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Forest Hills,
Queens...

Oh,
maaaaan!
This place
looks like a
war zone.

I almost
can't believe a
single mutant
caused so much
damage.

She took out
this entire block
and shattered
windows for
miles.

D'ya think
Spider-Girl
is...

Don't
say it,
J2!

We need to
stay positive.
We'll find her.

Anything
new from the
north quadrant,
Bluestreak?

Maybe.

Spoke to a
couple of firemen
from the first
battalion to hit
the scene.

They claim a
rescue team was
already loading a
survivor in an
ambulance when
they arrived.

Could
be our
girl.

Let's
hope.

DAYBREAK!





facegroup

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STATUS

Weird doesn't even begin to describe my life! After overhearing my dad ranting about babies switched at birth--clones--stasis chambers--and Norman Osborn's Project: Changeling, I suddenly ran into a brand new May.

I later learned that my mutant friend Sara Hingle had been pressured into attacking a hate group called Humanity First. Naturally, I tried to stop her.

I thought I was beginning to talk her down when her powers suddenly flared out of control and...

MIDTOWN HIGH FRIENDS



GENE



DAVIDA



DAD

NORMIE

INFO

NAME: **Mayday Parker**
LOCATION: **Forest Hills, Queens**
SCHOOL: **Midtown High**
RELATIONSHIP: **Newly Single**
MOOD: **Unconscious** ☺

PHOTOS



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The PARKER HOME,
Forest Hills...

I am a junior at
Midtown High.

My two BFFs are
Davida Kirby and
Courtney Duran.

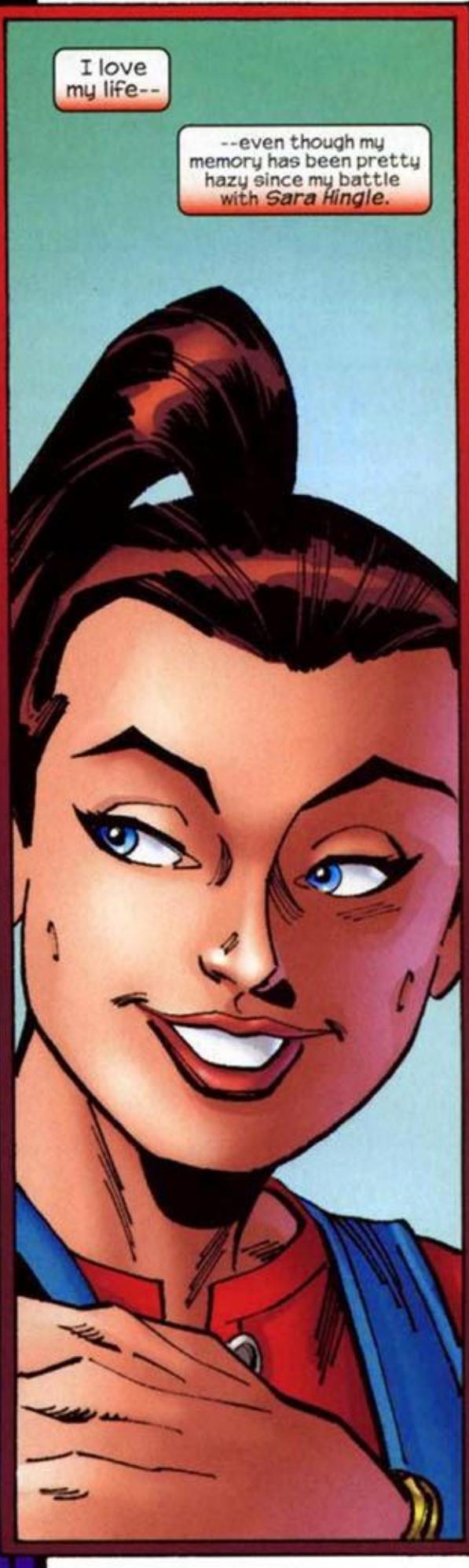
I'm dating
Gene Thompson,
the school's star
running back.

My name is
May "Mayday"
Parker--

--and I am the
daughter of
SPIDER-MAN!

I love
my life--

--even though my
memory has been pretty
hazy since my battle
with Sara Hingle.





Are you
sure this is
Spider-
Girl?

S-she's just
a...a teenager,
Araña.

You weren't
so picky when
you recruited
me, Michael.

Our
people found
her buried in
the rubble.

She must
have been right
on top of the
explosion.

Most of her
clothes were
incinerated by
the blast.

I've read
the doctor's
notes.

I hope you
realize that there's
a good chance she
won't make it...

This girl is
a fighter.

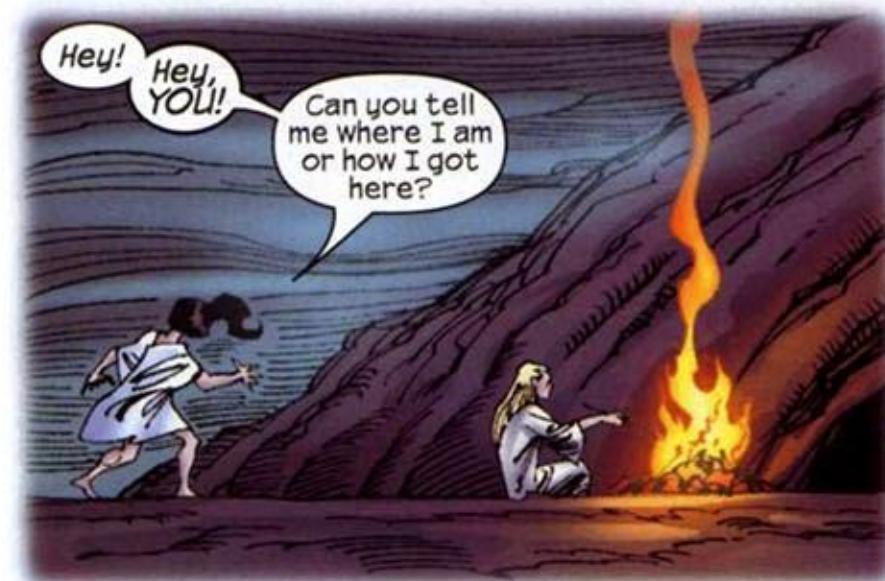
She'll never
surrender.

She will
find a way to
survive.

Besides,
we need her
to live...

arrgh

No.





Please don't tell me I've accidentally stumbled into one of those stupid Joseph Campbell Hero's Journey scenarios.



"There was once a young couple who were deeply in love.

"Their love grew even greater when Peter and Mary Jane Parker learned they were expecting their first child.

"A grim and fearsome goblin named Norman Osborn hated Peter--

--so he kidnapped the baby shortly after it was born.

"Horrified by this unconscionable act, a man who had once considered Peter his mortal enemy--a man called Kaine--embarked on a quest to find the child.

"Kaine eventually succeeded and a baby was returned to the Parkers.

"But Norman Osborn had planned in advance.

"He somehow created a duplicate of the child.

"I do not know if Kaine rescued the original or the duplicate...

"I can only tell you that one was raised by loving parents."

"She eventually assumed her father's mantle, took on his responsibility--

--and became the amazing SPIDER-GIRL!



Osborn Chemical...

May Parker
is fine.

Phil Urich
spoke to her mother
earlier.

She apparently
lost her cell phone
which is why she hasn't
been answering anyone's calls.

Unfortunately,
Peter is still
MIA.

And you think
his disappearance is
somehow connected
to Project:
Changeling?

I do,
Darkdevil.

My
grandfather, the
original *Green Goblin*,
conceived it as his final
revenge against the
Parker family.

Now I
understand
why Peter was
behaving so
strangely the
other day.

How could any
mind-- even one as
demented as *Norman
Osborn's*-- have
envisioned such
madness?

Did he really
manipulate
me--

--and trick me
into returning the
wrong baby to the
Parkers?

This isn't
about you,
Kaine.

Normie, do
we know which
May is the
original--
--or even
which one is
currently at
the *Parker*
house?

We
don't.
I doubt
anyone
does.

My grandfather
wouldn't have shared
that knowledge and he
died nearly sixteen
years ago.

All I know
for certain--

--we must find Peter Parker."

I don't understand, Rene...

We are nearing the day of his return

The Order of Goblins will soon be reunited with its true lord and master.

Why is Parker strapped to this machine?

It's obviously some kind of programming device.

What does any of this have to do with Project: Changeling?

Rene, you can't be serious...

--the resurrection of Norman Osborn!"

I honestly don't know, Fury.

The Council hasn't taken me into its confidence.

But I've heard rumors...

I don't know if I believe it myself--
--if it's even possible--

--but this could be the beginning of--

No way!

No way I'm entering that cave.

The choice is yours, child.

You may accept the challenge or remain with me--

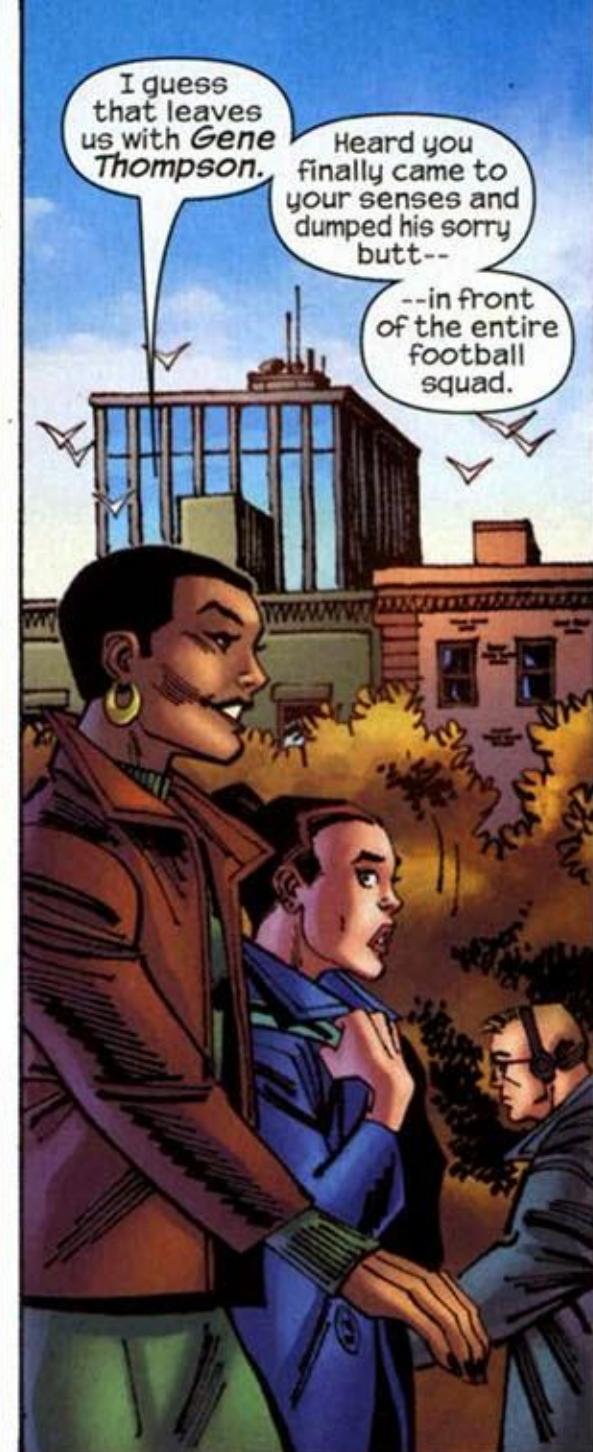
















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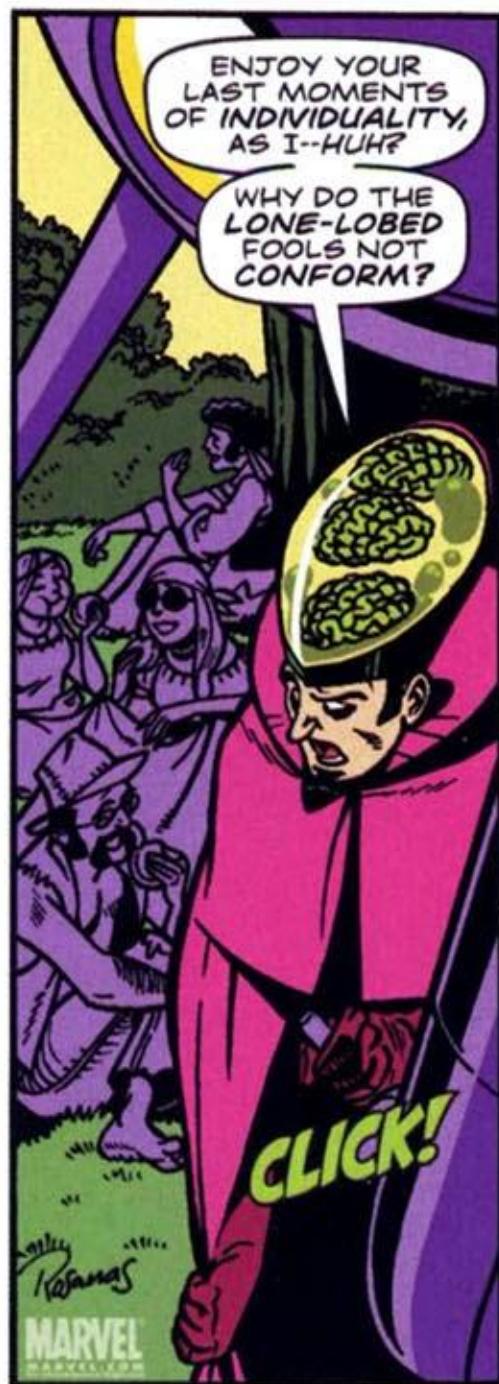
NEW YORK CITY'S WORLD-FAMOUS CENTRAL PARK...

HA HA! ONCE I TUNE IN MY HYPNOTRON TO MAKE ALL UNI-BRAINED PRIMATES CONFORM TO MY WILL, THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO STOP ME FROM RULING THE WORLD!

SO SAYS CRANIO, THE MAN WITH THE TRI-LEVEL MIND!

OH, MAN! THIS GUY'S A REAL TRIP!

YEAH, COOL IT, "BRAINIO!"



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LA MAISON DeJUNAE,
a little over sixteen
years ago...

He calls himself KAIN. Once a mercenary who killed
for hire, he recently embarked on a mission of mercy...

THE RESCUE!

For months, he has hunted the
cult of assassins known as the
Brotherhood of Scriers,
seeking a mysterious
"package" in their care.

Where
is SHE?

I've
come
for the
CHILD!

The trail has led
him across the
globe--from a
New York hospital
to the Caribbean
and finally here
to the south of
France!

KILL HIM, my
brothers!

I don't blame
you for trying
to stop me.

We both
know how Norman
Osborn rewards
failure.

What's
happening
out there?

Why aren't
you helping the
others?

I am
your last line
of defense,
Monsieur
DeJunaee.

Norman Osborn
paid you people good
money to complete
this assignment.

Monsieur,
while the
Brotherhood
has little love
for Osborn and
his Goblin
cult--

--be
assured that
we will lay down
our lives to fulfill
the terms of our
contract.

I should
certainly
hope so.



-Ahem-

Aren't you forgetting something?

Monsieur DeJunae is under my protection.

Monsieur--

--do I look impressed?



I know you
Scriers consider
yourselves the
deadliest martial
artists and
assassins on
Earth.

You are
not even
close.

TWACK!



The child,
DeJuna...

N-Norman
Osborn will
kill me if I
surrender
her.

True.

I'll save him
the trouble if
you don't.

You would
murder an unarmed
man in front of his
own daughter?

Yes.

The child,
DeJuna...

Good
choice,
Philippe.

You just
won father-
of-the-
year.

I hope
you realize the
master will hunt
you down.

You will
never escape his
vengeance.

Fine
by me.

Tell Osborn
I'm coming for
him, too.

CASTLE OSBORN,
the Swiss Alps...

Kaine
has taken
possession
of the
package.

Excellent.
I trust
the Scriers
added a certain
authenticity
to the
festivities.

Indeed,
master.
They suffered
significant
casualties.

Élan and I,
however, were
unharmed.



How are
things at your
end, Norman?

Project:
Changeling is
proceeding
apace.

If all goes
according to plan,
I shall initiate it
within a year or
two...

I'm so
pleased,
Philippe.

Family is
very important
to me.



THE END...FOR NOW!