

# **The Masked Avenger**

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### *Character List*

Commissioner O'Neil

Deputy Commissioner Murphy

The Masked Avenger

**(The Chief of Police, Commissioner O'Neil, and his deputy, Murphy stand on a roof top. Beside them is a large signal light, which is shining into the night sky.)**

**Murphy:** I don't think he's coming Commissioner.

**O'Neil:** He will be here, he always comes.

**Murphy:** Look there he is, *The Masked Avenger*.

**(The Masked Avenger enters.)**

**Masked Avenger:** Gentlemen, how can I help?

**O'Neil:** The famous Masked Avenger! I knew you would come.

**Masked Avenger:** Rest assure, as soon as I see the signal in the night's sky, no matter what, I will be here.

**(Murphy turns the Masked Avenger signal off.)**

**O'Neil:** We have a major situation on our hands.

**Masked Avenger:** Is it the devilish son of Satan? Lord Demon Blood? Trying again to corrupt the young souls of our great city. Or perhaps Lady Snake, beautiful as she is deadly, and ready to whisper poison into the ears of the innocent.

**O'Neil:** No much worse, I was telling the constable here, about the time you caught Captain Blackjack.

**Masked Avenger:** Captain Blackjack! He has escaped! Free again to deal his own brand of masterful mischief.

**O'Neil:** No, that's not it.

**Murphy:** He is still in prison.

**O'Neil:** Remember the famous jewel heist.

**Masked Avenger:** Yes, I do.

**O'Neil:** You beat up his henchmen, you fought and defeated Captain Blackjack, you tied him up and then you said?

**(O'Neil and Murphy look to the Masked Avenger expecting an answer. The Masked Avenger looks confused.)**

**Murphy:** What was it?

**O'Neil:** I can't for the life of me remember what you said. It was really funny.

**Masked Avenger:** You called me all the way here just for that. Is there an emergency?

**O'Neil:** Ooh it's on the tip of my tongue, he was tied up and you said.

**Masked Avenger:** **(Hesitantly)** looks like he will be tied up for a while.

**(O'Neil and Murphy begin to laugh uncontrollably. The two begin to converse and seem to forget the Masked Avenger is even there.)**

**O'Neil:** That's it. It's funny because they were all literally tied up.

**Murphy:** Great stuff.

**Masked Avenger:** I think you are missing the point of the signal.

**O'Neil:** Really clever.

**Murphy:** Because at first you think they are not literally tied up, you think they are just busy. What's a phrase like that called Commissioner?

**Masked Avenger:** You're just not getting it, are you? The Masked Avenger signal is for emergencies, and not to be used at your whim.

**O'Neil:** I'm not sure, a phrase with a figurative meaning.

**Murphy:** A synonym?

**Masked Avenger:** You know I don't live nearby. It's not easy for me to get here.

**O'Neil:** A synonym, hmm, you could be right. But I'm not sure. **(Pause and looks directly into the eyes of Murphy.)** Murphy you know what to do.

**(Murphy begins to turn on the Masked Avenger Signal again.)**

**Masked Avenger:** No wait! What are you doing?

**(O'Neil and Murphy are surprised by the presence of the Masked Avenger.)**

**Murphy:** Wow! I didn't even finish turning it on! That was really quick.

**O'Neil:** Masked Avenger, I'm glad you're here.

**Masked Avenger: (Confused)** I was always here.

**Murphy:** Really? Or do you mean metaphorically? Like you are always in our thoughts?

**Masked Avenger: (Becoming agitated)** this isn't a good use of my time.

**O'Neil:** You remember when you caught the jewel thief, Captain Blackjack. You beat up his henchmen and said "Looks like they are all tied up".

**(The Masked Avenger interrupts)**

**Masked Avenger:** An idiom. The phrase all tied up is an idiom.