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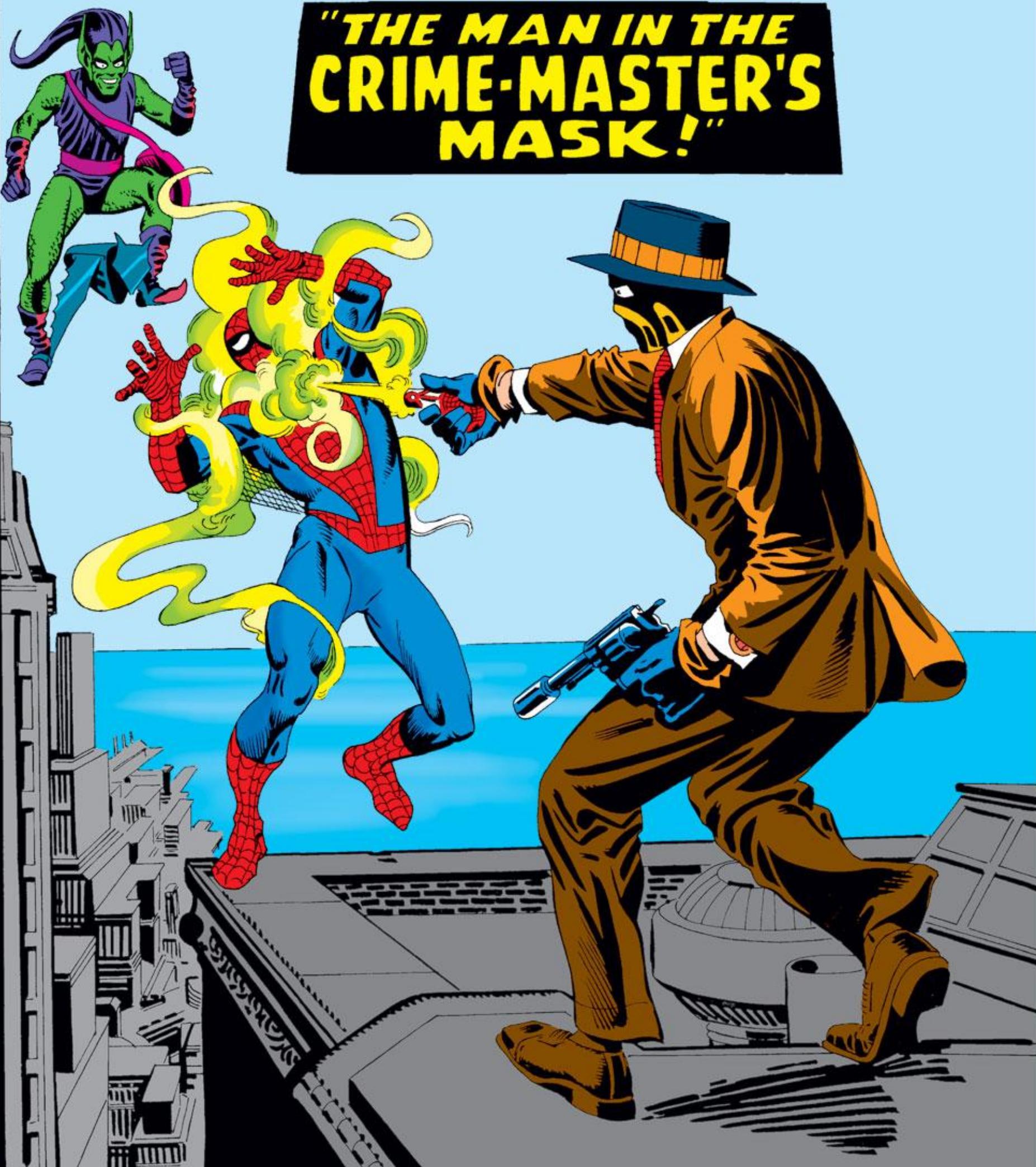
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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"THE MAN IN THE
CRIME-MASTER'S
MASK!"





THE MYSTERY OF "THE MAN IN The CRIME-MASTER'S MASK!"

BOTH THE CRIME-MASTER AND THE GREEN GOBLIN KNOW EACH OTHER'S TRUE IDENTITIES!!

But...

WHAT STRANGE SECRET IS KNOWN ONLY TO FREDERICK FOSWELL ??



CAN SPIDER-MAN SOLVE THIS DARK RIDDLE, CLOAKED WITHIN A GRIM PUZZLE, HIDDEN BENEATH THE SHADOWS OF A DEADLY ENIGMA??

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WITH THE COMING OF NIGHT,
A SILENT TEEN-AGER
FURTIVELY OPENS HIS
BEDROOM DOOR...

NOW IS MY CHANCE TO
FIND THE COSTUME AUNT
MAY TOOK FROM ME!*



*AS SHOWN IN SPIDER-MAN # 25 ... STAN.

I CAN TELL BY HER
STEADY BREATHING
THAT SHE'S SOUND
ASLEEP!

SO FAR,
SO GOOD!



IT'S NOT HERE
IN THE TRASH
CAN, SO SHE
COULDN'T
HAVE THROWN
IT AWAY YET!

IT MUST
STILL BE
SOME-
WHERE
IN THE
HOUSE!



I'VE TRIED EVERY CLOSET
AND CUPBOARD! THERE
ISN'T A SIGN OF IT!
PERHAPS, IN THE ATTIC...



NOPE! NOT
HERE, EITHER!

THE ONLY PLACE LEFT
TO LOOK IS IN HER
OWN ROOM! BUT I
CAN'T GO IN THERE
TILL THE MORNING!



WHAT A PICKLE TO BE IN! A
SPIDER-MAN WITHOUT HIS
COSTUME IS LIKE A BEATLE
WITHOUT HIS HAIR! IT COULD
ONLY HAPPEN TO ME!



I WISH I KNEW WHAT JONAH
JAMESON DID WITH MY OTHER
COSTUME! THE ONE I TRICKED
HIM WITH ON THAT ROOFTOP!
OH, WELL, I'LL WORRY ABOUT IT
TOMORROW!



BUT, THERE ARE STILL MORE
WORRIES IN STORE
FOR THE SLEEPING PETER PARKER! FOR, AT THAT
VERY MOMENT, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, A
MYSTERIOUS MEETING IS TAKING PLACE...

YOU CAN'T BACK OUT
NOW! WE AGREED THAT
I'D HELP YOU TAKE OVER
THE UNDERWORLD! THEN,
WITH THE GREEN
GOBLIN'S BRAINS,
AND YOUR KNOWLEDGE
OF THE RACKETS, NOTHING
COULD STOP US!

FORGET IT! I DECIDED I
DON'T NEED YOU! I'M
THE CRIME-MASTER!
I CAN DO IT ALONE!



BUT I REVEALED MY
TRUE IDENTITY
TO YOU AS PART OF THE
DEAL! IF YOU THINK I'LL
LET YOU GET AWAY
WITH!

THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN
DO! TRY TO STOP ME,
AND I'LL SEE TO IT THAT
THE WORLD KNOWS WHO
YOU REALLY ARE! NOW
GET LOST! I'VE GOT
THINGS TO DO!



UNLESS YOU'RE
WILLING TO TAKE
ORDERS FROM
ME! I CAN ALWAYS
USE ANOTHER
FLUNKY! HOW
ABOUT IT, GOBLIN?

YOU'VE OUT-SMARTED YOURSELF THIS TIME! REMEMBER, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, TOO! SO YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF ME!

HE'S BLUFFING! HE CAN'T EXPOSE ME ANY MORE THAN I CAN EXPOSE HIM! IT'S A STALEMATE!



LATER, AT THE HIDEOUT OF ONE OF THE CITY'S MANY UNDERWORLD MOBS ...

SINCE THE POLICE HAVE HAD THE HEAT ON US, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PULL A CAPER FOR WEEKS!

AND AS IF THAT AIN'T BAD ENOUGH, WE NEVER KNOW WHEN SPIDER-MAN WILL SNARE US IN THAT BLASTED WEB OF HIS!



WELL, ONE THING'S FOR SURE...WE'VE GOT TO PULL A JOB SOON, OR DISBAND!

AHH, I'M JUST IN TIME!



THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO LEAVE MY CALLING CARD... NOW, WHILE THEY'RE CONFUSED AND DISSATISFIED!



HEY! LOOK OUT! THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE WINDOW!

HE'S THROWIN' SOMETHING!! DUCK!! IT'S A BOMB!!



NO...HOLD IT! IT BROKE OPEN! THERE'S NOTHING INSIDE BUT A NOTE!

GIMME! I'LL READ IT! "THIS IS YOUR FIRST AND LAST NOTICE! FROM NOW ON I'M TAKING OVER THE RACKETS! DEFY ME, AND IT WILL NOT BE A FALSE ALARM NEXT TIME!" IT'S SIGNED... THE CRIME-MASTER!

THE CRIME-MASTER?!! ???



IT WENT AS SMOOTH AS CLOCKWORK! BUT, THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING! BEFORE I'M DONE, THE ENTIRE UNDERWORLD WILL TREMBLE AT THE MERE MENTION OF THE NAME CRIME-MASTER!



MINUTES LATER, IN A ROOM ABOVE
A PARKED AUTOMOBILE WHICH THE
CRIME-MASTER HAS JUST WALKED
AWAY FROM...

WHO IN BLAZES
CAN BE PHONING
ME NOW?



DON'T SAY A WORD!
LOOK OUT YOUR
WINDOW AT YOUR
CAR WHICH IS
DOWNSTAIRS!
KEEP WATCHING IT!



IT BLEW UP! SAY, WHO DO YA
THINK...?
QUIET! THIS IS THE
CRIME-MASTER!
I'M TAKING OVER
FROM NOW ON!



WITHIN HOURS, GANG LEADERS ALL OVER THE CITY ARE CONTACTED
BY THE MASKED MYSTERY MAN WHOSE NAME BEGINS TO FILL THEM
WITH A STRANGE APPREHENSION ...

HE MUST BE SOME
KINDA HOTSHOT IF
HE DARES TO
CHALLENGE ALL
OF US AT ONCE!

THE CRIME-
MASTER!
WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE HE'S
JUST WHAT WE
NEED!

NAH!
I SAY
WE SHOULD
FIGHT 'IM!
NOBODY'S
TAKIN' OVER
MY MOB!

HOW DID HE
KNOW WHERE
TO CONTACT
US? HOW'D HE
KNOW WHO
WE ALL ARE?
HE MUST HAVE
THE GOODS
ON US!

ME, I
DON'T
LIKE IT!

HE MUST BE SOME-
ONE FROM THE
RACKETS! HE COULD
EVEN BE ONE OF
US! BUT, HE'S
DANGEROUS! HE
KNOWS TOO MUCH!

THEN, JUST BEFORE DAWN BREAKS OVER
THE SPRAWLING METROPOLIS ...

THERE IS
NOTHING MORE
FOR ME TO DO
TONIGHT! I'LL
CLOSE THE
WINDOW AND
PULL DOWN
THE BLINDS
NOW!



THE GAME I'M PLAYING IS A
DANGEROUS ONE! ONE ERROR...
ONE MISCALCULATION... COULD
MEAN MY VERY LIFE! BUT, I
CAN'T BACK OUT NOW!

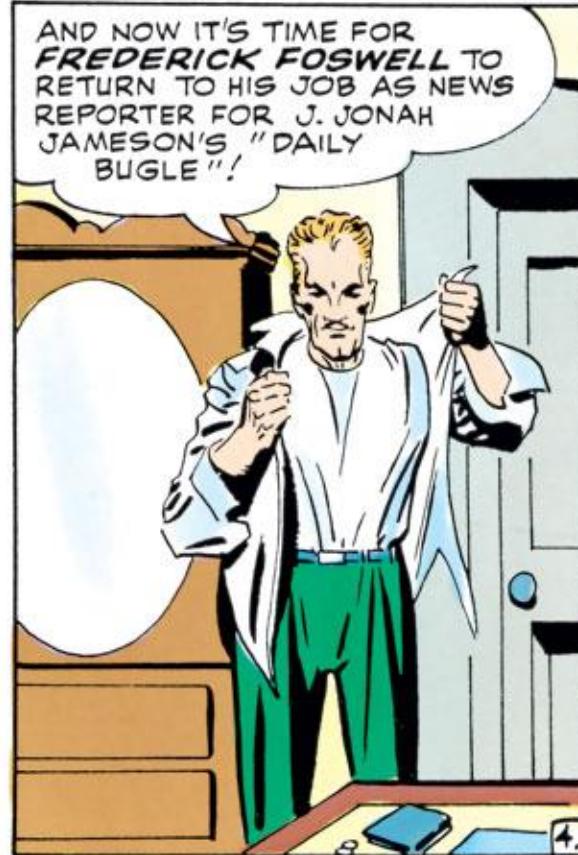
I'LL SWITCH
ON THE LIGHT
AND CHANGE
CLOTHES!



MY SPECIAL "WORKING CLOTHES"
SHOULD BE SAFE ENOUGH HERE
IN THIS HOLLOWED-OUT PORTION
OF MY BEDROOM CLOSET!



AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR
FREDERICK FOSWELL TO
RETURN TO HIS JOB AS NEWS
REPORTER FOR J. JONAH
JAMESON'S "DAILY
BUGLE"!



OKAY, NOW THAT EVERYTHING'S THOROUGHLY CONFUSED, LET'S RETURN TO PETER PARKER'S HOUSE AND START PICKING UP THE PIECES...

MAYBE IF I BRING THE CONVERSATION AROUND TO MY COSTUME, AUNT MAY WILL MENTION WHAT SHE DID WITH IT...!

I GUESS IT WAS SILLY OF ME TO TRY TO WEAR A SPIDER-MAN COSTUME TO THAT PARTY, AUNT MAY! OH, BY THE WAY, WHERE DID YOU...?

LET'S NOT DISCUSS IT ANY MORE, PETER DEAR! WE'LL CONSIDER THE MATTER FINISHED!

JUST MY LUCK! SHE THINKS SHE'S BEING NICE TO ME, BUT NOW I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT OUTFIT AGAIN!

WELL, THERE'S STILL THE OTHER SPIDEY COSTUME WHICH JONAH JAMESON HAD! I HOPE I CAN GET THAT ONE FROM HIM!

SEE YOU LATER, AUNT MAY! I'M GOING TO RUN OVER TO THE DAILY BUGLE FOR A WHILE!

ALL RIGHT, DEAR! HAVE A NICE DAY... AND COME HOME BY BUS IF IT RAINS!

NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, WE FIND...

WELL, WELL! HELLO, PETER! HAVE YOU ANY NEW PLANS TO CATCH SPIDER-MAN TODAY??

UH-OH! SHE'S STILL ANGRY BECAUSE SHE THINKS I HELPED JONAH IN HIS FIGHT WITH SPIDEY!*

AW, C'MON, BETTY! HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA HOLD A GRUDGE?

I AM NOT HOLDING A GRUDGE! AFTER ALL, IF YOU WANT TO BE PALSY-WALSY WITH JONAH JAMESON, THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS!

AW, RATS! FIRST YOU WRITE LETTERS TO NED LEEDS BECAUSE YOU FEEL SORRY FOR HIM! THEN, YOU WORRY ABOUT SPIDER-MAN! HOW ABOUT HAVING A GOOD WORD FOR PETER PARKER!!

YOU MEAN THE PETER PARKER WHO'S BEEN DATING LIZ ALLAN?? AND WHO HAS ANOTHER GIRL FRIEND WHOM HE'S NEVER EVEN MENTIONED TO ME? NAMELY MARY JANE WATSON!!

BUT, I DON'T EVEN KNOW MARY JANE WATSON!

*SPIDER-MAN #25.. STAN.

REALLY? THEN HOW COME YOUR AUNT MAY INTRODUCED ME TO HER WHEN I WAS AT YOUR HOUSE LAST TIME? IT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH TO FIND LIZ ALLAN COMING TO SEE YOU, ALSO! HOW MANY MORE GIRL FRIENDS DO YOU HAVE??

LOOK! I CAN'T HELP IT IF MY AUNT HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET ME TO DATE MARY JANE! I NEVER EVEN SAW HER!

OH, NO? WELL, YOU OUGHT TO OPEN UP YOUR EYES, CASANOVA! SHE'S VERY HARD TO MISS SEEING!

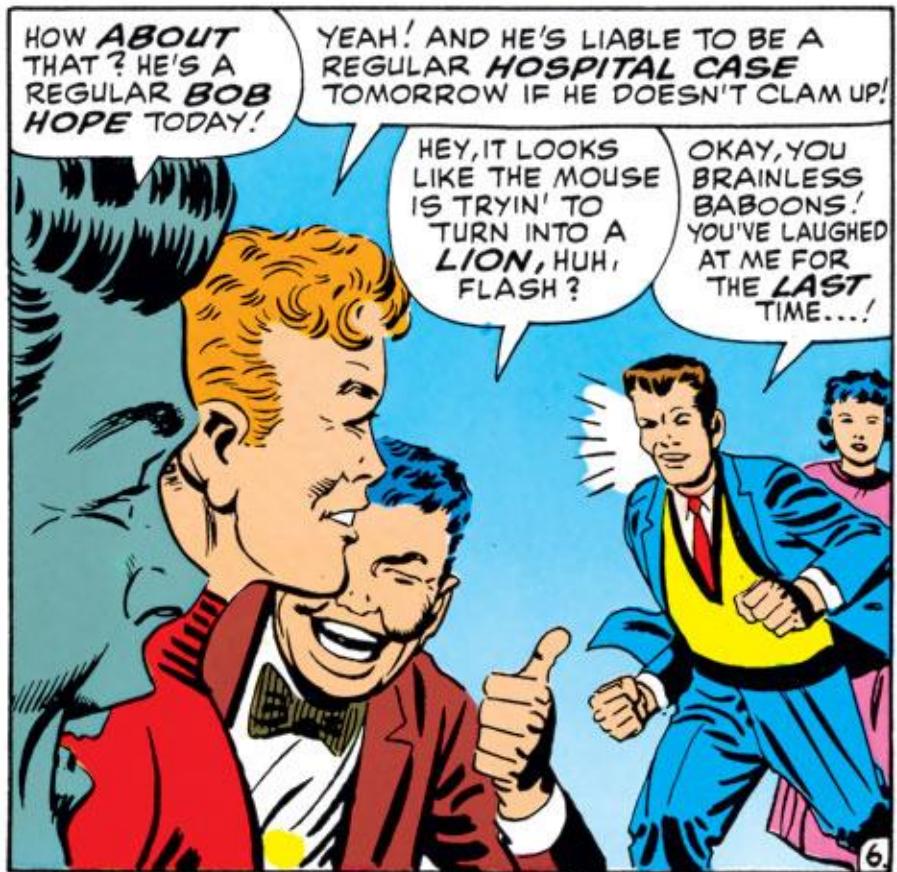
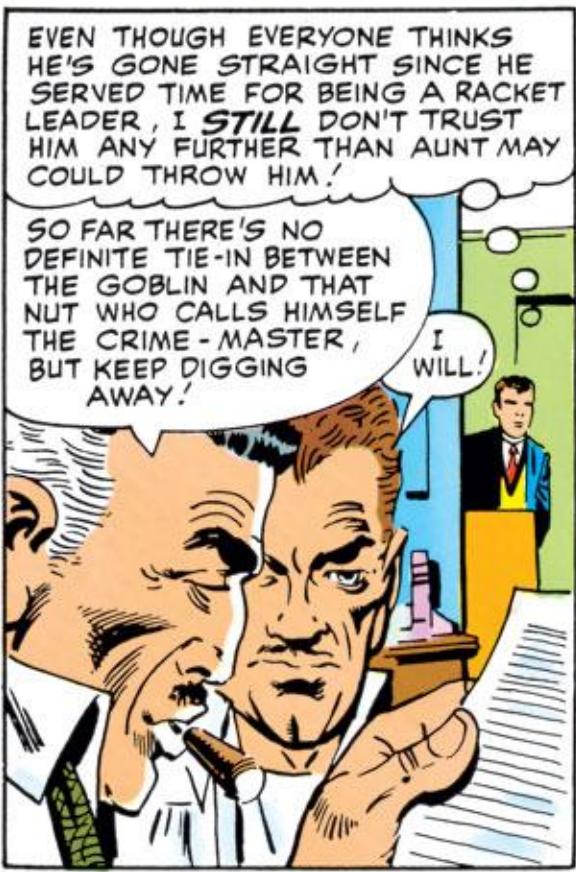
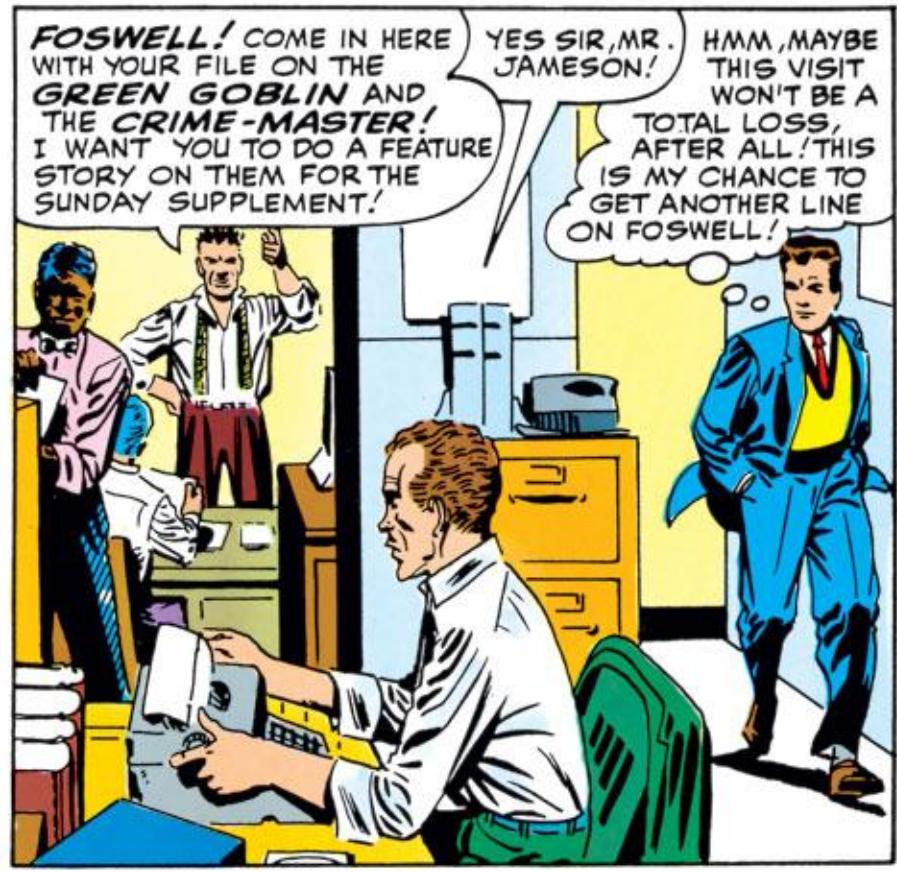
BOY! THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN A HOT-TEMPERED FEMALE IS A JEALOUS HOT-TEMPERED FEMALE!

WHAT IN SAM HILL IS ALL THE RACKET OUT HERE??

AND, ANOTHER THING....

OH, BROTHER! IT'S JONAH!

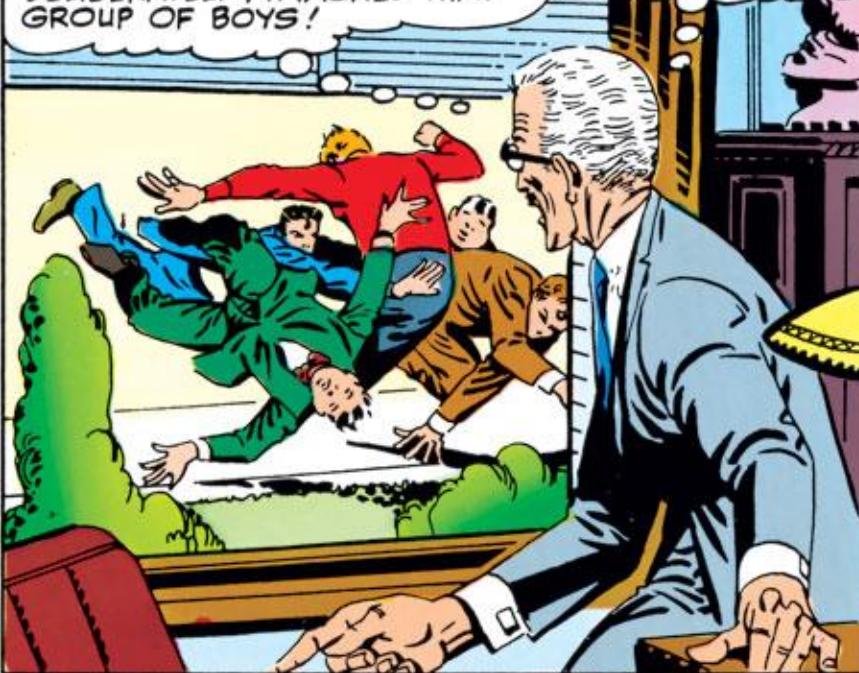




AND, AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THE PRINCIPAL TURNS TOWARDS THE WINDOW AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AND SEES ...

I'D NEVER HAVE BELIEVED IT! PETER PARKER DELIBERATELY ATTACKED THAT GROUP OF BOYS!

WHAT COULD HAVE COME OVER HIM? !?



BUT SUDDENLY, A SHARP FEMALE VOICE RINGS OUT, AS PETER PARKER'S RAGE FADES AWAY BEFORE HE CAN FULLY APPLY HIS AWESOME SPIDER STRENGTH!

STOP IT!
STOP IT,
I SAY!

HOLY SMOKE! WHAT AM I DOING?? ANOTHER MINUTE, AND I'D HAVE EXPOSED MYSELF AS SPIDER-MAN!



STAY OUT OF THIS, LIZ! I'M SICK OF YOU ALWAYS PROTECTING THAT MILK-SOP!

PROTECTING HIM? IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE HE WAS DOING FINE, AGAINST ALL YOU BULLIES!

IT'S LUCKY LIZ CAME BY WHEN SHE DID! LUCKY FOR THEM, THAT IS!



IT'S OKAY, LIZ! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! THAT BIRDBRAIN DOESN'T SCARE ME!

I KNEW IT! YOU'VE BECOME AS BAD AS FLASH IS! AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE DIFFERENT!

HE WILL BE, WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH HIM!



I'M THROUGH WITH BOTH OF YOU! I NEVER WANT TO SEE EITHER OF YOU AGAIN!

DON'T WORRY, LIZ! I'LL FIX IT SO YOU WON'T SEE PARKER ANY MORE!

FIRST BETTY IS MAD AT ME, AND NOW LIZ! WHAT A DON JUAN I AM!



HEY, PARKER! THE PRINCIPAL WANTS TO SEE YOU ... ON THE DOUBLE! YOU'RE IN FOR IT NOW!

BOY! MR. DAVIS MUST HAVE SEEN PARKER SWINGING AT US! HE THINKS HE STARTED IT!

THAT MEANS WE'RE IN THE CLEAR! DAVIS MAY EVEN EXPEL HIM!



HAH! WHAT A CRYIN' SHAME! WE SURE WILL MISS PUNY PARKER AROUND HERE!

WHERE YOU GOIN', FLASH? I'LL FIND LIZ! I'LL TURN ON THE OL' CHARM FOR HER!



A FEW MINUTES LATER ...

I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING OUTSIDE THE DOOR! PARKER TOOK THE WHOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIMSELF! HE DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO BLAME ANY OF US!

I'LL LET YOU KNOW MY DECISION LATER, PARKER! IT WAS MY FAULT! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER!



BUT, NO SOONER HAS PETER LEFT, WHEN...

MR. DAVIS, I
THINK YOU BETTER
HEAR THE WHOLE
STORY OF WHAT
HAPPENED...
PARKER REALLY
WASN'T TO
BLAME...

I'M GLAD TO HEAR
YOU SAY THAT, MY
BOY! COME IN...
WE'LL HAVE A TALK!

BUT, ONCE AGAIN OUR SCENE CHANGES, AS WE SEE THE REAPPEAR-
ANCE OF A NOW-FAMILIAR FIGURE...

LOOK OUT,
YOU GUYS!
IT'S THE CRIME-
MASTER!

YOU DARED TO OPENLY
DEFY MY WARNING, AND SO I'LL NOW
MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOU FOR
THE OTHER GANGS!

HE WINGED
THE BOSS!
WE HAVEN'T A
CHANCE! HE'S
A CRACK
SHOT!

NONE OF YOU HAVE
THE BRAINS, OR THE
SKILL, OR THE NERVE
TO STOP ME! AND NOW,
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST
CHANCE! WILL YOU ACCEPT
ME AS THE KINGPIN OF THE
CITY'S
GANG'S,
OR...?

YEAH... SURE! SURE! ANY-
THING YOU SAY, CRIME-
MASTER!

THAT'S
MORE LIKE IT!

NOW, WITH YOU
UNDER MY THUMB,
THE OTHERS WILL ALL
FALL INTO LINE!

AND, ACROSS TOWN, IN THE CITY'S MOST EXCLUSIVE MEN'S
CLUB...

JAMESON,
HOW CAN YOU AFFORD
TO SPEND SO MUCH
TIME AWAY FROM YOUR
NEWSPAPER, WHEN
THERE'S SO MUCH
CRIME ACTIVITY IN
THE HEADLINES?

DON'T FORGET, AS THE LARGEST
NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER IN TOWN,
I HAVE ALL SORTS OF INSIDE
INFORMATION! THE EVENTS
TAKING PLACE IN THE
UNDERWORLD ARE ALL BEING
CAREFULLY COVERED BY MY
STAFF!

TELL ME
SOMETHING,
J.J.... DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA
WHO THE GREEN
GOBLIN IS?

HOW ABOUT THE CRIME-
MASTER? ARE THEY THE
SAME MAN? EVERYBODY'S
TRYING TO GUESS!

SORRY, GENTLEMEN! I
CANNOT REVEAL THE
INSIDE STORY YET! BUT
KEEP READING "THE
BUGLE"! I'LL HAVE A
BIG EXPOSE
SOON!

ONE OF YOUR REPORTERS IS THIS FELLOW FOSWELL,
WHO USED TO BE A BIG TIME CRIMINAL HIMSELF! IS
IT WISE FOR YOU TO EMPLOY SUCH A NOTORIOUS
CHARACTER?

I THINK YOU
DESERVE
CREDIT FOR
GIVING AN
EX-CONVICT
A SECOND
CHANCE!

YOU KNOW WHAT
THEY SAY ABOUT ME,
GENTLEMEN... I'M ALL
HEART! AND BEIDES,
FOSWELL WORKS
LIKE A DOG!



BUT NOW, BEFORE YOU START THINKING THE NAME OF OUR MAGAZINE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "THE LIFE OF JONAH JAMESON", LET'S RETURN TO OUR SWINGIN' TEEN-AGE HERO....!

SAY! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE? THAT'S JUST WHAT I NEED...IN THE WINDOW OF THIS COSTUME SHOP!



YOU SAY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THAT SPIDER-MAN OUTFIT? I CAN LET YOU HAVE IT CHEAP! THERE'S NOT MUCH CALL FOR IT LATELY!

BUT, IF YOU WANT SOMETHING REALLY POPULAR, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THAT FRANKENSTEIN SUIT? THEY'RE SELLING LIKE HOTCAKES!



OKAY, SON... SUIT YOURSELF! ...NO PUN INTENDED! SHALL I WRAP IT UP, OR WILL YOU WEAR IT OUT?

WRAP IT UP! I WANT TO GIVE IT TO MY DEN MOTHER AS A HOUSE-WARMING GIFT!



MINUTES LATER, THE GLIB-TONGUED ADVENTURER CHANGES INTO HIS NEW COSTUME ON A LONELY ROOFTOP...

LUCKILY THEY MAKE THESE THINGS OUT OF THOSE NEW STRETCH FABRICS NOWADAYS, SO ONE SIZE FITS ALMOST ANYBODY!

AND NOW, AT LAST I CAN PICK UP THE SIGNALS FROM MY LITTLE GIZMO AND INVESTIGATE FREDERICK FOSWELL!



WOW-EEE! IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO BE BACK IN ACTION AGAIN! I FEEL LIKE AN EAGLE WHO'S BEEN LET OUT OF A CAGE!

I MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT... BEING SPIDER-MAN IS JUST PLAIN HABIT-FORMING! IT'S LIKE GOING OUT WITH GIRLS!.. I CAN'T GIVE IT UP!



BUT THEN... UH-OH! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY PUT TOO MUCH STRETCH IN THESE STRETCH-FABRICS! I'M STARTING TO COME APART!

THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR BEING THE ONLY SUPER-HERO IN TOWN WHO'S NUTTY ENOUGH TO RUN AROUND IN A SECOND-HAND COSTUME!



WELL, I'LL JUST USE SOME OF MY WEBBING TO HOLD THE BLAMED THING IN PLACE!

THERE! THAT OUGHTA DO IT!



MINUTES LATER, TWO COLORFUL FIGURES PASS EACH OTHER IN THE NIGHT, NEITHER REALIZING HOW CLOSE HE IS TO THE OTHER...



AND FINALLY...

THIS IS WHERE MY GIZMO'S SIGNAL IS COMING FROM! FOSWELL MUST BE SOMEWHERE IN THAT APARTMENT!



THERE'S HIS HAT... AND THE REST OF HIS CLOTHES, BUT NO FOSWELL! THE PLACE IS EMPTY! I'D BETTER LOOK AROUND WHILE I HAVE THE CHANCE!



BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, ANOTHER FORM APPROACHES THE APARTMENT, FROM A DIFFERENT DIRECTION...



SO LONG AS HE LIVES, HE'LL BE A CONSTANT THREAT TO ME! UNLESS...

UNLESS I ELIMINATE HIM!



HMM, I WONDER... DID FOSWELL CHANGE HIS CLOTHES BECAUSE HE KNEW MY ELECTRONIC TRACER GIZMO WAS HIDDEN IN HIS HAT? OR, WAS THERE ANOTHER REASON??



WAIT A MINUTE! MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING! DANGER IS NEAR... VERY NEAR!!



WHEW! IF NOT FOR MY SPIDER SENSE, I'D BE WEARING A VERY DRAFTY COSTUME RIGHT NOW!

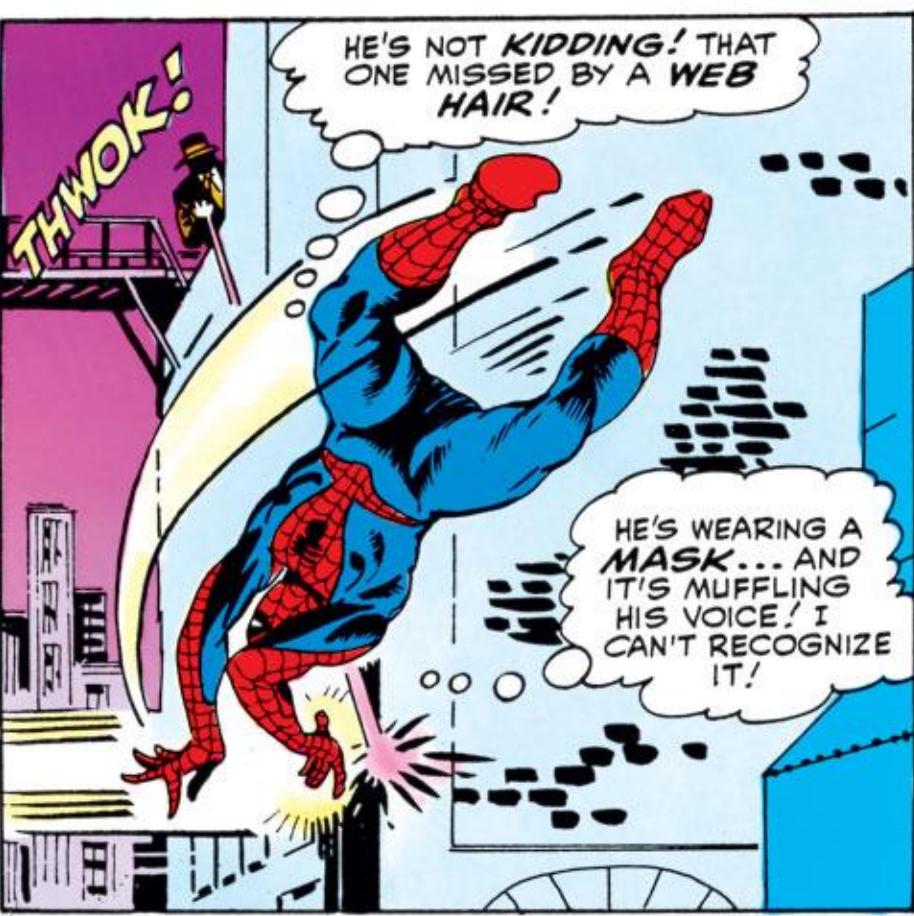


WHOEVER FIRED THAT **FIRST** SHOT IS PROBABLY STILL AROUND! I MIGHT AS WELL BE A **MOVING TARGET**!



THWOK!
HE'S NOT KIDDING! THAT ONE MISSED BY A WEB HAIR!

HE'S WEARING A MASK... AND IT'S MUFFLING HIS VOICE! I CAN'T RECOGNIZE IT!



LET'S SEE NOW... HE'S NOT THE GREEN GOBLIN, AND HE'S NOT ANYONE I KNOW... SO THAT LEAVES THE CRIME-MASTER! IT MUST BE HIM!



I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIM, BUT **ONE** THING I'M SURE OF... HE'S GOT A REAL NASTY DISPOSITION!

THWOK!



WHILE I'M SAFE BEHIND THIS WATER TOWER, I'LL JUST SHOOT MY WEBBING AT HIM, AND... RATS!

MY LUCK'S RUNNING TRUE TO FORM! HE'S SAFELY SHIELDED UNDER THAT STEEL COVER!







BUT WITH HIS HEAD NOW CLEARED, AND HIS LIGHTNING-FAST REFLXES OPERATIONAL AGAIN, SPIDEY INSTANTLY REALIZES HIS GRAVE DANGER....!

FALLING!! ABOUT TO HIT THE GROUND!!



BUT NOW I'VE NO WAY TO BE SURE!

NO TRACE OF HIM ANYWHERE AROUND HERE! I'D BETTER PAY A VISIT TO THE "DAILY BUGLE" AGAIN!... HE MIGHT HAVE RETURNED TO HIS JOB THERE!



MINUTES LATER...

STILL NO SIGN OF HIM! BUT THERE'S BETTY... PROBABLY READING ANOTHER LETTER FROM THAT BLAMED NED LEEDS!

WELL, I'VE NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT BETTY'S PEN PALS RIGHT NOW!

HMM, JAMESON'S OFFICE IS EMPTY, TOO! THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR ME TO SCOUT AROUND FOR MY AUTHENTIC SPIDER-MAN COSTUME!

BUT, AFTER A BRIEF THOUGH PAINSTAKING SEARCH...

IT'S NOT HERE! NOTHING BUT A MILLION CLIPPINGS ABOUT THE GREEN GOBLIN, THE CRIMEMASTER, AND THAT LITTLE OL' SPIDER-MAN...

ME!

OH, WELL, IT'S NICE TO KNOW I STILL RATE AMONG THE BIG THREE!

I WONDER WHAT JAMESON DID WITH MY COSTUME? HE MIGHT HAVE... UH-OH! SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...

RESERVE A TABLE FOR ME AT MY CLUB FOR DINNER, MISS BRANT!

HI, CHEERFUL CHARLIE! YOU WENT TO SO MUCH TROUBLE TO FIND ME LAST TIME WE MET, THAT I THOUGHT I'D RETURN THE FAVOR NOW!

SPIDER-MAN!

THE NAME SOUNDS LIKE MUSIC WHEN YOU SAY IT!

OKAY, IF YOU CAME IN TO GLOAT OVER BEATING ME LAST TIME, HAVE YOUR FUN AND THEN GET LOST! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

AWWW! DON'T GO 'WAY MAD! ARE YOU STILL SULKING BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO CAPTURE ME, AND ONLY WOUND UP WITH MY COSTUME?!

DON'T GET COZY WITH ME, MASKED MAN! IF YOUR COSTUME IS WHAT YOU CAME FOR, THAT CRACKPOT SMYTHE HAS IT! YOU CAN GET IT FROM HIM!

SMYTHE! HE'S THE ONE WHO BUILT THE ROBOT WITH WHICH JONAH TRIED TO DEFEAT ME! THAT'S GREAT... I KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM!

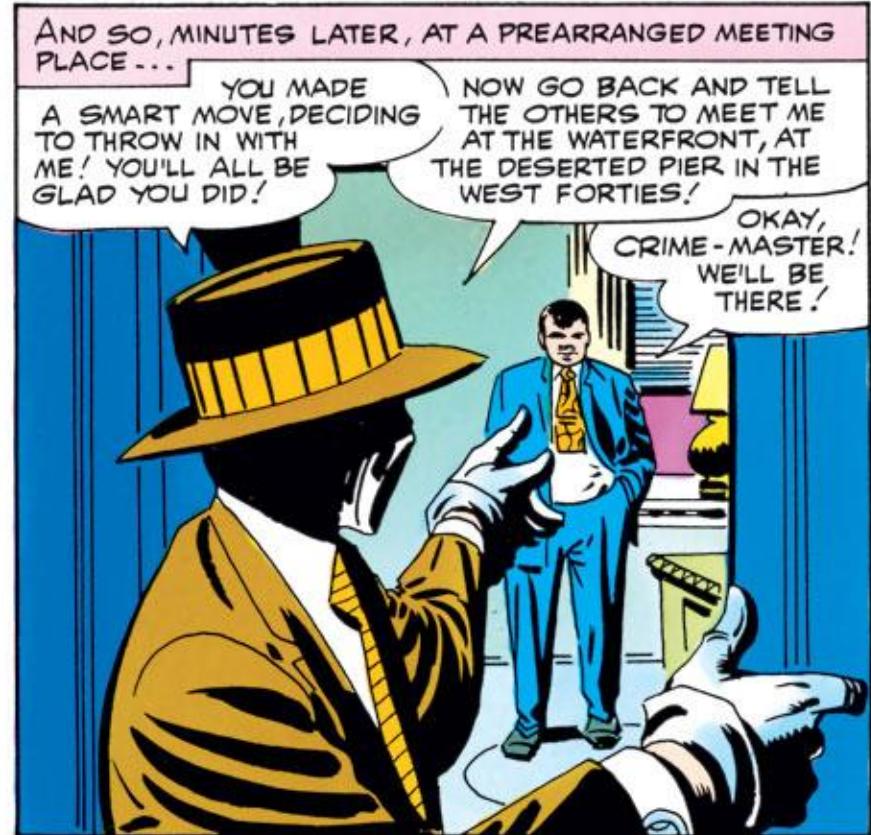
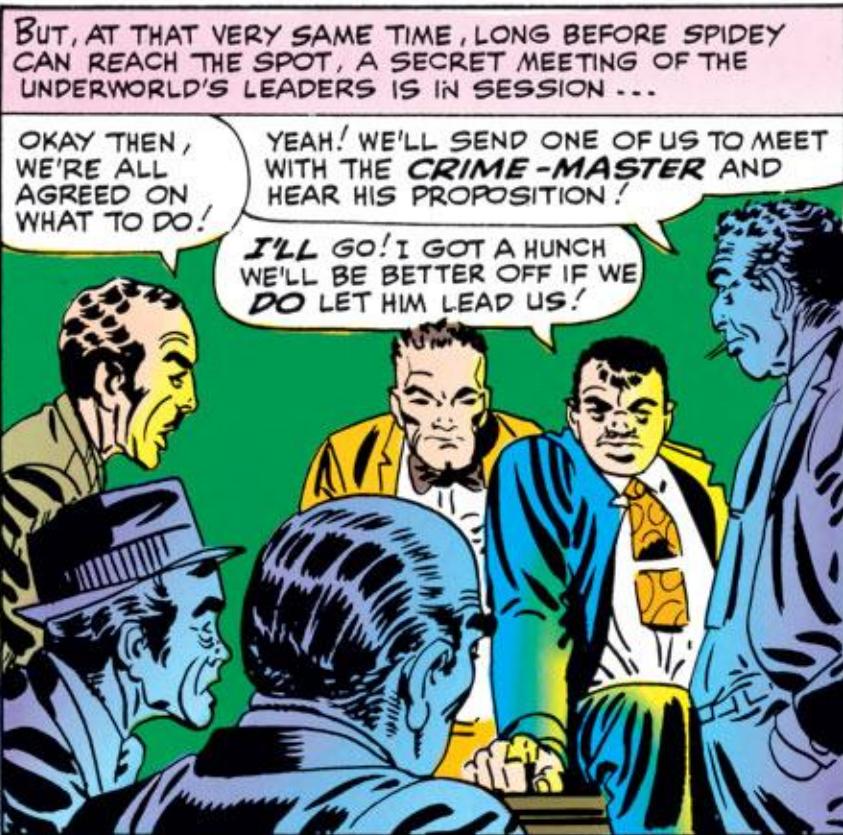
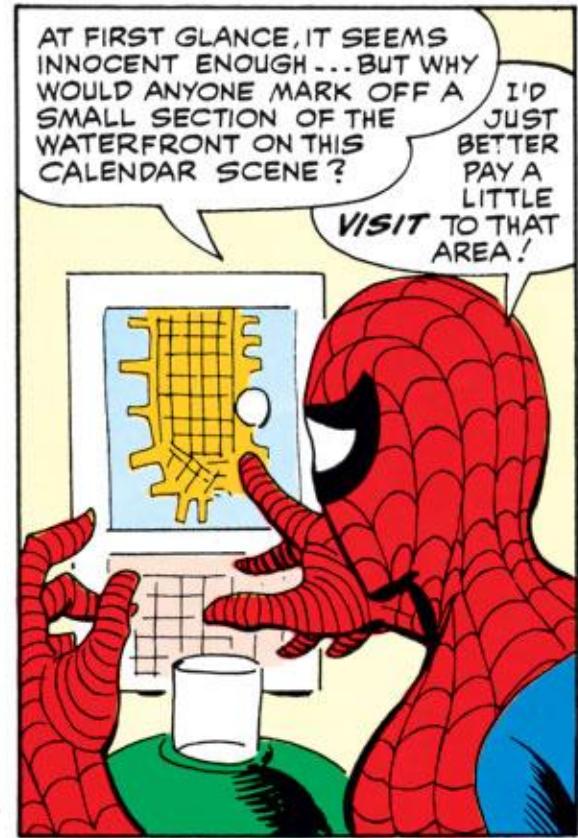
WELL, I'LL BE LEAVING NOW, J.J.! YOU'RE JUST NOT THE CHEERFUL LITTLE FUN PERSON THAT YOU USED TO BE!

AND, MORE IMPORTANT, THIS DRAFFED MASK KEEPS POPPING OUT!

POOR JONAH! I THINK HE'S JUST ABOUT GIVEN UP ON ME! I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BE HAPPY OR SAD!

MMM, I'D BETTER SEAL THE MASK WITH SOME STICKY WEBBING FLUID!

AT LEAST I KNOW IT'LL STAY ON UNTIL THE WEB EVAPORATES



AT THE WATERFRONT, A SHORT TIME LATER, WE NEAR OUR STIRRING CLIMAX...

LOOKS LIKE MY HUNCH WAS CORRECT! SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY IN THE WIND... OTHERWISE ALL THOSE CARS WOULDN'T BE BRINGING THOSE HARD-LOOKING CHARACTERS TO A DESERTED PIER!



I BROUGHT SOME OF MY MUSCLE MEN, JUST IN CASE! WHAT'S THE DELAY? ISN'T THE CRIME-MASTER HERE YET?

NO! HE'LL SHOW UP AFTER EVERYONE'S ARRIVED! JUST GO INSIDE AND WAIT WITH THE OTHER GUYS!



BUT ANOTHER CONFERENCE IS SECRETLY TAKING PLACE NEARBY...

YOU CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT **ME**! THE WHOLE PLAN WAS ORIGINALLY **MINE**! IF YOU TRY TO SQUEEZE ME OUT, I'LL ...!

YOU'LL DO **NOTHING**! NOT SO LONG AS I HAVE THE PROOF OF YOUR REAL IDENTITY LOCKED IN A SAFE DEPOSIT VAULT!



IF I'M EVER FOUND DEAD, THE POLICE WILL OPEN THAT VAULT AND LEARN WHO... **HEY!** WHA...??

YOU CHEAP DOUBLE-CROSSER! THE GREEN GOBLIN DOESN'T HAVE TO RESORT TO **MURDER**! THERE ARE **OTHER WAYS** ...!!



WELL, THE SMOKEY EXHAUST FROM MY JET GLIDER WILL COVER ME SO THAT HE WON'T KNOW WHERE TO SHOOT!

BLAST YOU! NO MATTER HOW TRICKY YOU ARE, A BULLET CAN STILL GET RID OF YOU FOREVER!

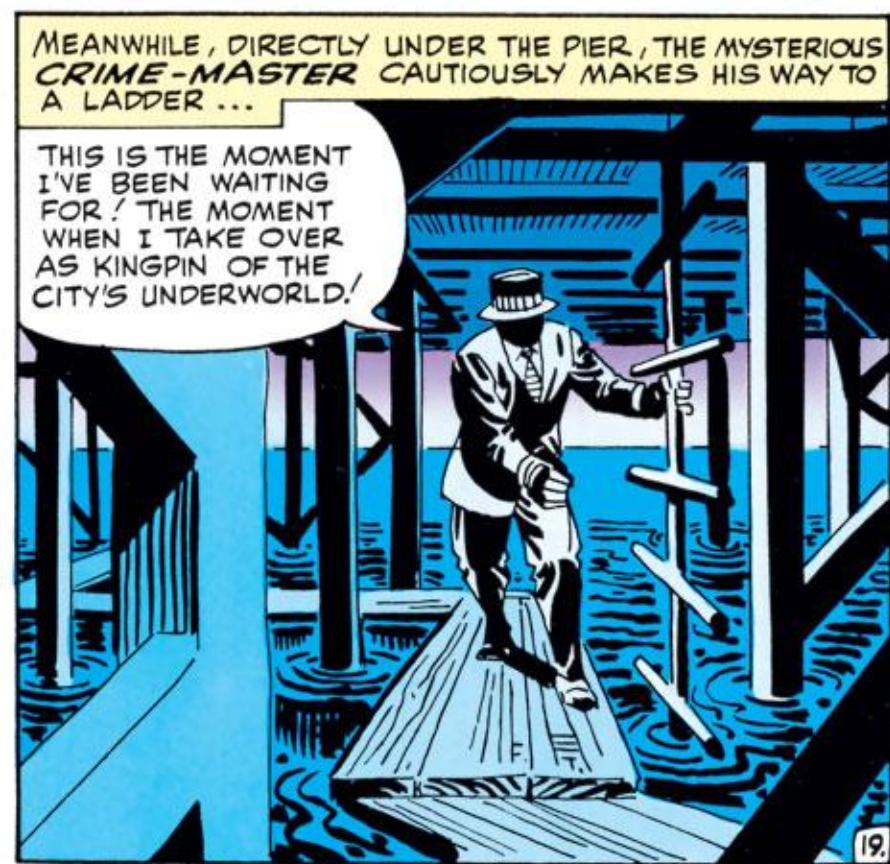


HE'S THROWING **STUN BOMBS**, BUT I'M IN LUCK... HIS OWN SMOKE IS HIDING **ME** FROM **HIM**, ALSO!

I'D BETTER HOLD OFF! IF I SHOULD ACCIDENTALLY KILL HIM, MY SECRET WILL BE MADE PUBLIC!







EVERYONE IS HERE! EVERY MOB LEADER IN THE AREA! THEY'VE ALL COME TO ACCLAIM **ME** AS THEIR LEADER!

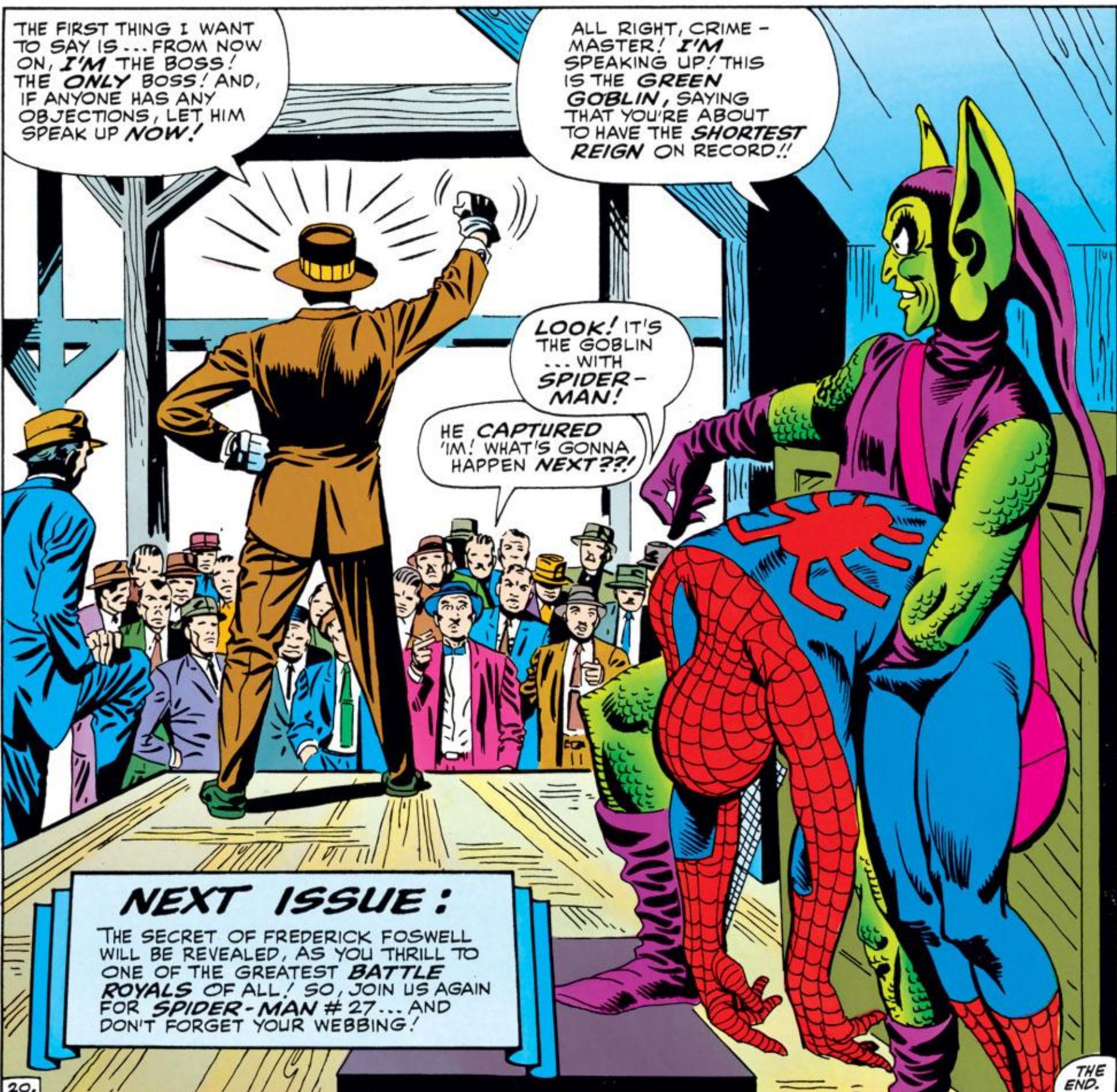
AND NOW, FOR MY LONG-AWAITED MOMENT OF TRIUMPH!

HEY, PIPE DOWN, YOU GUYS! CLAM UP, ALL OF YOU! THE **CRIME-MASTER** IS HERE! HE'S GONNA TELL US ABOUT HIS PLANS!



THE FIRST THING I WANT TO SAY IS... FROM NOW ON, **I'M THE BOSS!** THE **ONLY BOSS!** AND, IF ANYONE HAS ANY OBJECTIONS, LET HIM SPEAK UP **NOW!**

ALL RIGHT, CRIME-MASTER! I'M SPEAKING UP! THIS IS THE **GREEN GOBLIN**, SAYING THAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO HAVE THE **SHORTEST REIGN ON RECORD!!**



NEXT ISSUE:

THE SECRET OF FREDERICK FOSWELL WILL BE REVEALED, AS YOU THRILL TO ONE OF THE GREATEST **BATTLE ROYALS** OF ALL! SO, JOIN US AGAIN FOR **SPIDER-MAN** # 27... AND DON'T FORGET YOUR WEBBING!

THE END.