

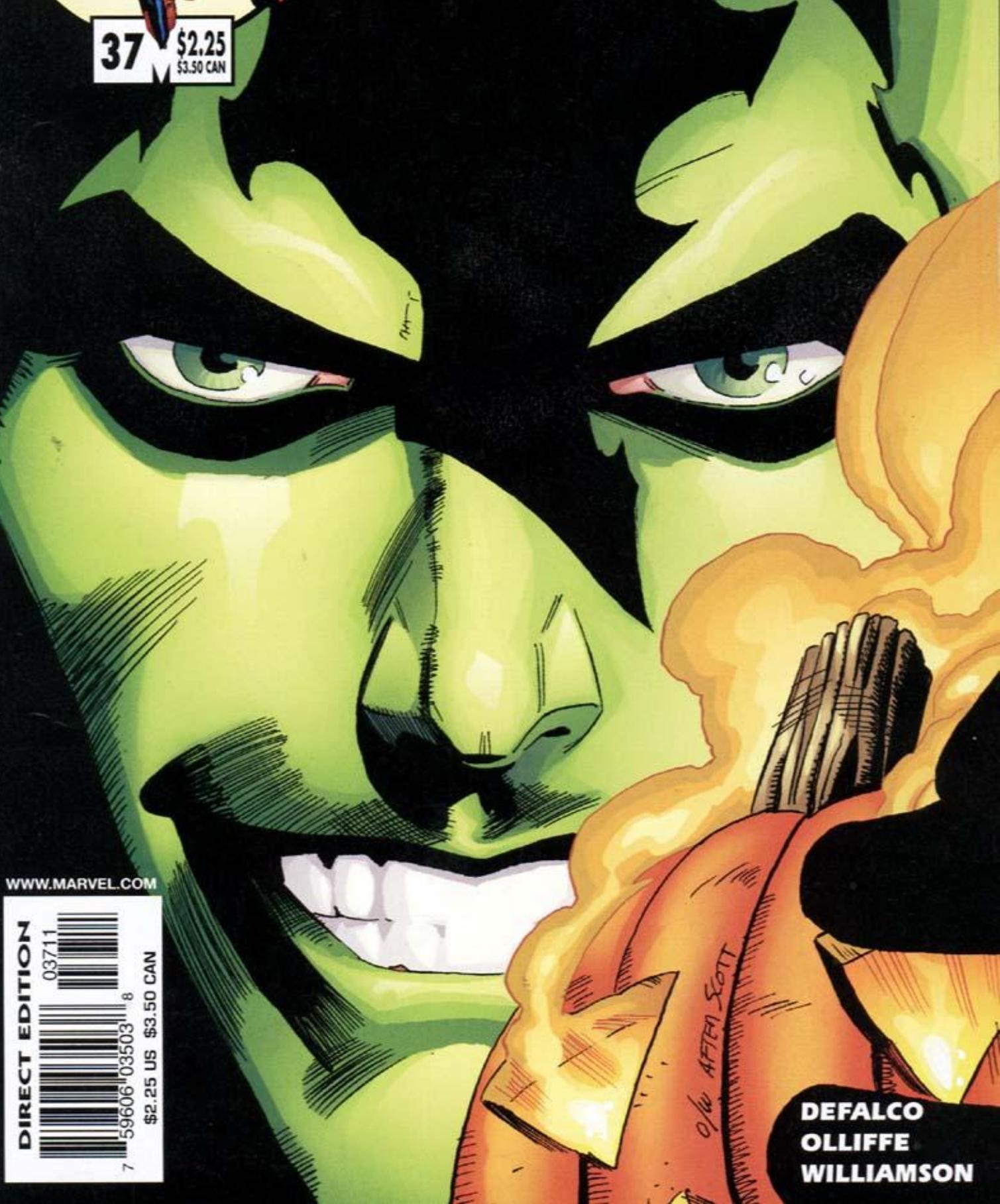
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The daughter of the original Spider-Man, May "Mayday" Parker has inherited her father's amazing powers.

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...

SPIDER-GIRL!

Betrayed!

HIS NAME IS NORMAN OSBORN, THOUGH MOST EVERYONE JUST CALLS HIM "NORMIE."

LIKE HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER, HE BECAME A COSTUMED SUPER-VILLAIN KNOWN AS THE GREEN GOBLIN.

SPIDER-GIRL SOMEHOW CONVINCED HIM TO GIVE UP HIS EVIL WAYS--

--AND HE EVENTUALLY JOINED HER FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

OR DID HE?!

AT LAST! THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME FOR THE RETURN OF THE GREEN GOBLIN!

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I KNEW IT!

YOU'VE
BEEN PLAYING
SPIDER-GIRL
FOR A FOOL.

YOU NEVER INTENDED
TO ABANDON YOUR
CRIMINAL CAREER.

IS THAT WHAT
YOU BELIEVE,
MR. URICH?

SOMEONE HAD TO
EXPOSE YOU! SPIDER-
GIRL CAN BE TOO
TRUSTING FOR HER
OWN GOOD.

SHE ACTUALLY
BELIEVES YOU'RE
TRYING TO
REDEEM YOUR-
SELF, BUT I'D
NEVER TRUST
AN OSBORN.

LOOK WHO'S
TALKING
ABOUT
TRUST--

--THE GUY
WHO STOLE
SOME OF MY
EQUIPMENT
SO THAT HE
COULD BECOME
THE GOLDEN
GOBLIN!

DON'T LOOK
SO SHOCKED,
URICH!

I'M WELL AWARE OF
YOUR PATHETIC
ATTEMPTS TO RETURN
TO YOUR GLORY
DAYS AS A SUPER-
HERO.

AND YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY RIGHT
ABOUT PARKER.
SHE IS A LITTLE
NAIVE.

I'VE BEEN
BUILDING NEW
WEAPONRY
RIGHT IN FRONT
OF HER, AND
I DOUBT
SHE'S EVEN
NOTICED.

YOU SEE, I
REALLY AM
PLANNING A
COMEBACK--

TOO BAD THIS
CITY ONLY
NEEDS ONE
GOBLIN!

"HOW MANY SPIDER-HEROES DOES A CITY NEED?" YOU ASK YOURSELF, AS YOU TRY TO PICK OUT AN OUTFIT FOR SCHOOL.



SOME IMPOSTER HAS RECENTLY STARTED DRESSING UP LIKE YOUR DAD, AND--WHAT IS THAT... OH, GOD!





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DEAD!

MISTER FUNNY FACE, I KNOW YOU'RE FEELING PARTICULARLY FRUSTRATED AFTER LAST NIGHT'S FIASCO.

WHILE I TRULY VALUE ALL YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP ME DETHRONE THE KINGPIN OF CRIME AND UNITE THE INDEPENDENT GANGS UNDER MY LEADERSHIP, I MUST INSIST THAT YOU SHOW SOME RESTRAINT, AND--

LEAVE
MY
WOLVES
ALONE!

S-SURE...

NO
PROBLEM,
CANIS.

I DIDN'T
MEAN ANY
HARM.

I ACTUALLY
LOVE THE
LITTLE
CRITTERS.

I AM SO GLAD WE GOT THAT SETTLED.

NOW THEN, I ASSUME YOUR WRATH IS DIRECTED AT THIS NEW SPIDER-MAN PERSON...

HIM, I'M NOT SO CRAZY ABOUT...!

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO CAP BOTH SPIDER-PAINS LAST NIGHT--

...WHEN SOMEONE THAT I THOUGHT I COULD TRUST PULLED A LAST-MINUTE RESCUE!

H-HE BETRAYED ME!

I-IT ISN'T LIKE
YOU ACTUALLY
LIED TO YOUR
DAD.

YOU JUST
PULLED A
CLINTON--

--AND
 OMITTED
A CRUCIAL
FACT!

YOU DIDN'T MENTION THAT YOU WERE ALSO
PRESENT IN THE WAREHOUSE LAST--HEY!
THERE'S JIMMY YAMA, AND HE'S ACTING
SUSPICIOUS AGAIN.

THAT BOY IS DEFINITELY
UP TO SOMETHING--SOMETHING HE'S DESPERATELY
TRYING TO HIDE--BUT
WHAT IS IT?!

OH, NO! THAT
FAMILAR
TINGLE CAN
ONLY MEAN
THAT YOUR
SPIDER-SENSE
IS TRYING TO
WARN YOU OF--

I-IT'S THE
GREEN
GOBLIN!

NORMIE!

OH,
NORMIE--!

WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE?

--DANGER?!



TALK
ABOUT A BIG
SURPRISE!

I STILL THINK THE
BOSS MADE A MISTAKE
WHEN HE TOLD US TO
SAVE THE SPIDER-
TWINS FROM FUNNY
FACE.

I JUST WISH THE
BOSS WOULD STOP
PUSSYFOOTING
AROUND...

...AND LET ME
DO MY THING,

IT'S MY JOB TO
NEUTRALIZE
ALL HIS ENEMIES!

I GUESS THAT
MEANS YOU INTEND
TO KILL CANIS...

OF COURSE.

MOST
DEFINITELY.

SPIDER-GIRL
AND THE NEW
SPIDER-MAN?

BUT
THIS IS ONE
EXCEPTION...

AND WHO
WOULD
THAT BE?

MY
BROTHER.

NOBODY IS
SUICIDAL ENOUGH
TO THREATEN MY
BABY BROTHER.

I-IT WAS ALL
... A LIE!

MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

NORMIE PROMISED TO QUIT BEING THE GOBLIN.

HE SWEARED THAT THE WAR BETWEEN THE PARKERS AND THE OSBORNS WAS FINALLY OVER.



HE SAID HE WANTED TO PUT THE PAST BEHIND HIM.

WHY IS HE WEARING THAT STUPID COSTUME AGAIN?

Y-YOU THOUGHT HE WAS YOUR FRIEND, AND THE TWO OF YOU WERE EVEN STARTING TO--

HEY! HEY!
YOU OKAY,
MAYDAY?

DID SOME-
ONE DIE
OR SOMETHING?

HUHH?!

OH...UHH...

HI, BRAD...

HEATHER.

'MORNING,
PARKER.

I WAS JUST
... Y'KNOW...
GOING OVER
MY MATH
HOMEWORK.

YOU SURE?
FROM THE
EXPRESSION
ON YOUR
FACE--

COME ON,
BRAD! SHE
ALREADY SAID
SHE WAS
FINE.

BUT,
HEATHER,
I JUST...

ARE YOU
GOING TO
WALK ME TO
CLASS OR
NOT?

I... I
GUESS I'LL CATCH
YOU LATER, MAY.

WHY DOES SUCH A STANDUP GUY HANG WITH SUCH A WHINY LOSER LIKE -- WHOA!

IS IT YOUR IMAGINATION--



--OR DID JIMMY YAMA PRACTICALLY DIVE INTO HIS LOCKER TO AVOID BRAD AND HEATHER?!

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
WHY IS JIMMY ACTING SO WEIRD, AND--

MAY! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU. DO YOU STILL HAVE THOSE ENGLISH NOTES I SENT YOU?

YEAH,
COURTY...

DAVIDA AND I WERE LOOKING THEM OVER YESTERDAY, RIGHT BEFORE WE STARTED BASKETBALL PRACTICE.

COULD I HAVE THEM BACK? I NEED TO CHECK SOMETHING.

NO PROBLEM!

I'M PRETTY SURE I LEFT THEM IN MY GYM LOCKER.

WE'LL JUST... HEY!

EXCUSE ME!

WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT LOCKER?

ACTUALLY, THOSE LOCKERS ARE RESERVED FOR THE BASKETBALL TEAM--

--AND I'M FRIENDS WITH THE GIRL WHO USES THAT ONE.

REALLY?

I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS WHY IT WOULDN'T OPEN.

I'M NEW HERE, AND MUST BE IN THE WRONG PLACE.

NO HARM, DONE!

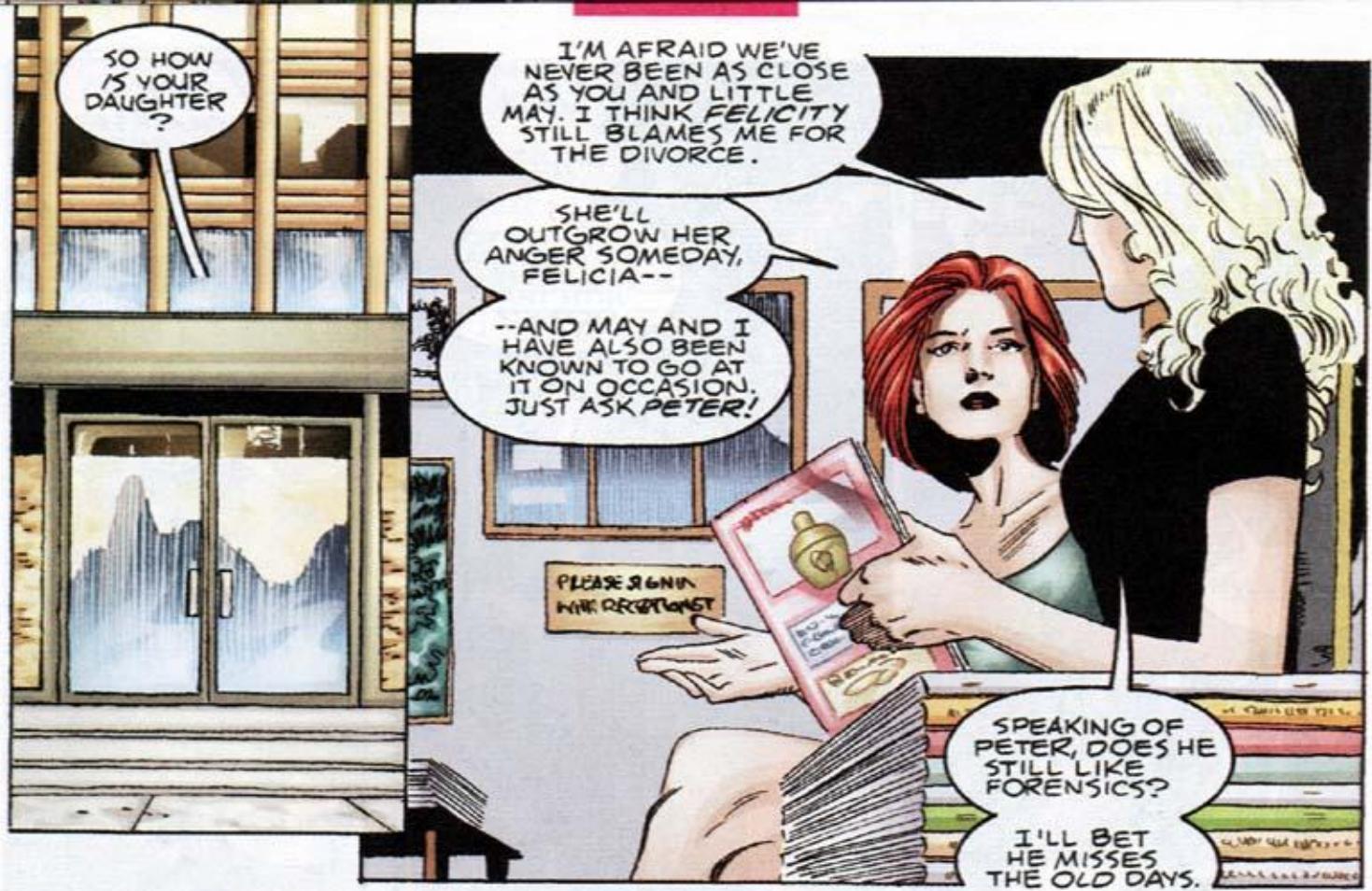
HI, GIRLS! I SEE YOU'VE ALREADY MET MY DAUGHTER.

Y-YOU'RE RELATED TO COACH THOMPSON?

YEAH, BUT I USE MY MOM'S LAST NAME.

I'M FELICITY... FELICITY HARDY!

MIDTOWN



NORMIE HAS BEEN LIVING IN THIS PRIVATE SANITARIUM FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS--

IF YOU REMEMBER THE SCHEDULE HE GAVE YOU, HE SHOULD BE GETTING OUT OF GROUP RIGHT ABOUT-- BINGO!

--PRESUMABLY SEEKING THE HELP HE NEEDS TO PUT HIS LIFE BACK TOGETHER.

THIS IS IT, GIRL!



YOU'RE GOING TO GET RIGHT IN HIS FACE AND STAGE YOUR VERY OWN GOBLIN INTERVENT-- OH, NO!

SEEMS THE MAN HAS A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT.

TH-THAT'S RAPTOR--

--AND SHE LOOKS AMAZING!



YOU HAD HEARD THAT BLACKIE DRAGO AND NORMIE WERE PLANNING TO GET TOGETHER, BUT...

BUT...

HOO-BOY!



SOMETIMES HE FEELS LIKE
HE'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE
ROOM WHO DIDN'T GET
THE JOKE.



HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER WERE
ACTING ODD THIS MORNING--

--LIKE THEY WERE SHARING
ONE OF THE SPECIAL NO-
MEN-ALLOWED MOMENTS.

HIS BEST FRIEND AND CO-
WORKER HASN'T CALLED
IN...REPORTED TO WORK
...OR ANSWERED ANY OF
HIS PAGES.

AND THEN
THERE'S THE
WEBBING--

THERE'S SOMETHING
VAGUELY UNSETTLING,
ALMOST REPULSIVE
ABOUT IT, AND--

MISTER
PARKER?
I'M SORRY
TO DISTURB
YOU--



--BUT I NEED
YOUR HELP!

D-DO I
KNOW YOU?

I...I'M AFRAID
I DON'T SEEM
TO RECOGNIZE
YOU...BUT
THERE'S
SOMETHING
FAMILIAR
ABOUT YOUR
VOICE.



VERY GOOD,
MR. PARKER!
WE HAVEN'T SPOKEN
IN YEARS, AND I
DOUBT YOU EVER SAW
ME OUT OF COSTUME...

MY NAME
IS JULIA
CARPENTER,
BUT YOU ONCE
KNEW ME AS
SPIDER-
WOMAN.

I NEED TO
TALK TO YOU
ABOUT THE
NEW SPIDER-
MAN.



LIFE JUST KEEPS
PILENG ON THE
COMPLICATIONS!

NOW THAT NORMIE
HAS FALLEN OFF
THE WAGON--

--AND BACK
ON THE
GLIDER--



--WHAT'S HIS
DEAL WITH
RAPTOR?
IS HE STILL TRYING
TO HELP HER GO
STRAIGHT--

--OR DOES
HE INTEND
TO LEAD
HER BACK
INTO A
LIFE OF
CRIME?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD
HAVE JUST CONFRONTED
THE TWO OF THEM.

YEAH, "SORRY TO
INTRUDE ON YOUR
DATE, BUT I WANTED
TO KNOW IF WE HAD
TO FIGHT NOW."

A LITTLE CRUDE,
BUT TO THE POINT.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT
SEEING THEM
TOGETHER--

--THAT RUNS
A JAGGED
WIRE THROUGH
YOUR BRAIN?



OM'GOSH!
LOOK, SYDNEY!
IT'S THE NEW
SPIDER-MAN
EVERYONE'S BEEN
TALKING
ABOUT!

YOU NEED
TO GET
YOUR EYES
CHECKED,
ALEXANDRA.

THAT'S
SPIDER-
GIRL!

NOW
THERE'S
AN IDEA--

MAYBE YOU
SHOULD PUT
THIS WHOLE
NORMIE
THING ON
HOLD--

--AND FOCUS ON
LEARNING MORE
ABOUT THE NEW
SPIDEY!

YOU FOLLOWED
HIM TO THIS
WAREHOUSE
LAST NIGHT, AND
THEN THINGS
KIND OF GOT
OUT OF HAND...

HHHMM...

THE PLACE IS
PLASTERED WITH
CRIME SCENE
STICKERS.

NO PROBLEM!

NOT FOR
SOMEONE OF
THE FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
WEB-SLINGER
PERSUASION!



YOU JUST WANT TO TAKE
A QUICK PEEK INSIDE, IN
CASE THERE ARE ANY
CLUES TO--

SURPRISE!

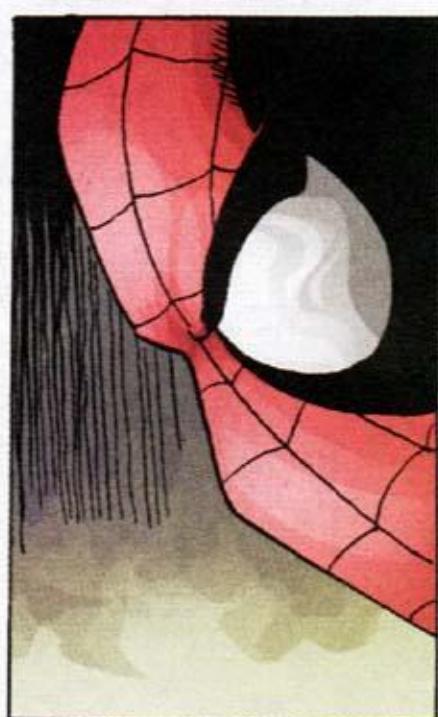
SURPRISE!

LOOKS LIKE SOME
CRIMINALS REALLY DO
RETURN TO THE SCENE OF
THE CRIME!

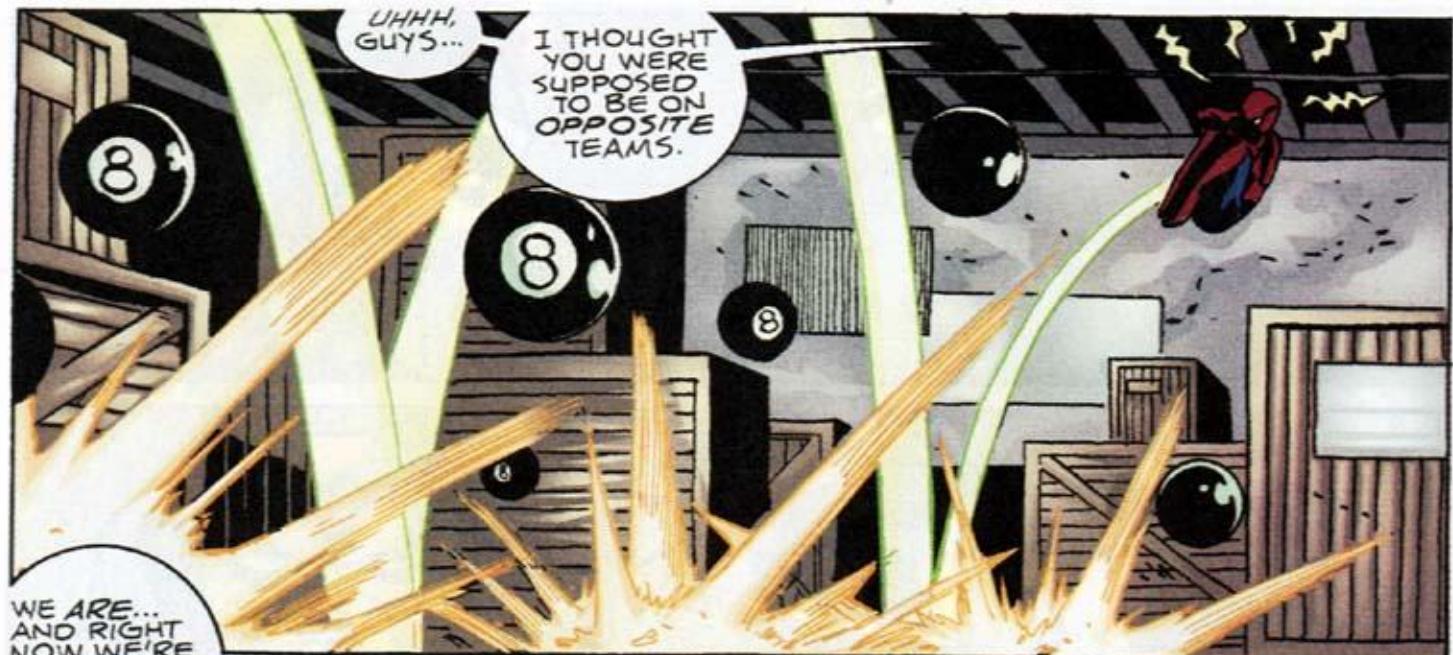


HE'LL TOSS
YOU TO THE
DOGS AS SOON AS
HE REALIZES THAT
HE HAS NO CHANCE
OF OVERTHROWING
THE KINGPIN.

WHAT DID
MOM ALWAYS SAY
ABOUT AVOIDING
CRIME LORDS AND
GANG WARS?







WE ARE...
AND RIGHT
NOW WE'RE
COMPETING
FOR THE
HONOR OF
KILLING
YOU!





IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, I'M TRYING TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS YOU GOT US INTO!



MESS?!

YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO CALL ME A "MESS"?

FROM WHERE I SIT, YOU TWO SICKOS ARE A PAIR OF MAMA'S BOYS--



--WHO MUST
HAVE BEEN OUT
TORTURING
INSECTS WHILE
EVERYONE ELSE
WAS ON LINE FOR
BRAINS!



IS THIS A
PRIVATE
PARTY--

--OR CAN
I JOIN THE
FUN?!

YES, MA'AM...

LIFE JUST
KEEP'S PILING
ON THE
COMPLICATIONS!

MRS.
PARKER?

THERE'S A
DOCTOR GAYLE
ON LINE ONE...

THANK YOU,
WILLIAM.

HI,
MARY
JANE.

I JUST WANTED
YOU TO KNOW THAT
I'VE CHECKED AND
RECHECKED THE
RESULTS OF
YOUR TESTS.

THEY'RE
STILL
THE
SAME.

I...

I
APPRECIATE
THE CALL,
DOCTOR.

YOUR FOUR-
THIRTY IS HERE,
MRS. PARKER.

SHALL I--
MRS. PARKER?

MRS. PARKER--?!

ARE
YOU...ALL
RIGHT?

The END ... FOR NOW!

SPIDER-GIRL

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

This book is always fun to read. I like how SPIDER-GIRL #34 ended with us seeing May being able to go shopping like a regular teenager. It was funny to see how Peter reacted to Franklin talking with Spider-Girl. I love that the Human Torch knows that Peter was Spider-Man, and I think it would be great to show a flashback story of Peter unmasking for Johnny. A bad guy that runs out of bullets is also something we don't see very often. The idea of Peter being cute to May made me laugh out loud, and then Raptor being interested in Normie—not May's day!

Jason Smith
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Actually, Jason, when you come right down to it—it was a pretty typical day in our web-stunner's so-called life!

Dear Spider-People,

Issue #33 was a gem! We got some good plot advances in another well-told story. I always thought May's use of the Goblin equipment was a bit silly, so I was glad when her powers finally came back—albeit slightly altered! And the new Spider-Man (with no spider-sense) is a real treat!

I know the MC-2 Universe is not necessarily the real future of mainstream Marvel, but this Spider-Man presents an interesting tangent. To wit: in "our" time, Peter and Mary Jane are undergoing a separation. It's entirely possible that Peter could have an "affair", resulting in a son he is never told about. Thus, we have a young man who inherits Peter's abilities, but has a slightly different genetic makeup from Mayday. Since the new Spidey's unseen mother obviously knows that Peter is Spider-Man, I suspect that she is Felicia Hardy. That would certainly be a good reason to explain why her son is such a big fan of the original Spider-Man.

Dennis J. Hamer
Omaha, NE

You bring up some interesting points, Dennis...but it really is much too early for us to comment on them!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,
As one of the biggest Iron Man and A-Next fans on the planet, I was thrilled as all get-out by SPIDER-GIRL #31! With guest appearances by Tony Stark, our favorite MC-2 Assemblers (Stinger and Mainframe, especially), and The Buzz, the action and suspense were non-stop.

The quote "Why dwell on past mistakes when we can make new ones?" by Mayday Parker on page seven was so appreciated that I mentioned it in a weekly humor/general interest column that I write for THE CHISHOLM TRIBUNE-PRESS.

Mike Kalibabky
Chisholm, MN

Thanks for sending us a copy of your column, Mike...and for sharing our favorite web-stunner with the people of Chisholm!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Will Spider-Girl or her father ever find out that Darkdevil is Ben Reilly's son? (Some people might consider Darkdevil Spider-Girl's brother, and some would think of him as her cousin.)

In DARKDEVIL #3, he said that he had many fathers, and Peter Parker was one of them. Is that one of the reasons why Darkdevil always seems to keep an eye out for Spider-Girl?

Brian Salisbury
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Probably...is our answer to both your questions, Brian!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Could this new Spider-Man be Normie?

Traci Wojcieszak
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Possible, Traci...but not really probable!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Will Mayday ever change into a new costume?

Adam C. Heisey
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Do you really think she should, Adam?

Dear Marvel,

I think SPIDER-GIRL would be a much better comic book if Mayday learned that JJ was secretly The Buzz.

Anna Robeson
New Hope, PA

Okay, Anna...but what happens if JJ learns Mayday's secret identity...and they stop being friends?

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

I think it would be cool if May still used her Goblin Glider with her powers. It would certainly save on webbing.

Dana King
Akron, OH

It's a nice idea, Dana...but someone else has already laid claim to the glider.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL Crew,

I have been getting this title since Mayday's first appearance in WHAT IF #105, and it just keeps getting better. I haven't missed an issue!

(Well, actually I did...but only because my local comic book store sold out some of them, and I had to get them on back order.)

I heard a rumor that this series may be cancelled because Marvel doesn't think it fits in with the rest of their universe. I personally think that's a good thing! SPIDER-GIRL is fresh and new, which is kind of what the company is trying to do with the ULTIMATE titles.

I hope SPIDER-GIRL won't be cancelled because it is such a great comic. I love the art, the story and the fact that Mayday is such a strong character. There aren't all that many strong and in-depth female characters who star in their own titles.

Jennifer MacDonald
(Address withheld by request)

SPIDER-GIRL was saved from the cancelling block for the time being, Jennifer...but we still need loyal readers like you to help us convince the local comic book stores to order more copies so that they don't run out of everyone's favorite web-stunner.

Dear Spider-Crew,

Mr. DeFalco, I have read a lot of your comics and I'm very pleased that you are still writing in the Spider-verse! SPIDER-GIRL is a great read! Mayday is a wonderfully written person, and so like her father. And it's great to see that Peter and Mary Jane are still together!

Pat Olliffe is a great artist who really defines Mayday and her world! I really like the fact that Mayday is a good-looking young woman who is not just a walking pin-up girl.

I eagerly await each issue!

Jim Tonn
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And we're real glad you do, Jim!

NEXT ISSUE:



IT'S SPIDER-GIRL VS.
FUNNY FACE AND CRAZY
EIGHT... NOT TO MENTION
THE GREEN GOB-
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PLUS: AN ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT WILL CHANGE
MAY'S LIFE!

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