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MY ALLY, MY ENEMY!

My name is May "Mayday" Parker and I am the daughter of Spider-Man.

I'm also in another fine mess.

How could I have been so stupid?

So careless?

My baby brother needs me.

Benji is about to undergo surgery for a hearing loss--

--that I accidentally caused!

Instead of being with him at the hospital, I went web-swinging--

--engaged in a brainless super-battle--

--and got myself trapped in this pile of super-goo.



And now the Hobgoblin intends to use me as a bargaining chip to obtain the legendary Fisk Files.

I'm warning you, Hobgoblin!

Stop disrupting my auction.

You weren't invited for a reason.

You have no right to be here.

Right?

RIGHT?!?

Don't talk to me about what's right, Crimelord.

I'm a super-villain.
I don't do right.

I first discovered that Wilson Fisk left a detailed record of his criminal organization months ago.

How nice for you!

Too bad they're in *my* possession.

Hey! This was supposed to be an open auction.

Yeah, we all brought enough cash to cover a 10% down payment.

Hoo-boy! As if I didn't have enough problems, I'm trapped in a room full of angry mob bosses--

--and it looks like a shooting war is about to erupt.

What's wrong with me?

Besides, if you want to get technical, the files rightfully belong to me.

However, I am willing to part with them... for the right price!

Why do I always end up in situations like this?

The daughter of 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.



the AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL



With the aid of a mutant called the **Mindworm**, Hobgoblin is attempting to seize control of the underworld...just as the mysterious **Crimelord** appeared and puts the disk up for auction.



After coming into possession of a disk that **Mona Claro** stole from her ex-boyfriend **Charlie Kurkle** that contained the secret files of the former Kingpin of Crime, Spider-Girl turns the disk over to **Detective Drasco** for safekeeping, not realizing that he secretly works for the **Hobgoblin**.



The Parker family is hoping that a surgery will help May's brother Ben to hear again after the discharge from a sonic blast deafened him. Meanwhile, a mysterious stalker has been following Mayday and a professional assassin called **Deadspot** has been hired to kill Spider-Girl.

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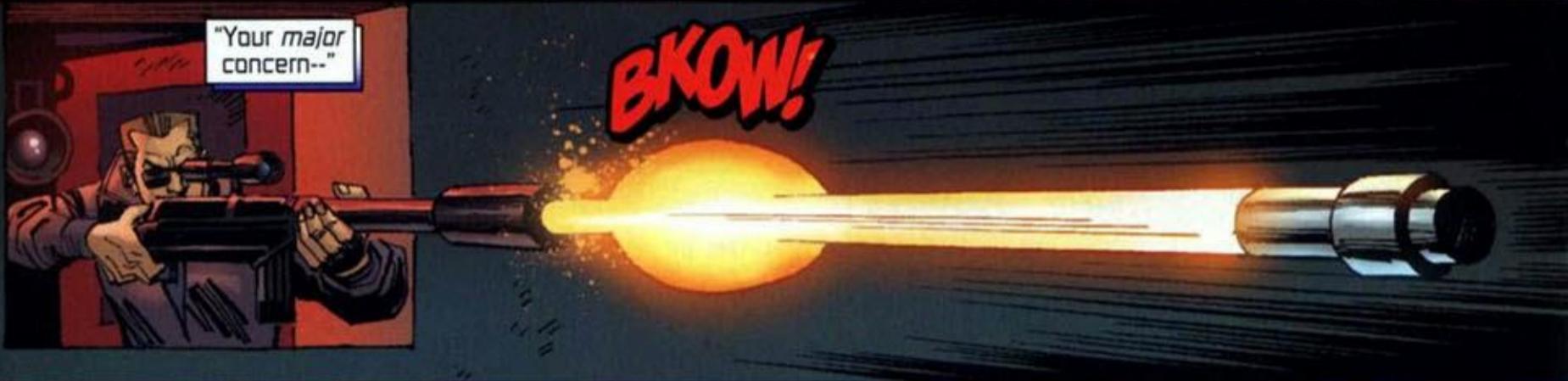
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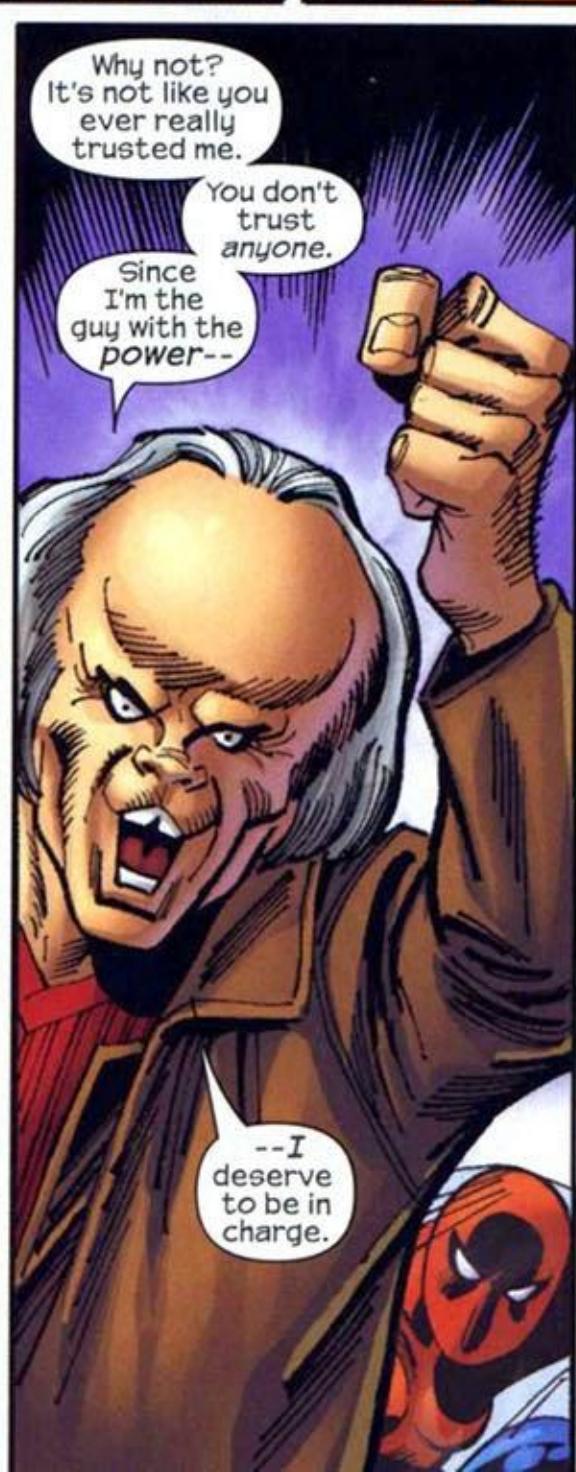
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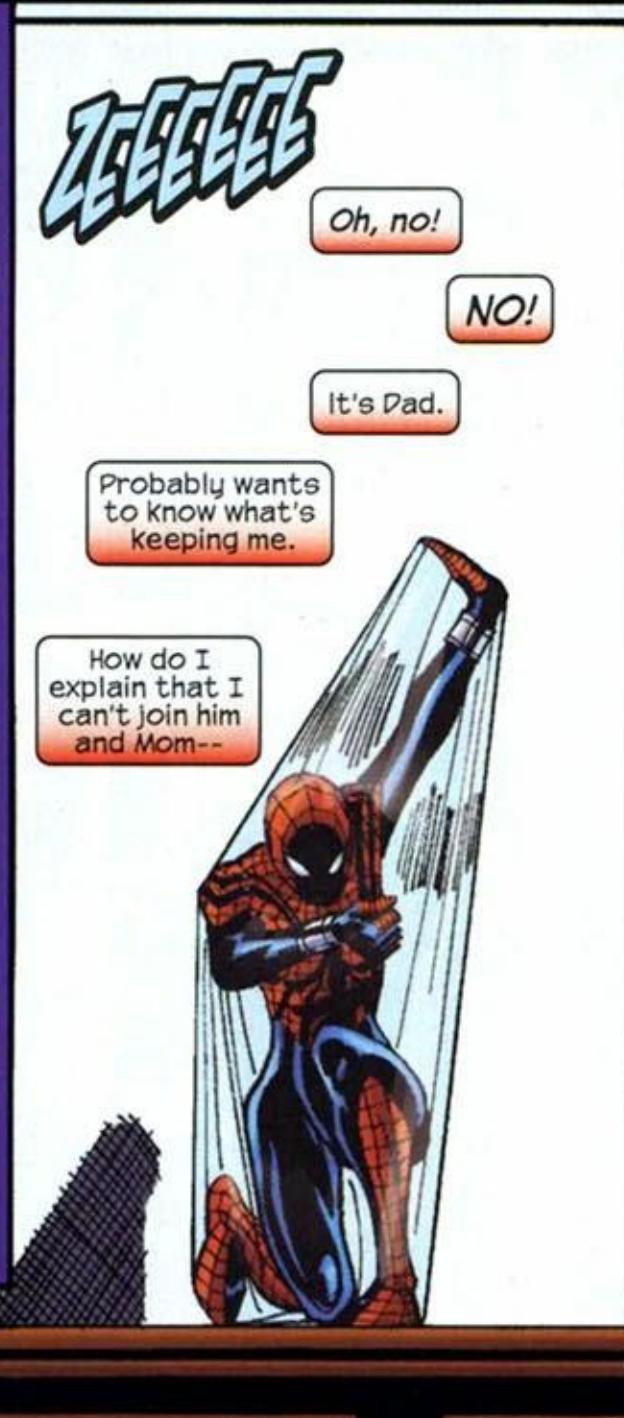
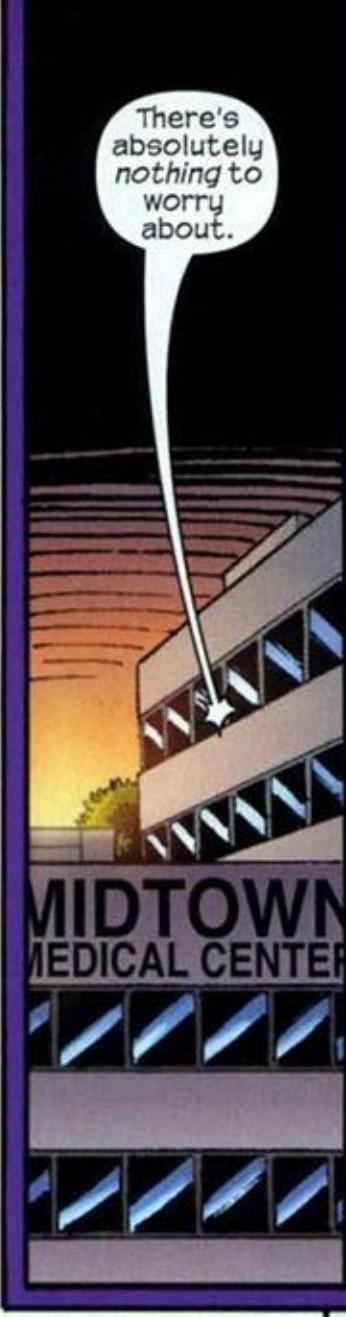
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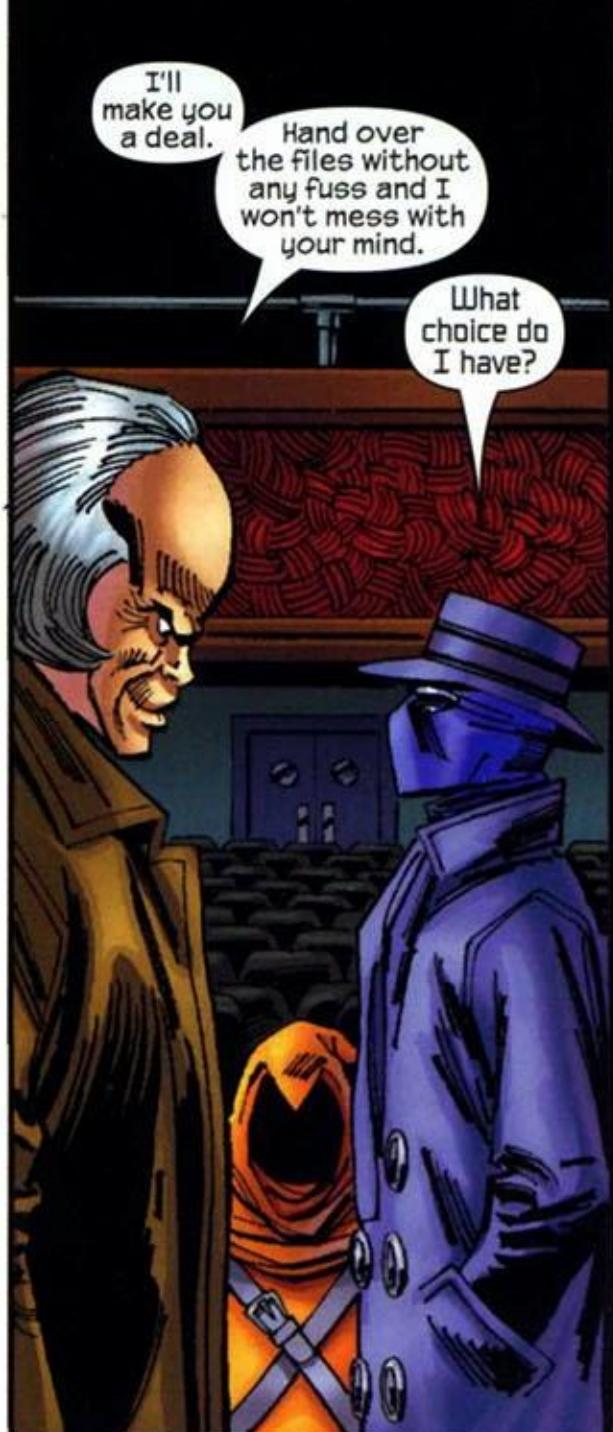
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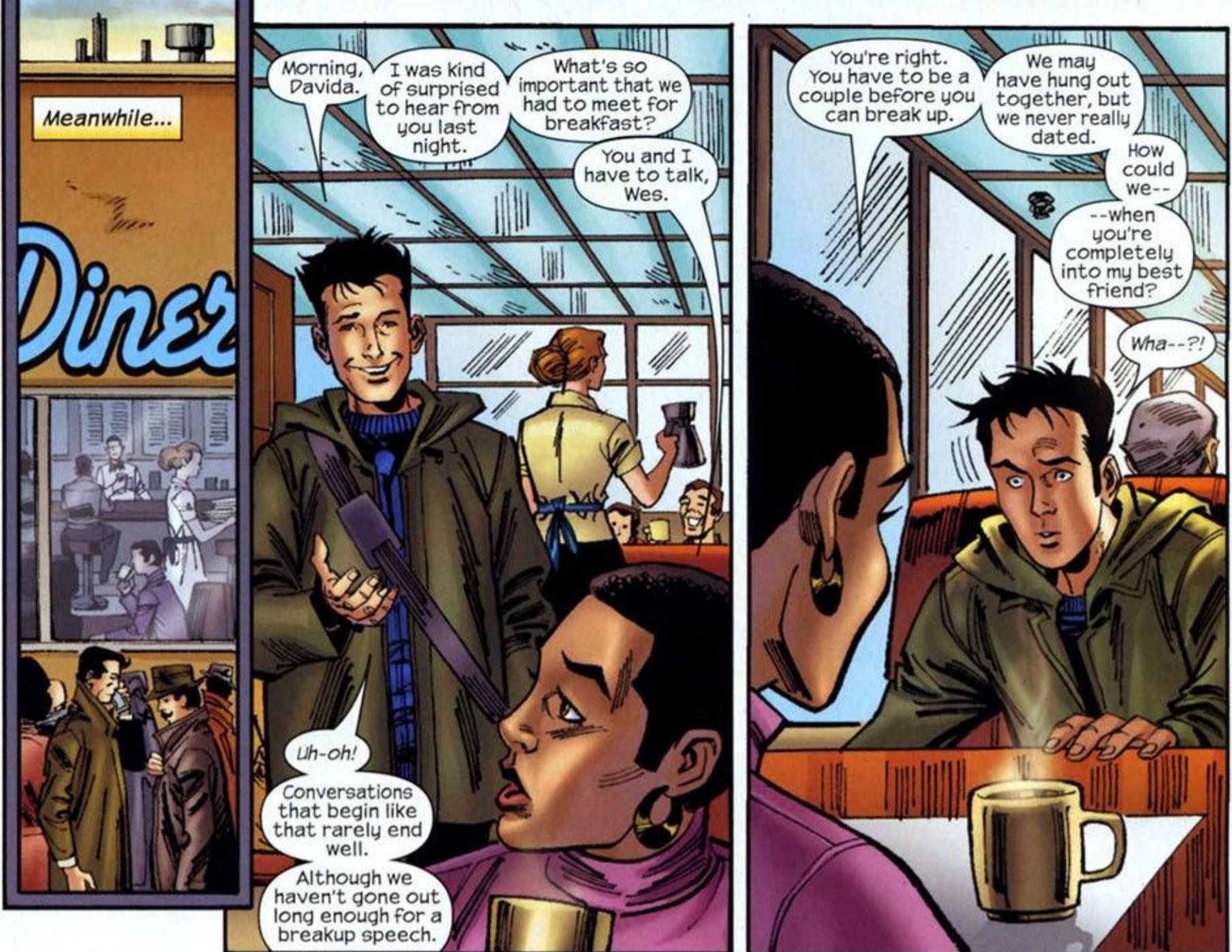
There's absolutely nothing to worry about.











And, back in Brooklyn...

Take her,
Cottonmouth!

Little witch
gonna learn
how I got
my name.

whew! Smells
more like trench
mouth to me.

ZEEEEEE

Errrr...
excuse
me.

I really
need to take
this call.



"Go get'em
Tiger!"

THWIPPI!

Looks like I've
finally cleared
a path to you,
Chrome Dome.

I believe I
still owe you
a few lumps.

You're really
starting to annoy
me, girl.

My job
would be
so much easier
if I could just
control your
mind.

But...nooooo!
You had go shatter
our psychic link during
our last meeting and
make that
impossible.

This is
on your
head...

KILL
HER!

KILL
HER!

KILL
HER!

KILL
HER!

No
kill for
you--

--and
this should snap
the off switch
on your army of
zombies.

THOOOMP!

Well done,
Spider-Girl.

But I could
still use a
little help.

These
guys still
don't like
me.

WHOOOOMP!

NYPD!

NYPD!

Weapons down.

Hands up.

HOO-HA!

Welcome to the party, Captain Ruiz!

No!
This can't be happening--!

BAMPH!

All my plans ruined.
My money-GONE!

What the--?

Who's chasing Crimelord?

Ohmigosh! I recognize that silhouette--!

Should I help the police secure Hobgoblin and the other--No!

I'm needed elsewhere.

Freeze, Spider-Girl!

This is now a police action.

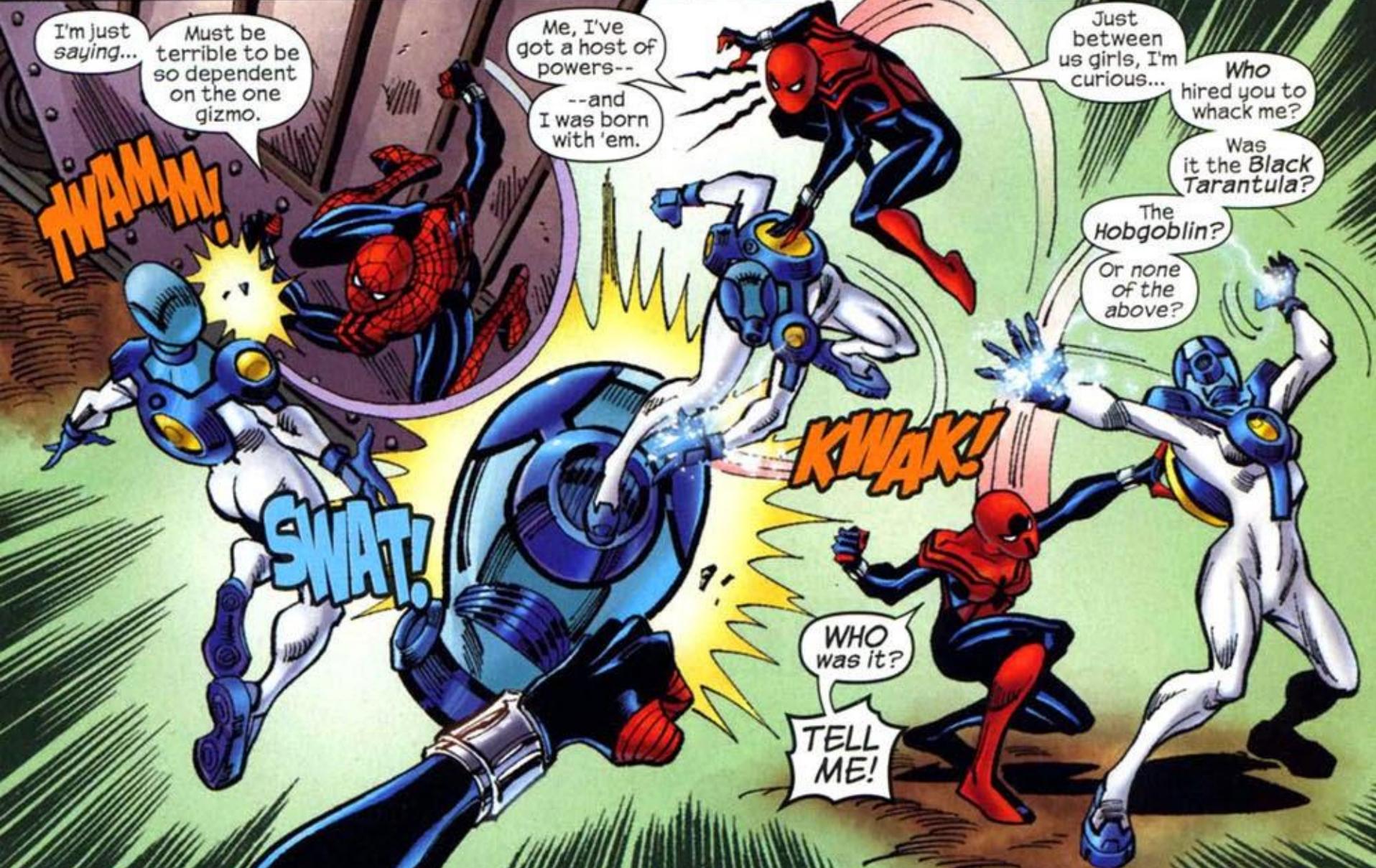
Holster that weapon, Officer!

She knows what she's doing.









KWA-TWUDD!

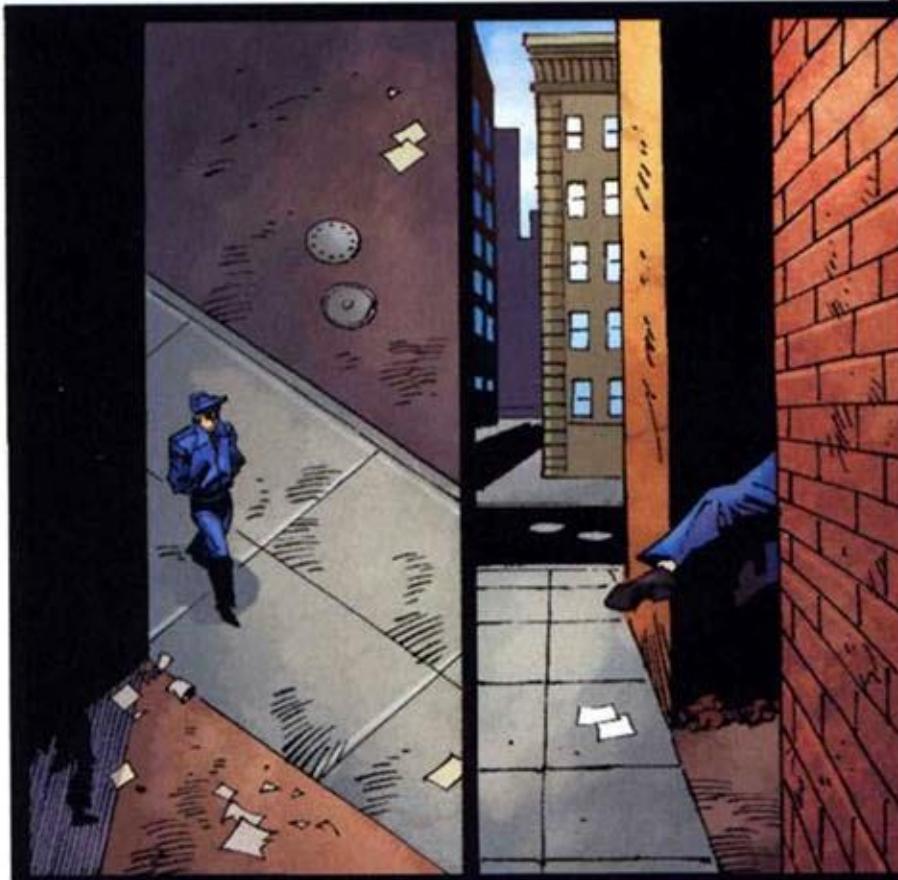
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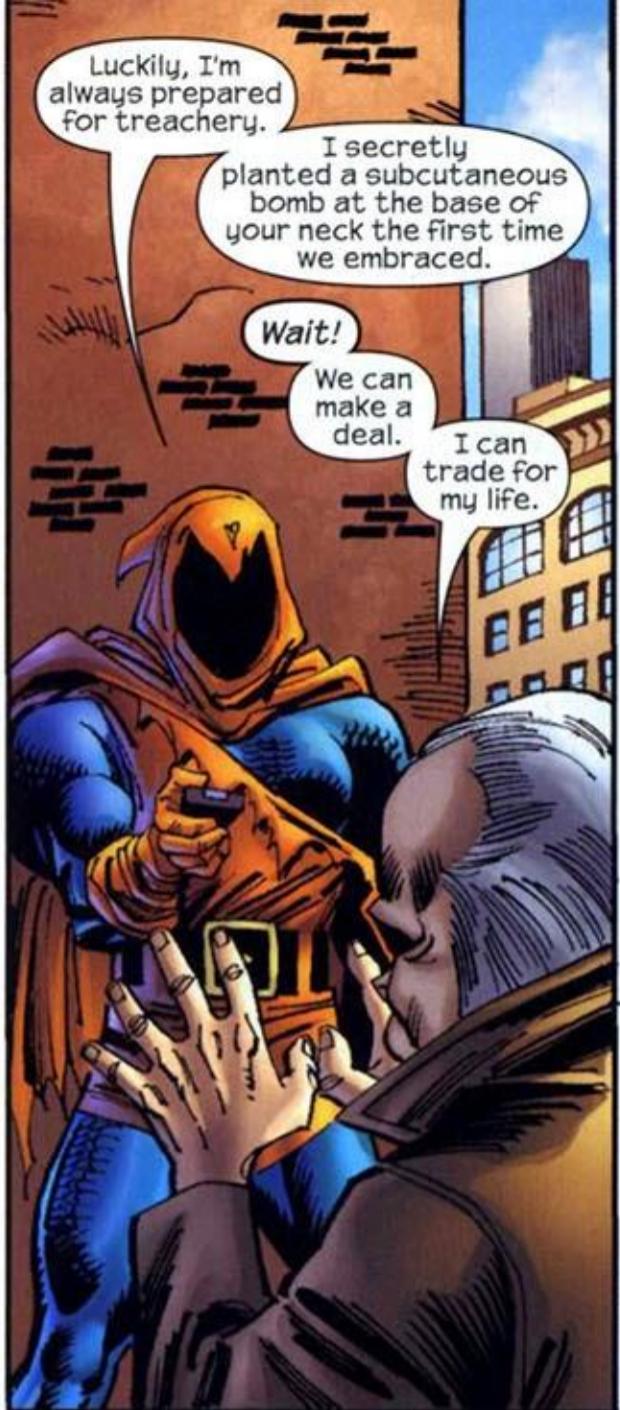
Okay,
be that
way.

I guess it
doesn't really
matter.

Your
killing days
are OVER!







Twenty minutes later, I finally manage to drag myself to the *Midtown Medical Center*.

I...I'm sorry I'm late.

You must have had a terrible night, sweetheart.

You look exhausted.

Yeah, I... I didn't get much sleep.

Over here, May. This should help a little.

MIDTOWN MEDICAL CENTER

I messed up, Dad.

Real bad.

I've been there.

Comes with the costume.

We'll get over it.

We're just lucky your brother didn't need a transfusion.

He thinks I feel bad about ditching the hospital. I do. But my real guilt is about Kurkle. I let him die on my watch.

The operation was a complete success.

Only time will tell how young Benjamin responds to the surgery--

--but there is a good chance we have restored **most**, if not all, of his hearing.

That's when the tears begin to flow...

Tears of joy...

Relief...

And more than a little guilt.

I screw up my courage and am just about to blurt out the truth, to confide in Dad and beg for advice when...

Peter. May. The doctor is here.

And I have good news, Mrs. Parker.



MAYDAY'S MAILBOX

Tom and Company,

I got to say that I hate you guys! Not for real, but I still had to say it. It is so hard trying to manage a busy month, take care of work and school, and to make matters worse I have to wait 30 days for my next fix of Spider-Girl--why? Oh, why are you guys so cruel? Make AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL twice-monthly! Can't you guys see how addictive this comic is?

ASG #16 was great! Deadspot is a great original character. You don't see hit-women very often and she seems like an interesting new addition to May's world. What is the deal with Chesbro? Is he loyal to the Black Tarantula? Can't wait to find out, that's for sure! Finally to my requests: could Marvel do another limited series? The MC-2 character are so much fun--may I suggest: Darkdevil, Thunderstrike or a Spider-Girl meets Spider-Man 2099? (I can only hope can't I?)

Marcus Sarzalejo
Salt Lake City, UT

Sorry, Marcus, in order to do two issues of ASG a month, Ron Frenz would have to give up sleeping, Sal Buscema would have to quit bowling and Tom would have to cut the hours he spends at the local pizzeria. As for our next limited series--make way for AMERICAN DREAM!

Dear Gang,

FINALLY! I can't tell you how good it felt to see Mayday go to her father with a problem. I can't wait to see how Peter handles things with little Ben. Getting back to May's stalker...I'm getting a vibe that it is Sandra Healy for some reason. I don't have much to base that on, but I just have a feeling. I like the new villain introduced in AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #16 with one exception. Ron has GOT to do something about that costume. Chesbro really shone in this issue as well. He usually stays in the background pulling the strings. I had no idea he could kick some butt as well. Maybe we'll get to see Chesbro vs. the Mindworm?

John Dillon
Sedalia, MO

John, considering that Deadspot spends most of her time being invisible, why is her costume an issue?

Hello, Spider crew.

I'm just writing to say that AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL is my second favorite comic book nowadays (the first is X-FACTOR).

Mayday is a great character and the action and the comedy in the book are amazing. Every month I run to the comic shop to get the new book. I'm addicted to it.

Arthur Brito
Brasília, Brazil

Looks like we have some work to do! We're not going to rest until we're #1, Arthur!

Hello Tom, Ron, one and all!

I have always held such a special affinity for Mayday and her world. It goes all the way back to the very first Spider-Man comic I ever read. ASTONISHING SPIDER-MAN #10 is not necessarily a title to go down in any annals of comic book history, really because it is a British reprint. But the first issue reprinted in it was SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #220--part two of "Web of Death", a storyline set at the height of the Clone Saga. However, it was something of a milestone itself, for at the very end of the issue--scripted by Tom himself--Mary Jane made the declaration to Peter: "We're having a baby!"

Needless to say, for a 10-year-old boy whose sole experience with Spidey's world was the mid-90s animated series, this development captured my imagination...much like the set-up in that initial story itself. (Seeing Peter married to Mary Jane, she knows he's Spider-Man, a mysterious character called Kaine is watching the Parkers, etc.)

Which brings us to this great title. The adventures of May in the world of MC-2 feels so much like a logical progression of those Spider-Man stories that got me into comic book collecting prior to the 1999 reboot, it's a continually irresistible and unique read. And amazingly (pun intended), the quality of this title has upped considerably since its inception with May's thoughts and reflections, her genuinely warm relationship with her parents, and her devotion to her baby brother. Also, props to developing the high school supporting cast, and involving them more in the stories.

But, if I have one request: please don't forget May's superhero friends! The guest appearances in ASG #15 were great. What about Buzz and his suspicion that Super-Girl is a cop? Is Felicity really finished being the Scarlet Spider? And has his marriage to Raptor really dulled Normie's secret feelings for May?

Gerry Shannon
Skerries, Co. Dublin, Ireland

Wait and see, Gerry!

Dear Spider-Girl crew,

The last few issues have been great and I hope you keep up the great work. I liked seeing Franklin Richards a couple of issues back, and I could feel that he still hasn't quite adjusted to the whole containment helmet thing. It makes me wish that there was another Fantastic Five mini coming out so I could fully get how he's doing. I was reading ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN recently and I noticed how a lot of the superheroes had a day where they were relaxing and just being young people. That's really important these days. I know May has a lot on her plate these days, but she has a lot of great friends, some super and some not, and I was wondering if May ever has the free time to actually hang out with her friends. It seems that all she ever does is just casual conversation with both groups before she rushes off. Heck, maybe have her hang out with the Fantastic Five or the Avengers or something. I'm sure Franklin could use somebody to talk to.

Sean Foley
Humble, TX

May spends plenty of time relaxing and hanging with her friends, Sean. She just does it between issues.

**Thanks for being there!
Tom D.**

NEXT ISSUE:



**Spider-Girl
vs.
Araña!**

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