Super Hero Support Group
Cast:

1. **DOG BOY (Goofy and Depressed)** (Jasper Stuckett)
2. **CAT CHICK (Sarcastic and very Bossy)** (Nia Wilson)
3. **SMACK (High-Strung, Loud and Ready to fight at a moment’s notices-Anger Issues)** (Aaliyah Peavy)
4. **DOCTOR (very Serious and Professional)** (Natalia Walters)
5. **SHADOW (Nervous, and jittery, has trust issues.)** (Mattison Laster)
6. **CAPER (Calm and peaceful, compliant)** (Jazmeisha Brown/ Krishanti Bridges)

The Scene:

The play takes place in a **DOCTOR**’s office. In the beginning, the characters are sitting around talking as the superhero theme song plays in the background.
INT. Waiting room. Day. Super Hero Theme Song playing in the background

(A group of people dressed as superheroes sit in a row of a waiting room.)

DOG BOY: Rough.
CAT CHICK: Hiss.
DOG BOY: I wasn't barking.
CAT CHICK: Oh.
DOG BOY: I was thinking how rough of a day I've had.
CAT CHICK: (SARCASTICALLY) That's why you're here.
DOG BOY: But I have things to do... crime to fight. I can't wait around here all day.
CAT CHICK: You don't have a choice.
SMACK: I can't take it anymore! I have to get out of here.

DOCTOR enters.

DOCTOR: Sit down.
SMACK: You can't stop me. I'm SMACK the Super strong! I will slap you!

SMACK swings at DOCTOR but she backs away and then grabs his ear and twists.

SMACK: falls to the floor in pain.

DOCTOR: There will be no slapping, nor biting.
DOG BOY: Grrr!
DOCTOR: Nor scratching.
CAT CHICK: Hisss!
DOCTOR: Everyone please wait your turn and no more disturbances.

DOCTOR lets go of SMACK: There is a ding and DOCTOR exits.

DOG BOY: How did she stop you?
SMACK: I don't know.
CAT CHICK: Mind powers. She's got mind powers more powerful than you can imagine.

*Shadow comes from behind the chairs.*

SHADOW: Our powers are useless around her.
DOG BOY: Where'd you come from?
SHADOW: I am Shadow, I came from the shadows.
CAT CHICK: More like from behind the chairs. How long have you been back there?
SHADOW: Long enough to know what's going on here.
DOG BOY: What is going on?
SHADOW: The DOCTOR is removing our powers.
SMACK: What?
SHADOW: Not only can she stop us. She can take away our powers... forever!
SMACK: This is terrible. I'd be nothing without my super strength! I can't go back to being some loser working at D-Mart.
CAT CHICK: Personally I'm tired of all the hairballs. She can have my powers.
DOG BOY: I do get tired of smelling everything.

*DOG BOY: sniffs around and looks at Shadow: and makes a face.*

DOG BOY: *(CONT.)* You smell like you've been hiding there a LONG time.
SHADOW: We have to escape.
SMACK: Or slap the doc!
DOG BOY: But how?
SHADOW: Shhh! She's coming!

*Shadow hides behind the chairs. The others sit in their chairs. The DOCTOR enters with another superhero.*

DOCTOR: You'll never have to worry about flying again.
CAPER: I guess it's time to hang up my cape.
DOCTOR: Stay off the rooftops. Or we'll have to have another session.
CAPER: I'm done. Please. I promise.
DOCTOR: Very well. No need to schedule a follow up then.
CAPER: Please. Never again.
DOCTOR: Next!

Cat Chick: stands. Dog Boy: grabs her arm but she hisses and pulls away.

CAT CHICK: Look. I want to be able to go the beach again. I want to go swimming again. I am tired of all those naps. Please DOCTOR. Take me next.
DOCTOR: Walk this way.

Cat Chick: follows DOCTOR off. CAPER: starts to go but SMACK: grabs him. Shadow comes out.

SMACK: The DOCTOR took your powers!
CAPER: I think so.
SHADOW: Try flying.
CAPER: No, I promised.
SHADOW: Get on that chair and try.
CAPER: I don't want to go back in there. It was horrible.
SMACK: What did the DOCTOR do?
CAPER: I can't say. It... it was too terrible.
SHADOW: Get on that chair. I must know if she really took your powers.
CAPER: Fine. Then you'll let me go?
SHADOW: Of course.
CAPER: gets on a chair. They watch and CAPER jumps and falls.

CAPER: There. Happy?
SHADOW: The DOCTOR did it. She really can take our powers.
SMACK: grabs CAPER:

SMACK: Let's try the window to be sure.
SMACK: throws CAPER through a window. He sticks his head out. CAPER: screams. Then there is a thud.

SMACK: (CONT.) Nope. Can't fly.
DOG BOY: Did you have to do that?  
SMACK: Yes, yes I did.
SHADOW: We had to make sure her powers were really gone.
Dog Boy looks out window.

DOG BOY: But still... did you have to do that?  
SMACK: She landed on that old lady. She'll live.
DOG BOY: What about her? (points off stage towards doctor)
SMACK: Good point.

DOCTOR comes out.

DOCTOR I saw something out my window that concerned me.

Shadow: points at SMACK:.  

SHADOW: He did it.

Shadow: runs and hides behind chairs.

DOCTOR: Are we a little out of control?  
SMACK: Yes you are. It's slapping time!

Everyone goes in to slow motion. SMACK: swings slowly at the DOCTOR who dodges slowly. SMACK: falls past DOCTOR who gives him a vulcan neck pinch. Everything goes back the regular motion and SMACK passes out. Shadow jumps up and points.

SHADOW: Alien! The DOCTOR is an alien. That was an alien neck pinch.
DOCTOR: Do I need to do it to you too?  
SHADOW: No, no... fading away.
Shadow: goes behind chairs.

**DOG BOY:** What is going on here?
**DOCTOR:** You all have a problem and I have the cure. Don't you feel a great burden? Don't you feel the weight of the world on your shoulders? You feel like you have to deal with all the world's evils. But I can change all that. No more burdens. No more worries.

*There is a ding. DOCTOR leaves. Shadow reappears.*

**SHADOW:** Don't listen to the
It's part of the mind control. You must resist.
**DOG BOY:** I understand what she means though. It gets so hard sometimes. I feel like there is so much evil in the world and there's nothing I can do to defeat it.
**SHADOW:** Snap out of it!

*Shadow slaps Dog Boy.*

**DOG BOY:** Grr!

*DOCTOR comes out with Cat Chick.*

**DOCTOR:** How do you feel?
**CAT CHICK:** Awesome! I'm going surfing! Hang ten dudes!

*Cat Chick steps on SMACK and exits. SMACK wakes up all dazed. Dog Boy helps him into a chair.*

**DOCTOR:** The weight of the world is off her shoulders. She's happy now.
**SHADOW:** Being a hero isn't about happiness.
**DOCTOR:** Then what is it about?
**SHADOW:** It's about changing the world and making it a better place.
**DOCTOR:** And have you changed the world? Is it a better place?
**SHADOW:** Well, not yet.
DOCTOR: Anyone can change the world. You don't have to have superpowers ordinary people can make a difference in this world. The heroes look at each other a moment and then laugh.

SHADOW: Ordinary people... making a difference? HA!
DOCTOR: What about teachers, nurses, police officers? They all make a difference.
SMACK: Uh...
DOG BOY: She's got a point.
SHADOW: Don't listen to her. She's twisting your minds.
SHADOW: Blah, blah, blah... her words will destroy us!
DOCTOR: Or maybe they'll make you better.
SHADOW: You'll have to catch me first.

Shadow jumps behind chairs again.

DOCTOR: So who's next?
DOG BOY: Will the world really be okay without Supers?
DOCTOR: It's time for the world to solve their own problems.
DOG BOY: People are so demanding. Always wanting more and more. Now they just expect me to help. They hardly ever say thank you anymore.
Dog Boy: and SMACK: start to tear up.

DOCTOR: Supers are the ultimate co-dependents. Always looking for problems. Never happy if there isn't a crisis. Getting themselves involved with demanding citizens who don't appreciate them for who they are. You can never do enough to please them.

Dog Boy: and SMACK: are crying loudly now.

DOG BOY: It's true. It's never enough.
DOCTOR: Come in, friends. We'll take care of all this for you. No more stress. No more worries.
DOCTOR takes Dog Boy and SMACK: in to office. Shadow comes out of hiding.

Super Hero thing song plays as lights didm. Shadow is frantically running around the stage searching as if in panic.

Scene 2

In the waiting room, CATCHICK: now sits no longer in her costume. She looks like an ordinary citizen. DOGBOY: enters, also looking like a regular person.

DOGBOY: Hey there. How are you?

CATCHICK: Fine.

DOGBOY is willing to chat but CATCHICK: is not. She looks at a magazine. SMACK enters looking normal as well but very grumpy. SMACK sits next to DOGBOY:.

DOGBOY: (CONT.)Hey. Do any good slapping lately?

SMACK: No... do I know you?

DOGBOY: I'm... I was... DOGBOY

SMACK: So, how are things for you?

DOGBOY: I'm not chasing cars anymore. That's been nice. How are you?

SMACK: Horrible. Lost my job.

DOGBOY: What? Why?

SMACK: I was a security guard at a carnival. But losing my superness made me lose my edge. I just couldn't do my job anymore. It's like I lost something... a piece of myself that made me better...

CATCHICK: Your spirit.
SMACK: Yeah!

CATCHICK: Our spirit, our mojo... gone.

DOGBOY: So... you're not okay?

CATCHICK: I'm having a hard time fitting in. It's hard to be normal.

SMACK: Totally. Being crazy was so much easier.

CATCHICK: At least I had an identity. I don't even know who I am now.

SMACK: Totally.

CATCHICK: What about you DOGBOY?

DOGBOY: Doug. My name is Doug. It's been better. It's not perfect but it's been better. I'm not living in my parent's basement anymore. I have a job. Not a great job but I feel good taking care of myself. I got so wrapped up in helping others I wasn't helping myself, but now I am. And I feel better and people are treating me better too.

CATCHICK: Must be nice.

DOGBOY: But I thought you were happy going to the beach, surfing... no more hairballs?

CATCHICK: But I can't swim. Nearly drowned. And when I did learn to swim... there was this shark. CATCHICK would have had that shark for lunch but as Sissy Jones, I was nearly eaten.

SMACK: Sissy?

CATCHICK: Yes, my real name is Sissy. I hate it.

SMACK: My real name is Melissa. The name Melissa strikes fear in no one.

DOGBOY: So you both miss being Supers?

SMACK: I miss being special.
SHADOW: appears from behind the chairs.

SHADOW: Then be super again.

DOGBOY and SMACK jump up in surprise.

DOGBOY: You're still hiding?

SHADOW: I'm trying to bring down the DOCTOR and her evil plan to rid the world of Supers.

CATCHICK: But we're not Supers. We're all a bunch of nut jobs.

SHADOW: That's what she wants you to think.

DOCTOR enters. SHADOW: hides.

DOCTOR: Thank you all for coming to the support group today. We'll meet out here today. Have a seat everyone. I want to all talk together so we can help each other.

DOCTOR and others put chairs in a half circle. SHADOW's hiding spot is revealed.

DOCTOR (CONT.): Please join us, Jennifer.

SHADOW: I am the SHADOW:!

DOCTOR: Jennifer here hasn't been through the same therapy as the rest of you. You have to be willing to change for the therapy to work, but I was hoping if he saw how well the rest of you were doing, then he'd be convinced this is for the best.

SHADOW: You'll never defeat me, DOCTOR. Never!

DOCTOR: Then you won't mind sitting and listening if you have nothing to fear.

SHADOW: Fear? I'm not afraid.
DOCTOR: Prove it. Sit.

SHADOW: reluctantly joins the others in the half circle and sits.

DOCTOR (CONT.): I appreciate you all coming today. I've formed this support group to help you through this transition period to a normal life.

DOGBOY: things are a little better.

SMACK: I lost my job, Doc. How is that good?

DOCTOR: It takes time.

SHADOW: I don’t feel special at ALL!

CATCHICK: Exactly... people might have thought I was crazy but they respected me.

SMACK: R-E-C-T-P... that's what it means to me... you said it, sister.

CATCHICK: And I felt like I had a purpose. Now I feel empty.

DOCTOR: That's why we're here. To fill you with something new. I have developed a twelve step program for all of you.

CATCHICK: You're kidding, right?

DOCTOR: Step one... we admit we do not have super powers and that believe in super powers had made our lives unmanageable.

SMACK: Too many words.

CAPER bursts into the room.

CAPER: (Angry) Where is the DOCTOR?!

CATCHICK: (sarcastically) Another satisfied customer.

CAPER: (points to DOCTOR) You ruined my life.
**DOCTOR:** Now Brittny. Calm down and join the circle.

**CAPER:** Your circle of evil! Shut up! All of you. Just shut... up!

**CATCHICK:** Hey now!

**CAPER:** Zip it orrr.!

**CATCHICK:** Or else what fly chick?

**CAPER:** Or this!

*He throws open his cape and reveals a bomb. Everyone jumps up and backs away.*

**DOCTOR:** Brittny, please. Let's talk about this.

**CAPER:** Talk, talk, talk. That's all you do... talk, talk, talk... so much my head hurts! Now it's my turn. Tick, talk, tick, talk.

**CAPER:** Thanks. I should have listened to you **SHADOW**. You were right about the **DOCTOR** here. She's pure evil. I'm going to be rid of her forever. Rid of all of you. Throwing me out a window. How could you?!

**SHADOW:** You don't need to kill anyone. We'll let justice take it's course. She’s EVIL

**DOCTOR:** Brittny, I'm a **DOCTOR**... nothing else.

CAPER holds up trigger for bomb.

**CATCHICK:** Doc... I think that's your cue to shut up!

**CAPER:** You can go, **SHADOW**. I have no quarrel with you.

**SHADOW:** pauses and looks at others. *They look at him pleadingly.*

**SHADOW:** ok

**CATCHICK:** Some hero he turned out to be.
CAPER: Now, Doc. Give us back our powers.

SMACK: Don't make him angry, Doc.

*During all this, DOGBOY: is making his way around behind CAPER unnoticed.*

CAPER: I'm way past angry. I'm beyond rage.

CAPER: I'm ready blow you all sky high... it's your play, DOCTOR.

DOCTOR: Let the rest of them go, Brittny...

CAPER: CAPER! Call me CAPER.

CATCHICK: Come on, Doc! Humor the guy.

DOCTOR: I refuse to back down on my principles even in the face of death...

*CAPER holds up the trigger with a shaking hand. CATCHICK sees DOGBOY: circling and helps distract CAPER.*

CATCHICK: Wait! Can I have one last request?

CAPER: What is it?

CATCHICK: It's embarrassing... can I whisper it in your ear?

CAPER: Um... I guess so...

*CATCHICK: leans in to whisper in his ear and gets ahold of his arm. DOGBOY: makes his move. Sirens are heard.*

CATCHICK: Now!

*CATCHICK: wrestles CAPER's arm and DOGBOY: tackles CAPER to the ground. The DOCTOR cowers between some chairs.*

DOGBOY: Got him!
DOGBOY struggles to get bomb off.

Smash comes over and rips bomb off CAPER, picks him up, carries him to window.

CAPER: No! Wait!

They all shove him out the window

DOGBOY:, CATCHICK: and Smash laugh and cheer.


They notice the DOCTOR cowering trying to make chairs into a little fort.

CATCHICK: She needs a DOCTOR.

They laugh and exit to dramatic superhero music. As lights fade.