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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Mutants & Masterminds Role-Playing Game, 1st Edition. This manual provides essential information for understanding and playing this d20 system superhero game. It covers character creation, game mechanics, and setting details to help you embark on comic book-style adventures.

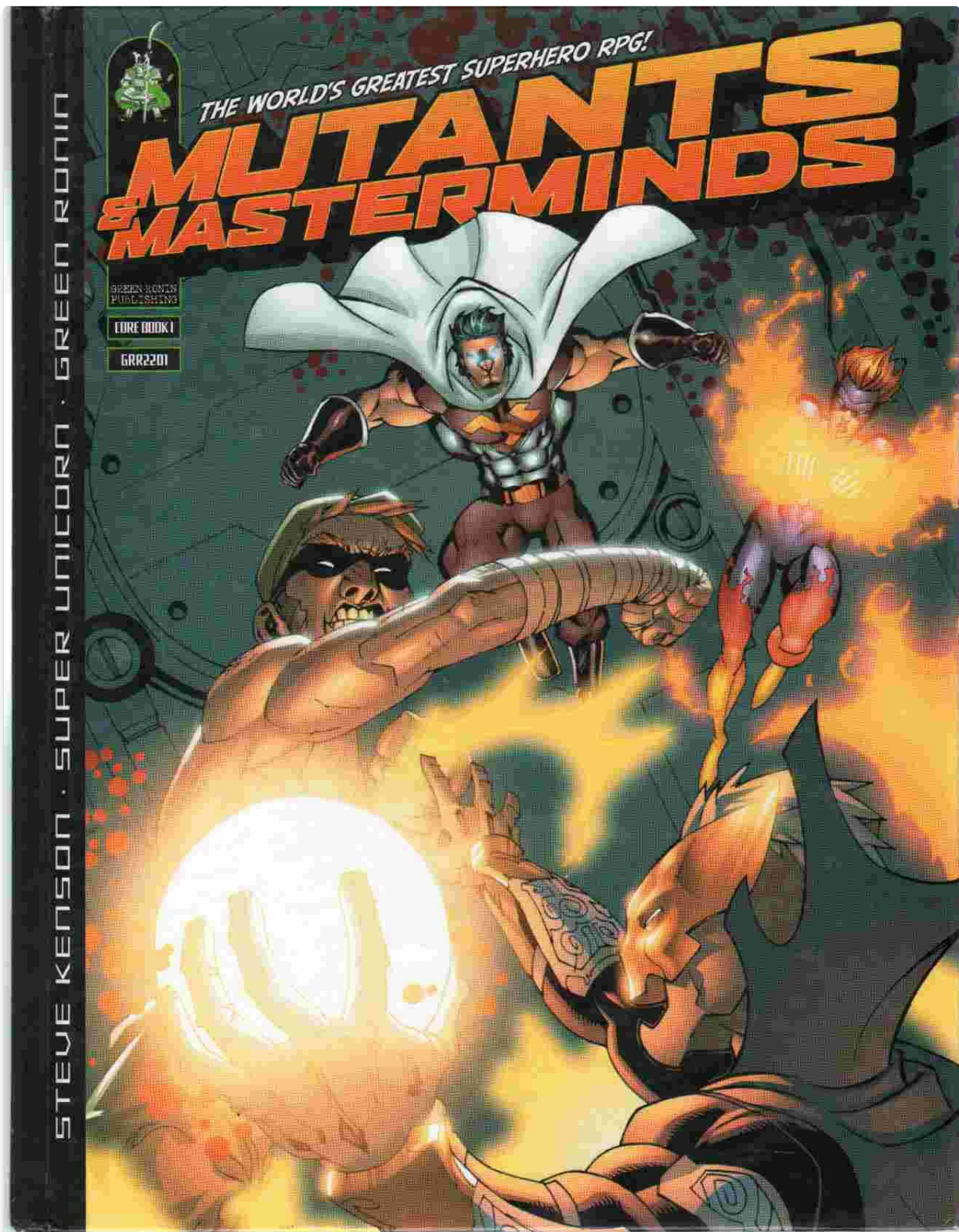


Image: The cover of the Mutants & Masterminds RPG 1st Edition rulebook, featuring superhero artwork.

Mutants & Masterminds has been designed from the ground up to be the definitive treatment of d20 superheroes. This full-color, 192-page book contains everything you need to enter the world of comic book heroics. It builds on the d20 base, optimizing the core rules for superhero play with point-built characters and a modular powers system that lets you build exactly the character that you want to play.

SETUP

To begin playing Mutants & Masterminds, familiarize yourself with the core rulebook. The game utilizes a point-built character system and a modular powers system, allowing for flexible character design. The book includes an introductory adventure set in Green Ronin's Freedom City and pre-designed Hero Templates to

facilitate immediate play.

- **Read the Core Rulebook:** Understand the fundamental rules, character creation process, and game mechanics.
- **Character Creation:** Learn to create unique heroes using the point-buy system and modular powers. This allows for extensive customization.
- **Utilize Hero Templates:** For a quicker start, use the provided Hero Templates to jump directly into gameplay.
- **Explore the Setting:** The book introduces the Freedom City setting, providing a rich backdrop for your adventures.

OPERATING THE GAME

Mutants & Masterminds adapts the d20 system for superhero gameplay. Players create and control heroes, engaging in narrative-driven adventures guided by a Game Master. The rules cover combat, skill challenges, power usage, and interaction within the game world. Consult the relevant chapters for detailed mechanics on actions, defenses, and power descriptions.

1. **Game Master (GM) Role:** The GM facilitates the game, describes the world, portrays non-player characters, and interprets rules.
2. **Player Character (PC) Role:** Players embody their created heroes, making decisions and performing actions within the game's narrative.
3. **Core Mechanics:** Understand how to resolve actions using dice rolls, apply skills, engage in combat, and utilize your hero's unique powers.
4. **Narrative Focus:** The game emphasizes storytelling and character development, allowing for dynamic and engaging superhero sagas.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

This rulebook is a durable hardcover edition designed for repeated use. To ensure its longevity, store the book in a dry environment away from direct sunlight. Avoid bending the spine excessively or exposing pages to moisture. Clean the cover with a soft, dry cloth if necessary.

- Store in a cool, dry place.
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- Handle with clean hands to prevent smudges.
- Do not fold or crease pages.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common questions or issues that may arise during gameplay.

- **Character Creation Imbalance:** If characters feel too powerful or too weak, review the point-buy system and power costs. Ensure all abilities and advantages are correctly calculated.
- **Rule Interpretation:** In cases of rule ambiguity, the Game Master makes the final decision. Encourage discussion among players to reach a consensus that enhances the game experience.
- **Pacing Issues:** If game sessions feel slow, consider using pre-generated encounters or simplifying complex combat scenarios. Focus on narrative progression to maintain engagement.

- **Missing Components:** As a book, there are no separate components. If pages are missing or damaged upon purchase, contact the retailer or publisher.

SPECIFICATIONS

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