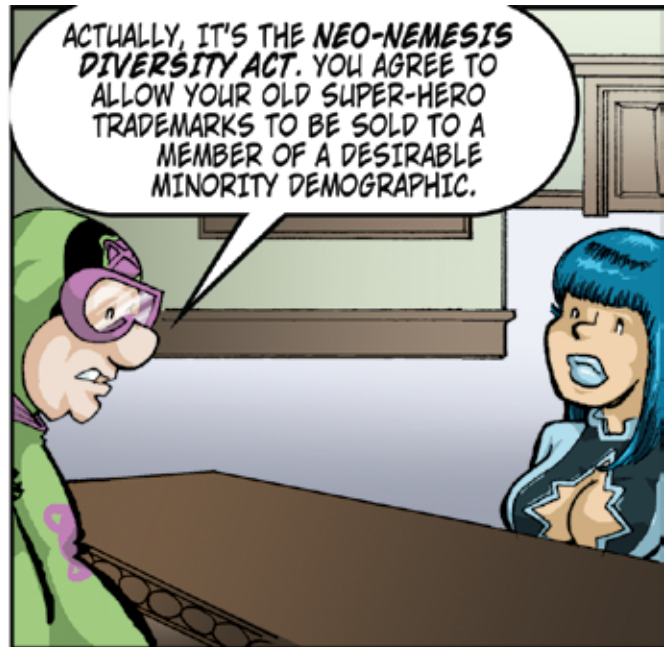


Chapter 9









THE NEXT MORNING...



SUPER-HERO TO SUPER-VILLAIN IN 12 EASY STEPS

ARE YOU READY TO BEGIN?



LESSON ONE

STEP ONE: KNOW YOUR GOAL

WHAT'S MY GOAL? WORLD DOMINATION?



IT'S DIFFERENT FOR EVERYBODY. SOME VILLAINS ARE MERELY TRYING TO SAVE UP FOR OLD AGE.



STEALING FROM THE COMMON GOOD TO SECURE ONE'S OWN RETIREMENT?

THINK OF IT AS ANTI-SOCIAL SECURITY.



LESSON TWO

EVIL TYPES
Force of Nature
Driven genius
Compulsive fanatic
Mercenary
Anti-hero
Misunderst

NONE OF THEM ARE PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE...



I GUESS I COULD BECOME A COMPULSIVE FANATIC.

I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT.

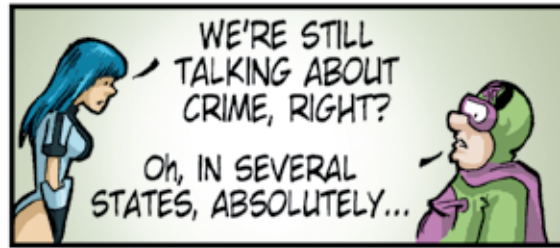


FROM THAT DAY FORWARD, YOUR EVERY MOVE WILL BE DICTATED BY THAT COMPULSION...

EVERY CRIME... EVERY CLUE... IT'S AN AWFUL LOT TO KEEP UP WITH.

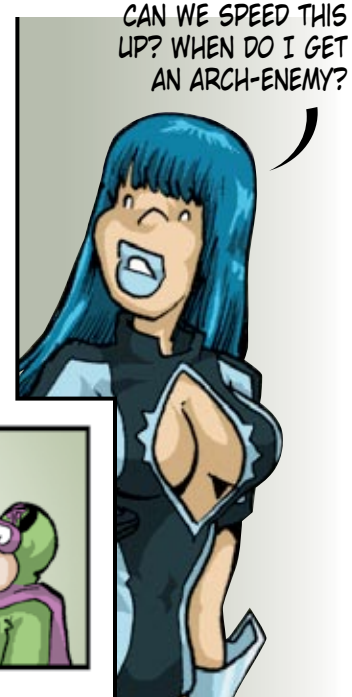


IT'S LIKE YOU START WITH A PAIR OF FUZZY HANDCUFFS, AND NEXT THING YOU KNOW YOU'VE TAKEN OUT A SECOND MORTGAGE TO COVER A CUSTOM DUNGEON AND ITALIAN-LEATHER WHIPS...



WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT CRIME, RIGHT?

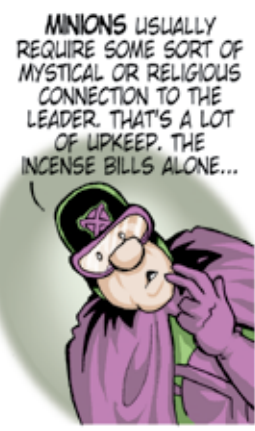
Oh, IN SEVERAL STATES, ABSOLUTELY...



CAN WE SPEED THIS UP? WHEN DO I GET AN ARCH-ENEMY?



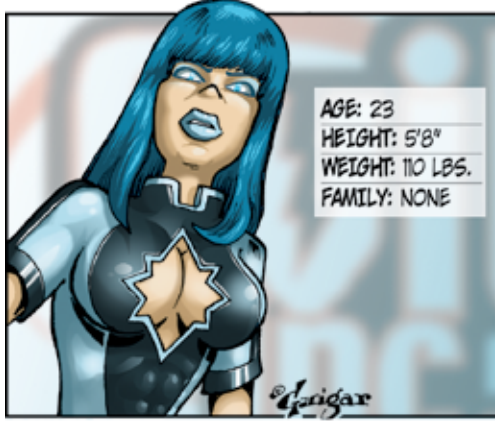
YOU MUST CHOOSE SOMEONE WHOM YOU COMPLEMENT IN YOUR OPPOSITION. IF THE HERO IS LOGICAL, YOU MUST BE CRAZY. IF THE HERO IS TALL, YOU MUST BE SHORT. GET IT?



LESSON FOUR



MUCH LATER



Evil Inc. EVIL INC PERSONNEL FILE: PHENOMENAL LASS Evil Inc.

AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 110 LBS.
FAMILY: NONE

REAL NAME: TRISHA MONTGOMERY
ORIGIN: AN ANCIENT GODDESS HANDED DOWN TO TRISHA AN ANCIENT MAGIC PHRASE THAT, WHEN LITTERED, TRANSFORMED HER INTO A BEING OF TREMENDOUS SUPER POWER.
PARTNERSHIPS: HER BROTHER IS ALSO A SUPERHERO OF NOTE
POWERS: SUPER STRENGTH, FLIGHT, SPEED

HISTORY: SHE IMMEDIATELY BECAME A TARGET OF EVERY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FROM THE LEGION OF JUSTICE TO "BLACK KNIGHT AND THE CASTOFFS." SHE AVOIDED JOINING ANY OF THEM. AS A RESULT, SHE BECAME THE TARGET OF MANY A VICIOUS RUMOR AIMED AT HER FICTITIOUS IMPROPRIETIES. SHE DENIES THEM, BUT HAS HINTED THAT MAYBE -- JUST MAYBE -- OCEAN KING KISSES LIKE A GUPPY.