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BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE

"Singlehanded"

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TEASER

EXT. DOWNTOWN - DAY

SPIDERMONKEY swings acrobatically from a web along the TALL DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDINGS, ducking behind a ROOFTOP BILLBOARD, catching his breath as...

A GIANT DEADLY ENERGY AXE <SMASHES THROUGH THE BILLBOARD, <CRACKLING> with OTHERWORLDLY ENERGY. WIDEN TO REVEAL SUNDER - a burly badass alien, who rides a SPACE GLIDER, wielding the deadly Energy Axe.

SUNDER (O.S.)

The Omnitrix! Where is it?!

Spidermonkey SHOOTS A GLOB OF WEBBING into Sunder's face, blinding him. Spidermonkey then uses the distraction to shoot another web in the opposite direction and swing off...

...then flips off and clings to an adjacent building wall.

SPIDERMONKEY

Green watch thingy? Hourglass symbol? Turns you into all kinds of super-powered aliens?

SUNDER

Yes!

SPIDERMONKEY

Never heard of it.

He leaps out of the way, just as the Energy Axe <SLASHES> in and <SLICES > the wall where he just was.

FOLLOW as Spidermonkey flips and scrambles along the rooftops of adjacent (and lower) buildings as Sunder (no longer blinded with webbing) soars after him overhead.

SUNDER

Don't toy with me! I Know you have the Omnitrix! I have traced its energy here with THIS!

Sunder whips out an ALIEN TRACKING DEVICE, which <BEEPS> and BLIPS.

Spidermonkey shoots a web and snags the Tracker, snatching it out of Sunder's hand.

SPIDERMONKEY

Cool. Where'd you get it?

Sunder swoops down, swinging his Axe below him like a polo player, severing the web line, sending the Tracker into freefall before Spidermonkey can reel it in. Sunder then goes into a nosedive loop-the-loop, snatching the plummeting Tracker in midair.

SUNDER

I am Sunder! Finder of rare and precious objects.

He pulls out a WEAPON and <FIRES> an ENERGY NET...

...which ensnares Spidermonkey, sending him tumbling to...

SPIDERMONKEY

<IMPACT>

AN ALLEY - where he <THUDS> to the ground. Sunder swoops down after him.

SPIDERMONKEY

<impact> Seriously? You carry an axe and your name is Sunder? Well,
I guess that's no worse than..

Spidermonkey suddenly TRANSFORMS TO HUMONGOSAUR, <BURSTING> free from the Energy Net.

HUMONGOSAUR

HUMONGOSAUR!

But just as suddenly, HUMONGOSAUR REVERTS TO BEN.

BEN

Ohhhh-kay.

Sunder steps off his glider and towers over Ben, pointing his <RAPID BEEPING> Tracker with one hand and wielding his Energy Axe threateningly with the other.

SUNDER

The Omnitrix will fetch me a handsome price.

BEN

Lotsa luck getting it off my wrist.

Sunder smiles a malicious smile, his Energy Axe <CRACKLING> ominously.

SUNDER

I'll worry about the details later.

He brings his Axe down on Ben's wrist. But before the Axe connects it UNLEASHES A WASH OF ENERGY THAT WHITES OUT SCENE.

THE ENERGY DISSIPATES TO REVEAL - Ben is gone!

CUT TO:

CLOSE ON BEN - dazed and disoriented, lying on his side on top of his watch arm, which we can't see yet.

BEN

<groan>

He looks around, alarmed.

BEN

How's did I get here? Where is here, anyway.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL - Ben is in:

EXT. THE NULL VOID

Ben has landed on a SMALL ASTEROID against the bizarre Kirby-meets-Ditko cosmos-scape of the Null Void.

BEN

The Null Void?! Aw, man!

CLOSER - Ben reacts to an O.S. <UNEARTHLY ROAR>.

REVEAL A HUGE ALIEN ORC BEAST (from the original series episode "Truth") charging toward Ben on the attack.

Ben rises to his feet (we still don't see his watch arm yet).

BEN

Okay, questions later. Right now it's time to go...

He goes to activate the Omnitrix... only to discover HIS HAND IS MISSING! It has been clearly, bloodlessly, painlessly severed, along with the portion of his arm that wears the Omnitrix. AXE ENERGY SHIMMERS at the point of contact (so we can't see any actual "stump").

BEN

... hero?

Ben looks at his arm in wide-eyed surprise as we:

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

ACT ONE

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - RESUME

Ben freaks out at the sight of his missing hand.

BEN

My hand! Where's my hand?!

WIDEN TO REVEAL - He looks up just in time to see the <GROWLING> Orc Beast charging right for him.

BEN

<GRUNT>

He tucks and rolls to safety as the Orc Beast leaps right over and past him...

...<SLAMMING> into an OVERHANGING ROCK OUTCROPPING, weakening it, while the creature staggers back, momentarily dazed.

BEN - tries to feel his severed wrist, but can't really touch it through the SHIMMERING AXE ENERGY. (NOTE: At the risk of overstating things, BEN FEELS ABSOLUTELY NO PAIN.)

BEN

I don't get it. I can still feel my hand, but where is it?

CUT TO:

CLOSE ON BEN'S HAND

SHIMMERING WITH ENERGY at the "stump", (ala Ben's arm) wriggling inside a semi-transparent ENERGY FIELD attached to Sunder 's Glider as we WIDEN TO REVEAL:

EXT. SKY OVER DOWNTOWN - SAME TIME

Sunder glides high over downtown.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SAME TIME

The dazed Orc Beast scrambles back to its feet, <ROARING> angrily as it stalks Ben.

BEN

So, you wanna fight?

Ben assumes a fight stance, balling his fist.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT. SKY OVER DOWNTOWN - SAME TIME

CLOSE ON BEN'S HAND IN THE ENERGY NET - balling into a fist.

INTERCUT:

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SAME TIME

Ben dodges the Orc Beast's attacks and manages to jump on the creature's back, hanging on with his one good hand, while <PUMMELING> it with his Axe Energy charged stump.

BEN

<fight exertion>

EXT. SKY OVER DOWNTOWN - SAME TIME

...while his severed Hand <PUNCHES> THROUGH THE ENERGY NET.

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SAME TIME

Ben continues <PUMMELING> the creature to little effect, other than making it mad. The Orc Beast <ROARS> angrily.

He leaps off the Orc Beast, taunting it.

BEN

Hey! Over here!

The Orc Beast <ROARS> and charges at Ben... who dodges the creature... sending the creature <SLAMMING> hard into the already weakened Overhanging Rock Outcropping.

Ben then dives to safety as the OVERHANGING ROCK OUTCROPPING <COLLAPSES> ON TOP OF THE ORC BEAST, burying it in rubble.

BEN - pumps his fist in the air... then realizes his fist isn't there.

BEN

Yes!

(beat)

Okay, this is weird, even for me.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY OVER DOWNTOWN - SAME TIME

Ben's Hand tries to slip through the Energy Field ... only to be grabbed up by Sunder.

SUNDER

Slippery little thing, aren't you?

Ben's Hand wriggles free from Sunder's grasp and palms him like and *Alien Face-Hugger*.

SUNDER

<startled cry!>

Blinded, Sunder's Glider spirals out of control.

Ben's Hand leaps off Sunder's face, landing safely on the ground, poised on its fingers like legs.

Now able to see, Sunder doesn't have time to react to the RAPIDLY APPROACHING GROUND... and <CRASHES> his Glider.

SUNDER

<IMPACT>

Ben's Hand scrambles away (ala Thing in *The Addams Family*).

CUT TO:

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SAME TIME

Frustrated Ben reacts as his handless arm jerks uncontrollably.

BEN

Okay, what's my hand doing?

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK - DAY

Ben's Hand scrambles along the grass, chased by a <BARKING> DOG.

Ben's Hand scrambles up a TREE and shimmies onto a branch. The Dog <BARKS> and jumps after it, but can't reach it.

REVEAL JULIE in a nearby TENNIS COURT below, hitting balls from a BALL MACHINE.

BEN'S HAND - straddles/shimmies along a THIN BRANCH, trying to reach Julie below. The Branch bends with its weight. The Hand is just about to reach Julie when...

THE DOG LEAPS UP AND <GRABS> BEN'S HAND IN ITS MOUTH, then runs off happily.

INTERCUT:

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SAME TIME

Ben is on the run as well, now chased by a PACK OF VOLPIMANCERS (Wildmutts).

BEN

<panting, running exertions> This day just gets better and better.

He reacts to his ENERGY SHIMMERING wrist.

BEN

And why does my hand feel like dog slobber?

EXT. PARK - SAME TIME

The Dog runs up to some KIDS playing frisbee. They stop what they're doing and eye the thing in its mouth curiously.

Kid 1

What you got there, boy?

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SWAMP - SAME TIME

Ben <SLOSHES>, wading through a MUCKY SWAMP, hiding among STRANGE ALIEN PLANT LIFE.

BEN

(sotto)

Man, this place stinks. But it should cover my scent from those Volpimancers.

Volpimancers head his way, then stop, confused.

VOLPIMANCERS' POV

Scanning the swamp with their INFRARED SCENT. Nothing.

The Volpimancers run past him along the shoreline, <SNIFFING> the air, confused, unable to pinpoint Ben's scent.

EXT. PARK - SAME TIME

The Kids are now locked in a tug-of-war with the Dog over what's in it's mouth (which they can't see is a hand yet). The Dog <GROWLS> and won't let go.

KID 1

Give it...! I said Give it! Bad dog!

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SWAMP - SAME TIME

Ben's handless arm suddenly flails around from the tug-of-war He tries to control it with his good hand ala *Dr.Strangelove*.

BEN

<whoa!> Hey! What's going on?!

The Volpimancers react to the noise, then do an abrupt about-face and <DIVE> into the swamp after Ben.

EXT. PARK - SAME TIME

Kid 1 gets the Dog's attention with a CANDY BAR.

KID 1

Hey, boy! How'd you like a nice candy bar? Huh?

The Dog <SNIFFS> and DROPS BEN'S HAND, <SNATCHING> up the Candy Bar from Kid 1 and practically inhaling it.

The Kids stare down in wide-mouthed awe at the SHIMMERING Hand and the Omnitrix on the ground.

Kids

Oooooooh...

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SWAMP - SAME TIME

Ben swims for his life through the murky swamp water as the Volpimancers close in on him.

EXT. PARK - SAME TIME

Kid 1 holds up Ben's SHIMMERING Hand while KID 2 fiddles with the Omnitrix.

KID 1

What is it?

KID 2

I dunno.

The OMNITRIX HOLOGRAPHIC MENU appears.

KID 1

Think we should be touching it?

KID 2

I dunno.

Kid 2 suddenly ACTIVATES BIG CHILL on the Omnitrix. Ben's Hand SUDDENLY TURNS INTO A BIG CHILL HAND. The Kids stare at it, impressed.

KIDS

Cooooool!

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SWAMP - SAME TIME

Still swimming from the Volpimancers, Ben suddenly TURNS INTO BIG CHILL (missing one hand, naturally)... and fires cold from his good hand FREEZING THE ENTIRE SWAMP, trapping all the Volpimancers.

BIG CHILL

Big Chill! Now that's more like it!

The Volpimancers BREAK FREE of the ice and start charging Big Chill.

BIG CHILL

Okay, Ice doesn't work, how about a little--

Big Chill, TOUCHES THE OMNITRIX and TRANSFORMS into SWAMPFIRE, who <BLASTS> A WALL OF FIRE, in front of the Volpimancers.

SWAMPFIRE

(still blasting)

Swampfire! That ought to hold them.

EXT. PARK - SAME TIME

Ben's Hand, now a SWAMPFIRE HAND, <BLASTS> FIRE. The Kids drop it like a hot potato and run like hell.

KIDS

<frightened screams!>

EXT. NULL VOID - ASTEROID - SWAMP - SAME TIME

Clambering up on to shore, Swampfire continues to <BLAST> FIRE at the Volpimancer, who don't seem all that fazed by it.

SWAMPFIRE

Shoo! Shoo!

One Volpimancer manages to leap past the flames at Swampfire and <CHOMP> off his good hand.

SWAMPFIRE

Dude! I'm already short one hand.

Swampfire's hand INSTANTLY REGENERATES. Swampfire holds up his "stump arm".

SWAMPFIRE

Why can't I do that with this one?!

The Volpimancers continue to charge at Swampfire.

SWAMPFIRE

Sorry, Mutts. Gotta fly.

Swampfire hits his Omnitrix logo and TRANSFORMS TO JETRAY (missing one hand).

JETRAY

Jetray!

Jetray takes off from the Asteroid as the Volpimancers jump after him to no effect.

FOLLOW as Jetray soars through the surreal cosmos-scape.

JETRAY

Okay, a all I have to do is find Grandpa Max's old hovel. There's bound to be some leftover Plumber tech there that can get me back home.

(beat)

That's sort of a plan...

Jetray flies off as we:

WIPE TO:

EXT. THE PARK - A LITTLE LATER

Julie now leaves the Tennis Courts, racket in hand...

...as JETRAY HAND scrambles up to her and grabs her ankle.

JULIE

<startled shriek!>

Julie looks down, sees the Jetray Hand clutching her ankle, and freaks, <BEATING> it off her ankle with her racket.

JULIE

Get! Off! Me! Right! Now!

CUT TO:

EXT. NULL VOID - SAME TIME

Jetray feels the beating and starts flying erratically.

JETRAY

Ow! Hey! Whoa! Ah! Stop!

He suddenly REVERTS TO BEN.

BEN

Oh come on! Don't run out of power on me now!

He now plummets...

...toward AN ASTEROID WITH SPIKY ROCK OUTCROPPINGS, and certain doom as we:

FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. NULL VOID - RESUME

Ben plummets toward the Spiky Outcroppings...

BEN

<falling cry!>

...when he's suddenly <SNATCHED> by the TENTACLES of a NULL VOID GUARDIAN.

BEN

At least I'm still alive...

<SPLORT!> He's covered in SLIMY DROOL that drips from the creature's mouth.

BEN

Completely grossed out, but alive.

WIPE TO:

EXT. PARK - SAME TIME

Julie now looks down at the now-human Ben Hand, instantly recognizing it.

JULIE

The Omnitrix?

(realizing)

Ben?

Julie gingerly picks up the hand. It suddenly MOVES. She's startled and drops it.

JULIE

Ahhh!

(beat)

Ooh. Sorry.

She reaches down to pick it up...

JULIE

Maybe Gwen and Kevin 'll know what to do.

... but she's too grossed out to touch it. She gingerly scoops up Ben's hand with her racket.

PUSH IN CLOSE ON THE HAND, then:

MATCH DISSOLVE TO:

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - LATER

CLOSE ON THE HAND - now being examined by KEVIN, who <LAUGHS HYSTERICALLY>.

KEVIN

<hysterical laughter>

PULL BACK TO REVEAL JULIE AND GWEN - who glare at Kevin, not seeing the humor in the situation. Gwen sits in a lotus position, trying to focus. Feeling their gaze, Kevin composes himself... then busts out laughing again.

JULIE

It's not funny, Kevin!

KEVIN

Sorry, sorry, okay.

<bust up laughing again>

Gwen's eyes FLARE, glowing pink then return to normal, as she examines the hand. She frowns.

GWEN

It's Ben's hand, alright, but I can't trace him. He could be anywhere.

(really concerned)

If he's even still alive...

Kevin points to the SHIMMERING ENERGY at the severed end of Ben's Hand.

KEVIN

See that energy surge? Classic sign of dimensional displacement.

JULIE

Which means?

KEVIN

Ben's fine. The rest of him is just... somewhere else.

Kevin steps over to his car and pops open the trunk, rifling through it.

KEVIN

Had the same thing happen to me when I tried to use a refurbished personal force field belt. Spent three hours with my nose in another dimension.

Beat. He looks up at Gwen and Julie.

KEVIN

Aren't you gonna ask me how I smelled?

Gwen rolls her eyes.

GWEN

Terrible. Just like your joke.

Kevin goes back to his trunk.

KEVIN

Relax. I got some stuff in here I can kludge into a retrieval beacon generator. Shouldn't take a second.

Gwen looks out the open garage door, reacting to something she sees O.S.

GWEN

I don't think we have that long.

EXT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Sunder - swoops down toward them on his Glider, pointing his tracker with one hand, wielding his ENERGY <CRACKLING> Axe with the other.

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Kevin reacts with some dread.

KEVIN

Oh great. It's Sunder, the Retriever.

Gwen and Julie stare at him in surprise.

JULIE

You know him?

Kevin pulls an armful of ALIEN TECH SPARE PARTS and dumps them all on a WORKBENCH.

KEVIN

He's a legend, deals in one-of-a-kind artifacts. Wonder what he wants here?

Gwen and Julie point to the Omnitrix on Ben's Hand, glaring at Kevin.

GWEN

Duh.

Kevin starts cobbling together components.

KEVIN

Right. Okay, keep him busy so I can get Ben back.

EXT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Sunder swoops in, swinging his Energy Axe.

SUNDER

Where is the Omnitrix?

She blocks it just in time with an ENERGY SHIELD.

GWEN

If you want it, you'll have to go through me!

SUNDER

(waving his Axe)

Excellent. That's what the axe is for.

Sunder leaps off his Glider, making several more swings with his axe, each of which Gwen blocks with ENERGY SHIELDS.

GWEN

(EFFORTS)

WIPE TO:

EXT. NULL VOID - SAME TIME

A slime-covered Ben struggles to pry himself from the Flying Alien's talons.

BEN

<exertion>

He finally gets free and drops down...landing hard on the NARROW BRIDGE ASTEROID (the one that leads to Max's hovel as established in "Voided").

BEN

<falling impact>

He tumbles, practically going over the side of the bridge, but just manages to grip the rock and pull himself back up.

BEN

<tumbles, exertions>

Struggling to his feet, he disgustedly wipes the Alien Slime off himself.

BEN

Why does everything always have to be slimy?

WIPE TO:

EXT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

Gwen continues to block Sunder's Axe swings with ENERGY SHIELDS.

GWEN

Where is Ben?!

SUNDER

Don't know, don't care. I just want the Omnitrix.

Sunder manages to slip past Gwen and into...

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

...where he spots Ben's Hand and makes a dive for it.

SUNDER

Ah hah!

But Julie snatches Ben's Hand away before he can grab it.

Julie runs for it, as Gwen turns around and throws up more ENERGY SHIELDS to protect Julie and Ben's Hand.

Sunder <SLICES> at the Energy Shield with his Axe, weakening it.

GWEN

Kevin? Can you work a little faster?

Kevin looks up from the DIMENSIONAL RETRIEVAL DEVICE he's cobbling together...

KEVIN

I can help buy a little time.

... and MORPHS HIS HAND TO A HUGE HAMMER, delivering a <HARD PUNCH> to Sunder, sending him flying out of the garage...

KEVIN

<EFFORT>

EXT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

And <SLAMMING> hard against a LAMP POST, bending it down.

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Kevin, Gwen and Julie look out the garage at the dazed Sunder on the ground.

JULIE

He's down.

KEVIN

Not for long, and I can't build this thing and protect you ladies'
at the same time.

Gwen glares at Kevin, affronted, arms folded.

GWEN

This lady can protect her self, thank you very much.

Kevin points to Julie.

KEVIN

But Ship isn't here, she needs a weapon.

Julie holds up Ben's Hand.

JULIE

I already have one.

KEVIN

So you're saying you wanna hold Ben's hand?

Gwen glares at Kevin, hands on hips.

GWEN

That's not funny.

KEVIN

I'm just sayin' it could come in handy.

GWEN

Done?

Kevin thinks about it for a second.

KEVIN

Yeah, I'm out.

Gwen sees Sunder back on his feet and charging toward them, Axe <CRACKLING> with energy.

GWEN

But he's not.

(to Julie)

Quick! Turn it to Humongosaur!

Julie starts to dial, but Kevin cuts her off.

KEVIN

Are you crazy?! Swampfire!

Julie dials frantically through the aliens on the Omnitrix. Sunder is getting closer.

JULIE

Wait, what does he look like?

Sunder swings his Axe at them. Gwen blocks it with an ENERGY SHIELD.

GWEN

Humongosaur!

KEVIN

Swampfire!

Sunder gets past Gwen's Energy Shield and swings his Axe at Julie, who panics and selects DIAMOND HEAD.

PUSH IN ON BEN'S HAND, as it TRANSFORMS INTO A DIAMONDHEAD HAND is an elaborate TRANSFORMATION SEQUENCE but just the hand.

The DIAMONDHEAD HAND blocks the blow from the Axe blade <KLANK!>.

WIDER - Julie aims the Diamondhead Hand at Sunder, FIRING CRYSTAL SHARDS at him, forcing him back. Gwen nods.

GWEN

Diamondhead's good.

CUT TO:

EXT. NULL VOID - BRIDGE ASTEROID - SAME TIME

Ben has now turned into DIAMONDHEAD (sans one hand) and FIRES CRYSTAL SHARDS uncontrollably in all directions.

ONE CRYSTAL SHARD - <THUNKS> into the narrow bridge that Diamondhead is standing on, causing it to <CRACK> and <CRUMBLE>...

Sending Diamondhead tumbling into the void.

DIAMONDHEAD

<falling cry!>

FOLLOW - as DIAMONDHEAD TRANSFORMS TO GOOP in mid fall.

GOOP

Goop!

Goop stretches his goopy form as far as it can go...
...and grabs hold of the crumbled bridge ledge.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

The GOOP HAND oozes out of Julie's hand.

JULIE

Ew...

She looks up to see Sunder leap in for an attack.

JULIE

<frightened scream!>

EXT. NULL VOID - BRIDGE ASTEROID - SAME TIME

Goop contracts his body, pulling himself back up to the ledge...
...and collapses in a puddle, exhausted. Then he REVERTS TO BEN,
who lies back, out of breath.

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

The Goop Hand on the floor REVERTS TO BEN'S HAND with the Omnitrix.
Sunder rushes in to grab it.

SUNDER

The Omnitrix, at last!

But before he can grab it, Gwen <KNOCKS> it across the floor away from him with an ENERGY SHIELD.

Sunder leaps for the Omnitrix again.

But this time Julie grabs it first... and throws it back to Gwen.

JULIE

Keep away from the big ugly guy!

Kevin looks over at her, questioning.

GWEN

She meant the other one.

WIDE - Julie and Gwen toss Ben's Hand back and forth, keeping it away from Sunder, who dives for it with increasing frustration. He's slicing the Garage into rubble.

GWEN

Kevin! How much longer on that dohickey?

Kevin frantically solders some wires together on the device at his workbench.

KEVIN

Almost there!

GWEN

Good thing, we're running out of garage.

WIPE TO:

EXT. NULL VOID - BRIDGE ASTEROID - SAME TIME

Ben's handless arm flails around in time with the keep-away game as he approaches the entrance to MAX'S HOVEL.

BEN

Almost there. If I can just stop jerking around for a minute or two, everything'll be fine.

INT. NULL VOID - MAX'S HOVEL - SAME TIME

Ben enters the Hovel, handless arm still flailing.

BEN

C'mon Grandpa. You must have left something behind I can...

REVERSE ANGLE TO REVEAL - Max's hovel is completely overrun by MONKEY/GREMLIN ALIENS (perhaps the same species as the little Gremlin-like alien Ben fought in "Truth". They run amok, tearing apart all the gear and gadgets, throwing the spare parts around like confetti <LAUGHING HYSTERICALLY>.

BEN

...use.

WIPE TO:

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

Gwen and Julie continue to toss Ben's Hand back and forth, playing keep-away from Sunder, who dives for the Hand. Sunder stops. He's had enough.

SUNDER

<impatient sigh> Enough of this.

Instead of diving for the Hand, he simply grabs Julie and wields his Axe threateningly at her.

JULIE

<startled gasp!>

SUNDER

Now hand over the Omnitrix or I slice the girl in two.

JULIE

Wait, me?

Gwen holds Ben's Hand up to Sunder.

GWEN

All right! You win! You can have the Omnitrix. Just let her go.

SUNDER

The Omnitrix first.

Gwen slowly approaches Sunder, holding out Ben's Hand, about to hand it over...

KEVIN

How about, the Omnitrix never?

...when Kevin leaps in, FIRING UP his just-cobbled-together Dimensional Retrieval Beacon Generator at Ben's hand and aiming its ENERGY BEACON at Ben's Hand.

The resulting WASH OF ENERGY sends Sunder <STUMBLING> back, releasing Julie...

...as BEN WARPS INTO VIEW, looking surprised to be back on Earth (we can't see his watch arm yet).

BEN

<whoa!> How did I--...?

Kevin smiles smugly.

KEVIN

Told ya.

Gwen and Julie rush to Ben, hugging him.

JULIE

Ben!

GWEN

You're all right!

They all react as Sunder's Energy Axe comes <CHOPPING> down on the floor right in front of them. WIDEN TO REVEAL Sunder, holding out his free hand expectantly.

SUNDER

Nothing has changed. The Omnitrix, now.

Ben smiles as he goes to activate his watch (we still don't see his watch arm yet).

BEN

Oh, I'll give you the Omnitrix all right...

REVEAL BEN'S WATCH HAND IS STILL MISSING!

BEN

Aw! Not again!

Sunder antics back with his Axe, poised to bring it down on Ben.

Sunder

<big exertion effort>

FADE OUT.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - RESUME

Ben dives to safety an instant before Sunder's Energy Axe comes down, embedding itself <THUNK!> right in the hood of Kevin's car. Sunder struggles to yank the Axe free.

SUNDER

<big swing exertion, then small tugging exertions>

Kevin is tiiiiicked.

KEVIN

What is it with everybody wrecking my car?

Kevin starts for Sunder, but Ben pulls him aside, waving his handless arm in front of his face.

BEN

Mind telling me what's going on here?!

Kevin points to the Energy Axe while Sunder struggles against Gwen's Energy attacks, slicing them with his Axe.

KEVIN

Short answer: Energy Axe plus Omnitrix equals dimensional displacement. Which means your hand is probably wherever you just were.

BEN

My hand is in the Null Void?!

Julie turns to Kevin, worried.

JULIE

How do we get his hand back?

KEVIN

Simple. All we have to do is reverse the polarity of the thing that displaced it in the first place.

Ben turns to Sunder who is stalking forward, slicing Gwen's energy attacks.

BEN

The Axe?

KEVIN

I said it was simple, not easy.

Sunder smashes Gwen's last barrier.

GWEN

(IMPACT)

Sunder wields the Axe threateningly at Ben.

SUNDER

I won't ask again. The Omnitrix!

KEVIN

Is history! Gone! Finito! We don't have it, you don't have it.

Sunder pulls out his Tracker.

SUNDER

You can lie to me, but you can't lie to my scanner.

He waves his Tracker around. Not one single blip.

SUNDER

Hey, what's the deal?

He angrily <SMACKS> the device, trying to get it to work.

Ben leans in to Kevin.

BEN

(sotto)

I don't think it's gone. I mean, I can still feel my hand.

CUT TO:

INT. NULL VOID - MAX'S HOVEL - SAME TIME

The Gremlin/Monkey Aliens all gather round Ben's Hand, their reaction mirroring that of the Kids in the Park earlier.

GREMLIN/MONKEY ALIENS

<ooooooooohh!>

CUT BACK TO:

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

Kevin leans in to Ben.

KEVIN

(sotto)

Just shut it, and follow my lead.

Kevin strides to Sunder, putting on his arms dealer charm:

KEVIN

Forget the Omnitrix. What if I told you I could get my hands on a Praxian Anti-Matter Cannon for you?

Sunder sheathes his Axe into the harness on his back.

SUNDER

I'm listening.

He leads Sunder around to the trunk of his car, surreptitiously <SNAPPING> his fingers at Gwen and pointing to Sunder's Axe.

Gwen takes this as her cue and sneaks around behind Sunder, manifesting a small ENERGY FIELD that slowly, carefully lifts the Axe from its sheath.

KEVIN

It's a lucky thing you happened by. I got another buyer coming later, but I'd much rather do business with someone trustworthy like you.

SUNDER

Skip the sales pitch. Just show me the Anti-Matter Cannon.

CUT TO:

INT. NULL VOID - MAX'S HOVEL - SAME TIME

A Gremlin/Monkey Alien picks up Ben's Hand and fiddles with the Omnitrix, dialing in BRAINSTORM.

CUT BACK TO:

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

Gwen just about has Sunder's Axe lifted out of the hilt with her Energy Field...

...when BEN SUDDENLY TRANSFORMS INTO BRAINSTORM.

BRAINSTORM

Brainstorm?

Sunders tracker begins <BEEPING> Gwen quickly cuts off her Energy Field as Sunder whips around and grabs his Axe and wields it threateningly at Brainstorm, eyeing Kevin archly.

SUNDER

"Gone, history, finito," eh?

Kevin shrugs.

Brainstorm holds his missing hand arm/claw behind his back.

BRAINSTORM

Sunder, I implore you! Do not exact vengeance upon my veracity -
impaired colleague.

He approaches Sunder slowly.

BRAINSTORM

I hereby definitively, albeit reluctantly, relinquish all claims on
said Omnitrix and render it into your possession forthwith.

Brainstorm suddenly reveals his clawless hand... and UNLEASHES AN
ELECTRICAL STORM on Sunder, sending him tumbling out of the garage.

BRAINSTORM

I believe the vernacular is... "Psych!"

EXT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Sunder scrambles back to his feet... and leaps onto his Glider,
wielding his Energy Axe furiously

SUNDER

You will pay for your insolence, child!

He <REVS> up his Glider and <ROARS> it toward Brainstorm, who charges out of the garage.

BRAINSTORM

I sincerely doubt you would display such bravado were cognizant of your imminent encounter with...

He taps his Omnitrix logo and TRANSFORMS INTO HUMONGOSAUR (missing one hand).

HUMONGOSAUR

Humongosaur!

Humongosaur <RIPS> out a street lamp with one hand, waving his handless arm at Sunder.

HUMONGOSAUR

Bring it on, tiny! I can beat you with one hand tied behind another dimension!

He <SWINGS> the street lamp at Sunder ...

...who <SLICES> it to a stump with his Axe.

HUMONGOSAUR

Then again, maybe I could use a hand... so to speak.

Sunder swoops around, swinging his Axe at Humongosaur. Gwen leaps in and <BLOCKS> it with an ENERGY SHIELD

Kevin charges in, MORPHING HIS ARM TO a spiked MACE and <POUNDS> Sunder with a solid punch...

SUNDER

<IMPACT>

...sending Sunder tumbling through the air... but he manages to keep his grip on his Glider.

Humongosaur turns to Kevin and Gwen, who now flank him.

HUMONGOSAUR

Maybe there is strength in numbers. Lots of numbers.

He taps his Omnitrix logo and TRANSFORMS TO ECHO ECHO (all missing one hand).

ECHO ECHO

Echo Echo!

Sunder swoops around, swinging his Axe at Echo Echo...

...who DUPLICATES HIMSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN, darting off in all directions.

Sunder darts this way and that on his Glider. He passes over Julie's head, and she ducks behind some garbage cans, but he's only interested in Echo.

He doesn't know which one to go after.

The Echo Echoes surround Sunder ... and direct a MASSIVE <SONIC BLAST> at him.

Buffered by the Sonic Blast, Sunder spins out of control on his Glider. The Axe goes flying out of his hand.

SUNDER

<wild whoas>

Gwen catches the AXE with an ENERGY CONSTRUCT.

Sunder regains control of his Glider and dives straight for our heroes.

SUNDER

I don't need an Axe to finish you off!

Gwen and Echo Echo unleash a combination <SONIC BLAST> and ENERGY BLAST...

...that sends Sunder flying back off his Glider as both <CRASH> to the ground.

GWEN

Neither do we.

Echo Echo REVERTS BACK TO BEN.

BEN

That's it. I need a recharge.

Kevin rushes to his garage with Sunder's Axe, pointing back to the unconscious Sunder.

KEVIN

Then we better get your hand back before he wakes up.

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Ben and Gwen scramble inside as Kevin FIRES UP his cobbled-together Dimensional Retrieval Beacon Generator and hands it to Julie.

KEVIN

Keep the beam fixed on Ben's arm.

Kevin picks up the Energy Axe and raises it overhead, poised to bring it down on Ben's SHIMMERING wrist stump.

Ben goes wide-eyed.

BEN

What are you doing?!

KEVIN

This shot has to be just right.

He antics, aiming carefully for his swing.

BEN

And if it's not...?

Kevin abruptly stops in midswing.

KEVIN

Then bits of you get scattered across multiple dimensions.

He antics for another swing. Ben looks nervous. So does Kevin.

KEVIN

Don't worry! I 'm pretty sure I can do this.

BEN

"Pretty sure"?

Kevin antics with the Axe several times, abruptly stopping in mid-swing each time. He can't work up the nerve to make the shot.

BEN

Will you just do it already?!

Kevin comically/nervously antics back with the Axe, accidentally <SMASHING> a LIGHTING FIXTURE above him. Trying to correct his swing, he <KNOCKS> over a SHELF FULL OF SPARE PARTS behind him.

KEVIN

Oops. Sorry. My bad. I meant to do that.

EXT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

Unseen by our heroes, Sunder begins to stir.

SUNDER

<MOANS>

INT. KEVIN'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

Kevin lifts the Axe high overhead.

KEVIN

Okay... This time for real...

He antics back several times, abruptly cutting off his swing each time.

KEVIN

I'm really gonna do it...

...as Sunder bears down on them.

Finally, Gwen grabs the Axe from him.

GWEN

Oh, for the love of...

As Sunder dives for his Axe, Gwen makes the shot in one fell swoop <THUNK! >, sending up a BIG WASH OF SWIRLING ENERGY, which WHITES OUT SCENE.

The ENERGY DISSIPATES, revealing Ben's Omnitrix hand is once again attached to him! Ben flexes his fingers.

BEN

I'm back in one piece!

KEVIN

Told you I could do it!

GWEN

I did it.

BEN

I'm the one who beat the bad guy... single handed.

Kevin, Gwen and Julie glare at him. Julie shuts off Kevin's device.

JULIE

Speaking of Sunder, where'd he go?

WIDEN TO REVEAL - Sunder is gone!

CUT TO:

INT. NULL VOID - MAX'S HOVEL - SAME TIME

Sunder is now surrounded by Gremlin/Monkey Aliens, one of whom has his Axe and swings it wildly at him. Sunder dodges the swings while frantically grabbing for the Axe handle. The Gremlin/Monkey Aliens all <SHRIEK> wildly.

SUNDER

Give it back! I demand you give it back!

FADE OUT.

THE END

GOOP

Goop!

Haxseverus

ORC

Omnitrix!

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A LITTLE LATER

CUT TO:

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BACK TO:

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MATCH DISSOLVE TO: