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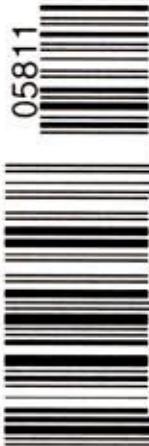
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The daughter of the original Spider-Man, May "Mayday" Parker has inherited her father's amazing powers. Possessing the proportionate strength, speed, and agility of a spider, as well as the ability to cling to walls, she now follows in his web-lines!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

SPIDER-GIRL

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A few months ago the new *Avengers* encountered a parallel world with evil doppelgangers of Earth's heroes.



Spider-Girl recently battled a band of terrorists known as the Soldiers of the Serpent--
--and discovered that their leader was a super-powered immortal called Seth, the Serpent-God of Death.



Turning to the *Avengers* for help, she also learned that Seth had caused the death of the new Thunderstrike's father--
--and agreed to accompany American Dream to the alternate Earth to enlist his aid against the Serpent-God.



Before returning home, Thunderstrike attempted to rescue some friends from the Fatal Force--

--a deadly super-team that included an alternate world version of Peter Parker!



Your name is May "Mayday" Parker.

You are the daughter of the original Spider-Man, and you're most definitely--

Daddy's Girl!!

SPIDER-GIRL, WAKE UP!

My friends can't rescue themselves. Try to find them--

--while American Dream and I distract the bad guys.

Distract them?!
And here I was planning to kick butt!

I'm good with that.

No wonder you were never invited to join the Avengers.

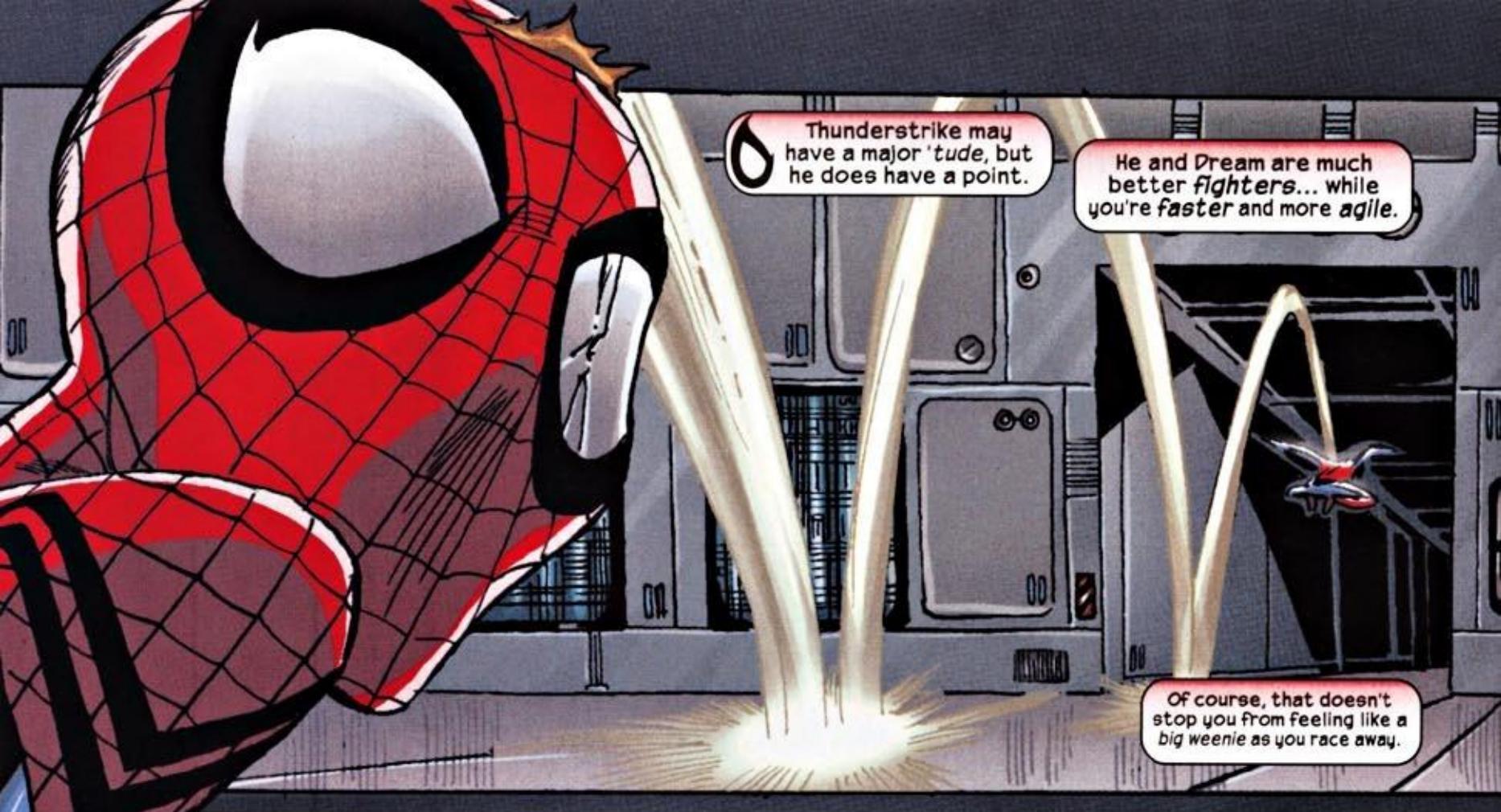
They're cracking wise while you're about to crack up.

You feel like you've stumbled into a nightmare.

You almost can't believe that you're actually standing on a parallel Earth and in the middle of a fight with--

--a band of alternate world duplicates of the *Fantastic Five*--





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Great! Just great!
This place is as big
and confusing as
F5 headquarters.

If only you could
find a floor plan.

Yeah, one with a big red
arrow pointing to the
hostages and--uh-oh!

Your spider-
sense has barely
begun to tingle--

--when you suddenly
hurl yourself sideways,
instinctively dodging
a deadly *psi-blast*.

Very
interesting!
It seems you also
have the ability to
sense danger.

I
wonder what
other powers
we share in
common.

What-are-
your-orders-
sir?

Can you
stun her without
causing any physical
damage to her
brain?

I
intend to dissect
her later and want
everything in working
order.

It would be
these two who
came after you!

You've always had a thing for the Franklin Richards of your world--

--and this deranged duplicate seems to possess both his looks and powers--

--along with a fierce determination to splatter you with psi-blasts.

UFF!

Very careless, young lady.

You were so focused on Psi-Slayer that you forgot all about me--

--and you can't rely on your danger-sense to protect you from someone who can match your speed.

I will concede that your reflexes seem a trifle sharper than mine--

--but I definitely have the advantage in strength.

And people call you slow.

Don't worry, Franklin. She won't get far.

Figures this Parker would have all the confidence.

Calm down, girl! You're allowing this pair of parallel world posers to intimidate you.

Their two-pronged attack has left you completely off-balance.

You're going to die if you don't get your act together.

They may look like Franklin and your dad, but you've got to remember that they're only--

What the--?!

I-IT'S
CAPTAIN--
FREAKING--
AMERICA--

--and some guy who looks like a bargain basement Thor.

Gotta hand it to Thunderstrike. He said I'd recognize his boys--

--but how do I free them?

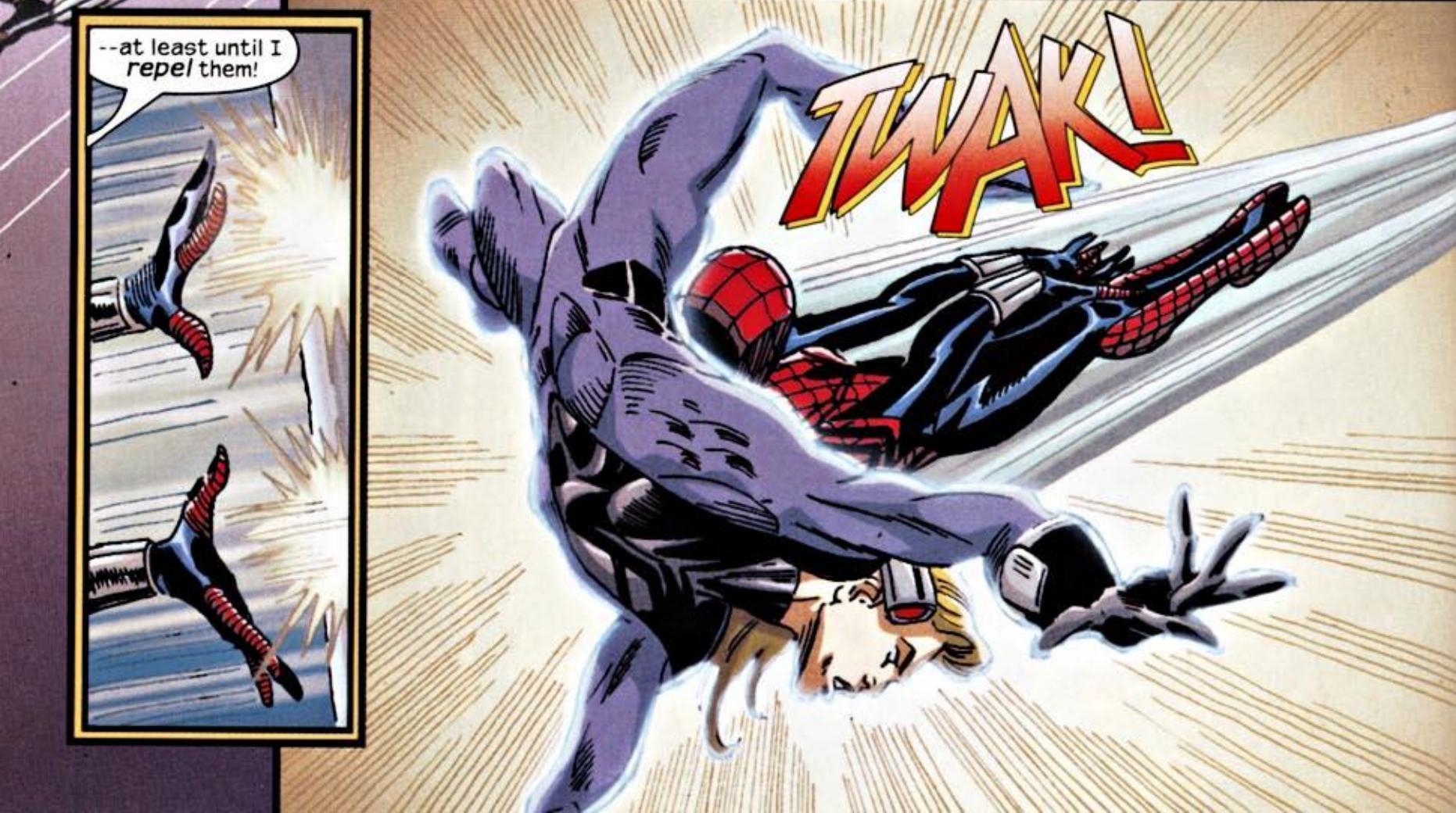
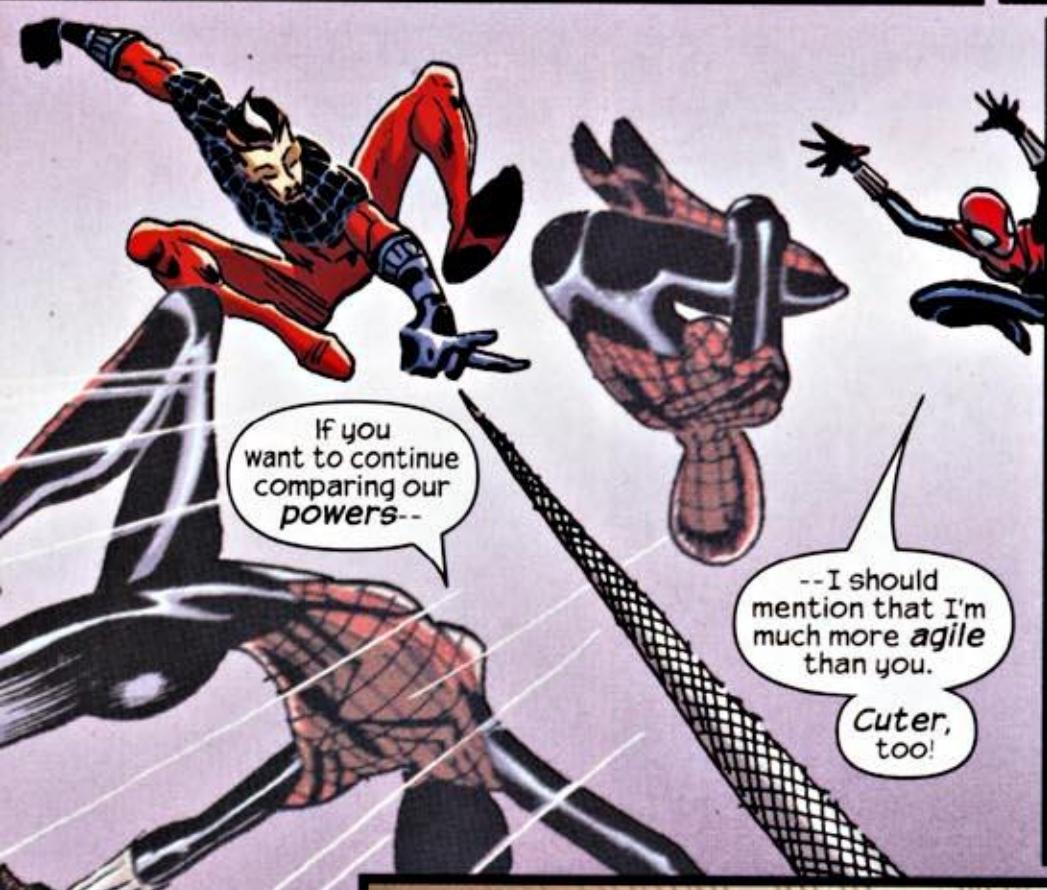
You don't.

Franklin...?

Please disregard my previous edict about physical damage.

As--you-wish.

Yikes!





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As the fight grows
ever more heated--

--your mind drifts
toward your
real father.

You recall
petty
arguments--

--violent
disagreements--

--and shouting
matches that
blistered the air.

But you never once
doubted his love for
you or his devotion
to your mother.

This Parker
isn't real.

He's a *fake*
and an *insult*
to your dad.

You'll
make this
phony pay--

What
the--?!

--and prove that
only real
Parkers are
worthy
of their webs!

I--I'm
stuck.

I-It's like I'm
magnetized
to the wall.

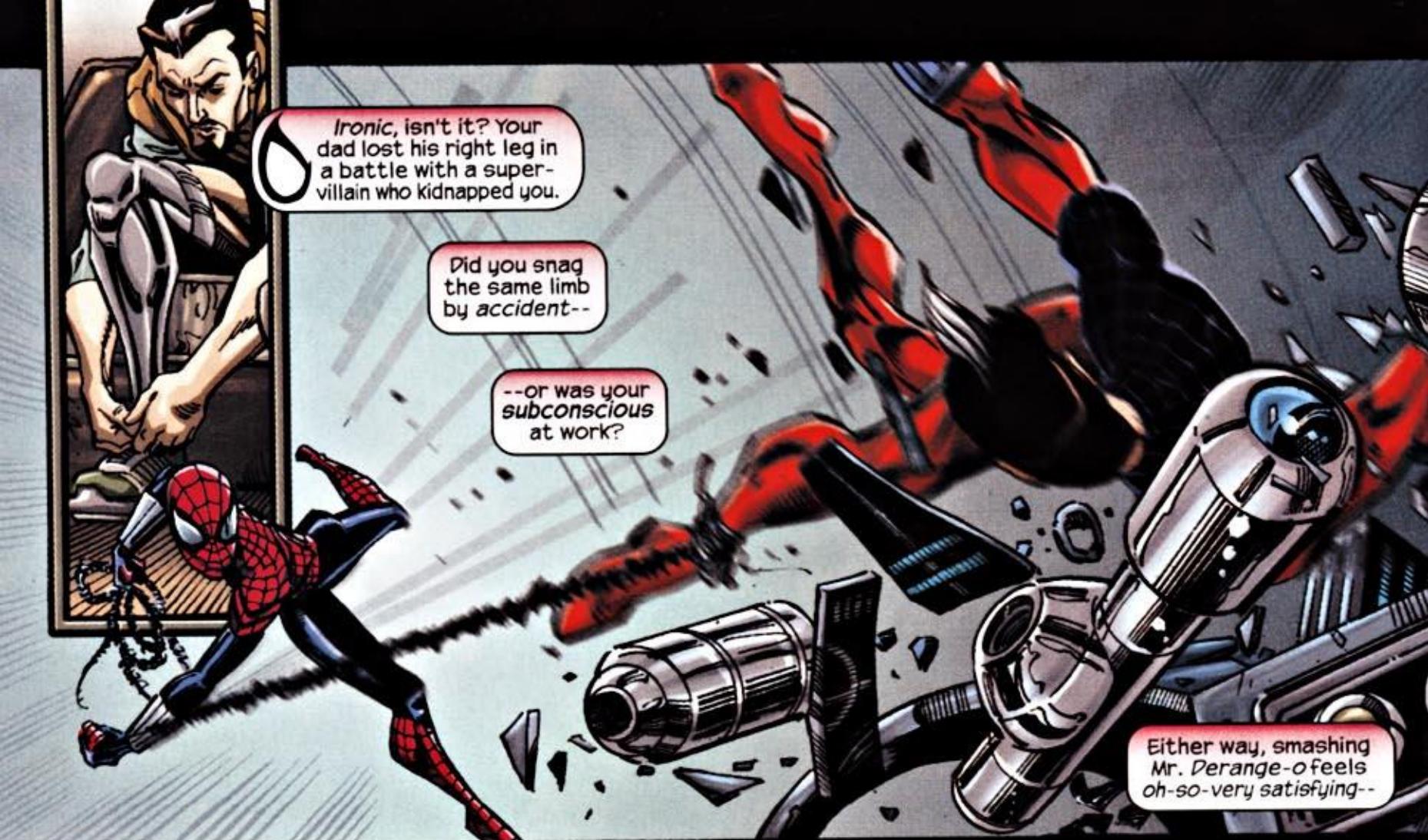
Did I not
mention that
power?

Sorry!

Must have
slipped my
mind in all the
excitement.

I apologize
for any
inconvenience--

--and
hope you
enjoy the
RIDE!



Ironic, isn't it? Your dad lost his right leg in a battle with a supervillain who kidnapped you.

Did you snag the same limb by accident--

--or was your subconscious at work?

Either way, smashing Mr. Derange-o feels oh-so-very satisfying--



--which is probably why you gasp in surprise when he suddenly lurches erect.

And you'd better think about your next move, mister. The young lady's aim was right on target--

--and disrupted our stasis fields.

What do you say, Parker?

Captain America and his pal share a quick glance and a smile, and then--

T-This isn't over, little girl.

You're still going to die.

Are you going to give me a reason to lay this mace upside your pointy little head?

I have more than enough power to crush both of you stinking rebels.

GWAH! TWANG!

--they respond with actions, not words.



You finally get your wish a few hours later--

--when the dimensional jump gate sends you back to the real *Avengers Mansion*.

Welcome home, every--
Thunderstrike!

It's
you!
It's really
you!

Stinger!
Jarvis! How's it going, guys?

Better now that you've returned, young sir.

It's sooooo good to see you again.

I told you that I'd be back.

You did. You are.

I heard you guys have a *snake* problem.

This is one battle I just *couldn't* miss, and I'm sure you know why.

Oh, and I brought some *backup*.

I hope you don't mind, miss.

That's putting it mildly. According to our files, he possesses godlike powers that put him on a level with the mighty *Thor*.

Hey,
Mainframe--tell us something we don't know!

If I remember correctly, *Seth* is a pretty rough character.

Anyway,
we already put out a call for *volunteers*--

--and the
response has been
OVERWHELMING!



Oh, this just
keeps getting better!
First, the Avengers invite
certain unsavory vigilantes to
this shindig--and now they've
opened their doors to
Ms. Teen Beat.

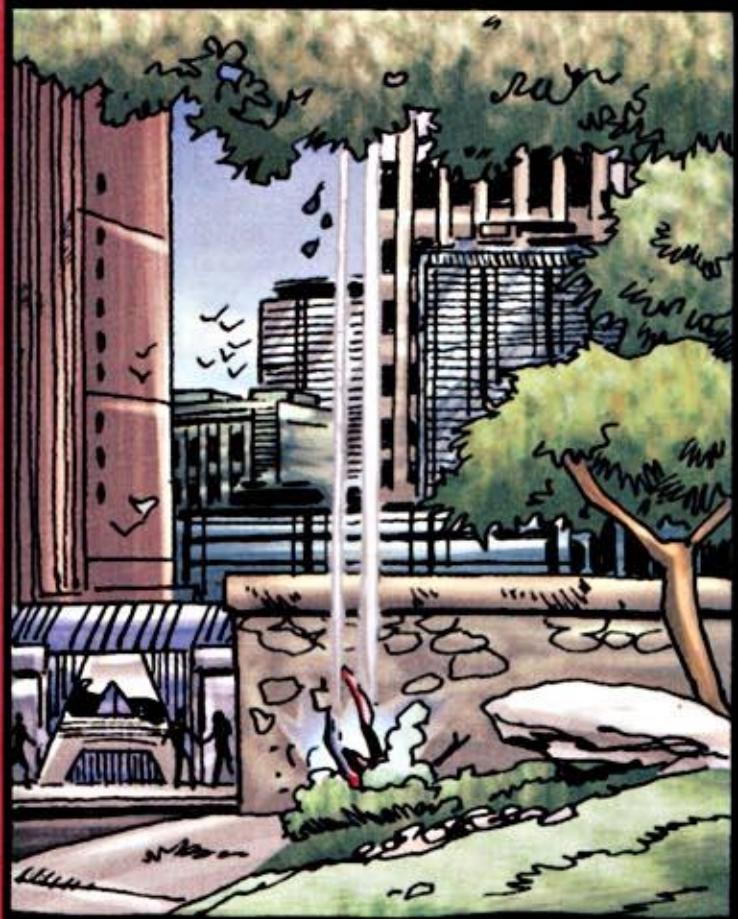
Give me
a break, Nova! I
have as much right
to be here as
you do.

More, in
fact! I was the one
who first unmasked
Seth.









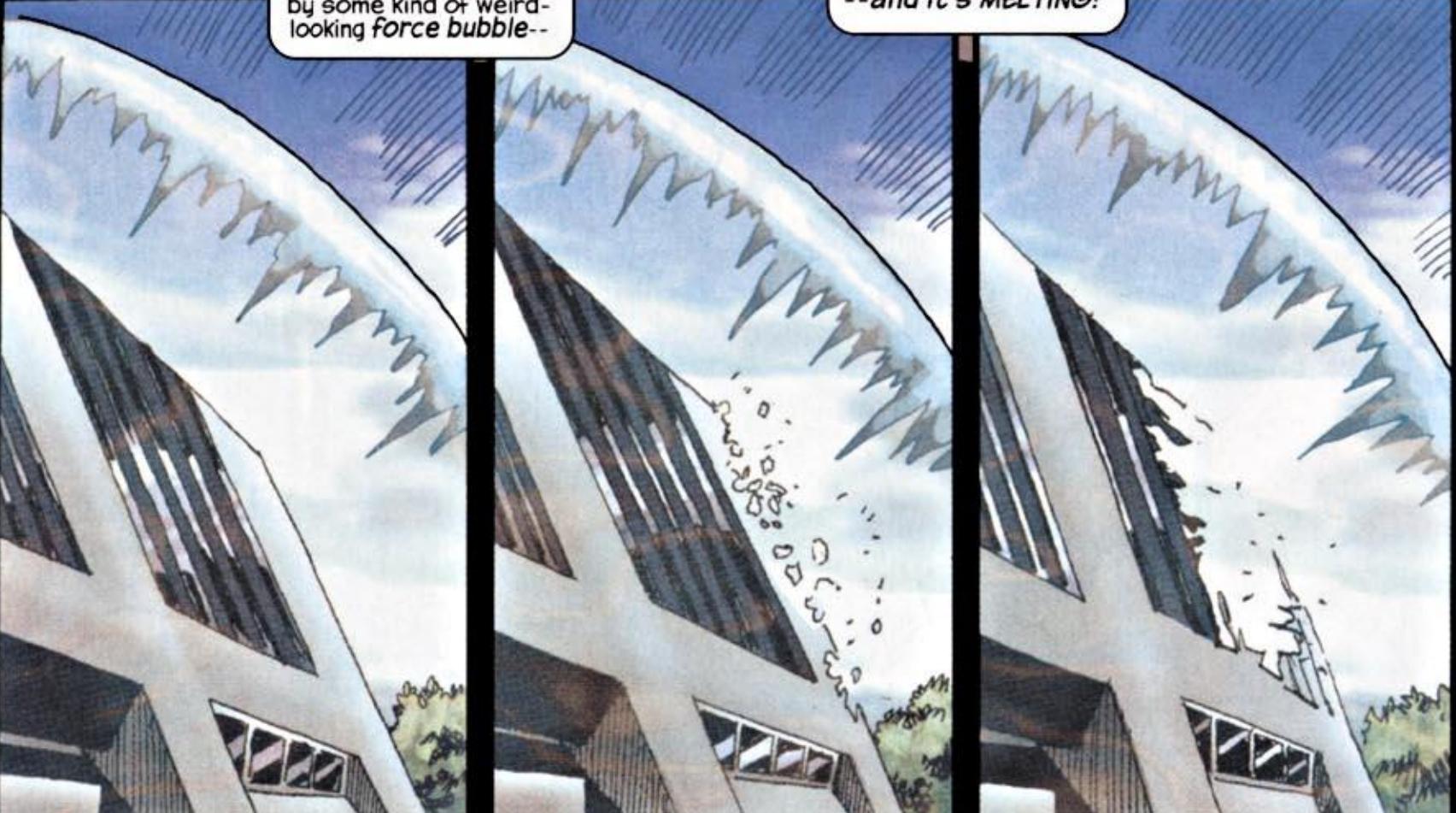


Either you're having a brain aneurysm--

--or your spider-sense just went nuclear.



Hey! Something's happening across the street.



Avengers Mansion has been swallowed by some kind of weird-looking force bubble--

--and it's MELTING!

