



AWESOME ADVENTURES

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Black Diamond in the Rough

By Amariyah

Seventeen years ago.....Irene Remington and Adrian Remington were a crime fighting newly wedded couple. The fearsome pair were no match for any villain who stood in their way.

One snowy evening, the couple were at a jewelry store assisting the cops in a heist that recently occurred. An evil villain of the name Kathy Kalis was out to cause harm to the happy couple because she was in love with Mr. Remington, one of those "If I can't have him, nobody can" situations. Adrian and Kathy were once a crime fighting double as well, unfortunately, it didn't go well due to Kathy's constant ray of jealousy, narcissism, and infidelity. So Adrian wanted out of the toxic relationship. But clearly Kalis thought otherwise.

After the police officers left the scene, the couple stayed behind to search for more clues, unaware of what was about to take place. Suddenly, in walked Kalis with a large battle ray gun. It was a Tech49; a very harmful and dangerous gun that not many could get their paws on, it was rare. "Hands up newly weds!" she demanded.

"Kathy put that down!" screamed Adrian

"You could really hurt someone," cried Irene.

"That's the plan sugar," said Kathy nonchalantly.

"Kathy I know you still love me but I'm not the one," Adrian began. "We aren't meant to be but I do still have love for you.... Just not in that way." Irene stood there eye rolling.

Kathy just looked angrier. "But we're in love," Kathy said, bursting into tears of sadness.

"Just put down the ray, and go home, isn't knowing I still care enough for you?" Adrian asked, trying to take the gun from her slowly.

"No," said Kathy snatching the ray back from him and shooting him in the face. Blood got everywhere. He died.

"ADRIAN!!!!!" cried Irene. Irene couldn't bear what she just saw so it caused her to collapse. She fell hard against a hard sharp diamond that impaled her skull.

Kathy ran from the scene. When the bodies were discovered, the town mourned the late couple. Later, The Forensic experts discovered that Irene was 31 weeks pregnant, and the child was alive inside her! So when they delivered the child, it was a girl. Naming her was hard but she was named Ruby Remington, a name Irene always thought was beautiful. also she had a small ruby necklace saved for the unborn child.. But her superhero name would be Black Diamond, a very rare beautiful mineral, that just so happened to impale her mother's skull.

Present Day

"Breaking news! There's a jewelry heist at the Morlord Hampton Jewelry Store," said the news.

"Oh no! That's the third time this week. I need to unmask these culprits!!!" said Black Diamond, the teen superhero who had come to the rescue. Before she left on the journey, she did what she had always done for 10 years. She kissed a picture of her late parents that she kept on her nightstand. "I'll always make you proud guys!" she whispered to herself as if they heard her. She decided to keep it moving as she noticed a small tear fell down her cheek.

She teleported to the scene and ran inside the jewelry store. The jewelry store was large, and quiet and it seemed like the guards were off duty. Morlord was always a very popular

jewelry store. it had the best diamonds, jewels, and very expensive ruby rings. Inside she beheld three masked assailants, one with brown eyes, one with blue eyes, and one with an orangish-reddish blend color eyes.

"His eyes are... wow!" she marveled to herself. The eyes were a beautiful, amazing color that she'd never seen before. The brown-eyed and blue-eyed criminals ran, carrying a bag of at least \$45,000 dollars in jewels.

"Hey Stop!" she yelled. But they continued to run with the treasures. She blasted them with Slump Gas (a gas that puts people to sleep), and they fell on their faces, out like a light. But the other guy dodged it and grabbed the jewels from their sleeping hands and mumbled:

"Tuh, amateurs." Black Diamond tackled him from behind and ripped his mask off. He..... was..... Gorgeous! Under that mask was a clear, dark skinned face with those fiery eyes she found so attractive. Black Diamond gazed into the eyes of an unknown villain. Then the police sirens sounded.

"Freeze!" said the officer.

"Hey, let me go," said the villain.

Black Diamond thought about it for a moment. Then she said,

"Fine," and she freed the villain. "Wait. What's your name?" she asked.

"Call me Jaxx," he told her, winking at her as he ran off.

Black Diamond could not believe she freed a criminal!

"I might as well be a criminal myself!" she said to herself.

"Black Diamond!" said a fat cop eating a jelly doughnut. "Where are they?"

"There are two inside slumped on the ground," she said.

The cop walked in and then a skinny female cop followed him.

"Oh, I remember these two, have they been the ones robbing Morlord all week?" the female cop asked.

"I believe so officer, I believe so." Said the plump cop eating his donut.

They each had a tattoo on their forearm. It was a dead rose. The rose she recognized on Jaxx's arm. What does it mean?

"Wait!! Where's the third one?" said the male cop.

"Ummm... I believe he escaped with the jewels," Black Diamond said, sounding uneasy.

"Uhh! We really need to catch that kid. At this rate, he's dangerous. That kid is bad news," said the female cop.

"Their gang is destructive altogether. We need to capture EVERY MEMBER!" said the male cop with saltiness.

"How dangerous are they?" Black Diamond asked.

But the cops gave her a look that showed her better than they could tell her.

The cops talked on their walkie talkies.

"This is Officer Kayla and Officer Billie, we caught the jewel heisters, Christen Weekly and Eric Prince, but Hunter Jaxx is on the run. Black Diamond will bring him into custody!"

Black Diamond looked nervous.

Three Days Later

"Three days and no sight of Jaxx!" sighed Black Diamond in despair. She had been looking for Hunter Jaxx for days and no sight of him since the jewelry heist. "He must be in hiding. I need a backup," she thought. She called up her friend Naea for advice. "Hey, Naea," she spoke on the phone.

"Hey, hey. Wassup girl?" Naea replied.

"So here's the tea!" Diamond began. "I have to track down a malicious teenage villain who's dangerous, but he's also kinda cute, but he's a villain and villains are bad, but I'm a hero and heroes are good, but he's so hot, and cute and mean, but I like it!!!" she ranted. Naea took a brief pause to let everything she said sink in.

"Ummmm Okkkk....." Naea said, still processing it. "Oka, so look in Swellville, that part of town has the gangsters, villains, deadbeats and soundcloud rappers. Search there," Naea suggested.

"Bro, that part of town is nuts. I'm not going alone," Black Diamond said, thinking aloud.

"You're a superhero with POWERS for god's sake, you haven't received your powers for nothing, and if it means so much to you.... I'll go with you."

"I love you for this. Thanks!" Diamond said, relieved.

"I'll be over in ten minutes." Ten minutes went by and Naea arrived at Black Diamond's headquarters (a large room in her house with gadgets, blueprints, and heroic things). "I brought Starbucks!" said Naea. Diamond glared at her.

"We Have No Time For Starbucks!!!" she yelled. Naea rolled her eyes at her.

"So... drama queen, what's the plan?" Naea asked.

"There is no plan. We go to Swellville. We search for Jaxx until he is captured. Period," Diamond demanded.

"We need some plans. What if he's not there?"

"Then we search until he's in custody!"

"This isn't about putting him in jail is it? It's about the crush you developed on him," Naea said teasingly.

Black Diamond blushed angrily and said, "What crush?" and glared. "Never mind. Let's go. We're teleporting so hurry up and bring the Starbucks."

"Ok. Ok. Fine!!" Naea said.

In order for Black Diamond to teleport another person, they must hold her hand and say the phrase: "Teleportation Station."

In seconds they were in the most dangerous part of town.... Swellville, where danger is certain. If Hunter Jaxx isn't here, he's nowhere. Black Diamond had never seen this side of town before. Graffiti on every wall, broken glass everywhere, all these trap houses and dark allies.

"This looks like a scene from First 48!" said Naea.

"Definitely," agreed Diamond. All of a sudden a large rottweiler came out of nowhere!! He had no collar, or leash, and no mercy.

"AHHHHHHHH!" they both screamed their heads off and ran for it. The large dog continued to chase them both. Then the large ferocious beast bit Black Diamonds leg, close to her ankle. "AHHHHHHHHHHHHH" she yelled louder. Naea hurried and snatched the bookbag Diamond kept her supplies in, snatched out the slump gas, and threw it towards the animal. He fell to the floor, out like a light. "My leg!" cried Black Diamond in distress, looking like the hero needs saving at this point.

"Are you ok?????" asked Naea, worried.

"Ummmm, NO!"

Then all of a sudden a familiar voice confronted them "Hey, did you kill my dog??" Naea and Black Diamond turned around to see a clear, dark face with those fiery eyes..... It was Hunter Jax.

"No, he's asleep," said Naea.

"He attacked us!" Diamond stated. Jax got closer to her wounded ankle and looked at it.

"My dog did this??" he asked, looking very surprised.

"Clearly," Naea said, rolling her eyes.

"Here I got this," Jax said, removing his black shirt to cover the bloody wound. He tied his shirt around the ankle to stop the bleeding. "Don't worry, she got her rabies shots already," he said chuckling. For a minute they gazed into each other's eyes as if they had all the time in the world. "What's your name? I remember you from Morlord Hapton," Jax said, "you let me go." Black Diamond said nothing; she just blushed. "I really appreciated that honestly," he said as he smiled at her. They gazed into each other's eyes again. Out of nowhere a big helicopter came and dropped down a rope. "I have to go now," Jax said, as he began to climb the rope thrown down from the helicopter.

"Nooo wait!!!" cried Diamond But It was too late, he was off. Just then a piece of paper dropped from the copter. It read, "I'm sorry but i have to go on a mission. I'm glad we met and I would love to see you again, here's my number feel free to text me."

"Who knew a villain could fall for a hero." Naea Said.

Villain Turned Superhero

By Cameren

Kentrell was a boy who got bullied in school because he was "such a nerd." One night, Kentrel and his friends were running from some thugs. Then he ran to his uncle's car and his uncle scared off the thugs. His big sister came to pick him up. She was walking with him in the street when outta nowhere a thug with a black hoodie shot Kentrell's sister in the head and then the dude shot Kentrell. Kentrell watched his sister die while he was laying on the ground paralyzed.

One year later, Kentrell found a rock in a field and picked it up. This rock seemed to give him strength, and powers. He didn't know until he woke up the next morning, and when he opened the door, he pulled the door off the nails. He was like--How did i do that?! That's when he started walking to school.

After he got to school he got pushed by the School Bully. The bully wanted to fight him and he accepted the fight. The bully threw a punch and he dodged it and punched the bully into the principal's office door. He went home and played fortnite all day long. When he went to sleep and woke up the next morning, he felt popular. He went to school and the school's most popular girl came up to him like:

"you're cute". He said thank you, then stuff went on from there. They started dating.

Years later, things were going well for Kentrell, when he ran into the person who killed his big sister and he killed him. He felt good that he killed him and wanted to be a villain. His wife left him with his 2 kids. This made him angry, and he wanted to hurt the person his ex started dating. He was allowed to see his children and take them places, but wanted to be with

his wife again so he started doing crime. Like killing people, and robbing people, and other stuff. He started making items that made him even more powerful, but instead he became lazy and never wanted to do stuff anymore.

He was laying down one evening and the news came on. He saw his mom trapped in a house that was on fire. He went to go save her and when he got to the house, the police started shooting him up with all types of guns and he remembered the way his sister died as he was laying on the grass dying. His mom came out of the house crying, yelling "Stop!" to the police. They told her to back up as they called EMS and firefighters to put out the fire.

2 years later he woke up in the hospital and saw his mom. He hugged her and she told him she didn't want him to be a villain no more. He made a promise saying he would never be a villain again. So he got out of the hospital the next day and became a superhero. He fought crime and made his mama proud and earned alotta honors and medals for his victories and worthiness. He even met batman and superman at the superhero reunion. He went to his mom's house to show her a picture of him, batman, and superman. She was proud that her son came such a long way after what happened in his past.

Now he's a young man that has super powers sitting around all day in his house playing games, doing nothing but waiting for natural disasters or criminals to fight...But all he does now is workout and train to get stronger with his power's...The End

Unexpected Powers

By Christian

Part 1: The Journey

Riagan humara was a 16 year old male who lived with his dad. His mom and dad were divorced. This story takes place in 2051. Riagan went to school at Lemony Jones High in Armadillo, West Virginia. The school looked like a Disney Channel high school, but with double the amount of bullying.

Riagan was at school. It was a Monday when the meanest, craziest, and most unpredictable person (Tiny Tim) approached Riagan. Even though everyone called him "Tiny Tim," his real name was Stewart Perrywinkle. But before Stewart became really tall and buff, people just called him Tiny Tim. Nevermind that let's get back to the main character. As Tiny Tim approached Riagan, he felt his body shivering, his heart pumping fast, and his brain scrambled. "What to do," he thought.

"Hey squirt! Give me your lunch money." As Tiny Tim was counting money from someone else's wallet. Riagan thought cautiously and said:

"I don't have any money." For some odd reason, everyone looked over at the two saying "ohhh" Tiny Tim then looked at Riagan like he was crazy and said:

"What did you say?" The people grew closer as if there was something on him. Riagan gulped and said it once more.

"I don't have any money," While stuttering every word. Tiny Tim lifted Riagan up above his head and started tossing Riagan around like a rag doll. As Tiny Tim continued to say: "give me

your lunch money.” Riagan did not respond this time, he was fed up being bullied by him and decided to take a stand for himself. But nope, Riagan passed out from lack of oxygen to the brain. Tiny Tim dropped Reagan’s unconscious body on the floor with a loud “THUMP”. Everyone left the area but a teacher walked past Riagan’s body and carried him to the nurses office. Three hours passed and Riagan finally woke up. Riagan clenched the bed covers, and his teeth as tears started to fall from his eyes. When Riagan opened his eyes, under his breath he said:

“I wish I was able to protect myself and others from getting beat up like this.” Riagans eyes started to blaze with the look of revenge. The nurse heard every bit of it and said, “I think I can help with that, but there is one thing you have to do for me.” As the nurse grinned. Riagan looked surprised, there was an awkward silence in the room then Riagan said: “What is it?” The nurses grin grew larger as she said, “You can never tell the principle.” Riagan paused and said, “Ok.” The nurse told Riagan to take off his shirt. Riagan in disbelief said “Why should I do that!” The nurse then said: “What shall it be, a yes or no?”

Riagan sighed and nodded his head. The nurse started the ritual. She started making many weird hand signs, and pressed both hands firmly onto Riagans chest in a square position. Though Riagan didn’t feel different, the nurse flung a knife at Riagan’s head. Riagan’s pupils lit up a bright ruby red color and the knife stopped in its tracks...right in front of Riagan’s face. If his powers hadn’t activated in time, who knows what would have happened. Shaken up with fear Riagan shouted out

What the heck, what if the knife would have hit me!” The nurse smiled and said:

“Then you would’ve been dead.” Riagan was now very worried about if this nurse was trying to kill him or help him at this point. Riagan shook off his fear and ran out of the room. Worried about her job, the nurse chased Riagan to the entrance of the building and grabbed him by the collar like a dog running away from its owner. While she dragged Riagan back to the nurse’s room, Riagan asked her about name. The nurse answered calmly:

“My name is Jasmine Pineside.”

“How old are you?” Riagan said.

“You are not supposed to ask a woman her age.” She replied. Riagan shrugged his shoulders

“Just answer the question.” He said..Jasmine glared at Riagan and said:

“I am 24 years old.” While still being dragged to the room, Riagan started to stare at his feet and asked Jasmine:

“What are my powers going to be?” Jasmine slowed down a little and said,

“I don’t know, they come to you instinctively. We already know one of them is manipulating objects though.” Riagan lightened up now, he smiled and nodded his head in relief. The two had finally made it back to the room and it was getting really dark. Riagan had to go home soon because if his dad got home before him, he’ll be dead. While riagan was leaving the room he paused at the door and asked the nurse:

“Do you have any powers?” The nurse smiled and told Riagan:

“Come back tomorrow and see.” Riagan smirked and left out of the school door. Then as Riagan walked out of the school driveway, he saw four men walking into the school in black suits with the strongest looks. Once the men made it into the school, Riagan grew curious and followed the men into the school. As riagan crept up behind the men one turned around. Luckily Riagan jumped into a nearby recycling bin. There was a huge “thump.” Two of the men went to the noise while the other two kept moving forward. The huge noise was Riagan climbing out of

the bin but before the men had looked, he shot around a corner. Breathing heavily Riagan quietly said:

"where are they going?" Riagan made it to the nurse's office and walked into the room. The nurse was coming out of her office and squeaked as Riagan eyes lit up a light blue color. Once Riagan's eyes lit up without trying, Riagan started to hover near the ceiling. He looked down and fell, while his body made a "pow" sound with the floor. The nurse asked Riagan:

"Are you okay and why are you here?"

"There are people walking in the school with black suits on!" Riagan exclaimed. The only time people wore black suits was either because there is a funeral or it is bad news, and there wasn't a funeral this late at night. Without hesitation the nurse told Riagan to go home.

"Don't let anyone into your house and stay out of trouble with the police."

"Why? Can I help you" Riagan asked puzzled.

"No. You can't beat these men, they will tear you to shreds. Save yourself, go home!" She said. Riagan looked the nurse in the eye and said:

"No." The men had reached the room and Riagan was trying to protect the nurse but one of the men walked right past him, and chopped him in the neck knocking him out.

Riagan woke up, it was morning and he didn't see the nurse anywhere to be found.

Riagan looked at the nurses desk and saw a tablet, a video came on and the four men who were at the school were in the video but this time it was a guy really in shape smiling. The man started to speak

"Hello young one, my name is James. As you see, we have your friend here. In the background Riagan saw the nurse wrapped up against a pole in a building. The man continued. "if you want the nurse, come get it". Puzzled, Riagan wondered what he meant by "it". The next night Riagan packed his backpack with some food and a change of clothes. He didn't know how long it would take for him to find the nurse, or as the man said, "it". Riagan kind of remembered that the man told him to come alone to the abandoned aircraft building at 3:49 am. Riagan ran to the building filled with his adrenaline pumping. The building looked like it would break down at any minute. As riagan entered the building he could see them all in the center of the room. Finally getting to stop running, Riagan stumbled to the ground and got back up. James laughed and said "So this is the famous big man with powers I see". James laughed louder then stopped. He pointed his finger toward Riagan and one big man ran to him. Riagan eyes glowed and he threw the 363 lb looking man into a wall. The next one came and he launched a table at the second man, but that didn't even leave the man with a bruise. The man started to run toward him really fast like a bull seeing a red cape in front of it. Riagan giggled and tapped the man as he attacked him and the guy dropped. Scared, James ran from Riagan and holard at the remaining men to come with him. Riagan ran to the nurse and freed her. After that, everything was back to ordinary. This time around Tiny Tim didn't want to mess with Riagan anymore.

A Hero's Journey

By D'Andre

Lyric man was walking down the street and he seen like five guys jumpin this one old rich man, so he got into his costume in all black and he ran up like--

"Ay bruh, what chu doin to that old rich man?" Lyric man was arguing with him and somebody tried to punch him but his reflexus kicked in. He also had super speed, so he beat five of those guys down. But he knew they wouldn't go down easily, so he fought them again, an again, an again till they stopped fighting.

Lyric man helped the old man then, and the old man told him a story about how he was a retired superhero. They fought crime together until one day the old retired super hero man died. Because not only was he old, he also had cancer. After a long time grieving, Lyric man retired too because he didn't want to fight crime nomo without the old man. The city was turned upside down an inside out. He was just miserable and all. Later that day, he found out that the old retired man was his grandad. then he realised that he gotta keep fighting crime. Not for him, but for his dead grandad. So he went off to fight crime like normal superheroes should do. The End.

Excerpt from: The Goddess

By Madison Hamilton

I was in my dorm room just finishing up a really good painting at Dodge University when my roommate Sara (who's been my best friend since high school) came in and told me this.

"Hey Inanna the professor needs to talk to you."

"All right, just give me a sec," I said. At first, when she told me that I thought I was in big trouble because I had been coming to class late.

Later in the office

"Inanna, I just got off the phone ...and ...well your mother just died this morning in a fire accident with a few other people." The professor said.

"What?!" I exclaimed. When I heard that, everything I'd done with my mom flashed before my eyes, everything from birth up till now. "I am so sorry Inanna. Wait, Inanna, where are you going?" The professor asked while I left the room. I had to leave the building, I couldn't believe that she was dead

For a while I was at my house thinking. But then- ring,ring,ring- I picked up the phone. "Hello?" came a strange man's voice. My voice was silent and I was scared. "If you want your mother back, then you need to come down to 121st Ave at the old cemetery at midnight". Then he hung up.

At the cemetery I was waiting, but it was cold that night. Then the man showed up with my mother.

"Mom"!! I cried.

"Honey I'm here, I'm safe". She said soothingly. I didn't know what to do, but I ran towards her and hugged her very tightly. The man came up beside my mom with a gun pointing at her head.

"Now, are you going to tell her about you two?" The man said.

"Um, mom what is he talking about?" I said. My mom was crying in fear;

"Who are you, why are you doing this?" She said. I didn't know who he was either. He was wearing a mask. Then he took it off and said;

"Well since you seen my face you know who I am." my mom replied:

"Yes, I know who you are Authur Win. You used to work for me" (mom is a pathologist she studies mythology), she continued. "But I fired you years ago."

"THAT DOESN'T MATTER!" He yelled. "Now, tell her about you two!" He demanded. Mom was begging him to stop,

"No, please I can't, please." I was clueless of what they were talking about, then mom finally told me. "Honey... well... um..."

"What?!" I exclaimed.

"You're not my daughter." She said.

"What?" I asked. Then the man spoke:

"Well, since that's over". "Pow, pow!" He shot her one in the head and one in the heart. I was crying and screaming; partly because the woman who raised me all my life just died, and that she lied to me and didn't get to explain herself. After that, the man turned his gun towards me. He pulled the trigger but he missed. I started to run as fast as I could without looking back, I hadn't stopped running until I got home.

I've been at my house for three to four weeks when-- "ring, ring, ring."

"Hello?" My voice sounded like I was depressed, and I was.

"Hey Inanna, how are you do-". It was Sara. I hung up, I didn't want to talk to anyone, I was too depressed. I thought everything I had was gone, my fake mother is dead, and I can't go to college because I can't afford it anymore(it was my last year). So I walked out of the house onto the sidewalk, I saw the big truck coming so I walked right in front of it... it ran me over.

Later, I found myself in a quiet white empty room with clouds. At first, I thought it was heaven. But then a woman came up to me with long blowing blond hair. She said

"Welcome home honey." I looked up at her with confusion, and asked;

"Wait, honey, who are you? and where am I?"

"I am your mother and this is olympus." She said.

"Wait, you're my mother? Then who was that woman that took care of me? and I thought olympus was an old myth". I said confused. She replied:

"Well it is a myth to some people on earth, come with me" she said.

"Where are we going?" I asked. She looked down at me and smiled:

"Home".

Later we arrived at her place. It was like a palace.

"So, where's my room?" I asked.

"This way" she answered. I looked at my room, it looked like a house could fit in it. She went and sat on my bed with me, and said to me:

"So, you still want answers". I nodded. She told me about my pretend mother, she told me that she was sent by herself, my real mother. But then I asked why she couldn't have taken care of me. And she told me that she couldn't care for a child and if she did then the people would take her head and her baby to the edge of the cliff and feed it to the trench (fish monsters that were

once normal people). She had wanted to give me a normal life, but she had no idea that it would come to this. She promised me that she was going to get me as soon as I finished high school but she got all caught up with home. I hugged her. I didn't know why, probably because she gave up her baby to save our lives or that she wanted me to have a normal life. I let go and looked at her and asked

"So what's your name?" She was just about to tell me, but a boy walked in with blue sea eyes and brown hair. He came up and said:

"Queen Hera I just heard, wait, oh, who is this?" He asked looking at me.

she answered, "This is my daughter, Inanna."

"Nice to meet you Inanna," he grabbed my hand and kissed it.

"So, what were you saying Aries?" my mom said.

"Oh yah ,um, we found the guy," Aries said. I looked at mom and asked

"What guy"? With a puzzled look on my face. She grabbed my hands and Aries left, then she showed me a room I had never seen before, it looked like a science lab. She looked at me ,I looked at her, then she asked me:

"Do you remember the man that killed the woman who raised you?"

"Yes" I replied.

"We can't touch the man but you can" she said.

"Why can't you touch him?" I asked.

"well, we are biologically connected to Olympus, you aren't, so you can come and go as you please". She said.

"So why are we here?" I asked.

"We are going to give you powers that no one has gotten before" She replied.

Black Crystal in Action

By Kayla

Taniya, also known as Black Crystal, woke up on a normal, bright sunny day. It was 8:00 o'clock in the morning. She was in her bed. She decided to get up and get dressed. Then she went on a walk to the park with some friends.

Taniya was a fourteen year old superhero. She received her powers when she was nine because her mother is a scientist and gave her powers. Her powers were a little strange at first. She couldn't control them. Her dad trained her for three weeks, and after that she could control her powers, which were: heat blast, freeze breath, and eye lasers. When Taniya used her heat blast, it killed people. Taniya used freeze breath to freeze people for 2 minutes. When she used eye lasers, it made people's skin hot for 5 seconds and then they blew up.

After the walk with her friends Taniya went on her nice little jog of the day. Then she heard a lady screaming from the upside down world for help because an evil spider came out of nowhere eating her cats. The upside down world was full of vines and had an evil demi-gorgon living at the bottom. After Taniya put on her superhero clothes, she ran to rescue the woman, but the evil spider vanished.

So she went home and fell asleep. Then her half brother James called her Black Crystal phone, saying, "Help, Black Crystal! Come quick!" Then the phone disconnected, so Taniya changed into her superhero clothes and zoomed out the door to her brother's house. Her brother didn't

know that Taniya was Black Crystal because they had different mothers and had never lived together.

When she got there, she said, "What's the problem?"

"There's a zombie gorilla cutting people up one by one because our music was too loud and we were having a house party."

"Why wasn't I invited?" Black Crystal asked. She walked into the house. A giant zombie gorilla was in the living room, bending over a body on the couch, munching on the person's face. "Stop that right now!" screamed Black Crystal. She didn't recognize the gorilla's victim, as she exhaled a giant frozen breath at the gorilla. It froze him for two minutes, while she handcuffed him and called the police. There were only about five more people alive at the party. The police took the gorilla away to Zombie Animal Control.

When the morning came her brother was disappointed because Black Crystal vanished out the window. He didn't know Taniya was really Black Crystal.

Taniya went back home and it was breakfast. She ate pancakes and eggs and sausages and bacon. Then Taniya left out the house on her way to school. She had a bad day at school because she was fighting this boy who was deeply in love with her. But that's another story...

Cupcake Hero Journey

By Earionna

There was an ordinary girl named Cupcake playing basketball. There was a man walking his dog, and he kept saying how good of a basketball player she was for a girl. So he walked over to her and was like:

"hey you are very good." and she said:

"Well thank you so much!"

"what's your name?" He asked.

"My name is Cupcake and may I ask what is yours?" She replied.

"Of course my dear, my name is Mr. Johnson and I would like to have you on my team. what do you think?" He said.

"I mean, I'll tell the truth, it's really not what I think it's what my mother thinks." She replied.

"Let's start off asking her, what's your mother's number so that I can give her a call." Mr. Johnson said.

"Yes her number is (880)888-0925" Cupcake replied.

"okay no problem" said Mr. Johnson.

LATER THAT SAME DAY..... Cupcake walked in the house:

"Hey mom, are you there?" Cupcake said.

"Hey honey, how was it at the park?" Her mother asked.

"It was good mama but i had seen this man. He goes by the name Mr. Johnson and he told me that I'm very good at basketball. He wanted to know if I could join his team. If so, his number is (800)888-0925." Cupcake said excitedly.

"Slow down, okay, go write his number down and then I'll give him a call after dis." Mom replied.

A little while later...

"I gave him a call, honey, he said that you can join the team on January 4th." She told her daughter.

"Yay mom! I said that I always wanted to be on a team since I was little. My dream is finally coming true." Cupcake said.

One hour later.....

Cupcake told her dad and he said:

"wow I'm so happy for you my dear."

2 weeks later.....

Cupcake had joined the team and there was a tall girl. She was soooo good, man Cupcake swore, she never seen nothing like it. So she walked up to her and was like:

"you are very tall, you must make every shot when you throw the ball in the net."

She got very mad and walked away. So "why we playing?" Cupcake asked. The tall girl throws the ball to Cupcake and she was like

"You're too small, it's not like you will make it, just go home."

Cupcake responded like: "girl, who are you?"

"The captain, so do what I said. My name is Kierra boo, and you know these hands get down, wanna see?" And she jumped at Cupcake and was-- "like scary a**". Cupcake wanted to be the bigger person, so she tried to walk away, but Kierra picked her up and threw her in the net. All Cupcake could do was cry that she wanted her mommy. So she went home and told her mother and never went again at the end.

The Rivals Of Torpedo Wave & Dark Nix

By Armstead Black

The Departure:

On a sunny morning. Torpedo Wave (Michael) was experimenting his armor and powers that are prototypes. He does graphic designing everyday to ensure what his powers are supposed to do, as well as the durability of his armor. He was very good at doing this and he pursued part of his career while doing this in his free time. He started doing this when he was 17 years old.

Everything was going well until this evil heartless villain, Dark Nix, was planning an attack in the city. Torpedo got the alert in his lab and quickly stopped what he was doing. Torpedo was scared for his life that not only was it a big city, but it was the home of over 7,000,000 people!

So, let me give you background information about Dark Nix. He is the MOST WANTED criminal In The World. He is Armed, and Definitely Dangerous. He has killed more than 3,000 people and planned to kill more.

As Torpedo Wave equipped his armor, he hopped into his Ghost HyperTech III Series and started driving out of his Mansion. About 30 minutes later, (Due to all of the traffic in his

way) Torpedo picked a spot to spy in the city called Tampaville. He uses his superzoom vision to see anything suspicious that was going on in the city. 2 minutes later, he sees Dark Nix.

Torpedo said:

"Oh Heck Nahhhhhhh!" Torpedo quickly ran for his life and sprinted to the city. But... Nix wasn't alone. He had a whole union army on his side. About 5 people were with him. Either Torpedo is going to save the city, or he is going to have to prepare for the worst without the victory. A very hard decision to make one way or another.

The Rising Action:

5 minutes later, Torpedo made a decision. He can't do this by himself. So he called his wife to fight with him. Torpedo's wife's hero name is Blood Clawz. Luckily, Dark Nix has not attacked the city.. Yet. After 10 minutes of waiting, Blood Clawz has arrived.

"Well, we meet again," said Torpedo Wave.

"Yeah, for a reason in my life." Said Blood Clawz.

Torpedo said "Well here's what's about to go down, I spotted Dark Nix like 15 minutes ago. Then I saw 5 people that were with him...The reason I wanted you here is because I can't fight that many people with powers. I'm not Goku. So, we need to evacuate people out of the city."

"Alright." Said Clawz. While evacuating people out of Tampa Ville, things turned bad very quickly. Dark Nix had found Torpedo and Blood Clawz and surrounded them with his army.

"How did you find us?" Said Torpedo in a scared expression.

"Very easy, Pesent." Dark Nix in a devilish tone.

"I'm not going to lose without saving the city." Said Torpedo.

"And who is this I see? Is that you're sidekick that you pulled off the street?" Dark Nix said with no soul.

"What do you call a shameless punk that is trying to act tough?" Said Torpedo.

"Any last words before I'll kill you both?" Dark Nix said.

"If there are any last words, then you have to fight me!" Torpedo beamed Dark Nix, and 2 other people with Electricity. He ran to a building that was close to him and started attacking. Meanwhile, Dark Nix dodged his attacks and started firing back. Near an intersection, Clawz was throwing Shurikens at 2 people that were on Dark Nix's side.

Side Note:

Before I confuse y'all, Dark Nix's (Male) army that consists of 3 Males and 2 Females is called Terminator of Terror. Their names are Hound-E (Male), Ravish (Female), Athena (Female), Nio (Male), and Ice-C (Male). They know each other because they were previously rivals, and that Torpedo almost ended their career. But now, they are stronger, bolder and more evil than ever.

End Side Note:

Currently, Torpedo is attacking Dark Nix of course, Ravish, and Nio. And Clawz is attacking Hound-E, Athena, and Ice-C. With the flame of fury, Ravish speared Torpedo with a blazing hot spear.

"AHHHHH!" Torpedo screamed.

"Is that all you got?" Ravish in a sassy tone.

"Y'all don't know me do ya." Torpedo said.

"It's time to die," Nio said.

"Y'all really think I'm weak." Torpedo said. 2 seconds later, Torpedo shot darts at Ravish, Dark Nix, and Hound-E. Ravish is down but not dead. Then Clawz karate kicked Athena which did not turn out good.

"That's it, I'm about to end your career in a heartbeat real quick." Athena said.

"Try all you want!" Clawz shouted. While saying that Clawz punched Athena into a building hard.

Athena was done for this, she started to evolve into a half Owl - half Human. After that, she swooped down and Clawz hit her with very high speed. In the air, Clawz tried to slice Athena in the air. Unfortunately Clawz fell from 20 feet and landed on the ground, unconscious. In the midst of the battle, Torpedo heard a loud "BOOM" in the distance. He then knocked Nio out with his punch. He hurried up where he heard a loud boom but he saw Athena, Hound-E and Ice-C.

"Well, Well, Well. Look who we have here." Said Athena.

"Mannn, I don't have time for this here. Y'all is not tough at all. You are not going to kill Clawz because right now, I'm about to end all of you little peeps." Said Torpedo furiously.

"Bring it on Kid." Said Dark Nix.

"Let's go with this 4v1 then. I'm going to show y'all who not to mess with here. I'm not scared. Throw hands on me and see what you get." Said Torpedo. Athena goes with the first attack but Torpedo dodged her "Wings of Eternity" and struck her with his punch. She then tried to swoop down on him by using his Robotic Spear, Athena finally fell to the ground and knocked out. Torpedo grabbed Clawz to try to revive her. But doing that, lead the Terminator of Terror to have more time to catch up to Torpedo. Time was running out so he left Clawz in a spot where no one would find her except for him. Hound-E then came out of nowhere and struck Torpedo with a Concrete Slab. He then tackled Hound-E and threw him to the sky and walked away while he was coming down. Now it's just Ice-C and Dark Nix battling for the city. But he realized that it was getting dark so Torpedo needs to hurry up and take Ice-C and Dark Nix down. Ice-C used his Flames of Ice and tried to freeze Torpedo to death. He gets hit but only on his shoes which made him slide on the streets without control.

"Really DUDE!!!" Said Torpedo. He used his element of fire to melt the ice off of his shoes. Again using his Robotic Spear he speared Ice-C to death like a feather.

The Climax:

Now this is what he had hoped for Dark Nix vs Torpedo.

"YOU, YOU killed my UNION! NOW YOU ARE GOING TO PAY FOR MY LIFE!!!" Dark Nix with his Annoyance tone.

"Hahahahahaha. Well try to take me down and you will go to the underworld." Said Torpedo. Dark Nix pulled out his Katana and ran towards Torpedo and he used his Spear and started blocking his hits to save his life. Torpedo then swiped Dark Nix and missed unexpectedly. Dark Nix almost slashed Torpedo but Torpedo knocked out his Katana and struck him with his spear. Dark Nix hit Torpedo with his Bolt of Evolution. Then Torpedo used his Mind of Eternity to try to outsmart Dark Nix. It was working, but not as good Torpedo wanted. So Torpedo is making different plans to outsmart Dark Nix the best he can. But he's making plans and Dark Nix is outsmarting him by half which is not good at all. Without paying attention, Dark Nix has knocked his spear out of his hands.

"WHAT, but how?" Torpedo said.

"Yeah, what are you going to do punk?" Said Dark Nix.

"You forgot, because I'm not done yet. I'm just getting started here. If you want the work, I have it all." Torpedo said in herosium.

"Let's go then." Said Dark Nix. Then they started fighting. Torpedo with his newly developed weapon called "The Blade Of Darkness." Also Dark Nix with his weapon called "The OG Slash & Kill. Torpedo dodged Dark Nix's weapon while Dark Nix gets hit by Torpedo's sword. He tried again but didn't manage to hit Dark Nix again. Meanwhile, Dark Nix swung his weapon and it went into the air. Torpedo assumes that Dark Nix doesn't have a weapon anymore so he tries to finish him but he dual wields his sword and his spear and hits Torpedo. "AHHHHH!" Torpedo screams with pain.

“Well, any final word before I conquer this city you weak baby?” Dark Nix said with excitement and a heartless tone.

“That’s funny because you have nothing to attack me with.” Torpedo said.

“Wait What?!?” Dark Nix in confusion. Torpedo finally finishes Dark Nix with his sword and his plan to bait him.

“OH MY GOD, I finally ended this!!!” Torpedo with pure excitement. But, he didn’t forget about his wife Blood Clawz. He hurried to where he hid her. He checked her pulse, and she is still alive. “What Oh My God, is this happening right now?” Torpedo said in joy while crying.

“HEY, I NEED HELP OVER HERE!” Torpedo said. Shortly, the EMS got his wife and took her to the hospital where she recovered there.

Young Speedster

By Eeic Weakley

On October 15, 2019 there was an ordinary, 16-year-old genius mixing chemicals together after school in the college homeroom classroom. Alex skipped some grades in highschool. He was in the chemistry lab enjoying himself like he usually does on any normal day. But to Alex's surprise, this night will change his life forever. While Alex was mixing chemicals in the lab, his professor/grandpa was coming to check on him. The chemicals he was mixing were the energetic wave link chemical, light speed energy link chemical, and the cellular summon axis link chemicals. These are chemicals that he created just by having fun. He had a 2,500 dollar chemistry set that he had saved now for 2 years. He was just pouring them all in until he stopped when he heard a loud thump just right outside the door. After that he got a little excited because he assumed it was his grandfather at the door.

Alex started to walk towards the door but half way, he stopped because who he had seen at the door wasn't his grandfather. The person he had seen at the door was James D Andrewson, the super speedy muderer that just broke out of a super prison which is impossible, but James did it. James Darlon Andrewson, otherwise known as Rapid the cereal killer, struck unbelievable fear into his heart. Alex's body started to tremble as James opened his mouth and

spoke. James' voice was deep and manly. Rapid throws the door while talking about why he escaped, this very day, and why he came to this very college. He said with an evil deep voice:

"I came here to kill you alex preston!!!" Then he started to move the electricity to his right hand. Alex was frozen in fear he couldn't even move an inch. James finished and said "oh wait, I forgot. catch." It was his grandpa's torn off head. "I only did this so you can feel hatred towards me" James said with a happy deep voice.

Alex started to scream so loud that even the next block over heard it and called the police. Then Alex sadly asked:

"why did you kill him?" James laughed.

"It was just for for." James said. Alex's eyes widened as James ran around in circles then rapidly threw lighting straight at Alex. He flew back across the room hitting the wall. Then James sped away soon as the police started to rush in. By then, they were too late to do anything. Deputy Ross said to Sheriff Peter:

"We were too late, James got to him."

Sheriff Ross replied, "we really must stop Rapid at all costs. It must be our top priority." Then Harold van Dumansmarckan walked in to see what happened. Harold is a multi millionaire. Harold is also the smartest scientist in Sun City. Harold came to see the boy's body. Harold got closer and saw a fast lightning shock go through Alex's body. Then Harold shot up and said:

"It's not too late, I will take him with me and nurse him back to health."

The sheriff said "ok." Alex opened his eyes to see Harold standing above him. Alex screamed at the top of his lungs, Harold hurried up to calm Alex down. Harold said:

"Welcome to the electronics lab!!!" Alex stopped screaming at the top of his lungs.

Harold says with a serious voice: "My friend Chet Butterworth can take care of you for 11 years."

"Why 11 years?!" Alex asked.

"You will see." Said Harold.

So for 11 years, Alex trains to get his revenge on Rapid. The man he was training with was a super fanboy for superheroes, like marvel heroes and DC heroes. Chet knew pretty much everything about superheroes and anime. So Chet helped Alex rain his lighting speed powers. Chet knew just how to train him from a comic he read about the superhero Flash. Chet was also the head director of all the tech savvy branches in all the city. Which meant he could fund any of Alex's experiments and suits.

11 years later, Alex comes back taller, smarter, and more built. Alex is 25 years old and he knows how to control the lighting from his body and his super speed. Alex also knows how to summon weapons at will. Alex was ready to go kill the guy who killed his grandfather, the guy who messed up his life forever. He was ready to kill Rapid, the demon speedster. However, Alex found out that James was destroyed. He was found dead three weeks after the incident happened. The police still haven't found the cause of his death. The news reporter added that all the police and the detectives had seen was a burnt hole clean through his chest. Alex was shocked and happy at the same time. Soon after, Alex had decided to remain in the shadows and blend in, hoping that he could go back to his old normal life.

Saving The Day

By Madicyn Prince

One Saturday, Tony Rush, a superhero, was laid back studying doing the one thing he loved. Then all of a sudden he got a phone call.

The caller announced, "There's a big emergency in town."

So Tony A.K.A Mr. UglyFace replies with, "What's the big emergency?"

The caller immediately says, "Villains are coming and taking all of our money!"

Tony says back to the unknown caller that seems to be a female, "Ok I'm on my way. Don't worry. Everything will be fine." Tony then hangs up the phone, puts his books away, and turns on superhero mode with the press of a button. Tony's suit is not the ordinary suit you put on. Tony's suit is the suit that automatically appears. It starts from his toes and goes all the way up until his body is completely covered with the suit. That's how he turned on super hero mode with the press of a button. Tony Rush has now become Mr. UglyFace.

Mr. UglyFace is that one superhero that loves helping and saving people from danger. He loves his friends and family: Mouse, Squirrel, Danny Dog, Peter, and Joe alot. Mouse is just a mouse. UglyFace found him outside alone looking for food. Squirrel is his best friend that is always bringing nuts inside the house. Danny Dog is just his very nasty and rude dog. Danny's bedroom is always a mess and he never cleans it. Peter is his brother. He is the weird sibling that does everything in such odd ways. Joe is his nerdy cousin that stays indoors all the time. Joe never goes outside unless it's about going to the store to get food. UglyFace spends most of his time with all of them. Mr. UglyFace also loves being funny, and having fun. He really hates seeing people in trouble, being alone, and villains.

There's this one villian that he dislikes very much. In fact there are two of them. They're twins. Motor Mouth and Dog Face. The twin villains, Motor Mouth and Dog Face, made UglyFace hate them so much. The villains came to his house and tried to harm UglyFace, his family, and friends. They were fighting because UglyFace had something that the villains wanted dearly. Which was this very useful power tool you can use during fighting. The Robot Arm. UglyFace thought the war was over between them but obviously not.

Once Mr. UglyFace was ready to head out to the crime scene he had to track the phone number that called him to find the location since it wasn't given by the caller. He typed the address into the UglyFace computer and found out that the crime was really a bank robbery at International Bank and decided to head on over. When he got to the scene he made sure not to be noticed so he decided to go in from the back. As soon as he got to the back door he saw the twin villain Dog Face heading to the back where the secret safe was kept. Mr. UglyFace tried sneaking through the backdoor and as soon as he took a tug at the door he suddenly heard a low ticking sound which then led to a loud obnoxious sound going off in the bank. He soon guessed that it was a bomb timer ticking.

Soon everyone in the bank was alerted by the noise and automatically the villains noticed and screamed, "He's come to save all of you, what a joke [laughs]."

UglyFace thought to himself: I need a new plan, he knows I'm here. What can I try now? Oh I know! I can use my flying power to get to the top of the building and enter the doorway. Soon he uses his flying power to fly to the top. Once he got to the top, he entered the door quietly to make sure nobody heard anything.

"Think you can get in? I think not, I have a bomb set to where if you even try to get in, you will fail, and the whole building will blow up." [laughs]. Says the villain Motor Mouth.

Mr. UglyFace sneaks down the staircase then he comes to a stop. He needs an idea. "I think I should use my invisibility and even my flying power to knock the gun out of his hand." [inner thoughts]. Mr. UglyFace decides to go with his mind and tries to do exactly what was planned but something had stopped him. The twin villain, Dog Face. UglyFace had totally forgotten that Dog Face had eye powers and could see through anything. So when he tried to take his plan in action, Dog Face was already coming out of the secret room where the safe was hidden. Suddenly, Dog Face saw something flying and he yelled out in the most robotic voice ever,

"Watch out brother he's here. He's coming!" MotorMouth immediately turned and ran to the other side of the room as quick as a mouse trying to run into its little hole. UglyFace then hit the wall where motormouth was standing and soon he became invisible. Uglyface was totally shocked when he heard Dog Face scream that he was there. Then he also had to realize his powers and then came to his senses. UglyFace remembered that Dog Face had super eye powers.

"Let these people go, leave their bank , and give them all of their money back and then we can handle this." Says UglyFace.

"Why would I ever? you know i like my money." Hollered MotorMouth.

"If you weren't such a horrible person, maybe you would have your own job to make your own money just like me". Hollered UglyFace.

[laughs from MotorMouth]. "UGLYFACE, you think you have a chance of defeating me?" Says MotorMouth. "You really think you have a chance." [giggles].

UglyFace then started to think about how he would let everybody free. He had no idea. Simply no idea at all. As he was against the wall, he had a thought. "Maybe I should talk them into letting me be their only hostage and let everyone else go." [inner thoughts]

UglyFace then decided to speak up about what he was thinking and asked:

"Can I be the only hostage and you let everyone go?."

"Why should I let them go UglyFace?" Says MotorMouth.

"Because they've done nothing to you. These precious people deserve to go." Says UglyFace in an assertive voice.

"So are you, like, making a deal or something?" says MotorMouth in a sarcastic way.

"Yes, that's what i'm trying to infer. I just want everybody free." States UglyFace.

MotorMouth begins "ok ok ok, i'll let everybody go. But, if they are not out in 10 seconds, then they will all die. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1."

Everybody stampers out of the door going crazy and everyone made it out in time. Just before UglyFace could say anything, he was being taken to a room where he was locked in to stay put. As he was sitting in the room, he was hearing everything that was going on with the villains. He heard them shuffling the money into the bag. They were mumbling something. Now he was trying to find a way to get out of the room so he started looking around. Soon he saw a vent which was big enough for him to fit through. He had an idea and thought.

" Maybe the vent will lead to where all the desks are at." He climbed through the vent and crawled till he got to another vent opening and of course it led to where the desks were at. UglyFace snuck out of the vent to use his invisibility to tie them up.

As he was tying them up they were screaming, " You won you won just let us go."

UglyFace begins to say, "Not till I check up on everybody."

UglyFace goes and checks up on everyone and makes sure everybody is alright. Once he found out everybody was okay he then went back into the bank.

UglyFace talks to the villains. He says to them, "Untie yourselves and maybe next time you'll win or maybe even lose." [laughs from both villains].

After UglyFace defeated the villains and made sure everyone was safe, he returned home to finish studying and spending time with his family and friends.

The Science Project **By Isaiah**

Tom was walking home from school to start his science project, and he asked his mom for help. His mom and him started to get material for his project to make a robot. It took them three day to finish. Before the day Tom would present to the class, his mom said:

"Tom, go and eat dinner and get in the shower."

Tom said "ok" and went to bed at 9:00pm.

The next day, he was presenting his project and the class was amazed. The teacher gave him the A he deserved, and he walked home. Then he called his mom. She was very proud, so she gave him money so he could buy the game he had always wanted.

All of a sudden, something was messing with him. While he was walking, someone came up behind him wearing a mask. He took his project! Tom then went home depressed. His mom asked what happened, and Tom told her all about it.

A few days later, he surprisingly found out people were using his robot for evil as he was walking to school. He saw something glowing and he was shocked. He touched it, and a jolt went through him. "What is wrong with me?" Tom thought as he ran back home. He went to tell his mom, but she was not at the house. So he went to sleep. When he woke up, he felt good. He went to school and he wanted to tell his best friend Sam what had happened.

Later that day, Tom made a mistake and tripped a guy. The guy got mad and wanted to fight him. When Tom got scared, he turned invisible. people thought he must have ran away. Tom was asking himself what was going on. When he went to look in a mirror, and he could not see himself, he was freaked out. He eventually turned back to normal, then he was ok. He went to go do some research on his computer and he found something. He had seen powers and he went outside to try them out. He thought he could save the world from robots and stop criminals.

Zapatron **By Wylliam**

One day, Zapatron was lifting weights when he started to feel sleepy.

"Man I am so tired. Exercising all day is the worst!" He said. Zap went to his old linty couch, pulled out a large bag of cheese puffs, and turned on Puppy Dog Pals on his huge box tv. "I'm about to tear these puffs up!" Zap fell asleep. About 2 hours into his nap, his sister Kelly called. Zapatron got up stretching and yawning. "Who would be calling me at 11:26 at night?" He thought. Zap answered the phone, but before he could even say hello, Kelly yelled:

"HELP!" Zap thought Kelly was playing a prank on him, so he hung up, went back to his couch and lay there. He couldn't go back to sleep. Zap got up and called Kelly back. "Hello?" Kelly answered.

"Where are you?" Zap asked

"I'm at the neighbor's house, my house was broken into--AGAIN!" She screamed. Zap rushed to Kelly's house in his snow white 2011 Toyota. He loved his car more than cheese

puffs. When Zap got to Kelly's neighbor's house, he saw that it was cop cars, ambulances, and firefighters there at Kelly's crib. He looked across the street and seen that a tall metal light pole had fallen onto Kelly's house. Zapatron was eager to find out how it fell. He went to the power lines that were in the street. When he got in the street, he stepped on the cords with his steel toe boots and electrocuted himself. Then he passed out.

At 2:23 AM, Zap woke up in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital. Zapatron got out of the bed and when he stepped down to the ground, his foot started burning. He hurried up and jumped back into the hospital bed.

"GEEZ!" He screamed. He yelled loud enough for the nurses to hear him. He got back out of the bed and ran to the restroom. When he got there, he looked in the mirror. He seen a mark on his face. He got closer to the mirror. The mark was a lightning strike. Zap seen this and immediately ran to the door. When Zap got to the door, a nurse walked in and hit Zapatron with the door.

Zap woke up 2 minutes later. He seen a nurse with long blonde hair, thick orange glasses and a slight mustache.

"You ight?" Nurse Emma asked with a slight smirk.

"Y-y-y-yea," Zapatron stuttered.

"Why you in here?" Emma asked.

"I got electrocuted!" Zap exclaimed.

Zap thought that he could build a relationship with Emma. He was thinking that she was beautiful. Zap even liked her mustache covering a small portion of her upper lip. But he started thinking about how he wasn't going to be able to see her if she works 18 hours a day at the hospital.

"Do you see my face?" Zap asked

"What about it?" Nurse Emma asked

Zapatron took her to the mirror in the bathroom. He pointed to the mark on his face. Emma looked at Zap and said, "You need some rest." Zap lay down and while Emma was walking out, she turned off the light and shocked herself. She looked at her finger, and she had a small burn on it.

Around 4 AM Zap got another phone call from Kelly. As he picked up the phone, he also got shocked. He had the phone in the middle of his palm. A lightning strike flew up to the ceiling, holding up his phone. The strike lasted for about 15 seconds. When the lightning stopped, Zap looked at his hands in disbelief. He pointed his hand toward the clock on the wall and braced himself. Nothing happened. He ran to find Emma.

"Emmmmmaaaa!" Zap said. He turned the corner and ran into Emma and she fell. Zap helped her up.

"Come on!" Zapatron said

Zapatron ran to his room, Emma followed.

"What's burning?" Emma asked.

When Zap and Emma got to the room, Emma looked up and seen the hole in the ceiling. Emma was puzzled!

"How did that happen?" Emma asked.

Zap shook his head and showed Emma his palms.

Emma grabbed his hands and said "So!" and went in for a kiss.

Zap woke up and said, "I guess love is not for everyone!" and popped one last cheese puff in his mouth.

Fighting Fires By Karl Noei

In Teoin, Belgium there is a firefighter named Maiten, he was a rookie who had never been on a mission before. One day he was watching the news and something bad happened.

News Anchor Speaking:

"In downtown Theoin, on home road there's a home in flames. It's been in flames for a few hours and the fire-team needs back up from a nearby fire station. We will come back with more news on the upcoming flame."

Maiten was worried about this mission because the fire station was near the fire itself to the point they were able to see the flames from the building window. The bell went off making a loud sound and all the firefighters in the building put on their gear and Maiten was the last one to put on his gear before he ran to the fire truck. An hour later they made it to the fire and they felt the heat

"You lads feel the heat? We're in hell boys..Hell.." Dan said with a disappointed look on his face. The look on his face made Maiten worry even more than he did before. They arrived at the house and saw the building in flames. There were other fire tanks there to put out the fire, yet it was to no avail and got bigger.

"There are people in the home and we need at least four firefighters to help, and then get out as fast as possible." One of the firefighters said with a mask on his face. All four got together, and it became a team of five firefighters. Soon enough, one of them put their foot on the door and kicked it down and ran inside. Only a second passed and Maiten felt like his face was burning from the inside because of the fire and smoke, but his mask helped him breathe.

"There are people in here so get them out, and run out after everyone is out of this building!" Said Jeff. He soon ran out of the room and upstairs and the other four did the same. Maiten can't see anything and fell on something hard, and some wood fell on his leg.

"Help!" Yelled Maiten while trying to remove the wood off his leg. The nail inside the wood is in his leg so he can't feel his leg. The other firefighters made it out, but forgot about him and he thought he was going to die in the flames. But one of the fighters came back in to help and seen James Charles leg stuck and stabbed by the wood. Jeff tried to help him but it was too deep in his leg so Jeff carried him out of the house, and the house exploded.

"What in God's name happened in there?!" Dan said.

"Wood fell on my leg and I can't feel it. So thats what happened, but really though, I would like to know where were you when this was happening?" Maiten was more focused on where Dan was and not worried about his leg which had a nail in it that could kill him.

"Don't worry about it my young..something, I was just helping people get away from the area so we can put out the fire in a safer way." Dan then keeps talking about how Maiten's leg

can get affected and stuff, but Maiten really didn't care because other things happened to him, even worse than some wood stabbing his leg.

"It's fine I appreciate the care but I just don't care about it as much as you did." Maiten said with a smile. Even though he was in pain, he didn't really think about it as much as a normal person would.

The paramedics came to the area helping people who were hurt in the fire and of course Maiten was one of those people. He was ok because the nail wasn't that deep where he needed to go to the ER or anything like that.

"We need help over here, something bad happened and I don't know what to say.." One of the helpers said with a scared look on his face. By the looks of it, it's understandable why he would look scared or sorry for the sad scene.

"What in God's name is this..?" Maiten said with a horrified look on his face and sees three dead bodies on the ground on one another.

"This is just..sick..." Dan said.

"The real question is can we solve this case or not." An odd voice came from behind them, and a tall guy with a coat on walked up in front of all of them and squatted down to look at the bodies. "So, what do you know about murder?" This odd guy asked.

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Chapter I: Just Getting Started

"This is very sad Hot. I expected much better from you." My science teacher said to me in this annoyed tone.

"Well I have a life to live! Not much of one but still!" I said to that egg sucker.

Yup, this is basically my life at the moment. Hello, my name is Hot. I am so hot, my name is Hot. I live in this not-so well known town called Cucktopia. I lived in this town for most of my life. My parents have hated me ever since I was born. My mom and my dad abandoned me when I was around 5. I was on my own for 6 and a half months. A cucktopian lady, and her 3 year old son, saw me on the streets and took me in as one of their own. Since then, My stepmom raised me and my little step bro, Chill. That's how I came to be the person I am now; a sarcastic and just flat out rude girl.

"Hey Hot! Stop thinking about yourself and give me my pen back you dumb cuck." My classmate, Jay, said to me. Oh great.

"Here you go you hoodie wearing freak." I throw the pen at him. "**Ring Ring!**" The bell rang. Whoo. Time to go home. I walked out of the class. I swear the teacher gave me a disappointed look. But I just ignored it. I went to my locker and got ready to go home.

"Hot!!!!" I heard someone call my name. I then got tackled by Despacheeto, a good friend of mine. I then proceeded to punch his arm.

"Dammit Cheeto! Didn't I tell you not to attack me like that!?" I yelled.

"Sorry, but I need to hide from Principal H." He said to me as if his life was at stake.

"May I ask why you're running from him?" I said. "Uhhh, If it helps, you can walk home with me to avoid getting caught." I normally walk home by myself but at the moment, i'm kind of pissed. Despacheeto was one of the few people who doesn't get me mad. So maybe a walk with him can help cool me off.

"And go to your dusty cabin, alright I'm in." He accepted.

"Great, let's get movin." We started to walk.

"Yeah! I'm going to my girl Hot's dusty trash can she calls a house!" He yelled.

"If you don't shut it right now, I'll get Principal H on your green booty!" He shut up.

Chapter II: The Letter

So right now, me and Despacheeto are walking to my house. Like I said before, I don't really get mad at Des. But I will admit, he can be a tad bit annoying. I mean, we aren't even the same species. I'm a human and he's a digital humanoid creature or what he calls it, C.H.E.E.T.O.S. I don't really know what that means. I don't really care anyway. He's pretty chill most of the time. If I were to consider anyone to be my bestie, it would probably be Lemon. She's the only person who regularly wants to hang out with me. If i'm being honest here, I kind of have a c-.

"Hot! Are you listening?" Cheeto yelled in my ear.

"Wua-what?" I said trying to process what's going on.

"I asked you why there is some raccoon going through your mail?" Cheeto asked.

"Huh?" I turn and see a small raccoon in a boy scout uniform just in my mailbox looking through what I assumed to be bills. I didn't realize I was even at my house till now. "HEY YOU! GET OUT MY MAILBOX!" I yelled at the racoon. It heard me and started to panic. It dropped the mail and pulled out a... trumpet... from our mailbox. It then dashed out of my place faster then the dang Flash. I ran to my mailbox and looked to see the mess this racoon made. Welp, aside from a few bite marks and scratches, everything is alright. I grabbed the mail and just looked to see what kind of letters there were. "Bills, bills, even more bills." I said out loud for whatever reason.

"Hey Hot." Cheeto called me. "What's this crumpled up letter doing right under your mailbox?" Huh? What crumpled up letter? I looked and it was a letter. It must have fallen out of the box when the racoon was escaping. I looked at it to see what it was. It was for... me? To: Luna From: Mom. That's what it said. Luna is my real name. I've told nobody other than my step brother and step mom that. This was from my real mom. But why was she trying to talk to me? Especially after leaving me to die out here. I think Despacheeto noticed my mental breakdown and is trying to figure out what's wrong. "Hot, you ok?" He asked.

"Not really." I said. "My mom just sent me a letter, my r-e-a-l mom." Cheeto looked surprised.

"Well what did the letter say?" He asked.

"I didn't read it yet." I said.

"Then let's read it now." He said. I agreed.

We looked inside the envelope to see a typed out letter. It said...

Dear, Luna

I'm coming to take you home. I'm sorry me and my husband abandoned you when you were little. We didn't have enough money to raise you. So we sent you off to find someone else. I know me and daddy haven't been good parents to you. Unfortunately, It's too late for your father. But I will be the best mom I can be. I will pick you up on 10/23/19. I already know where your house is so be there by 6:00 PM. I hope you will forgive me for what I have done. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely, Mommy

Both Cheeto and I didn't know what to say. I have no idea what Cheeto was thinking. But one thing I do know is that: I. Was. Furious. I kept looking at the letter and just trying to compute the bs I just read. I almost tore the damn thing in half but couldn't because Cheeto grabbed it before I could.

"Oh, you wasn't lying," Cheeto said, surprised. I was just... I don't even..... Wh..... What is even happening? "Hot are you... feeling alright?" Cheeto seems to be concerned for me.

"As a matter of fact... NO!" I was angry. Not at Despacheeto, but at the ape I call mom. "That woman is trying to take my little happiness away for whatever reason! But what is that reason?"

"Are we going to tell anyone else about this?" Cheeto asked.

"Of course! But I don't know who we tell first." I really didn't. I want to tell my step relatives but I don't know how they will react. I'll eventually tell them. But who shoul-.

"Should we tell Plasma and Ayultie? They're pretty smart and they can probably do something."

"You know, maybe you're onto something." I said somewhat smiling. I knew both Plasma and Ayultie. They help us a lot in situations. Well... Mostly Plasma. Ayultie is well...Here's the thing about Ayultie. If he doesn't like you, he will constantly bully you and make your life feel like sh-Poop. Unfortunately, he doesn't like me. However, he does like Cheeto. So maybe we can get... somewhere. "Alright Cheeto let's bounce." I said to him. He nodded and we started heading out to the park.