

THE CONCEPT FOUR LEAGUE OF AL-ANON SUPERHEROES

vs. **The Menacing Meeting Muckrakers!**

~The Players~

Captain Crosstalk

Recovery Man

Flaky Commitment Girl

Unity Woman

Dr. Resentment

Service Kid

*(Members of the **Harmony Harpers** Group are onstage and are miming angrily at each other as if in a big fight—all of the actors will act out what **Narrator** says)*

NARRATOR: It is a dark day in **Al-Anonland**. The **Harmony Harpers** group of Al-Anon, once a thriving jewel of the recovery community, has of late become a bevy of sniping, backbiting, bickering, and backstabbing. The happy serene smiles of people grateful for their program have been replaced by furrowed frowns of fruitless fussing. Where pure principles once reigned supreme, now persnickety personalities rule the roost. The cause of the disastrous decline is the insidious work of that most sordid band of wreckless recovery robbers: **The Menacing Meeting Muckrakers**.

Their subtle influence has slowly and surely seeped through and permeated the very fiber of this once flourishing flower of a group and twisted it into a wicked weed of woe.

Here comes the Super-Villain team who has done so much harm. First, there is that cursed confuser of communication, **Captain Crosstalk!**

(Captain Crosstalk enters) At each meeting, he catalogues other members' problems and tells them what to do. His super, rapid-fire delivery leaves no room for rebuttal and he has been known to make many a black belt al-anon race for the exit door in tears because of his brutal outbursts. Other group members are afraid to confront **Captain Crosstalk** and so his mean micro-managing becomes the norm instead of the exception.

Next is that flagrant flare up and flame out artist: **Flaky Commitment Girl!**

(Flaky Commitment Girl enters) She is always the first to raise her hand when a new group commitment comes up but then doesn't *show up* to actually do the commitment. Her super excuse power gains her sympathy from other members and when that doesn't work, she shoots them with her **Powerful Pity Pot Pistol**. Thus, the group is rendered ineffective because one or two people always have to pick up her considerable slack.

Finally, there is that dastardly deranged depositor of dangerous character defects; **Dr. Resentment!** *(Dr. Resentment enters)* By using his super sickening

rumor-making power, **Dr. Resentment** spreads his vile message throughout the entire group. Home group members hate each other and they don't even know why. Oh, the humanity! Is there no one who can defeat this troublesome trio and restore the now-**Hapless Harpers** group back to their once beautiful blissful state? Where oh where is **The Concept Four League of Al-Anon Superheroes**?

Wait! What's this? **Can it be?** Yes! Look! **Over by the coffee pot!** It's a pamphlet, it's a meeting schedule, no it's **Recovery Man!** (*Recovery Man enters—Superman theme plays*) Yes, **Recovery Man**, the renowned righter of Al-Anon wrongs and desperate defender of all that is good program! At the sight of his arch enemy, the cocky **Captain Crosstalk** leaps into action! The two super powered al-a-gators square off in the middle of the room. Each looks for an opening in which to strike. **Oh no!** A split second before **Recovery Man** could reach for his super pamphlets in his utility belt; **Captain Crosstalk** berates him with a **shrieking**, wailing stream of **super concentrated crosstalk!** **Recovery Man** is stunned by the barrage of inventory taking and cannot continue. The constant stream of **insults**, advice, and **opinion** without a shred of experience, strength, or hope is too much for our hero to bear! (*Recovery Man falls to the ground*) **But wait!** Help is on the way! **There she is! Unity Woman!** (*Unity Woman*

enters—*Wonder Woman music plays*) Yes, **Unity Woman**, the **undisputed**, undeniable, **unflappable uniter** of Al-Anon groups far and wide!

Flaky Commitment Girl is up to the challenge though! The two female super powered Al-Anons face off in a battle royale. (*Unity Woman and Flaky Commitment Girl circle each other slowly*) But what's this? **Flaky**

Commitment Girl suddenly looks like she doesn't want to fight! Oh, this is an old tactic to get **Unity Woman** to feel sorry for her! Surely it won't work!

But oh no! Unity Woman let down her guard and **Flaky Commitment Girl** has pulled out her **Powerful Pity Pot Pistol!** With a wicked grin she shoots our heroine with it! **Oh no!** Now **Unity Woman** is under her serenity draining spell. Instead of fulfilling her commitment to stopping this dastardly villain, **Unity Woman** is awash in a spell of self-pity and navel-gazing whininess! What a devastating turn of events!

Wait a minute! All is not lost! Enter that savvy savior of serenity, **Service Kid!** (*Service Kid enters*) **Oh! My goodness!** Before he even had a chance to do anything, **Dr. Resentment** has put him into a headlock! **Wait!** Oh no! He's using his super hypnotic rumor-making power! **Dr. Resentment** is whispering his vile untrue accusations into **Service Kid's** ear. He releases **Service Kid** who then goes over to the knocked out **Recovery Man** and kicks him repeatedly! He must have made **Service Kid** resentful about being just a

sidekick and not having a cool cape! **Oh this is a disaster!**

But our heroes are not done. They are down but not defeated. While

The Menacing Meeting Muckrakers huddle together and debate the best way to dispose of the fallen superhero team, they don't notice that our heroes are broken but not beaten. At once they realize their mistake. They must fight as a team and not as individuals. There is no "I" in **AI-Anon!** Each part of the program works together; recovery, unity and service. **Recovery Man** struggles to his feet and sprints out to **The Concept Four League Superhero-mobile** and retrieves his handy spiritual toolkit. He whips out the pieces of the trusty circle triangle shield, hands them to his partners and they try to fight the **The Menacing Meeting Muckrakers** again. This time, however, they work as a team, **The Concept Four League of AI-Anon Superheroes** but **The Menacing Meeting Muckrakers** pool their resources too.

Captain Crosstalk blasts out a barrage of his blithering drivel; **Flaky**

Commitment Girl shoots her **Powerful Pity Pot Gun**, and **Dr. Resentment** works overtime spreading his lies and distortions. This time however, the wiley ways of their fiery foes bounce off the surface of our mighty heroes' shields. **Recovery Man** then seizes the opportunity to take out his trusty **ODAT** and begins to thump it with all his might. The resounding reverberations nearly deafen the troublesome trio!

Quickly, **Unity Woman** whips out her **Traditions Checklist** and starts to read aloud. This causes severe harm to the **Meeting Muckrakers** in two ways: first it inflicts deep psychic pain because they have to look at themselves and not others in the group and secondly because it inflicts serious paper cuts. The three treacherous villains are on the ropes and so **Service Kid** delivers the knockout punch. Pulling out his gleaming **Al-Anon** Service Manual, he begins to read. Just like that, it's lights out for the **foiled finaglers!** (*they all fall asleep*) The combined force is too much! The **Harmony Harper** group sees how they were duped by the **Menacing Meeting Muckrakers** and immediately does a group inventory which further bolsters their power over the terrible three. All is once again well and wonderful in **Al-Anonland** thanks to the amazing efforts of **The Concept Four League of Al-Anon Superheroes!**

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