

BEN 10: ULTIMATE ALIEN

"THE PLANET BUSTER"

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EXT. MR. SMOOTHY PARKING LOT - NIGHT

A small square building stands alone in a parking lot. There are picnic tables in front of it. On top of a tall pole is a large sign that says "Mr. Smoothy" on it. The mascot on the sign is a smiling smoothie cup who is, quite ironically, sipping from a smaller smoothie cup in his hand.

The parking lot is empty except for a green muscle car. Three teenagers lean against the side of the car as they sip their smoothies. BEN (16) has brown hair and a green jacket. On his wrist is a high-tech device known as the Omnitrix. KEVIN (17) is tall and muscular with dark hair. GWEN (16) is a slender redhead.

BEN

This "Thanksgiving Dinner" smoothie has it all! Turkey, gravy, cranberry...

KEVIN

They could have left out the green bean casserole, though.

GWEN

At least they make up for it with the pumpkin pie aftertaste.

EXT. MR. SMOOTHY PARKING LOT - NIGHT

High above the parking lot, a shimmer runs along the length of a spaceship as it appears out of thin air. The spaceship is sleek and insect-like. A hatch opens on the underside of the ship and beams down a column of light.

EXT. MR. SMOOTHY PARKING LOT - NIGHT

The pillar of light touches down right by the three teenagers, landing with a flash. The three teens shield their eyes.

BEN

Whoa! Are we under attack?

They lower their hands as the flash dies out.

KEVIN

That was a teleport beam. We've got ourselves a visitor, that's for sure.

A plume of smoke obscures who has arrived since the beam scorched the ground.

GWEN

So it could be someone friendly.  
Right?

NECROMANTIS (37) emerges from the smoke. He is a fierce-looking alien whose anatomy resembles that of a praying mantis. His body is covered in blood-red robotic armor.

KEVIN

Not likely.

Ben, Kevin, and Gwen fan out around Necromantis.

NECROMANTIS

I am Necromantis. I have come to  
collect the price on your head.

KEVIN

What do you think, Ben? Is he here  
for you or me?

GWEN

Hey! He could be here for me, ya  
know.

NECROMANTIS

I have come for the Earthling with  
the power to manipulate Mana.

GWEN

Ha! That's me! In your face,  
Kevin!

Beat.

GWEN (CONT'D)

Oh wait. I shouldn't have said  
that.

NECROMANTIS

Target acquired.

Necromantis transforms the armor on his left arm into a cannon with multiple muzzles. It fires a stream of laser bullets at Gwen. Gwen raises up her hands and forms a rectangle of magenta energy in midair. The laser bullets ricochet off the rectangle of energy.

KEVIN

Lay off my girl, you bug-eyed  
creep!

Kevin reaches over and touches his green muscle car. A green metallic skin grows around his hand. This steel shell envelops his entire body.

Necromantis stops firing laser bullets at Gwen and looks over at Kevin.

NECROMANTIS

An Osmosian. Interesting.

Kevin is now completely covered in green metal. He turns his right hand into a sledgehammer. He charges at Necromantis.

Necromantis aims his cannon arm at Kevin and transforms its multi-muzzle end into a yellow lens. He fires a yellow beam at the ground in front of Kevin. The energy from the beam is absorbed into the ground, leaving the surface seemingly untouched.

KEVIN

You missed!

Kevin steps onto the spot where Necromantis shot the yellow beam. His foot sinks into the asphalt as though it were quicksand.

NECROMANTIS

Did I now?

The patch of parking lot that Necromantis shot is now a sinkhole of black mud. Kevin sinks in past his knees.

GWEN

Kevin!

KEVIN

Don't worry about me! Just take him down. Hard.

Gwen conjures orbs of magenta energy into her palms. She chucks these orbs at Necromantis. They shatter against his armor. He flinches slightly and glances over at her.

BEN

Don't sweat it, Gwen! I got this!

Ben turns the dial on the Omnitrix until it projects a tiny hologram of a monkey-like alien.

BEN (CONT'D)

It's hero time!

Ben slams his hand down on the dial. There is a flash of green light. Ben's anatomy mutates. He is now SPIDERMONKEY (16), a blue monkey with four arms and four eyes.

SPIDERMONKEY  
Spidermonkey!

Spidermonkey jumps high into the air and aims his tail at Necromantis.

SPIDERMONKEY (CONT'D)  
Eat web!

Necromantis aims his right hand at Spidermonkey. A net bursts forth from his palm. The net ensnares Spidermonkey in midair, hurling him backwards. The net slams Spidermonkey against the Mr. Smoothy sign and pins him against it. The net resembles a spiderweb made of steel cables.

SPIDERMONKEY (CONT'D)  
Hey! That's what I was trying to do!

Necromantis presses a button on his forearm. The steel net surges with electricity. Spidermonkey howls in pain as electricity courses through his body.

GWEN  
Ben!

NECROMANTIS  
Worry about yourself, child.

Necromantis aims his cannon arm towards Gwen. The cannon reverts back to the multi-muzzled form. He fires laser bullets at Gwen. Gwen raises her hands and materializes a dome of magenta energy around her. The laser bullets ricochet off the dome.

Kevin is now immersed up to his armpits in the black sinkhole.

KEVIN  
Ya gotta get outta here, Gwen!  
Save yourself!

GWEN  
I'm not gonna leave you guys!

Necromantis stops firing and leaps high into the air. He lands in front of Gwen. He punches her dome of mana. It shatters. Gwen falls onto her back and looks up.

## NECROMANTIS

You should have escaped while you had the chance.

Necromantis points his hand towards Gwen and shoots out jets of gas from nozzles in his fingertips. Gwen passes out with a sigh. Necromantis reaches down and picks up Gwen's body. He throws her over his shoulder.

## SPIDERMONKEY

Noooo!

Spidermonkey reaches upwards with his tail. He growls with pain as the net continues to electrify him. He touches the tip of his tail to the Omnitrix dial on his chest. There is a flash of green light. Spidermonkey is now ULTIMATE SPIDERMONKEY (16), a large blue gorilla with spider-legs coming out of his back.

## ULTIMATE SPIDERMONKEY

Ultimate Spidermonkey!

Ultimate Spidermonkey tears off the electric net and drops down. He spider-walks at high speed towards Necromantis. Necromantis carries Gwen over to the crater he made when he arrived. Ultimate Spidermonkey rushes at them. A pillar of light strikes down. Ultimate Spidermonkey tries to grab them, but he only hugs the smoke left behind. He looks up and sees an insect-like spaceship shimmer then vanish.

## ULTIMATE SPIDERMONKEY (CONT'D)

Awww, chili fries! This guy's good!

Beat.

## ULTIMATE SPIDERMONKEY (CONT'D)

Kevin!

Only Kevin's hand protrudes from the black mud. The green metal skin on it reverts back to human skin. His hand slips down under the surface.

Beat.

A blue gorilla hand punches into the sludge. It pulls out Kevin's hand. Ultimate Spidermonkey is poised above the sinkhole with his spider-legs planted at the outer edge. He pulls Kevin out up to his waist. Kevin gasps for air.

## ULTIMATE SPIDERMONKEY (CONT'D)

Sorry, pal. I almost forgot you.

KEVIN  
I'm feeling pretty forgotten.

Ultimate Spidermonkey pulls Kevin all the way out and sets him down. Kevin looks around.

KEVIN (CONT'D)  
Where's Gwen?!

There's a flash of green light. Ultimate Spidermonkey is now Ben again.

BEN  
She's gone. They both are.

KEVIN  
What?!

BEN  
Don't panic. Looks like he needed her alive.

KEVIN  
Well, what are we standing around here for? Let's go after 'em.

BEN  
I couldn't see which direction they went. The ship had a cloaking device.

KEVIN  
How are we gonna track them down? Gwen's the one whose good at finding stuff, using that mojo of hers.

BEN  
I think I know who can help us.

EXT. HOUSE OF JULIE YAMAMOTO - NIGHT

Ben knocks on the front door.

JULIE (16) opens the door. Julie is petite with black hair in a bob cut. She is wearing pink pajamas with a white bunny pattern on them.

JULIE  
Ben?!

INT. HOUSE OF JULIE YAMAMOTO - NIGHT

Ben and Kevin are standing on Julie's front doorstep.

BEN

Sorry about this, Julie. I know  
it's pretty late, but...

KEVIN

Can Ship come out and play?

SHIP (1) waddles to Julie's side. Ship is a small creature that is sleek, black, and covered in green stripes that look like circuitry. He has flippers and a green circle for a face.

SHIP

Ship?

INT. THE PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

Gwen is in the dark with her eyes closed. She slowly opens her eyes and gently moans. She blinks a few times then looks around frantically. Gwen is spread-eagle in midair, her hands and feet locked into a large circular machine.

GWEN

Where am I?

She squints her eyes and peers into the darkness.

There are rows of computer stations to her right. At each computer console there is a short figure in a purple hooded cloak. Each figure has a cluster of gray tentacles where a face should be. They have bunches of tentacles for hands as well. They rapidly tap away at the keys.

There is a large screen on the far wall. It displays the view from orbit of a strange turquoise planet. There is a digital target moving around on the screen.

GWEN (CONT'D)

This doesn't look good.

There is an octagonal door in front of Gwen. It slides open. QUINTILLIUS (58) steps forward through it and stands before Gwen. He is like the other hooded figures, only his cloak is black. He has his hands entwined together and his face tentacles hang down.

GWEN (CONT'D)

What do you want with me?



Quintillius raises his head and spreads his face tentacles wide open. At the center of his face is a single fish-like eye. There is a small technological device hanging around his neck. He presses a button on it and it lights up.

QUINTILLIUS

Please remain calm. It will all be over soon.

INT. HOUSE OF JULIE YAMAMOTO - NIGHT

Ben, Kevin, and Julie are standing in Julie's living room. Ship is cradled in Julie's arms.

JULIE

What do you guys need Ship for?

BEN

We're hoping Ship can help us find Gwen. She's been kidnapped.

JULIE

Kidnapped?!

KEVIN

Some bounty hunter jerk got the drop on us. Won't happen again.

Kevin clenches his fist.

JULIE

I would do anything to help Gwen. And I know Ship would too!

SHIP

Ship! Ship!

Ben pulls out a leather-bound book.

BEN

I brought Gwen's book of spells. Can Ship take a whiff of this and try to track her down?

JULIE

Look, Ben, Ship may act like a dog, but that does not make him a bloodhound. He can't just sniff a book and...

SHIP

Ship!!! Ship! Ship!

JULIE

Yes, Ship says he can find Gwen  
from just sniffing her book!

Julie holds Ship up to her face.

JULIE (CONT'D)

Wow, Ship! I had no idea you had  
such a strong sense of smell. It's  
like you have a super-nose!

SHIP

Ship!

Julie holds Ship close to the book. He sniffs it.

SHIP (CONT'D)

Ship! Ship!

JULIE

He says he has Gwen's scent!

KEVIN

Great! Then let's motor!

They all walk towards the front door. Ben turns around and  
stops Julie.

BEN

Look, Julie, maybe you should...

JULIE

What? Just stay here where it's  
nice and safe while you all go rush  
off to save Gwen?! No way! Gwen  
is my friend, too. If Ship goes, I  
go. It's a package deal!

BEN

Actually, I was just going to  
suggest you change into something  
else before we leave.

Julie looks down at her bunny pajamas and bunny slippers.

BEN (CONT'D)

Not that I have anything against  
bunny slippers.

JULIE

Give me a minute.

Julie shoves Ship into Ben's arms.

SHIP

Ship?

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

Gwen is still locked into the circular machine. Quintillius stands before her.

GWEN

I demand that you let me out of this thing, right now!

QUINTILLIUS

I cannot comply.

GWEN

Fine! I'll get myself out.

Gwen closes her eyes. She opens them and pink light shoots out. She groans with effort. The circuitry near her hands and feet surge with a magenta glow. The machine hums loudly.

The light in Gwen's eyes dies away. The glowing circuitry fades out. Gwen breathes heavily.

GWEN (CONT'D)

What's this machine doing to me?

QUINTILLIUS

It is draining you of your Mana. You are the fuel for this machine.

GWEN

I'm not fuel! I'm a human being!

QUINTILLIUS

A human being with Anodite blood. That is what makes you such an excellent power source.

One of the aliens in purple cloaks walks over to Quintillius. It speaks to him in an alien language that sounds like slurping saliva. Quintillius turns off his personal translator device. He responds to the alien in his own slurping voice. He turns back to Gwen and clicks the device back on.

QUINTILLIUS (CONT'D)

It begins.

The large monitor displays a turquoise planet with a digital target on it. The aliens at the computer stations stop typing and look towards Quintillius. He faces them and raises his hand. All the aliens resume typing.

There is a large pink crystal attached to the machine Gwen is strapped into. The crystal lights up and crackles with electricity. Gwen gasps. Her eyes glow bright pink. All the circuitry lights up. The machine hums loudly.

Quintillius lowers his hand.

EXT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

The Planet Buster is a massive and lengthy starship. It's main feature is a gigantic cannon that runs along its length. A magenta glow builds up in the barrel of the cannon. The cannon fires.

EXT. SURFACE OF TURQUOISE PLANET - DAY

The surface of the planet is barren and rocky. There is turquoise moss upon the rocks.

A huge beam of magenta energy strikes down from the sky. A cloud of dust rises from the spot being fired on. The beam ceases. A giant hole is left behind.

The ground trembles violently. Lava bursts forth from the giant hole. A volcano quickly rises up from the spot. It erupts high into the air.

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

In the control room where Gwen is being held, the view screen displays the volcano that was just created. The aliens chatter amongst themselves as they watch it erupt.

The machine Gwen is in is turned off. Gwen pants from exertion. She closes her eyes and furrows her brow.

GWEN

There's millions of sentient beings down on that planet. I can sense them. They're terrified!

QUINTILLIUS

As they should be.

EXT. HOUSE OF JULIE YAMAMOTO - NIGHT

Ben, Kevin, Julie and Ship are standing on the front lawn of Julie's house. Julie is now properly dressed.

JULIE

Go on, Ship! Do your thing.

SHIP

Ship!

Ship jumps high into the air. He expands and unfolds. Ship transforms into a black and green spaceship. He opens a hatch and lowers a stairway.

SHIP (CONT'D)  
Ship! Ship!

Everyone walks up the stairs.

INT. SHIP - NIGHT

The interior of the spaceship is black with green lights and chairs. Ben, Kevin, and Julie take their seats.

KEVIN  
Hey, Julie. Tell Ship to put the pedal to the metal, will ya?

JULIE  
Don't worry, Kevin. We'll get there before anything happens to her.

SHIP  
Ship!

JULIE  
He says has the coordinates! He knows where Gwen is! All right, Ship! Show 'em what you can do!

EXT. HOUSE OF JULIE YAMAMOTO - NIGHT

Ship rises up into the sky. He becomes a streak of light as he zooms toward the stars.

EXT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

The Planet Buster slowly orbits around the turquoise planet. Three reddish hot spots now mar the planet's surface.

There is a flash and a streak of light. Ship arrives.

INT. SHIP - OUTER SPACE

Ship's crew looks out the windows.

BEN  
Whoa! What is that?!

KEVIN  
That's a Planet Buster. I thought they all got dismantled.

BEN

Does it do what it sounds like it does?

KEVIN

You bet. It busts planets wide open.

JULIE

But how?

KEVIN

It heats up the core of a planet until it explodes. Looks like they already shot it a few times. See all those red spots? I don't know how much more punishment this planet can take.

BEN

I don't know why Gwen was brought here, but we're gonna find out.

JULIE

Ship, bring us closer to that big mean-looking ship. Don't be scared, okay?

SHIP

Ship!

EXT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

Ship draws close to the hull of the Planet Buster. He extends a tube until it connects with a hatch on the hull.

INT. SHIP - OUTER SPACE

Ben holds Julie's hands. He looks into her eyes.

BEN

Thanks again, Julie, for coming along with us. You're really the best girlfriend a guy could have.

Ben kisses Julie on the cheek. She blushes.

BEN (CONT'D)

So keep Ship ready for a quick getaway. We'll be right back!

Ben and Kevin run off. Julie stares blankly and touches her cheek. She blinks. She looks around and sees that they left without her.

JULIE  
Benjamin Tennyson!

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

There is a large circular hatch. A loud clang rings out on the other side of it. There's another loud clang. The large metal door falls down with a slam. Kevin stands where the door was, fist outstretched. He is covered in metal skin the same color as the hatch. Ben is right behind him.

KEVIN  
Can't say I didn't knock!

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

Ben and Kevin run down a metal hallway. They turn a corner. A flurry of lasers flies past them.

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

At the end of the hall is a squad of aliens in purple cloaks. They are all armed with laser rifles. Behind them is a tall set of doors. They shoot more lasers at Ben and Kevin.

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

Kevin pries up a piece of flooring with his fingertips. He bends it upwards into a shield against the laser fire. Ben joins him behind the shield.

BEN  
I'm guessing Gwen is in that direction.

KEVIN  
Any bright ideas, hero?

BEN  
I think I know just the guy we need.

Ben turns the dial of his Omnitrix. A tiny hologram of an alien creature with a floating head appears above the dial. He slams his palm down on it. There is a green flash. Ben's anatomy stretches and bends. He is now LODESTAR (16), a metallic alien life form with a round floating head and U-shaped hands.

LODESTAR  
Lodestar!

Lodestar steps out from behind cover and aims his U-shaped hands at the enemy. He shoots rays of energy rings from his hands. These energy rings wash over the enemy aliens. Their weapons tremble and quiver in their hands.

Lodestar raises his hands. All the laser rifles are yanked out of the hands of the enemy. The rifles come together in midair and form a floating ball of guns.

The disarmed aliens run away and escape behind the tall doors.

LODESTAR (CONT'D)  
That sent 'em runnin' for their  
mamas. Hey, Kevin. These guys are  
pushovers. This is gonna be easier  
than I thought.

Lodestar turns to look at Kevin. Kevin isn't there.

LODESTAR (CONT'D)  
Kevin?

Kevin clears his throat. Lodestar looks up at the floating ball of guns. Kevin's metal body is glued to the side of it. He is upside down.

KEVIN  
Up here, genius.

Kevin reverts his body back to human flesh. He falls off the sphere of rifles. He lands with a thud.

KEVIN (CONT'D)  
Ow.

LODESTAR  
Sorry about that. Forgot to turn  
off the juice.

Lodestar shuts off the energy waves radiating from his hands. The ball of rifles drops out of the air. They land on Kevin.

KEVIN  
Again, ow.

LODESTAR  
Oops.

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

There is a large chamber with a high ceiling. On one side is a tall set of doors. Metal grinds loudly on metal. The tall doors slowly swing open.



Lodestar is standing behind the opening. He is shooting energy rings at the heavy doors. As he spreads his arms, the doors open.

LODESTAR

Open says me!

Lodestar and Kevin burst into the room. Across from them is an octagonal door.

KEVIN

Nobody here. Let's keep going.

Lodestar and Kevin run towards the octagonal door. Necromantis drops down in front of them.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Hey! Why are you still here?  
Isn't your job done?

NECROMANTIS

They paid me a small fortune to bring them that Earth girl. They paid me double to stay and protect their investment.

KEVIN

Good! I was feeling like a rematch, anyway!

Kevin clenches his fists.

LODESTAR

Let's see how tough you are after I peel off that armor of yours.

Lodestar shoots an intense wave of energy rings at Necromantis. Necromantis is unaffected.

NECROMANTIS

It's made of a non-magnetic alloy, fool!

Necromantis raises his arm and transforms the armor on it into a cannon. He fires a laser beam at Lodestar. It hits him square in his floating head. His head is knocked free from his shoulders. It bounces on the floor.

LODESTAR

Ooch!

It bounces again.

LODESTAR (CONT'D)

Ouch!

There is a flash of green light. Loadstar is now Ben again. Ben is on the ground. He winces and rubs his head.

Necromantis looks down at one of his own legs. Kevin has a grip on his ankle.

KEVIN

Nice armor. Can I borrow some?

Red metal skin grows over the hand Kevin used to grab Necromantis's leg. The red metal quickly encases his entire body. Necromantis swings his cannon arm at Kevin. It knocks him back against the wall. Kevin dents the wall when his body hits it.

NECROMANTIS

Take all you want. It won't save you.

Ben kneels and turns the dial on his Omnitrix.

BEN

This guy needs to take a chill pill.

The tiny hologram shows a slender alien with wings. Ben slams down on the dial. There is a flash of green light. Ben is now BIG CHILL (16). Big Chill is a dark blue alien with bug-eyes and moth wings. Big Chill flies up high.

BIG CHILL

Big Chill!

Necromantis turns towards him and launches a net from his palm. Big Chill turns transparent like a ghost. The net flies right through him and hits the back wall.

BIG CHILL (CONT'D)

Fool me twice, shame on me!

Big Chill becomes tangible and opaque again.

BIG CHILL (CONT'D)

Time to cool things down.

Big Chill flies at Necromantis. Big Chill breathes out a windy cloud of ice-cold air. The cloud washes over Necromantis. Ice forms on his fingers and legs. The ice layer grows up to his neck.

Necromantis becomes sealed in a chunk of ice. Big Chill turns back into Ben with a green flash. Kevin and Ben walk up to their frozen enemy.

KEVIN

Awww, man. I wanted to be the one that took him down.

Necromantis's armor glows bright red. The ice cracks and drips water.

BEN

You still might get your chance!

Necromantis's armor glows brighter and brighter. The shell of ice around him shatters off. Ben and Kevin are knocked backwards by the icy explosion. Steam rises off Necromantis as he cools down.

NECROMANTIS

Enough games!

Necromantis transforms his arm cannon into a gun with multiple muzzles. He fires a spray of laser bullets at Ben and Kevin.

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

Ben and Kevin take cover from the laser fire behind some nearby machinery.

BEN

Can you believe this guy? He thinks we've been playing games this whole time!

KEVIN

Speaking of which, how's your pitching arm?

BEN

I know guys love talking about sports, Kevin, but this is neither the time nor the place.

KEVIN

Actually, this seems like the perfect time for a fastball.

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

Necromantis ceases his hail of laser fire.

NECROMANTIS

Face me, cowards!

There is a large flash of green light from behind the machinery where Ben and Kevin are hiding. A hulking reptilian man rises up. Ben is now HUMUNGOUSAUR (16).

HUMUNGOUSAUR

Humungosaur!

Humungosaur tromps towards Necromantis. Necromantis fires more laser bullets. The lasers barely singe his thick skin. Humungosaur rears back his huge hand. Kevin is curled up in his palm like a ball.

HUMUNGOUSAUR (CONT'D)

Batter Up!

Humungosaur throws Kevin at Necromantis. Kevin unfurls in mid-flight and cocks back his fist. He flies at Necromantis like a missile. Necromantis fires more lasers. They ricochet off Kevin's red skin. Kevin lands a flying knock-out punch on Necromantis. The bug warrior sprawls out. His eyes flutter. One of his fingers twitches.

KEVIN

That's a strike!

Kevin's red metal skin is cracked from the impact of his punch. The red skin crumbles away.

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

There is an octagonal door in the control room of the Planet Buster starship. Huge dinosaur fingertips punch through the seam in the door. They pry the octagonal door open. Humungosaur deforms the doorway as he forces himself into the room. He bumps his head on the ceiling. Kevin follows him in.

Gwen is still locked into the Mana-draining machine. The circuitry on the machine is fully lit. The large pink crystal attached to it shines bright. Gwen's eyes glow hot pink. She breathes in a rhythm.

KEVIN

They're sucking the life out of her! Shut that thing down, Ben!

HUMUNGOUSAUR

On it!

Humungosaur stomps towards the machine. Quintillius rushes up to stop him.

QUINTILLIUS

Stop! You know not what you do!

Kevin gets in front of Quintillius. He puts a hand on his chest to hold him back.

KEVIN

Oh, we know exactly what we're doing.

Kevin accidentally presses the button on the translator device hanging around the neck of Quintillius. Quintillius makes loud saliva-slurping sounds.

Ben reaches the machine and grabs the glowing pink crystal. He crushes it with a squeeze of his monstrous hand. All the circuitry fades to black as the machine shuts down. Gwen closes her eyes. Her body goes limp. Kevin rushes forward and places his hands on her cheeks.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

C'mon, Gwen. Speak to me. You're just faking, right? You're such a kidder! Joke's over. You can wake up now!

Gwen coughs then blinks. Kevin hugs her. Quintillius clicks the button on his translator pendant and steps forward.

QUINTILLIUS

What have you done?!

There's a flash of green light. Humungousaur has turned back into Ben.

BEN

What have **we** done? We didn't do anything! What **you** did was kidnap my cousin and use her like a battery for your planet-killing gun!

QUINTILLIUS

We are not destroying this world!  
We are saving it! It is our home!

KEVIN

Don't lie to us. This is a Planet Buster! It only does one thing!

QUINTILLIUS

We adapted the cannon to fire a beam of Mana, a non-destructive energy.

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QUINTILLIUS (CONT'D)

The Mana can be safely shot down to the center of the planet. It creates a vent to release heat.

BEN

The core of your planet is overheating?!

QUINTILLIUS

Yes. It is on the verge of causing world-wide quakes and eruptions. We meant only to prevent the end of our civilization.

Beat.

QUINTILLIUS (CONT'D)

And we never caused injury to the girl.

GWEN

He's right, guys. I actually feel okay. Just a little sleepy.

QUINTILLIUS

That crystal made it all possible. It allowed us to drain your excess Mana without damaging your life force. That crystal was one-of-a-kind.

BEN

What would happen if you turned it on now, without the crystal?

QUINTILLIUS

She would not survive.

GWEN

But there's millions of lives down there. We have to do something.

KEVIN

Hey, look! You're not losing your life force on my watch.

Kevin picks up a tiny fragment of the pink crystal.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Large one-of-a-kind crystal, comin' right up!

The hand holding the crystal fragment grows a layer of pink crystal over it. The pink crystal shell quickly grows over Kevin's entire body.

QUINTILLIUS

Amazing!

KEVIN

Yeah. I get that a lot.

BEN

How many more shots is it going to take to calm down the core.

QUINTILLIUS

Just one more. But the beam of Mana must pass through an ocean first. It will take extra power.

Kevin grabs onto the receptors the crystal had been attached to.

KEVIN

I'm up for this if you are, babe.

GWEN

I think I've got one more in me. And then I'm taking a long nap.

Quintillius faces the aliens on computer consoles and raises his hand. They all rapidly type on their keyboards. The Mana-draining machine turns on. Gwen's eyes glow pink. Kevin's crystal body lights up. His hands crackle with energy.

Kevin turns towards Gwen.

KEVIN

I'm never letting go. No matter what!

Gwen turns toward Kevin and blushes.

The view screen on the far wall shows an ocean on the planet below with a target on it. Quintillius lowers his hand.

EXT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

The Planet Buster starship fires a magenta beam from its main cannon.

EXT. OCEAN ON TURQUOISE PLANET - DAY

A beam of Mana shoots down into a turquoise sea. A geyser of water shoots high into the air from where the beam hits.

INT. PLANET BUSTER - OUTER SPACE

In the control room, the Mana-draining machine glows brighter and brighter. Gwen groans and goes rigid. Her skin turns black and glows purple. Her hair becomes tentacles of violet light. Magenta light shines from her eyes. Kevin's crystal skin cracks under the strain.

BEN

She's gone full Anodite! I think  
the strain is too much. Shut it  
off!

GWEN

No! I can do this!

Kevin's crystal skin cracks even more.

KEVIN

There's no way I'm going to pieces  
at a time like this!

Kevin grits his teeth. He heals the cracks in his skin. His skin thickens until crystals stick out all over his body. Gwen growls with clenched teeth. A blinding light floods forth from her eyes.

The light subsides. Gwen is back in human form. She blinks. Kevin's crystal skin flakes away.

BEN

Did it work? Did the core cool  
down?

Quintillius is looking at the monitor. It displays a thermographic cross-section of the turquoise planet. There are clearly several vents of heat going outwards from the core.

QUINTILLIUS

The core has been stabilized. It  
should remain stable for at least a  
few thousand years.

Quintillius walks over to the Mana-draining machine and presses a button. Gwen's restraints unlock. She steps out of the machine and rubs her wrists.



QUINTILLIUS (CONT'D)

Thank you, Gwen of Earth. We shall forever be in your debt. You have postponed the end of our world by thousands of years. We will cherish the years to come.

GWEN

Sure, anytime.

Beat.

GWEN (CONT'D)

Only next time, call ahead first.  
Okay?

THE END.