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SPIDER-GIRL



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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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Spider-Girl possesses an uncanny sixth sense, a spider-sense that warns her whenever she's in danger.



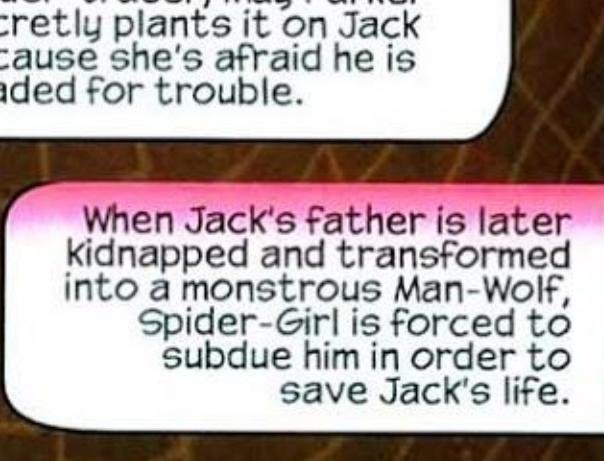
The son of the original Juggernaut, Zane Yama has inherited his dad's powers and joined the new Avengers as the hero called J2.



Relying on the technical aid of his friend Richie Robertson, Jack Jameson becomes the costumed adventurer known as the Buzz.



After her father gives her a spider-tracer, May Parker secretly plants it on Jack because she's afraid he is headed for trouble.



When Jack's father is later kidnapped and transformed into a monstrous Man-Wolf, Spider-Girl is forced to subdue him in order to save Jack's life.

Your name is
May "Mayday"
Parker.

You are the daughter of
Spider-Man, and there are
some mornings when it
just doesn't pay to get
out of bed.

After fruitlessly spending most of
the night hunting for the new Doctor
Octopus, you hit the snooze button
once too often and then find yourself
frantically racing to get to Midtown
High on time--

--when you suddenly
stumble on Gridlock
Gone WILD!

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

A-are
you CRAZY,
man?

That's my
ride you're using
for batting practice.

RUN!
Clear the
streets!

You try to
get everyone
to safety.

I'll hold off
these monsters
for as long as
I can.









Midtown High School

I don't care what the eyewitnesses told you...

...JZ was not on a rampage and the two of us weren't just goofing around.

Something-- make that a lot of invisible somethings-- definitely attacked us.

My knuckles are still stinging from all the punches I landed.

Spider-Girl, I know you and JZ well enough to believe your version of the events--

--but neither Mainframe nor our insurance carrier is very happy at the moment.

Any chance you can stop by **Avengers Compound** for a formal statement?

Fine, I'll expect you later this afternoon.



Great! Stinger is just as confused as you are.

Hopefully JZ is hard at work right now, trying to solve this little mystery.

May, I'm sure you remember my cousin Zane.

He has the day off from school so he's hanging with me.

We're going to hit the *Spider Shoppe* later.

GIRLS LOCKER ROOM

Yeah, it's an entire store devoted to Spider-Girl memorabilia. Jimmy's been bragging on it for months.

I know all about it.

I'm just surprised you guys are into it.

C'mon, the place is a blast! You want to join us?

Forget about it, Jimmy! May is not a fan geek like you. She has better uses for her time...

...like knocking back lattes with me.

You don't know me as well as you think you do, Brad.

I'm a total fan geek when it comes to Spider-Girl.

Let's go, Jimmy.

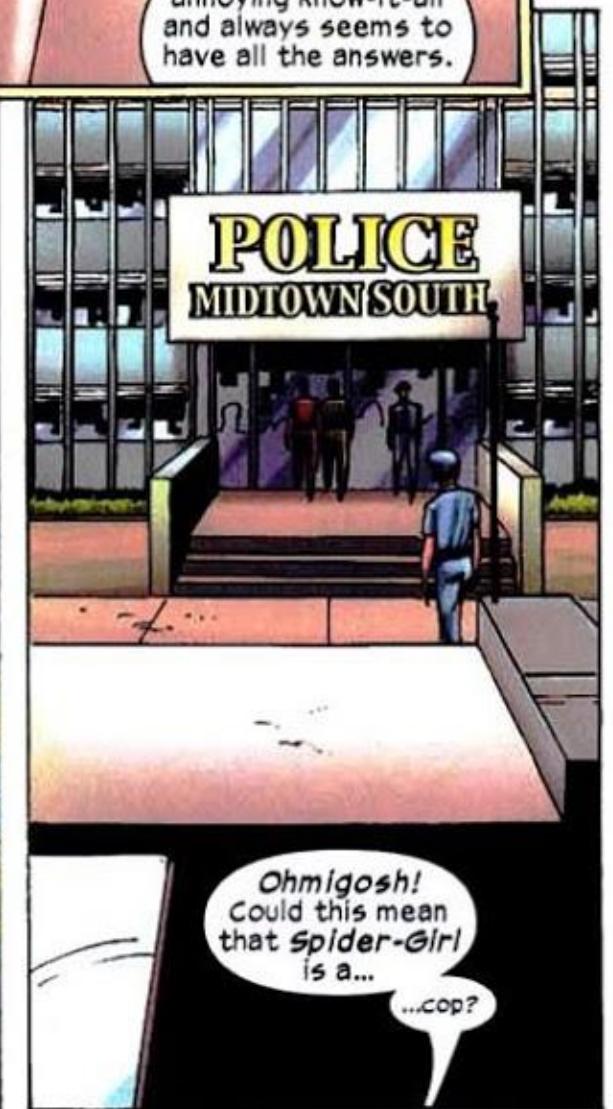
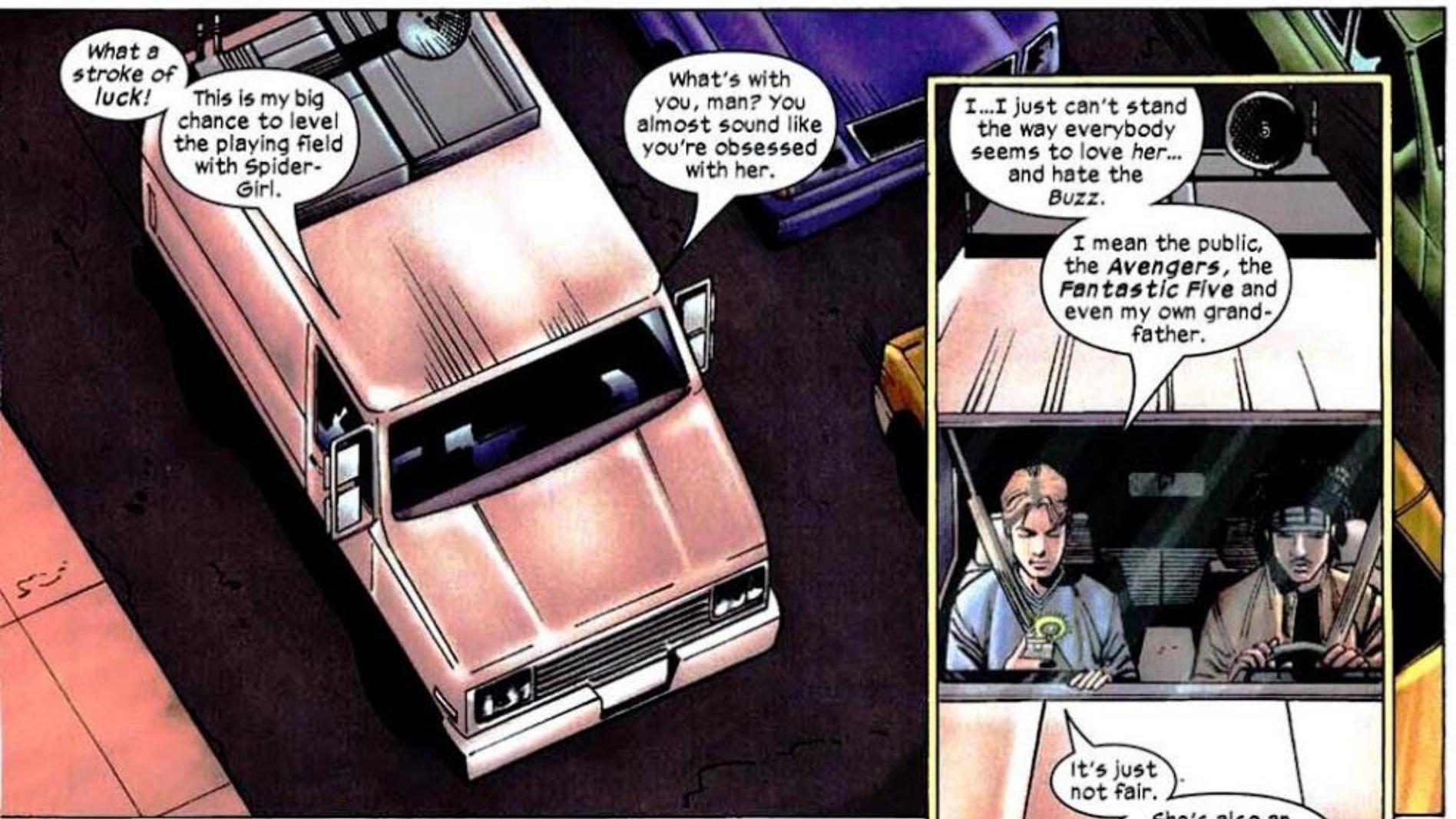
I...I didn't mean to offend you, May.

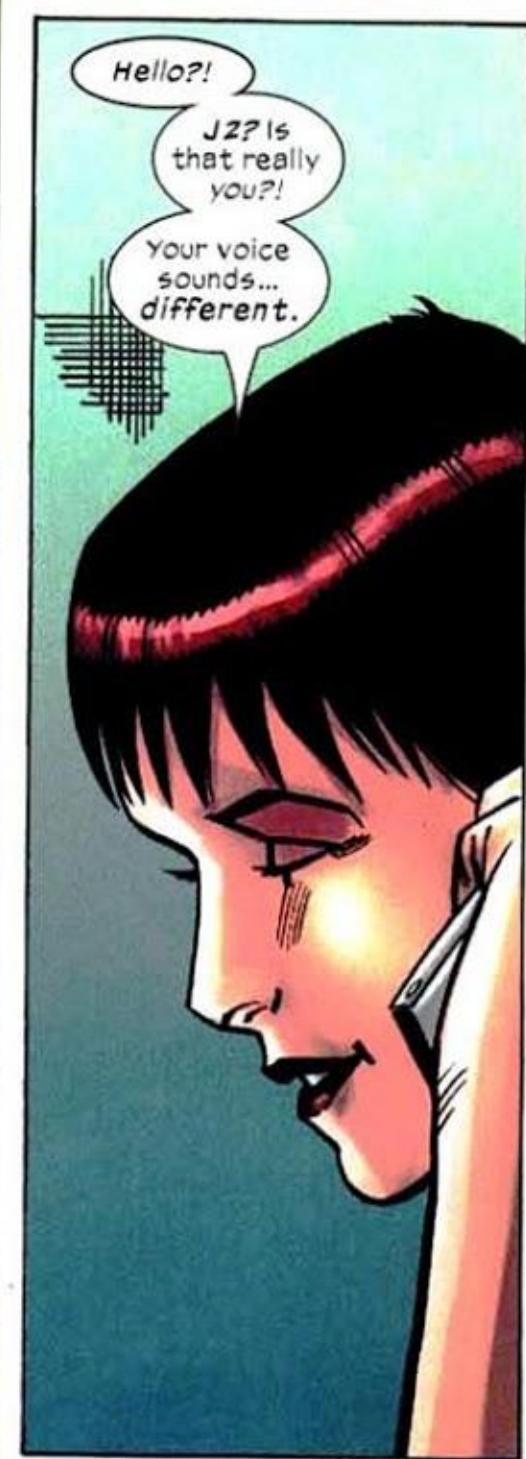
I was just trying to be funny.

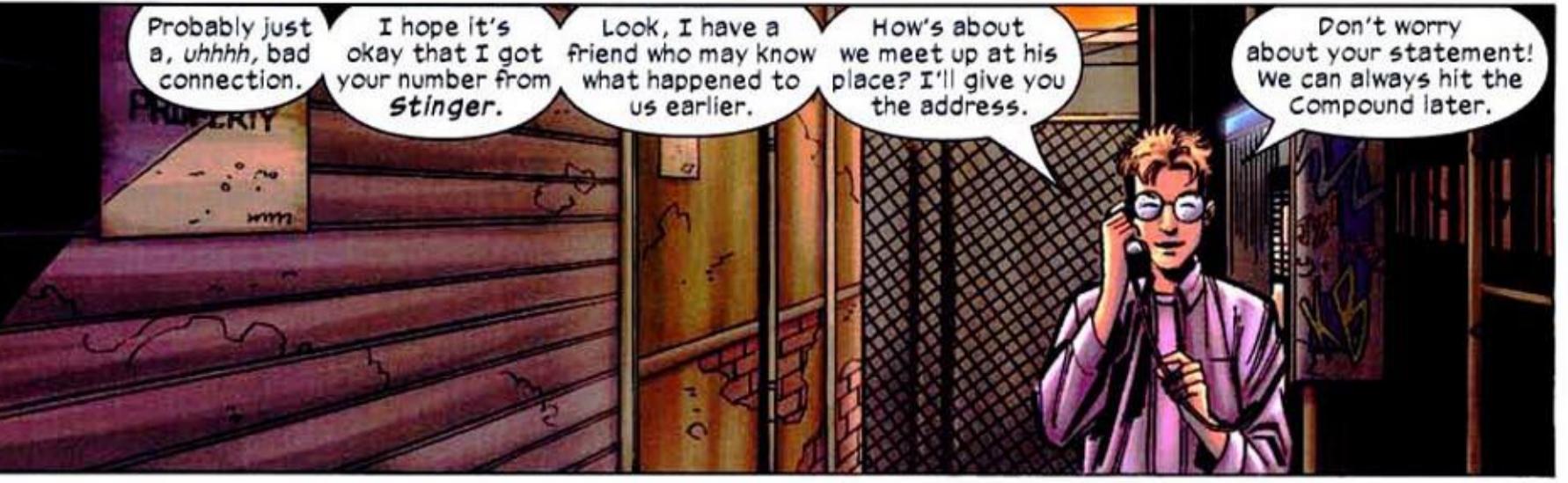
Come on, May--you know me better than that!

That's true.

Unfortunately.







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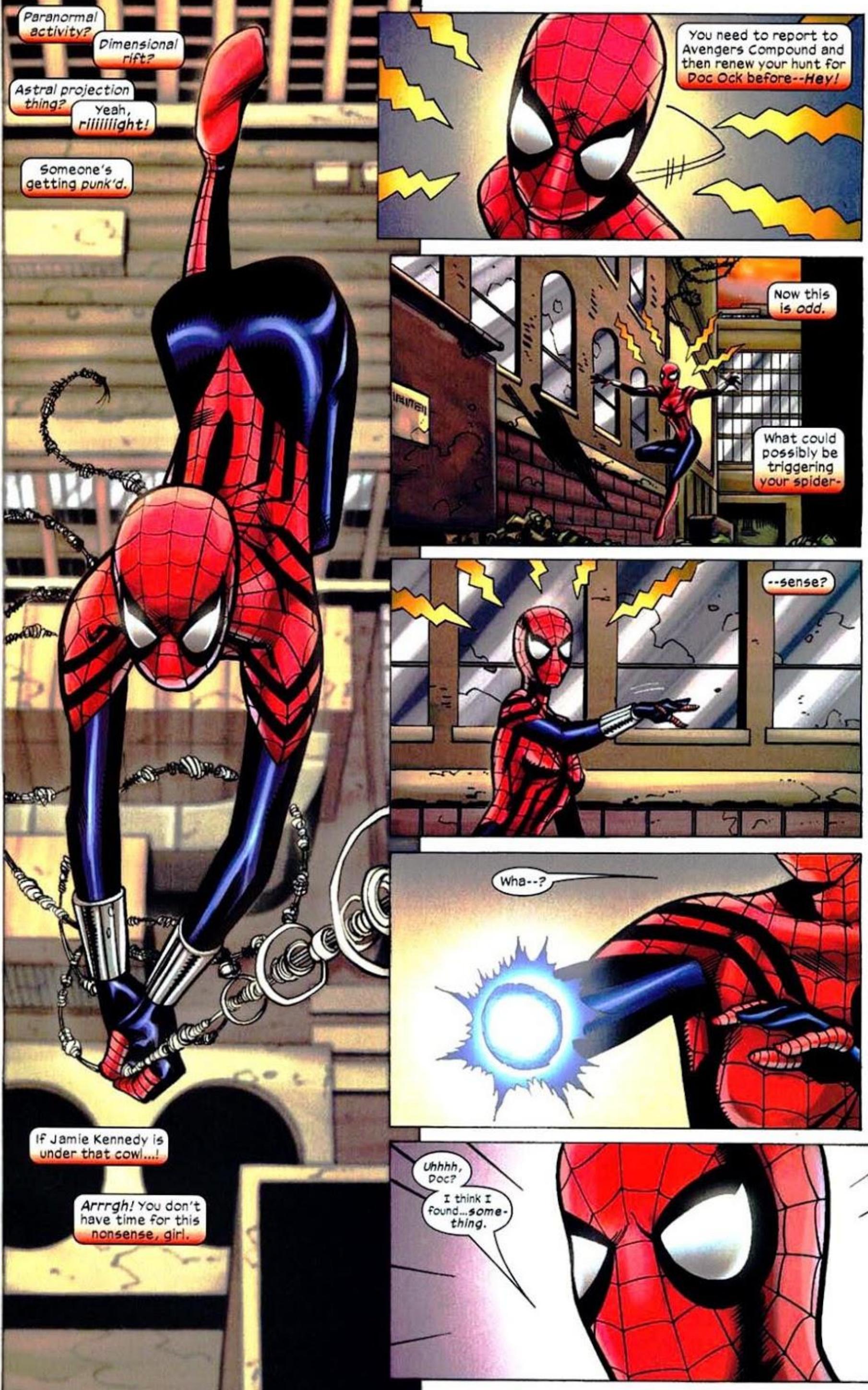
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MIDTOWN SOUTH







ARRRRGH!

Temper! Temper!

Nemesus,
you don't want
to accidentally
give yourself a
coronary.

I would
so miss these
occasional get-
togethers.

Spider-Girl!
JZ! We're done
here.

Why don't you
head for home while
I leave our host a
parting gift?

Y-You don't
have to tell
me twice.

Awwwww,
okay...but I was
really enjoying
myself.

I almost
feel sorry for poor
Nemesus.

I just cast
a spell that turned
the magicks from his
own machine against
him and his
Darklings.

With a little
bibity-bobity-boo,
I'll fold the rift in
upon itself and then
we'll celebrate a
job well done.

They're all going to find
life quite challenging for
a looooong while.

Not in my
alley!
I thought
I spotted you
punks earlier.

Haven't you caused
enough trouble in this
neighborhood?

Get outta
here before
I call the cops!

What a day!

You severely misjudged both JZ and Doc Magus--

--and may have actually helped to save the entire planet from an alien invasion.

Unfortunately, there's at least one neighborhood you need to avoid in the future--

--and even Stinger couldn't quite conceal her skepticism when she heard your report.

Oh, well! That's the biz!

No one ever said web-swinging would be easy.

At least you can finally strip off this slimy costume and crawl into a nice hot--

It's about time you got home, young lady.

What's this I hear about a fight between you and JZ that resulted in a few hundred thousand dollars worth of damage?

Well?

What do you have to say for yourself?

The End

...for now!

SPIDER-GIRL

Dear Webheadettes,

I am writing this to comment on the continuing quality of this fabulous comic. It is the only series I buy on a regular basis and it is the only series I've truly and entirely enjoyed over my 10+ years of comic collecting. In fact, before this letter, I've only written to another comic once before and it was to a previous issue of SPIDER-GIRL! That really says something about the comic and I just wanted the "powers that be" at Marvel to know this so that they NEVER contemplate canceling this title.

Now that the (well deserved) praise is out of the way, I have a "request". I want a no-prize. Allow me to explain...in issue #64 when Spider-Girl meets the government agent (Weadon) for the first time, he says his name is "Weadon." However, if you look closely at the badge he holds up, you can clearly see an 'h' in his signature (and thus his name is "Wheadon"). I can explain this, though and I think this explanation is worthy of a no-prize. It has been shown in the past that Spider-Girl doesn't always get the name correctly. When she first hears about Kaine, she goes around saying "Cain". It is just a normal, human thing to do; it isn't an error. Therefore, we hear Mr. Weadon say "Weadon" because we are hearing it from Spider-Girl's perspective and, as with Kaine, she spells the name she hears incorrectly. So, what do you think?

Daniel Welsh
New York

Uhhhhh...I think your answer is truly worthy of NO PRIZE, Daniel. (If you had asked, I just would have said that Weadon had lousy handwriting.)

Tom,

Glad to see a letters page back! I think it always gives a book a bit more of a personal touch. Now, SPIDER-GIRL... what a great title! I've only been reading since issue #61 really (but I bought all the back issues so I caught up really fast). I have loved "Marked for Death." I honestly cannot fathom how you managed to create such a gripping story given the short notice you had to write the arc.

John "The Hobgoblin" Walters
Leeds, England

Like Mayday herself, the entire Spider-Girl creative team seems blessed with the ability to work well under pressure.

Hey, Tommy D.

Does SPIDER-GIRL have fans in Marvel? Are there other writers and other artists who say... wow, SPIDER-GIRL'S fans are awesome... I wish I could work on that title.

Sean Foley
Humble, TX

Gee...we really hope not! Why? Do you know someone who wants our jobs?

Dear Spider-Girl,

If no one has mentioned Web Vibrations for the letter page title, may I do so now?

Chuck Elam
Hueytown, AL

No, Chuck, you may not.



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way, and it tells wonderful stories. SPIDER-GIRL is a very important book for Marvel Comics to be publishing and I hope they see that soon!

Happy Sweet Sixteen "Mayday" Parker!! And many more...

John Wesley Dillon
Missouri

Thank you for introducing Claire to our favorite web-stunner, John. Any chance she has some friends who might also like our book? (Hey, I'm just asking.)

Dear Tom and Company,

Ever since this series started I've wanted to see Pete and Flash have a man-to-man talk. Thank you for rewarding my patience. I wish it could have lasted longer than a page, but I know it's not their comic. Anyway, please don't make us wait another 68 issues before it happens again. These two old friends shouldn't be acting like strangers.

Apart from that, #68 was another all-around great issue. I think this is Ron's best SPIDER-GIRL work yet. He has really found his knack for capturing May's athleticism. I always loved those "follow the bouncing Spidey" illustrations Ross Andru used to do and was thrilled to see Ron's version on the opening splash page.

By the way, there's something I've wondered since I read the "Buzz" miniseries. Those characters named "Bannon" and "Jade" wouldn't be part of a Jonny Quest tribute, would they?

With news of SPIDER-GIRL'S inclusion in the new Marvel Age digests, things finally seem to be looking up for our webbed wonder, and I salute you for sticking with her through some tough times. It's still a SPIDER-GIRL world, and I will continue to do my best to recruit new fans.

Make mine Mayday!

Jeffrey "Jeffers" Westhoff
Palatine, IL

Thanks for being there, Jeffrey!

--Tom DeFalco



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AND DOC OCK.

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