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the AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL®



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DIRECT EDITION

Early morning, outside
the *Midtown South*
precinct house...

Man-oh-man!
Can you believe
how many bounties
we collected
last night?

The *Hobgoblin*
should set you
up more often,
Mad Dog.

But he's still
at large, *Gelcan*.
We only bagged a
few underlings.

They're
still wanted
Felons--
--and we got
some great action
footage of you and
Spider-Girl.

I'm still
hesitant to use
that film. She did
save my life,
after all.

No problem--
we can edit that
part out!

Don't get
soft on me,
kid!
She
didn't design
a costume
to avoid
publicity.

Everyone's
been wondering
what happened to
her ever since she
disappeared a few
months ago.

We have a
major exclusive
here, and--

Oh,
no!

And I was
worried about
taking advantage
of her!

xxx000
Your friendly
neighborhood
Spider-Girl

The daughter of 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.



the AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL

May "Mayday" Parker isn't your average sixteen-year-old. Her father--Peter Parker--currently works as a forensic scientist for the Midtown Police Department, but used to be the amazing Spider-Man. When she discovered that she had inherited her father's powers, May donned a costume and became the stunning Spider-Girl!



After May is almost killed by the Hobgoblin, her mother--Mary Jane Parker--asks her to give up being Spider-Girl. May tries to live a normal teenage life, dating Gene Thompson and running for student council.

Circumstances eventually compel her to secretly return to wall-crawling, and she joins the hunt for **Mona Carlo**, who has a disk containing the secrets of **Wilson Fisk**, the former Kingpin of Crime. Unbeknownst to May, Detective **Vinnie Drasco** secretly works for the Hobgoblin and is also looking for the disk.



Spider-Girl later meets **Mad Dog Rassitano**, a professional bounty hunter who once captured Hobgoblin and has his own reality television show. When she rescues him from a death trap, Mad Dog films Spider-Girl without permission.

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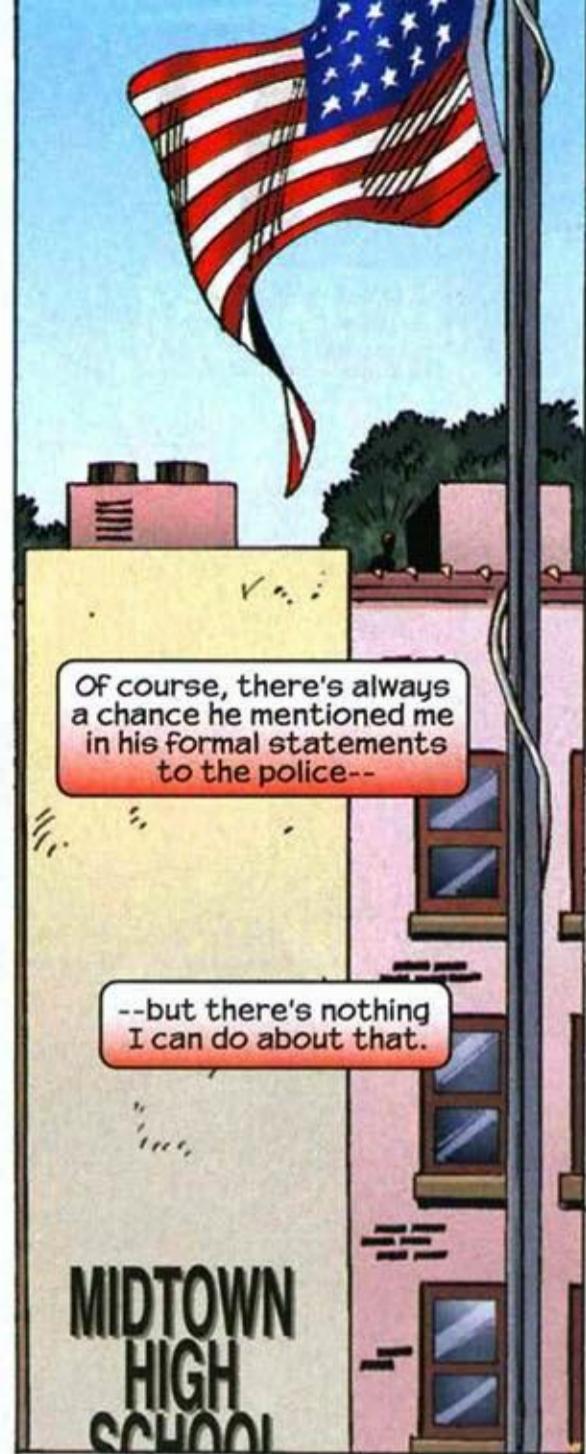
Dan Buckley

PRIORITIES!



I'm just lucky I found the van so quickly.

I figured Mad Dog would be at the station house all night.



Looks like I actually made it to school early for a change.

My spider-sense isn't tingling--



--which means there's no danger of being spotted while I slip into my civvies.

I have at least an hour or so before my first class.

Cool!



Getting up early certainly has its advantages.

I can use the time to prepare for this afternoon's student council debate.

That'll leave me free to run an errand at lunchtime.



I need to have another little chat with Daniel Kingsley, the Hobgoblin's brother.







Meanwhile, somewhere
in South America...

We
have a most
interesting
situation,
Chesbro.

A known con
artist who often
uses the name *Mona
Carlo* wants to sell
us a disk that lists
everyone who ever
accepted a payoff
from Wilson
Fisk.

She also claims
it contains other
proprietary information
regarding the former
Kingpin's criminal
organization.

Isn't that
always the
way?

While
such a disk may
prove useful to us,
it would be an even
greater boon to
our competitors.

Unfortunately,
there is no way
to verify its
authenticity.

Spread the
news about Carlo
and see who takes
the bait.

As you
wish, *Black
Tarantula*.

I have
already prepared
an appropriate
welcome.

You have
my faith,
Chesbro...

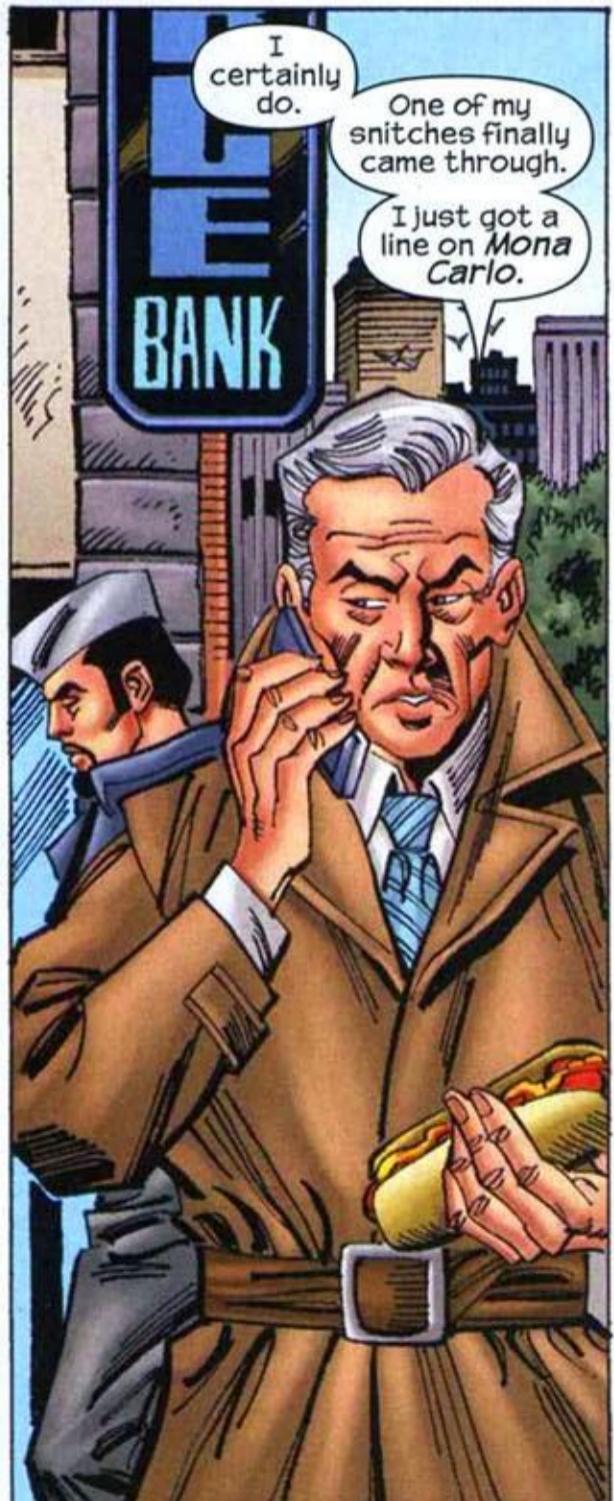
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"If it isn't too
inconvenient,
try to recover
the disk."

"As for Carlo
herself...you needn't
concern yourself with
her safety."



Elsewhere...



RINGGG

Miss DeSantos.
Miss Parker.

You and all
the other candidates
can have a free period
after lunch to prepare
for the school
debate.

I wish you
both the best
of luck.

Thank you,
Mr. Slattery.

We don't
need luck,
sir.

With you as
our role model, we
won't settle for
anything less than
excellence.

:sigh:

Something
wrong, Mr. S?

I sometimes
think I've been
at this job too
long.

I keep hoping
the student body will
learn from past mistakes
and elect someone who
will take the job
seriously.

Tell me, Ms.
Parker--are you
willing to put the
students first?

"Are they your
top priority?"

There goes
Parker--!

It would be
such a shame if
someone--I don't
know--spilled
white-out all over
her outfit.

I don't
want to know
any details,
Lindsay.

I understand
the whole *plausible
deniability* thing.

Hey,
Parker--!

Parker--?



HOO-HA!

Who says you
can't have it all?

With a little luck and
a lot of juggling, I can
live a normal life--

--and still
do my web thing.

I can use my free period
to zip out for a quick visit
with Daniel Kingsley--

--and be back in plenty
of time for the debate.

My parents would
be so proud--

--if I wasn't lying to them
about my double life.

Mad Dog's van...

How can
you be so
calm?

The bounties
we collected may
cover our expenses
for the next few
months--

--but
we still
need to put a
show on the
air.

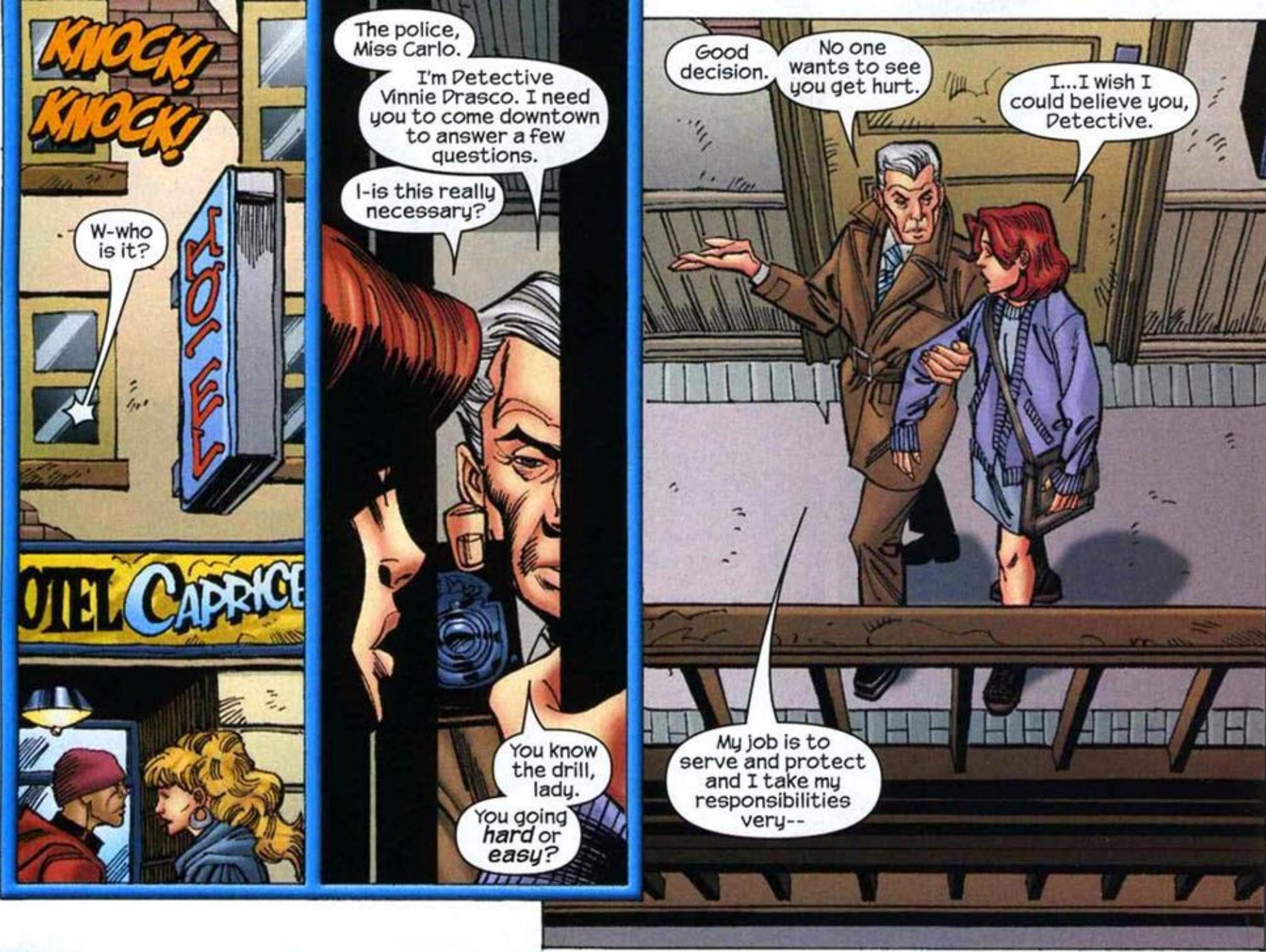
Chill, my
man!

My line of
work, some-
thing always
turns up.

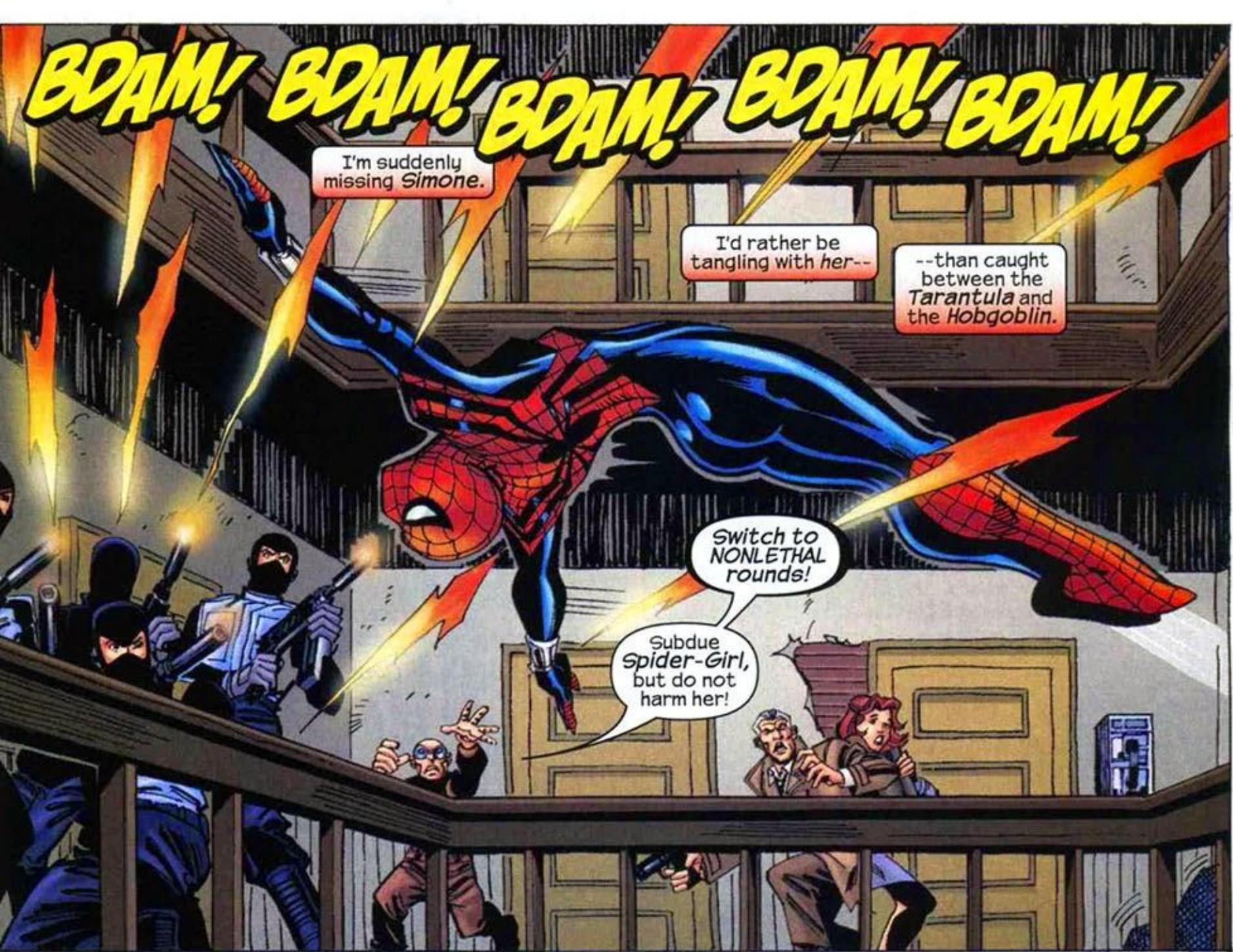
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good or
what?

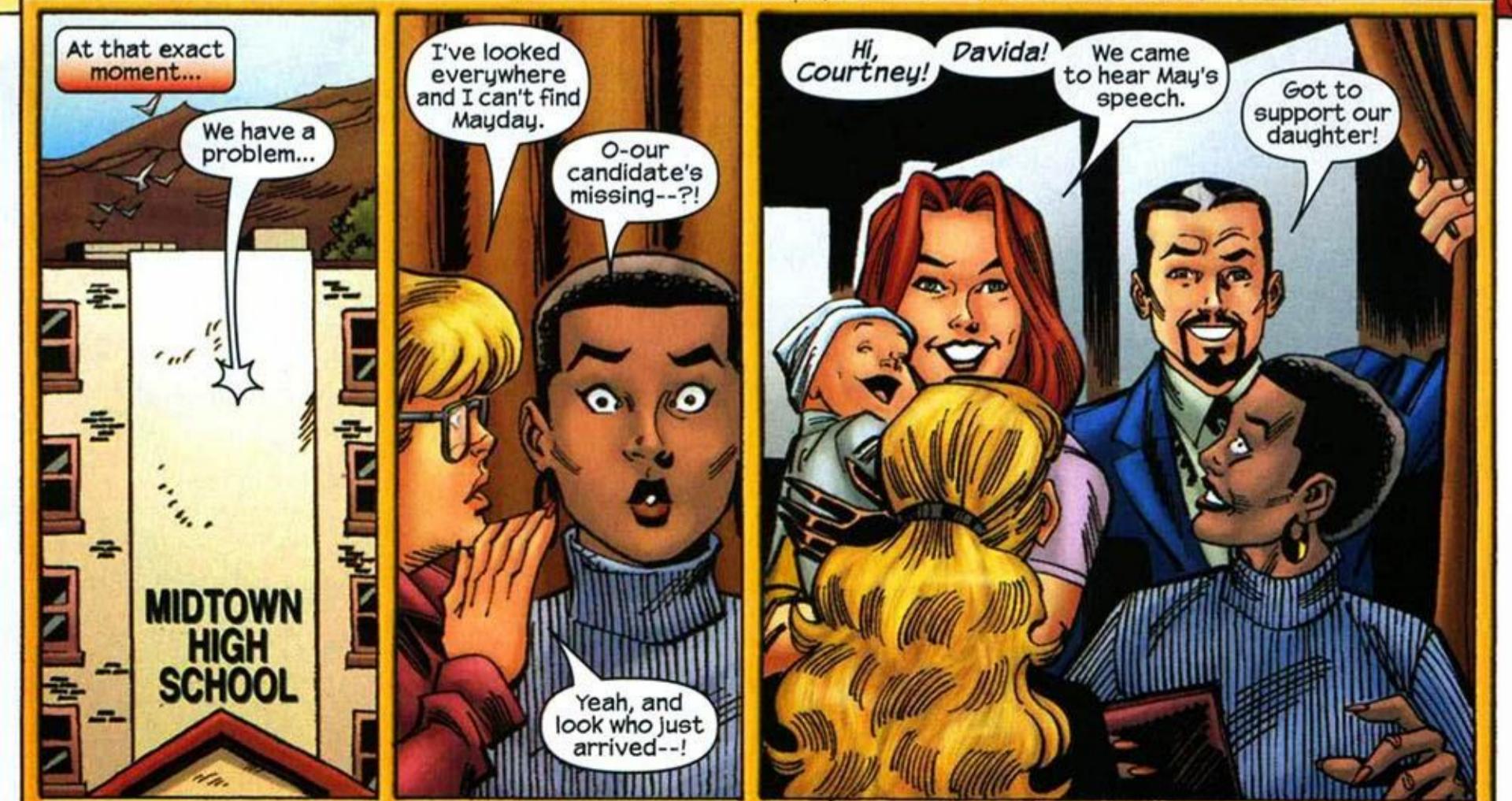
RRRRROAR!











"Where is she, anyway?"





Fifteen minutes and twenty blocks later...

Cops on a donut run. I feel like a blasted cliché.

Hey, Eddie-- what's with the neat hood ornament?

I recognize that lady. There was an APB* on her.

At least we didn't get called into the mess at the Hotel Caprice and--

Untie me and call Detective Drasco.

I demand police protection.

*All Points Bulletin--Molly

It took almost a dozen stomach-churning somersaults to finally convince Mona to part with this disk.

I know I should just turn it over to the police--

--but I'm curious about all the fuss.

Unfortunately, I can't worry about it now, because--

--I have other priorities.

Where is she, Ms. Kirby?

You have exactly sixty seconds to produce your candidate or she forfeits.

I...

...I understand, sir.

Mary Jane, I wonder why May isn't on stage?

I'm sure everything's just fine, Peter.

MIDTOWN HIGH

S-sorry, everyone!

I got here as soon as I could.

Nice of you to join us, Miss Parker.

Where have you been?

I...I went up to the roof to get some air and...uhhh... must have dozed off.

You realize that's against school rules.

We'll discuss your punishment after the debate...

And so...

I didn't think you had the guts to show, Parker.

Why don't you just kiss the label on the back of my pants, Simone?

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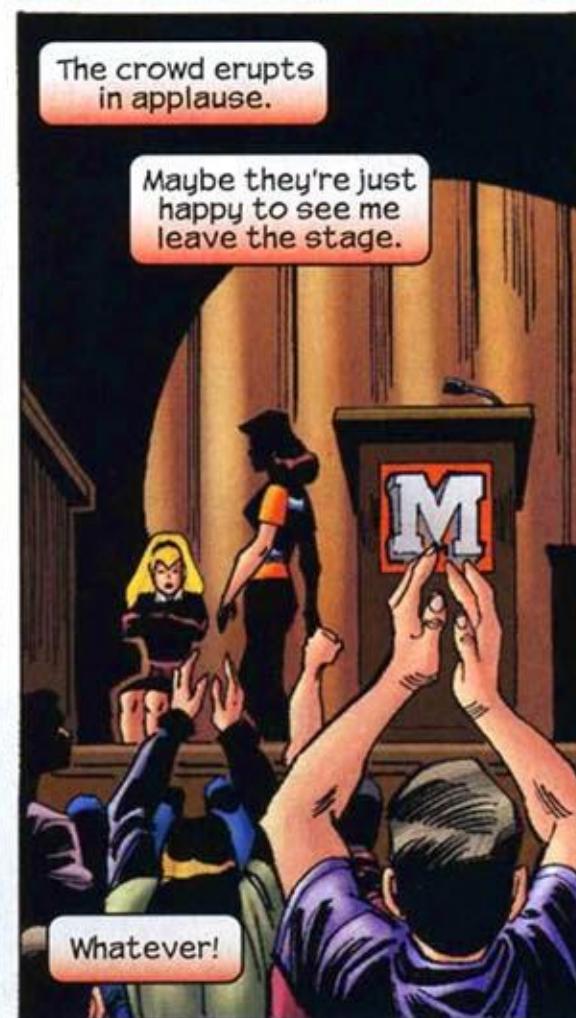
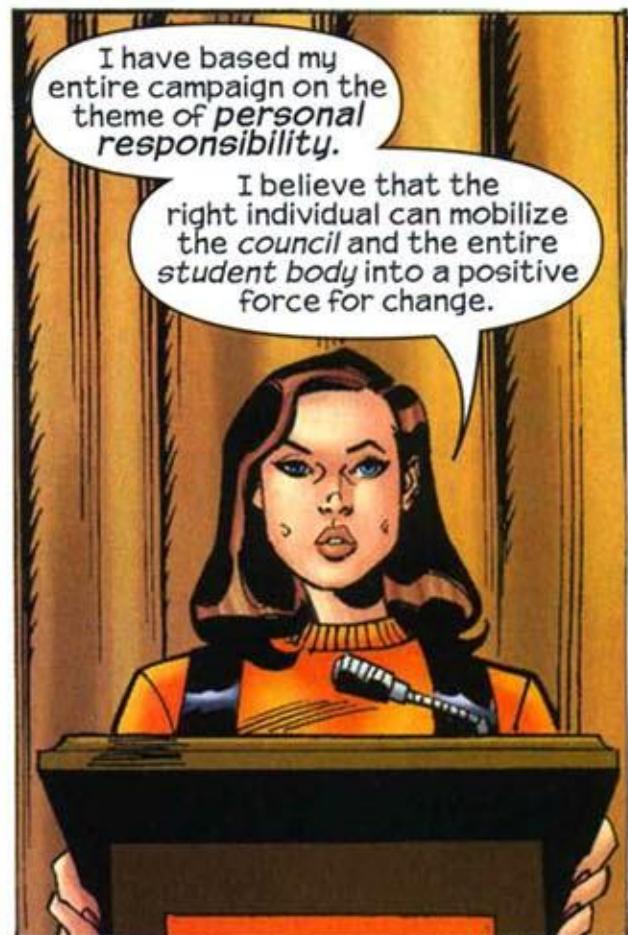
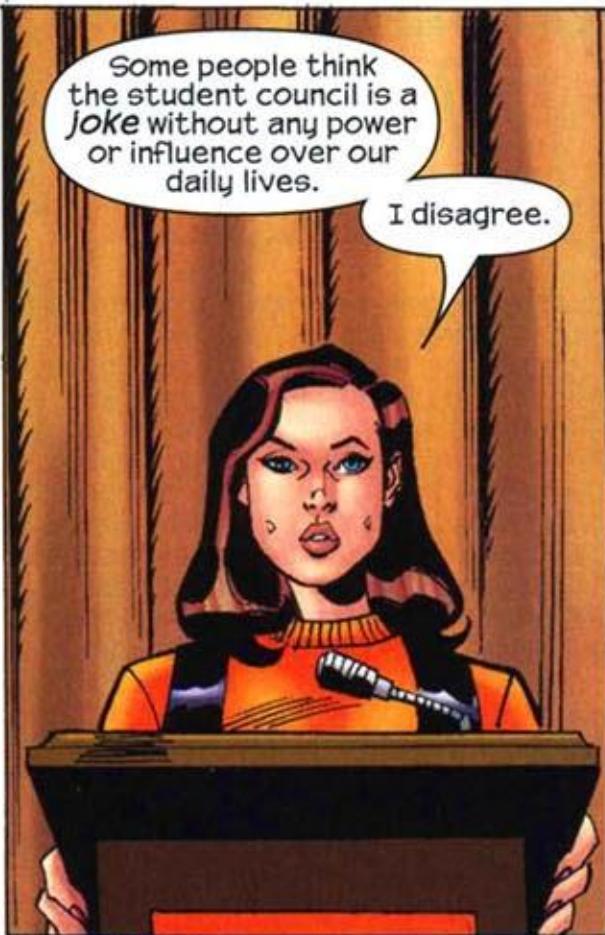


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ahem

Students, teachers, parents and friends of Midtown High, the time has come to elect a new student government.

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MAYDAY'S MAILBOX

Dear Marvel

Okay, you got me! Jimmy's comic at the start of ASG #1 had me thinking, "Oh God, what have they done NOW?!" Great storyline, great character, I am SO glad you brought Mayday back! Allowing May to enjoy a real life (even if it was only for part of an issue) was a nice touch!

Now to the meat of this letter: I have been reading comics since the 60's (How did THAT happen!?) I am a teacher and have shared my comics with students and other teachers. The major complaint I have is this mind-numbing "need" of the comic companies to cancel comics and restart with a new issue #1. Sure, I realize a #1 probably sells well, but so does a #100, or #200, etc. The proven staying power of a #400 of a comic says a lot to me!

In all my many years as a faithful reader, I have had one letter printed and it was in SPIDER-GIRL! It says a lot that with approximately 40 years of reading comics under my belt that SPIDER-GIRL remains near the top of my reading list!

Patrick McDaniel
RFF, QNF, KOF

(for you FOOmers out there!)

Yeah, Patrick--it says that you have truly EXCELLENT taste!

Tom & Ron,

Responding to your request for ideas for the series I would like to see a Spider-Girl and Moon Knight team-up story. Spider-Man always swung around with Moon Knight back in the old days, why can't his daughter? I think it would be interesting to see. Moon Knight is one of my favorite characters and to see a Spider-Girl/Moon Knight story would be awesome! Please consider the idea.

Alec Berry
Glen Dale, WV

We definitely will consider your idea, Glen! However, I'm sure you realize that there may be a very different Moon Knight in Spider-Girl's world!

Amazing Fantasists,

The Mayday millennium is here! One of my favorite things about one of my all-time favorite comics is the way that Tom and the team would flip the strip's mood, May's look, and the whole set of situations and supporting players every year or so, and the re-launch makeover is one of the most energized ever. Witty character interactions, exciting plots, mature choices for May to face and genuine menace in the shadowy villainy—AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL lives up to what everything in that hilarious fake comic in the opening is not. Seldom has a restart been so justified or a beginning so truly new. I'll meet ya back here in eight years for Spectacular Spider-Girl, but 'til then I'm gonna enjoy every minute of the wait.

Adam McGovern
Mount Tabor, NJ

The roller-coaster ride is just beginning, Adam--HOO-HA!

Dear Tom,

It takes a certain kind of reader to appreciate the MC2 titles and the monthly AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL comic. I am very happy to say that recently I have turned into one of these readers. The titles are fun to read, while telling some darn good stories at the same time. As I looked up to Spider-Man as a child, May Parker is definitely a role model that I want my one-year-old daughter (who is sitting on my knee as I type) to look up to when she gets older. I'm going to be storing my AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL comics away so in years to come my daughter can appreciate them.

Just one thing--will we ever see Wild Thing on a monthly basis again?

Glenn Misztal
Sydney, Australia

Glenn, we hope your daughter eventually appreciates us as much as you do! As for WILD THING--anything is possible! (Who would have ever predicted a new AVENGERS NEXT limited series?)

Dear Spider-Girl Peeps,

I started collecting Marvel comic books when I first saw the new CAPTAIN MARVEL series a few years ago. That's also when I came across the very first issue of SPIDER-GIRL. I hunted down issue #0 that reprinted her origin and continued with the title for years. Having every SPIDER-GIRL book (plus some duplicates) brought joy to my world because it was a super hero I could relate to. Being a girl, we like having a super hero we can relate to. I eventually started to collect other books, but my main reason for collecting was for SPIDER-GIRL. When the title eventually ended, I was devastated. I am so thrilled you brought her back, but still I don't see May being recognized by the Marvel legends as an official super hero. Nobody knows about Spider-Girl and it's just not fair. I doubt any of the Spider-Women were ever as popular as Spider-Girl. I think you should make a Spider-Man movie that shows him and Mary Jane having a baby girl and then you should make a Spider-Girl movie.

You know I am right!

Shannon Owens
Duncan, SC

Absolutely, Shannon! As soon as we raise the necessary couple of 100 million dollars, we'll begin development on both films. (Either that or the Spider-Team's buying its own Caribbean island.)

Hello!

I was in Vienna a few days ago and I found a copy of AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #1! Whoa, love at first sight!

Congratulations from far away for you!

George Grindcore
Budapest, Hungary

Thanks for writing, George! We never realized our girl had made it to Vienna and Hungary.

Dear Marvel,

AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #2 was another great issue! I love the new title and cover logo.

One small quibble, I was disappointed in Mary Jane for threatening to sue May's teacher for answering her cell phone in detention. Forgetting that MJ was there because Spider-Girl was needed, she came off as yet another parent attacking a teacher for trying to enforce the slightest bit of discipline, taking her daughter's side without even knowing why she was in detention. Threatening to sue a teacher for answering a student's cell (in detention!) is ridiculous and obnoxious, and is the behavior of an irresponsible parent of a spoiled child.

Jeff Forester

You're absolutely right, Jeff! MJ didn't use the best judgment in the scene...and neither did we!

Dear Spider-Team,

I absolutely love the new AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL comic. Drawing May with long hair was a good idea. The art is better than ever. I love how Tom has made more of a balance between school and crime-fighting. This is what the last few issues of SPIDER-GIRL, good as they were, were missing. I like that we finally got to meet Gene, too. Please show us more of the old characters. How is the Buzz doing? Darkdevil? What about Normie and Brenda? Also, I would love a meeting between Peter and Reilly Tyne. Maybe Peter should learn about Reilly's relationship with Ben Reilly, but there would be a very amusing opportunity for interesting dialogue between them. Also, show us what Coach Thompson thinks of May dating his son. Please keep Jimmy's comic! It is hilarious.

Keep up the excellent work.

Sergio Lopez-Valdez

We'll be looking in on many of Mayday's super-friends in the upcoming months, Sergio...and you'll be happy to hear that Jimmy's comic book plays a vital role next issue!

Thanks for being there!

--Tom D.

NEXT ISSUE



Spider-Girl battles the Hobgoblin and finally confronts her parents over the question, "Whatever happened to the daughter of Spider-Man?"

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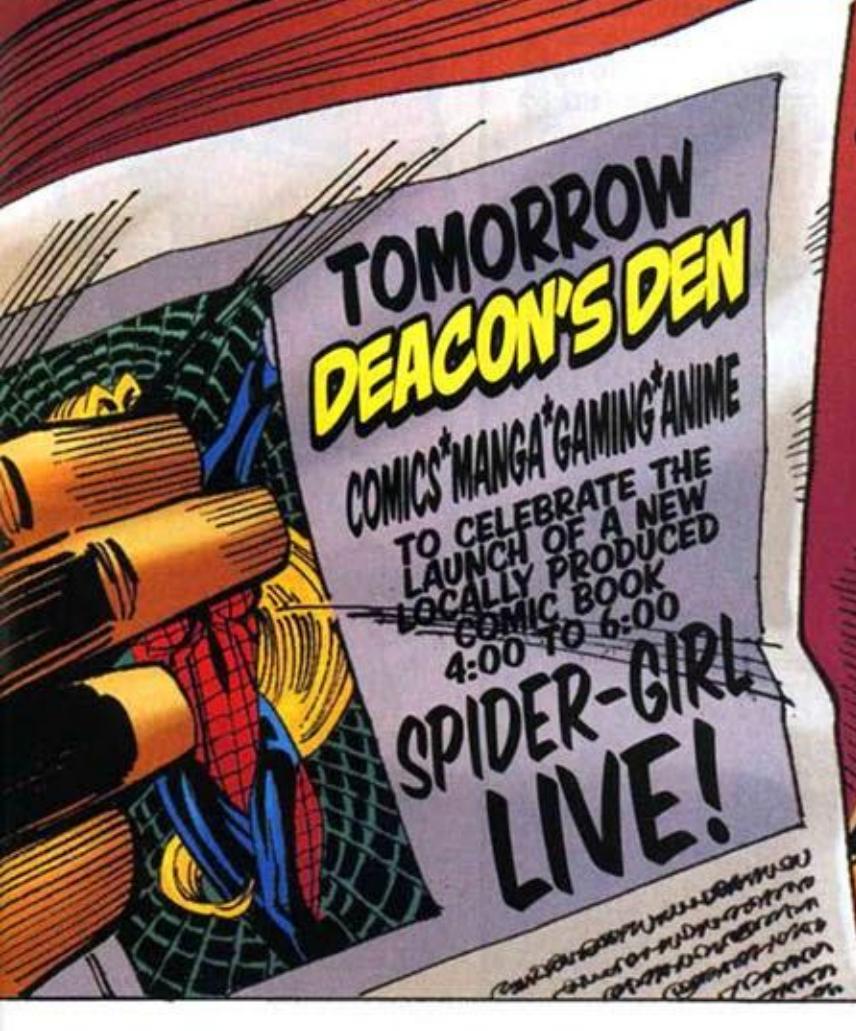
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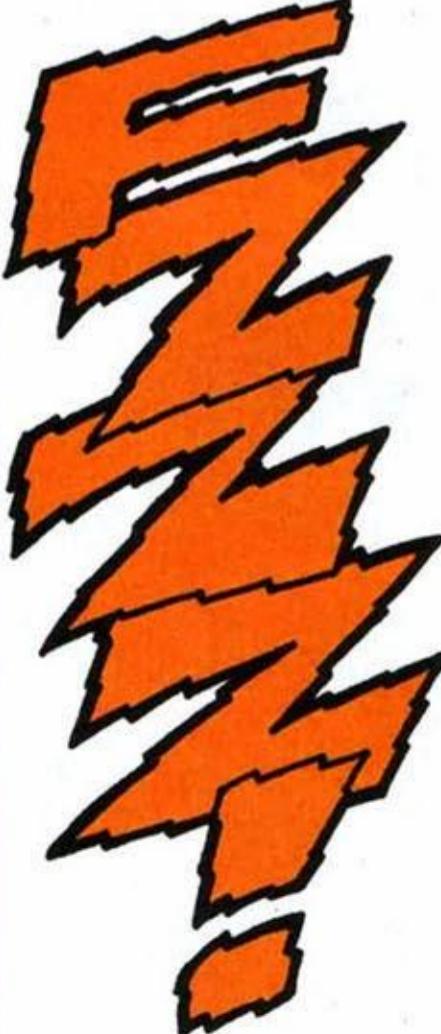
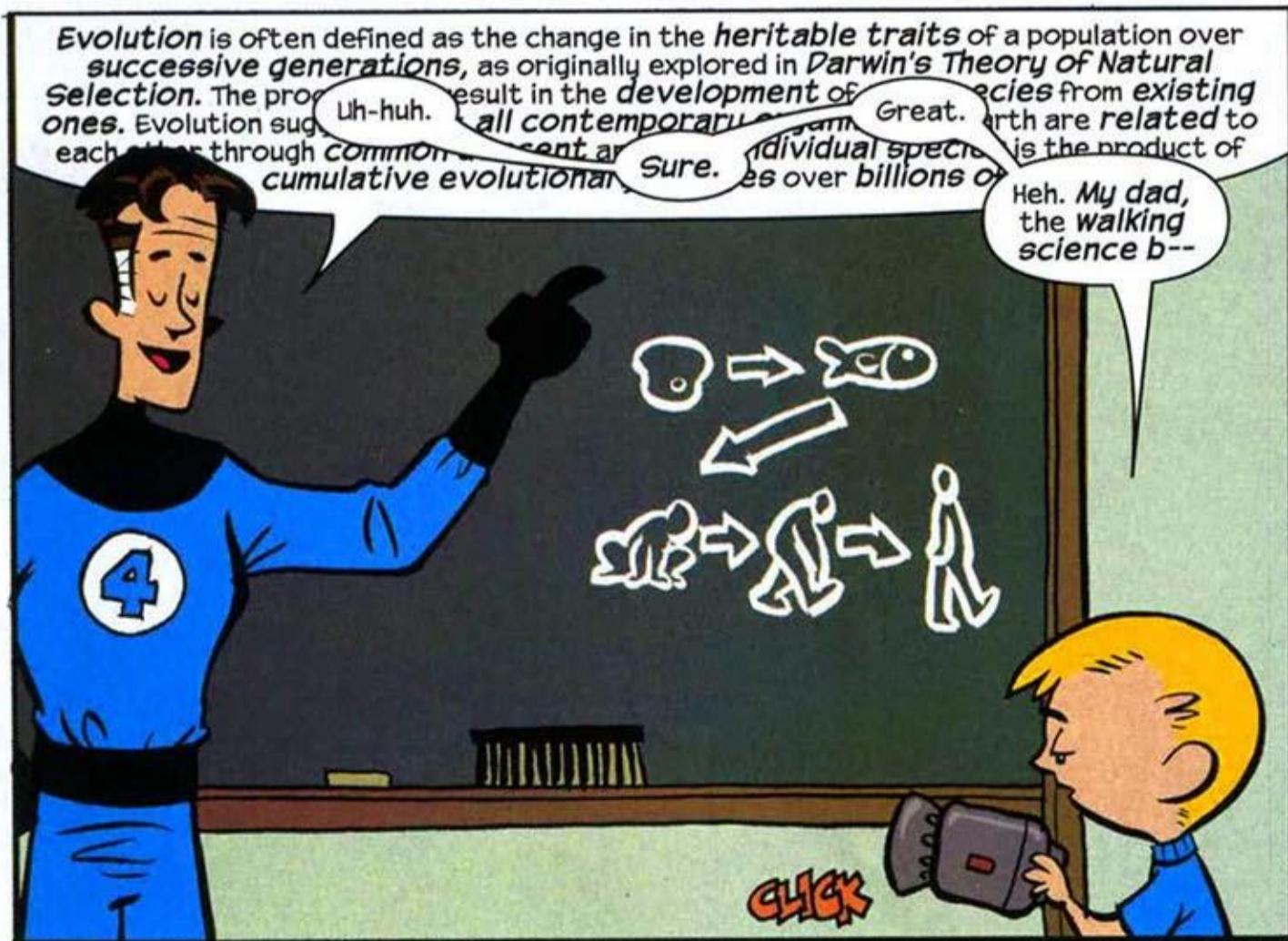
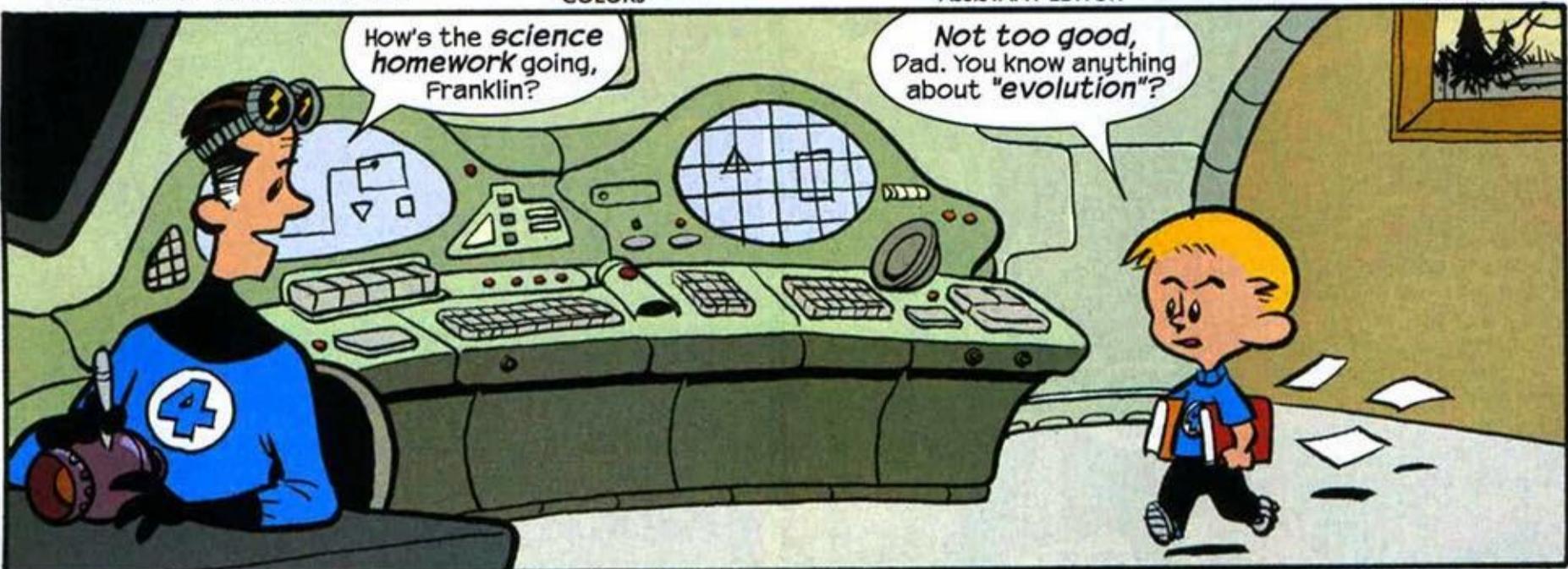
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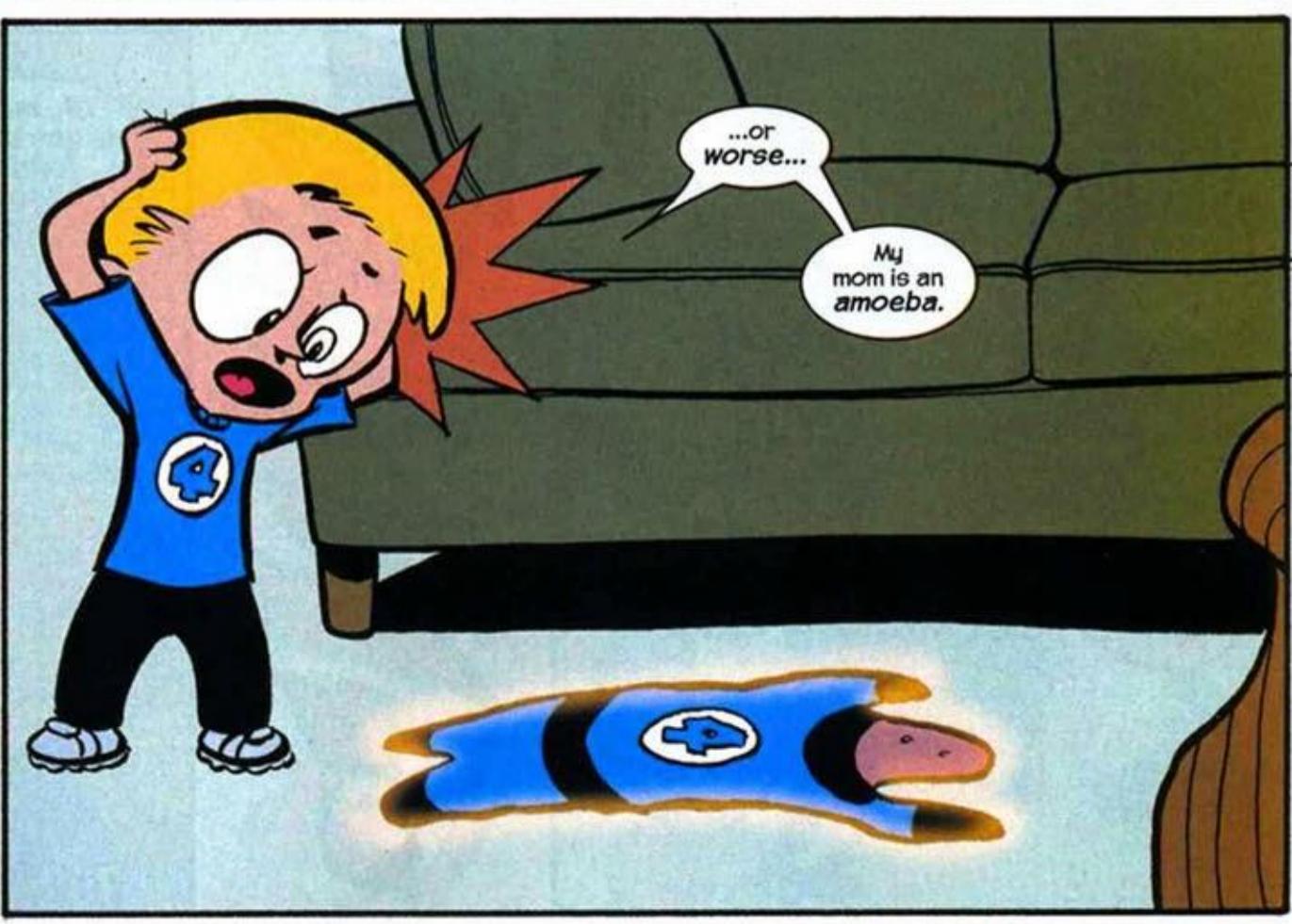
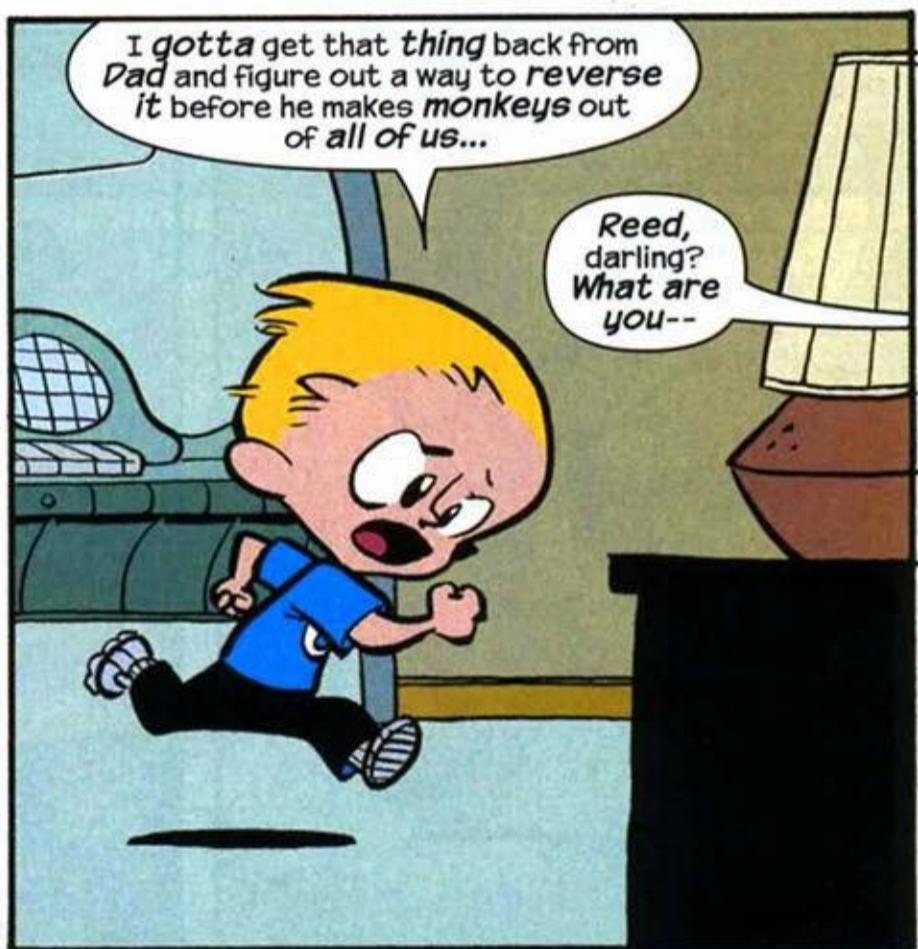
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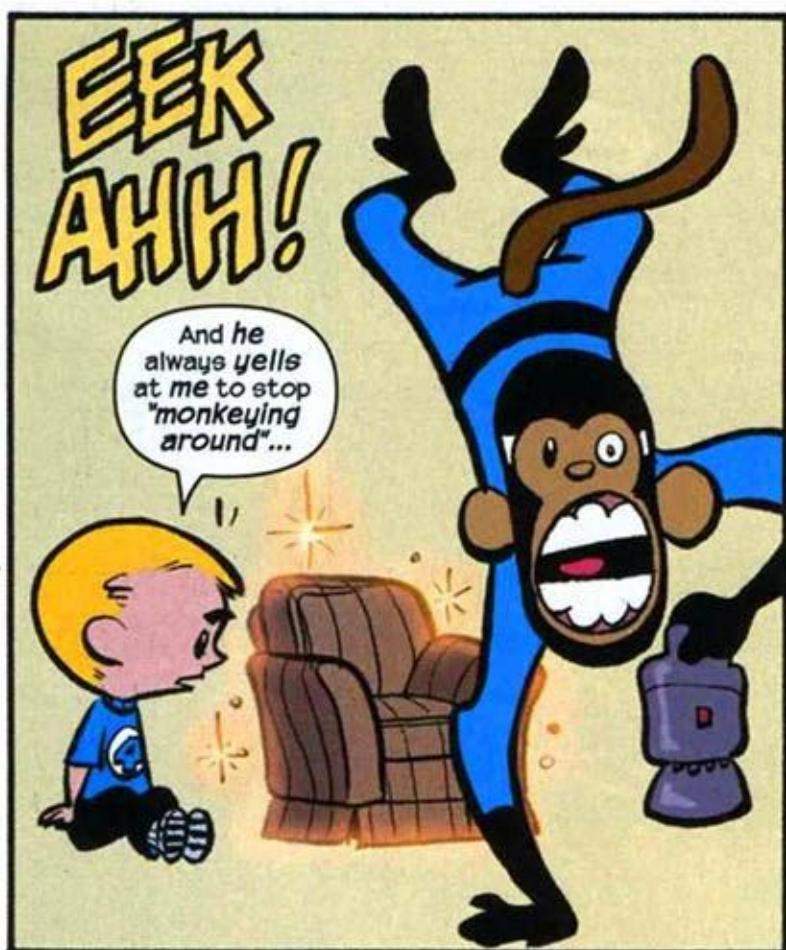
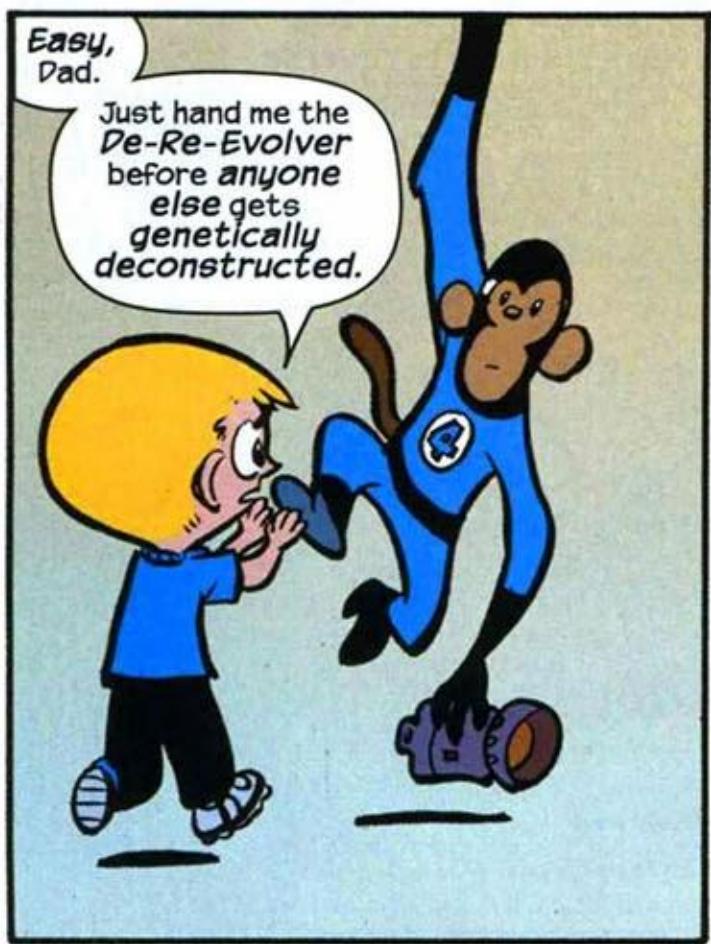
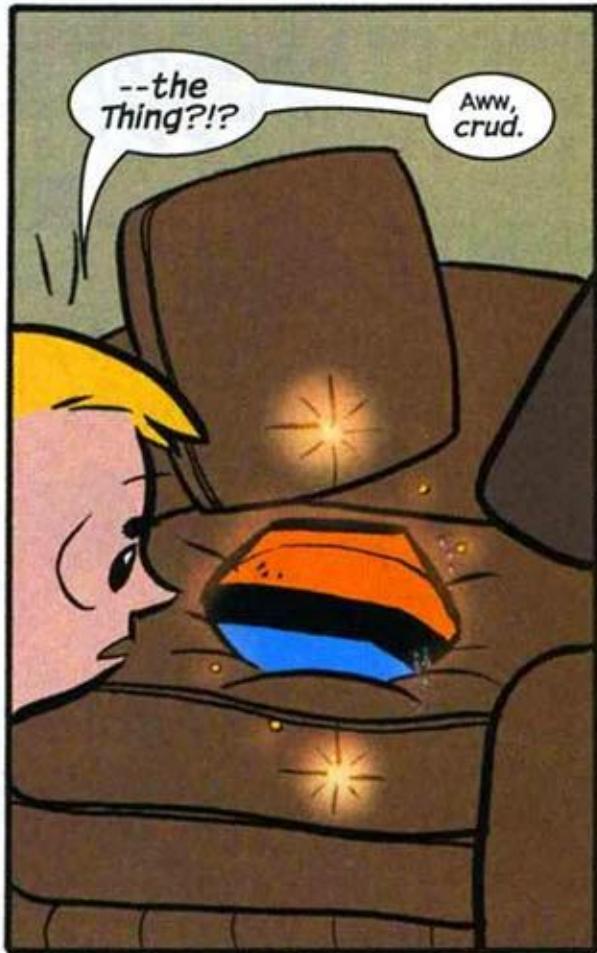
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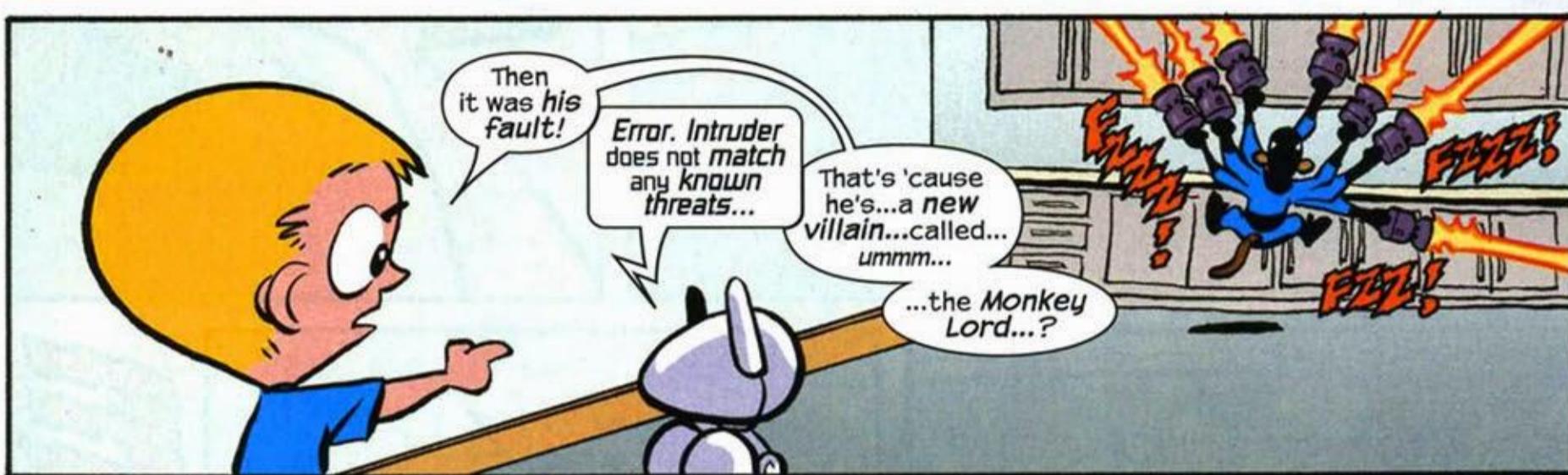
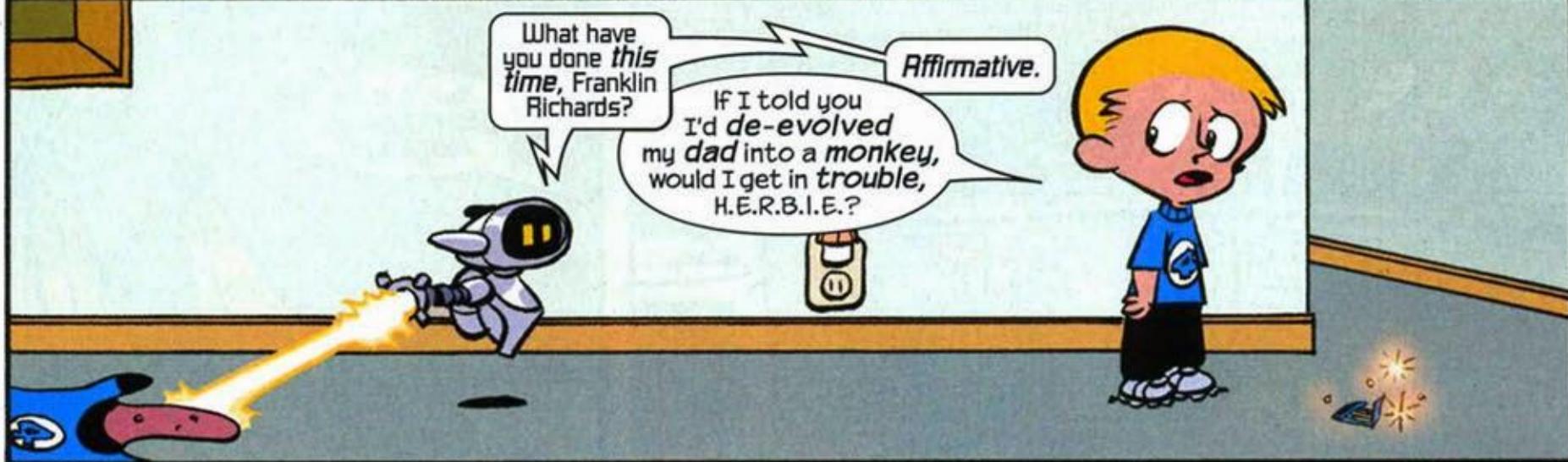




What have you done *this time*, Franklin Richards?

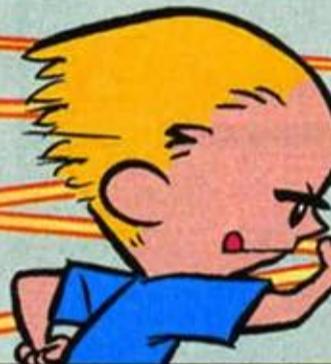
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If I told you I'd de-evolved my dad into a monkey, would I get in trouble, H.E.R.B.I.E.?



Then we must stop this simian supervillain before he can do any more--

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FZZ!

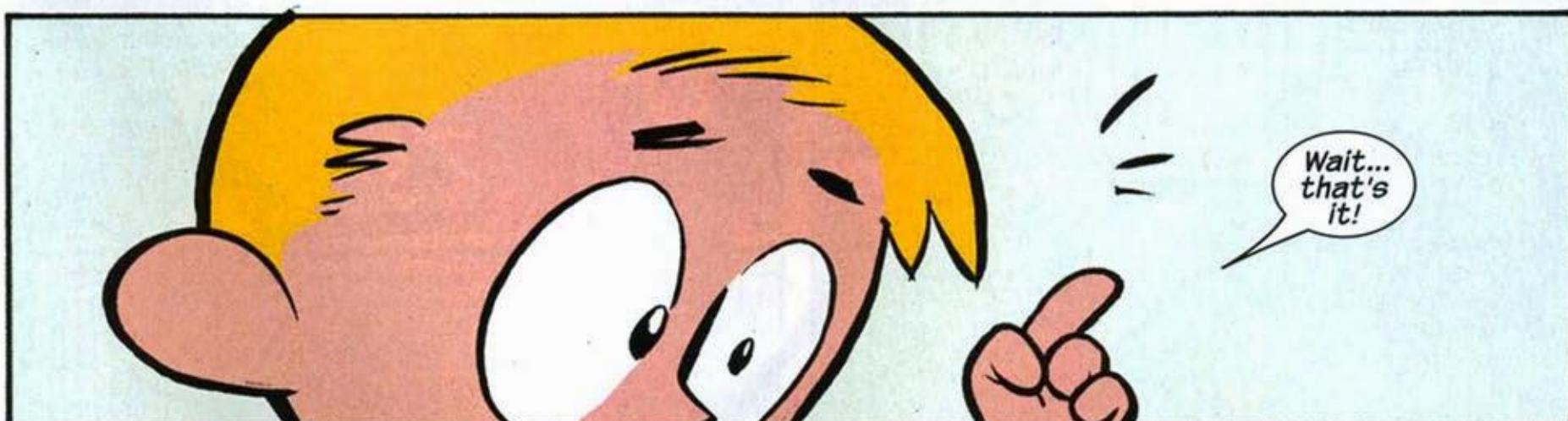
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H.E.R.B.I.E.?

Okay, this is completely bananas.

Wait... that's it!



I may not know much about evolution...

...but I know plenty about monkeys!



Looks like we've got ourselves a draw, pardner.

Gimme yer weapon and this here grub is all yers.



--and that's the theory of evolution!

Time to... ummm... finish my homework...

Thanks for the help, Dad!

Thanks for the banana...

