

SECRET IDENTITY THEFT

WE SUSPECT THAT THE PUZZLER HAS KIDNAPPED ONE OF OUR SUPERHEROES AND IS IMPERSONATING THEM IN ORDER TO FURTHER HIS VILLAINOUS SCHEMES.

IDENTIFY THE HERO SO WE CAN RESCUE THEM AND CATCH THE IMPOSTOR!



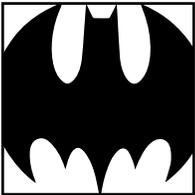
MAJOR AMERICA

This patriotic, shield-flinging hero wears red, white, and blue as he battles the enemies of freedom. An officer in the US Army, Major America was promoted from the rank of Captain in 2008.



EMERALD ARROW

Wealthy socialite Oliver Prince achieved fame as an Olympic archery champion, but that wasn't enough to give his life purpose. Eventually, he donned a green, hooded costume, and set out to rid his city of the crime and corruption, as so many billionaire playboys do.



FLYING FOX MAN

Billionaire playboy Bryce Warner is obsessed with fighting crime. Brooding and menacing in his black-as-night armored bodysuit, this caped crimefighter strikes terror in the hearts of evil-doers as the dreaded Flying Fox Man.



THE AMAZONIAN

Clad in red and blue, this native of a paradisiacal island of women wields a golden lasso that can compel anyone to tell only the truth. By day, The Amazonian serves as a military intelligence officer; by night, she smashes crime and the patriarchy.



AMPHIBIAN MAN

Amphibian Man has the uncanny ability to control frogs, newts, and other amphibians as he rids local waterways of crime in his distinctive orange and green suit. In his secret identity, he poses as a humble pool cleaner, eliminating scum in all its forms.



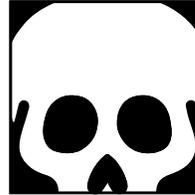
INEDIBLE BULK

A laboratory accident forever changed the life of mild-mannered research scientist Daniel Blander. Now, whenever he's hungry and irritable, he transforms into the raging green monster known as The Bulk.



MANGANESE MAN

Yet another billionaire playboy, Anthony Stork used his genius to engineer a high-tech suit of bright red armor. With his formidable arsenal of gadgets, he can fly, shoot bolts of energy from his hands, hack computers, and assemble Ikea furniture.



THE PENALIZER

Frank Castellano is a former Marine with an obsessive thirst for vengeance. This one-man army wages guerilla warfare on organized crime, armed only with a bulletproof black uniform and his fists. And maybe a rocket launcher.



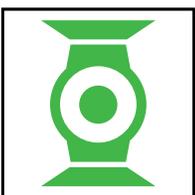
BROWN RECLUSE

She's a super-spy who traded in her uniform for a skin-tight brown bodysuit and defected to the U.S. Now she fights for America, using her acrobatic skills and hand-to-hand combat prowess to defeat the forces of villainy.



FLAMETHROWER

This founding member of the Forceful Five is often seen blazing through the skies of Manhattan in his crimson flame-retardant suit. Flamethrower is one of the few heroes to break into Hollywood, where he ignites ratings as a popular soap opera star.



OLIVE LANTERN

George Hallidan was an Air Force test pilot until he acquired an alien artifact that transformed him into the Olive Lantern. Dressed in green and able to form any object out of green light, he is a potent force for truth and justice.



TUNGSTEN FIST

Billionaire heir Donny Random was orphaned in Tibet as a child. Raised by monks who taught him to channel his chi into a devastating attack, this mystic martial artist fights crime in the streets of New York. His bright yellow outfit is a warning to criminals everywhere.

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TRANSCRIPT OF WITNESS TESTIMONY

- WITNESS 1: Yeah, man, like, I saw it all go down. This dude was driving down the street, minding his own business, and bam! Two vans pull out and totally block the road—
- WITNESS 2: If that guy had any military training, he woulda seen that a mile away! Classic ambush.
- WITNESS 1: —and then, like, all these creepy dudes in ninja costumes come pouring out and totally attack him. Biff! Pow! Zok! All Fists of Fury and stuff.
- WITNESS 3: I was watching Emerald Arrow give a live press conference on TV when I heard the commotion outside. There was a dreadful bang...
- WITNESS 2: That musta been the gas grenade, they used some kinda knockout gas. Knocked him out cold!
- WITNESS 4: That's what I saw on the security monitors outside the building. The ninjas were dragging him out of the car.
- WITNESS 3: Oh yes, he was wearing a very nice suit, very expensive. Armani, perhaps?
- WITNESS 2: Yeah, no cheap off-the-rack suit. This was a fancy, custom job, like a rich guy or a celebrity would wear.
- WITNESS 4: His shirt got ripped in the fight, and he had some kind of costume on underneath. I couldn't tell what color it was on the monitors, but it was all one color, maybe green, or red, or brown or black. But dark, definitely not white or yellow.
- WITNESS 3: I couldn't see any of that from my balcony.
- WITNESS 1: Yeah, man, me neither. Oh, but like half an hour later, I see that flying dude in the shiny red armor looking for clues... What's his name?
- WITNESS 2: Manganese Man?
- WITNESS 1: Yeah, that's him! But brah, flying dude totally missed the action.
- WITNESS 4: So did that other crime-fighting guy who showed up too late, the gloomy one, Flying Fox Man. There's never a hero around when you need one!

SMALL WONDERS

POLICE HAVE RAIDED THE PUZZLER'S HIDEOUT, AND DISCOVERED THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO SHRINK LANDMARKS AROUND THE WORLD TO ADD TO HIS TROPHIES. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS MINIONS SHREDED MOST OF THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE WE ARRIVED.

THE CRIME LAB COMPUTERS ARE DOWN, AND THE FRESHMAN CRYPTOLOGY CLASS DIDN'T HAVE MUCH LUCK MAKING SENSE OF THIS LIST, BUT THEY DID DETERMINE THAT EACH BOX CORRESPONDS TO EITHER 2 OR 3 LETTERS. SEE IF YOU CAN REASSEMBLE ANY OF THE DATA. IF ANY OF THE ENTRIES STAND OUT, THAT MIGHT BE WHERE THE PUZZLER HAS HIDDEN THE DOOMSDAY DEVICE.

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THE GETAWAY

THE PUZZLER HAS MADE HIS GETAWAY, BUT WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT KIND OF VEHICLE HE'S STOLEN!

WE WERE ABLE TO TRACK 26 DIFFERENT VEHICLES BELOW. ALTHOUGH THEIR PATHS INTERSECT, YOU'LL FIND THAT EACH MAKES EXACTLY ONE TURN: NO MORE, NO LESS. IF WE ELIMINATE ALL OF THE DECOYS, WHAT REMAINS MUST SURELY BE THE PUZZLER'S ESCAPE VEHICLE.

I'VE DRAWN A LINE THROUGH ONE OF THEM TO GET YOU STARTED. GOOD LUCK, HERO!

