

SCANDY SUNSHINE



**THE SOBERING
TRUTH**



**Following a
mysterious flash of light,
ancient Egyptians discovered
a rock so powerful, they created an
amulet that allowed them to manipulate
its powers. This amulet was handed down
from generation to generation to be used for good.
There are others who have learned of the amulet's
powers who seek it for their own selfish desires.**

**Currently, the amulet is in the hands of the righteous.
Should it fall into the wrong hands, it could lead
to the destruction of us all.**

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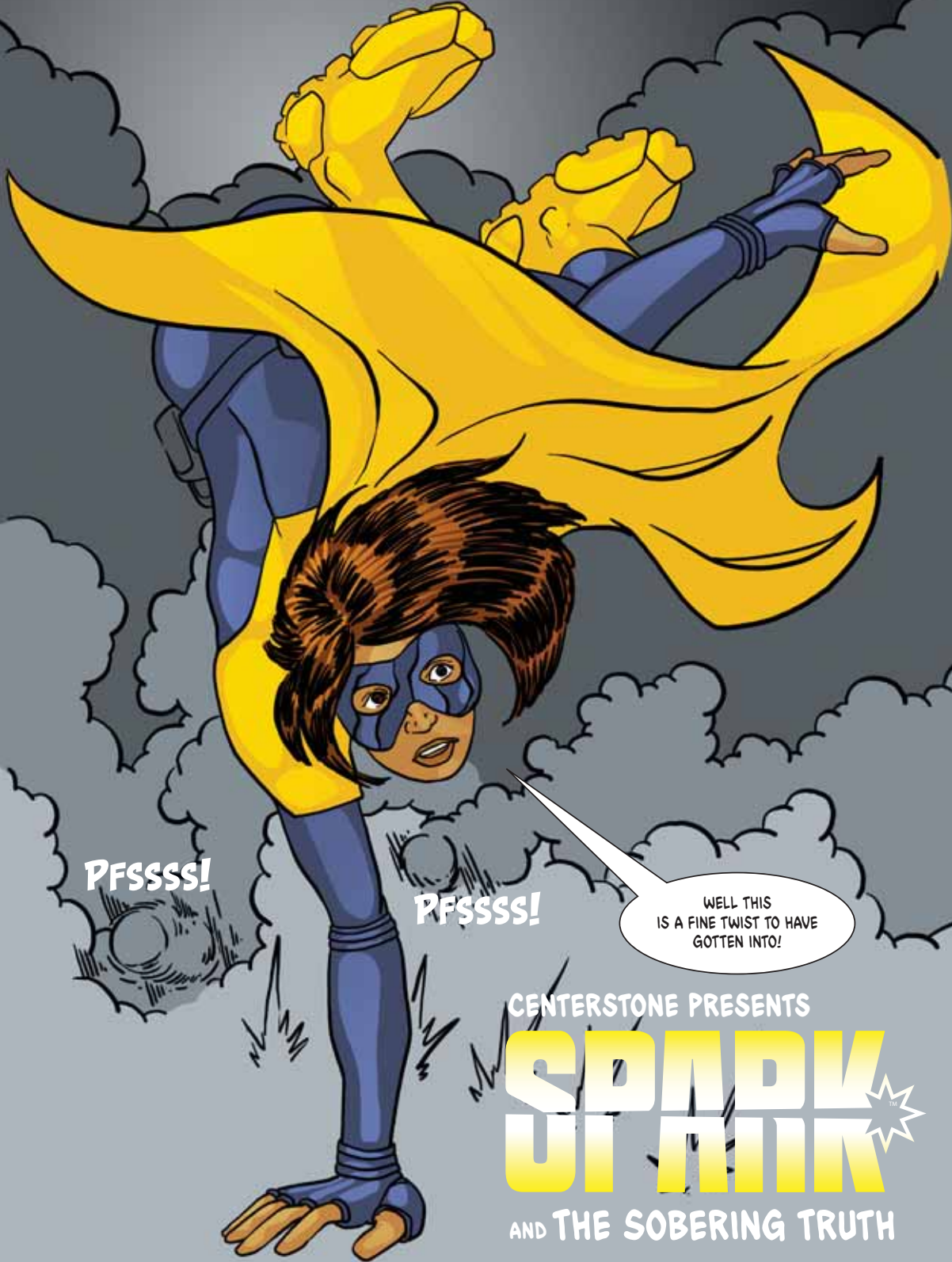
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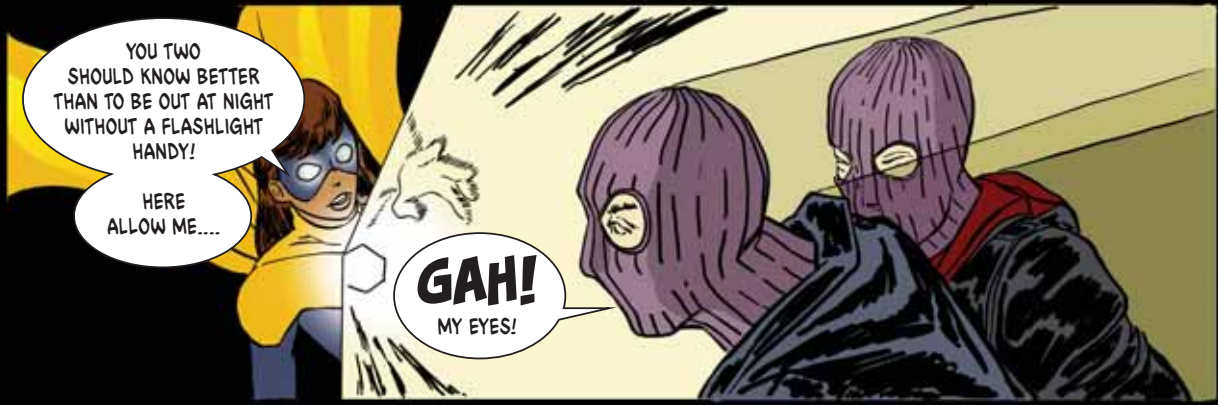


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WELL THIS IS A FINE TWIST TO HAVE GOTTEN INTO!

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SPAWN
OUT RISK
AND THE SOBERING TRUTH



YOU TWO SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO BE OUT AT NIGHT WITHOUT A FLASHLIGHT HANDY!

HERE ALLOW ME....

GAH!
MY EYES!



COME AT ME, YA LITTLE LIGHTNING BUG! I'LL SWAT YOU DOWN AND LAUGH WHILE YOU CRY ABOUT IT!

I DON'T NEED TO SEE TO TAKE YOU DOWN!



WHAT NOW SPARKLES? YOU GOT NO FLASHY GEMSTONE ON YOUR BACK, HAH!



DON'T NEED ONE...

OOF!

THWAP!



HONESTLY,
IT'S BEEN A REAL *KICK*
GETTING TO KNOW
YOU GUYS!

BHUD!



ALRIGHT!
WHO DO WE HAVE
NEXT?!



AWWWWW.
THEY JUST FELL
RIGHT OVER.



YES. 911
DISPATCH? I'D LIKE TO
REPORT AN ATTEMPTED
ROBBERY.

TEK!

**CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!**



WHY
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU VERY
MUCH!



WOW!
THAT WAS PRETTY
AMAZING!

THANKS AGAIN.
IT'S PRETTY MUCH
WHAT I DO.



LISTEN. MY
NAME IS RODNEY...AND
I'D BE THE MOST POPULAR
GUY IN SCHOOL IF YOU WOULD
GO TO A PARTY WITH ME
THIS WEEKEND?



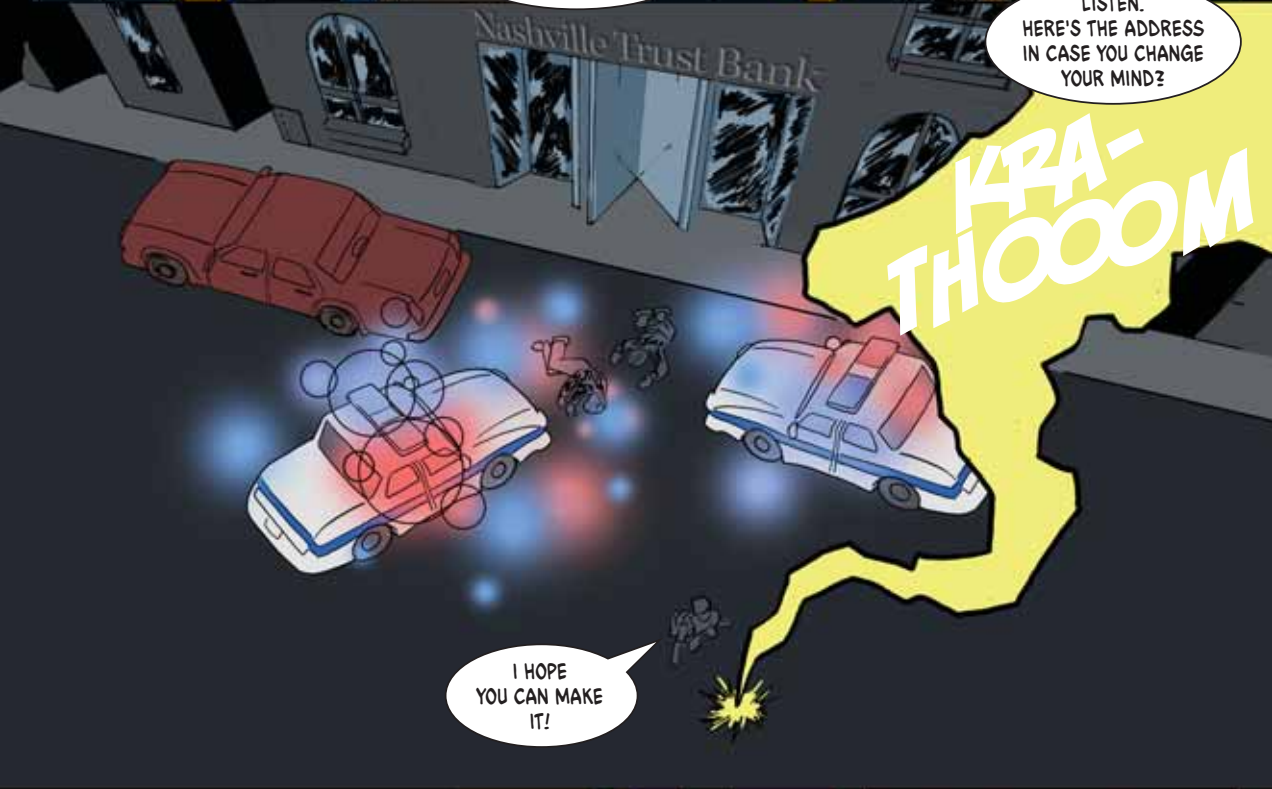
HAH!
NO WAY AM I GOING TO BLOW MY COVER FOR SOME PARTY

IT SOUNDS REALLY FUN, BUT I COULDN'T TAKE THE RISK OF...

NO!
YOU COULD COME AS YOU... COME AS SPARK!

YOU SURE?
IT'LL HAVE COOL MUSIC AND LOTSA KIDS.

LISTEN.
HERE'S THE ADDRESS IN CASE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?



I HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!

KRA-THOOOM

MINUTES LATER AT HER HOUSE



WHY NOT?



I DESERVE TO HAVE SOME FUN. WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?



MALL
144 MADON
8:00 pm
MY HOUSE

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

ROONEY

I'LL DO IT.

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT....

NEXT THING Y'KNOW, SHE HAD KNOCKED THEM BOTH OUT....

KRA-THOOOM

SURE THING RODNEY. WHATEVER YOU SAY.

YOU MADE IT! YOU CAME!

SHE'S HERE! SPARK SHOWED UP!

OH MAN. I THOUGHT THIS WAS A PARTY FOR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS?

HMMM....I WANT THESE KIDS TO LIKE ME AND ALL...BUT I'M SPARK. I CAN'T BREAK THE LAW.

HEY SPARK? WANT A BEER?

C'MON SPARK.... IT'LL HELP YOU RELAX. I'M SURE YOU'RE UNDER A LOT OF STRESS.

WELL....

WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?



WHOOO
HOOOOOO!

...AND THEN I
HAD TO COME UP
WITH A NAME OF COURSE.
NOT. AN EASY. THING. TO DO.
Y'KNOW? *HIC*



FIRSHTLY I...I
THOUGHT "ZAPPY" OR....
"THE ZAPSTER" OR SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...BUT NAHHHH.
HIC



...THEN BAM! IT HIT ME!
SPARK!
SPARK....LIKE THE LIGHTNING AND
ELECTRI...ELECTRICITYSM AND
STUFF, Y'KNOW?



YOU
GUYS ARE SO
AWESOME!



HEY, WE'RE HAVING A GREAT TIME, RIGHT?



I'M NOT REALLY SURE...I GUESS SO.



I MEAN, I THINK I'M HAVING FUN. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE, AND THE MUSIC IS GOOD.

BUT I'M FEELING KINDA WEIRD....



YOUR BEER CUP IS EMPTY, IS ALL. HERE'S A FRESH ONE FOR YOU



I'M NOT SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA.



C'MON. IT'LL GIVE YOU A SECOND WIND.



OH! WHAT'S THE SAYING? "BEER BEFORE LIQUOR-- NEVER SICKER"?

NO, THAT'S NOT IT..."BEER BEFORE LIQUOR NEVER FEAR"?

OH MAN. MY JUDGEMENT ISN'T WHAT IT SHOULD BE.



HEY SPARK!

COME OVER HERE! SHOW US SOME MOVES! IT'LL MAKE A GREAT PICTURE FOR THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

"NEWSPAPER...?"

" I CAN'T BE IN THE NEWSPAPER LIKE THIS. "



NO. IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.

YOU LOOK GREAT!

NOW SHOW US SOME OF THOSE SUPERHERO MOVES!

ALRIGHT... WATCH OUT ...FOR SOME LIGHTNIN'!
HIC



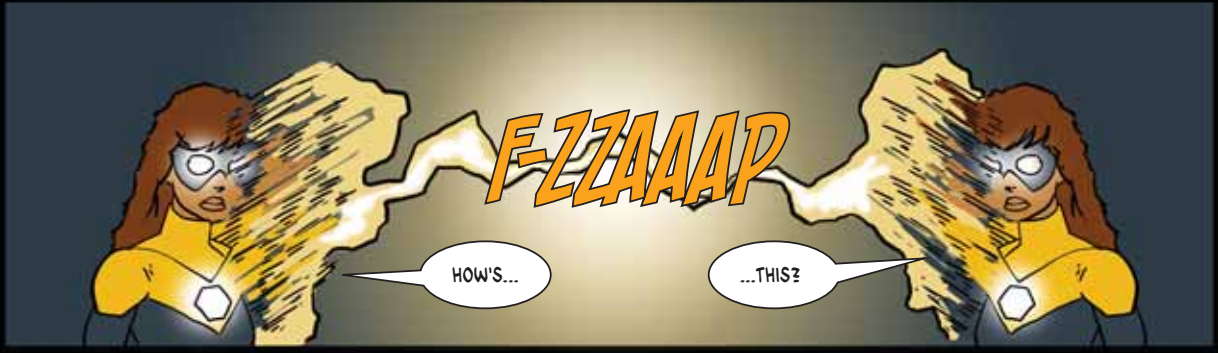
DOING GREAT!
LET'S SEE SOME TELEPORTING!





DO IT!
YEAH!

SHOW US
HOW YOU CAN ZAP
YOURSELF PLACE TO
PLACE!



F-ZZAAAP

HOW'S...

...THIS?



THAT WAS SO
COOL!

AWWW THAT
WAS TOO EASY! SHOW US
HOW YOU WOULD SURPRISE
SOME CRIMINALS!

OKAY. ONE MORE I
GUESS....I'M STARTING
TO FEEL A BIT....
WOOZY.



ZIIIIZZZZLE
**KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK**

HEY
EVERYONE!

THAT WAS
AMAZING!



HEY...I'M NOT
FEELING TOO HOT. I
THINK I MAY NEED
TO TAKE A SEAT...

WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?! YOU
LOOK GREAT!



WELL I
DEFINITELY DON'T
FEEL GREAT....

I FEEL LIKE I'M
GONNA....

OH MAN!



WHOA.....YOU DONT
LOOK SO HOT THERE
SPARK.



SECOND
WIND, HUH?

NOW LET'S SEE
WHO YOU REALLY
ARE.....



WHA..?!
AMBER...?!



YEAH BUT
IT HAPPENS TO EVERYBODY
SOMETIME.

"AMBER WATT
IS
SPARK!"

HUH?
OH NO! MY MASK!
HOW COULD I BE SO
CARELESS?!

AMBER
IS SPARK!

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IS SPARK!

WOW!
THIS WILL MAKE A GREAT
LEAD STORY IN THE
SCHOOL PAPER

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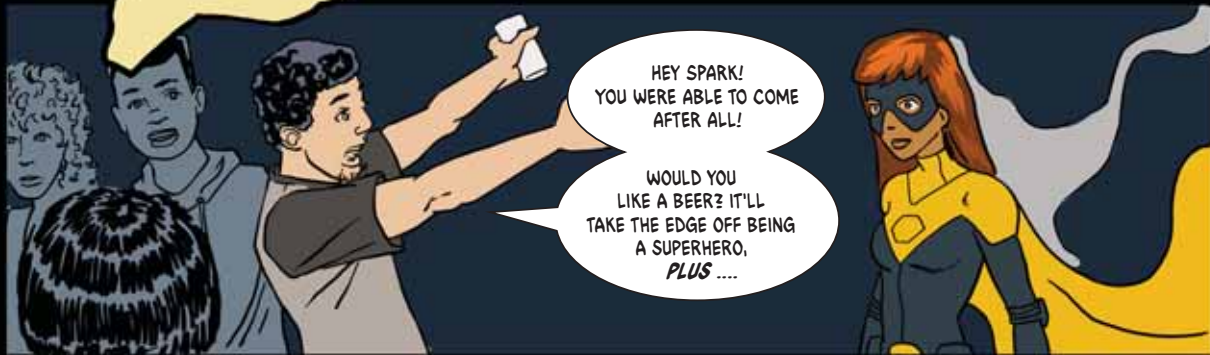
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LATER THAT NIGHT




HEY SPARK!
YOU WERE ABLE TO COME
AFTER ALL!

WOULD YOU
LIKE A BEER? IT'LL
TAKE THE EDGE OFF BEING
A SUPERHERO,
PLUS

.....IT'LL GIVE US
A CHANCE TO GET
TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER A
LITTLE BETTER....

I'M GOOD,
THANKS.



IN FACT....
NONE OF YOU GUYS SHOULD
BE DRINKING SINCE YOU'RE ALL
IN HIGH SCHOOL!




WHA' TH'

HEY!
MY BEER'S
GONE!



HEY!
WATCH IT!



CONSIDER
YOURSELVES VERY
LUCKY....

IT'S USUALLY
MORE THAN A DAY IN
COURT FOR UNDERAGE
DRINKING.

**KA-
THOOM**

WHOA MAN!
LOOK IT'S THE
COPS!

THEY WOULD
HAVE SEEN US DRINKING
FOR SURE, IF NOT FOR
SPARK!



WHAT
WERE WE
THINKING?

THAT WAS TOO CLOSE.



GUESS I
KNOW WHAT THE NEXT
LEAD STORY FOR THE
PAPER WILL BE....



I
WONDER WHO
SHE REALLY IS UNDER
THAT MASK?



AT A STORE ACROSS TOWN.

1 Stop Spot



ZAP!



MEANWHILE...

ACROSS TOWN



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