

What are the five most ridiculous superheroes ever written?

What is it about superheroes that make them such an enduring component within our nation's pop culture? Could it be the subconscious desire that we harbor deep down that the world is fair? Or, do we wish that we could live our lives as they do theirs?

Regardless of the reason, we remain fixated upon the idea of superhuman beings working for the good of mankind, as well as the heinous super villains that accompany them. But the creation of inspirational heroes doesn't always go smoothly. Sometimes it takes a few tries to create a character that sticks. For every iconic hero, there are a great many mediocre ones, and a select few that are simply ridiculous. This time, it will be the positively uninspirational heroes that take the spotlight, as we count down the top five dumbest superheroes.

5) Wild Dog: A former college hockey player, Wild

Dog turned Vigilante after witnessing the death of his mafia princess girlfriend. He



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has no powers whatsoever, and fights criminals by just shooting them. Not only this, but he does this in- wait for it- his old hockey mask and jersey. I have exactly three problems with this comic: for one, since when does shooting a person make you a hero, much less a super hero, even if they are criminals? I mean, at least Batman had that handy utility belt to help him out instead of a gun. In my book, shooting people just makes you a murderer. Also, if you wear a hockey jersey while you perform your "heroic" deeds, aren't you pretty much advertising your identity to the world? You would think that this would eliminate the need for the use of any costume whatsoever. Lastly, add a chainsaw to the whole hockey masked killer situation and you've got a recipe for a first rate slasher flick, not a

superhero comic.

4) Razorback: Razorback is the comic book world's answer to the minotaur, as his disguise literally consists of an elaborate pig mask and what is pretty much just a pair of colorful full body spandex. He is extremely strong, but not inhumanely so. His only superpower is that he can intuitively pilot any vehicle, an ability that coincides with his day job: a trucker. Honestly, the funniest (and also most disturbing) part of the entire series is the idea of a spandex wearing pig in a big rig. Otherwise, it's just a lot of fight scenes consisting of really terrible bacon puns, when Razorback isn't fighting off long stretches of boredom-inducing road travel.

3) Skate man: this series is one of those that was obviously predestined to fail. The plot revolves around Billy Moon, a Vietnam vet and roller derby player who moonlights as a crime fighter. To be perfectly honest, I had no idea that guys did roller derby, but if dudes want to beat each other down in a roller rink while wearing scandalous pinup outfits, then all the more power to them. Beyond this, his only attempt

at a disguise is a scarf that he keeps wrapped around his face. Fortunately, the series was short lived, with the second and final issue consisting of Skate man's death by head injury (he fell down a flight of stairs, which, if you've ever attempted to climb a flight of stairs in roller-skates, is a reasonable cause of death).

2) Chlorophyll kid: Chlorophyll kid, AKA Ral Benem from the planet Mardu, comes in at #2 of the dumbest superhero countdown, despite the fact that his superhero is probably the best on this list. (Which to be fair isn't really saying much) Chlorophyll kid has the power to grow and control plants, including their vines and roots. The thing that makes Chlorophyll kid most ridiculous isn't his actual power, but his costume. It looks like a cross between a minstrel outfit and a cabbage patch baby tunic. Add to this the fact that he carries a leafy branch that he uses to channel his powers and the fact that he looks like a husky Will Ferrell, and it becomes nearly impossible to take this hero seriously.

1) Arm-Fall-Off kid: Need I say more?