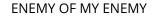
Hero thwarts villain. Villain escapes hero. Hero falls for villain. Everything changes.



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THE GIST

"Enemy of my Enemy" is the tale of two archnemeses — Stupendousman, defender of justice, paragon of virtue; and Dr. Malicious, nefarious evildoer, maker of mayhem. There are no two characters more fundamentally opposed... or are they?

more.

After years of endless back-and-forth, unprecedented circumstances will lead this pair on a journey from nemeses to tentative allies to perhaps, something

WORLDBUILDING

Borough City is a bright, bustling metropolis in a vibrant, tumultuous world of heroes and villains. Fortunately, the city has Stupendousman to ensure that the latest death ray or alien invasion is, at worst, a minor inconvenience. You could practically set your clock by his inevitable throwdowns with Dr. Malicious. Despite the occasional threat of annihilation, Borough City remains a thriving hub of culture, politics, and innovation.

The public trusts heroes to keep them safe, quickly deciding which masked faces are friendly and which to avoid. The government is less trusting of individuals with superhuman power; still, Stupendousman has proven himself time and time again to be loyal to his city, his country, and the human race. Besides, can you imagine the FBI taking on a maniac with a stun ray and a campy silent film melodrama aesthetic? Exactly.



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starring... STUPENDOUSMAN!

As the patron hero of Borough City, Stupendousman is often seen zipping through the skies, protecting the city from threats large and small particularly the machinations of his archnemesis, Dr. Malicious. In his off hours, Stupendousman enjoys urban life as his civilian persona, Sam Adams.

Stupendousman has a strong sense of morality that sometimes manifests as black-and-white judgements. He's generous and fearless, but as an alien adopted into human society, he is sometimes unaware of the consequences of his immense strength.

Although Stupendousman has been thwarting Dr. Malicious for years, it isn't until after they're captured together that he regards him with anything more than a deplorable criminal. He finds himself increasingly impressed by Malicious' schemes, captivated by his monologues, and perhaps even beginning to agree with some of his points... uh oh.





If you asked Dr. Malicious how he would describe himself, he would say notorious criminal mastermind first, social gadfly second, and underappreciated fashion connoisseur third. His plots range from threatening monuments and politicians to creating general mayhem with various ray guns. Beneath his theatrical persona, Dr. Malicious (real name Morgan Wong) is cynical and resentful, particularly of bureaucracy and the blind adoration given to heroes. He's dramatic, petty, and prone to antiquated swears — but also intelligent, empathetic, and lonely.

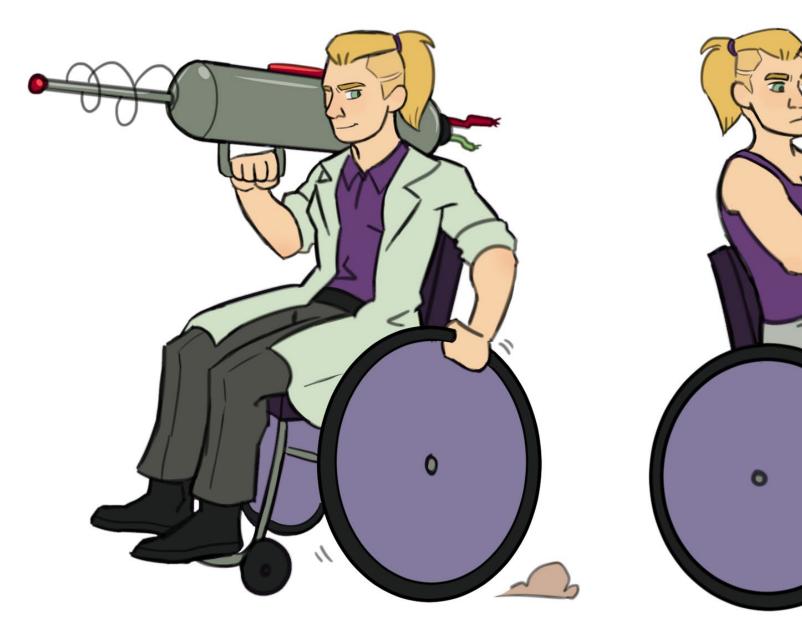
Dr. Malicious regards Stupendousman as a worthy rival, but finds his naivete and dogmatism infuriating. After they are captured together, he develops a begrudging respect for his nemesis that gradually shapes into admiration and appreciation, though he's reluctant to let this become known.

DR. MALICIOUS

IRINA PETROV

Irina is Dr. Malicious' number-one henchwoman / lab technician / personal assistant. Hyper-competent and versed in many fields, she provides much of the support behind her employer's eccentric schemes. Give her a half-finished dehydration ray or genetic sequence and she'll get it working, no questions asked. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, pet-sitting, and lifeguarding for the local YMCA.

While Irina comes off as long-suffering and apathetic, she is deeply loyal to Dr. Malicious and cares about his well-being, though their relationship is mainly professional. She notes that he is more considerate and accommodating than most employers (plus, he gives great benefits). She is wary of Stupendousman, who has a reputation for tossing hench-people around.



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SUPPORTING CAST





FANTASTIKID

Balancing superpowers with the joys of middle school isn't easy, but Neal Flores has it covered. Wherever Stupendousman goes, there's a good chance that his sidekick, Fantastikid, isn't far behind. Outgoing and cheerful, they tackle all problems with aggressive positivity, be it Dr. Malicious' latest scheme or a math final. They're very capable and self-sufficient, although their reckless energy sometimes gets them into trouble.

When they're not on active duty, Fantastikid enjoys using their internet literacy to teach Stupendousman about the human race (i.e. watch Vine compilations). They also spend time at the YMCA, where they receive swimming lessons.

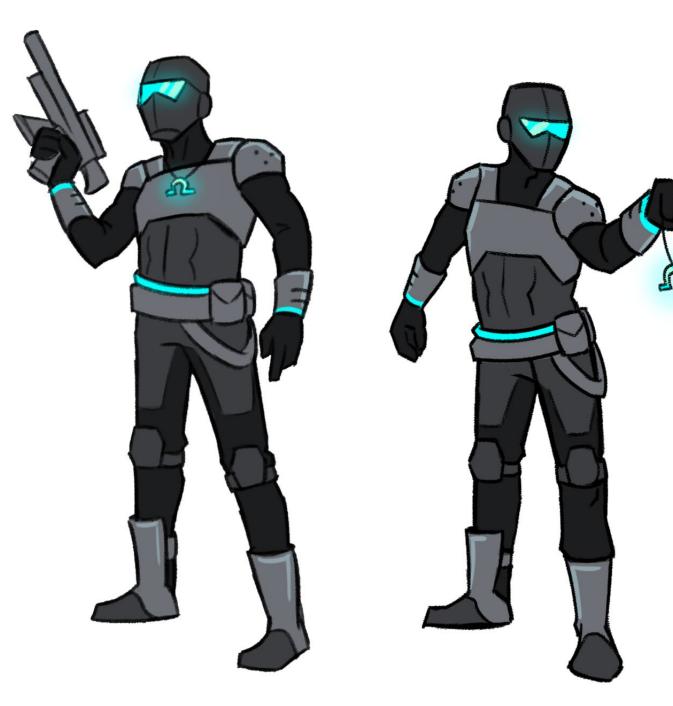
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OMEGA

While villains like Dr. Malicious are frequently in the public spotlight, Omega is relatively unknown. This mysterious newcomer's history conceals a tangled web of crimes, including arms dealing, black market operations, mysterious disappearances, and terrorist attacks. One thing is clear — Borough City is their next target.



Omega's first attempt to destroy the city is narrowly thwarted by Stupendousman and Dr. Malicious, inadvertently forcing the nemeses to work together for the first time. Following this, Omega becomes obsessed with destroying Borough City's brightest beacon of hope: Stupendousman.





PILOT

Dr. Malicious schemes, Stupendousman foils his evil plans — it's a comfortable dynamic. However, after both men get kidnapped by the supervillain Omega and are forced to work together, they learn that they actually make a pretty good team. Knowing that, it might be impossible to go back to their old routine.

DOUBLE DUTCH

Fantastikid tries to ditch their hypervigilant babysitter to go help Stupendousman. Unfortunately, said babysitter also happens to be Dr Malicious' right-hand henchman, Irina. As they attempt to fulfill their responsibilities, both sidekicks contemplate how they got their respective positions working for Borough City's most famous pair of nemeses.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

The media has noticed that Stupendousman is spending less time in the public eye and begins to speculate that he's dating someone. To make sure they don't catch wind of his meetups with Dr. Malicious, Stupendous enters a fake relationship with reporter Katy Kayne. His nemesis is less than pleased about the development, but not for the reason everyone thinks.

CURTAIN CALL

While explaining his latest scheme, Dr. Malicious' uninterrupted monologue gets abnormally personal. His ranting, coupled with select flashbacks, illuminate why he turned to villainy. At the end, Dr. Malicious realizes that Stupendousman could have easily freed himself at any time, but instead chose to listen.

THIRD STRIKE

Stupendousman has become increasingly reluctant to foil Dr. Malicious' schemes, and the government has taken notice. Nervous about the hero's allegiances, they decide to run a smear campaign against him to cast public doubt on his decisions. When that fails, they turn to Omega, who promises more permanent results.