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SPIDER-GIRL

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A few days later, she joins the new **Avengers** and a host of others to prevent **Loki**, the Asgardian god of evil, and the incredible **Hulk** from ending the modern **Age of Heroes**.



Meanwhile, after secretly deciding to keep the **Venom symbiote**, **Normie Osborn** returns to the Osborn Corporation and embarks on a new weapons program.

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Ladies and gentlemen,
Kingsley Comfortwear
hopes you enjoyed the
fall premiere of *Season
of the Spider*.

They say imitation is the
sincerest form of flattery.

Doesn't make you feel
any better when you're
being exploited.

You were
shocked when
you heard that
some sleazebag
was going to
mass-market
spider-wear.

Luckily, your
mother's in the
fashion biz and
could easily
score tickets
to his show.

--they're also
taking advantage
of every other
Spider-Woman.

Can you
believe these
designs?

Bad enough
they're ripping
me off--

Your name is May "Mayday" Parker.
You are the daughter of *Spider-Man*,
and you'll soon discover...

The Shocking Secret of The SPIDER SHOPPE!

Please give a big hand
to our host and designer--
Daniel Kingsley!

What a
smug-looking
creep!
Trust me--
his brother
was worse!

Something in your mother's tone
indicates that the Kingsley boys
are not exactly model citizens.

But before you
can follow-up...

Uhhhh...
Mom?

You
need to find
cover.

What
are--

Oh,
no!

I-is your
spider-sense
tingling?

'Fraid
so.

A blinding flash of light, followed by clouds of pungent smoke suddenly rivet your attention...

Daniel Kingsley!

You are a thief, a charlatan and a scoundrel--

--and a DISGRACE to the fashion industry!

PWOOOM!

You'd better go, to calm the hon.

I'll try to calm the crowd.

yeah.

Sure!

You be careful.

Like caution's really an option when some maniac's tossing smoke grenades.

You will pay for your crimes and treachery.

W-what are you talking about?

I'm just a simple rag merchant trying to make an honest buck.

Riding on their noble reputations for your own selfish gain.

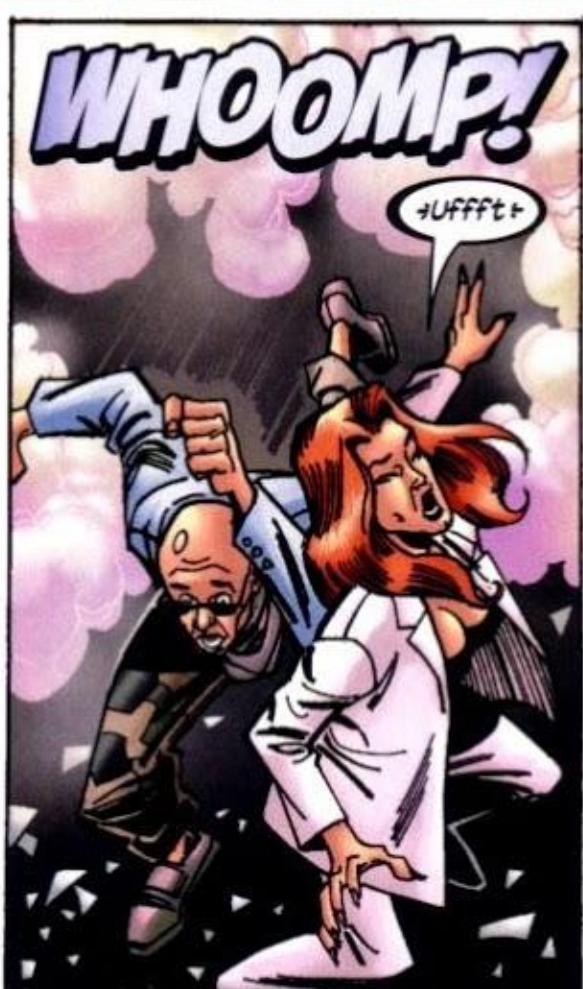
S'funny, you actually agree with the costumed clown in theory...

Daniel Kingsley, prepare to suffer the wrath of La Fantome.

You are stealing from brave women who risked their lives to protect the innocent.

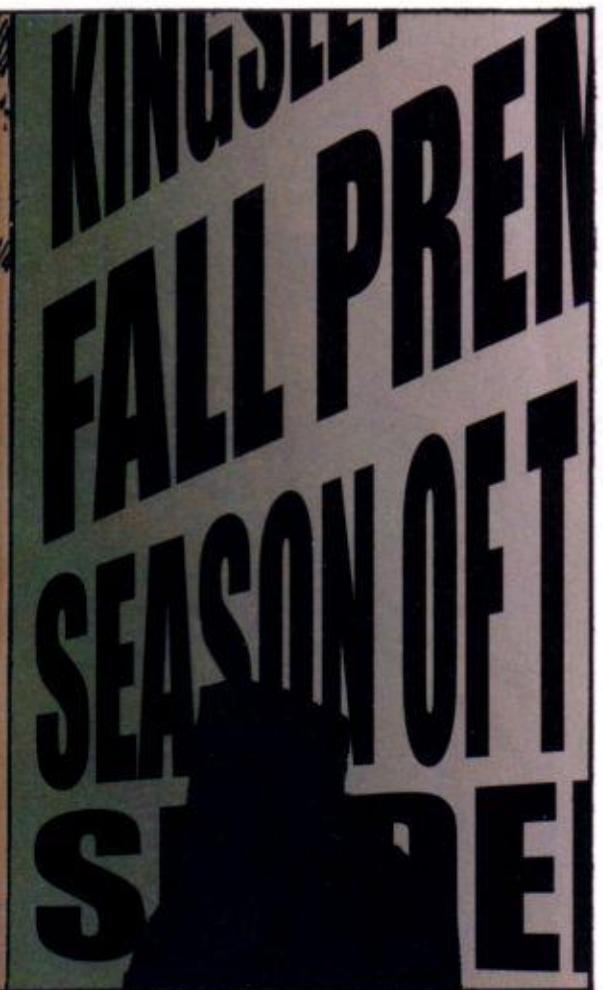
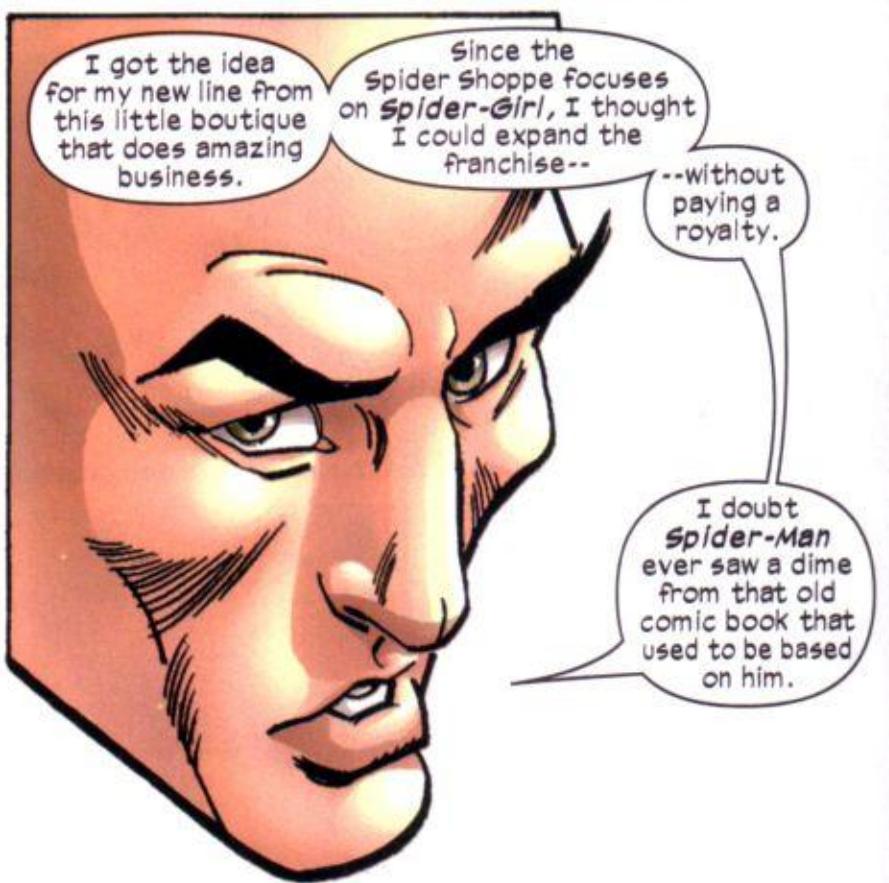
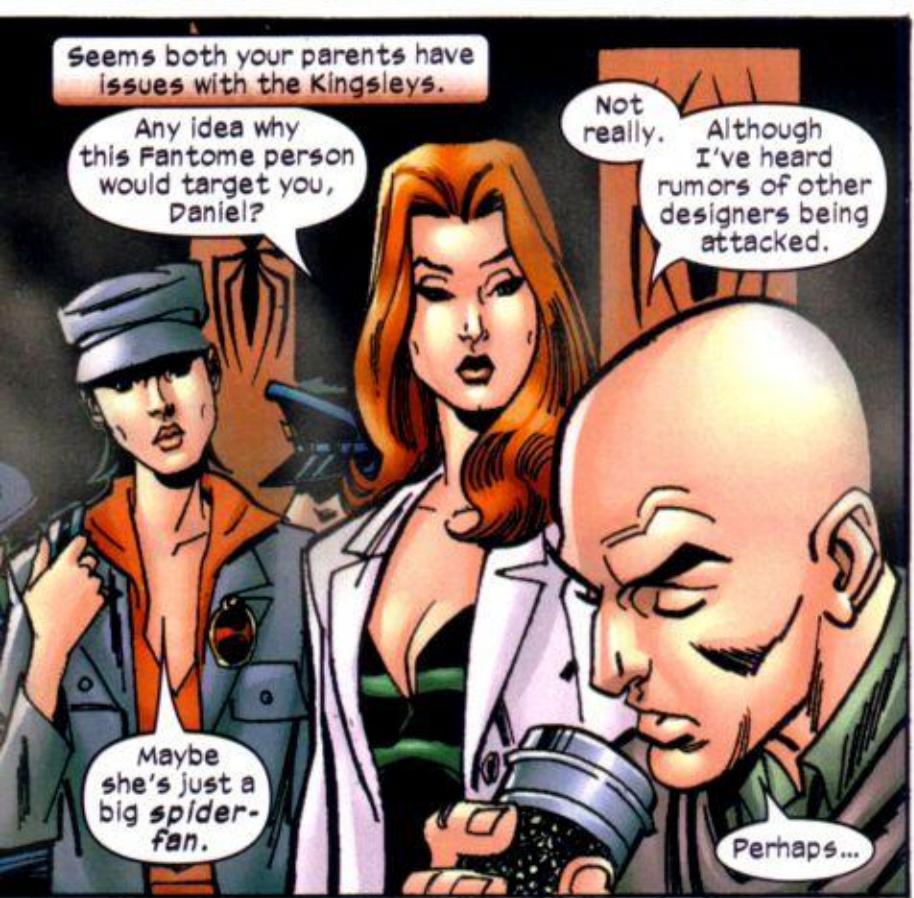
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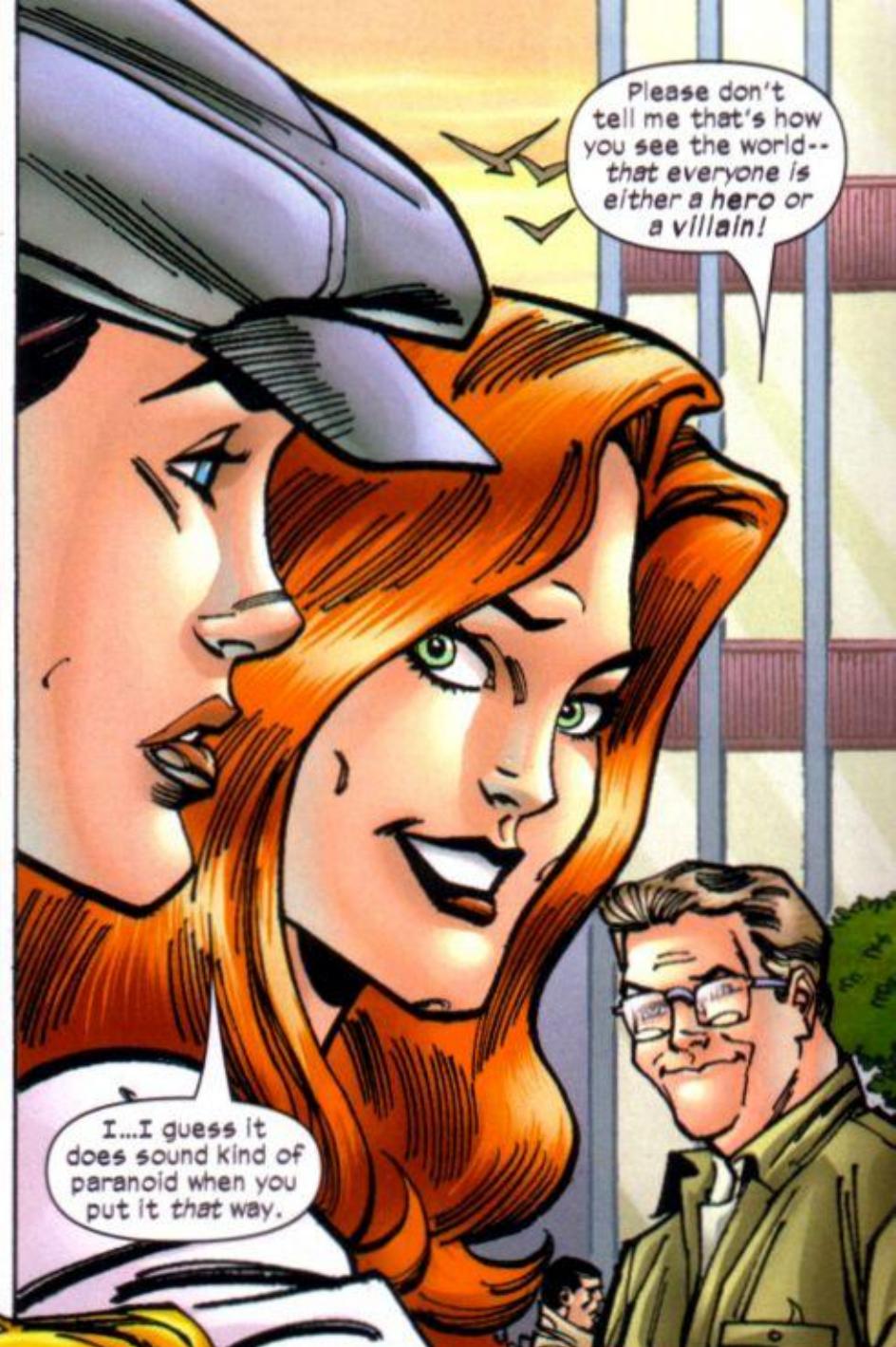
...not so much!



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You decide to take a little detour on your way home.

The Spider Shoppe sells all things Spider-Girl.

The SPIDER SHOPPE

A concept that didn't really bother you until today.

Funny how they never seem to stock your size.

It's like they don't want you for a customer.

Yeah, not too paranoid...

Hi, I'm Staci. Can I help you?

I know you. You've worked here for awhile.

Ever since the store opened.

I'm putting myself through fashion college. I intend to be a famous designer someday.

How lovely...

You mind telling me where you get your inventory?

They are all exclusive designs which are manufactured in America under the direction of our owner.

I'd love to meet him.

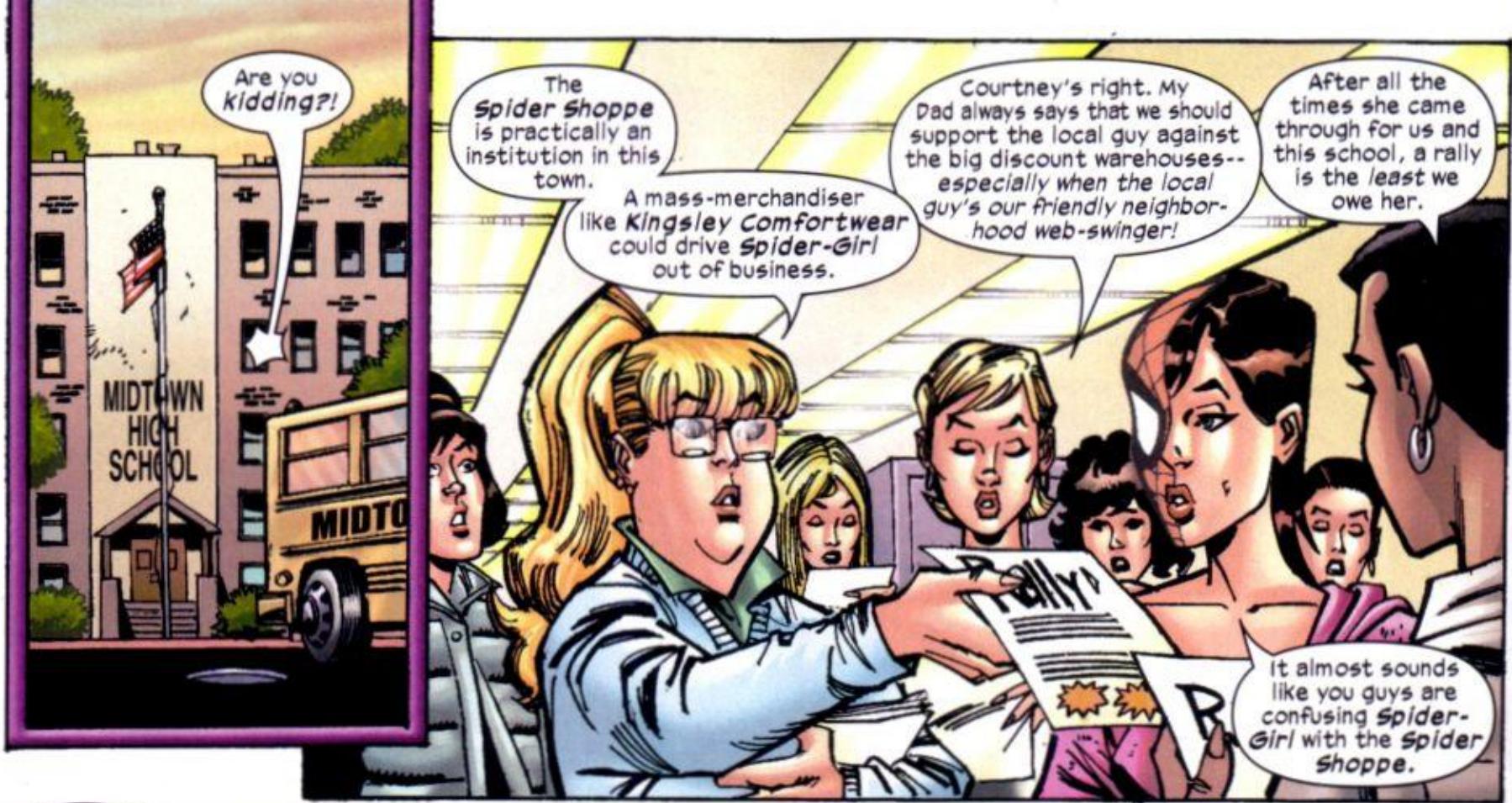
I'm afraid that isn't possible.
The owner prefers to remain anonymous.

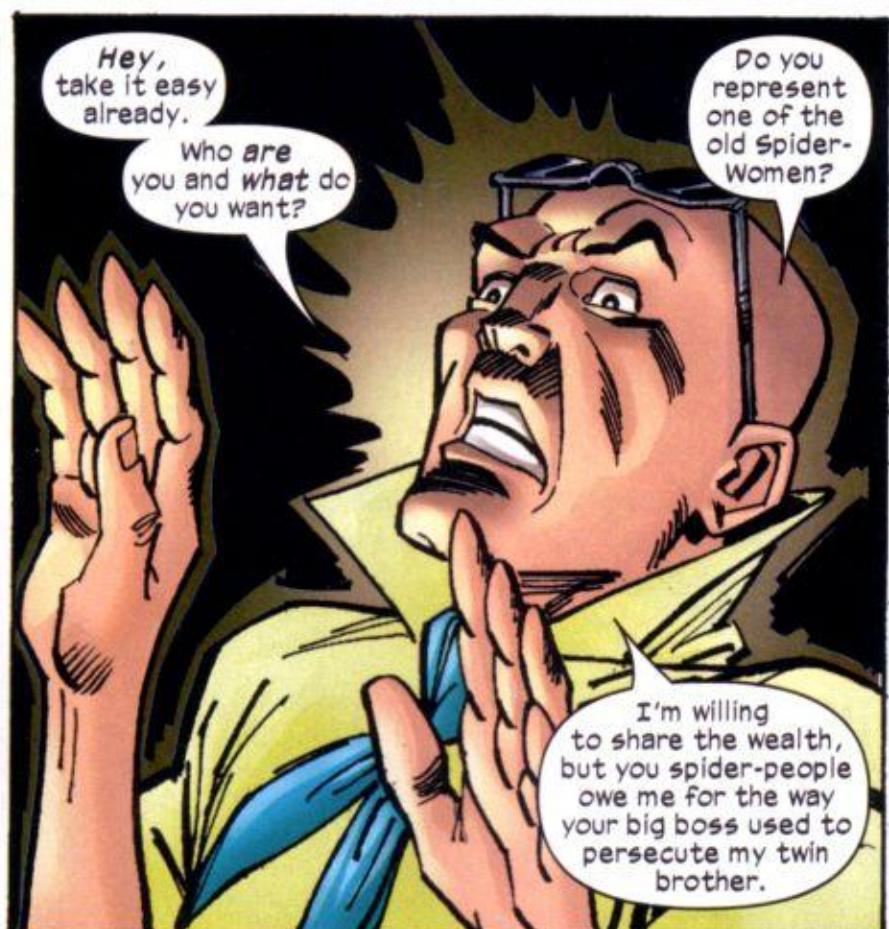
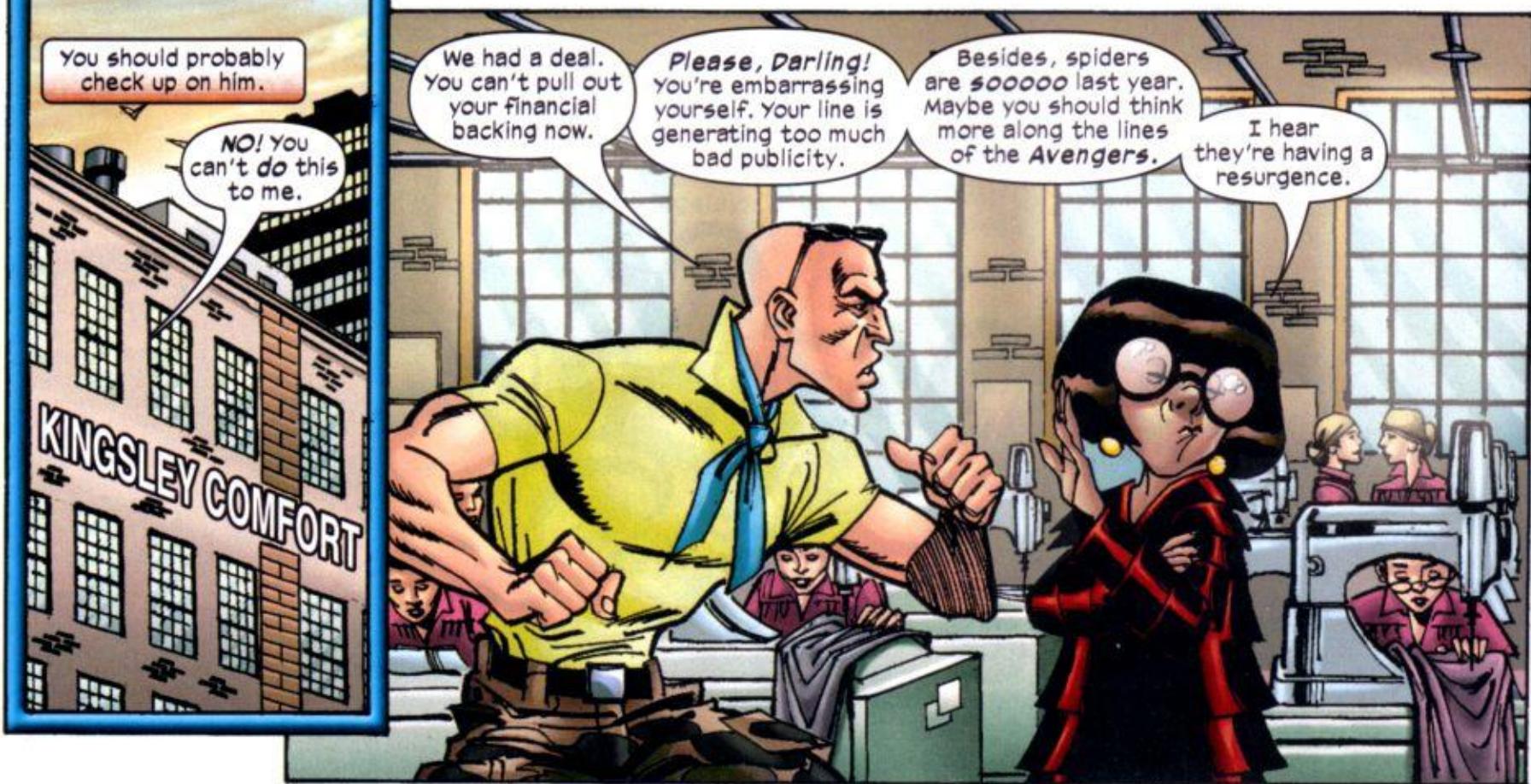
By the way, we're holding a rally in support of the store next week.

Perhaps you'd like to attend...

A rally--?!

Why does this store need a rally?







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The Fantome may have accidentally left a clue, and you quickly follow up on it...

POLICE LAB

Experiment in progress

DO NOT ENTER

You say the mist clouded your thinking and slowed your reflexes?

Phil and I should be able to analyze it from the powdery residue we scraped off your costume.

Thanks, Dad. It sure does pay to have a forensic scientist in the family.

What about me?

Okay, Uncle Phil...two scientists... even though we're not actually related.

But you do share a lot in common with **Phil Urich** since he is secretly the **Green Goblin**.

That's because you've been deliberately avoiding Normie Osborn ever since he decided to make a pet out of the **Venom Symbote**--

--but that's a whoooole other story!

I'll call you when we have some results.

You be careful, hon.

I'm just headed off to a little protest rally.

The thing at the **Spider Shoppe**?

How do you know about it?

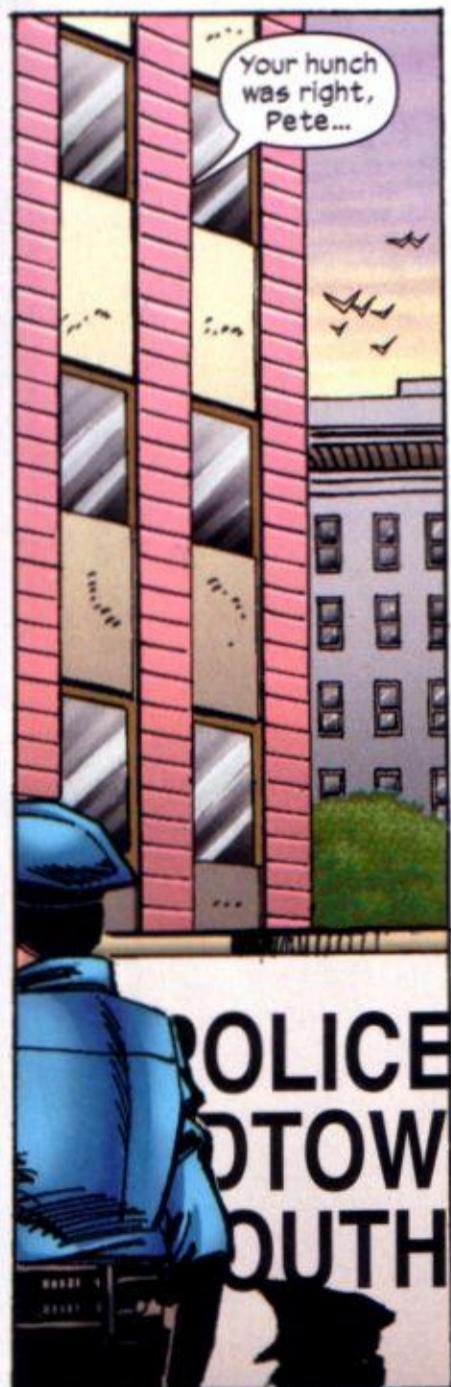
I have my sources.

Thank you all for coming. Your support means so much to us.

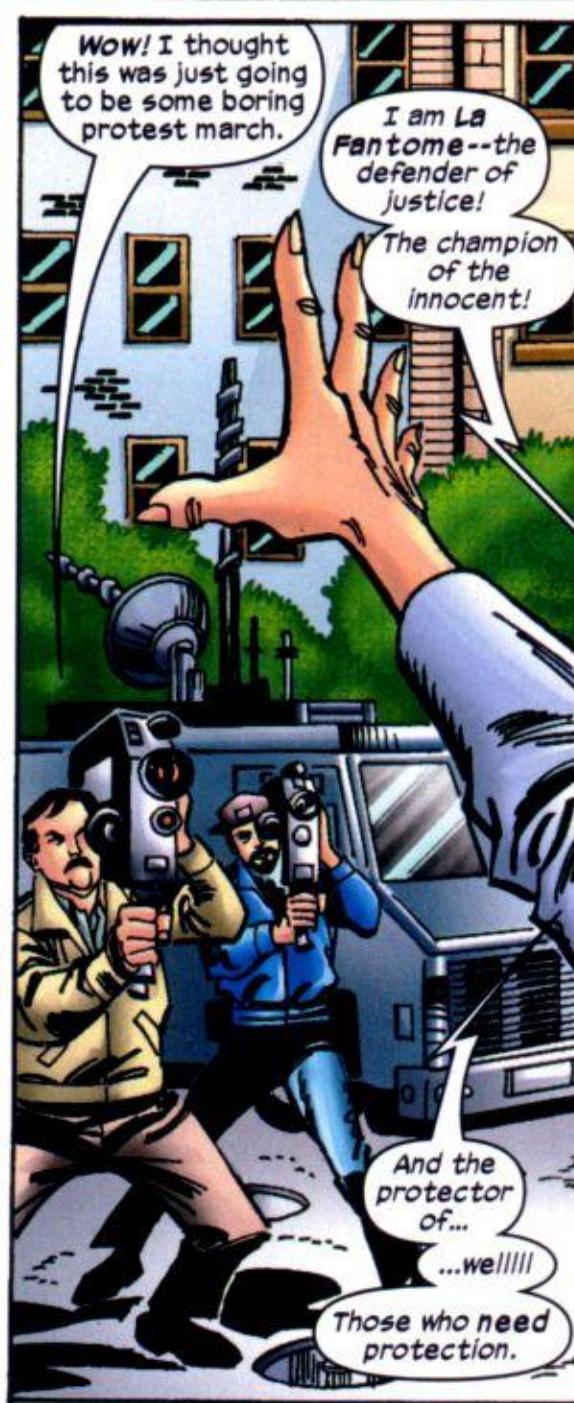
We are thrilled to see that so many of you believe in the importance of defending a small "mom and pop" neighborhood store against the megalithic conglomerates.

BIG BUSINESS MUST BACK OFF!

SAVE OUR SPIDER SHOPPE









Surrender Daniel Kingsley to me, and I'll release the hostages.

Already told you, pal.

No deals until the negotiator arrives.

We both fight for justice, officer--

--but do not test my patience.

How about your COURAGE?

Even a masked vigilante has to know his limitations.

And no one's tough enough to face--

--the attack of the SPIDER-GIRLS!

Props for the great escape, ladies--

--but you're just the hostages in the store's inventory.

The SPIDER SHOPPERS

Spider-friends--Go! GO! GO!

Stay back--I'm warning you!

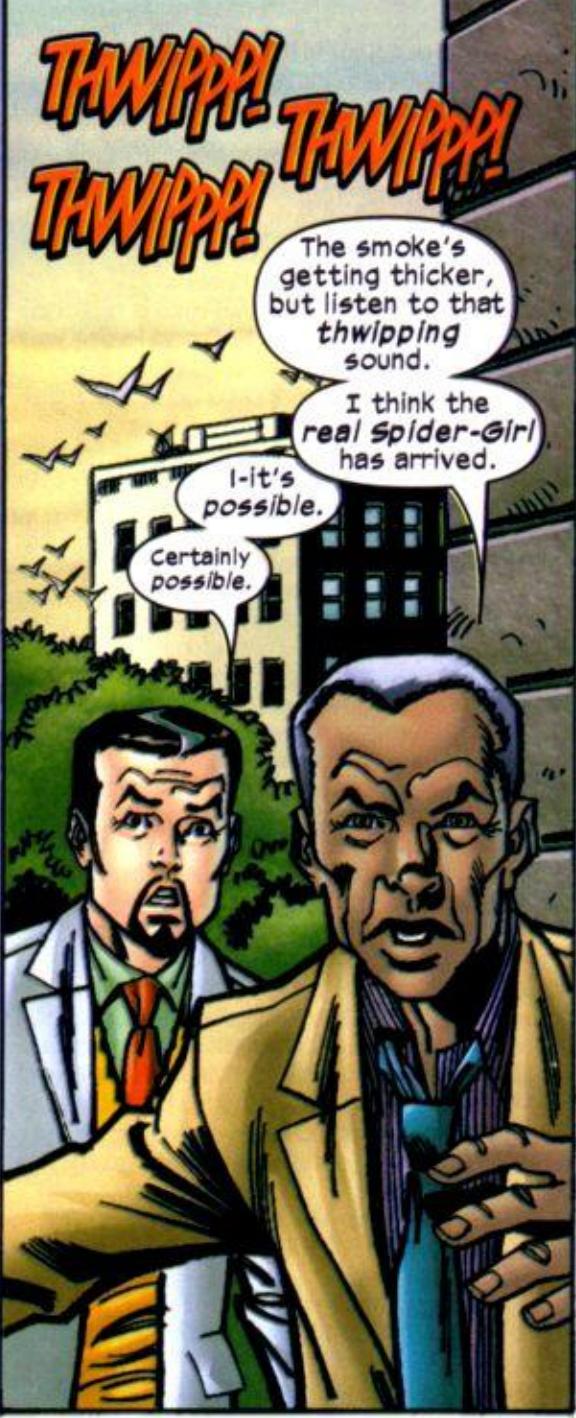
I can blast my way through each and every one of you--

--and still disappear in a puff of smoke!

THWIPPP!

And you have the nerve to call Kingsley tacky--?!

Show some class and surrender gracefully.





More than an hour later...

Are you going to explain exactly how you found the key to the storeroom--

--or can we just cut to the part where you admit you own the Spider Shoppe?

I was wondering when you'd catch on.

With your father's approval, I set up the store, designed the merchandise and supervised the manufacturing.

I don't know why Staci was so obsessed with Kingsley.

He produces shoddy merchandise. Our clients appreciate quality.

He could never compete with us.

Where did Staci come from, anyway?

A local fashion institute. I recognized her last name and did a little checking.

Her uncle used to be one of your father's old enemies. He built these things called *Spider-Slayers*.

You hired Staci Smythe--?!

I was trying to give the girl a break.

Probably explains why she kept insisting she was a hero and not a villain.

Mind if I ask why you opened the *Spider Shoppe* in the first place?

Kingsley actually hit the nail on the head. Your father never collected a cent from that comic book. I didn't want history to repeat itself.

The profits are all going into a college fund for you and your brother.

We cool?

We're very cool!

One last question--why don't you stock my size?

Bad enough you keep risking your neck, I certainly didn't want you as a customer!

Meanwhile...

Phil! Phil!
Good of you
to come...

I know it's a
little late, but this
really couldn't
wait.

What's with
Hans and *Fritz*,
Normie?

This place has
tighter security
than my precinct
house.

People rarely
break *into* police
stations.

There
is so little
to steal.

Come along,
and I'll explain
why I wanted
to see you.

Are you okay,
Normie? You
seem a little...
different.

Norman--?

I was
named for my
grandfather.

The
first *Green
Goblin*.

Yeah, I
remember.

Phil, I allowed
you to become the
Goblin because I
thought you had
potential--

--but you've
almost been
killed a number
of times.

What's
your point,
Normie?

Norman.

I prefer
Norman
now.
And
my point
is--

I'm fine,
Phil.

Never felt
better.

But I do
wish you'd call
me *Norman*.

Hey,
I'm getting
better.

Yes, but I
still feel
responsible.

--the time has
come for a NEW
Green Goblin!

KA-ZAKKK!

AARRGH!

THE END...
for now!

MAYDAY'S MAILBOX

To the deciders of Mayday's fate,

I first discovered SPIDER-GIRL after my best friend bought a digest book with the first five issues in it, and have recently joined the bandwagon, starting at issue #84. The story lines have always been FANTASTIC! Funny Face in issue #85 just cracked me up! What an excuse for a super-villain! We're seeing quite a lot of the symbiote "Venom" lately, but what about Carnage?

Charley Fabb
Eastcote, England

What about him, Charley? Maybe we should put it to a vote and see how our other readers feel.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL Crew,

The recent three-part featuring the Fantastic Five was a very interesting piece of work. I think Spider-Girl should go for Franklin Richards. They seemed very close during parts 2 and 3 and I honestly do think that Psi-Lord still has feelings for May.

I'm also a fan of the Black Cat, and I'm hoping you get Felicity Hardy back in costume.

Cat Burglar
Lima, OH

Your wish is our command, Cat! Well kind of because Felicity is one of the girls who joins Mayday at the Spider Shoppe in this very issue and dons a costume. As for Mayday and Franklin, only time will tell.

Dear Spider-Team,

Shouldn't Spider-Girl face some villains who haven't been recycled from the old Spider-Man comics?

Andrew Shaw
Torrance, CA

She certainly should, Andrew, and she has.

Dear Gang,

Are there any plans to use the Power Pack family in these pages?

Gary A. Swenson

Not at the moment, Gary, but we could put this to another vote.

Dear Marvel,

Does Mayday know everything that happened with the Clone Saga and her father?

Sergio Brandon Lopez-Valdez
San Jose, CA

No, Sergio and we're betting that you don't know everything that your father experienced, either.

Dear Spider-Team,

Is there any chance of an animated Spider-Girl series or direct to DVD animated movie or even a live action film?

John
Quincy, MA

Anything is possible, John! We just need to find a spare fifty to a hundred million to finance it, and it's HOO-HA time!

Dear Marvel Crew,

With the Venom symbiote attached to him and controlling him--and the fact that he was recently dunked in the goblin formula--will Normie Osborn become the evil Green Goblin-like in his first appearance in WHAT IF #105?

Casey Kane
Cold Springs, NY

Like we told John ANYTHING is possible, Casey!

Dear Marvel,

I really like what you did with SPIDER-GIRL #89. I enjoy those rare comic book moments when a super hero is able to solve a problem without pounding it into shape. Never mind the part where Mayday kicks the guy--that was self-defense. The key part is she defied her instincts and refused to punch him. Physical conflict is a staple of the comics industry, and while I'm not condemning it, it's nice to experience a character who finds a peaceful way to solve a situation, a character who knows when to use great power and when to restrain it.

Peter Ambrose
Fort Wayne, IN

Mayday isn't your typical super hero, Peter. The girl's always had her own unique style.

Dear Mayday and Gang,

I'm a huge Marvel Comics fan of 36 years. One of the reasons SPIDER-GIRL is one of my favorite titles is the "old school" feel. It has so many elements that made Spider-Man and almost all the Marvel titles of my youth such absolute classics and a ton of fun. SPIDER-GIRL has characters I genuinely care about, and the phenomenal team of DeFalco, Frenz and Buscema, legends all.

SPIDER-GIRL #89, "The Girl Who Fell To Earth," was one of the most outstanding and powerful issues I have ever read. From the moment May and Davida visited Courtney in the hospital, I started to get the feeling that something different and truly tense was slowly developing, and that was indeed the case. The important words that Caitlan Leiber shared with the girls were so necessary for them...and all of us...to hear, yet they came across without being preachy or heavy-handed. The confrontation between May and Howard in the park, perfectly accentuated by the rainfall, had me on the edge of my seat...but that was nothing compared to Moose's arrival a few pages later. I actually felt afraid and sorry for Howard as I looked over and over at the palpable rage in Moose's eyes--powerful, powerful stuff, guys! The final two pages with May and Mary Jane were just the right way to end this unique, disturbing, greatly appreciated issue.

This is one of those comics that people

need to share with everyone willing to give it a read. You folks have gone far beyond entertaining here, and done us all a great service. What else can I say, but...thank you.

Todd Erickson
Fridley, MN

Thank YOU, Todd.

Dear Spider-Girl team,

I know this sounds cliche, but SPIDER-GIRL #89 really did speak to me at a time when I needed it. For the past few months, a family member of mine was going through something similar. Like Moose and Mayday, I was very tempted to react violently. I wanted to lash out at "Howard" and the world. Needless to say, it is very hard when loved ones are involved. "Howard" is now in jail awaiting trial and I feel calmer, and your latest issue of SPIDER-GIRL really helped me through it. Thank you for handling the matter so well.

Julio Barone

We're glad we could help, Julio, and we wish our best to your family member.

Thank you, everyone!

For the second time in a few short months, I see Moose in the same position that I've been in. I've stood in those shoes and felt that rage. The difference is that I've never had a chance to confront the abuser of my loved one. It's scary, but I honestly don't know what I would do. Thank you for producing such a powerful issue about something so important. I think it's important for anyone who knows someone who has been abused to be as supportive as possible. I passed a link from the back of the issue to someone who may need it! I urge everyone else to do that as well!

John Dillon
Sedalia, MO

Well done, John, and we hope your loved one is doing as well as possible.

Thanks for being there!

Tom D.

NEXT ISSUE:



Nancy Lu returns to Forest Hills as Spider-Girl faces the startling return of a powerful super-villain... and it's not the one you think!

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