

VESUVIUS

John 10:10; Psalms 57:4; Proverbs 29:22

Real Name: Roberto Barretti

Legal Status: Former citizen of Italy with an International criminal record

Place of Birth: Rome, Italy

Base of Operations: None

Group Affiliation: The League of Destruction

History: Dr. Alberto Berretti, the father of Roberto, was an Italian scientist who studied an experimental energy called "radiation-fire". One day, an earthquake caused an explosion in his lab and the fumes knocked him unconscious. He was saved but his life's work was destroyed. Several years later, Alberto's wife, Maria died while giving birth to Roberto. He blamed his son for her death. At the age of 17, Roberto joined a gang of jewelry thieves. When an attempted break-in went afoul, the police surrounded Roberto. Suddenly, in a moment of anger, fire unleashed itself from his hands. It held the police back as Roberto got away. For months, Roberto went into hiding in a mountain village and trained himself with his powers determined to take over the world. He reemerged as the villain known as Vesuvius. With confrontations with heroes Desertwind, Mr. Christian and others, including the I.D.A, Vesuvius always finds a way to escape capture only to wreck havoc on the world at large.

Powers/Weapons: It would seem likely the fumes that Vesuvius' father, Alberto inhaled somehow affected the genes of his son, giving him super-powers as Vesuvius. That has been the theory. It is unknown what research Dr. Berretti had done since his notes were destroyed. Vesuvius can cause fire to form around his body without harming himself. He can generate fireballs and cause lava to erupt from the earth's core. He has the ability to fly at moderate speeds. He can melt solid steel as thick as 17 feet.

