

ON *the* CATWALK

JML's fave-rave babes!

Sultry sirens are a specialty of Joseph Michael Linsner. So who are Linsner's picks for sexiest fictional babes? Glad you asked...

BETTY FROM ARCHIE COMICS "Archie is a complete moron for chasing Veronica. She's nothing but trouble, and probably frigid as well. Betty is just as cute, but totally warm and loving."

BLACK CANARY "The fishnet stocking version is hands down the sexiest outfit in comics. Why do they keep trying to give her a new look?"

SATANNA "The second sexiest outfit in comics. It seemed like the designer took a look at Vampirella's outfit, and went to improve on it. I think he did."

FRANCESCA FROM "THE MAD MONSTER PARTY" "She's a little stop-animation sex kitten. When I was a kid, I asked my mom if she could get me a Francesca doll for Christmas. I'm still waiting...."

LITTLE ANNIE FANNY "Will Elder is one of the true geniuses of comics. How could I not love him painting a cute buxom blonde who can't keep her clothes on?"

JULIE NEWMAR AS CATWOMAN "The definitive interpretation of the character. Skin-tight, black and shiny, legs a mile long and that gold hip-hugger belt slung way down low. Purrfect."

MELODY FROM JOSIE AND THE PUSSYCATS "The ultimate dumb blonde. I'm curious about the movie and will probably check it out."

MAGGIE FROM LOVE AND ROCKETS "Penny Century has the body, but Maggie has the charm. One of the fullest, most realized characters ever in a comic book. Someone I would genuinely like to know."

LYNDA CARTER AS WONDER WOMAN "All curves. Totally sexy, and yet has a noble, aristocratic look. A real Amazon princess."

MARY JANE FROM SPIDER-MAN [below] "The coolest entrance for a comic character ever! Peter Parker is told about her repeatedly and can only imagine that she's a hag. But when she finally shows up—POW! His eyes pop out. She says, 'Face it tiger, you just hit the jackpot.' 'Ruff said.'" **JM**



WARLOCK

Adam Warlock is yet another 1970s Marvel icon Linsner wants to take a stab at. The reluctant savior with the horrible soul-sucking gem had to kill himself to save the future. "For my money, it still hasn't been topped as far as superhero stories go," Linsner attests. "The Warlock saga just blew me away."

The grand-scale characters tend to attract Linsner. "I'm definitely drawn to the more mythological, cosmic, ridiculous and mournful of Marvel's superheroes," he relates. "Knowing the type of stuff I write and draw in my own comics, can anyone be surprised?"



THUNDRA

Thundra, Marvel's future Amazon, is another one-shot-in-waiting for the House of Ideas that Linsner's proposed. "Superheroes are supposed to be bright, larger than life and beautifully ridiculous-looking," Linsner notes. "She definitely fits the bill. She is the best kind of silly."

Despite the fact there has never been a Thundra title, Linsner thinks it could be carried off. "I'm surprised no one's ever done a comic where she has the big ol' catfight with She-Hulk," he says. "I think that would be a complete blast. And color-wise, they work well against each other, so if nothing else, it would look cool."

WIZARD Contributing Editor Jim McLaughlin is a rather sketchy character, and you can book on that. Get it?



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