TEAM EXTREME EPISODE 1: BRAIN DRAIN

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EXT. SPACE - EVENING

Space. Everything seems calm until SPACE BRAIN appears, flying rapidly. He looks like a giant disembodied green brain, with two sinister looking red eyes in the front and a spinal cord-like tail hanging off of the back. He is heading towards earth.

EXT. DOWNTOWN MEGALOPOLIS - EVENING

ASTOUNDING WOMAN is doing battle with GIANT GORILLA in the middle of downtown Megalopolis, destroying buildings and causing havoc in the city. Astounding Woman is dressed in a what looks like a white long-sleeved leotard with a short skirt on the bottom, a stylized blue "AW" across her chest, and a blue cape. Giant Gorilla looks just like his name would imply, and speaks in a British accent. Astounding Woman looks up, noticing Space Brain coming down on the city, and is hit in the face by Giant Gorilla while distracted.

GIANT GORILLA
You're getting slow, Astounding
Woman.

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

Dressed in a dark outfit and an orange utility belt, wearing a cowl with a small beak over his nose with a hole for his mouth and a cape that looks like it's made out of black feathers, THE FALCON is sneaking up on THIEF 1 and THIEF 2 sitting near the edge of the rooftop, dressed in street clothes and counting money. The Falcon speaks, surprising the two.

THE FALCON

You two make me sick, robbing a pawn shop safe? I'll teach you some morals.

The Falcon kicks Thief 1 in the face as he rises, Thief 2 runs and The Falcon throws several talon shaped knives at him, which stick in his legs and back. Thief 2 collapses, disabled by the talon knives. He beats the first one for an obscenely long time and then holds him over the edge of the building, facing The Falcon.

THIEF 1 W-W-Who Are you?

THE FALCON

I'm..

The Falcon sees Space Brain descending on the city over Thief 1's shoulder.

THE FALCON (CONT'D)

(distracted)

Shit.

THIEF 1

(confused)

You're shit?

The Falcon punches him unconscious, then tosses him into Thief 2, who is starting to get up, and jumps off the building, shooting a grappling hook into the distance out of a gauntlet on his right hand.

EXT. CARNIVAL (EAST) - EVENING

Space Brain is descending on the park. There is a large festival going on with rides and lots of booths. A middle-aged FAT MAN, dressed in a suit, is eating a massive sandwich while sitting on a park bench. He sees Space Brain, drops the sandwich, and walks mesmerized over to Space Brain.

FAT MAN

(dreamily)

W-what a-a-are you?

Space Brain shoots a mysterious green beam into the man's head, and the man begins to rapidly grow muscle all over his body, becoming BULK. His clothes burst open, unable to contain his new size, leaving him wearing nothing but stretched-out blue boxer-briefs and a blue sleeveless undershirt.

BULK

What's happening to

me...I'm..mkh...

His voice trails off unintelligibly, and he degenerates into insanity.

BULK (CONT'D)

Kill!

Bulk starts rampaging around the park, tearing up and destroying trees. A nearby HIPPIE watches, horrified.

HIPPIE

Somebody stop him, he's killing all of the trees!

Bulk hits Hippie with a tree, knocking him into the distance. As he gets ready to smash the tree into a crowd, a red blur speeds in and knocks him to the ground. MACH appears from the blur.

MACH

Calm down dude! You're getting the hippies riled up. We don't want another Woodstock ninety-nine.

Bulk jumps up quickly and gives Mach a look of insane hatred, Mach raises an eyebrow in surprise.

MACH (CONT'D)

Oh, shit bro.

EXT. CARNIVAL (WEST) - EVENING

We see the booths and rides on the other side of the park. THE FLAME, in a flamboyant orange costume with flames all over it, is straddling FROST KING from behind, handcuffing him. Frost King is dressed in a blue costume with icicles hanging off it.

THE FLAME

Well Frost King, it looks as if your reign of terror has finally come to an end.

FROST KING

(exasperated)

What reign of terror? I was simply getting a snow cone and you shot a fireball at me. You're just mad at me because I rejected you.

THE FLAME

What? You came on to me, how dare you! I'm so not..

The Flame is interrupted as Mach, punched from the other side of the park, flies into the snow cone booth behind the two, demolishing it in a fiery explosion.

THE FLAME (CONT'D)

Fuck me!

The Flame rushes over to help Mach. In the background Frost King is laying on the ground in flames, kicking around and trying to get up, as his hands are still cuffed behind his back.

THE FLAME (CONT'D)
Are you all right? Hey, I know you from that time we fought Black
Jesus together, don't I? You're
Mach.

Mach gets up and quickly brushes himself off.

MACH

I... think that's me, after that punch everything's a bit fuzzy. There's some new villain across the park, he's totally killing the party. We gotta stop him, let's bounce!

THE FLAME Lead the way, buddy boy.

The Flame and Mach run in the direction that Mach came from, as they leave we see that Frost King has stopped kicking, and is laying still on the ground while the fire spreads across his back.

EXT. CARNIVAL (EAST)

The Flame and Mach are standing in a now-deserted food court, looking around at the booths, puzzled.

THE FLAME

I don't see anything, I swear to God if this is that "Superhero Punk'd" I will break your goddamn legs.

MACH

(shrugging)

I guess he left, let's hit the beer garden!

As they turn to leave Bulk drops from the sky and lands between Mach and The Flame, shaking the earth violently and flinging them in different directions and leaving them both laying on the ground. MACH (CONT'D)

Every God damned festival, I can never have a good time it's always a mutant, or some psycho in a costume with a knife, and who has to take care of it??? Me. Never a cop around when you actually need one, if I lit up a joint they'd have the whole force here! What do I pay my taxes for, the warm fuzzy feeling?

He jumps up and zips over to Bulk and starts rapidly Punching him while running around him in a blur, but it appears to have little effect.

THE FLAME

Hey big guy, try some of this!

The Flame shoots a rapid spew of fireballs from his hands at Bulk, which start small fires on him and knock him back, but he pats out the flames and seems to be fine. Bulk sticks out a foot slightly while Mach is running around him, tripping Mach and sending him flying into a tree. Then, Bulk punches The Flame through a row of nearby booths. As he turns to go back for Mach, he is hit by a massive cage containing Giant Gorilla, and crushed underneath it. Astounding Woman is flying in the air above the scene, and was the one who threw the cage at Bulk.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

Your rampage is over, monster!

The cage slowly lifts up, then shoot rapidly in the air, hitting Astounding Woman and sending both she and the cage shooting into the atmosphere. Giant Gorilla looks surprised as the cage flies off.

MACH

Holy shit!

The Flame reappears and is stands near Mach, Bulk begins to move to them again, and they look scared as they clearly seem to be no match for him. As Bulk approaches, he is suddenly HIT in the head and shoulders by several talon shaped knives.

BULK

(in pain)

AAARGH!!!

Bulk turns around, and The Falcon appears out of the sky, kicking Bulk in the eyes, blinding him, and then flipping gracefully over his head and onto the ground. The Falcon turns to Mach and The Flame.

THE FALCON

Come with me.

The Flame embraces The Falcon and puts his head on his shoulder, The Falcon shoots his grappling hook and swings out of the way with Mach following as Bulk lays a massive punch in their direction, destroying the booth they were by. The three take refuge on the roof of a small building in the park.

THE FALCON (CONT'D)
I have to get him to hold still so
I can put this cerebral
synchronizer on his head. That
alien brain is controlling his
mind.

THE FLAME

(mildly irritated)
Seriously? You just got here, you
already figured that out? ...And
who the hell just carries a
"cerebral synchronizer" in his
belt? Got any aspirin in there?

THE FALCON
Shut up, this is serious. If we don't stop him he'll destroy the entire park, maybe the city!

MACH

Let's just let Astounding Woman take care of it. She's bound to be coming back in from orbit any minute. I know it's not a good thing in our profession, but I really hate getting punched in the face.

Astounding Woman flies in and starts fighting Bulk again. Bulk appears to be stronger, but Astounding Woman's blue beams that she shoots from her hands and ability to fly seem to even it out. The fight goes back and forth in a standstill.

THE FALCON

I'm going in, here.

The Falcon hands something to The Flame, and then jumps off the building, disappearing into the shadows. MACH

(awed)

How the hell does he do that? What did he give you?

The Flame looks in his hand.

THE FLAME

... Aspirin.

As Astounding Woman continues to do battle with Bulk, The Falcon appears from the shadows and climbs a tree near where the fight is, perching at the top.

THE FALCON

Astounding Woman, I need you to hold him still for a moment!

Astounding Woman wrestles with Bulk for a while and finally manages to hold him for a moment. The Falcon pulls a small blowgun out from his boot and sticks the synchronizer in it. He takes aim and blows in to the blowgun, shooting the synchronizer onto the middle of Bulk's head. It begins rapidly blinking a green light. Bulk struggles for a bit more, but his struggles gradually subside and he slides from Astounding Woman's grip and to the ground.

MACH

Nice bro! That was a sweet take down, bonus points for using a blowgun. I mean, no one does that!

THE FLAME

(indignant)

Oh, I see, all the credit goes to Mr. I-have-everything-in-my-belt?? I totally helped.

MACH

(laughing)

Yeah, you helped some of the punches! Your fireballs couldn't take out a army of snowmen.

THE FLAME

Screw you! You're one to talk, you have freaking super speed and you got your ass kicked! That guy moved like a sloth! What is it, your brain isn't super-fast as well? You can run around the earth in five seconds but you can't dodge a punch? Real cool powers.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

Will you two shut up? Whatever that Space Brain thing was that mutated this poor man is still out there, and we have no idea how to stop it. Who knows what havoc and destruction it can wreak on the good citizens of Megalopolis?

THE FALCON

She's right, we need to study this man to find out what the Space Brain did to him, to the Falcon's Nest!

THE FLAME

(sarcastic)

Of course, of COURSE you have some secret lair, why wouldn't you? I was going to say we could go to my condo and have some corn chips and salsa why we hash this mutant brain thing out, but hey, let's go to bird man's fancy hideout instead? You'd better at least have some beer at your pad, I want to get tore up.

INT. FALCON'S NEST - NIGHT

The Falcon's lair is filled with odd gadgets, and memorabilia from his war on crime, including a giant Quarter and a stuffed woolly mammoth. The Falcon is sitting at a huge computer situated in the middle of the nest, with the others crowded behind him.

THE FLAME

I still don't understand why we all had to wear blindfolds in your car on the way here. We're all good guys!

THE FALCON

I apologize Flame. Understand, though, I have to be wary about who I trust with my secrets.

MACH

I understand you, Falcon. I told a girlfriend once, and after we broke up she tried to sell my identity to Quinn the Eskimo when he was trying to branch out from only arching The Flame- I guess the whole freeze gimmick works pretty equally with super-speed and fire-based supes-Anyway, she got killed in the ensuing battle between The Mighty Quinn and I, complete with the dying regret of betrayal blah, blah, blah. Any how, I don't tell chicks I just met my identity anymore. I-

ASTOUNDING WOMAN
Enough already! Falcon, can you
update us on what you've found out?

THE FALCON

(using computer)

I've been studying Bulk, for a lack of a better name, here's DNA, and I think I can remove the mind controls that Space Brain has put into him, but I won't be able to reverse the genetic changes that have been done to his body.

THE FLAME

(sarcastic)

Oh, he only has more strength than Astounding Woman here, I'm sure he'll be REAL pissed at you. (mutters) Wish I had super-strength.

THE FALCON

I think that should do it, Space brain's connection with him seems to be severed. Astounding Woman, remove the cerebral synchronizer.

MACH

(shocked)

You're serious? What if you're wrong? That guy kicked "The Flamer"'s ass!

THE FLAME

Alright, that's it, I'm kicking your ass!

Before they can fight, Astounding Woman yanks the cerebral synchronizer from bulk's head. The Flame and Mach stare shocked at Bulk. The Falcon calmly looks over his shoulder from his computer. Bulk slowly comes to, blinking rapidly and looking confused

BUTK

Where am I?

The Falcon stands up in front of his computer.

THE FALCON

That's not important. What is important is that you listen to me. You've been mutated by a Space Brain and..

THE FLAME

Come on bird boy, no need to tell him like that. Look guy, sure, like he said, you got a little mutated. But, you have super strength now which, come on, is bad ass. Do you remember anything?

Bulk

Well, I remember TV, and Twinkies..

Mach snickers.

MACH

I bet.

BULK (CONT'D)

... but other than that, I don't remember anything. My brain feels like swiss cheese.

THE FALCON

(slightly ashamed)

That's ... to be expected. I had to remove several large portions of your brain that Space Brain had infected. I'm sorry.

BULK

That's okay. Me still think good. But super-strength?

Bulk walks over to The Falcon Car and lifts it in to the air with one hand easily.

BULK (CONT'D)

Bad ass!

Mach's eyes suddenly light up as he suddenly realizes something.

MACH

Nice, if you don't remember who you are, that means you're going to need a place to stay! I need a new roommate. My old one was a dirty ass hole. I could have lived with that, since I needed the help with the rent, but then last month he shot himself in the head with a shotgun. Just like the prick to leave me one more mess to clean up.

BULK

Couldn't I just look in my wallet to find out who I am?

As bulk reaches for his back pocket, we see Mach seem to move slightly in the background. Bulk pats his pockets.

BULK (CONT'D)

Huh, I guest I lost it. You've got yourself a new roommate!

We see Mach slip a wallet in to his pocket.

BULK (CONT'D)

Look, if you guys are going to go after this Space Brain that made me retarded, I want in.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

I think we can manage that, Bulk. Falcon, have you found out anything about Space Brain's whereabouts yet?

THE FALCON

No, but I've been going over it in my mind, and I think I've figured out where he's going.

The Flame takes a swig off of a bottle he's revealed to have been holding.

THE FLAME

Of course you've figured it out.
You saw the Space Brain for about
10 seconds, why wouldn't you have
everything figured out?

(MORE)

THE FLAME (CONT'D)

I should have asked for more wine, this bottle is almost out. Thank your butler for me, by the way.

The Flame finishes off the bottle, and smashes it on the ground. A small robot rolls out from a hole that opens in a wall, rolls over to the broken glass and sweeps it up from a broom and dustpan that pop out of it. It goes back in to the hole and disappears.

THE FLAME (CONT'D) God I hate you sometimes.

MACH

Dude, quit with it, he's trying to save the city, unlike you. What are you going to do, shoot your little fireballs at Space Brain?

THE FLAME

You're one to talk, why don't you go run around on the ground in circles while he floats in the air and shoots that weird green brain laser at you? That'll do a lot of good. Your powers are dick against anything that can fly!

THE FALCON

Shut up, both of you! Now, I've found out through the neural link Bulk had with Space Brain that the brain has extensive knowledge of robot technology. I think that next it will go to Horley Scrap Yard and try and make robots to take over the city. That's where most of the tech companies dump their waste.

The Flame rolls his eyes.

BULK

Who's Bulk, another villain we have to fight?

THE FLAME

That's the name Falcon gave you while you were out cold.

BULK

Oh, that works.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

Let's go then, we have no time to waste. I'll carry Bulk and The Falcon-

THE FALCON

No, I'm taking the jet.

The Falcon scampers off and gets into a jet that is revealed in the background. It takes off vertically and flies out of the nest through a tunnel that opens up in the side.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

Flame, if I can remember correctly from that whole Invisible War fiasco, you can fly. You take Mach.

MACH

Dude, Flame, you can fly? That's bull shit. That sure would have come in handy when we were fighting Bulk and getting our asses handed to us.

THE FLAME

Yes, I can fly, and I don't see how that would have helped. What, I could have gotten punched out of the air instead of on the ground? We supes gotta know our limits. That reminds me, Bulk, if you're going to be a super-hero, you need to wear a mask.

The Flame rummages around in his pants, pulls out a black, vaguely S&M looking mask and throws it to Bulk.

THE FLAME (CONT'D)

Here you go

MACH

Nice, you carry an extra mask around in case a fellow hero is in need, eh?

THE FLAME

Uh, right.

Astounding Woman grabs Bulk, The Flame grabs Mach and they fly out the hole revealed at the top of the Nest.

EXT. FLYING IN AIR - NIGHT

We see the group flying through the air, Mach is hanging somewhat precariously from The Flame's leg.

THE FLAME

Come on, just straddle my back!

MACH

For the last time, no!

EXT. HORELY SCRAP YARD - NIGHT

Astounding Woman, Mach, Bulk and The Flame arrive at the Horely Scrap Yard. It is massive, with piles of rubbish going back as far as the eye can see. Most of the piles seem to be filled with high-tech refuse. The group touches down near where The Falcon's jet already sits, and walk toward The Falcon. The Falcon is atop a pile of trash next to The Falcon Jet, looking into the distance with falcon-shaped binoculars. He looks like he's been there for ages.

BULK

I don't see why a space whatchamacallit would need a bunch of garbage for.

MACH

I know, this place looks like the world's biggest redneck lawn.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN Falcon, have you spotted Space Brain yet?

THE FALCON

It doesn't seem to be here yet ...

The Falcon appears to have another miraculous leap of intuition.

THE FALCON (CONT'D)
Unless... EVERYONE LOOK OUT!!!

Just as he says it, Robots that look like they were made out of various junk parts pop out of the pile The Falcon is on, and several piles all around the group. They move in toward the group, menacingly.

MACH

Fuck!

Mach begins speeding around and smashing robots, but more seem to be assembling themselves from the various junk. Bulk picks up a car and uses it to smash bots. Astounding woman is fighting many robots at once, it appears they are going for her the most. The Falcon is nimbly leaping around, throwing talons and wrecking bots. The Flame is shooting massive balls of fire at the bots, engulfing them in flames. Bulk pauses for a moment to wipe sweat from his brow, and then smashes another robot with the car.

BUTK

If I'd known that it was this much work to be a superhero, I don't know if I'd have been as excited. And this mask smells like angry sweat and Vaseline. Why do superheroes even wear masks?

MACH

Lawsuits man, lawsuits. You wouldn't believe what bitches people can be. They don't even care about you capturing Lieutenant Freeze, oh no. All they see is "property damage" and "civilian casualties". Do they care that we don't even get paid for the work we do? I don't even have health insurance. Last week Pharaoh Timhotep shot me in the arm after he caught me in a trap. That quy can shoot freaking lasers from his eyes, and he shot me with a gun!!! I was pissed. Anyway got out of trap at last minute, beat his ass, and all that, but after it was all done I just had to tie a rag around it and walk it off cause I am NOT paying some asshole \$10000 just to pull a bullet out of my arm

THE FLAME

Jesus, do you ever shut up?. Bird boy, this isn't working. They're like Whitney Houston, they just keep coming back no matter how hard you hit 'em.

The Flame looks at his watch.

THE FLAME (CONT'D)
Damn it, I have to go to work in like 2 hours!

THE FALCON

I know this isn't working, I'm thinking. Call me bird boy one more time and I'll break your nose.

The Flame gulps.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

Has anyone seen any sign of Space Brain?

MACH

No, I've been running around the place in between fights, and I don't see him anywhere. Where could he be?

Suddenly the robots that were attacking Astounding woman turn on the others. The ground under Astounding Woman crumbles and she falls out of view. The Falcon and Mach rush after her, but the hole closes up and they are surrounded by bots. The melee begins again, more frantic with the loss of Astounding Woman.

INT. UNDERGROUND CAVERN - NIGHT

Space Brain and Astounding woman are in a dark cave. Space Brain has Astounding Woman in a state of semi-unconsciousness, suspended in the air by a ball of green light shooting from Space Brain. Space Brain starts to speak, in a calm, intelligent voice.

SPACE BRAIN

Astounding Woman, how far I've come for you! You see, I go about the universe stealing the powers of the most powerful beings after telling them my intentions. But I sense that you aren't from here, are you? Come, tell me your tale. Let me tap into your mind.

INT. FUTURISTIC ROOM - DAY

Inside a futuristic looking room, BLONDE WOMAN and SUAVE MAN with dark hair. The woman is putting a baby in to a small rocket ship. The interior of the room, the rocket ship and the clothes they are wearing all look like they are from a 50's sci-fi movie.

BLONDE WOMAN

I don't know if we should do this, it feels like it could be a little bit wrong.

SUAVE MAN

Relax baby, I checked the computers. She'll go to a nice planet called Earth. The computer even said that she'll have super powers there for some reason.

Suave man discreetly pulls out a phone-like gadget from his pocket and looks at it, it reads "1 missed call, Xandra". He continues on, trying to convince Blonde Woman.

SUAVE MAN (CONT'D)

Look baby, let's just do this. You know I want to be with you for the rest of my life, but we're just not ready for this yet. Come on baby.

He embraces her and kisses her a few times. She giggles and appears to think about it for a few seconds.

BLONDE WOMAN

Well, OK.

SUAVE MAN

Great, well I've got to get running, I have that appointment, but I'll be back tonight love.

He quickly kisses her and runs out, blonde woman sighs then presses a button on the wall. The rocket shoots out through a door that quickly opens in the roof.

EXT. HORELY SCRAP YARD - CONTINUOUS

The Falcon, Bulk, Mach and The Flame are still fighting in the scrap yard. They are backed into a tight group now, each one facing a different way forming a cross, backs facing. The robots are swarming all around them as they fight desperately.

THE FLAME

(resigned)

Well guys, it looks like we're going to die here. Normally I'd fly away but I've tried that and they keep pulling me back me with various grappling hooks.

(MORE)

THE FLAME (CONT'D)

I just wanted to confess to you guys before I die that I really am-

MACH

I slept with Astounding Woman.

The Falcon seems surprised for once, and a bit jealous.

THE FALCON

Really?

The Falcon quickly shuts up, embarrassed at his outburst.

MACH

Yeah, months back we ran into each other while we were both investigating that gang of sewer mutants that robbed Central Bank. After the fight and everything was done, we went out for a few drinks to celebrate and it just kind of happened.

BULK

I'd confess something too but I don't remember anything.

THE FLAME

Good to know Mach, thanks for totally stealing my thunder, but seriously guys, you should know that today you were fighting along side a card-carrying, parademarching, book-club-member, flagwaving f-

The Falcon's eyes light up.

THE FALCON

Wait! I have a plan. Mach, can you make a whirlwind?

MACH

Can I ever!

Mach starts to run around in circles faster and faster, slowly building up a whirlwind. The robots pause, and start to scramble around in panic.

THE FALCON

(yelling)

Flame, grab on to Bulk, Bulk, slam yourself into the ground and hold on as hard as you can!

Bulk slams his arms and body into the ground up to his waist and The Flame and The Falcon grab hold. Mach has now become a full-blown whirlwind, sucking up all the bots and demolishing them in the spinning mass. As he sucks the last of them up, the whirlwind curves in the air and throws the mass of spinning parts off into the distance. Mach slows down gradually, stopping the whirlwind.

MACH

Oh shit, I wasn't thinking! West Megalopolis is probably going to be pissed when all that stuff starts raining down. Looks like another lawsuit for me. See where the mask comes in handy Bulk?

Bulk nods.

THE FLAME

Who cares? That place is a shit hole anyway. It's full of Russians and the paper mill makes it smell like ass.

THE FALCON

Bulk, I need you to smash into the ground again where Astounding Woman got sucked down, just like you did before.

BULK

OK.

Bulk lumbers over to the spot where Astounding Woman was sucked down, which has a circle-shaped indent on the ground to mark it, and slams it with his fists. The earth under him crumbles, causing him to fall into a cavern that's revealed. The Falcon immediately jumps in behind him. The Flame looks at Mach, opening his arms wide, mockingly.

THE FLAME

Going down.

MACH

Uh, no that's fine, I'll just hop down myself.

He zips to the hole and after a brief hesitation, jumps. After a few seconds he screams, still falling, then hits the ground with a loud thud. The Flame sighs and floats gently down the hole after him.

INT. UNDERGROUND CAVERN (REAR) - MOMENTS LATER

Space Brain is still holding Astounding Woman in a trance, and she appears visibly weaker. We see Flame floating down in the background. Space Brain appears to be distracted and doesn't notice.

SPACE BRAIN

So Prom night didn't turn out to be so special for one girl after all, did it? To bad you didn't know how to control your powerful eye beams, or your sweetheart Johnny Watkins would still be alive. Just stay relaxed, soon all your powers will be mine and you will be dead.

On other side of cavern, the other four talking. Mach is laying on the ground, with a bloody gash on his head and looking extremely scuffed up. The Flame is standing beside him. The Falcon is about twenty feet away, crouched behind a rock and surveying the scene with Space Brain with his falconshaped binoculars. Bulk is behind him.

THE FLAME

I told you to come down with me, but no, someone thought he was too cool for school.

MACH

Just help me up, I think I might have ruptured my spleen. Between that, the concussion, and a few fractured ribs from Bulk over there, this is shaping up to be a hell of a day.

The Flame helps Mach up and Mach brushes himself off.

THE FALCON

Hurry over here, you two. I think we are going to need to act quickly, Astounding Woman doesn't look like she has much time left.

BULK

I guess I expected more space and less brain.

The Flame and Mach, with Mach limping, walk over closer to Bulk and The Falcon.

BULK (CONT'D)

I mean, how big do you think the guy the brain came from is?

THE FALCON

Circle in, there isn't much time.
Now here's what I want you to do...

THE FLAME

Gimme a sec.

He pulls out a cell phone

THE FLAME (CONT'D)

I've got to call in sick to work. (Looking at his phone) Damn, seven missed calls.

In the background Mach discreetly flips out a phone and checks it.

INT. UNDERGROUND CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

Space Brain is still holding Astounding Woman captive, she seems to barely have any energy left.

SPACE BRAIN

Are you serious? Glasses and a nerdy girl front?? What is everyone on your planet, a moron? Well, no matter. Now that I've completed my inconveniently long preparation phase, I'm ready to absorb your powers permanently.

The beam shooting out from Space Brain begins to change color, as it does The Flame flies up behind Space Brain

THE FLAME

Yoo hoo, brainy!

The Flame shoots several fire balls at Space Brain, which burst on him, and the beam between he and Astounding Woman seems to weaken a bit. Another beam shoots out from Brain and slams The Flame into the side of the cavern and he slides to the ground. Suddenly, Brain is hit by several of The Falcon's talons and a smoke bomb, which bursts on impact with Space and clouds the area surrounding it. The connection between Space Brain and Astounding Woman weakens further.

BULK

I'm going to use pieces of you to fix the holes in my brain!

Bulk runs at Space Brain and slams it into the cavern wall with a massive punch, finally severing the link with Astounding Woman. Mach appears in a blur and slams Space Brain rapidly around the cavern a few times. Space Brain appears to recover a bit, and knocks Mach and Bulk away with his psychic beams. The Falcon leaps into the air above Space Brain and hits him with a small grenade, which explodes, delivering a massive electrical shock to Space Brain. Space Brain appears immensely weakened now.

SPACE BRAIN

I have defeated the strongest beings in the galaxy, you cannot defeat me!

Space Brain turns and sees Astounding Woman, fully recovered, behind him.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

You've caused enough trouble today.

Astounding Woman delivers a massive punch to Space Brain, slamming him through the top of the cave and speeding out towards space.

SPACE BRAIN

I'll be back!!!!

The group watches as Space Brain fades off into the distance. They all look exhausted with the exception of The Falcon, who simply looks mildly irritated.

MACH

(shyly)

Well, that's that. You know, I have nothing to do except go see this taxi cab driver from India who used to be a doctor and have him set some bones, and Flamer already called in sick to work... maybe we can go get a beer or something?

THE FALCON

I have a base on the far side of the moon, we'll go there.

THE FLAME

(excited)

Kick ass! Oh my God, I'm so excited I'm not even going to say anything about how weird that is!

MACH

Yeah for real, I wish I'd brought my Pink Floyd CD's.

BULK

I'm hungry.

EXT. MOON SATELLITE - LATER

The exterior of the satellite is a floating column with a large, coin-shaped platform coming out of the middle of it.

INT. MOON SATELLITE - CONTINUOUS

Everyone is sitting around a circular table in a large room with a huge window looking out to space.

THE FLAME

(shivering)

You didn't mention it would be so cold on the far side of the moon, Falcon.

MACH

(to Astounding Woman)
...So what I'm saying is that the
whole time everything was going on,
all I could think about was "I hope
Astounding Woman lives, so we can
pursue our love."

Astounding Woman looks surprised.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

What love?

Mach looks around at the others, embarrassed.

MACH

You know, the special night we had together...

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

If that's what you want to call it. He really is "The World's Fastest Man".

The Flame, Astounding Woman and Bulk all laugh. The Falcon's appearance doesn't change at all. Mach looks hurt.

MACH

Still, All I'm saying is that we should start... a "coalition" of sorts to make sure that if any of us is in shizzle like this again, we have help.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

Point taken. I'm in favor of your proposal, it could help us deal with large threats to peace and order.

BULK

I've got nothing but time now, I'm in!

THE FLAME

Me too, working with a team I might get my ass kicked less.

Astounding Woman, The Flame, Mach and Bulk all put their hands in a circle, The Falcon stays standing where he is.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

Falcon, aren't you going to join
in?

THE FALCON

No. You can all use this base, and call on me when you're in need of help, but I work alone. You all know where the teleporter is when you're finished.

The Falcon throws a smoke bomb on the ground. When the smoke clears he is nowhere to be seen. On the far side of the room, away from the others, The Falcon opens a door and runs out of the room.

INT. FALCON'S NEST - LATER

The remaining four are sitting at the table. Astounding Woman is pulling a piece of paper out of a box and looking at it.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

It looks like by a vote of three to one, our new group is going to be named "Team Extreme".

MACH

What was the other vote for?

Astounding Woman grabs another piece of paper and looks at it for a second.

ASTOUNDING WOMAN

"The Fantabulous Four"...

The other three look at The Flame

THE FLAME

What, why is everybody looking at me?

EXT. SPACE

Giant Gorilla is floating in orbit around Earth, still stuck in the cage. A scream of terror is frozen on his lips and his eyes stare blankly.