

"Creating a patriotic hero was a natural thing to do," Joe Simon told MARVEL when asked about the creation of Captain America during the height of WWII in 1941. "And the villain came first. Hitler was the perfect bad guy - better than any we could have invented. Captain America was created to be his ultimate foil. Even then, he wasn't meant to be a one-trick-pony, with nothing but patriotic stories. Many of his early adventures were mysteries and horror stories, putting him up against mobsters and monsters. We even had zombies before they became as popular as they are today." "Jack Kirby and I both knew we had a great comic book character, but I don't think we thought comic books were going to last this long, much less any one hero," he added. "Back then we had the Nazis coming after us for what we did to their Fuhrer, but

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