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# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

## THE RUMORS ARE TRUE.

INTRODUCING...  
THE NEW  
**SPIDER-MAN!**





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SOME NICE REPORTING ON THIS STORY ABOUT THE MISSING HEROES--BUT I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A FEW MORE PICTURES ON PAGE TWO.

WHY DIDN'T YOU USE ANY PHOTOS BY PETER PARKER? THIS SORT OF THING IS USUALLY HIS MEAT.

I TRIED TO CALL PETE A NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE PAST WEEK...BUT HE SEEMS TO BE OUT OF TOWN.

# Heroes Gone!

## Crime On The Rise

by Lynn Craig

In the wake of the mysterious disappearances of many of this city's costumed heroes, rumors of dramatic increases in violent crimes were confirmed today when the Bureau of Statistics released its weekly unaudited report. Violent crimes rose overall an average of 14% in the preceding

week. Notable exceptions were the incidents of bank robbery, which increased 23%, and the incidents of armed assault, which rose a staggering 37%.

Many officials in the New York City Police Department, however remain unconvinced that these statistical increases are directly related to the alleged disappearance.

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The Sheep Meadow in New York City's Central Park, where it is believed that the abduction took place

### No Clues at Disappearance

In Central Park, the scene of free summer afternoons, and strolls on a day afternoon. They do think of the puzzled scientists and frenzied city officials who are desperately searching for clues in the apparent abduction of many this city's most powerful costumed heroes. Police barricades are usually set up in the park for concerts, but today these same barricades are being used to surround the site where eyewitnesses report that the heroes vanished from.

It all began over a week ago. Eyes seeing a most heroes "Stonehenge" which appeared in the Sheep Meadow. Moments later, in a blinding burst of light which was seen as far as Fort Lee, New

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH FREELANCERS, THEY'RE UNDEPENDABLE! THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO BE UNDERFOOT--EXCEPT FOR THE TIMES WHEN YOU REALLY NEED ONE,

Wanda Maximoff, The Scarlet Witch

### 'No Comment' says Witch

Ms. Maximoff, however, —Continued on Page 17

### CONOVER'S CORNER

by Jacob Conover

Technically, she is not an Avenger. She has no official ties with this team of super heroes. She has never been considered a part of their organization, and has never even applied for membership. Even the most casual of obser-

### She Fears The Worst



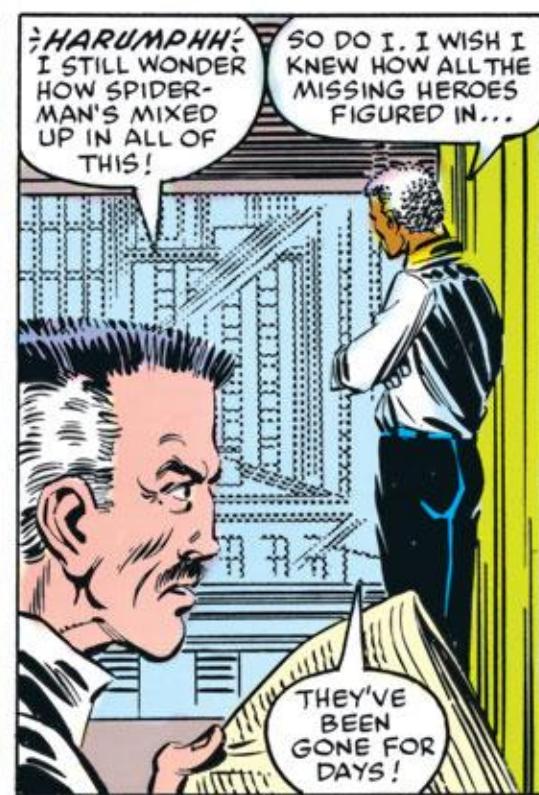
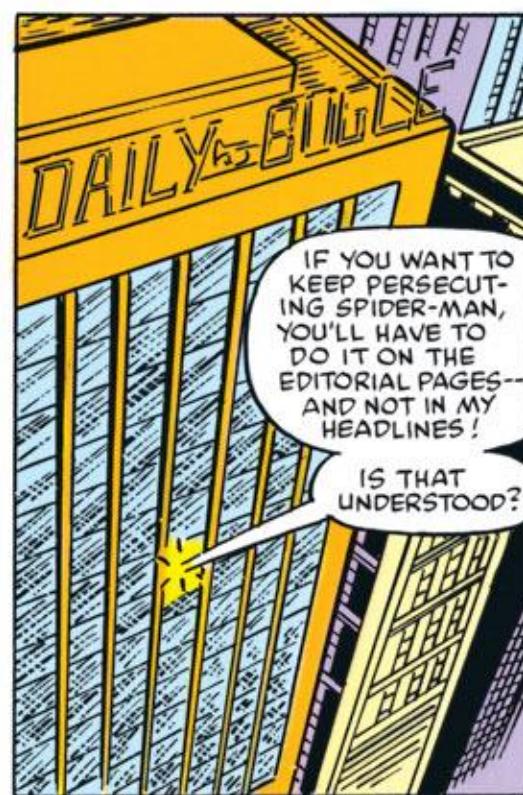
vers can see that she has absolutely no legal right to live within their world-famous mansion headquarters. And yet, she is there. She has moved into that famous Fifth Avenue landmark, and made it her temporary home while she awaits word . . . any word . . . of her missing husband.

The woman's name is Mockingbird, and her husband is Hawkeye.

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Newly married Mockingbird anxiously awaits word on husband's fate





STAN LEE PRESENTS: A NEW CHAPTER--A NEW BEGINNING--IN THE LIFE OF  
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

# "HOME COMING!"

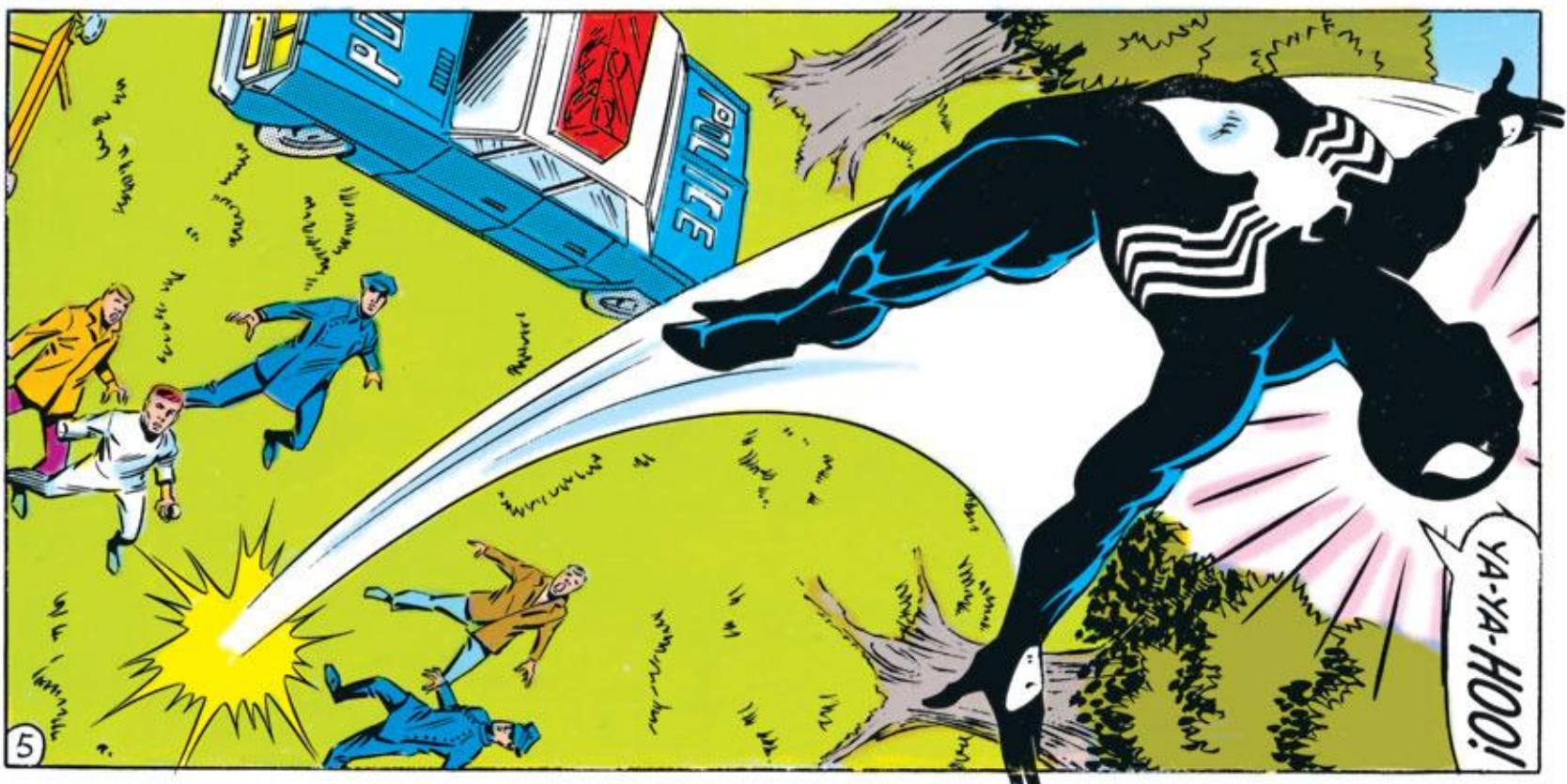
BUT THEN, BEFORE ANOTHER  
QUESTION CAN BE UTTERED,  
OR A MOVE BE MADE...

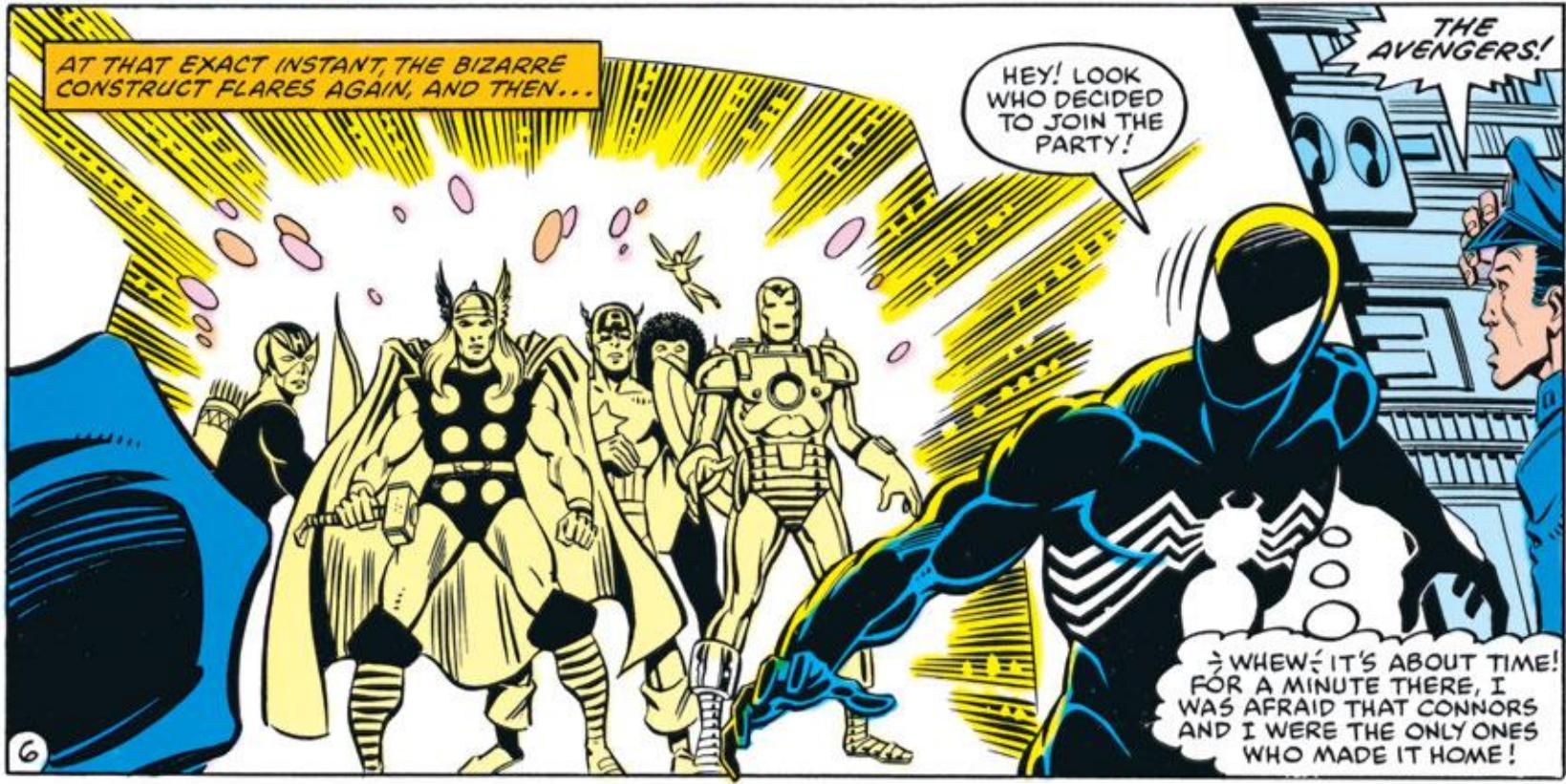
HANG ON, DOC  
CONNORS!

I THINK  
WE'RE GOING  
TO MAKE IT  
THIS TIME!



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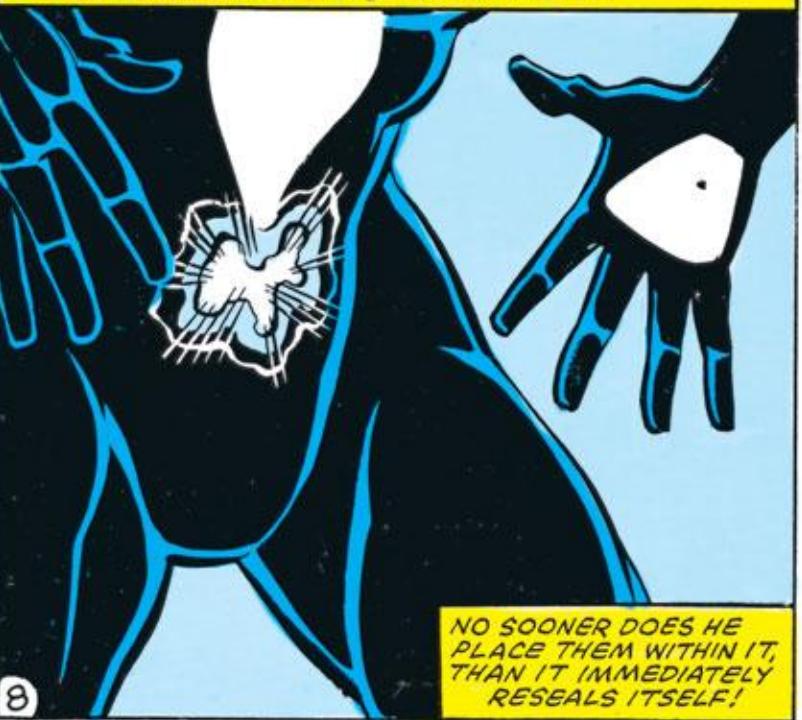
SOON, NEAR THE EDGE OF THE PARK, SPIDER-MAN PLACES DR. CURT CONNORS UPON THE GROUND, AND THEN LEAPS UPWARD AGAIN...

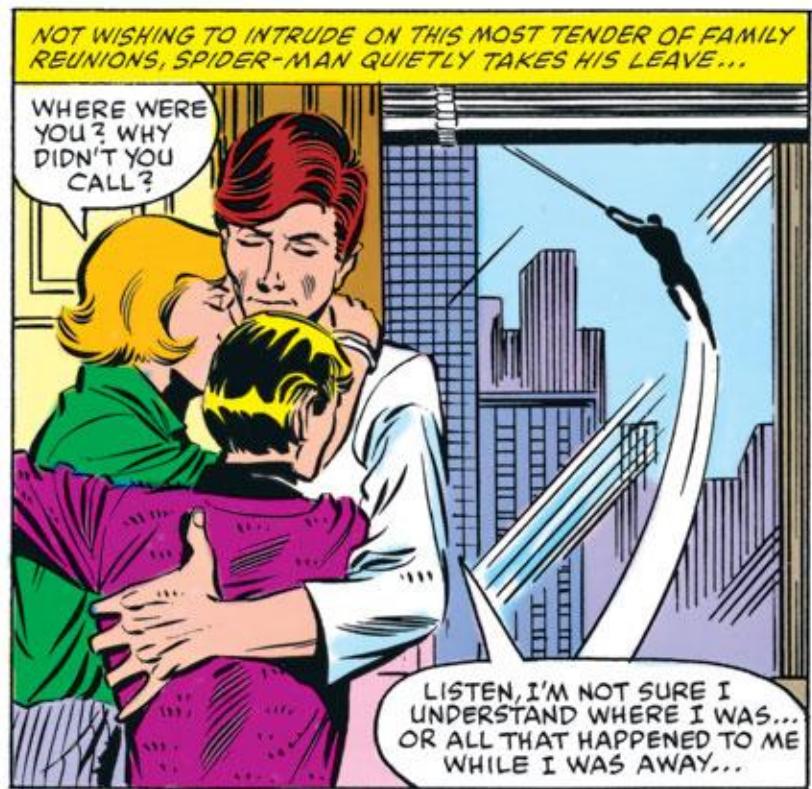
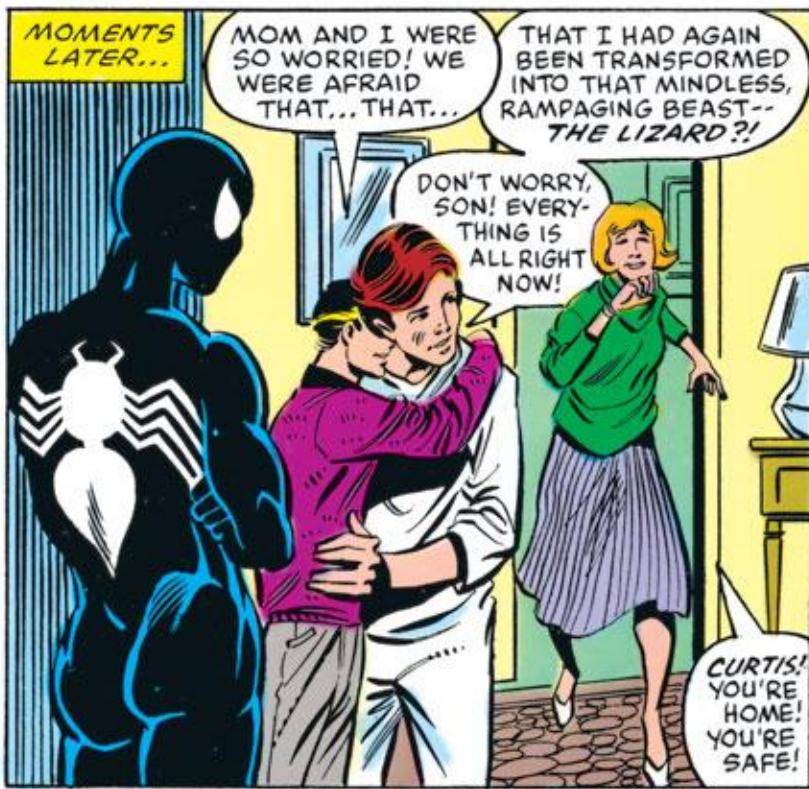


MY NEW JACKET AND MY SHOES MUST HAVE FALLEN TO THE GROUND WHEN MY WEB-BALL EVAPORATED! THEY'RE GONE--AND SOME BIRD CONVERTED THE REST OF MY CLOTHES INTO THE SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR HIS NEW NEST!

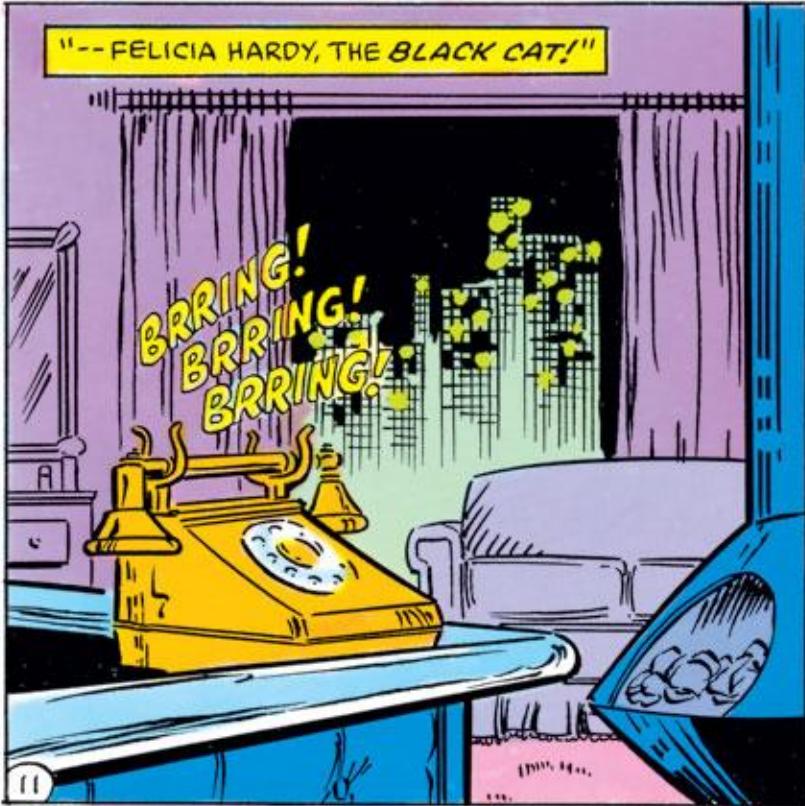


INSTANTLY REACTING TO SPIDER-MAN'S UNSPOKEN COMMAND, HIS COSTUME SUDDENLY OPENS A WIDE SEAM TO RECEIVE HIS KEYS AND WALLET...





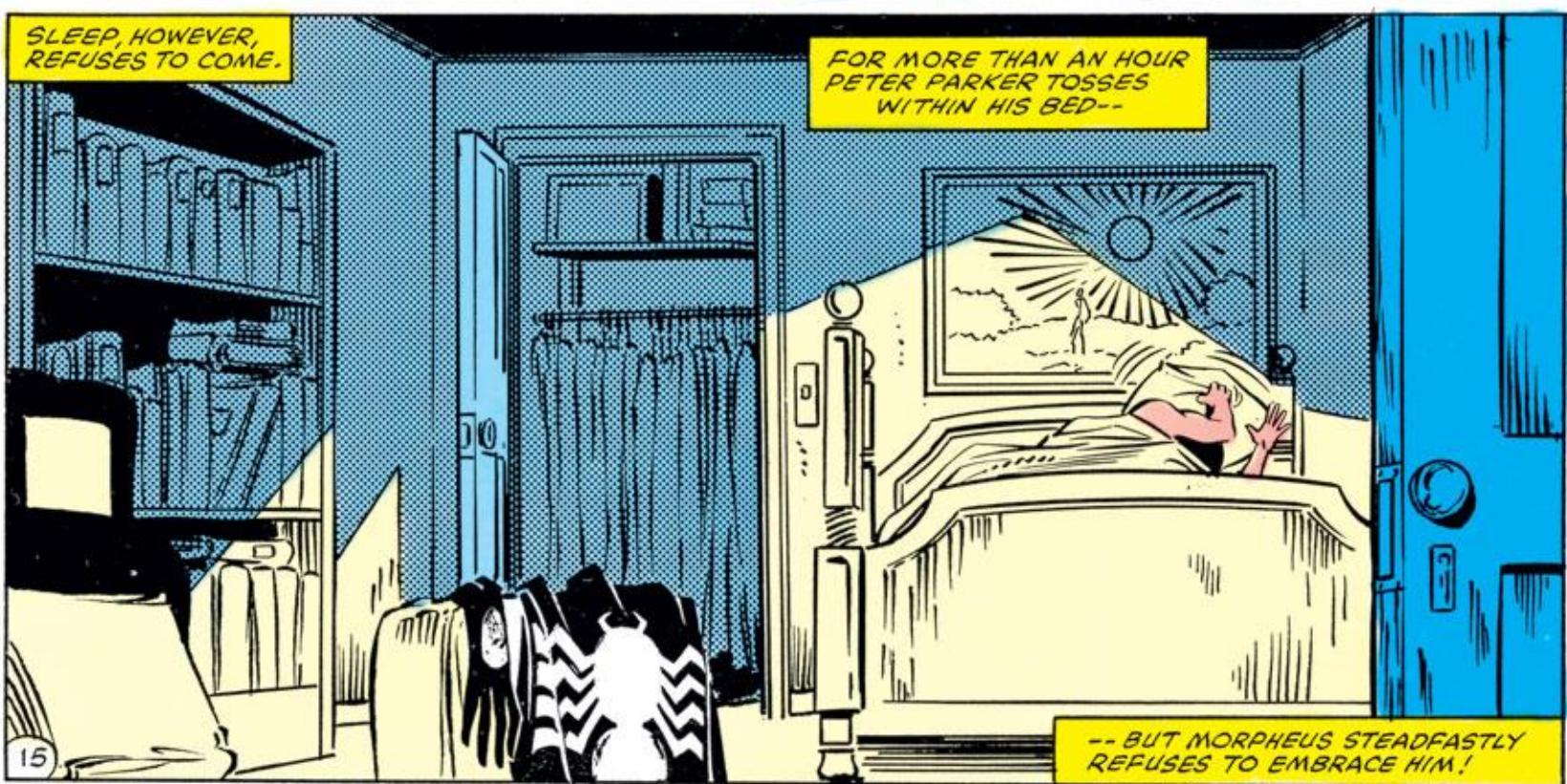


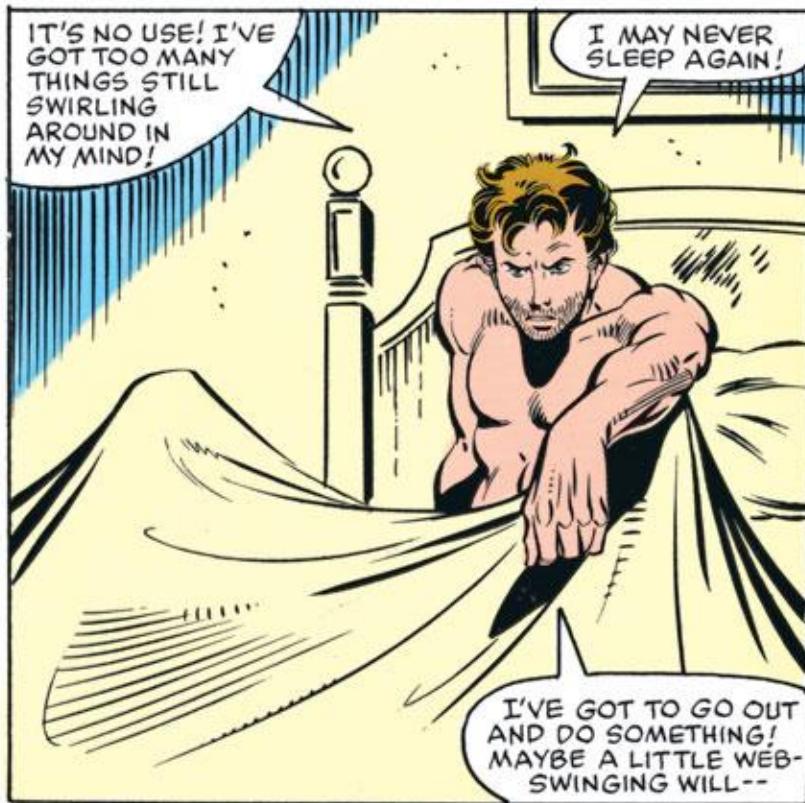






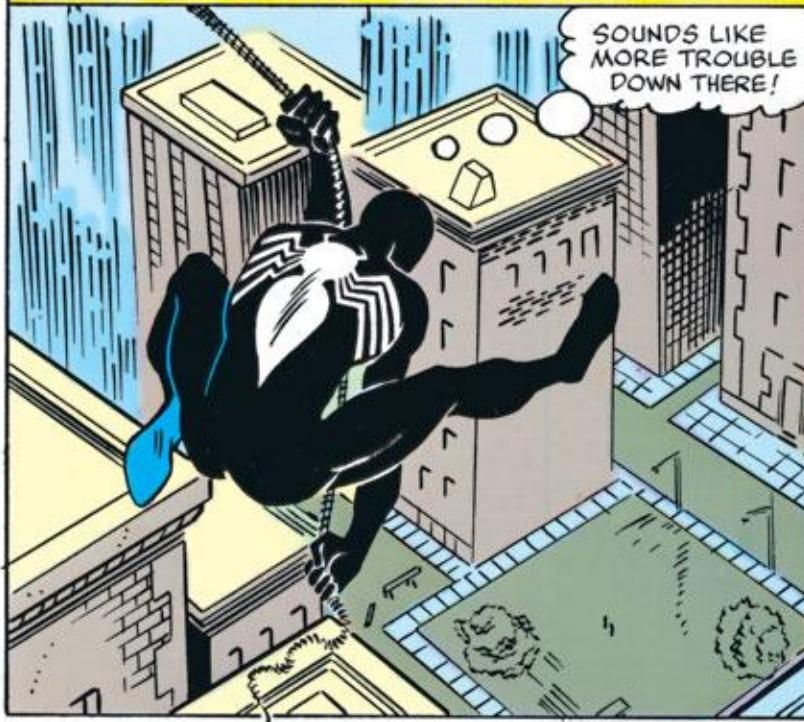








BUT SOON, WHILE SWINGING HIGH OVER A VACANT LOT, SPIDER-MAN'S JUBILATION IS SUDDENLY SHATTERED BY THE HARSH SHOUTS OF ANGRY VOICES...





SOON, HIGH ATOP A NEARBY SKYSCRAPER...

WHY'D YOU  
BRING US  
UP HERE?

I WANTED YOU TO GET A REAL BIRD'S-EYE-VIEW OF THIS CITY... YOUR CITY!

FEEL THAT COLD NIGHT AIR!  
DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU GLAD  
YOU'RE ALIVE?

NOT YET,  
JUSTIN! I'M REALLY  
GETTING OFF ON  
THE VIEW!

S-SURE, IF  
YOU SAY SO.

C-CAN  
WE GO  
HOME  
NOW?

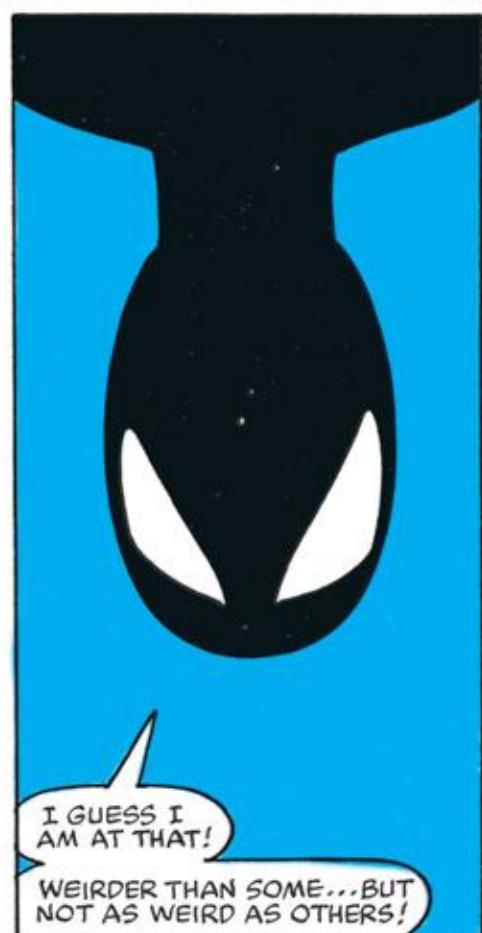
GOOD! I'M NOT  
MUCH OF A SPEECH-  
MAKER... SO I FIGURED  
I'D LET THE CITY SPEAK  
FOR ITSELF...

"HEY, I REALIZE THIS CITY ISN'T  
PERFECT! IT HAS MORE THAN  
ITS SHARE OF ROUGH EDGES...

"BUT THERE'S A LOT  
OF REAL BEAUTY  
DOWN THERE, TOO...

"THIS CITY IS LIKE  
ANY LIVING CREATURE!  
IT HAS THE POTENTIAL  
FOR INCREDIBLE GOOD  
...OR HORRIBLE EVIL!

"IT'S A PART OF YOU KIDS,  
WHETHER YOU REALIZE IT  
OR NOT! YOU'LL ALWAYS  
CARRY IT WITH YOU--





--YOUR  
FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
SPIDER-  
MAN!

EDITOR'S NOTE: YOU GUessed IT, TRUE BELIEVER!  
THIS IS JUST OUR SNEAKY WAY OF GIVING YOU  
A BONUS PIN-UP OF THE WEB-HEAD IN HIS NIFTY,  
NEW COSTUME! HOPE YOU LIKE IT --  
DANNY!

NEXT ISSUE! SPIDER-MAN FACES THE THREAT OF A DARING, NEW VILLAIN! PLUS-- AUNT MAY FINALLY LEARNS THAT PETER HAS DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE! DON'T MISS...

# BY MYSELF BETRAYED!!