

TOTALLY AWESOME!

A Superhero Musical

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STORY OF THE MUSICAL

The Awesome family has been so successful at fighting Champion City crime that they have decided to release all the villains. Yes, General Mayhem, Corporal Punishment, and the others in the Army of Evil are free.

The Awesome family now travels to where crime fighters are needed. Meanwhile the youngest, Annie Awesome, is at odds with being in a superhero family as she's often stuck doing not so heroic tasks. She meets normal citizen Fiona who dreams of making a real difference in the world. They sing "Only Me" and decide to trade places for the day.

What are the villains up to after ten years in prison? Well, pickleball of course! Oh! And they decide to rule the world by making everyone crazy with "Little Tiny Annoying Things." They are successful and the citizens of Champion City are overwhelmed so are the heroes who go on strike.

Annie inspires the citizens to realize they don't need powers to be super in the song, "We Can Be Super." Together in an epic slow-motion battle they defeat the Army of Evil, Evil, thus saving the mayor's job, protecting the tree frogs, and most important, rescuing the Awesomes!

ORIGINAL PRODUCTION

This show was developed at the Musical Theater Development Workshop at Calliope Productions in Boylston, MA. It was first performed on August 13, 2022, with the following cast:

Mrs. Awesome/Random Announcer	Leah Spencer
Judy Awesome/Random Announcer	Abby Canada
Granny Awesome/Random Announcer	Olivia Lubelczyk
Timmy Awesome/Businessperson	Declan McMahon
Annie Awesome	Amelia Wilander
Fiona	Ava Wilander
General Mayhem	Lilah Miller
Colonel Chaos	Nate Dziura
Major Payne/Robot 1	Cate Tucker
Corporal Punishment	Katie Higgins
Mayor Griswold	Niko Figueirdo
Crossing Guard/Reporter/Concerned Citizen/Doctor Octagon	Allie Gesner
Landscaper/Reporter/Citizen/Captain Weedwhacker	Eva Knorr
Plumber/Car Dealer/Reporter/The Plunger	Katie O'Toole
Librarian/Robot 2/The Angry Librarian	Devon Fossey

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(1 m, 5 w, 15 or more flexible, extras and doubling possible.)

THE AWESOMES

MRS. AWESOME: The leader of the family.

GRANNY: Stereotypical granny with white hair, cane, and shawl.

JUDY: Oldest of the Awesome children.

TIMMY: Very confident.

ANNIE: The youngest. Would prefer an ordinary life.

THE ARMY OF EVIL

GENERAL MAYHEM: Leader of the Army of Evil. Wants to rule the world.

COLONEL CHAOS: In charge of finances and paperwork. Often holding a clipboard and peering through dark-framed glasses.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT: Evil genius inventor of gadgets of disaster. Doesn't always make the right decisions.

MAJOR PAYNE: Thinks the easiest way to get ahead is to destroy all enemies. Not a very smart criminal.

CITIZENS

FIONA: A typical young girl who feels ignored by the world and longs to be special and important.

MAYOR GRISWOLD: A competent leader who likes photo opportunities with superheroes.

RANDOM ANNOUNCER(S): Appears out of nowhere to address the audience. Overly dramatic. Can be one person, or someone different each time.

REPORTER 1, 2, and 3

CAR DEALER

BUSINESSPERSON

HURRICANE

GUARD

ROBOT 1 and 2

CONCERNED CITIZEN

CITIZEN 1, 2, 3, and 4

CROSSING GUARD

LIBRARIAN (non-speaking)

LANDSCAPER

PLUMBER

EXTRAS: Additional citizens and members of the Army of Evil.

*The Awesome Family and Fiona are the only roles that are gender specific.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

- 1 – Overture
- 2 – TOTALLY AWESOME
The Citizen and the Awesome Family
- 3 – Awesomes Away!
- 4 – ONLY ME
Fiona and Annie
- 5 – Heroic Music
- 6 – General Mayhem's Dramatic Entrance
- 7 – PICKLEBALL
General Mayhem, The Army of Evil, Mayor, Mrs. Awesome, Reporters
- 8 – Hurricane Music
- 9 – Granny Versus the Robots
- 10 – LITTLE TINY ANNOYING THINGS
The Army of Evil
- 11 – Timmy and the Tree
- 12 – WHAT HAPPENED?
The Citizens
- 13 – GIVING UP ON GIVING UP
Colonel and the Army of Evil
- 14 – WE CAN BE SUPER
Annie and the Citizens
- 15 – WE'LL MAKE YOU SUFFER (a cappella)
The Army of Evil
- 16 – Epic Battle
- 17 – YOU'RE AWESOME
The Cast
- 18 – Curtain Call - YOU'RE AWESOME reprise
The cast

MUSIC 1 - Overture

Scene 1: The Exterior of Champion City Hall

(CITIZENS appear on stage with signs welcoming the Awesome family. FIONA appears on stage and tries to hand flyers out to the crowd. Everyone ignores her. MAYOR GRISWOLD enters with a small podium preparing to make a speech.)

FIONA: Save the tree frogs! Save the tree frogs?

CITIZENS: *(Improvised lines.)* The mayor said they were going to be here today! / I can't wait to see them. / Did you know they rescued my cousin? / etc.

FIONA: Mayor Griswold, save the tree frogs!

MAYOR: Tree frogs aren't endangered, kid.

FIONA: But their habitat is being threatened. When you cut down trees you cut down their homes. We can't have treeless tree frogs!

MAYOR: *(Ignores HER.)* They're coming! Everyone, assemble over here!

(The CITIZENS gather. The AWESOMES, enter heroically. MUSIC starts.)

MAYOR: *(Cont'd.)* Here they are! The Awesomes!

MUSIC 2 - TOTALLY AWESOME

THE AWESOMES:

IF THERE IS TROUBLE OR DANGER OR A MYSTERIOUS
STRANGER

MAYBE YOUR CAT IS STUCK IN A TREE.

IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. IF THERE'S A THREAT TO
EXISTENCE

WE WILL COME RESCUE YOU HAPPILY.

IF SOMETHING CAUSES YOU WORRY, WE'LL ALL BE THERE
IN A HURRY.

WE'RE THERE FOR ANY CATASTROPHE.

THE AWESOMES: *(Cont'd.)*

WE'RE TOTALLY, TOTALLY AWESOME.

TOTALLY, TOTALLY AWESOME.

THE TOTALLY AWESOME FAMILY.

CITIZENS:

WE LOVE THE AWESOME FAMILY. WE LOVE THE THINGS YOU DO.

WE LOVE THE AWESOME FAMILY. WE WANT TO BE LIKE YOU.

YOU ARE OUR FAVORITE HEROES. THERE'S NO CRIME HERE THANKS TO YOU!

WE LOVE THE AWESOME FAMILY. WE LOVE YOU, YES, WE DO!

MRS. AWESOME: I'M MISSUS AWESOME. I'VE GOT SUPER STRENGTH AND SUPER STYLE

JUDY: I'M JUDY AWESOME WITH MY FORCE FIELD AND, OF COURSE, MY SMILE.

GRANNY: I'M GRANNY AWESOME WITH MY SUPER CANE AND SUPER SHAWL.

ANNIE: I'M ANNIE AWESOME— *(SHE is interrupted.)*

TIMMY: I'M TIMMY AWESOME STRONGEST OF THEM ALL!

(Dance break.)

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OR A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER

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AWESOMES:

WE'RE THERE FOR ANY
CATASTROPHE.

WE'RE TOTALLY, TOTALLY
AWESOME.

TOTALLY, TOTALLY AWESOME. WE LOVE THE AWESOME
THE TOTALLY AWESOME FAMILY.

WE'RE TOTALLY, TOTALLY
AWESOME.

TOTALLY, TOTALLY AWESOME.

TOTALLY AWESOME FAMILY. WE DO!

CITIZENS:

THANKS TO YOU!

WE LOVE THE AWESOME
FAMILY.

WE LOVE YOU, YES, WE DO!

WE DO!

MAYOR: Welcome to Champion City Hall, Awesome Family!

I am Mayor Griswold. We are honored to have you visit us.

MRS. AWESOME: Thank you, mayor. We are here for a very
special announcement.

JUDY: Champion City has reached an important milestone.

TIMMY: You have gone ten years in a row with zero crime.

(CROWD cheers.)

MAYOR: Ten years? That hardly seems possible.

MRS. AWESOME: You've done it. Ten years crime free!

GRANNY: I remember the old days. Super villains creating
havoc in the streets.

CROSSING GUARD: Chaos.

LANDSCAPER: Disorder.

PLUMBER: Mayhem.

*(The LIBRARIAN produces a sign that says, "MAYHEM!" The
AWESOMES react to the word.)*

GRANNY: That name! Argh! General Mayhem! The worst
villain of them all!

MRS. AWESOME: Granny, the General has been in jail for
ten years. Their debt to society has been paid.

ANNIE: That brings up our news.

MRS. AWESOME: Oh, yes. Thank you, Annie. You see, due to ten full years of zero crime we are going to set all the prisoners in jail free.

CITIZENS: What!?!?!?

MRS. AWESOME: Crime has been eradicated and criminals deserve to have new lives as law-abiding citizens.

MAYOR: What if they return to a life of crime?

GRANNY: We thought you might ask that question.

TIMMY: We have run tests with selected super villains.

JUDY: Professor Mean has returned to teaching chemistry at the university.

ANNIE: The Wiggler has become a worm farmer.

MRS. AWESOME: And even Captain Malevolent has been rehabilitated.

(The CROWD gasps.)

MAYOR: Captain Malevolent? What is she doing now?

MRS. AWESOME: She has become a middle school principal.

(The CROWD reacts. LIBRARIAN holds up a sign that says, "EWWW!")

LANDSCAPER: What if they commit a crime?

(The AWESOMES laugh in a somewhat stilted manner.)

TIMMY: With the Awesome family around, who would dare commit a crime?

GRANNY: Everyone deserves a second chance. Besides, it is what my boy, Mr. Awesome believed. If he hadn't perished pushing that asteroid away from its collision course with Earth and into the sun, I'm sure he would have wanted these criminals to have the chance at an honest life...

ALL: *(Reverently.)* Thank you, Mr. Awesome.

MAYOR: You're right. If Mr. Awesome could have forgiven those criminals, we can, too!

(SFX: A beeping sound is heard.)

MRS. AWESOME: We must be off. *(Checks wrist communicator.)* I have to plug a volcano that is about to erupt.

(Each of the AWESOMES checks their wrist communicators.)

JUDY: I have to stop that hurricane on the East Coast.

GRANNY: Oh my, there's a stuck elevator in Cleveland!

TIMMY: There's a crisis reported in Pittsburgh!

ANNIE: And I'm... *(Taps wrist communicator as if it was malfunctioning.)* making a personal appearance at the grand opening of a new car dealership? Aw, come on!

MRS. AWESOME: That's the price of fame, Annie. Public relations... Mayor, I'll be back after taking care of the volcano. Awesomes away!

MUSIC 3 - Awesomes Away!

(The AWESOMES exit one by one, each one with a dramatic flair. ANNIE is least enthusiastic of the group.)

CITIZENS: Goodbye! / Thank you! / Wow! / You're awesome! Etc.

(CITIZENS start to disperse. FIONA tries to hand out flyers again, but everyone leaves. She is alone on stage.)

FIONA: It must be great to be a superhero. Adventures every day. Having superpowers. And people listen to you. No one listens to me. Nothing ever happens in my life. My life is boring.

MUSIC 4 - ONLY ME

FIONA:

WHY AM I SO ORDINARY?
WHY CAN'T I BE VERY SPECIAL? SPECIAL AND UNIQUE?
HOW CAN I GET THEIR ATTENTION?
BE WORTHY OF MENTION
INSTEAD OF JUST ANOTHER GEEK?

I WISH I COULD BE SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT
FOLKS WOULD SMILE WHEN THEY SEE ME.
MAYBE THEY WOULD WANT TO BE ME.

BUT I AM JUST THE PERSON THAT I AM.
AND THE PERSON THAT I AM IS ONLY ME.

(As FIONA moves to one side of the stage, ANNIE enters from the opposite side.)

ANNIE:

WHY CAN'T I BE LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE?
WHY CAN'T I JUST BLEND IN WITH THE CROWD?
BUT EVERYWHERE I GO I'M SOMEONE PEOPLE KNOW.
WHEN YOU'RE AWESOME, BLENDING IN IS NOT ALLOWED.
I WANT A DAY THAT IS BORING.
FULL OF FOLKS IGNORING EVERYTHING I DO.
BUT I AM THE PERSON THAT I AM
AND THE PERSON THAT I AM IS ONLY ME.

(The melodies are sung simultaneously.)

ANNIE: Oh, sorry to bother you. It looks like you want to be alone.

FIONA: Oh, you're not bothering me. You're Annie Awesome!

ANNIE: Yes, that's me. But I don't know who you are.

FIONA: Oh, I'm nobody important.

ANNIE: Everybody's important. What's your name?

FIONA: I'm Fiona. I'm very glad to meet you, Miss Awesome!

ANNIE: Hello, Fiona. I'm glad to meet you, too. Please call me Annie.

FIONA: Sure, Annie. Wow, you have such an exciting life. I read about your adventures all the time.

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