

The Taxman Cometh
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SUPERMAN, WONDER WOMAN, BATMAN, AQUAMAN, the FLASH and FRANK are in a meeting room.

BATMAN

Again, great job goes out to Superman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, and the Flash on another job well done.

WONDER WOMAN

Don't sell yourself short, Batman. We couldn't have done without you.

AQUAMAN

That's right, Batman, thanks to you, the city is safe.

FLASH

Yeah, we all had a part to play.

SUPERMAN

We're a team.

BATMAN

I guess you're right, Justice League, we are a team.

FRANK

We are?

BATMAN is shocked that it wasn't not another compliment.

BATMAN

Frank?

FRANK

Like why is everyone being called by their super name except me?

WONDER WOMAN

(concerned)

Uh oh.

SUPERMAN

Here we go.

FRANK is not pleased with WONDER WOMAN or SUPERMAN's responses.

FRANK

Yeah, here we go!

BATMAN

C'mon, Frank.

FRANK

It's Taxman!

BATMAN

What do you mean?

BATMAN gets the others to play dumb like they don't know.

FRANK

I mean I'm Taxman!

AQUAMAN

But uh...Taxman wears glasses.

FRANK puts on his glasses and everyone Ooohs and Ahhs.

BATMAN

Oh, Taxman! Great the..(ahem) team is all together. You know this agenda has got just one more item on it. April 15th is just around the corner.

FRANK

(feeling used)

Tax day. I get it. Time for me to do the Justice League's taxes.

All of the superheroes shake their head as if FRANK was totally off base.

BATMAN

That's not it all. I mean, tax day is coming up, but I was going to see if anyone here wanted to volunteer to uh..

BATMAN is searching for the words

FRANK

Reconcile the books.

BATMAN

Yeah, reconcile the books and uh-um...

FRANK

Compile payroll.

BATMAN

Compile payroll and that's it-

FRANK

Distribute 1099s, finalize expense reports, and file the tax return.

BATMAN looks down at his fake agenda.

BATMAN

Yeah, yeah, and yup. Anyone, here, uh want to do that?

No one raises their hand but everyone uncomfortably looks towards FRANK who takes off his glasses and starts wiping them nervously.

SUPERMAN

I would but Krypton's tax code is so different...I mean, you'd have to be a superhuman to be able to do taxes here.

The other superheroes pick up on SUPERMAN's angle and join him.

WONDER WOMAN

I'd be powerless to handle that.

AQUAMAN

Same here. What we need is a true team player.

FLASH

-a SUPER-team player

AQUAMAN

Right. A team player with super powers.

BATMAN

I mean, if we don't have a superhero, I suppose I could try to file for an extension.

SUPERMAN

Boy, we sure do need help!

BATMAN

Will anyone come to save us?

FRANK sees all of the superheroes in dire need of someone. He puts his glasses on, puffs his chest out stands up out of his seat.

FRANK

I'll do it.

BATMAN

Taxman?!?

FRANK

At your service.

BATMAN

Well, if you're the only one brave enough to tackle this then I will assign it to you.

SUPERMAN starts a slow clap which eventually crescendos into an applause. FRANK is pleased and proud until BATMAN speaks again abruptly cutting off the moment.

BATMAN

So Frank, let's get that filed ASAP. Thanks. Meeting adjourned.

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