

Source: MTV Geek Speaking to audiences at NYCC, Joe Simon reflected on the moment that truly inspired him to create the "Great American Hero." It started back when Joe was only 8-years old and his class had a visit from a former Civil War veteran. The soldier made a profound impression on Simon, closing the visit with the line "Shake the hand that shook the hand of Abraham Lincoln!" Reflecting on his work at the offices of Timely Comics and a young Stan Lee, Simon stated, "It was like child abuse, I made him what he is today." On a more serious note, Simon reflected, "Comics in those days came out of a mold. DC Comics were made like a cake from a recipe, formulaic. We came out with something different." Simon went on to treat the audience to the story of how he came up with Cap's infamous villain the Red

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