

The six parents of the world's greatest superhero

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For years the world has looked to a select few for protection, comfort, and semi-entertaining B-list movies.

These few proudly wear emblems and capes, boldly going into burning buildings to save crying children, who really shouldn't be hanging out in burning buildings because, I mean, they're children and fire is dangerous, but ... whatever.

These few are impeccably trained in the ways of martial arts, fire arms, and open-mouth kissing the people they save—but not the children I just mentioned. That's illegal.

These few have won a permanent spot in our hearts, minds, and Saturday morning television programming.

These few are the superheroes.

And never have we needed superheroes more than right now, when things like terrorism, low-fat ice cream, natural disasters, Mormons, and myriad other dangers threaten our livelihoods on a day-to-day basis.

Yes, we are in troubling times. And it is during troubling times when we need our superheroes most. But right now we don't need "superheroes," we need The Hybrid Superhero — a lovechild of the world's greatest avengers that can take on even the most vindictive of perils.

The Hybrid Superhero has six parents, all of which contribute his or her own super qualities in child-rearing. With six powerful parent figures, the parenting system of The Hybrid Superhero is complex, so let me see if I can break it down ...

Captain Planet: Eco-friendly and totally ripped, Captain Planet is the Dad that every kid wishes they had. This blue-skinned, green-haired Papa knows how to reduce, reuse and recycle, and he's pretty handy when it comes to taking pollution down to zero.

Good ole CP is sure to help his super child with any going green problems, from aerosol containers to legalization of ... harsher punishments for Kyoto Protocol violators.

The Pink Power Ranger: More than just "the hot one," the Pink Power Ranger proves that you can be sexy and ward off evil—at the same time!

The PPR is what's commonly referred to as the MILF of The Hybrid Superhero, and is always the first one asked to chaperone high school dances or church group field trips. Her dazzling smile and alluring eyes are unparalleled in the world of Moms, and that pink spandex suit doesn't hurt either.

Chuck Norris: Two words: Denim jumpsuit.

Another two words: Boo yeah.

Daddy Chuck is The Hybrid Superhero's go-to when confronted with a particularly tricky bully, like AIDS or shoelaces.

Kim Possible: Call her, beep her if you need a ride home from soccer. With her naked mole rat in tow, Kim Possible is the minivan-driving, suburbia-loving, Easter egg hunt-hosting mother we

all need. Leave it to Kim to organize a successful baby shower or kegger, all while making cargo pants look good. Really good.

This midriff-bearing matriarch is The Hybrid Superhero's favorite confidant, as she is always a good listener...until her beeper goes off in that Kim Possible-esque *do do de do*, and then she's off to fight that weird monkey feet guy or the Scottish villain or one of the other weird bad guys that she fights...

But hey, no family is perfect, right?

Willow: He's short. He has a mullet. And he's named after a tree. This adorable dwarf and his Toys R Us bow and arrow is good for more than just rescuing babies.

Since he can pass for one of The Hybrid Superhero's adolescent peers, Willow often accompanies his super child in sporting events or schoolyard fights. More than just a dad—Willow is a partner in crime, posing as a spritful youth whenever his child needs him.

Sarah Palin: Because one of The Hybrid Superhero's parents has to be a buzz kill, Sarah Palin is there to enforce curfew, although that doesn't seem to prevent any pregnancies, which is usually the intent of curfews. So ... way to be a failure in that respect, Mama Palin.

Though frumpy and usually in shoulder pads, Palin is the cool parent that turns the other cheek when The Hybrid Superhero is playing around with guns, and is always down for a rager with her super-kid's hockey team.

So, as you can see, the merging of these six super parents creates The Hybrid Superhero, something the world needs right now. That's right, Burt Bacharach, what the world needs now isn't love, sweet love—it's The Hybrid Superhero.



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