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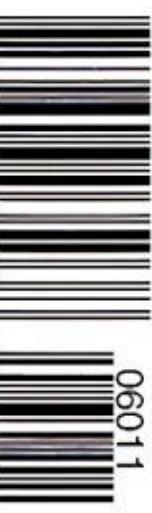


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The daughter of the original Spider-Man, May "Mayday" Parker has inherited her father's amazing powers. Possessing the proportionate strength, speed, and agility of a spider, as well as the ability to cling to walls, she now follows in his web-lines! Stan Lee presents...

SPIDER-GIRL

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May Parker finally gathers enough courage to show Normie Osborn how she really feels about him--

--but he quickly rejects her, claiming that he's much too old for her and that he already has a girlfriend.



When Seth, the Serpent-God of Death later traps the Earth's mightiest heroes within a deadly entropy field--



--Spider-Girl rises to the challenge in a savage battle that proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that she is truly worthy of her webs.

On a much happier note, Mayday gains a new baby brother when her mother gives birth to Benjamin Richard Parker.

 His name is
Benjamin
Richard
Parker--

You've spent the
past few days
getting to know him--

--and you could
just eat him up!

Yes, you
could!

--and healing from your
recent battle with *Seth*,
the so-called *Serpent-*
God of Death.

The world's a
little safer now
that *Seth* is gone.

Safer for *Benny*
and everyone else.

Your name is
May "Mayday"
Parker--

--and you beam with
pride as you cuddle
the once-and-future
Spider-Man.

LEGACY!



Now that you think of it,
your mom's really got it
all--a loving family and
a successful career!

Maybe you'll follow
in her footsteps
and--Uh-Oh!

Morning,
Dad!

What'cha
doing?

Oh...
uhhhh...hi, May.
I was just...uhhh...
I still can't believe
you really took
on Seth.

The guy
used to trade
punches with the
mighty Thor.

What can I
say? It's not like
I *wanted* to
fight him.

Things
just got a
little out of
hand.

You
are so
lucky to be
alive.

Luck had
nothing to do
with it, Dad. I just did
everything you taught
me and followed my
instincts.

I think I'm
finally starting
to get a handle
on this whole
spider-thing.

Well...your mother
and I think it's time we all
sat down...and had a serious
heart-to-heart about your
future.

Oh, great!

This can't
be good.

Do
you--?

Was he talking about your future as a costumed adventurer...or just your *future* future?

Oh, man!

The truth is you barely *survived* against Seth.

You *are* lucky to be alive and you *don't* actually think you'll *ever* get a handle on the spider-thing.

Being a super hero is such an awesome responsibility.

You think about some of the women who came before you and wonder if any of them ever experienced the same doubts and insecurities.

Do you even have to ask?

YOU--who can't even get a handle on her own love life.

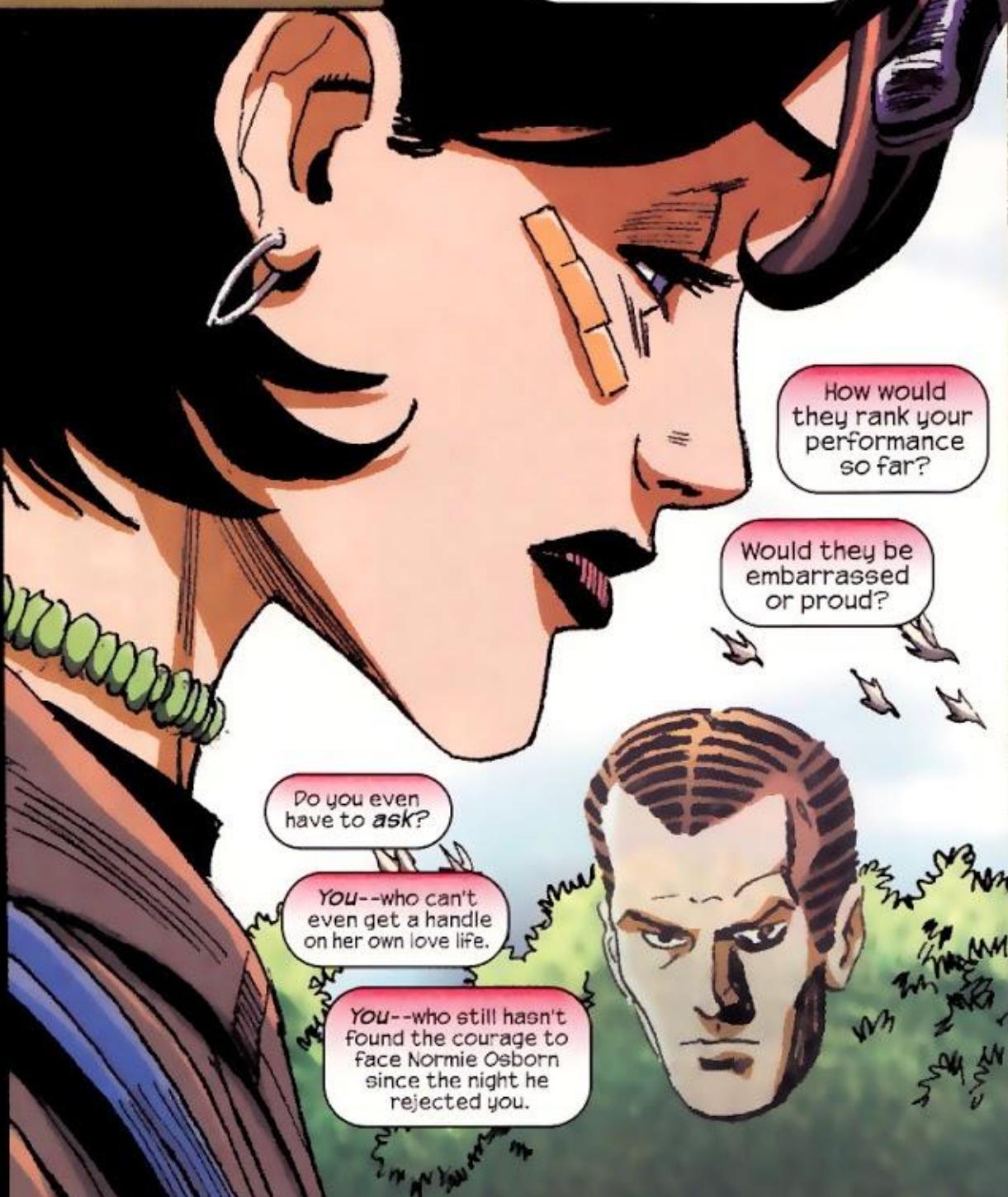
YOU--who still hasn't found the courage to face Normie Osborn since the night he rejected you.

How would they rank your performance so far?

Would they be embarrassed or proud?

How would they rank your performance?

You hear the snickers in the shadows.







All right, so you think Sandra's being abused. How can you help her?

Should you even try?

Maybe you should just mind your own business and--*yeah*, like *that'll* ever work.

B-But you don't know squat about Sandra and you're no detective.

Where can you go to get the 411 on Sandra and--

--of course!

It was pretty obvious she didn't want to discuss it.

You have a responsibility to help those who can't help themselves.

Yeah, I know Sandra. Sweet kid. Her mom sells real estate on Queens Boulevard and her dad's some kind of accountant.

She seeing anyone?

Last I heard, she was pretty hot and heavy with Howard Kavanagh.

I know Howard. He's on the track team.

The very guy! Mind if I ask why the sudden interest in Sandra?

It's kinda personal, JJ.

Okay, here's a question you can answer. Why come to me?

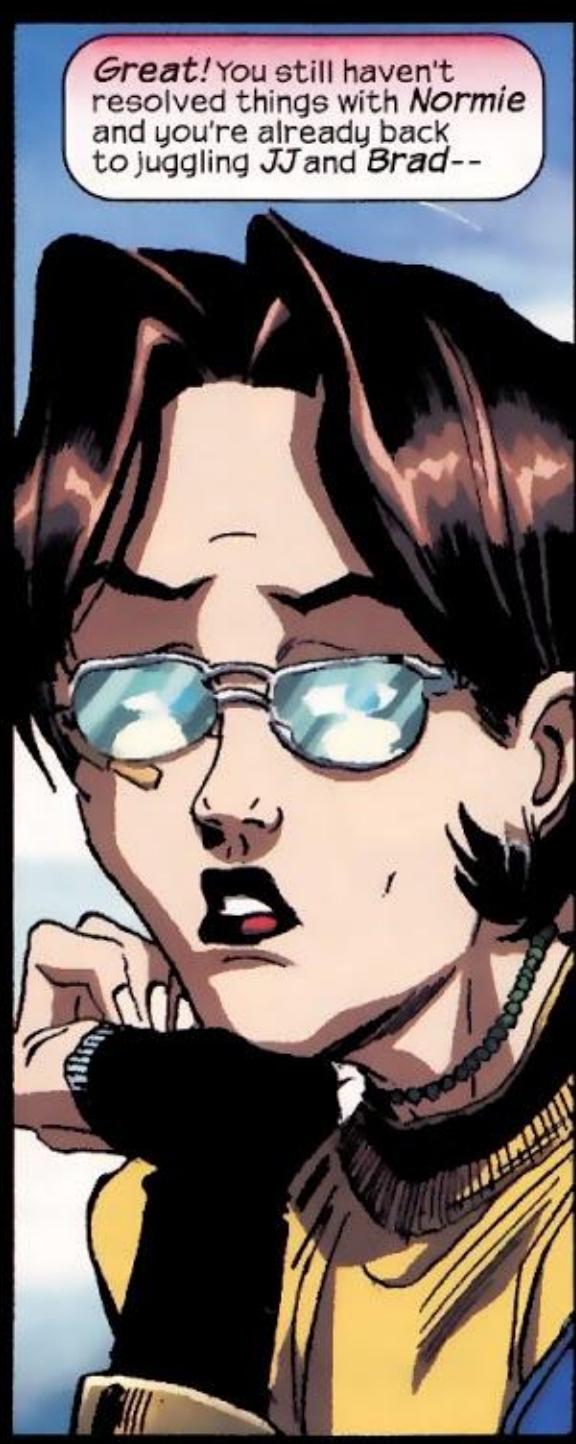
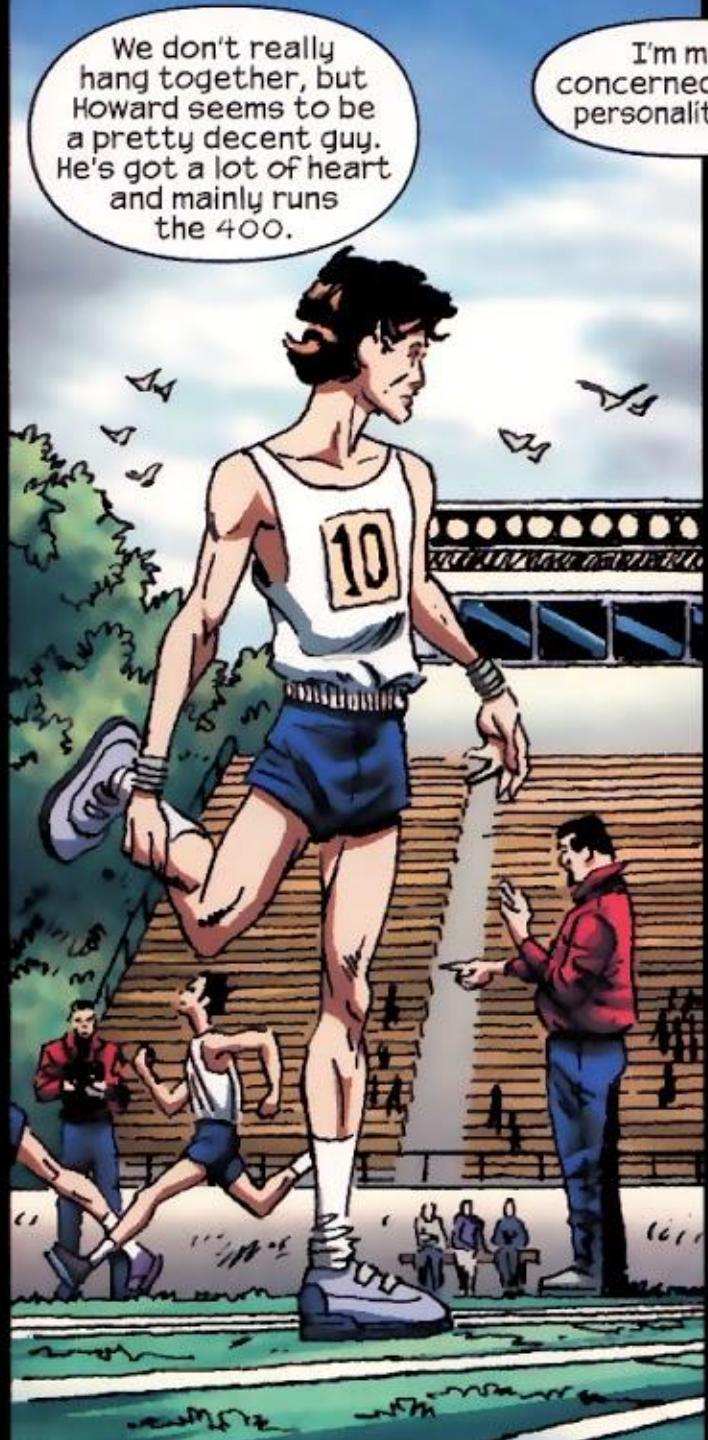
All right. I admit it. I'm a teenage boy who likes women. Sue me. Better yet--*date me!* I'd gladly forsake all my lecherous ways for you.

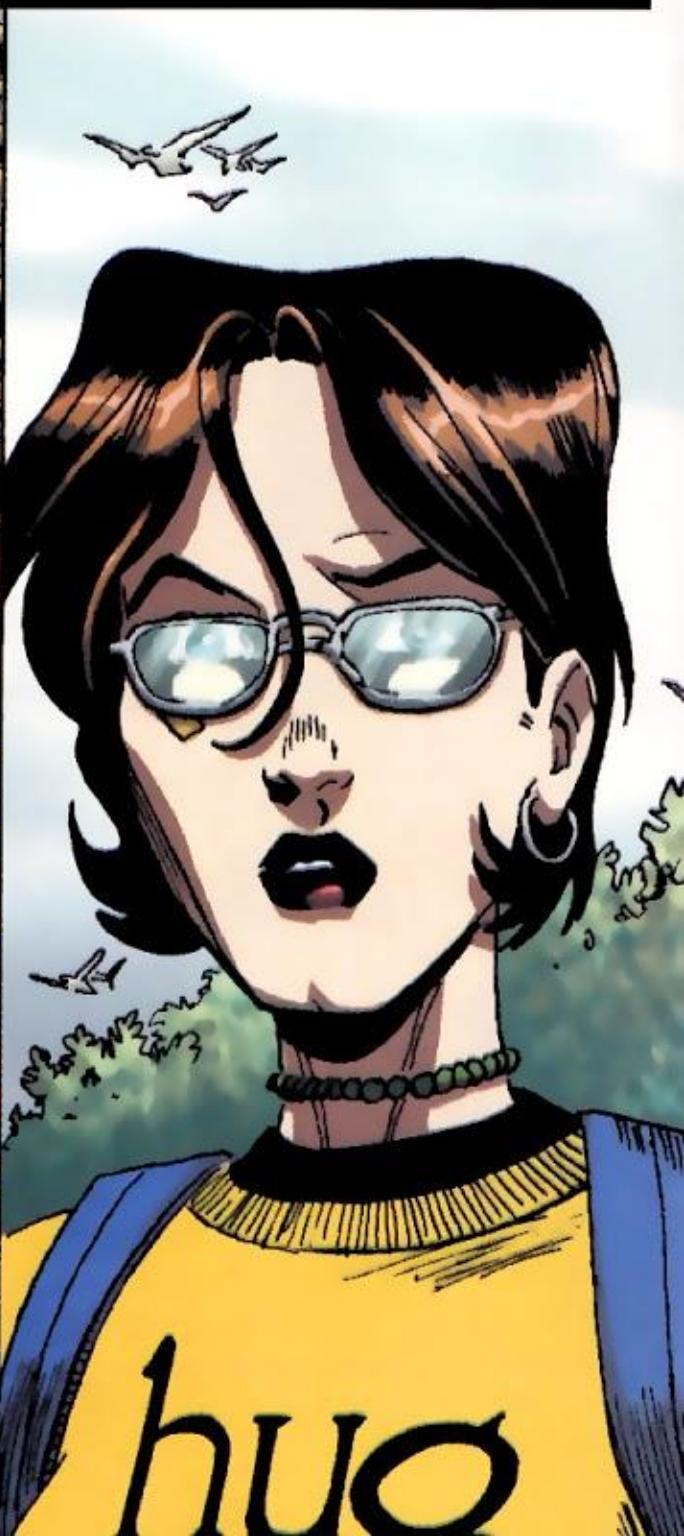
Because you hit on every girl you meet and actually listen when they talk.

Are you accusing me of being a flirt?

We tried that once. Didn't work.

I'm a new man now. I've really grown as a person.





The Ladyhawk twins are crimefighters who share the same name and costume... and that's where the similarities end.

It was such a pleasant surprise to hear from you, Spider-Girl.

We assumed you'd still be resting up after that whole Seth thing.

I'm working on a case of **domestic abuse** and could use some help.

So naturally you turned to the **black girls**.

No, it's not like that.

Since you guys focus on street crimes, I figured you'd have more experience with this sort of thing.

I'm sorry if I offended you.

My sister's too polite to ask, but you didn't call us because you suddenly got a hankering for a workout.

You want something from us-- what is it?





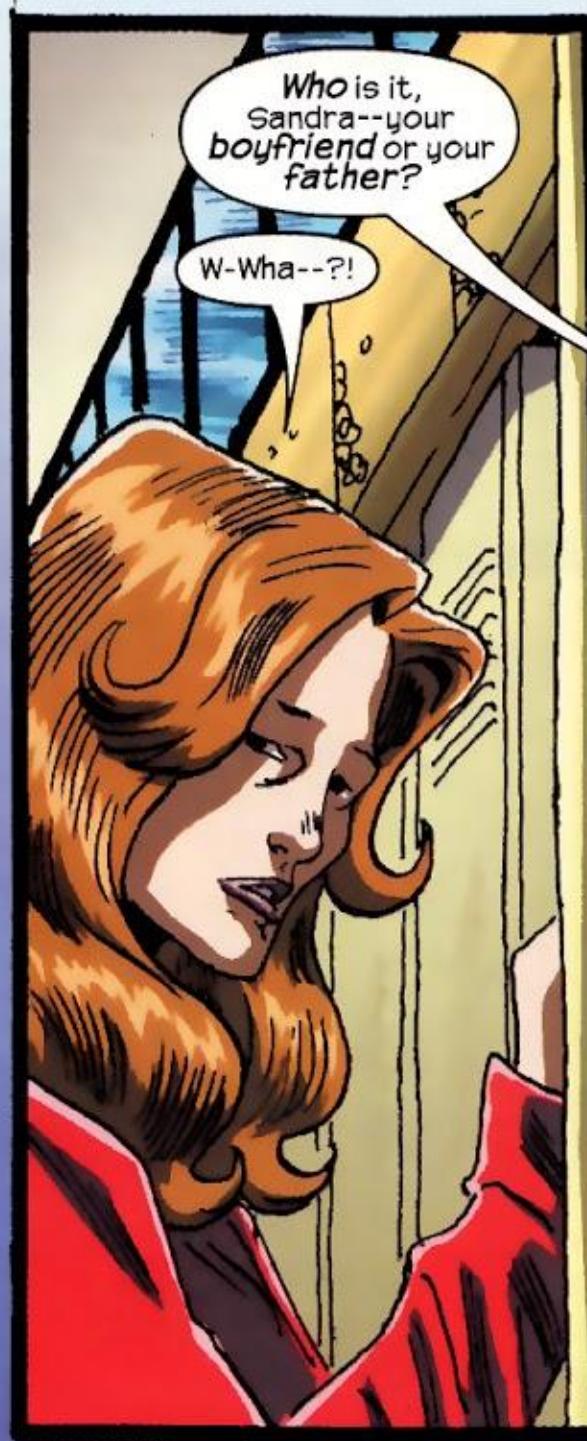


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These questions continue to haunt you for the next few hours, and later that night you drop in on an old friend...





His name is
Norman Osborn.

His girlfriend--Brenda "Blackie" Drago--is currently serving a prison term for crimes she committed as a costumed villain called *Raptor*.

Norman would probably be in prison himself...if it hadn't been for *Spider-Girl*.

He tried to kill her on a few occasions, but she looked beyond the man he was--

--and saw the one he *could become!*

She responded to his hostility with acts of kindness.

Instead of being mortal enemies, they had somehow become friends and partners and--

--and he can even admit that he *loves* her.

But he can hide no more...

Hey, Normie...

May?!

I...

I've been meaning to call you.

Yeah... well... I'm here now.

--"And what?" he asks himself.

But is he *in* love with her?

How does he really feel about her?

He *admires* and respects her--

Up until now, he avoided the true answer--*hiding behind Raptor and the difference in their ages*.

I was the one who screwed things up between us, so I guess I should go first...

I am so sorry, Normie.
S-Sorry--?!

Yeah, I never should have kissed you. It was wrong for every reason you mentioned--plus whole bunches more!

I know it's no excuse, but I was in a bad place and completely misinterpreted your feelings for me.

I...I hope you'll be able to forgive me...because I need things to go back to the way they were.

You're one of my best friends and I really count on you.

May, I...

I'll always be there for you, kid.



Way to go, girl! "Weird" is bound to define your relationship with Normie for the foreseeable future--

--and there's no guarantee that things will ever return to normal.

And you have absolutely no idea whether or not you'll ever reach Sandra.

Chalk up another fun-filled day for your friendly neighborhood web-stunner!

At least no one tried to kill you today.

Of course, the evening's still young and--Uh-oh!

Hey, Mom...Dad... We intended to speak with you last night, young lady...but you ran off to see Courtney...and then Davida dropped in.

what's up?

Yeah...well...uhhh...can this wait? I'm really kind of--

No, it can't.
Neither your mother nor I ever wanted you to follow in my footsteps, May.

The life of a costumed hero is full of danger, doubt and despair.

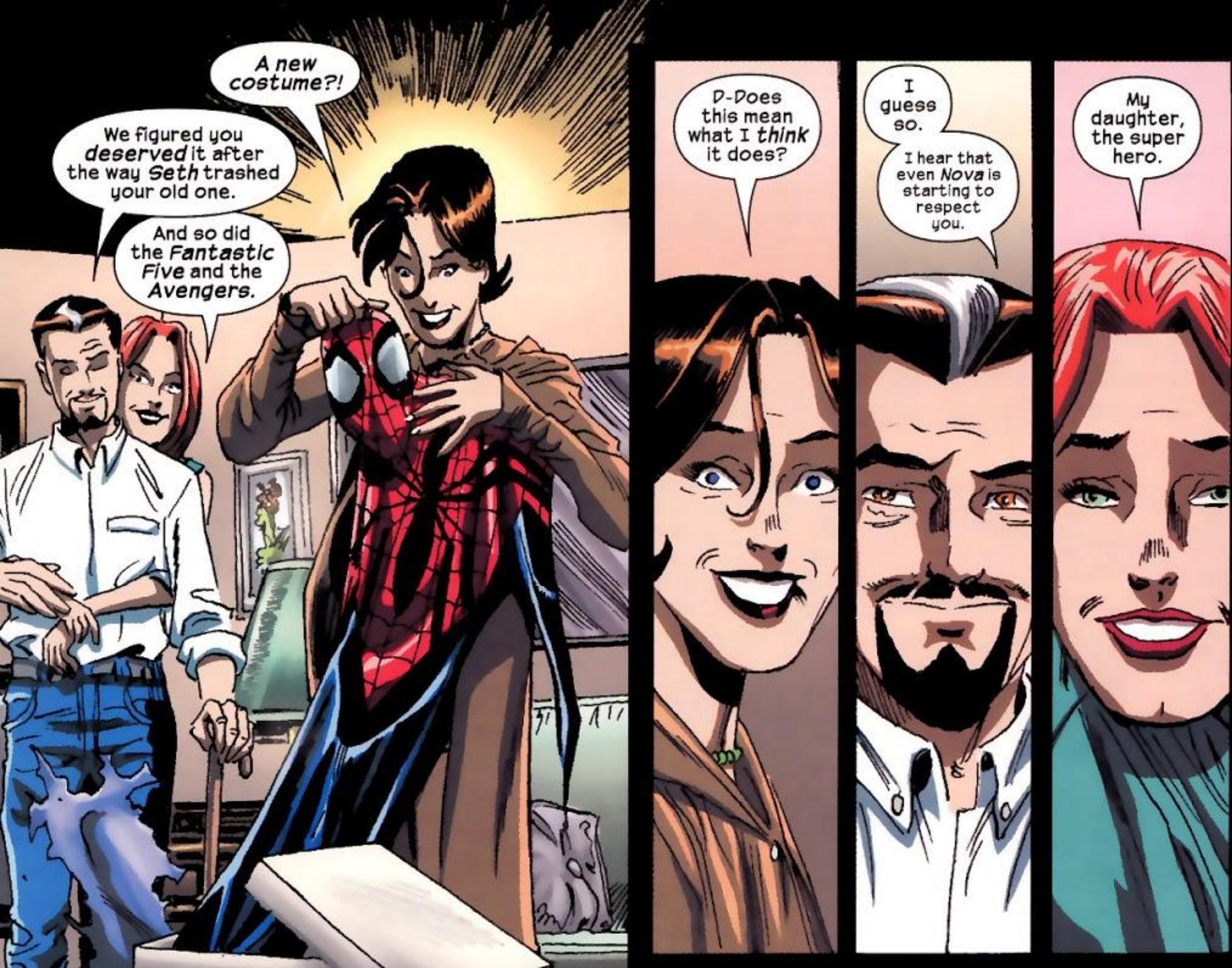
We've stood by and watched as *Spider-Girl* progressed from tackling simple muggers to battling cosmically-powered terrorists...and we've finally come to a decision.

W-What's this--?
Open it and find out.

A lecture...with presents?!?

Hey... why not?

Makes about as much sense as the rest of my life.



A wonderful life awaits you, Benjamin Richard Parker.



 Okay, so maybe
it's no longer a
Spider-Girl
world--

--and you'll never be known
as one of the truly great
super heroes.

But you've done all
right for yourself, girl.

Better than anyone
ever imagined!

And, at least for now, the
snickering has finally stopped!

**THE
END**
...FOR NOW!

THE THING



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