

## *Diamond Lil!*

Most people have heard the term “Diamond Lil”. They may be familiar with it from the Marvel Comic character...or the comic strip by Brett Koth...or the B-24 Liberator bomber of World War II which was so named...or the song by American guitarist and songwriter David Bromberg. But, it actually comes from the 1928 play by that name by Mae West.

Prior to *Diamond Lil*, she had written a number of plays that were closed down due to either poor ticket sales or censorship issues with the establishments of the time, despite the fact that many high-ranking officials attended these plays. *Diamond Lil*, about a racy woman in the 1890s, was her first major Broadway success, and was the basis for her character Lady Lou in her 1933 film *She Done Him Wrong*.

Both West and the play were the final performers at the venerable Beaux Arts domed Nixon Theater in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania before the theater was closed for a skyscraper development on April 29, 1950.



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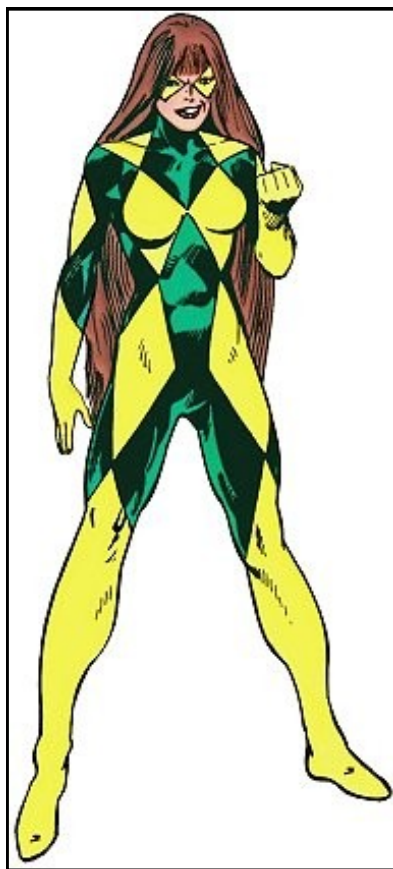
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