

NYC1999 Plot Log (Ref.'s:)

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UNRESOLVED PLOT THREADS:

- MJ, Petey, Spidey and Petey's ambulance are missing. Captain America says they are on an off-world mission unrelated to 9/11.
- 9/11/99 - wave of red magic swept Earth. <1% of people affected, ~30 Visions Academy students (5% of 600) are affected.
- NYSR is a dominant player in NYC media. The boardrooms are flustered. The streets are vibrant.
- Mayor Giuliani (now known widely as 'Ghoulian') is in jail. So is Mystique.
- Vampire Jeffrey Epstein is a fugitive from the law.
- The mecha-suited anti-vigilante security force (AVSF), mostly NYPD cops, and crews of masked thugs, are using fascist tactics.
- Who is God of War? (from West Africa) Why is he sending animated corpses to NYC?
- Anansi the Spider Spirit (from West Africa) can sometimes be summoned by Jackson.

13) (Fri. 9/5 GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 2, plus 1 for street cred in the identity used in the fight on the school plaza
- Villains: Frederico 'de Broglie' Cavallo, John 'Moon Shadow' White, Bienevedes 'Confetti' Guzman, Cyrus 'The Pet' Pettygrew
- New NPCs: none
- New Kit: none

Fri., Sep. 13, 1999: *First, a not so brief history (with some retroactive continuity) of current events -*

Tuesday, 9/7, Visions academy restarted with a school assembly to welcome new students and willing parents. Rules were explained (honor system, attendance, housing, etc.) Student and teacher mentors were assigned and greeted new student teams. Kool's painted murals (depicting Trump, Epstein, Ghoulian and others committing crimes and abusing children) gave NYSR a reputation boost. The school principal, Vision, emphasized that all students are peers and this should be a community of equals working towards excellence.

Wednesday, 9/8 - Friday, 9/11 were boring school days, homework, street patrols, and NYSR training without a mentor or leader.

Saturday, 9/11, seemed almost normal until the red wave swept Earth. Then the night was chaotic. Justice League and Avengers members that could survive on Luna went there and investigated the origin point. News about this is just speculation. Other major heroes spread around the world to put a lid on things. NYC also has issues. The Anti-Vigilante Strike Force (AVSF) is on the streets, and there is a curfew.

Sunday, 9/12 - The fight in Central Park's Bethesda Plaza is televised. Giuliani starts by making a case for amnesty, then goes rogue. NYSR and Captain America defeat him as Venom on Venom, capture Mystique, and destroy a dozen direwolves. Kool shows her full photonic body and adopts the name **Prismatic**. Jackson is scary good until he is taken down. Krafty shows her full Mecha form. Sk8 gets some footage of riding down a rainbow. The TV news goes wild with this, showing clips out of context, especially of Captain America talking to NYSR and offering to stand in for Peter B. Parker. This is broadly misconstrued as NYSR being adopted as junior Avengers. Kool uses photonic magic to do more murals. They are even more compelling. Their images of Ghoulian becoming Venom on Venom and NYSR defeating him lead the news. This is taken as a sign of

hope amidst global chaos. The news is mostly talking head BS. Locally, schools are canceled and people are asked to stay home on Monday. (Captain America asked NYSR to stay low lest they be associated with crazy folks that just gained superpowers.) There is disturbing footage of AVSF beating up 'mutants' that look abnormal but seem benign.

Monday, 9/13, Daytime curfews are enforced. A few Avengers returned to NYC to help Captain America and the AVSF get things back to resemble normality. Schools are declared open and the curfew ends. (Donald Trump is railing on TV and in ads that NYC is still in chaos and needs on-going martial law, and that he's going to run for President in 2000. People don't take him seriously.)

Tuesday, 9/14, School resumes. Fellow students are gobsmacked by NYSR getting Captain America and becoming junior Avengers. The school principal, Vision, makes an announcement over loudspeakers to emphasize that this was not true, and all students are peers with equal status. Nevertheless, the NYSR kids all get broad adulation (temporary +3 to street cred). Several Visions students also gained superpowers last weekend. The school struggles to keep a lid on things.

Sk8's mom wants to end the rent on his summer apartment. He argues back that he needs the space for the machines and inventory for the fashion business he is working to develop. She is not convinced. He has until the end of September to find a place for his stuff or put it in storage, because the two-up dorm rooms are way too small. One option would be to move it all to the Parker's penthouse on Park Avenue East. He is already a caretaker there and has full access to the building. (The other caretaker is George Stacy, a brawny former NYPD lieutenant and father of Gwen Stacy, who is also known to be off-world. George is good friends with the Parkers, and works as their driver and security detail.)

At school, In the school lobby, a diminutive boy with bad posture named Cyrus Pettigrew is especially twitchy and creepy as he tries to suck up to Kool. She sends him to Krafty, who sends him on a snipe hunt. Back in the lobby around lunchtime, Confetti brags that his powers are the best, and NYSR is second rate. Moon Shadow drops through the ceiling 5 stories above and adds his powers to the claim. Cyrus goes over and sucks up to them, and they accept his support. De Broglie comes out in a lab coat and also says his powers are better than the NYSR kids. He creates a mind link with Sk8, who is trying to de-escalate the confrontation. The link supports willful sharing of words through the vocal cortex as a voice in the head, but not the 5 senses. Failing to dent the reputations of NYSR with the building crowd, Moon Shadow challenges Sk8 to a contest - first one on the roof wins. Confetti shows off his paper-control powers, turning the stack of papers in his hands into a colorful cloud that blinds everyone in it except him. Then he teleports to create a new cloud using paper from the school bulletin board. Cyrus gets a bag from a trash can and picks up lots of the paper, but there is still quite a mess. Jackson and Confetti go to the roof. Pettigrew drops his arm. Using waited actions, Sk8 wall-rides up to the 5th floor in one second, goes up the last flight of stairs and opens the door to the roof a second later, and skates over to Jackson and Confetti. Moon Shadow is already there, because he leapt through the roof and solidified on it in the same second. De Broglie apparently had a mind link to Confetti, because he and Confetti declare Moon Shadow victorious at almost the same time. The crowd of student onlookers is not happy that NYSR lost. The bell for the start of classes rings. NYSR and the 4 rivals agree to continue this on the plaza in front of the school once classes are over.

There are over 100 students on the plaza after school. Parents are picking up students at the curb. (Buses load on a side street, and many students live in the dorms.) Moon Shadow expressly selects Kool to diss, saying that she's just a girl with delusions that art skills are a superpower. Big mistake from the suburban noob. Kool unloads her street lingo all over his sorry ass, doing it with such skill that the crowd both laughs and cheers.

This much humiliation triggers De Broglie and Confetti into all-out power demonstrations. Sk8 tries to de-escalate, but De Broglie draws a shield from under his labcoat and attacks Krafty. He fails at using his control of E-M radiation to burn out the motors at her wheels. Despite his effort to be sneaky, Jackson sees this and throws his stick. This cracks De Broglie a good one, stunning him. Using the bag of paper from Cyrus, Confetti creates a large swirl to conceal himself, Cyrus, and several others. Krafty knows what made her motors almost overheat, but is frustrated by the confetti cloud. She takes out a can of WD-40 and demonstrates a flame thrower. People cringe back at the thought of all that confetti catching fire. Kool gathers colors to turn into Prismatic and float into the air like Storm. She casts a field of swirling colors that more than engulfs the one from Confetti. Finally recovering from humiliation that had him stunned for several seconds, Moon Shadow tosses a last insult that comes off to the crowd as 'curse you meddling kids' from a Scooby-Doo villain. Then he goes desolid and floats off, muttering something about going to steal from the nearby branch of Chase Bank. Confetti changes his colorful cloud to protect himself and his three compatriots. Now they all seem to be able to see through the paper storm, while the NYSR kids cannot. That seems rather unfair, so Krafty lights it up. Whoosh! The confetti effect goes up in a flash. Three of the rivals and Jackson are left blackened and smoking, but otherwise unhurt. Krafty considers adapting her goo-shooter to suppress the confetti, but cannot quite see how to affect such a large area. She pulls out her squirt gun and tries to adapt it. Converting the nozzle to a flat spray seems possible, but she is slow to figure it out. Kool suggests cutting a 22 degree notch across the opening, then goes towards the school. Confetti, Cyrus and DeBroglie decide to follow Moon Shadow away from the conflict, ending it. Cyrus didn't do much during all of this except abort to stupidly blocking an attack, taking the damage, and then standing next to his new friends ready to block other attacks. Later, people recall hearing him eagerly panting "Boss, can I hurt them now?" but not getting a response. Prism comes out of the school lobby with a firehose and cleans the area. Other NYSR help mitigate the mess. The only one hurt was De Boglie. He has a minor bruise from Jackson's well-aimed baton toss. On a later call, Captain America congratulates the NYSR team on de-escalating the situation and clever usage of the firehose. "Stay on-call tonight. It won't be long before that new crew gets worked up enough to try something stupid."

12) (Fri. 8/8 (Spider-Day :- GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Captain America(Sean), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 3 (everyone granted 200 base points for their mid-power builds)
- Villains: Mystique, Ghoulani, and Epstein's dire wolves
- New NPCs: Wilson Fisk (The Kingpin), Bane, the symbiote, Steve Rogers (Captain America)
- New Kit: TUX the mecha

Sat., Sep. 11, 1999: At 1.5 seconds after midnight, UTC, (9/10 at about 6 PM EDT in NYC,) a red wave flashed through the city. Many people were affected by silver threads, but not major superheroes. Avengers and Justice League members have set out. Those able to fly in space are on Luna to investigate. Others are dealing with incidents where mostly unremarkable people that suddenly gained magical powers have started to rampage. Captain America stayed back to protect New York. Hearing that Mayor Giuliani called a meeting at Bethesda Terrace to hand out pardons to Eddy Brock (AKA Venom) and Bane (the villain addicted to Venom), Cap heads there and infiltrates from the south. The NYSRs are invited.

Meanwhile, the NYSRs meet at Spidey's penthouse and discuss their effects from the magic red wave. Kool and Krafty were affected, getting a big power boost (250 and 200 base points, respectively). Jackson was unaffected. No one knows about Justin Martin. Sk8 got silver threads under his skin, but no real change. His thoughts have a mental trapdoor, and he can open it. What is on the other side?

Sunday, 9/12/1999, MJ arrives at her penthouse on a hover platform and volunteers to fly the NYSRs to the pardon party. Jackson senses something different, but not evil. Was she affected by the red wave? Turns out it was Mystique. She makes the platform vanish over the Bethesda

fountain. She and the NYSRs fall from 70m up. Cap races in to jump up and catch some falling kids. Kingpin jumps from the terrace to the square, opens a secret door inside the cast iron frieze, and escapes underground. Ghouliani is absorbed by Venom and Bane fits him with a Venom backpack. Then Bane and Brock also jump down and escape. Ghouliani powers it up and triple boosts (gaining SPD 6 and +30 AP to stats.) He stretches an arm out, makes a lucky grab on Cap, and squeezes him for massive damage (15d6). Then he monologues about crushing these meddling kids. The NYSR's and 'MJ' start falling. Mystique briefly drops her shapeshift so she gets credit for this evil deed, then morphs back to MJ. Krafty has TUX morph into a mecha suit and starts calculating ways to mitigate impact velocity. Kool sucks all the color from the area (reverting it to pencil lines except that Cap's shield is unsullied), and uses it to make a rainbow bridge. (Cap wonders whether Thor or Heimdall will appear, but they do not.) Slowly moving the rainbow, Kool grabs Sk8 and Sk8 grabs Jackson. Unfortunately, Jackson misses grabbing his bike. It falls and is rather broken. Adding insult to injury, vampiric direwolves pour from another secret door in the frieze and race over to attack the falling heroes. Cap, realizing he is physically screwed, uses his PRE and Persuasion to distract Ghouliani. He is let go and attacks the 10 direwolves hitting 8 at a time with his shield. Krafty lands her mecha and is unhurt, while it takes minor damage to a laser system and computer. Mystique rides the mecha to the ground and jumps off unhurt. She turns into a direwolf and tries to run away. No one is fooled. Krafty attacks her with her goop gun and she dives from the area. Kool brings Jackson and Sk8 to the ground by leaping (falling) from one rainbow to another. Jackson jumps off first and attacks Ghouliani. His blows are telling, but Ghouliani is super-tough. Sk8 joins Krafty in attacking Mystique while she is down. They both hit, and Mystique is gooped and damaged. She reverts to her dark blue form and extrudes a new tentacle to attack Sk8. This works, but exposes her to more attacks. She takes more damage and retreats within the entangling goop for protection. Kool switches to a fully photonic body and fires lasers from her eyes. Cap keeps attacking the Direwolves, fighting them 8 to 1 while 2 attack Ghouliani. Ghouliani tries various methods of attack and defense, but mostly proves his inexperience with the Venom on Venom abilities. He finally lands a blow on Jackson and does some damage. Then a direwolf unexpectedly switches targets and lands a massive bite on Jackson, one-shottting him to oblivion. Everyone teams up against Ghouliani and they finally take him down. The gnarly direwolves are already greatly damaged by Cap, so they are defeated quickly with combined efforts. (GM handwave.) They revert to the corpses of random street dogs as they are defeated. Krafty uses her DJ skills and mecha speakers to drive Venom back into his containment vessel. Ghouliani deflates to a pathetic pile of sorrow when the Venom injection pack is removed. Cap and others try to help Jackson, but it looks grim. Real FDNY paramedics arrive and stabilize him for transport. NYPD troopers show up and take Mystique and the pathetic Ghouliani into custody. Acting Mayor is now Marc Green, the Public Advocate and City Council President.

Captain Steve Rogers magnanimously compliments the New York Street Rangers for skill and bravery as real superheroes. He mentions that his intel says that the trio of Parkers are now off-world. He speculates that it is an important mission but honestly does not know what it could be. He exchanges phone numbers (can be taken as a contact) and offers to do some tactical and combat training once Jackson recovers. Kool reverts to a normal body and restores color to the area.

11) (Fri. 6/30 GM: Jim) Jackson(GM, OXP), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 2
- Villains: None
- New NPCs: none
- New Kit: micro-mecha spider spies

Sat., Aug. 6, 1999, high noon: The NYSR team is helped by Red Responder. He sets up a zip line across 85th to the 5th floor window. Sk8 gets a fast start on the roof across the street and zips to the window. He crashes through with his skates sending glass shards and frame splinters all

around. He is followed by Jackson, then Kool. Finally, Red Responder hefts Krafty and TUX across the zip line and yeets her through the broken window. She lands on her wheels. Jackson breaks down Epstein's door. Kool and Sk8 are right behind. Jackson stabs Epstein, Kool and Krafty zap him with holy water and sunlight. The bottle of holy water breaks off the squirt gun. It cannot be fixed. Epstein turns into a bat, becoming quite elusive. Allison comes out and attacks. She blows a whistle so shrill that only dogs and elite teenagers can hear it. She fights a rear-guard delaying action as Epstein flutters downstairs and direwolves race up them. Sk8 and Jackson try to follow, but he gets away. Kool is severely mauled by the direwolves. Krafty, Jackson and Sk8 save her, with Jackson's magic sword killing one wolf every 3 seconds. He eventually misses and gets bitten. Kool is dragged to a side bedroom where Red Responder heals her wounds and gives a booster shot of his Anti-Vampirism vaccine. Jackson is also healed. By then the mystic trail to Epstein that he can see with the help of his headband has gone cold. NYSR tags his building inside and out, with Kool doing a special image on the front. The NYSR team walks proudly out the front door. They are not stopped by authorities, and are given respect by passersby. Play ends around 10 PM.

11) (Fri. 6/16 GM: Jim) Jackson(GM, OXP), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 2
- Villains: None
- New NPCs: none
- New Kit: micro-mecha spider spies

Mon., Aug. 1, 1999: Jeffrey Epstein has retreated to his gothic mansion just south of Jillian's apartment. The NYSR team investigates, sending in micro-mecha spiders. Over a period of several days they map the whole building. The layout is deceptive, with some parts spreading into the next door building. There are secret passages and traps, but it is all low tech. The biggest trap is a poison gas chamber on the roof right over Epstein's bed chamber. Eventually Epstein spots a mecha-spider and the ones in his house are destroyed. The team decides the best approach to slaying the undead Epstein is straight forward - break in a window at noon, break down Epstein's door, and slay him. Play ends around 10 PM.

10) (Fri. 5/16 GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine)



- XP: 2
- Villains: Rusher (escaped), Lastikman (captured)
- New NPCs: none
- New Kit: none

Sun., July 31, 1999: Spidey and MJ are released by MIB and return home. SK8 and Justin stay with them to learn what happened and help them with business. Francisco, Kool's little brother, calls her on an unknown phone and asks her to meet him on top of a tower of the World Trade Center. A man's voice in the background shouts to say that it is the roof of the South Tower (the one with the observation deck).

It is clearly a set-up. Kool, Krafty and Jackson take the subway there. Jackson has to leave his bicycle locked in a rack to get past security, while Krafty and TUX (her special wheelchair) are allowed to bypass the metal

detectors. Getting off the elevator at the observation deck (an elevated jogging track), they find that Francisco is 15' below, on the actual roof. Jackson hero slides down the angled top of a stairway, Krafty bypasses elevator security to get out on roof. Kool climbs the fence and drops down to the roof behind the villains. Something about this moment triggers a security alert. Lastikman grabs Francisco and dangles him over the edge. Rusher orders Kool to stop painting embarrassing images of the Mayor and other NYC notables consorting with trafficked juveniles. Krafty agrees.

4 cops show up and point guns at Jackson, ordering everyone to lie face down with their limbs spread out. Rusher does a multiple grab and gets 3 of the 4 guns. Rusher throws the 3 guns off the roof. Krafty rolls to the railing, stands up and uses technopathy to recall 2 of the 3 guns. Rusher runs to the side of the building and down the glass to get away. Lastikman takes Cisco hostage and Kool attacks his stretchy arm with her paint pack. Krafty detaches a flat-panel speaker from TUX and technopathically places it under Francisco. Lastikman tries to stretch his way down the side of the building to escape. Jackson dashes over and ties his rubbery legs in a knot at the railing. Francisco leaps off the speaker panel. Kool catches him and pulls him to safety. Both girls try to convince the armed officer that they are New York Street Rangers, not villains. Krafty succeeds. The police take Lastikman into custody by tying his limbs to a stretcher and carrying him off. The police thank the team and let them go. Rusher gets away by running at supersonic speed.

9) (Fri. 5/1 GM: Jim) Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 2
- Villains: Gunner Girl and Whip Crack, Bone Crusher
- New NPCs: Petey becomes the Red Responder
- New Kit: RR has an Ambulance with TARDIS abilities

Mon., July 4, 1999: Independence Day - Petey (now Red Responder conference calls to the Street Rangers and says his parents (Spidey and MJ) were picked up by the MIB for questioning. He alleges that they were reported in by Mayor Juliani. He believes they will be interviewed and released because they are native New Yorkers and MIB only deals with non-Earthling aliens. "The proper authority would, of course, be Dr. Strange. They know each other, and he doesn't interfere with them. Anyway, would you go on the first test run of my ambulance?"



"It's only a prototype, so I'd also like Krafty to look over the design specs and check the circuits, too." SK8, Krafty and Kool volunteer. Krafty checks the circuits and corrects a few bad solder joints. She learns a little about XDim physics, but not enough to suggest improvements. She doubts hull integrity for space operations. (It is obvious that Petey is a super-genius who hides his talent so others, especially Spider-Gwen, outshine him.) The dubious device actually works, except for navigation.

The foursome end up in an abandoned subway maintenance bay turned into an underground lair. Gunner Girl and Whip Crack are there. They are angry that a team of uninvited heroes just popped in. Despite hasty apologies from the heroes, GG sprays the ambulance

with bullets. No one is hurt, but the navigation system is damaged. Sk8 and Krafty open the back door for defensive fire using the solar flash guns. Kool goes out the side door and gets a man-pack SAM. Whip Crack attacks her. She dodges back to the van. Petey fires up the ambulance for another jump, while Krafty works to repair the navigation circuits. Sk8 pulls Kool back inside just as the glow starts. The foursome reappear on an ice-plain like the planet Hoth. Blowing snow reduces visibility. Petey says there is one jump left on the powerpack and reaches for the red mushroom button designed for returning home. Meanwhile, Bone Crusher, a scavenger with a massive ice-axe that glows blue, leaps to attack. Petey gets out and blows glue, hitting him with webbing. It freezes so fast that BC snaps it away. BC gets blinded by SK8 and Krafty tosses out a sonic decoy. BC is not misled. His blind attack misses the ambulance by a lot. Meanwhile, Krafty says the navigation should probably work this time. SK8 pushes the button and the Street Rangers return to the parking garage below the Parker penthouse.



cause bodily damage. His medical knowledge helps with an automated ingress / egress system and improved mechanical legs. She can soon go from walking and running in her human scale bodysuit to being enclosed in TUX in less than three seconds.

8) (Fri. 4/4 GM: Jim Jackson(GM, OXP), Justin(Gene), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 2
- Villains: Vampiric Direwolf Minions (transformed from stray dogs)
- New NPCs: Petey (Healing, web shooters, hacking and inventor skills, rumored to have reptile/amphibian abilities)
- New Kit: Stick-on trackers

Sat-Mon, July 2-4, 1999: After the police showed up the underground club was cleared and the action moved to the building courtyard/alley -

Petey and Krafty collaborate on a new hull for the ambulance. He finds and buys an armored ambulance prototype from a metal salvage yard. (It was being used as a safety enclosure and escape vehicle next to a smelting furnace, but the heavily polluting operation was shut down by the EPA.) Krafty finds that the hull is in good shape. She rewelds a few pinholes and reseats the armored glass windows. It does not have air locks, so hostile environments can be visited, but the crew cannot safely leave and enter. Petey replaces the diesel engine with a relatively slow battery-electric drive and enough batteries to charge the flux capacitor for three portal events. Petey puts in two Gurney / treatment beds, cabinets full of medicines, splints and bandages, and healing devices of his own design and construction.

They also collaborate on her new armored mecha version of TUX. He is beyond amazing at dynamic control software and she is better at mechanical servo systems. In only a few days, she can move the new TUX like an athlete. It provides full protection and can take damage like a real superhero. He will not help her with weapons that

- JILLIAN was sent to a jail hospital under arrest by the NYPD. She is demonstrated to be a vampire. Spidey says that immediately escalates the incident to national security status and that means the FBI will be involved.
 - ELITES - Donald Trump, and many other NY elites were quickly interviewed and are being released by the NYPD before most media have arrived.
 - JUSTIN Martin is not recognised as a NYSR kid. He is treated like an elite - quickly interviewed and released.
- Mayor Giuliani is working with the precinct police captain and asking for the chief of police to come help him.
- HEROES - The NYPD is holding and interviewing the NYSR kids, Petey and Spidey, AKA the heroes as a group. They request all the tech and items, and confiscate any that are surrendered. We will roleplay the outcomes for other items. (PCs know that video from the spider-pagers is stored locally and remotely, transmitted in near-real time. Krafty knows that remote storage is on servers at Spidey's penthouse, and she has her own backups as well.) Heroes are not being arrested. Spidey said he does not want NYSR or his son to be treated like criminals, that he is their guardian in loco parentis, that they are minors, and will cooperate so long as they remain together. So far this is working out, but there is tension.
 - JEFFREY Epstein flew away to the south as a bat. He is a known person in the circles of NY power, and IS VISIBLE on the spider-cam pagers.
 - ALLISON claims that she helped the heroes and wants to be treated like one. She is being questioned separately, is not cooperating, and is demanding a lawyer. The NYPD has confiscated her special cell phone. This situation is tense.
 - GUARDS are being questioned as a group, rather like Spidey and the kids. They seem confident that they were just following orders and working within the bounds of their security clearances and gun permits. Several of them are off-duty officers who show NYPD badges.
 - WORKERS are questioned as a group. They all demand lawyers and refuse to cooperate.
 - VICTIMS are not questioned. IDs are not checked, nothing is confiscated. As a group, underage or not, they are locked in paddy wagons and driven away. The unit handling this wears a mix of scrubs, plain clothes and lab coats. They do not interact with anyone except Mayor Giuliani.
 - BYSTANDERS are kept out of the building courtyard where this is happening.
 - JOURNALISTS - The first journalists on the scene are Daily Bugle reporters [Ken Ellis](#) and [Kat Farrell](#), the MJ (Not [the official Marvel version](#)) of WABC TV shows up. They and their 3 photographers are stopped at roll-up gates that guard the courtyard.

Action picks up with Spidey lecturing the NYSR team (sans Justin) about how to handle police investigations (stay together, claim you are heroes, retain your belongings unless actually arrested. Surrender only if told you are under arrest. Records events to the extent possible.) Based on that advice, Krafty hacks into the mayor's cell phone and records him (1) orchestrating a cover up saying who gets off without a record, (2) making arrangements for the victims (payoffs for secrecy = \$1000 cash now plus a \$5000 bond to mature in 16 months), (3) calling in a distraction just before the direwolves arrive. MJ shows up. Krafty and Sk8 try to get trackers on the paddywagon and fail. Petey halfway heals Sk8's butt bite, leaving him bandaged there. Justin blocks the paddywagon with victims, MJ attaches a tracker to it then interviews Justin on live TV. She helps him tell about local magnates consorting with underage girls supervised by a female vampire. 12 direwolves show up. MJ and Justin press their way into the alley against the tide of fleeing cops. Krafty warns people about the fleeing truck, then about the mayor's villainous conversations, then about the approaching distraction. Sk8 avoids showing his wounded backside to MJ and the cameras, then bravely fights the direwolves. Kool shoots direwolves with her squirt gun, climbs a fire escape to avoid combat and shoots more. Spidey slings a web barrier but 11 of 12 wolves are not stopped. He webs 5 wolves at once, then fights more wolves and gets seriously bitten. Jackson wades into the fray and kills one wolf after another with single blows. Petey swings to a high rooftop and uses webbing to lasso 3 blinded wolves at once. Spidey shoots a higher barrier, then jumps up with Petey and flings the 3 lassoed wolves over the now extra tall barrier. Then he lassoes 4 more and flings them over. Cops stop fleeing and start shooting at wolves. This is ineffective until they start using teamwork. This lets them hit more times and they start knocking wolves down

at least temporarily. The last wolf is downed, the mayor escapes, and the unusually large wolves (alive and dead) magically turn into stray dogs of various sizes that are much smaller.

7) (Fri. 3/14 GM: Jim Jackson(Aaron), Justin(Gene), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 3
- Villains: Jillian Maxwell, Jeffrey Epstein, Security Guards at the underground club
- New NPCs: none
- New Kit: squirt gun rifles with holy water (CE holy, 1 hex, OAF-fragile, 16 charges), sun guns (4d6 sight group flash + CE sunlight, 1 hex, OAF, 16 charges)

Sat, July 2, 1999: Start of Independence Day weekend. In the middle of the X Bar fight, Jillian, sizzled by several sun-gun blasts, escapes through a door into a private room and locks it. Jackson attacks that door. Meanwhile, Justin urges the civilians to leave the bar, but they are blocked by TUX. Two guards take cover and shoot at Spider-Man. He dodges so well that the guard firing left-handed drops his pistol, then he steps on the dropped pistol, webs 4 civilians and pulls them out into the hallway. More guards rush towards the battle scene until their captain's voice on loudspeakers remind them to stay in the security office. Two run back that way and there are gunshots. Spider-Man web-swings his way over there. Meanwhile, in the main battle, Krafty rolls into the hallway to intercept Jillian. Blocked by webbed civilians, she stands up and wobbles her way towards a nearby elevator. Sk8 races after her, but slips on a wall glide. Hypnotized by Jillian into thinking Jillian is not there, Krafty digitally pwns the elevator controls and sets them to oscillate between irrelevant floors. Jackson needs a couple blows to break the door lock. Kool races through and catches up with Jillian. Jackson is not far behind. They blast Jillian again. Severely hurt, she grabs Krafty, binding her arms, and ducks through a door into another X Bar private room. Sk8 gets up and races over. Jackson breaks down that door. Jeffrey Epstein is inside, with a personal attendant and 2 young chippies. He morphs into a direwolf, comes out and bites Sk8 on the buns. Luckily, this mostly slides along the shiny fabric of Sk8's costume, leaving his butt with bruises obviously from giant canine teeth, but no bloody wounds. (Maybe luck is a component of his nascent superpower? Vampiric wolf bites are rumored to be life-changing events.) Krafty exposes her superpower for the first time when she lets go of her sun-gun to telepathically aim and fire it at Jillian and the nearby wolf. At the same time, the gunless guard eventually cuts the webbing with a utility knife while Justin picks up his pistol. He leads the civilians away while Justin goes back into X Bar and uses his guitar to bash on the locked door into the room with the two vampires. Jeffrey Epstein is briefly seen in human form. Justin convinces and helps the chippies and recalcitrant servant evacuate. Kool fires a sun-gun blast that knocks out Jillian. Jeffrey morphs into a bat and flutters away. He and many civilians, including Donald Trump and Mayor Giuliani, escape the scene via the SW stairs that lead into the complex alleys behind the posh apartment buildings. Justin follows along, pretending to not know the NYSR heroes and becomes part of the 'innocents' being interviewed by the NYPD. In this interview process, as directed by Mayor Giuliani, the underage trafficking victims are segregated and quickly taken away by the NYPD for further questioning. The adults (mostly men, including Donald Trump), face limited questioning and are *quickly released before the media arrive*. Downstairs, the NYSR heroes and Spider-Man learn that Petey also secretly entered through the subway service door and managed to enter the security office before the door closed. Inside, Petey sees many monitors showing the battle. He blocks the door and hacks into the security system. While guards are shooting at the door lock he inserts a spider-tech thumb drive into the system to preserve evidence, but is foiled when the timer on an unattended deadman switch sets off a thermite reaction that slags the computers and hard drives. The NYSR spider-tech pagers still have lots of footage. These include images of Donald Trump and the Mayor with underage girls, Jillian Maxwell escorting them and then sizzling away in beams of sunlight, and Jeffrey Epstein morphing into a bat and flying away. In all it is quite damning, potentially bad enough to end the careers of several powerful men.

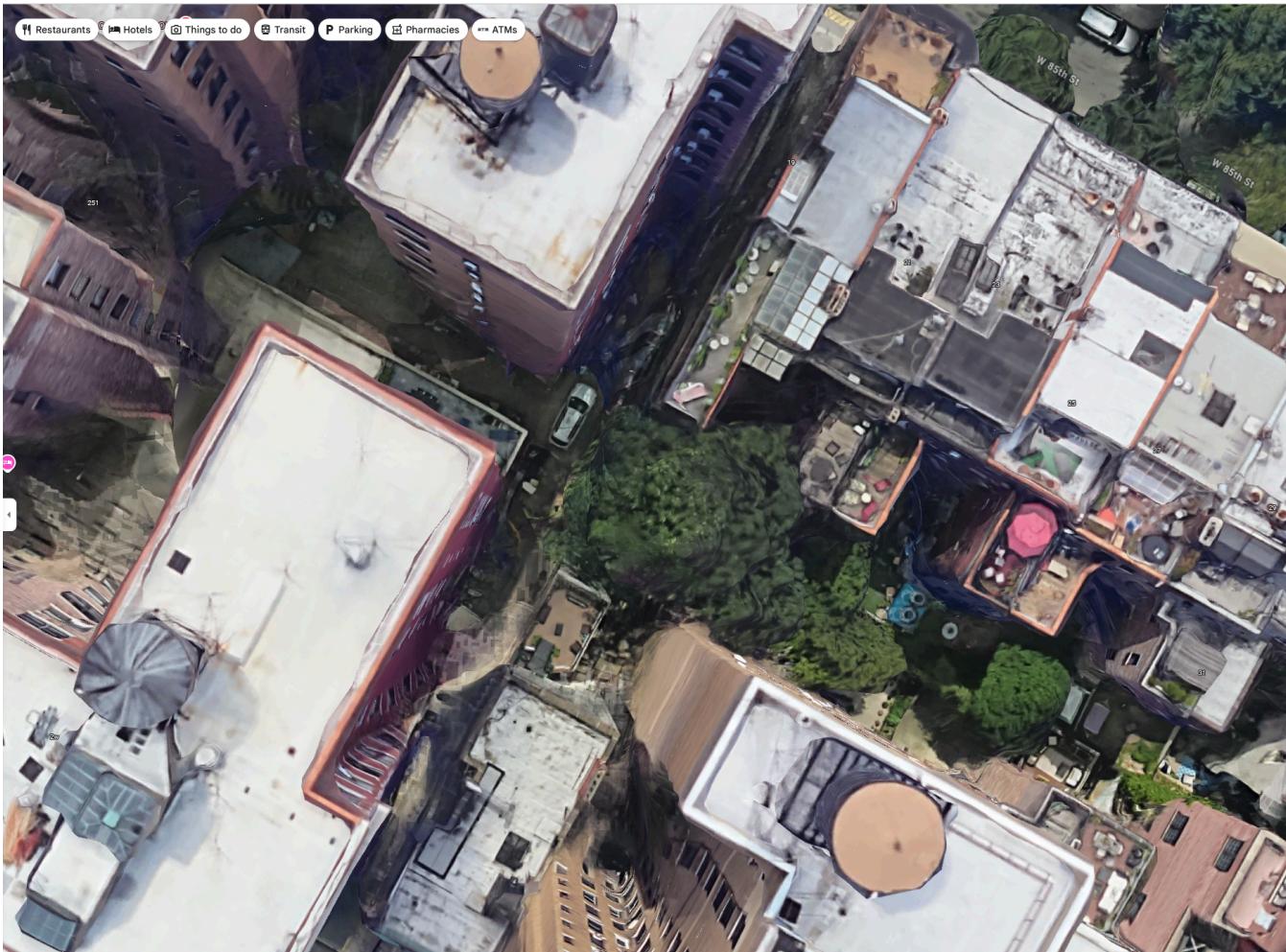
6) (Sat. 2/8 GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Justin(Gene), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 2
- Villains: Jillian Maxwell, Security Guards at the underground club
- New NPCs: none
- New Kit: Krafty showed off her mechanical legs. They worked less well than normal legs

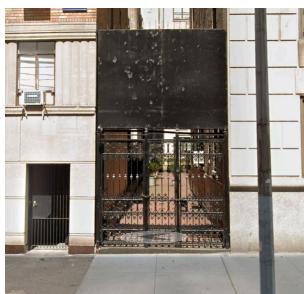
Wed.-Sat, June 29-July 2, 1999: Start of a 3 day weekend. Krafty's special phone was given to Allison. She started texting with Kool and Krafty. She reveals that a batch of new school girls will debut Saturday night. The club is below [Jillian's building and the subway station](#). Tests show a signal barrier blocks radio. Hacking shows construction plans are not filed with the city, but the construction firm used has some. These show elevator exits in 4 directions, stairs at NE and SW corners, and a maze of rooms and passages inside. The NE stairs go to a service door in a



subway station on Central Park West... . The SW stairs go to the courtyard behind



Jillian's building... . This has automatic roll-up doors on 85th and 86th for service vehicles, and complex routes to several apartment buildings and fancy residences on the same block. The



north exit goes under 86th to a gated alley... . The south exit goes toward a fancy brick building...



... . It is gated and protected from signals. The west exit goes 400 yards to The Consulate, a haughty Italian



restaurant on Columbus Avenue... . The east exit is to the private elevator that leads to the lobby and top floors of Jillian's building. That is how Jillian, Allison and several of the new girls get to The Club. Plans are made to invade. Justin and Jackson visit The Consulate. Their arrival coincides with that of Mayor Giuliani and Donald Trump. They are invited to sit and chat because the mayor likes Justin's music (and growing fame). He meets Justin in the restroom and invites him to stay and play at The Club. Justin convinces him to reluctantly let his friend tag along, even though Jackson is a stiff-legged nobody. They finish their expensive snacks and go to the club. Kool gets Allison to have Jillian invite her to the party. She brings Krafty along. The radios start working beyond the signal barrier. They go to the women's locker room and dress like coquettes (which makes Kool uncomfortable, but it is for a good cause). Krafty leaves TUX behind with all the sun-guns (CE full sunlight 1 hex, Flash sight 4d6 1 hex) and squirt guns full of holy water. She uses her prototype prosthetic legs to accompany Jillian and Kool to "X", the exclusive bar. Allison goes to the dance pit where several young floozies dance and older men watch. Sk8 dresses like a performer, loiters at and enters through the service entrance from the subway station. Justin and Jackson go to the bar, and Jackson starts playing guitar. Everyone is looking for Jillian, and she shows up at the bar, escorting a Kool and Krafty. Men start circling them like fish on bait. Jackson takes Krafty back to the women's lockers to get TUX and the guns. They get back to the X bar, give out the guns and start a fight by flashing Jillian. An alarm sounds and a security guard draws his sidearm. About that time Spider-Man shows up and jerks the armed guard out into the hallway. It looked like this...



And this...



5) (Sat. 1/11 GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Justin(Gene), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 2
- Villains: none
- New NPCs: none
- New Kit: Mini Spider-Phone resembling a makeup compact, some upgrades to TUX, Krafty's wheelchair.

Sat.-Tue., June 25-28, 1999: School's out. Everyone becomes a senior. Though she only knew him for a few minutes, and it only took 15 minutes to spray paint, **Kool**'s visual paean in tribute to Son of Anansi made all the news channels that weekend, made it into the Arts and Leisure section of the NY Times, and then got a disfavorable rant about vigilantes and vandals in the Daily Bugle. The NYTA relit that alcove under [the softball fields at Franz Sigel Park](#) (south of Yankee Stadium), and sidelined the subway car at the [East 180th Street CTA rail yard](#) "for forensic analysis". This makes the art visible from the NY Parks and Rec parking lot and the Bronx River Parkway. **Krafty** delivered a miniaturized Spider-Phone that resembled a makeup compact, and showed some upgrades to TUX, her wheelchair. **Jackson** got private lessons from his YMCA martial arts teacher (and can take weapon-element with his spear.) **Sk8** negotiated with his mom to stay in New York over the summer. He wangled his way into an unpaid internship with MJ with Spidey's help, and used this to justify an unsupervised stay in their apartment and a \$150 weekly allowance. Fresh off his performance at the disastrous senior prom where [a fight between Gwen Stacy and a giant lizard destroyed the gymnasium](#) and 'killed' Peter 'Petey' Parker, **Justin Martin** was invited to record a mid-morning interview with MJ for the nightly news. This was pro-forma publicity until she asked about Petey's death. Justin did the normal bystander reaction with grace, then was shocked when Petey came out and apologized to him and the world for causing such a scene. He took all the blame, and admitted that he had taken a serum to gain reptile powers and rampaged when his reptilian brain took over. He absolved Gwen of any wrongdoing and asked for her to come back to New York. Justin's recorded licks were used for the intro, and he played some live licks for the outro. The 15 minute interview was edited down to 2:15 for the human interest segment of the news. Having surprised Justin with Petey and not seeing him handle it well, she invited him over for a meeting at 4 PM tomorrow so they could explore issues. Coincidentally, Spidey invited the 4 NYSR teens over for dinner, debriefing and training that day. Justin showed up first. Petey let him in. Spidey was there in a pink bathrobe and slippers. Justin asked lots of questions and learned much - This is Earth-65 of thousands of worlds in the Spider-Verse, that Spidey is filling in because the prior Spider-Woman disappeared in a lab mishap at Oscorp while Visions Academy seniors, including Petey and Gwen, were visiting. That was when Gwen got spider-powers and eventually became Ghost-Spider. Now that she is missing, he has improved his prosthetic leg and returned to filling in as the local Spider. He did some quick reps with a 3000 lb barbell and said his identity is public. MJ showed up with SK8 in tow, holding her shopping bags full of ideas for a spring wardrobe, and taking them upstairs to the master bedroom. MJ suggested that Spidey stop showing off to the uncommonly handsome young man she had invited over, graciously asked Justin to stay for dinner, and asked Spidey to come help in the kitchen. Petey explained they do not have domestic servants owing to security concerns, and that MJ maintains a schedule of chores for everyone, for example, he cleans the pool. The other 3 NYSR kids showed up at around 5 PM and were introduced to Justin. Krafty took an immediate dislike to Justin based on how he seemed to breeze into being famous based on looks and luck, while her video productions are barely registering with the public. The 8 folks had a 'modern', healthy dinner ([Spanek vertical](#)) roasted chickens, roasted veggies, stacked eggplant parmesan with sun dried tomatoes, and a green salad; which she and Spidey made in 40 minutes.) Spidey slipped up and called MJ 'May', then apologized. (It is common knowledge that May Parker was their born daughter, while Petey stated that he was adopted. No one asked where May was.) The youngsters set the table MJ she rolled dinner in on a cart. She asked that unpleasant business not interrupt dinner, but silently watched as discussion devolved to just that. Justin and Krafty became friendly when he learned that she was both a DJ and a producer, and she showed videos of her hip-hop music battle with DJ Kool Herc. (She was digital, he was vinyl, and he won the 2nd round after a hard-fought tie.)

Spidey lectured about being a hero. Justin was excited, and the NYSR team voted him in, though he acknowledged being from Los Angeles and having no combat experience. He advocated that they learn where Gwen is and try to get her back. Spidey (and Petey and MJ) showed a strange lack of curiosity about this, and Spidey redirected the conversation to NYSR stuff - who was Anansi? Jackson reported what he learned from his father, a professor of African studies at NYU. They mentioned The God of War as Anansi's rival, but had no leads. Jackson showed his spear and headband, and very briefly said what they could do. Krafty briefly showed her new tech. The miniature cell-phone in disguise brought the conversation around to Jillian Maxwell, who was grooming an underage girl, Veronica? They remembered her name was actually Allison. Spidey suggested that should be their focus. After dinner, Petey went to clean up, MJ excused herself and got ready to go do the evening news, and the NYSRs did some research. To bring SK8 and Justin up to speed, Krafty showed videos that had Jillian in them, buying her painting at the park. Jillian wore a large hat and clothes that covered all her skin. Spidey brought up newspaper photos that were part of covering Kool like she was Bankdddsy or something. Kool immediately saw that Jillian was not where she should be in the photos. Spidey analyzed the images, and then more images, and found 3 cases where Jillian was visible in video but not photography. The consensus was that the photos were taken with cameras that used silvered mirrors, while the videos were from charge-coupled devices, CCDs, that use direct photon exposure. AHA! Jillian is a vampire!

The next day, after staking out her apartment building for a while, Jackson rode by Jillian and saw that her soul was black (evil). SK8 and Justin had not met Jillian, so they arranged to stake out her apartment. They determined from this surveillance that she often goes out after sundown, while Allison goes out at around 10 AM for breakfast. A few days later Kool and Krafty followed Allison to an Italian deli and went in to meet her. She recognized them and apologized for not getting off at the next subway stop to meet them after seeing them fighting with MS-13 gang members. She highly recommended the prosciutto quiche as being like a souffle. She accepted the phone, exchanged numbers, and asked if she could make regular calls on it. She was thrilled to have it, and promised to not show it to Jillian. Play ended there, as it was after 10 PM.

4.5) (Wed. 1/1/2025 GM: Aaron) Sk8(Andy), Ghost Spider(Jim), Mr. Incredible(Gene), Pavitr Prabhakar(Elaine), Spider Byte(Naomi)

- XP: 3
- Villains: Avatar of Beelzebub, biting fly swarms, fly golems
- New NPCs: Pavitr Prabhakar from Earth-50101, Margo Kess as avatars from Earth-22191, Gwen Stacy, Mr. Incredible
- New Kit: Gwen surrenders her Punk-Tech wristband to Pavitr, who takes it back to SSHQ. She still has her X-Dim drum kit

Fri., Dec 24, 1999, ~ 10 AM: Sk8 passes through a random magical sparkle at a skate park and is shocked. Spider Society (Margo Kess, AKA Spider-Byte) is at the console when a X-Dim anomaly alarm goes off for Earth-65 (Ghost Spider's home world) LYLA says it's a high probability event for finding Ghost Spider, a know X-Dim transgressor last reported heading to Earth-138 (Spider-Punk's home world, known for disrupting Spider Society technology, especially tracking and communications). Margo is asked to send an avatar to virtually check it out. She asks for backup and Pavitr is assigned because he is the new guy and this world already has Peter B. Parker, a well-respected Spidey and mentor. Spidey is also told that Gwen may have returned. He knows Gwen's Spider-Phone ID, so he calls her. She answers and agrees to meet him when there is a bank-robbery-in-progress alarm. Peter swings out to intercede, but is beaten to the scene by Margo and Pavitr as bystanders, and Mr. Incredible responding to the same alarm. Mr. Incredible finds that mats to protect carpeting from chair wheels make excellent giant fly swatters. Pavitr finds that Fly Swarms are hard to affect, but his strings are effective against Fly Golems. The bank was robbed via a transdimensional portal. The perp gets away through another portal with the money during the battle. Margo uses teamwork to transform a duplicated avatar into a fly and send it through the portal with the perp. Fly swarms are left behind and everyone is horrified, but no one is hurt. Sk8 also checks out a different robbery

scene that was similar. People want pictures with Mr. Incredible, but none of the Peter Parkers there have cameras. Margo rolls her eyes, buys a Polaroid camera in a bodega, and souvenirs are made.

Gwen meets Mr. Incredible and Spidey and rides to Spidey's lair atop the Incredicar. Everyone converges there, which happens to be [MJ's penthouse overlooking Madison Avenue](#) at the northeast corner of Central Park from atop a very tall apartment complex. (MJ and Petey, Spidey's wife and adopted son respectively, happen to be out for the afternoon, so Gwen remains convinced that Petey died in her arms at their senior prom back in June.) Spider-Byte tells everyone that another dimension is intersecting this one and that is creating random disruptions. She knows this can become a catastrophe if not stopped. The collective genius of all those Spider folks impresses Mr. Incredible as they do Science! to map the X-Dim patterns and predict the next bank to be robbed. Gwen has been living rough, so she cleans herself up first, and then takes a bundle of towels from the bathrooms near the gymnasium and pool with Spidey's permission.

Spidey stays Everyone else piles into or clings atop The Incredicar as it races to [The Winter Garden Atrium](#) down past Tribeca. It is full of folks enjoying Xmas Eve activities. The current presentation is carolers singing to many people arrayed around the semi-circle of stairs. Arriving before the portal opens, Gwen leaps off the car and opens the doors for the other heroes. (She is quite excited, as this is another perfect place for a spider-battle, third only to The Guggenheim and then Grand Central Station.) Margo deployed with similar alacrity, and made 2 more duplicates. Mr. Incredible drives inside and activates the ejectors. Pavitr is hurled to catch hold of a palm tree. Sk8 is tossed across the lobby to the other side of an obviously growing X-Dim portal and sticks the landing. Fly Swarms and Fly Golems come out first and attack the crowd. Mr. Incredible swats some, Pavitr clears civilians, and Margo pulls a fire alarm and runs to an upscale bodega to get fly paper strips, Aqua-Net hairspray and BIC lighters. Gwen aborts to stupid to save a civilian from being bitten. Her amazing suit provides full coverage impervious to flies, while Mr. Incredible's suit exposes his face and neck to bites so wicked that his tough skin cannot help him. Sk8 speeds over the JPMC branch, getting through the glass doors before the workers complete their lockdown. (Later it is learned that the portal was not put directly into the vault because it was not on any magic lay lines.)

The boss (Master of Flies?) comes through the portal, goes to the bank branch, and casts a swarm so large that most of the facade is shrouded with darkness. He then teleports inside and fights with Sk8, the junior hero without powers or defenses. Sk8 does great. He blocks, counters and dodges, keeping the boss from attacking civilians or stealing. Margo hangs fly paper. Its sweet smell draws the swarms to it, protecting civilians. Civilians flee. Pavitr and some of Margo's avatars use hairspray flame-throwers to burn away the darkness. This proves futile, as it reforms behind Pavitr. He makes it to the glass wall of the bank, but cannot help Sk8. Gwen jogs over to the bank branch so the last swarms can follow. They get hung up with Margo's flypaper traps. Margo hacks the door security to open them. Gwen goes up to the boss and challenges him to pick on someone his own size. (Sk8 is taller than either of them.) He swings and misses. Margo and Sk8 both grab him. Gwen tries to use her clinging-based dance throw on him but is too-busy showing off to try to coordinate with the heroes grabbing him, so all it does is knock everyone down.

The rest of the heroes arrive and the boss is beaten unconscious so quickly that he cannot teleport away. The incursion from the hellish plague of insects dimension was tied to a cursed mask worn by the Master of Flies. He was injured when it was forcibly removed. Surgeons will be able to repair his face. 😔 The mask was given by Spidey to Pavitr to take back to SSHQ so it will be quarantined off world.

Gwen personally congratulates Sk8 on how well he did, leaving open the possibility that the handsome lad might want to take her home, but nothing comes of it. She is not emotionally ready to deal with having killed Petey, so she slips away. The other spider folk also congratulate Sk8, and return to Spidey's posh lair for a debriefing.

(Sat. 12/28/2024 no game)

4) (Sat. 12/14 GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Krafty(Elaine), Kool(Naomi), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 3
- Villains: Zombie CHUD,
- New NPCs: Anansi, Son of Anansi (RIP)
- New Kit: [Magical staff-sword](#) (Iklwa, Maasai lion spear) with an invisible blade, magic headband that give soul-sight, access to spider-tech nanites

Fri., June 24, 1999, 8 PM: Jackson, Krafty, and Sk8 do more Zen combat training with Petey at The Parker's. Peter has Krafty motor upstairs and shows her Spider-Tech by opening a transdimensional portal with his wrist band. She wants to learn about it. To gain access, it wants to scan her for Spider DNA and her dimensional signature. She and Peter work out a way for her to use his Spider-DNA for her access. He shows her how it works (8-limbed nanites have a hive mind and connect together to make bigger and bigger 8-limbed machines. The digital interface has lots of subroutines to make things that do stuff, and powerful subroutines for building more normal things. Krafty has a brain-on-fire experience imagining how much there is to explore and the nearly endless possibilities. Perhaps Peter should be worried, but he is only delighted. The learning and exploring sessions end at 10 PM. NYSR cleans up and takes the subway together for safety. About 11 PM, Near Yankee Stadium, the train brakes to an emergency stop, accompanied by some bumping. The garbled PA says things are safe and people should remain seated. NYSR car has no other passengers. Outside their window is a service platform with a side tunnel. On it, an odd-looking spider fellow (Son of Anansi, SoA)...



...is fighting 4 disfigured Zombies that move on all fours. They have a bony protrusion where the mouth should be...



. SoA and the Zombies are all already wounded. SoA shouts to open the doors. Krafty does. SoA jumps in the car. With Jackson and Sk8 on his flanks, they form a skirmish line to fight Zombies 3 on 1. Kool also swings in with her backpack, but it is not effective. Krafty blinds two Zombies. Jackson and Sk8 do some damage, but SoA slays most of them with his invisible blade. NYSR members are warned that Zombie bites can spread the curse. Luckily, none are wounded. The train stays still for 15 minutes more. SoA has everyone pray for Anansi. An old man smoking a blunt...



...steps out of a dark corner and laughs. He says SoA must pass on to avoid the curse, and someone must take his place. Since Jackson was the only NYSR member who knew anything about Anansi, he gets the magical staff-sword and a magical headband. Anansi causes the train car to darken, then he and SoA shrink away to nothing. NYSR head home.

(Sat. 11/30/2024 no game)

3) (Sat. 11/16 GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Krafty(Elaine), Kool(Naomi), Sk8(Andy)

- XP: 3
- Villains: MS-13 Thugs, Pink Limo Man
- New NPCs: Petey (the Red Responder); MJ (Mary Jane Parker)
- New Kit: Hacked flip-phone

Mon., June 20, 1999: Kool and Krafty chat in the hallway at Visions Academy. Sk8 and Jackson approach. Sk8 asks to join this NYSR team because his teammates are mostly duds. After some banter, they agreed to meet after school at [Clemente Park](#) X-games area. Sk8 looks good once he warms up. He and Jackson do demos and an informal battle at the playground. NYSR invites him to train at The Parker's after dinner. Kool and Krafty go home. At home Krafty reverse-engineers a spider-tech pager and a Motorola flip-phone into a communicator for NYSR to give to Allison if they find her again. Kool does her homework. Sk8 and Jackson get some soul BBQ in The Bronx. They are even-steven racing back to The Parker's, 1 of 4 penthouse apartments atop [a very tall building overlooking Northeast Central Park](#). It faces NNW with a west balcony facing the north end of Central Park. The Bronx natives are completely impressed. Sk8 is smitten with Mary Jane Parker, fashion supermodel and evening news presenter, who happens to be married to the schlubby, one-legged, retired Spider-Man that mentors the team. She is faultlessly nice in

cautioning her husband to not put children's lives at risk. From 7 to 9 PM the team practices Zen combat - seeing without looking, shooting without aiming, and avoiding attacks without overt dodging. This is done with colored jets from squirt guns that mark melty target spots from Spider-Man's web shooters. The training is tough, messy, tiring, and effective. Towards the end, Peter and MJ's adopted son, Also named Peter Parker, comes downstairs and joins the training session. He is really quite good at this, but Jackson actually outdoes him at the game and is declared the Champion. NYSR kids question Petey, who is known to have been killed by Spider-Woman / Gwen Stacy at their senior prom. He admits dying and says his reptile powers let him regenerate. These powers can cause mental instability, (think the Goblin villains,) and Petey takes full responsibility for putting the girl he was known to love in such a horrible situation. He has not ventured out much while perfecting his abilities as the new super hero The Red Responder, because he is still working on remaining calm in all circumstances so he won't accidentally change back into a raging lizard monster. NYSR splits up. Some shower there, others go home. When Krafty gets home, her dad says gang members tried to shake him down for protection money. He declined, and they broke a few things and ran off with a display of face-plates for high-end car stereos. He takes the service van out to scan NYC for the RFID signatures of the face-plates. Saturday morning he returns home and tells Krafty the address where he found the face-plates. The team agrees to have Sk8 do recon because he is less well known. Sk8 drives his mom's Lexus there, ostensibly to get its windows tinted. He is told to return with his mother. Meanwhile, he sees a pink 1961 Buick convertible stretched to seat 20 and dolled up as a party limo. He gets a business card to maybe use it later. Then he reports on the layout to the team. They get together at midnight to go into the workshop with the faceplates. First she pwns the video cameras, then Jackson eventually picks the padlock. Krafty and Jackson sneak in while Sk8 and Krafty are sentries. Krafty retrieves the faceplates, then paints the door with a NYSR tag. Her lingering awakens a man sleeping in the limo. He uses a loudspeaker on the car to pretend to be the police. Unimpressed, the team runs off. He rolls up the cargo door, drives the limo out, transforms it into a mecha and gives chase. It is faster than anyone. Krafty and Jackson split up and run, Sk8 turns to be a rearguard defense. He dodges a bola shot from an arm-cannon, then skates a dizzy circle around the mecha. It tries to turn about in this alley, gets tangled in wires, and topples over. Sk8 skates back into the service bay, finds the back door, and escapes. Krafty sees the mecha needing to transform back into a limo, then push to right itself and transform back into a mecha before it can again give chase. This is funny enough that she saves the video to share on her Napster feed before she cruises away. Later, Krafty's dad works out an accord with Pink Limo Man - there won't be any police involvement, there will be a truce, they will do business.

2) (Sat. 11/2 GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Krafty(Elaine), Kool(Naomi)

- XP: 3
- Villains: MS-13 Thugs, Jillian Maxwell
- New NPCs: Allison Darby
- New Kit: Kool and Krafty carry hand tools

Sun., June 19, 1999: NYSR took the subway to Central Park West ([Majestic Apartments](#)), ditched an MS-13 thug, went to Jillian's, and used their tools to hang it. They were impressed by the huge, open space, luxury furnishings, and Jillian's friendliness. They also met a teen girl, Allison. She was just getting out of bed at noon, and looked like she needed more sleep. Overtones of prostitution were mitigated when Allison asked to go to the drugstore and to buy breakfast. Jillian gave her \$40 and asked her to be careful. The four teens left together. Talking with Allison they learned that she had dropped out of high school to live with Jillian and attend posh parties. Conversing was interrupted when NYSR saw the thug they had ditched and 3 compatriots approaching. They went into a subway car with Allison, asked her to meet them at the next stop, then forced their way back out so the thugs couldn't attack her. NYSR tried to evade, but were trapped in the subway station as the gang blocked the stairs. They fought. Krafty couldn't do much because the thugs were onto her blinding tricks. Kool nailed a guy with her heavy backpack and managed to avoid getting

shivved. Jackson shone. He blocked and dodged, kicked their legs out, and beat them down. He got one little scratch from a sharpened screwdriver before the last thug drew a gun. Krafty ran him over with her heavy, powerful wheelchair (did I mention that she's paraplegic?) and got Kool to climb on her lap. Jackson snagged his bike and grabbed the back. They bumped their way upstairs. On the street they saw NYPD officers sprinting to the scene. They went to the next subway station, but Allison was not there. This time Peter called them and invited NYSR to his apartment for some training.

(Sat. 10/19/2024 no game)

1) (Sat. 10/5/2024 GM: Jim) Jackson(Aaron), Kool(Naomi), Krafty(Elaine)

- XP: 2 (+1 to Krafty street cred for rivaling DJ Kool Herc)
- Villains: MS-13 Thugs, Jillian Maxwell
- New NPCs: Peter Parker, DJ Kool Herc
- New Kit: Pager communicator/camera

Sat., June 18, 1999: Meeting with Mr. Parker, the nascent New York Street Rangers (NYSR) got 'pagers' that are actually communicators, voice and sound recorders, and cameras. Peter lectured about spotting trouble, de-escalation, street etiquette, and crime reporting. They went to a hip-hop celebration in [Crotona Park](#). Kool won a painting contest. Krafty narrowly lost a DJ contest to DJ Kool Herc (the actual creator of Hip-Hop.) Jackson just chilled. Then a rich lady named Jillian offered Kool \$200 for her painting (\$100 to hold it for her plus \$100 to come hang it) and invited her to a Central Park West apartment. Kool got assurance that her 2 friends were also welcome. Going home, they were confronted by the MS-13 gang member that lost the tagging contest to Kool. He challenged her to a street running contest - getting a beer bottle off a parapet at the end of a dodgy alley. The others joined in. They all ran down the alley, with Kool in the lead. She used her terrain advantage climbing a fire escape, reaching 5 stories up while the gang member was only at 2. Krafty tried to knock the beer bottle down with a blast from her DJ speakers, while Jackson poised to catch it. The speakers shredded, the gambit failed. A gang member hiding behind the parapet popped up to see what made the noise. His ambush now revealed, he grabbed the bottle and tossed it towards his friend. Kool leapt out, caught it, and grabbed one-handed onto the fire-escape. In a fit of rage, her antagonist drew a saturday-night special to shoot Kool. Krafty tried to blind him with lasers and missed. Jackson sprinted up to grab him. One shot rang out, but missed because of rage (this is a game mechanic special to this campaign). The other MS-13s fled as the police arrived and arrested the one held by Jackson. After communicating briefly with the cops and Peter, NYSR headed home.