

## A NOT-SO-SUPER RESOLUTION

by John Cosper

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A man's flippant New Year's resolution to become a super hero bites him back when a super-villain declares war on him.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Use sound effects, lighting, and music to change the tone of the skit from light slice-of-life to an over-the-top comic book adventure. Keep it light, but don't give away the twist until the last possible moment.

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3M, 1F

**THEME:** New Year's

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** James 5:12, Proverbs 12:23

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** New Year's

**SUGGESTED USE:** New Year Service

**CHARACTERS:**

PHIL and JOANNE—a well-to-do couple

SKIPPY—a super hero sidekick

The SMASHER—a super-villain

**PROPS:** Bedroom furniture

**COSTUMES:** Formal wear for PHIL and JOANNE. Sidekick and super-villain costumes for SKIPPY and the SMASHER.

**SOUND:** Four wireless microphones. Super hero theme music.

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A married couple's bedroom.

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*PHIL and JOANNE walk into their bedroom. They are both in formal wear. PHIL sits on the bed and starts taking things off. JOANNE takes off her jewels and shoes.*

**PHIL:** Well, that was quite a party.

**JOANNE:** Always is at Bob and Sue's.

**PHIL:** Am I going crazy, or did I see Michelle kissing Ellen's son Richard after midnight?

**JOANNE:** Yes you did.

**PHIL:** Isn't he like twenty years younger than her?

**JOANNE:** Yes!

**PHIL:** That's disgusting.

**JOANNE:** Well, it was enough to spare her from embarrassment when Bob read off her resolution from last year.

**PHIL:** What do you mean?

**JOANNE:** Last New Years she resolved she would not be alone this year. I think she was the only person who kept hers, too.

*JOANNE exits.*

**PHIL:** Did you make a new one?

**JOANNE:** *(off)* Of course.

**PHIL:** What was it this time?

**JOANNE:** *(off)* What do I say every year? To start that exercise program.

**PHIL:** We're not going to be buying more gym equipment, are we?

**JOANNE:** *(off)* No! No, we have enough of that stuff in the basement. Although I did see this new fitness program on TV.

**PHIL:** I knew it.

**JOANNE:** *(off)* So did you make a resolution?

**PHIL:** Yes, I did.

**JOANNE:** *(off)* What was yours?