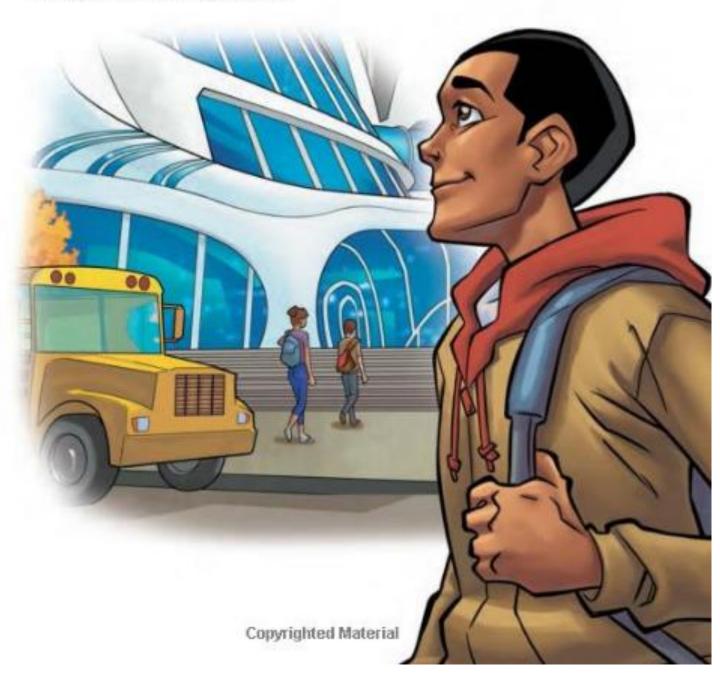






## The New Spider-Man in Town

Miles Morales is a student at Midtown High School in New York City. He's happy and he has a thirst for knowledge—especially science. He was a young boy just like any other, working hard and doing the right thing, but something soon happened that changed his life for good. . . .



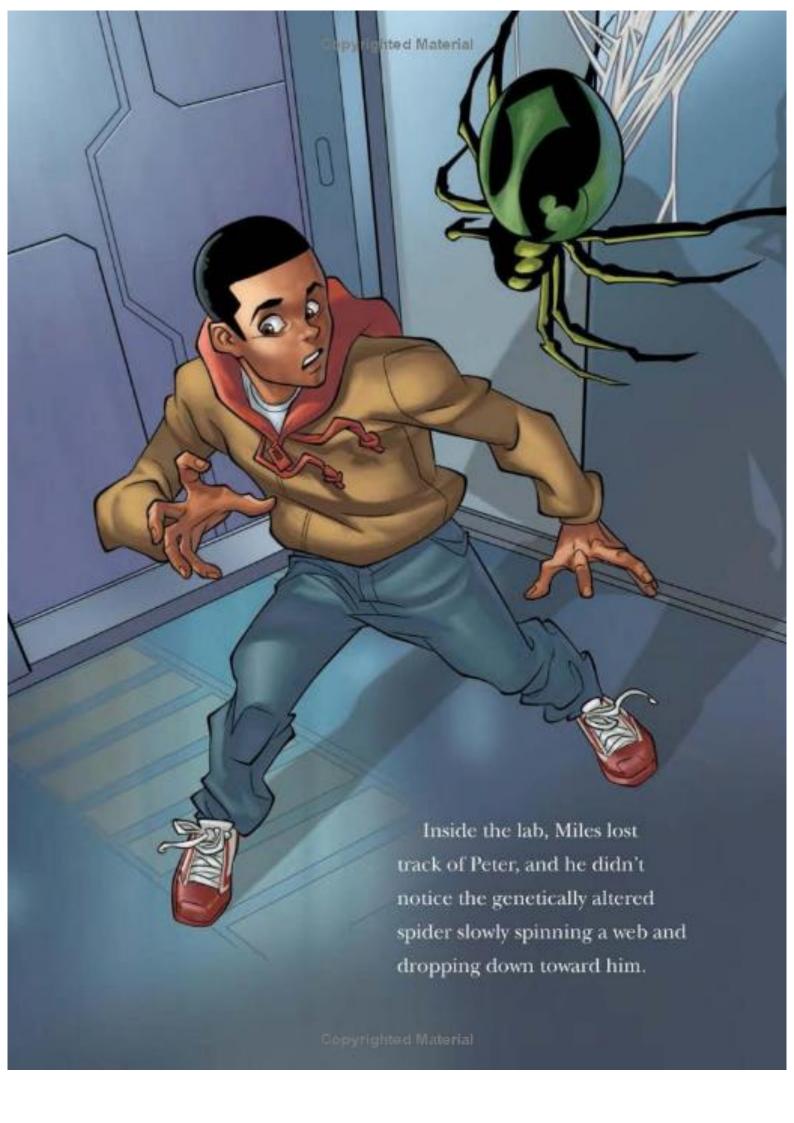
While in chemistry class, Miles noticed that his good friend— Peter Parker—kept sneaking out of school. Miles grew suspicious, wondering if something was wrong with Peter—if he was okay.

So one day, Miles followed Peter and watched as he snuck a mask from his bag. But it wasn't just any mask that Peter was sneaking—it was Spider-Man's mask!



Miles couldn't believe it. When Peter was leaving school that afternoon, Miles called to Peter, "Hey, Peter, where are you headed?"

Peter awkwardly smiled back and said, "Uh, I've got an assignment for the *Daily Bugle*...uh...Yeah...I've ...I've got to go!" Miles didn't believe that either. He followed Peter to a giant lab.



"YEE-OW!" The spider bit Miles right on the hand! Miles knocked it off. He knew instantly that this was no ordinary spider bite.

Instead of getting sick from the spider bite, Miles soon discovered that it gave him spider-powers. "I've got to figure out what this means! What should I do?" He ran home fast.



"Think! Think! Think," Miles told himself. "If Peter really is Spider-Man, then what did he do?" Miles searched for articles about Spider-Man. "Okay, so you get powers. Check. Then what? You make a costume and go stop bad guys. That seems obvious!"

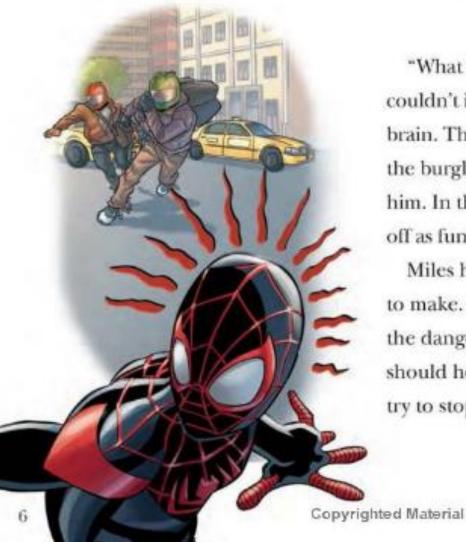
With that, Miles created his own Spider-Man costume and leapt into the city.



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"I can run on walls,"
Miles yelled as he scaled
the side of a building! He
was enjoying discovering
his powers, and climbing
walls wasn't the only one!
Miles soon discovered he
had an amazing spider-sense
that warned him of danger.





"What the heck?" Miles couldn't ignore the ringing in his brain. That's when he noticed the burglars running behind him. In that instant, what started off as fun became very scary.

Miles had a really big decision to make. Should he run from the danger and stay safe, or should he use his new powers to try to stop these villains? Miles realized that if he was going to call himself Spider-Man, he was going to have to act like Spider-Man!

Much to his surprise, Peter Parker—as the original Spider-Man—was already on the case! One of the criminals was getting away, but Miles was able to help. "Hold on helmet head," he announced. "The only place you're racing off to is prison!" Miles had powers to match Peter's and was easily able to contain the thief.



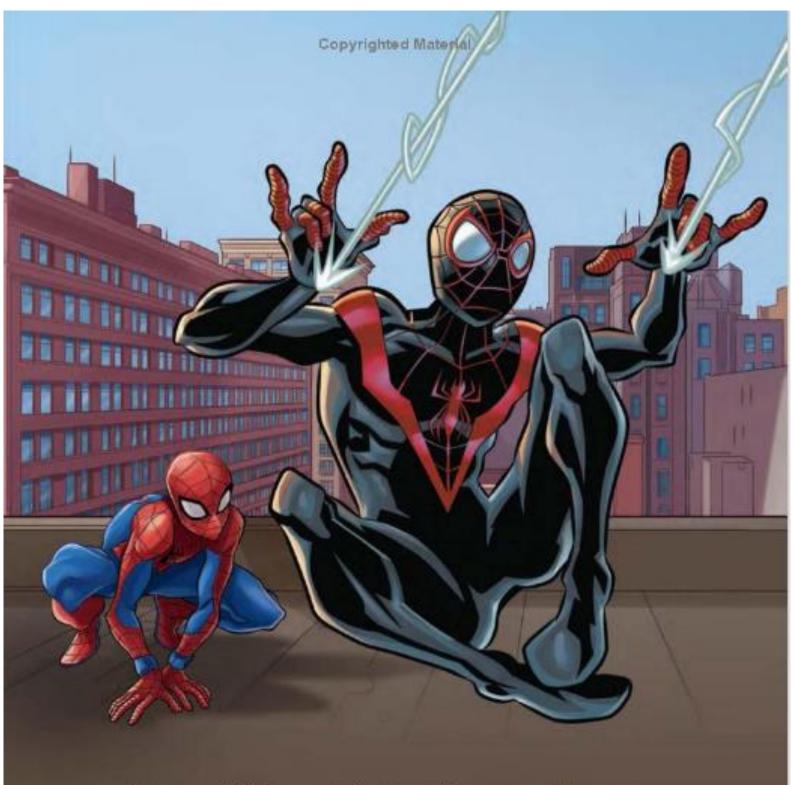
It wasn't until the action was over that Miles realized just how much danger he was really in. He climbed to the top of a building and wanted to fade away—which is exactly what he did: This was a brand-new power, one that Peter didn't have! He camouflaged himself into his surroundings.



Peter Parker swung up to where Miles had been. "Miles, is that you?" Peter called out. "I recognized your voice. Believe it or not, I know what you're thinking. I went through the same thing when I first got my powers."

Miles was stunned. "You did?"

"Sure, I did," Peter said. "My uncle Ben used to tell me that with great power, there must also come great responsibility."



Peter tossed Miles something from his costume. "Here, you can have these extra web-shooters for now," said Peter.

"Whoa! Cool!" Miles said while testing out the web-shooters. Miles looked up to Peter, figuring out what he should do.

"Maybe I can follow you around for a few days. You know, see how it goes?"