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# SPIDER-GIRL





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

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Though she still carries a torch for Normie Osborn, May Parker finally accepts the fact that he seems to prefer Brenda "Raptor" Drago.



After her father gives her a spider-tracer, May secretly plants it on her former boyfriend Jack Jameson because she's afraid he is headed for trouble.



When Jack's father is later kidnapped, Spider-Girl finds him by making a deal with Chesbro, an agent for the international criminal known as the Black Tarantula--



--but she is later outfought and overpowered by the new Doctor Octopus.



With the aid of J2 and Doc Magus, Spider-Girl secretly enters an alternate dimension and prevents an alien invasion.

# THE GAMES VILLAINS PLAY!

She explodes into the chop shop with all the subtlety of a nuclear missile.

Guns down, gentlemen. There is no need for violence.

I just dropped in for a friendly chat with your boss.

You may inform him that his 8:00a.m. has arrived.

I-It's that  
**LADY OCTOPUS--!**

I prefer to be called Doctor...

...although I understand your need to differentiate me from my deceased predecessor.

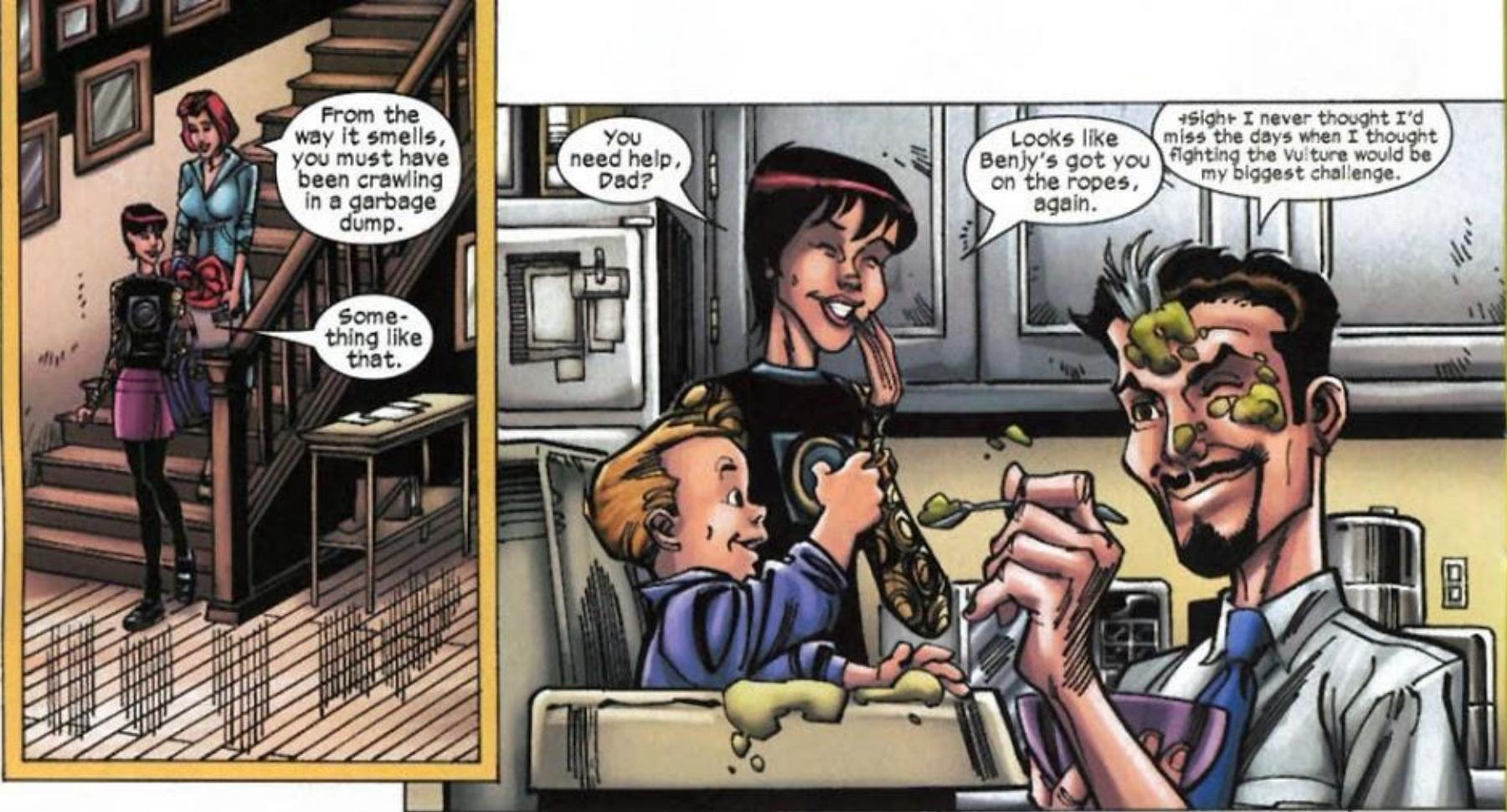


Your name is May "Mayday" Parker and you are the daughter of Spider-Man.

Like many who juggle a dual identity, your life is full of unique and bizarre complications. Some problems, however, are just universal...

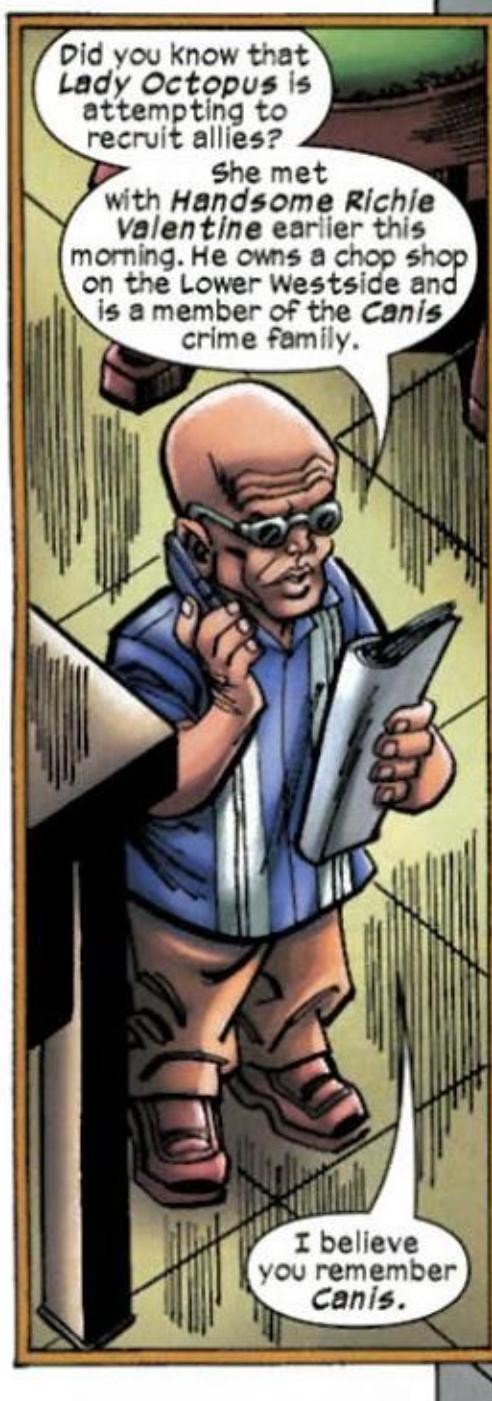


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You spend the rest of the school day in a daze. Between classes, you try to reconnect with Chesbro.



During classes, you worry about Normie and wonder if JJ is really planning to tackle Ock.

You head home as soon as the dismissal bells sound and make one last attempt at Chesbro.

Still no answer.

I know I shouldn't let the Tarantula jerk me around like this, but -ARRGG-



I need to look in on Normie for my own peace of mind.

Since he's still recuperating at Midtown Medical, I'll just pick up my costume and--



Oh, swell! It's still soaking wet.

Thanks a lot, Mom--very helpful!

What am I going to do now?

I can't risk a visit without a mask.



His girlfriend might be there and I don't want her to see my real face.

I know Mom usually dries this thing by air, but I'm in a hurry.

A half hour in the old Kenmore shouldn't hurt it...





You race out of the hospital and wander aimlessly for nearly an hour as your heart tries to jackhammer through your chest.

You knew Normie and Brenda were getting serious, but *engaged*?

MARRIED?!

Either he discovered it--

--or it was accidentally destroyed during a fight.

Maybe he found Lady Octopus and--NO!

You can't let your imagination run wild.

You need to be proactive, girl--and find JJ!

Since you know he's looking for Octopus, you follow up your only lead--Handsome Richie Valentine!

Now would be a good time to check in with your local criminal contacts.

But you don't have any so you're forced to rely on directory assistance--

And, of course, she has to propose on a day when your costume feels snug and makes you look fat.

Desperate to distract yourself, you stop home and pick up your tracking device.

You plan to lock in on the *spider-tracer* that you recently planted on JJ, but...

No luck.

His tracer isn't transmitting.

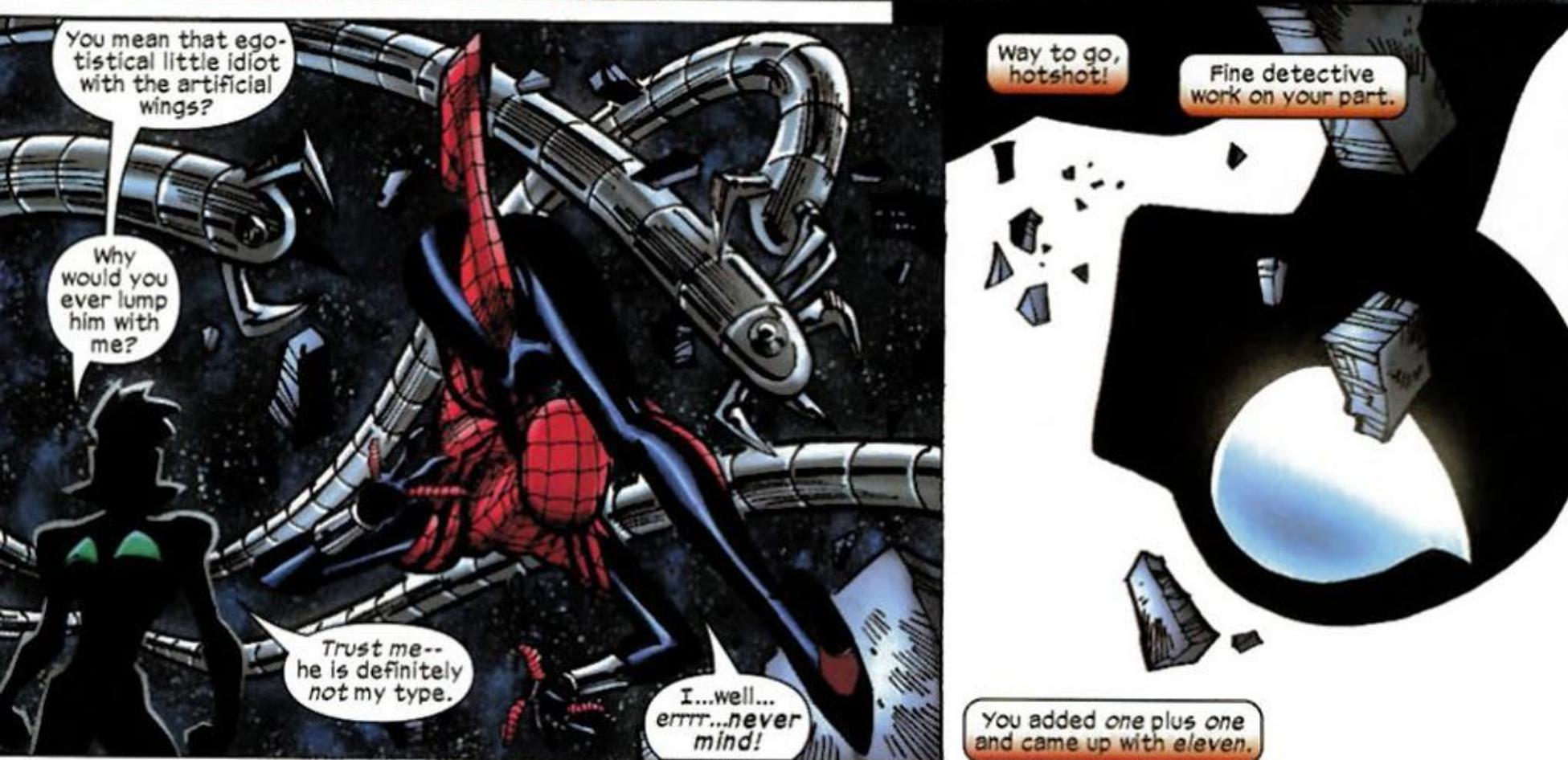
--which gives you the address of Valentine Motors.

How did crime-fighters ever survive before cell phones?

What's this? My left sleeve seems to be coming apart.

Oh, well! A little webbing should hold it in place until--

Uh-Oh!







Talk about a wardrobe malfunction! I'm coming apart at the seams.

I'll bet the *Fantastic Five* never has problems like this.

I guess there's a lot to be said for *unstable molecules*.

**RIBB**

Am I being difficult?

**SORRY!**

Would it help if I came down here? I aim to please.

I also aim for jaws, chests and--oh, no!

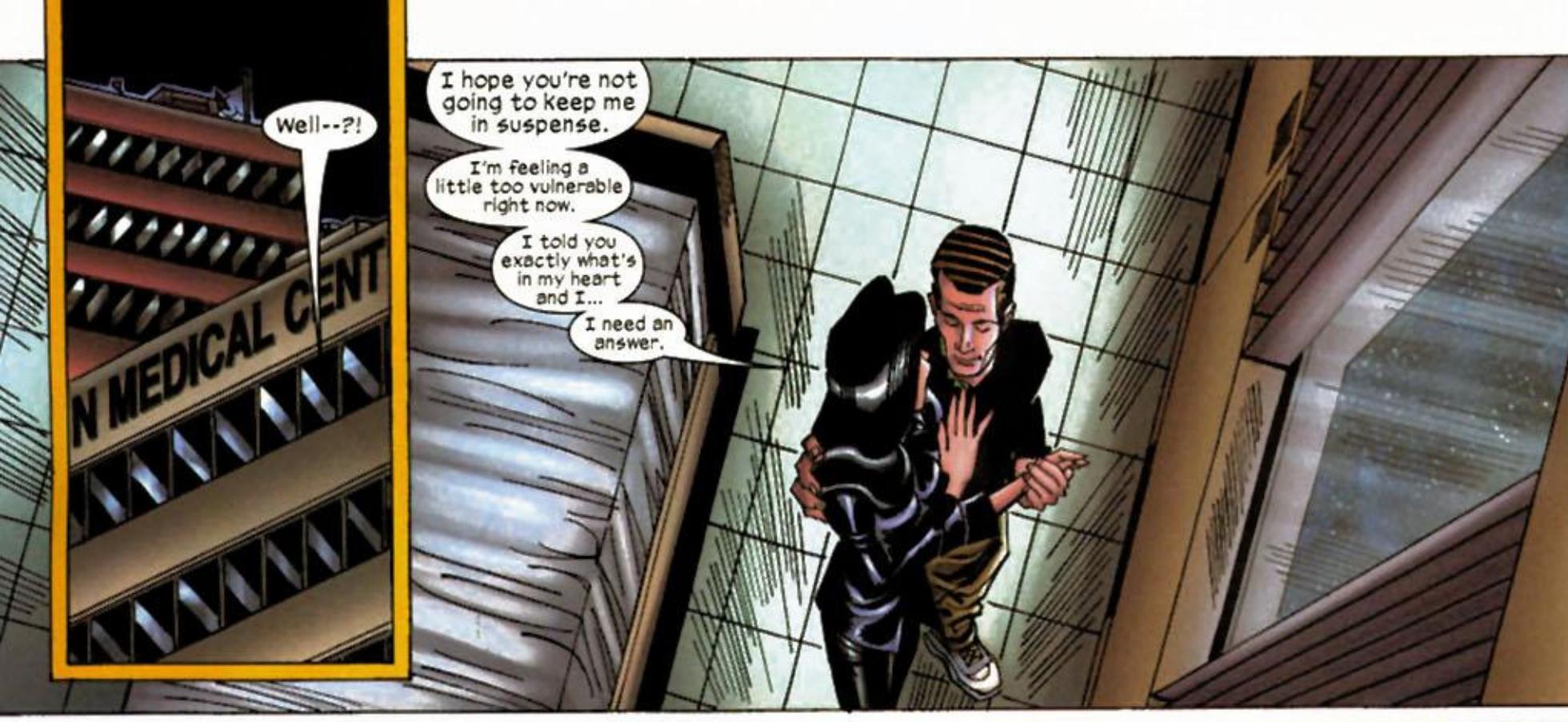
What are ya waitin' for, Marty--Swat'er!

I'm trying--I'm trying--but she keeps darting out of my reach.

I'm going to light you up like the 4th of July.

**GUFFFT**







Uh-oh! Looks like I'm finally running low on sparring partners. I guess playtime is almost over.

Where's the big boss? I want to thank him for his hospitality.

I haven't had a workout this invigorating in months.

Take it easy, young lady. There's no need for any more violence. This has all been a big misunderstanding.

I got bad advice and I'm very sorry.

You can tell your boss that Handsome Richie is anxious to do business with her.

My... BOSS?!

I didn't know you were working with *Lady Octopus* until you suddenly crashed in here.

Honest!

I'm willing to take my punishment like a man--

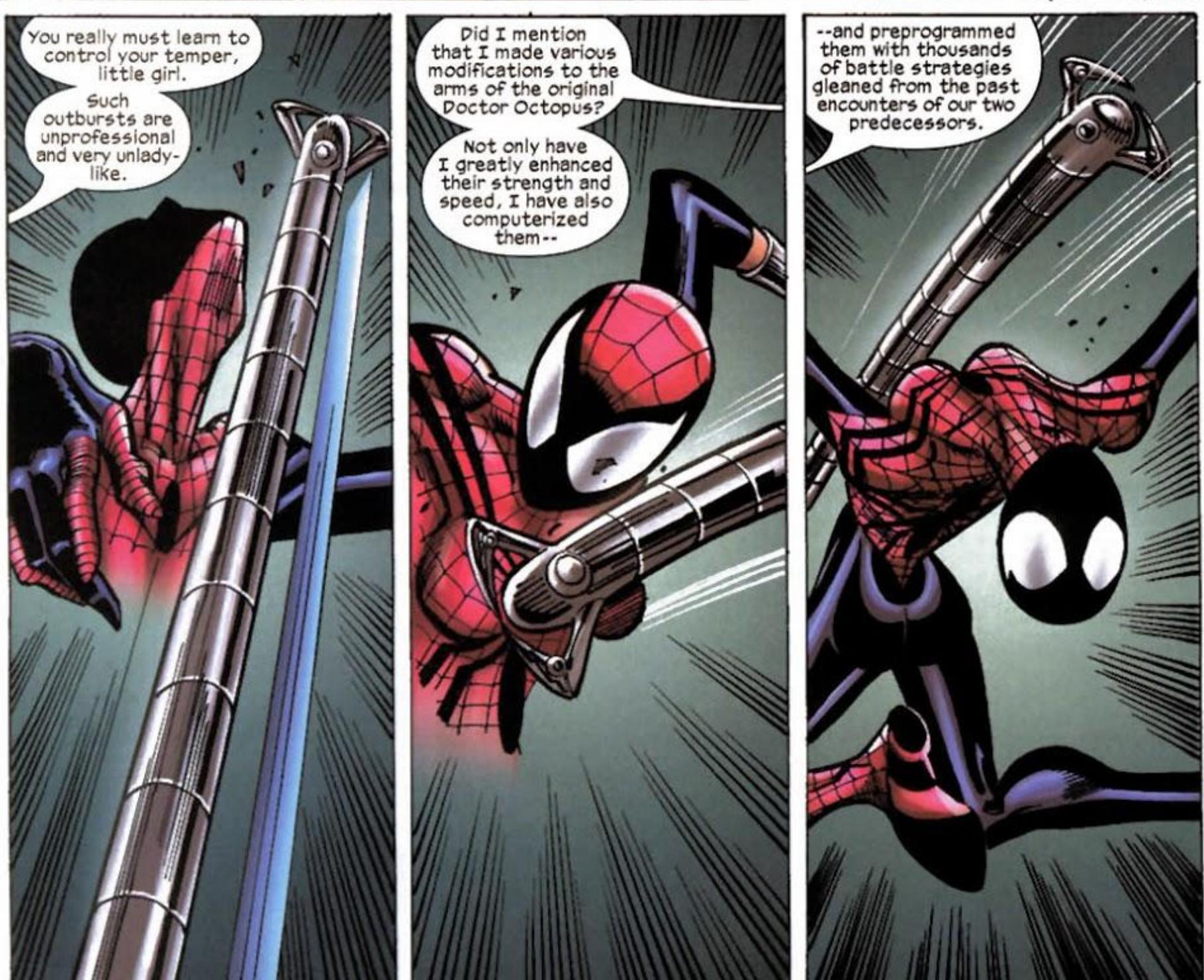
--but please don't hit me in the face.

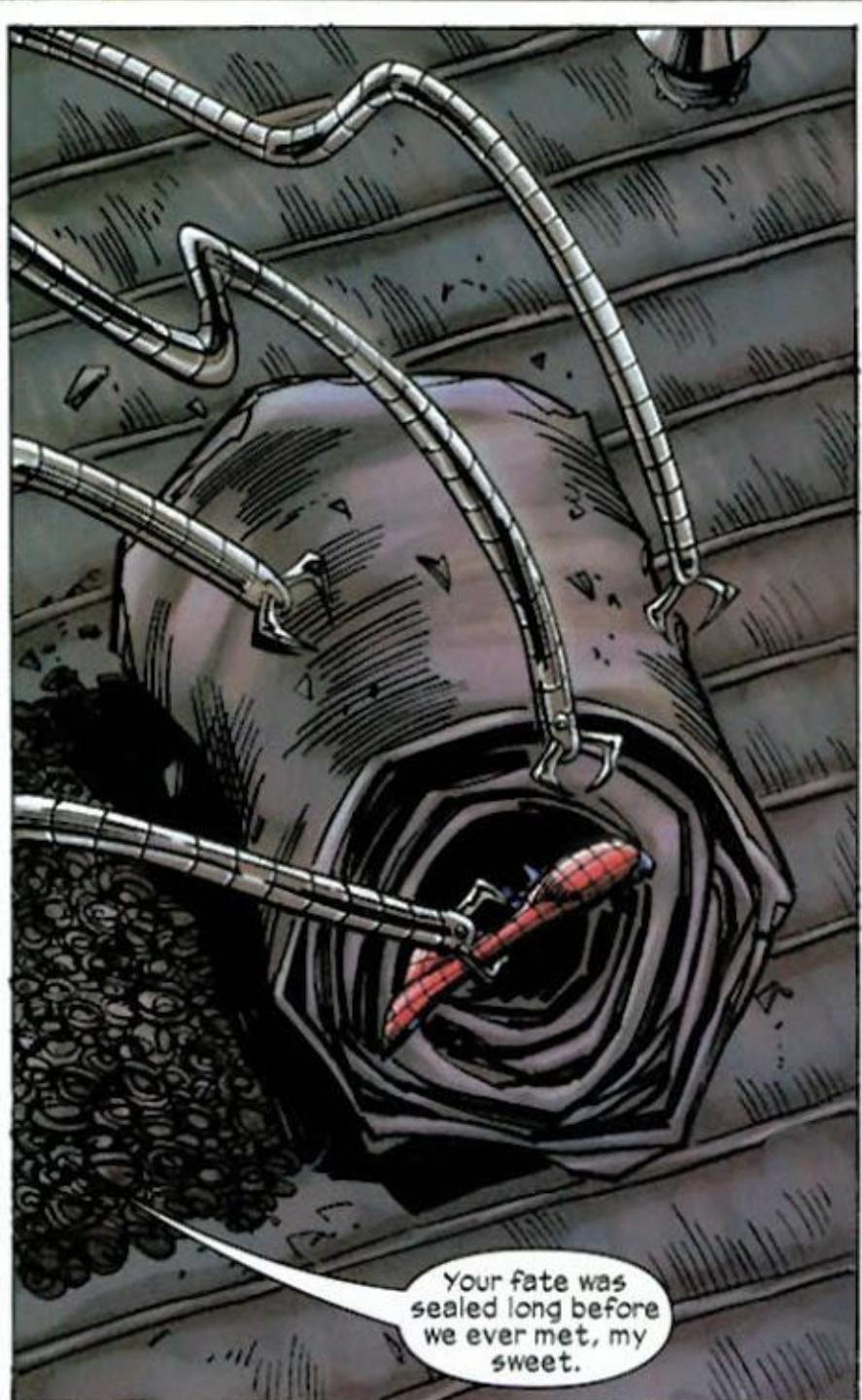
You can break anything except the...

--face?!

Look, I...I screwed up...and I deserve a beat down.











# SPIDER-GIRL

Dear Spider-Fans!

We have big news! Everyone's favorite, friendly, neighborhood web-stunner is finally growing up. Our 75th issue is fast approaching and we've decided to celebrate this momentous occasion by giving our girl a name for her letters page, an exciting new storyline and a dramatic new costume! Strike up the band, alert the media, inform your comic book dealer and tell all your friends because you don't want to miss the festivities when SPIDER-GIRL #75 hits the stands in just two short months!

HOO-HA and thanks for being there!

Tom D.

Hello, Mr. DeFalco and the rest of the team,  
My idea for the letter page name would be  
"Spider-Girl's World".

For many reasons I want to thank you for such a powerful and engrossing storyline with Brad and Nancy Lu, but in particular because this touches upon the old issue of whether or not May is a mutant. We all know the arguments for and against, and people have demanded a definite answer from you. Still you've remained silent and elusive. I want to thank you for that, because the answer people want is unimportant.

One of my parents is Thai. I've been "classified" as everything from Caucasian to Latino to Japanese to you name it. I've had people try to drag me into BOTH sides of the "race issue" at one time or another. (Sound familiar?) I try to explain that I consider my "race" is American and I prefer to be treated as such, but that draws blank looks from people who want a definite answer.

I hope that you and Andy have no future plans to "settle the issue." I feel a real kinship with Spider-Girl when others try to define her by her heritage. I already know who May Parker is—she is a human being—a hero! That's all anybody needs to know.

Thank you all for sticking with this comic during both the bad times and during the...well...even WORSE times. With such a dedicated fan base looking out for Spider-Girl's best interest, how could the future not get better? As Omar Bradley once said, "We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not the lights of every passing ship." Thank you for your continued outstanding work!

John Koerner  
Panama City, FL

Thank you, John! The team and I have always believed that a person should be defined by his or her actions, not by any other designation. Mayday Parker, no matter her race, will still be the same person--a hero that we can all enjoy and admire!

Dear Gang @ SPIDER-GIRL,

SPIDER-GIRL #67 was a classic return to form. I quite enjoyed the two six-parters we had, but this issue

reminded me of why I love this book: It's not afraid to tell a whole story in one issue. If this had been another book, this story would have taken at least 3 issues. What's wrong with having a complete story between two covers? This was classic Spider-Girl at its best.

Some big revelations here as one boy, Brad, ends up being a jerk, and JJ (already a jerk, in my opinion), ends up not being half bad.

May's makeover was overdue. I liked her last look better than the first, and I like this look better than the last. We'll see if she keeps the clothes, though :-)

Thanks for another month of the best Marvel book published, and here's to many more!

Matt K.  
New Bedford, MA

**There's absolutely nothing wrong with a single issue story, Matt. If fact, we usually try to give you a complete story every month—even if that story is part of an even bigger storyline! Hey, comic books are expensive these days and we're always striving to give you the best value for your entertainment dollars.**

Dear Tom,

The new issue of SPIDER-GIRL had me wondering, are the Friends of Humanity still kicking around in MC-2? If they have a membership drive...Brad's a shoe-in!

SPIDER-GIRL #67 was GREAT! It reminded me why this comic has been my favorite title for half a decade!

John Dillon  
Sedalia, Missouri

**YIKES! It's hard to believe that SPIDER-GIRL has been around so long, John. No wonder the company wants us to change our name. If we stick for another half-dozen years, they'll probably want us to call Mayday the amazing SPIDER-CRONE!**

Dear Tom and Crew,

I was a reader when this series started, and due to store/money concerns, dropped the book. SPIDER-GIRL #67 makes me wish I hadn't. The stand-alone stories are what drive this book, with the subplots going and coming from issue to issue. The Davida/Nancy subplot was handled nicely, with Nancy feeling alone and that there was no place to turn to. Too bad May missed her own birthday party. The thoughts of her feeling like she has to grow up are something that appeals to all girls when they reach that point. Excellent work on that one! The Mutie-Hate stuff is interesting and Courtney's foreshadowing of Band Anti-Mutant views was a treat. I'm glad the Sandra subplot isn't over. Howard got what he deserved. But May, with Peter's genes, still feels bad. Nice touch. And the new 'do. I love it! It looks great, and May looks more grown up. I liked the homage to the first appearance of Mary Jane.

Now some questions...

- 1: If Jubilee is a member of the people, is she still a member of A-Next?
- 2: Concerning Buzz, was the flypaper apart of

his original powers?

Zack "Spideyduke" Joiner  
Amarillo, Texas

Jubilee is currently a reserve member of A-NEXT, Zack, and the flypaper was always part of the Buzz's arsenal.

Hey, Tom and the gang!

I have some comments on the recent story arc. I am very impressed with how SPIDER-GIRL has been coming along since its last cancellation threat. I loved the scenes involving Normie and Fisk's struggle for survival, and considered it an interesting take on the "decision between life and death" paradox. The inclusion of Harry and Norman was an excellent touch, and a nice nod to Harry's switch to the hero side before his untimely demise.

I would like to see more of Kane's band of "Second Chancers," as I have always liked the idea of giving criminals one last chance to redeem themselves for past crimes. This appears to be Kane's means of making up for a life on the wrong side of the law. Can he truly make up for all of his past sins? I guess that remains to be seen.

As for the name of this happy little letters page, here are some of my suggestions:

1. Web-Mail
2. Mayday!!!
3. Girl Talk (My favorite!)
4. The Web-Line
5. Nobody's Talking (mail responded to by Mr. Nobody, America's favorite villain!)

Ian Levenstein  
Brooklyn, NY

Trust us, Ian—you'll definitely be seeing much more of Kane and his friends in the coming months! Stick with us! You'll be glad you did!

--Tom DeFalco



## NEXT ISSUE:

SPIDER-GIRL FACES AN ALL-NEW VILLAIN AND SHE GETS CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT, "ALL MEN ARE JERKS!"

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