

Superheroes

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EXT. A BURNING BUILDING - EARLY NIGHT

A woman is crying and screaming outside the building for her baby. A crowd has begun to gather. Firefighters attempt to go into the building but the door collapses in front of them. One of the firefighters approaches the woman.

FIREFIGHTER ONE

I'm sorry mam that building is far  
to dangerous for us to go in. Your  
baby is a goner.

WOMAN

But...my baby...

Woman faints.

STRANGE VOICE

Have no fear terribly neglectful  
mother! The super squad is here to  
save the day!

The woman wakes up to see Skyman, a pompous and fame ruined superhero, fly in. He is dressed in a red and black superhero suit with a red cape. He is closely followed by The Grower, a giant man child riddled with pent up sexual frustration, in a green and black superhero suit walking (each stride is a mile in width). Behind him is Lightning Girl, a beautiful yet indignant girl in a yellow and white superhero suit running at the speed of light. Skyman steps forward and poses.

SKYMAN

I am Skyman protector of the sky

The grower steps forward and poses as well.

THE GROWER

I am The Grower, I change size at  
will

The Grower shrinks down to normal size to prove his point.

THE GROWER

I'm a grower not a shower

He winks at the woman in distress. Lightning Girl steps forward as well and poses, semi shoving The Grower out of the way.

LIGHTNING GIRL

And I'm Lightning Girl, fastest  
girl about and apparently last and  
(MORE)

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LIGHTNING GIRL (cont'd)  
easily forgotten even though I do  
all the work. I won't even touch  
how that's also sexist.

She shoots the boys an evil look and The Grower sticks his  
tongue out in return.

SKYMAN  
Pardon my friends.

Skyman gives them a commanding look and they both stop.

SKYMAN CONT'D  
We'll save your baby fair lady

WOMAN  
I don't care who you are just  
hurry!

The Grower picks up lightning girl and grows up to the third  
story window. Skyman flies up to the window and kicks it in  
with one kick. The grower throws Lightning girl in and she  
runs and grabs the baby within 5 seconds. She jumps and The  
Grower catches her and brings them both back down to safety.  
Skyman takes the baby from the charred Lightning Girl and  
she puts her hands on her knees and begins coughing heavily

SKYMAN  
Here you go woman. Next time don't  
forget to grab this

He hands the woman her baby

WOMAN  
Oh thank you, thank you! You're my  
hero skyman!

LIGHTNING GIRL  
Hey who had to run into that  
burning apartment? I nearly died in  
there!

WOMAN  
Thank you to all of you. You're ALL  
my heroes!

Lightning girl brightens up. The Grower steps closer to the  
woman.

THE GROWER  
You know there is one thing I don't  
need to grow...

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He winks at her

LIGHTNING GIRL  
Ha! More like can't grow!

The Grower shoots her a look. They begin to bicker indistinctly.

SKYMAN  
Guys...Guys...GUYS!

Screams are heard in the distance

SCREAMER  
Help help! Somebody please help me!

SKYMAN  
We have business to attend to.

The three of them rush off in the direction of the scream which came from behind the building across from the one on fire.

EXT. ALLEY WAY BEHIND THE BUILDING ACROSS FROM THE BURNING ONE - NIGHT

A mugger is attacking a little old lady trying to steal her purse. The super squad arrives on the scene much as they did before.

SKYMAN  
Stop evil fiend!

FIEND  
Oh no! It's Skyman! I don't stand a chance!

The fiend runs off leaving the woman and her purse behind.

OLD WOMAN  
Thank you young man

SKYMAN  
Well that was easy

LIGHTNING GIRL  
Why is it always Skyman that gets the recognition? I saved the baby

THE GROWER  
Yes yes and we're all so proud of you. Now when are you going to quit  
(MORE)

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THE GROWER (cont'd)  
playing your sad violin, build a  
bridge and super get over it? I was  
the one who had to grow myself to  
get you in there in the first  
place. Do you know what all that  
growing does to me? Premature  
arthritis that's what! And I can  
assure you chiropractic care is not  
covered under our super hero health  
plan.

SKYMAN  
Now now you both do equally more  
than I do. Now let's go home gang.  
TO THE SUPER CAVE!

Skyman and the rest of the gang make like their going to  
leave.

DIRECTOR  
Cut!

The building is pulled away and the camera zooms out to show  
that everybody is really on a set.

DIRECTOR  
That's a wrap guys. Hey somebody  
fetch me one of those damn writers  
we need to change that last line.  
Something catchy. He needs a  
catchphrase.

OLD WOMAN  
I was thinking maybe I should have  
some more lines. Maybe I think  
Skyman is a girl for wearing  
tights?

SKYMAN  
Hey!

DIRECTOR  
Maybe. I'll put it to the writers.  
As for now this scene is good for  
release provided the producer  
doesn't have anything more to say  
about it. Everyone can go home for  
the night.

SKYMAN  
Awesome. Hey Frank, Annie, should  
we grab a pizza before heading  
home?

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ANNIE (LIGHTNING GIRL)  
I was hoping for steak. Can they  
butcher a large cow and put that on  
the pizza as well?

FRANK (THE GROWER)  
I just ate not long ago but I could  
go for a drink

SKYMAN (SAM)  
How did you just eat? We were  
filming?

FRANK  
I took that cute boom girl over to  
the actors table for some buffet  
and making out

SAM  
How does that just happen all the  
time?

FRANK  
It's because I'm The Grower

He winks at Sam

SAM  
But I'm the delightful scamp that  
makes all the dirty jokes!

FRNAK  
Not in the show you're not

ANNIE  
Well technically it's not a show  
remember? For all intents and  
purposes we are the SUPER SQUAD!

They laugh and walk out the doors to the studio

INT. A LIVING ROOM - NEXT WEEK

A sinister looking man wearing a long black cloak is  
watching a television in the dark. On the T.V. a news anchor  
with a mustache sits behind a desk and reads the news

NEWS ANCHOR  
The Super Squad is at it again.  
Today they squelched an entire drug  
cartel. With such terrific super  
heroes one may ask are the streets  
(MORE)

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NEWS ANCHOR (cont'd)  
safe for criminals anymore? This is  
Chet Fritterman from Channel Five  
News; goodnight and have a bright  
good morning.

The sinister man turns off the TV

SINISTER MAN  
Hmmmm I cannot let this continue.  
The Super Squad must pay.

INT. THE LIVING ROOM OF FRANK, SAM, AND ANNIE - DAY

The three of them sit on the couch. They are shooting  
zombies with their Wii on a large television.

SAM  
This is the life isn't it guys?

FRANK  
Sure is!

ANNIE  
I don't know what we would do  
without you T.V.

She blows it a kiss

SAM  
Get a life slut I saw it first

ANNIE  
What are you talking about? It's my  
T.V. asshole.

SAM  
I'll wrestle you for it.

ANNIE  
I will not take you up on that. For  
one I'm far too weak. Second it's  
just an excuse to touch my boob.

FRANK  
Yeah she tried fighting me once and  
it ended very quickly with her in  
the corner crying in fetal position

ANNIE  
That wasn't fair you punched back.

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FRANK

That's sort of the point of  
fighting dear

ANNIE

But you're not supposed to punch a  
girl

FRANK

I think calling you a girl is  
somewhat of a stretch

SAM

He would know he is The Grower

They all laugh and suddenly the lights go out.

ALL THREE

NOOOOOOOO! THE GAME!

ANNIE

We were almost to level six!

SAM

The last save point we passed was  
so long ago!

FRANK

It will take forever to get back  
there!

FIENDISH VOICE

SILENCE SUPERHEROS!

Everyone is confused

FIENDISH VOICE (CONT'D)

YOU HAVE FOILED YOUR LAST CRIMINAL  
MASTERMIND! FOR YOU HAVE NOW  
INCURRED THE WRATH OF....

The lights come back on and the T.V. is gone and there is  
the sinister man from before dressed in a black cape

SINISTER MAN

THE EVIL GUY!

FRANK

Your super villain name is: "the  
evil guy"?

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THE EVIL GUY

Well basically everything else had already been taken

ANNIE

Hey what happened to our T.V.? And how did you get in here?

THE EVIL GUY

Ahhhhhh! An Evil Genius never reveals his secrets!

SAM

Was The Evil Genius taken? Because even that would have been a much better name.

THE EVIL GUY

Well come to think of it no I don't think it was...

KAT

What about Evilero? or Doom Man? Those at least instill a little more fear

FRANK

Yeah anytime you put o at the end of an evil word it makes your name sound much more sinister

SAM

OOohhhh Sinister Man! You could have been Sinister Man!

FRANK AND ANNIE

Oh yeah that's good!

THE EVIL GUY

SILENCE! I have a point!

FRANK

I just don't think you put a lot of effort into this.

THE EVIL GUY

I put effort into it okay! Anyways the name doesn't really matter

SAM

Of course the name matters!

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ANNIE

The name is the first impression we get of you. If the name isn't working then we don't fear you at all

THE EVIL GUY

I mean I see your point it's just I've never really been that good at names but we can discuss that later. Right now I must attend to the business at hand. I come to warn you Super Squad! Stay out of my way or else!

ANNIE

Or else what?

THE EVIL GUY

Or else you don't get your T.V. back

SAM

So that's what happened to our T.V.!

THE EVIL GUY

I thought that was implied with the timing of its disappearance and my arrival?

FRANK

I mean maybe it was implicit but if you're going to threaten us you can't just leave it all ambiguous otherwise your threat carries no weight.

ANNIE

I agree. You have to really make sure we know what's at stake here. Details are very important. Don't leave anything up to question.

THE EVIL GUY

Well was it a good threat to take the T.V. hostage?

SAM

Oh totally!

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ANNIE

Yeah that T.V. is our life

FRANK

You're doing great keep going!

THE EVIL GUY

Oh okay! Well if you don't give up your lives as superheroes by high noon then you will never see your beloved television again!

FRANK

High noon?

ANNIE

Are we in a Western flick?

SAM

Why not give us until midnight? Shorter time frame creates more panic and plus it's at night which is way more sinister

THE EVIL GUY

Okay midnight it is! You must surrender your super suits to me! At the City Park! By the statue of Jim Morrison!

ANNIE

That was really good! You gave a lot of important details and you didn't give away the location of your secret lair! I think you're starting to get the hang of this!

THE EVIL GUY

Thank you that's very kind of you!

SAM

There's only one problem with your plan

THE EVIL GUY

What's that?

SAM

We're not really superheroes

THE EVIL GUY

What?

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SAM

It's the governor's plan to help stop crime. We're actors. They just make it look like it's real.

FRANK

Not well paid ones might I add.

THE EVIL GUY

Oh. Well don't I feel silly

ANNIE

Oh don't feel bad! Really it's a compliment to our acting skills so thank you! Plus this is a great trial run.

THE EVIL GUY

So you guys really aren't superheros?

FRANK

Far from it. In fact just this afternoon we were discussing how we would transport drugs if we were part of a cartel.

ANNIE

I would sell Mary Kay. There's a sales director that is trying to get me to join her cult. Apparently someone recommended me, which is silly considering the only makeup I ever wear is the stuff the makeup artists put on my face for me. She is constantly sending me animal print cards in the mail saying "God loves you". I would just love to see the look on her fake tanned face when she threw a facial party and a bunch of meth addicts showed up.

THE EVIL GUY

Oh well since you guys seem a lot more experienced at this than me what if you joined my crime syndicate?

SAM

We can't do that either.

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THE EVIL GUY

Why not?

FRANK

We already have the superhero gig.  
Although if you had asked us like a  
month ago we probably would have  
said yes.

THE EVIL GUY

Oh yeah no that's fair I  
understand. Times are tough you  
have to take what's available to  
you. Well you know if the superhero  
thing doesn't work out let me know.  
I'll always welcome you guys into  
my circle.

ANNIE

Thank you! That means a lot to us!

SAM

Quick question before you go though

THE EVIL GUY

What's that?

SAM

Can we have our T.V. back now?

FRANK

Yeah we were kind of in the middle  
of a game

THE EVIL GUY

Oh yeah sure uh just hold on a  
second here...

He pulls the T.V. out from behind his cape

THE EVIL GUY (CONT'D)

Here you go. Sorry about the  
misunderstanding.

FRANK

That's okay. You can stay and play  
if you want.

SAM

Yeah we have a fourth controller

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THE EVIL GUY

Oh really? Well sure that sounds  
like fun!

ANNIE

One last suggestion though on the  
evil thing

THE EVIL GUY

What's that?

ANNIE

You need a new costume. You kind of  
look like count chocula.