

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA'S FINAL FRONTIER

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LEGEND ON SCREEN:

An urgent matter has brought the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA members up to the chilly ARCTIC. The usual gang is there: SUPERMAN, BATMAN, WONDER WOMAN, GREEN LANTERN, THE FLASH, AQUAMAN and THE GREEN ARROW.

INT. FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE - DAY

SUPERMAN

Where's the Boy Wonder? Where's Robin?

BATMAN

He's at the Pride Parade in San Francisco.

SUPERMAN

Gotham's Pride Parade isn't good enough for him?

WONDER WOMAN

Gotham *has* no Pride Parade, just a 'Dykes With Bikes' Day. I was Grand Marshall last year.

SUPERMAN

Wow!

GREEN ARROW

Do they allow men?

WONDER WOMAN

I just said, it was a *dykes with bikes* parade. *Listen* once in a while. Quit fiddling with your bows.

Superman scratches his chin. A whisker bounces off his face and hits BATMAN.

A trickle of blood rolls down his cowl.

BATMAN

What about Metropolis? You ain't got no Pride Parade either. What's a lad to do?

WONDER WOMAN

Yeah, Superman, what's a boy wonder to do?

BATMAN applies a BAT-BANDAGE to his face.

SUPERMAN

Well, they can take the time to thank us for all the hard work we do catching the bad guys.....

NOBODY is listening: BATMAN is busy adjusting his UTILITY BELT. GREEN LANTERN and GREEN ARROW are comparing shades of green.

WONDER WOMAN is prowling around the ice, shivering.

The FLASH nudges BATMAN'S arm.

FLASH

(whispering)

You see what I see? It's cold. That spandex doesn't prevent her nip-

SUPERMAN

-That's enough, Flash. Want to challenge me to race around the block again?

SUPERMAN dashes off, and in less than a MICRO-SECOND, is back talking to the FLASH.

FLASH

Want to rub it in some more? So you're faster.....

SUPERMAN

I saw her first.

The FLASH quietly sits down.

WONDER WOMAN graciously accepts SUPERMAN'S spare red cape as a warming blanket.

WONDER WOMAN

It's not itchy. I always thought the cape would be itchy.

SUPERMAN

It's Kryptonian, what do you expect?

BATMAN

Oh, here we go again. Krypton this, Krypton that. Always with the Krypton.

SUPERMAN bangs the gavel down hard, breaking it into tiny pieces.

AQUAMAN is laughing as his cheap scales fall off his costume.

SUPERMAN

Well, I'm glad we're *almost* all here.

GREEN ARROW

Wouldn't miss it for the world, buddy.

SUPERMAN

(begrudgingly)

It's come to my attention that the LGBT community has formally issued a few complaints toward our organization and I thought we had better address those issues now.

WONDER WOMAN

Like no Pride Parade in either Gotham or Metropolis?

GREEN LANTERN

What's up with *that*?

AQUAMAN

And while we're talking, we're not doing enough to counteract the warming of the oceans. The Great Lakes, once my summer home, are still clearly under attack from global warming. (Sheepishly) I miss my fish boils.

WONDER WOMAN

Your *what*?

The room of SUPERHEROES stare at him for several moments.

AQUAMAN

You know, it's where you boil fish, usually Lake Michigan Whitefish, along with little red potatoes, small onions and about forty pounds of melted butter. We're running out of the Whitefish.

GREEN LANTERN

I like tilapia myself. Cannot get enough of it. I love me some tilapia. Til-a-pia. Mighty fine fish. Say it with me.... Tilapia.

AQUAMAN turns to personally address GREEN LANTERN.

AQUAMAN

You don't know what you're talking about. First of all, tilapia is a word used to group an entire species of fish together. Much like calling all of us Spandex Superheroes.

GREEN ARROW

My costume is not Spandex. It's more of a-

AQUAMAN

-Penney's Littlest Toddler Collection?

GREEN ARROW

That's so funny, I forgot to laugh. Go sink a boat.

GREEN LANTERN

Chilean sea bass is good. Firm, white meat. Gorgeous.

He smacks his LIPS.

AQUAMAN

Stop! You're missing the point.

WONDER WOMAN

Have you guys ever thought that the correlation between the non-acceptance of all people, be they straight, gay, or transgender, may come from all these secrets we hide? We are *constantly* getting in and out of these silly costumes to hide our identities, like so many tiny little secrets.

SUPERMAN

I rather *like* my outfit, with the cape and all. If you hate it so, give me back my cape.

SUPERMAN heads for WONDER WOMAN, but the FLASH is right there next to him.

FLASH
I got this, W W.

SUPERMAN stops, but not for lack of courage. He simply spins his little finger and the FLASH falls down amidst a whirling wind.

BATMAN
Can we get back to why we are up here in this God-forsaken place? You know, a little heat wouldn't hurt, Superman.

SUPERMAN
I'm so sorry it's not warm enough for you, Bruce..... Oh, uh, I mean Batman.

The GREEN ARROW, a little slow, finally gets it.

GREEN ARROW
You're Bruce Wayne, the rich industrialist, right? From Gotham?

He gets up.

One of his ARROWS get stuck in the chair and he has to pull it out with great force. The ARROW cracks.

WONDER WOMAN
Hey, watch that thing.

GREEN ARROW
And then Robin is Dick Grayson, your ward? *I got it!*

Before anyone else can say a word, BATMAN is whispering into SUPERMAN'S ear.

SUPERMAN
You're mistaken. I called him Moose. I always call Batman 'Moose'.... the big galunk!

GREEN LANTERN has had it with the ARROW.

GREEN LANTERN
How can anyone be that dumb? How did you get into this organization, anyhow?

(MORE)

GREEN LANTERN (CONT'D)

You only have some green, actually turquoise, arrows, that's it. Last time we all had to qualify on the field, you missed your targets six times.

The GREEN ARROW sobs.

GREEN ARROW

I was grand-fathered in.

INT. FORTRESS - NIGHT

SUPERMAN is eating a New York steak, rare, french fries, and a Diet Pepsi. BATMAN looks on, *salivating*.

BATMAN

Last Thanksgiving, Alfred made a roasted turkey.... the stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy set this costume stretching the limits of my Bat-fabric.

Superman is laughing too much to chew.

SUPERMAN

Bat-fabric? You have a *name* for your material? Geez, Bruce, get a life!

WONDER WOMAN is walking behind the two men, scribbling notes furiously.

The FLASH is doodling, something he does at all JUSTICE LEAGUE meetings.

It is a picture of BATMAN kissing SUPERMAN and LOIS LANE in the background, tapping her foot.

AQUAMAN looks over his shoulder.

AQUAMAN

Lois' nose isn't that big.

FLASH

It's a caricature, you moron. Get out of the water more often and see the world.

AQUAMAN

Ninety six per cent of the world is ocean.

FLASH

"Ninety-six per cent of the world is ocean". Then how come every time I need to go jogging, I don't fall into one?

AQUAMAN

Hey, ever see the Green Hornet's get up? Wild. And Kato? He's the bomb. So in shape, it makes you take karate lessons.

WONDER WOMAN

Or swimming lessons.

SUPERMAN gets up from his table made of ICE.

AQUAMAN

Eavesdropping again? Remember what happened when you eavesdropped on Lex Luthor? He took that little lasso from you and tied you into knots. Superman even had a hard time undoing it.

GREEN LANTERN

That's 'cause it was made of green Kryptonite.

SUPERMAN

So? We are agreed. The drugs will be allowed, but controlled. And Don Corleone will allow us to drink from the well. And there will be the peace. He may bill us for such services. After all, we are not Communists.

BATMAN approaches SUPERMAN in confidence.

BATMAN

Superman? You okay? You're not Don Corleone. You okay?

SUPERMAN notices out of the corner of his steely blue eyes, the GREEN ARROW firing an arrow made of RED Kryptonite.

SUPERMAN

Arrow..... filled with red kryptonite. Block with gadget from utility belt. *Now, not tomorrow, Moose!*

BATMAN sees the trouble.

The arrow is whizzing past all of them, straight to SUPERMAN'S torso.

The FLASH tries to intercept, but falls on his face. (Too much Bourbon De-Lux.)

BATMAN races to step in front of the arrow, pushing aside WONDER WOMAN, who was putting on eye-liner, smearing it all over her cheek.

BATMAN

Got it!

BATMAN throws the arrow far away, into the sea, where AQUAMAN dives in to bury it further.

The FLASH runs to SUPERMAN.

SUPERMAN

When are you going to stop your boozing?

The FLASH passes out, but SUPERMAN picks him up before anyone notices.

WONDER WOMAN

One of your idiotic looking wings is bent. Try Tom Ford for a new, more youthful uniform. He did Waterboy's new get up.

AQUAMAN

(winging the water out of his ear))

That's Aquaman, ma'am. I'd be obliged if you used my Superhero moniker.

The GREEN LANTERN turns points his RING toward the ARROW and forms a huge jail around the body.

GREEN LANTERN

There, that ought to hold him.

AQUAMAN

Oh, wow! Look, everyone, it's a jail made out of green. How awesome!

BATMAN

Shut up, fish boy! Let the man of steel get his bearings back.

SUPERMAN

I-I feel okay now. Holy Wrong
Motion Picture Quote, Batman!

SUPERMAN'S lame attempt to mimic ROBIN'S old use of "Holy This" and "Holy That" is amateurish.

GREEN LANTERN

But why, Arrow? Why try to kill
Superman?

The GREEN ARROW is sobbing.

GREEN ARROW

I thought if I got rid of Superman,
you guys would let *me* run these
meetings and my place in the
Justice League would improve. You
know, last Christmas was the first
time I got absolutely zero cards
from any of you. It's true my
powers aren't what you guys have,
but my will to fight crime is
there.

GREEN LANTERN

You embarrass me. Please, change
your color to Purple. Be the
Purple Arrow. Green is sacred to
me and the planet that it comes
from.

They all APPLAUD GREEN LANTERN'S phony-baloney speech.

WONDER WOMAN

We should all be acting more...
green. In our views towards
others, in our fights against
global warming and in our own
homes. Superman, you should have
solar panels on these ice walls.

SUPERMAN ha-rummpffs at the notion.

SUPERMAN

If I did that, the walls would
melt, you dumb.....

WONDER WOMAN tries to click her wrists together for a
dramatic explosion, but SUPERMAN rushes over and blows out
the explosion before any damage can be done.

BATMAN

Superman, all she is saying is we need to give Lex Luthor, Brainiac, the Joker and the rest of our enemies a rest, so we can fight the other problems the world has, like homophobia, discrimination, the earth's warming-

AQUAMAN

-The rising of the seas.....

EVERYONE nods their heads.

GREEN ARROW

What about me? What will become of me?

SUPERMAN races the FLASH over to the green jail cell.

The FLASH loses again.

SUPERMAN

We shall begin with you, brother superhero. We will forget what happened here today.

GREEN ARROW

Really?

SUPERMAN

You spend time with your family? Because a man cannot be a man if he doesn't spend time with his family.

BATMAN begins to shudder.

BATMAN

Superman? Not again?

SUPERMAN

No, friend, not again. I was just pulling all of your collective legs. You see, I'm Superman. I can do *everything* you guys can, but better. I can run faster, swim faster, I have no need for a utility belt, no need for a lasso, and certainly no need for a green ring or green arrows.

The GROUP grows despondent.

BATMAN

Then why do you keep us around?

The 1950's TV "ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN" MUSIC is played with
verve and gusto.

SUPERMAN

(winking straight to
CAMERA)

Because I love you all.

FADE OUT

THE END