# Crisis: Spider-Man: Out of the Spider-Verse



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## CO-HEAD CHAIR LETTERS

#### Hello delegates!

Welcome to Poly! My name is Lauren Griffieth, and I am so excited to be one of your Co-Chairs for this year's Jackrabbit VI conference. This room has been a passion project of mine, and I am honored to get an opportunity to share my passion with you guys. I am a senior and have been in Model UN since my sophomore year. I have enjoyed going to several conferences throughout my high school career including international conferences in New York and Washington D.C. This is my third time chairing and aside from getting to lead a room, I love being able to watch others with the same passion for leadership and global policy as I thrive throughout committee.

Outside of Model UN, I am the Vice-President of Poly's Black Student Union, the Treasurer of Female Leadership and involved in numerous other clubs. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, listening to music, watching movies (especially superhero movies), and hanging out with my friends. My favorite Spider-Person is Peter Parker.

I am so excited to share this experience and hear your wonderful ideas. I have always been interested in real-world issues and solving them and while these may not be real issues, I hope what we produce in committee will help you continue to be problem solvers and innovators. Remember with great power comes great responsibilities. See you in committee!

Sincerely,

Lauren Griffieth

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## CO-HEAD CHAIR LETTERS

Hi all!

My name is Isaac Holder. I am so excited to get to know you all and look forward to seeing how you all grow during our time together! I am a senior and this is my second year in Model UN. I have thoroughly enjoyed going to conferences this year and last, especially our conference in Laguna Beach. During last year's Jackrabbit MUN conference, I was vice chair for our UNODC middle school room.

Outside of MUN, I enjoy going to the beach, spending time with friends, and watching Marvel movies. I have also played baseball for Poly since my freshman year, and I am a returning member of the varsity team. Outside of school, I volunteer at the aquarium every weekend and also work there during the summer. My favorite Spider-Person is Peter Porker.

I have always been interested in what is happening not only in the US but outside of it as well. I think that MUN is a terrific way to get to know what is happening around the world, and that skill is greatly valued in today's world. I am so excited to see what you guys will do during our time together!

Sincerely, Isaac Holder

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## VICE CHAIR LETTER

Dear delegates,

First of all, welcome to Jackrabbit MUN VI! My name is Lily Danks and I'll be your vice chair for Out of the Spider-Verse. I'm a junior and this is my first year in Model United Nations. This year has been amazing; I've improved my global awareness, public speaking skills, and confidence in my ideas. I've been to multiple local conferences and recently attended an international conference in Washington, D.C. While I was a rapporteur at last year's Jackrabbit, staffing the Spider-Verse room is the culmination of my biggest interests. I've been a ginormous nerd for all things Spidey my entire life, so to be the vice chair of a room solely dedicated to it is exciting!

Outside of MUN, I volunteer at the Aquarium of the Pacific, am the president of the Marine Biology Club, and am vice president of a club that tutors middle schoolers. I've been on the girls' water polo team for 3 years, and I own all of the Lego Botanicals. In my spare time, of which I do not have a lot, I crochet, play Resident Evil, and read. My favorite books include *Orlando* by Virginia Bloom and *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* by Cathy Park Hong. My favorite Spider-Person is Miles Morales, Earth-1610!

I'm thrilled to be working with this talented dais and all you amazing delegates. While this is a fantasy crisis, and therefore doesn't have many 'real-world' implications, the fast-paced problem-solving required is a great skill to have. And besides, whoever said that Model UN has to be boring? I hope you all have a great time, and feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Lily Danks

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## POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES

- Position Papers are due at 11:59 PM on **Sunday, May 19th**.
- Delegates **must** submit position papers to be eligible for **research AND committee awards.**
- Position papers can be submitted through the committee email:
  - o OutofSpiderVerse@gmail.com
- At the top of each paper, include your character name, your first and last name, your school name, and the appropriate committee.

Peter Parker

First, Last

School Name

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- Papers should be emailed as a PDF file
  - Paper content should also be copied and pasted into the body of the email so it can still be graded in the event of any technical difficulties
  - Please name the file and subject line of the email [Committee\_Character]
    - Ex. SpiderMan\_PeterBParker
- Papers should be 1–2 pages in length with an additional Works Cited page in MLA format. "Works Cited" does not count towards paper length.
- Papers should be single-spaced in Times New Roman 12 pt. font and include no pictures or graphics.
- Please include the following sections for each committee topic:
  - Background
  - o Position of your character
  - o Possible solutions

If you have any questions or concerns, please email one of your co- or vice-chairs.



## TOPIC SYNOPSIS

In the aftermath of his public unmasking as Spider-Man, Earth-199999's web-slinger, Peter Parker, embarked on a mission to erase the memory of his superhero alter ego. Fearing the consequences and effects on his loved ones, Peter sought help from the mystical Dr. Strange to weave a spell and to ensure everyone forgot his identity. However, as the enchantment unfolded, something corrupted the



process, leaving chaos in its wake. Variants of Spider-Man, as well as his foes, were pulled from their universes and scattered across Earth-199999. The responsibility falls on delegates to restore multiversal order and return each person to where they belong in the Spider-Verse. It is time to untangle

the web and make things right!

**IMPORTANT**: The lore from this committee is pulled from Spider-Man: No Way Home (NWH), Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (ITSV), and Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (ATSV). However, the plot of the committee is original and does not directly follow any existing Spider-Man material.

## **BACKGROUND**

#### Introduction

In Spider-Man: No Way Home, Earth 199999's Peter Parker fought the villain



Mysterio, leaving Mysterio dead. Immediately after his death, doctored footage was released, claiming that Spider-Man, also known as Peter Parker from Queens, was his cold-blooded murderer. Peter is forced to deal with the repercussions of his public

unmasking, including public outrage, a murder trial, constant harassment, and the violation of his friends and family's privacy, on top of his regular crime-fighting duties. With the help of lawyer Matt Murdock, Peter was able to clear the allegations. However, the consequences of the doctored video and his revealed identity began to wreak havoc in his life and the people around him.

Feeling guilty, Peter seeks help from the Sorcerer Supreme, Doctor Strange, where he asks for a solution that will make everyone forget that he is the Spider-Man, in hopes of regaining his "normal life." Dr. Strange reluctantly agrees after being begged by Peter and casts his spell. Unbeknownst to him, a disruption in the air caused an issue with his spell, although Strange believed the spell was successfully executed. Strange leaves Peter soon after to pick up the pieces on his own, going "off-world" to fight a multiversal threat, and Peter can no longer reach him. 24 hours after Strange's

departure, the hairs on the back of Peter's neck stand up— his Spider-Senses tingle, telling him that something is off. Steadying himself for a fight, a gash in the sky opens and outfalls someone dressed as a Spider-Man. Without warning,



increasing numbers of unusual portals begin to open, and a large number of super powered individuals are transported into Peter's world. Without the Avengers and Doctor Strange, Peter Parker is forced to deal with the novel issue himself.

Powerful foreign entities are falling into Earth-199999 and New Yorkers begin to encounter unknown villains, such as Doc Ock and Sandman. The villains, though similarly bewildered, teamed up to wreak havoc across New York City, seeking to further their goals regardless of their universe. By the time all the Spider-Man variants were able to assemble in one location, Earth-199999's Peter Parker was nowhere to be found. Fearing retaliation from the heroes, the villains also assembled in a common location.

#### The Multiverse

The multiverse is the culmination of an infinite number of universes with unique and limitless possibilities. Within the overarching multiverse, there are parallel universes that coexist with each other.





However, despite what we know about the Multiverse, it is still something "about which we know frighteningly little," according to Dr. Strange, and there is no way of knowing the exact effects of multiversal travel or how one universe affects another.

Multiverse travel is the vehicle through which delegates arrive on Earth-199999. Because this room takes place in December of 2024 on Earth-199999, at the beginning of NWH, all characters are brought via Dr. Strange's spell. Strange can open a portal across universes because of the Time Stone, an infinity stone granting him the power to manipulate time.

#### **Canon Events**



All universes have a Spider-Person. Those who can become Spider-Man vary, but their foundational experiences are all the same. These common experiences are called "canon events. "Canon" is a term for all officially confirmed events in a piece of media. Canon events are what define Spider-Man, and they connect all Spider-People throughout the multiverse. They are usually viewed events that will naturally occur and are not something most

Spider-People are conscious of- thus, they are not normally disrupted.

If, for any reason, a canon event is disrupted and does not happen as intended, the balance of the universe will be thrown off, forming a "quantum hole." A quantum hole is like a black hole – it can take in mass, light, and time and absorb an entire universe, effectively erasing it from existence. Thus, this universe is cut off from the rest of the multiverse. The billions of inhabitants of the universe are destroyed

gradually, painfully aware of their untimely demise. This mass extinction event should be avoided at all costs.

#### **Variants**

Variants are individuals who diverge from their predetermined path by not experiencing their canon events. This causes another timeline with events and history that differ from the original. This raises the



likelihood that the Sacred Timeline would break, further fracturing into multiple realities. Although the mere increase of realities does not prove a threat to the timeline of Earth-19999, the villains in those realities do.



Variants can also face complications if placed in the wrong universe for too long. "Glitching" is a physical process that occurs when a being from another universe is in a foreign universe.

As explained in ITSV, when an individual travels to another universe, their atoms are alien to that universe, thus they "don't mesh" with the atoms around

them, and the individual may experience violent and painful spasms known as "glitches." Glitch symptoms may include atoms being ripped from one's body, momentary incapacitation, loss of superpowers, and in worse cases, molecular



destabilization and even death. The longer the affected is in the wrong universe, the worse the glitches get. This is another aspect delegates should keep in mind; the longer it takes for them to act, the less powerful and therefore less effective they become.

#### Heroes

Throughout the multiverse, Spider-Man variants find themselves suddenly

transported through a portal into a strange new universe, Earth-199999. The Spider-People quickly find each other thanks to their "Spidey-Sense," an innate sense within all Spiders that serves as an intuition, a sensor for danger, and now, a locator for those who have been bitten by radioactive spiders.



Meeting in a safe location, they begin to pool information to accurately assess the situation and plot a course of action. There are a few key issues that Spider-Delegates will have to answer.

First of all, they need to figure out where this world's Spider-Man is, and why he has let this universe fall into chaos. The Spider-Man native to Earth-199999 would be the most knowledgeable about the inner workings of this universe, so finding him is a priority, as he would be a vital ally.

Additionally, there is the problem of sending villains back to their universes. To a villain being sent back to their universe would be a death sentence because Spider-People will always prevail over evildoers. If sent to their home universes, a few



villains would inevitably die. Some Spider-People are undeniably for returning the



villains to their home worlds, stating that because these villains are not native to Earth-199999, they will cause harm to the citizens of an innocent planet with no Spider-Man to protect the masses. Others are staunchly against this idea: sending villains home knowing they will be killed is immoral, evil, even, and Spider-Man is supposed to protect, not kill. These good-aligned Spiders will do everything in their power to save as many people as they can.

Every Spider-Person has the same intention, to help people, but some are willing to take riskier, even lethal routes to reach their goals. Delegates must find a

conclusion to the villain's stories, whether they end up being spared or sacrificed. The Spiders' goal is to return to their universes of origin as hastily as possible to protect their citizens. But in a strange, new world, it is hard to know where to start. The only lead the Spider-People must follow is the trail of Spider-Man-199999—Finding him could be the key to returning home.

#### **Villains**

As for the villains, the sudden transportation to a new universe is like striking gold. They find themselves in a world with no functioning high-level superpowered team, a world in shambles after the effects of the Blip (the resurrection of the victims of Thanos' Snap), and now, no Spider-Man in sight. The villains wreak havoc through



Earth-199999 until being chased down by Kraven the Hunter, a villain who aims to organize an alliance between the villains to thwart any counterattack from the heroes.

Each villain comes from a universe

where heroes prevail, and the odds are seldom in their favor. This new world acts as a counter to the unfavorable balance of power, as villains have the chance to prevail when teaming up. Returning to their home universe might mean the end of their villainy. The villains' ultimate goal is to further their interests, whether that be returning home or staying in this new universe to wreak havoc.

#### **Public Opinion**

J. Jonah Jameson, Jr. (JJJ) is the host of the radical news segment "The Daily Bugle," which focuses on reporting the actions of heroes and vigilantes, including those of Mysterio, whom J. Jonah Jameson believes was a great hero, and Spider-Man, whom he sees



as a "Spider-Menace." The segment is responsible for framing Spider-Man for murder and revealing Peter's identity. The Daily Bugle has witnessed a surge in popularity and has continued to report the events surrounding the portals and variants, further fueling public hatred of the heroes and creating public division. Groups of people are showing their allegiance to Mysterio, still believing him to be a true hero, while others show support for Spider-Man.



## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- This committee will take place in New York City of Earth-199999, or the "MCU-Peter" universe. There is no specified timeline in NWH, but this committee starts November 17th, 2024, after Dr. Strange's spell backfires. Please note that Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse has not occurred yet. All Spiderverse characters are meeting for the first time in this room.
- As delegates, you will receive various crisis updates throughout the committee, where our dais or crisis staff will deliver new information pertinent to the events of the committee. Time jumps may occur. Since this committee begins right after Dr. Strange's spell malfunctions, we understand that critical events within several character's lives may not yet have occurred. Nonetheless, please abide by your character's original timeline. We recommend making a basic timeline for your character that you can refer to during the debate.
- When it comes to directives, we allow group (also known as joint private),
  personal, and committee directives, as well as communiques and press releases.
  These directives will be collected by a Google Form, and responses will be
  conveyed through a virtual crisis notebook, allowing ease of both submission
  and response and a faster flow of committee.
- In addition, on the day of the conference, you will be given a folder with a portfolio power. These portfolio powers are secret—only you will know what your portfolio power is—and include two major things: plots and powers. Plots are secret objectives a delegate is trying to accomplish or secret information

that only one delegate or a group of delegates would be privy to. For instance, an example of a plot is how in our Red Scare room last year, multiple delegates were Communists and plotted with each other to overthrow the United States. Powers are special actions that delegates can take. These can range from the ability to "OBJECT!" to another delegate's speech to a secret task force of spies and analysts that a delegate can command to gather intelligence on their adversaries to the ability to call a general strike and cripple key infrastructure.

- Though you by no means have to watch all of these movies, it may be helpful to familiarize yourself with their basic plots:
  - For committee plot: Spider-Man: Far From Home, Spider-Man: No Way Home.
  - For clarification on multiverse lore: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,
     Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse.
- As the committee continues, your character will glitch, meaning your powers—and therefore any directives involving them—will decrease in efficacy and likeliness of success. To prevent this, act urgently!
- Please be advised that at JackrabbitMUN we have a policy of not killing your fellow delegates. Therefore, please do not submit directives attempting to assassinate one another. We also will not entertain directives that involve genocide or nuclear weapons. Thank you so much for signing up and we look forward to meeting you on the 25th!

## CHARACTER BIOGRAPHIES

#### **Agent Venom (Flash Thompson)**

Flash Thompson is the former high school bully of Peter Parker. Despite public opinion and his feelings toward Peter Parker, he is an avid supporter of Spider-Man. After high school, Flash joins the Army, losing his legs in combat. Later, he bonds to the Venom symbiote, and Flash serves the Army as "Agent Venom." Flash becoming Agent Venom marked his transition from bully to protector, and he is trying to prove himself to be a hero like his idol, Spider-Man.

#### **Assassin Spider (Peter Parker)**

Assassin Spider is a Black Ops agent variant of Peter Parker, working as an assassin alongside Wolverine. Following the death of his close friend, he abandoned his moral code and used his talents to become a super assassin. He follows the belief that some people deserve to die, a complete reversal from his former personality. Assassin Spider wants to protect the people who deserve it by any means necessary, and that means any.

#### **Black Cat (Felicia Hardy)**

As the daughter of the infamous cat burglar Walter Hardy, Felica Hardy is intent on honoring her father's legacy. Felica's early life as Black Cat was fueled by a hunger for revenge and justice. After facing a traumatic assault, she gained an appetite for justice, becoming apathetic towards men. As her escapades as Black Cat drew the attention of Spider-Man, Felicia grew fond of the masked hero, continuing with the

Black Cat persona to get him to reciprocate her affection for him. Felicia often acts as a vigilante, due to Spider-Man's influence on her, however, she is still greedy, spiteful, and cynical no matter her intentions.

#### **Carnage (Cletus Kasady)**

Following a dark, disturbing childhood, Cletus Kasady became a deranged and sociopathic serial killer. After being sentenced to 11 life sentences, Kasady bonded with the violent offspring of the alien symbiote Venom, creating his new alter ego- Carnage. Cletus's devotion to chaos and death, as well as his psychotic behavior, mixed with the more dangerous version of the Venom symbiote, created a villain thirsty for blood. Carnage uses Cletus's body as his way to wreak havoc on New York City, posing a powerful threat to Spider-Man.

#### **Chameleon (Dmitri Smerdyakov)**

Born in Russia, Dmitri Smerdyakov is the half-brother of Kraven the Hunter. During his childhood, Dmitri's family was abusive, teaching him to hate himself. To impress them, he would impersonate others, eventually repressing his true personality as he honed his impersonation skills. He was trained by the Finisher with children his age to become the perfect impersonators: sleeper agents known as Chameleons. Eventually, he surpassed his peers to become the sole Chameleon, a villain with the ability to shed his skin to become others.

#### **Doctor Octopus (Dr. Otto Octavius)**

Dr. Otto Octavius was a brilliant and respected nuclear physicist. While testing his newest invention, he became fused to mechanical tentacles, creating an accidental radiation leak that ended in an explosion. This caused him to suffer from brain damage, corrupting his mind and leading him down to a life of crime. The fusion of his body with the tentacles gave him super strength and, combined with his intelligence, turned him into Doctor Octopus, whose brain and brawn pose an immense threat to Spider-Man.

#### Electro (Maxwell Dillon)

Maxwell "Max" Dillon was a former electrical engineer at Oscorp. Though it was his dream job, he was unfriendly and selfish outside of work. While repairing a downed powerline in a storm, a bolt of lightning struck Dillon, supercharging his body with the ability to generate, store, and release electric energy. Consequently, he claimed the name "Electro." Although he used to look up to Spider-Man, after the transformation, he became egotistical and arrogant. Tired of being overlooked, and to gain public attention, he became an enemy capable of incapacitating Spider-Man.

#### **Green Goblin (Norman Osborn)**

Norman Osborn is a ruthless industrialist and the co-owner of Osborn Industries (OSCORP), which specializes in chemical manufacturing and robotics. Norman resorted to criminal means to achieve his goals long before he was a supervillain. To become smarter and stronger, Osborn tested an unstable serum on himself, gaining the intended abilities, but costing him his sanity. He became the Green

Goblin, a villain with split personalities. Green Goblin considers Spider-Man to be his arch-nemesis- the two are interlinked not just in their alter egos, but also through Osborn's son, Harry, who is Peter Parker's best friend.

#### **Kaine Parker (Scarlet Spider)**

Kaine Parker was created as a clone of Peter Parker by the Jackal, who intended to use him to defeat Spider-Man. Originally a perfect copy of Peter, Kaine started to deteriorate due to a flaw in the cloning process and was then discarded to make way for a new clone. However, the same flaw that caused his physical ailments also amplified his speed, stamina, and agility, eventually leading Kaine to develop precognition, or the ability to see into the future. With his newfound knowledge and spite for his creator, the Scarlet Spider seeks to harm Peter Parker and Kaine's replacement, Ben Reilly, under the belief that if he cannot have a good life, none of them can.

#### Kraven The Hunter (Sergei Kravinoff)

Sergei Kravinoff is a ruthless big-game huntsman better known as Kraven the Hunter. As an orphan traveling around Afro-Eurasia, Kravinoff discovered his innate talent for hunting. After growing up and becoming a legendary hunter, he lived in Africa, where he stole a witch doctor's potion. This potion gave Sergei enhanced strength, speed, and agility, all contributing to his hunting prowess. Kraven the Hunter's newfound strength led him to seek out new stronger prey to prove his worth, eventually leading him into conflict with Spider-Man.

#### **Kingpin (Wilson Fisk)**

From an early age, Wilson Fisk found a knack for exploiting the weaknesses of others to get his way. He would carry this skill into adulthood, as Wilson would use his intelligence to take down the former "Kingpin" and take his throne. Wilson is often called ruthless and will do anything to take down his enemies. As the CEO of a large company, he seems invincible and perpetually in power.

#### **Lizard (Dr. Curtis Connors)**

Dr. Curtis Connors is a gifted surgeon who lost his arm early on in his life. Curtis longs to create a way to regrow limbs to help not only himself but also others in need. He creates a serum and tests it on himself to make his dream come true. The reptilian DNA-based serum alters Curtis's DNA and turns him into a mutated Lizard. The Lizard persona takes over Curtis's mind and turns him into a violent and vengeful villain to turn everyone into a lizard as well.

#### Mac Gargan (Scorpion)

Mac Gargan was a former private investigator who was hired by J. Jonah Jameson to dig up dirt on Spider-Man and Peter Parker. However, after many failed attempts to gain information, Mac was subjected to an experiment that would give him the characteristics of an animal, much like Spider-Man. This experiment resulted in Mac's loss of sanity and led him down the path to becoming the villain, Scorpion. After years of always being bested by Spider-Man, Scorpion dedicated his life to taking him down.

#### **Miles Morales (Spider-Man)**

After Peter Parker dies in a battle with Kingpin, Brooklyn teenager Miles Morales is bitten by a radioactive spider and takes the mantle of Spider-Man to follow in Peter's footsteps. Miles is passionate and extremely eager about his new role, fueled by self-blame for the death of Spider-Man, and determined to prove himself as a hero. As a new Spider-Man, Morales is still in the process of figuring out his "style" and is not confident in his abilities, but adores being able to help people.

#### **Mister Negative (Martin Li)**

As a child, Martin Li and his family visited the Oscorp Medical Facility, where he was injected with an experimental serum to treat his chronic illness. This led to a physical reaction in Li's body that gave him the ability to harness negative energy but also triggered an explosion that killed his parents. As an adult, he has two personas: the founder of F.E.A.S.T., a homeless shelter and charity; and the ruthless leader of the street gang "Inner Demons." Because Harry Osborn was responsible for the chain of events that killed his family, Li harbors a personal vendetta against him, and against Spider-Man for thwarting Li's plans for revenge.

#### Peter B. Parker (Spider-Man)

Peter B. Parker has been Spider-Man for decades- he is over the glamor of superhero life, past his prime, and swinging his way through a midlife crisis. After a pattern of tragedies, including the death of his aunt, Peter falls into a deep depression, becoming a jaded shell of the chipper hero he once was. He divorces his wife and

begins to isolate himself from allies and loved ones, believing that by not being close to anyone, he could try to save everyone.

#### **Prowler (Aaron Davis)**

When Aaron Davis was young, he had to steal to survive. After a stint in jail, Aaron continued as the cat burglar "Prowler," a villain with signature titanium claws. However, his life of crime causes friction between him and his brother, Jefferson, who now must protect his son, Miles, from his uncle's influence. While Aaron is unapologetic about his lifestyle, he prioritizes his family in all aspects and deeply cares for them.

#### Sandman (Flint Marko)

Flint Marko is a petty thief who uses the stolen funds to pay for the treatment of his sick daughter, Penelope. After one crime too many, Flint was imprisoned but eventually broke out, leading to an organized search. During his run from authorities, Flint was exposed to radiation and bonded with the sand under his feet, allowing him to control sand and even become a being made of pure sand, marking the beginning of the Sandman. He continues his crimes as Sandman, still seeking a cure for Penelope, but his powers and destruction draw the attention of Spider-Man, whom Marko perceives as being in the way of his daughter's health.

#### Scarlet Spider (Ben Reilly)

Ben Reilly is an exact clone of Peter Parker and was created by the Jackal to destroy Spider-Man. Ben gains consciousness and escapes his creator, but he is unable to escape the obligation of power and responsibility that comes from his shared memories with Peter Parker. He joins with Peter and, albeit shakily, starts on the path to redemption and discovering who he is as an individual.

#### Silk (Cindy Moon)

Cindy Moon was bitten by the same spider as Peter Parker. After the first manifestation of her powers nearly harmed her parents, a man named Ezekiel Sims trained Moon to control her abilities, until realizing a supervillain was tracking her. In response, Sims locked Moon in a bunker for a decade to protect her. After her eventual release, Cindy excitedly took on the mantle of Silk, becoming a vigilante and partner of Spider-Man. Silk's drive is derived from her experiences with isolation and anxiety-the more people she saves, the fewer who will feel as alone as she did in the bunker.

#### Spider Byte (Margo Kess)

Margo Kess is from a universe where the virtual world has taken precedence over the physical. Everyone interacts using virtual reality avatars; thus, Kess's Spider-persona is virtual, and she fights cyber criminals. Kess uses her time as Spider-Byte to distract from her rocky home life, where her parents fight often. She is extremely tech-savvy and intelligent with a keen sense of justice, aligning herself with Miles Morales despite being told not to by her peers.

#### **Spider-Girl (May Parker)**

May Parker is the first child of Peter and Mary Jane Parker. After she was kidnapped as an infant, Peter Parker retired from his Spider-Man duties to focus on



raising May, not telling her of his past. May acquired her powers hereditarily from her father and began developing spider powers when she was fifteen, and, against her parent's wishes, she began to secretly fight crime as Spider-Girl. Much like her father, May is intelligent and has a commitment to justice, but is charismatic and popular, like her mother.

#### Spider Gwen (Gwen Stacy)

Gwen Stacy lives with her father, a police officer, in New York on Earth-65. After the accidental death of her best friend, Peter Parker, who she believed to be a supervillain, Stacy began to isolate herself from her friends and family to protect her feelings. To make matters worse, Gwen's father has vowed to take down Spider-Woman, who he believes to be the unjust killer of his daughter's closest companion. With no one to turn to, Gwen hides from the world, becoming outwardly apathetic and withdrawn.

#### Spider-Man India (Pavitr Prabhakar)

Born in a small rural village, Pavitr Prabhakar moved to Mumbattan, a mix of Mumbai and Manhattan, when he was a child. Upon learning his village was destroyed by Nalin Oberoi, the corrupt CEO of the Oberoi Corporation, the mystical "Master Weaver" transformed Pavitr into Spider-Man. Master Weaver intended for Prabhakar to fight as a force of light against the forces of darkness, specifically the Oberoi Corporation. Pavitr, as a new hero, is an enthusiastic protector with a laid-back attitude and a keen sense of justice.

#### Spider Noir (Peter Parker)

Spider Noir is a Great Depression-era Spider-Man from the heart of New York City. Noir is a stoic gentleman, staunchly against corruption. He believes that if those in power cannot be trusted, it is then the responsibility of the people to remove them. After being bitten by a superpowered spider, the hardened, no-nonsense Spider-Man Noir fights to protect his fellow New Yorkers and take down corrupt politicians and police officers, as well as big business.

#### Spider-Punk (Hobie Brown)

Hobie Brown's world suffers from big business, a fascist government, and rampant consumerism. Hobie uses punk rock as a medium to express his rage at the injustice and inequality of the world until he gains arachnid powers after being bitten by a radioactive spider created by illegal waste dumping. He becomes the costumed Spider-Man to fight for the freedom of the oppressed masses. Brown refuses to accept his current reality and wants to "die on his feet" rather than "live on his knees."

#### **Spider-Woman (Jessica Drew)**

After Jessica Drew fell ill from chronic uranium exposure, she was injected with an experimental spider blood serum and sealed in a hibernation chamber. Upon awakening, she was recruited by Hydra and assigned to kill S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury; however, during the mission, Drew learned the truth about Hydra and abandoned the organization. Later, she adopted the moniker Spider-Woman and embarked on a journey of self-discovery through heroism.

#### Spider-Man 2099 (Miguel O'Hara)

Miguel O'Hara is an engineer who worked for Alchemax. After being dissatisfied with the company's grip on the city and their reckless behavior, he tries to quit and is drugged with Rapture by his boss to get him to stay. Rapture is a highly addictive hallucinogenic drug that bonds to the victim's DNA. To rid himself of the effects of the drug, Miguel tries a genetic procedure that spliced his genes with the genes of a spider and gained several powers, though he lost his addiction to Rapture. Miguel can be cold and obsessive, but he is committed to preserving the canon and stability of the universe.

#### **Superior Spider-Man (Otto Octavius)**

After Peter Parker visited a dying Otto Octavius, their minds were swapped, and Superior Spider-Man was born. Otto retained all of Peter's memories and discovered the meaning of "with great power comes great responsibility." He decides to live up to Peter's legacy and become the Superior Spider-Man. Otto has a violent way of punishing criminals, and while he thinks he is acting righteously, he might be doing more harm than good, as he is sloppy and allows some foes to get away.

#### Venom (Eddie Brock)

Eddie Brock was the third person to bond with the Venom Symbiote (after even Spider-Man, himself). Eddie was a reporter whose life fell apart after a failed story, and he blamed Spider-Man. He bonds with the symbiote after Spider-Man discarded it in a church- the symbiote paired Brock's vendetta against Spider-Man and the hatred the symbiote had against Spider-Man for discarding him. Aside from swearing to take

down Spider-Man, Venom sometimes becomes the "Lethal Protector" in a misguided attempt to protect others. While Eddie is a good person, he is sometimes corrupted and swayed by the parasite inside him.

#### **Vulture (Adrian Toomes)**

Adrian Toomes is an engineer from Staten Island and runs a salvage and scrap business. Upon discovering that his business partner stole funds from their joint electronics enterprise, Toomes was fired, and with no other options, he turned to a life of crime. As the Vulture, Adrian commits crimes armed with the electromagnetic technology that he created. Spider-Man constantly thwarts Toomes, and he becomes sick of it, turning to other like-minded villains for help.

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What are your character's capabilities?
  - What strengths and weaknesses come with their powers?
- What is your character's solution for returning to their home universe? Do they want to?
- Is your character in favor of altering Earth-199999's timeline to accomplish your mission, knowing that it may destabilize universes and create branch timelines?
- If you are a hero, how does your character want to deal with the villains? Should the Spiders send them back to their universes or let them stay on Earth-199999 to prevent wider havoc?
- Is your character morally good, gray, or evil? How does their character alignment affect their choices?

## **USEFUL LINKS**

Researching for this committee might be challenging as there is vast and conflicting information that differs greatly across years of comic and movie canon. We encourage you all to do your best but to recognize that a degree of creativity on the day of the conference will be necessary to fill in some of the gaps. Still, to aid in your research, we have provided a few resources that may prove helpful.

- <u>Marvel Multiverse Role-Playing Game | Marvel RPG</u>
- Spider-Man | Marvel Database | Fandom
- Marvel Database
- Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (2018) Plot IMDb
- Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (2023) Plot IMDb
- Spider-Man: Far from Home (2019) Plot IMDb
- Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021) Plot IMDb
- Out-Of-The-Spider-Verse Timeline



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