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"The Secret of Chromastone!"

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TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. DESERT HIGHWAY - NIGHT

OPEN CLOSE on the glaring headlights of Kevin's car . As we hear the gears grind and the engine roar, the car lurches back and then speeds past camera. SFX: VROOM!

PAN with the car as it roars down the deserted highway, until it gets stuck behind a poky DELIVERY TRUCK.

INSIDE the car, KEVIN is at the wheel, driving with grim intensity. Annoyed, he leans on the horn.

SFX: HOOOONK!

KEVIN

C'mon! C'mon! Move it!

IN THE REARVIEW WINDOW OF THE TRUCK

The driver sneers as he <HONKS> his horn and SLOWS DOWN SOME MORE.

KEVIN

Oh. That's how it's gonna be?

Kevin flips up a TRIGGER GUARD on his dashboard, reveling a red TRIGGER.

On the FRONT WINDOW, HUD shows to targetting sights zeroing in on the Truck. A caption pops up "Target Locked"

GWEN

(sharply)

Kevin!

KEVIN

What!

GWEN

Anger management! Appropriate response.

Kevin considers it and reluctantly flips the target guard back into position, the HUD info vanishes from the windshield. He activates another control.

KEVIN

Yeah, okay. No missiles. We're going off-road!

The cars wheels grow studs , and it zooms off the road, running in the sand and rocks parallel to it, and kicking up clouds of dirt. Kevin's car goes flying past the truck and down the road.

Sitting in the passenger seat, a worried GWEN glances at the back seat in concern.

BEN (O.S)

(weak COUGH...)

Reveal BEN in the back seat wrapped in a blanket. He looks puffy-eyed and weak.

BEN (CONT'D)

I don't think I'm gonna make it.

With determination, Kevin shifts gears and accelerates.

KEVIN

Hang in there, hero! We're almost there!

SCREECH! The car fishtails around a sharp corner and speeds onward. Gwen brightens and points up ahead.

GWEN

Look! There it is!

The car SKIDS around another corner and SCREECHES to a stop. Reveal that they are at the Drive-Thru at MR. SMOOTHIE.

Smoothie girl (V.O.)

May I take your order?

KEVIN

One mango-blueberry with extra Echinacea, stat!

In the back seat, Ben violently SNEEZES then SNIFFLES.

BEN

<sneeze, sniff> Better make it a double!

Looking back at him, Gwen looks slightly exasperated.

GWEN

Okay, Ben. It's just a common cold.

BEN

There's nothing common about this cold, Gwen. It's epic!

Ben blows his nose in his hand.

BEN

<blows nose>

Gwen gingerly shoves a box of tissues in Ben's face.

GWEN

You are completely disgusting. Use a tissue.

As Ben wipes his hands on a tissue.

BEN

I was gonna wipe my hands on my pants.

GWEN

I swear, Ben. You're going to get us all sick.

Just then, Kevin hands Ben a smoothie cup.

KEVIN

Here you go, Tennyson. An old Levin family cure...

BEN

Really, Smoothies?

Ben pours something in the cup.

KEVIN

Nah. The smoothie is so you'll be able to choke down the real cure.
It's bitterroot. They call it that because...

Ben is taking a sip as Kevin explains. His lips pucker and his eyes widen comically.

BEN

<mmmph!>

KEVIN

Anyway, it's good for a cold. Also, it's supposed to ward off bear attacks. Drink up.

Ben mumbles around the straw.

BEN (muffled and unintelligible)

I can't. My lips are puckered shut.

KEVIN

What?

GWEN

He says he can't, his lips are puckered shut.

KEVIN

You can understand that? You should be a dentist.

Just then, a blinding light shines down on them from above, accompanied by an unearthly ROAR!

Shielding his eyes, Kevin squints up at the sky.

KEVIN

We got company.

EXT. MR. SMOOTHIE PARKING LOT

Kevin, Gwen and Ben (with his blanket still wrapped around him) have gotten out of the car. They look up at the blinding light in the sky like they were extras in a Spielberg movie.

IN THE SKY We can see TETRAX'S SHIP (See "Secret of the Omnitrix " for details. There may be a CG model, if I'm remembering correctly).

As they watch the ship land, Gwen reacts with surprise.

Sure enough, when the hatch unseals with a pneumatic HISS, TETRAX steps out. He's wearing a pouch, bandolier-style slung across his shoulder.

BEN

Tetrax! Good to see you <sneeze>... Sorry.

Tetrax goes straight for Ben and menacingly picks him up.

BEN

Come on, man! I apologized for sneezing on you.

With a fierce look, Tetrax lifts Ben close to his face.

TETRAX

Ben Tennyson... Give me Chromastone!

As we PUSH IN on Ben's startled reaction, we...

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. MR. SMOOTHIE PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Tetrax drops Ben to the ground. As Gwen and Kevin look on in bewilderment, Tetrax continues to threaten Ben.

BEN

<impact>

Kevin gives Ben a hand up, without taking his eyes off of Tetrax.

BEN

What do you want with Chromastone?

TETRAX

Use the Omnitrix, now. Give him to me!

With the pointed tip of his index finger, Tetrax spins the dial on the OMNITRIX. It cycles through several aliens until it reaches one

with a crystalline outline.

BEN

Hey, wait! Don't!

Tetrax taps the Omnitrix with his finger tip, triggering Ben's TRANSFORMATION SEQUENCE.

DIAMONDHEAD

Diamondhead!

When the transformation is complete, Tetrax reacts shocked to see Diamondhead standing in front of him.

TETRAX

You're not Chromastone!

DIAMONDHEAD

Yeah, I tried to warn you. But you... you ... you...

As Diamondhead SNEEZES, we go into SLOW MOTION (a series of stills with elements movind through dissolves, maybe?) and see tiny SHARDS OF CRYSTAL spraying from his mouth. NOTE: Also SLOW THE AUDIO. PAN with the crystals as they hurl through the air.

DIAMONDHEAD (cont'd)

AH-CHOO!

Still in SLOW MOTION, Tetrax turns and defensively raises his arms as the flying shards SHATTER against his body!

TETRAX

(IMPACT)

Kevin reacts as he sees some of the deadly shards hurling toward Gwen. Lunging, he tackles her. At the point, we resume NORMAL SPEED.

As they hit the ground hard, the shards slam into the side of a PARKED TRUCK like a spray of lethal machine gun fire! RAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT!

When Kevin and Gwen sit up, they see that the side of the truck looks like a piece of Swiss cheese with gaping holes in it. The amount of damage is appalling. With a final <WHEEZE> the truck settles as its punctured tires go flat!

Diamondhead wipes his nose with the back of his hand.

DIAMONDHEAD

<SNIFF>

Kevin offers Diamondhead the box of tissues.

KEVIN

Didn't you hear Gwen? Use a tissue.

Furious, Tetrax grabs Diamondhead.

TETRAX

I sense Chromastone within you. Where is he?

DIAMONDHEAD

If you'd lighten up for a second, I'd explain--

KEVIN

Let me explain it to him!

Charging at Tetrax, Kevin MORPHS his hand into a big MALLET. But before he can connect, Tetrax blocks his swing, then backhands him, sending him flying into Gwen.

TETRAX

<effort>

KEVIN

<impact>

GWEN

(impact GRUNTS!)

When they sit up, they see Tetrax with his back to them.

DIAMONDHEAD

What are you doing?!

TETRAX

What must be done!

Tetrax is holding an oversized TUNING FORK. He points it at Diamondhead and strikes it. It <HUMS> eerily.

DIAMONDHEAD

I don't feel so...

Diamondhead starts to vibrate with the sound. Pieces of him start to fall off.

DIAMONDHEAD

I'm coming apart!

Horrified, Gwen starts to generate an ENERGY BALL in her fist.

GWEN

Stop! You're hurting him!

TETRAX

For that, I am truly sorry.

The Diamondhead crystal falls away, faster and faster, revealing CHROMASTONE underneath. Chromastone is not wearing the Omnitrix.

CHROMASTONE

Chromastone!

Kevin and Gwen react, confused.

GWEN

Ben, are you okay?

Chromastone looks at Gwen

CHROMASTONE

Not Ben. Chromastone.

The Diamondhead face in the Pile of Diamondhead Crystal speaks.

DIAMONDHEAD

He's right. He's Chromastone. I'm Ben.

GWEN

How...?

DIAMONDHEAD

Like I ever understood how this works.

Chromastone has turned his attention to Tetrax.

CHROMASTONE

Is it time?

Tetrax pulls a glowing RED CRYSTAL out of the pouch on his back and holds it like a dagger.

TETRAX

Very nearly.

And then, he stabs it into Chromastone's gut!

On the ground, Diamondhead's head reacts in horror.

But to his surprise, Chromastone does not fall. Instead, he absorbs the red crystal into his body. PAN up his body as the RED GLOW erupts out of his lavender protruding Crystals. They all begin glowing Red. Then a RED CRYSTAL HORN erupts and grows out of his forehead!

Speechless, Gwen and Kevin exchange puzzled looks.

When the transformation is complete, Tetrax points to the stars.

CHROMASTONE

It is done. I go now to fulfill my destiny.

PAN with Chromastone as he flies away and disappears into the twinkling night sky. It's an awesome sight, broken by Diamondhead's aside.

DIAMONDHEAD

I didn't know Chromastone could fly.

TETRAX

He can do far more than that.

But he is suddenly caught by an ENERGY CLAMP projected around him.
PAN back to reveal Gwen projecting the energy.

GWEN (containing her anger)

Why don't you tell us all about it.

While Gwen restrains Tetrax, who offers no resistance, Diamondhead calls for assistance.

DIAMONDHEAD

After we put me back together?

Kevin and Gwen look over at the pile of crystal.

WIPE TO:

SAME LOCATION - LATER.

Kevin has arranged the pile of Diamondhead crystal into roughly Diamondhead shape (that is, if you made the image of a man by arranging rocks on the ground). He places Diamondhead's face roughly where it would go.

KEVIN

Okay. That's pretty much all of you.

DIAMONDHEAD

"Pretty much"?

KEVIN

It's all we could find.

Kevin picks up the Omnitrix.

GWEN

Wait! What are you going to do with that?

KEVIN

Change him back.

DIAMONDHEAD

We don't know what'll happen if I transform when I'm in pieces like this!

KEVIN

Doesn't matter. Eventually it's going to time out, anyway.

Kevin activates the Omnitrix , and all of the crystal pieces are lost in a green FLASH OF LIGHT. When the light fades, Ben finds himself laying on the ground. He sits up, feeling his body with his hands.

KEVIN

Everything where it's supposed to be?

BEN

<sneezes>

Ben frowns, realizing he still has his cold.

BEN

Just like before. How does a silicon-based lifeform get a cold,
anyway?

TETRAX

I've never had one.

KEVIN

From touching doorknobs. Doorknobs and keyboards are covered with
germs.

BEN

That wasn't what I ... nevermind.

GWEN

What do we do with Tetrax?

BEN

Let him go. He's about to start explaining himself, right?

Gwen releases her Energy Clamp.

TETRAX

I'm sorry I upset you, Ben. This was the only way I could redeem myself.

GWEN

For helping Vilgax.

TETRAX

For betraying my people.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT. VILGAX'S SHIP

Aboard Vilgax's ship, we see Tetrax bowing and offering a GLOWING RED CRYSTAL to VILGAX.

TETRAX (CONT'D v.o.)

For it was I, and I alone, who sold Vilgax a sacred crystal with unlimited power...

EXT. PETROPIA

From Vilgax's ship, a RED BEAM shines down on the jagged crystalline planet of Petropia.

TETRAX (CONT'D v.o.)

A power he used to destroy my home planet Petropia.

FOOM! The planet is destroyed in a blinding flash! Only glittering chunks of planetary debris remain.

From the bridge of Vilgax's ship, Tetrax sadly hangs his head and turns away from the horrible scene of destruction on the view screen.

TETRAX (CONT'D v.o.)

Because of my own selfishness, I was cursed to wander the universe

alone, the last of my kind.

EXT. PETROPIAN ASTEROID

OPEN on THREE SUNS hanging in the black sky. PAN down to the shattered remains of a once-proud crystal cathedral . Tetrax stands alone, dwarfed by the graceful ruins.

TETRAX (CONT'D V.O.)

But recently I discovered a chance for redemption...

CLOSER -- Tetrax runs his hand over some alien writing inscribed in one of the crystal columns. Beside the writing is a diagram of the three suns with a picture of Chromastone.

TETRAX (CONT'D v.o.)

You see, Neither Vilgax or I understood the true nature of the
crystal...

INT. VILGAX'S SHIP

PUSH IN on the red crystal as it glows. When we get close, we see an image of Petropia reflected multiple times on many facets of the crystal.

TETRAX (CONT'D V.O.)

Since the beginning of time, our people's memories and DNA have been
encoded into the crystal's molecular lattice.

GWEN (o.s)V.O.)

So it's a back up drive for the whole planet?

TETRAX (CONT'D V.O.)

And everyone who lived there. Yes.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. DEEP SPACE

CLOSE ON Chromastone's GLOWING red chest. PULL BACK to reveal Chromastone hovering in deep space with his arms extended in a god-like gesture.

TETRAX (CONT'D V.O.)

Once I understood the truth, I stole it from Vilgax and brought it here to Chromastone, who was created to be the guardian of the sacred crystal.

The power within him builds until the screen is filled with a burst of bright red light!

CUT TO:

EXT. MR. SMOOTHIE PARKING LOT - PRESENT

The kids listen as Tetrax finishes his story.

TETRAX (CONT'D)

He will carry it back home, and when our solar system's three stars are in a rare alignment he will channel the crystal's limitless power to regenerate Petropia and its people.

BEN

You could'a just told us.

Tetrax points to the three bright stars in the sky.

TETRAX

There wasn't time. The stars are coming into alignment even as we speak.

As Ben snuffles, PAN UP into the sky. Suddenly, a BLAZING OBJECT streaks across the sky overhead!

GWEN

Is that shooting star part of it?

TETRAX

Shooting star...?

Ben, Kevin and Gwen cover their eyes as the glare of the incoming object grows.

Streaking overhead, the object crashes into the street next to the parking lot where they're standing with the force of a meteor. WHAM!

TETRAX

That's no shooting Star, that's--

The shattering impact knocks them off their feet.

As they sit up, they worriedly look at the smoking crater in the street.

Dramatically rising out of the smoking debris, they see VILGAX!

BEN

Vilgax!

VILGAX (CONT'D)

Where is my crystal?

PUSH IN on Ben as he reacts with concern.

BEN

Maybe I should've stayed in bed after all.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. MR. SMOOTHIE PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Ben, Gwen and Kevin watch as Vilgax angrily steps forward and points at Tetrax.

VILGAX

You stole from me, Tetrax! Give me what is mine, and your death will be quick.

Backing away, Tetrax motions to the kids.

TETRAX

Get behind me!

With a gesture, he causes a thick crystal barrier to erupt out of the ground between them and Vilgax.

VILGAX

Fool.

But Vilgax fires his wrist blaster and easily SHATTERS the barrier. Ben, Gwen and Kevin dive to the ground to avoid the flying shards.

Looking determined, Ben dials the Omnitrix to Way Big.

BEN

I'll handle him!

Slapping the Omnitrix , he TRANSFORMS!

HUMUNGOUSAUR

Waybig!

(realizing)

Aw , Man! Stupid Omnitrix!

Ripping up a light post to use as a bat, Humungosaur gets ready to attack. But then he stops as he feels a sneeze coming on.

HUMUNGOUSAUR

<ripping effort>

HUMUNGOUSAUR

Get ready to rumble, Vilgax. 'Cause Humungosaur's gonna ... gonna ... gonna ...

Kevin protectively puts his arm around Gwen and ducks.

KEVIN

He's gonna blow!

Humungosaur SNEEZES, sending out a big glob of HUMUNGO-MUCUS.

HUMUNGOUSAUR

(big SNEEZE!)

PAN with the mucus as Vilgax ducks. It flies over his head and hits Kevin's car, completely covering it with gunk! SPLAT! As Kevin and Gwen stand up, Kevin reacts in horror.

GWEN

Gesundheit.

KEVIN

You are so washing that.

HUMUNGOUSAUR

<struggling>

VILGAX

<struggling>

Humongousaur and Vilgax Grapple. Vilgax is getting the better of this.

HUMUNGOUSAUR

<Sneezes>

Gwen tries to contain Vilgax in an energy field.

GWEN

<Effort>

But Vilgax is too powerful. He uses his EYE BEAMS to shatter her field and break free. Gwen collapses from the feed back.

GWEN

<Cry!> Ooof! <then alive >

Kevin charges Vilgax. But before he can punch the big alien, Vilgax swats him away like an insignificant fly. WHACK!

KEVIN

(impact GRUNT!)

Meanwhile, Tetrax fires crystals at Vilgax who easily deflects them with his energy shield.

TETRAX

We can't beat him like this! Fall back and regroup!

As Tetrax, Gwen and Kevin flee, Humungosaur activates the Omnitrix.

In a flash, he TRANSFORMS into JETRAX.

JETRAX

Jetray!

Soaring overhead, Jetray fires neuroshock beams at Vilgax, but his energy shield protects him from these, as well.

VILGAX

Cowards! There's nowhere you can hide from me!

PAN with Tetrax, Gwen and Kevin as they run. Tetrax anxiously looks

up at the stars in the night sky.

TETRAX

It's almost time...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PETROPIAN SYSTEM - CONTINUOUS

PAN with Chromastone as he flies through deep space, weaving in and out to dodge floating chunks of glittering space debris.

PULL BACK to reveal that he has flown into what looks like an asteroid belt.

When he reaches the center of the debris field, Chromastone pulls to a stop and hovers.

Looking up, he sees THREE SUNS surrounding the debris field.

With his face bathed in the merging lights of the three suns, Chromastone closes his eyes and extends his arms out.

Suddenly the light refracts through the crystal horn on his head and a blinding burst of energy fills the screen.

The energy burst continues to expand until it engulfs the three asteroid belts. Then, the fragments glitter like tiny rainbow prisms, and slowly they start to be drawn back toward Chromastone.

CUT TO:

EXT. CITY STREETS - CONTINUOUS

BAM! BAM! BAM! Jetray's blasts explode against Vilgax's energy shield, keeping him pinned back.

Overhead, Jetray loops back and forth as he dodges Vilgax's returning blasts.

JETRAY

Float like a butterfly, sting like a -- Huh?

Jetray reacts Vilgax suddenly rockets into the sky and SMASHES into him.

JETRAY

Ooof!

VILGAX

I'll squash you like the insignificant insect you are!

JETRAY

Flying's no fun if EVERYBODY can do it.

Jetray turns and flees. Stay with him as he executes a series of dizzying aerial loops, but Vilgax stays right on his tail.

In an empty lot below, Tetrax, Gwen and Kevin watch the dogfight overhead.

Suddenly, the Omnitrix Times out and Jetray REVERTS to Ben!

BEN

Aw, man!

He's dropping like a rock. Gwen reacts horrified.

GWEN

Ben!

At the last moment, She projects an ENERGY SLIDE that catches him and safely brings him to the ground at her feet. He hits the ground hard.

BEN

<impact>

As he stumbles to his feet, Vilgax fires an eye blast at them. Gwen valiantly throws up an energy field that cracks under the strain.

GWEN

<effort>

KEVIN

I've got an idea. Keep him busy!

Gwen looks alarmed as Kevin turns and runs.

CUT TO:

EXT. KEVIN'S CAR - NIGHT

The car, still covered in snot , STARTS UP. The windshield wipers push aside the glop, revealing Kevin at the wheel. The Car roars back to the fight, where Vilgax hovers overhead continuing to blast Tetrax, Ben and Gwen.

VILGAX

The crystal, Tetrax! There is no escape for you!

KEVIN (V.O.)

Wanna bet?

VROOM! Kevin's car roars into scene. Startled, Vilgax fires a couple of blasts at it, narrowly missing it.

Kevin hits a button on the dash, and the car begins sending out thick plumes of black smoke. The car begins doing laps around Ben, Gwen and Tetrax. Eventually, they're all lost in the smoke.

VILGAX

Fools! You're just prolonging the inevitable!

Vilgax blindly fires a couple more eye blasts. But when the smoke clears, the car has stopped, and everyone is gone. Vilgax flies down and rips the entire door off. But the car is empty.

VILGAX

<ripping effort>

VILGAX

<roar of anger>

Frustrated Vilgax flings the door, hundreds of yards into the air.

CUT TO:

INT. LARGE FACTORY - CONTINUOUS

OPEN CLOSE on a dripping valve pipe. SFX : DRIP, DRIP DRIP! suddenly

a metal plate on the floor is pushed aside to reveal Tetrax, Ben, Gwen and Kevin stealthily entering a large, cavernous abandoned factory with miles of rusting pipes.

KEVIN (whispering)

See? Told ya I had a plan. And I've got another one, too...

GWEN (whispering)

Do you ever have a plan that doesn't involve crawling around in the sewers?

KEVIN

You're welcome. and stop whispering. We're half a mile away from where Vilgax is looking.

BEN

Good point. Even with his superhearing he can't pick us out over all the people talking in the desert.

BEN

(big SNEEZE!)

In a series of STEP CUTS, PULL back as the sneeze loudly echoes throughout the cavernous factory. It seems to amplify as it echoes into the farthest corners of the building, then outside into the desert, finally arriving at Vilgax's ear (if he has one).

Vilgax turns his head sharply toward the sound.

BACK INSIDE, Ben looks mortified as he covers his mouth. But it's too late. As the others turn and glare at him.

BEN

C'mon. What are the odds that he--

Suddenly, Vilgax CRASHES through the factory wall and confronts them.

VILGAX

Give me the crystal!

TETRAX

Will this do?

Tetrax causes another crystal barrier to grow up between our heroes and Vilgax. As Vilgax punches at it, the barrier SHATTERS.

VILGAX

<punching effort>

TETRAX

I can't hold him back!

BEN

Bet I can!

Ben activates the Omnitrix , and he TRANSFORMS into dozens of ECHO ECHOES.

ECHO ECHO

Echo Echo!

ECHO ECHO

<sneeze>

They unleash their SONIC SCREAMS at the ceiling above Vilgax. It CRACKS and collapses, raining down debris until it completely buries him. As the dust settles, Gwen and Kevin look relieved.

TETRAX

You did it!

Echo Echo taps the Omnitrix, and in a flash, they TRANSFORM back into Ben, who smiles smugly.

BEN

Was there ever any doubt?

Suddenly, the pile of debris shifts behind him.

GWEN

Plenty of doubt over here.

WHAM! Vilgax's gauntleted fist powerfully erupts from beneath the debris. The force of the impact knocks them all off their feet and SHATTERS Tetrax's crystal barrier.

A flying chunk hits Tetrax in the forehead, briefly stunning him.

CLONK!

TETRAX

(impact GRUNT!)

Storming forward, Vilgax lifts the dazed Tetrax up and leans in threateningly.

VILGAX

I'll only ask once more... Where is my crystal?

TETRAX

(groans)

You'll never find it!

KEVIN

Yeah, 'cause that Chromastone dude took it halfway across the galaxy.

Vilgax cocks his head curiously as he turns to look at Kevin.

VILGAX

Really?

Annoyed, Gwen jabs Kevin in the ribs with her elbow.

KEVIN

Ow! Too much information?

Vilgax tosses Tetrax aside like a ragdoll. He lands with a THUD at the kids' feet. Then Vilgax rockets through the gaping hole in the roof and jets off into the night sky.

JETRAX

Ooof!

Gwen and Ben glare at Kevin.

BEN

Nice going, motor-mouth.

KEVIN

Oh, come on. How's he going to find him in the whole Universe?

Tetrax urgently starts to rush away.

TETRAX

I have to stop him!

But Gwen throws up an energy barrier.

GWEN

We're going with you.

Tetrax stops looking at Ben, who shrugs.

BEN

I wouldn't argue with her.

KEVIN

There's really no point.

EXT. TETRAX'S SPACE SHIP - CONTINUOUS

As they race aboard Tetrax's ship, Ben lags slightly behind.

BEN

I wonder if I should really be flying with this cold? What if my head
explodes?

The hatch HISSES closed behind him.

KEVIN (V.O.)

Don't worry. In space, no one can hear you sneeze!

And the ship lifts off and ROARS into the sky.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PETROPIAN SYSTEM -- CONTINUOUS

Facing the three suns blazing overhead, we see Chromastone from behind, rim-lit, as he floats in space with his arms extended. The intense light in front of him FLASHES, then FADES. PUSH PAST him to dramatically reveal the newly reformed planet of PETROPIA in all its glory!

CHROMASTONE

It is done. Petropia lives again.

PAN with Chromastone as he descends from the sky and lands on a crystal mountaintop to survey his handiwork. Below is an empty, barren plain.

CHROMASTONE (CONT'D)

And soon, her people will live again, as well.

Standing atop the mountain, Chromastone lifts his head toward the heavens and again refracts the light through his red crystal horn.

The empty plain below begins to GLITTER with a thousand rainbow colored points of light. As the points of light grow brighter, Chromastone smiles.

But suddenly, he is ZAPPED by a powerful beam that knocks him off his feet. PAN with him as he tumbles down the mountain and roughly lands at the bottom.

CHROMASTONE

(impact GRUNTS!)

As he lies face-down in the dust, two large feet land in front of him.

PAN UP to dramatically reveal Vilgax towering over him.

VILGAX

Chromastone. I believe you have something that belongs to me...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. PETROPIA - CONTINUOUS

As Vilgax looms over him, Chromastone gets up to confront him.

CHROMASTONE

I beg of you! Do not do this!

But Vilgax mercilessly blasts him over and over with his eye beams.

VILGAX

Why not? The crystal is mine, I paid for it. You're nothing but a common thief!

Chromastone tries to fight back with his chromabeams , but Vilgax easily swats them aside.

CHROMASTONE

Billions of lives are at stake...

Vilgax

You should be concerned with preserving your own life.

Vilgax punches Chromastone, sending him painfully slamming back into the crystal mountain.

CHROMASTONE

(2 impact GRUNTS!)

EXT. DEEP SPACE - CONTINUOUS

Meanwhile, Tetrax's ship races toward Petropia. As the revived crystal planet looms before them, the ship banks down toward the surface.

BEN (V.O.)

There it is!

INT. TETRAX'S SPACE SHIP - CONTINUOUS

Tetrax looks moved as he sees the jagged planet before him.

TETRAX

Petropia. I never thought I'd see it again.

EXT. PETROPIA - CONTINUOUS

PAN with the ship as it skims over the surface.

GWEN (V.O.)

But where's Chromastone?

BEN (V.O.)

Look! Down there!

Flying overhead, they see Vilgax brutally beating and kicking Chromastone.

GWEN

He's in trouble! Hurry!

As the ship lands, Chromastone lands in the dust in FG.

CHROMASTONE

(impact GRUNT!)

When the hatch opens, they see Vilgax approaching the fallen Chromastone.

VILGAX

Any last words?

Pleadingly, the defeated warrior weakly looks up at Vilgax.

CHROMASTONE

I must save my people. Have mercy...

VILGAX

Mercy? Never heard of it.

Vilgax coldly reaches down and SNAPS the red crystal horn off Chromastone's head.

CHROMASTONE

(fainting)

As Chromastone collapses in the dust at his feet, Vilgax turns and triumphantly holds up the crystal horn.

When Tetrax sees this, he goes berzerk.

TETRAX

No! Give it back!

In a blind rage, he charges at Vilgax, firing crystal shrapnel at him. But Vilgax, blocks them with his shield, and holds up the horn.

VILGAX

You bore me, Tetrax.

The horn bathes Tetrax in its ruby glow. Instantly, crystal erupts up out of the ground around him, encasing him in a solid crystalline block.

Ben, Gwen and Kevin are stunned when they see this.

Vilgax reacts as his crystal goes dark. Vilgax looks at it, dissapointed..

VILGAX

That fool, using all of the crystal's power just to reassemble a dead world.

Vilgax tosses the dead crystal aside.

VILGAX

All this for nothing...

And without giving them a second thought, Vilgax flies off into space

As they helplessly watch him go, Ben angrily screams at the departing villain, while Gwen rushes over to the fallen Chromastone.

BEN

I'll show you nothing! Come back and fight!

Meanwhile, Kevin MORPHS his hands into a hammer and chisel. He cracks the crystal prison, which falls away and frees Tetrax. Desperately, Tetrax turns to Ben.

TETRAX

The crystal?

BEN

It's dead...

TETRAX

And Chromastone?

Ben, Kevin and Tetrax go over to where Gwen is bent over Chromastone's body. She looks up with tears in her eyes and sadly shakes her head. Devastated, Tetrax drops to his knees.

TETRAX

Then all is lost.

But suddenly, Chromastone weakly stirs.

CHROMASTONE

(groans)

No, the stars are still aligned. There is still time...

Focusing all of his inner strength, his body begins to GLOW bright red! Before their amazed eyes, he actually REGROWS the red crystal horn. But then, he reaches up and pulls the horn out of his head and hands it to Ben.

CHROMASTONE

But I'm too weak to continue. Ben, please... <dying groan>

And then his light fades as he collapses and dies. As all eyes turn to Ben and the crystal, he hesitates.

KEVIN

What are you supposed to do?

BEN

I don't know.--

He activates the Omnitrix and turns to Diamondhead (same design as in the beginning of the show).

DiAMONDHEAD

But Diamondhead does.

Diamondhead begins walking up the crystal mountain.

A SERIES OF ANGLES. It's a long, laborious trek, Diamondhead, protecting the crystal in one hand, climbs the mountain in a series of dissolves until he reaches the summit.

Diamondhead REVERTS back into Ben, who almost loses his balance in the treacherous wind, but regains it. Then he holds the crystal high over his head.

He turns the crystal until it catches the light of the three suns overhead. Suddenly, it GLOWS and sends out a blinding flash of light that bathes the planet.

Down below, Tetrax, Gwen and Kevin look around in wonder as the ground around them shimmers with thousands of rainbow points of light. Tetrax reacts with delight.

TETRAX

He's done it!

In a quick series of DISSOLVES, the points of light grow into crystals. And the crystals grow into a throng of CRYSTAL SAPIENS.

CUT TO:

BACK ON THE GROUND - LATER

At the foot of the mountain. Ben walks down to be greeted by an excited Gwen, Kevin and Tetrax. Gwen hugs him.

GWEN

That was incredible. Everyone on the planet is alive again!

BEN

Not everyone.

CHROMASTONE reveals himself. Apart from his missing head horn, he's fine.

CHROMASTONE

Yes, Ben, everyone.

BEN

Chromastone, you're alive!

CHROMASTONE

Not Chromastone. He is still in your Omnitrix. I am Sugilite, guardian of Petropia.

Behind Chromastone is a sea of crystal people, they all cheer for him. Gwen and Tetrax smile, but Kevin scowls, as he looks around and mutters...

BEN

I think this belongs to you.

CHROMASTONE

I am in your debt, as are all Crystal Sapiens.

Ben gives Chromastone the Crystal and he puts it in his forehead. The crowd cheers again.

Crystal sapiens

(enthusiastic CHEERS!)

KEVIN

We're never gonna hear the end of this, are we?

GWEN (agreeing)

Not ever.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. MR. SMOOTHIE PARKING LOT - A SHORT TIME LATER

PAN from the Mr. Smoothie sign over to Tetrax's ship, which is back in the parking lot. Ben, Gwen and Kevin stand in front of the ship, bidding farewell to Tetrax.

BEN

Thanks for the ride home, Tetrax.

TETRAX

It's the least I can do, Ben.

GWEN

We don't want to hold you up, you must be anxious to get back to your friends.

A smile flickers across Tetrax's face. But then he turns serious.

TETRAX

I am. But first I have a score to settle with Vilgax.

BEN

Are you sure that's such a great idea? I mean, he's pretty much invulnerable.

Tetrax shrugs.

TETRAX

Maybe. Maybe not...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. VILGAX'S THRONE ROOM - DAY

Vilgax sits on his throne. Psyphon stands nearby.

VILGAX (V.O.)

Tony - alternates?

(SNEEZE!)

Psyphon hands him a cloth.

VILGAX

I don't believe this!

<big SNEEZE>

FADE OUT.

THE END

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PAN with Chromastone as he flies through deep space, weaving in and out to dodge floating chunks of rocky space debris.

TETRAX Jet BEN/gwen/kevin C Be

Crystal sapiens

Big chill

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END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

MR. SMOOTHIE PARKING LOT

VILGAX'S SHIP

END OF ACT ONE ACT TWO

PETROPIAN SYSTEM

LARGE FACTORY

TETRAX'S SPACE SHIP

PETROPIAN SYSTEM -- CONTINUOUS

PETROPIAN ASTEROID

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

PETROPIA SAME LOCATION

KEVIN'S CAR

DAY

NIGHT

AFTERNOON

MORNING

EVENING

LATER

MOMENTS LATER

CONTINUOUS

THE NEXT DAY

NIGHT N C A

SHORT TIME LATER

LATER.

CUT TO:

FADE IN:

FADE OUT.

FADE TO:

DISSOLVE TO:

BACK TO:

MATCH CUT TO:

JUMP CUT TO:

FADE TO BLACK.

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Wipe to:

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