

Fucking Bruce Banner

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Cast of Characters

LOIS LANE	Superman's wife of 20 years. Dresses and acts like Lois Lane 'cause she is.
SUPERMAN	Lois Lane's husband of 20 years. Oh yea...he's also a superhero. Duh. He is dressed in full superman garb and leaps a lot, even when not written in direction.
AMY	Oldest daughter of Lois and Superman who has no discernable superpowers. She is VERY smart, quick witted, and surly. A little pissed that her younger sister already has full-on superpowers.
SUPER CHICK	Youngest daughter of Lois and Superman who has many superpowers but is not too bright. She's also super braggadocios and bitchy to her sister. She is dressed in full superman/girl/chick clothing and leaps a lot even when not written in direction. (PS It's Super Chick rather than Super Girl because Superman's cousin is named Super Girl and there can't be two Super Girls, now can there? 😊)

Synopsis

Superman and Lois Lane, married for 20 years, and have two daughters. Younger daughter is Super Chick with full super powers. Older daughter, Amy, has no sign of superpowers. Yet...

Setting

Living room of suburban home.

Time

After work/school.

ACT I
Scene 1

SETTING: Living Room, couch, chairs, coffee table.

AT RISE: AMY and SUPER CHICK are sitting on the couch, doing homework on the coffee table.

(LOIS enters carrying two bags of Chinese carryout and a jar of pickles.)

LOIS

Hello girls! You have good days at school?

AMY
Not really, no.

SUPER CHICK
Of course!

LOIS

Well, I'm sorry sweetie. But I brought your favorites!

(Shows bags and jar. Puts jar on the coffee table and bags on floor next to table.)

AMY

Nice. Thanks Mom.

(AMY starts trying to open the jar with much difficulty. SUPERMAN enters with Superman theme music in a flourish and strikes a hero's pose.)

SUPERMAN

Hello girls! Daddy's home! (to LOIS) Hello Lois. My love. My everything.

SUPER CHICK

Oh brother.

LOIS

My darling do-gooder!

AMY

Here we go.

SUPERMAN

I love you more than Spiderman loves spiderwebs.

(SUPERMAN makes spiderweb making action with his wrists and noise and animates pulling LOIS toward him with each wrist action. LOIS ends up in his arms.)

AMY

Lame

(SUPERMAN dips LOIS for a passionate kiss.)

AMY (disgusted)
Awww, man!

SUPER CHICK (disgusted)
Guys, really?

SUPERMAN

I love you more than Batman loves....umm...bats? No, wait. His cave. No...the batmobile. Yea.

SUPER CHICK

Super lame.

SUPERMAN

I love you more than the Hulk

(At the mention of The Hulk, LOIS gets a look of panic on her face.)

SUPERMAN (Cont.)

loves his big green-

LOIS

Clark!

SUPERMAN

Seriously, Lois...it's enormous.

(LOIS forgets herself and starts to nod and smile, knowingly. SUPERMAN does not notice, but AMY quietly takes note.)

SUPERMAN (Cont.)

Big (pause) and long, (pause) and green (pause) and-

LOIS (snaps out of it)

Clark! The girls!

SUPERMAN

Oh. Right. Well it was impressive. I wonder whatever happened to him. 15 years ago, he just up and disappeared. Didn't even say goodbye. Weird.

LOIS (uncomfortable)

Yes. Weird.

(AMY still noticing LOIS' odd behavior, trying to figure it out. Everyone else is oblivious.)

AMY (fishing)

So, Dad. You knew The Hulk?

LOIS (trying to distract)

Time to eat!

SUPER CHICK

Duh. All superheroes know each other. Oh...but maybe you wouldn't know that...since you're just a puny human.

(During following dialogue LOIS, nervous about the conversation, starts unpacking Chinese food boxes, putting one Chinese takeout box in front of AMY, one in front of SUPER CHICK, one in front of where she'll sit, and a ridiculous, crazy, and comical amount stacked up in front of SUPERMAN right before the "Wow Dad" comment below. AMY is still working to open the jar. SUPER CHICK reaches over, plucks jar out of AMY'S hands, and easily opens and hands jar back to AMY who is visibly annoyed that she's done it so easily.)

AMY

So, Dad. Did you know him? The Hulk.

SUPERMAN

Oh sure. We had some missions together, shared a locker room which is how I know about his big green...well never mind. And when he wasn't busy being The Hulk he was a super smart guy. A physicist. But yes. Your mother and I both became very good friends with Bruce.

AMY (fishing)

Is that right, Mom?

LOIS (high pitch/nervous)

Enough about the past. It's...in the past. (trying to change subject) Good day at work, Clark?

SUPERMAN

Saved the world from a near nuclear disaster in Chernobyl.

LOIS

Chernobyl Again?

AMY

Those Ukrainians really need to get their shit together.

SUPER CHICK

Ukrani-whats?

LOIS

Anything else?

SUPERMAN

Um...Cat in a tree in Frisco and that's it. Slow day, but boy am I hungry!

(EVERYONE starts eating with forks except AMY who eats with chopsticks.)

AMY

Wow, Dad. That's quite a collection of Chinese food boxes you have there.

SUPER CHICK

Yea, Dad.

LOIS

Now girls. You know your father needs his strength.

SUPER CHICK

Hey, Amy. Maybe that's your superpower. (dramatic) The power to eat dumplings with a single chopstick.

AMY

Shut up (sarcastic) Paula.

SUPER CHICK

Hey...that's Super Chick to you.

AMY

As if.

SUPER CHICK

Mom!

LOIS

At home you're Paula.

SUPER CHICK

While you're always going to be (pause) just Amy.

AMY (threatening w chopstick)

(to SUPER CHICK) Want to see what else I can do with a chopstick little sister?

LOIS

Enough quibbling. Let's talk about our days. We already know what Dad did today. How about you girls?

SUPER CHICK

Let's see. School of course. Then, while Amy was walking home from school, I saved a bus full of nuns from going over a cliff in Paraguay. The Sisters of Mary Immaculate. They're so cute in their little hats.

AMY

Wimples.

SUPER CHICK

(misinterpreting as though AMY sneezed) Bless you. Now, where was I? Oh yes...I stopped an avalanche in Switzerland. And then...an Airliner over the North Atlantic Ocean sent out a distress signal, I got there in less than a minute, but it was gone. Disappeared. Vanished. Nowhere to be seen. Weird.

AMY (sarcastic)

Can you say Bermuda triangle?

SUPER CHICK

Oh! And I flew to Italy. There was a tower there that was literally about to fall over.

AMY

The leaning tower of Pisa?

SUPER CHICK (oblivious)

Well...it was a town called Pisa.

AMY

Idiot.

SUPER CHICK (confused)

What?

LOIS

Paula, could you get some hot mustard from the kitchen?

(Paula get up and leaps to exit kitchen.)

LOIS

(to SUPERMAN) Darling. You know you have to fix that tower tomorrow.

SUPERMAN

Yup. I'll add it to my to-do list.

(Paula enters from the kitchen with hot mustard, leaping, and sits.)

SUPERMAN

And how about you Amy?

AMY (unenthusiastic)

I signed up for girls' soccer. PE credit.

SUPERMAN

Well that's just wonderful, Amy.

SUPER CHICK (sarcastic)

Ohhh...that's so awesome. Soccer. Are you gonna (baby talk) wun (run) up and down a court wif (with) a

SUPER CHICK (Cont.)

bunch of other wittle (little) girls? Chase a wittle (little) orange ball?

AMY (interrupting)

Moron. That's a basketball.

SUPER CHICK

OK yea. (long pause while thinking and then continuing baby talk) Kick a wittle (little) orange ball.

(AMY stands quickly ready to fight.)

AMY (angry)

I'll kick your ass is what I'll kick!

(SUPER CHICK stands quickly, walks a few paces away, and then turns back toward AMY and leaps over to AMY and gets in a fighting stance. She and AMY are now face to face.)

SUPER CHICK

You want to go. OK sister. Let's go. You may be a year older than me, but it'll hardly be a fair fight since you're so scrawny and wimpy.

AMY

Ever hear of all brawn, no brain?

SUPER CHICK (confused)

What?

AMY

Exactly.

LOIS LANE

Girls! Enough! Sit down!

(SUPER CHICK and AMY face off a bit more, ad-lib.)

SUPERMAN (strikes heroic pose)

Your mother said sit!

(SUPER CHICK and AMY slowly withdraw with some ad-lib dialogue. SUPER CHICK leaps back to her seat and they both sit.)

LOIS

So, soccer. That's wonderful. Anything else?

AMY

Um...Oh! I found out I did qualify for a national mathlete competition in October.

SUPER CHICK (laughing, snarky)

Mathlete? Mathlete? God. You're such a nerd. (serious) I wouldn't be surprised if you were adopted.

AMY

Don't I wish.

LOIS

Amy! Don't say that!

AMY (angry)

Me? You're correcting me? Have you even been listening to the crap that's been coming out of her mouth? You'd think that being a bitch was her superpower!

SUPER CHICK

Mom!

LOIS

Amy. Go to your room.

SUPER CHICK (mimicking)

Yea, Amy. Go to your room.

AMY (angrier)

Me? You're sending me to my room?!?

SUPER CHICK

Obviously super sonic hearing is not her superpower.

SUPERMAN (stands in heroic pose)

Amy, do what your mother says.

AMY (super angry)

(screaming) God! This family sucks!

(AMY stomps to and exits to bedrooms and, during the following dialogue does a lot of screaming and ad-lib yelling and making super loud noises like things are breaking. Make it BIG please.)

SUPERMAN (worried)

Lois. She seems really upset.

SUPER CHICK

She is overly cranky. More than usual. Maybe it's her time of the-

SUPERMAN (anguished, in pain, covering his ears)

La la la la la

SUPER CHICK

-month.

(SUPERMAN slumps a bit and uncovers his ears.)

SUPERMAN (depleted)

Wow. That smarts.

LOIS (distressed)

Paula!

SUPER CHICK (oblivious)

Yea...I'll bet she's on her-

SUPERMAN (anguished, in pain, covering his ears)

La la la la la

SUPER CHICK

-period.

LOIS

Honey! You know your father can't listen to feminine hygiene talk. It's one of his two weaknesses. Feminine hygiene talk and kryptonite. The only two things that can weaken him.

SUPER CHICK

Oh yea. I forgot.

(LOIS motions to SUPERMAN that it's safe to remove his hands. He removes hands from ears cautiously and slumps a bit more. Amy is still making noise OS.)

SUPER CHICK

Sorry Dad.

SUPERMAN

She's still at it? Lois. I'm starting to worry.

(AMY stops making noise back stage.)

LOIS

Wait. She stopped. Maybe she's calming down.

SUPERMAN

I've never know her to be that upset before.

AMY

(OS) Hey guys!

SUPERMAN, LOIS, SUPER CHICK (worried/curious)

Yea?

AMY

(OS) So...Yea...I think I found my superpower.

SUPER CHICK (disappointed)

Awww man.

SUPERMAN (strikes heroic pose)

That's my girl!

LOIS

Come and show us honey.

AMY

(OS) Maybe you want to come see for yourself first, Mom.

LOIS

Oh, don't be silly. Come on out and show us!

AMY

(OS) OK, well. You asked for it.

(AMY enters. Her skin is green, she's bulked up, her clothes are shredded, and her hair is crazy. She is obviously the daughter of The Hulk. SUPER CHICK looks confused. LOIS looks at AMY, realizing, then at SUPERMAN worried about his reaction. SUPERMAN looks confused, then shocked, and then angry.)

SUPERMAN (accusatory)

(long pause) Lois!

LOIS (regretful)

Clark!

SUPERMAN (angry-cursing Bruce)

(Standing, shaking fists and looking up to the sky.)

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