FUNNY, THEY DON'T LOOK JEWISH!
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LIKE THE VAST MAJORITY
OF HIS FELLOW EARTHLINGS,
Jim was born--in the area
ONCE KNOWN AS ISRAEL--
WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL POWERS.

THOUGH HE LIVED IN
THE ANCIENT CITY OF
JERUSALEM, Jim spent
HIS SUMMERS WORKING
AT TRADITIONAL FARM-
ING COLLECTIVES CALLED
A KIBBUTZ--
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WHAT'S IN THE BAG, BEAST BOY?

IS IT THE PUPPIES?

IS IT GUMMY SNACKS?

IS IT THE PUPPIES EATING THE GUMMY SNACKS?

IS IT SNACKS SHAPED LIKE GUMMY PUPPIES?

Nah, it's a menorah. Happy Chanukah!

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT JEWISH, RIGHT?

SO? EIGHT DAYS OF PRESENTS, DUDE!

OOOOh, AND POTATO PANCAKES! LATKE PARTY!
CHANUKAH IS A SACRED RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY! YOU CAN'T JUST--

UM... WHAT'S THAT?
SHALOM, PRIMITIVE ISRAELITES! I HAVE COME FROM THE 31ST CENTURY!
DID YOU CALL US "ISRAELITES"?

OH, DO YOU PREFER "JEWS"? OR "PEOPLE OF THE BOOK"? NO, WAIT--I KNOW! YOU MUST BE MACCABEES!

YOU SEE, I'VE DECIDED TO CELEBRATE CHANUKAH IN THE TRADITIONAL 3RD CENTURY MANNER--

--BY TRAVELING 3,000 YEARS INTO THE PAST TO WITNESS THE CHANUKAH STORY FOR MYSELF, HERE AT THE GREAT TEMPLE IN ANCIENT JERUSALEM!

UH...I THINK YOU'VE GONE BACK 1,000 YEARS, NOT 3,000...

AND THIS IS THE JUMP CITY, NOT THE JERUS--

OH, WHERE ARE MY MANNERS? I HAVEN'T EVEN INTRODUCED MYSELF! I'M THE JEWISH MEMBER OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES--
Maybe we should play along and pretend this is ancient Jerusalem.

Why?

So we don't disappoint the giant who can crush us with his toe.

Fair point.
But how are we going to make that work? I don't know anything about Chanukah.

Nor I.

Although I did once visit a Lubavitch Outreach Center on my home planet of Tamaran...

Those guys are everywhere.
WE DON'T HAVE TO
KNOW ANYTHING, RAVEN--
WE HAVE WI-FI! WHEN YOU NEED
100% RELIABLE, ACCURATE
INFORMATION, WHERE BETTER
TO LOOK THAN THE
INTERNET?

LET ME SEE
THAT!
HMM... THE SYRIAN GREEK ARMY INVAD ED JERUSALEM--CHECK!

DESPITE BEING MA GNIFULLY OUTNUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED, THE JEWISH MACCABEES MIRACULOUSLY DEFEATED THEM--CHECK!

THE MACCABEES ONLY FOUND ONE SMALL JUG OF PURE OIL TO LIGHT THE TEMPLE'S MENORAH--CHECK!

THE OIL MIRACULOUSLY BURNED FOR EIGHT FULL DAYS UNTIL THEY COULD GET MORE--CHECK!

DELICIOUS POTATO LAKES--CHECK!

OKAY, TEAM--LET'S GO Be MACCABEES!

LEAVE IT TO ME! I GOT THIS!

TEAM LAKES
Hoot mon! A Merry Chanukah to you!

Just call me Judah Macabby!

Welcome to the Jerusalem!

So this is the Great Temple?

Certainly! See? It for Temple?

Not "Macabbe"—Maccabees! The Maccabees were Jewish, not Scottish!

Aw, man...did they at least play bagpipes? I've been practicing "Hava Nagila."
HAPPY HOLIDAYS. LET'S GO INSIDE, LIGHT THE MENORAH, AND GET THIS OVER WITH.

AND GET PRESENTS. DON'T FORGET THE PRESENTS.

BUT, BEFORE YOU LIGHT THE MENORAH, DON'T YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT THE SYRIAN GREEK ARMY?

WHERE ARE THEY?

OH, UM....
HERE THEY COME NOW.


THE WHO NOW?
Although we are vastly outnumbered—by Billy Numerous, anyway—we shall fight on like the ancient Jewish warriors we are!

Mazel tov!

Oy vey!

Funny, you guys don't look Jewish.

HA! We've got them on the ropes!

 Aren't they supposed to desecrate the temple before you beat them?

RIGHT.
OH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I REALLY HAVE TO WATCH WHERE I PUT MY FEET.

...OOF...

WELL, THAT'S DONE. LET'S GET SOME OIL.
BEHOLD--MY PERSONAL STASH OF TOP QUALITY GRAPE-A-MOTOR OIL! IN SEVEN GREAT FLAVORS, TOO!

AREN'T THE CONTAINERS SUPPOSED TO BE BROKEN...?

NO PROBLEM!

CHOOM

KRA-BOOM!
...except one small
jus that's still
unharmed?

You could've
mentioned that
earlier.

With Cyborg's supply of the oil
blown to the swithersbeng,
where shall me obtain
the oil now?

Follow me!
YOU KEEP OIL INSIDE THE SOFA?

WHY DOESN'T THAT SURPRISE ME?

AHA! HERE IT IS!

SEE? THIS OLD SLICE OF GREASY PIZZA HAS PLENTY OF OIL!

IT'S A CHANUKAH MIRACLE!
OH, CHANUKAH.
OH, CHANUKAH...

WELL, IT'S LIT.

AND COLOSSAL BOY IS MOST JOYFUL WITH THE KYELING.

ME TOO! I GOT LATKES!

YEAH, BUT NO PRESENTS.

MAYBE NOT. BUT LOOK AT IT THIS WAY...
AT LEAST
NOW, WE KNOW
WHAT WE WANT FOR
CHRISTMAS--
--A NEW
TOWER!

THE END