

## The Sprintress #6 - "The Big Bang Theory"

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An explosion occurred at a movie theater on Bleecker Street in Greenwich Village. Witnesses who were nearby when the explosion happened rushed there and found a bunch of people trapped under the wreckage.

"Holy Hannah," muttered one of the witnesses. "Those poor people."

"C'mon, let's get those people out of there," said another witness as he went to help. The other witnesses soon followed suit.

Soon, the Sprintress arrived on the scene.

"I can take care of this in no time. You folks stand back," she told the witnesses before using her superhuman speed to dig every one of the victims out from under the rubble. In seconds, she was finished.

Once the victims were freed, the witnesses watched as the Sprintress checked to see if any of them survived. Only six of the victims did, but the rest of them weren't so lucky. One of the witnesses got out his smartphone, dialed 911 and waited for a response.

"Hello?" The voice on the other end said.

"Yeah. There was a huge explosion here at the movie theater on Bleecker Street, but there are a few survivors here who need medical attention right away." One of the witnesses said.

"Paramedics are on the way, sir," The voice on the other end of the phone said.

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"Thank you," the witness said before hanging up and putting away his smartphone.

Minutes later, the Sprintress and the witnesses watched the arrival of ambulances on the scene.

Paramedics immediately jumped out of their vehicles.

"Let's go! There's no time to waste," said one of the EMTs.

Each team of paramedics got out some gurneys, and went over to one of the survivors. After getting all of the survivors on gurneys, the teams of paramedics wheeled the survivors to the ambulances.

"These guys are lucky," said one of the paramedics. "None of the other people here survived."

"Yeah, that's a real shame," said another of the paramedics. "C'mon, let's get these people to the hospital emergency rooms while we still can. They might not last much longer."

The paramedics quickly got the survivors into the backs of the ambulances. Once the survivors were all inside, the paramedics closed and locked the back doors. Then, they got back inside, and drove off.

Think I'd better take a look around and see if there was any trace of explosive material here, Sprintress thought before doing a thorough search at superhuman speed. In seconds, the search was finished and the superheroine was surprised by her discovery.

Hmm. No residue, no detonator, she thought. Not even a sign of an oxidizing agent.

Minutes later, a police detective named Sal Infantino and his crime scene investigator partner, Mark Broome arrived on the scene. They noticed the Sprintress and went to meet her.

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"You must be the Sprintress," Detective Infantino said. "I've heard a lot about you. My name's Sal Infantino. I'm a Detective for the 57<sup>th</sup> Precinct."

"Nice to meet you, Detective Infantino," the super-fast heroine said as she shook the detective's hand.

"Please, call me Sal," Detective Infantino said.

Then, he introduced the super-fast heroine to Mark.

"And this is my CSI, Mark Broome," Detective Infantino said as Mark and the Sprintress shook hands.

"Nice to meet you, too, Mark," the superheroine said.

"All right, Mark," Detective Infantino told his CSI partner. "Let's get to work."

Soon, the two policemen did just that.

"Good Lord." Detective Infantino muttered as he looked at the wreckage and most of the dead bodies. He saw one of the witnesses.

"You, sir. Can you tell me what happened here?" Detective Infantino asked.

"I was at a restaurant across the street for lunch when, suddenly, I heard this loud explosion. I ran out of the restaurant to check it out and the first thing I saw was the movie theater which had been reduced to rubble and a bunch of people who were trapped under it. A few other guys and I went to see if any of those poor people who had been inside the theater at the time had survived. Six of them did, but the rest weren't as fortunate. I called 911 and the paramedics came to take the six people who were lucky to still be alive to the hospital." The witness told Detective Infantino.

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The Italian detective turned his attention to Mark.

"Okay, Mark, do your thing." Detective Infantino said.

Mark immediately got to work checking for footprints.

Meanwhile, at a bus terminal in Manhattan, as people were getting ready to board their buses, a young, tall, strapping masked man in a skin-tight brick orange costume with a blast insignia, belt, and boots that were colored yellow burst in, causing all of the would-be passengers to leave their buses as well as startling and scaring everyone else inside in the process.

"GET READY, BOYS AND GIRLS," exclaimed the costumed man. "THERE'S GONNA BE A *BANG*, COURTESY OF *BIG BANG*!"

All of the terminal's patrons evacuated until only two nearby security guards, who had heard the commotion, were left. They immediately drew their guns and pointed them at Big Bang.

"Hold it right there," exclaimed one of the guards. "You're under arrest! We're taking you in!"

"I DON'T *THINK* SO!" The tall, strapping man exclaimed as he discharged a blast of explosive energy from each of his hands at the two guards, putting them in traction.

Big Bang's entire body glowed with energy which was soon discharged as an omni-directional explosive wave, destroying the bus terminal.

Meanwhile, back at the ruins of the movie theater on Bleecker Street, Mark, having finished collecting the soil samples from the footprints, looked for any trace of explosive material but couldn't find a single one.

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"Hmmm." Mark muttered. He soon rejoined Detective Infantino.

"Sal," Mark called out.

"Mark. You have the soil samples from the perp's footprints?" Detective Infantino asked.

"Yeah," Mark replied. "And I also looked around for any trace of explosive material but couldn't find a single one."

"I can vouch for that," Sprintress said.

"I just wish I knew *how* the perp blew up the place," Mark said.

"We'll worry about that, later," the Italian detective said. "Right now, *catching* the perp is our *first priority*."

"Agreed," said the Sprintress as Detective Infantino turned his attention to his crime scene investigator.

"C'mon, Mark. Let's get those soil samples to the lab so you can start processing them." Detective Infantino said before he and Mark left the crime scene. Upon reaching their respective cars, Sal and Mark soon heard a police report being announced on their radios.

"All Points Bulletin! There has been an explosion at the bus terminal in Manhattan! Mad bomber is at large! He is unarmed but *extremely dangerous*! All police cars please respond!"

"Looks like it's gonna be a busy afternoon, eh, Mark?" Detective Infantino asked.

"*I'll go. I can get to the bus terminal in no time,*" the superheroine told Sal and Mark, before she zoomed off.

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"Good Luck," the detective called out after her.

Soon, the Sprintress reached her destination only to see the bus terminal reduced to rubble with Big Bang standing amid the wreckage.

Good Heavens, the horrified superheroine thought as she quickly glanced over the scene. The bus terminal! It's reduced to rubble, - - like that movie theater in Greenwich Village!

And *this* is the guy responsible for this devastation! If he has killed *anyone* in this building, he will *pay*, the angry Sprintress thought as she pummeled Big Bang with jackhammer punches.

"UNNHH!" the costumed man exclaimed. However, he soon recovered and turned his attention to the Sprintress.

"WHO DARES?" An enraged Big Bang asked.

"I do! I'm the Sprintress!" The angry superheroine answered. "And who are you supposed to be? Captain Boom?"

"I'M *BIG BANG!*" The costumed man exclaimed. "AND I'M GONNA SHOW YOU *WHY!*"

Big Bang's entire body started glowing with energy right before the Sprintress's eyes.

Uh oh, the superheroine thought. This is going to get *nasty!*

The Sprintress immediately jumped back as an omni-directional explosive energy wave was discharged from Big Bang's body. However, the shockwave from Big Bang's blast blew the superheroine a few feet away.

That was close, the Sprintress thought as she started getting up. I jumped back just in time but I still caught the shockwave from his blast. If I had moved any *slower*, I would have been dead.

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"Is *that* all you've got?" The Sprintress asked in a mocking tone.

"TLL *SHOW YOU!*" Big Bang exclaimed as he channeled his explosive energy into concussive beams which he fired from his hands and aimed at the superheroine.

I *had* to open my *biig* mouth, a chagrined Sprintress thought as she used his superhuman speed to evade the barrage of blasts. However, one of the concussive blasts managed to hit the superheroine and she fell unconscious.

"HAH," Big Bang crowed as he went over to the fallen Sprintress. "You're not so tough!"

Standing over the superheroine, Big Bang cocked his right fist which soon started glowing with explosive energy.

"Pretty soon, you're gonna get a taste of my power, up close and personal," Big Bang exclaimed.

Before the *costumed* villain could deliver the fatal blast to the Sprintress, Detective Sal Infantino and a squad of SWAT cops soon arrived on the scene, drawing his attention. Infantino got a good look at Big Bang and was surprised.

Jameson Slott? Infantino wondered. But, he disappeared *days ago*.

Soon, the Italian detective regained his focus and immediately pulled out his gun

"POLICE! FREEZE!" Detective Infantino told Big Bang, as the former aimed his gun at the latter. "STEP AWAY FROM THE SPRINTRESS AND GIVE YOURSELF UP! *NOW!*"

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"HERE'S MY ANSWER!" Big Bang exclaimed as he fired his concussive blasts at the SWAT cops who used their ballistic shields to protect themselves. Then, the SWAT cops hurled stun grenades at Big Bang.

"GAAHHH!!" Big Bang exclaimed as the stun grenades blinded him and caused him to lose his balance. Detective Infantino took the opportunity to get to the Sprintress and get her away from the super-villain as quickly as possible.

Detective Infantino quickly got the superheroine in a secluded area and woke her up. Soon, she was stirring.

"Sprintress. are you okay?" Detective Infantino quietly asked.

"Sal? Yeah. Just a bit groggy, but otherwise, I'm fine," The Sprintress answered. "Now, I've got to go after Big Bang."

"Better known as Jameson Slott," the Italian police detective told her.

"Who?" The superheroine asked.

"He was a criminal I chased after a few days ago, before he disappeared," Infantino explained.

"Was he always able to generate explosions and explosive blasts?" Sprintress asked.

"If he had that power *then*, he would've used it, but he didn't," the Italian detective replied.

"Obviously, he got those powers *after* he disappeared."

"We'll ask him how his got his powers after we catch him," the super-fast heroine said.

"Right," Detective Romita said as the Sprintress left the secluded area.

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Soon, Big Bang regained his senses and his balance.

"NOW YOU'VE REALLY MADE ME MAD," Big Bang exclaimed as he fired really powerful explosive energy blasts that put the SWAT cops in traction. Then, the super-villain felt the presence of the Sprintress speeding toward him.

"Hey, Big Bang," the super-fast heroine said. Big Bang turned around.

"REMEMBER *ME*?" The superheroine asked as she threw a punch that was enhanced with the momentum of her superhuman speed at Big Bang, hitting the criminal in the jaw. Big Bang quickly recovered and turned his attention toward the Sprintress. Detective Infantino and the police squad soon recovered and turned their attentions to the super-powered criminal.

"I haven't forgotten you, witch," Big Bang said. "Or about your friends here! But I'm gonna take care of you all right now!"

Soon, Big Bang's entire body started glowing with explosive energy.

"Holy Smokes," Detective Infantino exclaimed.

Uh oh. He's going to let loose another explosive charge again, the Sprintress thought.

Sal and the cops may not have time to get to safety, the superheroine thought as she tackled Big Bang.

Have to move quickly, the Sprintress thought as she quickly grabbed the super-powered criminal and carried him away at superhuman speed..

"HEY," exclaimed the super-powered criminal.

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I need to find a safe place to stifle the explosion. Can't throw him far into the sky, the super-fast heroine thought. But, there is *one* place. I just have to hope I can do it in time.

Using her superhuman speed, the Sprintress raced toward New York Harbor with her unwilling passenger. Soon, she was running across the water's surface.

All I have to do now is release Big Bang and let him sink, the superheroine thought. But, I must maintain my speed. If I stop, I sink into the water with him. Besides, I don't want to be around when his blast goes off.

The Sprintress released Big Bang and let him sink into the Harbor's waters. Big Bang's charge was released and the super-fast heroine was desperately trying to outrun it's blast wave.

Meanwhile, back at the bus terminal, Detective Infantino and the SWAT team wondered what happened to the Sprintress.

"Do you think she got Big Bang's explosion taken care of in time?" One SWAT team member asked the detective.

"Did the Sprintress survive? Is she dead?" Another SWAT team member asked.

"I - - just don't know," Detective Infantino answered.

Suddenly, Detective Infantino and the SWAT team saw the familiar form of the Sprintress arriving at superhuman speed.

"Sprintress! Thank Heaven you survived. We were so worried," Detective Infantino said.

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"You'd better call the New York Harbor Patrol to pick up Big Bang," the super-fast heroine told them. "Cause that's where I left him."

As Detective Infantino dialed the number for the Harbor Patrol, the Sprintress zoomed off.

Soon, the superheroine arrived at and entered Professor Garrett's laboratory.

"Kay, do you have an inhibitor chip ready? I'm going to need one," said the Sprintress.

"Of course, after your battles with George Quesada, Aperture, and Vibratia, I began to see a pattern," Kay replied as she went for a case.

Professor Garrett opened the case in front of the super-fast heroine, revealing a bunch of inhibitor chips.

"So, I took the liberty of making as many of them as you need," Kay added.

"Thanks," said the super-fast heroine with a smile as she grabbed one of the inhibitor chips.

"Now, I just need to dash to New York Harbor to pick up someone. I shouldn't be too long," said the Sprintress before zooming out of the laboratory. Soon, she was racing along the water's surface of New York Harbor where two officers from the Harbor Patrol fished Big Bang out of the water and pulled him onto their boat

Soon, the super-fast heroine hopped into the patrol boat and placed the inhibitor chip on Big Bang's person as the patrol officers watched her.

"What is that thing?" One of the patrol officers asked.

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"It's an inhibitor chip," the Sprintress answered. "It'll neutralize Big Bang's explosive powers.

The inhibitor chip was now firmly on the super-criminal.

"There. He shouldn't be any trouble now."

The next day, inside the 57<sup>th</sup> Precinct House, Detective Infantino was at his desk doing paperwork. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew in and the Sprintress appeared before him.

"Hello, Detective. Big Bang, I mean, Jameson Slott hasn't been giving you any problems lately, has he?" The superheroine asked.

"Not at all," Detective Infantino replied. "He's still under lock and key at the Tombs Prison. Would you like to see him?"

"Yes," said the Sprintress.

"Okay," Infantino said. "I'll drive us there."

"I've a better idea," Sprintress said as she grabbed the detective, braced the back of his head, and zoomed out of the Precinct House at superhuman speed.

"Who was Jameson Slott?" The superheroine asked Infantino as they raced through the city.

"Jameson Slott was a member of a street gang called the Crimson Devils a few days ago," the Italian detective answered. "One time, we spotted him and his gang looting a pawn shop in Brooklyn. We apprehended every member of the gang except for Slott, who managed to get away. We were never able to find him, until yesterday."

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Minutes later, the Sprintress and Detective Infantino arrived at the Tombs Prison and entered.

Once inside, Infantino lead the superheroine to Slott's cell.

"Well, Slott," Infantino said. "You had managed to elude us for days. But now, we've finally caught you."

"You, flatfoot? Hah," Slott said. "The Sprintress, here, was the one who caught me!"

"How did you get your powers?" The Sprintress asked. "How are you able to generate explosions and explosive energy blasts?"

"It happened days ago," Slott replied. "After I managed to get away from the flatfoot, I saw flashing lights in the sky. The next thing I knew, I was on a lab table with some weird creatures standing over me."

"Then, what happened?" The superheroine asked.

"I don't know," Slott replied. "I lost consciousness. Then, the next thing I knew, I was on the outskirts of the city. Later, I discovered that I had my powers. That's when I knew that nothing could stand in my way. Until you came along, Sprintress."

"And you will never have access to your powers again," Sprintress said. "I saw to that personally."

"One of these days, Sprintress! I *will* find a way to *regain* that access," Slott vowed. "And then, I *will* have my revenge!"

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"And I'll be *waiting*," Sprintress promised. Then, she turned her attention to Detective Infantino.

"C'mon, Sal," the superheroine told the Italian detective. "Let's get out of here."

The Sprintress grabbed Detective Infantino, braced the back of his head, and zoomed out of the Tombs Prison at superhuman speed.

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