

HOCKEY STRIKE

"Just Ice"

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INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

A NEWSCASTER (Doug, if we can get him to do an on-camera appearance, or just V.O. as we show the empty apartment) reads the news on PAUL'S TV.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Good evening. Big story tonight is the spectacular crash of a tanker truck carrying radioactive toxic waste on the 401 near the Bayview exit. Witnesses report the tanker collided with a UFO, which had been struck by lightning, although no physical evidence remains at time of broadcast to prove it existed.

DAVE and SCOTT enter, from the balcony. Dave carries his SPECIAL MUG and Scott carries a HOFFBRAU BEER MUG, they seem pleased.

DAVE

Wow! That was some fireworks show!
And it was free!

SCOTT

Yeah! If that was the rehearsal,
can't wait to see the rest of the
show on Victoria Day!

DAVE

And how!

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

(on TV)

Residents are warned to stay
indoors and avoid drinking open
liquids until the radioactive cloud
has passed.

DAVE

Cloud?

SCOTT

Radioactive?

They both regard their empty mugs.

END OF TEASER

BEGINNING OF EPISODE

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DAVE rants into a PHONE while Scott checks himself for signs of damage in a HAND MIRROR.

DAVE

All I'm saying is, you are going to pay for my medical expenses - I know it's free here, but you're going to pay it anyway, and while you're at it -

(taps phone, adjusts
dial)

Hello?

SCOTT

Hang up on you?

DAVE

No, the line's gone dead, and you know what that means?

SCOTT

Aliens?

DAVE

Free long distance!

(beat)

I'm going to get more coffee. Want another beer?

SCOTT

Sure I -

Dave wooshes away and back in seconds, beer in hand. (sped up film)

DAVE

Pot's taking too long to heat up, but here's your beer.

He hands it to Scott, who places it on the coffee table.

SCOTT

How did you do that? You were here and back in less time than it takes me to blink, and believe me, I've tested it.

SOUND of a crashing bottle O.S. They both look.

DAVE
I didn't touch it.

SCOTT
(thinking)
Neither did I. I wonder if...

He closes his eyes and concentrates. The GROUND SHAKES (iMovie FX) Dave sways, trying to stay upright, but falls out of frame. THE TREMOR STOPS and he gets up.

DAVE
What the heck was that?

SCOTT
Dude, we have superpowers!

DAVE
Awesome! Looks like I have -
(dashes away, and dashes
back)
Super speed, and you have...

SCOTT
The power to spill things at will!
(thinking)
The radiation contaminated our
beverages. You got super speed from
the caffeine in your coffee and the
alcohol molecules interacted with
the denatured proteins of the -

DAVE
(cuts him off)
So what'll our superhero names be?

SCOTT
Our names should be something
catchy, but not taken -

DAVE
I'll get my Marvel and DC Universe
guides -
(zoom, he's back with
books)
Oh! What about costumes?

SCOTT
When they make the movie it'll all
be black leather and latex, anyway.
Besides, they wear costumes so
they're not recognized in public,
and since we never go out...

A SCREAM from outside.

VICTIM (O.S.)
Help me! Please!

SCOTT
This looks like a job for...
(shrug)
Us!

They go to the balcony (or window, whichever is easier).

DAVE
Hey! Let her go!

SCOTT
Time to shake things up!

He holds out his hands, comic book pose like. TREMOR.

DAVE
Cool! They fell over! Oh, he's
getting away!

Dave dashes off, returns with a SWEATSOCK and a POP CAN FULL OF COINS. He puts the popcan inside the sweatsock.

SCOTT
What's that for?

DAVE
Watch!

Dave WHIPS IT AROUND SUPER SPEED, then throws it.

THIEF (O.S.)
Ow!

SOUND of a THUD.

SCOTT
Nicely done!
(calls out to Victim)
Hey, are you okay?

VICTIM (O.S.)
Yes, thank you, whoever you are!

DAVE
(calls out to Victim)
We're "Dash" and "Crash" and we'd
be happy to accept any kind of
reward...

(MORE)

DAVE (cont'd)
 (puzzled, to Scott)
 Hey, she's leaving.

They walk away from the balcony/window.

SCOTT
 The life of a superhero is a lonely
 one, fraught with -

DAVE
 Just leave the monologues to the
 supervillains, okay?

THE MAN, a business-suit clad (or Polo shirt and slacks, golf-wear or anything else that screams "Whitey") white male with a hard leather briefcase in hand, TELEPORTS IN and sneers at them, villain-like.

SCOTT
 Oh, look. There's one now.

DAVE
 Who are you and what are you doing
 in my apartment?

THE MAN
 I am The Man. You may have heard of
 me.

The Man hands Dave a business card. It reads "The Man".

SCOTT
 What do you want?

THE MAN
 You two super-freaks will come work
 for me, help me oppress minorities
 everywhere, and make a tidy profit
 while doing it, I must say.

DAVE
 No way I'll ever work for The Man!

SCOTT
 What's your benefits package like?
 (Dave elbows him in the
 ribs)
 I mean, what makes you think we'll
 do your bidding?

THE MAN
 Because otherwise, Gentlemen, The
 Man is going to "keep you down".

The Man presses a button on his briefcase and Dave and Scott fall to the floor, pinned. (Maybe with Emperor lightning?)

DAVE
 (straining)
 I can't move! My powers are useless
 if I can't get up!

SCOTT
 (straining)
 I think I can almost...

Scott raises a hand. The TREMOR starts. The Man stumbles, drops his briefcase. At SUPER SPEED, Dave grabs it.

DAVE
 (grabs a croquet mallet,
 tosses one to Scott)
 Time to "stick it to The Man"!

Together, they whack The Man in the stomach and send him reeling.

SCOTT
 (to Dave)
 Are you okay?

DAVE
 (shrug)
 He ain't so tough without his fancy
 gadget-filled briefcase.

Dave hands the briefcase to Scott, who holds it in his hands, concentrating, and SOUNDS OF BREAKING OBJECTS emanate from within. Behind them, The Man sneaks out the front door.

SCOTT
 That ought to void his warranty!

Dave looks at the floor. The Man has gone.

DAVE
 Hey! He's escaped!

SCOTT
 I have a feeling this isn't over
 yet.

DAVE
 But next time, we'll be ready for
 him.

Dave and Scott form Superhero Action Poses (tm) facing the camera in living tableau faux end-of-show freeze-frame.

EXT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

The Man, beside Manmobile (an SUV?), prepares to make his getaway.

THE MAN

Curse you for foiling my plans, but
I'll get you for this, and your
little TV too! This won't be the
last you'll see of The Man!
(maniacal laughter)

END OF EPISODE

BLACK OUT