

EPIISODE FOUR - "BAD APP-LES II"

WRITERS:

JOHN DORSEY & MAX CLARK

EPISODE FOUR - NEWS ONE

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

APOORVA SINGH

The recently discovered Domsday Puzzle has been disassembled before it was able to liquify Qatar. Per longstanding tradition, the pieces of the device have been hidden across the globe with only a series of impossible riddles pointing to their location for some future teenagers to discover.

UNDERWRITER

That was Apoorva Singh reporting from SPR Qatar.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington, I'm Wenling Chen.

(then)

Since confirming the rumors of a Doppelgänger threat last week, the President has announced the formation of a new government sanctioned group of ex-supervillains to combat the threat of doppelgängers across the globe.

INT. WHITE HOUSE

SFX: Press Walla.

PRESIDENT NORRIS

In these uncertain times we need all the help we can get to fight the enemies of this great nation. Behind me you see some of the most infamous villains in this country's history. Instead of languishing behind bars, these men, women, and non-binary cognizant gelatinous cubes, have agreed to fight threats intergalactic and domestic.

(then)

I give to you: The Kamikaze Crew!

SFX: Meek applause, Murmuring, Cameras. Weird jiggling sounds, muffled screams.

PRESIDENT NORRIS (CONT'D)

Please! No flash photography, it will cause the cube to attack.

(then)

Now to answer your questions we have team leader: Bonegrinder!

BONEGRINDER

...You said that I would get my chance to fight Cosmos, when do I get to grind his bones to --

PRESIDENT NORRIS

(interrupting)

-- He's just kidding everyone. Bonegrinder, a real, a real patriot that one. Fresh from the moon!

(then)

You know what, I can take questions for him.

(then)

Take this big lug out of here and get him a juice box or something.

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

WENLING CHEN

The President went on to deny that this was a media stunt to bolster his poll numbers

(then)

There has been no official response from the Heroic Legion or the Southern Battalion on the release of the former villains.

UNDERWRITER

That was Wenling Chen reporting from Washington, it's 75 degrees here in Paradise City. And now these American Supers

EPISODE FOUR - END NEWS ONE

EPISODE FOUR - ACT ONE - TAS BAD APP-LES II

INT. TAS STUDIO

In the studio.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

From QSPZ Baltimore it's These American Supers. I'm Ethan Schwartz.

(then)

Earlier this month, the NLRB ruled that employees of the henching app LAKY would be allowed to unionize, should they elect to.

(then)

This vote has become a battlefield, with the henching union IHGOR focusing on individual members, while LAKY President Rex Ruthless has staged his campaign in the media.

SFX: Corporate video.

REX RUTHLESS

LAKY is merely a platform to help hard working henchpeople find work in an unforgiving world.

(then)

The bad guys at IHGOR want workers to conform, we want them to be free. That's why we give our workers the most flexibility in henching. And if this vote fails, we can promise better hours, better pay and better odds of survival.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

IHGOR, the International Henchman Group On Rights, argues that many of these promises are hollow.

SFX: Kirby is calling in.

KIRBY KING

LAKY cares about one thing and one thing alone: Its bottom line.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

This is Kirby King, acting President of IHGOR.

KIRBY KING

We're used to working with the worst of the worst. Name the Supervillain and we've done the gig. But these wall street types that LAKY answers to? Yikes. Gives me the creeps.

(then)

Look. We just want to make sure that our guys are getting treated fair. We're not trying to get rid of these apps. We just want to make sure that if our goons use them, they get their fair share of the heist.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

To cover this historic event, we sent producer Ellen Spiegel on location to Mesa, Arizona to cover the state's vote with the help of a familiar face.

SFX: Meeting walla.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

The last time I saw Harold Harrison he was dressed as an anthropomorphic crocodile.

(then)

Today he is in a powder blue polo, an IHGOR pin proudly displayed on his lapel.

HAROLD HARRISON

They promise you flexible hours, competitive pay, implants that let you breathe underwater.

(then)

What they don't tell you its all overnights, there's no overtime, and that they'll remove those implants without anesthesia the second you break contract.

(then)

Look at this scar. It itches when it's about to rain, so, yeah, it's useful and it looks cool. But I shouldn't have it.

SFX: Murmurs from the crowd.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

We're inside the same hideout we used when we worked for croc command. Today it's a temporary IHGOR union hall set up for prospective members.

HAROLD HARRISON

No, no, no don't put your coffee there, that missile is still active.

MISSILE, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

(do 40, 30, 30 second counts while recording)

Warhead activated. Twenty, nineteen, eighteen...

Note: Do the full countdown.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

It is still jamb packed with crocodile themed costumes and weapons.

LAKY WORKER #1, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

Sorry.

HAROLD HARRISON

No, no, no it was my mistake I should have put up a sign. Ah, man, what was croc commanders birthday?
(singing to himself)
Croc commander, born on a Sunday,
to a nurse on Orlando speedway...

SFX: Beeping.

MISSILE, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

...Three, two...

HAROLD HARRISON

Got it...
(beeping, then)
And see, this was a non union site where they didn't take safety seriously.

LAKY WORKER #2, BAD APPLES, EP 4

Harry, you secured this site with me.

HAROLD HARRISON

Yeah. And let's talk about how with better training and working conditions, coffee spills don't accidentally kill everybody in the room.

SFX: Workers murmur.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

Released on good behavior from Saguaro Supermax Prison, Harold quickly fell back into the henching community.

HAROLD HARRISON

Not a lot of jobs for an ex-con with a record of villainy. Especially a record that played on the radio.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

Sorry about that.

HAROLD HARRISON

Don't be. That story got me a feature in IHGOR's magazine. Right between Frank "Bulletproof" Jones and Bobby "Lightning Fist" Reynor was me: Harold "Easy to work with" Harrison. After I got out they were very eager to meet me.

(then)

Look at me now: Official IHGOR Organizer, district 487.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

And does it look like you have the votes here in Mesa?

HAROLD HARRISON

You don't exactly trust people when you're working on this side of the law. So convincing them to work together is an uphill climb.

(then)

Plus it doesn't help that LAKY is pouring money in to stop us.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

A day later, the group Harold was speaking to were brought downtown by LAKY for a "team building exercise."

Note: Rex's voice should echo. He's talking through a ear mic like a motivational speaker.

REX RUTHLESS

There they are! Good morning! Hello LAKIES!

SFX: Henchmen murmurs.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

If that voice sounds familiar it should. It's Rex Ruthless, or at least it's one of him.

(then)

See, LAKY only has a single full-time employee. The Rex clones are all paid a weekly check, but due to a legal loophole, only pay a single set of taxes.

(then)

Roughly three hundred Rex Clones work at LAKY, and they all share the same name so they identify each-other by number. This Rex is Two Hundred Sixty Four.

REX RUTHLESS

Take a seat, take a seat, I see a lot of familiar faces out there.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

The last Rex to visit Arizona was actually Two Hundred and Thirty Five, but the crowd doesn't seem to mind. (**ALT: to notice.**)

REX RUTHLESS

We here at LAKY. We're not a workplace. We're a family. And IHGOR, well that's like adding a step dad to an already a happy home.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

It's basically word for word the press releases LAKY has been running, only now he has a captive audience. Add a couple embellishments here and there...

REX RUTHLESS

We were going to raise your pay, but with union dues it will basically negate it.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

And incentives...

REX RUTHLESS

Without IHGOR weighing us down
we'll be able to bring you more
weapons, better getaway cars and
new implants. We were going to add
metal legs to the LAKY catalogue
next quarter.

LAKY WORKER #3, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

Oh man I've always wanted metal
legs.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

And you've got a very compelling
presentation.

SFX: Henchmen murmur.

ELLEN SPIEGEL (CONT'D)

I catch up with Rex 264 outside on
his smoke break. He'll run another
seminar in a half hour.

REX RUTHLESS

It's a living.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

So do you expect this area to
unionize?

REX RUTHLESS

I'm sure that they will make the
right decision in the end.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

I listened to a lot of your
presentation. The LAKY board voted
down pay raises in August, that was
before the NLRB ruling, wasn't it?

REX RUTHLESS

We knew it was coming... Is this
going to air before the vote?

ELLEN SPIEGEL

No we're covering the full thing.

REX RUTHLESS

Alright.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

He leans in and drops the winning smile all Rexes are known for.

REX RUTHLESS

Back in the day, if henchmen got out of line, you'd vaporize them. But you know what hurts production? Vaporizing the people doing it. Once Henchmen realized they had the whole villainy industry in their hands they closed around bad villains like a fist. Good for them I say.

(then, mocking)

But then they started to complain about broken bones, jail time, the monsters, the food. ***mocking crying baby sounds*** IHGOR took it too far.

(then)

Last time I checked, Supervillains and Henchmen were on the same side of the law. Where's that outlaw spirit? IHGOR's done more damage to the Villainous League than Cosmos ever has. That's why a free LAKY is so important. Not it's nickel and diming about meal penalties and overtime

(then)

We're the bad guys, there are no rules. Those goons should know that.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

264 stomps out his cigarette and heads back inside to a fresh group of henchmen. He greets them with a smile and shakes hands with the front row. He'll run three more workshops before the vote tomorrow.

SFX: Cars driving.

ELLEN SPIEGEL (CONT'D)

11 am. The LAKY training center. The vote.

(then)

Many of the men and women who come in are still tired from the overnight heist gig that popped up on the app.

SFX: Geiger counter sound.

ELLEN SPIEGEL (CONT'D)

As well as being slightly irradiated.

LAKY WORKER #1, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

The implants will absorb most of it and the iodine pills take care of the rest. You just can't hug the cat for like a day or two.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

And do you mind if I ask you how you're planning to vote?

LAKY WORKER #1, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

Oh I'm sticking with LAKY, I don't know what I would have done without the implants.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

It's a fairly divided crowd.

LAKY WORKER #2, BAD APPLES, EP 4

We have to buy our own bullets. Half a crew is out there with empty clips. I'm voting IHGOR.

LAKY WORKER #3, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

Metal. Freaking. Legs.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

At the end of the day, the tally is 630 for staying with LAKY and 610 for joining IHGOR. The vote fails.

SFX: From behind glass.

HAROLD HARRISON

Yeah I'm pretty bummed, for sure.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

I caught up with Harold after the votes had been tallied. He's currently in the ICU after receiving an incredibly large dose of radiation from the previous night's heist.

(then)

He wasn't on duty he just went out to make sure the Lackies were alright.

HAROLD HARRISON

These guys aren't trained in nuclear management. Implants only do so much, no matter what they tell you.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

The gig itself was robbing a freight train full of nuclear waste on behalf of Marie Fury. It should be noted that only pro-union LAKIES got the alert.

HAROLD HARRISON

I showed up to the site to remind everyone to vote, but I couldn't stand by and watch them do something dangerous.

(then)

I was up to my elbows in goo before I remembered I don't have my implants anymore. But we got the thing under control before it blew.

(then)

Scars don't itch anymore, but they say that's normal when they have to replace all your skin.

SFX: Knocking. Metal leg sounds.

LAKY WORKER #3, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

Hey Harry.

HAROLD HARRISON

Hey look at you. You got your metal legs!

LAKY WORKER #3, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

I'm sorry about the vote.

HAROLD HARRISON

Bah, you did what you had to do.

LAKY WORKER #3, BAD APPLES II, EP 4

I was thinking. Could you fill me in on what went wrong yesterday"

HAROLD HARRISON

Sure. Pull up a chair. I've got nothing but time. And tumors, probably.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

As I left I saw a group of henchmen on their way up to see Harold, some to ask about Union Membership, others just there to visit. Somehow the whole thing doesn't feel like a loss.

(then)

My initial plan was to end the story here, but I ran into Rex 264 at the airport. He agreed to an impromptu interview. I recorded it on my phone.

SFX: Airport walla.

ELLEN SPIEGEL (CONT'D)

So how do you feel about the results?

REX RUTHLESS

It's like I said. We're a family. This vote only proves that.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

Yeah. About that. I was wondering. You're a clone right? Why doesn't LAKY just use clones as the workforce, instead of hiring independent contractors?

REX RUTHLESS

Well, we're not hard labor. Rex one made us so that he could ensure the company was run just the way he wanted.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

And do you get any say in that? In how you or the other clones get assigned?

REX RUTHLESS

No. Only Rex One has that power. But we've talked about sending him a strongly worded email.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

You and the other Rexes?

REX RUTHLESS

Yeah we meet about once a month to see how we're doing and see what we can do better.

(MORE)

REX RUTHLESS (CONT'D)

Maybe get some better conditions
for us. We're stronger together.

(then)

Like a family.

ELLEN SPIEGEL

(that's a union stupid)

Yeah, like a family.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

That was Senior Producer Ellen
Spiegel.

(then)

Since this story was recorded,
several LAKY districts have voted
to join IHGOR. While Arizona did
not, Harold has recruited several
henchmen to join the new union
district 487 in nearby New Mexico
where he now serves as chapter
president.

(then)

Rex 264 was fired by LAKY a month
after the vote. As a term of his
employment contract, he has since
been liquidated.

(then)

We'll be back soon, with more of
These American Supers...

EPISODE FOUR - END ACT ONE

EPISODE FOUR - NEWS TWO

INT. AD BREAK

In the studio.

ADS

Support for SPR comes from Worthy Tools.

(then)

Worthy Tools are unbreakable, union made, and in some cases, conduct electricity.

(then)

Users of Worthy Tools have to adhere to the nine noble virtues of the Viking OSHA code, or your Worthy Tools will stop working as intended, see runic etchings for details.

(then)

To order simply hold out your hand and see if you are able to summon Worthy Tools. You'll only be billed for the tools you keep.

(then)

Worthy Tools. Because you're worthy. Of our tools.

(then)

Maybe.

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington, I'm Wenling Chen.

(then)

Last week President Norris accused exiled rogue Cosmos of being a doppelgänger.

(then)

We go live to SPR Investigative Reporter Ben Beltzer who is on long term assignment on Isla Silva.

(then)

Ben?

EXT. XEN

SFX: Farm sounds. Working. Birds.

BEN BELTZER

From a couple hundred refugees to a city of thousands, Isla Silva has been transformed into a sanctuary for Aliens and Supers without a home.

(then)

Here in one of the expansive greenhouses, where most of its food is grown, Cosmos himself is getting his hands dirty. Cosmos, any comments on the President's remarks?

COSMOS

Xen.

BEN BELTZER

Pardon?

COSMOS

You said, "Isla Silva." We call the island Xen now. What do you think?

BEN BELTZER

The fields look great. What are those?

COSMOS

Kenthrax plants. The Cermonicans are natural farmers. Cornax brought these from their homeworld. Talk about a superfood. The whole island could survive on just a few of these plants. They also managed to get a sacred Thent Tree growing, you can see it up there, isn't it beautiful?

(then)

They say when it matures, the tree will carry the collective memory of their people. They truly have a green thumb. Six, actually.

He laughs at his own joke.

BEN BELTZER

Cornax is a member of the so called: "Green Force" aren't they?

COSMOS

The Green Force stops damage to the planet. It's not my job to stop them anymore.

BEN BELTZER

They're officially rogues.

COSMOS

"So called." But then so am I, so who am I to judge?

BEN BELTZER

What about the President's claims?

COSMOS

Sorry, don't follow politics much out here. Did you know some of our Cermonicans are actually wanted by the Brazilian government for protecting the rainforest? Unbelievable.

(beat.)

Alright, what did he say?

BEN BELTZER

The President accused you of being a doppelgänger.

Pause, the sound of digging.

COSMOS

Well maybe he's on to something. I sure feel like a new man out here.

BEN BELTZER

He's also repeated his solidarity with Tzarpathian Prince Nokov demanding the return of Galatea.

(then)

It is rumored he will take military action. Are you concerned with what this means for Isla-- for Xen?

COSMOS

Ben, we are only a couple thousand people. But this is the single greatest concentration of super powers outside of Paradise City. I think it would be... Interesting to see him try.

UNDERWRITER

That was Ben Beltzer reporting from Xen. It's 75 degrees here in Paradise City. And now the next chapter of Sequential.

EPISODE FOUR - END NEWS TWO

EPISODE FOUR - ACT TWO - SQ EP3. THE BODY

INT. SEQUENTIAL STUDIO

In the studio.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ
Previously, on Sequential.

CANDICE STRIPE
I know what you're thinking.
Did Candice Stripe just accuse Goat
Man of murder? No.
(then)
But Sicko is definitely implying it
during our weekly phone calls.

SICKO
Before Phil R.I.P. There was Jerry,
and before Jerry was this girl, I
can't remember her name, and of
course his first ward.

PATRICK MASON
I cannot prove that he is guilty of
murder, but I would never put it
past him.

CANDICE STRIPE
For the record, did you kill
Phillip Dodd?

AUTOMATED VOICE
This is a World-Tel link prepaid
call from:

SICKO
Sicko.

AUTOMATED VOICE
A patient at the Shady Acres Rehab
Facility in...

Fade Out/Music cue.

CANDICE STRIPE
From These American Supers and QSPZ
Baltimore, it's Sequential, one
tale, told bit by bit.
(then)
I'm Candice Stripe.
(then)
(MORE)

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)

We're at Episode Three. You probably heard the previous episodes at our website SPRpod.CoM, but if you haven't, stop, and go back, we're telling this story in Sequence. The story is of Phillip Dodd, aka The Kid, Goat Man's teen sidekick who was allegedly killed by the supervillain Sicko, Goat Man's archenemy. In our last episode we wondered if Goat Man himself was involved.

(then)

When we spoke with Goat Man he made a startling accusation himself.

GOAT MAN

No. I did not kill my sidekick. But tell me. If Phillip is really dead, where is his body?

CANDICE STRIPE

The Kid's funeral was closed casket. If his body is missing, there would only be one way to find out now. And it's not easy.

SFX: A rocket about to take off.

NASA CONTROLLER, SQ 3, EP 4

Ten, nine, eight, seven, six...

Note: Candice has to increase her volume as the rocket begins to blast off.

CANDICE STRIPE

Normally a trip to Valhalla Deep Space Memorial would eat up about three years of funding for Sequential. Spandexo CEO and fan of the show, Jake Bindle helped foot the bill. Thanks, Jake.

NASA CONTROLLER, SQ 3, EP 4

Lift-off.

SFX: Rocket flying.

CANDICE STRIPE

(then, yelling, vibrating)

Spandexo brand spandex presents Over Armor, a dynamic, fully symbiotic costume that lives next to your skin.

(MORE)

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)
 (violently barfing)
 Available at Target.

SFX: Ship beeps and boops. Docking.

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)
 It takes about three hours to reach
 Valhalla from launch depending on
 where it is in Earth's orbit.

(then)

The asteroid was appropriated by
 the Department of Superhuman
 Services so that the remains of
 dead superheroes could be isolated
 from those seeking to revive or
 clone them.

(then)

The Hooded Lantern, Croesus, and
 more recently, Quantum, the
 Ultimate Speedster, have made this
 asteroid their final resting place.
 I pass his placard on the way to
 Valhalla Jr, the section reserved
 for sidekicks.

(then)

It has been nicknamed the "Kiddy
 Pool" since the vast majority of
 those buried there are well, you
 get it.

SFX: Machine whirrs. Forklift.

VAHALLA WORKER, SQ 3, EP 4
 Please stand back as we extract the
 casket.

SFX: Machine noises.

VAHALLA WORKER, SQ 3, EP 4 (CONT'D)
 Alright lets pop her open.

CANDICE STRIPE
 With Goat Man's permission, we
 pulled the casket from storage and
 opened it for the first time since
 it was interred here.

SFX: Casket opening.

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)
 All that's inside is a singed
 domino mask and a pile of rocks. No
 body. Which means only one thing.

SFX: Casket closing. SLAM.

SFX: Jail walla.

SICKO

Ole Horny pulled that on me a couple of times.

CANDICE STRIPE

Sicko, unsurprisingly had opinions on this latest development.

SICKO

Hell I've faked my own death. But it gets boring. Retirement just isn't in the cards for us lifers.

CANDICE STRIPE

And where do you think Phillip is now?

SICKO

He could be anywhere! But if I had to run from the Goat himself, there's only one person I'd trust. He's gone to White Out.

SFX: Street walla.

CANDICE STRIPE

There are plenty of services to help supers come up with an alter ego, but when a super wants to make their secret identity their only identity, there's a clear number one choice.

Music cue.

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)

White Out sells new identities. And he doesn't discriminate who they're for.

(then)

He is wanted in seven countries and ranks among the top criminals wanted by Interpol and the Agents of ACRONYM. He is nearly impossible to catch due to his unique superpower.

(then)

You can only find him once.

(then)

(MORE)

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)

Once you do, you can no longer make new memories of the man. Even cameras have a hard time holding onto his image.

(then)

This has made it all but impossible for anyone to investigate him.

(then)

In fact we had to hire a team of freelancers to edit this segment, as any break in the work would make them lose their place. If this introduction makes it into the program it means Sicko's tip was correct and I was able to find White Out's secret shop. But I won't be able to remember it myself.

SFX: Door chime.

WHITE OUT

Hello young lady.

CANDICE STRIPE

According to my notes it should be in a suburban strip mall.

CANDICE STRIPE (RECORDED) (CONT'D)

Hi I'm looking for White Out.

WHITE OUT

Well there's a Staples in the shopping center that should be able to sort you out.

CANDICE STRIPE

No, I'm looking for the man who can help someone disappear.

WHITE OUT

Well if there was someone who offered that service here, which they don't, I'm sure they wouldn't want to broadcast it to the world.

CANDICE STRIPE

I'm sorry. Lets start over. My name is Candice --

WHITE OUT

Stripe. And you are looking for Phillip Dodd no doubt. I own a radio Ms. Stripe.

SFX: We can hear last weeks episode playing in the BG very quietly. White Out turns it off.

CANDICE STRIPE

If I can find him I can prove the
innocence of at least one man.

WHITE OUT

And what happens if I do know
something and it helps exonerate
him. He's not REALLY innocent, is
he? Would I own his next crime?

CANDICE STRIPE

I am only seeking the truth.

WHITE OUT

You might be overestimating my love
of good journalism.

CANDICE STRIPE

Sicko's been found guilty of
thousands of other crimes. He's
staying in Rehab until he's cured
Goat Man on the other hand. . . If
he did something to his wards,
shouldn't the world know it? You do
know something don't you?

WHITE OUT

Phillip never told me what happened
that night back in Chicago, all he
did was ask me for a way out, and
that's what I gave him. I don't
care if it was Sicko or Goat Man or
if he faked the whole thing for
kicks. The only thing I care about
is that he's happier now.

CANDICE STRIPE

So you did help him. He's alive. If
he's running from Goat Man you have
to know that it's only a matter of
time before he's found. But if it
is Goat Man and I find him, I can
protect him. I can expose old horny
and get the Legion on Phillip's
side.

WHITE OUT

I could just duck down behind this
desk and you'd be back to square
one.

CANDICE STRIPE

And you can keep on wondering
whether you've really helped the
kid.

SFX: A drawer opens and closes. A pen scratches. Footsteps.

WHITE OUT

Don't lose this.

CANDICE STRIPE

Thank you.

SFX: Walking. Then a door closes.

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)

Wait. What? Where the hell am I?
What's with all the Roombas? Hello?

SFX: Door chime. Street walla.

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)

Where am I?

HAILEY FROND

Candice. Hey I'm going to have you
sit down.

CANDICE STRIPE

Hailey what's going on?

SFX: Change in walla to denote we've gone forward in time.

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)

Did we play it? Yes. Okay, so there
you have it. I did... something. To
help me find Phillip Dodd.

(then)

But however I got it, I had an
address for Phillip Dodd, somewhere
in Middle America. Since we blew
all our money going to space I had
to hitchhike my way there.

SFX: Truck and chickens. Door closing. Honking. Truck leaves.

CANDICE STRIPE (CONT'D)

The instructions brought me to the
food court on the second floor.

THE KID

Hi welcome to Cinna-roll how can I
coat your smile in sugar today.

CANDICE STRIPE
Oh my god. You're Phillip Dodd.

THE KID
Not anymore.

CANDICE STRIPE
Sequential is produced by Hailey Frond and me, Candice Stripe. Ethan Schwartz is our editorial advisor. Sequential is a production of These American Supers and QSPZ Baltimore. We'll be back next week, with our next episode: "The Truth"

EPISODE FOUR - END ACT TWO

EPISODE FOUR - NEWS THREE

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington,
I'm Wenling Chen.

(then)

For ten years, the hero known as
"Zaction" has protected the greater
Nashville area. Today his service
comes to an end as the Department
of Homeland Security has ordered
his deportation. We go live on the
scene with Apoorva Singh.

(then)

Apoorva?

EXT. LAUNCH PAD

SFX: Apoorva Speedster Zip.

SFX: Outdoor ambience, rocket warm up, some carts. Airport
walla.

APOORVA SINGH

Thanks, Wenling.

(then)

Last fall the entire nation watched
the deportation hearing of Cosmos,
but since then thousands more have
been sent off-world.

(then)

Today, the undocumented hero
"Zaction" known for his warm
demeanor and ability to create
sonic booms with his mouth, is
being driven across the tarmac
towards a rocket ship, along with
five non-hero aliens.

(then)

From there it's a quick stop at the
Lunar transfer junction and then
back to their home planets. Minutes
ago, Zaction made this statement.

SFX: Flashbulbs, etc.

ZACTION

I have done my best for this planet
and I will be sorry to leave it.

(then)

But as my first rescue, Ma Carney,
used to tell me, "They don't want
you round here, helpin', then fuck
em" and well, I suppose that
ultimately, she was right. Goodbye,
and free Xen!

APOORVA SINGH

Now, we can see them driving in the
open air, one last time. Their eyes
are on the rocket ready to take
them home.

(then)

I spoke with DHS regional Deputy
Lionel... Wait do you hear? --

SFX: Quantum Zip.

APOORVA SINGH (CONT'D)

The undocumented heroes are gone. I
repeat the undocumented heroes are
gone. The transport seems unharmed
but in one flash of light, they
just were...

WENLING CHEN

Apoorva, is anyone harmed?

APOORVA SINGH

No it's just. There's a message.
Scrawled on the side of the jeep.

(Beat)

It says "Hold Fast."

(then another beat)

I will examine the scene and have
more to report shortly.

SFX: Apoorva Speedster Zip.

UNDERWRITER

That was Apoorva Singh reporting
from Nashville.

(then)

Today's show was written and
produced by John Dorsey and
Maximilian Clark. Additional
producing by Carla Lerner, This
episode's cast include (see
website). With special thanks to
Brenna Killeen and Brendan Sokler.

(MORE)

UNDERWRITER (CONT'D)

(then)

SPR is supported by listeners like you. Make sure to subscribe on your favorite podcast app and leave a review.

(then)

You can also support SPR by heading to Patreon.Com, and looking up Superhuman Public Radio. Patrons get access to exclusive episodes, interviews, and behind the scenes

(then)

For more. Head to SuperhumanPublicRadio.Com

Outro:

UNDERWRITER (CONT'D)

Coming up next...

(then)

One's an immortal ninja from hell, and the other's a samurai from the Antarctic ice world. Inside their whirlwind romance on These American Supers.

SFX: End Music.

UNDERWRITER (CONT'D)

This is SPR

EPISODE FOUR - END NEWS THREE

END EPISODE 4