

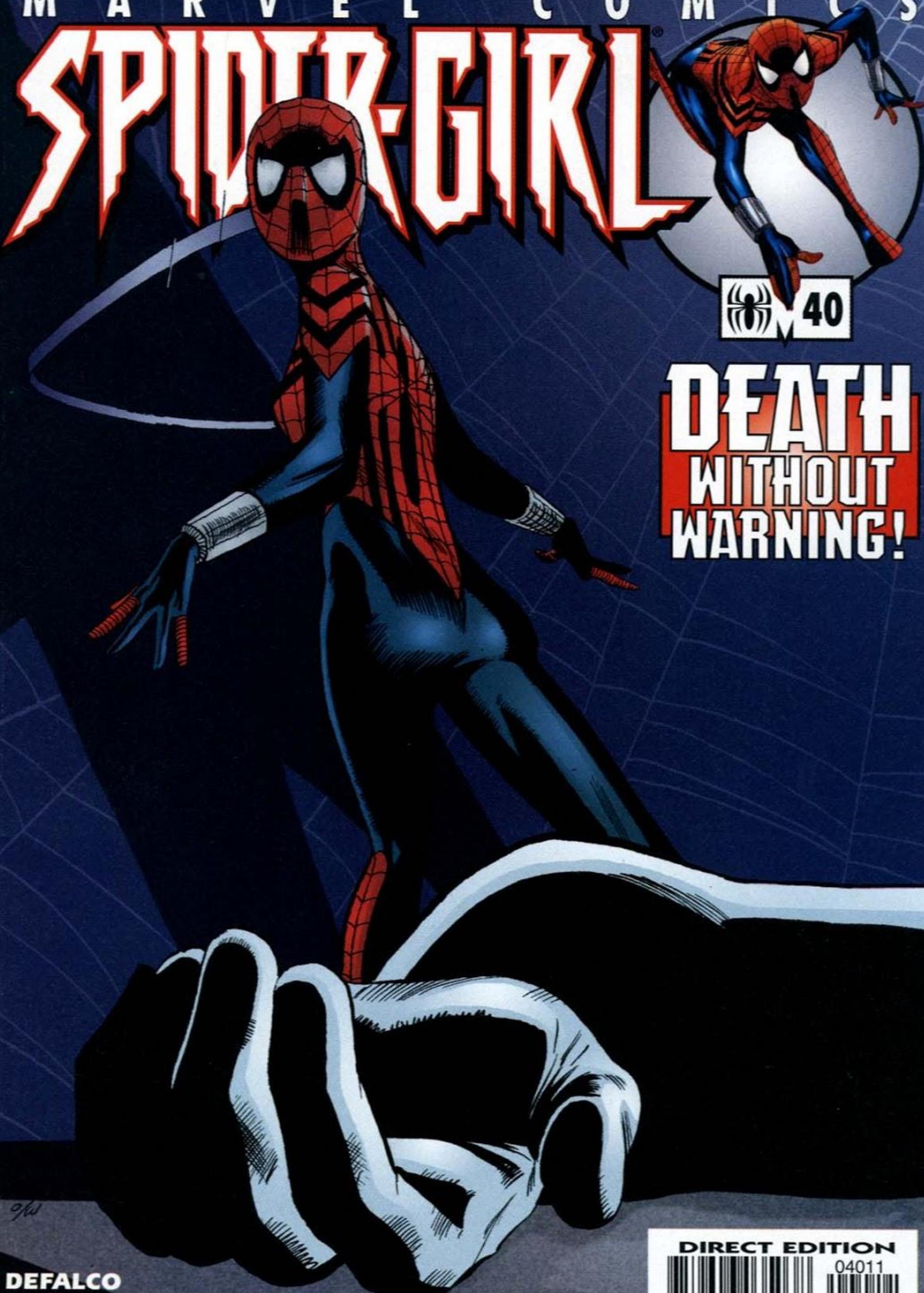
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DEATH
WITHOUT
WARNING!



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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!

A DEATH IN THE FAMILY!

CHOICES--
LIFE IS FULL
OF THEM!

MOST SEEM RATHER
INSIGNIFICANT--DO
YOU WANT THAT
BAGEL PLAIN OR
TOasted?

BUTTERED OR WITH
CREAM CHEESE?

SOME CHOICES ARE
MADE WITHOUT A
MOMENT'S THOUGHT.

OTHERS ARE
PONDERED
FOR HOURS.

THERE ARE TIMES, HOWEVER,
WHEN THEY'RE JUST THRUST
UPON YOU, AND IT SEEMS
LIKE YOU NEVER REALLY
HAD A CHOICE...

TWO MAJOR UNDERWORLD FIGURES
--THE KINGPIN OF CRIME AND
AN UPSTART NAMED CANIS--HAVE
RECENTLY GONE TO WAR.

PHIL URICH--YOUR FORMER
MENTOR AND THE NEW
GREEN GOBLIN--WAS
SEVERELY BEATEN WHEN
HE TRIED TO INTERVENE.

THERE'S ALSO A NEW SPIDER-MAN
IN TOWN, AND PROBLEMS WITH NANCY LU
--A CLASSMATE WHO THINKS YOU'VE
BEEN PLAYING HER--AND JIMMY YAMA--
A BUD WHO'S IN MEGA-TROUBLE.

BUT ALL THESE HASSLES
HAVE SUDDENLY BEEN
BACKBURNERED--!



YOUR NAME IS MAY
"MAYDAY" PARKER.

YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER
OF THE ORIGINAL
SPIDER-MAN, AND
YOU'VE JUST LEARNED
THAT YOUR MOTHER
COLLAPSED, AND HAS
BEEN RUSHED TO THE
HOSPITAL.

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BARELY A WEEK AGO, YOUR MOM ANNOUNCED SHE WAS PREGNANT.



IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO THE BABY--!

OH, GOD!

OH, GOD!

HEY, DAD!

WHAT'S THE WORD ON MOM?

W-WE...WE'RE STILL WAITING TO HEAR, SWEETHEART... BUT I...I WOULDN'T WORRY.

THE DOCTOR'S IN WITH HER NOW.

DAD --!



DO YOU REMEMBER FELICIA HARDY? SHE'S AN OLD FAMILY FRIEND WHO WAS WITH YOUR MOTHER, AND CALLED THE AMBULANCE.

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE YOU WERE A TODDLER.

FELICIA HARDY--??!

WHY IS THAT NAME SO--

MISTER PARKER-- PETER--YOU CAN GO IN AND SEE YOUR WIFE NOW.

HOW IS MARY JANE, DOCTOR?

SHE'S STABLE FOR NOW.

WE'LL TALK LATER.



BRA-TA-TA-TA

SOUNDS
LIKE
YOU'RE
HOLDING
BACK
ON ME!

GET OVER YOURSELF,
MR. NOBODY! I TOLD
YOU THAT I WENT TO
SEE CANIS TO DISCUSS
HIS LONG-TERM PLANS
FOR MY BROTHER.

THE NEW GREEN
GOBLIN SHOWED
UP--SO FUNNY
FACE AND I
TRASHED HIM!

I KNOW
YOU CALL
YOURSELF
CRAZY EIGHT--
BUT I NEVER
THOUGHT YOU
WERE INSANE
UNTIL NOW.

BRA-TA-TA- **T-A-TA**

IN CASE
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN,
WE WORK FOR
THE KINGPIN--

--AND AREN'T
SUPPOSED TO
FRATERNIZE WITH
HIS ENEMIES.

YEAH.
OKAY.

I GET
THE
POINT.

DO
YOU
--?







THE SITUATION COULD TURN CRITICAL AT ANY MOMENT.

MIDTOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I'VE DETECTED A NUMBER OF TROUBLING ANOMALIES WITH THIS PREGNANCY--

--AND MARY JANE IS AT CONSIDERABLE RISK.

I...I'M SORRY, MARY JANE... BUT I'M AFRAID THAT YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND HAVE TO MAKE A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION.

AND MY BABY--?!

I SUPPOSE THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE...

BUT WE SHOULD BE PRACTICAL.

YOU TWO NEED TO TALK...

IS THERE ANY CHANCE FOR A HEALTHY BABY--?!



FOR A MOMENT,
YOU FORGET
YOUR TROUBLES--

--AND REVEL
IN THE
CARESS OF
THE WIND
THIRTY STORIES
ABOVE THE
GROUND!

BUT EVEN HERE, YOU
AREN'T SAFE FROM
THOUGHTS OF THE
KINGPIN--

--AND CANIS--

--AND ALL
THE REST!

YOU HAVE WAY
TOO MUCH
ON YOUR MIND,
GIRL--

-AND THE STRAIN IS
STARTING TO SHOW.

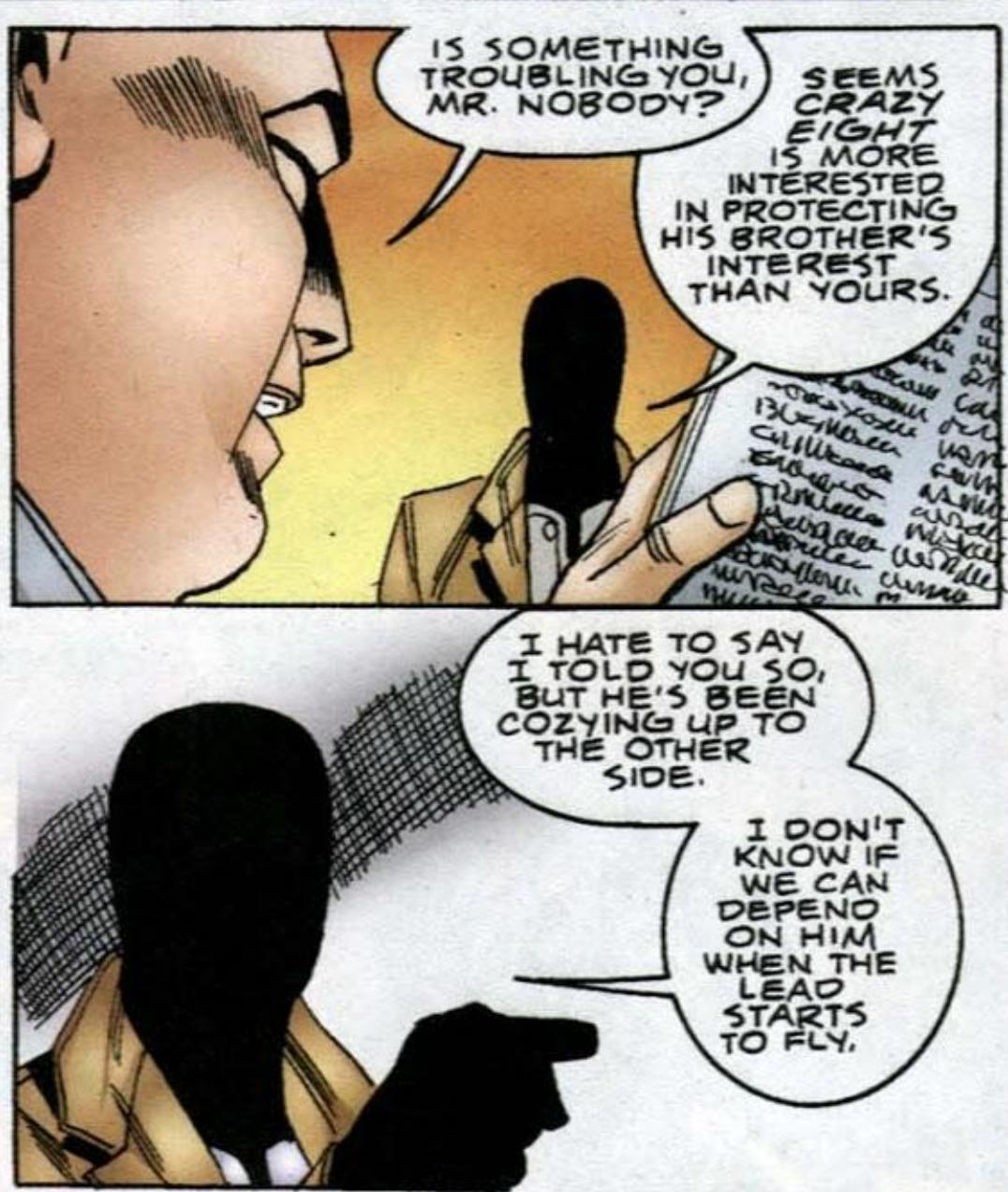
YOU NEED TO SLOW
DOWN AND TAKE
STOCK.

DECISIONS
MUST BE
MADE!

BUT FIRST,
YOU HAVE
ANOTHER
LIFE TO
SAVE...







HE IS THE SON OF JESSICA DREW, AND CALLS HIMSELF SPIDER-MAN.

WITH A SINGLE BOLD AND HEROIC STRIKE, HE WILL END THE GANG WAR--



WE ARE
MAKING
EXCELLENT
PROGRESS,
MY
FRIEND.

THE KINGPIN'S
POWER CONTINUES
TO ERODE WITH
EACH PASSING
DAY.

SOON, EVEN
HIS MOST
STUBBORN
SUPPORTERS
--LIKE YOUR
OWN
DEAR
BROTHER--
WILL BE
FORCED
TO JOIN US.

WHAT?!
BACK UP!
SINCE WHEN IS
THAT PART OF
THE PLAN,
CANIS?

I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
PLANNED
TO
RECRUIT
CRAZY
EIGHT.

WHAT IF I
OBJECT?

I WILL CERTAINLY
HONOR YOUR WISHES,
FUNNY FACE. I
JUST ASSUMED YOU'D
RATHER HAVE YOUR
BROTHER AS AN
ALLY--

--THAN AN
ENEMY.

YOU UNDERSTAND--
DON'T YOU, BUNKY?
ALL MY LIFE, IT'S
BEEN CRAZY EIGHT--
THIS AND CRAZY
EIGHT--THAT!

I WAS HOPING TO
MAKE MY MARK
WITH THIS GANG
WAR--

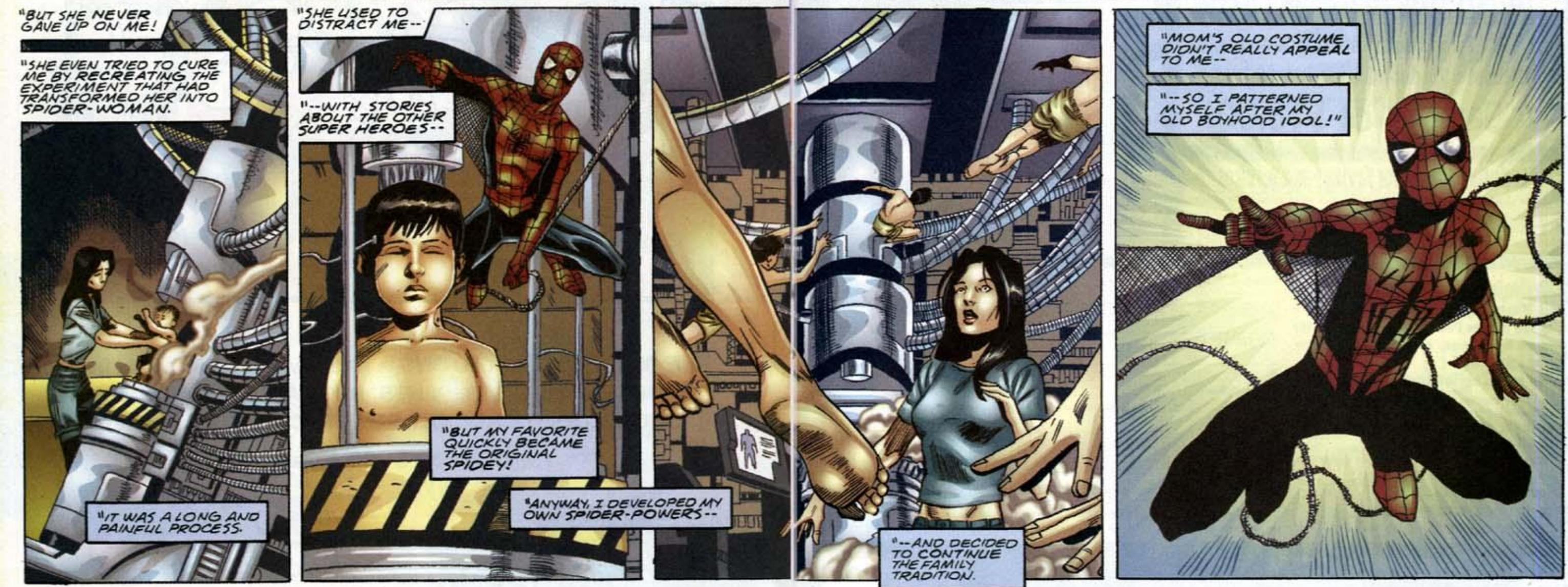
--BUT NOW
IT'S ALL ABOUT
HIM!

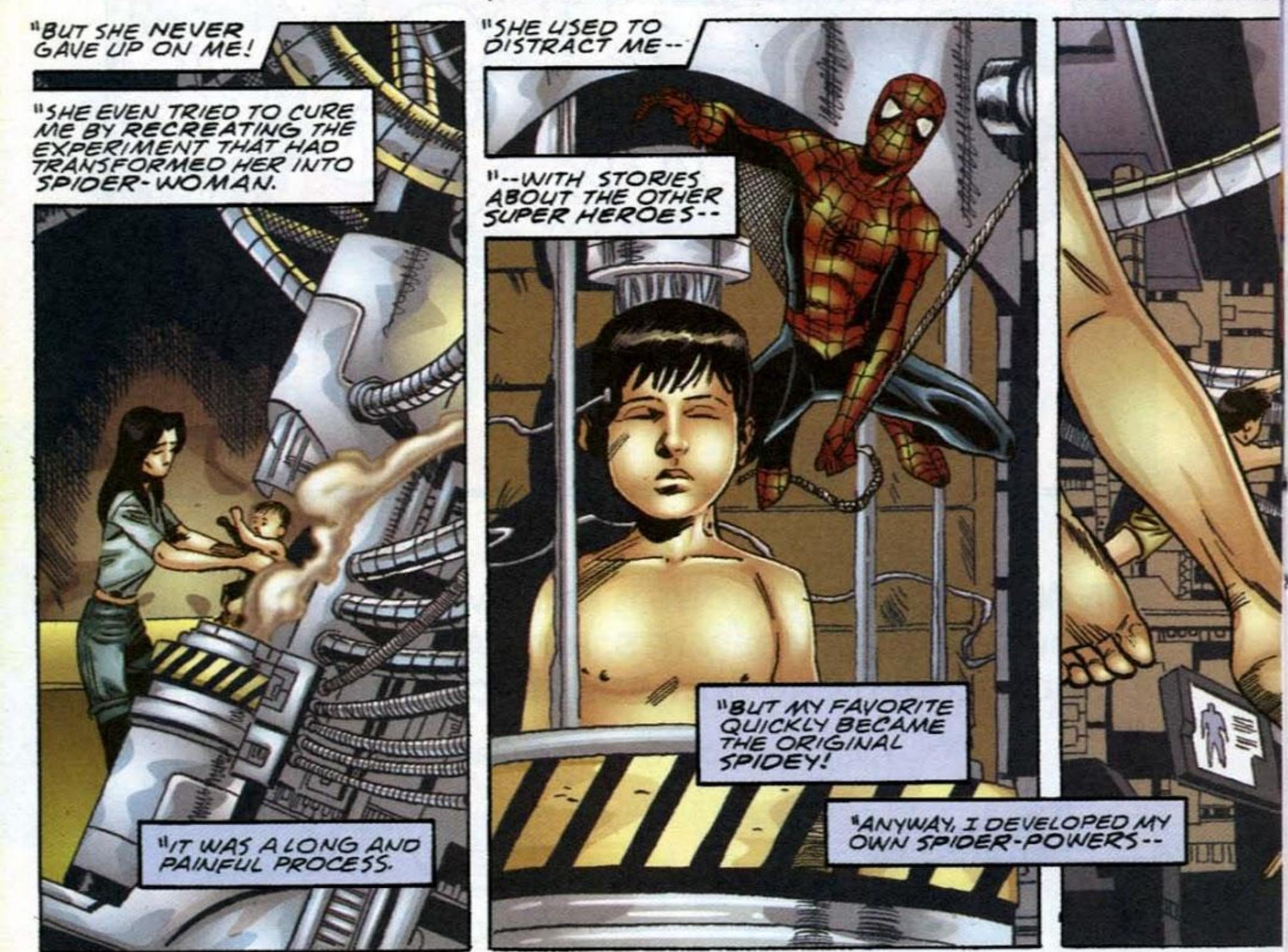
SO!
I WAS
RIGHT ALL
ALONG--!

THE EIGHT WAS
GOING TO
BETRAY THE
KINGPIN.

WELL...
YES!
I
MEAN...
NO!







"--BUT THEY DIDN'T LAST, AND SHE HAD TO QUIT THE HERO BIIZ."

"CAN YOU EVEN IMAGINE HOW IT MUST HAVE FELT TO WATCH FROM THE SIDELINES AS OTHERS ASSUMED HER FORMER IDENTITY--

"--AND LIVED THE LIFE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERS?!"

"SHE GOT MARRIED, AND TRIED TO SETTLE DOWN--

"--BUT I CAME ALONG AND RUINED EVERYTHING!"

"DAD BLAMED MY SICKNESS ON HER, AND ABANDONED US."



"MOM'S OLD COSTUME DIDN'T REALLY APPEAL TO ME--"

"--SO I PATTERNED MYSELF AFTER MY OLD BOYHOOD IDOL!"



"--AND DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY TRADITION."







KWA-PLAOOM!

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING SACK OF FILTH!

I WARNED YOU TO KEEP AWAY FROM MY LITTLE BROTHER--

--AND YOU'RE TRYING TO WHACK HIM BEHIND MY BACK!

LIKE I REALLY NEED YOU TO PROTECT ME--!

DON'T BE A MORON! I JUST SAVED YOUR-- AWW, NO!

ARE YOU TWO BICKERING AGAIN?

GET IT TOGETHER, OR YOU'LL BE STUCK AS GRADE-B SUPER-VILLAINS FOR THE REST OF YOUR MISERABLE LIVES!

Y-YOU'RE THE NEW SPIDER-MAN--?!

HOW OLD ARE YOU, SON?

OLD ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU ALL DOWN!

AHHH...
DELU-
S'ONAL
AS WELL AS
ARRO-
GANT!

SORRY,
KID--

BUT I
DOUBT
YOU'LL BE
COUNTED
AMONG
TODAY'S
SUR-
VIVORS.

HE
ISN'T
JOKING,
BOY!

GO! LEAVE
BEFORE YOU
ARE INJURED OR
WORSE. YOU'RE
MUCH TOO
YOUNG TO BE
MEDDLING IN
THESE AFFAIRS.

IT'S NOT
FAIR!

BUNKY AND I
WERE REALLY
ENJOYING THIS
GANG WAR
UNTIL YOU
BUTTED IN.

THAT'S
LIFE,
BRO!

WHY DON'T
WE JUST PUT OUR
DIFFERENCES ASIDE
AND FORGET THIS
NONSENSE? WE CAN BREAK
MOM OUT OF THE OLD
LOONY BIN AND HAVE
A FAMILY REUNION.

YOU PROMISED!

YOU...
PROMISED!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU'RE SO CON-
CERNED ABOUT MY AGE,
MISTER. LOOK AT ME!
I'M STRONGER, FASTER,
AND MORE AGILE THAN
ANYONE IN THIS ROOM.

I
BELONG
HERE.

I'M
SPIDER-
MAN!

SHUT
UP, KID--

--AND
JUST DIE,
ALREADY!

BRA-TA-TA-TA



I...

I CAN'T
ENVISION
MY LIFE
WITHOUT
YOU.

MAYBE
WE SHOULD
TAKE THE
DOCTOR'S
ADVICE.

MAYBE...

BUT I KEEP
THINKING OF
MAY--

--AND HOW
WE ALMOST
LOST HER.

MARY
JANE...

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
DO THIS.

I KNOW, BUT I
COME FROM A
FAMILY THAT
OFTEN TAKES
RISKS--

--FOR THE
THINGS THAT
MATTER.





--AND IT
SEEMS LIKE
YOU NEVER
REALLY
HAD A
CHOICE!

BRA-TĀ-TĀ-TĀ-TĀT!



OFF WITH
THE HANDS,
GIRL! I
WARNED
YOU TO STAY
CLEAR.

I DIDN'T
NEED
YOUR
HELP.

I COULD
HAVE SAVED
MYSELF.

SHUT
UP!
JUST
SHUT
UP!

TH-THIS
ISN'T ABOUT
YOU OR
YOUR
STUPID
EGO
ANYMORE.

I KNOW, WE
STILL HAVE
TO FINISH
THE FIGHT
AND--

--OH, MY
GOD!



The END...
For Now!