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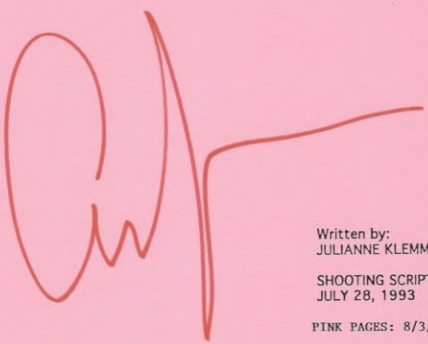

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LOG LINE: Zack mentors an orphaned boy in martial arts.

SYNOPSIS: Zack prepares Cameron, an orphaned ninjitsu student, for a karate competition. Especially to win over Bulk's cousin Biff. Cameron depends heavily on Zack because he is one of the only people who has ever sincerely cared for him. The night before the pre-competition qualifying match, Rita transports "The Hatchling" to Earth and buries it underground. Her plan is to destroy the Dragon Zord and then the Earth.

During the pre-trail competition, Zordon discovers the monster and calls the Power Rangers. Cameron is really disappointed when Zack has to leave. He doesn't think he can pass the qualifying tests without his support. The Power Rangers battle the Hatchling and blow it to bits. Cameron qualifies for the big competition.

The next day the competition begins. Unfortunately, the Hatchling rebuilds itself. Rita shoots an evil ray to Earth that wraps around the Dragon Zord and incapacitates it. Then, the Hatchling attacks again. Zack has to leave Cameron just before he begins battling Biff. Cameron's crushed. The Power Rangers battle the Hatchling in the Mega Zord until they free the Dragon Zord from Rita's ray. Meanwhile, Cameron has a tough time at the competition. In the end, the Power Rangers defeat the Hatchling and upon Zack's return, Cameron wins the competition.

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2ND REVISED FINAL DRAFT
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"BIRDS OF A FEATHER"

EXTERIOR SET BREAKDOWN
Angel Grove Youth Center

INTERIOR SET BREAKDOWN
Angel Grove Youth Center - Gym
Control Center

NEW CAST

CAMERON HAZE - 12 year old boy, smart, shy, highly skilled in the art of ninjitsu.

BIFF BULKMEYER - 12 year old boy, tall and portly for his age. A young version of Bulk. His power is in his size.

ANNOUNCER - Voice over lines only. Few lines.

ROMEO - Central computer unit. Voice only. Sounds twisted and sedatingly eerie, ala Hal in "2001."

EXTRAS:

SEVERAL NINJITSU STUDENTS - Various ethnic backgrounds, all skilled in the art of ninjitsu, no lines.

JUDGES - Mixture of male and female, any age, no lines.

FOOTAGE BREAKDOWN

PROLOGUE:	1:30
1ST ACT:	
AMERICAN FOOTAGE:	5:46
JAPANESE FOOTAGE:	2:50
2ND ACT:	
AMERICAN FOOTAGE:	:18
JAPANESE FOOTAGE:	8:21
EPILOGUE:	:30
TOTAL FOOTAGE:	**19:15**

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POWER RANGERS
(#36-2ND REV FINAL)
"Birds of a Feather"
by Julianne Klemm

FADE IN:

PROLOGUE:

3601. INT. ANGEL GROVE YOUTH CENTER - DAY - (1 MIN, 30 SEC)

MOVE IN on the gym. It is set up with a martial arts practice course. ZACK is there teaching martial arts to SIX 12-YEAR-OLD MARTIAL ARTS STUDENTS. They move together in unison. *

ZACK
That was great, guys.
(a beat)
Cameron, I'd like you to go through the new Kata for us. *

CAMERON steps forward, a little nervous about it.

CAMERON
Ah, you sure you don't want Josh to it? *

ZACK
Yes I'm sure.
(to Cameron and class)
Trusting your instincts and skill is what martial arts is all about.

IN A SERIES OF VARIOUS ANGLED SHOTS - Cameron completes the KATA with an impressive display of skill, but flubs the last move. He looks frustrated.

ZACK
With a little more concentration, you'll do great in the competition this weekend.

BULK (V.O.)
Yeah, if they're giving out prizes for geeks.

SWISH PAN to the doorway of the gym. BULK, SKULL AND Bulk's cousin, BIFF BULKMEYER, walk in. Zack responds, not taking it.

ZACK
I don't remember you being an expert in this field, Bulk, it involves self discipline, control...knowledge.

Bulk pulls Biff in front of him, and threatens:

BULK
I'll tell ya what I know. My protege Biff is going to crush your wimpy dude in the competition. Show him, Biff.

Programmed for destruction, Biff follows the order and demonstrates a series of kicks and karate chops. Breaks boards, uses a staff, kicks the heavy bag.

BIFF
GRRR!

BULK
Now for a live subject: Sic 'em Biff!

Bulk points at Cameron. Biff charges him.

O.T.S. CAMERON - Biff's attacking with a combination "Chuck Norris"/pitbull vengeance! Zack yells to Cameron.

ZACK
Remember to use your environment.

NEW ANGLE - Just as Biff dives toward Cameron, Cameron artfully rolls out of Biff's path, grabs a rope and swings away. Biff's momentum lands him flat on his face.

BIFF
(GROAN) You tricked me!

CUT TO:

3602. INT. RITA'S CASTLE - NIGHT - (22 SECONDS)

We PAN UP Rita's castle to the cupola. In voice over, Rita comments;

RITA (V.O.)
I've got more than stupid tricks in store for the Power Rangers!

She shakes her fists excitedly as she continues revealing her plan to trick the Power Rangers.

RITA
(WICKED LAUGH) Finster sent my Hatchling down to destroy the Power Rangers!

INSERT GOLDAR FOOTAGE AND CUT RITA'S

GOLDAR
Since we can't get the Green Ranger's powers, let's get his Dragon Zord instead. Your beautifully ugly duckling will pop out of the ground and smash it to bits!

Rita points her wand TO CAMERA, sending the creature to Earth.

RITA
Make my monster grow!

We see an EXTERIOR SHOT OF THE CITY and HEAR SFX: SHAKING and the CACKLING CAW of the HATCHLING as it responds to Rita's call.

HATCHLING (V.O.)
(LOUD CACKLING CAW)

FADE OUT.

END OF PROLOGUE

FADE IN:

ACT ONE:

3603. INT. ANGEL GROVE YOUTH CENTER - - (1 MIN, 30 SEC)

Zack wraps up the martial arts work out. The bullies are gone.

ZACK
Check it out, you guys were really cookin' today! All of you are ready for the competition tomorrow. So go home, rest up and be here at nine.
(leading)
AND REMEMBER... **

The students RAP out the answer.

MARTIAL ARTISTS
(in unison, rapping)
Though martial art is very cool... don't practice it at home or school.

ZACK
Alright!

Zack gives them the high "peace" sign and the boys leave.

ZACK
Peace. See you tomorrow.
(to Cameron)
Cameron, I want to talk to you. -

CAMERON
Okay.

ZACK
Don't let Biff psych you out just cause he's bigger than you.

CAMERON
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ZACK
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3603 CONT.

ZACK
Sure you could, you just wouldn't do all the cool dance steps in-between. (a beat) Just remember, I'll be in your corner tomorrow, if you need me.

Cameron nods, "Yes."

DISSOLVE TO:

3604. INT. ANGLE GROVE CENTER - NEXT DAY - (1 MINUTE)

WIDE ON SCENE - The gym has been decorated for the competition. A ceiling banner READS: JR. MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITION. The judges sit nearby by at tables, scribbling on their scorecards. An ANNOUNCER comes over the P.A.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
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CAMERON
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ZACK
Have confidence in your skills.
(confidently)
I know you'll make me proud.

Cameron brightens with Zack's confidence in him.

CAMERON
I will!

ZACK
Alright!

They give each other the high five.

WIDE ON SCENE - Cameron approaches the mat, ready to go next. The Power Rangers, sans Zack and Jason, are sitting in the stands. JASON appears in the doorway and suddenly his communicator SFX: BEEPS! He slips back into the hallway where he can talk privately to Zordon.

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JASON
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ZACK
Oh man, why <u>now</u>?

Zack regretfully tells Cameron the bad news.

ZACK
Cameron, I have to leave. It's an emergency.

CAMERON
You can't leave, it'll ruin everything! I can't do it without you Zack.

ZACK
What's up with that? You can too.

Jason pulls Zack away, sadly.

JASON
Sorry, Cameron. We'll be back as soon as we can. Good luck.

ZACK
Believe in yourself, you can do it.

Cameron's face drops with utter disappointment as the Power Rangers dash behind a door in the hallway and teleport.

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CUT TO:

3605. OMIT.

3606. OMIT.

3607. INT. COMMAND CENTER - MOMENTS LATER

Zordon calls the Power Rangers attention to the Viewing Globe and explains what's going.

JASON
Zordon, what's happening?

ZORDON
Rita's buried a bird-like monster called the Hatchling in the ground near the power plant. Take a look at the Viewing Globe.

CUT TO:

3608. EXT. CITY - NIGHT- (1 MIN, 28 SEC)

The DRAGON ZORD lumbers past the power plant to a grassy area networked with power lines. It calls the Hatchling to a challenge with SFX: ROARS.

DRAGON ZORD
(MECHANICAL ROARS)

INTERCUT:

3609. INT. COMMAND CENTER

ZORDON
I've sent the Dragon Zord out to look for it.

JASON
By itself?

ZORDON
It's on auto pilot. But it needs your help.

INTERCUT:

3610. BACK ON FOOTAGE

A power line SFX: ZAPS as it is snapped and used by the HATCHLING to pull itself out of the ground. The Hatchling lets out an
SFX: CAW as it begins to emerge from it's nest.

HATCHLING
(BABY CAWS/CHIRPS)

INTERCUT:

3611. INT. COMMAND CENTER

ZACK
It's big, but it doesn't sound too mean.

ZORDON
Don't let that fool you.

INTERCUT:

3612. BACK ON FOOTAGE

The Dragon Zord, REACTS with a curious roar.

DRAGON ZORD
(CURIOUS MECHANICAL ROAR)

INTERCUT:

3613. INT. COMMAND CENTER

ZORDON
The Hatchling's controlled by an ultra intelligent, internal computer called Romeo. Your mission is to get inside The Hatchling and disconnect Romeo.

TRINI
Get inside...that thing?

KIMBERLY
Gross.

ZACK
How can we do that?

ZORDON
Have confidence in your skills, I know you'll find a way. Good luck, Power Rangers.

JASON
It's morphin' time!

The Power Rangers morph from the Command Center to find the Hatchling.

WIPE TO:

3614. REMAINING FOOTAGE

3614 CONT.

The Hatchling hatches completely, straightens itself to monstrous size and screams its presence to the world.

HATCHLING
(MIGHTY ECHOING CAWS)

The other Zords run toward the Dragon Zord. Inside, the Tyrannosaurus Dino Zord, Jason spots the Hatchling.

JASON
There's the Hatchling!

TRINI
We need the Mega Zord to fight that thing!

KIMBERLY
Totally.

The Hatchling rolls toward the Dragon Zord. The Dragon Zord whips the Hatchling in the head with it's tail, SFX: EXPLOSIVE BLAST.

HATCHLING
(SCREECH ON IMPACT)

The Hatchling comes back at the Dragon Zord throwing punches SFX: POUNDING.

DRAGON ZORD
(MECHANICAL GRUNTS & GROANS)

HATCHLING
(SCREECHING)

ON TYRANNOSAURUS DINO ZORD - Jason talks to the others in v.o., then on screen.

JASON
The Dragon Zord's in trouble!
Fire on the Hatchling!

ON BILLY - He follows orders and fires. Zack, Trini and Kimberly follow suit.

BILLY
Subject targeted. FIRE!

ZACK
Blastin'!

KIMBERLY
Smashin'!

3614 CONT.

TRINI
...and trashin'!

ON HATCHLING - On impact, he flies up into the air, crashes back down on the ground, then gets up.

HATCHLING
(PAINED CAWING)

ON DRAGON ZORD - It REACTS, excited.

DRAGON ZORD
(MECHANICAL EXCITED ROARS)

ON JASON - He encourages the Dragon Zord.

JASON
Come on...BREATHE FIRE!

The Dragon Zord "breathes fire" emitting a powerful black charge that barrels across the ground, hits the Hatchling and blows it to smithereens!

POWER RANGERS
YES!!!

CUT TO:

3615. EXT. RITA'S CASTLE - (32 SECONDS)

The CAMERA PANS UP the castle and we hear Rita inside.

RITA (V.O.)
(WORRIED GROAN) Oh no!

CUT TO:

3616. INT. RITA'S CASTLE - (TIME CONT.)

Inside, we find Rita looking through the Repulssascope, surrounded by Squatt, Baboo, Scorpia and Goldar. Squatt starts jabbering.

SQUATT
Woowee! Did ya see that? The Power Rangers blew the Hatchling into a million pieces! He is gone!

Rita smiles wickedly at Squatt.

RITA
Silence, Squatt. He'll pull himself together.

DISSOLVE TO:

3617. INT. ANGLE GROVE CENTER - NEXT DAY - (1 MIN, 30 SEC)

Everyone bustles to their seats as the Announcer begins the competition. The martial artists stand on the sidelines, waiting to be called. The Power Rangers are seated in the front row of the stands. Zack checks a paper on a bulletin board, smiles and walks toward the Power Rangers.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
Welcome to Day Two of the Jr. Martial Arts Competition. Finalists...assemble.

Zack delivers good news to the Power Rangers.

ZACK
Cameron made it into the highest martial arts level! (a beat)
(concerned)
I just hope he's not too mad at me for leaving yesterday.

KIMBERLY
He'll chill.

CLOSER - Zack sees Cameron walk in and congratulates him. Cameron's still upset with Zack.

ZACK
Cameron! My man! You made it!

CAMERON
Yeah.

ZACK
Listen, I'm really sorry I had to bail on you yesterday. But, I'll be here for the whole competition. Promise.

CAMERON
Yeah, okay.

ZACK
I know you'll do great!

BULK (V.O.)
In your dreams.

PAN TO Bulk, Skull and Biff. Bulk continues taunting Cameron.

3617 CONT.

BULK
Biff'll make mincemeat out of that creampuff.

Bulk and Skull do their regular dirty look.

SKULL
Yeah, mincemeat.

NEW ANGLE - Zack supports Cameron while the bullies continue their bullying.

ZACK
Don't let him psych you, Cam.

BULK
You call this a psych? Show 'em Biff.

WIDEN - The Power Rangers are in the b.g. Bulk holds up a brick and Biff breaks it with his hands. Cameron REACTS with a BIG GULP. The bullies laugh and walk away. Zack and Kimberly support Cameron.

ZACK
Stick with our fight plan and you can't lose.

NEW ANGLE - Suddenly, Jason's communicator FLASHES. Kimberly looks at him in total disbelief and whispers quietly to him.

KIMBERLY
No way.

JASON
Way. Red alert from Zordon.

Zack looks at Jason. Jason points to his communicator and then at the door. Cameron looks at Zack and knows he's leaving again.

CAMERON
Zack, you promised.

ZACK
Oh, man. I know, Cameron.

The Announcer calls the competitors..

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ANNOUNCER
CAMERON HAZE AND BIFF BULKMEYER!
First competitors: Come to the ring.

3617 CONT.

CAMERON
Go ahead and leave, you don't care what happens to me out there.

ZACK
I'm not leaving because I don't care. I'm leaving because I have to. Now, go out there and do your best.

CAMERON
Why bother, when you're not here to watch?

ZACK
Don't do it for me, do it for you.

Again, the Power Rangers pull Zack away. They zip behind a door nearby by and teleport.

CUT TO:

3618. COMMAND CENTER - (10 SECONDS)

The Power Rangers, dressed in civilian clothes, land in the Command Center. Zack's very frustrated and asks what's wrong.

ZACK
Zordon, what's wrong?

ZORDON
The Hatchling has not been defeated.

KIMBERLY
I thought we totally shredded that thing!

ZORDON
You still need to destroy Romeo, it's computer. Look at the Viewing Globe.

On the Viewing Globe they watch the following footage.

CUT TO:

3619. EXT. FIELD - (PART OF SEGMENT IN #3615)

We hear the Hatchling CAWING quietly as it literally pulls itself back together.

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3619 CONT.

TRINI
This is impossible. The hatchling was destroyed.

The pieces of the creature respond, rolling across the landscape and reforming the monster.

HATCHLING
(CAWING GROWS LOUDER AND STRONGER)

We see ROMEO, the computer heart on the ground. He speaks in a TWISTED, SEDATING TONE (ALA HAL IN "2001"). Romeo's heart SFX: BEATS LIKE AN EKG MACHINE, underneath.

ROMEO
Red alert. Central unit Romeo displaced. Begin rebuilding Hatchling immediately.

JASON
We need the power of the Megadragonzord to defeat this monster.

CUT TO:

3620. INT. RITA'S CASTLE - (28 SECONDS)

[PROD. NOTE: CUT SHOT OF RITA WALKING AWAY FROM SCOPE.] Rita grins with wicked glee.

RITA
My Hatchling's better than ever Now he'll really get the Power Rangers.

SQUATT
What if the Dragon Zord comes back?

RITA
I'll cast a spell so he can't do anything to help them.

CU RITA - She opens her mouth and emits a red ray speckled with letters and figures. The ray reaches Earth and wraps around the Dragon Zord.

RITA
(casting the spell)
OOGELA, NOOGELA, PALOOGELA

ON DRAGON ZORD - He roars for helps.

DRAGON ZORD
(MECHANICAL HELP ROARS)

3620 CONT.

ON THE POWER RANGERS - Jason accepts the challenge for them.

JASON
If we don't stop this thing, it will destroy the Earth.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

FADE IN:

ACT TWO:

3621A. INT. COMMAND CENTER

ON ZORDON AND POWER RANGERS, FAVOR BILLY

ZORDON
Remember, there's only one way to defeat the Hatchling.

BILLY
We must disconnect computer Romeo.

JASON
It's morphin' time.

CUT TO:

3621. EXT. CITY - (8 MIN, 21 SEC)

The Earth SFX: QUAKES and the ground splits from the SFX: THUNDEROUS FOOTSTEPS of the Hatchling. He SFX: CRUSHES a large, empty office building.

HATCHLING
(RAMAGING CAWING)

Large crates from the building's rooftop fall to the street below, barely missing innocent bystanders.

BYSTANDERS
(VARIOUS SCREAMS, YELLS)

People run from the creature's wrath. The Hatchling SFX: SMASHES another building and another after that. From the Hatchling's P.O.V. the people below scatter like ants.

HATCHLING
(LAUGHING CAW)

Suddenly, the feet of the Mega Zord SFX: POUND INTO SHOT. Inside, Jason spots the Hatchling and yells at it.

JASON
Hatchling! Why don't you "peck" on someone your own size?!

The Hatchling TAKES at the Mega Zord and challenges it.

HATCHLING
(MIGHTY CAW)

CUT TO:

3622. INT. RITA'S CASTLE - (TIME CONT.)

Rita grins.

RITA
The Mega Zord has had it. It's about time!

ON SQUATT AND BABOO

SQUATT
(excited)
He's gonna crush the Mega Zord just like those buildings.

BABOO
Go, Hatchling, go!

SCORPIA
I think he's cute! I can't wait to meet him.

GOLDAR
(jealousy)
He's all bulk and birdbrains!

RITA
You're jealous. He's perfect! Isn't he?

SQUATT/BABOO
Yes, Rita, yes.

GOLDAR
(GROAN)

RITA
Watch! There's going to be a Mega Smashing!

CUT TO:

3623. EXT. CITY - (TIME CONT.)

Inside the Mega Zord, Jason commands the attack.

JASON
Time to fly south for the winter, Big Beak!

The Hatchling SFX: CRACKS the Mega Zord in the face, then SFX: SMASHES it with the crusty lump on his back.

3623 CONT.

HATCHLING
(ATTACKING GRUNTS, CAWS)

MEGA ZORD
(MECHANICAL GRUNTS)

Then, the Hatchling races toward the Mega Zord and they become locked in a hold.

JASON (V.O.)
He's got a hold of us! Hang on!

The Hatchling SFX: ZAPS the Mega Zord with an electric blue ray and the Mega Zord SFX: CRASHES to the ground.

POWER RANGERS (V.O.)
WHOOAAAA!!!

ZACK (V.O.)
I just hope Cameron's doing better than we are!

CUT TO:

3624. INT. ANGEL GROVE CENTER - (5 SEC)

Cameron and Biff stand with their forearms pushing against each other in a locked position. Cameron weakens and is thrown onto the mat.

ON SIDELINES - Bulk sneers, talking to Skull.

BULK
He's gonna get him with the new moves I taught him!

SKULL
("BEEVIS" TYPE CHUCKLE)

CUT TO:

3625. EXT. CITY - (TIME CONT.)

Inside the Mega Zord, Jason yells;

JASON
We can't take this thing on alone!

The Hatchling leaps onto the Mega Zord and SFX: PECKS it with it's gigantic beak.

HATCHLING
(CAWS)

3625 CONT.

ON POWER RANGERS

POWER RANGERS
WHOOAAAA!!! (AD LIB REACTIONS)

ON HATCHLING - We HEAR Trini in voice over.

TRINI (V.O.)
Jason, can you play the Dragon Dagger well enough to control the Dragon Zord?

INSIDE MEGA ZORD - Jason answers and plays the Dragon Dagger.

JASON
Well, I've been practicing, I'll try.

We HEAR SFX: FLUTE PLAYING while the Mega Zord tries to push the Hatchling off of it. The Dragon Zord steps INTO SHOT, moving very slowly.

DRAGON ZORD
(HELPLESS MECHANICAL HOWLS)

In voice over, Jason REACTS.

JASON (V.O.)
Something's really wrong with the Dragonzord!

KIMBERLY (V.O.)
Maybe he doesn't like that song!

JASON (V.O.)
Very funny.

ON DRAGON ZORD - It slowly cries out, hampered by Rita's spell.

DRAGON ZORD
(MECHANICAL HOWLS)

Jason plays more. MIX IN WITH DRAGON ZORD'S HOWLS.

JASON
(confused, frustrated)
What's wrong?!

ON BILLY

BILLY
I'll run a scan on him and find out.

3625 CONT.

The Mega Zord is hit by another SFX: BLAST. Jason calls the Power Sword.

JASON
I call the Power Sword!

The Power Sword screams across the sky and spears the Hatchling. The Hatchling, REACTS SCREECHING!

HATCHLING
(LOUD SCREECHING)

The Mega Zord retrieves the Power Sword when it falls to the ground.

JASON (V.O.)
Your goose is cooked!

The Hatchling gets back up and re-composes its musculature from tough bird flesh to lava rock, SFX: VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.

Inside the Mega Zord, Jason REACTS in disbelief.

JASON
He's arms are turning into volcanos!

The Hatchling SFX: BLASTS the Mega Zord with lava from his arms. Inside the Mega Zord, Kimberly's control panel is damaged.

KIMBERLY
Billy! That bogus bird busted my board!

BILLY
Bombastic beast! Our power's decreasing by fifty percent.

The Hatchling moves in again. It picks up the Mega Zord, spins it around like a toy and throws it into a skyscraper.

HATCHLING
(RELISHING CAWS)

MEGA ZORD
(MECHANICAL MALFUNCTIONING NOISES)

POWER RANGERS (V.O.)
AGGHHHH!!!!

ZACK (V.O.)
I think we could use Cameron's help right now!

CUT TO:

3626. INT. ANGEL GROVE CENTER - (5 SEC)

Biff flips Cameron onto the mat.

CAMERON
(quietly to self)
Where's Zack?

CUT TO:

3627. EXT. CITY - (TIME CONT)

Inside the Mega Zord, Jason plans another attack on the Hatchling.

JASON
Time for the Power Sword BLAST!

The Mega Zord rises.

JASON
Power Sword AIM!

The Power Rangers move their hands in unison, executing the command.

POWER RANGERS
ON GUARD!

The Mega Zord SFX: IGNITES with the power of it's mighty sword. The fearless Hatchling attacks despite the Mega Zord's increased power.

HATCHLING
(ATTACK SCREECH)

The Hatchling is SFX: BLASTED with the Power Sword's electricity. White streaks of lightning envelope the Hatchling and it completely disappears.

HATCHLING
(ECHOING PAINED SCREECHING)

POWER RANGERS (V.O.)
(VICTORY CHEERS)

CUT TO:

3628. INT. RITA'S CASTLE - (TIME CONT)

Rita watches the fight through the Repulssascope, and REACTS concerned.

3628 CONT.

RITA
Oooooo!

CUT TO:

3629. EXT. CITY - (TIME CONT)

The Hatchling reappears with the addition of large horns all over its body. SFX: BULL SNORTS mix with its cawing. SPANISH BULL FIGHT MUSIC UP! as the Hatchling comes charges.

HATCHLING
(SNORT, SNORT, SCREECH)

CUT TO:

3630. INT. RITA'S CASTLE - (TIME CONT)

Rita's relieved.

RITA
Ooo, Hatchling, good one!

CUT TO:

3631. EXT. CITY - (TIME CONT)

The multi-tusked Hatchling sees the Dragon Zord approach.

HATCHLING
(CURIOUS CAW)

Inside the Mega Zord, the Power Rangers cheer on the Dragon Zord. [NOTE: SELECT ONE RANGER FOR EACH WORD - NOT IN UNISON].

JASON
The Dragon Zord's here!

POWER RANGERS
Alright! / Yes! / Nitro!

The Hatchling again, turns and attacks the Mega Zord, while the Dragon Zord stands helpless in the b.g. and SFX: CRIES OUT to the Power Rangers.

DRAGON ZORD
(HELPLESS HOWLING)

JASON
What's up with the Dragon Zord?

Inside the Mega Zord, Billy finishes scanning the Dragon Zord.

3631 CONT.

BILLY
I'm completing the scan on it now.

ON DRAGON ZORD - The invisible red ray, lights up momentarily, showing them the problem.

TRINI
Look!

JASON
Billy, blow away that red ray!

While the monsters battle, Jason gets an idea.

JASON (V.O.)
I've got to go inside the Hatchling and disconnect its control center.

Inside the Mega Zord, Trini wonders;

TRINI
How are you going to do that?!

Jason answers as he jumps out of the Mega Zord.

JASON
The only way, the hard way.

Jason bravely leaps off the Mega Zord into the Hatchling's gullet! The Power Rangers, REACT cheering him on.

KIMBERLY
Morphenomenal!

ZACK
Awesome!

BILLY
Astounding!

TRINI
Nitro!

Jason lands inside the Hatchling and looks around.

JASON
(tongue in cheek)
Where for art thou, Romeo?

Romeo greets him, in his TWISTED, SEDATING TONE OF VOICE. We HEAR his heart SFX: BEATING underneath.

3631 CONT.

ROMEO
Over here.
(sweetly sarcastic)
Too bad you came all this way to meet your doom. It breaks my heart.

Jason draws his sword, threatening Romeo;

JASON
Breaking your heart's exactly what I had in mind, Romeo.

ROMEO
That makes my heart heavy, Jason.

Romeo whips his arterial cables around Jason like an octopus. Jason struggles in mid-air.

JASON
Oh, yeah? Why?

ROMEO
Your chances of surviving are ....(BLEEP, BLEEP, BLEEP)..zero.

JASON
(STRUGGLING GRUNT) Let go of me!

Outside, the Mega Zord is SFX: BLASTED again.

Inside, the Power Rangers are knocked out of their seats.

ZACK
Hang on!!!

KIMBERLY
Chill, you Bogus Buzzard!

Back outside, the Hatchling and the Mega Zord battle. In b.g. the Dragon Zord tries breaking his arms free and still can't.

DRAGON ZORD
(absolute despair)
(SAD HOWLING)

The red ray appears again, showing that he's still under Rita's restraint. Giving up, he SFX: IGNITES with blue lightning and crashes sideways to the ground. As he lays there, he HOWLS.

CUT TO:

3632. INT. ANGEL GROVE CENTER - (5 SECONDS)

3632 CONT.

Cameron does a flying kick leap toward Biff. Biff dives out of the way. Cameron falls onto the mat. Bulk jeers at him.

BULK
He's fallen and he can't get up!

Skull and Bulk give each other the high five on the great comment, but miss and hit each other in the head!

BULK/SKULL
OW!

CUT TO:

3633. EXT. CITY - (TIME CONT.)

Inside the Mega Zord, Zack yells to Jason inside the Hatchling.

ZACK
Jason, play the Dragon Dagger!

Inside the Hatchling, Jason SFX: PLAYS THE DRAGON DAGGER, BADLY! Romeo electronically evaluates the note combination.

ROMEO
Key of E, A, F, D, G! (BLEEP, BLEEP)...no known musical composition.

JASON
I'm working on it, Romeo.

Outside, the Dragon Zord doesn't respond.

Back inside the Hatchling, Jason PLAYS MORE in another octave.

ROMEO
Recognizable composition...Dragon Zord command...UH, OH!

Suddenly, Jason's playing SOUNDS GREAT! His Power Coin ignites and his armor appears.

JASON
They say, practice makes perfect!

ON DRAGON ZORD - Its eyes light up, its tail flips and it breaks free from the red ray.

CUT TO:

3634. INT. RITA'S CASTLE - (TIME CONT)

She sees what's happened and yells,

3634 CONT.

RITA
WHAT A BIRDBRAIN!

CUT TO:

3635. EXT. CITY - (TIME CONT)

The Dragon Zord rises, its armor SFX: GLOWS and tail SFX: SPINS reflecting its zest in joining the battle.

DRAGON ZORD
(ELATED ROAR OF ENERGY AND STRENGTH)

The Dragon Zord SFX: WHIPS its tail around and nails the Hatchling.

The Hatchling ejects Jason and Romeo from its gullet.

JASON
WHOOAAAA!

CUT TO:

3636. INT. ANGEL GROVE CENTER - (5 SECONDS)

Biff hoists Cameron over his shoulder. CAMERON'S P.O.V. the mat starts spinning, then he flies toward as Biff throws him down again.

WIDE ON SCENE - Skull lifts his arm excitedly and bring sit back down into Bulk's stomach. Bulk doubles over and GLARES at Skull.

SKULL
YES!!! (a beat) Ooops.

CUT TO:

3637. EXT. PARK AREA - (TIME CONT)

Jason lands in the grass a short distance from Romeo.

Inside the Mega Zord, the Power Rangers REACT to seeing Jason again.

ZACK
Jason's okay!

TRINI
Whew.

Back at the park, Jason and Romeo have words.

3637 CONT.

ROMEO
So, we meet again. Unfortunately, your chances of survival are still...(BLEEP, BLEEP)...zero.

JASON
(mocking)
Bleep. Bleep. (tough) So are yours. Prepare to go, Romeo!

Jason prepares to attack, but Romeo wraps his arterial cables around him again and SFX: ZAPS him.

JASON
AGGHHHH!!!

Jason rolls onto the ground and gets back up. He plays the Dragon Dagger, then advances with all might. His weapons GLOW with power. He wields blows from his sword and Dragon Dagger and hits Romeo.

ROMEO
Halt. Halt. Have a heart!

JASON
(tough, wise guy)
Parting's such sweet sorrow!
(ATTACKING "YAAAAAA!!!!")

Romeo completely disappears. Jason REACTS, celebrating.

JASON
Yes! The Hatchling's control center is destroyed!

CUT TO:

3638. EXT. CITY - (TIME CONT)

The Hatchling weakens considerably against the Mega Zord without Romeo. Jason flips back up into the Mega Zord. Inside, the Power Rangers cheer him on.

POWER RANGERS
(VARIOUS CHEERS FOR JASON)

JASON
I call on the power of the Ultra Zord!

The Ultra Zord builds to its mighty capacity, SFX: MECHANICAL PARTS CONNECTING, FOLLOWED BY GIANT POWER BURST.

Inside, Jason commands it to fire.

3638 CONT.

JASON
Ultra Zord...FIRE!

The birdbrained Hatchling runs straight towards it and receives it's mighty SFX: BLAST!

HATCHLING
(PAINED SCREECHING THAT FADES)

CUT TO:

3639. INT. RITA'S CASTLE - (TIME CONT)

Rita REACTS, angrily to the defeat.

RITA
(ANGUISHED "WAAAA!!!") I HAVE A SUCH HEADACHE!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EPILOGUE:

3640. INT. ANGEL GROVE CENTER - HALLWAY

The Power Rangers, back in civilian clothes, celebrate their victory, as they hurry to see the end of the competition.

KIMBERLY
Jason, you were totally brave to leap inside the Hatchling like you did.

JASON
Guess it was a leap of faith...

ZACK
...and confidence in your skills. I just hope Cameron's thinking the same way.

They ENTER the gym. ON CAMERON AND BIFF - Biff has Cameron pinned to the mat and whispers while gritting his teeth;

BIFF
Say Uncle.

Cameron grits and whispers back;

CAMERON
Never.

CU CAMERON - He looks like he's going to give up. Then from ~~his~~ P.O.V. he sees the Power Rangers walk into the gym!

CAMERON
(quietly thrilled)
Zack!

ZACK
Cameron use the new leg move!

Zack demonstrates on the sideline and Cameron uses his leg to flip Biff off of him. Then he springs into the air and hits the martial arts course. In a series of hip hop kido moves he cartwheels, breaks boards and bricks, then lands victoriously at the end of the mat. The SPECTATORS go wild and the ANNOUNCER proclaims him the winner.

SPECTATORS
(CHEERING)

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
The winner...Cameron Haze!

3640 CONT.

Bulk gets on Biff's case for losing.

BULK
You didn't use the "secret weapon" move I showed you?!

BIFF
You mean this one?!

Biff responds angrily, kicks Bulk in the shin and walks off.

BULK
OW!!!

BIFF
I'm gettin' a new coach.

Zack and the Power Rangers surround Cameron with congratulations.

POWER RANGERS
(AD LIB CONGRATULATIONS)

CAMERON
So, did I make you proud, Zack?

ZACK
Absolutely! Proud, because you believed in yourself!

Zack and Cameron give each other the high five and we:

FADE OUT.

THE END