

BECOMING SUPER

"Issue One"

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EXT. CHICAGO DOWNTOWN (VARIOUS) - DAY

- **ROAD...** An electric bike speeds down the road. SAWYER (30s, the type of person who tells the waiter that's not what you ordered before you even notice), blows on a whistle loudly at a KID staring at the sky.

- **SKY...** A stream of light speeds across the sky. Is it a bird? A plane? An asteroid coming to kill all mankind?

KID (O.S.)
It's Queen Amazing!!

QUEEN AMAZING (30s, Black Wonder Woman who's loved by all), flies across the sky then dives into a cluster of shapeless shadows.

THE BOOGEYMAN (40s, oozing Spanish charm even during a battle) surfs across the sky on a materialized shadow surfboard with a heavy, duffle bag across his shoulder.

He raises his empty arm and ten shadows rise from the ground up into the air. Each shadow forms a faceless body and circles around Queen Amazing.

Queen Amazing breaks through the shadows toward The Boogeyman at the speed of light. They collide, then BAM! He plummets toward the ground.

- **ROAD...** Sawyer pulls down her goggles and pushes a red button on her bike. Two bowling bumpers extend from the bike and form a 'V' shape plow covering the front wheel.

An OBLIVIOUS MAN is knocked over by the bumpers, completely unaware that he was almost killed by falling debris.

SAWYER
Sorry! Saving lives here!

OBLIVIOUS MAN
Watch where you're going!

SAWYER
It's for your own safety! Butthead.

- **FLOUR CHILD BAKERY...** The Boogeyman crawls from the rubble of a now demolished bakery. Sawyer screeches to a halt.

SAWYER (CONT'D)
Dang it! I finally got enough
reward points for a free cookie.

- **THE CHICAGO BEAN...** The Boogeyman puts his hand out as sunshine collects into his palm, then FLASH! It turns into a shadow body that hurls the Chicago Bean toward Queen Amazing.

- **SKY...** Queen Amazing deflects the Bean sending it crashing into a skyscraper.

SAWYER (CONT'D)
Beans are flying! Like someone
after Taco Bell...

Queen Amazing taps her ear revealing a headset piece.

QUEEN AMAZING
Hardly the time, Sawyer.

SAWYER (O.S.)
What?! Heads up, falling building!

- **THE FOUNTAIN...** PEOPLE scatter as the skyscraper breaks in half and plummets down. Queen Amazing's eyes glow as laser beams shoot out, incinerating pieces of the falling building -

Too late! A piece crushes a MAN's legs.

QUEEN AMAZING
Crap.

CRUSHED LEGS MAN (O.S.)
I still love you Queen Amazing!

SAWYER
I have a plan! Do you trust me?

QUEEN AMAZING
...fine.

Sawyer licks her fingers and moves her hands in the air like she is conducting an orchestra.

SAWYER
(to self)
Thirty-five degrees tilt. Bronze
tree statue. No light from the sun
equals he's powerless...
(then to Queen Amazing)
Okay! Here's what you gotta do -

- **SKY...** Queen Amazing nods then flies to the skyscraper and pulls it 35 degrees left blocking the sun from The Boogeyman.

SAWYER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(on radio)
Great! No sun means no shadows.

Queen Amazing shoots lasers at a bronze tree statue that falls toward the ground.

- **DOWNTOWN...** Sawyer throws a small bug-shaped bomb at a giant umbrella just as the tree sculpture lands around The Boogeyman trapping him in the iron branches. Sawyer runs over and covers the sun from The Boogeyman with the umbrella.

SAWYER (CONT'D)
Trapped like a bug in a jar.

Queen Amazing puts the building down and lands by Sawyer.

SAWYER (CONT'D)
Told ya it would work. Always does.

A CROWD gathers around Queen Amazing.

EXT. CHICAGO DOWNTOWN - 30 MINUTES LATER

Sawyer adjusts her weight, still holding the umbrella. A fence holds back a CROWD of The Boogeyman fans, BOOGIE-GROUPIES. They have signs that read: "You can have my blood anytime!" or "Come live under my bed!" and "I love a Baddie!"

The Boogeyman sits unbothered with a smoldering smile.

BOOGIE-GROUPIE
Make me Mrs. Boogeyman!

A Boogie-Groupie waves a Tupperware full of red liquid, that looks a lot like blood, which spills on two groupies squished next to her. They freeze in shock and disgust.

A few feet away, Queen Amazing is giving a press conference.

REPORTER
How'd you catch the elusive Baddie?

BOOGIE-GROUPIE (O.S.)
And what a catch he is!

QUEEN AMAZING
It's not just my name, I am
actually amazing.

Queen Amazing holds a roll of toilet paper toward the camera.

QUEEN AMAZING (CONT'D)
And don't forget to buy some Queen
Amazing's Toilet Paper! So your
butt can feel amazing.

She winks, then takes off into the air as the crowd cheers.

The SPECIAL FORCES TEAM, the Defender's cop force who look like they work a Disneyland ride, take control of the scene.

THE BOOGEYMAN (O.S.)
Interesting how she didn't give you
any credit.

The Boogeyman, now inches from Sawyer is giving Pedro Pascal vibes, wraps his fingers around the branches that trap him.

SAWYER
It happens...often. But, whatever.
That's the life of a sidekick.

THE BOOGEYMAN
She couldn't have done it without
you. Didn't even thank you.

He looks her up and down.

THE BOOGEYMAN (CONT'D)
The first time I've been
caught...and it was by you.

SAWYER
I...we had to catch the bad guy.

He looks at his red hands, the mark of the Baddies League.

THE BOOGEYMAN
It does look like they marked me a
villain, but are you certain I am?

He winks at her as the Special Forces Team pulls up their van, puts a black-out cover over him, and loads him in.

THE BOOGEYMAN (CONT'D)
I'll keep my eye on you...

As they load him in, Sawyer turns to a GUY eating a hotdog.

SAWYER
You! Do you think she could have
done it without me?

GUY
Shut up, Normie. You're just a
sidekick.

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