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NICE NIGHT FOR  
A MURDER.

THAT'S KINDA  
WHY YOU'RE  
OUT IN SUCH  
MISERABLE  
WEATHER.

TO PREVENT MURDERS,  
AND MUGGINGS  
AND OTHER SUCH  
NASTINNESS!

Yeah,  
riiiight!

THE TRUTH IS YOU'RE  
HUNTING DARKDEVIL  
AND KAIN!

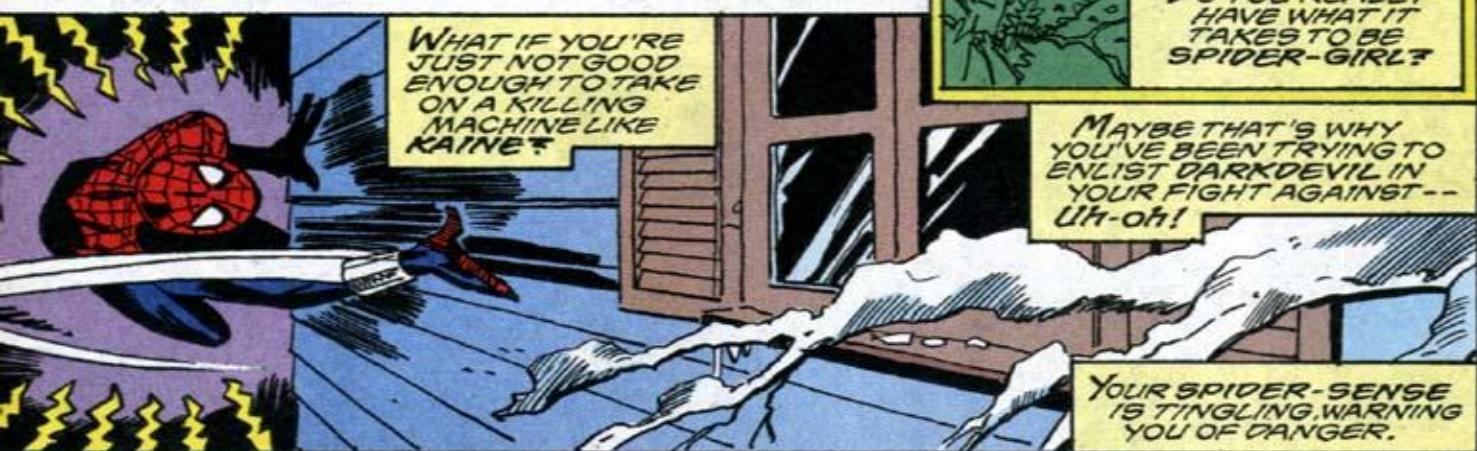
ONE'S A HERO WHO  
KEEPS VANISHING  
WITHOUT A TRACE.

THE OTHER'S A MONSTER  
WHO'S BEEN LEAVING WAY  
TOO MANY TRACES--AND  
BROKEN BODIES--IN  
HIS WAKE.

YOUR NAME IS MAY "Mayday" PARKER,  
AND YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER OF  
THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN.

TURNDING POINT!.

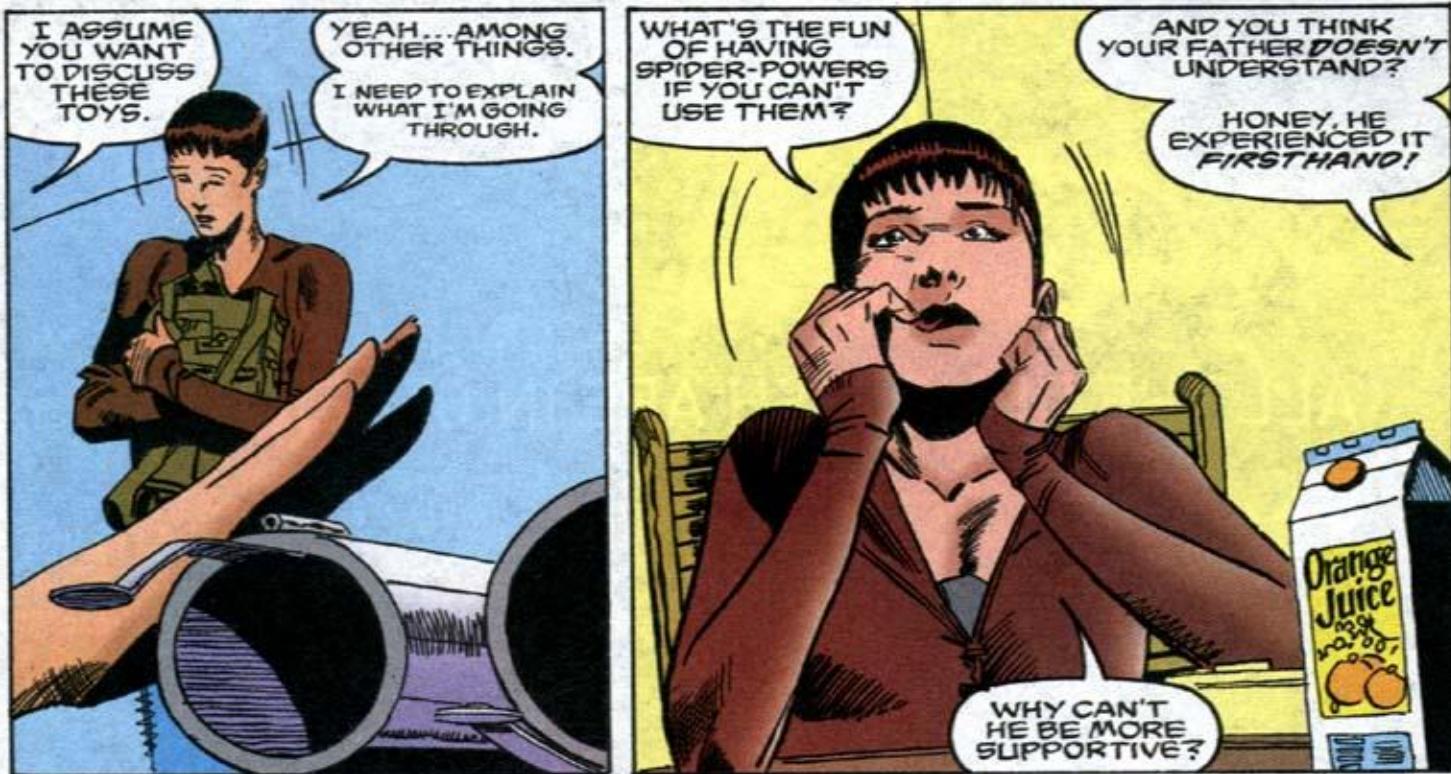
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IN THE MONTHS SINCE YOU DISCOVERED THAT YOU HAD INHERITED YOUR FATHER'S AMAZING POWERS, YOU'VE LEARNED TO DISTINGUISH THE VARIOUS TINGLES--







YOU MUST BE  
REAL  
EXCITED, SIR...

I'M SURE  
THE JUDGE'LL GRANT  
YA A NEW TRIAL.

HE'S JUST  
GOTTA...

AND I... I REALLY  
HOPE YOU'LL  
REMEMBER ME...  
WHEN YA GET  
OUT, SIR.

RYKERS  
ISLAND  
CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITY

BUGLE  
GPIN!



THE KINGPIN ISN'T  
GOING ANYWHERE,  
TOADY.

NOT IF HE  
VALUES  
HIS LIFE!

IN A WAY,  
I HAVE.  
KAINE  
WANTS  
YOU, OLD  
FRIEND--

YOU SHOULDN'T TEMPT  
FATE BY LEAVING  
YOUR NICE, SAFE CELL.

DO---?!  
I'VE  
ALREADY  
DONE.



IRONIC, ISN'T IT? YOU KEEP TRYING TO CONVINCE YOUR PARENTS THAT YOU'RE READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO TAKE ON THE MANTLE OF SPIDER-GIRL--

--WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IT YOURSELF!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD QUIT RUSHING THINGS AND LEARN TO SETTLE BACK.

AFTER ALL, YOU HAVE YOUR WHOLE LIFE AHEAD OF YOU...

AND YOU'LL PROBABLY LIVE A LOT LONGER BY AVOIDING THE DERANGE-OS LIKE KAIN AND--

JJ--?!  
SORRY IF I STARTLED YOU, PARKER. JUST WANTED TO SAY HELLO.

I SEE YOU'RE READING THE DAILY BUGLE.

Good choice! WHAT'S YOUR OPINION ON THE BIG TRIAL? THINK THE JUDGE'LL SPRING WILSON FISK?

DAILY BUGLE  
FREE AT LAST?

ACTUALLY, I WAS LOOKING FOR THE ARTICLE THEY PROMISED ABOUT SPIDER-GIRL.

REALLY? I DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR ONE OF THOSE COSTUME GROUPIES.

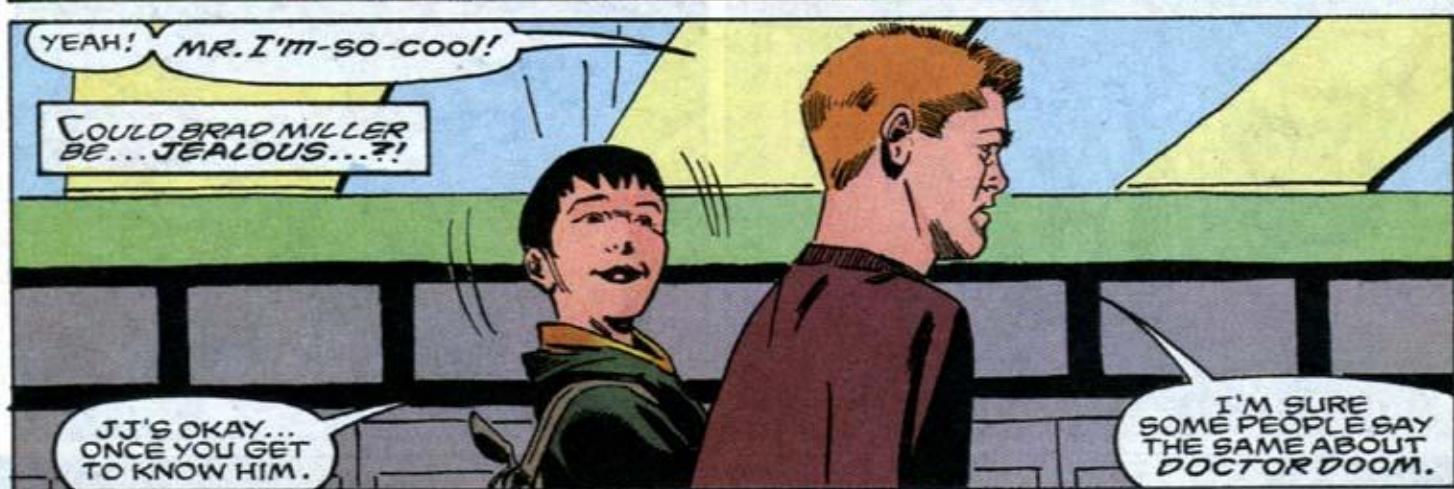


COOL! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THOSE MASKIES-- THE WAY THEY BLINDLY FOLLOW THEIR HEROES!

BY THE WAY, I REALLY ENJOYED HANGING WITH YOU THE OTHER DAY.

WE SHOULD DO IT AGAIN.  
REAL SOON.





# POLICE

## MIDTOWN SOUTH

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT CRIME SCENE?

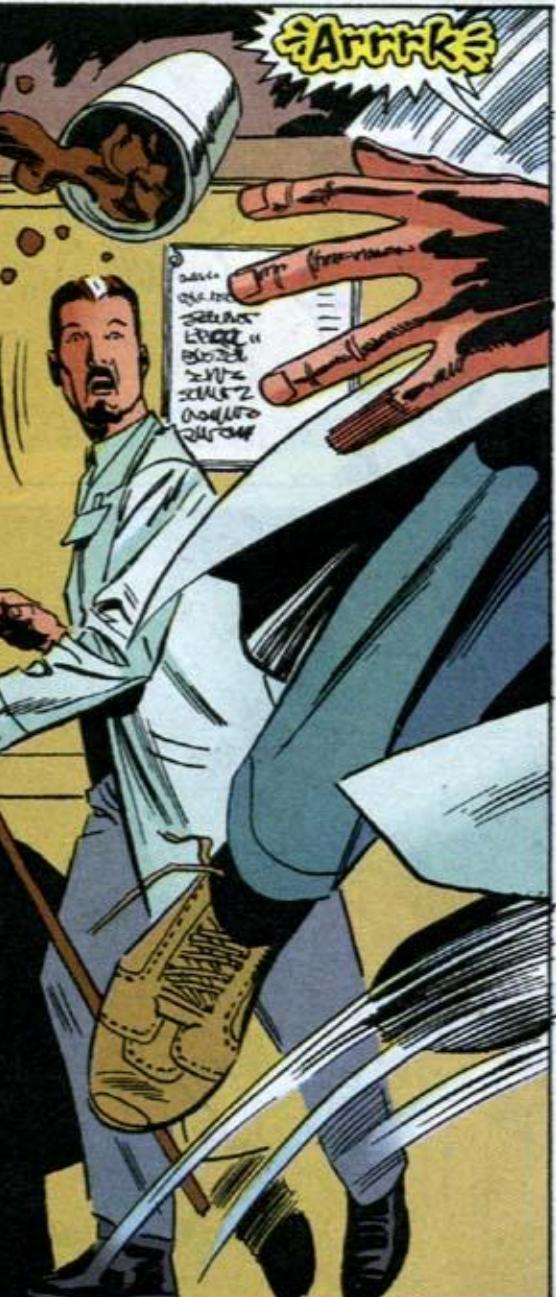
LENNY LOOSE LIPS IS LUCKY TO BE ALIVE.

YOU THINK HE WAS HIT BY THE SAME PERP WHO'S BEEN WAGING WAR ON THE KINGPIN?

PROBABLY, PHIL....!

THE M.O. SEEMS CONSISTENT WITH--

WHAT'S WRONG, PETER? YOU SUDDENLY LOOK ALL--



WHAT DO  
YOU  
WANT?

I ORIGINALLY CAME TO NEW YORK TO  
INVESTIGATE RUMORS ABOUT  
A SPIDER-GIRL.

LEAVE  
HER ALONE,  
KAIN.

SHE  
DOESN'T  
CONCERN  
YOU!

DOESN'T  
SHE--?

I DOUBT SHE WOULD HAVE  
SEEN HER FIRST BIRTHDAY IF  
IT HADN'T BEEN FOR ME.

I MUST CONFESS THAT  
I'VE FLIRTED WITH  
THE IDEA OF PLAYING  
RUMPLESTILSKIN...

RUMPLE--  
you're even  
crazier than  
I thought!

PERHAPS...

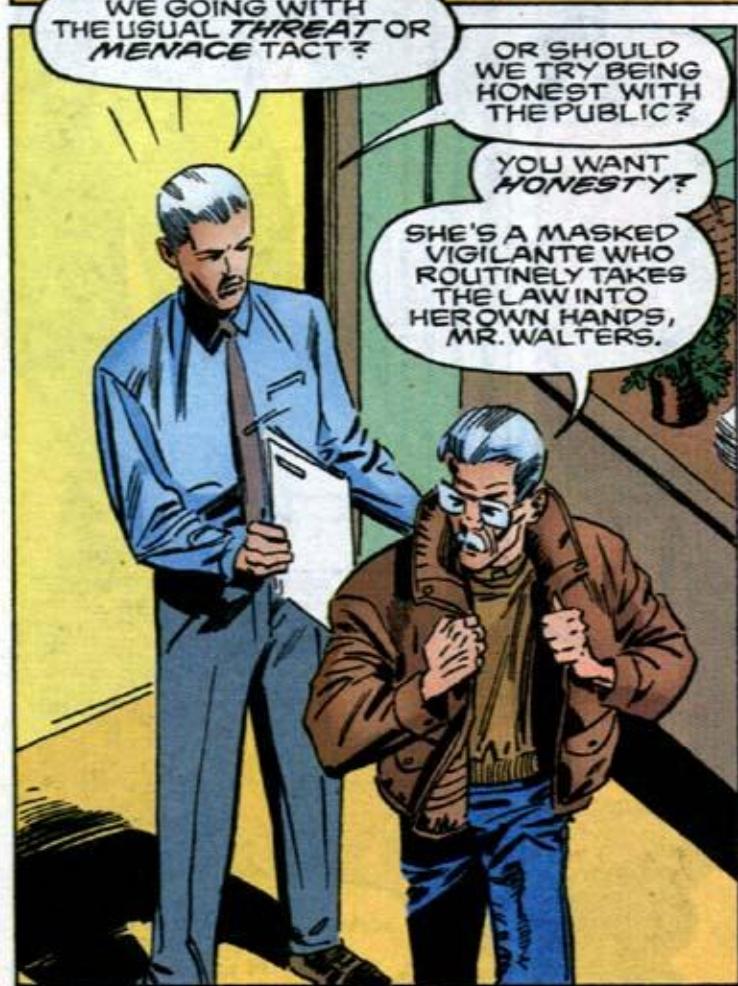
BUT YOU NEEDN'T  
WORRY ABOUT  
LOSING HER.

I RAN INTO  
AN OLD FRIEND WHO  
REMINDED ME OF  
AN EVEN GREATER  
DEBT.

AND I'M WILLING  
TO TRADE A DEAD  
KINGPIN--

...FOR A LIVE  
SPIDER-  
GIRL!





KAINES  
RETURNED  
BECAUSE OF  
MAY--?

SO HE  
CLAIMS...

BUT HE ALSO SAYS HE'S MORE  
INTERESTED IN SETTLING AN OLD  
SCORE WITH THE KINGPIN.

GOOD FOR HIM!  
MY DAUGHTER'S  
SAFETY IS ALL I  
CARE ABOUT.

HOW  
DO WE  
PROTECT  
HER?

WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE DO?

THERE'S ONLY  
ONE THING TO DO,  
MARY JANE.

SOMETHING I SHOULD  
HAVE DONE LONG AGO!

PETER, YOU  
CAN'T--!

YOU  
MUSTN'T--!

WE FIRST MET  
KAINES YEARS AGO...AT  
A VERY CHAOTIC  
POINT IN OUR LIVES.



EVERYTHING YOU  
SAY IS TRUE.

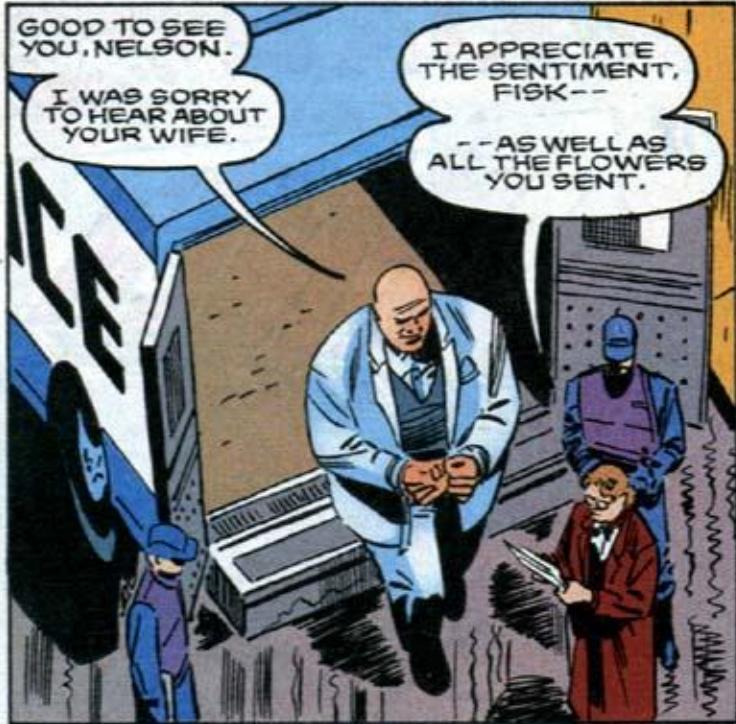
BUT I'M STILL  
SPIDER-MAN!

SOMEONE'S  
GOT TO STOP  
KAIN --

-- AND I GUESS  
IT'S ME!













NOPE!

NOT GONNA  
HAPPEN!

THIS GIRL  
HAS COME TO  
PLAY--

--AND NO  
ONE DIES ON  
MY WATCH!

KER-SWAKKK

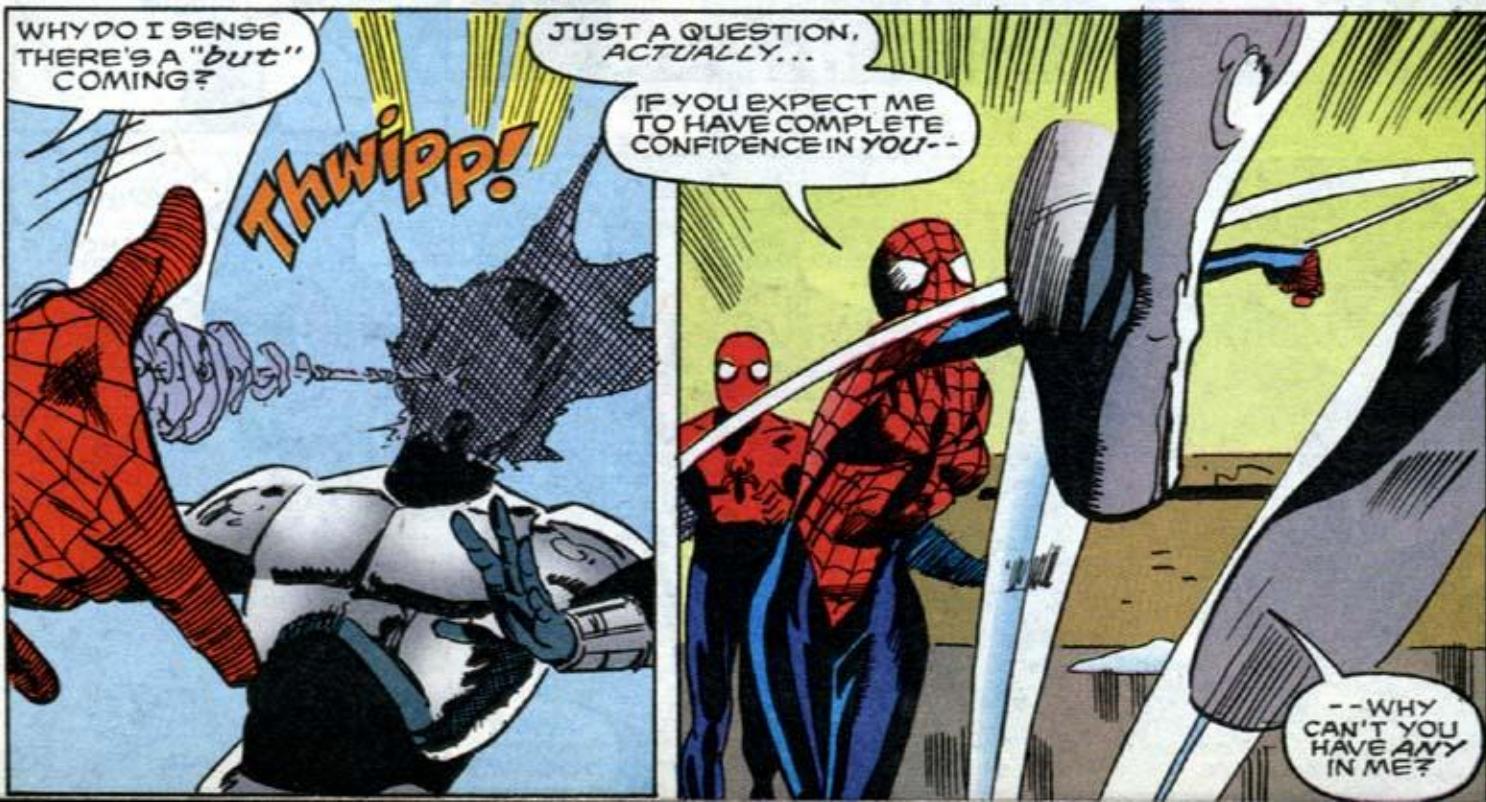


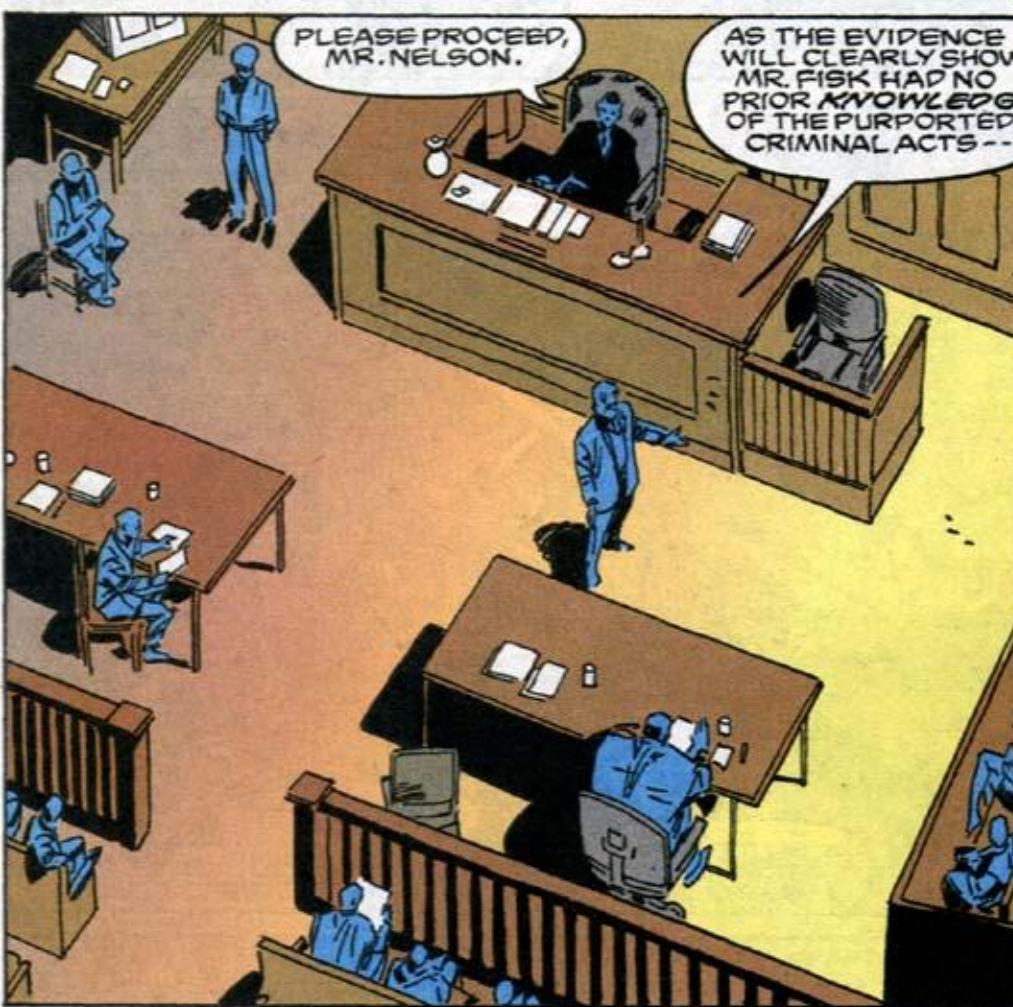
A-ARE YOU  
INSANE,  
GIRL?

YOU  
DON'T  
BELONG  
HERE!

YOU'RE  
CRITICIZING  
ME NOW--?

FOR SAVING  
YOUR LIFE?!





# BULLPEN BULLETINS

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## BLAZE OF GLORY

Can this ragtag collection of former allies pull together and stop the sacrifice of an innocent town for the sake of corporate greed? Especially when a land baron has also hired the infamous bounty hunter called Gunhawk? And what about the Ghost Rider? He's dead...or is he? By JOHN OSTRANDER and LEONARDO MANCO!

#1 of 4

## CAPTAIN AMERICA

Things aren't looking too good for Captain America! Not only is he chained up and near drowning, but his partner the Falcon is strapped to a missile containing enough anthrax to decimate half the world's population. Well, at least Cap has new writer Dan Jurgens and penciler Andy Kubert in his corner! By DAN JURGENS and ANDY KUBERT!

#26

## GALACTUS THE DEVOURER

Virtually every heavyweight hero stars in this planet-shattering conclusion! The Avengers, the Starjammers, the Imperial Guard, the Fantastic Four and the Silver Surfer make their last stand to save the Shi'ar homeworld! If they succeed in destroying Galactus, the universe will be saved... or will it? By LOUISE SIMONSON and JOHN BUSCEMA!

#6 of 6

## HULK

Deprived of the power of the Hulk, and held in the custody of S.H.I.E.L.D., Bruce Banner stands trial for the crimes committed in his stead by Tyrannus! But salvation may come from an unexpected source in the form of... a hundred Hulks?! By JERRY ORDWAY and RON GARNEY!

#11

## PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN

Look out! It's an official stop on the Hulk Smash World Tour! Emotions seek strange release, sometimes in misdirected anger. And in the case of Peter Parker, the object of his misdirected anger is none other than the rampaging monstrosity that was born in the heart of a gamma bomb explosion! By HOWARD MACKIE and JOHN ROMITA JR.!

#14

## THUNDERBOLTS

The Thunderbolts grapple with the devastating loss they suffered last issue—even as the architect of their misery targets his next victim! Has Mach-1 reverted to his former identity, or is something even stranger afoot? By FABIAN NICIEZA and MARK BAGLEY!

#35

## UNCANNY X-MEN

In the wake of the war to stop Apocalypse, what is the fate of Genosha? The X-Men have been forced into an alliance with their most deadly enemy... and when the smoke clears, one of their own will join the ranks of Magneto! By ALAN DAVIS & BEN RAAB and BRETT BOOTH!

'99

## X-51

The Sentinels usually reserve their robotic wrath for mutants such as the X-Men. But now, the X is on another target when the Hellfire Club's Sebastian Shaw sends the cybernetic sentries on the trail of X-51! By KARL BOLLERS and JOE BENNETT!

#7

## X-MAN

Trapped and poisoned by the Horseman known as Pestilence, Nate Grey awakens in a Marvel Universe where he never existed! Would it have been a wonderful life if he had never journeyed to our world? By TERRY KAVANAGH and MIKE MILLER!

#60

## X-MEN

It's the final showdown between the Children of the Atom and humanity's greatest threat! Enemies will become allies... destinies will be fulfilled... and, for one, the ultimate sacrifice will be made! By ALAN DAVIS!

#97

I, Heroes!

Let's move fast 'cause our brand-new No-Prizes are burning a hole in my pocket! Besides, I know how eager you all must be to meet our first lucky recipient, whose name is Siddhanth De of New South Wales, Australia. Wow! I oughta award myself a No-Prize for spelling his name right! Anyway, here's what ol' Sid wants to know...

*"Did you once sign your stories 'Eel Nats' as your pseudonym in comicbooks?"*

Yep, I did, Mr. De, way back in the forties. But I think I used "Neel" instead of "Eel." The reason for that shameless deception was -- I was writing almost all the stories in our mags at the time and didn't want the same writer's name to appear on every yarn. So I signed some tales "Stan Lee," some "S.T.Anley," and some "Neel Nats" (which, of course, was Stan Lee spelled backwards, with an extra "N" tossed in just to confuse everyone!) In fact, that reminds me of the time I wrote most of our romance comics in the '50s. They were all supposed to have been written by the heroines themselves, so I wasn't able to sign my name as the writer. I mean, versatile as I may be, everyone knows I'm no heroine. So I took the craven way out and wrote: "As told to Stan Lee," hoping readers would think I was simply relaying incidents which girls confessed to me!

**B**ernardo Berton of Porto Alegre/RS-Brazil really exposes my stupidity with this one...

*"As every physicist knows, Gamma particles are pure destructive force and are the type of radiation that have the greatest penetration potential, but are lethal to humans. When you created the Hulk's background, did you know all that stuff or did you just decide to use Gamma radiation by pure chance?"*

Bernie, ol' pal, when I dreamed up the Hulk I never even knew there were such things as Gamma particles! I just used the

## STAN'S SOAPBOX

expression "Gamma radiation" because I liked the sound of it! But hey, maybe I was actually a scientific genius and didn't even know it!

**H**ere's one from the good ol' U.S. of A! Paul Thiel of Crescent Springs, KY asks...

*"I recently had the opportunity to see the Dr. Strange movie again on the Sci-Fi channel. Was it just a coincidence that the Ancient One looked a lot like you?"*

Aw, c'mon, Paul. Just because I'm not exactly a teenager anymore, now you're comparing me to the Ancient One? Of course it was just a coincidence. Although, come to think of it, the A.O. was played by John Mills and he was a pretty classy-looking guy, wasn't he? Hmm, I wonder how I'd look with an amulet around my neck?

**L**et's wrap this issue's fun-fest with this sage query from James Clark of Lubbock, TX...

*"How come J. Jonah Jameson doesn't realize that the reason Spider-Man wears a mask is to protect his family and friends from his deadly enemies?"*

It's simple, Jimmy -- poor culture-challenged Jonah just doesn't read Spider-Man comics!

**N**ow for the best part -- our address: Soapbox, Marvel, 387 Park Av S, NY, NY 10016 or [stanfanz@aol.com](mailto:stanfanz@aol.com). Till next iss, don'tcha dare forget -- it's time to take a toad to tea!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

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This week's chat schedule!

12/16 @ 9:30pm ET

EARTH's MIGHTIEST CHAT with Writer, Kurt Busiek and Editor, Tom Brevoort!

12/20 @ 8pm ET

COMICS LEGEND -- John Romita Sr.!

12/21 @ 9pm ET

The official MARVEL KNIGHTS chat with -- Joe Quesada and Jimmy Palmiotti!

12/21 @ 10pm ET

INHUMANS and INCREDIBLE HULK Writer -- Paul Jenkins!

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## BULLPEN BITS #31

YOU REALLY  
THINK THAT  
XAVIER  
MIGHT BE  
ABLE TO  
HELP GET  
THIS  
CURSED  
COSTUME  
OFF  
ME?

THERE'S NO  
TELLIN'  
WHAT HE  
CAN DO  
FOR YOU  
WITH  
THOSE  
TELEPATHIC  
POWERS  
OF HIS, BUB.  
C'MON!

XAVIER! I TOLD  
SPIDEY YOU  
MIGHT BE ABLE  
TO HELP HIM  
WITH...

...HIS COSTUME! YES,  
I SEE. SPIDEY, IT  
APPEARS THAT YOUR  
COSTUME IS ALIVE!  
IT IS A SENTIENT,  
ALIEN, SYMBIOTIC  
ORGANISM THAT  
IS ATTEMPTING TO  
BOND WITH YOU  
PERMANENTLY!

WOW! DID  
YOU USE  
YOUR  
TELEPATHY  
TO  
FIGURE  
THAT  
OUT?

NO. JUST  
MY EYES.  
AH!

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WE ARE CONFIDENT  
THAT JUSTICE WILL  
BE SERVED--

--AND THAT THE JUDGE  
WILL RULE FAVORABLY  
ON MR. FISK'S APPEAL.

W  
CHANN

JUSTICE WILL  
ONLY BE  
SERVED--

-- WHEN  
THE KINGPIN  
DIES!

HARSH!

SOUNDS LIKE  
SOMEONE'S IN  
A SNIT!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE  
A nappie-poo  
UNTIL  
THE FEELING PASSES.

SPHOK!

OF COURSE,  
WITH YOUR  
DISPOSITION, THAT'LL  
PUT YOU ON ICE  
TILL THE NEXT  
MILLENNIUM!



COME ON! TRY TO KEEP UP! WE HAVE TO STOP YOUR DAUGHTER BEFORE SHE FINDS KANE.

THERE IS NO "WE", MISTER. I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP TO PROTECT SPIDER-GIRL.

I DON'T LIKE YOU, DARKDEVIL. NEVER DID!

YOU RIPPED OFF THE ORIGINAL DAREDEVIL'S COSTUME, AND YOU'RE DESECRATING HIS MEMORY WITH YOUR--

NEVER WILL!

uh-oh!

Huh! You COULDN'T EVEN STAND WITHOUT ME.

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE COMPANY!

I HATE WHEN PEOPLE drop in UNEXPECTEDLY.

NOT THAT IT MATTERS, BUT I TAKE ISSUE WITH YOUR COMMENTS ON DAREDEVIL...

I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THE MAN--

--AND ADOPTED MY LOOK TO HONOR HIM!

WHY? ARE YOU RELATED?

NOT IN THE traditional SENSE!

CUTE AND  
CRYPTIC--but you  
didn't answer  
my question!

WHAT IS  
YOUR CONNECTION  
TO THE ORIGINAL  
DAREDEVIL?

IT'S NOT  
SOMETHING I CARE  
TO DISCUSS AT  
THE MOMENT.

SUFFICE IT TO SAY  
THAT I WOULDN'T  
EXIST IF IT HADN'T  
BEEN FOR HIM --

--AND YOU!

ME!?

YOU REALLY  
TAKE THE PRIZE,  
MISTER.  
I NEVER EVEN  
MET YOU  
BEFORE TODAY.

NO... YOU DIDN'T.  
NOT IN  
THE traditional  
SENSE!





"--THAT'S THE LEAST OF OUR PROBLEMS!"

COFFEE BREAK'S OVER!

WE NOW RETURN TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED SMACKDOWN!

GRRRRR!

AND IT'S MY SERVE--!

SUCH PERSISTENCE WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU, GIRL.

Really?

AND HERE I THOUGHT IT WAS ONE OF MY MORE UGLY ADMIRABLE FEATURES!

**FREEZE!**  
DON'T FORCE US  
TO SHOOT!



DO YOU  
REALLY THINK  
YOUR PETTY  
GUNS CAN  
STOP ME?

Brotherrrr,  
YOU SHOULD REALLY  
TONE DOWN THAT  
Terminator 'tude.

ESPECIALLY  
WHEN YOU'RE  
TALKING  
TO COPS!

THEY'RE  
THE REAL HEROES  
AND SHOULD BE  
TREATED WITH  
RESPECT.

**KTHOOM!**



SPEAKING OF RESPECT,  
YOU MADE A CLASSIC  
MENTAL ERROR.

YOU WROTE  
ME OFF AFTER  
OUR FIRST  
BATTLE.

YOU STOPPED THINKING OF  
ME AS A CHALLENGE, AND  
STARTED LOOKING PAST ME!

BUT I'M FOR  
REAL, ME--

-- AND I DEMAND  
TO BE TAKEN  
SERIOUSLY!



NO MATTER  
WHAT PAIN  
OR MISERY  
AWAITS ME--

--THIS IS  
A SPIDER-  
GIRL  
WORLD!



TAKE A HINT,  
KAINE--

--AND STAY  
DOWN!

FOR  
everyone's  
SAKE!









# SPIDER-GIRL

Dear Marvel Comics,  
Spider-Girl is rapidly becoming a far better read than her father's own titles. I hope this title lasts for a long, long time. If I ever give up comics I'd like to be able to pick this title up in a few years and see it still going strong. Maybe by then you could have a whole Spider-family... something akin to the Bat family. You could bring back Ben Reilly somehow (Uncle Ben... doesn't that have a nice ring to it?) and maybe he could find his long-lost son or something. It would be cool to see two Spider-cousins in action together.

Samir Rahman  
(Address withheld by request)

**Give up comics?!! Like anyone could actually do that!**

Dear Spider-Girl,  
I have discovered an amazing revelation—super heroes bruise!!! I mean I never expected to see Spider-Girl with a nice, big, swollen black eye! Usually when heroes get injured, they just talk in broken sentences.

Congrats to the writers and artists on a new way to see an injured super hero!

Patrick Allen Trimble  
(Address withheld by request)

**Careful, Patrick...readers can bruise, too!**

Dear Spider-Girl,  
You really need to come up with a cool title for your letters.

Mike Fatum  
Congers, NY

**Why?**

Spider-Girl Team,  
If Spider-Girl is both Mary Jane and Peter's daughter, wouldn't the inherited spider powers be weaker than the original ones, since she's gotten a mixture of both genes?

Cody Ouster  
Ridgewood, NJ

**But she's had her powers since birth, and Peter was already in high school when he got his.**

Hey guys at Spider-Girl!  
When will Peter Parker's leg grow back???

Ryan Dickinson  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Canada

**When you get out of medical school!**

Dear Marvel Comics,  
When are you going to reveal Darkdevil's origin?  
Joshua Knobel  
Langhorne, PA

**When you least expect it!**

Dear Spider-Crew  
**Darkdevil rocks,**  
Darkdevil rules,  
Darkdevil is Ben Reilly.

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spider-sense.)  
Joel Roddin  
(Address withheld by request)

Nuff said!

**R. Haugland**  
Norway

**'Nuff should really learn to rhyme!'**

Dear Spider-Girl,

When will Davida tell May that she knows May is Spider-Girl?

How do I know she knows? Well, in issue #15, page 8, bottom panel, Davida makes the comment "When it comes to these costumed clowns...I barely recognize Spider-Girl!" and her face looks like it's finally dawned on her that May is indeed the new Spider in town.

Robert Rhymer  
(Address withheld by request)

**You need to get out more.**

Dear Spider-Girl,

You guys got a letter in #15 stating that it "would be great if the MC-2 titles were the actual futures of Marvel characters," to which you replied, "Should, but ain't!"

My thought on this is...IT'S FICTION! TAKE IT HOWEVER YOU WANT TO! It's a story—a very good one, I might add—so if you want these to be actual futures for fictional characters, that is just what they are!

John "don't be afraid to mess with continuity" Paananen  
Boston, MA

**Sounds good to us!**

Dear Spider-Girl crew,

I think Darkdevil is really Daredevil!

Steve Angelucci  
Deptford, NJ

**And he thinks that you're secretly Joel Roddin!**

Dear whoever actually reads this stuff,

After reading issue 14, and the multiple letters about who Darkdevil really is, I came up with a conclusion myself that I think makes perfect sense. But first, let me say that DD is the best MC-2 character next to the newest Green Goblin. (Speaking of whom, when are you guys gonna bring him back?)

So anyway, I believe that Darkdevil is, in fact, the original Daredevil. First, Foggy Nelson said something about the original DD being dead in Spider-Girl #0 sense.

Second, there's the bit with Kaine. Now, who would be more likely to be acquainted with one of Spidey's enemies than Daredevil, since the two often shared enemies, and really seemed to be friends.

And then we get to the seemingly infamous "Neither your father nor I—" quote. This doesn't necessarily, as some have assumed, imply he was talking about his own spider-powers. Since DD and Spider-Man worked together so often, DD got to know what Spidey could do. He just didn't expect May to have powers that Peter didn't have. (Also, working with Spidey a lot, DD was almost certain to find out about his

**Are you really Steve Angelucci?**

Dear Spider-Girl,

I may have been one of the only ones who enjoyed the clone saga. Personally, I think it was the freshest idea to be thrust into the Spider-Man books in years. I loved the fact that Ben Reilly was introduced (or should that be, re-introduced) and that our Pete and MJ were going to settle down with a baby and live happily ever after. Most fans I guess didn't agree with me, and that decision was reversed.

But this is comics, and we can believe what we want. And to me, Spider-Girl is the continuing story. Pete and MJ did live happily ever after, and their daughter inherited her father's powers and her uncle's costume and lives on as Spider-Girl.

This is Spider-Man/Girl/Whatever as it should be. Lighthearted at times, serious at others. New and exciting villains and characters, returning menacing old ones. A book filled with a wonderful supporting cast and mysteries aplenty. For the first time since the clone saga I feel like the books have some measure of thought and originality put into them.

Keep up the great work and I'll keep reading!  
Andrew Goletz  
(Address withheld by request)

**Deal!**

## HYPE SECTION!

### FANTASTIC FIVE

ON SALE  
NEXT  
WEEK!

#5  
"IN SEARCH  
OF DOOM!"

WHATEVER HAPPENED  
TO KRISTOFF AFTER THE  
EVENTS RECORDED IN A-NEXT  
#5? DESPERATE TO LEARN THE  
ANSWER, STINGER TEMPORARILY JOINS THE TEAM AS  
THE F5 JOURNEY TO THE JUNGLES OF SOUTH AMERICA TO  
FIND THE ONCE AND FUTURE  
DOOM! PLUS: JACOB AND  
ALYCE GRIMM, THE THING'S  
TEENAGERS, DROP IN FOR A  
VISIT, AND THE F5 WILL NEVER  
BE SAME!

**SPIDER-GIRL**  
#18  
"RAPTOR'S  
REGRET!"

ON SALE  
NEXT  
MONTH!

AT LAST! PREVIEWED IN THIS  
YEAR'S SPIDER-GIRL  
ANNUAL, THE ALL-NEW BUZZ  
FINALLY MAKES HIS MC-2  
DEBUT! BUT SPIDER-GIRL  
MUST DISCOVER IF HE'S A  
HERO...A VILLAIN...OR A LITTLE  
OF BOTH? AND, AS IF OUR GIRL  
DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH ON HER  
MIND, SHE MUST ALSO BATTLE  
THE DEADLY RAPTOR! PLUS,  
MAYDAY FINALLY LEARNS  
SOMETHING STARTLING ABOUT  
JJ!