

# The North Country's Superhero Is Back!

## Local Author Releases Superhero Novel Set in the North Country

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The North Country's own superhero is back and must face his greatest threat yet. You might remember *The Patriot* from the seven comic books from Massena Comics or even from the two comic strips in which he starred back in the 90's. This summer, he will return in his first full-length novel.

With **Saviors Among Us: Situation Critical**, master story-teller and writer Marc Spicer has created a Science Fiction tale of intrigue, romance, and betrayal that is sure to appeal to both the adult and young-adult reader. "I tried to keep the story innocent and easy enough to read for a young-adult audience," Spicer explained, "but I also wove in enough sub-text and literary technique to ensure a mature reader with sophisticated tastes would be able to pull out so much more."

To make the novel accessible even to reluctant readers, it was printed in a size fourteen font. "When I was young," Spicer said, "I had an insatiable thirst for good Science Fiction, but I had slight dyslexic tendencies that made reading very difficult for me. I wanted to make sure that this novel could be enjoyed by all readers, whether they are 11 or 99."

**Saviors Among Us: Situation Critical** uses the old Massena Comics comic books as a loose history, but readers need not be familiar with them to enjoy the novel, Spicer said. "Fans of Massena Comics will recognize flashbacks to the old comic series." And as always, Spicer promised, all of the action in the novel is set right here in the North Country with plenty of local references, including Massena, Azure Mountain, and Malone.

If sales and feedback are positive enough, fanboys and fangirls can expect the adventures to continue. "I already have a sequel in the works to continue the *Saviors Among Us* series," Spicer noted. "The characters in the novel are truly quite complex. There are many rich dynamics between them yet to explore."

### About The Book...

Getting old is bad enough, but what if you were a beloved, world-famous superhero who must come to terms with the fact that you are approaching retirement? Finding himself nearing the end of his career, stuck in the middle of a love triangle involving two younger heroes, still suffering from the heartache of the breakup with the love of his life, and ridden with guilt over the loss of previous super-students, *The Patriot* faces his greatest threat yet.

An old nemesis has returned and is poised to use a brand new energy source in a twisted crusade to save the human race... even if it means destroying the planet in the process. His plans have been in effect for decades, and the threat he presents is far beyond anything The Patriot has faced before. In response, The Patriot has no choice but to form, and learn to rely on, a new team of young heroes.

## Where To Find It...

Advanced copies will be on sale at an author signing at Common Grounds' Grand Re-Opening (tentatively set for July 14th on Willow St., Massena). Starting July 15th, a limited number of copies will be found locally at The Bronze Image (Main St., Malone), Chez Madeline (Finney Blvd., Malone), Collins Green Stop (Rt. 11, North Bangor), Fantastic Planet (Boynton Ave., Plattsburgh), and Borders (Smithfield Blvd., Plattsburgh). By the end of summer, copies may be ordered at any Waldenbooks or Borders Bookstores. Interested readers who can't find copies on local shelves can order printed and/or electronic copies via the book's official Web Site ([www.SaviorsAmongUs.com](http://www.SaviorsAmongUs.com)).

## About the Author...

Born and raised in Massena, New York, Marc was an active participant in the Massena Youth Program, Drama Club, and Music Department. In 1989, he delved into his passion for comic books by co-creating a nonprofit underground comic book company with the late Michael Morris. Under his management, Massena Comics published seven successful issues and ran two summer-long comic strip series in the *Massena/Potsdam Courier Observer*. All profits from the sales of the comics were donated to various charities, such as the MDA, The American Cancer Society, The Central New York Alzheimer's Association, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

He appeared in an episode of *Rescue 911*, performed as an Honorary Emcee for the WWE, and worked for several years as an On-Air Radio Personality for 1050 WYBG Radio. He enjoys writing, reading Science Fiction novels and comic books, playing bass guitar, and listening to Metallica.

Marc Spicer is a teacher of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA in Malone, New York and holds an Associates Degree in Business Administration and Applied Science, Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education with a Concentration in English, and a Masters Degree in Reading and is dual certified in ELA (7-12) and Reading (K-12). He resides in Malone, New York with his beautiful wife and two wonderful children.

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