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"ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A ROBOT..."

WE HATE TO BRAG, BUT...

...THIS ONE'S A DOOZY!



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BEHIND THE COLD, CLAMMY, CONFINING WALLS OF STATE PRISON, A VOICE UTTERS SIX WELCOME WORDS...

PROFESSOR STROMM,
YOUR SENTENCE IS
OVER!

AT LAST!
I'M FREE!

YOU'VE BEEN A MODEL PRISONER FOR TEN YEARS! GOOD LUCK ON THE OUTSIDE, PROFESSOR!

SURE, I'VE BEEN A MODEL PRISONER! I'VE DONE NOTHING BUT PLAN MY REVENGE ALL THAT TIME!

THANKS!

THEN, NO SOONER DOES PROFESSOR STROMM PUT THE IRON GATES BEHIND HIM, WHEN...

GLAD TO SEE YA, STROMM! I GOT EVERYTHING ALL SET, LIKE YOU WANTED!

DO NOT FORGET YOURSELF, MAX! YOU WILL ALWAYS ADDRESS ME AS PROFESSOR!

BUT, OTHER EYES OBSERVE THE FATEFUL MEETING -- THE EYES OF AN EX-CON TURNED REPORTER, NAMED FOSWELL...

I KNEW MY OLD CELL-MATE WOULD BE GETTING OUT TODAY!

HE'S BEING PICKED UP BY ANOTHER EX-INMATE NAMED MAX YOUNG! THEY MUST HAVE MADE SOME PLANS WHILE IN PRISON!

I WONDER IF HE'S STILL AS HUNGRY FOR REVENGE AS EVER!?

THEY'RE HEADING FOR TOWN! I'D BETTER FOLLOW! THERE MAY BE A STORY IN IT FOR ME!

THAT GUY WATCHIN' THE PROFESSOR MUST BE A STOOLIE!

THE PROF'LL BE REAL GRATEFUL TO ME IF I WING 'IM!

HOWEVER, BEFORE A SHOT CAN BE FIRED--

WOA THERE,
SONNY BOY!

IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW IT, THIS IS A NO-NOISE ZONE!

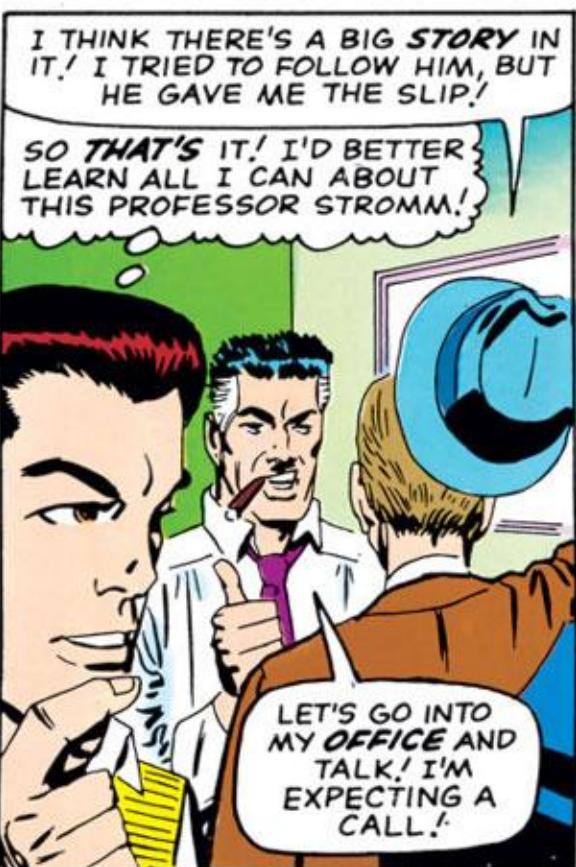
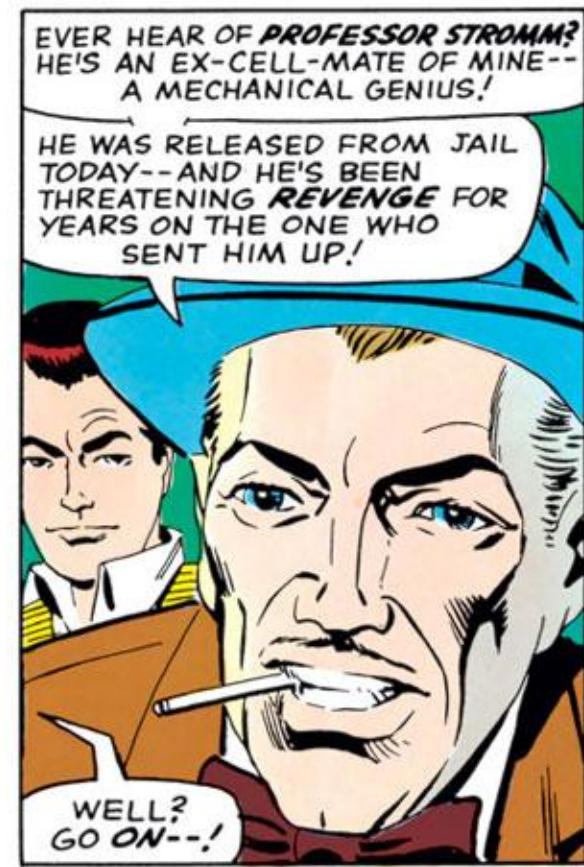
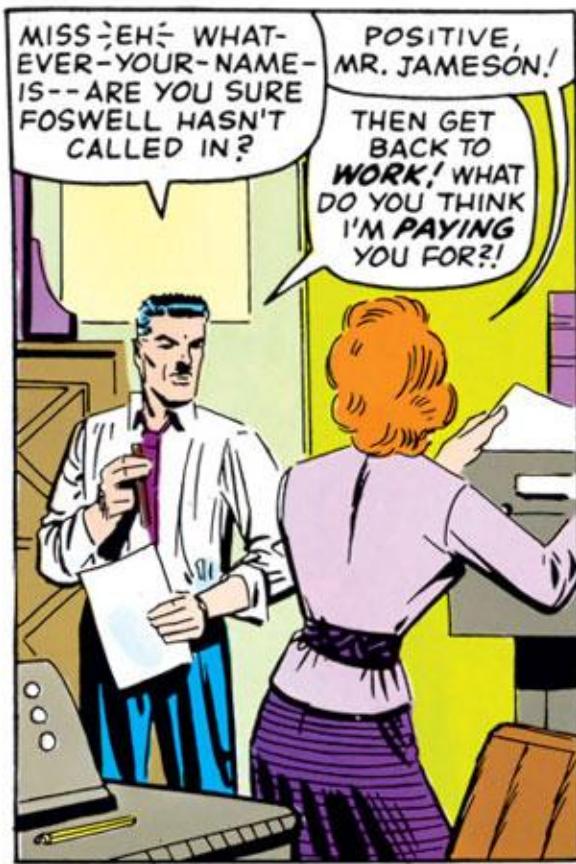
SPIDER-MAN!

AWW-- AND I WANTED IT TO BE A SURPRISE!

OKAY, TALK!
WHY'D YOU TRY TO VENTILATE FOSWELL?

I SAID TALK!





NOW, LET'S SWITCH OUR SCENE TO THE MAN IN WHOM EVERYONE SEEMS SO INTERESTED, AS WE VISIT THE WELL-EQUIPPED HIDEOUT OF PROFESSOR STROMM...

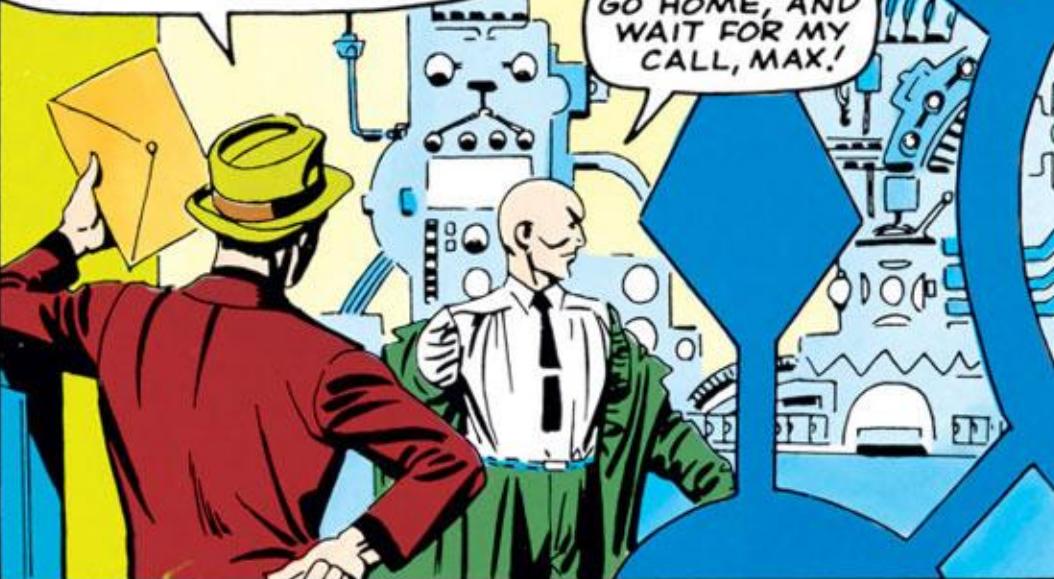
I BOUGHT ALL THE GADGETS YOU WANTED WITH THE DOUGH YOU HAD STASHED AWAY, PROFESSOR! ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED?

NO! THIS IS **PERFECT!** I WILL NOT NEED YOU AGAIN UNTIL THE **ROBOT** IS FINISHED!

GO HOME, AND WAIT FOR MY CALL, MAX!

FOR TEN YEARS I DREAMED OF THIS MOMENT! I DREAMED OF GETTING MY **REVENGE** ON THE MAN WHO CHEATED ME OUT OF MY INVENTIONS!

AS HE HAS RUINED MY LIFE, SO SHALL I RUIN HIM!



AND, WHILE THE PROFESSOR PLOTS, PETER PARKER HEADS FOR SCHOOL, AS USUAL...

I WONDER IF GWEN STACY IS STILL MAD AT ME?

WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT....!



HI, GWEN! WE'RE BOTH HEADING FOR THE SAME CLASS--MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MR. PARKER--SLUMMING? USUALLY YOU'RE TOO STUCK UP TO SAY HELLO TO ANYONE!



WELL, AT LEAST I'M NOT A TEMPERAMENTAL FEMALE WHO DROOLS OVER A FELLA ONE DAY AND THEN ACTS LIKE AN ICICLE TO HIM THE NEXT!

DRASTIC THAT CRAZY TEMPER OF MINE! NOW I'VE REALLY PUT MY FOOT IN IT!



EVEN IF YOU ARE E. S. U.'S NEWEST SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP WHIZ-KID, NOBODY TALKS TO ME THAT WAY...

C'MON, GWEN --SIMMER DOWN! LET'S BURY THE HATCHET, HUH?



YOU THINK YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO ME, AND THEN --OWWW!

ANYONE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE GORRRRGEOUS WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY?



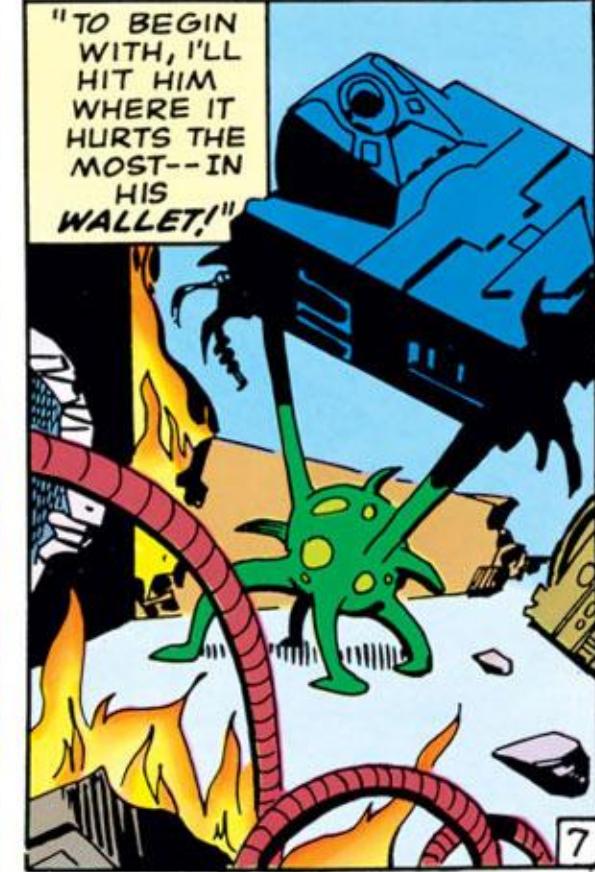
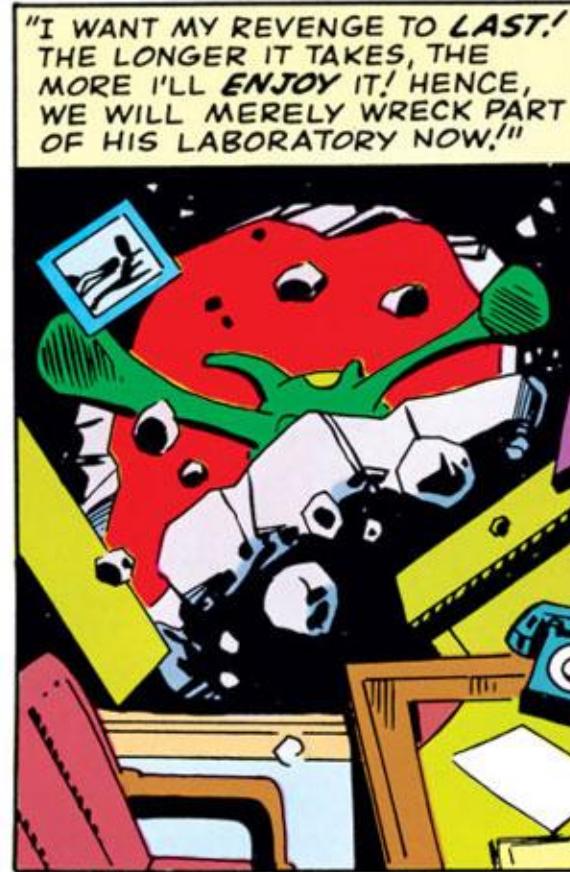
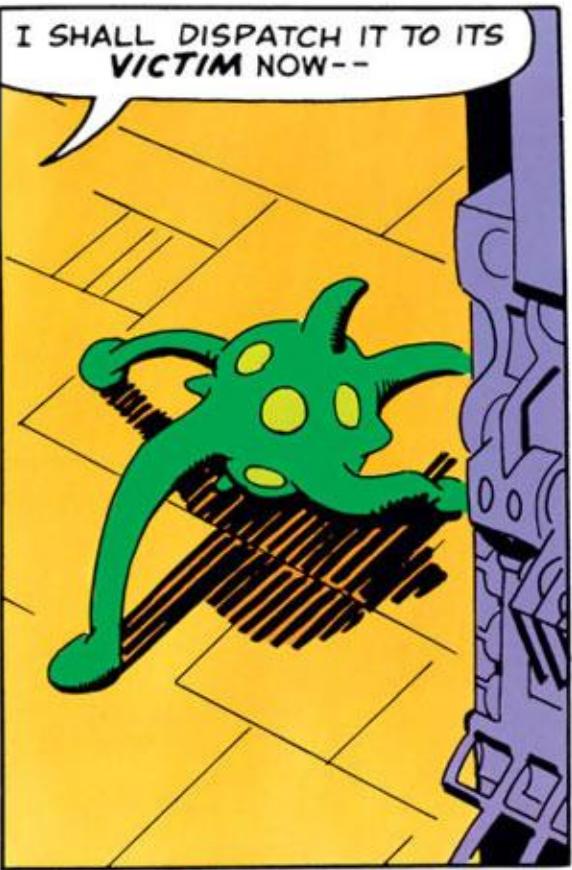
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON THERE! I SAW THAT, PARKER!

I KNOW, I KNOW! THOSE BEADY, LITTLE, PIG-LIKE EYES OF YOURS NEVER MISS A TRICK, FLASH!



I'LL MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS, YOU PUNY PUNK!





MEANWHILE, AN EVER-GROWING CROWD GATHERS OUTSIDE THE NOW-SMOKING ELECTRONICS PLANT...!

STEP BACK, FOLKS! MAKE ROOM FOR THE FIRE TRUCKS!

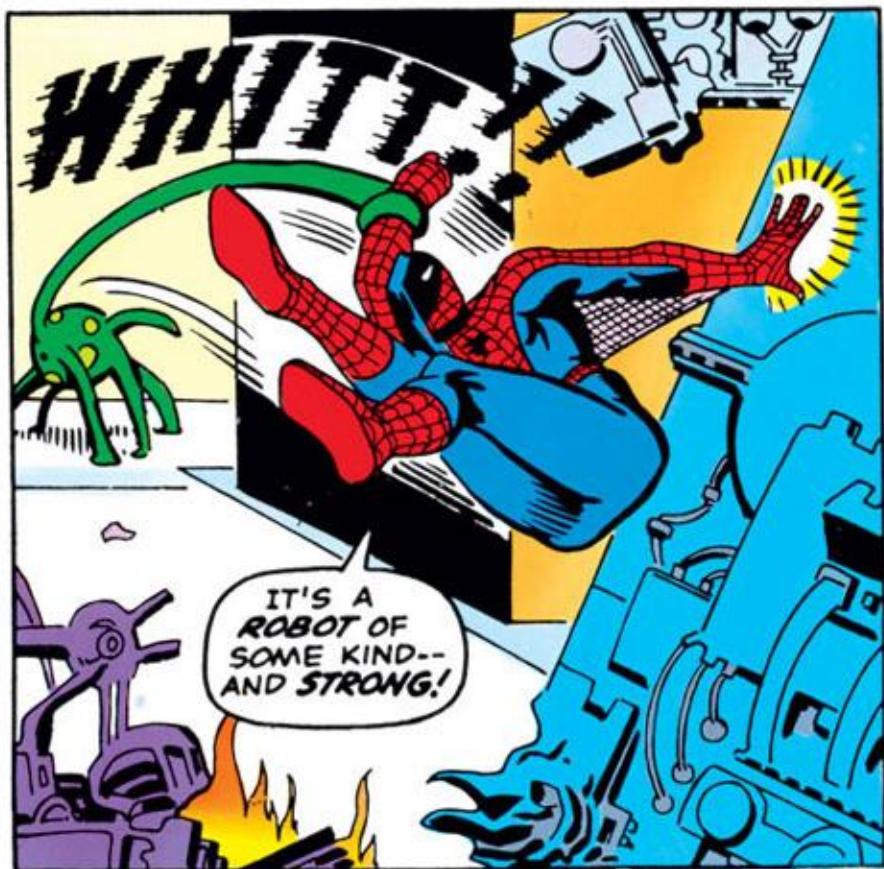
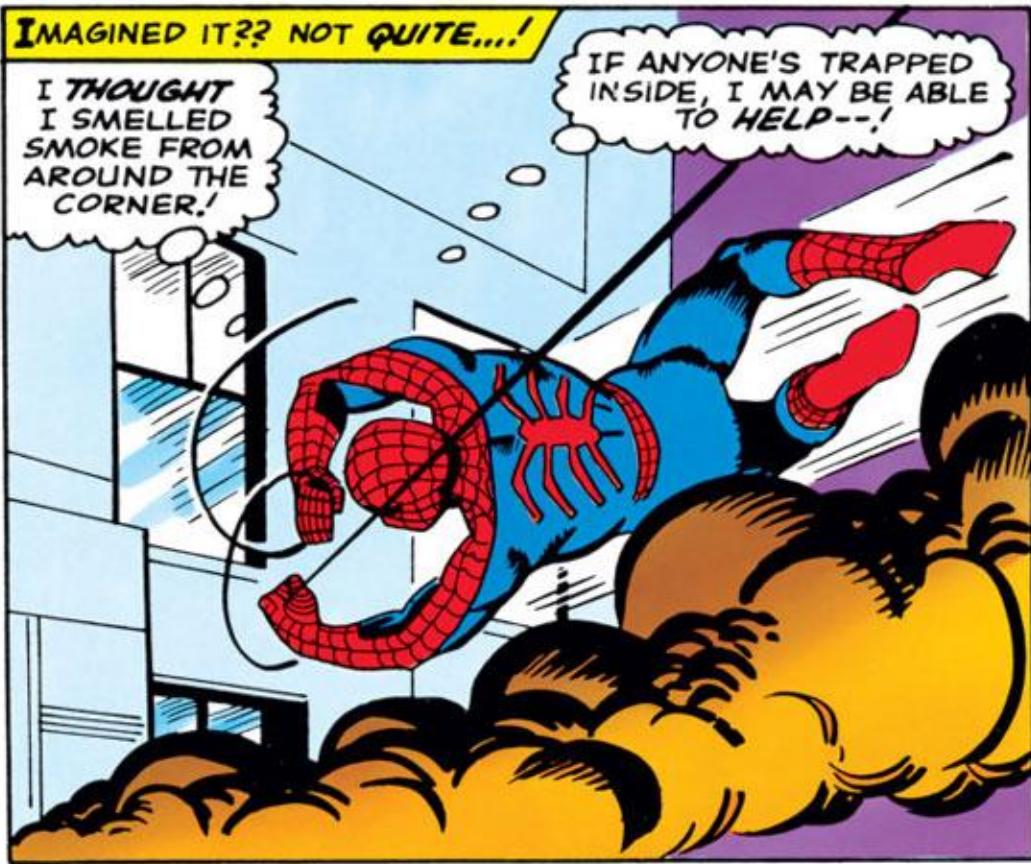
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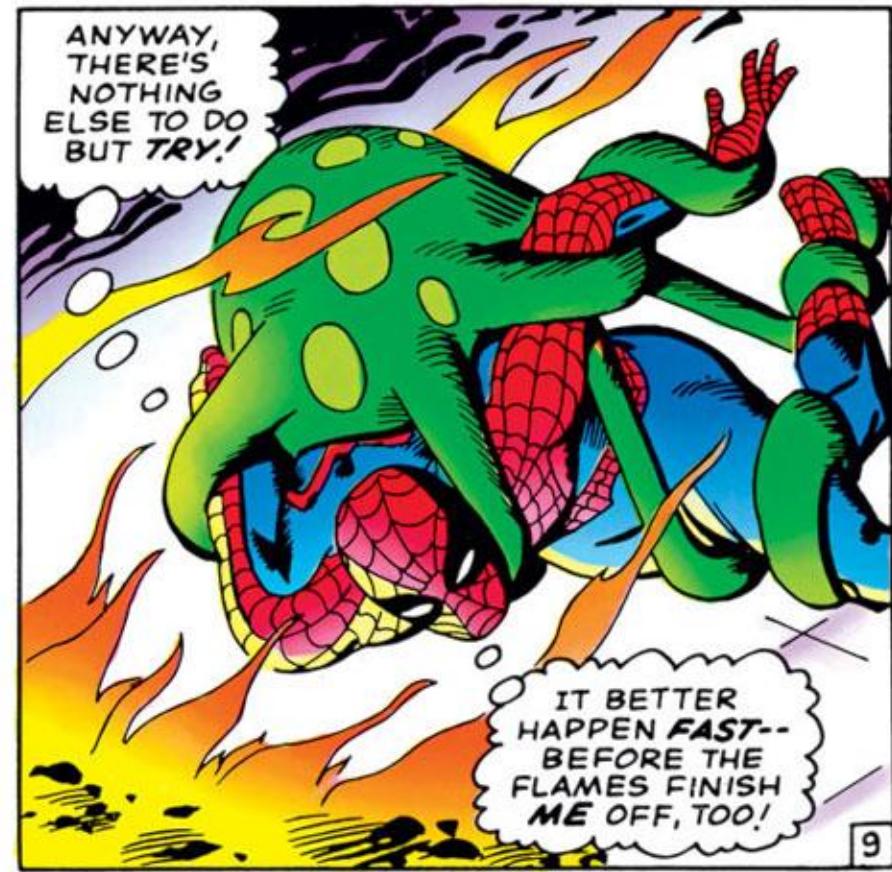
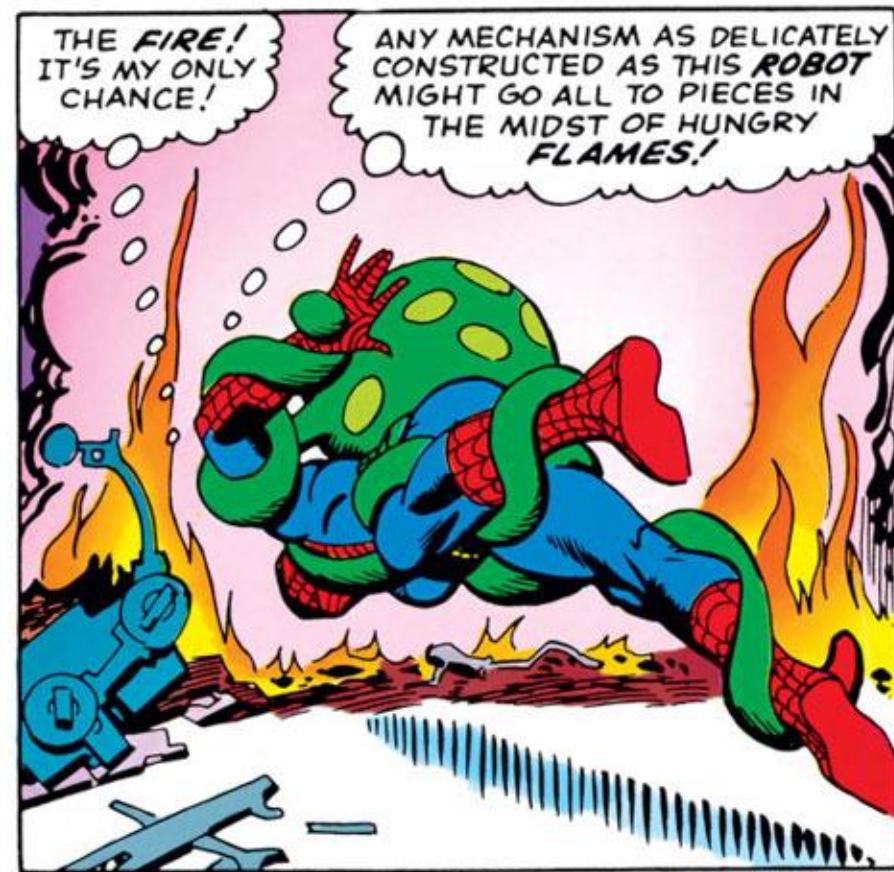
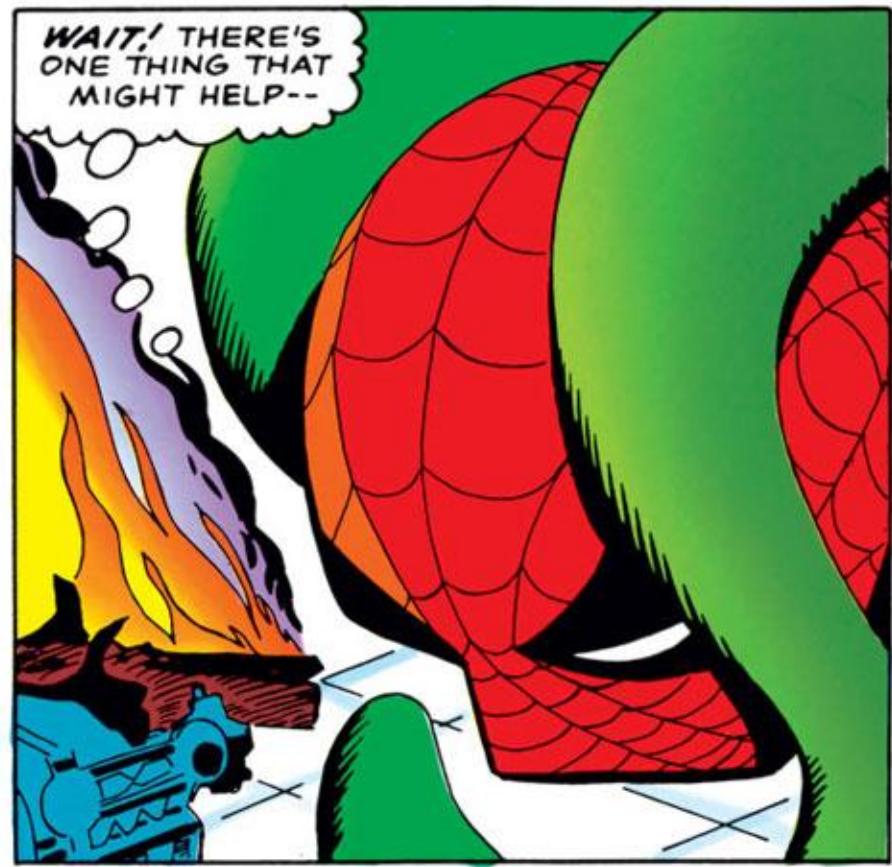
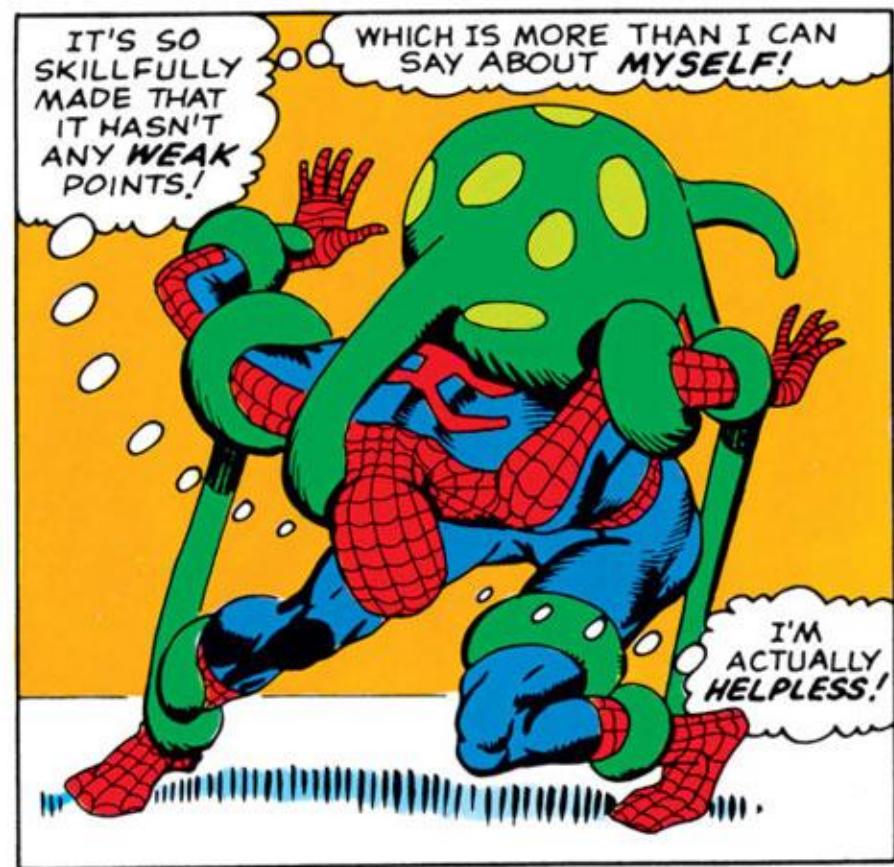
BUT, WITH ALL THIS SMOKE, I MUST HAVE IMAGINED IT!

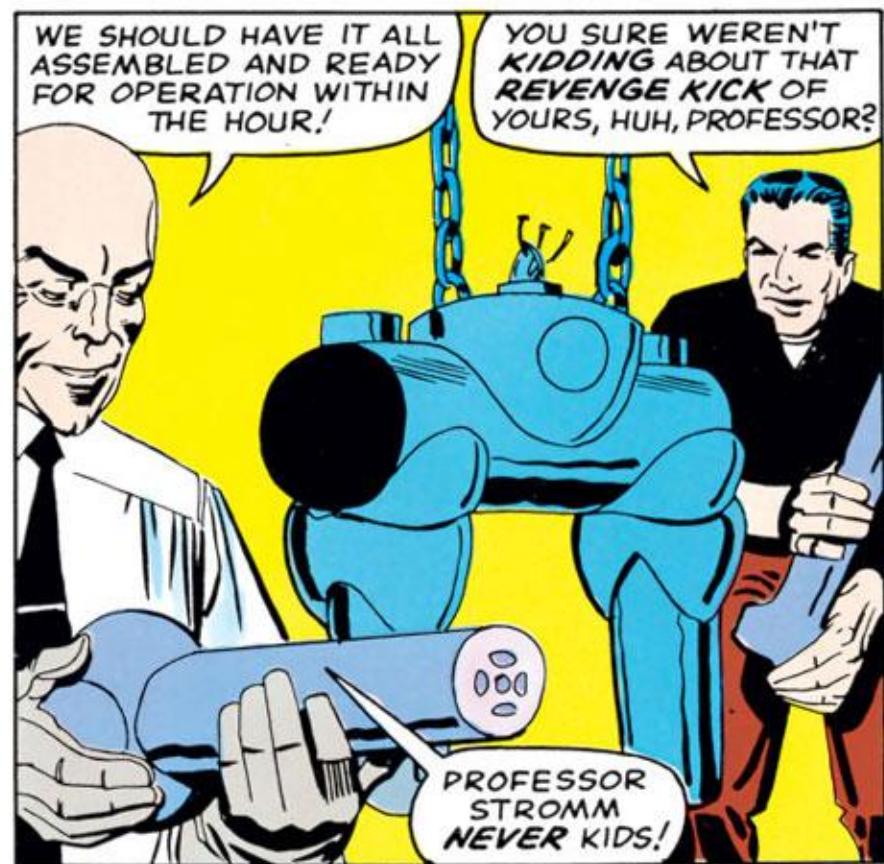
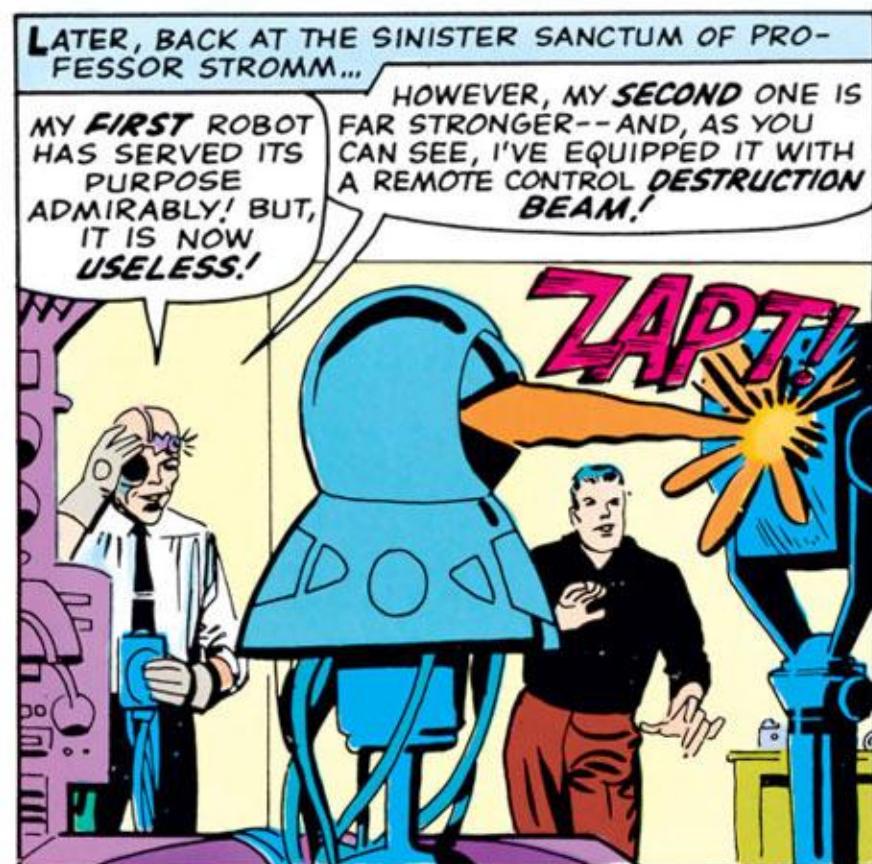
IMAGINED IT?? NOT QUITE....!

I THOUGHT I SMELLED SMOKE FROM AROUND THE CORNER!

IF ANYONE'S TRAPPED INSIDE, I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP--!







AT THAT MOMENT, HIS NOSE FOR NEWS TWITCHING UP A STORM, JOLLY JONAH JAMESON ENTERS OUR SCENE...

I WAS AT OUR CLUB WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS! DON'T WORRY, NORMAN--SPIDER-MAN WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

WE'RE NOT SURE HE'S THE ONE, JONAH!

I'M SURE--AND J. JONAH JAMESON IS NEVER WRONG ABOUT SUCH THINGS!

I SUPPOSE YOUR INSURANCE WILL COVER THE DAMAGE, EH? YES, BUT IT LOOKS BAD! IF THE ATTACKS CONTINUE, THEY WON'T RENEW MY INSURANCE!

WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

THAT'S A SMART BOY YOU'VE GOT, NORMAN! I LIKE THE WAY HE SUMS UP A SITUATION! HE'LL GO FAR!

HE SHOULD! HE SHOULD!

WELL, IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR A FELLOW CLUB MEMBER--?

I'LL CALL YOU IF I NEED YOU, JONAH!

MEANWHILE, BLITHELY SWINGING OVER THE SOMNAMBULANT CITY, WE FIND...

THE CHARACTER FOSWELL REFERRED TO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT NUTTY ROBOT!

I'D BETTER KEEP TABS ON OL' FOSSY!

AND, SPEAKING OF THE ELUSIVE MR. FOSWELL...

I'LL BE ABLE TO PICK UP MORE INFORMATION IN MY IDENTITY AS PATCH, THE UNDERWORLD STOOLIE!

I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHERE PROFESSOR STROMM IS HIDING OUT!

THEN, NO SOONER HAS PATCH DEPARTED, WHEN AN UNINVITED CALLER ARRIVES...

JUST MY LUCK! HE CHANGED CLOTHES! I WONDER IF HE KNEW I HAD MY SPIDER TRACER HIDDEN ON HIS HAT?

WELL, MAYBE I CAN STILL SPOT HIM SOMEHOW!

A SHORT TIME LATER, IN ONE OF THE SEEDIER SECTIONS OF TOWN...

WHAT'S DOIN', CHARLIE? HEARD ANYTHING NEW LATELY?

NO! AND EVEN IF I DID, I WOULDN'T SPILL IT TO A PUNK LIKE YOU!

I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T! BUT THERE ARE OTHERS HERE WHO WILL--FOR A PRICE!

WHILE, JUST OUTSIDE THE SMOKY SALOON...

NOTHING SO FAR! ALL I'M GETTING IS HEARTBURN FROM HANGING UPSIDE-DOWN SO LONG!

WHOOPS! LOOK WHO'S THERE!

IT'S THAT STOOLIE --PATCH! MIGHT AS WELL TAIL AFTER HIM TILL I CAN GET A LEAD ON FOSWELL!

I KNEW I'D LEARN SOMETHING! BUT FIRST I'LL CHECK IT OUT BEFORE I CALL THE COPS!



AND, AS PATCH THOUGHTFULLY WALKS IN THE DIRECTION OF PROFESSOR STROMM'S LABORATORY, WE PROVE OUR CLEVERNESS BY BEATING HIM TO IT--

EVERYTHING IS READY NOW, MAX!

RELEASE THE ROBOT--AND STAND ASIDE! I'VE GOT TO TEST IT!

THIS ONE WILL BE TWICE AS DANGEROUS AS YOUR FIRST ROBOT--IF IT WORKS!

OF COURSE IT WILL WORK! NOW, LET GO!

PERFECT! ITS RESPONSE IS SWIFT--AND DEADLY!

WHILE, OUTSIDE THE LAB...

ONE THING'S FOR SURE--PATCH ISN'T MERELY SIGHTSEEING! HE'S AFTER SOMETHING HERE! BUT--WHAT?

IT COST ME PLENTY, BUT I LEARNED THAT STROMM IS HOLED UP SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA....

YOU! STAY WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T TURN AROUND! DON'T EVEN MOVE!

I FOUND HIM!

THIS IS LIKE WATCHING "THE MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E." ON A LIFE-SIZE TV SCREEN!

NO SWEAT, PROFESSOR! JUST SOME BUM SNOOPING AROUND! IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW!

YOU WANT ME TO BRING 'IM IN? OKAY!

AWW, NO! AM I GONNA HAVE TO TANGLE WITH ANOTHER ROBOT??

ALL RIGHT, YOU--THRU THAT DOOR! START MOVING!

I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW THAT WALKING STOVEPIPE AND SEE WHAT IT'S UP TO!

BUT, I CAN'T CUT OUT ON PATCH WHEN IT LOOKS AS IF HE'S GONNA NEED SOME HELP--BUT FAST!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO....

KLAUNK! KLAUNK!

I'LL USE ANOTHER STICKY SPIDEY TRACER TO KEEP TRACK OF THE ROBOT, NO MATTER WHERE IT GOES!

BOY! AM I GLAD I DREAMED THESE LITTLE GADGETS UP! THEY'RE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN WEB FLUID!

HAVE A NICE TRIP, SKINNY! AND BE CAREFUL NOT TO SHAKE YOUR LITTLE PASSENGER LOOSE!

NOW TO SEE WHERE HE'S TAKING PATCH!

DON'T TURN AROUND, MISTER--JUST TALK! WHAT WERE YA SNOOPING AROUND HERE FOR?

CALM DOWN, FELLA! I DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM! I JUST WANTED TO FIND PROFESSOR STROMM-- SO'S I COULD GET A JOB WITH HIM!

I SAID TALK-- I'M NOT HOLDING THIS GUN JUST TO KEEP MY FINGERS COMPANY!

SO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PROFESSOR, HUH? THAT'S TOO BAD, MISTER--TOO BAD FOR YOU!

DON'T BET ON IT, BIG MOUTH! IT MIGHT BE TOO BAD FOR STROMM!

SPIDER-MAN!

HOW ON EARTH DID YOU EVER RECOGNIZE ME??

LOOK OUT! HE'S BREAKING AWAY! AND THE EXITS ARE BEING SEALED OFF!

THANKS FOR THE BULLETIN--BUT I SORTA NOTICED IT MYSELF!

-WHEW! - WHAT A BREAK FOR ME!



