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Marvel Matchup: Spider-Man vs The Hulk

Peter Parker and Bruce Banner are strikingly similar; both are world renowned scientists, and both have superhuman powers due to inadvertent exposure to radioactive material. Peter Parker was bitten on the hand by a radioactive spider, empowering Peter with the arachnid's proportional strength and agility, and the ability to cling to any surface. Parker, harnessing these abilities for good, became the superhero Spider-Man. Bruce Banner, on the other hand, was caught in the blast of gamma radiation at a nuclear research facility, transforming him into a living engine of destruction known as the Hulk. What would happen if these two superheroes were pitted against each other? Who would win the conquest? **Undoubtedly, the Hulk would not only win the fight, but he would literally tear Spider-Man in half.**

First of all, **the Hulk is extensively stronger than Spider-Man.** The Hulk is able to lift **"in excess of 100 tons" (Hulk)**, and Spider-Man is able to lift about **"10 tons" (Spider-Man)**. While Spider-Man's extraordinary strength is impressive, it pales in comparison to foe. Because of his speed and agility, Spider-Man will be able to avert the Hulk's offensive attacks, but only for so long. The moment the Hulk has Spider-Man in his hands, the fight is over; the Hulk would easily tear Spider-Man in half with his superhuman strength.

But brute force isn't the only factor that gives the Hulk the advantage over Spider-Man; **the Hulk's body possesses an extremely high degree of resistance to injury, pain, and even disease.** His skin is able to withstand great impacts; **"he can survive direct hits by field artillery**

cannon shells” (Hulk). There is nothing Spider-Man can do to cause significant damage to the Hulk’s tough exterior. Additionally, while Spider-Man’s composition of his skeleton, inter-connected tissues, and nervous system have all been enhanced, his robust composition stands little chance against the Hulk’s superior strength; one blow from the Hulk’s powerful fist, and Spider-Man is dead.

Spider-Man, however, does have one advantage in the fight: his “spider-sense” that “warns him of potential immediate danger by a tingling sensation in the back of his skull” (Spider-Man). This extra sense gives Spider-Man several hundreds of a second’s warning about anything from fired bullets or thrown punches, which is sufficient time for him to avert the danger. But there is a problem with his “spider-sense:” it’s overly vague—“he cannot discern the nature of the threat by the sensation” (Spider-Man). This sense only tells Spider-Man that he is in danger; it does not specify the exact nature of the danger. Once the battle is in full force, the advantage of Spider-Man’s extra sense is completely negated because Spider-Man already knows he’s in danger.

The Hulk is superior to Spider-Man in every way. If a battle were to ensue, Spider-Man stands no chance at victory. Once the Hulk has Spider-Man in his hands, Spider-Man is no more.