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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

"THE PARENTS OF PETER PARKER!"

MY
SPIDER SENSE!
TINGLING
LIKE MAD!
IT MEANS--
I'M ABOUT
TO BE
ATTACKED!

AMONGST THE SILENT SHADOWS OF THE MYSTERIOUS CASBAH, IN FAR-OFF ALGERIA, A STEALTHY, SUPER-POWERED FIGURE GRIMLY SEARCHES FOR-- BUT, WAIT! IT WILL ALL BE REVEALED TO YOU IN GOOD TIME! RIGHT NOW, SPIDEY SENSES DANGER-- AND SO OUR SAGA BEGINS--

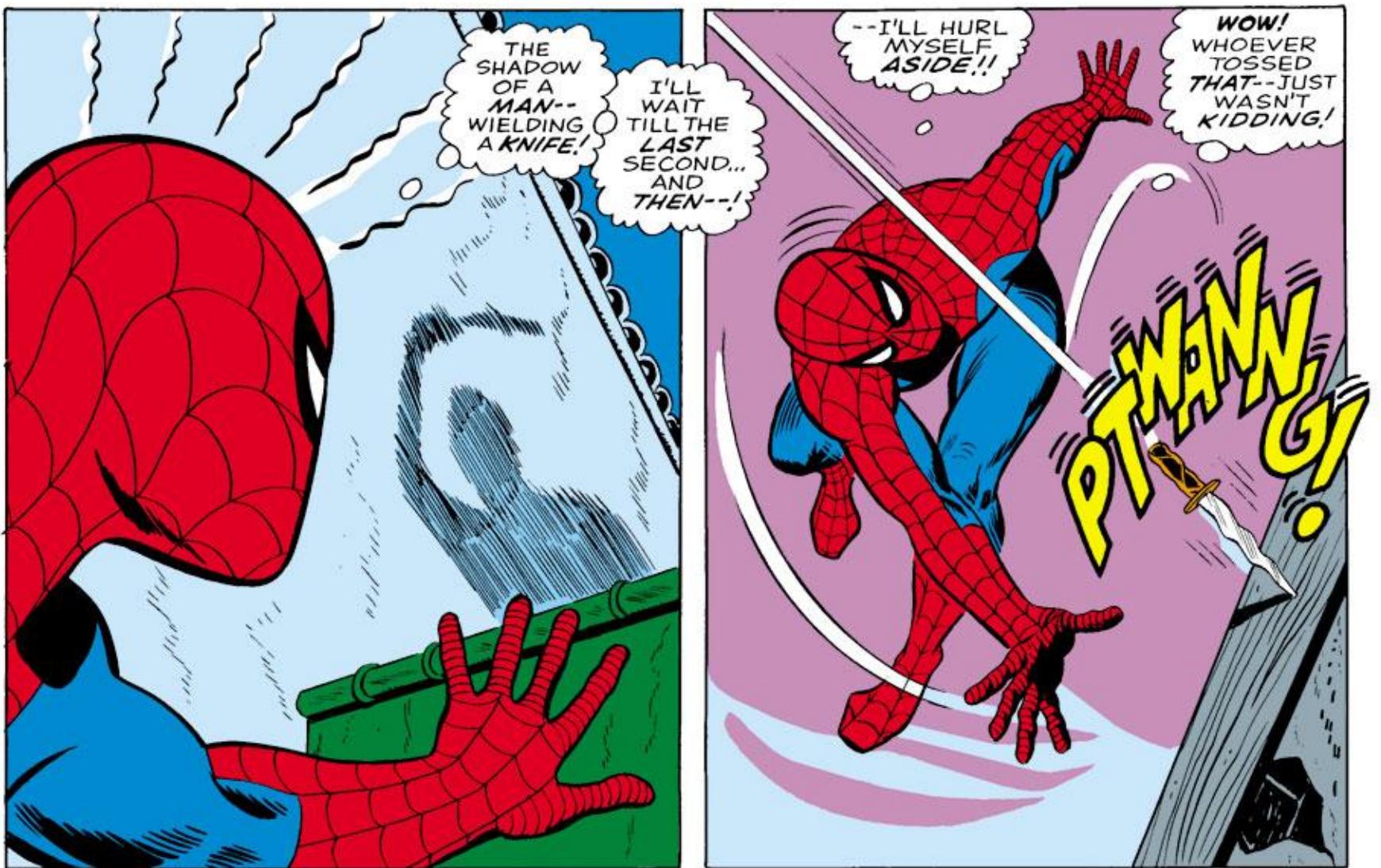
WARNING!!
WHEN YOU FINALLY
MEET OUR SCURRILOUS
SUPER-VILLAIN,
PREPARE YOURSELF
FOR ONE OF THE
BIGGEST
SURPRISES
OF THE
YEAR!

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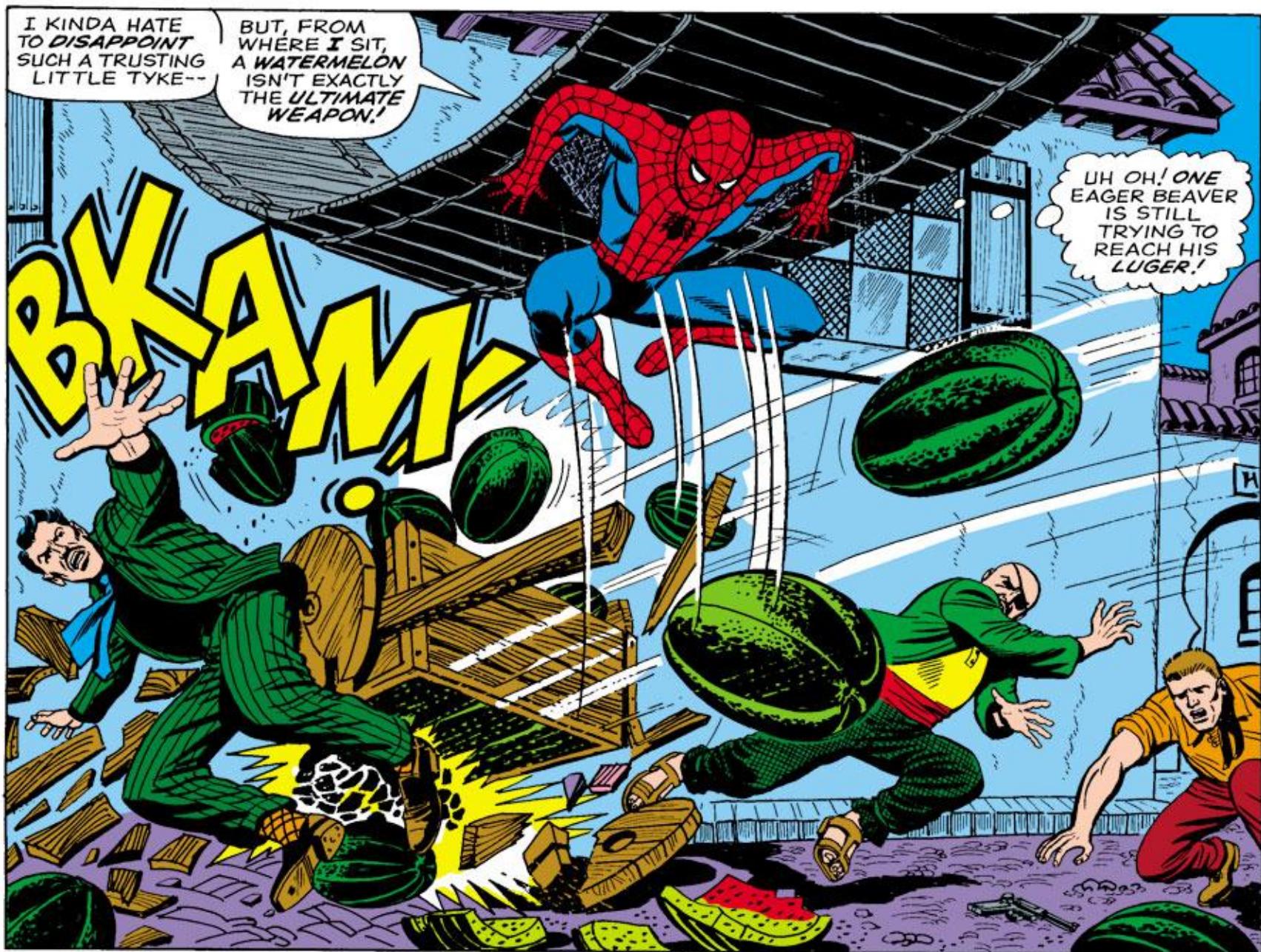
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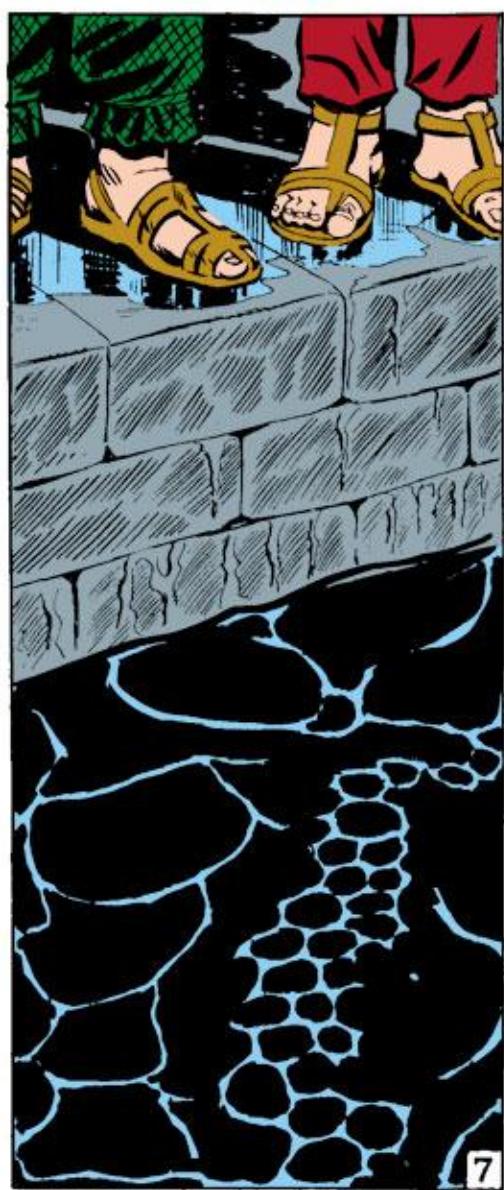


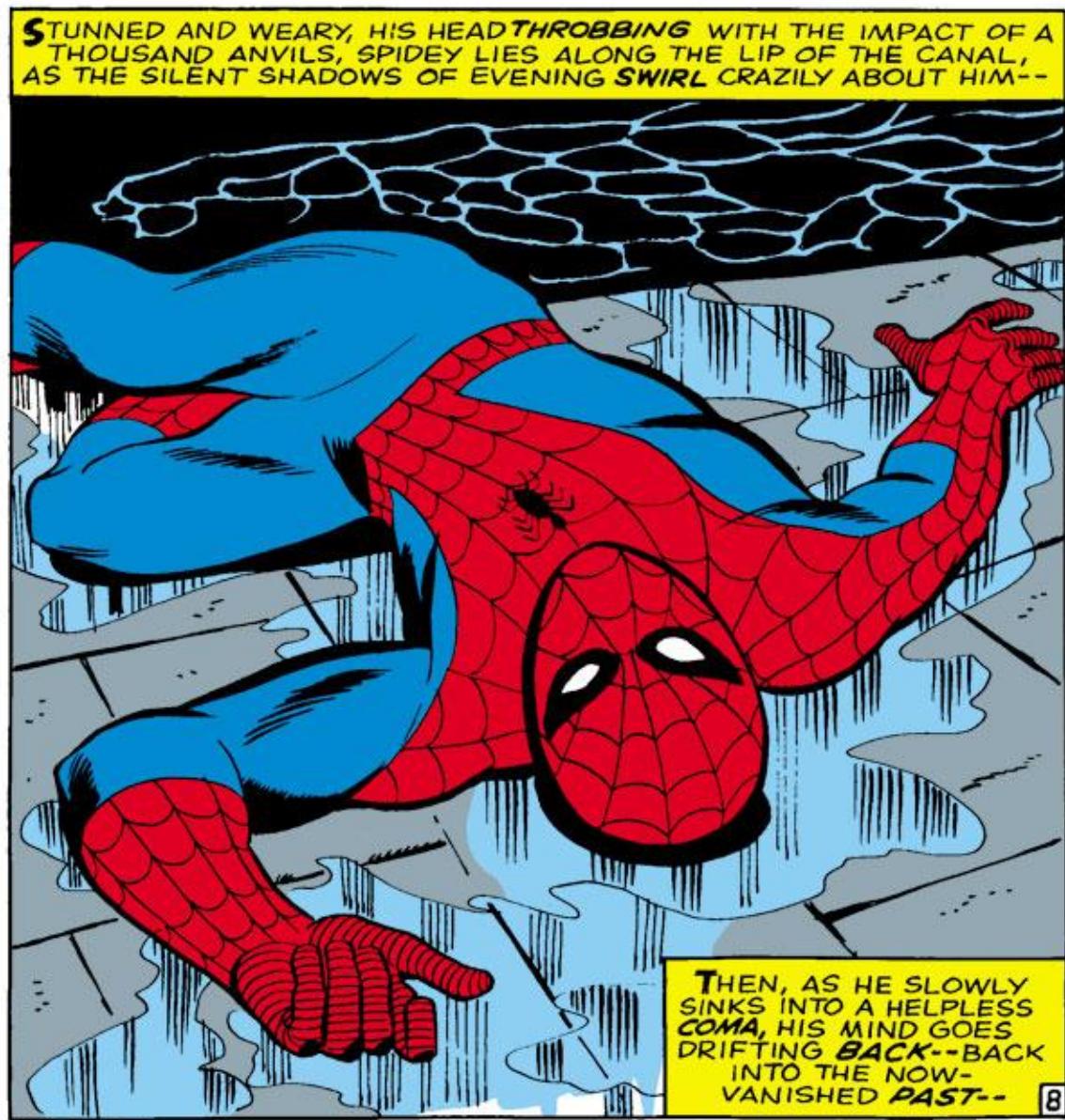
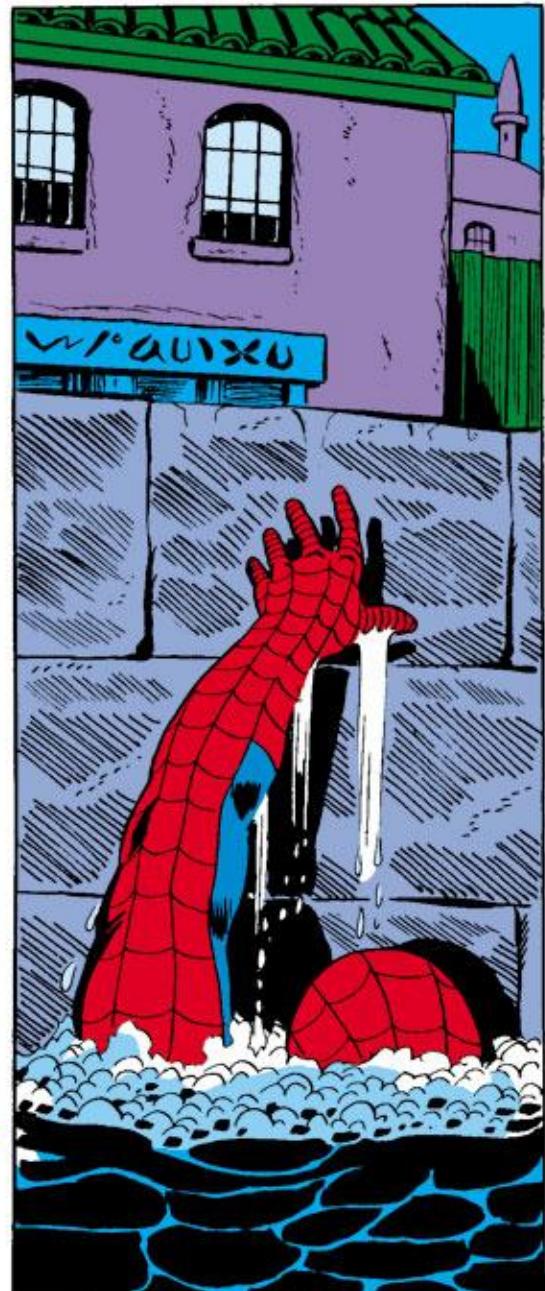












--BACK TO THAT ONE TRAUMATIC MOMENT--JUST A FEW SHORT DAYS AGO--WHEN IT ALL BEGAN--WHEN HE MOVED A TRUNK INTO THE BASEMENT AT THE REQUEST OF HIS DOTING AUNT MAY--!

CAREFUL, PETER DEAR! I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO STRAIN YOURSELF!

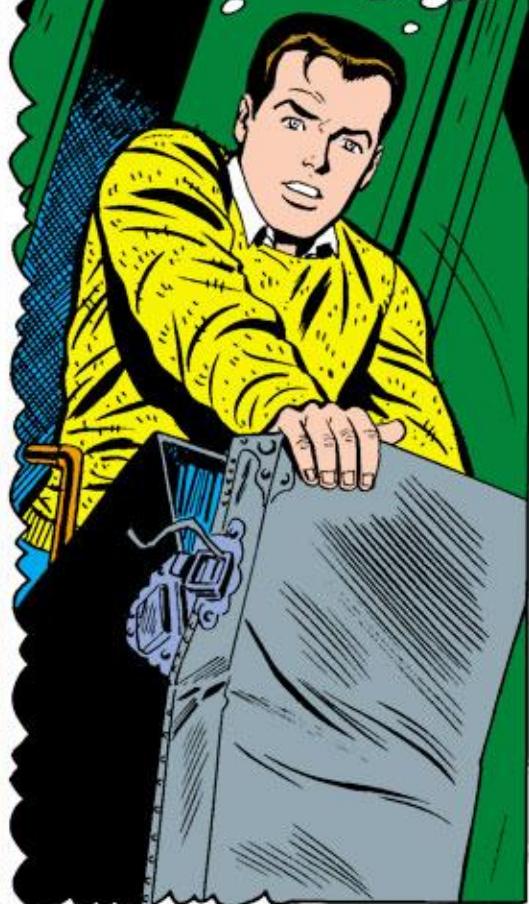
DON'T WORRY, AUNT MAY! I CAN HANDLE IT!



THEN, IT HAPPENED! THE RICKETY TRUNK BEGAN TO SLIP DOWN THE STAIRS--AND, IN AN EFFORT TO STOP IT, PETER PARKER SUDDENLY LUNGED OUT--GRIPPING IT WITH ALL HIS AMAZING STRENGTH--

I GRABBED IT TOO HARD! I TORE THE LOCK FROM ITS HINGES-- WITH MY BARE HAND!

IF AUNT MAY HAD BEEN WATCHING--HOW COULD I EVER EXPLAIN TO HER--ABOUT MY POWER???



I'VE GOT TO PICK EVERYTHING UP AND THEN REPAIR THE LATCH SOMEHOW--BEFORE SHE'S AWARE OF IT!

SHE MUST HAVE BEEN SAVING THESE MEMENTOS IN THE ATTIC FOR YEARS! OLD LETTERS-- SOUVENIRS-- PHOTOGRAPHS-- SOME OF THEM YELLOW WITH AGE!

THIS PHOTO--AND THAT NEWSPAPER CLIPPING! THE MAN'S FACE--HE LOOKS LIKE--ME!



THE NAME-- RICHARD PARKER--! NO WONDER HE LOOKS LIKE ME!!

HE'S GOT TO BE-- MY FATHER!!

NEWS SERVICE... JUNE '49

RICHARD PARKER AND WIFE KILLED IN PLANE CRASH IN ALGERIA
PARKER PRIME SUSPECT IN SPY PLOT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES
INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE FOUND UPON HIS BODY

U.S. Embassy Refuses Comment
Congress Demands Investigation
Public Demands To Know "Why Did They Betray Their Country?"

BUT--THE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING!! IT CAN'T BE TRUE! IT-- IT CAN'T BE!!



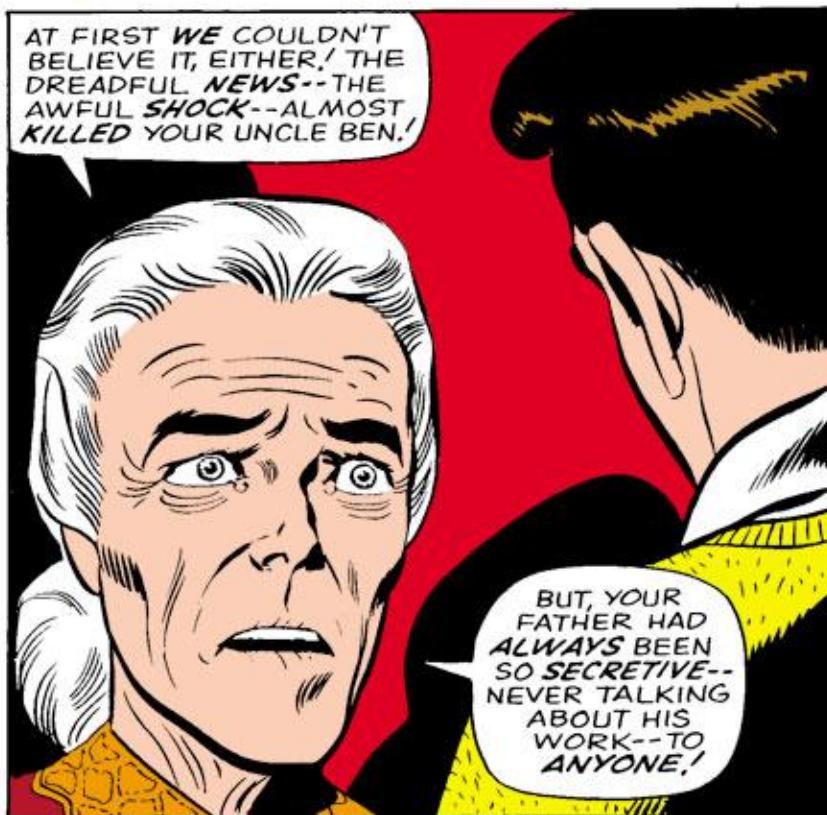
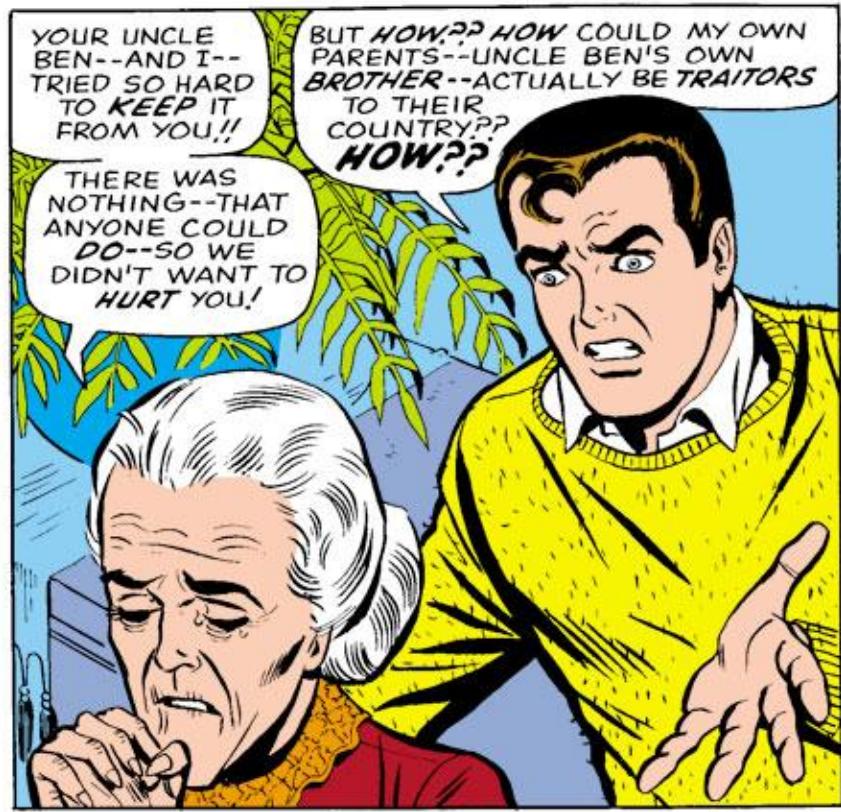
ALL MY LIFE--I'VE WONDERED--WANTED TO KNOW--WHO MY PARENTS WERE!!

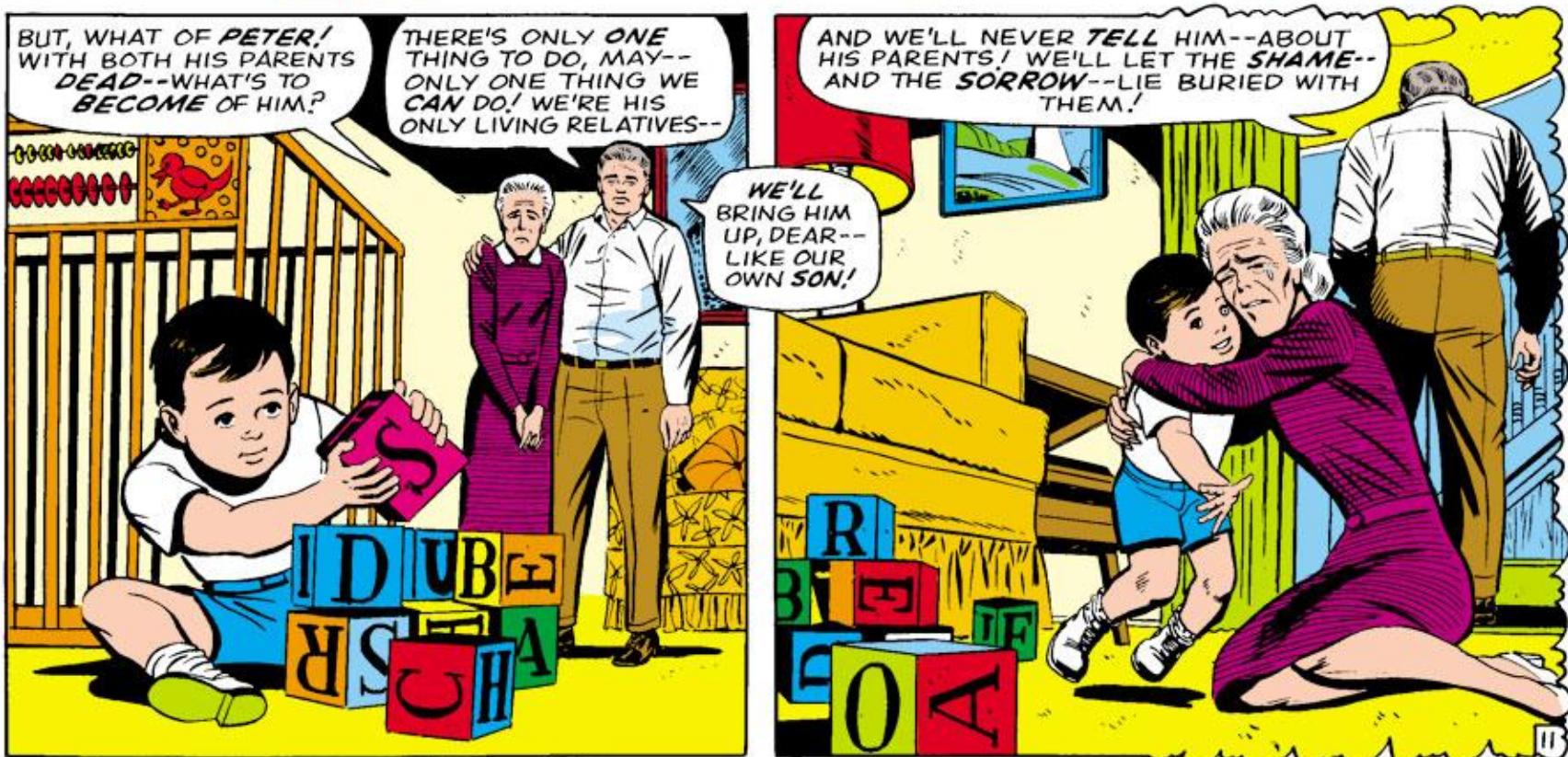
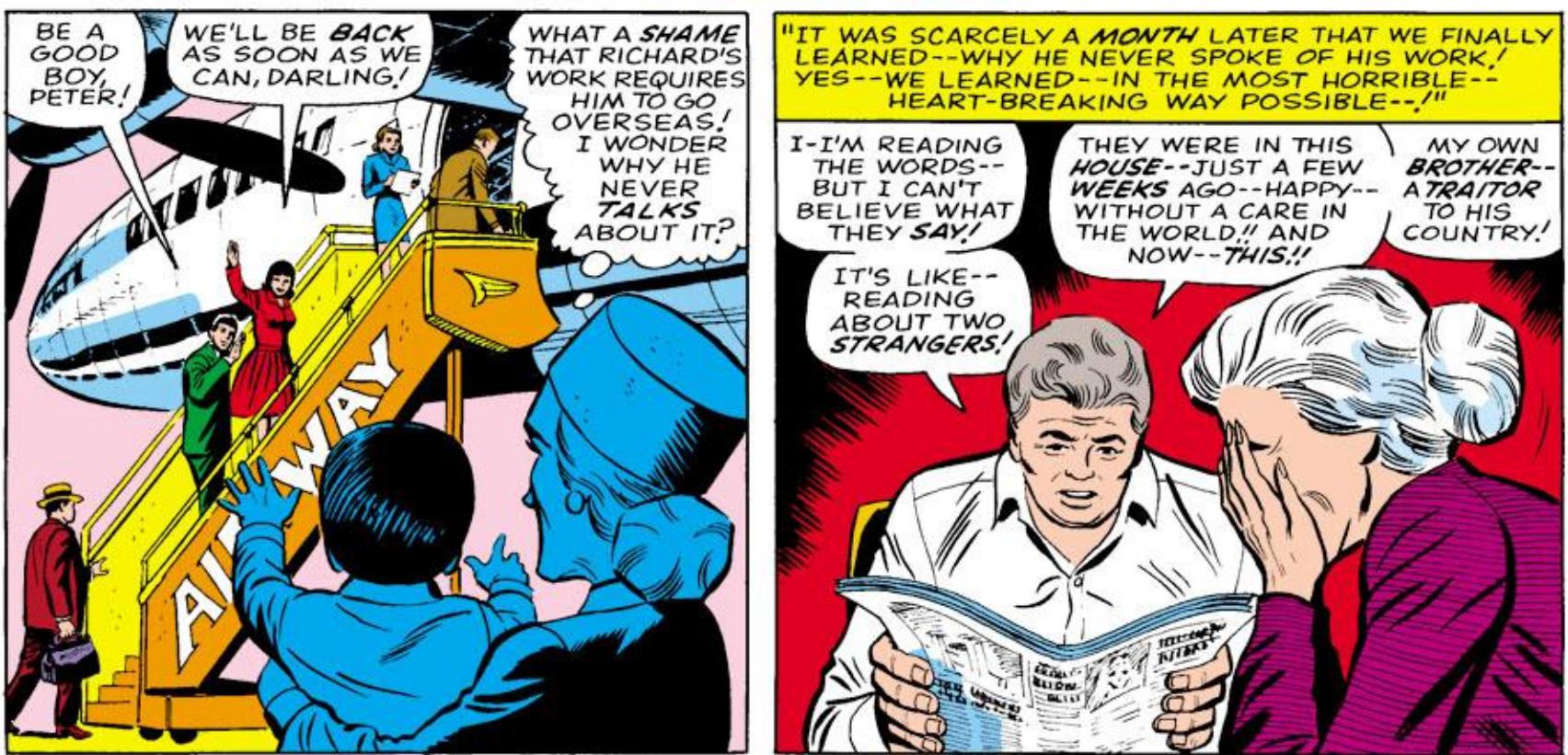
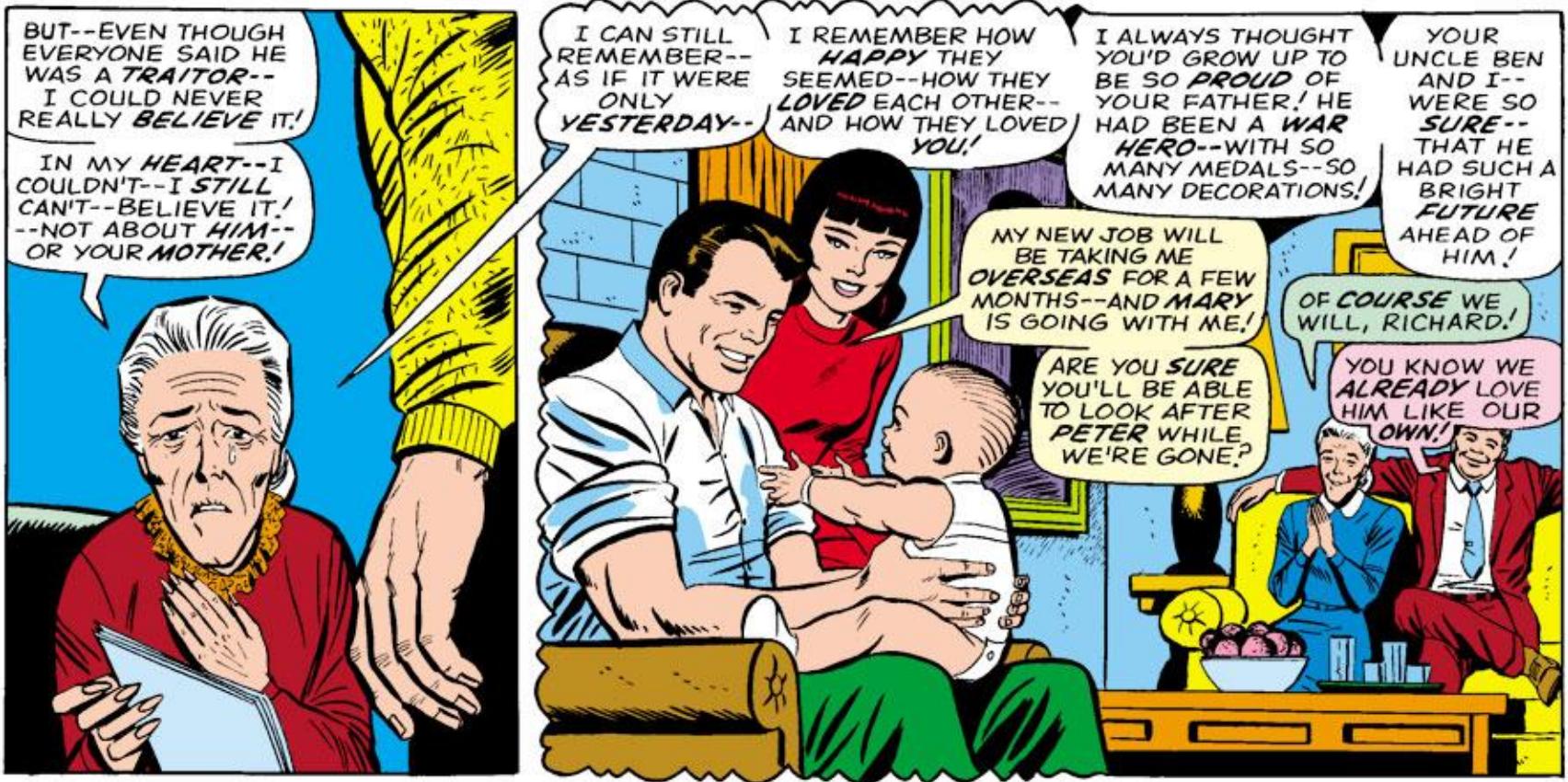
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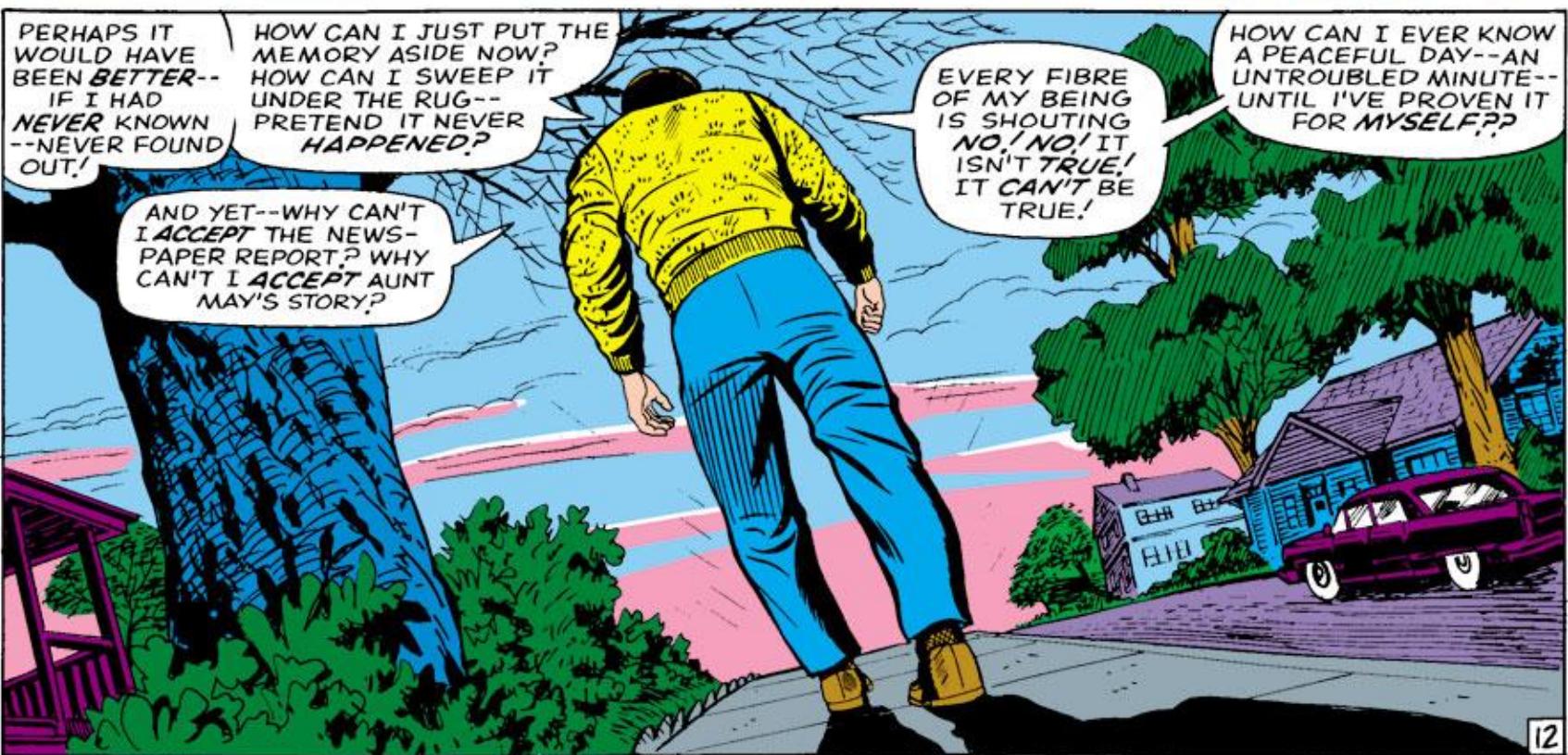
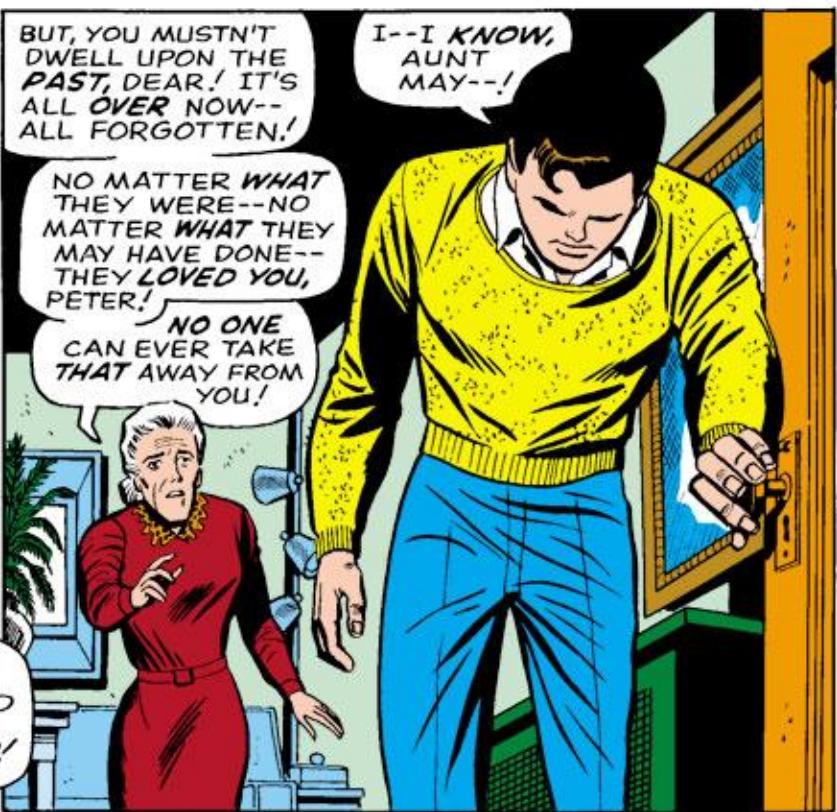
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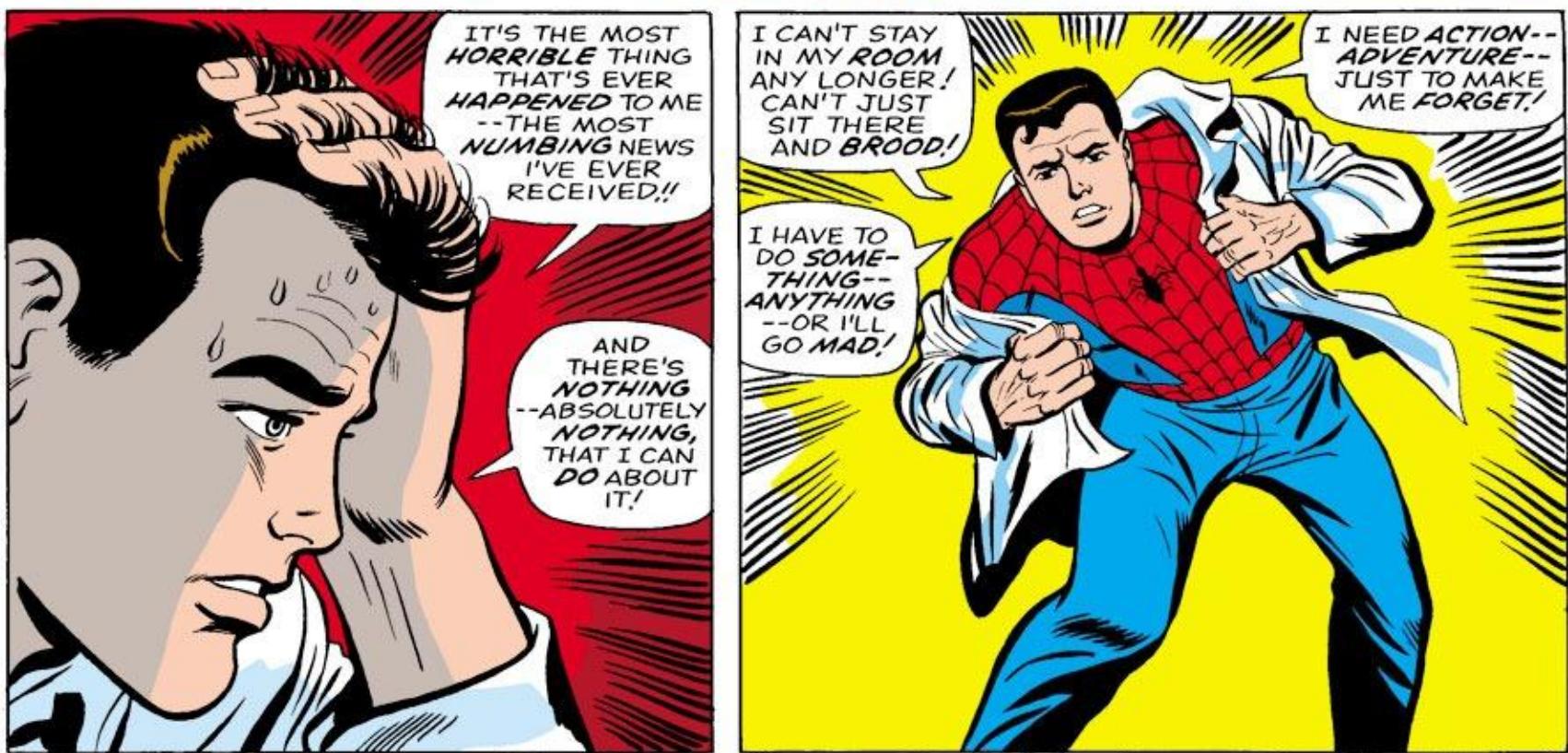


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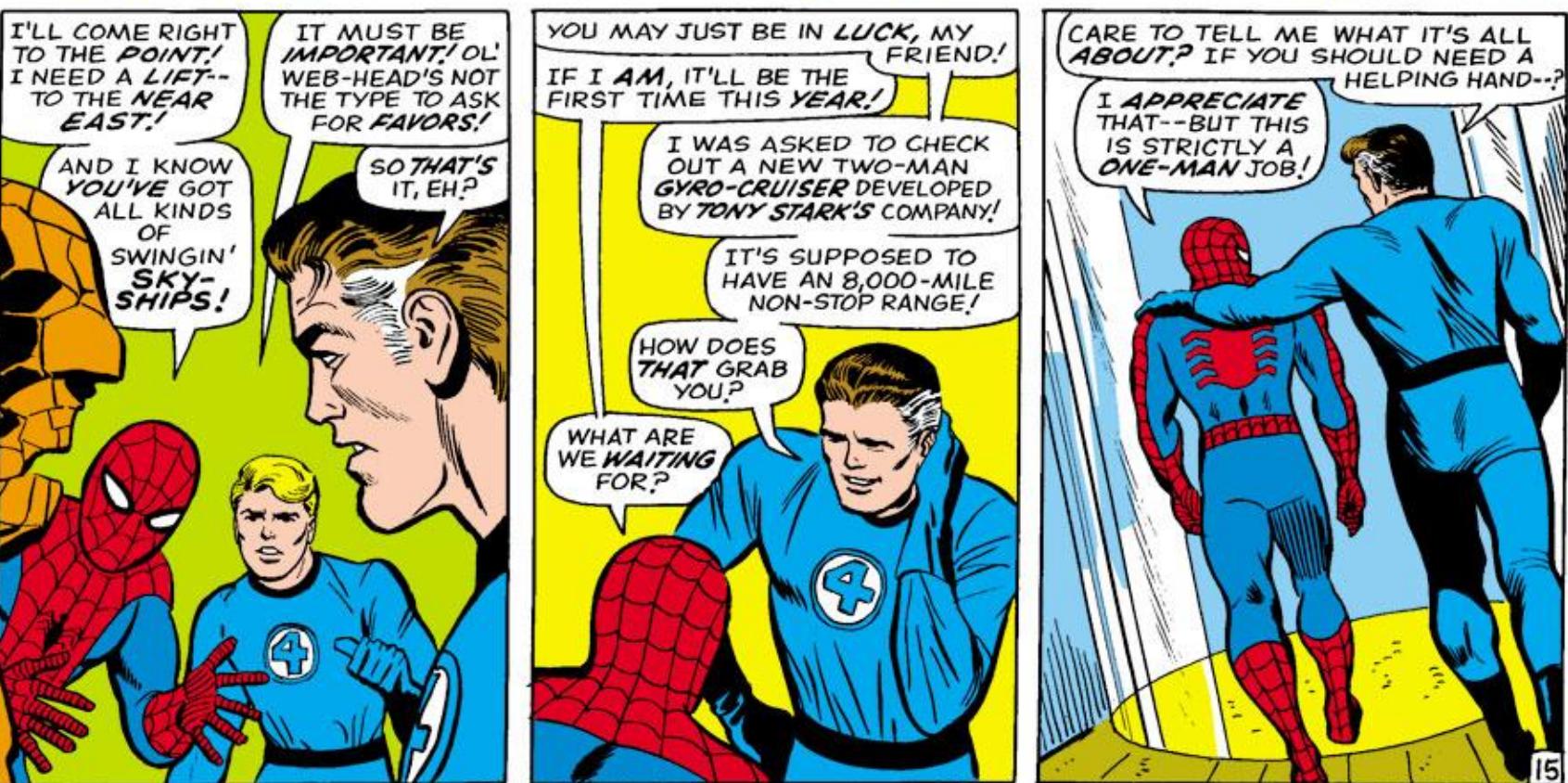
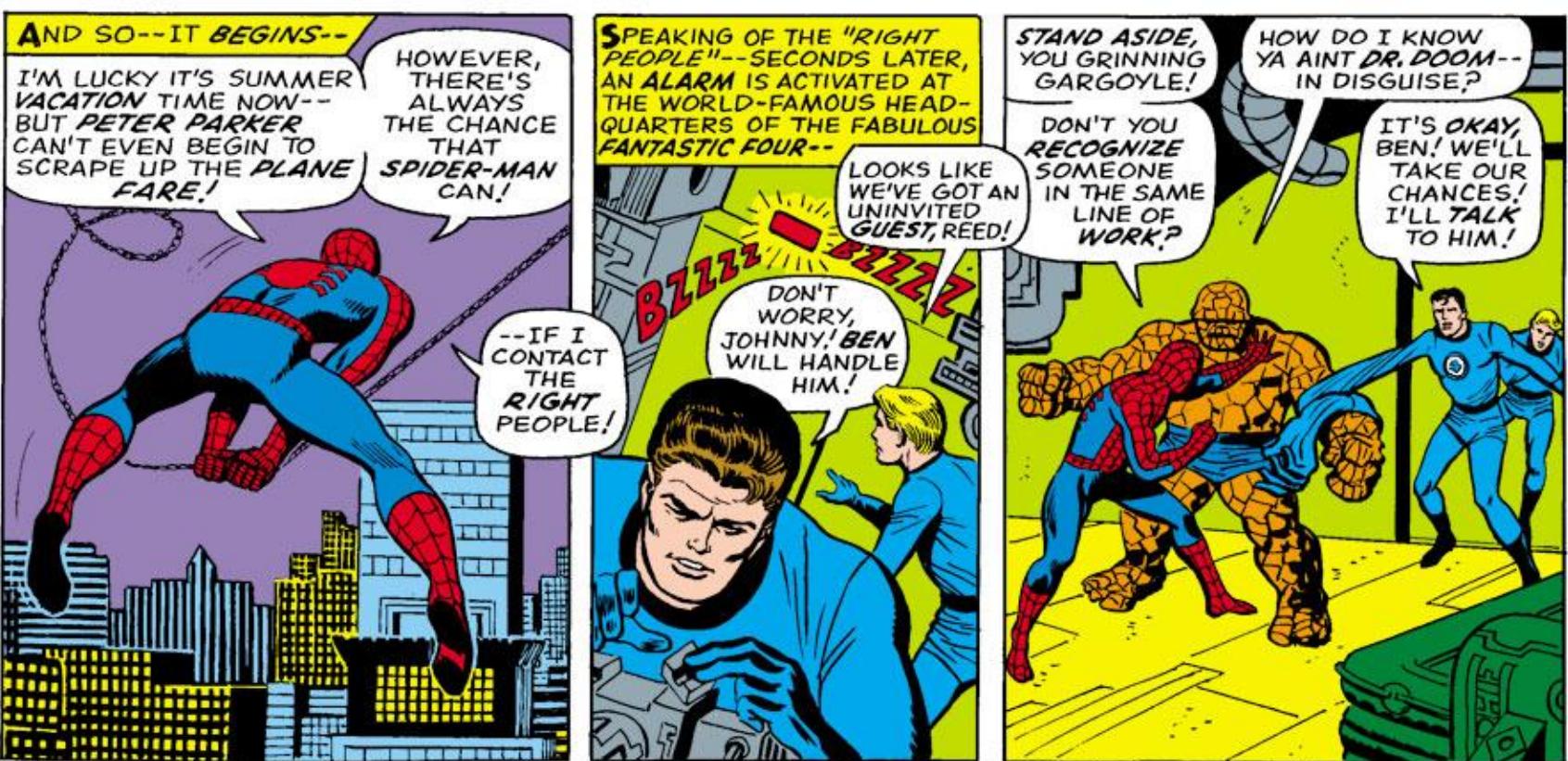


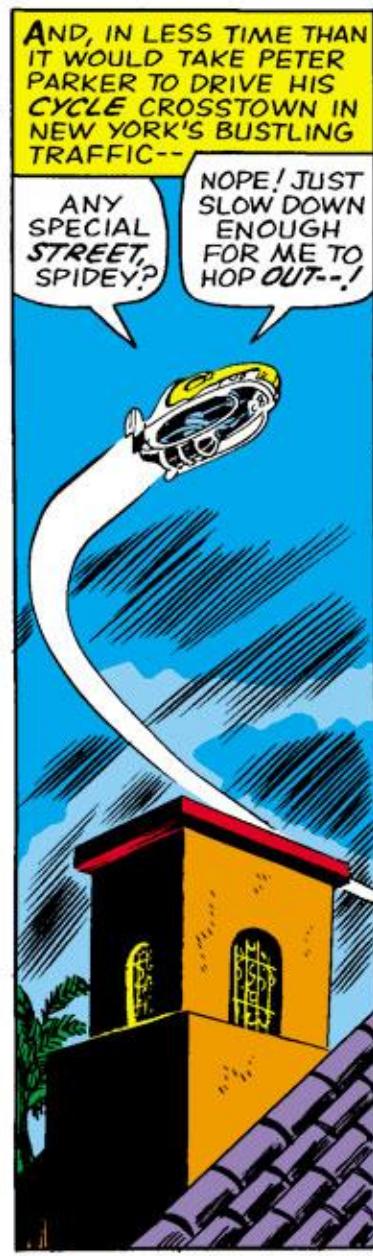


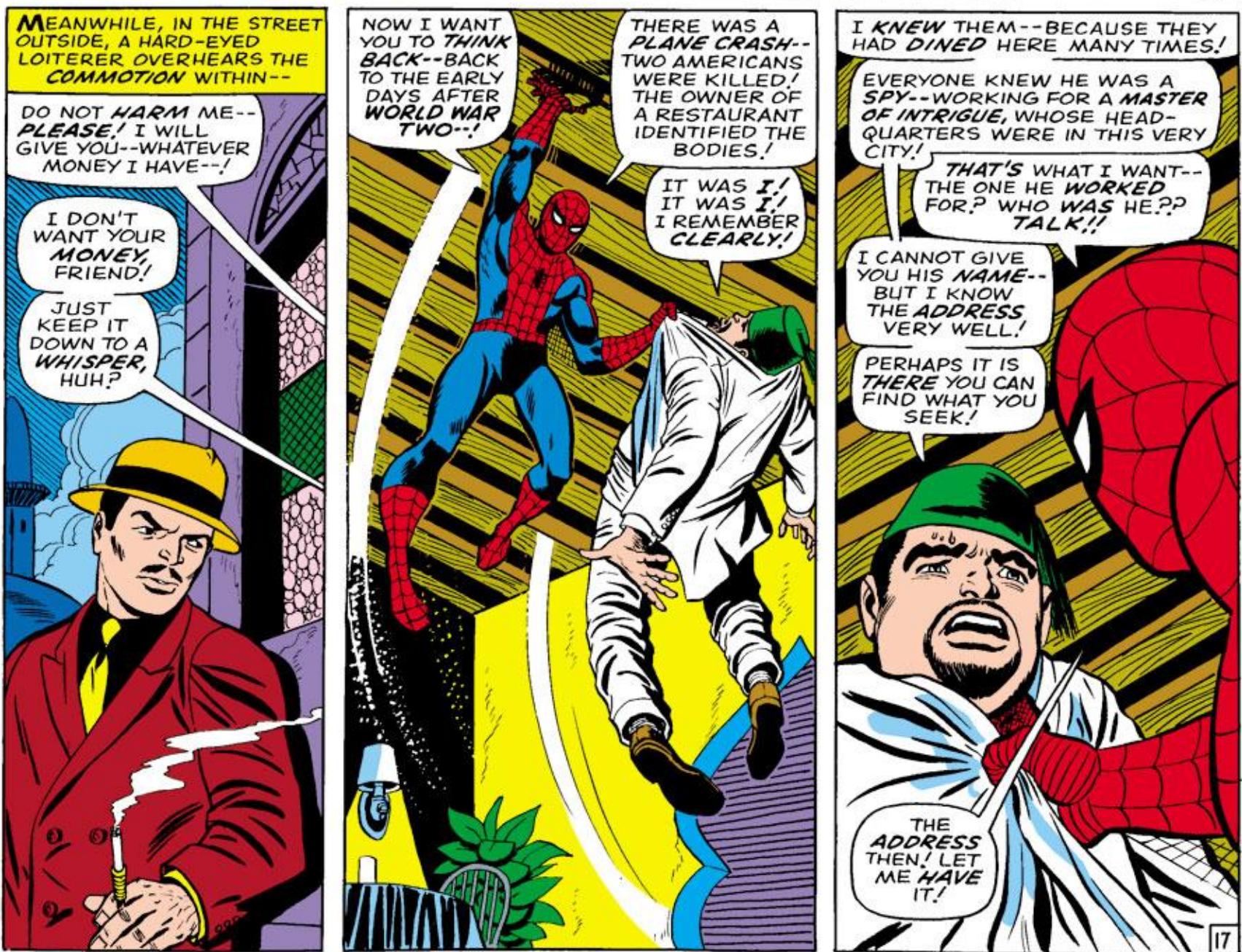


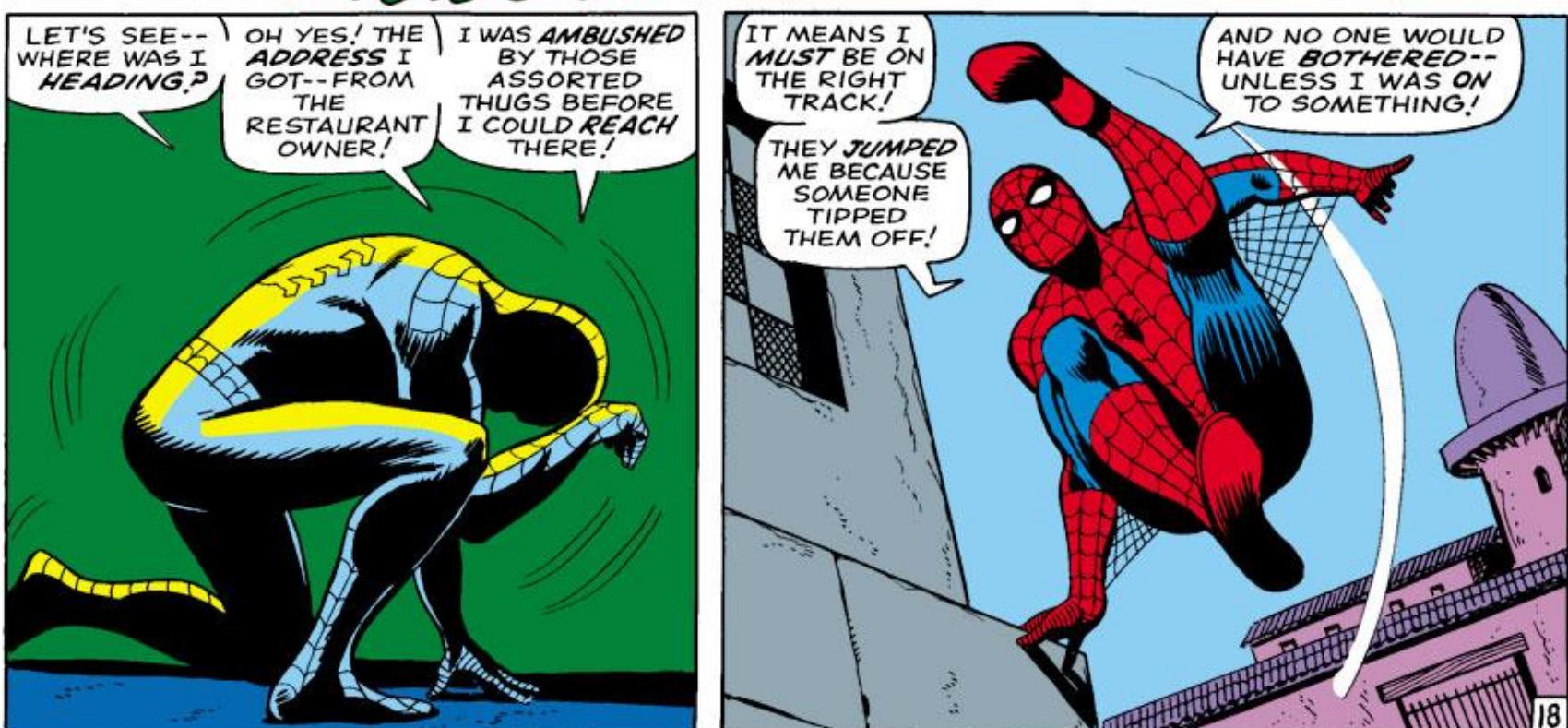
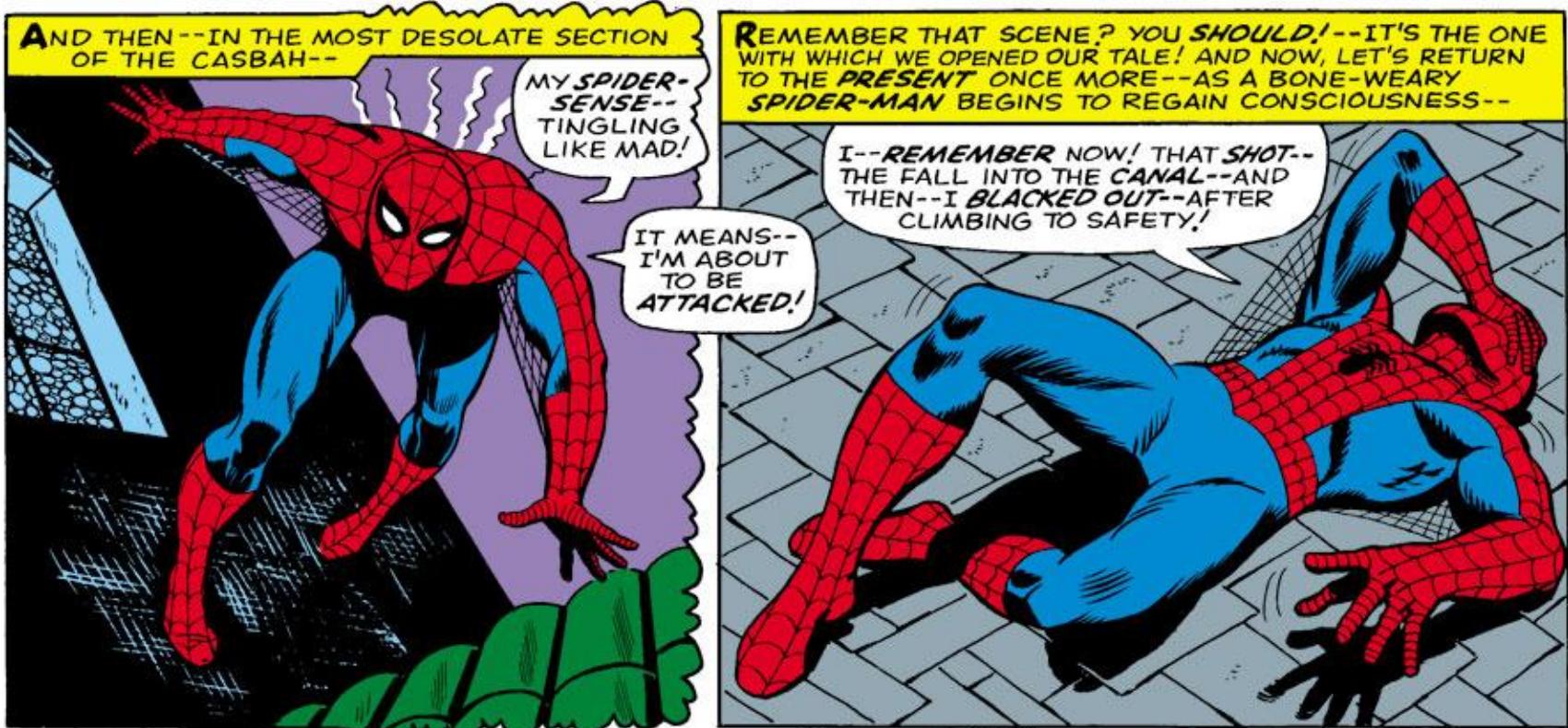
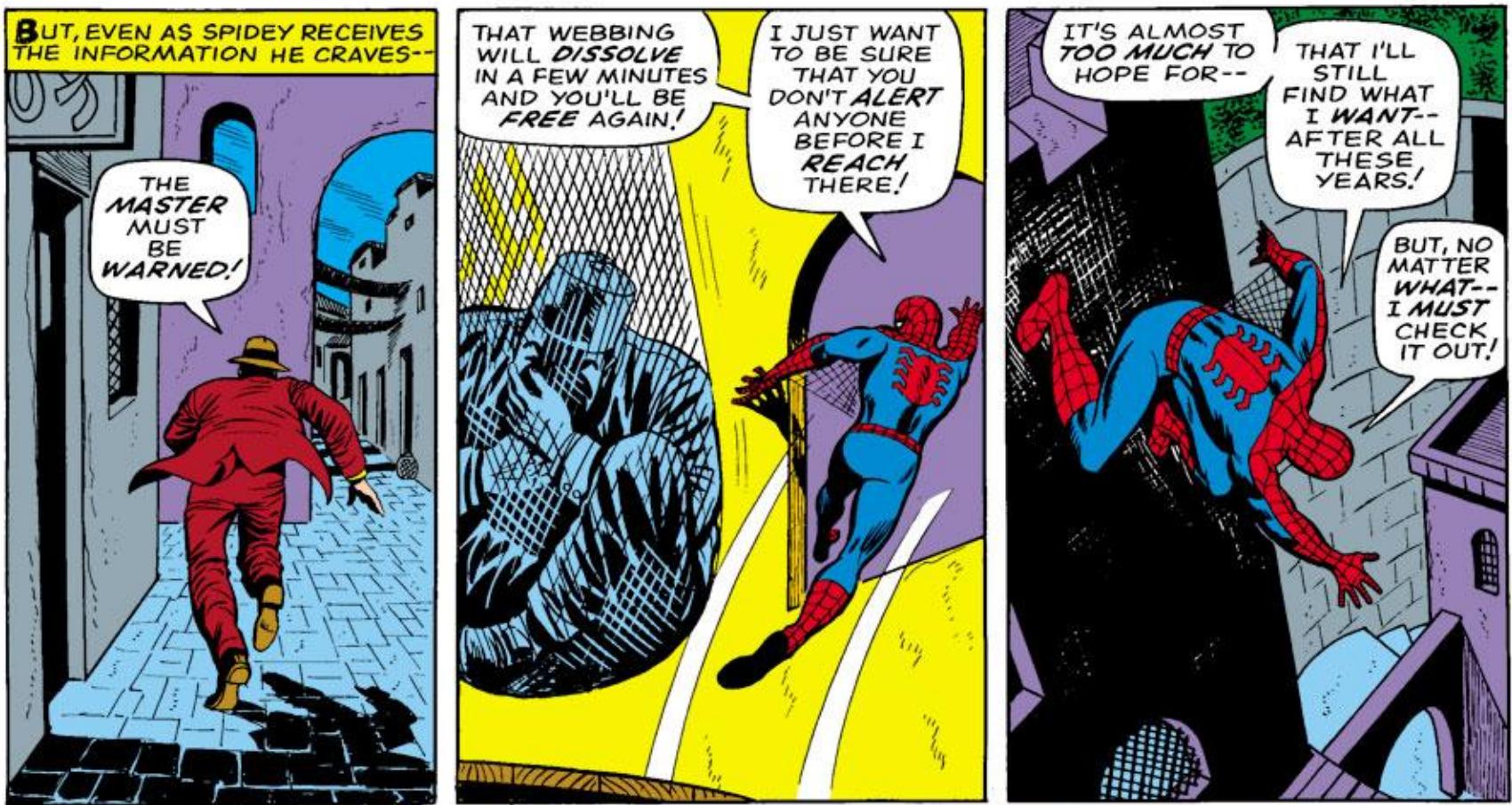




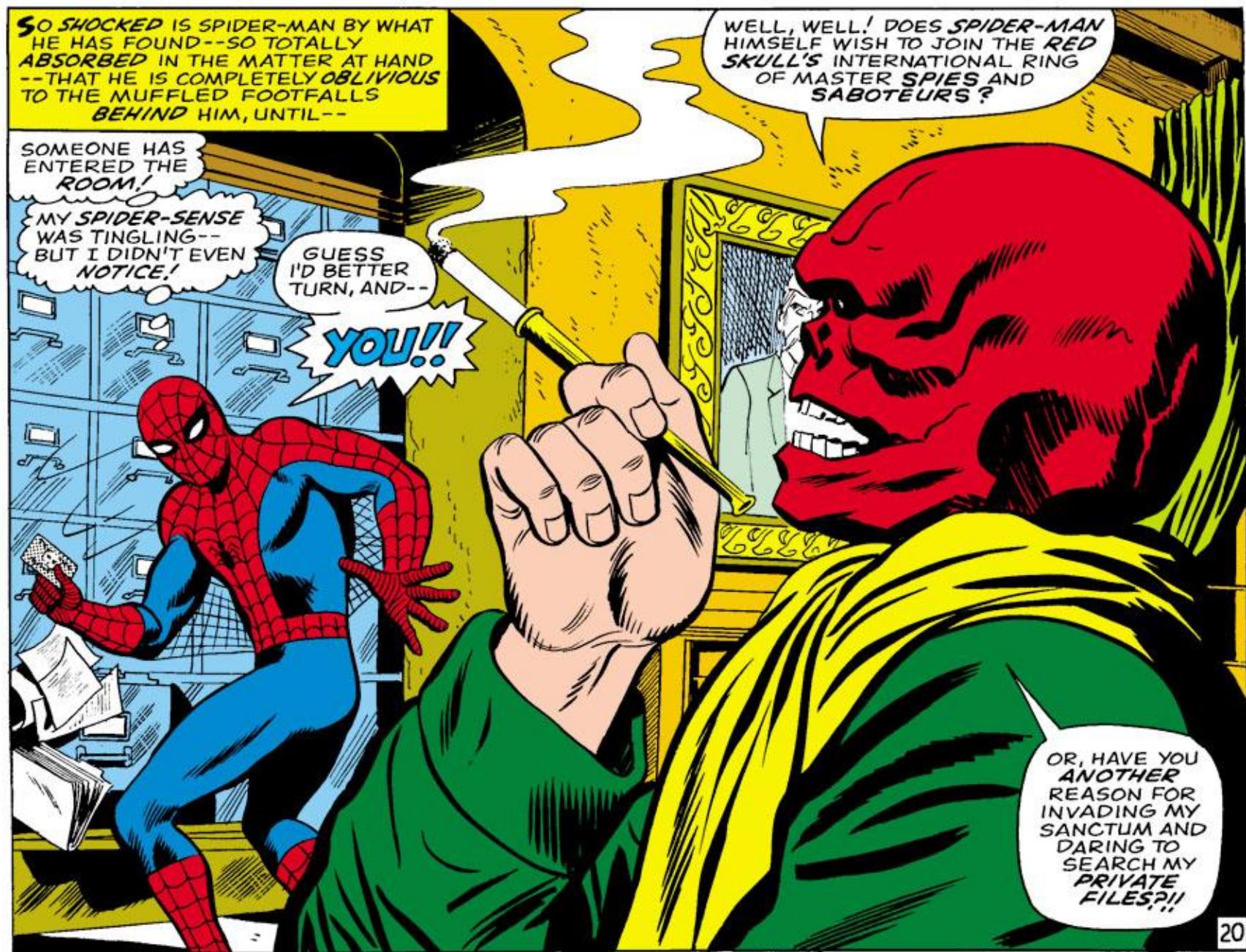
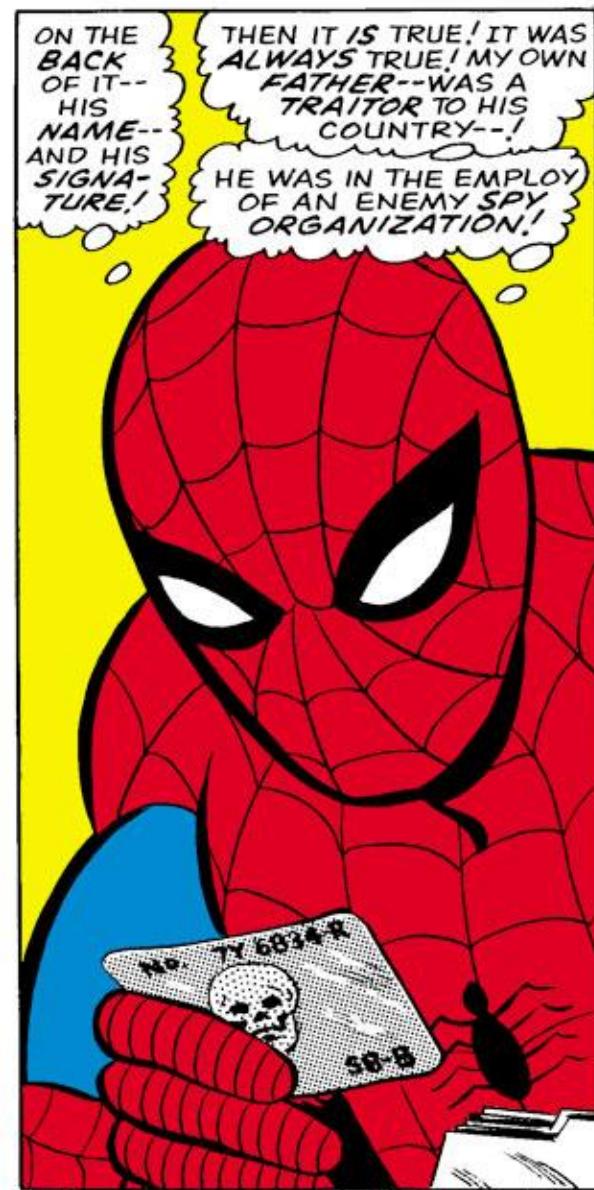




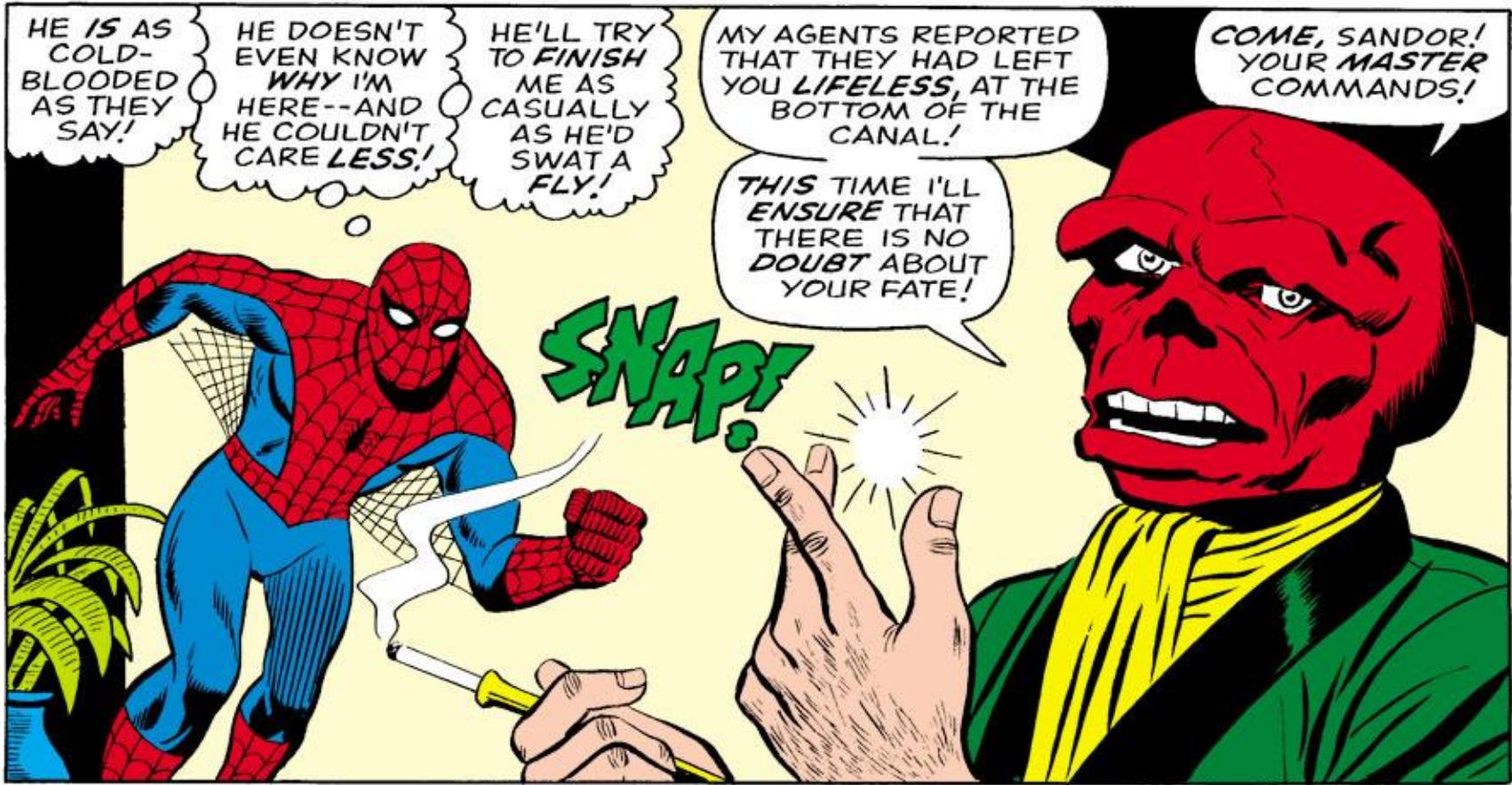




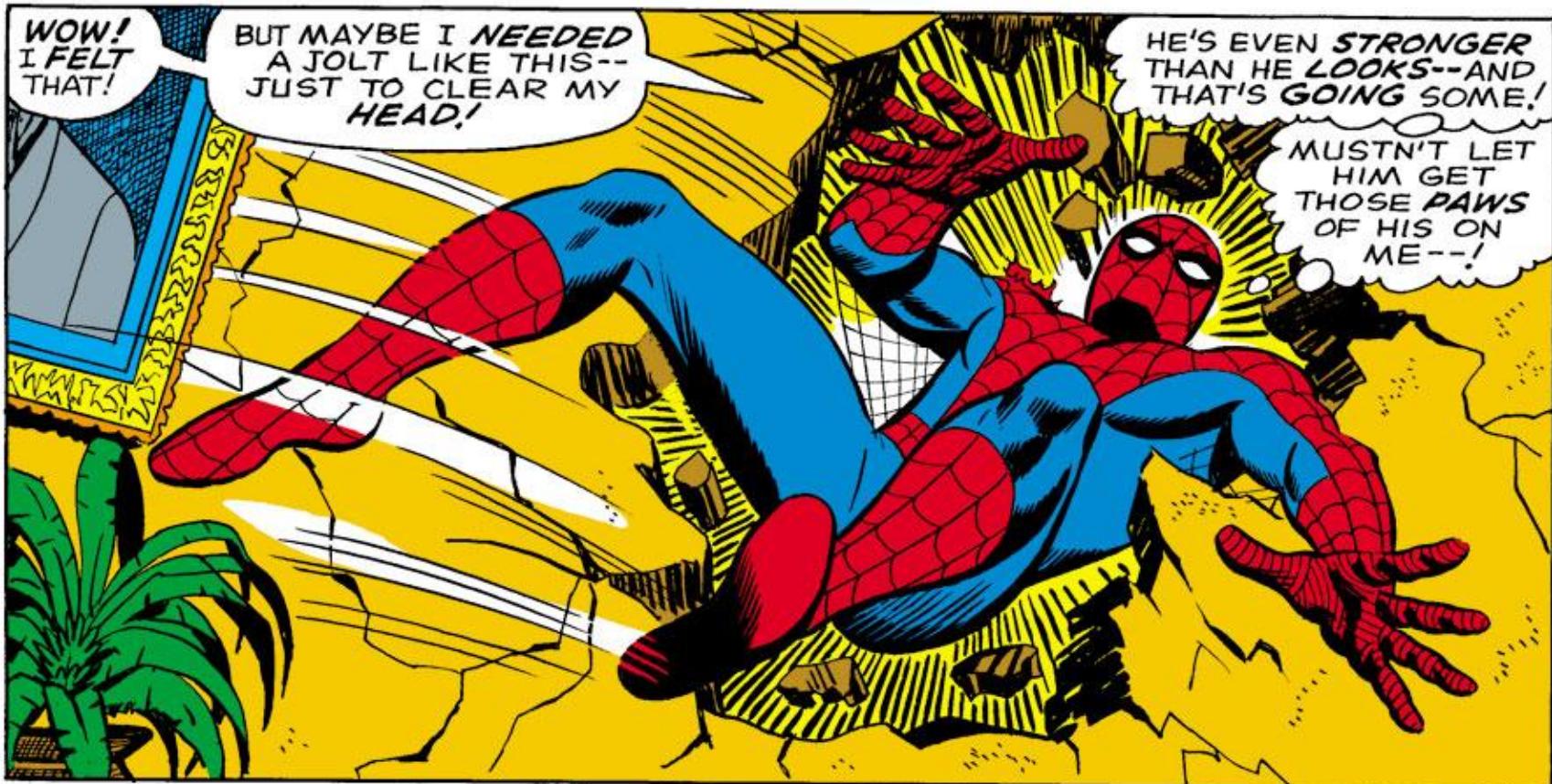


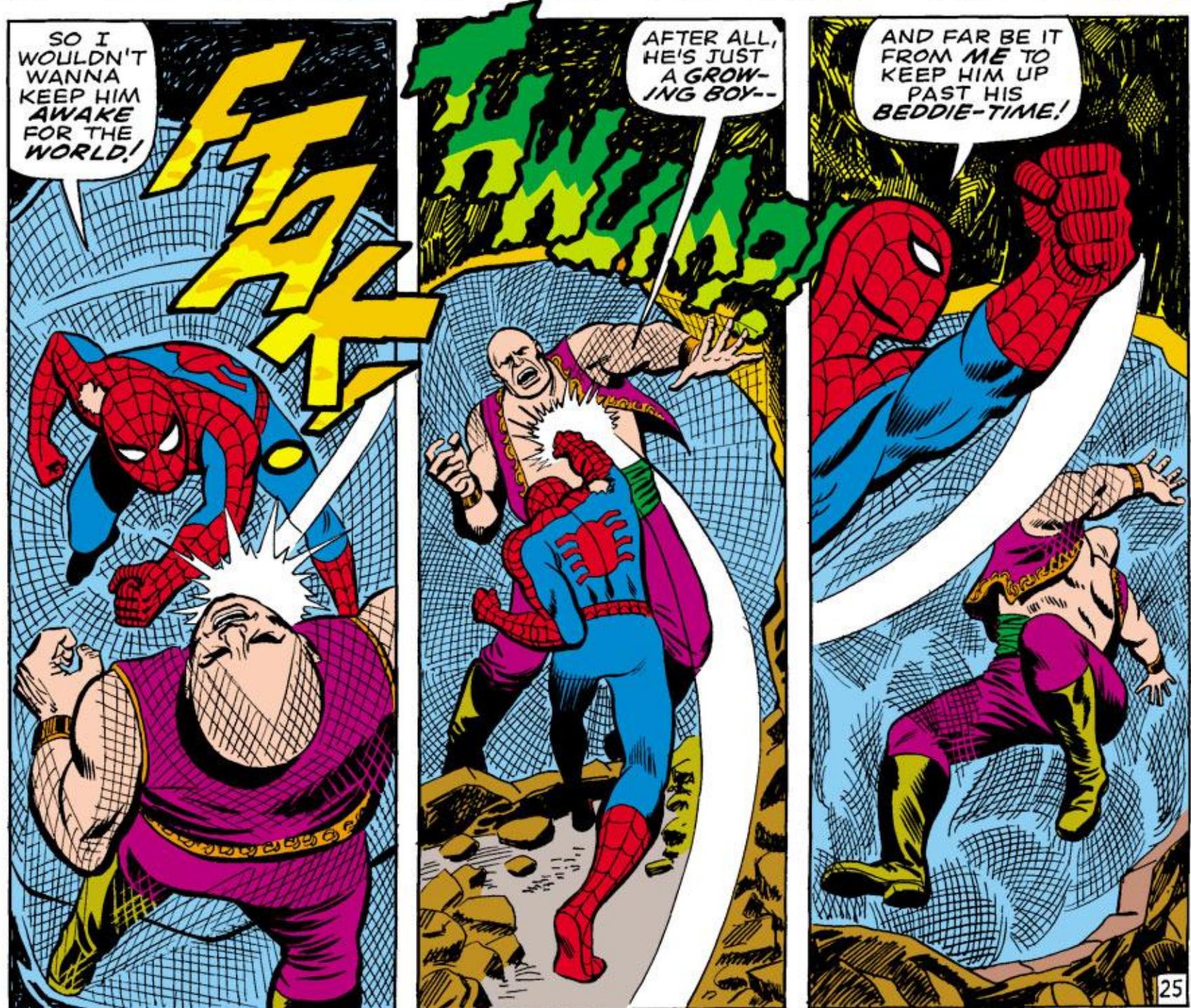
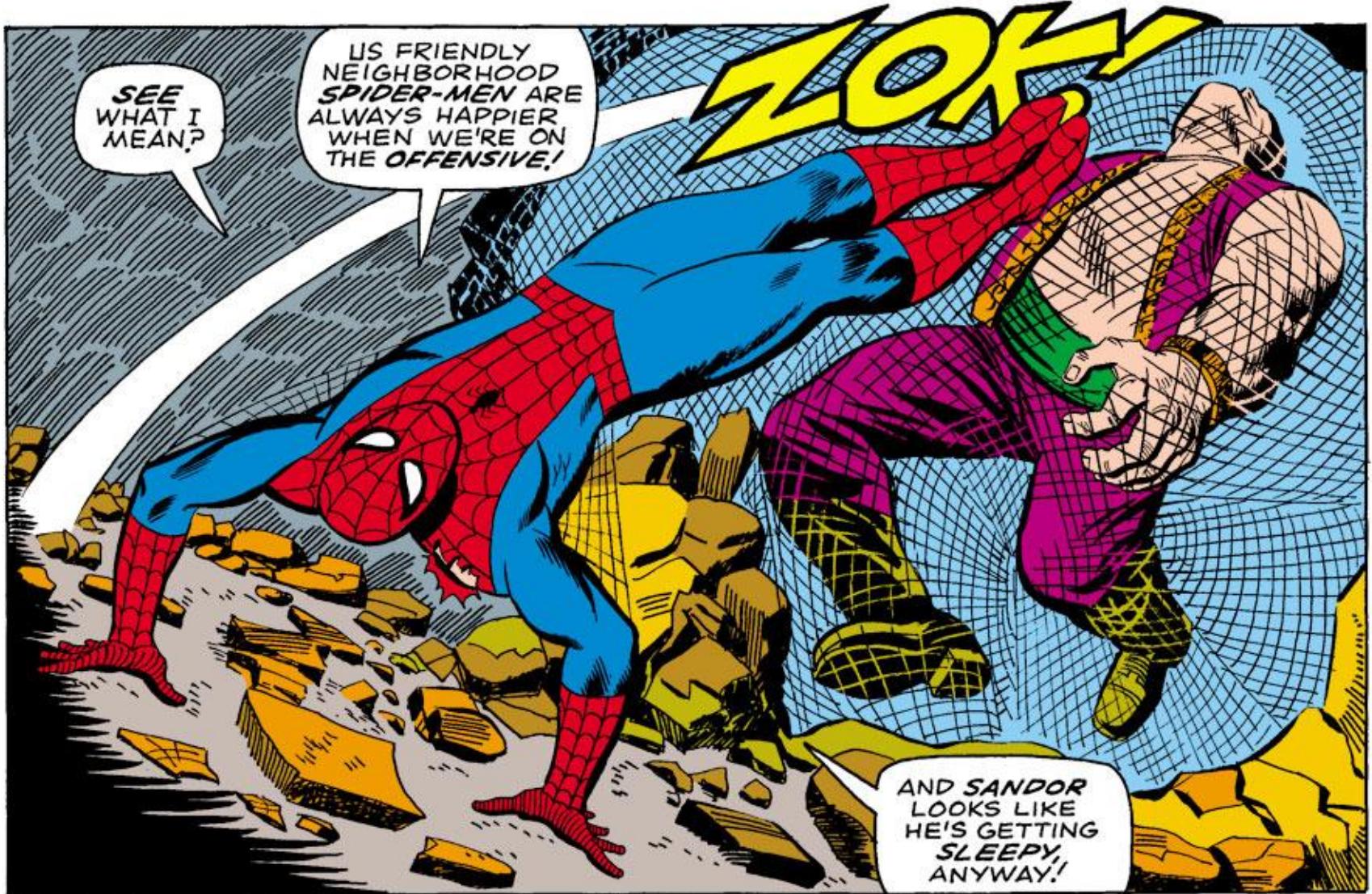


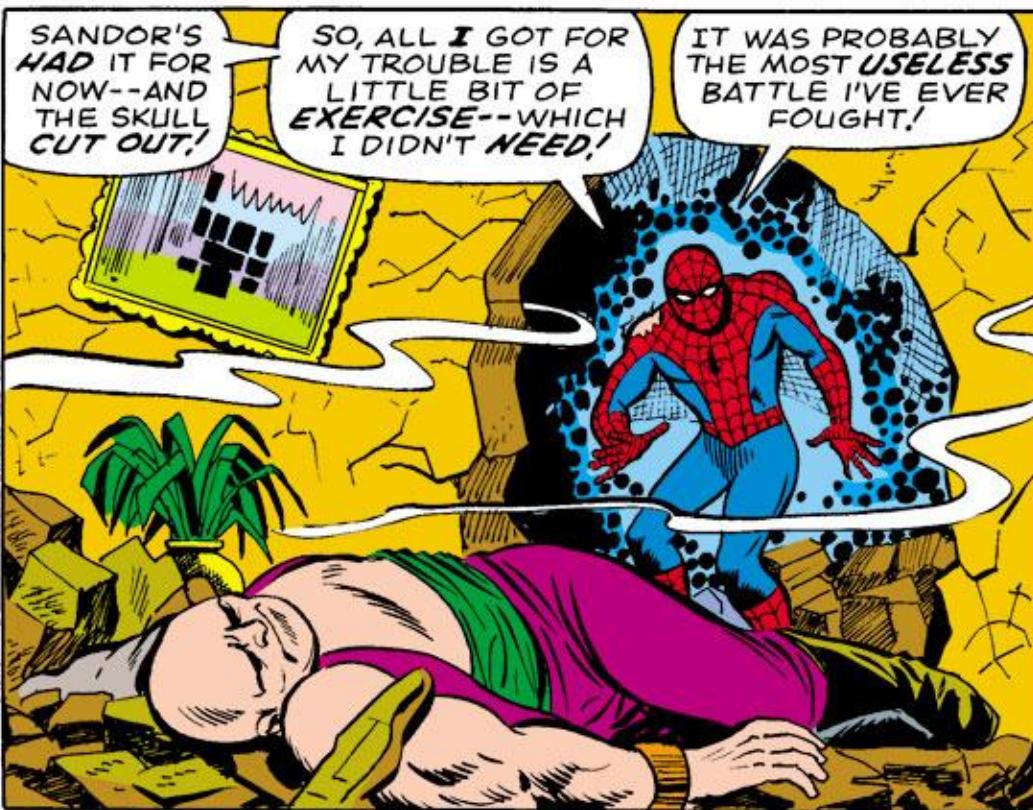
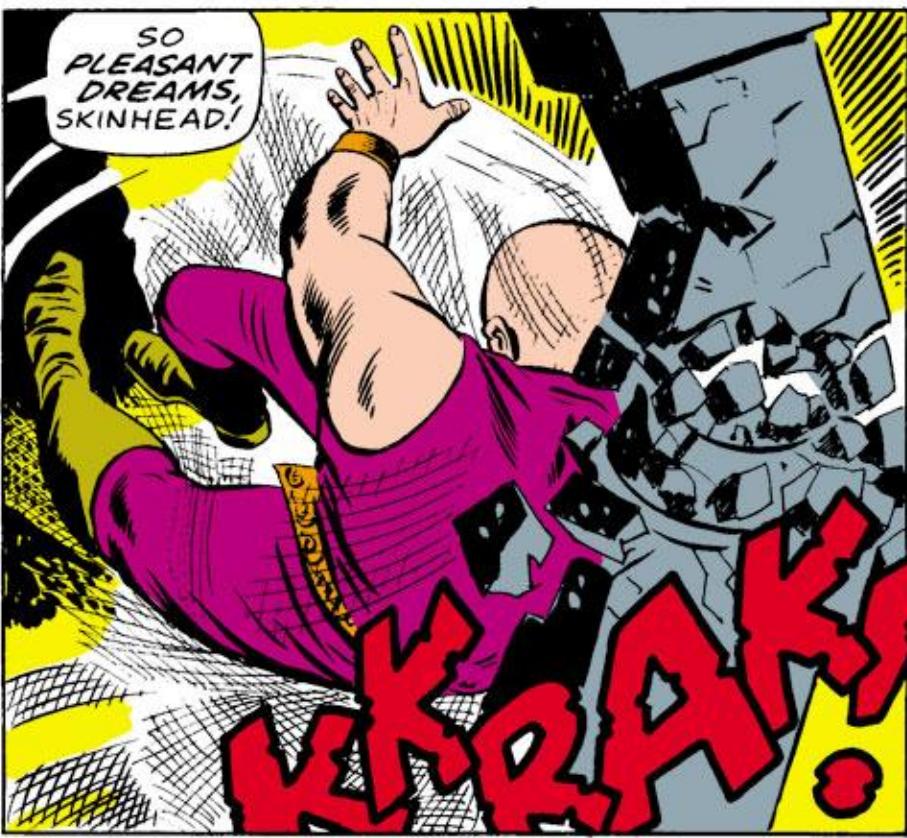


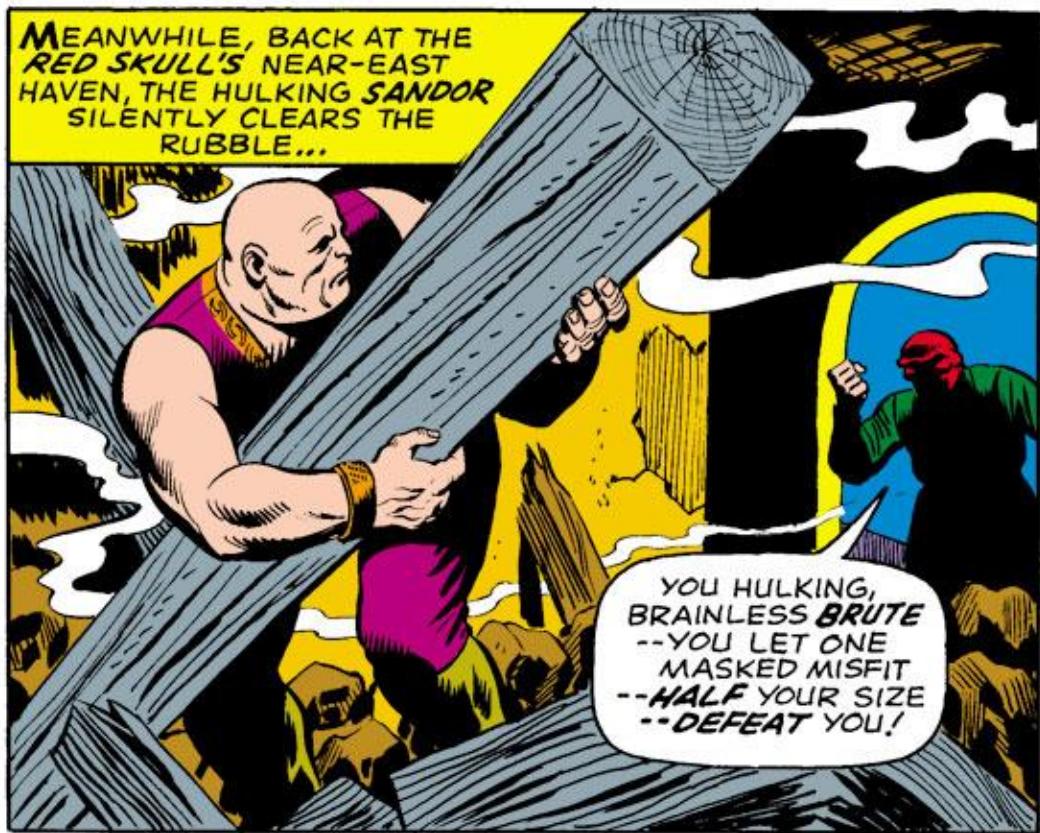


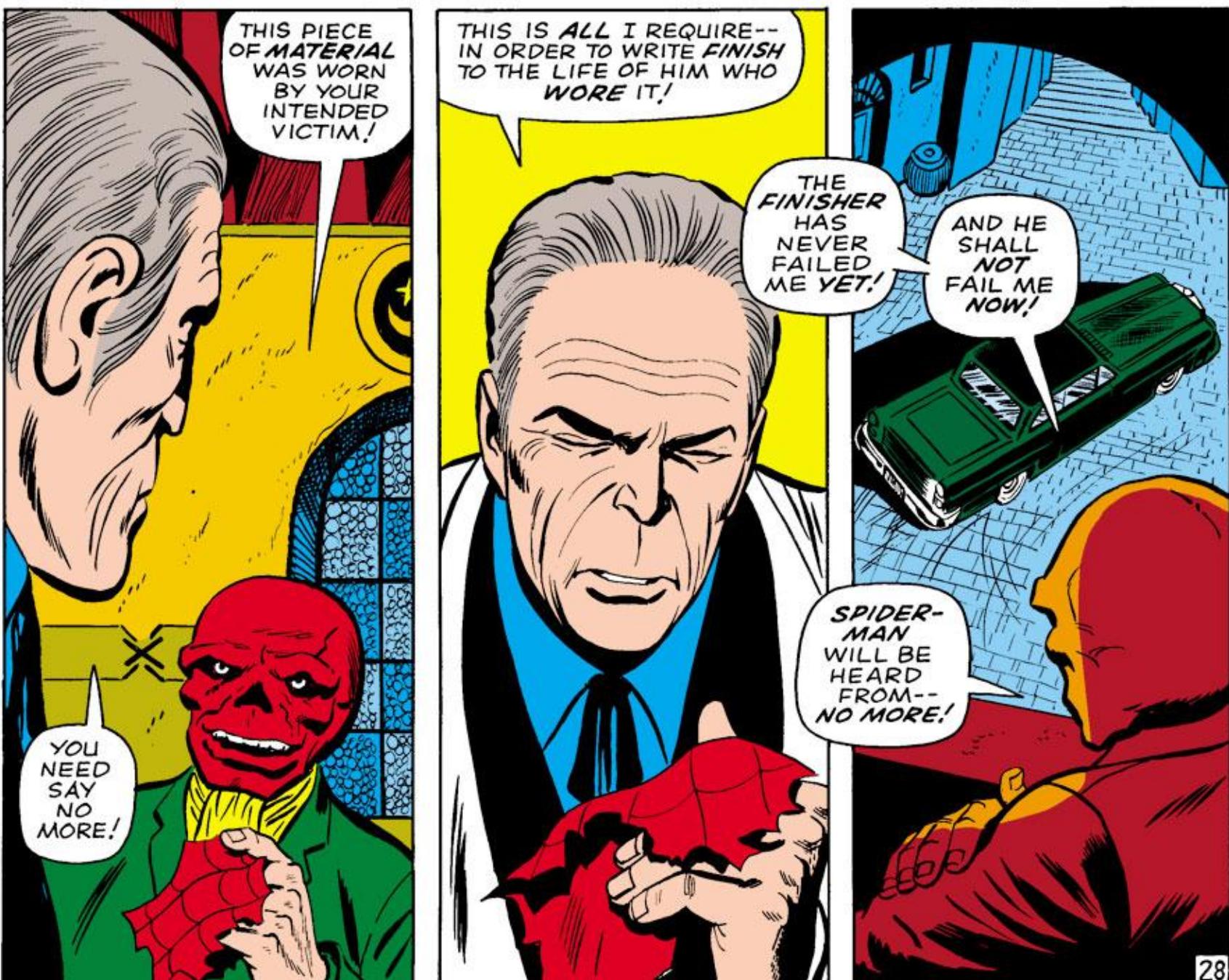
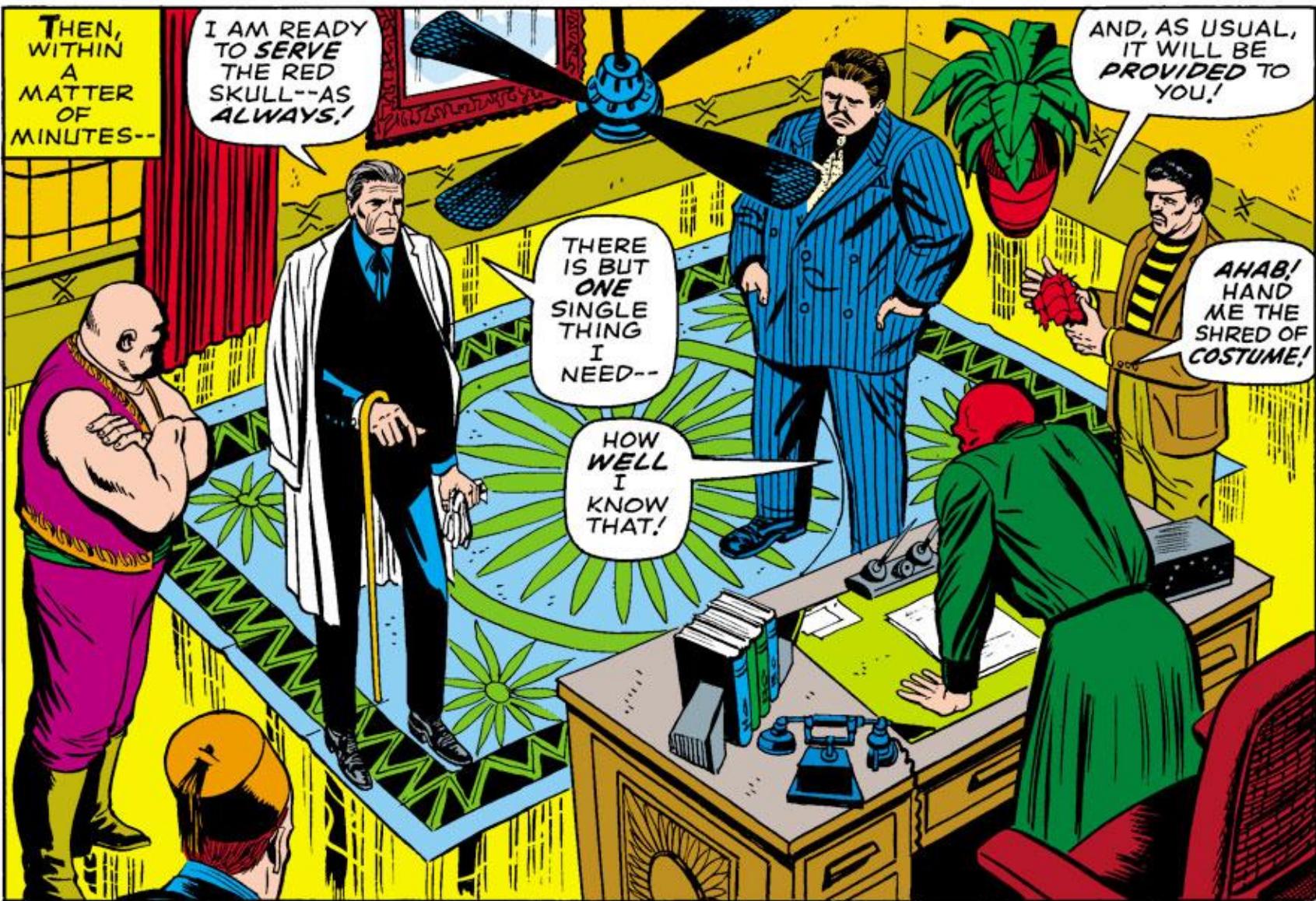


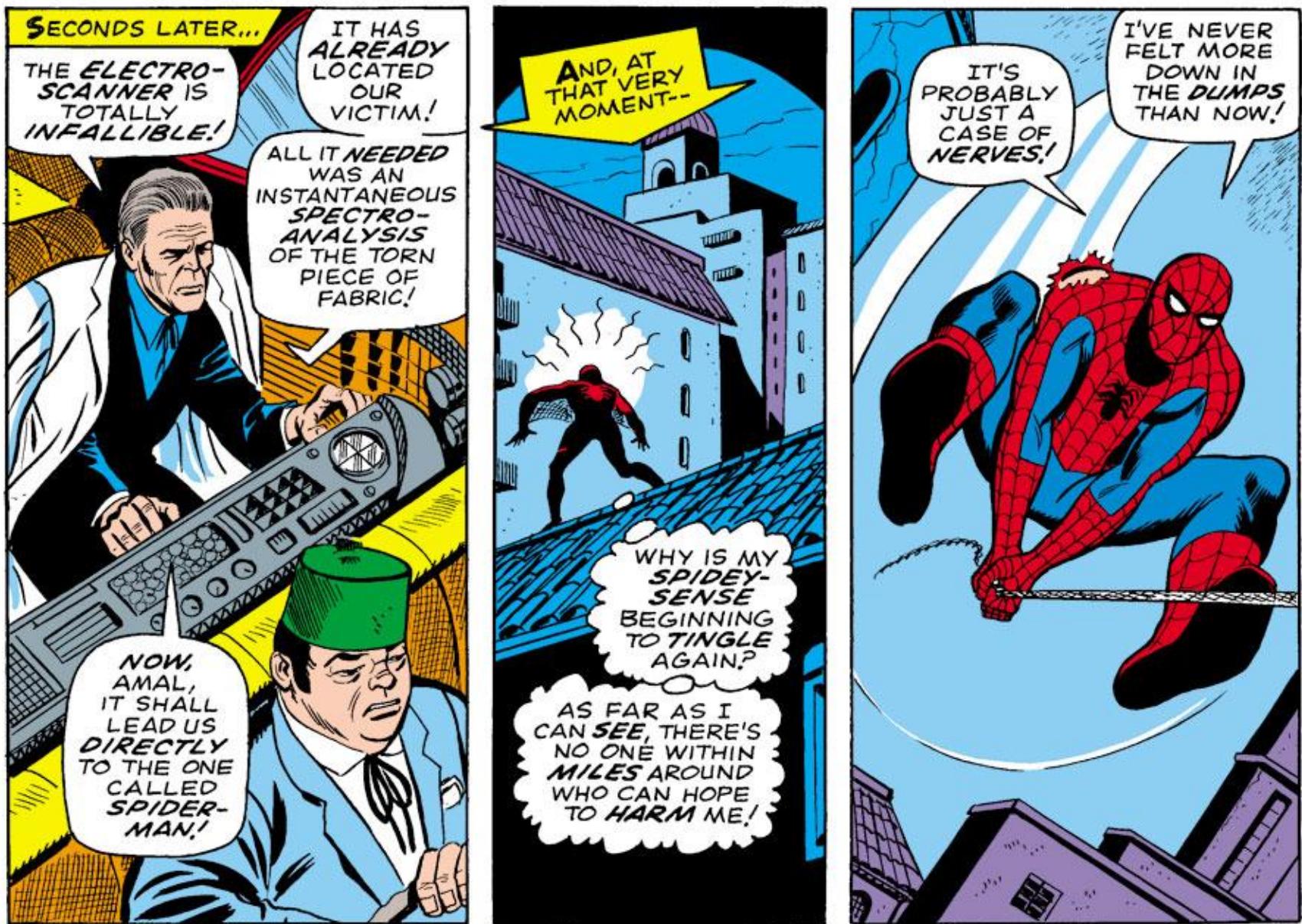


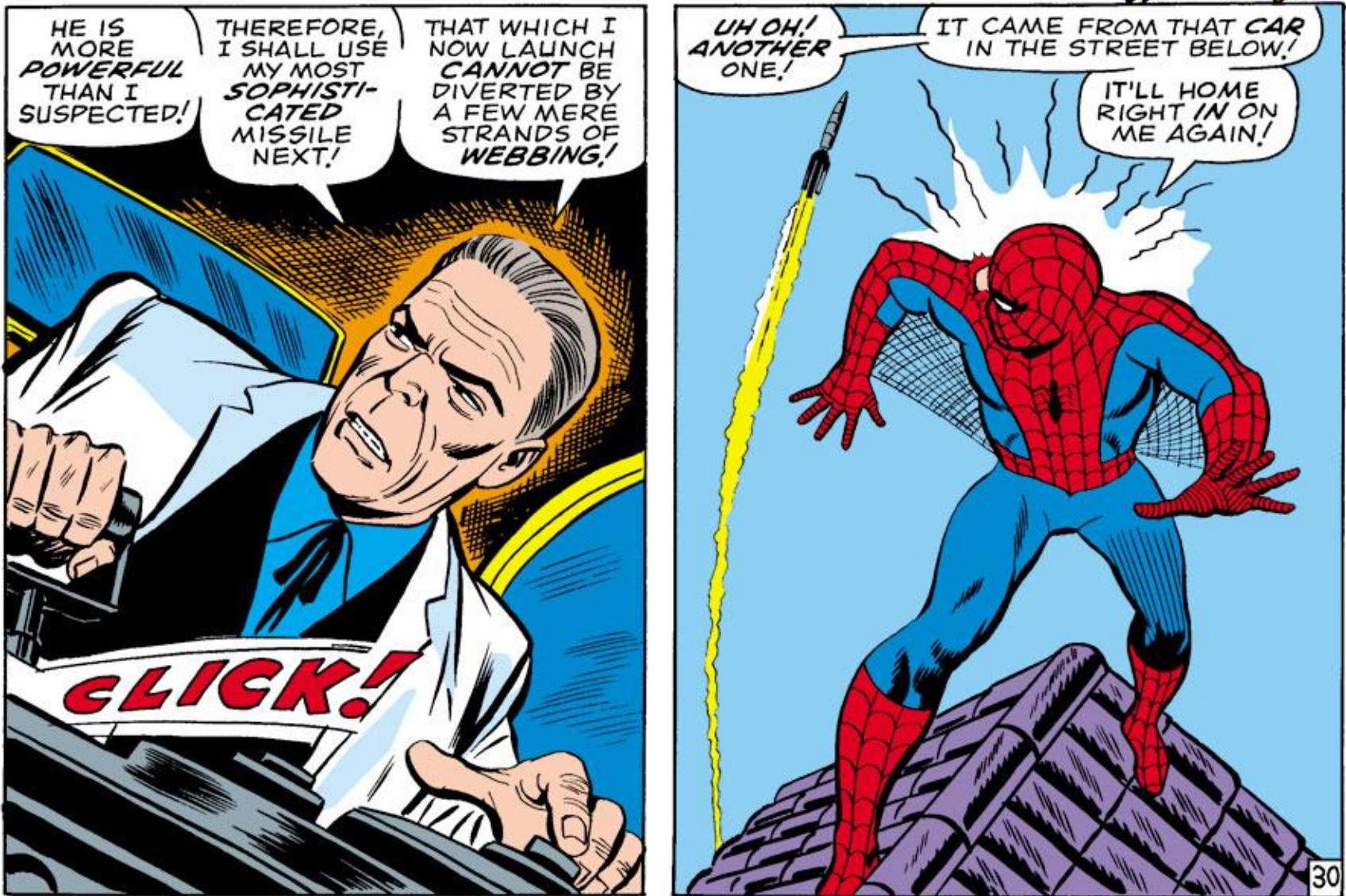


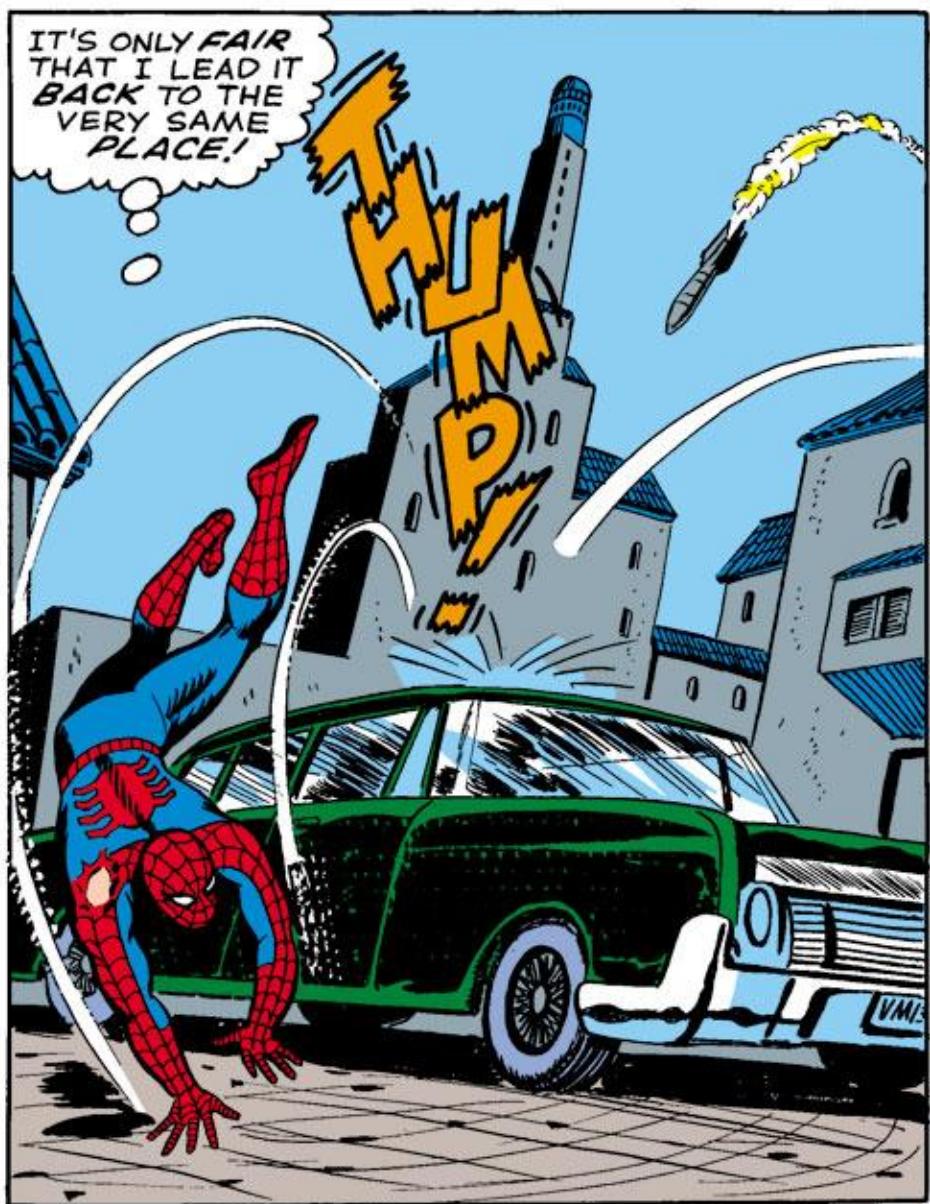


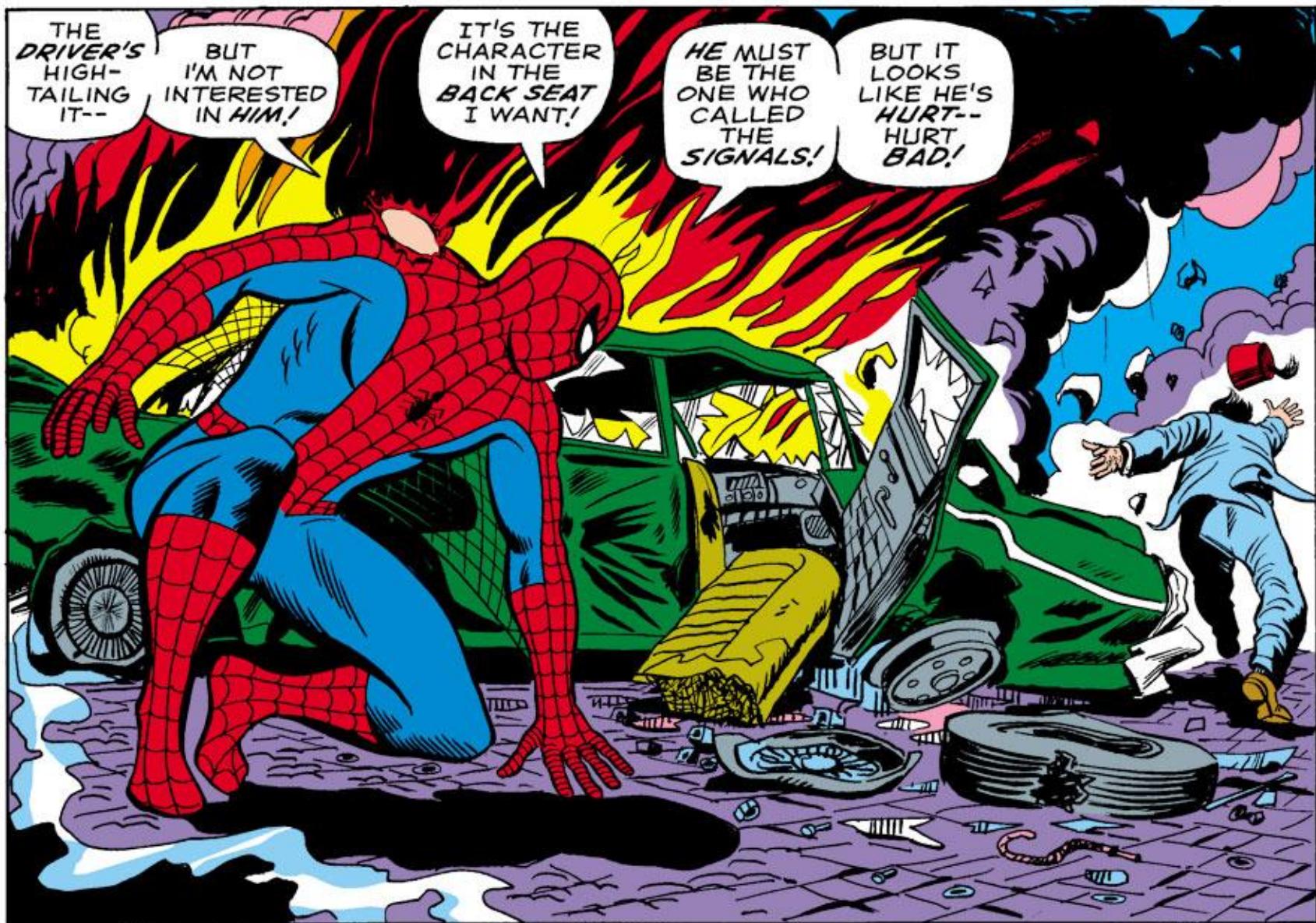






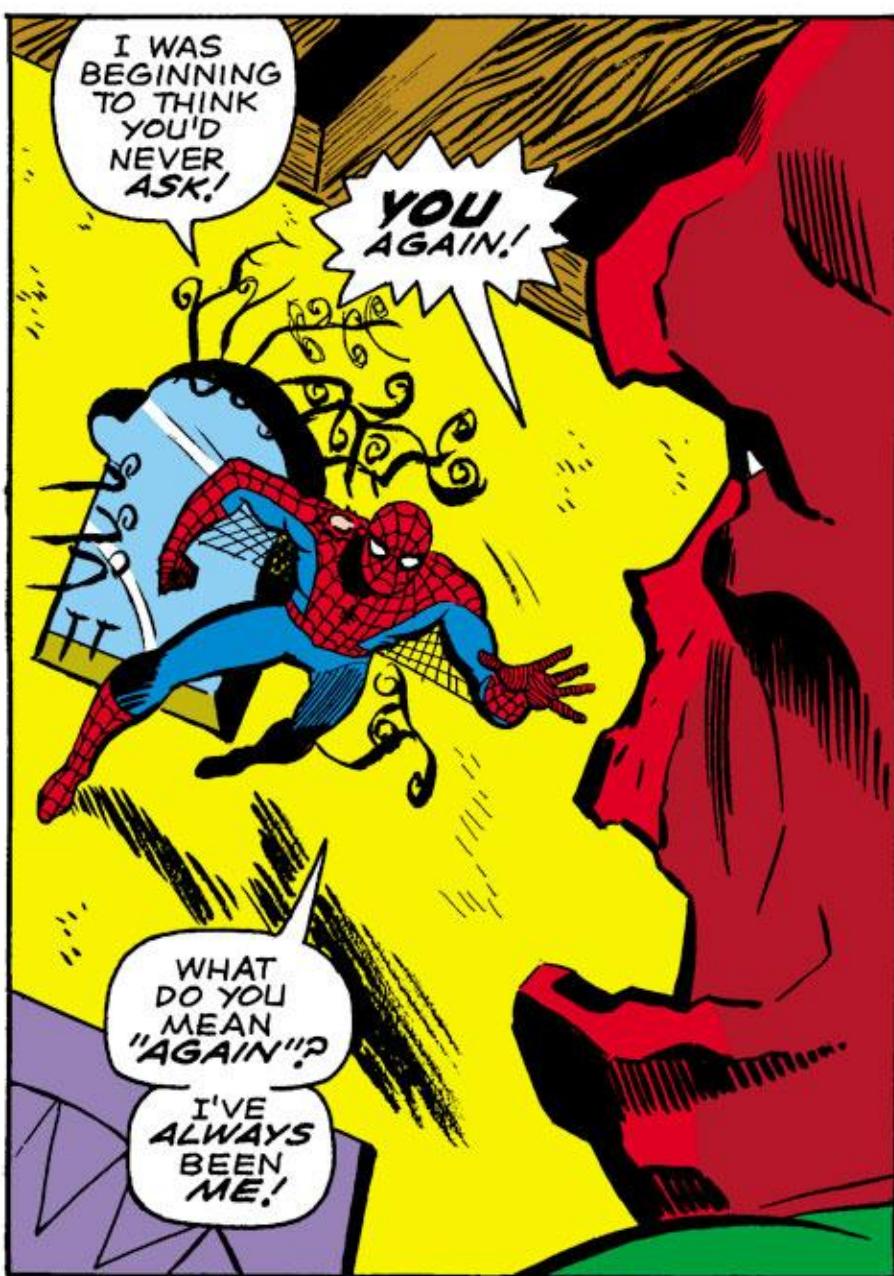
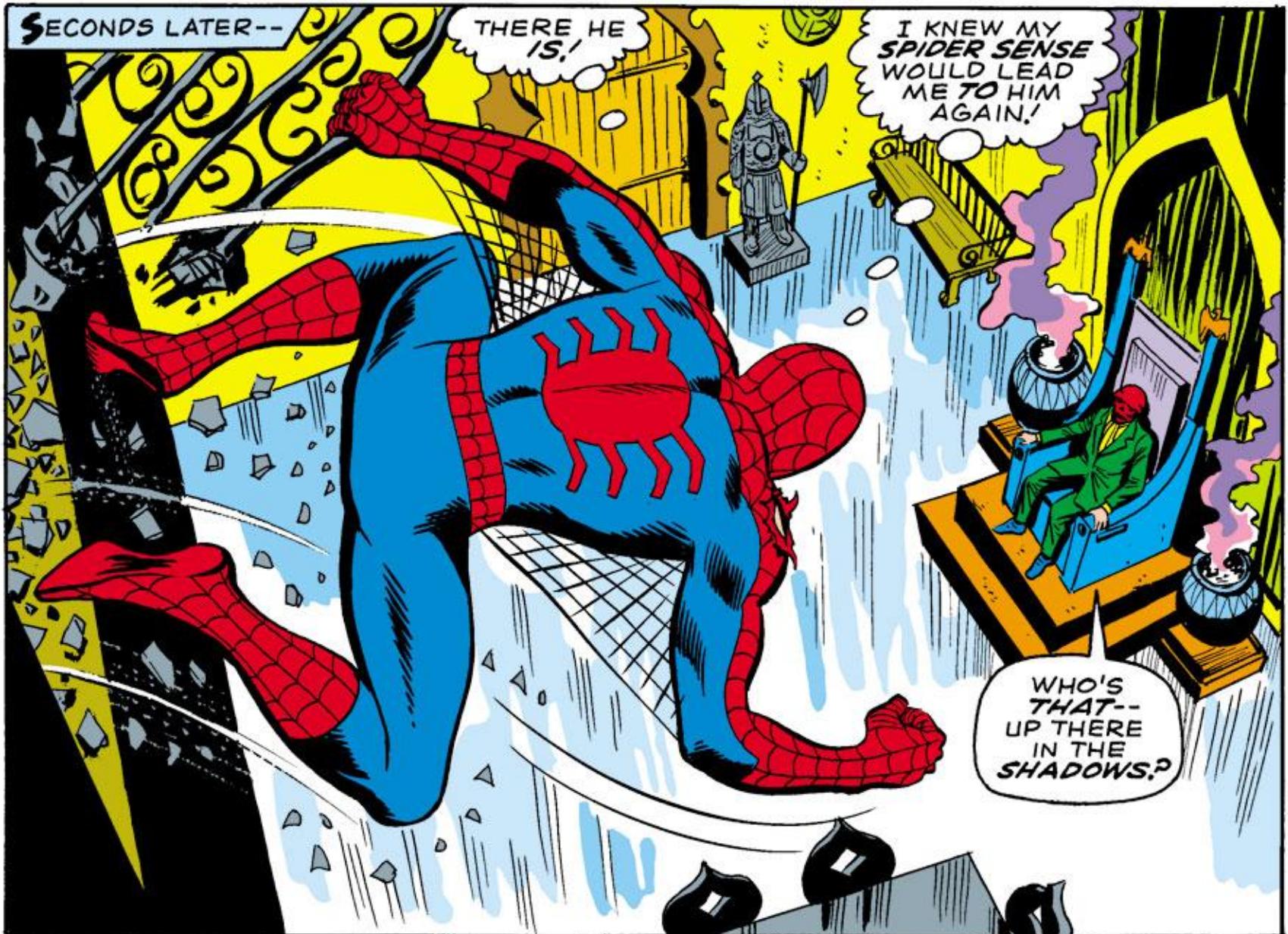


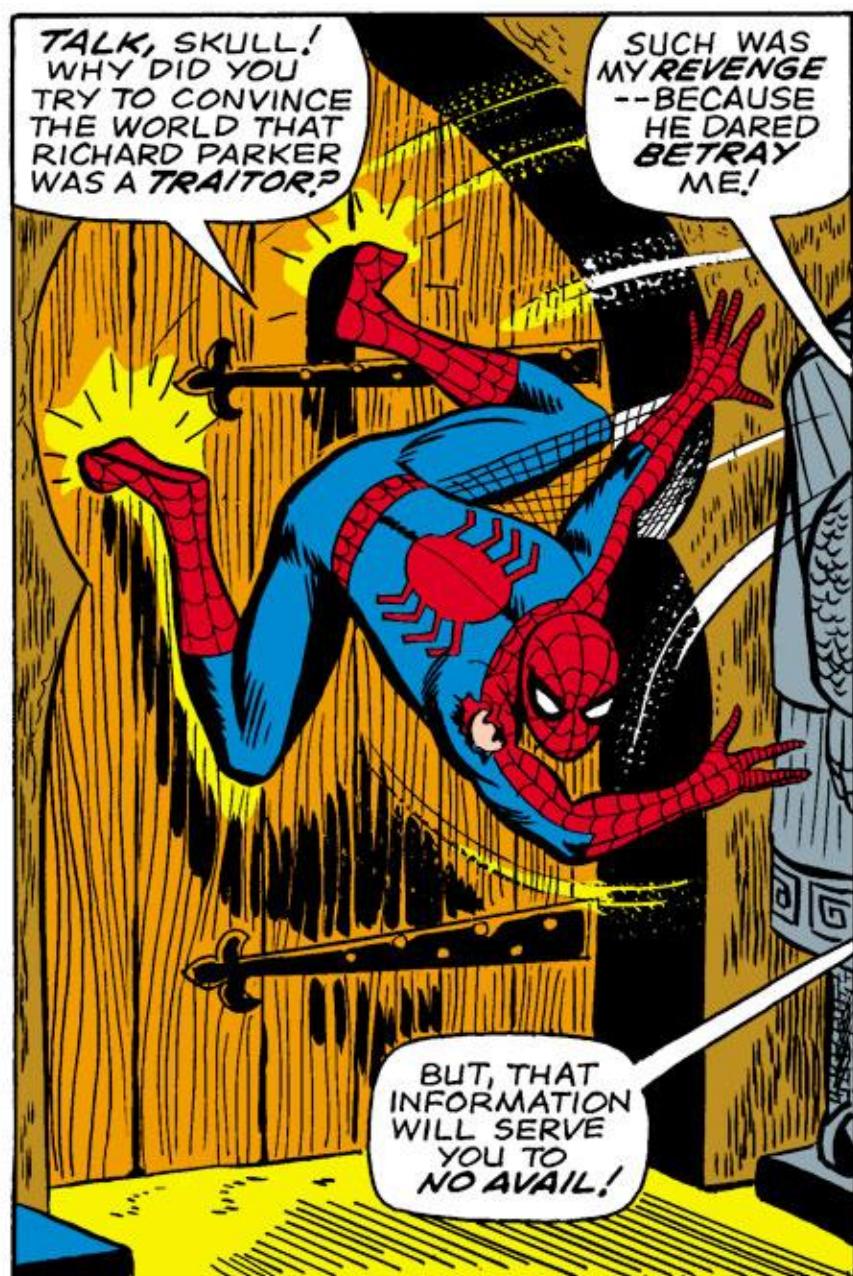


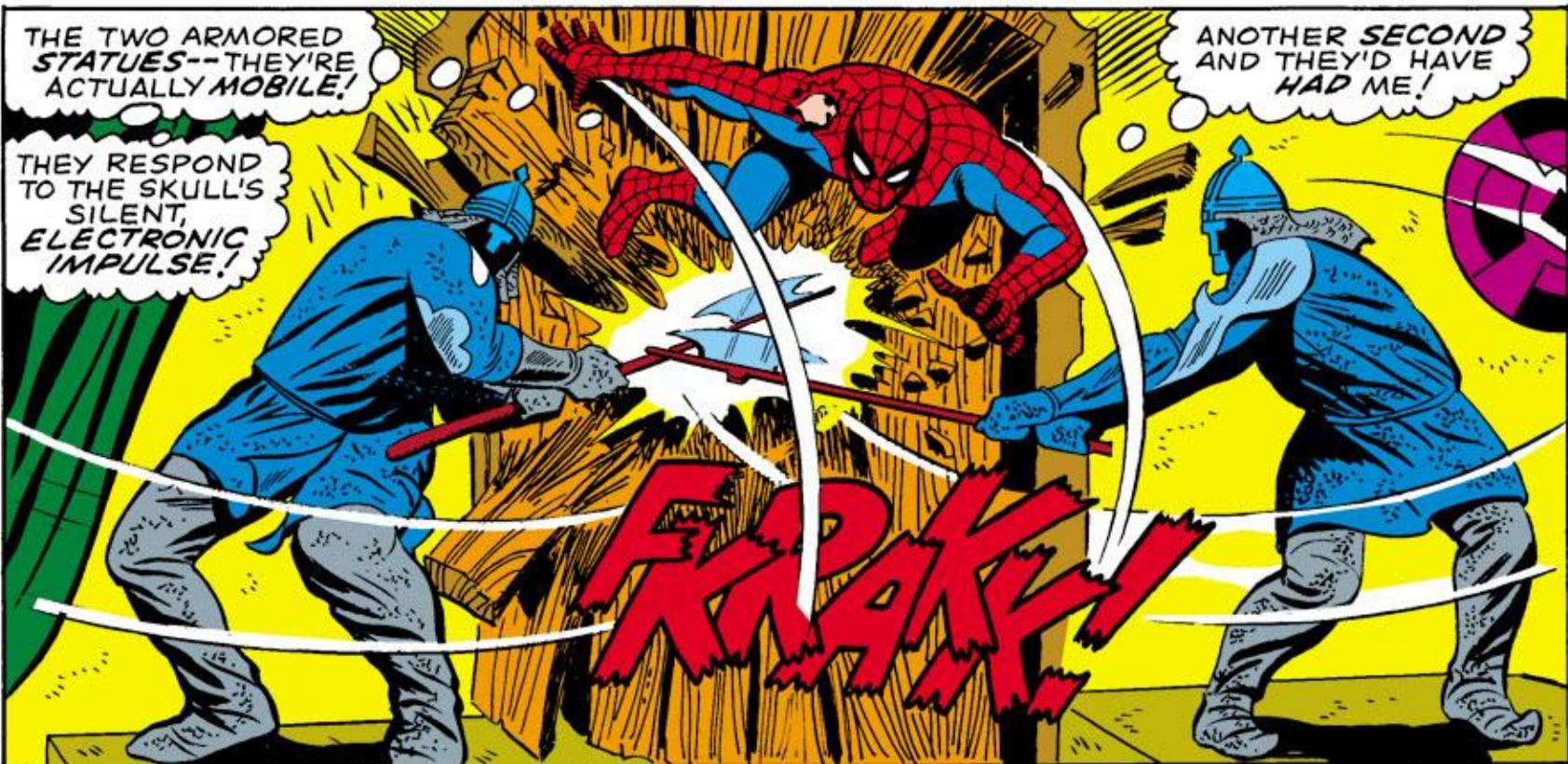


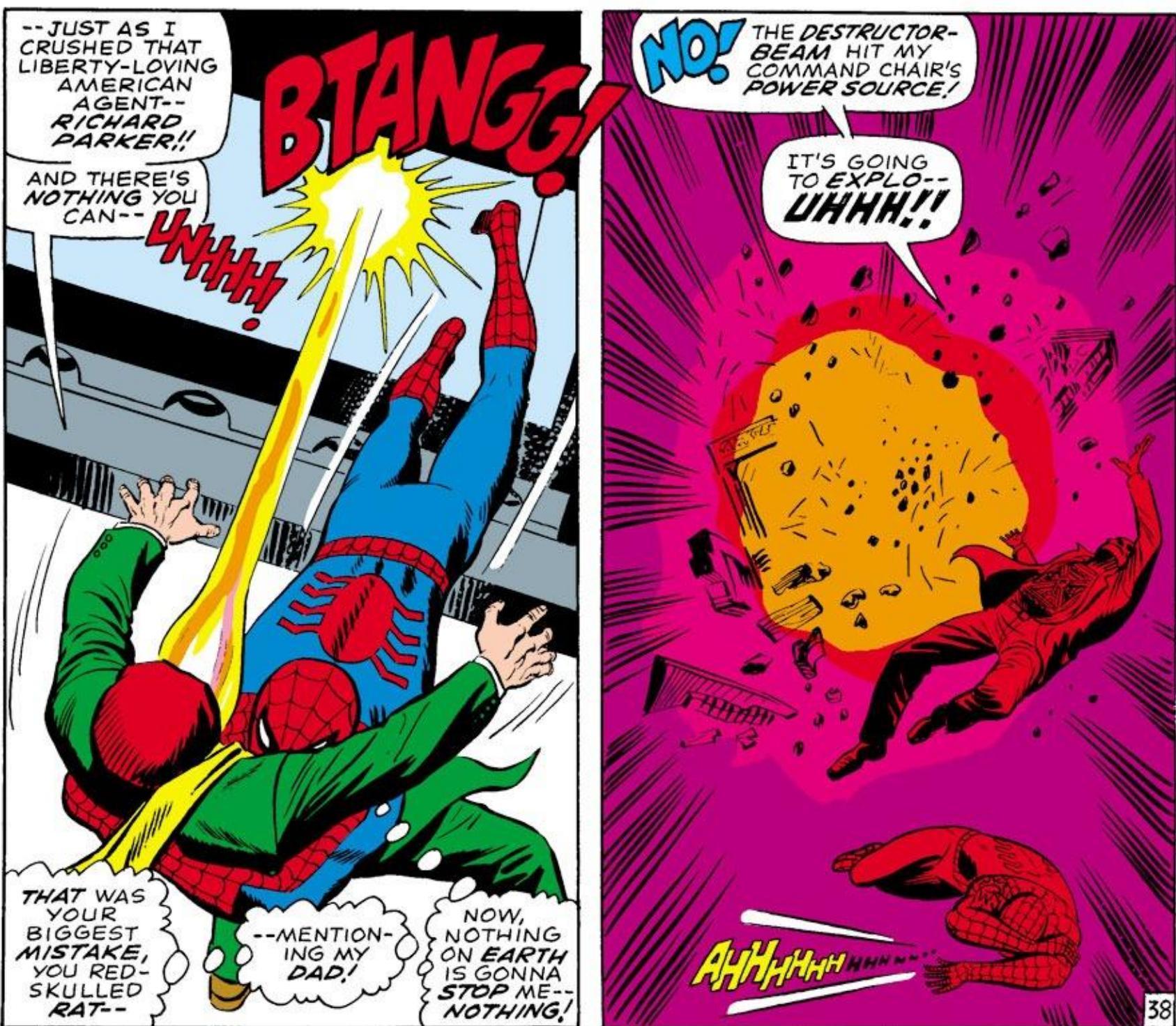












LATER, AN ACHING, PAIN-WRACKED FIGURE SLOWLY STIRS--WAKENED BY THE DEADLY PRODDING OF BLAZING FINGERS OF FLAME--

THE PLACE IS-- BURNING!

HAVE TO-- GET OUT OF HERE--!

DID THE FIRE GET HIM--OR WAS HE ABLE TO MAKE HIS ESCAPE?

THE SKULL IS GONE!

IT DOESN'T MATTER! I'VE GOT TO KEEP SEARCHING--

THERE MUST BE SOME PROOF OF MY DAD'S INNOCENCE HERE SOMEWHERE!

HIS CARD! IT WAS SINGED BY THE FLAMES!

THE HEAT OPENED SOME SORT OF HIDDEN SEAM! THERE'S ANOTHER CARD--HIDDEN INSIDE!

I'VE GOT TO DISLODGE IT-- SEE WHAT IT IS--!!

THIS IS IT-- THE PROOF I NEED!!

MY DAD'S CREDENTIALS-- AS AN AMERICAN COUNTER-SPY, ANSWERABLE ONLY TO THE U.S.A.!

THAT'S WHY HE WAS MURDERED! HE'D BEEN FIGHTING THE ENEMIES OF OUR COUNTRY-- FIGHTING NAZIS AND FASCISTS--AS A SECRET DOUBLE AGENT!

RICHARD PARKER
THIS IS A CLASS SECURE DOCUMENT
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BORN IS A PERSON OF 11

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AFTER ALL THESE YEARS--AFTER ALL THE HEARTBREAK, AND SHAME--I'VE REDEEMED HIS HONOR--I'VE CLEARED HIS NAME!

NEVER AGAIN WILL I BEMOAN MY SECRET IDENTITY--OR TOY WITH THE THOUGHT OF GIVING IT UP!

I'VE FINALLY VINDICATED THE FATHER-- AND THE MOTHER--WHOM I'VE NEVER KNOWN! AND, NO ONE BUT SPIDER-MAN COULD HAVE DONE IT!



AND SO, THE QUEST IS ENDED--THE PRIZE IS WON! THE LONG-DEAD PAST HAS YIELDED ITS HALF-FORGOTTEN SECRET TO A YOUTH WHO WOULDN'T SURRENDER--WHO WOULDN'T LOSE HIS FAITH! THE ROAD HAS BEEN LONG, AND THE BATTLE BITTER--BUT NOW, IN THIS ONE BRIEF MOMENT OF ETERNITY--THE POUNDING HEART OF PETER PARKER IS FLUSHED WITH VICTORY--IS FILLED WITH PRIDE--SUCH AS FEW MEN BEFORE HIM HAVE EVER KNOWN!

THE
END

a DAY at the DAILY BUGLE

A SPECIAL
SPIDEY PIN-UP

DAILY BUGLE
SPIDEY vs
DOC OCK!

--OR, WHAT WOULD **YOU** DO IF YOU HAD AN EXTRA PAGE TO FILL UP AND NOTHING TO **PUT** ON IT?

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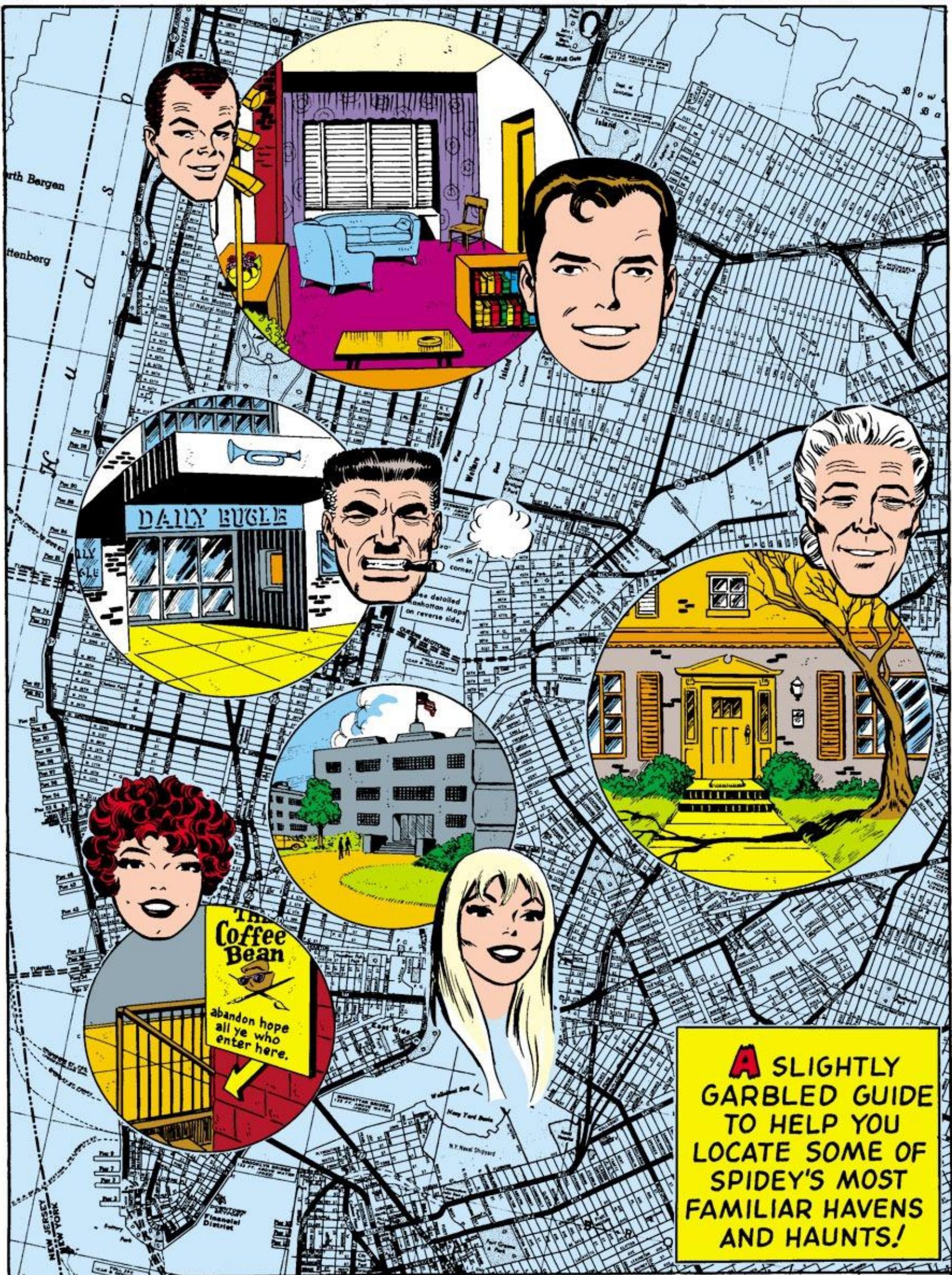
DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

YOU JUST FIRED HIM!

--FOR THE THOUSANDTH TIME!



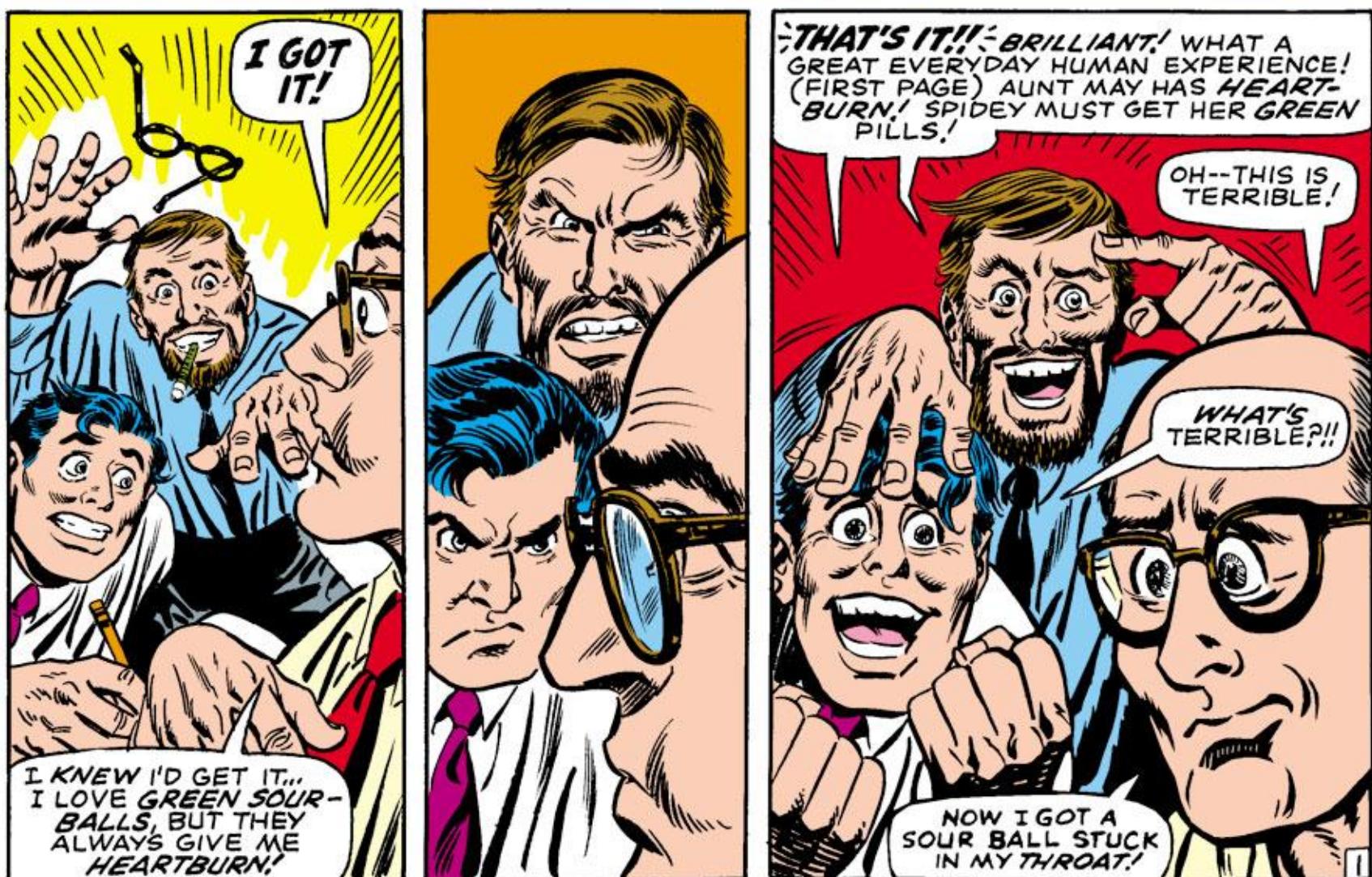
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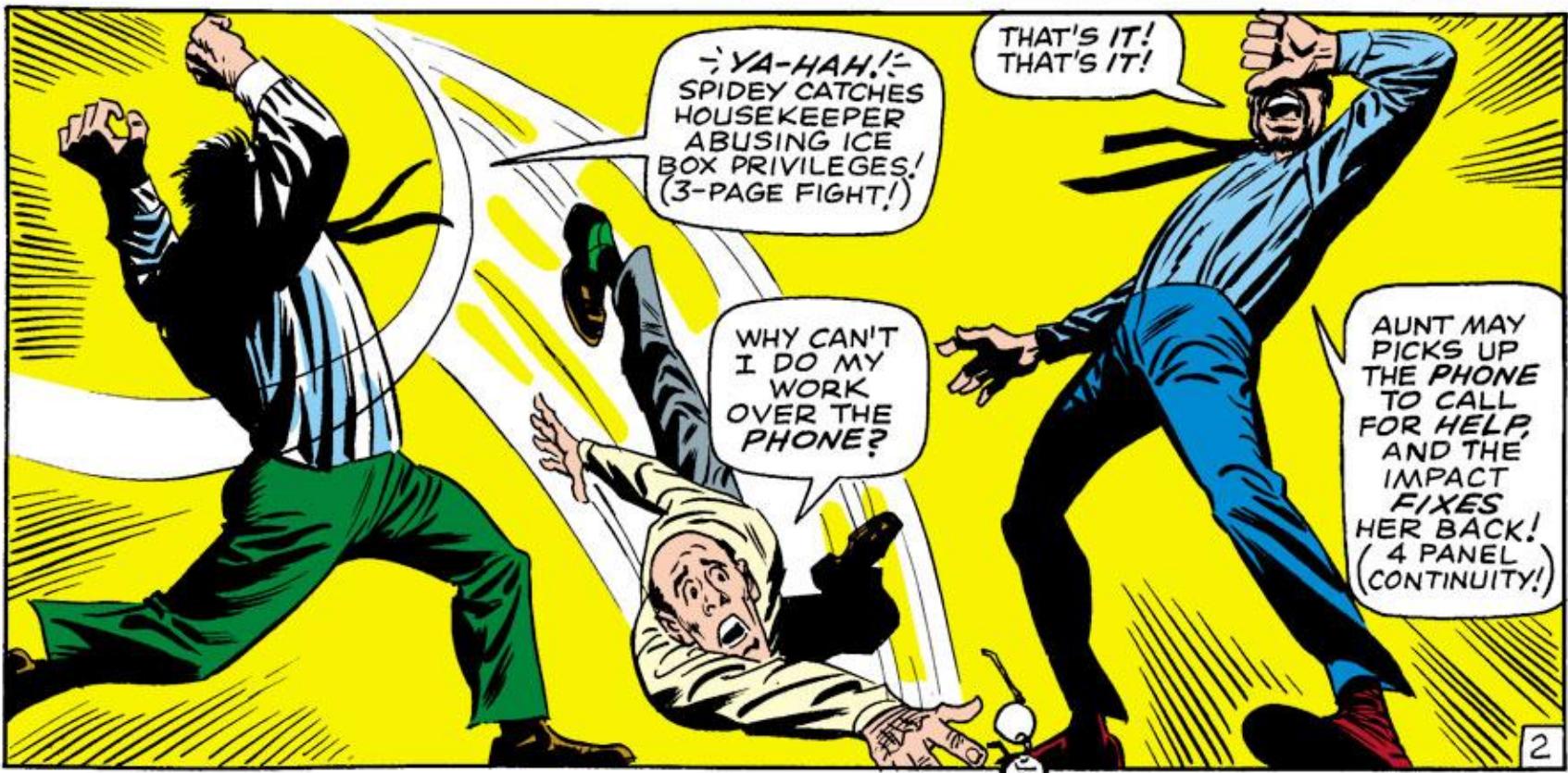


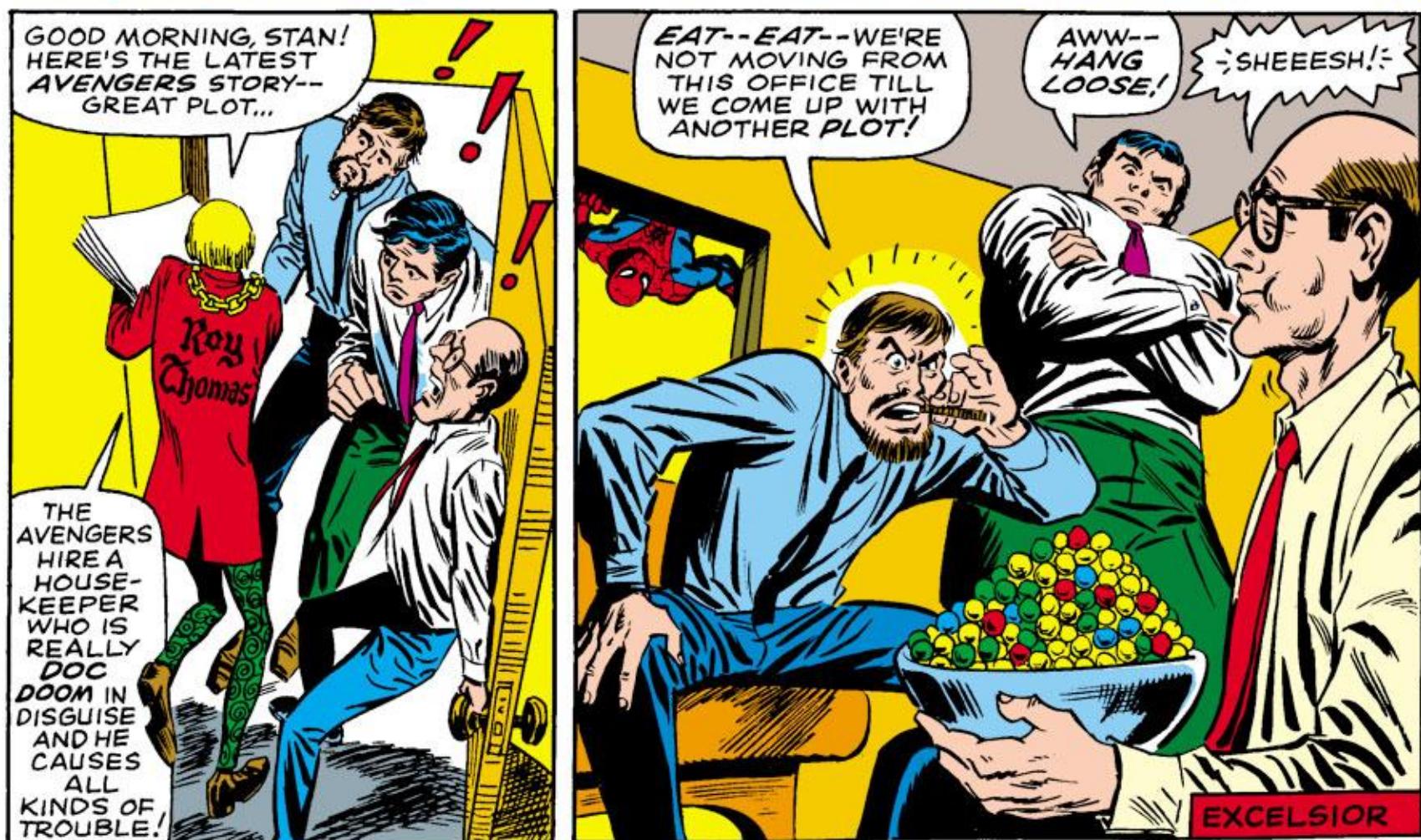
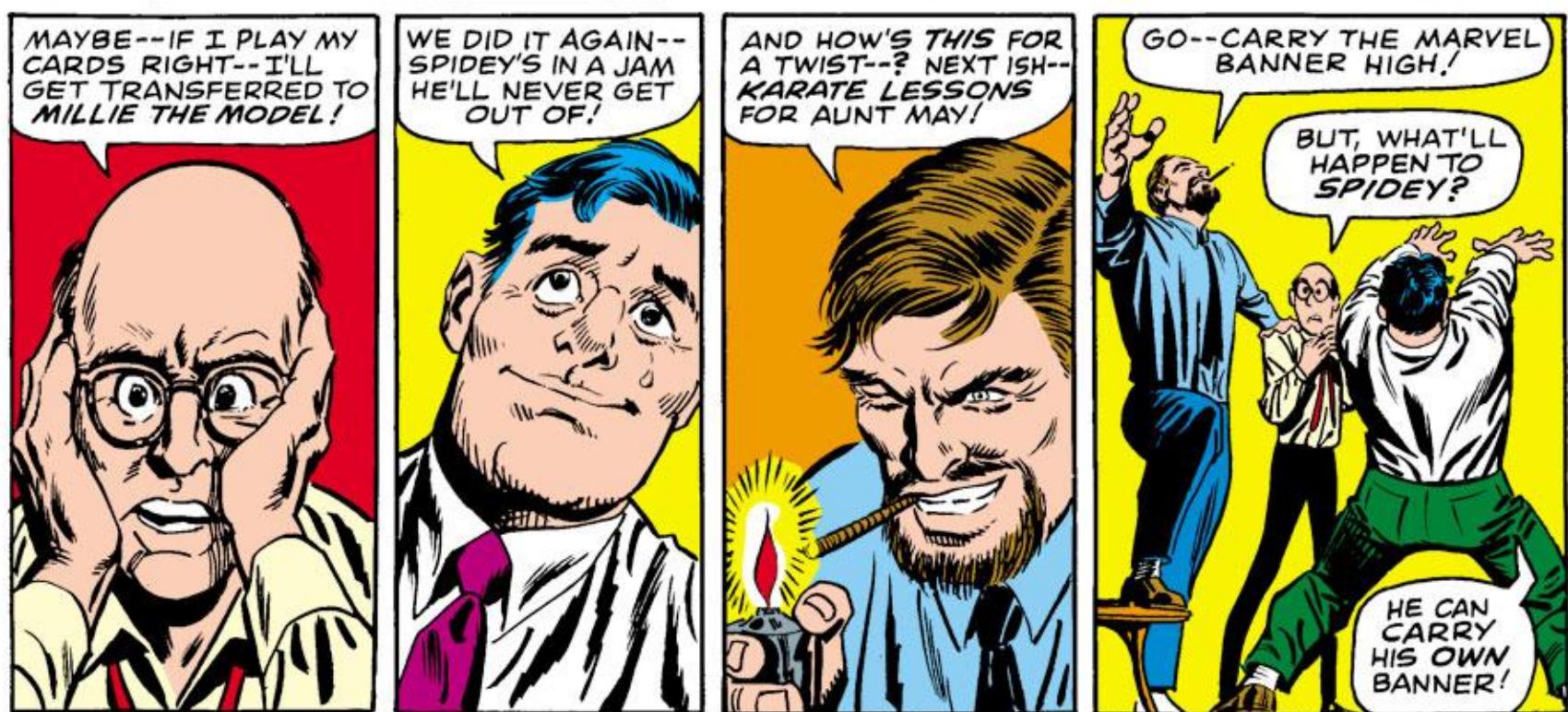
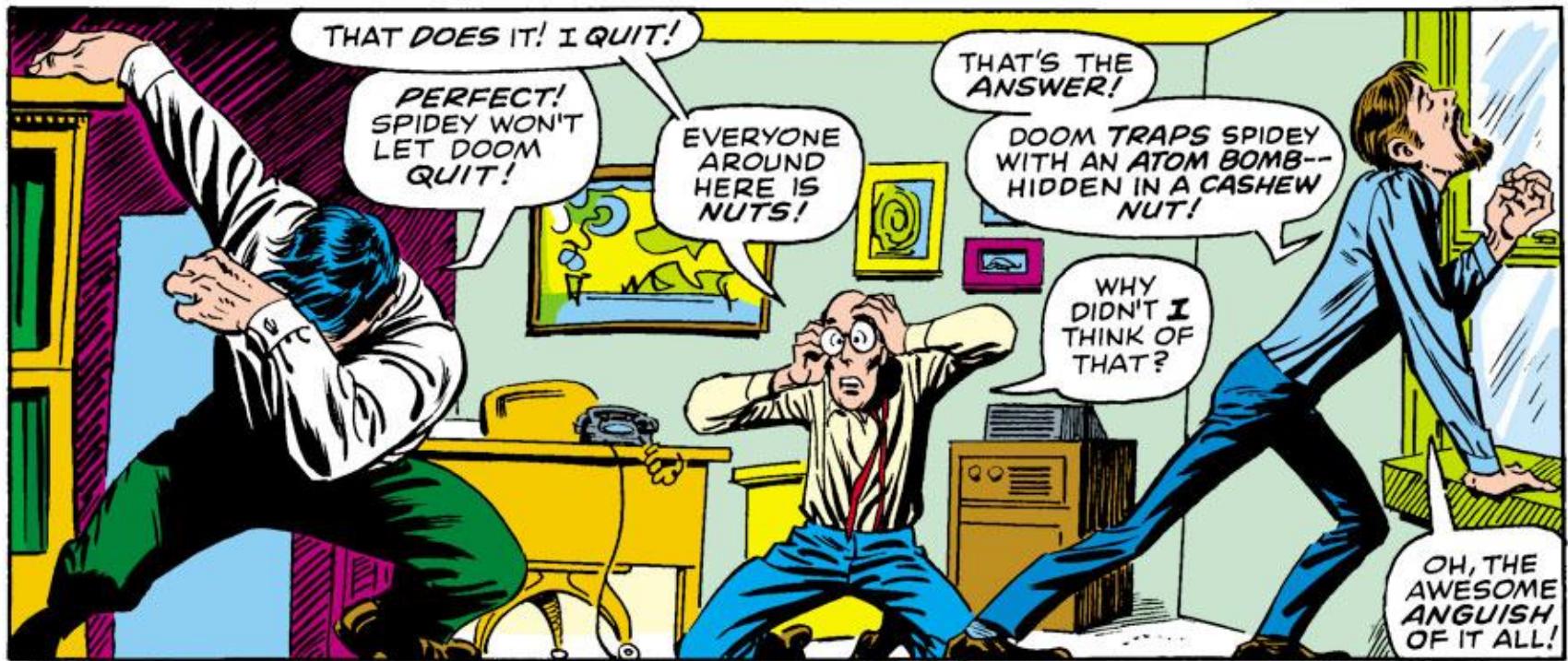
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YOU MUST HAVE WONDERED... HOW WE CREATE ALL THE STORIES AND ART FOR THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN... HERE IS A TYPICAL HONEST-AND-TRUE SITUATION FROM WHICH HIS ADVENTURES EVOLVE...

HERE WE GO-A-PLOTTING!







PETER PARKER, THE SUPER SPORTS STAR!



PETER PARKER, THE SUPER SPORTS STAR!

EVER WONDER WHAT A REAL SUPERHERO DREAMS OF WHEN HE DAYDREAMS? WELL, WE'RE NOT SURE, BUT IF **WE** WERE MR. PARKER, WE'D GET A CHARGE OUT OF PICTURING OURSELVES IN THE WORLD OF SPORT!



...AND, CAN YOU JUST PICTURE OL' PETE IN THE HUNDRED-YARD DASH--A SWIMMING MEET--OR A WEIGHT-LIFTING CONTEST?!!

SEE? EVEN THE BULL-PEN CAN DAYDREAM!

THIS IS
SPIDEY
AS WE KNOW HIM

BUT...

--WHAT IF HE WERE DRAWN BY OTHER ARTISTS, FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS? IMAGINE IF HE LOOKED LIKE THESE--!

