

TIGHTS

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INT. JARED'S APARTMENT - EVENING

JARED, an arrogant and almost narcissistic superhero who also happens to be extremely attractive, puts his red superhero uniform on dramatically. He puts on the gloves, his top, his cape, and lastly, his favorite, the TIGHTS. \*

JARED \*

(to the camera)

Being a superhero is not what it looks like in the movies. It's better. You fight crime like a bad ass, and the chicks fall all over you.

Before Jared leaves his apartment he shows the camera a picture of a hot woman on his cell phone.

JARED

See her? Met her at a club last week. I told her I was the famous superhero The Flamethrower and she immediately came back to my place.

EXT. DALE CITY'S SKY - EVENING

Jared flies around the city weaving through skyscrapers and waving a people in offices and apartment buildings.

JARED

The people here love me. The city set me up with a salary and apartment, and all I have to do is protect them from monsters, aliens, any type of bad guy really.

Jared, still flying, suddenly arches his back and dives down in the sky until he reaches the ground.

EXT. DALE CITY - EVENING

A slimy purple monster with 6 arms and 2 heads is attacking a block of the city. Citizens are getting picked up and thrown into buildings, cars are being smashed, and people are running around frantically. \*

Jared's superhero friend, MASON, arrives at the scene. \*

JARED

Yo Mase! Let's kill this asshole and then go to the bar. I'm thirsty, if you catch my drift. \*

MASON

Oh I caught it. I'll distract him  
and you can use your fire to torch  
his ass.

Mason begins to fly around and spray the monster with water,  
which is Mason's power. While Mason does this Jared is  
nowhere to be seen. \*  
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Finally we spot him flirting with a woman while Mason is in  
the background still flying around and distracting the  
monster.

MASON

Jared! I need a little help over  
here!

With the monster to his back, Jared takes his right hand and  
faces his palm to the monster.

Without even glancing back Jared shoots a large jet of fire  
out of his palm and takes out 2 arms and 1 head of the  
monster.

JARED

Now listen baby, I've got to finish  
off this monster because my friend  
over there doesn't know what he's  
doing. Why don't you stick around  
and watch me finish him off?

The random girl nods her head and Jared flies off to where  
Mason is. He begins to shoot the monster with more jets of  
fire until the monster is just an ashy mess, left to be  
cleaned up by someone else.

Jared is seen in the distance giving the woman from before a  
pinch on her ass as she walks away.

EXT. DALE CITY'S SKY - EVENING

Jared and Mason fly away from the crime scene.

MASON

Who was that chick you were talking  
to? Oh and thanks for the help, you  
asshole.

JARED

My hot lady senses were tingling! I  
had to go talk to her. Got her  
number and everything.

MASON

And The Flamethrower has done it again! It's impressive man. Has any chick ever turned you down?

JARED

Are you shitting me dude? No. If there is anything a woman likes, it's a dude in tights who fights.

EXT. THE BAR'S BAR - NIGHT

Jared and Mason arrive at their favorite nighttime bar, The Bar's Bar. Jared takes a big breath in and lets it out.

JARED

You smell that Mas? Smells like opportunity to me.

INT. THE BAR'S BAR - NIGHT

The modern bar is filled to the brim with attractive looking people, mainly women, in their mid twenties.

As soon as Jared enters the bar, still clad in his superhero costume, he yells

JARED

Yo who wants their drink lit on fire!?

Montage:

Jared lights various women's shots on fire. \*

Jared makes out with several different women. \*

Jared cheers drinks with Mason. \*

For the grand finale, Jared lights a baked Alaska on fire. \*

After all of the commotion at the bar Jared sees a woman sitting at the far end of the bar. Jared walks up to her with a bounce in his step.

JARED

Hey gorgeous, mind if I buy you a drink?

LILA

Mmmm yeah actually I do mind.

JARED

Oh playing hard to get? I like that.

LILA

(motioning between the two of them)

This is not going to happen.

JARED

Really? And why is that?

LILA

Look at you! You think you can get into my pants just because you're some C list celebrity in this city?

JARED

Hey I am not a C list--

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LILA

--Your tights alone make me want to throw up.

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Lila finishes her drink. Leaving cash on the bar she exits. All the while Jared was checking out her ass.

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We follow Jared as he walks to the other end of the bar orders another drink from the bartender.

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Mason walks up and sits next to Jared.

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MASON

Ouch dude. I thought every chick likes a dude in tights who fights.

JARED

Oh shut up Mas. She was so into me, she wants me to chase her and I know it.

MASON

She called you a C list celebrity! Maybe you should just hook up with someone else?

JARED

No I like 'em feisty. I'm going to charm the shit out of her.

MASON

That's gross.

JARED

Not literally you idiot! I'll find her apartment and impress her with my flying skills. And on that note I'm off to figure out where my next slam piece lives.

MASON

Good luck bro.

JARED

Oh Mason, I don't need luck.

Jared finishes his drink and exits the bar.

INT. LILA'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Lila is busy typing up work on her laptop when she hears a tapping on the large window in the living room. She sees Jared flying out there with a big grin on his face.

INT. LILA'S APARTMENT WINDOW - MONTAGE - NIGHT AND DAY

We see the montage from the reflection of Lila's face looking out of her window. Sometimes she smiles, and other times she frowns at his gestures.

Jared flies past Lila's window holding chocolates and flowers.

Jared flies past Lila's window holding a medal he won for fighting crime.

Jared flies past Lila's window holding a bad guy he just caught.

Jared flies past Lila's window showing off the key to the city the mayor gave him.

END MONTAGE

EXT. LILA'S APARTMENT WINDOW - NIGHT

Jared is hovering outside of Lila's window. This is the second time he has been to her apartment today. Lila angrily opens the window and shouts to Jared.

LILA

Okay, enough!

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(CONT'D)

If I go on a date will you promise  
to stop coming to my window?

JARED

They all come to the Flamethrower  
in the end! Yes baby, I'll pick you  
up tomorrow night at 8. Wear  
something sexy.

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EXT. LILA'S APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT

Jared waits outside Lila's building and is clad in his  
typical superhero costume, tights and all.

Lila exits the apartment wearing a wavy dress. Jared whistles  
as soon as he sees her.

LILA

Nice tights.

JARED

Thanks baby, let's get out of here.

LILA

Wait, what are we doing tonight?

JARED

I reserved a chef's table at one of  
the fanciest restaurants in the  
city. After dinner we'll take a  
nice stroll around James Park and  
then I'll take you home.

LILA

Wow that actually sounds really  
nice.

JARED

(Laughing)

The look on your face was  
priceless! Of course we aren't  
doing any of those things. First  
things first, I'm going to take you  
flying.

LILA

That is probably not a good ide--

JARED

--Hush babe, I know what I'm doing.  
This isn't my first rodeo.

Suddenly Jared picks up Lila by her waist and shoots up into the air.

EXT. DALE CITY'S SKY - NIGHT

They begin flying above the city. Lila is visibly uncomfortable and looks to be getting sick.

LILA

This is your idea of romantic? My hair is all messed up and everyone can see up my dress!

JARED

Don't be so uptight! You mortals can't fly, you should appreciate me doing this for you.

LILA

Oh god I think I'm going to hurl.

Lila begins vomiting all over the city below her. Jared cringes and is clearly grossed out.

JARED

Oh that's gross. Luckily we're here anyway.

LILA

Where is here?

JARED

You're gonna watch me fight some crime!

LILA

Oh great, sounds like a blast.

EXT. DALE CITY - NIGHT

Jared and Lila land on a corner of the street. Jared grins while Lila looks worse for wear.

A robotic looking creature is attacking this part of the city, shooting lasers at nearby buildings.

Jared gives Lila a patronizing kiss on the forehead, to which she grimaces, and flies off.

JARED

Watch this sweetheart.

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These hands are magic, and in more than just one way.

Jared flies over to where the robot is. He begins shooting him with flames, positioning his hands to make it look like they are coming from his crotch.

He starts to thrust and sticks out his tongue, hoping to impress Lila, who has been looking at her phone this entire time.

Discouraged, Jared shoots flames into the sky spelling out 'Lily' into the sky.

JARED

Hey babe! I finished killing that monster and made you a little surprise. Look up.

Lila looks up to the sky and begins to laugh.

JARED

I knew you would like it!

LILA

My name isn't Lily, you idiot, it's Lila.

JARED

Shit. Oh well it's the thought that counts.

LILA

Why don't you just take me home? And I don't mean so we can fuck.

JARED

Right, sure. I don't have any cash on me, we'll have to fly home again.

LILA

Great.

EXT. LILA'S APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT

Jared and Lila land from the sky in front of Lila's building.

JARED

Do you think I could come up for a little bit?

LILA

I guess so, but seriously we aren't having sex. I just want to talk.

JARED

Yeah totally, me too.

INT. LILA'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Lila's place is small, cozy but elegant at the same time. The room is surrounded by photographs, unlit CANDLES, and cat toys.

As soon as the door opens Lila's cat, JINKX MONSOON (pronounced jinx), comes rushing to Lila and she picks him up as soon as she can.

LILA

Awww hi Jinkxy! I missed you!

Lila holds out Jinkx so Jared can pet him, which he does gingerly, and then she puts the cat on the floor.

LILA

Want something to drink? Water, soda, wine?

JARED

A soda would be good.

LILA

Be right back.

Lila exits the living room leaving Jared and Jinkx alone together. Jared sees all the unlit candles and comes up with a brilliant idea.

Jared begins shooting small jets of fire at the candles in order to light them, he wants to romance Lila.

After he has lit half of the candles in the room, Jared turns around without looking and points his finger at what he assumed was a candle, but was really Jinkx's tail.

Suddenly Jinkx begins to meow loudly, which turns into a loud yelping. He runs around the room like crazy. Lila enters with two sodas in her hands and starts screaming. \*

LILA

MY CAT IS ON FIRE! What the fuck did you do? Help me! \*

JARED

I was just trying to light some  
candles and it got in the way!

Lila tries to grab Jinkx but he keeps running around the  
small living room with his tail still on fire. She tells  
Jared to get a large pitcher of water while she chases Jinkx. \*

Finally Lila is able to corner him and put the fire out with  
the pitcher full of water. Jinkx, now drenched head to tail  
with water, hisses loudly at Jared. \*

LILA

Get out. Get the fuck out!

JARED

Lila I'm really sorry! It was an  
accident I swear. I know you're mad  
now, but think about what a funny  
story this could be to our grand  
kids.

Lila is furious and says nothing but point at the front door.  
Jared takes the hint, leaves the room, and flies back to his  
place.

CUT TO:

INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Lila sits at a small table drinking coffee with her two best  
friends, ELLA and MOLLY.

ELLA

Let me get this right, he came back  
to yours and lit little Jinkxy on  
fire?

LILA

He didn't do it on purpose, but  
yeah he lit Jinkx's tail on fire  
for a few minutes. He said he was  
lighting my candles to be romantic  
and "it got in the way."

MOLLY

How was the rest of the date before  
that?

LILA

Let's see, he took me flying, which  
I hated. I probably threw up on  
some poor tourist's head.

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(CONT'D)

Then he took me to watch him fight crime, afterwards he tried to write my name in the sky and he wrote 'Lily' not 'Lila'. Then he lit Jinkx's tail on fire. So I would say not good.

ELLA

Maybe the way he did things were bad, but his intentions were good right?

LILA

I don't know.

MOLLY

I think so. It was only one date, right? Are you going to go out with him again?

LILA

I doubt it.

ELLA

Why? I feel like he was nice by taking you flying and writing your name in the sky.

MOLLY

You should give it one more try.

LILA

Really?

MOLLY

Yes! And he is a superhero, how cool is that? I don't know anyone else who has been on dates with a superhero before.

ELLA

Also, let's face it: he is really hot. Give it another try and if it sucks then just break it off!

LILA

If you all say so...

CUT TO:

EXT./INT. METRO STATION - DAY

Jared and Lila talk and laugh while entering the METRO STATION.

JARED

(V.O.)

I had thought the date was going so well until Lila up and decides to just leave me at the metro station. I don't even know what I did wrong.

Jared stops Lila from walking any further.

JARED

I'm so glad you agreed to go out with me again.

LILA

Yeah well you can thank my friends for that. Where are we going?

JARED

I know you weren't a big fan of flying last time so I figured we could take the metro to see the mayor and hang out with him for a little bit. He's got great stories about me. Then maybe we could get lunch.

LILA

That sounds interesting.

JARED

Okay then lets go!

Jared tries to walk through the barriers that let you into the metro. He tries to walk through several times but the doors won't open. He looks at Lila confused.

LILA

You need to buy a ticket first. Have you never been on the metro before?

JARED

Ummm no. I normally just fly.

Jared walks back to where Lila is by the ticket machines. He presses random buttons, getting more and more frustrated.

LILA

You need to put money in it first.

JARED  
Right. I knew that.

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JARED  
(V.O.)  
So I don't know how metros work,  
sue me!

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Jared looks down to his clothing. He's wearing tights, of course he doesn't have any money or a wallet on him. Jared turns sheepishly to Lila.

JARED  
Umm so I never carry money with me when I'm in uniform. No pockets in the tights and all.

LILA  
Seriously? Fine. Here's a couple of dollars. That should be enough.

Jared searches for where to put the dollars in the machine and eventually finds the slot. He puts in a crumpled dollar bill and the ticket machine spits it right back out.

This happens several times and Jared grows increasingly more frustrated each time it happens. He doesn't like failure.

JARED  
Stupid fucking machine. Lets try this other one.

Lila silently complies and follows Jared to the machine. He uses a different dollar and still finds no luck.

A METRO EMPLOYEE approaches them to find out what the problem is.

EMPLOYEE  
What seems to be the problem over here?

JARED  
These fucking machines won't take any of our dollars. It's bullshit!

LILA  
Jared calm down.

JARED  
No this is ridiculous! You! Fix this.

EMPLOYEE

Umm I can't. I'm not a mechanic or anything like that.

LILA

Jared you're embarrassing me. Let's just use another machine.

JARED

Why? They're probably all broken! So fucking stupid. I don't know how you people do this kind of shit. If the machine is broken then who the fuck cares.

And with that Jared is furious. He rises his right hand and shoots a jet of fire at the machine, charring it to bits in seconds.

Lila and the metro employee jump back terrified. People in the station are walking away as fast as they can. An alarm goes on and off several times

LILA

I can't believe you just fucking did that! What the hell is even wrong with you?

JARED

You saw that machine! It wasn't working. I probably did them a favor by destroying it.

(To the employee)

You're welcome.

EMPLOYEE

Yeah, you're definitely going to have to pay for that. \*

LILA \*

Well guess what!? He doesn't have a wallet with him because he wears tights all the fucking time! You know what Jared, or should I call you The Flamethrower--? \*

JARED \*

--You can call me that, it's sexy baby. \*

LILA

That's fucking it. You're a misogynistic pig and an idiot. I'm done with this. Good luck Jared.

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(CONT'D)

You're going to fucking need it.  
Don't come to my apartment again,  
or I'll call the cops.

CUT TO:

TITLE CARD: ONE WEEK LATER

INT. JARED'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Jared is sitting on his sofa and is surrounded by take away garbage. He looks like he hasn't showered in a good 4 days.

For the first time we see Jared without his trademark tights, a sign that something is really wrong. Instead he wears a dirty T-shirt and boxers.

Jared's superhero friend, Mason, enters the room wanting to cheer Jared up.

MASON

What the fuck man? Is this where  
you've been all week? The mayor is  
pissed at you, you haven't fought  
crime in like a week. What  
happened?

JARED

Lila.

MASON

Lila? Oh that chick you went out  
with twice?

Jared

Yes. She told me I'm a misogynistic  
pig and an idiot! She's right.

MASON

What the fuck? No! You're The  
Flamethrower! You can get any woman  
you want! You can't let this one  
random chick get you down. Who even  
cares about her.

JARED

(Perking up)

I suppose you're right. At the end  
of the day I'm a superhero and she  
is nothing.

MASON



That's the Jared I know! Now take a shower and let's go out. Time to get drunk. You know the best way to get over someone is to get under someone else!

Jared exits the shower and puts on regular clothing, a first for him, although he is wearing his tights underneath his jeans. Old habits die hard after all.

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EXT. THE BAR'S BAR - NIGHT

Jared and Mason stand outside the bar.

MASON  
Are you ready for this?

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JARED  
Yeah man, let's do it.

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Jared and Mason enter the bar.

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THE END

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