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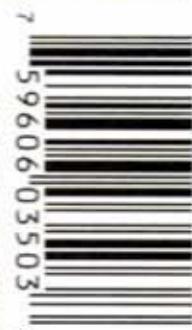
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**RAPTOR**  
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IS HE HERO,  
VILLAIN OR  
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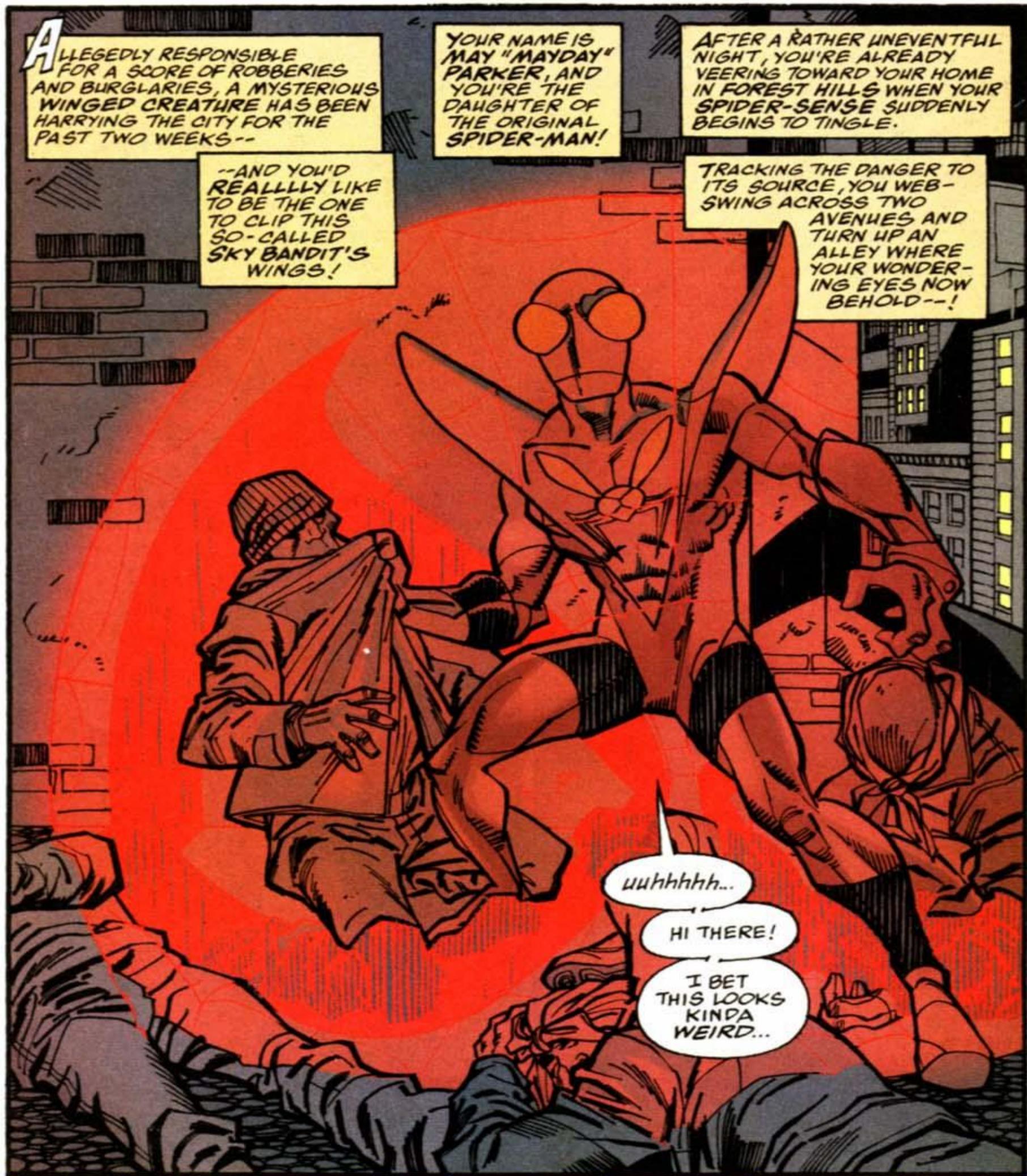


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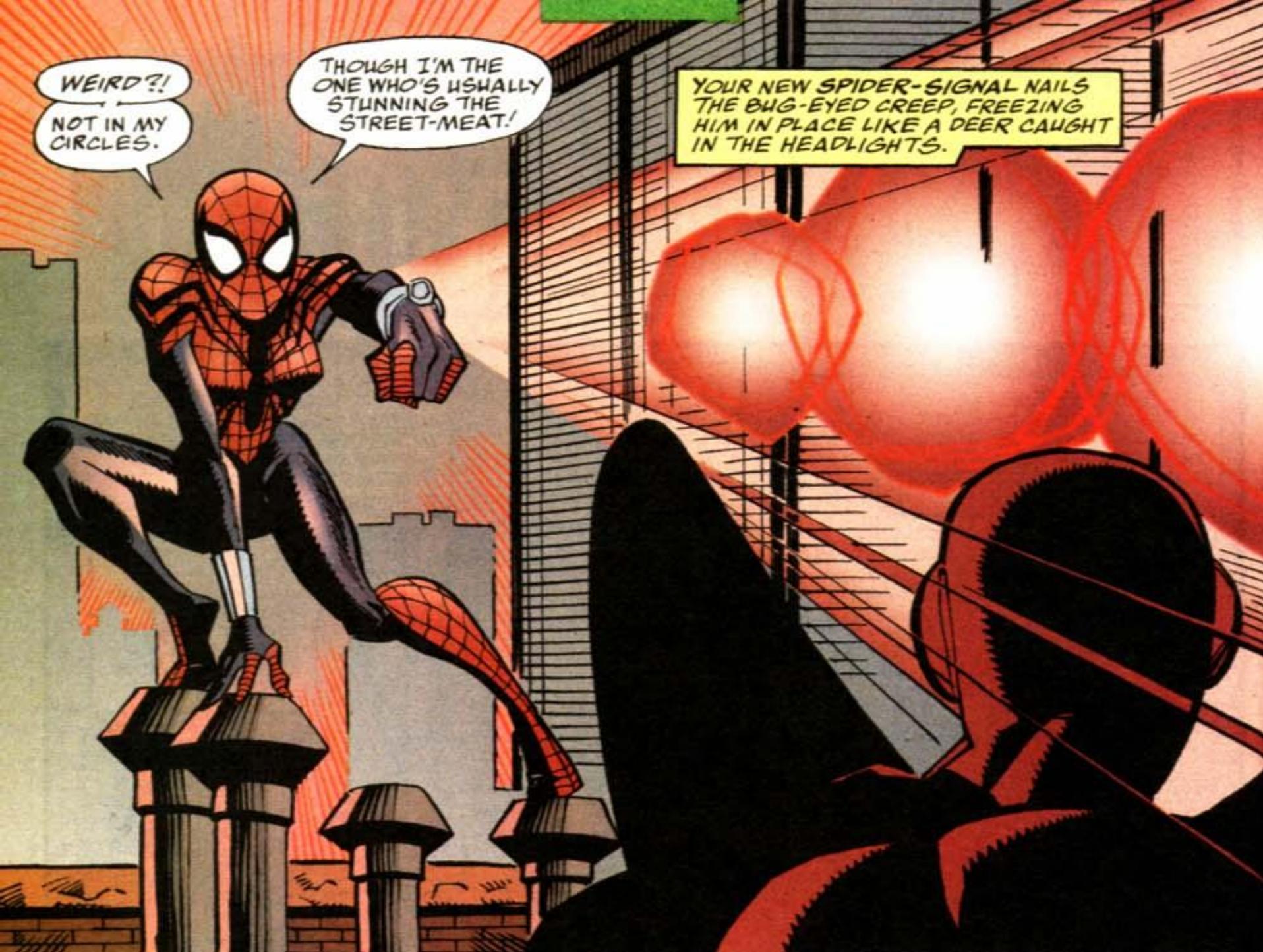
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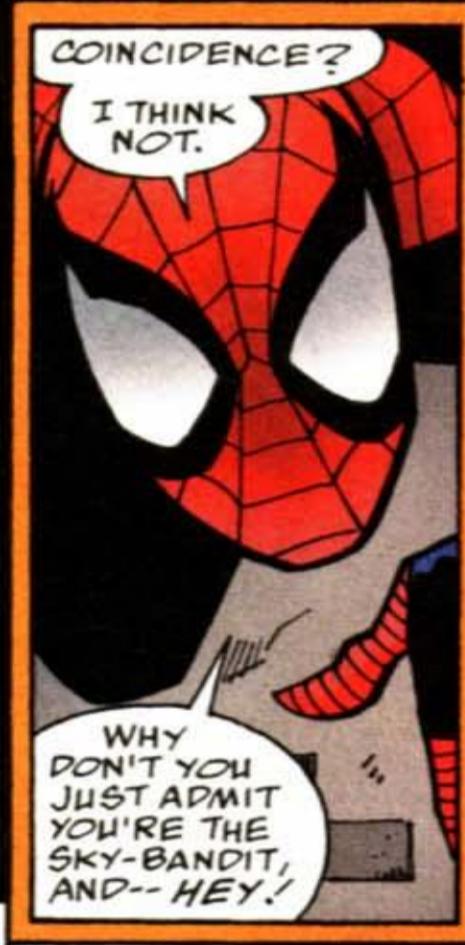
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WITH A LITTLE LUCK, AND A STRONG HEADWIND, YOU'LL JUST MAKE YOUR TEN O'CLOCK CURFEW.



NINE FIFTY-EIGHT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE WAITING UP FOR ME, DAD!

CUTTING IT A LITTLE CLOSE, AREN'T WE?

DON'T YOU TRUST ME?

OF COURSE I DO.

I UHH... JUST GOT A HANKERING FOR SOME CHERRIES GARCIA.

SUUURRE.

ANYTHING INTERESTING TONIGHT?

WELLLL, I DID RUN INTO THE SKY BANDIT.

AT LEAST I THINK HE WAS THE SKY-BANDIT.

YOU EVER FIGHT ANY WINGED OPPONENTS IN YOUR SPIDER-DAYS?

QUITE A FEW, ACTUALLY.

THE MAIN ONES WERE THE TWO VULTURES-- ADRIAN TOOMES AND BLACKIE DRAGO.

AND THERE WAS A GUY WHO CALLED HIMSELF THE FLY.

I KNOW A FEW TRICKS THAT MIGHT HELP YOU.

GOT TO GIVE YOUR DAD CREDIT! EVER SINCE HE RECENTLY SAW YOU DO YOUR SPIDER-THING\*, HE'S BEEN MR. SUPPORT GHY.

ICE CREAM BEFORE BED?

DID WE DISTURB YOU, MARY JANE?

REAL NUTRITION, PETER!

WHO CAN SLEEP WHEN HER DAUGHTER'S OUT WEB-SWINGING ON A SCHOOL NIGHT?

AWWWWW, MOM!

SAVE THE HISTRIONICS, HOTSHOT...AND PASS THE BEN & JERRY'S!

OKAY, SO MAYBE YOUR PARENTS AREN'T COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE WITH YOUR BEING SPIDER-GIRL -- AT LEAST THEY'RE TRYING!

\*IN SPIDER-GIRL #17!



OOO! A DISCUSSION OF MODERN JOURNALISM AS IT SPECIFICALLY RELATES TO THE LEGENDARY J. JONAH JAMESON!

WHAT'S THE VERDICT, GANG? SHOULD HE BE CANONIZED OR VILIFIED?

DID HE TRULY BELIEVE THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN WAS A MENACE, OR WAS HIS PERSECUTION ONLY A CLEVER PLOY TO SELL MORE NEWSPAPERS?

I COULDN'T CARE LESS, JJ. I ONLY READ THE SPORTS SECTION.

DAVIDA FLASHERS A SMIRK AS JJ SIDES CLOSER TO YOU.

HEY! IT'S NOT LIKE THE GUY'S A TOTAL TURN-OFF. HE'S HANDSOME, WITTY AND EDGY.

THE PROBLEM ISN'T WITH HIM.

IT'S WITH YOU AND BRAD MILLER.

BRAD'S BEEN AVOIDING YOU EVER SINCE YOU BLEW HIM OFF.

ACCORDING TO DAVIDA, HE--LIKE SHE--ASSUMES YOU DITCHED HIM TO HANG WITH JJ.

IF ONLY YOU COULD TELL HIM THE TRUTH--!

THAT YOU WERE NEEDED AS SPIDER-GIRL!

THAT YOU'D RATHER SLING WEBS AND THROW PUNCHES THAN GO ON A DATE WITH HIM.

NOW THERE'S A TRUTH TO BOLSTER ANY MALE'S EGO.



THEO RHODOLPHO IS A COURIER WHO WORKS PRIMARILY IN THE DIAMOND DISTRICT.

FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS HE HAS DELIVERED PRECIOUS STONES AND EVEN MORE PRECIOUS DOCUMENTS.

HIS MIND, HOWEVER, IS ON HIS WIFE.

THEY MET AT A CHURCH DANCE ALMOST THIRTY YEARS AGO, AND HAVE CONTINUED TO DANCE THROUGH ALL THE YEARS OF THEIR SOMETIMES TUMULTUOUS MARRIAGE.

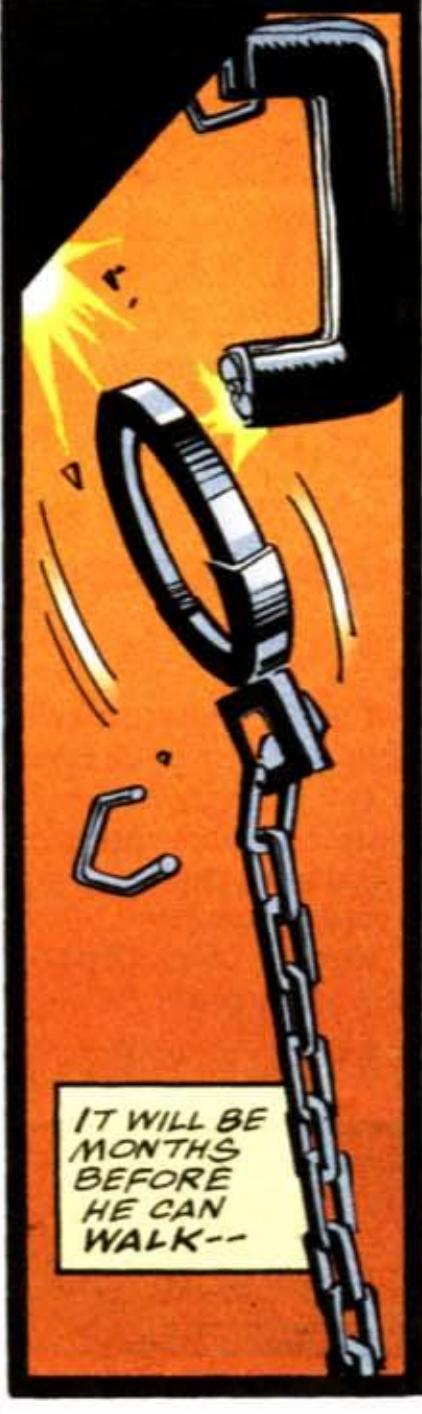
TODAY IS THEIR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

FROM HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER TO HIS ELDEST SON, THE ENTIRE FAMILY HAS RETURNED HOME FOR THE BIG CELEBRATION.

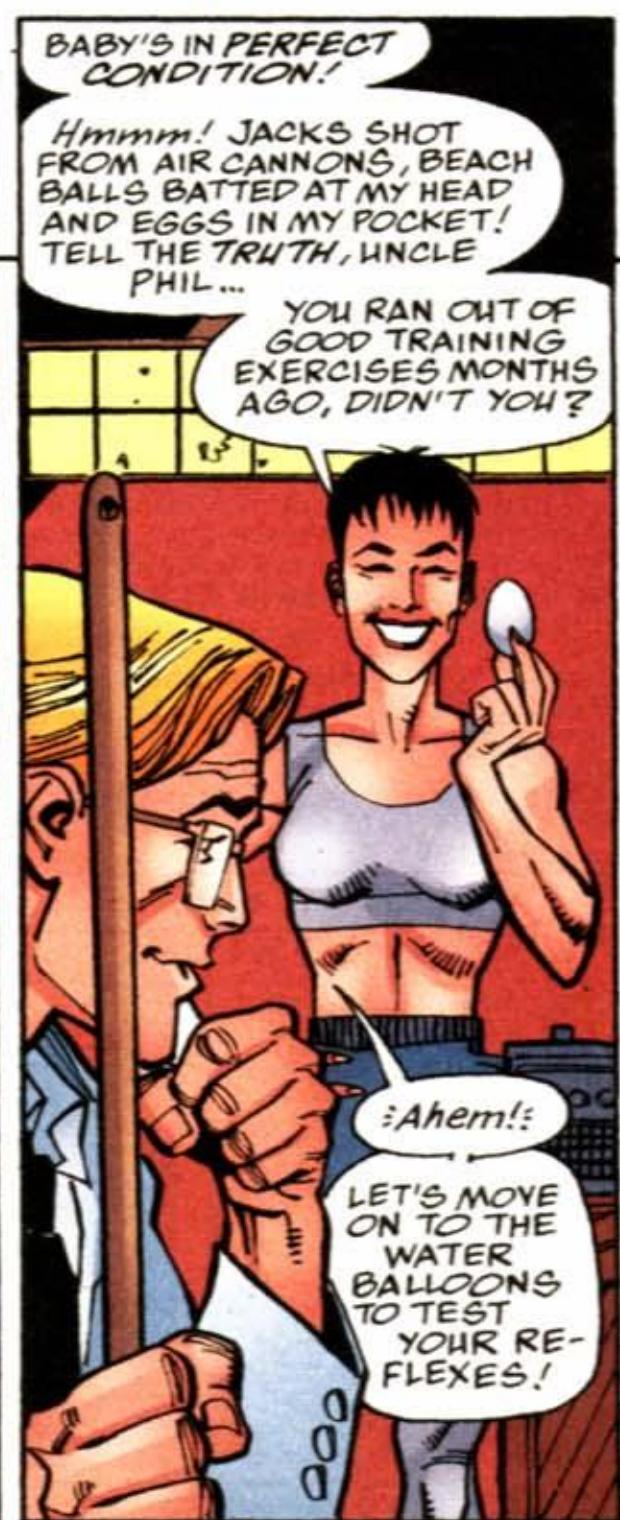
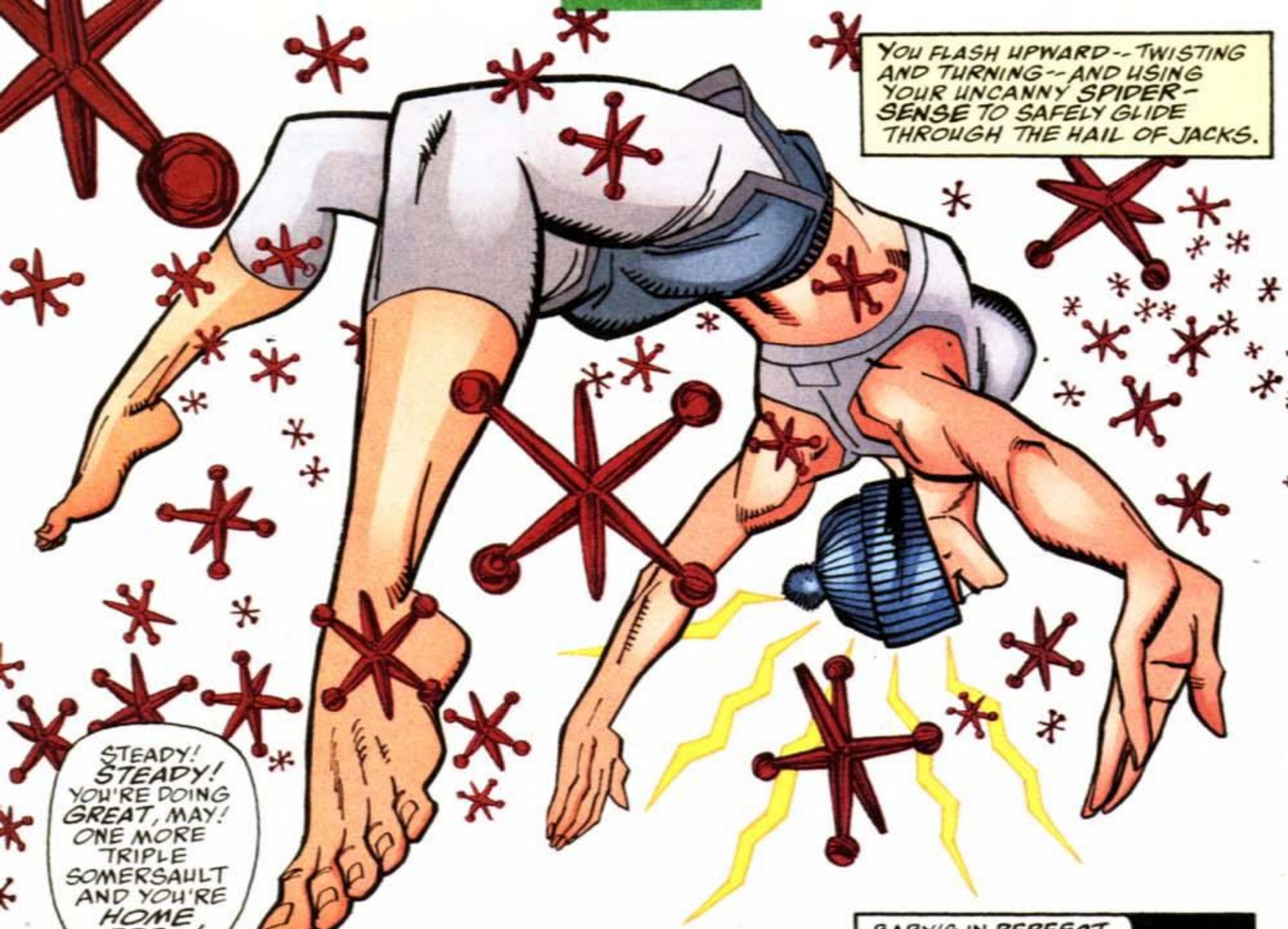
UNFORTUNATELY, POOR THEO WILL MISS TONIGHT'S PARTY.



INSTEAD OF DANCING WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL LINDA--



YOU FLASH UPWARD--TWISTING AND TURNING--AND USING YOUR UNCANNY SPIDER-SENSE TO SAFELY GLIDE THROUGH THE HAIL OF JACKS.





# BULLPEN BULLETINS

AVAILABLE JANUARY 19TH

## CAPTAIN AMERICA

Will Captain America prevail against the awesome evil of the Hate Monger?! Can Nick Fury and Falcon tip the scales for the forces of good? Sharon Carter... captured in the Savage Land? By DAN JURGENS and ANDY KUBERT!

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## CAPTAIN MARVEL

Trading punches with the green goliath is bad enough, but when the man-eating Wendigo makes his appearance, Captain Marvel thinks about getting into a new line of work... that is, if he lives that long! By PETER DAVID and CHRISROSS!

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## INCREDIBLE HULK

Banner must undertake a journey into his own psyche in an attempt to reunite the various fractured shards of his personality! And in this case, that means facing different versions of the Hulk... including new incarnations you've never seen before! By PAUL JENKINS and RON GARNEY & MIKE MCKONE!

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## PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN

Spider-Man, under siege in a Stryfe-ruled Latveria, decides the only way to get real answers is to invade Castle Doom itself! Now it's an unhinged wall-crawler vs. the marshalled forces of Doom's stronghold! By HOWARD MACKIE and JOHN ROMITA JR.!

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## THOR

First Thor and Loki face off in a showdown that will determine the fate of the Odinson's alter ego, Jake Olson! Next Thanos and Mangog follow the Map of All-Ending to the planet Rigel, where they decimate the Colonizers and their Recorders! By DAN JURGENS and JERRY ORDWAY & LADRONN!

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## THUNDERBOLTS

The Thunderbolts' mission: Bring in the Beetle — even if that means taking on Justin Hammer and his horde of super-villain henchmen! But when the helmet comes off, will it be Mach-1 under the armor... or someone else? By FABIAN NICIEZA and MARK BAGLEY!

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## WOLVERINE

The world has changed once again! The forces of the High Lord have martyred Mr. Fantastic, the Invisible Woman, the Human Torch and the Thing. But the Fantastic Four are not gone! In the place of the original team, a new foursome has gathered: Spider-Man! The Hulk! Ghost Rider! And Wolverine! By ERIK LARSEN and ROGER CRUZ!

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## X - 51

What happens when X-51's robotic systems, corrupted by Sentinel programs, compel him to respond to the X-Men with unbridled violence?! How will Wolverine, Shadowcat, Psylocke, Angel, Jubilee and Nightcrawler deal with the massively enhanced Machine Man?! By KARL BOLLERS and JOE BENNETT!

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## X - MAN

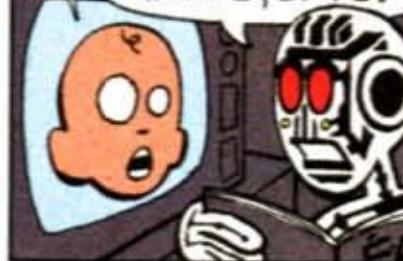
Having just faced Apocalypse, has X-Man created yet another reality for himself? Waking up in some kind of underground prison, Nate Grey, wearing a power-inhibiting suit, is virtually helpless — but when he befriends his fellow prisoners, he realizes that his worst suspicions may be right! By TERRY KAVANAGH and MIKE MILLER!

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## BULLPEN BITS #36

TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE, X-51. TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE. TELL ME, X-51, WHAT YOU SEE. X-51, TELL ME WHAT THE THINGS ARE THAT YOU ARE SEEING...

OKAY! OKAY! SHUT UP FOR A MINUTE, UATU!



Design by Richard Starkings and COMICRAFT/EW

Hi, Heroes!

Since our world-famous Soapbox column is based on the ancient, venerated ritual of awarding No-Prizes to those who are deemed worthy, what could be more appropriate than having our very first letter deal with the profound, though perplexing, issue of the time honored No-Prize itself? So, here it is, in all its pristine glory, delivered by the U.S. Mail at the behest of David Sollars of Thompson, OH...

"When, Why and to Whom was the first No-Prize ever given out?"

Ah, David, David... would that my memory was all that good! I know not the date, so sought after by historians everywhere, when the first award was made. Nor can I recall the name of the lucky recipient. However, since No-Prizes were originally given to those who were sharp-eyed enough to find an error in a Marvel strip, I'm sure that our first No-Prize Laureate, whose identity is now, alas, lost to history, must have found some sort of misspelling or punctuation error — even though it's probably next to impossible for you to imagine an error in any Marvel masterwork!

Not only does Shahid Haque of Evansville, IN choose to toss a question at me, but he even ventures to tell me what kind of answer he doesn't want me to give..

"I've been wondering — which character in the entire Marvel Universe do you yourself most identify with? And please don't say J. Jonah Jameson!"

Okay, Mr. Haque, I won't say him if you don't want me to — but the fact is, the now unmentionable J. Jonah You-Know-Who actually is the one I would have mentioned. However, since I would never deign to disobey or offend a No-Prize Laureate, I'll settle for another choice. Next to JJJ, I guess I most relate to Willie Lumpkin, 'cause neither of us

## STAN'S SOAPBOX

has been seen around as much as we used to. (For those of you who don't know who Willie Lumpkin is, I suggest you ask some of the older Marvel readers. I'd tell you myself, but that would make it too easy!)

Wow! Talk about great memory! Jade Venus of Melbourne, Australia has it all...

"In a past Soapbox, you said you couldn't reveal what Spider-Man's eyepieces are made of. Well, in Amazing Fantasy #15 you did describe his eyepieces as 'clever plastic lenses of the two-way mirror type.' You later said Mysterio's helmet is based on the same principle. He can see out but no one can see in."

Hey, what's the problem, Jade. I originally said I couldn't reveal what Spidey's eyepieces were made of, right? Well, I couldn't — 'cause I didn't remember! So thanks for reminding me. (How's that for the prize cop-out of the millennium!)

By now you should know our mailing address by heart, but for those of you whose memories are as bad as mine, here we go again: [stanzfanz@aol.com](mailto:stanzfanz@aol.com) or *Soapbox, Marvel, 317 Park Ave S, New York, NY 10016*. So, till next ish, be sure to Think Marvel -- 'cause if you don't, Professor X will know it and you'd better watch out!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

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This week's chat schedule!

01/20 @ 9:30pm ET

EARTH'S MIGHTIEST CHAT with writer, Kurt Busiek and editor, Tom Brevoort!

01/24 @ 8pm ET

SPIDER-MAN and THOR penciler -- John Romita, Jr.!

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BY CHRIS GIARRUSSO



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I'M TIRED OF EXCUSES, WALTERS! I DEMAND ACTION!

SOMEONE'S GOT TO NAIL THE SKY BANDIT BEFORE HE KILLS SOMEONE!

THE DAILY BUGLE HAS A CIVIC DUTY TO HELP STOP THAT FLYING FREAK!

IT'S A MIRACLE THAT POOR COURIER'S STILL ALIVE!

DAILY BUGLE

DAILY BUGLE

SKY BANDIT STRIKES AGAIN

OUR JOB IS TO REPORT THE NEWS, MR. JAMESON. NOT MAKE IT!

HOGWASH!

IN MY DAY, A NEWSPAPER TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS!

WE HAVE TO REMAIN OBJECTIVE. YOU ALMOST SOUND LIKE YOU WANT TO GO AFTER THIS SKY BANDIT LIKE--

LIKE I USED TO CRUSADE AGAINST SPIDER-MAN?

KNOW SOMETHING, WALTERS? THAT'S A GOOD IDEA...

YO, BRAD! YOU SEEN THIS GARBAGE?

LOOKS LIKE JIMMY YAMA WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE BUGLE.

JAMESON'S TRYING TO CON SPIDER-GIRL INTO DOING HIS DIRTY WORK!

LISTEN, MOOSE, WE'RE ALL VERY HAPPY THAT YOU'RE FINALLY READING SOMETHING BESIDES THE PLAY BOOK... BUT ENOUGH WITH THIS SPIDER-NOISE ALREADY!

MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY BUGLE  
BUGLE CHALLENGES SPIDER-GIRL: SNARE SKY BANDIT

GET OUT OF MY FACE,  
BRAD! LIKE I'M REALLY  
GONNA LISTEN TO A  
WUSS WHO LETS A  
LOSER LIKE JJ WALK  
OFF WITH HIS  
GIRL!

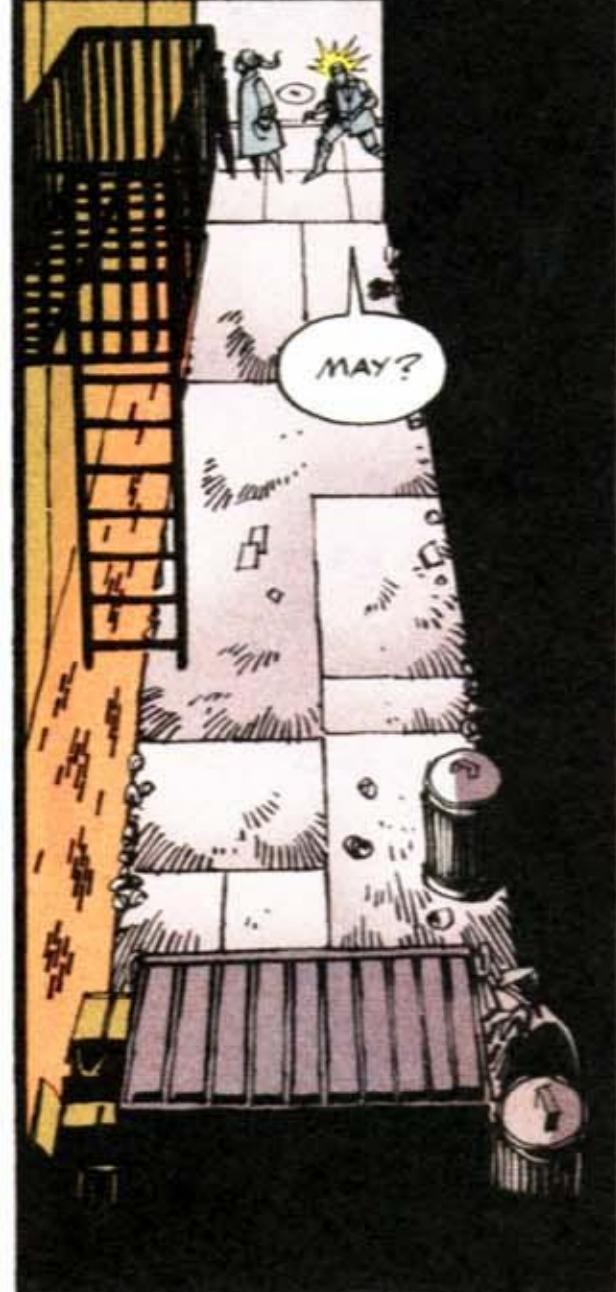
YOU TALKING ABOUT  
MAYDAY? HA! THAT  
GAME'S STILL IN  
PLAY!

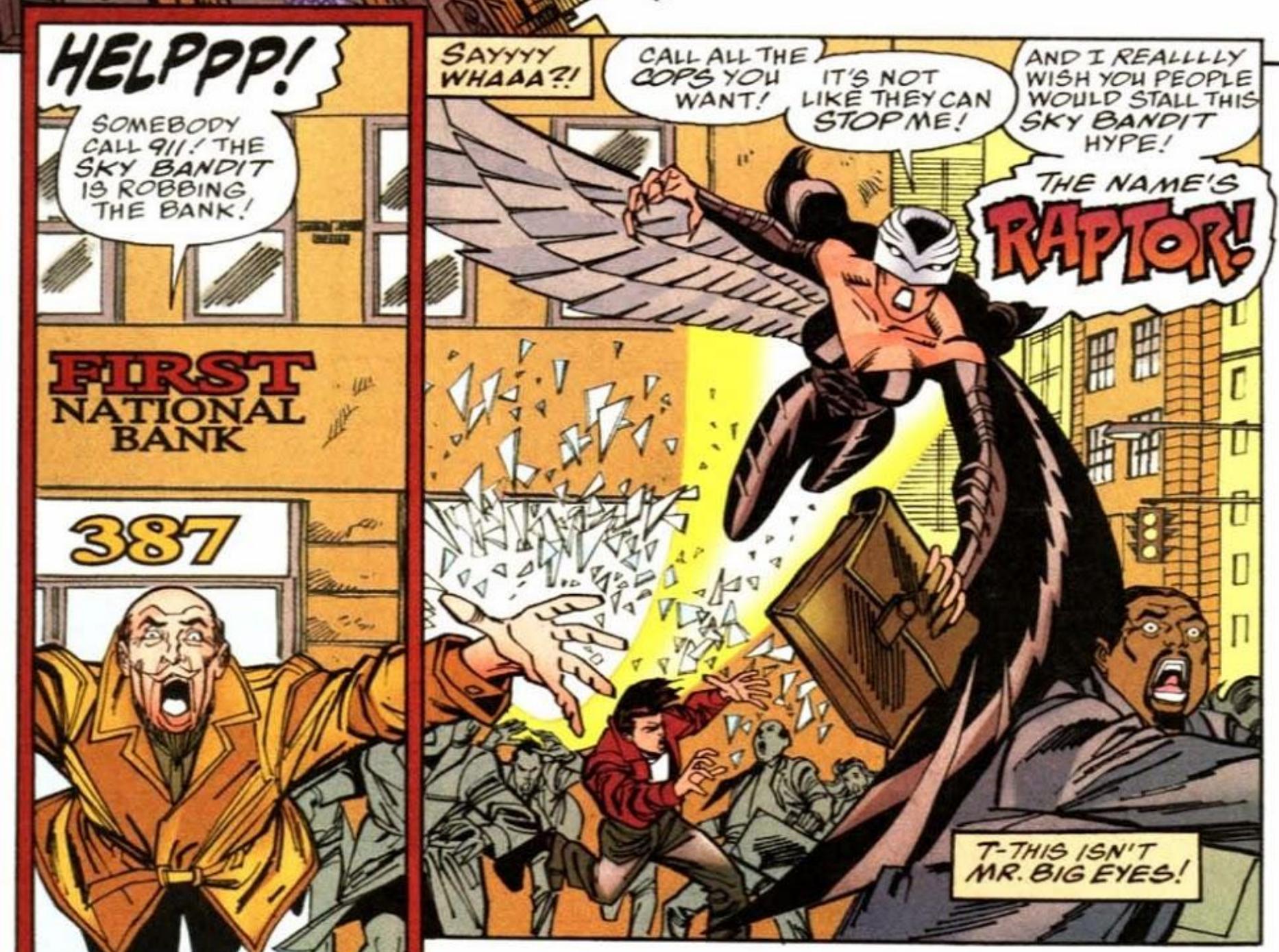
I WAS ACTHALLY  
THINKING OF GIVING  
HER ANOTHER  
SHOT AT TRUE  
HAPPINESS!

REALLY? YOU'D  
BETTER ACT FAST  
BEFORE THEY  
ANNOUNCE THEIR  
ENGAGEMENT!

C'MON, MOOSE! SHE JUST  
MET THE GUY. IT AIN'T LIKE  
SHE'S GOING TO DO ANY-  
THING STUPID OR--  
HEY! THERE SHE  
GOES!

I... UHHH...  
I'LL CATCH YOU  
LATER, MAN!





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BITTEN BY AN IRRADIATED SPIDER,  
PETER PARKER GAINED THE  
PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH, SPEED,  
AND AGILITY OF THE ARACHNID!

THE AMAZING  
**SPIDER-MAN**

# FAST LANE

PART 3 OF 4

## ON THE EDGE

WHILE SPIDER-MAN FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE ON THE SET OF SINGER/MOVIE STAR ZANE WHELAN'S NEW MUSIC VIDEO, TONI HARRIS WATCHES HELPLESSLY AS HER FRIEND SAM EXMORE SPEEDS RECKLESSLY AWAY IN A DAILY BUGLE NEWS VAN.

ALL BECAUSE  
A REVIEW OF ZANE'S  
NEW MOVIE SAYS THE  
SPECIAL EFFECTS ARE  
BETTER THAN ANYONE  
ELSE CAN DO?

MYSTERIO,  
THAT FISHBOWL MUST  
BE CUTTING OFF THE  
OXYGEN SUPPLY TO  
YOUR BIG HEAD.

ONCE I HAVE  
RID MYSELF OF YOUR  
IRKSOME INTERFERENCE,  
WEB-SPINNER, ZANE  
WHELAN'S LIFE  
IS MINE!!



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SOON THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT MYSTERO IS THE ONE TRUE MASTER OF ILLUSION, SPIDER-MAN!



IF YOU WANT TO GET THE WORD OUT,

WHY NOT JUST HIRE A GOOD PUBLICIST LIKE EVERYONE

ELSE THESE DAYS?

YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR INSOLENCE, BUG!



AND NOW--  
"WILL THE REAL MYSTERO PLEASE STAND UP!"

HOW NICE!  
AN INSTANT CROWD TO PROVIDE POLITE APPLAUSE FOR YOUR LITTLE PARLOR TRICKS!



WHAT DO YOU KNOW! ONLY ONE SHADOW AND ONLY ONE REAL MYSTERO!



NOW PLAY ALONG--WE'RE IN A CLASSIC MOVIE WESTERN--

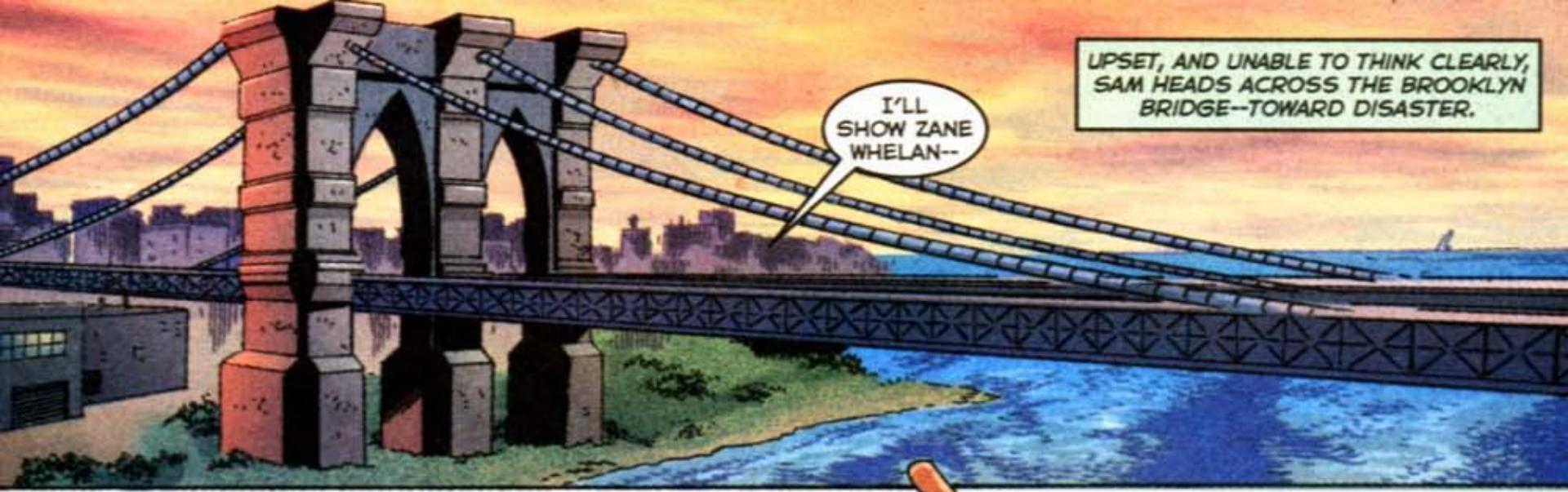


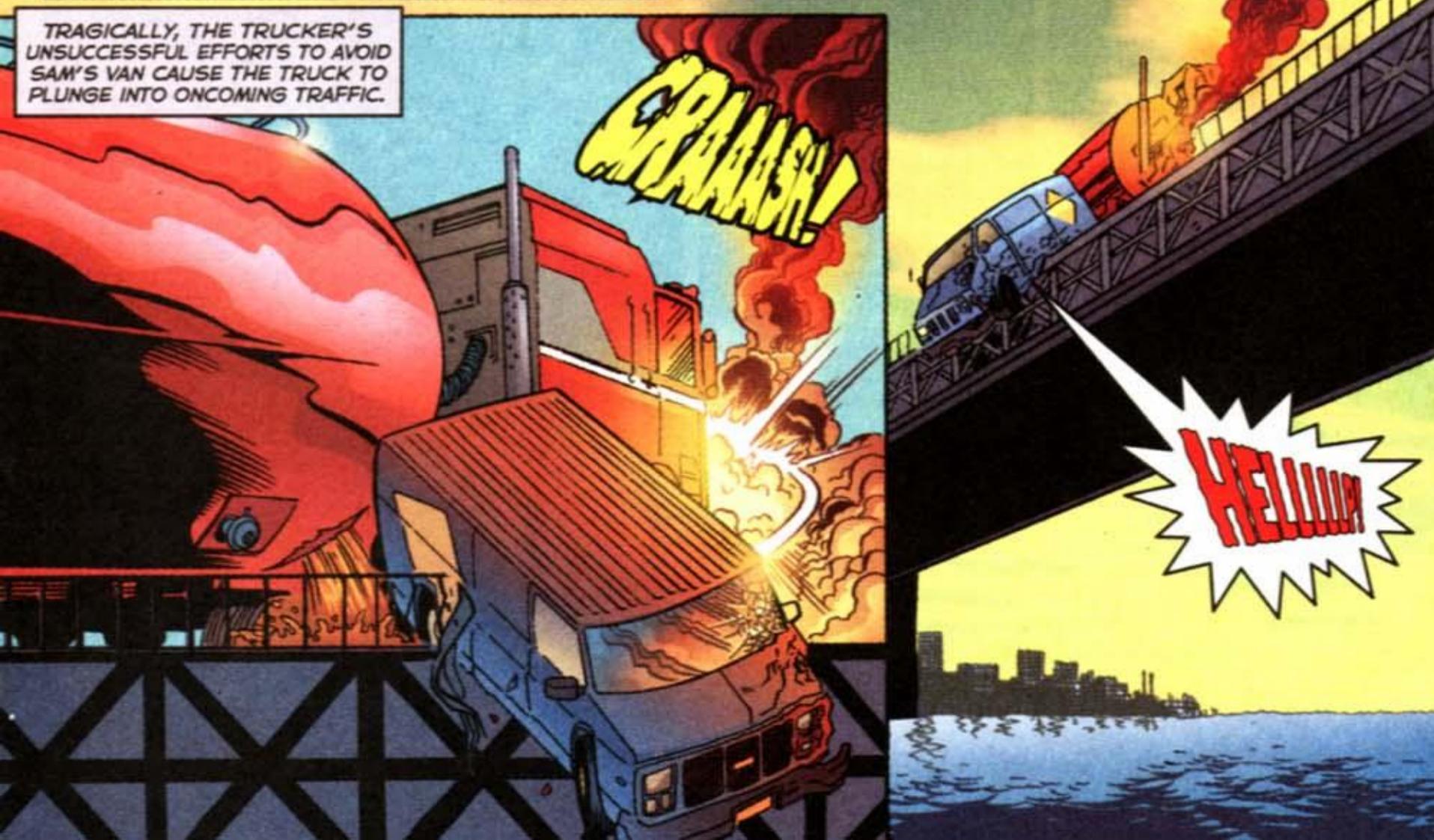
--AND I'VE GOT THE DROP ON YOU!

UGH!

WHAM!

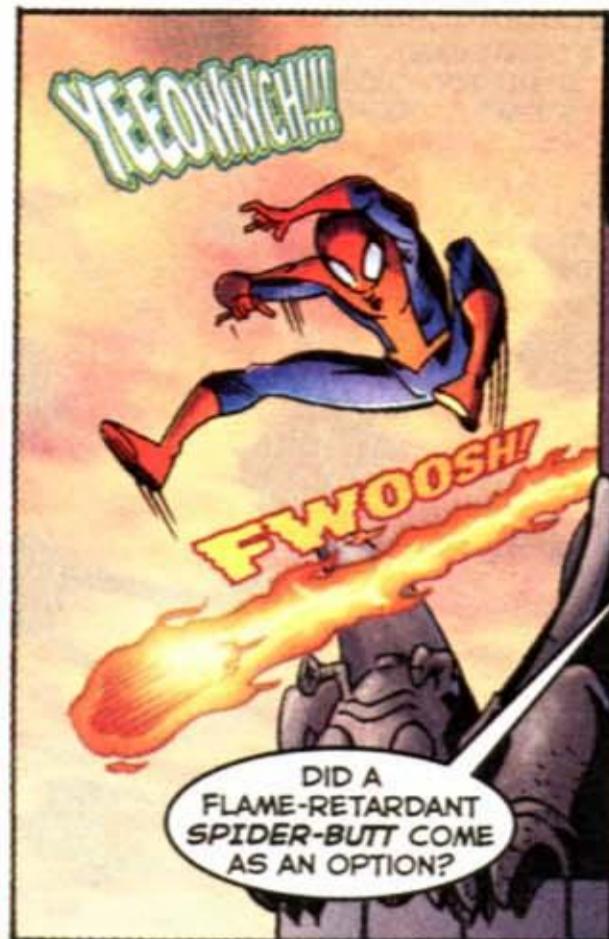






AT THAT MOMENT...

FINDING  
ONE KID IN A VAN ON THE  
STREETS OF NEW YORK IS LIKE  
LOOKING FOR THE PROVERBIAL  
NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.  
TOO BAD SUPER-SPIDER-  
VISION DIDN'T COME AS A STANDARD  
FEATURE WITH THE WEBS AND  
WALL-CRAWLING.



I DON'T WANT  
TO GET TOO CLOSE  
TO THAT GASOLINE  
SPILL, SPIDEY--  
--SO I'LL  
DROP YOU OFF  
AT A SAFE  
DISTANCE--

NO! IT'S  
THE BUGLE  
VAN!

SCRUNCH!

--AND  
CALL IN THE  
REINFORCE-  
MENTS!

THANKS,  
MATCHSTICK!

SAM!

I'VE ONLY GOT ONE  
SHOT AT THIS--BETTER  
MAKE IT COUNT!



BUT BEFORE HE CAN  
BREATHE A SIGH OF  
RELIEF, SPIDER-MAN  
FEELS A FAINT TREMOR  
IN THE WEBBING AS IT  
BEGINS TO TEAR UNDER  
THE INCREDIBLE BURDEN!

AND HOLD ON HE DOES!  
AS THE AMAZING SPIDER-  
MAN'S EVERY MUSCLE STRAINS  
TO THE BREAKING POINT,  
THE PLUMMETING VAN STOPS--  
SUSPENDED IN MID AIR AT  
THE END OF TWO IMPOSSIBLY  
THIN STRANDS OF WEBBING.

TO BE CONTINUED...

MAYBE SHE'S HIS  
PARTNER--

--OR GIRL-  
FRIEND!

OR MAYBE,  
JUST MAYBE,  
COINCIDENCE  
IS KING!

WHATEVER!  
THE LADY'S  
ABOUT TO  
BECOME  
WEB-  
FODDER!

HEY!!

S-SOMETHING  
SNAGGED ME!  
LOOKS LIKE  
SOME KIND  
OF ROPE OR--  
OMIGOSH!

THIS IS  
ALMOST  
TOO  
EASY!

YAHOO!

I-IT'S  
SPIDER-  
GIRL!

WHAT SHOULD  
I DO? WHAT  
SHOULD I DO?!

RELAX,  
HONEY! THERE'S  
NO NEED TO  
PANIC. YOU HAVE  
OPTIONS!

YOU CAN...  
A) SURRENDER...  
B) GET CLOBBERED...  
C) RENT YOURSELF  
OUT AS AN AMUSE-  
MENT RIDE.

ALL THINGS  
CONSIDERED, I'D  
TAKE YOU OVER  
THE CIRCLE  
LINE ANY DAY!



CONCENTRATE,  
GIRL!

TRY TO  
IGNORE  
THE PAIN,  
AND CON-  
CENTRATE!

YOU CAN'T  
TAKE MUCH  
MORE OF THIS  
PUNISHMENT!

YOU'RE EVENTU-  
ALLY GOING TO  
LOSE YOUR  
HOLD--

--AND YOUR ONLY  
HOPE IS TO FORM  
SOME KIND OF WEB-  
CONSTRUCT ON THE  
WAY DOWN!



SOMETHING  
THAT'LL  
SLOW YOUR  
FALL--

--AND PREVENT YOU  
FROM BREAKING  
EVERY BONE IN  
YOUR BODY WHEN  
YOU HIT  
THE  
WATER!

MOVE IT, GIRL!  
HURRY! THIS IS  
NO TIME TO  
SLIP INTO UN-  
CONSCIOUSNESS!



(TOO BAD YOU'VE  
NEVER BEEN MUCH  
OF A SCULPTOR!)

YOU'VE  
GOT TO GET  
WEBBING--

-UNLESS YOU  
PREFER THE  
DEUS EX  
MACHINA  
ROUTE.

EASY,  
GORGEOUS!

JUST  
LAY BACK  
AND ENJOY  
THE RIDE--

--COURTESY  
OF THE

**BZZZ!**

Y-YOU!?

IS MY  
REAPPEARANCE  
ANOTHER AMAZING  
COINCIDENCE?

HARDLY! I SAW  
TODAY'S BUGLE, AND  
FIGURED A HOTSHOT  
LIKE YOU WOULD FEEL  
COMPELLED TO ACCEPT  
JAMESON'S  
CHALLENGE!

I'M A MAN WHO  
ACTUALLY UNDER-  
STANDS WOMEN.

ARE YOU--?

WELLLLL,  
THIS ONE OWES  
YOU AN APOLOGY.  
I'M SORRY I  
ACCUSED YOU  
OF BEING A  
THIEF.

=Ahem=

SURE.

WHATEVER.

LISTEN, ABOUT  
JAMESON... YOU  
REALLY SHOULDN'T  
LET HIM GET  
TO YOU.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT HIM  
OR HIS STUPID CHAL-  
LENCE! I JUST  
WANTED TO CATCH  
THE--HEY! WHERE  
IS RAPTOR?

GONE.

Y-YOU LET  
HER ESCAPE?

YOU'RE  
WELCOME.  
GLAD I  
COULD  
HELP.

Uhhhh...  
SORRY.

SPIDER-GIRL RUINED EVERYTHING!

SHE CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE, AND MADE ME DROP THE CASH!

I CAME UP EMPTY BECAUSE OF HER!

IT'S ALL HER FAULT!!

EXCUSES!  
EXCUSES!!

YOU HAD THE MONEY IN YOUR HANDS, YOU STUPID COW!

SNACK

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, DRAGO? CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING RIGHT?

YOU CAME TO ME, REMEMBER? BEGGED ME TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS?

I INVESTED MY TIME, EFFORT, AND GENIUS IN YOU--

--AND THIS IS HOW YOU REPAY ME?!

WHY CAN'T I EVER DEPEND ON YOU, BRENDA? WHY DO YOU ALWAYS FORCE ME TO LOSE MY TEMPER?

I... I'M SO SORRY, TONY... I KNOW I CAN DO BETTER.

P-PLEASE GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE!

ALL RIGHT, SWEET-HEART.  
WE'LL TRY AGAIN... TONIGHT.

I'M APPROACHING THE JEWELRY STORE NOW!

GOOD GIRL!

ACCORDING TO MY INFORMATION, THE PRIMO MERCHANDISE IS KEPT IN A SAFE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, BRENDA.

YOUR BEST BET IS TO ENTER THROUGH THE ROOF!

I'M AFRAID THE SECURITY SYSTEM IS STATE OF THE ART. THERE'S NO WAY TO DISCONNECT IT WITHOUT TRIGGERING THE ALARM.

NO PROBLEM! I'LL BE IN AND OUT LONG BEFORE THE COPS CAN REACH ME!

I LIKE A LADY WITH CONFIDENCE!

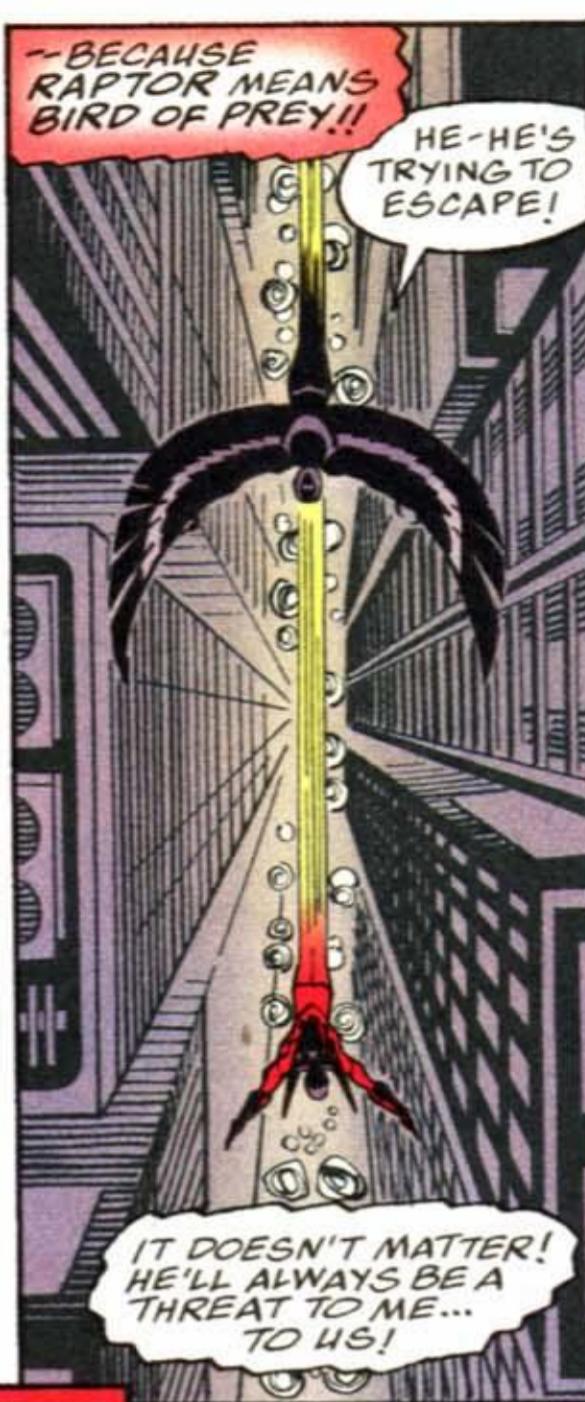
TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T CONSIDER THE SPIDER-FACTOR!

KRAAM

WHAT'S HAPPENING, BRENDA?! I'VE TEMPORARILY LOST VISHAL! BRENDA? BRENDA?!









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# MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

ODD! THE DAILY BUGLE MANAGED TO PLAY UP RAPTOR'S CAPTURE--

WITHOUT A SINGLE MENTION OF YOU OR THE BUZZ!

IS JAMESON DELIBERATELY DENYING YOU CREDIT?

## DAILY BUGLE SKY BANDIT SNAGGED!

IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO DIS A SPIDER-PERSON.

HOWEVER, YOU'RE MORE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE BUZZ. WHO IS HE? HOW DID HE GET THAT AMAZING BUG SUIT? AND WHAT DOES HE REALLY--

HEY, MAYDAY?

WHERE'D YOU GO YESTERDAY?

NO PLACE SPECIAL, BRAD.

WHY DO YOU ASK?

UHHH... JUST CURIOUS. I SEE YOU'VE ALSO BECOME A BIG FAN OF THE BUGLE.

NO BIG SURPRISE CONSIDERING WHO YOU'RE HANGING AROUND WITH.

DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD? YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE TODAY.

C'MON, LIKE YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT JJ.

HIS REAL NAME'S JACK... JACK JAMESON.

HE'S THE GRANDSON OF THE EVER-RENNOWED J. JONAH!

THE END... FOR NOW!

# SPIDER-GIRL

Hi Gang,

I just wanted to tell you that SPIDER-GIRL is the only comic I've been getting on a regular basis and thoroughly enjoying. I feel like I've traveled back in time and discovered Spider-Man when he was fresh and new. Thanks.

I do have one gripe, though. Please cut back on "hip" dialogue and catchphrases. Every time Mayday and friends utter "girlfriend" I groan. They come across as being as hip as the Colonel from those KFC commercials. I do a lot of work with high school students and I've never heard a teen use the term "girlfriend." I think you're watching too much TV.

Joe Johnson

You could be right, boyfriend!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Issue #15 was dynamite! I really enjoy all the new villains you guys have come up with. May has a strong sense of responsibility, and that's a credit to her parents.

It's obvious that Mary Jane is having a hard time with this hero business, even though she already went through it with Peter. I really felt for her when she said, "I've tried to prepare myself, but I'm just not ready."

Robert Acquarulo  
New Haven, CT

Nobody said being a parent would be easy.

Dear Spider-Girl team,

The tribute to Plastic Man in SPIDER-GIRL #15 was a lot of fun, and you even squeezed in a reference to Police Comics! Mr. Abnormal was a suitably wacky addition to Spider-Girl's growing Rogues Gallery, and I hope to see more of him.

Andy Oliver  
Essex  
England

You will, Andy.

Dear Spider-Girl,

I think it would be neat if Wild Thing, Stinger, American Dream and Spider-Girl formed their own super-team.

John Fuchs  
Seattle, WA

Have you ever considered jogging?

Dear "Mayday Mail",

I would like to comment on the "Mutant" situation. I can't quite remember in which title the statement was made, but Charles Xavier defined a mutant as "a person born with a special gene, an X-factor that manifests itself in some form of superpower." (And Chuck should know!) Alice Clement wrote to you in issue #9, and claimed

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that May is not a mutant because she inherited her power from her father. If we stick with this theory, then the super-powered children of mutants would not actually be mutants themselves. There is no doubt that Peter Parker is not a mutant because his powers were radiation induced, whereas May was born with hers, thereby making her a mutant by definition.

J.C. Simmons

So she's not a mutant?

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,  
Where does Spider-Girl get all her webbing?

Does she know how to make it, or does Peter just keep a lot of it laying around the house?

David Pigman

Actually she buys it in bulk from one of those on-line price clubs.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL Crew,

Que viva la chica-araná! (Long live Spider-Girl!) Roberto Javier Cintron  
Puerto Rico

Ditto, el reader-araná!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL Crew,

Will Felicity Hardy or the Black Cat ever make an appearance in this title?

Steve Kardolly  
Olanta, PA

Anything's possible ... if enough readers demand it!

Dear Crew,

I have just finished reading SPIDER-GIRL #14... for the second time! I am, I have to say, intrigued.

Kaine ... Darkdevil ... Peter Parker ... Phil Urich ... hhhmmmm! They all seem to be overwhelmingly familiar with each other. I think Mayday is the only person who has more questions than I do at this point.

This comic has got me going insane with hours of speculation, and this is what I read comics for! Fifty percent of the joy of comics is reading them, and — if you are lucky enough to be reading a piece of art such as this title — the other fifty percent of the enjoyment happens afterwards ... as you mull over the plot, searching for some giveaway in dialogue or speculating, guessing, hoping, dreading and waiting impatiently for the next issue ... so that you can go through the same experience again for another month.

SPIDER-GIRL #14 really did this for me, and I just wanted to say thank you.

Morgan M.

And you made our month, Morgan!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

The MC-2 Universe is a really brilliant idea. We get to read about familiar characters and learn about their possible futures. I'm glad you brought Kaine back! I really want to read more about him.

Philip Thomas  
Ridgefield, CT

Trust us, Philip ... you haven't heard the last from Kaine!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Do you think Spider-Girl could get some other titles like Spectacular, Web Of and Amazing?

David Wright  
Fenton, MO

She certainly could, David ... but it would be WRONG!

Dear Webheads,

To help celebrate Year Two of Mayday's adventures, this humble fan has composed a theme song for Spider-Girl. (If you can't guess what music it's set to, turn in your web-shooters and crawl out of here!)

Spider-Girl, Spider-Girl,  
She will make your head whirl.  
Check out those familiar threads!

From "Uncle Ben," who is dead!

Hey there!

There goes Spider-Girl!

In the chill of night,  
At the scene of a crime,  
Like she's slamming heat,  
She arrives just in time.

Spider-Girl, Spider-Girl,  
Friendly neighborhood Daddy's girl.  
"Help me train,"  
She's implored,  
But her actions made ol' Pete sore.  
To her,  
Her folks have great big hang-ups,  
But since Dad gave her a hand up,  
She'll be the Spider-Girl!

What do you think, guys? Is this ditty worth a no-prize?

Andrew Salmon  
Vancouver  
Canada

Congratulations, Andrew! We think a song with no rhyme or rhythm is certainly worth a no-prize.

## HYPE SECTION!

SPIDER-GIRL #19  
"FANTASIES!"

ON SALE NEXT MONTH!  
IN THIS DECIDEDLY OFFBEAT ISSUE OF EVERYONE'S FAVORITE WEB-STUNNER, WE GET A VERY PERSONAL LOOK INSIDE THE MIND OF MAYDAY PARKER AS SHE BATTLES THE SOLDIERS OF THE SERPENT (WHO LAST APPEARED IN AVENGERS NEXT #10). PLUS--WE SEE WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE IF JIMMY YAMA POSSESSED SUPER POWERS, AND IF COURTNEY DURAN WERE SPIDER-GIRL! AND, AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, WE FINALLY WITNESS THE DRAMATIC RETURN OF THE NORMIE OSBORN GREEN GOBLIN (WHO WAS FIRST SEEN IN WHAT IF #105). THOUGH THIS ISSUE FEATURES A COMPLETE DONE-IN-ONE STORY, IT ALSO LEADS DIRECTLY INTO NEXT ISSUE'S LONG-AWAITED AND MUCH-DEMANDED CONFRONTATION WITH THE GREEN GOBLIN! MISS IT NOT!



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