

HELLION FOR HIRE #10: HATING REED RICHARDS

## Hating Reed Richards and a wonderful Surprise From The Invisible Woman

by Billy Tucci 08-17-2006

### Reed Richards - Wanker

Upon looking over my original pencils for **Heroes For Hire #1**, my good friend, **24** scribe, and past **Shi** collaborator JC Vaughn commented that he could see how much fun I was having drawing the book. Save for my representation of Reed Richards. "You don't like him very much do you?" The man inquired, to which I simply replied, "No."

Now, it's not that I honestly dislike Reed Richards; it's just that I could never truly relate to the old Harvard Yard brainiac, "Mister Fantastic." Sure, I too have marveled at the American mythological story of Nat and Evelyn's sweet little child prodigy "possessing a mastery of mechanical engineering, chemistry, all levels of physics, and human and alien biology." Also thanks to Wikipedia, I know he "enrolled in college by the time he was fourteen, attending such prestigious universities as the California Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Columbia University and the Empire State University", (what couldn't get into MIT?). I'm also lead to believe this is all pretty hard to do, except for getting into "ESU" which doesn't exist in the first place.



But I also know Reed as an egomaniacal windbag who in his haste, almost killed his friends, can stretch any and every part of his body (as if that isn't enough to hate him!) and who after his tragically disfigured best friend lamented that "I ain't Ben anymore - I'm what Susan called me --- The Thing!!," pompously celebrated with "And I'll call myself Mister Fantastic!!" Hey Reed, glad you're appreciative of me saving your skinny ass from the bullying Frat boys back at State University! Now you know how the Beau Smith's of the world really feel.

Okay on second thought, I do dislike him *immensely* and if anyone else out there agrees please help me out and speak in my defense.

Case in point:

One of my favorite comic book stories of all time took place in **Fantastic Four #51** (June, 1966). In the heart-wrenching, "This Man, This Monster" Mister Fantastic or as I like to refer to him as "M.F." heroically "shredded the very fabric of infinity" so that "sub-space must be explored



and *conquered* for the good of mankind." I guess that's really cool and all, but in the end his rubbery ass had to be saved by some crazy lump-browed bastard of scientist who sacrificed himself, thus returning the newly fleshed Ben Grimm back into "The Thing" just as the man was about to get lucky. I mean, who's the true villain here, a guy that's just "lonely and sad at heart" and helps a depressed brother loose 300 pounds or the "boy genius" not able to recognize his own best friend? Honestly, this is like a Senator being heralded as the "smartest woman in the world" who had no clue her husband is cheating on her FOR TWENTY YEARS. Ponder this if you will.

Of course I could go and on pointing out just how fantastic M.F. really is, but that would be like "Flogging a Dead Horse" wouldn't it? So let us cut to the chase and the real reason I don't like the elastically handsome Herr Richard. It's not being jealous of his saving the world countless times, and being of gargantuan intellect, it's just that we two have something very much in common ...

We're both wankers who married the Invisible Girl.

**"I could have married a Prince and be the Grace Kelly of the Sea."**

Beatle fans have their favorite Beatle, and like them, I'm sure some folks here have a favorite member of the Fantastic Four. Mine is Johnny Storm, because I think it would be truly rad to have tons of chicks, fly around really fast and burn things. That said, the downside is I could never have one of the most

incredibly hot hotties in the universe - Sue Storm. Now for all you sick sons of bitches out there, I'm sure it's Marvel policy that this will never, ever happen, so get your toothless heads out of the gutter, (even you Southerners).

Okay then, so no Sue, then no Johnny. Now Ben's my favorite. I guess it wouldn't be so bad being hard, orange and able to say "It's clobberin' time!" before punching the shit out of some punk alien. Besides, who didn't delight in the little "flame-retard" (Ben's word's not mine, P.C.er's) getting brew-bottle-smashed upside the head in **Civil War #1?**

Now back to the object of Namor's desires, Susan Storm and the invisible parallel she has to my wife Deborah.

Like that M.F., I too have been guilty of neglecting family duties to embark on some cockamamie experiment.

Granted, I've never battled "The Sub-Mariner", or tested the outer limits of existence but I am guilty of re-enlisting in the Army National



Guard months before our wedding, playing hockey once a week, hunting a *lot* (here on Long Island & my yearly trek out west) or flying in one of my friend's old bi-planes instead of doing yard work. I know she could have married anyone she really wanted too, but going to a college where the female to male student ratio is 8:1 must have clouded her judgment enough for me to pull a fast one. Now I do know how lucky I am, but there are times when just have to leave the girl with a messy house and two wild maniacs we call children to go to a Con and not get drunk with such quiet types as John Romita Jr. and Jimmy Palmiotti.

So you see, like M.F.'s Sue, Deborah's the long-suffering heroine of my life. Some of you have met her at the shows and know that she's perfectly happy to sit in the background, (hence, the invisible metaphor, get it?), while my big mouth goes on and on about things most of you do not care to listen to. For this alone, the woman is a saint and truly the love of my life. She's also heart and soul behind my career who, like Sue, has saved her husband's ass more times than he'd like to admit. Without her, I honestly I wouldn't be here writing to you all or even making a living doing comics. She's been my muse and model since college and even this week, when she was quite sick still managed to lie down on the floor and allow her sister Lauren to choke her for the cover to **Heroes For Hire #5**.



So perhaps the meat of this column should be "who's a bigger wanker, Tucci or Richards?" Case in point, my buddy Mike Solof knows my feelings on M.F., but also knows a good thing when he sees one and likes to say Reed and I " both think you're the smartest guy in the world and you both married beautiful women who know better."

Well, at least this past month, I'm the bigger wanker. You see, like many people there are certain things I've always wanted that have always seemed to allude me. One is a private pilot's license (someday) the other is a surprise party. Now, I'm no crybaby, but I think a surprise party is something everyone should have at least once in their lifetimes.

So August 13th, 2006 was my 40th birthday, and because of Deb's slow recovery from delivery of our youngest (and last) child Matthew a few months ago, she really didn't have the strength to put on a party for me. In the beginning, I was totally cool, but after a lot of not so fake nudging and getting invites to my friend's similar surprises, I really started to want a party - badly. Well, did I ever make an ass of myself throughout the summer by getting into arguments with her about the whole thing. Like M.F. neglecting Sue's feelings, I made Debi cry (without knowing - again, The Invisible Woman) on a couple of occasions before falling into her sweet little trap - then wanting to just cut my belly open with a tanto dagger over and over again.



10 minutes later we arrive. With Matthew in one hand, ibook I open the door and SURPRISE! Dammit if there isn't just about everyone I've known since high school screaming at the top of their lungs for me! Well to say I was shocked and felt like the biggest wanker in the world would be an understatement. Everyone one there knew of all the shit I put Debi through but they somehow still came out for me. One thing about knowing how cool it is to still collect comics and toys leaves you open to some pretty great presents from those who liken you to a modern-day Gomez Addams. Instead of the usual \$40.00 gift certificate to Home Depot, I got (among other things) video games, a smoking jacket, a fencings sabre and tons and tons of really expensive Scotch!

So again, I must apologize to Debi for going once more above and beyond the call of our wedding vows and putting my stupid whims above her own sanity. Has Reed ever said, "I'm sorry Sweetheart and it won't happen again?" If so, how many times?

Okay then, maybe that M.F.'s not that bad of a guy after all. Fine, Reed may have one of the most brilliant and delicious babes in comics, (one who could satisfy you while not blocking the TV screen), a son with the powers of a God, and be the leader of "The World's Greatest Comic Magazine." I'll give him that.

And yes, I see the importance of the fact that and that if it weren't for him, Victor Von Doom might be Emperor of the World, we all might wallowing in the belly of Galactus, and countless other bad things might have happened -- but I'm still suspicious of him being the cause of all the trouble in "Marvel Zombies."

Well since I too am an egomaniac who sometimes forgets the little things in life, disliking M.F. might just be some Freudian observation of disliking myself. I've got my Sue Storm, so I shouldn't fret or be jealous of Reed since he's really just made of ink and paper. Unless of course, you think of the "reel" Reed Richards and THAT son of a bitch got Jessica Alba! Jessica Alba, huh? Okay I now realize that I just don't just "honestly dislike immensely" him, I HATE HIM more than ever!

C'mon, I may be a bigger wanker than Reed Richards, but I've got to get some agreement on that point!

### **To Bump or not to bump?**

As you all know by now, the majority of Marvel's **Civil War** titles are to be bumped. One series in particular that isn't going to be bumped, is... well, you guest it, **Heroes For Hire**. It's on a *really* tight schedule, and due to the family emergencies we've had these past few months I too would prefer some more time, but duty calls and our books will all ship on time.

### **Oh and one last "bitch..."**

For the past two days I've been working on page 12 of **HFH #3**. The first three panels of the page went easily enough, but now I'm on Panel Four:

"The Veil has entered a high tech facility filled with machines, scientists and ongoing research experiments. The room is much larger than we could have imagined and we see it has tiered levels with a circular catwalk that winds down for almost a mile into the ground. On one level several scientists examine what looks like a GIANT sleeping old school Kirby monster. In another location scientists examine a man in a hospital gown with a holographic pentagram emerging from his head like a crown. Several floating machines circle in the air like small birds zipping from level to level. Another level has several Night Flyer androids in production."

<http://www.newsarama.com/general/Hellion/10/Hellion10.html>

Now please understand that I think Jimmy and Justin Gray are among the most visual and innovative writers in comics, but damn - WHY DO YOU BOYS HATE ME SO MUCH?????!!!!!! Do I remind you of Reed Richards?

Regardless, Mark Paniccia seems to think that this will be my finest hour in comics and I am having fun. But Mark, wouldn't I be better at drawing four splash pages of The Invisible Woman taking a shower?

Tally Ho! Billy

*P.S. - If Reed Richards has a problem with that or anything written in this column he can email me if he's got the guts!*

Discussion Thread: <http://forum.newsarama.com/showthread.php?t=80886>

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Spaz\_Monkey

08-17-2006 12:53 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Billy Tucci**

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Save yourself a LOT of trouble. Zoom in on the hero's face as he takes in everything he's seeing. Word bubbles describe everything he's seeing, without you having to show it.

In other words, CHEAT!

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zodcomplex

08-17-2006 12:58 PM

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I'm with you man. Reed Richards is a tool. I'm glad I'm not the only one who's crowned him with the MF moniker.

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Kolimar

08-17-2006 01:27 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **MattBrady**

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I think there are more than a few fans who would be very happy with that. :p :D ;)

samnoir

08-17-2006 01:45 PM

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Quote:

Now for all you sick sons of bitches out there, I'm sure it's Marvel policy that this will never, ever happen, so get your toothless heads out of the gutter.

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Does that mean [Grant Morrison](#) too?

Prometheus3

08-17-2006 01:49 PM

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Great column Billy and I'm happy that Heroes for Hire won't be delayed because of the Civil War delays. I loik forward to the first issue.

sll01

08-17-2006 01:54 PM

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **MattBrady**

*but going to a college where the female to male student ratio is 8:1*

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I think I want to go to school :p

and how about some party photos

And is it me or dose Lauren look like she is haveing a little to much fun :eek:

immortus

08-17-2006 01:55 PM

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **zodcomplex**

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*crowned him with the MF moniker.*

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MetalFace? Metal Fingers?

**drs9p**

08-17-2006 01:55 PM

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### **Hillary knew**

Just a sidenote, but the comparison between Reed and Senator Clinton is unjustified. I study politics at UVA, and based on some inside info, Hillary knew damn well what Bill was doing all those years. Most reporters who traveled with the governor turned president knew as well. They just figured it was not the public's business, and Hillary probably figured it'd be better for her political career to remain the brilliant but loyal wife rather than seem jealous or heartless. Of course, when Monica came forward it became impossible to pretend anymore, so she had to act like she was completely surprised. So calling her the smartest woman in America, or whatever was said, was not necessarily unjustified. She knew what was up and knew even better how to play it in public. That's politics.

**Billy Tucci**

08-17-2006 02:04 PM

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **drs9p**

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Who was talking about Mrs. Clinton?

**BlackCatGuy**

08-17-2006 02:13 PM

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Billy, count me in! I support you in your....."distaste".....for Reed Richards! Henceforth, Mr. "Fantastic" shall now be known to me as.....Mr. "Who The Hell Do You Think You Are Putting Your Friends Through A Cosmic Hell Like That And Treating Them Like Dirt"..... And there you have it!

I'm relieved to hear that HRH won't be delayed! Not that I mind the delays, but I'm really, REALLY looking forward to this series!:D

sll01

08-17-2006 02:24 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Billy Tucci**  
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I reread your post and I can't find any links to her :rolleyes:

Did you ever finish that drawing you had in Chicago?

Billy Tucci

08-17-2006 02:35 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **sll01**  
*I reread your post and I can't find any links to her :rolleyes:*  
  
*Did you ever finish that drawing you had in Chicago?*

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No, not yet. Must finish HFH #3 first.

Quail-Man

08-17-2006 02:39 PM

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Did your wife go to Adelphi? The 8:1 female to male ratio leads me to believe she did, and the fact you're on Long Island.

Johnny Triangles

08-17-2006 02:47 PM

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Good stuff. Only thing is, in 616 Marvel proper, I don't think Ben saved Reed from bullying. 616 Reed was socially popular as well as brilliant, making him that much more annoying.

johnchrist

08-17-2006 02:48 PM

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Quote:

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P.S. - If Reed Richards has a problem with that or anything written in this column he can email me if he's got the guts! \_\_\_\_\_.

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Reed Richards is a HUGE pink taco!  
Ben Grimm is cool, but if it weren't for them introducing Silver Surfer I really wouldn't care either way what happens with them. Hell, I'm looking forward to the "split" that's s'posed to be occurring in that team. Hmm... maybe throw Colossus in, instead of Grimm, resurrect Jean Grey to replace Sue, and let Grimm run a new Avengers... I'd call it "Avengers: ROCK OUT!", or maybe "Hard Rock Avengers!!" (2 exclamation points are mandatory),.... oooh how about "Avengers; They Roxxors!!!"?

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## CrankyViking

08-17-2006 03:03 PM

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You had me at "really expensive scotch."

You had me at "really expensive scotch."

Any Glenfiddich 30 year, old buddy, old pal?

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## Charlie Hustle

08-17-2006 03:08 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **drs9p**

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can you explain what you're talking about please?

The column was hilarious

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## Jon Yeager

08-17-2006 03:11 PM

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Of course he hates Reed Richards. Richards is pro-SRA.

Everyone at Marvel hates the SRA and everyone supporting it. Why else go out of your way over and over again to stress the point that Spidey is really only on it as a favor to his lying, cheating mentor?

No wrong side, my @ss, Joey Q! ;)

Jon

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Grimm22

08-17-2006 03:13 PM

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Great Article. I plan to pick up HFH when it is released.

Case in point, Reed can be a major tool. But, that's what's great about the character.

Civil War has brought out the best and worst of the characters, where as brilliant as Reed is, he still fails to see how the war is tearing not only the community, but the team itself apart.

Rather than focusing on what brought them together as a team in the first place, he is just letting himself be used as a pawn in Tony's game.

Honestly, I can see Reed switching sides by the end of the war. Since we already know that Sue is Anti-Registration and that Ben refuses to take part in the war, its only a matter of time before Reed realizes the bigger picture.

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johnchrist

08-17-2006 03:22 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Jon Yeager**

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*Jon*

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Man, and here I've been complaining that Marvel seems to be pandering too much towards the pro SRA side "Think of the children," "this is what alcoholics call a moment of clarity" or whatever Iron Man said.

But at least they've finally written a Cap America storyline I can get into.

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Del Gorky

08-17-2006 03:59 PM

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## Tucci, please!

Wow this was just as boring as the Paul Jenkins pieces that overexamine his personal life. I'd be somewhat more interested if Tucci was an artist who had drawn a years worth of comics in 12 months.

Truly there are blogs on [blog@newsarama](mailto:blog@newsarama) that are far more interesting than this why not occasionally spotlight one of those instead of stroking yet another comic prima donna artist's ego. How brave to admit how selfish you are as a husband!

The delay of Civil War must seem like a godsend since any delays on Heroes For Hire won't be that noticeable.

Heidi M.

08-17-2006 03:59 PM

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Billy, a wonderful story. I'm lucky enough to call you and Debi friends, and I had a huge smile on my face as I read the story of the birthday party. Congratulations on hitting adulthood!

Billy Tucci

08-17-2006 04:30 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Del Gorky**

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That's what I've been telling Marvel all along! I'm so glad someone else finally gets it!

Billy Tucci

08-17-2006 05:02 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **CrankyViking**

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Sorry that I didn't see your post, Cranky Viking.

But Oh God No on the Glenfiddich -- one day - perhaps my 50th!

But I did get a bottle of JW Blue, The Dewar's Signature Label and oh yeah -- an 18-Year-Old Macallan!!!!!!

So I can't complain !!!

Swords and Scotch -- a new comic title. ;)

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Beau Smith

08-17-2006 05:07 PM

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Billy,

I'm gonna start charging you for using my name so much in your column.

It's better than Ebay.

"It's ClobBeasuring Time!"

Beau

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Spaz\_Monkey

08-17-2006 05:07 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Del Gorky**

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BlackCatGuy

08-17-2006 06:13 PM

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No, Spaz\_Monkey, I don't think you missed ANYTHING!! You hit the nail squarely on the head with that one!:D :D

**Bobo Da Hobo**

08-17-2006 06:42 PM

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Billy - I hate Reed Richards too. If I ever achieved my dream to write for Marvel - I'm gonna get you to draw my "The Crimes Of Reed Richards" FF arc

**astronato**

08-17-2006 07:10 PM

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you Reed bashers are just jealous because Reed always hits the G spot.

Don't play a hate. Congratulate!

**Bobo Da Hobo**

08-17-2006 07:46 PM

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You think he has a problem hitting the spot...what with HIS abilities?

They call him MISTER Fantastic for a reason. He's a prick

**Simon Garth**

08-17-2006 07:48 PM

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I really don't get the censorship rules in Newsarama - if I say \_\_\_\_ (a very mild epithet) it comes out as underlines, but "wanker" is acceptable in a title??

**JLAJRC**

08-17-2006 08:34 PM

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Let's be honest, the only reason Sue even sticks by Reed's neglectful butt instead of dumping him for Namor is two things:

- 1.) His elasticity with a certain body part. ;)
- 2.) She can't breathe underwater by herself and it would get tiring wearing a breathing apparatus 24/7.

In fact, what is it with Marvel Nerds landing babes? I wish I had their luck. (Reed, Parker, Banner)

## Jeremy Williams

08-17-2006 09:02 PM

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Richards is a man that moves his family forward. Without him, Ben, Susan and Johnny would have a pretty boring life. Case in point a certain Miss Storm wouldn't have the chance the fool around with a prince from an undersea kingdom. So Reed took one for the team on this one. lol It's like Sopranos in a way. What if Tony had been a garbage man? Kamilla wouldn't have had all these great things, being able to send her daughter to the greatest colleges. And can you imagine being a kid and having Reed Richards for a dad? It would be the greatest thing ever. Instead of "dad, can we go to the movie?" it's "kids pack you bags we're going to the negative zone!". Instead of flipping out at the mere sight of Barney, they're playing hide and seek with the Impossible Man.

## astronato

08-17-2006 09:11 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Bobo Da Hobo**

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Huh? Did you read what i wrote?

## Sesshomaru

08-17-2006 09:24 PM

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That was a nice article . I dont mind reed , can even enjoy him..  
What i do mind and makes me cringe is when Doom loses against him . Sure I do know that when Vicky wins , chances are it will be quite bad for the MU , however i still dont like it :D . It also makes me mad when they imply or openly says that Reed is smarter than Doom , because bottom line : he is evil and wacko. Again sure its true that his ego get in the way , but i still wont accept it :mad: !

I also think that Tchalla is of Reed's level , and that Tony stark is his equal as well , and that both are even superior in different fields .

## Unknown

08-17-2006 09:47 PM

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I have no comment to this article...but some other guy does...

"Doom agress with your article, Tucci! Richards is and has always been an arrogant jerk! For your true comments, Doom shall give you a position of power when the whole world bows down to Doom!"

BlackCatGuy

08-17-2006 10:28 PM

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DOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM !!!!! :p :D :D

JohnLynch

08-18-2006 02:28 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Kolimar**

*I think there are more than a few fans who would be very happy with that. :p :D ;)*

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I'd rather have my porn be porn and my comics be great stories with everything in the comic be to further the character, story or action rather than to titilate.

I know, I know. You're joking. But there *are* people out there who would say that seriously.

MarkSparacio

08-18-2006 03:02 PM

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**Chivas is a fine Scotch, ain't it?**

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WOW!!! Now, I AM insulted! No mention of the humongous bottle of Chivas Regal that I gave to you at your 40th surprise birthday party, but you mention Dewar's. DEWAR'S!? Two. TWO!? It could be clobberin' time...

Toneloak

08-18-2006 03:44 PM

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Think of it this way Sesshomaru-sama T'challa, he got a boost because of old tech and special metals, same level not likely. Tony, specialize in robotics he has a highly focused field of expertise limiting himself and Doom he rotted his brain cells when he decide to bring his mother back to life seeing how that didn't work to well.

fishhead

08-18-2006 11:11 PM

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### The "big 40" and the wenka

It takes a real man to admit his falts and a real artist to help portray the ones of others>>>>  
the Nello man.....

beta-ray

08-19-2006 01:46 AM

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Perhaps Reed needs a similar website to Batman and Superman's :D

Toneloak

08-19-2006 08:39 PM

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*Perhaps Reed needs a similar website to Batman and Superman's :D*

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I don't think Reed had as many homo erotic statements as Sups and Bats.:D

BurgundyTears

08-22-2006 11:03 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Billy Tucci**  
*But I also know Reed as an egomaniacal windbag who in his haste, almost killed his friends, can stretch any and every part of his body (as if that isn't enough to hate him!) and who after his tragically disfigured best friend lamented that "I ain't Ben anymore - I'm what Susan called me --- The Thing!!," pompously celebrated with "And I'll call myself Mister Fantastic!!"*

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To be fair Reed has since devoted enormous energy towards either curing Ben (and sometimes succeeding, but Thing is always brought back somehow, either through chance or his own volition) or helping him get a good existence. He's even split all his billions of earnings equally with both Ben, Susan & Johnny. I agree about that he started out as a standard egomaniacal 60's literature scientist as opposed to the more idealistic researchers I've met in the real world, but that's just his starting point a long time ago.

Several Marvel heroes are based on the template of someone trying to become better to pay for some mistake. Spider-Man & Dr.Strange among them. Tony Stark's background is as a conscience-free weapons manufacturer who sold land mines being used to blow up thousands of 3'rd World children and trying to make up for that, while Reed is trying to atone for his rocket trip mistake. The former is a far worse sin if you need to hate some character, but both turned into pioneering philanthropists in the end, while other Marvel characters of their scale of intellect have mostly turned into social-Darwinian supremacists style villains out of their own sense of superiority. Also (as I think Straczynski used as a theme in one of his FF arcs) the 'cosmic storm' which gave the FF their powers didn't really make any sense and couldn't have been predicted, which lessens Reed's guilt considerably.

As for the 'giving himself a pompous title while his best friend is breaking up beside him' bit, that was damn callous from our current perspective (even if that was likely just the simplistic storytelling of the era talking), but I think Chris Claremont dealt with Richards gradually developing into a much nicer person in the Fantastic Four/X-Men mini many years ago. With Reed's help things have turned great for all the FF members with time and he's almost always been reliable to save them in a crisis. Excepting his recent somewhat ruthless role in Civil War he's been shown to have grown into a very good, self-sacrificing individual who radiates positive enthusiasm for learning and development, an inspiration for all of us in several respects.

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Hey Reed, glad you're appreciative of me saving your skinny ass from the bullying Frat boys back at State University! Now you know how the Beau Smith's of the world really feel.

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Reed was pretty social I think.

In any case I've seen Beau mention how he forced money from his smaller friends, beat them up and stuck them in lockers, so I thought he used to be a bully himself? He's just making that up for humour purposes then, but was really a stand-up protective fellow?

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Okay on second thought, I do dislike him immensely and if anyone else out there agrees please help me out and speak in my defense.

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I think there are far more disagreeable characters out there for you to have a problem with. Heck Colleen Wing & Misty Knight came across as very callous, haughty and bloodthirsty in their last Daughters of the Dragon mini (I'm looking

forward to the introduction of Shang-Shi in HFH though. I always liked noble, pure & heroic characters). For that matter in the early days Johnny Storm used to be a much more mean-spirited, selfish pain in the ass towards Ben than Reed ever was, but he grew beyond that and turned likeable as well.

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One of my favorite comic book stories of all is time took place in Fantastic Four #51 (June, 1966). In the heart-wrenching, "This Man, This Monster" Mister Fantastic or as I like to refer to him as "M.F." heroically "shredded the very fabric of infinity" so that "sub-space must be explored and conquered for the good of mankind." I guess that's really cool and all, but in the end his rubbery ass had to be saved by some crazy lump-browed of scientist who sacrificed himself, thus returning the newly fleshed Ben Grimm back into "The Thing" just as the man was about to get lucky. I mean, who's the true villain here, a guy that's just "lonely and sad at heart" and helps a depressed brother loose 300 pounds or the "boy genius" not able to recognize his own best friend?

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I agree that the 'sad and lonely scientist' turned out to be a repressed idealist in the end, but he didn't originally take Grimm's power out of willingness to help. Reed not paying attention due to being too caught up in a very important experiment doesn't qualify for the same league.

Quote:

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Honestly, this is like a Senator being heralded as the "smartest woman in the world" who had no clue her husband is cheating on her FOR TWENTY YEARS. Ponder this if you will.

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Nah. People of extreme talent in certain areas aren't made less intelligent because they're not very good handling everyday matters. It just means most of their intellect has been specialised. I'm autistic myself, so I can relate.

Quote:

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Like that M.F., I too have been guilty of neglecting family duties to embark on some cockamamie experiment. Granted, I've never battled "The Sub-Mariner", or tested the outer limits of existence but I am guilty of re-enlisting in the Army National Guard months before our wedding, playing hockey once a week, hunting a lot (here on Long Island & my yearly trek out west) or flying in one of my friend's old bi-planes instead of doing yard work.

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You don't sound very neglective to me. You're not unfaithful, you have strong conscience when you hurt her feelings and you strive to support her financially. That's not so bad.

Quote:

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I know she could have married anyone she really wanted too, but going to a college where the female to male student ratio is 8:1 must have clouded her

judgment enough for me to pull a fast one.

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I would have liked to go to that kind of college. What was it named?

Quote:

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And yes, I see the importance of the fact that and that if it weren't for him, Victor Von Doom might be Emperor of the World, we all might wallowing in the belly of Galactus, and countless other bad things might have happened -- but I'm still suspicious of him being the cause of all the trouble in "Marvel Zombies."

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Well, someone had to provide the plot device and it's not mainstream Reed. ;)

Quote:

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Well since I too am an egomaniac who sometimes forgets the little things in life, disliking M.F. might just be some Freudian observation of disliking myself. I've got my Sue Storm, so I shouldn't fret or be jealous of Reed since he's really just made of ink and paper. Unless of course, you think of the "reel" Reed Richards and THAT son of a bitch got Jessica Alba! Jessica Alba, huh? Okay I now realize that I just don't just "honestly dislike immensely" him, I HATE HIM more than ever!

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Heh.

Quote:

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Regardless, Mark Paniccia seems to think that this will be my finest hour in comics and I am having fun. But Mark, wouldn't I be better at drawing four splash pages of The Invisible Woman taking a shower?

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I like your art a lot. Your women are gorgeous. You'd be a great fit for some fun non-graphic semi-erotic book (More Deadpool#49-style stories would be nice). The world needs more of those to counter the nastier stuff out there.

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**BurgundyTears**

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Sesshomaru**

*That was a nice article . I dont mind reed , can even enjoy him..  
What i do mind and makes me cringe is when Doom loses against him . Sure I do know that when Vicky wins , chances are it will be quite bad for the MU , however i still dont like it :D . It also makes me mad when they imply or openly says that Reed is smarter than Doom , because bottom line : he is evil and wacko. Again sure its true that his ego get in the way , but i still wont accept it :mad: !*

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Well, Reed is smarter than Doom pound for pound, but not quite as diverse (he can't do magic, while Doom is somewhat fluent with it). It's how he can consistently beat

someone far more ruthless than himself. Doom is supposed to be on a level with Black Panther, Mandarin, Nightshade or Hank Pym in raw intellect. Above Tony Stark (at least in the old days) or Bruce Banner but below Reed or Forge. If it makes you feel better Thanos, Grandmaster & the High Evolutionary are probably smarter than Reed.

## Billy Tucci

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Well Burgandy Tears,

I must be honest, you sure can teach me a lot about comics. I appreciate your thoughts and and constructive criticism. Too bad you live in Sweden, because I'd love to take you out to lunch sometime and pick your brain on comics.

Funny thing is I've already started on this week's column, but did just recieve an email from Reed Richards himself today... think I'll print it in next week's column!

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Again, thank you for taking the time to comment, it's greatly appreciated!

## BurgundyTears

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Thank you for the kind offer. If you ever visit the country you could always send me an E-Mail. :)

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Heh.  
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Again, thank you for taking the time to comment, it's greatly appreciated!

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No problem.

**ANGELDOGGIE**

08-28-2006 07:10 PM

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Yeah I gotta agree that M.F. is a real M. F. DORK!! The torch is pretty cool though. ( no pun intended! ) JW blue is the absolute best in my book. Oh, and that Sue Storm shower splash (!!) page really is'nt a bad idea.....right?:rolleyes: :rolleyes: