

It's In Your Jeans

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Characters:

Leader (f/m): leader of the league of superheroes. Power: super speed.

Dr. Badass (f/m): stern superhero. Kinda mean. Power: super strength.

Captain Sympathy (f/m): kind-hearted superhero. Power: invisibility.

Pant Man (m): The protagonist, very punny. Power: everything he touches turns to pants.

Shirt Woman (f): The antagonist, also very punny. Power: everything she touches turns into a shirt.

SCENE I: There is a table stage left, angled towards the audience, but not facing them directly. Dr. Badass, Leader, and Captain Sympathy are sitting in that order at the table. Pant Man is standing center right, as if auditioning for them. Because technically, he is.

LEADER

So you said your name is Ant Man? As in, you can control ants?

PANT MAN

Oh no, I said my name is Pant Man.

LEADER

Pant Man.

PANT MAN

Everything I touch turns to pants.

LEADER

Okay, well, we are a group of three looking for a fourth.

PANT MAN

Right.

LEADER

Our powers are strength, super speed, and super invisibility.

PANT MAN

Right.

LEADER

And you... turn things into pants.

PANT MAN

That is correct.

LEADER

Are you seeing the problem here?

PANT MAN

Oh, the problem here is I didn't prove my power yet! Here, I'll turn this table into pants!

BADASS

Do **not** turn this table into pants!

PANT MAN

What kind of pants are your favorite?

SYMPATHY

I like khakis!

PANT MAN

I was hoping you'd say jeans, because I can only do jeans!

*PANT MAN slams both his hands
onto the table. With some stage
magic, the table is removed and
replaced with a pair of jeans.*

BADASS

No, stop! That was my second favorite table!

LEADER

Hey, hey, hey, everyone calm down, please. You, sir, Mr. Pant Man, thank you for applying to our superhero group, but it's a negative from me.

PANT MAN

What? Why?

LEADER

The world's most dastardly and powerful villain is out there, and the three of us are the only defense of this city from her wrath. We can't do it alone. We need a fourth member, a fourth POWERFUL member. And your power, Pant Man, is turning things into pants.

SYMPATHY

Not only is your power that you turn things into *pants*, but you can only do jeans! There is no way you can assist us in stopping the world's most conniving villain.

BADASS

Plus, did you *really* think you would get into this organization when you walked in here and immediately greeted us with "what's up, britches?"

PANT MAN

It was a pants pun!

BADASS

It wasn't funny.

SYMPATHY

I thought it was funny.

LEADER

It was a little funny.

BADASS

Okay, it was a little funny. But you just turned my second favorite goddamn table into pants.

LEADER

Please leave the vicinity, sir.

PANT MAN

I'll show you! Mark my words, you have not seen the last of Pant Man! I will become the best, most famous, most amazing superhero of all time!

BADASS

Yeah, that's never gonna happen.

SCENE II: Pant Man and Shirt Woman are in a showdown. Pant Man is on stage right, Shirt Woman on stage left.

SHIRT WOMAN

Finally! I'm facing off against the best, most famous, most amazing superhero of all time! Ever since you got rejected from the superhero trio ten years ago today, you have trained countless hours! You have saved thousands upon thousands of lives! But now, after I have defeated the league of superheroes, you are the only one who stands in my way! I will take over the world with my villainy or my name isn't Shirt Woman!

PANT MAN

I won't cut you any slacks!

SHIRT WOMAN

Are you shirt about that?

*PANT MAN and SHIRT WOMAN
immediately start throwing jeans
and t-shirts at each other,
respectively. SHIRT WOMAN runs
out of t-shirts. PANT MAN*

launches a pair of jeans at SHIRT WOMAN and they hit her right in the chest. SHIRT WOMAN falls to the ground. PANT MAN stands over her and is about to touch her, as if to turn her into pants.

PANT MAN

I have a leg up now.

SHIRT WOMAN

Wait!

PANT MAN

What?

SHIRT WOMAN

How did you do it?

PANT MAN

Do what?

SHIRT WOMAN

I remember it like it was 15 years ago.

As she is talking, SHIRT WOMAN gets up and walks downstage right. A table is placed downstage right with BADASS, LEADER, and SYMPATHY sitting in that order at the table.

I was so hopeful, so excited that I could become a member of the League of Superheroes, I had prepared for that interview for months. But when I got there...

LEADER

So you said your name is Bird Woman? As in, you can control birds?

SHIRT WOMAN

Oh no, I said my name is Shirt Woman.

LEADER

Shirt Woman.

SHIRT WOMAN

Everything I touch turns into a shirt.

LEADER

Okay, well, we are a group of three looking for a fourth.

SHIRT WOMAN

Right.

LEADER

Our powers are super strength, super speed, and average invisibility.

SHIRT WOMAN

Right.

LEADER

And you... turn things into shirts.

SHIRT WOMAN

That is correct.

LEADER

Are you seeing the problem here?

SHIRT WOMAN

Oh, the problem here is I didn't prove my power yet! Here, I'll turn this table into a shirt!

BADASS

Do **not** turn this table into a shirt!

SHIRT WOMAN

What kind of shirt is your favorite?

SYMPATHY

I like sweaters!

SHIRT WOMAN

I was hoping you'd say t-shirts, because I can only do t-shirts!

SHIRT WOMAN slams both her hands onto the table. With some stage magic, the table is removed and replaced with a t-shirt.

BADASS

No, stop! That was my first favorite table!

LEADER

Hey, hey, hey, everyone calm down, please. You, ma'am, Ms. Shirt Woman, thank you for applying to our superhero group, but it's a negative from me.

The table is taken offstage right. SHIRT WOMAN lays back down where she was prior to the flashback.

SHIRT WOMAN

Immediately after being rejected from the League of Superheroes, I let hate and anger fill my heart. I became evil, and I swore to destroy any hero who stood in my way. But you, you're still so good, even after all these years. How did you do it?

PANT MAN

Well you see, for a while I was mad and hateful as well. But there's a part of me that knew I could never turn to a life of villainy. In other words, kindness, and goodness, it's in my jeans. And I know... there's good in you as well.

SHIRT WOMAN

Aww... you really think so?

PANT MAN

I do.

SHIRT WOMAN

You wanna... not turn me into pants and go on a date sometime?

PANT MAN

I'd love to. But there's just one thing you need to know.

SHIRT WOMAN

What is it?

PANT MAN

I wear the pants in this relationship.

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