HERE COMES THE FURY!

Animated. Action-adventure. Pilot.

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"The Fury vs. Neon Skull"

INT. KANESVILLE MALL - ORANGE THING JUICE STAND

The sign on the juice stand reads, "Orange Thing Juice; It's Squeezin' Time!"

DANIELLE MILLER (16-years-old, tomboyish and freckled) dressed in her juice stand employee uniform, which is festooned in plastic orange slices, holds a tray of juice samples.

SUPER: DANIELLE MILLER, 16-YEARS OLD, FORMER SUPERHERO SIDEKICK, CURRENT JUICE STAND EMPLOYEE.

CODY MATTHEWS (17-years-old, all-American nice guy) sits behind the kiosk in an outfit like Danielle's.

SUPER: CODY MATTHEWS. KANESVILLE HIGH QUARTERBACK. RATING: LOW-KEY HUMBLE.

CODY

Samples are a pretty big deal. Not a responsibility to be taken lightly.

A SENIOR CITIZEN takes a sample of juice off of Danielle's tray.

DANIELLE

Uh, I'm grateful for the job and everything, but it's not exactly saving lives.

The Senior Citizen SPITS OUT juice all over Danielle.

SENIOR CITIZEN

It's too spicy!

DANIELLE

(Shocked)

Why? Also, what?

Cody tosses Danielle a hand towel. She cleans herself off.

CODY

We provide a valuable service to our senior community; delivering their much-needed vitamins in delicious liquid form. We're practically superheroes. Complete with cool costumes and everything. DANTELLE

(nervously laughing)

If being a superhero means being covered in old-people-juice-spit, then count me out. Am I right? I'm probably right. Let's stop talking about it. It's stupid. Whatever.

CODY

Oh come on! Who doesn't fantasize about being a superhero? Fighting for justice?

Danielle bites her lip.

SUPER: (A big arrow points to Danielle with text that reads;
'DYING INSIDE')

CODY (CONT'D)

Battling super villains? Even just being a sidekick! Like, imagine hanging out with The Night Falcon? How cool would that be? That new Sparrow is so lucky.

Danielle shrugs her shoulders while gritting her teeth.

DANIELLE

(with all her might)
If. You. Say. So.

Cody leans against the kiosk.

CODY

'Course we don't ever get any real superheroes in Kanesville. It's not like super villains are just dropping out of the sky around here.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. KANESVILLE PLAINVIEW MALL - ARTRIUM - CONTINUOUS

EMILY "EM" EDMONDS (16-years-old, nervous, nerdy, quirky) is desperately trying to get VALERIE VICKUS' (16-years-old, long-legged and dressed in faux-rock hipster fatigues) attention.

SUPER: "EMILY EDMONDS. NICKNAME: "EM". FUN FACT: SMARTEST KID IN SCHOOL.

EMILY

Hey so I was thinking since you're here and I'm here, we could hang out in a way where I'm not helping you study?

SUPER: "VALERIE VICKUS. POPULARITY RATING: (5 out of 5 stars). FUN FACT: THIS GIRL SUCKS AS A PERSON."

VALERIE

Oh, Millie--

EMILY

Emily.

VALERIE

We only hang out at times when you can do my homework. How do I put this? You know how there are friends with benefits? You're a friend with a benefit. Understand?

Emily looks heart-broken.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

I only come to you when I need to pass a class, just like how when I need face-cream made from cruelty free lotus petals, I come to this boring, boring mall where nothing cool ever happens... ever.

CRASH! The atrium's glass ceiling SHATTERS and a masked supervillian, NEON SKULL (covered head-to-toe in a black combat suit, sporting a pink neon skull on a faceless helmet) floats down, suspended in mid-air by VICIOUS STATIC ELECTRICITY.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

Hm. Okay maybe forget everything I just said. No, wait-- just the last thing.

BACK AT THE JUICE STAND...

CODY

Holy-- Okay literally forget the last thing I just said.

Danielle clenches her fist.

DANIELLE

(playing dumb)

Who's that?

CODY

I don't know and I don't care. Let's show him Kanesville doesn't stand for super villains. You in?

DANIELLE

What? No. It's-- it's too dangerous. This is a job for the pros.

All eyes are on Neon Skull. He has the full attention of all the teenaged mall goers.

NEON SKULL

Citizens of Kanesville, the revolution has begun!

BACK AT THE JUICE STAND...

CODY

Well I don't see any pros around here, which means we've got to do something.

DANTELLE

No it doesn't. No we don't.

BACK AT THE ATTRIUM...

TEENAGER #1

Whoa! An actual super villain!

TEENAGER #2

He's all glow-y.

TEENAGER #1

Yo, glow-y dude! What's your name?

NEON SKULL

Fools! Tremble before the Neon Skull!

SUPER: "NEON SKULL. VILLAIN RATING: (2 out of 5 stars)"

The teenagers all shrug and go back to looking at their smartphones.

TEENAGER #1

Never heard of him.

TEENAGER #2

Dumb name.

Neon Skull grows visibly frustrated.

NEON SKULL

You will know me...

He clenches his fist and shakes as electricity builds around him until..

NEON SKULL (CONT'D)

You will all know my power!

BACK AT THE JUICE STAND...

CODY

(to Danielle)

Look, you might not see yourself as a hero. But I've spent my entire life looking up to people like the Night Falcon. He taught me that if you can help, you have to help. So you can stay, but I'm going.

Cody hands Danielle his orange-branded head piece and turns his back to her, ready to head off..

Danielle subtly CHOPS Cody in his collar bone. Cody instantly passes out. Danielle catches him before he hits the floor.

DANIELLE

Sorry big guy. I know you mean well, but it's for your own good.

Danielle turns her attention to Neon Skull.

DANIELLE (CONT'D)

Plus this guy hasn't hurt anyone, yet...

CA-CHOW! Lash-like electric tendrils WHIP through the mall, tearing through walls and narrowly missing civilian bystanders. The teenagers change their tune. That was scary.

Danielle clenches her fist tighter.

She looks to a clothing store window and again SEES HERSELF AS HER FORMER ALTER EGO, THE SPARROW.

She's clenching her fist so hard she's shaking.

A tendril whip cuts through a wall near Emily, who narrowly misses being hit by debris.

It's Danielle's breaking point.

SERIES OF SHOTS:

-Danielle's hand pulls a leather jacket and hoodie out of the 'Lost-and-Found' bin

-A package for an "Authentic Sparrow Replica Mask" flies off a shelf.

-Danielle's hand smacks money down on a counter.

END SERIES OF SHOTS:

Neon Skull continues to hurl electric tendrils through the mall, terrorizing the bystanders. One tendril LASHES DIRECTLY TOWARDS EMILY.

DANIELLE (O.S.) (CONT'D) Heads up, Sparky!

The Neon Skull turns around just in time to see...

THWAK! Danielle soars through the air and drives a fist right into Neon Skull's skull.

Neon Skull's head bends in SLOW TIME as Danielle's fist connects. REAL TIME kicks in and Neon Skull goes flying through multiple walls and different stores.

The tendril whip that was headed towards Emily DISSAPATES.

SUPER: (As Neon Skull flies through stores, a multiplier counter reads; x1, x2, x3, x4 etc.)

Danielle, wearing the mask, jacket and hoodie, lands and stands tough.

Neon Skull crawls out of the (first) hole that Danielle punched him through. He shakes off the punch and fires up two fists of electricity.

NEON SKULL

This is none of your concern.

DANIELLE

Like I've never heard that one before.

NEON SKULL

What?

DANIELLE

Nothing! You, villain. Me, hero. We're fighting. Let's get this over with...

(under her breath)
...Before I get grounded.

Danielle stands on one end of the atrium, Neon Skull on the other.

SUPER: (giant block letters between the two fighters read 'FIGHT!')

Neon Skull sends an electro-blast from his hands screaming towards Danielle.

She dodges it and the electro-blast smashes through a fashion store window toasting the window mannequins.

Neon Skull continues hurling electro-blasts at Danielle. She dodges each of them as she clambers up to the mall's second floor.

DANIELLE (CONT'D)

(to herself)

Really missing a grappling hook right about now.

Mid-climb, Danielle turns just in time to see an electroblast hurling at her at full speed. She jumps to the railing next to her. BOOM! The spot where she just was is turned to rubble.

Danielle runs along a railing and JUMPS, dodging two separate electro-blasts as she FLIPS and TWISTS through mid-air.

The crowd of teenagers are impressed. They take out their phones and record the fight.

Danielle lands and runs full speed at Neon Skull, dodging more blasts as she closes the distance.

She slides in and sweeps Neon Skull's legs out from under him, toppling him over.

Neon Skull jumps to his feet just in time to catch a punch from Danielle. Then another. And another. And another.

SUPER: (A 'COMBO' hit counter reads: '2 HITS, 3 HITS, 4 HITS' etc.)

DANIELLE (CONT'D)

It's squeezin' time.

NEON SKULL

What does that even--

Danielle launches a kick that sends Neon Skull flying backward through the 'Orange Thing Juice Stand', destroying it.

Neon Skull struggles to his feet. His helmet is CRACKED. It sparks with static electricity.

DANTELLE

What's a' matter, Sparky? Did I crack your screen?

NEON SKULL

You will pay.

DANIELLE

Hey, it's not my fault you didn't buy the protector case. At least tell me you got the extended warranty--

NEON SKULL

Silence!

Neon Skull sparks two electric tendrils; one in each hand. He whips them at Danielle.

Danielle crosses her arms in a defensive position. The tendrils wrap around her arms.

DANIELLE

Oh, cra--

ZAP! Neon Skull hits Danielle with a wave of electricity; turning her entire silhouette into an x-rayed skeleton.

Teenagers are still recording the fight. Some start finding and following Neon Skull's profile on INSTAGRAM, including Valerie.

VALERIE

Now this is a guy I could see myself dating.

EMILY

Are you kidding me?

VALERTE

What? Just because he only has 200 followers? Some of us aren't that shallow, Millie.

Neon Skull uses the tendrils to throw Danielle through the mall; crashing through the front of CAPTAIN AMERICAN APPAREL and SMASHING through the display windows.

DANIELLE

(in pain)

Solid objects. My only weakness.

Danielle gets to her feet, clutching her side. Her novelty Sparrow mask is half-broken. Her jacket is singed and smoking. She crackles with little sparks of left-over electricity.

She walks out of the store to see Neon Skull, teeming with static electricity, hovering over the crowd.

Danielle turns to see a wall-mounted FIRE ALARM.

DANIELLE (CONT'D)

Please work.

She pulls it.

Roof mounted sprinklers SPRAY WATER over the whole mall.

Neon Skull's cracked helmet goes BERSERK; boiling over with static electricity.

NEON SKULL

Argh! This isn't over! You have not seen the last of the Neon Skull!

Neon Skull BLASTS OFF through the hole in the ceiling on a wave of electricity, which surges through the water and gives the entire crowd a little SHOCK, MAKING THEIR HAIR STAND UP.

DANIELLE

Like I've never heard that one before...

Danielle struggles to stay on her feet. She stumbles and collapses.

Valerie attempts to fix her hair as she leaves the mall.

VALERIE

Are you joking? Worst day of my life.

Emily runs to Danielle's side and gets Danielle on her feet.

EMILY

Hey! Are you okay?

Danielle comes to. Sort of.

DANIELLE

Thanks for your help, citizen. Would you like an autograph from The Sparrow?

Emily gets a good look at Danielle's face through her broken mask.

EMILY

The Sparrow? Wait, are you a kid?

Danielle shakes it off.

DANIELLE

What? Huh? No!

EMILY

Okay, well we should really get you some help--

Emily turns her head for a second and when she looks back, Danielle is gone.

EMILY (CONT'D)

Oh. Okay. So I guess we're doing that bit?