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Topic: Stereotypes in comic books

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Quote:

darth_paul wrote:

Unless it's in the realm of online fan-comics, most real mainstream comics that feature characters that have growth powers don't end up naked when they metamorphasize. Some of them have the handy "unstable molecule" outfits to preserve their modesty, but they are always featured wearing these clothes and when they're not they change and somehow - to use the originators for example - the Hulk and She-Hulk always manage to keep bits of clothes on covering up their naughty bits. You never see characters like Giant Man or Elasti-Girl growing too big for their regular clothes either. Or the Atom shrinking too small for his clothes.

Not true. Ultimate Giant Man has ended up naked twice because of his powers, Atom Smasher's clothes ripped when he grew in size to stop on an OMAC. Stature's clothes were ripped the first time she grew. J2 ended up naked the first time his powers manifested. Of course, these are all recent examples.

More stereotypes:

- Career military guys are unstable and sadistic (Major Force, Americommando, Warhawk, Shaggy Man, Punisher, Typeface, Bombshell)
- Male speedsters are either clowns (Flash, Impulse, Ray I, Speed) or A-holes (Quicksilver, Spin Doctor, Ray III, Blitzkrieg [DC])
- Female powerhouses are more often than not blonde (Supergirl, Wonder Girl II, Power Girl, Ultra Girl, Liberty Belle, Thundra). Non-blonde powerhouses tend to have something wrong with them (Inertia, She-Hulk, Grace Choi, Titania)