

Babies are Supherhuman

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Babies are superhumans. Don't believe me? On June 2nd, 1986, a baby fell from a 17-story building and survived (Boorstin). You heard me. SEVENTEEN STORIES! A small, tiny 11-month-old baby fell SEVENTEEN STORIES, and it survived! It's because babies are just so chubby that they can fall from heights that would instantly kill anyone else, basically giving them superpowers that make them fall-resistant. Furthermore, their bodies have a higher percentage of water inside of them than our own, basically making them like big bouncy wubble bubbles filled with water. Alistair Sutcliffe, senior lecturer in pediatrics at University College London explains, "It's simple physics. They have chubbier bodies and a higher proportion of body water so they are more robust to injury. They have more padding around their bodies and they generally recover quickly." Babies just have so much skin, and are filled with so much water, that they managed to quite literally "bounce back" from any falls. This gift of physics surely counts as a baby superpower, and is surely compelling enough evidence to prove that babies are, in fact, superhumans.

However, babies have more superpowers than just being able to fall from insane heights and survive; babies are capable of carrying their own body weight. That is just . . . insane. Absolutely insane. In an 1891 experiment in the British Medical Journal by scientist Louis Robinson, 60 babies were made to dangle from canes, and one managed to hang on for up to 2 minutes and 35 seconds, while the worst-performing baby still managed to



hang on for 10 seconds. Glossing over the fact that this experiment is probably among the oddest experiments in the history of science, the fact that a baby can hold its own body weight for over 2 minutes, or even just 10 seconds, shows how inhumanly strong a baby is for its age.

We've established that babies are able to fall from extreme heights unharmed and have super strength, but that's not all. Babies can regenerate their fingers. Apparently, babies have nail stem cells that send signals to the body to orchestrate growth when fingers are chopped off. "Kids will actually regrow a pretty good fingertip, after amputation, if you just leave it alone," says Dr. Christopher Allan, from the University of Washington Medicine Hand Center. So yeah, babies have the power of regeneration. They're like big human lizards. Furthermore, babies are believed to even be capable of regenerating up to 15% of their own hearts (6 Incredible Superpowers). I'm not even surprised at this point. Babies are just hyper-regenerative monsters, yet again cementing the fact that they are superhumans.

Babies can fall from 17-story high buildings and live, hold their own body weight for over 2 minutes straight, and cannot only regenerate fingers, but parts of their own hearts. In summary, babies are terrifyingly powerful superhumans and we should all fear them.