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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!

YOUR NAME IS
MAY "MAYDAY"
PARKER.

THOUGH YOU ARE
THE DAUGHTER
OF THE ORIGINAL
SPIDER-MAN,
YOU RECENTLY
LOST YOUR
SPIDER-
POWERS.



SINCE YOU'RE NOT READY
TO HANG UP YOUR WEBS,
YOU TEAMED UP WITH A
FORMER ENEMY--

--AND IMPROVISED A
WHOLE NEW HERO
THING FOR YOURSELF.

AND NOW, JUST TO
MAKE LIFE EVEN
MORE INTERESTING,
YOU'VE DECIDED TO
TEST THE "NEW" YOU--



--BY CHALLENGING THE
AVENGERS!

NOT BAD,
SPIDER-GIRL!
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REALLY--?!

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The WINDS of

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YOU CAN
PUT YOUR
CONSCIENCE
AT EASE,
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DREAM.

THE
NEW
GOBLIN
HAS
RETIRER
FROM
CRIME--

--AND
I'M USING
THIS STUFF
WITH HIS
BLESSING.

Y-YOU'RE
KIDDING,
RIGHT?

YOU ACTUALLY
CONNED HIM INTO
HELPING YOU?

YOU
THE
GIRL!



BUT
YOU'RE
STILL
THROWING
WILD.

YOU MUST
LEARN TO
ANTICIPATE
YOUR OPPONENT
AND ADJUST
YOUR AIM
ACCORDINGLY.

WA-POOM

YOU ALSO HAVE TO
REMEMBER THAT A
CARELESSLY THROWN
PUMPKIN BOMB CAN
ENDANGER AN
INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

YOU NEED TO
BE MORE
OBSERVANT,
SPIDER-GIRL.

SORRY
ABOUT THAT,
MAINFRAME.
I... I THOUGHT
THE THREE
OF US WERE
ALONE.

WE CAN
DISCUSS YOUR
NEGLIGENCE
LATER.

RIGHT NOW, YOU
HAVE AN IMPORTANT
CALL IN OUR
COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER.

I... I
DO?
B-BUT
WHO'D
CALL ME
HERE?







YOU TELL NORMIE OSBORN THAT YOU'RE HEADING HOME--



--AND CONVENIENTLY NEGLECT TO MENTION A QUICK SIDE TRIP.

YEAH... YEAH... I DID HEAR THAT MR. JAMESON GOT INTO A THING WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED COSTUMED GUY LAST NIGHT.

C'MON, MS MOORE-- I'M SURE A REPORTER LIKE YOU KNOWS ALL THE DETAILS.

SHARE THE DIRT!

I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE BOSS AND HIS PERSONAL HIJINKS, PARKER...

S'FUNNY HOW THINGS TURN OUT. YOU INTENDED TO FOCUS ON RAPTOR TODAY.

BUT I DID HEAR THAT HE WAS ARGUING ABOUT SOME KIND OF SECRET PROJECT!

YOU WOULD HAVE GLADLY LEFT LAST NIGHT'S MYSTERY GUY TO NOVA UNTIL TONY STARK OPENED HIS BIG, FAT-- WHOA! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

AS I TOLD YOUR ASSOCIATE, TONY, I AM TAKING EVERY POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

--AND COULD THAT DYE JOB BE ANY MORE OBVIOUS?

OUR LICENSING AGREEMENT IS VERY SPECIFIC.

I KNOW, TONY... BUT I CAN STILL FIX EVERYTHING.

YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTIFIED ME THE INSTANT PROJECT: HUMAN FLY WENT AWRY.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH, JONAH.

I DEMAND RESULTS, AND I WANT THEM YESTERDAY.

IS STARK ALWAYS THIS PLEASANT--

JONAH, I HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE SPECIFICALLY TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH TECHNO-THEIVES LIKE THE BUZZ.

THE BUZZ? WHY IS STARK SUDDENLY ZONING ON THE-- OHMIGOSH!

THE CLOTHES ARE DIFFERENT, BUT THAT'S DEFINITELY THE GUY YOU SPOTTED BLASTING OUT OF THE BUGLE LAST NIGHT.

THE MYSTERY GUY WHO FOUGHT YOU AND NOVA!

HEY, PRETTY LADY--!

WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO RUN INTO YOU TODAY.

OH, GREAT-- JACK JAMESON AND NANCY-- UGH-- LU!

NICE TO SEE YOU, PARKER.

JJ'S BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO SHOW ME AROUND.

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER FROM THE TIME WHEN NANCY USED TO PLAY BASKETBALL FOR CENTRAL HIGH.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT! LISTEN, I HAVE TO CATCH MY GRANDFATHER FOR A MINUTE...

WHY DON'T YOU GUYS GET REACQUAINTED?

I'M SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY TO DISCUSS.

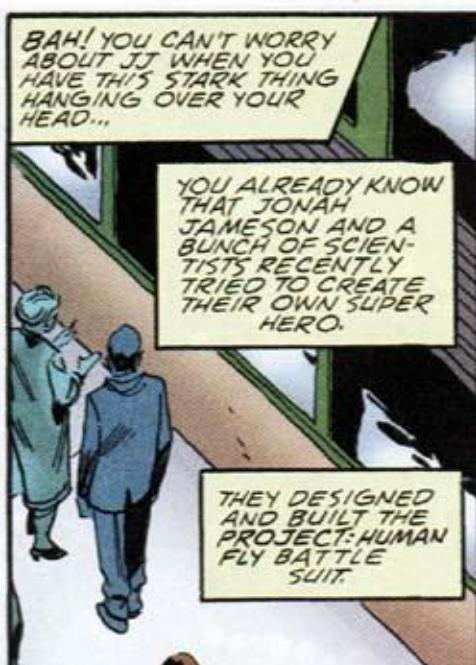
DID YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS? THERE'S A CHANCE NANCY'S FAMILY WILL MOVE INTO OUR DISTRICT, AND SHE'LL TRANSFER INTO OUR SCHOOL!

REALLY?

CAN'T WAIT.

YEAH.

PLENTY!



ACCORDING TO JONAH--NOT THE MOST OBJECTIVE SOURCE--THE BUZZ STOLE THE BATTLE SUIT AND KILLED THE MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO WEAR IT.



HECK, NORMIE CAN'T EVEN PERSUADE YOU TO TAKE A CHANCE ON RAPTOR.





OKAY, OKAY, SO MAYBE YOU DON'T EXACTLY PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH...

Rapton
Meet me tonight
at the usual place
Spidey

THIS SITUATION'S EASILY REMEDIED!



IN A QUEEN'S DINER, A WAITRESS SHUFFLES BETWEEN TABLES WITH HER SHOULDERS SLUMPED AND HER HEAD BOWED.

SHE RARELY RAISES HER EYES AND ALMOST NEVER LOOKS AT THE SKY.

FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS, SHE'S BEEN STRUGGLING TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE ... AND BARELY MANAGING TO SUPPORT HERSELF.

SHE RISKS AN UPWARD GLANCE--

--AND WONDERS IF HER LIFE'S ABOUT TO CHANGE.



WAY TO
GO, GIRL!

THE BALL IS NOW
IN RAPTOR'S
COURT.

ALL YOU HAVE
TO DO IS SIT
BACK AND--

--WAIT!?!?



UHHH...

Hi, DAD.

MOM.

UNCLE PHIL.

WE ALL
SPOTTED YOUR
MESSAGE.

COULDN'T
MISS IT.

DID YOU
FORGET TO
TELL US
SOMETHING?
WHEN DID
YOUR POWERS
RETURN?



I HAVE A
RESPONSI-
BILITY
TO--

DON'T EVEN
TRY TO GO
THERE,
YOUNG
LADY!

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YOU'RE JUST
AN AVERAGE
TEENAGER
NOW.

WHERE DID YOU
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UP A
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GLIDER,
ANYWAY?



N-
NORMIE
LENT IT
TO ME.





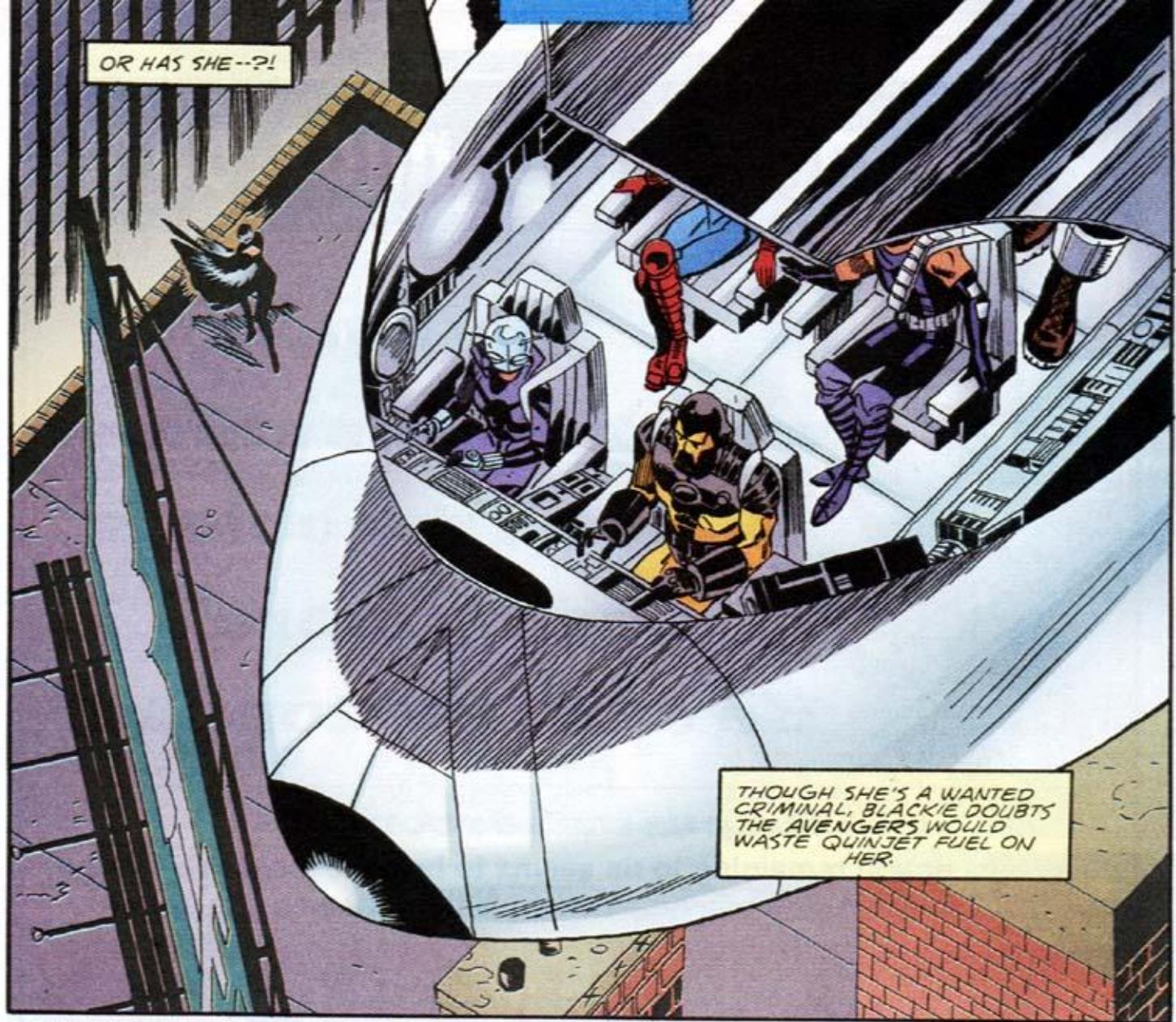
HER FATHER WAS A CAREER CRIMINAL WHO CLOTHED HIMSELF IN LIES.

HER MOTHER WAS AN ALCOHOLIC WHO COULD ONLY BE DEPENDED ON TO BE UNDEPENDABLE.

HER BOYFRIEND EXPLOITED AND ABUSED HER.



OR HAS SHE--?!

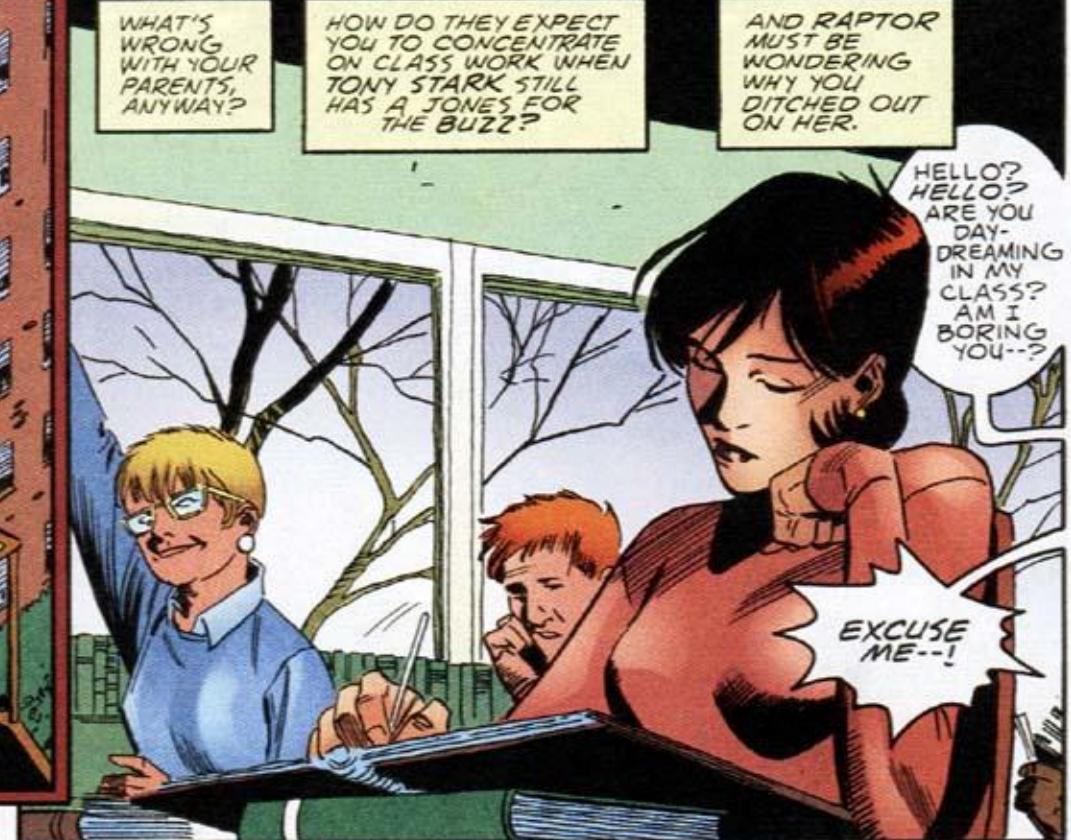


THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY AFTER SOMEONE WHO IS A LOT MORE POWERFUL AND IMPORTANT THAN --HEYYY!



WHERE'D THE BUZZ GO?





THE REST OF ENGLISH CLASS PASSES WITH-OUT INCIDENT. AND THEN...

KIRBY! PARKER! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU TWO. WE GOTTA TALK.

NOT AT ALL! A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY JUST FELL IN OUR LAPS. I JUST GOT WORD THAT NANCY LU MAY SOON BE JOINING US.

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE QUIT PLAYING BALL FOR CENTRAL, BUT WE NEED HER ON OUR TEAM.



MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE GIRL... AND CONVINCE HER TO JOIN OUR PROGRAM.

DO WHATEVER'S NECESSARY! THE WHOLE TEAM'S DEPENDING ON YOU.

I SMELL A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

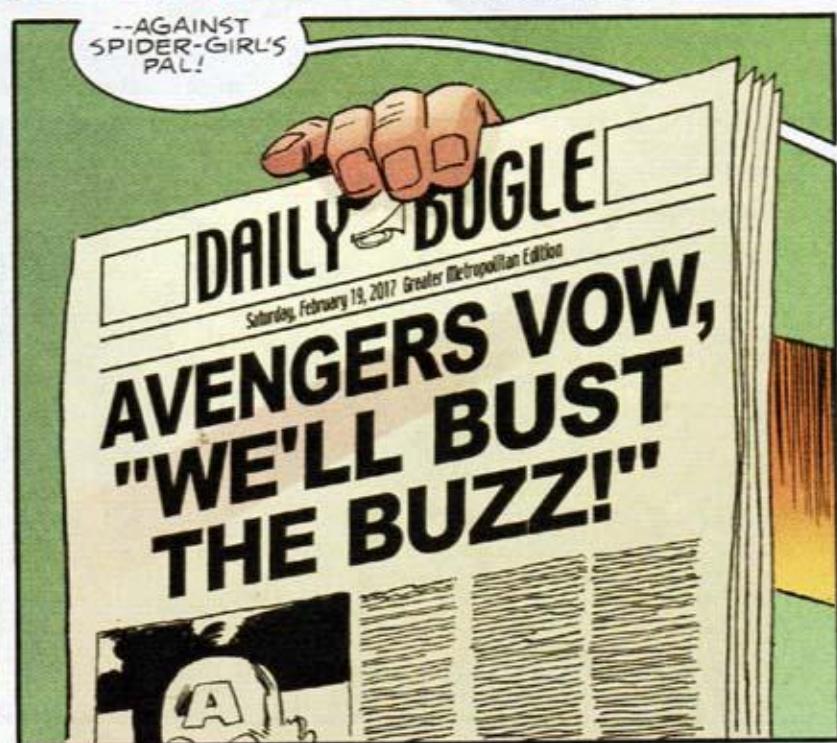
I REALLY DON'T APPRECIATE THE WAY YOU KEEP--

HEY, GUYS! I HATE TO INTERRUPT, BUT HAVE YOU SEEN TODAY'S BUGLE?

LOOKS LIKE THE AVENGERS--

--ARE ASSEMBLING--

--AGAINST SPIDER-GIRL'S PAL!



I'M SO GLAD YOU CALLED.

CAN YOU HEAR ME ALL RIGHT? SOME OF THE OTHER GUYS ARE TRAINING IN THE BACKGROUND,

YEAH, I SAW THE BUGLE. JAMESON'S USUAL HYPERBOLE... BUT BASICALLY TRUE.

TONY STARK SOMEHOW CONVINCED MAINFRAME THAT THIS BUZZ CHARACTER IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION SINCE THE SOLDIERS OF THE SERPENT.

WHAT WAS THAT? I DIDN'T QUITE CATCH IT.

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO WHISPER...

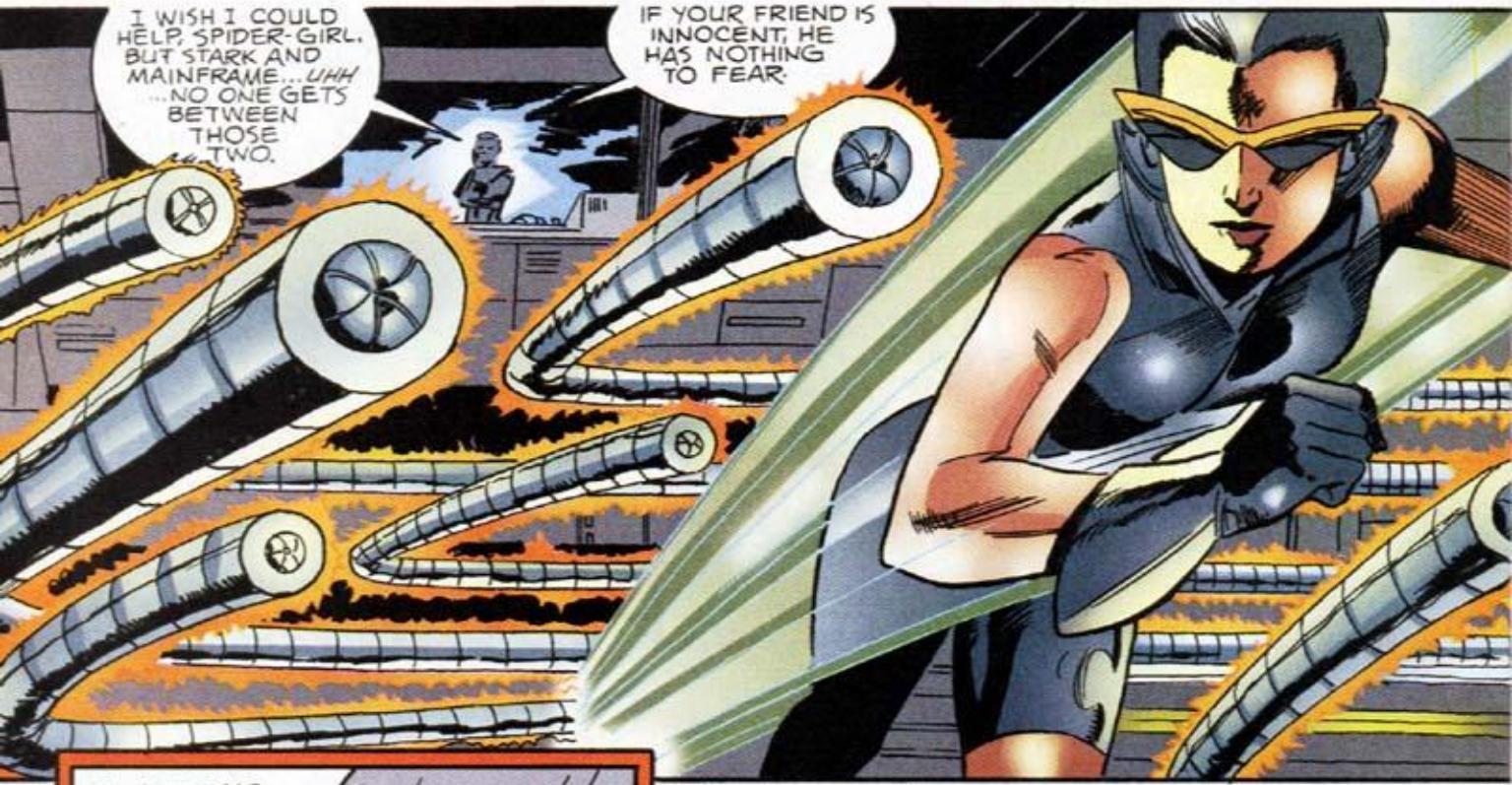
LISTEN TO ME, STINGER... STARK IS WAY OFF BASE.

I KNOW THE BUZZ. HE'S A GOOD GUY.

YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO CALL OFF THE OTHER AVENGERS.

I WISH I COULD
HELP, SPIDER-GIRL.
BUT STARK AND
MAINFRAME... UHH
...NO ONE GETS
BETWEEN
THOSE
TWO.

IF YOUR FRIEND IS
INNOCENT, HE
HAS NOTHING
TO FEAR.



IT ISN'T FAIR,
STINGER! STARK
IS JUST BEING A
BULLY, AND I
THINK SOMEONE
SHOULD STAND
UP FOR THE
BUZZ.

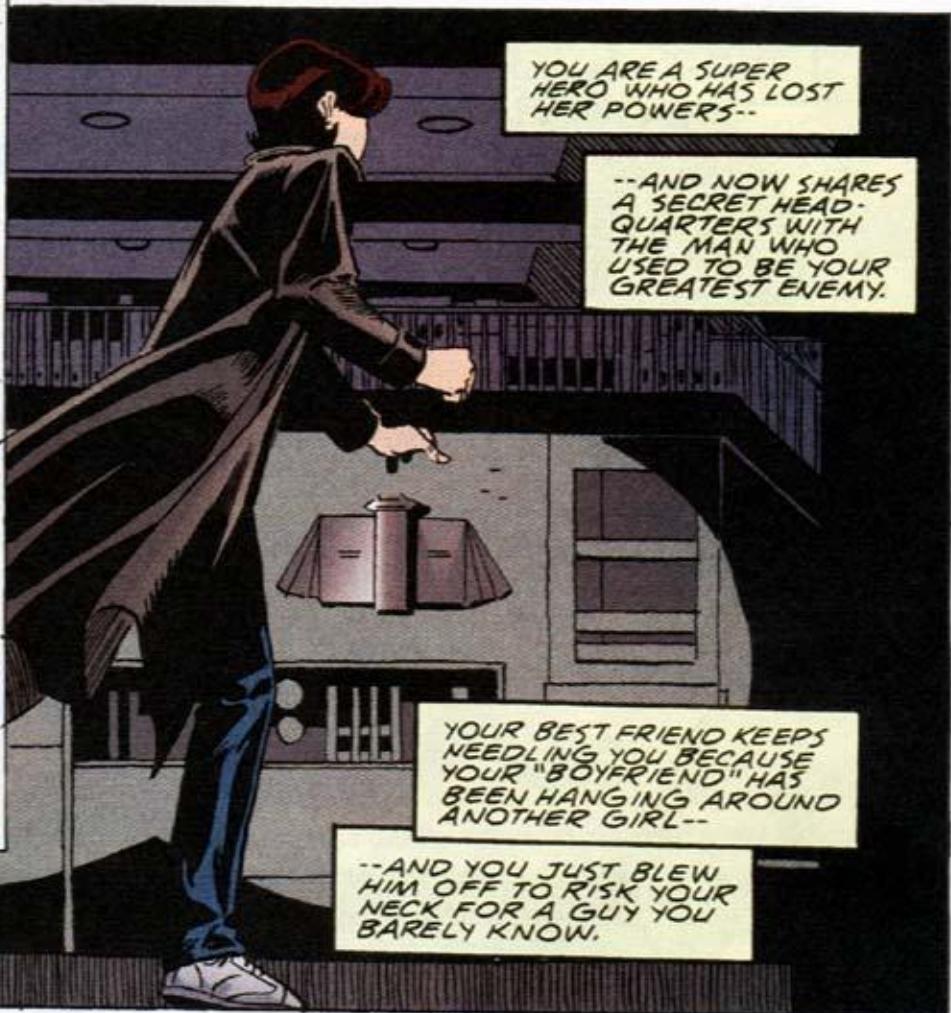
PLEASE
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ANYTHING
FOOLISH, HON!
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DREAM AND
I ARE YOUR
GIRLS, BUT--





SOMETHING CAME UP LAST NIGHT, AND I DIDN'T GET MY FULL BEAUTY REST.





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SOMEONE HAS
TO STAND UP
FOR THE BUZZ--

--EVEN IF IT
MEANS TAKING
ON TONY
STARK AND THE
AVENGERS!

YOU
GO,
GIRL!

To Be Continued--!

SPIDER-GIRL

Dear Spider-Girl,

Issue #27 was supposed to be THE final conflict between the Osborns and the Parkers. So the obvious answer is that either May or Normie will die. Since the book is called SPIDER-GIRL it's the Green Goblin who's supposed to die, right? The obvious answer was too obvious, so what was the only remaining option? That May and Normie will make peace. And, indeed, this is exactly what happened. The issue was a roller coaster ride with a few bumps to confuse us, the readers. Very well done.

The only problem is that Normie Osborn is still insane. He still has a serious problem. I hope we will get to see him on his road to redemption. Heh, maybe he would even try to become a super hero, like his dad did.

This issue is a good example why Spider-Girl is such a great book, sharing the rich history of the Spider-Man books, but not restrained by the main Spider-Man continuity. In this "alternate universe," everything can happen.

On another note, killing MJ in the main books was a big mistake. It's nice to still see her around in Spider-Girl.

Michael Bregman
Gan-Yavne, ISRAEL

MJ is dead?

Dear Mayday Team,

Hats off to issue #27 "End Game" of the Goblin Wars! I've been hooked since day one on this title! Though tied to a chair till the last page, May gave a commanding performance! What an ending! (Who says she's lost her powers?) But can the punch-pulling May survive in comicdom solely on compassion and nerves of steel? When (if?) she gets her powers back, will she remember to use this unsung power she's had all along?

Also, I love Uncle Phil as the Golden Goblin. His overzealous heart is in the right place. Too bad he had to run into Nova on the way to all the action. (When is his super-nova-ego gonna get him a much deserved pie in the...er... shell?) And what's up with Moose? The big lumox surprised the heck out of me showing he cared enough for Courtney to let her go because he loved her too much. That is just too much! Whod've thought he'd end up being one of the first guys to show some substance and sensibility. Think we'll get to hear his real name more often?

Pastor John Stiles
New Brighton, MN

Moose isn't his real name?

Girlie Crew,

Now you've done it! I can't believe what you've done!! Ya finally got me off my duff to comment on this terrific book! Everything was going great. Fun, fun, fun! But, nooooooo! You had to start #27 with my gut in a knot. May getting slapped around by Normie was disturbing! Page two ended on the Goblin mask. This wasn't going to be good. Pete and MJ worrying about the "feud" was a great flashback for May. She should have

taken things a bit more seriously. Normie brandishing the knife kept bothering me. And there was the mask again! The boy's getting ready for the big brawl, that I was so sure about. D-Oh! Ya got me. Loved how that was paced. Thank you for the little bit of humor with Phil and Bucket Head! I needed to let loose a nervous laugh. The tension was building, man! Pages 14 and 15, MJ's tear falling on Normie's picture and the next shot is The Mask! The Mask. Always the Mask! The specter of the Osborn legacy was looming around on every page that we saw our two players. Great story-telling here, people!!

The courage that May had...wow. Not once did she use her 'dormant' powers (they'll be back). She don't need no stinkin' powers! She used her head and most important of all, her heart. Bravo, May, you're a Super Hero now. You looked death in the eye and didn't squint. Congrats!

A really nice hand for all the creators here! Take a bow! Thank you for giving a long-time fan a good time. I hope the MC-2 universe "lives long and prospers." Don't let this universe die! I loved Avengers-Next and the F5. I was sorry to see them go. I hope this book doesn't join them. 'Course, nothing lasts forever, eh? Anyway, I'll be here till they pry the last issue from my cold, dead fingers.

Until Pete shaves the goat....

Paul Morris
Baltimore, MD

Peter has a goat?

Dear Spider-Girl,

I have mixed feelings about Spider-Girl #27. On one hand, it was really well done. On the other, it may be the last time Spider-Girl goes up against the Green Goblin.

I did like the fact that their last confrontation did not involve any actual fighting. The whole issue, May was just trying to talk Normie out of it. Neither one of them really wanted to fight, and this was a novel approach to the whole Parker/Osborn war.

But I still have some serious doubts that this is the last we have seen of Normie Osborn.

Michael Harris
Sterling Hts, MI

Normie isn't joining our regular cast?

Dear Spider-Girl crew,

First off, have to admit I'm a relative newcomer to the MC-2 universe. Never having been too fond of alternate universes, I didn't give the MC-2 a chance in the beginning. After the rumors of the cancellation of A-Next and J2, I thought it couldn't be any good, but I changed my mind and went out and bought Spider-Girl #25, and loved it!

A few months later, #27...which was just PERFECT. I was actually anticipating something along the lines of Normie dying, and thereby ending the Goblin/Spider War for good, but the way you ended it was really, really good. Not in a big way, with cover-to-cover fighting, but by May being human, talking her way out of a difficult situation; now that's character!!!!

Well, until my favorite Marvel character Nova becomes a moron, MAKE MINE... hey, wait a minute...just MAKE MINE MARVEL!

Kim Henkel
Henkel@aub.dk

Nova's a moron?

Dear Spider-Girl,

What if Normie and May begin dating? That would certainly put an end to the

Spider/Goblin war!

With the loss of her powers, May could use an extra friend or three, and Normie could be the lucky guy who could win her heart after all the bad luck she's had with dates lately.

Jacob Gilbert
Troy, NY

Normie and Mayday?!

Dear Marvel,

I am writing this e-mail to you to thank you for making a comic of Darkdevil. I also hope that from all the popularity of the mini-series you will make Darkdevil a regular series. He is one of my favorite characters in the MC-2 universe along with Spider-Girl. So please let him have his own regular series.

Corey Thorne
wraith@lcworkshop.com

[We did a Darkdevil comic? – Matt 'n' Frank keepin' with the theme.]

While we love Darkdevil as much as you do, we're sorry to report that his recent limited series didn't sell well enough to earn him a regular series... but you'll soon be seeing him back in the pages of Spider-Girl.

Dear Spider-Girl & Friends,

Every once in awhile a collector will go through his collection, weeding out the comics that no longer interest him. The boxes add up. Some comics may be a fun read, but not worth keeping.

So it comes to this...I've now cleaned out the collection...but I am keeping all my SPIDER-GIRLS!

Thomas Holbrook
Elgin, IL

We hope we'll always be worthy of your collection, Thomas.

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