

SPIDER-MAN TACKLES THE TORCH!



A SPIDER-MAN
SURPRISE EXTRA!

THIS IS WHERE DORIS EVANS, THE TORCH'S GIRL FRIEND, LIVES! WHILE I'M IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, I'LL PAY HER A VISIT AND SHOW HER WHAT SHE'S MISSING BY NOT DATING SPIDER-MAN!

WELL, HIT MY HEAD AND CALL ME SHORTY! LOOKS LIKE I'M JUST IN TIME FOR A PARTY!

JOHNNY STORM! YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOU HAD A NEW STING-RAY! IT'S GORGEOUS!

LOOK! THERE'S THE HUMAN TORCH! HI, JOHNNY... WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

TRAVELIN' IN STYLE THESE DAYS, EH, TORCH?

WELL, IT'S NO FANTASTI-CAR, BUT IT TAKES ME WHERE I'M GOIN'!

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INKED BY:
STEVE DITKO
LETTERED BY:
S. ROSEN

LAST WEEK HE WAS DRIVING AN XK JAG! AND NOW THIS! OH, IF ONLY DORIS HADN'T FOUND HIM FIRST!



A FEW MINUTES LATER ...

HMMPH! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THAT FLAMING PHONY TO START SHOWING OFF!



WELL, NOW I'LL SHOW THEM WHAT SPIDER-MAN CAN DO!

I'LL JUST WEAVE A LITTLE WEB-BAT OUT HERE! IT'LL KEEP THE PARTY FROM GETTING DULL!



WHILE INSIDE, THE TORCH USES HIS INFRA-RED GLOWING POWER TO DAZZLE HIS TEEN-AGE FRIENDS!

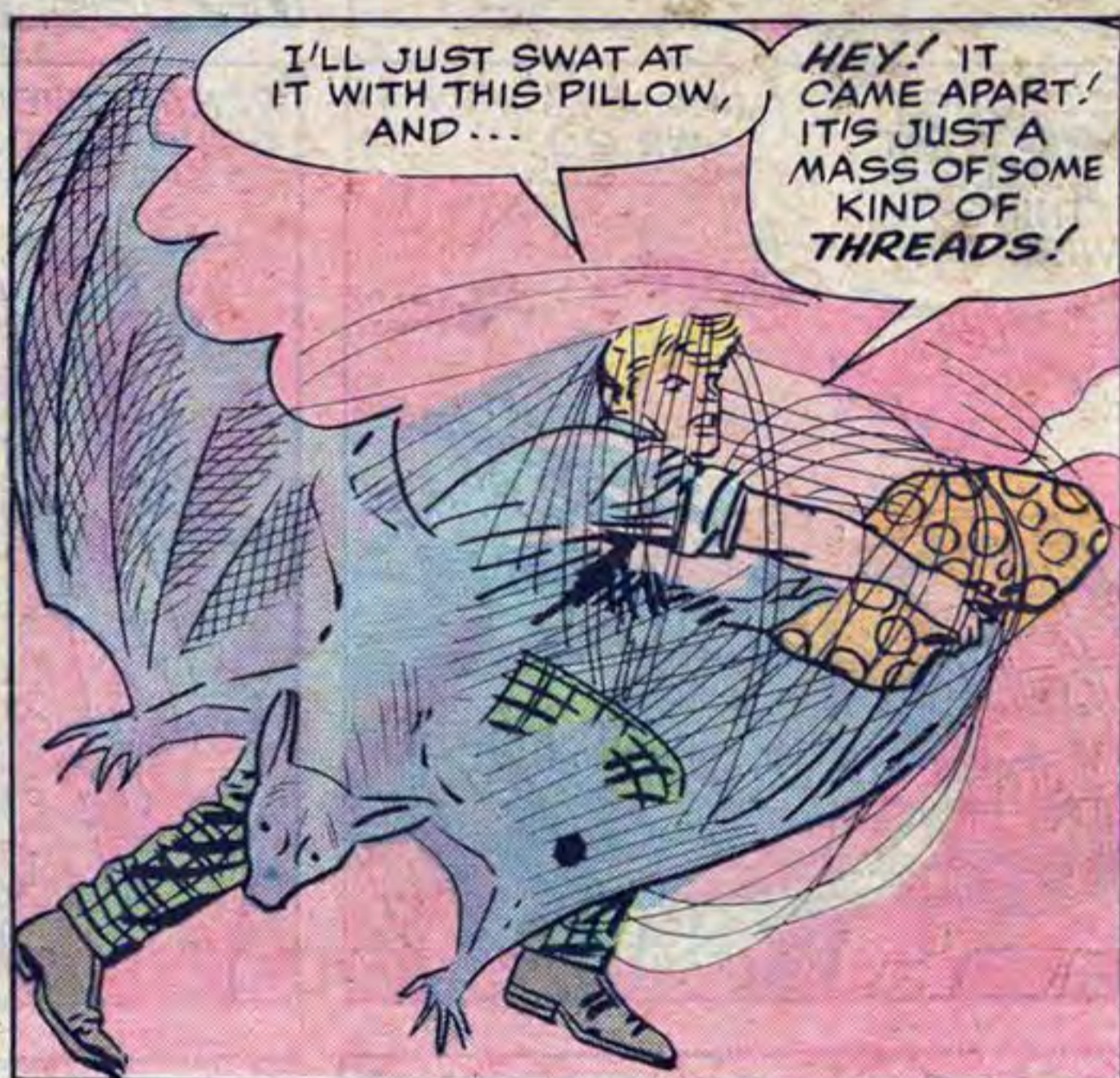
HERE, SALLY! I'LL PUT AN INFRA-RED SPOTLIGHT ON YOU WHILE YOU DANCE!

MMM! WAIT, TILL ACTORS' UNION HEARS ABOUT YOU, JOHNNY!



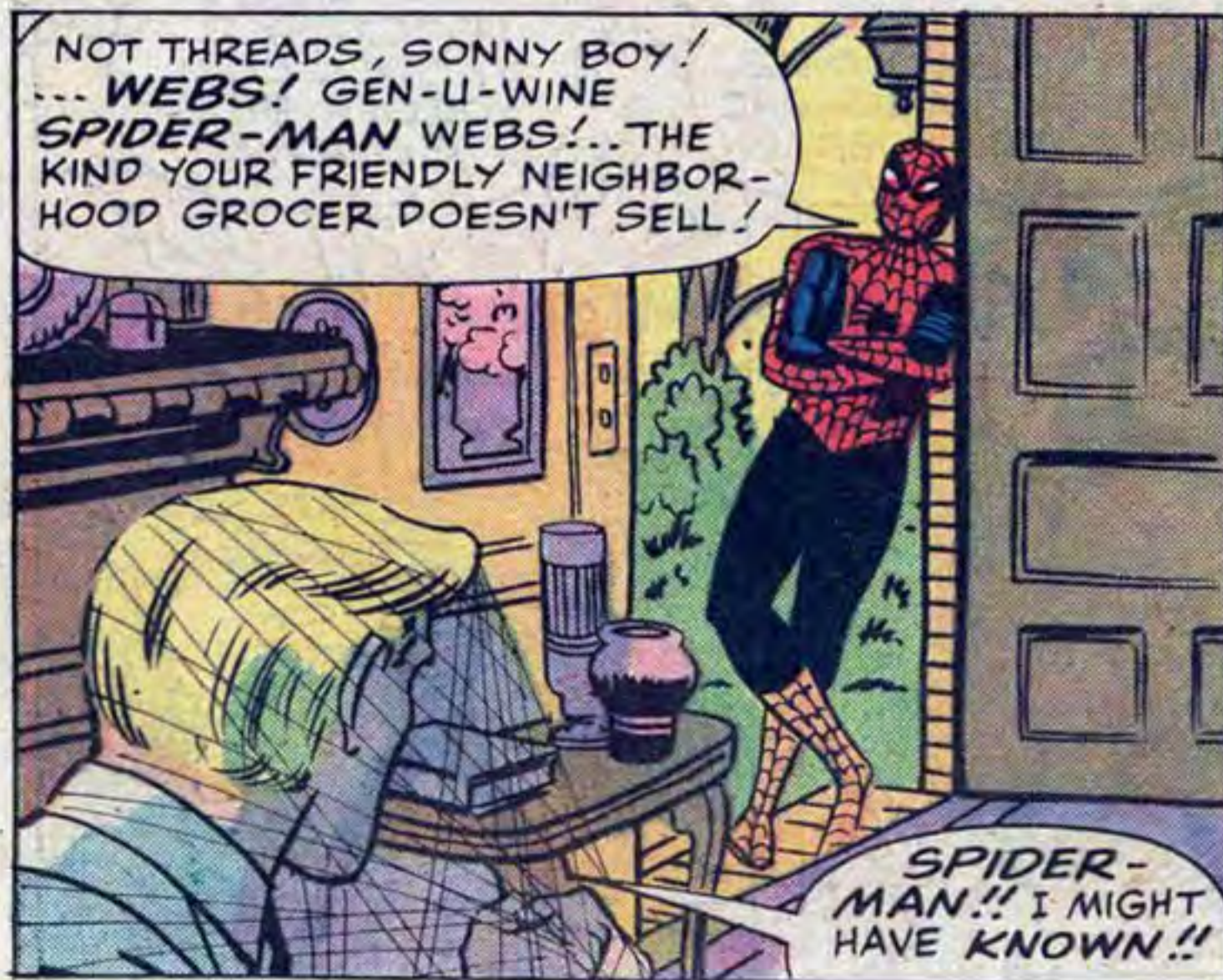
EEEK! A BAT! OHH! GET IT AWAY! IT'S SO DREADFUL-LOOKING!

HOLD IT, KIDS! THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT IT! IT ISN'T REAL!



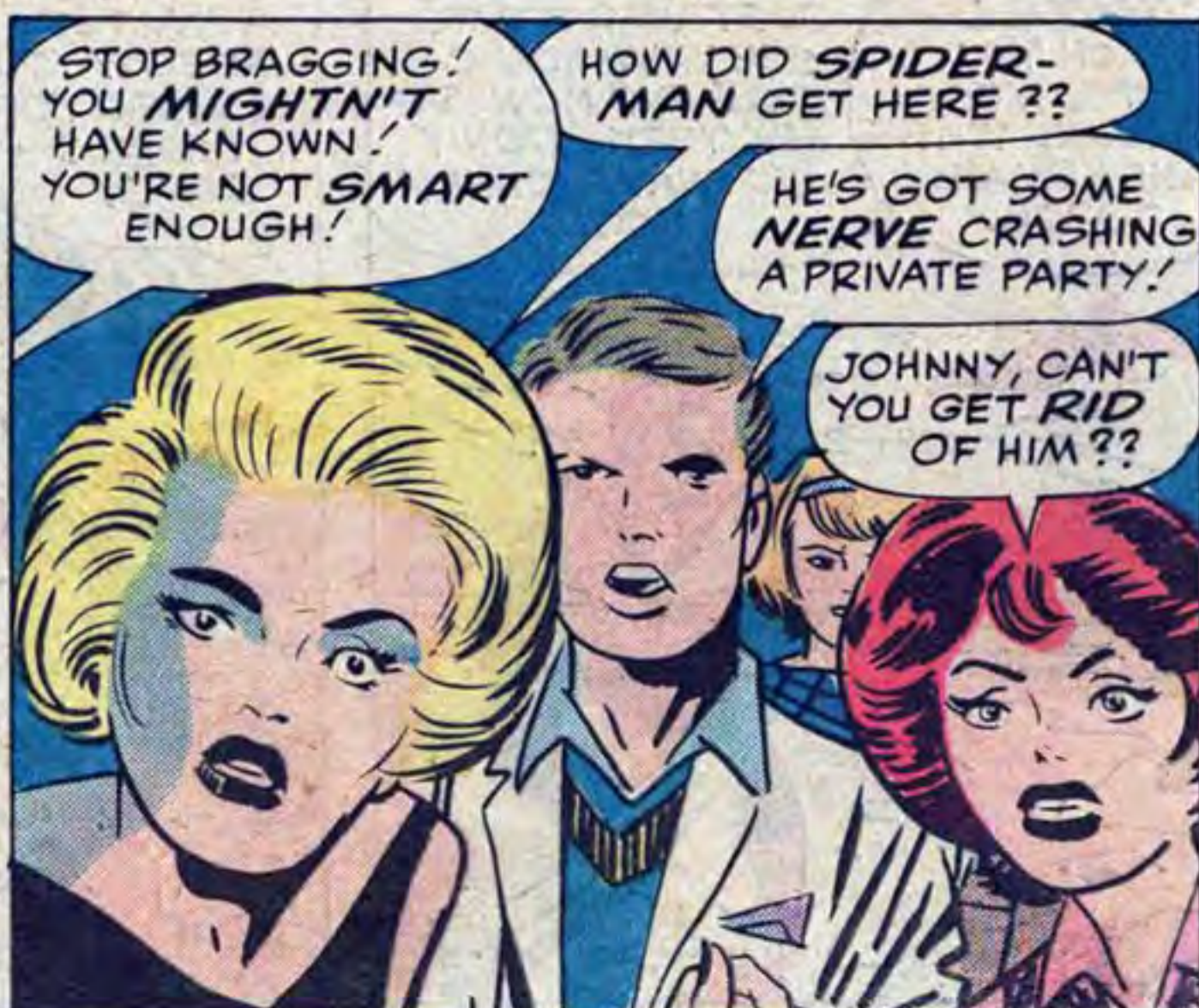
I'LL JUST SWAT AT IT WITH THIS PILLOW, AND ...

HEY! IT CAME APART! IT'S JUST A MASS OF SOME KIND OF THREADS!



NOT THREADS, SONNY BOY! ... WEBS! GEN-U-WINE SPIDER-MAN WEBS! ... THE KIND YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD GROCER DOESN'T SELL!

SPIDER-MAN!! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!!



STOP BRAGGING! YOU MIGHTN'T HAVE KNOWN! YOU'RE NOT SMART ENOUGH!

HOW DID SPIDER-MAN GET HERE??

HE'S GOT SOME NERVE CRASHING A PRIVATE PARTY!

JOHNNY, CAN'T YOU GET RID OF HIM??



THAT WAS VERY UNFRIENDLY OF YOU, LITTLE MAN! ALSO VERY **UNWISE!** BECAUSE NOW I'M **REALLY MAD!**

I GUESS THAT'S MY CUE TO FALL TO MY KNEES AND BEG FOR MERCY WITH TEARS IN MY EYES, EH? WELL, YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG CHARACTER **THIS TIME!** SO HOW ABOUT GIVING UP **NOW,** WHILE YOU CAN?



BUT, DRYING OFF WITHIN SECONDS, DUE TO THE INNER HEAT GENERATED BY HIS INTENSE ANGER, THE TORCH TRIES **ANOTHER MANEUVER!**

HERE'S A LITTLE STUNT YOU HADN'T COUNTED ON, MEAT-HEAD!

I CAN FOCUS MY FLAME ON A SMALL PLOT OF GROUND, MAKING IT **ERUPT...** LIKE THIS!



WATCH IT, FELLA! A THING LIKE THIS CAN GIVE A GUY A **HEADACHE!**

VER-RY FUNNY! NOW LET'S SEE HOW THESE **FLAMIN' BUZZ-SAWS** AMUSE YOU!

I'LL MAKE YOU WISH YOU'D NEVER **HEARD** OF THE HUMAN TORCH BY THE TIME I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!



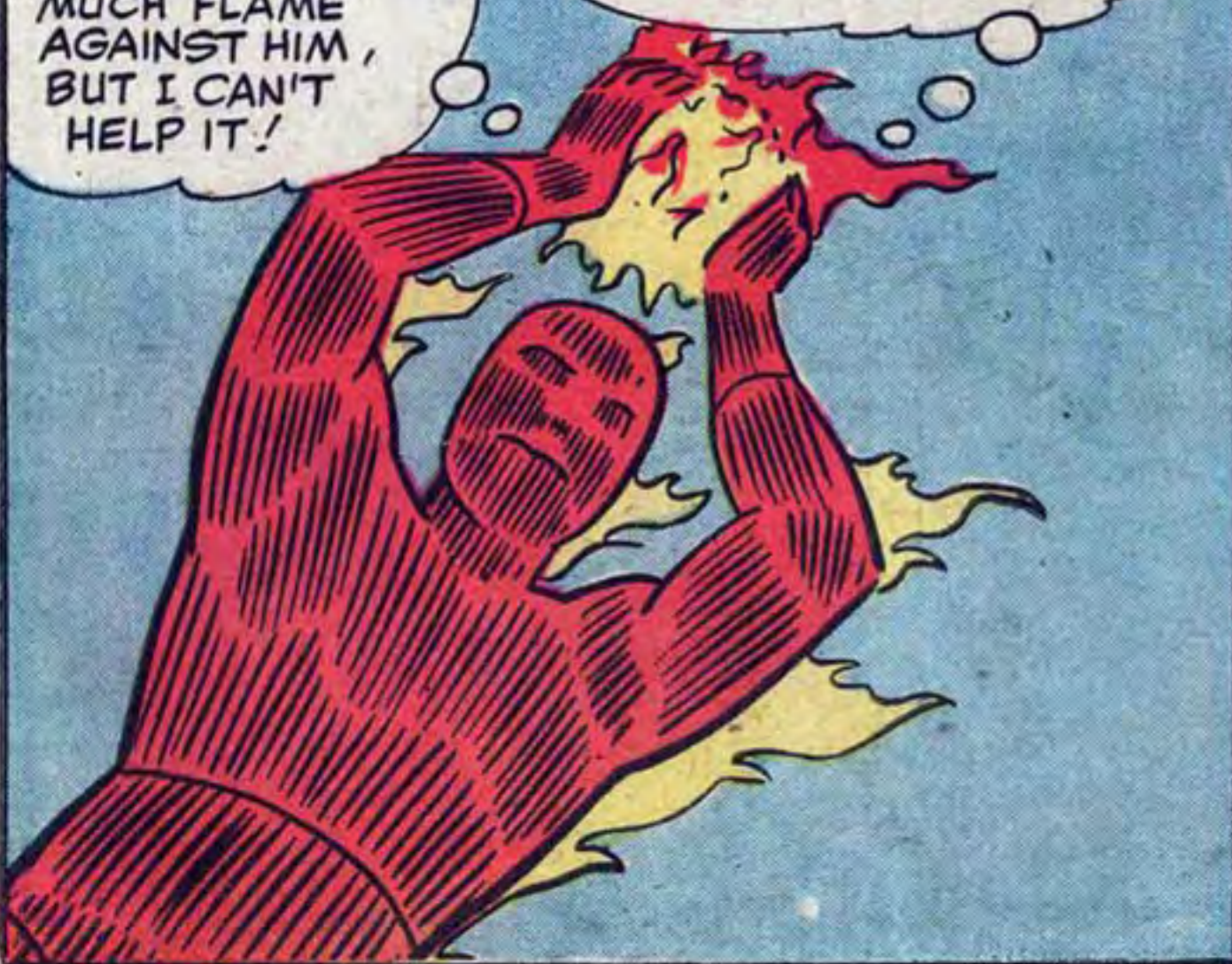
I NOTICE YOU'RE NOT MAKIN' WITH THE WISE-CRACKS **NOW,** BIG MAN!



THOSE THINGS ARE COMING TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT... BUT I'M NOT GONNA TELL **HIM** THAT! MAYBE I SHOULD JUST QUIT WHEN I WAS AHEAD!

MAYBE IT'S NOT **FAIR** TO USE SO MUCH FLAME AGAINST HIM, BUT I CAN'T HELP IT!

THAT GUY REALLY GETS UNDER MY SKIN!



COME BACK, SLIPPERY SAM! I'M NOT **THROUGH** WITH YOU YET! HERE, THIS FIREBALL WILL SPREAD INTO A NET, TRAPPING YOU TILL YOU SAY "UNCLE"!



But with his super-human agility, Spider-Man easily darts through the spaces in the torch's flame net...



WHEW! I GUESS I'D BETTER JUST CALL IT A DRAW AND CUT OUT OF HERE! I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT HUMAN MATCH-STICK TO GET SO ANGRY!!

Suddenly, before Spider-Man can regain his feet, he sees...



CAN I GIVE YOU A HAND, SON?

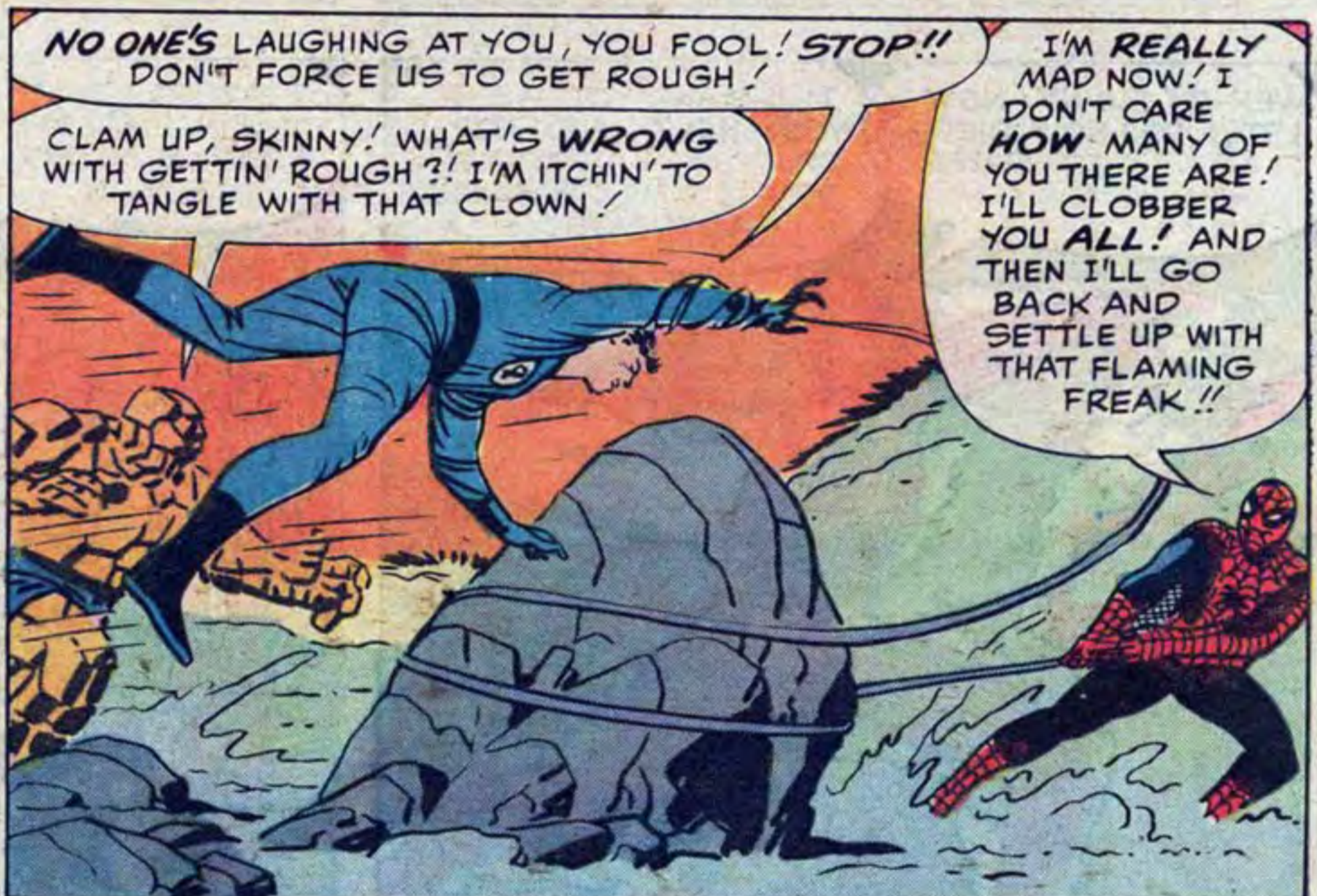
OL' TORCHY AIN'T AS EASY TO HANDLE AS YA THOUGHT, HUH?

MISTER FANTASTIC!! INVISIBLE GIRL!! AND THE MUSCLE-BOUND THING!!



WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? KNOCK IT OFF, BOY!

THINK I'M GONNA LET YOU SIT THERE AND LAUGH AT ME?? WELL, YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THINK COMING... ALL OF YOU!



NO ONE'S LAUGHING AT YOU, YOU FOOL! STOP!! DON'T FORCE US TO GET ROUGH!

CLAM UP, SKINNY! WHAT'S WRONG WITH GETTIN' ROUGH?! I'M ITCHIN' TO TANGLE WITH THAT CLOWN!

I'M REALLY MAD NOW! I DON'T CARE HOW MANY OF YOU THERE ARE! I'LL CLOBBER YOU ALL! AND THEN I'LL GO BACK AND SETTLE UP WITH THAT FLAMING FREAK!!



STAND BACK, BOYS AND GIRLS! OL' BENJAMIN J. GRIMM IS GONNA KNOCK A LITTLE SENSE INTO THAT CREEP'S FAT HEAD!



FOR THE LUVVA PETE! WHERE'D HE GO?

I'LL GIVE YOU THREE GUESSES, GARGOYLE!



WELL, AIN'T YOU THE LITTLE FUN BOY!! I HOPE YOUR INSURANCE IS ALL PAID UP, BRIGHT EYES!

YOUR CONCERN FOR MY WELFARE TOUCHES ME DEEPLY, HANDSOME! WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE SALVATION ARMY?



PHOOEY!
EVERYBODY'S A
COMEDIAN
NOWADAYS!!

NOT
EVERY-
BODY!
YOU'RE
A BORE,
THING!



AND NOW, I'LL MAKE
A PAIR OF WINGS OUT
OF MY WEB FLUID, AND
CRASH-DIVE DOWN AND
PULVERIZE
YOU!



KNOW SOMETHIN', FATHEAD?? I
WAS HOPIN' YOU'D TRY THAT!!

EASY,
BEN! HE'S
ONLY A
LAD!

YEAH? WELL,
THIS "LAD" IS
GONNA
DEMOLISH THAT
BIG APE!



BUT, BEFORE SPIDER-MAN AND THE THING CAN
TANGLE ...

HEY!! LEGGO!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON
HERE??

NICE
WORK,
SUE!

THIS NONSENSE
HAS GONE FAR
ENOUGH! NOW
YOU JUST
STOP IT!!



YOU'RE ENTIRELY TOO CLEVER,
AND ADORABLE, TO BE FIGHTING
WITH US! I'LL BET YOU'RE AS
HANDSOME AS YOU ARE MUSCU-
LAR UNDER THAT MASK!

AW, OUT
IT OUT, SUE!
I JUST
ATE!



NOW, WHY DON'T YOU BOYS JUST
SHAKE HANDS LIKE GENTLEMEN
AND BURY THE HATCHET!?

I'D LIKE TO BURY
IT, ALL RIGHT... AND
I'LL GIVE YOU THREE
GUESSES
WHERE!

WELL,
WELL,
LOOK
WHO
JUST MADE
A FUNNY!



GO ON BACK
TO YOUR DULL
PARTY, TORCH!
I WOULDN'T
JOIN YA ON A
BET!

IT'S A GOOD
THING YOU'VE
GOT MR.
FANTASTIC
AND THE THING
TO WET-NURSE
YOU! AND AS
FOR YOUR
SISTER
SUE...



...SHE'S THE ONLY GOOD
THING ABOUT THE OVER-RATED
FANTASTIC FOUR !!

FOR GOODNESS SAKE! LOOK
WHAT HE LEFT! HE SPUN IT OUT
OF HIS WEB FLUID... FOR
ME!

THERE YOU HAVE IT--ONE OF THE
HANDFUL OF TITANIC-TEAM-UPS
OF KIRBY AND DITKO-- OF
SPIDEY AND THE F.F.-- OF
STAN AND SAMMY ROSEN!
EXCELSIOR!