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AT LAST! THE
TEAM-UP YOU
DEMANDED!

OUR GIRL FINALLY JOINS
FORCES WITH...

THE SPECTACULAR

SPIDER-MAN



Stan Lee PROUDLY PRESENTS
A MAJOR TURNING POINT IN
THE LIFE OF THE EVER-STUNNING
SPIDER-GIRL!

FATHER'S DAY!



HEY! HEY!
WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE?

YOU AND YOUR BUDS
MUST HAVE MISSED
THE LAST NEIGHBORHOOD
NEWSLETTER, CHARLIE--

-- BUT I'M AFRAID
CARJACKING IS NOW
CONSIDERED A MAJOR
NO-NO IN THIS AREA!

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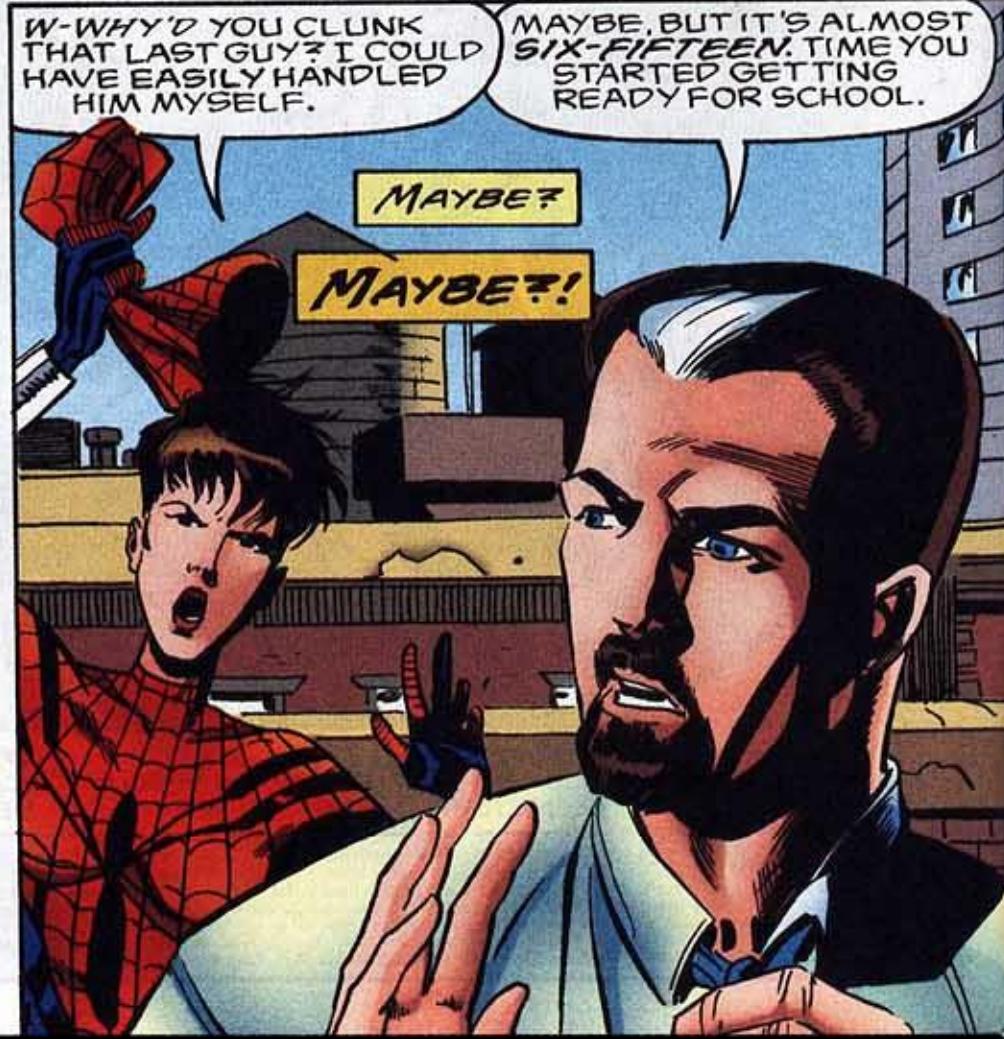
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TELL EVERYONE IN
YOUR CELLBLOCK TO KEEP
OUT OF FOREST HILLS.

IT'S NOW PROTECTED
BY A BRAND NEW,
NOT-SO-FRIENDLY,
NEIGHBORHOOD
WEB-SWINGER.

CRAAAK!

SHUT UP, LADY!
WE HAD A NICE
BUSINESS GOING
HERE, AND WE'RE
NOT GONNA--



YOUR NAME IS
"MAYDAY" PARKER,
AND YOUR LIFE IS
SUDDENLY FULL OF
MAYBES...

MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED
TO CONVINCE HIM TO ALLOW YOU
TO FOLLOW IN HIS WEB-LINES...

MAYBE YOU
SHOULDN'T HAVE
AGREED TO HIS EARLY
MORNING PRACTICE
SESSIONS...

PARKER!

YOU RECENTLY LEARNED
THAT YOUR FATHER WAS
THE ORIGINAL
SPIDER-MAN, AND THAT
YOU HAD SOMEHOW
INHERITED HIS AMAZING
POWERS.

HEY,
PARKER!

W-WHAT IS
IT, BRAD?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD
PAY MORE ATTENTION
WHEN YOU'RE IN
MIDTOWN HIGH.

WE'VE GOT TO
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT JIMMY
YAMA.

THE GUY'S
BEEN ON
A TESTOSTERONE
JAG EVER SINCE
HE ACCIDENTALLY
PUT MOOSE
IN A NECK
BRACE.

LISTEN TO THE MAN,
GIRLFRIEND! THE NERD'S
PULLING A TYSON,
STRUTTING EVERYWHERE
LIKE HE'S THE BIG CHAMP.

BRAD AND
DAVIDA ARE
OVERREACTING,
MAY.

JIMMY
MAY BE
A LITTLE
FULL OF
HIMSELF, BUT
HE'D NEVER DO
ANYTHING
STUPID.

RUBBING MOOSE'S
NOSE IN HIS DEFEAT
ISN'T JUST STUPID--
IT'S SUICIDAL!

SOMEBODY BETTER
STRAIGHTEN YAMA
OUT BEFORE HE
GETS FRACTURED.

SOMEBODY LIKE...me?!

We!!!!!! HE
USUALLY LISTENS
TO YOU!

AND MAYBE--
just maybe--
YOU NEED
NEW FRIENDS!



AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT,
YOUR REGULAR LUNCH DATE HAS
A DENTAL APPOINTMENT TODAY--

-- GIVING YOU A FREE
HOUR BEFORE
YOUR NEXT CLASS.

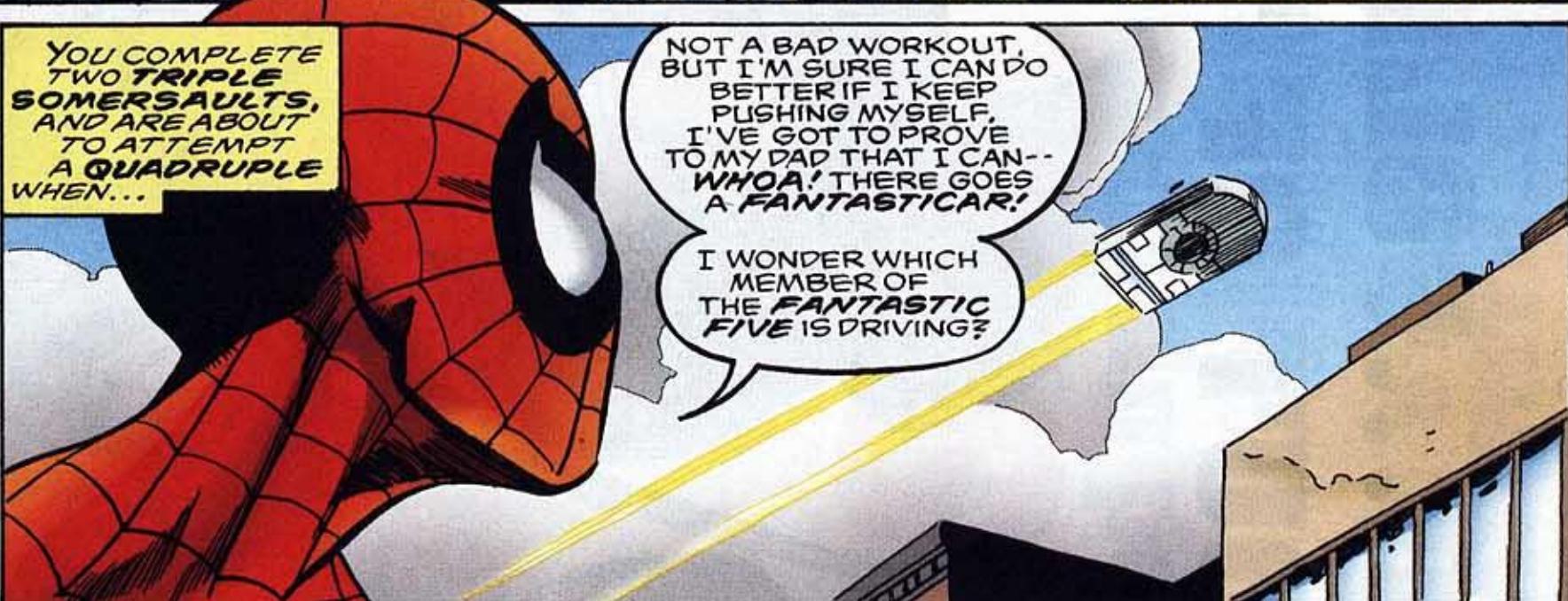


RATHER THAN
WASTE THIS PRECIOUS
OPPORTUNITY, YOU
STUFF YOUR CIVVIES
INTO YOUR BACKPACK.
AND-- HOO-HA!

YOU COMPLETE
TWO TRIPLE
SOMERSAULTS,
AND ARE ABOUT
TO ATTEMPT
A QUADRUPLE
WHEN...

NOT A BAD WORKOUT,
BUT I'M SURE I CAN DO
BETTER IF I KEEP
PUSHING MYSELF.
I'VE GOT TO PROVE
TO MY DAD THAT I CAN--
WHOA! THERE GOES
A FANTASTIC CAR!

I WONDER WHICH
MEMBER OF
THE FANTASTIC
FIVE IS DRIVING?



WHY SHOULD
I PLAY GUESSING
GAMES WHEN I
CAN EASILY FIND
OUT BY DOING
MY WEB THING?

HI, FRANKLIN!
I WAS HOPING TO
FIND YOU BEHIND
THE WHEEL!

SPIDER-GIRL!
I'M REAL GLAD
TO SEE YOU.

Y-YOU
ARE--?!

COOOOL!

FRANKLIN RICHARDS,
AKA PSYLOID, IS
A PRIMO HOTIE!



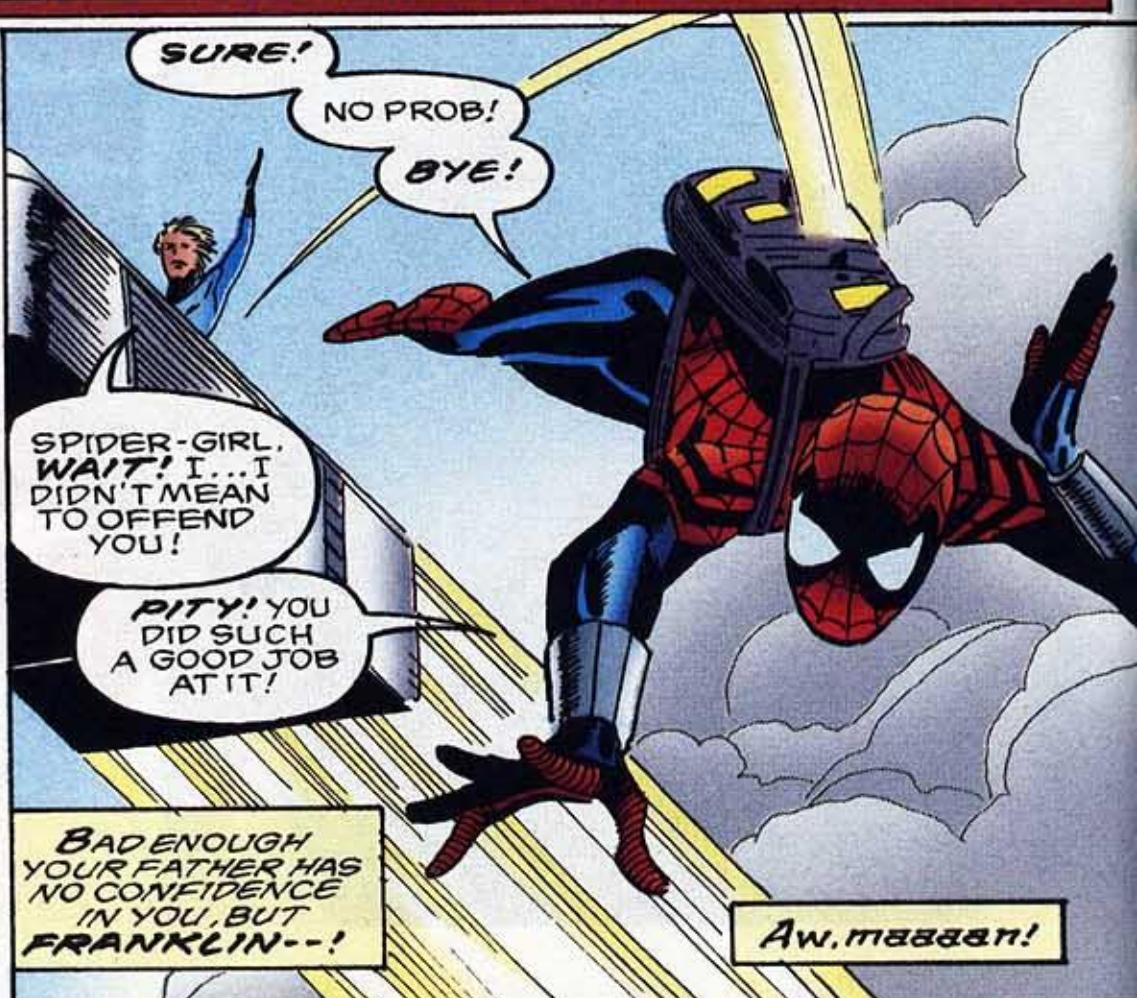
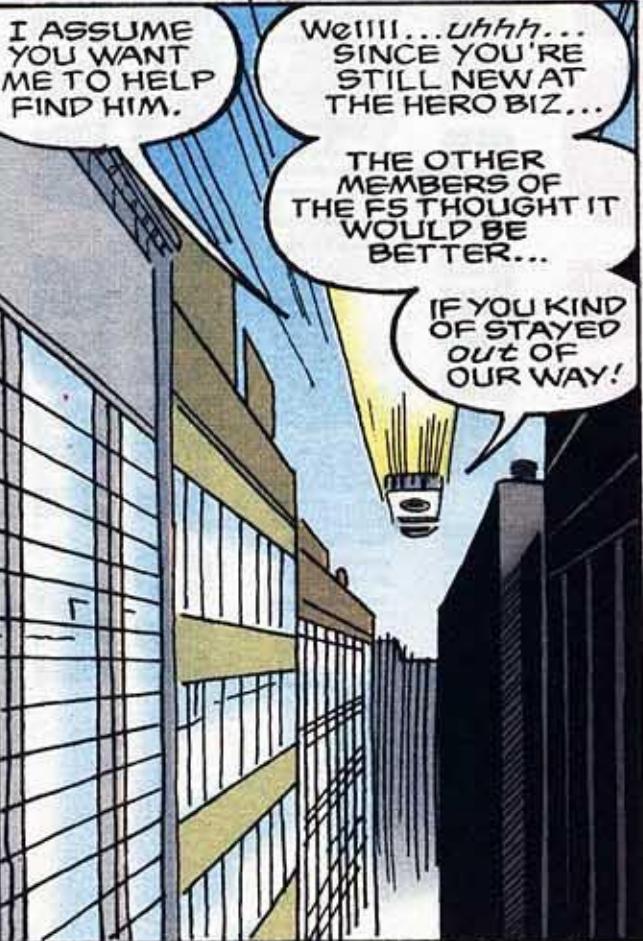
BUT HE'S ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-TEAM!

SHOULD I BE FLATTERED... OR WORRIED?

AS MUCH AS I WISH MY INTEREST WAS STRICTLY SOCIAL, I'M AFRAID I HAVE HARSH NEWS.

THE FS JUST LEARNED THAT SPYRAL HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO ESCAPE PRISON.

SPYRAL--AT THE MENTION OF HIS NAME YOU BLINK BENEATH YOUR MASK!



STILL, YOU DID CATCH
A QUICK PEEK AT
THE FRANKIE BOY'S
SEARCH MAP.

BY HEADING FOR
THE FARDEST CORNER
OF HIS ASSIGNED AREA,
YOU CAN COVER A FEW
BLOCKS BEFORE
HE ARRIVES.

WOULDN'T YOU JUST
LOVE TO SHOW HIM UP
BY--UH-OH!



Y'KNOW, BEATING FRANKLIN
DOWN HERE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN
YOUR WISEST
MOVE!



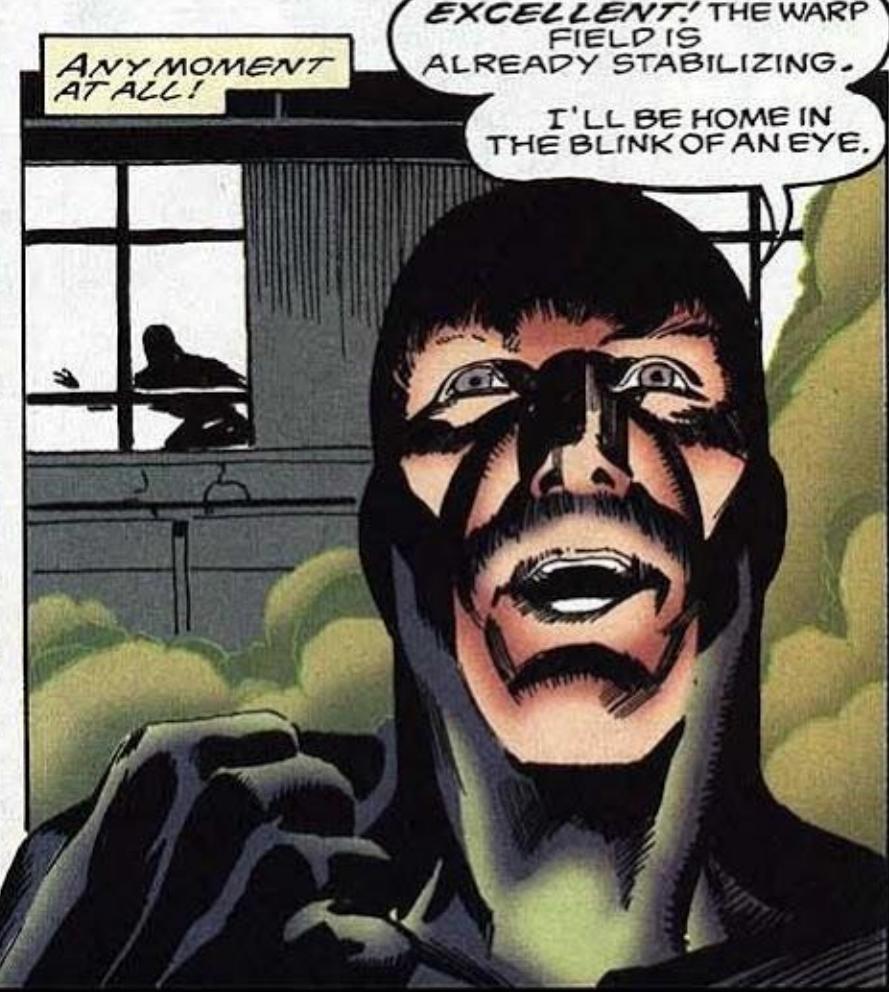
ON THE OTHER
HAND, THINK OF
THE EXPRESSION ON
HIS FACE WHEN
HE FINDS YOU
WAITING FOR HIM.



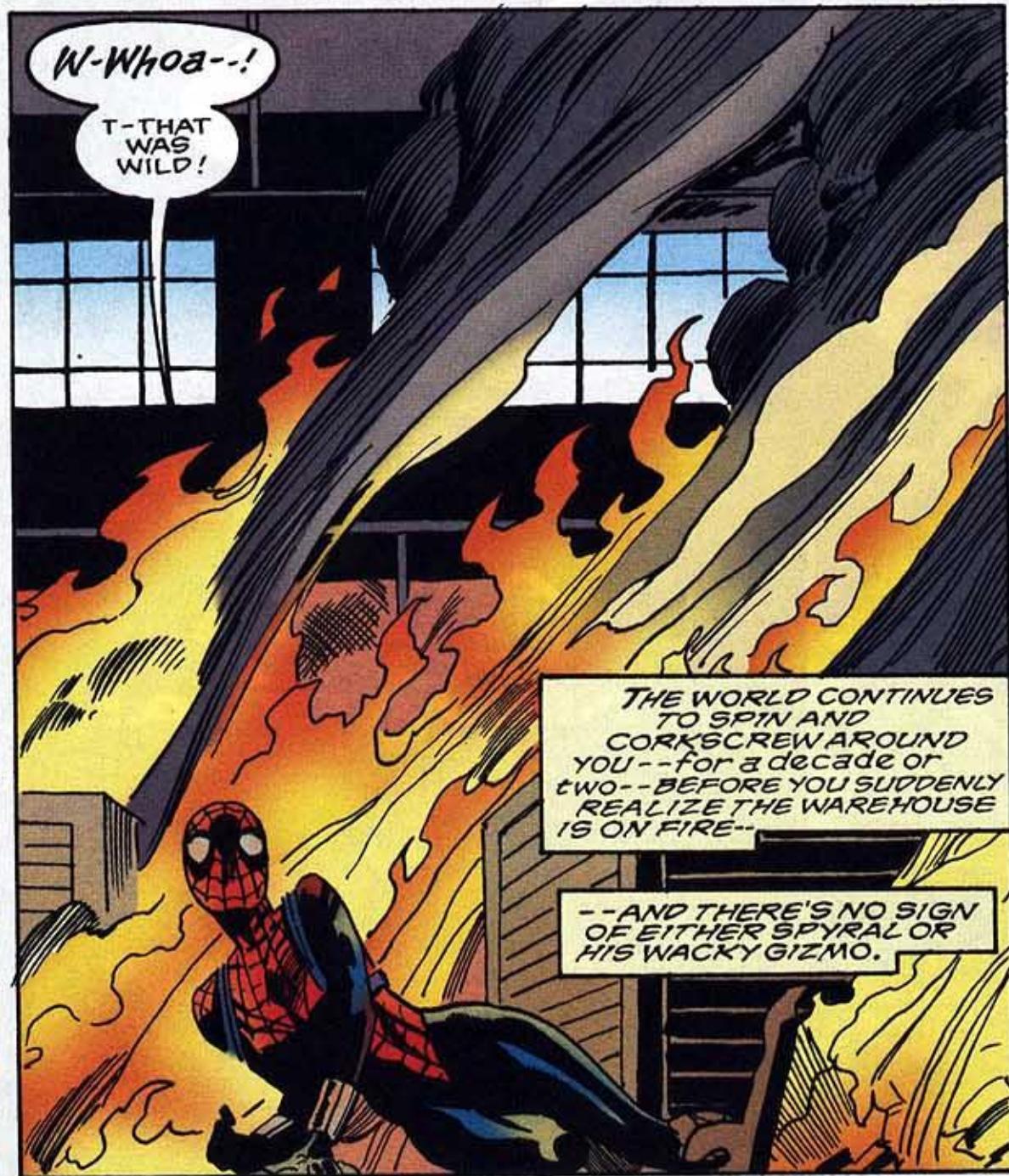
ANY MOMENT
AT ALL!

EXCELLENT! THE WARP
FIELD IS
ALREADY STABILIZING.

I'LL BE HOME IN
THE BLINK OF AN EYE.









BULLPEN BULLETINS

AVAILABLE MAY 19TH

A - NEXT

Having finally uncovered the menace that broke the spirit of their predecessors, the next generation of the Earth's Mightiest Heroes travel into a twisted reality where they are forced to battle demented versions of the original AVENGERS! By TOM DEFALCO and RON FRENZ!

'10

CAPTAIN AMERICA
Following the world-shattering events of issues #17 and #18, CAP faces his ultimate moment of redemption as he struggles to save the world of today and countless tomorrows! By MARK WAID and ANDY KUBERT!

'19

DAREDEVIL
As MATT MURDOCK attempts to rebuild his life from the ashes of the 'Guardian Devil' story arc, old friends and foes arrive! And when a former employee of WILSON FISK contacts Matt, claiming to know the secret of the fat man's criminal empire, a new twist is added to the classic battle between DAREDEVIL and his nemesis, KINGPIN! By DAVID MACK, JOE QUESADA and JIMMY PALMIOTTI!

'9

THE HULK
As a familiar foe makes a dramatic return into BRUCE BANNER's life, the HULK rages further and further out of control until he snaps past the breaking point and does something so horrific, so indefensible that we can't even mention it here! By JOHN BYRNE and RON GARNEY!

'4

THE INCREDIBLE HULK VS. SUPERMAN
It's the first-ever book-length battle that the fans demanded as the most powerful icons in all of comicdom take each other on in all-out war! By ROGER STERN and STEVE RUDE!

'99

PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN
A mysterious killer is stalking the dark depths of the Manhattan underworld, a killer whose M.O. is like none other! And when JIMMY SIX staggers to PETER PARKER for protection, SPIDER-MAN is pulled into a manhunt which ultimately picks up on the epochal events of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 1999 ANNUAL! By HOWARD MACKIE and JOHN ROMITA JR.!

'7

THUNDERBOLTS
With ARCHANGEL flying on their side, the T-BOLTS battle BRAVITRON! They couldn't beat him before, so what makes them think they have a chance now? Will the aid of Archangel turn the tide -- or will the master of gravity pull the high flier from the sky? By KURT BUSIEK and MARK BAGLEY!

'28

WOLVERINE/PUNISHER: REVELATION
A mysterious illness has struck down New York's entire Upper West Side -- and the rest of the city is next! Among the fallen lies FRANK CASTLE's dear friend -- and she'll die unless an antidote is found! By CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN, TOM SNIEGOSKI and PAT LEE!

'24

X - MAN
After the startling events of the last issue, NATE finds himself face-to-face with his "parents," JEAN GREY and SCOTT SUMMERS! By TERRY KAVANNAH and LUKE ROSS!

'53

X - MEN
While MAGNETO plots his ascension in present-day Genosha, the X-MEN are trapped years in the past and far from home! By ALAN DAVIS!

'90

ITEM! The people have spoken -- at least readers of Comics Buyer's Guide -- and voted our very own TOM BREVOORT as favorite editor! Always humble, Tom had this to say about his triumph: "It's a win for the AVENGERS as much as it's a win for me...it's a testament to the entire creative team. The fans like them as much as they like me." "But," he added with a smirk on his bearded face, "I'll take the statue!" Other Marvelite winners included writer KURT BUSIEK for his work on AVENGERS, IRON MAN and THUNDERBOLTS; MARK WAID of CAPTAIN AMERICA fame placed second in the same category. Favorite penciler honors went to a trio of Marvel Men: GEORGE PEREZ, JOHN BYRNE and ALAN DAVIS (in that order). Not surprisingly, your favorite inker was the AVENGERS' AL VEY and our very own Marvel Knight, JIMMY PALMIOTTI placed third. A slew of other Marvel contributors sprinkled the honor roll including: BOB HARRAS, RALPH MACCHIO JOE QUESADA & JIMMY PALMIOTTI, and BOBBIE CHASE in the editor category; KEVIN SMITH, DEVIN GRAYSON, JERRY ORDWAY and STEVEN T. SEAGLE got props for their scribe skills; pencillers JOHN ROMITA JR., PHIL JIMINEZ, JOSE LADRONN, JOE QUESADA and the KUBERT brothers got nods; as did inkers KLAUS JANSON, SCOTT HANNA, TIM TOWNSEND and BILL SEINKIEWICZ. A hearty congratulations to all the winners!

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CHOOSE YOUR CHAMPION!

This summer, the Marvel Universe will be rocking with Pulse-Pounding Pugilism, the likes of which should make the Watcher lose his hair! CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS II, the sequel to the fan favorite limited series of the early 1980s, is written by "Crusher" Chris Claremont and drawn by Oscar "De La Hoya" Jimenez! Fans will have the opportunity to vote on who should win four of the bombastic bouts! Your vote will completely determine the results of that fight! To check out some of the art, to read an exclusive interview with "Crusher" Claremont, and to CHOOSE YOUR CHAMPION, hitch a ride to: www.Marvel.com/champions

This week's chat schedule!

May 25 8:00pmET The official EARTH X chat with writer -- **JIM KRUEGER!**

May 26 7:00pmET GENERATION X, MUTANT X editor -- **JASON LIEBIG!**

May 27 9:30pmET EARTH'S MIGHTIEST CHAT with writer **KURT BUSIEK** & editor **TOM BREVOORT!**

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All Chat schedules subject to change/cancellation

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STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Hi, Heroes!

It's time for another journey into mystery and suspense as we breathlessly read on to see who will be this issue's newest No-Prize Laureates. So let's not prolong the agony any longer because the happy hordes of Marveldom Assembled must ne'er be denied! Therefore, with no further ado (someday I've gotta look up that word "ado" and see what it really means!) let's fearlessly tackle our first indomitable interrogator...

Who happens to be LeBeau L. Underwood of Jacksonville, FL, who asks...

"Since the X-Men were created in the '60s and battle prejudice against mutants, were Professor X and Magneto based on Martin Luther King and Malcolm X? Their methods for achieving equality are somewhat similar."

A very perceptive observation, LBL. I don't think I consciously tried to base the X-Men on Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, but they were certainly on everyone's mind at the time and it's very possible that I may have subconsciously been influenced by their activities. Now that I think of it, the parallels are very striking.

Sam Pedace of South Gate, CA raises an interesting point with this query...

"As a longtime Marvel fan, I've been wondering-- when some characters die they're resurrected, like Wonder Man or Jean Grey. Yet, other characters stay dead, like Gwen Stacy or Captain Marvel. (Mar-Vell). When your writers kill a character, do they dictate whether there is a "resurrection potential?" Who decides whether they'll stay dead or not?"

Usually it's you, the readers, who make that decision. When our writers administer the last rites, we usually expect the poor character to remain deceased. But sometimes the flood of fan mail is so overwhelming that we feel we have to find a way to perform a miracle or two, provided we can think of a way to do it that won't turn you off. So you see, as ever it's our rollickin' readers who play the tune while we dance the jig!

And, from sunny Monterrey, Mexico, Juan Ricardo Sanchez Saenz is bustin' to know...

"Who is this Irving Forbush you always talk about?"

Hey, Juan, I don't always talk about him, but I guess he really is one of my favorite non-existent people. He's just an off-beat name I made up to use whenever I need an expression like, "As Honest Irving Forbush would say--" or "In the immortal words of Irving Forbush--." But y'know something? After all these years I actually feel as if I know the guy!

And, after all these years, you'd better know our mailing address, Soapbox, Marvel, 387 Park Ave. South, NY NY 10016, plus our ever-so-exotic email address, stanzfanz@aol.com - and remember to include your own address in your e-mail so we'll know where to send your No-Prize if the fickle finger of fate picks your letter out of our enchanted chalice.

Excelsior!



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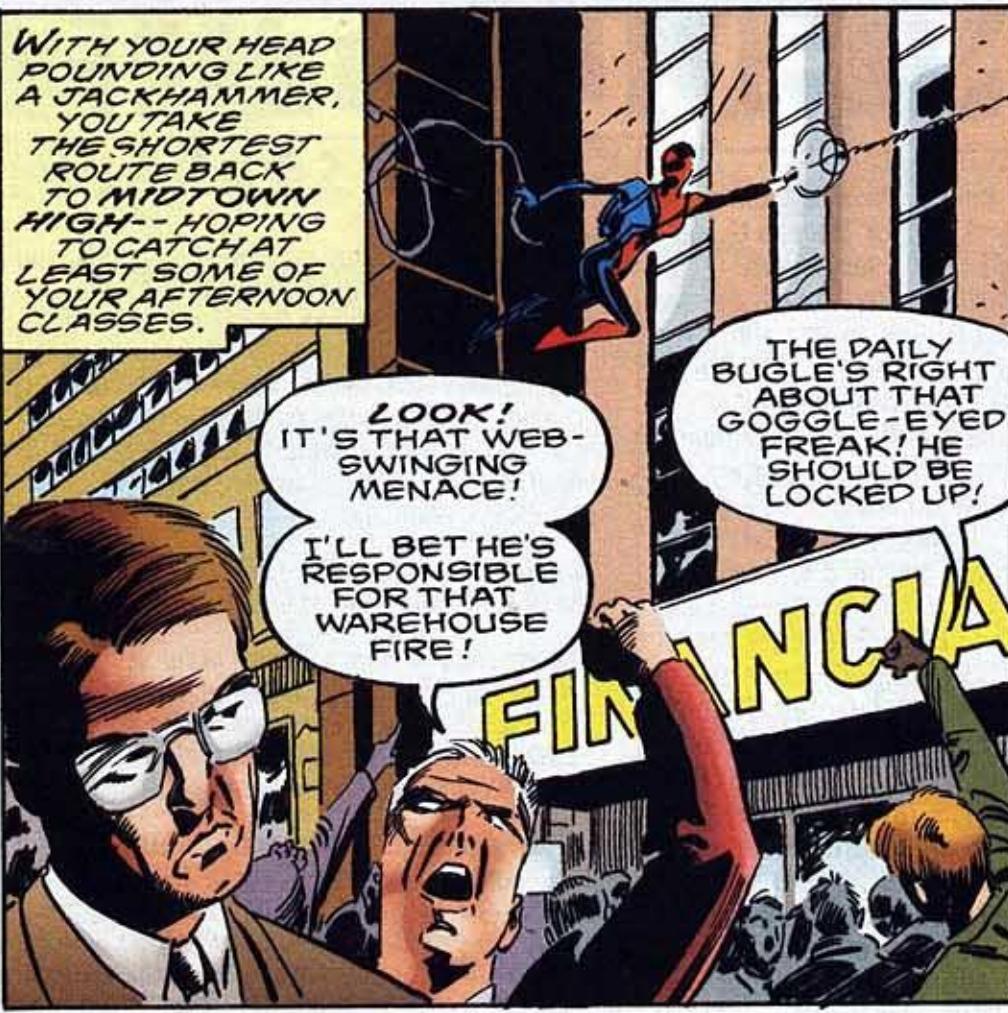
WITH YOUR HEAD POUNDING LIKE A JACKHAMMER, YOU TAKE THE SHORTEST ROUTE BACK TO MIDTOWN HIGH--HOPING TO CATCH AT LEAST SOME OF YOUR AFTERNOON CLASSES.

LOOK! IT'S THAT WEB-SWINGING MENACE! I'LL BET HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT WAREHOUSE FIRE!

THE DAILY BUGLE'S RIGHT ABOUT THAT GOGGLE-EYED FREAK! HE SHOULD BE LOCKED UP!

EVEN WITH YOUR POUNDING HEADACHE, YOU CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE AS YOU NOTE THE PRONOUN CONFUSION.

Tourists--ya gotta love 'em!



THIS HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF DREAM OR HALLUCINATION! IT CAN'T BE REAL!

I-IT JUST CAN'T!

YOU CREEP! TINY AND JASON SAW YOU WITH LIZ ALLEN YESTERDAY. IF YOU'RE TRYING TO BEAT MY TIME--!

I WISH YOU'D GET IT THROUGH YOUR THICK SKULL THAT I'M NOT AFTER YOUR GIRL, FLASH.

YOU'D BETTER NOT BE LYING, PARKER...OR I'LL MEET YOU AFTER SCHOOL..

FINE! FINE! IF YOU'RE REAL NICE, I MAY EVEN LET YOU CARRY MY BOOKS!

I'M JUST HELPING HER STUDY. I'M DATING BETTY BRANT.

BRANT? WHO'S BRANT?

KEEP IT UP, PETEY BOY--AND YOU'LL BE LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM!

WHOA! IT'S BAD ENOUGH TO BE STUCK IN THE PAST...

DO YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW THAT COACH THOMPSON WAS A REAL JERK IN HIGH SCHOOL?



OR THAT DAD IS SEEING THIS BRANT SIMBO BEHIND MOM'S BACK?!

O-OR IS HE?!

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE HE HASN'T EVEN MET YOUR MOTHER, YET.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISS? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST.

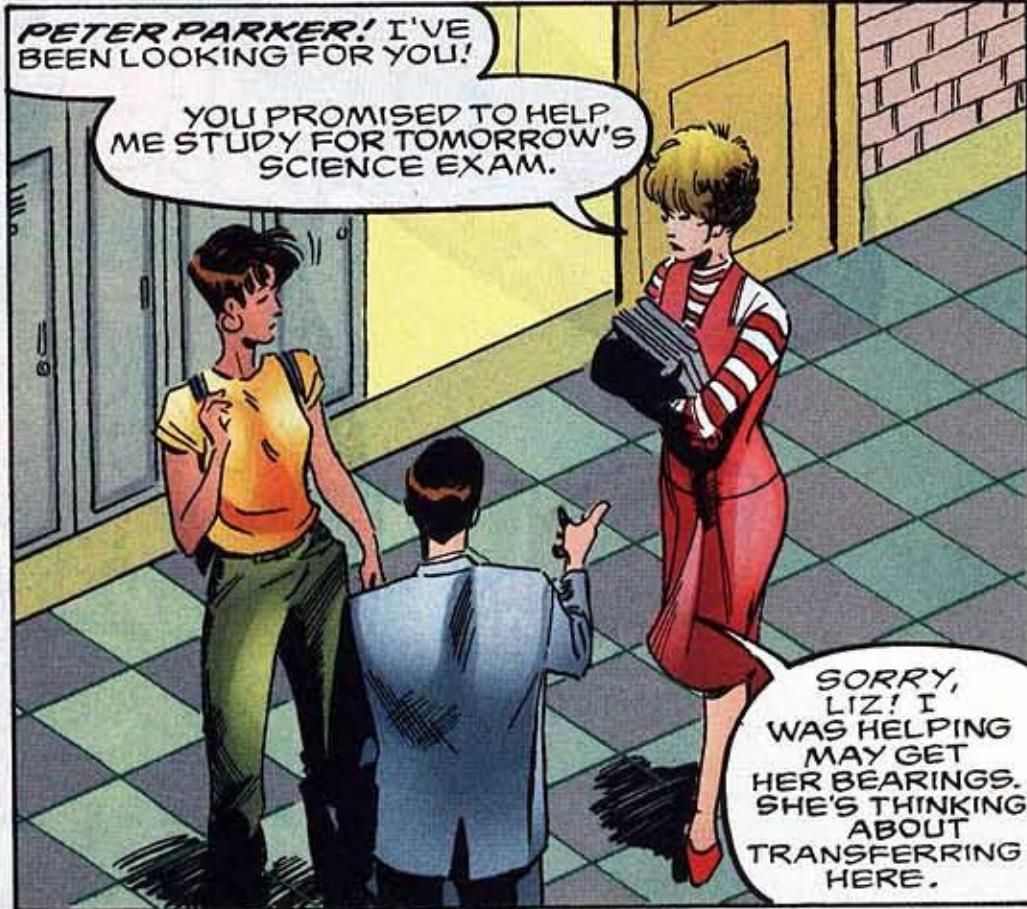
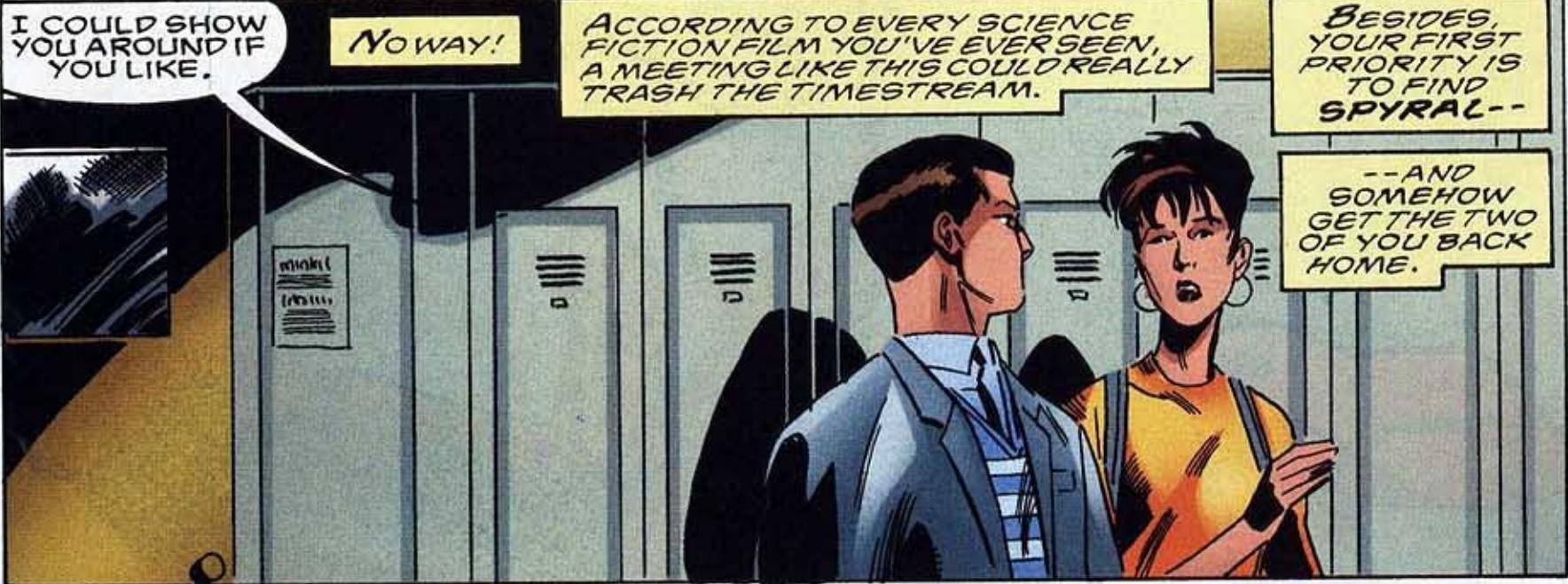
UHHHH...
yeah!

I GUESS I AM FEELING A LITTLE LOST.

ARE YOU A NEW STUDENT? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

MAY...ERRR...
MAYDAY.

NICE TO MEET YOU, MISS DAY.
I'M PETER PARKER.



YOU SPEND THE NEXT FEW HOURS IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY, READING THE MOST RECENT ISSUES OF THE DAILY BUGLE.

SPYRAL SCREWED UP BIG TIME!



INSTEAD OF AN ALTERNATE DIMENSION, HE ZAPPED INTO THE PAST-- a miscalculation that you may be able to use to your advantage!

WHEN THE DISMISSAL BELL RINGS, YOU SCOPE OUT YOUR DAD--

--AND SLIP INTO YOUR WEBS.

A MAJOR SUPER HERO LIKE SPIDER-MAN MUST KNOW SOMEONE WITH ACCESS TO A TIME MACHINE.



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CONVINCE HIM TO HELP YOU AND MAKE THE NECESSARY INTROS.

YEAH, THAT'S ALL!

HEY, THE ONLY THING THAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM GOING DIRECTLY TO THE FANTASTIC FIVE-- OR IS IT STILL FOUR? -- IS THE FACT THAT YOUR MAIN CONTACT HASN'T BEEN BORN-- UH-OH!



YOUR DAD'S SUDDENLY GETTING ALL SQUIRRELLY, NERVOUSLY LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER AND--

OF COURSE! HIS SPIDER-SENSE MUST BE WARNING HIM THAT HE'S BEING FOLLOWED.



--THE INSTANT HE TRIES TO GLANCE IN YOUR DIRECTION.

OKAY, MAYBE THIS WASN'T EXACTLY THE BRIGHTEST IDEA!

YOU WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL HE REACHED A SECLUDED AREA BEFORE ANNOUNCING YOUR PRESENCE.



BUT YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY SNEAK UP ON SOMEONE WITH A--

--Spider-sense!?!

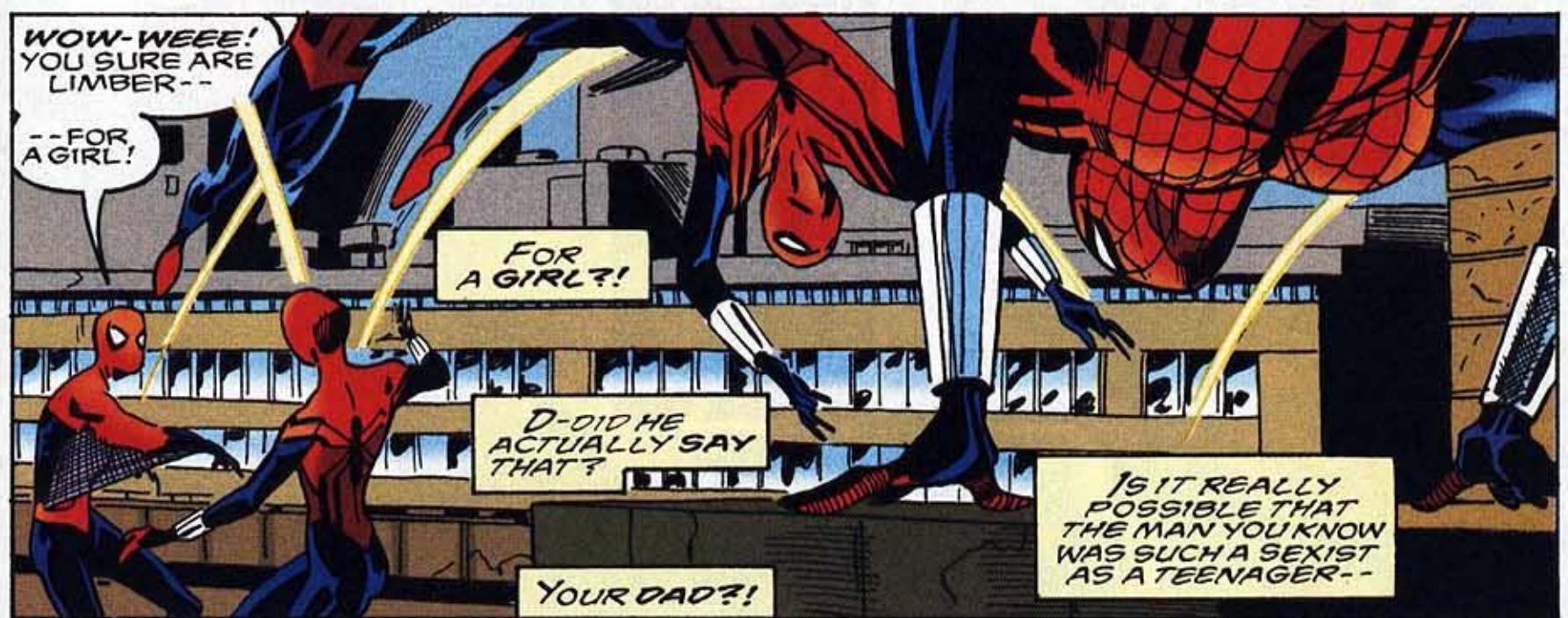
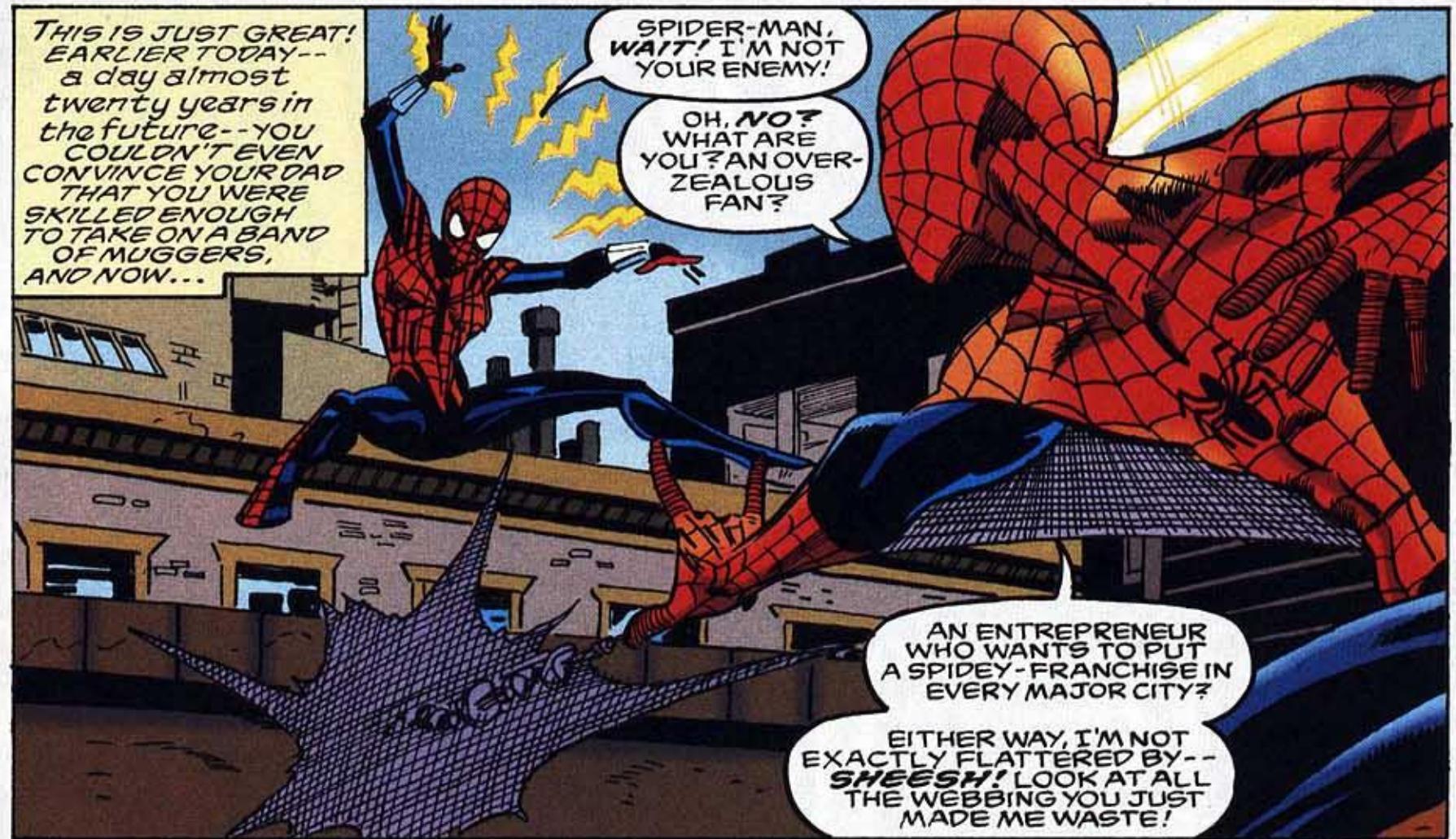
YOU'VE
GOT TO BE
KIDDING!
I CAN'T
IMAGINE WHY
YOU'D EVEN TRY
TO IMPERSONATE
ME, MA'AM--

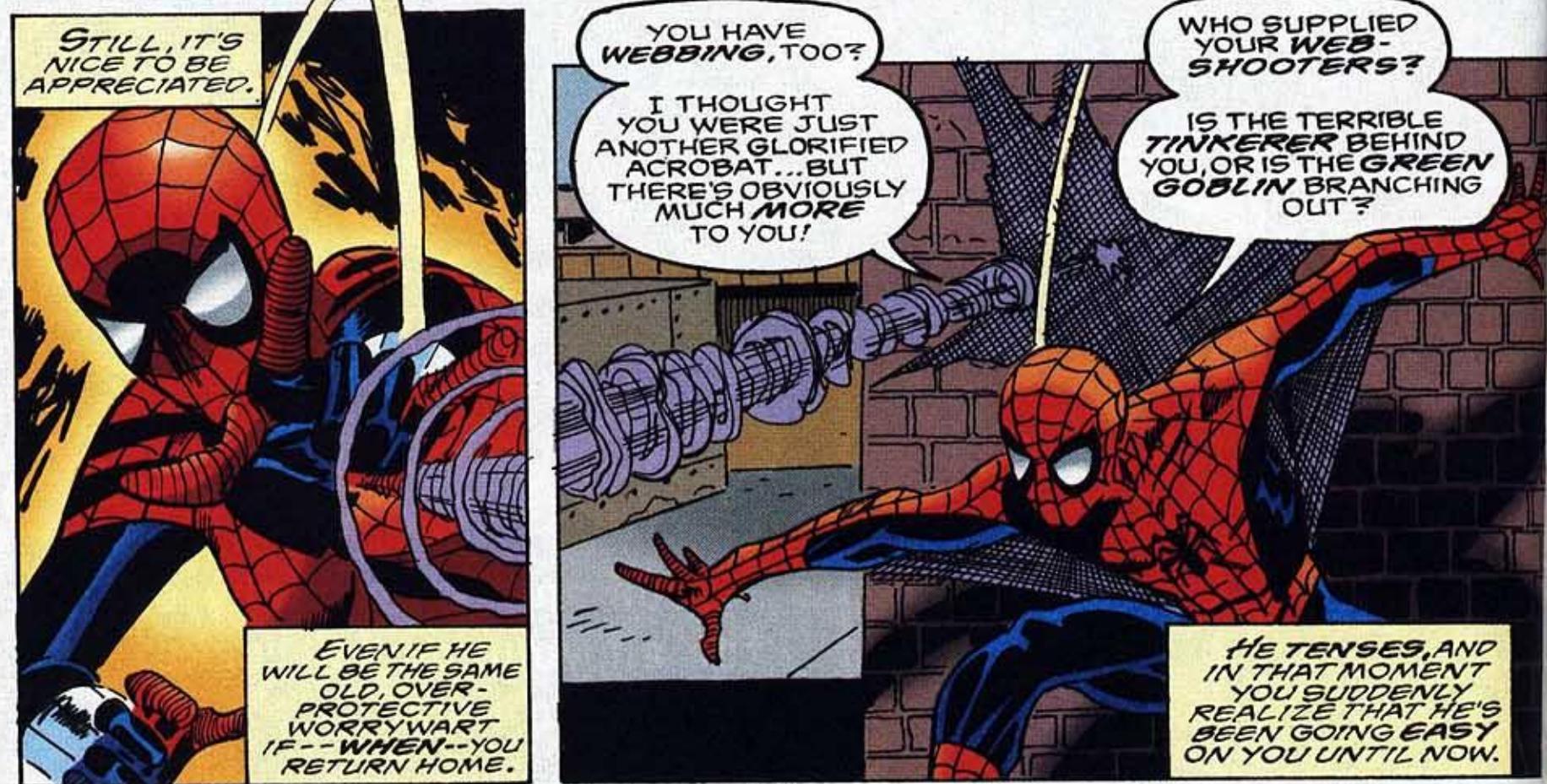
-- BUT SOMEONE
GOT A LITTLE CARRIED
AWAY WITH THE SPIDER
ON YOUR COSTUME --

-- THOSE THINGS ON
YOUR WRISTS LOOK
LIKE SOMETHING OUT
OF A LOW-BUDGET
TV SHOW --

-- AND YOU'RE
DEFINITELY
THE WRONG
SEX!

THIS IS JUST GREAT! EARLIER TODAY-- a day almost twenty years in the future-- YOU COULDN'T EVEN CONVINCE YOUR DAD THAT YOU WERE SKILLED ENOUGH TO TAKE ON A BAND OF MUGGERS, AND NOW...





BUT THEN, EVEN BEFORE
HE CAN RENEW
HIS ATTACK--



AAAAYYYEEEEE

HELP ME!
PLEASE!
SOMEONE!
ANYONE!



THEY SAY THAT YOUR ACTIONS--
particularly the ones you make
instinctively--DEFINE YOUR
TRUE CHARACTER.



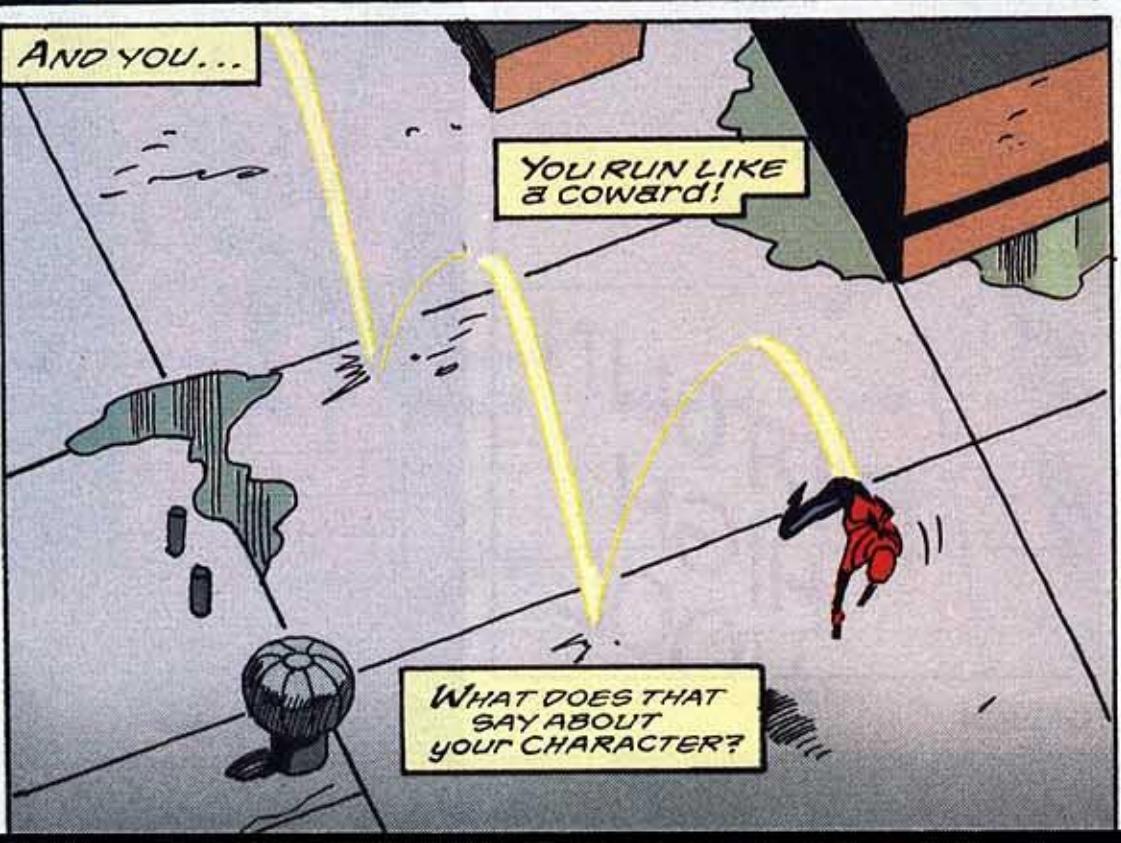
NO CONTEST!



AND YOU...

YOU RUN LIKE
A COWARD!

WHAT DOES THAT
SAY ABOUT
YOUR CHARACTER?



MAYBE YOU'RE JUST BEING HARD ON YOURSELF.

TWO SPIDER-PERSONS WOULD HAVE BEEN OVERKILL AGAINST A SINGLE MUGGER.

YEAH, THAT'S A RATIONALE YOU COULD ALMOST LIVE WITH...

IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE TRUTH.

FACE IT, MAY! YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR FATHER'S OVERWHELMING SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY...

OR HIS SKILLS...

OR HIS STREET SMARTS!

DO YOU THINK HE'D BE THROWN BY A LITTLE ROAD TRIP INTO THE PAST?

NOT A CHANCE!

HE'D SIMPLY FIRE OFF A FEW WITTICISMS, AND SOMEHOW FIND A WAY TO LOCATE SPYRAL.

YOU SPEND THE NEXT FEW HOURS ATTEMPTING JUST THAT--

--BUT YOU FAIL!

NO WONDER YOUR PARENTS TRIED TO DISCOURAGE YOU FROM PLAYING THE HERO GAME.

EXHAUSTED, DEPRESSED AND MORE FRIGHTENED THAN YOU'VE EVER BEEN IN YOUR LIFE, YOU SUDDENLY REALIZE THAT YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A PLACE TO STAY THE NIGHT.

BUT THEN, YOU GET AN IDEA...

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN YOU SPENT EVERY FREE MOMENT IN THE GYM...

MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

THE GIRLS LOCKER ROOM MAY NOT BE THE WORLD'S MOST COMFORTABLE BEDROOM--

--BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

AFTER A RATHER RESTLESS NIGHT, YOU SCREW UP YOUR COURAGE AND HEAD FOR THE FAMILY HOME--

--DETERMINED TO ENLIST YOUR DAD'S AID BY TELLING HIM THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY A VISITOR FROM AN ALTERNATE FUTURE!



TO AVOID ANY POTENTIAL BOMBSHELLS, YOU'LL CLAIM THAT YOUR WORLD NEVER HAD A SPIDER-MAN.

NOT THE GREATEST PLAN-- BUT, LIKE, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT WITH ONLY THREE HOURS SLEEP?



OH, WHAT A LOVELY SURPRISE! I ASSUME YOU'RE HERE TO SEE MY NEPHEW PETER--

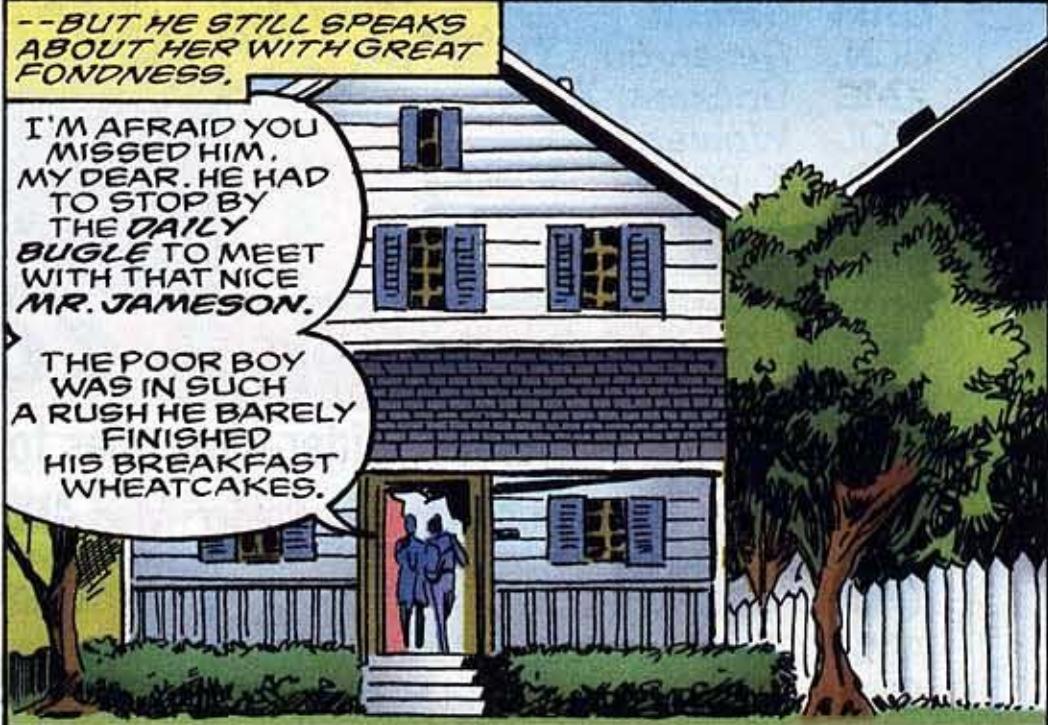
OH, GOSH! IT'S HER--!



--BUT HE STILL SPEAKS ABOUT HER WITH GREAT FONDNESS.

I'M AFRAID YOU MISSED HIM, MY DEAR. HE HAD TO STOP BY THE DAILY BUGLE TO MEET WITH THAT NICE MR. JAMESON.

THE POOR BOY WAS IN SUCH A RUSH HE BARELY FINISHED HIS BREAKFAST WHEATCAKES.



GOT SOME PICTURES FOR ME, PARKER?



Hmmm! NOTHING SO GREAT! SPIDER-MAN'S SIGNAL BEAM SHINING ON THREE PUNKS, AND A POLICEMAN MAKING A PINCH. BIG DEAL!



IF ONLY I COULD HAVE GOTTEN A FEW SHOTS OF THAT SPIDER-GIRL--!

THINK HOW BAD THOSE PIX MADE SPIDER-MAN LOOK, MR. JAMESON. HE WAS BEATEN TO SOME CROOKS BY ONE LONE OFFICER.



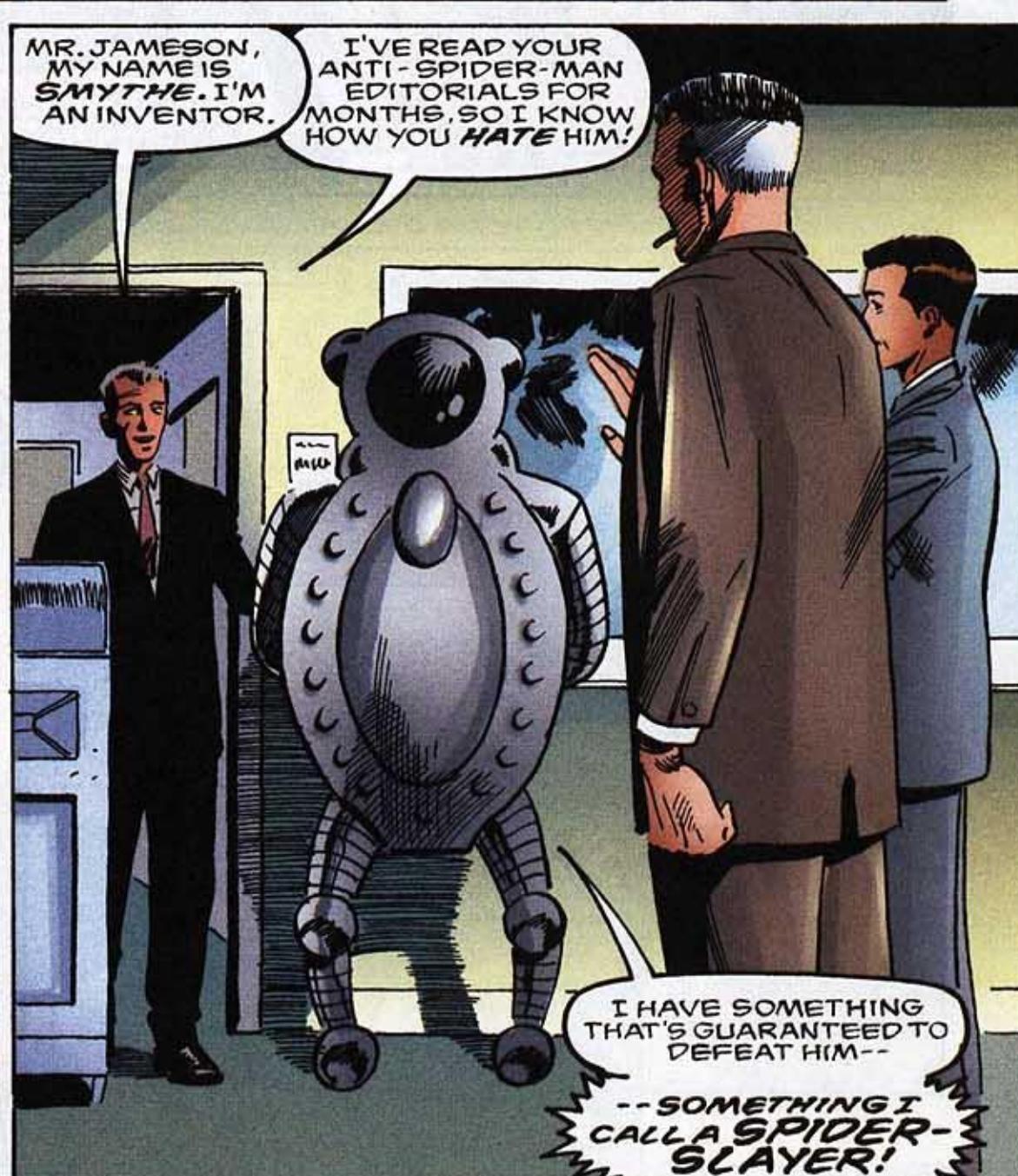
PETER PARKER! YOU'VE BEEN SELLING SO MANY PICTURES TO J. JONAH THAT YOU'RE BEGINNING TO SOUND LIKE HIM!



AW, BETTY. I WAS JUST-- HEY, LOOK! WHAT'S THAT?!

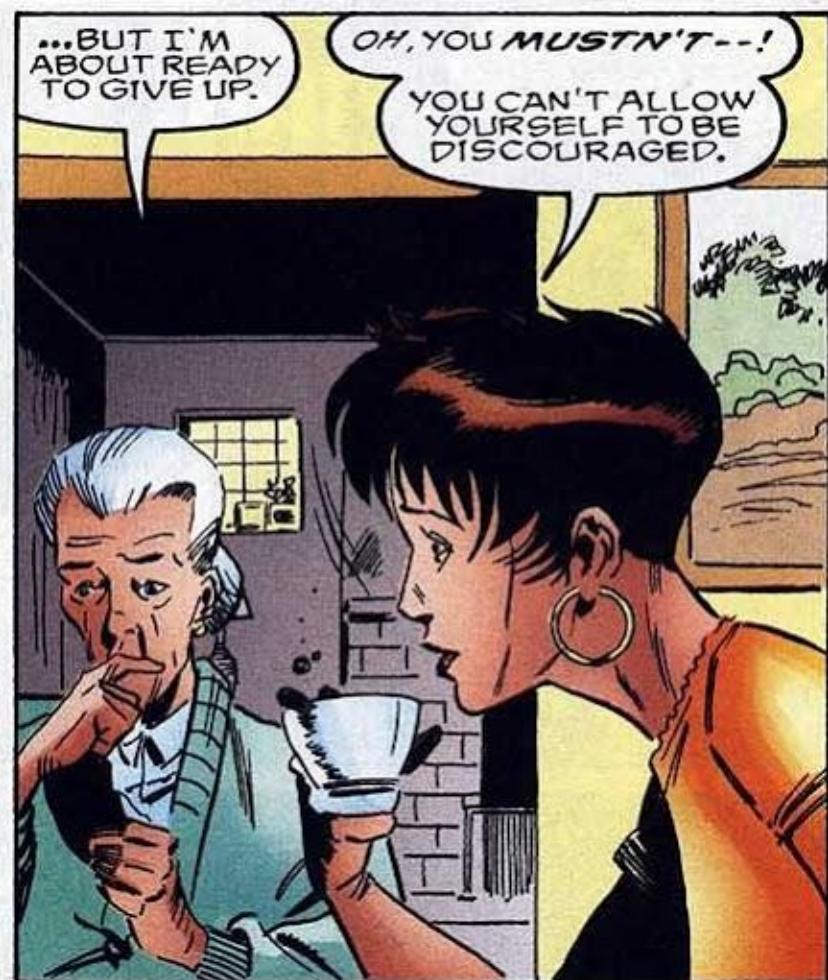
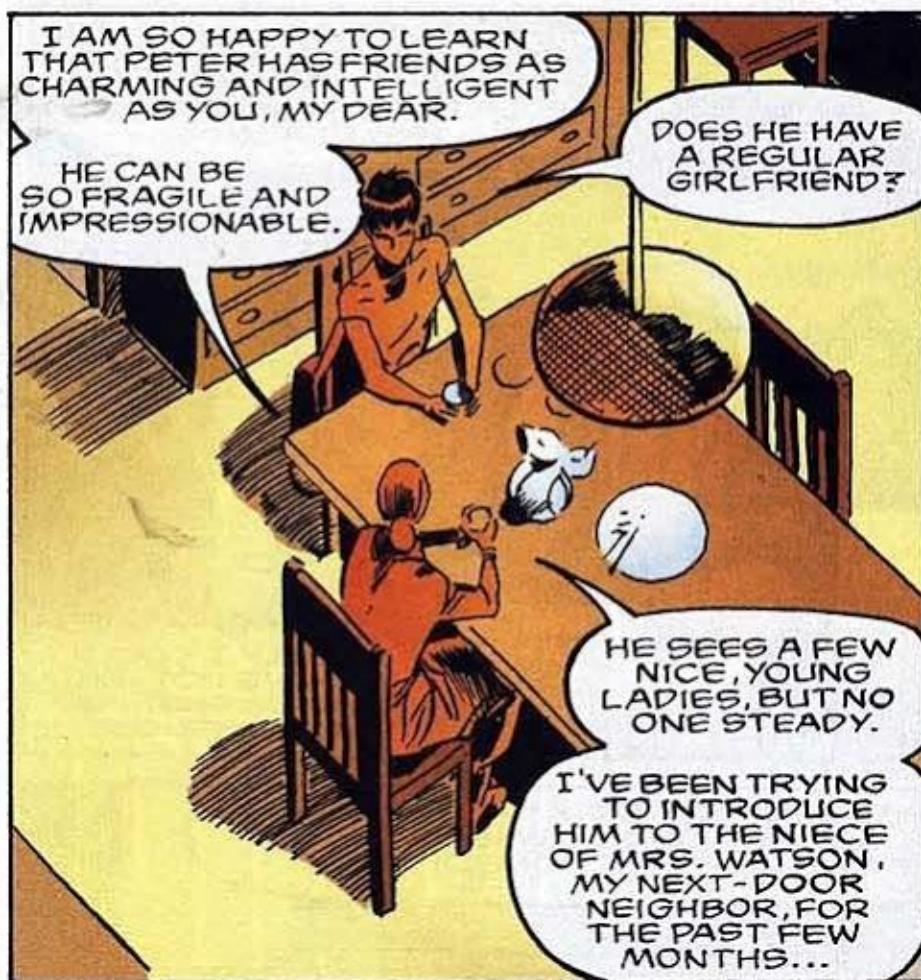
MR. JAMESON, MY NAME IS SMYTHE. I'M AN INVENTOR.

I'VE READ YOUR ANTI-SPIDER-MAN EDITORIALS FOR MONTHS, SO I KNOW HOW YOU HATE HIM!



I HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S GUARANTEED TO DEFEAT HIM--

--SOMETHING I CALL A SPIDER-SLAYER!



OKAY, SO IT MAY TAKE AWHILE... A looooooong while!

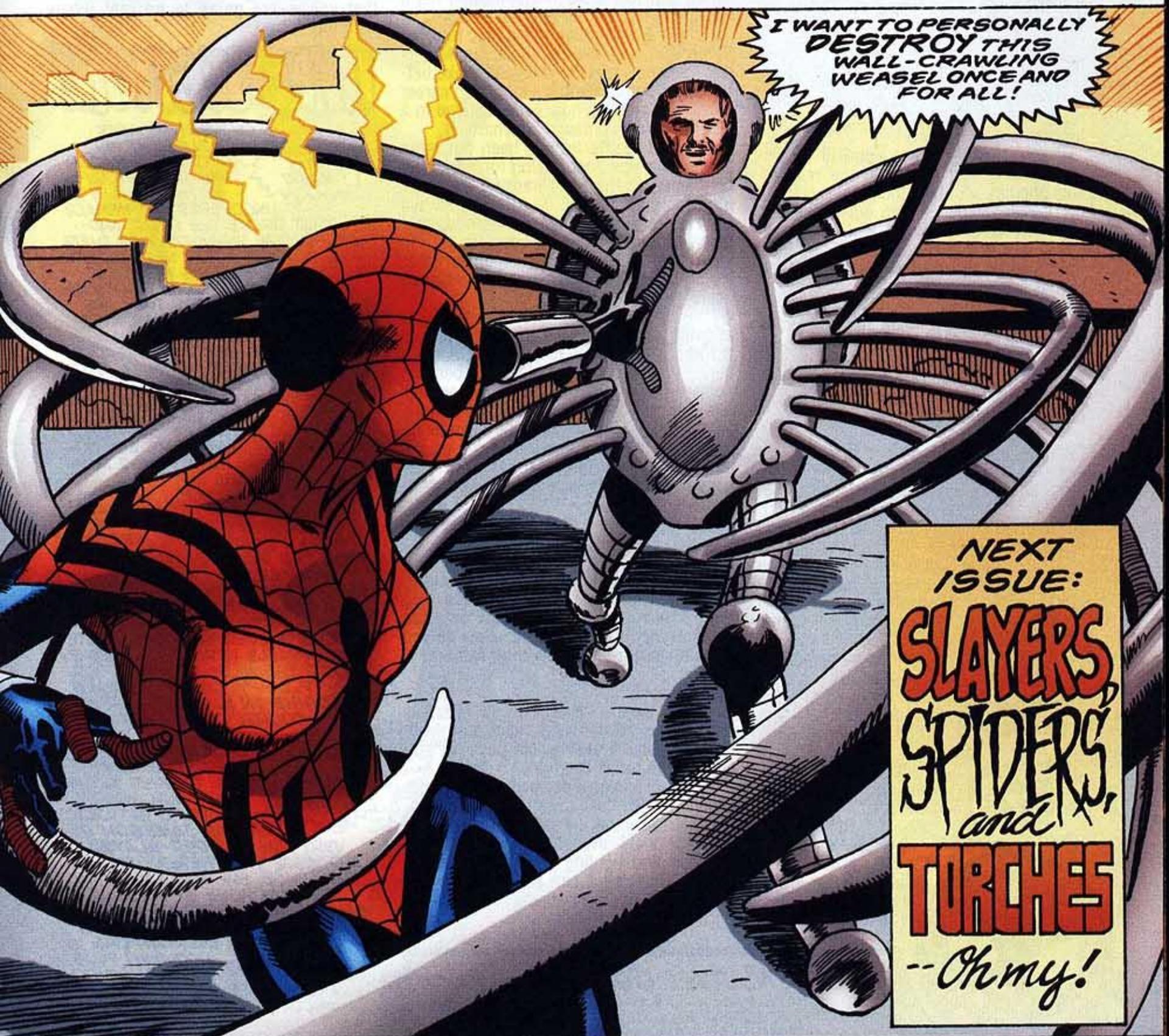
BIG DEAL! SINCE YOU'LL BE TRAVELING THROUGH TIME ANYWAY, YOU JUST AIM YOUR RETURN FOR A FEW MINUTES AFTER YOU LEFT.

SIMPLE, NO?

YOU JUST HAVE TO KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, AND-- NOW WHAT?!

LOOK, MR. JAMESON! MY SPIDER-SLAYER IS ALREADY ZEROING IN ON SPIDER-MAN!

LET ME TAKE OVER THE CONTROLS, SMYTHE!



SPIDER-GIRL

ATTENTION ALL
YOU MIGHTY
MC2 MANICS!

At long last--after devoting far too many weekends and late nights tabulating all the votes--we're finally ready to announce the results of Majority Rules! And the official winner is...

THE FANTASTIC FIVE!

And--because we're such swell guys--we've decided to give you an added bonus, a second new title starring...

WILD THING!

Both of these exciting new MC2 Masterpieces will be rocketing toward your favorite comic book store during the month of August. Mark your calendar, and remember to give them a quick look. You'll be real glad you did! (Trust us! We'd never lie to you!)

Dear Spider-Girl Team,

I think Spider-Girl is one of the hottest new stars in a long while, and I'd really like to compliment Tom, Pat and Al for their impressive work.

I really like Spider-Girl's supporting cast, and especially the relationship she has with her Uncle Phil. (I loved the part in Spider-Girl #5 when she told Phil her secret identity.)

I was wondering and hoping if there will be a Spider-Girl animated cartoon and an action figure.

Mark John Anderson
Memphis, TN

While an action figure is a distinct possibility, Mark, there are no plans for an animated series at this time.

Dear Spidophiles,

I am afraid that Mayday Parker, more than any of your other new characters, is in danger of losing the special something that symbolizes the magic (and the success) of MC2--lightheartedness!

Along with her powers she seems to have inherited that responsibility mania from her father. While I admit that tragic events make impressive stories, please keep them out of MC2. It's nice to know that these characters don't have to come home to a Kingpin, Venom, Bastion or Green Goblin.

Renate Roth
Germany

We're all for lightheartedness, Renate...but

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in the current costume!

Michael "Sponge"
Benton
Rossville, GA

She certainly does, Michael...which could be another reason why her dad doesn't want her parading around in that outfit! And, if you really do like alternate realities, we urge you to seek out a copy of A-Next #10.

Dear Marvel,

In my opinion Spider-Girl is the best comic that the Spiderverse currently has to offer! She has style, character and excitement. Plus, as an added bonus...no Aunt May!

George Alexander, Jr.
Detroit, MI

Uhhhhh, George...something tells us that you're not going to be real happy with this issue!

HYPE SECTION!

ON SALE NEXT WEEK
IN A-NEXT #10
ON SALE
NEXT
WEEK!
PART 1 OF A MAJOR
TWO-PART STORY--
HAVING FINALLY
UNCOVERED THE MENACE
THAT BROKE THE SPIRIT AND
CAUSED THE DISBANDING OF THEIR
PREDECESSORS, THE NEXT GENER-
ATION OF EARTH'S MIGHTIEST
HEROES JOURNEY TO A NIGHTMAR-
ISH REALITY WHERE THEY ARE
FORCED TO BATTLE DISTORTED
VERSIONS OF THE ORIGINAL
AVENGERS! MEET THE DREADED
THUNDER GUARD--DONAR, IRON
CROSS, PINCER, THE MASTER,
DEADEYE, STORM TROOPER AND
MORE! PLUS OUR HEROES FINALLY
LEARN THE FATE OF CAPTAIN
AMERICA! IF YOU LIKE ALL-OUT
ACTION IN THE MIGHTY MC-2 MAN-
NER, YOU DARE NOT
MISS "RAGNAROK!"

ON SALE
IN TWO
WEEKS!
"ON THE ROAD WITH
WOLVERINE!" WHEN
LOGAN LEARNS THAT HIS DAUGH-
TER RINA, THE WILD THING MAY
HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED, HE
RECRUITS EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE
UNSTOPPABLE HERO, AND OFF THEY
GO TO THE WILDS OF MADRIPOOR.
PLUS--"A CANTAKEROUS
JUGGLIE IN KING ARTHUR'S
COURT!" NUFF SAID!

ON SALE NEXT MONTH IN
SPIDER-GIRL #11
STILL TRAPPED IN THE
PAST, OUR GIRL IS
FORCED TO BATTLE
JONAH JAMESON'S
VERY FIRST SPIDER-SLAYER.
AND, AS IF THAT WEREN'T ENOUGH
CHALLENGE, SHE MUST ALSO FIND
HER WAY HOME BY LOCATING
SPYRAL WHILE BATTLING BOTH THE
HUMAN TORCH AND HER OWN
FATHER, THE EVER-AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN. HOO-BOY! PLUS
MAYDAY MEETS THE HIGH SCHOOL
VERSION OF MARY JANE! TALK
ABOUT A MUST-HAVE ISSUE!