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DThe 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... **SPIDER-GIRL!!**

THROUGH A MOTHER'S EYES

You sit on the sidelines, listening to your favorite people squabble like usual.

When May was younger, she and her Father had endless debates over bedtimes, cartoon shows and snacks before meals.

Now they only argue about spider-stuff.

You should have run for help the moment you realized he was a cosmically empowered Super-Skrull.

But he was about to incinerate you and the Fantastic Five.

He could have killed you.

He would have killed you.

Your name is Mary Jane Parker.

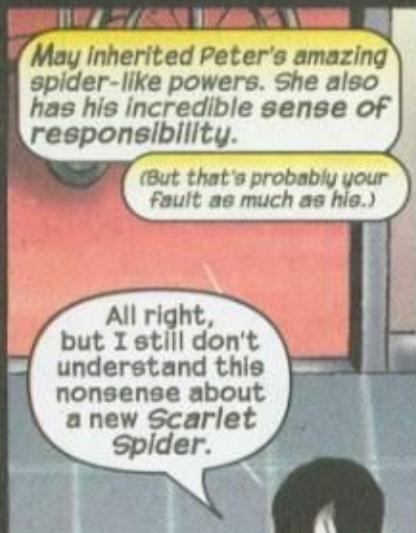
You are the wife of the original Spider-Man, and the mother of Spider-Girl.

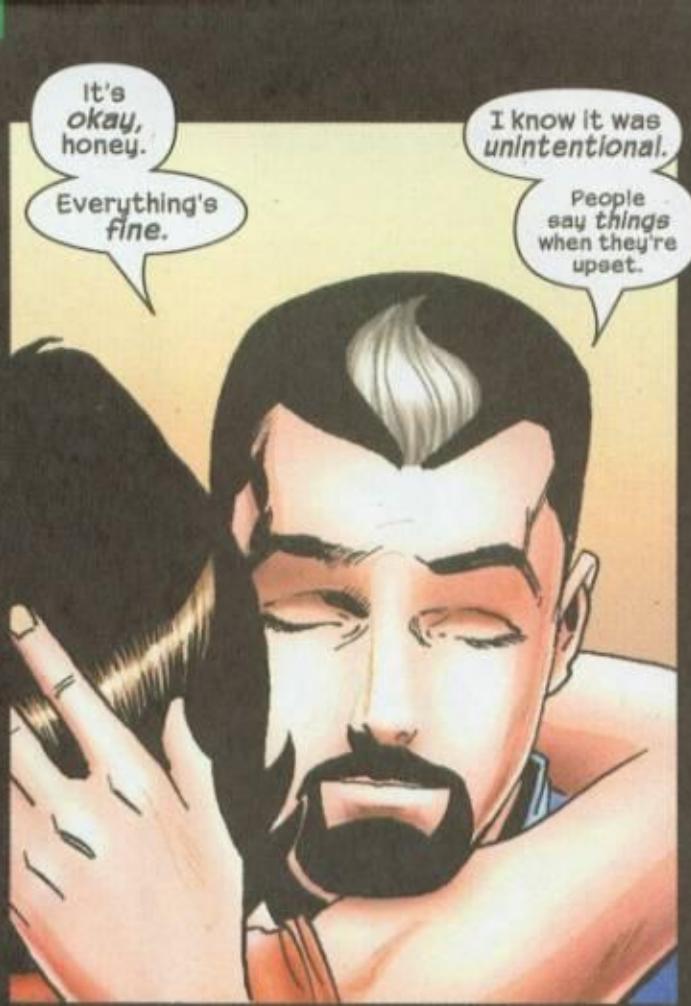
You are expecting your second child, and-- because of certain medical complications-- confined to a wheelchair for the duration of your pregnancy.

But you're currently more worried about your firstborn, who can be as exasperating and as pigheaded as her dad.

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Your name is May "Mayday" Parker, and you can't believe that you actually said that to your Dad.

What were you thinking?!

Odd!

It seems to be focused on that woman across the street--

--but she hardly seems like a potential threat.



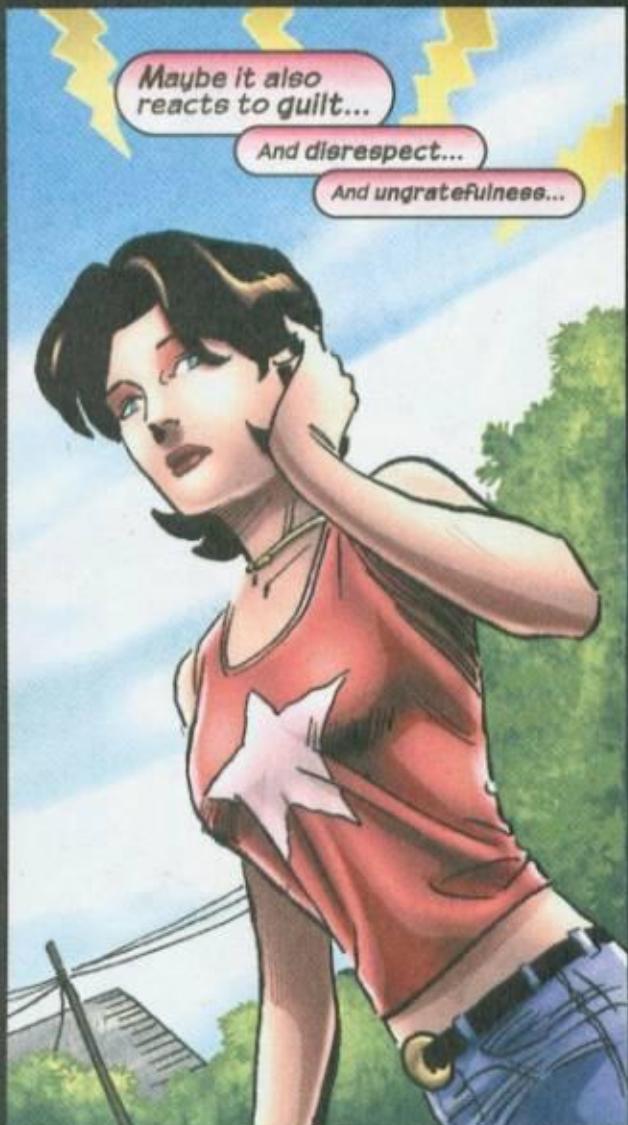
Maybe it also reacts to guilt...

And disrespect...

And ungratefulness...

"She's grown," the woman thinks, "into such a beautiful young girl."

"If only I could go over and introduce myself."



"Not yet."



Poor Peter! He's obviously hurting, but the old Parker stoicism won't let him show it.

She may be going through a bad patch, Peter... but your daughter worships you.

I know...

And I don't blame her for losing her temper.

It's my own fault.

I've been pretty hard on her lately.

I'm just not convinced she's ready to be Spider-Girl.

Peter retired from wall-crawling after he lost his leg in a final battle with Norman Osborn, the original Green Goblin.

For such a long time, it looked like your family would live happily ever after...

And Peter asked the Fantastic Five to build him a bionic leg so that he could become Spider-Man again...

That's odd!

I'd never forgive myself if anything ever happened to her.

You immediately bite your tongue.

Your husband has enough on his mind, and doesn't need to hear more misgivings.

But then, May's spider-powers began to emerge...

Who is she, and why does she keep staring at your house?

You've noticed that woman before.

Her name is Alison Mongrain.

She was a grifter who specialized in the big con, and she remembers the day she met the devil himself.

You come highly recommended, Ms. Mongrain.

As do you, sir.

How can I help you?

I may need the services of a master switch-artist for a little operation I'm running.

His name was Norman Osborn...

Tell me, Ms. Mongrain... do you like babies?

Not particularly. I've never had a high tolerance for dirty diapers.

Excellent! You'll do fine...

WHAT--?!

You really said that?!

I... I'm just sick about it, Normie.

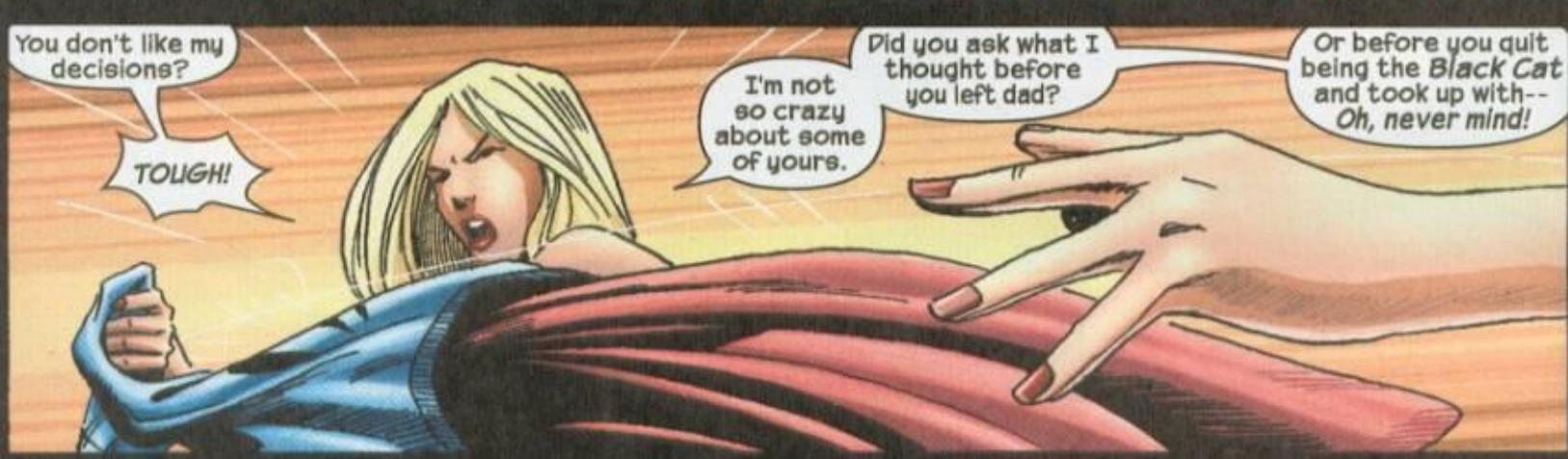
Calm down, Kid.

It was an accident.

Your Dad's a good guy.

I'm sure he understands and has already forgiven you.





You're still haunted by the expression on Peter's face.



It was just another gig when it started, a way to earn some nice cash and take an expensive vacation on someone else's dime.



It was just supposed to be another gig when it started--

--but it became more--

--so much more!



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The rest
of the world only saw
a deranged psychopath
when they looked at
Crazy Eight--

--but
he was my
baby--

--my
beautiful little
boy.

Come on, mom! There must be
something I can do to make
you feel better.

I have
a better idea. Let's
return to New York and
make Spider-Girl pay
for your brother's
death.

We
can torture
her and kill
her and have
all kinds of
fun.



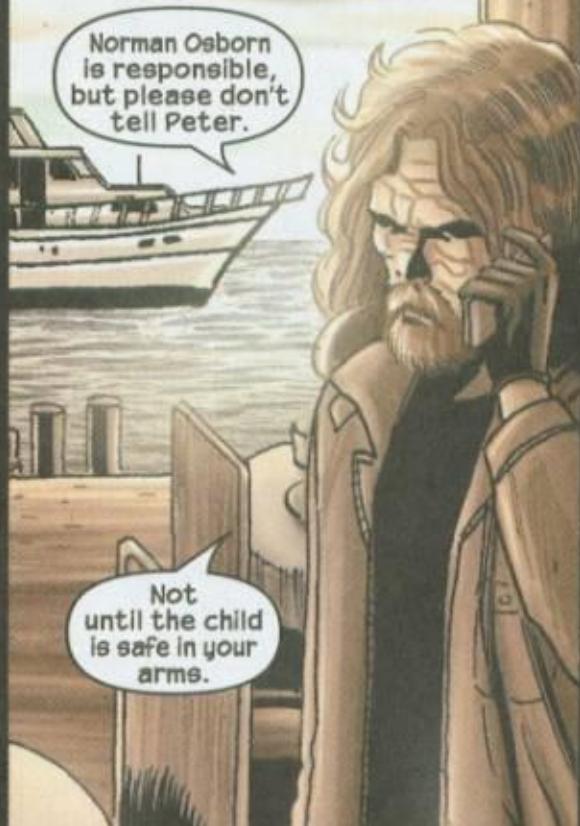
You remember the passing
of months, months when
you and Peter lived like
shadows hiding in the night--

--and then came the phone
call that changed your life.

It began with three simple
words... "Your baby's alive!"

A long explanation
followed.

It was the man called Kaine--
someone who had often fought
your husband but had always
treated you with respect
and kindness.



You immediately
recognized the voice...

You hated the idea of keeping
secrets from Peter-- especially
a secret like this-- but you knew
he'd only confront Norman and
endanger your baby's life.

His name
is Kaine--

--and he is searching for
Alison Mongrain, as he has
done for nearly fifteen years.

He doesn't know why she
has suddenly decided
to return to New York--

--but all his theories
trouble him.

He doesn't know if she's
come for a reunion or
revenge or a combination
of the-- that's strange!



Kaine had heard that there
was a new Spider-Man in
town-- a teenager who had
adopted Parker's former identity!

But that almost looks
like-- Impossible!

Parker lost
a leg.

Sure, he may have
slipped back into
the old costume
for the odd occasion.

But even he wouldn't be
insane enough to-- no!

No one could possibly
be that dumb!



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May will always be a child in his eyes, Peter Parker realizes, and there's nothing he can do about it.

Determined to find her and heal the rift between them, he swings toward home.

He almost can't believe his luck.

On a hunch, Kaine decided to stroll past the Parker house.

And that's when he feels the first tingle...

He never expected to find Alison Mongrain waiting for him.

What does she want?

Why has she returned after all these years?

The tingles grow more intense as he nears his home, indicating that he's approaching something dangerous--

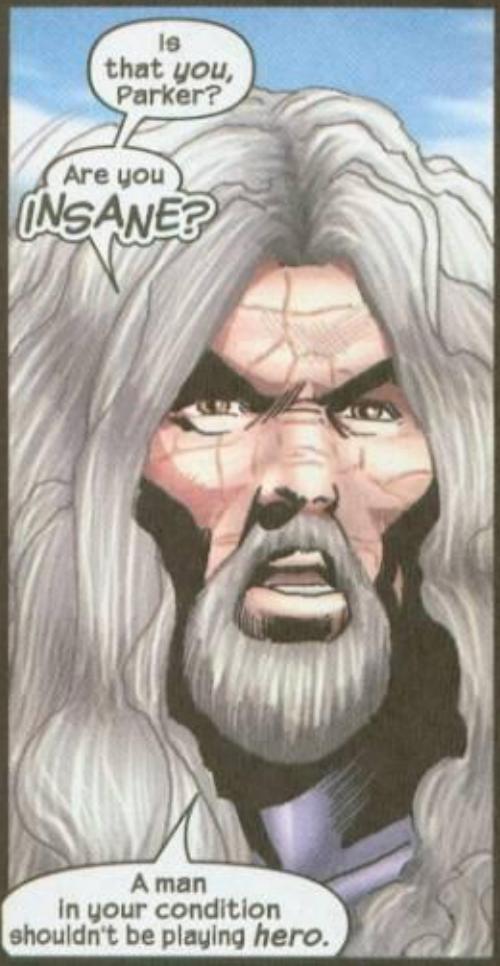
He sidles up behind her with the grace of a panther.

He intends to pounce quickly and quietly, to whisk her away before she can cry out--

--something that could be about to threaten his wife and daughter!



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Hhhmmm...

I knew you were wearing an artificial leg, but this one appears to be rather sophisticated.

Be good to yourself and your family, Peter... and don't repair it.

You have to accept the fact that your web-swinging days are over.

zahem:

As much as I agree with your point, I really hate the way you made it.

That's my Dad, Kaine-- and you're going to pay for hurting him!

Ahhh, I hate to criticize, partner... but aren't we supposed to shout out our names or something?

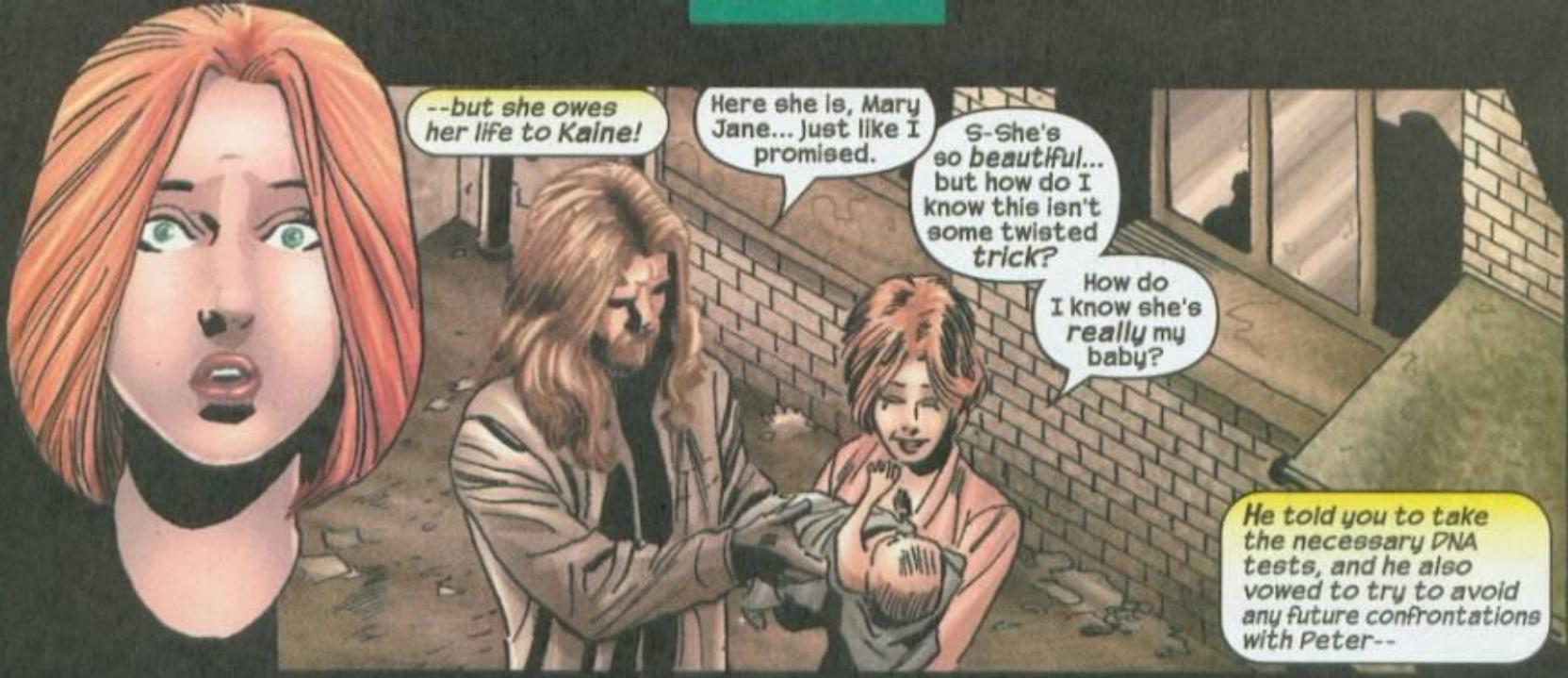


That's May and Felicity--!

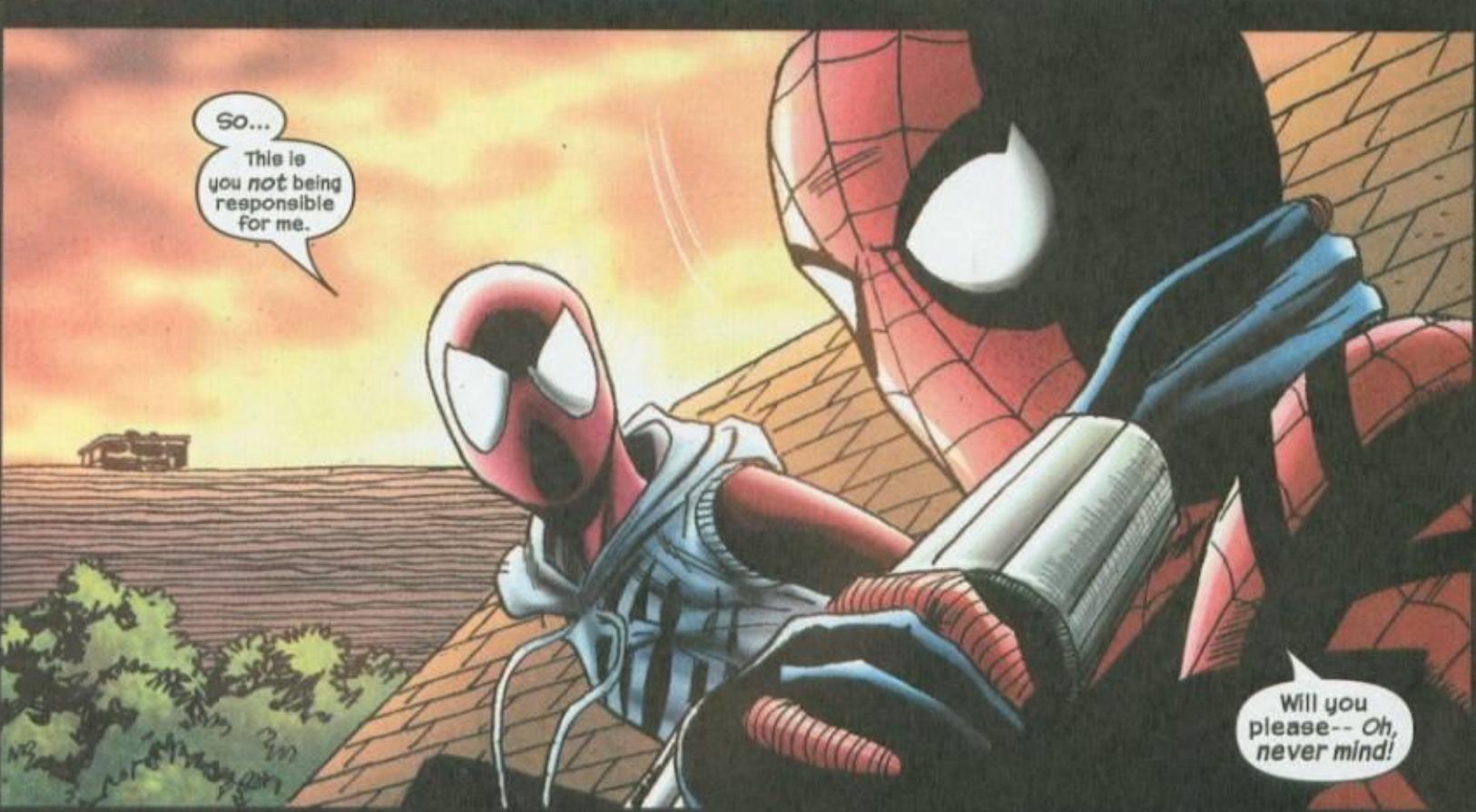
Oh, God! T-This can't be happening!

May doesn't realize it--









You sit on the sidelines, listening to your two favorite people squabble like usual.

Everything's finally back to normal.

Well, almost...

I can't believe you'd allow Felicity to get back into costume.

I didn't allow her, Dad.

And you should know better than to try to take on anyone as powerful as Kaine.



On some level, you're kind of glad that Kaine managed to get away...

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But you're still puzzled by his actions.

What's he doing back in New York?

Why did he break the promise he made to you about not attacking Peter?

What does Kaine hope to achieve--

--or prevent?



THE END... for now!