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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!**

# THE SAVAGE SIX!

(OR IS IT SEVEN?!)

CAN SPIDER-GIRL SAVE COURTNEY AND JJ?

TO RESCUE HER FRIENDS, OUR SENSATIONAL WEB-STUNNER MUST BATTLE A BLOODTHIRSTY BEVY OF HER GREATEST SUPER FOES! (AND AN ADDITIONAL MYSTERY GUEST!)

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YOUR NAME IS MAY "MAYDAY" PARKER, AND YOU'VE EXPERIENCED QUITE A FEW CHANGES IN THE PAST YEAR.

YOU'VE LEARNED THAT YOUR FATHER WAS THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN, AND THAT YOU INHERITED HIS AMAZING POWERS.

YOU'VE TAKEN TO WEARING SPANDEX, SWINGING ON WEBs AND BASHING THE OCCASIONAL BAD GUY.

BUT THIS MAY BE THE BIGGEST CHANGE OF ALL--!

OKAY, I WANT YOU TO BE HONEST WITH ME...

...WHAT'S THE VERDICT ON MY NEW 'DO?

HOT, JENNIFER-LOPEZ-AT-THE-GIRL! JENNIFER-LOPEZ-AT-THE-GRAMMYS KIND OF HOT!

C'MON, DAVIDA! MY MOM CONNED ME INTO GOING TO HER STYLIST, AND I FEEL LIKE A COMPLETE DORK.



I'M SERIOUS, MAY. YOU LOOK GREAT.

YOU WANT A MALE OPINION? I'D GO WITH ABSOLUTELY MARVELLLOUS!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, HEATHER?

I GUESS SOME PEOPLE MIGHT FIND IT ATTRACTIVE.

MEEEEE-OWWW!

SOMEONE GET THIS GIRL A SAUCER OF MILK.

YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY OPINION, DAVIDA?

IT'S NOT YOUR OPINION THAT BUGS ME.

OH, MAN! JUST LOOK AT THE TIME! I HATE TO INTERRUPT, BUT HEATHER, AND I HAVE MATH CLASS!

COME ON, HEATHER.

B-B-BUT--

I... I JUST DON'T GET IT.

WHAT CAN A SWEET GUY LIKE BRAD POSSIBLY SEE IN AN AIRHEAD LIKE HEATHER?

COME ON, HEATHER.



YOU OUGHT'A KNOW,  
PARKER.

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT  
DUMPED BRAD FOR THE  
BIGGEST LOSER  
IN SCHOOL.

BE NICE,  
MOOSE.

I DIDN'T DUMP ANYONE--  
NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF  
YOUR BUSINESS!

NAH! YOU JUST  
UPGRADED TO A  
CLASSIER  
BOYFRIEND--  
NAMELY ME!

KEEP OUT  
OF THIS,  
JAMESON!

YOU AIN'T EXACTLY  
MY FAVORITE  
PERSON.

THAT'S A DIS-  
APPOINTMENT  
I'LL TRY TO  
LIVE WITH.

MOOSE! MOOSE! WHAT'S  
GOTTEN INTO YOU? YOU'RE  
ACTING LIKE SUCH A NEAN-  
DERTHAL AGAIN.

GEE,  
COURTNEY...  
I WAS JUST  
...UHHHHH...  
YOU KNOW...  
DEFENDING  
BRAD...

IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL  
IT? WELL, I'M DISAPPOINTED  
IN YOU, MISTER. VERY  
DISAPPOINTED.

WHOA! TALK  
ABOUT WHIPPED.  
THAT GUY HAS  
IT BAD.

HEY, BABE!  
I JUST  
CAUGHT  
THE NEW  
LOOK.  
PRETTY  
FOXY!

AWWW, COURT... WAIT  
UP. I'M SORRY.  
I DIDN'T MEAN TO  
GO OFF LIKE THAT.  
COURT? PLEASE DON'T  
BE MAD AT ME. I SAID  
I WAS SORRY.

HOO-BOY!







YOU DON'T  
BELONG  
HERE!

SCRAM! THIS IS MY TEAM,  
AND YOU AREN'T INVITED!

GO FIND  
SOME  
FRIENDS  
OF YOUR  
OWN!

IT'S YOUR  
FAULT MOM  
SENT ME.

WOULD IT  
KILL YOU TO  
CALL HER  
ONCE A  
WEEK?

EAHME I HATE TO INTRUDE  
ON A FAMILY SQUABBLE, BUT  
SOME OF US ARE HERE TO  
CONDUCT BUSINESS.

ARE WE GOING  
AFTER SPIDER-GIRL  
OR NOT?

WE ARE... AND I KNOW A SUREFIRE WAY TO  
ATTRACT HER ATTENTION.

WILL YOU BE  
JOINING US,  
RAPTOR?

I... I  
GUESS.

EXCELLENT!  
I'LL FILL YOU IN  
ON MY PLAN.

YOU CAME  
UP WITH A  
PLAN?

THIS  
OUGHT'A BE  
GOOD FOR A  
LAUGH.

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JJ'S RIGHT -- YOU REALIZE AS YOU DON YOUR COSTUME -- YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO FIND FAULT WITH HIM.

YOU'RE HEADING ACROSS TOWN TO MEET HIS GRANDFATHER -- THE LEGENDARY J. JONAH JAMESON -- TO DISCUSS THE JOB JJ ARRANGED FOR YOU.

A JOB YOU SCREWED UP!

BUT HE'LL GET HIS REVENGE.

WHY WERE YOU BUSTING ON JJ, ANYWAY?

WERE YOU ANNOYED BY HIS ARROGANCE? INSECURE OVER YOUR NEW HAIRSTYLE? OR JUST ANGRY BECAUSE BRAD WAS STILL DATING -- UH-OH!

YOUR SPIDER-SENSE IS SUDDENLY TINGLING, AND THAT CAN ONLY MEAN--

WATCH OUT, YOUNG LADY!

THERE'S A HOSTAGE SITUATION ACROSS TOWN, AND YOU'RE IN MY WAY!

YOU SHOULDN'T BE DAWDLING UP HERE.

THESE AIRWAYS SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAR UNLESS YOU'RE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Y-YES, SIR!

IT'S THE MAN CALLED NOVA, THE SENTINEL OF THE CITY!

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT HOSTAGES?

ANY WAY I CAN HELP?

I DOUBT IT.

YOU'RE TOO GREEN AND INEXPERIENCED.

A MISSION LIKE THIS REQUIRES A COOL HEAD AND SPLIT-SECOND TIMING!

I'D BE AFRAID YOU'D ENDANGER INNOCENT LIVES.

THE NERVE OF THAT POMPOUS, ILL-MANNERED =ARRGHE

YOU'VE DONE OKAY AS A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD WEB-SLINGER.

MORE THAN OKAY!

MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T BAGGED AS MANY BADDIES AS MR. HIGH & MIGHTY--

--BUT HE HAD NO REASON TO GO OFF ON YOU LIKE THAT!

MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL PROVE TO HIM--AND EVERYONE ELSE--THAT YOU'RE TRULY WORTHY OF YOUR WEBS!



I KNOW IT WAS MY IDEA TO HIRE YOU AS A FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE DAILY BUGLE, MISS PARKER... BUT THE PICTURES YOU TOOK--

--STINK?!

THAT'S VERY GENEROUS OF YOU, MISTER--



SHARRUMPHE I'M SURE WE CAN FIND A MORE SUITABLE POSITION FOR YOU ON THE PAPER.



JONAH JAMESON!  
I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR SPIDER-GIRL!

ALERT THE MEDIA! TELL SPIDER-GIRL TO MEET ME AT THE SITE OF OUR LAST BATTLE IF SHE WANTS TO SAVE THE HOSTAGES!



W-WHY COME TO ME?

I'VE NEVER EVEN MET HER!

THE SAVAGE SIX HAVE TAKEN TWO HOSTAGES--STUDENTS FROM MIDTOWN HIGH-- TO A PLACE SPIDER-GIRL'S BEEN SEEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS!

ONE OF OUR PRISONERS IS YOUR GRANDSON!

J-JACK--?

WAIT! WHAT IF SHE DOESN'T GET THE MESSAGE?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY GRANDSON?

ANSWER ME!

ANSWER ME!

ANSWER ME!

ANSWER ME!

FORGET SPIDER-GIRL! I'M NOT TRUSTING JACK'S LIFE TO A RANK AMATEUR!

GET THE FANTASTIC FIVE AND THOSE NEW AVENGERS ON THE PHONE!

LET'S ALSO SEE IF WE CAN REACH NOVA, SPEEDBALL AND THE STEEL SPIDER!

WHILE YOU'D CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE BACKUP--

AND WE MIGHT AS WELL CALL OUT THE NATIONAL GUARD WHILE WE'RE AT IT!

--YOU PRAY THAT JAMESON AND NOVA HAVE UNDERESTIMATED YOU!

THE LAST YOU HEARD ABOUT RAPTOR, SHE WAS AWAITING TRIAL.

WHEN DID SHE JOIN THE SAVAGE SIX--

--AND WHO ARE THE OTHER MEMBERS?

SAAAAAY, DIDN'T YOUR DAD FIGHT A GROUP WITH THE SAME NAME?

NO, THEY WERE THE SINISTER SOMETHING-OR-OTHER.

WOW! THAT WAS FAST.

THE BOSS THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WORK OUT OF MIDTOWN HIGH, BUT IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU'RE SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO THE BUGLE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW JAMESON DIDN'T CALL ME ON THE SPIDER-PHONE?

OH, WELL! YOU CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW.

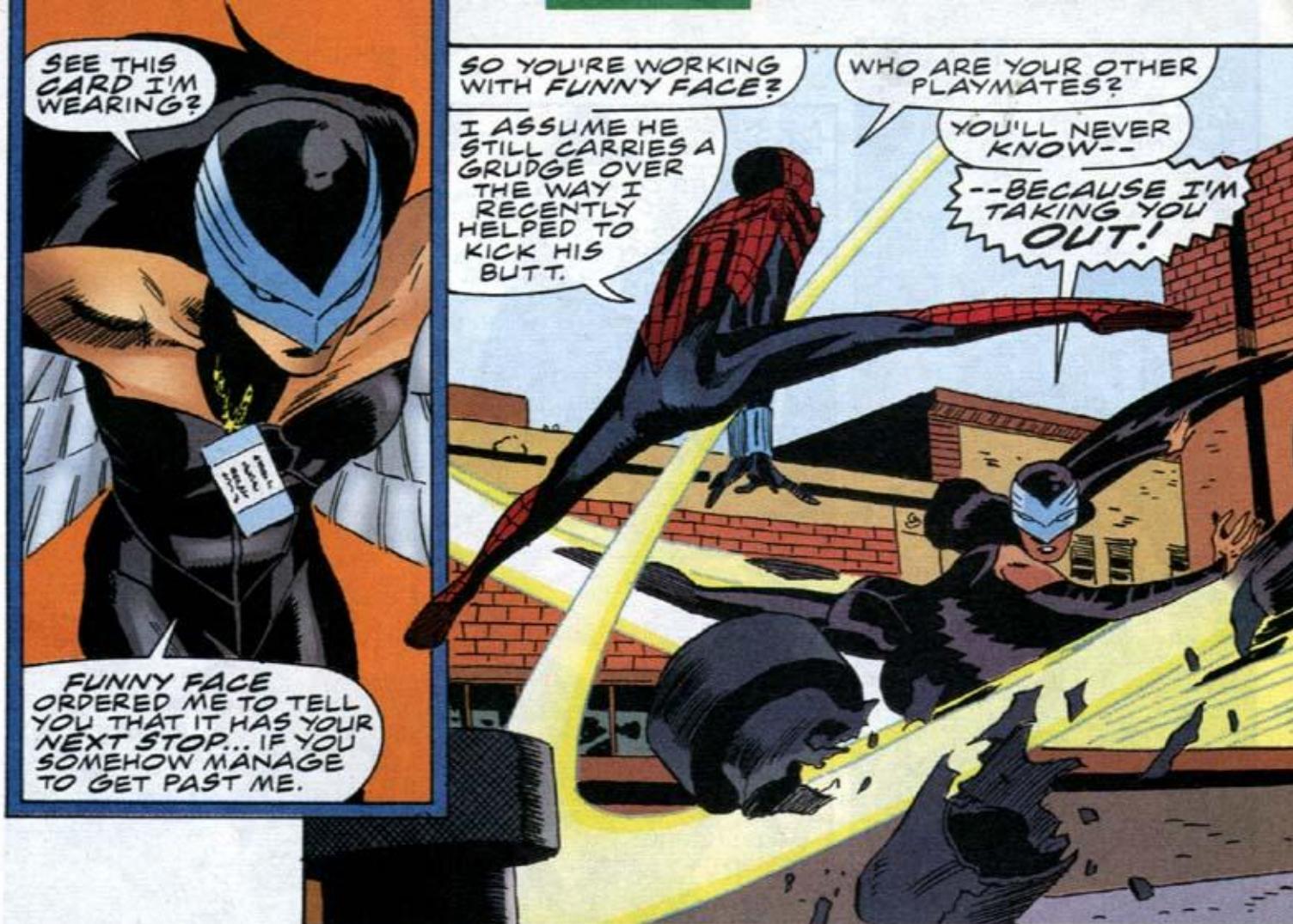
WHATEVER!

I'M GOING TO FINALLY  
GET MY REVENGE ON YOU,  
SPIDER-GIRL!

I'LL MAKE YOU PAY  
FOR RUINING MY LIFE,  
AND SENDING ME  
TO JAIL!

TAKE YOUR BEST  
SHOT, RAPTOR--  
--BUT THE SMART  
MONEY'S ON THE  
GAL WITH THE  
WEBs!







GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MAINFRAME.  
I ASSUME YOU AVENGERS RECEIVED A FRANTIC CALL FROM JAMESON.

HE MADE A POINT OF TELLING US HE CALLED THE FANTASTIC FIVE FIRST, TORCH. WE ALREADY DISPATCHED SOME OF OUR MEMBERS IN SEARCH OF SPIDER-GIRL-- --BUT WE ALSO HAD TO SEND SOME TO HELP NOVA WHO'S INVOLVED IN A HOSTAGE CRISIS UPTOWN.

YEAH, WE HEAR HE'S IN WAY OVER HIS HEAD.  
THE POLICE COMMISSIONER ASKED US TO LEND A HAND, TOO.

MAYBE JAMESON HAD THE RIGHT IDEA.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE FOR HELP INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS ON THAT CARD.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE SEWERS, GIRL?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST CALL THE F5 OR--

I IS THAT A RAT?

EEEYIICK!

--T-THERE'S SOMETHING SNAKING OUT OF THE SHADOWS UP AHEAD!

ARE YOU  
FEELING A LITTLE  
SKITTISH?

OR CLAUSTRÖ-  
PHOBIC?

WELCOME TO  
MY SUBTERRANEAN  
SANCTUARY FOR THE  
CONTINUING STUDY OF  
**SUFFERING AND  
SORROW!**

MISTER  
ABNORMAL!

LIKE THE LOCATION?

I PICKED IT OUT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.

REALLY? AND HERE I ASSUMED FUNNY FACE WAS CALLING THE SHOTS.

HE BROUGHT US TOGETHER, AND WORKED OUT THE ORDER THAT WE'D CONFRONT YOU.



H-HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?

TRY TO RELAX,  
COURTNEY. I'M  
SURE WE'LL BE  
FINE.

EASY FOR YOU  
TO SAY, J.J.! YOUR  
GRANDFATHER'S RICH.

MY PARENTS  
CAN'T PAY A  
RANSOM.

THE GUYS WHO KIDNAPPED US  
WANT SOMETHING--THAT'S  
FOR SURE--BUT I  
KIND'A DOUBT IT'S  
MONEY.

W-WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?

LOOKING  
FOR A WAY  
OUT!

OUR TROUBLES  
WILL BE OVER IF I  
CAN JUST REACH  
A PHONE.

MA WAS RIGHT  
TO HAVE ME LOOK  
IN ON YOU. ONLY  
A RANK AMATEUR  
WOULD SPLIT UP  
HIS TEAM--

--WHEN THEY  
COULD ALL  
GANG UP ON  
THE SAME  
TARGET.

HE'S MISSING THE  
BIG PICTURE--ISN'T  
HE, BUNKY?

JUST DOESN'T SEE  
THE SUBTLE GENIUS  
OF ALLOWING THE  
OTHERS TO EXHAUST  
SPIDER-GIRL--

--SO THAT WE  
CAN HAVE THE  
HONOR OF  
DEFEATING HER.

A MEAT  
LOCKER?!

WHO IN HIS RIGHT  
MIND WOULD STAGE  
A FIGHT IN A MEAT  
LOCKER?

HEY! MAYBE IT'S THE  
"RIGHT MIND" PART  
THAT'S THROWING YOU...

...IF YOU RUN THROUGH ALL  
THE PSYCHOS YOU'VE EVER  
FOUGHT, THE MOST LIKELY  
CANDIDATE WOULD HAVE  
TO BE--

ON SALE NEXT WEEK

## 4: A UNIVERSE X SPECIAL

The spotlight shines on the fabulous Fantastic Four in this spin-off chapter of UNIVERSE XI! By Alex Ross, Jim Krueger and Brent Anderson!

## BISHOP #13

Look through the eyes of a madman as the Chronomancer reveals his master plan! By Joseph Harris, Georges Jeanty and Art Thibert!

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Cache is king! He's the new super-villain that knows everything about everyone—and as Cap is about to discover, knowledge is power! By Dan Jurgens and Art Thibert!

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His father tried to destroy the first Captain Mar-Vell—now the son of Yon-Rogg attempts to top his pop! By Peter David, ChrisCross and Anibal Rodriguez!

## GRIMBIT 2000

Remy LeBeau leads the X-Men into war with the New Son! By Fabian Nicieza, Cam Smith and Tom Derenick!

## INCREDIBLE HULK #19

Will Doc Samson, Angela and Flux rescue the Hulk from Ryker's grip—or will the beast at the core of Bruce Banner's mind finally break free? By Paul Jenkins, Ron Garney and Sal Buscema!

## PETER PARKER, SPIDER-MAN #22

A chunk bitten out of him by Venom, Sandman is literally falling apart! Now Flint Marko's remaining days are like sand in an hourglass! By Paul Jenkins, Mark Buckingham and Dan Green!

## SENTRY #2

Who is the Sentry? And what is his tie to the Fantastic Four? By Paul Jenkins and Jae Lee!

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The crossover with AVENGERS heats up as the Black Widow swings by! By Fabian Nicieza, Mark Bagley and Greg Adams!

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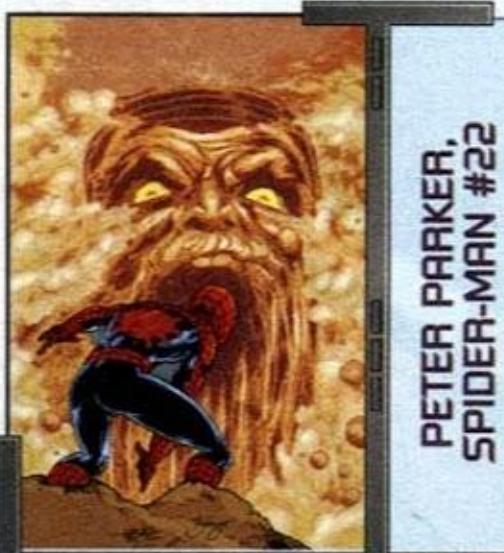
Continuing "Further Down the Spiral," the tale that reveals how Nate Grey became the telepathic shaman for the 21st Century! By Warren Ellis, Steven Grant and Ariel Olivetti!

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It's a moment of truth both for the high-flying Angel and the woman he loves, Psylocke! By Chris Claremont, Leinil Yu and Mark Morales!

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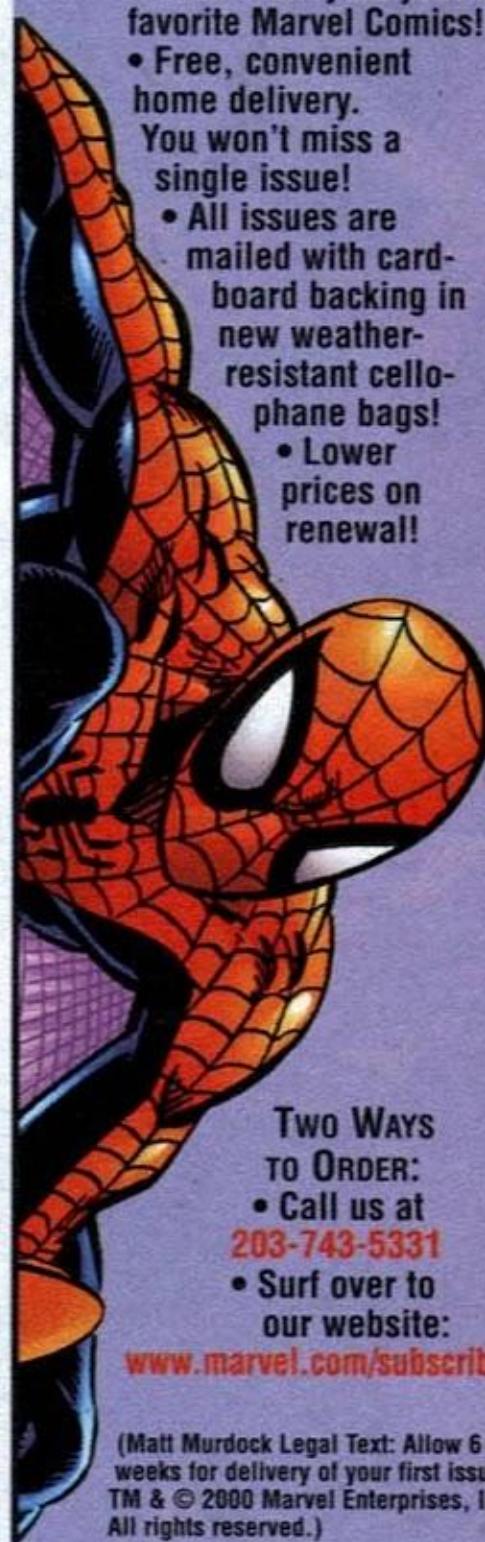
PETER PARKER,  
SPIDER-MAN #22

Not one, not two, but three of next week's comics are written by Paul Jenkins. Why? Because—as they'd say in his native land—he's brilliant! Last year the superior scribe nabbed an Eisner Award with his work on INHUMANS, and this year he's taking on the whole Marvel Universe! When he took over INCREDIBLE HULK, critics like Cliff Biggers of *Comic Shop News* called the results "a smash." Now his character-driven take on the wall-crawler is generating equal enthusiasm, inspiring Randy Lander of *Comics Newsarama* to rate his first issue a perfect 10! So if you've strayed from Spidey, do yourself a favor and bounce on back, because Jenkins is jammin'!

Summer means three things: baseball, beaches... and the annual T-BOLTS/AVENGERS crossover! This scorching season is no different, with things once more heating up between Earth's Mightiest Heroes and Marvel's Most Wanted! And you just know that tempers are going to flare when Hawkeye's ex-lover—and former Avenger—the Black Widow swings by to stir up the pot! So pull on your sunglasses and see why Wizard magazine has crowned this comic "a hot pick!"



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TIME TO DIE,  
SPIDER-GIRL!

YOU  
SURE?

ACCORDING  
TO MY WATCH,  
I HAVE YEARS  
TO SPARE.

ALTHOUGH  
MICKEY DOES  
SEEM TO  
INDICATE THAT  
THERE'S A LONG  
PRISON STAY  
IN YOUR  
FUTURE!

WHY'S A BIG TIME SUPER-MUTANT  
SLUMMING WITH LOW-LEVEL LOSERS  
LIKE MR. ABNORMAL AND FUNNY  
FACE, ANYWAY?

SHOULDN'T YOU BE  
OUT TRYING TO  
CONQUER THE WORLD,  
OR PLOTTING  
REVENGE ON THE  
UNCANNY  
X-PEOPLE?



PROBABLY.  
BUT EVEN  
THAT GETS  
OLD AFTER  
A WHILE.

I WOKE UP THE OTHER  
MORNING WITH A  
HANKERIN' FOR  
HUEVOS  
RANCHEROS--

--AND A WEB-  
SWINGER'S  
HEAD!

AND I'VE REACHED THE  
POINT IN MY LIFE WHERE  
I CAN AFFORD TO  
INDULGE MY WHIMS.

OH, PLEASE--!  
DON'T TELL ME YA  
THINK YA CAN HIDE  
FROM A MAN WITH  
SUPER-ENHANCED  
SENSES!

MY BAD!

GUESS I SHOULD  
HAVE REALIZED THAT  
I COULD NEVER OUT-  
WIT A BIG MACHO  
HEAD LIKE YOU!

KTHWAK!





YO, MOOSE! I JUST CAUGHT THE NEWS AND HEARD THAT COURTNEY WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE STUDENT KIDNAPPED WITH JJ.

SHE MIGHT BE WITH COURTNEY'S PARENTS... OR... OR AT THE BUGLE.



YOU OKAY, MAN?

NOT EVEN CLOSE! I'M CLIMBING THE WALLS, BRAD... BUT I GOT CONFIDENCE IN COURT. SHE'LL BE FINE!

SHE'S GOTTA BE!

ANYONE SEEN MAYDAY? I CAN'T FIND HER ANYWHERE.

PUT A CLAMP ON IT, HEATHER!

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE CATTY. TWO OF OUR FRIENDS ARE IN BIG TROUBLE. WE NEED TO DRAW TOGETHER.

MAY'S PROBABLY AS FRANTIC AS THE REST OF US.

YOU'RE STARTING TO CRASH, GIRL.

YOU'VE BEEN ON AN ADRENALINE HIGH EVER SINCE RAPTOR FIRST CRASHED INTO JAMESON'S OFFICE.

YOU'VE TAKEN ON THREE SUPER-BADDIES IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, AND THE PACE IS FINALLY GETTING TO YOU.

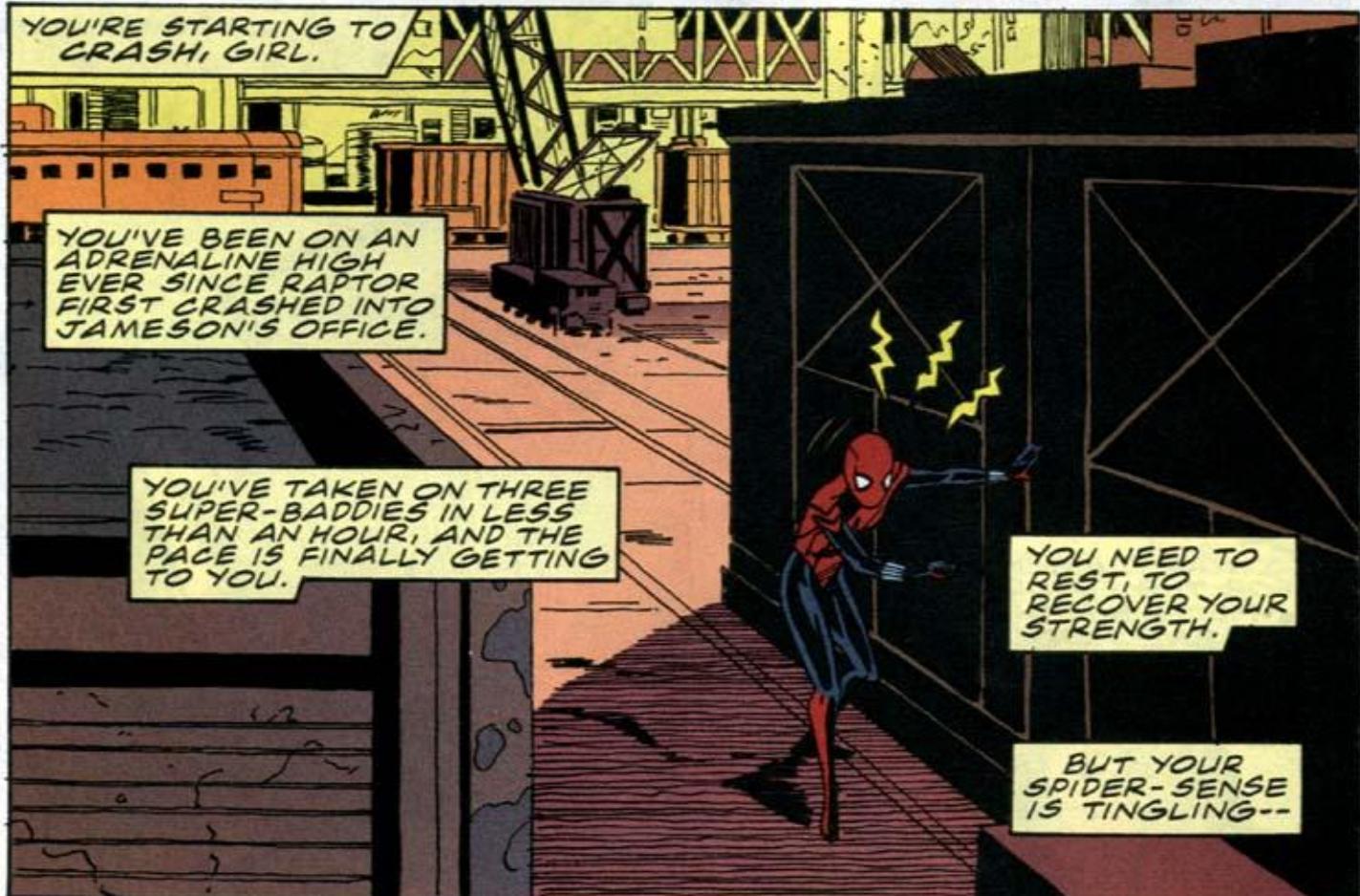
YOU NEED TO REST, TO RECOVER YOUR STRENGTH.

BUT YOUR SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING--



WHO CARES ABOUT PARKER, ANYWAY?

IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S IN ANY DANGER!



--AND THAT'S NEVER GOOD!

REMEMBER ME, LITTLE GIRL?

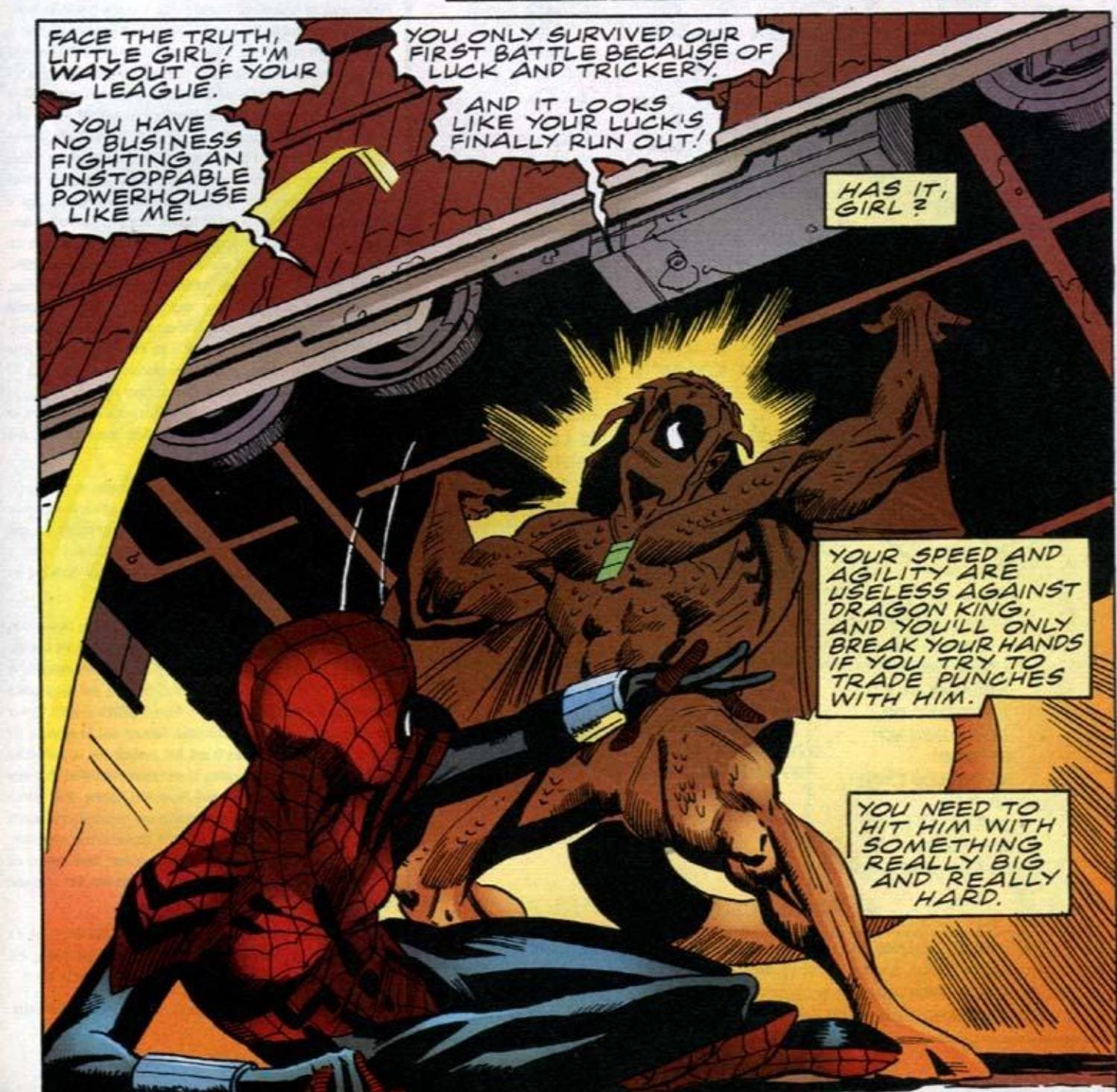
I ONCE DREAMED ABOUT BEING A HERO AND USING MY POWERS TO MAKE THIS A KINDER, GENTLER WORLD.

DRAGON KING!

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, YOU ATTACKED MIDTOWN HIGH AND TRIED TO SLAUGHTER ALL THE STUDENTS.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE INTERFERED. YOUR THINKING IS TOO SHORT-TERM.

I WAS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY FILTERING THE GENE POOL.



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SOMETHING LIKE THE  
BOXCAR HE'S ABOUT  
TO POUND ON YOU.

IF ONLY  
YOUR  
WEBBING  
COULD...

...COULD...

HEYYYYYYY!

MAYBE IT CAN!

THWIPPP!

THWIPPP!

AGAIN  
WITH THE  
WEBBING?

SAME  
WEAPON.  
DIFFERENT  
PLAY.

WHAT THE--?!

KAAA-TUNKKK!

THE TRUTH HURTS,  
LIZARD FACE.

AND SO DOES  
A FIVE-TON  
BOXCAR!

SCORE ANOTHER  
WIN FOR LUCK AND  
TRICKERY!

BUT EACH BATTLE  
TAKES A LITTLE  
MORE OUT OF YOU.

AND YOUR FIRST LOSS  
WILL ALSO BE YOUR  
FINAL ONE!

I JUST CHECKED ON THE PRISONERS, AND I HAVE TO SAY THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THAT JAMESON BOY.

STUPID KID ACTUALLY GAVE ME THE SQUINT EYE.

WHY DO I THINK YOU BLINKED FIRST?

LISTEN, MUCH AS I ENJOY THE I-TOLD-YOU-SO'S... IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE SINCE ANY OF YOUR PEOPLE CHECKED IN.

SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S GETTING STRESSED.

BUT WE'RE NOT WORRIED--ARE WE, BUNKY?

EVEN IF THE WEB-GIRL DOES MANAGE TO GET PAST THE OTHERS, SHE'LL NEVER SURVIVE THE BOOBY TRAPS WE'VE PLANTED THROUGHOUT THIS HOUSE.

YOU'RE DRAGGING, GIRL.

YOU'VE FINALLY REACHED YOUR LIMIT.

YOU BARELY HAVE ENOUGH ARM STRENGTH TO GRIP YOUR WEBBING AS YOU SWING ACROSS THE CITY.

BUT YOU CAN'T QUIT NOW!

JJ AND COURTNEY ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO BEAT THE LAST TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAVAGE SIX!

YEAH, THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO DO!

UH-OH! THAT OLD FAMILIAR TINGLE CAN ONLY MEAN THAT SOMETHING NASTY IS LURKING ON THIS CONSTRUCTION SITE!

A NASTY NAMED  
KILLERWATT!

OH, MAN! I  
AM SO VERY  
GLAD TO SEE  
YOU, LADY!

I WAS KIND'A  
DOUBTING YOU'D  
EVER MAKE IT  
TO ME--

--AND FUNNY  
FACE OFFERED A  
SUPER-BONUS  
TO THE DUDE  
WHO SCRAGS  
YOU!

DON'T BE LIKE THAT,  
SPIDER-GIRL! I'VE GOT  
BIG EXPENSES, AND  
REALLY NEED THE CASH.

I JUST HAVE TO TAG  
YOU WITH ONE OF MY  
ELECTRIC BOLTS, AND YOU'LL  
BE IN FRY CITY!

I HATE TO  
DISAPPOINT A  
LOYAL FAN, BUT  
I'D PREFER TO  
LEAVE THAT  
REWARD  
UNCOLLECTED.

YOU'RE AS FAST AS I  
REMEMBER, BUT THAT  
WON'T SAVE YOU.

I PICKED THIS  
PLACE BECAUSE THE  
FLOORS AND BEAMS  
ARE ALL MADE OF  
STEEL--

--AND STEEL  
CONDUCTS  
ELECTRICITY!

NO MATTER HOW HIGH YOU  
LEAP OR HOW AGILE YOU ARE,  
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME DOWN  
EVENTUALLY.

AND THAT'S  
WHEN YOU GO  
KA-ZAP!

H-HE IS  
RIGHT!

YOU CAN ONLY AVOID  
HIS ELECTRO-SHOCKS  
IF YOU REMAIN IN  
CONSTANT MOTION.

BUT YOU CAN'T  
KEEP THIS PACE  
MUCH LONGER!

YOU'RE ALREADY  
RUNNING ON  
EMPTY!

YOUR ONLY HOPE  
IS TO DO THE  
UNEXPECTED.

--YOU HAVE TO GET  
IN HIS FACE!

H-HAVE YOU LOST  
IT, LADY? I'M  
PRACTICALLY A  
LIVING  
DYNAMO!

INSTEAD OF  
STAYING ON THE  
DEFENSIVE BY  
EVADING HIS  
BLASTS--

Y-YOU DON'T  
WANT TO TOUCH  
ME BECAUSE I  
CAN SUPER-  
CHARGE MYSELF  
AND--



KAAA-

ZAKKKKE



NICE PLAN,  
GIRL.

YOU BEAT THE  
BAD GUY... BUT  
AT WHAT COST?

THE AIR STINKS  
OF CHARRED  
MEAT.

YOUR HEAD IS  
POUNDING SO  
LOUDLY YOUR EYES  
CAN'T SEEM TO  
FOCUS.

AND YOUR BODY'S A  
SCREAMING MASS OF  
ULCERATED BRUISES  
AND SEEPPING BLISTERS.

YOU PASS OUT THE  
FIRST TIME YOU STRUG-  
GLE TO RISE.

A WAVE OF NAUSEA  
SEEKS TO DROWN  
YOU ON YOUR SIXTH  
TRY, BUT YOU SOME-  
HOW MANAGE TO  
KNEEL UPRIGHT.

YOU HAVE TO FIND A  
WAY TO GATHER  
ENOUGH STRENGTH  
TO SAVE JJ AND  
COURTNEY.

YOU ALSO  
FAIL ON THE  
SECOND  
ATTEMPT...

...AND THE  
THIRD.

YOU CAN'T  
QUIT NOW!

YOU  
JUST  
CAN'T!

BUT HOW?

HOW?!



CAN I OFFER  
YOU A HAND?





Y-YOU HAVE  
MORE EXPERIENCE  
IN THESE  
SITUATIONS.

DO YOU  
THINK WE  
SHOULD FIGHT  
OR RUN?

NEITHER!

PWA-KLUNK!

AGAINST SUCH OVER-  
WHELMING ODDS, THE  
ONLY LOGICAL  
CHOICE IS  
SURRENDER.

WHILE A  
PRISON TERM  
MAY NOT SOUND  
APPEALING--  
--AT LEAST  
MOM WILL KNOW  
WHERE TO  
VISIT YOU.





THAT'S IT, GIRL. TRY TO IGNORE THE POUNDING IN YOUR HEAD, AND JUST KEEP PUTTING ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER.



ONLY A FEW MORE BLOCKS, AND YOU'LL BE HOME.

SAFE AND SNUG IN YOUR--  
OOOPS!



OH, MY GOSH! SOMETHING'S WRONG.

REAL WRONG!

I... I SEEM TO HAVE LOST MY SPIDER-LIKE AGILITY.

A-AND I... I CAN'T STICK TO THIS ROOF!

WHEN MY STRENGTH HAS ALSO VANISHED.

I BARELY MANAGED TO PULL MYSELF TO SAFETY.

I HAVEN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE I COLLIDED WITH KILLERWATT.

SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO MY SPIDER-POWERS-- THEY'RE GONE!

THEY'RE ALL GONE!

THE END... FOR NOW!

# SPIDER-GIRL

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

SPIDER-GIRL #22 was awesome! Awesome! Awesome! I wish it didn't have to end. Why couldn't you have made it a double-sized issue??!! Funny Face is a great new villain. I say the Buzz is JJ. I say Funny Face is Jimmy and I don't know who Darkdevil is so give us some more clues! And finally, I noticed a strange thing in SPIDER-GIRL #22. Wouldn't May know Davida was going to the dance with Darrel Duffy beforehand instead of finding out at the dance? They are best friends and all.

Brendan Walsh  
Chicago, IL

Even best friends have secrets, Brendan! Sorry we can't make every issue double-sized, but we hope you liked this one! What did all of you think of Funny Face's Savage Six? Let us know.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

Man, this is all too confusing. Who is the Buzz? At first I thought it was JJ, but then there was no sign of Brad or Jimmy Yama. Like I said, too confusing. Oh, and one more thing, I really wish someone would talk some sense into Moose about that Courtney being Spider-Girl thing.

Travanti Jones  
St. Louis, MO

Talk sense into Moose, Travanti? AS IF! And we hope you checked out BUZZ #1 for the truth behind the mystery of the Buzz!

Dear SPIDER-GIRL crew,

SPIDER-GIRL #22 was probably the best issue of this title in about four months. With the near-constant march of goofy new villains and the rehashed plot points, I was starting to lose faith in this book. It's obvious Tom, Pat, Al and the rest are back on top of their game with this issue, though. All the aspects that make this book so much fun were here—the mysteries, the campy but dangerous villain, and the character interaction. Peter's reactions to May's date and her dress were hilarious—though one has to wonder how he feels about her costume if he had problems with that dress. My favorite moment, however, was probably May telling Darkdevil that he didn't have to "be such a guy about it." The scripting as a whole was genuinely funny throughout this issue.

Funny Face, while owing more than a little to Astro City's Jack-in-the-Box and DC's Joker, had a fun introduction into these pages. His premise (a bouncing clown who talks to his little, uh, whatever that is he carries around, his Mini-Me?) is pretty goofy, but unlike other villains who've been introduced of late, such as, say, Earthshaker, there was actually a sense of danger in the Funny Face fight. Granted that May, Ben Reier, Darkdevil, and JJ-er, Buzz, were all distracted during the fight, but Funny Face still managed to hold his own against all of them. This is one villain of the new herd that I wouldn't mind seeing a return performance from somewhere down the line.

Jameson's decision to offer May a position as a photographer (I'm certain that's what he's going to do) doesn't make that much sense at this point, but I'll hold off on passing judgment until I see it happen.

Anyway, after a few fumbles, I'm once again a happy Spider-Girl fan.

Russ Anderson  
Baltimore, MD

We're glad you stuck with us, and we'll try to make fewer fumbles in the future, Russ.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

MC-2 ROCKS!! SPIDER-GIRL is a refreshing oasis in the comic universe. I have been reading it since issue #0. The characters have depth but are not above slapstick.

What happened to A-NEXT? They had everything SPIDER-GIRL has and more.

Baggs  
(Address withheld by request)

Sadly, Baggs, A-NEXT had everything going for it... except enough readers to support a monthly title. Make sure you check out the two newest additions to the MC-2 line, THE BUZZ, on sale now, and DARK-DEVIL, on sale next month. You won't regret it!

Dear Marvel,  
RE: SPIDER-GIRL PRESENTS THE BUZZ  
Calling all Buzzers!  
Thanks for shedding some light on the color character that is the Buzz. I'll admit that I like the cos-

tume because it reminds me of Hank Pym's YELLOWJACKET suit, but the first issue displayed what a unique character he is. I hope you develop him further and maybe even give him a regular series or at least a feature in SPIDER-GIRL.

"La La" Lloyd Grant  
Saginaw, MI

If you really want to see more of THE BUZZ, La La, write in and let us know!

Hello, Fearless Front Facers!

After reading THE BUZZ #1, I am officially on the BUZZ-Wagon. The story was great with plenty of action. You know a book is good when you reread it twice before you go to bed, and once when you wake up (just once? Yes, I do have to go to work).

Those thugs look similar to Doc Ock's henchmen, way back when Ockie was known as the Master Planner. I think that Doc Ock or Lady Octopus is the person commanding Dr. Jade.

I can hardly wait for issues 2 and 3, and the DARKDEVIL limited series in September.

Jim Weeks  
Portsmouth, NH

The wait ends next month, Jim... when DARKDEVIL #1 finally goes on sale! Doc Ock or Lady Octopus? Hmm...

Dear Tom, Pat and the rest of the Gang,

I just put down THE BUZZ #1, and I was pleasantly surprised with the mag. Now that all previous suspicions have been dropped, and we know that JJ is the Buzz, are you planning to continue in the hinted romantic direction for May and JJ, or not at all? I kinda think that it'd be interesting to have both of them dating, and then ditching each other to change into their other identities and then meet up on the battlefield, unaware of the other's secret identity. Perhaps this is where you're taking them, but whatever you do, I ask that you don't send JJ to limbo after the limited series. He's got too much potential in my opinion.

Mark Perry  
(Address withheld by request)

Don't worry, Mark! As this issue clearly shows, JJ is here for the foreseeable future.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL,

I recently wrote you about issue #19, and my letter was printed in issue #22. I was upset about the lack of action, and you promised there would be some on its way. Well, I just wanted to thank you for delivering! Issue #22 was great! ANOTHER new character, and even more doorways waiting to be opened. Then I read THE BUZZ #1 and was even more impressed! You took the Spider-Story back to its Spider-Roots. Giving J. Jonah Jameson someone to hate, and a reason for it. You gave The Buzz a responsibility, and turning one of May's love interests into a super hero (remember the Black Cat?).

Now I am waiting to see what you will reveal in DARK-DEVIL #1. I heard that these "SPIDER-GIRL PRESENTS" titles were only going to be 3 issues each, but when those 3 issues are up, I think a lot of us would like to see them back in their own ongoing series.

MC-2 is wonderful, and please get some more titles out there for us!

Matthew Pyle  
Blanchard, OK

Producing more titles is easy. Selling them, however, could be a problem. Let your friends know how much you like the line. Every little bit helps!

Dear MC-2:

Congrats on the new title, THE BUZZ. I've loved all of the MC-2 titles, and I'm grateful for another. I also have some hopes that this one will fly, pun intended. It has the classic Spider-Man formula—a misunderstood hero, persecution by J. Jonah Jameson, and an insect affiliation—but it also has a nicely developed backstory. I hope that, despite his death, we'll hear more about JJ's idol, Buzz. I'm looking forward to seeing this title develop.

And I'll buy two copies each, just to give it an extra chance!

Kevin J. Johnson  
Minneapolis, MN 55344

Thanks for your support, Kevin! We hope you're giving those extra copies to someone who hasn't read any MC-2 books... because that's a good way to hook new readers.

Hey, Guys!

I just finished reading THE BUZZ #1 and all I have to say is WOW! I like what you have done with Spider-Girl and her origin, but boy did you pull out all the stops with The Buzz: what a fantastic origin story! You've created a really cool hero, with a really cool cause, and he's dating Spider-Girl, and he's a Jameson! I can't wait for issue #2. Here's hoping he's as well received as Spider-Girl and lasts a really long time. I love

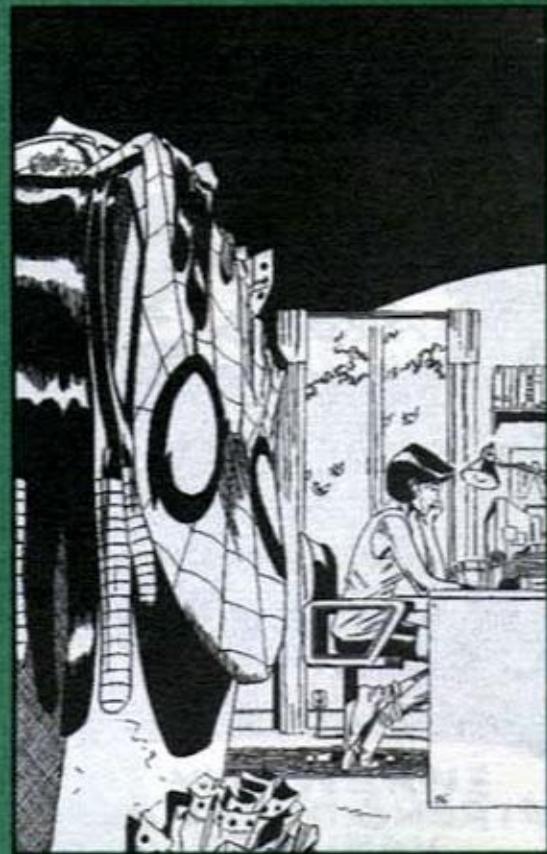
this new character. Way to go!

Dave Nast  
Cherry Hill, NJ

We couldn't do it without loyal readers like you, Dave!

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