Amazing Spider-Man #101 (Marvel, 1971) Few of Spider-Man's villains ever earned their own title, but Morbius defied all odds. After his first appearance in this book he made countless appearances in many Marvel titles, including a run of solo tales.

#22 most valuable Marvel comic of the 1970's. Print run estimate: 250,000 copies Morbius the Living Vampire, a scientist named Dr. Michael Morbius, MD PhD is a fictional character appearing in comic books published by Marvel Comics. Created by writer Roy Thomas and originally designed by penciler Gil Kane, the character, a man suffering from vampiric abilities and physical traits resulting from scientific rather than supernatural means, first appeared as an antagonist in The Amazing Spider-Man #101 (Oct. 1971), and went on to become a heroic, tragically flawed protagonist in his own series and other titles. Morbius debuted in The Amazing Spider-Man #101 (cover-dated Oct. 1971) following the February 1971 updating of the comic-book industry's self-censorship board, the Comics Code Authority, that lifted a ban on vampires and certain other supernatural characters. It was the first issue of Marvel Comics' flagship Spider-Man series written by someone other than character co-creator and editor-in-chief Stan Lee. Lee, busy writing a screenplay for an unproduced science fiction movie, bequeathed the series to his right-hand editor, Roy Thomas. "We were talking about doing Dracula, but Stan wanted a costumed villain. Other than that, he didn't specify what we should do," Thomas said in 2009, adding that part of the character conception came from an unspecified science-fiction film of Thomas' youth, depicting a man turned into a vampire by radiation rather than magic. Thomas said the name "Morbius" was not deliberately taken from the antagonist Doctor Morbius in the movie Forbidden Planet. Thomas and penciler co-creator Gil Kane created the character as a man who is given vampiric abilities and traits via scientific rather than supernatural means. Kane based the character's look on that of actor Jack Palance. A tragic and sympathetic antagonist in his initial two-issue arc, having acquired his vampiric addiction while researching a cure for his own rare, fatal blood disease, Morbius collided again with Spider-Man and others in Marvel Team-Up #3-4 (July & Sept. 1972). Morbius went on to star in Vampire Tales, a black-and-white horror-comics magazine published by Marvel's sister company, Curtis Magazines, appearing in all but two of the mature-audience title's 11 issues (Aug. 1973 - June 1975). All but the first and last of these were written by Don McGregor, with penciling by Rich Buckler and by Tom Sutton, primarily. CGC Universal 574 copies / NM 9.6 or better = 39 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 80 copies as of 3/10 CGC Universal 714 copies / NM 9.6 or better = 54 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 93 copies as of 9/12 CGC Universal 919 copies / NM 9.6 or better = 64 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 94 copies as of 8/14



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Amazing Spider-Man 101 United Kingdom (10/71, Marvel Comics)	Universal	5	8.00	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Amazing Spider-Man 104 (1/72,Marvel Comics)	Signature	3	8.40	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 104 (1/72,Marvel Comics)		7	7.71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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