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FADE IN:

INT. AN OFFICE WITHING LINCOLN UNIVERSITY - MORNING

EDDIE sits in a chair in front of a desk. A professor walks into the office and sits behind the desk.

PROFESSOR  
Good morning Eddie.

EDDIE  
Morning. So what exactly did you call me in here for?

PROFESSOR  
It's about the marks that you've been getting so far.

EDDIE  
What about them?

PROFESSOR  
I hate to say this, but you're pretty much failing every class you're taking.

EDDIE  
I am?

PROFESSOR  
Yes, and to top it off if you don't pick up some of the slack, you might not make it to the end of the semester.

EDDIE  
My parents aren't going to like this.

PROFESSOR  
However there still is some hope if you can chose your major, as long as it's something that you know you can do.

EDDIE  
The only thing I can think of is the computers program, but wouldn't it be too late to join any of the classes?

PROFESSOR

Not necessarily. But you do need to show that you're proficient with computers, which by the looks of you might not be that much of a problem.

EDDIE

What do you mean?

PROFESSOR

Just look at yourself. You've got a cell phone clipped to one of your belt loops. I see a PDA clipped to your belt. I'm willing to bet that you probably have an MP3 player in your backpack somewhere, which I might add also looks like you've got a laptop in there. No offence Eddie, but if there's a term that describes you to a "T" it's "techno geek". So I'll tell you what I'll do.

EDDIE

What?

PROFESSOR

I'll set up some meetings with some of the professors that you'd be learning from and we'll do the same test that you'd have to do to get into the computers program. If you can also prove that you don't really need what the first few months of the first semester offer, they'll probably let you in. You might be a little behind, but it's at least better than flunking out after your first semester. However we'll only do this if you're serious about majoring in computers. So the question now is are you serious about switching to this program?

EDDIE

I don't know. I'll have to think about it.

PROFESSOR

That's fine. I don't want to force you into something that you don't want to do. Maybe you should talk this over with your parents first and see what they think.

INT. THE MORITA KITCHEN - EVENING

Eddie, MR. MORITA, and MRS. MORITA sit at the kitchen table finishing dinner. After everyone has finished Mrs. Morita clears the table. Finally once the table has been cleared Mrs. Morita sits down at the table again.

MR. MORITA

Now Edward, what was it that you wanted to talk to us about?

EDDIE

Well dad, I'm kinda flunking out of my program right now.

MR. MORITA

WHAT?!

EDDIE

Don't worry, there's still some hope.

MRS. MORITA

What is it Eddie?

EDDIE

I can switch to the computers program, but I have to take a test to see if I can get in.

MR. MORITA

How much is this going to cost?

EDDIE

My academic advisor said nothing to switch over, but I still have to pay for my books. Now what do you guys say?

Mr. and Mrs. Morita talk amongst themselves for a moment.

MRS. MORITA

Do it, but there's one thing you need to do before you can do this.

EDDIE

What?

MR. MORITA

Get a job.

EDDIE

Why?

MRS. MORITA

We've spent all of the money that we've budgeted for you for this semester's tuition and books. So if you want to do this, you're going to have to pay for your own books.

MR. MORITA

I'm sure you'll probably make just about enough for your new books by selling the ones you all ready have, but I think it'd also be good for you to start making some of your own money. So write up a resume and start pounding the pavement.

MRS. MORITA

Maybe you could talk to the owners of that coffee shop that you've been going to a lot recently. They might have something.

EDDIE

Actually that's a great idea mom.

FADE OUT. OPENING CREDITS.

FADE IN:

INT. THE COFFEE SHOP - DAY

KIA is at the front counter waiting on people. MARK and RACHEL are sitting on the couch talking. PAUL is bussing tables while Eddie follows him.

PAUL  
Absolutely not!

EDDIE  
Why not?

Paul looks over both of his shoulders for a quick second.

PAUL  
Look there's all ready two of us working here, and I don't need a third running off to go fight Mindset during business hours.

EDDIE  
You can always hire a few more people that can pick up the slack when we're not here. C'mon Paul I need this.

PAUL  
But why here?

EDDIE  
I hang out here enough as it is, I might as well get paid for it.

Kia takes a tray with a few cups of coffee on it from the counter and starts to make her way over to a table.

EDDIE  
Besides I can wait on tables. Just watch.

Eddie goes over to Kia.

EDDIE  
Kia, give me that tray.

KIA  
Why?

EDDIE  
I need to prove a point to Paul.

KIA

Eddie, I'm working. Can't you do this, another time?

EDDIE

I need to do this now.

Eddie grabs the tray and starts to pull it away from Kia. Kia tugs on the tray to try to get it away from Eddie. Paul watches their tug of war for a few minutes, and eventually tilts his head down, and places his right hand underneath his eyebrows. Paul shakes his head a little in embarrassment.

PAUL

Why me?

Eddie and Kia's tug of war on the tray eventually causes both of them to lose their grip on the tray. The tray falls on the floor and the cups break upon their impact on the floor. The coffee spills all over the place. Paul hears the clanging and walks over to Eddie and Kia.

PAUL

What do you think you're doing?

KIA

I'm sorry Paul.

PAUL

Don't worry Kia I don't blame you for this. Eddie.

EDDIE

I'm trying to prove to you that I can do this.

PAUL

Eddie, I'm looking for people who act a little more mature than what you just displayed for me. If you really want a job here, you're going to have to stop acting like a little kid.

EDDIE

So we're back to this now? I thought I told you I'm eighteen. I'm not a kid.

Rachel gets up from the couch and walks over to Paul, Eddie, and Kia.

RACHEL

I couldn't help overhearing this little dispute, and as much as I hate to admit it, I completely agree with Paul.

PAUL

You what with me?

RACHEL

I'm agreeing with you on this one.

PAUL

Would someone mind checking a weather website, because I think Hades just froze over.

RACHEL

Paul, if you're not going to be serious about this, I'm not going to explain why I agree with you.

PAUL

No, no I just wish I had a tape recorder to record that you actually agree with me on something.

Rachel starts to look a little mad. Paul notices.

PAUL

And now that all of the jokes are out of my system Rachel, please enlighten us with your explanation.

RACHEL

Eddie your age has nothing to do with your behavior. Just because you're a certain age, doesn't mean you have the right maturity level to fully be that age. And that stunt you just pulled to me makes you look like a little kid.

A customer walks up to Paul, and also sees the broken coffee cups and spilt coffee on the floor.

CUSTOMER

Excuse me. Is that our coffee?

PAUL

My apologies. We just had a little accident here, but don't worry we'll replace your order, on the house. (to Kia) Kia, make it happen.

Kia goes back to the counter.

CUSTOMER

Thanks.

The customer goes back to his table.

PAUL

Eddie.

EDDIE

Yes Paul?

PAUL

You're hired. However, replacement cups for the ones you broke, and that customer's replacement order, are coming out of your first paycheck. Understood?

EDDIE

Yes.

PAUL

Now if you'd like to start making money, you can clean up this mess, and do the dishes in the kitchen. Now get to work.

Eddie goes toward the kitchen. Paul lets out a hefty sigh.

RACHEL

That was a good thing you just did, but are you really sure that he can do this?

PAUL

Only time will tell.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. DOC'S HOUSE - DAY

ISABEL walks up to the front door, and rings the doorbell. DOC answers the door, and upon seeing Isabel looks a little smitten with her.

DOC  
You must be Isabel.

ISABEL  
So you're this Doc guy that Paul's mentioned.

DOC  
Please call me Quinn. Come in. Come in.

Isabel walks into Doc's house. Doc leads Isabel into the living room. They both sit down on one of the couches.

DOC  
Can I get you anything to drink? Water?  
Really bad freeze-dried coffee?

Isabel laughs a little.

ISABEL  
No thanks. So what exactly is it that you want to tell me?

DOC  
I think it'd be best to explain everything if I took you downstairs.

ISABEL  
What's downstairs?

DOC  
You'll see.

Doc and Isabel get up and he leads her to the door that leads to the basement.

INT. D.A.T.A. BASE - DAY

Doc and Isabel step off of the stairs. Isabel gets ahead of Doc a little, and turns around to take in her surroundings.

ISABEL  
What is this place?

DOC

This is D.A.T.A. Base.

ISABEL

So what exactly do you do here?

DOC

This is the place that the Power Rangers call home. Everything that they need is kept here.

ISABEL

So what exactly does this have to do with Paul?

DOC

Come with me into the monitoring room.

Doc leads Isabel into the monitoring room. Doc presses a few keys on a keyboard and the profiles of each of the Rangers come up on a few of the screens. Each profile features a headshot of each Ranger both in and out of suit. Isabel looks at the Red Ranger's profile.

ISABEL

So Paul's the Red Ranger?

DOC

Yes.

Isabel looks at the other five profiles.

ISABEL

Everything that's been going on with Paul these days is starting to make a little bit of sense. But why are you telling me this?

DOC

It was Paul's idea. He wanted someone else besides me to know everyone's identity, so that when I'm not around the Rangers have someone they could talk to about all of this. Plus he also said something about explaining why he and Kia would always be running out of the shop when they're both working.

ISABEL

Well he's right it does explain quite a bit. So is there anything I should know, maybe about things you're working on?

DOC

Well since you are the new ally, I might as well tell you that since I've been back I've been trying to get Mixer 8 online.

ISABEL

Mixer 8?

Doc hits a few keys on the keyboard and brings up the interior of the Zord bay.

DOC

Mixer 8 is the latest in the line of assault vehicles the Rangers have called D.A.T.A. Trekkers. I'm not sure what's been going on, but it just doesn't seem to want to work.

ISABEL

What else are you working on?

DOC

A new weapon for the Rangers and I'm still trying to figure out what to do with this.

Doc picks up a semi-spherical object that has the D.A.T.A. compass symbol over top of a blue background.

ISABEL

From what I've seen so far I think you'll think of something. Now if you don't mind my asking, how'd you pay for all of this?

DOC

Well I had my own research lab a few years ago, but when Mindset Industries rolled around I started losing business and eventually sold the lab to them for a tidy profit. I used part of the money to design the D.A.T.A. Trek video game, which I used to train the Rangers, and the other half to buy the entire block of townhouses that my house is attached to.

ISABEL

So let me guess, from there you used your profits from the game, and your profits from renting out the townhouses to do all of this.

DOC

Exactly. You know you're just as  
business minded as your nephew.

ISABEL

Well we've both had a lot of experience  
in that department.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. THE COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Isabel walks in, and goes up to Paul. Kia is going around the tables, picking up some empty cups. Mark and Rachel are on the couch talking.

ISABEL

I've met that friend of yours.

PAUL

So you know now?

ISABEL

Yes.

PAUL

And?

ISABEL

I think what you're doing is great and all, but just be careful when you're out there. So did anything happen while I was out?

PAUL

I hired a new dishwasher.

ISABEL

Why?

PAUL

Well for starters we are a little understaffed.

ISABEL

I'll give you that much. Who'd you hire?

PAUL

Eddie. I know what you're going to say, and quite frankly I didn't want to hire another Ranger either, but Eddie needs the money right now.

ISABEL

I understand. I guess I might as well hire a few more people to help with things too, especially if you're going to be busy with your "other job".

PAUL  
Sounds like a plan.

Kia brings the cups back into the kitchen area where Eddie is washing the dishes. She sets them down beside the sink.

KIA  
Some more for you.

EDDIE  
(a little frustrated) Great. Thanks.

KIA  
What's wrong?

EDDIE  
Nothing.

KIA  
Your tone of voice says otherwise.

EDDIE  
It's just that I kinda wanted to be doing what you're doing. I didn't think Paul would just put me back here, and clean up any messes.

KIA  
Well in Paul's defense you did come in without a resume, so he really doesn't know what you're able to do. I'm sure having you back here was just a way for him to see what you're capable of. Not to mention that stunt you pulled earlier today didn't exactly sit well with him. Paul's actually a good boss when you work with him a little more. Besides it could be worse.

EDDIE  
How could it be worse?

KIA  
You could be working for Disney.

The warning sound on Kia and Eddie's morphers goes off. Kia and Eddie rush out of the kitchen. They meet up with the other and they all head out of the shop.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. A BEACH - DAY

The Rangers (all morphed) drive up to the beach in the D.A.T.A. Tracker. They all get out and confront the PETRIFICUS monster.

MARK

What are you?

PETRIFICUS

I am Petrificus, the petrified warrior.  
And I am here to defeat you Rangers.

PAUL

That's what you all say.

KIA

And we always end up beating you.

PETRIFICUS

This will not be the same.

RACHEL

How so?

PETRIFICUS

You will have to wait and see.

EDDIE

C'mon guys let's get him.

All of the Rangers charge at Petrificus with their D.A.T.A. Swords in hand. Paul tries to slash at Petrificus, but the monster blocks the attack with his sword, and pushes against Paul's causing him to fall back a little. Mark and Eddie come in on Petrificus with their Swords, but Petrificus slashes at them with his sword, causing them to fly back a few feet. Rachel and Kia do the same and get the same result as Mark and Eddie.

PAUL

Grapple Staff, Tri-mode!

The Grapple Staff in Tri-mode appears before Paul and he grabs onto the weapon. He charges at Petrificus, and the monster leaves him an open shot. Paul slashes at the monster with the bladed end of his Staff, but the attack does not seem to be working. Petrificus slashes at Paul with his sword, and Paul goes flying back a little.

MARK

No wonder he calls himself the petrified warrior. Those attacks from Paul did nothing.

EDDIE

There's got to be something we can do.

RACHEL

My Scoop Claws might work on him, but they could end up with the same result as what happened with Paul.

KIA

There's only one way to find out.

RACHEL

Scoop Claws!

The Scoop Claws form on Rachel's hands and she charges at the monster. Rachel slashes at Petrificus, but the attacks are having no effect on the monster. Paul gets up, takes out his morpher and converts it to Scan Mode. Paul scans the monster.

MARK

What are you doing?

PAUL

Scanning him to see if he has some sort of weakness. Plus I really wanted to try using Scan Mode for once.

Paul finishes scanning the monster and a picture of Petrificus appears on the screen with his right shoulder flashing.

MARK

Well?

PAUL

I've heard of an Achilles heel, but an Achilles shoulder? Either way, guys aim for his right shoulder.

Paul puts his morpher away.

MARK

Mach Hammer!

KIA

Sub Blaster!

Mark and Kia's weapons appear before them. Paul charges at Petrificus with his Staff in Tri-mode. Paul jumps up and slashes at the monster's right shoulder. Petrificus falls back a little.

PETRIFICUS

Curse you Red Ranger, for discovering my weak spot.

Mark charges at the monster, jumps up and swings his Hammer at the monster's shoulder. Rachel charges at Petrificus and slashes at his right should with both of her Claws. Kia charges and jumps at the monster and slams the bottom of her Sub Blaster on the monster's right shoulder. Eddie charges at Petrificus and uses his D.A.T.A. Sword to slash at the monster's right shoulder. The Rangers regroup.

PAUL

He looks weak enough now. So let's just defeat him and go home. So it's time to use the D.A.T.A. Blasters in Scope Mode.

Everyone takes out his or her D.A.T.A. Blaster and D.A.T.A. Scope. They combine the two, aim at Petrificus, and fire a high-powered blast. Petrificus falls to the ground on the verge of exploding. MALEVALA appears.

MALEVALA

Chouninpo! Kyodai henkei!

Malevala extends her arms forward and paper charms surround Petrificus making him grow to gigantic size.

PAUL

You just had to do that didn't you?

MALEVALA

Can't have the five of you discovering our real plan; now can we?

Malevala disappears. The Rangers take out their morphers, rotate the screens, and press the right buttons to call for their Trekkers.

ALL FIVE RANGERS

D.A.T.A. Trekkers, venture forth!

The D.A.T.A. Trekkers make their way over to the Rangers, and the Rangers combine them into the D.A.T.A. Megazord. The D.A.T.A. Megazord combines the D.A.T.A. Scoop and D.A.T.A. Axe into the D.A.T.A. Saber. Petrificus walks toward the Megazord and slashes at it with his sword. The Megazord blocks the attack with its Saber. The Megazord pulls back the saber and tries to slash at Petrificus, but has no effect. The Megazord tries slashing at the monster's right shoulder, but nothing happens.

MARK

It looks like Malevala also fixed the problem with its shoulder too.

Petrificus slashes at the Megazord a couple of times, causing it to fall back. Inside of the Megazord, the Rangers feel the effect of the slashes. Paul looks down at the screen in front of him.

PAUL

Doc we need Drill 6, and Shovel 7.

INT. THE MONITORING ROOM AT D.A.T.A. BASE - DAY

Doc watches the Rangers fighting Petrificus, with the monster winning.

DOC

I'll send them to you, but it might be a little dangerous to combine the power of two auxiliary Trekkers.

PAUL

This might be the only way, because the D.A.T.A. Saber isn't working right now.

DOC

I'm sending them now.

EXT. THE MEGAZORD'S AREA - DAY

Petrificus continues to slash at the Megazord. Inside of the Megazord Paul presses the "launch", "6", and "7" buttons on his morpher, and revs the digitize gear.

INT. THE ZORD BAY - DAY

Drill 6, and Shovel 7 activate and launch.

EXT. THE MEGAZORD'S AREA - DAY

The Megazord is still struggling with Petrificus. The monster gives the Megazord a hard slash, which knocks the Megazord down. Drill 6 speeds forward, and strikes Petrificus. Petrificus takes the hit. Shovel 7 comes forward, and trips the monster with its shovel. The Megazord gets back up. Inside of the Megazord Paul presses the "combine", "6", and "7" buttons on his morpher, and revs the digitize gear. Outside Dozer 4, and Marine 5 detach from the Megazord, as Drill 6 and Shovel 7 attach themselves to the Megazord. Dozer 4, and Marine 5 enter the legs of the Megazord.

ALL FIVE RANGERS

D.A.T.A. Megazord Drill and Shovel,  
online!

Petrificus gets back to his feet. The monster and the Megazord circle around each other before Petrificus goes up to the Megazord. Petrificus tries to slash at the Megazord, but the Megazord catches the sword with Shovel 7. The Megazord turns around, lets go of Petrificus and strikes the monster with Drill 6.

MARK

This is actually working.

RACHEL

No kidding.

EDDIE

Yeah, but then again it is the power of two additional Trekkers.

KIA

Shovel Arm!

The Megazord grabs Petrificus with Shovel 7 and the Shovel 7's arm starts to rotate. Eventually releasing the monster straight into the air.

ALL FIVE RANGERS

Screw Attack!

Drill 6 starts spinning, as Petrificus falls onto it. Petrificus is destroyed from the attack.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. INSIDIA'S LAB - DAY

INSIDIA walks up to DR. VENGE.

INSIDIA

The Rangers defeated that creation of yours.

DR. VENGE

You forget Insidia, Petrificus is only a distraction so that they don't discover what we've uploaded onto the Internet.

INSIDIA

I'll give you that much. And I do like the fact that this virus has been boosting the sales of our new anti-virus software.

DR. VENGE

When the humans in R and D designed that software I gave them the exact programming for the virus, which is why our new product is the only one on the market with protection against this new virus.

INSIDIA

What exactly does this virus do if you get it on your computer?

DR. VENGE

First it routes all of the important information from your hard drive to our mainframe, and then it gives your computer a complete and utter system crash. I'm hoping that the virus might find its way to the Rangers' base's computer. Then we might find where they are and who they are.

INSIDIA

Excellent plan Venge. If it's a success you'll definitely be up for a promotion in both Mindset, and my army.

DR. VENGE

What kind of a promotion for your army?

INSIDIA

You'll just have to wait and see.

Malevala appears.

MALEVALA

Insidia we might have a problem.

INSIDIA

What?

MALEVALA

I let it slip that we had other plans than Venge's monster.

INSIDIA

Normally I'd get mad, but since Venge's plan is just too perfect I will let it slide this time.

MALEVALA

How exactly is Venge's plan too perfect?

DR. VENGE

There is no way that the Rangers will be able to get onto the Internet and defeat the virus. Not only that, but if the Rangers were to get onto the Internet some how, the virus would come and find them, and "borrow" some information from their base's computer. So you can relax Malevala, I've got everything covered this time.

MALEVALA

We'll just have to wait and see about that. The Rangers have always found a way to ruin even the best-laid plans.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. THE MONITORING ROOM AT D.A.T.A. BASE - DAY

The Rangers (now unmorphed) stand before Doc.

DOC

Good work Rangers.

RACHEL

Is it just me, or did anyone else find what Malevala said a little odd?

KIA

Yeah, what exactly is this "other plan" that she was talking about?

MARK

It might have something to do with the Voice Virus that's been going around the net.

PAUL

The Voice Virus?

MARK

It's a new computer virus that just got discovered a while ago. And this is something you'll enjoy Paul, apparently Mindset's new anti-virus software has exclusive protection against it.

PAUL

You're right I do enjoy that.

EDDIE

Why?

PAUL

Think about it Eddie, if this new program from Mindset has exclusive protection against the virus then who do you think uploaded the virus onto the net in the first place?

DOC

Good point Paul.

EDDIE

Come to think about it, that does sound like something Dr. Venge would do.

PAUL

And I'm sure Crittenden's loving the profits she's probably making right about now.

KIA

Speaking of Crittenden, Doc you said you'd explain a few things to us about yourself.

DOC

So what exactly do you want to know?

PAUL

Did you do all of this out of revenge against Mindset?

DOC

No. As you the five of you may or may not know Lincoln Park isn't the only city that has had problems like Mindset. Other cities have had groups attacking, and trying to conquer Earth as well. Angel Grove, Mariner Bay, Silver Hills, Turtle Cove, Blue Bay, and Reefside have all had this problem. I've also heard rumors about Gandalf City having something like this happening recently as well. When I found out about Mindset, I knew I had to do something, which is why I tried going public with the information, but nobody believed me. So when my lab went under I created all of this. Now do you have any other questions?

KIA

This might seem a little out there, but where exactly did you get the technology to make what you did?

DOC

When I was completing my masters, I had an intern position at an organization called Lightspeed, and I even worked under the brilliant Angela Fairweather who actually showed me her process for creating Ranger powers. The only real difference I made was making the morphers cell phones, which I think looks a little better than having a giant bracelet strapped to your wrist.

MARK

You've got a point there, Doc. They do blend in a little better than having something on our wrists.

DOC

Now I hope that this is enough additional information about me.

KIA

I'm satisfied.

DOC

Good. Now if the five of you don't mind I need to try to get Mixer 8 online, I need to get a new weapon activated, and I also need to figure out a way to get the five of you onto the Internet to take out this virus.

INT. THE INTERNET - DAY

The Voice Virus flies through the Internet infecting numerous files, and websites.

EDDIE

(V/O)

Do you think that everything's going to be fine for now?

DOC

(V/O)

I hope so, because there's no telling what this virus could do the Internet.

The Voice Virus continues on its path, until eventually stopping. The Voice Virus laughs a little, and continues on its path.

TO BE CONTINUED...