MIGHTY MORPHIN POWER RANGERS

"Fourth Down and Long "

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FADE UP: PROLOGUE

12101 INT. CLASSROOM - DAY 12101

ROCKY and his lab partner, ALLEN, are gathered at long tables in the middle of a chemistry experiment, their notes scattered around open text books. Among the other students are BILLY and AISHA. On the walls are banners and posters related to the Angel Grove High/Stone Canyon football game (for example, SMASH STONE CANYON; WIN ANGEL GROVE!, etc.). At the front of the room stands MR. WILTON, a science teacher. The chalk board reads SAFETY FIRST! and a series of problem numbers in a science text book.

BILLY
Hey, Rocky, is your uncle really going to speak to the football team after school?

ROCKY
Yeah, Mr. Kaplan asked if Uncle Joe would give some pointers before the Stone Canyon game.

ALLEN
(shakes head)
Uncle Joe. I can't believe your uncle is Joe Haley.

AISHA
(proudly)
He's the best pro quarterback around.

ROCKY
I've always known him just as my uncle. He helped me out a lot when I was a kid. Uncle Joe is just about the most important person in the world to me.

MR. WILTON
Enough chatter, everyone. Let's don those goggles and begin mixing!

Rocky and Allen put on safety goggles.

ROCKY
Allen, could you read those equations from the book for me?

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ALLEN
(hesitant)
Uh, yeah. Okay.

He picks up the book, about to read.

ANGLE ON Mr. Wilton as he pauses to help another set of students mix chemicals. In the B.G., we see Rocky and Allen mixing their chemicals. Suddenly, Rocky and Allen's experiment EXPLODES, sending up a huge puffs of white smoke. The students start COUGHING.

MR. WILTON
Don't panic, everyone. Let's exit the room quietly and wait for the smoke to clear.

As the students exit, COUGHING, Rocky turns to Allen.

ROCKY
What happened?

ALLEN
I don't know!

12102

12102 INT. LORD ZEDD AND RITA'S PALACE - DAY

Rita rises from her telescope.

RITA
If those brats can't follow a simple chemistry problem, why can't we defeat them!?

Finster enters with a centipede monster mold.

FINSTER
My queen, I have created a mold for A centipede monster I think you will truly appreciate!

RITA
Not another bug! We need something that will really shake up the Power Rangers! Like kidnapping the Red Ranger's uncle!

Lord Zedd and Goldar are tossing around a football, playing keep away from Rito.

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LORD ZEDD
That never works! I say we turn Uncle Joe into a football playing monster!

GOLDAR
An excellent idea, my Lord!

RITA
Nonsense!

Finster drops his centipede mold.

FINSTER
Oops!

He leans over to pick up the mold as the evil couple continue to bicker. As he rises, he accidentally knocks the football from Lord Zedd's hands. Finster is so scared he drops the mold again.

LORD ZEDD
Watch what you're doing!

Stuttering, Finster trips again. The diminutive monstermaker strikes Zedd's staff and it FIRES by mistake. A BOLT of ENERGY hits the football. When the smoke clears, everyone is amazed to see the CENTIBACK monster. The Centiback monster hurls a football at Rito, who is delighted to catch it. There is a glow around Rito and the football. When the glow subsides, we see Rito has been transformed into a football painted to resemble Rito! Goldar picks it up.

RITA
Oooo! I like it!

Goldar tosses the new Rito football to Zedd.

RITO (V.O.)
Hey, stop! Put me down!

LORD ZEDD
We'll call it the Centiback, half centipede, half football player!

RITA
Let's use it at once!

Rita points her staff at the football and it TRANSFORMS back into Rito, who looks around, relieved.

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12102CONTINUED: (2)

LORD ZEDD
At last! Finster has created by accident something he could never do on purpose!

FINSTER
What? What?

RITA
A monster that can defeat the Power Rangers!

Finster reacts proudly as the evil couple LAUGHS.

FADE OUT: END OF PROLOGUE

FADE UP: ACT I

12103

12103 INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

The hallway also has banners relating to the upcoming Angel Grove High/Stone Canyon game. The students pour out into the hallway, COUGHING. Smoke trickles out from the science classroom door. Allen looks embarrassed by his mistake. Rocky feels sorry for his friend.

ROCKY
Lighten up, Allen. It was just a mistake.

ALLEN
Yeah, but it seems as if I'm always making mistakes.

In their police uniforms, BULK and SKULL come striding through the hallway.

BULK
Okay, okay. No one panic! The Angel Grove Junior Police Patrol is here!

Everyone looks at Bulk and Skull, dead pan. No one's even thinking about panicking. In the B.G., Mr. Wilton watches, disapprovingly.

BULK (CONT'D)
Anyone know who caused all this smoke?

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MR. WILTON
Okay, Everyone back inside.

Reluctantly, everyone files back inside, except Allen, Rocky, Aisha, Billy, Bulk and Skull. *

MR. WILTON
(sees Bulk and Skull)
Don't you two have anything better to do?

BULK
Actually, Mr. Wilton we're on celebrity duty! We've been assigned to guard Rocky's uncle!

ROCKY
You guys?

MR. WILTON
I suggest you get to it.

Bulk and Skull salute and turn to leave: Skull bumps into Allen, knocking his book out of his hands. Hastily, Skull picks up the book and hands it off to Aisha. The two junior police officers exit quickly.

AISHA
Allen, are these the notes you used to mix the chemicals?

Billy looks over the notes.

ALLEN
Yeah.

BILLY
(reviewing notes)
Here's what caused the explosion: you reversed these elements! *

ALLEN
Oh, man.

Billy hands the notes to Wilton who glances at them.

MR. WILTON
I honestly don't know what to do with you, Allen. It's not just this incident. Until you can get your grades up, I'm going to suggest the coach suspend you from the football team.

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12103CONTINUED: (2)

ALLEN
But, sir, the Stone Canyon game!

ROCKY
What if I were to help Allen study?

MR. WILTON
Well... Allen, if I can see you making an extra effort, starting today, then I won't say anything to the coach. But remember, this can't keep happening.

ALLEN
I understand, sir. Thank you.

Mr. Wilton exits to the classroom. Rocky and the other teens see, though, that Allen is still concerned.

12104

12104 EXT. ERNIE'S CAFE - DAY

Rocky and Allen are in the middle of studying, their books open on the cafe table. Billy and Aisha pass by their table. *

BILLY
Hey, Allen, good luck in the Stone Canyon game.

AISHA
We're all counting on you.

Billy and Aisha move on as Allen looks more depressed. *

ROCKY
I don't get it, Allen. You're really smart on the football field. Why do you have so much trouble with school?

ALLEN
I guess I'm just not any good at it. Even when I was a little kid, I hated reading. It's like words and numbers were out to trick me.

ROCKY
What do you mean?

ALLEN
When I check the things I've written down, it's like I'm seeing things upside down and backwards.

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ROCKY
You know, Uncle Joe had trouble with school, too.

ALLEN
(realizing)
Your uncle!
(checks watch)
Oh, man. I bet we've missed your uncle's talk!

ROCKY
Let's see if we can catch him.

ALLEN
Did your uncle really have problems in school?

ROCKY
Boy, did he. Maybe he can tell us where you're going wrong.

ALLEN
Great. Let's go.

The two move to exit.

12105

12105 INT. LORD ZEDD AND RITA'S PALACE - DAY

Lord Zedd and Rita admire the Centiback monster.

RITA
Let's use the Centiback to kidnap Rocky's uncle!

LORD ZEDD
I told you that doesn't work! But we can use him to lure the Rangers to their doom!

RITA
Even better!

They both laugh evilly.

12106

12106 EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD - DAY

UNCLE JOE shakes hands with one or two high school players who then move off the field, presumably hitting the showers. He waves good-bye to them and then begins picking up an athletic bag, preparing to leave. Bulk and Skull approach.

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BOTH
Hey, Mr. Haley! Mr. Haley!

UNCLE JOE
Yes?

BULK
We're your Junior Police Patrol escorts!

SKULL
We're here to take you back to your hotel and protect you from any harm!

BULK
And to get your autograph!

Bulk produces a pad of tickets. Uncle Joe begins to sign the pad when, suddenly, the Centiback monster appears on the field. Skull sees it first.

SKULL
B-Bulky, look!

The Centiback tosses up and down a football.

CENTIBACK
Hey, where'd everyone go? It's time for a game!

UNCLE JOE
What is that thing?

SKULL
It's a monster! And it's got a bomb!

Bulk and Skull react, horrified. ANGLE ON Rocky and Allen as they walk across the field. They stop, seeing the Centiback monster.

ALLEN
Rocky, look!

Rocky reacts, alarmed. They start running forward. ANGLE ON the Centiback as it hurls the football, and then, magically, a second ball appears out of mid air. He hurls it, too.

BULK
Don't worry, Mr. Haley!

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SKULL
We'll save you!!

They both leap to catch the magic footballs. Bulk and Skull GLOW and TRANSFORM into footballs (painted to resemble Bulk and Skull) and fall to the ground. Rocky and Allen react, alarmed.

CENTIBACK
Isn't there anyone up to the challenge? How about you?

The Centiback throws a ball straight at Allen. Instinctively, he catches it. He looks up at Rocky.

ALLEN
Uh oh.

A GLOW surrounds him and he turns into a football too. Rocky looks on, horrified.

UNCLE JOE
Rocky, watch out!

Rocky looks up to find the Centiback throwing a football at him. Abruptly, Uncle Joe jumps in the way, intercepting the ball. He GLOWS and becomes a football, too.

CENTIBACK
Isn't there anyone here who can give me a challenge? What about you?

ROCKY
You picked a bad day to mess with me, lace face. It's Morphin' time! *

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STANDARD MORPH- TEEN TO RANGER -RED *

He transforms into the Red Ranger. The Centiback hurls his magic football. The ball bounces off a bleacher. The BALL VANISHES. He hurls another ball; it bounces off again. It VANISHES, too. Red Ranger, while avoiding the footballs, calls to Zordon. * *

RED RANGER
Zordon, this is Rocky. I'm under attack at the high school football field!

ZORDON (V.O.)
I read you, Rocky. I am sending the other Rangers to join you!

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Red Ranger narrowly misses being hit again.

12106A

12106A EXT. ERNIE'S CAFE- DAY

Tommy, Kimberly, Billy, Adam and Aisha move to a discreet part of the cafe, as their communicators CHIME.

TOMMY
Zordon, Tommy here. - Report

ZORDON (V.O.)
You are all needed at the football field immediately. Rocky is under attack.

TOMMY
Got it. - Pleasure

They rush around the corner. CUT TO:

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12106B OMIT

12106C*

12106C EXT. SECLUDED GRASSY AREA - DAY

The teens come to a stop.

TOMMY
We better be ready for action. - Very It's - Well Morphin' time!

STANDARD MORPHING SEQUENCE (SANS RED)

BLUE RANGER
Let's hope we're not too late.

They TELEPORT (SFX)

12106D

12106D EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD - DAY

The RANGERS TELEPORT onto the field. Red Ranger runs to greet them.

12107

12107 INT. LORD ZEDD AND RITA'S PALACE - DAY

Lord Zedd and Rita look on as the Power Rangers arrive to fight the Centiback.

RITA
Booo! The other Rangers have arrived!

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LORD ZEDD
Let's send down the Tengas and really score a touchdown!

12108

12108 EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD - DAY

Red Ranger runs up to the others as the Tengas suddenly appear on the football field.

CENTIBACK
Ah, now we have enough to play for real!

RED RANGER
Guys, watch out! This monster is tough! It turns people into footballs!

BLACK RANGER
What?

RED RANGER
Check it out.
(pointing)
That's Bulk and Skull and Allen.
And that's my Uncle Joe!

PINK RANGER
No way!

WHITE RANGER
Okay, guys. Be careful.

The Rangers stand before the Tengas and the Centiback.

CENTIBACK
How about a little warm up first?

The Tengas attack. The Rangers fight with the Tengas.

CENTIBACK (CONT'D)
And here's a little side line assistance!

The Centiback throws his football at the White Ranger. He tries to avoid it but is hit. He GLOWS and turns into a football, painted to resemble the White Ranger!

PINK RANGER
Tommy!

The Centiback throws two balls--one at the Pink Ranger and one at the Yellow Ranger. They dive out of the way, But the

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12108CONTINUED:

balls curve and strike them; they GLOW and turn into footballs resembling the Pink and Yellow Rangers. *

CENTIBACK
Time to even up the score!

The Centiback hurls the football at the Black Ranger. *

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BLACK RANGER
Hey!

The football strikes him. He GLOWS and turns into a football, painted to resemble the Black Ranger. The Centiback hurls a football at the Blue Ranger. It strikes him, too. The Blue Ranger GLOWS and turns into a football, resembling the Blue Ranger! The Red Ranger realizes that his companions are all gone. The Tengas turn toward him. The Centiback tosses a football up and down, menancingly. * * * * *

CENTIBACK
And with seconds remaining before the half, the visiting team has almost all but wrapped this one up!

The Red Ranger looks up. *

RED RANGER
Oh no!

The Centiback steps threateningly closer! On the Red Ranger's worried look... *

FADE OUT: END OF ACT I

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12109 OMIT

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12110 OMIT

FADE UP: ACT II

12111

12111 EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD- DAY

As before, the Red Ranger faces the oncoming Centiback and Tengas. He calls to Zordon. * * *

RED RANGER
Zordon, this monster has turned all the Rangers into footballs! *

ZORDON (VO)
Rocky, you must retreat immediately.

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12111CONTINUED:

The Centiback hurls his magic football. The Red Ranger TELEPORTS out as the ball flies past him and lands harmlessly on the grass and VANISHES (SFX). The Centiback turns to it's Tengas team mates, pleased with itself.

CENTIBACK
Half time! This team needs to rest up for the second half!

The Centiback and Tengas collect the footballs. They all VANISH (SFX). On this we DISSOLVE TO:

12112

12112 INT. COMMAND CENTER - DAY

Rocky stands with his helmet in hand.

ALPHA
The Centiback monster has taken the footballs and left the field!

ROCKY
Zordon, how am I gonna defeat this monster alone?

ZORDON
The Centiback monster is an especially fiendish creation. It is unlikely you can defeat him by yourself.

ROCKY
I've got to turn the others back into themselves. But how?

ZORDON
Have confidence, Red Ranger.

ROCKY
It's like what Allen said earlier-- everything feels like it's upside down and backwards.

He thinks for a moment, then realizes the solution.

ROCKY (CONT'D)
Hey, those footballs emit an energy wave. Maybe we could turn the beam upside down and backwards and reverse the spell.

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12112CONTINUED:

ALPHA
(pause)
Rocky's correct. Inverting the football's energy waves could cancel the spell!

ROCKY
All right!

ZORDON
Good thinking, Red Ranger.

ROCKY
Thanks, Zordon.

The computer console BEEPS. Alpha looks at the readout.

ALPHA
The monster has moved all the footballs to the mountains outside Angel Grove, but--aye yi yi--my weather scanners show a snow storm is moving in!

ZORDON
Inverting the energy wave won't work with interference. Red Ranger, you summon Ninjor to assist you in this most difficult situation.

Rocky opens his mouth to call Ninjor, who appears at the mention of his name.

NINJOR
Did someone say Ninjor?

ROCKY
Ninjor, the other Rangers have been turned into footballs. We've got to rescue them.

NINJOR
Football?! My favorite game. Is that the one with the goalies or the bases?

Alpha hands over two basket-like devices.

ALPHA
These devices reverse energy fields.

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NINJOR
What are we waiting for?

ZORDON
Rocky you will need your Power Ranger abilities for this.

ROCKY
You're right, Zordon. Back to action! *
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On this we CUT TO:

12113

12113 EXT. MOUNTAINS - DAY

Ninjor and Red Ranger stand, holding the basket-like devices.

RED RANGER
Looks like the storm's on it's way. And it's cold enough up here to snow.

In the distance, a storm is threatening. (STOCK OF CLOUDS FORMING) The Centiback monster stands before them, the balls lined up behind him.

RED RANGER
Okay, Centiback! Half time's over!

NINJOR
Yeah, it's fifth and down!

RED RANGER
That's fourth down and long.

NINJOR
Whatever. This monster's headed for the showers!

The Centiback hurls a football at Red Ranger. Red Ranger captures the football in the basket. The monster throws another football at Ninjor who also captures the football in the basket. A FLASH of LIGHT comes out of the basket. Both Ninjor and Red Ranger heave the baskets so that the footballs come flying out, landing against the other transformed footballs. Allen, Uncle Joe, Bulk and Skull are freed.

RED RANGER
Alpha, they're free!

ALPHA (VO)
I am teleporting them back to the football field!

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12113 CONTINUED:

Before the four can ask anything, they disappear in a TELEPORT BEAM.

RED RANGER
Oh, man. I hope this works!

The Centiback hurls more footballs at Ninjor and Red Ranger-- they catch them in their basket-like devices, and hurl the footballs back towards the pile of Ranger-footballs. As the footballs hit each other, there is a GLOW and the other Rangers appear as Ranger's just as they left (SFX).

WHITE RANGER
Touchdown! Way to go, Rocky!

RED RANGER
Glad you guys are O.K.

WHITE RANGER
Thanks to you, Rocky. Let's blitz this creep!

On this we CUT TO:

12114

12114 INT. LORD ZEDD AND RITA'S PALACE - DAY

Lord Zedd and Rita look on, outraged.

RITA
The Rangers are free!

LORD ZEDD
I knew that monster wasn't any good!

RITA
Let's see how he does in the economy size!

Lord Zedd and Rita touch their staves together and create a BOLT of ENERGY designed to make the monster grow.

12115

12115 EXT. MOUNTAINS - DAY - PFM 04:21:39:06 - 04:21:44:28

The Centiback grows. CUT TO:

12116

12116 EXT. MOUNTAINS - DAY

It begins to snow. The Power Rangers step back, looking up at the gigantic size of the Centiback.

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12116CONTINUED:

WHITE RANGER
We need Ninja Megazord power, now!

12116A*

12116A EXT. SKY -DAY (04:20:38-04:20:40) *

Ninjor comes flying on his cloud through the snow. *

NINJOR *
Rangers! I'm no fair weather friend. *
May I be of assistance? Achoo!!

12117

12117 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - DAY - PFM 04:21:58:27 - 04:23:15:22

It snows more fiercely. The Centiback monster confronts both Ninjor and the Ninja Megazord. As it continues to snow, Ninjor fights the Centiback. Ninjor transforms and continues the fight. Together with Ninjor, the Rangers inside their zord defeat the Centiback who falls to the ground, EXPLODING!

12118

12118 INT. LORD ZEDD AND RITA'S PALACE - DAY

Goldar, Lord Zedd, Rita and Finster react to the loss of the monster.

GOLDAR
They've destroyed the Centiback!

LORD ZEDD
I told you it wouldn't work!

RITA
Me! Who's stupid idea was it to create a football monster?!

FINSTER
Oh, dear! You shouldn't blame each other!

RITA
That's right!

BOTH
It was your fault!

Rita and Lord Zedd glower as Finster beats a hasty retreat.

FADE OUT: END OF ACT II

FADE UP: EPILOGUE

12119 EXT. ERNIE'S CAFE - DAY 12119

The Power Teens, except for Rocky, discuss the day's events. In the B.G. are Bulk and Skull, relieved to be human again.

KIMBERLY
That was a really weird experience, you guys.

BILLY
We certainly got a different perspective on things.

ROCKY (V.O.)
Hey, guys!

Rocky enters with Uncle Joe and Allen, who is all smiles.

ROCKY
Guess what! Allen doesn't have to quit the football team!

TOMMY
That's excellent, Allen. What happened?

ALLEN
I told Mr. Haley about my problems with school. And he did the rest.

UNCLE JOE
Allen's problems sounded the same as mine. So I took Allen over to the high school's learning resource center to be tested.

ALLEN
Turns out I have a learning disorder called dyslexia. The center said many people are dyslexic.

UNCLE JOE
I'm dyslexic, too. When we're under stress we tend to interpret numbers and letters differently than other people. Not all teachers recognize the problem.

ALLEN
But now we know what the problem is, Mr. Wilton said he knows ways to help. He thinks my grades will
(MORE)

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ALLEN (cont'd)
really improve.

UNCLE JOE
And he won't have to quit the team!

The power teens react, happily. In the B.G., LT. STONE enters, holding a football in his hands.

SKULL
Hey, Bulky? Is that one of the monster's footballs?

LT. STONE
Skullovitch! Bulkmeyer!

BOTH
(snapping to attention)
Yes, sir!

Lt. Stone absently tosses the football up and down. Bulk and Skull see it and fear it may be one of the Centiback's footballs. Still at attention, they recoil as he tosses the football up and down--afraid it might touch them.

LT. STONE
Why weren't you two at the football field?

BULK
We were turned into footballs, sir!

LT. STONE
What kind of a numbskull do you take me for?

As the football comes very close to touching them:

BOTH
Yiiiii!

Lt. Stone waves the football in front of them.

LT. STONE
I don't know what your problem is but that's the last time you receive celebrity duty! From now on, you'll be lucky to get crossing guard duty!

BOTH
Yes, sir!

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12119CONTINUED: (2)

Lt. Stone turns to walk out. Bulk and Skull look very relieved.

LT. STONE
Oh. Take this back to the field.

He tosses the football at them. Bulk and Skull SCREAM and duck, but the football still lands on them. They don't transform. The two junior police officers look very relieved as Uncle Joe, Allen, and the Power Teens look on, smiling.....FREEZE FRAME