

# Dynamic duel



'MINX' TALE: Andrea Grant is in a super-power battle over her comic book, "Minx."

## Comic gal in title bout with giant DC

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She dresses up as her own superheroine, Minx, and now aspiring comic-book writer Andrea Grant has a real-life archenemy: DC Comics.

The publishing giant has sent Grant a "cease and desist" letter telling her she has to drop her plans to put out a "Minx" comic book because they own the trademark on the title.

"We must insist that you refrain from using 'Minx' as the title of, or as a prominent part of the title of, your upcoming comic-

book series," DC Comics lawyer Jay Kogan wrote in a letter to Grant earlier this year. Grant, however, said her character wouldn't give up, so she's not giving up on her character. "I'm fighting this," she said. "Minx is a great name, but it's also a common noun. It's in the dictionary."

The American Heritage Dictionary defines "minx" as "a pert, impudent, or flirtatious young girl," which Grant said perfectly describes her character, a warrior who, empowered by a wolf bite, takes on the



forces of evil.

Grant said Minx's adventures are based on Native American mythology, while the character is loosely based on herself — and is certainly no threat to DC icons like Superman or Wonder Woman.

Grant said she had the title trademarked years ago in her native Canada.

A spokesman for DC Comics declined comment on the spat.

world," she laughed.

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