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[The mighty fan feedback forum!]

## Trolling Online

From [WizardUniverse.com](http://WizardUniverse.com)'s Message Boards

"Joe Kelly [on *Amazing Spider-Man*] never disappoints. And the art was excellent, as usual! Gotta love a book that comes out three times a month when it's this good."

**ROB3880**



"[*War Of Kings*] has been, well, just awesome. While Marvel is known for [its] Wolverines, Hulks and Spider-Mans, a whole crop of fans are missing out on Marvel's finest forum—the outer regions of outer space."

**LOOSECANNON316**

"I personally would love a *Daredevil/Iron Fist* book. That would be my wish. I know it'd never happen though."

**BATMAN25JM**

"I don't care what anyone else says, I like Damian's Robin costume. It's pretty damn cool."

**JAYDEE74**

"I would love to see how the Green Lantern Corps deals with New Krypton on an ongoing basis. Of course, the Corps would have to survive *Blackest Night* for me to see that."

**MATCHESMALONE**

"After reading [*Final Crisis Aftermath: Run #2*], I'm really interested in seeing it through. I love when they can scrape the barnacles off of crap characters like the Human Flame and make them into something worth reading."

**EGGY\_E\_82**

"Why not Brother Voodoo [as Sorcerer Supreme]? I'm all for taking discarded characters and putting a new spin on them. How many times do you want to see the same guys getting the spotlight?"

**HERB SEWELL**

"[*Spider-Man and Deadpool*] NEED A BOOK TOGETHER or at least a mini! They're so damn funny together. They should have a banter contest to see who can out-mouth each other!"

**PRESCRIBED DRONE**

"[*Dance*] was the only *Final Crisis Aftermath* title I picked up and...I like. A little too self-consciously zeitgeisty, but a fun read."

**JHEREK CARNELIAN**

"The *Buffy [Tales of the Vampire]* ish was hardly essential reading, but it's a nice little side story...a slice of everyday life in the new reality."

**TEKNOMAGE**

# Q:

Which creative team would you most want on a streamlined JLA book in 2010?

**58%**  
Geoff Johns  
and Jim Lee

**27%**  
Grant Morrison  
and Jim Lee

**10%**  
James  
Robinson and  
Ethan Van Sciver

**5%**  
Greg Rucka  
and Francis  
Manapul



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## The Mail bag

No question too dumb. No answer too sarcastic.



Thwack! brings out the heavy artillery this month, as one of Marvel's biggest brains takes control of the letters

column. That's right, Brian Michael Bendis is answering fan questions here, folks! The man behind both the *New* and *Dark Avengers* ongoing series and the helmsman of last summer's *Secret Invasion*, Bendis is hijacking Thwack! to answer a plethora of fanboy pleas from the Wizard Universe Message Boards and from his own [Jinxworld.com](http://Jinxworld.com) forums. The super-scribe touches on everything from what DC characters he'd love to write, the future of *Powers*, his "haircut" and who blasts the meanest gas at Marvel summits. You're in for a wild ride, Thwack-fans, so hang on!

Do you plan on ever writing an X-Men comic?

**SHIKY800**

**BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS:** Yes. I plan on killing Cyclops in February 2012.

It's funny, I do get this question a lot. Then I gently remind those who ask that I wrote *House of M*, which shook up the X-Books but good, and they go: "Oh yeah..." [then] sigh and walk away.

Are there any characters that you really want to use for *New Avengers*, but aren't able to?

**BATMAN25JM**

Sure: Batman, Richie Rich, Samantha from "Sex in the City," Andy Dick from "NewsRadio," Hank Kingsley, Jeph Loeb, Peppermint Patty, Benjamin Button and ["The Howard Stern Show's"] Baba Booley.

Is there anything that would cause you to leave Marvel and never look back?

**COMICGEEKELLY**

If all of a sudden [Marvel] started treating me in a fashion opposite of the one they treat me [with] now... Listen, I'm sure one day I will bugger off or be asked to, but for now—and the rather distant future—things are going about as amazing as one could ever ask [for]. I am under contract for a few more years.

I just recently shaved my head and was wondering how you deal with all the sexy ladies who love a smooth criminal? (-\_Y\_-)

It is amazing, isn't it? When I was balding, no one asked to touch my head in an erotic fashion. Now they ask all the time.

Which DC character do you fancy taking a writing crack at?

**ROLLO TOMASSI**

**Grant Morrison.**

Hypothetically speaking, if DC gave you the job of relaunching the Justice League as New Justice League of America, who would absolutely have to be on the team?

**KID JAYSON**

As I am sure, knowing how the wheels of this biz turn, that is in my future one day, I ain't giving that one [away] for free. But I'll tell you who won't be on it: Snapper Carr, the douche bag of comics. Yeah, you heard me.

Do you ever read something you wrote and go, "Damn, that's good writing." Or are you always seeing flaws in your work?

**KRKPWNAGE**

Mostly, when I read my stuff, I throw up in my hand, wipe it on my sad blankey and go back to work. And yes, I know there's someone who just read this and is going to tweet me that they do the same thing when they read my stuff. Oh yeah, well f--- you, genius!! (See, I just had an Internet fight all by myself.)

If you've had the time to read, what is the best novel you've read in the past 12 months?

**SUPERFLY**

*Brush with Passion: The Art and Life of Dave Stevens* (pictured below).

I know you have gotten this a lot,



THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL HOST

# MICHAEL BENDIS

but how much longer do we have to wait until *Powers* relaunches? I think the wait is actually killing me.

**ZAC GOYETTE**

*Powers* relaunches on our 10-year anniversary—November 2009—[with a] big new number one and a new hardcover, as well. See future issues of *Wizard* for more details. I don't know

NEW AVENGERS



GO AMERICA... OR ELSE!



if that last part is true, but I'm hoping if I trick them into printing it, they will feel obligated.

**[EDITOR'S NOTE: Dammit! Duped by Bendis...again!]**

What's the most horrible idea you've ever heard at a creative summit?

**SABIRPIRZADA**

**Marvel Zombies.** [Mark] Millar pitched it in that thick brogue: "But they're really zombies." He was right, I was wrong.

Any story ideas (recent and all time) that you really, really wish you came up with?

**LEAFINSECTMAN**

"Old Man Logan." And, something Jason

Aaron has planned for Wolverine, but I can't tell you what it is yet.

Although you had previously been accused of hating Clint Barton due to seemingly killing him twice in a row, his recent promotion to leader of the New Avengers says to me that you have, in fact, loved him all along. Now that you've really made him your own, what are your true feelings on the character? Will he ever challenge Luke Cage for your heart? Are we going to continue to see him as Ronin, have him return to Hawkeye or something else? Will he remain a New Avenger for the foreseeable future?

**GANGY**

I do love Clint. Clint's biggest and maybe finest moment, in my heart, is coming very soon in an Avengers special called, "The List." [It's] written by me and drawn by the amazing Marco Djurdjevic. You can see more info on this later in this very issue. (If Wizard knows what's good for them...)

You've been in the industry for a good number of years now and have a good-sized portfolio of your work out there. Is there a particular work that you look back on and think that it could have been much better than the result turned out to be? Also, any plans on drawing a book or one-off issue any time soon?

**JASON SNYDER**

I can't help but think that the third answer in this column could have been better, but hey...

Honestly, the only damn thing I learned in art school that was worth a damn was a teacher [who] said: "A work of art is never perfect, it's just done." He then went back to his bong. But still, he was right.

When someone silently farts at the annual Marvel summit, who is the first to be blamed? My guess: Loeb.

**CORPSE REIGN**

We refer to it as an SBD: Slott But Definitely.

If Alan Moore wanted you to draw his next series, would you?

**RYUDO**

Yes. If Alan Moore wanted me to comb the bugs out of his beard, I would. If he wanted me to sandbelt those overgrown toenails, I would. If he wanted me to slap ["Watchmen" director] Zack Snyder in the mouth using the guy who made those sh---y Watchmen toys, I would. The man is the man. • thwack!



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