PURIM SUPER SPIEL

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A note from the author:

Purim Spiels have historically been a method by which marginalized Jewish communities could satirically comment on the larger societies in which they live. Purim Spiels are, by their very nature, parody, and should be approached as such.

All notes on melodies for songs are Suggestions Only. It is up to the user to make decisions about music.

Feel free to edit these scripts as you see fit. Update cultural references, add inside jokes- make them your own.

Most importantly, Have FUN!

CAST (Order of Appearance)

NARRATOR (Any given Marvel hero/Stan Lee)

STEWARD (Any given Marvel hero)

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROH (Captain America)

VASHTASHA ROMANOFF(Black Widow)

WONDER ESTHER (Wonder Woman)

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH (Superman)

HAMAN VON DOOM (Dr. Doom)

SCRIBER-MAN (Spider-Man)

BIGTHARINE (Wolverine)

TERESHPOOL (Deadpool)

SCENE 1 - A party at the Palace of Shushan

*The entire court is assembled, celebrating a great victory for the empire.*

NARRATOR

Welcome, true believers to our marvellous Megillah missive! Our tumultuous tale begins in the city of Shushan, a bawdy Babylonian metropolis where Captain Amerishverosh is celebrating the reunification of the empire...

STEWARD

Congratulations, Captain!

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Thank you. Now that the Fox Centurions live at the Happiest Place on Earth, there’s no telling what we can accomplish.

CHORUS

Excelsior!

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

I prefer to think of it as a family reunion. At last we have the X-Menches and the Fantastic Daled home with us. But my queen should be celebrating with us. Have you seen her?

STEWARD

No, Captain.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Vashti! Vashti! Vashtasha Roamnoff!

*VASHTASHA ROMANOFF enters. As usual, she is in all black.*

VASTASHA ROMANOFF

Hello, Captain.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

 Vashti, there you are. Where have you been?

VASTASHA ROMANOFF

Japan.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Really? How was it?

VASHTASHA ROMANOFF

Better than expected but I’m glad to be back. For the time being, Romanoff is done roaming off.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Good! I was hoping you would entertain our guests.

VASHTASNA ROMANOFF

How?

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Perhaps with a martial arts demonstration?

VASHTASHA ROMANOFF

Again? I would, but...

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

But what?

SONG: BLACK WIDOW MOVIE (to the tune of “Black Magic Woman”)

VASHTASHA ROMANOFF

I got a Black Widow movie

I got a Black Widow movie

I got a Black Widow movie

I’m no second fiddle to my friends

Yes, a Black Widow movie

I get my own movie with the men.

I got a Black Widow movie

I got a Black Widow movie

I got a Black Widow movie

For the Black Widow fans to see

Now there’s a Black Widow movie

You’ll have to make your movie without me.

*She leaves*.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Now who will be queen of Shushan?

STEWARD

Well, Captain, we could hold a contest. A beauty pageant.

CHORUS

Excelsior!

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Weren't you all listening? There’s more to a queen than beauty. She needs strength, intelligence, an independant plotline. But where can we find such a woman? Hmm... I wonder...

*Exeunt.*

SCENE 2 -The Kosher abode of Supermench and Wonder Esther

NARRATOR

Meanwhile, at stately Mordecai Manor...

*WONDER ESTHER enters followed by MORDECAI SUPERMENCH*

WONDER ESTHER

 Uncle Menchy, I just don’t see why I should enter this contest.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Because I know you can win. And with you as queen and me as royal advisor we can finally secure a place for our people. Don’t you see? We’re not like the rest of them here.

WONDER ESTHER

I refuse to submit to the authority of a man.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

It’s not submission, it’s marriage. If you’re going to be an ambassador of peace and compassion, being queen is a good way to start. Captain Amerashverosh is a good man, a little stuck in the past, but he would respect you as his equal.

WONDER ESTHER

Very well. I will follow your advice, Uncle Menchy.

*They “go” to the palace. Enter Captain and Attendants.*

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Captain Amerishverosh!

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Supermench! Good to see you again.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

You, too, Captain. May I present my niece, Wonder Esther? She is here for the contest.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Hello, Wonder Esther.

WONDER ESTHER

I have come to claim my rightful place as queen. I shall best all challengers!

*She throws her Lasso of Truth over him*

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Actually, we don’t even need the contest, you win!

*He offers his arm, she takes it.*

MEGILLAH BREAK!

SCENE 3 -A street outside the palace

*People including Supermench mill about outside the palace of Shushan.*

NARRATOR

With a new queen of quality, Shushan settles into a sense of serenity in the Sumerian sunshine. Surely nothing bad can happen now. Or can it, True Believers?

*HAMAN VON DOOM enters.*

HAMAN VON DOOM

What a glorious day in Shushan! The acquisition of the Fox Centurions makes me, Haman von Doom premiere advisor to Captain Amerishverosh! Soon I will rule all of Babylon and all will bow to me! You! Bow to me! Bow to Doom!

*The people bow, all but Supermench. Haman addresses the audience*

HAMAN VON DOOM

Bow! All of you, bow to me! (*to Supermench*) You! Mordecai Supermench! You who are merely second advisor, you must bow to Doom!

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

I’m sorry, Haman, but I cannot.

HAMAN VON DOOM

 I have demanded it. Bow to Doom!

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

 No.

HAMAN VON DOOM

Bow!

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

 No.

HAMAN VON DOOM

Just who do you think you are? Some sort of metaphor for the immigrant experience in early twentieth century America?

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

I am a Jew and can bow to no man. I bow only to God. And Stan Lee.

HAMAN VON DOOM

We’ll see about that! (*Aside*) So the Jews won’t bow to me, eh? Well, soon they will. Either they will bow or be exterminated! Either way they will meet their Doom!

*Exeunt.*

SCENE 4 -Captain Amerishverosh’s quarters

*Captain Amerashverosh paces back and forth.*

NARRATOR

Late at night, the redoubtable ruler walks the length of his bedroom. All is well in Babylon but still, Captain Amerashverosh can’t sleep.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

All is well in Babylon but still, I can’t sleep.

NARRATOR

Something keeps him awake, a sense he’s forgotten something important...

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Something keeps me awake, a sense I’ve forgotten something important...

NARRATOR

Reading from the royal chronicle may provide a clue.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Reading from the royal chronicle may provide a clue. Scriber-Man! Scriber-Man!

*SCRIBER-MAN enters carrying a newspaper and large book.*

SCRIBER-MAN

Yes, Captain?

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Something keeps me awake, a sense I’ve forgotten something important. Reading from the Royal Chronicle may provide a clue.

SCRIBER-MAN

Of course, Captain. I think I know just what you mean.

*Scriber-Man opens the latest edition of the Jewish Chronicle and reads.*

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

 Wrong Chronicle.

*Scriber-Man opens the book and reads. The characters enact the story as he does.*

SCRIBER-MAN

In early spring last year, your friends were all in pre-production, giving a pair of scoundrels an opportunity...

*BIGTHARINE and TERESHPOOL enter.*

TERESHPOOL

It’s about time we got to the flashback. Just you remember this is a kids’ show.

BIGTHARINE

Kids’ show?

TERESHPOOL

Yeah, so no stabbie-stabbie.

BIGTHARINE

Right. And no potty mouth.

TERESHPOOL

I don’t have a potty mouth. I have a colorful vocabulary.

BIGTHARINE

You have colorful spandex.

TERESHPOOL

You should try it sometime, Mr. Sweaty Tank Top.

BIGTHARINE

Look, are we going to take over Shushan or not?

TERESHPOOL

Absolutely! But first we have to get Captain Amerishverosh out of the way.

BIGTHARINE

Right. And I know just how we’ll do it. He’s planning a state dinner with the delegation from Wakanda tomorrow night. We’ll sneak into his room and—

TERESHPOOL

And stabbie-stabbie.

BIGTHARINE

Kids’ show.

TERESHPOOL

Right. Poison.

BIGTHARINE

No. Pouches.

TERESHPOOL

 Pouches?

BIGTHARINE

Yep. We’ll put pouches on all his clothes. Pouches everywhere. Pouches on his belt, pouches on his shield, pouches on his pouches. We’ll take this thing back to 1996. He’ll look like a pair of 20 year old shorts!

TERESHPOOL

 How does that help us?

BIGTHARINE

Nobody will take him seriously. He’ll be forced out of the palace for ten years at least and we can take over.

TERESHPOOL

Brilliant. But I can’t help feeling like I’m betraying my dad...

*Bigverine exits.*

TERESHPOOL

What? You were expecting a fourth-wall break?

*He exits.*

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

That’s terrible! How did I ever escape?

SCRIBER-MAN

 Well...

*Mordecai Supermench emerges from his hiding place.*

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Pouches! I can’t allow such poor taste to return! I must warn the Captain!

*He crosses to Captain Amerishverosh and whispers in his ear, then exits.*

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Yes, I remember now! Supermench saved me from a fate worse than fate. And I never properly thanked him. Thank you, Scriber-Man.

SCRIBER-MAN

You’re welcome, Captain.

*He exits*

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Haman! Haman! Haman von Doom!

*Haman enters*

HAMAN VON DOOM

Yes, my Captain.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Haman.

HAMAN VON DOOM

Yes.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Hey, man.

HAMAN VON DOOM

Hey.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

I need your advice.

HAMAN VON DOOM

Of course you do.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

I need to reward a loyal subject. Someone who has done more for me than he realizes. Someone who is owed a debt from all of Shushan.

HAMAN VON DOOM

(*aside*) Surely he means me! (*to Captain*) Well, Captain, first I would give him gold, everything that Robert Downey jr. gets: twenty million a movie, a full five percent residuals, and producer’s credit. Then this hero could carry your shield while riding a quinjet through Shushan.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Perfect! Please arrange it for Supermench.

HAMAN VON DOOM

 Supermench? Aaaahhhh!

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Haman?

HAMAN VON DOOM

Aaaaa splendid idea, Captain. While we’re on the subject, you should know that there is an enemy inside Shushan.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

 Loki?

HAMAN VON DOOM

 Worse.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Thanos?

HAMAN VON DOOM

No. An unseen enemy, part of our very population. They are working against us, Captain, but I am rooting them out. (*takes out scroll*) If you would simply sign this royal edict, I can eliminate them for us and you will have saved Shushan. Again.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Yes, of course, Haman. (*signs scroll*)

HAMAN VON DOOM

Thank you, Captain. (*aside)* Enjoy your residuals, Supermench. They will be your last! Hahahaha! (to audience) Hahahah!

*He exits. Tereshpool enters and chases after him.*

TERESHPOOL

Hey, you can’t talk to the audience! That’s my bit!

*Exeunt.*

MEGILLAH 2

SCENE 5 -The Kosher abode of Supermench

*Mordecai Supermench and Wonder Esther enter.*

NARRATOR

With the nefarious nogoodnik, Haman von Doom prepared to kill every Jew in Babylon, Supermench and Wonder Esther discuss their next move...

WONDER ESTHER

You must be happy with the riches Captain Amerishverosh gave you.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Residuals are nice but I’m worried, Esther.

WONDER ESTHER

About what?

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

I heard a rumor that Haman von Doom is planning to kill all the Jews in Babylon.

WONDER ESTHER

No! We have to stop him!

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

The only person with the power to stop him is Captain Amerishverosh.

WONDER ESTHER

Oh, I have the power to stop him...

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Without bloodshed. This is a kids’ show.

WONDER ESTHER

Oh.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

If only Shabbatman were here. He’d know what to do.

WONDER ESTHER

He’s on the way, but won’t make it till Friday night.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

But I have an idea.

WONDER ESTHER

What’s that?

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

If you tell the captain that you’re a Jew, he will rescind the order.

WONDER ESTHER

I could. But the last time I admitted to being a Jew I got banned in Lebanon.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

But—

WONDER ESTHER

Besides, I thought I was half Latina.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

You’re every woman.

WONDER ESTHER

That’s Whitney Houston.

*A beat of silence in memory*

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Everybody loves you.

WONDER ESTHER

Not the U.N.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Wonder Esther, this is important! You must be true to yourself.

SONG UNCLE MORDECAI (to the tune of “American Pie”)

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

A short, short time from now

Haman will enact a plan to kill off all the Jews

And Esther, you have got the chance

To break Amerashverosh from his trance

And do it with a single, solemn truth.

But I can see you hesitate

Wondering if he’ll relate

This news is a big deal

Your Judaism you must reveal

For if you don’t there’ll be a day

When Sushan Jews will have to pay

A price so dear, I shall not say,

the day the Jews will die.

WONDER ESTHER

My, my, Uncle Mordecai

I will tell the truth to Shushan's ruling kingly guy

And tell the king that he should take our side

That the Jews shouldn't die.

That the Jews shouldn't die.

(Repeat)

MEGILLAH 3

SCENE 6 -The palace

*Captain Amerishverosh’s court is assembled including Haman.*

NARRATOR

With time running short, Wonder Esther and Mordecai Supermench hurry to the palace.

*Wonder Esther and Supermench enter.*

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Captain! We have to talk to you.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Yes?

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Captain, some time ago you signed a royal edict that Haman gave you.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Yes, there is an enemy in Shushan that he will destroy.

WONDER ESTHER

That so-called enemy is the Jews.

HAMAN VON DOOM

They refuse to recognize my— Captain’s authority!

*Wonder Esther puts the lasso of truth over herself.*

WONDER ESTHER

Captain, I am a Jew.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

You are?

WONDER ESTHER

Yes.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

So that’s why you’re banned in Lebanon.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Captain, if you allow this edict to go forward, Haman will kill your wife!

SONG: [Sinai’s] Way

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

And now, Haman is near

And so we face the final curtain

My friend, we say with a schmear

We'll state our case, of which we're certain

We've lived a life that's full

We've traveled each and every chai way (hold up chai posters)

But more, much more than this

We did it [Sinai's] way.

WONDER ESTHER

Captain, I am a Jew

And I need a Haman solution

So do what you must do

And say you’ll end this persecution

It’s so much worse than I had feared

His plan to kill us along the byway

And so, by Odin’s beard

Please do it [Sinai's] way.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Haman this time, I'm sure you knew

You bit off more Hamentashen than you could chew

Now my friend, you’re out of luck,

I’ll take this edict and tear it up

We faced it all and we stood tall

And did it [Sinai's] way

HAMAN VON DOOM

Too bad! Once an edict is signed, it can’t be revoked.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

That’s true.

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

What are we to do?

WONDER ESTHER

You can declare that the Jews have the right to defend themselves against the edict.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

I can! Make it so.

*Wonder Esther and Supermench turn threateningly to Haman.*

HAMAN VON DOOM

Hey, man, can’t we hug this out?

*Wonder Esther throws her lasso of truth over him. He admits funny things.*

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Agents of Shushan, take him away! You are under arrest for attempted murder of the queen!

*Agents arrest Haman von Doom and lead him away.*

MORDECAI SUPERMENCH

Thank you, Captain.

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

 I’m glad we found the real enemy.

WONDER ESTHER

 And gave him just what he wanted: doom.

CHORUS

Excelsior!

SONG: Sinai’s Way (Reprise)

CHORUS

So thank you, Esther, you save the Jews

By being brave and telling the truth

So that's our story from Babylon

In the city of Shushon

No need to hide when you are right,

Just do it [Sinai's] way.

ALL

Happy Purim!!!

CURTAIN CALL:

*The cast takes their bows.*

“POST-CREDITS” SCENE

*As the cast finishes their bows, SHABBATMAN enters from the audience*

SHABBATMAN

I’m here! I understand someone’s in need of some peace and contemplation...

CAPTAIN AMERASHVEROSH

Shabbatman! We’re glad to see you but Wonder Esther saved the day.

SHABBATMAN

Well, that’s not the ending we wanted but the ending we need right now.

FIN

PROPS

Lasso

Copy of local “Jewish Chronicle”

Large book

NOTES

As this was written by a comic book fan, there are some subtle jokes.

-The Jewish characters (Mordecai, Esther, Shabbatman) are all DC heroes, the rest are Marvel

-Bigtharine and Tereshpool are making fun of a comic artist named Rob Liefeld. This artist invented Deadpool (hence the betraying my dad line)

Also:

“Sinai’s” way can be changed to any given congregation. “Menorah’s” way, “Emanuel’s” way, “Chabad’s” way, etc. “Torah’s” way is a good catch-all.