

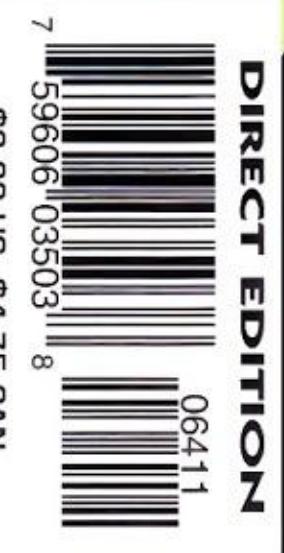
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# SPIDER-GIRL®

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The daughter of the original 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! Stan Lee presents...

# SPIDER-GIRL

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Someone is killing the great crime lords of New York City! After saving the life of the gang leader named Canis, Spider-Girl learns that her occasional ally Darkdevil has apparently vanished--

--after allegedly planting a bomb that leaves Wilson Fisk, the reigning Kingpin of crime, in critical condition.



Acting on a tip from Canis, she attempts to question Emil Zodoro, one of Fisk's underlings, but he is kidnapped by a band of super-criminals--

--that includes Quickwire and Raptor, who are allegedly in prison.



When someone attempts to assassinate Spider-Girl's close friend Normie Osborn, she immediately suspects Mr. Nobody, a teleporter who can also turn intangible--

--but he accuses Kaine, a super-powered mercenary and long-time foe of both her father and the Osborn family.

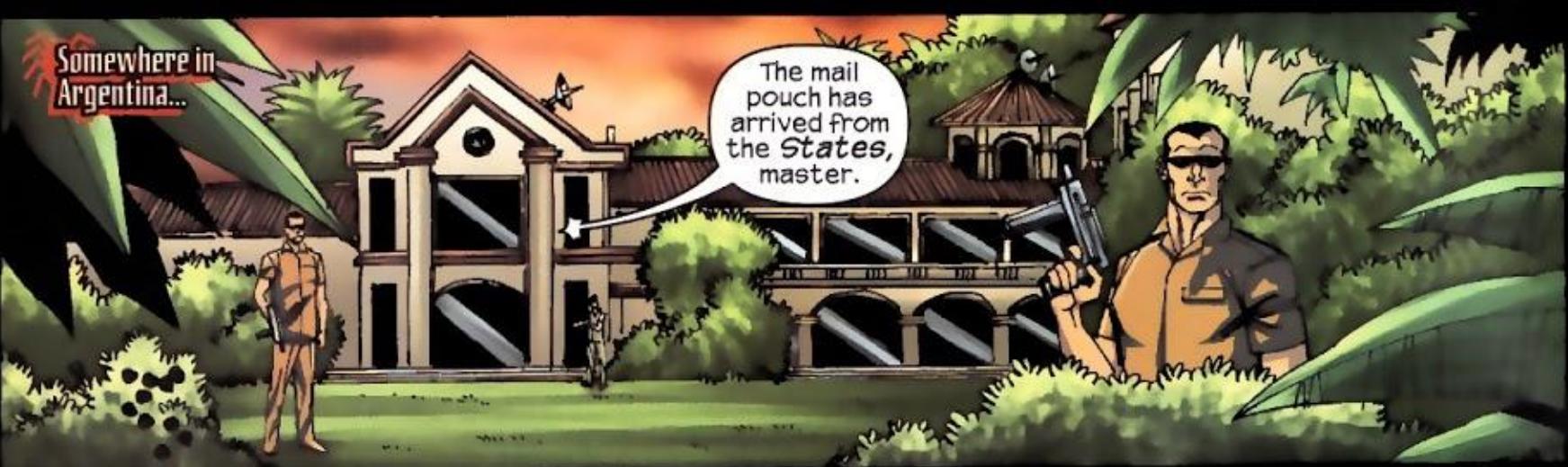


Spider-Girl's personal life becomes even more complicated when her spider-sense warns her that someone is stalking her in the halls of Midtown High--

--and Nancy Lu, a closet mutant with telekinetic powers, replaces Mayday's friend Davida Kirby on the school basketball team.

Somewhere in Argentina...

The mail pouch has arrived from the States, master.



Their coverage, however, was a tad more restrained.

Pack my bags, Chesbro.

Fisk was a worthy competitor and I must pay my respects.

Is that wise, master?

**DAILY BUGLE**

**THE KING IS DEAD!**

Wilson Fisk Succumbs to Injury

Bomb Blasts Mob Boss

Probably not...  
But I'm in a New York state of mind.

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His name is *Normie Osborn* and he's the grandson of your father's greatest enemy--the very first *Green Goblin!*

Maybe that's why someone recently tried to kill him--

--or was he shot because of you?

All you know for certain is that he almost died yesterday--

--and that he's been unconscious ever since the doctors managed to resuscitate him.

*Yay doctors!*

You couldn't bear to lose *Normie*. He's one of your closest friends--

--and you might even be in *love* with him.

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

You've spent every spare moment by Normie's side--

--which is why his first words hack through your heart like a jagged knife.

B-Brenda... is that you?

**OUT**

You're hurt that he didn't call for you...but not surprised. Brenda "Raptor" Drago is his girlfriend. His **real** girlfriend.

Is Normie awake, hon?  
No, Mom...  
He's just, uhh, mumbling in his sleep.

I hate to bring this up... but it's time for you to leave...if you're going to school today.

Might as well...

It's not like I'm needed here.

You've been spending an awful lot of time here, hotshot. I never realized you and Normie were so close.

Real subtle, Mom.  
But he already has a girlfriend.

I know how that works.  
So did your father once upon a time.  
We're just, y'know, friends.

**MOM!**

I'm just saying.

Besides, they can't be **that** serious. She hasn't come around once while I've been here.

It isn't that simple. She's...in prison.

**Complicated?** Now **there's** an understatement. Brenda's a former super-villain who conned you into believing that she had turned over a new leaf.

You don't trust her anymore...and for good reason!

She's supposed to be in prison right now, serving time for her past crimes, but you know that she's part of the gang that might be responsible for the death of the Kingpin--

--the disappearance of Darkdevil--

--and the attack on Normie.

She betrayed your trust--

Now **this** sounds intriguing!

It's kind of complicated. I'll fill you in when I see you later.

--and his love!

Your mind is still boiling over Brenda as you slip into your costume and take a little side-trip on your way to school--



--to a prearranged rendezvous with a certain friendly neighborhood gang boss.



Thanks for agreeing to meet me, Canis.

I didn't realize I had a choice.

You didn't.

I need to know everything you've got on this big South American crime czar.

There isn't much to tell. He's known by a number of aliases... but chiefly as the *Black Tarantula*.

He has interests in South America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Rumor has it that he wants to expand into the States and that he's the one who ordered the hit on the Kingpin.

You're being very cooperative.

Yeah, well, gangland slayings make me testy.

Could *Mr. Nobody* be working for the *Tarantula*?

Possible... but doubtful.

I hear he rolled over... and may be cooperating with the government.

There's a mercenary by that name. Very rough character.

Specializes in the kind of wet work that sends a loud message.

Could *Kaine* really be behind all this carnage?

He seemed so sincere when he recently told you that he was trying to make amends for his past.



Probably because you hung me over the side of a building the last time we chatted.

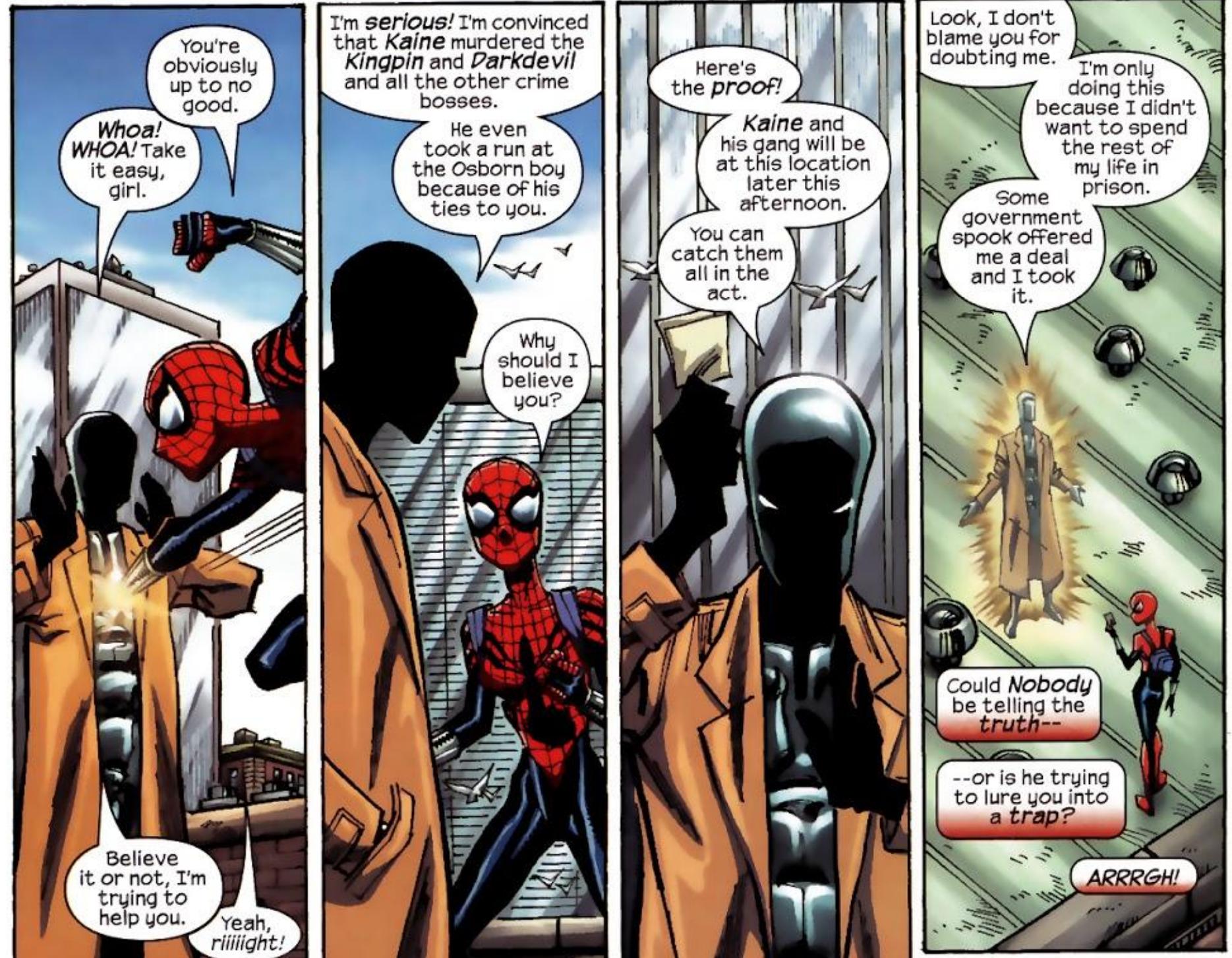
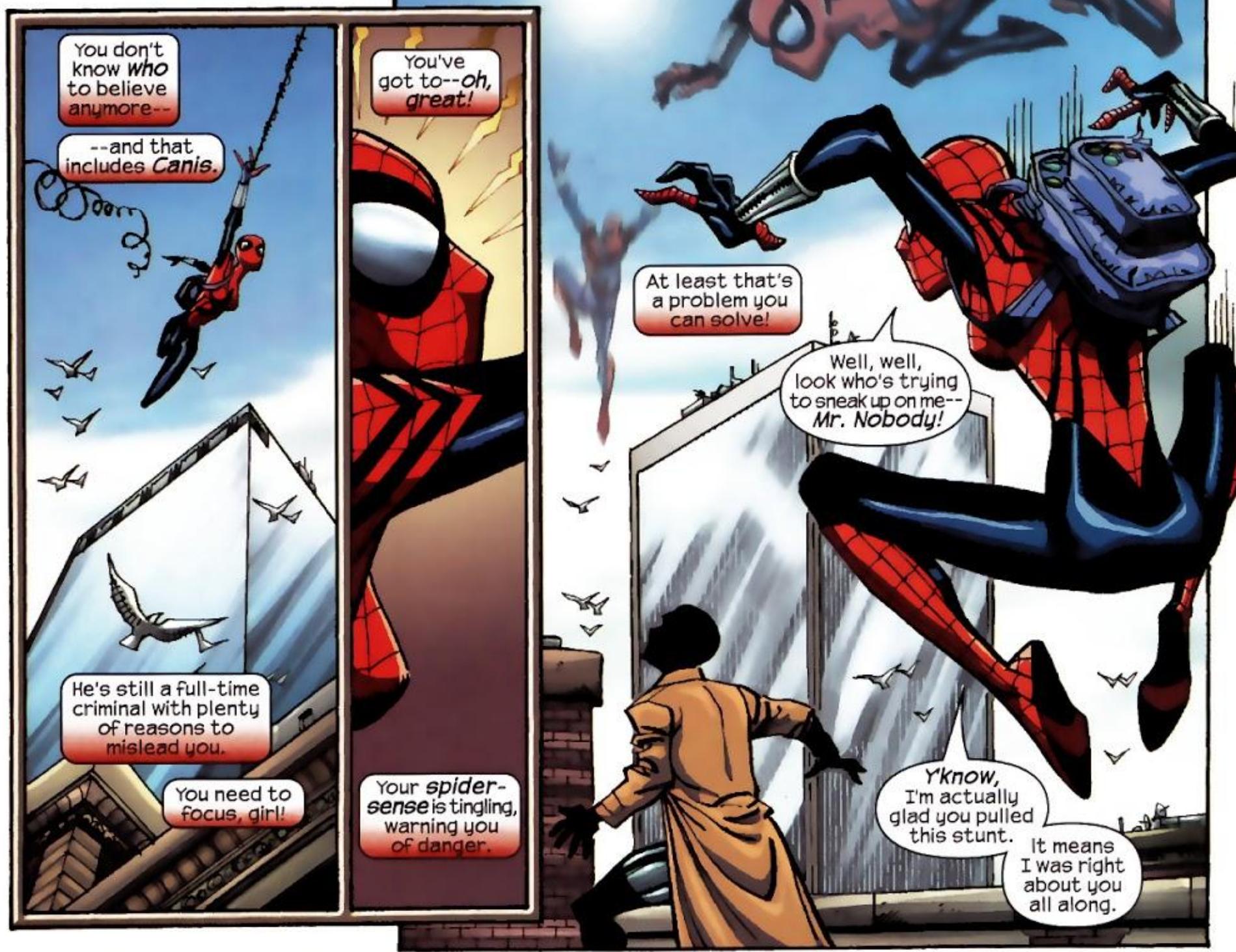


You know anything about a man called *Kaine*?



Were you wrong about him--

--like you were about Brenda?



You're no detective.  
You don't belong in  
the middle of a major  
mystery.

MIDTOWN  
HIGH SCHOOL

Hoo-boy! All this whodunit stuff  
almost makes you nostalgic for a  
good old gratuitous fight.

Who knows? You  
might even get your  
wish when you follow  
up on Mr. Nobody's tip  
later this afternoon.

Hey, there goes Sandra  
Healy and she looks  
down in the dumps.

You recently discovered  
that she might be a victim  
of domestic abuse, but  
she's repeatedly told  
you to butt out.

Like that'll  
happen!

How's  
it going,  
Sandra?

Fine,  
Parker.  
Everything  
was just  
fine...

Until  
I ran into  
you.

Don't  
be that way,  
Sandra! I'm  
just trying to  
help you.

I keep  
telling you  
that I don't  
need any  
help--

--my life  
is fairy-tale  
perfect.

Yeah, except for  
the ogre who keeps  
beating on you.

Hey,  
May! There's  
trouble in  
the gym.

What is it,  
Courtney?

Davida  
is going off on  
Nancy Lu.

Terrific! Davida's been  
spoiling for a fight ever  
since she lost her starting  
spot on the basketball  
team to Nancy.

Davida usually keeps a tight rein on her emotions. She hates to blow her cool--*at least until this thing with Nancy!*

You must really be into leftovers, girl. You stole my spot--

--and my best friend's man.

You don't know what you're talking about, Davida!

Don't let her get to you, JJ.

Davida has good reason to be bitter. Not only has she lost her game, I hear she's on the outs with Parker--

--and never could keep a regular boyfriend.

You lying  
**WITCH!**

Time seems to slow down as Davida instinctively lashes out--

--hurling the ball without any thought to the consequences.

Unfortunately--



D-Did you see that?

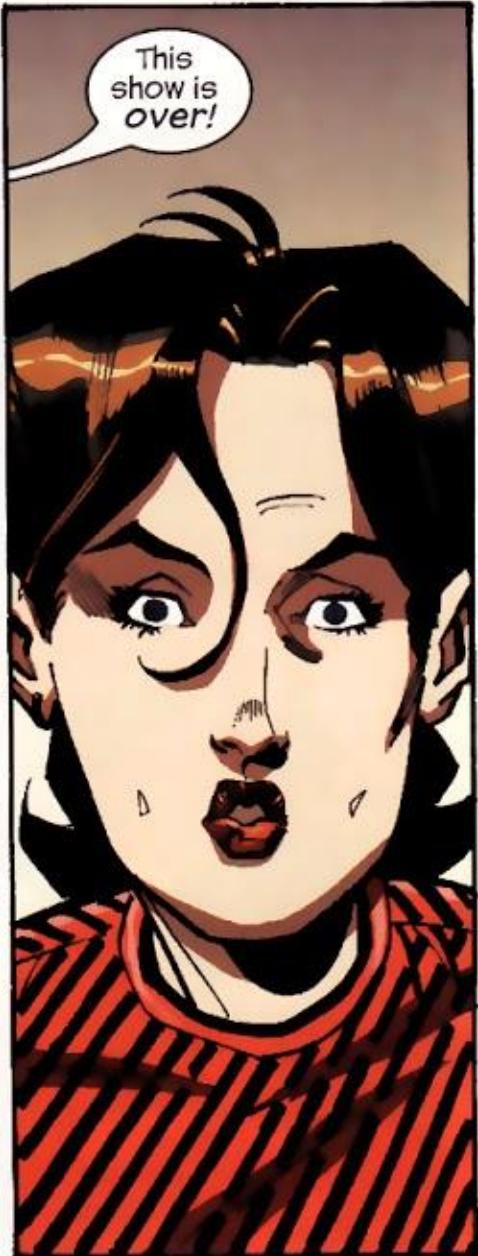
The ball reversed direction in mid-air, but that's impossible unless...  
...unless...

Everything suddenly makes sense. You're no all-star...  
...you're a **freak!**

What's going on in here? You ladies should be ashamed of yourselves. I could hear this commotion down the hall.

Kirby, you go see the nurse.

This show is **over!**





What are you supposed to do now? You still have a major gangland mystery to solve--

--but Nancy also needs your help.

Hey, Jimmy--Heather--you guys hear the news?

Yeah, Brad...and I actually think it's kind of cool.

I wonder if she's going to join the X-People?

That's not funny, Jimmy.

Who knows what effect this could have on Nancy's life?

I hate to admit it, but I'm a little skeeved out. I mean...she's a **mutant** for goodness sake!

Who knows what she can do? She might even be able to read our minds.

Oh! I get it...

It's okay to expose *her* secrets...but not *yours*.

Don't put words in my mouth! You know that *isn't* what I meant.

What's the big deal, anyway? So Nancy's a mutant! A lot of mutants put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

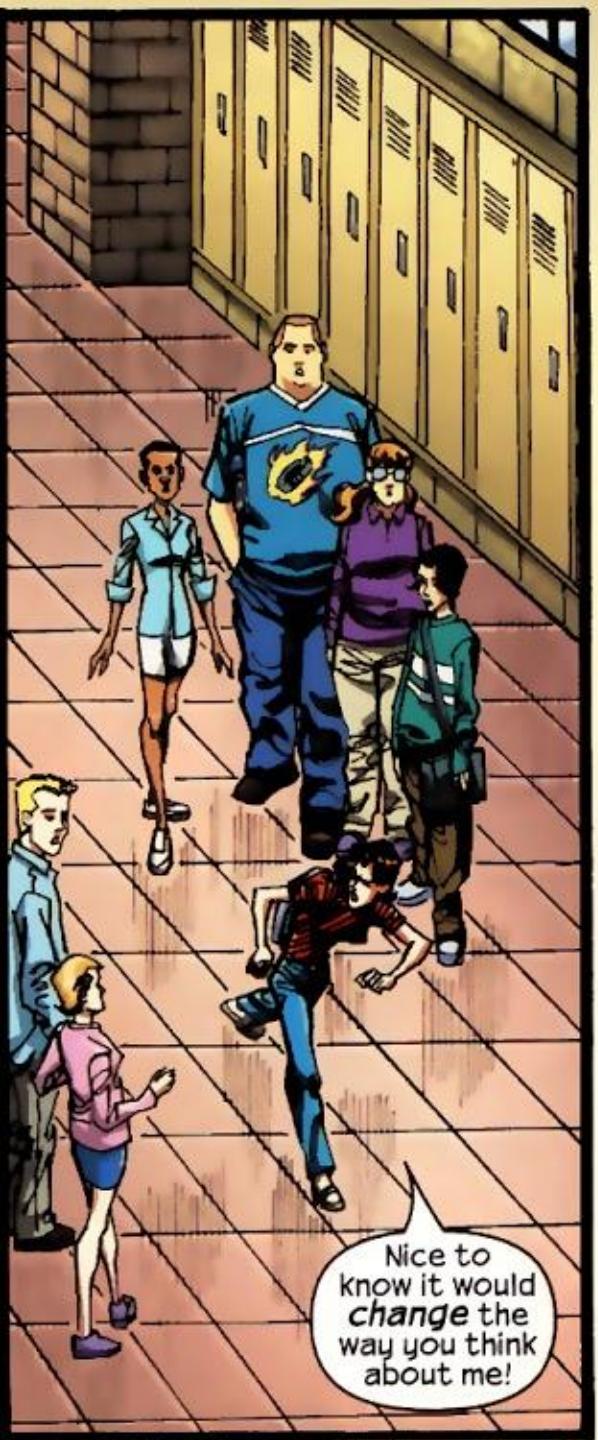
For all we know, *Spider-Girl* could be a mutant.

Moose is right. It's a big world. There's room for all types of people.

Though I'm still not sure she should have been playing basketball against regular kids.

You're on the team, Parker. What's your opinion?







If Mr. Nobody is telling the truth, Kaine and his people are working for this Black Tarantula person.

They may have murdered the Kingpin--



--and nearly a half-dozen other crimelords--

--and could also be responsible for Darkdevil's disappearance.

Nobody believes DD is already dead.

You're praying Kaine is holding him prisoner and--oh, no!

Someone's approaching and you're still changing into costume.

Whoever's around the corner quickly looks around--

--and disappears before you can get a look at him.

Or her.

You react instinctively.

Who is it?

That tingle didn't feel like Mr. Nobody.

He's been secretly following you around town--

--claiming that he's only trying to protect you.

This was definitely someone else.

Could it be the person who's been stalking you in school--

--or some random student who merely stumbled into the stairwell?

ARRRGH!

Realizing you won't get an answer, you follow Mr. Nobody's directions--



--and arrive at a seemingly deserted amusement park some twenty minutes later.

Since you assume it's a trap, you stick to the shadows--

--allowing your spider-sense to direct you.



You hear voices and cautiously inch toward them--

--until your eyes bulge beneath your mask.

Looks like you owe Mr. Nobody an apology.



Kaine seems all chummy with Big Man and Quickwire--who recently attacked you and kidnapped one of the Kingpin's underlings!

The only one who seems to be missing is--

--RAPTOR!

I'm not surprised to see you, Spider-Girl.

I knew you'd track us down.

You'd better leave before the others spot you.

I'm impressed, Brenda.

Not only did you almost manage to sneak up on me, but you even sound concerned for my safety.

W-What are you-- OH!

Look, I didn't want to attack you the last time we met. Believe it or not, I did it for your own good.

You need to trust me and get out of here.

Okay.

Sure.

I believe you.

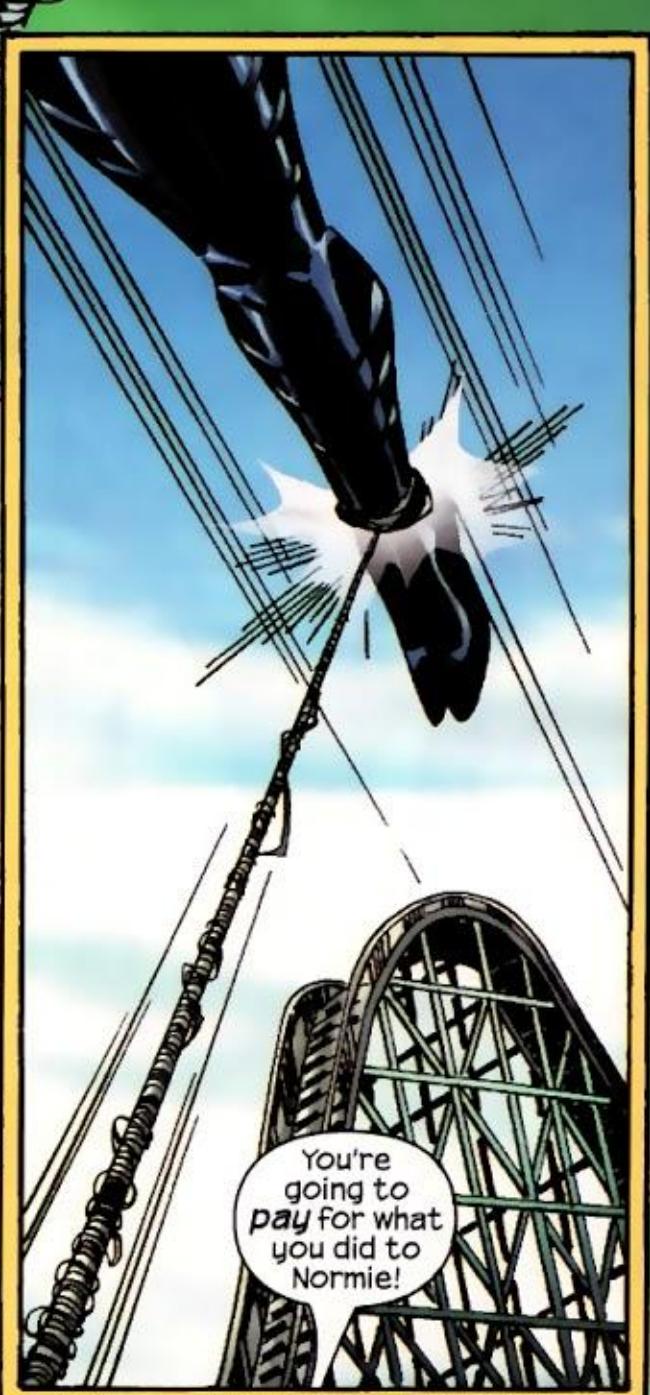
You're my friend, right?

**WRONG!**

You're a LYING  
**WITCH!**













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ARRRGH!

ARRRGH!

I love  
the way you  
sing that chorus,  
my friend.

Let's  
hear it  
again!

The End...For Now

HIGH VOLTAGE

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