

**THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!**

READ

# "IN THE CLUTCHES OF... **THE KINGPIN!**"





BUT, KNOWING HOW YOU WORRY ABOUT SPIDEY IN MOMENTS LIKE THIS, LET'S BREAK THE TENSION FOR A FEW SECONDS AS WE SWITCH OUR SCENE TO THE DOORWAY OF THE SILVER SPOON, WHERE AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR IS JUST ENTERING ...

FLASH!! YOU'RE BACK!

HEY! HOW ABOUT THAT?

UH CIVILIANS!



AND, IN ANOTHER SECTION OF TOWN, A SILENT, SHADOWY  
FIGURE GRIMLY SCALES THE SHEER, STEEP WALL OF THE  
DAILY BUGLE BUILDING . . .

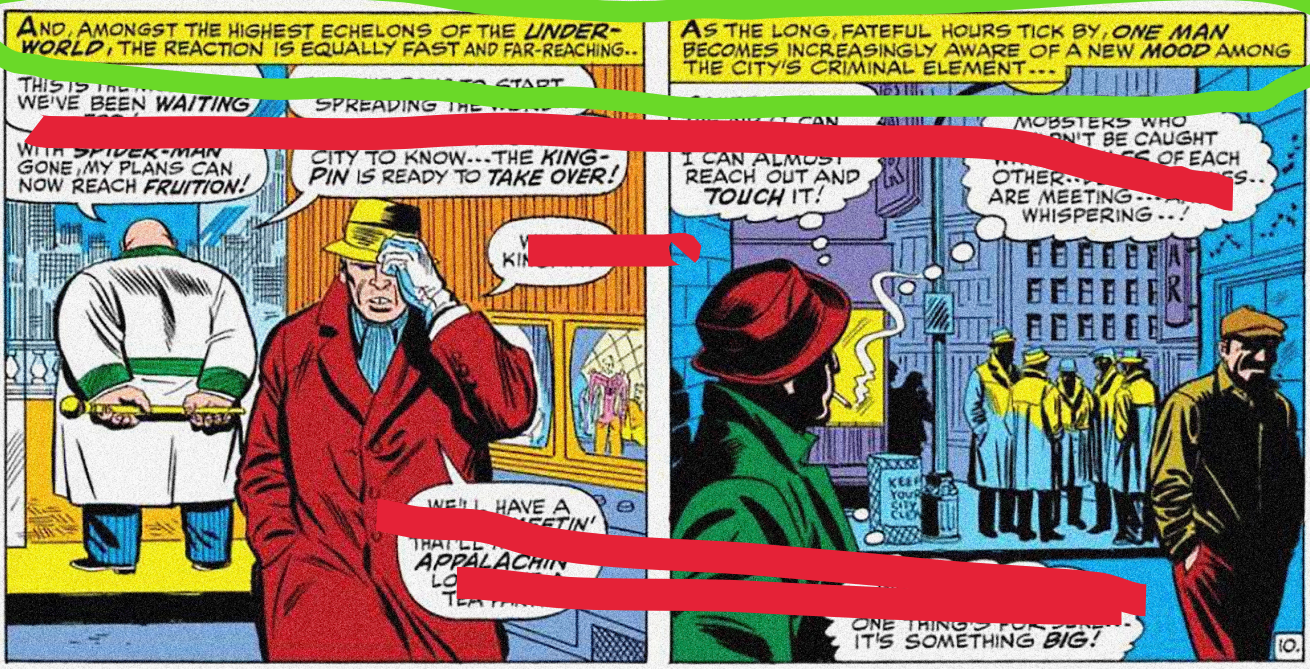
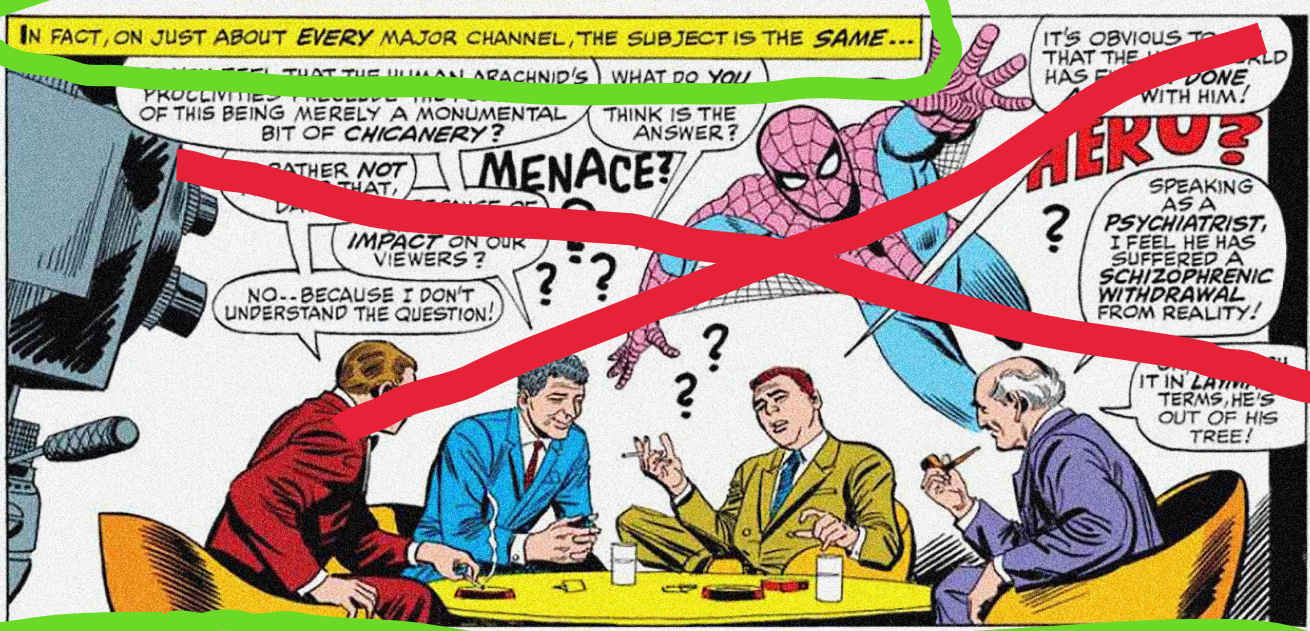




LIKE A MAN IN A TRANCE, THE HEARTSICK YOUTH LEAVES HIS APARTMENT, TRUDGING LISTLESSLY THROUGH THE NIGHT... HIS THOUGHTS AS DARK AND STORMY AS THE SKIES ABOVE HIM...

IN ORDER TO  
CATCH UP WITH GRANNING







AND, AS THE THOUGHTFUL STOOLIE SLOWLY  
FADES INTO THE DEEPENING SHADOWS...



WHILE, IN A SMALL FURNISHED APART-  
MENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...

WE HAD TO SPIDER-MAN  
A C  
URE OUT / THE UN  
WHAT  
ON!

BUT NOW, IT'S  
DIFFERENT!

WITH THE  
SLINGER  
AC  
TO POOL  
THEIR FORCES...

Judging by the ones I've seen,  
it's the most powerful  
army I've ever seen!

AND, SINCE SOMEBODY  
TO LEAD THEM...  
BE... THE MAN... PATCH...



THE NEXT MORNING... H... FOSWELL  
AS FOSWELL... I WANTED  
YOU... HOW  
YOU...?

REPORTER... BUT, IF I  
COULD BECOME THE  
KING...  
ONCE AGAIN... I'VE GONE  
STRAIGHT  
FOR ME!  
THAT'S NEVER  
DIRECT!  
S... JAMES!





BUT ALAS, THERE'S NOT MUCH  
SLUMBER IN SPIDEY'S FUTURE...  
AND YOU'LL KNOW THE REASON WHY  
AS SOON AS WE TELL YOU THAT OUR  
NEXT BOMBSHELL ISSUE FEATURES  
THE INCREDIBLE VILLAINY OF...

# DOCTOR OCTOPUS

-NUFF  
SAID?

THIS MEANS  
THE TIME HAS  
COME TO  
PROCEED  
WITH MY  
**MASTER  
PLAN?**

INSTEAD OF **MANY** RIVAL GANGS OPERATING  
HAPHAZARDLY THROUGHOUT THE CITY...

INSTEAD OF COUNTLESS CROOKS ACTING  
**ALONE**... WITHOUT A **CHANCE** AGAINST  
THE POLICE ...

THE UNDERWORLD WILL NOW  
BE RUN LIKE A **BUSINESS**..  
AND THE **CHAIRMAN**  
OF THE **BOARD** WILL  
BE..THE **KINGPIN!**







ALL WE DARE! TELL YA GOOD-BYE... / TURK: NOBODY CAN  
FINISHED!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR  
CONCERN!

WE'RE MERELY  
FACED WITH A  
LITTLE  
DISCIPLINARY  
PROBLEM--AND  
I'LL HANDLE IT IN  
MY OWN FOOL-  
PROOF WAY!

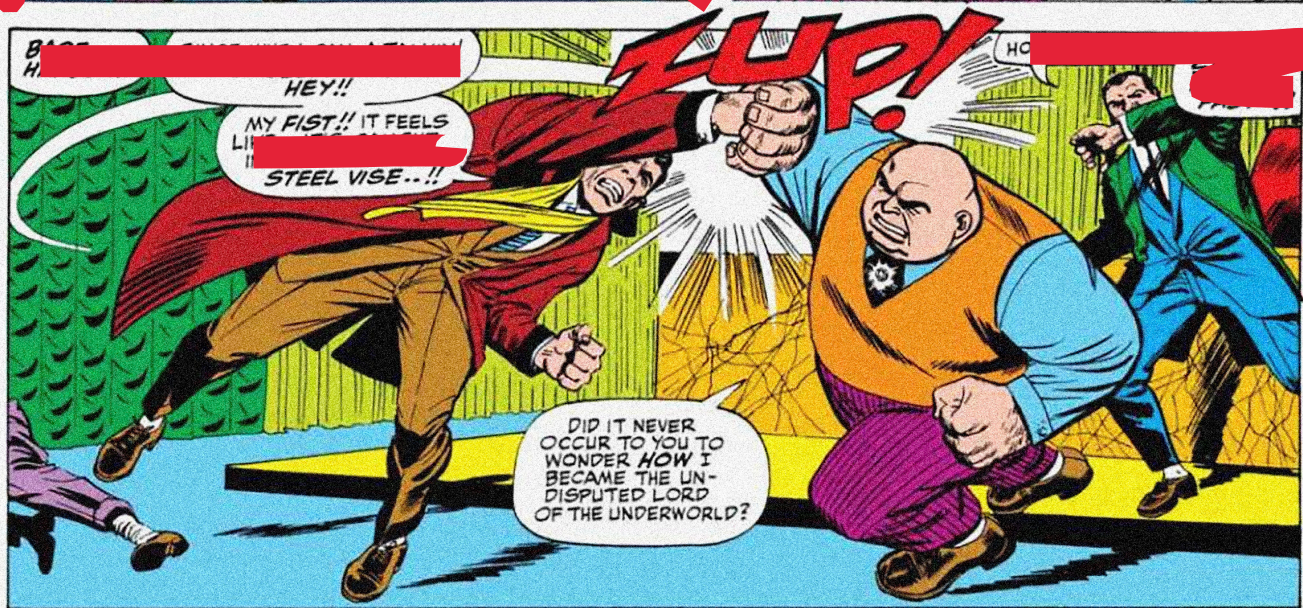
I'M NOT IN ANY  
DANGER AT ALL!

SEE IF THE  
KINGPIN IS AS  
CLAIMS  
HE IS!

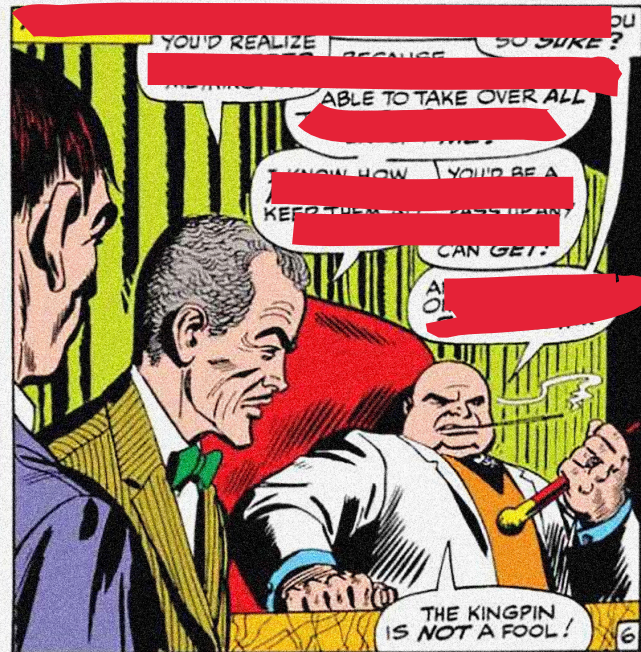
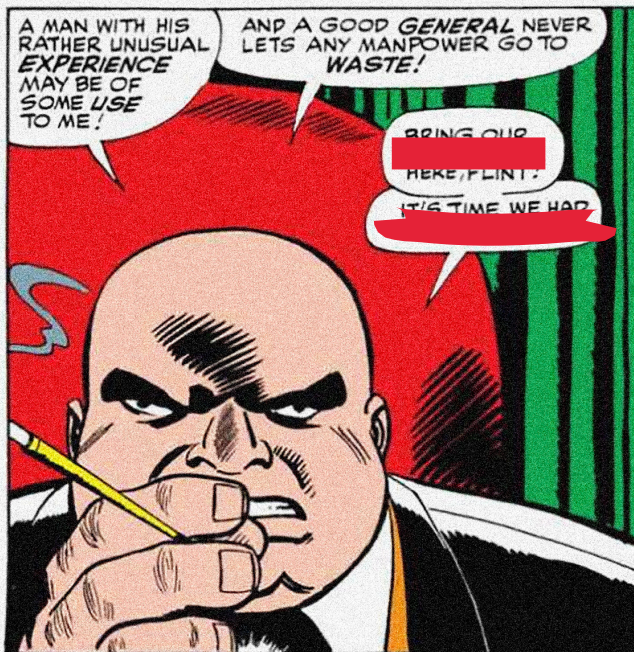
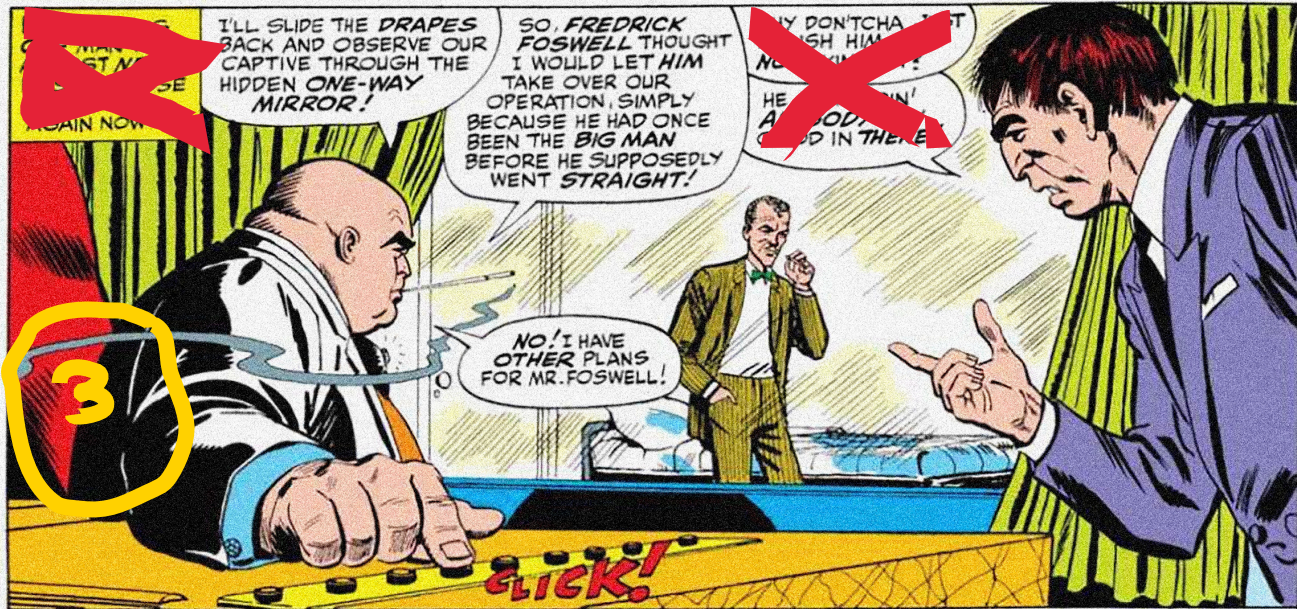
HOLD IT  
MAKE ANOTHER

YOU GENTLEMEN  
ARE ABOUT TO LEARN  
A LESSON YOU'LL  
NEVER FORGET..!











MURDER?! YOU DARE ACCUSE THE KINGPIN OF ANYTHING AS CRASS AS THAT!

I HAVE MERELY TAKEN STEPS TO *ELIMINATE* TWO PERSONS WHO WERE POTENTIAL *THREATS* TO ME! *NOTHING MORE!*

IT EASY!

BUT NOW... I FEEL THERE IS STILL *ANOTHER* THREAT IN THE OFFING..!

AND THAT THREAT IS *YOU!!*

YOU ARE EITHER TOO *CHICKEN-HEARTED* TO BE OF ANY USE TO ME... OR ELSE, YOU'RE AN *UNDERCOVER AGENT!!*

I DON'T KNOW *WHICH* YOU ARE ... BUT IT NO LONGER *MATTERS!*

*EITHER* WAY.. I CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO TOLERATE YOUR *PRESENCE!*

~~I WANT TO  
KILL YOU!!~~