Paris Hilton

A Character Study

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Paris Hilton first appeared in X-Men comic issue #43, as 'Useless Woman', with the dual powers of lightning vision and invulnerability to all shades of pink - even the really hideous ones. If science had not interfered, doubtless this sub-par super-heroine would long ago have faded into obscurity along with other failed comic book characters such as 'Upside-Down Man' and 'The Human Bollard'. However, due to a freak accident in 1968, when a Mexican Nuclear Scientist accidentally spilled a mix of uranium, make-up and alcohol onto the comic, she was brought to life. Since then, she has strived tirelessly to fight evil and promote the values of truth, justice and miniature dogs across the globe.

Having obtained the mysterious gift that is life, and wishing to make full use of her powers, Paris joined the CIA in their hunt for 'Professor Knurget', a dangerous villian rumoured to be hiding somewhere in the Middle East. Paris was immediately shipped out, and spent three weeks undercover posing as a poor llama salesman in Saudi Arabia. Eventually, this disguise allowed her to infiltrate the Professor's headquarters when he conceived a desire for llama soup. Unfortunately, it had taken her until then to realise that during her transformation to the real world, she had lost her lightning power, and so unless the Professor's plan hinged on assaulting her with a particularly vile shade of pink, she was completely and utterly helpless.

Unable to face her failure, she moved to LA to become an undercover vigilante, fighting a terror she understood far too well... crimes against fashion. Starting out small, she and her crime-fighting sidekick Gok Wan targeted several gangs of badly dressed people, and successfully destroyed their wardrobes. MTV later used this concept as the basis for their reality TV show 'Paris and Gok – Fashion Police'. However, these successes made a lot of people very angry, and in 2008, things came to a head when she was targeted by a group of criminals known as the 'Bling Ring', an assortment of supervillians all of whom shared a defining love... that of flashy, ostentatious jewellery. The ensuing battle between these titanic forces decimated much of downtown LA, and was even visible to the naked eye of the astronauts onboard the ISS. After seven days and seven nights of constant battle, Paris was forced to flee. Catching the first magic flying ocelot out of the city, she vowed that one day she would have her revenge.

With her life's work destroyed by these evil events, she was forced to resort to part-time jobs such as providing a massage service for rescued animals and acting in a horror series in which she portrayed a monster that looked exactly like Paris Hilton. These menial roles gave her barely enough money to live on, and eventually she became nothing more than a penniless drifter, surviving on the charity of others. She befriended a young howler monkey, who she named 'Reginald'. Together, they toured America, searching for their fortune.

Paris' big break came later that year, when her self-composed song 'Odorous Feline' was used as the theme song to a cat food advert. This small success spurred her musical ambitions on to greater heights, and with a combination of hard work and captured leprechauns, she got a job as an opera singer in a show about a futuristic world in which body parts can be repossessed. During one performance she was spotted by George Lucas, who commissioned her to play Chewbacca in a stage performance of Star Wars in the Royal Albert Hall.

With these successes under her belt, Paris then moved on to movies, saying that she "wanted to work on something more substantial, something that will really change the world". In 2010, she had the star role in the movie 'The Dog who saved Christmas Vacation'. This film received the worst reviews in recorded history, largely due to Paris' demand to include 30 minutes footage of dogs doing adorable things that she'd found on the internet. However, despite this, the film went on to break box office records.

Now that she had built up a solid economic base, she decided to return to her original ambitions of saving the world. Retreating to her secret island of mystery in the Caribbean, she began training to become a role model for the world to look up to. We can only speculate what happened on that island, but suffice to say that when she returned, her hair had turned bright orange and had gained the power to regrow nails 10x faster than a normal human being.

Thus emerged the Paris Hilton that today we know and love... Paris Hilton the Adventurer, Paris Hilton, the Nobel Prize-Winning scientist... Paris Hilton, the first person to singlehandedly circumnavigate the treacherous shores of Antarctica. These are just some of the things that make her such an exciting and invigorating person to be around, and the reason she was awarded Time Magazine's Person of the Year in 2008.

She then moved on to defeating larger enemies... such as poverty, disease and death. Her first attack on these plagues of mankind was in the form of a snack food called 'Nutritio-Bites', designed to reduce famine in poverty-stricken nations. Formed of compressed vegetable matter and bonemeal, they were generally regarded as inedible even for animals. However, they have found use as a building material in several African countries.

Despite this setback, Paris moved on to a new plan to improve the world. This time, in an attempt to rid the world of disease, she proposed sealing everything in the world in clingfilm. Despite her critics saying that this plan was inherently stupid, she went ahead with it, and managed to cover 4/5th of the landmass of the United States before anyone had the presence of

mind to stop her. Needless to say, the plan did not work.

These selfless acts of charity attracted the notice of an Indian movie director who, impressed by Paris' high moral standards, invited her to play the part of Mother Teresa in one of his films. However, when Paris learned that the film had no clips of adorable dogs at all, she declined the role in favour of a part on 'Celebrities do the funniest things'.

Satisfied that she had done her part for society, she then set out to achieve her ultimate goal of defeating Professor Knurget, who, it turned out, was the leader of the Bling Ring. Using her self-awarded degrees in Rocket Science, Rocketology and Rocket Studies of the 18th Century, she designed and constructed her very own submarine to travel to the Professor's secret base, which was of course underwater.

She infiltrated the base with the skills she had learned from her years in the Bolivian army, and using the solid diamond bowler hat given to her by Jon Bon Jovi after she saved him from a burning building, she carved her way through the laser-guided triple-coated incompressible blast doors of the evil lair. However, a shock was in store for her as she approached the Professor's inner sanctum. For you see, it was at this point that the Professor revealed his true identity – Reginald the howler monkey! He explained his very long and boring backstory, which I won't bother to relate to you here, but suffice to say that he had been evil all along.

Aaaanyway, Epic battle, Paris killed him and they all lived happily ever after, the end.