

***Ms. Marvel #1* by Wilson and Alphonso Wyatt**



Set in New Jersey, 16 year old Kamala Khan is struggling. Her parents coming from Pakistan don't understand that their very Americanized daughter wants more freedom. One night she gets it, but it isn't everything she thought it would be.

I chose this book because I am sick and tired of everything superhero happening in New York. Not only is the superhero female, and of color, but she hails from New Jersey! I can relate to her and her family life. Her being the only girl in the family, and of being able to do what her older brother does because of double standards. Also not feeling like you're living up to your parents expectations, and not checking every box on their views of what a perfect daughter is hit pretty close to home. But personal life aside the comic book finds a way to tie in lessons into a new way of becoming a superhero.

What was charming about this comic was that the said superhero has friends, and a somewhat healthy relationship with their family. Of course she's smart, but Ms. Marvel tries her best to balance her personal with superhero life. Usually from what I see superheroes become withdrawn from what they love, in fear of getting them/it hurt. But instead she relies on the comfort of her mother and her cooking, the rationality of her father, the smartness and super snoot of her friend Bruno, and the normalcy and escape that she gets from her big brother and her best friend Nakia. If she is going to stay sane through all the changes she's going through she still needs a strong support system, even though the only one who really knows about her powers is one person, she still needs her family.

The only changes that I would've made within the comic is explaining the villain a little more. I do understand that this is the first edition, meaning it is an origin story, but if the writers are introducing our superhero's villain in the first volume I'd like to know a little bit more about them. But that's just my personal preference, I can't wait to read the next volumes of this series. It's definitely a must read.