

Superhero Action Game
3rd Person 3D Action
NPC, Ally, or Enemy

Key Role In Story:

Main villain. Arachnid (Dirk Daniels) is the biggest superhero in Stanton City. He is secretly a brand-driven monster. When Emma Adler/Supernova upstages him, Dirk convinces the media that she is a supervillain.

Character Summary:

If J. Jonah Jameson was right about Spiderman being a selfish, egotistical menace

Name:

Arachnid (Dirk Daniels)

Age:

29 years old

Sex & Gender:

Male, He/Him.

Race/Origin:

White, USA-born.

Physical Appearance:

Brown hair, blue eyes, square jaw. Handsome, tall, and muscular.

Occupation:

Superhero, formerly an out-of-work actor.

Archetype/Inspiration:

- Handsome Jack from Borderlands - Dirk believes he is the wisecracking hero of the story, but is actually an ego-driven megalomaniac.

- Homelander from The Boys - Dirk presents a friendly public persona, but is quite threatening behind closed doors. He believes his superpowers make him special, better, and exempt from morals. Cares about his brand above all. He is incompetent and incapable of empathy during genuine crises.
- Symbiote Spiderman - Dirk is arrogant, aggressive, eager to pick fights, and acts selfishly. He becomes more unstable and corrupt as he grows more powerful.

Personality Traits:

- Outward Traits. (What he presents to the world).
 - Extroverted
 - Charismatic
 - Smart-ass.
 - Charming but low-key slimy.
- Inward Traits. (What he's like inside or behind closed doors).
 - Hot tempered
 - Domineering
 - Overbearing
 - Violent when pressed.
- Overall Personality Type.
 - Presents as a cheerful, humble, quipping Spiderman type.
 - Is actually quite narcissistic and dangerous.
 - Might save lives, but only for the photo opportunity.

Wants/Needs/Motivations:

Fame, power, money, adoration.

Affiliation/Organization/Team:

- Arachnid - Dirk's superhero persona. Named for his spider powers. This includes super strength, heightened damage resistance, web slinging, and a spider sense.
- Viper Labs - Science lab that makes super soldiers. Dirk was one of their first successful human trials. He participated in the trial for money after failing multiple acting auditions. After continual fights with Emma, Dirk will go back to Viper Labs and unsafely boost his powers.
- Proctor & Associates - PR firm. Dirk goes to them to clean up his messes--e.g. people dying because he was too busy making Tik Toks to do a full sweep on a burning building.
- Bulwark Media - T. Thomas Tennermen's media company. A hard-hitting journalism site that likes to frame Arachnid as a menace. They haven't changed Dirk's good

reputation--yet. Dirk despises Bulwark and has actively intimidated staff journalists. Jennifer has worked to hide any misdoings.

Other Character Relationships:

- Emma Adler (Supernova) - The true hero of the story. An everywoman with Captain Marvel-style superpowers. Dirk initially believes Emma is his new PR-sponsored supervillain archnemesis/love interest. Dirk starts a fight and places innocent lives in danger. When Emma upstages Dirk by saving people he left behind for a better photo opportunity, this threatens Dirk's reputation. Dirk obscures Emma's heroic acts and makes the media believe she is a supervillain.
- Dr. Keisha Wallace - Emma's scientific sidekick/love interest. Dirk kidnaps her to lure Emma into a trap.
- T. Thomas Tennermen - The suspicious, grouchy owner of Bulwark Media who sees right through Arachnid. Dirk despises Tennermen for continually framing him as a menace on his news site. Dirk attempts to kill Tennermen before he publishes video proof of his wrongdoing--only to be thwarted by Emma.
- Jennifer Guerra - The PR director at Proctor & Associates. She is the cool, calculating puppet master that holds Dirk's leash. Jennifer knows every ugly thing Dirk has done in recent years and is the first one to clean up his messes. Dirk respects her because she is completely unafraid of his darker side--she's only pragmatic about the consequences.
- Dr. Carl Turner - The scientist who gave Dirk his powers. Dr. Turner tries to expose Dirk as a monster later in the story, but Dirk forces Dr. Turner to kill himself before he and Emma can release any proof.
- Ivan North - A young superhero who works with Proctor & Associates and wants to be Dirk's sidekick. Dirk is eager to take advantage of Ivan's naivety to send him on "secret" missions. Ivan gets into a vicious fight with Emma, and Dirk swoops in and kills Ivan. Afterward, Dirk makes Emma believe Ivan was close to death and it was a mercy killing.
- Adam Martinez (Spitfire) - Dirk's former archnemesis and a fellow member of the human trials at Viper Labs. Spitfire needs money to support his struggling family, so he agrees to be Dirk's archnemesis. Dirk gets Spitfire arrested early in the game, then cuts Spitfire out of the merchandising deals.

Voice notes:

Fast-talking, mid-tone voice. Think Handsome Jack from Borderlands. Easily enunciates. This is a man that loves to talk, loves to make quips, and is eager to have everyone's attention because

of his words. He initially sounds friendly and jocular, but is actually cutting and quietly menacing. His voice becomes deeper and more heroic (like the 1960s Superman cartoons) when he is on camera.

Quotes:

(To Jennifer, about Emma) "She's an unknown, okay? And she's got a punch that could take down the Kennedy Center. I'm not about to lose my teeth because she got too big for her panties. Take. Her. Out."

Core Gameplay:

Dirk has limited superhuman strength and invulnerability, coupled with impressive reflexes and hand-to-hand combat skills. He has never been able to fly, which annoys him. He web-slings around the city.

Additional Info:

- If Dirk has an Aunt May character in his life, he almost certainly put her in a home.
- Dirk is straight. He has been involved with a number of anchorwomen, supermodels, and other women in media positions.
- Dirk dumped his girlfriend as soon as he got his superpowers. He was no longer interested in dating the-girl-next-door. Though Jennifer likely has paired him with other girl-next-door types in publicity stunts to boost his brand.