

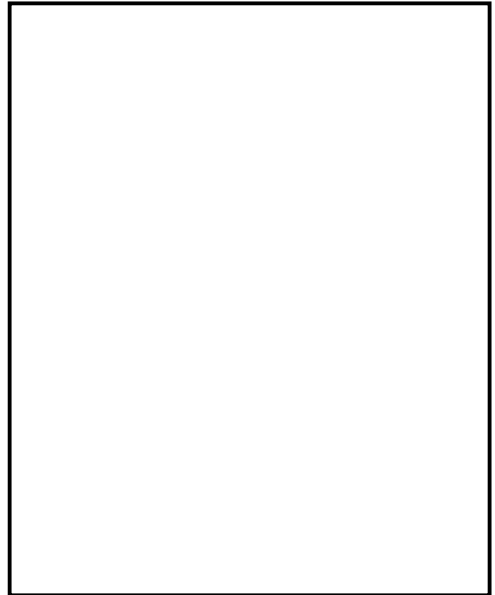
# Thermonuclear Man

**Real name:** Lyle Lanley

**Born:** Boston, 1972.

**Height/Weight:** 186 cm, 93 kg (6' 1", 205 lbs.).

**Background:** Lyle moved to Montreal at the tender age of 16, where he drew from the wild card deck and gained his potent power. While at first he used it to commit crimes, in 1992 he was reformed and recruited by the Watchmen, and he now fights crime (with incredible zeal).



## Traits

**Wild Card Ability:** Lyle has the unusual ability to cause his own body parts to violently explode. Fortunately, the rest of him doesn't have to be present when this happens. As a result, he keeps his hair and nail clippings, and then throws them at his enemies as grenades. His fresh blood samples are capable of demolishing buildings. If he *really* wanted to, Lyle could blow up his entire body at once, which scientists estimate would create an explosion equivalent to several megatons of TNT... hence Lyle's stage name. (Carries clipping pouches on his belt.)

**Bashing Heads:** Lyle has had a lot of experience smashing people with his bare hands, chairs, baseball bats, etc. He's worked as a bouncer, a bail bondsman, a security guard... He could have become a cop if his psych profile hadn't indicated such a strong tendency toward violence. (Muscular, seems taller than he really is.)

**Throwing Stuff:** A lifetime of hanging around in bars has made Lyle proficient in the use of all kinds of throwable items: darts, beer mugs, chairs, people, etc. Today he mostly uses his throwing skills to lob the clipping pouches he keeps at his waist. (Has big strong hands and fingers.)

## Flaw

**Terrible Actor:** Lyle thinks he's a great thespian, but he's actually one of the worst actors alive. Fortunately for his ego, most people are too afraid of him to tell this to his face. (Liable to try terrible voice impressions.)

## Secret

Lyle was born in Boston with the name Henry Smith. He left his home because he had inadvertently mugged some local mobsters. When he found out who they were (and that they knew who he was), Lyle changed his name and moved to Montreal in the hopes of escaping retribution. His violent streak is in part a result of his fear at getting discovered.

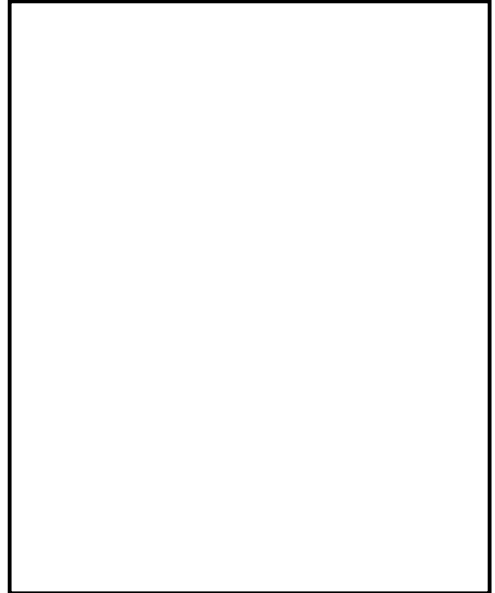
# Whipping Boy

**Real name:** Jeremiah Huntington

**Born:** Montreal, 1982.

**Height/Weight:** 177 cm, 66 kg (5'10", 145 lbs.).

**Background:** The youngest member of the Watchmen, Jerry grew up as a homeless street urchin in downtown Montreal. Eventually fed up with all the drugs and corruption he saw, he decided to use his ace power to do something to stop it. He worked independently as a vigilante until he was recruited by Tom Summers in 1999.



## Traits

**Wild Card Ability:** By touching someone, Jerry can crown that person his “prince” (or “princess”), and then any damage that person receives is transferred to Jerry instead! Fortunately, any damage Jerry experiences in this way is quickly regenerated. Jerry can only crown one person at a time, and even though he is never permanently injured by his prince’s transferred injuries, he still experiences a lot of pain. (Never lets his prince out his sight.)

**Breaking and Entering:** Living on the streets has taught Jerry more than a few tricks on how to get into places undetected. This mostly means getting into cars and houses, but he’s occasionally found his way into high-security buildings. His experience includes disabling simple alarm systems. (Carries a crowbar, a screwdriver and a pair of pliers.)

**Streetwise:** Jerry knows his way around the back streets of Montreal, and has numerous contacts in the underworld. If a Watchman needs quiet medical attention, a place to fence goods, etc. the odds are not only that Jerry knows who can help, but that they owe him a favor... (Seems to know half the people he passes on the street.)

## Flaw

**Outcast:** Jerry has grown up his entire life as an outcast. He has trouble feeling accepted, and is likely to overreact towards any criticism. People often underestimate him because of his youth and appearance. (Spends a lot of his time trying to prove he’s not “just a punk kid”.)

## Secret

Most people find it hard to believe that with Jerry’s background and connections, he’s not on drugs. Indeed, Jerry does his best to convince others that he’s drug free in order to boost his reputation. In fact, Jerry is addicted to several drugs, including cocaine and pain killers. However, he has enough presence of mind to only use them when nobody’s looking.

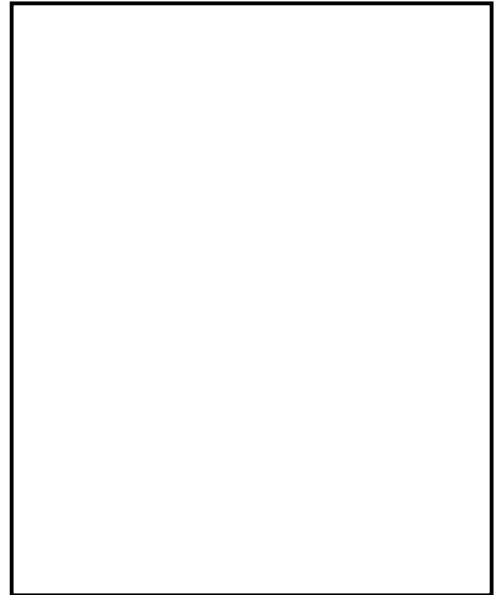
# The Blank

**Real name:** Jane Doe

**Born:** Earth, late 1900s.

**Height/Weight:** 170 cm, 54 kg (5'7", 119 lbs.).

**Background:** Nothing is known about Jane's early life, and she's not the type to ruin the suspense by telling anyone. It's assumed that when her ace power manifested, she left her home, and erased all official records of herself. In 1990 she co-founded the Watchmen along with Tom Summers. Since then she's been an active member.



## Traits

**Wild Card Ability:** Jane makes the expression "out of sight, out of mind" literally true. If she leaves someone's sight for more than a few minutes, they completely forget about her. After a few weeks of seeing her daily, someone can vaguely remember her as an acquaintance. It takes months before someone will actually be able to remember her name. All of the Watchmen have known her for long enough to be able to remember her. (Dresses conservatively in a business skirt so as not to attract undue attention.)

**Stealth:** Taking advantage of her ace power, Jane has become an expert at hiding from people. While she practices mostly at keeping out of sight, she can also move very quietly when necessary. (Stays exceptionally still when not moving, walks silently.)

**Security Systems:** Jane is an accomplished computer cracker, and has broken into numerous high-security websites in the past. She can also do a decent job of disabling electronic alarm systems. (Carries a laptop and miniature electronic toolkit in her briefcase.)

## Flaw

**Overconfident:** Jane honestly thinks that she's a much better spy than she really is. The fact that there are seldom any consequences to her actions hasn't helped to smarten her up. When in stressful situations she'll often throw caution to the wind and try to single-handedly fix the situation. ("Bye gang, I'm going to the Evil Brotherhood's bunker to seduce their leader and steal all their secret plans. I'll be back by lunch.")

## Secret

Jane Doe was born an ordinary farmer's girl in Alberta. She's horrified at how normal and uninteresting she was, and so maintains an air of mystery now to make herself feel cool. Her overconfidence arises from her desperate attempts to prove to herself and others that she's special.

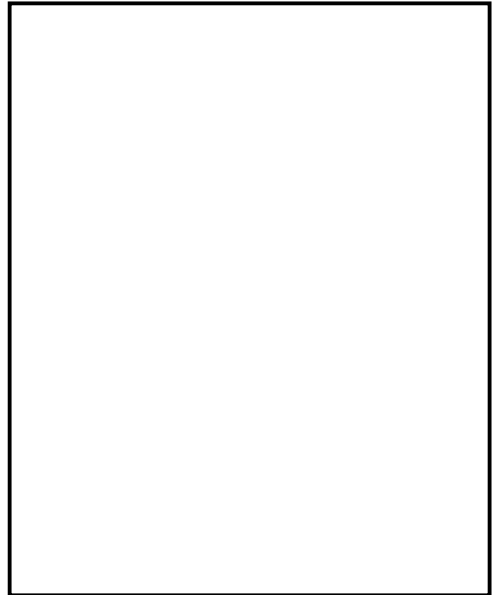
# Strange Person

**Real name:** Stephanie Strange

**Born:** Montreal, 1980.

**Height/Weight:** 166 cm, 48 kg (5'5", 106 lbs.).

**Background:** Born in the West Island of Montreal, Stephanie always wanted to be a super-heroine when she grew up. Her parents tried to discourage her from what they considered a pipe-dream. When her dream came true and she drew an ace, she immediately joined the Watchmen, much to the chagrin of her parents.



## Traits

**Wild Card Ability:** Stephanie has the ability to transmute matter. She can even bring temporary life to non-living things. She's been known to use her power to animate grass, change lawnmowers into giant caterpillars, transform firearms into stuffed turkeys and change people into lizard-men. Stephanie can use her power up to 4 times per session, with the effects of each use lasting several hours. (Has strange boil on the back of her neck.)

**Lifeguard:** Stephanie has completed her National Lifeguard course, which gives her extensive knowledge of first aid, including: Artificial respiration, CPR, the Heimlich maneuver, and dealing with injuries, fractures and head trauma. She evidently knows how to swim quite well. (Always helps the injured, carries a well-stocked first aid kit.)

**Science:** A voracious mind combined with good education has given Stephanie a lot of general science knowledge. Her specialty is biology, but she still knows a lot of basic math, physics and chemistry. (Speaks intelligently, isn't afraid to use "big" words.)

## Flaw

**Honest:** Stephanie couldn't tell a lie if her life depended on it. She can't even lie for silly things! For example: if she were to pick up the phone and the caller asked for Tom, and Tom said "I'm not here", Stephanie would respond to the caller "He says he's not here." Seriously. (Almost never lies. Her face goes beet red and she stutters horribly when she actually tries.)

## Secret

Stephanie is actually a closet bisexual. Fortunately for her, nobody's ever actually asked her a direct question about her sexuality, so she's never had to deal with the problem of trying to answer. Stephanie is afraid that if she told her friends and family the truth, it would make them feel uncomfortable around her. However, as a result of her reluctance to reveal her true nature, Stephanie sometimes finds herself acting silly around attractive women (like The Blank).

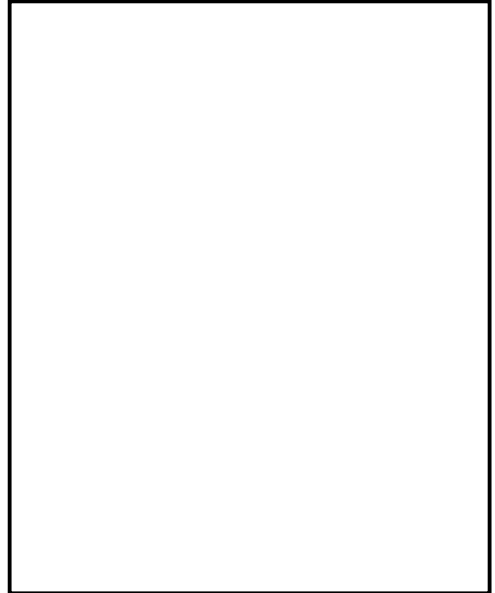
# Mr. Coincidence

**Real name:** Tom Summers

**Born:** San Diego, 1953.

**Height/Weight:** 183 cm, 80 kg (6'0", 176 lbs.).

**Background:** A five-time lottery winner, for most of his life Tom thought that he was just *really* lucky, until a chance encounter with reporter Digger Downs revealed that he was an ace. After some serious litigation, the courts decided that he could keep his wealth, but that he would never again play the lottery. Co-founder of the Watchmen and all around nice guy, Tom provides most of the money that keeps the organization going.



## Traits

**Wild Card Ability:** Tom has the ability to alter probability in his locality, thus making extremely unlikely things (like winning the lottery) likely. His power is limited to creating the mundane, so he can't mimic any of the flashier powers (flight, super-strength, etc.) of other aces. Typical uses of his power include causing lightning or meteors to strike objects, making people trip at inconvenient times, and causing firearms to jam. Smart people stay away from black cats, ladders or broken mirrors while Mr. Coincidence is around, as Tom has an interesting sense of humor. Tom can use his power up to 6 times per session, although creating very unlikely events will count as two or more uses. (Seems incredibly lucky.)

**Trivia Knowledge:** Tom has accumulated a lifetime of trivia regarding a plethora of subjects. He's appeared several times on Celebrity Jeopardy, and the organizers of the Canadian version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire didn't even want him near their set. (Knows unusual trivia.)

**Manipulation:** Tom is a natural at subtly manipulating people without their knowledge. He usually uses this ability in a positive way, to help him lead others. He's good at solving disputes between people, and can often get his way during arguments. His ability also makes him exceptional at stage magic, which he sometimes performs for charity. (Soothing voice and mannerisms.)

## Flaw

**Pacifist:** Tom is totally unwilling to physically harm other human beings, he considers it barbaric. In fact, he frowns on harming animals too. How does he manage to apprehend criminals, you might ask? Sometimes they just happen to accidentally trip into a straight jacket. Hey, these things happen! (Strict vegetarian.)

## Secret

While Tom claims that he's a pacifist for ethical reasons, the real reason is that he has terrible hemophobia (fear of blood). Just seeing a drop of blood will make him turn green around the gills, and the very thought of eating meat turns his stomach. So much for super-heroes being fearless crusaders, huh?

# The Incredible Bulk

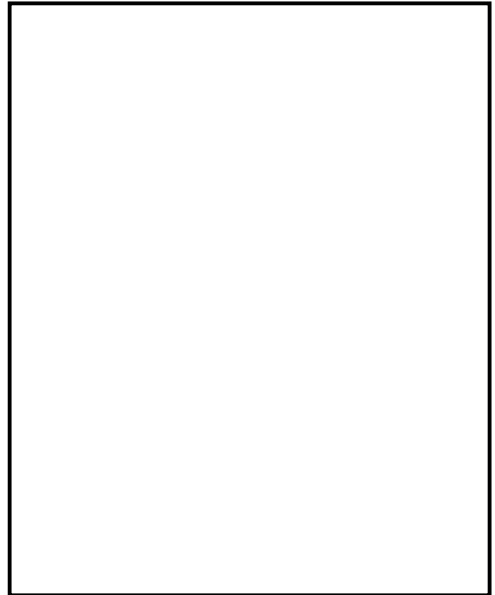
**Real name:** Buffy Burdock

**Born:** Ottawa, 1972.

**Height/Weight:** 171 cm, 67 kg (5'7", 147 lbs.)

**in Bulk Form:** 250 cm, 200 kg (8'2", 440 lbs.).

**Background:** When she was a child, the other children would tease her that she was fat. She was never actually obese, just a little on the heavy side. One day in high-school a boy who was making fun of her received her backhand... and went flying through a wall. Buffy soon moved to Montreal and was eventually recruited by the Watchmen.



## Traits

**Wild Card Ability:** When she gets angry, Buffy increases about 50% in height and 200% in bulk, and she becomes extraordinarily strong and tough. While in her alternate form, Buffy can bend steel bars and lift cars over her head. Oh, and sticks and stones *don't* break her bones. In fact, bullets tend to bounce off of her too. (When angry, turns into a huge, powerful woman. She wears a large mumu, as ordinary clothing would tear to pieces during her transformation.)

**Mindless Destruction:** Buffy is nearly as good as a certain super-hero (who shall remain nameless :-)) at racking up an incredible bill for destruction of property. However, it doesn't stop there. She can and does smash people too, especially men that smirk at her. She's got a lot of anger you see, and it finds its outlet in her Incredible Bulk form. (Grins evilly on occasion.)

**Driving:** Buffy's particular passion is driving fast cars. She's quite good at it too, and she's saved the Watchmen's bacon many times during high-speed chases with ace villains. Of course, she's also accumulated her fair share of speeding tickets. Male police are especially careful to be *very* polite to her. (Owns a Dodge Viper.)

## Flaw

**Ultra-Feminist:** A lifetime of having men tease her about her weight has hardened her heart, and convinced her that women are superior to men. She generally won't accept help from men, sneers when talking to them, and will often bitch about their need for control, their selfishness, their fragile egos, etc. (Regularly goes to Women Empowerment seminars.)

## Secret

Buffy secretly agrees with those boys who used to tease her... she thinks she's fat. Buffy often goes on long diets, and then binges when she can't stand it any longer, something that actually contributes to her *gaining* weight. She wastes a lot of her money on fly-by-night deals that offer the latest limited-time-only weight loss pills. She has tons of exercise equipment in her basement that she never even uses.