



THE SPECTACULAR SPARKY

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**SIDEKICK
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A muscular character with spiky, light-colored hair and a matching mask, wearing a dark, form-fitting suit with a circular emblem on the waist. He is standing in a city at night, with tall buildings and lights in the background. A speech bubble is coming from his mouth.

I WANT YOU!



THUD

THE NEXT DAY



A FEW HOURS LATER



YOU WERE INCREDIBLY LUCKY THAT SKULL WAS A HORRIBLE SHOT SPARKY. NOW YOU ARE GOING TO FEEL SITTING VERY UNCOMFORTABLE THE NEXT WEEK AS YOUR LEFT BUTTOCK HEALS FROM WHERE THE BULLET GRAZED IT.



EVEN BULLETS CAN'T STOP ME! I'M INDESTRUCTABLE!



CRUNCH!

I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE SKY RAIDERS WOULD STOOP TO KIDNAPPING ZOO ANIMALS FOR RANSOM. AND WHAT MADE THEM THINK THAT TWO MEN WITH JET PACKS COULD CARRY THAT POOR ELEPHANT. NOW SPARKY THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOUR BROKEN TOE OTHER THAN MAYBE WRAPPING IT. OTHERWISE YOU CAN GO. SPARKY?



FORGET IT! I'M NOT GOING BACK OUT THERE. SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN AGAIN. I'LL JUST STAY IN HERE WITH MR. PLANT. AT LEAST THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN DO TO ME.

AH-CHOO!

ET TU MR. PLANT?



BUT YOU'RE A HERO SPARKY, YOU CAN'T HIDE INSIDE WHILE THE PEOPLE OF PARAGON CITY ARE IN DANGER. I KNOW, WHY NOT STICK CLOSE TO YOUR SUPER GROUP. THAT WAY THEY'LL MAKE SURE NOTHING BAD HAPPENS. By the way, how is your posterior?



ACTUALLY THEY CALLED ME A FEW DAYS AGO WHILE I WAS RECOVERING FROM THAT CIRCLE BATTLE AND SAID I WAS OFF THE TEAM. THEY TOLD ME THEY CHANGED THE TEAM NAME, COLORS AND THE LOGOS TO THE SECRET BASE. AT LEAST THEY LET ME KEEP MY SNAZZY TEAM UNIFORM. And thank you for reminding me about my sore butt.



OKAY HOW ABOUT A SIDEKICK? THERE ARE LOTS OF YOUNG, INEXPERIENCED HEROES OUT THERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO MENTOR THEM. PLUS ANOTHER SET OF EYES WILL COME IN HANDY FOR SPOTTING DANGER.



YOU KNOW WHAT, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA. THANKS DOC!





SEVERAL DAYS LATER IN ATLAS PARK:

I SWEAR IF I SEE ANOTHER HAIRY SHORT GUY WITH CLAWS I'M GOING TO FLIP.

NEXT!



IF YOU WISH THAT I, SIR RUSTALOT, BE YOUR SIDEKICK YOU MUST OIL ME DAILY.

HOW ABOUT NO, NEXT!



SO TELL ME HOW YOUR ABILITY TO SWIM UNDER WATER WILL HELP ME ON DRY LAND, SCUBA GIRL.

WELL I CAN FIGHT ON LAND WITH MY SPEAR GUN.

IN THOSE FLIPPER? NEXT!



YOU SURE ARE A LOT SHORTER THAN I THOUGHT YOU'D BE.

HELLO? I'M OVER HERE OH FORGET IT, NEXT!



ARE YOU WEARING YOUR UNDERWEAR OVER YOUR PANTS?!

YES, I AM.

NEXT!



I CAN'T WAIT TO BE YOUR SIDEKICK. I KNOW WE'LL BE GREAT TOGETHER. *GIGGLE*

OH LOOK, THERE'S TODD MY EXBOYFRIEND.

HARRY? BUT THE RESTRAINING ORDER!

RESTRAINT THIS!



WHACK!
THUNK!
HACK!

CHOP!
CHOP!
CHOP!
CHOP!



I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE THAT. TODD HAD ME COMMITTED BUT I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER NOW.

UH-HUH...



THUD!



I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS SPARKY. WE LET YOU DO YOUR RECRUITING IN CITY HALL AND YOU TURN IT INTO A BATTLE ZONE. WELL, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELVES?



WOW THEY SURE WERE MAD, BUT I THINK A LIFE TIME BAN FROM CITY HALL IS A BIT MUCH. AND WHAT'S YOUR STORY? YOU WERE A VILLAIN THE LAST TIME WE CROSSED PATHS.



OKAY YOU HAVE A POINT WHO KNOWS WE MIGHT MAKE A GOOD TEAM.



TWO MINUTES LATER

OKAY IF I'M GOING TO BE YOUR SIDEKICK, THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME RULES.

SUCH AS?

SUCH AS IF YOU EVER CALL ME BOY WONDER I'LL TEAR YOUR HEAD OFF AND USE IT AS A HATKY SACK.

YOU REALLY NEED TO TAKE SOME ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASSES.



CITY OF HEROES



SPARKY

Secret Identity: Mark Williams

Hometown: Atlas Park

Origin: Mutant

Powers: Electrical Blast/Manipulation, Flight

Arch Enemy: Common sense

Server Protecting: Pinnacle