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FADE IN:

INT. THE HALLS OF S.P.D. H.Q. - DAY

DORIAN walks down the halls carrying a clipboard a few loose papers. A ringing sound is heard, and Dorian instinctively takes out his morpher, but it is not ringing. Dorian puts his morpher away, takes out his cell phone and answers it. Dorian continues down the hall.

DORIAN

Hello? (pause) Hi mom. (pause) It's that time of year all ready? (pause) I'm not sure if I can make it this year. (pause) I'm a little swamped with paperwork.

As Dorian walks down the hall, DEX walks up to him.

DORIAN

Wait a minute, here's Dex.

Dorian hands Dex the phone, with his thumb over the receiver.

DORIAN

It's mom.

DEX

Hi mom. (pause) I'm not sure if I can make it. I'll have to ask my superior.

DORIAN

Yes you can do it Dex.

DEX

I can do it. (pause) Okay I'll see you tomorrow.

Dex hits the end call button on the phone and hands it back to Dorian.

DEX

So why'd you pass that on to me?

DORIAN

I'm busy, plain and simple.

DEX

But this would be the first career day
at mom's school that you didn't do.

DORIAN

Hey if I'm busy, I'm busy. Besides this
could actually be good for you.

DEX

How?

DORIAN

You'd eventually have to do something
like this anyway. And it's always best
to get these things out of the way
first. So are you ready to do this?

DEX

Yes.

DORIAN

Don't worry you'll do a good job.
Besides you are a better cop than John
gives you credit for. Speaking of
which...

Dorian checks his watch. The minute hand is pointing to the
six, while the hour hand is half way between the one and
two.

DORIAN

You, and the others need to go to do
that raid now.

DEX

Yes Captain.

Dex runs off.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. AN AREA BY A RIVER - DAY

LUCERTOLO lies on a lawn chair fast asleep, and snoring somewhat loudly. A hat rests on his head partially covering his face.

INT. AN OFFICE - DAY

DON SQUALO sits behind a table that has several items on it. Don Squalo rises from his chair, and walks away from the table a little.

DON SQUALO

Where is he? It's all ready two thirty,
and that moron hasn't shown up.

The door to the office bursts open and Dex (morphed) comes in. Dex crouches on the floor, and draws both of his Blasters, aiming them at Don Squalo.

DEX

Freeze! You're under arrest.

Dex gets to his feet as Don Squalo raises his hands, and places them behind his head.

DON SQUALO

So SPD's here.

DEX

Just hand over the Veneziano Crystals
and we'll go easy on you.

JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, and JULIE (all morphed) come into the room and aim their Blasters at Don Squalo.

DON SQUALO

So that idiot Lucertolo ratted me out,
eh?

DEX

Again give up the Veneziano Crystals
and we'll go easy on you.

Don Squalo turns around to face the Rangers in the room.

DON SQUALO

Sorry, but I can't do that.

DEX

What?

Don Squalo presses a button on a control device that he is holding in his right hand. The ground shakes, and Don Squalo runs away.

DEX

Hold it!

Don Squalo jumps up and into a giant robot. Dex chases after him, and aims his Blasters at the robot, before putting them back in their holsters.

DEX

He's not going to get away that easy.

Dex takes out his morpher, and opens it to phone mode.

DEX

Dr. Falco, the Zords!

The Patrol Zords make their way to the area. Dex jumps up and into P-Zord 1.

JULIE

What's gotten into him?

JOHN

Well, follow the rookie.

John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie leave the room, and jump up and into their respective Zords.

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND

JULIE

Megazord formation!

The Patrol Zords combine.

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND

JULIE

Patrol Megazord, online!

The Patrol Megazord and robot face each other. The robot then fires energy bolts from its head, but the Patrol Megazord jumps to its right to dodge.

DEX

Signal Blaster!

The Patrol Megazord starts to fire a few shots from the Signal Blaster at the robot. The robot takes all of the hits. The Patrol Megazord lands. Inside of the robot, Don Squalo takes out a communication device.

DON SQUALO
Lucertolo, where are you?!

EXT. THE RIVER BANK - DAY

Lucertolo continues to sleep as Don Squalo's voice can be heard coming out of the communication device that is lying beside him.

DON SQUALO THROUGH THE COMMUNICATOR
Lucertolo, what are you doing that so important right now? Lucertolo!

Lucertolo wakes.

DON SQUALO THROUGH THE COMMUNICATOR
LUCERTOLO!

LUCERTOLO
Oh no. I dozed off again.

EXT. DOWNTOWN DIATECH CITY - DAY

Inside of the robot Don Squalo continues to yell through the communication device.

DON SQUALO
What are you doing you moron?!

Don Squalo throws the communication device down. Outside, the robot jumps up.

DEX
You're not getting away.

RICK THROUGH THE COMMUNICATOR
Sorry I'm late, guys!

DEX
Rick?

The Mars Cyclezord makes its way to the area, and toward the Patrol Megazord. The Patrol Megazord runs up beside the Mars Cyclezord and gets on. The Patrol Megazord follows the robot, which has now taken to the sky. The robot looks back and fires a blast from its head, but the Patrol Megazord dodges the shots, and fires a few of its own from the Signal Blaster. The shots hit the robot, causing it to fall to the ground. The Patrol Megazord parks the Mars Cyclezord.

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, JULIE,
AND RICK
Mars Patrol formation!

The Patrol Megazord and Mars Cyclezord combine.

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, JULIE,
AND RICK

Mars Patrol Megazord, online!

The robot gets to its feet and faces the Mars Patrol Megazord. RICK (morphed) sits in his cockpit.

RICK

Captain Kruger said to just bring him
in for questioning.

DEX

Got it, and then we can find where the
Veneziano Crystals are, right?

Outside, the robot charges at the Mars Patrol Megazord, and strikes it a few times with its arms, before kicking it once. The robot tries to strike again, but the Mars Patrol Megazord blocks the attack, and gives the robot a few hard punches, which knock the robot back. The Mars Patrol Megazord's hyper jets flip out and it uses them to speed toward Don Squalo, before giving it a hard punch. The robot falls down, and the Mars Patrol Megazord fires police tape at the robot. The tape wraps around the robot.

DEX

Time to bring you in. And you better
tell us everything.

EXT. THE RIVER BANK - DAY

Lucertolo paces around the area with his hands on his head in frustration.

LUCERTOLO

The Don's not going to like this.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. THE HALLWAY OF A SCHOOL - DAY

Dex walks through the halls, and up to a door marked "DOROTHY KRUGER PRINCIPAL". He knocks on the door, and MRS. KRUGER answers.

MRS. KRUGER
Good you're here now.

DEX
I told you I was coming yesterday,
didn't I?

Dex and Mrs. Kruger start to walk down the hall.

MRS. KRUGER
I know Dex. It's just that you're
brother usually shows up at least half
an hour before he's supposed to talk to
his first class. Too bad he's swamped
with paper work.

INT. THE TECH ROOM - DAY

Dorian, and ANITA sit in chairs both holding cups of coffee.

ANITA
No offence Dorian, but you should be
ashamed of yourself right now.

DORIAN
For what?

ANITA
Pawning off that job to Dex.

DORIAN
I'm sorry but I've been getting a
little tired of my mom always getting
me to do that. Besides Dex has come
into his own since he's been the Red
Ranger, so he should be more than
capable to do this.

ANITA
You've got a point. But it's still bad
that you did that.

DORIAN

What's the point of being the older brother if I can't make my younger brother do the stuff I don't want to do? Besides every year there's always some snot nosed punk of a kid who tries to give me a hard time.

ANITA

Well for your sake, you better hope that Dex doesn't have to put up with someone like that.

INT. A CLASSROOM - DAY

Dex stands before a full class of kids who are sitting behind their desks. The kids' teacher is sitting behind her desk.

TEACHER

Are there any other questions for Sergeant Kruger?

A girl in the class puts her hand up.

DEX

Yes?

The girl puts her hand down.

GIRL 1

You said that you were one of the Power Rangers. Can we see you morph?

DEX

Sorry but I'm only really supposed to morph when I have to, or when a criminal that I'm going after gets too dangerous. Any other questions?

A boy in the class raises his hand.

DEX

Yes?

The boy puts his hand down.

BOY 1

How'd you become a Ranger?

DEX

My brother was supposed to be the Red Ranger, but somebody caused him to mutate into a dog, so I took what would've been his morpher.

BOY 2

So you're only the Red Ranger because your brother couldn't do it?

DEX

I was the only one who could use the powers.

BOY 2

So you're really just plan b, right?

DEX

I wouldn't say that.

BOY 2

That's the-

TEACHER

Bobby, Mrs. Kruger's office now!

The second boy gets up from his desk and leaves the class. The teacher rises from her desk.

TEACHER

Now let's thank Sergeant Kruger for coming in today.

The remaining students in the class applaud Dex, as he and the teacher go out into the hall.

TEACHER

Sorry about that. I always have trouble with that kid, but I'm sure your mother will deal with him.

DEX

It's okay.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. A WAREHOUSE - DAY

Lucertolo runs into the warehouse.

LUCERTOLO
Darkwing! Darkwing? Where are you?

DARKWING looks over at Lucertolo.

DARKWING
What is it Lucertolo?

LUCERTOLO
I need something to help me get the Don
out of S.P.D. H.Q.

Darkwing starts to walk around.

DARKWING
It'll be difficult to get Squalo back
from S.P.D. It also won't come cheap.

Lucertolo runs up behind Darkwing.

LUCERTOLO
I'll give you as much as you want.

DARKWING
It just so happens that I've got
something for you.

Darkwing leads Lucertolo to a table where a briefcase is resting. Darkwing opens the case and two bracelets, one in silver, and another other in gold are inside of it. Darkwing picks up the silver bracelet.

LUCERTOLO
What's this?

DARKWING
Put it on your arm and press the red
button.

Darkwing places the bracelet on Lucertolo's left wrist, and walks away.

LUCERTOLO
Like this?

Lucertolo presses the red button, and silver colored armor forms on top of him.

LUCERTOLO
This is amazing.

DARKWING
It's the latest in compact armor.
Nearly impervious to any attacks.

LUCERTOLO
There are two?

DARKWING
You'll find numerous functions for the
armor. If you use it, S.P.D. won't be a
match for you.

Darkwing walks away.

LUCERTOLO
Thanks.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

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

Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie are sitting on a couch watching TV. Dex walks in and up to them.

PATRICK

So how'd career day go?

DEX

All right I guess.

JULIE

What happened?

DEX

This one kid said something about me only being plan b after Dorian mutated into that thing.

ALEXANDRA

Please, this kid was probably some snott nosed punk trying to give you a hard time. I think Captain Kruger mentioned something about having to deal with at least one kid like that when he did career day. Besides you've become a good cop since you first joined, and you're better than some people-

PATRICK

(coughing) John.

ALEXANDRA

Give you credit for.

JULIE

Besides what does that kid really know?

DEX

You're probably right. Where is everybody?

PATRICK

Rick just got back from raiding Squalo's office from yesterday, but all we could find was a bunch of junk.

ALEXANDRA

And John's with Squalo in an interrogation room trying to get the location of the Veneziano Crystals out of him.

JULIE

I still don't know why these crystals are a big deal.

Dorian walks into the lounge and up to Dex, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie.

DORIAN

The Veneziano Crystals, Julie, are a highly volatile power source. While in their crystal form they're stable, but if even the tiniest charge passes through the crystal, the explosion could be catastrophic. And I don't need to tell you that with a substance like this in Squalo's hands Earth is at risk.

PATRICK

What are you here for sir?

DORIAN

I've sent Rick off to KO-35 to take the junk we found in Squalo's office to the main branch.

PATRICK

Anything else?

DORIAN

Yes, John finished his interrogation of Squalo, and he's agreed to co-operate with us. So I need the five of you to escort Squalo to where he's keeping the crystals.

Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie get up off of the couch and with Dex leave the lounge.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

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

The Night Beat and Night Chaser squad cars are parked outside of the building. Patrick and Julie get into Night Beat. Dex gets into the driver's seat of Night Chaser, while John helps a handcuffed Don Squalo into the backseat of the car. Alexandra also gets into the back seat of Night Chaser. The two squad cars start up and drive through the streets of the city with the sirens going off.

INT. NIGHT CHASER - DAY

Dex drives the car while John and Alexandra sit on either side of Don Squalo who is wearing handcuffs. John looks out of the rear window and sees that the car is a good distance away from Night Beat.

JOHN

Don't get too far ahead rookie.

DEX

I know what I'm doing John.

JOHN

Right.

Don Squalo laughs a little.

JOHN

What's so funny?

DON SQUALO

Who's the leader here?

DEX

I am. I'm the Red Ranger.

JOHN

You're only the leader by default because of your color. Besides if your brother hadn't mutated you wouldn't even be the Red Ranger.

DON SQUALO

So you're Kruger's brother, eh? I never would've thought that he'd actually hand down powers that he was supposed to use.

DEX

What do you mean?

DON SQUALO

Tell me, before you became the Red Ranger what kind of a cop were you?

JOHN

He was terrible. In fact he even thought he could get by because of who his brother is.

DON SQUALO

Is this true?

DEX

It's none of your business.

DON SQUALO

So it is true. So you're not really supposed to be playing with the big boys, now are you?

DEX

(a little defensive) I've become better since I became the Red Ranger.

DON SQUALO

Then why does your comrade here keep calling you "rookie"?

DEX

John has no respect for me.

DON SQUALO

Then what kind of a leader are you, if you can't command the respect of the subordinates?

Dex pauses for a minute.

DON SQUALO

That's what I thought. You're nothing more than your brother's plan b, or maybe even his last ditch effort. The thing he didn't want to do, but had to given the circumstances.

DEX

(partially angry) That's not how it is.

DON SQUALO

But that's how it looks. Face it you're nothing more than a reject who got lucky. Maybe you're even lucky to have gotten into the S.P.D. in the first place.

DEX

Shut up.

DON SQUALO

That's it, isn't it? You're just a little weakling, who only got in here because of his big brother, didn't you?

DEX

Shut up!

DON SQUALO

There's no trying to deny it Kruger. That's how it is. Face it.

DEX

Why won't you shu-?

EXT. THE STREETS OF DIATECH CITY - DAY

Night Chaser stops abruptly. Night Beat parks, and Patrick and Julie come out of the car.

PATRICK

What the-?

Night Chaser starts to rise in the air a few feet before coming back down to the ground, hard. Dex quickly gets out of the car, and John and Alexandra take Don Squalo out. The Rangers and Don Squalo get away from the cars.

DEX

I think we better morph.

John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie all line up around Dex. They all take out their morphers.

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND
JULIE

Emergency, SPD!

Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie all morph. They position themselves around Don Squalo with Dex holding onto Don Squalo's handcuffs, as the sound of a laugh can be heard. From out of nowhere Patrick gets attacked and falls to the ground.

JULIE

Patrick!

DEX

You okay?

Alexandra and Julie both get attacked seemingly from nothing. They both fall to the ground. Dex lets go of Don Squalo and draws his Blasters.

DEX
(unsure) Where are you?

A partially invisible silhouette can be seen.

DEX
There!

Dex heads toward the silhouette. John grabs onto Don Squalo's handcuffs.

JOHN
Stay back here rookie!

Dex aims his Blasters and fires numerous shots at seemingly nothing. He stops as Lucertolo appears wearing the armor.

LUCERTOLO
It's no use.

DON SQUALO
About time you showed up!

LUCERTOLO
This armor is amazing. And now it's time to take back the Don.

DEX
What?

LUCERTOLO
So just step aside while I get the Don.

DEX
Not going to happen.

Dex charges at Lucertolo and kicks him with his right foot. The attack does nothing, and Dex turns around and strikes Lucertolo with his right arm, followed by a swipe by his left arm, which Lucertolo ducks under. Dex tries to strike Lucertolo with his right arm, but Lucertolo strikes Dex hard a few times, which knocks Dex down. Lucertolo jumps up and toward Dex, and strikes him hard as Dex gets back to his feet. Dex falls down again. Lucertolo receives a shot in the back, and turns around to see John with his Snipe Blaster out as Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie get to their feet.

LUCERTOLO

Did you really think that that'd hurt me?

Lucertolo turns around to face John, and John fires a few more shots from the Snipe Blaster. The shots do nothing, and Lucertolo charges at him and strikes him hard, and lifts John above his head.

LUCERTOLO

You guys are really annoying. Bye, bye.

Lucertolo turns around and throws John over to Dex. Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie all draw their D-Batons and charge at Lucertolo. They all try to strike Lucertolo with their Batons, but the attacks do nothing and he hits all of them before giving Alexandra and Julie simultaneous hard punches that knock them over to Dex and John. Patrick charges at Lucertolo, but he grabs onto Patrick's right wrist, kicks him, and throws Patrick over to the others. Lucertolo goes over to Don Squalo.

LUCERTOLO

I'm great, aren't I?

Don Squalo hits Lucertolo with both of his hands.

DON SQUALO

Moron! If you're ever late like you were yesterday, you're through.

Don Squalo kicks Lucertolo, and Lucertolo falls back. Lucertolo gets onto his knees.

LUCERTOLO

I'm sorry boss. Please forgive me.

DON SQUALO

Just get me out of these things.

Don Squalo sticks out his arms, and Lucertolo strikes the handcuffs, breaking them. Don Squalo walks toward the Rangers on the ground.

DON SQUALO

Did you guys really think I'd tell you where the Veneziano Crystals are so easily? Pathetic, all of you. Get me out of here.

LUCERTOLO

Yes boss.

Lucertolo grabs onto Don Squalo and jumps up.

DARKWING'S VOICE

Well, well.

Dex looks up to see Darkwing on a staircase within the nearby stadium.

DEX

What?

JOHN

Who are you?

DARKWING

That's none of your concern, Ranger.
But still it looks like my latest
product is very effective against you
idiots. This is sure to rake in the
cash.

Darkwing jumps up and flies away.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. THE COMMAND ROOM - DAY

Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie stand before Dorian. Anita is off to the side.

JOHN

We lost him Captain.

DORIAN

Don't worry about it for now John. We didn't expect that armor.

PATRICK

There's got to be something in the arsenal that we could use against that armor.

ANITA

Actually there is.

DORIAN

You're not about to tell them about the S.W.A.T. armor, are you?

ALEXANDRA

S.W.A.T. armor?

ANITA

While I'm surprised that Dorian never mentioned this to you before, the head branch just finalized a special weapons and tactics enhancement to all standard Ranger forms.

Anita walks over to the center console and presses a few buttons. Holographic images of a S.W.A.T. vest and the S.W.A.T. Defender appear.

ANITA

The enhancement includes a special vest impervious to most laser blasts, and the S.W.A.T. Defender, a special blaster that's more powerful than the weapons that you have now.

DORIAN

However Commander Falco requires any Ranger to go through a strict training regiment before they can get S.W.A.T. Mode. So if the five of you want to do this, you're going to have to do the training.

JOHN

I'll do whatever it takes.

PATRICK

Same here.

JULIE

Me too.

ALEXANDRA

I'm in.

DORIAN

Dex?

Dex pauses for a moment. Dorian notices the partially concerned look on his face.

DORIAN

What's wrong?

DEX

It's just that I can't help but wonder if what Squalo said to me in the car before he took off is actually true. That I'm just your plan b for the Red Ranger powers, and that I'm just some weakling who only got to where I am because of my brother.

DORIAN

You know what Dex, Squalo's right about that.

ANITA

Dorian, what are you saying?

DORIAN

If Dex is going to buy into what Squalo said, then as much as I hate to admit it, Squalo's right. Now you have a choice Dex either stay here on Earth, and prove how much of a weakling you are...

DEX

Or?

DORIAN

Go with the others for S.W.A.T. training, and prove everyone wrong. So what'll it be?

DEX

I'll go.

DORIAN

Good. Everyone, go pack your things for the trip to Onyx.

Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie leave the command room. Anita walks up to Dorian.

ANITA

Dorian, Dex just seemed like he lost a little confidence, are you really sure that sending him to S.W.A.T. training is a good idea?

DORIAN

It's the perfect confidence booster.

ANITA

You do realize that Gibson is the trainer, right?

DORIAN

Of course, and who better to whip Dex into shape, right?

ANITA

Whatever.

Rick walks into the command room.

RICK

Where's everyone going?

DORIAN

S.W.A.T. training.

RICK

(disappointed) And you're not sending me?

DORIAN

We need you here on Earth right now.

ANITA

Besides S.W.A.T. training is only for silver badge officers anyway.

RICK

But-

DORIAN

Things will be fine with just the two of us for the moment while they're off on Onyx. In the meantime how'd it go at the head branch?

RICK

Everything's on lock down until we can actually raid where Squalo's keeping it.

DORIAN

I see. Well, all we really can do at the moment is wait until Squalo does something.

INT. THE WAREHOUSE - DAY

Don Squalo stands facing Lucertolo.

DON SQUALO

You idiot!

Don Squalo slaps Lucertolo, which knocks Lucertolo back a little.

DON SQUALO

Thanks to your incompetence all of the Veneziano Crystals were taken from us.

Don Squalo walks over to Lucertolo and throws him over a few steps. Lucertolo falls to the ground and Don Squalo walks over to him.

DON SQUALO

However it's fine given that armor that you're now wearing. Now for your sake, there better be one for me. So bring it here.

Lucertolo gets to his feet and walks over to Don Squalo.

LUCERTOLO

Bring what?

DON SQUALO

You know exactly what I'm looking for.

Lucertolo pauses for a minute and Don Squalo grabs onto him.

DON SQUALO

Where is my own set of armor?

Don Squalo throws Lucertolo to the ground, and he lands in front of a couch. Lucertolo sees that the briefcase Darkwing had is underneath the couch.

LUCERTOLO

Oh, here it is boss.

Lucertolo grabs the case and places it on a nearby table. Lucertolo then opens the case; Don Squalo grabs the gold bracelet, and puts it on his left wrist. Don Squalo presses the red button, and gold colored armor forms onto him.

DON SQUALO

Here's the plan, we find Dorian Kruger, and force him to tell us where he's stashed the Veneziano Crystals.

LUCERTOLO

Excellent plan boss!

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE - TIME UNKNOWN

An S.P.D. space cruiser flies through space.

INT. THE SPACE CRUISER - TIME UNKNOWN

Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie all sit in seats in a passenger area. Julie is fumbling through several bags of her own luggage.

JOHN

Was it really necessary to bring all of that Julie?

JULIE

You never know what might come up.

Julie goes through a pink colored backpack that she brought. She pulls out some fruit, including small bunch of five bananas.

JULIE

At least I brought some snacks. Banana anyone?

PATRICK

Well I am a little hungry.

ALEXANDRA

Yeah, me too.

JOHN

Sure.

Julie tares off four bananas from the bunch and hands three of them to John, Patrick, and Alexandra. John, Patrick, and Alexandra peel their bananas, and start to eat. Julie peels one of the other bananas that she tore off, and takes a bite. She then looks over at Dex, and holds up the remaining banana. However Dex appears to be a little disinterested. Alexandra notices.

ALEXANDRA

Are you still hung up on what Squalo said in the car?

DEX

A little, yeah. Why?

ALEXANDRA

You know what he said isn't true, so why are you still hung up on it?

DEX

I-

GEN. GIBSON walks into the passenger area. He clears his throat quickly.

GEN. GIBSON

Attention!

Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie stand up and salute Gen. Gibson.

GEN. GIBSON

Allow me to introduce myself. I am General Gibson. And I'll be your instructor for your S.W.A.T. training. Any questions?

PATRICK

Don't take this the wrong way sir, but why do you have a military rank as opposed to a police one?

GEN. GIBSON

That's because I was once apart of an intergalactic army, which was something of a precursor to the SPD, however Commander Falco let me keep my original rank from that army. Any other questions?

No one responds.

GEN. GIBSON

Let me take a look at the five of you.

Gen. Gibson walks up to the Rangers and takes a long look at Dex.

GEN. GIBSON

You really do look like your brother, don't you?

DEX

I guess, sir.

GEN. GIBSON

You know you do, so there's no denying it. Now let's just hope that you're as good as him.

Gen. Gibson takes a look at the others and stops before Julie. He sniffs the air.

GEN. GIBSON

What's that sweet smell that's in the air here?

Gen. Gibson looks down at the seat Julie was sitting in, which has the unpeeled banana on it. Gen. Gibson picks up the banana.

GEN. GIBSON

My favorite. For the time being the five of you should get some rest. We still have a long way before we reach Onyx.

Gen. Gibson heads toward the door that he came through while peeling the banana. Gen. Gibson leaves the passenger area.

JULIE

He seemed like a good guy.

PATRICK

Although I can't help but wonder what the training's going to be like.

JOHN

Well one's things for sure, it'll be rigorous.

EXT. SPACE - TIME UNKNOWN

The cruiser continues on its way through space.

INT. THE PASSENGER AREA OF THE CRUISER - TIME UNKNOWN

Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie are all in their chairs partially sleeping. A thud is heard from outside and the cruiser shakes. Everyone gets up.

GEN. GIBSON THROUGH AN INTERCOM

We've been hit! Prepare for a crash landing on the nearest planet.

EXT. THE SURFACE OF A DESERT-LIKE PLANET - DAY

The cruiser hits the ground and skips up a bit. It continues to move like this until ultimately stopping. Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie rush out of the cruiser and take cover just as it explodes.

JOHN
Everyone okay?

PATRICK
Yeah, but where are we?

ALEXANDRA
It looks like we actually made it to Onyx.

JULIE
Where's Gibson?

John's morpher rings, and he take it out and opens it to phone mode.

GEN. GIBSON THROUGH THE COMMUNICATOR
Everyone, I'm fine. I'm sending you the coordinates to our base camp. Get there immediately!

John closes his morpher and puts it away.

JOHN
Well you heard the general. We need to go.

JULIE
But shouldn't we try to find him first? See if he's actually okay.

Patrick takes his morpher out and opens it to phone mode. A map is displayed on the screen showing their current location and the location of the base camp.

PATRICK
The camp's only a few miles away from here. Maybe we should split up and try to find Gibson, and then go to the camp?

JOHN
That wouldn't be such a bad idea. So let's go.

Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie break off into three groups; Patrick with Alexandra, John with Julie, and Dex alone. Dex runs from the area that he was just at and starts to hear what sounds like the growling of a mechanized dog.

DEX
Scout?

Dex pauses for a minute.

DEX

You're hearing things.

Several shots are fired at Dex that causes an explosion on the ground, which causes Dex to go flying up in the air. A purple energy beam is fired at Dex.

EXT. ANOTHER PART OF THE DESERT - DAY

John and Julie make their way through the area. They continue on their path, while not noticing a device buried in the ground that has an exposed red LED that is flashing. Julie steps on the device, and she and John go flying forward, and land face first on the ground.

JOHN

What was a mine doing there?

A robotic dog walks up to the two of them. Julie notices that the dog looks a little familiar.

JULIE

Scout?

The dog's eyes flash.

EXT. A PARTIALLY FORESTED AREA - DAY

Patrick and Alexandra make their through the area. Several laser blasts are fired at them and they duck for cover.

ALEXANDRA

What was that?

PATRICK

No idea.

A somewhat loud beeping sound can be heard.

ALEXANDRA

You don't think that beeping is...

PATRICK

Hit the deck!

Patrick and Alexandra run away as an explosion occurs that sends them flying forward. They both land face first on the ground. A flash of purple light appears and the dog from before walks up to Patrick and Alexandra. The dog's eyes flash.

EXT. BASE CAMP - DUSK

Dex, John, Patrick, Alexandra, and Julie are all lined up in front of Gen. Gibson. The dog is sitting behind Gen. Gibson.

GEN. GIBSON

That had to be the most pathetic thing I've ever seen. Your performance in this first test is a miserable failure.

JULIE

It would've been nice to know that the training started.

GEN. GIBSON

Oh really Benson? And I suppose that you'd also want the enemy to call you up to say when they're going to attack. Not to mention forgoing bluffing about which attacks they're going to use. When the five of you split up, you stopped using your tactics and went on a wild goose chase. But that's not the least of your problems. Kruger!

DEX

Yes sir?

GEN. GIBSON

You're the Red Ranger, take command and lead your team!

JOHN

I wouldn't expect too much out of him sir.

GEN. GIBSON

Is that so Lieutenant? And I suppose that just because you're the highest-ranking officer here that you get the right to criticize your teammate?

JOHN

No sir.

GEN. GIBSON

You say no, but your attitude seems otherwise. The five of you are all trash that doesn't deserve to go S.W.A.T. So why don't you all go pack up and go home to your mothers?

PATRICK

We came here because our enemy had an advantage over us.

GEN. GIBSON

Are you trying to backtalk me Caine?

PATRICK

No sir, I'm just-

GEN. GIBSON

Trying to correct me. Well guess what, if you're going to be here no matter what I say is right. Is that understood?

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND
JULIE

Yes sir!

GEN. GIBSON

Good, because as it stands now, you're not even fit to be Wrangler's chew toys. Isn't that right boy?

Wrangler gives out an enthusiastic bark.

GEN. GIBSON

Normally at this point I'd send the five of you back, but the older Kruger and I go way back. So from here on in your ranks, and your colors don't matter. You're all the same rookie scum as far as I'm concerned. And when I give you orders, I expect them to be followed. Is that understood?

DEX, JOHN, PATRICK, ALEXANDRA, AND
JULIE

Yes sir!

GEN. GIBSON

Good. Now get some rest. Tomorrow isn't going to be any easier on you.

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