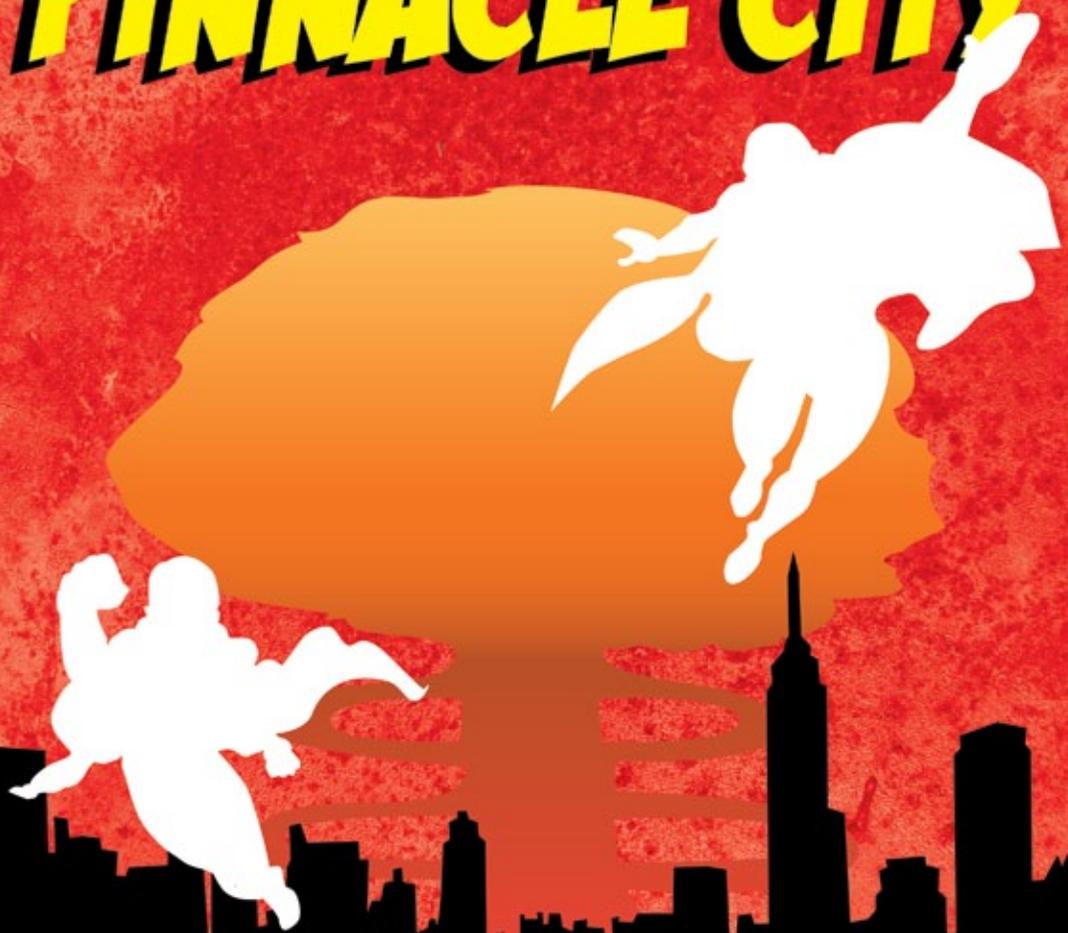


HEROES OF PINNACLE CITY



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"When you play, play *hard*." - Theodore Roosevelt

THE SCORE

THE WORLD TEETERS...

...on the brink of disaster! Madmen with doomsday devices, countless alien races poised to invade, meddlesome time-travellers, inter-dimensional conquerors, vampires in government, and demons in coffee shops. The superpowered heroes of Pinnacle City are all that stands between the earth and total annihilation. Now if only they would do something about it instead of arguing with each other and hiding behind their secret identities.

Pinnacle City is the center of heroism, villainy, politics and catastrophe. Hardly a day passes without someone holding the city ransom or blowing up a large portion of it. Maybe you're a hero trying to have a normal life while keeping the world safe. Maybe you're an official trying to make those damned heroes get over their egos and petty squabbling and help, or to expose them for what they really are. Perhaps you're the villain with his finger on the button, poised to show the world what you're capable of. Or, just maybe, you're an ordinary citizen caught in the middle of it all.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Incredibles, Mystery Men, Megamind, Watchmen, the Avengers, and many other more traditional superhero movies (check your local listings).

VALIANT HEROES TAKE NOTE

It might be that you're a mundane guy with no special abilities. If so, awesome! But if your character is a hero or villain with special powers, gadgets, whatever, it's helpful to nail down what they are as you create your character. (And you can always retcon powers if you need to—Superman does it all the time!)

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 ALLIES!

- ◻ Mentor and apprentice
- ◻◻ “Equals” on the “team”
- ◻◻◻ Forced alliance
- ◻◻◻ Leader and overly ambitious second-in-command
- ◻◻◻ “You have to fix everything he breaks”
- ◻◻◻ ...despite hideously mismatched powers

2 RIVALS!

- ◻ Righteous defender and arch-nemesis
- ◻◻ Champions of incompatible forms of justice
- ◻◻◻ Competing for the same prize
- ◻◻◻ “There can be only one”
- ◻◻◻ Quarreling siblings
- ◻◻◻ Vigilante and by-the-book

3 SECRET IDENTITIES!

- ◻ Office co-workers
- ◻◻ Hero/villain and the reporter obsessed with true identity
- ◻◻◻ Mundane best friends, masked mortal enemies
- ◻◻◻ You love them, but they only love the mask
- ◻◻◻ You know each other’s darkest secret
- ◻◻◻ They know your true identity and use it as leverage

4 ROMANCE!

- Lovers on opposite sides of the law
- ◐ Soon to be married (this time for sure)
- ◑ “I can’t—my superpowers would kill you.”
- ◒ Mundane rivals, masked lovers
- ◓ “How many times are you going to stand me up?”
- ◔ You remember, they don’t—time travel makes you sad

5 ORIGIN STORIES!

- “At last! Another one like me!”
- ◐ Dimensional doppelgangers, or maybe just regular old clones
- ◑ Amnesiac and the only one who knows the truth
- ◒ “Our paths have crossed over the centuries”
- ◓ “You made me what I am today!”
- ◔ Parent and unknown progeny

6 THE GOVERNMENT!

- Scientist and experiment
- ◐ President and advisor
- ◑ Military leader and personal security
- ◒ Heroes of warring states
- ◓ Powerful Senator and focal point of her crusade
- ◔ Pinnacle City’s Mayor and the Lord of Crime

...IN PINNACLE CITY

NEEDS...

1 TO CONQUER THE WORLD...

- ...so that you can be Emperor
- ...and then destroy this miserable rock
- ...and bring about eternal peace
- ...and hand it over to your extraterrestrial masters
- ...to show them exactly how “useless” you really are
- ...to add it to your collection

2 TO GET LAID...

- ...to prove that you’re still human
- ...to continue your species
- ...to make them jealous
- ...because you have damn well earned it
- ...to misdirect their well-founded suspicion
- ...to shake off all the horror and angst

3 TO ESCAPE...

- ...back to your own world
- ...before the League of Supervillains figures out what you did
- ...and go back to being a normal person
- ...from the evil forces that control your actions
- ...from this life of crime
- ...before your terrible mistake kills you like it killed them

4 TO SAVE THE DAY...

- ...and atone for past failures
- ...so the suffering ends with you
- ◐ ...so they'll celebrate you like the hero you are
- ◑ ...because this is your cross to bear
- ◒ ...because this? Right here? It's all your fault
- ◓ ...so they'll finally admit your genius

5 TO GET REVENGE...

- ...for trapping you in that hell dimension that one time
- ...against the small minds that called you a monster
- ◐ ...for hurting the people you loved
- ◑ ...for taking away the only thing that ever mattered
- ◒ ...for keeping you from your rightful reward all these years
- ◓ ...for humiliating you in your moment of triumph

6 TO FIND OUT...

- ...where she went, and why
- ...what really happened at Fairweather
- ◐ ...who is under that magnificent mask
- ◑ ...what it is you've forgotten
- ◒ ...whether he's worthy of your love
- ◓ ...who will be your new sidekick

...IN PINNACLE CITY

LOCATIONS...

1 EXOTIC

- Tsiolkovsky Crater, far side of the Moon
- ◻ Summit of Mt. Everest
- ◻ Experimental space station Fairweather-1
- ◻ An alien world in a distant galaxy
- ◻ Forgotten monastery
- ◻ Geothermally-heated jungle valley in Antarctica

2 FAMOUS

- Eiffel Tower
- ◻ Pyramids of Giza
- ◻ White House lawn
- ◻ United Nations building, New York
- ◻ US-Atlantis Memorial Peace Atoll
- ◻ Sydney Opera House

3 BORING

- High-rise apartment
- ◻ Suburban home
- ◻ Swanky party at Fairweather Industries
- ◻ Pinnacle City Panthercats football stadium
- ◻ The sewers beneath Pinnacle City
- ◻ Top Grind coffee shop

4 HEADQUARTERS

- ◻ Mid-Atlantic Ridge, 100km north of Krafla, Iceland
- ◻ L5 position, Earth orbit
- ◻ Family mansion in Pinnacleton
- ◻ Tallest skyscraper in Pinnacle City
- ◻ Remote crystalline stronghold, undisclosed location
- ◻ Inside Mt. Elbert, Colorado

5 FOUR COLOR

- ◻ “My news organization is not incredibly biased!”
- ◻ “This lab may be lightly guarded, but it is well funded!”
- ◻ “Escape? From this super-prison? Impossible!”
- ◻ “It may be illegal and we may be obvious, but the weapons still get made.”
- ◻ “Some people call me criminal, but I still throw a hell of a party!”
- ◻ “This abandoned theme park gives me the creeps!”

6 PRECARIOUSLY PERCHED...

- ◻ ...on the slippery edge of a high-rise rooftop
- ◻ ...at the lip of an erupting volcano, again
- ◻ ...on top of a speeding train, airplane, or trainplane
- ◻ ...in orbit, soon to plummet to Earth!
- ◻ ...on the blood-slick deck of a sinking ship
- ◻ ...in the path of a tsunami

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OBJECTS...

1 NEW TECHNOLOGY

- Source of limitless, free energy
- ◻ Source of superpowers
- ◻ Fairweather Goliath-9, the first sentient computer
- ◻ Ancient alien artifact, just unearthed
- ◻ 30,000 robot civil servants, ready to be activated by the Mayor
- ◻ Mind control ray with unpleasant side effects

2 TRANSPORT

- [Cool name here] mobile
- ◻ Spaceship
- ◻ Time machine
- ◻ Armored truck
- ◻ Flying fortress
- ◻ Jet pack

3 DEVASTATION

- Falling meteor!
- ◻ Nuclear bomb!
- ◻ Super virus!
- ◻ Self-replicating nanobots!
- ◻ Andromedan brain slugs!
- ◻ Giantest monster ever

4 WEAPONRY

- ◻ • Prototype freeze ray, never tested until now
- ◻ ◦ Super strength ring
- ◻ ◦ Calcinator death ray
- ◻ ◦◦ Federal court injunction
- ◻ ◦◦ Their only weakness
- ◻ ◦◦◦ The most powerful laser ever built, ever

5 PUZZLE PIECES

- ◻ • Encrypted data containing their true identity
- ◻ ◦ Final component of the doomsday device
- ◻ ◦ Antidote, but not enough
- ◻ ◦◦ Bank account numbers in the Caymans
- ◻ ◦◦ Super truth serum
- ◻ ◦◦◦ Key to other-dimensional portal

6 OMINOUS

- ◻ • Mask, cape and lacy underwear
- ◻ ◦ Mayor's corpse
- ◻ ◦ Weaponized accordion
- ◻ ◦◦ Statuette inscribed with ancient, evil glyphs
- ◻ ◦◦ Sealed beaker of green, glowing sludge
- ◻ ◦◦◦ Abraham Lincoln's still-living brain

...IN PINNACLE CITY

A SERIOUSLY SUPER INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS IN PINNACLE CITY

For three players...

- * Rivals: "There can be only one"
- * Romance: Soon to be married (this time for sure)
- * Allies despite hideously mismatched powers

For four players, add...

- * Government: Pinnacle City's Mayor and the Lord of Crime

For five players, add...

- * Secret Identities: You know each other's darkest secret

NEEDS IN PINNACLE CITY

For three players...

- * ...To get revenge for humiliating you in your moment of triumph

For four or five players, add...

- * ...To escape before the League of Supervillains figures out what you did

OBJECTS IN PINNACLE CITY

For three or four players...

- * Devastation: Nuclear bomb!

For five players, add...

- * Ominous: Mayor's corpse

LOCATIONS IN PINNACLE CITY

For three, four or five players...

- * Headquarters: Family mansion in Pinnacleton