

**THE  
SENSATIONAL  
STORY OF THE  
SPLASH  
NOT A MARVEL MOVIE**

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## **CHARACTERS**

### **OUR HERO AND FRIENDS**

**The Splash/ Tim Blyton-** Inexperienced hero, thinks he's better than he is. A waterbender, basically, who is a Spiderman expy.

**Emily Wright-** Only sane woman in the cast and also the only one to know about the Splash's secret identity.

**David Wright-** Emily's father. He worries about his daughter and struggles to not stress.

**Lisa Wright-** Emily's mother and Splash's lawyer. Marginally more level headed than her husband.

### **VILLAINS**

**Barista-** Not the barrister, new villain on the block, in charge of villain plan. Is completely terrible and makes bad coffee puns.

**Joker-** Clown Prince of Crime, also makes bad jokes. In love with Harley Quinn but has absolutely no chance.

**Mystique-** Emo teen who just want people to notice her. Played by multiple people with one lead actress.

**Harley Quinn-** An absolute genius and brains behind the operation. Not truly insane but happy to let people think that.

**Loki-** God of Mischief, Loki has daddy issues. And brother issues. Loki just has issues.

### **THE AVENGERS**

**Captain America-** Holier than thou, believes in truth, justice and the American Way. Doesn't believe in adapting to the times and so has no concept of modern technology.

**Iron Man-** Genius, Billionaire, Playboy, Alcoholic. Very lazy and normally drunk, Iron Man fails to take anything serious.

**Hulk/Bruce Banner-** Has achieved complete inner peace, to the annoyance of his teammates.

**Thor-** An Asgardian Prince with a rather...unique way of speaking.

**Hawkeye-** Pretty much useless. ARROWS, he loves ARROWS.

**Black Widow-** Is very much done with the guys on her team. A femme fatale who does all the actual thinking.

### **JUSTICE LEAGUE**

**Superman-** Always speaks in inspiring speeches, even when just ordering coffee.

**Batman-** Moody and overdramatic AF. Doesn't like people useless they share relatives with the same name.

**Wonder Woman-** Team Mom. Tries to get other superheroes to play nice.

**Aquaman-** Ultimate grump. Has been kidnapped and no one noticed.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Lois Lane-** Intrepid reporter and the closest we have to a narrator. Completely clueless to secret identities.

**Madame Zelda Distress-** A professional damsel, hired by heroes and villains alike to give their adventures more excitement.

**Officer Abbie Longworth-** A policeman who has to deal with clean up after hero battles. Is very excited about this and wants to use the bat signal all the time.

**Officer Arnie Shortworth-** A policeman who has to deal with clean up after hero battles. Is very annoyed about this and knows he has to do paperwork all the time.

**Imogen Smiley-** Insurance agent, who is very eager to blame damage on police incompetence, or superheroes (or anyone really).

**Justice Foreman-** A judge with a specific grudge against certain heroes. Way too connected to his car.

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| 2.6- Confession Song    | Emily, Captain America, Iron Man, Hulk, Hawkeye, Thor<br>Wonder Woman, Superman, Aquaman, Zelda |

## 1.1 Tim Makes a Splash

*(Light up on Abbie sat sulking on one side of the stage. Arnie enters, holding a notebook.)*

**Arnie** Okay, I've taken statements from the witnesses at the bank. Is the area clear?

**Abbie** *(moodily)* Yep

**Arnie** Are you still sulking? Look I told you, it wasn't really practical! Maybe next time...

**Abbie** Next time...next time...you always say next time! You never let me use it.

**Arnie** Commissioner Gordon said...

**Abbie** "The Batsignal's only for emergencies"- I know! But I really wanna use it!

**Arnie** Well we needed someone fast so we had to call the Flash.

**Abbie** Yeah...shame he didn't show up though.

**Arnie** The new guys not that bad!

*(Enter The Splash in a frankly underwhelming costume, you know, even by OULES standards. He's dripping wet.)*

**Splash** Hey fellas. Thanks for your help rounding up those thieves *(pause)* Sorry I accidentally flooded the bank.

**Abbie** That's okay, the clean up crew will sort it Can you do the jet stream thing again?

*(Splash moves to do the move but Arnie throws himself in the way)*

**Arnie** No! No! We don't need any more mess! Splash, the city thanks you for your help. You're a valuable asset *(to Abbie)* Come on, we've got work to do.

**Abbie** Does it involve the helicopter?

**Arnie** Obviously not! We gotta see that Smiley woman about all this!

*(They exit from one side of the stage and Emily enters from the other. She looks annoyed.)*

**Emily** Tim?

**Splash** Shhhh, Emily! No one can know my secret identity

**Emily** We're the only ones here!

**Splash** Still...It's *The Splash!* Did you see what I did? The size of those thugs? Oh my God it was so awesome!

**Emily** Yes, funnily enough I did see. That's why I'm here, to tell you off. Honestly Tim, you keep getting yourself into trouble.

**Splash** The Splash.

**Emily** *Tim!* You're Tim Bloody Blighton! And it's not only about you, you're getting me into trouble. Dad'll kill me if he finds out I snuck out and came here, it's dangerous.

**Splash** Why did you sneak out?

**Emily** Because I'm worried about you. Ever since you got those powers you've become so reckless.

**Splash** Hey, I've been burdened with powers, blessed with a new purpose, responsibility.

**Emily** You were dicking about at the hydroelectric exhibit at the science museum, don't act like those powers chose you.

*(Splash sprays Emily in the face with water)*

**Splash** Still have powers though! And need I remind you I just single-handedly stopped an armed bank robbery, I'm basically like Iron Man, a fully fledged hero!

**Emily** I mean....

**Splash** Ah you're just jealous! Anyway, Miss Civilian, This place isn't really safe for you, so if you could move along please.

**Emily** Don't you dare take that tone with me. *(Pause)* You think you're so cool don't you!

**Splash** Aren't I?

**Emily** In those tights?

**Splash** Well there's no need to be rude.

**Emily** I just want you to promise you'll be careful. I worry about you.

**Splash** I dunno why! I'm the world's best superhero.

**Emily** Because I've lived next door to you for sixteen years and that's a long time to form an attachment! And you're not the world's best superhero, you're an idiotic pubescent hothead with an internal supersoaker! Come on, let's go home.*(She Exits)*

**Splash** I am the best! You'll see!  
*(Exeunt)*

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## 1.2 Supervillains to Go

*(Enter Lois Lane, though with a slight twist, perhaps wearing a scarf. This is not actually LL but rather Mystique, disguised as LL. Enter the Joker, holding a pistol and spinning it almost lazily. He laughs and grabs Lois by the arm.)*

**Joker** Well, well, well, isn't this a lucky draw. Superman's lady love dropped right into my lap. Surely a smart reporter like you should know not to go wandering down Gotham's dark alleyways. Oh, I know just what to do with you

**Lois Lane (M)** *(bored)* And what's that?

**Joker** Well, it's obvious, isn't it. I'm going to use you to kill Batman.

**Lois Lane (M)** *(beat)* Seriously? You have Superman's girlfriend and you're going after...Batman

**Joker** Of course I am, I- wait- why aren't you panicking

**Lois Lane (M)** *\*sigh\**

*(Now we get an interesting special effect (directors, we apologise, mostly). Lights flash briefly (or do something fancy), then the actual Mystique runs on and switched places with Lois. Maybe do a spin about.)*

**Mystique** It's me you idiot. Aren't we meeting the same person?

**joker** Ah, Mystique! My favourite shape-shifting mutant. Not too busy terrorising the X-Men? It's um....it's good...to...to see you...

**Mystique** *(Getting upset)* You don't want to see me, do you?

**Joker** No!...no...I do....it's just, I thought I had a hostage...

**Mystique** *(Crying)* You don't like me! No one one likes me, no one wants to speak to me!

*(Awkward moment as the Joker attempts to comfort Mystique, who just continues to cry hard. Joker awkwardly hugs her.)*

**Harley** *(o/s)* Oh, Mr J!

**Joker** Harley!

*(Joker throws Mystique away as Harley walks in. The Joker bounces over to her, clearly head over heels but trying to play it cool.)*

**Joker** Oh, hey, Harley. I didn't know you were coming. You should have said, we could have come over together, maybe have gotten dinner...

**Harley** *(not paying much attention)* Oh, Mr J, I was having dinner with Ivy, maybe next time. So where's this big new villain that called us here.

**Joker** Well, I've yet to see them, maybe they're waiting to make a dramatic entrance

**Harley** I reckon they're probably still waiting on someone

**Mystique** I bet you don't care what I think  
*(Joker and Harley look confused.)*

**Joker** Or...maybe...they're just late

**Loki** *(o/s)* Or maybe they're just better than you are. *(enters)*

**Joker** *(Angry)* Loki! So the archenemy of the Justice League finally meets-

**Loki** Meets the greatest villain of the Avengers! Wait, you think you're the Justice League's archenemy?

**Joker** Um...yes...who else would be? It's not like you're the Avenger's main foe

**Loki** Well, Lex Luthor

**Joker** Scarlet Witch

**Loki** Darkseid

**Joker** Ultron

**Loki** Brainiac!

**Joker** Thanos!

**Loki** Dooms-

**Harley** Okay, we get it. There's a lot of villains out there. If you think we're so rubbish, why did you hire us?

**Loki** I didn't hire you. I thought you hired me!  
*(Everyone looks around confused. Evil Laughter™ is heard from offstage. Enter Barista, flouncing their way onto stage.)*

**Barista** Well, don't you look foolish! I've sure made a mocha-ry of you!



**Mystique** Umm...and you are?

**Barista** Well, I'm the one who hired you, the newest villain on the block, the creme de la creme of evil. I am...THE BARISTA

**Harley** Ooh, a barrister. So if we get arrested, you can get us out of jail?

**Barista** Not barrister, barista! I'm no sour milk, I'm fresh, and I'm here to hold the world to ransom.

**Loki** And how exactly do you plan to do that? We've all tried numerous times.

**Joker** And with all of us here, you're basically challenging every major hero group there is

**Barista** Well, the plan won't cost a lot and will bring in the big bucks- Starbucks, you see. We're going to put the world in hot water, by-

**Mystique** Mutant takeover?

**Joker** Releasing all the world's prisoners?

**Loki** Alien invasion?

**Harley** Blowing up the moon?

**All four** Giant blue laser firing at the sky?

**Barista** I'm loving the energy, you're all full of beans but no. This plan is hot, dark and rich. There's evil brewing and we're the masters of the kettle. Ladies, gentleman, deity, we are going to drain the world's oceans!

*(General confusion from the others)*

**Barista** I think I know how to make this easier for you to understand.

**(Song, song, song. A sassy villain song about evilness and puns. There must be puns.)**

### 1.3 Breaking News

*(Lights up on Lois Lane sat at her desk, holding some papers.)*

**Lois** Good evening, I'm Lois Lane, and this is the 6 O'Clock news. To those of you in Metropolis, good evening. To those in Gotham.... good luck out there.

A chain of burglaries has left detectives baffled, as no supervillians have come forward to claim responsibility. Could this be the work of just an ordinary thief? Does such a thing even exist any more?

It seems unlikely considering the fact that our world is riddled with crime. From Batman's sworn enemy, the maniacal Joker's recent attack on Gotham's famous Arkham Asylum alongside his paramore Harley Quinn! *(The Joker and Harley run past in the background)* To God of Chaos Loki's plan to trap the Avengers in an ice cave! *(Loki skips past, laughing to themselves)*. Even Mystique, the shapeshifting menace of the X-Men, has been caught attempting to break into Xavier's mansion, their world famous base. *(Mystique saunters past)*. My, my, the rogues galleries have certainly been busy this week.

Now for tonight's biggest story. Spiderman, Spiderman: can he really do *everything* a spider can. Top experts weigh in. Firstly, we turn to entomologist, Dr Andr-

**Barista** *(Entering from offstage with other villains)* Wait a second, Ms Lane. Sorry to interrupt your daily grind, but you're not giving me a fair shot. You mention all my friends here, but leaving me feeling blue.

**Lois** *(To Barista)* And who exactly are you? *(To audience)* I apologise for the interruption, dear viewers, although I'm sure you're unsurprised. The same thing did happen last week.

**Joker** I was only having a bit of fun, I don't see when the fuss is about.

**Harley** Yeah, stop complaining, it aint like we hurt ya!

**Barista** Exactly, don't be bitter. I'm here to serve up the latest and greatest news. I, the Barista, have brought together the world's greatest villains to hold the world for ransom.

**Loki** No one, not my idiot brother, not his stupid friends will be able to stop us!

**Mystique** The world will regret ignoring us and will realise how powerful we are!

**Barista** The entire planet shall tremble at our evil might!

*(The villains all break out into evil laughter. Lois waits for them to finish, looking unimpressed.)*

- Lois** So, what are you going to do?
- Barista** I'm sorry?
- Lois** You've said everyone will be scared. Villains threaten that everyday. What are you actually going to do?
- Mystique** Why would we tell you that? It just gives heroes more chance to stop us?
- Joker** Nice try, Ms Lane, but you won't catch us monologue-ing
- Lois** Okay, I understand. *(Turning to the audience.)* Breaking news, 5 villains, 4 with a history of being soundly beaten by heroes and 1 with no apparent experience, have decided to do something incredibly vague and likely pointless.
- Barista** It's not pointless! This plan has a lot of perks and will cause heated debate!
- Lois** What are you going to do? Blow up all the world's jam factories?
- Harley** That's actually a good plan...
- Joker** Next time, Harley
- Loki** We're not telling you, Ms Lane, none of us are that stupid.
- Lois** Well, then I'm afraid I have nothing concrete to report. I'm sorry if I've *spoiled* your day
- Mystique** Was that a coffee pun?
- Barista** *(Getting angry)* Careful, Ms Lane
- Lois** Sorry to have mugged your line.
- Barista** Ms Lane
- Loki** Oh, no.
- Lois** No need to lose your tamper
- Barista** *(Shouting)* I make the coffee puns around here! Listen here, you've just *bean* very rude, Ms Lane. Contact your superhero boyfriend and all his sour friends and tell them that the Barista is stirring things up and is going to drain the entire ocean!! And it's too latte for anyone to stop me!!!
- Joker** Well, this is exciting. We've just announced our plan on national television.

**Harley** I feel now is the time we leave.

**Barista** *(Still annoyed)* Fine. But the world better beware, because our threat is real and reaching boiling point.

**Loki** Let's go boss. Something tells me the heroes won't be too far away.

**Joker** Ta-rah!

*(Villains leave. After a beat, Lois shakes her papers and looks out to the audience.)*

**Lois** Let's return to our major story. Spiderman, Spiderman, can he spin a web any size?

*(Blackout)*

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## 1.4 For Truth and Justice!...and Aquaman

*(Enter Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman. They stand at the front of the stage, Superman centre, and all stare into the distance.)*

- Superman** Darkness cannot exist without light. We must be aware that all we do, while bringing light into the world, also brings darkness. Darkness will always exist but it is only with light that we can fully experience and enjoy life.
- (beat)*
- Wonder Woman** Clark, I asked if you wanted milk in your coffee.
- Superman** Yes please, and two sugars.
- Wonder Woman** Bruce?
- Batman** Black. Like the night.
- Wonder Woman** Any sugar?
- Batman** *(beat)* Nine.
- Wonder Woman** Alright. Now, what are we going to do about this new villain threat?
- Superman** We shall forge onwards as we always do. We shall face adversity as heroes and as friends. We shall-
- Wonder Woman** Speaking of friends, where's everyone else? We sent out the signal, we should be more than the three of us.
- Batman** Batman doesn't need help. Batman will fight on his own.
- Superman** Our allies are out in the world, protecting their own cities and realms. The Flash has sped his way through the speed force, and is as we speak watching over us from the future. Cyborg has embraced his youth and has rejoined the Titans. We shall see these friends again but not for a while.
- Wonder Woman** And Aquaman?
- Batman** *(laughs)*
- Superman** *(struggling to think of something inspirational)* Our friend Aquaman has returned to his palace underwater to protect his realm and his people.
- Wonder Woman** *(beat)* He went home.

**Batman** Aquaman ran away, so what? We don't need Aquaman.

**Wonder Woman** The Barista is threatening to drain the oceans. Don't you think we might need the King of the Sea to help out?

**Batman** No.

**Superman** While Aquaman's presence and assistance would no doubt be appreciated, we are strong, we are brave and the three of us can protect this planet with our strength and our courage. We shall succeed...besides, aquaman's not here

**Wonder Woman** Why? Why is Aquaman not here?

**Batman** Because he's scared

**Superman** Because he's busy, defending Atlantis from ridiculously minor threats.

**Batman** Because he's got ridiculous powers. Because he talks to fish.

**Wonder Woman** That's why he's not here.

**Superman** Wait, Batman's right?

**Batman** Of course I'm right. You know why? Because I'm Ba-

**Wonder Woman** Batman is not right! But it is clear why Aquaman doesn't want to help us. You two are mean to him.

**Batman** Batman can be mean to Aquaman. Aquaman isn't Batman's friend.

**Wonder Woman** Oh, really? *(Reads from a list)* Batman, did you know Aquaman has a butler?

**Batman** *(beat)* Batman has a butler

**Wonder Woman** And Aquaman's butler...is called Alfred

**Batman** *\*gasp\** MY BUTLER IS CALLED ALFRED! Aquaman is my friend! We must find Aquaman and apologise! I'm coming Aquaman, my friend!

*(exit Batman)*

**Superman** Yes, onwards Justice League, we shall find our companion and forge forwards to face this new threat with-

**Wonder Woman** Let's go, Clark

## 1.5 ASSEMBLE!!

*(Remain in blackout)*

**Captain America** *(o/s)* AVENGERS! ASSEMBLE!

*(Lights up. Enter avengers, bar Cap.*

**Song!! Avengers Assemble song about being a hero and being awesome. Let's get excited!!!**

*(Bruce sits down in a meditation pose. Everyone is reading on their phones.)*

**Iron Man** Well, this is a bummer. If there's no ocean, there's no beach and then how can I flirt with bikini models?

**Thor** The Man of Iron is correct, if not lewd in his posturing. This plot must be spoiled before it can ripen, and these villains chained up, lest they do the world damage again.

**Black Widow** But how do we stop them? They're hidden away in a villainous base. If they're smart, we won't be able to lure them out.

**Hawkeye** Well, why don't we infiltrate the base?

**Iron Man** Don't be silly, Hawkeye, how are supposed to do that? It's far too big a risk.

**Black Widow** *(beat)* I know, we could infiltrate the base!

**Iron Man** That is genius, Widow! Take the fight to them, I like it. I'm surprised cap hasn't shot it down though.

**Thor** Where is yon Captain of America?

*(enter Captain America, holding a newspaper)*

**Captain America** Sorry I'm late, had to go across town to get a newspaper. All this hullabaloo about villains, I had to know what was going on.

**Iron Man** Just look it up on your phone

**Captain America** *(pulls out brick phone/dial phone)* Don't be silly. Now what are we going to do about this plot?

**Black Widow** We need to infiltrate the base and get to the villains. ideas?

**Thor** Verily, the weak be-ith under our protection and protect we must, forsooth. We must charge post haste and attack with all our fury.

**Captain America** We need to plan, Thor. Remember our biggest weapon is sitting this out.

**Bruce Banner** *(calmly)* I can hear you. I refuse to transform for some mindless fighting. I have found peace, I shall keep peace.

**Black Widow** ...right, but we do need a plan. Steve, how are we going to do it?

**Captain America** With, truth, justice and the American way!

**Black Widow** *(beat)* No, I mean what's the plan. How do we get in?

**Iron Man** I could invent a robot to break us in. Although it might go rogue and try to destroy the whole world.

**Black Widow** Pass. Bruce?

**Bruce Banner** I'm sitting here and none of you can change that.

**Black Widow** What, you're just going to leave the others and I to fight alone?

**Bruce Banner** *(looking up)* It's the others and me, Natasha. You know how I feel about grammar.

**Black Widow** It was just a tiny mistake. I'm sure it's not that inbearable

**Bruce Banner** Unbearable Natasha, you know it's unbearable

**Thor** Lady Natasha, perhaps you jest too much. Our friend is on the verge of anger.

**Black Widow** Who are you talking about?

**Bruce Banner** It's whom, for crying out loud!

**Black Widow** I'm sorry. I suppose I should of thought-

**Bruce Banner** Have! It's should *have* thought! Aaarrgggh

*(Runs offstage, lots of loud banging and crashes)*

**Black Widow** *(between crashes)* Now he's working that out, any other ideas? Hawkeye?

**Hawkeye** *(excited)* ARROWS!



**Black Widow** How do we take down an evil base with arrows?

**Hawkeye** *(quieter, dejected)* ...arrows?

**Black Widow** No. Thor, ideas?

**Thor** To show might we must face them with no hesitation. We must wage war until they are stricken from the earth.

**Iron Man** Loving the attitude Point Break, but it's not exactly a plan.  
*(Reenter Bruce, clothes tattered. No one reacts, he sits back down)*

**Iron Man** Feeling better there buddy?

**Bruce Banner** I am at peace, you cannot bother me. I am zen.

**Iron Man** Oh, I reckon Natasha and me could give it a go.  
*(Bruce starts to stand, glaring)*

**Captain America** That's enough. We need to think up a plan to defeat all these villains and save the world.

**Iron Man** What if, and hear me out here, we didn't?  
*(beat)*

**Captain America** Explain...

**Iron Man** Well, think about it. Every time we want to face a villain, we plan and plan but the plans never work. But when we don't plan at all, and we just turn up to fight, what happens?

**Hawkeye** We get horribly beaten?

**Bruce Banner** I have to transform and save you all?

**Black Widow** I get kidnapped?

**Thor** The mighty Norns show us great favour and grant us a boon?

**Captain America** We...win?

**Iron Man** Exactly! We get lucky, something happens and we win. We don't need to plan, planning gets us nowhere. All we need to do is wait until the deadline is almost upon and-

**Captain America** -We save the day! Right fellas, we're going to save the world the best way we know how.

**Iron Man** By doing nothing! Now, to the nearest bar! Drinks on me!

*(Exeunt)*



## 1.6 Smiley's not Smiling

*(Imogen Smiley's Office- she's sat at a desk. She doesn't look happy.)*

**Imogen**

Carol, call them in please.

*(Enter Abbie and Arnie, both of whom look terrified)*

**Imogen**

You two again. It's always you two isn't it? What are your names again?

**Abbie**

Officer Abbie Longworth Ms Smiley

**Imogen**

Imogen, please. And you?

**Arnie**

Officer Arnie Shortworth Ma'am

**Imogen**

I'm sure. Do you know why you're here?

**Abbie**

Because Doctor Octopus was going all crazy like *(frantic arm movements)* and then the Hulk turned up and he was like *ROAAARRR* and then he knocked down a building and now we need money to rebuild it.

**Imogen**

Basically yes. Except, this money isn't exactly easy to come by is it officers?

**Arnie**

We know this must be inconvenient.

**Imogen**

Inconvenient? A whole apartment block! People's homes! My favourite Pizza restaurant. Someone has to pay for this!

**Abbie**

Well I'm sure Hulk is very sorry. He probably didn't mean to knock down the building.

**Arnie**

Probably?

**Abbie**

Well you never know! Be honest, if you knew you could knock down a building, well you'd have a go wouldn't you? Just to see what it's like!

**Arnie**

I most certainly would not have a go. I would be responsible and remove myself from any building that I might knock over.

**Abbie**

Well, that's just because you're boring.

**Arnie**

I'm not boring, I'm practical. You're just being childish.

**Abbie** No I'm not, I'm-

**Imogen** Enough! No wonder you two can't stop any criminals if you're always bickering like this. Now, where am I going to get the money to rebuild all this.

**Abbie** Well, it's not our fault. Why don't you speak to the Hulk? He's probably got money from...advertising or something...

**Imogen** For goodness sake, I am not going to go and accuse the Hulk. For one thing he'd toss me to the moon! But the fact remains that thousands of pounds are being sunk into super-hero related damages and it's just not sustainable! Someone needs to be the fall guy on this! Someone needs to be held responsible.

**Arnie** Well who do you have in mind?

**Imogen** Personally, I blame police negligence. However, if you're able to find someone a bit more...liable, then I'm willing to blame them instead.

**Abbie** Well that's hardly fair! We never...

**Imogen** You have two days! Then I'll be filing charges. Now get out of my office!



## 1.7 Meet the Parents

*(Enter Emily, sneaking into her house at night. She furtively creeps along the stage, stopping every so often to look around. What she doesn't notice is that her parents, David and Lisa, are sat watching her from the back of the stage.)*

**David**

Having fun?

**Emily**

What? Oh! Hey guys...how are you?

**David**

Emily, we've spoken about this.

**Lisa**

You have to stop sneaking off like this. You think we don't notice but we do. And you know what we do? We sit up and we worry!

**David**

Where do you keep going? Are you sneaking off to drink in a park somewhere?

**Emily**

What? Don't be ridiculous Dad. I've been-

**David**

Huh. How boring. When I was your age I would spend nearly every night-

**Lisa**

Honey! Let the girl speak.

**Emily**

I've just been....well....

**Lisa**

It's so important to listen to your children you should know that!

**David**

Sorry dear.

*(Suddenly there is a large bang from off stage.)*

**David**

What the hell was that?

**Lisa**

It looks to me as if Tim was sneaking in through his window and slipped and fell into the garden...he looks hurt.

**David**

*(Suddenly getting excited)* Wait! Are you two...oh my god that's amazing! Can I be best man at your wedding? No, sorry I'm your father that would be ridiculous.

**Emily**

Wait! Wait! No, we're definitely not together or anything.

**Lisa** Emily, we just want you to be honest to us. We're not going to judge you.

**Emily** Can I please just go and see if Tim is okay? *(She exits)*

**Lisa** David, do you ever worry about her?

**David** All the time! Well no, to be honest I worry about the effect she's having on my bank account. Who needs three different types of conditioner? Who takes two showers a day? Where's she going to go to college? Am I going bald? *(Beat)* Basically I worry about a lot of things.

**Lisa** Well I worry. She's so secretive, all the time.

**David** *(Thinking)* Hang on...do you think...nah it's stupid.

**Lisa** No go on. At this point, I'm willing to consider anything.

**David** Do you think she might be a superhero? Think about it, she sneaks out at night, she won't tell us anything, she's always got those weird cuts and bruises. Maybe she's a superhero. Maybe she's Iron Man!

**Lisa** Darling, everyone knows Iron Man is Tony Stark. Don't you remember, we met him at that charity benefit and he told everyone about his secret identity, like, nine times.

**David** Then maybe she's Wonder Woman.

**Lisa** Wonder Woman the Amazonian Princess? Do I look like an Amazonian Queen to you?

**David** No, not at all.

**Lisa** Exactly.

**David** You're far prettier.

**Lisa** *(Melting)* Oh David you sweetheart. But no, I don't think our daughter is a superhero.

**David** She's not going to tell us is she?

**Lisa** Probably not.

*(Re-enter Emily with Tim leaning on her. He's limping and there's a bad cut on his face.)*

**Lisa** My God! Tim are you okay?

**Tim** Yeah...I...yeah I'm fine thanks Mrs Wright. Just a bust up that's all.

**Lisa** You know you could sue right? If anyone ever hit you that hard.

**Tim** I'm not sure how far I'd get suing my own pateo.

**David** Well, if you didn't sneak out so much, you wouldn't get hurt. That's all I'm saying.

**Emily** Dad, Tim's really hurt. I think he needs to see a doctor.

**David** Okay, well then let's wake up his Mum and Dad and they can take him.

**Tim and Emily** NO!

**David** What?

**Tim** They can't know. They're not cool like you guys.They...*(he looks at Emily)* They'd be in danger.

**Lisa** Danger?

**Emily** Danger of being very upset and hurt. Ha ha. That's what you meant right Tim?

**Tim** Yeah...I don't want to upset them.

*(Long Pause with Tim and Emily trying to look innocent. Eventually...)*

**Lisa** Fine, I'll drive you. But this is the last time we're helping you out with...whatever this is!

*(They all exit)*

## 1.8 Justice League on a Boat

*(Lights up on the Justice League. They are sat on a boat, not an impressive boat, a dinghy. Superman is fishing .Wonder Woman is pacing to and fro nervously. Batman is sitting perfectly still, wearing a sailors cap.*

*This continues for a few beats)*

- Wonder Woman** Can't this thing go any faster? We are trying to save the world you know!
- Superman** At times like these, it is best to let the boat sail it's own course. I have no fears that it shall lead us exactly where we need to go. It's a vessel of truth, justice and liberty. Just like us.
- Wonder Woman** So...you don't know how to sail then?
- Superman** Not a clue no.
- Batman** Of course I do, I'm Ba-
- Wonder Woman** Oh this is hopeless!
- Batman** Fine, you do it then, since you're so great.
- Wonder Woman** I have an invisible Jet! Why would I ever need to sail around in a...in a...dinghy?
- Batman** So why aren't we using your invisible Jet?
- Wonder Woman** ....
- Superman** She was in such a hurry after her last gallant effort to save the world she abandoned it and has been off being fine and mighty ever since, never to return to her old battlefields like a true hero.
- (A few beats)*
- Batman** You lost it didn't you?
- Wonder Woman** Yeah, I did, yeah. *(Beat)* I wish you two had just been nicer to Aquaman in the first place.



**Batman** What? I was nothing but lovely to him!

**Superman** You called him Spongebob for a year straight and only responded to him when he spoke in that squeaky voice.

**Batman** Heh-heh

**Wonder Woman** What about the time you filled his room with inflatable fish and locked him in there until he “found nemo”?

**Superman** A comical jest amongst pals nothing more! Batman’s the one who kept spraying him with a water pistol shouting “I thought water was your friend!”

**Batman** I had a good reason for that!

**Superman** You wanted him to give you his lunch money so you’d stop.

**Batman** Well, exactly!

**Wonder Woman** The point is, you both drove him away with your incessant bullying.

**Superman** Hang on! He left when you told him our team would be improved by replacing him with a refrigerated salmon steak and parsley butter.

**Wonder Woman** I was hungry. I didn’t know what I was saying.

**Superman** mmm-hmm

**Wonder Woman** Well arguing won’t get us anywhere! We need to keep sailing on and pick him up! When we see him, you two be nice!

**Batman** I’m always nice!

**Superman** well... *(he falls silent at a withering look from Batman)*

**Batman** I’m bored. We’d have got there faster in the Batsub.

**Wonder Woman** It only has one seat and the license plate is “Aquaman Sucks”

**Batman** Still faster.

**Wonder Woman** Clark and I can fly! The only reason we’re here is for you.

**Batman** *(sounding visibly hurt)* Yeah, yeah don’t rub it in.  
*(Blackout)*

## 1.9 The Jokes On...Well Everyone Really

*(A Bar- The Avengers Are sat around one table, with Tim sat in another, not wearing his costume: Iron Man and Thor are drunk.)*

**Thor** Heartily, man of Iron these revels fill me with joy. I haven't drunk this much since my last night out with the frost giants and I took home that lovely...

**Captain America** Thor! Honestly we don't need to hear it! Have some self respect.

**Iron Man** *(Hiccups)* Prude

**Captain America** Excuse me?

**Iron Man** You *(Burps)* You heard me!

**Captain America** Do you want to fight?

**Black Widow** Steve...

**Iron Man** Nope, we tried that before...didn't....didn't work out!

**Hawkeye** Yeah that was-

**Thor** THOR WOULD DESTROY BOTH PUNY HUMANS IN A BOUT OF FISTICUFFS! THOR RULES! YAAAAAY THOR!

**Bruce** Guys, it's already *really* loud in here, can we just...chill please?

**Iron Man** How's your Pineapple Juice?

**Bruce** It's very nice thank you.

**Iron Man** 'S a girl's drink. Nah, nah, 'S a kiddie drink. Yer a kiddie!

**Black Widow** Tony...*(Notices something in the distance)* Wait, what's that?

**Thor** It's your mother! Heh, heh, heh

**Hawkeye** I think it's-

*(The Joker enters carrying what looks like a very hastily improvised bomb. As soon as he enters, Tim looks up from where he is sitting,*

*panicking, and runs off-stage. Sorry Tim, you're getting a quick costume change)*

**Joker**

Ha! Ha! ha! It is I, the clown prince of Crime, the laugh-a-minute lunatic, the funnyman of fatality, the...the....the bally bad guy!

**Iron Man**

Ah never mind, he's not one of ours! One of the broody fellas, you know...*(imitates Batman)* MY PARENTS ARE DEAD

*(Drunken Thor laughs way too loudly at this)*

**Black Widow**

Tony don't be so ridiculous. He's going to blow up the whole street, we obviously need to stop him!

**Cap**

I agree! Right, well we said something will come up and it has. Battle formations team!

**Joker**

Try all you might Avengers! Earth's Mightiest Heroes, hmmm....more like Earth's smelliest losers!

*(Everyone's staring at the Joker. He looks sheepish)*

**Joker**

What? Sometimes my jokes fall flat! No matter, I'm still going to blow you all up anyway!

*(At this point, the Splash runs in. He looks really very frightened)*

**Splash**

Oh God! I wanted a nice quiet coke and I get the Joker. I'm not ready for this. *(Pause)* No! Emily will have to believe I'm good when I take down this guy!

*(He charges at the Joker, spraying water at him. The Joker jumps out of the way and Splash, stumbling, falls over)*

**Joker**

Who the hell are you?

**Splash**

*(Feebly)* I'm the Splash.

**Cap**

Did he say the Flash? What's he doing here? This is our patch!

**Bruce**

We should be more welcoming. We are, after all, connected in the great prism of the universe.

**Splash**

I said the Splash dammit!

**Captain America** Well either way young man, it's considered quite rude to intrude on another hero's ground.

*(Thor storms up to Splash and grabs him by the throat)*

**Thor** Have no fear my brothers and sisters! I will deal with this pesky interloper and keep your gracious world safe once more.

**Iron Man** *(Hiccups)* Yeah! Thor kick some ass!

**Black Widow** No! He's not the villain.

**Joker** That would be me, and there's absolutely nothing you can do to stop me. Ha ha ha ha ha

**Splash** Just a small query. Has a villain ever actually said that and not been stopped immediately afterwards? Why do you bother? It's just tempting fate.

**Joker** Well I'd like to see you disable this bomb, Mr Sarcastic.

**Hawkeye** I could probably do it with an arrow!

*(Splash sprays the bomb with water, it lets out a feeble beeping noise and then stops.)*

**Hawkeye** But arrows...

**Joker** Well I'll be damned! He he, bye then. *(He runs away)*

**Splash** Quick we can't let him escape!

**Iron Man** Brucie, Brucie, be a pal and go get him!

**Bruce** I'd really rather not.

**Hawkeye** I'll just go and-

**Iron Man** Pineapple juice is a pathetic excuse for a drink and you're a pathetic excuse for a man.

*(Bruce roars and runs offstage. We hear a lot of loud banging and the Joker screams. After a while, Bruce comes back, his clothes tattered, dragging the Joker behind him.)*

**Bruce** Happy now?

**Joker** This whole thing seems incredibly unfair to me. You have a hulk!

**Iron Man** Hey that's my line!

**Black Widow** *(To Splash)* Hey Kid, that was some nice work. Really got us out of a jam.

**Splash** Well, you know, anything I can do to help out.

**Captain America** You know, we have a few openings on our team, if you were looking for a more permanent job.

**Splash** Really? You mean it? I could be an avenger?

**Black Widow** Yeah if you're willing to go through an intense and vigorous physical training session to prove your worth.

**Splash** *(Clearly repulsed)* You mean like...exercise?

**Captain America** Well, yes.

**Splash** Yeah, I'm good thanks.

**Captain America** Hmm...disappointing.

**Splash** Wait! I need to go! I gotta tell Emily about this! Nice to meet you guys!  
*(Splash exits. As he does, a strange beeping floats over the stage)*

**Black Widow** What? I thought we defused the bomb.

**Joker** Hahahahaha! The Joker reigns supreme!

**Thor** Take cover!

**Bruce** Oh not again!  
*(Captain America heroically throws himself over the bomb, but...)*

**Iron Man** Guys, calm down, it's just my email alert.  
*(They all look angrily at him, then blackout)*

## 1.10 An Ocean of Trouble

*(From backstage we hear a few crashes and shouts and a few moments later, Splash is dragged back on stage by Abbie and Arnie, flanked by Imogen Smiley.)*

- Splash** Guys, what's going on? I thought we were buddies?
- Arnie** Okay, that's quite enough of that!
- Splash** Do you not realise who I am?
- Arnie** Well...no...you're wearing a mask aren't you?
- Splash** I'm the Splash for Goodness Sake!
- Arnie** Well, The Splash, do you realise what you've just done?
- Splash** I was in a hurry, I was trying to create a rapids current to travel down. I wanted to get to Avengers Tower.
- Abbie** While this was admittedly a brilliant idea, and although that slide does look fantastic, you *may* have caused a teensy, weensy bit of damage.
- Splash** Oh come on! I'm a super-hero, it's to be expected.
- Imogen** You flooded the subway! This is going to cost literally millions of dollars to fix! Where the hell do you think that money comes from?
- Abbie** *(Looking proud)* The Bank!
- Imogen** Yes, thank you Officer Longworth, but the bank is not limitless, we're not like the parents of some scrounging student, handing out a stream of money with no hope of seeing it returned to us. No, I'm afraid we need a liability.
- Splash** I'm sorry who are you?
- Arnie** This is Imogen Smiley. She's the insurance woman we have to go to every time you guys blow something up or knock a building over.
- Imogen** Every week another civilian has their livelihood destroyed because of your sort and your little games.
- Splash** Games?! We're fighting crimes!

**Imogen** Nevertheless, someone needs to pay and in this particular instance, that someone has to be you.

*(Song, songity song! Imogen sings about laws and lawsuits and suing superheroes. We believe in you, it'll be fun.)*

**Splash** What you're going to sue me? Seriously?

**Arnie** It's a new law. Just passed this morning. We got no choice but to arrest you Splash. Looks like you're in an ocean of trouble! Geddit?

*(No one laughs.)*

**Arnie** Abbie, did you hear what I said? An Ocean of trouble. D'you get it?

**Abbie** It's not funny Arnie. We've talked about jokes, and about how you shouldn't make them. You're the serious one remember?

**Arnie** But it gets boring being the serious one! I want to have japes sometimes to you know...I just don't know how.

**Abbie** Maybe stop calling them japes?

**Splash** If we could get back to the matter at hand please? You can't arrest me! I have to stop the Barista!

**Abbie** Who's the Barrister?

**Imogen** No, no dear he said Barista. He's clearly delusional! Too much time spent in swimming pools I wager, flooded his brain. There's no such villain as the Barista, Mr Splash.

**Splash** I'm telling you, there is! He was on the news and everything! Look. just let me go. I promise I'll come back, I'll face the charges, but first *(in dramatic Les Mis voice)* There's something I must do.

**Arnie** Yes, okay Val Jean. You're under arrest.

*(They all Exit, dragging Splash off wailing and protesting. As they go, Abbie speaks)*

**Abbie** I've never arrested a superhero before, sort of feels a bit...well...wrong doesn't it?

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## 1.11 Kids get 'napped

*(Iron Man stumbles onstage, clearly still incredibly drunk. He looks around for a bit, struggling to stay upright.)*

**Iron Man** *(slurred)* She...she's not here. Wait, am I meant to be here? Where is here?

*(He pulls out his phone, staring at it and squinting.)*

**Iron Man** Dear Mr Stark *(beat, confusion)* oh, that's me! Dear Mr Stark, I would like to meet you to discuss my friend, who's attempting to be a superhero. Yours sin...sine..sincerely, Emily Wright. *(beat)* Whose Emily Wright?

*(enter Emily looking nervous.)*

**Emily** Oh, um, hi. Mr Stark?

**Iron Man** *(Spinning around)* What, who?! Friend...foe...both?

**Emily** Umm, neither Mr Stark, I just-

**Iron Man** I know what you're up to. Nothing gets past Iron Man!

*(He jumps towards her, stumbles and she dodges around the other side of him.)*

**Emily** No, no. I'm not up to anything. Um, I sent you an email.

**Iron Man** Aaaaahh, you're Milly Wrong

**Emily** *(Getting annoyed)* Emily Wright, but yes. I need to talk to you about my friend. He's, well, he's the Splash

**Iron Man** You mean the Flash, it's an easy mistake.

**Emily** No, no, the Splash. New hero, he can control water?

**Iron Man** Ohh, yeah, yeah, yeah. Good kid, we just captured a villain together, he's got potential. Not Avengers material yet, so don't go trying to convince me to let him join.

**Emily** I'm...not. The opposite in fact. I want you to get him to stop being a superhero.

**Iron Man** Umm...I can't away his powers. I don't do human experimentation...any

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**Emily** No, but if you tell him to stop, he might. He'll listen to you, you're his hero.

**Iron Man** Listen kid, I-

*He cuts off as the Splash walks in, not in superhero costume. This is actually Mystique so, yay, more superhero special effects :D*

**Emily** Tim, what are you doing here? You know what, I don't care perfect timing. This is Iron Man, Iron Man this is Tim, he's the Splash

**Mystique (S)** I don't care.

**Iron Man** So much his hero

**Emily** What do you mean you don't care? You've always wanted to meet Iron Man.

**Mystique (S)** Oh, yeah, everyone wants to meet Iron Man or Batman or the X-Men. No one ever wants to meet me!

**Emily** Tim, you're starting to worry me. What wrong?

**Mystique (S)** What's wrong? What's wrong is no one cares about me, no one worries about me!

**Emily** I literally just said...

**Iron Man** Is he always like this?

**Mystique (S)** All I'm good for is being a boring old distraction.

**Emily/Iron Man** Distraction?

**Barista** *(Entering from the other side to Mystique)* And I congratu-latte you on being such a good one.

**Iron Man** What's going on here?

**Emily** Tim?

*(Mystique turns back into herself, pouting)*

**Mystique** Go on, say it. You're really disappointed to see me.

**Iron Man** Actually, I'm mainly just confused.

**Barista** When I saw Miss Wright had emailed you, I saw the change to brew some frothy villainy. Capture an Avenger and the Splash's girlfriend in one go? Now that's fresh evilness.

**Emily** I'm not his girlfriend.

**Iron Man** Really not the most important part.

**Barista** Now, if you'll come quietly, we don't have to hurt anyone.

**Iron Man** I'm \*hic\* wearing the most advanced armour ever. What are you gonna do, throw coffee on my face mask?

**Barista** That is true. But you're also drunk. And wasn't there a news story a few weeks back about your AI locking you out of the weapons system when you're over the limit.

**Emily** You're kidding me, right?

**Iron Man** Jarvis thinks it's dangerous to drink and fight.

**Barista** So basically, you've got nothing. You can't even fly. Don't be a mug, just be captured.

*(Barista takes Emily and Iron Man by the arm, dragging them towards offstage. Mystique follows, slouching slightly.)*

**Mystique** No one ever cares about me. I should have stayed with Magneto.

*(Exeunt)*

## 1.12 Justice League still on a boat

*(You should be familiar with this scene, except everyone looks really quite titanically fed up at this point)*

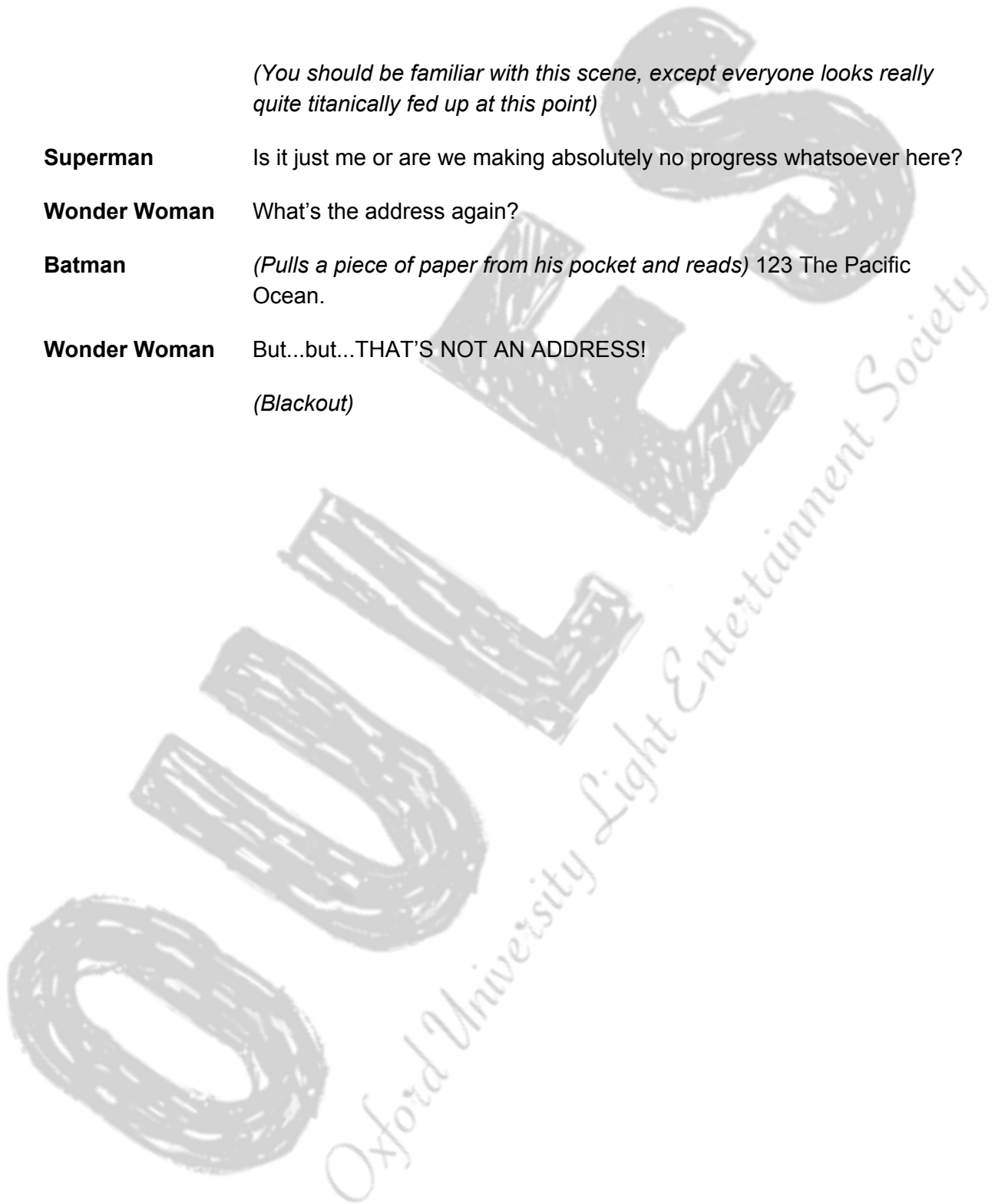
**Superman** Is it just me or are we making absolutely no progress whatsoever here?

**Wonder Woman** What's the address again?

**Batman** *(Pulls a piece of paper from his pocket and reads)* 123 The Pacific Ocean.

**Wonder Woman** But...but...THAT'S NOT AN ADDRESS!

*(Blackout)*



### 1.13 This Ought to Try your Patience (Geddit)

*(Lights up on a courtroom, where Splash is sat before a judge, with Imogen shouting at him. Abbie and Arnie are in the background, looking uncomfortable.)*

- Imogen** *(In Mid Flow)* And I'm telling you, this is a gross miscarriage of justice!
- Splash** What me not having a lawyer, I should say so!
- Abbie** I was going to mention that actually, don't we think he should have proper representation.
- Arnie** Shhh, you could be held in contempt of the court.
- Abbie** I'll contempt your court in a minute!
- Arnie** *(After a pause)* What does that even mean?
- Abbie** I don't know! This is a very stressful situation!
- Judge** Hmm...Well Mr Splash, you stand accused of wanton public destruction, indecency and general debauchery! How do you plead?
- Splash** Look this really isn't fair!
- Judge** How do you plead Mr Splash?
- Splash** I'm just trying to-
- Judge** Answer the question Mr Splash!
- Splash** Not guilty!
- Judge** See! Was that so hard? Okay, does the prosecution have any witnesses?
- Imogen** Certainly we do your honour.
- Judge** Well then call them forward, kind Madam.
- Imogen** The prosecution calls to the stand Justice Foreman, your honour.
- Abbie** Wait, isn't that?
- Judge** Call forth Justice Foreman!

**Abbie** They can't! Surely they can't!

**Arnie** Abbie! Would you shut up?

**Judge** Where is Justice Foreman? Oh wait...that's me isn't it?

**Splash** Hang on! Surely that's not allowed?

**Imogen** Justice, good afternoon!

**Judge** Hello!

**Imogen** Do you recognise the man in the stands?

**Judge** I sure do!

**Imogen** Could you enlighten us as to where you recognise him from?

**Judge** He's the bastard that destroyed my car! Oh Mrs Smiley, members of the jury, you should have seen this car. A Ford Mustang, a real beauty, seats had that special leathery smell that just promised of mechanics, a gorgeous silver colour, kept the grille sparkling, it could have blinded you if you looked at it directly. She was my best friend. More than that. I called her *(He takes a deep breath)* Rosita.

**Imogen** And what happened to Rosita, Justice Foreman?

**Judge** Murder! Killed in her prime by that good for nothing son of a no good waste of oxygen!

**Imogen** Which good for nothing son of a no good waste of oxygen would that be?

**Judge** That good for nothing son of a no good waste of oxygen! *(He points at Splash)*

**Splash** Wait, I remember that car. It was beautiful.

**Judge** You see! He owns up to it! He killed Rosita!

**Arnie** See Abbie, your precious hero is guilty of murder!

**Abbie** He killed a...no wait, he can't kill a car, it's not alive.

**Judge** You take that back! Rosita was twice the woman you'll ever be!

**Imogen** Okay, let's just calm down here!

**Splash** A school bus had just veered off the road, it was going to kill and, or seriously injure hundreds of people. I had to flood the street, there was no other option.

**Judge** All that water. All that *muddy* water. I'd just had her paint done. You flooded her exhaust! How could you do that to a...lady.

**Splash** I'm sorry, but the life of the car was not worth the lives of all those people!

**Judge** You bastard!

**Imogen** Regardless of the reasons Mr Splash, you have to admit that you have caused wanton destruction and damage to public and private property. Someone has to be held accountable.

**Splash** This is ridiculous! I'm a superhero, you can't put me in prison.

**Imogen** Oh but I can. I can also liquidate your assets, repossess your belongings and funnel it all through Smiley's Building and Loan, in order to pay off some of your debt to society.

**Splash** I'm paying my debt to society by saving it.

**Judge** You didn't save Rosita though. Take him away.  
*(Neither of the cops move.)*

**Imogen** What are you two twits waiting for?

**Abbie** Shan't!

**Imogen** Excuse me?

**Arnie** What she means...ma'am...is that we don't really feel right arresting him when he's not really had a fair trial. He should probably be given a lawyer at least.

**Imogen** So you won't take him to prison?

**Splash** Thank God.

**Abbie** He needs a lawyer!

**Judge** Fine, get him a bloody lawyer, we'll make him pay later!

**Imogen** Very well, find him a lawyer.

**Splash**

Actually, I know one already.

*(They all exit. After a beat, enter Lois Lane, holding a microphone.)*

**Lois**

Well listeners to the Daily Planet Podcast, you heard it here first. Smiley's Building and Loan is actually prosecuting our cities beloved superhero, The Splash. He's certainly not the first hero to get on the wrong side of Lady Law, but he certainly seems...the least experienced. Something tells me this isn't going to end well. *(She puts her hand to her ear)* Oh wait. I'm getting more breaking news. There's about to be a fifteen minute interval, where gin and other drinks will be sold. Listeners, this is Lois Lane, signing off and getting to the front of the queue.

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## 2.1 Professional Damsels

*(Lights up on Iron Man, Emily and Aquaman slumped on the floor. Zelda is sat watching all of them curiously. In walks the Barista, holding a coffee mug, with Harley Quinn.)*

- Barista** Well, well, we- oh, they're all asleep.
- Harley** That's cause you knocked them all out, Mr B
- Zelda** *(standing up)* Yes, a classic mistake, I'm afraid
- Barista** *(confused)* I'm sorry, who are you.
- Zelda** Oh, sorry. I'm Zelda Distress. I believed you contacted my agency, looking to hire a damsel.
- Harley** We did, but as you can see, we now have 3 damsels.
- Zelda** *(looking around)* Not quite. You have 3 hostages, I am a damsel.
- Barista** What's the difference?
- Zelda** Well, damsels have a certain professionalism about them. Hostages don't know how to cry on cue or how to perfectly break their nails so they look beaten up. Most importantly, if you kill a hostage, you don't get your deposit back, with interest, from my agency.
- Harley** They're good damsels, Mr B. Me and Ivy have used them before.
- Barista** Fine, you can stay Miss Distress.
- Zelda** Madame
- Zelda** It's Madame Zelda N. Distress. I'm a professional after all.
- Barista** ...okay. Well, Madame Distress, what should I do with my hostages? I want to gloat.
- Zelda** Well, it's simple. Wake up the least experienced and they'll wake the rest. *(She looks around again and points to Emily)* Her. She's new to hostaging, I'll bet.
- Barista** Fine. Nothing like a bit of espresso to perk you up.

*(He pours the drink on Emily, who jumps up, frantically looking around. After a beat, she starts screaming. Harley runs to put a hand over her mouth, shutting her up)*

**Harley** Now how exactly was that helpful?

**Zelda** Optimum time for a scream is 5 seconds. That was only 4.

*(Harley slowly moves her hand away and Emily starts screaming again. After 5 seconds, Iron Man and Aquaman wake up, looking around in terror. Harley covers Emily's mouth again.)*

**Barista** Ah, how refreshing to see you all awake. (He pulls out a second coffee cup) Macchiato, anyone?

**Iron Man** You don't actually think you'll keep us here, do you?

**Harley** Actually, we do. Just ask Aquaman, over there. We've had him here for almost three weeks, and no one's come to get him.

**Iron Man** Yeah, but he's Aquaman, that doesn't really-

*(Iron Man quietens as Aquaman glares at him.)*

**Aquaman** No one's coming. Unless they get kidnapped.

**Harley** *(Standing up)* Well, lucky you, that's just what's going to happen. We've people out there already, in place to take your friends and bring them here.

**Emily** *(glaring)* Tim will save me. You'll look pretty foolish when you get beaten by a teenager.

**Harley** You've toughened up quickly.

**Emily** You...caught me by surprise.

**Barista** Well, I thought it was good that you could express-o yourself. *(To Harley)* Get it, express-o, get it!

**Harley** \*sigh\* Let's go. Mystique and Loki should be checking in any minute now.

*(exit Harley and Barista. Zelda moves to sit next to Emily.)*

**Zelda** So, I'm guessing you're new to all this. How are you finding your first day?

**Emily** My first day...of hostaging? Umm...it's going quite badly.

**Zelda** Oh, no, dear, don't say that, you're doing excellently. You show a lot of potential to become a great damsel.

**Emily** I'm sorry, what?

**Zelda** Yeah, you're young so villains will pay a lot of money to hire you and that scream? Masterful work darling, really.

**Aquaman** Zelda, leave the kid alone.

**Emily** Wait, you two know each other.

**Aquaman** You don't get voted "Most Useless Justice League Member" without getting to know the world's premier damsel

**Emily** Who voted you that?

**Aquaman** Batman, mostly. But the others all voted as well.

**Zelda** Well, that's just a bit mean.

**Iron Man** Hang on, we don't know if it was justified.

**Emily** Wait, wait, shouldn't we be trying to escape?

**Aquaman** You can try if you want. But these walls are reinforced a hundred times over.

**Iron Man** Please, my armour can break through it easily.

**Zelda** Ooh, darling you don't want to do that. Your rates decrease exponentially if you can escape by yourself.

**Emily** Ignore her, get us out of here!

**Zelda** Darling, you have so much to learn.

***(Song, it's time for a Diva Off. Emily vs Zelda, smart vs sassy, daring vs damsel.)***

**Iron Man** Whatever, ladies, I'm out of here.

**Aquaman** It's not going to work...

**Iron Man** Pfft, watch this

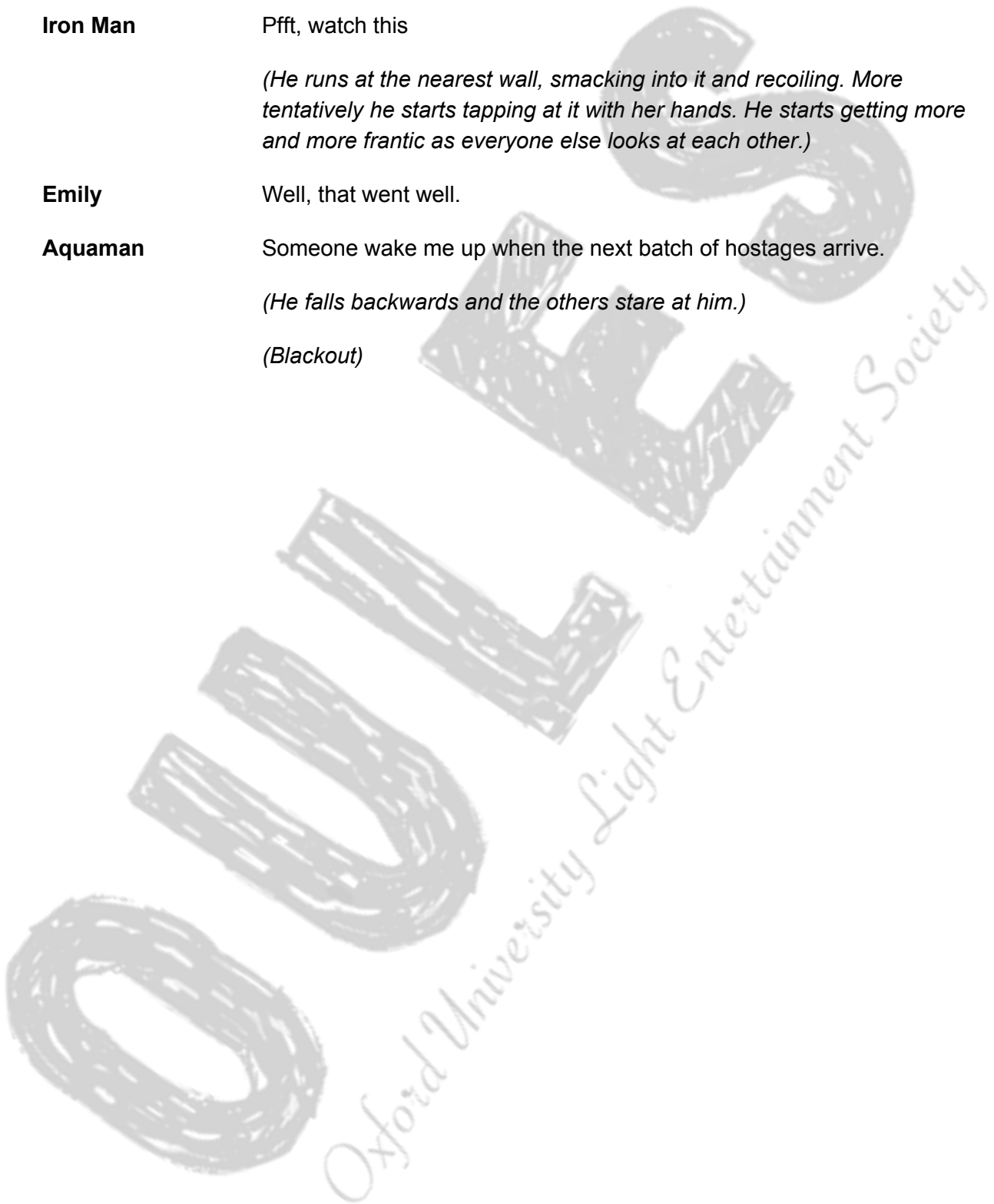
*(He runs at the nearest wall, smacking into it and recoiling. More tentatively he starts tapping at it with her hands. He starts getting more and more frantic as everyone else looks at each other.)*

**Emily** Well, that went well.

**Aquaman** Someone wake me up when the next batch of hostages arrive.

*(He falls backwards and the others stare at him.)*

*(Blackout)*



## 2.2 A League on their Own

*(Superman and Wonder Woman fly in. By which we mean, Superman and Wonder Woman are lifted up by other cast members and carried onto stage. Maybe don't cast your strongest cast members as these guys. The two then stand on stage for a few seconds.)*

**Wonder Woman** Clark, where's Bruce?

**Superman** The Caped Crusader decided to face the journey home alone, to forge his own path and not be held by the one we decided.

**Wonder Woman** *(beat)* He didn't want you to carry him, so he walked.

**Superman** ...yep.

*(Enter Batman, glaring at the others. He is still wearing his sailor's hat.)*

**Batman** You couldn't have waited five more minutes.

**Wonder Woman** We could the shore and you seemed fully able to park the boat yourself. Why wait, when we could go and continue our search for Aquaman?

**Batman** Have you found him?

**Wonder Woman** ...no.

**Batman** That's why.

**Wonder Woman** Well, I'm sure we can do something while we're here. Otherwise we've wasted an awful amount of time.

**Batman** We could have been fighting the Barista. I'd probably have defeated him by now.

**Wonder Woman** And how exactly would you have done that.

**Batman** It would be easy. Because I'm Ba-

**Superman** Fellow heroes, our luck appears to be turning. Here comes a villain for us to defeat and who may lead us swiftly and surely to this Barista who so threatens the earth.

*(Enter Loki, sauntering on. He pretends not to notice the JL.)*

**Wonder Woman** Leave it Clark, he's not one of ours.

**Batman** Yeah, Stark'll only complain if we take out their villain.

**Superman** Nonsense, we are all heroes with a common goal, and a common enemy.

**Wonder Woman** The Barista?

**Superman** Evil...

*(Loki finally walks up to the Justice League, almost bored.)*

**Loki** Well, well, well, if it isn't the Justice League. Aren't I just the luckiest?

**Wonder Woman** What are you doing here, Loki?

**Loki** Well, quite simply, I'm here to take over the world.

*(The JL take fighting positions, surround Loki, who just laughs.)*

**Loki** Ha, you expect to stop me? How do you think you'll take down a Deity when you can't even defeat a Clown?

**Batman** Aren't you supposed to be working with him? Where are the rest of your new friends?

**Superman** And how exactly do you expect to win? With friendship and bravery, we shall stop you with ease.

**Loki** Simple. I have magic

*(Loki raises his hand and DRAMATIC LIGHTING occurs. The JL look around scared.)*

**Loki** You have a weakness towards magic, don't you Superman?

**Wonder Woman** Clark?

**Superman** I'm afraid he's correct, there's nothing I can do.

**Wonder Woman** You're kidding, right? Bruce?

**Batman** I...um...what do you expect me to do?

**Loki** Mwahahahahahaha, it's too late! I shall Midgard and then all the Nine Realms! The universe shall be mine-

*(During this rant, Wonder Woman walks up behind Loki and taps him on the shoulder. He turns and she punches him in the face. He crumbles to the ground and DRAMATIC LIGHTING stops.)*

**Wonder Woman** Well, that was easy.

**Superman** Well, fellow heroes, this was a glorious chance to stop a villain from

terrorising the streets.

**Wonder Woman** Not our villain, Supes. The Avengers are going to be mad if we take their villain in.

**Batman** So? Batman doesn't care about other heroes. Batman only cares about one thing!

**Superman** Justice?

**Wonder Woman** Peace?

**Superman** Adopting orphans?

**Batman** No. Batman.

**Wonder Woman** Definitely should have seen that coming. Alright I'll ring up Black Widow, I should still have her number.

*(Wonder Woman walks to the side and pulls out a phone. Superman, Batman and Loki leave and Black Widow walks onto the other side of the stage.)*

**Black Widow** Hello, Diana?

**Wonder Woman** Hey, Natasha. Bit of weird situation, I've got Loki here, he just tried to destroy the world. We were wondering if you guys would want him.

**Black Widow** That's a ridiculous coincidence, we caught the Joker the other day. Things have been a bit hectic otherwise I would have called. How did you get him?

**Wonder Woman** Well, he just sort of...walked up to us.

**Black Widow** Yeah, the Joker just came into the pub we were in. That's really weird.

**Wonder Woman** Yeah, weird...

*(beat)*

**Wonder Woman** So meet tomorrow at noon?

**Black Widow** Sounds good. Town hall?

**Wonder Woman** Brilliant, see you then

*(Exeunt)*

## 2.3 Splash Fought the Law and the Law Won

*(Lights up on Splash, sitting alone, maybe behind bars if our producer is ambitious. He is sad. Enter Lisa and the Judge)*

**Judge** You make sure this monster gets what he deserves!

**Lisa** You understand that I'm a defence lawyer, right? Anyway, what do you think he's done?

**Judge** He killed Rosita! She was so beautiful, a magnificent machine killed in her prime!

**Lisa** *(Looking worried)* Please tell me Rosita was your wife and you have weird metaphors.

**Judge** My car! He killed my wonderful, beautiful Rosita!

*(He lunges at Splash, who jumps back, startled. Lisa grabs him and pushes his back.)*

**Lisa** Okay Justice Foreman, lets calm down.

**Judge** I'll be calm when justice is served!!!

**Lisa** Are you sure you should be proceeding this trial? You're not exactly a neutral party!

**Judge** I'll show you neutral!

*(He storms offstage, leaving Lisa looking very confused. Shaking her head, she turns to Splash.)*

**Lisa** So, Mr...Splash, you seem to be in a lot of trouble.

**Splash** Yeah, tell me you can get me out of this!

**Lisa** Well...no.

**Splash** What do you mean, no?!

**Lisa** Imogen Smiley knows the law inside out and she has built a very good case. Unless you can find someone else to take the fall, she'll seize all your assets and throw you in a prison cell. Nothing I can do about that.

**Splash** But I have a secret identity! She can't take my assets if she doesn't know who I am!



**Lisa** Well, maybe. It is odd no one's thought to unmask you. Look, if I'm going to be your lawyer, I should know who you are.

**Splash** Um...well... I...

**David** (o/s) LISA!!!  
*(David runs onstage, falling to his knees and hugging Lisa's side. She looks out onto the audience, exasperated.)*

**Lisa** What's wrong this time?

**David** It's Emily....she...they...oh goodness, I....

**Splash** Mr Wright, what's wrong?

**Lisa** *(Sharply)* How did you know he's my husband?

**Splash** *(Nervous)* Um... educated guess?

**David** *(Wailing)* They took her, Lisa! They took her!

**Lisa** What, David? Who took who?

**David** The supervillains kidnapped Emily

**Splash/Lisa** WHAT?!

**David** I got a letter this morning  
*(He pulls out a letter, which Lisa grabs immediately.)*

**Lisa** *(Reading letter)* "Ha, ha, ha, we have your daughter! Tell the splash we have his little friend and if he tries to stop our plans, he knows what will happen.."  
*(She turns on Splash, who has slumped slightly.)*

**Lisa** You know Emily! I can't be your lawyer if you know my daughter!

**Splash** Well, um, just vaguely. We met once.

**David** Why have they taken her as a hostage then? Oh, goodness, I'm never going to see her again. She'll never marry Tim, I'll never be best man. They'll never have 6 sons and 5 daughters, all of who love me and the cool granddad and buy me lots of presents of my birthday-

**Lisa** I think that's enough.

**Splash** Um, Emily and Tim are just friends.

**David** We need to go talk to the police about this. Maybe they can help us.

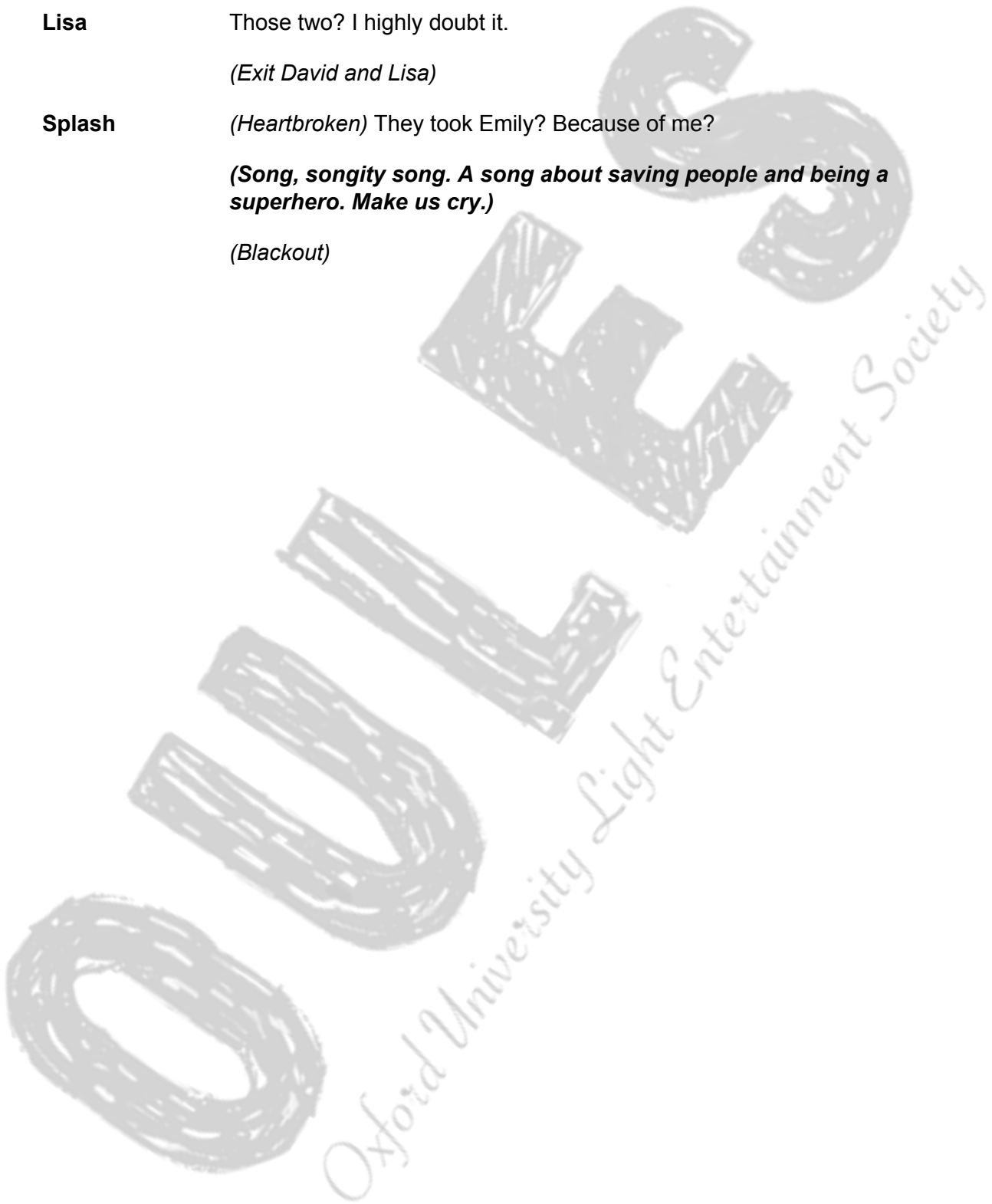
**Lisa** Those two? I highly doubt it.

*(Exit David and Lisa)*

**Splash** *(Heartbroken)* They took Emily? Because of me?

***(Song, songity song. A song about saving people and being a superhero. Make us cry.)***

*(Blackout)*



## 2.4 Not Fair Trade

*(Lights up on both superhero teams, clearly standing apart, each one holding onto their hostage. The teams are all glaring at each other, no one speaking. This continues for several seconds. Enter Lois Lane.)*

**Lois** Well, dear listeners, this is the event of the century. 8 Heroes and 2 Villains, all in the same space. This hasn't since...well...since the last time earth was invaded and everyone needed to help. But still! It's a momentous occasion. Let's have a word with Metropolis' favourite son, Superman. *(She walks over to Superman, who puffs out his chest).* So, what's all this about?

**Superman** Well-

*(Batman sneaks up behind Superman and slips a pair of glasses over his head. Superman instantly shrinks)*

**Lois** Oh Clark! I didn't know you were reporting on this as well! You should have said, we could have got a cab here together. You're such a bad boyfriend!

**Superman** Umm...ahh...umm...

**Lois** Anyway, where did Superman go? You know, for a paragon of American virtues, he really is quite rude.

**Superman** *(removes glasses)* Sorry, Miss Lane, I was stopping a plane crash in China, I'm back now.

**Lois** Oh, isn't that exciting! Clark, did you get that? Clark?

*(She walks off, looking for Clark. Superman turns on Batman.)*

**Superman** What the fu-

**Wonder Woman** Okay, let's remember why we're here!

**Captain America** Exactly! It's always important to stay focused on the task at hand.

**Black Widow** So give us our villain, and we'll be on our way.

*(Batman and Thor step forward with the hostages. They both reach out to grab their villain, while still trying to keep the hold of the one they have. This goes on.)*

**Black Widow** For goodness sake, just give him the Joker, Thor!

**Wonder Woman** Bruce, play nice.

**Loki** Or alternatively, turn on each other and keep fighting whilst we go free?  
*(everyone glares at Loki, who looks at the floor sheepishly)*

**Loki** Just an innocent suggestion.  
*(The trade, again, almost happens, when...)*

**Hawkeye** Hang on...

**Thor** Fall silent man with the vision of a bird, the actual heroes are working

**Hawkeye** Yeah but, doesn't it normally take months for even one of these guys to be captured? Doesn't anyone else think it's a bit weird we managed to capture two in one week?

**Batman** Might be weird for you, I can do it easily. You know why? Because I'm Ba-

**Bruce Banner** Well, not really. We are Earth's Mightiest Heroes after all

**Wonder Woman** Well, we're the Brave and the Bold

**Black Widow** We're the Ultimates

**Superman** We're the- Diana, do we have another nickname?

**Batman** You are so embarrassing. Besides, we're clearly superior, we caught a god.

**Captain America** Didn't you say you just had to punch him?

**Wonder Woman** It was a very good punch. And that's not the point-

**Hawkeye** No but, can't you see? That's weird!

**Black Widow** What are you talking about?  
*(Enter Barista, Mystique and Harley, flanked by minions. Not to tell you how do your job, but your erstwhile writers humbly suggest that all actors not in this scene wear black and be minions. We had to create a hole in a garden, you can figure this*

out.)

**Captain America** Egad! What is this?

**Barista** Oh, Captain Americano, I'm so glad you asked. Harley, care to explain?

**Harley** Sure thing, Mr B.

**Joker** Mr B...? But that was our thing... :(

**Harley** Do you really think we'd get captured that easily? We've been fighting you guys for years, we know your moves, your tricks. But we knew, because of your humongous egos, that it would get you all in one place like this.

**Thor** Verily, this plan cannot succeed. With the might of so many heroes, and the blessing of the Norns, we shall defeat thee with ease.

**Harley** *(In a singsong voice)* Oh Loki....

*(In a flash, the villains are free. Loki produces his mind sceptre. All the heroes gasp and lunge forwards, but the minions pull them back. Loki lifts the sceptre and...)*

**Loki** *(In a commanding voice)* Freeze!

*(All the heroes freeze.)*

**Joker** Ha ha ha... this is excellent. Fantastic plan, Harls!

**Mystique** I never get to do anything...

**Barista** Take them au lait, boys. *(Everyone looks at him, confused)* Au lait, away, get it. It was a pun...oh never mind...

*(Barista, Joker, Mystique and Harley exit. The minions start leading the heroes to the exit. Batman and Black Widow are last to leave. As Batman passes Loki, he punches him in the face and he goes down. Black Widow stops moving and looks at Batman.)*

**Black Widow** We're free? How did you do that?

**Batman** It was easy. Because I-

**Black Widow** You know what, we don't have time for this. I put a tracker on the Joker, in case he escaped again. I'll head back to the base and

find out where they've gone.

**Batman** Good plan. I'll go get some help.

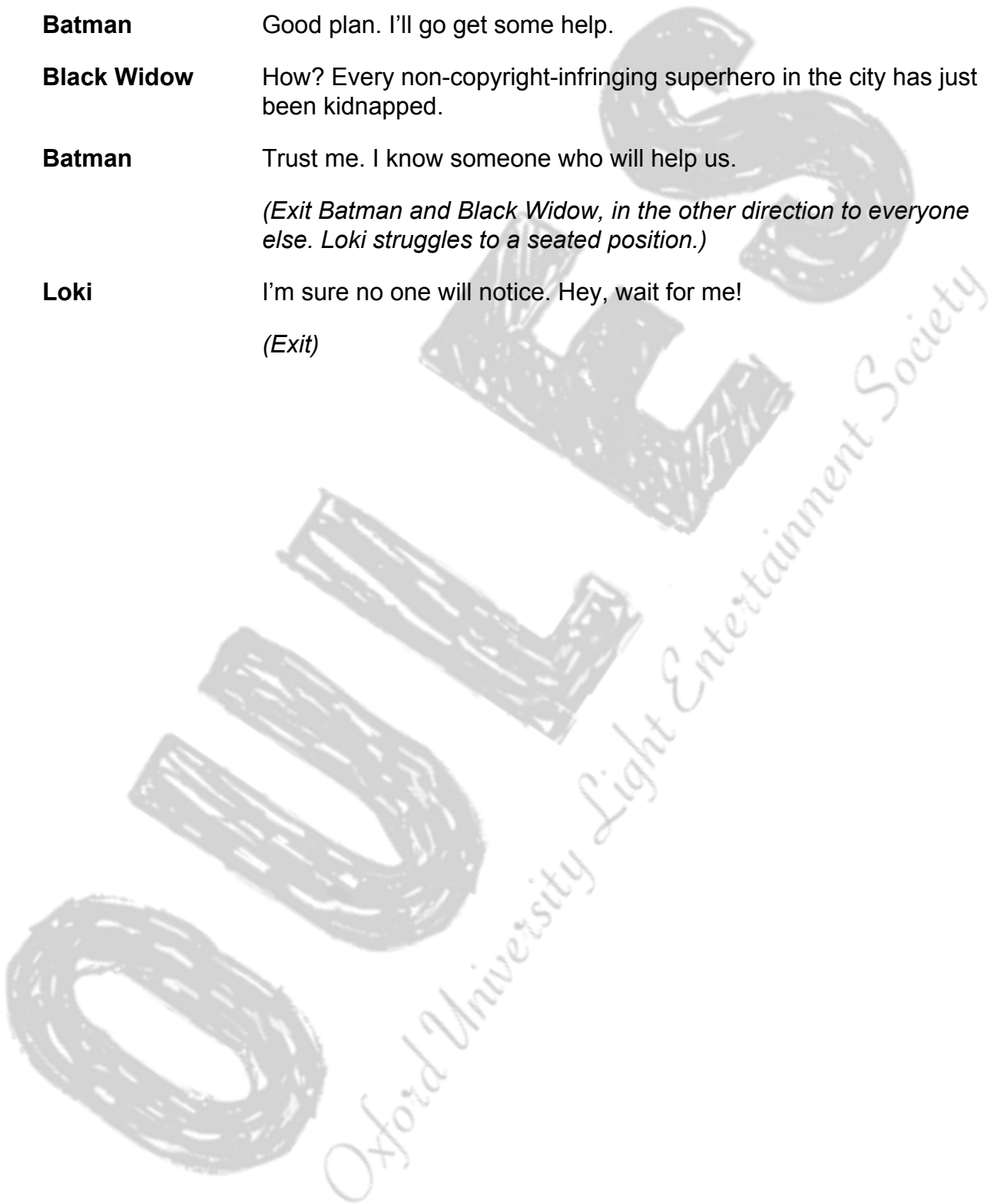
**Black Widow** How? Every non-copyright-infringing superhero in the city has just been kidnapped.

**Batman** Trust me. I know someone who will help us.

*(Exit Batman and Black Widow, in the other direction to everyone else. Loki struggles to a seated position.)*

**Loki** I'm sure no one will notice. Hey, wait for me!

*(Exit)*



## 2.5 Bats What We Call a Deus Ex Machina

*(Lights up on Splash handcuffed to a chair. Abbie and Arnie are sat nearby, ignoring him.)*

**Splash** Guys, seriously, you have to let me go! I have stuff to do!

**Arnie** We all have stuff to do Mr Splash.

**Splash** You've been playing Tetris for the last two hours

**Arnie** Exactly! I have something to do.

**Splash** Oh for fu-

**Abbie** *(Noticing something)* What's that?

*(from offstage there is yet more crashing and banging. Then suddenly Batman bursts onto the scene. Abbie literally leaps to her feet, screaming with excitement.)*

**Abbie** Oh my God it's you! You are literally my everything. I can't believe you're here! Can I wear your mask? Of course I can't, can we take a selfie? Will you sign my...

*(Abbie frantically looks around for something for Batman to sign, but can't find anything. She briefly considers her own breasts before deciding against it.)*

**Abbie** *(Weakly)* Hi

**Batman** Hello. I'm Ba-

**Abbie** I know who you are!

**Arnie** How can we help you Mr Batman sir?

**Batman** The Barista kidnapped all my superhero friends. I need help getting them back. Where's Commissioner Gordon?

**Splash** I can help!

**Batman** Who's that?

**Arnie** Ignore him, he's just a miscreant.

**Abbie** No he's not! He's a-

**Splash** I'm the Splash.

**Batman** You're not the Flash, you look nothing like him.

**Splash and Abbie** Not the Flash, *The Splash*

**Splash** I honestly am a superhero. The Barista also kidnapped my friend Emily, and I need to go and get her back.

**Batman** Then why are you tied to a chair? Seems counterproductive.

**Arnie** Because he's under arrest, obviously.

**Batman** Why?  
*(Enter Imogen dramatically)*

**Imogen** Because he, Mr Batman, is here to pay for the untold damages caused by you superheroes. Though it occurs to me, you are considerably more disruptive to our society, and, as far as I can tell, considerably richer.  
*(Batman stares at her for a moment)*

**Batman** Yes...and?

**Imogen** Well perhaps you would like to contribute some money to the Superhero Damage Control Squad.

**Batman** No. And that's a stupid name. Batfamily, that's a good name.

**Imogen** Very well. Officers, arrest this man too!

**Abbie** A...arrest...arrest Batman?!

**Imogen** You heard me.  
*(Arnie and Abbie reluctantly agree. Suddenly, Batman is also handcuffed to a chair.)*

**Imogen** Jolly good. I'll be here with a judge soon. Then you both can stand trial. Come along you two.  
*(The Three leave. Batman and the Splash sit in silence for a while)*

**Splash** Well a fat load of good you were! Now we're both trapped here! This is great, bloody great.

**Batman** Don't worry. I'll escape. You know why?



**Splash** Is it by any chance because you're Batman?

**Batman** No. It's because I'm Bat-

*(Before he can finish, Abbie re-enters, looking scared and shifty. She runs over to the chairs and unties both heroes. They stand up, looking confused.)*

**Splash** What's going on?

**Batman** Told you I'd escape.

**Abbie** I couldn't let this continue. You guys have important work to do. We're cops, we're supposed to help the heroes, not hinder them!

**Splash** Wow, that's...wow thank you.

**Abbie** Go Mr Splash. Make us proud. And you Mr Batman. I really am a huge fan.

*(Batman looks as if he's about to hug her. Abbie looks super excited, until Batman simply lays a hand on her shoulder.)*

**Batman** I am also a big fan....of Batman.

**Splash** Come on, we've got work to do.

*(They go to leave, but find their way is suddenly blocked by Arnie. He is stood with his arms folded, looking very serious and severe.)*

**Arnie** I can't let you do this. This is breaking the law, it's really irresponsible.

**Abbie** Please Arnie, they're superheroes. They have to go and save the day!

*(The two cops stare at each other for a moment, before the stern expression on Arnie's face softens. He steps aside.)*

**Arnie** Fine.

*(The two heroes run off-stage. Abbie hugs Arnie.)*

**Abbie** Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**Arnie** If Smiley asks, they threatened our families okay?

**Abbie** Deal!

*(Blackout)*

## 2.6 Confessions of a Superhero

*(Lights up on kidnapped heroes, Emily and Zelda sat down, some tied up and all looking despondent. The Barista and the Joker swagger in)*

- Barista** Well, well, well. Look how the coffee grinds
- Emily** That's not an expression. You can't just-
- Barista** I don't give a frappe. I've got the world's greatest heroes trapped and I'm just so full of beans.
- Superman** You are overconfident, villain. Our skills, and our hearts, are stronger than you know and we shall prevail. We shall escape and defeat you.
- Joker** *(evil laugh)* Oh, will you now? Well, you seem to think very little of us. We've thought of everything.
- Barista** Yes, we've looked up your weaknesses and given this prison a double shot of protection.
- Joker** The walls of this room have an electric current running through them, plus artificially generated kryptonite in the ceiling. Every wall has adamantium lining it and the door is electronically shut. Quite simply, you're not getting out.
- Bruce Banner** Unless we short circuit the electricity
- Barista** Yes, but your chances are in short supply. *(Aside)* Get it, like the the cup size, short...
- Hawkeye** That one fell a bit flat.
- Barista** Flat white! Hey, hey? *(Beat)* Lets go...
- Joker** Ta-rah heroes! Hope you don't miss your oceans too much  
*(Barista and Joker exit. Emily stands and stares after them)*
- Emily** So, what's the plan? How are we getting out of here?
- Thor** Verily, we cannot. We have failéd in our charge.
- Emily** You're kidding, right? You can't give up, you're heroes! Tim wouldn't give up!

**Zelda** Ooh, who's this Tim? Maybe he'll come and rescue you

**Superman** Yes, we must have faith that our friends shall come to our aid.

**Aquaman** Why, you didn't come to mine?

**Superman** Umm...yes...well...we underestimated the threat this villain posed and had confidence in your abilities to escape by yourself.

**Aquaman** *(beat)* You didn't realise I was gone did you?

**Wonder Woman** We didn't realise you were gone.

**Aquaman** Typical. I always help you when you're in trouble.

**Superman** Yes, because your help is always vital.

**Aquaman** At least I can't be beaten by a rock.

**Superman** Well, I'm not-

**Wonder Woman** Stop it! Why can't you two just get on?

**Superman** I am-

**Wonder Woman** *(glares)*

**Superman** *(mumbles)*

**Wonder Woman** *(glares more)*

**Superman** I'm allergic to seafood.

**Aquaman** ...what?

**Superman** I can't eat seafood, I'll break out in hives. You've always got fish around you and I'm worried they'll set off a reaction.

**Aquaman** I'm so sorry I didn't know. I only keep the fish around because I felt you guys didn't like me. I needed the friends.

**Emily** Right, well, now we've got that in the open, let's put our heads together and-

**Thor** *(standing up)* Verily, I too have an announcement

**Emily** Oh for goodness sake.

**Thor** My desire to stay on Earth is not motivated purely by honour and chivalry. I possess a more selfish reason for remaining. While I dwelled in Asgard, my Lord father did find me returning to the palace far beyond the time I was supposed to be resting.

**Aquaman** You stayed up past your bedtime?

**Thor** Mayhaps you do not understand the seriousness of my transgression. My father, in his infinite, promised to restrain me to our palace, never to leave without his permission.

**Bruce Banner** You were grounded?

**Captain America** That was very brave of you to say, Thor. Does anyone else want to speak?

**Emily** I don't think-

**Hawkeye** I have something to say. I don't have any powers-

**Zelda** Oh, goodness, I have something to say. It's so important, I can't believe I kept it to myself.

**Hawkeye** But-

**Captain America** C'mon Hawkeye, let the girl speak.

**Zelda** Thanks Cap. You can get your next rescue on the house. Now, I'm sure you all think the life of a damsel is glamorous and exciting-

**Emily** I really don't.

**Zelda** But sometimes helping heroes have people to rescue and assisting villains with their grand schemes gets stressful and tiring. I sometimes wish I could just quit and start a normal job. Like a whale cleaner or bee breeder.

**Captain America** While all these newfangled jobs makes no sense to me, that was so good for you to say. Can I speak next?

**Hawkeye** I-

**Emily** This isn't a therapy session.

**Captain America** Since I came out of the ice, I've really missed my friends. Especially... \*sob\* .... especially Bucky...

**Iron Man** (Aside) We hear this about twice a month, you get used to it.

**Thor** I too have felt this feeling friend Stephen. I long to return to Asgard and reunite with my people.

**Wonder Woman** I miss Paradise Isle. I haven't seen my mother in so long.

**Iron Man** If this turns into a group hug, I'm going to throw up.

**Zelda** Darling, the more emotional we get, the more we can charge for our rescue.

**Emily** No one is charging for a rescue! No one is having a group hug and no one is speaking about their problems! We need to escape!!!  
*(Every one stills, sitting down and bowing their head. After a second, Bruce stands up and faces Emily, who looks scared but determined)*

**Emily** Let me guess, you have anger issues.

**Bruce** No, actually, I've gotten help for those and my underlying issue is that I have trouble asserting myself and allow people to lead me into uncomfortable situations. But, what I have learnt, is that it's not good to keep feelings bottled up.

**Emily** So?

**Bruce** So I think it's good people are sharing. It's healthy.

**Aquaman** Yeah. There's nothing wrong with sharing your problems with your friends. *(He stands)* I'm Aquaman and I'm insecure in my friendships.

**Superman/  
Wonder Woman** Hi Aquaman

**Thor** *(Standing)* I am The Mighty Thor of Asgard and I am burdened with glorious...grounding.

**Avengers** Hi Thor

**Iron Man** I'm Iron Man, and I'm an alcoholic

**Everyone bar  
Emily** Hi Iron Man!

***(Song, song, song. A silly song that sounds like it should be epic but is about people making superficial confessions.)***

***In the final verse/chorus, the Splash, Batman and Black Widow fight villainous minions in the background. If the venue has an aisle, the fight could happen down the aisle. The three come to stop separate from the rest)***

**Black Widow** According to my scanner, they're right behind this door. Everything is powered through this circuit, so we have to find a way to short it out.

**Splash** Well, I could-

**Batman** I'll set this up in a second. You know why? Because-

**Splash** I'm pretty sure I can short the circuit. It'll be easy, I'll just-

**Batman** Calm down kid, let the professional handle this.

**Black Widow** Yeah, you're good but you've got a long way to go. Batman will have our friends out in, what, 4 hours?

**Splash** We don't have 3 hours. The Barista's going to drain the oceans in 10 minutes!

**Black Widow** Hey, just calm down. If we get our friends, maybe we can get back the oceans!

**Batman** There's no way to make it go faster, just calm down.  
*(Splash rolls his eyes and "throws" water over the door. There is a loud noise and everyone inside looks towards the door as it "opens")*

**Emily** Tim!  
*(She runs and hugs him)*

**Splash** Emily! Secret identity, much?

**Emily** I don't care, you just have to get me out of here!

**Splash** I can't leave, we have to save the world.

**Emily** I don't mean this base, I mean this room. These people are idiots.

**Thor** Verily, the child hero is correct. We must forge onward, to defeat this caffeinated evil and protect the deep blue sea.

**Superman** Heroes, together, we can face this injustice and we shall defeat it  
*(Everyone cheers and heads out of the room. Bruce, Black Widow and Hawkeye leave last)*

**Bruce** And everyone remember to share contact information. We've made good progress today, we want to keep it up.

**Black Widow** Progress?

**Hawkeye** You don't want to know  
*(Exeunt)*

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## 2.7 In Which the Beans hit the Fan

*(Lights up on Joker, Harley, Mystique, Loki and Barista, surrounding a machine of some kind. Enter all the heroes, Zelda and Emily (yes, sorry, it's a penultimate scene, everyone is in it))*

**Black Widow** Do you ever feel like we're wasting our resources? Having this many of us in one place, seems a bit unnecessary doesn't it?

**Emily** Does this really matter? Fight people!

**Black Widow** Well I would but there's barely space on the stage!

**Barista** Secondary villains, deal with them.

*(Loki, Joker, Mystique and Harley turn and fight the others. Loki vs Avengers, Joker and Mystique vs Justice League and Harley vs Splash. Avengers and JL win easily but Harley starts to overpower Splash.)*

**Harley** You'll die screaming, just like your father!

**Splash** Noooooooooooooooooo

*(Harley raises her weapon to strike Splash down. Out of nowhere, Emily hits her round the head with a comically large prop.)*

**Emily** NOT MY NEIGHBOUR, YOU BITCH!

**Zelda** Your rates are going to drop, so much. *(Walking offstage)* Amateurs.

*(Everyone turns back to the Barista, you looks unconcerned.)*

**Superman** Right, it's time we take you down.

**Barista** *(Casually)* No, it's not.

**Aquaman** It's not? We've got 11 *(Nods at Emily, still holding comically large prop.)* sorry, 12, heroes. How on earth could you beat us all?

**Barista** *(Smirking)* I don't need to.

**Wonder Woman** And why not?

**Barista** Because my mother's name...is Martha.

*(Batman lets out a high pitched scream and jumps in front of the rest of the JL.)*



**Batman** We are leaving now! We cannot fight this friend of ours!

**Wonder Woman** He's a villain, Batman, he's not our friend.

**Superman** You can't just let him go free.

**Batman** Yes, I can. You know why?

**Aquaman** Don't say it.

**Batman** *(take deep breath)* BECAUSE I'M BATMAN!!!!!!  
*(He runs at JL and chase them offstage.)*

**Iron Man** Pfft...losers.

**Captain America** Right then. Avengers. ASSEMBLE!

**Hawkeye** We...are assembled.

**Captain America** Avengers. Break!  
*(They all jump away from each other, eyes rolling. Everyone else just stares.)*

**Captain America** Now then, let's try again. Avengers. ASSEMBLE!!!!!!!!!!!!  
*(They all jump together again, striking superhero poses. They wait a few seconds before staring at each other again.)*

**Bruce** Umm...what's the plan?

**Thor** Verily, is not this the moment in which divine providence and plot convenience combine to light the path ahead?

**Black Widow** Normally  
*(In a moment of abject metanarrative, if either of your humble writers happen to be on stage, the Avengers look at them imploringly. The Writer shrugs. Either way they all just look at each other in panic.)*

**Hawkeye** We don't have a plan.

**Iron Man** We don't have plot convenience.

**Thor** We have naught but our skills to rely on.

**Black Widow** Yep, we're screwed.

**Bruce** Tactical retreat?

**Captain America** Avengers. *(beat)* SCRAMBLE!!

*(Exit all the Avengers, in different direction. Maybe they bump into each other on the way out.)*

**Barista** Well I must admit, of all the heroes we had, I didn't expect you two to exhibit the most fortitude.

**Splash** You think you're so great don't you?

**Barista** Aren't I?

**Splash** In that outfit?

*(Splash nods to Emily, who hits Barista over the head with the comically large prop. As Barista hits the ground, we hear a large ticking.)*

**Emily** Tim! We forgot about the machine! It's going to drain the oceans.

**Splash** Well, I don't know how to shut down a machine like that! What am I supposed to do?

**Emily** Well, how did you get us out of the prison?

**Splash** I...sprayed it with water.

**Emily** Well, then. SPRAY THE DAMN THING!

*(Splash takes a deep breath, ready to do something incredibly dramatic and epic. Then he throws a small bit of water on the machine. The ticking stops for a moment.)*

**Emily** Did it work?

**Splash** I...don't know.

**Emily** Let me look.

*(Emily steps toward the machine. As she peers at it, there is a loud bang, a bright flash and Emily jumps backwards, hitting the floor.)*

**Splash** Emily? Emily!

*(Blackout.)*

## 2.8 Positively Dripping with Plot Resolution:

*(Lights up on Splash, sat staring into the middle distance. Enter Abbie and Arnie, with the Barista dragged between them. They both look awkward and sheepish.)*

**Abbie** Hey Splash. Sorry, about all that awkwardness arresting you earlier. Hope it's all square now?

**Splash** Of course it is! You're helping us deal with that one.

**Barista** Yeah, yeah, rub it in. But mark my words Splash, I'll be back and I'll grind you into the dirt.

**Splash** Ha ha, very good. Grind, like ground coffee.

**Barista** No, no Splash. The time for puns is over. A declaration of revenge is no time for frivolity.

**Splash** *(Ignoring him)* So what happens to him now?

**Arnie** Well...

*(Enter Imogen Smiley, looking smug and triumphant. The Judge follows behind her, looking apoplectic.)*

**Imogen** Ah, Mr Splash you're still here.

**Judge** You think you're such a hero, but you're not! You still owe me for Rosita. You may have saved the world but she's still out there...rusting. Her delicate chrome turning orange and bumpy, her-

**Imogen** Yes that really is enough of that your honour. We'll buy you a new car, I promise.

**Judge** *(After a pause)* Can it be a ferrari?

**Imogen** If you want.

**Judge** I've always wanted a ferrari. *(To The Barista)* You bastard, you deserve all the punishment you get, especially the one where you buy me a shiny red ferrari.

**Imogen** I should imagine that should more than make up for the loss of Rosita.

**Judge** Who's that now?

**Imogen** Never mind. *(Turning to Splash)* The city, nay the world would like to expand it's thanks to you. And so, it seems, would Smiley's Building and Loan. We're pleased to announce that you and all your- ahem- super friends are off the hook.

**Abbie** Hooray! Wait...what changed?

**Imogen** We found a villain to take the fall. Barista, I'm afraid you're going to have to pay for all the damage you've caused. You and your four chums.

**Arnie** Oh God

**Imogen** What is it Officer?

**Arnie** Well, the others...they kind of escaped. We, ermm...we don't know where they went.

**Imogen** *(After several beats)* You know, you two may just possibly be the absolute worst cops I've ever seen! Honestly, could you be any more incompetent?

**Abbie** No, but Ms Smiley don't you see? This means they have to be caught again! *(growing visibly more excited)* More superhero action!

**Arnie** Oh calm down Abbie! Come on, we'd better take this one to the station. Coming Ms Smiley?

**Imogen** In a moment. I need a word with Mr Splash first.

*(The cops leave, taking the Barista with them. The Judge follows, still muttering about his new ferrari. Imogen turns to Splash, suddenly very serious.)*

**Imogen** No hard feelings Mr Blighton?

**Splash** You know who I am?

**Imogen** It's my job to know everything Mr Blighton. You'd do well to remember that. I trust you will be careful in future?

**Splash** Of course. So I'm not in trouble anymore?

**Imogen** Well, I have had a complaint of identity fraud issued against you by one Barry Allen.

**Splash** *(Beat)* Never heard of him.

**Imogen** How odd. Well I'll be seeing you.  
*(She exits. Enter Emily, wearing an obvious bandage and still holding the comically large prop. She and Splash smile at each other. Her parents rush in after her, fretting about.)*

**David** Emily! Don't go running off, something could happen to you!

**Emily** Da-ad! I just helped defeat a supervillain, I think I'll be fine.

**Lisa** Well, yes, but there were superheroes around, you could get hurt.

**Splash** *(Stepping forward)* Uh, that's alright, Mrs Wright, I can look after Emily.  
*(Lisa and David look at each other eyes wide. They grin start to head offstage.)*

**Lisa** Alright then, we'll leave the two of you alone. *(She winks at Emily.)*

**David** *(To Lisa)* Well, she's not a superhero, but I was half right.

**Lisa** Tim's going to be so upset.  
*(Exit)*

**Emily** Go on. Say it.

**Splash** Say what?

**Emily** I told you so.

**Splash** I did?

**Emily** Yep, you said you were the greatest hero in the world, and you were right. All the others ran off like chickens and you defeated the Barista.

**Splash** Well, actually you did. *(He spots comically large prop and looks worried)* Em, why do you still have that?

**Emily** *(looking down)* Well, the world needs competent heroes doesn't it.

**Splash** Let's not get ahead ourselves, you could get really hurt-

**Emily** I'm kidding, Tim. I'll just use it to keep you in shape. For a superhero, you are surprisingly unfit.

**Splash** I am not joining the gym, it's too expensive.

**Emily** *(laughing)* Tim.

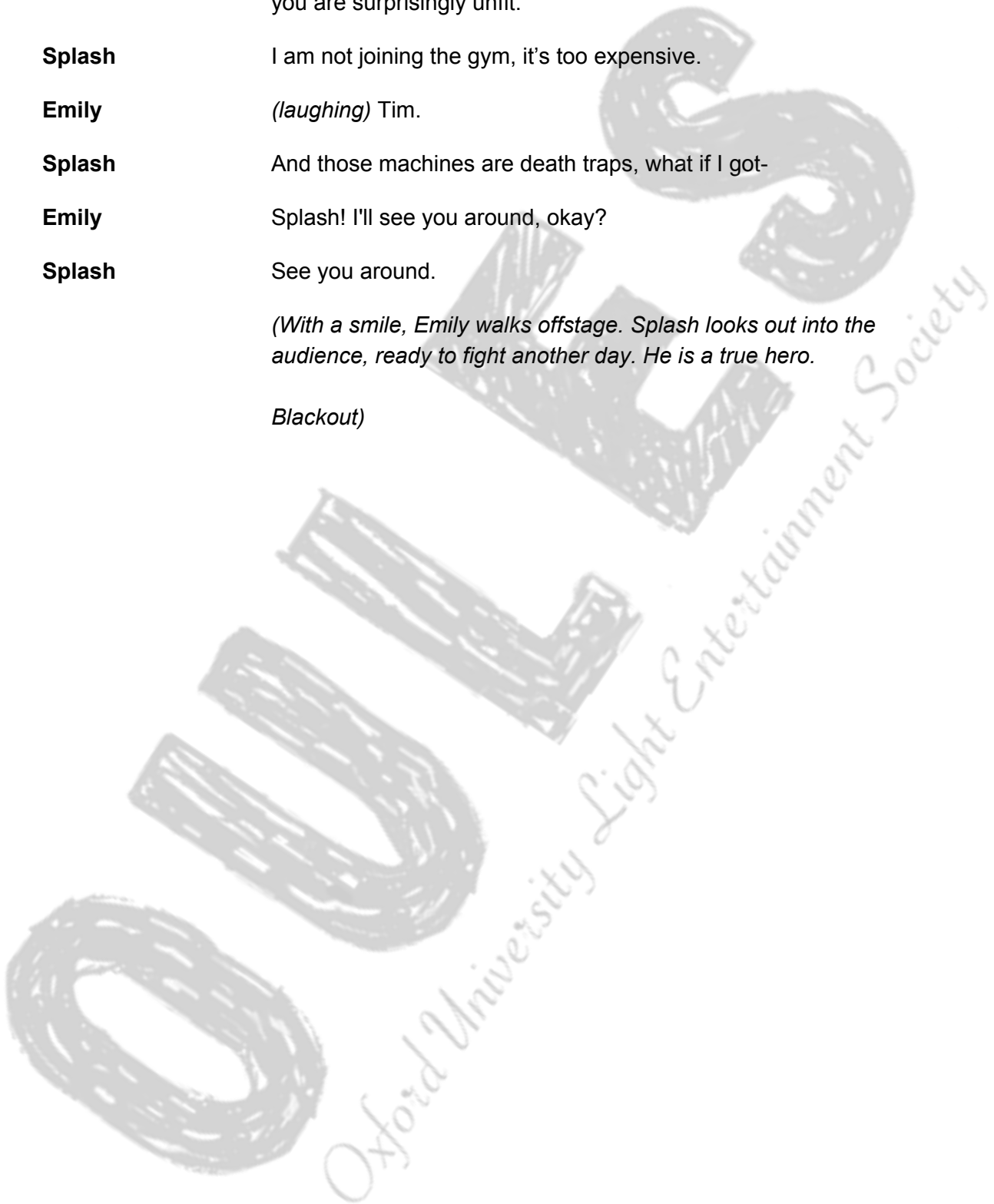
**Splash** And those machines are death traps, what if I got-

**Emily** Splash! I'll see you around, okay?

**Splash** See you around.

*(With a smile, Emily walks offstage. Splash looks out into the audience, ready to fight another day. He is a true hero.)*

*Blackout)*



### 3.1 Post Credit Scene

*(After the final song and bows, everyone has left the stage, apart from Emily. There is now a table and some object on this table. Maybe someone is hit under the table, to make the next thing happen. (We're not even sorry at this point. You've made it this far.) )*

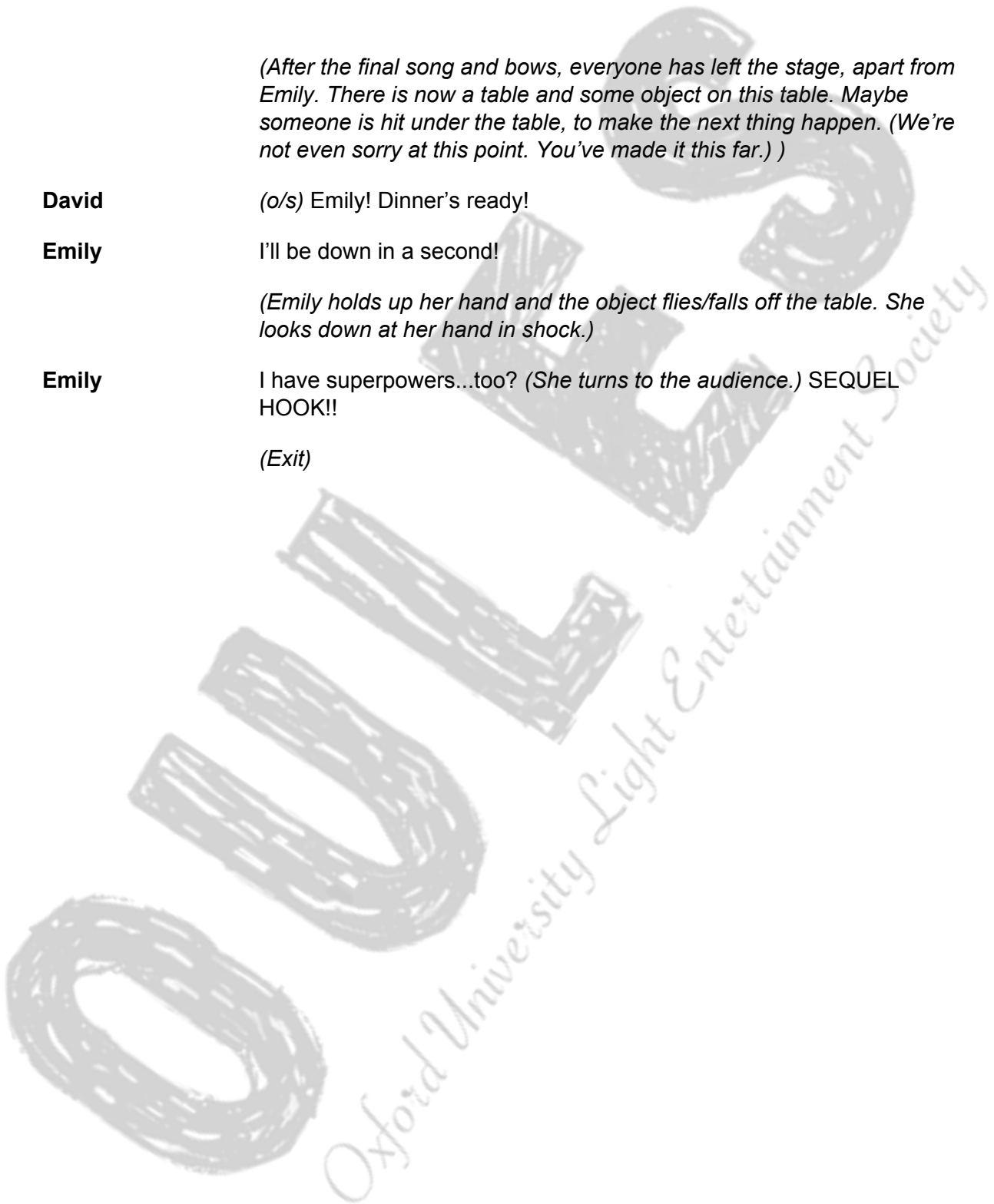
**David** (o/s) Emily! Dinner's ready!

**Emily** I'll be down in a second!

*(Emily holds up her hand and the object flies/falls off the table. She looks down at her hand in shock.)*

**Emily** I have superpowers...too? *(She turns to the audience.)* SEQUEL HOOK!!

*(Exit)*



## SCENE LISTING BY CHARACTER

IF IN BOLD, IT MEANS CHARACTER APPEARS BUT IS ACTUALLY MYSTIQUE

CHARACTER	ACT 1	ACT 2	ACT 3
The Splash	1, 7, 9, 10, <b>11</b> , 13	3, 5, 6, 7, 8	
Emily Wright	1, 7, 11	1, 6, 7, 8	1
Mrs Wright	7	3, 8	
Mr Wright	7	3, 8	1
Barista	2, 3, 11	1, 4, 6, 7, 8	
Joker	2, 3, 9	4, 6, 7	
Mystique	2, 3, 11	4, 7	
Harley	2, 3	1, 4, 7	
Loki	2, 3	2, 4, 7	
Captain America	5, 9	4, 6, 7	
Iron Man	5, 9, 11	1, 6, 7	
Bruce Banner	5, 9	4, 6, 7	
Thor	5, 9	4, 6, 7	
Hawkeye	5, 9	4, 6, 7	
Black Widow	5, 9	2, 4, 6, 7	
Superman	4, 8, 12	2, 4, 6, 7	
Batman	4, 8, 12	2, 4, 5, 6, 7	
Wonder Woman	4, 8, 12	2, 4, 6, 7	
Aquaman		1, 6, 7	
Lois Lane	<b>2</b> , 3, 13	4	
Madame Zelda Distress		1, 6, 7	
Officer Abbie Longworth	1, 6, 10, 13	5, 8	
Officer Arnie Longworth	1, 6, 10, 13	5, 8	



Imogen Smiley	6, 10, 13	5, 8	
Justice Foreman	13	3, 8	

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