

# THE STRONGEST SUPERHEROES OF ALL TIME!

These powerful women have enchanted us since they were first introduced as comic book heroes, and despite many re-imaginings have surfaced stronger than ever. PS: We're psyched about watching *Wonder Woman* on the big screen this month!

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## WONDER WOMAN

The most popular female superhero of all time carries the lasso of truth and happens to be the daughter of Zeus and Queen Hippolyta of the Amazons.

Her superpowers include: Superhealing, control over soldiers, telepathy, resistance against electricity, teleportation, superspeed, and those bracelets of power.

## RED SONJA

She's a fierce sabre and pistol-wielding swordswoman. Even Conan the barbarian could not defeat her in duel. A 2014 reboot has made her more athletic, lusty and hot-blooded, with a crude sense of humour and a love for both alcohol and sex unseen in earlier versions.

Her superpowers include: Peak-level physical strength, superhuman tracking and martial arts. She's basically a one-woman army.

## STARFIRE

This 6'7" flirtatious combat specialist and Tamaranean beauty has romanced Robin, been a model and can fly through space at great speeds. Also, she's just a lot of fun to be around!

Her superpowers include: Superstrength, energy blasts, invulnerability, flight, and alien physiology that lets her absorb UV radiation.

## VALKYRIE

The mighty Valkyrie, Asgardian Brunnhilde, rides a winged horse and has saved the world many times as a member of the Defenders before being elected into the Avengers. It doesn't hurt that she's supersexy too.

Her superpowers include: Healing, teleportation, superstrength, sight and hearing, and telepathy.



## EMMA FROST

She started off on the wrong side of the war but was soon inducted into the X-Men, mentoring young mutants. Frost is highly skilled in electronics theory, and has learnt how to build devices that can amplify psionic energy.

Her superpowers include: Astral projection, hypnosis, telepathy, and telekinesis and she can transform herself into an organic, indestructible diamond.

## SCARLET WITCH

Wanda Maximoff is one of the more complicated mutant characters in the Marvel universe but with a resounding sense of spirituality. She's a trained sorceress and can possibly bring the dead back to life!

Her superpowers include: Warping reality, altering probability and creating hex-spheres.

## JANE FOSTER (AKA THOR)

Originally a nurse who assisted Thor and took on his mantle when he was no longer deemed worthy, Jane can think, react and fight at superhuman speeds while in her goddess form. She also gets superhuman strength and, like all Asgardians, has a highly advanced metabolism which seems to keep her cancer at bay.

Her superpowers include: Using the Mjolnir, flight, controlling weather, mystical blasts of energy and teleportation.

## JEAN GREY

One of the five original X-Men, Jean is an Omega-level mutant, telekinetic and excellent telepath. She's able to manipulate minds in different ways, create psychic links with other beings and control the astral plane. She has returned from death many times.

Her superpowers include: Resurrection, telekinesis and telepathy.

## MS MARVEL

The shape-shifting Kamala Khan has most recently become the holder of the Ms. Marvel identity. She's a polymorph, who after being exposed to the Terrigen mist has the ability to stretch her body in almost any way imaginable. She's voiced by Priyanka Chopra in *Avengers Academy*.

Her superpowers include: Healing, flight and shapeshifting.

## STORM

By birth, Ororo Munroe is the rightful heir to the oldest royal family on Earth and her mission is to protect the planet. She's one of the founding members of the X-Men.

Her superpowers include: She can control the weather, manipulate energy, generate heat, control water and ice. And she has one of the strongest wills among the X-Men, making her highly resistant to psychic attacks especially in tandem with electrical fields she creates around herself. ■