



THE INHUMAN RACE

13 X 22 MINUTE
ANIMATED SERIES



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Background collage featuring travel stamps from Malaysia (27 MAY 2007), Athens (28 AVE 2003), and Sydney (17 DEC 2008), along with a red starburst graphic and a circular logo in the top right corner.

HOLY EXCLAMATION!!

**SUPER HEROES FORCED BY A MANIACAL GENIUS
TO COMPETE IN A REALITY GAME SHOW**

ACTION TOWN- WHERE SUPERPOWERS ARE BORN, EVILDOERS ARE FOILED AND LEGENDS ARE MADE. (IT IS ALSO THE BACKDROP AGAINST WHICH PREPUBESCENT BOYS' PULSES QUICKEN AS THEY SHOVEL OUT THEIR PARENTS' HARD-EARNED CASH FOR: COMICS! TRADING CARDS! AND DOLLS!... ER, ACTION FIGURES!) IT IS FROM HERE THAT WE SEE SUPER HERO TEAMS FORCED INTO AN EPIC RACE AROUND THE WORLD PERFORMING INANE TASKS WHILE NAVIGATING THEIR TEAM DYNAMICS AND MANAGING THEIR OWN SUPER POWERED EGOS... ALL SO THEY CAN WIN THE ULTIMATE PRIZE AT THE EPISODE'S END: GETTING OFF THE SHOW. IS THIS A RACE WHERE ONLY THE STRONGEST AND THE FASTEST SURVIVE? OR IS THIS A RACE WHERE SHARING THE GLORY IS AS IMPORTANT AS SHARING THE SLEEPING BAG? IS IT MORE IMPORTANT TO KICK ASS OR KISS ASS?

THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS WAITING TO BE ANSWERED AS WE GET READY TO BEGIN

THE INHUMAN RACE!

SERIES OVERVIEW

EPISODES WILL SATIRIZE TWEEN BOYS MEDIA EXPERIENCES: MERCHANDISING TIE-INS, ACTION MOVIE CONVENTIONS, OVER-HYPED SPORTING EVENTS AND SENSATIONALIZED NON-EVENTS LIKE REALITY SHOWS AND CELEBRITY/ATHLETE GOSSIP. CHARACTERS BREAK THE FOURTH WALL ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE IN REALITY-TV INSPIRED CONFESSIONALS.

AT THE START OF THE SERIES, WE ARE INTRODUCED TO AN ALL-POWERFUL MEGALOMANIAC CHIMPANZEE, THE PEEPER (MARVEL COMICS' "THE WATCHER" MEETS NBC APPRENTICE'S "THE DONALD"). PEEPER IS OBSESSED WITH SELF-PROMOTION AND SELLING HIS VARIOUS PEEPER PRODUCTS. HE HAS DECIDED TO PRODUCE THE HIGHEST RATED REALITY GAME SHOW OF ALL TIME. TO DO SO, HE KIDNAPS 22 ANIMAL SUPER HEROES AND 2 PLAY BY PLAY ANNOUNCERS. HE EXPLAINS THAT HE HAS CREATED TEAMS BASED ON "FOCUS-GROUP CONFIRMED" REALITY SHOW CONVENTIONS (THE BROMANCE, BFFS, FATHER-DAUGHTER, ROMANTIC TENSION, ETC.) TO PLAY FOR THE HIGHEST OF STAKES: THE WINNERS ARE SET FREE AND THE LONE LOSER IS TO BECOME PEEPER'S NETWORK "INTERN" - AN UNPAID PERSONAL "GOPHER" (YES, HE COULD ALSO TURN THE WINNER INTO AN ACTUAL GOPHER).

AS IN THE THE AMAZING RACE, TEAMS OF TWO FRANTICLY JOURNEY THROUGH BREATHTAKING SCENERY; OVERCOMING COMMON TRAVEL HEADACHES LIKE CANCELLED FLIGHTS. BUT THERE ARE ALSO UNCOMMON, PEEPER-CREATED, OBSTACLES--LIKE RAGING FIRE-BREATHING DRAGONS. CLUES LEAD THE SQUABBLING HEROES TO THE NEXT DESTINATION OR COMMAND THEM TO PERFORM AN IDIOTIC CHALLENGE, ALL OF WHICH FRAY THEIR TENUOUS TEAMWORK. THE FIRST TWO TEAMS ADVANCE TO THE GLADIATORIAL DOUBLE TROUBLE ROUND WHERE PEEPER ENSURES A "FAIR" FIGHT BY CREATING DANGEROUS OBSTACLES TO HANDICAP THE STRONG AND SUPPLYING AWESOME WEAPONS TO EMPOWER THE WEAK. THE WINNERS FACE THE "PEEPER'S HOLE" CHALLENGE AND IF SUCCESSFUL, THEY GET TO LEAVE THE SHOW....THAT IS, IF THE CHAMPIONS' CHARACTER APPEAL IS LOW IN PEEPER'S "INFALLIBLE MARKET RESEARCH AND POLLING DATA." EVERY SEASON, PEEPER'S INTERFERENCE WILL ALWAYS ROUND OUT TO A RIPE 22 EPISODES IN TOTAL.

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HEROES

ALL OF THE HEROES ON THE INHUMAN RACE ARE PARODIES OF CHARACTERS THAT TWEEN BOYS HAVE BEEN BOMBARDED WITH SINCE BEFORE THEY KNEW HOW TO HOLD THEIR REMOTE CONTROLS. NO GENRE IS SPARED - FROM COMIC BOOK HEROES, TO BOARDING SCHOOL MAGICIANS AND EVERY POORLY-TRANSLATED JAPANESE CARTOON ALONG THE WAY. THESE TROPES ARE THEN THRUST TOGETHER IN ANOTHER EASILY RECOGNIZABLE GENRE - THE REALITY GAME SHOW. ALL 22 HEROES ARE DEMOGRAPHICALLY-DIVERSE STEREOTYPES CALIBRATED TO GET ALONG AS WELL AS A BOMB AND A LIT FUSE.

MAIN CHARACTERS

- ★ **BROMANCE-** PALLADIUM KID (IRON MAN) AND BADGERNE (WOLVERINE): THE PALLADIUM KID WAS BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HIS MOUTH, AND WHILE BADGERNE HAS A MYSTERIOUS PAST, WE'RE ALL PRETTY SURE HE'S WHITE TRASH. THESE TWO WILL EITHER KILL EACH OTHER OR BE STARS OF THE NEXT BUDDY COP FLICK.
- ★ **BFFS-** THE HARE (GRL FLASH) AND SPECTRAL SLOTH (X-MEN'S SHADOW CAT): OMG, THEY ARE BOTH SUPER HOT!!! OMGNW, THEY ARE BOTH SUPER RICH!!! BUNNY IS A BODACIOUS HEIRESS TURNED MODEL AND SPECTRAL SLOTH IS A WAFISH MODEL TURNED MOGUL!!! THESE TWO BECAME FRIENDS FASTER THAN A TWITTER TWEET -BUT FAST FRIENDS CAN SOON BECOME FERCE FRENEMIES.
- ★ **FATHER & DAUGHTER-** GENERAL PATRIOT (CAPTAN AMERICAN) AND SPIDER LASS (SPIDERGRL): THESE TWO ARE NOT REALLY FATHER AND DAUGHTER, BUT LOOKING INTO SPIDER LASS' BESPECTACLED EYES, GENERAL PATRIOT CAN'T FIGHT THE URGE TO ADVISE, PROTECT AND TAKE THIS AWKWARD YOUNG HERONE UNDER HIS WING. SPIDER LASS, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS WONDERING WHY THIS POT-BELLED KNOW-IT-ALL KEEPS SHOVING HER HEAD IN HIS STINKING ARMPIT.
- ★ **ROMANTIC TENSION-** THE DARK RAT (BATMAN) AND BLACK CAT (HARRY POTTER'S HERMIONE GRANGER/CAT WOMAN): WHO DARES TO WALK THE STREETS AT NIGHT? THE LONELY, THAT'S WHO THEY WERE ALWAYS ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE LAW BACK IN SEWER CITY. HE WAS THE REVENGING RODENT CLEANING UP THE STREETS, WHILE SHE WAS THE WITCH-CRAFTY CAT BURGLAR WHO CLEANED OUT THE SAFES. FELINES AND RODENTS HAVE ALWAYS HAD A TRICKY RELATIONSHIP, BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN "THE RAT" FINALLY CATCHES "THE CAT?"

SUPPORTING CHARACTERS

- ★ NAKED MOLE RAT NINJA (TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA) & MIGHTY MITE (MECHA)
- ★ EAGLE EYE (GREEN ARROW/HAWKEYE) & AQUAFISH (AQUAMAN)
- ★ KARMIC CHAMELEON (AVATAR THE LAST AIR BENDER) & GILAMOUSE (THOR)
- ★ GANDELEPHANT (GANDALF THE GREY) & QUEEN KUNG (KING KONG)
- ★ MUJ CHIHUAHUA (MULTIPLE MAN) & QUEEN BEE (X-MEN'S DESTINY)
- ★ OTTER OCTET (BEN 10) & FANTASTIC FROG (THE TOAD)
- ★ ELECTRIC EEL (MR. FANTASTIC) & BLACKJACK BEAGLE (GAMBIT/ YU-GI-OH!/POKÉMON)



EVERYONE KNOWS NAKED MOLE RAT NINJA; NOT ONLY IS HE A MASTER OF THE MARTIAL ARTS, BUT HIS INFOMERCIALS HAVE BEEN INVITING VIEWERS TO JOIN THE NINJA-PONZI SCHEME FOR YEARS. WILL HE BE ABLE TO WORK WITH MIGHTY MITE, THE TINY COMMIE-FASCIST IN THE ENORMOUS BATTLE SUIT? THE MARKSMAN EAGLE EYE HAS CONFESSED THAT HE IS "NOT HERE TO MAKE FRIENDS... I WANT TO GET OFF THIS SHOW AND BACK TO REAL AMERICAN BROADCASTING - AM RADIO". HE WILL BE SLOWED DOWN BY HIS TEAMMATE, THE ANDROGYNOUS AQUAFISH WHO IS TOO CONCERNED ABOUT HIS "CARBON FN-PRINT" TO USE A GAS POWERED VEHICLE.

KARMIC CHAMELEON AND GILGAMOUSE ARE BOTH SPIRITUAL WARRIORS FROM NON-AMERICAN PLACES, SO IT WOULD SEEM LIKE THEY WILL GET ALONG LIKE THE UNITED COLORS OF BENETTON. BUT WITH A 5000 YEAR AGE DIFFERENCE, THAT GENERATION GAP'S MORE LIKE A YAWNING CHASM. WILL THEY STILL SEE EYE TO EYE WHEN GILGAMOUSE DEMANDS AN EYE FOR AN EYE?

THE OTHER HEROES ARE GANDELEPHANT & QUEEN KUNG (OLD MARRIED COUPLE), MUY CHIHUAHUA & QUEEN BEE (A PAIR OF SCRAPPY OLD GOLDEN GIRLS), OTTER OCTET & FANTASTIC FROG (TWEEN RASCALS) AND ELECTRIC EEL & BLACKJACK BEAGLE (THE SCIENTIST AND THE GAMBLER).

HOSTS

★ **LOIS LEMUR:** CHIEF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT AND FOOD CRITIC FOR THE DAILY DYING PRINT MEDIA. SHE'S AN UPTIGHT PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL WHO HAS A POORLY-CONCEALED FRANCOPHILE FASCINATION WITH THE SPECTRAL SLOTH BECAUSE SHE'S "ACCLTURATED."

★ **ANGUS MCBEEF:** HE'S A BULKY SOCCER HOOLIGAN STEER WITH A BAD COMB-OVER BETWEEN HIS HORNS WHO NOW MAKES HIS LIVING AS AN ITINERANT SPORTS COMMENTATOR ON AM RADIO HAVING BEEN BANNED FROM PROFESSIONAL SPORTS BECAUSE HE TOOK THE FIFTH DURING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:




EACH EPISODE BEGNS IN THE "BIG BROTHER" MONKEY HOUSE OF PEEPER, WHERE THE HEROES ARE PLAYNG CARDS, LIFTNG WEIGHTS, SPARRNG, GARDENNG, MILLNG ABOUT, TRYNG TO TUNNEL OUT, ETC. OUR HOSTS EXPLAIN THE CURRENT STANDNGS SO FAR AND WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THIS SHOW'S RACE: LOCALE, TERRAN, ETC. AND THEN IN A FLASH OF LIGHT (AND A FART SFX), THEY'RE TELEPORTED OUT AND THE RACE BEGNS!



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★ ACT I: THE RACE

TEAMS RACE TO AN EXOTIC LOCALE - ANYWHERE FROM THE GLACIERS OF ANTARCTICA TO PEEPER'S FAVORITE LOWER EAST SIDE DELI - TO FIND THEIR FIRST CLUE. THE FASTEST AND THE STRONGEST ARE NOT ALWAYS THE WINNERS; THE INHUMAN RACERS ARE ONLY INHUMAN, AFTER-ALL. THEY ARE EASILY DISTRACTED BY EVERYTHING FROM A BALINESE BBQ-BACON KABOB TO A SCANDNAVIAN SAMPLE SALE. THE WINNERS PREVAIL THROUGH A MIXTURE OF THEIR SUPER-POWERS, THEIR ABILITY TO ADAPT TO THE LOCAL CULTURE, OR THE WILLINGNESS TO SIDE-STEP THE "HEROCRATIC OATH" AND BEND THE RULES WITH THE PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF 10 LAWYERS. AFTER EACH ACT, YOU WON'T WANT TO GET UP FROM YOUR SEAT BECAUSE BEFORE YOU RUN TO THE CAN, YOU MIGHT SEE A MOCK AD FOR SOMETHING LIKE NAKED-MOLE RAT'S MICROWAVABLE(ISH) BALNESE BBQ BACON KABOBS™ - THE KRAZY KABOBS WITH THE INEXPLICABLY LONG TAIL!

★ ACT II: DOUBLE TROUBLE TEAM BATTLE

"WHAT IF..." OR "THE FIGHT YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D SEE..." THE TWO TEAMS THAT WON IN THE FIRST ACT WILL BE TELEPORTED BACK TO ACTION TOWN FOR A RIGHTEOUS COMBAT SCENE. BUT BEFORE WE SEE THE BRAWLING, WE VISIT THE LOCKER ROOM TO SEE THE BAWLING. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE BIG FIGHT, TENSIONS RUN HIGH BETWEEN TEAMMATES, BUT THE REAL DEMON THEY WILL HAVE TO DEFEAT IS WITHIN THEMSELVES. THE NEXT MORNING THE TEAM MAY BE WEAKENED AND SHELL-SHOCKED, BUT THEN AGAIN THAT "SHELL" MAY BE FORGED FROM ATOMIC INVULNERABRILLIAM® ENABLING THEM TO KICK THEIR COMPETITORS WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE... SPEAKING OF ATOMIC INVULNERABRILLIAM®, DID YOU FORGET THAT EACH ACT IS FOLLOWED BY A MOCK AD FOR SOMETHING SUPER-FANTASTIC? WELL, MAYBE YOU BETTER ASK YOUR MOM FOR A SUPER-SIZED SIX-LITER BOTTLE OF ATOMIC INVULNERA-BRILLIAM CORN SYRUP & CAFFENE COLA - THE DRINK THAT HELPS YOU THINK! PART OF A NUTRITIOUS MEAL!! (NUTRITIOUS MEAL NOT INCLUDED).

★ ACT III: INTO THE EYE OF THE PEEPER'S HOLE

THE WINNING TEAM FROM THE DOUBLE TROUBLE BATTLE IS GIVEN A CHALLENGE. CHALLENGES RANGE FROM THE UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE TO THE MILDLY INCONVENIENT DEPENDING ON PEEPER'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE TEAM AND HIS BELIEFS ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE OUTCOME ON HIS MARKET SHARE. THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF THIS ROUND IS GETTING THE TEAM TO WORK TOGETHER AS EQUALS. THE LEAST POPULAR TEAMS ARE OFTEN SET FREE, WHILE THE TEAMS WHO HAVE THE HIGHEST RATINGS USUALLY FACE IMPOSSIBLE ODDS. ON THE OFF CHANCE ONE OF PEEPER'S FAVORITE TEAMS WINS THE CHALLENGE AND EXPECTS TO BE SET FREE, PEEPER HAS BEEN KNOWN TO MAKE THAT WEEK A "NON-ELIMINATION ROUND."



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THROUGHOUT THE SERIES, MANY FACTORS HAVE COMBINED TO EXPLAIN THE DISMAL PERFORMANCE OF THE FINAL FOUR TEAMS.

ROMANTIC TENSION: BOTH DARK RAT AND BLACK CAT PROTEST THIS 'BLIND DATE' PEEPER HAS FORCED ON THEM (ALTHOUGH THE CAT "DOETH PROTEST TOO MUCH"), AND SO THEY'RE COMICALLY AWKWARD AROUND EACH OTHER. BUT AS THE SEASON ENDS, THE DARK RAT'S HEART GROWS "THREE SIZES THAT DAY" AND HE REALIZES THAT HE CAN FIGHT MORE INJUSTICE WITH A PARTNER BY HIS SIDE. AND BLACK CAT LEARNS TO FANCY THE DARK RAT QUITE A BIT.

FATHER & DAUGHTER: GENERAL PATRIOT AND SPIDER LASS HAVE FOUGHT EACH OTHER BITTERLY IN HATEFUL DRAMATIC SCENES WORTHY OF A TELLA NOVELLA. THE GENERAL HAS STUBBORNLY SULKED IN HIS PUP TENT AS MUCH AS LASS HAS WEPT INTO HER WEBS. WHEN THEY FINALLY STOP TRIPPING EACH OTHER UP, SHE REALIZES THAT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING A "THUNDER THORAX" AND HE ACCEPTS THAT WOMEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE.

IT'S NO ACCIDENT THAT THE FINAL TWO TEAMS ARE THE MOST ATTRACTIVE, THE HARE & SLOTH AND PALLADIUM KID & BADGERINE. (PEEPER'S RESEARCH SUPPORTS "KEEPING THE EYE CANDY AROUND.") THE HARE & SLOTH CLEARLY POSSESS THE DECISIVE SUPER POWER ADVANTAGES TO WIN A REALITY TV SHOW CONTEST BASED ON A RACE (HELLO? SUPER SPEED AND INTANGIBILITY?). BUT THEY'RE IN NEXT-TO-LAST PLACE DUE FIRST TO THE FRIVOLITIES OF THEIR FAST FASHIONABLE FRIENDSHIP, AND THEN THE TROUBLES OF TREACHERY AS THEY BACKBITE EACH OTHER AND CLAW FOR ATTENTION WHEN THE POOL OF MALE ADMIRERS DWINDLES. IT ISN'T UNTIL "THAT GIRL WITH GLASSES" GETS TO LEAVE THAT THEY EVEN REALIZE THEY'RE LOSING.

THEY'RE STILL BICKERING WHEN PALLADIUM KID AND BADGERINE "CHIVALROUSLY" SURRENDER DURING THE FINAL DOUBLE TROUBLE BATTLE. THE BODY SPRAY BROTHERS SECRETLY FORMED AN "ALLIANCE": THEY AGREE TO SNEAK ATTACK PEEPER, APPARENTLY FORGETTING THAT PEEPER WAS ABLE TO BEAT ALL 22 HEROES, THEMSELVES INCLUDED, A MERE 21 EPISODES AGO. PEEPER PULVERIZES THEM UNTIL HE ADDS A TWIST: IF THEY PUT ASIDE THEIR ALLIANCE AND FIGHT AS HE INTENDED, THEN WHOEVER WINS THE BATTLE GETS A SPECIAL ADDITIONAL PRIZE: FOR BADGERINE, THE KEY TO UNLOCK THE SECRET OF HIS MYSTERIOUS PAST AND FOR PALLADIUM KID, A REAL HEART THAT WOULD FREE HIM FROM HIS PALLADIUM PACEMAKER. THE TWO BOYS GO AT IT AND THE WINNER WILL BE REVEALED NEXT SEASON.

KABAM!!

THE INHUMAN RACE IS A SHOW THAT HAS EVERYTHING TWEEN BOYS WANT: BATTLES, CHASE SCENES, AND DRAWINGS OF CUTE GIRLS, AND EVERYTHING THEY NEED: THEMES ON EMOTIONAL GROWTH, DISGUISED EDUCATIONAL CONTENT IN THE FORM OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LOCATIONS, AND SATIRICAL SKEPTICISM ABOUT ALL THE OTHER SHOWS OUT THERE.

