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AS THE MARVEL AGE DAWNED, Marie Severin was already a fixture in the Marvel Bullpen. In a male-dominated industry, she was a trailblazing colorist and penciler, and an influential art director for some of Marvel's biggest names. Her wit and warm presence left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Having made her name as a colorist at EC Comics, Marie joined the Marvel Bullpen in 1964, continuing her masterful coloring work. Stan Lee soon recognized her penciling skills and assigned her to work on Doctor Strange in Strange Tales, where her work stood shoulder-to-shoulder with previous artists Steve Ditko and Bill Everett. From there, she would draw Marvel's most well-known characters and would even sketch out cover concepts that other artists—such as Jack Kirby and John Buscema —would use to create iconic covers.

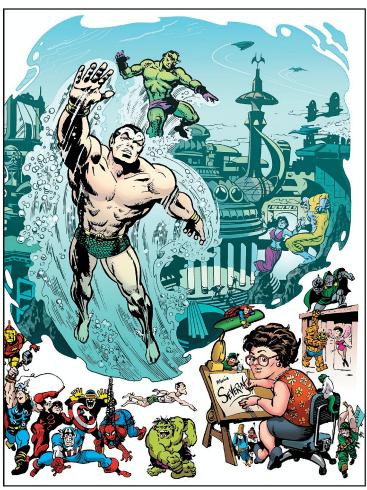
In addition to Doctor Strange, Marie penciled for titles such as *Sub-Mariner;* Peter Parker, The Spectacular Spider-Man; and the Hulk in Tales to Astonish. She also designed the costume for Spider-Woman and co-created the Cat with Linda Fite.

Writer Gerry Conway remembers Marie Severin as one of his first artistic collaborators on *Kull the Conqueror*.

"She was a warm, generous storytelling partner and a fantastic artist who could draw dramatic action—though her creative strength was in her hilarious cartoons," Gerry said.

For many years, Marie's humor was showcased in Not Brand Echh, Muppet Babies and Fraggle Rock, and past members of the Marvel Bullpen spoke highly of her comical style and inspired caricatures of her co-workers.

"No matter how busy she was—and she was always busy at the drawing board—she was paying close attention to everyone and everything around her," said fellow Bullpenner Linda Fite. "And everyone around her was



SELF-PORTRAIT BY MARIE SEVERIN FROM FOOM #8 (1974); COLORS BY RACHELLE ROSENBERG.

the object of her brilliant cartoons—at least one a day, it seemed!—nailing us for our foibles and foolishness. And those cartoons are, I think, the epitome of Marie's character: intelligent, acerbic, affectionate, funny, wry, generous, observant, wise...a zesty sweet-and-sour combination."

Stephanie Buscema, the granddaughter of Marvel artist John Buscema and an artist in her own right, grew up with Marie as practically part of the family.

"Her wit and humor were unmatched," Stephanie said. "When Marie walked in the room, you immediately knew you were in for a treat—she'd have you rolling with laughter with just a glance. A friend and mentor I'll always

be in awe of; I am forever grateful for the work she's shared with all of us over the years."

Marie's artwork and career continue to inspire a new generation of artists at Marvel and beyond.

"Marie Severin was there in a time when few women were working in the comic industry," said Natacha Bustos, artist of Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur. "She left an essential message to all future generations of female editors, inkers, colorists, letterers, and comic artists: With perseverance, hard work and love for comics, you can open your way between difficulties and do what you like. Thank you very much, Marie."







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