

(KIRBY gets up, wipes himself off and starts to exit.)

RUTHIE
Where are you going?

KIRBY
Home.

RUTHIE
But you are home.

KIRBY
Not any more.

(KIRBY exits.)

RUTHIE
Am I the only sane person in this place?

(RUTHIE exits, lights fade.)

SCENE SIX

(The rec room, a few hours later. MIGHTY GIRL and LIGHTENING LEX are sitting at the table, both look unhappy. POWER MAN enters.)

MIGHTY GIRL
Did you fix the cable?

POWER MAN
No.

LIGHTENING LEX
I knew you couldn't do it.

POWER MAN
Mal sabotaged the wiring. But I was able to hook up the VCR. That should keep the resident's attention for a while.

LIGHTENING LEX
Only because I calmed them down. I'm the only one who does his job around here.

POWER MAN
Did you find any evidence Mighty Girl?

MIGHTY GIRL
Mal's room was locked. I didn't want to break down the door unless I had proof there was something incriminating in there.

POWER MAN

Good point. He's trying to make us look bad.

LIGHTENING LEX

That's not too difficult with you leading us.

POWER MAN

Then why don't you go after Malevolent again so he can dump you out of your chair again.

LIGHTENING LEX

Oh, you remember that, huh?

POWER MAN

How can I forget how pathetic you are?

MIGHTY GIRL

Are you boys going to go at it again?

POWER MAN

He started it!

LIGHTENING LEX

Did not!

POWER MAN

Did, too!

MIGHTY GIRL

(angry)

Enough! I've had it up to here with you two. You need to get over yourselves or we'll never beat Malevolent. Hasn't he taken enough from us?

POWER MAN

Is this what Kirby was going on about?

MIGHTY GIRL

You saw Kirby?

POWER MAN

Yeah, Mal was about to electrocute him to death.

(MIGHTY GIRL is obviously concerned about him.)

MIGHTY GIRL

Is he OK?

POWER MAN

He'll live. But I forbade him to associate with us again.

LIGHTENING LEX

You idiot, we need all the help we can get.

POWER MAN

Not help that we'll have to rescue every five minutes.

MIGHTY GIRL

Where is he now?

POWER MAN

I sent him to the TV room with the others.

MIGHTY GIRL

He must be crushed. I've got to see him.

(She starts towards the door.)

POWER MAN

No, Leigh. There's no time for emotions.

MIGHTY GIRL

There's never time for emotions.

POWER MAN

You knew the sacrifices when you became a Power Hero.

MIGHTY GIRL

But when are they going to end? I've sacrificed my entire life. And now, I'm old and ugly and have no family. Kirby is the one man who's shown an interested in me, and I'm not going to let him go.

(The sound of clapping O.S. MR. MALEVOLENT enters, still clapping. NURSE CANDY is behind him. She's carrying a shopping bag.)

MR. MALEVOLENT

Powerful speech, Leigh. Makes me wonder what you'd say had I actually killed that little twerp.

MIGHTY GIRL

That little twerp stood up to your hypnosis.

MR. MALEVOLENT

Just a fluke. And trust me, he didn't have a chance against my electric shocks.

POWER MAN

What are you up to Mal? Are you just here to cause havoc in hopes of tearing us apart?

MR. MALEVOLENT

I wish it were that simple, because I'd be done by now, wouldn't I? What a bunch of grumpy old people you've become.

LIGHTENING LEX

I'll show you grumpy.