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FADE IN:

EXT. A TRAINING FIELD NEAR S.P.D. H.Q. - DAY

DEX (dressed in red running shorts and a white t-shirt)
runs a few laps around the track.

INT. THE TECH ROOM - DAY

ANITA does some of her usual maintenance.

INT. A LOUNGE IN S.P.D. H.Q. - DAY

PATRICK and JULIE sit on one of the couches watching the
news on TV.

INT. A FIRING PRACTICE RANGE - DAY

JOHN has his side arm out doing some target practice.

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

DORIAN sits at his desk doing some paperwork. He stops for
a moment.

DORIAN

It sure is a slow day today.

INT. AN UNKNOWN LOCATION - DAY

A number "3" written in red on a black background appears
on a screen. The "3" counts down to "2", then "1", and
finally "0" on a white background.

EXT. THE STREETS OF DIATECH CITY - DAY

A building explodes.

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

The alarm goes off.

DORIAN

Looks like things are starting to perk
up today.

Dorian grabs his morpher and opens it to phone mode.

EXT. THE TRACK - DAY

Dex has his morpher out in phone mode.

DORIAN OVER THE COMMUNICATOR
All Rangers report to the command room
immediately.

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

ALEXANDRA rushes into the room. Patrick and Julie soon follow, then John, and finally Dex (now in his uniform).

PATRICK
What's going on?

DORIAN
It appears that a research lab at point
2-5-1B has exploded.

DEX
But who would do this?

DORIAN
There are several serial bombers out
there, so it could be anybody.

A laughing can be heard through the intercom system.

VOICE
It's not any old serial bomber.

JOHN
Who are you?

INT. AN UNKNOWN LOCATION - DAY

SHORT FUSE sits in a seat with a microphone attached to his head.

SHORT FUSE
Someone who wants to play with the
Earth branch. I sure hope you enjoyed
the opening event.

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

The Rangers are gathered around the speaker that Short Fuse's voice is coming out of. Dorian is at his desk.

JOHN
So you're the one who blew that lab up?

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE INTERCOM
That's right.

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse sits in his seat.

SHORT FUSE
Allow me to introduce myself, I'm Short
Fuse.

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

Dorian rises from his desk.

DORIAN
Short Fuse?!

JULIE
You know him Captain?

DORIAN
Not really, but various branches have
had trouble with him in the past.
Numerous planets have become victims to
his mad bombing games. We're not really
sure what he looks like either, because
nobody's ever been able to find him.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE INTERCOM
Ahh...

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse sits in his seat.

SHORT FUSE
So I'm that famous?! That makes me so
happy!

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM DAY - DAY

The Rangers are still gathered around the speaker that
Short Fuse's voice is coming out of.

DEX
It's not a compliment.

Patrick goes up to the computer terminal near the speaker,
and presses a few buttons.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE INTERCOM
As I was saying, I want to play a
little game with your Earth branch.

JULIE

A game?

ALEXANDRA

What kind of a game?

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse sits in his seat.

SHORT FUSE

It's a little game I like to call "Bomb Sweeper". And at one point within the city there's a bomb that'll blow your planet up.

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

The Rangers are still gathered the speaker.

DORIAN

What?!

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE SPEAKER

You'll choose one player. That player will then go to a location I give you to stop a timer. If the player makes it in time the player will get a clue as to where the big bomb is. You can all think about the clues I give. But if the player doesn't make it in time, the bomb will go off. And you'll all enjoy the Earth shattering kaboom.

JOHN

This is insane!

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE SPEAKER

You have half an hour to get to point 9-2-3F.

Short Fuse ends the communication.

JOHN

Patrick, trace the call.

PATRICK

I've been doing that, but he's jamming the communications.

JULIE

This guy's serious.

DORIAN
Only one player, eh?

JOHN
I'll do it Captain.

DORIAN
No, Dex you go.

DEX
Yes Captain.

JOHN
WHAT?! No offence Captain, but this kind of case is too advanced for the rookie.

DEX
You seem to forget John that I'm no longer a rookie.

DORIAN
John, trust my instincts on this one, and that's an order. Understood?

JOHN
Yes sir.

DORIAN
Think you can do this Dex?

DEX
Just leave it to me.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. THE STREETS OF DIATECH CITY - DAY

Dex drives Night Chaser through the streets and eventually up to a small park. Dex parks the car, gets out, and searches the park. He hears a faint beeping sound. Dex turns around and heads in the direction of the beeping. Dex eventually comes across Short Fuse's timer, which also has a strange purple-colored cell phone lying next to it.

DEX

This must be it.

Dex presses the button on the timer and the timer stops with 176 seconds left. A white square card with a red "8" on it comes out of the timer. Dex picks up the card.

DEX

What's with the eight?

Dex takes out his morpher, and opens it to phone mode. He points the screen of the phone at the card and takes a picture. The cell phone starts to ring. Dex puts his morpher and the card down, picks up the phone and answers.

DEX

Hello?

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Good you made it in time.

DEX

What's with the card?

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

It's your first clue.

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

Dex's picture appears on a screen.

JULIE

Eight? But what could it mean?

PATRICK

It's probably the first part of a coordinate.

JOHN

Of course. The bomb's probably located at point eight something.

PATRICK

But is it really that easy?

EXT. A PLAZA IN DIATECH CITY - DAY

Dex walks into the plaza. He turns around.

VOICE

Over here!

Dex turns around to see Alexandra. Dex walks over to Alexandra and holds out the card and the cell phone. Alexandra takes off one of her gloves. Just as Alexandra is about to touch the phone and card, a laser is fired at her and Dex. The phone rings, and Dex answers.

DEX

What?

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

I thought I told you only one player.
If you don't want to play by the rules,
then I'll just detonate the bomb right
now.

DEX

No don't! I'll behave.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Good. As punishment, from here on in
you can't morph, and you can't use any
vehicles. So go to point 2-9-0Y. You
have twenty minutes. Bye.

Short Fuse ends the communication. Dex takes out his morpher in phone mode, and presses a few buttons.

DEX

Okay got it.

Dex puts his morpher away, and places the phone around his neck using the neck strap. Dex runs off.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

Patrick paces a little. John sits at the center console.

PATRICK

He's got to be somewhere close by, or else he wouldn't have been able to shoot at Alexandra like that.

JOHN

I just thought of something.

PATRICK

What?

JOHN

We might be able to figure out where he is by calculating the trajectory of the shot that was fired at Alexandra.

PATRICK

That just might work.

John goes over to one of the terminals and hits a few buttons.

JOHN

There got it.

EXT. THE STREETS OF DIATECH CITY - DAY

John rides up to a building on the Squad Cycle. The Night Beat squad car pulls up behind him, and Julie gets out.

JULIE

This is it?

JOHN

If my calculations are right, it is.

A blue laser is fired at John and Julie from the top of the building.

JULIE

Looks like you're right.

They both draw their side arms and run into the building, all the while dodging the laser fire that is coming from the top of the building.

INT. A STAIRWELL IN THE BUILDING - DAY

John and Julie run up the stairs. When they get close to the top, a small platoon of Mechadroids approaches them.

JOHN

Just great, an interference.

John and Julie take out their morphers.

JOHN AND JULIE

Emergency!

EXT. THE STREETS OF DIATECH CITY - DAY

Dex runs through the streets. He eventually comes up to a crosswalk. Dex pushes the button for the crosswalk numerous times.

DEX

C'mon, c'mon, c'mon, c'mon, c'mon,
c'mon, c'mon!

The light on the crosswalk changes and Dex continues to run.

INT. THE STAIRWELL OF THE BUILDING - DAY

John and Julie (both still morphed) fight the Mechadroids. Julie elbows a Mechadroid, and punches at another. John kicks at a Mechadroid all the while holding onto his Snipe Blaster. John hits another Mechadroid with the bottom of his Blaster, and it falls down the stairs. Julie runs up the stairs passing by the Mechadroid, while holding her Strike Blaster. She meets up with John, and they both face the door that leads to the roof of the building.

JOHN

Looks like we've got you Short Fuse.
And this game you're playing ends now.

John opens the door, and he and Julie go onto the roof. A blue laser is fired at them, and they both dodge the shot. John rolls on the ground and fires a blast at a laser turret that has a camera attached to it, which is on the roof. John's blast stops the firing. He and Julie get up, and see the turret. A small green ball that has a razzing face pops out of the turret on a spring with some confetti.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH A COMMUNICATOR

Too bad!

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse sits in his seat. John and Julie can be seen on the roof on a screen in the hideout. Julie runs up to the camera on the screen.

JULIE

Stop making us look like idiots!

EXT. THE ROOF - DAY

John grabs onto the barrel of his Blaster.

JOHN

This guy's completely different from other criminals we've faced.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. THE STREETS OF DIATECH CITY - DAY

Dex continues to run through the streets. Dex also has his morpher out in phone mode. On the screen is a map of Diatech City with the point Dex is going to marked out with a red dot. Dex continues to run through the streets only paying attention to the screen. He turns to his right, and enters a tunnel-like structure.

DEX

Good I'm here, but where could the timer be?

Dex continues to walk through the tunnel, not really paying attention to the kind of building it is. Dex puts away his morpher and sees that he is in a huge soccer stadium.

DEX

A soccer stadium?! There's no way I'm going to be able to find the time in this thing!

Dex lets out an annoyed grunt and starts to run throughout the stands. As he is running he checks under every seat possible and finds nothing. Dex gets back onto the section where he entered the stadium. He pulls out his morpher and opens it to phone mode. A timer on the screen is displaying the amount of time Dex has left.

DEX

Great only two minutes.

Dex puts his morpher away and sees a support column. Dex stares at the column for a section with an expression of deep thought over his face.

DEX

It works for Patrick.

Dex walks over to the column and does a hand stand up against it. Dex closes his eyes, but after a few minutes gets nothing. Dex gets back to his feet.

DEX

Where is this thing!

Dex walks down another sets of stairs in the stands, but trips as he walks down. Dex tumbles on the stairs, but when he stops he hears a beeping sound. Dex looks over and sees another one of Short Fuse's timers. Dex crawls over to the timer and presses the button to stop it. The timer stops at 3 seconds left. A card comes out this time with a blue triangle on it.

DEX

A triangle?

The cell phone rings. Dex answers.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Looks like you finally made it. However your friends proved to be useless.

DEX

My friends?

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

I can't and won't be found that easily. Next is point 1-7-4K. You've got twenty minutes.

Dex takes out his morpher in phone mode to see the location of the point.

DEX

But that's almost on the other side of town. How do you expect to get there in twenty minutes?

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Not my problem. Besides shouldn't you be using this time to run instead of argue with me?

The communication ends. Dex gets to his feet, puts his morpher away and runs off.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

A picture of the triangle card is displayed on the screen. Patrick and Alexandra look at it while Dorian still sits at his desk.

ALEXANDRA

So they weren't point numbers after all.

PATRICK

I knew it couldn't have been that easy.

ALEXANDRA

Got anything?

PATRICK

Not yet.

Patrick walks up to one of the walls and gets into his thinking pose. Patrick closes his eyes for a few seconds. After doing some thinking, Patrick gets out of his thinking pose.

PATRICK

I've got nothing.

Dorian gets up from his desk. He starts to pace around a little.

DORIAN

So it appears that Dex really is our only hope. I just hope everything my mom used to email me about him is true.

ALEXANDRA

What do you mean sir?

DORIAN

You'll just have to wait and see.

EXT. THE STREETS OF DIATECH CITY - DAY

Dex continues to run eventually coming up to a seafood restaurant. Dex enters the restaurant and pulls out his morpher. He opens it to change mode to flash his badge.

DEX

S.P.D. I'm conducting an investigation.

A matre d comes up to Dex.

MATRE D

My dear customer, if there is some kind of problem I will be glad to help you with it.

DEX

I'm not here to eat, I'm a cop and there's something in here I need to take care of.

Dex goes off to search under a few tables. The customers sitting at the tables get a little freaked out as Dex passes by. Dex then goes over to one of the registers, and finally checks the lobster tank. A faint beeping can be heard. Dex hears it and goes over to the source, a small potted tree in a basket. Dex picks up the tree, and sees a timer in the bottom. Dex presses the button and stops the timer at "007" seconds left. Another card comes out, this time a green capital "M" is on the card.

DEX

An M?

The phone rings and Dex answers.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

I must say that you're really working hard on this. You should be proud of yourself. This is actually the first time I've seen someone work as hard as you.

DEX

You've pulled this stunt on other planets?

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Of course, although I can't remember how many.

Short Fuse laughs a little.

DEX

This isn't amusing.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

For you no, but for me yes, and the best part is that everyone runs around all panicked, but in the end the planet still blows up.

DEX

That's it! I have enough of this game and you!

Dex takes the phone off of his neck, and raises the phone above his head.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE
(panicked) STOP!!!

Dex holds off on throwing the phone to the ground. He brings the phone in front of his face.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE
You don't want to throw the phone away,
because it'd be an inconvenience to
you. You've got one final place to go
to. So go to point 6-0-5P, and get
there in twenty-five minutes.

The communication stops. Dex places the phone around his neck again.

DEX
Why'd he sound so panicked when I was
about the throw away the phone?

Dex shrugs his shoulders and runs off.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

John, Alexandra, Julie, and Dorian sit around the center console. Patrick is up against a wall in his thinking pose. Julie has copies of the cards in front of her. The triangle card has the point facing up.

JULIE

I don't get it. What are these supposed to be?

JOHN

An eight, a triangle, and an M, what are these things supposed to be?

ALEXANDRA

Only Short Fuse knows for sure.

DORIAN

If we don't figure this out soon, then this'll be the sixteenth planet Short Fuse has pulled this stunt on.

JULIE

He's done this fifteen times all ready?

DORIAN

Unfortunately.

Julie picks up the cards and places them on another part of the center console. Patrick gets to his feet. Patrick goes over to the center console and sits down.

ALEXANDRA

How'd it go?

PATRICK

I've still got nothing.

Anita walks in carrying a tray with six coffee cups on it.

ANITA

I thought everyone could use some coffee right about now. And yes Dorian, it's the good stuff from Chinyo.

Anita walks up to the center console and places the tray on it. The tray ends up covering half of the card with the "8" on it. Patrick reaches over for one of the cups and notices the "8" card.

PATRICK
Wait a minute.

DORIAN
What?

Patrick grabs the "8" card from under the tray and folds it in half. He then does the same with the other two cards.

PATRICK
That's it!

JOHN
What?

PATRICK
I know where the bomb is.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. DIATECH CITY - DAY

Dex runs underneath a bridge over a shallow river. Dex passes through the river to make it to the other side. Once out of the water Dex continues to run.

EXT. ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY - DAY

Dex continues to run through the streets in hopes of making it to the next point in time. Dex takes out his morpher and opens it to phone mode. Dex glances at the screen for a minute and puts the morpher away.

EXT. A QUARRY - DAY

Nigh Beat, Night Chaser, and the Squad Cycle drive into the quarry. The cars and bike, park and John, Patrick, Julie, and Alexandra get off or out of their respective vehicles.

JOHN

You sure about this?

PATRICK

Positive, and you can thank Dr. Falco for putting that tray of coffee cups over one of the cards.

John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie start to walk through the quarry, and as they do a few explosions kick some dirt up.

JULIE

What was that?

ALEXANDRA

Them.

Alexandra points to the four X-droids who have now appeared.

PATRICK

There's no doubt about it. This is the right place.

John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie all take out their morphers.

JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND JULIE

Emergency!

John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie start to run toward the X-droids, and they all morph in flashes of their respective colors.

EXT. DIATECH CITY - DAY

Dex runs through the streets until coming up to a church with a high steeple. Dex enters the church and a priest comes up to him.

PRIEST

Can I help you?

Dex takes out his morpher and flashes his badge at the priest.

DEX

S.P.D. I'm here for an investigation.

PRIEST

I see. Let me know if there's anything I can help you with officer.

Dex starts to search through the pews on the main floor.

DEX

Nothing.

Dex then goes to the second floor and searches through the pews.

DEX

Still nothing. Where could it be?

Dex takes out his morpher, and opens it to phone mode. The timer on the screen is ticking down the seconds, and only a minute is left. Dex does some hard thinking.

DEX

Oh no. It's got to be anywhere but there.

The priest comes up to Dex.

PRIEST

Need any help?

DEX

Could you show me the way to the top of the steeple?

EXT. THE QUARRY - DAY

John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie (all still morphed) are fighting the X-droids. An X-droid slashes at Alexandra with its weapon, but she blocks the attack. The X-droid then hits her with one of its knees, and Alexandra falls back a little. The X-droid goes onto slash her a couple of times and Alexandra falls to the ground. Another X-droid slashes at John, and then kicks him hard causing John to fly back a little. John hits a partial hill and rolls to the ground. Another X-droid slashes at Patrick a couple of times. Patrick tries kicking the X-droid, but it dodges the attack and slashes at him knocking Patrick to the ground. The final X-droid tries to slash at Julie, but she blocks the attack with her D-Baton. The X-droid breaks free of the grasp, slashes at her, and then flips her over its head. Julie falls to the ground on her back.

INT. THE PART OF THE CHURCH THAT LEADS TO THE STEEPLE - DAY

Dex quickly, but carefully, walks up the stairs in the steeple. Eventually he takes off his jacket and ties the arms around his waist. Dex continues up the steeple.

EXT. THE QUARRY - DAY

John falls off of a ledge after getting attacked by an X-droid. Patrick soon follows him, then Alexandra, and finally Julie. John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie land on the ground, and the X-droids come up to the side of the ledge to look down on the four Rangers. John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie struggle to get to their feet as the X-droids aim the left hand blasters. The X-droids fire lasers, but Dorian (morphed) comes in and deflects the lasers with his Sword as John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie finally get to their feet.

JOHN

Captain!

DORIAN

I'll take care of these guys. You guys handle the bomb.

JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND JULIE

Yes sir!

John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie run off.

DORIAN

You're all going down, and I'm more than enough, for the likes of you.

Two of the X-droids jump off of the ledge. When they land two X-droids try to attack Dorian, but he blocks the attacks. He then slashes at them, and kicks them. The X-droids fall back, but they come at Dorian again. Dorian grabs onto one of the X-droids, while he slashes at the other. He then slashes at both of them and they fall down and explode. The two remaining X-droids fire lasers at Dorian, but Dorian jumps up and onto the ledge the two X-droids are standing on. The two X-droids try to attack Dorian, but he slashes at them a few times and they fall down and explode.

INT. THE PART OF THE CHURCH THAT LEADS TO THE STEEPLE - DAY

Dex very slowly makes it to the top of the steeple. The timer is in plain sight, and Dex goes over to it and presses the button to stop the timer. The timer stops with only 1 second left. Dex breathes a sigh of relief.

DEX

Just barely made it.

A final card comes out of the timer. Unlike the previous cards, this one is folded in half. Dex opens the card to see that nothing is written on either side of the card.

DEX

It's blank? I went through all of that, and the final card is blank?!

The phone rings and Dex answers.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

So you got the final clue.

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse sits in his seat. Dex is displayed on the screen in front of him.

SHORT FUSE

Do you get everything I've been doing?

DEX ON THE SCREEN

(angrily) Have you been toying with me this entire time?!

SHORT FUSE

I merely set up a mystery.

INT. THE TOP OF THE STEEPLE - DAY

Dex holds the phone in front of him.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

I gave you all of the clues. Now it's time to figure out where the bomb is. So just use those police skills you're supposed to have, but you've only got one minute.

DEX

What?! That's not enough time!

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Of course it's enough time. I've set up the rules, and the clues are fairly easy to figure out once you think about them.

Dex takes out the other cards and sets all four in a row starting with the "8" card, then the triangle card with the point facing up, then the "M", and finally the folded card. Dex stares at the cards.

DEX

I don't get it!

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Just where is the bomb? Oh no, time's slowly ticking away. Just where are your friends? Aren't they going to help you out on this one?

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse sits in his seat. A screen to his right displays the timer on the big bomb counting down from 15. Short Fuse holds a small remote up.

INT. THE STEEPLE - DAY

Dex picks up the cards and fans them out. He stares at them looking frustrated.

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse sits in his seat. The screen to his right is counting down the remaining seconds from 8. Short Fuse extends the antenna on the remote

SHORT FUSE

Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock.

INT. THE STEEPLE - DAY

Dex stands up with the cards in hand. He still looks very frustrated.

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse sits in his seat. The screen counts down to one, and finally 0.

SHORT FUSE
Time's up! Good job, but in the end it
was a futile effort.

Short Fuse lifts the safety cover on the remote's button.
Short Fuse pushes the button.

INT. THE STEEPLE - DAY

Dex starts to duck for cover.

DEX
NO!!!

Nothing happens.

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse looks at the remote.

SHORT FUSE
Where's the Earth shattering kaboom?

COMPUTER VOICE
Bomb disabled. Bomb disabled.

SHORT FUSE
No!

INT. THE STEEPLE - DAY

Dex looks at the phone.

DEX
What?

Dex's morpher rings. He opens it to phone mode.

JOHN THROUGH THE COMMUNICATOR
Good job rookie. Now get out of there
and we'll meet up with you.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. THE CHURCH - DAY

Dex stands around holding the cards in one hand and the phone in another. John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie (all morphed) appear. They go over to Dex.

ALEXANDRA

Dex.

DEX

Guys.

PATRICK

Great work. We took care of the bomb.

John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie all power down.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

How? How did you know the secret location?

INT. SHORT FUSE'S HIDEOUT - DAY

Short Fuse looks at Dex and Patrick on the screen in front of him.

SHORT FUSE

He just got the final clue.

DEX ON THE SCREEN

So where was the bomb Patrick?

EXT. THE CHURCH - DAY

The Rangers stand around.

PATRICK

It's like this Dex.

Patrick takes the cards out of Dex's hands. He notices how the triangle is.

PATRICK

First of all you've got the triangle upside down.

Patrick turns the triangle around. He then folds the three cards with the writing on them. Patrick holds up the folded cards with the folded "8" card on the left, the folded triangle card in the middle, and the folded "M" card on the end.

PATRICK

It was point 3-7-1. I figured it out when Dr. Falco partially placed a tray over the "eight" card, and the eight became a three.

DEX

Amazing, but it doesn't surprise me.

PATRICK

But one thing's for sure about Short Fuse. The Riddler he ain't.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

I never thought you'd make it this far. Looks like I'll just have to come back another day.

JOHN

You're just going to run?

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

You guys don't even know where I am. So there's no way you can catch me.

PATRICK

Look like he's right.

DEX

Is that so? Because I know exactly where you are.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Then where am I?

DEX

You were always watching me no matter where I was, which means you were always with me. And there's only one place where you could always be with me. You're in the phone.

JOHN

What are you saying, rookie?

JULIE

He must be a little delusional from all of the running.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

I agree. What kind of a joke is this?

DEX

It's no joke. I thought it was kind of strange that you sounded panicked when I was about to throw the phone away, which can only mean that you're in the phone.

Dex then starts to rip the front part of the phone off. Short Fuse can be heard sounding somewhat uncomfortable.

SHORT FUSE THROUGH THE PHONE

Stop it!

Dex finally manages to rip the screen of the phone off. Short fuse can be seen sitting within the phone.

ALEXANDRA

He's an Arquillian. Now I understand.

PATRICK

Looks like he definitely lives up to his name.

JULIE

I think it's amazing that Dex knew something that you didn't Patrick.

Dex takes out his side arm and points it at Short Fuse.

SHORT FUSE

You stopped my bomb, and figured out my location. There's only one this left to do.

Short Fuse presses a button on a control device. The ground shakes as a giant robot appears. The phone shocks Dex causing him to let go of it. The phone then flies over and into the robot. The robot turns to its left and walks away.

DEX

Looks like there's only one thing to do.

Dex opens his morpher to phone mode.

DEX

Dr. Falco we need the Zords.

EXT. S.P.D. H.Q. - DAY

The side of the building opens up as the Patrol Zords speed out. Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie quickly morph and enter their Zords.

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND
JULIE
Megazord formation!

The Patrol Zords combine into the Patrol Megazord.

JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND JULIE
Patrol Megazord, online!

SHORT FUSE
If you think I'm just some smart guy,
you're wrong!

Short Fuse's robot starts to charge at the Patrol Megazord.

DEX
This guy doesn't know when to quit.

The Patrol Megazord charges at the robot with the Justice Sword in hand. The Patrol Megazord and the robot clang swords against each other's, then raise them up, and slash at each other simultaneously. They both fall back. The Patrol Megazord and the robot thrust their swords at each other again, again hitting each other simultaneously. They both fall back. The Patrol Megazord slashes at the robot, but the robot blocks the sword with its shield. The robot then slashes at the Patrol Megazord a couple of times, and fires a couple of shots from its shield. The Patrol Megazord falls back a little.

DEX
Oh no you don't!

The Patrol Megazord jumps up and unleashes a high-powered slash on the robot, knocking the shield out of the robot's left hand. The Patrol Megazord slashes at the robot again, this time knocking its sword out of its hands. The Patrol Megazord switches weapons to the Signal Blaster, and fires a shot at the robot. The robot falls back, and the Patrol Megazord holds out its left arm with the screen flipped up. Inside of P-Zord 1 Dex sits holding his morpher.

DEX
Short Fuse, for the destruction of
fifteen other planets, creating riots,
and attempting to destroy Earth,
JUDGMENT!

Dex opens his morpher to judge mode. The one-minute judgment cycle works its way to an "X" verdict.

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND
JULIE
Delete approved.

SHORT FUSE

Take this!

The robot starts to charge at the Patrol Megazord. The Patrol Megazord aims the Signal Blaster.

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND
JULIE

Signal Blaster full power!

JULIE

Five!

ALEXANDRA

Four!

PATRICK

Three!

JOHN

Two!

DEX

One!

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND
JULIE

FIRE!

The Patrol Megazord fires numerous high-powered shots at the robot. The robot takes the shots, and falls down and explodes taking Short Fuse with it. Inside of P-Zord 1 Dex sits at the controls.

DEX

And with this case closed. Man, am I
ever worn out!

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie sit at the center console folding cards like the ones from Short Fuse's timers. John paces around the room. Dorian sits at his desk. Julie picks one a card that looks like a heart with a line on the bottom. She folds it in half and it becomes a "2". Alexandra folds a card that has a horizontal line attached to a vertical line, attached to a circle. Once folded the design on the card becomes a "5".

JOHN

There's one thing that I still don't understand Captain.

DORIAN

Yes John?

JOHN

Why'd you choose your brother over any one of the four of us?

DORIAN

My mom used to email me all the time when I was off in space. One of the things she told me about was Dex's time on his high school track team. He was actually a fairly big track star back then.

ALEXANDRA

So that's what you meant by "what my mom used to email me".

DORIAN

Exactly, and after today it looks like he hasn't forgotten what he learned on the track team.

PATRICK

But if I remember correctly, when we did our Ranger training Dex didn't seem that fast.

DORIAN

Dex can be temperamental some times, and I think he might've been a little mad when I made him do five extra laps that day.

JULIE

I'm still amazed at the fact that Dex was able to figure out where Short Fuse was, unlike some people.

PATRICK

Well in my defense nobody knew that Short Fuse was an Arquillian.

DORIAN

Patrick does have a point, no one in the S.P.D. knew what Short Fuse looked like, so there's was no way of knowing what planet he came from. But Short Fuse has been taken care of, so it doesn't matter any more.

JOHN

So how come the rookie got out of this little meeting of ours?

DORIAN

I gave him the rest of the day off. After everything Dex did today, he could use the break.

END