

Thunderer's days off

Episode: Spark-wave

EXT. Sparkton city, day

A rift in the sky opens and Thunderer flies out of it

Thunderer

Alternative universe, right, first time I traveled to one voluntarily.

(Thunderer looks at the traffic)

Thunderer

For now, everything seems normal, the streets are the same, traffic, vehicles, there are green, yellow and red lights on the traffic lights, just like in our universe, nice, nice.

(Thunderer start flying around the city)

Thunderer

I was honestly hoping for dragons or something like that, nothing here seems different from my world, maybe I should skip this universe and just move on to the next one-.

(A blue line of electricity jumps from the top of the building right at Thunderer, they both fall to the ground, Thunderer gets up and puts his hands in his guard, now we see that the blue line that jumped Thunderer is the superhero of this world, Sparkwave)

Thunderer

Seriously? Can I walk around normally for a few minutes without being attacked?!

Sparkwave:

Every day there's always an Ultimate wanting to cause trouble. So what's your problem? Creating a storm? I saw what you were conj-conj-ugh-making up in the sky. Not happening here.

Thunderer

You were the one who tackled me. And what are you talking about? The rift I came out of?

Sparkwave

The what now?

The interdimensional rift I traveled through from another universe.

I'm from a different universe.

Sparkwave

.....the what?

Lee

(through Sparkwaves intercom)

Dude's saying he comes from another universe, different from our world. Basically, he came through a hole that allowed him to travel to our world. I don't know if he's playing you but role with it.

Sparkwave

(through his intercom)

I still don't get it, but I'll play along.

Sparkwave(to Thunderer)

Ok sooo.....what are you doing here Mr. otherworld.

Thunderer

I am Thunderer, that's the name I'm using and that's all you need to know about me. Secondly, I am here on holiday.

Sparkwave

: Ok, that sounds like a cool name. You a superhero?

Thunderer (to himself)

Ok. I don't think this kid is a threat. Doesn't sound like a bright one either.

(Thunderer starts walking towards Sparkwave, Sparkwave makes step back and Thunderer takes that a sign to stop, he can see that Sparkwave is cautious.)

Thunderer

Since I introduced myself, I think it's fair to know your name and to know where I'm at.

Sparkwave

The name is Sparkwave...

Thunderer

Ooo, I like it, because you are making the spark waves when you are running, clever naming I must admit

Sparkwave (Smiled)

Thank you.



So, where am I?

Sparkwave

Did you... not... You didn't hop worlds without knowing where you are going to end?

Thunderer

I don't know what the situation is in this universe, but multiverse is kinda new to us, so don't be too harsh on me ok.

Lee

(through Sparkwave's intercom): He's really pushing this multiverse thing.

How can we know that we can trust him?

Sparkwave

(To Thunderer)

How can I know that I can trust you?

Thunderer

I don't know, you can ask me anything... Let's do it like this I ask you one question, you ask me one question. Does that work for you?

Sparkwave

You wanted to know where you ended up, this is Sparkton City.

Thunderer

Your city is beautiful, it looks similar to mine, but in same time more futuristic.

Sparkwave

It is cool looking. Now, where did you come from?

Thunderer

In my universe I'm from small town in Serbia, but few a weeks ago, I moved to my grandfather home in village named Pekinad.

Sparkwave

Serbia? Well, that does sound like a completely different world. (Thunderer dumbfounded)

Lee

Uh dude, that's another country in OUR world.

Sparkwave

(sheepishly)

Ah!

I can see the electric pulses coming from your mask. Are you talking to somebody?

Sparkwave and Lee

NO!

(Thunderer crosses his arms and chuckles)

Thunderer

What you got like a sidekick talking to you?

Lee

SIDEKICK!

Sparkwave

Somewhat.

Lee

DUDE!

(Sparkwave making it obvious that he is talking to Lee)

Sparkwave

We'll what do I call you?

Lee

Your partner!

Sparkwave

Isn't that the same thing?

Lee

AY YAH!

LINC

(chimes in on Lee's end):

We'll technically speaking both do have the same repre-

Lee

Not now LINC!

(Sparkwave now looking at Thunderer as he still stands there. Sparkave is at a loss for his words.)

Sparkwave

Uh! So, you're no bad guy, are you?

Thunderer

You're not too bright, are you?



Why? Am I glowing?

Thunderer

(chuckling)

Yup! Alternative world it is.

Sparkwave

(to Lee):

Sooo, different universe? I think we need to process this more bro.

Lee

Well at least understand THAT word. I'll do some digging, meanwhile get to know the guy.

Thunderer

I know I'm new here, but I feel left out of your conversation. I'm uncomfortable for just standing here.

Sparkwave

Sorry about that. So, uh, Lighting T on your costume. You have the same powers as me?

Thunderer

Hmmm, I don't know what powers you have pal. For what I saw, you have super speed, I don't have it, but I have flight, can control lightning, thunder, weather, wind, and all that kind of stuff.

Sparkwave

(feeling ecstatic)
Awesome!

Thunderer

Will you tell me your powers now?

Sparkwave

Oh yeah, so um, I have electric manipulation, electrical charges, electrical absorption, electric projection, I also have superhuman speed, superhuman strength, superhuman endurance and also some data absorption. That's from a list my friend gave me to read off, just so you know. Some of them I understand, and I'm still figuring out everything I can do.

Thunderer

That's actually cool man, you have a pretty great set of powers there.

Sparkwave

Thank you very much.

(sking out of curiosity)
You don't meet other heroes often do you?

Sparkwave

Like you, no, I don't. I've met heroes, some which are actually just as new as me. But like you, no.

Thunderer smiles and takes of his hood and mask

Skaprkwave

Thunderer, your identity!

Thunderer

I realize that I just fell out of the sky, out of nowhere, showing my face is the first step in gaining your trust, your friend is welcomed to scan my face or whatever, and I don't think anyone will recognize me here anyway. So, are you for conversation and a walk?

Lee

Ok, I'm officially hooked on whatever bait this guy is casting.

Sparkwave

(to Lee)

Was that a metal-phor?

Lee

Meta-phor. And yes! Go along with this guy, I'm doing my own type of scans from your suit, maybe get a reading on who this guy is.

Sparkwave

(to Thunderer)

Sure, I would like to find out more about you and your world.

Thunderer

It's the same situation with me pal, show me around, I came on vacation after all.

Thunderer and Sparkwave started to walk down the street, Thunderer puts his mask back on, people were turning and looking at them, while the two heroes in costumes talked, not paying attention to their surroundings.

In the same place where the Thunderer came out of the sky, another crack opened up and electricity came out of it, it looked like an unformed human body.



EXT. Sparkton city park, day

Thunderer and Sparkwave are walking down the street, they entered the city park, all passers-by stare at them, some even stop and took pictures, a real crowd begins to form.

Thunderer

Why are these people surprised, aren't superheroes so normal in your world? Let me rephrase that. Aren't superheroes an everyday occurrence here?

Sparkwave

Well, technically I'm the only legit one so far that I know. There are a few other Ultimates whom I inspired to take a stand and do hero work. And I think seeing me walking around like this with another superhuman, cas.ual.ly, casually, is weird.

Thunderer: Ultimates?

Sparkwave

It's what I am, and other superhuman people around here are called. I won't point, cuz I guess that's rude, but some are obviously walking around if you haven't noticed.

Thunderer looks around and notices some mutated people. Probably Ultimates Sparkwave is mentioning. A well as some that are rather trying to hide their looks

Thunderer

Why are some hiding?

Sparkwave

Yeah, some still don't feel brave even though things are calming down.

And some regular people still don't like us much.

Thunderer

Please elaborate. Explain.

Sparkwave

Recently, I just took down two supervillains who were responsible for causing Ultimates and regulars to hate each other. It was going on for a few years. I took em down and, with some help, exposed the lie in this division. But some are still, getting out of that thinking, I guess. Meanwhile, I'm still cleaning up the ones still causing trouble. Which I thought you were.

Thunderer

I see. (Thunderer ponders on Sparkwaves work and is impressed on his

adventure) Well than Sparkwave, since I am on vacation, can you tell me some places I can visit in your world?

Sparkwave

Let me see (Sparkwave looks through a list shown through his visor mask) We have the statue of liberty in New York, that's here in America.

Thunderer

My world also has Statue of Liberty and New York too... and an America.

Sparkwave

Ah, ok, how about the Eiffel Tower in Paris?

Thunderer

I accidentally turned off its lights once back in my world.

Sparkwave

Umm, the Leaning Tower in Pisa?

Thunderer

Not so 'alternative' of a world as I thought.

Sparkwave

Aw well, I'm sorry, I can't help you than.

Thunderer

Relax pal, it's not your fault that this world is like mine, it's not all up to you.

Sparkwave

(While lowering his head)
Sometimes it feels like it is...

Thunderer

Ok, talk with...

Their conversation was interrupted by police sirens, a dozen police vehicles sped past them on the street

Sparkwave

Sorry man, I have to take this.

Sparkwave runs after the police vehicles at lighting speed

Thunderer

Wait! I want to help! I need to help! Don't just leave me here, I don't know the streets!

Thunderer took off in the same direction that Sparkwave had run off to

Thunderer

It's no fair! I don't have super speed!

Thunderer created a strong wind that pushed him from behind to catch up with Sparkwave

Thunderer

THIS IS A VERY BAD IDEA!

Catching up to the police chase Sparkwave notices many of them are caught inside what looks like bubbles. And at the center of the chaos is a person maniacally laughing

Before engaging Sparkwave tries to plan out with Lee

Sparkwave

Bro, you seeing this.

Lee

Yeah. Looks fantastic. Uh, but obviously for bad reasons.

Sparkwave

Is that Ultimate Scanner working in my mask?

Lee

Already in it!.. aaaaaaand-aha here we go. Uh!

Sparkwave

What?

Lee

I'm not getting Radiant Energy signatures from this guy.

Sparkwave

That means he's not an Ultimate? Then how is he creating these..these bubble things.

Lee

Not sure. Might need to engage him to find out. And by engage, I mean-

Sparkwave

I know the meaning of the word.

Lee

Just making sure.

Just as Sparkwave is about to take action, Thunderer flew past him out of control



HELP!

Thunderer hit one of the bubbles which at that moment exploded and threw Thunderer backwards. Thunderer would have slammed his back into the building if Sparkwave hadn't caught up with him and caught him

Thunderer

I will never do that again, It makes me little sick...

Sparkwave

Is this one of your villains?

Thunderer

What? He's not one of yours

Bubble boy

(laughing)

Hey what gives?! I'm here for the main hero of Sparkton City. Who's this player 2?

Thunderer

Player 2?!

Sparkwave

(getting up)

How 'bout you tell who you are and what's your deal? And how are you making these bubbles?

Lee

I think that may be a little too direct in that last part. Remember? Don't assume every villain gonna give you an explanation.

Bubble Boy

Well, now that you asked. I am the new villain that will reign terror and do battle with the electrifying Sparkwave. With my trusty Bubble Gun, all of Sparkton City will know me, Bubble Boy!

Everyone is paused and confused, dumbfounded

Lee

Okay. So, he's that kind of guy.

Sparkwave

Bubble Boy?

Have you encountered something like this before?

Sparkwave

Non-Ultimates, yes. But not like this guy. This guy is a first. Lee, was I this... what's the word?

Lee

Dramatic.

Sparkwave

Yeah. When I started out?

Lee

Not on this level. This guy's Shakespearean all over the place.

Sparkwave

That's the poet guy right.

Lee

I'll tell you later.

Thunderer

Has your friend told you how to deal with this guy?

Sparkwave

I think he's working on it. I'm open to ideas.

Thunderer

Why don't we just hit hard and see what he's got.

Sparkwave

Yeah, I learned the hard way not to run straight into a fight. Headfirst was it?

Thunderer

Don't think of it as straight into the fray. Thinking of it as poking him with your powers. Tease him so we can see what he is capable of

Sparkwave

Ok, I can do that. Wait, what does fray mean?

Bubble boy

(as he was still monologuing)

And that is how I shall be known as- HEY! We're you guys not paying attention.

Sparkwave

Oh, and I guess those bubbles are coming from that "bubble gun" he



mentioned. If that wasn't already obvious to you.

Thunderer

Nah, I wondered that too. So, separate him from the gun, he's got nothing.

Sparkwave

Alright sounds like a plan. HEY BUBBLE BOY. Get ready, cuz we're about to burst your bubble... Too much?

Lee

I think it fits the scenario.

Thunderer

Kind've corny. But I'll allow it for this case. This guy is already starting to get on my nerves.

Electric energy started surrounding both Thunderer and Sparkwave

Thunderer

I'll go high and distract him, you go low and separate him from that gun device or whatever it is

Sparkwave

So, this is like a real superhero team up?

Thunderer

I guess it is!

Thunderer flew into the sky, Bubble kid shot three bubbles at Thunderer, but Thunderer dodged all three

Thunderer

I expected you to be better at aiming since your whole thing is to shoot balloons from a gun

Bubble boy

Shut up! My Bubble Gun can do so much more!

Thunderer

Tell me more, you really have a unique invention in your hands. Looks like you could've done greatness for this city.

Bubble boy

I made it myself, and I am committing greatness. With my creative intellect I designed this gun, which is not only capable of making bubbles, but also making them special, explosive, impenetrable, poisonous, anything you can imagine, this gun can do, everything. And with it I shall-



Sparkwave took advantage of Thunderer distracting Bubble boy to just run past him and take the gun out of his hands, Thunderer punches Bubble boy and knocks him to the ground

Thunderer

I must say, I am was not blown away by your bubbles.

Sparkwave

Nice one!

Bubble boy

No, but the cops will be.

Thunderer and Sparkwave looked at each other, then into police vehicles that are in bubbles

Sparkwave

Wait! These bubbles explode too?!

Bubble boy

And the time is ticking, tick tock, what is your next move?

Thunderer

Can you go through them and get the cops out before they explode?

Sparkwave

I don't know. Lee?

Lee

The time it takes for you to run through one and get em out before the bubble explodes is too tight of a marginal fraction timeframe-

Sparkwave

LEE! ENGLISH PLEASE!

Lee

You're not fast enough. And there is not a power source around to give you the right amount of juice right away.

Thunderer

What did he say?

Sparkwave

I am not fast enough. And I won't make it in time to absorb the nearest power source to increase my speed.

Thunderer

Your powers are electric based, right? What if you borrow some of my energy, will that give you a boost you need?



Lee?

Lee

I'm not sure if the same works the same, we have yet to test anything resembling that. And you'll have split milliseconds before that bubble explodes when you make contact with it.

Sparkwave

It's risky. We're not too sure. I don't know what to do.

Thunderer

I believe in you Sparkwave!

Thunderer held out his hand to Sparkwave, the two shook hands and the electricity from Thunderer transferred to Sparkwave. He felt power coursing through him more than anything he felt before

Thunderer

Now, show me what the hero of the Sparkton city can do!

In a split second, Sparkwave ran through all the bubbles the police were in, he even managed to get both Thunder and Bubble boy out of the way of the explosions without them noticing

Thunderer

Oh wow! My first run with a speedster and I didn't even have a chance to react!

Bubble boy

(as he is arrested from the police)

NOT FAIR! YOU GUYS CHEATED! IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ME VS SPARKWAVE! NOT TWO ON ONE! THIS DONT COUNT! ITS A FORFEIT ON YOUR PART.

Thunderer takes out his phone

Thunderer

Let's take a picture of our first team up, it will be a great addition to my vacation photo album.

Thunderer take his camera and takes a picture of himself and Sparkwave with the police putting Bubble boy in the car

Thunderer noticed Sparkwave shaking next to him, he takes him to the side, alone

Thunderer

Pal, are you alright?

That, that was terrible, people could have died, how did I have the courage to do something like that?

Thunderer

Hey, hey, calm down, you had a situation and you were forced to do something, you did the right thing, you saved the day and took down the bad guy.

Sparkwave

But if there wasn't you, I wouldn't have been able to pull that off.

Thunderer

I was not the one who saved the day, that was you Sparkwave. You were the one who jumped into those exploding bubbles without thinking about your own safety, you are the one who risked everything... You can't carry everything on your shoulders, you succeeded, you did your job, now you can pause for a second, take a breath and look back, don't run into overthinking for no reason... It is ok to stop for a second, that is something I didn't do in a long time..

Sparkwave

Maybe you are right

Thunderer

I am, you are The Sparkwave, hero of Sparkton city, and they should be happy to have you.

Sparkwave takes off his mask

Sparkwave

You trusted me with your identity before, now I'm trusting you, my name is Max.

Thunderer takes his mask also

Thunderer

Max, my name is Leo, I'm glad I ran into you on my vacation. Actually, you ran into me, real hard, but you know what I meant.

Sparkwave

Yeah, sorry about that. What is next for you?

Thunderer

Some more dimension hoping, my vacation is far from over. If I am lucky enough, I will run into more people like you. Or perhaps something that's actually "alternative" You know the meaning of that word by the way?

The same as different

Thunderer and Sparkwave shook hands, before Thunderer opened a rift with his lightning

Lee

(Calling out in speaker)

WAIT! Can I interview you? Have some studies? Samples? I mean parallel universes is an actual thing. I gotta look into this. Such a breakthrough-

Sparkwave

SLICK!

/That's a nickname max calls Lee when he starts sliding into explanations and getting carried away. /

Lee

Alright, alright, just got carried away. Apparently, he was telling the truth. His atom structure is waaaay different.

LINC

Iif it make you feel better sir I did collect data through this ordeal.

Lee

Sweet! This'll be awesome. I gotta get to work on(Max hangs up and looks at Thunderer)

Sparkwave

Sorry bout that. He loves science.

Thunderer

(chuckles)

Friends like that are rare. Always keep them close. See you around, pal.

Thunderer flies into the rift

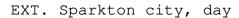
Sparkwave

Ok I gotta admit, that looks cool.

Looks off at a distance and sees the press arriving

Sparkwave

Aannd that's my cue. I'm seeing some particular reporter I don't want to deal with.





Sparkwave runs through the streets of Sparkton City, when suddenly, the electrical energy that was circulating through his body began to short circuit.

Sparkwave

Agh! I forgot I still had this extra electricity in me.

Before Sparkwave thought about what to do, the extra electricity started to leave him automatically. Sparkwave stopped in wonder as he saw that the electrical energy was gathering in one place and starting to form an electric skeleton of a man

Sparkwave

Lee, are you seeing this? Lee? Lee are you there?

Electrical energy

I may have accidentally cut off your connection with your friend. I'm sorry for that, it wasn't my intention, I just wanted to take that energy that Leo gave you, but I got carried away, I was hungry for too long.

Sparkwave

Who are you!?

Electrical energy

Calm down quick boy, like I said, I'm not here for you, and just so you know I'm taking a little extra of your own energy, so don't fight me. I will calmly leave your world and continue on to Leo.

Electrical energy man turned his back to Sparkwave and started opening the same rift Thunderer went through, but Sparkwave slammed into his back and threw him away from the portal

Sparkwave

You leave Thunderer alone.

Sparkwave got hit by lightning bolt and thrown to the ground

Electrical energy

Why? You owe him nothing. Why would you risk jumping into the unknown for a person you met an hour ago?

Sparkwave

That is what the heroes do, isn't it?

Electrical energy

I like you kid. You remind me of myself when I was your age. Be calm,

your power should recharge soon, eat a chocolate bar or something like that.

Electric energy man jumped into the portal, Sparkwave tried to reach it, but lacking power caused him to not be fast enough. The rift closed in front of his nose.

Sparkwave

No!

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