

BASE RAIDERS

NEW VILLAINS:



EXEMPLAR

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Exemplar was once Lukos Helmsley; a young man of wealth and promise. At an early age, Lukos was secretly recruited by the Sigma Protectorate, an Ideal superhero team known more commonly as the Sigismen. Under their watchful gaze Lukos trained to become a protector and blade of justice. Despite his potential, Lukos was still just a child and the Sigismen believed him mentally unready to face the challenge of super villains, mutated monstrosities and kaiju. So they kept him away from combat and had him continue living his civilian life, keeping his recruitment a secret.

Lukos longed for the day when he could be a Sigismen. He wanted nothing more than to escape his family, who knew nothing of his secret life. Lukos' family owned TG Robotics, a manufacturer of robotic exosuits. They wanted him to marry the daughter of Thornton Inskip, the owner of their rival company, Warp Nine Aeronautic. The two would only be figureheads of TG-Warp Technology and have no true control of the newly-merged company. All that kept Lukos going was the day he donned the uniform and become a Sigismen.

Ragnarok arrived. As the chaos died down, Lukos searched the Internet looking for any sign of the Sigismen. Months passed before he found a dark net auction site selling off the broken remains of an Ideal helper droid. Lukos recognized it as Beta1, the personal aid for the Sigismen and bought it immediately. Upon its arrival, he dismantled the droid and removed its memory core. The data inside showed the bot as it left the Sigismen base and teleported to another Ideal base where Beta1 was discovered by base raiders. They fired on Beta1 and then sold it as scrap.

Enraged, Lukos stole a fortune from his family and disappeared. To fight against overwhelming numbers Lukos needed more than just his martial arts training. Taking the better part of a year he underwent multiple cybernetic surgeries to improve his strength and reflexes. He purchased a magical elixir that gifted him with mystical powers. Finally he took up residence in a foreclosed apartment building where he worked to assem-

ble a makeshift teleporter from blueprints found online. When it was complete he plugged in Beta1's memory core gaining its base access codes that allowed Lukos to teleport directly into the Sigismen's base. Once inside he found a single Sigismen suit waiting for him. In that moment, Lukos became Exemplar; the last Sigismen.

Since then, Exemplar has waged a war against base raiders, who he views as little more than a new generation of villains and graver robbers and the government for breaking the Accord with the Ideal. He is wanted for murder after a fight against FBI agents in an abandoned Ideal base, although it is not clear if the deaths are actually the vigilante's fault. Lukos has also fought the Underground on several occasions because he believes Earth belongs to humans, not aliens, mutants, robots and magical beings.

Lukos' parents know what Lukos is doing but have not informed Mr. Inskip. They are now looking for base raiders to find and capture him so he could be brought back into the family. The Inskip family would pay dearly to learn of Lukos' new occupation though because it would give Thornton grounds to take over the entire company. His daughter, Emily, has only met her 'husband' once and secretly resents her fate. She would likely become a base raider in a bid to take over the company for herself and any allies she made along the way, if she found out what Lukos had done.

ASPECTS

Superhero Connection: Secret Protege of Sigma Protectorate

Dual Power Source: Cybernetic and Alchemically Enhanced Warrior

Conviction: One Man Ideal

Complication [Major]: Overconfidence Will Be His Downfall

Complication [Major]: Hunted by Billionaire Parents

Complication [Major]: Magic Doesn't Always Work When You Need It

Focus [Major]: Sigismen Transformation Device

UNIQUE AND STRANGE SKILLS

Sigismen Noble Griffon Armor: 16 skill points

Power Tier: Ascendant

Resist Damage, Strike, Stress Capacity [Health], Physical Force, Leap, Menace+zone [Fear Aura], Move + Unusual [Teleport], Willpower

Transformation [Minor]: Noble Griffon Sigismen*

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Complication [Major]: Hunted by Billionaire Parents

Focus [Major]: Sigismen Transformation Device

Snag [Major]: Teleport only returns to personal base.

Description: Exemplar's personal armor. Cybernetics and a neural interface has been surgically added to Exemplar's body physically connect him to his armor, enhancing his strength and stamina. It makes him an incredibly powerful warrior with a personal teleportation device that allows him to escape any battle he loses.

Philosopher's Stone User: 10 skill points

Power Tier: Superhuman

Stealth + Unusual [Chameleon cloaking], Shoot+unusual [electrical energy] +zone, Parry +unusual [reflect high velocity attacks]

Charges [minor]: 4 uses per scene

Taxing [major]: costs a fate point to use this skill each time

Complication [Major]: Magic Doesn't Always Work When You Need It

Description: Philosopher's Stone drug (page 82 of Base Raiders) grants Exemplar powers based off its ingredients. According to the dealer, who kept laughing and stomping his hooves from time to time, the potion was crafted out of griffin claws, a unicorn horn and a shadow's aura. When Exemplar uses this power it manifest as either a chameleon cloak, a sphere of lightning that can be launched forth exploding in a large radius or as a pearlescent mist that reflects high velocity blasts. There are two problems with this power; it's unreliable and physically draining. There have been times when Exemplar calls upon the magic but nothing come forth and whenever it does work it drains his strength quickly and makes it harder for him to call upon this power for more than a few times a day.



Superhero Martial Artist: 9 skill points

Power Tier: Extraordinary

Strike+spray, Dodge, Examine, Move, Notice, Initiative [Physical]

Complication [Major]: Overconfidence Will Be His Downfall

Snag [Minor]: Cannot detect Ideal-tech Traps

Description: Exemplar was trained by the Sigismen in martial arts, acrobatics, and trap detection. He is a skilled hand to hand fighter before he gained his cybernetic and magical enhancements. Exemplar believes he can defeat any foe in battle, which could get him killed. For example, the Sigismen never taught how to identify traps built by Ideal technology, so he will be helpless to avoid walking into a sentry turret or pit trap built by Build-A-Base technology.

SKILLS

Fantastic: Superhero Martial Artist +6

Superb: Sigismen Noble Griffon Armor +5

Great: Philosopher's Stone User +4

GIFTS

Skilled x 3

TIER BENEFITS

Armor 3 [Health]

Exemplar can take two additional minor [Health] consequences and can clear one at the end of every scene.

Weapon 3 [Health] - Unarmed and Melee attacks

Keen Senses: Able to defend normally even when surprised

Parry: Able to parry attacks not normally blockable but must be aware of attack to work

Move: Exemplar can spend a free action to move 1 zone every round.

STRESS TRACKS

Health ○○○ ○○○

Composure ○○○

Reputation ○○○

Refresh 2 (12 base -7 Strange Skills -3 gifts)

TACTICS AND WEAKNESSES

Exemplar is driven by pure self-righteousness. Everyone else is wrong, unless they agree with him. Knowing he's outnumbered and outgunned doesn't weigh to heavily on Exemplar, he fights on like the hero he believes himself to be. He will steal from the government, base raiders, or the Underground when he can. No matter what news reports tell people about him, Exemplar sees himself as a hero who fights for what is right. From time to time, he will find black market dealers and their superpowered clientele in order to dispense 'street justice'. Some will live to see the inside of a police cell, but some won't. Either way, Exemplar will take any loot for himself.

Months ago, Exemplar met several alien base raiders who openly hated humanity and joked about killing all humans. They were allied with the Underground and Lukos mistook their jokes for serious plans. He was always suspicious of non-humans, even before Ragnarok, as he had little contact with them and only knew of villainous non-humans. He decided that the Underground was a threat to humanity and has fought their agents on several occasions. He knows they have an army of powerful base raiders on their side, so he uses hit and run tactics but has also leaked information on them to the media, hoping the press can alert the public about this menace.

Lukos' parents or the Inskeep family could contact the player characters into investigating Exemplar. His parents know his secret and want the PCs to capture and depower him but the Inskeep family only has evidence of his embezzlement. If the PCs interview Emily Inskeep, she could prove pivotal. She does not love Lukos but resents him for abandoning his duties and her. Why should she remain trapped in a glided cage while he goes out and adventures? Lukos would never attack her, so she could be used to convince him to give up. Of course, if he returns to his life of privilege, he could use his wealth and influence to attack his enemies through political and legal means. Furthermore, he could pass off looted technology as his company's own inventions. This would encourage him to target other base raiders as competition.

The biggest weakness to Exemplar is his hubris. While his body can take quite a lot of physical punishment, his ego is not. Simply saying he's not a hero isn't

enough to rile him though. Calling out him in public or otherwise smearing him in the media would enrage him though. He is absolutely convinced he is in the right, so showing him proof that he is not acting up to the beliefs of the old Ideal might throw him into a rage.

Should Exemplar be forced into a withdrawal he will activate the teleport built into his wrist mounted transformation unit. This can be stopped by destroying the unit, causing his armor to be dismissing at the same time, or by jamming his teleportation ability. If teleportation isn't possible and the scene takes place near a major population center, Exemplar will attempt to run towards that location. Removing his armor, he disappears into the crowds as best he can. Should no other manner of exit available to him, Exemplar simply fights to his last breath and hopes that he can prevail.

Exemplar is a villain because he believes he is the only valid judge, jury, and executioner and has no empathy for people who are different from him. His youth as a privileged child made him distrust the government and his work with the Ideal made him view non-humans as potential villains. He would gladly risk his life to save human civilians from harm or stop criminals and terrorists but he believes anyone else with power is a threat. In the worst case scenario, he finds a group of like-minded base raiders like Pilgrim (P. 216 Base Raiders) or Avalon's Ideal (see PDF supplement of the same name) and declares war on the Underground and all base raiders. If he could take over TG-Warp Technology, he could become a global threat to all non-humans and base raiders.

ADVENTURE SEED - GET EXEMPLAR

The players are contacted by someone called Wiz-Master. As it turns out Wiz-Master is actually a private investigator using an alias. He explains that he was hired to find a missing person, Lukos Helmsley, a 21 year old male who went missing a year ago. Wiz-Master's clients believe he has become a base raider and want him returned to them or shown a sign that he's alive. Unable to uncover anything significant, Wiz-Master hires the players for 30 loot. Players that press for more details can uncover Wiz-Master was hired by TG-Warp Technology, a government contracted robotics manufacturer and is getting paid double what he's offering the players for finding Lukos.

The players can follow the only lead the PI could find, an online purchase of a scraped assistance droid on a dark net auction site. The seller can be persuaded to reveal that the bot belonged to the Sigismen, a superhero team associated with the Ideal. Lukos seemed interested in repairing the bot. Players that look into Lukos' personal records will find the address of an apartment he rented shortly before Ragnarok.

Looking up the apartment reveals it is inside a neighborhood where a drop in crime has become noticeable. A quick investigation shows a vigilante named Exemplar has been dealing with local criminals around the area of the apartment. Investigating the apartment players discover it to be the vigilante's safe house which is protected by a Sentry Turret (See Base Raiders p. 231) on the top floor. When player get past the turret they will find a makeshift medical center, laptop, conspiracy theorist poster board and a dismantled DIY teleporter.

The medical center has a medical kit along with a container with 2 trauma patches left inside (See Boost Patches PDF pg.4) and a necklace with an ivory pendant. Examining the DIY teleporter shows it had been used previously but is now decommissioned. On the conspiracy board show news clippings of TG-Warp Technology. If the laptop is hacked (Computer Extraordinary +2) the AI inside activates and introduces itself as Beta1. Beta1 is forthcoming with information, as it is worried about Lukos who it identifies as Exemplar.

At this point, Lukos returns and attacks the players. Beta1 is likely going to be destroyed during the fight. Lukos tries to burn all evidence of his past by starting an electrical fire with his lightning bolts. After he defeats the PCs or loses all of his physical stress, Exemplar teleports away to his current base, which the players cannot trace at this time. At this point, the PCs can earn 30 loot by confirming that Exemplar is Lukos. Wiz-Master might be working for either family, so he may offer a more substantial reward for capturing Exemplar or getting more proof of his crimes. An entire campaign could focus on Exemplar and the fate of TG-Warp Technology. Do the PCs try to redeem Exemplar or take him out so they can figure out how to claim the wealthy company for themselves? Before they do that, they must find and stop Exemplar, once and for all!