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POWER RANGERS

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SET BREAK DOWN
Park
Command Center
Mountain Side
Youth Center
Ext. Youth Center

SWING SETS
Dimension of Despair

CAST
REGULARS
Jason
Kimberly
Tommy
Trini
Billy
Zack
Aiesha
Rocky
Adam
Bulk
Skull
Zordon
Alpha
Lord Zedd
Goldar
Squatt
Baboo
GUESTS
Mr. Anderson
Jacob
Bully 1
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M.C.
EXTRAS
For Youth Center and Park

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PROLOGUE

8201 EXT. PARK - DAY 1

It's a beautiful day in the park as our six Rangers are gathered beneath a tree having a picnic.(Stock footage) People of all ages abound enjoying various activities. Bulk and Skull are a little ways away plopped on a bench with their two skate boards beside them. (Skull wears a zebra bandanna) Billy leans down to turn up the volume on his portable T.V. The sound of a music video fills the air.

ZACK
(stock)
Jammin!

KIMBERLY
That's one of my favorite songs.

We go to another angle in the park not very far away. A trio of three roller bladers,(in full protective roller blade gear) two guys and one girl, skate by a blonde man pushing a stroller with a two year old boy in it.

ROCKY
Hey Mr. Anderson!

MR. ANDERSON
Hi kids!

AIESHA
See ya on our next lap around!

Billy leans toward the T.V. as a reporter comes on with a special announcement.

REPORTER
We'd like to remind all of you not to miss the finals of the Great Ninja competition...

BILLY
Hey Guys, listen to this.

TOMMY
Yeah! I've been dying to see this competition!

Tommy and Kimberly crowd closer as three hulking clods in Ninja outfits push the reporter aside and face the screen.

BULLY 1
(on screen)
We are the greatest Ninjas in the Universe! No one's gonna take us down cuz we can't be beat!

The three scream and grunt as Billy disgustedly turns of the set.

KIMBERLY
What obnoxious clods!

TOMMY
Obnoxious but undefeated...I wonder who's competing against them.

BILLY
Three guys from Stone Canyon High. I read about it in the paper.

KIMBERLY
Right, the high school outside of town. I hope they teach those clods a lesson.

8202 INT. LORD ZEDD'S CHAMBER 2

Lord Zedd sits in his throne with Goldar hovering near.

LORD ZEDD
I believe those three Ninja bullies would be a perfect addition to my collection!

GOLDAR
Without a doubt! They're almost as despicable as you your Nastiness!

LORD ZEDD
You and the putties will kidnap them once they've won the championship! After I'm done with them Zordon's pitiful do gooder Rangers will be no match for my evil Ninjas!

8202 Cont.

Lord Zedd slams his hand down as Goldar growls in anticipation.

ACT ONE

8203 EXT. PARK - DAY 3

The camera pans from a group of three motorcycles parked on the path to three tough looking hoods dressed in black lounging beside them. We recognize them as the three Ninjas from the T.V. spot. Nearby on a bench sits Mr. Anderson reading a book. His one year old son Jacob stands holding onto his baby stroller by his side. Mr. Anderson looks down and pats his head. The child squeals happily.

MR. ANDERSON
How's my boy?

Mr. Anderson goes back to his book. Jacob gives the stroller a mighty push and we follow it as it rolls toward the motorcycles and comes to a stop barely grazing them. Mr. Anderson sighs as he scoops the child up and walks toward the stroller.

MR. ANDERSON
Jacob, that wasn't nice.

The three toughs stand menacingly as Mr. Anderson deposits Jacob back into the stroller.

MR. ANDERSON
(to the three)
Sorry fellas.

BULLY 1
Yeah you better be sorry!

MR. ANDERSON
Excuse me?

BULLY 2
You heard him old man.

BULLY 3
No one damages our bikes and gets away with it!

Mr. Anderson looks at the undamaged cycles.

8203 Cont.

MR. ANDERSON
I assure you there was no damage to your motorcycles.

BULLY 1
(grabbing Mr. Anderson)
Oh but you're wrong! Are you calling us liars? You don't know who your messing with!

MR. ANDERSON
(struggling to get free)
Get your hands off of me!

As the three toughs push Mr. Anderson around one accidentally bumps into the baby stroller sending it rolling. The three continue to taunt Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson, unknowing of the situation, continues to struggle.

MR. ANDERSON
Stop it! This is ridiculous!

The three laugh and hoot as they continue. Mr. Anderson spots the stroller rolling speedily away toward a down hill path.

MR. ANDERSON
Oh no!...Jacob!!!!

We follow the stroller as it speeds past Bulk and Skull. Bulk and Skull do a double take.

SKULL
Hey look Bulk! That baby's strolling himself.

BULK
We gotta stop that stroller!

They rise and clumsily skateboard after the stroller. People jump out of their way screaming. Across the way, the three roller bladers hear the commotion. Aiesha points.

AIESHA
Guys! That's Mr. A's kid!

ADAM
Come on!

The three whiz around the path jumping obstacles and performing amazing feats.

9203 Cont.

They by pass Bulk and Skull who are panting heavily.

BULK
We're coming little guy!

SKULL
Almost there!

At a distance, Billy, Kimberly and Tommy are headed home carrying their picnic supplies. They too hear the commotion and turn to see the stroller headed down the hill.

BILLY
Look!

KIMBERLY
Oh my gosh!

TOMMY
Let's go!

The three drop everything and tear toward the runaway stroller.

INSERT Shot of Jacob in the stroller laughing and clapping his hands. Pull back to reveal the stroller careening down hill bypassing obstacles. (Ala Mr. Toads Wild Ride.) The baby is having a blast.

The camera pans in slow motion from Bulk and Skull on Skate boards to the Aiesha, Adam and Rocky on roller blades to the running Rangers to Mr. Anderson shaking free of the three bullies and running toward the hill screaming.

MR. ANDERSON
(hands held out)
Noooooooooo!

Kimberly runs with all her might and executes a flip over a downed trash can landing in front of the stroller just as the trio of roller bladers arrive. She throws out her hands and stops the stroller.

KIMBERLY
Gottcha!...Give me five!

Kimberly and Jacob high five. The gathering crowd cheers as Bulk and Skull whoop in relief and crash right into a tree. The three bullies exchange scared glances.

0203 Cont.

BULLY 1
We better jam!

BULLY 2
I'm with you!

The three jump on their bikes and take off. Mr. Anderson runs to Kimberly and grabs Jacob hugging him tight. Aiesha, Rocky, Adam, Billy and Tommy gather round.

MR. ANDERSON
Jacob! (to Kimberly) How can I ever thank you?!

KIMBERLY
I'm just glad I got there in time!

ROCKY
That was truly awesome!

TOMMY
You guys were pretty awesome on those skates! I'm Tommy, this is Kimberly and Billy.

ROCKY
Rocky.

AIESHA
Aiesha.

ADAM
(shyly)
Adam....Hi.

The three Rangers exchange greetings.

MR. ANDERSON
Hank Anderson, and this little dare devil is my son Jacob.

The Rangers coo at the baby as Bulk and Skull stagger toward the group. Jacob gurgles happily at them.

BULK
(baby talk)
Goochie goochie widdo fella!

Skull and Bulk make funny faces. Everyone laughs.

8203 Cont.

MR. ANDERSON
I think Jacob and I have had enough excitement for the moment. (to the new three) we'll see you all later.

ADAM
See ya Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson and Jacob exit. Bulk and Skull wave.

SKULL
Bye bye!

BILLY
How do you know Mr. Anderson?

AIESHA
He's teacher at Stone Canyon High. He's the absolute best!

TOMMY
Stone Canyon High? Are you here to watch the Ninja competition?

Aiesha, Adam and Rocky exchange looks.

ADAM
Uh yes...you could say that.

BILLY
Excellent! Guess we'll see you there.

ROCKY
You bet! We'll catch you later!

BULK
Yeah, See ya.

The Rangers, Aiesha, Rocky, Adam, Bulk and Skull all go off in separate directions. The three bullies ride their motorcycles, (in helmets) in the parking lot, nearly running over the three Rangers. They laugh obnoxiously and speed off.

TOMMY
What jerks!

8204 INT. LORD ZEDD'S CHAMBERS - SAME 4

LORD ZEDD'S LASER P.O.V. Shot of the three bullies on their motorcycles.

LORD ZEDD
Those three will definitely be my chosen Ninjas! No one can defeat anyone so bad!

8205 * INT. YOUTH CENTER - AFTERNOON 5

The Youth Center is packed. In the crowd we see shots of our six Rangers. (pulled stock footage for Jason, Trini and Zack) Bulk and Skull sit with Mr. Anderson and Jacob. Jacob wears Skull's zebra bandanna as the two make goo goo faces at the baby. The camera pans the crowd and comes to rest upon a huge Ninja trophy. The M.C. steps into the ring holding a microphone.

M.C.
Ladies and gentlemen! You are about to witness the final competition for the Great Ninja title! On my right are the reining Champions from Hasper City!

The crowd boos as the three bullies dressed in black Ninja outfits swagger into the ring.

M.C.
* On my left are the challengers from Stone Canyon! *

The crowd cheers as the three challengers step quietly into the ring dressed in white Ninja outfits. The three bullies stalk up to the three challengers and shake their fists.

BULLY 1
Hope you made out a will!

The three in white remain silent. They bow their heads for a moment of concentration.

BULLY 3
Yeah! You better say your prayers!

M.C.
Let the competition begin!

205 Cont.

The M.C. exits the ring as the battle begins. The three bullies fight dirty but are always thwarted by the challengers. The three bullies are constantly given point deductions by the judges.

Shots of: the crowd as they react to the competition.

KIMBERLY
Those guys fight dirty!

TOMMY
Yeah, but the challengers fight clean!

BILLY
Always a winning solution!

The challengers do an impressive maneuver and win the competition. Mr. Anderson hands Jacob to Bulk.

MR. ANDERSON
Hold him for a moment! (rising and applauding) Way to go guys! Yes!

Bulk and Skull look down at the baby and fall in love.

SKULL
Whose a little chipmunk?

The M.C. hands the challengers the trophy.

M.C.
The new Ninja champions from Stone Canyon!

The crowd applauds. The three bullies sulk.

BULLY 2
We was robbed!

The three challengers remove their masks and are revealed to be Rocky, Aiesha and Adam. They smile modestly.

KIMBERLY
Wow! No wonder we didn't see them in the crowd!

BILLY
(applauding)
Stupendous!

8205 Cont.

TOMMY
Way to go guys!

Skull holds Jacob and claps his little hands together!

SKULL
Yay! Alright!

BULK
(to bullies)
What ninny Ninjas you are! You got beat by a girl!

The three winners stand in the ring grinning as the crowd goes crazy. The bullies stalk off pushing people out of their way.

BULLY 1
Let's blow this dullsville town!

8206 EXT. YOUTH CENTER - LATER 6

Billy, Kimberly and Tommy talk with the Aiesha, Rocky and Adam as Mr. Anderson fastens Jacob into his car seat. The trophy sits in the back seat with Jacob.

ROCKY
(shaking Tommy's hand)
Hey, great to meet you all!

TOMMY
We'll have to get together! I want to learn some of those moves you did in the competition.

ADAM
Absolutely! Let's do it soon.

BILLY
Well, keep in touch!

AIESHA
Count on it!

KIMBERLY
Bye Mr. Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON
Bye Kimberly. And...thanks again for the heroic rescue!

8206 Cont.

TOMMY
(patting Kimberly proudly)
It was heroic wasn't it.

They all smile and wave as the Rangers make their way across the parking lot.

8207 INT. LORD ZEDD'S CHAMBER - SAME 7

Goldar moves toward a pondering Zedd. Squatt and Baboo cower in a corner.

GOLDAR
Master, our chosen Ninjas lost the championship. Do you still want them kidnapped?

LORD ZEDD
No, I've an even better plan. It would be such a sweet challenge to kidnap the winning Ninja's and turn their good to evil.

SQUATT
I like that!

BABOO
What could be better?

LORD ZEDD
See that it is done Goldar! I'll send down the putties to keep those meddlesome Rangers from interfering!

8208 EXT. YOUTH CENTER - SAME 8

Aiesha, Rocky, Adam and Mr. Anderson are talking.

MR. ANDERSON
I'm so proud of you three...

Suddenly Goldar appears. Aiesha screams.

ROCKY
Hey!

Far across the parking lot Kimberly, Tommy and Billy turn at the sound of Aiesha's scream.

208 Cont.

BILLY
Goldar!

Suddenly a group of putties arrive to surround them.

KIMBERLY
We've got to help them!

TOMMY
Let's make this quick!

The three Rangers launch into a fight against the putties. Over by the car Goldar opens his arms and magically pulls the three beneath his wings.

GOLDAR
Come and be Lord Zedd's disciples of darkness.

Mr. Anderson runs to intercede.

MR. ANDERSON
Let go of them!

* Mr. Anderson is pulled into the magic spell and they all vanish just as Bulk and Skull wander out. (NOTE: The Ranger's are fighting the putties far across the parking lot. Bulk and Skull have no chance in seeing them.) *

BULK
Yaiiiii!

SKULL
Jakey! That gold monkey got Jakey!

The two rush to the car to find Jacob asleep inside.

BULK
He's okay!...What just happened?

SKULL
I don't know, but we better get him out of here before that thing with wings comes back!

BULK
I bet you the Power Rangers are gonna show up soon! We'll just take care of the little munchkin until they do!

8208 CONT.

The two begin to unfasten Jacob. Across the parking lot the three Rangers end up a thirty second puttie fight. They race toward the car.

TOMMY
Let's book!

They arrive by the abandoned car.

KIMBERLY
We're too late! Goldar got them all!

BILLY
We better contact Zordon!

TOMMY
(into communicator)
Zordon! Come in!

8209 INT. COMMAND CENTER - SAME 9

Alpha moves from the viewing globe waving his hands

ALPHA
Ave yai yai!

ZORDON
(o.c.)
Tommy, Alpha and I are aware of the situation! Teleport immediately to the Command Center!

ALPHA
I'll contact the others! Hurry!

210 EXT. YOUTH CENTER - SAME 10 ✳

Kimberly, Billy and Tommy prepare to teleport in.

TOMMY
We're on our way!

8211 INT. COMMAND CENTER - DAY 11

(Master shot of six stock) The six Rangers stand with their backs to camera facing Zordon.

8211 Cont.

ZORDON
This is a very grave situation Rangers. Lord Zedd has kidnapped the winning Ninjas in order to turn them into his own evil warriors.

JASON
(stock)
We've got to stop him!

KIMBERLY
What about the baby...Jacob?

ZORDON
* Observe the viewing globe.

The six move to the viewing globe.

* INSERT: Shot of Bulk and Skull pushing the baby stroller through the park.

ZACK
(stock)
Bulk and Skull?!

ALPHA
He'll be safe for the time being...I think.

TRINI
(stock)
What can we do?

ZORDON
You must find a way to release Mr. Anderson and the three. They are extremely talented Ninja fighters that must not be turned to the dark side.

TOMMY
We can't let Lord Zedd get his hands on them!

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

3212 12 INT. DIMENSION OF DESPAIR (SWING) - SAME 12 *

Rocky, Aiesha, Adam and Mr. Anderson are chained by their hands to the bars of the cage they are being held in. Goldar struts in front of them. A group of putties flank him on either side. He points toward them.

GOLDAR
(bellowing)
You three have been chosen by his Majesty Lord Zedd to join in his war of destruction!

ROCKY
Lord Who?

GOLDAR
The great Emperor of Evil! The Desperado of Despair! The King of Cruelty! Believe me it is quite an honor!

AIESHA
Thanks but no thanks!

ADAM
We'll never use our talents for the good of evil!

GOLDAR
You have not been given that choice! Think wisely, you do not have much time!

Goldar vanishes. Mr. Anderson leans slumped against the bars. Aiesha manages to free a hairpin from her hair and quietly begins to work on her chains.

ROCKY
You okay Mr. Anderson?

MR. ANDERSON
I'm really worried about Jacob.

8213 13 EXT PARK - SAME 13

Bulk and Skull are sitting on the grass with Jacob.

SKULL
I think he's hungry.

213 Cont.

BULK
I'll fix that!

Bulk rummages in his knapsack and pulls out a hamburger. He offers it to the baby.

BULK
Come on Jakey, hows about a little bite?

Jacob turns away. Bulk brings out a huge pretzel. No go. In fast motion Bulk empties his bag of a sub sandwich, pizza, banana. The baby refuses all of them.

BULK
This kid must be weird! How could he refuse such a gourmet feast?

Skull reaches into the side bag of the stroller and pulls out a baby bottle.

SKULL
Let's try this.

Skull gives the bottle a squeeze and sprays Bulk in the face.

SKULL
Ooops!

BULK
(Grabbing the bottle)
Give me that!

Bulk cradles Jacob and gives him the bottle. Bulk is overcome with maternal instincts. The two begin to sing.

BULK AND SKULL
(singing)
I'm a little tea pot short and stout!
Here is my handle here is my spout!

Skull mimics the movements to the song.

8214 14 INT. COMMAND CENTER - SAME 14

The six Rangers are in the command center. (stock) Billy and Alpha are reading from a sheaf of computer data.

8214 Cont.

BILLY
The computer data reports that Mr. Anderson, Rocky, Adam and Aneisha are being held in some sort of closed area on another dimension.

ALPHA
Aye yai yai! They're in the Dimmension of Despair!

8215 INT. LORD ZEDD'S CHAMBER - SAME 15

Lord Zedd moves away from his balcony

GOLDAR
Lord Zedd, Zordon has gathered the Rangers!

LORD ZEDD
I must create a new monster!

GOLDAR
What exactly did you have in mind your Miserableness?

LORD ZEDD
The Terror Blossom! A shake of it's toxic petals will freeze that in it's path and create great destruction! That should keep Zordon and his pack of Rangers occupied while I concentrate on my new Ninjas!

Lord Zedd lifts his scepter and sends a flash of light to earth.

8216 EXT. JAPANESE FOOTAGE - SAME 16

The forest goes crazy as a whirl of petals form and create the Terror Blossom.

TERROR BLOSSOM
Ah yes! It feels like spring! Time to make the little Rangers sing!

8217 EXT. MATCH JAPANESE FOOTAGE - SAME 17

The Terror Blossom vanishes.

8218

INT. COMMAND CENTER - SAME 18

An alarm sounds.

KIMBERLY
What now?!

ZORDON
Lord Zedd has created the Terror Blossom! Behold the viewing globe.

The Rangers rush to the globe.

INSERT: (Japanese footage of monster shaking petals.) stock footage of traffic freezing, people running and then freezing, clocks stopping.

ZACK
(stock)
Oh man!

ALPHA
This Terror Blossom can freeze what ever it's petals touch! This could shut down the whole city!

KIMBERLY
We've got to do something!

ALPHA
Oh Aye yai yai! There seems to be a jam in the frequency of our scanner! It's not picking up the Monster's location!

ZORDON
Rangers, you must separate into two groups! Trini, Zack and Jason will try to locate the monster while the rest of you go in search of the Dimension of Despair! Time is of an imperative issue! We must not let Lord Zedd turn those three into evil warriors!!!

ALPHA
Aye yai yai! That could spell disasterous results!!!

JASON
(stock)
Let's jet!

8218

TOMMY
It's Morphin time!

The six go into the morphing sequence.

8219 EXT. JETTING FOOTAGE - SAME 19

Trini, Jason and Zack appear in the sky jetting.

ZACK
(stock)
No sign of the monster yet!

8220 INT. LORD ZEDD'S CHAMBER - SAME 20

Zedd turns to Goldar.

LORD ZEDD
I want you to intercept those Ranger Runts in the air! Make sure they have a hard landing!

GOLDAR
With pleasure your Wretchedness!

8221 EXT. JETTING FOOTAGE - SAME 21

Goldar swoops down upon the jetting Rangers.

GOLDAR
Prepare for a crash landing Rangers!

TRINI
(stock)
Let's go!

A twenty second aerial dog fight ensues leaving Goldar defeated and flying away.

GOLDAR
Beware Rangers! Revenge will soon be mine!

ZACK
(stock)
Pasta la pizza baby!

Jason points to the ground.

3221 Cont.

INSERT: Shot of Terror Blossom.

JASON
(stock)
There he is!

The three soar down.

222 EXT. PARK - SAME 22

The three Rangers land and face the Terror Blossom.

TERROR BLOSSOM
So glad you could join me! Now you'll know the true meaning of flower power!

JASON
(stock)
Let's get him!

The three launch into a short battle. The monster sprays his blooms upon them freezing them.

ZACK
(stock)
Ahhhh!

TERROR BLOSSOM
(laughing)
Sprinkle flowers your in my powers!

223 INT. DIMENSION OF DESPAIR - LATER 23 *

Aiesha has managed to unlock her chains and is silently working on the other two. The putties stand silently by.

AIESHA *
(whispering)
* Almost got it...come on baby...there!

* She completes the task as she and the other two carefully unlock the cage. Mr. Anderson looks on startled. *

MR. ANDERSON *
(whispering)
* Hey! Where are you going?..Don't go out there....

8223 Cont.

ROCKY
Relax Mr. Anderson...it's the only way.

ADAM
We won't do anything foolish.

The three turn and burst out of the cage yelling and surprise the putties. They become involved in a heated puttie fight. Goldar appears in the middle and zaps them with his laser sword.

GOLDAR
(shouting)
Fools! Putties, chain them!

The putties chain them and herd them back into the cage.

MR. ANDERSON
It was a good try guys.

GOLDAR
Don't you realize that it is pointless to try and escape! You must surrender!

ADAM
Never!

AIESHA
Yeah, We'll just have to pass on that!

GOLDAR
We shall see about that.

Goldar raises his hands in the air. Suddenly, a huge replica of a wooden snake appears. He lays it on the ground.

GOLDAR
In exactly one hour this wooden serpent will complete it's transformation and become a living thing. It will grow and as it grows so shall its appetite... Surrender voluntarily or you shall be filled with it's venom of darkness, twisting your souls and casting you into hideous, evil soldiers of darkness!

Goldar vanishes. The three and Mr. Anderson look at the wooden snake in dread. The head is already changing into that of a real snake.

8223 Cont.

ROCKY
(swallowing hard)
I hate snakes.

8224 EXT. MOUNTAIN SIDE - SAME 24

Tommy, Kimberly and Billy teleport onto a mountain side.

BILLY
If the scanner was correct the Dimension of Despair should be close by.

TOMMY
Let's contact Zordon for further instructions.

Tommy talks into his communicator.

TOMMY
Zordon, we're in the approximate location to the Cave.

ZORDON
Rangers! The Terror Blossom has frozen Jason and the others in the park!

ALPHA
You must help your friends! Aye yai yai! This is a disaster!

Kimberly exchanges looks with Billy and Tommy.

KIMBERLY
(worried)
What do we do first?!

FREEZE FRAME

To be continued.