

Purple Haze



Almost nothing is known about the villain dubbed the Purple Haze by the press. She appeared as if from nowhere in 2018 to start bedeviling **the Blue Bolt**, challenging him several times that year. While she could not fly nearly as fast as her chosen adversary could run, her ability to maneuver in three dimensions and lack of physical substance meant that, while he could thwart her schemes, he was never able to capture her. His best guess was that she was someone who had suffered some sort of elemental transformation, like **Aeolia** of **the Primal Pattern**, and suffered a breakdown.

He was and is quite mistaken. The Purple Haze is Violet Irving, born in 2018 to Jimmy Irving and his wife, **Erika**. From the age of eight, when her parents were killed in action, she was filled with a violent hatred for the superheroic community whom she blamed for their deaths. When her powers to transform into gas and use those chemicals to various ends developed in her mid-teens, she began to use them to seek revenge, causing a great deal of havoc in an era that had already seen too much destruction already.

From time to time, she would find herself opposed by those who had known her parents, who sometimes tried to reason with her and get her to understand how they would have felt about these activities. It never worked but they kept right on trying. When she first fought **Dancer**, a fellow second-generation superpower, she expected the same, and was startled not to receive it. "That would be pointless," said Dancer. "It would be appealing to your better nature, and you don't have one. You're not sad that they're dead. *You're glad*. It's given you the excuse you need to live out every violent fantasy you've ever possessed. Why else have you never once gone after the people who actually killed them?"

Furious at that insult, the Haze would later try -- and fail -- to prevent Dancer from time traveling to fix the events that led to the end of the second age of heroes. That failure further broke her already badly damaged psyche, and she decided that the only way she could possibly get an suitable revenge would be to bring about the end of the reality which had witnessed her humiliation. So, she stole a starship and flew across the galaxy to the time portal known as **the Pillars of Eternity**. Passing between them, she returned to her home world in the year 2008,

more than a decade before she was born.

Her first scheme was intended to test the limits of the supposed protection from paradox provided by the Pillars. When she succeeded in causing her birth mother to have a psychotic break, ensuring that she would never be born, and did not blink out of existence, the Haze knew that she was now invincible. If anything happened to her, after this, she could just return through the Pillars. (In fact, it is not possible to return to use the Pillars to travel to an era in which you have "died", but this is not the most severe among her delusions.) After that, she engaged in quite a bit of behind-the-scenes villainy, waiting for her nemesis to show up.

When Dancer finally revealed herself, the Purple Haze did too, fighting the Blue Bolt while also quietly working to set wrong what Dancer had made go right. To this end, she has recently joined forces with **the Emperor** of Korea, helping him to recruit members for an anti-Powerhouse organization that he calls his **Hwarang**, with herself taking the anti-Blue Bolt role in it. The Haze feels a bit conflicted about this since the Emperor did technically kill her parents and all that junk. But she rationalizes her activities with the knowledge that her true goals will mean his end, too. Besides, the only meaningful thing that her parents ever did was to have her, and that will never happen, now.

Her long-term goal is to manipulate **a certain individual** to go to **Daath** and solve the riddle that is **Ananke**, destroying all of reality in the process. That will show that rotten Dancer for insulting her like she did. She is still a bit confused why Dancer has never tried to confront her in this new era, because she fails to understand that the Dancer who exists here is the product of a timeline where Violet Irving was never born. But even if she did understand that it would make absolutely no difference to her. The insult still needs to be punished.

Purple Haze -- PL 11

Abilities:

STR 1 | STA 1 | AGL 4 | DEX 3 | FGT 4 | INT 1 | AWE 2 | PRE 2

Powers:

Gaseous Form: Visual Concealment 4, Partial; Enhanced Advantages 6 (Defensive Roll 2, Improved Initiative 4); Enhanced Defenses 18 (Dodge 9, Parry 9); Linked Flight 14 (32,000 MPH); Linked Insubstantial 2, Continuous - 72 points

Gases: Array (36 points)

- **Hallucination:** Progressive Affliction 9 (Resisted by Fortitude; Dazed & Vulnerable, Stunned & Defenseless), Extra Condition, Limited Degree - 36 points
- **Suffocation:** Progressive Affliction 9 (Resisted by Fortitude; Dazed, Stunned, Incapacitated) - 1 point

Advantages:

Beginner's Luck, Benefit 2 (cipher 2), *Defensive Roll 2*, Eidetic Memory, *Improved Initiative 4*, Taunt, Well-Informed

Skills:

Close Attack: Gas 5 (+9), Deception 10 (+12), Insight 7 (+9), Perception 7 (+9), Persuasion 8 (+10), Stealth 7 (+11).

Offense:

Initiative +20

Unarmed +4 (Close Damage 1)

Hallucination or Suffocation +9 (Close Fortitude 9)

Defense:

Dodge 16/7, Parry 15/6, Fortitude 5, Toughness 6/1, Will 11

Totals:

Abilities 36 + Powers 109 + Advantages 6 + Skills 20 + Defenses 18 = 191 points

Offensive PL: 9

Defensive PL: 11

Resistance PL: 8

Skill PL: 7

Complications:

Psychopathy--Motivation. Secret (origins.)

Update 2022: She succeeded. **Then the universe changed.** Then she died. Except that means she just returned to the other side of the Pillars of Eternity, to see what became of the world that resulted from her choices. Regardless, she will never again be seen in this turning of the wheel of time.