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Time
to Die!

...said the
Goblin
to the
Spider!



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The daughter of the original Spider-Man. May "Mayday" Parker has inherited her father's amazing powers. Possessing the proportionate strength, speed, and agility of a spider, as well as the ability to cling to walls, she now follows in his web-lines!
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YOUR NAME IS MAY "MAYDAY" PARKER AND YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER OF THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN.

THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS!

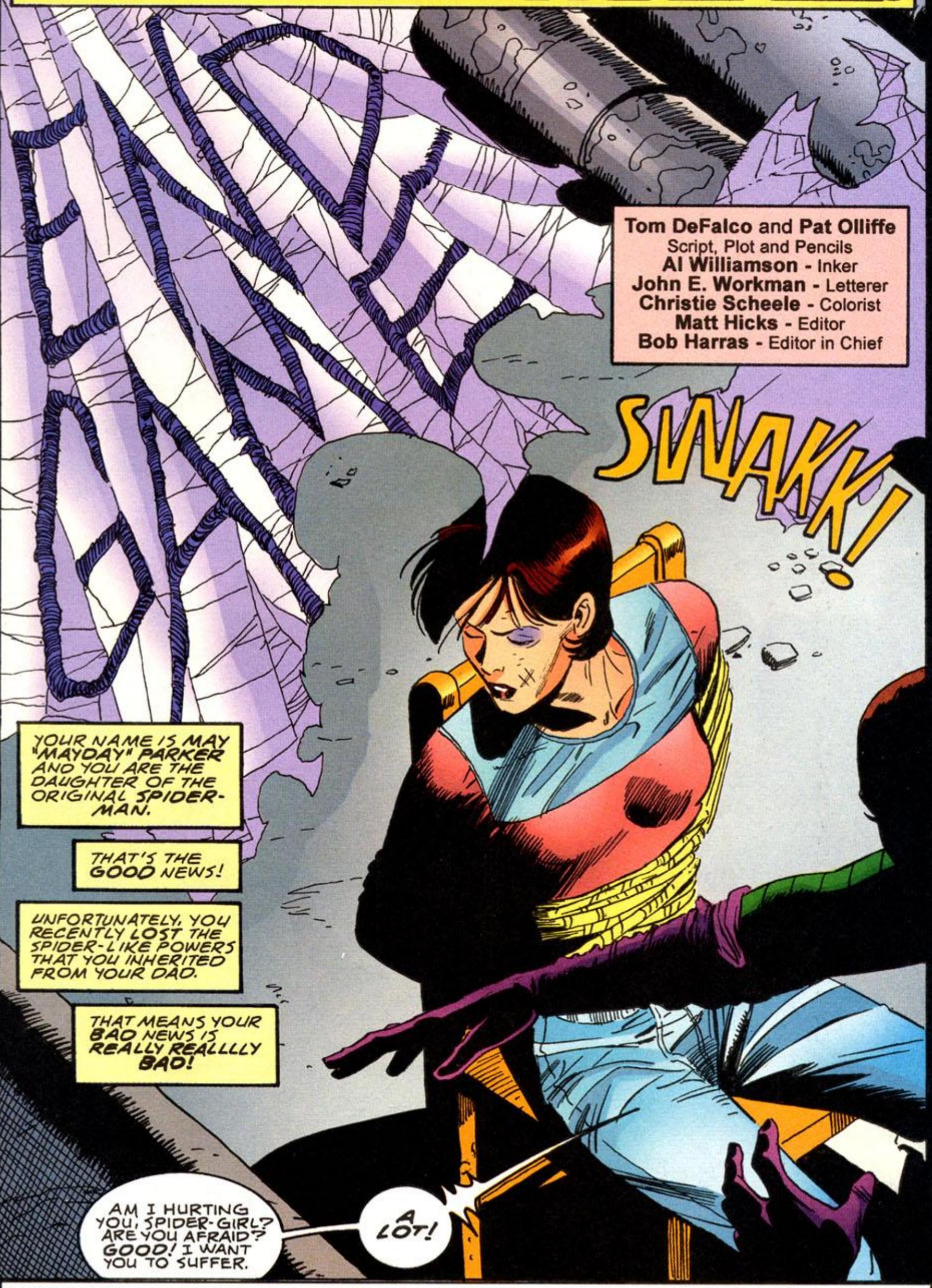
UNFORTUNATELY, YOU RECENTLY LOST THE SPIDER-LIKE POWERS THAT YOU INHERITED FROM YOUR DAD.

THAT MEANS YOUR BAD NEWS IS REALLY REALLLY BAD!

AM I HURTING YOU, SPIDER-GIRL? ARE YOU AFRAID? GOOD! I WANT YOU TO SUFFER.

A LOT!

SWAKK!



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THIS IS A
MOMENTOUS
OCCASION,
MY DEAR.

WE'RE
ABOUT TO
ACHIEVE
SOMETHING
OUR PARENTS
NEVER
COULD.

WE'RE FINALLY
GOING TO END THE
WAR BETWEEN THE
PARKERS AND THE
OSBURNS.

THERE IS
NO WAR,
NORMIE.

THERE
NEVER
WAS.

CAN YOU REALLY
BE SO NAIVE, MAY--
OR ARE YOU MERELY
LIVING IN DENIAL?!

OUR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN
AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS
EVER SINCE YOUR FATHER
FIRST CHALLENGED MY
GRANDFATHER--

--AND
SPIDER-MAN
BATTLED
THE GREEN
GOBLIN!

THAT WAS
BETWEEN
THEM,
NORMIE.

IT
DOESN'T
CONCERN
US.

DOESN'T
IT?!?

IT CLAIMED THE LIVES
OF BOTH MY FATHER AND
GRANDFATHER--AS WELL
AS A HOST OF
INNOCENT VICTIMS!

THAT'S THE BEAUTY
OF TODAY! SINCE YOU
AND I ARE THE LAST
OF OUR LINES--

--THE
SPIDER-
GOBLIN
WAR
ENDS
AS SOON
AS ONE
OF US
DIES!

YOU USED TO
THINK THIS
GUY WAS
REASONABLY
HARMLESS--

--BUT HE'S A
PSYCHOPATHIC
NUT-JOB LIKE
THE REST OF
HIS FAMILY!

TOO BAD
YOU DIDN'T
TAKE HIM
A LOT MORE
SERIOUSLY--



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PETER! PETER! SLOW DOWN A MINUTE! I KNOW YOU'RE VERY UPSET RIGHT NOW--AND I DON'T BLAME YOU--BUT WE NEED TO TALK.

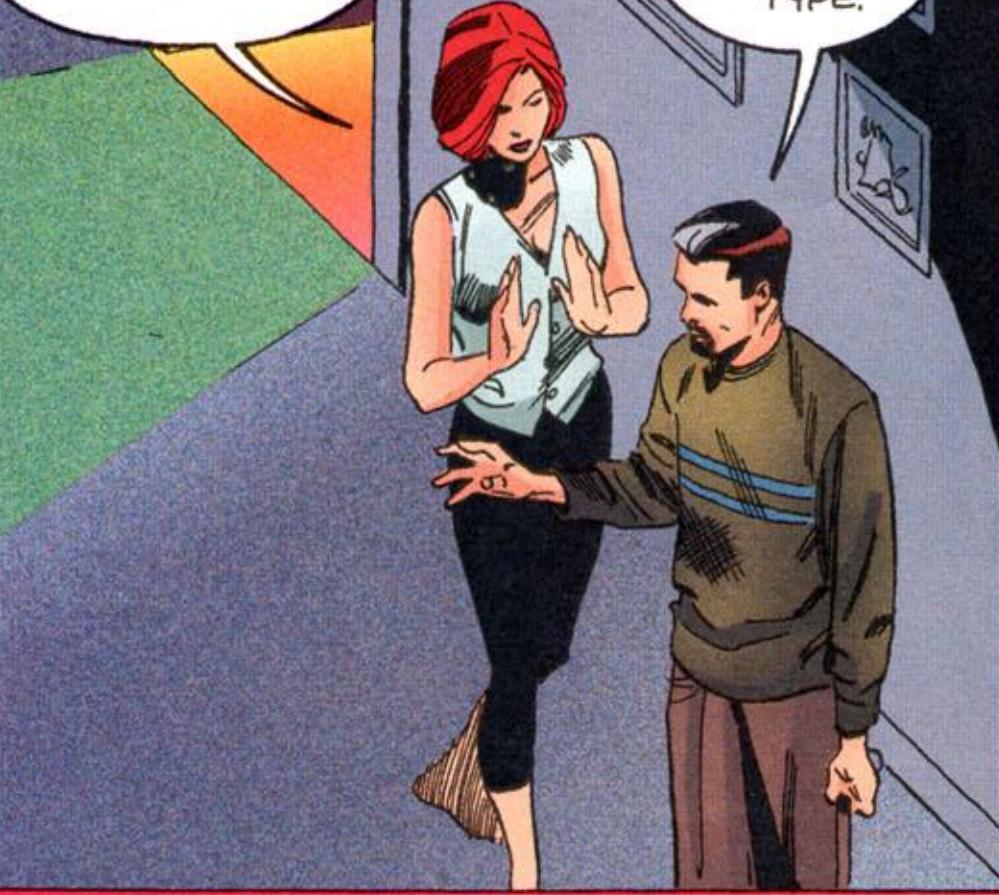
CONSIDERING HOW MISERABLY HE FAILED THE LAST TIME, DO YOU REALLY THINK NORMIE WILL TAKE ANOTHER RUN AT MAY?

IT'S THE OSBORN WAY, MARY JANE.

MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING IN THEIR GENES, BUT THEY ALWAYS REVERT TO TYPE.

CAN'T WE AT LEAST HOPE THAT HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON?

I...I REALLY WISH WE COULD...BUT THERE'S TOO MUCH OF HIS GRANDFATHER IN THAT BOY.



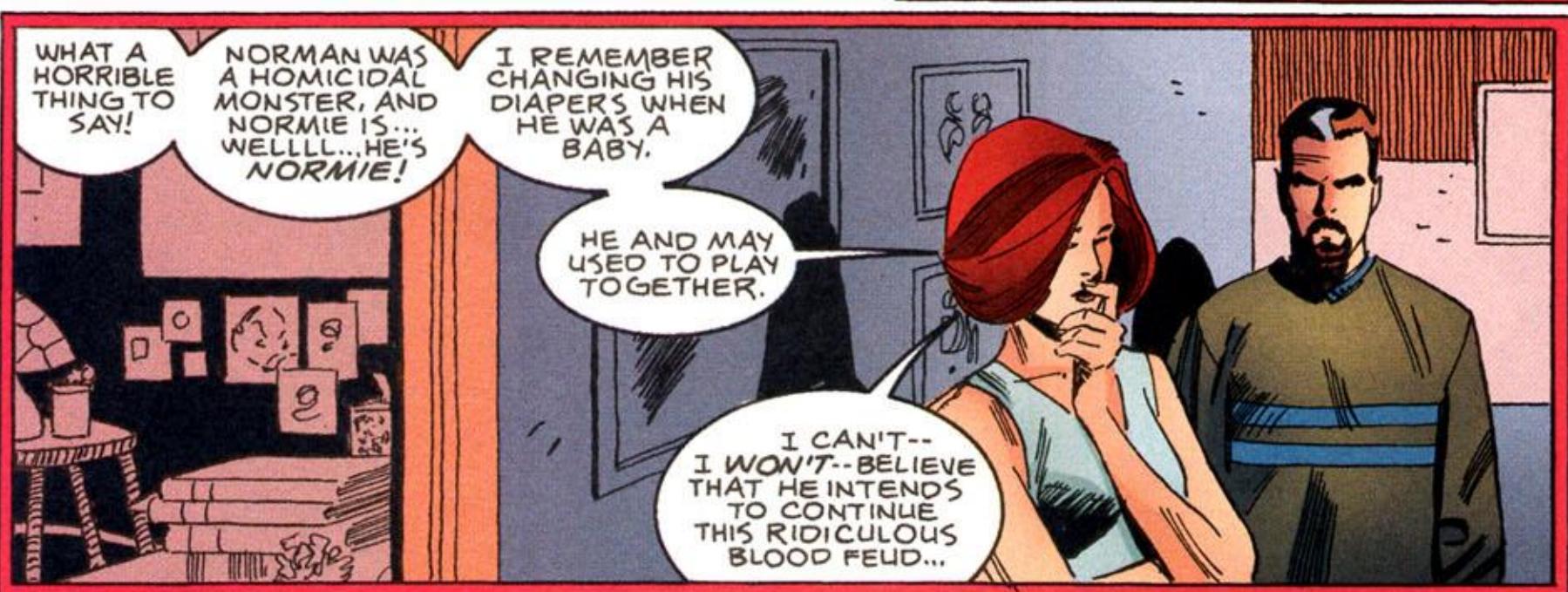
WHAT A HORRIBLE THING TO SAY!

NORMAN WAS A HOMICIDAL MONSTER, AND NORMIE IS... WELLLL...HE'S NORMIE!

I REMEMBER CHANGING HIS DIAPERS WHEN HE WAS A BABY.

HE AND MAY USED TO PLAY TOGETHER.

I CAN'T-- I WON'T--BELIEVE THAT HE INTENDS TO CONTINUE THIS RIDICULOUS BLOOD FEUD...



"... AND TRY TO MURDER OUR DAUGHTER!"



YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO DO THIS,
NORMIE.

THE PROBLEMS
BETWEEN YOUR
GRANDFATHER
AND MY DAD
HAVE NOTHING
TO DO WITH
US.

WE HAVE
NO REASON
TO FIGHT.

DON'T
YOU BELIEVE
IN DESTINY,
MY GIRL?

OF COURSE,
WE DO HAVE
A LITTLE
LEEWAY...

ACCORDING
TO ACCEPTED CUSTOM,
I'M SUPPOSED TO PUT YOU
IN SOME KIND OF ORNATE
DEATHTRAP, AND LEAVE YOU
UNATTENDED SO THAT YOU
HAVE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE.

BUT I'VE DECIDED TO
DISPENSE WITH THE USUAL
FORMALITIES AND--

--JUST GO
FOR THE
THROAT!

I WAS
BORN TO BE A
GOBLIN, JUST
LIKE YOU WERE
ALWAYS FATED TO
SWING ON WEBS.

WE HAVE
A SACRED
RESPONSIBILITY
TO CARRY
ON OUR FAMILY
TRADITIONS... AND
VENDETTAS.



I ASSUMED YOU'D BE DIFFICULT TO CAPTURE, BUT I JUST SNAGGED YOU ON YOUR WAY TO SCHOOL.

PITY!

I WAS ACTUALLY HOPING FOR MORE OF A CHALLENGE.

THINK ABOUT YOUR POOR MOTHER, NORMIE!

WHAT WOULD AUNT LIZZIE SAY IF SHE COULD SEE YOU NOW?

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO MENTION HER?

SHE NEVER UNDERSTOOD ABOUT ME... OR DAD... OR GRANDPA.

SHE DOESN'T MATTER!

SHE WASN'T A REAL OSBORN!

SHE SPENT HER LIFE TRYING TO PREVENT YOU FROM REPEATING THEIR MISTAKES.

SHE LOVED YOU, AND WANTED BETTER FOR YOU.

BESIDES, SHE'S DEAD NOW!

DEAD!

AND YOU'RE ABOUT TO JOIN HER!

SWAKK!

MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

IT'S OUT OF MY HANDS.

I'M NOT RISKING MY FRIENDSHIP WITH MOOSE FOR A DOG LIKE JJ.

BESIDES, THE GUY DESERVES A MAJOR POUNDING...

HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT?

HE'S A TWO-TIMING WEASEL! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM, MAYDAY WOULDN'T HAVE DUMPED ME--

--AND NOW HE'S PUTTING THE MOVES ON SOMEONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE HER FRIEND.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M HEARING, BRAD. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN JJ AND COURTNEY, BUT I DO KNOW THAT MAYDAY DIDN'T DUMP YOU.

YOU JUST TOOK HER FOR GRANTED UNTIL SHE STARTED DATING SOMEONE ELSE.

TH-THAT ISN'T TRUE!

OH, NO?!! LISTEN, MISTER, IF YOU STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR THE GIRL--

--CATCH A CLUE AND ACT ON THEM!

YOU KIDDING ME, DAVIDA?

DAVIDA?

YOU KIDDING ME, DAVIDA?

YOU KIDDING ME, DAVIDA?

DAVIDA?



WE'RE GETTING DOWN
TO THE WIRE, MAY.

IF YOU'RE COUNTING ON A LAST-MINUTE RUSH OF ADRENALINE TO HELP YOU BREAK THOSE BONDS, I SUGGEST YOU GET ON WITH IT.

IT'S ALMOST LUNCHTIME, AND I ALWAYS ENJOY A HEARTY MEAL AFTER A GOOD MURDER.

NICE LINE
--MENACING, BUT
WITH A DASH
OF HUMOR!
LUCKY FOR ME,
IT DOESN'T FIT YOUR
CHARACTER.
YOU'VE NEVER KILLED
ANYONE, NORMIE --
AND YOU DON'T WANT TO
START NOW.

YOU DON'T KNOW
ME AS WELL AS
YOU THINK YOU
DO.

MY
GRAND-
FATHER WAS
A SIMPLE,
HARDWORKING
BUSINESSMAN
WHO NEVER
HURT ANY-
ONE--

--UNTIL
SPIDER-MAN
DROVE HIM TO
THE BRINK OF
MADNESS!



GET
REAL,
NORMIE!
YOUR GRANDAD
WAS TRYING TO FORM A
CRIMINAL EMPIRE--
--AND THE
TROUBLE BETWEEN
OUR FAMILIES
STARTED WHEN
HE SENT MERCENARIES
AFTER MY FATHER.

DETAILS!
MINOR
DETAILS!
THE
FACT
REMAINS
THAT
THE WAR
GREW
AND GREW--
--UNTIL MY DAD
AND THE TWO OF US
BECAME INVOLVED.

IF WE
DON'T END IT HERE
AND NOW, IT COULD
EVENTUALLY INCLUDE
OUR CHILDREN, THEIR
CHILDREN, AND ALL THE
GENERATIONS TO COME--



ON SALE NEXT WEEK

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MARVEL
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FRANK MILLER**

Writer/penciler Frank Miller changed the way an entire generation looked at comic books. Importing film noir sensibilities into super hero slugfests, Miller populated the shadowy streets of Hell's Kitchen with femme fatales, perps, mobsters and assassins. Transforming Matt Murdock from a wise-cracking mystery man into a dark and driven angel of justice, Miller took readers on a midnight ride from pool halls to penthouses. Now Marvel begins a must-have, three-volume collection of his historic run on DAREDEVIL! He even drew a new cover for the collection!

Our line-wide crossover continues with all barrels blasting! No matter who your favorite hero is, the odds are you'll find them here, neck-deep in extraterrestrial invaders! It's like getting the entire Marvel Universe all in one book! The Fantastic Four! The Avengers! Professor X and his Cadre K! Skrulls! Ego, the living planet! Face it, Tiger, you just hit the jackpot!

**MAXIMUM
SECURITY #2**

So who is this guy that rates a column in the world famous Bullpen Bulletins? Travel with me, if you dare, through my secret origin...

- When I was six, I confronted a snake in the driveway because I thought my store-bought Spider-Man costume gave me super powers. Luckily, my mom pulled me back into the car before the viper went for my eyes.

- In the 3rd grade my mom brought a Spidey birthday cake to school, making me the coolest kid in my class... well, at least for a day.

- In the fifth grade I bought my first Frank Miller DAREDEVIL... which blew my little 10-year-old mind.

- In high school I organized a mass viewing of a movie starring a certain Dark Knight.

- In college I wrote thesis papers like "Woman Of Steel: A Feminist Critique Of Modern Super Hero Comic Books"—and didn't flunk out!

I grew up reading and loving comic books—all comic books—especially those that featured costumed crime fighters with feet of clay (a.k.a. Marvel heroes).

To some degree I'm you... but through some quirk of fate I made a dream come true and have been working at the House of Ideas for the last six years. I'm here in the meetings when new titles are given the green light. I'm here in the hallways when a creators say, "Hey, I always wanted to tell this story...". And now, every Monday night at marvel.com I'm going to share what I hear and see in The House with you.

I'm Your Man @ Marvel.
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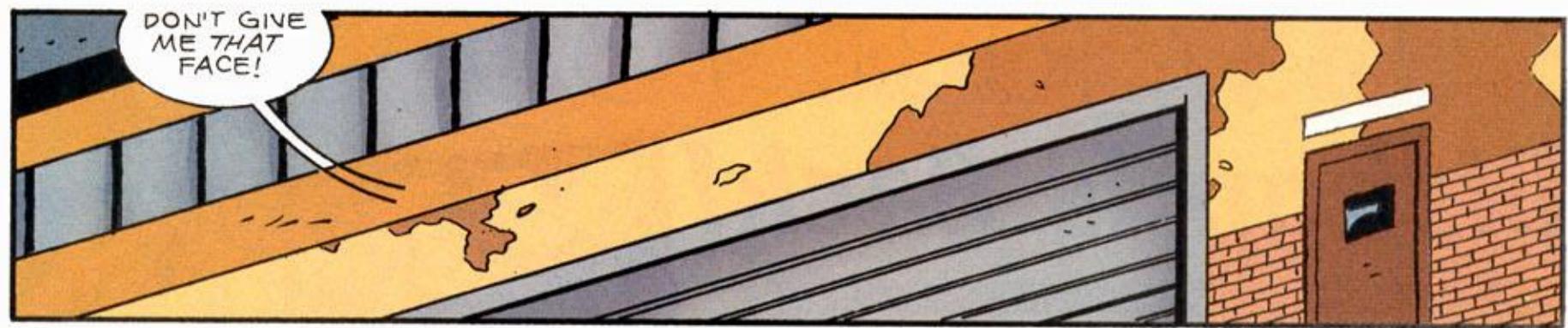
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DON'T GIVE
ME THAT
FACE!



WITH YOUR
DAUGHTER OUT
OF THE HERO GAME
FOR THE FORESEEABLE
FUTURE, I'M THE LOGICAL
CHOICE TO GO AFTER
NORMIE.

PHIL, I KNOW
YOU'RE ANXIOUS
TO MAKE A NAME
FOR YOURSELF...

...BUT THE
GREEN
GOBLIN
MAY BE OUT
OF YOUR
LEAGUE...

THINK WHAT
IT'LL MEAN TO
MY CRIME-
FIGHTING REP IF
I CAPTURE
HIM.



HAVE A
LITTLE FAITH
IN ME, PETE!
I KNOW I
HAVEN'T BEEN
THE GOLDEN
GOBLIN ALL
THAT LONG--

--AND
I HAVE
HAD A FEW
MISHAPS--

OKAY,
MORE
THAN A
FEW--

--BUT
NORMIE'S
PRACTICALLY A
BEGINNER,
TOO!

THIS IS
MY BIG
CHANCE,
PETE.

MY DESTINY!

I'M
FINALLY
GOING TO
PROVE...

...THAT
I AM THE
GREATEST
GOBLIN
OF ALL!

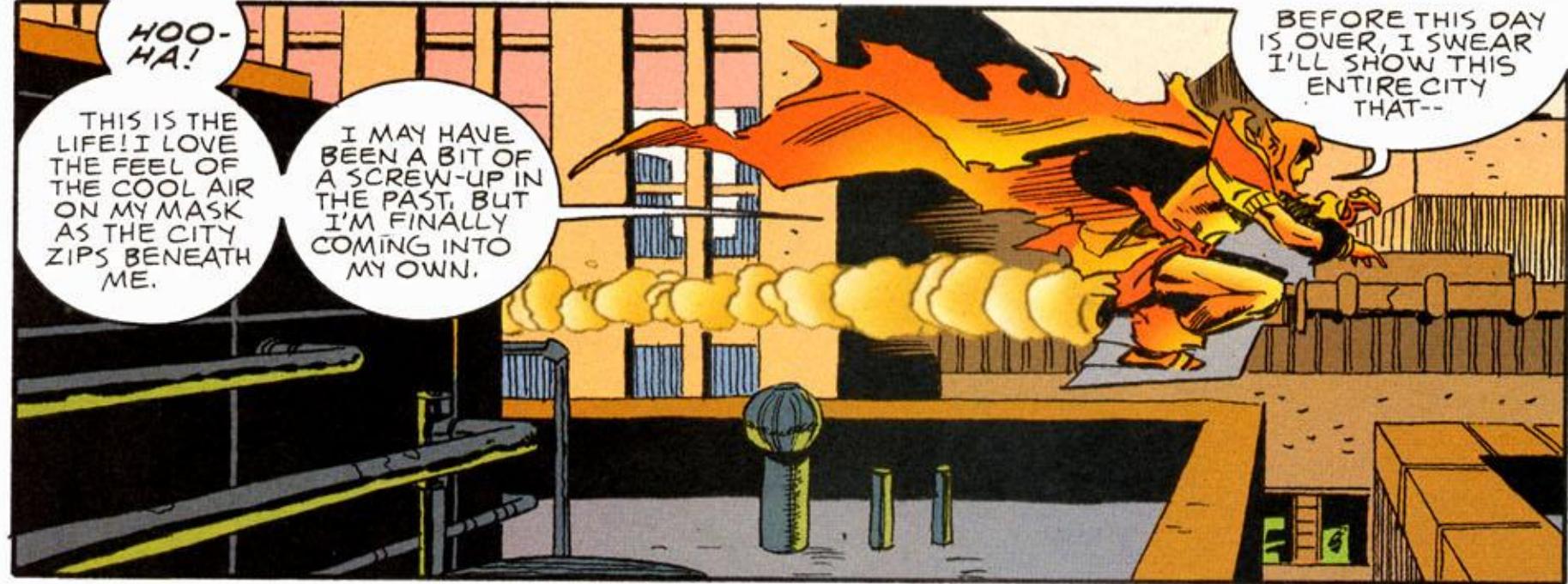


HOO-HA!

THIS IS THE LIFE! I LOVE THE FEEL OF THE COOL AIR ON MY MASK AS THE CITY ZIPS BEHIND ME.

I MAY HAVE BEEN A BIT OF A SCREW-UP IN THE PAST, BUT I'M FINALLY COMING INTO MY OWN.

BEFORE THIS DAY IS OVER, I SWEAR I'LL SHOW THIS ENTIRE CITY THAT--



DON'T
GIVE ME
ANY TROUBLE,
OSBORN!

I'VE BEEN KEEPING
AN EYE OUT FOR YOU
EVER SINCE I HEARD
ABOUT YOUR ESCAPE
ON THE MORNING NEWS.

YOU'LL SURRENDER
QUIETLY IF YOU
KNOW WHAT'S GOOD
FOR YOU.

W-WAIT!
WAIT!
YOU GOT THE
WRONG MAN.

CAN'T YOU SEE
OUT OF THAT
STUPID HELMET
--OR ARE YOU
JUST
COLOR
BLIND?!?

I'M THE
GOLDEN
GOBLIN,
A GOOD
GUY.

YOU WANT THE
GREEN GOBLIN,
A BAD GUY.

GOLD,
HUH?

LOOKS MORE
LIKE CHROME
YELLOW
TO ME.

EITHER WAY, YOUR
COSTUME COLOR
DOESN'T PROVE
A THING.

IS THERE A
LEGITIMATE
SUPER HERO
WHO'LL VOUCH
FOR YOU?

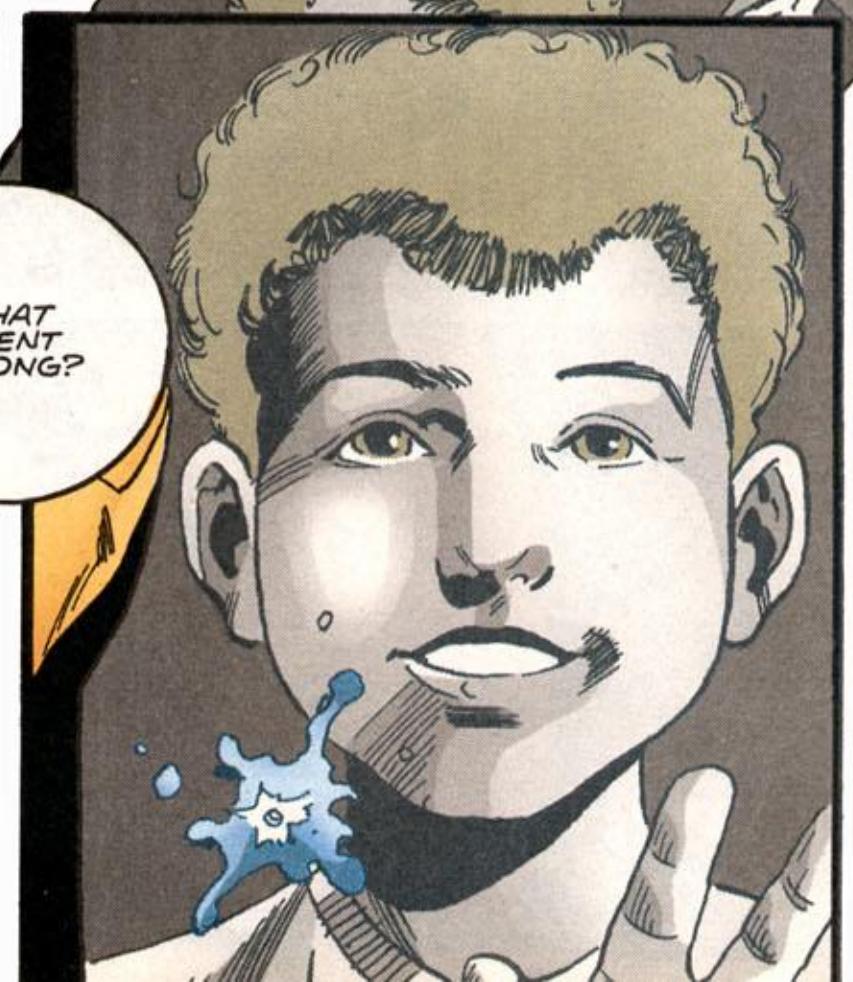
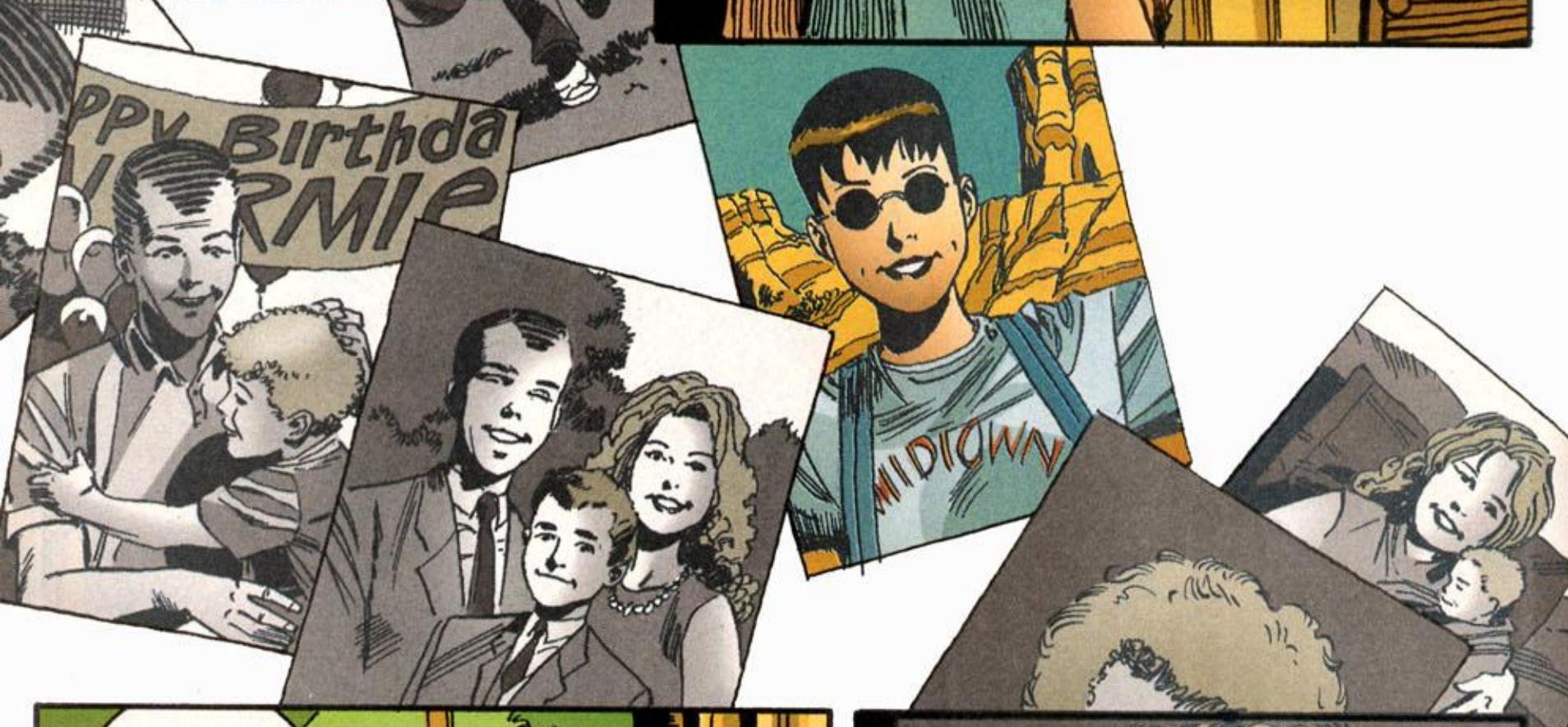
LADYHAWK
KNOWS ME.

I
DON'T
KNOW
HER.

WILL
SPIDER-
GIRL
DO?

I SAID
LEGITIMATE.
ANYONE
ELSE?





YOU
SOUND AS IF
YOU ACTUALLY
BELIEVE THIS
DESTINY
NONSENSE.

AS IF
EVERYTHING
IN OUR LIVES WAS
PREORDAINED!

WE AREN'T
PUPPETS,
NORMIE.

WE
CAN MAKE
OUR OWN
CHOICES.

THAT'S
A LIE
AND YOU
KNOW
IT!

DO
I?
OUR FATHERS
DIDN'T START
OUT AS
ENEMIES.

THEY WERE
JUST TWO GUYS
GOING TO THE
SAME COLLEGE,
BUT THEY
BECAME
FRIENDS --

AND
THEY
REMAINED
FRIENDS
TO THE
END.

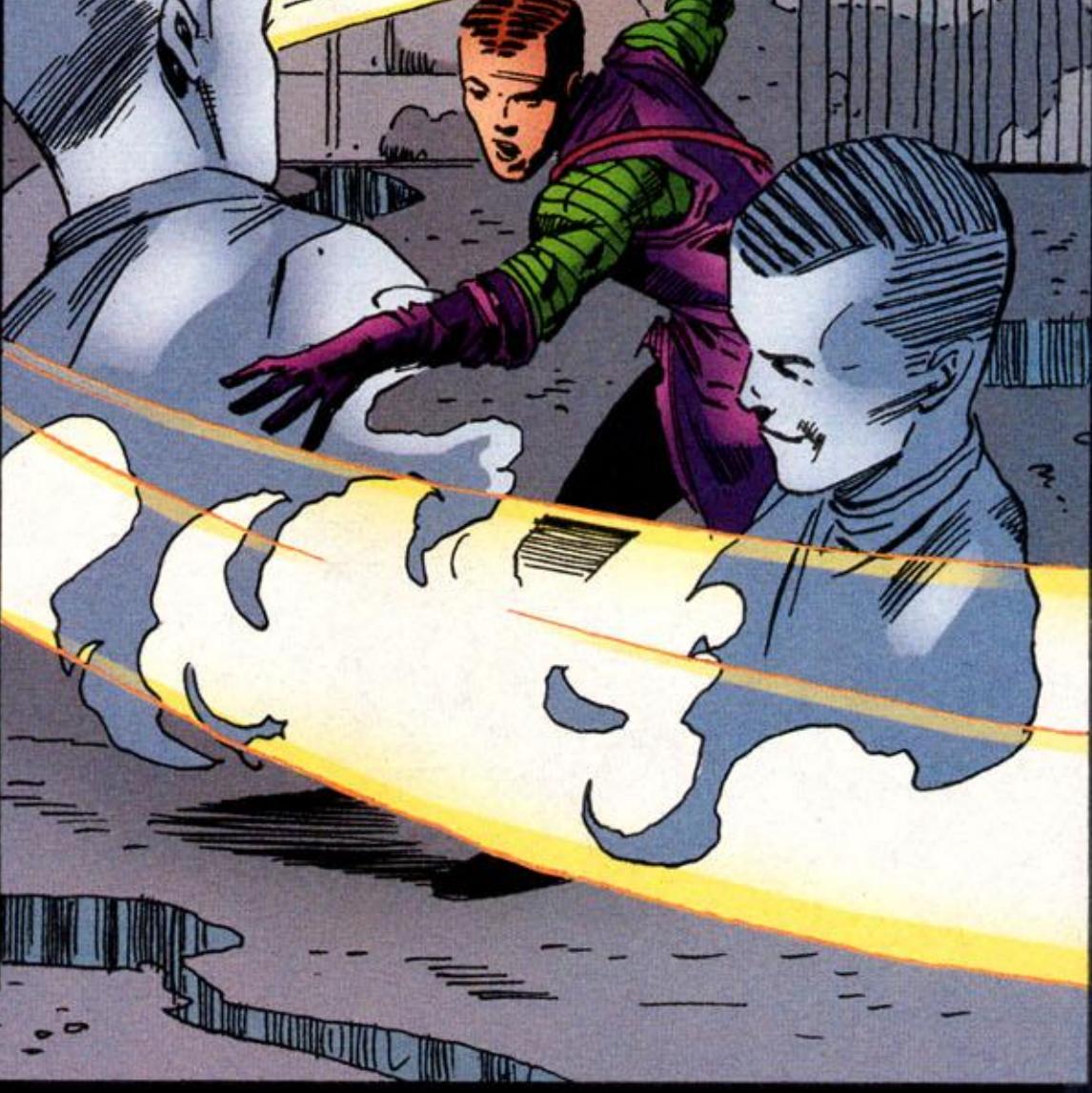
M-MY
MOM ALWAYS
TOLD ME THEY
WERE VERY
CLOSE...



BUT MY
GRANDFATHER
CURSED
THEIR
FRIENDSHIP!

HE SAID
IT WAS A SICK
ABERRATION--

--AND AN
ANATHEMA!



SORRY, MAY, M'GILL!
I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO
GO WITH GRANDDAD
ON THIS ONE.

OLD NORMAN MAY
HAVE BEEN A BIT OF
A WACKO...

...BUT
HE
KNEW
THE
SCORE.

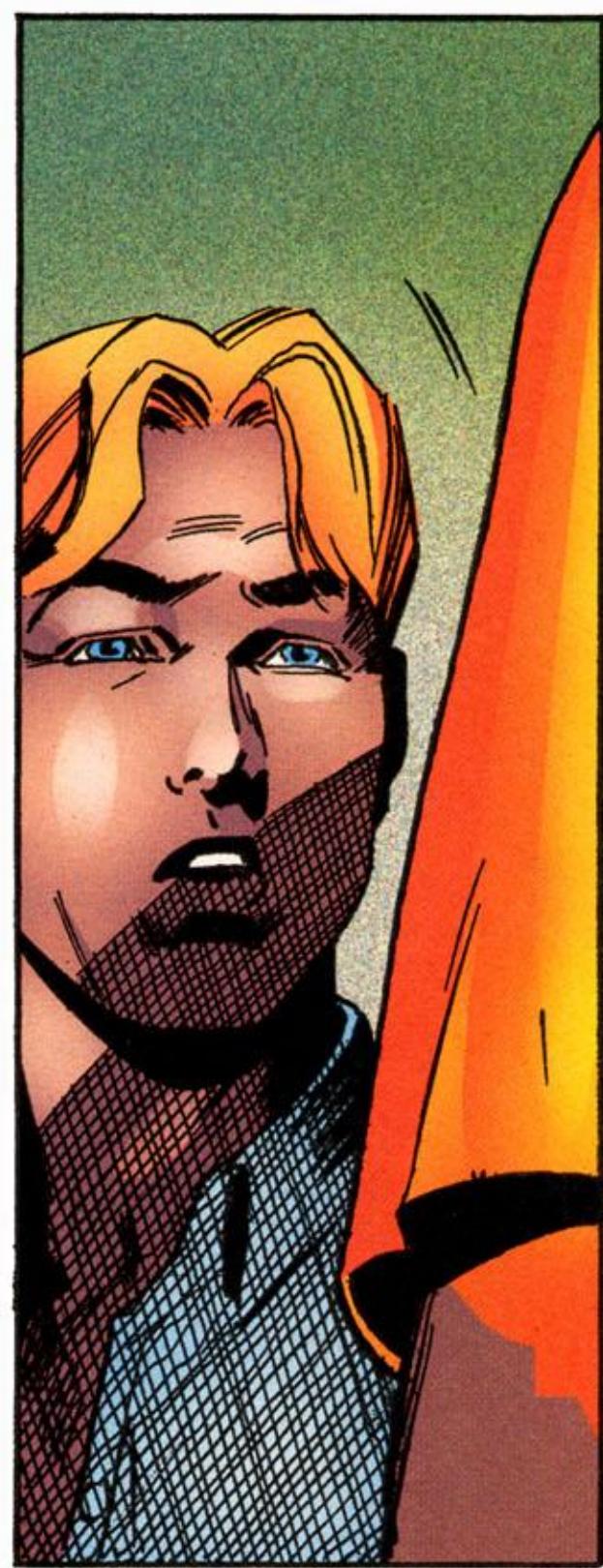
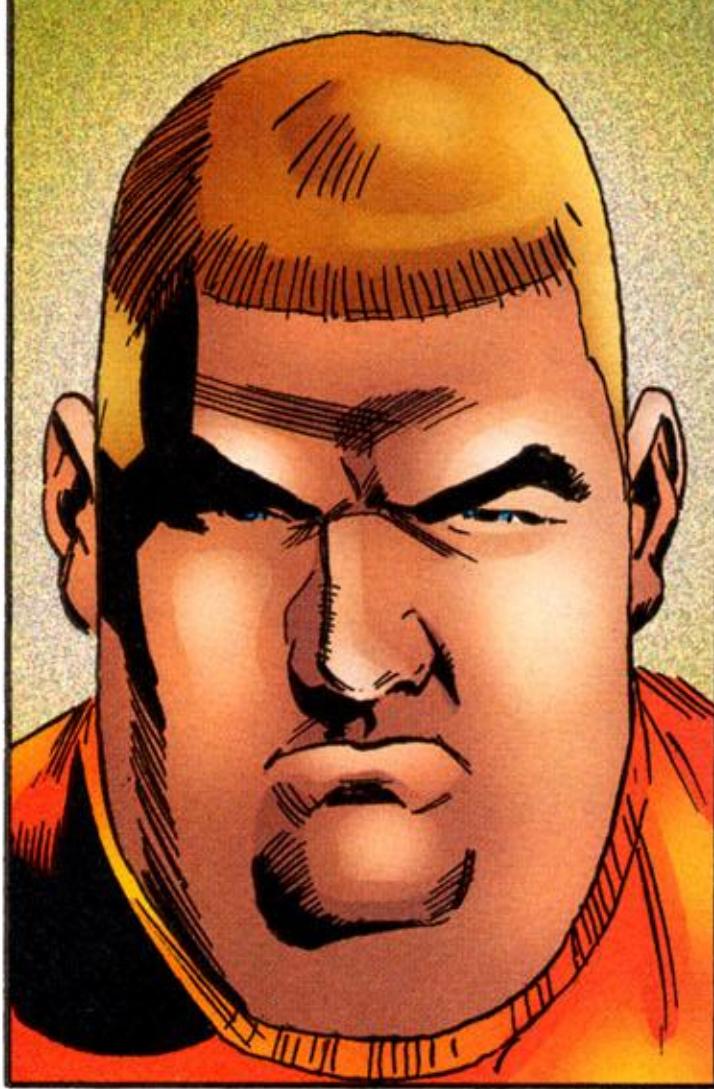
HE
REALIZED
HIS SON--
MY FATHER--
LACKED THE
WILL TO
SUCCEED.

THAT'S WHY
GRANDDAD
LAVISHED SO
MUCH LOVE
AND ATTENTION
ON ME.

HE KNEW
THAT I WOULD
TAKE UP THE
FAMILY
MANTLE--

--AND
DO THE
GOBLINS
PROUD!





I WON'T
GIVE UP
ON YOU,
NORMIE.

I
WON'T!

THERE'S
GOT TO BE A
WAY TO END THIS
WAR WITHOUT
VIOLENCE.

IN YOUR
DREAMS,
GIRL!

IF I WERE YOU,
I'D PUT MY SPIDER-
STRENGTH TO USE AND
TRY TO BREAK FREE.

WHY?
SO THAT WE
CAN STRUGGLE
OVER THE KNIFE
UNTIL ONE OF
US GETS
STABBED?

"REMEMBER THE FIRST
TIME WE FOUGHT? I
MANAGED TO STUN
YOU AND SEND YOU
CRASHING IN FRONT
OF A SPEEDING TRUCK.

LISTEN TO
ME, NORMIE.
I ALREADY
HAD MY CHANCE
TO KILL YOU.

"I COULD HAVE
JUST SAT BACK
AND WATCHED
YOU DIE."

I
DIDN'T.

I
COULDN'T.

THWIP!



YOU
SHOULD
HAVE.

IT WOULD HAVE
SAVED US BOTH A
WORLD OF
GRIEF.

MAY, I'M
THE LAST
OF THE
OSBORNS.

I WAS
RAISED TO
BE A GREEN
GOBLIN.

IT'S NOT
LIKE I EVEN
HAD A
CHOICE.

YOU CAN'T
IMAGINE THE
PRESSURE MY
GRANDFATHER
PUT ON ME.

IT'S MY
DUTY TO KILL YOU.

WILL YOU
PLEASE
SHUT UP--

--AND
AT LEAST
TRY TO
ESCAPE?

WHY DO
YOU KEEP
TELLING
ME TO
--OF
COURSE!

YOU
WANT ME
TO BREAK
FREE!

YOU'RE
HOPING I'LL
STAB YOU IN
THE ENSUING
FIGHT.

ARE YOU
WILLING TO
SACRIFICE
YOURSELF
TO SAVE
ME?

MAY, THE
SPIDER-GOBLIN
WAR HAS
TO END
TODAY--

--AND
THAT MEANS
ONE OF US
MUST DIE!



YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, MOOSE?

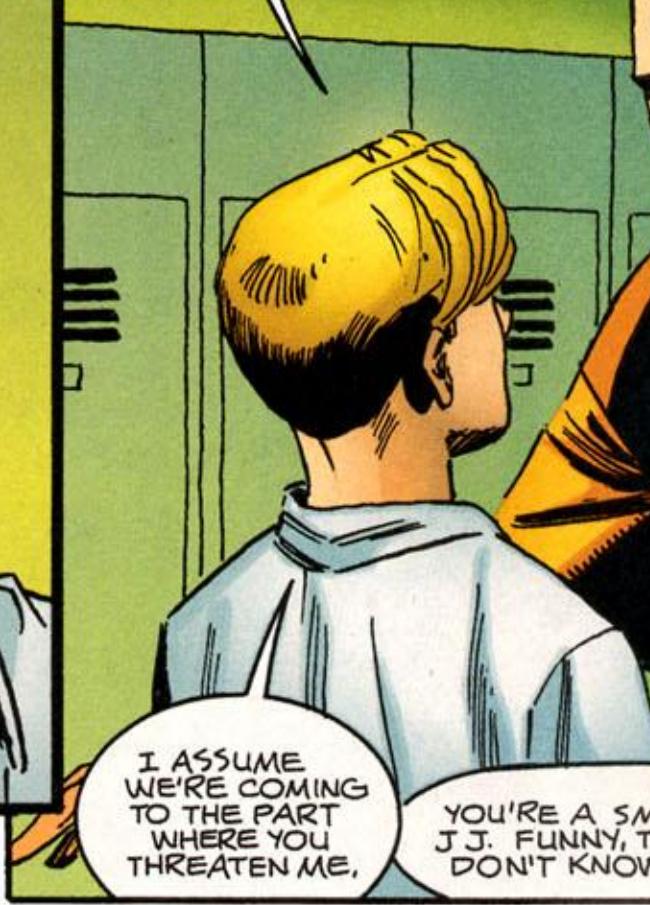
DO IT QUICK, HUH?

I'M NOT REAL FOND OF YOUR BREATH.

I ASSUME YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN HANGING WITH YOUR GIRL. TOUGH! I HAPPEN TO LIKE HER COMPANY.

YOU GOT GOOD TASTE, JJ. COURTNEY IS THE GREATEST, AND I CARE ABOUT HER.

AN AWFUL LOT!



MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO SMASH YOUR FACE, I KNOW HOW COURT WOULD REACT...

...AND I...

...I COULDN'T DO THAT TO HER.

IF COURT LIKES YOU BETTER'N ME...I'LL JUST MAKE THINGS EASY FOR HER...AND STEP ASIDE.



SAY WHAT ?!?

-- AND I ALWAYS FIGURED A SHARP LADY LIKE COURT WOULD EVENTUALLY MOVE ON.

SLOW DOWN, MOOSE!



THAT'S STRICTLY BETWEEN YOU AND HER...AND I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD RUB MY NOSE IN IT.

AS LONG AS YOU TREAT HER RIGHT, WE'LL NEVER HAVE A PROBLEM.

IF YOU HURT HER...

...WELL...

...YOU CAN SUPPLY YOUR OWN THREAT.

LISTEN, MAN, I MAY NOT BE THE SHARPEST PENCIL IN THE BOX, BUT I KNOW MY LIMITATIONS--

I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP I HAVE WITH COURTNEY.





I DON'T WANT
TO KILL YOU, MAY,
BUT SOMEONE'S
GOT TO DIE!



PUT THE
KNIFE DOWN,
NORMIE!

WE DON'T
HAVE TO
FIGHT EACH
OTHER.

WE CAN
FIND
ANOTHER
WAY TO
STOP THE WAR.

I
KNOW WE
CAN!



YOU'RE
ONLY LYING
TO YOURSELF,
PARKER!

OUR FATHERS
WERE FRIENDS,
AND EVEN
THEY COULDN'T
STOP IT!



IT'LL NEVER
END UNTIL
ONE OF US IS
DEAD!



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SPIDER-GIRL

Dear Spider-Girl,

I don't think I've ever read a story involving Iron Fist that was as good as the story in SPIDER-GIRL #24.

Among the elements of the story in this issue that I especially liked were the fact that Dragonfist wasn't Spike Yi, and the fact that May is going to have to spend some time with her dad if she hopes to develop a publishable level of skill in photography. It would have been too easy if she had taken perfect pictures on her first attempt. Even Peter sometimes made mistakes that resulted in lousy pictures.

The scenes with Peter and Phil Urich at the bank crime scene and their "stakeout" were great!

Even cooler is the fact that my eight-year-old niece, Megan, recently discovered my comics, and really enjoyed the SPIDER-GIRL comics I gave her to read. Needless to say, she's getting a subscription to SPIDER-GIRL for her birthday!

Ivan Martin
Urbandale, IA

The news about Megan is pretty cool, Ivan! Thanks for spreading the faith, and wish her our very best!

Dear Spider-Girl Crew,

SPIDER-GIRL #24 was another strong issue in a string of them. I was a little concerned about this title when we had the goofy likes of Earthshaker menacing young May, but Tom and Pat have recovered nicely, and have been on pretty much a winning streak since the introduction of Funny Face a few issues back. Here's hoping that streak can bleed over into next issue's introduction of the Savage Six. I still don't understand Jameson's reasoning for hiring May as a photographer - and putting her in that situation creates the danger of making her character more derivative of her dad - but I'll play along for a while and see where this is going. Given May's >ahem< "proficiency" with the camera this issue, maybe it won't be a lasting gig.

I can't rave enough about Pat Olliffe's art on this book. The only thing that would be better than the man drawing May month-to-month would be if he got to draw Spider-Man. Few people draw the web-slingers in motion better than Pat - in fact, some of his layouts and battle choreography remind me of Ron Frenz, one of my favorite Spidey pencilers from the 80's. The page showing Danny Rand getting back into costume to do battle with Dragonfist was especially stunning this issue.

Anyway, keep putting out issues this good and I'll be at a loss for things to complain about.

Russ Anderson
Baltimore, MD

Speaking of Ron Frenz, Russ—did you know that he's penciling an all-new Spider-Man/Green Goblin limited series along with the Spider-Girl spinoff DARKDEVIL, both of which are on sale now!

Dear Spider-Girl,

I really liked issue #24. I do hope that this will be the first in a series of issues in which a hero will come out of retirement and will aid Spider-Girl in defeating a villain.

Heroes I would like to suggest are Darkhawk, Moon Knight & Synch, and it would also be cool if Dr. Octopus and Sandman also showed up.

Jaco de Vries
The Netherlands

Sandman, huh?

Hi!
I just read the bio of Spider-Girl on the Marvel website and wanted to ask you to please reconsider her stats, specifically her weight. I know that comics sometimes get a bad rap for portraying women with unrealistic proportions. Personally, I have no problem with the way they're drawn—I think all the characters look great. However, if you're going to actually put something in print about her physical attributes, I think it should at least be believable,

if not realistic.

Her bio says that she's 5'5" and weighs 112 pounds. With as much muscle as she's drawn with, and for the age she's supposed to be, she would (should) weigh more than that. I'm 5'4" and I weigh 120, and I assure you that I'm not fat. I work out and have a healthy figure. I haven't weighed 112 pounds since, oh, the 7th grade, before I hit puberty and filled out a little.

So, please consult a physician and consider adjusting this stat. 5'5" and 112 pounds may be appealing to boys/men, but I think you need to realize that a lot of girls/women also read comics. We're a bigger audience than I think you give us credit for. I would bet that a lot of young girls go to your website and I know I wouldn't want my daughter to think that if she's 5'5" she should only weigh 112 pounds in order to be attractive.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I appreciate your consideration. By the way, I LOVED the X-Men movie! Can't wait for the next one. Keep 'em coming!

Michelle Hauser
(address withheld by request)

We agree, Michelle. The stats listed on the website are unrealistic. We don't know where they came from, but can confirm that no one asked Mayday...who says her real weight is her business!

Dear Marvel,

I really like your new mag, The Buzz. But there is a major plot flaw in issue #1. The Buzz suit has "a highly sophisticated Encephalogate" designed into it so that it can "only be keyed to a specific individual's brainwaves." If that's the case, how did JJ take it and use it?

Rick Brenner
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It's our belief that the encephalogate wasn't activated until JJ donned the suit for the first time.

Dear Spider-Girl,

When exactly did Phil Urich find out that Peter Parker was Spider-Man? Did he know before SPIDER-GIRL #1 or did he figure it out when he found out May is Spider-Girl?

Darren McAuliffe
(address withheld by request)

We assume that occurred sometime before Spider-Girl #1.

NEXT ISSUE:

RAPTOR IS BACK! BUT WITHOUT HER SPIDER-POWERS MAYDAY MUST TURN TO OUTSIDE SOURCES FOR HELP. WHO? YOU'LL NEVER GUESS! SO BE HERE IN THIRTY TO FIND OUT!



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