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TODAY'S A BIG DAY FOR YOUR FATHER.  
HE'S MEETING THE MAYOR LATER,  
AND RECEIVING A SPECIAL COMMENDATION  
FOR HIS WORK IN THE POLICE LAB.

STOP FUSSING  
OVER ME,  
MARY JANE.  
YOU'RE ONLY  
MAKING ME  
NERVOUS.

I JUST WANT  
EVERYONE TO SEE  
HOW HANDSOME  
YOU REALLY ARE,  
PETER.

YOU'RE JUST  
PREJUDICED!

BELIEVE  
IT, TIGER!

YOU'RE VERY PROUD  
OF HIM AND HIS  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS,  
EVEN THOUGH  
A RIFT HAS BEEN  
STEADILY GROWING  
BETWEEN YOU--

--BECAUSE OF  
YOUR SECRET LIFE.

FEATURING  
THESE GREAT  
GUEST-STARS...

REED  
RICHARDS--  
BIG BRAIN



FRANKLIN  
RICHARDS--  
PSI-LORD

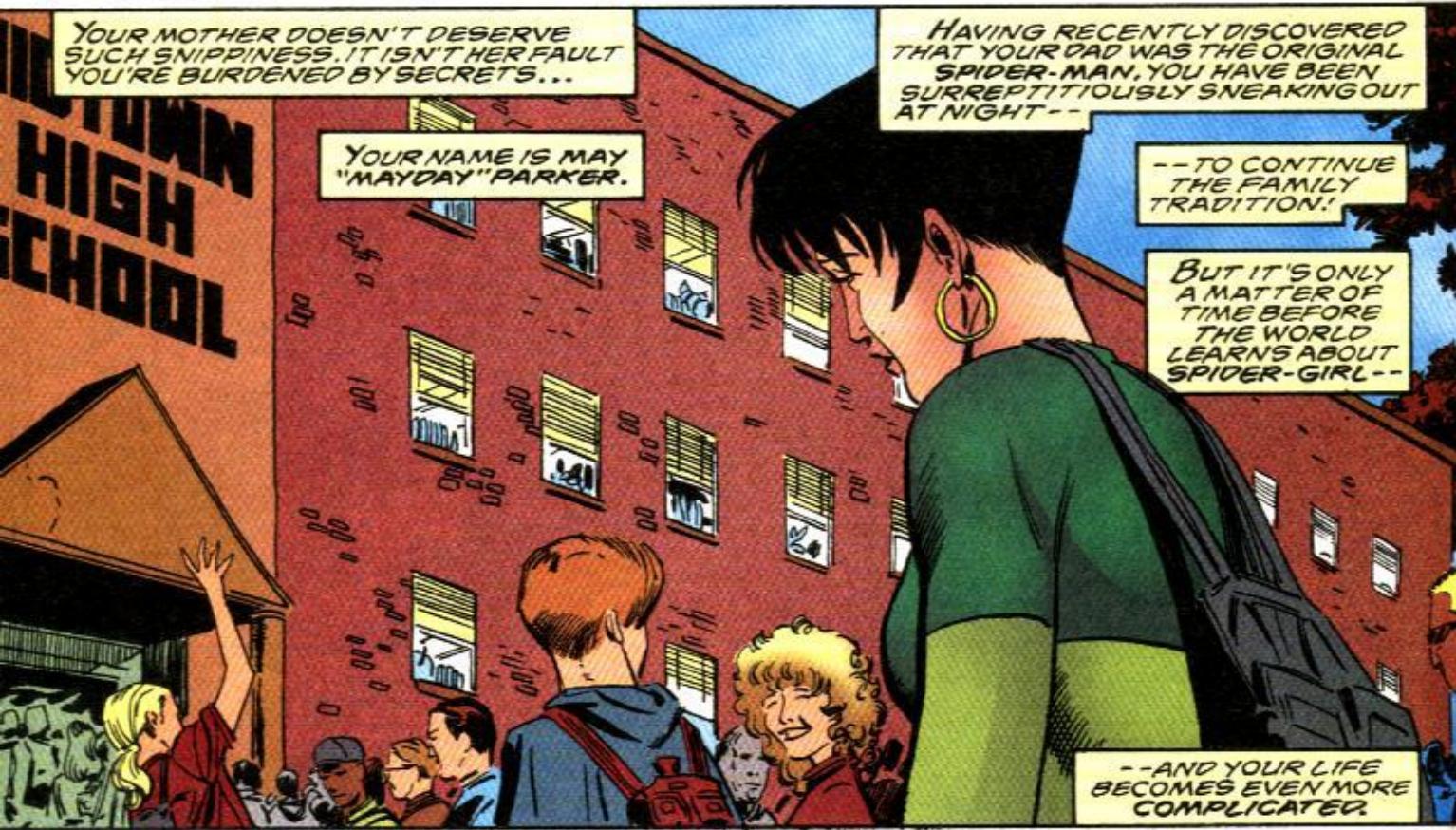
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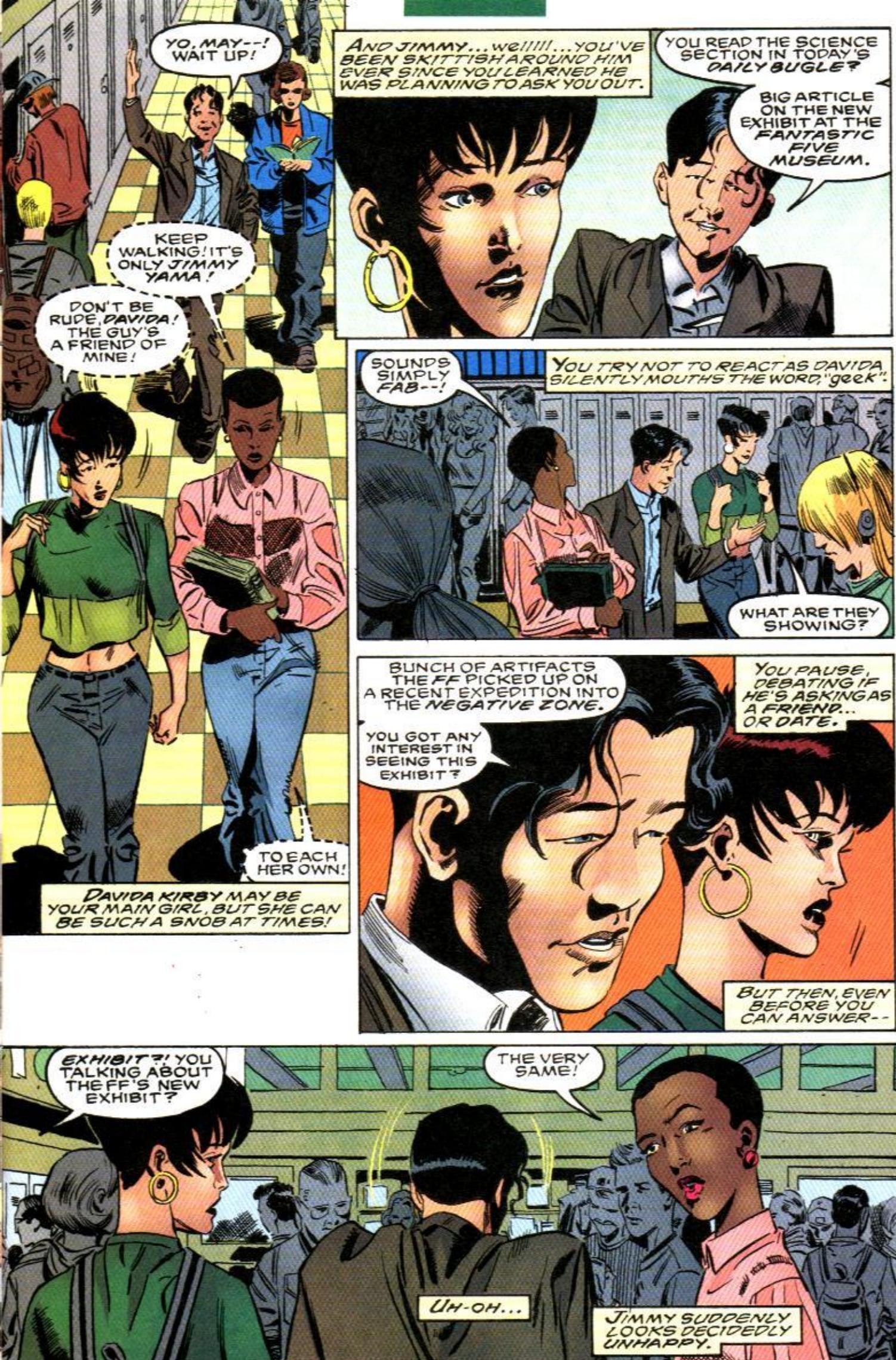
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THE EVER-  
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PROBABLY BECAUSE  
HE KNOWS HOW  
YOU FEEL ABOUT  
BRAD MILLER!

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!  
I WAS JUST TELLING  
MOOSE ABOUT IT!

I KNOW THAT NEW  
AVENGERS TEAM HAS  
BEEN CAPTURING THE BIG  
HEADLINES LATELY...  
BUT I'M STRICTLY  
AN FF MAN.

YOU CAN'T HELP  
BUT WONDER  
HOW HE'D FEEL  
ABOUT... OH, SAY...  
SPIDER-GIRL?

DO YOU MIND,  
MILLER?

DON'T APOLOGIZE TO  
THIS WASTE, BRAD! HE  
SHOULD BE SHOWING  
YOU RESPECT.

GET OUT  
OF MY FACE,  
MOOSE!

I WAS IN  
THE MIDDLE OF  
A PRIVATE  
CONVERSATION.

UHHH.  
SORRY, JIMMY...  
DIDN'T REALIZE I  
WAS INTERRUPTING.

I STILL OWE YOU FOR  
THE OTHER DAY, CREEP.

I'M NOT THE ONE WHO DITCHED  
OUT ON OUR FIGHT, BIG MOUTH.

YOU CALLING ME  
A COWARD?

HEY!  
HEY! LET'S  
ALL CALM  
DOWN!

WHY CAN'T  
WE ALL BE  
FRIENDS??

I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA! LET'S  
GO TO THE FF MUSEUM AND  
SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER!

C'MON! IT'LL  
BE FUN--!!

WITH  
THIS  
GROUP?!

As IFFFF!

LOCATED IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN, THE FANTASTIC FIVE BUILDING SERVES AS THE HOME, HEADQUARTERS, AND A BIT OF A SHRINE TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST TEAM OF SUPER HEROES.



--YOU AND YOUR BUDDIES SCURRY OVER TO THE INTERACTIVE MUSEUM WHICH FILLS THE BUILDING'S FIRST TEN FLOORS.



--BUT YOU FOCUS ON THE DISAPPROVING GLARE OF COURTNEY DURAN, WHO WAS INVITED AT THE LAST MINUTE.

WHERE IS...

R. DOOM?



NO ARGUMENT, COURT, BUT I...

AND THEN...

HONEY--GET THE CAMERA!

SUDDENLY YOU FEEL IT...

...

I THINK AN EXHIBITION'S ABOUT TO START.

--A FAMILIAR TINGLING WHICH WARNS YOU OF DANGER!

No...

SUB-MARINER

DEFINITELY NOT  
A EXHIBITION!

I APOLOGIZE  
FOR INTRUDING  
UPON YOUR LEISURELY  
AFTERNOON... BUT  
I STRONGLY SUGGEST  
THAT YOU ALL FIND...  
AND CALMLY WALK... TO  
THE NEAREST EXIT.

HOW'D THEY  
STAGE THAT  
EFFECT?  
THIS GUY'S  
REAL,  
COURTNEY...  
AND  
DANGEROUS!

Y-YOU  
SURE--?!

PRETTY  
SURE!

YOU ROUND  
UP THE OTHERS  
WHILE I... err...  
DIAL 911!

BUT, EVEN AS YOU  
SHOVE COURTNEY  
ON HER WAY--

WOMEN

-- YOU  
AUTOMATICALLY  
REACH FOR YOUR  
BACKPACK.

IF ANYONE'S GOING  
TO CALL THE POLICE...

IT WON'T BE YOU!

WHILE I HAVE  
NO DESIRE TO  
HARM ANYONE,  
I WARN YOU  
IN ADVANCE...

I WILL NOT  
SUFFER ANY  
INTERFERENCE!

THERE! THAT IS THE POWER CELL I REQUIRE!

IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, IT WILL HELP ME GENERATE A WARP SPIRAL POWERFUL ENOUGH TO RETURN HOME.

--YOU REALIZE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SPIDER-GIRL WILL BE SEEN BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

HOME--?!

YOU WANT TO GET HOME?

EVEN AS YOU STRAP ON YOUR WEB-SHOOTERS AND PULL ON YOUR MASK--

HAVE YOU TRIED CLOSING YOUR EYES, AND CLICKING YOUR HEELS?

I HEAR THAT'S THE MOST ACCEPTED METHOD--

--THOUGH I ALSO RECOMMEND THE MUCH-IMPROVED NEW YORK TRANSIT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE!

INSTINCTIVELY, YOU ALLOW YOUR SPIDER-SENSE TO GUIDE THE ANGLE OF YOUR ATTACK--

--IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO EVADE THE MUSEUM'S MANY SECURITY MONITORS.

IF NO ONE MANAGES TO CATCH YOU ON FILM OR VIDEO, YOU STILL MIGHT POSTPONE THAT INEVITABLE CONFRONTATION WITH YOUR PARENTS!

PHADWAKK

SUDDENLY, YOU REMEMBER YOUR FATHER'S CEREMONY. AND GLANCE AT THE NEAREST WALL CLOCK...

A BIG MISTAKE CONSIDERING YOUR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.



YOU BRIEFLY WONDER WHAT THE GUY IS TALKING ABOUT--



DUMB! DUMB! DUMB!



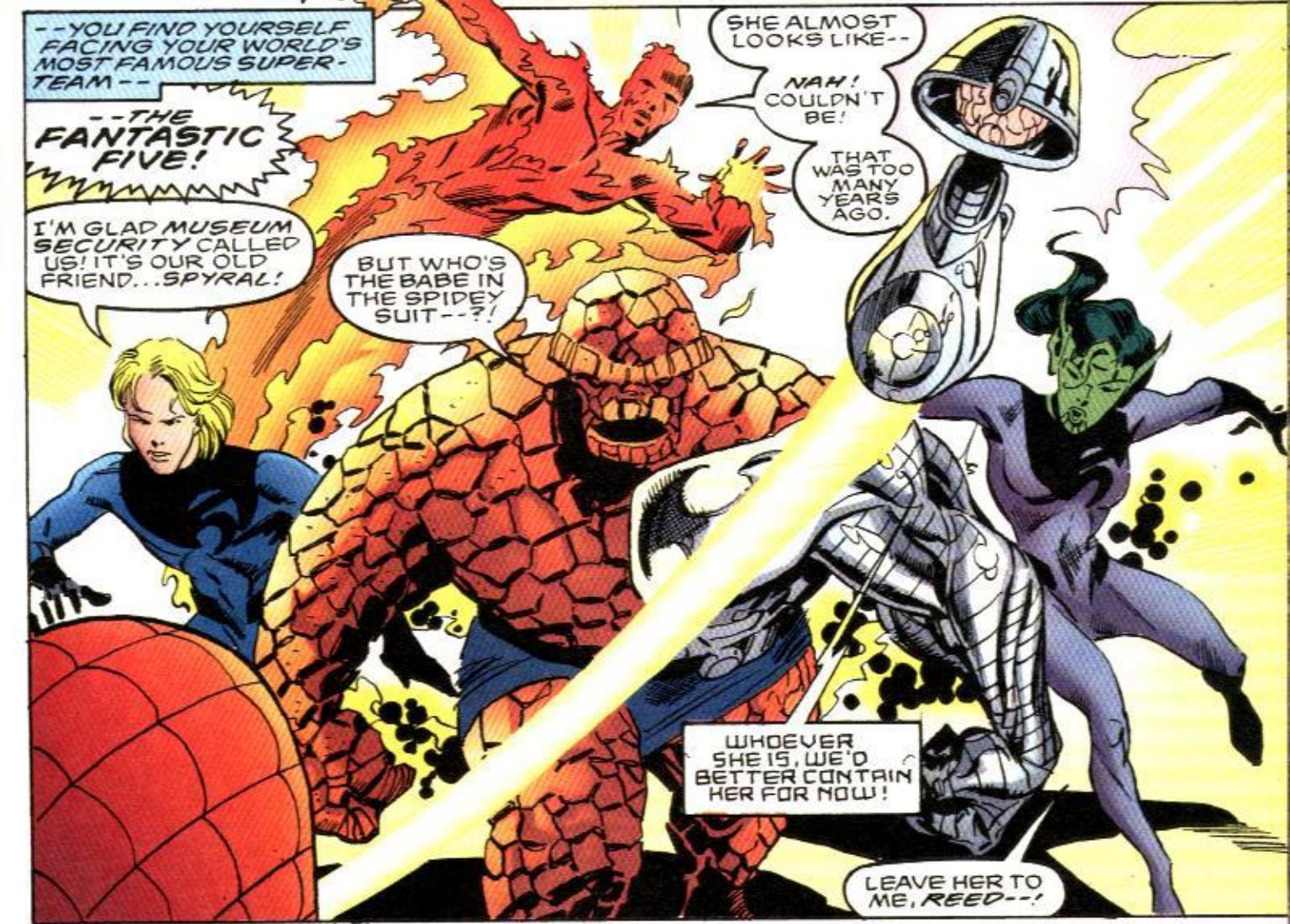
WHICH, WHEN YOU COME RIGHT DOWN TO IT, IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE!

HOPEFULLY YOU'LL LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO IMPROVE...

THANKS, IN NO SMALL PART, TO THE AMAZING SPEED AND REFLXES INHERITED FROM YOUR DAD--

-- AND ALSO THE OCCASIONAL PROP!





IF THAT'S TRUE,  
WHY ARE YOU  
WITH SPYRAL?!

I... I DIDN'T  
EVEN KNOW  
HIS NAME  
UNTIL NOW!



BACK OFF,  
JOHNNY!

DON'T WORRY, REED! I'M  
FAST ENOUGH TO

SIGNN!

I, FOR ONE, AM  
GLAD YOU IGNORED  
BIG BRAIN'S  
WARNING,  
TORCH--

--BECAUSE I  
CAN NOW SEND  
YOU THRASHING  
INTO YOUR OWN  
COMRADES!

NOT SO FAST, SPYRAL!  
A SIMPLE PSI-BLAST  
SHOULD DISORIENT YOU  
LONG ENOUGH FOR  
MY UNCLE TO FREE  
HIMSELF!

BLAST THAT  
SPIDER-GIRL!  
I WOULD HAVE BEEN  
LONG GONE IF SHE  
HADN'T INTERFERED--!



OH, WELL!  
WHEN LIFE  
GIVES YOU  
LEMONS--



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NEXT TIME  
YOU SHOULD  
JUST MIND  
YOUR OWN  
BUSINESS.

HEY, KID... YA SEE  
A SPIDER-WOMAN  
RUN THIS WAY?

UHHH...  
NO...  
SORRY!

WOMEN

WHERE HAVE  
YOU BEEN, MAY?

WE WERE  
ALL WORRIED  
ABOUT YOU!

BRAD WAS  
WORRIED--?

COOL!



YOU COULD HAVE  
GONE THAT WAY,  
BUT IT WOULD HAVE  
MADE YOU SOUND  
LIKE SOMEONE'S  
MOTHER.



YOU'RE A BLOCK  
AWAY FROM  
HOME WHEN  
YOU SPOT  
A FAMILIAR  
FACE.

PHIL URICH IS  
YOUR DAD'S LAB  
ASSISTANT, AND  
YOU'VE BEEN  
DUCKING HIM  
FOR THE PAST  
FEW DAYS--



\*IN SPIDER-GIRL #1!



YEAH, BUT THAT  
ISN'T WHY I TRACKED  
YOU DOWN.

I-IT  
ISN'T?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT,  
THERE WAS A BRIEF  
TIME IN MY LIFE WHEN  
I PLAYED AT BEING  
A COSTUMED HERO.

DON'T LOOK SO AMAZED.  
I WASN'T ALWAYS A BORING  
OLD, POLICE SCIENTIST.

IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO,  
AND I WASN'T MUCH OLDER  
THAN YOU WHEN I ADOPTED  
THE IDENTITY OF THE GREEN  
GOBLIN FOR A FEW  
MONTHS.

I HAVE SOMETHING  
VERY IMPORTANT  
TO TELL YOU, MAY...

Y-YOU WERE  
THE GOOD  
GOBLIN -- ?!

GOOD IS  
PUSHING IT!

LET'S JUST SAY  
CAPTAIN AMERICA  
WASN'T WORRIED  
ABOUT THE  
COMPETITION.

THE GOBLIN GIG  
DIDN'T QUITE WORK  
OUT... BUT THAT DIDN'T  
STOP ME FROM TRYING...  
AGAIN AND AGAIN.

YOU EVER  
HEAR ABOUT  
THE BLUE  
WALL -- ?

ONE OF MY LESS  
THAN MEMORABLE  
ATTEMPTS!

IS THAT HOW YOU GOT YOUR...

UHHHHH

MY SCAR -- ?!

NO!

ANYWAY, THERE'S  
SOMETHING ABOUT  
BEING A HERO  
WHICH GETS IN  
YOUR BLOOD...

DEL

R- REALLY -- ?!

I REMEMBER HOW  
TOUGH IT WAS TO BE  
OUT ON MY OWN... WITHOUT  
ANYONE I COULD TRUST  
TO BACK ME UP.

I ALMOST  
WISH THERE  
WERE SOME  
WAY I COULD  
STILL KEEP  
MY HAND IN IT.

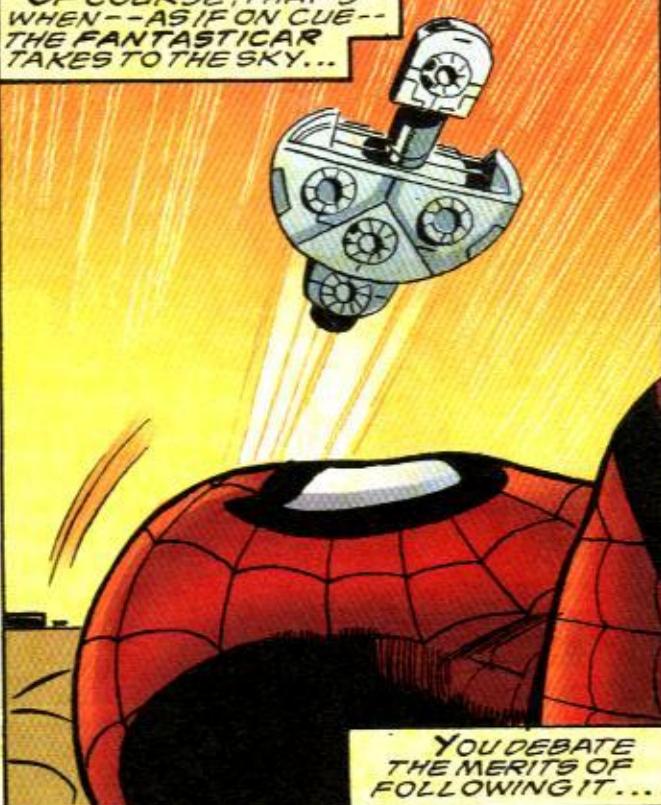
"THERE'S SOMETHING  
ABOUT BEING A HERO  
WHICH GETS IN  
YOUR BLOOD."

SURE IS...

OTHERWISE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE  
DOUBLED BACK TO FF  
HEADQUARTERS TO SEE IF  
BIG BRAIN SUCCEEDED IN WHIPPING  
UP HIS TRACKING GIZMO...



OF COURSE, THAT'S  
WHEN--AS IF ON CUE--  
THE FANTASTICAR  
TAKES TO THE SKY...



YOU DEBATE  
THE MERITS OF  
FOLLOWING IT...

--BUT ONLY FOR  
AN INSTANT!



EVEN AS YOU  
LEAP FROM  
WEBLINE TO  
WEBLINE--

--YOUR MIND  
DRIFTS BACK  
TO UNCLE  
PHIL.

ON THE VERY DAY YOU  
QUESTION HIM ABOUT  
SPIDER-MAN, HE  
DISCOVERS WEBBING  
AT A CRIME SITE.

ONE PLUS ONE EQUALS  
THE OBVIOUS REASON FOR  
TODAY'S REVELATION.

EVEN AS YOU TOY WITH  
THE IDEA OF ACCEPTING  
HIS NOT SO VEILED OFFER,  
THE FF VEER TOWARD  
STANDARD VILLAIN  
HIDEOUT #3...

...THE SEEMINGLY  
DESERTED WAREHOUSE.

WITH A MAJOR ACCENT ON THE "SEEMINGLY"!!

NOT BAD! THE POWER CELL HAS ALREADY INCREASED MY WARP FIELD BY A FACTOR OF TEN.

AT THIS RATE I WILL ACHIEVE MAXIMUM SPIRAL WITHIN THE HOUR!

KWAMM!

KRAKA-

KWAMM!

SOUNDS LIKE WE GOT A SCHEDULIN' CONFLICT, CHARLIE --

-- 'CAUSE THAT'S ABOUT THE TIME WE PENCILED YA IN FOR FINGERPRINTS AND MUG SHOTS!

SPARE ME YOUR CRUDE ATTEMPTS AT WITTY REPARTEE, THING.

YOU'RE AS PATHETIC AS YOUR COUNTERPART IN MY DIMENSION.

WHILE THERE ARE ONLY FOUR MEMBERS OF YOUR TEAM ON MY HOME PLANET --

-- THIS WORLD WILL SOON HAVE NONE!

THOUGH YOU SILENTLY VOW TO STAY ON THE SIDELINES --

-- THE FAN IN YOU CAN'T RESIST A QUICK PEEK AT THE FF IN ACTION.

COURTNEY WOULD JUST DIE IF SHE COULD SEE YOU NOW.

SHE'S ALWAYS HAD AN ITCH FOR FRANKLIN RICHARDS.

TO TELL THE TRUTH... SO HAVE YOU!

AND HE'S EVEN CUTER IN PERSON!

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# BULLPEN BULLETINS

ON SALE OCTOBER 21

A-NEXT

DOCTOR STRANGE summons the HULK and the SUB-MARINER to combat the A-NEXT crew! It's the original DEFENDERS against the new AVENGERS! By TOM DeFALCO and RON FRENZ!

CAPTAIN AMERICA

The double-sized conclusion of "American Nightmare"! CAP fights a foe he's never faced before, and if he loses, everything goes kaboom! By MARK WAID and ANDY KUBERT!

DRACULA: LORD OF THE UNDEAD

DRACULA continues his quest for revenge as a shadowy figure pulls out all the stops to destroy him! By GLENN GREENBERG and PAT OLLIFFE!

ENCYCLOPEDIA DEADPOOLICA

It's the A-Z of everything DEADPOOL! It's all here: revelations about his past, sneak peeks at upcoming issues, and more! 48 wacky pages! By Various Deadpool Historians!

HEROES FOR HIRE

IRON FIST leads a hand-picked team of heroes to the island of Madripoor to take down a crew of modern-day pirates! Guest-starring WOLVERINE! By JOHN OSTRANDER and PASCUAL FERRY!

INCREDIBLE HULK

The HULK goes berserk in Las Vegas – and he's gonna bring some very bad luck to the CIRCUS OF CRIME! By JOE CASEY and JAVIER PULIDO!

PUNISHER

At last! FRANK CASTLE learns the shocking secret behind the death of his family! Guest-starring DAIMON HELLSTROM and demons galore! By CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN, TOM SNIEGOSKI, and BERNIE WRIGHTSON!

SPIDER-MAN: CHAPTER ONE

SPIDEY wants to join the FANTASTIC FOUR – but he ends up fighting them instead! Plus: the wall-crawler encounters his first super-powered villain! By JOHN BYRNE!

STRANGE TALES

Fear-fraught final issue! MAN-THING faces the destruction of all reality in a story that will change the muck-monster forever! Plus: WEREWOLF BY NIGHT and the FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER! By J.M. DEMATTEIS, PAUL JENKINS, LIAM SHARP, LEONARDO MANCO, and more!

THE SUPERNATURALS

It's our classic monster issue, as the team comes up against DRACULA, FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER, and the HEADLESS HORSEMAN! By BRIAN PULIDO, MARC ANDREYKO, and IVAN REISS!

THUNDERBOLTS

SONGBIRD goes berserk! Can the THUNDERBOLTS stop her from killing them softly with her songs? By KURT BUSIEK and MARK BAGLEY!

UNION JACK

UNION JACK has returned to protect GREAT BRITAIN from evil! And he's on the trail of a clan of vampires which stalks the streets of London! By BEN RAAB and JOHN CASSADY!

X-MAN

The X-MAN/CABLE crossover begins here! What terrifying threat to the world could reunite NATE GREY and his cyborg counterpart, CABLE? By TERRY KAVANAGH and J.H. WILLIAMS!

X-MEN : THE MANGA

It's more Marvel manga magic! ANGEL is transformed into ARCH-ANGEL as the FOUR HORSEMEN OF APOCALYPSE ride! By YUKIKAZE AMAGI!

#3

ITEM! The AVENGERS and the DEFENDERS have had some unforgettable clashes in the past; now get ready to see these two teams tussle in the far-out future! A-NEXT #3 features a reunion of the original Defenders: DOCTOR STRANGE, NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER, and the HULK, as they gather for one last desperate mission – one that brings them into direct conflict with the next generation of Avengers, A-Next! But time has not been kind to the Defenders! For one thing, DOC STRANGE is no longer this world's sorcerer supreme! And wait till you see the changes in store for HULK and NAMOR! It's two great super-teams, together again for the very first time, in this non-stop action epic by TOM DeFALCO, RON FRENZ, and BRETT BREEDING!

#12

ITEM! The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN goes up against his first super-powered opponents in the pages of SPIDER-MAN: CHAPTER ONE #2, on sale next week! It starts when Spidey decides to join the FANTASTIC FOUR and winds up squabbling with that fabulous foursome instead! This skirmish paves the way for Spidey's first encounter with a super-powered villain! Writer/artist JOHN BYRNE is retelling the classic stories from the Web-Slinger's first year, breathing new life into these timeless twice-told tales! Check out CHAPTER ONE #2, and find out why everything old is new again!

#1

ITEM! The nightmare is about to end for CAPTAIN AMERICA! Next week brings the double-sized conclusion to the four-part "American Nightmare" saga in the pages of CAPTAIN AMERICA #12! This issue finds CAP and SHARON CARTER confronting their greatest nightmares, while nothing less than nuclear armageddon threatens the world! Writer MARK WAID is the man who dreamed up this scenario, while artists ANDY KUBERT and JESSE DELPERDANG are the dreamweavers bringing these visions to life! Missing this action-packed extravaganza would surely be the greatest nightmare of all!

#47

ITEM! Once she was a psychotic super-villain known as SCREAMING MIMI! But ever since joining the super-group known as the THUNDERBOLTS, the heroine now known as SONGBIRD has been as mellow as a soft-rock station! Until now! In THUNDERBOLTS #21 (on sale in just seven days), SONGBIRD flips out and attacks her teammates with the fury of a heavy metal concert! Writer KURT BUSIEK is the lead singer for this band, with artists MARK BAGLEY and SCOTT HANNA hitting all the right notes in the visuals department! This is one song the THUNDERBOLTS are going to wish they'd never heard! Forget about the fat lady singing! This skinny siren has a voice that will slay you!

#2

ITEM! UNION JACK is back! That's right, the greatest hero of the U.K. returns to these shores next week in an all-new three-issue limited series! A failing actor named JOEY CHAPMAN has inherited the mantle of Union Jack, Great Britain's protector – a tradition which dates all the way back to World War II! Now he must risk his life to combat a clan of vampires and their leader, a femme fatale known as the BARONESS! BEN RAAB and JOHN CASSADY are the creative team for this British bonanza! It's the greatest thing to come out of England since Austin Powers!

#4

ITEM! Next week marks the first part of the long-awaited X-MAN/CABLE crossover, a titanic team-up which will have a major impact on the entire Marvel Universe! Can CABLE and his young counterpart, NATE GREY, get past their conflicts and work together against an evil force that threatens all of Marveldom? You'll find the answers in X-MAN #46, an issue which features BLAQUESMITH and a surprise guest-villain! Writer TERRY KAVANAGH is doing some of the best work of his career on this book, and the guest art team of J.H. WILLIAMS and MICK GRAY will have you psi-scanning the comic racks in anticipation! So pick up X-MAN #46 and check out the mutant meeting of the year!

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## STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Hi, Heroes!

Wanna talk about frustration? I'm writing this in August, right after the triumphant premiere of *Blade*! I'm bustin' to tell you how excited I am about the fact that *Blade* sold more tickets on its opening weekend than any other movie, and we've finally broken the mighty Marvel movie jinx! But you won't be reading this until sometime in November, and by now it's old news to you! I'll haveta wait till our next feature opens – and it'll be sooner than you think! So hang in there, Bunkie – we're on a roll!

Speaking of rolls, this letter from Ray Orem of Franklyn, TN has nothing to do with 'em!

*"How would you characterize comic book readers in 1939 and today?"*

That's easy, Ray. In '39 (a year before I started in comics) the readers' ages were from about 6 to 12. Today, there are more comic book readers over the age of 17 than under!

Here's a real estate question of sorts from M.C. Westmeyer, who must be kinda shy because he asked us not to print his address:

*"Every major disaster in the Marvel Universe seems to happen in New York City. Why would anyone still want to live there?"*

Hey, that's an easy one, M.C. How else would you get to meet all our heroes?

I wonder if Ashley Kalagian of Winnipeg, Manitoba is in the garment biz? He asks:

*"Why and how do Mr. Fantastic's costumes stretch with him?"*

Good ol' Jack Kirby's the guy who furnished the explanation, Ash. He told me that Reed's threads were made of "unstable molecules." (Buy 'em at Sears?)

This one's embarrassing, from Scott Woodward Myers of Davidson, NC, but I prints 'em as I gets 'em:

*"You're arguably the greatest figure in comics today. What would you consider your greatest legacy to future generations?"*

I dunno. Maybe the fact that, if a guy like me can win such a glowing accolade, there's hope for everyone.

Jim Maciorowski of Port Richey, FL is totally focused on Spidey as he ventures to ask:

*"Are you satisfied with the way the Spidey cartoons ended? Will you do new ones?"*

"Yes" to both, Jimmy. How could I not be satisfied when my wondrous wife Joanie and I were actually in the last episode?! And you betcha we're planning to do some more!

Hey, 5 No-Prizes awarded at one time today! Not too shabby, huh? And just think – you too can be one of the proud, the fearless, the No-Prized! Just shoot your question to Stan's Soapbox, c/o BULLPEN BULLETINS, Marvel, 387 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016 or zap us an e-mail at [stanzfanz@aol.com](mailto:stanzfanz@aol.com). Don't forget, hear? You wouldn't like us when we get mad!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

OF COURSE,  
THE OCCASION IS  
A MITE  
INAPPROPRIATE  
FOR OGLING!

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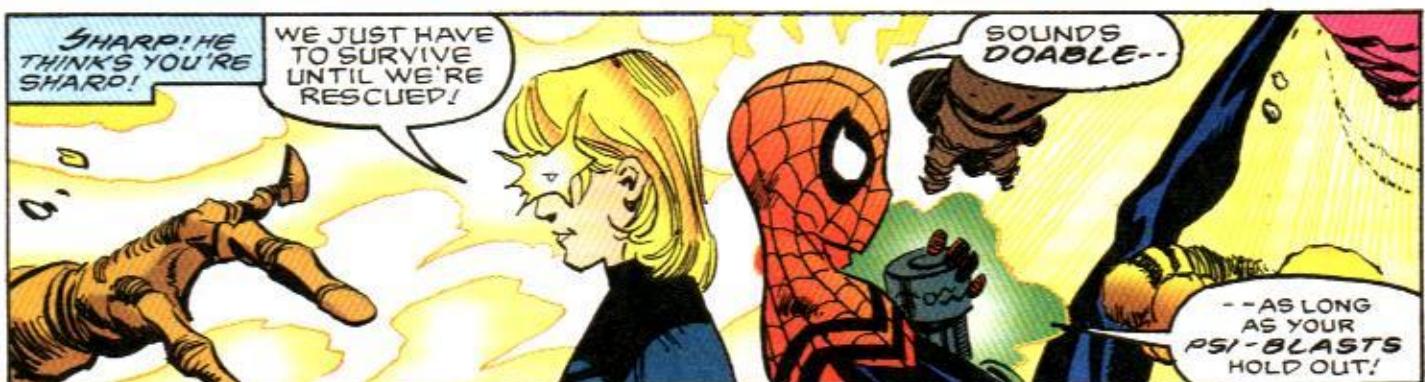
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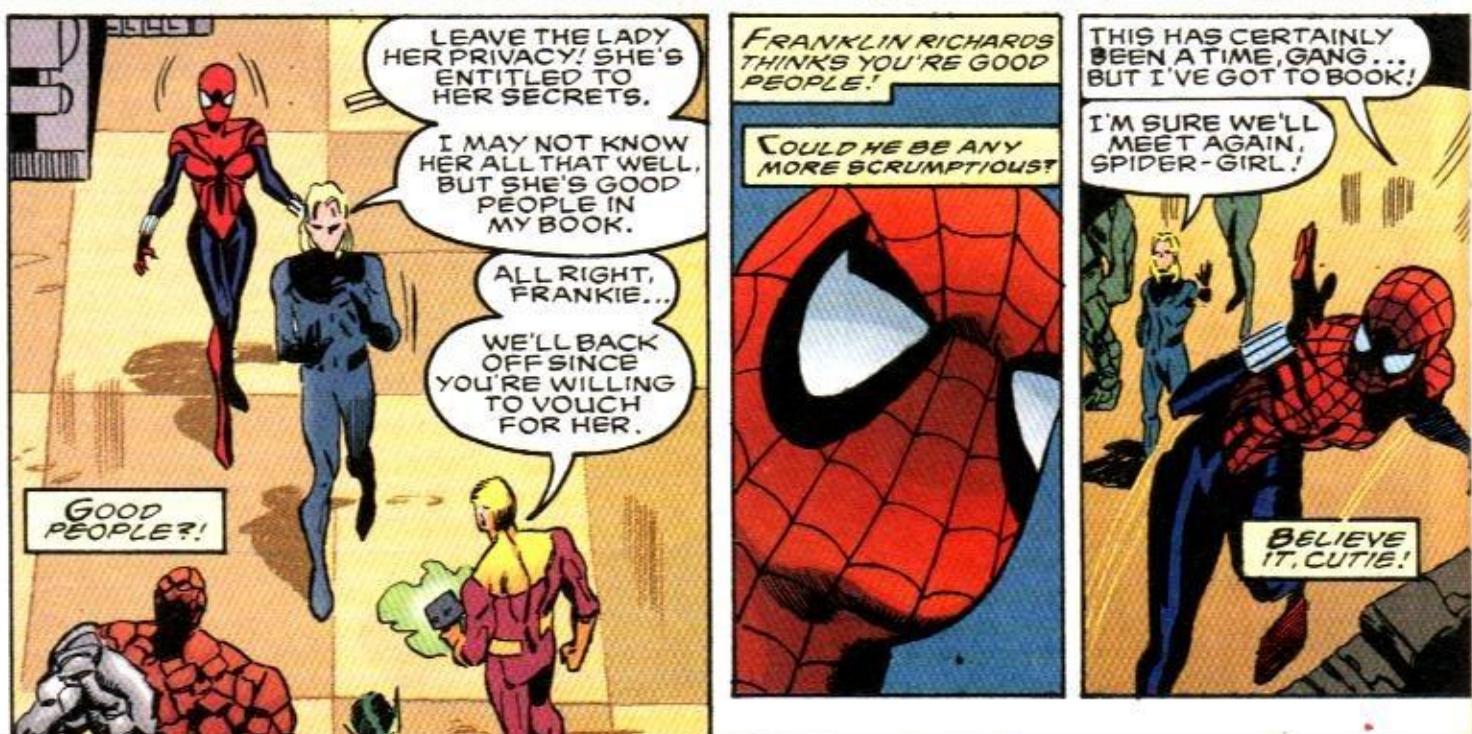
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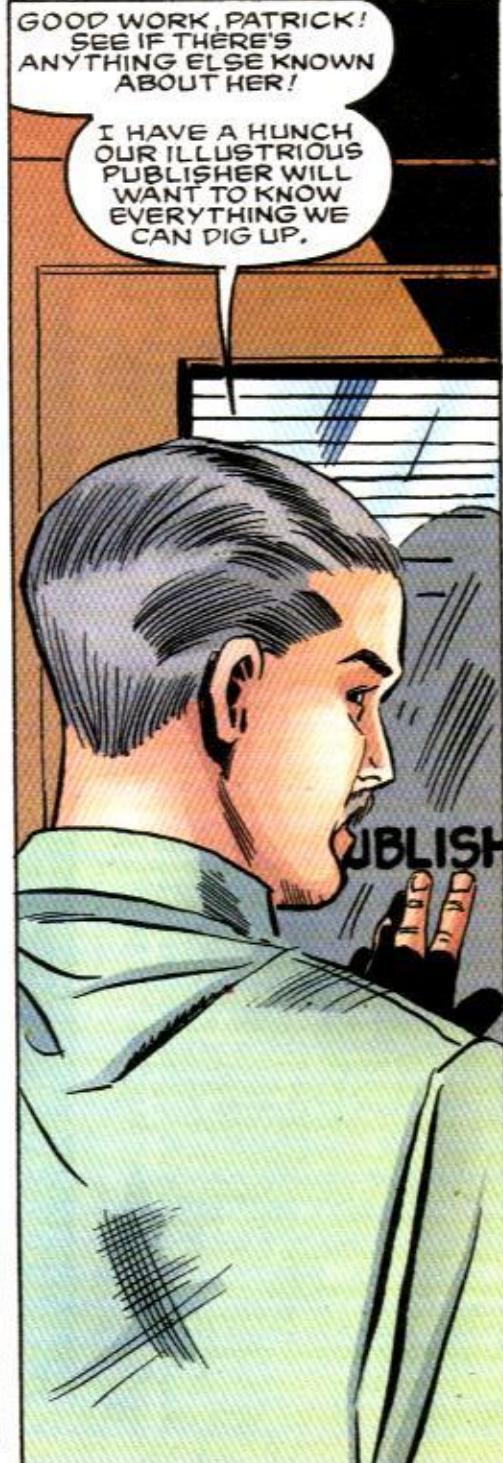
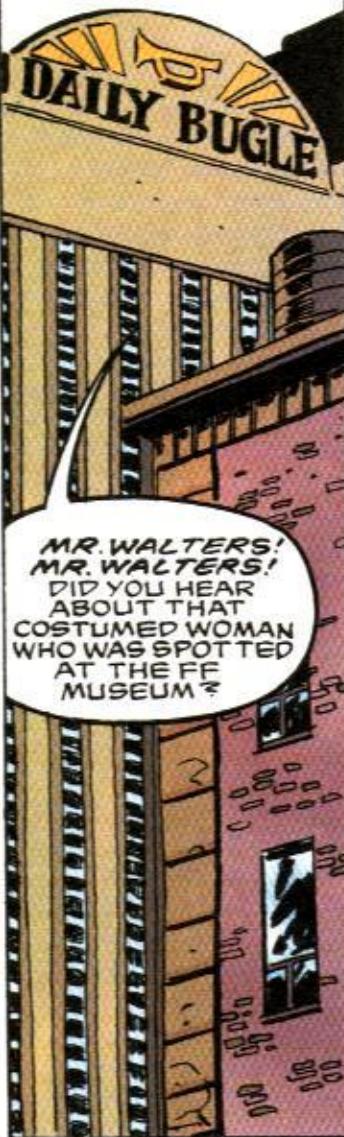
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# SPIDER-GIRL

Dear MC-2 Crew,  
No doubt about it! If my fellow comics enthusiasts have any taste at all, you definitely have a major hit on your hands. The first issue of *Spider-Girl* was all that and a bag of webbing! Issue #0 didn't really hold any surprises for me personally, since I already read it as *What If?* #105, but #1 was extra neat-o!

What's this? Pat Olliffe and Al Williamson reunited as the art team supreme?! Brilliant stuff, guys! Now I don't have to feel quite so bad about the demise of *Untold Tales of Spider-Man* because I can catch their work here. This is sequential storytelling at its finest. The panel layout is clean and effective. The line work and shadowing is smooth and pleasant-looking. The figure drawing is dynamic, yet anatomically correct. This is the kind of artwork that should make certain other artists ashamed to work in the same industry as geniuses like Pat and Al.

As for the story, this is Tom DeFalco at his finest. The first issue was a perfect introduction to the characters and the conflicts, both external and internal, that May will face in the coming months. Titanic Tom is an old-school pro when it comes to this stuff, so it's not surprising that MC-2 rocks. What else is there to say but "Nuff said!"

Make Mine MC-2!

Keith Previc  
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**Don't hold back, Keith! Tell us what you really think!**

Dear Mayday Mailings,  
I was very impressed with *Spider-Girl* #0 and #1. If this is an example of how well the MC-2 line of comics is going to be produced, I'll be here for the duration. One of the things I was impressed with is the tone of the comic. Most comics set in the future tend to have a very dark tone, or they head to the other extreme of being too campy. *Spider-Girl* hit the middle of the mark. It had humorous moments without being campy, such as Peter going to the Fantastic Five for help with Herbie the robot as the fifth member. I laughed out loud, remembering the Fantastic Four cartoons of the seventies where Herbie replaced the Human Torch.

On the darker side of things, it was sad, scary and creepy to see how Normie grew up.

I was hoping that better therapy would have been offered in the future. Still, Normie's costume was a very cool hybrid of the Green Goblin colors and the Hobgoblin style.

It was also nice to see the return of Phil Urich. I followed his adventures and difficulties as the new Green Goblin, and it was refreshing to see he made something of himself in the future.

One last request, keep *Spider-Girl*'s costume as it is! I enjoyed Ben Reilly's time as Spider-Man and

thought his suit was stylish. (I absolutely had to have the "New Spider-Man" action figure.)

David Spieth  
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Canton, MI 48188

If you really like Phil, you'll love our plans for him. (We hope!) By the way, David...we think *Mayday Mailings* is pretty cool! What do the rest of you say?

Dear Tom and Pat,

*Spider-Girl* #1 was great! Whether or not MC-2 is the actual future of the Marvel Universe, or just an alternate reality, this comic is the best new series since *The Avengers*. May's adventures are definitely different from her father's. Her world is bright and optimistic, and far more normal than Peter's. Both of Peter's parents died while he was very young, instilling a certain amount of insecurity in him at an early age. He also had to deal with an ailing aunt, serious financial problems, and constant personal tragedies. May also has the opportunity to ask her dad for advice in facing new super-challenges. Peter had no one to rely on but himself.

It is also interesting to meet cool new villains like Mr. Nobody, and see the fates of classic troublemakers like the Green Goblin and the Kingpin of Crime. (Guess Spidey had the last laugh after all!) And thank you, Tom, for finally getting J. Jonah Jameson off Peter's back. The fact that Peter never hospitalized Jameson just proves the maxim that "with great power there must come infinite patience!"

James Drysart  
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Errrr, James... who said Peter never hospitalized JJJ?

Dear Spider-Girl Creators,

I was one of the many who wrote in to commend Tom DeFalco and company for the incredible job done on "Mayday" Parker's first adventure in *What If?* #105. So it was with unbridled anticipation--and more than a little trepidation--that I awaited *Spider-Girl* #1. Tom and crew, that first story was a home run? Could you do it again?

Well, I've just finished *Spider-Girl* #1 and all I can say is...going...going...IT'S OUTTA HERE! At this rate, you'll beat Roger Maris before anyone.

May's battle with Mr. Nobody was Spidey action at its best! She has definitely inherited her father's quick wit. Speaking of Peter, his conflicting emotions lent just the right touch of tragedy to the story. I hope this will be explored in future issues. It looks like the normal, quiet life Peter and Mary Jane long for in the present-day Spider-verse has come to an end.

Welcome aboard, Pat Olliffe! Your work on *Untold Tales of Spider-Man* with Al Williamson was stellar! It's great to see that you both have brought the same level of excellence to this title. Don't ever leave this book!

The possibilities for *Spider-Girl* are endless, and I hope the same adjective can be used

to describe this book's run.

Andrew Salmon  
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Canada

**So do we, Andrew!**

Dear Spider-Girl,

I bought *Spider-Girl* #0 just to see if you could come up with something that was different enough from Spider-Man...and you did! May "Mayday" Parker is one cute little spider. She seems to have the best of both her parents.

*Avengers Next* and *J2*'s previews sure look interesting. I'll be checking out their first issues.

Can we expect to see more of Mayday's world?

Any chance the Fantastic Five will get their own book?

How about a Queenpin of crime?

Richard Vasseur  
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Yes!

Maybe! (Hey, Mayday got her book by popular demand. The same could happen to the new FF if enough readers request it, Richard.)

Hmmmm...

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SPIDER-GIRL #4:

EVER SINCE SHE WAS SPOTTED IN THE FANTASTIC FIVE MUSEUM, THE WORLD KNOWS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF A SPIDER-GIRL--MUCH TO THE ANNOYANCE OF PETER AND MARY JANE PARKER. AS IF CONFRONTING HER PARENTS WASN'T A BIG ENOUGH CHALLENGE, MAYDAY MUST EXPLAIN TO COACH FLASH THOMPSON WHY SHE'S RECENTLY BEEN SKIPPING BASKETBALL PRACTICE...AND SHE MUST ALSO DEFEND HER CLASSMATES WHEN THE RAMPAGING, NEW SUPER-VILLAIN--THE DRAGON KING--STARTS TEARING UP MIDTOWN HIGH. -WHEW!- AND THOSE ARE JUST THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS! WE'RE TALKING ANOTHER MC-2 MASTERPIECE THAT YOU DEFINITELY WON'T WANT TO MISS.

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