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Supers: Heroes & Foes







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Introduction, 1965, 2015 and 2024

In the 1960s I was a huge fan of Marvel superhero comics and later tried to make my own superheroes using Marvel's formula.

Basically: Radiation + unlikely accident-> Super powers.

In 2015 I briefly did a joke about stupid superheroes based on my near 50 year old memories but much better heroes than 9 year old me did. These were about Drunk Man, Woman Man + others at Field Marshal Britain's secret nuclear lab and anyone living up to 50km downwind. I revisited this joke in 2024 as memes on my site and on stage in 2025 and 2026.





Field Marshal Britain



Origin: Bernard Montgomery super fan, Frederick Matthew Britain was injured by a runaway horse at the Trooping of the Colour and taken to hospital in a coma. When he awoke he saw F. M. Britain on the bed's whiteboard and decided he must be Field Marshal Britain, superb organiser.

Powers: He is now a superb organiser and obtained radioactive material for his "Secret" nuclear research lab.

Aims: Improve peaceful nuclear tech.

Weaknesses: Poor safety record means accidents at his lab made ½ our heroes.

Drunkman



Origin: Drank wine made from radioactive grapes grown downwind of Field Marshal Britain‘s lab. Why didn’t the radioactivity kill the yeast? Bear with me now, it’s a comic book, as a result of drinking this stuff he acquires the powers of … wine or more accurately someone who has had too much wine and became Drunkman.

Powers: When fighting criminals calls out “Hey you, come back here, I need to talk to you, wait, I need to talk, …” once they are hypnotised by his sway and monotone he stumbles into them and falls on them pinning them until help arrives .

Weaknesses: Occasionally sobers up for a few hours.

Cupcake



Origin: Retired pâtissière Tira Masu was delivering cupcakes to Britain Lab radiotherapy unit when a gamma ray beam was accidentally activated, turning her into Cupcake.

Powers: Produces irresistible pastries with so much sugar that villains go into a diabetic coma.

Weaknesses: Poor portion control requiring donating unused pastries to innocents.

Womanman



Origin: Originally a research scientist in Field Marshal Britain's nuclear research facility until the day when fighting a reactor meltdown she was badly gummed by a dying radioactive male lab assistant turning her into WomanMan.

Powers: The powers of a man including massive overconfidence and when the villains try to launch into long explanations of their plans she mansplains all the flaws so they just give up and surrender.

Weaknesses: Fails to admit her limits.

Manman



Origin: WomanMan's former research partner who was also bitten by the same radioactive lab assistant and became ManMan.

Powers: He's pretty crap really but takes all the credit for WomanMan's successes. He not only mansplains as well as WomanMan but constantly talks over the victims, villains & police. He does have a superpower being able to emit a hypersonic stream of urine that can cut steel, but we don't know how effective this is as he's yet to hit his target.

Weaknesses: Massive ego.

Laundress



Origin: Ran the laundry at Field Marshal Britain‘s secret research facility until one day some radioactive lab clothes arrived and she was splashed turning her into Laundress.

Powers: Hanging laundry outside on even the sunniest of days causes it to immediately start raining.

Weaknesses: Doesn’t trust driers.

Foes: Grease and Grime.

Leaf Rider



Origin: Autumn Fall was a gardener at Field Marshal Britain‘s power complex until a radioactive leak into a compost heap she was moving with a leaf blower turned her into Leaf Rider.

Powers: Can shrink to the size of a mouse & ride leaves on gentle breezes to silently creep up on villains.

Weaknesses: Strong winds blow her off course.

Dinosaur Lass



Origin: Another bite at Field Marshall Britain's lab, although how Sir David Attenborough became radioactive eludes me.

Powers: Reanimates dinosaurs to fight villains. Currently does infomercials promoting the Jurassic diet which has no fruit and everything tastes like chicken.

Weaknesses: Almost useless short arms.

Foes: The Asteroid.

Quantum Lass



Origin: Physicist Dr. Lana Quant was experimenting with quantum particles in Field Marshal Britain‘s secret atomic lab when an unstable particle accelerator split her into two identical beings! Now, as Quantum Lass, she exists in two places at once, battling crime and confusion in equal measure!

Weaknesses: Often becomes entangled.

Gets very confused and forgets where she is. Google Maps don’t help.

Doctor Doctor (Supervillian)



Origin: During radiotherapy at Britain Labs, an accident rendered Clinician Tim radioactive. Tim's bite gave him vast medical abilities.

Powers: Preventative medicine including hygiene, vaccines, antibiotics and other Big Pharma products.

Aims: To destroy the planet's ecosystem by ending childhood mortality and increasing human lifespans beyond Earth's carrying capacity.

Weaknesses: Funding cuts.

Foes: Antivax Mom, The Homeopath, Simeon Brown, Winston Peters & The Cookers.

Doctor Doctor (Hero)



Origin: During radiotherapy at Britain Labs, an accident rendered Tam, the clinician radioactive. A bite from Tam gave him vast medical abilities.

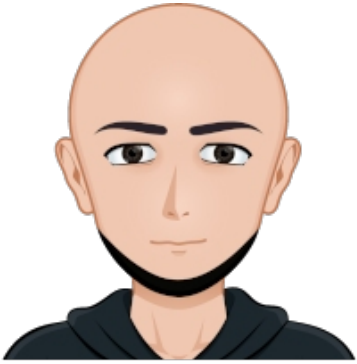
Powers: Cures patients with psychic hands. Tears vaccinate against all diseases. Bills can never be disputed.

Weaknesses: Credit Cards Declined.

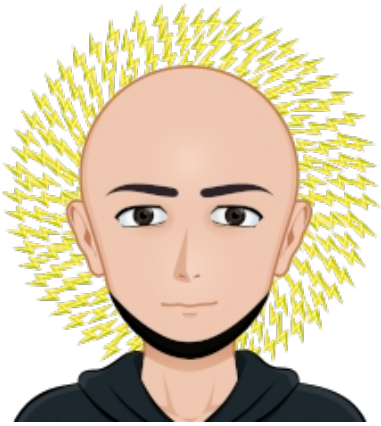
Foes: Pfizer, Science Based Medicine, Simeon Brown, Dozy Sleazemore and Pharmac.

Affiliates: Nurse Nurse, Receptionist Receptionist, and Cleaner Cleaner.

Virtueman



Origin: Multibillionaire Richie Silver decided to use his fortune for good.



Found it was too hard and now when villains do bad things he just sends thoughts and prayers.

Powers: As he’s super rich, the media his businesses advertise on love reporting his thoughts.

Captain Obvious



Origin: Mild-mannered librarian Olivia Point was struck by a mysterious beam from an alien spacecraft, granting her the power to state the obvious so emphatically that it leaves her enemies dumbfounded! She took on the name Captain Obvious, battling crime with truth and simplicity.

Powers: States the obvious to confuse enemies.

Weaknesses: Is completely oblivious to sarcasm.

DEATHman



Origin: In an attempt to reduce his workload, DEATH comes to Earth and battles people who ignore workplace and road safety rules.

Catchphrase: Quick Vulture, to the DEATHmobile.

Aims: Lower death rate.

Weaknesses: Contractually forbidden to resurrect clients.

Foes: Simeon Brown, Matt Doocey, Casey Costello & David Seymour.

Affiliates: Vulture