POWER RANGERS

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Regular Cast:

KIMBERLY
BILLY
ZACK
JASON
TRINI
TOMMY
ZORDON
ALPHA 5

RITA
FINSTER
SQUATT
BABOO
GOLDAR

Non-Regular Cast:

BULK
SKULL
ERNIE
ANGELA
ASSORTED TEENS at COSTUME PARTY
BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN
JUGGLERS, GYPSY, and OTHER SPECIALITY PERFORMERS

FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER -- Rita's latest monstrous creation

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Prologue

FADE IN:

2301 INT. YOUTH CENTER DAY 2301

Several students are in the Youth Center, helping to decorate it for the next day's costume party. TRINI and BILLY are hanging crepe-paper streamers on the walls. ZACK holds a ladder for JASON as he tacks streamers to the ceiling. TOMMY is moving exercise equipment out of the way. Kimberly is painting a giant mask -- which will be used as a decoration. She has a big bowl of white paint sitting next to her. BULK and SKULL are hanging in the corner, watching. ERNIE walks briskly into the scene, shouting orders.

ERNIE
Get a move on, kids. We've still got a lot to do to get ready for the costume party.

Hearing this, Bulk and Skull start to slink out of the Youth Center.

BULK
More work. We're outta here!

Kimberly sees the punks and calls out to them. They're dressed in their normal "punk" garb, so over done that they could be misconstrued as costumed.

KIMBERLY
(to the punks)
Hey! Nice costumes! I see you put a lot of thought into it, Bulk!

Skull looks at himself, confused. Bulk gives her a disgusting look and moans. Ernie notices them now and calls them over.

ERNIE *
Hey Guys! String these up.

Bulk and Skull begrudgingly head over to him. Kimberly smiles.

Bulk and Skull grumble, and then get busy stapling crepe paper right under the counter where Kimberly is busy painting the mask. Zack sees ANGELA pass by with an armload of decorations, and leaves the ladder to go help her.

ZACK
Yo, Angela, need some help?

JASON
Hey! Zack!

Tommy walks up to hold the ladder while Jason climbs down, then heads over to where Kimberly is sitting.

TOMMY
You need some help, Kimberly?

Kimberly smiles at Tommy, and gets up to hand him another paint brush. Below her, Bulk is having trouble stapling the crepe paper.

BULK
Stupid stapler!

He bangs the stapler against the counter to try and make it staple, and Kimberly's can of white paint falls all over him. Bulk rises up, completely covered in paint.

SKULL
Hey bulk, you look like a ghost!

TRINI
Now there's a scary thought!

CUT TO:

2302 INT RITA'S PALACE - SEG. #1/44 SEC. 2302

Rita is gazing towards earth through her Repulsascope. Baboo, Finster, Goldar, and Squatt are gathered around her.

RITA
Oh, oh! They're having a costume party! How convenient!

Her minions hover near her as Rita continues to gaze through the repulsascope, suddenly cackling with glee at the scene below.

RITA
I'll give them a monster that likes to party!
(beat)
Finster! Work your magic!

INSERT SHOT OF THE MONSTER-MATIC PUMPING AND WORKING. OUT OF THE MIST POPS NONE OTHER THAN FRANKENSTEIN, who growls. Rita snarls.

2303 INT. RITA'S PALACE DAY 2303

Rita is standing at her helm smiling broadly.

RITA
Oh, It'll be a party! Wait till they meet my new monster!

FINSTER
Yes, my evil queen. Now, with the Power Rangers about to be destroyed by Frankenstein, I should go check on your super putty mine.

RITA *
Oh, my super putty! I shall be unstoppable with it!
(into repulsascope)
Ha ha! Power Rangers! Frankly, baby, go now and destroy the Power Rangers.

2303A EXT. PARK 2303 *

Frankenstein arrives on earth and growls.

End of Prologue

Act One

2304 INT. BILLY'S GARAGE DAY 2304

*The Power team, minus Tommy, is gathered in the garage, and everyone is putting the finishing touches on their costumes. Trini is dressed as an oriental princess, Jason is dressed as Robin Hood. Kimberly is dressed as Maid Marion.

KIMBERLY
This is going to be a fresh party!

Billy and Zack come up in their costumes. Zack is dressed as King Tut. Billy is dressed as Sherlock Holmes.

ZACK
My man! You look just like that Sherlock Holmes dude!

BILLY *
Thank you, King Tut.

TRINI *
I wonder who's going to win first prize?

KIMBERLY
Hey, where's Tommy?

JASON
His costume's not finished yet, he'll catch up to us later.

ZACK
Let's head to the party!

CUT TO:

2305 INT. BULK'S BEDROOM (SWING SET) 2304

Skull is pulling out various pieces of costume accessories out of a trunk, trying to find something to wear.

BULK
Listen, dolt-brain, I need an excellent costume to win that contest, and it's up to you to find me one!

CUT TO:

MONTAGE -- BULK AND SKULL IN VARIOUS COSTUMES.

2305A OUTFIT #1 2305B

Bulk is dressed as Peter Pan, Skull is dressed as Captain Hook.

SKULL
I'll be Captain Hook, and you can be Peter Pan!

Bulk pulls the eye patch elastic and snaps it back on Skull's face, then he knocks off the pirate hat.

BULK
There's no way I'm going anywhere in little green tights!

CUT TO:

2305C OUTFIT #2 2305C

They're in the two halves of a horse costume.

SKULL
Well I don't want to be in the back end, either.

Bulk glares at him.

CUT TO:

2305C OUTFIT #3 2305C

Bulk as old Elvis, Skull as young Elvis.

SKULL
Okay, I'll be young Elvis, you be old Elvis.

Bulk starts to swivel his hips like the king, then something snaps.

BULK
Hey, mamma-baby! Ow! My back! This is harder than I thought.

PUSH IN on Bulk's bedroom window as Frankenstein passes by, looks inside, and them moves on.

CUT TO:

2306 OMIT 2306*

2307 OMIT 2307*

2307A OMIT 2307*

2308 INT. YOUTH CENTER -- COSTUME PARTY DAY

The party is in full swing. A MAGICIAN is circulating through the crowd, doing card tricks. Speciality performers are roaming around the room doing magic tricks, gags, etc. A JUGGLER, a SNAKE CHARMER, a STRONG MAN, etc.

*Zack walks up to Angela, and does a little Egyptian dance move.

ZACK
Hey, Angela, wanna dance?

ANGELA
Go back to your tomb, Tut.

Angela walks off.

ZACK
Man, even a king's not good enough for that girl.

Bulk and Skull walk in dressed exactly the same as before. They look around the room.

SKULL
Good idea to come dressed as punks, Bulk.

BULK
Yeah, c'mon.

Ernie, dressed as Dracula sneaks up on Trihi and Kimberly.

ERNIE
(fang teeth bared.)
I want to suck your blood!

KIMBERLY
I'll take a pass, Ernie.

ERNIE
How'd you know it was me?

The Power Teens are standing next to the entrance, when ALPHA enters. Billy does a doubletake, and the others react as well.

BILLY
Alpha? What are you doing here?

ALPHA
I wanted to party with you guys, and I figured this was the perfect opportunity!

BILLY
You do have a splendid costume.

ALPHA
What costume?

Billy shrugs, and Alpha hurries off into the crowd. Ernie turns to see RITA'S FRANKENSTEIN enter the party and look around.

ERNIE (CONT'D)
Now that's a costume!

CUT TO:

2309 INT. RITA'S SECRET CAVE (SEG #2/29 SECS) 2309

Finster is overseeing the mining of Rita's super putty clay on earth. The Putty Patrol is piling the stuff into a clump. We hear noises as the clay rattles through a mechanical contraption in the cave.

FINSTER
Isn't this grand? Indestructible clay! We'll destroy the earth with it after Frankenstein polishes off the Power Rangers!
(Beat)
Squatt! Tell them to hurry!

Squatt looks over at him.

FINSTER (CONT'D)
Those putties better make it snappy! Our Queen of Evil will be back any minute!

SQUATT
(Burps)
Let me finish my lunch, okay?

CUT TO:

2310 INT. YOUTH CENTER/COSTUME PARTY DAY 2310

Alpha is surrounded by a group of girls who think he's adorable. They're giggling and fawning over him.

GIRL #1
(To Alpha)
Ohh, I just love the way you talk!

GIRL #2
And what a great costume.

ALPHA
Thanks.

Jason and Zack are watching.

ZACK
It isn't fair! Alpha comes to the party and girls fall all over him?

The CAMERA ZOOMS to Rita's Frankenstein monster -- he moves towards the Power Rangers. Jason, Zack and Billy look at each other.

JASON
Who's that?

ZACK
I don't know, but he'll ace the grand prize for sure!

BILLY
I'll have to search for more clues, but could that Frankenstein be Tommy?

Jason and Zack shrug and go mingle. Frankie prowls around, trying to get close to the Power Rangers to put them out of action. Each time he gets ready to grab one of them, someone or something gets in his way. SHARKY, dressed as a PUNK MONSTER BRIDE, grabs Frankenstein for a dance; she whirls him away just as he's about to grab Kimberly.

SHARKY
Come on, Frankie, they're playing our song.

Frankenstein gets out of the dance by tossing Sharky into Bulk.

BULK
Eh! Get him!

Skull takes aim with a dart gun, and hits Frank in the head with a suction dart.

FRANKENSTEIN
Aghh!

Ripping the dart off of his forehead, Frankenstein lumbers over toward's Skull and picks him up by the arm. Frankenstein easily lifts him completely off of the ground, and throws him out of his way, causing him to knock over some other KIDS. They tumble to the ground.

SKULL
It's just a gag, man! Get over it!

Frankenstein lumbers towards Bulk and Skull. They freak out and run out the door. Frankie follows. Billy watches in amazement.

BILLY
That can't be Tommy. He'd never act like that. I'd better investigate.

Billy exits, and Trini sees him. She has a look of concern, but she shrugs and goes back to the festivities.

CUT TO:

2311 EXT. YOUTH CENTER DAY 2311

Bulk and Skull run off as Frankenstein emerges from the Youth Center. Frankenstein looks around, confused, then lumbers off in another direction. Billy comes out and follows him.

CUT TO:

2312 EXT. SIDEWALK NEAR PARK DAY 2312

Billy follows the Frankenstein down the sidewalk, and into the park. If Frank turns around, Billy ducks behind a doorway or a tree.

ANGLE of Billy following the Frankenstein through the park.

CUT TO:

2313 EXT. CAVE ENTRANCE 2313

Frankenstein lumbers towards the cave entrance, and goes inside. We see Billy in the background, creeping around rocks following the monster.

CUT TO:

2314 INT. RITA'S SECRET CAVE (SEG #2/25 SECONDS) 2314

Rita enters through a doorway, and grins happily. She walks towards Finster and they clay-collecting Putties.

RITA
Ah! Have you bumble-heads finished collecting my super putty?

BABOO
Not quite, oh lovely one, but now that Frank is back, he can help!

RITA
Frank? What are you doing here? You're supposed to deal with those Power Brats!

FINSTER
Don't get upset, your evilness! Look! We're almost finished. Then Frank can go and finish them off!

RITA
Ha, yes! With this super Putty, my monsters will be indestructible!

CUT TO:

2315 EXT. ENTRANCE TO CAVE 2315

CAMERA CLOSE UP on Billy as he slowly enters the cave.

CUT TO:

2316 INT. RITA'S SECRET CAVE (SEG #2/17 SECONDS) 2316

Suddenly Rita hears the "intruder" alarm going off in the cave. She smiles deviously.

RITA
Frankenstein! An intruder --
do your stuff!

Frankenstein puts his arms forward and lumbers toward the entrance.

CUT TO:

2317 EXT. CAVE ENTRANCE 2317

Frankenstein comes out, sees Billy, and growls. REACTION ON Billy -- he looks at the Frankenstein.

Frank goes after Billy *

BILLY
* My deductive reasoning tells
me you're not Tommy.
Elementary -- it's time for a
molecular transmutation!

CUT TO:

INSERT -- STANDARD BILLY MORPH SEQUENCE

CUT TO:

2318 INT. ENTRANCE TO CAVE/SEG #2/17 SECONDS) 2318

Billy and Frankenstein fight it out. Billy lashes out at the monster, but takes considerable hits himself.

BILLY
Party crasher! You weren't
invited!

FRANKENSTEIN
Aghhh!

BILLY
Nice touch! Detachable neck
screws.

Frankenstein plants a hard wallop on billy which sends him rolling across the ground. Billy tries to fight back, but the Frankenstein keeps zapping him.

BILLY
This might be tougher than I
thought.

CUT TO:

2319 OMIT 2319*

2320 INT. RITA'S CAVE (SEG #3/13 SECONDS) 2320

Rita's minions stand around her in the cave, listening to her tell them about what she's going to do.

RITA
I can't wait to cause a catastrophe with my super putty!
(beat)
Don't just stand there, lame-brains. Roll it out and shake things up!

CUT TO:

2321 EXT. JAPANESE FOOTAGE (SEG #3/18 SECONDS) 2321

Suddenly we see a huge earthquake. the earth splits apart and Rita rises up from the chasm, above the building, riding atop her round glob of clay.

RITA
Listen up, pathetic earthlings! This earthquake is just the beginning. I'll destroy the Power Rangers, then I'll destroy ALL OF YOU!
(beat)
Nothing can save you now! Ha ha ha ha!

CUT TO:

2322 EXT. ENTRANCE TO CAVE 2322

Billy, in his Power Ranger costume, rolls from the last punch Frankenstein gave him, as the earth shakes (CAMERA SHAKES FX.) Billy stands up, and gasps. CLOSE UP of Billy.

BILLY
Rita's on the rampage! I'd better warn the others.

Billy teleports out. *

CUT TO:

2323 EXT. EARTHQUAKE FOOTAGE (SEG #3/10 SECONDS) 2323

The scene opens with Rita standing on the ball of clay, hovering over an earthquake ravaged town, cackling with delight.

RITA
When the Power Rangers are defeated by my Super Putties, I'll be the ruler of the world!

End of Act One

Act Two

FADE IN:

2324 INT. YOUTH CENTER/COSTUME PARTY 2324

WITH A CAMERA SHAKE FX, we see that the earthquake is still affecting the Youth Center. As it ends, Billy rushes in, wearing his Sherlock outfit, flushed and out of breath. Frantically he searches for the other Power Rangers. and discreetly gathers them together so he can explain what's been going on.

BILLY
We've got a major crisis situation.

KIMBERLY
No kidding! We've got an earthquake!

BILLY *
It's Rita and Frankenstein is one of her goons!

JASON *
Maybe Zordon can explain this. Let's find Tommy and teleport to the command center.

ZACK *
Tommy still hasn't shown up.

Jason tries his communicator.

JASON
Tommy, do you read me?

Tommy doesn't respond.

JASON (CONT'D) *
We'll have to go without him.
Come on.

The Power Teens run to the locker room area and prepare to teleport.

JASON
Prepare to teleport!

They TELEPORT (FX).

CUT TO:

2325 INT. COMMAND CENTER 2325

The five Power Teens (without Tommy) MATERIALIZE (FX) in the Command Center. Zordon's image is shimmering.

JASON
What's going on, Zordon?

ZORDON *
Rita has a new master plan.
Her new Frankenstein monster
is out to destroy you, then
she'll conquer the earth with
an army of Super Putties.

TRINI
Super Putties?

ZORDON
Yes, a new form of
indestructible clay!

ZACK *
Man!

KIMBERLY *
Let's try and contact Tommy
again.

Jason activates his communicator.

JASON
Tommy! Tommy, come in, man!

Everyone listens, but hears no response from the communicator.

CUT TO:

2326 INT. TOMMY'S BEDROOM (SWING SET) 2326

Tommy has no shirt on, and no communicator. CAMERA PANS to a chair, where we see his communicator, shirt, shoes, etc. The shirt is partially covering the communicator and we see that it lights up, but he can't hear the beeps. His stereo is blasting, and he's moving to the beat as he puts the finishing touches on his costume.

TOMMY
Just some finishing touches and this costume will be done.

CUT TO:

2327 INT. COMMAND CENTER 2327

The kids are standing together listening to the communicator, but still there is no response.

TRINI
He must not be wearing his communicator.

ZORDON
We have no time, Power Rangers. You must stop Rita's Frankenstein, now. Good Luck!

*JASON
It's morphin time!

INSERT -- STANDARD MORPH SEQUENCE FOR ALL BUT TOMMY

CUT TO:

2328 EXT. URBAN ROOFTOP (SEGMENT #4) 2328

The Power Rangers land on the roof and begin to fight with Rita's Frankenstein monster, to the strong beat of the GO GO POWER RANGERS THEME SONG.

JASON
Hi ya!

ZACK
Try this "party punch," ugly!

BILLY
He has a neck apparatus!

CUT TO:

2329 EXT. RITA'S PALACE 2329

Rita watches the scene from her repulsascope. The fight is fierce, but not as fierce as she'd like it to be. She takes her scepter and holds it up.

RITA
Enough goofing around, you annoying Power Brats. Now you'll have nowhere to go...watch my Frankenstein GROW!

Rita takes aim and throws her scepter to earth, causing the Frankenstein Monster to grow to monstrous proportions.

KIMBERLY
Whoa! this guy's a one-man horror show!

TRINI
Yeah, but it's all brawn and no brain!

BILLY
Still, his size complicates matters.

JASON
I think it's time to call up the Zords!

BILLY
Affirmative!

ALL VO
We call upon the power of the Dinozords!

One by one, the mammoth beasts rise up out of the earth and come running.

ZACK VO
Morphinominal! Let's take him down!

Each member of the Power team leaps into the air and into their own cockpits. CUTAWAY to individual shots of Power Rangers in cockpits.

JASON
Engage the Megazord!

ALL
In position and locking!

JASON
Okay, Frank. Try this on for size!

The giant Frankenstein and the Megazord go into battle, throwing monstrous blows at each other. The fight is difficult -- the Megazord is taking a beating.

TRINI
This guy's not kidding!

KIMBERLY
Good thing, cuz we're not laughing!

CUT TO:

2330 EXT. RITA'S PALACE (SEG #4/ 2 SECONDS) 2330

CAMERA CLOSE on Rita.

RITA
I love being bad!

CUT TO:

2331 EXT. FIGHT FOOTAGE (SEG #4/57 SECONDS) 2331

The fight rages on with the Megazord taking some bad hits.

JASON
Hang on guys. I'm calling for the Power Sword! But don't let your guard down; this guy's tough!

The Mega Sword comes down from the sky and the fight continues when suddenly Frankenstein uses his ball and chain to lasso the Megazord and drag it down.

KIMBELRY
This guy's carrying the "Monster mash" a bit too far, don't you think?

JASON
Tommy, where are you buddy?

CUT TO:

2332 EXT. EARTHQUAKE SCENE 2332

Rita hovers nearby on her ball of putty, watching the scene with a hideous smirk on her face.

RITA
Yee ha!

CUT TO:

2333 EXT. FIGHT FOOTAGE (SEG #4/16 SECONDS) 2333

Frankenstein five the Megazord another wallop, which sends it toppling over a huge building.

TRINI
I don't believe it! Good thing this is a deserted building! What're we gonna do now?

CUT TO:

2334 EXT. EARTHQUAKE (SEG #4/10 SECONDS) 2334

Rita moves on her ball of putty, laughs and points to the earth.

RITA
It's all over, you puny earthlings! Look ar your precious Power Rangers now! Ha ha ha ha!

Cackling loudly, Rita flies off on her ball of clay towards her Palace, assuming Frankenstein has polished off the Megazord.

CUT TO:

2335 INT. TOMMY'S BEDROOM (SWING SET) 2335

Tommy has just finished gluing something onto his costume. He turns off his stereo as he reaches over to grab his shirt. He reacts with a worried expression when he sees his communicator light on, and hears it beeping. Grabbing it, he switches it on.

ZORDON
Tommy, come in.

TOMMY
I read you Zordon!

ZORDON (VO)
Tommy! Your fellow Power Rangers are in trouble! You must go to them immediately!

TOMMY
I'm on my way, Zordon.

INSERT - STANDARD TOMMY MORPH

CUT TO:

2336 EXT. FIGHT FOOTAGE (SEG #4/53 SECONDS) 2336

Frankenstein hits the Megazord again. This time, the Megazord disengages and breaks down to individual zords.

TRINI
Hey! What's going on?

BILLY
It's damaged our proton capacitator.

KIMBERLY
Huh?

TRINI
We're breaking down.

JASON
No problem! We'll regroup. Get your crystals ready!

ALL
You got it!

CLOSE UP shot of Power Rangers inserting their crystals, then back up to reveal all the Power Zords running alongside each other, eventually reconnecting.

TOMMY (VO)
Hey, guys! Hang in there!

CUT TO:

2337 EXT CITY (SEG #4/2.11 SECONDS) 2337

LONG SHOT of Tommy in his Power Rangers uniform, standing on a nearby bridge.

ZACK (VO)
Glad you could make it ol' buddy. It's about time!

TOMMY
Sorry I'm late. I'll explain later. But I brought the party favors. Watch this, Frankenstein!

Tommy plays his magic flute and calls up his Dragonzord, who joins in the fight together with the Megazord. Frankenstein grabs the Dragonzord by the tail and swings it around.

TOMMY
Oh no you don't! Not to my zord!

Tommy plays his magic flute again, and the Dragonzord and the Megazord comes together to form the Megadragonzord!

JASON
We've had enough! The Party's over! Hope you're watching, Rita. You'll never get the best of us!

The Megadragonzord takes aim and uses its Megaweapon to immobilize and obliterate the Frankenstein monster.

TOMMY
Hasta la vista, Baby!

BILLY
My sentiments exactly!

CUT TO:

2338 INT. RITA'S PALACE (SEG #4/9 SECS) 2338

Rita views what has gone on through her Repulsascope and pulls back from it, nearly weeping.

RITA
You just can't get good monsters anymore! But wait until you get a taste of my Super Putties -- we'll see who has the last laugh!

End of Act Two

Epilogue

2339 INT. YOUTH CENTER/COSTUME PARTY 2339

The Power Rangers, minus Tommy, return to the party, once again in their costumes.

ZACK
We sure sent that Frankenstein back to the lab!

KIMBERLY
Looks like we got back just in time to see who won the costume contest.

Tommy rushes in, still not in his costume, but he's carrying a bag with his costume in it.

TRINI
Where's your costume?

TOMMY
I've got it right here -- I have to change.

Tommy dashes to the locker room, as the rest of the Power Rangers huddle near the door to where they contact Zordon to let him know the outcome of their battle.

ZORDON (VO)
Congratulations, Power Rangers. By the way, what has become of Alpha five?

ZACK
(looking towards Alpha)
Looks like he's got his hands full, so to speak!

The Power Team looks up and to their astonishment, see that Alpha is surrounded by girls, and he has his metal arms around several of them. He's the king of the ball! Kimbelry walks over, and pulls him aside.

KIMBERLY
Cool, Alpha! You're a hit!

ALPHA
It's true, dudette! They like me! They really like me!

Bulk and Skull walk up as Bulk makes a snide comment.

BULK
What's to like, ya tin can. Who are you, anyway?

Alpha starts to back away from Bulk when suddenly, at the doorway, a Frankenstein monster appears -- almost exactly like the one the Power Team just disposed of. Jason and Zack pull backs towards Trini is shock. Kimberly and Billy rush over to the other kids.

ZACK
Didn't we just drill that guy?

BILLY
It's not possible!

Nearby, Bulk pulls out Skull's dartgun and looks towards the Frankenstein. Skull takes the dartgun back.

SKULL
* Hey man, shoot someone else.

Frankenstein reaches up and removes his mask -- It's Tommy!

TOMMY
That Frankenstein monster gave me the idea for the final touches on my costume! What do you think?

BILLY
Whew! Quite uh...beleivable, Tommy.