

JUSTICE CLUB

Austin McKinley

2155 wood Street #B-11
Sarasota, FL 34237
(941) 365-8048
www.austinmckinley.com

OPENING NARRATION SEQUENCE

Our heroes' silhouettes behind the Justice club.

They fly out:

CHILLI DOG (30s) - a husky hip-hop Eskimo with fur-lined jacket and Inuit snow goggles. Very laid back.

KNOW-IT-ALL (20s) - a rock star of trivia.

AMAZING JANE (30s) - a fishnet Eco-feminist, sexy but severe.

SGT. VENGEANCE (40s) - a grizzled, angry veteran in camo pants and army helmet.

TITLE CARD: "JUSTICE CLUB"

PAN ACROSS

The group looks heroically OS.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Gathered together from the
surrounding counties,

The group plays video games on their holographic supercomputer.

Chilli Dog, Sgt. Vengeance and Amazing Jane are in recliners, Know-it-all sits on a stool.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Here in this regional Justice Club,

Chilli Dog eats himself silly at a hot dog eating contest.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Are the most adequate forces of
good,

Sgt. Vengeance chases a crook down an alley. The crook carries a hub cap, and the VENGEANCE-MOBILE - in the BG - is missing one.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Locally available!

Amazing Jane pole dances.

Know-it-all speed-reads through a dictionary at the Library.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Chilli Dog!

Chilli Dog climbs out of an igloo.

He chases a whale in a boat, ready to harpoon it with a giant fork.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Sgt. Vengeance!

He drives along in the Vengeance-mobile.

He points and shouts.

He trips a skateboarder.

He chokes a meter-maid who's given him a ticket.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Amazing Jane!

She handcuffs a politician to the bed.

She walks out the door and throws away the key.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
And the new kid, Know-it-All.

Know-it-all pontificates at the Justice-Table.

The other three stuff him in a dumpster.

They walk off down the street, not looking back.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Dedicated to truth, justice, and
peace,

TITLE CARD: "JUSTICE CLUB, ANNEX"

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Whenever possible.

The four stand together, above the title card, garbage still stuck to Know-it-all.

INT. JUSTICE CLUB - DAY

Know-it-all makes a big entrance, stands framed in the doorway.

He sports scratches and a shredded costume head to foot.

KNOW-IT-ALL

That cat - Ms. Grabowski's, you know the one I mean - is out of control. It's vicious.

Sgt. Vengeance and Amazing Jane sit in their recliners, watching TV on the holographic supercomputer.

He waits for them to respond, nothing.

KNOW-IT-ALL

Big, too. I'm not sure it's fully domesticated.

He sits down in the third recliner.

AMAZING JANE

And yet, you nobly answered the call. How heroic.

KNOW-IT-ALL

Well, I certainly wish it would stop climbing trees.

(inspects scratches)

These are going to get infected, I just know it.

SGT. VENGEANCE

(rolls up his sleeve)

Those're nothing, son. You wanna see a scar, I'll show you a --

AMAZING JANE

Yes, we've all seen enough of your sorry, tattooed hide to last us a lifetime, Vengeance.

SGT. VENGEANCE

Which I got in the service of this great country when I --

AMAZING JANE

Maybe if this country had a greater energy and foreign policy we wouldn't have to scour every dirt hole in the known--

KNOW-IT-ALL

Guys, I'm bleeding to death, here, and you're talking politics.

SGT. VENGEANCE

(gesticulates)

Yeah, blah blah blah,

(zips mouth closed)

Zip, hooray!

Chilli Dog returns with a snack.

CHILLI DOG

(to Know)

Okay, rookie. Up, up up. I've got chair seniority.

KNOW-IT-ALL

God, this town.

Know-It-All drags himself out of the recliner and Chilli Dog settles in.

KNOW-IT-ALL

There's something rotten in Denmark.

AMAZING JANE

Just Denmark? In my experience, rottenness is pretty--

KNOW-IT-ALL

You know what I mean! I'm out there putting my ass in the Cuisenart for what? So my supposed super friends can make me the butt of a big bloody joke?

Chilli Dog thumbs the remote, turns up the volume.

CHILLI DOG

Uh-huh.

KNOW-IT-ALL

(shouts)

We're heroes.

(MORE)

KNOW-IT-ALL (CONT'D)

We're supposed to make a difference. We volunteered for this. In a real city, any one of us could be on the permanent payroll, but here--

Chilli dog sighs, mutes the TV.

CHILLI DOG

Look, Know-It-All, there's a reason guys--

AMAZING JANE

And girls!

CHILLI DOG

...like us never get a chance. Why we get stuck saving killer mutant cats from trees.

(indicates Know's costume)

It's because people have such limited imaginations. Seriously, why do Superman, Batman,

AMAZING JANE

Wonder woman!

CHILLI DOG

And Wolverine have such a monopoly on people?

SGT. VENGEANCE

(fumes, shakes fist)

Batman!

CHILLI DOG

Not because they're so much better.

SGT. VENGEANCE

How many damn movies do there have to be before people realize he sucks?!

CHILLI DOG

It's superhero nepotism, that's what it is.

KNOW-IT-ALL

Whatever. I gotta change.

He exits.

STARS TO:

INT. JUSTICE CLUB, KITCHEN - DAY

Know-It-All meets Jane in the kitchen.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Later, after Know-It-All changes his costume...

He holds up his shredded suit.

KNOW-IT-ALL

Hey, you have a trash can?

AMAZING JANE

We don't do trash here, we recycle.

KNOW-IT-ALL

A receptacle, then? Jesus, Jane. Can you even recycle spandex?

AMAZING JANE

Comic books do it all the time.
(holds up a fist)
You must bump this.

He bumps fists with her.

KNOW-IT-ALL

Oh, yeah!

AMAZING JANE

Seriously, though, spandex is an eco-unfriendly textile. It's petroleum based, non-biodegradable, and it contaminates the soil.

KNOW-IT-ALL

So what am I supposed to do with it?

AMAZING JANE

I'm sure we can think of something.

Know stands a little closer to her.

KNOW-IT-ALL

Oh, yeah?

They almost kiss.

Jane looks at her watch.

AMAZING JANE

Great Betty Dodson! I'm late for a meeting. Gotta Jam!

She dashes off.

Know-it-all looks after her.

Sgt. Vengeance emerges from the shadows.

SGT. VENGEANCE

Stop it.

KNOW-IT-ALL

What?

SGT. VENGEANCE

I know what you're doing.

KNOW-IT-ALL

You do? 'Cause I don't--

SGT. VENGEANCE

Cozying up to her. It won't do to have fraternization in the ranks.

KNOW-IT-ALL

It's not the army, "sergeant."
There aren't rules. Well, there are, but not those kind of rules.

SGT. VENGEANCE

Look kid, it's what she does. Gets your head all turned around, and then stabs your throat and twists the fork!

KNOW-IT-ALL

(snorts)

Just because she's not interested in you.

He shakes his head, exits.

SGT. VENGEANCE
 (sotto)
 You'll pay for that.

STARS TO:

EXT. HIGH RISE OFFICE BUILDING - DAY

NARRATOR (V.O.)
 Meanwhile, at the workplace of that
 foul, conscienceless capitalist,
 The Developer, dark doings are
 brewing!

INT. DEVELOPER'S BOARDROOM - DAY

THE DEVELOPER (40s) paces the room by a window that overlooks
 the skyline.

Architectural renderings of high rise condos line the walls.

DEVELOPER
 The day is finally here. The day I,
the Developer, have fixed.

He waits, no laugh.

DEVELOPER
 My moment in the sun.

He waits, no laugh.

DEVELOPER
 The day my plan...

He brandishes a handful of blueprints.

DEVELOPER
 ...my master site plan - finally
 moves forward!

He prowls behind the lackeys who line his boardroom table.

DEVELOPER
 The pre-sales are complete, the
 permits filed for. All that stands
 in my way is one small, pitiful
 little Justice Club. And they can
 no longer oppose me. I will crush
 those land-hogging layabouts, and
 we'll all be rich, rich!

The lackeys applaud.

DEVELOPER
And I owe it all to you...

He gestures to Amazing Jane, who reposes at the opposite end of the table!

DEVELOPER
...Jane!

AMAZING JANE
You're welcome, sweetie.

STARS TO:

EXT. JUSTICE CLUB - DAY

To establish.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Later, at the Justice Club.

INT. JUSTICE CLUB - DAY

Developer barges in, followed by Jane and a load of men in hard hats.

Chilli and Vengeance barely take notice.

Know-It-All gapes, speechless.

SGT. VENGEANCE
We're not open to the public.

CHILLI DOG
There's a hotline if you really need a--

DEVELOPER
(to his men)
Spread out, boys, mark the place up. We'll need to know all the best positions to put dynamite tomorrow!

They fan out, mark the load bearing beams with grease pencils.

CHILLI DOG
Excuse me?

SGT. VENGEANCE

You really don't want to do that.

Know-It-All gapes, still speechless.

CHILLI DOG

Jane, what's going on?

AMAZING JANE

Guys, this is The Developer. He's my boyfriend.

DEVELOPER

And your arch-nemesis!

KNOW-IT-ALL

What?

DEVELOPER

Well, maybe nemesis is a bit strong. It implies you actually have a chance of stopping me. Which you don't.

The heroes are shocked at Jane's betrayal.

SGT. VENGEANCE

(to Know)

They always go for bad boys.

CHILLI DOG

(to Developer)

What're you talking about?

DEVELOPER

Simple. I'm going to buy this land, bulldoze the sorry place that stands on it and build condos which I will rule. Because, you know, I'll be on the board.

KNOW-IT-ALL

You... you evil--

DEVELOPER

What? People can't get enough condos. Even if they don't live in them. You can't blame me for giving my customers what they want.

KNOW-IT-ALL

We can if what they want is evil!