

Hours later one of the partygoers — a woman named by the media only as Maria — gives an interview to a Seattle radio station, King/5:

We were just walking down to our parking lot after having a good time in Seattle, when a little argument broke out between our group and another group, and all of a sudden we were attacked. I turn around and we're being attacked by these guys wearing Halloween costumes. He says, "I'm a superhero" and sprays everyone. Nothing gives him a right to do that. That's harassment and assault.

*Oh, Phoenix,* I think as I read these reports. I put my life on the line for you. What have you done?

I try to reach him but to no avail. He's in a jail cell somewhere in Seattle.

And then, a few hours later, a shakily filmed and chaotic thirteen-minute video appears on Vimeo. It turns out that one of Phoenix's group filmed the whole thing.

The video: it's late at night in some floodlit industrial part of Seattle. The superheroes are patrolling, as normal, when one of them suddenly yells: "Phoenix! Look down! Huge fight!"

"Go! Go! Go! Go! Go!" Phoenix yells, clearly thrilled, running instantly into the midst of the altercation. "Call nine-one-one!" he shouts to his friends. "Call nine-one-one!"

As soon as Phoenix enters the fray — and it's hard to tell how violent the fray had been because the moment Phoenix arrives everyone stops fighting and just stares, baffled, at him — a small woman begins to repeatedly hit him with her shoe.

"You piece of shit," she yells. (This is the woman later identified as Maria.)

Everything becomes chaotic. A car zooms in and deliberately hits a pedestrian. It is presumably a car driven by one of the party goers, and makes me suspect that the street fight Phoenix intervened in had not been a friendly little nothing thing, as the police and Maria had intimated, but something more serious.

"Where are the cops?" Phoenix yells. "We need the cops now. This is getting serious."