

Super Friends: No Small Wonder



An Incomplete Outline
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INTRODUCTION:

In the great hall of the Justice League, there are assembled the world's four greatest heroes, created from the cosmic legends of the universe!

Well, FIVE of the world's greatest heroes, only one of which is created from the cosmic legends of the universe. But we'll be nice and overlook that... :)

Below is an incomplete (and somewhat unformatted) outline for a novel I have been wanting to write for a while now. I don't own these characters, they aren't mine, I am just writing a piece of fan fiction.

Lately it has been on the back burner due to some other stuff I want to publish. I know this will *never* be published, it was intended as writing practice only, so it has a lower priority. Since I don't know anymore when I will be able to finish it, I am putting the outline in the "Incomplete Projects" album of the gallery.

Many of the Super Friends are here. Wendy, Marvin and Wonderdog, the Wondertwins, the Legion of Doom, and even the Green Arrow, from the first season episode, *Gulliver's Gigantic Goof*. (I wanted to write him in so I could type, "By Robin Hood's Bow!")

If I ever get around to completing this, I plan to first change the prologue. Wendy and Marvin were trained by the Super Friends, thus they would never engage in premarital relations. I do like the idea of the two of them getting together, but that may have to wait for a sequel.

Also, I will fill out chapter six (intended to introduce a new *Junior Super Friend*, complete with powers) and of course finish the rest of the story.

Until then, enjoy what is here so far. If it is ever completed, I will add it to the gallery, along with an author's commentary.

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Chapter 0: Prologue: Update on Wendy, Marvin and Wonderdog

Where are they now?

Part I: Good Times

Wendy Harris and Marvin White are in bed together in a dormitory at Gotham University. Wendy is on leave from her studies on Paradise Island. Wendy looks dreamily into his eyes and tells him he was just the best he has ever been, to which he replies that she wasn't so bad herself. Wonderdog, who is lying on the floor next to them, yelps and covers his ears.

Part II: In the News

Marvin wonders what's been happening while they were "busy", so he turns on CNN and both he and Wendy are surprised to see coverage of a local fire right on Gotham Campus. The science building is on fire with a mother and daughter trapped inside. The TV shows Batman and Robin trying to get in, but even the Dark Knight and the Teen Wonder are having problems against these flames. Wendy, Marvin and Wonderdog decide to help their former mentors. They get dressed and head for the fire.

Part III: Out of the Frying Pan...

Batman and Robin look up to see Wendy, Marvin and Wonderdog running toward them. They are glad for the help, and for the reunion, though they both wish it was under better circumstances. No one can get near the flames. A news reporter is heard speaking into a microphone (with a camera on her) talking of the heat that radiates from the science building.

Part IV: ...And...

Wonderdog makes a decision. He takes a deep breath, and before anyone can stop him, he runs into the building.

Part V: ...Into the Fire!

The reporter continues with her story, telling of the bravery of Wonderdog, a former member of a group of super beings called the SuperFriends. Most remember the Superfriends, and Wonderdog, and the world waits as the camera stays on the door of the science building, looking to see Wonderdog come out.

Minutes pass, no sign of Wonderdog. The Caped Crusaders try in vain to get into the fire, but still there is no way to get near the flames. The reporter begins to lose hope that Wonderdog is still alive.

Then, a shadow emerges from the flame. Wonderdog has rescued the girl, who is on his back, and the mother, a student, is right behind both of them. Paramedics take them both to an ambulance and Wonderdog collapses.

Wendy, Marvin, Batman and Robin all run to Wonderdog. Batman checks him and realizes it is too late. Not even oxygen can save him. Wonderdog takes a long look, individually, of his four friends, ending with Marvin. He closes his eyes, and they open no more.

Wonderdog has died a hero's death.

Chapter 1: Bittersweet Reunions

Where is the Legion of Doom?

Part VI: In the Murky Swamp

Chapter begins with Priscilla Rich walking through the swamp, missing her Cheetah outfit. She knows she is headed toward the location of the old Hall of Doom, but the Hall of Doom was destroyed by the SuperFriends. She received an anonymous summons to meet at that location. As

she travels through the murky swamp, she thinks whoever sent for her had better have a good reason.

Note A: Origin: CHEETAH

Briefly retell Cheetah origin from *Wonder Woman* # 6, from the Fall of 1943.

Part VII: Elsewhere in the Swamp

Not knowing of Cheetah's presence elsewhere in the swamp, Jack B. Nimball, aka Toyman, moves toward Legion HQ.

Part VIII: Toyman's Thoughts

Toyman is smart enough (and off the deep end enough) to have an idea who sent for him, and what this is all about. He is eager to get back into action, and hopes this is a legitimate summons. There will be trouble if it isn't.

Part IX: Still Elsewhere...

Not knowing of Cheetah or Toyman approaching from different areas of the swamp, Leonard Snart, aka Captain Cold, walks toward the Hall of Doom location. Like the two before him, he grumbles about being in the swamp and vows vengeance if his anonymous summoner is playing games with him.

Note B: Origin: CAPTAIN COLD

Retell origin from Showcase # 8 (February 1959).

Part X: Reunion

All three arrive from separate angles at the same time, only to see nine others already there. The entire legion, minus Luthor. Grodd snarls that whoever sent for them better show himself, and Luthor appears.

He presses a button on a remote that is in his hand, and a new, improved, streamlined Hall of Doom rises from the ashes of the old.

All members go inside where there are appropriate costumes inside the door. Priscilla is glad to be back in her Cheetah outfit.

After all have gathered in their old spots, Luthor tells of how setting the fire to cover his and Brainiac's tracks while stealing supplies for the new Hall of Doom inadvertently led to the death of Wonderdog. He then outlines his plans to use that death to go after the Superfriends.

The villains think Luthor's plan is a good one. But then again, they always do.

Chapter 2: Meanwhile ... At the Hall of Justice ...

The SuperFriends reconvene at the Hall of Justice upon hearing the news of Wonderdog.

Part XI: Private Grieving

Prior to a public funeral service for Wonderdog (at which thousands are expected to attend), the SuperFriends gather for a more private reflection at the Hall of Justice. Many of the SuperFriends find it hard to believe that Wonderdog is actually gone, and Batman points out the reminder this is to all of the SuperFriends that sometimes there is a price to be paid for doing good.

Part XII: Update: Wondertwins

The doors to the great Hall of Justice open yet again, and in walk the Wondertwins. Zan and Jayna are in costume, and Gleek is sitting on Jayna's shoulders. Wonder Woman welcomes the twins,

prompting Zan to say that they got the message and he asks for confirmation of Wonderdog's death. Wonder Woman confirms, and Gleek jumps off of Jayna's shoulder to run toward the kitchen area, where Superman is coming out with a banana.

Superman explains that his super hearing picked up the Wondertwins and he took the liberty of getting a banana for Gleek. Flash comments on how fast Gleek devours the banana. Zan mentions that there are no bananas on their home planet of Exxor.

Wonder Woman asks how things are going on Exxor, Zan explains that though they were hunted when they originally left Exxor, they are now considered heroes because of the time they have spent with the SuperFriends. All are happy to hear things are going well for the Wondertwins.

Jayna asks Wendy to remind her where the ladies room is, saying it has been a long trip from Exxor. Wendy agrees to show Jayna and goes with her.

Part XIII: A Private Moment

As the door closes behind Wendy and Jayna, Wendy turns to Jayna and begins to cry. Jayna holds Wendy for a minute and then Wendy talks about how angry she is that Wonderdog is gone, about how angry she is that they have no idea who started the fire, and most of all how angry she is that so many are turning out for the funeral when they don't really care about Wonderdog, they just want to see the SuperFriends.

Jayna thinks back to her time with the SuperFriends and agrees with Wendy that there is a fascination by the general public. But she also points out that there will be a lot of people there who did know Wonderdog, and who will be sad he is gone. Jayna tells her to focus on those people. Wendy agrees.

Jayna bounces and lets go of Wendy, and goes into a stall. Wendy leaves Jayna alone and returns to the SuperFriends. She dries her eyes as she leaves so no one will know she was crying.

Part XIV: Exodus: Hall of Justice

As Jayna also returns, Superman says it is time to go to the funeral. The SuperFriends look wordlessly at each other, Jayna slips her hand into Wendy's and the SuperFriends find their way to downtown Gotham City.

Chapter 3: Best Laid Plans of Mice and Legion

The Legion of Doom makes its move.

Part XV: The Funeral

As the SuperFriends arrive, they find even more have turned out than they thought would. Many of the Superfriends have thoughts similar to Wendy's regarding the crowd, but they keep it to themselves.

Wonderdog is in a closed coffin, covered by one of Superman's capes.

Superman approaches the podium and the noise of the crowd falls instantly silent. (Just the mere presence of this man is enough to evoke such a response.)

Superman begins by telling the crowd how he personally met Wendy, Marvin and Wonderdog. He told them of some of the adventures they'd had together. People were so caught up in Superman's stories that no one noticed the approaching aircraft.

Part XVI: Dognapped!

Suddenly a small remote craft comes from nowhere and latches on to Wonderdog's casket.

Superman (after yelling "Great Krypton!") looks to see a craft that looks eerily familiar. The remote craft is heading toward it with Wonderdog.

After multiple interjections from various SuperFriends, Green Arrow (who is in attendance at the funeral) quickly fires an arrow at Wonderdog's coffin as Superman takes to the skies to retrieve Wonderdog himself.

Just as both Superman and the arrow are closing in, the casket vanishes into nothing, followed by the larger, familiar craft.

The arrow misses and heads back to earth. Superman catches it on his way back down.

Part XVII: Aftermath

Robin makes mention to Batman that the mothership looked familiar and Batman agrees with Robin. He and Robin slip away to the Batmobile to return to the Hall of Justice. Wendy and Marvin notice them leaving and ask to go with them, knowing if anyone can find Wonderdog, it is the caped crusaders. Batman agrees to take them and they leave the scene.

Part XVIII: Funeral Cancelled

Superman looks for Green Arrow to return the arrow he retrieved but there is no sign of him. Superman steps back up to the podium to announce the funeral is cancelled. He asks anyone who was ever a Superfriend or Galactic Guardian member to report to the Hall of Justice. He asks others to look for Green Arrow, then he takes to the skies again and leaves.

Wonder Woman apologizes to the crowd, after which she and all heroes depart, leaving the populace to talk amongst themselves and the reporters to file the story of their careers.

As each hero find his or her way back to the Hall of Justice (Aquaman gets a ride in Wonder Woman's invisible jet), they each believe they know who is responsible.

Wonderdog is gone, yes, but the SuperFriends know the trouble has only just begun.

Chapter 4: Triumph for Evil

Luthor's plan revealed.

Part XIX: Back at the Hall of Doom

Back at the Hall of Doom, Luthor gloats to his comrades. Caressing the coffin of Wonderdog softly, he commends them on a job well done, then he tells them it time to put the next phase of the plan into action. Solomon Grundy picks up the casket and all of the Legion adjourn to the lab.

Part XX: In the Lab

In the lab, Bizarro takes the remains of Wonderdog out of the coffin and he places Wonder on a table in what they call the *ReAnimation Chamber*. A strange machine above the table lights up and comes to life. Luthor and Brainiac spend some time making the most minute adjustments to dials and switches and readings. The rest of the legion begins to get bored, but Luthor assures them the wait will be worth it. The Toyman, rather than complain about the wait, takes this time to look around at the advanced equipment in the lab, as if he is making some sinister and evil plans of his own.

Part XXI: Resurrection of Wonderdog

Suddenly, the level of noise from the machinery begins to get louder. All stop their complaining and talking amongst themselves, and even the Toyman returns to the others to witness the events unfolding.

A strange, light green light shines from the gadget down to the table onto Wonderdog. As Luthor and

the others watch, and wait, and wait, nothing seems to happen. Finally Luthor tells Brainiac that nothing is happening and that the plan is about to fail. Brainiac makes one last desperate adjustment and Wonderdog opens his eyes and begins to stir.

Part XXII: Dog of Evil

But this is not the Wonderdog we all know and love. This is a dark and evil Wonderdog. He comes to life suddenly and jumps down from the table, where he growls and barks and foams at the mouth. Some in the Legion are fearful, but Luthor just laughs and commands Wonderdog to "sit", which Wonder does immediately.

Cheetah and Riddler are amazed at this response, and Luthor tells them that the reanimated Wonderdog is now completely under the control of the Legion of Doom.

Part XXIII: Let the Games Begin

Putting Wonderdog in a special cage, Sinestro feeds him then joins the others out in the conference area. Luthor tells them that all is going according to plan, and that now is the time to make fools of the SuperFriends. The Legion begins to think this time that the plan may actually work.

Chapter 5: A Surprise for the SuperFriends

The SuperFriends are reunited with Wonderdog

Part XXIV: Trouble Ahead?

Later, at the Hall of Justice, the SuperFriends have convened a special meeting and are discussing the situation. Jayna continues to comfort a distraught Wendy as the Trouble Alert sounds. Many of the SuperFriends have not heard the sound of the Trouble Alert for years. A policeman appears on the screen. He looks glum, indeed!

Part XXV: Legion: Back in Town

The officer informs the SuperFriends that he has just received a special message from Luthor and the Legion of Doom. The screen changes to show message.

Part XXVI: Luthor's Message

Luthor greets the SuperFriends nicely and then tells them the Legion has gotten back together. He taunts the SuperFriends by saying if they wish to stop the Legion, to be at the Gotham Bank at midnight. The screen then returns to the officer. The SuperFriends thank the officer and disconnect.

Part XXVII: Acting on Message

The Superfriends look at the clock and see that it is almost midnight already. Superman and Wonder Woman agree to be the ones to meet the Legion. Wendy, Marvin and the Wonderwins want to go along. Superman and Wonder Woman argue the danger, but in the end they allow it because of Wonderdog.

Superman takes to the sky while the others file into the invisible jet. Just as Wonder Woman gets airborne, she sees Green Arrow and someone she doesn't recognize walk into the Hall of Justice.

She wonders where he has been and who is with him, but that can wait until later. The Legion must be stopped at any cost.

Chapter 6: Return of the Green Arrow

Green Arrow returns, and (by Robin Hood's bow!) he is not alone!

Chapter 7: Meanwhile, at Gotham Bank...

Rude Awakening for the SuperFriends.

Part XXVIII: Arrival and the Bank

Superman alights in front of the bank. Using his formidable x-ray vision, he sees Sinestro using his power ring to cut through the vault. Captain Cold and Toyman are withdrawing funds from said vault.

Wonder Woman and the others land and Superman apprises them of the situation.

Part XXIX: Bittersweet Reunion

As Sinestro and Captain Cold exit the bank, they are confronted by the Superfriends. Sinestro yells, "Riddler! Release him NOW!" The Riddler, who has been in hiding, releases Wonderdog, who comes barking around the corner.

Part XXX: Superman: Helpless

After a round of "Great Scott!" and "Meciful Minerva!", Superman approaches Wonderdog, only to discover his collar is made of Kryptonite! Superman immediately goes down and Wonder Woman comments that such a small amount of Kryptonite should not effect him in this way, to which Toyman proudly announces the Kryptonite is hsi new toy, a more potent version than the original. Superman groans on the ground. Wonderdog barks evil at the Superfriends, even Wendy and Marvin, as if he does not recognize them.

Part XXXI: Sacrifice of Capture

Wonder Woman makes her decision. She picks up Superman and instructs the others to get to her jet. They fly away and Wendy asks why she didn't stop the Legion. Wonder Woman tells her that Superman's life is more important and that they must get him back to the Hall of Justice.

Silently, she prays to Hera it is not too late.

Chapter 8: To be Continued...

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