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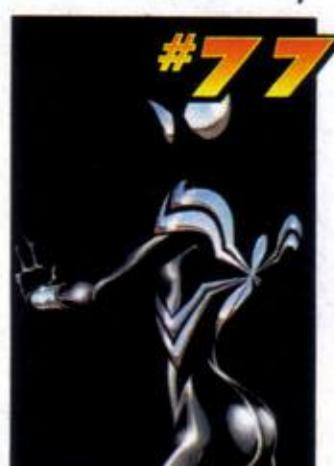
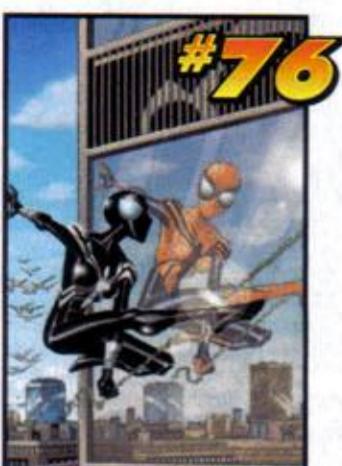
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After being kidnapped by Élan DeJunae, Mayday's friend Normie Osborn decides to pursue his relationship with Brenda Drago. While Mayday and Davida Kirby put aside their differences and renew their friendship, Courtney Duran learns that her boyfriend's father may be seriously ill.

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Some days just kind  
of get away from you.

You were minding your own  
business as you headed home  
to baby-sit your little bro--  
which is one of your great  
pleasures in life--when suddenly  
**WHAMMO!**

You stumble on a  
daring daylight robbery.

What's a  
girl to do?

There's only one real  
answer when your name is  
**May "Mayday" Parker--**

--and you are  
the daughter of  
**Spider-Man.**

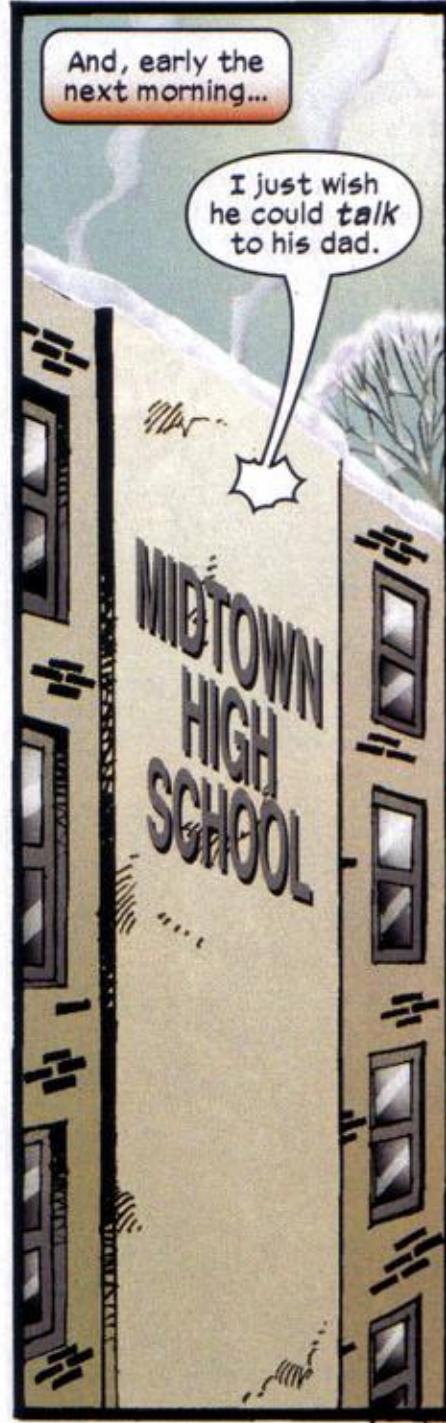
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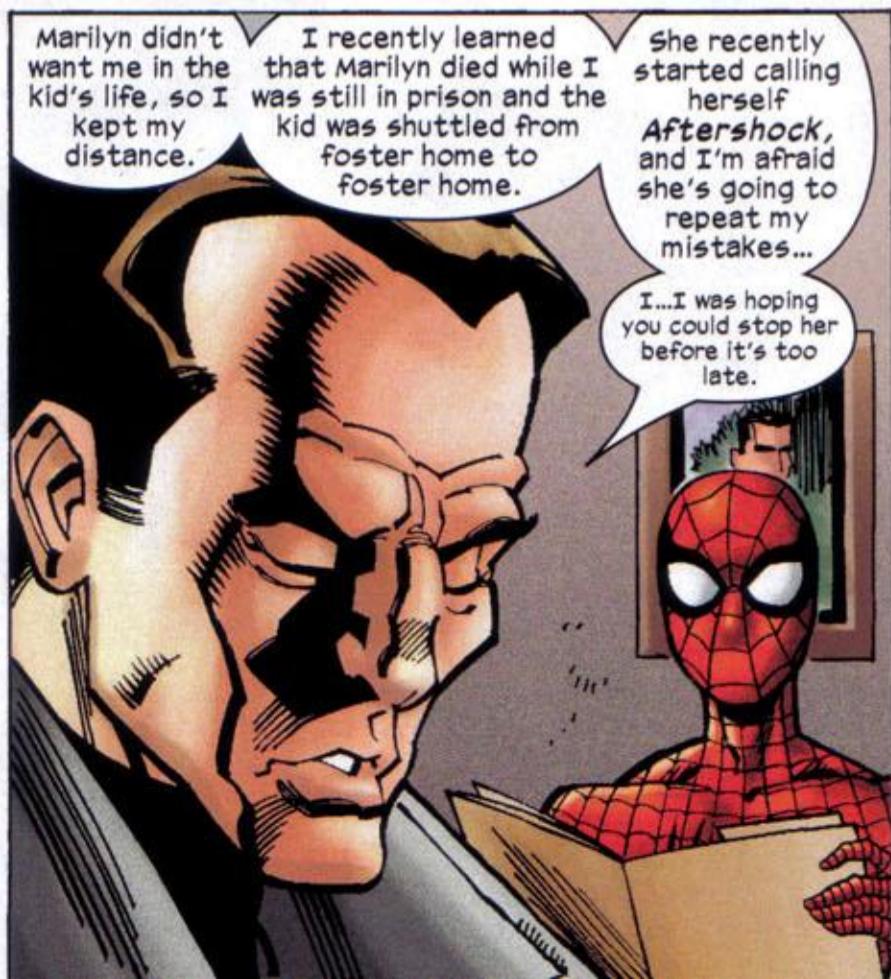








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Thanks to the files Max gave me, I've managed to construct various computer models of their different electrical auras.

Yes, that's why their electric auras are yellow instead of the usual white.

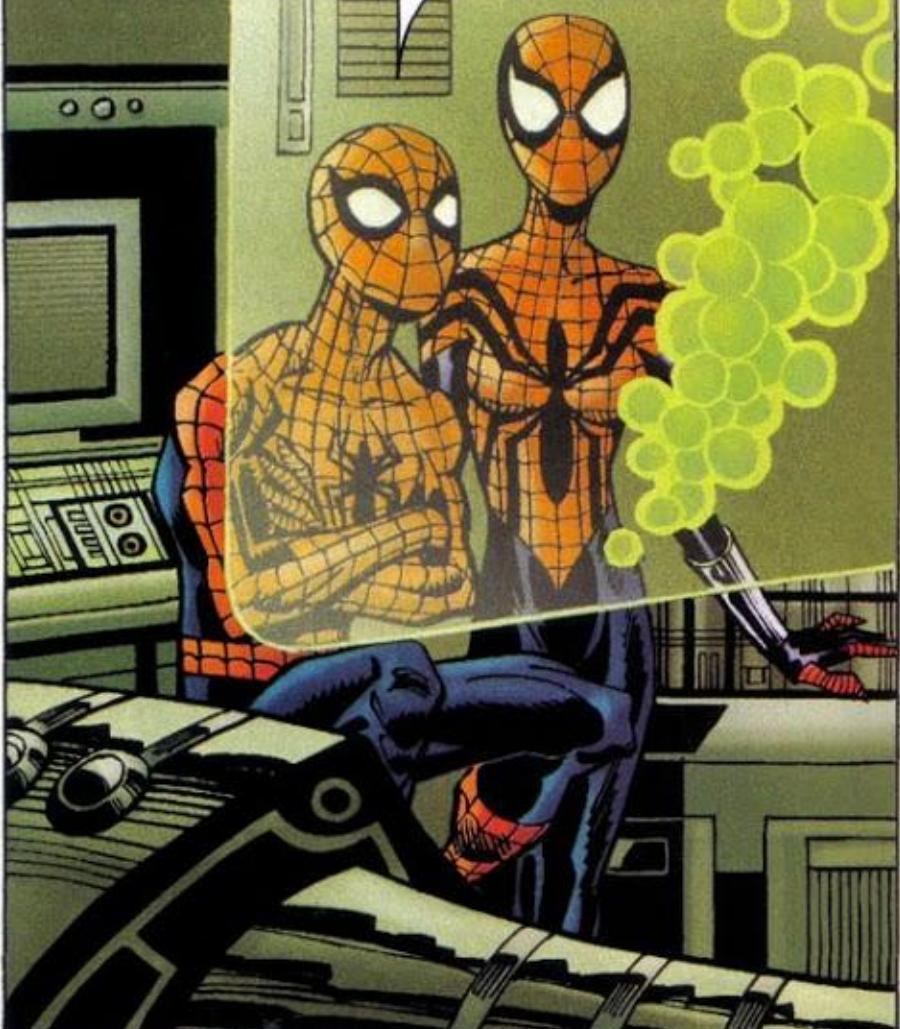
According to your notes, Electro and Aftershock actually manufacture their own unique forms of bio-electricity.

I can't imagine what life must have been like for them.

The thought of not being able to hold your own child...

Y-you've got to find a way to fix this, Dad.

Y-you've just got to...



I know, hon...and I think we can both help.

Please excuse the intrusion--

--but the other Avengers heard that Spider-Man was on the premises and insisted on seeing him.

Any chance you're signing autographs?

I've always admired your work.





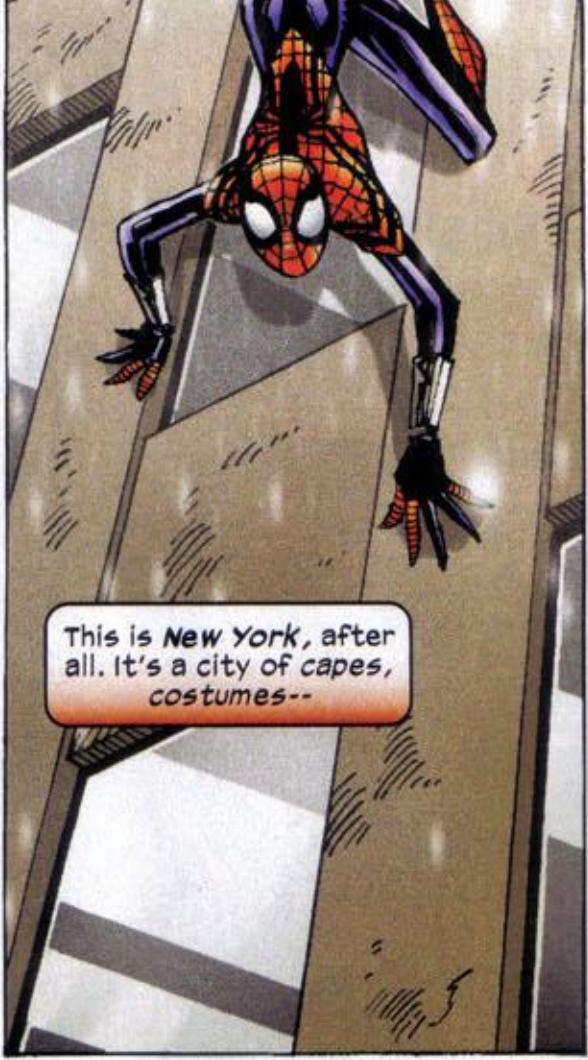
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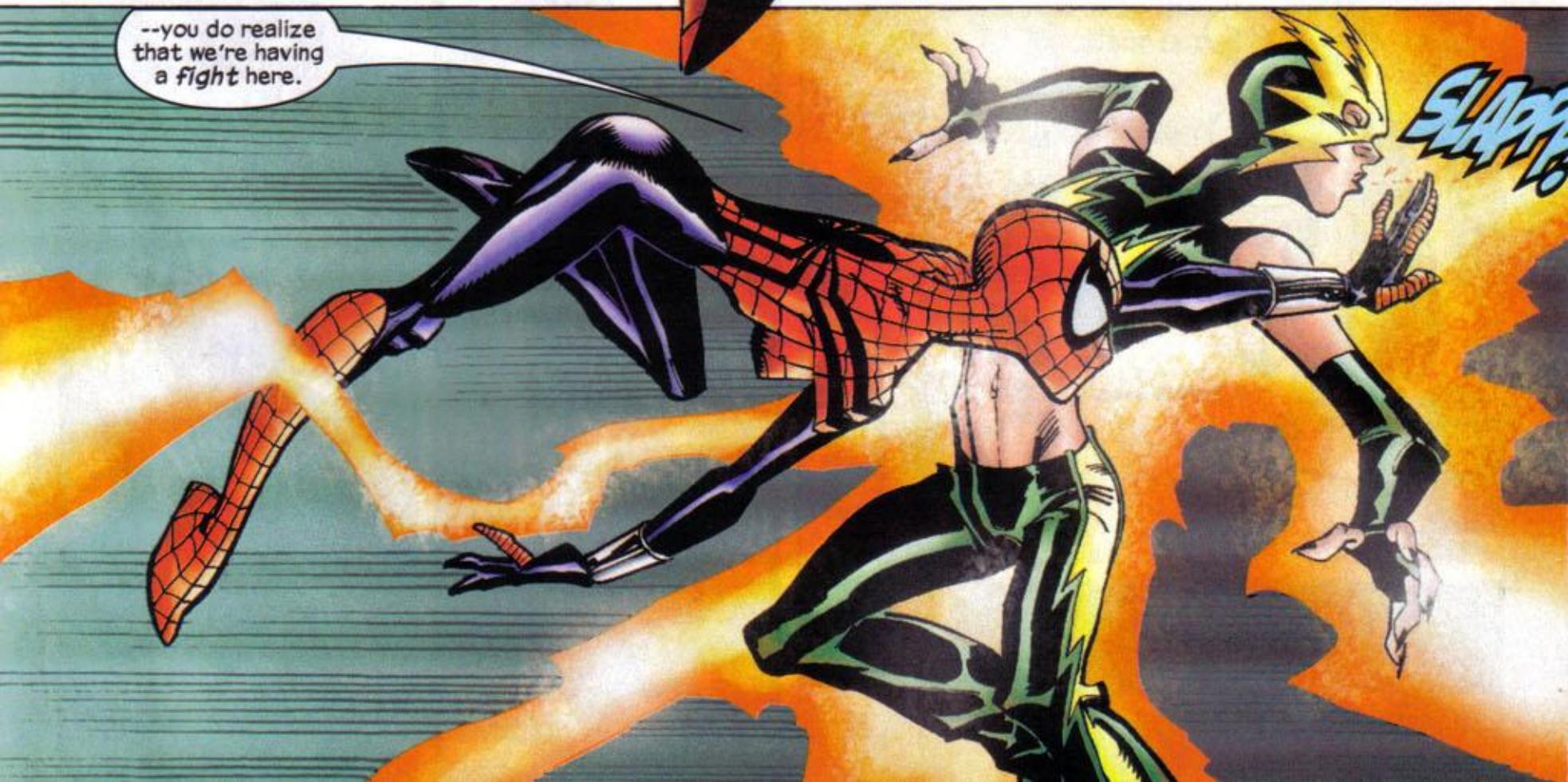
You scour the city for nearly an hour before a familiar tingle captures your attention...

But you don't call your dad.

There's always a chance you've stumbled on some other super-menace.

--and shattered dreams!







Our Quinjet is already in the air, Spider-Girl.



We'll be at your location within minutes.

What was I thinking when I came to you?

Your plan is crazy, webhead.

It'll never work.

You need to trust me, Max.

Sure, we tried to beat each other's brains in over the years, but I never lied to you.

You have to do exactly what I said.

So that's where you've been hiding!

I've decided to give you the biggest hug--

--And MELT the flesh right off your scrawny bones!

Scrawny--?!

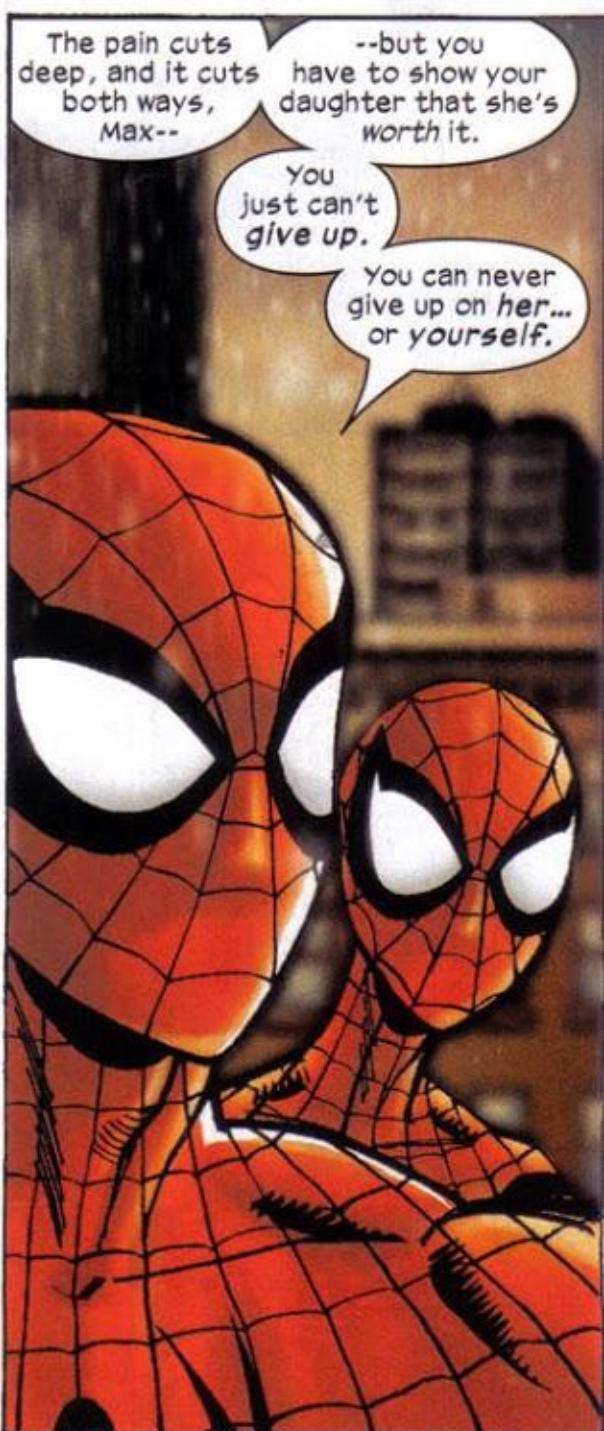
You really think I'm scrawny?

I always thought this costume made me look fat.

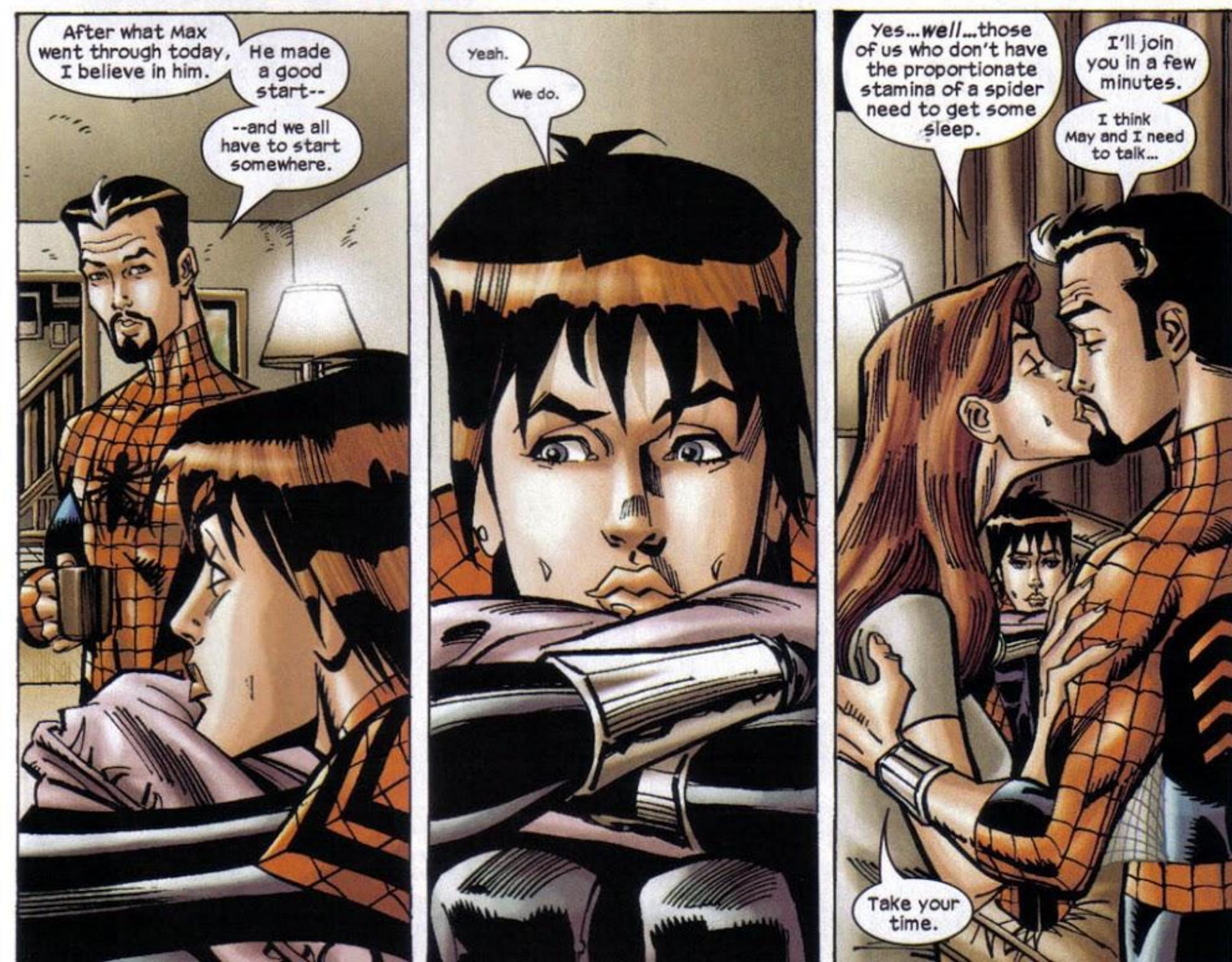
Spandex is sooooo unforgiving.

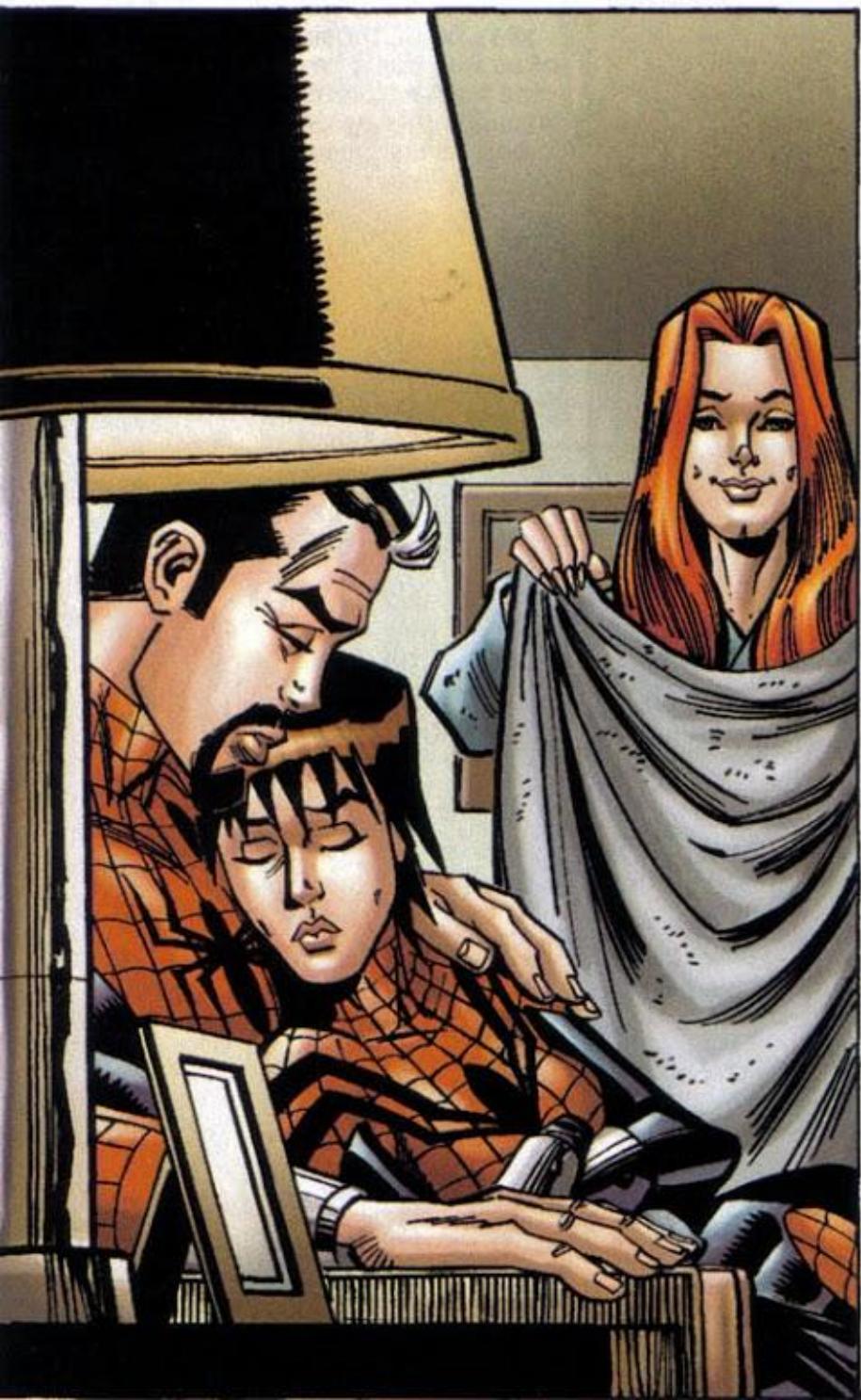












Hi, everybody. It's time to pull out one of my favorite snapshots from the old photo album to illustrate another installment of...

# SPIDER-GIRL AND HER AMAZING FRIENDS



## Davida Kirby

**REAL NAME:** Davida Jacqueline Kirby  
**HOMETOWN:** Forest Hills, Queens, NY  
**CURRENT BOYFRIEND:** Richie Robertson  
**KNOWN RELATIVES:** Mr. Kirby is some kind of investment counselor, and Mrs. Kirby is a vice-president in a public relations firm. Davida also has an older brother named Derrick who currently attends Empire State University.

**FAVORITE MOVIES:** *Shakespeare in Love*, with *Titanic* a very close second.

**FAVORITE AUTHOR:** Davida reads a lot of fashion and sports magazines, and she secretly adores J. K. Rowling and devours cheap romance novels by the score.

**FAVORITE ENTERTAINER:** A toss-up between Janet Jackson and Jennifer Lopez...although I suspect she also keeps a sharp eye on Jessica Simpson.

**FAVORITE SPORT:** Basketball...but she also plays softball and used to really be into soccer. She's only interested as a player and has never been much of a spectator.

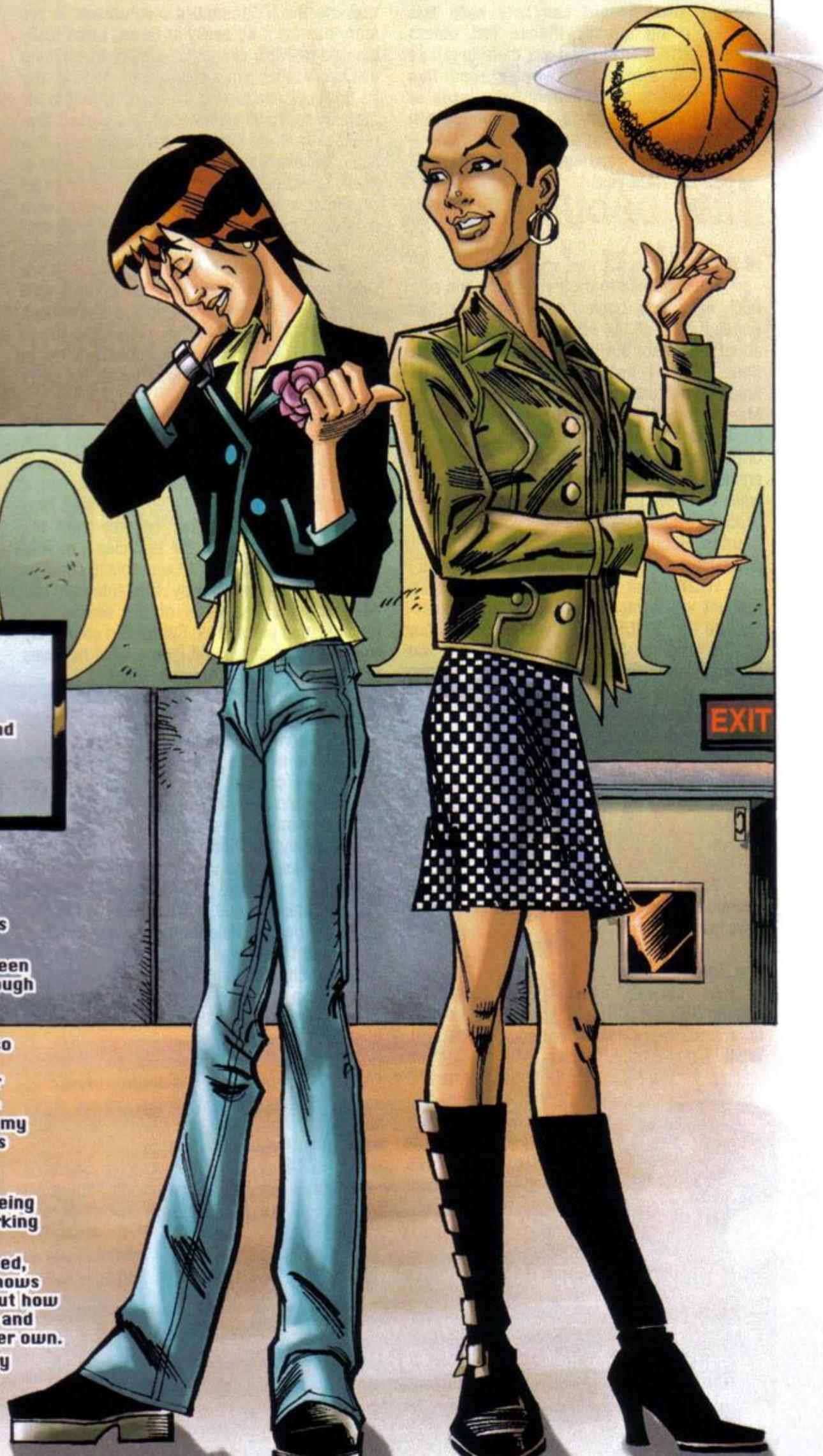
**FIRST MEETING:** I first met Davida when my mom signed me up for soccer when I was in the second grade. We started out as teammates and quickly became friends.

**CAREER GOALS:** Davida is torn between being a professional basketball player and working in public relations like her mom.

**HER BEST FEATURES:** Davida is very focused, organized and methodical. She always knows what she wants and can usually figure out how to get it. She's also a great team player and usually puts the team's welfare above her own.

**HER WORST FEATURES:** Davida can be very stubborn at times and has a tendency to trample anyone who's in her way. She also has a tendency to treat boys like disposable objects.

\*Mayday's outfit suggested by John Koerner.



# MAYDAY'S MAILBOX

Greetings, Spider-Friends!

I'm Nicole, your friendly neighborhood SPIDER-GIRL editor, starting with this very issue. I'm excited and honored to be editing a book with such an enthusiastic group of fans.

I want to know what you like about SPIDER-GIRL, and how we can make it better! Your support can help keep this series going strong. Please tell others about SPIDER-GIRL, and ask them to tell us what they think. After you've read this issue, pass it on to a friend! An issue of SPIDER-GIRL is also a great holiday gift that won't break your budget.

Thanks for reading, and I look forward to hearing from you!

--Nicole

Hi Spider-Girl,

I just wanted to drop you a line and say I really enjoy your book. I collected Spider-Man (indeed, most of the Marvel Universe) up until about '95 or so, but I ran out of money at the time. When I heard that you had started rewriting his history I was really frustrated with Marvel. Rewriting the history of a character is wrong to me and does an injustice to the original character. If you want a new hero, create a new hero, don't ruin an old one. So while I've been trying to collect the back issues of all the original series up until your misguided "Heroes Reborn", I thought I would never purchase a new comic book from Marvel again.

When I first saw SPIDER-GIRL, my first thought was a facetious "Oh my." But when I realized that SPIDER-GIRL was a continuation of the original Spider-Man's story, I was intrigued. SPIDER-GIRL brought my Spider-Man back to me. Indeed, the whole MC2 universe brought Marvel back to me. To me, MC2 is more like a continuation of the original universe, and the current "regular" Marvel Universe is the alternate one. I especially enjoy the Fantastic Five and hope to see more of them.

Tracy Saboe

Your wish is our command, Tracy! Johnny and Lyja Storm will appear in our very next issue!

Hey, Tom and crew!

As much as I loved #59 and #66, in my opinion SPIDER-GIRL #78 was the best climax to a multi-issue villain story arc since #50. While I don't think a dark tone is right for

SPIDER-GIRL, I had no problem enjoying this arc. Her questions, self-doubt and out-of-character actions in #75 made me eager to pick up the next issue because the internal conflict itself gave me hope. The forces

arrayed against Spider-Girl by Black Tarantula were very complicated and even more suspenseful on a character level than even the "Marked for Death" story in my opinion. #77 was perfect in the way Spider-Girl was finally able to outwit Black Tarantula and discover the truth that I caught myself cheering her on. But #78 was very powerful indeed. While I admit that the Black Tarantula's involvement in the story has felt a bit heavy at times, I was really pleased with his character in this issue. Doing evil acts makes him a villain, but knowing why he does evil and seeing the corrupt twist in his morality made him a monster and a guy I love to hate. Truth be known, I envied Kaine in this issue because I wanted to throw a few fists at Black Tarantula too! And what a conundrum he presents...a dark force that can't be beaten with fists, that can't be won over with words and one who will keep on coming back to haunt Mayday because he is interested in her. It's a Gordian Knot for Spider-Girl to unravel with very relevant themes. I doubt that a relentless monster like Black Tarantula is gone for good with this issue, but I think he would be better in "smaller doses" in the future. After all, his webs of intrigue run far and deep.

And I love the way he was penciled compared to Spider-Girl. While she had slick racing highlights, Black Tarantula's suit was a flat black that really sucked the eyes into a disturbingly empty void. I also really liked how dangerous Lady Ock had become with the weaponry at the end of the tentacles. I'm very glad to see that Spider-Girl was able to conquer her in such a symbolic way. This entire arc has been about a seduction of the senses and manipulating perception. Spider-Girl could only triumph when she could ignore what her eyes told her, and go with her instincts.

I'm certainly no fan of "unrestrained" writing that explores random topics which doesn't serve the greater needs of the story (one of the reasons why SPIDER-GIRL is one of the few comics I've consistently enjoyed with each and every issue), but ironically I look forward to more one-shot stories in the future. I really enjoy the Hoo-Ha action of seemingly random villains who serve as thematic echoes to Mayday's personal life. I'm really glad to see Mayday making a real effort to become her old, lovable "friendly neighborhood wall-crawler" again, and I can't wait to get back to exploring the other characters in Spider-Girl's world that we've seen only in passing this past year. How's Nancy Lu coming along at the X-Mansion? What's Moose up to these days? Is Brad the bigot everybody thinks he is? How's Davida? Is Meagyn socializing more? Is Felicity's relationship with her parents doing any better? Are Jimmy and Heather still seeing each other? Are Turtle Ragone and Ralphie Hicks in Juvie hall yet? And is Sandra's relationship with Howard any better? You guys have made me care about these characters, and I hope we get back to them.

John A. Koerner  
Panama City, FL

John, you'll be happy to hear that we intend to touch base with everyone...eventually.

Dear SPIDER-GIRL Team,

I really enjoyed issue 78. Plots have closed, while new ones have opened. Just what will Elan do to get Normie to come back to the Goblin legacy? May's reaction to this will be priceless. She may end up taking on Elan along with the entire Scriers. I'm also glad to see the Black Tarantula plotline close...for now. I was honestly surprised to find out that he apparently has romantic feelings for her, and isn't just using her. His code of honor wouldn't allow him to lie to her like that I assume. Is May flattered or angry about BT's confession?

Jason Walker  
Greenwich, CT

That's a good question, Jason...but we suspect that even Mayday isn't ready to answer it, yet.

Thanks for being there!

Tom D.

## Mayday's Fashion Parade

We would like to thank our first two Fashion Parade Winners. Amy Mauer suggested the fashions that Mayday wore in this issue's main story and John Koerner submitted the fashions that appeared on our Amazing Friends page. If you have some fashions you'd like us to use, please e-mail or mail them to Spider-Girl's Fashion Contest. (Yeah, we know that the fashions are for Mayday, but we don't want to confuse the guys in the mailroom.)

## NEXT ISSUE



Venom is back, and this time he's targeting Spider-Girl's closest friends!



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