

Rainy Day Comics

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Cast of Characters

Mother (voice only)
Little Sally - our heroine
Captain Stupendous, a super hero
Dr. Despicable, a super villain
Assistant
The Tooth Fairy
Sheriff Andy
Miss Ellie Belle, owner of the Red Eye Saloon
Big Jim, owner of the Lazy B Ranch
The Crimson Kid, an outlaw
Miss Margaret, Big Jim's wife
Nick Tickle, a detective
Mrs. Humpty Dumpty
Winkin, a blind mouse
Blinkin, a blind mouse
Nod, a blind mouse
Gingerbread Man
Granny Slipslop, a narrator
Granny Bunyip, another narrator
Rosco Pig
Fink Pig
Granny Gumbo, a grandmother
Papa Bear
Mama Bear
Little Emily

Little Sally's bedroom
Dr. Despicable's Secret Laboratory
Captain Stupendous' Headquarters
Sheriff Andy's Jail
A pasture on the Lazy B Ranch
The Red Eye Saloon
Nick's office
A brick wall
The Dumpty house
The Deep Dark Woods
Little Emily's bedroom

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On one side, LITTLE SALLY's bedroom - really just a bed is needed.

LITTLE SALLY is happily snuggled on the bed, surrounded by stuffed animals and loads of comic books.

MOTHER

(Off) Little Sally! Where are you?!

LITTLE SALLY

Up here in my room!

MOTHER

(Off) What're you doing?!

LITTLE SALLY

Nothing!

MOTHER

(Off) I thought you were going to Linda's house to play!

LITTLE SALLY

It's raining! I don't want to get wet!

MOTHER

(Off) A little rain won't kill you!

LITTLE SALLY

It might! Can you drive me?

MOTHER

(Off) For heaven's sake, it's only two blocks!

LITTLE SALLY

I'll just stay here, then!

MOTHER

(Off) I hope you haven't take your brother's comic books again - you know they give you nightmares! You've going to be in a whole lot of trouble if I find out you've been reading something scary!

LITTLE SALLY

I'm not reading anything scary! (Quieter) There're plenty of others. (SHE picks up comic books, reads) "American G.I." "Miggles and Midge." "Tales To Frighten Your Skin Off." (SHE drops it) Ew! (SHE picks up another one, reads) "Captain Stupendous." That's better!

Action music. Lights up on the comic book story: Left, the laboratory of DR. DESPICABLE. Right, the headquarters of CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS. In between, a neutral space.

AT RISE: CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS is in his headquarters. There are lights flashing and sirens blaring!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

(Speaking loudly into his computer or tablet over the noise) Blog of Captain Stupendous, day 2, recording here at...someone turn off those gosh darn sirens!

SFX cut out abruptly.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Thank you! Blog of Captain Stupendous, day 2, recording here at headquarters with loyal partner Sidekick Girl.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS looks dramatically over at LITTLE SALLY who is at first disbelieving but then runs happily over to CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS who gives her a little cape to put on. Bedroom lights dim.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

If it wasn't before, the situation is now extremely dire. I can only hope that one of my super friends will somehow get through to us here in Metropolis City but I fear it is too late. Sidekick Girl is falling prey to panic and I can do nothing to comfort her.

LITTLE SALLY runs across from right, screaming hysterically, and exits.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Society is breaking down all around me...and I am helpless to stop it. Even my evil nemesis Dr. Despicable seems shocked by the insane madness and chaos that threatens us all.

DR. DESPICABLE runs across from left, screaming hysterically, and exits.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Who would've guessed that it would end like this...that a bright and shining force for good would become an instrument of evil? That I of all people would unleash an angel from heaven to become a hound of hell? That once she had a taste for power, she would become unstoppable in her quest for our complete destruction?

LITTLE SALLY and DR. DESPICABLE run on from their opposite sides, screaming. THEY collide and fall to the floor. THEY stop screaming and help each other up and dust each other off before continuing their screaming and running off to opposite sides.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Perhaps if I go over it again, I will find something that I missed, some tiny unimportant detail that will save us all...Hard to believe it started innocently enough just a few days ago...

Lights to normal.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS hits a few computer keys on his console or tablet.

DR. DESPICABLE enters his lab along with his ASSISTANT. DR. DESPICABLE puts a metal kitchen strainer on ASSISTANT'S head. The strainer is festooned with lights and dials and is attached by wires to a control panel on DR. DESPICABLE'S tablet.

DR. DESPICABLE
Commencing Test 7B. Engage!

DR. DESPICABLE throws a switch or touches his tablet. Lights flash! There is a loud buzzing! ASSISTANT shakes as electricity pours through him/her, finally falling to the ground twitching. As DR. DESPICABLE turns off the device, the buzzing stops and lights return to normal.

DR. DESPICABLE
Oh, not again!

DR. DESPICABLE prods ASSISTANT with his foot a couple of times.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS
(Dragging ASSISTANT off by the feet) That's the fourth one this week.

DR. DESPICABLE
(Entering) That's the fourth one this week! What am I doing wrong?

With a sigh, DR. DESPICABLE picks up a magazine, reads.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS
(Calling) Sidekick Girl, come look at Dr. Despicable on our secret video link. There's something strange going on.

LITTLE SALLY enters, looks at computer screen or tablet.

LITTLE SALLY
There usually is where Dr. Despicable is concerned. Hmm...looks like he's reading a magazine. That is strange. Can you pull in closer?

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS fiddles with keys. DR. DESPICABLE is "pulled" closer to the hideout so the magazine cover can be seen.

LITTLE SALLY

"Evil Genius Monthly." Makes sense. He hasn't had much luck with his dastardly schemes lately so he must be looking for some new ideas.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS fiddles with keys and DR. DESPICABLE is "pulled back" to his former position.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

He won't find any in there - that magazine's all ads and gossip.

LITTLE SALLY

Does that mean we can stand down for the moment?

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

I guess we can relax for a little while.

LITTLE SALLY

(Taking off her cape) Gee, that feels good! We haven't had a vacation in forever! (SHE finds an inflatable floatie) Let's hit the beach - to the Stupendousmobile!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Roger that, pal of pals.

LITTLE SALLY runs off. CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS packs a bag with his bathing suit, pail and shovel, etc. Meanwhile, DR. DESPICABLE returns to his control panel.

DR. DESPICABLE

(Quietly, putting down the magazine and looking at control panel) All hail Captain Stupendous – Captain of Idiots! Not only does he have no idea that I know he has a video camera planted here in my secret hideout...but he also has no idea that I've planted a video camera in his secret hideout! Now that I've lulled him into a sense of false security by making him think I'm not working on any diabolical plan, I can finish working on my diabolical plan! I'll take over Metropolis City while he's at the beach and there'll be no one around to stop me! (HE works on his secret weapon for a moment) But then I won't be able to see his face when I beat him. (Loudly) That's it! My new weapon works perfectly! Captain Stupendous won't know what hit him!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

What?! A new weapon?! (Talking into his wrist communicator) Sidekick Girl, come in! Dr. Despicable has a new weapon and we've got to stop him before he uses it! Sidekick Girl, do you read me? (Silence) She must've taken off her communicator before she went in swimming. I guess I'm on my own this time. I'll stop you, Dr. Despicable, even if I have to do it all by myself!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS runs off.

DR. DESPICABLE

Now it's just a matter of waiting...

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS runs on into DR. DESPICABLE'S lab.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Dr. Despicable! I know you weren't expecting me, I hope you don't mind that I let myself in!

DR. DESPICABLE

On the contrary! You're exactly where I want you!

DR. DESPICABLE throws a large switch.
DR. DESPICABLE's and CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS' feet are instantly frozen to the floor.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

(Struggling to move) What have you done?! I can't move! My feet are stuck to the floor!

DR. DESPICABLE

Say hello to my latest despicable invention - The Foot Freezer! You're well and truly trapped!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Curses! But trapped for the moment only - you forget I don't work alone! My friend of friends - Sidekick Girl will no doubt be here in a flash to rescue me and that'll be the end of your latest nefarious scheme!

DR. DESPICABLE

I think not! You see, The Foot Freezer isn't only affecting the floor here in my secret laboratory, it's affecting *all* the ground in Metropolis City! Everyone including Sidekick Girl is frozen helpless in place!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

You're as incompetent as you are evil because that means your feet are just as stuck as mine!

DR. DESPICABLE

(Showing off his shoes) Sorry! Special shoes! (Dances around a bit out of CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS' reach) Cha-cha-cha! Cha-cha-cha! Can't catch me, can't stop me, ha ha ha!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

(Trying to hit DR. DESPICABLE) You devious, slimy weasel!

DR. DESPICABLE

Forgive me for being a bad host and leaving you here alone but I'm off to wreak havoc on a grand scale - burglaries, arson, mayhem and then I'll stop by City Hall to take my place as the new Mayor of Metropolis City! And then, maybe, ice cream!

DR. DESPICABLE starts to exit but is stopped by the arrival of the TOOTH FAIRY.

TOOTH FAIRY

The only place you're going is prison!

DR. DESPICABLE

Who are you?! How have you managed to evade my Foot Freezer?!

TOOTH FAIRY

(Introducing herself) The Tooth Fairy, at your service. And it's easy to keep your feet from freezing to the ground when you've got magic fairy dust! Could you use a little help, Captain?

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

I certainly could!

DR. DESPICABLE

(Dismissively) The Tooth Fairy?! What can you do?

TOOTH FAIRY

(Miming rolling up her sleeves and then putting up her fists) Only what I do every day - collect a few teeth!

TOOTH FAIRY and DR. DESPICABLE fight.
TOOTH FAIRY is almost beaten but manages to
switch off the switch. CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS is
able to join the fight and DR. DESPICABLE is
defeated and subdued.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Well done, Tooth Fairy! You've got one heck of a left hook!

TOOTH FAIRY

Gee, it sure feels good to help fight evil instead of tooth decay for a change. A girl could get used to this.

LITTLE SALLY rushes on.

LITTLE SALLY

Captain Stupendous! What happened?! I couldn't get here to help you - my feet were frozen to the beach!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

I know. Don't worry, Sidekick Girl, the Tooth Fairy here filled your shoes admirably, so to speak.

TOOTH FAIRY

You mean, your *frozen* shoes!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS, LITTLE SALLY and
TOOTH FAIRY laugh.

TOOTH FAIRY

If you'd like, I could fly Dr. Despicable to the penitentiary for you.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

That would be a big help. Sidekick Girl and I should go at once to make sure everyone is all right. Metropolis City really owes you one. How can I ever repay you?

TOOTH FAIRY

Well...I don't suppose you have room for *two* sidekicks...

LITTLE SALLY looks alarmed.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Oh. Uh...that might make things a little crowded, you see....

TOOTH FAIRY

(Disappointed) That's okay, I understand, I just thought that, you know, maybe...

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

But I'll certainly keep you in mind if anything changes...

TOOTH FAIRY

(Mumbling) No, no, I get it, I'm pretty busy anyway...

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

And now, off to Metropolis City center to reassure the citizens! Sidekick Girl, away!

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS and LITTLE SALLY exit, LITTLE SALLY giving TOOTH FAIRY a dirty look.

DOCTOR DESPICABLE

So, the great Captain Stupendous has no place for you, does he? I don't suppose you'd consider joining me or anything...only he might not appreciate you but I certainly would...(picking up strainer helmet)...and it just so happens that I have an opening on my staff at the moment...

Lights out on lab. CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS enters his hideout. The flashing lights and sirens start up again.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

(Speaking into his computer again)...and it was only a short time...didn't I ask someone to turn off that siren??! (Siren noise stops) Thank you. And it was only a short time after joining forces with Doctor Despicable that the Tooth Fairy began her reign of terror! Nothing, it seems, now can stop her!

LITTLE SALLY and DR. DESPICABLE run screaming to CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS. HE slaps them both and THEY stop screaming. LITTLE SALLY is wearing her cape again.

CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS

Think back over your long career of evil, Dr. Despicable! You must know of some kind of weapon we can use to defeat her!

DR. DESPICABLE

Her magic fairy dust is unbeatable!

LITTLE SALLY

I'd be happy to whack her with a giant toothbrush if you think it would do any good...

DR. DESPICABLE

What did you say?!

LITTLE SALLY

Sorry, I know a giant toothbrush is silly, I was just thinking out loud...

DR. DESPICABLE

But it's given me an idea! Come on, we've got to work fast...first, we have to think of a temptation that she won't be able to resist...

Lights return to normal as CAPTAIN STUPENDOUS, LITTLE SALLY and DR. DESPICABLE exit at a run.

TOOTH FAIRY enters neutral area center. SHE is tied with chains but easily breaks free of them.

TOOTH FAIRY

Are you kidding? Chains can't hold me! Listen up, citizens of Metropolis City - it's no more Mr. Nice Guy! I'm coming for more than your teeth from now on! The time for taking the Tooth Fairy for granted is over! You're all going to listen to me and do what I say for a change! (An evil laugh)

TOOTH FAIRY exits.