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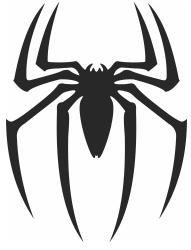
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SPIDER-MAN

High-school senior Peter Parker lives with his Aunt May and Uncle Ben, and is a school outcast. On a school field trip, he visits a genetics laboratory with his best friend Harry Osborn and love interest Mary Jane Watson. There, Peter is bitten by a genetically engineered "super spider". The next morning he discovers that the bite has given him a multitude of powers, such as the ability to produce webs, quickened reflexes, superhuman speed, strength, the ability to stick to surfaces, and a heightened ability to sense danger.

With his new powers, Peter intends to impress Mary Jane with a car bought from the winnings of an underground fighting tournament where he would have an unfair upper-hand. But the promoter cheats him out of his money and when a thief raids the promoter's office, Peter allows him to escape. Moments later, he discovers that Uncle Ben was carjacked, and killed. Peter pursues and confronts the carjacker, only to realize it was the thief he let escape. This devastates Peter.

With Uncle Ben's advice of "with great power comes great responsibility", Peter begins using his abilities to fight injustice, donning a costume and the persona of Spider-Man. Peter then secures a job as a freelance photographer since he is the only person capable of photographing Spider-Man.

Meanwhile, a masked villain assassinates important Oscorp board members at the World Unity Fair. The mysterious killer is quickly named the Green Goblin due to his costume and mannerisms.

Unbeknownst to Peter, the Green Goblin is his best friend's father, Norman. Norman offers Peter a place at his side, but Peter refuses. They fight, and Peter is wounded.

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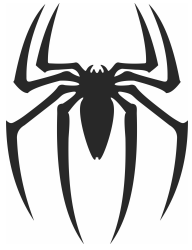
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At Aunt May's Thanksgiving dinner, Norman sees Peter's injury and realises he is Spider Man. This leads to Norman attacking, and hospitalizing Aunt May.

Meanwhile, Mary Jane confides with Peter that she is infatuated with Spider-Man, who has rescued her on numerous occasions. Harry, who is dating Mary Jane, sees them hold hands and presumes she has feelings for Peter. Devastated, Harry tells his father Norman that Peter loves Mary Jane, unintentionally revealing Spider-Man's biggest weakness.

Norman holds Mary Jane and a Roosevelt Island Tram car full of children hostage. He forces Peter to choose whom he wants to save and drops Mary Jane and the children from the bridge. Peter saves them all, while Norman is pelted by civilians who side with Spider-Man. The villain and the hero then fight in an abandoned building. When Norman boasts about how he will later kill Mary Jane, an enraged Peter overpowers the Green Goblin.

Norman reveals himself to Peter and begs for forgiveness, but at the same time controls his glider to attack. Sensing this, Peter dodges, and the glider impales Norman. As he dies, Norman begs Peter not to tell his son that he was the Green Goblin. Peter takes Norman's body back to his house. Harry arrives to find Spider Man standing over his father's dead body. He seizes a gun, but Peter escapes.

At Norman's funeral, Harry swears vengeance toward Spider-Man, whom he deems responsible for his father's death. Mary Jane confesses to Peter that she is in love with him, but Peter hides his true feelings to protect her. As Peter leaves the funeral, he recalls Ben's words and accepts his new responsibility as Spider-Man.



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Moana

Polynesian islanders worship the goddess Te Fiti, who brought life to the ocean using her stone heart as the source of her power. Maui, the shapeshifting demigod and master of sailing, steals the heart to give humanity the power of creation. With the loss of her heart, Te Fiti disintegrates, and Maui is attacked by Te Kā, a volcanic demon. He loses both his magical giant fishhook and the heart to the ocean.

A millennium later, Moana, daughter of Chief Tui, is chosen by the ocean to return the heart to Te Fiti. Tui takes Moana away from the water's edge and the heart tumbles to the sand and is lost. Moana's parents keep her away from the ocean to prepare her for inheriting the chieftain title, although Moana is always drawn to it. Years later, a blight strikes the island, rotting the coconuts and dwindling fish supplies. Moana suggests going beyond the island's reef to find more fish, but Tui forbids it, fearing Moana will perish beyond the reef. Moana ignores his fears and tries conquering the reef but is overpowered by tidal waters and is shipwrecked back on Motunui.

Moana's grandmother Tala shows her a secret cave, where a number of ships are hidden, revealing to Moana that their people used to be voyagers. Tala explains that Te Kā's darkness is poisoning the island, but it can be cured if Moana finds Maui and gets him to restore the heart of Te Fiti, which she gives to Moana. Tala falls ill shortly after and dies, but not before encouraging Moana to go and fulfill her destiny.

Moana sets sail, accidentally accompanied by her dim-witted rooster Heihei. They are caught in a typhoon and shipwrecked on an island where she finds the stranded Maui, who traps her and steals her ship, but Moana catches up to him with help from the ocean. She demands that Maui return the heart but he refuses.

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They are attacked by Kakamora—coconut-armored pirates—who seek to steal the heart, but Moana and Maui outwit them. Moana realizes Maui is no longer a hero, and convinces him to redeem himself by returning the heart. Maui first needs to obtain his magical fishhook, which is located in Lalotai, the Realm of Monsters, and is in the possession of Tamatoa, a giant, greedy coconut crab. Moana enters Tamatoa's lair, using herself as live bait to distract him and allowing Maui to climb atop the crab and retrieve his fishhook. However, Maui discovers he cannot control his shapeshifting and loses self-confidence, quickly becoming overpowered by Tamatoa. Moana's quick thinking allows them to escape with Maui's hook. On the sea again, Moana learns the art of sailing and Maui regains control of his powers.

The two arrive at Te Fiti's island, only to be attacked by Te Kā, who badly damages Maui's fishhook. Maui angrily abandons Moana, who tearfully asks the ocean to find someone else other than herself to restore the heart. The ocean obliges and takes the heart from Moana. Tala's spirit appears, inspiring Moana to find her true calling. Moana decides to fulfill her destiny, retrieves the heart, and sails back to confront Te Kā. Maui returns and buys Moana time to reach Te Fiti by fighting Te Kā, who destroys his fishhook in the process.

Moana discovers Te Fiti is missing, and realizes Te Kā is Te Fiti without her heart. Moana tells the ocean to clear a path, allowing her to restore Te Fiti's heart, transforming her back to normal. Te Fiti then heals the ocean and islands of Te Kā's poison. Maui apologizes to Te Fiti, who forgivingly restores his fishhook and goes into a deep sleep. Moana bids farewell to Maui, returning home where she reunites with her parents. Moana takes up her role as chief and wayfinder, leading her people on a voyage, accompanied from afar by Maui (in a form of a giant hawk) and Tala (in the form of a manta ray).

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Harry Potter



Eleven-year-old Harry Potter lives with his surly uncle and cold aunt, Vernon and Petunia Dursley and their spoiled son Dudley. His life changes on the day of his eleventh birthday when he receives a letter of acceptance into a Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, delivered by a half-giant named Rubeus Hagrid. Harry denies this possibility, claiming he is "just Harry". Hagrid explains Harry's hidden past as the wizard son of James and Lily Potter, and how they were murdered by the most evil and powerful dark wizard of all time, Lord Voldemort.

Hagrid introduces Harry to the wizarding world, bringing him to places filled with wonder and magic. Harry leaves the Dursleys' home to catch the Hogwarts Express. On the train, he quickly befriends Ronald Weasley and Hermione Granger. There, Harry also makes an enemy of Draco Malfoy. Arriving at Hogwarts, the first-years are assigned by the magical Sorting Hat to Houses that best suit their personalities. Harry winds up in Gryffindor with Ron and Hermione, while Draco is sorted into Slytherin like his whole family before him.

Harry discovers his innate talent for flying on broomsticks, and is recruited into his House's Quidditch team as a Seeker. He also comes to dislike the school's Potions master, Severus Snape, who seems to be always looking for opportunities to fail Harry and his friends.

During a misadventure, Harry and his friends run into a locked door on a forbidden corridor where they discover a huge three-headed dog standing guard over a trapdoor. Later, a troll threatens Hermione's life in the girls' bathroom. She is rescued by Harry and Ron and the three become fast friends. Snape's recent leg injury prompts Harry, Hermione and Ron to suspect him to be looking for a way to enter the trapdoor.

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In Harry's first Quidditch game, his broomstick loses control which leads Hermione to suspect that Snape is jinxing Harry's broom.

Christmas approaches and Harry receives an invisibility cloak from an anonymous source claiming that the cloak belonged to Harry's father. Using the cloak to explore the school at night, he discovers the Mirror of Erised, in which reveals the viewers deepest desires.

A visit to Hagrid's cottage leads to the friends discovering that the object kept under that trapdoor is a Philosopher's Stone. A centaur named Firenze also warns Harry of a plot to steal the Stone by He Who Must Not Be Named. When the school's headmaster Albus Dumbledore is lured from Hogwarts under false pretences, Harry, Hermione and Ron fear that the theft is imminent and descend through the trapdoor themselves.

They encounter a series of obstacles, each of which requires unique skills possessed by one of the three. In the final room, Harry, now alone, finds Quirinus Quirrell, the Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher, partially possessed by Voldemort, trying to get past the last obstacle: the Mirror of Erised. The Mirror recognises Harry's lack of greed for the Stone and deposits it into his pocket. Quirrell attempts to seize the Stone, but with contact of Harry's skin, the professor burns alive.

Harry awakes in the school's infirmary, where Dumbledore explains his survival against Voldemort is due to his mother's sacrifice; Quirrell had been left to die by Voldemort and the Stone had been destroyed. The eventful school year ends at the final feast, during which Gryffindor wins the House Cup. Harry returns to Privet Drive for the summer, neglecting to tell them that the use of spells is forbidden by those under-age and thus anticipating some peace over the holidays.