
Subject: Team Kimba costumes
Posted by [Sweet Cashews](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 02:10:44 GMT
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I read Boston Brawl II, and yet I could not tell who had which costume. Did they all choose to have costumes of the same style, or was it all that Fey could conjure up on short notice? If give the choice to try a different costume, would they?

Also, I am trying to keep everyone in character for a fanfic that I am writing, which includes a character trying to redesign Team Kimba's uniforms. Would they allow her to use them as models? What would their reaction be if she showed them what she wanted to put them in?

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler
Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 02:52:59 GMT
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Sweet Cashews wrote on Thu, 03 July 2008 22:10I read Boston Brawl II, and yet I could not tell who had which costume.

It's a bit of a puzzle.

S P O I L E R

Red / tree = Fey (Daughter of the Burning Oak)
Saffron / Tao symbol = Bladedancer
Blue / Knight piece = Lancer
Blue / wings = Tennyo
Orange / cat's head = Chaka
Black / Letter P = Phase
Pink / Gear = Generator

The only ones that aren't really obvious (at least to me) were Tennyo and Chaka. I have no idea where the cat's head comes from, but there's a scene later where Chaka's wearing orange trim, so the blue has to be Tennyo. (It just occurred to me that Tennyo has blue hair. I didn't catch that the first time through.)

Sweet Cashews

Did they all choose to have costumes of the same style, or was it all that Fey could conjure up on short notice?

There's a comment in Ayla 4 that suggests that they anticipated that the Necromancer would take a shot, so I presume that they had enough time to come up with a design. There's also a comment in one of J.G.'s stories (Walking Alone) about starting a simulator run against the Grunts on 11/27. Arena 99 rules indicate that they have to have costumes. That's because there's a direct feed to the underground Mutant Death Match pay-per-view.

I also suspect that this is a single-use (or at least "use in Boston") set of uniforms so they can protect their identities.

Ayla also has designed an individual uniform that she's apparently quite happy with, and had it run off by Cecila Rogers (Rogers Boutique).

As far as the rest? The rules for fan-fics are that there's a specific disclaimer that has to be on the top of the story: see any of mine for an example.

Frankly, I wouldn't get that close to the canon characters without checking the story with the relevant author. Team Kimba, in particular, has a 4 year story arc planned. However, to each his own.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler
Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 03:47:53 GMT
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X of A: The cat's head and the orange color refer to the leopard. 'Chaka' is the Masai name for the leopard.

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 03:48:46 GMT
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XaltatunOfAcheron wrote on Thu, 03 July 2008 23:52Red / tree = Fey (Daughter of the Burning Oak)
"Burning" oak = red, yes. But also, she's a redhead. So, red is naturally "her color". As to the tree, both the burning oak thing and the more general fact that she's a nature mage.

Quote:Saffron / Tao symbol = Bladedancer

This one is pretty obvious. Saffron is a traditional color for Eastern monks, and she's the Handmaid of the Tao.

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Well, blue is traditional for "boy", and he certainly fits the knight stereotype.

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Blue hair, certainly, also blue sky. But wings? It's not like her only power is flying. A Wave Cannon or an atomic mushroom would be more appropriate...

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Chaka MEANS "leopard," so a cat's head is appropriate. And leopards are yellow-orange and black.

Quote:Black / Letter P = Phase

Black=darkness, disappearances... and also black=heavy. The letter P, particularly in a "fade" tone, on a mostly-white uniform is highly reminiscent of the Legion of Super Heroes character "Phantom Girl," who also has phasing powers.

Quote:Pink / G inside a gear = Generator

Well, just TRY telling Jade that she can't use pink... the gear is also traditional iconic shorthand for "mechanism," which works for her supposed devisor power. Even if she's facing someone who has no idea who she is, the gear might work as misdirection -- Bad Guy see "gear," thinks "this shrimp is some kind of techhead."

I wonder why there are two blue-trimmed uniforms and no green-trimmed ones. Lancer's certainly could be olive green, for instance. It would fit with his military background.

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes

Posted by [Maggie_Finson](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 04:48:00 GMT

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Nice take on that, Sir Lee. And accurate.

Nikki may have done that on the fly, but she had the basic personalities and powers of each member of TK to work with.

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler

Posted by [Diane Castle](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 05:00:45 GMT

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Also, remember that 'Tennyo' in Japanese means something like 'heavenly maiden' or 'angel', so the wings are highly appropriate for that.

Note that Ayla dislikes her costume motif. But then, Ayla likes to gripe about stuff. The 'big symbol on the chest' thing is just so 'Marvel/DC'. Still, it's better than the 'huge porthole on the chest' thing like, say, Power Girl.

Diane

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler
Posted by [tenwaters](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 05:02:36 GMT
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I wonder if Lancer might come up with the idea of a more generic team uniform that hides the identity of the individual team members in the future. As the team gets better known it makes sense not to tell the enemy who is who at a distance. But then again if Jade gets to much influence they may wind up with green and pink tiger stripes.

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes
Posted by [Sweet Cashews](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 05:25:27 GMT
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So what would the character's reaction be if, say, an unpperclassman came and asked them to help her with a costuming project. And her first line would be "Except for the little one, your costumes show no originality and no individuality. It's time for a change."

If anyone wants to know, the alternate costumes designed for Team Kimba would be the costumes that I'm putting on them as I'm drawing their pictures. Personally, I think green fits Chaka...

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes
Posted by [tenwaters](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 05:48:38 GMT
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We were trying for invisible, But with our team the invisible cloth drew to much attention.

Resistance if futile you will be assimilated.

Have you met Jericho?

Practical and tactical or where is the parade?

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes
Posted by [Bladedancer](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 06:13:11 GMT
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Now, remember, that outfit is not the official outfits but rather an easily summoned up costume that makes sense.

Chou has the mask and the robe for her outfit, and hates having to wear the mask. So these things will definitely change over time.

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler
Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 17:37:44 GMT
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BekDCorvin wrote on Thu, 03 July 2008 23:47X of A: The cat's head and the orange color refer to the leopard. 'Chaka' is the Masai name for the leopard.

Uh, right. I should have remembered that.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler
Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 17:48:55 GMT
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Sir Lee wrote on Thu, 03 July 2008 23:48

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Sir Lee

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And a G is a common symbol on electrical diagrams for a generator.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler

Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Sat, 05 Jul 2008 02:20:18 GMT

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Canon authors please correct me if I'm wrong, but Nikki did NOT whip up all those costumes from thin air -- in the "costume change" scene, all the Kimbas were holding small backpacks and their attitude was of a rehearsed maneuver. It seems to me that after Carson tore them a new one for being photographed in Boston, someone thought that they'd better have some disguise in case they got in trouble again.

However, wearing two layers of clothing, like in old comics, is hardly comfortable. Carrying a change of clothes all day long is no fun. And you never have a convenient locker room around when you have to change into your costume in a hurry.

So, this is what I figure Fey has whipped up: some kind of shrink/exchange clothing spell -- each Kimba carried a small backpack, containing his/her costume, magically shrunk. Then Fey would be able to make their civvies exchange places with the costumes in the backpacks.

As to the design... well, these are utilitarian, not particularly distinctive and offer some sort of face covering. The goal in this case was NOT to make yourself known -- just the reverse, in fact. I expect that the Kimbas will design different, more colorful costumes for use inside Whateley, and these rather nondescript ones will be kept for this sort of "out-of-grounds" situations in which they would prefer NOT to be identified correctly.

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler
Posted by [Kiai](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 15:04:50 GMT
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I give it the thumbs-up for Psych Factor. Not only for going Mighty Morphin' Kimba Rangers after any interested parties have already made an eyeball identification and reported in, but for the uniformity of the uniforms (heh) maximizing the difficulty for anyone on the opposing team trying to keep track of who's who, without confusing themselves. Now all they need are those Maxon full-face helmets and the gaudy belt-buckles...

Subject: Re: Team Kimba costumes - Spoiler
Posted by [Marcus](#) on Mon, 14 Jul 2008 13:18:42 GMT
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XaltatunOfAcheron wrote on Fri, 04 July 2008 18:48

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I suppose she could have used roundrels, similar to what RAF or French airforce use.

Except that she may feel it looks too much like a target/bulleye.

Mind that would very suitable, since she is a target for trouble.
