

# ***SUPERCHARGED!***

## ***PLAYER INFO PACKET***

### ***PATRIOT***

In 1990, Patriot burst onto the Boston superhero scene, taking over the defense of the city.

Patriot has no innate superpowers, but his regimen of intense martial arts training has given him the strength, durability, and agility to defeat supervillain after supervillain. (Partway through his career, he added a power-belt for super-jumping, built by inventor Leonard Wolfe.)

In the last two decades, Patriot closed the Red Line Rift that was causing subway trains to vanish, ended the Damn Yankee's 86-year curse upon the city, stopped the Mole-Men from collapsing the Big Dig and turning downtown into a giant sinkhole, and protected New England in countless other ways.



### ***PATRIOT'S ALLIES***

#### **Lance Patterson**

The wealthy head of Patterson Industries, who agreed to host tonight's meeting at his Arlington mansion. Lance looks suspiciously like Patriot, now that you think of it, but most people don't seem to notice this.

Lance lives with his nephew Nicky and his spinster aunt June.

#### **The Liberty Kid**

Patriot's young sidekick for the last few years. His powers -- strong fists, quick reflexes, and durability -- are similar to Patriot's, if not quite as developed.

#### **Nicky Patterson**

Lance's young nephew, taken under Lance's wing when the villain Silencer destroyed the Colonial Opera House in 2008, killing Nicky's parents. Nicky looks suspiciously like the Liberty Kid.





## Artemis

A bow-wielding huntress and top-notch tracker who has operated in the Boston area for nearly 20 years. She typically works alone, but has teamed up with Patriot in the past, such as when they kept the villain Magpie from making off with Vermeer that Magpie stole from the Gardner Museum.

## Captain Saturn

An alien from “Dimension-S”, an alternate dimension where sentient life evolved on the moons of Saturn and where the dominant life on Earth is still dinosaurs. He was the captain of an explorer ship heading to Earth to study its giant lizards when the engine malfunctioned and tore

open a dimensional hole; his escape-pod went through the rift, and he crash-landed on our Earth, in Boston Harbor. When the media approached him, he said he was a “captain from Saturn”, and the name “Captain Saturn” stuck.

As a Saturnian, he has the innate powers of super-strength and the ability to create fields of heat and cold. His travel through the dimensional hole means he can sometimes create short-duration connections between dimensions.



## Professor Avery

Professor Avery was once a genetic researcher who developed the Avery Autosomal Activator, a device that could activate latent super-genes. She used the Activator to create the superheroes Amethyst and Antidote, but when Antidote turned evil (becoming the villain Ant-Agonist), she devoted herself instead to teaching others how to use their powers responsibly. She founded the Arlington Academy for Talented Youth, which the public believes is just a private school, but which secretly trains teenaged superheroes. “Professor A”, as she is known to her students, continues to serve as the school’s Dean.



## Amethyst

When Professor Avery’s Avery Autosomal Activator changed Amethyst’s genes, her skin turned to purple stone, giving her incredible endurance, super-strength, and even the power of flight. She once worked with a partner -- the insectoid Antidote -- until he turned into the villain Ant-Agonist and became her rival instead. Last year, Ant-Agonist fought her on the Longfellow Bridge, paralyzed her with insect toxins, and threw her into the waters of the Charles River, where she vanished, presumed dead.





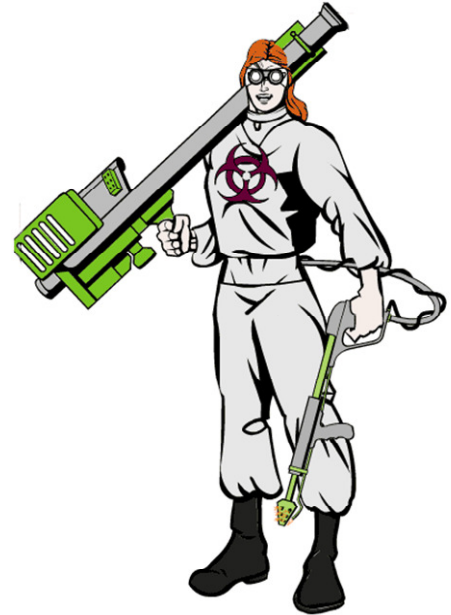
## The Bees

A band of hiveminded heroes who were once biologists studying colony collapse disorder, until one of their number set genetically-modified bees loose on her colleagues. She became the villain Queen Bee, with the others her thralls, until she was defeated by Patriot. The liberated Bees became a hero team, individually not strong but able to work in concert.

## PATRIOT'S FOES

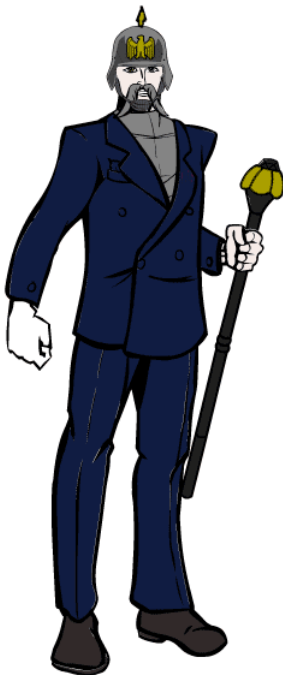
### Dr. Sinister

Expelled from MIT for unethical experiments, he bestowed upon himself the title of "doctor" he had been denied and embarked on several increasingly insane plots to take over the world -- mutagens in a reservoir, a Frankenstein-monster, an army of robots, and most recently, human-sized hyper-intelligent rats. He holds the record for greatest number of successful escapes from Winthrop Asylum.



### the Iron Chancellor

The Iron Chancellor was a German sailor in World War I who was frozen in an iceberg after a North Sea collision. Thawing out in the 1960s, he saw a world changed, a world he views as chaotic and needing control and order -- a control he intends to supply. He founded (and in the leader of) MENACE, the Masterminds' Evil Network for Acquiring Control of Earth, a supervillain league with a changing roster that currently includes at least Shadow Dragon.



### the Fool

The court jester of King Oberon (king of the Faerie Folk), this otherworldly prankster cannot be harmed by normal means, so he pops up periodically to annoy and vex Patriot until the hero can outwit him and force him to return to his magical homeland.





## Captain Corsair

The pirate-king of Massachusetts Bay has been a thorn in the side of shipping lanes and landlubbers alike, stealing cargoes from captured shipping containers and plundering prizes from the buildings along Boston Harbor. In 2011, he set loose a powerful storm-machine to confound the ships he preyed on; the winds played havoc in New England, sending tornadoes into central Massachusetts and slamming Boston with a freak October blizzard. Patriot and his allies were eventually able to stop the storm-machine, but only with great difficulty.

## Lady Hades

A femme-fatale vixen with the ability to project fire, she found Patriot and his allies annoying impediments to her attempts to accumulate wealth and power (by more expedient methods than climbing a corporate ladder). She therefore fled to Anti-Earth, a dystopian alternate dimension where evil reigns, which she expected would be more to her liking.



## Gladiatrix

Mystically imbued with the might and battle-lust of the Roman gladiators, Rome's greatest fighters, she vanquished many of Europe's best (among them France's le Renard Rouge, Russia's Bolshoi, England's Gloriana, and Switzerland's Crossbowman) before getting bored with the Old World's champions and returning to Boston to challenge the Hub's heroes.

## Mystic Reaver

Some say she is an exile from Faerieland, others that the glowing ruby around her throat grants her mystical powers. She appears to bear a particular grudge against Boston, since almost all of her villainous plots have sought to literally or figuratively undermine the city. She is usually described as a "figure in a long flowing cloak," and the curses she casts are the stuff of nightmares.





## Shadow Dragon

The leader of the Fists of the Dragon, a ninja clan gone international, who serve as assassins and agents in all manner of criminal enterprises. The Shadow Dragon is their leader, imbued with mystical powers that let him move in silence and strike unseen.

## Ant-Agonist

Ant-Agonist was once the hero Antidote, created through Professor Avery's genetic device known as the Avery Autosomal Activator. He served with his partner Amethyst, but where she was beautiful and charming, he grew to resent his six-armed figure and chitinous skin, and turned evil. Amethyst became his rival, and last year he paralyzed her with his insect toxins and flung her from the Longfellow Bridge.



## Brainstorm

They say he had a human body once, but now Brainstorm is only a brain in a neuropsychic helmet, attaching himself to host bodies and puppeting them to work his will. So far, he has only been able to control one human body at a time...but there is a rumor he was behind the stampeding of the animals at the Stoneham Zoo. Animal brains are less complex than human brains -- might Brainstorm be "training up" to new and even more horrific feats?

## the Silencer

Her hypersensitive hearing gave her keen powers of observation, but also made her resent anything that creates high volumes, sending her into a career of arson and destruction. She was captured by Patriot in 2009 and sent to prison, where she still resides... as far as you know.







## Mr. Mundane

A figure dressed entirely in drab gray, his face a blank, little is known of Mr. Mundane except his antipathy to all magic and magical creatures. He takes every opportunity to level attacks on Faerieland, its denizens in this dimension, and superheroes exhibiting mystically-granted powers. Rumor has it that Mr. Mundane has somehow rendered himself immune to direct magical attack.

## Magpie

Boston's foremost "gentleman burglar" of the early 1990s, a villain focused more on stealing high art and jewelry than acquiring power or committing violence. He has not been seen since 1995, when Patriot and Artemis stopped him from stealing a Vermeer from the Gardner Museum; Artemis got him to

drop the painting with an arrow through the arm, but Magpie was able to outrun a pursuing Patriot and escape by using a flying-suit. (Patriot's inability to pursue into the air drove him to acquire his power-belt.)



## OTHER INFORMATION



## UNISON

The United Nations Intelligence and Security Operations Network monitors super-crimes, paranormal phenomena, and extraterrestrial events across the globe. Reportedly, they have recently been reaching out to superheroes and considering assembling an international super-team to combat global super-level threats.

## Previous Boston-based superheroes

Patriot was not the first to assume responsibility for defense of the city. From the mid-1970s through her disappearance in 1989, the winged heroine Falcon-Girl (along with her sidekick Skylark) was the city's foremost hero. And back during World War II, the superheroes Nor'easter, the Riveter, and the duo Watch and Ward defended the New England homefront, while the superhero team "The League of Liberty" fought Nazi Germany's super-powered "Übermensch" in Europe.

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