

Act 1, Scene 1 – Lukey’s Bedroom

[As incidental music plays, lights go on to reveal Lukey pacing while dressed to impress and holding his phone.]

Lukey Hello... Hi, I just called to double-check that my reservation is all okay for tonight.

The name’s Luke.

That’s right: table for two.

Is it near the window like I asked?

And not next to the toilet.

Great. It’s just that tonight’s a really special occasion. My girlfriend and I have been together for six months and we hardly ever get to see one another. I really love her and...

Yes... I understand that you’re busy.

And you don’t want to hear my life story.

Sorry about that. *[He hangs up as another call comes in. Chris appears on his screen.]*

Hey Chris, what a sweet surprise.

Chris Hey! How’s my Lukey doing?

Lukey Even better now. I just checked on our reservation for tonight. Can you believe we’re finally going on a date? It seems like ages since –

Chris Look, about that... I’m sorry Lukey I’m afraid I have some bad news.

Lukey No... again?

Chris I’m so – so sorry baby. I’ve been called on an assignment first thing tomorrow morning and I need to get some rest.

Lukey Can’t you just give it a miss? I mean, how important can this one assignment be?

Chris We’re saving the solar system from imminent annihilation.

Lukey Oh.

Chris It sucks, I know. But I have responsibilities.

Lukey I know, I know; it’s what I get for going out with a superhero. It’s fine, I guess.

Chris Thanks for understanding.

Lukey So uh... is Danny going too?

Chris Of course. We’re a team. We look out for each other.

Lukey Of course you do.

Chris Look, I’ve told you many times: Danny’s just a friend.

Lukey Yeah... Look Chris, I gotta go. I need to, uh... finish my homework.

Chris Okay then, we’ll talk later. Bye baby!

Lukey Bye. [**Lukey** hangs up and drops his phone and assignment looking glum. Music starts as the **Chorus** gallops in.]

Song 1 – Super Paradigm (William Tell Overture – Rossini)

Lukey I LIKED THIS GIRL – I ASKED IF SHE
WOULD LIKE TO GO ON DATES WITH ME
WHEN SHE REPLIED APPROVINGLY
I WAS HAPPY AS CAN BE

[**Chris** appears and they recreate the scene.]

HER NAME IS CHRIS – SHE LOOKS LIKE THIS,
SHE’S SWEET AND KIND AND WHEN WE KISS
I’M TAKEN TO A WORLD OF BLISS;
HOW I LOVE TO BE WITH CHRIS

Chorus BUT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT
IS ONCE WHEN THEY WERE MAKING OUT
HER EYES BEGAN TO SHINE SO BRIGHT
AND SHOOT SOME KIND OF LASER LIGHT

HE’S LIKE

Lukey OH GOSH, ARE YOU OKAY?
WHY IS IT THAT THEY SHINE THIS WAY?
HOW COME THERE WAS THIS MAGIC RAY?
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

Chorus SO SHE TOLD HIM, SHE TOLD HIM
SHE TOLD HIM HER SECRET
SHE TOLD HIM, SHE TOLD HIM
SHE TOLD HIM LIKE THIS:

Chris ‘K FINE, I’M GONNA TELL YOU STRAIGHT

SIT BACK AND CHILL WHILE I RELATE
THE STORY OF MY SPECIAL STATE
THAT YOU CAN'T DISSEMINATE

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I ONCE BEGAN
TO PUNCH AND FLY LIKE SUPERMAN
I MADE A SUIT AND MADE A PLAN
TO DO ALL THE GOOD I CAN

[Chris becomes Raybeam.]

Chorus ALL THE TIME SHE'S OUT THERE FIGHTING CRIME
SHE'S SUCH A SUPER PARADIGM
ALL THE TIME SHE'S OUT THERE FIGHTING CRIME
SHE'S SUCH A SUPER PARADIGM

Lukey So let me get this straight... You're some kind of super girl?

Chris I am. The name's Raybeam – but you can't tell anybody. Hope that's cool.

Lukey Cool? This is amazing! So where shall we go tonight?

Chris Actually tonight I have to go stop a robbery.

Lukey Oh. What about tomorrow then?

Chris Hostage situation.

Lukey The day after?

Chris Guy throwing puppies off a building.

Lukey Wow. Chris, you're just so busy...

Chris Yeah, I know... Ooh, gotta go! Bye!!!

[She sprints off to join the Chorus who march behind her.]

Chorus ALL THE TIME SHE'S OUT THERE FIGHTING CRIME
SHE'S SUCH A SUPER PARADIGM
ALL THE TIME SHE'S OUT THERE FIGHTING CRIME
SHE'S SUCH A SUPER PARADIGM

BUT IF THIS WASN'T BAD ENOUGH
OUR HERO'S LIFE WAS MADE MORE TOUGH
WHEN CHRISSY TOLD HIM CASUALLY

Chris THERE'S THIS GUY WHO FIGHTS CRIME WITH ME

[Danny enters as Transformo without his mask.]

Chorus HER BFF SINCE THEY WERE TWO
HE'S SUPER COOL AND DOES KUNG FU

Chris HE'S GOT MY BACK UNTIL THE END
THOUGH HE IS JUST A FRIEND

Chorus SO HE MET HIM, HE MET HIM
HE MET HIM ONE MORNING
HE MET HIM, HE MET HIM
HIS RIVAL, LIKE THIS:

[Danny puts on his mask and strikes a pose.]

Danny I AM THE MIGHTY TRANSFORMO
I CHANGE MY SHAPE TO BEAT MY FOE
I HAVE MORE TRICKS THAN YOU CAN KNOW
[He briefly becomes a wheelbarrow.]
BEHOLD – A WHEELBARROW!

WHEN CHRIS AND I TEAM UP WE SLAY
NO BAD GUY WILL STAND IN OUR WAY
SHE WON'T BE SEEING YOU TODAY
WE MUST GO AND MAKE THEM PAY!

Chorus REST ASSURED, WE'LL MAKE THEM PAY!
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WHEN THE BAD GUYS COME THEN THEY WILL PAY
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[Left alone, Lukey slumps down onto a beanbag.]

Lukey Oh well... I suppose I'd better cancel the reservation. *[Devlin 1 suddenly enters from a doorway and walks up behind him.]*

I mean, why go on a date with your boyfriend when you can be having super-cool adventures with your BFF? *[Devlin 2 follows after and stand to the other side of him.]*

It's not like anything exciting ever happens to *me*.

Devlin 1 Wataa!

Lukey Whoa!

Devlin 2 Wataa!

Lukey Oh man, there's two of them.

Devlin 1 Moolee-moolee-moolee...

Lukey What... what do you want from me?

Devlin 2 *[picking up his assignment]* Aha...

Lukey That's... that's my homework. I need to finish that before Monday.

Devlin 2 Dakootoo?

Devlin 1 Dakootoo.

Devlin 1/2 Dakootoo! *[They run off back through the doorway.]*

Lukey No, wait! Give it back! *[His phone rings and he answers it absently.]* Hello?