Real name: Christopher Vernon
Occupation: Middle school student

Identity: Publicly known

Legal status: Citizen of the United States (still a minor); no criminal record

Place of birth: Jasper, Indiana

Known relatives: Yes

Group affiliation: Junior varsity football team **Base of operations:** West Berlin, Indiana

First appearance: THRICE GREAT HERMES #23

Origin: The nickname reportedly stemmed from an incident in which Chris had been observed inserting his questionably pubescent penis into a stray cat. The nickname had stuck after his own mom (hopefully ignorant of the legend) had begun using it herself. **History:** Critter frequently exploited his greater physical size and strength, often to

preposterously exaggerated effect.

Critter's parents provided him with an ample supply of junk. Onlookers could only marvel at the quantity of video games, comic books, clothes, toys, sporting equipment, candy, record albums, movie tickets, jewelry, and various and sundry other items Critter always seemed to possess. For Critter, too much was never quite enough. He loved to point this out to anyone who would listen.

"I can't feel pain," he would also say. "I was born with a condition, my nervous system doesn't transmit pain." He would pull up his sleeve to reveal a long scar running down his arm that had been carved out by the tire swing on the playground, wrapping around him like so, while the rest of his body was flung from the tire. "I didn't feel it," he would continue. "It didn't hurt at all." He derived obvious pleasure from relating this tale to smaller, younger boys.

Critter's present whereabouts are unknown.



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