

Guardians  
Episode 2: "The Burning Flame"

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TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. TZACHOR AIR FORCE BASE

Tzachor air-base is located on the outskirts of Westville. At least two runways are visible from a wide shot, both with space jets already set up and ready to take off at any moment. In fact, in the far distance, you can see a tiny jet approaching through the cloudy blue skies. In the middle of the air base is the control tower.

INT. TZACHOR AIR FORCE BASE - CONTROL TOWER - CORRIDOR

Leutenant Jackson(29) walks down the hall of the military base. he:is carrying a manila colored envelope with "TOP SECRET stamped on it and clearly visible. He spots someone up ahead.

JACKSON  
(calling out)  
HEY RIVERS,wait up

Dr Leona Rivers(28) smiles as she sees Jackson walking towards her.

RIVERS  
(Smiling)  
You left rather quickly this morning

JACKSON  
Yeah, I had to get dressed before Captain Kavelaards put me on report for being late  
(Beat)  
Besides, I think it's frowned upon, relationships between staff

Rivers smiles and slips her arm around his waist.

RIVERS  
What two consenting adults do in their off-hours is their business...

They round the corner and come face to face with their commanding officer, Captain Barclay.

BARCLAY  
Leutenant Jackson, if you have finished playing tonsil hockey with Dr Rivers, R and D are waiting for those plans  
(To Dr Rivers)  
(MORE)

BARCLAY (CONT'D)

I believe Commander Peterson is waiting to have his physical, get going...

RIVERS

Yes sir

Rivers winks and Jackson, then turns and walks back the way they came.

BARCLAY

Lieutenant Jackson, I take it you know the rules on inter-staff relationships?

JACKSON

Yes sir, but it is my understanding that it is none of your business sir, what I do in my...

BARCLAY

(Interrupting)

Do you smell something burning?

Jackson sniffs the air, and screws up his face at the scent.

JACKSON

God that stinks, what is it?

FIRESTORM(O.S.)

That heavenly scent is your good doctor friend, hey why not ask her yourself...

A burnt corpse crashes down in front of them, the melted name-tag on the white jacket identifies it as Dr Rivers.

FIRESTORM(O.S.) (CONT'D)

Oh no you don't...

From out of nowhere, a jet of flame slices out of the darkness and envelops Captain Barclay. His screams fill Jackson's ears.

FIRESTORM(O.S.) (CONT'D)

Now, it's just you and me now...

Jackson backs away as a small ball of flame rises up from Captain Barclay's burnt corpse and advances towards him.

FIRESTORM(V.O.) (CONT'D)

Things are about to get very hot around here

FADE TO  
CREDITS

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. WESTVILLE

The damage done during the Guardians battle with Giant Dementian can be seen, we can see construction vehicles and work crew beginning the repair work.

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

Joseph is seated behind the desk, with his feet up on the desk reading a copy of USA Today, we can see the headline, which reads: "The Guardians: Who are they?" and features a fuzzy picture of Ultron fighting giant sized Dementian. Porter is sat on the couch, in his Cyber Knight uniform. Mika is sat next to him and is resting her head on his shoulder.

JOSEPH

It seems as if we made an impact

PORTER

(Smiling)

Well, when you save the world from rampaging alien monsters, the press does tend to speak of you in a favorable light

MIKA

Even the news shows are still going on about the mysterious Guardians

PORTER

(Smiling)

Fame at last

JOSEPH

Yeah, but the only downside is that we can't tell anyone that it was us

PORTER

We're famous but we can't claim the fame

JOSEPH

On the plus side we did get cool new powers, we also got to pilot a giant robot, and fight a monster on earth AND in space

PORTER

Now that is a definite plus

JOSEPH

I wonder if our next battle will go as well as our first

PORTER

I hope so, but let's hope our next battle stays down here on Earth, I got space-sick after the last battle we had

MIKA

(Smiling)

I can't believe I'm in love with one of the Guardians

JOSEPH

(Smiling)

I like you to Mika, but aren't you dating Porter?

PORTER

While you may be the leader of the Guardians, your sense of humor needs a lot of work...

JOSEPH

At least I have a sense of humor, unlike your good self, whose sense of humor died a very painful death at birth

MIKA

Are you saying my boyfriend has no sense of humor

JOSEPH

Yes

MIKA

(To Porter)

Go on, tell a joke and prove him wrong

PORTER

Ok then...

Porter goes silent as he tries to think of a joke.

PORTER (CONT'D)

A man walks into a bar, he says  
"ouch"

JOSEPH

Is that a joke?

PORTER

Perhaps. A bad one

JOSEPH

Yes. Very bad. But I sense hope  
for you

MIKA

It's a good think you're sexy,  
because you'll never be a  
comedian

MIKA (CONT'D)

Where are the others? I've not  
seen any of them since this  
morning?

PORTER

Matthew, Zac and Isaac are at  
home with Father, working on an  
upgrade for our powers. Taylor is  
going over the damage done during  
our inaugural battle and Aiko  
is...

CONNIE(V.O.)

(Interrupting)

Aiko is on her way up here

JOSEPH

Ok, thank-you Connie

PORTER

So, what's on the agenda for  
today then?

JOSEPH

I think the six of us are  
scheduled for a training exercise  
that father has set up for us

MIKA

What sort of training exercise?

JOSEPH

I have no idea, father said it  
would help us hone our fighting  
skills but that's all he said

PORTER

After our inaugural battle,  
anything father can throw at is  
will be a cakewalk

JOSEPH

I'm not so sure, he's organizing  
the training exercise in the  
training simulator, so it could  
be anything

A few moments later, the office door swings open and Aiko  
strolls in.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

(Smiling)

Hello beautiful...

He puts the paper down and takes his feet off the desk.

AIKO

(Smiling)

Hey gorgeous

She walks around the desk, Joseph grabs her and pulls her  
onto his lap and kisses her passionately.

PORTER

(Smiling)

Will you two get a room...

Aiko sits on Joseph's lap and puts her arms around his  
neck.

AIKO

So, what's on the agenda for  
today? Battling alien monsters in  
space?

JOSEPH

We don't know yet, but father has  
a training exercise planed for us  
(Beat)

Porter want's the next one to  
take place on Earth as he felt  
sick after our last battle

AIKO

So nothing to important then?

JOSEPH

I don't think so, well, the  
training exercise is important,  
but that's not while this  
afternoon

AIKO  
Well, in that case what say we ditch work and go home and make out in the swimming pool

MIKA  
Aiko?

AIKO  
Yes

MIKA  
You and me, we don't actually work so how can we ditch it?

JOSEPH  
(Smiling) She has a point

AIKO  
Can't you skip work so we can go home and make out in the pool?

JOSEPH  
(Smiling)  
Now that I can do...

As they get up, Vance enters the office.

MIKA  
Hey V, how's it hanging?

VANCE  
I'm good, and you?

MIKA  
I'm fine. Joseph and Aiko are about to go home and make out

McArthur turns to Joseph and raises an eyebrow.

MCARTHUR  
So you were planning on playing hooky so you could make out with your girlfriend?

JOSEPH  
Yes

VANCE  
(Smiling) )  
Well, if you do, can I be in charge?

JOSEPH  
Sure, as long as you don't cause any trouble  
(MORE)

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

(Beat)

Remember what happened the last time you were in charge?

VANCE

(Smiling)

Oh come on, you're still going on about that?

PORTER

Thank-fully we managed to stop it before it went to far

VANCE

So no harm was done was there?

PORTER

(Smiling) You got lucky

VANCE

There was no proof that it was me who shut down the power in those seven states.

(Beat)

All joking aside, have you seen the news?

PORTER

Are we on again?

VANCE

No, interestingly enough, it's not about you guys

(Beat)

Connie, channel 3 if you please

They turn to the view screen and watch as it flickers to life. We are in the middle of a TV news bulletin. KATE WESLEY(ON SCREEN) For those of you that are just joining us, seven personnel at Tzachor air force base were murdered last night, they were apparently set on fire and burned alive. As yet, the police and the air-force base commander as yet have no suspects or motives behind these horrifying and brutal murders...

VANCE (CONT'D)

Thank-you Connie, you can turn it off now The screen clicks off.

JOSEPH

As gruesome as that is, what has this got to do with us?

VANCE

The security is tight at the air base, and I mean really tight.

(MORE)

VANCE (CONT'D)

The people killed were killed not only on the base, but INSIDE the command tower

JOSEPH

Now that is interesting

PORTER

I still don't see what it has to do with us

VANCE

Only the bodies were burnt, not the clothes or any of the surrounding area, just the bodies

MIKA

Sounds like spontaneous human combustion

PORTER

That's a load of rubbish, there's no such thing

MIKA

Like there's no such thing as monsters and giant robots?

PORTER

There's nothing we can do about it unless there IS a monster, for all we know it could have been a horrific accident while they were testing a new weapon

VANCE

A weapons accident? If that were the case the air force wouldn't allow the press into the air base they would handle it themselves

JOSEPH

I agree with Porter, there's nothing we can do unless it involves a monster, then...

CONNIE(V.O.)

Sorry to interrupt, but there's a problem at the edge of the city

PORTER

Like what?

CONNIE(V.O.)

There's a massive fire at the air force base that was just on the news

The screen flickers to life again and shows the air force base, which is now ablaze. There are at least a dozen fire engines trying to battle the blaze to no effect.

AIKO

Shouldn't you guys go help?

CONNIE(V.O.)

Incoming signal from your father and the other Guardians, audio only

PORTER

Let's hear it

The speakers crackle to life and Pat's voice filters out.

PAT(V.O.)

Are you watching the fire?

JOSEPH

Yes father, Connie just alerted us to it. It started rather quickly didn't it

PAT(V.O.)

That it did, the others are suggesting that the Guardians make an appearance and assist the emergency crews that are in attendance

PORTER

No, despite our cool gear, the Guardians are not a fire-fighting team

PAT(V.O.)

People's lives are at risk

JOSEPH

I have to agree with Porter on this one father, we can't get involved with every problem this city has

He trails off as an entire airplane hangar explodes in a massive explosion that sends burning wreckage flying in all directions.

PAT(V.O.)

Did you just see that explosion? People's lives are at risk, not only the air force personnel still trapped inside, not to mention the Cyber Knights assisting the emergency services

PORTER

Ok, we'll help them, but we can't get involved with every disaster and incident that happens

MIKA

Forgive me for interrupting Mr Shakhan, but how will they get to the fire?

PAT(V.O.)

That is where the upgrade I have been working on come into play

AIKO

How on earth can you upgrade their Guardian powers Mr Shakhan?

PAT(V.O.)

I'll explain everything later Aiko. Joseph, Porter, the two of you need to get to the mansion then head to the fire from there.

JOSEPH

Ok, we're on our way

The comm. System crackles then goes dead.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Ok, let's go

(To Vance)

You stay here and monitor the fire and keep an eye on the girls and monitor the situation for us

VANCE

No problem

Joseph and Porter kiss their respective girlfriends then leave the office. Vance moves to the desk and sits down behind it while Aiko and Mika sit on the couch, watching the view screen intently.

AIKO

I hope they'll be ok

MIKA

Me to

VANCE

Don't worry girls, they'll be just fine, they took care of the first monster that attacked Westville and they'll soon handle this one

EXT. SHAKHAN MANSION - REAR LAWN

With the exception of Joseph and Porter, the other Guardians are there with Pat. Zac looks at his watch impatiently.

ZAC

Oh come on, where are they?

ZAC (CONT'D)

If we don't get going soon, then the air force base will have burnt down

Pat turns around and sees Joseph and Porter rounding the corner and running up to the others.

PORTER

Sorry we're late, we got held up in traffic

PAT

Now that you are here, I can tell you about the upgrade to your powers

MATTHEW

Father, not to belittle your upgrade, but why can't we just teleport to the air-base?

PAT

The teleporters are for emergency use only, and although this qualifies, the system was fried after it's one and only time being used

MATTHEW

What's the upgrade you have for us?

PAT

First of all, I need you to transform Pat stands back as Joseph looks to the others, they all nod.

JOSEPH

Axel Changer, Drive On

(HENSHIN SEQUENCE)

RED GUARDIAN

Now what?

PAT  
Check your Axel Changes, you'll  
find a new program installed and  
ready to go

BLUE GUARDIAN  
What is it?

PAT  
On your gauntlets, press 335

They all look at their left gauntlets and notice there is a  
small keypad.

PAT (CONT'D)  
Go on, press 335, it installs  
your flight capabilities.

The Guardians each press 335 on their gauntlets. Their  
boots glow their respective color then return to normal.

WHITE GUARDIAN  
Now what?

PAT  
Now you take off, just  
concentrate and it will come to  
you  
(Beat)  
Now get going, the air base won't  
last forever

The Guardians are motionless for a few minutes, then with a  
roar of engines, they take to the skies.

CONNIE(V.O.)  
You sound surprised

PAT  
I never doubted it would work but  
actually seeing them take to the  
skies and fly is such a rush

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. TZACHOR AIR FORCE BASE

The air base fire can be seen for miles around. A massive column of black smoke rises above the air base.

CLOSE ON: A FIRETRUCK

As a fireball rips through the front of the air base and slams into the fire-truck, overturning it and destroying it in a massive explosion, killing the firefighters that were riding in it. McArthur is supervising the Cyber Knights that are assisting with the rescue efforts.

MCARTHUR  
JONES, MORGAN, GET SOME WATER ON  
THAT TRUCK  
(BEAT)  
MITCHELL, THOMPSON, HELP EVACUATE  
THE SURVIVORS FROM THE SOUTH  
SECTION...

The sound of approaching jet engines can be heard over the sirens, explosions and shouting.

MCARTHUR (CONT'D)  
Are we expecting a water-drop?

An air force major, ERIN KAVELAARDS, shakes her head.

MAJOR KAVELAARDS  
The water tankers are still  
grounded, the smoke is blowing  
eastwards, grounding...

The jet engines get louder, McArthur looks up into the sky and smiles.

MCARTHUR  
It's not the water tankers, it's  
the GUARDIANS

The Guardians swoop down out of the sky and land just in front of McArthur.

WHITE GUARDIAN  
That flight was such a rush,  
let's take off and do it again

MCARTHUR  
Guardians, we could sure use your  
help with this fire

BLACK GUARDIAN  
Ok, stand back, we'll rescue  
anyone trapped inside

MAJOR KAVELAARDS

We've evacuated all the personnel that survived. You really need to put the fire out before it reaches the ammo dump and fuel stores, if the fire hits it, then we're all toast

BLACK GUARDIAN

We'll do our best...

Black Guardian trails off as a low rumble can be heard, it's gets louder with each passing second.

MAJOR KAVELAARDS

(Shouting)

GET BACK, IT'S GOING TO BLOW...

The ground trembles as a massive explosion tears through the front gate of the air base. A massive fireball shoots upwards and seems to hover above the air base.

MAJOR KAVELAARDS (CONT'D)

It may be due to the smoke I've inhaled, but is that fireball hovering?

FIRESTORM(V.O.)

Bow down Humans, for I have been sent by your god to cleanse the earth with FIRE...

The fireball descends to the ground and takes on the appearance of a humanoid lion with a burning flame for a mane.

RED GUARDIAN

What do you know, the cause of the fire IS a monster

Major Kavelaards runs to a squad of troops and yells at them.

MAJOR KAVELAARDS

KILL IT

As they open fire, the weapons fire hits Firestorm with no effect.

FIRESTORM

Did you think your weapons could hurt...

He is hit in the side by six energy beams from the Guardians' Guardian Blasters.

BLACK GUARDIAN  
Their weapons can't hurt you, but  
OURS can

The Guardians take to the sky, keeping their weapons  
trained on the fire based monster.

FIRESTORM  
And so shall you BURN for  
opposing me...

FireStorm charges at the Guardians and the battle begins

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

Pat, Vance, Aiko and Mika are watching the view screen, on  
which the Guardians battle with Firestorm can be seen.

VANCE  
I got fifty that says the  
Guardians extinguish the walking  
cigarette lighter before the  
third round

PAT  
Connie, can you scan the monster?

CONNIE(V.O.)  
Initiating scan...

The view screen goes into split-screen mode, with the left  
half showing the battle while the second half shows a  
rotating 3D model of Firestorm.

CONNIE(V.O.) (CONT'D)  
Subject Firestorm is a class 4  
monster with the ability to  
create and manipulate fire

VANCE  
How do we stop it?

CONNIE(V.O.)  
Subject Firestorm has a natural  
weakness to water

MIKA  
So why not drop him in a lake and  
have done with him?

CONNIE(V.O.)  
Submergence in a large body of  
water would be fatal to Firestorm  
and can not be allowed to happen

PAT

We must devise a way to contain  
this monster for incarceration,  
not execution

EXT. WESTVILLE

Flying above Westville, the Guardians give chase to  
Firestorm who has reverted to his fireball form.

FIRESTORM(V.O.)

You can chase me all you want,  
but you will never catch me

White Guardian shots his Guardian Blaster, but Firestorm  
easily dodges it.

FIRESTORM(V.O.) (CONT'D)

Give up Guardians, for my victory  
is assured...

WHITE GUARDIAN

You talk to much...

BLUE GUARDIAN

Have you guys ever heard the  
parable about the crab?

WHITE GUARDIAN

We haven't got time for that now

FIRESTORM(V.O.)

I would listen to your friend if  
I were you

BLUE GUARDIAN

You should pay attention to the  
parable about the crab,  
especially the part about his  
PINCERS

Picking up on the hidden message, The other Guardians draw  
their Guardian Blasters and start to spread out.

BLUE GUARDIAN (CONT'D)

NOW

The Guardians quickly spread out in a pincer movement,  
three on either side of Firestorm and fire their Guardian  
Blasters.

FIRESTORM

(Wordless roars of rage)

Firestorm rapidly loses height and plummets to the ground.

BLUE GUARDIAN

And so the parable of the crab  
saves our lives

WHITE GUARDIAN

Next time, just say something  
easier to understand, like  
"double-whammy"

BLUE GUARDIAN

If i had said that, then he would  
have figured out what we were  
planning to do

RED GUARDIAN

Ok, enough chat, we have to douse  
this flame before he burns down  
the city

The Guardians holster their Guardian Blasters and dive down  
towards the street below.

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

Watching the view screen, Pat, Vance and the girls watch as  
Firestorm plummets to the ground and hits the road, leaving  
a small crater.

CONNIE(V.O.)

Subject Firestorm has lost  
transformation capabilities and  
is now limited to humanoid form  
only

VANCE

Now we have him, he can't fly  
anymore

PAT

He can still cause fires and to a  
lot of damage

(Beat)

What we need is a way to  
neutralize his fire

Mika looks at the glass of milk she is holding and an idea  
forms in her head.

MIKA

Why not just throw water over  
him? Or better still, shoot him  
with a giant fire extinguisher?

Pat turns to Mika and smiles.

PAT  
(Smiling)  
Now that is an extremely good  
idea Mika  
(Beat)  
Connie, put me through to  
McArthur, then the Guardians

EXT. TZACHOR AIR FORCE BASE

McArthur is helping with the fire when the call comes  
through over his radio.

PAT(V.O.)  
How's it going?

MCARTHUR  
Now that the monster has left,  
we've got the fire under control  
and should have it out within the  
next four hours or so

PAT(V.O.)  
Listen very carefully, the  
Guardians have Firestorm down and  
are fighting him on the corner of  
Sheridan and Lexington. I need  
you to take something to them  
that will aid them in capturing  
the monster

MCARTHUR  
What is it?

PAT(V.O.)  
I need you to get a fire engine  
and take it to the Guardians, I'm  
hoping the flame retardant foam  
will cancel out Firestorm's flame

MCARTHUR  
I'll borrow one and get it there  
right away

PAT(V.O.)  
There is one more thing, I can't  
ask you to do this...

MCARTHUR  
You want me to drive it there  
myself, that's not a problem sir

PAT(V.O.)  
Thank-you, I'll alert the  
Guardians to your arrival.

As his radio goes silent, McArthur makes his way to one of the newly arrived fire trucks. He climbs into the cab and starts the engine, as he pulls away, the firemen try to give chase but McArthur guns the engine and speed away with the siren flashing.

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

CONNIE(V.O.)

McArthur has "borrowed" the fire engine and is now on-route to the battle

Aiko turns to Pat and looks at him questioningly.

AIKO

He stole the fire truck?

PAT

No, he didn't steal it. He just borrowed it without asking and with no intention of returning it

(Beat)

We didn't have the time to ask permission

AIKO

So you stole it?

PAT

No, we did NOT steal it. We borrowed it without asking and with no intention of returning it

EXT. WESTVILLE - CITY CENTER

Black Guardian crashes to the ground, the piece of metal he had been using as a weapon is melted and drooping.

FIRESTORM

Your attempts to stop me are as pathetic as the planet you protect

Black Guardian gets to his feet as the others regroup.

BLACK GUARDIAN

Earth is our home, and we will defend it as such, brimstone breath...

FIRESTORM

Why throw away your lives so recklessly for a world with is not your own?

BLACK GUARDIAN

We will not allow you to harm  
those we love who happen to lie  
on this world

FIRESTORM

I have seen your people and know  
what power they have, yet...

BLACK GUARDIAN

Just because we HAVE the power,  
doesn't mean we have to use it

Firestorm is interrupted when the roar of an engine can be heard.

FIRESTORM

Who dares interrupt me...

He is cut off as the fire engine driven by McArthur skids around the corner and races towards him. Firestorm roars and fires a series of fireballs at the oncoming fire engine, all of which miss.

BLACK GUARDIAN

Get back, it's going to hit it...

As the fire engine passes, McArthur leaps out of the door, Red Guardian catches him. A second later, Firestorm is hit by the fire truck and is sent flying through the air where he smashes through a plate glass window and into a store front.

MCARTHUR

(Smiling)

My hero, ok Johnny, you can let  
me go now

Red Guardian puts McArthur down.

WHITE GUARDIAN

Ok, since McArthur just ran it  
over, shall we dare to say it was  
taken down?

MCARTHUR

I was supposed to use the fire  
truck to extinguish the monster's  
flame so he can be safely  
incarcerated on Monster Land...

Blue Guardians walks up to the firetruck and inspects the damage.

BLUE GUARDIAN

Well, we should be able to use  
this to stop...

The store front where Firestorm fell through explodes outwards in a massive fireball.

FIRESTORM

(Angry)

YOU WILL DIE A THOUSAND PAINFUL  
DEATHS FOR YOUR INSOLENCCE

The Guardians draw their Guardian Blasters and tense for the fight ahead.

WHITE GUARDIAN

(To McArthur)

I'd get to a safe distance if I  
were you, this is undoubtedly  
going to get hot

MCARTHUR

Try and lure him away from the  
fire truck, I'll try and get the  
hose ready

As the Guardians open fire, Firestorm dodges their blasts and returns fire by launching several fireballs at them. Black Guardian shields McArthur as one of the fireballs hits a car, which explodes.

BLACK GUARDIAN

You stay out of sight until we've  
moved him away from the engines,  
then go for it

MCARTHUR

Got it...

Black Guardian charges at Firestorm, firing his Guardian Blaster.

BLACK GUARDIAN

DIE ALIEN SCUM...

The other Guardians fire on Firestorm. The flame based monster dodges out of Black Guardian's way and charges at Red Guardian, crashing through the other Guardians. He grabs Red Guardian by the throat and lifts him off the ground.

FIRESTORM

Can you feel it? The cold  
darkness of death creeping up on  
you, slowly enveloping you

Red Guardian kicks his feet at Firestorm's chest and fires his thrusters, causing Firestorm to let go and making the monster roar in pain. The effect of the thrusters at close range sends Firestorm flying through the air, where Blue Guardian knocks him back down to the ground.

MCARTHUR

Well, now is a good a time as any

He runs to the Fire engine and climbs into the cab and starts the engine, which despite colliding with Firestorm, still runs somewhat smoothly. He turns the fire engine around so that the hose is facing the Guardians and Firestorm.

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

Mika looks at the view screen and frowns.

MIKA

Why did McArthur steal a fire truck from the airport?

VANCE

For the last time, he did NOT steal it, he simply borrowed it with no intention of returning it  
(Beat)

And to answer your question, the fire truck he borrowed is from the air-base, not the airport

MIKA

So why does it look like the fire trucks you would find at an airport?

VANCE

Because it is a special fire truck designed for fighting aircraft fires only

CONNIE(V.O.)

McArthur is in optimal strike position

PAT

Signal the Guardians that information

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. WESTVILLE - CITY CENTER

Black Guardian hurls the burning car engine at Firestorm, but the flame based monster dodges it.

FIRESTORM  
You missed me

BLACK GUARDIAN  
I might have, but they won't

Firestorm whirls around before he can react, is hit in the chest by the Blue, Yellow and White Guardians firing their Guardian Blasters.

FIRESTORM  
(Wordless Roars Of Rage)

Red Guardian turns to face the firetruck and signals with a thumbs up. Doing so, he turns his back on Firestorm, who leaps to his feet and charges at Red Guardian and slams into him and knocks him to the ground.

FIRESTORM (CONT'D)  
DIE...

He stomps his foot down on Red Guardian's left arm, we hear a sickening crunch and Red Guardian growls in pain, he then stomps on his wrist and hand, causing Red Guardian to scream out in pain.

FIRESTORM (CONT'D)  
Any last words before I send you to the Infernia for the rest of time?

RED GUARDIAN  
(In Pain)  
You're extinguished...

FIRESTORM  
What kind of last words...

Firestorm is hit full in the face by a blast of fire retardant foam fired from the firetruck. it completely covers the fire based monster, and knocks him away from Red Guardian, who manages to get onto his knees. There is a crackle of energy as Joseph powers down, his left arm hanging at his side, the other Guardians approach him and power down.

MATTHEW  
Well, it looks as if we stopped old brimstone breath just in time

JOSEPH

Yeah, my plan to distract him by letting him break arm, wrist and hand seemed to have worked

McArthur drives up in the fire-truck and gets out.

MCARTHUR

I've radioed HQ, they're sending a containment team to secure Firestorm for transportation to Monster Land

Joseph leans against the side of the firetruck, holding his broken arm gently.

JOSEPH

Can someone get me an aspirin, I have a hell of a headache coming on

TAYLOR

(Smiling)

As soon as the containment teams gets here, we'll take you home...

JOSEPH

Well, if you guys don't mind, I think I'm going to lean against the truck and pass out, wake me up when we're back home? ok?

PORTER

Ok bro

Joseph slides down and hits the ground with a thud, his head lolls to one side as he passes out.

FIRESTORM(V.O.)

Did you think you could stop me with your little toy truck?

The Guardians see Firestorm rise up from the foam and stand before them.

FIRESTORM (CONT'D)

Any last words before I send you to the Infernia for the rest of time?

PORTER

You should be DEAD by now?

## FIRESTORM

Not quite yet, but when next we  
meet, I will burn your bodies and  
send your souls to the Infersia  
for all of time

FireStorm vanishes in a burst of flame

FADE TO:

INT. SHAKHAN MANSION - JOSEPH'S BEDROOM - LATER

Joseph is laid on his bed, his left arm and hand bandaged.  
Aiko is knelt on the floor beside the bed, holding his hand  
gently.

AIKO

You were lucky he broke your arm  
and not your neck

JOSEPH

Luck had nothing to do with it,  
the armor absorbed most of the  
impact, besides, he wasn't aiming  
for my neck

AIKO

He would have gone for your neck  
eventually

JOSEPH

He never got the chance, so just  
relax, I'm fine, a little bruised  
but otherwise I'm just fine

AIKO

You should have killed that thing  
when you had the chance, trying  
to take him alive almost cost you  
your life

JOSEPH

It so did NOT almost cost me my  
life. And we will not kill the  
monsters, they will be contained  
and incarcerated.

AIKO

A noble sentiment, but the next  
alien monster wont pull it's  
punches. It won't try to contain  
you it will try and KILL you

JOSEPH

If we kill the monsters, it makes  
us no better than them.

She leans forward and kisses him on the forehead then gets up and heads to the door, and as she opens the door, she turns and faces him.

AIKO

Just remember, trying to capture the monster alive is all well and good, but in the real world, it is nothing more than a good idea that stands a fifty- fifty chance of getting you killed. If you see the chance, you should take them down, permanently

(Beat)

You need to get some rest, I'll be back up to check on you later

Aiko smiles at him, then steps out and closes the door behind her; leaving Joseph to ponder her words.

INT. SHAKHAN MANSION - PAT'S OFFICE

Aiko enters the office and sits next to Mika.

PAT

How is he?

AIKO

He's resting comfortably at the moment

PORTER

I thought the firetruck and the foam would take out Firestorm, looks like we screwed up on both counts

PAT

All the data we had indicated that FireStorm would be stopped by the foam

AIKO

Ok, is anyone else thinking the use of lethal force would be a good idea?

PAT

No, we will NOT kill he monsters, we contain them

AIKO

That may not be good enough

PAT

As Joseph may have already explained to you, If we kill the monsters, it makes us no better than them. So we will contain any and all monsters, we will NOT kill them

(Beat)

Now, any ideas as to how we take down Firestorm? For a moment, there is silence.

MIKA

Can't you poison it?

AIKO

Remember Mika, they don't kill the monsters, just contain them

MIKA

I'm talking about killing it, i'm talking about injecting it with the fire retardant foam

PORTER

That's a good idea, where did you get it from?

MIKA

My brother's wife has diabetes and has to take insulin injections

CONNIE(V.O.)

It will take a while to make the adjustments to a couple of Ultron's missiles

PAT

I suggest you all amuse yourselves until the missile is ready

INT. WESTVILLE FORREST

Knelt in a small clearing is Firestorm. He has several devices laid out before him. He picks one up and attaches it to his left wrist.

FIRESTORM

They may be able to stop my flames, but will they be able to stop the fires when they are powered by nuclear energy?

He attaches the other devices to his left wrist and teleports away.

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - CONFERENCE ROOM - LATER

The Guardians are in the Conference Room, sat around the conference table.

PORTER

(To Joseph)

Shouldn't you still be in bed resting? What if Aiko sees you out of bed

JOSEPH

I'm fine, I just needed some rest

MATTHEW

What about turning Firestorm into a vegetable

TAYLOR

How?

MATTHEW

If we cause it enough brain damage, we could pout it into a coma

JOSEPH

As good as that sounds, we run the risk of killing the monster

PORTER

Do we have to have a perfect containment record? If the monsters are to hostile, I say we execute them

JOSEPH

You already know the GSA's stance on the execution of hostile monsters and aliens

PORTER

Yes, I do. And Section 12, paragraph 1 clearly states that terminal force is at the discretion of all planet based operatives

JOSEPH

I know, and that same regulation states that terminal force should be used as a last resort, when there is no way to catch the monster using non-lethal means

PORTER

I think we HAVE used all non-lethal ways to capture the monster, I say we use terminal force and take it down permanently

JOSEPH

I am uneasy with using terminal force, if we start killing them, it will make us no better than them

PORTER

Firestorm almost killed you and you want to play nice with it  
(Beat)  
Are you sure you didn't get knocked in the head?

JOSEPH

The regulation states that all planet based operatives must vote to use terminal force and that the vote has to be unanimous  
(Beat)  
OK, let's take a vote. All those in favor of using terminal force should we not be able to contain Firestorm safely Everyone except Joseph nods once in agreement.

PORTER

Your the only hold-out Joseph, you have to vote yes. We WILL try to contain it safely, but if we can't we HAVE to terminate it, you know I'm right

JOSEPH

(Reluctantly)  
Very well, we will use terminal force should we not be able to contain Firestorm safely

PORTER

You know you've made the right decision

JOSEPH

I hope so

MATTHEW

Do we HAVE to contain him in one piece? If we cut off a limb THEN contained him, he would survive, just not in one piece

PORTER

That might work. If we concentrated our Guardian Blasters on one limb, we could hack it off and the energy beams would cauterize the wound

JOSEPH

Now that sounds like a much better plan

PORTER

(Smiling)

I say we aim for his neck...

As they laugh at the joke, Aiko and Mika enter the conference room.

AIKO

(To Joseph)

Shouldn't you still be in bed resting?

PORTER

I said the exact same thing to him

JOSEPH

I'm fine, besides, I was needed here

AIKO

We thought we might be able to help you guys out

(To Joseph)

And you need to get back to bed and rest

PORTER

Well, we appreciate the offer but I don't think you could help us

MIKA

Oh, why not?

PORTER

Do you girls know anything about Containment Technology?

MIKA

No, but...

JOSEPH

(Interrupting)

Then we doubt you would be able to help us

MIKA

(Annoyed)

We might be able to help you, Aiko and myself, we're not just dumb girls

JOSEPH

Wait a second, we never said you were dumb, we just said that you wouldn't be able to....

AIKO

(Interrupting)

Fine, since we'd just be in your way, we'll go

(To Mika)

Let's go and get something to eat and leave the guys alone

Aiko and Mika turn and leave the Conference Room.

PORTER

Who ever said being in love was easy should be shot

JOSEPH

We'll have to make it up to them later

PORTER

The usual?

JOSEPH

That would seem appropriate

CONNIE(V.O.)

You two shouldn't treat the girls like that

JOSEPH

Ok, let's get back to the problem at hand

PORTER

I say we hack off a leg, he won't be able to fight with just one

MATTHEW

I agree

CONNIE(V.O.)  
Firestorm has reappeared at the  
outskirts of the city

The Guardians get up and exit the Conference Room without  
saying anything

EXT. WESTVILLE OUTSKIRTS

The Guardians look at giant Firestorm.

GREEN GUARDIAN  
He's brought out the heavy  
artillery

RED GUARDIAN  
Then it's time we did the same,  
only HEAVIER  
(Beat)  
Combatoids hear our call

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From the sky, the six lion Combatoids burst forth in the  
sky like thundering, mechanical gods. The Guardians look up  
at the towering assault vehicles. They are running on a  
wave of light, which dissipates when the six lions hit the  
ground. There's amazing pyrotechnics as six lions merge  
together and transform into Ultron. The Guardians are  
enveloped in beams of light.

INT. ULTRON - COCKPIT

The cockpit fills with light as the Guardians teleport into  
their respective seats.

GREEN GUARDIAN  
All systems ready

WHITE GUARDIAN  
Weapons charged

RED GUARDIAN  
Then let's go get the bad guy  
shall we

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

EXT. WESTVILLE OUTSKIRTS

FireStorm roars as Ultron slashes at him with the Blazing Sword.

FIRESTORM  
You think that little blade can  
stop my eternal flame?

FireStorm shoots a jet of flame from the device on his wrist and forms it into a sword.

FIRESTORM (CONT'D)  
My fire saber will cut through  
you like a knife through...

He is cut off when Ultron fires it's eye beams at him, knocking him back.

INT. ULTRON - COCKPIT

Black Guardian works the controls and fires Ultron's eye beams again.

BLACK GUARDIAN  
Was anyone else getting tired of  
listening to him?

RED GUARDIAN  
Now all we have to do is keep him  
down and then contain him...

BLACK GUARDIAN  
Remember the vote? Lethal force  
has been decided upon

RED GUARDIAN  
I know, I was there. But I think  
we should try to take him down  
and contain him before we use  
lethal force

EXT. WESTVILLE OUTSKIRTS

Ultron moves forward. Firestorm swings the Fire Saber, raking it across Ultron's chest.

INT. ULTRON - COCKPIT

The Guardians are showered with sparks and electrical tentacles splay throughout the cockpit.

RED GUARDIAN  
That was a direct hit

BLACK GUARDIAN  
Shields are down, hull integrity  
down to 80 percent and most of  
our weapons are off-line

WHITE GUARDIAN  
We should fall back...

EXT. WESTVILLE OUTSKIRTS

Firestorm grabs Ultron and raises it above his head and throws it.

FIRESTORM  
Next stop, Angel Heights

He hurls Ultron into a half contrasted luxury high-rise with a sign that "Angel Heights luxury apartments". The entire side of the building is demolished.

FIRESTORM (CONT'D)  
For now, I will leave you with  
the knowledge that when we next  
meet, i will send you to the  
Infersia

With smoke and sparks spitting from its joints, Ultron rises from the demolished luxury apartments as Firestorm teleports away.

INT. ULTRON - COCKPIT

The Guardians watch as Firestorm teleports away.

RED GUARDIAN  
Well, we sure got our butts  
kicked

BLACK GUARDIAN  
Ok, I say we forget the vote and  
kill that alien asshole when next  
we see him

RED GUARDIAN  
We'd better head back and allow  
Ultron time to repair...

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

Pat, Aiko and Mika watch as the damaged Ultron teleports away.

PAT  
Are the Guardians ok?

CONNIE(V.O.)  
They are fine. Ultron on the other hand will require at least seven hours to repair the damage done

AIKO  
Ok, does anyone else agree with me that they should have KILLED Firestorm

CONNIE(V.O.)  
We do not kill the monsters, they are contained

The office door opens and the Guardians enter and take up their usual seats.

PAT  
I need not ask how the battle went as I saw it all

MATTHEW  
Well, that was a good example of how we get our butts kicked. Maybe for an encore Firestorm could pull a rabbit out of Ultron's butt

PORTER  
We've taken a vote, and we've decided to use...

CONNIE(V.O.)  
(Interrupting)  
I've scanned Ultron's damaged parts and have found trace amounts of radiation

AIKO  
Radiation?

CONNIE(V.O.)  
It is in the parts of Ultron that Firestorm slashed with his fire sword

A look of concern passes over the Guardian's faces.

PORTER  
Are you sure Connie?

CONNIE(V.O.)  
Yes, I am sure

PORTER  
Nuclear fire....

PAT  
Then when you nest battle  
Firestorm, you must proceed with  
extreme caution

AIKO  
Is the radiation harmful to them?

PAT  
They were protected by Ultron and  
if they were ion a one-on-one  
fight with Firestorm, their armor  
would protect them for a limited  
amount of time

PORTER  
Connie, can you lace the missiles  
with Cadmium?

CONNIE(V.O.)  
Of course

PAT  
Cadmium, now that is a good idea

MIKA  
What on Earth is Cadmium?

PAT  
It is a metal that can be used as  
a sealant for nuclear reactors

PORTER  
If we inject him with the right  
amount of cadmium, it SHOULD stop  
his nuclear fire

CONNIE(V.O.)  
I can make the adjustments to the  
missiles, but there is a problem.  
With all the damage Ultron took,  
it will be out of action for at  
least several hours

TAYLOR  
Can you incorporate the cadmium  
into one of our hand-held  
weapons?

CONNIE(V.O.)

I could give it a try

JOSEPH

We should try to work on a way to take down Firestorm without the cadmium, just in case Connie can't get it to our weapons

(To Aiko and Mika)

You girls should just go home, we're going to be a while and since neither of you know anything about cadmium or nuclear energy, you won't be able to help us

MIKA

(Annoyed)

You don't have to treat us like we're idiots Aiko and

Mika get up and storm out of the office.

PAT

Was that really necessary?

PORTER

Would you rather we have said something along the line of "Stay out of our way as you'll just get in the way"

JOSEPH

We can't worry about them now, we have bigger problems to deal with

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - ELEVATOR

Aiko and Mika are in the elevator. They do not look pleased.

MIKA

I swear to god, they are really pushing me to the limits with the way they speak to us

AIKO

While I am not defending them, they do have a point

MIKA

I know they do, but do they have to get it across while making us feel like useless idiots

AIKO

I don't think they set out to make us feel like idiots, they just get so caught up in their work, they tend to forget we don't as much about what they are working on as they do

MIKA

You must really love Joseph otherwise you would be angry at the way he speaks down to you

AIKO

You're right, I do love Joseph. And it does anger me the way he speaks down to us

(Beat)

I'll speak to him, see if I can't convince him to change his ways

MIKA

Good luck with that

AIKO

While I'm doing that, maybe you should talk to Porter

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - HALLWAY - LATER

Aiko is walking down the corridor, she sees Joseph and chooses to ignore him. He catches up with her.

JOSEPH

Is everything ok?

AIKO

Apart from my boyfriend treating my like i am an idiot, yes I'm fine

JOSEPH

For how I spoke to you, I am sorry

AIKO

(Sighing)

If you skipped worked and took me home, I'd consider that your apology and I would be eternally grateful...

JOSEPH

Really?

AIKO  
(Smiling) Oh yes

JOSEPH  
(Sighing)  
Man, you are so fine  
(Beat)  
But I still can't skip work.  
Sorry

CONNIE(V.O.)  
Firestorm has returned. The  
others are waiting for you

JOSEPH  
Enough drooling, back to work

He kisses Aiko passionately before turning and running down the corridor.

EXT. DOWNTOWN WESTVILLE

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artillery

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WHITE GUARDIAN  
Weapons charged

RED GUARDIAN

Then let's go put this idiot out  
for good so he troubles us no-  
more

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

Pat is watching the battle on the viewscreen.

PAT

Connie, are those cadmium  
missiles ready?

CONNIE(V.O.)

Not yet, I only have two of the  
foam missiles ready

EXT. DOWNTOWN WESTVILLE

FireStorm batters the damaged Ultron and watches as the  
giant robot staggers back.

FIRESTORM

This victory will assure that the  
Necrari will reclaim what was  
once theirs...

Firestorm picks up a section of a freeway overpass and  
throws it at Ultron's head.

INT. ULTRON - COCKPIT

The cockpit shakes under the assault. a console explodes  
into flames and smoke fills the cockpit.

WHITE GUARDIAN

Ultron can't take much more of  
this

BLACK GUARDIAN

We have to retreat...

RED GUARDIAN

No, we'll send the Lions away and  
try to fight Firestorm on our own

Red Guardian works the controls.

EXT. DOWNTOWN WESTVILLE

Ultron glows whit energy as it disengages into the six  
lions. The Lions roar at Firestorm before they take to the  
sky.

FIRESTORM

You're running away, you  
cowards...

FireStorm is then hit in the back of the head by six energy beams. He turns around and sees the Guardians standing on a near-by roof-top, firing their Guardian blasters at him.

FIRESTORM (CONT'D)

Yes, this will me more like it,  
taking your lives one-on-one will  
suit me much better...

Firestorm jumps up, shrinks down and lands on the roof and faces off against the Guardians.

FIRESTORM (CONT'D)

Are you all ready to die?

RED GUARDIAN

Are YOU?

FIRESTORM

Your threats do not scare me. I  
know the GSA has rules against  
murder...

BLUE GUARDIAN

We've voted to use lethal force  
against you

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

PAT

Connie, are those foam missiles  
ready?

CONNIE(V.O.)

Yes, just not the cadmium ones...

PAT

What sort of radius would the  
missiles have to be to have an  
effect?

CONNIE(V.O.)

They would have to be right on-  
top of Firestorm to have the  
desired effect

PAT

Fire the missiles and alert the  
Guardians

EXT. DOWNTOWN WESTVILLE

FIRESTORM

Give it up Guardians, your deaths  
will serve to those who would  
oppose the Nocrari

RED GUARDIAN

Tell your masters that Earth will  
never yield to their demands...

The Guardians take to the sky just as the missiles roar  
overhead.

FIRESTORM

Come back and fight you  
cowards...  
(He sees the missiles)  
Oh crap....

The missiles circle overhead then dive straight down and  
explode a few feet above Firestorm.

BLACK GUARDIAN

Well, that takes care of that  
fire hazard

WHITE GUARDIAN

If we have learnt anything from  
this, it's that the Nocrari are  
behind these attacks

RED GUARDIAN

And that they know we are here

INT. LUNAR CAVERN

As the various monsters work the consoles and computers,  
Dameacon's voice can be heard.

DAMEACON(V.O.)

FireStorm has failed to acquire  
the information I need to  
eliminate the Guardians

(Beat)

When my regeneration is complete, I  
will rise my from my lunar  
confines and finish what I  
started by eradicating the  
Guardians and taking back  
Earth...

FADE TO  
CREDITS

END OF ACT FOUR