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HMMM, GETTING KIND OF
CROWDED AROUND HERE.





I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!!



SHE'S YOUR DEMON SO WHY IS SHE LIVING WITH ME?



BECAUSE MY CRAPPY APARTMENT ONLY HAS ONE BEDROOM AND YOURS HAS TWO. WELL AFTER YOU MOVED THAT MS. LIBERTY SHRINE.

BUT SHE'S YOUR DEMON, SHE CAN SLEEP ON YOUR COUCH! AND DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT TOOK ME TO MAKE THAT SHRINE?

...SEEK HELP SPARKY.



HOW BAD CAN SHE BE, ANYWAY?

ARE YOU KIDDING? SHE LEAVES DIRTY DISHES LAYING AROUND, DRINKS OUT OF THE MILK CARTON, CHANTS AND DOES STRANGE RITUALS AT THREE IN THE MORNING. IT'S LIKE I'M BACK IN COLLEGE!

YOU WENT TO COLLEGE?

ONLY FOR HALF A SEMESTER, BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT. I WOKE UP THIS MORNING AND SHE WAS IN MY ROOM, BASTING ME!

OKAY, NOW YOU'RE JUST MAKING STUFF UP.



YOU! BLUE HAIR! I NEED YOUR BLOOD TO FINISH THE PENTAGRAM ON MY BEDROOM CEILING!

A DAY OUTSIDE MIGHT DO HER SOME GOOD.

YA THINK!?!?







THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK.

YES IT IS.

SHE'S A DEMON!

WHO HAS TO DO AS I SAY

THEY'LL NEVER LET HER BE A HERO.

TRUST ME.

LAST TIME I DID THAT I WOUND UP RUNNING THROUGH THE HOLLOW'S WITH A MOB OF PISSED OFF CIRCLE GOONS CHASING ME.

YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO LET THAT GO ARE YOU?



HELLO, HOW MAY I HELP... OH, IT'S YOU.

HELLO NORMAN.

YOU KEEP DISAPPOINTING ME SPARKY. EVERY MORNING I LOOK AT THE OBITUARIES AND EVERY MORNING YOUR NAME ISN'T THERE.



I'M SENSING SOME HOSTILITY.

OH NORMAN IS JUST MAD AT ME BECAUSE I DIDN'T PICK HIS AUNT TO BE MY SIDEKICK.

NEPHEW!



YOU ALSO GOT ME INTO TROUBLE WHEN YOU REGISTERED AGAIN UNDER A NEW NAME WHILE YOU WERE ON SUSPENSION.

THAT'S ALL WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE AS IT WERE. NOW, HOW MAY I HELP YOU MR., ER, CHICKEN?

WE'RE HERE TO REGISTER TEZRIAN AS A HERO. THE THING IS SHE'S A DEMON WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN RELEASED FROM A MILLENNIUM LONG IMPRISONMENT AND HAD HER LIFE ENERGY BOUND TO MINE. SHE'S A LITTLE ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES AND KIND OF VIOLENT, BUT THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM RIGHT?





TREMBLE BEFORE ME MORTALS FOR I, LORD EVIL DARKNESS, GOD OF DESTRUCTION AND NEWLY REGISTERED HERO HAVE COME TO FREE YOU FROM THE TYRANNY OF STREET CRIME.



NOT THAT I CAN SEE.



I FEAR FOR THIS CITY.



YOU KNOW, WHILE WE'RE HERE WE SHOULD FORM OUR OWN SUPER GROUP. IT WOULD GIVE US A LOT MORE CREDIBILITY WHEN DEALING WITH OTHER HEROES.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE HAVE PLENTY OF CREDIBILITY. YOU JUST HAPPEN TO BE A FORMER HELLION AND TEZRIAN IS A DEMON...



WE WANT TO FORM A SUPER GROUP!



COUGH



WELL?



OH SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE MAKING A JOKE AND I WAS WAITING FOR THE LAUGH TRACK TO KICK IN.



SADLY THERE'S A FOUR HERO MINIMUM FOR SUPER GROUPS.

YOU'RE MAKING THAT UP.

AND IF I AM?

I'LL JUST HAVE TO TALK TO THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE.

HAVE GOOD LUCK. ALL SHE DOES IS STAND THERE ALL DAY. SHE WON'T EVEN SPEAK TO YOU UNLESS YOU WANT A CAPE. BUT OF COURSE SHE MAKES THE BIG BUCKS...



DAMN MY FEET ARE KILLING ME.

WHILE THE REST OF US DO ALL THE WORK!!



GREAT, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO FIND ANOTHER MEMBER?



SLAM!




HEY GUYS.

BYE!!

OKAY HONESTLY, WHO DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING?



ALLIANCE OF REALLY GREAT HEROES? DID YOU JUST GO THROUGH A THESAURUS AND PICK WORDS AT RANDOM?



HEY IT'S A GREAT NAME AND EVERYONE IS GOING TO KNOW IT IN NO TIME. STILL WE SHOULD LOOK FOR MORE HEROES TO SIGN UP. I MEAN, NAME ONE FAMOUS GROUP WITH ONLY FOUR MEMBERS.



THE FANTASTIC FOUR.




THE FOUR HORSEMEN.



THE BEATLES.




I SAID ONE!




I STILL SAY WE NEED MORE MEMBERS. HOW ABOUT WE JUST STAND UNDER THE ATLAS STATUE AND SEE IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED.



FORGET IT, YOU JUST WANT TO GET CLOSED TO MS. LIBERTY. BESIDES, ONLY NOOB'S HANG OUT UNDER THE STATUE.



LEVEL 2 MA/REGEN SCRAPPER
LOOKING FOR TEAM! HELLO?
ANYBODY!?!



OKAY I SEE YOUR POINT. WE'LL TRY STEEL CANYON INSTEAD, LOTS OF HEROES GO THROUGH THERE.

STEEL CANYON

AT LAST MY SHRINKING
SUIT IS COMPLETE. NOW
I CAN FIGHT CRIME AS...
GNAT MAN!

SPLAT!

OKAY HERE'S THE PLAN; WE SPLIT UP
AND HOUND AS MANY HEROES AS WE
CAN. MEET BACK HERE IN AN HOUR.

ICK, WHAT THE HELL
DID I STEP ON?

NOW BE HONEST, WHEN YOU BECAME
A HERO YOU DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE
PUSHING ENHANCEMENTS BEHIND A
COUNTER DID YOU? HOW ABOUT WE
GO LEVEL A FEW BLOCKS IN THE
NAME OF JUSTICE?

IS THAT SOME SORT
OF PICK UP LINE?

THIS HERO GIG IS
GREAT! TRUST ME

NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR UNDEVIDED
ATTENTION THERE'S SOMETHING I
WANT TO ASK YOU.

THE PAIN!

WHOA BUDDY! I LIKE YOUR ENTHUSIASM
AND ALL BUT YOU REALLY NEED TO TAKE
A LONG SHOWER.

AND SO...

THIS ISN'T WORKING. SO FAR ALL WE HAVE IS HALF A DOZEN "NO'S", A "MAYBE" FROM AN OUTCAST, AND APPARENTLY I HAVE A DATE THIS FRIDAY. THEN THERE'S THE DOZEN HEROES TEZRAN HAS PUT IN THE HOSPITAL.

THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE

I KNOW, SHE'S GOING TO GET US ALL IN TROUBLE IF SHE KEEPS ATTACKING EVERY HERO SHE SEES.

I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOUR DATE.

OUTTA THE WAY LOSERS, REAL HERO COMING THROUGH!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

LOOKS LIKE A HERO IS ABOUT TO ATTACK TEZRAN.

3...2...1...

OW.

WE HAVE LIFT OFF!

OKAY, PUMMLING HEROES ASIDE, WE HAVE TO WORK HARDER AT FINDING MORE MEMBERS. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE JUST GOING TO WALK UP AND ASK TO JOIN OUR SUPER GROUP.



HI CAN I JOIN YOUR SUPER GROUP?



PLEASEPLEASEPLEASEPLEASE
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SHUSH!
BEAT IT KID.

HEY!



EASY THERE BBQ, THIS IS THE FIRST PERSON WHO ACTUALLY WANTS TO JOIN OUR GROUP. DON'T GO SCARING HER OFF.



YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, SHE CAN'T JOIN THE GROUP, I MEAN, WELL...



JUST LOOK AT HER!

WHAT?

I'VE HAD BIGGER HANG NAILS THEN HER!



I DON'T SEE ANYTHING
WRONG WITH HER.



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THUD!
SCREEEEEEEEEEEE
BA-BUMP!
EEEEEEEEEEEEEE
CRASH!
KABOOM!

CONGRATULATIONS, WE JUST HAD
A POSITION OPEN UP! YOU'RE IN.



WOOHOO! YAY! THANK YOU
THANK YOU! THANK YOU
THANK YOU! THANK YOU
THANK YOU! THANK YOU

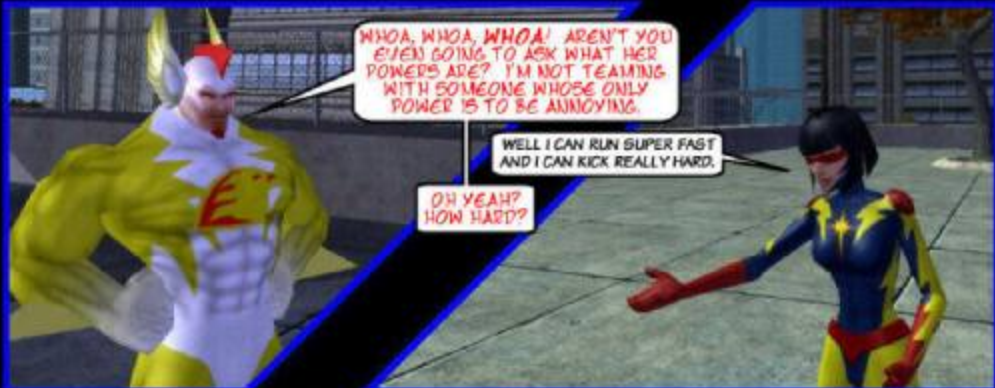


OH, I FORGOT TO
TELL YOU MY
NAME. I'M HYPER.



I NEVER WOULD
HAVE GUESSED.





WHOA, WHOA, WHOA! AREN'T YOU EVEN GOING TO ASK WHAT HER POWERS ARE? I'M NOT TEAMING WITH SOMEONE WHOSE ONLY POWER IS TO BE ANNOYING.

WELL I CAN RUN SUPER FAST AND I CAN KICK REALLY HARD.

OH YEAH? HOW HARD?



CRUNCH!



WELL?

SHE CAN KICK REALLY, REALLY HARD. NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND I'M GOING TO SCREAM, CLUTCH MY PRIVATES AND ROLL AROUND ON THE GROUND FOR A WHILE.

NO, NO YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD BUDDY.



OKAY WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER, GOOD FOR US. NOW I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE REASONS ARE FOR THE NAME YOU CHOSE.

BECAUSE EVERY TIME WE TAKE DOWN A CRIMINAL WE'LL GET SOME FREE ADVERTISING. HERE, I'LL DEMONSTRATE.



I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

NO PROBLEM, I'LL SHOW YOU AGAIN.



I STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

OKAY, ONE MORE TIME.

PLEASE, NO.



NOPE. STILL NOTHING.

YOU JUST LIKE HEARING HIM SCREAM, DON'T YOU?

OH DRAT, YOU FOUND ME OUT.

WHAT THE?!

BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ!

HYPER, WHY ARE YOU VIBRATING?



I'M JUST SO EXCITED ABOUT FINALLY BEING PART OF A TEAM! DO WE GET A DECODER RING? IS THERE A SECRET HANDSHAKE? DO YOU HAVE A BASE? WITH A POOL? AND A TRAINING ROOM WHERE WE BATTLE HOLOGRAPHIC DANGERS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR CONTROL OVER OUR POWERS WHILE WORKING ON TEAMWORK?



WELL, ACTUALLY

WE DON'T HAVE A DAMN THING.

BBQ! HOW YA DOING BIG GUY?

OH FINE, I JUST HAVE TWO EXTRA LUMPS IN MY THROAT.



HEY GUYS, I COULD PROBABLY HELP FIND US A BASE.



HE'S A ZOMBIE!

NO, JUST INVULNERABLE.



WHY COULDN'T I BE INVULNERABLE? NO, I BURST INTO FLAME, DRESS LIKE A GIANT CHICKEN, AND GET KICKED IN THE BALD!

MOVING ON!

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP US N-MAN? HERO HEADQUARTERS CAN BE HARD TO FIND, NOT TO MENTION PRICEY.




WELL I JUST HAPPEN TO BE FILTHY RICH AND I FIGURE A HERO BASE IS AS GOOD AS ANYTHING TO SPEND MONEY ON. IT MIGHT EVEN BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

RIGHT THEN, NOW THAT THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

LET'S GO HURT PEOPLE.

JUST LEAVE IT TO ME. I'LL LET YOU GUYS KNOW WHEN I FIND SOMETHING.






SO SPARKY HAS FORMED HIS OWN TEAM. IT APPEARS THAT I HAVE SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATED HIM, HE IS FAR MORE CUNNING THAN I HAD THOUGHT. FOR BRINGING ME THIS INFORMATION YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE...WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?




SIGH
NORMAN.

YES, NORMAN. I WILL REMEMBER YOUR NAME AND YOU SHALL BE AMPLY REWARDED AFTER I HAVE TAKEN OVER THE WORLD.



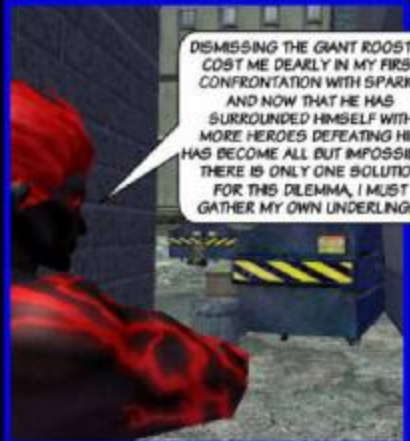
YEAH, WHATEVER. YOU JUST TAKE CARE OF SPARKY, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO WITH THE OTHERS.




WHAT IS WITH EVIL CLONES AND THEIR INSANE NEED TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD? AH WELL AT LEAST THEY ALWAYS WANT TO KILL THE ORIGINAL.

YO! GIMME YER MONEY OR I'LL SPLATTER YER BRAINS!

I HATE MY LIFE.



DISMISSING THE GIANT ROOSTER COST ME DEARLY IN MY FIRST CONFRONTATION WITH SPARKY AND NOW THAT HE HAS SURROUNDED HIMSELF WITH MORE HEROES DEFEATING HIM HAS BECOME ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE. THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION FOR THIS DILEMMA, I MUST GATHER MY OWN UNDERLINGS.



BUT WHERE SHALL I FIND VILLAINS WORTHY TO JOIN MY LEGION OF EVIL?

**COMING
SOON!**

**CITY
OF
VILLAIN**

BOOMTOWN

THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

I'VE GOT IT!

I'VE GOT IT!

KICK!

HEY THAT ONE
WAS MINE!

SORRY!



THERE'S NO END TO THESE STUPID
CLOCKWORK AND I'M GETTING SICK
OF FIGHTING THEM.

THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE
DECENCY TO SCREAM WHEN
I KIP THEIR LIMBS OFF.
THEY'RE NO FUN AT ALL.

HEY LOOKIT WHAT I GOT! WE CAN
PUT IT IN OUR TROPHY ROOM
WHEN WE GET OUR BASE!

SHOW OFF.

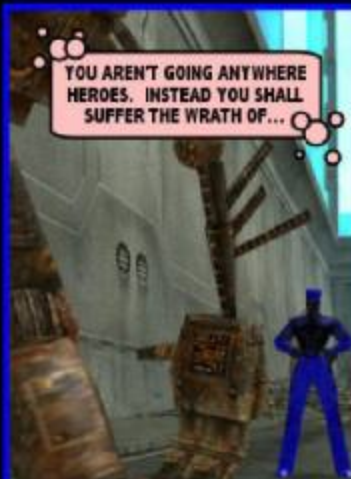
LET'S GET SPARKY AND FIND
SOMETHING ELSE TO BEAT ON.
THOSE TROLLS PUT UP A GOOD
FIGHT AND THEY DON'T HAVE
ANY RUSTY PARTS THAT WILL
BLOODY MY KNUCKLES.



KNOW THIS CLOCKWORK, WE SHALL NEVER REST, NEVER GIVE UP UNTIL YOU HAVE ALL BEEN DEFEATED!



WHAT'S THIS WE STUPP? YO, SPARKY! GET A MOVE ON, WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE.



YOU AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE HEROES. INSTEAD YOU SHALL SUFFER THE WRATH OF...



THE CLOCKWORK KING!



OW WOW, THIS IS SO COOL!



HEY EVERYBODY! GET OVER HERE! WE GET TO FIGHT OUR FIRST ARCH-VILLAIN!

IT'S A BRAIN AND EYES FLOATING IN A JAR. I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS INGENUITY OR LAUGH HYSTERICALLY.

HERE'S THE PLAN, EVERYONE DISTRACT HIM WHILE I GO IN FOR THE KILL.

SURE, YOU CAN JUST KICK HIM IN THE BALL BEARINGS.

BEFORE WE BATTLE TO THE DEATH COULD WE GET A PHOTO WITH YOU? YOU KNOW, SO WE CAN HAVE SOMETHING TO REMEMBER THIS BY.

SURE, WHY NOT. YOU'LL GET TO LIVE FOR A FEW MORE MINUTES.

AND THE CORONER CAN USE THE PHOTO TO IDENTIFY YOUR BODIES.

HOLD IT, YOUR JAR IS SMUDGED. LET ME CLEAN IT UP FOR YOU.

SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEEAAA

WHY THANK YOU... WAIT A MINUTE. YOU DARE MOCK ME!?! I SHALL MAKE YOUR DEATHS EVEN MORE PAINFUL FOR THIS!

SMACK!

SMACK!

SMACK!

HEY GUYS! I FOUND US A BASE!

OOF!

THUD!

RATTLE!

RATTLE!

RATTLE!

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RATTLE!

IS THERE NO END TO YOU INFERNAL HEROES!? IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW MANY OF YOU THERE ARE, I SHALL CRUSH YOU ALL !!

SMOOSH!





SEE YOU AGAIN
NEXT ISSUE!