

MEGA GIRL UNMASKED

POWERFUL SUPERHERO REVEALS HER IDENTITY AS ALISON GREEN ON AIR

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On April 18th, 2011, the superhero Mega Girl revealed her secret identity as 19-year-old Alison Green of Bronxville, New York while appearing on AIR's Live with Tandy Connors. The unmasking and sudden reveal of Ms. Green's identity occurred seemingly spontaneously, after a short, tense disagreement with Ms. Connors regarding the Guardians' plans following the defeat of Menace and the dismantling of his criminal organization. After a terse confrontation about the United States' strained relationship with China and the possibility of a super-powered conflict with the Harmony Council, Ms. Green became visibly agitated, stating "I grew up in Westchester New York, and have never traveled anywhere else without this stupid domino mask on my face! Am I the only one who's scared that people are looking to me for answers because I can lift a car over my head?! This is crazy!"

The seemingly accidental slip of Mega Girl's real-life residence prompted Ms. Connors to follow-up, which resulted in the now infamous unmasking. The YouTube clip of the event has been viewed over a billion and a half times since, sending ripples throughout the biodynamic community, superhero accountability activism groups, and pro-superhero law enforcement organizations. The hacker group Anonymous quickly uncovered the identity of Ms. Green's family, posting them on the website Reddit within minutes of Ms. Green's admission.



Alison Green, the autonomic somadynamic known to the world as Mega Girl, is the daughter of Geoff and Susan Green, a social worker and 5th grade teacher, respectively. The family's home is under military protection for the time being, and they have not been reached for comment.

A spokesperson from Live with Tandy Connors affirmed that the unmasking and reveal was not planned for the broadcast, that the interview was strictly a chance to sit with the Guardians, who are promoting the documentary based on their exploits, and that at no point were the producers of the show aware that this would take

place. No statement has been forthcoming from the Guardians themselves, although a spokesperson for the Dept of Homeland Security has stated the Guardians are continuing to provide help in dismantling Menace's organization.

Diana Williams, the documentary filmmaker who has been working alongside the Guardians for the past two years, was present at the unmasking, filming behind the scenes footage, and has stated that since Mega Girl's final confrontation with Menace, she had seemed distant and withdrawn, although in Ms. William's own words, "Nobody could have predicted this level of breakdown."

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The End of Superheroes?

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Mega Girl - or, should I say, Alison Green - is not the first biodynamic individual to release her identity to the press. Many of her peers, for instance her bat-headed companion in vigilante-ism, Sonar, do not have the option of concealing their powers in polite company. Others, such as the budding reality tv star, Angelica Altieri, flaunt their powers (or, in her case, wings) openly. However, Mega girl's on-air breakdown marks a change in the way her mysterious, superpowered generation views themselves. Mega Girl was an all-American superhero, as close to the iconic Superman as we are likely to get, with exciting powers that anyone would dream of having. Alison Green,

the troubled girl who snapped at the dogged Tandy Connors before tearing off her iconic mask, is something else altogether. Behind the mask was a real person, a teenager thrust into star-dom, asked to play a part she clearly was not ready for, no matter how many cars she can lift over her head.

America has created myths of superhumans for itself, and when we saw them coming true we were all too ready to provide the sets and costumes required to create a generation of superheroes. I predict that Ms. Green's breakdown will trigger a rash of identity revelations, as others question the parts they find themselves playing. The Guardians is the best known group of biodynamic vigilantes, and one can only imagine the discussions taking place at the headquarters of *continued A 4*