

BATMAN AND ROBIN VS. THE FRESHMAN FIFTEEN

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EXT. WAYNE MANOR - DAY

WAYNE MANOR stands in all its glory, a beautiful mansion nestled among the trees.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It's another beautiful afternoon at stately Wayne Manor.

INT. WAYNE MANOR - STUDY

We are now in the study, a cozy sitting room with several chairs, a fireplace, a BOOKCASE, and a table, upon which rests a BUST OF SHAKESPEARE and a RED TELEPHONE. BRUCE WAYNE (male, 30s) stands at the fireplace, while his ward, DICK GRAYSON (male, about 17 or 18) sits at the desk, reading through paperwork from GOTHAM UNIVERSITY.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Today we find our heroes, Bruce Wayne and his faithful ward Dick Grayson, planning a new adventure. Dick has been accepted into the prestigious Gotham University!

DICK

(frustrated)

Golly, Bruce! There's so much I have to take care of before I start classes. I'm not sure I'm ready for college!

Bruce crosses the room and places a hand on Dick's shoulder.

BRUCE

Come now, old chum! You've tangled with -- and bested -- some of Gotham's most fearsome criminals! Surely college won't be as devious as Catwoman, or as maddening as the Joker. And with your talent for solving the Riddler's fiendish mind twisters, I'd say you have a knack for knowledge! No, don't fret, my friend. Instead, relish this opportunity you have to expand your horizons, to learn what this great world has to offer.

DICK

Golly, Bruce, you're right. From now, on, I'll work extra hard to make sure that I'm ready for college. I don't want to waste this opportunity!

Suddenly, the red phone on Bruce's desk lights up and BUZZES.

BRUCE

The Bat Phone!

He picks up the phone.

BRUCE (cont'd)

Batman here... Yes, I see. Fear not, Commissioner Gordon, Robin and I will be right there.

Bruce hangs up.

DICK

What is it, Bruce?

BRUCE

I'll tell you when we get there, Dick. Quickly, to the Batmobile!

Bruce pulls the head on the bust of Shakespeare back, twists a knob hidden in the bard's neck, and the bookcase behind them slides open to reveal the BATPOLES, one labeled "DICK" and the other "BRUCE." Dick and Bruce jump onto their respective poles and slide down.

INT. BATCAVE

Bruce and Dick descend the poles, now dressed as the great heroes BATMAN and ROBIN, respectively. They run through the Batcave, past rows of COMPUTERS, and jump into the BATMOBILE.

ROBIN

Atomic batteries to power... turbines to speed...

BATMAN

Ready to move out.

FLAMES burst from the back of the Batmobile, and the car speeds out of the Batcave.

EXT. HILL - DAY

A road winds along next to a green hill with a striped ROAD BLOCK. The road block suddenly lowers as the Batmobile emerges from a hole hidden in the trees. The car zooms onto the road, and the road block returns to its original position.

The BATMAN LOGO fills the screen as we

CUT TO:

EXT. GOTHAM UNIVERSITY - DAY

The noble gothic halls of GOTHAM UNIVERSITY surround a quad filled with greenery. All around, STUDENTS go about their day-to-day business. COMMISSIONER GORDON of the Gotham Police Department stands alone, looking concerned. The Batmobile pulls up, and the Dynamic Duo jump out.

ROBIN

Holy higher education, Batman! This is Gotham University!

BATMAN

Precisely, Robin. It seems that a new threat has emerged on college campuses across the nation -- even here in Gotham.

Gordon approaches them.

GORDON

Oh, Batman, you've made it just in time. Hello, Robin.

ROBIN

Good afternoon, Commissioner.

BATMAN

Sorry to cut into the pleasantries, Commissioner, but I must insist that you fill Robin and me in on this startling development.

GORDON

It's terrible, Batman. Every year, thousands of teenagers are leaving home and starting their new lives at college.

ROBIN

Gee, Commissioner Gordon, what's so bad about that? Isn't that just part of growing up?

BATMAN

Indeed it is, Robin, and an essential part at that.

GORDON

The problem is, with no parents to keep track of them, some college freshmen begin to live a little more... wildly. They're more inclined to make choices that perhaps aren't the best for them.

ROBIN

What do you mean?

Batman turns to Robin and places a hand on his shoulder.

BATMAN

Robin, what do I always tell you are the most important traits a superhero must have?

ROBIN

A keen mind and an able body.

BATMAN

Precisely, old chum.

GORDON

And therein lies the problem! Freshmen are coming to Gotham University -- and colleges all across the country -- ready to sharpen their minds. But at the same time, they're neglecting their bodies!

BATMAN

Indeed, obesity is becoming a widespread problem in our great country, and the root of it may be here in our schools. The allure of independence often outweighs the very thought of healthy eating, leading to the dreaded "Freshman Fifteen."

Robin is taken aback.

ROBIN

"Freshman Fifteen?"

BATMAN

That's right, Robin. On average, the typical college student gains fifteen pounds their freshman year, often as a result of unhealthy eating habits -- too much fast food, or taking the phrase "all-you-can-eat" a little too literally. And it's affecting everyone! Why, if you're not careful, old chum, even you may find yourself having trouble fitting into your tights.

ROBIN

Holy trans-fats! What can we do about it.

BATMAN

That's what I intend to find out.

Batman turns to Commissioner Gordon.

BATMAN (cont'd)

Commissioner Gordon, you mentioned on the phone that a new fast food operation has recently opened near campus. I understand it's quite popular?

GORDON

That it is. If you follow me, I'll take you there. Maybe it will shed some light on the situation here at Gotham U...

The Batman logo once again fills the screen as we

CUT TO:

EXT. CLOWN BURGER - DAY

Batman, Robin, and Gordon approach a large purple building with green trim. The doorway is nestled in the mouth of a giant CLOWN FACE. A sign in the parking lot announces this as "CLOWN BURGER."

GORDON

This is the place... Clown Burger.

ROBIN

There's something funny about this place, and it's not that clown.

INT. CLOWN BURGER

Inside Clown Burger, the trio approach the counter, behind which stands a large, muscular man in a black shirt with the word "CASHIER" emblazoned upon it.

CASHIER

(Struggling to recite
from memory)

Welcome to da Clown Boyger. Would ya
like to try one of our Super-Deluxe-
Value-Menu-Item-Combos?

BATMAN

Not today, my good man, but I would
like to see your credentials. We have
reason to believe that this
establishment is not quite...
legitimate.

The cashier hits a button and yells into the MICROPHONE next to the cash register.

CASHIER

Boss, he's onto us!

Suddenly, the JOKER emerges from the kitchen, laughing hysterically.

JOKER

Ooh, Batman! I was wondering when
you'd arrive!

ROBIN

Holy hash slinger! It's the Joker!

GORDON

Joker! What no good tricks are you up to?

JOKER

Why, you yourself said that college
students forget to think about what
they eat! I've had a steady flow of
business since I opened -- mostly
repeat customers, of course!

The Joker laughs again.

BATMAN

But what you're feeding them is
garbage! You fiend! Don't you care
about the health of these students?

JOKER

Why should I? I'm much more concerned
with the health of my bank account!
Who cares if a few students end up
addicted to my delicious Clown
Burgers and Fool's Fries?

BATMAN

Joker, you villain! You're only
contributing to the problem!

JOKER

That's enough talk, Batman!

He turns to the kitchen and shouts.

JOKER (cont'd)

Get 'em, boys!

Four more HENCHMEN appear from the back, dressed the same as the cashier, with shirts labeled "DISHWASHER," "FRY COOK," "LINE COOK," and "DRIVE THRU." A FIGHT breaks out!

Gordon ducks into one of the booths.

Cashier lunges at Batman, but Batman socks him in the face. The screen is filled with a "POW" sound effect.

Line Cook comes at Robin with a spatula. The Boy Wonder dodges the spatula, then kicks the goon in the stomach. BAM!

Dishwasher is next, and he successfully sneaks up on Robin, wrapping a dish rag over his eyes. Robin struggles for a moment, but manages to wrest the cloth from Dishwasher's hands. He turns around and whips it at the fiend. CRACK!

Fry Cook is holding a carton of french fries labeled "FOOL'S FRIES." He tosses the fries from the carton towards Batman, but he manages to grab some out of the air and begins to eat it. CHEW! Seeing this, Fry Cook retreats.

Drive Thru runs towards the pair, but he has forgotten to unplug his headset. The cord snaps him back, and he collapses. WHIFF!

The Joker tries to duck behind the counter, but Batman grabs him.

BATMAN

Not today, Joker. I think you're about to go out of business.

EXT. CLOWN BURGER - DAY

A crowd of STUDENTS has gathered to see what the commotion is. Gordon leads Joker, now handcuffed, to his patrol car.

JOKER

Curses, Batman! You've foiled my plans again!

ROBIN

And when you're in prison, you'll get to enjoy a much more controlled and balanced diet.

Batman turns to address the crowd.

BATMAN

Students of Gotham University! I am sorry that you had to witness this. And I regret to inform you that Clown Burger is now officially out of business.

The students GROAN in disappointment.

BATMAN (cont'd)

However! Mourn not for this colorful cafeteria. Its food may have been filling, but at what cost? Fast food is fine every once in a while, but there are healthier alternatives for you to consider! Instead of greasy cheeseburgers, try balanced meals that include fruits, vegetables, and grains!

ROBIN

I remember reading in a Gotham U brochure that the dining halls on campus offer a wide range of healthy foods!

BATMAN

Indeed they do, Robin. In addition, there are numerous ways to stay physically active -- sports, gyms, swimming pools; why, with a little work, you might not just avoid the Freshman Fifteen -- you may end up in the best shape of your life!

The students CHEER.

Gordon approaches Batman, extending his hand.

GORDON

Thank you, Batman! Thank you, Robin!
You've done it again.

BATMAN

All in a day's work, I assure you,
Commissioner. Now come, Robin, let us
return to the Batcave. I believe you
have a few more forms to fill out.

Batman and Robin leap into the Batmobile and drive away, as
Gordon looks on, beaming.

FADE TO BLACK

THE END