

BECAUSE THE EDITOR DEMANDED IT! A WHOLE CHAPTER ON . . .

CHAPTER
ONE

AWESOME ORIGINS!

Spider-Man is shown from the waist up, hanging from a thick web that is attached to a thin wire at the top. He is in a dynamic, slightly twisted pose, looking towards the viewer with a determined expression. His red and blue suit is detailed with black web patterns and a spider emblem on his chest. The background is a simple line drawing of a city street with buildings and a sidewalk.

IT'S ME,
YOUR FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPIDER-MAN.

I'M HERE TO
TELL YOU EVERYTHING
I KNOW ABOUT SUPER
HERO ORIGINS.

Y'KNOW,
HOW YOU BECOME
A SUPER HERO.

WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU?

HOW DID
YOU GET YOUR
POWERS?

WHY DO
YOU FIGHT
CRIME?

WHERE ARE
ALL THE OTHER
GUYS WHO SAID THEY'D
HELP YOU INTRODUCE
THE CHAPTER ON
ORIGINS?

ESPECIALLY
ONE NAMED
ANT-MAN?

WELL,
I'M GONNA COVER
ALL OF THAT.

NO HELP.

BY MYSELF.

FROM
ANYONE
ELSE.

ANT-MAN.

TWO THINGS!

IN THIS CHAPTER, YOU'LL FIND TWO MARVEL UNIVERSE QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ANSWER ABOUT YOUR SUPER HERO ORIGIN. YOU'LL WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE **MARVEL UNIVERSE SHEET** PROVIDED ON PAGE 165. WE'LL TALK ALL ABOUT 'EM IN THIS CHAPTER, BUT HERE'S THE SHORT VERSION!

WHAT'S YOUR ORIGIN?

WHY DO YOU FIGHT CRIME?

AWESOME ORIGINS

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PETER PARKER AND HIS CLASSMATES WERE ATTENDING A ROUTINE DEMONSTRATION ON RADIOACTIVITY (YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU DO). BUT WHAT HAPPENED NEXT WAS ANYTHING **BUT ROUTINE!** NO ONE NOTICED A **TINY SPIDER** GLIDING THROUGH THE RADIOACTIVE RAYS. THE DYING SPIDER **BIT** PETER, TRANSFERRING ALL ITS POWERS TO HIM!

AMAZING FANTASY

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INTRODUCING

SPIDER MAN

THOUGH THE WORLD MAY MOCK PETER PARKER, THE TIMID TEEN AGER...

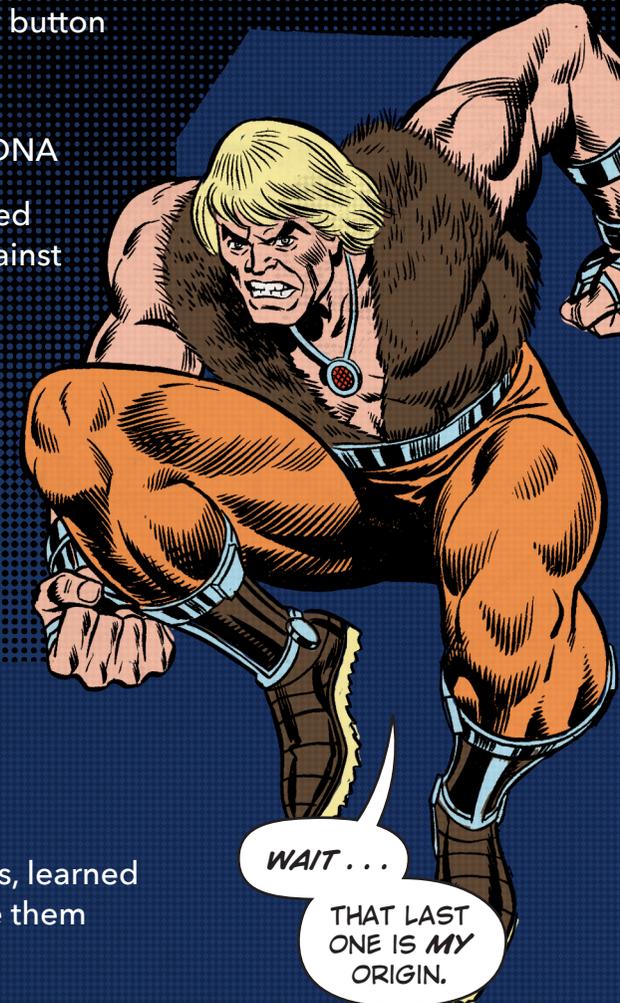
...IT WILL SOON MARVEL AT THE AWESOME NIGHT OF SPIDER-MAN!

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:
AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO YOU FROM THE EDITOR--ABOUT THE NEW AMAZING!

TOP TEN

LEAST COOL ORIGINS

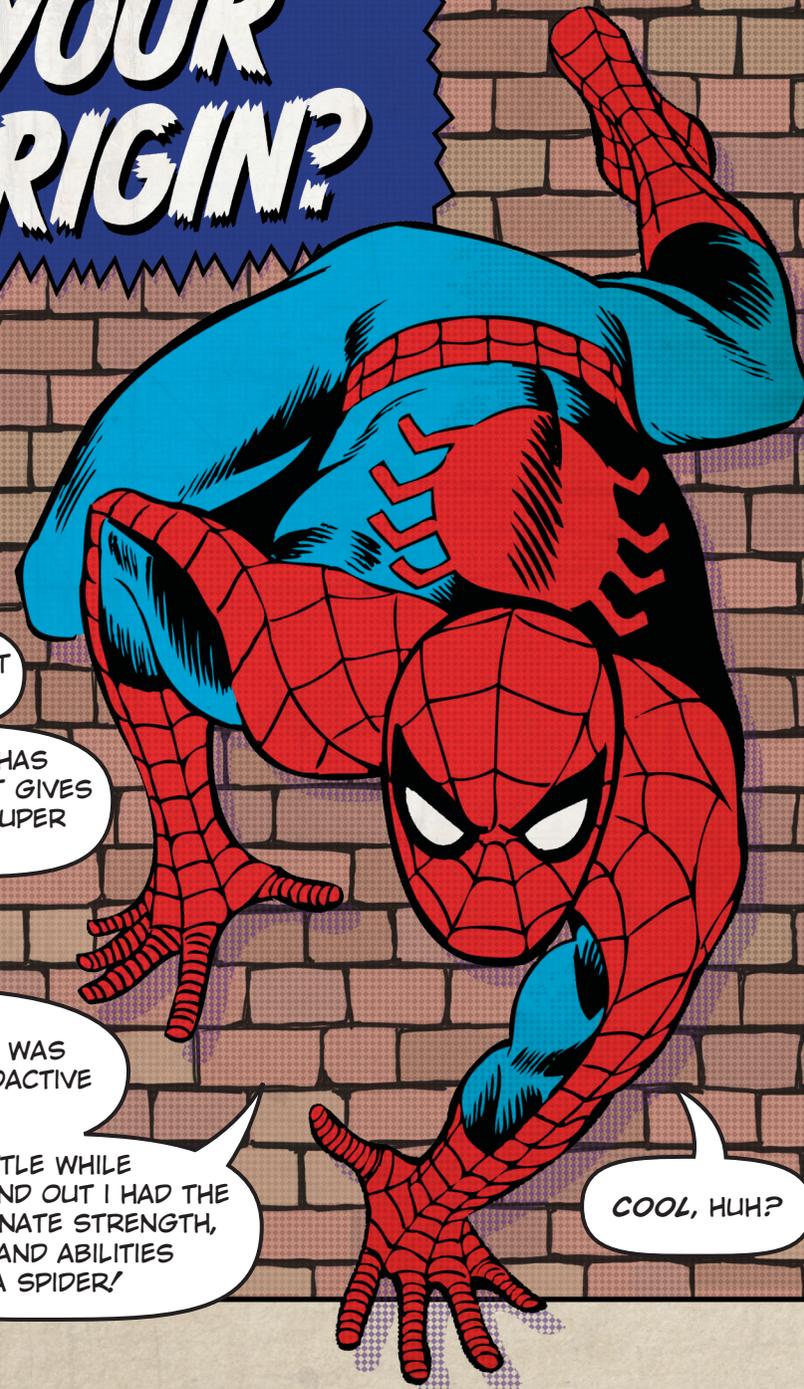
10. Licked by radioactive camel
9. Ate entire case of canned yams
8. Born with extra belly button
7. Saw a bat
6. Injected with squid DNA
5. Found ancient gnarled cane, slammed it against rock; turned out to be just an ancient gnarled cane
4. Stole Hulk's ice cream, became Run Really Fast Man
3. Ran out of Super-Soldier Serum, given Super-Sleepy Serum instead
2. Slipped on sentient banana peel
1. Lived with kangaroos, learned how to jump just like them



WHAT'S YOUR ORIGIN?

WHETHER IT'S AN ACCIDENT, A TOP-SECRET EXPERIMENT, OR AN INVENTION OF YOUR VERY OWN, YOU NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW YOU GET YOUR POWERS. LUCKY FOR YOU, WE'VE GOT IT COVERED! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PICK ONE THING FROM **COLUMN A** AND ONE THING FROM **COLUMN B**. THEN WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN THE **ORIGIN SPACE** ON YOUR **MARVEL UNIVERSE SHEET** ON PAGE 166.

PSSST! USE THE **BLANK SPACES** BELOW TO WRITE IN YOUR OWN IDEAS!



YOU GOTTA START SOMEWHERE.

SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN THAT GIVES YOU **CRAZY** SUPER POWERS.

TAKE ME, FOR INSTANCE. I WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER.

A LITTLE WHILE LATER I FOUND OUT I HAD THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH, SPEED, AND ABILITIES OF A SPIDER!

COOL, HUH?

SECRET ORIGIN CHECKLIST

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
<input type="checkbox"/> Bitten by	<input type="checkbox"/> a radioactive gopher
<input type="checkbox"/> Abducted by	<input type="checkbox"/> lazy aliens
<input type="checkbox"/> Trained by	<input type="checkbox"/> a master chef
<input type="checkbox"/> Zapped by	<input type="checkbox"/> an unstable molecule ray
<input type="checkbox"/> Bestowed by	<input type="checkbox"/> The Norse god of belching
<input type="checkbox"/> Trampled by	<input type="checkbox"/> a hybrid cheetah-bull
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
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SECRET ORIGIN: _____

READ THE STORY, THEN FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO CREATE YOUR VERY OWN "HOW I BECAME A SUPER HERO" MOMENT!

MAKE YOUR OWN ORIGIN!



YOU'VE JUST BEEN SENT A MYSTERIOUS LETTER. *WHEN* YOU PICK UP THE PAPER, YOU NOTICE SOMETHING ALL OVER IT. YOU FEEL STRANGE—DIFFERENT! YOU FIND YOURSELF BATHED IN AN EERIE PURPLE LIGHT. GLANCING DOWN, YOU SEE THAT YOUR HANDS . . . *ARE GLOWING!* WHAT STRANGE SUBSTANCE HAVE YOU BEEN EXPOSED TO . . . AND WHAT POWERS WILL YOU GET?

THOUGH I AM FORBIDDEN TO INTERFERE . . .

YOU MAY ASK A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR HELP!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Petroleum jelly
- Black-light flashlight or bulb
- Piece of paper
- Laboratory setting (optional)

THE SETUP



SPREAD SOME OF THE PETROLEUM JELLY ON A PIECE OF PAPER.

TURN ON THE BLACK-LIGHT FLASHLIGHT, AND PUT IT IN A BATHROOM. TURN OUT THE OTHER LIGHTS.



PUT THE PALMS OF BOTH HANDS ON THE PETROLEUM-JELLY PAPER. MAKE SURE THEY'RE GOOD AND COVERED!

GO INTO THE BATHROOM. WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR HANDS IN THE BLACK LIGHT, THEY'LL APPEAR TO GLOW!



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