

*Campus Poll: Students for the villains*

# FaceOff: Who would you choose - the villain or the hero?

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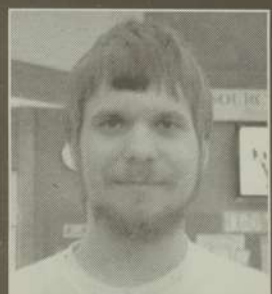
"Mystique. She looks like she could be kinky."  
- Anthony Weerheim



"Poison Ivy. I like her cynical view toward humans, and it would be a nice way to go."  
- Matt Compton



"The villain. Sesshomaru is hot; what other reason do I need?"  
- Colleen Collins



"Cersei Lannister. She is stunningly beautiful."  
- Mikael Aalto



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Villain: a word that commonly brings "damsels in distress" to tears.

Since I am an "angel of shadows," I fall for the tall, dark and evil.

A villain is suave, cynical, snide and many other adjectives of negative influence. He is a risk-taker's fantasy; he will take a girl on endless adventures and put her in dangerous situations for his own gain.

For example, Colin Farrell as Bullseye in the movie "Daredevil." While his forehead suffers from a sniper's favorite mark - his crazy, outrageous actions tend to happen without much thought for anyone's safety. It's so incredibly sexy.

While heroes are great for stability and a noble relationship, villains are a great way to let loose and try something new and exciting.

With his constant attempts to take over the world and end humanity as we know it, as well as an insane list of sworn enemies go to along with those hobbies, dating a villain would be difficult - but, oh, what a rush!

It would be dreamy - being on the arm of a powerful super-villain who runs the world from underground, witnessing the victim-snatching, getting pampered with anything a dark seductress could need or want and never having to fear anyone interfering with daily trips to uncharted tropical islands.

Villains are fighters and lovers. A strong will and tough personality may be requirements in order for a person to be completely content with his or her villainous other half.

Many might think that being a hero's girlfriend would be wonderful, but as Genyva Laubach points out in her support of the hero, "... villains are great for lusting after."

My perfect villain would be tall, highly intelligent, have great taste in fantasy/sci-fi movies and a fantastic sense of style. He would include me in his wicked plans, and at night we would settle in and overpower low level PvPers (Player vs. Player) in the "World of Warcraft."

Although villains are wonderfully mysterious and intriguing, I find myself in love with a hybrid known as "the anti-hero."

A fantastic example of this kind of individual is the Marvel Comics character The Punisher, with his battle to avenge the murder of his family, the calculated deaths of his enemies and his passion for his loss.

Evil tendencies with noble side effects rock my world.

**Genyva Laubach**

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When it comes to the choice between hero and villain, I am a hero type of girl.

Heroes are courageous, selfless and maybe even slightly self-righteous. They will always be there to catch the girl when she falls, defend her good name and be honest about that dress making her look fat.

The question is: What makes a hero so different from a villain?

Is it the laughter? Or maybe the campy one-liners? Is it the bright primary colors on the hero's clothing or just his winning, sparkly smile?

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a hero as: "man admired for his achievements and noble qualities."

Who wouldn't want to date someone who is noble?

Don't get me wrong; villains are great for lusting after, as well as one-night stands if the minions are out to a movie. But at the end of the day, the dark colors, manic laughter and vendettas can be a bit too much, if not completely depressing.

Heroes also tend to lead a more everyday kind of life, and with secret identities thrown in, the relationship is that much more mysterious.

Having a conversation with my ideal hero would be a roller coaster ride: laughter and tears, serious life questions and intellectual challenges.

The hero who I would date if given the option would be the Dark Horse Comics character Hellboy. He's strong, smart and not too simple - it's too bad he is entirely fictional.

My choice of a more ordinary hero would be a firefighter. The best of both worlds would be Hellboy as a firefighter who plays the computer game "Fallout" on his days off.

But sometimes heroes are too straightforward and villains are too complex.

There should be a comfortable middle ground - a hero-villain hybrid who does good things but for a price, who saves the girl from a burning building and tries to cop a feel as soon as she's safe; a guy who has his own motivations and can appeal to a female's good and evil sides.

Thankfully, such a hybrid does exist - he is known as simply "the anti-hero."

Yes! A man such as Han Solo, Kratos from the video game "God of War" or Spike Spiegel from the anime series "Cowboy Bebop."

There are options for hero or villain, black or white, but I'm going to continue loving the vast grey area in between.



"Arwen. She's pretty hot."  
- Jon Mesereau



"The Major from 'Ghost in the Shell.' She's an android - so cool!"  
- Andrew Hefner



"You get Clark Kent and Superman, the best of both worlds."  
- Mallory Ramsdell



"The Invisible Woman, Jessica Alba. would be an interesting experience."  
- Sam Sampson