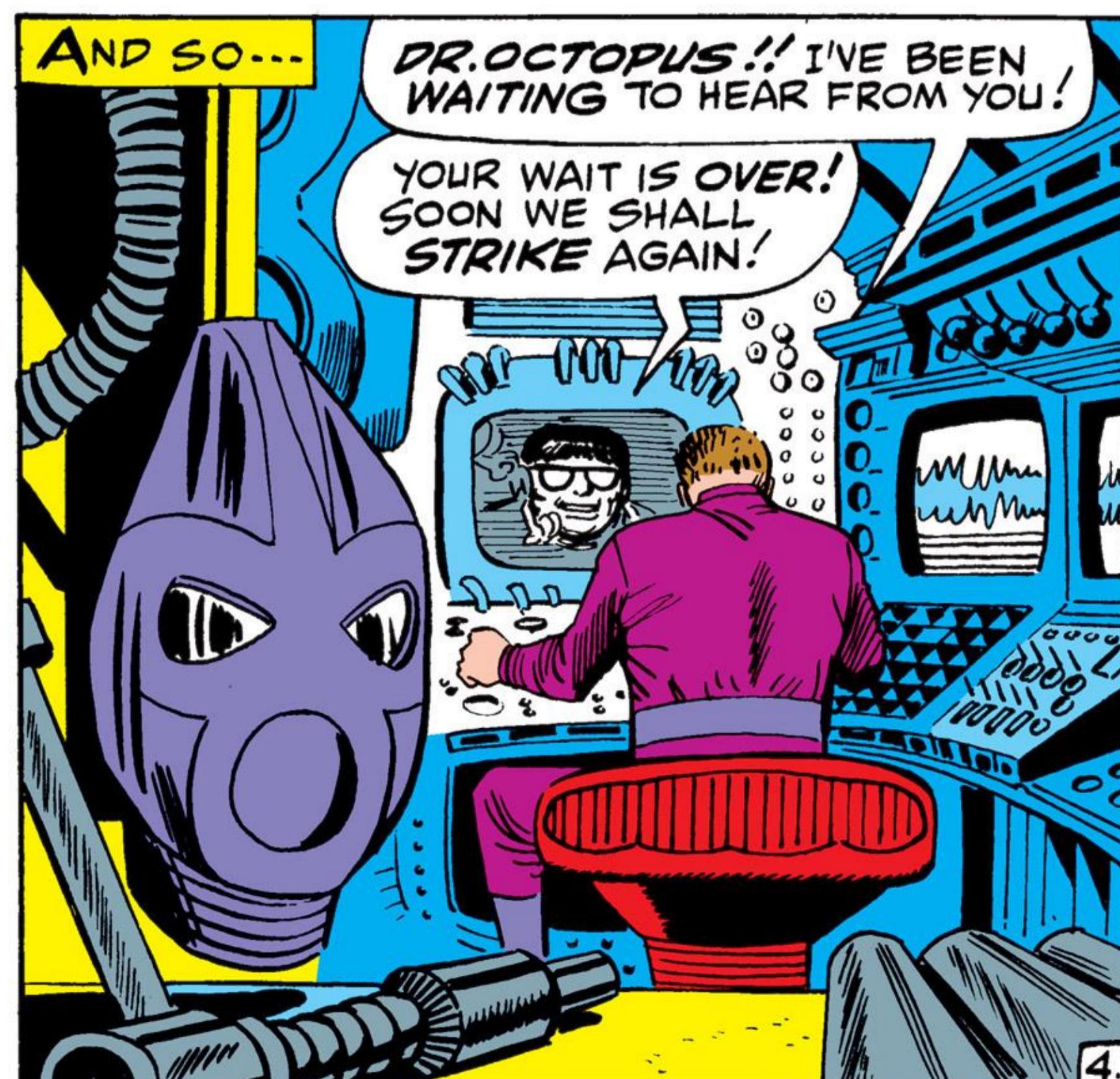
BEFORE LONG, I'LL BE IN FULL COMMAND ONCE MORE!

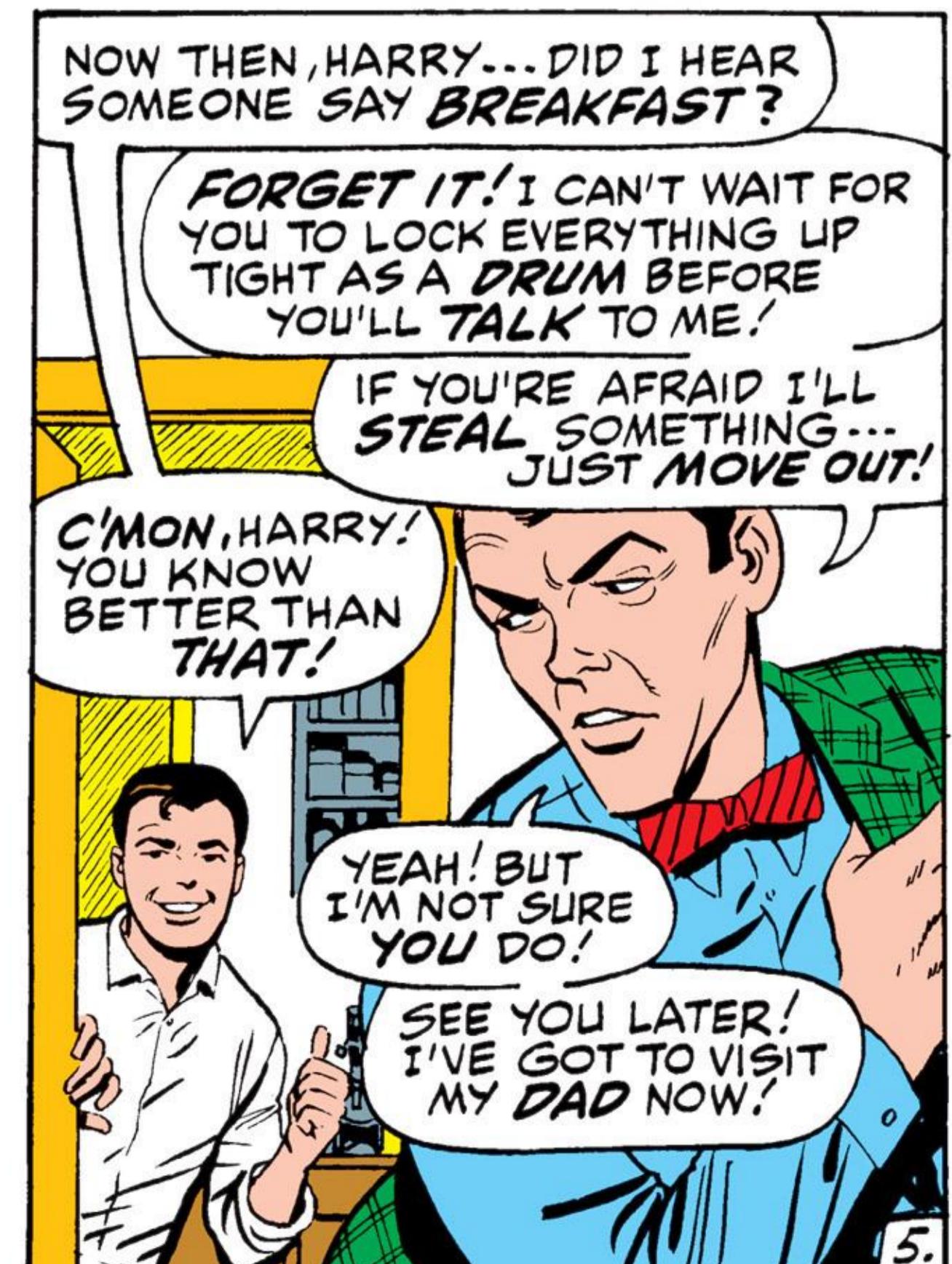
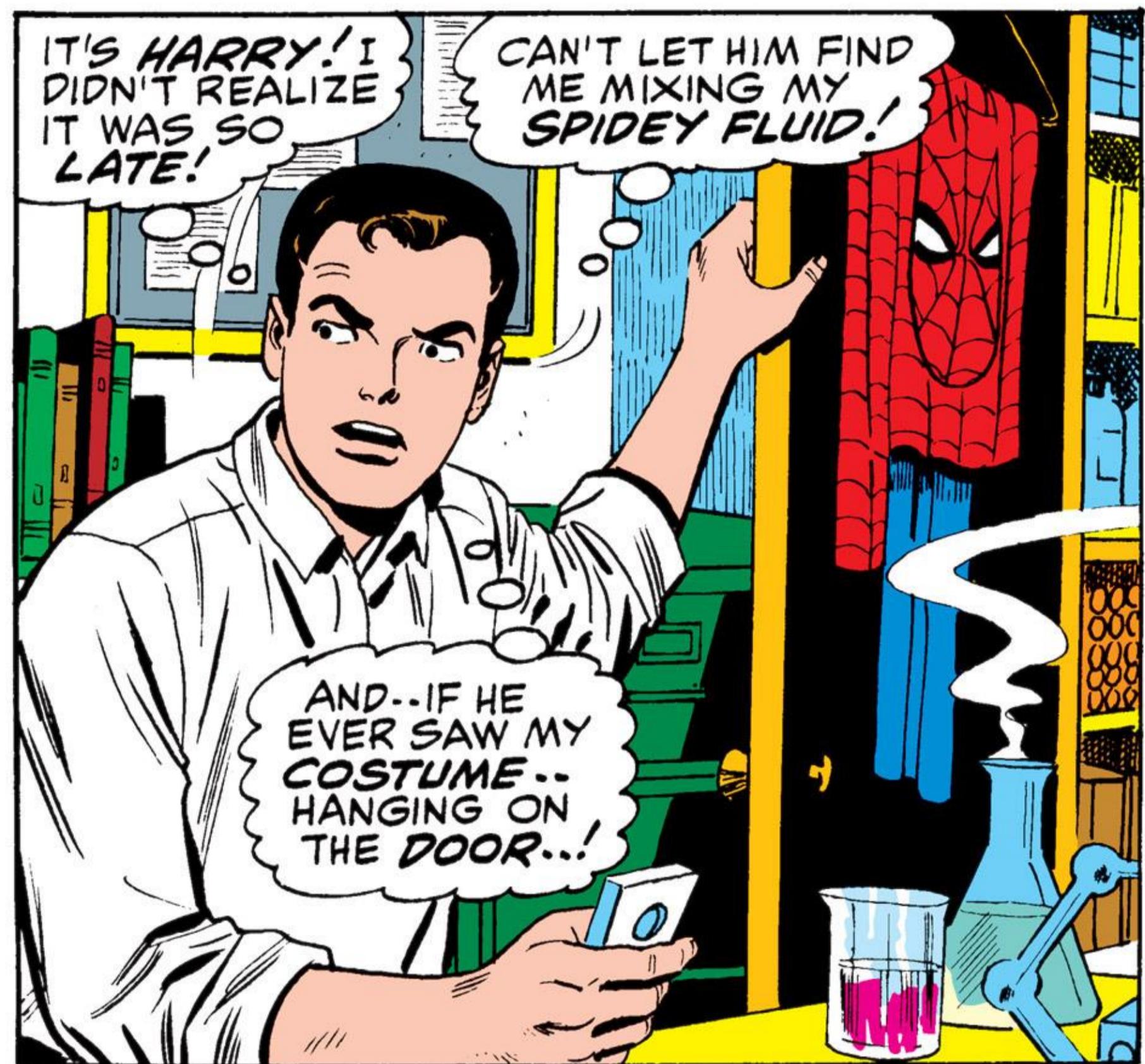
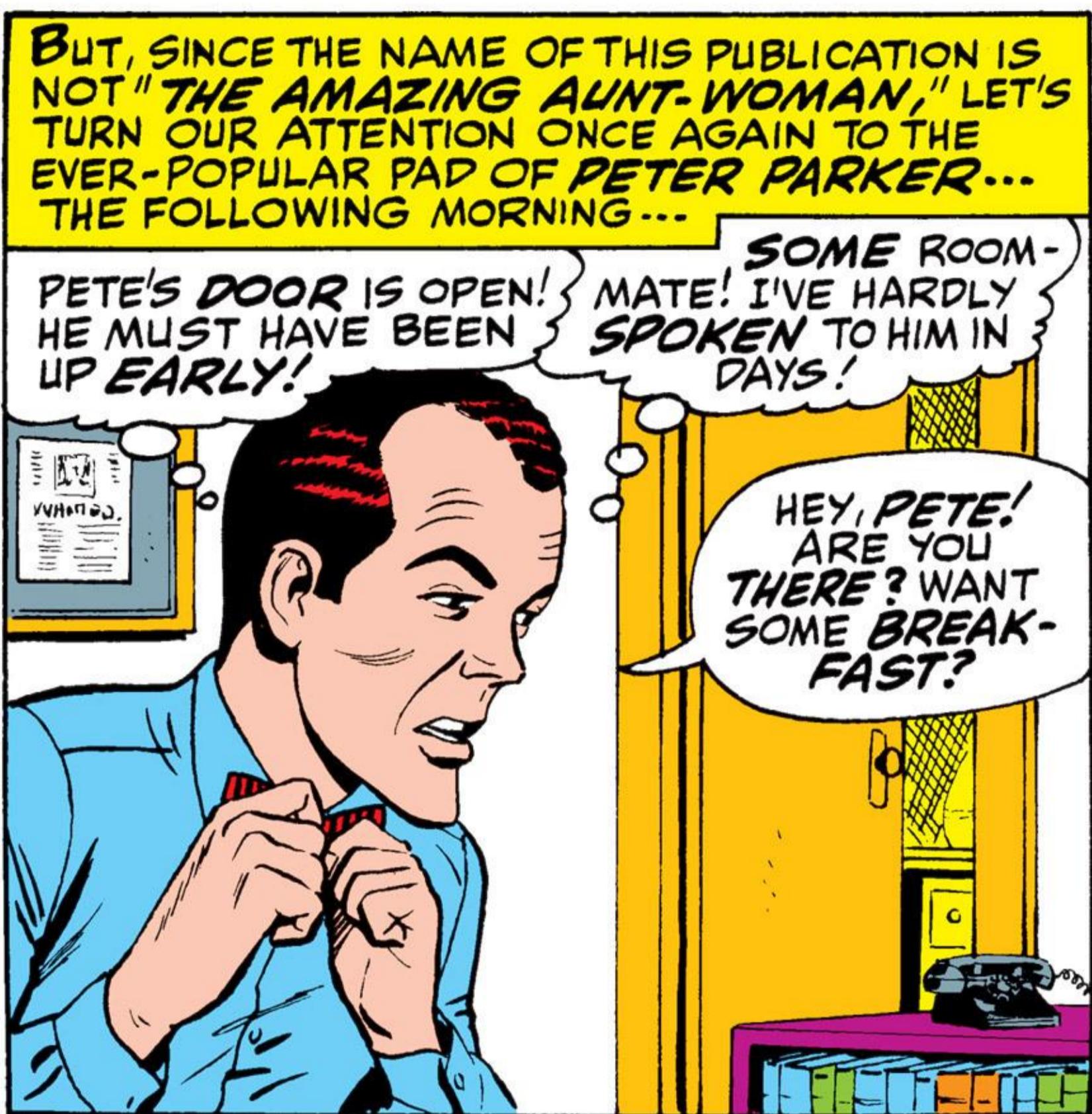
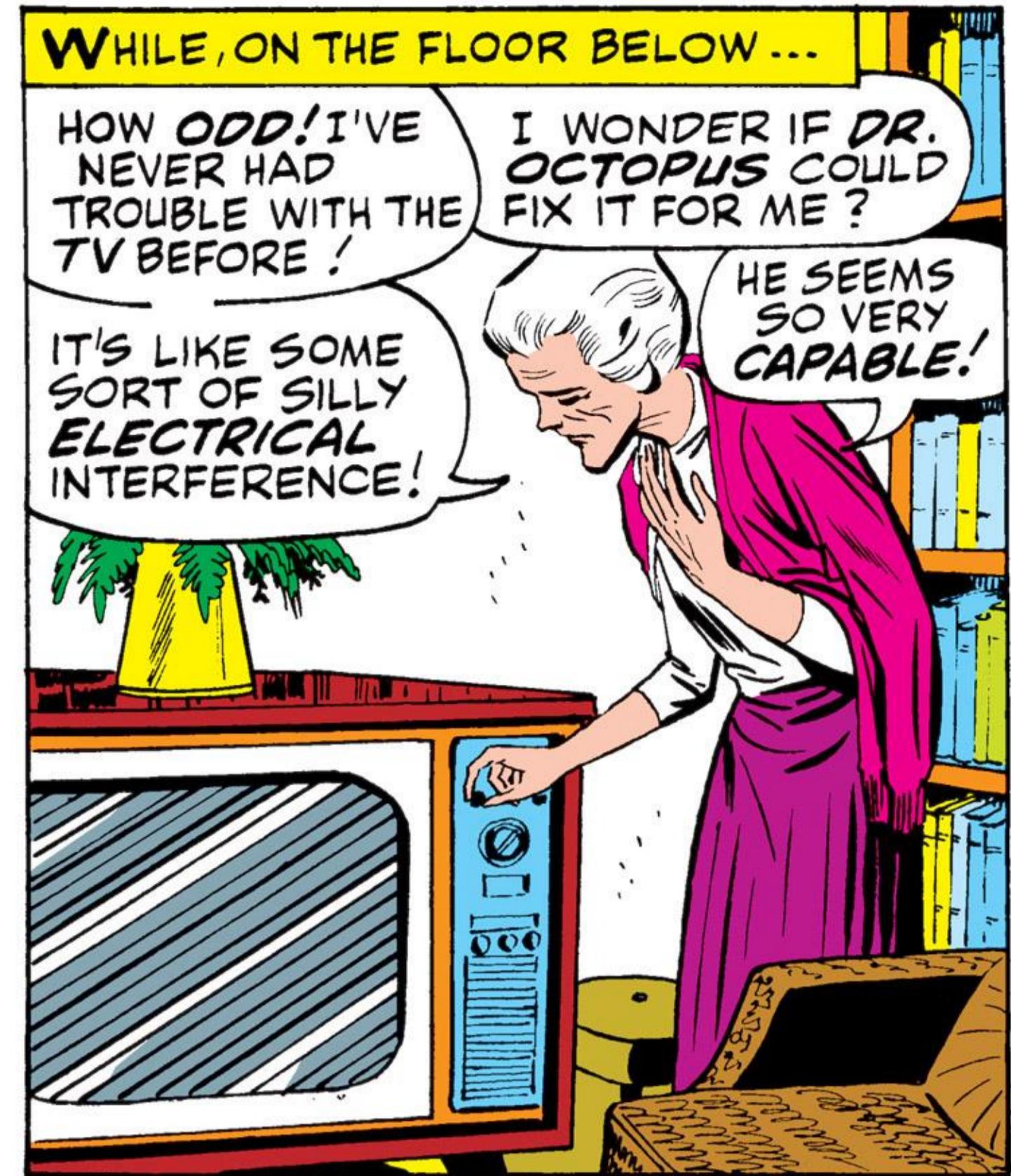
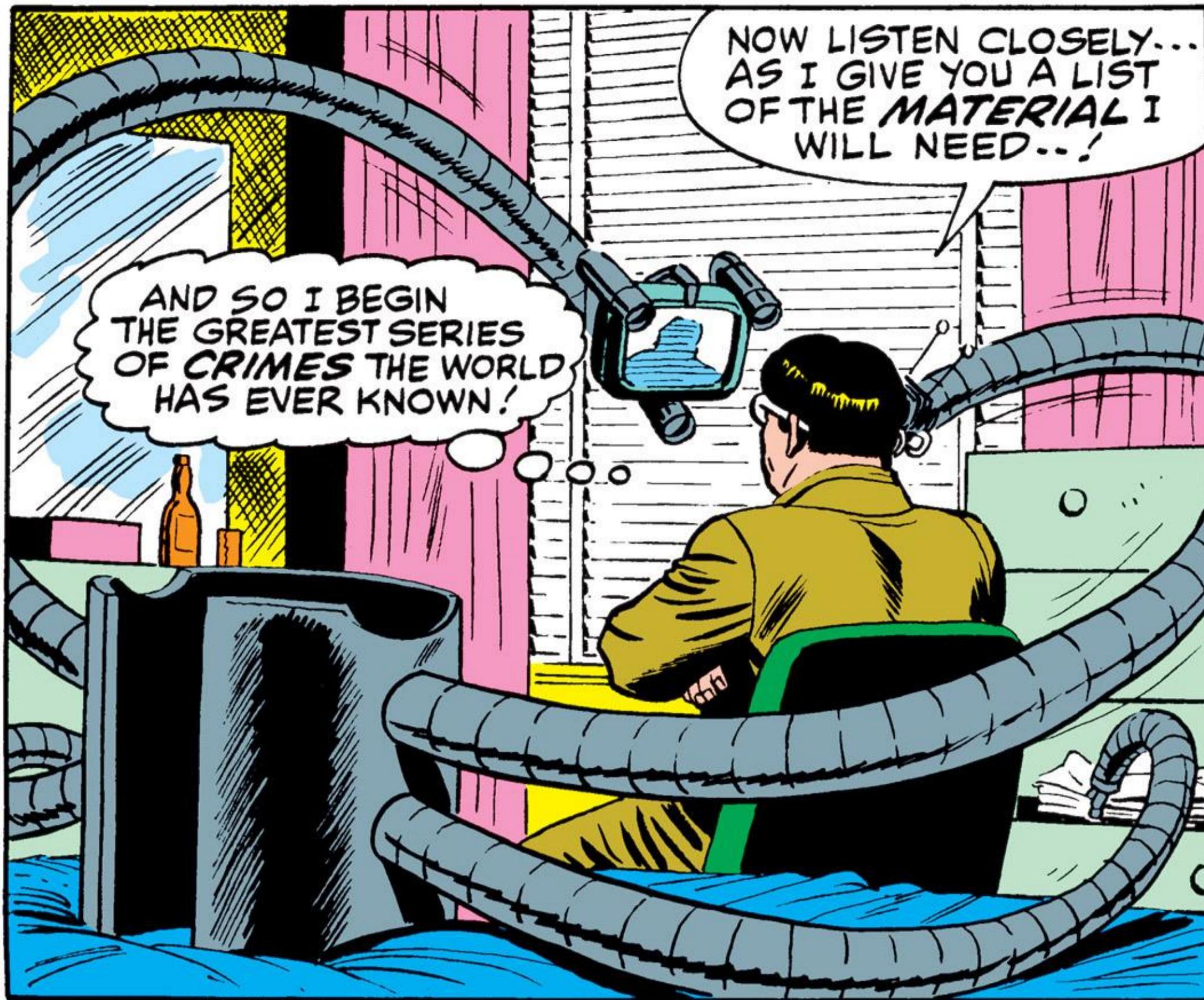


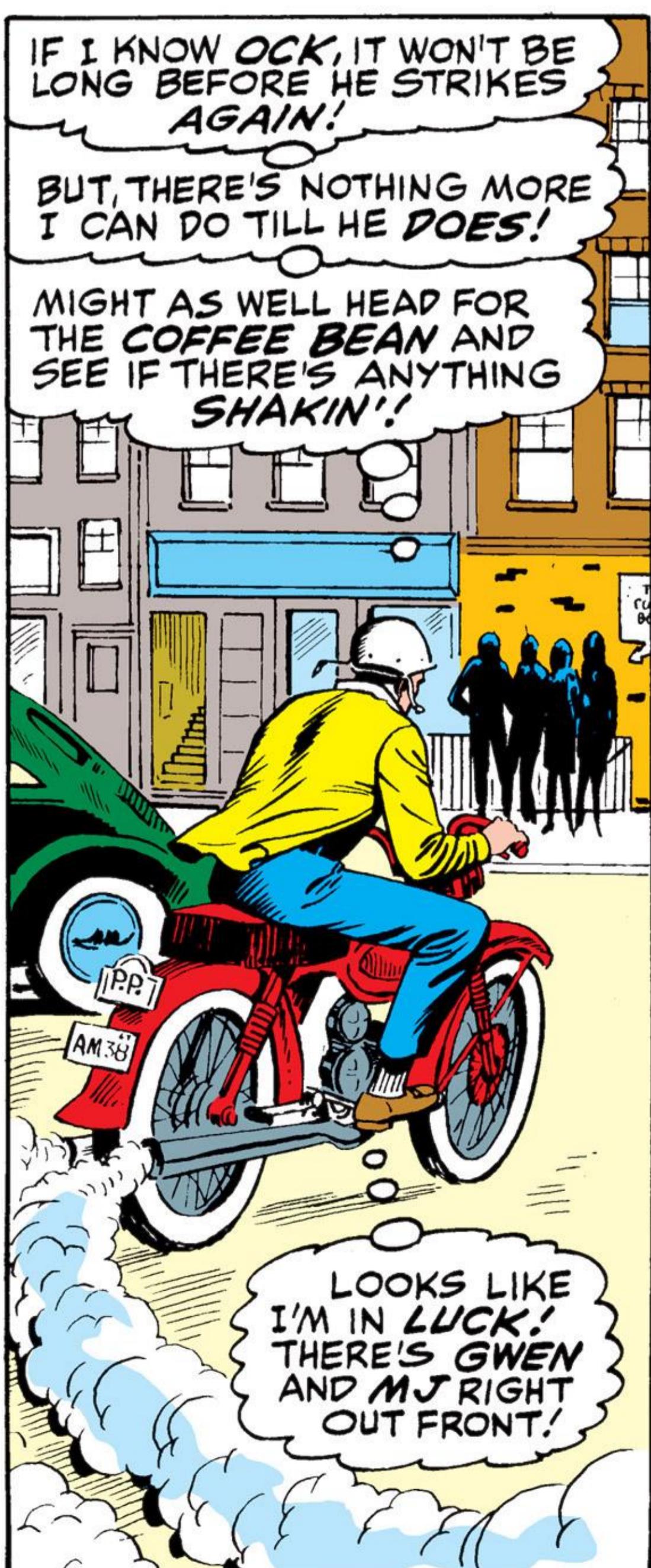
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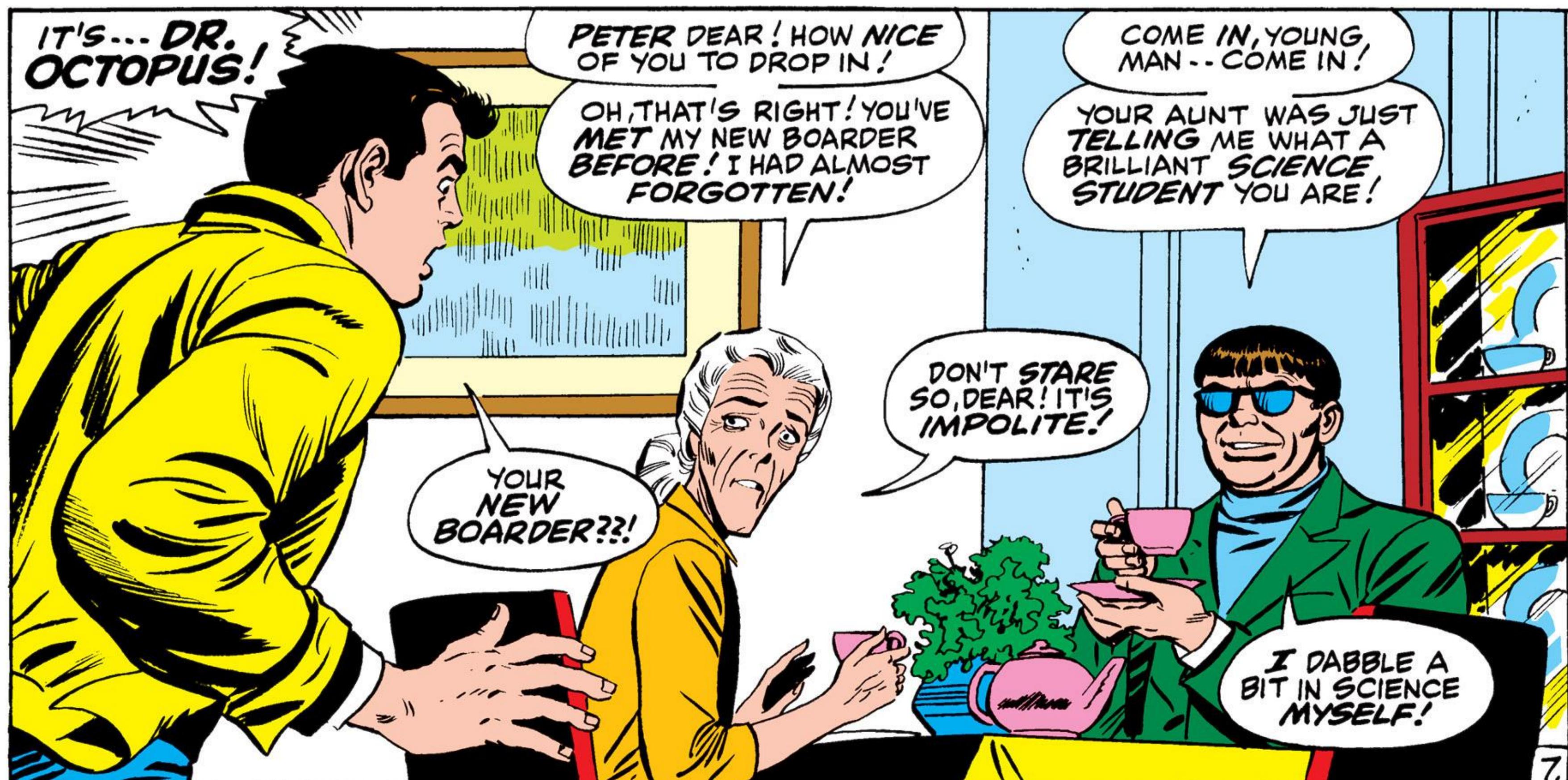
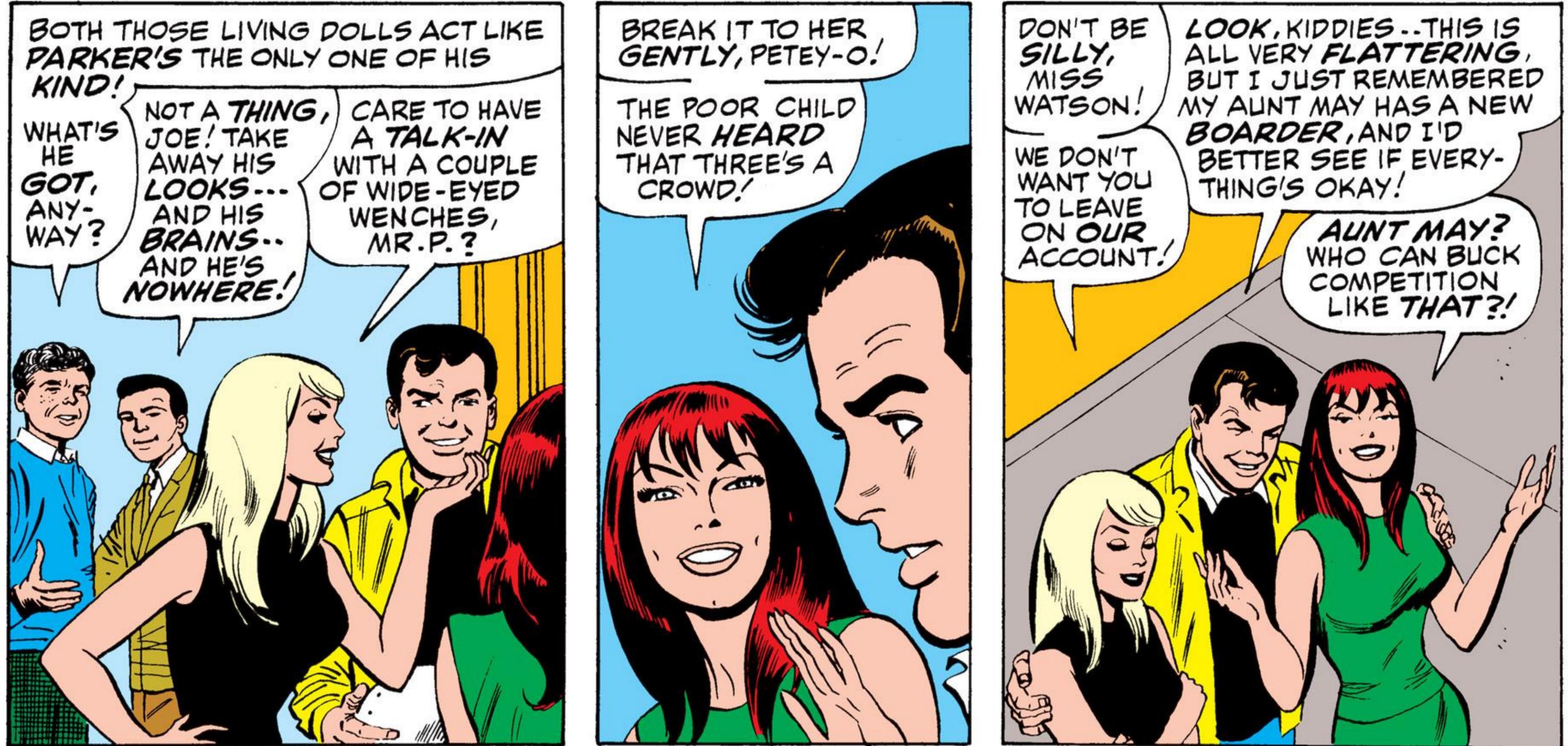
DR. OCTOPUS!! I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU!

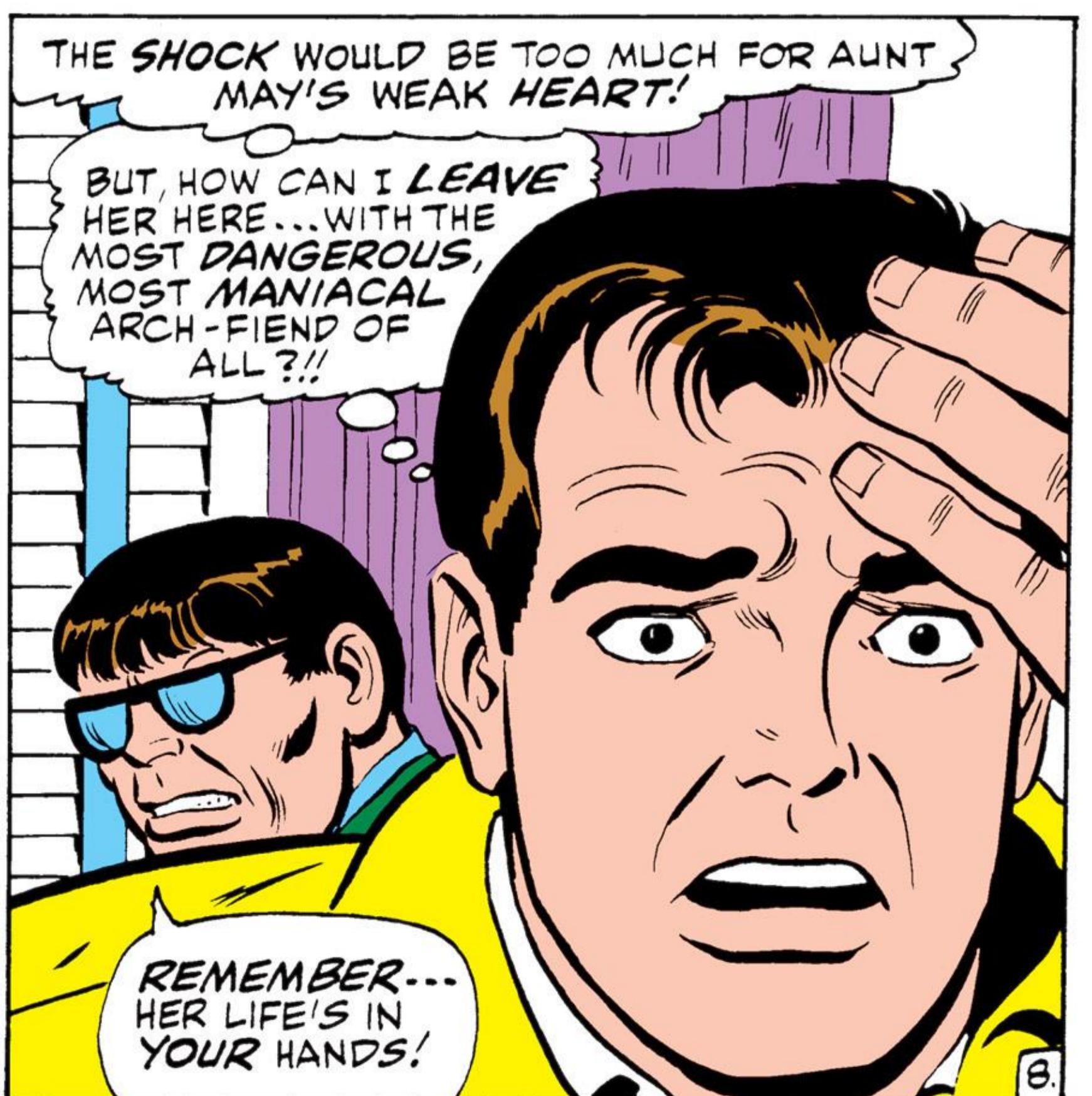
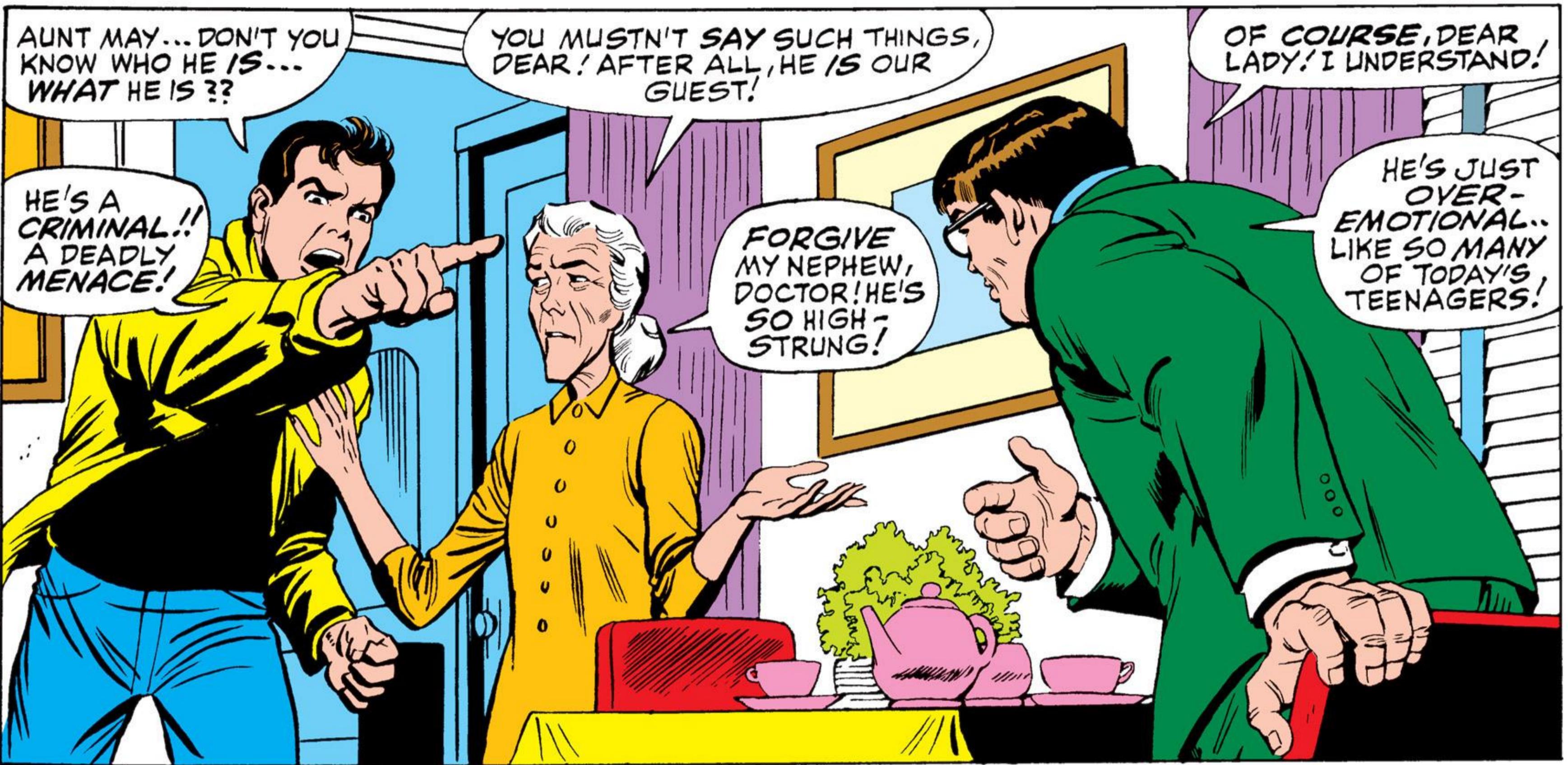
YOUR WAIT IS OVER! SOON WE SHALL STRIKE AGAIN!

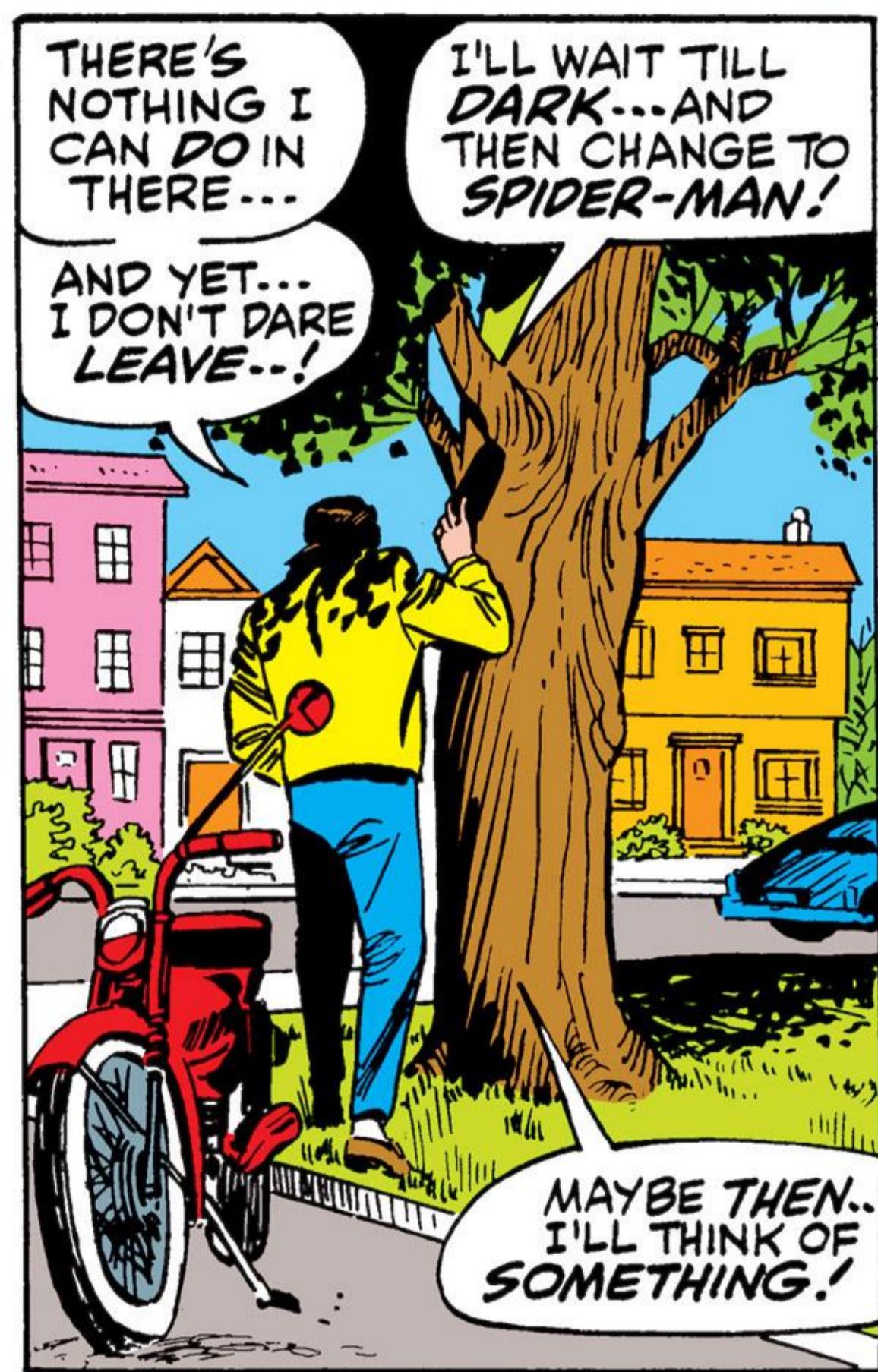


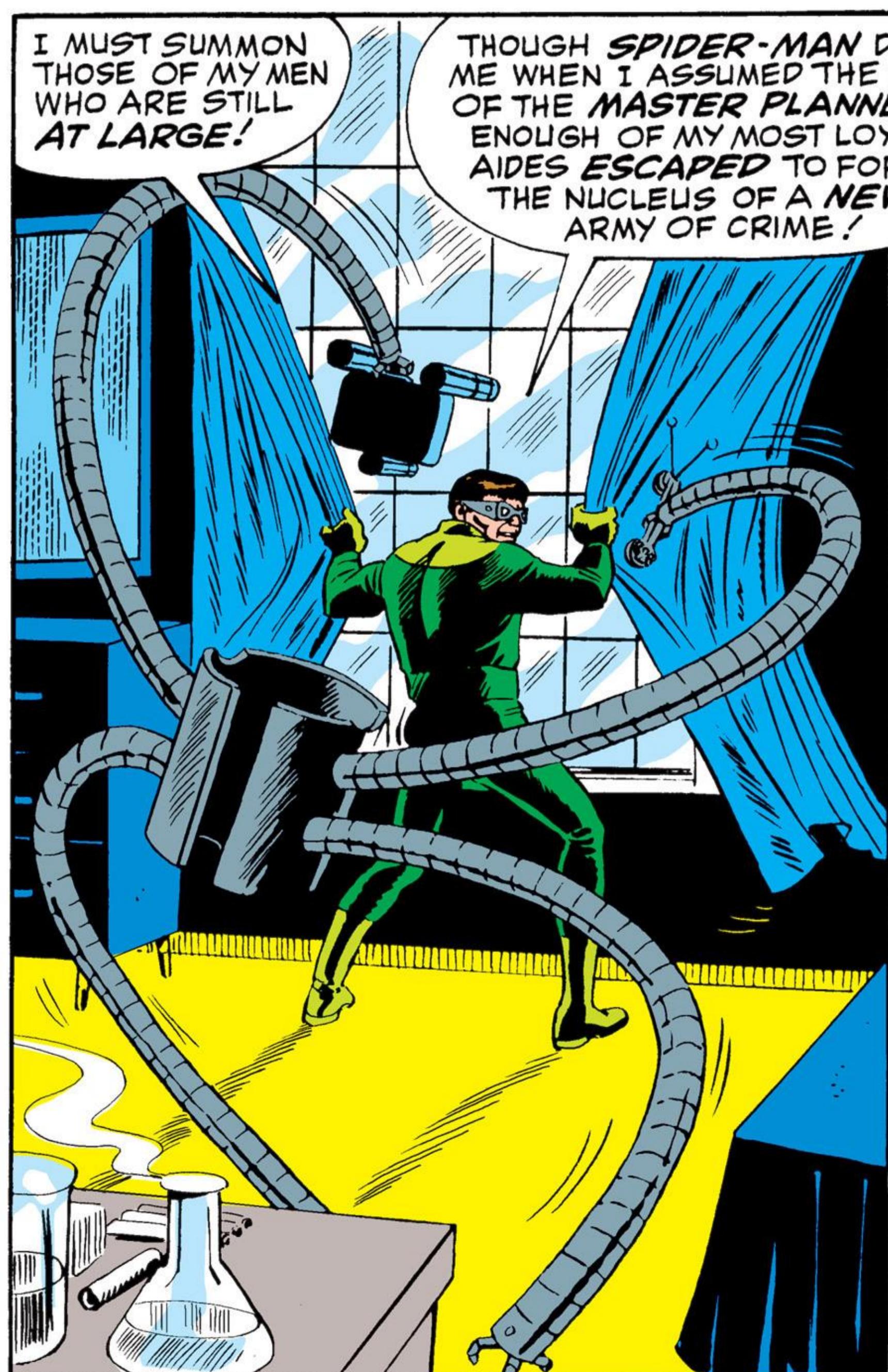
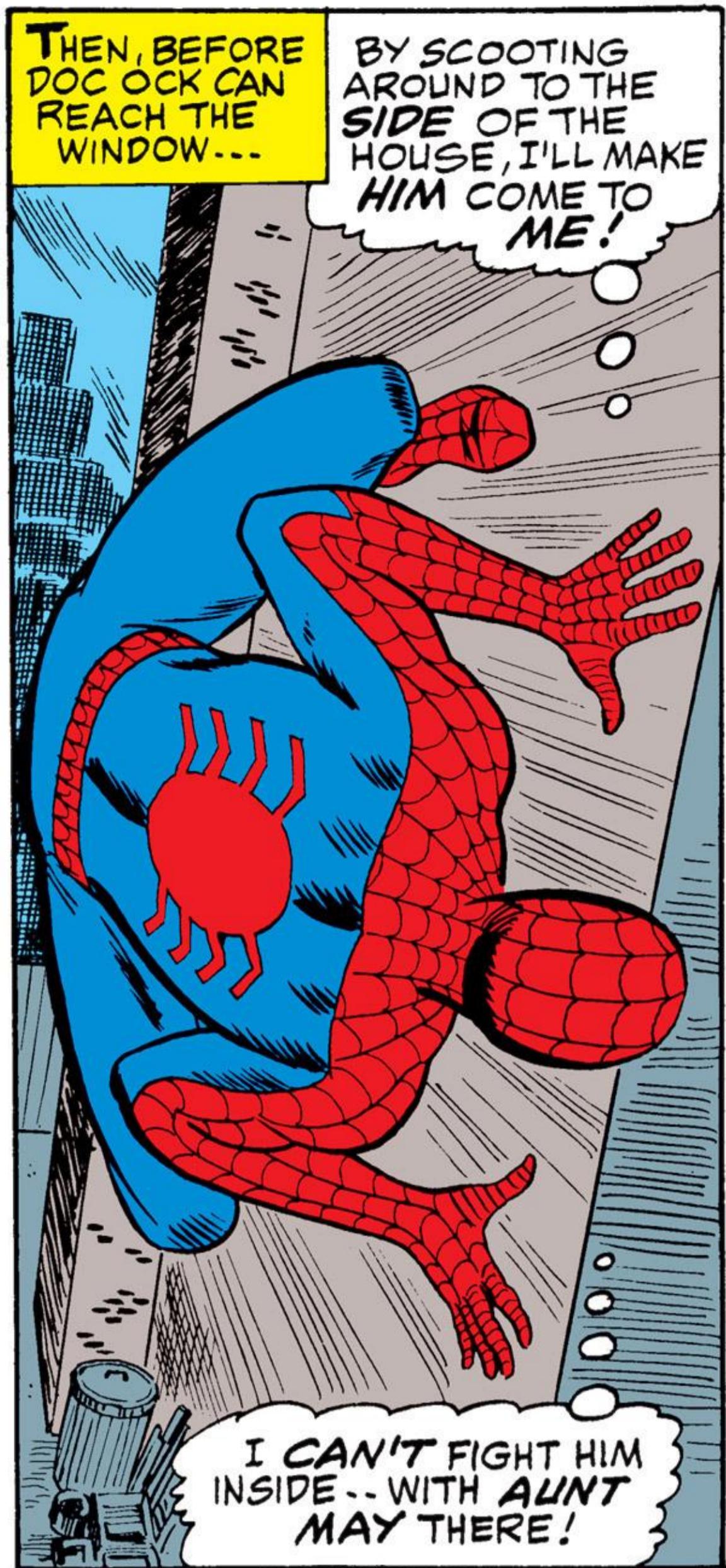


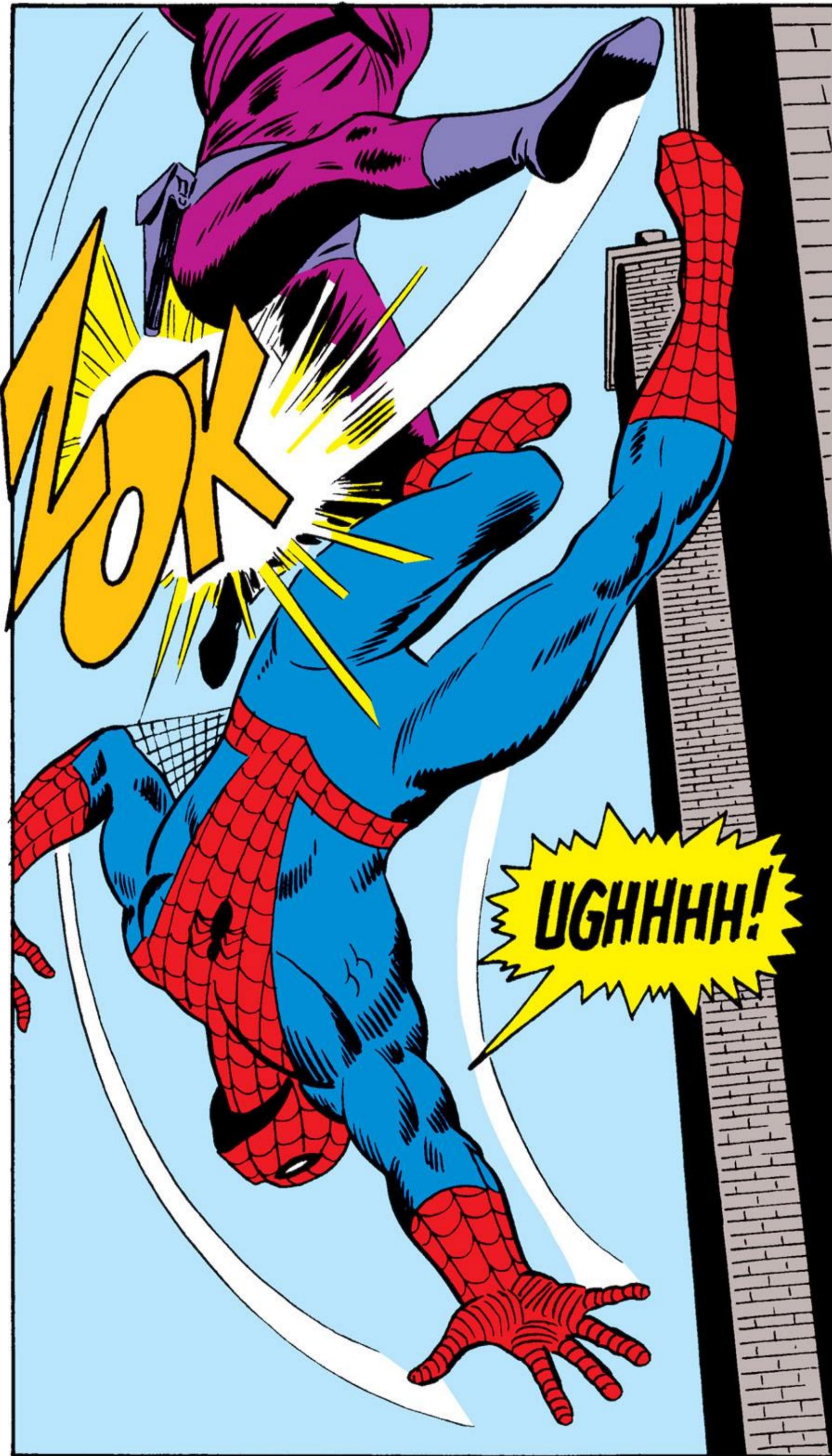
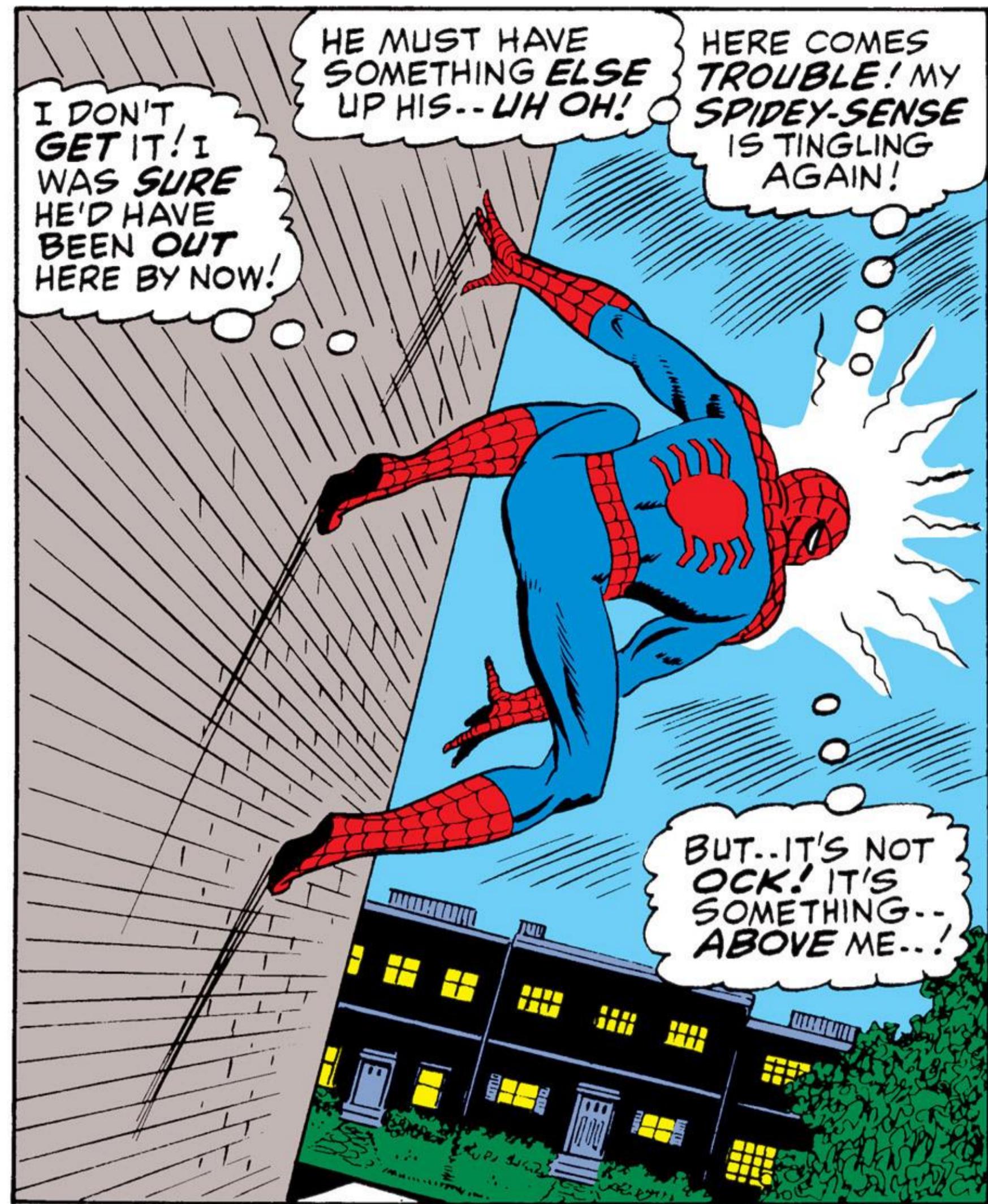
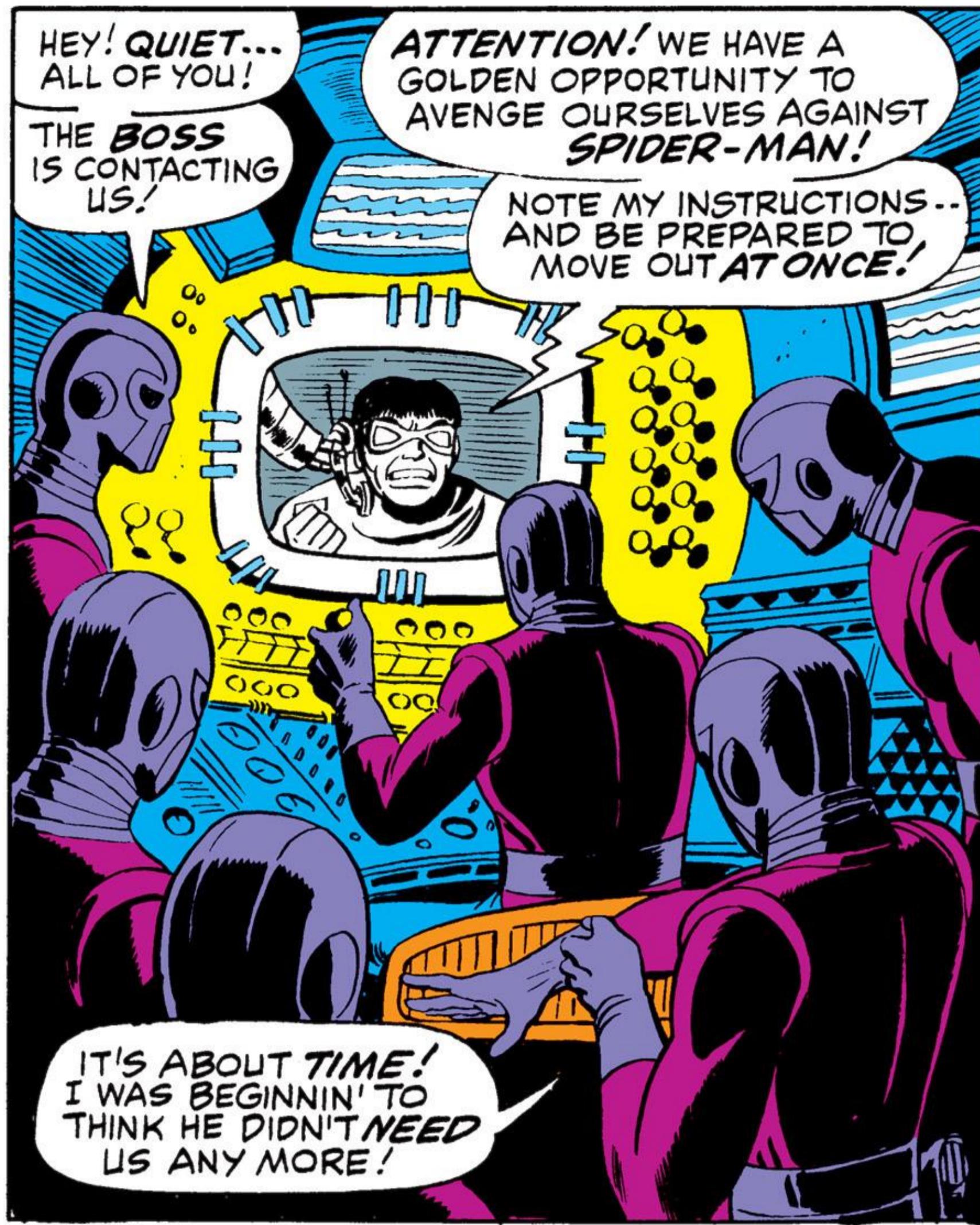


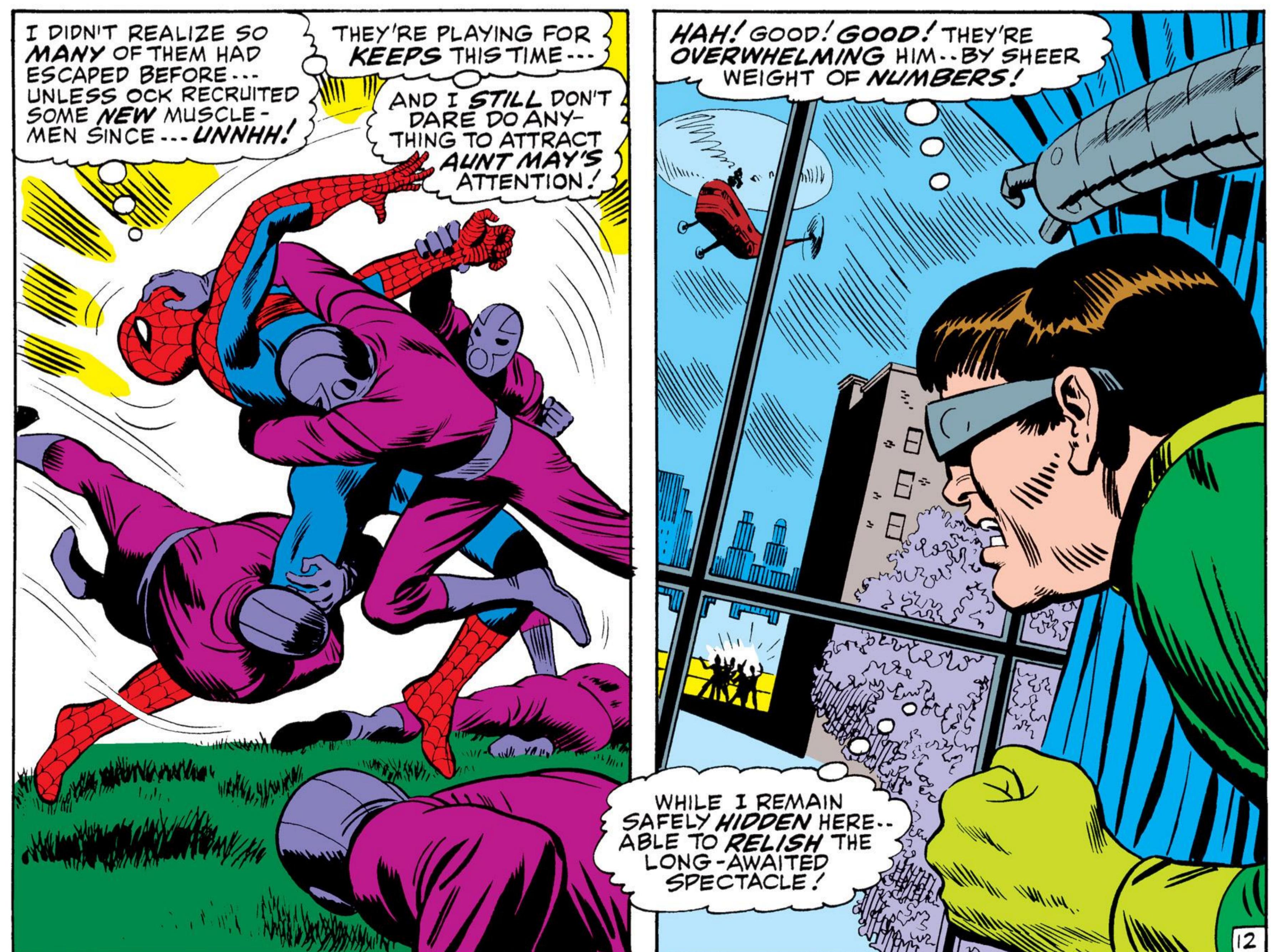
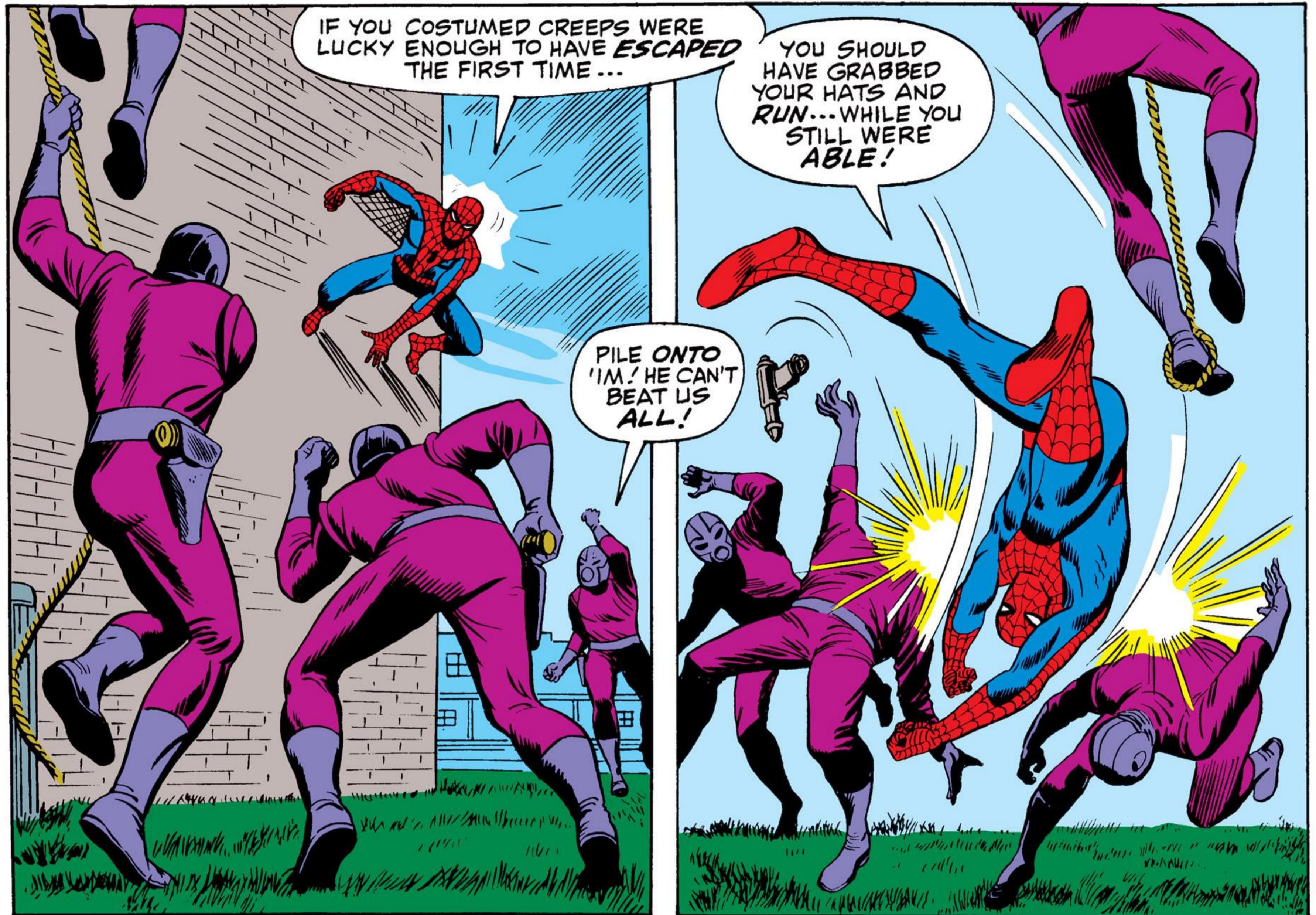












BUT EVEN DR. OCTOPUS SOON LEARNS HOW RARELY EVENTS TURN OUT AS PLANNED ...

YOU COSTUMED CRUMB-BUMS JUST HAVETA BE KIDDING!

NO MATTER HOW MANY OF YOU THERE ARE, YOU'RE FIGHTING SPIDER-MAN, HEAR?

THOK!



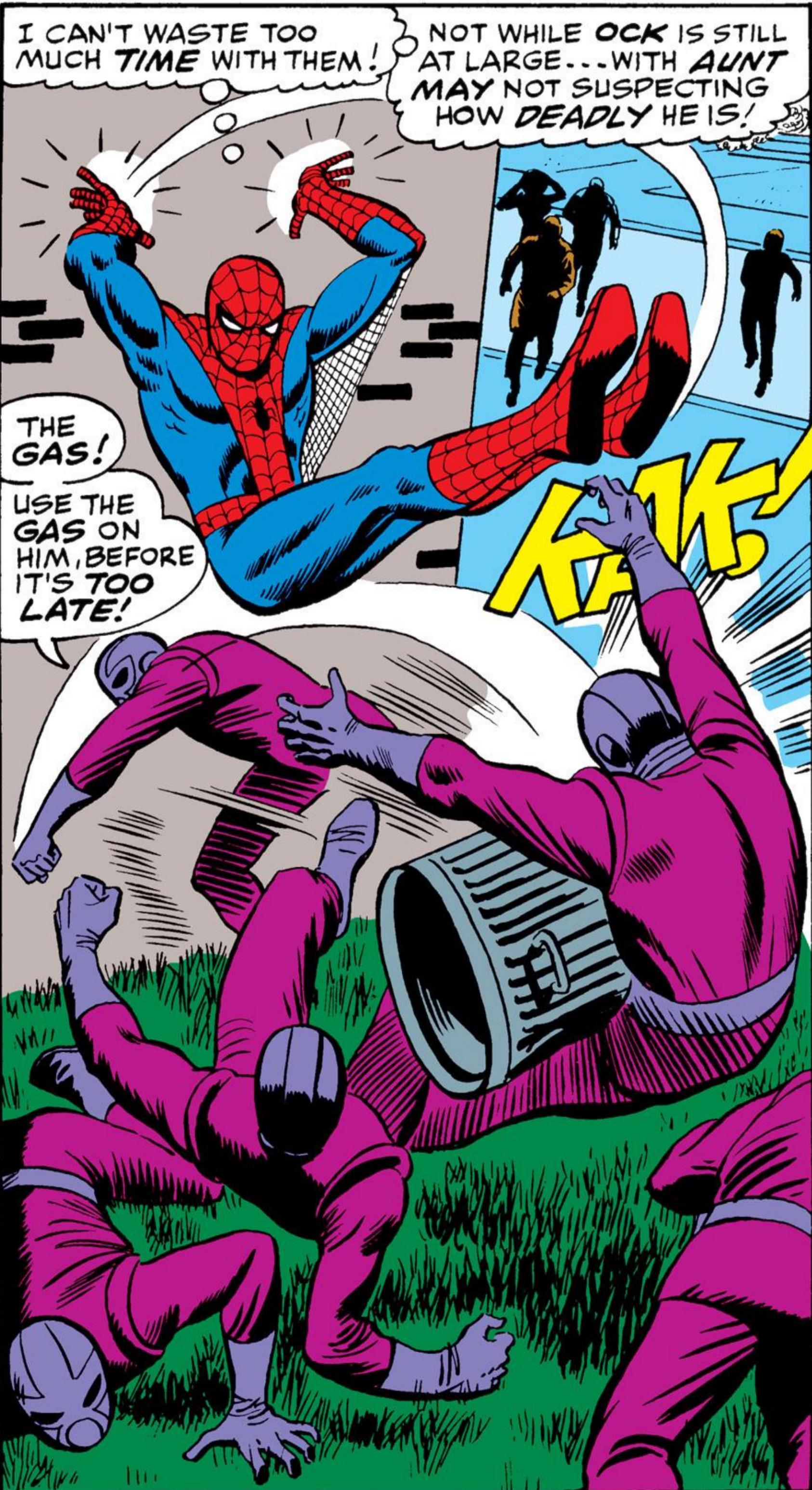
I CAN'T WASTE TOO MUCH TIME WITH THEM!

NOT WHILE OCK IS STILL AT LARGE... WITH AUNT MAY NOT SUSPECTING HOW DEADLY HE IS!

THE GAS!

USE THE GAS ON HIM, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

KAK!



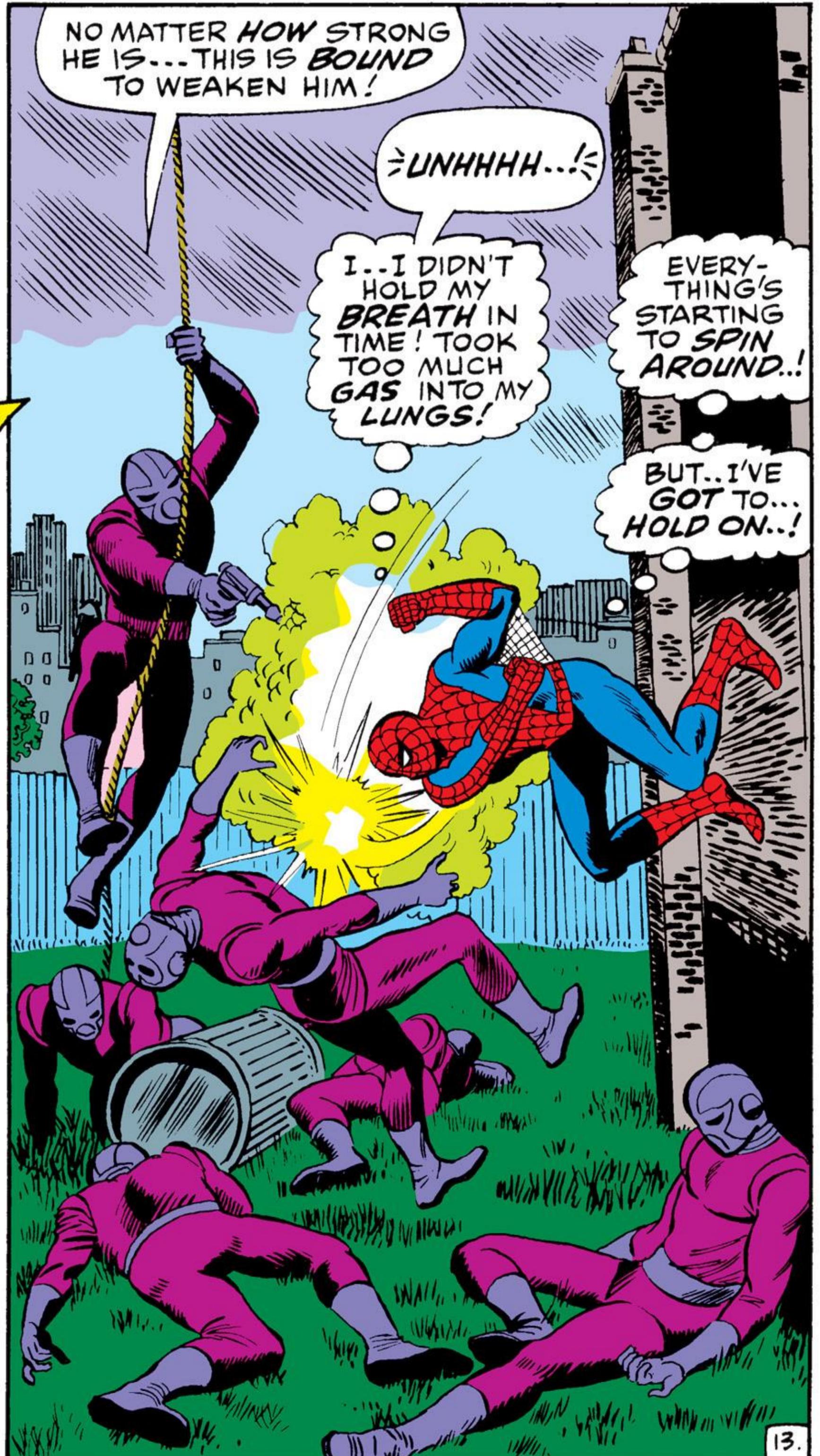
NO MATTER HOW STRONG HE IS... THIS IS BOUND TO WEAKEN HIM!

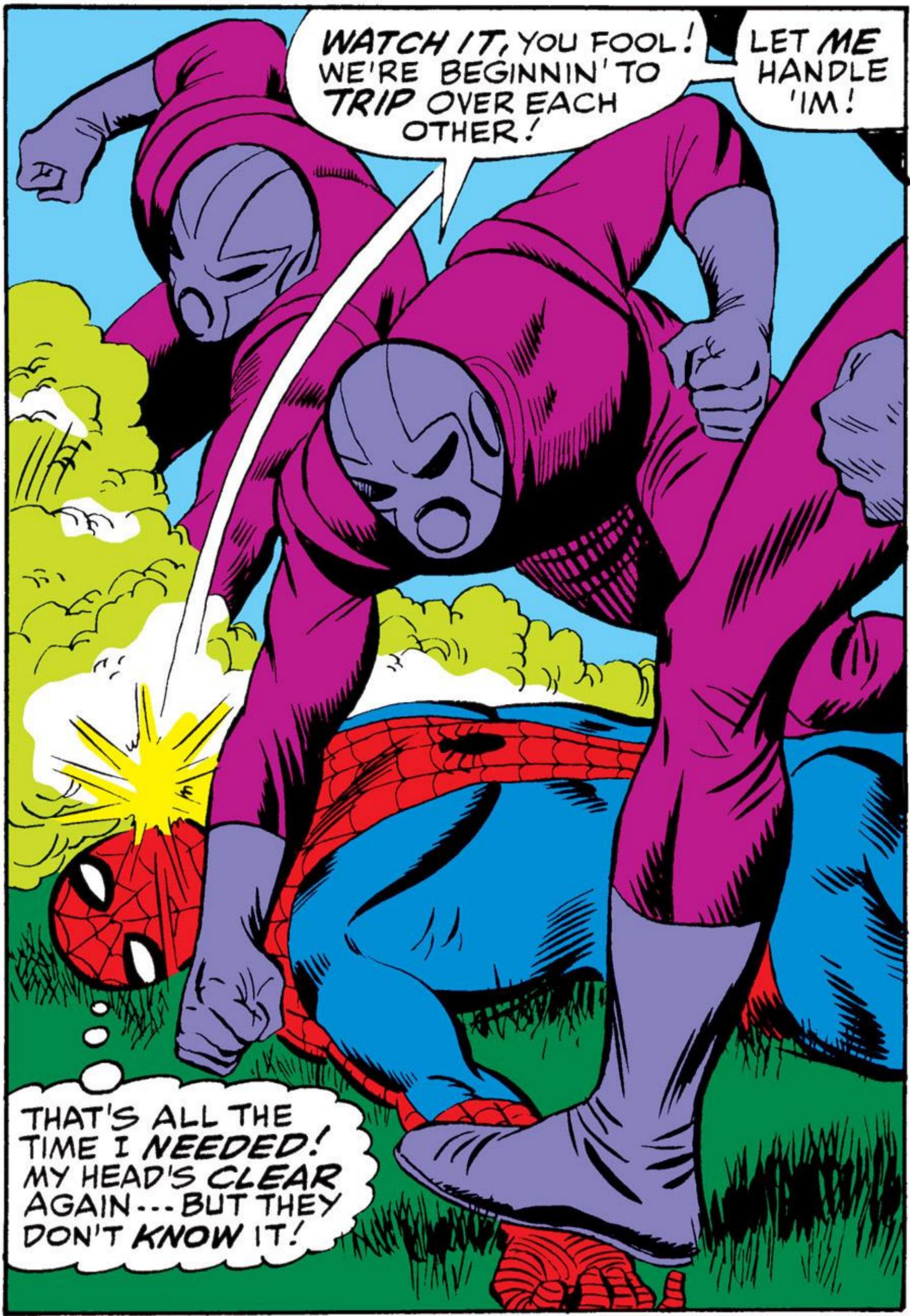
=UNHHHH...!

I.. I DIDN'T HOLD MY BREATH IN TIME! TOOK TOO MUCH GAS INTO MY LUNGS!

EVERYTHING'S STARTING TO SPIN AROUND...!

BUT.. I'VE GOT TO... HOLD ON...





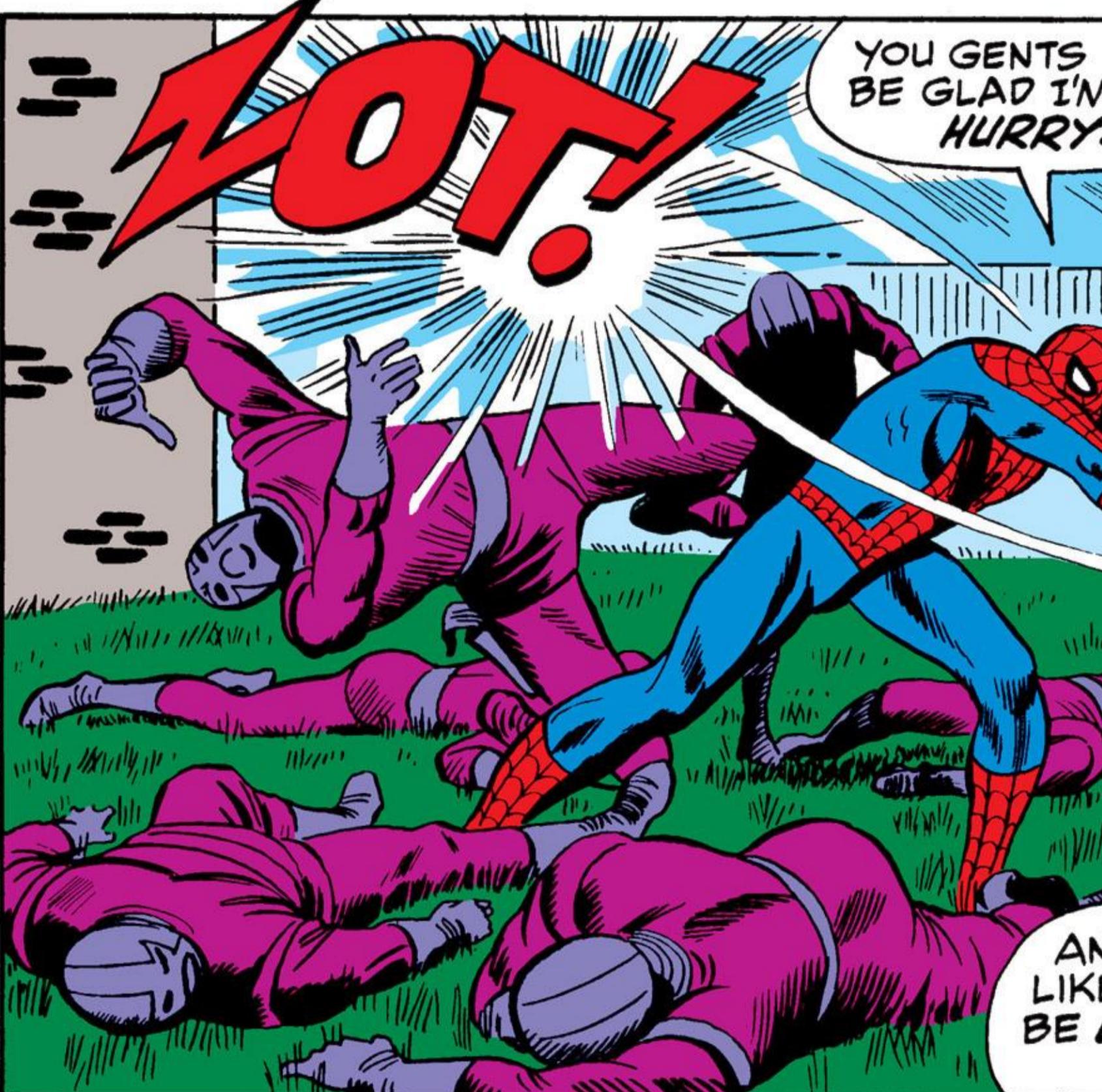
AND FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT AT THE WINDOW,
DOC OCK COMES TO THE SAME CONCLUSION ...

ALL OF THEM
TOGETHER ...
AGAINST SPIDER-
MAN ... AND THEY'RE
ACCOMPLISHING
NOTHING!

AM I THE **ONLY** ONE
CLEVER ENOUGH...
STRONG ENOUGH...
TO DEFEAT HIM??

BUT SPIDEY HAS NO
TIME TO PONDER SUCH
INTERESTING PHILO-
SOPHICAL QUESTIONS,
AS HE CONTINUES
DOING WHAT COMES
NATURALLY...

PLEASANT
DREAMS,
PLAYMATES!

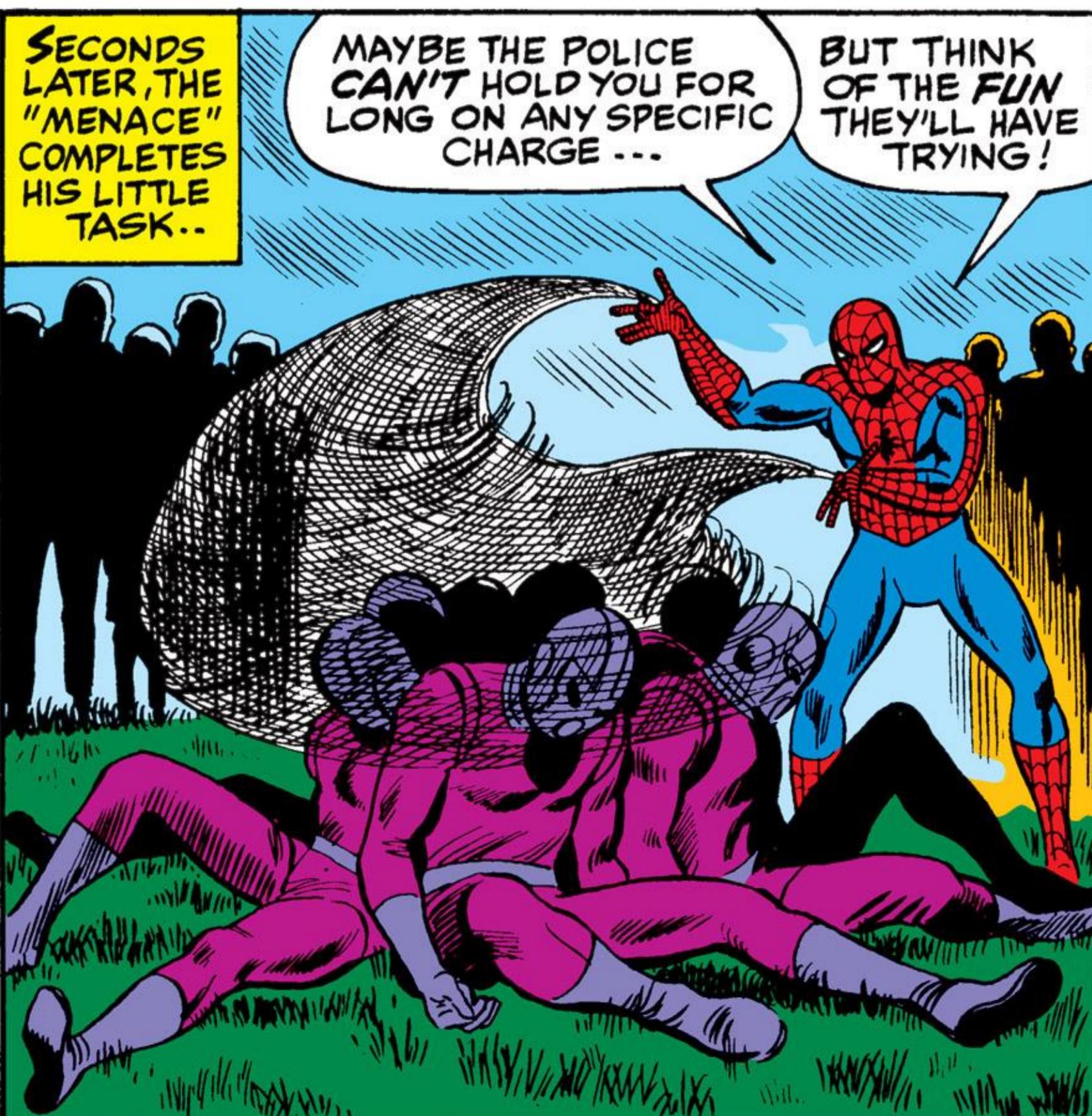


YOU GENTS SHOULD
BE GLAD I'M IN A
HURRY...

OTHERWISE,
I'D NEVER
LET YOU OFF
SO **EASY**!

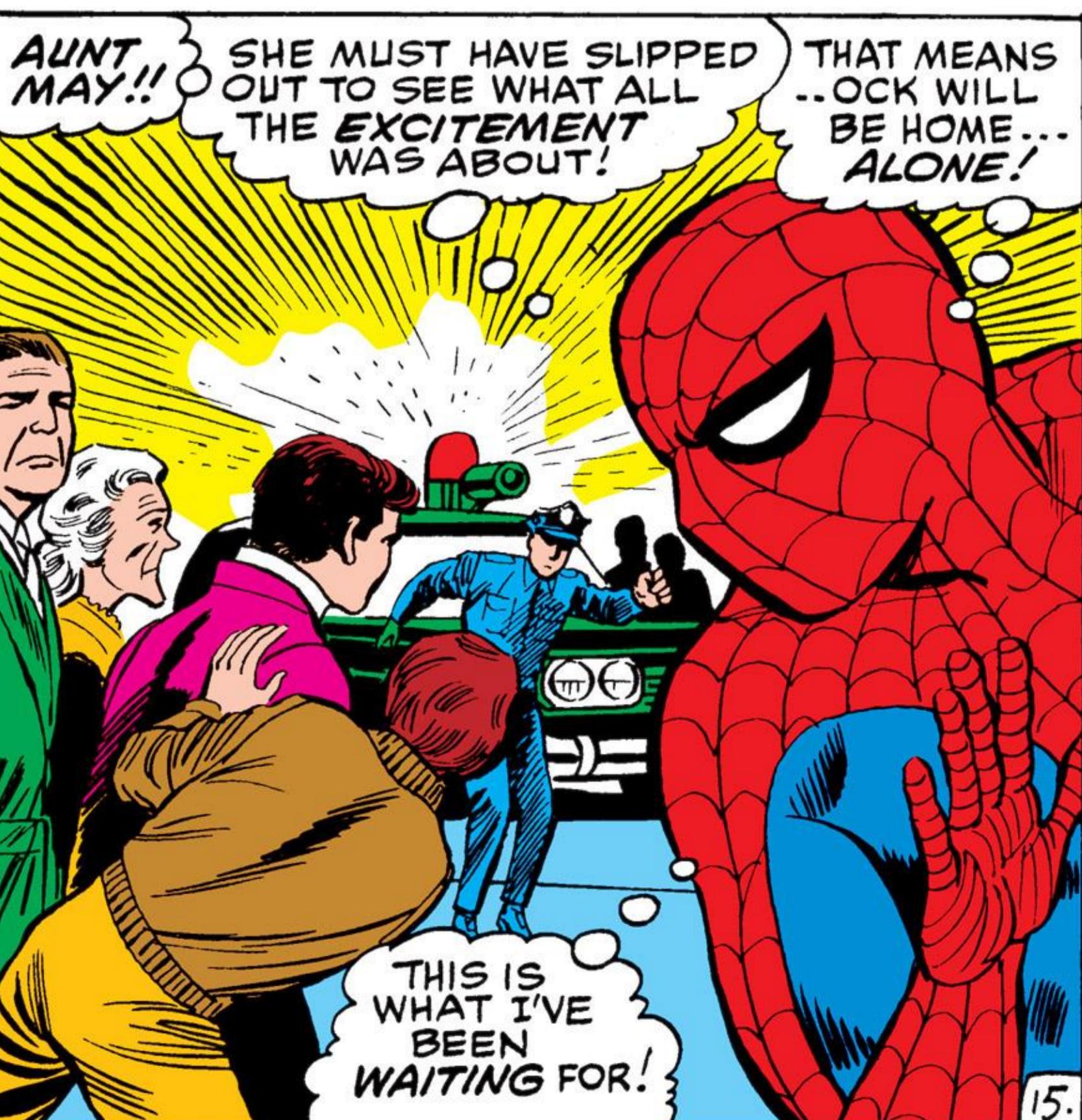
WHO ARE THEY? WHAT DID
THEY DO? WHAT'S IT ALL
ABOUT?

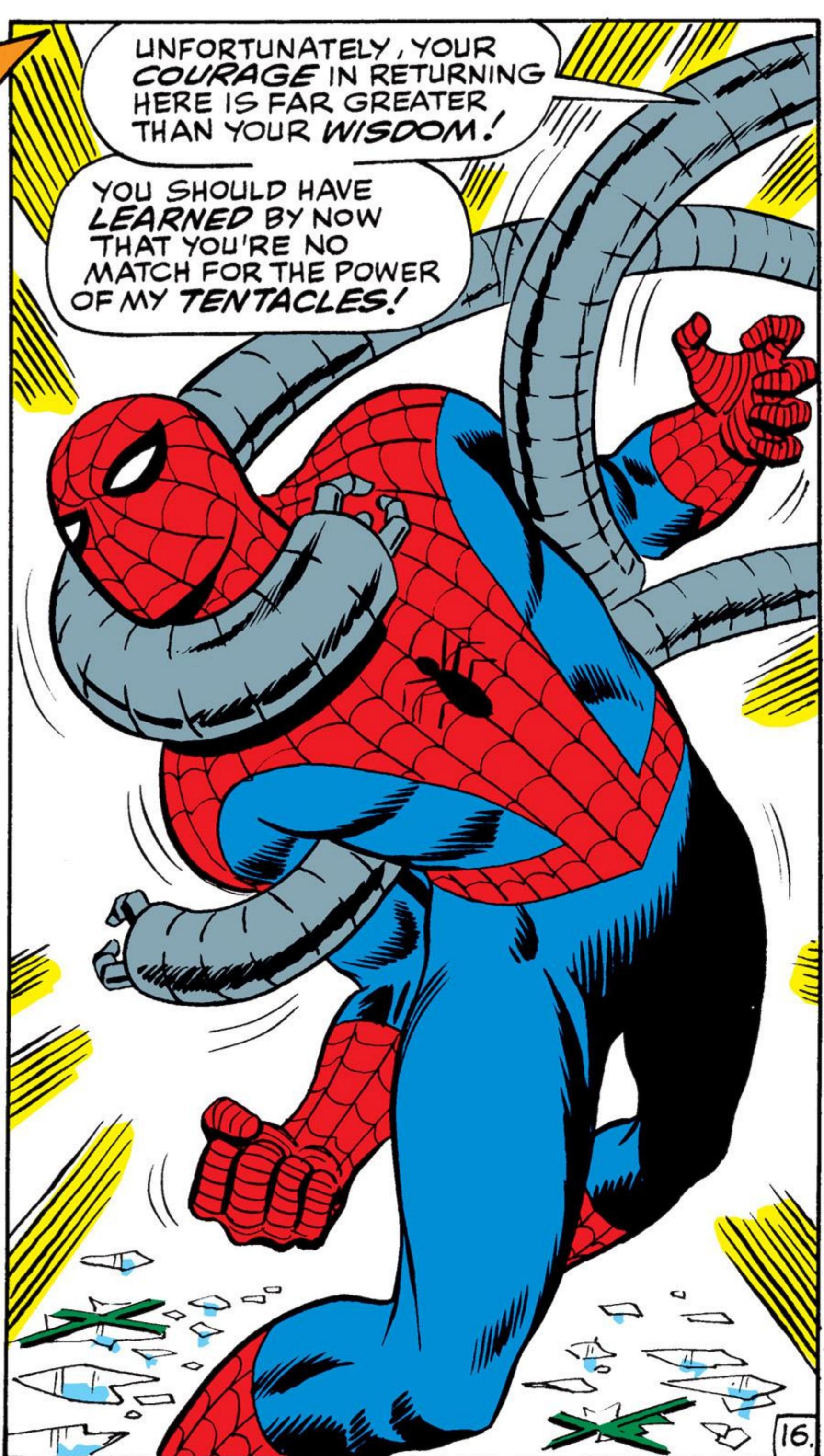
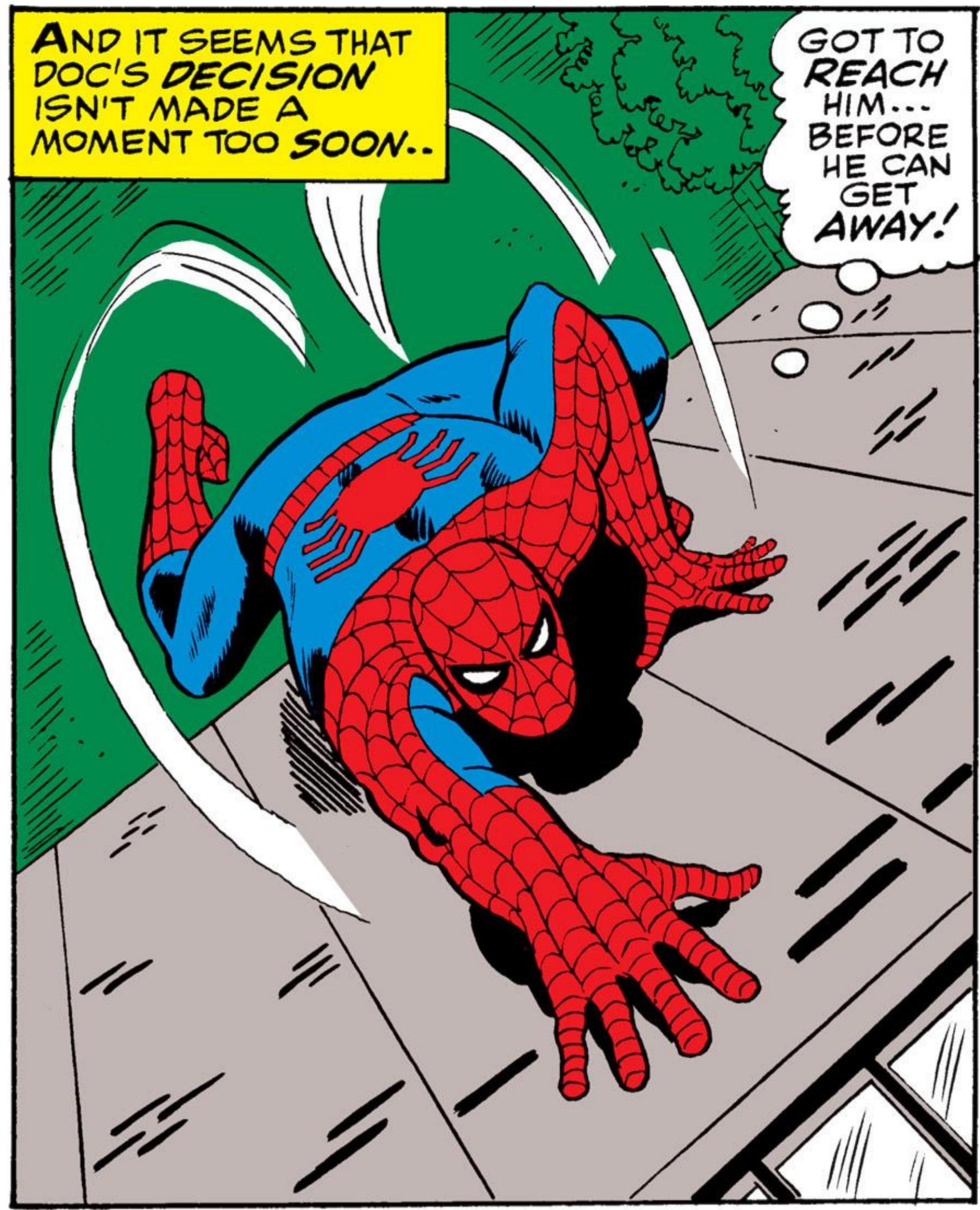
ANYONE WHO CAN FIGHT
LIKE SPIDER-MAN SHOULD
BE LOCKED UP! HE'S A
MENACE!

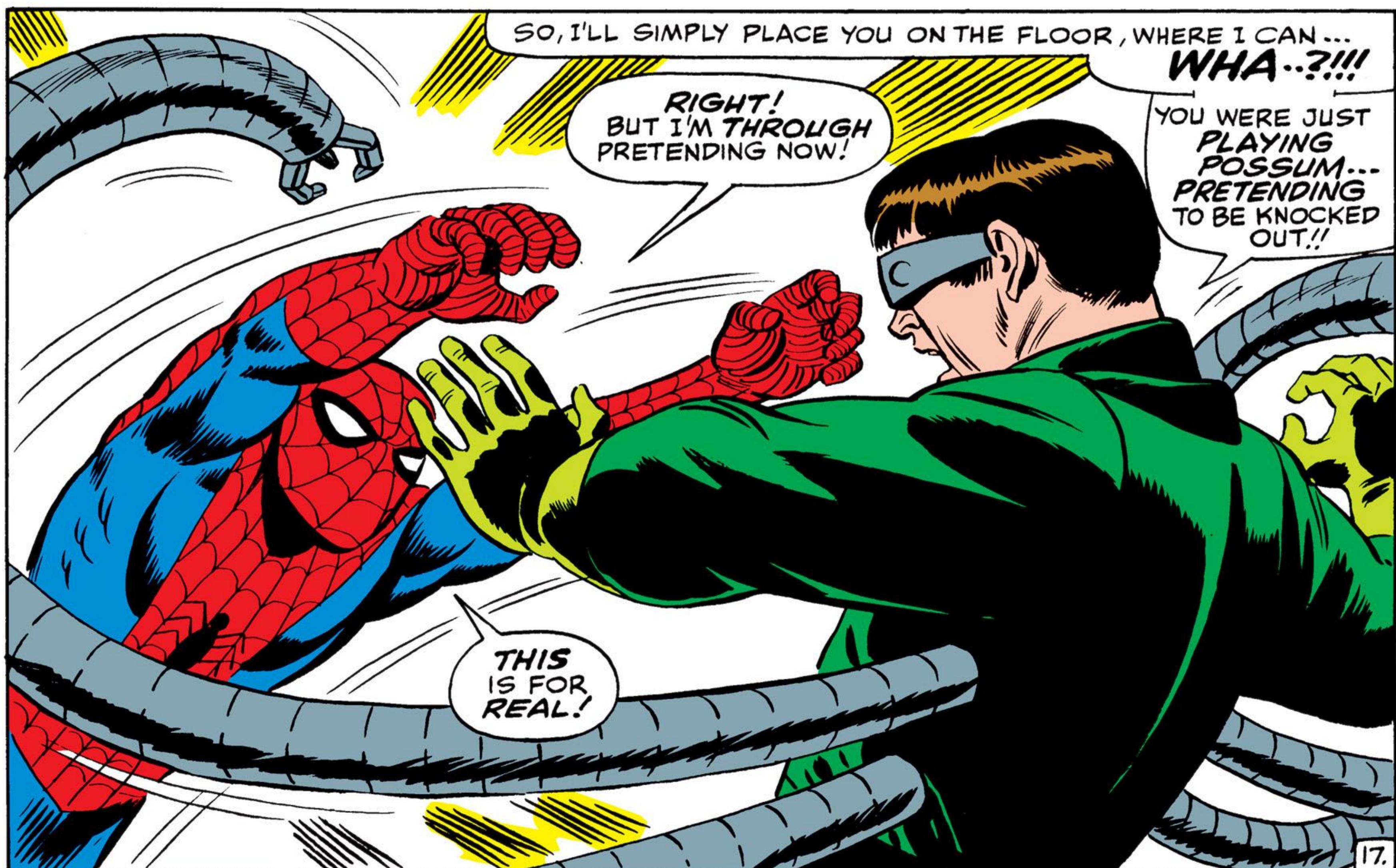


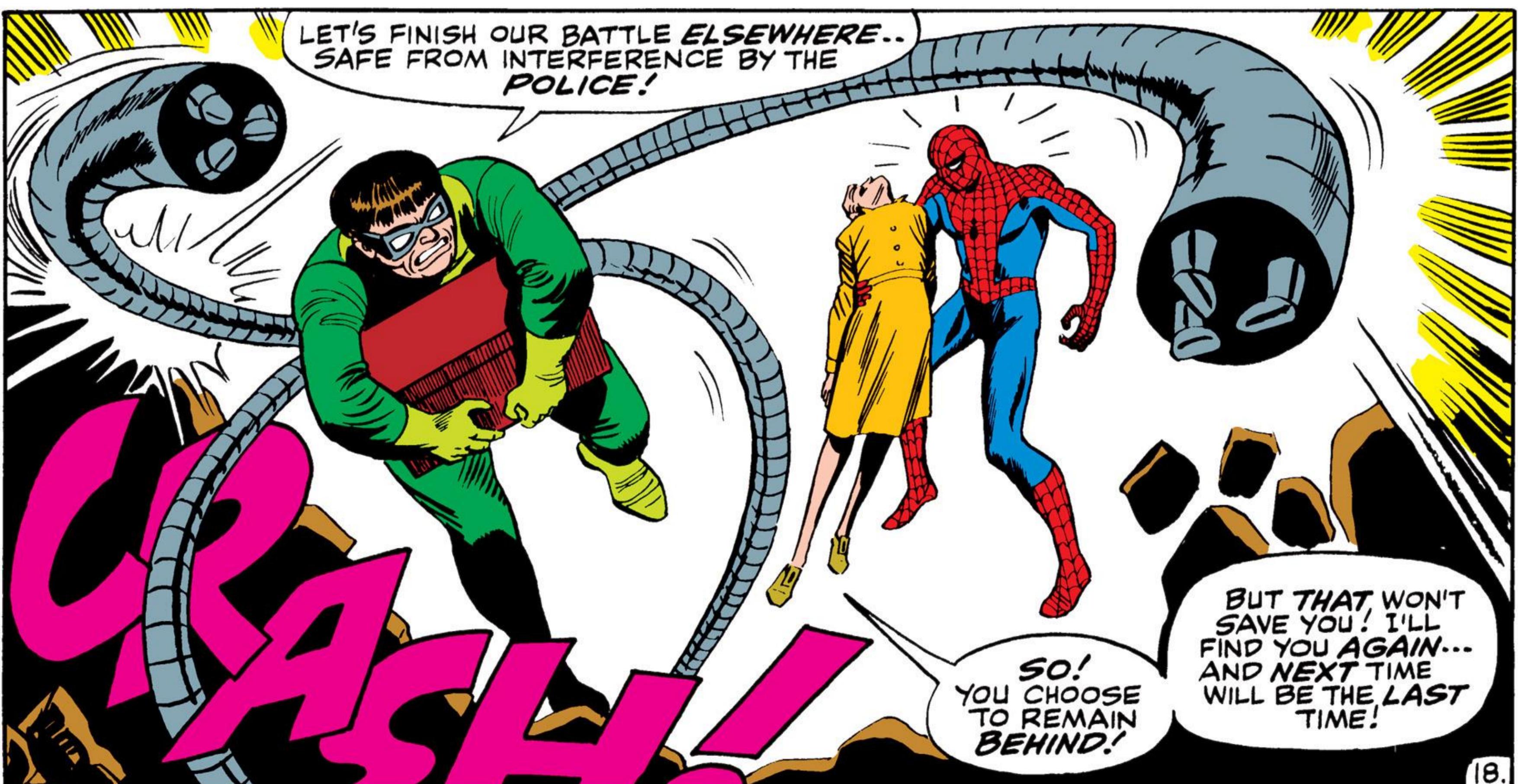
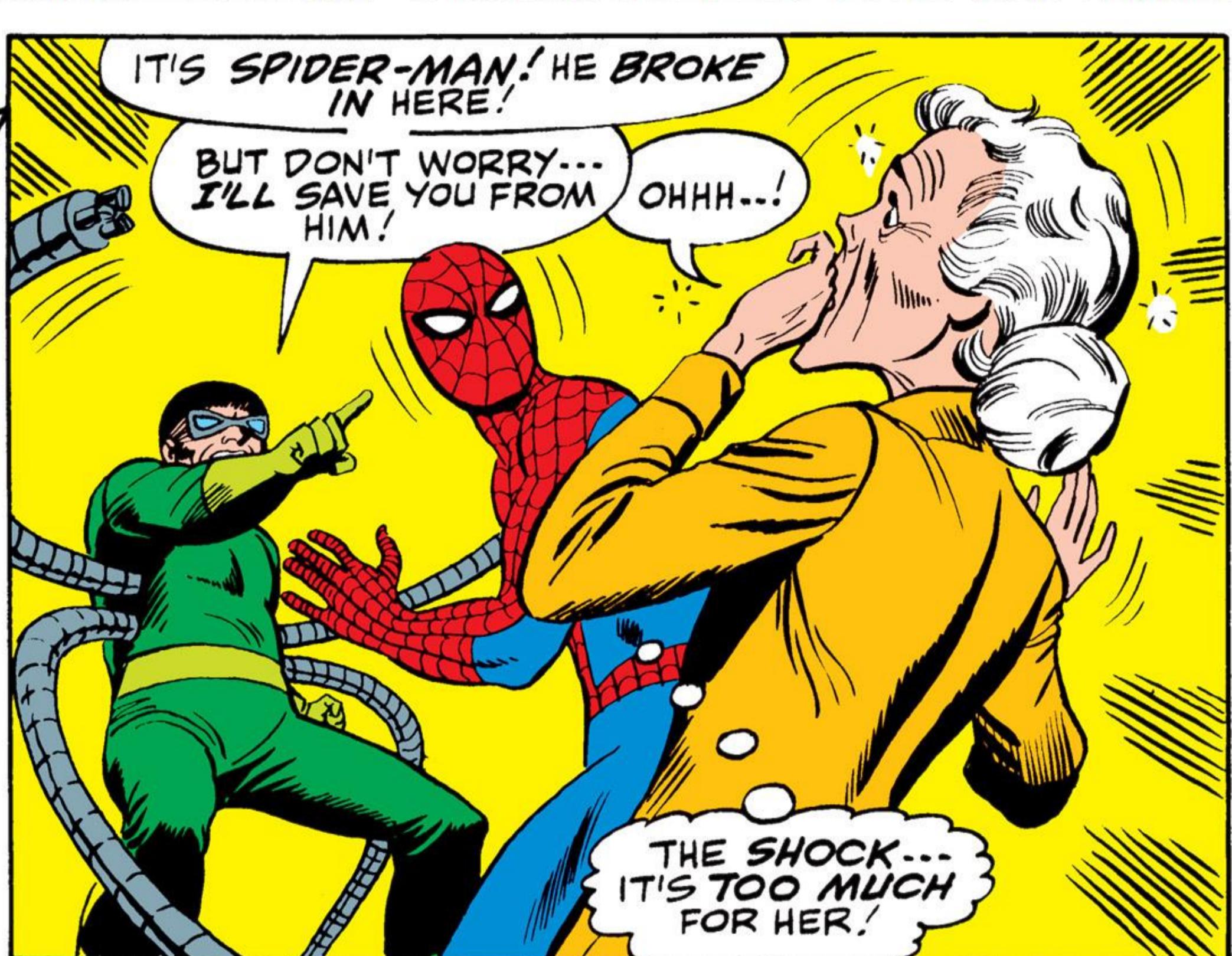
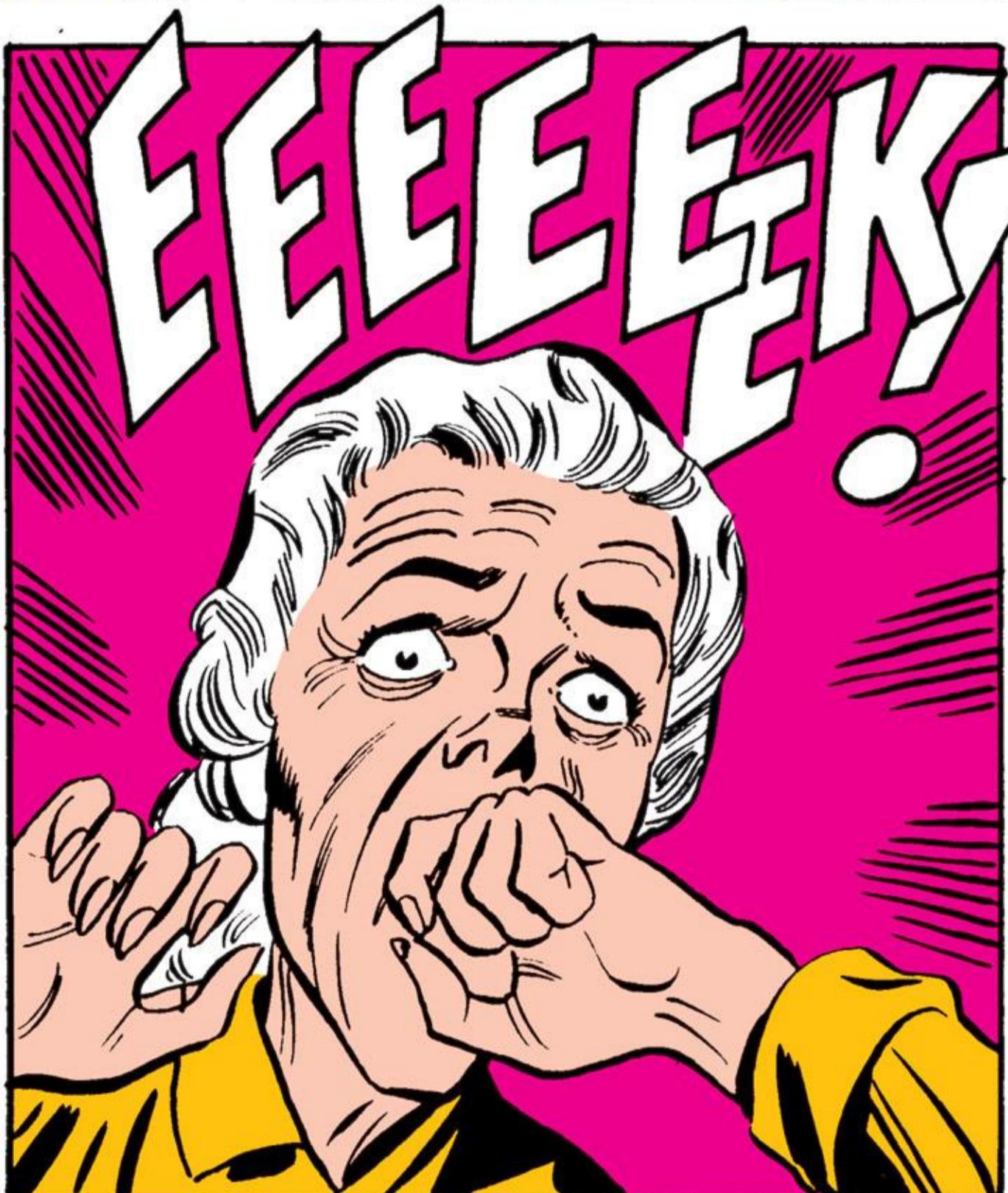
MAYBE THE POLICE
CAN'T HOLD YOU FOR
LONG ON ANY SPECIFIC
CHARGE ...

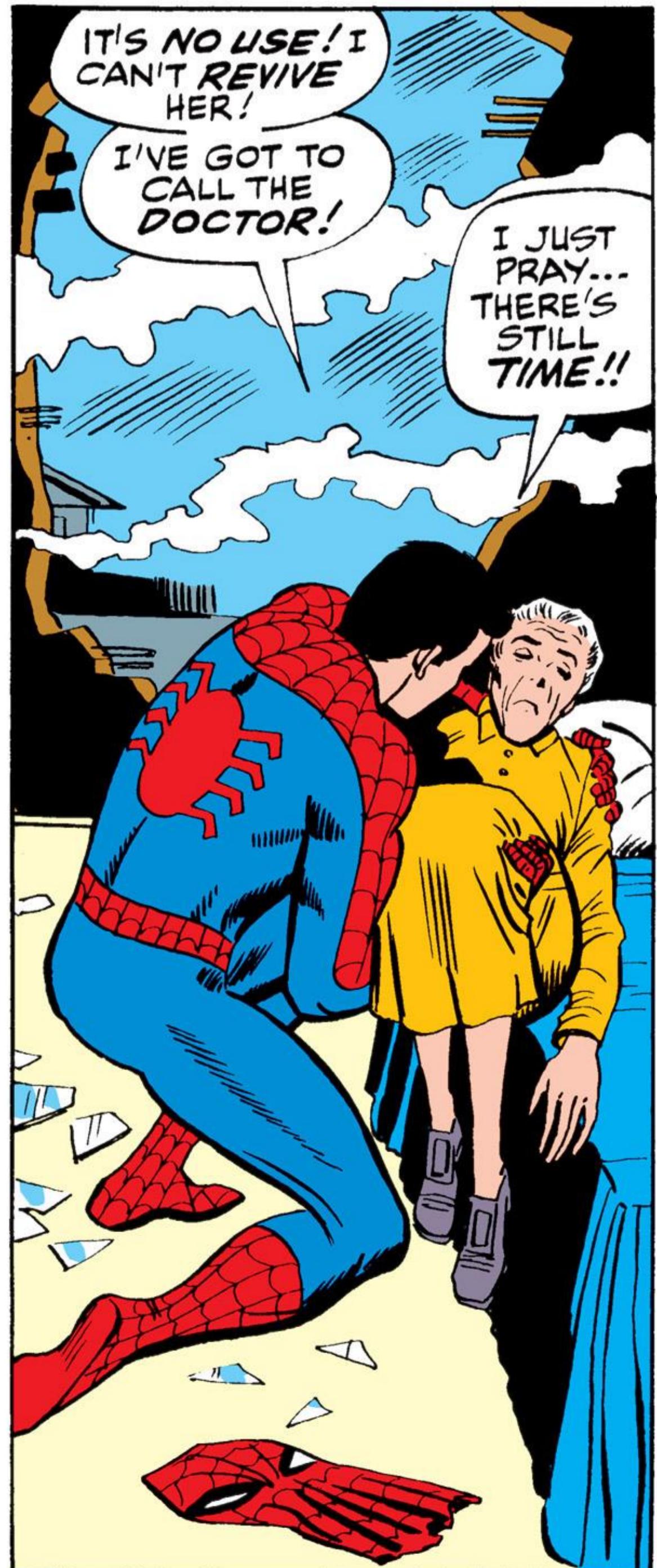
BUT THINK
OF THE FUN
THEY'LL HAVE
TRYING!











THEN, TWENTY MINUTES LATER,
TO THE HEARTSICK YOUTH'S
INDESCRIBABLE RELIEF...

LUCK WAS WITH
US THIS TIME,
PETER!

DO YOU KNOW
WHAT CAUSED
THE SHOCK?

YOUR AUNT WILL
PULL THROUGH!

WELL, SEE TO IT SHE GETS
PLENTY OF REST, SON!

AT HER AGE, THE
NEXT SUCH
ATTACK COULD
BE FATAL!

I'LL DROP
BY AGAIN...
IN THE
MORNING!

I COULDN'T
EVEN TELL
HIM THE
TRUTH...
ABOUT
SPIDER-
MAN!

IT WAS FOOLISH
OF ME... TO HAVE
TAKEN OFF MY
MASK BEFORE!

IF SHE HAD
LEARNED WHO
I REALLY AM...
IT MIGHT HAVE
MADE THINGS
WORSE THAN
EVER!

BUT WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT?

WHERE
DO WE
GO FROM
HERE?



I'VE GOT TO CALL A
PLASTERER... TO
GET THIS WALL
FIXED, QUICKLY!

I HOPE I'VE ENOUGH
MONEY! I'M SURE
OUR INSURANCE
DOESN'T
COVER
THIS!

OCK BROKE
THROUGH IT FOR
ONLY ONE REASON...
TO FLAUNT HIS
STRENGTH BEFORE
ME... OUT OF PURE
CUSSEDNESS!

BUT NOW HE'LL LEARN
HOW CUSSSED SPIDER-
MAN CAN BE!

I'LL SHOW
HIM WHAT
STRENGTH
REALLY IS!



HE WON'T GET ANOTHER
CHANCE TO RETURN AND
JEOPARDIZE THE LIFE OF
AUNT MAY!

NO MATTER WHERE
HE IS, I'LL FIND HIM!

AND THIS TIME,
NOTHING WILL STOP
ME FROM RIDING
THE WORLD FOREVER
OF THE MENACE OF
DR. OCTOPUS!



BUT EVEN SPIDEY CANNOT SUSPECT
THE STARTLING FATE THAT AWAITS
HIM WHEN THEY MEET AGAIN NEXT ISH!

BE HERE WHEN:
DISASTER STRIKES SPIDER-MAN!



Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE