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CAST

CAL

GLORIOUS

REX

TRIXIE

MISTY

PUNK ROCK

WEATHERMAN

BRATMAN

AWOL

MR. SAMPSON

HARRY SNEER - a rather snide commentator. *

MA SAMPSON - Mr. Sampson's mother. Little old lady wearing superhero outfit.

MISS GRIMM

PETER PENGUIN

GIGGLER

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FADE IN:

/ LONG SHOT

Hero High School. A Greek-like pillar-filled structure, with the American flag waving away. We Hear Music and the voice of this episode's narrator, one HARRY SNEER, a network news correspondant with a snide "Mike Wallace" attitude. *

HARRY SNEER (V.O.)
This is Hero High!

ZOOM IN

"Hero High" emblazoned atop the entryway. The letters flash and glow.

CUT TO:

3-5 OUT *

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6 CLOSE ON HOMER CURSELLE - EXT. HERO HIGH

Standing outside the front door of Hero High, is a cross between Mike Wallace and HARRY SNEER, only a tad more evil looking. Sneer is talking into a hand-held microphone and addresses the CAMERA.

SNEER

Hello, once again, everyone.

I'm Harry Sneer. And today we'll take a close-up look at the who-what-when-where-and-why, at Hero High!

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CUT TO:

7 ON MR. SAMPSON - IN CLASSROOM

A clock reading 8:00 is behind him. The CAMERA PULLS BACK to include Sneer, with microphone.

SNEER (V.O.)

(snide)

The man: Mr. Sampson. Over-the-hill strong man turned Principal at Hero High. Tell me, pops, when does the school day begin?

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Sampson is indignant. The clock strikes 8:00, and starts to ring. (SFX)

SAMPSON

(insulted)

Pops?!?

(then to camera, smiling)

Well Harry, promptly at 8:00 a.m., every student is at his desk.

8 ANGLE ON CLASSROOM

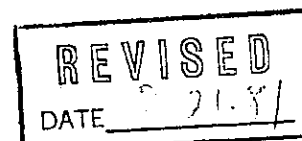
Cal, Glorious, Rex, and Trixie are at their desks, which fly above the classroom, like bumper cars.

9 ANGLE ON SNEER

Standing over an empty desk on the floor, beside Sampson.



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SNEER

(accusatory)

"Every" student, Principle Sampson?

SAMPSON

Oh, that's Awol's desk. He's there... Sort of...

10 ANGLE ON EMPTY DESK

As Awol's head slowly appears, then his body, but then his head disappears again. With his hand, Awol waves.

11 ANGLE ON SNEER AND SAMPSON

Sneer sneers and gives Sampson the eye..

SNEER

(very snide)

Sir. Beside excuses, do you have anything else to tell our viewers?

SAMPSON

Just one thing, Harry..

Sampson turns to CAMERA and starts waving like a true ham.

SAMPSON

Hi, Mom!!! Hiiiiii!!!

CUT TO:

12 "MA" SAMPSON - LIVING ROOM

In a rocking chair, with a cat in her arms, watching her son on TV. She's grey-haired and wears a "Superhero" outfit.

MA SAMPSON

(to cat)

Look, kitty! It's Sonny!

(waving to TV)

Hi, Sonny!

13 ANGLE ON TV - HARRY SNEER

SNEER

(to camera)

The first class of the day for these teenage wonders...

(dubious look)

..."Leaping Tall Buildings 101."

14 ANGLE ON SAMPSON, GLORIOUS AND GROUP

The CAMERA PANS DOWN from a tall, fabricated building on campus, to where Sampson is standing with some of the kids.

15 OUT *

16 OUT *

17 OUT *

18 OUT *

19 OUT *

20 ANGLE ON CAL

On the ramp, mounting his surfboard, concentrating.

SNEER (V.O.)

First up: Captain California...
Class President, straight "A"
student, Champion athlete...

21 CLOSE ON SNEER

SNEER

(snide, to CAMERA)

But can he leap?!?! *

22 ANGLE ON REX

Sly, sneaking in behind Cal, and tying a rope to the engines

23 ANGLE ON CAL

On his surfboard, he jets off the ramp and flies up the side of the building.

24 ANGLE ON SURFBOARD AND ROPE

The surfboard comes to the end of its rope. The surfboard is yanked to a sudden stop.

25 ANGLE ON CAL

Flying off the surfboard, and tumbling onto the building's roof.

SNEER (elated V.O.)
NO, HE CAN NOT! And it's a wipe-out!! *

CROWD (various V.O.)
 ("Ooooo's" and "Ahhhhh's")

26 ON GIGGLER, AWOL, BRATMAN AND PETER PENGUIN

Like judges at a diving meet, holding up their grading cards, which *
 read, respectively, "2", "3½", Peter's one "horn", (Peter HONKS his
 horn), and, on Bratman's card, a drawing of a large "raspberry."

BRATMAN
 (with his tongue)
 ("raspberry" sound)

27 ANGLE ON CAL

Sprawled out on the roof of the building.

SNEER (V.O.)
 Pitiful...absolutely pitiful!

28 ANGLE ON REX RUTHLESS

Running down the ramp and leaping up into the air.

SNEER
 (now, complimentary)
 Ah, but here's Rex Ruthless, a
 solid competitor!

29 ANGLE ON REX

Floating gracefully through the air and over the building as he mugs to the CAMERA. We SEE that he's suspended by a wire.

SNEER

(going overboard)

What form! What gracefulness!

The CAMERA PANS UP THE WIRE to reveal that it's attached to a large crane. The crane is an odd helicopter airship hovering over the building.

30 CLOSE ON TRIxie - INSIDE CRANE HELICOPTER

Trixie works the controls of the crane helicopter.

TRIXIE

(muttering)

You owe me one, Rex.

31 ANGLE ON REX

Making a gentle landing on the ground to the SOUND of riotous applause. Rex waves.

SNEER (ecstatic V.O.)

Now there's a future hero!

32 ON GIGGLER, AWOL, BRATMAN, AND PETER PENGUIN

SNEER

Just look at those scores!

Holding up their grading cards, all "10's", except for Peter's, which shows the picture of a female penguin wearing a bikini. Peter eyes the picture of the female penguin.

PETER

("Wolf" whistle)

33 ANGLE ON CAL, GLORIOUS, AND SAMPSON

Very unhappy. The CAMERA PANS OVER to Rex and Sneer.

SNEER (to Rex)

Stupendous, Ruthless! You're amazing!

REX (feigned humility)

Harry, I'd just like to thank all the little people who made it possible.

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34 ANGLE ON TRIXIE - INT. CRANE COPTER

TRIXIE (reacting)
Little people?!? Ok, big shot!!

Trixie throws the gears on her crane control panel.

35 ANGLE ON CRANE COPTER

The crane jerks upward, pulling the wire attached to Rex.

36 ON REX AND SNEER

REX (in mid-sentence)
 ...yes, Harry, it's lonely at
 the top, but...WOAHHHH!

ZINNGGG! Suddenly, the wire yanks Rex off the ground. He shoots up and O.S. as Sneer turns to CAMERA.

SNEER (ecstatic)
 There he goes again, folks!

37 ANGLE ON REX

Being bounced along the campus by the wire.

SNEER (O.S.)
 What a leap...

38 ANGLE ON SAMPSON AND SNEER

Sampson mutters under his breath toward Sneer.

SAMPSON (under breath)
 What a creep...

CUT TO:

39 "MA" SAMPSON AND CAT - LIVING ROOM

Standing up in her chair, cheering for her son on TV.

MA SAMPSON (cheering)
 That's telling him, Sonny!!!!

40 ANGLE ON TV - ON HARRY SNEER

SNEER (into CAMERA)
 Now we'll visit Miss Grimm's
 class: Magic For Beginners...

41 ON CLASSROOM - MISTY, AWOL AND WEATHERMAN

AWOL

Attention, students, Misty will
now give us a demonstration.

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42 ON WEATHERMAN AND MISTY

MISTY

Weatherman, you think you're alone
in that suit, don't you?

WEATHERMAN (checking under his collar)
I was the last time I checked!

Misty waves her wand around Weatherman and reached down the
back of his neck.

MISTY (rhyming couplet)
No, something's moving - let me grab it!
From your collar comes -- a rabbit!

From Weatherman's collar, Misty pulls out an irate Bratman!

BRATMAN

Lemme go! Put me down!

MISTY (bewildered)

Hmmmm, I goofed.

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ANGLE ON REX

In front of a curtain, standing beside a table.

REX

Hey, Mr. Sneer! Here's some real
magic!

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Rex thrusts his hand into a large top hat sitting on the table.

45

ANGLE BEHIND CURTAIN

Cal and Glorious peek behind the curtain, where they see TRIxie place Giggler into Rex's hand, which is feeling its way through the curtain.

46

CLOSE ON CAL AND GLORIOUS

Exchanging knowing, chagrinned looks.

47

ANGLE ON REX

Pulling Giggler out of the huge top hat. Sneer, with microphone, races into scene.

SNEER (shouting a-mile-a-minute)
Stupendous-Collosal-Amazing-Tremendous-
Astounding-Terrific-Unbelievable!!!

Turning to CAMERA, calming down.

SNEER (quietly)
And he's good, too.

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ANGLE ON CAL AND GLORIOUS

Cal throws open the curtain, revealing Trixie behind it.

GLORIOUS
...Yeah! With a little help from
his friends!

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50 ANGLE ON BRATMAN, GIGGLER AND TRIXIE

Giving Rex looks that could kill.

SNEER (V.O.)

As you can see, folks...

51 ON SNEER, REX AND CAL

SNEER (to CAMERA)

...The super-kids at Hero High
are super-jealous of the amazing
Rex Ruthless!

CAL (miffed)

We are not!

SNEER (snide)

Ho-ho! Captain California challenges
that statement!?

CAL

I challenge Rex-- to a race on the
obstacle course! *

WIPE TO:

52 ANGLE ON STARTING LINE - EXT. SCHOOL

Rex and Cal, on his surfboard, are poised for take-off.

SNEER (V.O.)

Welcome once again, everyone.
This is Harry Sneer at ring
side. *

SFX: STARTING GUN, O.S., as Cal and Rex take off.

SNEER

And they're off! It's the grudge
match of the century...

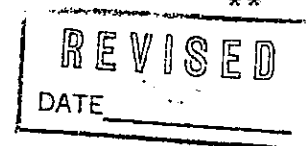
53 ANGLE ON CAL AND REX

The CAMERA FOLLOWS as they go flying into the school door and
down the hallway.

SNEER

...between that pathetic underdog,
Captain Cal, a real loser... and
that champion of champions, Rex
Ruthless.

54 OUT



REX (calling)

changed, please...

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55 ANGLE ON CAL - ON SURFBOARD

Flying over hurdles in the hallway with Rex in close pursuit.

56 ANGLE ON BRATMAN - HALLWAY

Up ahead, putting up a "detour" sign at an intersection.

57 ANGLE ON CAL

Turning, taking the "detour", as Rex flies straight ahead, looking back and laughing at Cal.

REX
(snickering)

After he flies O.S. we hear a loud BOINGBGGG!

58 ANGLE ON REX

Caught in a trampoline net trap, where he bounces around.

REX
Hey?!? What gives!?!

59 ANGLE ON CAL - INT. CAFETERIA

Flying through the stacked tables and chairs inside the school cafeteria.

60 ANGLE ON REX - INT. CAFETERIA

Racing through the cafeteria in pursuit.

61 ON TRIXIE AND GIGGLER - INT. CAFETERIA

Pulling the strings on a long line of small catapults. Cream pies go flying off the catapults.

62 ON REX

Pelted with the cream pies, and slowed up considerably.

REX (shouting)
Woahhh! NOT ME!!

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63 ANGLE ON CAL - EXT. SCHOOL

Flying out of the doorway and racing across the field, through a fountain, around poles and various floating orb obstacles.

SNEER (angry V.O.) *

What's this? Captain Cal's in the lead!

64 ANGLE ON SAMPSON, GLORIOUS, GRIMM, MISTY, GROUP

GROUP
(cheering for Cal)

65 ANGLE ON REX

Flying from the doorway, and through the maze in pursuit.

SNEER (V.O.)

But here comes a real winner!

66 CLOSE ON REX

In flight, pushing a button on his jet pack.

REX

And with a little more power,
I'll win for sure!

Rex's jet pack races into FULL SPEED. Rex jets O.S.

67 ANGLE ON CAL

As Rex ZOOMS PAST, he upsets Cal's balance, and Cal, with his surfboard, goes spinning O.S.

SNEER (elated)

Ruthless takes the lead!!!
He's on the home stretch!

68 ANGLE ON REX

Flying over a tall set of poles, with a cross beam. Suddenly, Rex's jet pack sputters and stops dead.

REX (gasping)

OH NO!! I'm outta gas!! *

REX falls, and grabs the cross beam between the two poles.

69 UP ANGLE - ON REX

Rex is hanging perilously from the pole, 50 feet in the air.
SFX: CROWD NOISES. Cal, on his surfboard, goes flying up to Rex.

70 ANGLE ON REX AND CAL

CAL (on surfboard)
(sigh)
You lost, Rex... Say "Uncle", and
I'll fly you to the finish line.

REX (hanging on)
No way! Not a chance, Capta---

The cross beam breaks and Rex drops O.S. like a rock.

71 CLOSE ON REX - FALLING

REX (shouting)
OK, OK!! UNCLE! UNCCCCLLLE!!!

Cal swoops into scene and catches Rex...

72 ANGLE ON CAL AND REX

Landing beside the crowd as Sneer runs into scene.

SNEER (to Rex)
Nephew!! Did you call me?

REX
No, not you, Uncle Harry. *

73 ON SAMPSON, GLORIOUS, CAL, GRIMM, MISTY AND GROUP

GROUP (in unison)
UNCLE HARRY !???!?!???!?? *

74 ON SNEER AND REX

REX/ SNEER (sheepish)
Uh-oh. *

WIPE TO:

75 ON CAL, GLORIOUS, MISTY AND GROUP

Flying home, leaving the campus of Hero High, as the CAMERA PULLS
BACK through a window to a classroom.

SNEER (V.O.)
And so, for the fortunate students
at Hero High, the day ends...

In the classroom, Rex is cleaning the chalk off the blackboard
with a sponge. The CAMERA PANS over to Principal Sampson and
Miss Grimm, who are supervising.

SNEER (V.O.)

For the not so furtunate, there's
detention hall, where these unfortunate
ones must wipe the chalk board. *

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ANOTHER ANGLE

Behind Sampson and Grimm stands Sneer, at another dirty
chalk board, holding a microphone in one hand, and a sponge
in the other.

SAMPSON (to Sneer)

Cut the chatter, Uncle Harry,
and start wiping... *

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ANGLE ON TV SCREEN - MA SAMPSON'S LIVING ROOM

The CAMERA PULLS BACK from the TV to reveal Ma Sampson and the
cat cheering from their seats.

MA SAMPSON (cheering)

That's it, Sonny. Sock it to him!

78

ANGLE ON TV - ON SNEER

Sneer starts wiping the chalk board.

SNEER (deflated)

And so, from Hero High, this is
Harry Sneer reporting. *

MA SAMPSON (V.O.)

Bye, Sonny!

Sampson leans INTO FRAME and waves.

SAMPSON (happy)

So long, Ma! Byyyeeee!

As we:

FADE OUT:

THE END

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