

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER HERO!

# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!  
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## EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW



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PART I:  
POINT OF  
ORIGIN

**G**REAT POWER. GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. A TEEN OUTCAST. ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A MODERN DAY MYTH IN THE MAKING, RIGHT?

WELL, THINK AGAIN, TRUE BELIEVER. BECAUSE THIS IS AN ALL-NEW TALE FOR THE TELLING.

AND WHILE THIS MAY BE MIDTOWN HIGH, THIS YOUNG MAN IS NO PETER PARKER.

HIS NAME'S ANDY MAGUIRE. AND, FOR THE MOMENT, THIS IS HIS STORY.







THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HIM:

HIS MOM, ALICE? NOT THE MOST HANDS-ON PARENT.

ANDY?! YOU UP YET? GET DOWN HERE AND EAT SOMETHING.

WE'RE LEAVING IN TEN. WITH OR WITHOUT YOU.

WHU?



HIS DAD, RAY? NOT MUCH BETTER.

--STAYING LATE WITH THE NEW CLIENTS.

AGAIN?

YOU WANTED TO REMODEL THE UPSTAIRS. NOT ME.

GUYS? ANYONE SIGN THAT PERMISSION SLIP?

I NEED IT FOR THE CLASS TRIP TOMORROW. HELLO?



AND THE FACULTY AT MIDTOWN HIGH... DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM EITHER.

STRAIGHT C STUDENT. LOUSY SATS. NO EXTRACURRICULARS.

MAGUIRE, HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO GET INTO COLLEGE WITH THIS?

I DUNNO.



ANDY MAGUIRE ISN'T REALLY THE KIND OF KID WHO STANDS OUT THAT MUCH.

WHOA. CHRISSEY CHEN IS SO DAMN CUTE...

...IN A NERDY/ASIAN/TINA FEY KINDA WAY.

AND SHE'S TOTALLY INTO SUPER HEROES. I COULD FAKE THAT. C'MON, YOU CAN DO THIS.



AND THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT.

STANDING OUT MEANS TAKING A RISK. LEAVING YOURSELF OPEN TO FAIL.



MAN, LOOK AT MARK HUNSACKER. HE'S THE NEW KID. HASN'T EVEN BEEN HERE TWO WEEKS...

...AND HE'S DATING PAULA LAKE, HEAD CHEERLEADER, HOTTEST GIRL IN SCHOOL.

HOW DOES HE DO THAT?

GOD, HOW I HATE 'IM.

YOU SEE, FOR ANDY, THOUGH HE'D NEVER ADMIT IT, NOT FAILING IS GOOD ENOUGH.

AND THAT'S WHY HE'S NO PETER PARKER.



WHY HE'S NOT A NERD.

JOCK.

BAND GEEK.

POSER.

STONER.

OR MUCH OF ANYTHING, GOOD OR BAD. HE'S JUST... THERE. BUT ALL THAT'S ABOUT TO CHANGE...





Today.

JUST GREAT.

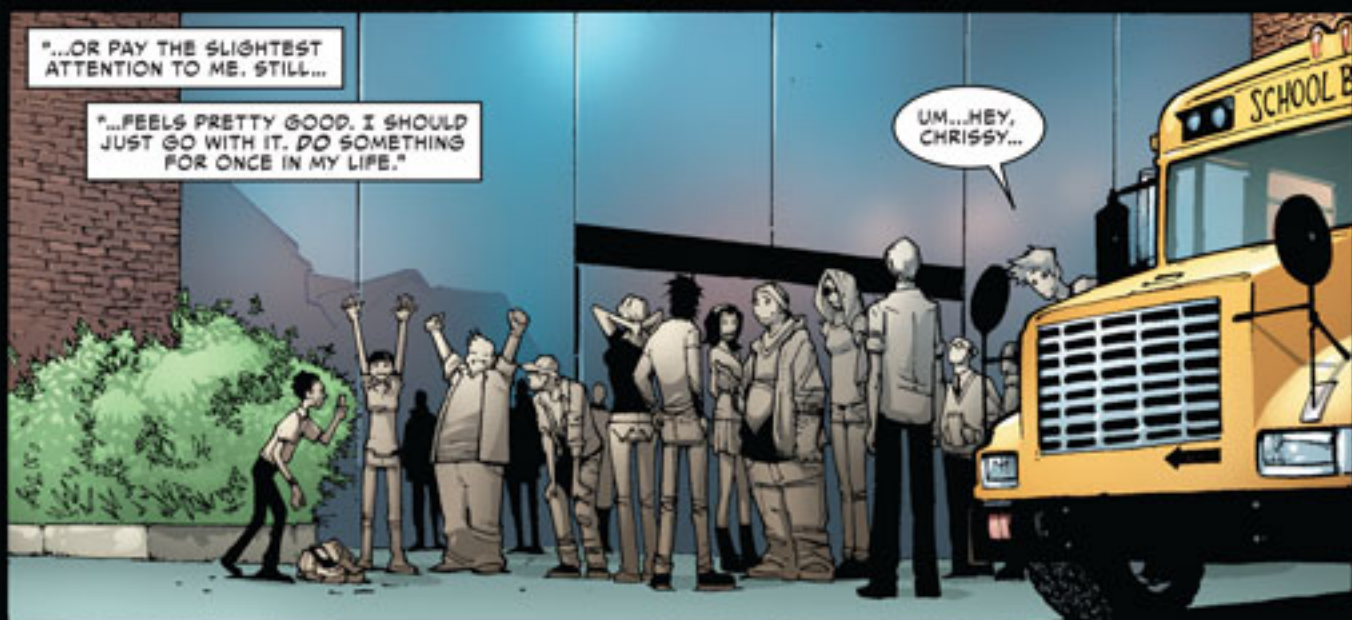
AND LEMME GUESS...

YEP, NO ONE SIGNED MY FORM.

RRRRY MAGUIRE. THERE.

BOLD MOVE, SIR. GOING OUTSIDE THE LINES.

OH, LIKE ANYONE'S GONNA CHECK...



"...OR PAY THE SLIGHTEST ATTENTION TO ME. STILL..."

"...FEELS PRETTY GOOD. I SHOULD JUST GO WITH IT. DO SOMETHING FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE."

UM...HEY, CHRISSEY...



...I WAS JUST--

...FADES BACK AND MAKES THE CATCH!

IT WAS SWEET!

HEY, IT WAS ALL YOU.



HUNSACKER.

NICE.

GUESS YOU DIDN'T SEE ME THERE. UM. LITTLE HELP?



HERE.

THANKS.



NO PROB. C'MON. YOU DO NOT WANNA MISS THIS!

NOW THIS? THIS IS PETER PARKER, THE ONE-AND-ONLY AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. AND TODAY SHOULD BE--

TODAY'S GONNA BE THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!





HI! WELCOME TO HORIZON LABS. I'M PETER PARKER, ONE-TIME MIDTOWN HIGH STUDENT, JUST LIKE YOU.

AND I WANTED YOU TO SEE THIS TODAY--TO KNOW THAT FROM WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW--

--LITERALLY EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU!

THIS IS MY GREATEST DISCOVERY. REED RICHARDS FOUND UNSTABLE MOLECULES. HANK PYM, THE PYM PARTICLE. TONY STARK, ARC REACTOR TECHNOLOGY.

YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE PARKER PARTICLES.

A HYPER-KINETIC FORM OF ENERGY TIED INTO THE FORCES OF UNIVERSAL EXPANSION ITSELF.

CLEAN, AFFORDABLE, NEAR-LIMITLESS POWER.

AND WE'RE SHOWING IT OFF TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

YES, MR. STONE. AND TOP SCIENTISTS, THE MEDIA, POLICY MAKERS.

AFTER OUR...FIASCO WITH THE DR. MORBIUS AND THE LIZARD, A LITTLE GOOD PUBLICITY COULDN'T HURT.

MR. MODELL, ABOUT THAT...

NOW THAT DR. MORBIUS IS GONE...

...THERE'S AN OPENING IN YOUR PRIVATE THINK TANK, ISN'T THERE?

YES. AND I'M REVIEWING A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES.

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, TIBERIUS. BUT NOW MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST TIME.

PERHAPS WHEN THE NEXT SPOT OPENS.

I HEAR YOU, MAX. LOUD AND CLEAR.

SAFETIES  
DISENGAGED





IF WE HARNESS THIS RIGHT, NOT TO TOOT MY OWN HORN, BUT THIS COULD...

...CHANGE THE WORLD.

WAIT. THAT'S...



...NOT GOOD.

SPIDER-SENSE TINGLING!



SHUTTING EVERYTHING DOWN!

NO! TOO MUCH OF A RESIDUAL CHARGE!



EVERYONE!

FIND COVER!

**NOW!**

SECRET IDENTITY BE DAMNED!

HAVE TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO GET THESE KIDS--





--CLEAR!

WHAT WAS I THINKING?!

AHHH!

STAY DOWN!

WHO'S LEFT?

IS THERE ANYONE I MISSED?!

OH, I KNOW **EXACTLY** WHAT I WAS THINKING!

I WAS **SHOWING OFF** TO ALL THE YOUNG FLASH THOMPSONS AND LIZ ALLENS OF THE WORLD!

SHOWING 'EM HOW BIG AND IMPORTANT **PUNY PARKER** TURNED OUT.



BECAUSE OF **THAT**...

CHRISSEY!



...I PUT ALL OF THESE KIDS AT RISK!

LOOK OUT!

DEAR GOD, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, THIS'LL ALL BE MY--

YEARGH--



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THE ONLY HERO



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