

THE MIGHTY MORPHIN
POWER RANGERS

"Happy Birthday, Zach"

EPISODE 12

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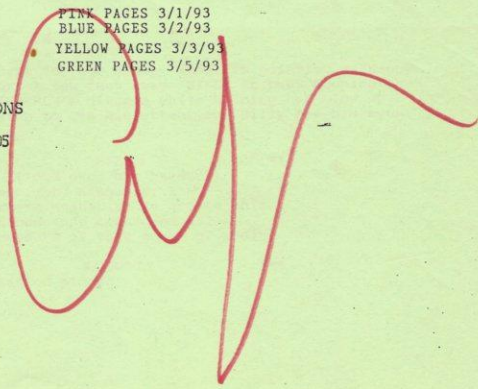
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PROLOGUE

FADE IN:

1201 INT. YOUTH CENTER - NIGHT

1201

TIGHT ON CAKE-O-MATIC

Billy's newest invention, the Cake-o-matic, is sitting on the juice bar counter. Its basically a souped up microwave oven, with a long funnel hose attached to pour the mix into, and a computer control panel on it's side. As we open, the funnel makes a clogged sound and starts shaking as an irritating bleeping noise reaches a crescendo...

ERNIE
(controlled panic)

Billy...

Suddenly, globs of thick, chocolate cake mix starts oozing out of the funnel hose as we PULL BACK to reveal ERNIE, the middle aged guy who runs the Youth Center standing in front of the blasted machine, untying the apron around his waist and using it to catch the falling goop. But then it starts shooting out faster and faster, making it next to impossible for ERNIE to keep up with it...

ERNIE
BILLY!!

ANGLE - OTHER SIDE OF GYM

The gym is empty except for our group. TRINI is painting a "Happy Birthday Zack" banner. A few feet away, BILLY is busy bopping to a tune playing on KIMBERLY's discman while helping her blow up balloons. Kim is trying to get his attention. Billy has his eyes closed.

BILLY **
(loud over his headset)
You're right, Kimberly. The
performers assembled to create this
harmonious tune transcend all
predecessors of this genre of music.

KIMBERLY **
Translation please!

1201 - Continued

TRINI

**

He said he liked the music.

KIMBERLY

Oh.

KIMBERLY pulls down BILLY's earphones.

KIMBERLY

**

I'm glad you like the group, but I
think Ernie's having a problem with
the Cake machine you invented.

BILLY looks OS

ACT ONE:

FADE IN:

1201A EXT. YOUTH CENTER - NIGHT - ESTABLISHING 1201A *

BILLY (VO)

I fail to ascertain why this appliance
isn't working...

1201B INT. YOUTH CENTER - NIGHT

1201B *

Billy is at the juice bar examining his invention. Ernie's next to him, wiping off the cake mix.

BILLY (cont'd)

The molecular mix rearranger is
still intact...

ANGLE - JASON

entering the gym carrying an armload of paintbrushes and cans of paint. He stops next to Ernie and Billy.

JASON

Problems?

ERNIE

The Cake-O-Matic Billy built for Zach's surprise party went on the warpath. Nearly drowned me in cake mix.

(licks his finger)

At least it tasted good.

BILLY

I'll try to figure it out later on.

JASON

Ernie, I just wanna tell you thanks again for opening the place tonight so we can decorate for Zach's surprise birthday party.

ERNIE

He still has no idea you guys are planning this for tomorrow night?

JASON

Not a clue.



ERNIE

Boy is he gonna be surprised. Speaking of surprises, you'll never guess what I found out about the Power Rangers.

JASON and BILLY look a bit worried that they have been discovered at first but then try to play it cool.

BILLY

The Power who?

ERNIE

Gee wiz don't you kids read the papers? The Power Rangers. Those super heros with the big Dinosaurs.

JASON

You mean the ones in the colored costumes?

ERNIE

That's them! They've done for Angel Grove what Batman did for Gotham City!

JASON

I think I've seen 'em on TV. What have you heard?

ERNIE

I heard that the Power Rangers are just regular humans, like you and me! And that it's those suits they wear that give them all those powers.

Billy and Jason look at each other in restrained panic.

JASON

Yeah, well I heard on the news that they're space aliens from a distant planet.

ERNIE

You're kidding.

BILLY

He would never make light of information such as that.

ERNIE looks a bit confused. JASON and BILLY look knowingly at each other and walk off smiling, barely able to contain their laughter.

1201 B
~~1202A~~ - Continued.

JASON

See ya, Ernie. Oh, uh, you probably ought to keep that alien stuff under your hat. No need to panic anyone.

ERNIE

Oh, sure, sure. See ya.

ERNIE reacts as if he's gotten the scoop of the century and heads off to spread the news.

ERNIE

Aliens!? Whoa this is big. (To off camera) Hey, you'll never guess what I heard about the Power Rangers....

1201B - Continued

ANGLE ON OTHER SIDE OF JUICE BAR

JASON and BILLY join KIMBERLY and TRINI....

JASON **
So how goes the balloon and banner
brigade?

KIMBERLY **
Pretty good. I've got most of them
blown up and Trini's almost done with
the banner.

BILLY **
It's most agreeable.

KIMBERLY **
Oh, and don't forget you guys - when
this is all over you promised you
help Trini and I recycle the paper
stuff and get rid of these balloons
properly.

TRINI **
Yeah, we don't want the balloons to
fly off and end up hurting birds or
fish who try to eat them .

BULK (V/O)
Well, well, well. Look at what we've
got here.

ANGLE - ENTRANCE

BULK and SKULL, trouble on their agenda, have entered the Youth
Center and are heading for the group.

BULK
The nerd patrol from Angel Grove
High.

WIDE SHOT

Our heroes stand and face the punks.

BILLY
Umm, this place is closed, guys.

1201B - Continued

BULK

Yeah, to geeks like you.

SKULL reaches down and picks up the finished Happy Birthday banner.

SKULL

Bulk, lookie here. They're planning a party

KIMBERLY

We would've invited you, but animals aren't allowed.

BULK

Party's over, kids.

TRINI

Hey I worked a long time on that.

BULK grabs TRINI, reels her in close.

BULK

Whaddya say I help you paint another one...
after we have a little fun!

Bulk takes a step backwards into a can of paint, loses his balance and falls flat on his back.

TRINI

You did say you wanted to help me paint,
didn't you?

CUT TO:

ON SKULL

as he charges toward Jason and takes a swing at him. Jason ducks, and Skull misses. Then he comes charging at him from the opposite direction, but Jason sticks out his foot and trips Skull, and CAMERA follows the punk as he crashes into the counter where Billy's Cake-O-Matic sits on. The sudden thud of his body against the counter activates the machine, and a ton of gooey cake mix pours all over his head and face! BULK starts to move toward Billy, stepping on and POPPING the balloons as he does. Kimberly freaks out seeing hours of hard work being destroyed.

KIMBERLY

My balloons!!

She summersaults over, ends up between Bulk and Billy...

KIMBERLY (cont'd)

Time for you to take a hike...!

And she grabs BULK by the wrists, swings him around, and lets him go, sending him backwards into a 33 gallon garbage can filled with trash. A balloon floats down in after him.

ON KIMBERLY

Hand on hip, really irritated...

KIMBERLY

I hate party crashers!

CUT TO:

1202 INT. RITA'S PALACE - JAPANESE FOOTAGE (:38) 1202

Rita enters her palace quarters merrily singing the last refrain of a happy birthday song. Squatt, Baboo and CAMERA follow her...

She stops near FINSTER...

1202 - Continued

RITA (cont'd)

I'm going to give Zachary a birthday
present he'll never forget...
...right out of my Monster Mail
Order Catalogue. Best 19.99 I ever
spent!

ANGLE - ON MONSTER BOOK as she flips through the pages of
various monster designs...

RITA (VO)

Oh, I absolutely despise birthdays!

Quick cuts of Baboo, Rita, Squatt and Finster...

BABOO

Me, too!

RITA

Squatt?

SQUATT

I hate them, Your Wickedness!

FINSTER

A waste of time!

WIDE SHOT

Rita spots the monster of choice.

RITA

Aha! Here he is!

ON BOOK showing a picture of the Knasty Knight...

RITA (cont'd)

The Knasty Knight!

We INTERCUT with a shot of the Knasty Knight in battle.

RITA (VO)

I saw this guy in the catalogue video
and he was mean! Perfect!

ON RITA

who laughs evilly as we:

CUT TO:

1203 INT. Youth Center - NIGHT

1203

The punks have been removed and the kids are back to work. JASON, BILLY and KIMBERLY are checking out TRINI's third "Happy Birthday" banner, complete with a cute cartoon figure.

BILLY **
Her proficiency with complex
illustrated characterizations is
quite impressive isn't it?

JASON **
I don't know. What did he say?

KIMBERLY **
Don't look at me. I don't speak
Billy.

TRINI **
He said I draw good cartoons. Thanks
Billy.

KIMBERLY looks around the work area.

KIMBERLY **
So we've blown up balloons, painted
banners & cleaned up all the cake
mess. What's left to do?

JASON **
I think we're about done.

BILLY **
All we have left to accomplish is to
keep Zack from discovering the
planned festivities prematurely.

ERNIE rushes into the scene, a look of panic on his face.

ERNIE
Hey you guys! I just saw Zack pass by
my office window. I think he's headed
here!!

JASON
What?!

TRINI
Quick! Hide everything!!

1203 - Continued

1203

CAMERA SPEEDS UP as JASON, BILLY, TRINI and KIMBERLY leap into action and hide the balloons and banners...and themselves! They finish just in time as..

ANGLE - ENTRANCE

ZACK walks in and is greeted by ERNIE.

ZACK

Hey, Ernie, what's with the late night hours?

ERNIE

**

Catching up on work, Zack. Honest!
And I'm all by myself, too. See?

ZACK looks at ERNIE strangely

ZACK

**

Yeah, right. Well, Trini's mom told me everyone might be here...

ERNIE

**

Nope! Haven't seen anyone. Just me and a stack of papers. And a few chairs and a couple of tables and..

ZACK

**

Yeah, I get the picture.

ERNIE

**

A picture? Where?

ZACK

**

Never mind.. Listen, if you see the guys, tell 'em I was looking for them, ok?

ERNIE

Oh, sure, sure. No problem.

ZACK

Hmmm. I wonder where they disappeared to? See ya around Ernie.

1203 - Continued

ERNIE

Take it easy, Zach.

Ernie watches as Zach leaves the rec center. Then he calls out:

ERNIE

Okay, coast is clear.

The Rangers come out from hiding, breathing a sigh of relief.

KIMBERLY

That was too close!

CUT TO:
1204

1204 EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Over a shot of the FULL MOON, we HEAR:

RITA (VO)

Faster, my precious idiots!

Heave, ho!

BABOO / FINSTER
Heave, ho!

THREE SHOT - SQUATT, BABOO, FINSTER

Squatt watches in the background as Finster and Baboo, standing next to a small campfire, are hammering out a sword for their beloved Head Honcho. Their "Heave, ho's" are keeping rhythm with the beat of their hammers coming down on the sword...

FINSTER

Heave...

BABOO

Ho...

FINSTER

I'm going to ...

BABOO

go...

FINSTER

All the way to

BABOO

Mexico...

FINSTER

Heave...

BABOOHo...ON FINSTERHe stops hammering. grabs the sword...FINSTERThe magic sword is almost ready,
Rita.ON RITAShe lets out a wicked laugh and looks up into the crimson flames of
the campfire.ON FINSTERFINSTERA few more whacks and it's all yours,
Your Evilness.As the sword gets hammered a couple more times, we HEAR:RITA (VO)Excellent!Rita raises her wand...RITAMagic wand...The sky fills with lightning. The spell is beginning!RITA (VO)Hear my command...ON SWORDas it lifts into the air...RITA (cont'd)...lift the sword into the hand...
of an evil sight...as the sword splits open a tree, revealing a shadowed figure
inside...RITA (VO)...of wicked fright. The powerful one
we shall call ... KNASTY KNIGHT!! *

Rita is taken aback as she sees in the trees:

ON THE KNASTY KNIGHT *

in SLOW MOTION as he swings his deadly sword in the air. Rita's
sinister laughter fills the forest as we...

FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

1205 EXT. ANGEL GROVE HIGH - ESTABLISHING - NEXT DAY 1205

We hear the bell ringing.

1206 INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY 1206

The hallway is filled with students. KIMBERLY closes her locker as ZACK approaches.

ZACK

Yo! Kimberly!

KIMBERLY

Hi Zack.

KIMBERLY slings her backpack over her shoulder.

ZACK

So... Do I look any older to you today?

KIMBERLY

**

Older? No.

(then)

Oh my gosh!

ZACK

**

What? Did you just remember something?

Zack thinks she's remembered his birthday.

KIMBERLY

**

Yeah and do I feel terrible about forgetting it.

ZACK

**

(being gracious)

Don't sweat it. Everyone forgets stuff.

KIMBERLY

**

Yeah I know, but this is important to someone I really care about. I hope she'll forgive me.

ZACK

**

Of course I'll forgive...wait a minute. Did you say she?

KIMBERLY

**

Yeah, she. My poodle. It's her birthday today and I forgot to get her something. What did you think I was talking about?

ZACK

**

I uh, forget.

KIMBERLY

**

Well, anyway thanks for reminding me about my poodle.

ZACK

**

Yeah, sure. No problem

As he begins to sulk off, JASON TRINI and BILLY enter **

JASON

**

Hey Zack! What's up.

BILLY

**

Hi Zack.

ZACK

**

Yeah, yeah...

ZACK walks forlornly out of the center.

JASON

**

What the matter with him?

KIMBERLY

He thinks we've all forgotten his birthday.

TRINI

**

He'll get over it soon enough.

KIMBERLY

**

Yeah, but he seemed really bummed about it. I hope this surprise party was a good idea.

BILLY

Of course. His present feelings of disappointment will only serve to enhance his enjoyment later on.

JASON

**

Yeah, he's gonna be so surprised tonight, we're gonna have to pull him off the ceiling. He'll be okay 'till then.

CUT TO:

MED. CLOSE UP ON ZACH

He's sitting on one of the rocks in the quarry, pretty depressed, lost in deep thought.

Through VOICE OVER we hear what he's thinking...

ZACH (VO)

They knew my birthday was comin' up.
How could they forget? Guess they were
just too busy with their own lives.

(then)

Man, that's harsh. I shoulda stayed in
bed today.

Suddenly Zach hears the SOUND of a loud, throaty growl...

* KNASTY KNIGHT (VO)
(GROWL)

Zach turns, looks up to see:

1208 ANGLE - KNIGHT * 1208

standing above Zach, poised for battle!

1208A INSERT - ZACH'S STUNNED REACTION 1208A

1208B ON RITA 1208B

standing on the rocks overlooking Zach. She is filled with glee.

RITA

Get this one on video, boys!

CAMERA swings over to Baboo and Squatt, who's holding the video camera. Both are also standing on the rocks overlooking Zach, watching the unfolding events.

BABOO

Yes, O Great One!

SQUATT

How do ya turn this thing on?

CLOSE SHOT on ZACH'S Power Morpher...

CUT TO:

ZACH (VO)

Mastodon!

1208B - Continued

1208B

ON ZACH now in his Power Ranger costume!

ZACH

Okay, tall, dark and ugly. Let's party.

Zach leaps into the air, raising his weapon...

ZACH

Kyail

But the Knight strikes him with his sword...

**

ZACH

(pained yell)

Zach falls. He gets up as the Knight comes toward him, and** suddenly the two are locked in a duel as their weapons clash.

ZACH

You know, you really need to brush your teeth!

Knasty Knight sends a beam of energy from his sword that ** hits Zack. He falls again.

ZACH

(pained yell)

ON SQUATT AND BABOO

**

Squatt is still videotaping...

**

BABOO

Yes, yes! We'll call this RitaMania I!

BACK ON ZACH who has been weakened.

ZACH

Oh, man. This is not the way I wanted to spend my birthday!

ON KNASTY KNIGHT

**

delivering another laser blast from his sword....

ON ZACH

taking the hit. An EXPLOSION throws him OS...

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Zach flips and lands. GOLDAR suddenly lands INTO SCENE, *
striking him with his weapon.

ZACH
(surprised)
Goldar?

And Zach flies OS...

ANGLE - MOUNTAINSIDE

CAMERA FOLLOWS as Zach, wounded, rolls down the mountain.

ON Squatt AND BABOO

Squatt is wrestling with the camera...

SQUATT
Ooops! I pressed the wrong button!

BABOO
You boob!

1209 EXT. COMMAND CENTER - DAY CUT TO: 1209

ZORDON (VO)
Activate the holoscreen, Alpha.
I sense a disturbance in the spectrum.

ALPHA (VO)
Ay yi yi yi yi...

1209A INT. CONTROL ROOM 1209A

Alpha is standing next to Zordon as they both view the holoscreen
where we see an INSERT SHOT of Zach fighting the Knight.*

ALPHA
It's Zach!

ZORDON
Alone against one of Rita's diabolical
henchmen....!

ON ZORDON

ZORDON
I'll contact the Rangers. On my word
morph them to Zach's location...

1209A - Continued

1209

ON ALPHA who scurries over to the computer and starts pressing buttons...

ALPHA

That Rita Repulsa really makes my
circuitry glitch!

ZORDON

Rangers contacted. Begin morphing...

ALPHA

Knock the daytime outta those guys, Rangers!

ZORDON

That's "daylight's" , Alpha...

CUT TO:

1210 CLOSE ON TRANSMORPHERS

1210

glowing bright. Then: A shot of Jason, Billy, Trini and Kimberly
flipping THROUGH CAMERA in costume.

EXT. VASQUEZ ROCKS - WIDE

as they land next to Zach who is on the ground.

JASON

You alright, man?

ZACH

Yeah...

TRINI

Look out...

They all look up to see:

ON KNIGHT

*
charging toward them...

WIDE

The Power Rangers spring into action, swinging their weapons **
against the Knasty Knight. The evil beast retaliates by swinging
his. The Rangers start circling him, taunting him...

POWER RANGERS

Ring around the rosey, pocket full
of --

Billy gets hit.

BILLY

Owww!

ON TRINI AND KIMBERLY

as they strike the Knasty Knight.

**

KIMBERLY

What a hideous costume!

Knasty Knight lashes out at Kimberly, then Trini, knocking them OUT OF FRAME.

**

ON JASON AND ~~DECK~~ ^{Knasty} KNIGHT
as they fight...

**

JASON

Didn't your mama teach you not to hit girls?

But the Knasty Knight proves too strong, and knocks him down.**

ON ZACH

FOLLOW as he runs over to Jason.

ZACH

I'm comin', Jase...

The remaining Power Rangers unite behind them. Jason looks at his weapon...the Knasty Knight has destroyed it!

**

JASON

Look what he did to my weapon!

CLOSE SHOTS of Trini, Billy, Kimberly...

TRINI

Mine too!

BILLY

Completely melted!

KIMBERLY

Oh, no!

ON ~~DECK~~ ^{Knasty} KNIGHT as he points his sword toward them, unleashing a laser blast that shoots OS...

**

WIDE - POWER RANGERS

as they take the blast and fall to the ground!

CLOSE ON JASON

JASON

Rangers... Get it together!!

The Power Rangers ready to take their positions...

POWER RANGERS

Engage!

Trini and Kim leap into the air and land on the shoulders of Jason, Zach and Billy. They bring their weapons together and ... WIDE SHOT as a powerful glowing triangle of energy is created from their weapons, and HURLS TOWARD CAMERA...

ON KNIGHT

as the triangle of power hits him, knocking him to the ground. But not for long, as he recovers, manages to deflect the triangle with his shield and send it back to the Power Rangers causing a HUGE EXPLOSION!

CLOSE ON RITA

RITA

Ha ha! Take that, Power Rangers!

And she hurls her magic wand toward the valley below! The wand hits ground and suddenly glows bright, unleashing a powerful beam of energy that causes the earth to split and the Knight to grow!!

OTS - KNIGHT

we see the Power Rangers below.

JASON

Oh, man! Time for DINOZORD
POWER!

CUT TO:

Several shots of the Dino Zord coming out of the ground, followed by:

QUICK CUTS of the Power Rangers calling their respective dinosaur, and the dinosaur then racing toward them...

ZACH

Mastodon!

ON JASON
in the cockpit...

JASON
GROW POWER!

Mega Zord growing sequence. Then the battle begins between the warriors of good and evil, with MZ taking some serious licks.

CUT TO:

INT. COCKPIT

JASON
We need the Mega Power Sword --
NOW!

CUT TO:

The sword coming down from the sky into the hand of the MDD.

CUT TO:

MDD and Knight battling it out with their swords. The * Knight melts MDD's sword...

CUT TO:

INT. COCKPIT

JASON
He melted it!

CUT TO:

The fight continues, and the Knight finally charges MZ and * knocks it down!

CUT TO:

ON RITA

cheering from her mountaintop!

RITA
You're winning! Don't stop now.
I want you to WIPE THEM OUT! *

CUT TO:

The Knight prepares to bring his sword down on the fallen MZ.

1210 - Continued

INT. COCKPIT

ZACH

We've lost shield power and he's
activated his sword! If he strikes
us now, we're history! Gonners!

CLOSER ON ZACH

ZACH

We only have one chance. The
Hyper-Beam.

ON JASON

JASON

It hasn't been tested.

ON ZACH

ZACH

We don't have much choice, man!

Kimberly leans in...

KIMBERLY

I have a hair appointment to get to.
Let's do it!

ZACH

Funny, Kim. Look Jase, it's our
only hope!

CUT TO:

MZ's eyes fire up, and as the Knasty Knight brings down his sword
to strike MZ, the powerful beam engulfs him! The Knasty Knight
feels the blast...

**

CUT TO:

ON RITA

RITA

Stop them!

CUT TO:

MZ rises from the ground, takes up its sword and unleashes a fiery
blast that destroys Knasty Knight's sword, breaking it in two!**

CUT TO:

Now MZ's eyes glow with raging, unbridled power. Charged with this new energy, MZ fires a beam that sends the Dark Knight reeling backwards, causing him to explode into oblivion!

POWER RANGERS (VO)

(General celebration)

RITA (VO)

I want my money back! That monster was a wannabe!!

CUT TO:

ON RITA

RITA

I hate Power Rangers!

And she VANISHES into thin air!

CUT TO:

1211 INT. RITA'S PALACE - WIDE SHOT

1211

Rita is pacing the palace quarters, enraged that the Power Rangers have again defeated her.

RITA

You idiots can't do anything right!

She looks directly at Goldar...

RITA (cont'd)

For punishment I should make you look at yourself for all eternity!

ON GOLDAR

covering his eyes in fear...

GOLDAR

No, no! Please -- not that!

ON RITA

RITA

I just might!

WIDE

as Rita move toward Finster...

EPILOGUE

FADE IN:

1212 EXT. REC CENTER - NIGHT - ESTABLISHING 1212

ZACH (VO)
I still don't understand why we had to
come by here...

1213 INT. REC CENTER - NIGHT 1213

as Billy, Jason, Trini and Kimberly lead Zach into the dark room.

ZACH
Hey, why are all the lights off? Where's
Ernie?

Suddenly the lights POP on revealing a large CROWD of kids
(and Ernie!) and a room decorated with banners, balloons, etc.

CROWD
SURPRISE! HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
ZACH!

Zach, stunned, smiles wide, then turns to his friends.

ZACH
Oh, man ... !

JASON
Thought we forgot, didn't you?

ZACH
Yeah, and I was bummin'! This is
so cool. Thanks, guys.

Suddenly we HEAR an OS BLEEPING.

ZACH (cont'd)
What's that noise?

Ernie steps forward. He's got a look of panic on his face.
It's the Cake-O-Matic!

ERNIE
Oh no. Not again...

And he cuts through the crowd to the juice bar where the Cake-O-Matic is sitting.

ERNIE
I thought this thing was fixed!

It starts SPUTTERING and SHAKING like before. It spits out a glob of STRAWBERRY CAKE MIX right on Ernie!

ERNIE
(screams)
Billy!

ON BILLY, KIMBERLY, TRINI, ZACH, JASON

BILLY
Uh-oh.

Jason addresses the crowd:

JASON
Let's party everyone!

And as the music, laughter and conversation begin to fill the room, and Ernie wrestles with the Cake-O-Matic, we slowly PULL OUT and:

FADE TO BLACK.

END EPISODE