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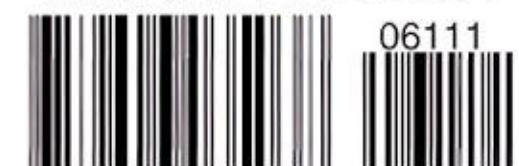
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SPIDER-GIRL

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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

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Possessing the powers of a demon and the soul of a hero, *Darkdevil* is a masked vigilante who often aids *Spider-Girl*.



An ambitious crime lord named *Canis* was forced into an uneasy alliance with his former enemy, *Wilson Fisk*, the reigning *Kingpin* of crime, when he failed to overthrow him.



May Parker accidentally discovers that Nancy "Lucky" Lu is a closet mutant with telekinetic powers.



An awkward rift grows between *Mayday Parker* and *Normie Osborn* after he rejects her attempt to take their relationship to the next level.



MARKE^D for DEATH!

Your name is May "Mayday" Parker. You are the daughter of the original Spider-Man and you inherited some pretty amazing powers.

Take your spider-sense for example--it warns you whenever you're in or approaching danger!

You were nearly three blocks away a few moments ago, enjoying a leisurely web-swing across town, when it began to tingle.

Of course, you could have just ignored it and taken a detour home--

--but where's the fun in that?

TWAKK!

Well, well, what have we here? Five heavily-armed goons--

--why am I suddenly thinking this is not a random mugging?

Be good to yourself, little girl--and move on!

It ain't worth your life to cross us.

While I do appreciate your concern for my well-being, sir--

--I really wouldn't be much of a friendly, neighborhood web-slinger if personal safety was my highest priority.

Putting my life on the line may come with the job description--

--but there's no need to risk chipping a nail on your buddy's oh-so-manly chin!

However, I would like to borrow your nifty new shotgun.

Not bad.

Two down in a matter of seconds and--

--uh-oh!

Relying on your spider-sense to guide you, you pivot instinctively--

--and lash out at your unknown attacker with spider-like speed.

But...

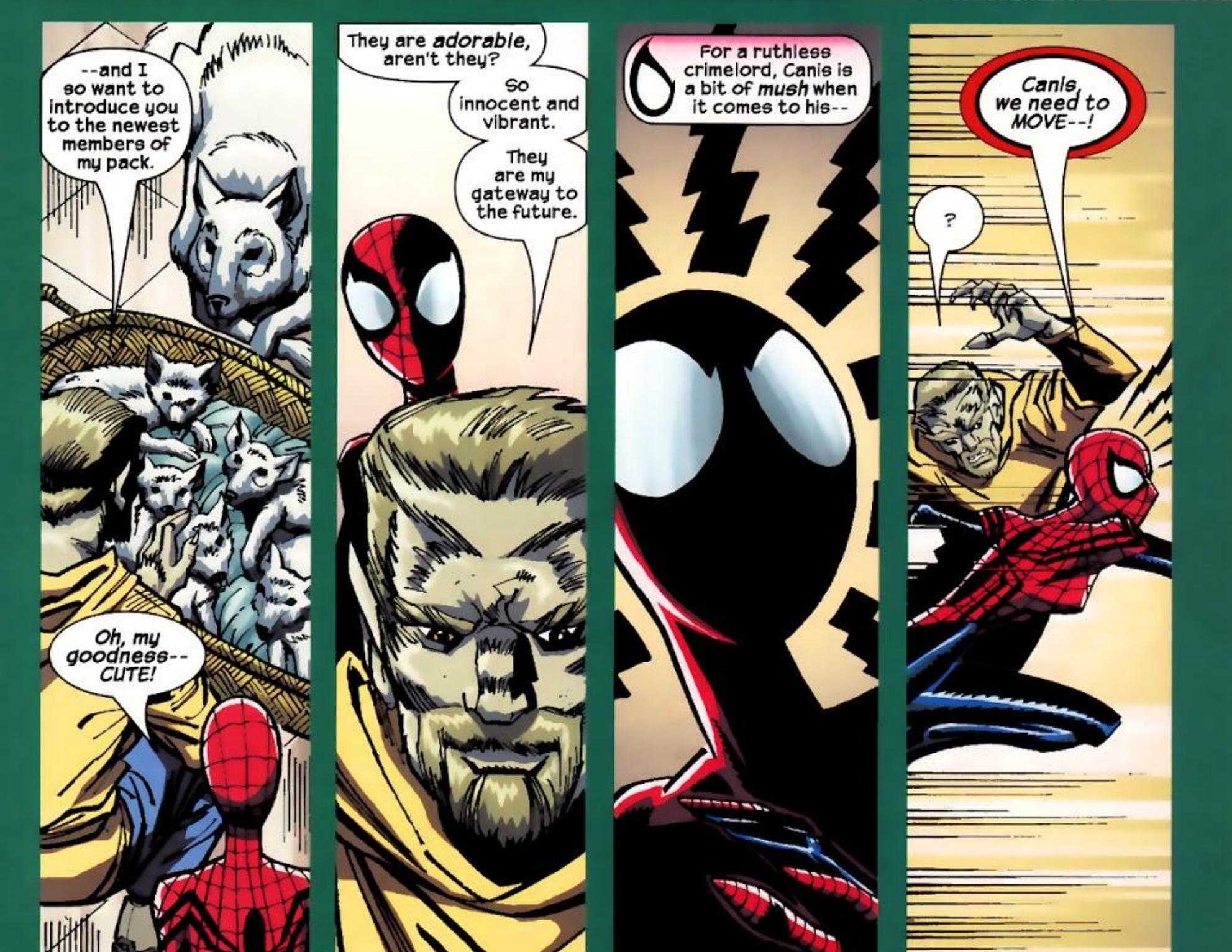
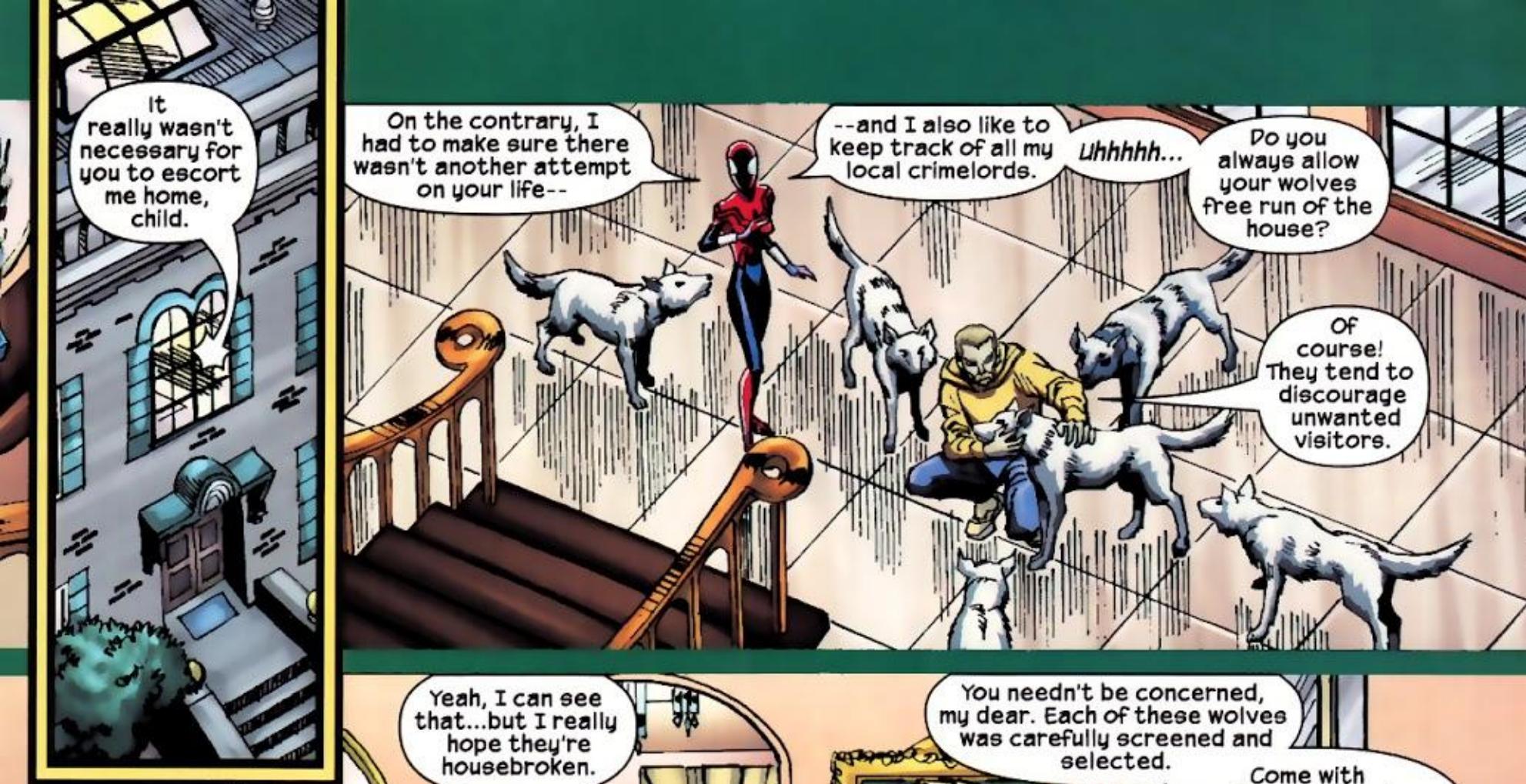
From the intensity of the tingles, you know your life is suddenly in imminent danger.

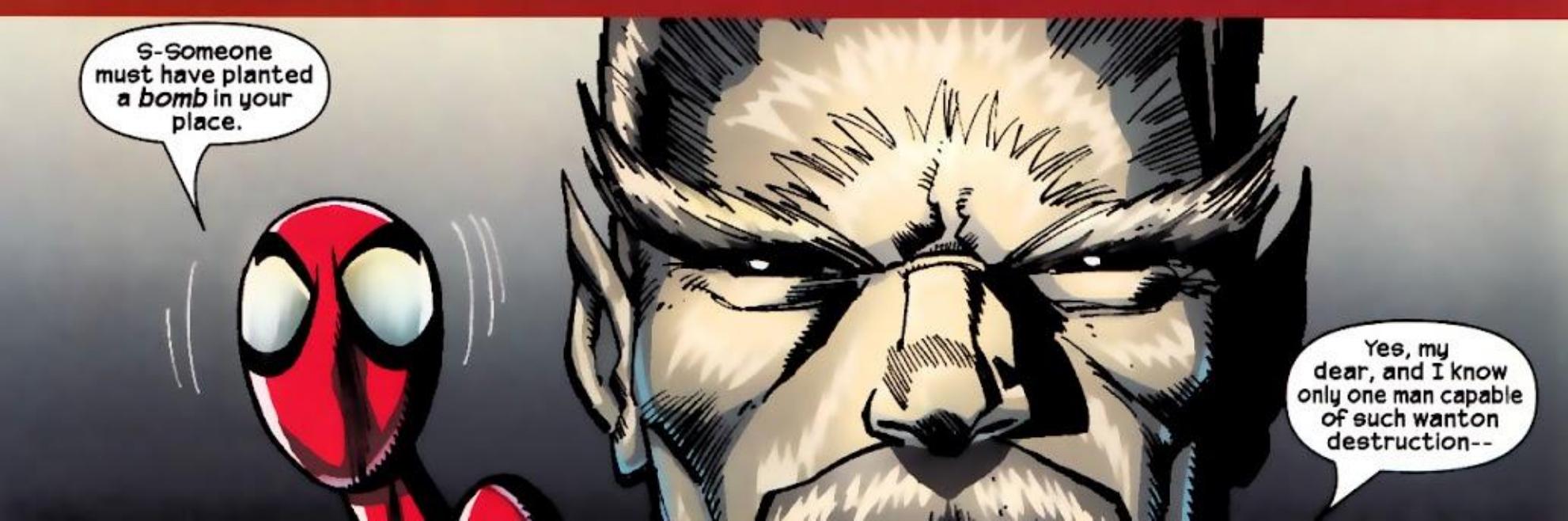
I...
...I don't get it.

Nobody is there.











YOU NEED TO VARY YOUR SCHEDULE, KINGPIN. EVERYBODY KNOWS WHEN YOU USUALLY EXERCISE.

You aren't here to discuss my daily routine, Darkdevil...

YOU'RE RIGHT. I'VE COME BECAUSE I'M HEARING SOME VERY UNPLEASANT RUMORS ABOUT YOU.

ACCORDING TO THE WORD ON THE STREET, SOME SOUTH AMERICAN GANGSTER HAS DESIGNS ON YOUR TERRITORY--

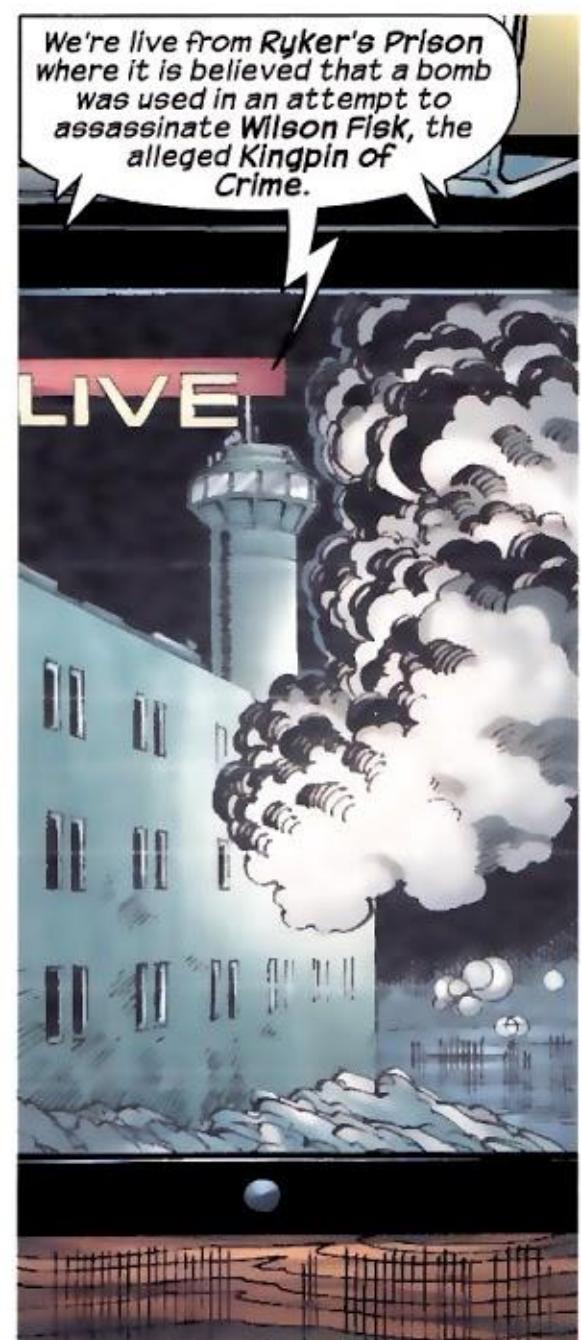
--AND HE INTENDS TO CLEAR AWAY THE COMPETITION BEFORE HE SETS UP SHOP.

Your concern is quite touching.

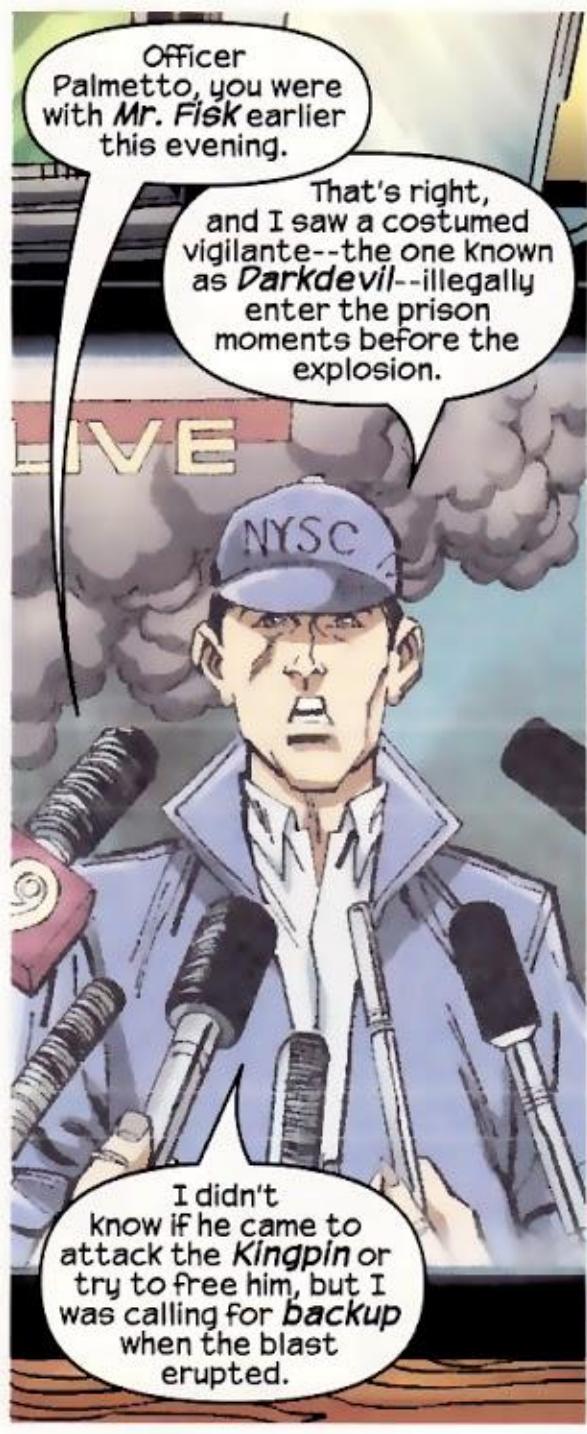
I assure you, however, that I am quite safe.

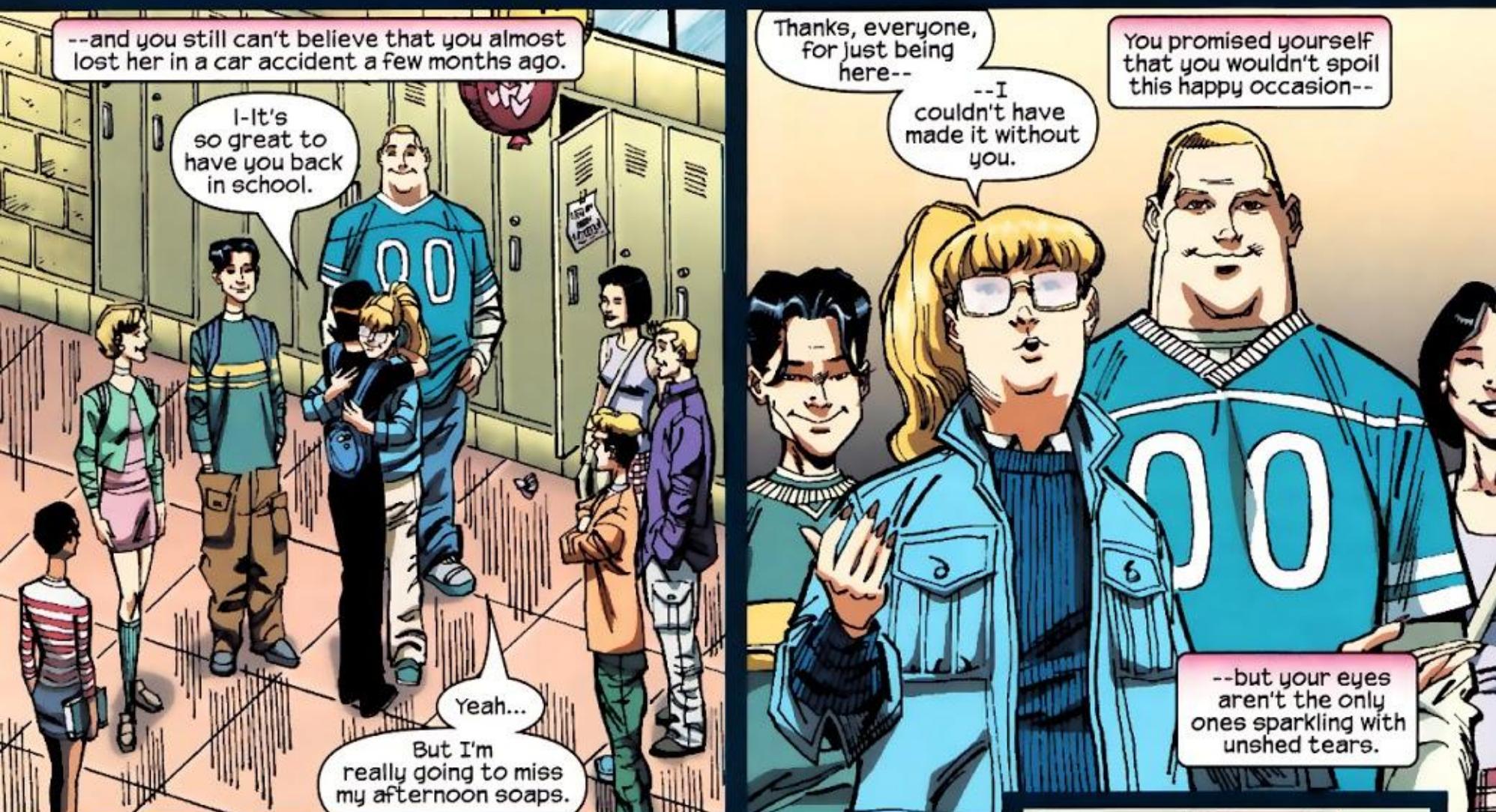
I doubt even my enemies could breach these prison walls.



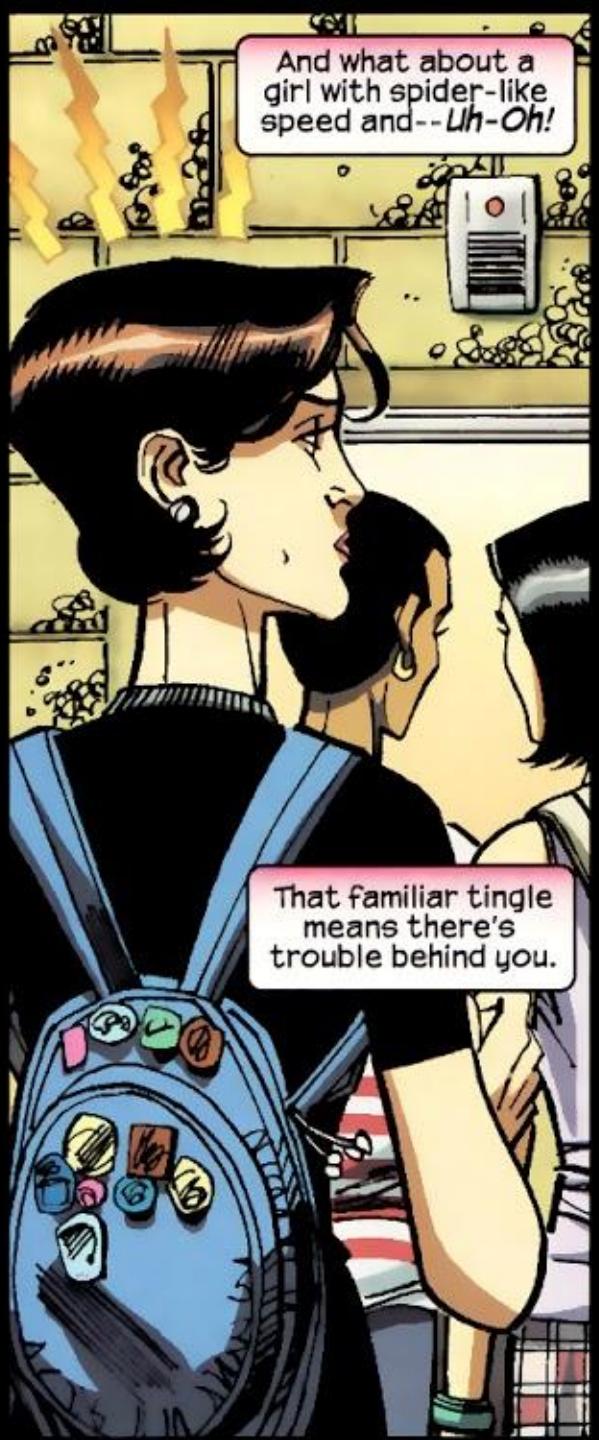


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RRRRING!



A few hours later, you cut a late afternoon study hall and check in with Phil Urich...

I'm glad you called, May.

POLICE Midtown South

Something big is going down.

There were actually five fire-bombings last night.

You already know about *Canis* and the Kingpin?

Well, three other major players were hit--Burke, Kaminsky and Hiaasen--and none of them survived.

Phil is secretly the new *Green Goblin*. He also belongs to a super-team that includes a certain demonic vigilante.

Any chance you've spoken to Darkdevil?

No...and neither have any of the other Warriors. We keep calling, but he won't--or can't--answer his cell.

Yeah, well, please call me if you hear from him.

You shiver with foreboding as you stare at the building that you and Normie use for a headquarters.

Normie has been assisting you for a while now, and you need to make absolutely certain that the two of you can continue to work--

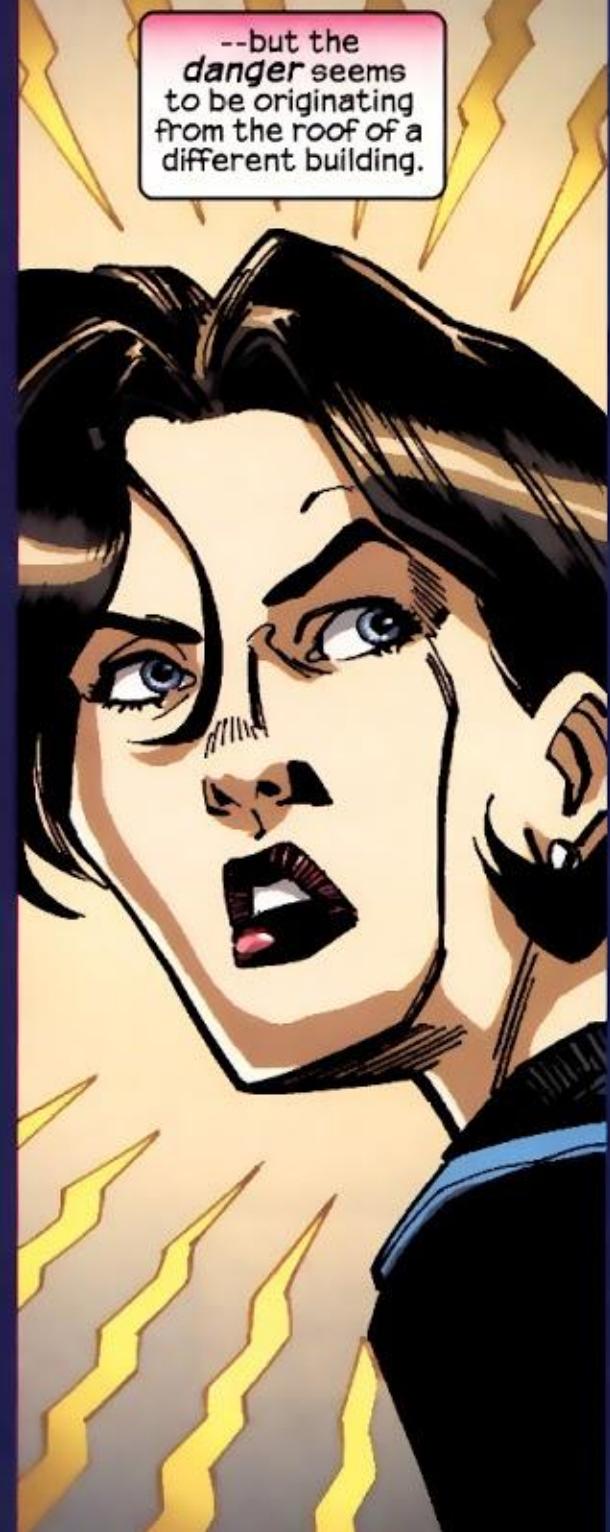
Is it because you're worried about Darkdevil--

Something's wrong here!

--or just nervous at the prospect of seeing Normie Osborn?

Your spider-sense starts to tingle every time you try to approach the Web Site--

--but the danger seems to be originating from the roof of a different building.



Either your spider-sense is glitching--

--or someone's spying on the Web Site.

You change into your action attire and immediately take to your webs.

Your spider-sense directs you toward the appropriate rooftop--

--but the tingles suddenly vanish as you close in on the building.

Just to be safe, you circle the neighborhood, covering a ten block radius, before heading back to the Web Site.

A few months ago, you might have been tempted to doubt your spider-sense--

How is that even possible?!

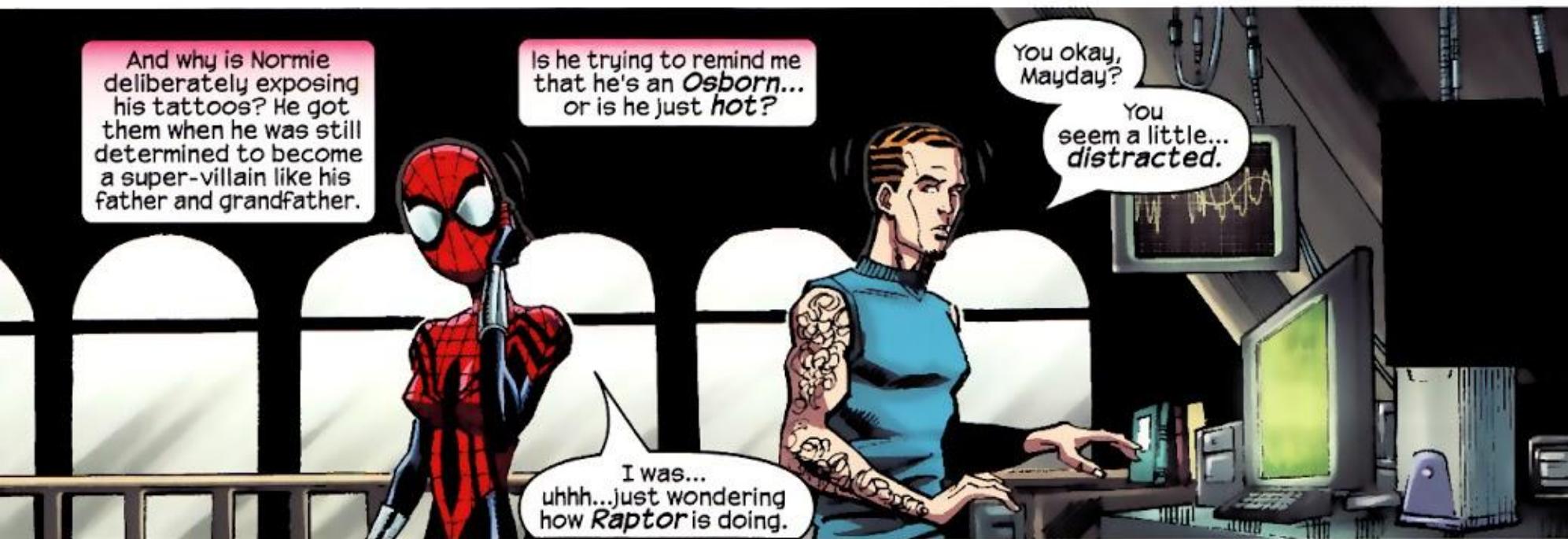
--now you just wonder if these *phantom tingle*s are all connected to the attack on *Canis*.

Odd! He's wearing a short-sleeve shirt--

Spider-Girl!

I...I'm surprised to see you now.
Shouldn't you be in school?

Yeah,
but I wanted to stop in for a quick chat.





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You sit through the team meeting in a daze and then, after failing to find either *Davida* or *Nancy*, you switch clothes and head back to the *Web Site* via your favorite form of transportation.

On the way, you check in with your *Uncle Phil*, who still hasn't heard from *Darkdevil*--

--and follow up with a quick call to *Canis*.

My present location is none of your business, child.

Need I remind you that we are adversaries?

Someone's killing off crimelords, mister--**and you could be next!**

I assure you that I am quite safe.

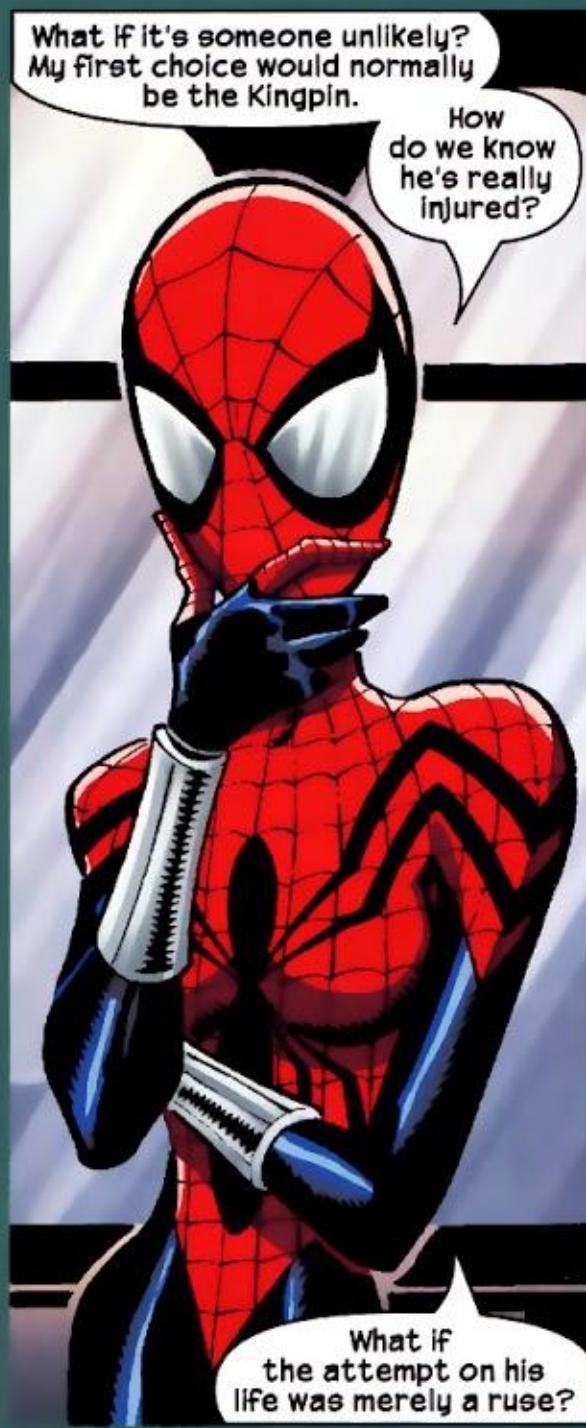
Yeah, and I'll bet the *Kingpin* used to feel the same way.

Think about it, *Canis*--helping me could save your life!

Now what?

It isn't like you can make like *Darkdevil* and gather information by busting up some waterfront dive.

You're underage and your parents would freak if you even entered a bar.



KWAH-RUMM!





SPIDER-GIRL

Hello, hello, hello,

As your newly appointed editor, it is my pleasure to respond to your letters. Unfortunately, due to the news of our girl's cancellation, the five million people who wrote in were soooooo enraged and soooooo passionate that 99% of them forgot to mark their letters "okay to print." This leaves me with very few letters that I can run. So, in the future, everyone be sure to mark all the letters you write to Marvel with a resounding "okay to print" somewhere in the heading or the body of the letter.

Meanwhile, a few readers did remember to mark their letters, and here's what they had to say...

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Yesterday I found out that SPIDER-GIRL is being canceled with issue #61. Please say it ain't so! Please! If it is so, then tell me who do I email to protest and scream in anger to. I've been a fan of the series since the start and I've been a fan of the character since her first appearance in WHAT IF. I just don't want to see this end. Of course, the whole thing is madness!

Richard Simonsen Jr.
Bradley Beach, New Jersey

Okay, Richard. You convinced us. We're not canceling SPIDER-GIRL. Let me repeat, WE ARE NOT CANCELING SPIDER-GIRL (applause now, please). So, be sure you stick around for the next issue of this soon-to-be-classic-tale, "MARKED FOR DEATH!"

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Another GREAT issue and the ending was super! Finally, a son! I would love to say that it will be great to watch him grow up, but looking at the Previews it looks like SPIDER-GIRL is finally coming to an end. I really wish you would once again reconsider. I have two little girls (3 and 6) that I was hoping would get to grow up reading about her adventures—and little Benjy's. Hey, how about Spider-Girl in EXILES? Nay, it would be better for her to have her own book forever! Why not raise the price to \$3.25, I'd still buy it!!!

Dennis
(Via email)

While I never want to disagree with a reader, we've decided not to raise the price again as you suggested. Instead, as an alternate plan, we'll continue publishing SPIDER-GIRL at the same spiderific price as this very issue. Spider-Girl in EXILES? Not a bad thought, Dennis. Not bad at all.

Well, now you know. Tom D, Ron, and myself were all very happy to hear the good news, and hopefully you are too. I've got to tell you, Tom has been working in this business for years and he didn't believe me when I told him we were uncanceled again. In fact, since I'm relatively new at this, he called one of the senior editors down the hall to confirm it. That editor, knowing that the announcement came on April Fool's Day (and not knowing that we really were un-canceled) told Tom it was a hoax. Thanks, Ralph. It took me another three days after that to convince Tom that I really did need a new script for this issue. But, as always, we're determined to bring you the very best in Spider-Girl Hoo-Ha action every month!

And for those of you who don't believe me still, here are a few covers to tide you over and keep an eye out for...

—Andy

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