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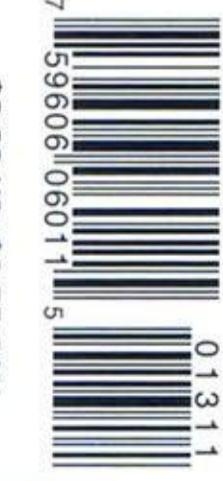
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The **Carnage Symbiote** later takes control of a former classmate, but Spider-Girl destroys it before **Moose Mansfield** can infect his father in a desperate attempt to cure the man's cancer.

When her father freezes during the battle, Spider-Girl employs a sonic blaster to save her baby brother from Carnage, but the discharge affects the baby's hearing.



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I, HOBGOBLIN!!

My name is Roderick Kingsley, although I am far better known as the Hobgoblin.

Society has labeled me a criminal.

I prefer to think of myself as a simple entrepreneur whose primary business is the pursuit of power.

I intend to become the new, undisputed Kingpin of Crime.



To accomplish my goal, I must first dispose of the current ruler-- the Black Tarantula.

--and his toady, the always annoying Spider-Girl.



--and is probably out hunting for me at this very instant."

My name is May "Mayday" Parker and I am the daughter of Spider-Man.

I'm supposed to be a hero who's carrying on my dad's legacy.

It's my job to defend the innocent and protect the helpless.

Hey, Benji!

Turn around, Benji-boy.

Some hero I've turned out to be.

C-can you hear me, Benji?

Instead of protecting my baby brother, I may have accidentally destroyed his hearing.

Yeah, I did it to save him from being a monster--



A real hero would have found a way to keep him from harm.

This is all my fault--mine and mine alone!

May--?

You all right, hotshot?

We need to take the baby to the doctor.

He wants to run more tests.



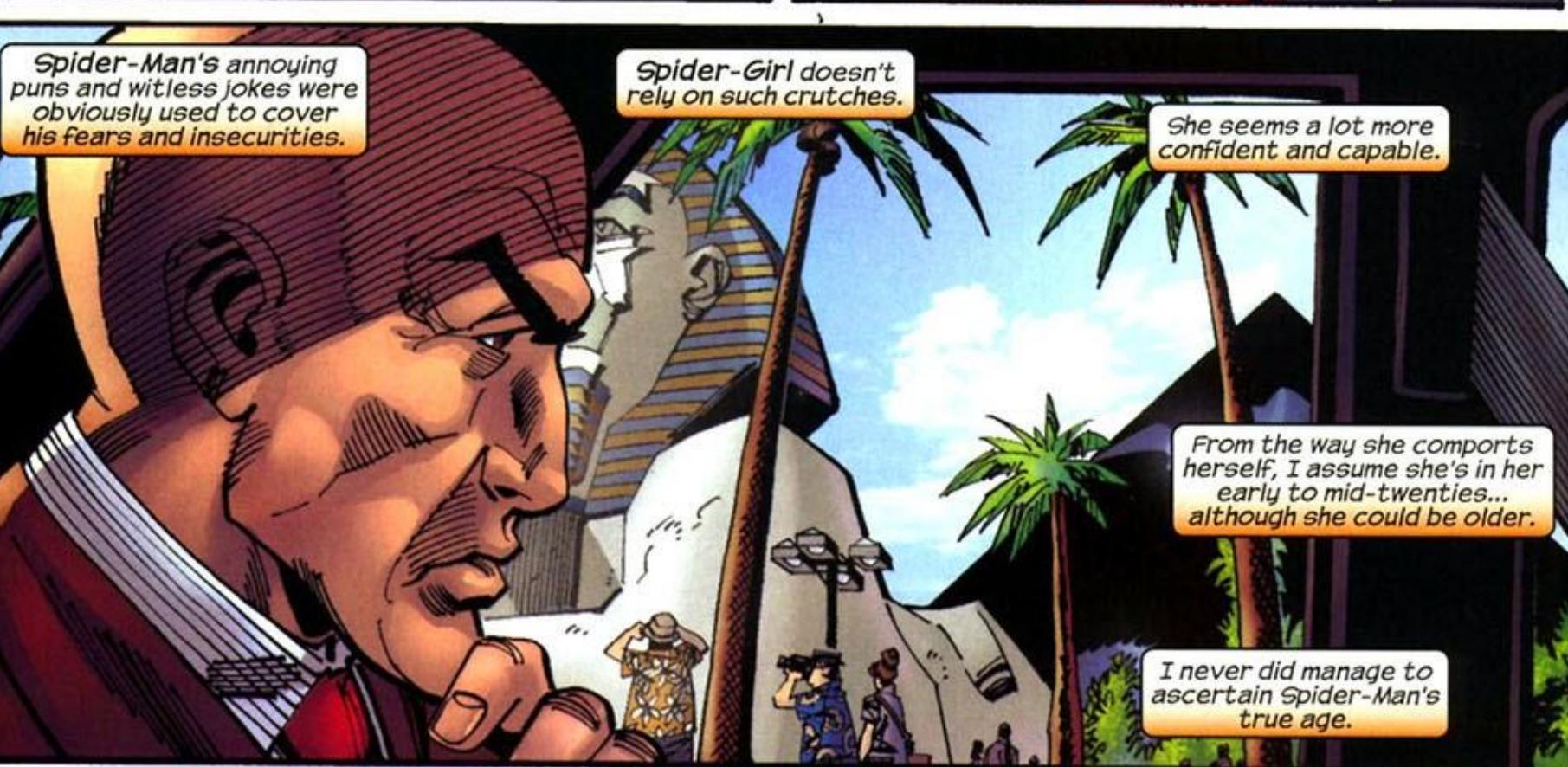
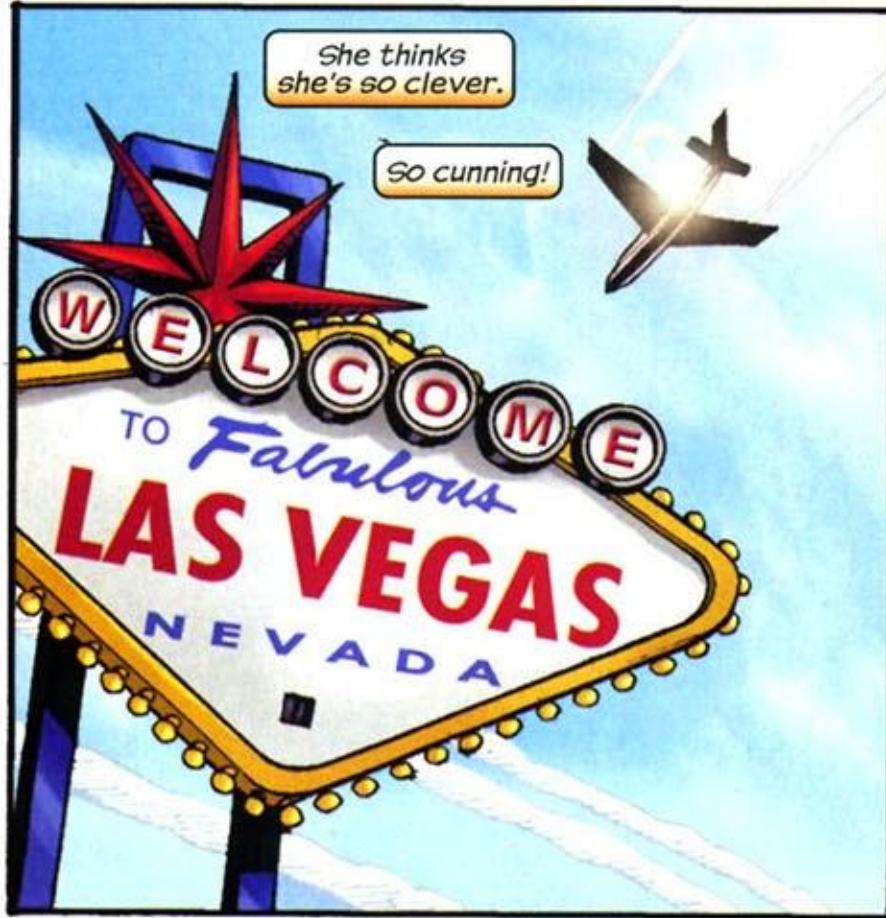










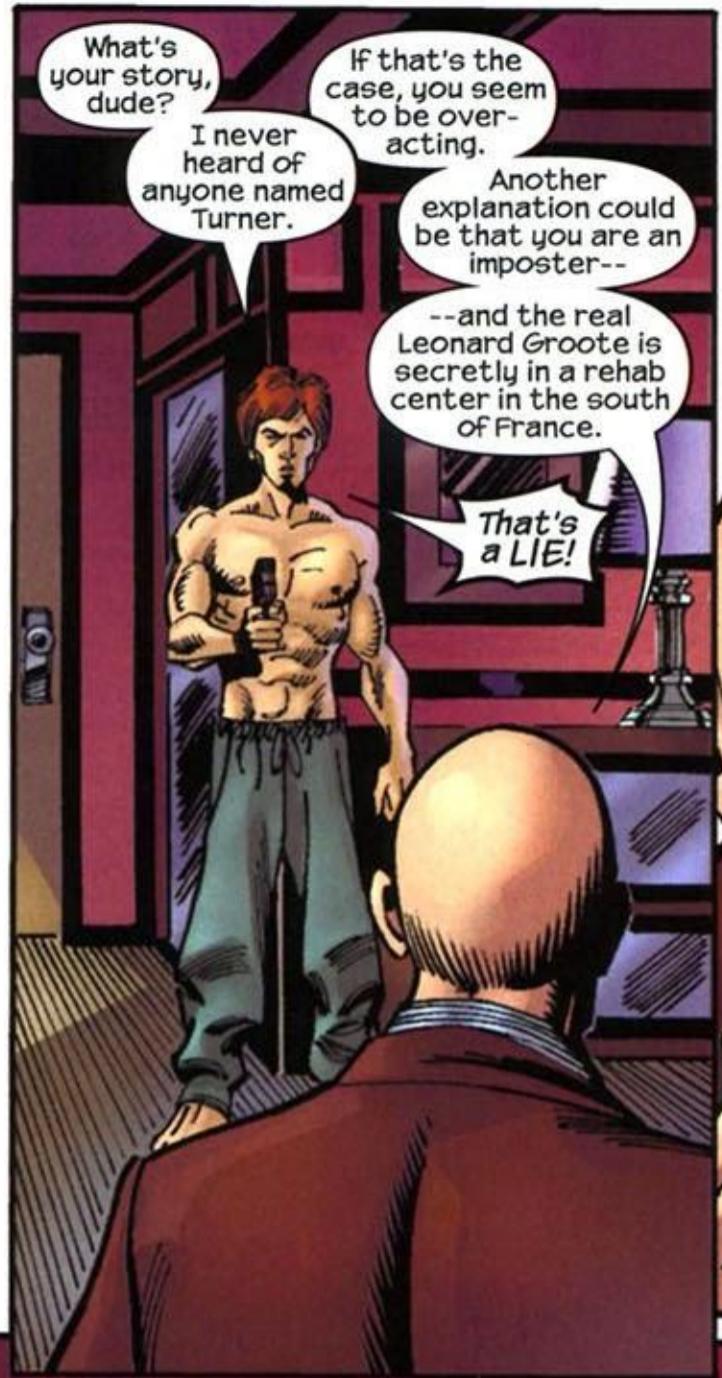


Leonard Groote is one of Hollywood's bad boys.

Luckily for him, his hits have managed to outnumber his scandals.

Although I understand the margin is growing slimmer.





Sigh: I've been here before.

I sleepwalk through my morning classes, haunted by my current crises.

As soon as the lunch bell rings, I head for the nearest stairway.

Hey, May!

I duck inside--

--and immediately head for the roof.

Hold up, May! We gotta...

How'd she disappear so fast?

She must have headed down to the cafeteria.

Oh, man! No one will ever believe that Gene Thompson can't keep up with a girl.

I assume the authorities are still holding Moose--

--to make absolutely certain he's no longer infected by the Carnage symbiote.

While they could be keeping him anywhere--



--there's a certain top-secret debriefing facility that immediately springs to mind.

Oh, no!

What are you doing here?

I... I wasn't aware you had psychic powers, Spider-Girl.

She doesn't, Weadon. She's pulling your chain again.

Well--
{-harumph-} I am not at liberty to discuss anyone who may or may not be in government custody.

I've come to check on Moose Mansfield.

I got a psychic flash that he's here.

My spider senses can pierce through your bureaucratic gobbledegook.

He *is* here and I want to see him.

Kaine, can she really--

Again... no.

But she did stop Carnage... rescue Mansfield... and save your career.

I'd say you owe her.

{sigh}

All right!

I suppose I can bend the rules this once...

Just to square things between us.

Sounds like an even exchange.

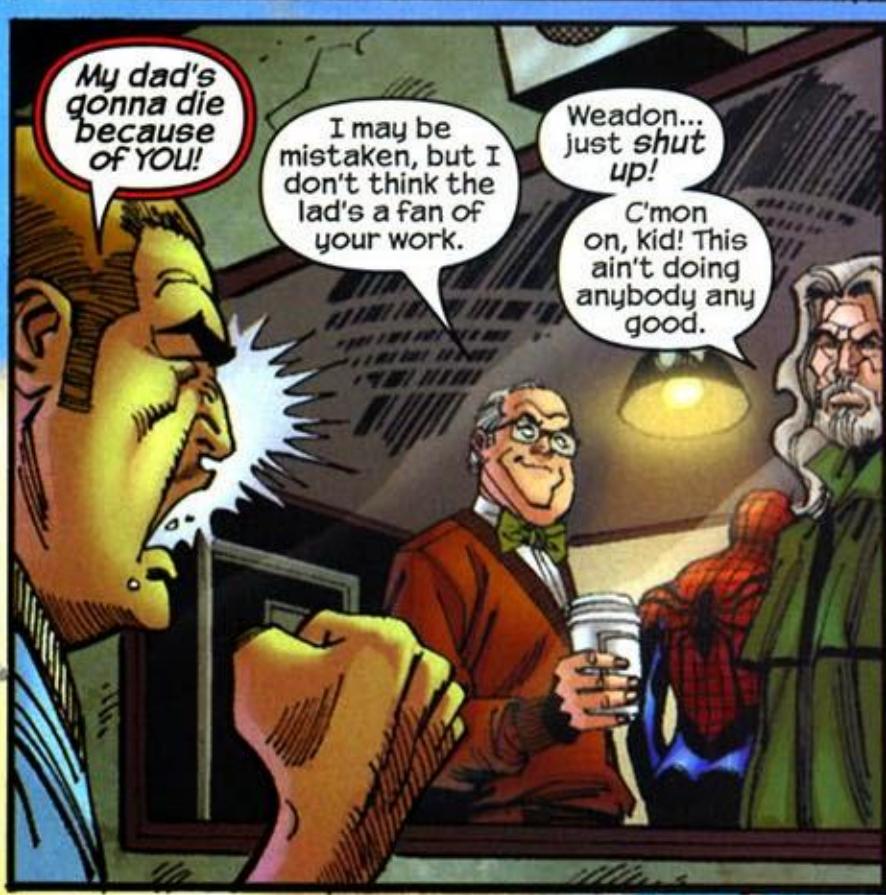
In case you're wondering, the scientists have already cleared Mansfield.

Since we're not pressing any charges against him, he'll be released as soon as we can process his paperwork.

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My mask is a soggy mess by the time I reach Midtown High.

I hit the ladies' for a quick face wash and some strategic makeup and then...

Isn't it great, May?

Isn't what great, Brianna?

Davida Kirby won the election. She's our new president!

And the hits just keep on coming!

But Davida will make a much better president than I ever would.

She deserves this!

I'm happy for her.

MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Of course, I could use a little cheering up myself--

--and I know just the man who can do it.

Hey, Wes... you got a moment?

Always for you, Parker.

What do you need?

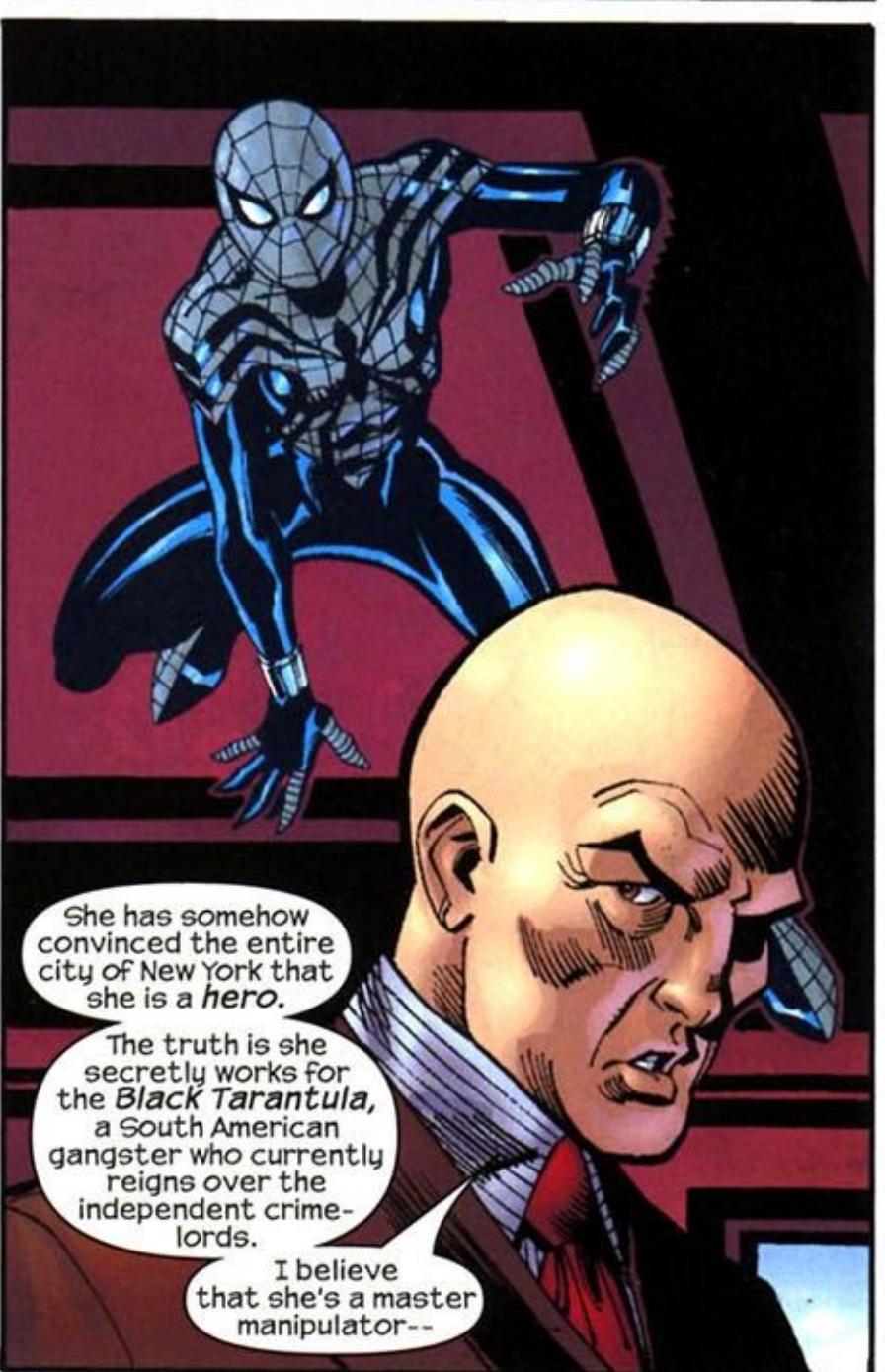
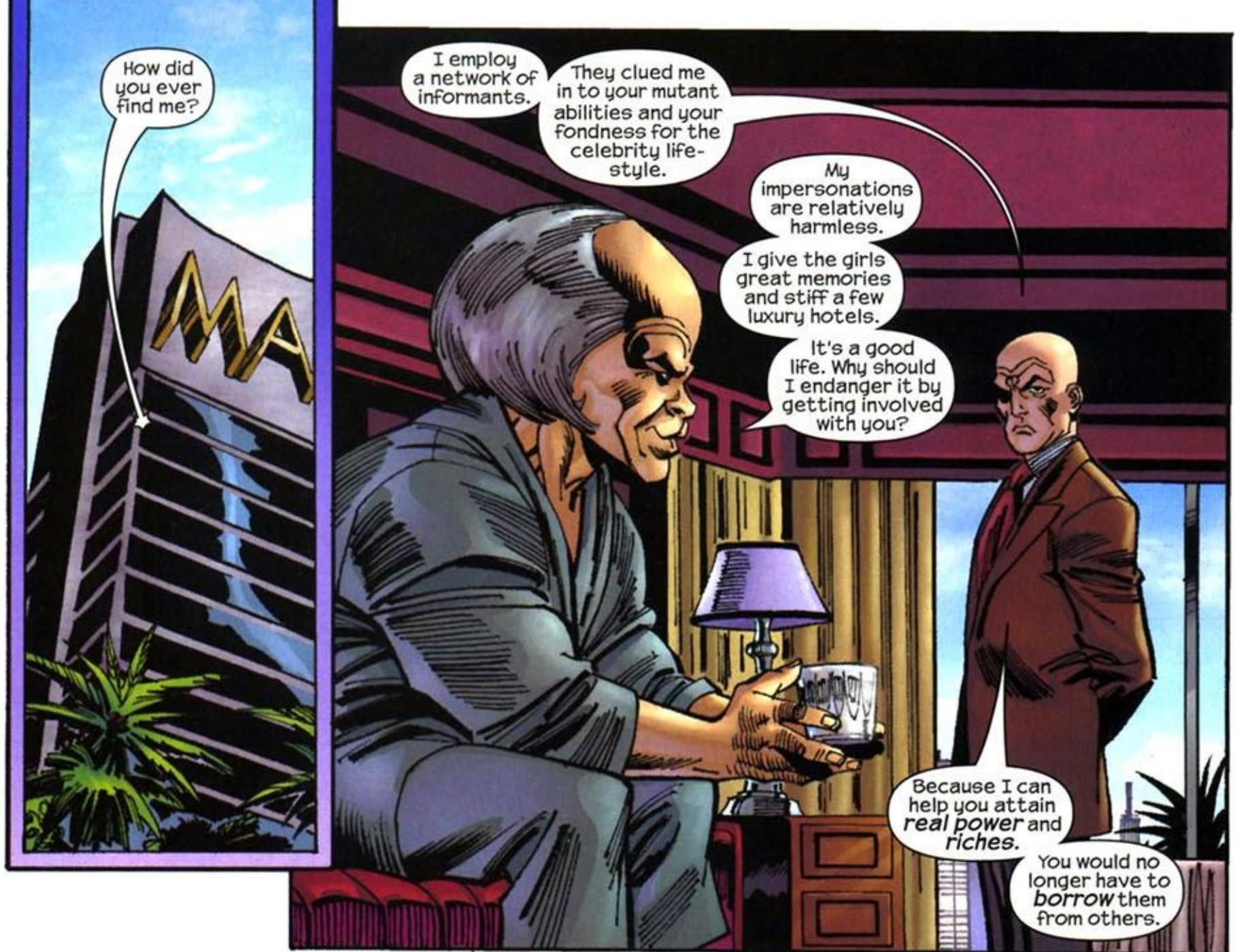
Any chance you've seen Gene Thompson in your travels?

Oh...ummm... he was down in the cafeteria earlier, but I'm sure he's gone by now.

It's a place to look.

Thanks.

Yeah... sure.





All right...

I'm in.

I assume we'll split the profits 50/50.

Absolutely.
You have my word of honor.

I'll meet you in New York in a couple of days.

I have to tie up some loose ends here.

I'll make all the appropriate arrangements.

Trust me, you won't regret this decision.

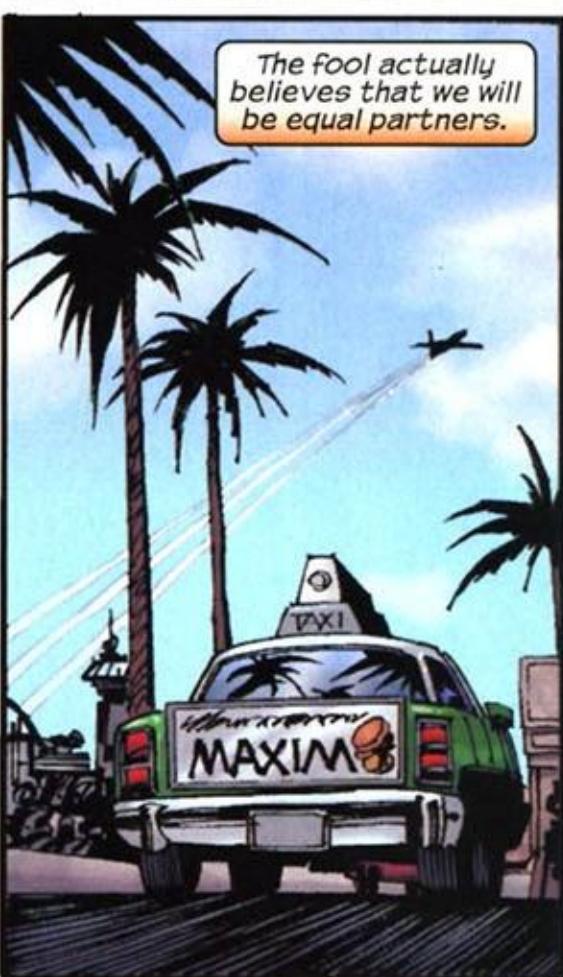
Return to your party and enjoy yourself, my friend.

We're going to change the entire underworld.

Turner is even more naïve than I thought.

The fool actually believes that we will be equal partners.

I'm afraid this arrangement was only designed to benefit the Hobgoblin.



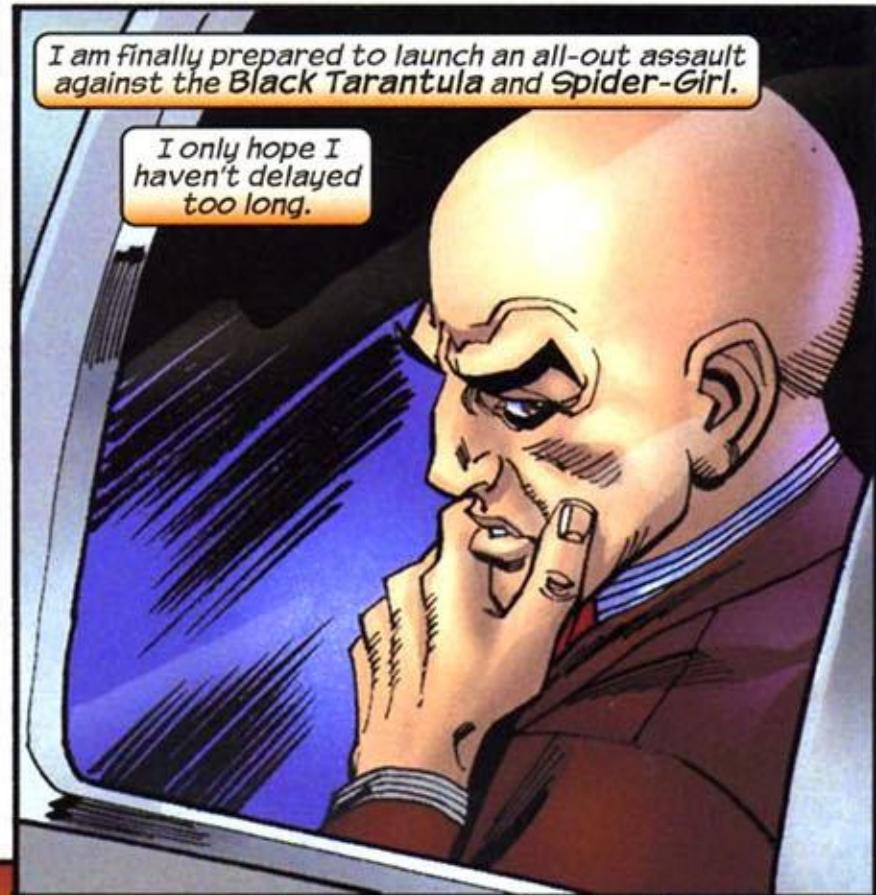
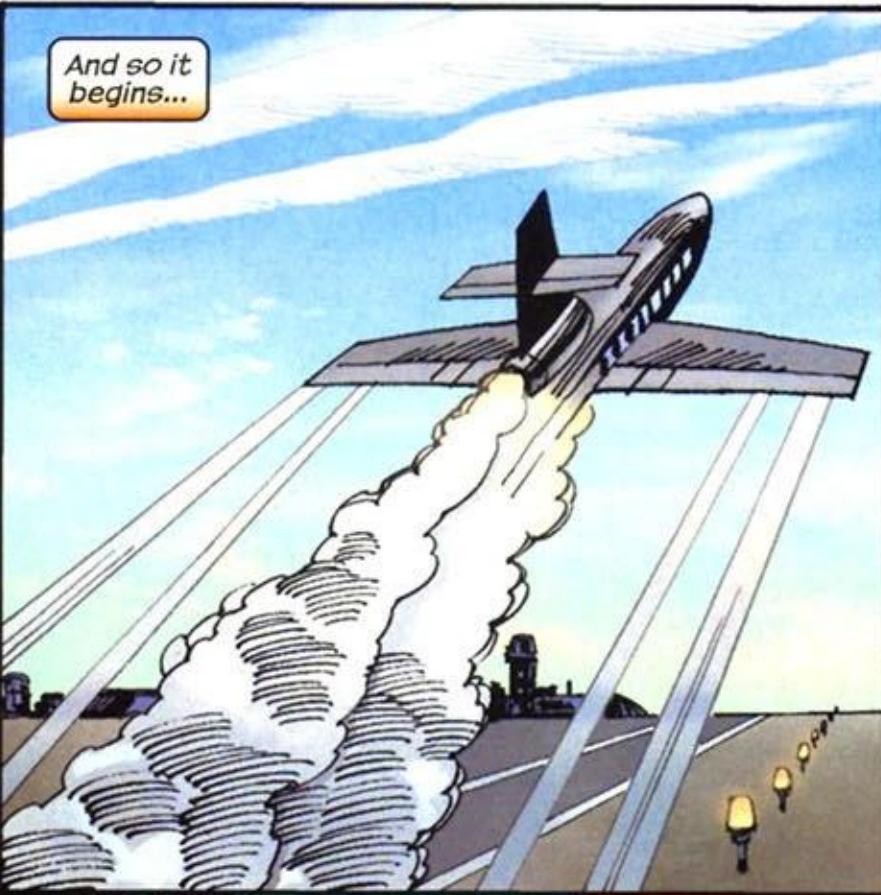




And so it begins...

I am finally prepared to launch an all-out assault against the Black Tarantula and Spider-Girl.

I only hope I haven't delayed too long.



I must assume that they are fully prepared to destroy me.

The advantage is certainly theirs, but I am a patient man.

I will eventually discover their vulnerabilities--

--and ATTACK when they least expect it!



**THE END...
FOR now!**

MAYDAY'S MAILBOX

Hoo-ha, true believers! We want to give a special Spider-Girl SHOUT OUT to BRIANNA TYSON who won the AMTRAK Superhero Sweepstakes and appears on our 16th story page. Way to go, Brianna!

Tom, Ron, Molly and Co.,

I've just reread AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #7 and I'm delighted to see that, after over a year of disappointment (for me, personally) this title appears to be back on track. I just hope this trend continues!

I was disappointed with the first 6 issues of this title, because it really felt like Tom was retelling his own stories once again (there are far too many similarities between SPIDER-GIRL #1-6 and AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #1-6 for my liking!). I am very aware that Tom needed to find a way to bring in new readers, but he could have found a way to do that without repeating his own themes. The end of the last volume (since about issue #94) also felt rushed and I got the feeling (rightly or wrongly I don't know, only you can say!) that Tom was losing interest in this title. With this issue, Tom seems to have found an (in my opinion much needed) second wind, which I am glad to see. With AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #7, the dynamic energy from Tom's dialogue (as well as Ron's art) seems to be back and it's nice to be enjoying this title once again. I'm glad I didn't drop the series!

To focus a little more on this issue specifically though, I must admit I appreciated FINALLY being given some more information about the Ladyhawks (it is nice to have a civilian name to put to the faces, and to have a little bit more of a back story to the twins; for a long time they have been the only heroes we have not known the name, or some of the background family history of, and they had, up until now, seemed a little too underdeveloped as characters for my liking).

James Hunter

We're sorry you haven't been enjoying ASG, James! But we're glad you're still on board with us.

Dear Team Spider,

Thinking back over the past nine issues of AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL, I just wanted to thank you for creating a hero worthy of the title and of admiration. Mayday dropped out of the student council race in front of an entire assembly. What humiliation she must have felt going into that! But what great love and concern she had for what would be best for her fellow students! And during the Mad Dog issue, Mayday was enamored with a normal life and was looking forward to meeting Gene at the coffee shop. What terrible heartache it must have been to be on the verge of enjoying a happy moment... only to willingly give it up to look out for the safety of someone she didn't particularly like. Her sense of responsibility shows an

uncompromising concern for others. She's willing to give of herself to others regardless of her own happiness. And this is NO false virtue which seeks some degree of self-satisfaction. In #8, Sara spelled it out plainly when it finally occurred to her why Mayday dropped out of basketball and why she's done so many other things; and again it shows itself in the Mad Dog issue where Spider-Girl did not want to be on camera or take any credit whatsoever. She wants to be "obscure" and anonymous, as if she'd prefer to do the things she does "invisibly". Even if she wasn't expected to wear a costume, I'm almost positive that she'd still wear a mask. And why? Mayday does what she does because it's the right thing to do. Period. She doesn't want even the slightest credit for herself. The only times she has ever revealed herself or her identity or her powers to others was when it served a higher purpose. Even in her anonymity, she takes no pride! This is true virtue. Thank you all. I feel indebted to your management and stewardship and care and concern for such a wonderful character, a hero worthy of admiration and, sadly, one of a few of a dying breed.

John Koerner
Panama City, FL

We're happy you've been enjoying ASG, John!

Hello Tom, Ron, and ASG team!

I like the current story arc in AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL! With Carnage around, it seems scarier than usual, yet retains its "A" rating. And Moose as the host was a nice twist! I expected it would be Gene, or maybe Brad! And having May's little brother as a mini-symbiote was freaky! I've never seen that before! And although I like the four-part story arc, I hope you do like before after this story and keep them self-contained. Hardly any titles do that anymore, and it's one of the reasons AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL is my second favorite title, right behind EXILES. Right now she's more fun to read than SPIDER-MAN! Keep up the good work!

Kenny Norman

SECOND favorite?!? Okay, we're also big fans of EXILES, but we're never going to rest until we're #1, Kenny!

Hey guys,

I just want to say, "Great work on the Carnage story so far." It brings back blasts from the past (whether they be Peter's or May's) and creates a feeling of mystery. As for the answer to the question "Who is Carnage?" I've got my money on Gene, partly because he hasn't been seen in this issue. I just have one nit to pick: Carnage wasn't supposed to kick Peter's spider-sense into gear. I'll relax on May's sense because she's a little different than

her father, but the Carnage symbiote comes from the original Venom symbiote which made Spidey's spider-sense useless. How come this time was different?

I also have some suggestions:

- 1) More Killerwatt. He gives real action, and he seems to be one of the only enemies May can't beat so easily.
- 2) People have been asking for Buzz since the series began. SO WHERE IS HE?
- 3) I want to see Dragon King again. He seemed to glue me to my seat when he made his appearance.

Brian Basquez

Since the Venom symbiote was once bonded with Peter, his spider-sense couldn't detect it. However, he could always sense Carnage, Brian...and thanks for the suggestions.

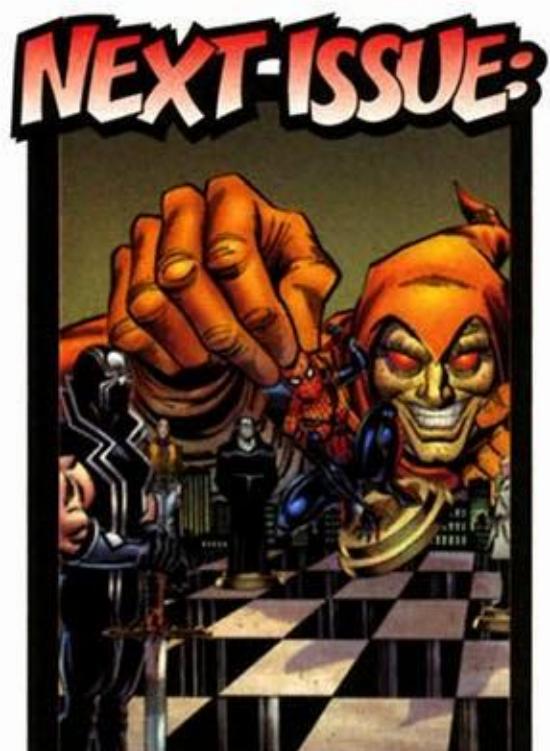
Dear May-team,

I just recently began reading AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL and my only comment is WOW! The whole May-team is doing a marvelous job. I love the stories and the drawings. I am a great Spider-Man fan and have been since I was little. Spider-Man helped me to find answers in life. In Spider-Girl, I see the same values that I used to love in Spider-Man. In a few months my daughter Luna will be born and I hope that she will have the same support in Spider-Girl as I did in Spider-Man. Great job!

Isqua Ozzie

Congratulations, Isqua! You're about to learn all about power, responsibility and a whole lot more! Say hello to Luna for us and thanks for being there!

Tom D.



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