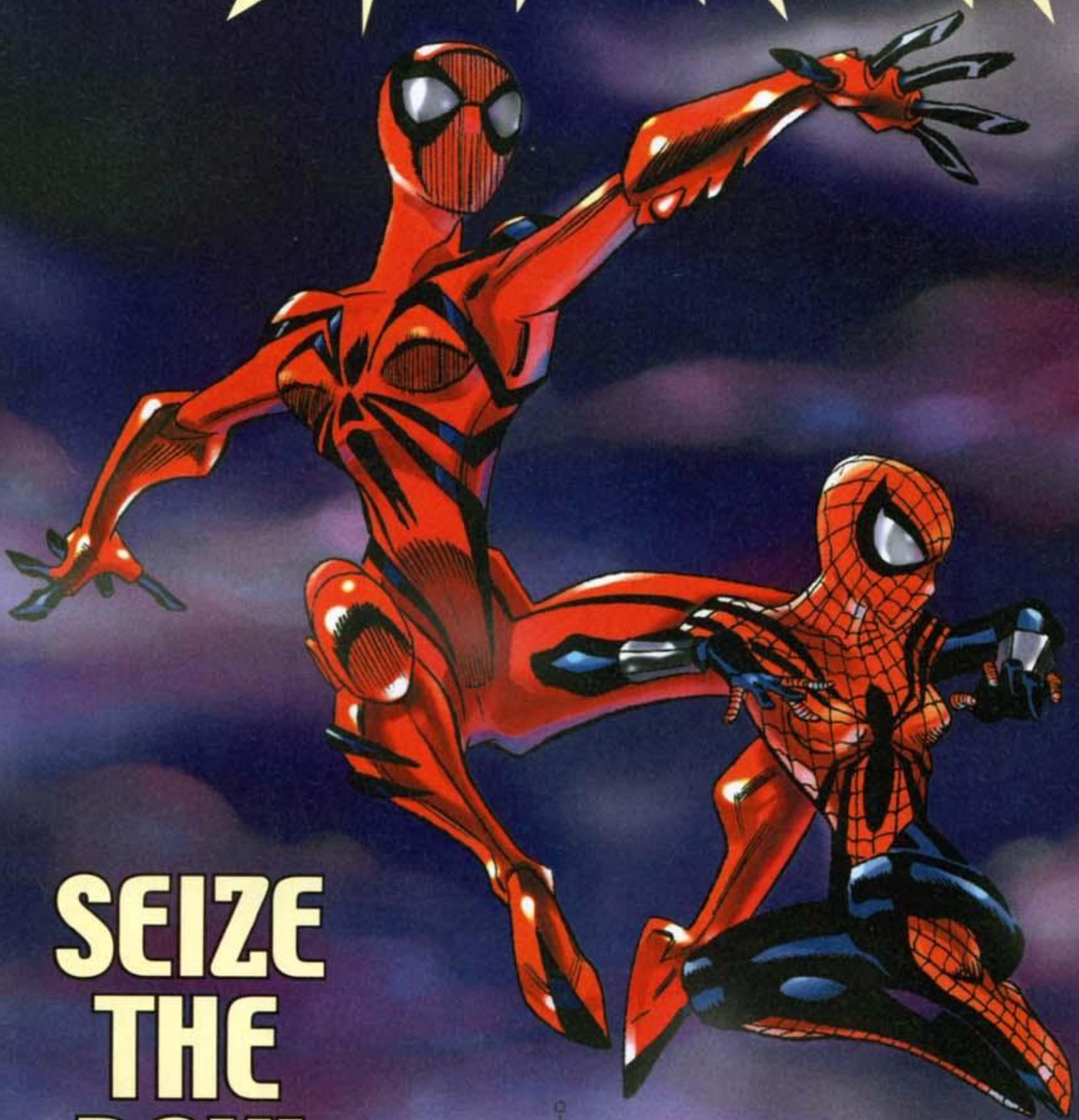


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SURPRISE!

Bet
you weren't
expecting
me.

You
probably thought
you'd seen the
last of Felicity
Hardy--
--the

SCARLET SPIDER





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!!

Your name is May "Mayday" Parker and you are the daughter of the original Spider-Man.



You really tried to follow in your dad's web-steps.

But, instead of protecting the innocent and defending the helpless--

--your lousy decisions and careless mistakes only endangered lives!

That's why you recently decided to quit being Spider-Girl.

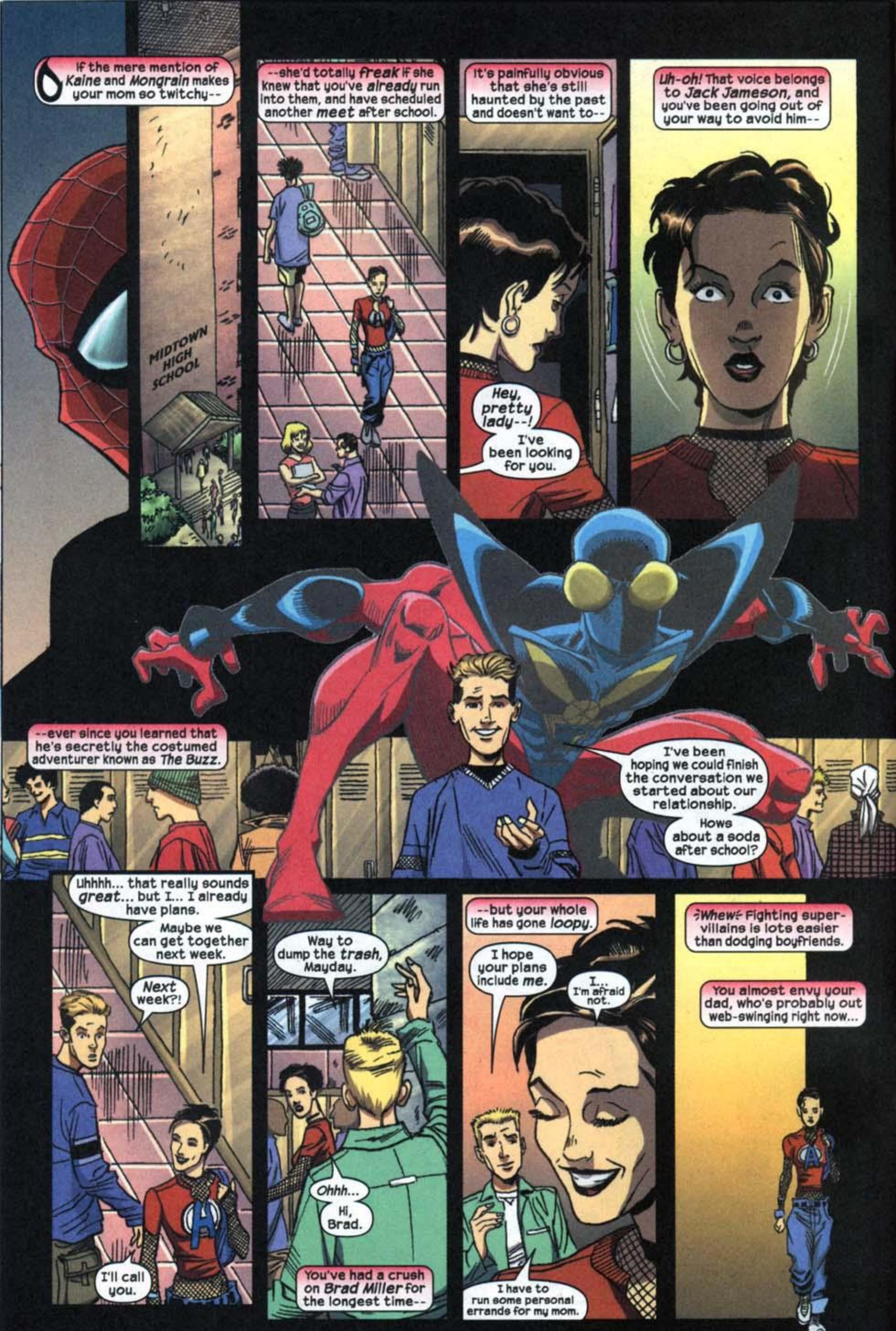
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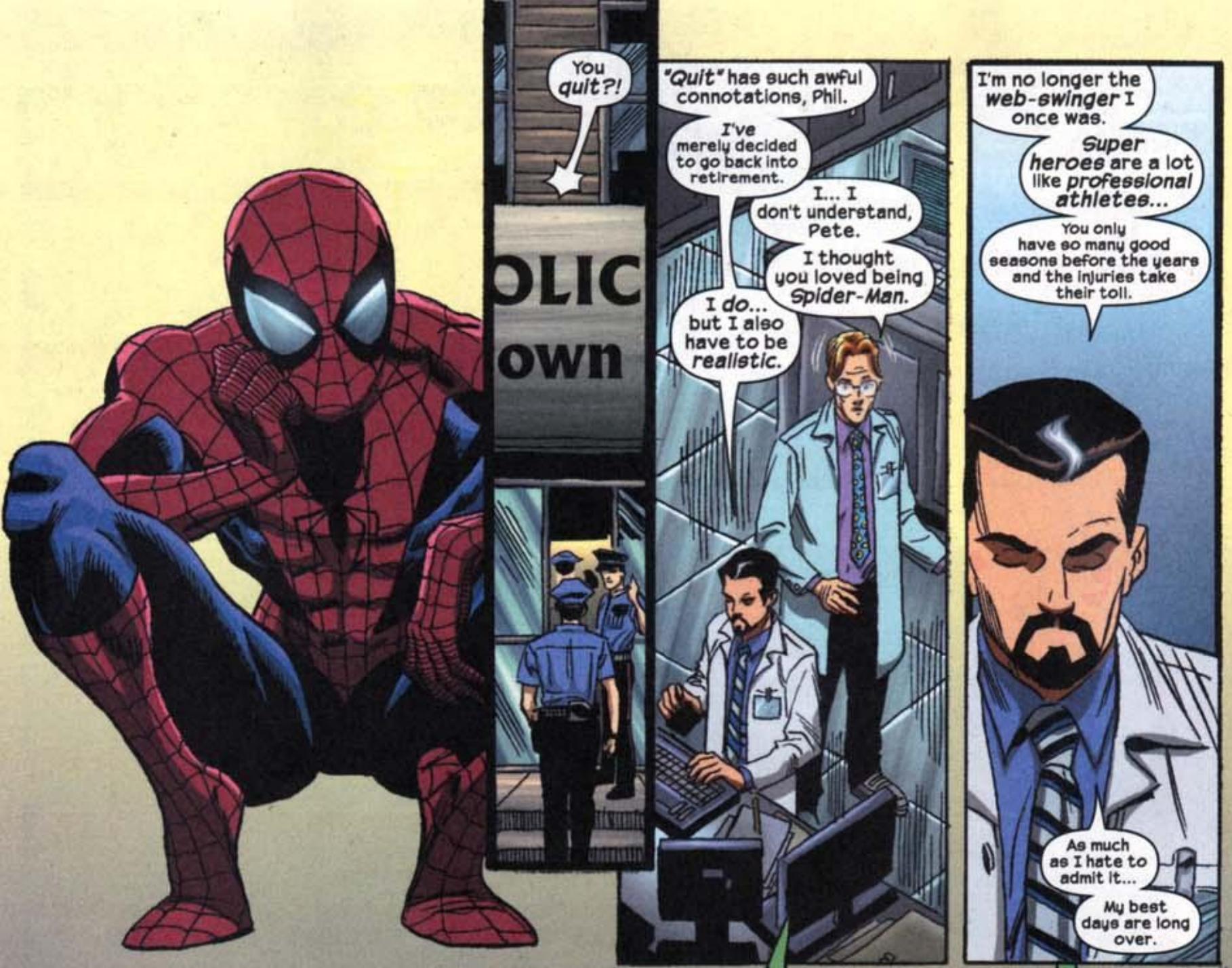
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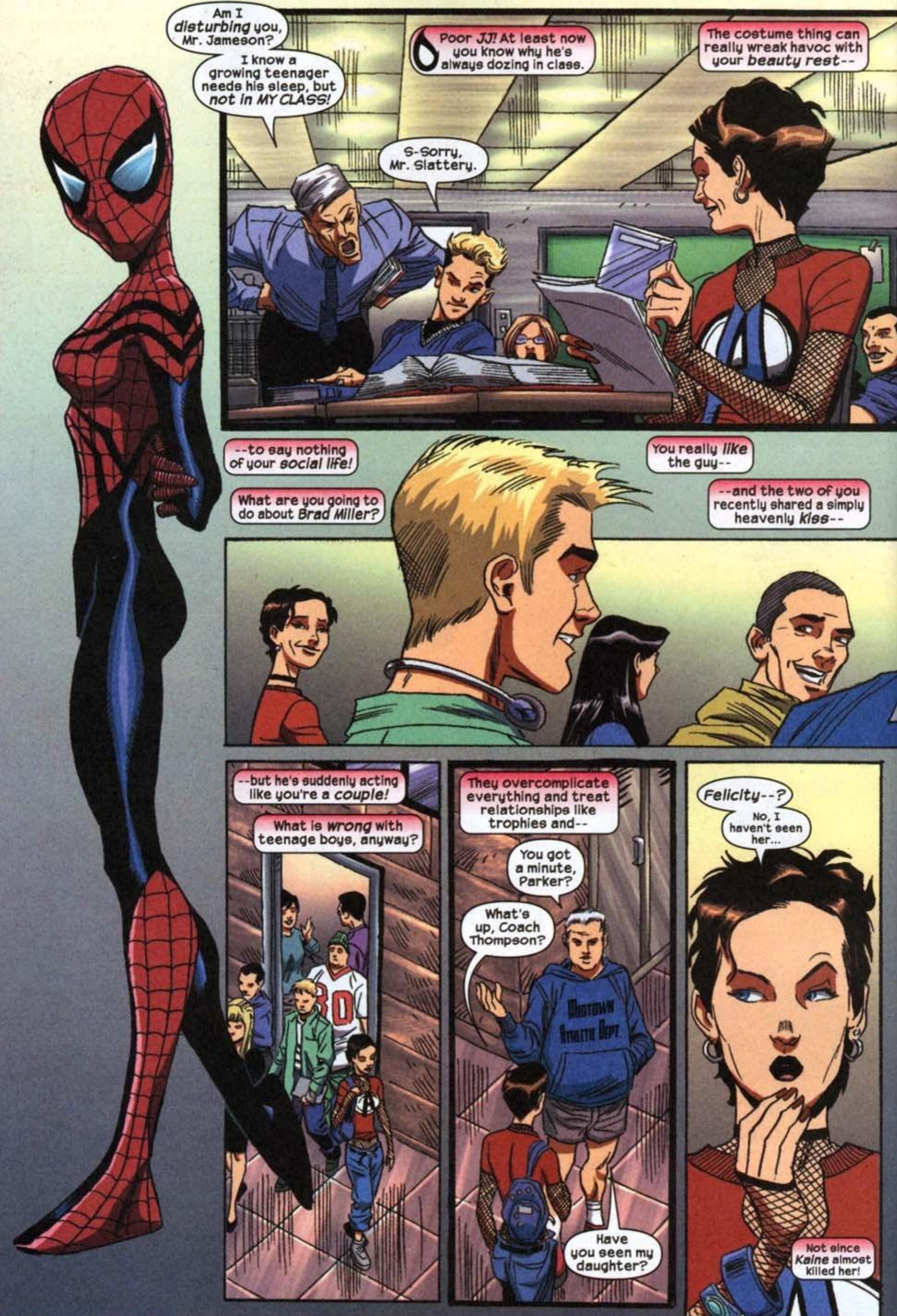
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Though you keep an eye peeled for Felicity, you still haven't spotted her by the end of the school day.

Figuring you'll catch her tomorrow, you scurry off to spend some time with Courtney Duran, who's still recovering from a recent car accident--

--and thinks you're bonkers for not latching onto Brad while you have the chance.

Absolutely nothing has changed for them!

They don't know that you quit being Spider-Girl--

--and couldn't care less.

Darkdevil might--

--but only because he was always criticizing you and pointing out all the ways you fouled up.

You wonder if anyone will even notice you're gone.

The poor guy would probably have a coronary if he could see you now.

As you leave the Midtown Medical Center, you suddenly notice the people around you.

They're just going about their business and living their lives.

Hi, Kaine...

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HOW DISAPPOINTING! I WAS HOPING TO ORDER A PIZZA.

I-is that supposed to be a joke?

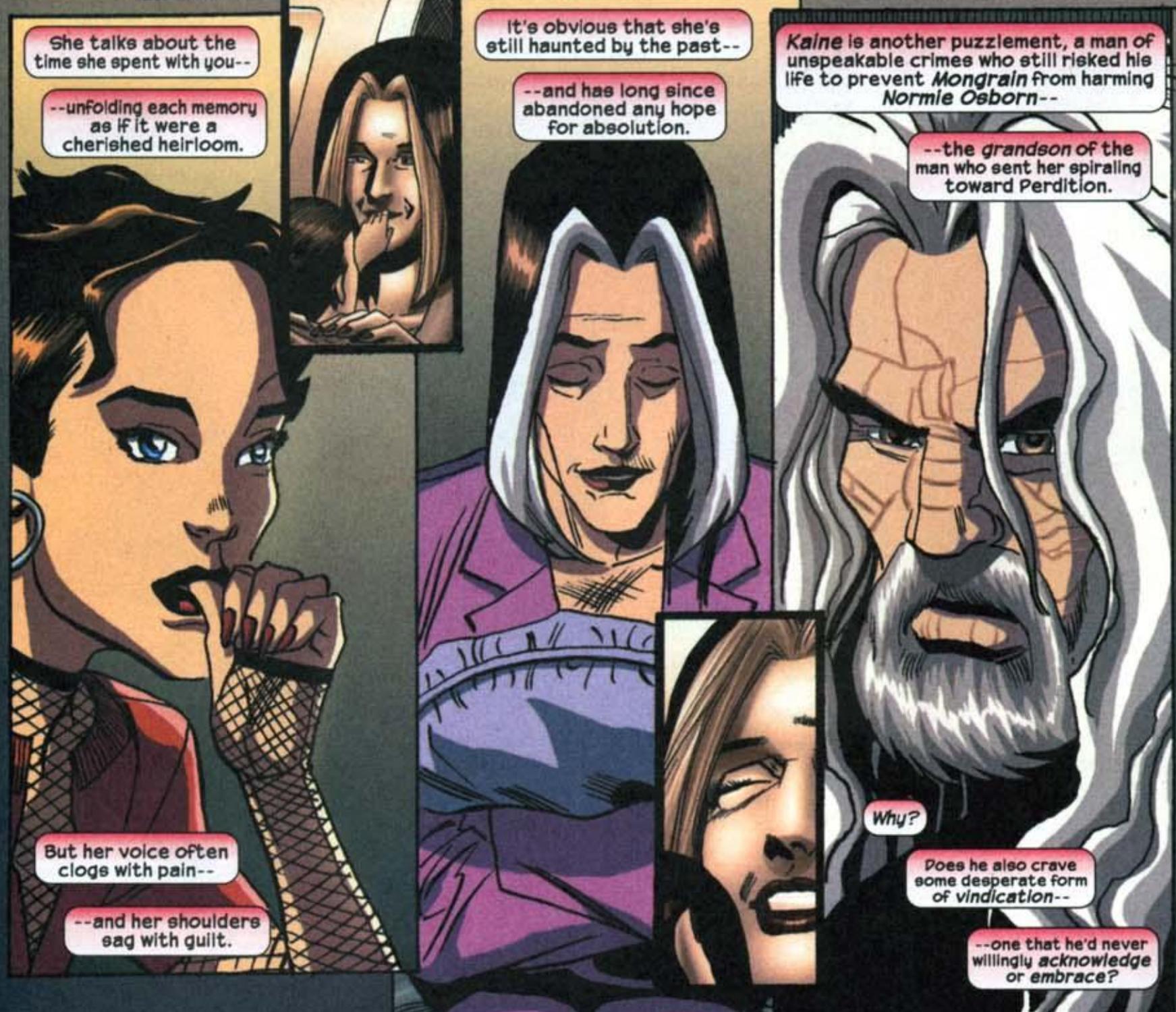
AND PEOPLE MOCK YOUR DETECTIVE SKILLS!

What do you want, Darkdevil?

I MUST DISCUSS AN URGENT MATTER WITH SPIDER-GIRL... AND I NEED YOU TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR ME.

What do you think I am-- a dating service?!

YOU HAVE MY NUMBER, GOBLIN... AND YOU WILL DO AS I ASK... IF YOU TRULY CARE ABOUT HER.



These thoughts are still crackling in your brain with such naked intensity that you are startled by the shrill howl from your cell phone.

Hello--?
Hey...
What's up?

That certainly brightened her day.

How'd she sound?
Kind of distracted.

There's a lot of that going around. You seem a little depressed yourself.

Sorry to interrupt... but Darkdevil called earlier.

He's looking for you... but didn't say why.
Okay.
Sure.

What can I say? Life has been a real snuggle-fest ever since the police took Blackie Drago into custody.

How is Raptor doing, by the way?

Just great...
Aside from the fact that she's locked in a cage on Ryker's Island.

I-it just isn't fair, Phil.

I know she made some mistakes, but she was trying to reform.

I still don't understand why the district attorney insisted on sending her to jail.



That sounds ominous.

Darkdevil probably wants to drag you over the coals for some recent screw-up.

Well, the joke's on him...

I... I've gotta go.

Will I see you again?

Yeah... probably.

Thanks for coming. It means a lot to Mongrain.

I... I don't even know why I care.

The woman put my family through Hell.

And you-- everyone says you're an amoral miscreant who used to torment my dad and my Uncle Ben!

It's... true

I'm as bad as you heard--

--and worse.

But I'm trying...

That's one of the qualities I've always admired about your father, and I'm glad to see that he passed it on to you...

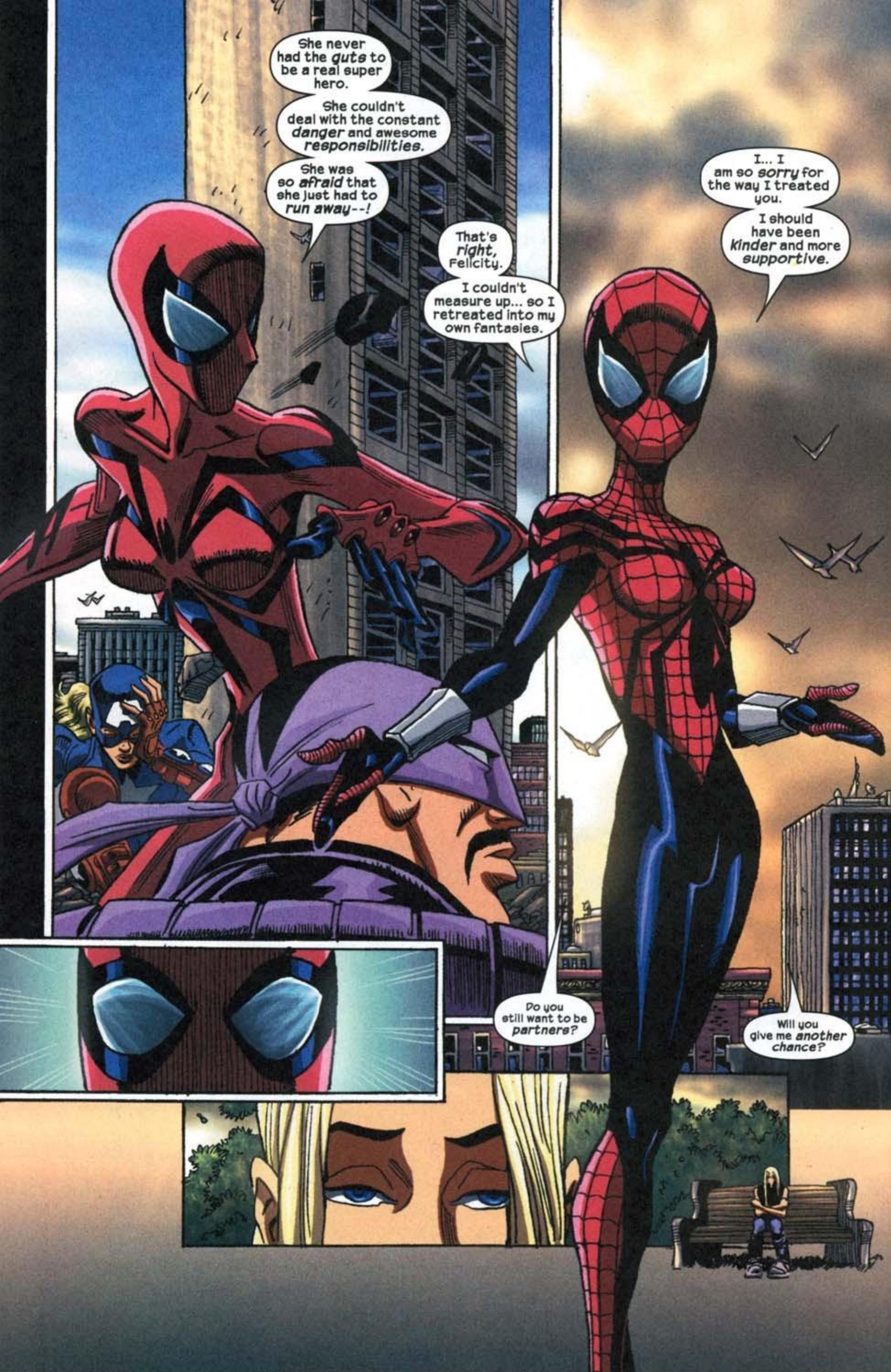
You believe in **redemption** and think everyone deserves a **second chance**.

Not everyone, Kaine...

No...

Not everyone.





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S'funny, Kaine had a point--
you're the
**Queen of second
chances!**

For everyone
except yourself!

If you didn't kill
yourself or someone
else in the process!

Uh-Oh!

Look who's playing
gargoyle on that rooftop
across the street--!

Poor baby doesn't
seem very happy.

Tough!

You quit being
Spider-Girl
because you
kept messing up.

Of course, you might
have gotten better
over time...

You've taken
enough of
his abuse--

--and you're in
no mood for
another lecture.

You just want to race home and pull the covers over your--

I was hoping we could hit the coffee shop or catch a movie or something.

I'd really like that, Brad... but I'm kind of busy.

Hey, May-- wait up!

I'm so glad I ran into you.

What's with you, Mayday? I assumed you were into me after the way you kissed me the other day.

So did I.

I used to have this enormous crush on you--

--but I'm not going to let the past dictate my present.

W-What are you saying? Are you dumping me?

That's not even possible... since we never actually dated.

Look, I'll catch you later, okay?

Like I already said, I'm busy now.

I have to see a friend...

Well!!!!!!...

Not exactly a friend!

After your little chat with Brad, confronting old hornhead will almost be a pleasure.

Why are you stalking me, Darkdevil?

What do you want?

DO MANY PEOPLE COMPLIMENT YOUR CHARMING DISPOSITION?



Can we please dispense with the usual repartee and get right down to business?

What's your complaint with me today?

FEELING A WEE BIT DEFENSIVE, ARE WE?

RELAX! I'M NOT HERE TO CRITICIZE. I ACTUALLY THINK YOU'RE DOING FINE LATELY.



HERE! IT
LOOKS LIKE A GOOD
FIT AND YOU COULD
ALWAYS USE
A SPARE.

But
I...

THERE'S
NO NEED TO THANK
ME. IT'S JUST MY WAY OF
SHOWING YOU THAT I THINK
YOU'VE GROWN AS A
SUPER HERO.

I'VE BEEN
ON YOUR BACK EVER
SINCE YOU FIRST DONNED
YOUR WEBs.

IT'S
ONLY BECAUSE
I WANTED YOU
TO SUCCEED.

You don't
understand...

SURE, I DO.
YOU'VE MADE SOME
MISTAKES-- QUITE A FEW OF
THEM ACTUALLY-- BUT
THAT'S OKAY.

YOU ALWAYS
TRY YOUR BEST.
THAT'S ALL ANYONE
CAN ASK OF YOU.

HAPPY
WEB-SWINGING,
KID!



THE END...
for now!