Hoods Forever

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Characters:

The Alliance of Justice

Superion: (m/f) The Leader and strongest member of the Alliance

Galaxy Girl: (f) A powerful heroine from another planet

Deep Space: (m) From the Verata Nebulae, super strong, tough and powerful.

The Aquarian: (f) A Princess from the Ocean.

The Silver Dragon: (m/f) A powerful sorceress

Telemaster: (m/f) The Alliance Computer (Voice only)

The Teens/Wannabes

Kinetic: (m) An Alliance recruit who has psionic mind powers.

Rocket: (m/f) An Alliance recruit who is a typical speedster.

Austin: (m) Was bitten by an radioactive Opossum.

Hannah: (f) Cursed by Ate to have random superpowers that change every day.

Ashley: (f) Cursed by Ate to have random superpowers that change every day.

Kayla: (f) *Invulnerability is her only power.*

Chana: (m/f) An Alien with no superpowers, but very intelligent.

The Pyramid and other Villians:

The Puppet Master: (f) Controls minds and is the leader of the Pyramid

The Leech: (f) Has the ability to drain the power out of people by contact.

The Plague: (f) The Master of disease and pestilence.

Crimewave: (m/f) A mastermind at crime.

Captain Ionic: (m/f) *Evil Scientist that has mastered Ionic energy.*

Hellbender: (m) A supervillain who can take and redistribute powerful punches and strikes.

The Crimson Ninja: (m/f) A mysterious sword wielding ninja.

The Waitress: (m/f) A local waitress at Big Doug's Pizzeria.

ACT 1

(A colorfully dressed supervillain dashes on stage, looking panicked. He starts to run again and seems to be magically lifted and thrown across the stage. Kinetic, dressed as a superhero walks on stage)

Kinetic: Where are you going? We just met!

Crimewave: (from the ground) I didn't do anything! Leave me alone!

Kinetic: Is that so? Then what's in your pocket?

Crimewave: (getting up...nervous) Uh...nothing. Why?

Kinetic: You wouldn't lie to me would you?

Crimewave: Of course not!

Kinetic: Mind if I check? (at this Kinetic focuses on Crimewave, taking control of his arm)

Crimewave: Hey! What are you doing?

Kinetic: Just looking in your pockets.

(at this, Crimewave empties his pockets against his will. First he pulls out chapstick)

Kinetic: (as Crimewave's arm show it to him) Chapstick? I guess it is kind of nippy out.

(The hand keeps digging...pulling out keys)

Kinetic: Keys. (next out is a couple of blow pops) Sweet tooth?

Crimewave: (indignantly) I like blow pops. So? Who are you, Dental Hygiene Man?

Kinetic: Blow pops are cool. It just doesn't match the hardened criminal motif is all.

Crimewave: (The hand goes back to work as Crimewave starts use his other hand to stop it. That hand is then controlled as well.) Hey!!

Kinetic: Better to not fight it. Once I am in your mind I can take as much control of you as I want. (at this, Crimewave starts to do the Macarena...at the conclusion of the move Kinetic chimes in) Hey, Macarena!

Crimewave: (with contempt) Are you having fun?

Kinetic: Always! (*Then serious*) Where's the diamond Crimewave? (*The hand starts to search*)

Crimewave: What diamond?

Kinetic: The Surinami Diamond you just lifted from the National Archive!

Crimewave: National Archive? I haven't been there tonight I've been... (at this his hand produces a very

large diamond...he continues...defeated) Grocery shopping.

Kinetic: Did you find that on the chapstick aisle?

(he walks to Crimewave and takes the diamond)

Crimewave: I'm not in this alone. They'll come looking for you!

Kinetic: Oh yeah? Who's gonna come looking?

Crimewave: The Pyramid!

Kinetic: The Pyramid?

Crimewave: That's right! If you're smart you'll let me go! I'm doing business from them tonight!

Kinetic: No can do, Crimewave. I'm doing business for the Alliance of Justice tonight and it won't look

good on my next evaluation if I get in the habit of letting criminals go.

Crimewave: The Pyramid won't forget.

Kinetic: Yeah, well neither will I.

(the sound of sirens)

Kinetic: Well, that's my cue to leave amigo.

Crimewave: Wait!

(Kinetic stops)

Crimewave: You got a name?

Kinetic: My name's (he starts to give his real name, Colin, but morphs the word with his superhero

name) Col-in-ick.

Crimewave: Colonic?

Kinetic: (correcting) Kinetic.

Crimewave: You said Colonic.

Kinetic: (flustered) No I didn't. You uh misheard me.

Crimewave: You clearly said Colonic.

(Kinetic makes Crimewave's hands cover his mouth)

Kinetic: The name's Kinetic.

(Crimewave mumbles something through his hands. Kinetic releases them to his side)

Kinetic: What?

(Crimewave uses his mouth to mimic a farting sound)

Crimewave: Nice meeting you... Colonic!

(at this, Kinetic takes control of Crimewave's total body forcing him to slam himself into the ground repeatedly until he's unconscious)

Kinetic: (speaking to the lifeless Crimewave, as the sirens get louder) It's Kinetic!

(Black out. When the lights come back on, Kinetic is sitting by himself. A few moments pass and Deep Space, another super hero enters. He is extremely serious and grim.)

Deep Space: You came close to a very big mistake there Kinetic.

Kinetic: I hate being called Kinetic! I don't know why I have to have some stupid nickname!

Deep Space: We've been over this. No one can know your real name.

Kinetic: I still don't know why! It's moronic!

Deep Space: There's the need to protect your identity...

Kinetic: Everyone knows your real name!

Deep Space: That's different.

Kinetic: How?

Deep Space: Well, first of all...most everyone calls me Deep Space, which is the name the Times gave

me.

Kinetic: But everyone knows your real name is Fargus, from the Verata Nebulae.

Deep Space: While that is true, a few things have to be taken into account. First, all of my earth friends are a part of the Alliance of Justice and thus are superheroes. My family and friends from Verata are not reachable by scum like Crimewave. If a criminal knows your real name, your family and friends will never be safe.

Kinetic: I can take care of my own.

Deep Space: Your parents live in Toledo, and while your powers are impressive, they don't allow you to fly, so if you want to get to your parents home, you have to take the Alliance Jet...assuming it's not being used.

Kinetic: Fine! Ok... we've been through this before.

Deep Space: Its really for the best if you can forget your real name is Colin Decker when you put that suit on.

Kinetic: I'm trying! But when he asked me my name, my natural reaction was to do what I have done since I could talk... Tell him my name is Colin!

Deep Space: You'll have to work on that.

Kinetic: Fine.

Deep Space: I have a question though and this is where my having not been raised on earth becomes a problem.

Kinetic: What the question?

Deep Space: What's a Colonic?

Kinetic: (covering) It's nothing. It was just a combination of my two names... Colin and Kinetic.

Deep Space: But what is it?

Kinetic: What do you mean?

Deep Space: A colonic.

Kinetic: It's nothing.

Deep Space: Crimewave didn't act like it was nothing.

Kinetic: The word means nothing. Seriously.

Deep Space: (getting his phone out) Hey Siri. (pause) What's a colonic?

(at this siri explains exactly what a colonic is. There is a moment of awkwardness)

Deep Space: I see.

(a beat)

Deep Space: You really need to remember your name.

Kinetic: (aggravated) I'm on it! (changing topics) So did the blue pick up Crimewave?

Deep Space: They did. He is on his way to Deep Block as we speak. With the exception of the naming mistake, you did well tonight.

Kinetic: (kind of excited) Really? Crimewave is the first guy that you have let me go up against that I've ever heard of. It was kind of a rush! Hey... have you heard of a group of called the Pyramid?

Deep Space: No. I did a database search while I was monitoring your interaction with Crimewave. Our system has nothing on a group with that name.

Kinetic: It's probably nothing. I don't think it's anything to worry about.

Deep Space: Perhaps. Nonetheless, we will keep our ears open just in case. Ok.. So you have been in the superhero mentor program for almost two months now, and most of the Alliance of Justice is convinced that you will eventually become a full fledged member. As you know, I was picked to be your mentor due to the relative similarities in our powers.

Kinetic: They're really not that close.

Deep Space: I know. But, nonetheless I was chosen. Assuming you were successful tonight the league decided that you would move on to the next stage of your training.

Kinetic: Next stage?

Deep Space: Up until now, we've kept you on small crime and very local. Even Crimewave is a relatively small timer with no real powers.

Kinetic: (sarcastically) Way to build a guy up, Fargus.

Deep Space: (humorlessly) Indeed. But in order for us to gauge whether or not your powers can be honed to fit into our team, we need to start pairing you up with some of the others and see who you work well with.

Kinetic: I'll get to work with Superion?

Deep Space: Unlikely. As our strongest member, Superion rarely needs help.

Kinetic: (ignoring that) But there's a chance?

(Deep Space gives him a look)

Kinetic: (*smiling*) There's a chance.

Deep Space: We will still have the chance to work together, but when I am not around, please try not to embarrass me. I have reported on your... unorthodox methods and beliefs, but the rest of the alliance is just going to have to see for themselves.

Kinetic: They're gonna love me!

(Deep Space's phone beeps loudly)

Deep Space: We're needed back at headquarters.

Kinetic: (super excited) I get to go to the Alliance Headquarters?

Deep Space: (seeing his enthusiasm) Yes. Please remember what I said about Embarrassing me.

Kinetic: Right. Is something going on?

Deep Space: It just says we're needed. Here... grab on to my arm, I will teleport us there.

(Kinetic starts to...then...)

Kinetic: Wait...

Deep Space: What?

Kinetic: You told me you could only teleport yourself.

Deep Space: I did?

Kinetic: Hell yeah, you did!

Deep Space: You must have misunderstood me.

Kinetic: I asked you point blank!

Deep Space: I don't remember.

Kinetic: I've been taking an Uber home every night we go out!

Deep Space: (Serious) I thought that was your personal driver.

Kinetic: (getting mad) No you didn't! Last night the guy picked me up in a volvo station wagon!

(A moment passes)

Deep Space: Are you going to grab my arm or not?

Kinetic: Man, screw you for making me Uber home all the time.

(Black out)

(Back at the Alliance headquarters, Superion, Galaxy Girl, and The Aquarian are deep in discussion.)

Superion: We have to move on this now!

Galaxy Girl: Deep Space and Silver were out as mentors tonight, But they were told to report back and should be here any moment.

(Deep Space and Kinetic walk in)

Deep Space: We are here.

Superion: Good. Time is of the essence...

(They all notice Kinetic)

The Aquarian: (confused) You brought... him?

Deep Space: The message said you are both to come immediately back to Alliance headquarters....

Galaxy Girl: I didn't mean for you to bring your sidekick with you.

Kinetic: (Indignant) I'm not a sidekick!

Deep Space: The message (he gets out his phone) says, and I quote: "Emergency alert. You are both to

return to Alliance headquarters immediately."

Galaxy Girl: Let me see that. (she grabs his phone)

Superion: You must have misunderstood.

Deep Space: It literally says "Both"

Galaxy Girl: (seeing it) Ahh... By "both" I meant both you and The Silver Dragon, who is out with her

own learner tonight.

Kinetic: Silver Dragon is serving as a mentor too?

(They all look at him)

Kinetic: (Casual) 'Sup. I'm Kinetic.

(There is a moment, then they all ignore him)

Deep Space: Do you want me to teleport him away?

The Aquarian: There would be no point right? Didn't we pass him and the other guy into phase 2?

Superion: They were going to get the chance to work out of HQ this week anyways, so I guess it would

be best just to leave him here.

Kinetic: (irked he was just ignored) I mean, it's really nice to meet you all.

Aquarian: But I thought you said he was obnoxious. Go ahead and port him out.

Kinetic: (to Deep Space) Obnoxious?

Deep Space: (deadpan) It's a fair observation.

Superion: He stays. Where in the hell is Silver?

(Rocket enters. He is a super speedster and in costume)

Rocket: She's taking the elevator! I took the stairs.

Superion: Who are you?

Aquarian: I think that's Silver's mentee. He's a speedster right?

Rocket: Sure am. Kevin Robinson everyone. But my street name's Rocket.

(Silver Dragon enters)

Silver Dragon: Sorry guys, he ran up before I could stop him.

Rocket: (energetically) I've been dying to see the inside of the Alliance Headquarters!

(at this, the action slows down. This is what the audience sees when Rocket goes into superspeed. Music plays, something appropriate for a superspeed scene. In this scene, Rocket is moving in slow motion, but is much faster in comparison to the others. He is looking at everything, running from spot to spot...this lasts for about 20 seconds until Rocket runs too close to Superion and gets a fast hand right to the face. The music stops, with the sound of a needle being yanked off a record. Rocket is sufficiently stopped)

Superion: (angrily) Calm down.

Rocket: (astonished) How did you do that??

Superion: (bluntly) I'm Superion.

Rocket: (*sheepish*) Yeah...right... I guess you are.

Silver Dragon: (to Rocket) We talked about this.

Rocket: Sorry boss.

Galaxy Girl: (pointedly) We're wasting time.

Silver Dragon: Sorry. What's up?

Galaxy Girl: The mayor has been taken from her home.

Deep Space: Who could have done that?

Galaxy Girl: We're not sure, but there was a cryptic message left. It says: If you want to see the mayor alive again, the entire Alliance of Justice will meet us at 2:00am, in front of City Hall.

Superion: (*looking at the note*) It's signed "The Pyramid" and it's got a triangle with the little cross at the bottom of it like you see on the designation for "female".

Silver Dragon: (looking at the computer) No record of this symbol or a group of super villains calling themselves the pyramid appear anywhere in our archives.

Aquarian: New villains?

Galaxy Girl: Maybe.

Kinetic: Hey! That's the group Crimewave was talking about!

Superion: It's twenty minutes till two now, let's get ready to move.

Kinetic: Fargus! That's the group!

Superion: What's the boy talking about, Fargus?

Deep Space: The criminal we apprehended tonight said he was working for a group by that name.

Superion: Interesting. (A beat) Let's get on this.

Kinetic: (*speaking up*) Hold on... you guys aren't actually going are you?

Superion: (indignant) Of course we are! We're the Alliance of Justice and this "Pyramid" has kidnapped

the mayor!

Kinetic: It's obviously a trap.

(They all stare at him)

Kinetic: What?

Galaxy Girl: What makes you think it's a trap?

Kinetic: Do any of you actually read comic books?

Galaxy Girl: Of course not!

Silver Dragon: Why would we?

Kinetic: Fargus?

Deep Space: The Animated fiction of this planet lacks substance.

Kinetic: You've got to be kidding me!

Rocket: That's all I ever read...

Aquarian: Why would we read something that we live every day?

Kinetic: (aggravated) Because if you did, you would know this is a trap! It's the oldest trick in the book.

Galaxy Girl: (after a moment) Why are we arguing with this guy? He's not even a member yet.

Silver Dragon: Plus there is no way a new super villain group has an answer for Superion.

Kinetic: (to Rocket) Guaranteed, these guys have an answer for Superion. No way they send that note if

they don't.

Superion: ENOUGH!

(Everyone goes silent)

Superion: Alliance, we are leaving!

Galaxy Girl: Are we taking the newbies?

Superion: Of course not. They can stay and guard the base.

Rocket: (misunderstanding) Yeah! We get the guard the base!

Aquarian: Guarding the base is a crap job. No one ever attacks the base.

Superion: I need you to stay and make sure they don't get in trouble, Gabrielle.

Aquarian: Me? No freakin' way. You told me, after the last time...

Superion: (placating) Someone has to stay behind. We can't just leave them here...

Kinetic: Hey man, don't worry about me... I'm just dialed in an Uber. I figure I'll head home and crash. I have work in the morning.

Superion: (menacingly) Cancel your uber. You're staying to guard the base.

Kinetic: (backing down) Calm down man... I'll stay...

Rocket: C'mon... it's gonna be awesome.

Aquarian: The note said the entire alliance! If I'm not there, it's not the entire Alliance!

Superion: We'll make up something.

Galaxy Girl: If they notice you're missing.

Aquarian: Why can't Silver stay and guard the base? I'm senior to her!

Silver Dragon: Thanks Gabrielle. Just throw me under the bus.

Aquarian: Screw you! In the depths of Oceaniara I'm a princess, but here I'm always chosen to...

Galaxy Girl: We need to leave now, Superion.

Superion: (with finality) It's settled. Aquarian, you are staying with the stage 2's. Show them around and keep them out of trouble. I'm sure this won't take this long.

Kinetic: (under his breath) Unless it's a trap.

Superion: (Sharply) What?

Kinetic: Nothing!

(Superion gives him a look and then leaves as does Galaxy Girl and the Silver Dragon)

Deep Space: It would be much faster to teleport of course.

(But they have already left. Deep Space sighs and walks off after them)

(after an awkward pause)

Rocket: Well, I guess this could be worse.

Aquarian: How?

Kinetic: (looking at his phone) Well, my uber is out front, so I'll see you guys later. You're Rocket right?

Well, I'm Colin. Nice to meet you. See ya around.

Rocket: (shocked) You're leaving?

Kinetic: I don't think it takes three of us to guard the base.

Rocket: What if the base is attacked?

Aquarian: The base has never been attacked.

Rocket: There's always a first! What if this is a big plan to lure us all away only to have someone come

in and... (he struggles)

Aquarian: And what?

(Kinetic exits)

Rocket: And steal everything.

Aquarian: (pointing) Security cameras.

Rocket: They can be fooled.

Aquarian: (Talking to the computer) Telemaster, can our security be bypassed?

Computer Voice: No.

Aquarian: Telemaster, why can't our security be bypassed

Computer Voice: Because I was programmed by Fargus, of the Verata Nebulae with technology

borrowed from a superior species.

Rocket: Superior?

Aquarian: His words, not mine.

Rocket: If the base is never attacked, why would they leave us here to guard it?

(The Aquarian shoots him a look)

Rocket: They think we'll be in the way?

Aquarian: They think you'll be in the way.

Rocket: But you were left with us.

(Kinetic re-enters)

Kinetic: Someone canceled my uber!

Rocket: It's probably better if you stay anyway.

Kinetic: But who canceled my ride?

Computer Voice: I did.

Kinetic: (*looking around*) who said that?

Computer Voice: I did. I am the Alliance of Justice Telemaster. I am in charge of building security and

maintenance.

Kinetic: Why did you cancel my uber?

(Through the speakers you here Superion's voice)

Superion's Voice: Cancel your uber, you're staying to guard the base.

Rocket: You know why we're here?

Kinetic: Because the Alliance thinks we'll be in the way.

(Rocket looks at him, dumbfounded)

Aquarian: (to herself) Well, at least one of them knows what's up.

(Black out. Lights fade, but come right back up on the trio. The Aquarian and Kinetic are asleep. Rocket

is up and looking around. He goes to touch something)

Computer Voice: Don't touch that.

Rocket: (pulling back his hand) What? I wasn't about to touch anything.

Computer Voice: By scanning your pulse rate, respiration and other biological factors I can conclude

with 98.74 percent certainty that you are lying.

Rocket: Well Mr. Microchip, this time you're wrong!

Computer Voice: Adding in factors for over exaggerated indignation and that percentage can be raised to the point that it is almost statistically impossible that you are telling the truth.

Aquarian: You're not going to win an argument with Telemaster.

Rocket: Whatever. At least I stayed awake through my watch.

Aquarian: (to the computer) Did anyone attack the base while I slept?

Computer Voice: The Alliance of Justice Headquarters was not attacked during your period of inactivity.

Aquarian: Thank you Telemaster.

(at this moment Deep Space come in, looking concerned)

Deep Space: Telemaster, please track the location of Superion.

Computer Voice: Superion is not currently located on Earth. Would you like me to extend my

parameters?

Aquarian: What happened??

Deep Space: Yes, expand the parameters to include all of sector 2814.

Rocket: What happened to Superion?

Deep Space: It was ambush.

(Kinetic has awoken and heard this)

Kinetic: So, it WAS a trap.

Deep Space: This is not the time for you to gloat.

Aquarian: Where are the others?

Deep Space: That's what I'm trying to figure out.

Computer Voice: Superion is not currently located anywhere within Space Sector 2814. Would you like

me to extend my parameters?

Deep Space: There's no technology alive that could have gotten him out of this sector that quickly. Is

Galaxy Girl located anywhere on this planet?

Computer Voice: Galaxy Girl is not currently located on earth. Would you like me to extend the

parameters?

Kinetic: Can you tell us what happened?

Deep Space: As soon as we landed, we were hit. Hellbender was there... so was Crimewave.

Kinetic: But...

Deep Space: I know, but Crimewave WAS there. There were others... one hit Silver with a wave of something that put her down. I brought her with me... she's in medical. Galaxy Girl was firing on us. One of them had control of her mind.

Aquarian: Telemaster, show City Hall surveillance video, starting at 1:55am.

Computer Voice: Video link disrupted. There is no video feed available from 1:51am through this moment. I am looking for other sources, but it would appear that all of the cameras in that vicinity were off line at the time of the attack.

Deep Space: Superion had taken down one of the attackers and had turned his attention to Galaxy Girl when one of them, for lack of a better word, attached herself to him. It had a horrible affect and I was fighting my way to help him when another one ported in, grabbed Superion and his attacker and ported out. Galaxy Girl was ported out next, so I grabbed Silver and escaped back here.

Aquarian: Telemaster...

Computer Voice: I have already armed headquarter defenses in case of an attack.

Rocket: I thought you said no one ever attacks the base!

Aquarian: Only a precaution.

Rocket: Who could have done this?

(Silver Dragon Enters)

Silver Dragon: It was the Pyramid.

Deep Space: (going to her) You should still be in medical.

Silver Dragon: Telemaster released me.

Computer Voice: That's not true. When asked if I thought you were in mortal danger, I concluded that you weren't...

Silver Dragon: That's all the information I needed.

Aquarian: How do you know it was the Pyramid?

Silver Dragon: The one that put me down had the symbol in black on her chest. It was definitely them.

Rocket: (to himself) That symbol is really cool. I need some kind of symbol like that.

Kinetic: What took you down?

Silver Dragon: I don't know... one second I was on my feet and the next I was on my knees. I felt like I was dying and I NEVER feel like that. I don't get sick...

Computer Voice: Analysis of the blood sample taken shows that the Silver Dragon was hit with several diseases including but not limited to Rabies, Influenza, small pox and others. Your increased metabolism and resistance to disease prevented your death, but it would not be recommended for you to experience that again.

Sliver Dragon: Yeah, I'll try to avoid that.

Rocket: What do we do now?

Deep Space: We have to figure out where Superion and Galaxy Girl are. (*to Rocket and Kinetic*) We are down two members. With Superion gone, it's within my power to activate you two as full members of the Alliance of Justice. While this will still be considered a probational period, we are going to need the two of you on full time for this.

Kinetic: You mean, we're now part of the team?

Deep Space: Yes. If you accept.

Rocket: (enthusiastically) | accept!

Aquarian: Are we sure we want this guy?

Rocket: Of course you want me.

Deep Space: We're going to need him for recon. Colin?

Kinetic: I didn't think it would come up this fast.

Aquarian: What does that mean? We just offered you a spot in the Alliance of Justice.

Rocket: This means, I need to quit my other job right?

Deep Space: Of course. Where were you working?

Silver Dragon: He's a crew leader at Taco Bell.

Rocket: Telemaster, can you give me the low down on the benefits package for being a member of the Alliance of Justice.

Computer Voice: Being a full time member of the Alliance of Justice includes full medical and dental insurance, if needed, along with...

Aquarian: Why are we talking about this?? It's a better job than Taco Bell and whatever you're (*to Kinetic*) doing. We can talk about sick leave and vacation time later.

Rocket: (impressed) We get sick leave?

Deep Space: I need an answer Colin.

Kinetic: (after a moment) Of course I'm in.

Deep Space: Telemaster, change the status of Kevin Robinson and Colin Decker to full time members of the Alliance of Justice, status will be probationary members.

Sliver Dragon: (somberly) Welcome to the team guys.

(Black out. We are now in a cave, deep beneath the earth. The home of the Pyramid. The Puppet Master, The Plague, the Leech, The Crimson Ninja, Captain Ionic, Hellbender and Crimewave are all celebrating. The Leech is attached to Superion and Galaxy Girl is on the floor.)

Puppet Master: Welcome to the team guys!

(all cheer)

Hellbender: It worked exactly like you said it would!

Puppet Master: Of course it did!

Crimewave: Thanks for the break out. That was great. So we did it?

Plague: You have the piece?

Crimewave: (pulling a small device from his pocket) Sure do. Just like you said, the Alliance thought I was after the diamond. But before I swiped that, I went to the technology wing and took it. They didn't even have a guard on it. This is a bigger prize than the diamond?

Plague: (caressing the device, that is shaped like a small box) The diamond has nothing on this.

Crimson Ninja: That little box is more valuable than the Surinami diamond?

Plague: By far. At least in the right hands.

Puppet Master: Specifically our hands.

Superion: (He is obviously weakened as he is having his power drained by the Leech) You'll never get away with this. The alliance will find you.

Leech: (mockingly) Poor little Superion. How's it feel to be powerless?

Superion: They'll find you. We have ways...

Puppet Master: You mean Telemaster? The Alliance AI will never find us here. We planned ahead for

that. (to Capt. Ionic) Have the Alliance started looking for their missing heroes yet?

Capt. Ionic: We've been scanned half a dozen times already.

Superion: Then you should be smart and surrender, my friends will be here soon.

Capt. Ionic: That's a negative, ghost rider.

Puppet Master: We've been planning this for years, Superion. The sisterhood of the Pyramid has flown under your radar for almost a decade. Speaking of radar... Captain Ionic was brought in just for that purpose.

Capt. Ionic: The ionic shield I have up around us can't be penetrated or detected by electronic means.

Leech: So we're safe from your friends... they won't be coming.

Superion: What are you doing to me?

Leech: I guess since we're being so intimate I should have introduced myself. I'm the Leech Superion, and we're going to be spending a lot of time together while you stay with us.

Superion: Why?

Leech: Because we need you.

Plague: Specifically, we need your power, and the Leech is taking it from you.

Hellbender: You can do that?

Puppet Master: Not only that, but she can store it as well.

Leech: So much power...

(The Leech laughs)

Crimson Ninja: Can she use it?

(The Leech laughs again)

Puppet Master: All in good time. You'll all find out everything in good time.

(Galaxy Girl suddenly stands, and pulls out her laser)

Galaxy Girl: Superion!

(Capt. Ionic hits a button on a remote the gun does nothing)

Galaxy Girl: (confused) What?

Puppet Master: (to Capt. Ionic) Is she disabled?

Capt. Ionic: Completely

Puppet Master: Galaxy Girl, Galaxy Girl, Galaxy Girl... do you think we would have just left you laying

there on the floor if there was even the slightest chance you could do anything to stop us?

Galaxy Girl: The Alliance will find us.

Crimson Ninja: We already covered that while you were asleep.

Puppet Master: (closing in) Unless you know exactly where to find us, and have one of our ionic

repulsive transporters, you won't be coming to our "invitation only" party.

(She approaches Galaxy Girl)

Galaxy Girl: (touching her head) What are you doing to me?

Superion: Don't you touch her!

Puppet Master: I don't need to touch her.

(Puppet Master puts her finger to her temple and concentrates for a moment and Galaxy Girl stiffens. Galaxy Girl crosses to Superion)

Galaxy Girl: Because I am the Puppet Master, Superion, and I can be anywhere... including in the mind of your friend.

Puppet Master: And I'm sure we'll find a wonderful use for such a powerful ally...

Leech: And all the while I'll be draining away your power, bit by bit..

Plague: (fully under Puppet Master's Power) The Alliance will be powerless to stop us.

Puppet Master: We simply won't be stopped by anyone. We've thought this through and we're way too many steps ahead.

(Black out. When the lights come back on, we are at a casual restaurant where Austin, Hannah, Ashley, Kayla and Chana sit at a table. Kinetic enters and Kayla stands to meet him, kissing him)

Kayla: You look rough... Fargus keep you out late last night?

Kinetic: All night. I can't stay long... I have to get back to headquarters soon.

Kayla: I thought you worked today.

(They cross to the table)

Kinetic: I was made a full member last night.

Hannah: You what?

Austin: Wow... congratulations!

Kinetic: It wasn't supposed to happen like that. Something bad happened last night.

Chana: I saw something about that.

Kinetic: How? It's not been released to anyone.

Chana: You know how I am, I get into places.

Ashley: Chana was hacked into the downtown camera system when everything cut out last night.

Chana: Don't steal my thunder... I was getting to it. Anyways... you know first hand so how about you tell us.

Kayla: I still can't get over the fact that my boyfriend is a full member of the Alliance of Justice. I'm so proud of you!

Kinetic: Probationary member... whatever that means. I know it means that they are making me quit my day job. Apparently Telemaster sent notification to my manager the minute I agreed to be a part of the team.

Austin: (impressed) a real part of the Alliance.

Chana: (wanting the gossip) Yeah, yeah...we're all impressed... now tell us what happened last night.

Kinetic: I really shouldn't.

Hannah: But you will because that's how we are. Hoods forever.

Kinetic: I think this goes beyond our group, Hannah.

Hannah: (with mock seriousness) Nothing goes beyond the Hoods, Colin.

Kayla: Plus, if you can't trust us, who can you trust?

(There is a pause and then)

Kinetic: We were attacked last night... well, I wasn't there.

Chana: Why weren't you there?

Kinetic: I was left behind to guard the base. Anyways...

Austin: They actually told you that?

Kinetic: Told me what?

Austin: To guard the base. Someone actually told you to guard the base?

Kinetic: Superion told me to.

Austin: They were just keeping you out of the way... you know that right?

Kinetic: Of course I know that! Can I continue?

Austin: Still, it was kind of cool that it was Superion who told you to guard the base...

Kinetic: Anyways, they were attacked and Superion and Galaxy Girl were taken.

Kayla: Taken?

Hannah: Who could take Superion?

Chana: This is even worse than I thought.

Kinetic: Deep Space managed to get the Silver Dragon out of there and escape back to headquarters.

Austin: What about the Aquarian? Was she captured?

Kinetic: No. She was guarding the base with us.

Austin: You spent all night alone with the Aquarian??

Kinetic: No, there was a speedster there too, another new guy.

Austin: Even so, you all know what I would give for a few hours alone with the Aquarian.

Ashely: (*flatly*) Yes. We all know. You tell us all every day.

Austin: Total babe. I would totally guard the base with her.

Chana: So has any effort been made to rescue Superion and Galaxy Girl?

Kinetic: That's just it. We don't know where they are.

Chana: Telemaster can't find them?

Kinetic: No trace.

Chana: That's not good.

Kinetic: Tell me about it.

(Kinetic's phone rings)

Kinetic: (looking and standing up to take the call, slightly leaving the table) It's headquarters. (answering) Hello? (listening) Oh... hi Rocket. What's up? Is the meeting starting early? (listens) Ok,

that's good. I didn't want to miss anything. (*listens*) I'm just grabbing some lunch with some friends. (*listens*) I should have thought to invite you, my fault. (*listens*) We're downtown at Big Doug's. Want me to bring you something when I come back?

(Rocket enters. He has just run downtown.)

Rocket: No need. I can order for myself.

(Kinetic is taken aback)

Kinetic: Did you just...

Rocket: I just ran from headquarters (seeing his table) Are these your friends?

Kinetic: (looking back) Uh...yeah. Hey guys this is... (struggling for his real name) Rocket.

Rocket: It's Kevin. Rocket is just my work name.

Kinetic: (pointing at each) This is Kayla, Hannah, Ashley, Chana, and Austin.

Rocket: (seeing Chana's alien appearance) You're an alien?

Chana: (waving) From Pinsos. I was orphaned here as a baby.

Rocket: I'm not familiar with Pinsos. Does being on Earth give you any kind of superpowers?

Chana: Nope. My parents dumped me on a planet with gravity worse than our own, which makes me weak, and a sun that burns the hell out of me if I don't wear sunblock. I'm the only one at the table that has absolutely no powers whatsoever.

Hannah: Chana's our computer whiz though.

Rocket: Wait... (to Kinetic) You have a whole group of super powered friends?

Kayla: You didn't tell him about us?

Kinetic: (defensively) I just met the guy last night.

Rocket: (*excited*) This is too cool. Anyways... like Colin said, I'm Kevin and I'm a typical speedster. I can run a bit over 7 times the speed of sound and do all the other stuff that other speedsters can do...but I've only been like this for about a year, after I got zapped by a faulty outlet at work. (*breath*) Did you tell them that we were made full members last night?

Kinetic: Probationary members.

Rocket: Same difference. Anyways... no more Taco Bell for this guy! So, what can you guys do?

(They are momentarily taken aback by his enthusiasm. Kinetic recovers first)

Kinetic: Well, this is my girlfriend Kayla and she is completely invulnerable to physical harm.

Rocket: Whoa. That's too cool. Like totally, one hundred percent?

Kayla: (a bit embarrassed by the attention) Yeah. We haven't found anything that can hurt me yet... and we've definitely tried.

Rocket: So, What else?

Kayla: Nothing.

Rocket: Nothing?

Kayla: No super strength, super speed, flight, water breathing or anything. Just can't be hurt, killed or mangled. That's me.

Rocket: That's still cool.

Austin: (getting his attention) I'm the Opossum, you may have heard of me.

Rocket: The what?

Austin: The Opossum. You know, like the animal?

Rocket: I grew up in Canada... that's the ugly rat thing that's always dead on the road right?

Austin: (a bit offended) Yeah. Well, I got bit by one that was apparently a mutant of some kind, so now I have Opossum based powers. (a beat) It's cooler than it sounds.

Kinetic: Austin was the first person with powers I met and we worked as a duo for years. He can play dead, never gets sick or diseased and...uh, can pretty much eat anything.

Austin: I'm also an excellent climber.

Kinetic: That too!

Austin: Plus Colin and I started the Hoods, we were the first two members.

Rocket: The Hoods?

Austin: Well, it kinda had to do with the fact that we were young and couldn't afford costumes, so we did things in hoodies to keep our profile low. Plus we kinda connected it to Robin Hood in a way because we were trying to help the common people, ya know?

Rocket: The Hoods. Gotcha. (not impressed) What about you two? What are your powers?

Ashley: I haven't tried anything yet today so I'm not sure. (to Ashley) What about you?

Hannah: Today I have x-ray vision.

Rocket: X-ray vision? What do you mean by today?

Kinetic: I went to school with Ashley and Hannah. They were total enemies all the way through until our freshmen year in high school.

Ashley: That's when we ticked off Ate. (pronounced Ah Tay)

Rocket: Who's Ate?

Ashley: The God of Mischief. He was wooing our Algebra teacher, you know... like Gods do and saw us going at it almost every day in her class. One day we tore her down and made her cry and he cursed us.

Rocket: Cursed you?

Hannah: He cursed us by giving us super powers. (seeing his confused look) It's not what you think. First, we only get superpowers if we see each other for a couple of hours every day. So that made us have to learn to get along.

Ashley: Not as easy as it sounds.

Hannah: Tell me about it. Anyways, because it's Ate, and he's the god of mischief our powers change every day and we have to spend time every morning trying to figure out what we have.

Ashley: Some days we get great things... like the ability to fly or super strength...

Hannah: But other days we get zonked and either can't figure out what our ability is that day, or get stuck with something lame.

Rocket: Lame? Like what?

Ashley: One day I had a super powered right arm and Hannah had a super strong left. But the good days are worth it, so we play along...spend time together and eventually became friends.

Hannah: X-ray vision is okay, on a scale from 1-10 it's about a five.

Rocket: When does your new power kick in?

Ashley: Right at midnight.

Rocket: That's pretty crazy.

(a waitress enters)

Waitress: What would you two like to drink?

Kinetic: I'll take a Dr. Pepper.

Rocket: I know this is going to sound strange, but can you bring me like two pitchers of Mountain Dew?

Waitress: Two pitchers?

Rocket: If you don't mind.

Waitress: Uh, yeah... I guess.

(The Waitress exits)

Rocket: Running fast burns a lot of calories. So, you guys have been doing the teen supergroup thing

for long?

Kinetic: I wouldn't really call it a supergroup thing.

Austin: (disagreeing) I would, and yes. About four years now... except for Chana who got here about

three years ago.

Rocket: Did you tell them about Superion and Galaxy Girl?

Kinetic: No.

Austin: (at the same time) Of course he did.

Kinetic: Austin! (*trying to get him to take a* hint) I didn't tell you anything.

Austin: (not getting it) It's like the first thing you talked about.

Rocket: It's fine. If I had a group of superfriends I would have totally told them too. I'm still in shock

about it though.

(The Waitress comes back and puts down two pitchers of Mountain Dew. Rocket puts a straw into one of

the two and drinks through most of the rest of the scene)

Waitress: Are you ready to order?

Hannah: Can you give us another minute or two?

Waitress: Sure thing. Let me know if you need me!

(Waitress exits)

Ashley: I don't understand... who could have been powerful enough to just "take" Superion.

Chana: I know that in the past, Superion has had a hard time with Hellbender...

Rocket: Hellbender was there!

Kayla: But I don't think Hellbender could just scoop up Superion... doesn't his powers work by absorbing

force or something?

Kinetic: I think so.

Chana: (*looking at her laptop*) There is nothing on file that would make sense. This must be something we haven't seen before... and that the Alliance of Justice hasn't seen before either.

(Blackout. Back to the lair of the Pyramid. The Villains are trying to make the square device work to no avail)

Puppet Master: (angry) I thought you said you could make it work!

Plague: I didn't know there would be... (stammering) instructions... in...

Crimewave: In an alien language?

Plague: Yes. And Shut up! (With this she waves a hand and Crimewave is slammed back... he rolls over and throws up. Plague continues to speak) I may have to take questions from my sisters, but NOT from the rest of you. (confronting the Crimson Ninja) Understand?

Crimson Ninja: I didn't say anything!

Plague: Keep it that way.

Hellbender: How do you even know that this thing is a weapon?

Puppet Master: We have sources within the National Archive.

Plague: Sources that told us that while experiments were being done to figure out what the cube could do, it was unleashed and everyone in the room was left lifeless on the floor.

Hellbender: So it was working then?

Puppet Master: That was apparently the last of it's power...and nothing that the national science team could come up with was strong enough to power the item.

(The Leech, still connected the Superion)

Leech: That's where I come in. I have been draining the power from Superion since he became our guest last night. *(caressing his face) We've* had a really good time haven't we?

(Superion is unresponsive)

Crimson Ninja: Is he dead?

Leech: I wish! Even in this state, I can't figure out anyway to actually kill him. But the power I've collected from him... it's indescribable.

Puppet Master: But back to the point... what are we going to do about getting it to work? We know we can power it, but if we don't know how to work it, then it's useless. Actually it's worse than useless because it could go off and kill us!

Capt. Ionic: And the instructions? I don't understand... did it come with a manual?

(Puppet Master shoots him a look)

Capt. Ionic: Sorry! You said there were instructions...

Puppet Master: There are runes on the cube itself.

Capt. Ionic: And you can't read them?

(at this, Crimewave...who is finally recovering from his sickness walks over to Captain Ionic and slaps him across the face. Puppet Master is controlling him)

Crimewave: Don't ask stupid questions.

(Crimewave slumps, back under his own control)

Crimewave: Sorry Captain. You know I wouldn't have done that...

Hellbender: Do you know where the cube came from?

Plague: The National team thinks it's from the Verata Nebulae, but we can't be totally sure.

Puppet Master: Wait! What did you say?

Plague: That the cube is from the Verata Nebulae?

Puppet Master: Yes! Why didn't you tell me that before??

Plague: What?

Puppet Master: Hellbender, bring me Galaxy Girl. I have a plan, but I'm not happy about it.

Plague: What's the plan?

Puppet Master: It looks like we have another invitation to give out to our party.

Plague: And Galaxy Girl's going to deliver it?

Puppet Master: Of course she is.

(Black Out. Back at the headquarters for the Alliance of Justice. Rocket and Kinetic enter)

Rocket: Your friends seem nice. I wish I had known about you guys when I first got fried.

Kinetic: They're a cool group. You oughta see Austin when something scares him

Rocket: What happens?

Kinetic: Totally falls out. Completely dead to all appearances.

Rocket: That sounds useful.

Kinetic: He can't control it at all.

Rocket: Oh...

Kinetic: Yeah... I really haven't had as much time to spend with them since getting recruited though.

Rocket: Does the Alliance know about them?

Kinetic: Yeah, but none of them have been recruited. Austin applied, but they've pretty much ignored

him.

(Silver Dragon enters)

Silver Dragon: Good timing. We were just about to call you back to headquarters.

Kinetic: What's up?

Silver Dragon: Galaxy Girl just called in. She's on her way to HQ with company.

(Deep Space and the Aquarian enter)

Deep Space: ETA is less than a minute.

Computer Voice: Galaxy Girl is not alone, two other beings are with her.

Silver Dragon: Who is with her?

Computer Voice: Identified as Marcus Graham and River Dunnagan.

Deep Space: Hellbender and the Crimson Ninja.

Silver Dragon: Maybe we'll finally get some answers!

Rocket: Galaxy Girl is bringing them here?

Aquarian: Why wouldn't she?

Rocket: I dunno... seems kinda risky.

(Galaxy Girl enters. Hellbender and the Crimson Ninja are her prisoners, their hands are tied behind their

backs)

Aquarian: (Going up to hug her) We were so worried about you!

Galaxy Girl: (something is a little off) No need to worry at all.

Deep Space: What happened?

Galaxy Girl: I was captured by the Pyramid and taken to their secret base, but I escaped.

Silver Dragon: You escaped? How?

(Rocket has seen the pyramid insignia on Hellbender)

Rocket: You know, this really is an awesome logo. (*To Kinetic*) I'm serious... I'm going to design myself

something like this.

Kinetic: (as the others look at him) Shhhhh.

Rocket: What?

Deep Space: How did you escape, Briza?

Galaxy Girl: (something is still not right) I was being held at their secret base, and I escaped when these

two came to interrogate me.

Silver Dragon: Can you lead us to their lair?

Galaxy Girl: No, I don't think I can remember the way.

Aquarian: Then how'd you get here?

Silver Dragon: No matter, we have these two to tell us where it is.

Crimson Ninja: We're not scared of you.

Silver Dragon: If you don't tell us where Superion is, you will be!

Deep Space: Did you see Superion?

Galaxy Girl: Yes, he's still with them.

Computer Voice: Deep Space, You need to detain Galaxy Girl.

Aquarian: What?

Deep Space: Detain her? Why?

Computer Voice: Initiating headquarters defense grid.

(Hellbender and Crimson Ninja are immediately out of their bonds)

Hellbender: Looks like we're going to have to do this the hard way.

Kinetic: Fargus! They're free!

(Silver Dragon goes to grab Hellbender but is grabbed by Galaxy Girl)

Silver Dragon: What?

Galaxy Girl: No one can stand in the way of the Pyramid. (at point blank range Galaxy Girl uses her blaster pistol to shoot Silver Dragon, who is thrown across the room)

Rocket: Not so fast there!

(at this, Rocket goes into super speed mode. Everything around him is moving in slow motion, as is he... just not AS slow. First he scoops up Silver Dragon, and puts her down gently. Then as Galaxy Girl goes to aim her gun at Deep Space, he gently takes her gun from her hand. Then he runs to Hellbender and unleashes a barrage of punches only to have Hellbender absorb them and deliver and amazing hard shot into Rocket. Rocket is knocked back and out of the fight. Speed returns to normal)

Crimson Ninja: (moving towards Kinetic) It's a shame I'm going to have to kill you before even learning your name new guy.

(Kinetic uses his powers to take control of the Crimson Ninja's sword, flinging it across the room)

Kinetic: (really intentionally so that Deep Space can hear) My name's Kinetic! You hear that??

Deep Space: (as he is hit by Hellbender) Yes. I heard it. Congratulations on remembering your name.

Crimson Ninja: I guess it's a good thing that I won't need a sword to finish you off.

(Crimson Ninja moves in on Kinetic only to be hit from behind by the Aquarian, knocking the Crimson Ninja to the ground)

Aquarian: (turning to face Hellbender) You owe me one, kid.

Kinetic: I totally had it!

(Galaxy Girl takes a swing at the Aquarian, distracting her. The Crimson Ninja is getting up)

Hellbender: (who is trying to not be wrestled down by Deep Space) I can't hold this guy forever!

Crimson Ninja: (moving towards them) On it!

(half way there Kinetic swipes a hand and Crimson Ninja sprawls across the room. Hellbender breaks free of Deep Space and is about to deliver a devastating blow when his hand stops mid air.)

Hellbender: What the?

(Hellbender's hand starts slapping himself across the face. Hellbender starts to use his other hand to defend, but it's taken over as well and both hands are slapping Hellbender around)

Deep Space: This is very amusing, but could you just finish him off?

(one of Hellbender's hands stops slapping him around for a moment to give Deep Space a rude Gesture)

Crimson Ninja: It's time to get out of here!

Hellbender: (as his hands keep at their work) I'm open to suggestions here!

(then, as if she had been forgotten, Galaxy Girl sneaks up on Deep Space and puts a small device on his

chest. They are immediately teleported out, which is achieved by a quick black out)

Kinetic: Fargus!

Aquarian: (grabbing the Crimson Ninja) What did you do to Deep Space?

Crimson Ninja: We've got him Hellbender! Time to go!

(At this Hellbender and the Crimson Ninja touch a device on their chest and both teleport out)

Aquarian: No!! Telemaster why did you allow them to teleport out? I thought out defense grid was

active!

Computer Voice: The teleportation devices used had an ionic core, which was undetectable by the defense grid until the moment they were activated. I have calibrated the defense routines and that will not happen again.

Aquarian: Can you get a lock on Deep Space's location?

Computer Voice: Deep Space is not located on this planet. Would you like me to extend the parameters of my search?

Aquarian: Yes, to all of the sector.

Kinetic: (on the ground with Sliver Dragon) She's hurt pretty badly. Can you help me get her up?

(Rocket has started to move as the Aquarian moves to help Kinetic)

Rocket: What hit me?

Kinetic: Hellbender, are you ok?

Rocket; I'm going to be sore in the morning.

Aquarian: Help us get her to medical. We have to figure out where they took Deep Space.

(Black out. Back at the lair of the Pyramid where the four have just teleported in. The Plague, Puppet Master, Leech, Captain Ionic, and Crimewave are present. Superion is in on the floor, shackled and barely conscious)

Puppet Master: They're back, secure him!

(The others move to subdue Deep Space. As they enter he strikes Crimewave knocking him across the room, then hits Captain Ionic before being blasted to the ground by the Plague)

Leech: Nice work... I thought I was going to have to get a hold of him.

Plague: Apparently his species is vulnerable to at least some of the pestilence found on our planet.

Puppet Master: Get him up.

(Hellbender and the Crimson Ninja lift him into a chair. Captain Ionic moves into secure bonds on him)

Capt. Ionic: If you try to break these bonds, It's going to hurt really bad, so how about you play nice?

Deep Space: How about you go to hell? (he tries to break his bonds and is immediately wracked in pain)

Capt. Ionic: Fine, have it your way.

Hellbender: That was not as easy as I thought it would be.

Puppet Master: It's the Alliance of Justice. You really thought it was going to be easy?

Crimson Ninja: We thought it was just going to be the Silver Dragon, Deep Space and the Aquarian, but there were two others.

Plague: Two more? Who?

Hellbender: One was a speedster, but he must have not known how I work because he hit me with everything he had only to have it sent right back at him. The other one...what did he say his name was?

Crimson Ninja: Kinetic. He was real clear about that for some reason. He made me throw my sword across the room and made Hellbender slap himself around.

Puppet Master: The ability to control minds?

Crimson Ninja: Not exactly. More like the ability to just physically control things. I didn't feel that he was controlling my mind, but he definitely controlled my arm.

Hellbender: And my hands.

Puppet Master: After we get Deep Space here to translate our little toy, we will have to ask him about his new friends.

Deep Space: I won't tell you anything.

Puppet Master: You're sure he can't just teleport out of here right? He can do that.

Captain Ionic: The field I keep around us would tear apart anyone who tries to shift into our space without one of these. (*he taps the teleporter on his chest*) He's not going anywhere.

Puppet Master: Excellent.

Deep Space: You won't get any information from me.

Plague: (overly pleasant) All we need from you is a quick translation. The runes on this (she pulls out

the device and he immediately reacts)

Deep Space: Where did you get that?

Leech: Ooohh. I think we've piqued his curiousity!

Deep Space: That is no toy you're holding.

Plague: Oh, we know exactly what we have here, Deep Space.

Deep Space: Those were banned by the Intergalactic Commission centuries ago. None were thought to

exist any longer.

Plague: And yet here we are. Isn't it beautiful?

Crimewave: And I would like to point out that it was I who swiped it. That's right... this guy.

(Plague shoots Crimewave a nasty look)

Crimewave: Just sayin'.

Deep Space: You have no clue how close you are to your own death right now.

Leech: (sickenly sweet) Such dire threats! I don't think Deep Space wants us to play with our new toy.

Plague: Well that's too bad, since he's going to be the one who shows us how to use it.

Deep Space: There is nothing you can do to me that would make me tell you how to use that.

Capt. Ionic: We'll see about that.

(Captain Ionic hits a button on a control causing Deep Space Pain. Then it stops)

Puppet Master: Hit it again.

(Once again, Deep Space is in bad pain and then it stops)

Capt. Ionic: Need me to turn up the settings?

Deep Space: It won't matter.

Leech: Let me have some time with him.

Puppet Master: We need him.

Leech: I can leave enough of him for us to play with...

Puppet Master: (*To Capt. Ionic*) Highest setting.

Capt. Ionic: Are you sure? It might kill him.

Puppet Master: Do it!

(Once again, severe pain...finally it stops. Deep Space is breathing hard.)

Hellbender: Just go ahead and tell her what she wants to hear, fool.

Deep Space: Kill me if you want. I'm at peace with it.

Puppet Master: Are you now? How noble! (having an idea) But are you also ready to sacrifice your

friend?

Deep Space: What?

(Galaxy Girl walks forward and stands in front of Deep Space. Puppet Master is speaking through Galaxy

Girl)

Galaxy Girl: Are you willing to Sacrifice me?

Deep Space: Galaxy Girl would not think twice about sacrificing herself if given the choice.

Leech: (silkily) But it's not her choice is it? It's yours. You get to decide if your friend will live or die.

Puppet Master: Right now, Galaxy Girl knows exactly what is going on and she can hear everything we

are saying. Are you ready to say good bye, Deep Space?

(Galaxy Girl puts her gun to her head)

Galaxy Girl: I pull the trigger on three. One... Two...

Deep Space: Stop!

Puppet Master: Stop?

Deep Space: I'll translate the runes for you. Just don't hurt her.

Plague: What do the runes say?

Deep Space: It won't matter since there is now way you have a power source capable of getting it to

work.

(The Leech laughs)

Deep Space: The runes are simple, this item is called the Soul Prison and once activated it rips the soul out of its victim.

Plague: And how do we activate it.

Deep Space: Is it fully inactive?

Plague: What do you mean?

Deep Space: Because there's a difference... it's like the difference between being set to "off" or not

being plugged in at all.

Puppet Master: Stop speaking in riddles.

(Galaxy Girl puts the gun back to her head)

Deep Space: I am going to assume it's fully inactive. The runes say that in order for the Soul Prison to capture the life force of your enemy you must power the item, which I doubt you can do. (*Leech giggles*) and twist the item while saying the name of your target.

Plague: That's it?

Deep Space: Can you turn the object so that I can see the back?

(Plague turns the box)

Deep Space: The blood debt is empty.

Plague: What does that mean?

Deep Space: See the small groove in the middle there?

Plague: Yes?

Deep Space: It should be lit, and apparently it can only be lit with a blood sacrifice. The Almayics, who created this device had to use their own blood to fully activate it.

Puppet Master: Will only Almayic blood work?

Deep Space: I'm not sure. I've never operated one before.

Plague: Read the rune verbatim.

Deep Space: It says: Herein will lay the blood of our kind. Only the blood of a race of beings millions of years old, alive when the supernova of Brynn destroyed Invisitos can activate the Soul Prison. Looks like you're out of luck, unless you have an Almayic templar on call.

Puppet Master: No! You're lying to us!

Deep Space: Read my mind... you'll see that I'm not.

Puppet Master: It's useless then!

Crimewave: Maybe not...

Puppet Master: What do you mean?

Crimewave: It doesn't say it has to be an Almayic does it?

Plague: Do you know of any other species handy that was around a million years ago?

Crimewave: What about the Aquarian?

Crimson Ninja: He's right! The Aquarians have ruled the Oceans of Earth for more than a million years.

Deep Space: I don't think the blood of an Aquarian would work.

Puppet Master: Lies! Captain Ionic! Prepare the teleporters for another raid into the Alliance of Justice headquarters.

Capt. Ionic: Not a good idea. By now Telemaster has undoubtedly analyzed my teleporter signal and has moved to make sure no one will be entering or escaping that way again.

Puppet Master: Well, we need the Aquarian, so we'll have to do this the hard way.

Crimson Ninja: What do you mean?

Puppet Master: We're going to have to bust in there and take her by force.

(Black Out. Kayla and Austin are standing outside of the entrance to the Alliance of Justice. Kayla has her phone in her hand texting. After a few moments, Kinetic enters)

Kinetic: It's really a bad time guys, I can't talk right now.

Kayla: Chana registered four ionic signatures at Alliance Headquarters and you weren't answering your phone! I've been trying to get up with you for two hours!

Kinetic: I dropped my phone during the fight and just found it.

Kayla: Fight? There was a fight IN Alliance headquarters?

Kinetic: I really can't talk about it.

(Rocket enters)

Rocket: The Aquarian wants you back in the conference room.

Austin: The Aquarian's here?

Kinetic: Tell her I will be up there in a minute.

(Rocket exits)

Austin: You totally need to introduce me to the Aquarian.

Kinetic: I can't. Things have gone crazy here.

(Rocket enters)

Rocket: She says "now."

Kinetic: I'm coming!

(Rocket sees Austin and goes to fist bump him)

Rocket: What's up Opossum?

Austin: Nothing much Rocket... hey, would you mind introducing me to the Aquarian?

Rocket: Sure! Come on in!

Kinetic: It's not a good time Rocket!

Rocket: It will only take a second.

Austin: Yeah...jeez Colin... it will only take a second.

Kayla: You need to tell me what's going on. I've been worried sick.

(in the conference room)

Aquarian: (Seeing the visitors) Who are they and what are they doing here.

Rocket: They're friends of Kinetic. He wanted to show them around.

Kinetic: (Abashed) I did not!

(Austin slides by and puts his hand out to the Aquarian)

Austin: Hi! I'm Austin and I'm...

Aquarian: Get them out of here!

Austin: ...totally a huge fan of yours.

Aquarian: Now!

Kayla: Don't get your panties in a wad. We're leaving.

Computer Voice: Deep Space's modular identification chip is either malfunctioning or he is out of range.

Kayla: What happened to Deep Space?

Rocket: The Pyramid came in here and snatched him.

Aquarian: You are NOT allowed to discuss Alliance business with outsiders!

Rocket: (*realizing his mistake*) My bad. Ha! Just a joke guys, Deep Space is just in the bathroom right now. Right Telemaster?

Computer Voice: I have scanned the bathroom, and Deep Space is not located in any of the Alliance bathrooms.

Rocket: (*looking up*) Really? You want to just call me out like that?

Kayla: So with Deep Space gone, who's left? Where's the Silver Dragon?

Kinetic: In medical. She was hurt during the fight, but Telemaster says she will be okay. Now really... I'm sorry but you have to go. I will call you as soon as I can, but it may be a while. We're down to just the four of us now.

(he moves to show them out)

Computer Voice: Warning! Seven ionic signatures have just teleported in at the defensive perimeter. Concussion turrets have been disabled. Three targets are unidentified, the others are Marcus Graham, River Dunnagan, Dale Spencer and Eric David Johnson.

Aguarian: Get your friends out of here now!

Kinetic: There's no time. Don't worry...they're not defenseless.

Austin: We're both part of the Hoods.

Aquarian: What?

Rocket: It's like their neighborhood super group.

Aquarian: Whatever, just don't get in the way.

(Silver Dragon enters)

Aquarian: Silver, you should be...

Silver Dragon: Right here. I heard the warning and there's no way I'm sitting in medical while the base is under attack.

Rocket: (realizing) Wow...

Aquarian: What?

Rocket: You said the base never gets attacked, and yet...

Aquarian: I was wrong. If we live long enough for you to gloat about it, I'll take what you can give.

Computer Voice: Headquarters has been breached. Rerouting remaining defensive effort to this

location.

Aquarian: They should be here any second...

Austin: I'm ready!

(At this there is the sound of an explosion and all seven villains enter busting into the room. Austin lets out a small yelp and immediately passes out, dead to all appearances. He was standing right next to the Aquarian.)

Aquarian: What the?

(The fight is on. Silver Dragon uses her power to blast back the The Plague and Capt. Ionic, Rocket starts his super speed as the Leech jumps on his back and the super speed effect immediately stops)

Rocket: Ewww! Yuck! (he is bucking violently) Get her off! Get her off!

(They exit the stage as Crimewave squares off against Kinetic)

Crimewave: I told you, they'd come for you!

(Not having time for Crimewave, but instead, trying to help Rocket, Kinetic has Crimewave start punching himself in the face)

Crimewave: Hey!

(The Crimson Ninja goes to attack Kayla. He pulls out his sword and does several quick slashes only to see Kayla standing there)

Crimson Ninja: How?

Kayla: You missed.

Crimson Ninja: I did not!

(They fight hand to hand exchanging shots, with Kayla receiving several horrible blows but remaining unaffected, grabbing the Crimson Ninja she accidentally rips off her Ionic Teleporter. Their struggle continue, as do the others until there is a moment where the four good guys: Silver Dragon, The Aquarian, and Kayla...with Austin still unconscious facing off and encircled by the six villains...minus the Leech)

Sliver Dragon: You can't win. Not here.

Hellbender: That's not how it looks from this side.

Aquarian: Where are our friends? Where's Superion?

Puppet Master: Heroic until the end. Even facing your own death, your concerns are with others.

Silver Dragon: If you tell us now, maybe we'll take it easy on you.

(The Bad Guys laugh)

Puppet Master: I'm sure you would. But really, we're only here for one thing.

Aquarian: What's that?

Puppet Master: Blood.

Kayla: Then bring it on!

(The Aquarian looks at her)

Kayla: Sorry. I got excited there.

Aquarian: Most of the blood is going to be yours.

(At this the Silver Dragon pulls out a knife and cuts the Aquarian on the arm... not big cut, but it surprises her. Silver Dragon takes the blooded knife to the Puppet Master)

Aquarian: Ow! Silver, what are you doing?

Puppet Master: She's bringing me blood. The blood of a race more than a million years old, blood that we need.

(She takes the knife from the Silver Dragon and smears the blood on the Soul Prison it immediately starts to buzz)

Kinetic: What's that?

Puppet Master: Just our new toy. Thank you for your contribution, Aquarian...we really couldn't do this without you.

(The Puppet Master Twists the Soul Prison)

Puppet Master: (Triumphant) The Silver Dragon!!

(Nothing happens)

Puppet Master: I thought I just had to twist here and call out the name of the victim! (She looks at

around) Why isn't it working??

Crimewave: Beats me.

Capt. Ionic: Uh... maybe you need to say her real name?

Puppet Master: What's her real name?

Crimson Ninja: It's Sarah... Sarah something.

(The Silver Dragon is still frozen, unable to move)

Aquarian: Whatever you're about to do, if you hurt her...

Hellbender: Brennard... Brendan... something like that....

Crimson Ninja: Brinson! It's Sarah Brinson!

Puppet Master: (twisting again) Sarah Brinson!

(A horrible sound is made as the lights dim and the Silver Dragon hits the floor, dead)

Aquarian: No!!!

Crimewave: Holy Crap, it worked.

Aquarian: What did you do to her??

Puppet Master: The same thing I am about to do to you...

(in mid-sentence time slows down and Rocket runs on, grabs the Aquarian and dashes off)

Puppet Master: Gabrielle D'Anabre!

(But since the Aquarian is gone nothing happens)

Puppet Master: Where did she go??

Crimson Ninja: The Speedster!

Puppet Master: What's the Speedster's name?

(Time slows down again as Rocket enters, snatches up Kayla and dashes off)

Crimson Ninja: I don't know what his name is.

Plague: The girl is gone!! Get that one before he comes back!

(Kinetic makes a strong arms out pose that causes a concussive blast which will push all of the villains back and to the ground, but as he starts to do it, the slow motion starts again and the concussion happens in slow motion with the villains all falling slowly. Rocket grabs Kinetic and runs off with him. Time speeds up as the villains all fall to the ground.)

Plague: No!

Capt. Ionic: Want us to go after them?

Crimson Ninja: How?

Capt. Ionic: I don't know, I guess we could...

Puppet Master: It doesn't matter. We'll find them and when we do, we now have the means to kill them. Find me the Speedster's name. And the other two as well. (Seeing Austin on the ground) Which one of you killed this one?

(They all look confused)

Hellbender: I didn't. I got hit by the Silver Dragon right when we came in the door.

(The Leech enters)

Leech: That one hit the ground as soon as soon as we entered.

Crimewave: Heart attack?

Crimson Ninja: (looking at him closely) Definitely dead. He even smells dead.

Puppet Master: What happened to you?

Leech: I was draining the Speedster when something in the other room zapped me.

Capt. Ionic: Telemaster. The Al.

Puppet Master: That's right. Hellbender, Captain Ionic... destroy the Al.

Computer Voice: You can destroy the Alliance Hardware, but I have already downloaded by consciousness off site. So do your worst.

Puppet Master: That's a good idea. Friends, let's leave the Alliance Headquarters as an example to all who even think about crossing us in the future. Destroy everything.

(Black out. Scene comes back up at the Downtown restaurant. Kayla and the Aquarian are sitting at a table as Rocket comes in carrying Kinetic)

Kinetic: What just happened??

Rocket: I had to get you out of there.

Kinetic: What happened to the Silver Dragon?

Aquarian: (overcome) She's dead.

Kayla: We can't be sure...

Aquarian: You saw the same thing I did... she's definitely dead.

Kinetic: How?

Aquarian: Their new weapon. It needed my blood for some reason.

Kinetic: You can't blame yourself for that reason.

(Waitress enters)

Waitress: Back again? Can I get you guys something to drink? A couple of pitchers of Mountain Dew maybe? (Seeing the Aquarian) Oh my God! You're... you're...

Kinetic: (In a whisper) We don't want to draw attention to her... can you keep the fact that she's here quiet?

Waitress: I don't understand... you're in costume....

Kayla: Do you have a jacket or something we can borrow?

Waitress: I have one in the back.

Kayla: Can you bring it please?

Waitress: For the Aquarian? Of course!

Aquarian: We need to move. There's no time to hide!

Kinetic: We have to figure out what our next move is and we can't have people posting Instagram pics of you telling everyone where you are eating dinner.

Rocket: Hold on a second... (he runs off)

Aquarian: The Pyramid is still in Alliance Headquarters!

Kayla: We can't do anything about that right now.

Aquarian: Maybe you can't but I can. (She stands as Rocket re-enters holding sunglasses)

Rocket: (handing her a tacky pair of sunglasses) Here, put these on.

Aquarian: They're horrible.

Rocket: I got those from my apartment! I wear those all the time!

Kinetic: Just put them on!

(She puts on the sunglasses)

Aquarian: We can't just sit here!

(Waitress re-enters with a jacket)

Waitress: Here. Keep it as long as you want. I just heard on the news that explosions have been heard

in Alliance Headquarters. Is everything Ok?

Kinetic: No, it isn't. That's why we can't have anyone recognizing the Aquarian.

Waitress: Oh my God... what happened?

Kinetic: We can't talk about it, but Headquarters has been attacked and we need to figure out what

we're going to do next.

Waitress: Oh no! Ok... I'm going to get you some drinks so you don't look conspicuous.

Kayla: Thank you!

(Waitress exits)

Kinetic: Wait... where's Austin?

Aquarian: Who?

Kinetic: Austin! What happened to Austin?

Rocket: Dude... I'm sorry man, but Austin's dead.

Kinetic: What?

Rocket: Right when they came in, I don't know what happened...

Kinetic: You mean right when the Pyramid came in? No... that just happens... It's one of his powers.

Rocket: Nah man, I saw him up close. He wasn't breathing.

Kayla: Austin's the Opossum. When he gets startled sometimes that happens... he just goes out like

that.

Aquarian: And he considers that a power??

Kinetic: Well... yeah. Wait... so Austin is still at Headquarters??

Rocket: (Standing up) Hold that thought.

(Rocket exits)

Kinetic: We can't just leave him there.

(Rocket re-enters carrying an unconscious Austin who he drops on the floor)

Kinetic: Good work Rocket. Good thinking.

Rocket: The Pyramid were really wrecking the place. They were ripping all of the hardware apart.

Kinetic: Telemaster!

Computer Voice: Yes?

Kinetic: Telemaster?

Computer Voice: I'm busy downloading my consciousness into several locations... Is there something I

can help you with?

Kinetic: No... how are you talking to me right now?

Computer Voice: I am using the speaker in your phone at the moment. I don't want to be rude, but I

could really stand to concentrate on my survival right now if you don't mind.

Kinetic: Of course... sorry. Help me get Austin up into a chair. We can't just have him laying here.

(Rocket and Kinetic put Austin into a chair as Chana, Hannah and Ashley enter)

Chana: There they are!

Kayla: I take it you heard?

Chana: I was tracking it on line. I saw the footage from inside the Alliance Headquarters when it was

attacked.

Aquarian: Who are these people and how can they see inside of Alliance HQ?

(Hannah walks up to the Aquarian and takes her glasses off)

Hannah: Holy Crap... you're the Aquarian!

Aquarian: (Standing) Colin...who are these people?

Kinetic: They're friends.

Rocket: They're part of the "Hoods"

Aquarian: (Sarcastic) Wonderful.

Chana: Is the Silver Dragon dead?

Kayla: You saw that?

Aquarian: Can you keep your voices down?

Ashley: What are we going to do?

Aquarian: There is no "we". "We" is just me, Rocket and Kinetic.

Ashley: (Putting her hand on the Aquarian) Look, we're here to help.

(The Aquarian snatches her hand off and stands up confronting Ashley. Ashley responds by breaking the hold easily and physically pushes the Aquarian into her seat. The Aquarian tries to get up but is physically held down.)

Ashley: Today is not a good day to try me.

Aquarian: You have super strength?

Ashley: Today I do.

Aquarian: Huh?

Hannah: Long story. The short story is that we are here to help I think you can use us. Don't worry. We can handle ourselves.

Ashley: Are you going to play nice?

Aquarian: You can let me go now.

(Ashley releases the Aquarian. As this happens Austin wakes up with a start and commences in swinging his fists frantically. Everyone gives him space)

Austin: What the? Where are we?

Kinetic: We're at Big Doug's Deli.

Austin: I went dead again didn't I?

Rocket: Totally!

Austin: (Loudly, while kicking over chairs) Noooooo!!!!!! Why?? Why does that happen?!

Aquarian: Could we possibly draw a little more attention on ourselves??

Hannah: Sit down, Austin!

Austin: I've got to learn how to control that.

Hannah: We know...

Austin: That sucks so bad!

Hannah: We know!

(Waitress returns, bringing drinks)

Waitress: (whispering) The news is reporting that Alliance Headquarters is on fire. Here are your drinks.

Kayla: Thank you. Let me go ahead and pay for these.

(Kayla looks in her pocket and finds the teleporter she took from the Crimson Ninja. Rocket immediately sucks his drink down, and then commences in drinking everyone else's drink during the scene.)

Kayla: What's this? (*She looks at the teleporter for a moment then, handing the Waitress money*) Here you go. Keep the rest.

Waitress: Thanks!

(Waitress exits)

Chana: What's that Kayla?

Kayla: I don't know... I took it off the Crimson Ninja during the fight.

Austin: You fought the Crimson Ninja?

Kayla: Yeah...

Austin: And I laid there on the ground. I hate my life.

Chana: Can I see it?

(Kayla hands the device to Chana)

Rocket: The chick that attacked me had one on her as well.

Aquarian: So did the leader.

Chana: (opening the case) I think it's a hand held teleporter. Pretty slick too. Ionic core.

Aquarian: That makes sense. When they teleported, Telemaster told us there were seven lonic signatures.

Chana: (Looking at it) The programming has a locator beacon.

Aquarian: Does that mean you could use it to find their base?

Chana: Perhaps...(a beat) I'm going to need to take it apart, but I think I can do it.

Aquarian: Are you sure you can put it back together?

Ashley: If it has a processor, she can make it do anything.

Chana: I can figure it out.

Aquarian: How long will it take?

Chana: I need to take it back to my lab...

Aquarian: How long?

Chana: A few hours?

Aquarian: Can I come and give you a hand?

Austin: If she comes, can I come to?

(They look at him)

Austin: I mean...can I help?

Chana: It will be faster if I work alone.

Kinetic: She can be trusted.

Aquarian: I don't like it, but I don't have a choice.

Chana: (getting up) I'll get on it now. Meet back here at 11:00? Are they still open at 11:00?

Kinetic: I'm pretty sure they are. So 11:00 it is.

Aquarian: 11:00. Don't be late.

Kinetic: We can go to my apartment until then and work on a plan.

Hannah: Sounds good.

Aquarian: You're not a part of this.

Hannah: We are now.

Ashley: Want me to hold her down again?

Aquarian: You could get hurt. You aren't trained for this!

Kayla: I survived a fight with the Crimson Ninja...and everyone of us has pulled his (indicating Kinetic)

butt out of the fire more than once.

Austin: The Hoods stick together.

Chana: I'm not working on the device if you're just going to cut us out.

Aquarian: Fine. All of you be back here at 11:00!

(Black out, then the scene comes back up on the restaurant. Hannah, Ashley, Austin, Kayla and Kinetic are already present as Rocket walks in)

Kinetic: Hey Rocket.

Rocket: Am I late?

Kinetic: No, we're still waiting on Chana and the Aquarian.

Rocket: Ok Good. I've got something I want to run by you guys.

Kinetic: Is it about tonight?

Rocket: Nah. When I went home I didn't have much to do....

Kayla: We're attacking the lair of super villains and you didn't have anything to do?

Rocket: (*innocently*) No... why would I? Anyways, I've been thinking about my logo, or the lack of a logo on my costume and in general.

Kinetic: Ok...

Rocket: Mostly because the Pyramid... evil or not, has got a really kickin' logo.

Kayla: Isn't it just a triangle with a little tail on it?

Rocket: So, I went home and made my own design. I went by Kinko's and had some cards made and all... Eventually I want a professional artist to do it up right, but I think this will work for now.

Austin: Enough build up... show it to us...

Rocket: So here it is. (he shows his new logo) This symbol will soon by synonymous with The Rocket.

(He shows the group the drawing of a Rocket taking off at a 45 degree angle with billowing clouds coming off from the exhaust. The drawing is simplistic, but is definitely NOT what he was going for. The Rocket, with it's smoke exhaust has a much different appearance than he was looking for. The group takes a moment and then Hannah laughs.)

Rocket: What?

Hannah: Wait... you're serious?

Rocket: Of course I'm serious! This is awesome.

Kayla: (*Trying not to laugh*) It looks like a...

Rocket: Rocket! It looks like a Rocket.

Austin: Uh... what's that at the bottom?

Rocket: That's smoke coming from the Rocket. I know it's in black and white, but come on people!

(There are laughs as the Aquarian walks up to see Rocket holding his unusual drawing in front of the group)

Aquarian: (confused) Are you guys playing Pictionary or something?

(more laughs)

Aquarian: This is no time for games.

Rocket: No... this is my new logo.

Aquarian: That?

Rocket: Yeah! Isn't it awesome?

Aquarian: Maybe if you were Sex Education Man, but that? No.

Rocket: Sex Education Man? (looking at his drawing) What are you talking about? (He puts his picture

down on the table)

Aquarian: Is the Alien here yet?

(Chana walks in)

Chana: The Alien is here.

Ashley: Did you figure it out?

Chana: Of course.

Aquarian: You know where the Pyramid's lair is?

Chana: Not exactly, but through this device, I can take us there.

Hannah: All of us?

Chana: All of us.

Aquarian: I still don't think we should take everybody.

Chana: But that's part of the deal. I've got this unit set for seven, so we're taking seven.

Aquarian: Fine. How's this going to work?

Chana: (Goes to put the teleporter on the table, sees the drawing of Rocket's logo and takes a moment) Ok... Anyways... (moving the picture) The Unit has a pre-programmed return destination, I figured that

out pretty quick. I spent most of the night strengthening the signal so that this one unit could transport us all.

Aquarian: You're sure it will get us there.

Chana: Yes. I don't know if it will get us back, but it will definitely get us there.

Ashley: We might get stranded?

Austin: That doesn't really matter though.

Ashley: What?

Austin: If we actually get there, we're either going to win, or die. Right?

Chana: That's pretty much what I was thinking.

Aquarian: Well, I guess that settles that.

Kinetic: So we're ready to go?

Aquarian: I am. Telemaster? You ready?

Computer Voice: I've been ready.

Aquarian: Good, we're going to need you.

Computer Voice: Of course you are.

Rocket: I'm ready.

Kinetic: If any of you are uncomfortable with this...

Austin: I'm in. (moving closer to the Aquarian) I know my street name is the Opossum, but my friends

call me Austin. (He gives her a seductive smile)

Aquarian: (uncomfortable) Right. Uh... Thanks.

Hannah: Look, we're all in. Can we just go?

Kinetic: Let's do it.

Chana: Everyone put your hand on the teleporter. Leaving in 5...4...3...2...

(Black out)

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