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A BRAND NEW MAY!

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

My dad was one of the preeminent super heroes of his day--

--until a crippling injury ended his wall-crawling career!

It's now my job to carry on his career--

--and I get to learn from the greatest web-head of all!

Easy, May.

Not too much.

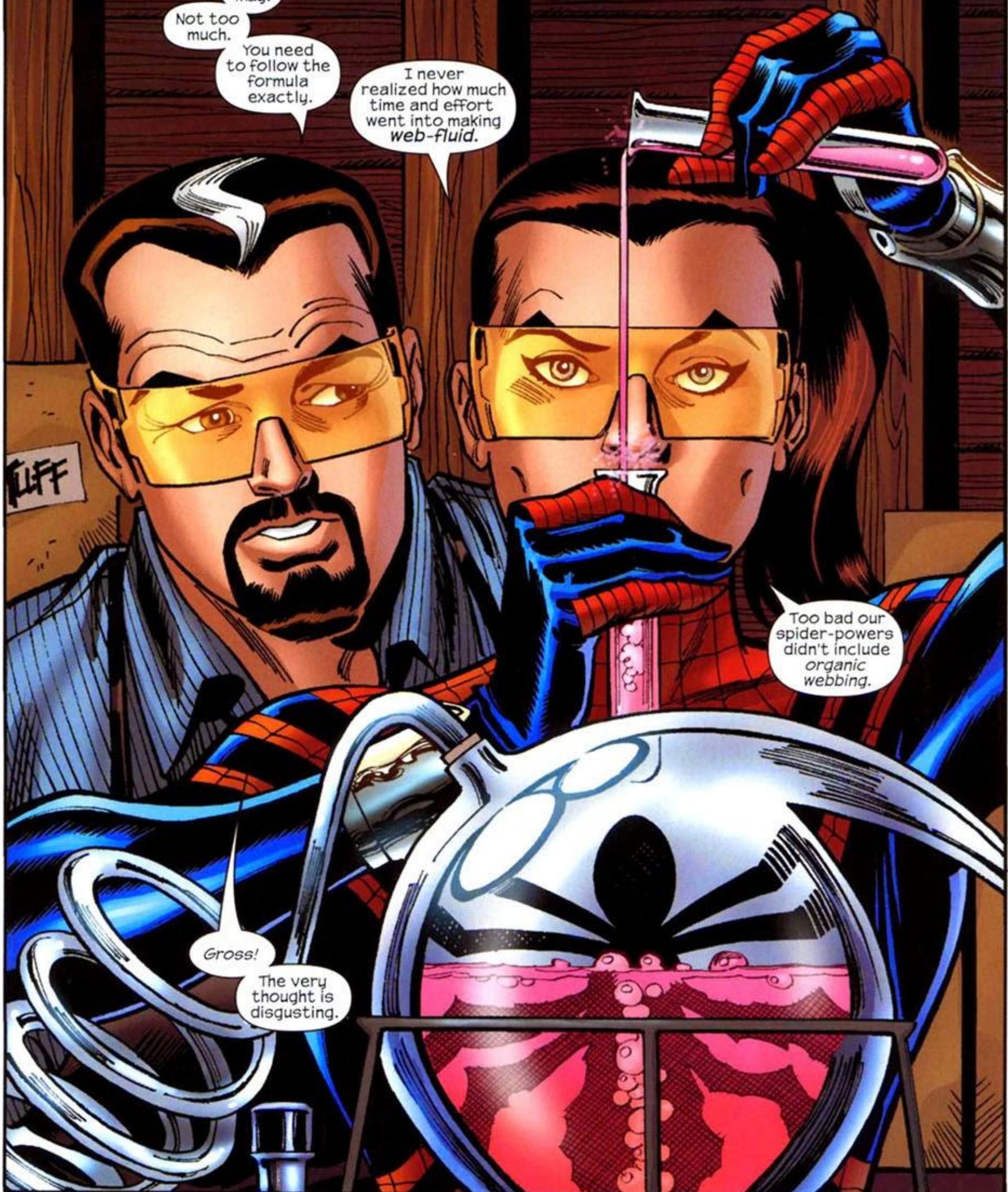
You need to follow the formula exactly.

I never realized how much time and effort went into making web-fluid.

Too bad our spider-powers didn't include organic webbing.

Gross!

The very thought is disgusting.





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

When she suddenly learns she's a mutant, **Sara Hingle** struggles to accept the truth until **Mayday Parker** reveals that she was also born with special abilities.



Later, as her baby brother recovers from an operation, May seeks solace in the arms of her former boyfriend **Gene Thompson**, promising to do whatever is necessary to make the relationship work.



A former super hero called **Araña** attempts to convince Spider-Girl to join her mysterious organization, but the web-stunner refuses.



Meanwhile, someone has been stalking Mayday, and she suspects it is **Simone DeSantos**, a rival for Gene's affections.



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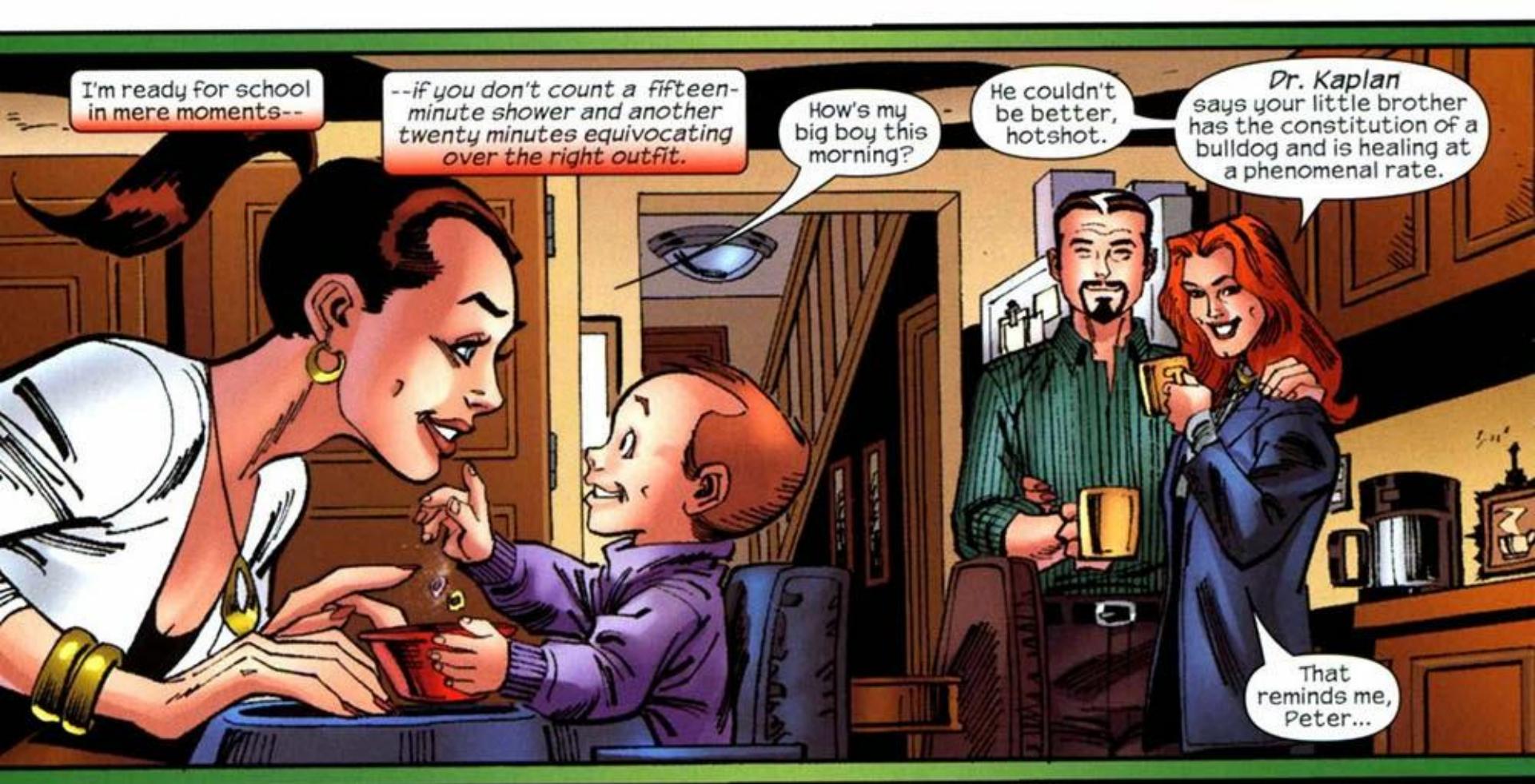
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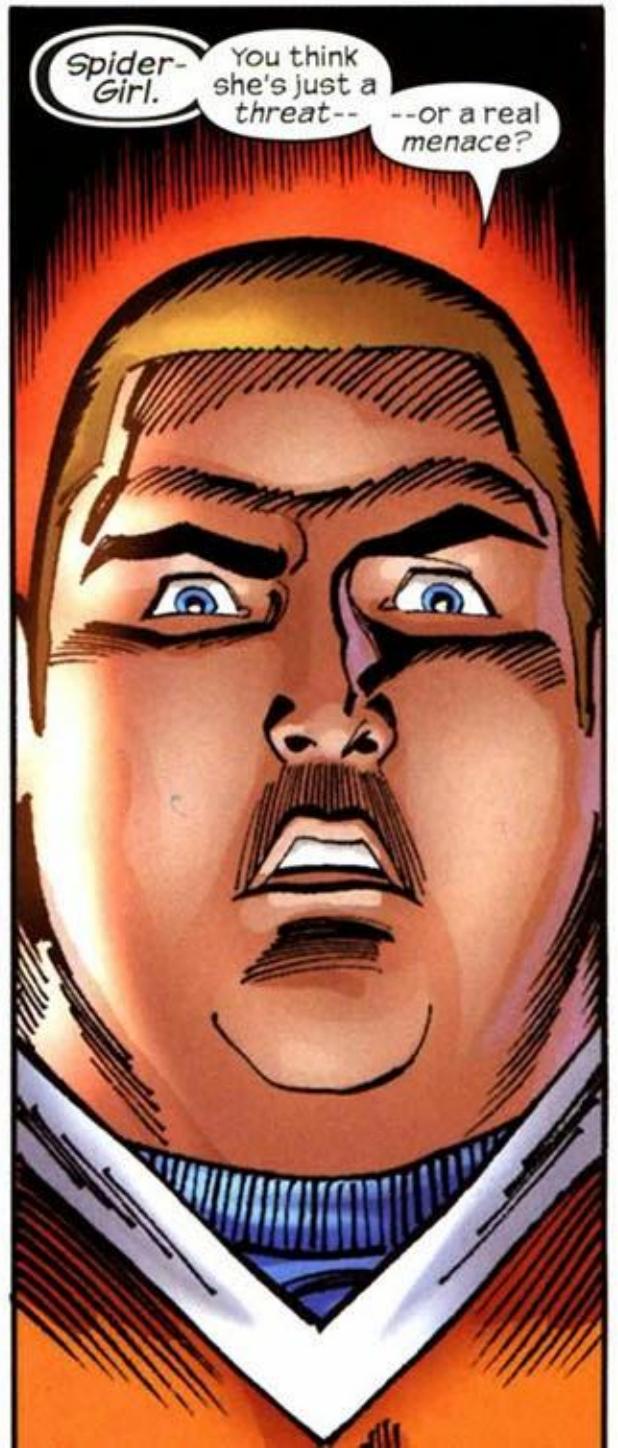








A few hours later...



With school, the extra spider-lessions and my usual web-swinging, I barely have time for sleep--

--much less a social life--

--but I really like Gene Thompson.

Hope I didn't keep you waiting.

Nah, just got here myself...

I had to pick up a little something on the way.

How sweet are you--!

It's the least I could do for my favorite girl.

Especially since you're going to become a cheerleader--

--just so we can spend even more time together.

Whoa! Let's not get ahead of ourselves.

C'mon, it'll be great!

The other guys'll be so jealous.

Elsewhere, at that very moment...

It's good to hear from you, Uncle Pete.

I've been meaning to call you ever since I returned from Europe.

I stumbled upon something unexpected during my travels.

It has to do with my grandfather.

It can't be that important. Norman Osborn died years ago.

What is it, Normie?

It isn't the kind of thing we can discuss over the phone. Can you drop by my office later?

I suppose so...

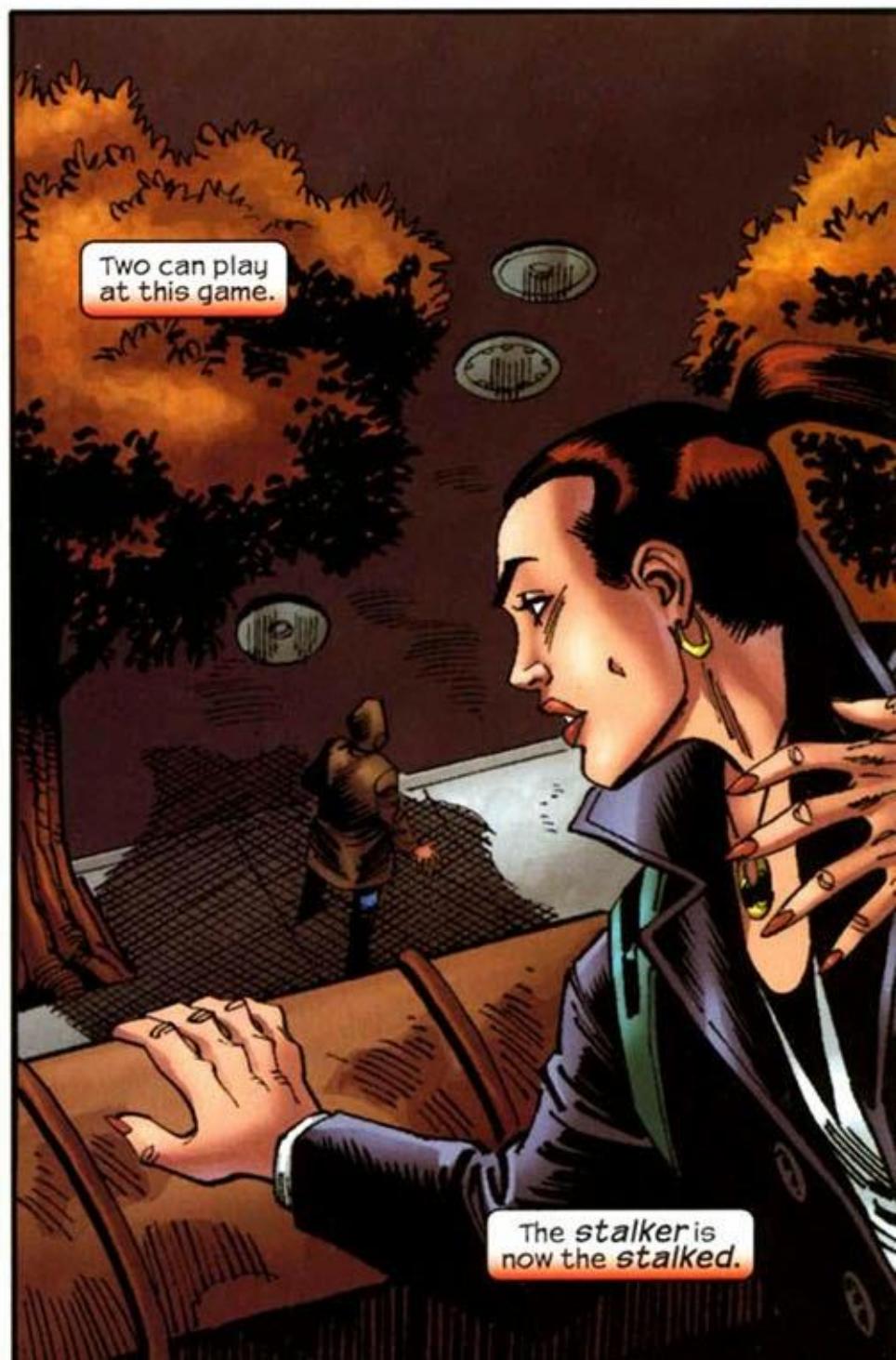
And, Uncle Pete...please don't mention this conversation to anyone else.

Let's just keep it between us for now.









From this angle, I
can't tell if it's a
girl or a guy--

--and I'm not even
sure this person
intends to harm me.

The tingle
felt more like a
heads-up than
an actual
warning.

Still, it never hurts
to be prepared.

I'll just see where
she or he is headed
and--**whoa!**

Little freak
strutting around
like she owns the
neighborhood.

HEY!!

**Shut
up!**
This'll keep
you quiet,
freak-o!

We'll
set you
straight--

--and send a
message to all
the brazen
muties.

**Humanity
comes
FIRST!**

THWIPPP!

Wha--?!

Sh-she
can fly.

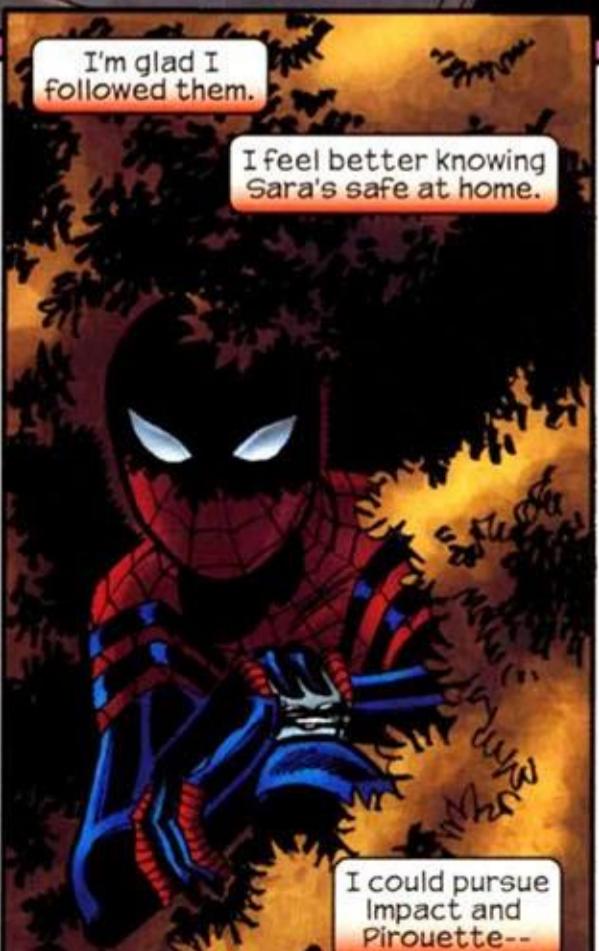












--but I was due home a half hour ago.

Impact and Pirouette talk as if they're part of a larger movement.

I wonder who's in charge.

Could it be Araña?

Something tells me my life is about to get even more complicated.

I can't worry about that now. I have to spell Dad--

--so he can run his errands.

Thanks for coming, Uncle Pete.

Especially since it's so last-minute...

I hope it won't take long, Normie.

I'm needed at the police lab to consult on a case.

I know your work is important, but I didn't bring you here on a whim.

What's the big mystery, anyway?

Why couldn't we just discuss it over the phone?

You'll understand as soon as you see it.

Walk with me...

OSBORN CHEMICAL CORP.

As you're aware, I spent the last several months in Europe--

--ostensibly on my honeymoon.

In reality, I was also taking care of some old family business.

Things I should have done years ago.

I visited a number of properties that I had inherited from my grandfather.

Knowing how old **Norman** used to think, I searched each one for hidden rooms and passages before putting it up for sale.

I found one of his hidden laboratories, Uncle Pete--

--and it contained something that truly terrified me.

My efforts were eventually rewarded.

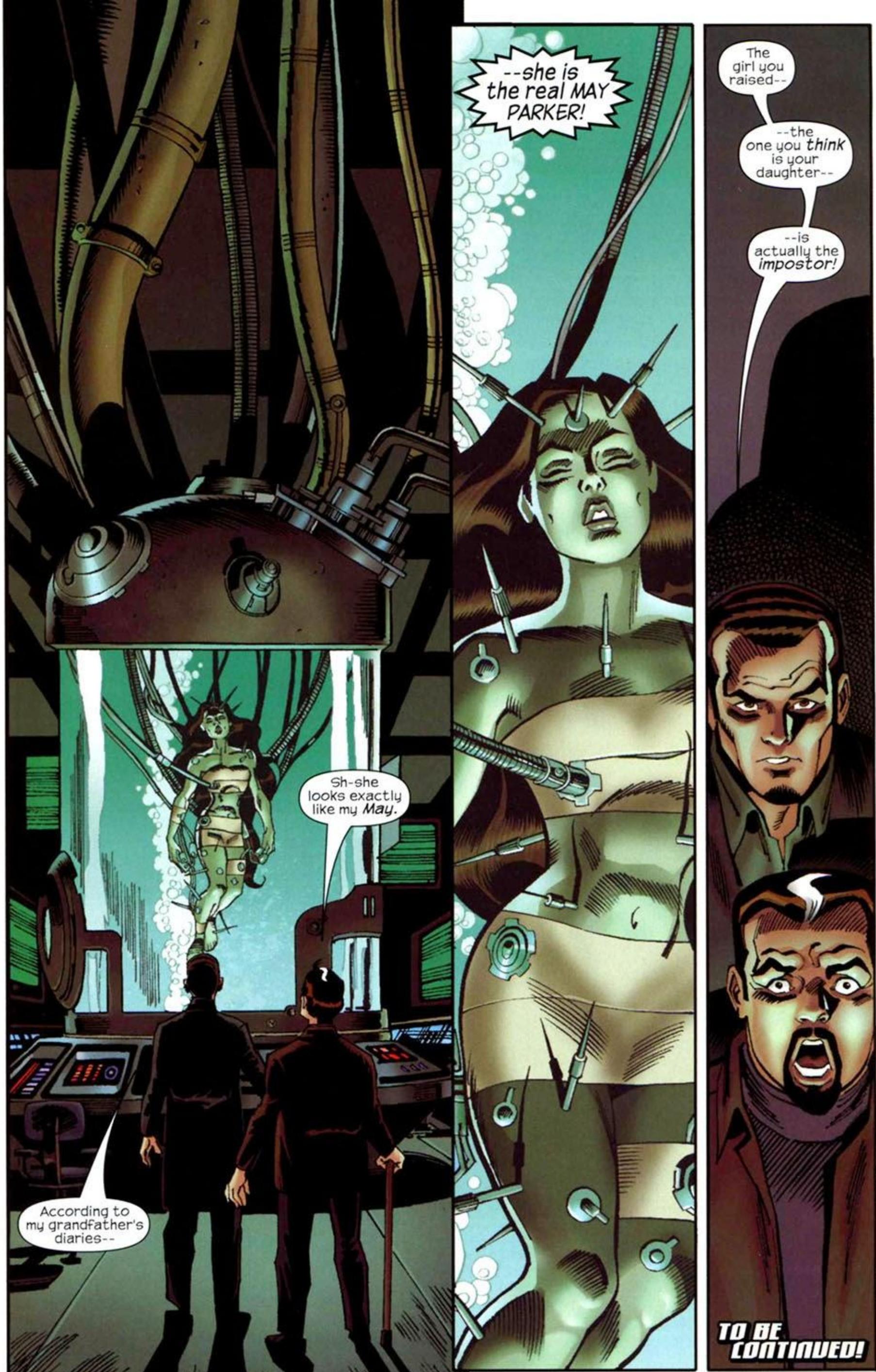
I immediately made arrangements to secretly smuggle it home.

It's taken all this time, but it's finally here...

W-what is it?

You tell me.

My god--!



MAYDAY'S MAILBOX

Dear Spider-Gang:

GAH! Getting moved into a new house put off my purchase of AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #18 for almost two weeks. I was finally able to make the drive to get it this past weekend. While the wait was excruciating, it was well worth it! Wow. Did a lot happen this issue, or what?

I was a bit surprised to see the Crimelord's identity revealed so soon. I saw it more as a "Rose" type storyline that would last awhile. That being said, I'm not complaining. Mona?!?! Man, I really fell for that swerve--hook, line and sinker! If I were moved in, I would have bet the house that it was Detective Drasco. I guess it's a good thing I won't be fully moved in until this weekend! Gotta love those loopholes.

Wes made his play, but too late. Too bad for him, I hope he doesn't give up.

The last of Hobby for awhile? Too bad. I wouldn't mind seeing some of May's old villains return, though.

Oh, and where's Moose and Jimmy???

Matt Kayser
Abingdon, VA

Jimmy's busy writing the next issue of his version of SPIDER-GIRL, Matt. (Something that Molly wishes Tom would do, too!) As for Moose, his presence will soon be felt...much to Mayday's dismay. Oh, and CONGRATULATIONS on the new house! Just remember to keep your priorities straight and pick up your monthly ASG on time!

Hey, gang!

Love the book! Rather than get into the details, let me just demonstrate my love by saying I used to collect something on the order of 30-plus comics per month, and now I'm down to six, and AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL is solidly one of them.

Tyler Heichel
Columbus, OH

Tyler, according to the way we figure things, you could really prove your love by buying an additional twenty-three copies of ASG each month and still be saving money over your previous purchases!

Hey, Spider-Fans!

I wanted to drop you a line to let you know how very much I've been enjoying not only Spider-Girl, but the various other heroes of the MC2-verse as well. I've been reading comics in general (and Spider-Titles in particular) for a very long time (since 1962 when I first got my hands on AMAZING FANTASY #15). In fact, I've spent so much time pouring over Spidey's extended family of related titles, that I'm a regular contributor to SpiderFan.org.

A couple of years ago I had the chance to buttonhole Tom DeFalco and bend his ear for about five minutes about how much I truly loved reading the adventures of Spider-Girl. I told him then, and I'll tell you all now that it fills me with the same type of wonder and excitement that I remember having when I was a teenager and reading Spider-Man.

One of the things I really enjoy about this title in particular is that, because it takes place outside the purview of the "standard" Marvel Universe, that there seem to be no rules governing it. Anything can happen. Back in the '60s comics were still largely unproven ground, with the ability to explore any topic, build any storyline, morph any characters whichever way the writers and editors chose. A character like Spider-Girl is like the Wild, Wild West all over again, and what can be more fun than that?

Plus, while it was fun seeing an adult Arana popping up in MC2U (I did so enjoy her adventures as well), I wanted to mention, (and I'm sure you have spotted it by now) that issue #19 (Spider-Girl vs. Arana) was, for some reason, covered-numbered #17 rather than #19 (the indicia had it correct). I can only suspect that this is part of some fiendish other-worldly plot by those dastardly Skrulls, who somehow have managed to secretly slip over to invade the MC2 Universe as well.

Robert J. "Bob" Sodaro

So that's the explanation!
Congratulations, Robert! Consider yourself no-prized!

Thanks for being there!
Tom D.

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Brand New May?



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