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Though keenly aware of every conversation and social interaction that flows around her, she casts nary a glance at any of her classmates as she trudges down the halls of Midtown High.

So few of them have ever deigned to acknowledge her presence--

Her name is *Meagyn Brady* and she doesn't belong to any of the popular clubs or cliques.

Why bother?

--and most aren't even conscious of her existence.

She has no real girlfriends and the boys have yet to discover her.

Like far too many other lonely and ignored teenagers, Meagyn Brady is...

AN INVISIBLE GIRL



For reasons she can't quite define, Meagyn senses a kindred spirit--

Although Felicity should be thankful-- at least her mother seems to care about her!



Your name is May
"Mayday" Parker.

Wait up,
Hotshot! I wanted
to show you the new
sonograms of your
baby brother.

I... I'd
really like to
see them, Mom...
but I... I'm kind of
in a rush right
now.

I was
hoping to stop
by the hospital and
catch a quick visit
with Courtney
before my first
class.

Well,
then you'd
better hurry...
and please wish
her my best!

We can
always get
together
later.

Yeah...
Sure.

You give your mother
a half-hearted smile,
knowing full well that's one
date you'll never keep.

You are the daughter of
the one, true Spider-Man
and you have a bad case
of the galloping guilty --

You recently learned
that she's been keeping
secrets from you --

-- important facts
about your childhood --

-- and so you decided
to return the favor.

-- because you've been
deliberately going out of your
way to avoid your mom.



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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Your mom would totally freak if she knew that you were secretly meeting with one of your dad's old sparring partners, the man called Kaine--

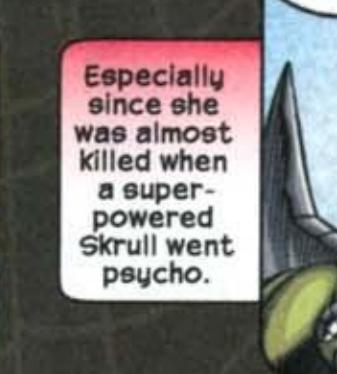
--and his friend Alison Mongrain, the woman who took care of you when you were kidnapped as a newborn.



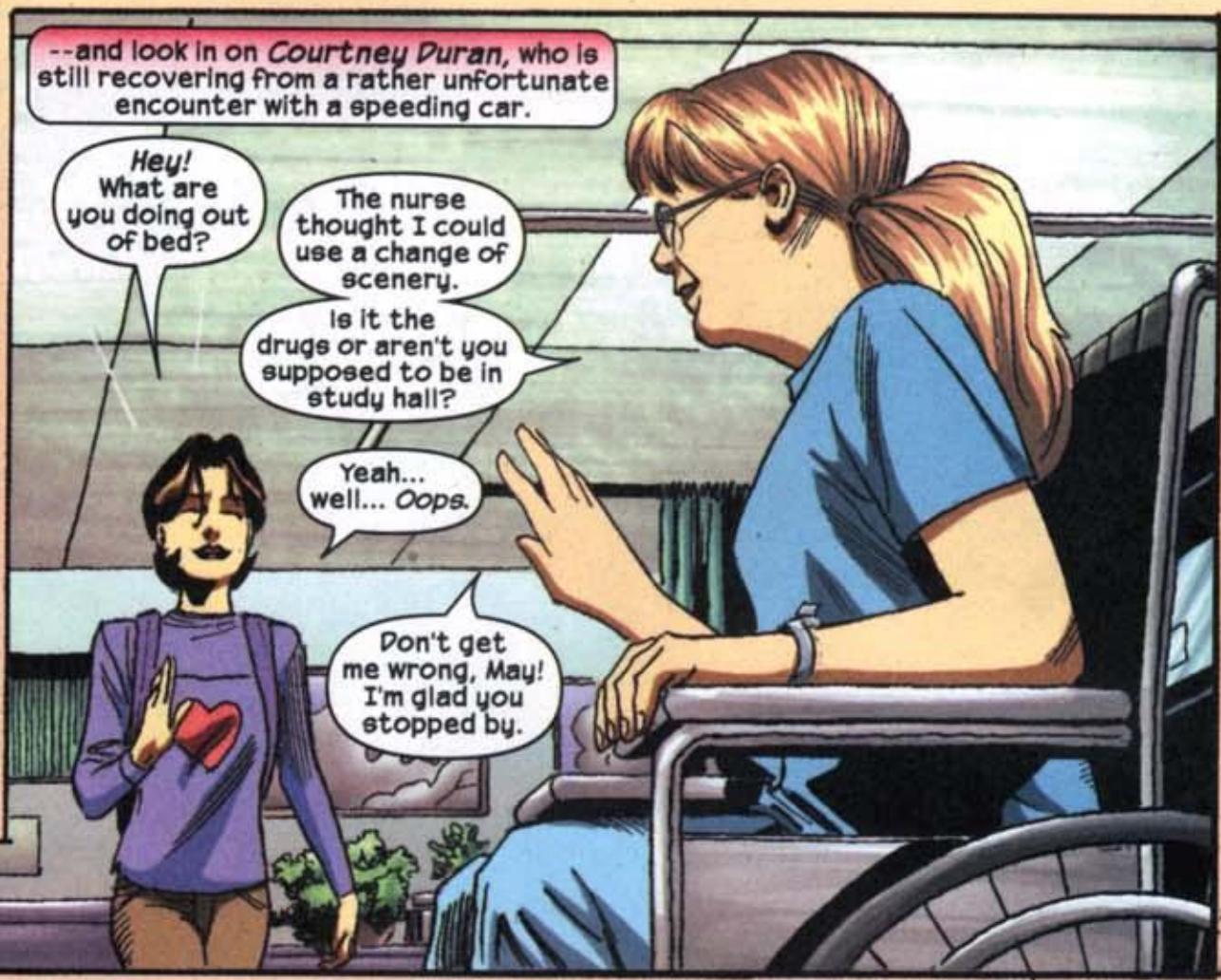
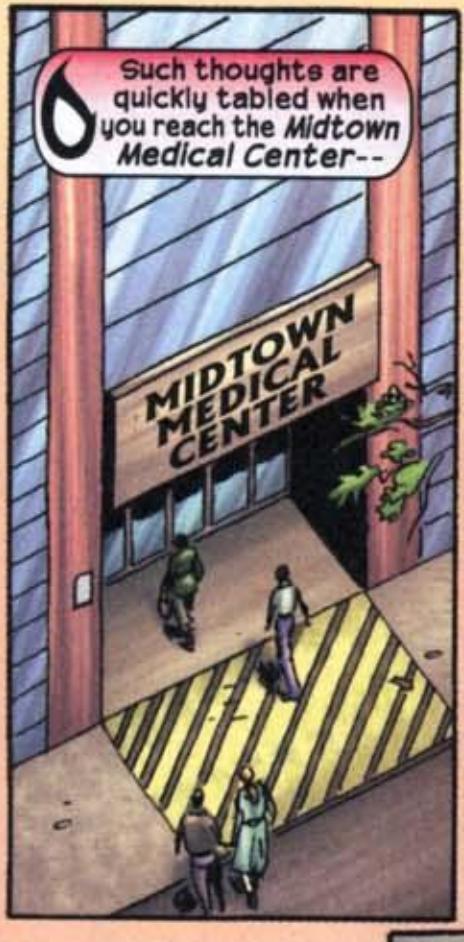
Hey, your mom is still pretty upset with you for allowing Felicity, the daughter of her good friend Felicia Hardy, to become the new Scarlet Spider.



Especially since she was almost killed when a super-powered Skrull went psycho.



Come to think of it, you haven't even seen Felicity since she was almost trashed during a misunderstanding with Kaine.





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You react instinctively, pulling Courtney to safety with barely a second to spare.

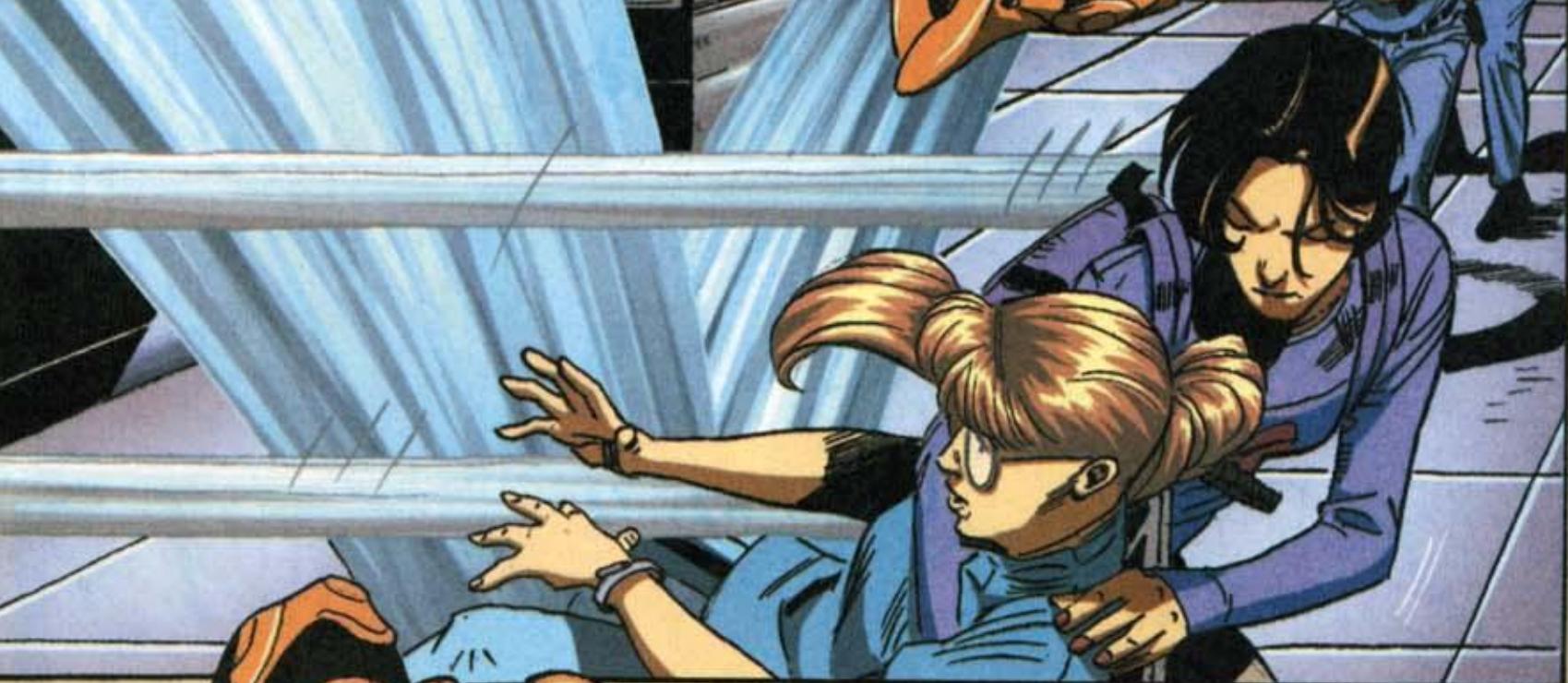
Hey, guys! I hope you didn't get the wrong impression.

I'm not avoiding you because I'm, like, scared or anything.

I just heard that there was a really cute nurse on this floor and wanted to check her out.

That's enough, buster!

You're coming with us.



I don't think so.
You're headed for the emergency room--

--but my route includes a flagpole, a parapet and a few store awnings.

As much as you want to nail him, you can only stand and watch as the thief bounds across the rooftops.

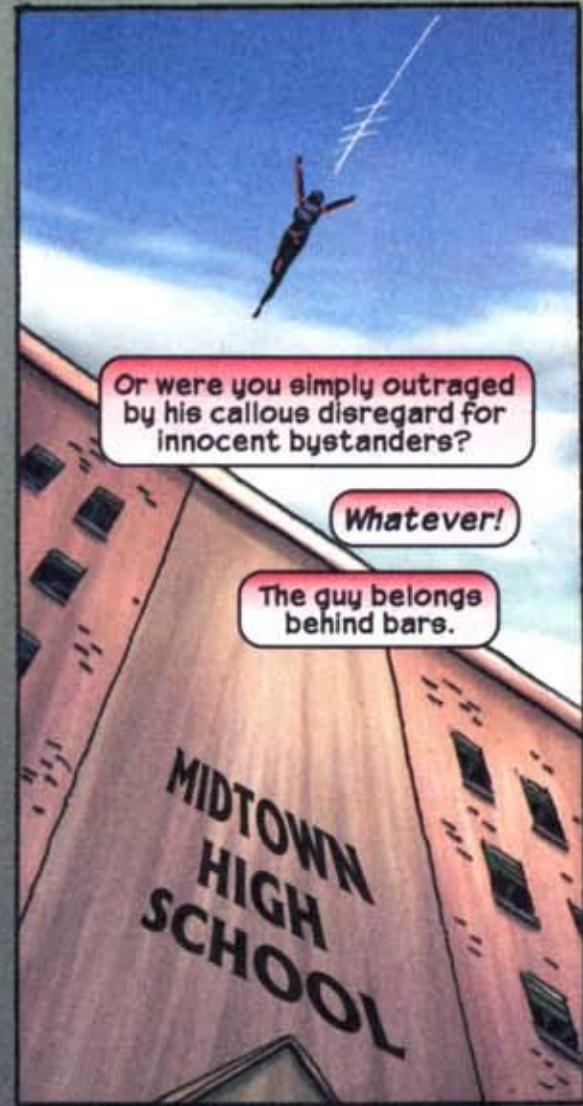
By the way, my name's Quickwire.

Please try to remember it when you regain consciousness.

I expended a lot of effort on this heist and I'd hate for someone else to get credit for it.

Your first responsibility is to Courtney.

Once you've made sure that she's okay and settled her back in her room--





MIDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

"Although," Meagyn muses, "Parker isn't stuck up like the other popular kids."

"She actually smiles at me in the hallways--"

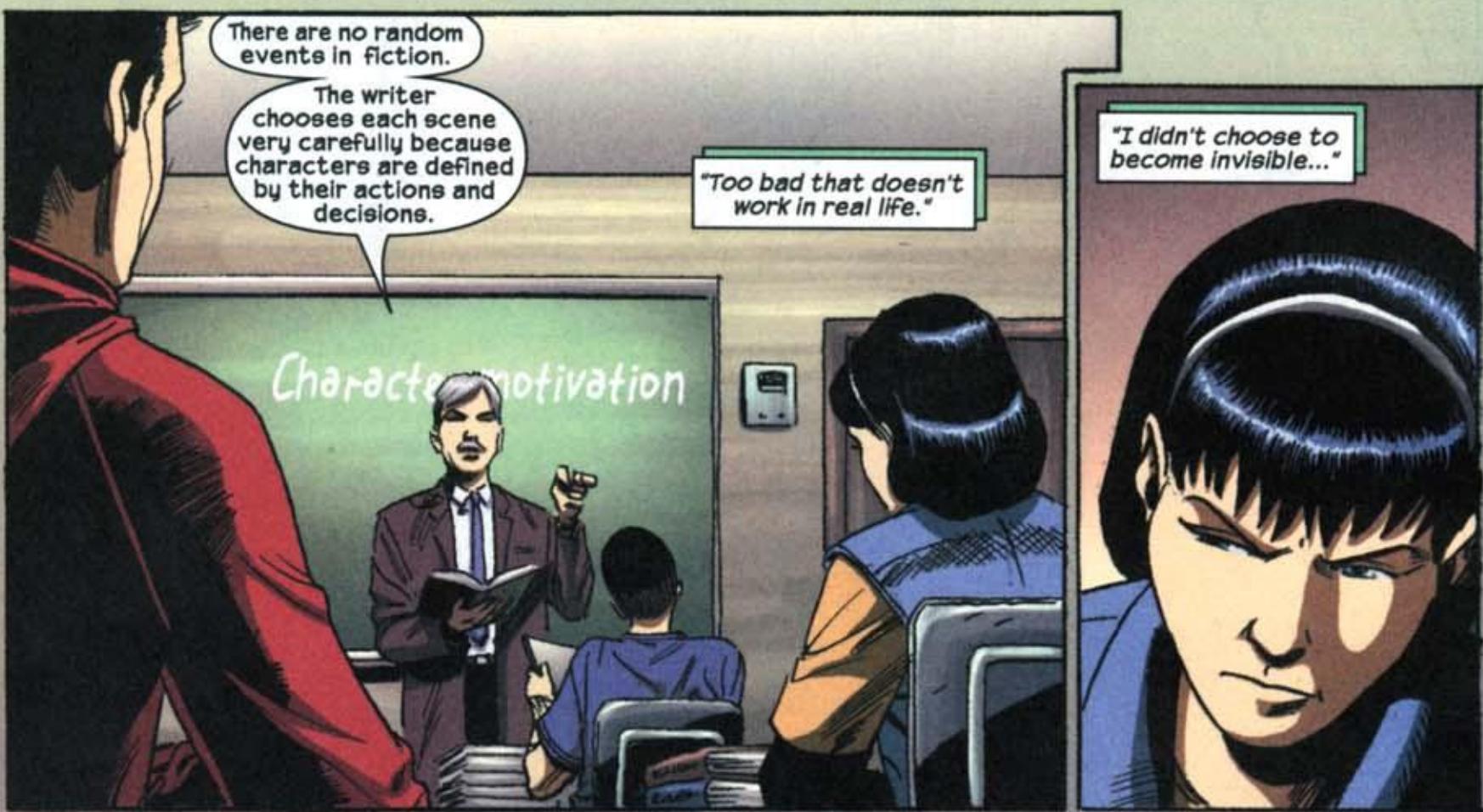
--and has even picked me for her volleyball team in gym."

There are no random events in fiction.

The writer chooses each scene very carefully because characters are defined by their actions and decisions.

"Too bad that doesn't work in real life."

"I didn't choose to become invisible..."



"It just sort of happened when we buried Dad..."

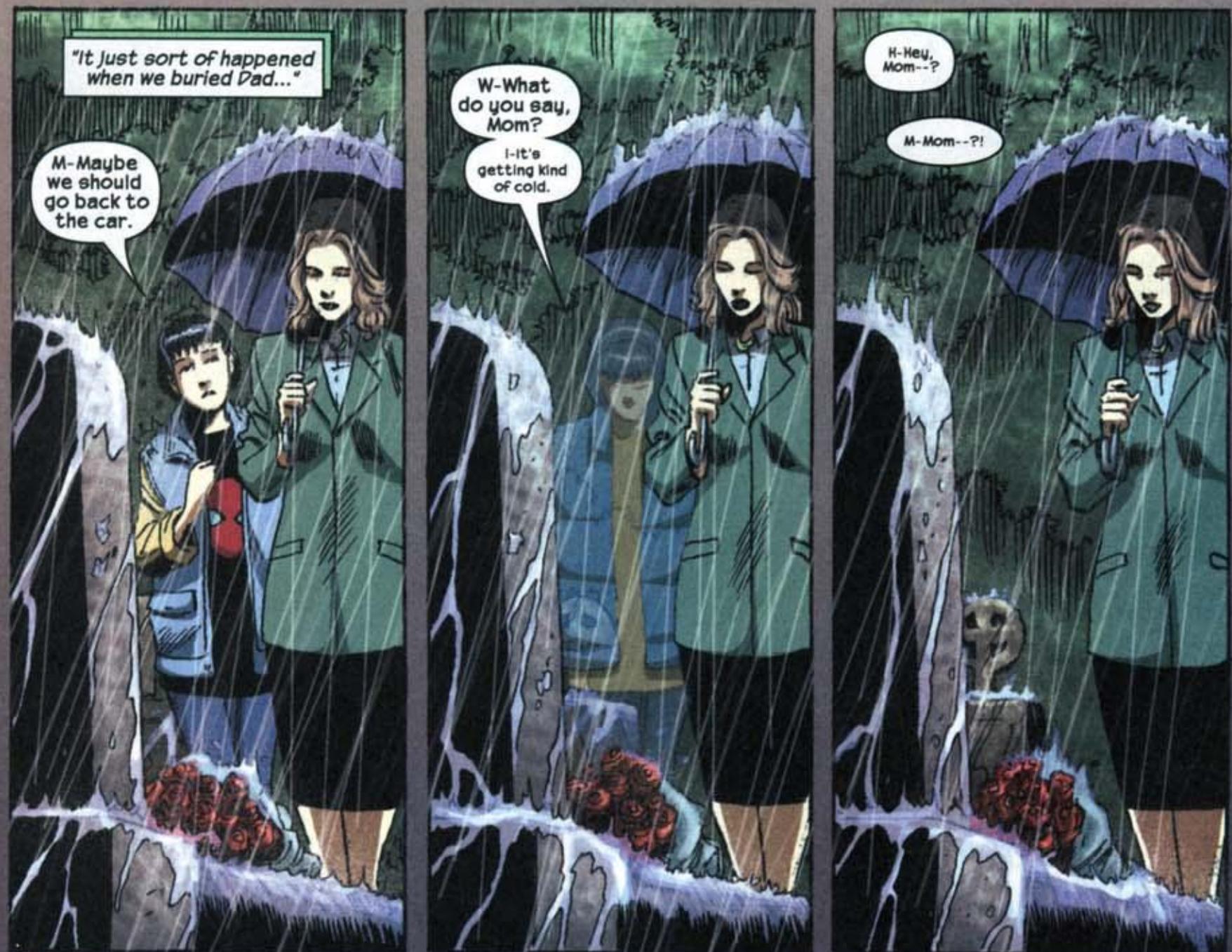
M-Maybe we should go back to the car.

W-What do you say, Mom?

I-it's getting kind of cold.

H-Hey, Mom--?

M-Mom--?!





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"So fine," Meagyn muses, "that I'd rather spend my afternoons haunting the school halls than go home and face--"

I guess we should start with the police report.

And you know how to get a copy?

"Felicity's related to that Felicia Hardy?!"

My mom's the *Black Cat*, remember?

"No wonder Parker's sucking up to her."

"I've got to hear more about this game they're playing."

Seems he stole some rare prescription drug.

What's it used for?

I'll check the manufacturer's homepage.

Okay...

But you might want to lower your voice.

"Does Parker think I'm eavesdropping?"

"Nah! There's no reason for her to suspect me."

"Poor Felicity! Having a celebrity for a mom has got to be rough."

If I understand this jargon correctly, the drug is some kind of super-steroid.

It's currently restricted to hospital use because it requires strict medical supervision.

There's an authorized distributor in our area.

You up for a little fieldwork?

Only if you promise to stay on the sidelines.

Deal!

"This game seems awfully complicated..."

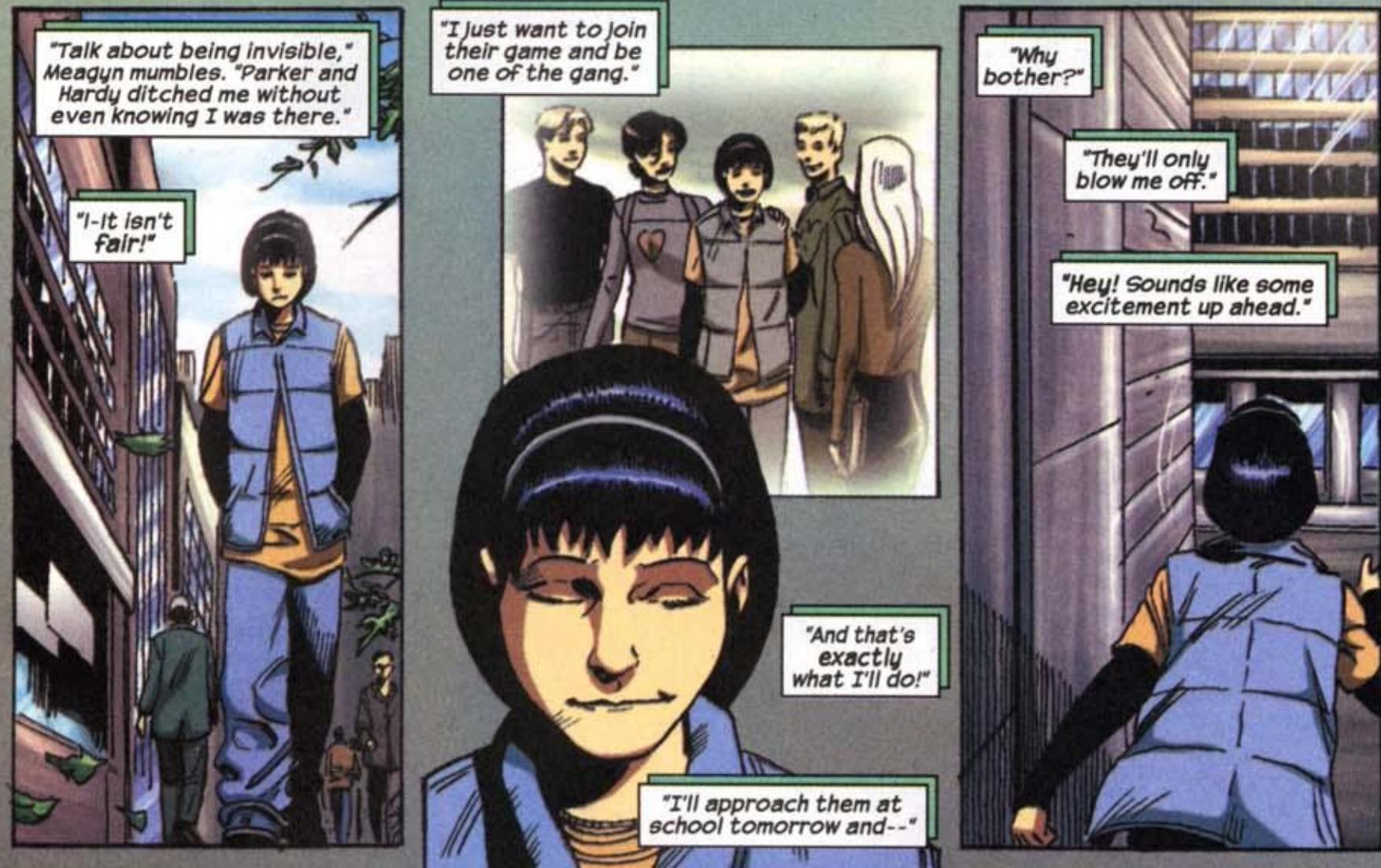


"I thought they ducked down this alley, but I must have been mistaken."

"They couldn't have just disappeared on me..."

"Could they?"









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"For a day that started out so badly," thinks Felicity Hardy...



"Parker has finally begun to respect me and I actually proved that the Scarlet Spider can be useful on--"



How did your meeting go with the guidance counselor?



She agrees with you.

I hope you're happy now.





