

The famous image of a comic-book superhero may look like a circus strongman in tights in a cape, but muscles aren't the only way to be powerful. Sometimes the answer lies in magic, science fiction or an alien world. The question is: how does a comic book character become the most powerful in the world? Here are Screen Rant's 10 most powerful superheroes from Marvel and DC.

Sentry. Modern comic fans may know Captain America like the back of their hand, but it's another Marvel super soldier who takes the cake. The being known as Sentry is absolutely one of the most powerful characters in the Marvel Universe, which means fans should all know him even if he hasn't appeared on film. Said to hold the power of a million exploding Suns, strong enough to fight the Hulk to a standstill and blessed with telepathy, immortality, and even the ability to resurrect the dead, there isn't much Sentry can't do, fact he may be one of the truly invincible characters in Marvel's universe.

Jean Grey. There's no shortage of psychics in Marvel's catalogue, so being the best of them is saying something that honour probably goes to Jean Grey, the fifth member of the original X-Men. The live-action movies only scratched the surface of Jean's powers since her decades and prints have shown her to do just about anything a mind can achieve; mind-reading, mind control, telekinetic, barriers, force fields, you name it and that's even before she unlocks full access to the cosmic Phoenix force. Phoenix may make her a bit more villainous, but the power it grants over the universe as a whole is a testament to Jean's dedication and focus.

Cable. When Cyclops sent his son into the future for protection, never imagined the full-grown powerhouse that would return with the techno-organic virus turning him into a cyborg tank complete with a robotic arm and, I, Christopher Summers, took the name of Cable and made time-traveling. His thing as the son of Cyclops and Jean Grey, he has the telekinetic and psychic powers of his mother, but adding futuristic upgrades, superhuman strength and reflexes and a style that's just too badass to be killed. Marvel's baddest have all failed to push Cable around, the only one who comes close would have to be dead.

Shazam. We know what you're thinking, "it's Superman who has to be DC's strongest hero". Right, not necessarily Superman was first, but with updates and imitators, came some serious upgrades. Take Shazam, formerly known as Captain Marvel, all the powers, all the strength, all the speed and vulnerability of Superman but drawn straight from the magical gods of the ancient world, that basically means that the champion of the old gods can go toe-to-toe with Superman and actually heard it since the Man of Steel, like most alien villains, is vulnerable to magic, not to mention being fast enough to challenge the Flash and not needing to eat or sleep while in his superhero form, something almost no other heroes can claim.

Martian Manhunter. He may be best known as a Justice League member, but make no mistake when you combine the best parts of Batman and Superman, you get a hero who might be as cool as John Jones. Based on superpowers alone, he's as powerful as they come: psychic, telekinetic, able to fly and with nearly all

of Superman's special attacks, he's also able to phase through solid objects and gives the Dark Knight competition when it comes to detective skills. Firestorm. As one of the most famous superhero identities who actually consists of two men in a single form, Firestorm or the Nuclear Man draws his powers from experimental physics as a whole. You may not have the name recognition of other leaguers, but his appearance on the CW has helped gain him some credit. As far as his powers go, he's able to manipulate all inorganic matter in the universe, transmuting stone into gold, turning a nuclear bomb into a cake, or absorbing the blast of a nuclear weapon are just a regular weekday for this hero, even if it's only the voice of the scientist in his head that's giving him direction. Storm. Her power might not be as immediately gratifying as Cyclops', but Ororo Munroe, mastery of nature, makes her one of the most determined omega-level mutant ever written. It isn't just the weather, either the comics have shown Storm doing everything from changing humidity in the air around the world to launching concentrated lightning strikes hail storms and gusts of hurricane wind. Capable of granting her flight, Storm is one movie heroine who deserves a far better role than she's got. Superman. We couldn't leave the Man of Steel out in the cold since these easily DC's biggest icon and representative of comics as a whole; by now, nobody needs to be told how his alien skin renders him bulletproof - most attacks, except magical, - or how he flies from one emergency to the next, who's got you, but no matter how busy or convoluted his stories have been over the years, it's hard to argue the charm of a Greek demigod like Superman in our midst. The Flash. It might sound like running really fast would get old quickly, but Barry Allen's comic book powers are on another level, when you have the superhuman speed to casually stroll past, almost frozen people beside you, it's hard to think of a superpower that couldn't just be faked using the same strategy, but that was before Barry Allen realized that he had the speed to travel to distant worlds or even back in time and for all the muscles and alien physiology to choose from a hero who can rewrite time in the blink of an eye is as powerful as they come. Dr. Strange. Imagine if Harry Potter was a grown man and well trained in martial arts. Now picture a whole lot cooler and you've got a rough idea of why Dr. Stephen Strange is. Basically just that he's learned the ways of mystic magic in martial arts and claimed the title of sorcerer supreme for himself. It's true that Strange relies on amulets and symbols for power and not his powers of mutation, but he's been referred to as the most powerful human on earth, so magic wands necklaces or orbs aside Strange's, the heavyweight of Marvel's supernatural side. Here's hoping he makes it to the big screen soon. Those are some of the most powerful superheroes from Marvel and DC that we love, but which ones have we missed? Let us know in the comments and remember to subscribe to our channel for more videos like this one.