

- 1 APRIL: A couple who fights together stays together.  
2 SPENCER: You just made that up. Couples do *not* have to fight!  
3 You guys need some serious therapy, you know that?  
4 MARCIA: Yeah, when *you're* trying to decide who to live with,  
5 you'll need some too.  
6 APRIL: Or who you want to spend Christmas and Thanksgiving  
7 with.  
8 LINCOLN: Maybe your dad will get a hot new wife like April's  
9 dad!  
10 APRIL: Hey!  
11 LINCOLN: Sorry, but it's true!  
12 SPENCER: Look, my parents are fine. They are *not* getting a  
13 divorce. Maybe after fifteen years of marriage they just like  
14 their alone time. That's *not* a bad thing. In fact, I think  
15 right now I could use a little alone time myself! (*Walks off*  
16 *angrily.*)  
17 APRIL: Oh, come on, Spencer! Don't be that way! We were just  
18 kidding! I'm sure your parents are just fine.  
19 MARCIA: You know I'd give anything to have parents that don't  
20 fight over meat.  
21 APRIL: Or a stepmom that doesn't look and act like a lovesick  
22 teenager.  
23 LINCOLN: Or a father who knows how to cook and clean up  
24 after himself. (*The three stop yelling after SPENCER, look at*  
25 *each other, and laugh.*)  
26 MARCIA: Geez, we've got it bad, don't we?  
27 APRIL: For real. (*They start walking Off-Stage while saying the*  
28 *following lines.*)  
29 LINCOLN: You think our parents will ever grow up?  
30 MARCIA: Doubtful.  
31 APRIL: I just hope we don't grow up to be just like them.  
32 LINCOLN: Not a chance.

## After-Hours at the Superheroes Club

### CHARACTERS

(2 Girls, 2 Guys)

**Superhero 1:** A male masked superhero who is jealous that the others don't have to suffocate behind one, too.

**Superhero 2:** Male superhero who wears tights for mobility, but is *not* happy about it.

**Superhero 3:** Female superhero who wishes it didn't matter how she looked. Would be a whole lot easier *not* wearing heels when saving the world.

**Superhero 4:** Female superhero who has to see a chiropractor for back problems.

### SETTING

Heroes are sitting around a coffee club-type place talking about their day. It quickly becomes a competition of who has it the worst and how ungrateful people are.



1 SUPERHERO 3: Man, my feet are killing me!

2 SUPERHERO 1: Maybe you should get some sensible shoes.

3 Running around in heels all day cannot be good for

4 anyone's feet.

5 SUPERHERO 3: A girl's gotta look good. It's all about the

6 image, you know.

7 SUPERHERO 4: For real. You think I like wearing this suit that's

8 practically painted on me? It takes forever to get in and out

9 of this thing! And I can hardly breathe. But I hardly think

10 anyone would respect me if I ran around in sweat pants

11 and a hoodie.

12 SUPERHERO 3: You just don't know how lucky you guys are.

13 SUPERHERO 1: Lucky? At least you don't have to wear a mask.

14 I get so hot under this thing, I think I'm going to

15 hyperventilate. And my face is completely broke out. I take

16 this off and I look like a pimple-faced teenager.

17 SUPERHERO 2: Thank goodness for the mask then! No one

18 wants to see that. But don't think you're lucky, ladies. I'd

19 wear your heels over these stupid tights any day. No self-

20 respecting guy wants to wear these.

21 SUPERHERO 3: Then why do you? Secretly, I think you like

22 them.

23 SUPERHERO 2: You wish. They're good for speed. And mobility.

24 I have to get into some pretty tight spaces, you know. I

25 can't have baggy clothes getting in my way. But I guess I

26 shouldn't really complain because at least my shoes are

27 comfortable. I can see your blisters from here.

28 SUPERHERO 3: I know! You'd think people would know better

29 than to try and run from me, but does that stop them? No!

30 SUPERHERO 4: Why can't they ever just listen? Do they really

31 think we're yelling "Stop!" just to hear our own voice?

32 SUPERHERO 2: Tell me about it. But then I guess they wouldn't

33 be the bad guys if they actually did the right thing and

34 listened, now would they?

35 SUPERHERO 3: Unfortunately, it isn't only the bad guys that are

1 killing us. I mean, is it me or are people getting bigger and

2 bigger? My neck and back are throbbing. I swear the

3 woman I rescued today must have weighed four hundred

4 pounds! I've lifted small cars that felt lighter than her. How

5 come I never get any skinny victims anymore?

6 SUPERHERO 2: Blame it on the fast food they're cramming

7 down their throats. I don't even know why we have farms

8 any more. Is anyone actually eating fruit or vegetables

9 these days? If it's not battered and fried, they don't eat it.

10 I had to bust out a wall to save one guy. I swear, I couldn't

11 get him through the door! A perfectly good wall all busted

12 up for nothing. Knowing my luck, I'll be getting a bill to

13 repair that. As if it's *my* fault the guy eats too much. To

14 top things off, I can't even stand up straight. I think my

15 spine is damaged.

16 SUPERHERO 4: You think that's bad? Try stopping a freight

17 train from actually hitting someone. That'll put your back

18 out of commission for weeks. My chiropractor bought a

19 brand new boat thanks to me! Why do stupid people

20 actually stop their cars on train tracks? Can't they read?

21 You'd think those flashing lights were a Christmas tree

22 instead of a warning!

23 SUPERHERO 3: If it wasn't for stupid people, we'd be sitting

24 around twirling our thumbs.

25 SUPERHERO 4: For real. I swear the population as a whole has

26 dropped fifty IQ points.

27 SUPERHERO 1: At least. This one chick last night might as well

28 have carried around a sign that said *mug me*. She was

29 walking down a completely dark street with this *huge*

30 purse on her shoulder, talking on her cell phone, and

31 completely unaware of anything going on around her.

32 SUPERHERO 3: And if they're not talking, they're texting. I had

33 to stop a three-car pileup from becoming a ten-car pileup

34 because this teenage kid was texting his girlfriend while

35 driving eighty miles an hour down the highway!



1 SUPERHERO 4: Don't even get me started on texting! This one  
 2 woman I saved from careening off the side of a mountain  
 3 must've been ninety years old. How does someone that old  
 4 even know *how* to text?!

5 SUPERHERO 1: (*Shaking head*) Stupid. Stupid. Stupid.

6 SUPERHERO 2: Yeah, well, they've gotten louder, too. This one  
 7 kid screamed bloody murder the whole time I was rescuing  
 8 him. I had to keep telling myself not to drop him — or  
 9 throw him. It was getting on my nerves so bad! When I got  
 10 home, I had to take three extra strength aspirins and put  
 11 an ice pack on my head.

12 SUPERHERO 3: Wouldn't it be nice if we could sedate them  
 13 while saving them? Sure would make life a lot easier.

14 SUPERHERO 1: That or earplugs.

15 SUPERHERO 3: Or maybe a hearing aid we could turn down.

16 SUPERHERO 4: Hearing aid? We are nowhere close to old  
 17 enough for that!

18 SUPERHERO 2: Speak for yourself. Some days I feel like I'm  
 19 pushing one hundred! Casting a web large enough to stop  
 20 a semi-truck from plowing into a school bus takes just  
 21 about everything out of me. Every bit of energy I have,  
 22 zapped! Some days I have to take a nap.

23 SUPERHERO 1: I'm right there with you. I had to stop to use my  
 24 inhaler twice last week. I was wheezing worse than a gas  
 25 leak.

26 SUPERHERO 3: I feel great, but I'm taking so many vitamins  
 27 and supplements, my stomach rattles!

28 SUPERHERO 4: (*Laughing*) Maybe we should look into retirement  
 29 options. You think they have a special place for old, dried  
 30 up superheroes?

31 SUPERHERO 1: If they don't, they should. It's the least this  
 32 world could do for us. Show a little appreciation.

33 SUPERHERO 2: Oh, I got showed a little appreciation all over  
 34 my newly washed suit. I had twenty-four snot-nosed kids  
 35 from that runaway semi-truck incident wiping their grubby

1 little faces all over me!

2 SUPERHERO 3: Well at least they wanted to show you some  
 3 appreciation. Know what I got last night? A "What took you  
 4 so long?" after I pulled a woman, a baby, her cat, *and* her  
 5 favorite purse from a burning house. No "Thank you."  
 6 Nothing!

7 SUPERHERO 1: People nowadays just expect us to help them.

8 SUPERHERO 2: Yeah, they don't even think they owe us any  
 9 gratitude. Like it's our *job* or something.

10 SUPERHERO 3: Did someone forget to tell the world that we're  
 11 just a bunch of volunteers? I sure haven't gotten any  
 12 paychecks for all of my hard work, have you?

13 SUPERHERO 1: I had one guy get mad at me because he said I  
 14 made him look bad in front of his girlfriend. The guy was  
 15 about to get a bullet in his head and I'm the bad guy for  
 16 saving him? I'm sure his girlfriend would've been real  
 17 impressed to see his brains scattered all over the sidewalk.

18 SUPERHERO 2: I got one better than that! I'm being *sued* by  
 19 this lady who says I didn't ask her permission before saving  
 20 her from an exploding car. She says she would've rather  
 21 blown up than be subjected to the *rough* treatment I gave  
 22 her. She has pictures of her bruises and everything. Well,  
 23 *sorry*. Next time I'll try to be more gentle when I'm saving  
 24 your ungrateful life! Or maybe I'll just walk the other way.  
 25 That would serve everyone right.

26 SUPERHERO 1: I got sued once because the guy I saved was  
 27 afraid of heights. He said I had no right to fly off with him.  
 28 Like I was flying off into the sunset with the guy on  
 29 purpose. Believe me, that's not the way I roll.

30 SUPERHERO 4: I got sued because I messed up a lady's hair!  
 31 I'm serious. She won, too. I not only had to pay my good-  
 32 for-nothing lawyer thousands of dollars, I had to pay her,  
 33 too! And believe me, it wasn't cheap.

34 SUPERHERO 2: This world is totally out of control. Everyone  
 35 thinks they are so entitled. That we are just here to please



1           them. To serve! They don't even care about us!

2 SUPERHERO 1: For real. Have you ever had someone offer to

3           buy you a replacement uniform after yours got ripped up or

4           burned in the process of saving them?

5 SUPERHERO 2: Has anyone ever said thank you for all the late

6           hours you work or the fact that their stupidity or bad

7           judgment hauled you out of bed at all hours?

8 SUPERHERO 3: Or out of a great dinner date?

9 SUPERHERO 4: Or out of a day at the beach for a much-needed

10          day off?

11 SUPERHERO 1: Day off? Are you kidding me? The world thinks

12          we are at their beck and call twenty-four-seven. How dare

13          we even think of taking a break? I haven't had a day off in

14          ten years! Maybe longer. Every time I try to kick back and

15          relax, somebody needs my help.

16 SUPERHERO 2: Maybe we should work out a schedule. Two of

17          us could take Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every other

18          weekend for a few months and then we'll switch off. At

19          least that way we'd be guaranteed some rest and

20          relaxation.

21 SUPERHERO 3: R and R? I wouldn't know what to do with

22          myself!

23 SUPERHERO 4: As good as that sounds, I don't see how it

24          could work. You let word get out that only two of us are on

25          duty and this world would run amuck.

26 SUPERHERO 2: Maybe. *(Pause)* Depends on which two.

27 SUPERHERO 4: What do you mean by that? That you two *guys*

28          are better than us two *girls*?

29 SUPERHERO 2: It's not really a male/female thing. *(Looks with*

30          *narrowed eyes at SUPERHERO 1.)*

31 SUPERHERO 1: What are you saying? Why are you looking at

32          me? You think you're better than me?

33 SUPERHERO 2: I'm just saying that some of us are seen as a

34          little more "soft" on crime than others.

35 SUPERHERO 1: *Soft?! You're calling me soft?!*

1 SUPERHERO 3: Not to be mean, but you have gotten a little ...

2          well, out of shape.

3 SUPERHERO 1: *I know* you did not just say that! So I've gotten

4          a little thick around the middle, who hasn't?

5 SUPERHERO 2: *(Grabs stomach of SUPERHERO 1 like grabbing a*

6          *bunch of flab.)* A little thick? Dude, you've got a spare tire

7          going around here!

8 SUPERHERO 1: *(Grabs at the underarm area of SUPERHERO 2.)*

9          Me?! What do you call these? You've got wings, my friend.

10          You start flapping those things and you could take off!

11          *(SUPERHERO 3 and SUPERHERO 4 point and laugh.)*

12 SUPERHERO 2: What are you two laughing about? *(Points at*

13          *SUPERHERO 3.)* They don't call you Thunder Thighs for

14          nothing, you know. *(Points at SUPERHERO 4.)* And how many

15          pairs of skintight pants have you split recently? You know

16          when you have to get your pantsuit in a *plus* size, you really

17          should consider a new career. *(SUPERHERO 3 and*

18          *SUPERHERO 4 stop laughing, their faces downcast.)*

19 SUPERHERO 3: *(Mumbling)* Well, who has time to go to the gym

20          anymore?

21 SUPERHERO 4: You'd think all the running around would count

22          for something, but I just keep piling on the pounds.

23 SUPERHERO 1: The older we get the harder it is to stay in

24          shape.

25 SUPERHERO 2: Hey, I'm in shape. *(Pause)* Round is a shape.

26          *(ALL laugh.)*

27 SUPERHERO 3: Sometimes I wonder if it's all really worth it.

28 SUPERHERO 4: Yeah, me too. But then I think about the rare

29          occasion when someone really does seem to appreciate me

30          and it erases all the aggravation.

31 SUPERHERO 2: *All* the aggravation?

32 SUPERHERO 4: Well, *most* of it.

33 SUPERHERO 1: I think we're just burnt out. It happens to the

34          best of 'em.

35 SUPERHERO 3: I say we really *do* take a day off. *All* of us!

- 1 Together! We'll go to the beach and chill out.  
2 SUPERHERO 4: Count me in!  
3 SUPERHERO 1 and SUPERHERO 2: Me too.  
4 SUPERHERO 3: Then we're all set ... wait ... did you hear that?  
5 Was that a woman ...  
6 SUPERHERO 4: ... screaming?  
7 ALL: I'm off! (*Scatter in different directions.*)

## The School Talent Show

### CHARACTERS

(7 Girls or Guys, Mixed)

**Judge 1:** Mean judge who only points out the negative.

**Judge 2:** Nice judge who always finds something positive to say, especially in response to the negative comments made by Judge 1.

**Judge 3:** Impatient judge who doesn't really care one way or another. Just wants to be done. Checks watch a lot.

**Contestant 1:** Juggler who starts with 3 balls (or oranges), immediately drops one, and continues on with just two.

**Contestant 2:** Does a humorous interpretation of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

**Contestant 3:** Sings "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" very off-key. Screechy. As bad as you can make it.

**Contestant 4:** Dancer who can't dance.

*Note: You can add or remove contestants as necessary to fit the number of actors. If desired, come up with additional contestants and ad-lib the responses.*

### SETTING

This takes place in a gymnasium, cafeteria, or stage. One table set up either Stage Right or Stage Left has three chairs for the Judges. Contestants enter to Center Stage.