

SPIDER-MAN IN: LOOKING FOR A NEW TEAM

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[Writer's Note: I originally wrote this back when the talks between Sony and Marvel Studios over Spider-Man's movie rights broke down in August 2019, before they patched things up a month later. Enjoy.]

[The story begins with Spider-Man swinging around New York City at night. We hear him monologuing to himself, as he usually does.]

Spider-Man:

My name is Peter Parker, and I am the Whatever-Adjective-We-Haven't-Put-In-A-Movie-Yet Spider-Man. Life's been pretty rough for me since the Disney-Sony talks broke down. I couldn't believe it! I was finally a part of the Avengers after years of being cut out due to legal mumbo-jumbo, and – just like that – I'm out again! Now the Fantastic Four and the X-Men get to join up with them, and I'm the only character in the Marvel Universe that's not allowed to interact with anyone else! Except for maybe Morbious... *Shudder*

Spider-Man:

But whatever. I'm a popular guy, I'll just join some other team of heroes! I'm sure that one of the teenage crimefighting groups out there would *kill* to have little old me in their ranks...

[We then cut to Spidey in his apartment on the phone with someone.]

Spider-Man:

Hey Buffy, girlfriend, it's Spidey. Listen, my parent companies spilt up and I got stuck with the crappy one, so I need a new crew to roll with. Mind if I help you guys kill some vampires? I mean, Blade makes an honest living doing it, so why not El Menno. That, and I'm probably gonna be fighting Morbius soon, so I might as well get in good with the G.O.A.T...

[On the other end we see Buffy The Vampire Slayer sitting in her room, applying some make-up in front of a mirror.]

Buffy:

Do any of your powers actually help against vampires?

Spider-Man:

Well, no, not really...

[We skip to him calling someone else.]

Spider-Man:

Look Red, I've got the suit, I've got the power, I've got the attitude, I'm a teenager, and I'm pretty sure I've got that Megazord from that old Japanese show lying around somewhere...

[On the other line is the Red Mighty Morphin Power Ranger talking on his communicator in the Command Center. He's looking at a color chart with all the colors the Rangers have been checked off.]

Red Ranger:

Okay, what color's your costume again? Red and Blue? 'Cause we've already got those.

Spider-Man:

Oh, okay, I guess I could switch back to the Black Suit again. I mean, it might cause some confusion with Venom, but...

Red Ranger:

Nah, we've got a Black Ranger too. We've got Yellow, Pink, Green, White, Gold, Silver, Crimson, Navy, Purple, Grey, Aqua... Would you be cool with Orange?

[We skip to Spidey trying someone else.]

Spider-Man:

Listen, I know I'm not *that* kind of mutant, but you guys let April and Casey hang out with you all the time, and I'm already in the city anyway. C'mon Leo, let me be your fifth Turtle! I'll put on a shell and everything!

[On the other end is Leonardo of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles talking on a Shell Cell while sitting on a couch in the Turtles' sewer lair.]

Leo:

Sorry Spidey, I'd be honored to help, but we just added somebody and we're kinda busy getting her situated. You know how tough it can be when you first turn into a reptile. Have you tried the Mighty Mutanimals?

[We skip to Spidey trying someone else.]

Spider-Man:

Okay, now I know this is going to be weird, given how I'm Marvel and you guys are DC, but think about it, Dick (wait, which one are you, again?). I mean, I'm Spider-Man! You know, "does whatever a spider can?"

[On the other end is Robin sitting in Titan Tower.]

Robin:

I dunno, Beast Boy can already do that by turning into an actual spider, so...

[We skip to Spidey trying one last person.]

Spider-Man:

[Sighs] Cards on that table here, I don't have enough money to move to Japan. So, I'm going to have to be in some kind of "New York" branch of the Thieves or something. But think about it: I've already got a code name and a Stealth Suit, and I know a *ton* of bad people around here with distorted desires you guys can steal. Take this one guy for instance, Norman Osborn. Real piece of work, that guy...

[On the other end is Joker from the Phantom Thieves.]

Joker:

Well, geez, how can I say "no" to the Amazing Spider-Man? Just tell me, how are you with dancing?

[Before Spidey can answer, a voice calls out to Joker.]

Morgana:

Joker, what are you doing up at this hour?!? You need to go to sleep!

Joker:

[Aggravated] Oh my God, I'm 17 years old! I don't need a cat telling me when to go to bed!

Morgana:

Who are you calling a cat?!? You take that back right now!

Joker:

Take what back? That's what you are, a *cat*! At least you're always scratching my

stuff up like one!

Morgana:

I'll scratch your stuff if you don't get to bed right now!

Joker:

You're not my mother!

[Back at Spidey's place, he can hear fighting and angry cat sounds coming from the other end of the line.]

Spider-Man:

Uh, I think I'll call back later...

[He hangs up the phone.]

Spider-Man:

[Sighs] Well, that was a waste of time. Can't wait to see how this gets worse...

[Suddenly, Venom breaks in through a wall behind Spidey.]

Venom:

There you are, Spider-Man! Now, you're going to pay for... uh, wait, why are we trying to kill this guy again? We skipped the origin, so...

[Spidey sighs and facepalms at what his life has become. The End.]