

## SCARE SHEET: THE AMAZING BUBBLES

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Sir,

Along with Drake Thomas (who no longer quite fits his original moniker of "Little Fat Boy"), the Amazing Bubbles must be considered one of the most powerful aces in the world. She absorbed an atomic blast, nullifying Drake's power (and arguably showing herself to be the more potent of the two aces), and by all accounts she fought Tom Weathers, in his strangest and most powerful incarnation, to a draw. Since Thomas has mostly withdrawn from the world stage and Weathers has disappeared as mysteriously as he arrived, she well may be the world's dominant active ace.

Although she has worked against SCARE interests in the past (see the Genetrix file), she also has had her differences with the Committee. She can be a bit of a loose cannon, but SCARE would benefit if we could somehow entice her to join the organization. Fat Chick's relationship with SCARE employee Juliet Summers—a relationship Bubbles has gone to great lengths to conceal—offers one possible avenue of approach. As Bubbles is one of those Committee members with an outstanding arrest warrant, technically Summers has broken a number of agency rules by consorting with her. There is some leverage there if it's ever needed.

Sincerely,

Jamal Norwood  
SCARE operative

## HISTORY

Michelle's parents started her working as a model at the age of two and kept her at it as a full-time job during her childhood. They quit their jobs to become her agent and manager, respectively, and stole virtually all the money she made up until she sued for emancipation at sixteen.

She is a nineteen-year-old during the first season of *American Hero*, disguising her appearance and using an assumed name in hopes of leaving her modeling past behind her. While on the show she meets Juliet Summers (Ink) and they become lovers. She is one of the aces who leaves the show to join John Fortune in Egypt to save the Egyptian jokers from genocide, and distinguishes herself greatly in the various battles fought in the region. Afterwards, she joins the Committee.

Michelle goes on various missions for the Committee, again helping to avert genocide, this time in the Balkans. She gets into a tussle with SCARE when she helps Niobe and Drake

escape from the government agency in Cross Plains, Texas. As a result, she joins the list of Committee members with outstanding SCARE arrest warrants.

She leads a Committee team in New Orleans and, along with Joey Hebert (Hoodoo Mama), saves a number of citizens from the plague of hurricanes besetting the city. She and Hoodoo Mama also become lovers a single time, but Michelle resists continuing the affair because she doesn't want to cheat on Ink. She runs into Tom Weathers for the first time in New Orleans and foils his plans to blow up the city when she absorbs the full force of Drake Thomas's atomic blast.

The force of the explosion drives her deep into the ground of Jackson Square and sends her into a coma. She absorbs so much energy and becomes so fat that even if she were conscious she'd be immobilized. She remains comatose for over a year, her resting place becoming a shrine to the citizens of New Orleans. Her parents show up with a court order to cease her hydration and nutrition drips so

they can, again, get at her money when she dies. Hoodoo Mama does all she can to prevent this, but fails. Bubbles surprises everyone, though, by surviving when she's taken off the machines. She's been having visions (at first thinking they're dreams) of a little girl in Africa named Adesina who's trapped in a pit filled with corpses. Determined to save the little girl, Bubbles comes out of her coma and over the course of a week bubbles away a massive amount of fat to return to normal. For political reasons, the Committee cannot sanction an expedition to Africa, but Bubbles goes anyway, accompanied by Hoodoo Mama.

It's more than a bit of a trek as they cross dangerous People's Paradise of Africa-controlled territory to reach the Kisangani Children's Hospital where Adesina has been entombed. By the time they reach the half-abandoned city the jungle is already encroaching on, Hoodoo Mama is wounded in a confrontation with the PPA's crack Leopard Men commandos. Bubbles has to leave her behind in an understaffed hospital to recover from the infection quickly setting in the wound.

When Michelle finally finds the hospital, it's crawling with Leopard Men, and Alicia Nshombo, herself. Bubbles surrenders to her, because they've taken Hoodoo Mama from the hospital and into custody. Nshombo presents Bubbles with a startling proposition. She tells Michelle that Tom Weathers has become more of a liability than an asset, and she'd like Bubbles to kill him. In return, they'll let Bubbles and Hoodoo Mama go free.

Bubbles pretends to consider the offer, but there's no way she'd accept it; for one thing, she doesn't believe Alicia Nshombo would keep her promise. As she contemplates it, she's treated to a sit-down dinner and orgy, during which

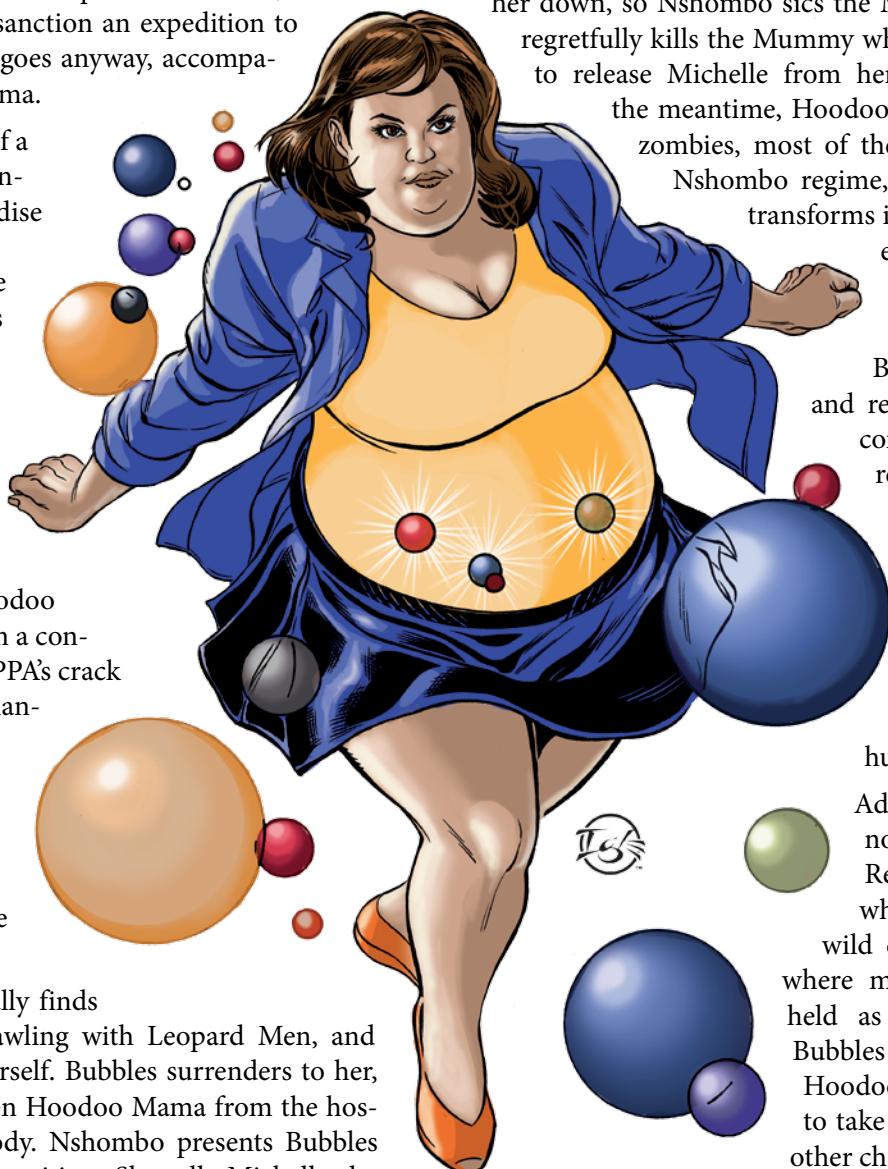
NAME: MICHELLE LAFLEUR AKA MICHELLE POND	WC NAME: THE AMAZING BUBBLES
OCCUPATION: MODEL, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE	WC STATUS: ACE
BASE: NEW YORK CITY	ETHNICITY: CAUCASIAN

Nshombo creates another squadron of Leopard Men. When she presses Bubbles for her answer, Michelle turns her down, so Nshombo sics the Mummy on her. Bubbles reluctantly kills the Mummy when the child-ace refuses to release Michelle from her dehydrating grasp. In the meantime, Hoodoo Mama raises a corps of zombies, most of them child victims of the Nshombo regime, who attack Alicia. She transforms into a gigantic leopard to escape, but they pull her down and kill her with their bare, dead hands.

Bubbles eventually finds and rescues Adesina from the corpse pit. At first she's repulsed by the hideous slug-like creature she finds encased in a shiny cocoon, but once Adesina emerges Bubbles immediately accepts her, even though her form is part human, part insect.

Adesina tells Bubbles that now she must go to the Red House, the laboratory where the PPA's supply of wild card virus is made and where many more children are held as experimental subjects. Bubbles accepts the challenge. Hoodoo Mama stays behind to take care of Adesina and the other children at the hospital.

Bubbles arrives at the Red House compound while the assault of the other Committee aces is already underway. She destroys what's left of the various labs, and then goes one-on-one with Tom Weathers in his most dangerous form: the incredible being known as Monster. They pound on each other for quite a while, but battle to a draw: Neither can harm the other, and in fact their titanic blows only make



## THE AMAZING BUBBLES

POWER LEVEL 11

STRENGTH	STAMINA	AGILITY	DEXTERITY	FIGHTING	INTELLECT	AWARENESS	PRESENCE				
0	2	1	1	1	1	2	2				
<b>POWERS</b>											
<b>Bubbles:</b> Ranged Damage 14, Feature: Harmless Bubble Shows, Fades • 15 points											
<b>Kinetic Absorption:</b> Immunity 80 (Toughness Effects) • 80 points											
<b>SKILLS</b>											
Expertise: Modeling 8 (+9), Insight 5 (+7), Intimidation 2 (+4), Perception 4 (+6), Persuasion 4 (+6), Ranged Combat: Bubbles 7 (+8)											
<b>ADVANTAGES</b>											
Attractive, Benefit 2: Wealth, Connected, Languages 1 (French, English native)											
<b>OFFENSE</b>											
<b>INITIATIVE +1</b>											
Bubbles +8	Ranged, Damage 14										
Unarmed +1	Close, Damage 0										
<b>DEFENSE</b>											
DODGE	4	FORTITUDE	6								
PARRY	4	TOUGHNESS	Immune								
WILL	8										
Abilities 20 + Powers 95 + Advantages 5 + Skills 15 + Defenses 16 = 151											

each other more powerful. Monster finally ends the duel by picking her up and hurling her at the Red House, where she becomes buried in the collapsing building; by the time she digs her way out of the rubble, the battle is over.

Ultimately, Bubbles returns to New York City with Adesina and another child-ace who she rescues from the lab, a little fire-breather named Moto. She sublets an apartment in Stuyvesant Town at 14th Street and Avenue A on the Lower East Side, in an area just beginning to be gentrified.

## PERSONALITY

Michelle is serious minded, and when she becomes fed up with the antics on the *American Hero* set, she's happy to join John Fortune and the others in Egypt. Although a certain amount of disenchantment also sets in regarding the Committee, she sticks with it when she thinks it's doing good, but isn't afraid to go off on her own when she feels she has to. She tries to see the best in people, but isn't Pollyannaish about it.

## COMPLICATIONS

**Disability:** Bubbles stores energy as fat so, the more she absorbs, the bigger (and more dense) she becomes, until she's too large to move on her own. After absorbing a nuclear blast, she weighed tons and was embedded in Jackson Square for over a year.

**Motivation—Doing Good:** Although she tries to help all weak or defenseless people, having been mistreated as a child herself, Michelle is especially dedicated to protecting children.

**Power Loss:** Bubbles depends on kinetic energy to stay "charged" and may be caught in her thin (and largely unpowered) state.

**Relationship:** Not only is Michelle's love triangle with Ink and Hoodoo Mama awkward, but the fact that the three of them are aces, and the other two aren't in the same league as the Amazing Bubbles, means they want to accompany her on missions, which can be life-threatening to them and distracting to Michelle.

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## POWERS &amp; ABILITIES

Any kinetic energy directed at Michelle is stored in her body as fat, and can be released as bubbles, ephemeral as soapsuds or as hard as stone. She can shoot her bubbles (usually from her hands) at her chosen target. The bigger she is, the bigger and stronger her bubbles, and the harder she can hit with them.

## ALLIES

Ink and Hoodoo Mama are both devoted friends of Michelle. Niobe Winslow is a good friend, although her marriage to Noel Matthews may put a bit of a strain on their relationship. Bubbles is liked and respected by all her comrades in the Committee and could call on any of them for assistance. The citizens of New Orleans consider her their savior, some of them carrying it to almost religious levels.

## ENEMIES

Her parents have repeatedly demonstrated their willingness to exploit Michelle for their own gain. Tom Weathers hated her intensely in the last year of his life.

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