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The Suspects

Cron and his evil team of villains have been captured in the downtown area of this city. The Police Chief says they found details of a diabolical plan in their hands.

Humble as they are, no superhero has come forth to receive the praise for this, so it is our job to work out which one is responsible for this marvellous deed.

Web Man – I'm like those eight-legged creatures, except I am only feared by those on the wrong side of the law. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a webbed costume and a mask.

Wing Woman – I am a very practical lady. I do all my own mechanics and I am a technological genius. Sometimes I get myself in sticky situations, but I always end up the winner. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a feathered cape, a long dress and a mask.

Nightflier – With the aid of my infrared vehicle, I can see things at night that others can't see. I crusade for goodness. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a cape and a mask and tights.

Zada the Zombie slayer – I stop those who should be resting in their graves from prowling our streets and wrecking havoc on the undead. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a dazzling costume.

Squawk – I'm Nightflier's associate. I'm a technological whiz kid. Without my help, he wouldn't be as famous as his is. *Dress* suggestions: Wear a cape and a mask and tights.

Samurai Sally – I'm a Japanese warrior of great renown. I own seven very special blades and sometimes I have them all going at the same time and it's just like a fan. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a martial arts outfit and carry a large plastic blade of some sort.

Morrow – I'm the masked man from Monaco. I'm known throughout the world as the defeater of the evil-souled ones. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a suit with a black mask.

Geisha Warrior – I am Samurai Sally's constant assistant and friend. Don't let my demure looks fool you as to my abilities. *Dress* suggestions: Dress as a geisha in a long dress with a cumberbund. If you want, you can carry a parasol or a hand-fan.

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Steel Man – I am a possessor of incredible strength. I am the defeater of all who choose to do the wrong thing. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a flamboyant cape and tights and a mask. Add padding to give yourself lots of muscles.

Mighty Ms – I glide through the night sky with grace, elegance and skill, defeating all who dare to do wrong. I'm always the first to arrive at any crime scene. I'm a serious lady that no one is able to defeat. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a cape and tights and a mask.

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Optional investigator

Police Chief – I'm in charge of the Police in this city. Sometimes I admit I do call upon the super-heros for help, but not very often. And I didn't call them about this particular case. One of my guys was on his morning beat when he came upon the captured villains. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a uniform and carry a notebook and pen. Put some pillows under your clothes as you need to lose some weight. Optional witnesses

Wally – I run a cable store downtown. All of my clients are electricians and contractors. I know it sounds a bit boring, but I'm a people person so I enjoy it. But I am a bit overweight, so recently I have been taking some classes in an effort to get fitter and to lose some pounds. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a blue shirt and shorts like an ordinary working guy. Carry some electrical wire or tape.

Cron – I'm the leader of the captured criminals. I'm the mastermind behind our wonderful plan, which unfortunately was prematurely nipped in its bud. I'm a boilermaker by trade. *Dress suggestions:* Wear the kind of clothes that guys wear when they go to play cards with their friends. If you want, you can wear a welder's mask.

Louie – I'm the one who had the skills to put the plan into action. I'm a detonator and explosives expert by trade. *Dress suggestions:* Wear the kind of clothes that guys wear when they go to play cards with their friends. If you want, you can carry a black round thing that has fuse wire coming out of it.

Byron – I'm the financial expert in this team of villains. I know all these is to know about money and how to get your hands on it. *Dress suggestions:* Wear the kind of clothes that guys wear when they go to play cards with their friends. If you want, carry a wad of fake money.

The Superhero Mystery © copyright Merri Mysteries Inc. 2011 P: 1 www.merrimysteries.com **Taz** – I'm the technology and security wizard in the team. Working out a password is as easy as putting a key in a lock for me. *Dress suggestions:* Wear the kind of clothes that guys wear when they go to play cards with their friends. If you want, you can carry a computer tablet or small laptop.

The Nasal Nightmare – I can smell trouble. My sense of smell is so refined, that now that I am retired, I have to block my nose all the time just so I don't notice what's going on and so I can relax. *Dress suggestions:* Dress a bit like a superhero but add a nasal cap or a clothespin (peg) or put cotton wool in your nose to block the smell.

The Lunar Lamp – Whenever there is a full moon, my senses are heightened, so I can just sense when people are having evil thoughts. Now that I am retired, I try and put it out of my mind by watching action movies non-stop while the moon is full. *Dress suggestions:* **Dress a bit like a superhero but attach a picture of a full moon to your shirt. Carry a lamp or flashlight.**

Mr Invisible – I have a cloak that makes me invisible. Now that I am retired, I wear it reversed so it doesn't have that affect. *Dress suggestions:* Dress a bit like a superhero but wear a pretty dull looking cloak.

Snake Woman – I turn into a venomous snake when I am provoked and I am quick to attack. Now that I'm retired, I do a lot of yoga to keep calm. *Dress suggestions:* Wear yoga meditation clothes (eg with an Om on it) and carry a fake snake around your neck.

Lenny The Levitator – When I feel propelled into action, I have trouble keeping my feet on the ground, literally. Now I'm retired, I deliberately don't watch or read the news so I don't feel compelled to do something. This helps me keep grounded. *Dress suggestions:* Dress a bit like a superhero.

Isabel The Queen of Intuition – I can just sense what the future is going to be. Now that I'm retired, I have to keep telling myself that it's none of my business. What will be will be. I spend time in the tropics whenever I can, because that makes me mellow. *Dress suggestions:* Wear the clothes someone would wear on a tropical vacation (eg floral shirt).

The Superhero Mystery © copyright Merri Mysteries inc. 2011 P: 2 www.merrimysteries.com **Balloon Boy** – It's a bit silly being called a boy now that I'm old, but the names stuck with me. Whenever I am near bad guys, I can't help it but I just expand and expand. When I'm in the room with a bad guy, they often end up crushed against the walls. So now I'm retired, I stay away from trouble. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a few balloons under your shirt.

Speck – Whenever I needed to deal with criminals, I would just shrink till I was smaller than a fly. Then they couldn't see me moving in their midst. When the time was right, I'd expand back to normal size. Now I'm retired, I don't shrink much any more. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a spotted shirt and tell people you can shrink to the size of one of your spots.

The Water Queen – The waters are in my power. When I needed their help, I'd call them and huge waves would destroy the villain's boat as they tried to escape. Now that I am retired, I live in a desert so I'm not tempted to put my powers to work. *Dress suggestions:* Wear blue clothes and, if you want, carry a water pistol.

Fire Ball – I would destroy the evil ones by turning myself into a ball of fire. Generally they'd run and I'd herd them into Police custody rather than actually burning them. I'd just singe their hair a little. Now I'm retired, I live in a place where it rains all the time so I can't get up to mischief. *Dress suggestions:* Wear orange and red clothes. If you want, carry a fake battery run candle.

Lightening Linda – I exude bolts of energy when I'm enraged by injustice. When my bolts hit people, it's a bit like being hit by a taser. It stuns them and so I can tie them up. Now that I'm retired, I stay away from things and people that make me mad. *Dress suggestions:* Dress a bit like a superhero, but attach pictures of lightening bolts.

Thunder Wunder – People hear me rumbling when I'm angry. I get so loud, I'm actually deafening. People hold on to their eardrums and run. So now I'm retired, I do a lot of deep breathing to keep my anger in check. *Dress suggestions:* Wear yoga meditation clothes (eg with an Om on it).

Scorpion Woman – I turn into a scorpion when I am angry and I am quick to attack. Now that I'm retired, I do a lot of yoga to keep calm. *Dress suggestions:* Wear yoga meditation clothes (eg with an Om on it) and wear a fake scorpion or attach pictures of them to your clothes.

The Disguise Master – I am the master of deception. No one ever recognizes me and I have a myriad of costumes that I don. But now I am retired, I only wear a few of them. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a few disguises (eg fake moustache, wigs, fake teeth, dark glasses etc).

Name Tags

Web Man (suspect)

Wing Woman (suspect)

Nightflier (suspect)

Zada – The Zombie slayer (suspect)

Squawk (suspect)

Samurai Sally (suspect) Morrow–The Masked Man From Monaco (suspect)

Geisha Warrior (suspect)

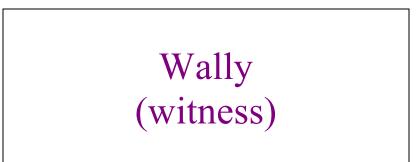
Steel Man (suspect)

Mighty Ms (suspect)

Investigator

Police Chief (investigator)

Witnesses







The Nasal Nightmare (witness)

The Lunar Lamp (witness)

Mr Invisible (witness)



Balloon Boy (witness)

Speck (witness)

The Water Queen (witness)

Fire Ball (witness)

Lightening Linda (witness)



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These are the:

Clues

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Clue page for the optional characters Print as many copies as you need. Staple a copy of their name tag here

What I can reveal

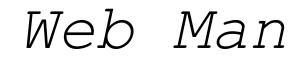
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What I need to do

1 Talk to everyone, not just the suspects & tell them what you know & find out what they know.

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What I can reveal

Because things were quiet on the crime scene, and as I often use my web as a trampoline, I decided to compete in a world trampolining competition.

We normally each managed crime in different cities, but the last few years all the major criminals seemed to cluster in this city so the authorities begged us to relocate to here.

What I need to do

- 1 *(if someone says that webs and nets are similar and asks if you were the one to throw the net to catch the villains, say this)* Yes. They are similar in appearance, but webs are far more dynamic. Webs are sticky and so they can bind whatever it is they seek to entangle.
- 2 *(if someone asks if it's true that you've solved a lot of crimes that involved ransom notes, say this)* Because I generally deal with the bigger crimes, they often involve plans and ransom notes and so on.
- 3 *(if someone asks if you have run out of web stuff, say this) No.* It's like the way a mother produces milk for her baby. It happens when it's needed.

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Wing Woman

What I can reveal

When there wasn't much crime recently, I just did my day job and I built myself a new high-speed vehicle in my garage.

I have a pretty close ear to the ground and I had never heard about this set of villains.

I can communicate with other feathered creatures. Sometimes I get a bit too involved in their problems rather than the ones of the human variety.

What I need to do

- 1 *(if someone asks if your expertise extend to nets, say this)* I'm sure I could advance the net technology if I applied my skills to it. But I can't say it's an area that really interests me.
- 2 *(if someone asks what you were up to last night when you flashed by them, say this)* I heard my fellow creatures of the night making lots of noise, so I was out investigating. But besides settling some minor territory disputes, I didn't get up to much.

Extra clues

You should put these 95 clues on the clue pages for the witnesses and investigators. Please make sure they are all given out.
I heard that a few months ago, things were really quiet on the crime scene and all the superheros were taking their vacations.
The Police said these villains came to the city a few years ago but they've been lying low.
<i>(say to Mighty Ms)</i> Mighty Ms – I know you can fly but would you be strong enough to lift a heavy net like the one brought down on the criminals?
<i>(say to Morrow)</i> Morrow – because you're a masked man, we don't know anything about your family background. How did your family make the money to allow you to roam around just doing good deeds?
(say to Zada) Zada – have you ever dealt with any criminals? Or do you just deal with zombies?
(say to Web Man) Web Man – webs and nets are similar. Maybe you were the one to throw the net to catch these villains?
<i>(say to Samurai Sally)</i> Samurai Sally – normally when you meet with villains you use your fancy blade-work to your advantage. Has this ever not been the case?
<i>(say to Nightflier)</i> Nightflier – this was a daytime capture. Normally you operate more at night when your ability to see in the dark gives you an advantage.
<i>(say to Wing Woman)</i> Wing Woman – you said you just built yourself a high-speed vehicle. So you must be a technology and mechanical whiz. Does your expertise extend to nets?
<i>(say to Steel Man)</i> Steel Man – would you say that your strength is your main asset?