

Captain Electric-utes 10,000

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The DARE Comics and Toy Corporation entered the Supreme Court today to face a massive class action lawsuit worth eighteen billion dollars in punitive damages. The Company is accused of producing and selling a toy that caused over 10,000 children to electrocute themselves. The toy, a metal ring in the shape of an electrical plug, was sold as a promotional item for DARE Comics Captain Electric comic book series.

Leo Darwhine, prosecution attorney for the Captain Electric case stated earlier today, "This case represents the greatest act of corporate stupidity in history. The superhero Captain Electric is often depicted "recharging" himself as he sticks the infamous ring into an electrical outlet. The company then sells this ring to children and--I cannot believe they didn't see this coming--The kids, emulating their favorite superhero, stick the ring in and Zap! And I want to know why in h*** they made the ring out of metal..."

Dar Blinkly, representative of DARE Comics had this to say, "The ring was a mail order offer found in the famous Captain Electric

comic books. It seemed perfectly harmless. After all, we didn't expect the kids would really stick it in an electrical socket. We had tons of disclaimers and Captain Electric himself dishes out advise on electrical safety in every issue. It couldn't have been more clear--don't stick this ring in an electrical socket!" When asked why DARE Comics made the ring out of metal and why it was the same size as a real electrical plug, Dar responded with no comment, however he did say that if DARE Comics were forced to pay the full twelve billion it would spell the ultimate demise of Captain Electric and all the other DARE-ing superheroes.

Angry parents and rabid comic book fans gathered outside the courtyard to protest and generally make a nuisance of themselves.

On the scene, concerned mother of four Maddy Blunder commented, "I think it's irresponsible selling something like that to children. Disclaimers or not, kids will try to stick it in a socket anyway. I know my kids are too stupid to know better."

To find out more about the controversial comic-book hero, I spoke with Moe Wilranger, a rabid 36-year-old comic fanatic, "Captain Electric, created by now legendary

Dave Swuckney, began as an electrical safety mascot back in the forties. I have the first run issue in Zap, a kids variety magazine that was published by the Voltac Power Company...when DARE Comics bought the rights in 1958 he became the superhero we know today--that's when they added his sidekick, Battery Boy...and in 1983 they killed off Dr. Node, the best super

villain of all time...the plots are getting pretty lame even by my standards...What DARE Comics has been doing to him is shameful, even worse than what they did to Swishman...If Dave Swuckney were alive today he'd be rolling in his grave."■



The Infamous Captain Electric Supercharger Ring, produced by DARE Comics and Toys Inc. was responsible for the deaths of 300 children and thousands more injuries.