

= Spider @-@ Man (Miles Morales) =

Miles Morales is a fictional superhero who appears in comic books published by Marvel Comics , as one of the characters who goes by the identity of Spider @-@ Man . The character was created by writer Brian Michael Bendis and artist Sara Pichelli , with Bendis and Marvel editor @-@ in @-@ chief Axel Alonso drawing inspiration from both U.S. President Barack Obama and American actor Donald Glover .

Miles Morales first appeared in Ultimate Fallout # 4 (August 2011) , following the death of Peter Parker . A teenager of Black Hispanic descent , Miles is the second Spider @-@ Man to appear in Ultimate Marvel , an imprint with a separate continuity from the mainstream Marvel Universe . Although Morales featured in the Ultimate Comics : Spider @-@ Man comic book series , he is not the lead character in the Ultimate Spider @-@ Man animated TV series that debuted in April 2012 on Disney XD , but he was later added to the main cast in 2016 . After Marvel ended the Ultimate imprint in 2015 , Miles was made a character in the main Marvel Universe , beginning with stories under the All @-@ New , All @-@ Different Marvel brand published that same year .

Reaction to the character varied , with some , including Spider @-@ Man 's creator , Stan Lee , approving the creation of a positive role model for non @-@ white children , to displeasure at the replacement of Peter Parker , with some decrying it as a publicity stunt motivated by political correctness , a charge Alonso denied . Alexandra Petri of The Washington Post called for the character to be judged on the quality of its stories , which have garnered positive reviews .

The character possesses powers similar to those of the original Spider @-@ Man , which were derived from the bite of a spider genetically engineered by Spider @-@ Man 's nemesis Norman Osborn in an attempt to duplicate those abilities .

= = Publication history = =

The concept of a black Spider @-@ Man was first discussed a few months before the November 2008 election of Barack Obama as President of the United States . Marvel Comics editor @-@ in @-@ chief Axel Alonso describes the catalyst , " When we were planning ? Ultimatum , ? we realized that we were standing at the brink of America electing its first African @-@ American President and we acknowledged that maybe it was time to take a good look at one of our icons . " This new Spider @-@ Man was considered a possible part of the 2008 @-@ 09 " Ultimatum " story arc that restructured much of the Ultimate Marvel universe , but those early thoughts were abandoned because the story for that character had not yet been developed . Bendis said thoughts about the character were further reinforced by African American actor Donald Glover 's appearance wearing Spider @-@ Man pajamas in " Anthropology 101 " , the second season premiere of the television comedy series Community . This was a reference to an unsuccessful online campaign that attempted to secure Glover an audition for the lead role in the 2012 film The Amazing Spider @-@ Man . Bendis said of Glover , " I saw him in the costume and thought , ' I would like to read that book . ' So I was glad I was writing that book . "

When the Marvel Comics staff decided that the Ultimate universe 's Peter Parker would be killed in the 2011 storyline " Death of Spider @-@ Man " , the character Miles Morales was created . Although Morales is the first black Spider @-@ Man , he marks the second time a Latino character has taken the Spider @-@ Man identity . Miguel O 'Hara , who is of half Mexican descent , was the title character in the series Spider @-@ Man 2099 . Morales has replaced Parker as Spider @-@ Man only in Ultimate Marvel , a parallel universe that re @-@ imagines the characters .

Miles Morales was created by comic book writer Brian Michael Bendis and artist Sara Pichelli . Morales was born and raised in Brooklyn , New York City , the 13 @-@ year @-@ old son of an African American father and a Puerto Rican mother . Axel Alonso has described Miles as an intelligent nerd with an aptitude for science similar to his predecessor , Peter Parker . The character made his debut in the fourth issue of the Ultimate Fallout limited series , which was released on August 3 , 2011 . He later starred in the relaunched Ultimate Comics : Spider @-@ Man series , written by Bendis and drawn by Pichelli , in September 2011 .

In contrasting Miles with Peter Parker , Bendis has depicted different conflicts and anxieties for the character . Right after acquiring his superhuman abilities from a spider bite at the home of his uncle , Aaron , whom Miles admires but he does not initially know is a career criminal , Miles ' father , Jefferson , explains to Miles that before Miles was born , Jefferson and Aaron were thieves who spent time in prison , and that while Jefferson reformed when he got older , Aaron has not . According to Bendis , this gives Miles cause to wonder if the traits that lead to criminal behavior are hardwired into his DNA , leading him to question whether he is essentially a good person or not , and what his future holds for him . These issues further haunt Miles after he becomes disillusioned with Aaron , and Aaron dies from an accidental explosion triggered during a battle between the two of them , saying , " You are just like me " to Miles before dying .

In creating the visual look for Miles , Pichelli followed her usual practice of approaching the design by giving thought to the character 's personality , including the background that influenced it , and the distinctive traits that he would exhibit , such as the clothing he wears , his body language and expressions . Pichelli also designed Spider @-@ Man 's new costume , a mostly black outfit with red webbing and a red spider logo . Pichelli had worked on four issues of Ultimate Spider @-@ Man before she was approached to work on the new title with Miles Morales . Pichelli , who works with a Cintiq 12wx graphic tablet , added more screentones to her illustrations to give what she called " a more ' pop ' feeling to the book , because I think it would fit perfectly with the new series " .

In 2012 , Morales appeared in the miniseries Spider @-@ Men , in which he encounters the Spider @-@ Man of the original Marvel universe .

In June 2013 , the character appeared in the climax of Age of Ultron # 10 (also written by Brian Michael Bendis) . In the storyline , which depicts major changes to the space @-@ time continuum as a result of the time travel on the part of the original Marvel versions of Susan Richards and Wolverine , Miles witnesses the coming of the mainstream Marvel Galactus to Earth .

Despite its initial press and critical reception , Ultimate Comics Spider @-@ Man was not a huge hit in the direct market . By August 2013 , sales on the title had slipped , and sales for the other two Ultimate titles , Ultimate Comics X @-@ Men and Ultimate Comics The Ultimates , had dropped to numbers at which mainstream Marvel titles are cancelled . That November , Ultimate Comics Spider @-@ Man ended its run with issue # 28 , and the other two titles ended along with it , to make way for the miniseries Cataclysm : Ultimate Spider @-@ Man , one of the books in the crossover storyline " Cataclysm " , in which the heroes of the Ultimate universe face the threat of the Marvel 616 Galactus , and Miles is transported to the mainstream Marvel universe .

In January 2014 , it was announced that following " Cataclysm " , Miles would begin starring in a new title called Miles Morales : Ultimate Spider @-@ Man , as part of Ultimate Marvel Now , an initiative with which Marvel will relaunch the Ultimate Marvel line . Miles Morales will also be a main character in the All @-@ New Ultimates , in which he will join a team of young heroes that will include Kitty Pryde , Bombshell , Cloak and Dagger , and a new Black Widow . The former title is written by Bendis , while the latter is written by Michel Fiffe and drawn by Amilcar Pinna. both series ran for 12 issues . The twelfth and final issue of Miles Morales : Ultimate Spider @-@ Man concluded with a cliffhanger that led directly into the 2015 " Secret Wars " storyline .

Marvel ended the Ultimate Marvel imprint with the " Secret Wars " storyline , in which the Marvel Universe was merged with other alternate universes , including the Ultimate Universe . Following " Secret Wars " , Miles become a character of the mainstream Marvel Universe , and a member of the titular team in All @-@ New , All @-@ Different Avengers . He also headlines a new series , titled simply Spider @-@ Man , which debuted February 3 , 2016 , with Bendis and Pichelli returning as the creative team . In the storyline , the now @-@ 16 @-@ year @-@ old Miles continues to patrol New York City , while Peter Parker will expand the scope of his activities globally . Issues that Miles deals with will include the confrontations with Parker 's rogues gallery , the public 's reaction to his ethnicity , and his love life .

= = Fictional character biography = =

= = = First appearance = = =

Miles Morales first appears in Ultimate Comics : Fallout # 4 , which was published in August 2011 , in which he foils a murder by Kangaroo , a short time after Peter Parker 's death . He wears a Spider @-@ Man costume similar to Peter Parker 's , but considers changing it when spectators tell him it is in " bad taste " .

= = = Ultimate Comics : Spider @-@ Man = = =

The opening story arc of Ultimate Comics : Spider @-@ Man , which premiered in September 2011 , is set prior to Ultimate Fallout # 4 , and details how Miles received his superhuman abilities . After Oscorp scientist Dr. Markus uses Parker 's blood to recreate the Oz formula that created Spider @-@ Man , the Prowler (Aaron Davis) steals the formula , and in the process , one of the spiders created by Markus crawls into the Prowler 's duffel bag . Days later , the Prowler 's nephew , grade @-@ schooler Miles Morales , is bitten by the spider during a visit to Aaron 's apartment . Morales develops superhuman abilities similar to those Peter Parker has , but does not tell his parents , Jefferson and Rio , due to his father 's distrust of superheroes , confiding only in his best friend , Ganke Lee .

Miles , who just wants a normal life , is unhappy about having these abilities , and initially nauseated at the idea of risking his life to engage in superheroics , a reaction that Bendis wrote to further contrast Miles with Parker . However , after witnessing Spider @-@ Man 's death at the hands of the Green Goblin , the guilt @-@ ridden Miles realizes he could have helped . After Ganke suggests he assume the mantle of Spider @-@ Man , and learns from Gwen Stacy why Parker did what he did , Miles is inspired to try his hand at costumed crimefighting . During his first foray into costumed superheroics , he is confronted not only by those who feel his use of the Spider @-@ Man costume is in bad taste , but also by Spider @-@ Woman , a member of the government superhuman team , the Ultimates , over his use of the Spider @-@ Man identity .

Spider @-@ Woman unmask and arrests Miles and takes him to S.H.I.E.L.D. headquarters , where Nick Fury reveals that he knows all about Miles and his family , including his uncle 's criminal activity . After he helps S.H.I.E.L.D. subdue the escaped supervillain Electro , S.H.I.E.L.D. releases Miles and gives him a modified black and red version of the Spider @-@ Man costume , which Ganke feels makes Miles " officially " the new Spider @-@ Man . He also receives the blessing of the Earth @-@ 616 Peter Parker during the 2012 Spider @-@ Men miniseries , in which Parker briefly visits the Ultimate Marvel universe and meets Miles . After the newspapers begin reporting the emergence of a new Spider @-@ Man , Aaron deduces that it is really Miles , and offers to train Miles and work with him . After Aaron uses Miles in his ongoing conflict with the Mexican crime lord Scorpion , Miles realizes he is being exploited , and refuses to assist his uncle further , despite Aaron 's threat to inform Miles ' father of his secret . This leads to an altercation between the uncle and nephew that results in the malfunction of Aaron 's weapons , which explode , killing Aaron .

In subsequent storylines , Miles subsequently becomes acquainted with Peter Parker 's loved ones , May Parker , Gwen Stacy and Mary Jane Watson , who know of his secret identity , and give him Parker 's web shooters . He also encounters Captain America , who reluctantly agrees to train Miles .

In a 2013 storyline , investigative reporter Betty Brant incorrectly concludes that Miles ' father , Jefferson , is the new Spider @-@ Man . However , publisher J. Jonah Jameson , in light of the death of Peter Parker , refuses to publish her theory , on the grounds that it will merely ruin a family 's life and deprive the city of another hero . When Brant tries to publish her findings in a book , she is murdered by former Oscorp and then @-@ Roxxon scientist Dr. Conrad Marcus , who has become the newest host to the Venom symbiote . In the subsequent " Venom War " storyline , Venom learns of Brant 's findings , and confronts Jefferson at his home , where Spider @-@ Man repels the creature . Jefferson is critically injured and hospitalized in this battle , and Miles is confronted by former S.H.I.E.L.D. agent turned New York Police detective Maria Hill , who has also deduced his secret . When Venom later appears at the hospital , Spider @-@ Man again confronts him , during

which Miles ' mother , Rio , also learns that her son is Spider @-@ Man . By the end of the brawl , Marcus is separated from the symbiote and killed by police gunfire , as is Rio , who tells Miles not to reveal his secret to his father before dying .

The storyline then jumps ahead one year . Miles has a girlfriend named Katie Bishop , and is planning on telling her about his former life as Spider @-@ Man . Though he has not engaged in heroics in a year , he is pressured to return to that life , by S.H.I.E.L.D. He reluctantly does so , after Ganke and Spider @-@ Woman convinces him that there needs to be a Spider @-@ Man . Along with Spider @-@ Woman , Bombshell and Cloak and Dagger , Miles helps arrest Donald Roxxon , the head of the Roxxon corporation , who reveals that he knows of Miles ' identity , and that he was the one who hired Aaron to break into Oscorp the night that the spider who gave Miles his powers was accidentally brought to Aaron 's home . He also reveals that he was responsible for the creation of Bombshell , Cloak and Dagger , which involved kidnapping underage people and experimenting on them using untested genetic technology . After Roxxon 's arrest , Miles thanks Ganke for his support , and affirms in earnest that he is Spider @-@ Man .

= = = " Cataclysm " = = =

In the " Cataclysm " storyline , the mainstream Marvel Galactus comes to Earth to consume it for its energy . During the course of this story , Miles comes to believe the world is coming to an end , and reveals his double life to his father , who believes he is responsible for the death of Aaron and Rio , and disowns him . Miles also journeys to the mainstream Marvel universe with Reed Richards to acquire information on how to repel Galactus .

= = = Miles Morales : Ultimate Spider @-@ Man = = =

During the course of his second solo series , Miles Morales : Ultimate Spider @-@ Man , Miles encounters a very much alive Peter Parker , who cannot explain his reappearance , and who does not intend to return to his former life . Together , the two Spider @-@ Men defeat Norman Osborn , who is also revealed to be alive , but who is killed during the course of the story . After witnessing Miles courageously battles Osborn , Peter acknowledges Miles a worthy successor , and decides to retire from superheroics for a life with his family and Mary Jane .

Miles ' father also reappears , and relates to his son that as a young man , he and Aaron went to work for a criminal named Turk after Jefferson was recruited by S.H.I.E.L.D. as a spy in order to infiltrate the organization of the then @-@ up @-@ and @-@ coming international criminal Wilson Fisk . Jefferson did this for a time , but after the Kingpin was arrested and convicted for his crimes , and Jefferson offered a chance to be a full @-@ fledged S.H.I.E.L.D. agent , he refused , not wanting any part of his brother 's world . He met Rio a week later and fell in love with her . Jefferson fled after learning that Miles was Spider @-@ Man because it brought back unresolved from that earlier time in his life , and tells Miles that he does not blame Miles for his mother 's death , and regrets abandoning him .

When Miles reveals his secret identity to his girlfriend , Katie Bishop , she and her parents are revealed to be sleeper agents for the terrorist group Hydra , who then kidnap Miles , his father and Ganke , as part of a plan involving Dr. Doom . Miles and the other prisoners are freed , however , in part with help from Miles ' dorm mate , Judge , Maria Hill , and other superhuman colleagues .

= = = " Secret Wars " and merge with Marvel @-@ 616 = = =

During the events of the 2015 " Secret Wars " storyline , both the Ultimate Marvel universe and the mainstream Earth @-@ 616 universe are destroyed . Miles manages to survive the destruction by infiltrating an escape ship designed by the Cabal . After eight years in stasis , Miles awakens on the planet Battleworld , a new planet created from the remains of the various alternate Earths that had been destroyed . Miles is reunited with Earth @-@ 616 's Peter Parker and the other surviving 616 heroes , who battle against Doctor Doom , who has used newly acquired powers appointed himself

a God Emperor over the planet . At the conclusion of the storyline , the Ultimate Universe is wiped out of existence , but the Molecule Man , in gratitude for Miles ' earlier compassion to him , arranges for Earth @-@ 616 to be restored , with Miles and family among its inhabitants , including his mother , who has been indicated to have restored to life in the process . Both Miles and Peter share the mantle of Spider @-@ Man in the new universe , though the now @-@ 16 @-@ year @-@ old Miles will patrol New York City , while Peter Parker acts globally . Miles is also a member of the latest team of Avengers , which debuts in the 2016 series All @-@ New , All @-@ Different Avengers , and is being trained by Spider @-@ Man to act as New York 's resident spider @-@ themed hero while his work with Parker Industries allows the original Spider @-@ Man to act on a global scale .

= = Powers and abilities = =

Bitten by a slightly different genetically engineered spider than the one that granted Peter Parker 's powers , Miles Morales possesses abilities similar to the original Spider @-@ Man 's , including enhanced strength and agility , the ability to adhere to walls and ceilings with his hands and feet , and a " spider sense " that warns him of danger with a buzzing sensation in his head . Though his strength and agility are similar to those of the original Spider @-@ Man , his spider @-@ sense is not as strong , as it only warns him of immediate danger .

He has two abilities that the original Spider @-@ Man did not have : the ability to camouflage himself , including his clothing , to match his surroundings , and an electrical " venom strike " that can paralyze almost anyone with just a touch , including the electrically powered Electro . The venom strike can be conducted through Miles ' gloves , and can be used against an opponent at a distance by conducting it through a material in which both Miles and his opponent are in contact , such as the webbing of the Earth @-@ 616 's Spider @-@ Man . It can break chains being used to restrain Miles , and even repels non @-@ ferrous objects , such as plastic Lego bricks . The venom strike is powerful enough to render unconscious a person as large as Hank Pym 's Giant Man . It is powerful enough to drive away the villain Venom during Miles ' first encounter with the creature , but by their second encounter , Venom has developed such a tolerance to the strike that Miles has to be completely enveloped by the symbiote before the venom strike can separate the symbiote from its host . The effect of the venom strike manifests itself a few seconds after it is implemented , and is described by Bendis as being comparable to the feeling of being kicked in the testicles . Some uses of the venom strike , as when Miles freed himself from chains , require much power , and cannot be used multiple times in rapid succession without a " recharging " period for Miles , though he can still make conventional use of it against people .

Miles ' body also possesses a strong resistance to injury . During an altercation with the Roxxon mercenary Taskmaster , Miles is hurled toward a low brick wall , shattering it , without any apparent serious injury , though the experience was painful for him .

Miles wears a costume given to him by S.H.I.E.L.D. , and initially uses Peter Parker 's web shooters , which are given to him by May Parker . He is eventually given a new set of webshooters by S.H.I.E.L.D. as well .

= = Reception = =

The character Miles Morales was first reported by USA Today on August 2 , 2011 , shortly before the character officially debuted in Ultimate Fallout # 4 . The announcement received international coverage in the mainstream media and was met with mixed reactions by audiences . Chris Huntington of The New York Times lauded the creation of Morales , relating that it gave his adopted Ethiopian son Dagim a superhero who looks like him . Some fans and commentators felt the decision was an attempt by Marvel Comics to be politically correct and that the introduction of a minority Spider @-@ Man was simply a publicity stunt to attract more readers , while others felt that a person of color as Spider @-@ Man would set a positive example for minority readers , particularly children . Many Spider @-@ Man fans were disappointed that Peter Parker was killed ,

regardless of who replaced him . The wide @-@ ranging critical reception prompted The Washington Post to run an article called , " Sorry , Peter Parker . The response to the black Spider @-@ Man shows why we need one " , in which writer Alexandra Petri wrote that the character should be judged on the quality of its stories rather than on his appearance or ethnicity .

Similarly , conservative talkshow host Glenn Beck , claiming that Miles resembled President Barack Obama , argued that the new Spider @-@ Man was a result of a comment from Michelle Obama about changing traditions . However , Beck said he did not care about Miles ' race , and also acknowledged out that this was not the mainstream Spider @-@ Man . Axel Alonso denied the character was created out of political correctness , stating " Simple fact is Marvel comics reflect the world in all its shapes , sizes and colors . We believe there 's an audience of people out there who is thirsty for a character like Miles Morales . " Original Spider @-@ Man co @-@ creator Stan Lee approved of Miles , stating that " Doing our bit to try to make our nation , and the world , color blind is definitely the right thing . "

In a review for the first issue , David Pepose of Newsarama wrote , " The biggest victory that Bendis scores with Miles Morales is that he makes us care about him , and care about him quickly . Even though we 're still scratching the surface of what makes him tick , we 're seeing the world through his eyes , and it 's similar to Peter Parker 's but a whole lot tougher . But that kind of Parker @-@ style guilt ? that neurotic , nearly masochistic tendency for self @-@ sacrifice that comes with great power and greater responsibility ? is still intact . " Jesse Schedeen of IGN wrote that " Miles still feels like a bit of an outsider in his own book . Bendis never quite paints a complete picture of Miles ? his thoughts , motivations , personality quirks , and so forth . Miles is largely a reactionary figure throughout the book as he confronts struggles like registering for a charter school or dealing with family squabbles . " Schedeen also opined that " Miles occupies a more urban , racially diverse , and tense landscape . All the story doesn 't pander or lean too heavily on elements like racial and economic tension to move forward . Miles is simply a character who speaks to a slightly different teen experience , and one not nearly as well represented in superhero comics as Peter 's " . James Hunt of Comic Book Resources rated the issue # 1 four and a half out of five stars , lauding Bendis for emphasizing Morales ' character and his supporting cast instead of rushing him into costume . The first issue holds a score of 7 @.@ 8 out of 10 at the review aggregator website Comic Book Roundup , based on 11 reviews , while the final issue , # 28 , holds a score of 8 @.@ 3 , based on 9 reviews , and the series overall holds an average issue rating of 8 @.@ 2 .

The second solo series , Miles Morales : Ultimate Spider @-@ Man , has an average issue rating of 8 @.@ 2 at Comic Book Roundup , while the third series , which debuted in 2016 , Spider @-@ Man , holds a rating of 7 @.@ 8 .

= = Other versions = =

At the conclusion of the 2012 miniseries Spider @-@ Men , in which the mainstream Marvel Universe Peter Parker briefly visits the Ultimate Marvel universe and meets Miles Morales , Parker returns to his home universe , and uses a Google search to see if his universe has a version of Miles Morales . He is shocked by what he finds , but the exact nature of what he finds is left unrevealed to the reader .

In Deadpool Killustrated # 1 (2012) , Miles Morales ' corpse is seen among those of various Spider @-@ Men across various dimensions of the multiverse that an alternate Deadpool has killed .

= = In other media = =

= = = Television and film = = =

Miles Morales appears in the Ultimate Spider @-@ Man TV series where he is initially voiced by Donald Glover in the Web Warriors season and by Ogie Banks starting with " Miles from Home " . Miles Morales ' name and picture appears in the episode " I Am Spider @-@ Man " on a list of

understudies for the part of Spider @-@ Man in Phil Coulson 's high school play . He is the second to last choice , while Peter Parker is the last choice . In May 2014 , the Sunday badge for the 2014 New York Comic Con was revealed , featuring the third season title Ultimate Spider @-@ Man : Web @-@ Warriors , and showing various incarnations of Spider @-@ Man , including one wearing Miles Morales ' costume . Web Warriors is a third season storyline in which Peter Parker travels through various parallel universes , and encounters those dimensions ' versions of Spider @-@ Man , including Miles Morales . It was later announced that Miles would return for the show 's fourth season , Ultimate Spider @-@ Man vs The Sinister 6 , under the alias Kid Arachnid .

Writer Brian Michael Bendis has stated that he favors incorporating Miles into the Spider @-@ Man feature films in some way , as did actor Andrew Garfield , who played Spider @-@ Man in The Amazing Spider @-@ Man feature film series . Producers Avi Arad and Matt Tolmach have indicated in 2014 that they did not intend to have Miles or any other character replace Peter Parker in the role . However , after Marvel brokered a deal with Sony , which holds the feature film rights to all Spider @-@ Man characters , Kevin Feige stated that while Miles Morales will not be appearing in the Marvel Cinematic Universe for the foreseeable future , he is still interested in exploring opportunities to explore the character .

= = = Video games = = =

Miles Morales ' Spider @-@ Man suit is available as an alternate costume for Spider @-@ Man (Peter Parker) in Spider @-@ Man : Edge of Time .

Miles Morales appears as a playable character in Marvel Super Hero Squad Online , voiced by Alimi Ballard .

Miles Morales ' Spider @-@ Man costume appears in the 2014 video game The Amazing Spider @-@ Man 2 , with the in @-@ game biography stating that the costume was inspired by a comic series in the in @-@ game universe that looks at Miles Morales ' life as Spider @-@ Man .

Miles Morales is a playable character in Spider @-@ Man Unlimited , Marvel : Avengers Alliance , Marvel Puzzle Quest , Marvel Future Fight , and Marvel : Contest of Champions .

Miles Morales is a playable character in the Spider @-@ Man DLC pack for Lego Marvel 's Avengers .

Miles Morales is available as a team @-@ up character in Marvel Heroes 2016 .