

DESERT STORM

ORIGIN

TRANSFORMED

ABILITIES

PROWESS	6
COORDINATION	6
STRENGTH	6
INTELLECT	5
AWARENESS	3
WILLPOWER	4

STAMINA	10
DETERMINATION	3

SPECIALTIES

ARCHAEOLOGY EXPERT
MILITARY

POWERS

ALTERNATE FORM (LIQUID) 7 (SAND)

- INVULNERABILITY

ELEMENTAL CONTROL 6 (EARTH/SAND)

- ATTACKING (EARTH/SAND BLAST)
- DEFENDING (EARTH/SAND FORCE FIELD)

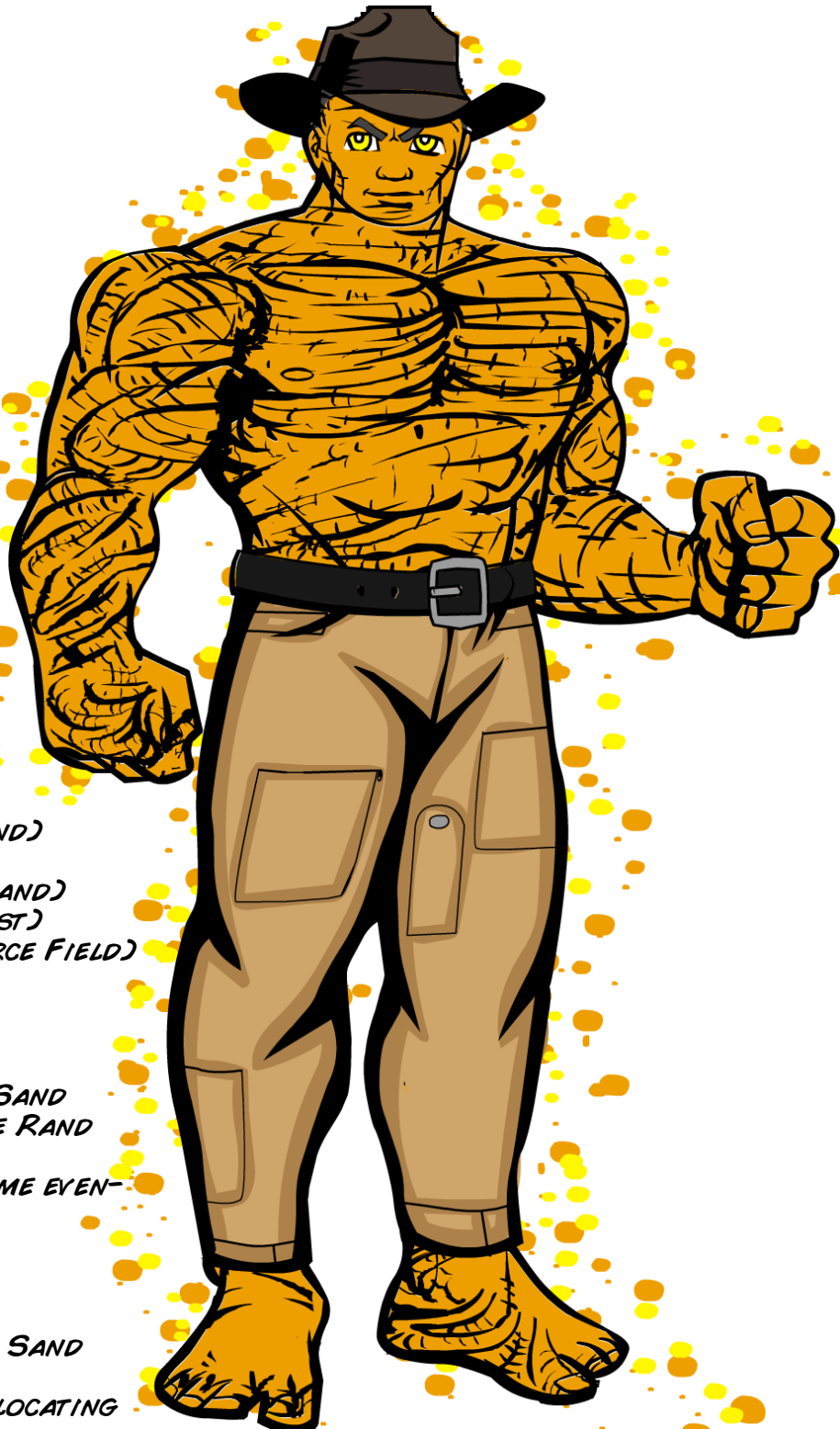
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QUALITIES

- EPITHET: THE WALL OF LIVING SAND
- CONNECTION: GENERAL GEORGE RAND (US ARMY)
- MOTIVATION: THE SANDS OF TIME EVENTUALLY RECLAIM ALL

CHALLENGES

- WEAKNESS: WATER
- APPEARANCE: WEIRD-LOOKING SAND MAN
- PERSONAL: OBSESSED WITH RELOCATING IREM, THE LOST CITY OF PILLARS



BACKGROUND

PRIOR TO HIS TRANSFORMATION, DESERT STORM WAS A RETIRED UNITED STATES ARMY CAPTAIN WITH A PH.D. IN ARCHAEOLOGY NAMED RICHARD "RICK" ROGERS. ANGERED BY THE MISTREATMENT AND THEFT OF ANTIQUITIES FROM THE BAGHDAD MUSEUM DURING THE IRAQ WAR, DR. ROGERS CONTACTED HIS OLD ARMY FRIEND GENERAL GEORGE RAND, WHO ARRANGED FOR THE ARCHAEOLOGIST TO COME TO THE WAR TORN COUNTRY AND HELP PROTECT THEIR NATIONAL TREASURES FROM LOOTING AND DESTRUCTION. AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF ROUTINE CATALOGING AND PRESERVATION, GENERAL RAND CONTACTED ROGERS ABOUT A STARTLING FIND IN THE DESERT ALONG THE IRAQI-SAUDI BORDER.

A WEEK EARLIER, AN ARMY PLATOON ON PATROL IN THE REGION CHANCED UPON THE RUINS OF AN ANCIENT CITY APPARENTLY UNCOVERED BY THE SHIFTING DESERT SANDS. DR. ROGERS ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF ARCHAEOLOGISTS AND ARMY SPECIALISTS TO INVESTIGATE THE SITE. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THEY HAD DISCOVERED NONE OTHER THAN THE FABLED CITY OF IREM, THE LOST CITY OF PILLARS. FOR THREE MONTHS, THE DIG WAS GOING ALONG SLOWLY BUT SURELY, UNTIL ONE FATEFUL DAY WHEN DR. ROGERS ACCIDENTALLY BROKE THE SEAL ON AN ANCIENT BURIAL CRYPT MARKED WITH STRANGE HIEROGLYPHS.

INSTANTLY, DR. ROGERS WAS OVERCOME BY A POWERFUL ELEMENTAL FORCE COMPOSED OF SAND ESCAPING FROM THE CRYPT. WITHIN SECONDS, THE ENTIRE CAMP WAS ENGULFED IN A SAND STORM OF EPIC PROPORTIONS. OVERCOME WITH THE FEROCITY OF THE STORM, ROGERS WAS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS, AND WHEN HE RECOVERED, THE ENTIRE DIG SITE CAMP AND ITS OCCUPANTS, THEIR EQUIPMENT, AND THE CITY OF IREM ITSELF, HAD COMPLETELY VANISHED IN THE DESERT SANDS. EVEN MORE SHOCKING, RICK ROGERS FOUND HIMSELF TRANSFORMED INTO A LIVING BEING COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF SAND.

HORRIFIED BY HIS APPEARANCE, DR. ROGERS CONTACTED HIS OLD FRIEND GENERAL RAND IN SECRET, AND TOLD HIM THE TRAGIC STORY. THEY AGREED TO KEEP WHAT HAPPENED TO ROGERS A SECRET, AND RAND SENT RECOVERY TEAMS TO INVESTIGATE THE SCENE, BUT NOT A SINGLE TRACE OF THE DIG SITE OR THE TEAM COULD BE FOUND. THE CITY OF PILLARS WAS LOST ONCE AGAIN...

HOPING FOR ANSWERS TO WHERE HIS TEAM DISAPPEARED TO AND WHAT CAUSED HIS TRANSFORMATION, DESERT STORM CONTINUES TO SEARCH FOR THE CITY OF IREM WHILE EXPLORING HIS NEW POWERS. IN THE MEANTIME, HE WORKS CLOSELY WITH GENERAL RAND, TAKING ON SOLO MISSIONS TO ELIMINATE TERRORIST CELLS AND TRAINING CAMPS AROUND THE MIDDLE EAST.