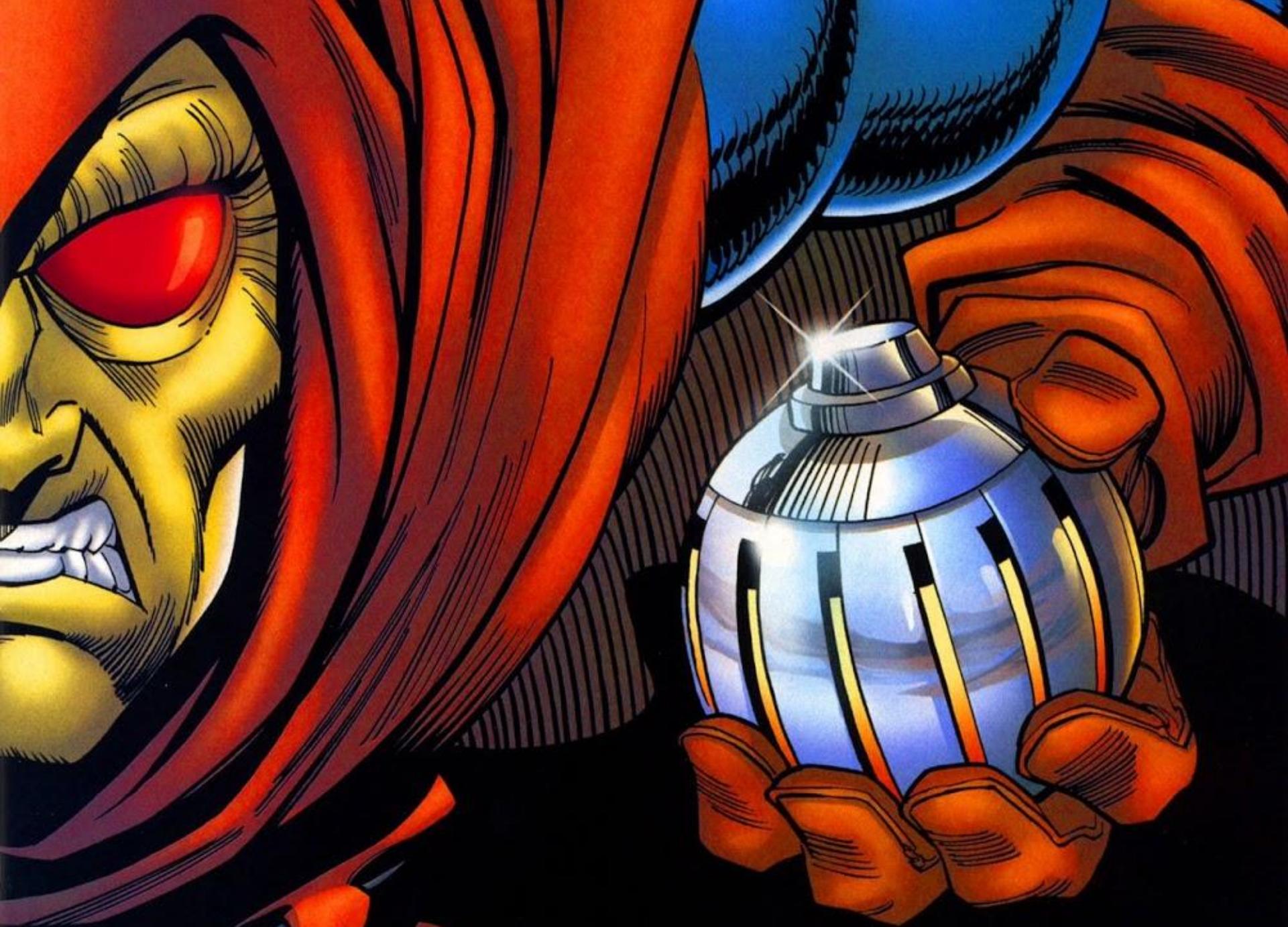


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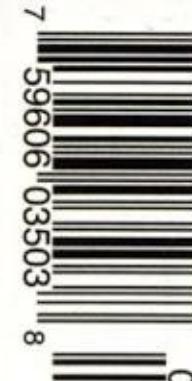
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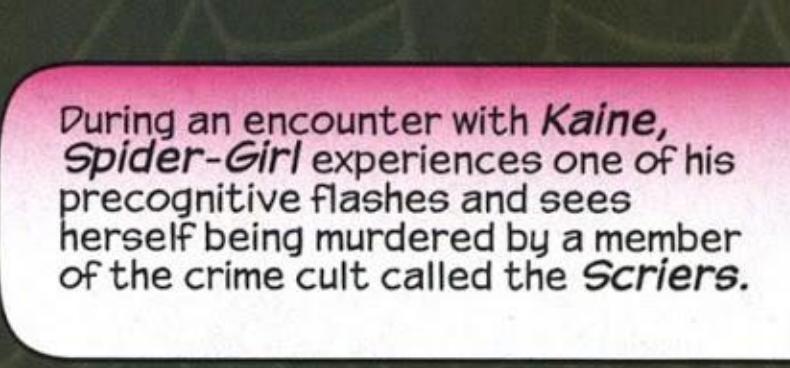
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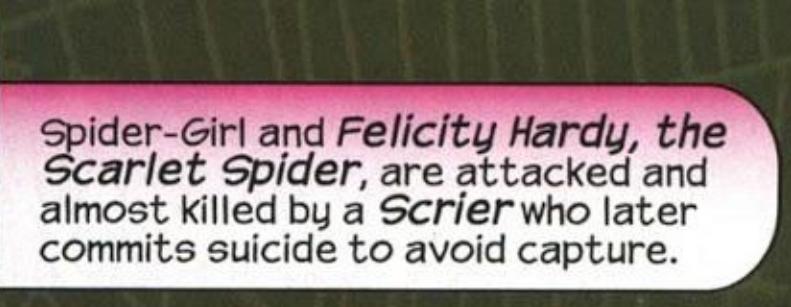
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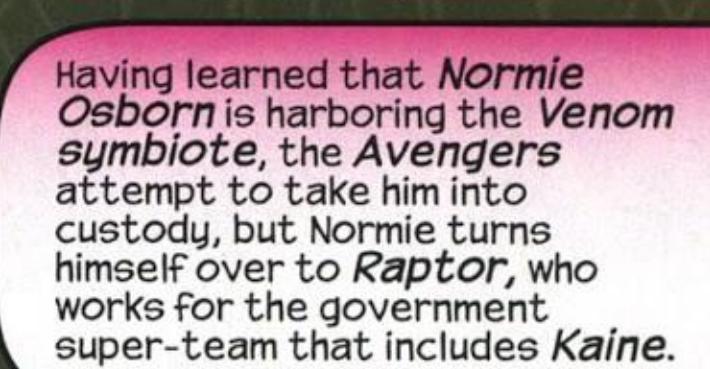
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During an encounter with *Kaine*, *Spider-Girl* experiences one of his precognitive flashes and sees herself being murdered by a member of the crime cult called the *Scriers*.



Spider-Girl and Felicity Hardy, the Scarlet Spider, are attacked and almost killed by a Scrier who later commits suicide to avoid capture.



Having learned that Normie Osborn is harboring the Venom symbiote, the Avengers attempt to take him into custody, but Normie turns himself over to Raptor, who works for the government super-team that includes Kaine.



Your name is May "Mayday" Parker,
and you are the daughter of Spider-Man.

The Brotherhood of
Scriers wants you dead.

Unfortunately, they're
not your *only* enemies...

HOO-HA!

This is
soooooooooo
very cool!

It's just like one
of those classic *Green
Goblin vs. Spider-Man*
battles of yore.

"Yore"?!? I
don't think I've ever
heard that word outside
of literature class,
Uncle Phil.

It's even
cornier than
"dude."

B-but I
use "dude" all
the time.

'Nuff
said!

Your dad often fought *Norman Osborn*,
the original *Green Goblin* and the
grandfather of your bud, *Normie*.

This is just a practice session with
Phil Urich, the new *Green Goblin*--

--and a friend of the family
so close you call him "Uncle".





At that very moment...

I'm very impressed, Special Agent Weadon.

How did you ever come up with the idea to build your top secret government installation under an abandoned amusement park?

I...ummm... can't claim all the credit, Ms. Watson.

When my superiors decided to fund this super-powered task force, they conducted a number of feasibility studies.

Am I hallucinating, Normie...or is your new personal assistant actually flirting with Weadon?

Good for them, Brenda! Everyone deserves a shot at happiness.

Ahem!

It's time we got down to business, Mr. Osborn.

You're part of my team now, and I expect you to carry out my orders to the best of your ability.

Careful, Weadon! You were doing so well with Kristy. Why spoil it by acting like a clueless bureaucrat?

The other members of your team are convicted felons who are working for you to avoid prison.

I am a volunteer.

Hardly! You are currently bonded to the **Venom symbiote**--an alien creature responsible for a score of murders!

Even if you could prove that--and my legal team believes it can tie you up in the courts for years--I am not responsible for those crimes.

You have no leverage over me.

However, I am more than willing to join your super-team and obey your orders.

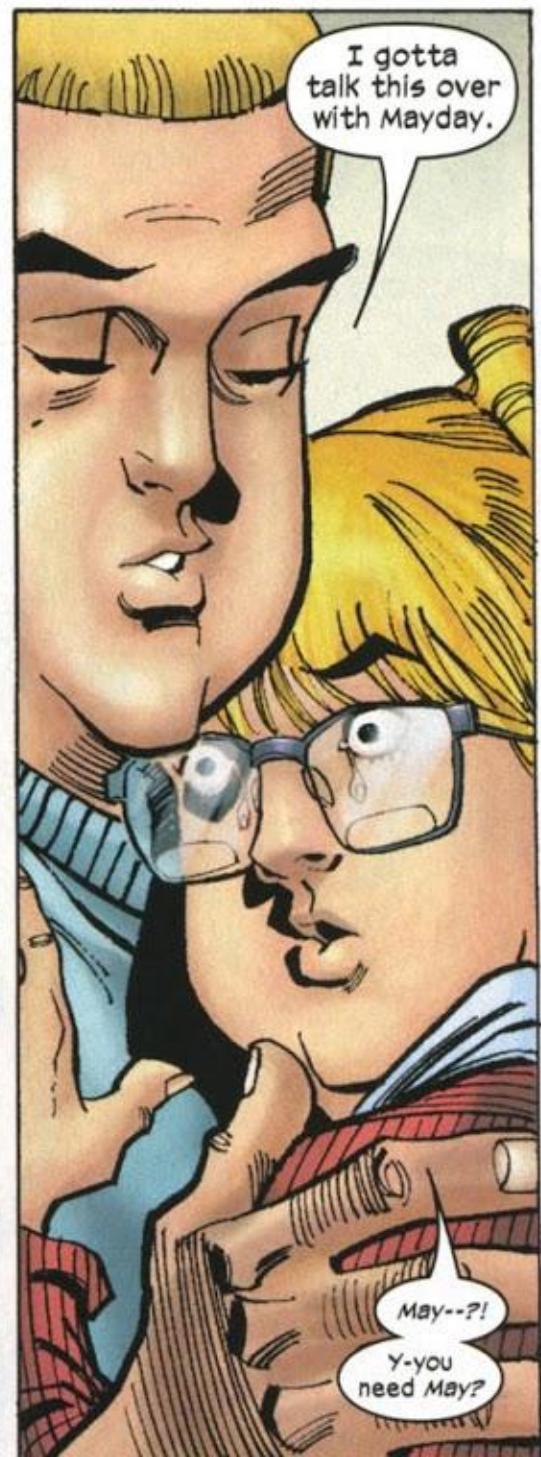
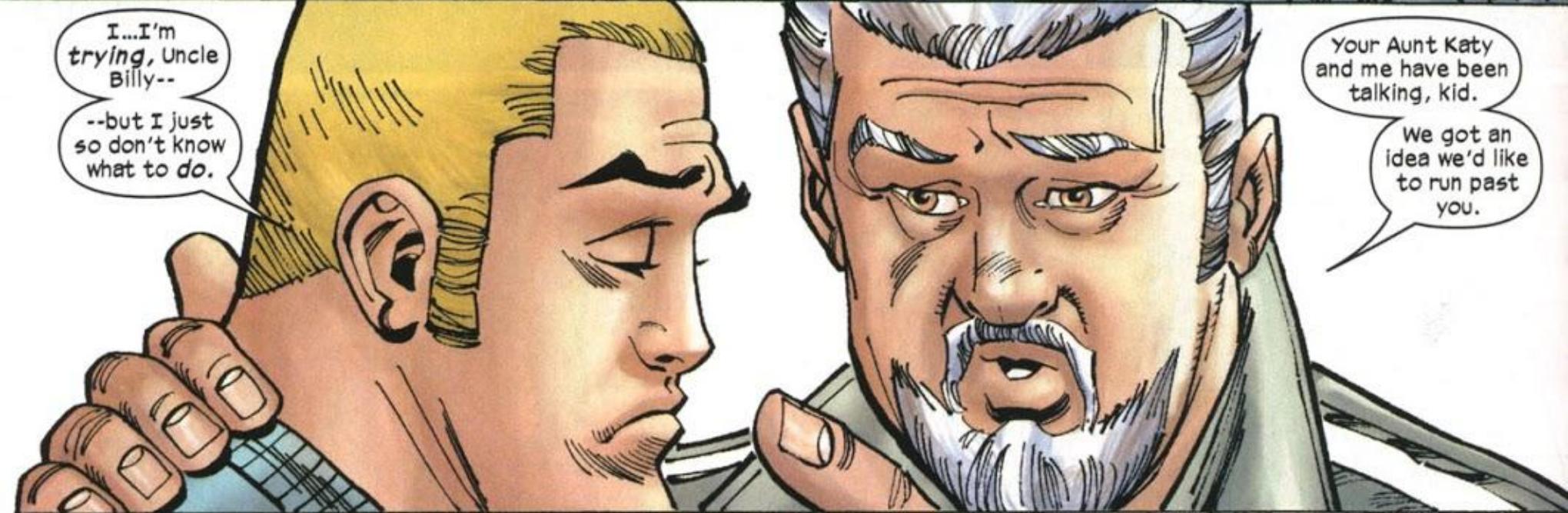
I will trade my services for Raptor.

If she gets a government pardon for past crimes...you get me.



Arrrgh!







Somewhere in
the Caribbean...

The organization
I represent went
to great expense
to arrange this
meeting.

How nice.

You will
excuse me for
not shaking
hands.

I am afraid,
however, that you
have wasted your
time and money.

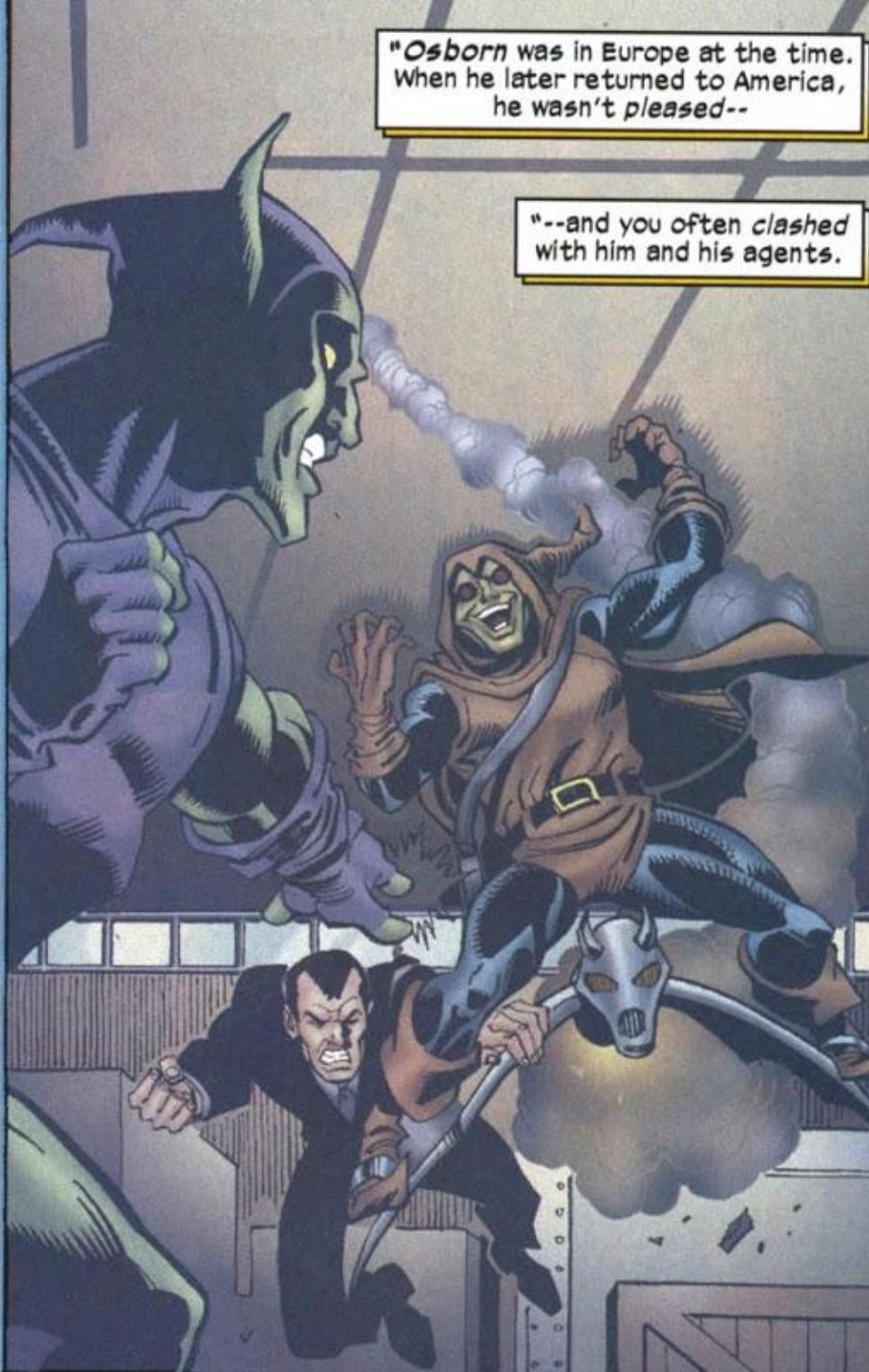
I do not talk
to psychiatrists,
researchers or
members of the
press.

I assure you
that I am none
of the above.

I am not here
to interview or
analyze you.

I am already familiar
with your history, and
I know the facts of
your case...

You are Roderick
Kingsley, the man the
world once knew as
the Hobgoblin.



I am...

Excellent!

As a gesture of
good faith, we have
taken the liberty
of arranging your
escape.

BAHR-ROOOOM!

I will remove
your bonds in
a moment.

That won't be
necessary...

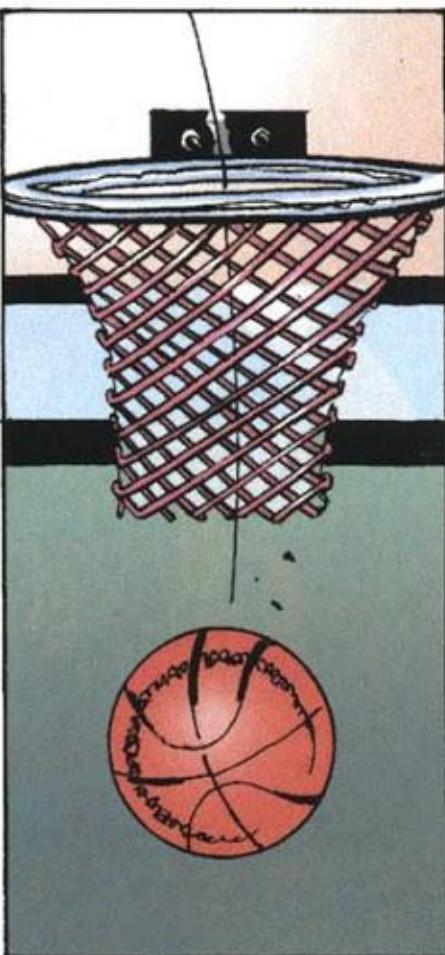
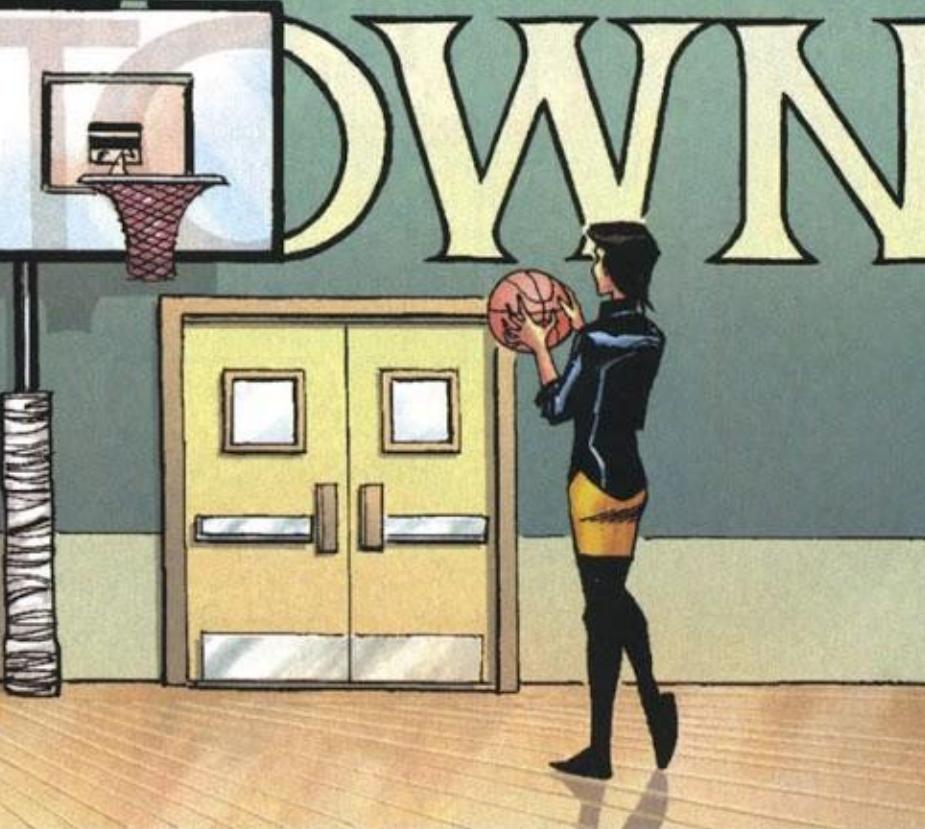
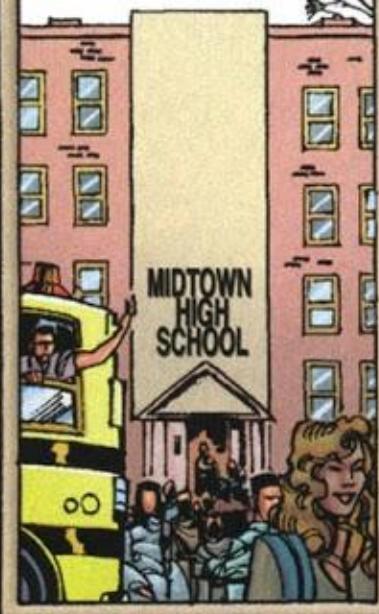
You've
provided me
with enough
slack to free
myself!

CHRAKKOOOM!





MUD DOWN



What you been doing?

Oh, the usual.
catching up on
my studies--

--a lot of
babysitting--

--and saving
the world on
occasion.



I can relate--

--except
for the
babysitting
part.



I don't mean to pry, May...but you seem a little stressed these days.

Any way I can lighten the load?

I'm just feeling all sorts of moan-y and sorry for myself, Davida.

I used to know what I wanted.

I had a vision for my life.

But nothing's working out like I planned.

Welcome to my world, girl! Happens to me all the time.

Of course, that's when I immediately resort to Plan B--

--and Plan B always works!

What's Plan B?

Four simple words--

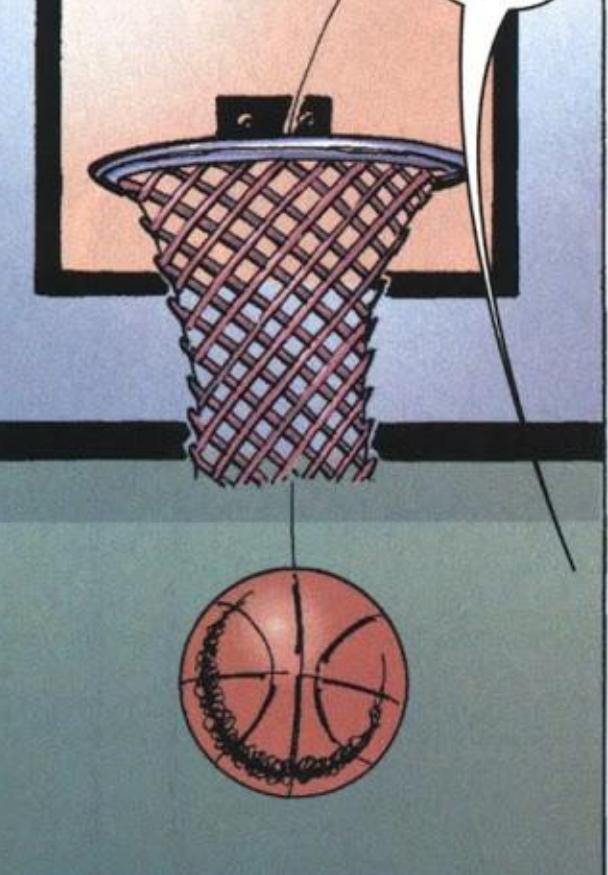
--find a NEW plan!

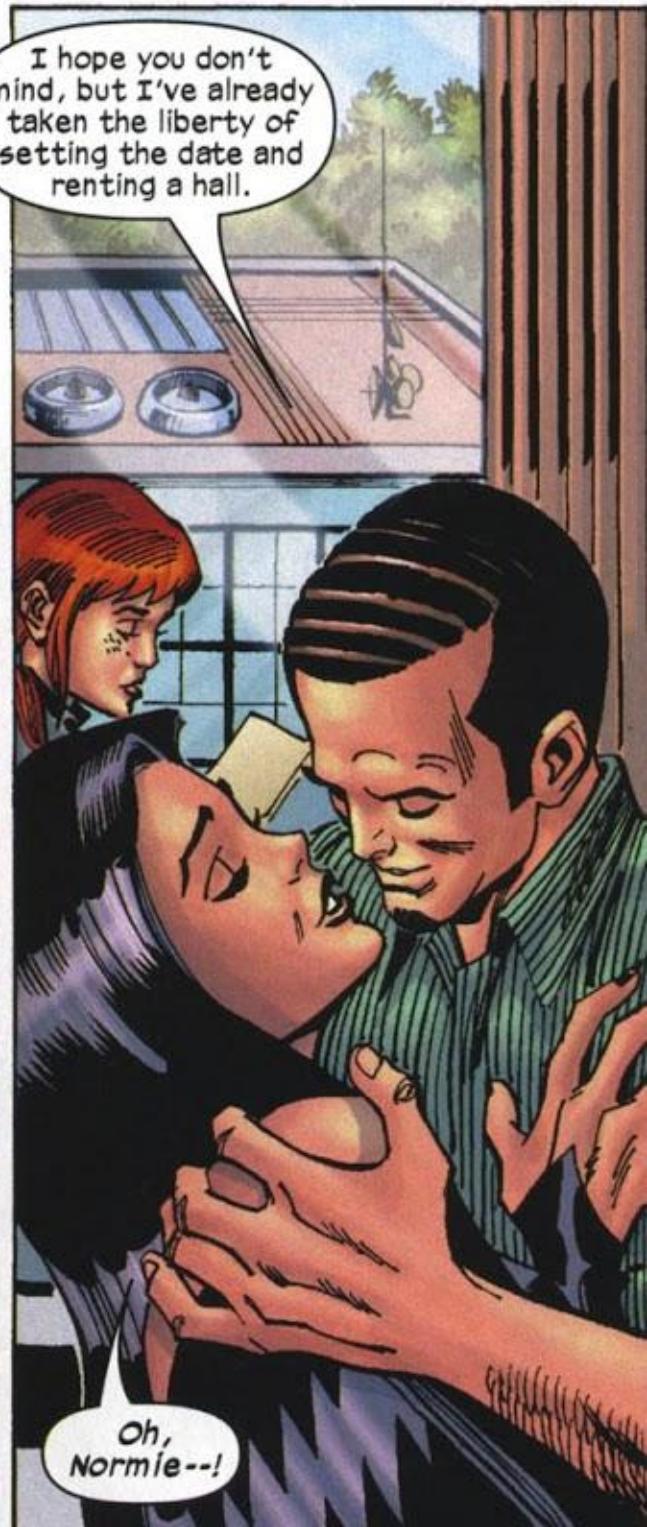
You'd better scoot before the rest of the team arrives for practice.

The coach may get the wrong idea if he spots you here.

Thanks for the game, Davida.

And the advice.





Go! GO! GO!
I want to see
some spirit
here, girls.

We need
to put some
wins in the
column.

You used to love playing
for Coach Thompson--

--and you really miss
being part of the team.

If only you could find a way
to negate your powers--

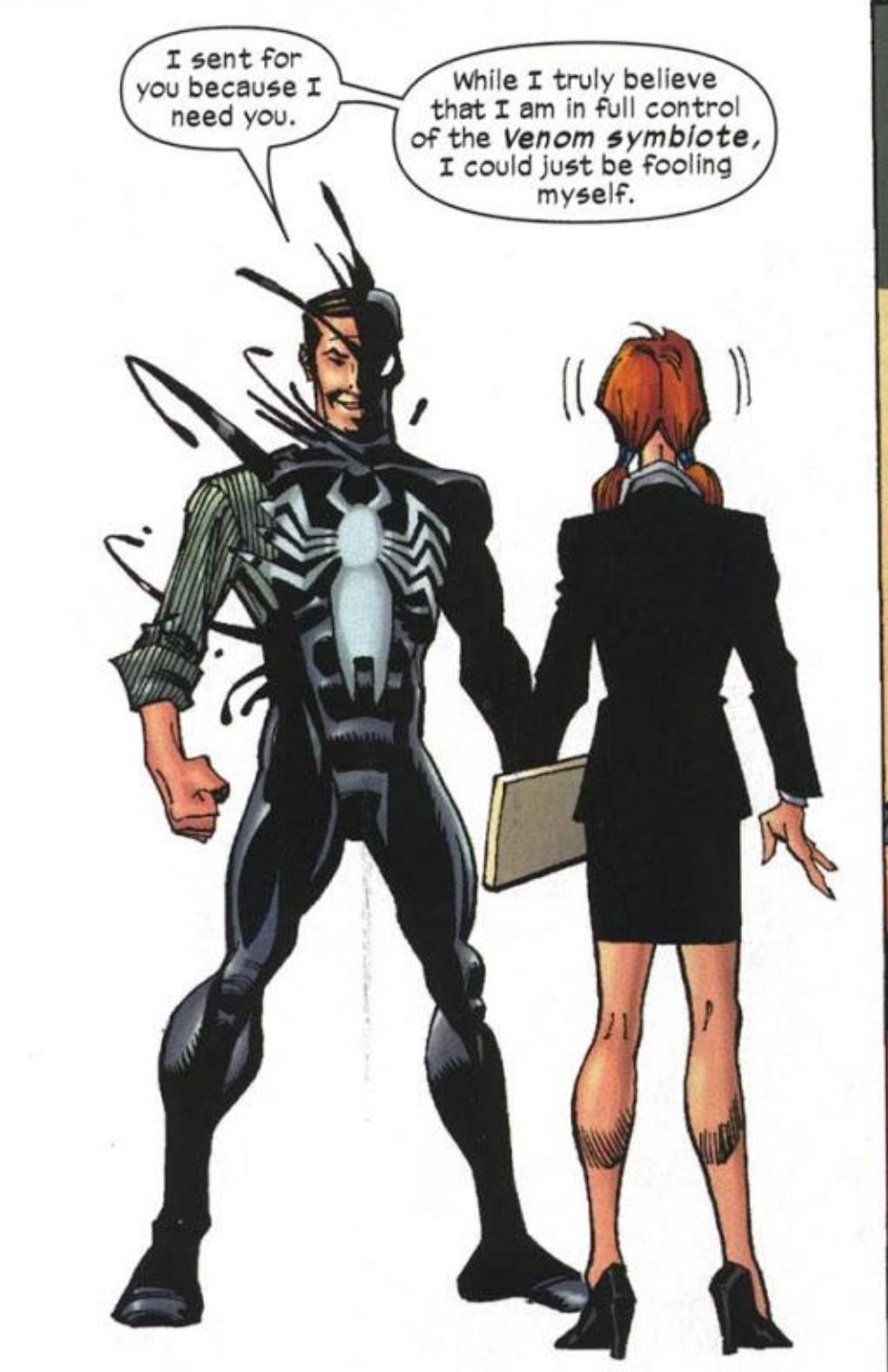
--so that you didn't have an unfair
advantage over the other players.

Of course, then
you'd also have to
find a way to beat
the prophecy...

Unless...

Yeah, but you'll never
be safe from the
Scriers while you're
still Spider-Girl...







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You just have to stop looking like her.



At least the traditional her.



Meanwhile, somewhere
in South America...

Master, I just
received a disturbing
report from one of
our New York
associates...

Rumor has it that
the *Brotherhood of
Scriers* has targeted
Spider-Girl and marked
her for death.
They have even
contracted the services
of one of her father's
greatest enemies.

I was hoping
that we could avoid
a confrontation with
the *Brotherhood*.

Oh,
well...

I suppose
you should
pack my bags,
Chesbro.

I have already
attended to them,
and your private jet
is being fueled.

This is most
unexpected and
unfortunate.



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TOM SEZ

This month, another question from the digital mailbag--and then maybe next time I'll try tackling a topic of my own. In reference to the Hotspot, Michael Lapinski writes:

I'm not sure if you were still taking suggestions on content for the Marvel Heroes Hotspot page, but my vote would be to include content that might not otherwise be found online. I understand that the sidebar of monthly releases might tip some readers off to other books of interest but most, if not all, of the ITEM!s have already been released online and in other trade sources. A page that makes me feel like I'm getting just a little bit more than just advertising for an ever-increasing cover price is a plus.

Michael, I can certainly understand that, if you're active among Marvel's online community, some of the information provided on this page may not be new to you. But I have to think that there's still a large number of Marvel readers who aren't as involved in digital fandom, and a page like this remains the best way to get our message across to that audience directly.

That said, we're trying to keep the Hotspot from becoming nothing but empty hype, so we may experiment with some of your other suggestions--sneak preview art, comic strips like the Franklin Richards series, pin-up pages by unique artists--but the real limitation is one of space. The type on this page is probably way too tiny as it is!

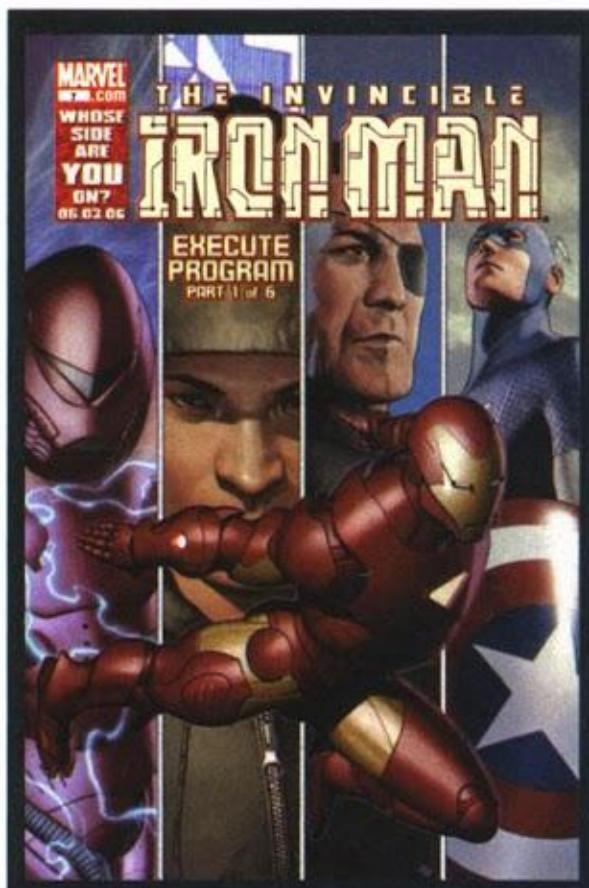
So, what does everybody else out there think? This is your page--what do you want to see on it?

Tom B

ITEM! We just got back from the first New York Comic Convention, and while the floor of the show was crazy, it was good to be able to spend some time with folks like MOON KNIGHT artist David Finch, NEW AVENGERS writer Brian Bendis, and HOUSE OF M's Olivier Coipel. Heck, even CIVIL WAR's Steve McNiven turned out, family in tow--but there's no truth to the rumor that he was run out of Canada by angry Alpha Flight fans after NEW AVENGERS #16 hit the racks. And, as always, it was terrific to meet so many of you Marvelites in person! Convention season is just beginning, so when we swing by your local area, come on down and say hello!

ITEM! IRON MAN #7 marks the return of ol' shellhead to monthly publication, guided by his new creative team of writers Daniel and Charles Knauf and artist Patrick Zircher (A.K.A. "The Thinker"). Dan's the mastermind behind the acclaimed HBO series Carnivale, and he and Charlie have crafted a psychological and

political thriller that picks up right where departing author Warren Ellis left off! The storyline's called "Execute Program," and before it's done, Iron Man's world will be turned upside down!



ITEM! MYTHOS painter Paolo Rivera was recently profiled by the New York Post as one of New York's Fifty Sexiest Latino Singles. So we're resurrecting an old Bullpen tradition, and officially naming Paolo our first Hotspot Hunk Of The Month! (John Romita Jr., you can now lay down your burden.)

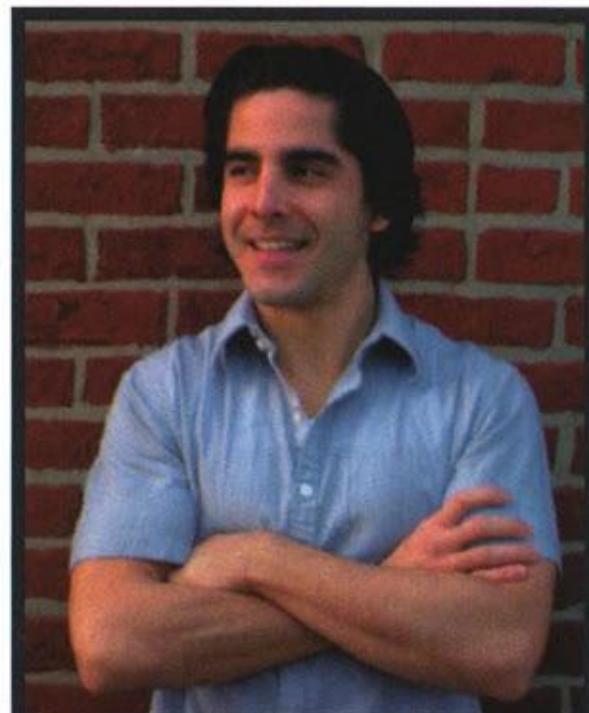


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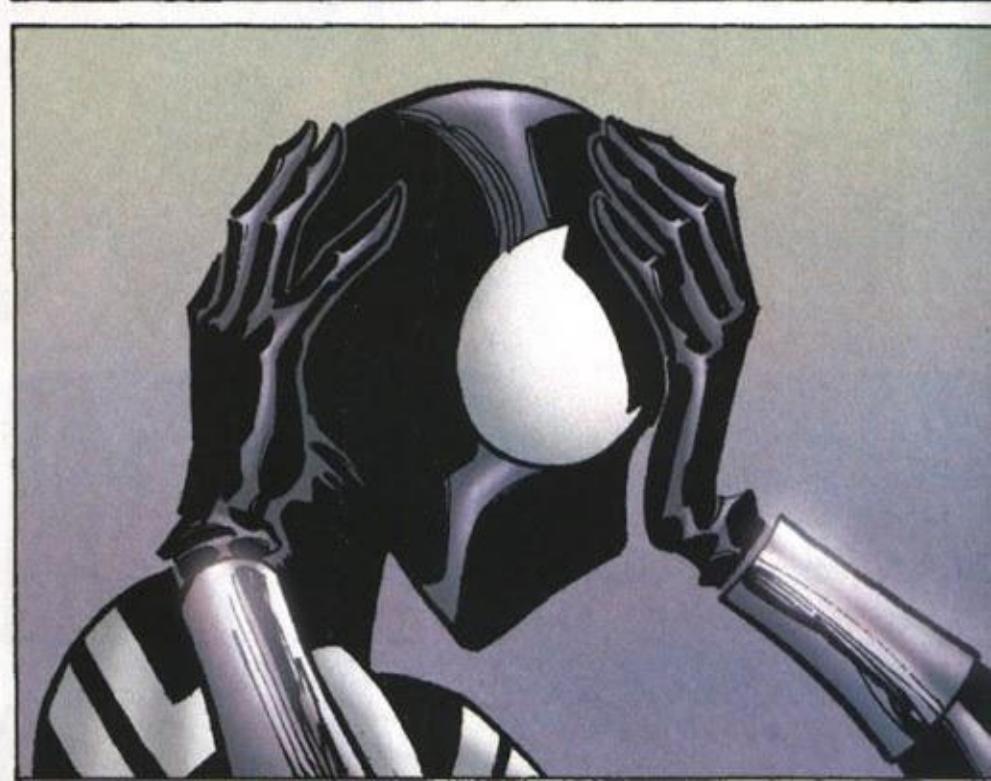
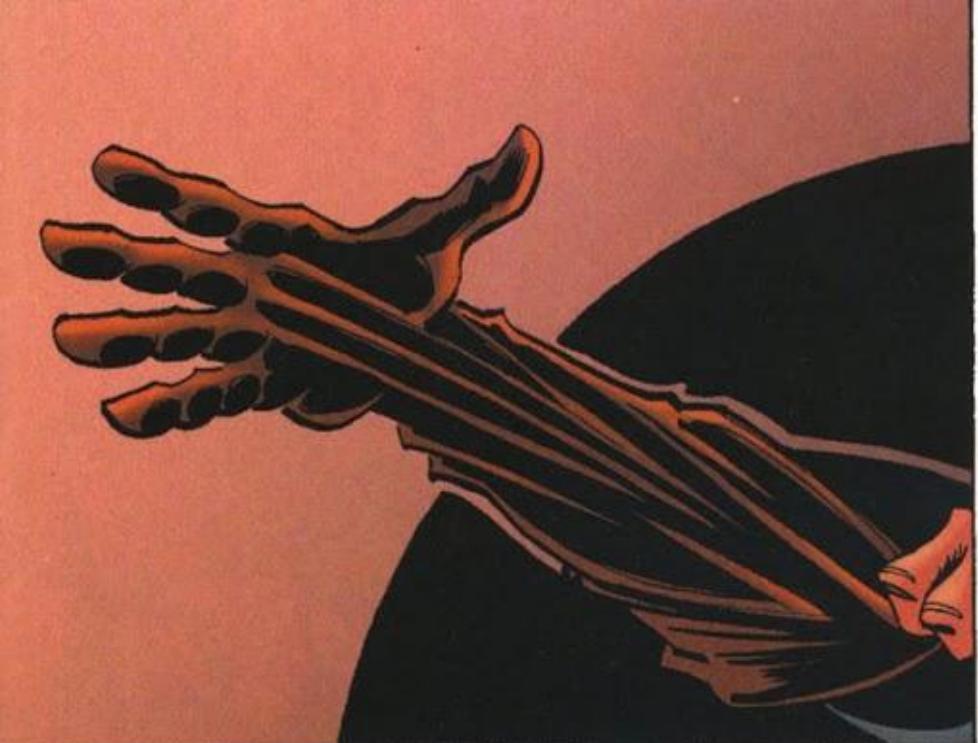
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