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Part I:

Veteran Summit

1

It has been a very long time since Billy has been on Earth, but he feels that he has helped the Alien Rangers of Aquitar all he can.

"I know so much as changed. Home may not even feel like home," Billy thinks to himself as he prepares to teleport.

Delphine slightly nods to Billy and says, "You have been a great help to us and our planet, Billy. You will be missed."

"Thanks, Delphine, but I feel like now is the right time for me to go back to Earth."

"We understand. Where would you like to be teleported?"

"Any where familiar is fine. Try where the Command Center used to be. With as long as it's been, that may be the only place I recognize."

"Very well."

Billy waves to Delphine and the other Alien Rangers; they nod their heads in almost a bow as Billy teleports away. Even though Aquitar is a good ways away from Earth, the teleportation feels almost instantaneous. Soon, Billy finds himself back on Earth standing a few yards from the wreckage of the Command Center.

"Oh man. I wonder if anything survived in the sub-levels?" Billy ponders.

Billy climbs up the rocks to find himself on what would have been the foundation of the Command Center. He looks around and pushes over some debris looking for some sort of entrance to the basement level. Just then he hears a familiar voice.

"Oh Ay yi yi!"

Billy begins pushing more debris around until he uncovers a metal grate over the floor. There is a faint light coming through. He gets down on his hands and knees to look through the grate.

"Alpha?!" Billy yells.

"Huh? Who is there?"

Sure enough Alpha 5 is in the basement scrabbling through a bunch of old computers that are obviously not functional at the moment.

"Alpha, it's me Billy! Look up!"

Alpha looks up and is elated to see Billy's face through the metal grate.

"Billy! Am I so glad to see you!"

"What are you doing down there? How did you even get down there?"

"I teleported directly here a few hours ago. I've been going through these old computers trying to see if I can get any of them to respond."

"Let me see if I can remove this grate and get down there."

Billy sticks his fingers through the holes of the grate and manages to lift it slightly over the edge of the ground. He then pulls the grate over just enough for him to drop through.

"What exactly are you looking for?" Billy asks.

"Anything that can help?"

"Help with what?"

"Ay yi yi! This message!"

Alpha hands Billy a disc.

"What kind of message?"

"I was sent an encoded message, but I no longer have the key to decode it!"

"Well, what makes you think the key is here? Do you even know what the key is?"

"I no longer have the key in my memory banks, but I recognize the method of encryption!"

"How can you do that?"

"It was a method that Zordon and I used after Rita was trapped in the space dumpster. At the beginning and end of each message we would start the same way. That way, when encrypted, it would appear the same allowing us to know which key to use to decrypt the message."

"Who else knew of this method of encryption?"

"No one!"

"Alpha, Zordon is dead. There has to be somebody else that knows."

"No Billy! Nobody else knew."

"Are you trying to say that Zordon is alive?"

"Zordon was trapped in a time warp by Rita thousands of years ago. His body is not in our dimension. When Andros destroyed his energy tube he only destroyed Zordon's means of communicating with this dimension!"

"You're sure about this?"

"Positively."

"Then why has no one seen or heard from Zordon for all of these years?"

"I do not know. But it has only added strength to the myth of his demise."

"Well, regardless we're not going to find anything functional here I'm afraid. Not without a lot of work done."

"Oh, I'll never get the message decoded!"

"I didn't say that. We could try to run it through some decryption software."

"You can do that?"

Billy reaches into his pocket and pulls out some sort of portable device.

"I designed this on Aquitar. It holds a lot of code for projects I worked on while I was there. I think I have one of the Alien Rangers decryption programs on here. Let's get to a place where we can use a functional computer."

"But where?"

"Let's try my lab."

2

Alpha and Billy arrive at Billy's old lab. There are lots of cobwebs over everything as nobody bothered to touch anything while Billy was gone. After wiping everything semi-clean, Billy begins trying to interface the device he brought from Aquitar to a computer.

"There. That should allow me to access the programs I used on Aquitar. Where is your disc, Alpha?"

Alpha hands Billy the disc, and he inserts it into the computer. Several strange characters begin flashing on the screen. A surprised look comes over Billy's face.

"What is it, Billy?"

"Nothing, I was just impressed by the complexity of the encryption."

"We didn't want Lord Zedd, or anyone else, to find out about our plans to build the Command Center or any of the other early projects."

"Understandable."

After several hours go by, both Alpha and Billy are still sitting in the lab.

"Can we check again?" Alpha asks.

"Well there hasn't been any progress since the last six times you've asked, but let's see."

Billy presses a few keys and a scrambled document appears on the screen with a few words highlighted in red.

"Hey we got something!" Billy exclaims.

"What? What does it say?"

"We've only translated three words so far."

"What are they?"

"Lord, Cirko, and Earth."

"Ay yi yi!"

"What? Does that mean something to you?"

"It doesn't tell me what's happening but I can make a really good guess!"

"What?"

"Lord Cirko was believed to be the former partner of Lord Zedd. It was rumored that Zedd betrayed him and had Rita trap him in a time warp. But this was before she was able to do so to Zordon. It was never confirmed, and his disappearance became an infamous Legend!"

"Wait, so you think this Lord Cirko is real and that he is coming to Earth?"

"That's what I'm afraid of! What are we going to do?"

Billy looks around and turns on another computer. He turns back around to Alpha.

"We're going to see whose on Facebook."

"Facebook?"

"Just watch."

3

Billy enters the brand new Angel Grove Youth Center.

"This place has really changed a lot," he thinks to himself.

After looking around he sees a big table towards the middle of the room. He walks over to the table and sets his drawstring backpack on top.

"I hope they get here soon."

"Hey look it's Billy!"

Billy turns around to see none other than Bulk and Skull walking his way. Billy waves as they walk up to him.

"Hi Bulk, Hi Skull, what are you guys up to?"

"We're actually working, are you in town for something?" replies Bulk.

"I actually just got back in town, I was hoping to meet some people here. How long have you been working here?"

"We don't just work here, Bulk owns this joint now!" Skull interrupts.

"Don't say it like that you nit wit, you make it sound like I stole it or something! Ernie and Mr. Stone retired a while ago. It went through a few different looks and owners, but I was running a beach bar, so I offered to take it over. Just had it renovated not long ago. Looks good, huh?"

"It sure does."

"Well let me know if ya need anything, I got some customers to tend to."

"Alright guys, I will see you later."

As Bulk and Skull walk back up to the juice bar, Billy wonders what else has changed in Angel Grove since he has been gone. He looks down at the new communicator on his wrist, and hopes that the others arrive soon.

Minutes later, Billy looks up as he hears some chatter towards the Youth Center entrance. Adam, Kimberly, Zack, Trini, Rocky, Aisha, and Jason all walk in together talking amongst themselves. Adam has his hair cut shorter, and is wearing a black muscle shirt and jeans. Kimberly has her hair down, and is wearing a pink shirt with a short sleeve white button up shirt over it, and denim shorts. Zack has his hair short once again too, and is wearing black sweat pants and a black and grey baseball shirt. Trini's hair has her cut at her up in a pony tail, and is wearing a yellow and white plaid shirt with white Capri pants. Aisha is wearing a yellow tank top with denim Capri pants. Rocky has grown his hair out some, enough to part, and is wearing a plaid shirt with the sleeves ripped off and black jeans. Jason appears to have gained some more muscle, and is wearing a plain red t-shirt and blue jeans. The group continues talking amongst themselves as Billy stands and waves at them.

"There's Billy!" Kimberly exclaims.

The group walks over to Billy's table. They all start shaking hands and embracing.

"It's good to see ya, Billy. How have you been?" asks Zack.

"Well I wish I could say I was better."

"What's the matter?" asks Jason.

"Yeah, what's wrong, Billy?" adds Trini

"I'll explain in a minute. We're not all here yet."

Almost on cue, in walk Tommy and Kat. Tommy is dressed in black dress pants, a white dress shirt and a sport coat and Kat is wearing a pink floral top and black dress pants as well. Jason waves and they both walk over and begin shaking hands with the others.

"Gee, Tommy, I didn't think this was supposed to be a high-class reunion," says Kimberly.

"Yeah, what's up with the dress clothes, Tommy?" asks Rocky.

"Give me a break you guys, I was giving a lecture at Angel Grove High," Tommy answers.

"We came straight here after it was over," adds Kat.

"Alright, Billy what's the news?" asks Adam.

"Yeah what's troubling you?" asks Aisha.

Billy looks around as everyone takes a seat or huddles around the table.

"I ran into Alpha 5..." says Billy.

"Well that's great! This can really be a reunion now!" exclaims Zack.

"Well not the kind you would probably like."

"What do you mean?" Kimberly asks.

"He brought with him a message, but it's encrypted. I have been trying to decrypt it for him, but only three words have come through so far. Those three words were enough for Alpha to be concerned and enough for me to contact all of you."

"What were the three words?" Tommy asks.

"Lord, Cirko, and Earth."

"Who is Lord Cirko?" asks Rocky.

"Alpha said that Lord Cirko was the name of power being that was believed to be Lord Zedd's former partner."

"Partner? I thought Zedd worked alone before he married Rita?" asks Adam.

"As far as anyone knows, he did. Nobody had any proof of Cirko's existence, but it was believed that Zedd had Rita trap him in a time warp when she was first recruited."

"So what's the deal? What's going down?" asks Zack.

"We're not sure, but I told Alpha I would contact all of you. Just in case he needs us to do anything. He knows and trusts all of you."

"Well what are sitting around here for?" asks Aisha.

"Yeah, let's go see Alpha," adds Trini.

"Okay, well you will all need these."

With that said, Billy opens his drawstring backpack to reveal several new wrist communicators.

"Oh wow, new communicators!" exclaims Kat.

"Billy, if the Command Center was destroyed, what use will these be?" asks Tommy.

"I've tapped into the same satellites and used similar technology that cell phones use for Push-to-Talk. So, these new communicators don't rely on the old Command Center's technology."

"Well, how do we teleport?" asks Rocky.

"The communicators remotely access Alpha's built in teleportation."

"Well then, what are we waiting for?" asks Jason.

"Totally, let's not keep Alpha waiting," adds Kimberly.

With that said the whole group looks around and heads to the hallway that leads to the locker rooms. When everything is clear they each touch their communicators and teleport away.

4

Back at Billy's lab, Alpha is sitting at Billy's computer that is still decrypting the message.

"Ay yi yi! Why can't this thing go faster!"

Alpha hits his fist on the desk, just as two more words get translated.

"Oh! What do we have here.... Worm and Hole. Ay yi yi!"

A bright white light beams into the lab as the former Rangers teleport in.

"Rangers you're here!"

"Alpha! It's so good to see you!" exclaims Kimberly.

The girls rush over to give Alpha a big hug.

"Oh it's good to see you all too."

"I filled them in on the situation, Alpha," says Billy.

"Well I have something to add then. The computer just decrypted two more words. Worm and Hole!"

"Does that mean that Lord Cirko is coming to Earth through a Worm Hole?"

"That would be my best guess, Billy."

"Is there anything we can do?" Tommy asks.

"We could try to run a scan for potential worm hole openings," Billy suggests.

"But how? Most of the scanners in the remains of the Command Center are not operational," Alpha adds.

"Do you have anything here you can use, Billy?" asks Jason.

"Negative. Not at the moment anyway. It is possible that we can reconfigure some of the equipment in the Command Center wreckage."

"So, what are we going to do if this Lord Cirko arrives?" asks Trini.

"Yeah, we don't exactly have a way to defend ourselves once he gets here," adds Kat.

"Is there any way we can restore our powers?" asks Adam.

"I have thought this over several times, Rangers, but I have yet to find an answer in my memory banks," Alpha answers.

"What if we use one of these...."

Jason flips his Tyrannosaurus Power Coin onto the computer desk.

"The original power that the Power Coins possessed was wiped out," Alpha answers.

"But Alpha, shouldn't we be able to infuse them with a different power? It may only be a temporary fix, but in theory would it work?" Billy asks.

"In theory yes, but it has never been done for the power levels you will most likely need. We were able to temporarily re-power the Dragon coin for Tommy, but the power barely lasted for one battle. The powers Tommy then gained from the force field he touched were constantly failing him in battle."

"That kind of fix might not be a good idea against an enemy that we know absolutely nothing about," Tommy adds.

"We need to come up with another plan then. We might be the world's only hope if this guy is indeed coming," says Jason.

5

Somewhere, in another dimension that is dark and isolated, stands a tall dark figure. From behind his dark purple robe seems to ooze and drip from his body.

"Master, I am here," says a mysterious female voice.

A puff of smoke begins to thicken and rise as a humanoid form takes shape. A rather pretty woman appears draped in a forest green cape. She opens her eyes, which appear to be the same as a reptile. She steps forward and takes a knee, bowing to the figure in the oozing purple robe. He turns around to reveal a hideous twisted purple face.

"It took you long enough, Vetana."

"I apologize Master. I was checking on the stability of the wormholes. If I don't time this exactly right, my spell will not be able to hold them open," she explains.

"So all is in order then?" he asks.

"It is, Master."

"How long till we can begin."

"Not long at all. What should we do for phase one?"

"Once the worm holes are stabilized and secured, I want to create and send an army of putty patrollers to Earth. Let them stir the pot and cause a little chaos before I make my debut to that pathetic planet."

"But, Master, your supply of putty has become chemically altered, much... much like yourself."

"Good. Their newfound composition will make them more resilient and more capable warriors. Prepare them for battle!"

"Yes, Lord Cirko."

6

Back in Billy's lab, the Rangers are crowded around a desk where Billy and Alpha are working. Suddenly they all begin to shake as if there is an earthquake; however, no other items move. None of the computer equipment nor the tables and desks seem to be disturbed, only the Rangers and Alpha.

"What's happening?" Kimberly frantically asks.

"I'm not sure!" Billy exclaims.

"Is this Cirko?" Rocky asks.

"Ay yi yi! It appears to be a dimensional tremor. A worm hole is probably about to open, and from the size of this tremor a very, very big one!"

"Billy, can you track down the worm hole?" Jason asks.

"Negative, I don't have the equipment here."

"There are some remnants of the scanner equipment we used to use back at the Command Center wreckage. If we take back some of your computers we may be able to repair them or make use of their parts," states Alpha.

"It's worth a shot! Billy, tell us what we should bring," Tommy insists.

"Alright, everyone grab something and we'll teleport there."

When the tremor subsides, Billy gathers up some parts and equipment and then distributes it out to the rest of the group.

"Hey the tremor stopped, does that mean the worm hole is open?" Zack questions.

"Probably not. We will most likely feel some more tremors before it finally opens, if it is as big as I fear it is," Alpha answers.

"That should about do it. Everything else we need, we should be able to find amongst the wreckage of the Command Center."

"Is everyone ready?" Alpha asks.

"Ready," everyone says in just about unison.

Alpha activates his on board teleportation system, which, in turn, teleports the entire group. Upon arrival, the Rangers are in awe of the wreckage that was once the place they visited almost on a daily basis in order to defend the world from evil.

"Follow me, Rangers. We'll have to...."

Alpha is cut off by another dimensional tremor. The Rangers quickly place all the equipment they have gathered on the ground to avoid dropping it all. Soon after the tremor begins a sound similar to that of a sonic boom is heard.

"That can't be good!" Trini yells.

Bright light appears as twenty some odd looking putty patrollers appear before them.

"Putties?" Adam asks.

"Something is definitely different about them, they look grosser than I remember them," Kimberly adds.

"Affirmative. They're definitely altered somehow," says Billy.

"Alpha, see if you can find something that will tell us more about these guys. We'll keep 'em busy! Jason, you guys got that side?"

"Yeah, Tommy, just make sure they don't have a chance to get to Alpha!"

"You got it!"

The Rangers break up into two groups, fighting on either side of the command center wreckage. Jason runs to the opposite end of the wreckage from which they arrived with Kimberly, Zack, Trini, and Billy; the putties follow them.

"Alright guys, just like old times. Let's stop these clay brains!"

Jason stops running and turns around delivering a stiff kick to a putty, causing it to bend over. Jason then flips over the putty, locking his arms around its waist from behind and throwing it over his head at another putty, which is in mid jump coming toward Jason, causing the two putties to crash together.

Zack has three putties circling around him and he hits one with a back kick, goes down on one knee and punches another as it comes at him from the left. He then comes up on both feet, upper cutting the third putty in the chin, knocking it back onto the ground.

Kimberly cartwheels around a few putties, and then is finally able to hook her ankles around one's neck, flinging it into three more, causing them to fall down like dominos. She then takes a few steps back, takes a running start to spring off the stacked up putties, and then nails a flying kick to the face of a fourth.

Trini and Billy have each others back as they're circled by six putties. One closes in on them and gets punched in the face by Billy. Two more putties take a try and get their feet stepped on by Trini while Billy kicks them to the ground. Billy and Trini move in sync as they kick two more putties in the gut. The putties maintain their circle around the two Rangers. Billy and Trini look at each other and nod before locking arms back to back. Billy leans forward and begins to spin around as Trini bicycle kicks the putties in the face, causing them to fall down.

Over on the other side of the Command Center ruins, the Rangers are all broken up in pairs. Tommy and Rocky are double-teaming a small troop of putties. They each grab a putty and sling them into each other. As the putties fall to the ground, they hit a spinning hook kick on the next two putties that step up to attack. These two putties are knocked away from the Ranger and the next two, coming from opposite sides, are hit with a low spin kick, causing them to trip and fall face first, cracking skulls.

Adam and Aisha are taking turns nailing kicks to the front and back of a putty before two more get them from behind. The putties are able to grab the Rangers from around the waist. Adam and Aisha then force their captures to turn around and back up, crushing them against each other.

Tanya and Kat each have a pair of putties attacking them. Kat slings one of her putties over at Tanya, who does the same thing with one of the putties attaching her, causing them to crash into each other. Tanya and Kay each deliver a kick to the lower back of their putties and sling them into the second set of putties running towards them.

Just when it looks as if most of the putties have been taken care of, they begin to glow a bright purple. Each putty then gets up, looking even weirder than they did before

with ooze dripping from their bodies. The Rangers look perplexed but prepare to fight again.

Jason's group forms a tight defensive circle as a group of putties surround them. Each ranger tries to make an attack but is blocked, and then hit with an attack from the putties. The Rangers stay on their feet, but can't seem to block the attacks coming from the opposing putties. Jason attempts a stiff kick to the face of a putty, but his foot is caught and he's flipped over into the other Rangers.

On the other side Adam gets kicked in the gut and sent flying into Aisha. Tanya and Kat each get a shot to the face and then are thrown into each other, face first. Rocky and Tommy each manage to block an attack, but the putties grab them by the wrists, flip them over, and then quickly mount them, delivering devastating body blows.

Another sonic boom like sound echoes across the sky as another dimensional tremor starts. The putties stop their assault. They each stand and cross their arms as they teleport away.

"What just happened, why'd they stop?" Kimberly asks.

"Yeah, they were winning," Zack adds.

"I don't know, let's get back to the others," Jason says.

Jason, Zack, Kimberly, Trini, and Billy rejoin the others.

"Jason, did the putties you were facing suddenly get stronger and then just quit?" Tommy asks.

"Yeah, it didn't make any sense," Jason responds.

Alpha emerges from behind a big chunk of the Command Center's former exterior holding some sort of device.

"Rangers, I do have some answers for you."

They all turn to Alpha.

"I was able to find a very old micro composition analyzer, and I used it on the putties while you were fighting them."

"What was the result?" Billy asks.

"Well, I'm not entirely certain as to what this material is, but it seems that these putties have an additional component which gives them their added strength, and might account for their unusual appearance."

"Let's see if we can get some of these computers functional so that we can analyze that data better, and try to track the worm hole."

7

Back in the dark dimension we see Lord Cirko standing alone. He holds out his hands palms facing up. He closes his eyes and his hands begin to glow, he makes some sort of circular motion with them and then holds them both high above his head. A long white strand of light glides across his hands and forms some sort of staff. A glowing black spherical ornament, about the size of a softball, is mounted on top of the dark wooden length of the staff. He lowers the staff and stands it next to him. It is approximately the same height that he is. He then turns around.

"Vetana! Come before me!" Some dark fog appears before him as her humanoid figure quickly materializes. She bows before him.

"Yes, Lord Cirko. What may I do for you?"

"Rise, Vetana. I have a gift for you that will be of great use to you."

"What is it, master?"

"Behold the Onyx Staff!" He spins the staff and then plants it in the ground allowing it to stand by itself, as the dark circular gem begins to glow once more.

"The Onyx Staff," Cirko continues, "is an ancient weapon once used by Zordon's chosen defenders. It holds a very unique kind of power, one that can enhance your own power."

"If it belonged to Zordon, how did you come to have it?"

"The warrior whom last held it was defeated by Rita Replusa. Rita was unaware of it's ability to enhance her own power, so to keep Zordon from regaining control of it, she sent it through a dimensional vortex. This caused the staff to be hidden in another dimension. The vortex made it impossible to trace, and it was presumed lost."

"How do you know all of this?"

"While being trapped in a time warp, I may have been unable to communicate with other dimensions, or even cross over to them at my own will, but, in my quest to get even with those that betrayed me, I was able to find a way to see what was happening in the dimensions I could not otherwise access. I witnessed their mistakes, and although the time warp was indeed a curse, it led me straight to the Onyx Staff!"

"Well now that your curse is lifted, Lord Cirko, it is only a matter of time before you can return to that dimension and make up for lost time by making it know suffering the likes of which Lord Zedd and Rita Repulsa could only dream of!"

"Yes! Go now, Vetana! Take the Onyx Staff and an army of putty patrollers and begin unleashing your power on that pathetic planet Zordon once valiantly defended!"

"As you wish, master." Vetana grabs the Onyx staff and disappears into a puff of fog, which quickly dissipates.

8

We rejoin the Rangers and Alpha at the ruins of the Command Center. They have made their way down to the basement and are moving around old computer parts.

"Where would you like us to put this console, Billy?" Jason asks.

"Um, over there is fine. That one seems to be in decent shape, I might be able to get some use of it." Jason, Rocky, and Zack move the big bulky console to where Billy wanted it.

"I can't believe computers used to be this big," Kimberly says while digging through a pile of parts.

"I know, I think our cell phones have just as much computing power now as some of these old consoles," Adam adds.

"I think this one should be good to go," Billy announces. He turns on a switch and the console lights up and begins to hum.

"Way to go, Billy!" says Tommy.

"Alpha where is that analyzer you used on the putty patrollers?" Billy asks.

"Here it is, Billy." Alpha hands Billy the device and he connects it with a cable to the console and presses a few buttons.

"Here in a moment, we will have more information about those new putty patrollers."

"Kimberly, Tommy, can you two begin looking for an old viewing globe or monitor so that we can try to get it operational?" Alpha asks.

"Sure thing, Alpha," Tommy answers. Tommy turns and looks at Kimberly who meets him at the entrance to a hall that is full of boxed junk and wreckage. They enter the hall and each start pushing around some of the wreckage in order to get to the boxes, which appear to contain extra command center equipment.

"I never thought I'd ever be here again, let alone looking to rebuild it with all the guys," Kimberly mentions.

"I had always hoped we'd somehow get to be together again, I mean not under such circumstances, but together none the less," Tommy responds. Kimberly kind of gives an awkward glare.

"Well what about you and Kat? You two seem to see a lot of each other."

"She's teaching at Angle Grove High, and I end up giving a lot of lectures there. It's not like I get to see Zack, Rocky, Jason, Trini, Billy, Adam, Aisha, and everyone all together."

"Oh... I see." Kimberly pushes her hair out of her face as she turns to another box behind her. Tommy looks hesitant in continuing the conversation.

"Wait, did you think I was just referring to us?"

"What does it matter what I thought you meant? I know what you meant."

"It matters to me, Kim."

"Well, what's in the past is in the past, Tommy."

"No, it's not. This team was history, over, finished. We may not have our powers any more, but we're still a team. We have to work together and have trust in each other, just like we did before." Kimberly continues digging through a bunch of parts without responding.

"Kim, will you just look at me for a moment." Kimberly drops what she's holding in the box and turns around sharply facing Tommy.

"Why so you can lecture me for a lapse of judgment?"

"Hold on, let's think back. Who is the one who broke up with who?"

"Yeah, well do you realize how hard it is maintaining a long distance relationship with a superhero? It's not like we had video chats in the 90s or any other way to stay in touch."

"Well it's not exactly easy being in love with someone who is a focused, determined gymnast either. You were practicing so much...."

"Oh, like you never spent days practicing for your karate matches." The two Rangers stare at each other in an awkward silence.

"Hey! You guys find anything yet?" Jason yells from the other end of the hall. Kimberly looks behind her and throws a few things around.

"Yeah! We got it, Jason!" she yells back.

"Alright, hurry up. We may have trouble, and we need to get it hooked up," Jason replies. Kimberly struggles, due to all the junk surrounding it, to get what appears to be an older version of the viewing globe out of the box.

"Here Kim, I'll get it," Tommy says as he leans over the big box next to her to help her lift it out. He hoists it up, as they have another awkward moment.

"Look, Tommy..."

"It's not your fault. I know I started it. It's just...."

"Just what?"

"I never stopped having feelings for you." They just look at each other for a few more seconds, but it's different than the stubborn glares they exchanged before. This look is definitely more emotional.

"Well... we can't let our emotions get in the way right now. Let's get out there and see what's going on," Kimberly says as she breaks eye contact.

"Yeah, okay. Look out, I don't want to drop this thing."

The two Rangers bring the old viewing globe back out to the corridor where the others are. Tommy helps Billy position it near the console he was working on before. Billy then tries to connect it to the console.

"So what's the trouble you guys?" Kimberly asks.

"We went outside to see if there was any way to secure the area in case more of those putties show up, and we could hear explosions off in the distance," says Trini.

"Yeah, and the skies don't look normal either," Zack explains.

"How will we be able to tell what's happening?" Rocky asks.

"Billy is going to try to pick up some of the television air waves and display them on the viewing globe. We won't be able to see any more than what the rest of the world sees, but at least we will have a better idea of what's happening," says Alpha.

"Did we ever figure out what was different about those putties?" Aisha asks.

"Yeah, will we be able to show what the computer finds on the viewing globe?" Kat adds.

"We hope so. Ay yi yi! So many questions... I hope we can find all the right answers!" says Alpha.

"We do too, Alpha," Tanya says while patting Alpha on the shoulder.

"Okay, Alpha. The computer's analysis should be displaying on the viewing globe now. Can you see it?" Billy says while lying on the floor between the viewing globe and slightly under the computer console.

"Yes, Billy. Now let me see what it says. Well this is certainly strange."

"What is it?" Adam asks.

"Those putty patrollers have been chemically altered, alright, but they were altered by the unstable environment of another dimension. One that I'm not too familiar with."

"Would their new composition account for their extra strength?" Jason asks.

"It appears so. The new composition makes them more durable, and capable of withstanding massive amounts of punishment. It's ooze like appearance allows the putties to somewhat shape shift, and regenerate themselves."

"Well if they were altered in another dimension, then how did they get here?" Tommy asks.

"That's what I'm unsure of. I suppose the worm holes could have finally opened, but we haven't experienced any more dimensional tremors in awhile."

"Alpha, change the viewing globe frequency; we should be able to see the news feed, and if they're reporting on the explosions," says Billy. Alpha presses a button on the control panel, and new images start flashing on the viewing globe. We see Vetana accompanied by putty patrollers wrecking havoc on the city of Angel Grove.

"Ay yi yi!"

"Who is that, Alpha?" Zack asks frantically.

"I can't be one hundred percent sure, but it appears to be the inter-dimensional sorceress, Vetana!"

"Inter-dimensional?" Kimberly asks.

"She has the ability to cross over various dimensions. Much like Rita was, she is very powerful and is capable of casting spells to make just about anything she wants happen! Ay yi yi! It appears she also has control of the Onyx Staff! This is not good, Rangers!"

"Alpha, what is the Onyx Staff?" Tommy asks.

"The Onyx Staff was a weapon used by one of Zordon's warriors before we had the power coins. It has the ability to enhance the powers of its handler. When Rita defeated one of Zordon's warriors in battle she knew not of its abilities, and sent it through a dimensional vortex to keep it from Zordon. Vetana must have found it and is now using it to make her all-powerful!"

"What are we going to do if we don't have our powers?" Kat asks.

"We won't be able to face Vetana without them," Trini adds.

"Trini's right. We can't go toe to toe with someone who is all-powerful when we have nothing," says Aisha."

"Hold on guys, we have to figure something out. We can't just let Vetana take over the planet!" says Jason.

"Wait, you guys... what about the Zeo Crystal?" Rocky asks.

"The Zeo Crystal was kept some where in the Command Center before it's destruction. It is possible it's still here among the wreckage," Alpha answers.

"I still have my zeonizer and the last time I bothered to look at it, it seemed to be dead. If the crystal is here, I'm not sure it has any power left," Tommy adds.

"There's still a chance it can be reactivated or re-energized, Tommy," says Alpha.

"Well that's fine for you guys, but I was never a Zeo Ranger, what are we supposed to do?" Zack asks.

"Yeah, what power can the rest of us possibly use?" Kimberly adds.

"Wait, I have an idea!" Billy announces as he gets up from under the computer console. "Alpha, you said that Onyx Staff enhances the holder's power?"

"Yes, Billy."

"Where does it get its power from?"

"Its power is focused in the Onyx Gem affixed to the top of the staff."

"Is it possible for us to use the Onyx Gem to re-power our power coins?"

"Yes, it's possible, but to power all five coins permanently you would need to break the Onyx Gem and place a piece on each coin. The Onyx Gem's powers will permanently transfer to whatever its pieces touch when broken."

"Well, do we have the five original coins?" Billy asks the group as he pulls out his original Triceratops power coin. Jason, Zack, Kimberly, and Trini each pull out their original coins.

"Well, what about, Aisha? Will it be possible to have two yellow Rangers?" Trini asks.

"Oh, don't worry Trini. I don't have my coin anyway. I lost it after sending Tanya back in my place with the piece of the Zeo Crystal I was supposed to find," says Aisha.

"What will you do without your powers?" Trini asks.

"Well, the way I see it. Someone needs to stay here and protect Alpha," Aisha replies.

"Aww. Thank you, Aisha," says Alpha."

"So how do we get this Onyx Gem if this psycho witch has it?" Zack asks.

"And where should we begin looking for the Zeo Crystal?" Adam adds.

"Okay, okay... I think I have an idea. Alpha, can you determine where Vetana is currently?" Jason asks.

"I can try, it may take a moment."

"Go ahead and get on that. Tommy, can you, Rocky, Adam, Kat, Tanya, and Aisha begin looking for the Zeo Crystal?"

"Sure thing, but what are you guys going to do?"

"As soon as Alpha has a location, we're going to teleport to Vetana and try to lure her out of the city."

"But what about the putty patrollers?"

"They may be stronger but they're not much smarter. If we can lead her through the forest, we'll have good cover. When your Zeo powers are restored, meet up with us near the mountains and we can figure out how to get the Onyx Staff away from Vetana."

"Alright, is everyone ready for this?" Tommy asks as everyone nods in agreement.

"Jason, I have the coordinates. Are you ready for teleportation?" Alpha asks. Zack, Billy, Trini, and Kimberly stand behind Jason as he looks for their acknowledgment and they each give him a nod.

"We're ready," Jason replies.

“Good luck, Rangers. Please be careful!” Alpha presses a button teleporting the five Rangers away.

“I hope they know what they’re doing,” says Rocky.

“It’s the best chance we’ve got. Now let’s find that Zeo Crystal!” Tommy replies. The six Rangers and Alpha 5 quickly exit the corridor.

9

Jason and his team of Rangers arrive at the edge of town via teleportation. They each frantically look around to get their bearings. Several explosions happen just yards from them as some buildings get blasted by Vetana and the Onyx Staff. Several putty patrollers are heckling civilians, overturning cars, and breaking into different buildings.

"Hey clay brains! Why don't you try to mess with us!" Jason shouts as each Ranger takes a fighting stance. Vetana sees the Rangers.

"Attack those pathetic humans who dare to stand in my way!" Vetana screams to the putty patrollers. Almost instantly, they begin charging the Rangers.

"Okay, Rangers, engage combat, and then retreat to the park! Make sure they follow!" Jason shouts.

Jason attacks first by kicking the first putty to arrive in the gut. Zack follows suit and spins behind a putty and kicks it in the lower back. Trini and Kimberly each cartwheel around a putty and trip another one from behind with low spin kicks. Billy side steps one putty and then kicks a second one in the gut. He holds it's head in a headlock and runs at the putty he side stepped, using his feet to spring off the putty's gut pulling the other down by his neck, backwards.

Jason has three circling him. He hits one with a back kick, then leaps forward kneeing one in the gut, and then nails it in the back of the neck with his fist. Then Jason back elbows the third putty and turns around to roundhouse the putty he elbowed, sending it to the ground.

Zack has one putty on either side of him. He jumps to the left and karate chops one of the putties in the ribs, then slings it into the second one. A third putty tries to jump on Zack but Zack side steps its attack and kicks it in mid-air.

Kimberly goes for a somersault but catches her ankles around the head of a putty, spinning it into a second one. Two more putties try to corner her and she makes a split, punching each of them in the gut. When she gets up, she grabs each putty by the head and slams their skulls together before shoving them to the ground.

Trini has three putties surrounding her, as she takes her mantis pose. One putty lunges at her, but she side steps it. Another putty tries to attack, and she side steps it too. The third tires and she, once again, side steps it. Then all three putties try at once, and Trini punches one straight in the face, ducks the second, planting her shoulder in his gut, and then side kicks the third just below his neck.

Billy does three or four summersaults as three putties chase him in a line. When he stops, the first putty takes a shot, but Billy ducks. Billy then punches it in the face, causing it to fall back into the second putty, which causes the second putty to fall into the third putty.

The putties remain standing somewhat as the third putty holds the other two up. Billy then side kicks them and they tumble down.

"Rangers, make your way to the park!" Jason shouts as he nails one more putty with a kick before turning to run toward the others. All five Rangers begin running toward the park. Another group of putties begins to follow them.

"Why haven't you stopped them!?! Do I have to do everything myself!?" Vetana screams. She raises the Onyx Staff and begins sending blasts that explode the concrete paths in which the Rangers were running on.

"Quick, cut through the forest!" Billy yells at the others. They cut through a fielded area towards the line of trees as the blasts fired their way explode parts of the field into giant craters. Dirt and grass starts flying everywhere. They make it to the tree line with putty patrollers not far behind them.

"We can use these trees for cover, but the way she's firing at us, I'm not sure how long they will protect us," Kimberly tells the others.

"If we keep moving she won't be able to get as close to us with the trees in the way," Zack adds.

"Let's hope the others find the Zeo Crystal," Says Trini

"Yeah, and fast!" Jason adds. "Okay, let's go!"

The Rangers each stand behind a different tree. Some of the putty patrollers have begun making their way through the forest. Jason nails one passing by with a kick to the face, then he ducks down and finds another tree to get behind. Kimberly trips a putty making it fall face first, and then she quickly crawls across the ground to another nearby tree. Zack and Billy each hold out a fallen tree limb causing two more putties to trip. Trini quickly goes around a tree and kicks a putty in the back before zipping between different trees.

Vetana begins sending her blasts towards the forest and several trees become obliterated upon impact. Small debris and larger chunks of bark and wood go flying every which direction. Suddenly, several of the putties begin glowing.

"Oh, I've got a bad feeling about this," Kimberly shouts.

"Just keep your guard up!" Jason yells back.

The putties begin swarming the forest, as the Rangers try to remain hidden. A few more trees are blown to bits by Vetana as more and more putties enter the forest. Jason attempts to kick a putty passing by as he had before, but the hit doesn't phase it. In fact, the putty manages to grab a hold of Jason's leg and pull him out from behind the tree. Jason attempts to shift his weight and kick the putty in the head with his free leg, but the putty ducks and Jason lands face first on the ground one leg still in the air. Zack comes from behind and hits the putty on the back of its head. Once distracted, Billy helps Jason to his feet.

"Everyone run! Run toward the mountain!" Jason yells as all five Rangers begin running; Trini and Kimberly in front with Zack, Billy, and Jason right behind them. The putty patrollers now have all of the Rangers in their sights and begin chasing after them. The Rangers weave in and out of trees trying not to maintain a straight path in hopes of confusing the putties, but the putties still manage to gain ground. Trees continue to be blown to smithereens all around them. The Rangers hold their arms above their heads to shield them from flying debris.

They reach the end of the forest and stop running. The base of the nearby mountain is still a ways off. They each look at each other for a moment, all of them out of breath, but with putty patrollers still on their tail.

"We've gotta head toward the mountain," says Jason.

"But we'll be out in the open!" Zack exclaims.

"We have no choice, we gotta try to get Vetana as far away from the city as possible!"

"Well if we're gonna go, let's do it now!" Trini yells

"Let's Go!" Kimberly adds.

"Affirmative!" says Billy. With that said, the Rangers take off on a full blown sprint across the desert like terrain with the putty patrollers right behind them. Explosions begin to increase in frequency kicking up sand all over the place. Just as the Rangers start to near the base of the mountain, the putties get close enough to start fighting again. The putties take several shots on the Rangers, hitting them from behind and knocking them to the ground. They relentlessly start kicking the fallen Rangers in the gut and on their backs. Just then fog begins to set in and Vetana herself takes shape.

"Pick them up and hold them still!" Vetana orders. "You pesky humans have really been an annoyance. However, you have proven to have valuable talents."

"You don't know the half of it!" Jason screams.

"Yeah, our talent has no value to you – psycho witch!" adds Zack.

"Oh but it does, human. My master will find a use for you, and you will have no choice but to oblige."

"We'll never serve you!" Trini yells.

"Or your master!" adds Kimberly.

"That's what you think! Putties, hold them still!" Vetana says as she raises the Onyx Staff above her head and recites something in an unrecognizable language. When she points the Onyx Staff directly vertical five beams come from it, one going to each ranger thus freezing them in time. The putty patrollers let go as the Rangers are rendered inanimate.

10

Back at the ruins of the Command Center, Alpha and the other Rangers frantically begin their search for the missing Zeo Crystal.

"Alpha, where would the Zeo Crystal have been kept?" Tommy asks.

"Ay yi yi! I cannot be certain what happened to it after I left, but once we ceased using it as a primary power source. It was locked up in a pressure sealed vault in one of the sub basements below the Power Chamber."

"Unfortunately, a lot of the lower levels have either been looted or wrecked by explosives," says Adam.

"Well we've got to start somewhere. Why don't we split up?" suggests Tanya.

"Good idea. Alpha, you and the girls begin looking over there. Rocky, Adam, and I will go this way," says Tommy.

The two groups start going their separate ways, looking through the wreckage. Numerous piles of junked computers and parts seem to litter every inch of the sub-levels. The girls begin tossing pieces left and right, searching for the vault containing the Zeo Crystal.

"Alpha, if it's in a vault shouldn't it be big enough to stay in one place?" asks Kat.

"No, Kat, you're thinking of a bank vault. This vault was designed to hold only the Zeo Crystal. A vault the size of a room would be too obvious for intruders to search."

"So what we're looking for is shaped more like a safe?" asks Aisha.

"That would be correct."

"It's going to take a while to dig through all this debris," says Tanya.

"Maybe we will run into some luck," says Kat.

"We need all the luck we can get. Who knows what Jason and the others have encountered without their powers," says Alpha.

The guys at the other end of the Command Center wreckage are each digging through separate piles. They're quickly tossing aside anything that doesn't look useful.

"I hope we find the crystal soon. I've got a bad feeling about all of this," says Adam.

"What do you mean?" asks Rocky.

"We haven't heard from Jason and the others yet, and why hasn't Vetana or the putties launched an attack here?"

"Adam's right. Something isn't right. I've had a strange feeling ever since I talked to Kim," says Tommy.

"What did she say?" asks Adam.

"It's not what she said, it's more like what she didn't say."

"What were you expecting her to say?" asks Rocky.

"It's hard to explain," says Tommy. "I don't think I ever stopped having feelings for her. I just sort of thought all along that she still did too. Now... now I'm not sure."

"Don't sweat the small stuff, Tommy. You guys haven't seen each other in forever. Things will work out eventually," says Rocky.

"Yeah, don't let it be a distraction. If it's meant to be, she'll come around," says Adam.

"Yeah, I guess you guys are right."

Just then Tommy's communicator goes off.

"This is Tommy."

"Tommy, we've located the Zeo Crystal! Regroup with us right away!" says Alpha over the communicator. All three guys smile as Tommy answers.

"Be right there, Alpha! – Ok, guys let's head back!"

Right as Tommy, Rocky, and Adam start to run back, a squad of putty patrollers appear around them.

"Oh man... Looks like you spoke too soon, Adam!" Rocky yells.

"Should we make a run for it or try to fight them off??" Adam yells back.

"I say let's take them on first. We can't let them find the Zeo Crystal!" Tommy responds.

They stand in a triangle formation with their backs to each other as the putties circle them. They each take a step forward attacking the closest putty. Tommy attempts a roundhouse kick to the chest of putty and connects. Adam kneels, elbowing a putty in the gut, and then he pulls his fist up smashing it in its face. Rocky attempts a front kick, the putty blocks it, so Rocky flips over and then punches the putty right in the face. The Rangers each take on a second putty. Tommy sidesteps a punch and then chop blocks the putty's arm, pushing it down, and then Tommy punches it in the face. Rocky delivers several kicks to the sides and abdomen of the putty attacking him, and finishes it off with a stiff kick to the putty's face. Adam gives his opposition a stiff kick to the gut. The putty bends over and then Adam gives it a knee lift to the face.

As they each begin to take on their third putty, the putties begin to glow. The Rangers each go to punch the putties, only to have their punches blocked. The putties then yank the Rangers forward by their arms and clothesline them with their free arms. The Rangers are down, and when they attempt to get up they're dropkicked to the ground again. Just then, more putties form who are also glowing.

"They're getting stronger. We're not going to be able to hold them off much longer," yells Adam.

"Ok, I'm going to try to distract them. When I do, make a run for it and I'll be right behind you!" says Tommy.

Tommy stands up quickly and trips up a putty, he then runs by two or three more putties, smacking them each on the side of the head as he runs by. They all turn and go after him. Rocky and Adam retreat the other way. Tommy goes in a big circle getting the putties focused on him, and then he follows behind Rocky and Adam.

The girls are gathered around the vault while Alpha is trying to enter in the correct combination. The guys quickly enter the area.

"Putties right behind us!" Rocky yells as the girls quickly move away from Alpha and take fighting stances. As the putties come in, each girl takes a shot, knocking the first few putties down. The guys then regroup and each quickly back kick the putties closest to them.

"Ay yi yi! I'm hurrying, Rangers!" Alpha screams as he frantically continues punching in keys on the vault's keypad.

Tanya swings a putty into Kat who clotheslines it. Aisha does a split to avoid a swinging punch and then uppercuts the putty causing it to stumble backwards and get chop blocked by Tanya. Tanya then kicks it in the face as it lies on the ground. Kat cartwheels out of the way of two putties that then crash into each other. She then picks up a piece of debris and throws it at both of them knocking them down. Just then the putties begin to glow again.

"Watch out! They're going to get much stronger!" Tommy yells.

"I don't know if we can take them much longer," Adam yells.

"We've got to keep stalling!" Aisha responds.

"Tanya, look out!" Kat yells

A putty takes a wild swing with a piece of debris at Tanya. She manages to duck, but when she goes to kick its knee, it doesn't fall; instead it kicks her in the gut. Kat quickly pushes Tanya out of the way to cause the putty to take another wild swinging miss with the piece of debris. Aisha and Adam are now back to back as they take turns ducking swings by the putties. Aisha and Adam each take a shot of their own only to be blocked by the putties and thrown to the ground. Tommy and Rocky are fighting back to back as well, only they're ducking many more attacks. The two Rangers each take a step forward while ducking forcing the two putties to be back to back. Then Tommy and Rocky each try and kick their respective putties, but the putties duck and send Rocky and Tommy crashing into each other. The putties then pick the fallen Rangers up and throw them into piles of junk and debris.

Suddenly, the vault swings open as Alpha finally finishes the combination. Just as it does, a putty patroller knocks Alpha and the vault over causing the Zeo Crystal to tumble out onto the ground. When it hits the ground, a wave of energy emits from the crystal. The energy seems to have an effect on all of the putties as they all seem to have a thin energy field around them. The energy field dissipates and seemingly changes the putties to a solid grey color. Adam manages to get up and kick the putty that was attacking Alpha in the back, and he goes flying several feet from the impact.

"Alpha, are you okay?" Adam asks.

"Yes, Adam. I'm fine," Alpha responds.

"Tommy! Let's try some more offense. These clay brains don't seem to have what it takes to keep us down anymore!" Adam yells.

With that said, everyone gets to their feet and starts attacking the nearest putties. Kat, Aisha and Tanya circle a small group. Each putty tries to attack the Rangers, but the Rangers duck and then retaliate by flipping the putties over, and punching them in the chest. All of the putties stay down this time.

Adam runs over towards Rocky and Tommy leading five putties behind him. Rocky and Tommy jump out from behind a pile of debris and take out the three trailing putties with parallel jumping kicks. All three putties fall in a pile and stay down as well.

Adam leads the last two over to a wall. Adam is able to run up the wall and flip over the putties' heads, landing behind them. Adam kicks the putties in the back, sending them face first into the partial wall, where they collapse on each other. The rest of the putties quickly vanish after seeing their comrades decimated. The Rangers regroup with Alpha.

"Wow, they really are weaker. These are more like Rita's putties than the ones we've been facing," Tommy says.

"What happened to them?" Kat asks.

"The Zeo Crystal emitted an energy wave, which I believe restored them to their original composition," Alpha responds.

"So they're like they would have been had Cirko not created them in the confines of another dimension?" Rocky asks.

"Exactly, Rocky," says Alpha.

"Well that's great and all, but how soon can we use the Zeo Crystal to restore our powers?" asks Tanya.

"I managed to find five zeonizers stored in the vault with the crystal. Once I test their stability, you should be able to use them to morph,"

"What do you need to do to test them?" Adam asks.

"Once I activate each zeonizer, its respective Zeo Sub-Crystal should activate in some way. I'm going to use my own power source to activate each zeonizer."

Alpha twists one of his fingers to remove the tip, revealing what appears to be a copper rod. He takes the first zeonizer and touches the crystal to his finger and a spark emits when they connect. A piece of the Zeo Crystal begins to glow pink. The Rangers watch as he takes the second zeonizer and does the same thing and another piece of the Zeo Crystal glows yellow. He then takes the third zeonizer, which makes a piece of the crystal glow blue. After Alpha touches the fourth zeonizer, the next to the last piece of the crystal glows green. Finally, after touching his finger to the last zeonizer, the final piece glows red.

"Alpha you did it!" Aisha exclaims.

"Ay yi yi! I did! Here Rangers, take your zeonizers and go back up the others!"

Tommy, Adam, Rocky, Tanya, and Kat take their respective zeonizers and strap them to their wrists.

"Are you ready guys?" Tommy asks.

"Ready!" they all respond.

"Ok, let's do this. It's Morphin' Time!"

"Zeo Ranger One – Pink!" Kat morphs.

"Zeo Ranger Two – Yellow!" Tanya morphs.

"Zeo Ranger Three – Blue!" Rocky morphs.

"Zeo Ranger Four – Green!" Adam morphs.

"Zeo Ranger Five – Red!" Tommy morphs.

At the completion of the morphing sequence all five Rangers teleport away, leaving Alpha and Aisha behind.

11

The Rangers arrive just at the edge of the forest. They look around and see Vetana up on the top of a flattened mountain. She's pacing back and forth with a platoon of putty patrollers. The Rangers each duck behind a tree to keep out of sight.

"I don't see Jason or the others," Tommy says.

"Wait, look directly behind Vetana. That's not putty," says Kat.

"She's right, let's go over here," says Rocky.

"Be careful, we don't want them to know we're here," Tommy advises.

The Rangers sneak between the trees trying to get a better angle of Vetana.

"Oh man, I see them, but they're not moving!" Adam says.

"What's wrong with them?" asks Tanya.

"It looks like they're frozen or something. It looks like we're going to have to settle this fast to free them before Vetana can do anything with them," Tommy says.

"Alright, what's the plan?" asks Rocky.

"Well, she's never faced us before. Why don't we just start out slow and cause her to take us on herself?" suggests Adam.

"She's not going to fight us with all those putties up there," Kat points out.

"Can we neutralize the putties like Alpha did accidentally?" Tanya asks.

"Let's find out..." Tommy presses his communicator, "Alpha, this is Tommy do you read?"

"Yes, Tommy, what's the situation?"

"Vetnana has Jason and the others frozen somehow, and there is a ton of putty patrollers surrounding them."

"Ay yi yi! She has probably used her inter-dimensional sorcery to trap them in suspended animation!"

"How can we break the spell?"

"I don't know immediately, Rangers. I've not seen the likes of Vetana's magic in ages! Ay yi yi!"

"Calm down, Alpha. Is there any way we can use the Zeo Crystal's power to neutralize the putties as you did before?"

"Yes! Concentrate the energies from your zeonizers in the vicinity of the putties and the flash of power should neutralize all of the ones in the area."

"Thanks, Alpha."

"Rangers, be careful. We've never tested the use of raw Zeo power like this, it may only work for short range!"

"We'll do our best. Meanwhile, you and Aisha try to figure out a way to use more of the Zeo Crystal's power, and break Vetana's spell."

"Will do, Tommy!"

"Alright, guys. I say we do what Adam said, and let them get the best of us, then we use the Zeo Crystal's power to take them all out and force Vetana to take us on herself!"

"Right!" They all say together.

The Rangers run out into the open. They stand tall near the middle of the desert like plain that leads to the base of the mountain. Vetana sees them and orders the putties to attack.

As the putties approach the Rangers take a fighting stance and then begin their attack on the putties. They exchange punches and kicks and as predicted the putty patrollers begin to glow and start fighting back harder than before. The Rangers start getting blocked more and more and are eventually thrown on top of one another as the putties begin circling the fallen Rangers.

"Finish them off!" Vetana yells from the ledge of the mountain.

The Rangers regroup as the putties slowly begin to move in.

"Are you guys ready to show them what we got?" Tommy asks. They all nod in approval. The Rangers then stand back to back to back in a circle. They lock their wrists together connecting their zeonizers.

"Zeo Power Now!" They all yell at once, and a flash of energy emits from their zeonizers in the same way it did from the Zeo Crystal itself. Suddenly all the putties in the plain are surrounded by energy, and, almost instantly, they all turn to grey!

"Ok guys, now it's our turn!" says Tommy.

The Rangers once again begin battling the putties, but this time they don't hold back. With every kick and punch, they pile the putties up and the putties quiver on the ground and stay down. Kat and Tanya each ducks a punch and then grab the free arm of their attackers, swinging the putties around into each other. Adam and Rocky each nail a side kick on a putty, causing them to fall into one another. Tommy has two circling him. He punches the first putty and then slaps the other before tripping it into the first putty. Tommy finishes them off with a roundhouse kick, causing the putties to topple over on the ground. The Rangers regroup and line up as a few more, now grey, putty patrollers run up the plain towards them.

"Let's use some fire power this time."

Each ranger holds their hand on their holster.

"Now!" Tommy yells, and the Rangers draw their Zeo Laser Pistols and blast several putty patrollers to bits.

"What?!" Vetana screams, "Well, I guess I will just have to take care of those rainbow rats myself."

As the Rangers do away with the few remaining putty patrollers, Vetana leaps from the mountain's ledge and lands in front of them. The Rangers regroup as Vetana stands a few yards in front of them, noticeably without the Onyx Staff, which remains wedged in the ground a few feet in front of their inanimate comrades.

"Okay, guys. It's five against one. Let's not let her get the best of us. Ready?" says Tommy.

"Ready!" they yell in unison.

The Rangers take their fighting stances as Vetana decides to charge at them. Tommy decides to charge back and meets her half way. She takes a swing at him, but he ducks it. She then tries with the other hand and Tommy manages to block the punch. He holds her arm as Adam and Rocky come at her, but she manages to kick them both away and then

throw Tommy over her head with the arm he was holding. Kat and Tanya each run at Vetana, leaping to give her a kick to either side of her body. Vetana back flips out of the way. Tanya goes for a wild punch after landing on her feet, but Vetana catches her; Kat attempts a punch as well, but she's blocked and then Tanya is thrown at her sending both to the ground. The guys regroup, but, as Vetana turns around, she sends a ball of energy their way sending all three flying several feet into the air and then falling to the ground. The girls pull out their Laser Pistols and fire at Vetana. Vetana takes the hit and falls to a knee. However, as the girls get to their feet so does Vetana and she sends all the laser energy shot at her right back at the girls. The girls roll out of the way to avoid the majority of the blast.

"Tommy look!" Rocky yells as he points to the top of the mountain where the hue around their fellow Rangers starts to change, "I think the spell is starting to wear off."

"You're right. What's causing it though?" Tommy replies, just as Vetana sends another blast their way.

Rocky and Tommy take the brunt of the blast. Adam runs over to them.

"You guys alright?" Adam asks.

"Yeah, but look up there. It looks like the spell is weakening, but we don't know why," says Tommy.

Meanwhile, the girls have drawn their Zeo Blades and are taking the fight to Vetana face to face. They take turns swiping at her with their Zeo Blades, and then avoiding her punches and kicks. However, Vetana manages to summon a sword of her own. Kat attempts to knock it out of her hands, but Vetana is too quick and their blades clank as they collide. Tanya, tries to attack from behind, but Vetana side steps her, punches her with her friend's hand, and then pulls her sword back, swinging it in the direction of both girls and sends out an energy wave, knocking them back several feet.

The guys regroup and run in to help the girls. Tommy takes one last look up at the mountain and he sees slight movement from Jason.

"Guys!" Tommy yells as Adam and Rocky run ahead of him to help the girls, "The more power she uses the weaker the spell becomes!"

Adam and Rocky nod in acknowledgement and then pull out their Laser Pistols and take aim at Vetana from a distance. The girls do the same so that she gets hit on both sides.

Tommy holds his hand out in front of his face and summons his Zeo Power Sword. He then charges in while the other Rangers hold their fire and start taking the fight to Vetana once again. Tommy nails her with several swift strikes, but then she manages to block several others with her own sword. Vetana kicks Tommy to the ground, and as soon as he hits the ground, the other four Rangers start firing with their pistols once again. Tommy gets to his feet, but he's met with an energy blast from Vetana, as she quickly gets to her feet and swings her blade around, sending a circle shaped energy wave outwards and hitting all five Rangers.

"Enough of this!" Vetana yells as she raises her free hand to the air. As she does this, a worm hole opens and a platoon of new putty patrollers, unaffected by the Zeo Crystal's power, teleport through.

Back on the mountain, Jason is almost completely animate again. He looks down and sees the Zeo Rangers under attack by the putties and Vetana. He then sees the Onyx Staff in the ground in front of him. He tries to move his legs but they're like Jello. He wobbles one step at a time until he finally reaches the Onyx Staff. He uses the staff to hold his balance,

and then he puts his hand on top of the Onyx Gem, yanking on it as hard as he can until it comes off the staff. He then smashes the gem on the ground, breaking it into pieces. As this happens, the other Rangers are now reanimated.

"Give me your Power Coins, quick!" Jason yells.

Kimberly, Zack, Trini, and Billy quickly pull out their coins and toss them to Jason. Jason then takes the pieces of the Onyx Gem and lays them equally on all five Power Coins. As he does this, the coins begin to glow their distinctive colors. Slowly the gem's power and energy transfers to the Power Coins, and the gem turns gray as if it were now stone. The other four Rangers now stand next to Jason, and they each grab their respective coins.

"Okay, let's give them some back-up. It's Morphin' Time!" says Jason.

They each hold out their morphers with their newly powered coins inside as they begin to morph.

"Mastodon!" Zack morphs.

"Pterodactyl!" Kimberly morphs.

"Triceratops!" Billy morphs.

"Saber Toothed Tiger!" Trini morphs.

"Tyrannosaurs!" Jason morphs.

Now the newly morphed Rangers stand at the top of the mountain.

"Hey Vetana! You forget about us?" Jason yells.

Vetana looks up in disbelief

"What? But how?" says Vetana.

"Alright guys, let's get some firepower going. Zack, Kimberly, you guys stay up here and cover us."

Each ranger summons their weapon as Jason, Trini, and Billy jump off the cliff. As Trini lands she throws one of her Power Daggers and hits a putty in the back of the head. Another confronts her, and gets slashed across the chest for its trouble. Billy uses his Power Lance to knock down several putties as he runs in-between them. He then whirls the lance over his head and swipes both a putty behind him and in front of him with it, causing both to fall.

Jason runs up to Vetana with his Power Sword drawn. Both Kim and Zack give him cover from their position on the mountain, using the Power Bow and Power Ax, which is being used as a canon. Jason hits Vetana from behind, which allows Rocky to get a couple swipes at her with his Zeo Power Axes. Vetana turns around only get nailed by Adam's Zeo Power Hatchet. This hit causes her to stumble backwards, before lashing out at the three Rangers and knocking them to the ground with a single blast.

Trini and Billy meet up with Kat and Tanya who are fending off some putties. Trini slings both daggers at a set of putties nailing each in the chest. They fall down, but as soon as Trini recovers her daggers they start getting to their feet.

"They just don't quit!" Trini yells.

"Not like this they don't! Duck!" Kat yells at Trini right before she throws her Zeo Power Disc like a Frisbee taking out two putties that were coming from behind to attack Trini. The Disc flies right over Trini and hits the first one, sending him into the second one.

Billy and Tanya are back to back, Tanya with her Zeo Power Clubs and Billy with his Power Lance, and they continuously block shots from the putties and give several shots of their own.

"We've got to outsmart them somehow!" Billy yells.

"On three, side step to your right!" Tanya yells back, "One, Two, Three!"

Tanya goes one way, Billy goes the other causing the putties to nearly hit each other and then get nailed in the back of the heads by the Power Lance and Zeo Power Clubs.

Tommy is battling four different putties, he has his Zeo Power Sword in one hand and his Zeo Laser Pistol in the other. He takes a swipe at one and then turns around to blast two more putties. He then he kicks down the first one, and slashes a fourth putty as it comes from behind.

Back on the mountain top, Kimberly and Zack are continuing to fire their weapons, attempting to help their friends.

"Zack, I don't think this is working. We need to get down there and give them more fire power," says Kimberly.

"I think you're right. From this height we don't have good aim. We're only acting as a distraction and not a very good one."

"Okay, then let's get down there!"

The Black and Pink Rangers leap off the cliff and land amongst a squad of putties that was making its way towards the others. Zack uses his Power Ax to slice up several putties, and then he turns the axe around and fires the canon handle to blast several more back the opposite way. Kimberly takes out her blade blaster and fires at several putties sending them into a ditch. She then converts it to blade mode and starts slicing and dicing any putty in reach.

"Kim, I'm going to go help Jason and the others with that space witch, you go help Tommy!" Zack yells as he prepares to make a run towards Vetana and the other Rangers.

Kimberly looks around for Tommy and sees him fighting off several putties. She starts running to assist him, but as she does, a putty patroller with goo running over most of his body, takes his hand and forces it onto Tommy's face, covering the star shaped visor on his helmet.

"Oh No! Tommy I'm coming!" Kimberly yells, but she's too far away.

The putties around Tommy start kicking and smacking him around. As he goes down to the ground, they stand around him, toying with him. Kimberly finally arrives on the scene and starts swinging her blade from her blade blaster. As the putties turn their attention to her, they start to get the upper hand, but Kimberly keeps fighting back. Tommy reaches for his Zeo Laser Pistol and turns it slightly at his helmet to zap the goo off, he then turns over still on the ground and starts shooting his pistol at the putties, nearly missing Kimberly!

"Tommy! Watch what you're doing!" Kimberly yells

"I didn't know you were there! I can handle this!" Tommy argues.

"Oh, so that's why you were laying on the ground getting kicked around?" Kimberly sarcastically asks while slicing another putty.

"I'm up now, aren't I?" Tommy responds.

"After I showed up!" Kimberly exclaims.

"Look, go over there where they're landing from the worm hole and attempt to slow them up," Tommy insists.

"Fine, whatever," Kimberly says after sending two more putties to the ground with slice marks through their gooey bodes.

Kimberly runs towards the wormhole where several more putties have already appeared. Tommy clicks his communicator to contact Alpha and Aisha.

“Alpha, is there anyway you can block these worm holes?”

“Not that I know of right now, but I will get right on it, Tommy!”

By the time Kimberly nears the wormhole, the putties that recently came through have all lined up and she stops just in front of them.

“What, so you’re ready for the firing squad?” She yells as she pulls out her Blade Blaster in laser form.

Just as she starts to blast the putties, a strange shape begins to form behind them. She starts to take aim at it, but as soon as she does the putties break from their line and surround her. She quickly shoots at the shape, but it absorbs the blast. As the putties make their way around her, they begin to glow. She starts trying to fight them off but they block every punch and eventually restrain her. Suddenly, the weird shape begins to take the form of the evil Lord Cirko.

Cirko, takes a few steps forward and rips the Power Morpher from Kimberly’s belt, causing her to de-morph. Some of the other Rangers notice this and start yelling to each other to look. Tommy sees this happen immediately tries to make a run for her, but the putties he was fighting, now glowing, take him down to the ground once again. Cirko holds up the Pink Ranger’s morpher and laughs as he, and the group of putties restraining Kimberly disappear.

Vetana levels Rocky, Adam, Jason, and Zack and vanishes into a puff of smoke. Soon all the putty patrollers vanish as well and the Rangers are left alone, without Kimberly.

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The Rangers teleport back to their command post at the wreckage of the Command Center and demorph.

"Alpha, is there any way you can trace Kimberly's communicator?" Jason asks frantically.

"Not at this time, Jason. Most of the computers are still torn apart. What happened to Kimberly?"

"Some ugly dude appeared out of nowhere and had some putties surround her, and then they just vanished!" says Rocky.

"Yeah, that creep had to be Lord Cirko. He just had to be!" Zack exclaims.

"He took her morpher before they disappeared. Hopefully he doesn't have a use for the Pink Ranger powers," says Billy.

"Ay yi yi! This is terrible!" Alpha screams.

"Alpha, isn't there anything we can do?" Kat asks.

"There has to be something!" Trini says frantically.

"I'm not certain, Rangers. I didn't think we would be seeing Lord Cirko this soon!"

"This is all my fault! I shouldn't have told her to go stop the putties coming through the worm hole," says Tommy.

"Tommy, you can't blame yourself. You didn't know!" says Tanya.

"But I told her not to help me, I told her to go towards the worm hole. That's how Cirko showed up so fast. Now he's taken her to some other dimension and we have no way of finding her!" says Tommy as he sits on a broken computer terminal with his hands on his face in frustration.

"Wait a minute, that is not entirely accurate Tommy!" Alpha exclaims.

"What do you mean, Alpha?" Adam asks.

"Shortly before you arrived, I had a break through while processing the data I collected on the worm holes in the area. Vetana has apparently used her magic to hold them open, making a direct connection to the dimension in which Lord Cirko and his army of putties were dwelling. This allows them continuous travel through the wormholes at any time. Additionally, Vetana can create these worm holes whenever she chooses."

"So, what's the good news then?" Jason asks.

"The good news is, I was trying to find a way to close the wormholes, which wasn't possible. But what was possible was for me to send out a signal that changed the dimensional makeup of the wormholes."

"What does that mean?" Rocky asks.

"It means Alpha was able to change how the wormhole functions. What did you change, Alpha?"

"I was able to make the worm holes one way. They may be able to enter our dimension, but they cannot currently go back. If Lord Cirko wants to return to his dimension, Vetana will have to close all the wormholes and start over."

"Wait, so that means Kimberly is still here on Earth... in this dimension?" Tommy asks.

"Yes, Tommy."

"Then we need to find her!"

"It may take a while with the state these computers are in," says Billy.

"I think Billy's right. Alpha and I had to rewire the terminal and use a makeshift antenna to send out the signal we used on the wormholes," says Aisha.

"Hey guys, what about Trey?" asks Adam.

"The Gold Ranger?" Jason asks.

"Yeah, do you think we could contact him? He could help us out."

"Wait, who is Trey?" Aisha asks.

"Yeah, a Gold Ranger?" Zack asks.

"Trey is from Triforia. He holds the Gold Ranger powers, which behave similarly to the Zeo Ranger powers. When he was hurt and couldn't utilize the Gold Ranger powers, he gave them to me to use against the Machine Empire," says Jason.

"It's worth a shot. Perhaps he has a way to help us find Kimberly," Tommy adds.

"Aisha, let's try to set this antenna up for long range transmissions. Alpha, try to find coordinates for Triforia," says Billy.

"You got it, Billy," Alpha responds.

"I'll help you out, Alpha," says Trini

While Billy, Aisha, Trini, and Alpha work on trying to contact Trey of Triforia, the other Rangers attempt to come up with a plan to get the Pink Ranger back from Lord Cirko.