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Dear Diary,

My name is **May Parker**, though most everybody calls me **Mayday** (a nickname I picked up from my basketball days.) I have a secret (a bunch of them, actually) and decided to keep an "official" record of my life. I guess I should start at the beginning, on the day my whole life changed and I discovered that I was the daughter of **Spider-Man**.

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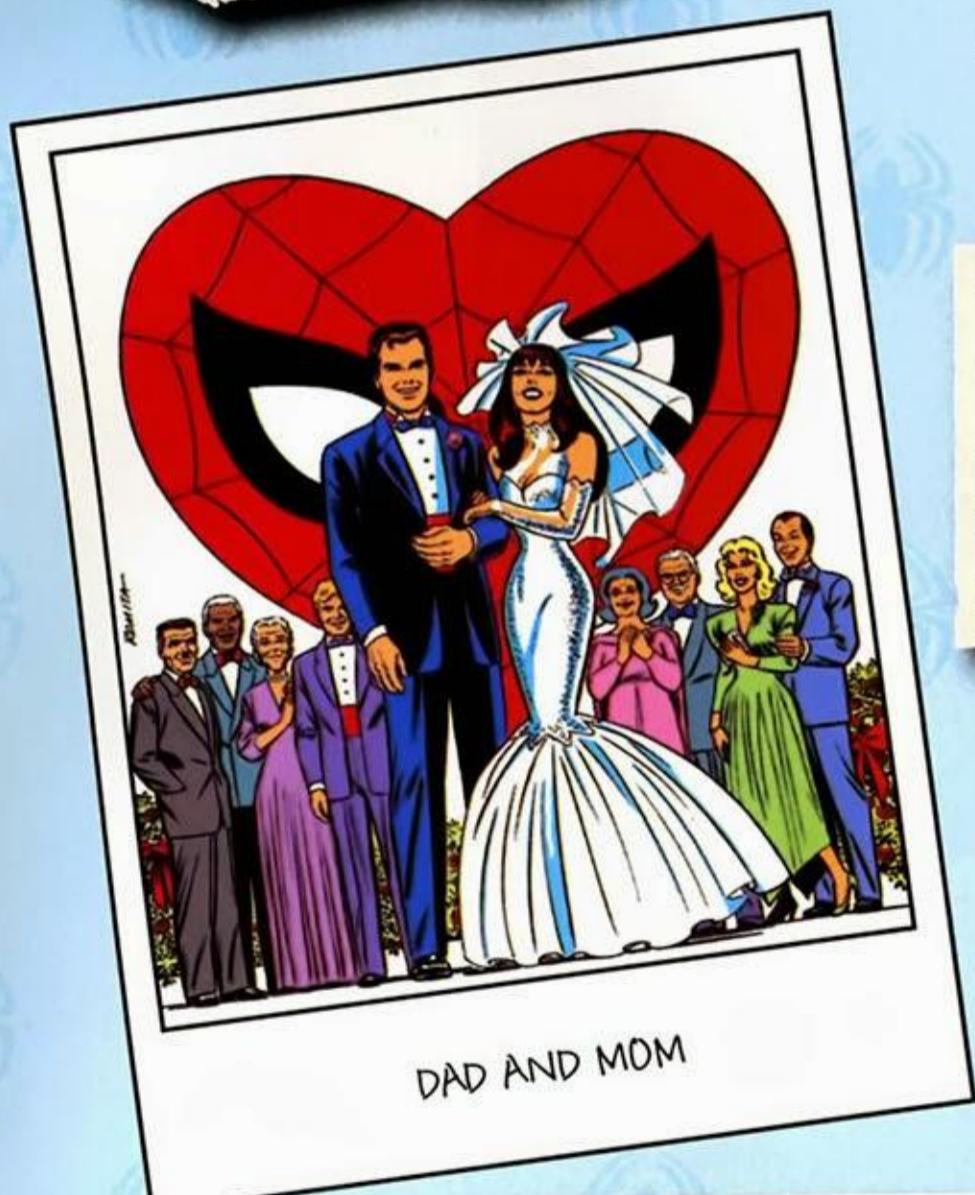
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In case you just zapped in from another dimension and never heard of him, Spider-Man is one of the greatest costumed heroes of the modern age. His real name is Peter Parker, and he possesses the proportionate strength, speed, agility and equilibrium of a spider and can cling to any surface. He even invented a pair of devices that produce artificial webbing. He also has an additional power that he calls his spider-sense, which is this weird, tingly feeling that warns him of danger. (And he makes the world's greatest pancakes!)

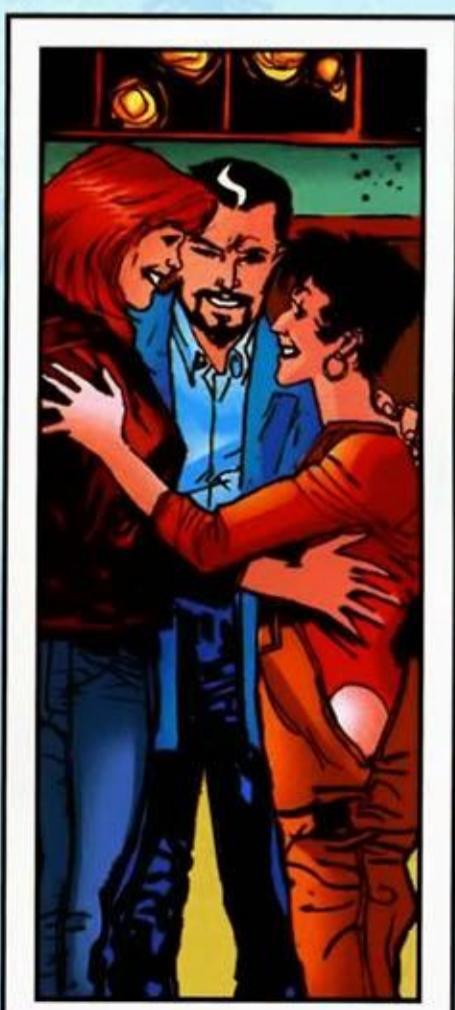


MY DAD



DAD AND MOM

Though I really don't know the details (because I obviously wasn't around at the time), he fell in love with my mom, the former Mary Jane Watson, and they eventually got married. (Yay for me!)



After trying a variety of jobs, Dad became a forensic scientist for the police department and Mom worked as an executive in the fashion industry. I came along after a few years, and we had a pretty average life.



That changed during my sophomore year in high school. I was always into sports (especially basketball) and was playing on my school team when my body suddenly kicked into overdrive and I realized that I wasn't exactly a poster child for "normal."

Around the same time, Normie Osborn (the grandson of the original *Green Goblin*, one of Spider-Man's greatest enemies) decided to take up the family business and kill my dad.

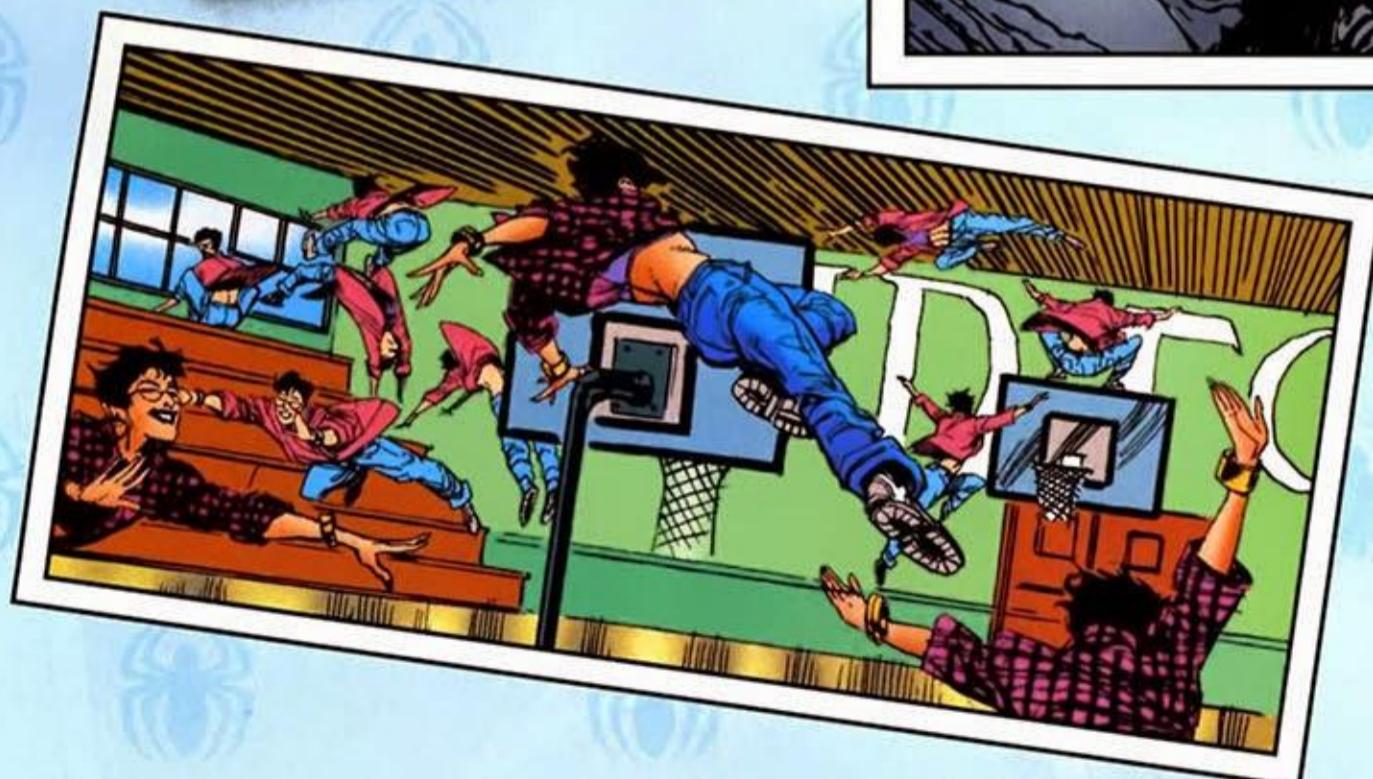




My parents were so freaked that they finally came clean. I learned the truth about my dad...and about myself.

I later found out that I was around two years old when my dad confronted Normie's grandfather for the last time. During the battle, the **Goblin** died and

Dad lost his right leg. It took Dad a while, but he had to accept the fact that his wall-crawling days were over and hang up his webs.



I'll admit that I was pretty weirded out by all these revelations. But, on the other hand, learning that I had inherited Dad's spider-powers--HOO-HA! That was mega-cool!



Anyway, I eventually modified one of the old spider-costumes I found stored in the attic, fitted myself with a pair of web-shooters and quickly convinced **Normie Osborn** that no one was going to die on my watch.

I guess my parents and I assumed that this **Spider-Girl** thing was just a one-time event. We thought we could all go back to our normal lives once Normie was safely behind bars. No such luck!





Seems my dad's sense of responsibility came with his powers. I soon found myself wearing a makeshift costume and sneaking out at night to play hero because I had learned a very important lesson -- when I succeed, people live!

Here's another secret -- being a super hero ain't all it's cracked up to be! I ran across some real winners like **Mr. Nobody**, a psychopath who had a device that allowed him to teleport wherever he wanted and was eventually modified to make him as intangible as a ghost.



MR. NOBODY



DARKDEVIL

Not only did I come to the attention of **Wilson Fisk**, the so-called **Kingpin of Crime**, but I also crossed paths with **Darkdevil**, a costumed vigilante with demon-like powers. When we first met, he kept trying to discourage me from being **Spider-Girl**, but I eventually won him over. (Points for me!)



THE FANTASTIC FIVE

I even became acquainted with the Fantastic Five, the current incarnation of the Fantastic Four. The new team consists of Johnny Storm, the Human Torch...his wife Lyja Storm, a shape-shifting Skrull who calls herself Ms. Fantastic...Ben Grimm, the ever-loving Thing...the always-dreamy Franklin Richards, a powerful telepath and telekinetic who goes by the name Psi-Lord...and Big Brain, a robot that used to house the brain of Reed Richards. (Thanks to a little help on my part, Mr. Fantastic and his wife, the Invisible Woman, have recently rejoined the team.)



SPYRAL

I also encountered Spyral, a freakoid who could travel through time and to alternate realities. The poor guy claimed that he was just trying to find his way back to his home world, but he sure created a lot of chaos on this one.



But I did get some unexpected support from **Phil Urich**. He works in the police lab with my dad, has been a close family friend for so long that I call him **Uncle Phil**. (His wife's name is **Meredith**, and she's a hotshot lawyer who works for **Franklin Nelson**, Normie Osborn's stepdad.) Anyway, Phil used to be a super hero when he was in his late teens and has spent most of his adult life trying to recapture those glory days.



LADYHAWKS

I don't want to give you the wrong impression. I didn't spend all my time swinging on webs. My parents went nuclear when they first learned about my extracurricular activities. (Sure, it was okay for **Dad** to risk his neck when **he** was a teenager!) Let me tell you, they never really warmed to the idea of me being **Spider-Girl** and they still barely tolerate it.



Phil secretly helped train me and even introduced me to the **Ladyhawks**--twin sisters who share the same costumed identity and use a combination of athleticism and martial arts to fight street-level criminals.



My dad finally began to realize that I wasn't going to quit being Spider-Girl, so he took me under his wing. That training really paid off when I battled **Killerwatt**, a former band roadie who gained electrical powers in a freak accident.

I eventually grew so confident in my abilities that I even applied for membership with the **Avengers**. (Okay, so maybe I was a little full of myself!) While I didn't make the starting team, I did score a reserve spot and eventually became pretty close with **Stinger**, **American Dream** and **J2**.

My relationship with the other Avengers hasn't always been the best, mainly because I'm constantly butting heads with **Mainframe**, a living robot with a heart of steel.



THE AVENGERS

I also had a very bad experience when I bumped into a relative of my father's called Kaine, a mercenary who is super-strong, extremely agile and often battled my father in the past. Our first few meetings were rather vicious, but (lucky for me) Kaine seems to have mellowed over time. He is currently trying to atone for his past mistakes and we've gone from uneasy allies to almost friends.

(Maybe I'll even call him "Uncle" someday.)



Another former enemy who eventually turned friendly is Brenda Drago, otherwise known as Raptor. She used to be a winged thief in an abusive relationship, but soon realized the error of her ways, renounced crime and upgraded boyfriends. (In fact, she's currently married to Normie Osborn, but I'll get to that later!)



I also met the **Buzz**, who employs a high-tech, armored battle suit to fight crime. Thanks to some brilliant detective work on my part (actually it was pure dumb luck), I learned that he's secretly **Jack Jameson**, a guy in my class at Midtown High. While his parents are off in Europe, JJ lives with his grandparents -- Daily Bugle publisher **J. Jonah Jameson** and his wife **Marla**!

JJ and I even dated for awhile (which had an added side benefit of twisting my dad waaaaay out of shape), but we broke up because the guy is, like, a total dog and can't be trusted! (Although he's still a major cutie!)



If I had to choose the most eccentric villain I've ever fought, the answer would have to be Funny Face, a complete nutjob with no respect for human life. He dresses like a clown and carries an arsenal of deadly weaponry designed to both humiliate and destroy you. I don't know if he's completely crazy--or if it's just an act--but he's also named his stupid wand Blinky, and he treats it as if it were alive.



He also holds me responsible for the death of his older brother, another super-criminal called *Crazy Eight*, who was killed in the middle of a gang war.



I hate to admit it, but Funny Face and I actually have something in common. I'm trying to emulate my dad, and he's sort of the male version of his mom--a ruthless killer who calls herself Angel Face and has spent most of her life behind bars.



On the plus side, there's Nancy Lu--a teenage telekinetic who just wanted to be left alone and to live a normal life. Things didn't quite work out the way she planned. After accidentally being "outed", Nancy signed on with the uncanny X-People to learn how to control her powers, and she adopted the codename of Push.

Want to hear something ironic? I think my best spider-day was the one when Normie Osborn returned as the Green Goblin, captured me and threatened to kill me. This marked a real turning point in our relationship. It gave us a chance to talk, to bond, to explain our feelings and to finally end the war between the Parkers and the Osborns...the Spiders and the Goblins.





Around that time, a fake Spider-Man appeared on the scene. I later learned his real name was **Gerry Drew**, and he was the son of **Jessica Drew**, the original **Spider-Woman**. Gerry was born with a rare blood disease that was slowly killing him. He gained spider-powers when his mom tried an experimental process on him. But he continued to deteriorate and is currently undergoing treatment. (I wish him the best!)

An ambitious crimelord called **Canis** attempted to replace **Wilson Fisk** as the new Kingpin of Crime and almost succeeded. Canis possesses enhanced reflexes and strength. (And I always thought he was part wolf!) After masterminding Fisk's assassination, Canis was captured and is currently in prison. (For the rest of his life, I hope!)



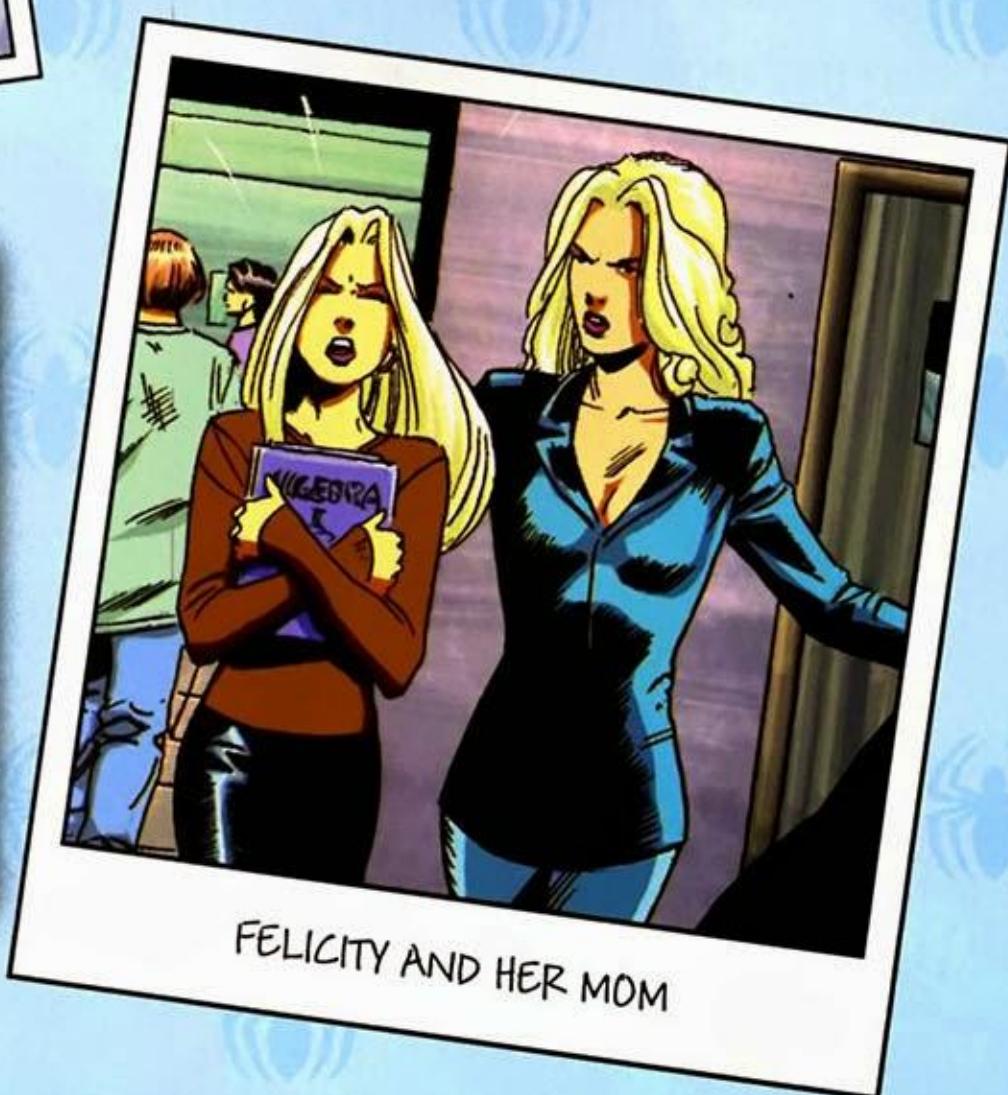


Felicity Hardy is the daughter of Coach Thompson (more on him later) and Felicia Hardy, who's better known as the Black Cat. Felicity must have inherited her mom's detective skills. She discovered my secret identity and tried to blackmail me into letting her become my partner as the Scarlet Spider. (A couple of close calls convinced her to retire her costume...at least for now!)



MOM AND BEN

Meanwhile, anxious to make up for his past mistakes, Normie Osborn became my biggest supporter and even allowed Phil Urich to fulfill his lifelong dream and take over as the new Green Goblin. (Although, as much as I love Uncle Phil, I'm still not convinced he's prime hero material.)



FELICITY AND HER MOM

By the way, while all this was going on, my mom had another baby-- Benjamin Richard Parker--who is absolutely the cutest little bundle of joy this world has ever seen! (Although I may be a tad biased!)



Weadon seems obsessed with capturing Fabian LeMuerto. Also known as the **Black Tarantula**, LeMuerto is based somewhere in South America and currently rules a criminal empire that has been passed down from father to son for over a hundred years. (His dad even fought my dad!)

Remember Kaine and Raptor? Well, they somehow got recruited into a top secret government super-team that's run by **Special Agent Arthur Weadon**, a true bureaucrat's bureaucrat. The team also includes **Quickwire** and **Big Man**, two other former super-criminals who chose serving the public over rotting in prison.



BLACK TARANTULA

For reasons he's never really explained, the Tarantula seems to have taken a special interest in my career. (Maybe it's my sparkling personality?!?) His assistant **Chesbro** even temporarily helped equip me with my own Team Spider.



CHESBRO



TEAM SPIDER



Elan DeJunae appeared out of nowhere, claiming she was Normie Osborn's wife. (A lie!) We later found out that she was secretly Fury, the Goblin Queen, and a member of a crime cult that worshipped Normie's grandfather.

Since every girl likes to enhance her wardrobe, I temporarily adopted a new look--a black costume that was based on something my dad once wore back in his day! (Switching costumes was kind of cool. I might even try it again.)



ELAN DEJUNAE



When she failed to convert Normie back to the dark side, she bonded him to the **Venom Symbiote**, an alien creature that had often tried to possess my dad. Normie eventually learned to control the symbiote and use its powers for good.



Kaine recently had a vision that showed me being stabbed by a Scrier. (Yeah, still another crime cult!) Needless to say, I was pretty freaked. I even switched back to my black costume in an effort to outsmart destiny.

But my plans rarely work! (Luckily, Normie saved my life by using the Venom Symbiote to heal me!)



The Scybalites were so desperate to kill me that they even broke Roderick Kingsley, the legendary Hobgoblin, out of prison. (Definitely the most ruthless and calculating foe I've ever faced!)



Knowing that I was completely out of my league, my dad came out of retirement to help me. (It's a stunt he's tried before, and it almost NEVER works! He even once donned a **bionic leg**, if you can believe it!) Thanks in no small part to the **Venom Symbiote**, who sacrificed herself to save us, we finally managed to drive the **Hobgoblin** away. (But he is **still** at large!)

Though I don't know exactly how he managed it, the **Black Tarantula** somehow convinced the **Scriers** to back off and leave me alone. The timing worked out because **Normie Osborn** and **Brenda Drago** were married later that night. (The ceremony was conducted at the Midtown Medical Center, where she was still recuperating from an attack by **Hobgoblin**.)



Unfortunately, the stress of Hobgoblin's return and the idea of almost losing us really got to my mom and she told me and Dad to hang up our webs for good. I figured she'd eventually calm down and things would go back to normal.



GALACTUS

Or maybe they would have...but that's when some psychotic space god called **Galactus** came to town. I'm not sure what he was really trying to accomplish, but he did make a big mess of the city and killed a whole bunch of innocent people.

Stinger, American Dream, J2 and I eventually managed to save the day! (Okay, so maybe there were also a few dozen other costumed heroes involved, but this is *my* diary!) That's when I decided to take my mother's advice and retire my webs. What can I say? After risking my neck against Hobgoblin, the Scriers and the biggest space baddie of all, I desperately needed a break. Trouble is--I've discovered that I really like living a villain-free lifestyle. I enjoy being a normal teenager. (Well, as normal as I can get!) How long will I feel this way? Will I ever change my mind? Is *Spider-Girl* gone forever? We'll just have to wait and see...

Goodbye for now!
Mayday Parker



MY AMAZING FRIENDS



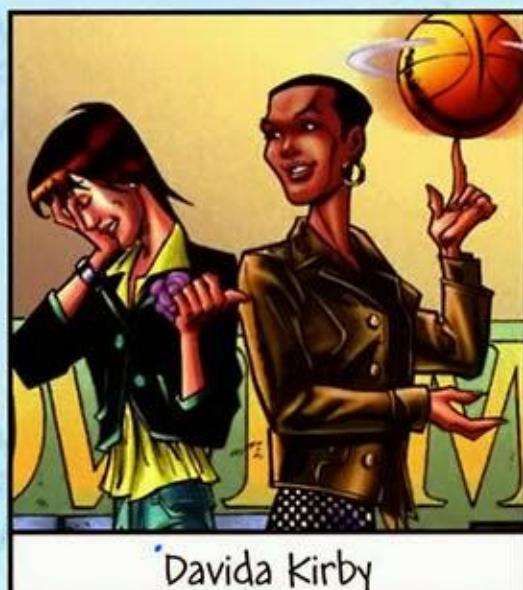
Courtney Duran

I met Courtney on my first day of pre-school when a nasty second-grader (who had obviously been born to be a future suspect) decided to bully me. Courtney rushed to my aid and bit him on the leg. It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Not only is Court a straight-A student, but she's pure heart. She's also completely comfortable in her own skin. She's been dating Moose Mansfield recently, though she seems to spend an awful lot of time with JJ Jameson. (Especially since Moose moved to New Jersey!)

I spent most of grade and high school thinking that Moose was a bully and a blockhead. And he is...sort of. But he's also a big old teddy bear! Moose is open, honest and always speaks from the heart. He's sensitive in a very manly way and always guards his friends' backs. (Okay, he does have temper issues and can be awfully stubborn, but the guy means well.) Unfortunately, poor Moosie has been having a hard time. Cancer claimed his mother when he was just a kid, and his dad was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Moose, his two younger brothers and his sister have gone to live with their Uncle Billy in New Jersey while their dad undergoes treatment. I originally thought he and Courtney would be able to survive a long-distance relationship. I'm not so sure anymore...



Maurice "Moose" Mansfield



Davida Kirby

I think I was about to enter second grade when my mom signed me up for soccer. I was standing on the side of the field, waiting my turn to kick the ball, when the girl behind me loudly proclaimed that she could kick it farther than anyone else on the team. She did, too. (But only because my spider-powers hadn't developed yet.) Davida has only grown more confident over the years. She knows what she wants and goes for it. I know this makes her sound self-centered, and she can be. (Especially when it comes to boys!) But she is also a loyal friend and a team player.

Jimmy, Courtney and I used to belong to the science club together. (Now that I think of it, I was the only member who could hang with both the geeks and the jocks!) He's one of the sharpest guys I know and will probably be a multi-zillionaire someday. (If he can learn to control the sarcasm!) Courtney used to have a bit of a crush on him, but he was focused on me. At least he was until he started dating Heather Noble.



Jimmy Yama



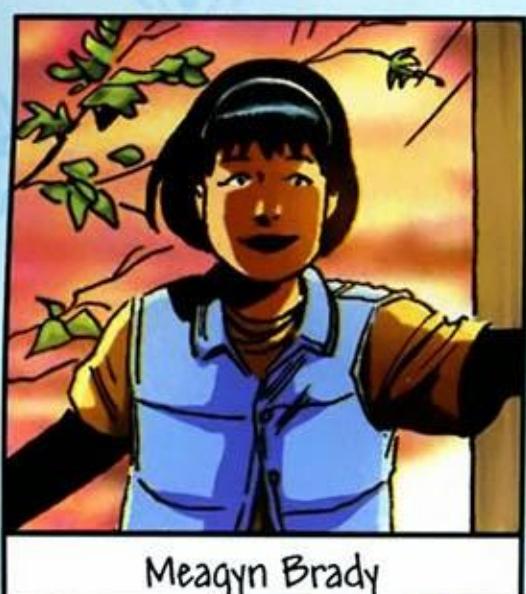
Heather Noble

Okay, I never much liked Heather. She is way too cute for her own good, knows it and often uses it to her advantage. She used to collect boys the way the rest of us accumulated hair scrunchies. I swear that she was determined to date every cute guy in Midtown High (and every other school in the tri-state area!) until she unexpectedly stalled on Jimmy Yama. I just don't understand it. He's so brainy and she's...not. But something's working here! She's helped Jimmy dress better and socialize more, and he's helped improve her grades. But I still feel there's a timer on this relationship and it's ticking down...

I used to have the biggest crush on Brad. It began in grade school and lasted all the way to my sophomore year of high school. He was *Mr. Cool* as far as I was concerned. But some relationships should never go beyond the crush stage. We dated for awhile and discovered that we had almost nothing in common. I also learned that he has problems with mutants, and that's a major turnoff. But I haven't given up on Brad. I still think he can be fixed. He just needs the right girl...



Brad Miller



Meagyn Brady

Meagyn's really an odd duck, and I can't really say that she's a member of my usual crowd. To tell you the truth, most of the time I barely notice her. I was once surprised to discover how many classes we share together. I've heard rumors that she has issues with her mom, but don't we all? Anyway, Meagyn seems to hang a lot with Felicity Hardy. Meagyn also seems to know practically everything that's going on at Midtown High. Everyone speaks freely in front of her--as if she wasn't even there! It's like she's practically invisible. Whatever! I just know that Meagyn has often provided me with crucial intel at critical times, and I'm very appreciative. I often intend to spend time with her, but can never seem to find her.

Sandra has had her share of problems. We had shared a few classes and exchanged a few words over the years. One day, after a super-battle that didn't end too well, I was in the girl's room, applying makeup to cover some facial bruises. Sandra saw me and asked, "Was it your boyfriend or your father?" I later learned that her boyfriend was physically abusing her and her dad wasn't a prize, either. She finally ditched the boyfriend, but is still stuck with the father. Needless to say, I keep my eye on her.



Sandra Healy



Chris Jarkoer

Chris is a really sweet guy, and we dated for awhile. Unfortunately, during one of our dates, a super-villain appeared and Chris reacted the way I'd expect any average person to behave. He got good and scared. No biggie! I did, however, get a little annoyed when I heard him bragging about his "bravery" and portraying himself as quite the hero. What can I say? He's a normal teenage boy! I knew he was no Captain America and shouldn't have expected him to portray himself in a less than flattering light. Chris assumed I broke up with him because he exaggerated his heroism. The truth is I just didn't think he fit into my world. But my world has recently changed and who knows what the future could bring?

Coach used to go to high school with my dad and I gather they've had a very complicated relationship over the years. That's their business! Coach was always good to me and I loved playing high school basketball for him! (At least until my spider-powers emerged and I finally realized it wasn't fair to compete with non-powered teens.) Since the girl's basketball team has been on a losing streak, Coach has been under some major pressure recently and may have to teach a few extra courses to guarantee himself a job. Coach also used to be married to Felicia Hardy, the Black Cat. (Talk about an odd coupling!) They have two children--Felicity, who lives with her mom, and Eugene, who...y'know, I think I'm going to hold off on him for now.



Coach Eugene "Flash" Thompson



Mr. Slattery

Mr. Slattery is Midtown's assistant principal. He teaches English and Literature, and is also in charge of discipline and detention. I think he kind of likes me (as much as he's capable of liking **any** student), but I have a hunch my occasional disappearances (to do my web-thing) may force us to spend a lot of time together. (*In the detention room!*)

Talk about a fixture at Midtown High! Winterhalter has been there forever. She even taught my dad, and he swears that she hasn't aged a day in the last twenty years. I always thought there was something weird about her and wouldn't be surprised if she had a picture hidden up in her attic or we learned that she was sucking the life energy out of her students. Okay, so I'm not her biggest fan! Can you blame me? She gave me a "C" in Political Science last term and I busted tail to complete every one of her assignments.

If I get her in junior year, KILL ME NOW!



Ms. Winterhalter