

# Super Sidekick

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The Musical

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**Music & Lyrics by Michael Gordon Shapiro**

## Prologue

*The prologue begins in darkness. The Narrator sits stage right with a large story book cradled in her lap. She opens it and begins to read aloud.*

NARRATOR

This story begins just as many good stories do: Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there was a boy named Inky.

*Enter Inky.*

NARRATOR

Inky was a sidekick. Not just any old kind of sidekick, though; a super sidekick! Inky was sidekick to the greatest super hero of the land, Blackjack the Bold!

*Enter Blackjack.*

NARRATOR

Inky wanted to be a super hero just like Blackjack. To become one though, he had a lot to learn. Like how to toss his hair heroically, or wear a cape without getting it caught in an escalator. Blackjack agreed to teach Inky how to be a hero, and from that day on, they did everything together.

*Inky and Blackjack pantomime the following activities. At every opportunity, Blackjack upstages and overshadows Inky, who is too naive to realize the inequity of the situation.*

NARRATOR

They played together, did chores together and, most importantly, fought evil together. Fighting evil is what they did best. They captured the Cookie Chomping Culprit, defeated the Devious Devil Fish and beat the Bobble Head Bandit. Together, they were unstoppable. They saved the Kingdom more times than you can count on your fingers AND your toes! However, the greatest challenge the daring duo would ever face was yet to come.

*The scene shifts. The Narrator stands up, closes the storybook and moves offstage.*

## Scene I - Outside the Courthouse

*A hustle and bustle on the stage.*

*Citizens of the Kingdom enter and mill about. They're excited.*

CITIZEN 1

Is it true about Slurm? Did they catch him?

CITIZEN 2

I think so. They're bringing him here now!

CITIZEN 1

Who's bringing him?

CITIZEN 3

Blackjack the Bold!

(beat)

And his sidekick.

CITIZEN 4

Blackjack's coming here?!? When!?!?

CITIZEN 2

Now, I think! The Queen's going to put Slurm on trial.

CITIZEN 1

Wha'd he do now?

CITIZEN 3

He was trying to cover the streets in rotten banana peels so everyone would trip and fall.

CITIZEN 1

That's just nasty.

CITIZEN 2

And gross, too!

CITIZEN 4

Yeah, thank goodness Blackjack stopped him!

CITIZEN 3

I hear the Princess is coming down to see the trial.

CITIZEN 2

Princess Penelope?

CITIZEN 4

The one and only.

CITIZEN 1

Wow, this is a big day for the Kingdom!

CITIZEN 3

Yeah! No kidding! She's so pretty!

CITIZEN 2  
(looking off S.L.)  
Is that him? Is that Blackjack?

CITIZEN 4  
Where?

CITIZEN 3  
There!

CITIZEN 1  
I think so!

CITIZEN 2  
It's him! He's coming! He's coming!

*Everyone gets excited and huddles together, staring stage left, awaiting the entrance of the heroes. Music starts. Everyone gets very excited. They start to raise a cheer as... Inky, the humble sidekick enters. The cheer quickly deflates.*

CITIZEN 4  
Aww... It's just the sidekick.

CITIZEN 3  
Yeah, what's his name? Blinky?

CITIZEN 2  
Stinky?

*Inky*  
Inky.

CITIZEN 1  
No, that's not it.

INKY  
Guys, it's Inky. That's my name.

CITIZEN 4  
Whatever. You're just the sidekick anyway. Where's Blackjack?

CITIZEN 3  
Yeah! Where's Blackjack? We want a real Super Hero!

*The crowd of Citizens all start to bustle and swarm around Inky, demanding to know where Blackjack is. Suddenly, Blackjack jumps onstage from Stage Right.*

MUSIC: "BLACKJACK!"

BLACKJACK

I'm in!  
 I hear you need a bit of rescuin'  
 By someone bolder or stronger  
 Okay!  
 Perhaps you're looking for some monster-slayin'?  
 Or some save-the-dayin'?  
 Well wait no longer!

Cause help's a-comin' and foes are running  
 Cause they don't stack against Blackjack  
 I'll save the day Send the creeps away  
 And display my stylish tan  
 Cause a hero's here, oh yeah

It's me!  
 I'll save your kittens from the tallest trees  
 Really, it's a breeze, not a problem  
 Get down!  
 I'll wrestle hungry dragons to the ground  
 Or fight any giant or goblin

I'll mop the floor with the demon corps  
 If you've crime in store, watch your back, Jack  
 I'll save the world and charm all the girls  
 And forget about Superman! (Ptui!)  
 Cause a hero's here, oh yeah

So many people sing my song  
 And all those people can't be wrong  
 And rest assured, I'd understand  
 If you should swoon or kiss my hand  
 As I go forth to take my stand  
 To see what providence has planned  
 To see what destiny Has got in store for me  
 What fatefulness of fate  
 Draws near and/or awaits...

(confused)

Uh... what was I saying?

INKY

You're great?

BLACKJACK

(wakes up)

I'm great!

CHORUS

**He's great!  
He's the hero all the villains hate.**

BLACKJACK

**'Cause they know I'm the latest sensation**

CHORUS

**Bar none!  
He'll battle evil 'til the battle's won!**

BLACKJACK

**And I'm fun at formal occasions**

BLACKJACK AND CHORUS

**Now help's a-comin' and thugs are running  
'Cause they don't stack against Blackjack**

BLACKJACK

**I'll solve the crime, and be back in time  
To sign some pictures for adoring fans**  
(girls in the chorus swoon)  
**Cause a hero's here...**

INKY

Blackjack, I think we're late!

BLACKJACK AND CHORUS

**Oh yeah!**

Scene II - The Trial & Escape from  
the Throne Room

*The scene shifts behind Inky and  
Blackjack. The Chorus turns into  
the Queen, the Princess and Two  
Spectators. Inky and Blackjack wait  
off to the side for Slurm, who  
enters bound in chains. The two  
heroes escort him into the  
courtroom. The heroes deposit the  
villain off to the side of the  
Queen. Inky spies the Princess.*

INKY

There's Princess Penelope! Wow, she's even prettier than I  
imagined...

*Inky waves shyly to the Princess.  
The Princess blows a kiss to the  
heroes. Inky looks like he's about  
to catch it, when Blackjack*

*snatches the kiss out of thin air  
as if it was meant for him all  
along.*

BLACKJACK

C'mon Inky, the trial's about to start.

*Inky is dejected. Nevertheless, the  
Heroes assume their positions in  
the courtroom. Inky on the witness  
stand and Blackjack in front of him  
as the Prosecutor. When they  
settle, the trial begins.*

QUEEN

Sorcerer Slurm, you are here on trial for crimes against the Kingdom, including treason, sabotage, kidnapping and wearing a bad moustache. What is your plea?

SLURM

Not guilty. I have a very nice moustache.

QUEEN

Blackjack the Bold, you may examine your witness.

SLURM

I object! This witness is biased!

QUEEN

Is this true, Blackjack?

BLACKJACK

Absolutely not, your Highness. I can personally guarantee the witness is impartial.

QUEEN

How can you be certain?

BLACKJACK

He's my sidekick.

QUEEN

Oh, alright then. I'll allow it.

BLACKJACK

(to Inky, whispered)

Okay Inky, just remember to say exactly what I told you earlier, okay?

INKY

Yes.

*Blackjack turns to Inky and begins  
to grill him.*

BLACKJACK

Inky, two days ago, did you see Sorcerer Slurm try to do something?

INKY

Yes.

BLACKJACK

Was it evil?

INKY

Yes.

BLACKJACK

Did you see Slurm try to spread rotten banana peels all over the Kingdom's streets so people would slip and fall?

INKY

Yes.

BLACKJACK

Did you see me, Blackjack the Bold, stop Slurm's evil plot in the nick of time and capture him, saving the day and the Kingdom from certain rotten, slippery doom?

INKY

(beat)

Yes.

BLACKJACK

(to Queen)

The Prosecution rests.

(to Inky)

Well done. You may step down.

INKY

Yes.

*Blackjack shoots Inky a glare. Inky and Blackjack walk together to the side of the throne room and watch the Queen hand down the verdict.*

QUEEN

Sorcerer Slurm, you have been found guilty of all charges. Before we sentence you, do you have anything to say for yourself?

SLURM

Why yes, Queen. Yes, I do.

*The Ninja Koalas, one Pink and one Blue, tumble into the room!*



SLURM

YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME! MUHUAHAHAHAH!!!

*The Pink Koala jumps at Blackjack and throws Blackjack's cape over his eyes, then moves to Slurm and undoes his chains. Blackjack stumbles around, blindly. Blue Koala throws Inky's cape over his head and grabs the Princess. Blackjack is still fumbling with his cape, but Inky manages to uncover his eyes. He grabs Blue Koala and they fight. Pink Koala joins in the fray, but Inky is still able to hold his own. Before you know it, the Koalas find themselves both grappled. All is saved! Until, that is, Slurm shoves the still-blind Blackjack into Inky. The Koalas get up. Blue Koala grabs the Princess and they all leave. After a beat, Inky and Blackjack untangle themselves. Blackjack finally manages to remove his cape from his face.*

BLACKJACK

Inky! What happened?!? I had them right where I wanted them!

QUEEN

Slurm has escaped and taken my daughter, the Princess! This is terrible! How could you let this happen?

BLACKJACK

I'm sorry, your Highness. He had Ninja teddy bears with him. They're very dangerous, you know. But don't worry. Inky and I have everything under control. We'll rescue the Princess and recapture Slurm.

QUEEN

But how? You don't even know where they've gone!

*Blackjack is about to say something, but pauses, at a loss for words. Suddenly, a ball wrapped in paper soars onstage and hits Inky in the head.*

INKY

OW!

BLACKJACK

Don't worry, your Highness. We'll think of something.

*Inky picks up the ball.*

BLACKJACK

Inky, leave that alone. We'll have time to clean up the litter later. Right now we have to find Slurm and save the Princess.

*Inky removes the paper from the ball.*

INKY

Hey, it's a note!

BLACKJACK

Never mind about that Inky, I'm trying to think!

*Inky reads from the note.*

INKY

"Dear Half-Wit Heroes. I have taken the Prin-"

*Blackjack realizes what Inky is holding and grabs the note from him.*

BLACKJACK

"Dear Half-Wit Heroes. I have taken the Princess to my Super Secret Lair where I intend to test my latest Evil Invention upon her. Then, I will take over the Kingdom, and not even you two fools can stop me. Don't even try to find us. You won't. My lair is too super and too secret for you to ever find it. Really. I mean it. MUHUHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! Signed, Sorcerer Slurm. Cave of Doom, Suite 7. The Kingdom."

*Blackjack tosses the note away.*

BLACKJACK

Oh no! He does have the Princess! And a new Evil Invention! And we'll never find him! We're doomed!

*Inky picks up the discarded note and reads it.*

INKY

Uh, Blackjack?

BLACKJACK

It's too late! We should evacuate the Kingdom! Head for the

hills! Run! Hide! Disaster is coming!

INKY

Blackjack....

BLACKJACK

The world is ending! Save yourselves!

INKY

Blackjack!

(beat)

I think I know where Slurm is.

BLACKJACK

How could you know? We can never find him! He said so!

INKY

I know, but I think he's in the Cave of Doom.

BLACKJACK

Oh yeah?

(laughs)

Well, how do you know that, Mr. Smarty Sidekick?

INKY

Because it says here in the note.

*Beat. Blackjack grabs the note from Inky and reads it again. Beat. Blackjack then rolls it up and bonks Inky on the head with it.*

BLACKJACK

Of course Slurm's in the Cave of Doom! I told you we'd find him. What are you so upset about?

INKY

I'm sorry, Blackjack.

BLACKJACK

That's right.

(turns to Queen)

Your Highness, never fear. I'll get the Princess back and recapture Slurm and bring him back here to stand trial.

QUEEN

Oh, thank you Blackjack!

*Blackjack gets ready to leave and strikes a "getting ready to fly" stance.*

BLACKJACK

Blackjack the Bold, away!