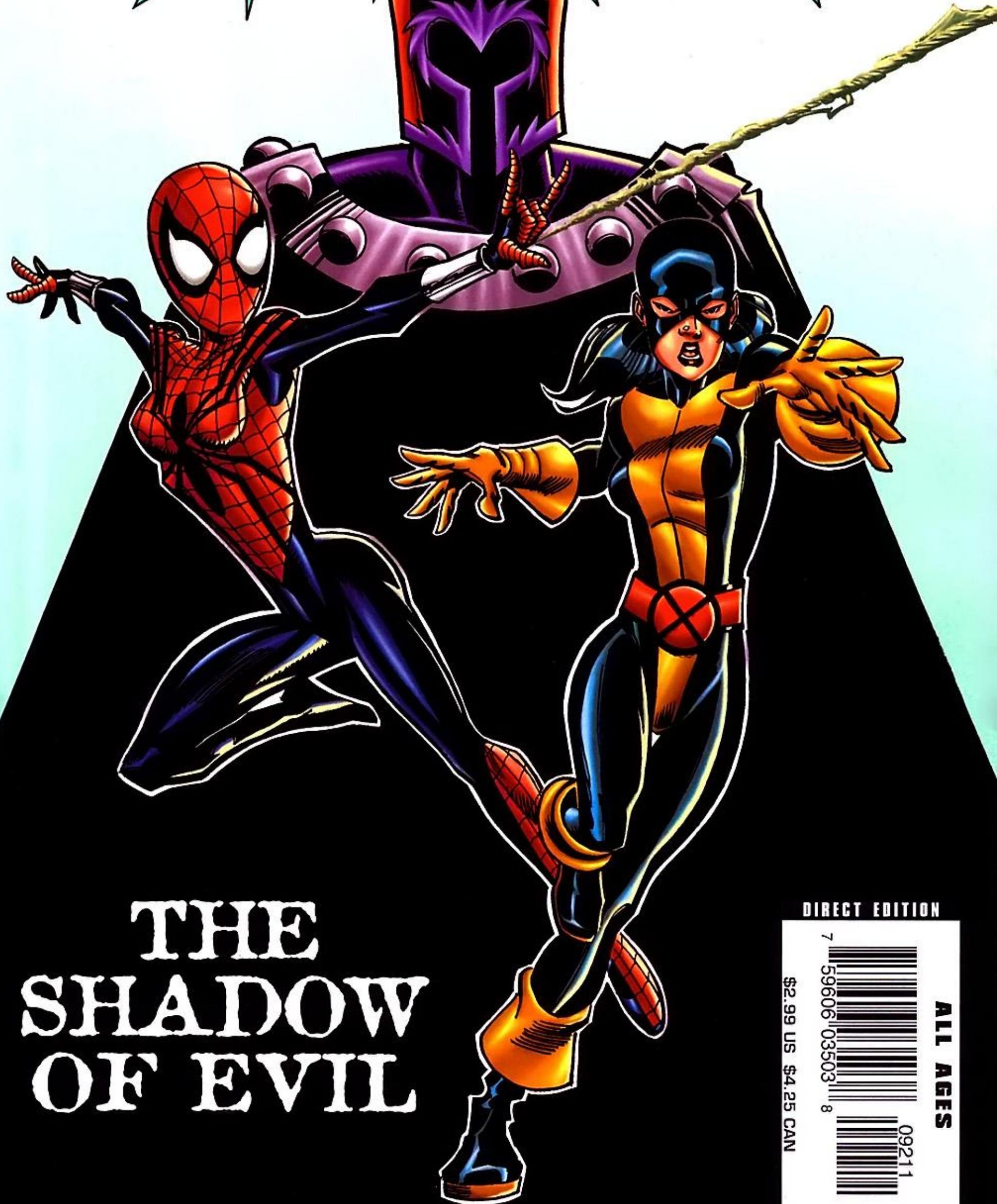


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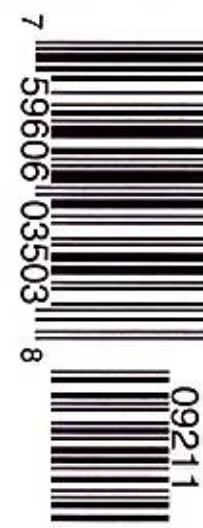
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ALL AGES



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...

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Nancy Lu, one of May Parker's classmates, is revealed as a mutant with telekinetic powers. She decides to go off with the X-People to learn how to control her abilities.



Though Spider-Girl knows that Normie Osborn now possesses the Venom symbiote, she doesn't know that he has been secretly taking it out at night--



--or what happened when he invited Phil Ulrich over for a visit.



Spider-Girl recently joined the new **Avengers** and other heroes against **Loki**, the Asgardian god of evil, and the **Incredible Hulk** in a battle that resulted in many serious injuries.



HOO-HA! Your name is
May "Mayday" Parker.

You are the daughter
of Spider-Man.

There's nothing like running
the gauntlet at *Avengers*
Compound to get the
adrenaline pumping.

Fifteen minutes
ago you were
barely conscious
as you slogged
through a mountain
of books in
the school library.

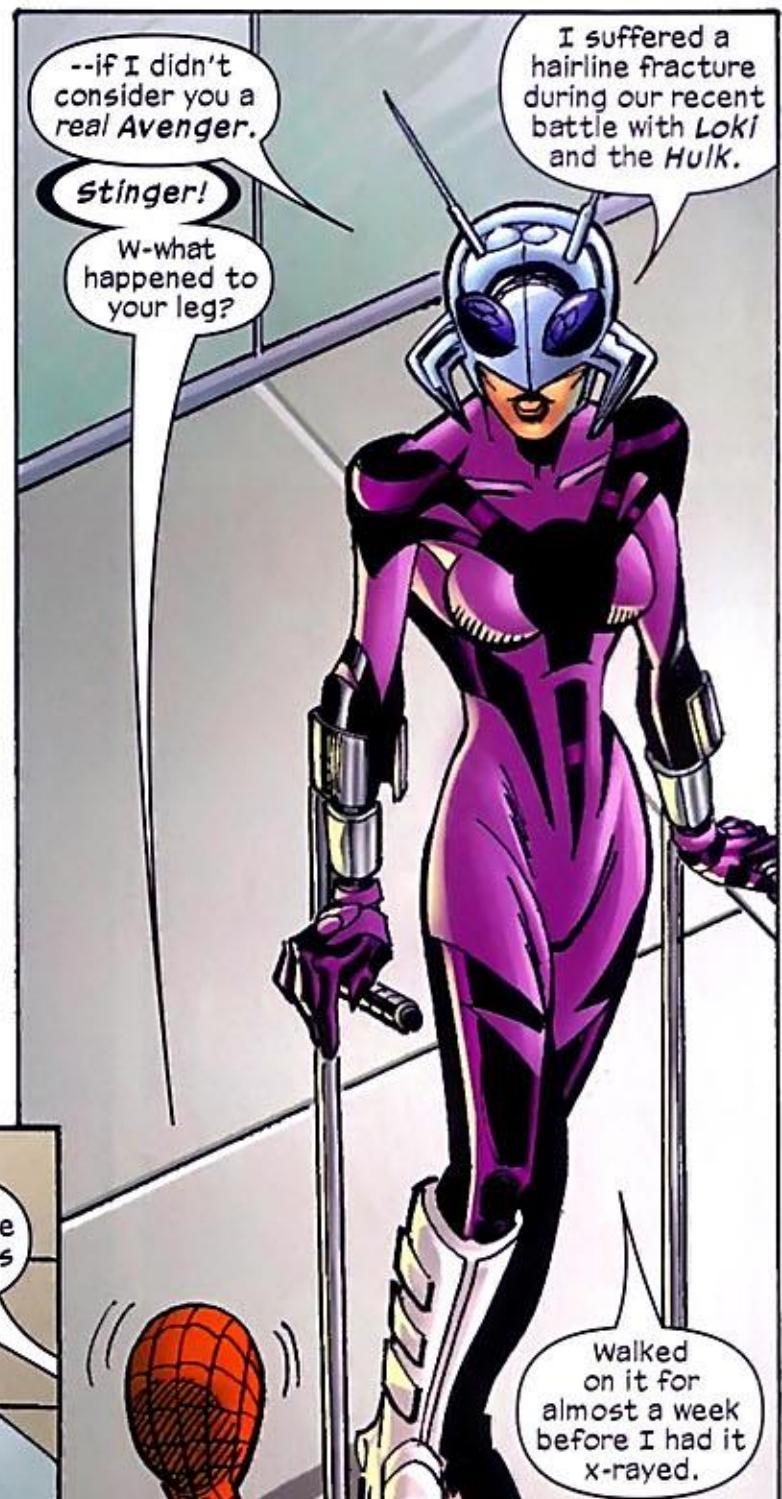
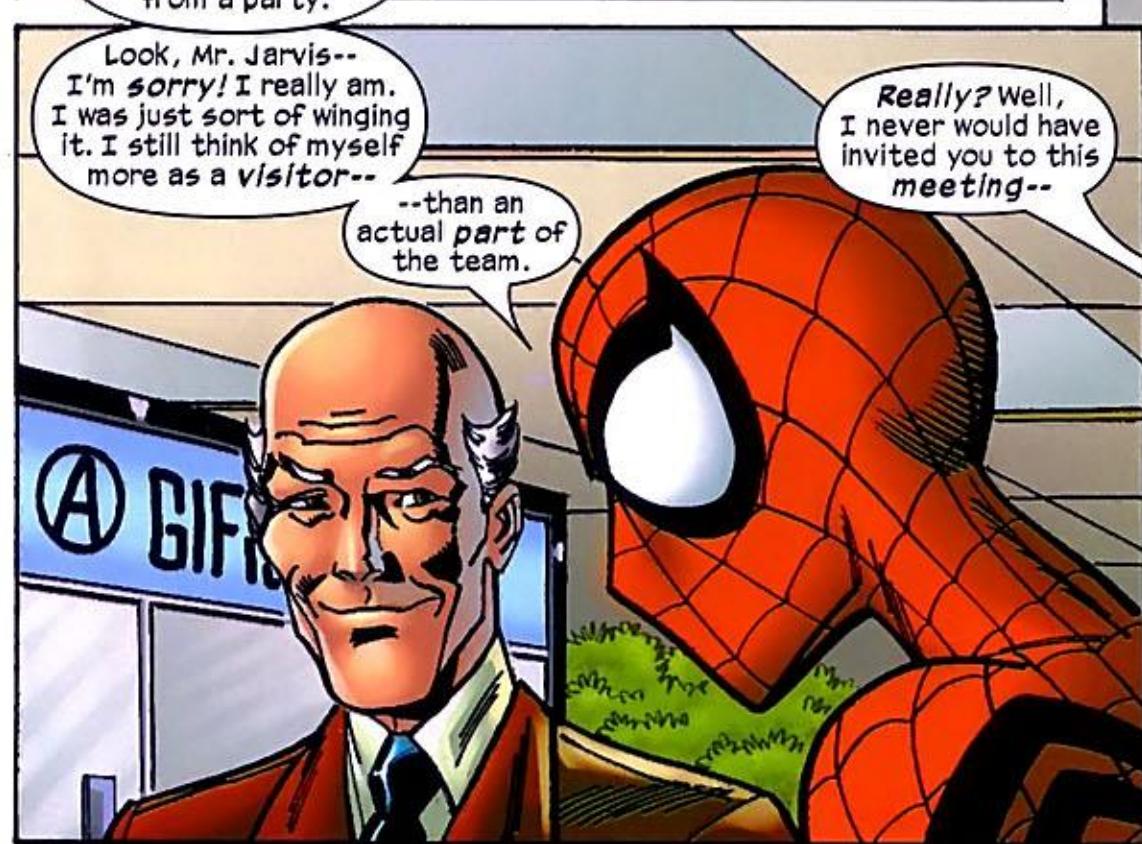
Luckily, that's when
Stinger called and
rescued you from
what was shaping up
to be a terminally
dull afternoon.

Yeah, you know
you're only delaying
the inevitable--

--but hanging with Earth's
mightiest heroes is much
more fun than hunkering
down with homework.



THE M-EAT





We cannot confirm if this is the real Magneto or an imposter.

We only know that someone wearing his costume and employing his powers--

--allegedly robbed the Broadway Bank on the corner of Main and 37th.



Robbery seems a little out of character for a would-be world conqueror.

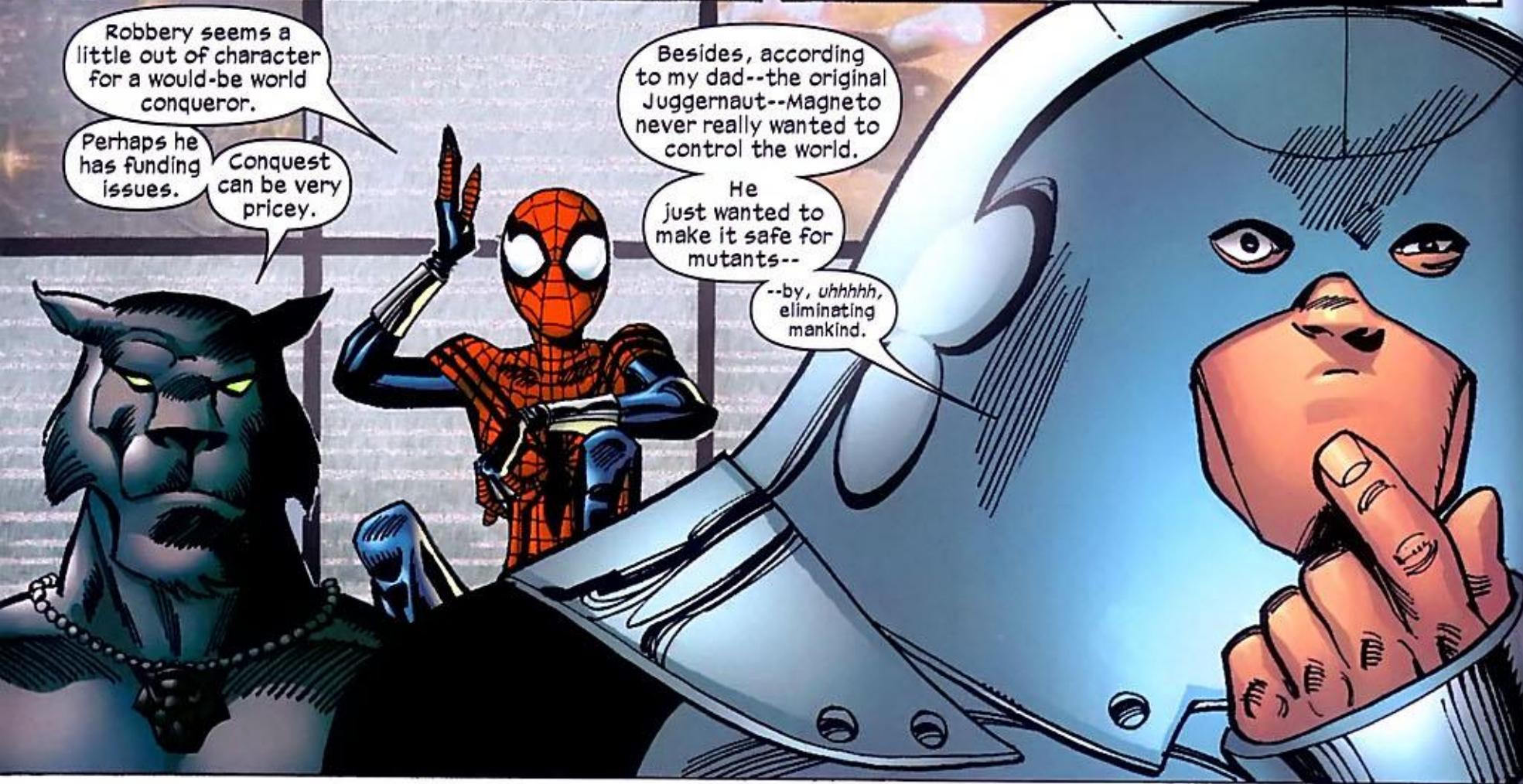
Perhaps he has funding issues.

Conquest can be very pricey.

Besides, according to my dad--the original Juggernaut--Magneto never really wanted to control the world.

He just wanted to make it safe for mutants--

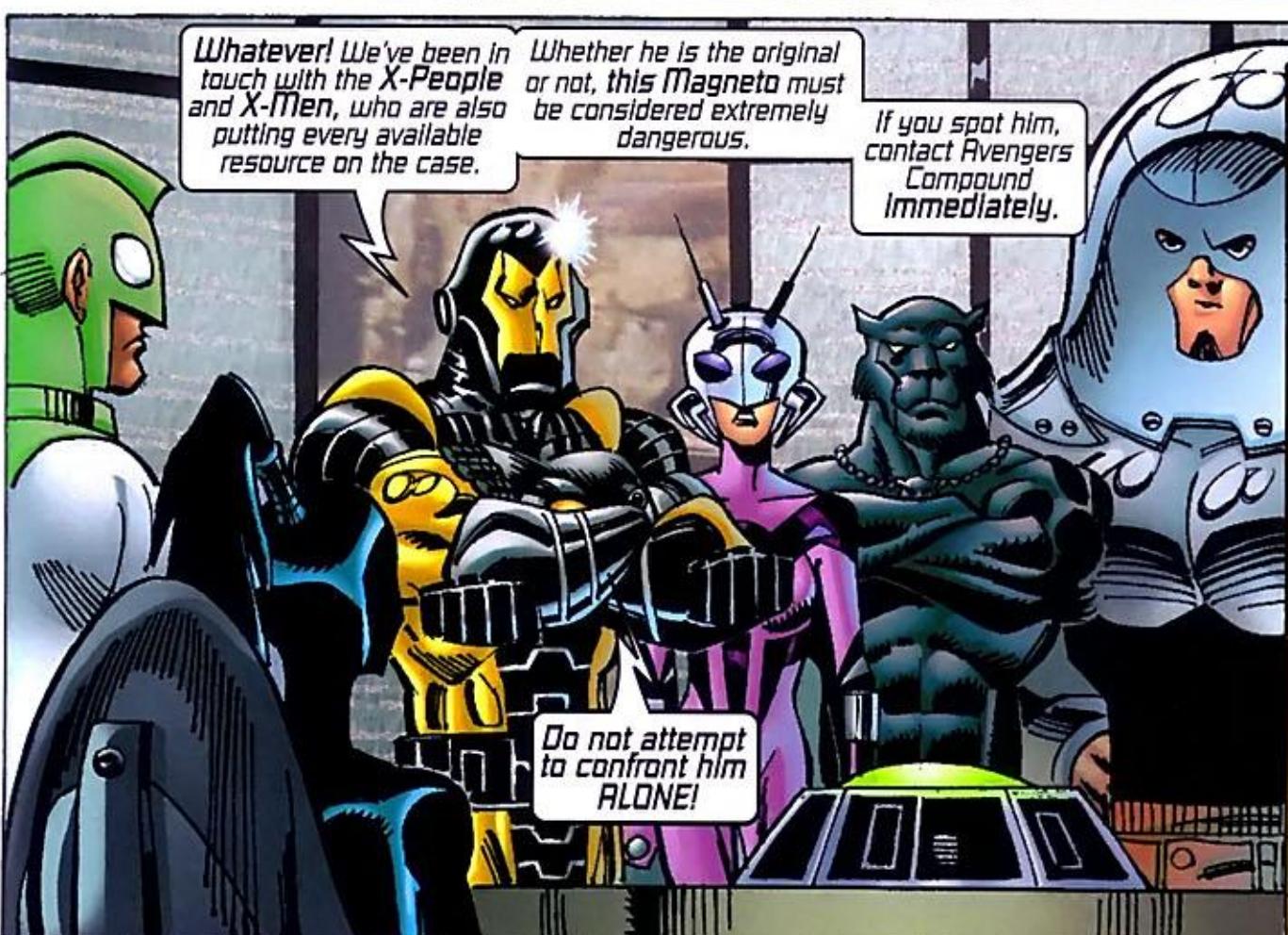
--by, uhhhhh, eliminating mankind.



Whatever! We've been in touch with the X-People and X-Men, who are also putting every available resource on the case.

Whether he is the original or not, this Magneto must be considered extremely dangerous.

If you spot him, contact Avengers Compound Immediately.



Finishing a boring research paper suddenly has a lot more appeal.



Moments after the meeting concludes...

What do you say, Stinger? Is this Magneto real or Memorex?

Your guess is as good as mine, but do yourself a favor and follow Mainframe's orders.

You got a minute? Sure, what's up?

Street crime has been on a steady increase ever since Loki and the Hulk put so many heroes in the hospital.

I've been monitoring the local police reports, and I came across something interesting.

A gang of well-known hijackers and burglars was recently found beaten half to death--

--on the grounds of the Osborn Corporation.

W-who did this--?

No one knows.

As you can see from these mug shots, the so-called "victims" all have long criminal records. They refused to talk to the police...

...though one of them let something slip about being attacked by some kind of monster.

If I remember correctly, Norman Osborn was the original Green Goblin, and he had a long history with Spider-Man.

I assumed you'd want to look into this matter on your own.

Yeah. Thanks for the heads-up.

What have you done, Normie?

A few weeks ago, Normie Osborn was attacked by the *Venom Symbiote*--an alien creature with fantastic powers that usually controls its host.

Normie later claimed that they had come to an understanding, and he decided to hold on to it.

You kept his secret--from your *parents*, the *Avengers* and everyone--because you trusted Normie.

You believed him when he said that he could keep the creature in check.

What if you were wrong?

What if the Symbiote has become dominant?

What if it is manipulating Normie?

Answer your phone, Normie--!

RRRRRRRING!

ANSWER your phone!

INCOMING...
S-GIRL
(UNAVAILABLE #)

RRRRRRRING!



No answer.

Is he too occupied, or is he simply avoiding you?

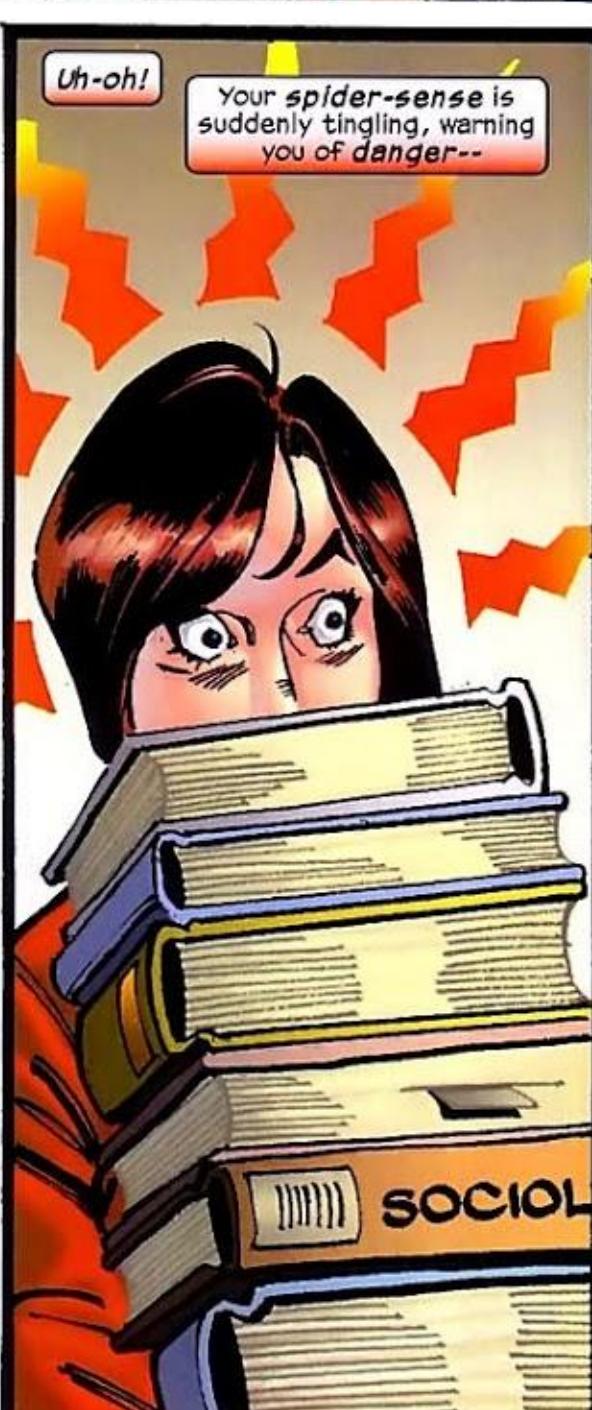
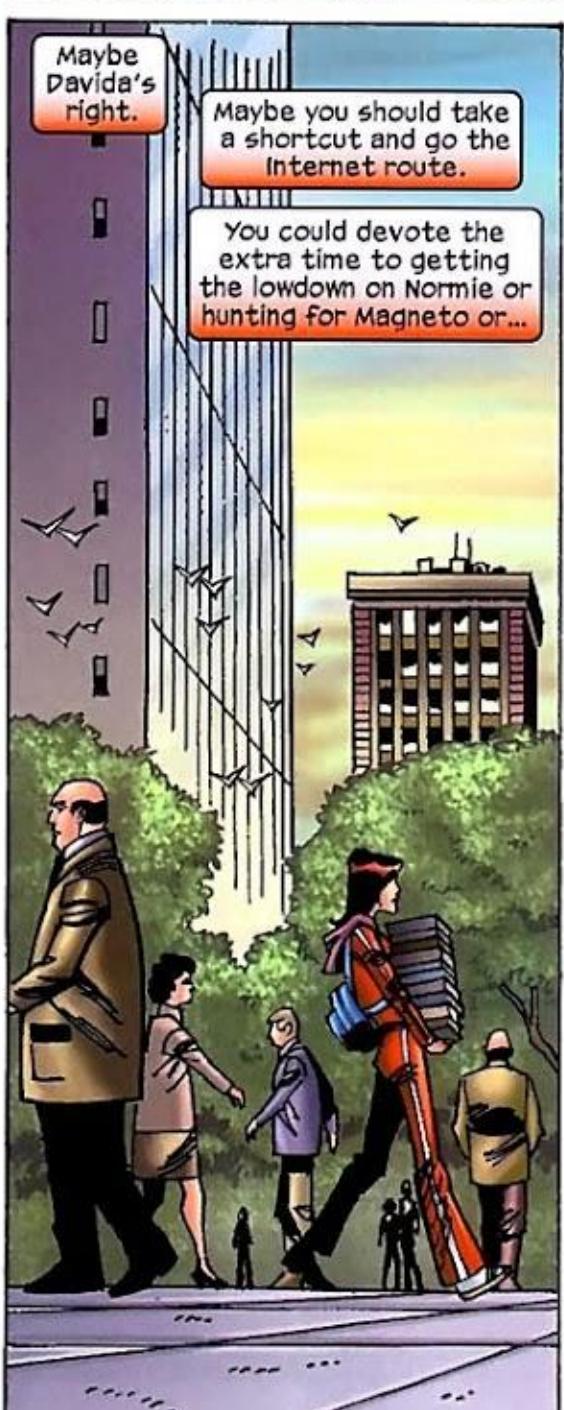
You recall that your Uncle Phil was going to visit Normie last night--

--but he doesn't answer, either.

Coincidence?

Or still another cause for concern?





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--or merely noting a nearby source of power.

Nancy!

Hey, Nancy--it's me!

DEET
DEET
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Nancy Lu is a telekinetic who used to attend Midtown High--

--but things got wonky when the other students discovered she was a mutant.

How's it going? I haven't seen you since you transferred to your new school.

Yeah, things happened quickly, and I really didn't get a chance to say goodbye.

Let me help you with these books.

How is the old gang at Midtown High?

Pretty much the same.

I...I'm sorry for the way some of them treated you after they learned your... secret.

Water under the bridge. I don't really blame them for zooming out. I was pretty freaked myself.

KEE-RASSH!

W-what the--?!

T-that came from the bank on the corner.

May, I...I just remembered that I have to be somewhere.

I... I'll call you.

Please do.

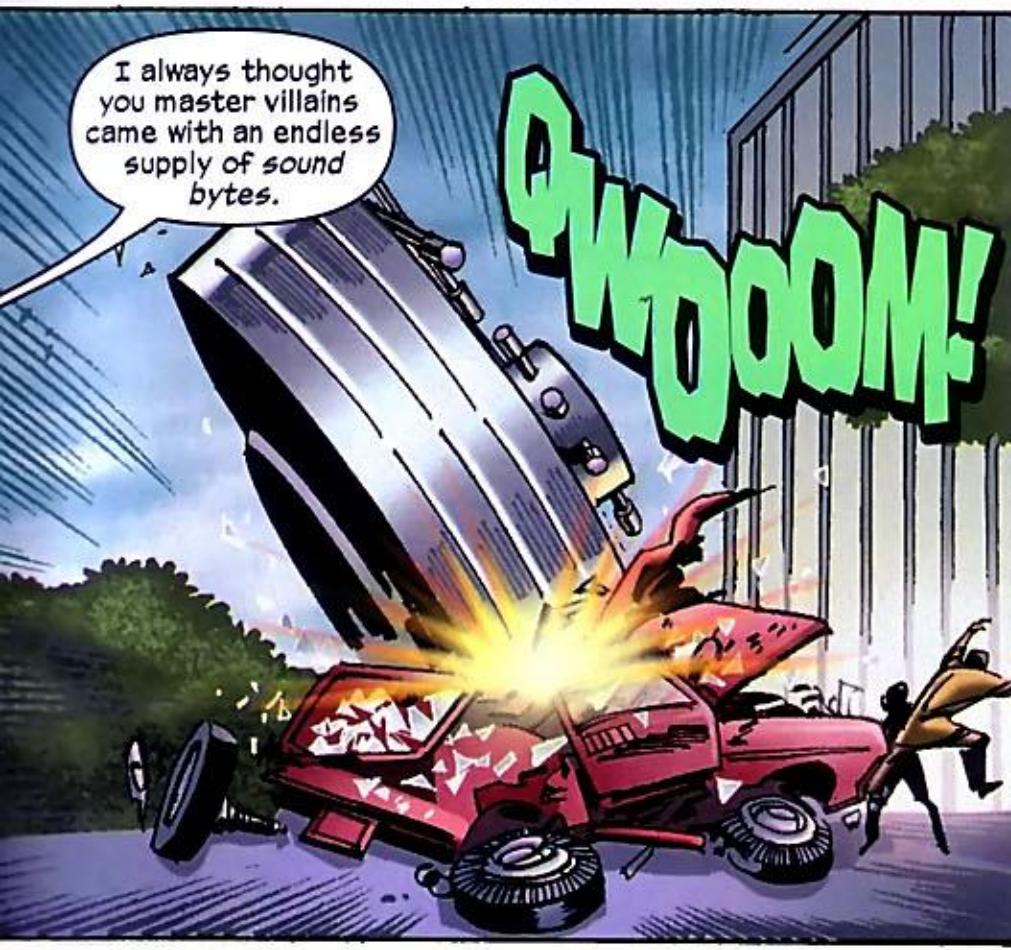
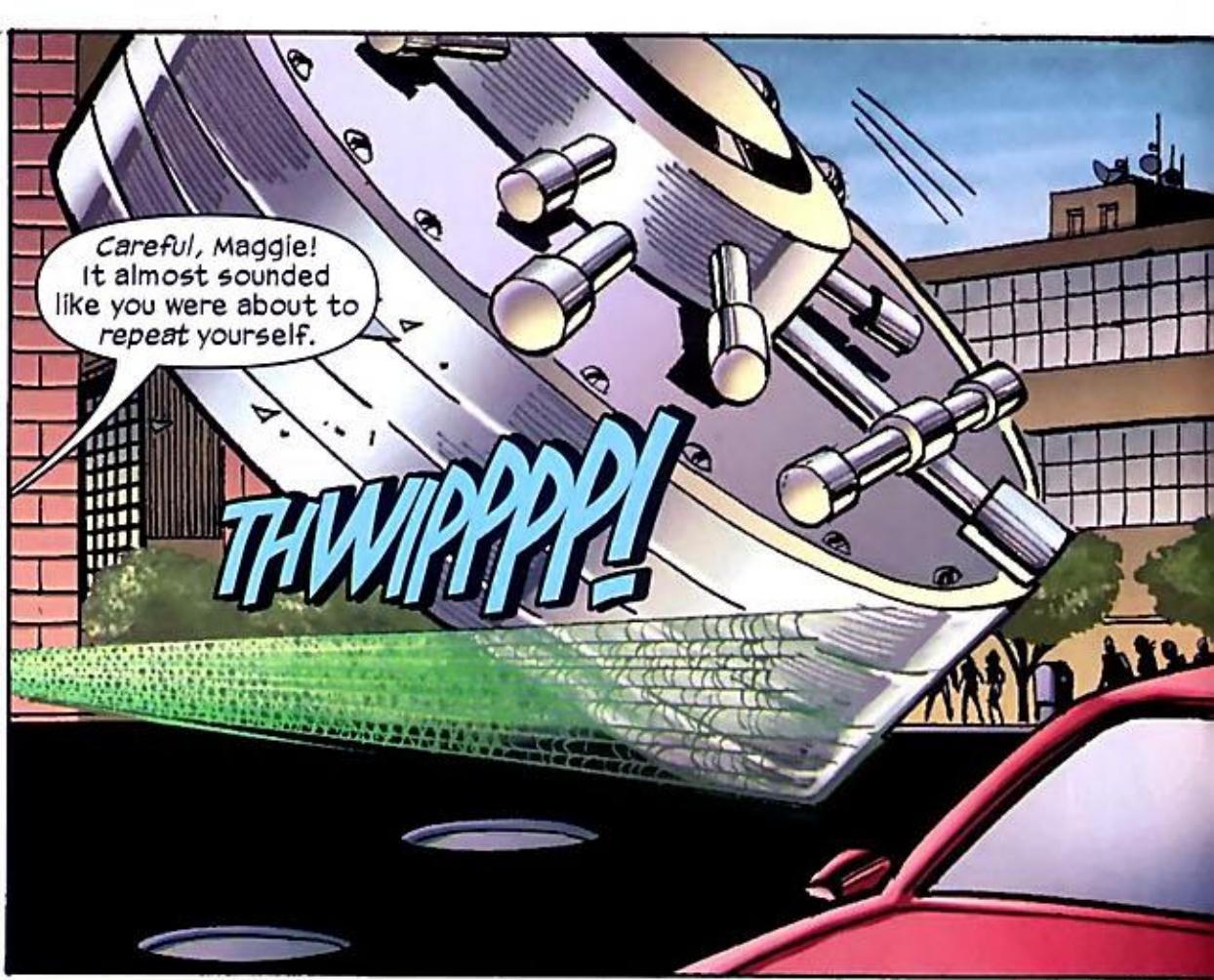
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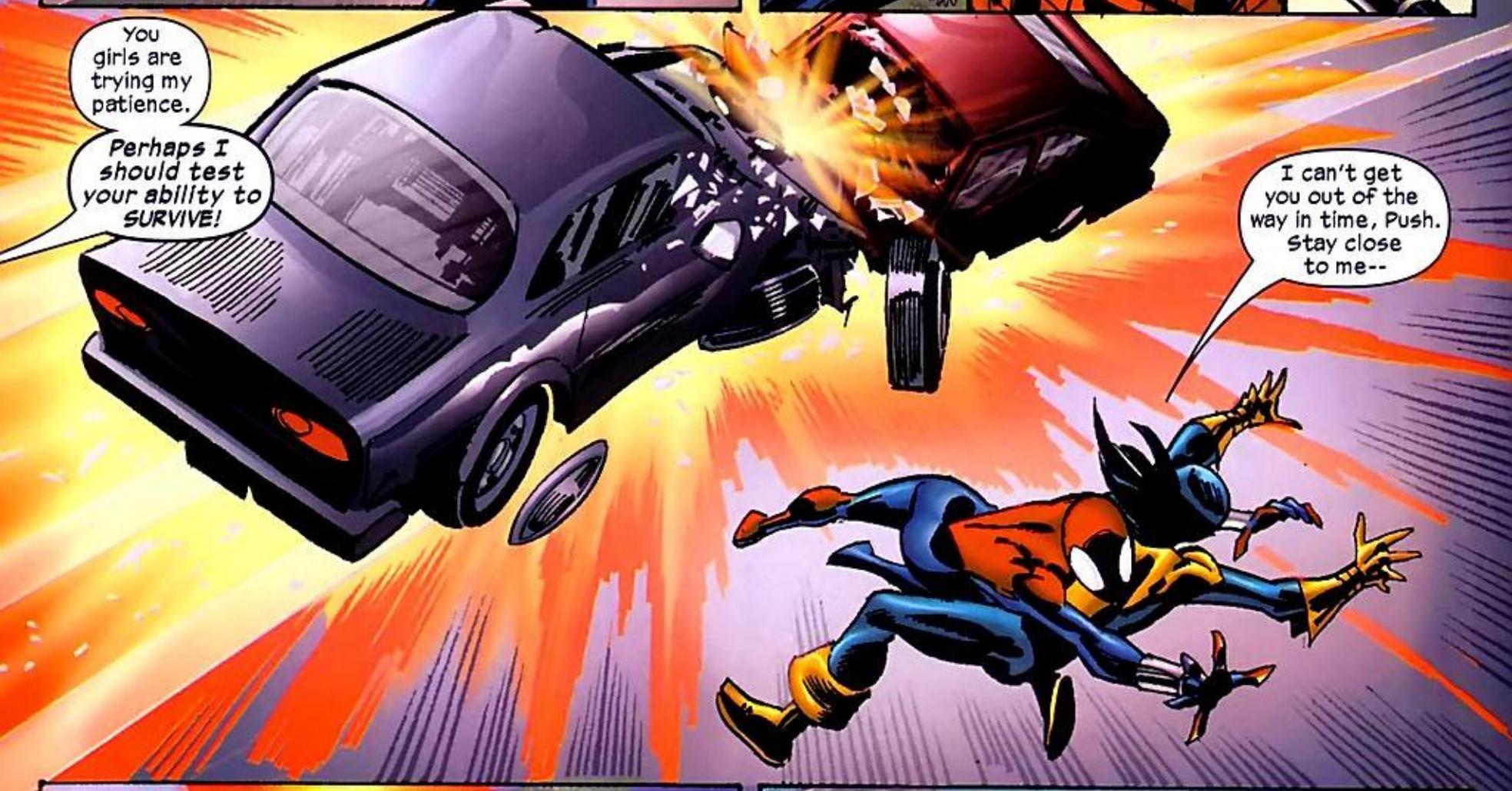
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Hey,
Charlie!

This is Spider-Girl.
You need to surrender
before a few thousand
angry X-People come
a'knocking.

Th-there
is no Charlie
here.

I am MAGNETO,
the mutant master
of magnetism!

Behold
my limitless
power!

I cannot be
stopped!

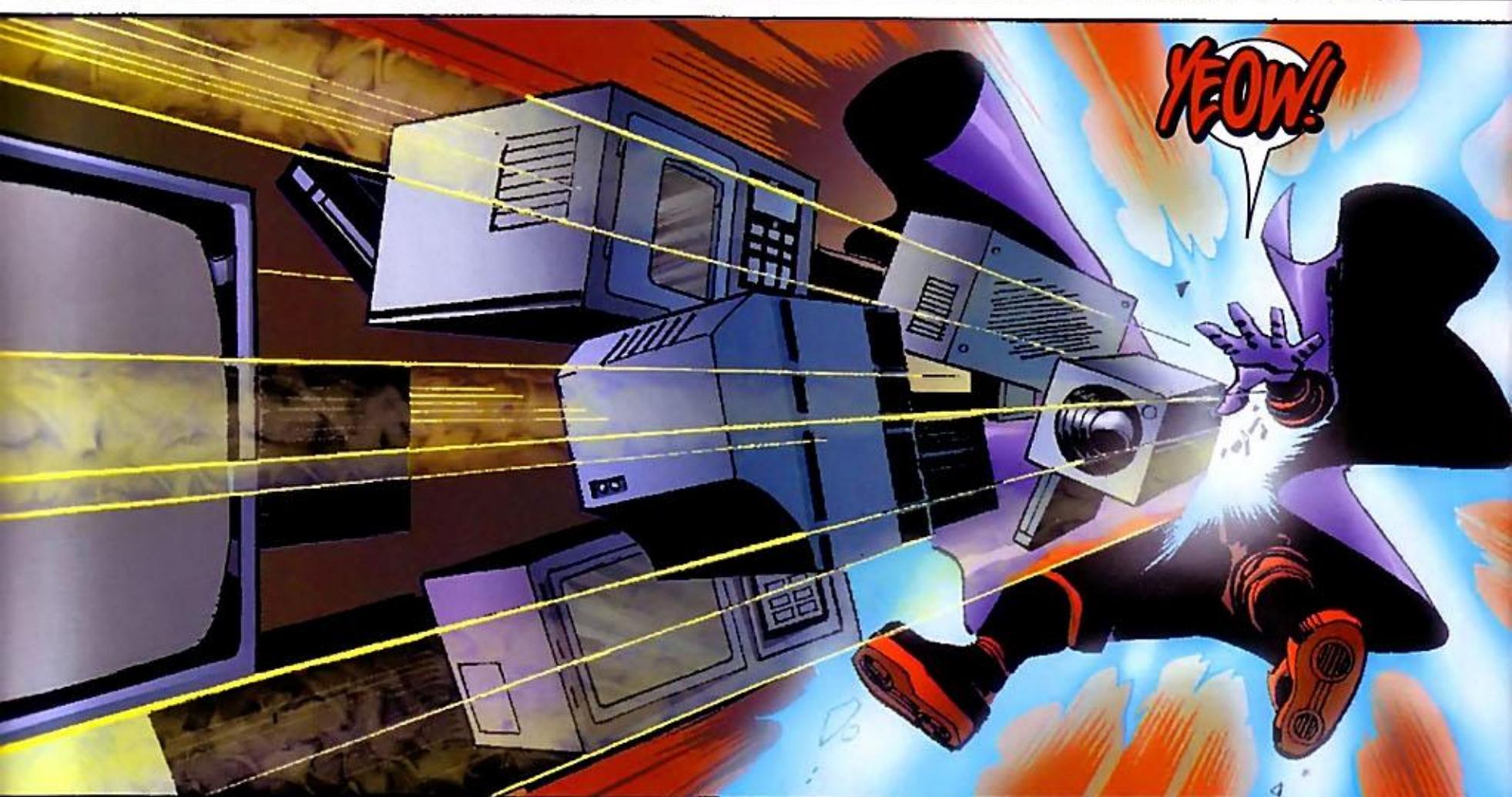
I cannot be
defeated!



Charlie, you're
back to repeating
yourself.

I'm guessing
you studied some
old news footage
and memorized
everything the real
Magneto said.

You need to
stop this nonsense
before someone
gets hurt.





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The area is soon swarming with authority figures, and some are far from happy...

What were you thinking, Spider-Girl? You were supposed to call for backup.

What's the big deal, Mainframe? He wasn't the real Magneto.

That's not the point. You violated protocol, disobeyed a direct order and might have endangered innocent lives.

Give me your Avengers Priority Card. Your reserve status is suspended pending a formal hearing.

Overreact much?

You just don't get it. The Avengers are not a social club.

Lives are at stake! We need team players... not mavericks.

I repeat... he wasn't the real Magneto.

Jerk.

How you doing, Push?

About as well as you.



I've been ordered to report back to the X-Mansion--

--where I can expect to be grounded for the rest of my life.

Sorry I dragged you down with me.

I went in with my eyes open.

I can understand why our superiors are so angry.

The rules are there for a reason. Things could have ended differently...tragically.

Yeah, but I still think we did the right thing.

Me too.

It was a pleasure teaming with you, Spider-Girl.

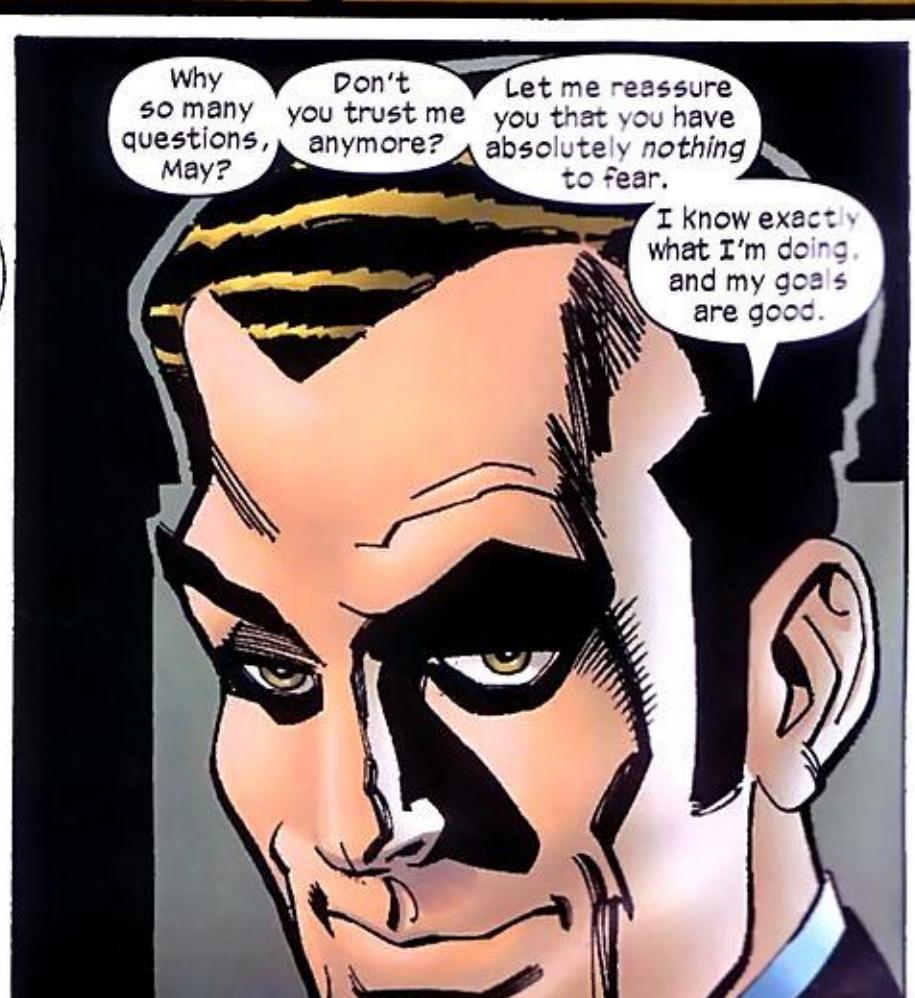
You headed home now?

Right back at you, Push.

Nope, I have one more errand...



A few hours
later...



DO NOT try
to HANDLE me,
Normie!

Good ends
do not justify
bad means.

I went
against my own
conscience and put
myself on the line
when you decided to
keep the Venom
Symbiote.



I BELIEVED
in you.

Please
don't make
me regret
it.

Everything is
going to be just
fine, May.

You just
have to trust
me for now.

I...see.

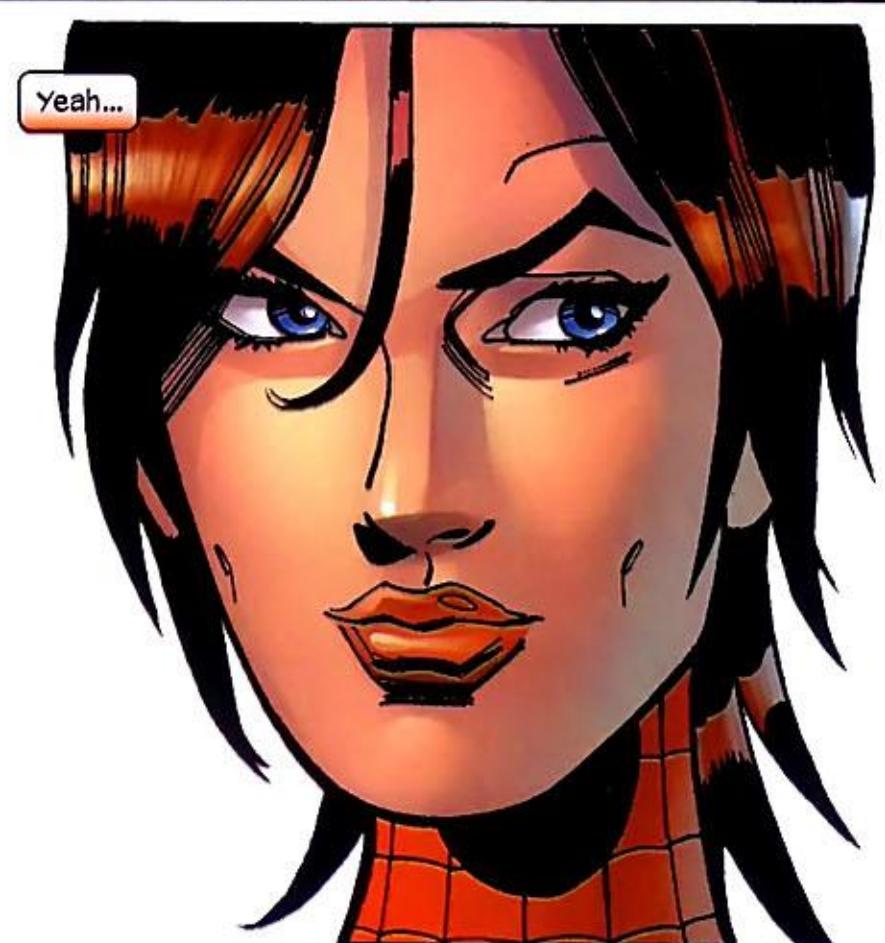
Okay.
Sure.



One
last thing,
Normie...

If you are into
anything bent, please
know that *Spider-Girl*
will take you down--



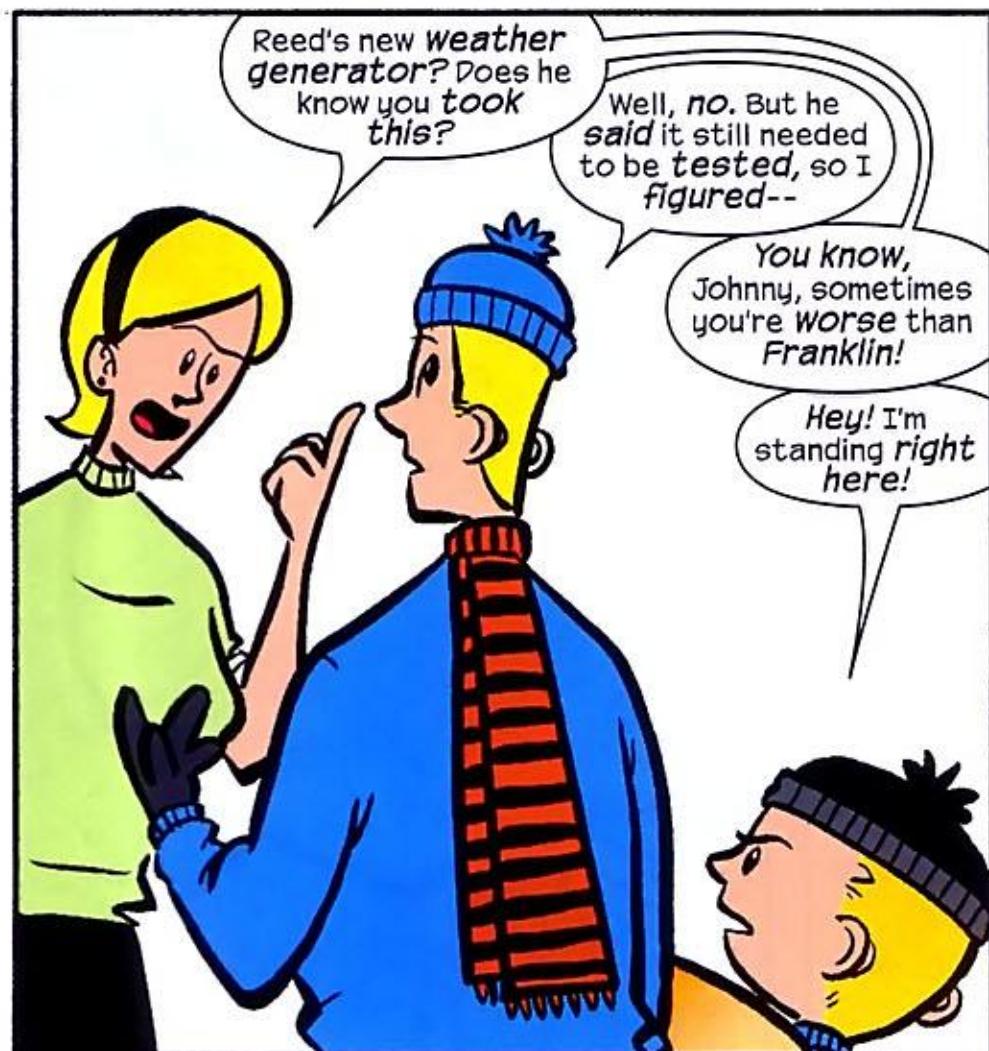


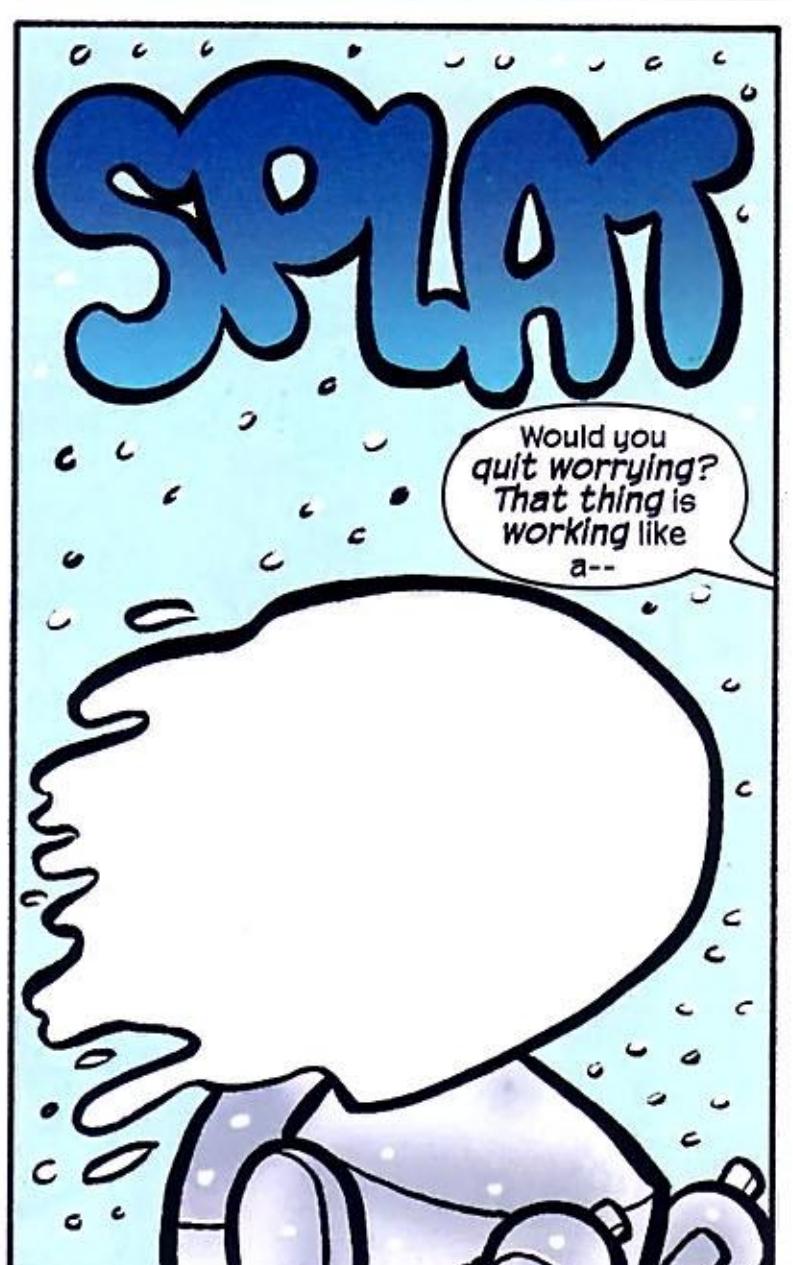
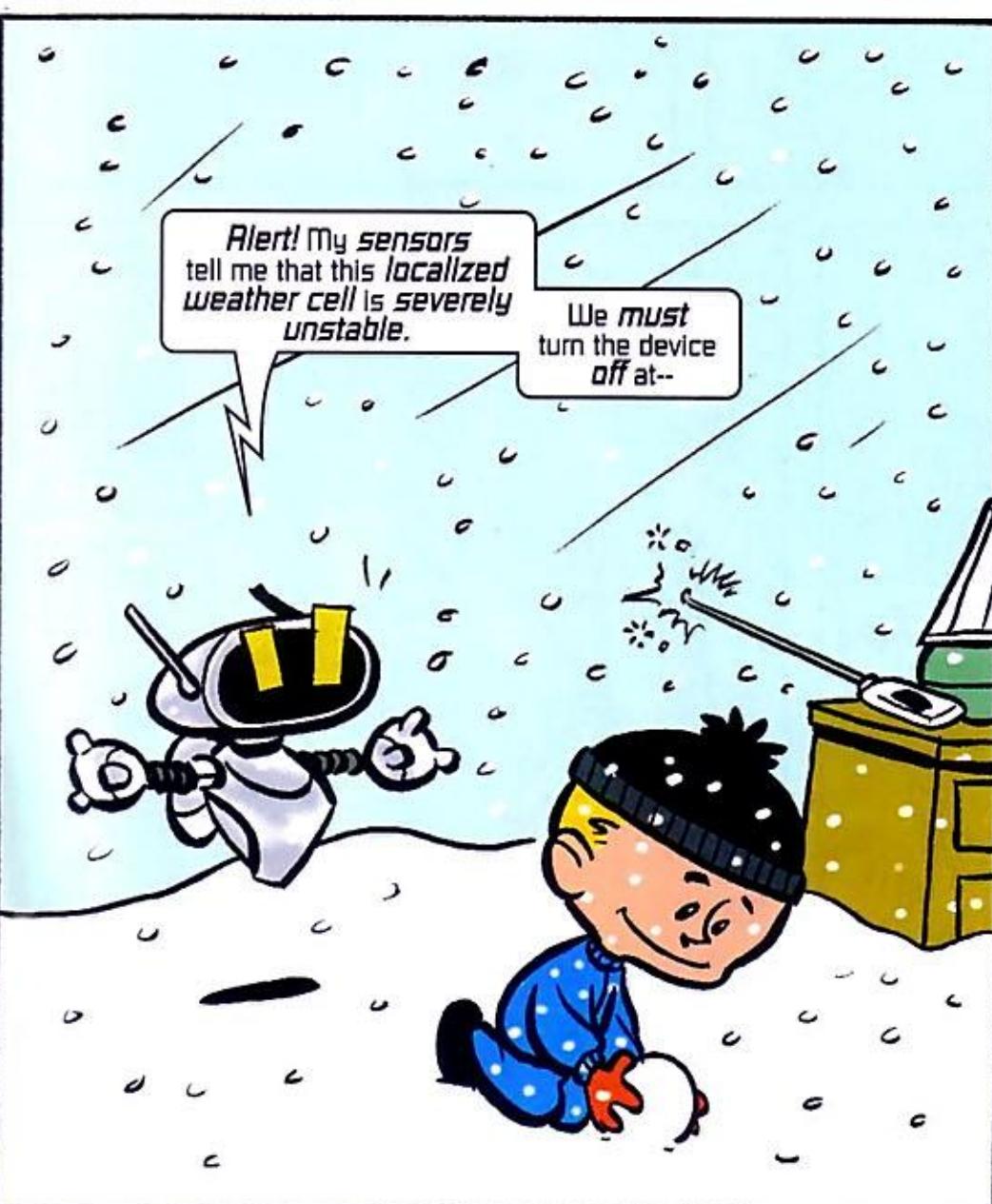
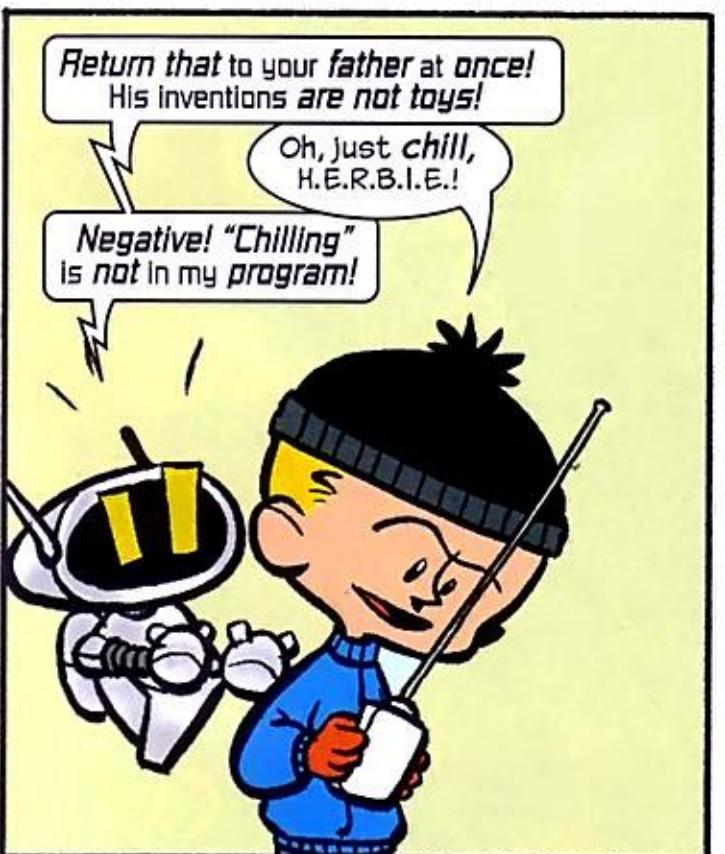
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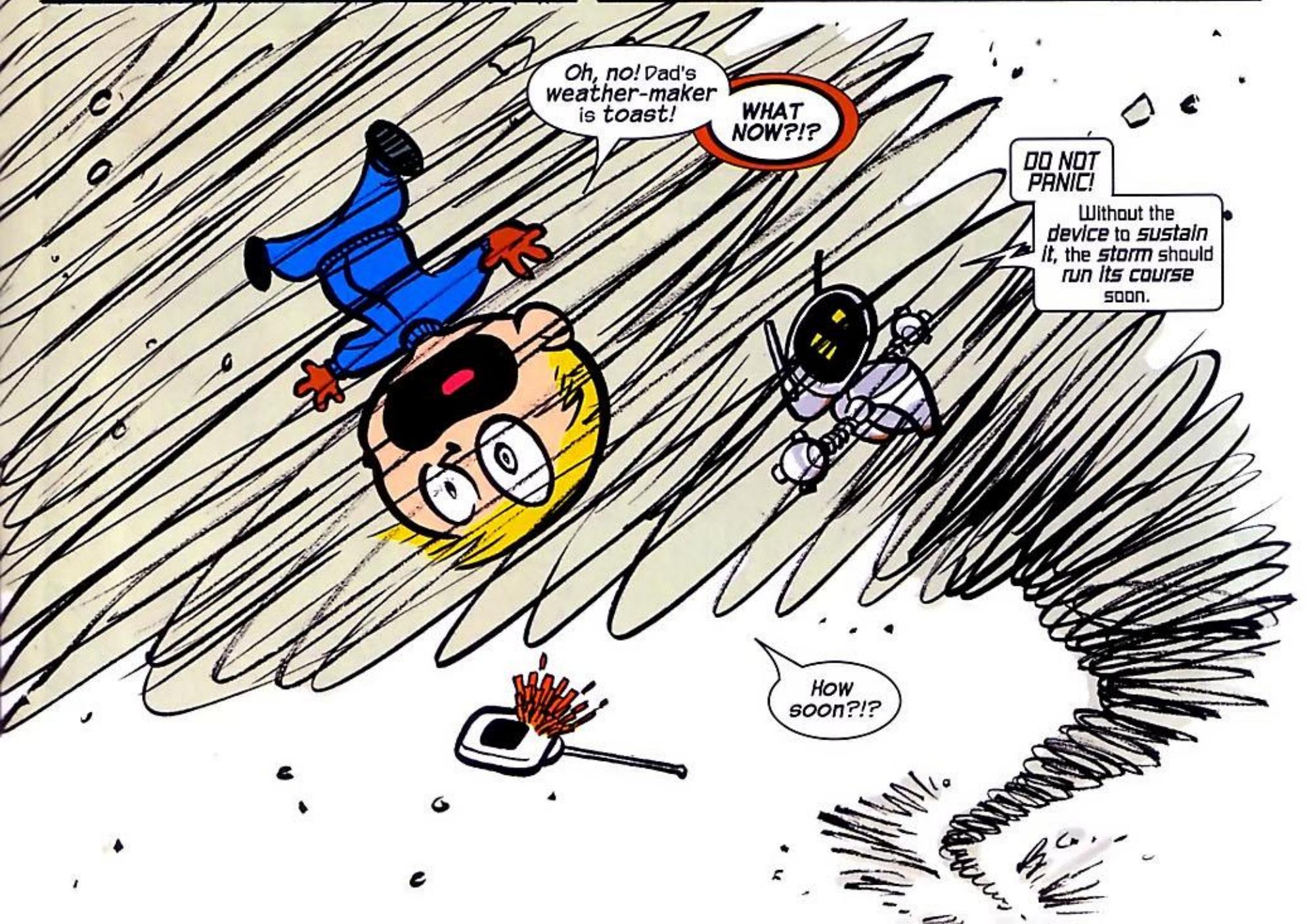
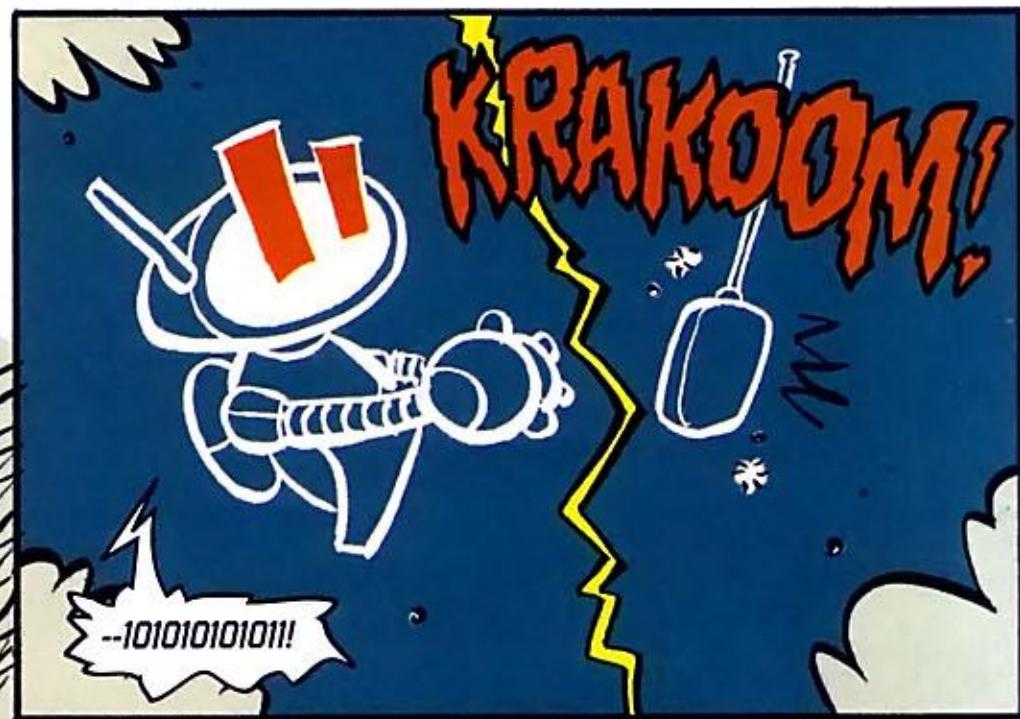
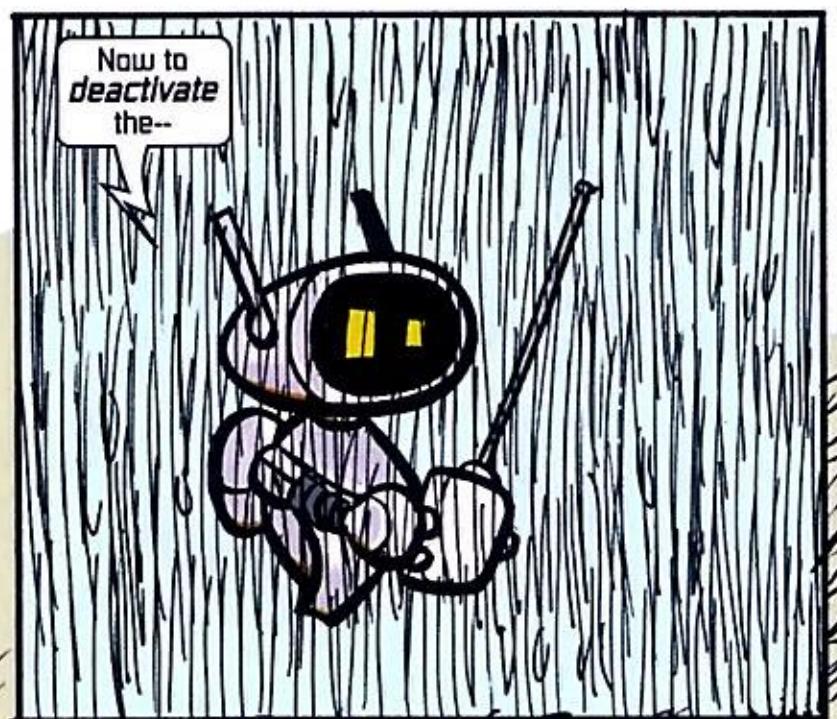
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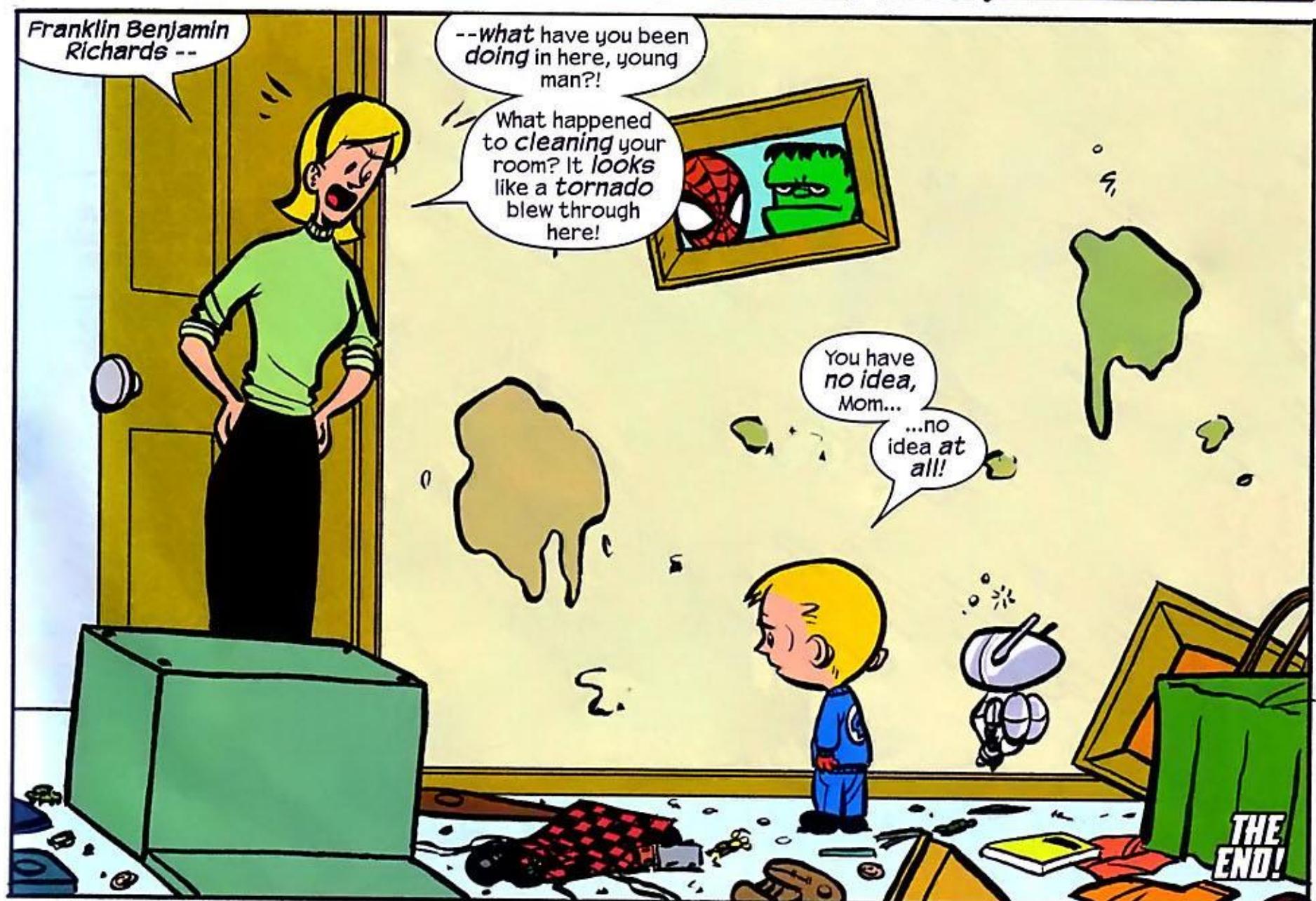
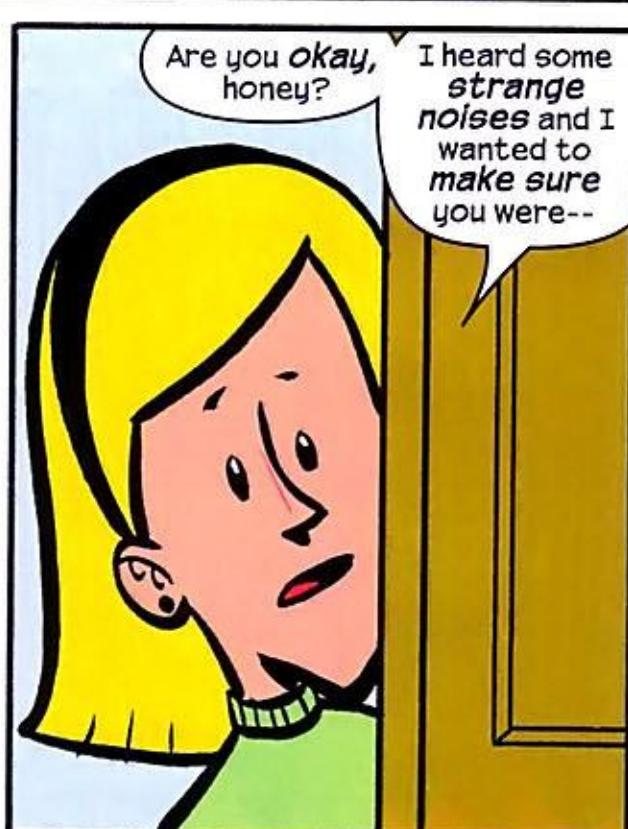
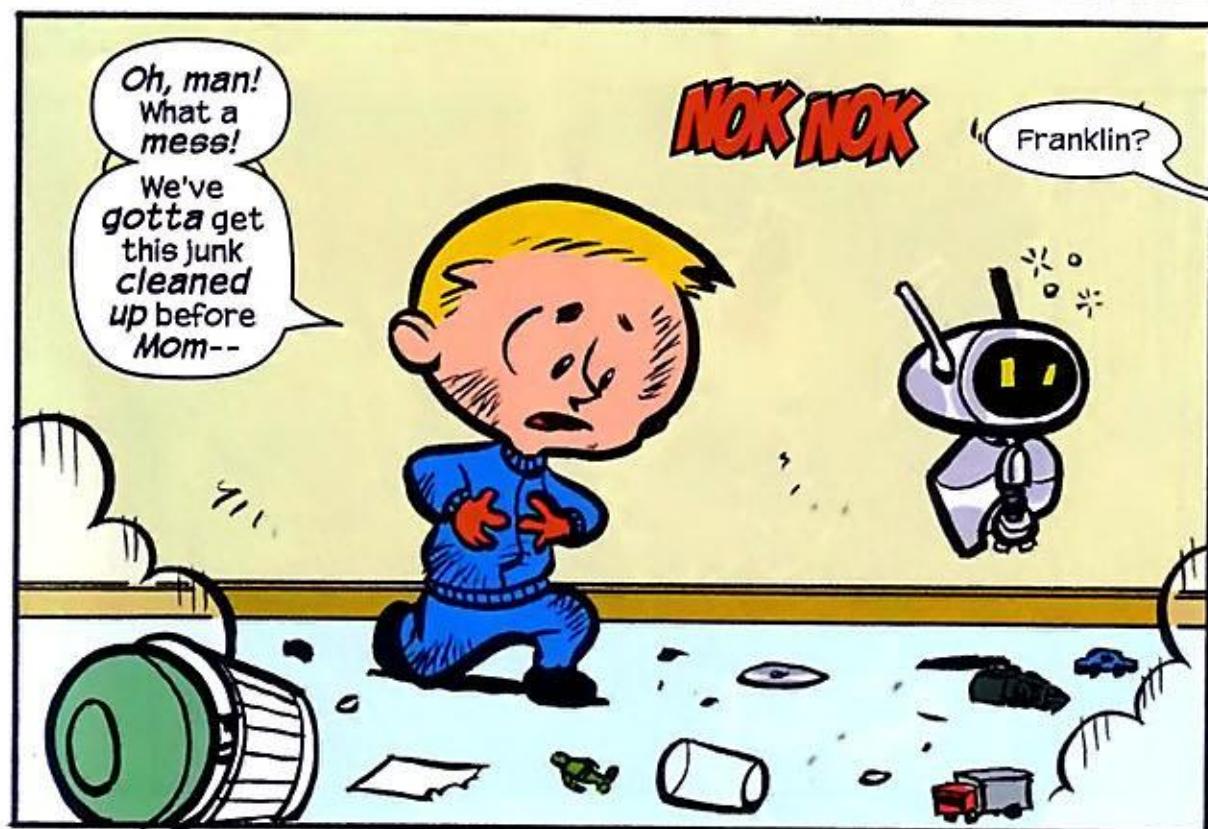
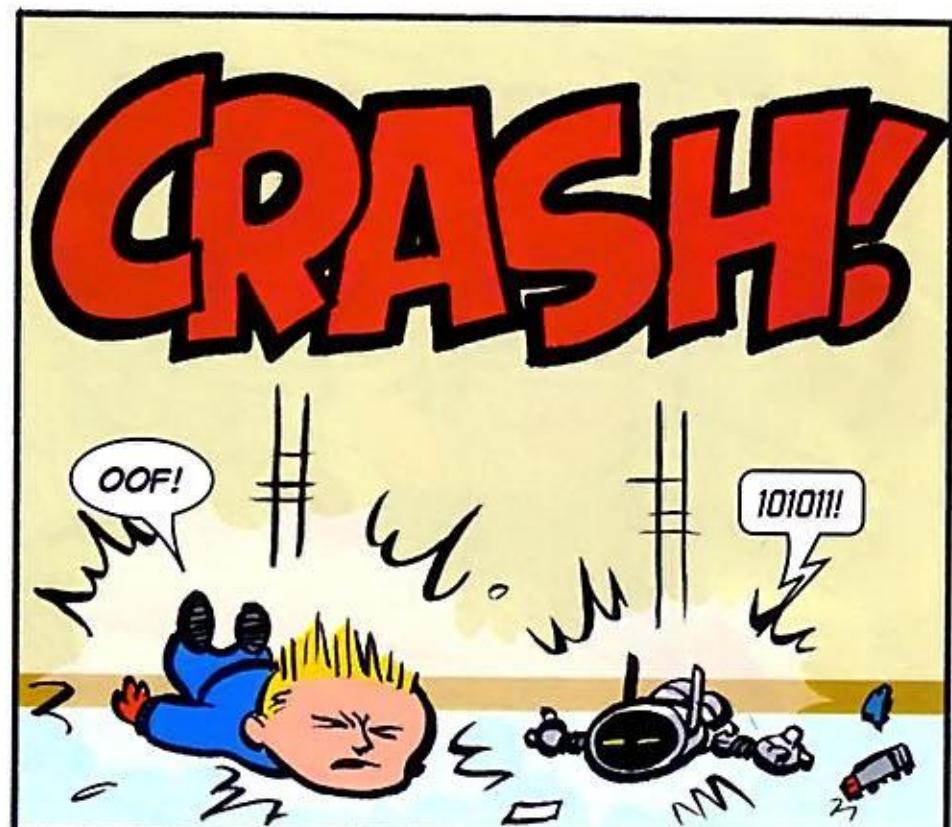
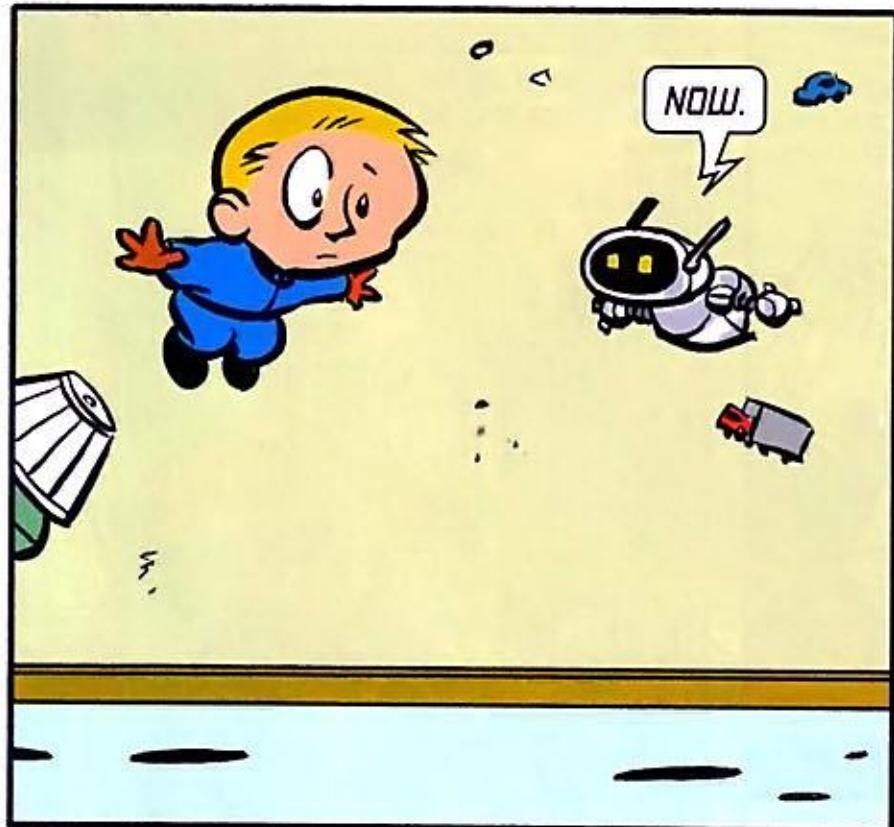
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