

= Amy Rose =

Amy Rose ( ??? ? ??? ? ? · ?????? , Em? R?zu za Hejjihoggu , lit . Amy Rose the Hedgehog ) , originally nicknamed Rosy the Rascal , is a fictional character in Sega 's Sonic the Hedgehog series . She is a pink anthropomorphic hedgehog with a cheerful , competitive personality . Amy is known for her unrequited and obsessive love for the series ' main character Sonic . They have saved each other 's lives on a number of occasions , however , and are very good friends . During the series ' early years , her appearance changed several times .

Amy debuted in the Sonic the Hedgehog manga series created by Kenji Terada in 1992 . Her first video @-@ game appearance was in 1993 's Sonic the Hedgehog CD and she was first playable in 1994 's Sonic Drift . Amy has become one of the series ' most popular and recognizable characters , appearing in dozens of main @-@ series and spinoff titles , several comic book series , the anime Sonic X , and the computer @-@ animated Sonic Boom . She has received a mixed response from critics . Although some found her cute and powerful , others criticized her for her voice acting and personality . She has frequently appeared in Sonic merchandise .

= = Design and characteristics = =

= = = Conception and visual design = = =

Amy is a 12 @-@ year @-@ old , pink @-@ furred anthropomorphic hedgehog girl created by Kenji Terada for the Sonic the Hedgehog manga serial . She debuted in 1992 , wearing a dress and with her then @-@ orange hair pulled into two ponytails . The character was redesigned the next year for the Sega CD game , Sonic the Hedgehog CD . Like the Sonic CD introduction Metal Sonic , an early grayscale concept sketch shows her very similar to her appearance in the game ( except her shoes , which became larger and flatter ) . Her coloring was red at first ( including her skirt ) , except for a green shirt . The character had two other names in game previews : Rosy the Rascal and Princess Sally ( a character in the Sonic the Hedgehog TV series ) . Amy received her present design , with a red dress and boots , in Sonic Adventure .

Although the character was redesigned for the Sonic Boom video game and TV series , these are not considered canonical . Matching Sonic Boom 's shift in tone , Sonic series newcomer Big Red Button Entertainment wanted her to be a more capable character to stand out from Sonic and offset her frequent placement on game sidelines . She became more " agile and graceful " , able to perform difficult physical tasks with ease .

= = = Personality and abilities = = =

Amy has a cheerful , exuberant , driven , competitive and intuitive personality . She is infatuated with Sonic the Hedgehog and spends much of her time chasing him , making sure he is safe and demonstrating her affection . Although Sonic does not reciprocate her feelings and is annoyed by them ( to the point of avoiding her ) , he does not dislike her . Former Sonic Team head Yuji Naka said that Amy was designed " to always chase Sonic " , and ( despite frequent questions from fans ) it is unlikely that they will ever get married .

Like most characters in the Sonic series , Amy can run at superhuman speeds but not as fast as Sonic . She attacks foes with her ever @-@ present signature weapon , the Piko @-@ Piko Hammer with which she is very proficient in using . The character also has supernatural skills ( tarot card reading and dowsing ) .

= = Appearances = =

= = = Video games = = =

In Sonic CD , Amy falls in love with Sonic . She follows him to Never Lake , where Metal Sonic kidnaps her and Sonic must rescue her . When he does ( on one of the game 's last levels ) , Amy kisses him . Sonic defeats Metal Sonic and Doctor Eggman ( known in this game as Doctor Robotnik ) , and then leaves with her .

In Sonic Adventure , after Amy ( a playable character ) complains about being bored a bird wearing a Chaos Emerald necklace crashes into her . She keeps the bird safe from E @-@ 100 Alpha , one of Eggman 's robots . Amy later meets Sonic , and invites him to an amusement park ( where they become separated ) . Alpha reappears , imprisoning Amy and the bird on Eggman 's airship the Egg Carrier . Another Eggman robot , E @-@ 102 Gamma , orders Amy to give the bird to him ; she refuses , asking him why he wants it . He does not know , and changes his mind when she tells him he is missing out on love . E @-@ 102 Gamma lets them leave and , touched , Amy becomes his friend before she escapes into the ship 's interior . On the deck , Eggman confronts her and grabs the bird 's Chaos Emerald . Sonic and Gamma appear , and when Sonic tries to destroy Gamma Amy defends him . Sonic agrees to spare Gamma , and Amy leaves with Tails . She later sees a photo of the bird and its parents ( whom Eggman has also stolen ) in its necklace . When Amy looks for them in the jungle , she again finds the Egg Carrier . The bird 's parents emerge on the deck ; Alpha appears , and injures Amy 's bird . Amy destroys Alpha , and waves goodbye to the three departing birds .

In Sonic Adventure 2 , Amy rescues Sonic from imprisonment and asks him to marry her but yet again Sonic refuses to . When she looks for Sonic ( to save him again ) , she finds Shadow the Hedgehog after mistaking him for Sonic . Eggman attacks her with his mecha and Tails defends her ; she then spends much of the remaining game searching for Chaos Emeralds with Tails and Knuckles . At the game 's climax , Amy pleads with Shadow to help her and the other characters neutralize a catastrophic energy buildup at the space colony ARK . She reminds him of Maria Robotnik , his friend on the ARK before her death , and he agrees to help .

Amy is a playable character in Sonic Advance , Sonic Advance 2 and Sonic Advance 3 , platformers for the Game Boy Advance . With Sonic , Tails , Knuckles and ( in the latter two games ) Cream , she frees animals from inside Eggman 's robots to keep him from building an empire . Although in Sonic Advance Amy 's attacking power was restricted by her inability to spin while jumping ( unlike those of the other characters ) , this was changed in the latter two games .

She is a playable Team Rose " speed " character in Sonic Heroes with Cream the Rabbit and Big the Cat . Worried about Sonic ( whom she has not seen in over a month ) , Amy finds his picture in a newspaper and joins Cream and Big to look for their own friends : Cream for a Chao named Chocola and Big for his frog friend Froggy . They travel through several stages before reaching the Egg Fleet , another Eggman aircraft , where they find a mecha piloted by one of his clones . When they defeat it , the clone dissolves into a puddle of liquid out of which rise Chocola , Froggy and ( to Amy 's delight ) Sonic . Amy , Big and Cream help their friends defeat the game 's true antagonist , Metal Sonic , who locked Eggman away on his own ship .

Amy is a selectable racer in the racing spinoffs Sonic Riders , Sonic Riders : Zero Gravity and Sonic Free Riders . In Sonic Riders , she participates in a racing tournament to keep an eye on Sonic . When Eggman shows up to steal the Treasure of Babylon ( a key item ) Amy hops aboard his hovercraft , which flies off into the distance . Sonic arrives at the base where Eggman is holding Amy hostage , using his hoverboard to stir up a dust bowl and recapture her and the treasure . She is uncharacteristically furious at his recklessness for charging at Eggman ( and her ) . In Zero Gravity Amy shows Sonic a strange item she has found , the Ark of the Cosmos , which the Babylon Rogues rival gang believes she stole . She disappears from the gang and is later found , helping them find the Ark of the Cosmos with information she overheard from the Rogues . Team Rose returns ( with Vector the Crocodile replacing Big ) in Sonic Free Riders . Although the team arrives late at a tournament they can still register , and Amy is delighted face Sonic and his team . They later battle other teams , with Amy insulting Vector for his incompetence and obsession with money .

Amy has non @-@ playable roles in a number of other game plots . Her attraction to Sonic is useful

to Cream and Blaze the Cat in Sonic Rush , since they are also looking for him . In Shadow the Hedgehog Amy appears at a castle level to ask Shadow to help her find Cream , who has not returned . In the game 's final story , unlocked after the player reaches the rest of the endings , Amy admiringly cheers Shadow on . In the 2006 Sonic the Hedgehog game , she mistakes Silver the Hedgehog for Sonic ; when he tells her he is looking for someone , she insists on helping him . When Silver attacks Sonic , Amy finds them and blocks Silver 's way ( saving Sonic 's life ) ; he escapes , and Amy yells at Silver . She rescues Elise ( who also likes Sonic , although Amy does not know this at the time ) from confinement . In Sonic Lost World , Amy and Knuckles care for forest animals while Sonic and Tails rescue the animals ' friends . The Deadly Six ( the game 's antagonists ) control one of Eggman 's machines to drain life from the world ; Amy and Knuckles die , but are brought back to life when Sonic and Tails replenish it .

Amy appears in cutscenes to flirt with Sonic in other games , including Sonic Unleashed , Sonic Generations and the Nintendo DS version of Sonic Colors . In Sonic Chronicles : The Dark Brotherhood , her playable character pretends to have a boyfriend to make Sonic jealous ; her success depends on player input . In Sonic and the Black Knight Sonic agrees to a date with Amy before he is whisked into the world of King Arthur , with an alternate version of Amy as the Lady of the Lake .

She is a playable character in a number of Sonic spinoffs in several genres , including the fighting games Sonic the Fighters and Sonic Battle ; the racers Sonic R and Sonic Drift , and the party title Sonic Shuffle . She is also planned as a playable character in Sonic Boom , a platformer . Amy has also appeared in games outside the series : Sega Superstars titles , including Sega Superstars Tennis and Sonic & Sega All @-@ Stars Racing ; Mario crossovers ( including Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games ) and as a collectible trophy in Super Smash Bros. Brawl .

= = = Comics = = =

Amy is a major character in the Sonic the Hedgehog manga . She is the girlfriend of protagonist Nicky , whose alter ego is Sonic , and is unaware that they are identical . Antagonist Anton Brooke is also attracted to her ; he kidnaps her a number of times , forcing Nicky to become Sonic and rescue her . In Sonic Adventures , a 1994 two @-@ issue French comic book published by Sirène , Doctor Robotnik ( Eggman ) uses Amy as bait to lure Sonic . When Sonic , Amy and Tails fall into a pit of lava , they are saved by a giant ring which transports them to a different location .

In the Sonic the Hedgehog series from Archie Comics , Amy learns about Sonic from folktales in her home kingdom of Mercia . She admires him , and tries several times to join the Freedom Fighters ( a resistance group to which he belongs ) ; however , she is rejected because of her age . She sends Sonic fan mail , but Eggman intercepts it and kidnaps her . Sonic rescues her and Tails ( another Freedom Fighter captured by Eggman ) , and they leave for the city of Mobotropolis . Although Amy continues trying to join the Freedom Fighters , she is still rejected ; when she wishes on an ancient artifact to become older , her immature mind gives her away . She helps the group defeating a number of powerful enemies , however , and is admitted after defending a fort from Eggman and his robots .

Amy continues to pursue Sonic , seeking out combat training so she can rival his abilities , and continues rescuing friends with the Freedom Fighters from Eggman and other antagonists . She joins Freedom Fighter subsidiaries ? notably the Team Fighters , which includes supporting characters Antoine D 'Coolette and Bunnie Rabbot and with whom she rescues Sally and a number of echidnas from Eggman and his army of robots . In the crossover spinoff series Trouble on Two Worlds , Amy battles Dr. Wily and other Mega Man antagonists with Sonic and Mega Man .

She was a major character in Sonic the Comic during its run from 1993 to 2002 . Amy is arrested early by two of Eggman 's robots for associating with Sonic when she claims to be his girlfriend . Annoyed , Sonic rescues her and realizes she is a fugitive and must remain with the Freedom Fighters . Amy becomes a valued member , frequently fighting with a bow and arrow . She occasionally saves the day without Sonic , once leading the Freedom Fighters in his absence . Unlike most other Sonic media , Amy 's love for Sonic in Sonic the Comic is shallow ( although

others assume they are dating , and she plays along ) .

= = = Animation = = =

Amy is also a major character in the 2003 ? 2006 anime series Sonic X. Attacking one of Eggman 's machines , Sonic triggers Chaos Control and sends him , Amy , Tails and other characters from their world to Earth . On Earth , they befriend a human boy , Chris Thorndyke and his family and friends ; Amy particularly likes his maid , Ella , who teaches her to cook . She frequently tries to woo Sonic and his discomfort angers her . In one episode Amy makes a seashell bracelet , which Sonic graciously accepts ; shortly afterward he saves her from drowning , and she returns the favor when one of Eggman 's robots holds him underwater . Sonic also rescues Amy from Eggman 's creations on other occasions . She sometimes flares up at Sonic , attacking him when she realizes that he has tricked her into acting insane . The second season opens with arcs based on Adventure and Adventure 2 , where Amy reprises her role in the games . During the first and second seasons Amy and her friends ? often without Sonic ? are frequently together , capturing ( and recapturing ) Chaos Emeralds from Doctor Eggman and adjusting to their celebrity status on Earth .

The series moves to outer space for season three , when the animal characters return to their world . Early in the series she and Cream befriend a plant @-@ like creature , Cosmo the Seedrian , and they are frequently together . Sonic is kidnapped by the Metarex , plant @-@ based robots , and Amy destroys one to rescue Sonic from drowning again . She continues her adventures with the gang , looking for scattered Chaos Emeralds and defeating Metarex . In one episode Amy nearly wins Sonic 's heart with an alien race 's love magic , but Tails and Cosmo trigger the magic before Sonic arrives ; while their existing affection for each other increases , Amy yells at them . During the show 's climax , Amy jumps to save Sonic from the Metarex 's watery planet . She is knocked unconscious by the impact , but Chris saves them both . Cosmo fuses with the planet , forcing Tails to destroy her to save the galaxy , and Amy , Cream and Tails sob in despair as the other characters solemnly watch . Amy and Cream later bring Tails some snacks to cheer him up .

Amy Rose is also one of the five main characters in the CGI series Sonic Boom , along with Sonic , Tails , Knuckles , and the new character Sticks , the latter of whom she is best friends with . Her personality has been changed into a stronger , more independent role , being a natural @-@ born leader and the backbone of the team . Her romantic feelings towards Sonic are kept intact , with a notable change being that she actively keeps her crush on him a secret , even from Sonic himself .

= = Reception and impact = =

Amy has received a mixed response from critics . Jeff Tozai of the Huffington Post expressed an interest in " more Amy Rose " from the Sonic series ( such as a game featuring her and Tails ) in an article critical of the series ' overall direction . IGN 's Lucas M. Thomas wrote , " One of the coolest things about [ Amy ] is her enormous , walloping hammer " ( often used for comedic effect ) , and hoped she would be a playable character in Super Smash Bros. Brawl . Although Amy was described as cute by Alex Huhtala of Computer and Video Games and the staff of Sega Saturn Magazine , Jem Roberts of the British Official Dreamcast Magazine called her a " little @-@ pink @-@ dog @-@ type @-@ thing . "

The character 's personality has been described as annoying . Thomas East of Official Nintendo Magazine called her his third @-@ least @-@ favorite Sonic character , saying she " really isn 't an interesting character " and is " annoying " . Ranking Amy third @-@ lowest on a similar list , Jim Sterling of GamesRadar simply wrote : " Total bitch " ( in contrast to several paragraphs each for other characters on his list ) . On the same website , Justin Towell called her a " whiny , annoying brat " in Sonic Adventure . Patrick Farren of What Culture called her " one of gaming 's most irritating females " , criticizing the way she " contacts Sonic seemingly just to bag him . " Jem Roberts called Amy " kind @-@ hearted " but " intolerably whiny " . The character 's voice has been criticized since Cindy Robinson took over the role , with Rogers and Farren comparing it to Minnie Mouse 's . Towell and Mean Machines expressed general displeasure at her introduction in Sonic

CD . The developers ' treatment of Amy as a female character and its implications for gender representation in video games have also been questioned ; the Electronic Gaming Monthly staff found her pink coloring and tendency to run from danger to be stereotypical and common in Japanese @-@ created female characters .

The character has been used in Sonic merchandise , with a 2010 toy line reflecting her Sonic CD design instead of her modern one . Exemplifying the culture of the decade , Amy and Sonic appeared in the Simpsons episode " That ' 90s Show " on a billboard promoting abstinence : Sonic proposes to Amy with the caption , " Sonic the Hedgehog says wait until marriage . "