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POWER RANGERS

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LOG LINE: Rocky and Jason learn a lesson in team work when Zordon sends them on a mission to acquire weapons with which they can defeat Rita's new Super Putty Patrollers.

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Regular Cast:

KIMBERLY
BILLY
ZACK
JASON
TRINI
ROCKY
ZORDON
ALPHA 5

RITA
FINNSTER
SQUATT
BABOO
GOLDAR
THE PUTTY PATROL

Non-Regular Cast:

MR. BARTZ -- The somewhat kooky science teacher

SUPER FRANKENSTEIN -- Frankenstein built of Super Putty

SUPER PUTTY PATROLLERS -- A new variation

ASSORTED STUDENTS -- Extras in the science class and hallway

Locations:

Classroom
School Hallway
Billy's Garage
Command Center
Vasquez Rocks

Footage:

Japanese: 7:40
American: 10:20

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Prologue

FADE IN:

2401. INT. SCIENCE CLASSROOM DAY 2401

MR. BARTZ, the SCIENCE TEACHER, is drawing a diagram on the board of a rope with an evacuation chamber in the center of it. The rope is held together by the chamber's vacuum.

MR. BARTZ
Therefore, a vacuum is formed. The pressure of the outside air holds the cylinder together.

PULL BACK to reveal that the SCIENCE STUDENTS are engaged in a tug-o-war across the classroom to illustrate Mr. Bartz' point. The rope is just like the one drawn on the board -- in the center is a small CYLINDER (evacuation chamber), about ten inches in diameter and about six inches long. ZACK, TRINI, JASON are on one side of the rope, and KIMBERLY, BILLY, and ROCKY, are on the other. There are OTHER STUDENTS on both sides. They're straining.

JASON
Pull! Pull!

TRINI
This is supposed to be science, not P.E.

ON THE OTHER SIDE of the rope, Kimberly lets go momentarily to rub her hands.

ROCKY
We can't let those guys win.

BILLY
This isn't a contest; it's to illustrate a scientific principle.

Mr. Bartz approaches the Vacuum tube. Both sides are straining on the rope.

MR. BARTZ
As you can see, the vacuum forms a very strong seal. But if I allow air back into the chamber...

He opens a valve on the cylinder. With a HISS (SFX) of air, the chamber, and the rope, flies apart. Both sets of students fall into heaps on opposite sides of the classroom.

STUDENTS
Oooof!

Jason jumps up.

JASON
Alright, we won! We won!

Rocky jumps up into his face.

ROCKY
No you didn't, we did!

The BELL RINGS (SFX) signalling that class is over. Mr. Bartz steps between them.

MR. BARTZ
* Guys -- I won. And you should learn to work together because you're partners for the next science project.

*Jason and Rocky exchange exasperated glances as Mr. Bartz leaves and the other students begin filing out.

End of Prologue

Act I

FADE IN:

2402. EXT. RITA'S MOONBASE (TIME CODE: 01:00:00.00) 2402

WE PAN the outside of the base. Inside, PUTTY PATROLLERS roll out a huge ball of FINNSTER'S new SUPER PUTTY. Finnster sets his monster machine in motion and out pops A NEW SUPER FRANKENSTEIN!

SUPER FRANKENSTEIN
(Growls)

RITA
I told you I didn't want another Frankenstein.

FINNSTER
But evil one, I made him out of my new indestructible super putty.

RITA
Ohhh!

CUT TO:

2403. INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY DAY 2403

Kimberly and Trini are standing by the lockers in the hall outside the science classroom.

TRINI
** Well, partner, I was thinking we could make a model.

Kimberly poses.

KIMBERLY
** I'll pose.

Zack and Billy walk up.

** TRINI
** No, a model biosphere.

ZACK
Guess what? I got teamed up with the Angel High Einstein!

Zack throws an arm around Billy.

BILLY
I want to successfully produce a self-sustaining cold fusion reaction.

ZACK
* Yo, me too!

ANGLE ON THE SCIENCE CLASSROOM DOOR

Jason and Rocky both try to get out of the door at the same time, and end up stuck. They squeeze out. The others walk up to them.

ROCKY
Mr. Bartz made us science project partners.

JASON
Don't worry. I'll dream up some great experiment and you can get half the credit.

ROCKY
** Oh, great, Mr. Science here.

They go nose-to-nose again.

JASON
** I've got more brains in my little finger, than you have in you whole head!

Trini steps between them.

TRINI
Guys, you gotta learn to "gung ho."

ROCKY AND JASON
Huh?

TRINI
"Gung ho;" it's Chinese for "work together." You have work together if you're going to be partners.

ZACK
Yeah, shake hands and get over it.

Jason stiffly extends his hand to shake. Rocky grabs it. They're trying to out-squeeze each other. The other Power Rangers try to pull them apart and can't.

TRINI
We're going over to Billy's garage to work on our projects.

They exit, leaving Jason and Rocky locked together in their handshake of death.

CUT TO:

2404. RITA'S MOONBASE (TIME CODE: 01:00:29.26) 2404

Rita, Finnster, GOLDAR, SQUATT, BABOO, FRANKENSTEIN, and some PUTTIES are gathered in the lab. They're making putty patrollers out of FINNSTER'S new Super Putty.

SQUATT
This is great! We can make a whole army out of super putty.

BABOO
It's Rita's best plan yet!

ON FINNSTER as he molds some super putty.

FINNSTER
(Grunting)

Rita is cackling.

RITA
Nothing will stop my new super putty patrol!

RITA'S MINIONS
Yes, great one! Uh-huh! Right!

Finnster loads up his mold maker and stamps out some super putties. Baboo and Squat are loving it.

SQUATT
More, more!

Finnster puts a whole tray of molded super putties on his conveyor belt and cranks them into his machine.

RITA
Yes!

FRANKENSTEIN
(Growls)

Finnster pulls a lever, and his monster making machine goes into motion. It sputters and vibrates, and SUPER PUTTIES begin dropping out of the other end. Rita is delighted.

RITA
We'll show them! Ha-ha-ha!

SUPER FRANKENSTEIN
(Growls)

CUT TO:

2405. INT. BILLY'S GARAGE DAY 2405

WE PAN the garage and see the various pairings of Power Rangers working on their science projects. Kimberly and Trini are building their model biosphere in a small aquarium. They're arranging plants inside it.

TRINI
This will simulate the diverse conditions of the rain forest.

KIMBERLY
It's just so...green. Can we splash around some primary colors?

PAN TO Zack and Billy. They've got test tubes, batteries, and other assorted supplies spread out everywhere. While Billy sets up the experiment, Zack plays with a couple of liquid-filled test tubes.

BILLY
Just make sure you don't mix liquids "a" and "b."

ON ZACK, he's just mixed the liquids. It foams up out of the tube and over his hand.

ZACK
Ooops.

PAN TO Jason and Rocky. They've set up a robotic arm that they want to program to put mustard on a hot dog. There's a hot dog sitting under the arm, and a mustard container in the robotic hand.

JASON
It should work automatically.

ROCKY
Yeah, but you set it up wrong.

The stare each other down briefly. Rocky makes an adjustment to the arm. Jason repositions the hot dog.

ROCKY
Let's try it again.

He throws a switch and the arm goes into motion. It spreads mustard on the hot dog.

JASON
Hey, it works.

The arm keeps moving, and squirts mustard all over Jason. Rocky laughs.

ROCKY
Yeah, it does.

JASON
* You programmed it to do that!

**The arm squirts mustard all over Rocky.

ROCKY
** See I didn't, because you screwed up the logic controls!

The other Power Rangers step between them, again. Billy turns off the robotic arm and examines it.

KIMBERLY
We can't get any work done with you guys bickering all the time.

Billy holds up a computer chip.

BILLY
You're controller chip has failed. Alpha 5 could repair it easily at the command center.

Jason takes the chip from Billy.

JASON
* I'll go or you'll mess it up again.

Rocky grabs the chip.

ROCKY
I can handle this.

TRINI
Why don't you both go?

Jason grabs the chip back.

CUT TO:

2406. EXT. RITA'S MOONBASE (TIME CODE:01:01:28.02)) 2406

Rita stands in front of her new super putties.

RITA
My new super putties are finished!
(Her minions cheer)
Not even the Power Rangers can stop them! Now attack!

The Super Putties spring out of manholes to attack!

CUT TO:

2407. INT. COMMAND CENTER DAY 2407

ALPHA 5 is working on the broken computer chip. Rocky and Jason stand on either side of him, arguing.

ROCKY
* It's the circuit on the right!

JASON
* You don't know anything about computer chips!

ON ALPHA as he turns, and a compartment on his chest opens.

ALPHA 5 (CONT'D)
Will you guys put a sock in it!

**Alpha's presses a button, and two socks shoot out of the console and into Rocky and Jason's mouths. They stand there, stifled. An ALARM KLAXON (SFX) sounds. They all turn towards ZORDON. The *other Power Rangers appear on the hologrphiscope.

ZORDON
Putty patrollers are attacking Angel City. You must stop them.

TRINI
Right.

The image on the comm screen fades. Jason and Rocky pull the socks out of their mouths.

JASON
What about us?

ZORDON
My sensors show that these putty patrollers are made of a new substance. You and Rocky must get the weapons needed to defeat them.

JASON
** Great, we get to be delivery boys.

ROCKY
** Hopefully this will be easier than building a robot arm.

ZORDON
Jason, Rocky -- only by working together as a team will you be able to succeed and help your friends.

Jason and Rocky sneer at each other as Zordon TRANSPORTS (FX) them out.

ALPHA 5
Putting them together was a bad idea.

ZORDON
No, it wasn't, Alpha. I had to give them this test so that they would learn the value of teamwork.

WIPE TO:

2408. EXT ANGEL CITY DAY (TIME CODE: 01:01:43.04) 2408

The morphed Power Rangers (minus Rocky and Jason) prepare to do battle with the super putties.

ZACK
Yo, let's take these clay faces!

The super putties jump over the Power Ranger and surround them. Our heroes draw their guns.

ZACK (CONT'D)
Blast away.

LONGER SHOT -- They open fire. The shots seem to have no affect. The Power Rangers are surrounded.

ZACK (CONT'D)
No affect.

Zack and Kimberly take on one set of super putties while Trini and Billy take on the others. They each battle it out with several putties. Kimberly finally gets a good shot on a putty and knocks him to pieces. The pieces come together to form TWO new super putties.

KIMBERLY
Talk about splitsville!

ON ZACK as the super putties knock him to the ground.

ZACK
Time to slice and dice.

Zack pulls out his BATTLE BOW and cuts up a super putty. The super putty falls apart, and TWO super putties form from the broken pieces.

ZACK (CONT'D)
Whoa -- A split personality!

They knock Zack down, and he rolls to a stop near the other Power Rangers.

BILLY
Nothing harms them.

ZACK
* I noticed. But we gotta do something or those clay-heads will tear the place up!

The super putties fire missiles at the Power Rangers. The missiles explode all around, sending the Power Rangers reeling. (END ON TIME CODE: 01:03:12.24)

End of Act I

Act II

FADE IN:

2409. EXT. VASQUEZ ROCKS DAY 2409

They're wandering around looking for the weapons Zordon sent them to get.

JASON
This is a big waste of time.

ROCKY
Quit complaining.

JASON
Hey, I wouldn't be in this mess if weren't so hard to work with!

ROCKY
* Me? You're the one with the attitude problem!

JASON
* I designed a quality experiment and you messed it up!

ROCKY
* I built the thing, and I...

Jason looks up and OS and points.

JASON
Hey, look!

<u>JASON'S POV -- VARIOUS ANGLES on a small hill with a podium containing the Power Ranger Symbols.</u>

JASON
** That's it? This is too easy.

DOWN ANGLE on Rocky and Jason as they start up the hill. Suddenly, the ground shakes like an earthquake (CAMERA SHAKE!)

ROCKY
What's that?

<u>A pile of rocks slide down the hill towards them.</u>

JASON
Look out!

Jason pulls Rocky out of the way as the rocks tumble past. They look up the hill and see:

JAPANESE FOOTAGE -- TITANUS advances out of the mist.

REACTION SHOT ON Jason and Rocky.

JASON (CONT'D)
This must be Zordon's idea of a joke.

ANGLE ON TITANUS -- He rolls forward. Then he looks down and FIRES on Jason and Rocky.

ON JASON AND ROCKY as the shots from Titanus explode all around them. They dive for cover.

ROCKY
So much for an easy delivery job.

CU ON TITANUS -- He lowers his head towards frame and roars. (NOTE: Added Titanus footage.)

ON ROCKY AND JASON as they look up at the imposing beast.

ROCKY AND JASON
Ahhh!

CUT TO:

2410. EXT. ANGEL CITY DAY (TIME CODE: 01:03:12.26) 2410

The Super Putties run towards the Power Rangers. They battle briefly and the super putties get the upper hand. Our heroes back off to regroup.

TRINI
There's no way we can stop them!

CUT TO:

2411. EXT. RITA'S MOONBASE (TIME CODE: 01:03:22.24) 2411

RITA
Oh, I'm so bad!

Rita and her monsters laugh!

CUT TO:

2412. EXT. VASQUEZ ROCKS DAY 2412

Jason and Rocky are figuring out how to overcome Titanus.

ROCKY
That's one mean land lizard.

JASON
Yeah. Let's morph it!

MORPH EFFECT as Jason and Rocky transform. (Time Code: 01:04:01.15)

JASON
Just stay out of my way!

Titanus advances. BACK TO Jason as he rushes towards Titanus. Rocky follows.

ROCKY
Hey, I can take him!

CUT TO:

2413. EXT. ANGEL CITY DAY (TIME CODE: 01:04:14.11) 2413

The Super Putties continue to pound the Power Rangers. There's absolutely nothing that our heroes can do to stop them.

CUT TO:

2414. EXT MOONBASE (TIME CODE: CONTINUOUS) 2414

Rita and her minions laugh!

CUT TO:

2415. EXT. ANGEL CITY DAY (TIME CODE: CONTINUOUS) 2415

ZACK
Man, my bruises have bruises, we need some help. Jason! Jason!

CUT TO:

2416. EXT. TITANUS HILL (TIME CODE: 2416

Titanus fires at Jason and Rocky and blasts them back down the hill. The Roll to a stop at the bottom.

ZACK (VO)
Jason, they're kickin' our butts!

JASON
The others are in real trouble. We've got to get those weapons.

ROCKY
How're we going to get up there?

Rocky points up to the podium on top of the hill.

** ZORDON (VO)
** Your bickering has activated Titanus' defenses -- he thinks your hostile. Remember, you must work together!

JASON
** You take my sword, and I'll go get those weapons we need. Okay?

ROCKY
Right. But you're gonna need some kind of protection. Here.

Rocky places Jason's hand on his power mantle. With a flash of green light, the mantle is transferred to Jason.

JASON
Hey! This is too cool!

ROCKY
Now that we've combined our powers, nothing can stand in our way!

JASON
Right, partner!

ROCKY
Let's go!

They head off. As Jason charges up the hill, Rocky fires at Titanus. Titanus fires back, and the ground around Rocky. erupts with explosions.

ROCKY
Ahh!

Jason turns back, concerned.

JASON
Rocky!

ROCKY
I'm okay. Get going!

JASON
Right.

Jason starts back up the hill. Titanus gets wise to their little plan and fires on Jason. Rocky's protective mantle deflects Titanus' blasts. WE SEE Rocky turn his sword on Titanus and fire another salvo.

ROCKY
Hey, over here!

Titanus turns back to Rocky, and fires again. Jason makes it to the top of the hill.

JASON
This must be it.

Jason uncrates the new weapons and holds one up.

JASON (CONT'D)
I got 'em! I got 'em!

CUT TO:

2417. EXT. ANGEL CITY (TIME CODE: 01:06:21.05) 2417

The super putties leap into action. They're closing in to finish off the Power Rangers. They send the Power Rangers flying.

POWER RANGERS
Ahhh!

They fall into a pile on the ground. The super putties close in.

ZACK
It's been nice knowing you guys.

The super putties get closer. Before they can pounce, though, the putties get blasted out of existence. The Power Rangers look up and OS.

ZACK (CONT'D)
Jason!

TRINI
Rocky!

Jason and Rocky stand above them on a nearby crane.

JASON
Hi gang! My partner and I brought you these.

Rocky and Jason toss the new weapons down to their comrades. The Power Rangers admire their new guns.

POWER RANGERS
Nice! Stylin'! Great Design!

The super putties mill around nervously, and the Power Rangers turn to fire.

ZACK
Let's shake and bake!

They use their new guns to destroy the super putties.

POWER RANGERS
Alright!

Billy turns to Trini.

BILLY
A quality disintegrator!

CUT TO:

2418. EXT. MOONBASE (TIME CODE: 01:06:58.05) 2418

Rita gets angry and throws her staff towards Earth.

RITA
Magic wand make my monster grow!

CUT TO:

2419. EXT. ANGEL CITY DAY 2419

Rita's magic wand hits the ground, and makes a monster grow. It's Super Frankenstein, and he's a hundred feet tall.

SUPER FRANKENSTEIN
(Big growl)

The Super Frankenstein looms over the Power Rangers.

KIMBERLY
Not him again!

ON JASON as he gives instructions.

JASON
Let's show him our new morphin' power!

Super Frankenstein menaces them with his bolt chain.

SUPER FRANKENSTEIN
(Growl)

Jason and the other interlock their weapons.

JASON
Fire!

The concentrated fires staggers the Super Frankenstein. Then he blows up in a huge explosion! The Power Rangers have done it!

JASON (CONT'D)
How's that, Rita?

CUT TO:

2420. EXT. MOONBASE (TIME CODE: CONTINUOUS) 2420

Rita has just witnessed the destruction of her monster through the telescope.

RITA
Oh, I have a headache, a headache, a headache.

CUT TO:

2421. INT. BILLY'S GARAGE DAY 2421

The Power Rangers are hard at work putting the finishing touches on their science projects. Trini and Kimberly are still working on their model biosphere. Trini is holding a snail in one hand, and a fern plant in the other.

TRINI
Kimberly!

KIMBERLY
I just think that the fern would look better in that corner.

TRINI
Oh alright. Here, hold this.

Trini hands Kimberly the snail. Kimberly looks at it.

KIMBERLY
Yuck! I hate snails!

She tosses it over her shoulder and OS.

ON BILLY

The snail flies into Billy's drink that's sitting on the lab table next to his experiment. He doesn't see it, but he picks up his drink and takes a swig. The ANGLE WIDENS to show Billy looking at a voltmeter.

BILLY
More speed, Zack, more speed!

ON ZACK as he pedals away on a nearby exercise bike.

ZACK
(Out of breath)
I'm...going as...fast...as I...can!

Billy adjusts the test tubes and looks at the voltmeter again.

BILLY
Just a few more RPMs and we'll have a positive flow of electrons.

Zack tries to go faster.

ZACK
I...thought working with Billy....would be...easy!

WE PAN away from Zack to see Jason and Rocky finally working in partnership. Alpha is helping them install the repaired computer chip in their robotic arm.

ALPHA
There. That should do it.

ROCKY
What do you think of our project, Alpha?

Alpha looks at the robot arm for a moment.

ALPHA
Hmmm. It looks just like my cousin, Beta four. You two have sure learned the value of working together.

Rocky is looking around their work area for something.

JASON
Yeah, I guess we finally learned to "gung ho."

ROCKY
* Yeah, now we're an unstoppable team.

JASON
You got that right, partner.

They shake hands.

ROCKY
(looking around)
I think we're out of hot dogs to test this thing.

ALPHA
Please, allow me.

**ANGLE ON ALPHA as he presses buttons on his chest. He's shrouded in a VISUAL EFFECT (FX) and when it clears, Alpha is dressd as a hot dog vendor.

ALPHA (CONT'D)
Hot dogs! Get your hot dogs!

Jason and Rocky laugh.

End of Act II

Epilogue

2422. INT. SCIENCE CLASSROOM DAY 2422

Billy and Zack are presenting their project at the front lab table. Trini and Kimberly's biosphere is on the counter in the background, Jason and Rocky's robot arm is also on the lab table.

ZACK
And then we pedalled, uh, I mean we added the, uh...

BILLY
Electromagnetic field which produced a rise in temperature of ten degrees Celsius.

Mr. Bartz approaches the lab table.

MR. BARTZ
Excellent work.

ZACK
(To Billy)
You are the main brain!

MR. BARTZ
Jason, Rocky -- you're up.

Jason and Rocky go to the front of the classroom.

JASON
This robotic arm puts mustard on your hot dog.

ROCKY
It's totally computerized.

Mr. Bartz moves closer.

MR. BARTZ
Very interesting. How about a demonstration?

Rocky turns it on, and the Robot arm puts mustard on a pre-positioned hot dog. Jason and Rocky turn to each other.

JASON
Hey, We did it!

They high five, and then turn back to the machine. It hasn't stopped. They try turning it off, but it squirts mustard all over the both of them.

REACTION SHOT -- THE OTHER STUDENTS

They're trying not to laugh.

BACK ON JASON, ROCKY, AND MR. BARTZ

MR. BARTZ

* I guess it thought you two were a couple of hot dogs.

Rocky and Jason turn to each other and smile.

JASON AND ROCKY

We are!

The machine still hasn't stopped. It turns the mustard towards Mr. Bartz and fires a squirt. He's splattered with mustard. Rocky is finally able to turn the machine off. They look at Mr. Bartz nervously.

MR. BARTZ

The things I do for science.

Everyone laughs as we...

FADE OUT

The End