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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 WEBLINES! STAN LEE PRESENTS THE STUNNING...

SPIDER-GIRL!

DRAGONFIST!

WHEN YOU POSSESS THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH, SPEED AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER, YOU DON'T SWEAT THE STREET MEAT.

A BAND OF SIMPLE SMASH AND GRAB ARTISTS PRESENTS LITTLE CHALLENGE TO SOMEONE ON YOUR POWER LEVEL.

YOUR NAME IS MAY "MAYDAY" PARKER.

YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER OF THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN--

--AND YOU'RE YAWNING BEneath YOUR MASK.

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NO WONDER YOUR DAD MADE
WITH THE WISECRACKS.

PROBABLY HELPED KEEP
HIM AWAKE!



SPIDER-GIRL--
LOOK!

THE LAST
MUGGER'S
ESCAPING!

YOU'D
BETTER
GET
AFTER
HIM!

I...
UHHHH...
DOUBT
THAT'S
NECESSARY,
SIR.



YOU CATCH THE EXPRESSION ON
HIS FACE? WE'RE TALKING PURE
TERROR.

I'M SURE HE'S ALREADY
RETHINKING HIS
CAREER PATH.

Y-YOU'RE JUST
LETTING HIM GO?

THAT ISN'T JUSTICE! HE THREAT-
ENED ME AND MY WIFE! AND YOU'RE
NOT POUNDING HIM INTO
UNCONSCIOUSNESS?

WHAT KIND OF
COSTUMED
HERO ARE
YOU?

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT GUY?
KINDA BLOODTHIRSTY, HUH?

I MEAN REALLY!
I'M INTO PROTECTING THE INNOCENT, NOT PUNISHING THE GUILTY!

THE MAN DID HAVE A POINT, MAY.
WHAT IF THAT MUGGER STRIKES AGAIN, AND HURTS SOMEONE ELSE?



WELL, THAT CERTAINLY WOULD BE REGRETTABLE... BUT I DON'T SEE HOW IT'D BE MY FAULT.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN ARREST THESE CRUMBS.

BEST I CAN DO IS LAY A LI'L HURT ON'EM, AND WEB THEM UP FOR A FEW HOURS.



YOU COULD ALWAYS SIT ON THEM-- THANKS TO THE WAY WEB-SWINGING HAS INCREASED YOUR APPETITE!

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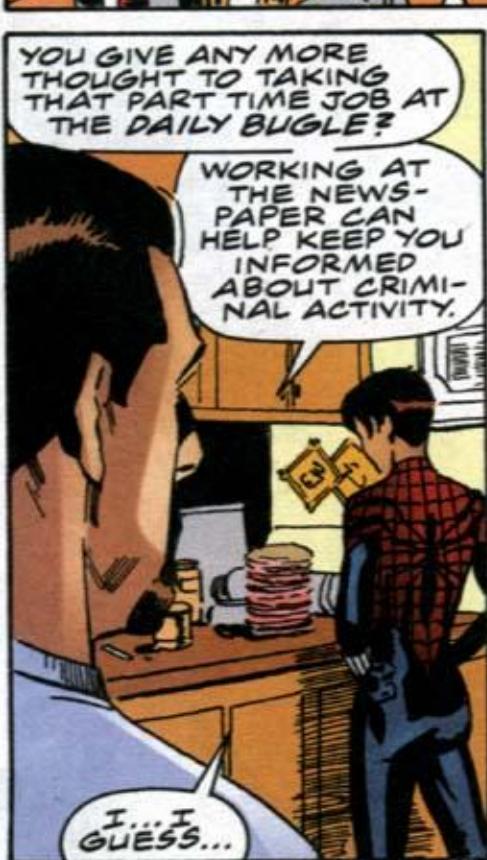


YOU GIVE ANY MORE THOUGHT TO TAKING THAT PART TIME JOB AT THE DAILY BUGLE?

WORKING AT THE NEWSPAPER CAN HELP KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M MORE INTERESTED IN EARNING ENOUGH CASH TO BUY YAWN THIS PAIR OF WAY-COOL BOOTS.

SEE YOU TOMORROW, GUYS!
I'M GONNA HIT THE SHEETS!



BOOTS--?! SHE'S MORE INTERESTED IN BOOTS THAN CRIME? WHAT KIND OF DAUGHTER ARE WE RAISING?

A FASHIONABLE ONE!

YOU HUNGRY--?



"--BUT YOU CAN'T EXPECT ANYONE IN HER GENERATION TO BEHAVE THE SAME WAY WE DID!"

YOU IN THE BANK-- THERE'S NO ESCAPE!

WE HAVE YOU SURROUNDED!

COME OUT SLOWLY... WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

DOES IT HAVE TO BE BOTH HANDS? SORRY! NO CAN DO!

I SUGGEST YOU GENTLEMEN RUN FOR COVER-- ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE NOT COVERED WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE!

WHEN YOUR SUPERIORS AND THE NEWS MEDIA QUESTION YOU, TELL THEM I AM CALLED DRAGONFIST-- ONE WORD, NO HYPHEN.

ONAL
NK

ERTY

THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME FOR ME TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE WORLD'S FOREMOST MARTIAL ARTIST!

MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

ONLY TROUBLE I SEE WITH THIS BUGLE JOB--

--IS THAT IT GIVES THE JAMESON BOY TOO MUCH HAND IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP.

YOU THINK JJ WOULD TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON THE FACT THAT I'D BE WORKING FOR HIS GRANDFATHER?

HE'S A GUY--

--AND MOST GUYS'LL EXPLOIT ANY ADVANTAGE TO GET OVER ON YOU.

CUT IT OUT, DAVIDA! JJ ISN'T THAT KIND OF--

OH!

MAYBE I'M JUDGED HIM. C'MON, GIRL-- THIS SHOULDN'T BE A SURPRISE! THE MAN'S AN OBVIOUS DOG.

BUT THIS DOES CHANGE THE DYNAMIC... I'M THINKING YOU SHOULD TAKE THE JOB.

WHY THE SUDDEN SHIFT?

YOUR LOGIC'S A BIT TOO BYZANTINE FOR ME TO FOLLOW...

BUT THERE ARE BOOTS TO CONSIDER.

PERFECT WAY TO SPITE HIM!



DAILY-BU

MARRUMPHE I'M SIMPLY DELIGHTED YOU ACCEPTED MY OFFER, MISS PARKER.

YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE WORKING HERE.

I'LL BET YOUR FATHER HAS WONDERFUL MEMORIES ABOUT HIS TIME WITH US.

I...UHHH...DOUBT YOU'D BELIEVE ALL THE STORIES HE'S TOLD.



YOU POINT THE CAMERA AND SHOOT-- HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

MS. MOORE, HOLD ON! I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MAY PARKER, OUR NEWEST FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER!

I KNOW YOU. YOU'RE THE REPORTER WHO CAME TO MY SCHOOL.



YES, I REMEMBER INTERVIEWING YOU.

YOU ALREADY KNOW EACH OTHER? GREAT! I WANT THE TWO OF YOU TO COVER THE NEW MOVIE THAT'S BEING SHOT ACROSS TOWN.

A PUFF PIECE? B-BUT I ALREADY TALKED TO MR. WALTERS ABOUT DOING AN INVESTIGATIVE ARTICLE ON THIS NEW DRAGONFIST CHARACTER.



FORGET THAT FOR NOW! I LOANED PARKER ONE OF OUR DIGITAL CAMERAS.

I WANT HER OUT IN THE FIELD, BUT SHE'S NOT READY FOR CRIME PICS, YET.

BUT, MR. JAMESON--!

WE'RE DONE HERE.

I'LL HAVE WALTERS REASSIGN THE DRAGONFIST STORY.



IT WASN'T
BLACK-
MAIL.

SURE WAS! AND ANOTHER
THING-- HOW'D YOU KNOW
HOW TO FIND RAND,
ANYWAY?

I HEARD HE WAS RUNNING
THIS OUT OF THE WAY DOJO
YEARS AGO... WHEN I WAS
STILL TRYING TO MAKE IT AS
A MASKED VIGILANTE.

I EVEN APPLIED FOR TRAINING,
BUT COULDN'T PASS THE
ENTRANCE-- DUCK!

IT'S MARTIN AND
LEWIS. THEY MUST
HAVE MADE THE SAME
CONNECTION
WE DID.

HIS NAME IS DANIEL THOMAS RAND-KIAI, AND HE IS A MASTER OF THE MARTIAL ARTS OF THE LEGENDARY CITY OF K'UN-L'UN.

ONCE-- IT SEEMS SO LONG
AGO-- HE WAS A COSTUMED HERO WHO
COULD TEMPORARILY MAKE HIS
FIST SUPER-HUMANLY
POWERFUL--

--AND
IMPERVIOUS
TO PAIN OR
INJURY.

WONDERFUL!
NOW WHAT?

HE HAS NOT SUMMONED THE IRON FIST SINCE THE DEATH OF HIS BELOVED MISTY KNIGHT.

WITHDRAWING FROM PUBLIC LIFE, HE BECAME A TEACHER, CONTENT TO SHARE HIS KNOWLEDGE WITH A NEW GENERATION.

THE VISIT FROM THE DETECTIVES HAS UNSETTLED HIM, SHATTERING HIS PEACEFUL COCOON--

--AND HE CAN HIDE NO MORE!

I WIELD THE
TRUE POWER OF
THE LIVING
DRAGON--

HAULING

--AND EVEN THE
HORDES OF THE
TRIAD ARE...UHHHH
...WHATEVER.

CUT!
CUT!

COME ON, SPIKE--
"ARE DESTINED
TO SUCCEMB TO
ME!" IT'S NOT
THAT HARD.

"SUCCEMB," JERRY? THE GUY'S SUP-
POSED TO BE A SIMPLE FISHERMAN. WHY
WOULD HE USE A WORD LIKE "SUCCEMB"?

GET ME A NEW
LINE BEFORE WE
TRY ANOTHER
TAKE.

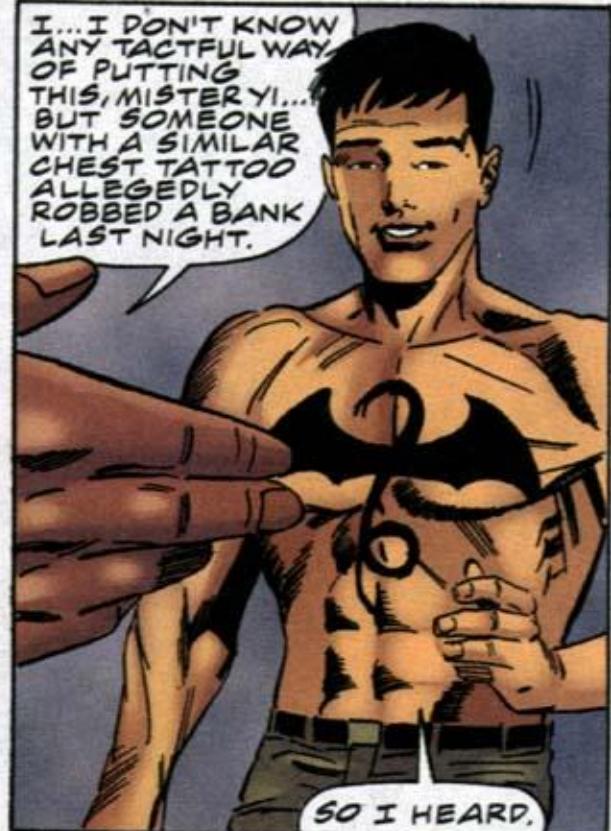
ALL RIGHT,
ALL RIGHT,
JUST GIVE
ME A FEW
MINUTES.

YOU'RE IN LUCK,
LADIES. THEY'RE
TAKING A BREAK.

GOT A MINUTE, SPIKE? THESE
PEOPLE ARE FROM THE
DAILY BUGLE.



I... I DON'T KNOW ANY TACTFUL WAY OF PUTTING THIS, MISTER YI... BUT SOMEONE WITH A SIMILAR CHEST TATTOO ALLEGEDLY ROBBED A BANK LAST NIGHT.



A PAIR OF DETECTIVES WAS HERE EARLIER. THEY WERE CURIOUS ABOUT MY TATTOO, AS WELL.



SINCE I AM THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE MARTIAL ARTIST IN THE WORLD, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MY FANS HAVE COPIES OF IT.

IT ALSO APPEARS ON T-SHIRTS, POSTERS, ACTION FIGURES AND ANYTHING ELSE MY LICENSING AGENTS CAN SELL.

YOU SEEM TO BE MAKING A LOT OF MONEY ON AN IMAGE THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU.



WHAAA--?

DANNY-- IS THAT REALLY YOU? I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED YOUR VOICE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

CAN'T A TEACHER VISIT HIS FORMER STUDENT?



PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR A FEW MINUTES, LADIES. I HAVE TO CATCH UP WITH AN OLD FRIEND.

WHAT ABOUT OUR INTERVIEW?

MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS UNTIL I RETURN.



-- AND MAY MUST AGREE BECAUSE SHE'S HERE, TOO!"

I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU. I DIDN'T THINK YOU APPROVED OF THE PATH MY LIFE HAS TAKEN.

I DON'T.

IT PAINS ME TO SEE MY BEST STUDENT SQUANDER HIS GIFT.

"SQUANDER"--? HARDLY! I MAKE OVER FIFTEEN MIL PER PICTURE, AND THAT'S BEFORE MERCHANDISING.

OOOO! I ALMOST CAUGHT YOU OFF GUARD, TEACH.



YES.
ALMOST.

LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE'S
SLOWING
DOWN.

I COULD HAVE MADE
A SANDWICH AND STILL
BLOCKED THAT BLOW.

PERHAPS... BUT
I DIDN'T COME TO
DISCUSS MY
FADING SKILLS.

LET ME GUESS... YOU'RE
HERE BECAUSE OF
DRAGONFIST!

FROM WHAT I
HEAR IT
SOUNDS LIKE
HE WIELDS
THE POWER
OF THE--
OH! I
GET IT
NOW.

--AND YOU FEAR HE'S
SOMEHOW COME INTO
POSSESSION OF IT.

VERY PERCEP-
TIVE.

ONLY
THE
WORTHI-
EST OF THE
WORTHY CAN
HANDLE THE
IRON FIST.

YOU
HAVEN'T
USED THE
IRON
FIST
SINCE
YOUR WIFE
DIED OF
CANCER--

GO BACK
TO YOUR
DOJO,
DANNY.

I'M AFRAID YOUR DAY
HAS PASSED.

PERHAPS.

HAULIN' CT

OH, MANNNNN!

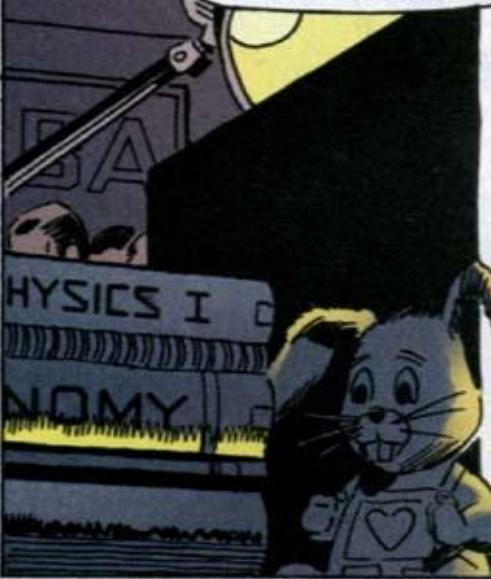
THESE ARE TERRIBLE!

JUST TERRIBLE!

WHEN IT COMES TO PHOTOGRAPHY--YOU ARE TOTALLY LACKING IN TALENT!

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DAVIDA. I POINTED AND SHOT--WHAT'D I DO WRONG?!

JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING, I'D SAY.



GOOD IDEA, DAVIDA. HEY, MOM! WHERE'S DAD? I NEED SOME PHOTOGRAPHY POINTERS.

HE WON'T BE HOME UNTIL LATE, HOTSHOT.

HE'S OUT ON AN IMPORTANT CASE WITH UNCLE PHIL.



HAS HE
ALLOWED
HIS
REFLEXES
TO SLOW--

--AND HIS DAY
TO PASS?

HAS HE
LOST THE
POWER TO
WIELD THE
IRON FIST?



PERHAPS.



ON A CASE
WITH YOUR
UNCLE PHIL?

RIIIIGHT!

THEY'RE CLEARLY
AFTER
DRAGONFIST--

--AND SPIKE YI
IS THE OBVIOUS
SUSPECT.

A LITTLE TOO OBVIOUS
FOR YOUR--UH-OH!

YOUR SPIDER-SENSE
IS SUDDENLY
TINGLING--

--AND YOU INSTINCTIVELY KNOW THAT
THERE'S DANGER
SOMEWHERE
BELOW YOU.

KRAAA-KWAMM!

Sign up To
INTERC
Checkin
saving
ADVERT

FAHMEA

REGULAR BANKING
HOURS ARE BETWEEN
NINE AND FOUR--

--ALTHOUGH YOU
COULD ALWAYS USE
THE CASH MACHINE
FOR AN EMERGENCY
WITHDRAWAL.

YOU MUST
BE THE ONE
CALLED
SPIDER-GIRL.

IS THAT
YOUR FINAL
ANSWER?

DON'T BE
A FOOL,
GIRL!

I AM
THE GREATEST
MARTIAL ARTIST
OF ALL--

--AND YOU
WILL CERTAINLY
SUCCUMB
TO ME!

"SUCCUMB"?
"SUCCUMB"?

I'LL BET YOU GOT
THAT WORD FROM
A MOVIE SCRIPT.

W-WHAT?!

I JUST MEANT
THAT CONTEMPO-
RARY SUPER-
VILLAINS DON'T
USE WORDS LIKE
"SUCCUMB,"
ANYMORE.

OH...

BUT MAYBE-- JUST
MAYBE-- YOU SHOULD
AVOID ANY PREMATURE
CONGRATULATIONS.

YOU SMILE
BENEATH YOUR
MASK EVEN AS
YOU DODGE HIS
ELBOW STRIKE.

YOU'VE BECOME
QUITE THE LITTLE
DETECTIVE. YOU
CRACKED THE
CASE-- AND SOME
FUNNIES.

SHKOW!

EUGGNE

I WARNED YOU,) NO ONE CAN
GIRL. BEAT THE DEADLY
DRAGONFIST!



NO ONE EXCEPT
IRON FIST!

DREAM ON, OLD MAN! ONCE--PERHAPS IN YOUR PRIME--YOU MIGHT HAVE MADE A WORTHWHILE OPPONENT.

SHOU-LAO FAVERS ME ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

MY CHI IS SO STRONG, SO POWERFUL THAT I CAN MAKE MY ENTIRE BODY--

--LIKE UNTO IRON!

HOW CAN YOU MISUSE SUCH A PRECIOUS GIFT?

I MERELY CHOOSE TO EXPLOIT MY SKILLS FOR FAME AND FORTUNE.

WHO ARE YOU TO CRITICIZE?

YOU HIDE IN GRIEF, AND ALLOW YOUR OWN TALENTS TO DECAY AND WITHER!

MAYBE I DID PERMIT THE LOSS OF MY WIFE TO BLIND ME TO MY RESPONSIBILITIES.

PERHAPS I AM NO LONGER WORTHY OF THE POWER OF THE IRON FIST.

BUT NEITHER ARE YOU!

I SHALL TEAR IT FROM YOU-- DRAGON TO DRAGON-- UNTIL I DRAIN YOUR CHI, YOUR VERY LIFE-FORCE.

WILL YOU--?

SOMETHING'S WRONG, IRON FIST?

I DON'T FEEL ANY WEAKER.

IT SEEMS SHOU-LAO HIMSELF HAS CHOSEN A VICTOR.

AND HIS NEW AVATAR IS DRAGON-FIST!





GRITTING YOUR TEETH BENEATH
YOUR MASK, YOU BEGIN TO
CONCENTRATE--

--FOCUSING YOUR
SPIDER-SENSE
LIKE YOU'VE
NEVER DONE
BEFORE--

--AND WHERE
DRAGONFIST
IS THE MOST
VULNERABLE.

THAT'S ENOUGH, YOUNG
LADY. BACK OFF BEFORE
HE MANAGES TO LAND
A FATAL STRIKE.

DRAGONFIST
IS MY RESPON-
SIBILITY.

YOU WANT HIM?
FINE!

BUT HERE'S
A QUICK TIP...

...AIM
FOR HIS
BELT!

A SPECIAL LITTLE TINGLE
TELLS ME IT'S WHERE
YOU'LL FIND THE SOURCE OF
HIS POWER!

A GRIM SMILE LIGHTS THE
FACE OF DANIEL THOMAS
RAND-K'AI AS HE SUM-
MONS HIS CHI--

--AND STARTS TO
FOCUS THE SUPER-
HUMAN ENERGY
THAT HE DERIVES
FROM SHOU-LAO.

EVEN AS HIS HAND
GLOWS WITH POWER, HE
REALIZES THAT HE WAS
A FOOL TO DOUBT HIMSELF.

AND THEN HE STRIKES--

--WITH A FIST OF IRON!

KRAKA-

SHOOOM!



--WHERE
IS YOUR
DAD?!

I'M SURE YI IS
OUR MAN.



WE HAVE NO BUSINESS STAKING OUT YI'S TRAILER.

C'MON, PHIL-- I'M STARTING TO FEEL LIKE A REAL JERK OUT HERE.

HOW ABOUT YOU?



NOPE!
NO WAY.

NOT EVEN CLOSE.



SPIKE
YI



WELLLLL...

MAYBE A
LITTLE.

SPIKE
YI

THE END...
FOR NOW!



SPIDER-GIRL

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

In regards to SPIDER-GIRL #21, like Rod Stewart once said, "Every picture tells a story, don't it?"

If the last panel of page eight (story wise, not total page count) is any indication, Davida may have deduced for herself that May and Spider-Girl are one and the same. Some will add to this and continue to claim that Davida is also one of the Ladyhawks. If that were the case, Davida would have to have a twin in school (unless she dropped out) since the 'Hawks are twins. Anyway, Davida's reaction to May's cover story about aerobics class said plenty.

Earthshaker is a country bumpkin taking the shortest route he can find to finance a career in wrestling. Oh, please, give me a break! The UCWF still functions in this future? That was a joke long ago. To use wrestling parlance, our foe is your basic jabroni. His philosophy, though, brings up another matter altogether.

"A pro athlete answers to a higher authority," Earthshaker said.

The mentality of most athletes today, as is perceived by fans and perpetuated by most of the media, is based on a belief of "what's in it for me?" Miami Heat coach Pat Riley referred to this as the "disease of me". The problem here is that today, wrestling is seen as "sports entertainment", and not a true sport. In ring parlance, Earthshaker is what's called a "mark for business", someone who takes the industry a bit too much to heart, you might say. I suppose this is Tom DeFalco's commentary on the current state of pro wrestling.

Of course, the irony is not lost on me that when Peter Parker first gained his powers, he also tried to make money in a wrestling ring. (Does anyone else remember that scrape with the infamous Crusher Hogan?) All that was needed was some kid reading an issue of the old WCW comic book that came out some ten or so years ago, and the symbolism of this issue would have been complete.

Jacob Gilbert
Troy, NY

You might be giving us a little too much credit, Jacob. We here at Marvel do enjoy looking at the real world from time to time as well, so your comments are much appreciated, but sometimes a comic book story is only a comic book story!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL Crew,

Either kill the Green Goblin, or hook May and Normie up! That would be a good twist.

Steve Angelucci
(address withheld by request)

Be careful what you wish for, Steve, because we're planning to bring the Parker/Osborn war to a definitive conclusion in SPIDER-GIRL #27. (Yes, it will be the very last time a Parker will ever fight an Osborn ... at least in the MC-2 reality.)

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Since X-Man was a great pal of Spider-Man, will we be seeing a future incarnation of Nate Grey?

Matthew Woods
Brisbane Queensland
Australia

Hhhmmmm ... That's not such a bad idea, Matthew. Wonder if Nate even survived to see the future? Only time will tell for sure!

Dear MC-2,

When are we finally going to learn the truth about Darkdevil?

Brooker Christenson
Trinidad, CA

In the all-new three

MIKE
RAICHT
ASSISTANT
EDITOR

MIKE
MARTS
EDITOR

BOB
HARRAS
CHIEF

issue DARKDEVIL limited series which is currently scheduled to go on sale in two months! The series is written by Tom DeFalco and with art by Ron Frenz and Al Milgrom, and will provide more answers than you can shake a stick at!

Dear Spider-People,

I've been meaning to write to you to tell you that I'm glad to see the art team from UNTOLD TALES OF SPIDER-MAN is working on SPIDER-GIRL. I think they show a very realistic portrayal of high school.

With all due respect to Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, their stories depicted Peter Parker as if he were the ONLY nerd in a school where everyone else was stuck up, insensitive and blindly following the dictates of an arrogant alpha-male like Flash Thompson. John Romita showed things a little more believably. Most of his kids didn't blindly dislike Peter. They just seemed baffled and frustrated by his antisocial behavior.

In UNTOLD TALES and SPIDER-GIRL, the characters actually look like teenagers. May is, at best, cute and pretty, rather than gorgeous. And there's a believable balance of characters. In UNTOLD TALES, Tiny McKeever was introduced to show the simple fact that not all jocks are bullying thugs, and Jason Lonello showed us that not all outcasts are misunderstood good guys.

In SPIDER-GIRL, Brad and Moose reprise the good jock/bad jock image, and Jimmy Yama shows us the dark side of nerd-dom. Jimmy's so paranoid, he doesn't realize that not everyone's out to get him. Thankfully, Jimmy's not a creep like Lonello.

Say, how about bringing the now older Tiny and Jason back for a visit? We could finally find out what became of them.

Mike Robinson
Calgary, Alberta
Canada

An interesting idea, Mike! We really appreciate all your comments, even if we do think you're selling both Moose and Jimmy a little short.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

As we grow older there are experiences that stick out in our minds and we think back and say, "Life is good." It's amazing how things can come full circle and how fate can give you a second chance. I'm referring, of course, to Phil Urich's role in this book as the Golden Goblin. I truly believe this is the coolest thing you guys have ever done. I just recently reread the whole GREEN GOBLIN comic book series that starred Phil. That is the reason Phil Urich is my favorite character. I was so happy when he was incorporated into this series. It would've been so easy to forget about him, and I applaud the fact that you did not. Phil was/is real. He became the Goblin solely for the thrills. If he didn't like something, he'd just "bag that noise", and go listen to the newest Echobelly CD in his loft. He was always vying for the affections of Lynn Walsh when Meredith Campbell was right in front of him. I hope to God that he settled down with Merry.

Matthew Bartsch
Clawson, MI

He did. It sounds like we've got a real Golden Goblin fan on our hands, but only time will tell what becomes of Phil and the golden suit.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL Crew,

You've made me curious about the Steel Spider. When will he or she make an appearance?

Kevin Farrell
Newfoundland, NJ

Soon!

Dear Marvel,

Congratulations on a great new character. I dropped comic reading for many years, but SPIDER-GIRL has brought me back to the fold. But, as great as she is, I think you're missing a major component of her character development.

Spider-Man's entire character and career were defined by a single huge mistake, one that cost the life of his uncle. That's what awoke him to the reality that the choices we make really matter to other people, and bad choices come with a price. That mistake is what drove him to do his very best never to let it happen again. Spider-Girl needs a similar lesson to set her on the right path.

Kevin Schmadeka
Everett, WA

Does she, Kevin? Spider-Man learned that people die when he fails. Spider-Girl has already learned that people live when she succeeds. It's one of the things that differentiates her from her dad.

Dear Spider-Girl,

Sometimes a comic book really nails you.

Towards the end of SPIDER-GIRL #21, May is having a talk with her Uncle Phil. She learns of his hopes, and he hears of her goals, and ... "It's the kind of conversation you wish you could have with your dad."

That line stopped me cold. It made me think of my dad and all the conversations we'd never had. So I told him about this comic book, and he told me about some of the comics he used to read. And we talked and talked ...

Steven Mallis
(address withheld by request)

Good for you, Steven! Thanks for sharing with us, and for just being there!

NEXT ISSUE:

SPIDER-GIRL FACES OFF AGAINST HER BIGGEST CHALLENGE EVER ... THE SAVAGE SIX! OR IS IT SEVEN? THE MOST VILLAINS ASSEMBLED IN ONE ISSUE OF SPIDER-GIRL ... EVER! AND IT'S DOUBLE-SIZED TO BOOT! YOU MIGHT WANT TO THANK US, BUT MAY SURE WON'T!



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