

The story that never ends: why you should get into comics

If you ever browsed the internet or just went outside you might have heard about a superhero. These are men and women who by either having powers or by the sheer awesomeness that they are, disguise their true identity with an alter ego and costume and fight crime in the most spectacular way.



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<https://www.etsy.com/listing/535210914/marvel-dc-superheroes-lunch-on-a>

If you've grown up like me waking up every morning before school to watch an episode of the Batman animated series or get caught up with the newest episode of the Justice League cartoon, you've also probably know a couple of superheroes and have a definitive love for everything they do. From the family, to their origins, to if Batman ever calls his bathroom the "Batroom".

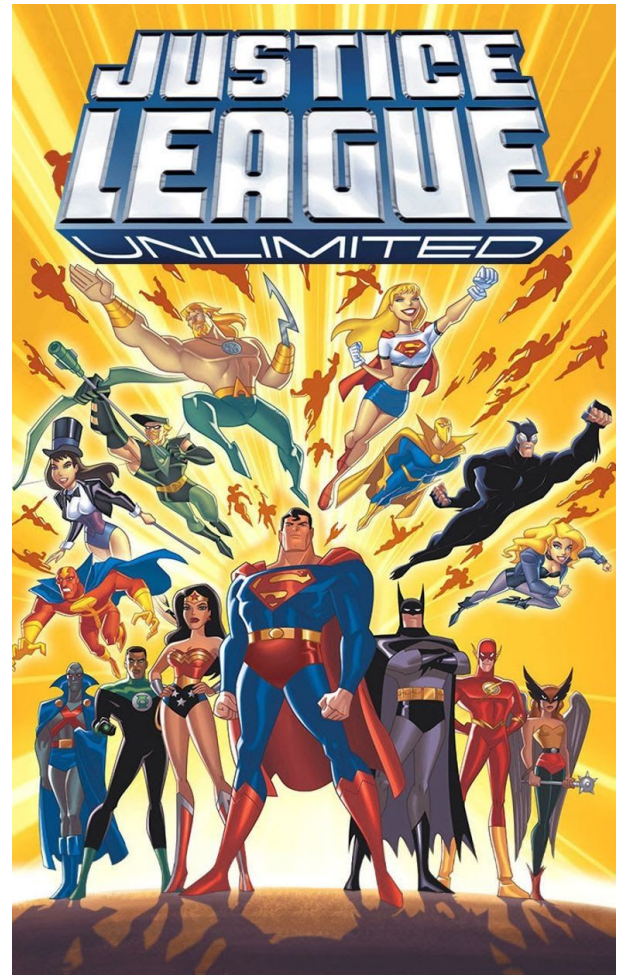


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If you've been caught up with the latest movies you've probably heard of the movies Avengers: Infinity War and Avengers: Endgame. Two of the most hyped up and most ambitious crossover (An event in which two or more characters from different media are introduced to each other in the same setting.) movie that involves the comic book communitie's favorite superheroes fighting alongside each other to defeat a common enemy. You could also be a classic fan of the old Batman or Superman movies like "TheDark Knight Trilogy" or "Man of Steel."



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<https://fox59.com/news/dark-knight-trilogy-to-screen-in-indy-to-celebrate-80th-anniversary-of-batman/>



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<https://thediscoverer.columbus.edu.co/opinion/avengers-endgame-vs-infinity-war/>



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With whichever piece of media that you've been exposed to they all are examples of how comic books and comic book culture has expanded and shaped most modern forms of entertainment. And that's what the comic community strives for. We as a community want nothing else but to share our love for comic books/characters and convince other people to join in the fun.

A great place where people of the comic book community like to participate is Comic-Con, A convention that allows people from all over the world to dress up as their favorite comic character and celebrate their love for comics. You can do a number of things in Comic-Con like purchase souvenirs at the store, meet comic book creators and artists like DC or Marvel by going to the panels that they host, or simply admire the costumes that took hard work and dedication to make. The best thing about Comic-Con is that anybody can participate.



Source:

<https://editorial.rottentomatoes.com/article/dc-vs-marvel-who-has-the-higher-tomato-meter/>



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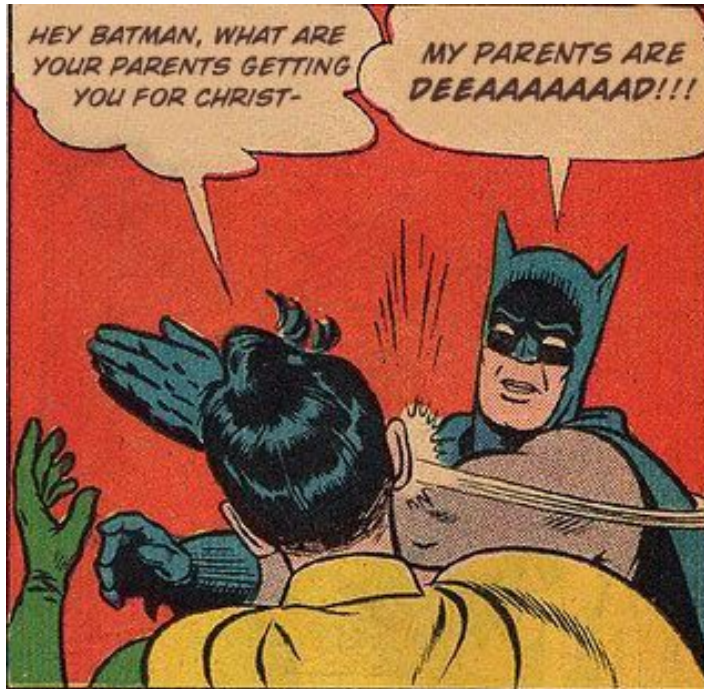
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Getting into Comic-Con is as simple as looking up your favorite costume. There are multiple places that host Comic-Con Since; I live in New York City so I can go to the New York Comic-Con. Because Comic-con is such a big event, only members with passes are allowed to enter. The best way to get into a Comic-Con look for one near your area and then go to the website that sells passes. **BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU GO. THERE ARE SOME WEBSITES THAT SCAM PEOPLE FOR FAKE PASSES! MAKE SURE TO RESEARCH THE AVERAGE AMOUNT THAT THEY COST AND IF THE WEBSITE YOU'RE GOING TO IS OFFICIAL.**

Our community believes that no matter the person, comic books should be shared, beloved, loathed, and all in between by anyone who enjoys debating and challenging other people into why they side to one particular comic or comic book character. We also endorse introducing new members into our community. since comics are a very subjective topic we support the ideas, values, and opinions of both members of the community and people outside of the community.

The comic book community has always been popular. The concept of a comic book hero dates back to the 1930's with the first superhero being Superman of all people. His debut alongside many other well known comic book characters (Batman, Wonderwoman, The Flash .ect) had given birth to what we in the community call The Golden Age of Comic Books. A time where comic books were at their highest in poularies and being published frequently. Now with a community as popular as this one we need to have a way to communicate with each other and discuss ideas like who would win in a fight? Superman or Galactus? Or Where should we meet for comic con? Fortunately there are multiple forms of media that we in the community can use to communicate with each other. Social media outlets like Discord, Facebook, and instagram are used to text other members of the community and post comic book related memes, art, and information. We also have websites made only for comic book fans like midtowncomics, cbr, and comicsalliance.



Source:

<https://knowyourmeme.com/photos/32373-my-parents-are-dead-batman-slapping-robin>

Comics have such a big impact on media that most celebrities are known because of the roles they played in superhero movies alongside their other movies. Some examples of well known actors are Ryan Reynolds as Deadpool, (Adam West, Christian Bale, and Ben Affleck) as Batman, Kevin Conroy: voice actor for The Batman for the Arkham games and cartoons, left to right (Jack Nicholson Batman (1989) , Heath Ledger: The Dark Knight (2008), Jared Leto: Suicide Squad, and Joaquin Phoenix: Joker (2019)) as The Joker , Mark Hamill: voice actor for The Joker in the Arkham games and cartoons, left to right (Tobey Maguire, Tom Holland, and Andrew Garfield,) as Spiderman, and Robert Downey, Jr. as Iron man. Even though the individual movies these actors play in has already made them well known, however

because they played a role in comic book based media; a media that a lot of kids are in make them even more popular due to their significance in the comic book community



Movie Jokers



Both Sources: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAxDldREpF4>



Spiderman

Source:

<https://www.flickreel.com/could-all-three-spider-man-actors-appear-in-a-crossover/>



Iron Man

Source: https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Iron_Man

Movies and shows aren't the only things that comic books have touched, a lot of well known video games such as Marvel's Spider-Man, The Arkham series, and the Injustice series have made members in the gaming community interested in comic book characters.



Source:

<https://blog.us.playstation.com/2019/08/28/marvels-spider-man-game-of-the-year-edition-available-today/>



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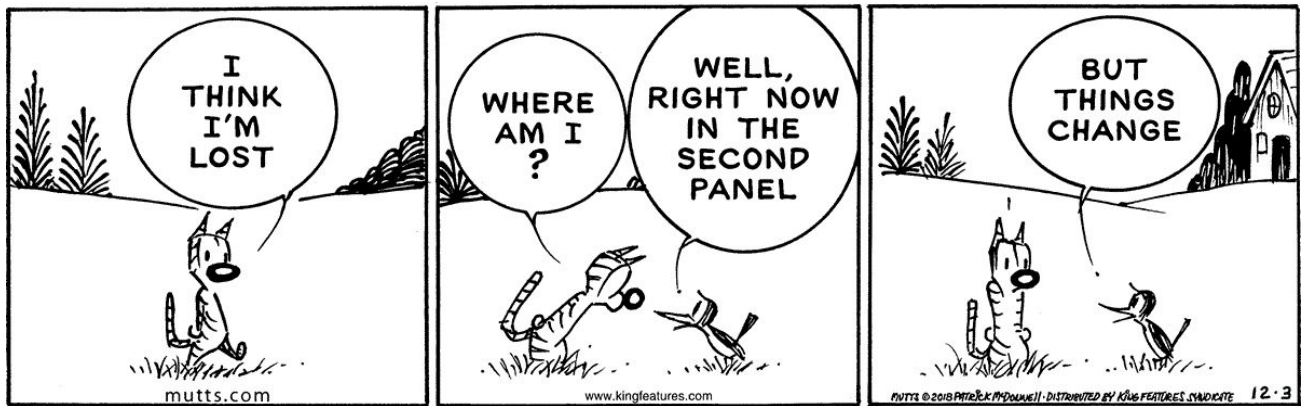


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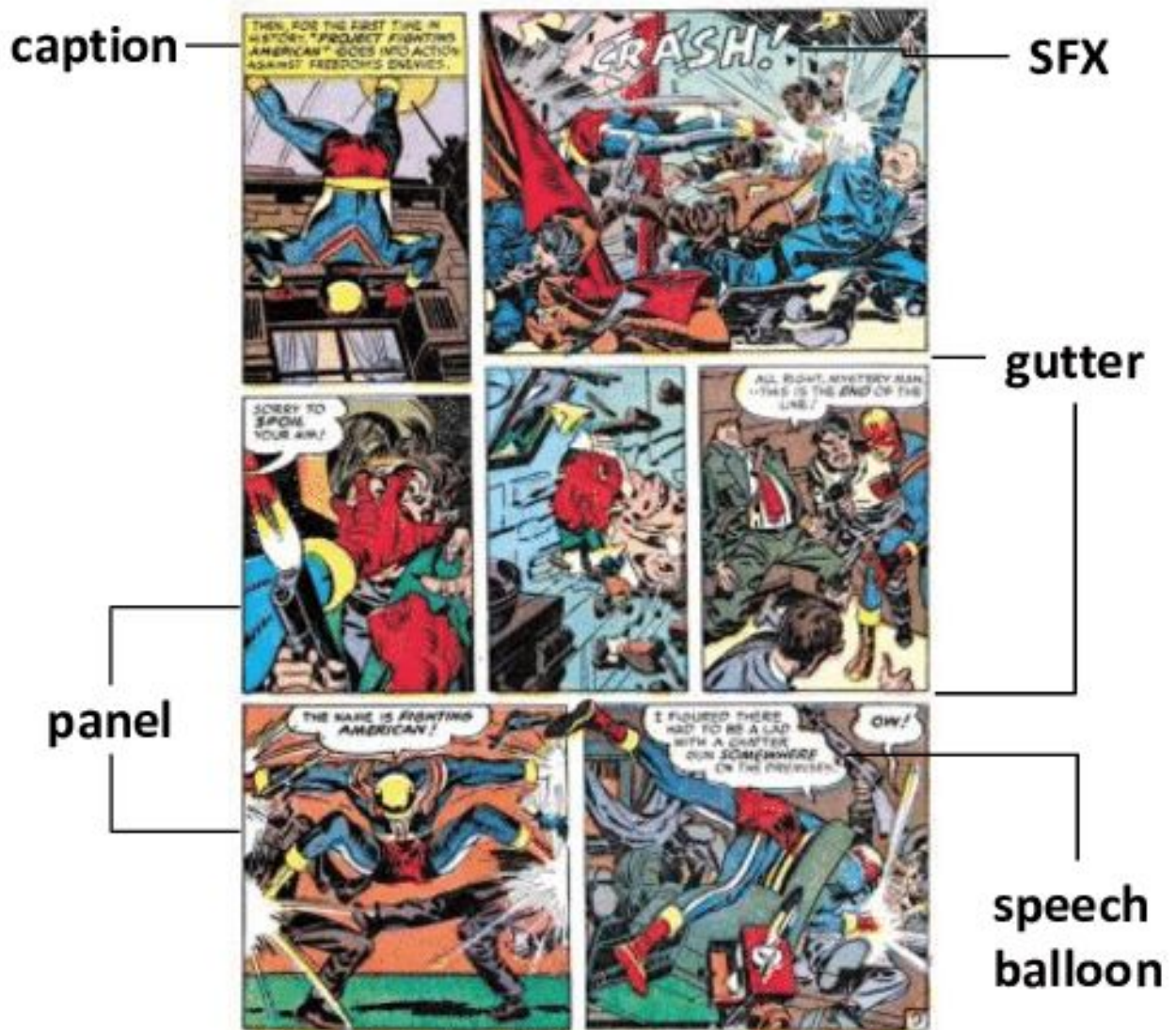
Now I've been talking about the different aspects of the comic book culture but not comics books as its own separate genre. This is where the community becomes a bit separated. As amazing and incredible comics books and their characters are in other genres of entertainment, the comic reading community is a lot less popular than the other communities. People just don't seem to enjoy reading a comic book as much as watching a show or playing a game about them. I'm here to tell you that if you want to see the huge differences between how comic book characters are portrayed in the different genres then you should start reading comic books. Comic books have a whole different dimension of plot, character development, and world building. And the best part is we get to see the beautiful artwork the artist of the comic book industry create for our entertainment.

Some common things you might hear when talking to someone of the comic book reading community is how the layout is constructed in a comic book, especially the artistic types in the community. Things like “Panel”, “Gutter”, “Tier”, “Splash”, and “Spread” are terms to describe how single or double pages are created in a comic book. A Panel is a drawing on a page and contains a segment of action.



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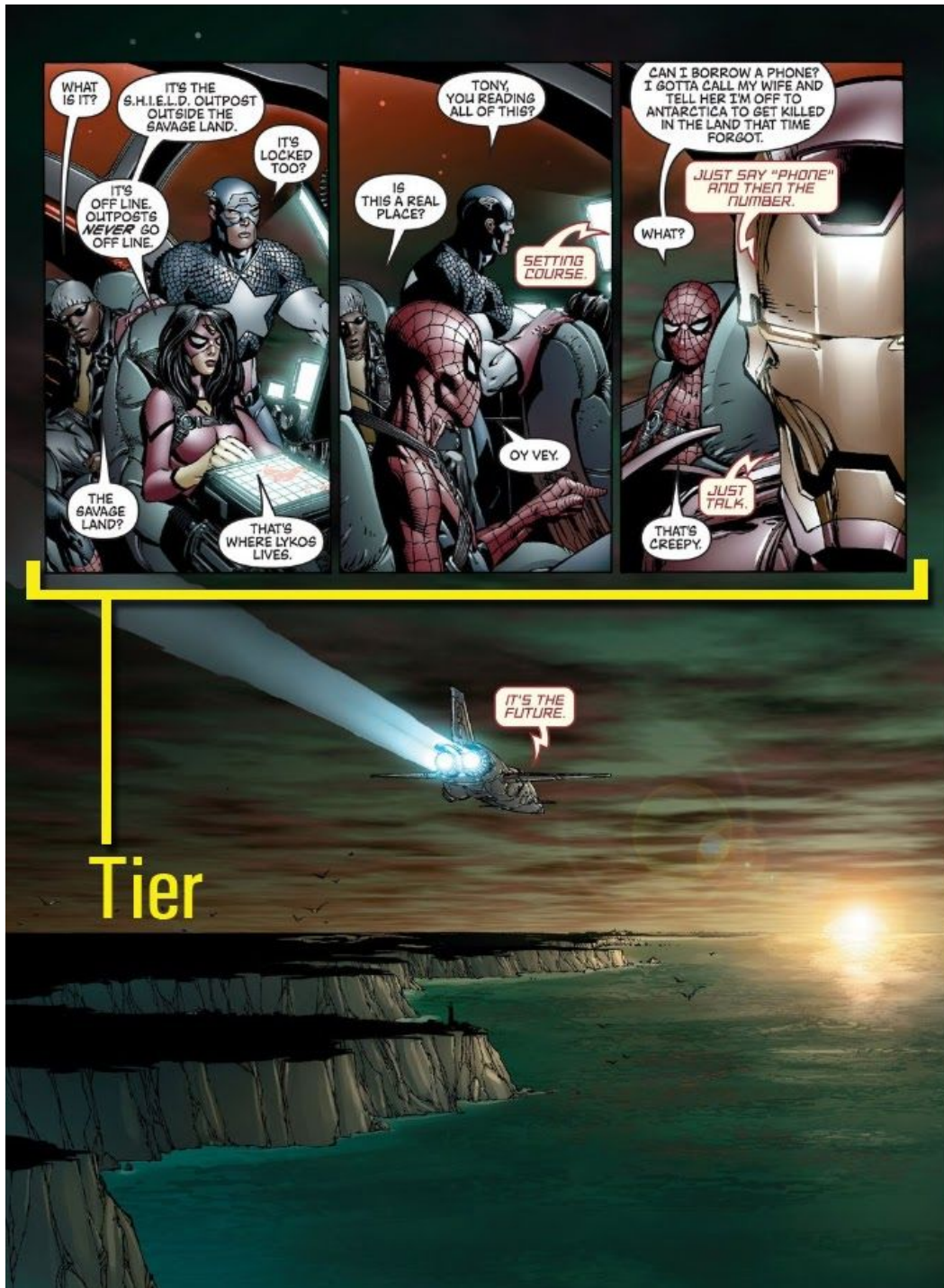
A Gutter refers to the space between panels.



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A Tier is a singular row of panels. Vertical gutters can be made thinner than horizontal gutters in order to encourage the reader to group each row of panels for easier reading



Source: <https://comicbookgraphicdesign.com/comic-art-terms-tier/>

A Splash is a large, often full-page illustration which opens and introduces a story. It's used mostly as a decorative unit and is used to establish the setting and capture the reader's attention. A spread is an image that spans more than one page



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These distinct properties help navigate the reader to what order and direction the person should be reading

The most important aspect in a comic is it's editors' notes. Whenever a comic book character references something to a past issue the editor of the comic makes a small note telling the reader which comic we should go to, to get this information. Most of the time is a small text box with a little asterisk symbol (*) on a place that doesn't interfere with the overall flow of the comic.



If you want to be part of the comic book community all you have to do is choose a character from a comic book and talk about it to other people and if you really want to show your love for your charter you can buy a t-shirt to show off to everyone . If you want to join the comic book reading community either buy or read a comic book online and give your opinion to the someone who might be interested. Comic books are an amazing gate to the minds of some of the most talented people in the media and show us that no matter who you we can all agree that comics are cool.



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