

Guardians
Episode 14: "Future Vision"
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TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE

The Galaxy Knight, glides gracefully into frame, moving at full military thrust.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

Sat at a table by himself, Joseph is reading a status report on the Galaxy Knight repair schedule.

CONNIE(V.O.)
Joseph, are you busy?

JOSEPH
Not really, why?

CONNIE(V.O.)
Rollbar would like to see you in cargo bay 2

JOSEPH
Ok, tell him I'm on my way

CONNIE(V.O.)
Will do

Joseph gets up and leaves the Conference Room. NEW ANGLE:
Through the windows of the Conference Room we can see Earth in the distance.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CORRIDOR

The Car Robots and other Guardians, minus Aiko are standing in the corridor.

DRAGSTRIP
It is all in place and everything has gone according to plan

SMOKESCREEN
This is going to be GREAT

PORTER
Remember, this has to go off without a hitch
(Beat)
Joseph must NOT know what hit him

FADE TO
CREDITS

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CORRIDOR

Joseph is walking down the corridor when Connie's holographic body flickers to life and walks beside him

CONNIE

So, are you nervous?

JOSEPH

I'm getting married next month,
so I would say yes, I am a little
nervous

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CARGO BAY 2

As Joseph enters the launch bay, Connie's holographic body crackles and fades away. Joseph looks around, it is total darkness and he can't see anything.

JOSEPH

Connie, what's wrong with the
lights?

CONNIE(V.O.)

Nothing

JOSEPH

Then why aren't they on?

The lights suddenly flicker on and Joseph sees the other Guardians, minus Aiko and the Car Robots standing before him. The cargo-bay is empty, save for a few crates stacked to one side

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

What's going on?

ROLLBAR

It's best if you do not resist us

SURESHOT

You can't escape

SMOKESCREEN

Resistance is futile, so don't
resist

JOSEPH
Resist what...

Suddenly, the Galaxy Knight lurches and then come sot a complete stop. Throwing everyone off their feet. Clearly visible through one of the viewports is some sort of energy field. Everyone gets to their feet and runs for the door.

EXT. SPACE

The aperture of the vortex resembles a large jagged hole in space within which can be seen a maelstrom of changing colors and patterns. Seemingly out of control, the Galaxy Knight is drawn towards the swirling mass of energy.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

Everyone rushes in and takes up their usual positions.

ISAAC
I'm detecting strange energy readings from two-four- six degrees, mark six port...

JOSEPH
Show me

On the screen, the image changes to the swirling vortex. Aiko and Mika enter the bridge, but without stations to man they seem a little out of place.

JOSEPH (CONT.) (CONT'D)
What the hell is it?

ISAAC
Unknown. It's putting out a lot of energy and is emitting a slight chronometric radiation signature.

PORTER
Chronometric radiation could indicate distortions in space-time.

JOSEPH
Does it pose any danger?

PORTER
I can't tell, It's disrupting our sensor readings.

ISAAC
(alarmed)
The vortex is surging!

JOSEPH
Get us out of the way! Send a
distress call.

ROLLBAR
(interrupting)
I can't get a signal through the
interference

The ship starts to tremble really badly.

TAYLOR
My god, the viewer...

Joseph looks at the viewscreen and sees an enormous gaseous wave - a subspace shock front rippling out. Joseph thumbs a control on the the science console.

JOSEPH
(to comm.)
All hands, brace for impact!

The ship jolts violently. Bulkheads explodes, sending metal fragments screaming across the bridge. While the Galaxy Knight crew work, Aiko and Mika do their best to put out the fire using extinguishers taken from a store cupboard.

PORTER
We're caught in a gravametric
field emanating from the trailing
edge of the...whatever the hell
it is!

JOSEPH
All engines, full reverse!

Joseph looks up fearfully as the vortex consumes his ship.

EXT. SPACE

Meteors and asteroids are smashing past as the Galaxy Knight is tossed about like a cork on the high seas during a storm. The Galaxy Knight tries to turn sideways but cannot break away. It is clearly being pulled into the vortex. And then, in a blinding burst of white light, the G.S.A. vessel is gone.

FADE TO:

EXT. SPACE - GALAXY KNIGHT

The Galaxy Knight is floating adrift in empty space. The ship is slowly rolling, tumbling through space helplessly.

CUT TO:

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

With emergency lighting only, the bridge is dark. Smoke swirls up from the damage consoles. Joseph is pulling himself slowly back to his feet.

JOSEPH

Oh, my head! Feels like I went
ten rounds with John L. Sullivan
(to tactical)
What the hell happened?

PORTER

I have no idea, all sensors are
off-line

The screen flickers to life and shows Earth hanging in the distance

JOSEPH

First bit of good luck. Seems
that vortex gave us a bit of a
push.

(beat)

Signal Headquarters. Apprise them
of our situation and tell them
we're going to make repairs.

MATTHEW

I'm not picking up any comm
traffic in the solar system, sir,
nor any other subspace chatter.

JOSEPH

What? That 'thing' couldn't have
scrambled comm- traffic for an
entire star system, surely?

PORTER

I am picking up transmissions
from Earth. TV transmissions from
all over the planet

JOSEPH

So?

MATTHEW

There are radiation readings
surrounding us which are
effecting the transmissions

The viewscreen switches images and shows a montage of a thousand different TV shows from all over Earth. After a few moments, the screen returns to the image of the blue planet herself.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

The vortex was emitting
chronometric radiation. It would
appear that we have been thrown
back in time.

CONNIE(V.O.)

That's not all, we have a MAJOR
problem

JOSEPH

What is it?

CONNIE(V.O.)

I'll show you all in the
Conference Room

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

The Guardians, Car Robots and Mika take up their usual
seats.

JOSEPH

So, what's the major problem
Connie?

CONNIE(V.O.)

I have been monitoring various
transmissions from the surface
and I believe that I have
determined what year it is.

JOSEPH

And this is a problem because?

CONNIE(V.O.)

It is July 10th, 2008.

Everyone around the table knows exactly what that date
means.

MATTHEW

According to that message from
the future, tomorrow is the day
we die and Earth falls to an
enemy force

MIKA

We need to go down to the surface
and...

PORTER

(Interrupting)
Absolutely not, no way are we
going to the surface

MIKA

Why not?

PORTER

It's too dangerous. If we are to die on this day, we'd be insane to go down to Earth

MIKA

What if you die up here and going to Earth saves your lives?

SMOKESCREEN

She has a point

PORTER

I must insist that NO-ONE go to Earth, it's too risky

AIKO

Well, we need to get information on what is happening and someone HAS to go

MIRAGE

I think I might be able to help with this problem

PORTER

How so?

MIRAGE

(Smiling)

If you'll all accompany me to the science-lab, I have something to show you all

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - SCIENCE LAB

Everyone is gathered around a bio-bed that is covered with a sheet that obscures what is underneath.

MIRAGE

For a while, I've been working on this and now it's complete

AIKO

What is?

MIRAGE

Behold...

He whips the sheet off the bio-bed revealing an android, one that looks exactly like Connie.

MIRAGE (CONT'D)

It has a brain very similar to
our brains

ZAC

Does it work?

CONNIE

Of course it does...

The android sits up and gets off the bed. It is clothed
exactly like Connie's holographic avatar.

MIRAGE

All we have to do is send Connie
down to the surface, she can move
about without attracting too much
attention

CONNIE

So, when do I leave?

JOSEPH

Before we risk sending you to the
surface, is there any

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

What about this vortex? We could
go back. Maybe it's still there
and we could just fly back
through it.

CONNIE

The anomaly was extremely
unstable. It was collapsing as we
were pulled through. I would say
it was extremely unlikely that
we'd find any trace of it.

MATTHEW

So what do we do? And more
importantly, how exactly do we
get home to our own time?

Joseph thinks for a moment.

JOSEPH

We need more information. Put us
into a high orbit, but keep us
well out of sight

EXT. SPACE - EARTH

The Galaxy Knight limps into frame as it settles into orbit
above the north pole.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

Everyone steps onto the bridge. Connie moves to the communications console and a look of worry crosses her face.

CONNIE

I've have been monitoring the most reliable new broadcasters. Tensions are escalating all over the world.

For a moment, Joseph thinks hard. Then:

JOSEPH

Ho long do we have before it starts?

CONNIE

Approximately 10 hours, give or take an hour Again, Joseph thinks.

JOSEPH

You're going down, but not alone, take Aiko and Mika with you

MIKA

Where are we headed?

JOSEPH

Japan

CONNIE

Before you go, you should watch this news broadcast

FADE TO:

BBC WORLD SERVICE NEW BROADCAST

Tight on a video image of a news reader seen sitting behind the desk. Text across the bottom of the screen identifies him as BARRY IMMS. The headline above it reads: U.E.A attack Israeli warship - British Captain killed by hostile Chinese action.

BARRY IMMS

With the crisis in the Middle-East ever nearing boiling point, the situation was further inflamed last night by the appearance of a Chinese Navy nuclear destroyer in the northern Israeli port of Haifa.

The image on the screen shifts and now shows a Chinese nuclear destroyer, the Zhao, sailing into the Israeli port city. An Israeli warship, the Ariel Sharon, is moves to intercept. The video image contracts, becoming a box chromakeyed behind the news reader.

BARRY IMMS (CONT.) (CONT'D)

The Israeli Sea Corps missile frigate Ariel Sharon moved to intercept the U.E.A. destroyer, later identified as the Zhao, with disastrous results.

The image on the screen shifts again and now shows the Zhao firing on the Ariel Sharon, which takes massive damage. A second salvo from the Zhao causes a massive explosion, tearing through the Ariel Sharon and blowing out one side. As she begins to capsize, the crew can be seen escaping into the water. The video is shaky, as if filmed amateurishly on a hand-held camera. The image once again contracts, becoming a box chromakeyed behind Imms.

BARRY IMMS (CONT.) (CONT'D)

The U.E.A. destroyer then turned and left Israeli territory after it was chased down by the British cruiser Cumberland and aircraft from the Italian carrier Aquila. Both vessels, as well as boats from the Israeli port, conducted an extensive sweep of the waters around the sunken Ariel Sharon and picked up only forty-seven survivors.

(beat)

United Nations Secretary General Piers Crispin has condemned the action as an unacceptable act of aggression by the Chinese. United Eastern Alliance representatives defended the Zhao's actions, stating that any and all vessels from the countries of the U.E.A. have a right to enter a foreign port without the fear of being confronted in a hostile master.

(beat)

The captain of the Ariel Sharon was Commander Deborah Khalid from the Royal Navy, on loan to the Israeli Sea Corps as part of the inter-nation officer exchange program set up by the European Union. She was not amongst the survivors.

(beat)

(MORE)

BARRY IMMS (CONT.) (CONT'D)

Israeli Prime Minister David Tzachor announced today that in response to the Chinese sinking of the Ariel Sharon, any Chinese citizen within Israel's borders must leave the country or face arrest and detention. Prime Minister Tzachor also announced that Israel is withdrawing its ambassador and diplomatic staff from China and expelling the Chinese ambassador and all Chinese diplomatic staff from Tel-Aviv.

(beat)

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Kathy Brennan, has called the sinking of the Ariel Sharon an act of war by the Chinese and the United Eastern Alliance as a whole, though called for a calm and rational response from Israel and a period of reflection by both sides.

(beat)

The Leader of the Opposition reinforced Ms Brennan's stance, but commented that "the world has not been this close to a major international conflict since the War on Terror".

(Beat)

In other news...

FADE TO:

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CORRIDOR

The Guardians walk down the corridor. Connie Aiko and Mika are all dressed in casual clothes.

JOSEPH

Your mission is to gather intelligence on the worsening world crisis and try to figure out where it all went wrong

(Beat)

If you can, try to find out how and when we die

CONNIE

We'll do our best

They round a corner and disappear into the Launch bay

EXT. TOKYO - SHIMBASHI - DAY

Aiko, Mika and Connie look around at the bustling city of Shimbashi.

MIKA

We should head to the nearest
public library, they usually have
free internet access

Connie glances at Aiko.

CONNIE

Let's go to the nearest hospital,
I can book you in for a check-up
Aiko, that way they would know
we're coming and we could snoop
around

AIKO

Ok, let's go

The three of them start off down the sidewalk

EXT. TOKYO - SHIMBASHI - HOSPITAL

The three girls approach the gates of a hospital that is surrounded by a tall wall. It looks more like the entrance to a military base. There are a couple of security guards in a small booth by the gate.

MIKA

Things must be bad for armed
guards to be at a hospital

CONNIE

Let's just hope we get what we
need and get back home before it
all goes to hell

INT. PRIVATE HOSPITAL - RECEPTION

A youngish Asian woman, is sat behind the reception desk. A man, whom we shall call Dr Yamamoto, seems to be examining whatever is on the clip-board in his hand.

DR YAMAMOTO

Mrs Kauai's test results are
negative, update her chart

RECEPTIONIST

Yes Dr Yamamoto

Aiko, Connie and Mika enter the hospital.

RECEPTIONIST (CONT'D)

Can I help you?

AIKO

Yes, I have an appointment for a check-up

RECEPTIONIST

Your Name?

AIKO

Aiko Itsuki

RECEPTIONIST

(Off Her Computer screen)

Yes Ms Itsuki, you're booked in to see Dr Anima, floor, room 21

AIKO

Thank-you

The three girls the head down the corridor and out of sight

INT. PRIVATE HOSPITAL - CORRIDOR

The girls look around to make sure they are not spotted.

AIKO

Ok, I'll head on up the check-up, you two find out what you can

MIKA

I think I should come with you, just top keep up the pretense

AIKO

Good idea

CONNIE

Keep your communicators active at all times, if any of us finds out what we came here to find out, beep the rest of us and meet at the reception

The girls nod, Connie moves off down the corridor while Aiko and Mika step into an elevator.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

The other Guardians and Car Robots are seated around the Conference Table.

ROLLBAR

It's the waiting that gets to me

MATTHEW

Yeah, keeps you on edge and nervous don't it?

PORTER

We should try and stop the war before it happens instead of just sitting around here and watching the world go to hell

DRAGSTRIP

Now that sounds like a plan?

JOSEPH

Ok, let's give it a try

(Beat)

But we should only target the missiles that would be headed for densely populated areas that aren't centers of government. The main targets should be in China and the Far East. Some American sites, and sites in the European Union.

For a few moments the screen is blank, then images flick up on the viewscreen showing the projected paths of nuclear missiles..

MIRAGE

Will this plan work?

JOSEPH

Well, there's only one way to find out isn't there. Let's get the plan sorted out and into action

INT. PRIVATE HOSPITAL - CORRIDOR

Connie looks around to make sure no one is near, she then opens the door and slips into the office.

INT. PRIVATE HOSPITAL - OFFICE

Connie makes her way to the desk and sits down. Her hands fly over the keyboard as she assesses the internet. As the information on the screen passes by, we can sense her growing concern and fascination.

CONNIE

Amazing...

Connie leans forward as the renewed flow of information on the screen reflects off her face:

CONNIE (CONT'D)
Intriguing

INT. PRIVATE HOSPITAL - ROOM 21

Aiko is sat in the doctors exam room, Mika is stood next to her. The doctor, a woman named Cutler is reading off a chart.

DR CUTLER
Well Miss Itsuki, it seems you
are the picture of health

AIKO
(Smiling)
Well, that's a relief

DR CUTLER
You are the most healthy patient
I have ever seen

AIKO
I like to keep in shape
(Beat)
How's my baby doing?

DR CUTLER
Just fine, I'd say your about one
month gone

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

The remaining Guardians and the Car Robots look monumentally bored.

ROLLBAR
Oh for the love of THOR I am so
bored

MATTHEW
Yeah, me to

ZAC
Why don't we go down to the
surface and try to find out what
is going on

PORTER
Oh no, no-one is going down to
the surface and that is that

TAYLOR

Why not? We can't stay up here or
we'll all go mad

JOSEPH

I agree with Porter, we can't
risk going to the surface

SMOKESCREEN

Actually, just two of you could
go down, providing you kept out
of sight

(Beat)

The problem is where would you
go?

SURESHOT

The logical choice would be
Washington DC

DRAGSTRIP

Yeah, that's right. Send them to
a prime target why not

SURESHOT

Think about it, they could go to
DC and find out what is going on
on the political front

PORTER

It's up to you Joseph

For a moment, Joseph thinks hard. Then:

JOSEPH

Very well, two of us will go to
the surface

(To Sureshot)

You will accompany the two of us
who go to the surface as we'll
need transportation

PORTER

Ok, now just tell us who is
going?

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE - WHITE HOUSE - LATER

The executive mansion and seat of power of the United States. Standing with other tourists are Joseph and Porter, they are wearing mid 21st century civilian clothing, parked in the distance is Sureshot. Joseph and Porter slowly move away from the other tourists.

JOSEPH

How many people would you estimate are going to die during the third world war?

PORTER

I would think that the official death toll for the entire war, from the first shot to the cease fire would something in the range of a hell of a lot

JOSEPH

Hundreds of millions?

PORTER

Defiantly, any thing less than that and it will be a miracle

JOSEPH

If the United States of our time could only learn of what is in their future, they could avoid the war

PORTER

Yes, it would save lives, million of lives, millions of AMERICAN lives

(Beat)

We could always intervene in the war, help the Americans win

JOSEPH

That could make things worse

PORTER

So all we have left is to try and figure out a way to get back home and warn everyone

JOSEPH

But how do we warn them if we can't get back to our own time?

PORTER

Well, that's the big problem
isn't it? We can't stay and yet
for the moment, we can't go back

They turn and look at the White House with the American
Flag flying above. Porter notices something:

PORTER (CONT'D)

That flag, it has fifty two stars
on it Joseph looks at the flag.

CLOSE ON: Joseph's eyes The iris on each eye started to
rotate clockwise, a very faint mechanical sound could be
heard. He studies the flag for a few moments. He uses an
"unknown tongue" which is very similar to ancient Norse.

JOSEPH

(subtitled)

Then the search must continue
(In English)
Let's go old friend

Porter notices Joseph's eyes, he nudges him.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

What?

PORTER

It's a nice look

JOSEPH

(Confused)

What...

(Beat)

Thanks

He realizes what Porter means, he closes his eyes, then a
few moments later, he opens them and they've returned to
normal.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Better?

PORTER

Much

JOSEPH

You're right, there are fifty-two
stars on the flag which means
between our time and now, the
United States gains two more
states

Joseph's communicator beeps, he takes it out.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Go for Joseph

TAYLOR(V.O.)

You two should get back here,
there is something on TV you have
to see.

JOSEPH

Like what?

TAYLOR(V.O.)

It concerns the current political
climate.

JOSEPH

We're on our way, Joseph out.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

Joseph and Porter enter the Conference Room and take up
their usual seats.

JOSEPH

Where are the girls?

ROLLBAR

They're busy down in Japan,
They're monitoring the signal on
the nearest TV

SMKOKESCREEN

It's starting...

FADE TO:

BBC WORLD SERVICE NEW BROADCAST

Tight on a video image of a news reader seen sitting behind
the desk. it is the same newsreader we saw before.

BARRY IMMS

The global escalation of violence
shows no signs of abating.
Chinese dragons have been seen in
every conflict the Chinese have
been involved in

(Beat)

So far, almost all military
attempts to stop the Chinese
dragons at any place in the world
has almost always failed, with
the exception of Australia and
Russia, who each successfully
downed one dragon each

(MORE)

BARRY IMMS (CONT'D)

(Beat)

At the moment, the President is in an emergency session of congress as they address the issue of the chinese-led global violence. Recent attacks by the dragons have pushed this administration to take extreme action raising more fears than is alleviated...

Imms trails off and brings his hand up to his ear, indicating that someone is talking to him through his earpiece. He quickly turns back to face the camera.

BARRY IMMS (CONT.) (CONT'D)

I have just been informed that President Morissette of the United States is about to address the nation...

The image then changes and displays the President of the United States, Jonathan Morissette, sat behind his desk in the Oval Office.

PRESIDENT MORISSETTE

My fellow Americans. Today saw an act of total aggression from China towards Israel. The attack came without warning or provocation. I have made my feelings on this matter known to the Chinese president, and I received this response from the President of China...

(reading from a letter)

"To the President of the United States of America. We reject your unreasonable demands that we accept blame for sinking the Ariel Sharon. The People's Republic of China has the right to dock anywhere in the world when we have injured civilians on board who are in need of medical attention."

(beat)

"We will be sending the Zhao to Hawaii's Pearl Harbor for repairs and to off-load injured civilians. Should you not allow us to seek medical attention or try to stop us, a state of war will exist between the Peoples Republic of China and the American Alliance.

(MORE)

PRESIDENT MORISSETTE (CONT'D)

A state of war which will require
the People Republic of China to
use our dragons against those to
whom we are at war"

The President puts down the note and once again looks
directly at the camera.

PRESIDENT MORISSETTE (CONT.)
(CONT'D)

I have sent a response to the
Chinese President which says that
the United States does not
respond to threats and that if
the Chinese ship tries to dock at
Pearl Harbor, it will be
considered an act of war against
the United States. The Chinese
ship will be stopped, impounded
and its crew held as illegal
combatants and that any Chinese
dragons that enter US airspace,
sovereign waters or make landfall
anywhere in the US will be
immediately destroyed

(Beat)

A few moments ago, I received
word from the Chinese President
that the Zhao has been ordered to
dock at Pearl Harbor, despite our
explicit warnings not to.
Therefore, I am left with little
choice but to move up to Defcon 2
and put all of our armed forces
around the globe on the highest
alert. Should the situation
escalate, I will have no choice
but to upgrade our alert status
to Defcon 1, and at that point a
state of war will exist between
the United States and China.

FADE TO:

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

The screen flickers then goes blank.

PORTER

Well, Things are going well
aren't they

JOSEPH

We must double our efforts to
find out how and why the war
begins, and to find a way home

INT. PRIVATE HOSPITAL - CORRIDOR

Aiko and Mika walk down the corridor.

MIKA

Are we SURE this is the right one?

AIKO

Yes, corridor 2, level 12

The walk a few feet further down where they see Connie leaning against the wall, waiting for them.

CONNIE

Did you two see the President's address?

MIKA

Yes, it's getting very bad very quickly

CONNIE

Let's get the information and get back to the ship That said, the three girls head down the corridor.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

Matthew is sat in the Command chair.

TAYLOR

The situation is deteriorating. Across the world, small conflicts have started breaking out between the different world alliances.

Matthew looks up at the viewscreen. Displayed are pictures of muted news coverage showing reporters all over the world - images of a race descending into unprecedented chaos and suffering.

EXT. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE - WHITE HOUSE - LATER

Joseph and Porter are walking down Pennsylvania Avenue. There are some tourists around, but not as many as before.

PORTER

I wish we could stop this from happening

JOSEPH
We will, once we return to our
own time

As they are about to cross the road, four large army trucks roll down the road. they stop and dozens of armed troops get out.

PORTER
What the FUCK is going on?

JOSEPH
Armed troops on the street of
America's capitol?

Joseph walks up top one of the soldiers.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)
Excuse me, can you tell me what
is going on?

SOLDIER
Didn't you hear the President's
address
(Off His Nod)
We're now at defcon 2, war with
China is following five steps
behind us

JOSEPH
Thank-you

Joseph moves back to Porter and they move away from the troops.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)
Ok, things are starting to get
out of control

PORTER
Let's head back to the ship...

JOSEPH
But before we do, I want a
souvenir...

They hurriedly cross the road and head into a store.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

Rollbar walks up to Matthew and stands next to him.
DragStrip is at Tactical.

ROLLBAR
Shall I go down and extract them?

MATTHEW

No, we should wait a while longer. But keep an emergency teleport lock on them, and the first sign of trouble I want them back on the ship

ROLLBAR

Not a problem

DRAGSTRIP

Actually, we do have a problem

INT. PRIVATE HOSPITAL - RECEPTION

Aiko, Mika and Connie step out of the lift and head across the reception. A receptionist runs up to them.

RECEPTIONIST

Is one of you Aiko Itsuki?

AIKO

I am

RECEPTIONIST

Telephone call for you

Aiko follows the receptionist back to the desk where she picks up the phone.

AIKO

Hello?

MATTHEW(V.O.)

Aiko, we have a serious problem, our scanners just picked up a dragon heading towards Tokyo

AIKO

how long do we have before it gets here?

MATTHEW(V.O.)

It should make land-fall 100 meters from your current position in twenty minutes

AIKO

Understood.

(Hangs Up Phone)

Mika, Connie, we have to go, NOW They don't need to be told twice.

CUT TO:

EXT. TOKYO - SHIMBASHI - DAY

The girls hurriedly exit the hospital and head out into the streets. There are people there, panicked and terrified. They are beginning to understand what is coming and order is fast breaking down.

AIKO
This should be far enough.
(into comm unit)
Aiko to Galaxy Knight. Can you
get a lock now?

MATTHEW(V.O.)
We've got it. We can take you all
at once if you all stand close
together

AIKO
We're ready

MATTHEW(V.O.)
Stand-by

Mika looks around at the scene of panic unfolding before them.

MIKA
(bitterly)
All these people. All about to
die. To be wiped out of
existence.

AIKO
There's nothing we can do.

A second later, they are gone as they are snatched away by the teleporters.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

The girls take up their seats.

AIKO
Where's Joseph and Porter?

MATTHEW
They're still down in DC

MIKA
Are they ok?

MATTHEW
We've kept a constant lock on
them, they're fine

CONNIE

I think you should see this news
broadcast

MATTHEW

Show us...

FADE TO:

TAIWANESE NEWS BROADCAST

TIGHT ON a video image of a news telecast. Except there's no one there, just the empty news desk. Suddenly a Taiwanese NEWSCASTER appears behind the desk. Rushed and unkempt. Fumbles with his clip-mic, hands trembling. It's unsettling; he looks up at us, trying desperately to sound confident. But his voice shakes:

NEWSCASTER

(Subtitled)

Ladies and gentlemen, If you are watching this, and are not taking shelter underground, we strongly urge you; all of you, to do so immediately, anywhere... anywhere you are, anywhere you can find

(beat)

At this hour, all we know is that there are conflict between the forces of other nations and the Chinese monsters

(Beat)

The Pyramids at Giza have been destroyed in retaliation for the Egyptian governments refusal to allow the Chinese to place dragons within their borders. Massive tires are raging in central Chile after an attack by Chinese dragons, and along with a great deal of Venezuela, Seoul in South Korea; no longer, exists

(Beat)

We are getting reports that Chinese dragons have been sighted over European countries

Al]. this man wants to do is cry. But he's a pro. We realize now that we've been SLOWLY PUSHING IN all along:

NEWSCASTER(CONT'D)

(Subtitled)

Only weeks ago this report would've seemed ludicrous: giant monsters using parts of earth as a battleground

(MORE)

NEWSCASTER (CONT'D)

(then, with growing
venom)

But that was before the Chinese
attack

(beat)

It turns out that our faith that
a peaceful solution was naive,
maybe premature. Perhaps, given
the state of the world... simply
desperate

Something urgent is YELLED from behind the camera. The
newscaster looks off, terrified. He yells something back
but it's masked by a shattering flying glass. The video
camera shakes. A terrible Whistle, then an explosion;
everything is whipped out of frame, and in the same
horrible instant, the screen goes to static.

FADE TO:

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

The screen flickers then goes blank.

AIKO

Ok, I don't care what information
they have, we have to get Joseph
and Porter up here, NOW

MIKA

I agree with Aiko

MATTHEW

I can;t just teleport them up
here, I;d have to let them know
first

MIKA

Then by all means, hurry up and
do it

INT. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE - SOUVENIR STORE

Joseph and Porter are looking around the store. Joseph
looks at an American flag. Sat behind the counter is the
shop girl.

SHOP GIRL

Only 25 dollars if you want to
buy the flag

Joseph looks at it then reaches into his pocket and hands
her a fifty.

JOSEPH

Do you have maps of the US?

SHOP GIRL
Next to the flags

Joseph picks up a rolled up map of the US as the shop girl rings up the sale and hands him his change. Porter looks at a news-paper on the counter.

PORTER
(Reading the Headline)
"Chinese dragon monsters invade
Egyptian capitol"
(Beat)
This is so getting out of hand

SHOP GIRL
Yeah, it's been getting out of
hand since the Guardians lost
that battle at...

Porter's communicator beeps, Porter takes it out.

PORTER
Yes?

MATTHEW(V.O.)
The others want you to return
home, we're worried about you

PORTER
Ok, we're on our way

Joseph and Porter quickly leave the store.

EXT. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

Joseph and Matthew exit the shop and hurriedly walk down the street.

PORTER
Ok, things must be getting bad
for the others to recall us

JOSEPH
Yeah, we must be getting close to
the end of it all now

They round a corner and slip into a side street.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM - 5 MINUTES LATER

Joseph and Porter enter the Conference Room. Aiko and Mika get up and hug their respective guy tightly.

AIKO
That was to close

The guys and girls sit at their respective places.

PORTER

Things are starting to get really bad down there, it could go to hell any minute now

JOSEPH

Unfortunately, we were unable to find out anything about how we dies, but we did find out one thing

PORTER

The shop girl said that the current world state of affairs began to nose-dive when the Guardians lost a specific battle, but what one that is we don't know but what we do know is that the Chinese seem to be behind it

JOSEPH

Apparently, they have some sort of dragon creatures at their disposal and that they have been using them to attack other nations

DRAGSTRIP

I knew it would be those communist chink SCUM

(Beat)

Ok, let's head back to our own time so we can nuke China and prevent this from happening

JOSEPH

Connie, how are we on getting back home?

CONNIE

I have analyzed the anomaly that brought us here, and I think I can recreate the energy burst that brought us here

ZAC

How long will that take?

CONNIE

Of that I have no idea, I'm working as fast as I can but it will take some time

PORTER

Well don't spare the whip on this
Connie as the sooner we can get
home, the sooner we can prevent
this war from ever happening

CONNIE

I will work as fast as I can to
get us all home as soon as we
can, it may not be a smooth ride
but I will get us all home, you
have my word on that

PORTER

We believe you Connie

MIKA

What if when we return to our own
time we can't prevent the war
from happening?

TAYLOR

There is no choice Mika, we HAVE
to prevent the war from happening

SURESHOT

Either that or when the war
starts, we nuke China

ROLLBAR

I say we nuke China right now, it
would end the war before it
really kicks off

CONNIE

As much as we want to nuke China,
we can't. All of our power
reserves are being used to keep
the stealth generator running

ROLLBAR

Ok, how about we go down there
and massacre as many chinks as
possible, after all, they're only
chinks so who cares what happens
to them

ISAAC

As much as we'd like to send you
down there to massacre them,
there is a chance you would be
captured and we can't risk it

JOSEPH

Until we can go back to our own
time, we have to stay up here.
(MORE)

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

We can't risk going back down to the surface with the tensions getting as bad as they have been

(Beat)

We will monitor the situation and gather as much data as we can and if anyone thinks they have found the point where this world went to hell, alert the others ASAP

AIKO

If we can't go down to the surface, what do we do until we go home?

JOSEPH

Until we can go home, we might as well take this time to relax

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

Matthew is watching a news reports is enlarged to fill the whole screen. We see a man wearing a smart suit talking to a camera. Text around the screen identifies this as BBC NEWS 24, and the man as JOHN BURNS, the Prime Minister of the U.K.

BURNS

(mid speech)

...Men don't talk peace unless they are ready to back it up with war! For too long now, we have been ignored by our governments. Too long, our calls for action against China have fell on ignorant ears. Today is judgment day, when the Chinese will be swept from this planet in the fires of their own creations! Today will-

Matthew switches then screen off and leaves the room.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

Porter is sat in the command chair, looking over a status report handed to him by Connie.

PORTER

Well, if this is accurate, we should be able to go home within the next few hours

CONNIE

If I can get us home in the next few hours, it will be no longer than two days, I assure you

PORTER

Well, I know you're doing your best

CONNIE

Thank-you

Porter handed her the report back and she exited the bridge.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - JOSEPH & AIKO'S QUARTERS

Wearing only her bra and knickers, Aiko is curled up next to Joseph after making love.

AIKO

So, about the wedding...

JOSEPH

Shouldn't we wait until we get back home before we start making any plans?

AIKO

Why wait until we get back home when we have plenty of time now?

JOSEPH

But we're in orbit of a future Earth about to go through World War 3

AIKO

But it's not our Earth is it?

JOSEPH

Good point

They both sit up in bed.

JOSEPH(CONT'D)

So, what did you want to talk about?

AIKO

With everything that is happening down on the Earth we're orbiting, it made me think that something major could happen on our Earth

JOSEPH

Your point being?

AIKO

I want to bring the wedding forward

JOSEPH

To what date?

AIKO

As soon as we possibly can

Joseph is silent for a few moments as he thinks over what she has just said.

JOSEPH

OK, let's do it. When we return home, we'll bring the date forward to the earliest possible date

(Beat)

We'll have to tell father when we get back and alert all the guests of the new date

AIKO

That won't be a problem

JOSEPH

Ok then

Aiko hugs Joseph tightly.

AIKO

I love you

JOSEPH

And I love you to baby

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

Porter is studying the view screen which displays a tactical map of China.

PORTER

Connie, using our scanners, is it possible to find and to take out where the Chinese are growing the dragons?

Connie, who is at the tactical console studies the view screen.

CONNIE

It might be, but I don't think we can find their base where they are growing the dragons before we leave

PORTER

Well, would it be possible for us to help the war in another way

CONNIE

What other way did you have in mind?

PORTER

If we located one or three of their dragons in remote regions, and providing we have enough power, we could lock onto them and shoot them down with a couple of torpedoes

Connie studies the tactical console.

CONNIE

I can see if I can locate any dragons so we can give it a try

PORTER

Find me one that is isolated from public view

For a few minutes, Connie is silent as she studies the scanner results.

CONNIE

I have one, it's in the Atlantic ocean, it's course heading is for the southern tip of Florida

PORTER

Lock on and FIRE

EXT. ATLANTIC OCEAN - DAY

The giant winged dragon-monster swoops down low over the calm ocean.

Suddenly, it jerk's it's head skyward, as if sensing an approaching danger, and with a roar, it climbs skyward for a few seconds. A streak of energy slices through the air. The dragon roars defiantly and breaths a jet of flame at the torpedo, to no avail. The torpedo streaks down and strikes the dragon on the back of it's head. The dragon's head is instantly destroyed in a cloud of flesh, blood and bone. The headless corpse falls lifelessly to the ground.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

CONNIE

The dragon has been killed, but the torpedo was only at 9 percent power

PORTER

It doesn't mater, what does matter is that we succeeded it shooting down one of those fucking dragons. We can at least help this world a little

(Beat)

Assemble everyone in the Conference Room if you please

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

Everyone enters the Conference Room and takes up their usual seats.

PORTER

A few moments ago I fired a torpedo down to Earth and successfully destroyed one of the Chinese dragons

This causes a murmur to ripple around the table.

MIKA

Did anyone see it?

PORTER

No, it was in the middle of the Atlantic ocean, no- one saw anything

JOSEPH

Why did you not let us know before you fired on it?

PORTER

Because I wanted to make sure we COULD fire before I told you my plan

ZAC

Are we planning on firing on any more dragons?

PORTER

Well, if we can...

JOSEPH

(Interrupting)

No, we most certainly are NOT firing on any more Chinese dragons

MIKA

Why not?

AIKO

Because any Earth-orbiting satellites that detected the torpedo could back-track it's location to us and we'd be found out

JOSEPH

Exactly. By firing on that dragon you may have given away our location

PORTER

What else was I meant to do? I can't just sit around up here with nothing to do, I'll go INSANE

JOSEPH

That is exactly what we do. NOTHING. We can do nothing that would alert anyone on this Earth to our presence, no-one must know we're up here

PORTER

But we could save lives, millions of lives

JOSEPH

But when we get back home, we can prevent the war from happening and the entire WORLD will be saved from having to suffer another world war

TAYLOR

I know how Porter feels, just sitting up here while everything on Earth goes right to hell

ISAAC

All we have to do is ride it out,
and as soon as Connie has figured
out how to get us home, we can go
and this will all never have
happened

DRAGSTRIP

I agree with Porter. While we are
in this future time, we should
try to stop the war, or at the
very least, kill as many chinks
as we possible can in the time we
have

PORTER

I agree with DragStrip, we should
try and end the war in this time
before we go back, if we can't,
we should at least kill as many
Chinese as we can

DRAGSTRIP

See, Porter agrees with me

JOSEPH

While normally your blood lust
always makes me smile DragStrip,
we can't do anything else that
might draw attention to our
presence here

DragStrip shrugs and sits back.

JOSEPH(CONT'D)

Connie, how far along are you in
getting us back home?

CONNIE

I have figured out a way to
generate a vortex that will take
us back to our own time, just a
few seconds after we vanished

(Beat)

But it will take a wile to get on-
line

JOSEPH

How long will you need?

CONNIE

Hard to say really, the best I
can tell you is that it will take
more than an hour but least than
10 hours

JOSEPH

Well, notify us when you're plan
is ready

CONNIE

No problem

(Beat)

So what do we do until then? For
a moment, Joseph is silent as he
thinks it over.

PORTER

We still need more information on
the world crisis, we need to go
back down to the surface

ZAC

He's right, we still need that
information

JOSEPH

Very well, two of us will return
to the surface to try and gather
more information

MATTHEW

Whoever goes back down has to
find out HOW the Chinese got the
ability to make these dragons AND
how and when we died

PORTER

OK, now just tell us who is going
back down and to where?

INT. WASHINGTON DC - BAR

Joseph and Porter enter the bar and head to the counter and
sit on two stools. The barman is reading a paper, when he
sees them he puts it down.

BARMAN

What can I get you?

PORTER

Two ales please

BARMAN

Coming right up

He gets their drink and then returns his attention to the
paper.

BARMAN (CONT'D)

Dam Chinese

(Beat)

(MORE)

BARMAN (CONT'D)

If the Guardians were still
around, they'd kick the chinks
butts from here until eternity

PORTER

How'd the Guardians die anyway?

BARMAN

Where have you been for the past
year

(Beat)

The Guardians were killed in
battle when...

TV VOICE(V.O.)

(Interrupting)

And now an emergency news
bulletin...

Everyone in the bar turns and listens.

FADE TO:

A.B.C. NEWS BROADCAST

Tight on a video image of a news reader seen sitting behind
the desk.

SETH MCLANEFAR

A few short minutes ago, the
Chinese dragon that began it's
attack on Japan, completely
destroyed the city Kyoto

(Beat)

At first, the Japanese military
efforts to engage the dragon
proved to be inconsequential,
that was until American forces
intervened and helped the
Japanese drive the dragon out of
Japan. This defeat of the Chinese
monsters may be small, but it is
a ray of light in a world slowly
being blackened by Chinese
darkness

The newsreader trails off and brings his hand up to his
ear, indicating that someone is talking to him through his
earpiece. He quickly turns back to face the camera.

SETH MCLANEFAR (CONT'D)

We now go live to the White House
where the President is due to
address the nation

The image then changes and displays the worried President
Morissette sat behind his desk.

PRESIDENT MORISSETTE

My fellow Americans, today is a day that shall be remembered with sorrow for the people of Japan as Kyoto was destroyed by one of the Chinese dragons without warning or provocation and this act of aggression and terror can not go unanswered and China must be made to pay for the deaths of over people in Kyoto

(Beat)

Our military forces in the Sea of Japan and on the Island of Okinawa have responded to this latest act of Chinese unwarranted aggression and have managed to drive the dragon out of Japan and back to China

(Beat)

After learning of our victory against the dragon in Japan, I received this response from the President of China a few moments ago...

(reading from a letter)

"To the President of the United States of America. Your act of aggression against our forces in Japan was exactly that, an act of aggression against our forces. The Peoples Republic of China does not wish war with the United States, we wish to stand with you in a world of peace. But that world of peace will be replaced with a world of war unless we get an immediate apology and reparations are to be made at once."

(Beat)

After consulting with my cabinet and Congress, I have sent my response to Beijing, in which I tell them that the United States and her allies will not negotiate with China unless they pull all their forces out of the countries they have invaded and destroy any dragons they have and cease all hostilities. And I received a response from the Chinese President just a few short moments ago

(reading from a letter)

"To the President of the United States of America.

(MORE)

PRESIDENT MORISSETTE (CONT'D)

despite what you and your allies say in your media, the People's republic of China does not want war, but you leave us no choice since you refuse to negotiate with us, arrange a cease-fire with us or join with us, you leave us no choice but to bring the war to you. As of this moment, we are now at war with the United States".

(Beat)

All talks with China have broken down and as a result, I am ordering all Chinese citizens within the United States to leave our nation at once or face arrest and detention. This order even extends to Americans of Chinese ancestry

(Beat)

We do not yet know the size or disposition or strength of the enemy forces, but all out intelligence indications point to a massive assault against our nation's defenses

(Beat)

How this could've happened, why it happened; none of that matters right now

(Beat)

All that does matter is that as of this moment, we are at Defcon 1 and all our forces are now on a war footing.

(Beat)

And following the Chinese declaration of war against us, a few moments ago our declaration of war against China was sent to Beijing

(Beat)

We are now at war.

FADE TO:

INT. WASHINGTON DC - BAR

Joseph and Porter stare at the TV.

PORTER

Ok, I'd say things are now as bad as they are gonna get

JOSEPH

For once I agree, we should head
back

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

Having seen the same news broadcast, the others are
nervous.

AIKO

They should be back here by now

MATTHEW

Calm down Aiko, they will return
safely. They just have to get to
a secluded area where they can
teleport up here without being
seen

MIKA

Then why is it taking so long?

CONNIE

I've just received their signal,
engaging teleporters...

The teleporters deposit Joseph and Porter in the room.

JOSEPH

Ok, that was to close for comfort
They take up their usual seats.

PORTER

The US just declared war on China

MATTHEW

We know, we saw the same news
broadcast

TAYLOR

Connie, you have to redouble your
efforts to get us home as fast as
you can

CONNIE

Already ahead of you on that.
I've begun working on the
generator that should get us
home. Once it's ready, we can go
(Beat)

But once we're home, the
generator will burn out and be
useless

AIKO

Who cares? Once we're home in our time we won't need it any more

SMOKESCREEN

While we have information that will help prevent the war in our time, we still haven't found out when how you guys died or where the Chinks are growing their dragons

PORTER

Hopefully the information we've already collected will be enough to prevent the war, and as for their dragons, when we return to our own time, we can scan for them and take them out before they use the first of them

CONNIE

I've tried scanning all of China for the facility where the dragons are being grown, but so far, I've come up empty

SURESHOT

Could they be using alien technology?

CONNIE

It's a possibility

JOSEPH

Where would they get it from? We control all alien technology on Earth

AIKO

What about wreckage from Dameacon's starship? It could have fallen to Earth and the Chinese could have recovered it. it could have given them ideas, and took them in new directions, directions they would never have thought of without the technology

CONNIE

I can reconfigure the scanners to search for alien technology aside from our own, but it will take a while as the scanners are on low power as it is

JOSEPH

As much as we'd like to, we can't scan for alien technology. With the US declaration of war against China, the missiles will soon start flying and we have to be prepared in case any of them are fired at us

MIRAGE

I doubt the chinks could fire at us, it's even more doubtful that those Communist filth know we're up here

ROLLBAR

Don't be too sure, they have satellites in orbit and anyone of them could have detected our presence and we'd never know

JOSEPH

Well put Rollbar. Until we are able to return to our own time, we must remain on alert

DRAGSTRIP

Are you sure I can't talk you into dropping a few missiles, say fifty, on China?

JOSEPH

(Smiling)

Sorry DragStrip, not today

DRAGSTRIP

Can't we even fire just one small nuke down onto Beijing? The only people who will be killed are Chinese, and they're all communists so who gives a slag what happens to them

JOSEPH

(Smiling)

Sorry DragStrip, your blood-lust will have to wait until we get back to our time

DRAGSTRIP

So no killing of the chinks then?

JOSEPH

(Smiling)

Sorry DragStrip, not today

DRAGSTRIP

(Annoyed)

Nuts then

SMOKESCREEN

Well, that doesn't leave us with
a whole lot to do

MIKA

I can think of something to do
(Winks at Porter)
How about it?

PORTER

Yeah, that'll do me nicely until
we can go home

CONNIE

If anyone needs something to do,
I could use some help down in
engineering getting the vortex
generator on-line

SMOKESCREEN

We'll help

CONNIE

Thank you

JOSEPH

Well, if no-one else has anything
(Beat)
Ok, then everyone might as well
amuse themselves until we can go
back home

That said, everyone gets up and leaves the Conference Room.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

BLACK SCREEN

The very loud sound of people having sex. The sounds of
deep moaning and sexual groaning. After a few seconds the
sound grows even louder. It should sound as if the two
people are having sex over a load-speaker.

AIKO(O.S.)
Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, oh yes.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - JOSEPH & AIKO'S ROOM

Laid on top of the bed covers Aiko is breathing extremely heavily; her face is red hot and sweaty. Every time she moves, she makes a deep moaning noise. Joseph is moving about on top of her with rhythmic thrusts.

JOSEPH
Oh god...YES OH GOD YES

He thrusts into her one final time. They look into each other's eyes then kiss passionately. Joseph lays down next to her and she cuddles up next to him, her arm draped across his chest. She pulls the covers up around them both.

AIKO
That was amazing...

JOSEPH
Yeah, you were mind-blowing as
always beautiful

For a moment, they just remain silent and hugging each other.

AIKO
So, what do you plan to do on
your bachelor party?

JOSEPH
I have no idea, Porter and
Rollbar are planning it all

AIKO
Nervous?

JOSEPH
With Porter and Rollbar in
charge, hell-yes I'm nervous
(Beat)
What do you and Mika have
planned?

AIKO
I have no idea, Mika and Connie
are planning it

JOSEPH
I'll bet dollars to donuts that
it won't be as loud, racy and as
drink-fuelled as mine

AIKO
(Smiling)
You'd win that bet

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - CONFERENCE ROOM

With the exception of Joseph and Aiko, the other Guardians are gathered around the Conference Table with the Car Robots.

PORTER
So, we are all in agreement on what has to be done?

ROLLBAR
Yes, and we must maintain absolute secrecy to prevent him getting any advanced warning

SMOKESCREEN
Where are we taking him?

PORTER
Oahu

SMOKESCREEN
Where?

PORTER
One of the Hawaiian islands. We've got an entire hotel top ourselves and have got enough booze to flood the Grand Canyon

SURESHOT
This is going to be a blast

MATTHEW
That it is sureshot. We have the booze and the perfect location for the ultimate bachelor party

ZAC
So, what sort of strippers are we having?

PORTER
I don't think Aiko would like it if we had strippers there

ZAC
So we won't tell her. Now, as for the strippers, they have to be Hawaiian or Japanese girls

MIRAGE

Is this going to be a surprise
for Joseph

PORTER

Of course

MIRAGE

Then might I suggest that we just
grab Joseph and run, that way he
will not have any idea as to what
is going on

TAYLOR

Now that is a good idea Mirage

MIRAGE

Thank-you

TAYLOR

When everything is prepared,
how's about you grab Joseph,
since you came up with the idea

MIRAGE

I'd love to

TAYLOR

Joseph will not know what hit him

MIRAGE

(Calm Suggestion)
Shall i knock him out or leave
him conscious? Everyone looks at
Mirage in shock, who then smiles.

MIRAGE

(Smiling)
Just kidding

PORTER

You had us going for a second
there

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

Connie is sat in the center seat, on the viewscreen is a
tactical map displaying all of China's armed forces through
out the world.

CONNIE

Ok, since we can't nuke China,
this will have to do

She gets up and moves to the tactical console and works the
controls.

CONNIE(CONT'D)
 Let's see how you Communist scum
 like this
 (Beat)
 Resetting all Chinese military
 communications to scrambler code
 Omega One...

She watches the viewscreen as the scrambler code takes effect and screws with Chinese communications.

CONNIE(CONT'D)
 Connie to Joseph

JOSEPH(V.O.)
 Go ahead Connie

CONNIE
 Could you and the other Guardians
 come to the bridge please, I have
 something to show you

JOSEPH(V.O.)
 Ok, I'll bring the others with
 me, Joseph out

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE - LATER

Everyone is at their stations, watching the viewscreen.

JOSEPH
 And how badly are their
 communications scrambled?

CONNIE
 I used scrambler code Omega One,
 it should have them trying to
 crack it for the next half-
 century or so

MIKA
 What is Scrambler Code Omega One?

AIKO
 It's a computer program that when
 used, scrambles the enemy
 communication system
 (Beat)
 Scrambler Code Omega One is the
 lowest setting that the G.S.A.
 has in use

JOSEPH
 Inventive idea Connie

CONNIE

I'm glad you like it

PORTER

It should keep them busy for a while and give the Americans a chance to even things by nuking them back to the stone-age

MIRAGE

What's the rest of the world's reaction to the 'problem' the Chinese are now having?

CONNIE

Let's take a look shall we

The viewscreen flickers to life and everyone watches as a news broadcast comes on-screen.

FADE TO:

A.B.C. NEWS BROADCAST

We see the A.B.C. news logo.

ANNOUNCER(V.O.)

We interrupt the regular scheduled programming to bring you this breaking news story...

The image melts away to reveal a news reader seen sitting behind the desk, it is the same A.B.C. newsreader we saw before.

SETH MCLANEFAR

A few minutes ago, mainland China was hit by what intelligence experts are calling a computer virus which has all but paralyzed their conventional military forces world-wide

(Beat)

We go now to our reporter, Harry Johnson, who's in the Egyptian capitol, Cairo...

The image of Seth McLanefar fades to a reporter facing a camera, the caption beneath him reads: LIVE.

HARRY JOHNSON

It is as you said Seth, just a few moments ago, the Chinese military forces that have occupied this city suddenly ground to a halt, as if their plugs had been pulled

The camera pans to the left and shows a Chinese tank at the side of the road, it has been set afire and is blazing away. The camera then moves back to the reporter.

HARRY JOHNSON (CONT'D)

It was a sight to behold let me tell you, the tanks just slow to a halt and the Chinese jets just dropped from the sky like pebbles
(Beat)

What you are about to see was recorded from the hotel where we were taking shelter from the latest Chinese assault...

The image of the reporter fades to video footage from a hotel room. The camera is on the floor and we can see part of the bed and wall. There is the sound of gunfire and explosions coming from outside. There is a loud explosion that shakes the room.

HARRY JOHNSON(O.S.) (CONT'D)

That one was close...

Suddenly, the gunfire and explosions stop.

HARRY JOHNSON (CONT'D)

What the FUCK is going on?

CAMERAMAN

Maybe the Egyptians surrendered?

HARRY JOHNSON

Not a chance...

CAMERAMAN

Well, there's only one way to find out them isn't there?

The camera rises up as the cameraman picks it up, he moves towards the balcony. The camera shows shots of Chinese mobil artillery in the streets below not moving. Egyptian civilians and some military begin attacking the stranded Chinese.

CAMERAMAN (CONT'D)

Harry, get over here and check this out...

Abruptly the VIDEO IMAGE contracts, becoming a box CHROMAKEYED behind the newsreader.

SETH MCLANEFA

We have to interrupt that report from Harry Johnson as I have just been informed that President Morisette of the United States is about to address the nation...

The image then changes and displays the President Morisette, sat behind his desk in the Oval Office.

PRESIDENT MORISSETTE

Just a few short minutes ago, the Chinese forces that are currently engaged in hostilities against against the other nations on Earth, suffered a major communications crash caused by a computer virus virus

(Beat)

This is all part of a coordinated attack on the Chinese by the American-led Allied Nations. The virus was also designed to filter into as many military vehicles as possible and shut them down, crippling the Chinese armed forces

(Beat)

The virus attack will continue unless the Chinese surrender within the next day and withdraw all their forces back to Chinese territory, failure to surrender will result in another virus attack that will...

FADE TO:

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

The viewscreen flickers then goes blank.

DRAGSTRIP

That lying prick, he took credit for Connie's idea

JOSEPH

Well, there's not much we can do about that is there. We can't exactly go back down to Earth and say "Hey, that was not your idea"

DRAGSTRIP

I see your point

CONNIE

Shall I send down Omega 2?

JOSEPH

No, leave the Chinese as they are, they are down but not out. This will give the Allied Nations a chance to strike back and hopefully drive them back to mainland China

PORTER

Have Omega 2 on stand-by
(Off Joseph's Look)
Just in case the Allied Nations don't pull it together and kick the slit-eyed Communist China scum all the way back to Beijing
Connie studies the tactical console, smiling:

CONNIE

(Smiling)

It would seem that the "American computer virus" has somehow infected some of China's civilian applications

MIKA

Which ones?

CONNIE

(Off The Console)

All traffic lights are now stuck at green. Every railroad signal is at red. Certain outlying cities have no power as the generators have shut down. The list goes on for quiet a while

TAYLOR

I hope it causes massive societal breakdown and incites a Chinese civil war, that will teach them to start the third world war

MIKA

What about the Chinese civilians?
This virus will affect them to

TAYLOR

Who gives a slag about them,
their government has caused the
deaths of millions of civilians
through out the world with their
dragons...

CONNIE

(Interrupting)

The non-Chinese civilian death
toll so far is at least 12
million

TAYLOR

So excuse me for not shedding a
tear for them when those evil
scum have caused the deaths of 12
million innocent civilians

MIKA

And what would you call killing
innocent Chinese?

TAYLOR

Justice

Seeing the argument starting to heat up, Joseph steps in:

JOSEPH

Well, since this is rapidly
turning into a heated argument, I
suggest we all go and use this
time to relax before we head home

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - JOSEPH & AIKO'S ROOM - LATER

The comm system chirps. Joseph yawns, gets up from the bed
where he ws asleep and answers it.

JOSEPH

(into comm unit)

Go ahead

PORTER(V.O.)

Commander, we have a serious
problem. The United States are
preparing to launch their
missiles.

JOSEPH

(into comm unit)

I thought we had another thirty
minutes?

PORTER(V.O.)
What can I say, the Chinks
provoked them by not surrendering

JOSEPH
Understood, alert the others at
once, I'm on my way.

PORTER(V.O.)
Understood

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

Everyone is at their stations.

CONNIE
I'm picking up a news broadcast
of importance

PORTER
Let's see it

The viewscreen flickers to life

FADE TO:

A.B.C. NEWS BROADCAST

We see the A.B.C. news logo.

ANNOUNCER(V.O.)
We interrupt the regular
scheduled programming to bring
you this emergency message from
the White House...

The image then changes and displays President Morisette,
stood behind a podium in the White House press room.

PRESIDENT MORISSETTE
Just a few short minutes ago, we
received word of a massive
Chinese military launch against
this nation. We have no word yet
on what exactly they are sending
our way, but we can be certain
that they intend to attack these
United States with all of their
available conventional military
forces that have not been
effected by our virus
(Beat)
(MORE)

PRESIDENT MORISSETTE (CONT'D)

I am therefore forced to activate all armed forces and put them on full alert, all national guard units are to be activated. All state, county and local law enforcement personnel are to be federalized effective immediately...

The phalanx of reporters that have gathered for this emergency press conference all shout questions at the same time.

REPORTER #1

Are the Chinese trying to invade?

REPORTER #2

Will our allies help repel the invasion?

REPORTER #3

Will the Chinese go nuclear?

Despite them all shouting questions at him, he continues.

PRESIDENT MORIESSETTE

Our borders with Mexico and Canada are closed effective immediately. All boarder patrol forces are also federalized
(Beat)

I have sent word to the Chinese that if any of their forces make landfall anywhere within our nation, they will be met with deadly force and that we will respond with everything at our disposal...

REPORTER #3

Will we use nuclear weapons to stop the invading Chinese?

PRESIDENT MORIESSETTE

If the Chinese do not recall their invasion force, and if any part of that invasion force sets foot on american soil, I will have no choice but to use our nuclear arsenal to defend this nation...

FADE TO:

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

The screen flickers and goes blank.

ZAC

Well, that does it, we have to
get back home, and I mean right
now

CONNIE

The vortex generator is on-line
and will require just a few
minutes to power up

INT. BASE - COMMAND CENTER

At a radar console, a blip appears:

RADAR TECH

Inbound bogie, ten miles out

WATCH COMMANDER

Unidentified Bogie, you're in
restricted US Military Airspace,
Squawk ident and proceed East out
of area.

(STATIC)

Raptors one and two: proceed to
intercept, we got no response
from this Bogey

EXT SKY ABOVE BASE - NIGHT

Two F-22's orbiting the base, BANK HARD:

EXT. ELSEWHERE - SKIES - CONTINUOUS

A massive winged dragon appears. The F-22' s streak
overhead.

F22 PILOT#1

My god, it a dragon...

WATCH COMMANDER(V.O.)

Break and attack, shoot it down

The jet pilot lines up a heat seeking reticule on the
dragon, a TONE indicates a LOCK.

EXT SKY ABOVE BASE - NIGHT

The dragon turns it's head and spits two fireballs that
slam into the F22's, destroying them in a massive
explosion. The dragon roars and banks left

INT. BASE - COMMAND CENTER

RADAR TECH

The dragon is now 5 miles out

WATCH COMMANDER

Sound battle stations. launch...

RADAR TECH

(Pointing to is screen)

To late...

EXT BASE - NIGHT

THE SKY EXPLODES into WHITE LIGHT as a nuclear weapon detonates above the base.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

An alarm rings out, getting everyone's attention.

CONNIE

A nuclear detonation has just taken place at Guantanamo Bay

JOSEPH

Red alert, divert all power to shields

CONNIE

No can do, all available power is being focused into the engines

(Beat)

There's nothing we can do

MATTHEW

Firing thrusters...

ROLLBAR

Thrusters engaged.

JOSEPH

Take us straight to full military thrust They shake as they leave orbit.

EXT. SPACE - EARTH ORBIT

The Galaxy Knight leaves orbit.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

CONNIE

I'm detecting multiple missile launches

(Beat)

The end has come...

(Beat)

I'm detecting missile launches heading towards us

DRAGSTRIP

How could they target us, how do those communist SCUM even know we're up here?

CONNIE

They probably don't know we're up here, they're launch systems are probably still affected by the Omega 1 virus

EXT. SPACE - GALAXY KNIGHT

Seven massive Nuclear missiles streak up from Earth and head straight towards the Galaxy Knight.

INT. GALAXY KNIGHT - BRIDGE

An explosion rocks the ship.

DRAGSTRIP

One of the missiles hit our aft quarter, shields down to six percent

Another blast:

DRAGSTRIP

Shields down to 1 percent

CONNIE

Ten seconds to maximum power input

DRAGSTRIP

I'll divert power from the engines to...

CONNIE

(Interrupting)

No, do NOT take power from the engines

(Off DragStrip's look)

(MORE)

CONNIE (CONT'D)

We have to keep up the power to the engines, because if the power levels to the vortex generator drop, then this is gonna get pretty interesting.

DRAGSTRIP

Define "Interesting"?

CONNIE

(calm suggestion)

"Oh god, oh god, we're all gonna die?"

EXT. SPACE - GALAXY KNIGHT

The stars cease to streak by, and far out in front of the ship, a RIFT can be seen in space. The rift resembles a large jagged tear in space within which can be seen a maelstrom of changing colors and patterns. The Galaxy Knight sails into the rift.

FADE TO:

INT. CYBERTECH HQ - PAT'S OFFICE

PAT

Anything?

CONNIE(V.O.)

The scans picked up the drive signature traces, there was some indication of a spatial anomaly

PAT

But no wreckage...

CONNIE(V.O.)

Nothing...

(Beat)

A vortex is forming, something's coming out it's them

PAT

Put them on the screen

The screen flickers to life and shows the Guardians on the bridge of the Galaxy Knight

PAT (CONT'D)

Where have you been, I've been worried sick about you

JOSEPH
(On Screen)
Through the looking glass,
father, it's good to be back.
We'll brief you as soon as we're
in orbit

EXT. SPACE - EARTH ORBIT

As the Galaxy Knight glides towards Earth.

FADE TO
CREDITS

END OF ACT FOUR