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# **Marvel® SUPER HERO™ PROFILES**

### **DAREDEVIL**

When Matt Murdock saw a truck about to hit a blind man, he hurled himself in front of it to save the man. This good deed changed his life forever, as a container of radioactive waste fell from the truck and blinded him, while also heightening his other senses. An Olympic level athlete, Daredevil possesses extraordinary agility, endurance, skill and balance. Although he's blind, he can "see" by means of his "radar sense", which acts similarly to sonar. He uses his senses, much as the blind do, to navigate his world.

### **DOCTOR OCTOPUS**

Throughout the years, Doctor Octopus has become one of Spider-Man's worst enemies. He was a brilliant and respected scientist, known as Dr. Otto Octavius, who designed a set of robotic arms to handle toxic and dangerous substances. In a freak lab accident involving radiation his robotic arms fused to his body. Doctor Octopus' steel tentacles are telepathically controlled and can be moved at great speeds.

### **SPIDER-MAN**

During a public exhibition, a small radioactive spider bit Peter Parker. The spider's bite gave Peter spider-like powers including the ability to cling to most surfaces, super strength and reflexes. Spider-Man also uses web-shooters, worn on his wrists, to shoot thin strands of a special web fluid.

### **INCREDIBLE HULK**

Bruce Banner worked at a United States Defense Department nuclear research facility where he designed and oversaw construction of a nuclear weapon called a "gamma-bomb". While saving a civilian at the test site, he was caught in the detonation and irradiated with radioactive particles, causing him to transform into the vastly powerful, green-skinned Hulk when he is angry. As the Incredible Hulk, he possesses little of Banner's memory and intelligence and is easily enraged. His loss of control and judgment when he is the Hulk is likened to the same process we undergo when we lose our temper.

### **INVISIBLE WOMAN**

Sue Richards, a founding member of the Fantastic Four, became the Invisible Woman after the starship she was in unexpectedly encountered intense radiation. Following the accident, the four passengers in the starship discovered that the cosmic radiation had triggered changes in their bodies. Sue now had the ability to manipulate cosmic energy and bend light, rendering herself invisible, as well as other objects. She can also project invisible force fields, limited only by her strength of will and imagination.

### **IRON MAN**

Anthony Stark inherited his father's company, Stark Industries, whose chief contracts were for weaponry and munitions for the U.S. government. While testing a weapon in Vietnam, a piece of shrapnel lodged in Stark's chest. To save himself, he designed and built an electrically powered suit of armor. Iron Man's armor magnifies his strength to superhuman levels and is equipped with weapons. Required to wear the armor at all times to keep his heart beating, Stark puts it to regular use by combating villains as Iron Man.

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## **X-MEN**

The X-Men is an organization of superhuman mutants founded by Professor Charles Xavier. Its purpose is to train mutants in the use of their superhuman powers, and to serve as a combat team that could defend humanity against attacks by mutants who use their powers for evil. The X-Men's base of operations is Professor Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters, which serves as a secret training center and living quarters.

## **WOLVERINE**

Wolverine was born with mutant abilities including heightened senses of seeing, hearing and smelling as well as an accelerated healing factor. He also possesses retractable bone claws that are housed in his forearms and are part of his skeleton. Before Wolverine was approached by Professor Charles Xavier to be a part of the X-Men, he was taken by a group of scientists to be part of the Weapon X program. It was here that these scientists bonded the indestructible element "Adamantium" to his bone cells, thus making his skeleton virtually unbreakable.

## **MAGNETO**

Magneto is a mutant with the superhuman power to control magnetism. He can shape and manipulate magnetic fields that exist naturally or artificially. When a mob prevented Magnus from rescuing his daughter from dying in a fire, he used his powers to destroy them all in revenge. Years later, Magnus re-emerged as Magneto, who was determined to conquer the human race to prevent their oppression of mutants.

## **ICEMAN**

As a member of the X-Men, Robert Drake, the Iceman, was born with the ability to freeze moisture in the air. He is able to lower his external and internal body temperature to become living ice, and can use his mutant ability to change the state of water from a gas (moisture in air) or liquid to a solid (ice). The ice he makes can be formed into any object of his choosing. The only limitations are his imagination, his skill as a sculptor, the available moisture, and the air temperature that determines how long his ice sculpture will stay icy.

## **STORM**

Storm is the descendant of an ancient line of African priestesses. Her mutant power is the ability to control the weather, which she used to help local tribes who worshipped her as a goddess. Storm remained with these tribes for years until Professor Charles Xavier recruited her into the new team of X-Men. She was given the code name "Storm" after her power to affect weather elements such rain, wind, thunder, and lightning.

## **BANSHEE**

Banshee is a mutant who can create powerful sonic waves with his voice. He can use his sonic powers to propel himself through the air in flight, to shatter solid objects, to place human beings temporarily into a hypnotic trance, or to cause people to fall temporarily unconscious.

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