

RUTHIE

Not that one. Two to the right.

(MIGHTY GIRL moves to another book and pulls it down. She presents it to RUTHIE, who grabs it out of her hand.)

RUTHIE

Bunch of nut jobs.

POWER MAN

No need for thanks. We do this because we were born to do it.

MIGHTY GIRL

We do it because the government altered our DNA.

RUTHIE

Sounds like they altered your brains, too.

POWER MAN

They handpicked me from the army-

RUTHIE

If I have to hear another army story from one of you men, I'm going to scream.

POWER MAN

But this was during World War 2-

(RUTHIE screams, and will continue to do so as she exits. POWER MAN beams at MIGHTY GIRL.)

POWER MAN

Another successful rescue thanks to the teamwork of the Power Heroes.

MIGHTY GIRL

Yeah... teamwork. Listen, Jack, you have to be careful. You're not as strong as you used to be.

POWER MAN

Nonsense, my senses are as amplified as ever.

(sniffs air)

We're having processed beef for dinner. And Monty down in room 109 needs his bedpan changed.

MIGHTY GIRL

Your senses may be, but the rest of you...

POWER MAN

I'm just a little rusty. In time, it will all come back.

MIGHTY GIRL

Time is something we don't have the luxury of any more.

(POWER MAN glances at his watch.)

POWER MAN

You're right, our meeting should have started five minutes ago. Where's Lex?

MIGHTY GIRL

Probably asleep in the TV room. This doesn't need to be a formal meeting. We just need to discuss-

POWER MAN

That Lex! He loves to wait until the last second to leave so he can run here in a flash.

MIGHTY GIRL

Lex isn't doing much running these days. We can catch him up when he gets here.

POWER MAN

We need a psychic to call to him. Where's The Mind Melder?

MIGHTY GIRL

She died four years ago.

POWER MAN

That's right. Brain parasite, wasn't it?

MIGHTY GIRL

Lung cancer.

POWER MAN

Who gave it to her?

MIGHTY GIRL

She did. She smoked two packs a day.

POWER MAN

That damn army should have made us all as invulnerable as you, Leigh.

MIGHTY GIRL

Be lucky they didn't.

(LIGHTENING LEX enters the room. He is also an aged superhero, but confined to a wheelchair.)

LIGHTENING LEX

Two o'clock on the dot! I still got it!

MIGHTY GIRL

The only thing slow about you, Lex, is your watch.

(LEX appears not to have heard her.)

POWER MAN
You missed Mighty Girl and I rescue a woman in distress.

LIGHTENING LEX
(not hearing)
What?

MIGHTY GIRL
(louder)
Ruthie fell down!

LIGHTENING LEX
I hope you picked her up.

POWER MAN
We saved her in the nick of time.

LIGHTENING LEX
What?

MIGHTY GIRL
Turn on your hearing aid!

LIGHTENING LEX
It is on.

(Still, LEX will appear to adjust it as they gather around one of the tables. We should see that LIGHTENING LEX can maneuver his chair with great agility.)

POWER MAN
(formally)
This meeting of the League of Power Heroes is called to order. Present are Power Man, Mighty Girl and Lightning Lex.
(breaks formality)
Should we wait for some others show up?

MIGHTY GIRL
The others are either dead or comatose. We're the last three, remember?

POWER MAN
We are? Well, then, though our numbers have dwindled, our mission is to continue to protect humanity from evil doers-

LIGHTENING LEX
And giant squid. I fought one of those once.

MIGHTY GIRL
With help from The Sprinkler.

LIGHTENING LEX
He was useless. All he could do was breathe under water. A lot of good that did us when we were fighting in the city.

MIGHTY GIRL

But pretty useful when you're fighting a giant squid.

POWER MAN

Our mission is to protect humanity from any human or creature that threatens harm to mankind-

LIGHTENING LEX

Should we mention aliens?

MIGHTY GIRL

They'd fall under creature.

POWER MAN

(loosing patience)

Our mission is to protect humanity from any person, creature, robot, alien, ghost, mutant, or miscellaneous who tries to harm any other person, creature, robot, alien, ghost, mutant, or miscellaneous. This meeting is adjourned. See you next week.

(MIGHTY GIRL and LIGHTENING LEX stare at each other.)

MIGHTY GIRL

We're just starting the meeting, Jack.

POWER MAN

Huh?

MIGHTY GIRL

We still need to address some issues.

POWER MAN

OK. Then I'll open the floor to new business. Does anybody have anything?

MIGHTY GIRL

We need to-

POWER MAN

Don't speak out of turn, Mighty Girl.

(Reluctantly, MIGHTY GIRL raises her hand.)

POWER MAN

Yes, Mighty Girl.

MIGHTY GIRL

What are we going to do about-

(NURSE CANDY enters, she carries a tray.)