

N.E.R.D.S. π

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FADE IN:

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As per the end of the finale of the previous film, all the N.E.R.D.S. are in the base. The base is an enormous warehouse-like building with clearly-separated world-class research areas, with high-end facilities. There are water features and what appears to be a rocket. The members of The Black Parade from the previous film are around (Fuego Metálico & Hood are sat chatting, Big Al, Felix (Now in gold, steampunk wheelchair) & Wolf Star are in the middle-distance working on an updated version of Black Kat's suit.

Prophecy, Doc, Harry, Silence & BattleUnicorn look amazed. Ghost & Black Kat try to hide their amazement.

JAKE

Welcome to Arcadia.

GHOST

Not bad, bro.

BLACK KAT

Yeah--It's alright--

JAKE

And I got the peeps from The Black Parade in to help.

Black Kat smiles at Jake.

JAKE (CONT.)

It's important--moving on.

BLACK KAT

It sure is.

Fuego Metálico

Hey guys!

Fuego Metálico and Hood approach the N.E.R.D.S. reaching out his hand to shake hands with everyone.

Fuego Metálico (CONT.)

Great place, huh?

Fuego Metálico shakes hands with the N.E.R.D.S. Hood does too, slightly more awkwardly.

GHOST

Yeah, it's awesome.

The Silence signs "Is that an Aimbots?"

Fuego Metálico laughs.

FUEGO METALICO

It is indeed an Aimbots, my friend.

DOC

This is all so amazing.

HARRY

It's just that--

GHOST

We were all hoping to kind of--slow down.

FUEGO METALICO

Slow down! We are just getting started! There are new upgrades to your suits and millions are inspired by you.

BLACK KAT

That's just it. We've achieved what we needed to, made people believe they can do good if they need to.

HOOD

That's true, you're the reason I'm here.

BLACK KAT

Plus, we've lost people along the way. Too many. Willing to die for what we have here, but now it's bigger than us.

FUEGO METALICO

I see--

JAKE

I thought you wanted more--?

BLACK KAT

We did--Before. But now after burying Harrison and Phil. The time is right to hang up our capes.

DOC

Ooo--Capes!

GHOST

Right?!

JAKE

Fair enough. Well, Casper and I are due to appear on the last of the talk shows tonight. Shall we announce the news that we're handing over the reigns--?

Black Kat looks around at the other N.E.R.D.S. to gauge their reactions. They agree this would be a good move.

BLACK KAT

Yeah, go for it.

Jake and Black Kat kiss.

Ghost and Doc look at each other, shrug and kiss.

BattleUnicorn looks at Prophecy, hopefully.

PROPHECY

No thank you, Miss.

BattleUnicorn looks sad.

JAKE

It'll be sad to leave you guys.

INT. TECH EXPO, LAS VEGAS - NIGHT

A huge arena packed with people, for an expo of new products from Fu Wang of Wang Enterprises.

It is loud, bright and very "flashy". There is a huge stage, with Fu Wang presenting as well as various cool-looking gadgets/weapons including giant robots. There is a big screen behind Fu. Adrik Morozov is in the crowd near the front.

FU WANG

--So as you can see,

Fu Wang points at huge "WE" (Wang Enterprise) behind him.

FU WANG (CONT.)

WE have your security needs covered.

The crowd cheer and applaud.

FU WANG

Thank you so much. I have been Fu Wang
and we at Wang Enterprises hope--

Charles Gaumond (wearing an earpiece/mic) dramatically storms
loudly into the arena, catching Fu Wang's attention. Charles
takes out his phone and "hacks" the speaker system.

CHARLES GAUMOND

Covered? You barely address the
problems!

FU WANG

Ah, of course! Charles Gaumond, everyone!

The audience applaud, confused. Charles is still approaching
the stage.

FU WANG (CONT.)

I should have expected something like
this from you. You can't have anyone
else in your limelight.

Charles laughs. The arena security look to Fu, whether or not
to stop Charles. Fu waves them away.

CHARLES GAUMOND

Now now, Fu. I'm not the one who brought
thousands of people together to boast
about--What--? Being second best--?

Fu laughs.

FU WANG

Charles, Wang Enterprises has the best
performance levels in the industry for
the third year running.

CHARLES GAUMOND

In that one sector, maybe. You think
too small, Fu. My company is always
looking to the next stage, the future.

One of Fu's robots behind him begins to move.

The crowd are stunned. Fu is shocked. Charles has a sly smile.

The robot approaches Fu and makes a movement as if to crush
Fu with it's hand. Fu panics, ducking and covering his head.

The robot's hand has stopped just inches from Fu's head.

SFX:

Crowd gasp/scream

Adrik Morozov stands, now also with earpiece/mic, holding his phone, implying he used it to hack the robot.

ADRIK MOROZOV

You are lucky it was me controlling
your tin man, Fu.

Fu looks relieved.

ADRIK MOROZOV (CONT.)

Imagine if it was a terrorist group
like Nerds, or The Black Parade--

CHARLES GAUMOND

He's right.

The crowd seem to be in agreement.

ADRIK MOROZOV

Look.

Adrik changes the image on the screen with his phone to show
live footage of Jake and Casper on a chat show.

CHAT SHOW FOOTAGE:

INT. TV STUDIO (CHAT SHOW) - NIGHT

Jake & Casper are sat on a sofa near a CHAT SHOW HOST, in a
chair (with large desk, plants etc.) talking.

CHAT SHOW HOST

--So being a superhero is cool?

CASPER

Yeah, but we still hate the paperwork.

The Chat Show Host, Jake and audience laugh.

JAKE

It really is brilliant though,
what we've done, who we've met and
inspired.

CHAT SHOW HOST

Right?! You've got over fifty million

fans in Europe alone!

JAKE

So I hear. And it is because of that
we think it is time.

CHAT SHOW HOST

Time?

JAKE

Time for us to retire--

SFX:

Audience gasps

JAKE (CONT.)

and hand over to the people.
We have helped them believe in
themselves and we owe it to those
we have lost to move on to the next stage.

The Chat Show Host and audience are stunned. The Chat Show
Host appears not to know what to say, looking backstage. A
Director backstage (non-verbally) encourages the Host to
continue.

CHAT SHOW HOST

Err--What? What is the next stage?

JAKE

We are going to set up projects for
the less fortunate, provide housing,
food, support and self-defence--for
free.

SFX:

Bigger audience gasp

SFX:

Audience whoop, cheer & applaud

The Chat Show Host looks happy, but is lost for words.

CHAT SHOW HOST

Jake--

The audience are still whooping, cheering and applauding.

CHAT SHOW HOST (CONT.)

Jake, that--

The audience calm down until quiet.

CHAT SHOW HOST (CONT.)

That is--the most noble heroic thing
I've ever heard in my life.

Jake is actually quite humbled.

JAKE

Thank you. Well, we figured you have
to help everyone you can to shoot for
the moon. You never know when you
might need help yourself--Or from
who.

CHAT SHOW HOST

Fantas--

END OF CHAT SHOW FOOTAGE

INT. TECH EXPO, LAS VEGAS - NIGHT

Adrik Morozov is stood with his phone in hand, having turned
off the footage.

ADRIK MOROZOV

You see--? They are training more--
vigilantes, an illegal army.

CHARLES GAUMOND

Preach, brother! Let's not forget all
devastation they have caused with their
actions.

ADRIK MOROZOV

Are yes--

Adrik uses his phone again to show images of the destroyed
buildings after the first two films.

ADRIK MOROZOV (CONT.)

The so-called-hero's "collateral damage"--

The audience look shocked/horrified.

CHARLES GAUMOND

So many innocent lives lost.

FU WANG

What do you propose?

ADRIK MOROZOV

We, as the world's foremost techxperts,
need to show the people they are safe.
That we can protect them.

CHARLES GAUMOND

We take out the Nerds, at all costs!

The audience cheers and applauds loudly.

The audience calms.

FU WANG

I guess we should get started.

Adrik Morozov is using his phone again.

ADRIK MOROZOV

Already in progress.

EXT. BERLIN STREET (NEAR RIVER), GERMANY – NIGHT

Dozens of Russian robots armed with ADS Amphibious guns are fighting against hundreds of members of The Black Parade (various looks; race, gender, age etc. and different colours/styles of outfit and weapons).

The Black Parade are protecting unarmed civilians whilst fighting and struggling badly, many dying.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) – NIGHT

The Black Parade and the N.E.R.D.S. (minus Jake & Casper) are at the base, with The Black Parade showing the new technology and equipment to Doc, Harry and Silence. Black Kat and BattleUnicorn are relaxing near the computers. Prophecy is typing away, as though very busy.

BATTLEUNICORN

What about "Sanctum Wanktorum"?

BLACK KAT

That's good! I thought more "Bratcave".

BATTLEUNICORN

Yes!

Prophecy raises an eyebrow, which gets the attention of Black Kat. Prophecy continues to type.

BLACK KAT
What's up, Prophecy?

Prophecy raises both eyebrows, still typing.

PROPHECY
I believe--

BLACK KAT
Yes--?

PROPHECY
I believe Germany is under attack.

BattleUnicorn turns to look at Prophecy. Black Kat looks shocked.

BLACK KAT
Wait--What?

Prophecy is staring at the screen as though he cannot believe what he is looking at.

BLACK KAT
Prophecy, who is attacking Germany?

Prophecy still appears stunned.

PROPHECY
Robots. Dozens of robots.

Black Kat and BattleUnicorn look at each other. Fuego Metálico has his attention caught and comes over to Black Kat and BattleUnicorn.

FUEGO METALICO
Did I hear that correctly? Robots?

PROPHECY
I'm afraid so.

FUEGO METALICO
Then we need to prepare.

PROPHECY
There's also some dude, going around
"helping" by killing criminals.

BLACK KAT
Oh come on! We've literally just retired.

FUEGO METALICO

The Nerds cannot step away when
the world needs them most. They were
not formed as a hobby, something that
can be dropped at a whim. They were
there because they fought injustice,
they fight injustice!

Black Kat looks playfully reluctant.

BLACK KAT

Oh, all right, you charmer. We
can help save everyone again.

FUEGO METALICO

Great!

Fuego Metálico claps his hands together and turns back toward
Hood, Big Al, Wolf Star, Felix, Silence, Doc & Harry.

FUEGO METALICO

Time to suit up!

Hood, Big Al, Wolf Star, Felix, Silence, Doc & Harry all look
excited.

BATTLEUNICORN

That used to be Captain's line--

BLACK KAT

--and Casper's--

DOC

--and Jake's--

HARRY

We should probably come up
with another saying--

Fuego Metálico looks surprised at the Nerd's lack of urgency.
He claps his hands.

FUEGO METALICO

Hey--Guys.

DOC

Oh right, yeah--The world.

The Black Parade members (in base) and Black Kat & BattleUnicorn rush off to put on their super-suits (if not already wearing).

Prophecy puts on his headset and types.

PROPHECY

Jake--

EXT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - NIGHT

The aforementioned heroes are suited up and now emerging from the field in a large, black fighter jet-style plane. Silence is the Pilot. It quickly flies off into the distance.

EXT. BERLIN STREET (NEAR RIVER), GERMANY - NIGHT

As previous scene, except much more destruction and people dead.

A robot stops firing, having seemingly heard something. We see Ghost carrying Jake flying through the sky toward the robots from behind them.

The robot targets Jake and Ghost and shoots (missing).

JAKE

Drop me!

Ghost drops Jake from quite a height and zooms toward the robots, firing small, but effective explosives.

Jake still falling.

JAKE

Great Scott.

Jake aims one palm at the robots and one at the ground, slightly behind himself. The robots start to pull toward Jake, some into the air.

JAKE

Hadouken!

The magnetic pulse sends the robots smashing into each other and into buildings, cars etc. The circuits of some are fried by the electromagnetism.

Jake is able to control his landing, thanks to the aiming backwards (and new upgrades).

JAKE

Oof!

Jake does a superhero landing.

JAKE (INTO COMMS)

Thank Fuego for the upgrades in
the legs for me please, Prophecy.

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)

Roger.

Ghost swoops by again, blasting the robots.

Ghost lands next to Jake, dusting his hands.

GHOST

That was easy.

JAKE

Yeah, kinda. Have you seen all
this though--?

Jake indicates to the death and damage all around.

Ghost is shocked, as though he had not noticed.

GHOST

Blimey!

JAKE

Yeah--

A small group of survivors/heroes emerge. They are all dressed in superhero/alternative garments and armed. One is Blue Tiger (large, black male, 40's. Dressed in blue, armed with metal claws).

BLUE TIGER

Thank you.

GHOST

Who are you?

BLUE TIGER

We are part of The Black Parade,
I am Blue Tiger.

GHOST

Nice to meet you, I'm--

BLUE TIGER (INTERRUPTING)
We know who you are. You are
the ultimate heroes.

JAKE
So what happened here--?

Ghost and Blue Tiger look at each other as though Jake is a
moron, as do some of the background Black Parade heroes.

BLUE TIGER
Well--Err--Robots, they attacked.

GHOST
Yeah--Pretty self-explanatory--

There is an awkward silence as Jake is embarrassed and no one
knows what to do, or say.

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)
What an idiot--

Blue Tiger clears his throat, as he seemingly just remembers
something.

BLUE TIGER
There is one thing--

Behind Jake and Ghost the robots begin to rise again, fixing
themselves.

JAKE
What's that--?

More robots stand/fix themselves, until there is a small army
again (though less than before).

BLUE TIGER
The robots heal--

Jake and Ghost look shocked and scared.

JAKE
What?!

GHOST
Are you serious?

Blue Tiger points at the robots healing behind Jake and Ghost.
Jake and Ghost are shocked.

GHOST (INTO COMMS)
Guys! The robots are deep learning!

JAKE
What does that mean?

GHOST
It means we're in trouble!

The plane from the previous scene, piloted by Silence can be seen in the near distance, arriving. The robots take aim at the crowd, including Jake and Ghost.

JAKE (UNDER HIS BREATH)
Great Scott.

The robots starting pulling toward Jake, against their will.

GHOST
What are you doing?

JAKE
You'll see--

Ghost sees the nearby river.

GHOST
No, Jake, wait--

JAKE
Hadouken!

Most of the robots are sent flying into the river. The N.E.R.D.S. plane opens fire on the remaining land-dwelling robots, completely destroying them.

There is a moment of peace.

Jake turns to Ghost, looking smug.

JAKE
See--Neither robots nor guns can
work underwater.

There is a hail of bullets from the river, toward the plane.

Jake is shocked, Ghost is not.

JAKE
What is happening?!

GHOST

Well, I imagine the person who has
the technology for self-healing robots
probably made them waterproof and also
seem to have armed them with ADS
Amphibious guns.

Jake looks confused.

GHOST
They are guns which actually can shoot
underwater--

JAKE
Oh--

GHOST
Yeah--

The plane takes evasive action from the bullets.

Ghost turns to one of the other Black Parade heroes,
indicating to their phone.

GHOST
Can I borrow that?

The Black Parade member hands Ghost the phone.

Ghost throws the phone at the robots in the river.

BLACK PARADE MEMBER #1
Hey!

GHOST
I'll buy you another.

The robots turn to aim at Ghost.

Ghost leans to Jake.

GHOST
Aim you palms at the river--

Jake looks confused.

GHOST
Say "Great Scott".

Jake still looks confused.

JAKE

Great Scott--

The robots begin to pull toward Jake under the water in slow motion and start to shoot, the bullets also heading toward Jake.

GHOST

Hadouken!

The hundreds of bullets fly back into the water and into the robots, blowing massive holes in some (permanently destroying) or severely damaging others, all of which now have wires exposed to the water and electrocute/electrify themselves, each other and the water.

Jake is stunned.

GHOST

Your suit is voice-activated, just doesn't have to be your voice.

Jake looks worried.

JAKE

Couldn't that be super-dangerous--?

GHOST

Not really. It only recognises yours, mine and--

JAKE

What--?

GHOST

Harrison.

JAKE

Ah--He was a real hero.

Ghost nods in agreement.

Silence lands the plane near where the action took place. Fuego Metálico, Black Kat, BattleUnicorn & Felix (carrying thermite cannon) disembark the plane and head toward Jake, Ghost and Blue Tiger.

BLACK KAT

Hey. Everything cool here?

JAKE

Yeah, I think so. We had some, like,

self-healing robots, so--

Felix fires his thermite cannon into the river where the robots were.

SFX:

Boom!

Water from the river rains down around the heroes.

SFX:

Rain

FELIX
Just making sure.

JAKE
What the hell was that?

FELIX
Thermite cannon.

Ghost looks jealous.

GHOST
Aww--Seriously? Can I have one?

FUEGO METALICO
The extra weight would really hinder your flying.

GHOST
Of course.

FUEGO METALICO
But you can fly faster and even underwater or in space for a short time.

GHOST
Wow! That's pretty awesome!

BLACK KAT
I was jealous too, until I was told I've got the same.

JAKE
Why would we ever need to go into space or underwater?

There is an awkward silence.

Ghost, Black Kat, Fuego Metálico, BattleUnicorn, Felix & Blue Tiger look at Jake as though he is a moron and look around at each other.

BATTLEUNICORN

Are you serious?

FUEGO METALICO

I fear he is--

JAKE

What--?

BLACK KAT

You literally just fought underwater robots--!

JAKE

Oh--Yeah--Makes sense then--

GHOST

Dumbass.

The local Police begin to arrive at the scene.

BLACK KAT

Anyway--Shall we go--?

GHOST

Good idea.

Ghost turns to Blue Tiger.

GHOST

It was nice to meet you, Blue Tiger.

BLUE TIGER

It was an honour, Ghost. We will take it from here.

GHOST

Thank you.

Ghost, Black Kat, Fuego Metálico, BattleUnicorn, Felix & Jake head toward the plane.

BattleUnicorn turns to look at Blue Tiger and waves frantically.

BATTLEUNICORN

Bye, Blue Tiger!

Blue Tiger looks slightly confused, but waves back.

BLUE TIGER
Goodbye, strange lady hero.

Ghost, Black Kat, Fuego Metálico, BattleUnicorn, Felix & Jake
get into the plane.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - NIGHT

Doc & Harry are in their respective bedrooms within the base
(bedrooms are huge, all with king size beds). Prophecy is
still at his desk, typing / hacking. There is a collection of
snack wrappers and drinks cans next to him.

The plane can be heard arriving back outside.

SFX:

Fighter plane landing

Prophecy looks at a screen with the CCTV footage of the
others getting off the plane. He continues to type / hack.

Ghost, Black Kat, Fuego Metálico, BattleUnicorn, Felix, Hood,
Wolf Star, Big Al, Silence & Jake enter the base.

PROPHECY
Guten abend.

FUEGO METALICO
Buenas noches, Prophecy.

BLACK KAT
Hi.

JAKE
S'up?

WOLF STAR
Hello.

BATTLEUNICORN
Hiya!

Silence gives a subtle wave to Prophecy.

PROPHECY
I trust your trip to Brandenburg was
pleasant?

GHOST

Oh yeah! Loved fighting deep learning,
ADS Amphibious gun wielding robots--

PROPHECY

Thought you might like that. You'll
be happy to know there is some activity
being discussed in Beijing.

BLACK KAT

Discussed? Any active threat?

PROPHECY

Not as yet.

BLACK KAT

Keep us posted.

PROPHECY

Yes, Ma'am.

Silence, Ghost & BattleUnicorn of the N.E.R.D.S. and Hood,
Felix, Big Al & Wolf Star of the Black Parade all head to
their respective bedrooms (Ghost w/ Doc).

Jake and Black Kat sit down in comfy chairs in the main
entrance area, near(ish) to Prophecy. Fuego Metálico heads to
a nearby mini-fridge, grabbing three beers.

Fuego Metálico looks back toward Prophecy.

FUEGO METALICO

Can I get you a beer, Prophecy?

Prophecy continues to stare at the screen, lifting a can of
Coca-Cola.

PROPHECY

No, thanks. Still got a drink.

Fuego Metálico is satisfied, closes the fridge. Fuego
Metálico pops off the caps and heads to Jake and Black Kat,
giving them a beer each.

FUEGO METALICO

Crazy day, huh?

Jake seems completely unfazed, very blasé about the Berlin
event.

JAKE

Oh--Yeah--I guess so--

Black Kat looks a bit gone out, like Jake is being rude.

BLACK KAT

Like you've ever fought killer robots,
rich-boy.

Jake is taken aback by Black Kat's attitude.

JAKE

Yeah, but, you know. We're super-heroes.
It's like, whatever. If it can be done,
then we have to expect it.

Black Kat and Fuego Metálico sit surprised for a moment at the reasonably wise words of Jake.

PROPHECY

Actually the smartest thing you've
ever said.

JAKE

Wow--Thanks--I think--

Jake sips his drink.

JAKE

Do we think it was that Charles guy?

PROPHECY

It doesn't look like it at the minute,
but we can't rule anything out.

BLACK KAT

Who else could have such technology
that we know is, you know, evil--?

PROPHECY

Not sure. They're putting out obviously
fake leads to indicate a terrorist group.

JAKE

Thank you, Prophecy. I really don't know
what we'd do without you.

PROPHECY

Probably just get your brother, the
superior hacker.

BLACK KAT

Yeah--

JAKE

Oh, yeah--Well you are still very much appreciated.

FUEGO METALICO

What we do is essential to make sure order is reached.

Fuego Metálico looks to Jake. Black Kat sips her drink.

FUEGO METALICO

Extremely fortunate people like us could be part of the problem, the corrupt. Using our assets for a cause bigger than ourselves is the greatest achievement we can hope for.

Jake still seems jaded. Fuego Metálico sips his drink.

JAKE

Balance.

FUEGO METALICO

Exactly! We can do that, by giving it all.

JAKE

The ultimate sacrifice.

FUEGO METALICO

Sometimes, my friend. Though hopefully it doesn't come to that.

BLACK KAT

--And if it does, I'll be with you.

Jake gives Black Kat a sad smile.

INT. LARGE OFFICE (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) – NIGHT

Charles Gaumond is having a video call with Fu Wang & Adrik Morozov.

Charles and Fu are laughing hard.

CHARLES GAUMOND

You really showed them, Adrik!

ADRIK MOROZOV

Иди в баню! (*Idi v'banyu!*)
"go to the bathhouse."

FU WANG

No need to be a sore loser.

ADRIK MOROZOV
We're blaming it on ISIS.

CHARLES GAUMOND
Wow, their tech has really developed!

Charles, Adrik and Fu all laugh.

CHARLES GAUMOND
I'll let you go next, Fu, you'll
need the advantage.

FU WANG
You're very confident for a man about
to give away a bet.

CHARLES GAUMOND
I've heard what you have in place
and I am not phased.

FU WANG
What have you heard?

CHARLES GAUMOND
Now that would be telling--

ADRIK MOROZOV
How can you be sure you will succeed,
Charles?

Charles smiles a very evil smile.

CHARLES GAUMOND
Because my plan is--Armageddon!

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

All the N.E.R.D.S. and Black Parade members (that were in the base) are awake and dressed, with the exception of Prophecy who is wearing a dressing gown. Jake is still in the bedroom.

Prophecy is sat at his computer typing/hacking, almost as though he hasn't moved all night. Everyone else is sat, or stood chatting indistinctly with tea/coffee and eating breakfast.

Jake shuffles through into the main room, in a dressing gown and slippers, looking very tired.

JAKE
Morning--

Everyone looks at Jake disappointed, or disgusted.

BIG AL

Good morning.

BLACK KAT

For fuck's sake, Jake! You could at least try to look like a superhero who fights killer robots and terrorists!

Jake looks shocked.

JAKE

What about Prophecy? He's in a dressing gown too.

BLACK KAT

He always wears one! He looks like a dude about to do some serious hacking.

BATTLEUNICORN

And he rocks it!

Prophecy looks slightly disturbed at BattleUnicorn's enthusiasm for him.

JAKE

Fine, I'll get dressed after breakfast.

GHOST

What a loser.

DOC

He's not a loser, just not--

HARRY

A winner--

WOLF STAR

Come on, guys. Jake is just--

HOOD

Lazy--?

GHOST

Yep.

WOLF STAR

Different. He is different. Not many people would do what he has done.

FELIX

We all have.

WOLF STAR

I mean someone wealthy, who doesn't need to help.

FUEGO METALICO

I do.

Wolf Star seems jaded by this conversation.

WOLF STAR

Yes, but you and we are the exceptions.
We are--special.

Ghost puts his hand on Jake's shoulder.

GHOST

I want to assure you that you're not special.

The Silence is trying to sign for people's attention.

PROPHECY

Hey! Silence is trying to say something.

The Silence signs an impassioned speech -

"Thank you, Prophecy. What ever you may think of Jake, how he may conduct himself sometimes, he is a hero. He is the one who started this movement. Yes, Black Kat brought us together, but without Jake it would have been nothing and the way you are all acting is poison. He is brave, selfless and real. A real human being and a real hero."

All except Jake, who looks to have struggled in understanding, is sat or stood, amazed. Jake looks slightly confused.

JAKE

Something about medicine--?

Prophecy stands and begins to applaud.

The other heroes look embarrassed (Except Jake, Big Al, Fuego Metálico, Wolf Star and Black Kat). Big Al, Fuego Metálico, Wolf Star and Black Kat join in with the applause.

The others who previously insulted Jake (Hood, Felix, BattleUnicorn, Ghost, Doc & Harry) join the applause for Jake.

Jake is taken aback. Prophecy sits back down. Jake turns to Silence and says "Thank you" in sign language. Black Kat

offers Jake a hug, which he accepts.

PROPHECY

Guys, sorry to break this up, but
we've got chatter.

The heroes rush to their respective stations within the base.
Jake, Black Kat, Ghost & Fuego Metálico rush over to Prophecy.

GHOST

What have we got?

PROPHECY

A inordinate amount of mentions of
us and new weapons.

GHOST

I presume not our new weapons--?

PROPHECY

Regrettably not.

GHOST

That is an issue.

PROPHECY

Quite.

BLACK KAT

Is it Gaumond?

PROPHECY

Not that I can tell, as yet. Certainly
not overtly. He does have dealings with
a company that keeps cropping up,
Wang Enterprises.

GHOST

They had a whole thing against us
at their recent expo!

PROPHECY

They sure did.

JAKE

It must be Gaumond!

BLACK KAT

Probably and we'll get there, but
we need the proof.

JAKE

Why?

GHOST

You are not getting how powerful this
dude is.

PROPHECY

Imagine starting a war--

JAKE

Right--?

PROPHECY

--With America, Russia and China.

JAKE

Oh--

PROPHECY

Yeah--

BLACK KAT

That's it! Gaumond, Wang and--

FUEGO METALICO

Morozov.

BLACK KAT

Yes, those three! They are fulfilling
their promises!

GHOST

Right?!

Prophecy, Black Kat, Fuego Metálico and Ghost are elated. Jake
looks confused.

Quickly Prophecy, Black Kat, Fuego Metálico and Ghost realise
what they are up against.

FUEGO METALICO

Oh--

PROPHECY

Yeah--

JAKE

What--?

There is a short silence.

BLACK KAT

We're fucked.

GHOST

The most wealthy and powerful people
in the world, with the best tech
are all coming for us.

JAKE

So--?

BLACK KAT

So?! So we will probably die, if
we fight them.

JAKE

And by the sounds of it, we will
die if we don't. We need to try.

BLACK KAT

You're right. Prophecy, find out what
weapons they have been creating behind
the scenes.

PROPHECY

Yes, ma'am.

BLACK KAT

Ideally, we need so much evidence
we can send the law after them.

GHOST

Even though they will own the police,
judges and more?

Black Kat sighs

BLACK KAT

Yes, but at least we can show we are
trying every avenue open to us.

GHOST

I want to just put a bullet in
their heads.

JAKE

Jeez, it really is no surprise
you were a bad guy.

GHOST

Shut up!

FUEGO METALICO
He's not wrong--

GHOST
I might join them. Plot twist!

Black Kat, Fuego Metálico and Jake look quite disturbed/on guard. Ghost is laughing.

GHOST
Jk.

JAKE
Like Kat said, we'll gather evidence first. We can't just invade a country on hearsay.

GHOST
Fair enough.

Jake turns to Black Kat.

JAKE
Shall we take a trip?

Black Kat smiles back at him and takes his hand.

BLACK KAT
Sounds good.

INT. FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Jake & Black Kat are sat in a fast-food restaurant, with the empty boxes and wrappers in front of them (having just eaten). The drinks still have some in them.

There are also others (customers and workers) in the restaurant.

BLACK KAT
I think I'm ready.

JAKE
Ready?

BLACK KAT
To tell you why I owe your parents.

JAKE

You don't have to, if you don't want.

BLACK KAT

I do, it's only right.

Black Kat takes a deep breath.

BLACK KAT

When I was six my Dad was murdered.
My Mum was charged, even though she
didn't do it. She could barely afford
the Solicitor, which put her in debt,
more debt. She cried every day and
drank--a lot. One day she'd had enough
she ate pills and fed me a load too.
I knew this was wrong, so I ran.
After running for what seemed like forever,
I bumped into a couple, your parents.
I told them what happened and they took
me to hospital. They saved my life.

JAKE

Oh my god--What about your Mum?

BLACK KAT

She didn't make it.

JAKE

I'm sorry.

BLACK KAT

Don't be, it wasn't your fault.
Anyway, I'm just glad to be here,
with you.

JAKE

You are so strong.

BLACK KAT

You're not. Well, strong smelling maybe.

JAKE

I like that you choose places
like this.

BLACK KAT
Because it's cheap--?

JAKE
Because you keep me down to Earth.

Jake smiles at Black Kat.

BLACK KAT
The fuck you doing that for?

JAKE
What?

BLACK KAT
That thing with your face.

Jake realises what Black Kat means

JAKE
Smiling?

BLACK KAT
Yeah--

Black Kat smiles slightly.

BLACK KAT
You look dumb.

Black Kat has a sip of her drink.

JAKE
Compared to you, I always look dumb.

BLACK KAT
That's true.

JAKE
Anyway, you smiled.

BLACK KAT
Did not! It was a grimace, having
to put up with you.

JAKE
Oh yeah?

Jake leans in.

BLACK KAT

Yeah. How else do you think I could afford this meal? I don't work.

Black Kat also leans in, they look as though they might kiss.

JAKE

Good point.

Jake and Black Kat lean in to kiss, when a familiar voice can be heard, interrupting them.

GHOST (OS)

So this is where the second-best superhero couple eat?

Jake and Black Kat are wide-eyed surprised and look up to see Ghost and Doc stood there near them.

BLACK KAT

Hi.

DOC

Hi.

GHOST

Good meal?

BLACK KAT

It was nice.

JAKE

I could have had more.

GHOST

I can see that--

An awkward silence falls between them. Ghost and Doc are smirking.

GHOST

Anyway--We'll grab ours and join you.

JAKE

Lovely--

Jake's phone rings and he answers.

JAKE

Hello--Uh-Huh--Okay.

Jake ends the call.

JAKE

We need to go to China.

GHOST

Let's get these dicks.
Suit up!

JAKE

Seriously--?

GHOST

Sorry.

EXT. BEIJING STREET - DAY

Jake, Black Kat, Ghost, BattleUnicorn, Hood, Big Al & Fuego Metálico are walking down a strangely deserted street.

HOOD

It's quiet.

BATTLEUNICORN

Yeah--Are we late? Or early? Maybe both?!

BIG AL

You are a very strange girl.

BATTLEUNICORN

Thank you!

FUEGO METALICO

How do we deal with Morozov? We stopped
his robots, but he is still free.

JAKE

We will take them all down, take away
their method of attack and have them
on the back foot.

GHOST

I still prefer the--direct approach.

BLACK KAT

We need to decide how we're going to
take them out.

GHOST

I've decided how--Take them out.

SFX:

Tank engine

The group halt in their tracks.

JAKE

What's that noise?

An ADAPTIV (invisible camouflage) tank in the middle-distance up the street turns slightly and is now visible, having not been.

Jake, Fuego Metálico, Hood & Big Al look shocked/scared.
BattleUnicorn, Black Kat & Ghost look disappointed.

JAKE

What the--?

BIG AL

The tank--

HOOD

--Was invisible, now isn't.

GHOST

Yawn!

Jake, Fuego Metálico, Hood & Big Al look confused.

BLACK KAT

We--well--The Captain, dealt with
an ADAPTIV camo tank before.

JAKE

Oh--What did he do?

BATTLEUNICORN

He threw the Holy hand grenade.

JAKE

We have a Holy hand grenade?!

BATTLEUNICORN

Yeah--Well--had. We had a Holy
hand grenade.

JAKE

Right, right. So what do we do now?

SFX:

Tank turret turning

GHOST
Say "Great Scott".

JAKE
Great Scott--

Jake slowly aims his palms toward the tank.

SFX:

Boom!

The tank fires toward the group. The shell from the tank is attracted toward Jake's hands.

JAKE
Hadouken!

The shell from the hurtles back toward the tank, exploding it upon impact.

SFX:

Boom!!!

BLACK KAT
Yeah--That. You do that.

JAKE
Cool.

The group look at the burning tank and otherwise quiet street.

JAKE
So--What do we do now?

SFX:

Rifle shot

SFX:

Bullet ricochet off metal

Jake is hit with a bullet of unknown origin, though it ricochets off his suit.

JAKE

What the--?

Jake and the rest of the group duck their heads briefly in reaction to the shot.

JAKE

We're wearing bullet-proof suits!

There does not appear to be anyone in the street.

The group look confused.

SFX:

Rifle shot

SFX:

Bullet ricochet off metal

The bullet hits Jake again.

JAKE

Hey!

Fuego Metálico spots a small, white rectangle shape peeking at them from around a corner.

FUEGO METALICO

There!

SFX:

Rifle shot

The shot misses them all, but is close.

HOOD

Woah!

JAKE

What is that?

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS, TO JAKE)

They appear to have CornerShot tech.

JAKE

What?

GHOST

Guns that shoot around corners.

JAKE

Oh right--You guys know it's not

April Fools Day--?

BLACK KAT

It's not a joke, Jake, it's very real!

JAKE

Uh-huh, sure.

GHOST

You've already seen guns that shoot
underwater, what is so hard to believe?

SFX:

Rifle shot

The gun shot hits Jake's super-suit.

JAKE

Well guns are really a threat to us,
are they?

Black Kat, Ghost, Hood, Big Al, BattleUnicorn & Fuego Metálico
look around at each other for answers, shrugging or nodding in
agreement with Jake.

BIG AL

He's not wrong--

FUEGO METALICO

True, but with each new development in
technology comes the next stage we might
not be prepared for.

Three other CornerShot guns peek out from around corners up
the street and take shots at the group, all flying past them.

SFX

Rifle shot

Rifle shot

Rifle shot

SFX:

Distant muffled heavy artillery shot

JAKE

Alright. Shall we beat these chumps
and go home?

Seemingly out of nowhere, a rail gun shell hits Jake hard in

the chest, sending him flying back into a nearby car parked on the street.

SFX:

Thud!

JAKE

Urrgh!

SFX:

Crash!

BATTLEUNICORN

Oh my god!

BLACK KAT (INTO COMMS)

Prophecy, what the fuck was that?!

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)

I--I--Don't know. Bear with me.

Jake's suit is badly damaged.

BLACK KAT

Hood, Big Al, get Jake away!

BattleUnicorn, cover them!

Hood and Big Al rush to help get Jake out of the way, as best they can, as BattleUnicorn covers them.

SFX:

Rifle shots

BLACK KAT

Ghost, go up above and take out the
CornerShot distractions.

Ghost salutes before flying into the sky above.

BLACK KAT

Fuego--

SFX:

Distant muffled heavy artillery shot

Black Kat looks worried.

BLACK KAT

Oh no--

Black Kat turns with her back to the tank (the direction the rail gun blast came from) spreads her wings and holds Fuego Metálico to protect him.

Another rail gun shell hits Black Kat hard in the back, sending her and Fuego Metálico flying back in the street.

SFX:

Thud!

BLACK KAT

Arrgh!

SFX:

Crunch!

Black Kat's suit is quite badly damaged. Fuego Metálico's suit is scuffed, but mostly unscathed.

PROPHECY (BROKEN UP, VIA COMMS)

Kat! It's a--*distortion*

BLACK KAT (INTO COMMS)

Urgh--Repeat that, Prophecy.

You broke up.

Black Kat & Fuego Metálico stand, Black Kat helping Fuego.

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)

It's a--*distortion, though clearer than previous*

EXT. BEIJING STREET - DAY

Ghost is circling the street from above, swooping down to shoot enemy targets, or drop explosives.

BattleUnicorn is on the ground stealthily sneaking up on enemies and stopping them (without force, where possible).

EXT. BEIJING STREET - DAY

BLACK KAT (TO FUEGO)

I can't hear him.

FUEGO METALICO

Let me try.

FUEGO METALICO (INTO COMMS)

Prophecy, my friend. It is Fuego.

Black Kat cannot hear you, her suit

is damaged.

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)

I'm not surprised after being hit by
a rail gun.

FUEGO METALICO

A rail gun!

Black Kat is stunned.

EXT. BEIJING STREET - DAY

Jake is hurt, but stable and waves Black Kat & Fuego
Metálico over to where he is taking cover with Hood and Big
Al.

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)

Affirmative. The target shot from
Thirty-one point six miles South-East
of your location.

FUEGO METALICO

Copy that.

BLACK KAT (TO JAKE)

Are you okay?

JAKE

Yeah, I'll be fine. The suit is ruined
though. How are you?

BLACK KAT

Ah, you know, it's just a scratch.

JAKE

A scratch? They've blown your wings off!

BLACK KAT

Could be worse, I could be you.

JAKE

I see your sense of humour is still
intact--sadly. Anyway, what have we got?

BLACK KAT

A rail gun.

Jake looks confused.

JAKE

A rail gun?

BIG AL
High velocity, long distance projectiles,
usually using electromagnetism.

JAKE
Are you playing?

BIG AL
No, it is very serious.

JAKE
How far away are we talking?

FUEGO METALICO
Just over thirty-one miles, South-East.

Jake looks shocked.

JAKE
Thirty-one miles?!

FUEGO METALICO
Yes, so we need to go--

JAKE
Go? Go where? They'll be gone by the time
we get there.

HOOD
We need to get back to the plane, Jake.

JAKE
Let's go!

Jake peeks out from their hiding place only to seeing
BattleUnicorn neutralising the last of the enemies in the
middle-distance.

CHINESE ENEMY #1
Arrrgh!

EXT. BEIJING STREET - DAY

Ghost lands next to BattleUnicorn.

JAKE (VIA COMMS)
Ghost. We're heading back to the
jet to go after the other dude.

GHOST (INTO COMMS)
We'll make our own way. Where we
heading?

JAKE (VIA COMMS)
Thirty-one miles South-East.

GHOST (INTO COMMS)
Roger that.

Ghost turns to BattleUnicorn and holds out his hand.

GHOST
M'lady--

BATTLEUNICORN
Such a gentleman.

BattleUnicorn takes Ghost's hand, before holding on to him tightly and strapping on to him using a hidden harness and magnets (of course).

GHOST
Ready?

BATTLEUNICORN
Ready.

Ghost flies away, with BattleUnicorn attached/holding on.

EXT. CHINA, OUTSIDE LANGFANG - DAY

CAPTION:

31.6 miles South-East of Beijing

Jake, Black Kat, Fuego Metálico, Hood & Big Al are walking down another eerily deserted street.

JAKE
I'm so glad we had spare suits on the plane.

BLACK KAT
Right?

Ghost flies down, carrying BattleUnicorn, landing near the group.

GHOST
Wagwan?

JAKE
And I thought I was meant to be the lame one.

GHOST

You are.

BLACK KAT

Definitely.

JAKE

Whatever. What did you see up there?

GHOST

Looks pretty heavily guarded by grunts, but it's not even facing this way, so should be alright.

JAKE

Okay then, let's do this.

Jake offers his hand to Black Kat.

JAKE

Shall we?

Black Kat takes Jake's hand.

BLACK KAT

We'll deal with these, watch our backs.

FUEGO METALICO

Yes, ma'am.

Jake and Black Kat walk away hand-in-hand toward the enemies.

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS, TO ALL EXCEPT
JAKE & BLACK KAT)

What are you doing?! Over.

GHOST (INTO COMMS)

What do you mean?

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)

It's clearly a trap! There's a drone incoming.

Ghost, BattleUnicorn, Fuego Metálico, Hood & Big Al look very worried.

Jake & Black Kat are still walking away hand-in-hand toward the enemy.

GHOST (INTO COMMS)

Did you get that, Jake?

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)

Those suits weren't finished! They're not weaponised and don't have comms.

BATTLEUNICORN (INTO COMMS)

Oh no!

PROPHECY (VIA COMMS)

Oh yeah. And didn't you see the trebuchet three hundred metres to the West of where they're heading?

GHOST

Fuck!

FUEGO METALICO

Big Al, prepare IEDs. Hood, ready to fire them.

BIG AL

On it.

HOOD

Oui.

FUEGO METALICO

Ghost, can you fly?

GHOST

Out of fuel, I'm afraid.

FUEGO METALICO

Damn. We will stay here to protect the jet, with BattleUnicorn.

BattleUnicorn unsheathes her sword, looking very serious.

SFX:

Sword unsheathing

BATTLEUNICORN

They step too close, I will end them.

Ghost and Fuego Metálico look at each other, they appear concerned with BattleUnicorn's demeanour.

BattleUnicorn laughs sweetly.

EXT. CHINA, OUTSIDE LANGFANG – DAY

Jake and Black Kat are still holding hands, walking toward the enemies and the rail gun. They look around, admiring the area.

JAKE

It's nice around here.

BLACK KAT

Yeah. Except for the terrorists with high-tech weapons.

JAKE

Well yeah, but every area has some bad eggs.

BLACK KAT

You're not funny.

JAKE

I'm not wrong though.

Jake sees the trebuchet and a handful of people (terrorists & a queue of people) near it.

JAKE

What's that?

The trebuchet fires a person toward Jake and Black Kat.

BLACK KAT

The fuck?!

The person fired comes crunching down near Jake and Black Kat.

SFX:

Crunch

The trebuchet is re-loaded with another person.

One of the terrorists gives the signal to fire again. Just before it releases an arrow with an IED comes flying into shot and sticking into the back, near the (metal) weight (and away from the person).

The terrorists panic and the IED explodes.

SFX:

Boom!_____

The trebuchet breaks into pieces, with the person loaded as the projectile bumping to the ground hard, but otherwise unscathed.

SFX:

Thud

HUMAN PROJECTILE

Oof!

Jake and Black Kat look shocked and turn to see Hood and Big Al approaching.

JAKE

Thanks guys, I'll take it from here.

Jake looks at the terrorists fleeing and then the weight.

Hood and Big Al look concerned.

HOOD

Err--Jake--?

JAKE

One moment while I teach these guys a lesson.

Jake strikes his best serious superhero pose.

JAKE

Great Scott!

The suit does nothing, though Jake does not notice.

JAKE

Hmm--Must be heavier than it looks--No matter.

Jake aims his palms at the terrorists.

JAKE

Hadouken!

Nothing happens. Jake looks confused and re-aims his palms.

JAKE

Had-oo--ken!

BIG AL

Jake-

JAKE

Wait, I got this—

The terrorists notice that something is wrong and cautiously begin to return. Jake re-aims his palms.

JAKE

Get over here!

Nothing happens

BLACK KAT

Really, dumbass? This isn't a game.

Jake looks confused.

BLACK KAT

Your suit isn't working.

HOOD

It is not armed and has no communications.

More terrorists seem to realise something is not right with the heroes and begin closing in.

Jake looks embarrassed.

JAKE

I see—

The terrorists begin (indistinctly) talking among themselves about the situation.

BIG AL

We need to plan our escape.

JAKE

I have a plan--escape.

Jake turns and runs back toward the plane.

A terrorist sees this and takes aim at Jake, shooting but missing him.

Other terrorists aim to fire, but are met by arrows from Hood.

INT. TV STUDIO (CHAT SHOW) - NIGHT

Charles Gaumond and a TV TALK SHOW HOST are sat on the set of the Talk show host's show, laughing.

TV TALK SHOW HOST

--So you really don't like the Nerds?

TALK SHOW AUDIENCE

Fake "Boos"

GAUMOND

Laughs No, I think they're cowards--

EXT. CHINA, OUTSIDE LANGFANG - DAY

SFX:

Swoosh!

Black Kat flies over the terrorists, carrying Big Al. Big Al drops a sticky bomb on to a terrorist who panics and runs closer to other terrorists, who in turn, try to get away.

TERRORISTS

Screams

BIG AL

What a sticky situation

SFX

Boom!

BLACK KAT

That is hilarious!

INT. TV STUDIO (CHAT SHOW) - NIGHT

As previous.

GAUMOND

Insincere--

EXT. CHINA, OUTSIDE LANGFANG - DAY

As previous.

The previously mentioned drone approaches.

BattleUnicorn pushes a button within the jet.

The drone prepares to drop it's payload (missiles)

SFX:

Mechanical noise

Black Kat, Hood and Big Al are shocked.

Fuego Metálico and Ghost are shocked (at the drone), as Jake runs toward them.

Bullets fly, seemingly out of nowhere at the drone, exploding it.

SFX:

Trrrrrrrrrrrrr

SFX:

Ka-Boom!

Jake turns around to look at what just exploded, almost back at the jet.

FUEGO METALICO

What the--?

INT. TV STUDIO (CHAT SHOW) - NIGHT

As previous.

GAUMOND

--And destructive.

EXT. CHINA, OUTSIDE LANGFANG - DAY

As previous.

The Aimbot on the jet stops firing.

SFX:

Whirring

SFX:

Mechanical sound

BattleUnicorn pokes her head out of the jet.

BATTLEUNICORN

Hey guys!

JAKE

We did it!

Ghost and Fuego Metálico are livid with Jake.

GHOST

We--?! We?!

Ghost confronts Jake.

GHOST

If BattleUnicorn hadn't remembered we had the Aimbots on board the jet, we'd all be dead! So "We" can all thank her for saving us, as well as Hood and Big Al. Nothing from our fearless leader!

Hood, Black Kat and Big Al are approaching.

JAKE

Shut up, Casper. Know your place. I am the world's greatest superhero, not you.

GHOST

Well maybe the world no longer needs you.

Hood, Big Al & Fuego Metálico look at Jake, angrily while boarding the jet. Ghost turns and heads to board the jet.

GHOST

Asshole.

Ghost boards the jet. Jake is left alone outside with Black Kat.

JAKE

I'm not an asshole, am I?

BLACK KAT

Come one, asshole, let's get you home.

The jet engine roars.

SFX:

Engine rumble

Jake accepts this putdown and allows Black Kat to magnetise her suit to his, before flying away from the scene.

SFX:

Woosh!

INT. TV STUDIO (CHAT SHOW) - NIGHT

As previous.

GAUMOND

--So what I said at the expo was very serious.

The TV Talk Show Host looks concerned.

TV TALK SHOW HOST

You want the Nerds, our heroes, to die--?

TV SHOW AUDIENCE

Uneasy murmuring

Gaumond seems unfazed by this.

GAUMOND

Yeah. Not only that, but this--society we've built, one that can be dictated by--criminals.

TV TALK SHOW HOST (INTERRUPTING)

They're superheroes.

GAUMOND

Vigilante "justice" is a crime. They are violent criminals and I, for one, think it's time to start again.

TV TALK SHOW HOST

What do you mean?

GAUMOND

Put an end to this world and create anew.

TV Talk Show Host appears disturbed.

TV TALK SHOW HOST

But, why? Why take such extreme action?

GAUMOND

These so-called "heroes" run around, killing, maiming and adding to the chaos, yet get treated as kings and queens.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

Prophecy is sat at his desk, Wolf Star & Felix are near a table with the new super suit for Black Kat. Doc & Harry are near a table with blueprints on it.

The Nerds jet is inside Arcadia, with Ghost, Fuego Metálico, BattleUnicorn, Big Al and Hood safely off, with Silence disembarking.

BATTLEUNICORN
Honey, we're home!

FELIX
Hey guys!

WOLF STAR
We hear you had some--difficulties?

Black Kat and Jake approach from the main entrance.

GHOST (QUIETLY)
Jake being one of them.

JAKE
I heard that, dweeb! I get it, okay? I'm not like you guys, I'm not--a nerd.

GHOST
Mocking people for being intellectually superior is really stupid.

DOC
So stupid.

HARRY
Just the worst.

JAKE
I'm not mocking, it's--a compliment. People should be proud to be smart, to learn more.

BLACK KAT
Mmm--Hmm

JAKE
Hey! What do you call a group of nerds--?

Everyone except Jake looks confused.

JAKE
--A school!

Jake is overly-impressed with his joke. No one else laughs (initially), there is an awkward silence.

JAKE (CONT.)
Get it--? Like a school of fish--

PROPHECY
That is pretty funny--For you.

Doc, Harry and Wolf Star murmur in agreement.

BLACK KAT
Jake thought running away would scare off the enemy.

DOC
Sounds like Jake.

HARRY
Such a Green Lantern.

SILENCE (SIGNS)
Total Green Lantern.

JAKE
That's good though, right? He's a superhero.
Black Kat puts her hand on Jake's shoulder.

BLACK KAT
Sure he is--and Ryan Reynolds is a good actor.

Black Kat walks away, towards Prophecy.

Fuego Metálico, BattleUnicorn, Ghost, Hood & Big Al follow Black Kat.

Silence heads toward the table Wolf Star & Felix are around.

Jake is left standing alone, looking confused.

JAKE
What--?

PROPHECY
Gaumond very publically admitted he would like us dead, but

didn't go as far as saying he would be the one to pull the trigger.

BLACK KAT

He wouldn't have the balls for a fight.

PROPHECY

No, but he's looking for more of an--extermination.

Jake approaches Prophecy's desk.

JAKE

Well I'm going for a nap, wake me if you learn any more.

FUEGO METALICO

You're going to bed?

JAKE

Yeah--I'm tired.

BATTLEUNICORN

All that running must have tired you.

Jake pulls a playful cheeky face.

BLACK KAT

I'll join you soon. We all should, not slept much and sounds like we might need it.

Fuego Metálico & BattleUnicorn nod in agreement.

GHOST

Good idea, Kat. Let's grab some shut-eye.

Ghost turns to Prophecy.

GHOST (CONT.)

Prophecy, I'll stay on duty four the next few hours, if you want to go to bed yourself?

PROPHECY

Thank you, I think I will.

Prophecy slides his chair back and stands.

BATTLEUNICORN

Can I join you?

Everyone stops what they are doing and looks awkwardly at Prophecy.

PROPHECY

I guess so--But no funny business.

BATTLEUNICORN

Just sleep, snuggly, warm sleep.

PROPHECY

Oh god--Come on--

Prophecy and BattleUnicorn head toward the bedrooms.

HOOD

They are such a strange couple.

BIG AL

Agreed. Good night all.

BLACK KAT

Good night, Al. Night, everyone!

HARRY

Night, Kat.

Everyone, except Ghost head towards the bedrooms. The lights dim as they leave. Ghost takes his seat at the desk next to Prophecy's and begins typing.

INT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

Gaumond is dressed in an expensive suit, walking into the lab, with two surly, well-dressed bodyguards. He is greeted by a senior scientist (Dr. Jubb). There are several other scientists in the area (background, walking by), doing various lab tests.

DR. JUBB

Mr. Gaumond, what a pleasant surprise!

GAUMOND

The pleasure is all mine, Doctor Jubb. How are the kids?

DR. JUBB

Growing up faster every day. How can I help you, Sir?

GAUMOND

Well, I just wanted to see how our little project was coming along--

DR. JUBB

We are making excellent progress, tests are going well and we should be set to launch in less than six months.

Gaumond laughs. Gaumond turns around to his guards, laughing harder. The guards are unmoved. Gaumond turns back to Dr. Jubb, laughing maniacally in a clearly fake, over-the-top manner.

Gaumond takes a step toward Dr. Jubb.

GAUMOND

Six months--? Six!? Months!?

Dr. Jubb looks angered. Some of the other scientists are subtly looking over, curious.

DR. JUBB

We have it under control, with me in charge.

Gaumond puts his hand on Dr. Jubb's shoulder.

GAUMOND

Do you feel in charge--?

Dr. Jubb looks extremely nervous.

DR. JUBB

W-Well, after you of course, Sir.

Gaumond stares angrily in Dr. Jubb's eyes.

GAUMOND

Yes, well, show that. Speed things up.

Gaumond takes his hand off Dr. Jubb's shoulder and turns, leaving.

GAUMOND

I expect to see a lot of progress by the end of the week!

DR. JUBB

But--

GAUMOND

Goodbye, Dr. Jubb.

Gaumond and his security leave the lab.

Dr. Jubb looks around at everyone now staring at him.

DR. JUBB

What are you all looking at? Get back to work!

The other scientists quickly get back to working.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

Ghost is still typing/hacking at his desk. Prophecy (dressed in dressing gown and slippers) walks through from the bedrooms, into the main base toward Ghost.

GHOST

Hey, you back?

PROPHECY

Well I haven't got my super suit on for nothing--

Ghost laughs, as Prophecy take the seat next to him.

GHOST

Okay, well I'll leave you to it. The others will probably be back soon.

Ghosts begins walking toward the bedrooms.

PROPHECY

If not, I'll bamboozle the enemy with my Javascript skills and fluency in Klingon.

Ghost laughs again. Prophecy is typing / hacking.

GHOST

Night!

PROPHECY

Buenas noches.

Prophecy begins humming a song to himself.

PROPHECY (TO SELF/UNDER BREATH)

What the--? Come on--

Prophecy types / hacks and puts on his headset.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

PROPHECY

Good day, Blue Tiger.

BLUE TIGER

Hello, who is this--?

PROPHECY

I am a representative of the Nerds.

BLUE TIGER

I see--How can I help?

PROPHECY

I notice from the private messages of--certain individuals, that there seems to be some sort of mass protest being planned--

BLUE TIGER

Yes! It's going to show the world we can make positive changes, to show Charles Gaumond we are good people.

PROPHECY

Yeah--Don't do that.

BLUE TIGER

But--

PROPHECY

Just don't. If Gaumond sees that hundreds of superheroes are gathered in one area, what do you think he will do?

BLUE TIGER

He might--

PROPHECY (INTERUPTING)

He will destroy them. The fact it is a global event will have little impact on someone with such resources. Do not do this.

BLUE TIGER

I will tell them what you have told me, but I fear it may be hard to convince them.

PROPHECY

Then make sure to tell them goodbye.

There is silence between them.

PROPHECY (CONT.)

Goodbye, Blue Tiger.

BLUE TIGER

Goodbye, guardian angel.

INT. WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

One of Gaumond's security guards (GAUMOND GUARD #1) from before (dressed in suit) is tied to a chair in the middle of the warehouse, looking as though he has been beaten up.

FEARLESS (Below average height, 30's, white, shaven head, scarred. Dressed in black jeans, black boots, black leather jacket. "Fear" tattooed on right fingers, "less" tattooed on his left fingers) enters, carrying a sawn-off shotgun. He is walking toward GAUMOND GUARD #1.

FEARLESS

Wake up, asshole!

Gaumond Guard #1 looks up, smiling through bloodied teeth. He spits out blood.

GAUMOND GUARD #1

I wondered when you'd be back to play.

FEARLESS

Don't pretend to be a tough guy now, you were crying your eyes out earlier.

GAUMOND GUARD #1

I-I had something in my eye--

Fearless chuckles to himself.

FEARLESS

Is that so?

Fearless places his shotgun on a nearby table and continues toward Gaumond Guard #1.

Fearless punches Gaumond Guard #1 hard in the face, causing him to topple backwards to the floor (still tied in chair), hitting his head.

SFX:
Crack!

SFX:
Thud!

GAUMOND GUARD #1
Urrgh!

Fearless pulls Gaumond Guard #1 back upright by his shirt.

FEARLESS
Tell me what I need to know to get past Epoch security and I'll make your death quick.

GAUMOND GUARD #1
Such an tempting offer--

Fearless picks up his shotgun.

FEARLESS
Last chance before it's slow--

Gaumond Guard smirks at Fearless.

FEARLESS
Alright--

Fearless aims his shotgun at Gaumond Guard #1's foot and shots it off.

SFX:
Shotgun blast

GAUMOND GUARD #1
Arrgh!

FEARLESS

Shall we try that again--?

GAUMOND GUARD #1
Fuck you!

Fearless aims the shotgun at Gaumond Guard #1's other foot.

GAUMOND GUARD #1
Okay, okay, okay! I'll tell you--

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

Prophecy is sat at his desk as usual as the other heroes emerge one-by-one from the bedrooms.

Black Kat approaches Prophecy.

BLACK KAT
Hey, Prophecy.

PROPHECY
Hullo, Miss.

BLACK KAT
Any news--?

PROPHECY
Not really. Superheroes around the world are going to gather in protest of Charles Gaumond's rousing speech--

Ghost seemingly overhears and walks over to Prophecy and Black Kat.

PROPHECY
--On a related note, one of Gaumond's top security chaps appears to have taken an uncharacteristic vacation.

GHOST
Is it part of a plan?

PROPHECY
Hard to say--I don't think so, but the more I dig, the more unhinged he presents as.

GHOST
How so?

Jake walks over to Prophecy, Black Kat & Ghost, putting his arm around Black Kat.

BLACK KAT
Unhand me, beast!

Jake takes his arm away from Black Kat.

PROPHECY
He seems to have taken a liking to pseudoscience. He has people "researching" inter-dimensional travel, immortality and time-travel.

JAKE
Time-travel?

Ghost, Black Kat & Prophecy share mischievous glances.

BLACK KAT
Well, yeah, but I mean we've already perfected time-travel.

GHOST
Clearly. Maybe he just wants a smoother ride, or something?

JAKE
Wait, time-travel is real--?

PROPHECY
Well yes Jake. How do you think terrorist attacks are stopped?

JAKE
I thought--maybe, like--surveillance and intelligence, or something--?

PROPHECY
That would take hundreds of man-hours.

JAKE
Mental what people can do now--

Ghost, Black Kat & Prophecy look at each other again.

Fuego Metálico approaches Jake, Ghost, Black Kat & Prophecy.

FUEGO METALICO
Hey guys, what's going on?

JAKE

We're just talking about time-travelling bad guys.

Fuego Metálico bursts out laughing.

FUEGO METALICO

Can you imagine? Even with all this technology, we'd have no chance.

JAKE

What--?

Prophecy, Black Kat & Ghost burst out laughing at Jake.

Jake looks embarrassed.

JAKE

Oh you guys are just arseholes.

Jake storms off, angrily.

FUEGO METALICO

He did not like your joke.

PROPHECY

If I cared what he thought, I'd feel bad.

Prophecy continues typing/hacking.

Ghost and Black Kat look at each other.

BLACK KAT

Urgh! Fine! I'll go talk to him.

Black Kat walks away, following Jake.

BLACK KAT (MUTTERING)

Cry baby.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) (JAKE & BLACK KAT'S BEDROOM) - DAY

The bedroom is huge and although quite minimalistic, very nice and classy.

Jake is sat on the Queen-size bed, drinking a glass of whisky.

Black Kat enters.

BLACK KAT

Why so butt-hurt?

Jake looks toward Black Kat as she sits next to him, he looks angry.

JAKE

Why? Because I've made all this happen [indicating to the base]. I created the world's first real-life superhero team and I am the biggest hero in the world, a legend.

Black Kat looks gob-smacked.

BLACK KAT

Are you serious? You're the biggest loser in the world, a bell-end. You arrogant fucking prick!

JAKE

Y--

BLACK KAT (INTERRUPTING)

We made this happen! We created the world's first real-life superhero team!

Black Kat stands

BLACK KAT (CONT.)

We [indicating toward the door (into the main base)] are the biggest heroes in the world, Jake. If you don't want to be part of that and go it alone, that's fine,

Black Kat leans in toward Jake's face.

BLACK KAT (CONT.)

--but don't you think for one second that you can take me with you.

Jake looks sorry for himself.

JAKE

I'm sorry.

BLACK KAT

You are so close to being alone, Jake. Just drifting away from those you love and who love you.

Black Kat begins to walk away, toward the door.

Jake looks sadly at her.

BLACK KAT

It was a joke, grow up.

Black Kat leaves the room, closing the door firmly behind her.

Jake looks very sad and lonely.

INT. EPOCH OFFICE - DAY

Gaumont is sat at a large desk in the dark, typing/hacking. He has an evil smirk on his face.

Gaumont pauses for a moment. He hovers his finger over the "Enter" button.

GAUMOND

--Aaaand now.

Gaumont presses the "Enter" key.

INT. NUCLEAR REACTOR, PAKISTAN - NIGHT

CAPTION

NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, PAKISTAN

Alarms are sounding/flashng at the power plant. Employees (mostly nuclear scientists) are looking worried and talking incoherently.

INT. NUCLEAR REACTOR, FRANCE - DAY

CAPTION

NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, FRANCE

Alarms are sounding/flashng at the power plant. Employees (mostly nuclear scientists) are looking worried and talking incoherently.

INT. EPOCH OFFICE - DAY

As previous.

Gaumont is sat back laughing maniacally.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

Prophecy is typing at his computer, with Ghost and Fuego Metálico

nearby. Prophecy looks shocked.

FUEGO METALICO

What's wrong, my friend?

PROPHECY

Someone has just tried to cause meltdowns in two nuclear power stations.

GHOST

Tried?

PROPHECY

Yeah, I stopped them.

Black Kat and Wolf Star approach Prophecy, Ghost and Fuego Metálico.

WOLF STAR

Wasn't that hard?

PROPHECY

Super-easy, barely an inconvenience.

GHOST

We all know who it was, I trust?

FUEGO METALICO

Our arch-nemesis, Gaumond.

There is an awkward silence.

BLACK KAT

That--

WOLF STAR

Yeah--

FUEGO METALICO

It didn't feel right as I was saying it.

GHOST

It sounds like he should be dressed in a dark red rubber suit--

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTAIN TOP - NIGHT

Gaumond dressed in a dark red rubber suit, with cape and wearing a metal helmet of the same colour, on top of a mountain, laughing, while lightning strikes behind him.

GHOST (CONT. VO)

--With a red helmet, matching cape and helmet. He's be on top of a mountain, laughing like a mad scientist.

CUT TO:

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY

That sounded a bit--

BLACK KAT

Jake--

GHOST

Eww--!

FUEGO METALICO

It's true.

BLACK KAT

Anyway--He's not going to stop now, especially now he knows we're on to him.

GHOST

No, he might even take it up a notch.

WOLF STAR

Take it up? He just tried to blow up two nuclear stations.

PROPHECY

We can't rule anything out.

INT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

A large white door beeps from the other side as some gains entry. The door opens revealing Fearless, dressed in a lab jacket he acquired.

He looks around.

Fearless soon finds what he is looking for – A giant rocket missile.

FEARLESS
Oh my god--

GAUMOND GUARD #2
Hey!

Fearless turns quickly, pulling and firing a handgun, he had concealed in his belt at the source of the noise. Along with Gaumond Guard #2, there is another, younger guard and Dr. Jubb.

SFX:
Semi-automatic pistol shot

Gaumond Guard #2 is hit in the shoulder by the bullet.

GAUMOND GUARD #2
Arrgh!

Gaumond Guard #2 takes a shot at Fearless, who does not even try to dodge the shot.

SFX:
Semi-automatic pistol shot

The shot misses and Fearless shoots again, killing Gaumond Guard #2 with the bullet straight to the head.

As the body of Gaumond Guard #2 hits the floor, the other younger guard draws his gun, looking quite nervous. Dr. Jubb looks serious/unconcerned by Gaumond Guard #2's death.

FEARLESS
Put the gun down, son. You don't have to do this.

The young guard nervously raises the gun to aim at Fearless.

DR. JUBB
Just shoot him!

SFX:
Semi-automatic pistol shot

The young guard looks shocked.

YOUNG GUARD

Gasps

Fearless is stood with his gun aimed at the young guard, clearly having just shot.

FEARLESS (To Dr. Jubb)

What is his plan?

Dr. Jubb smiles at Fearless before laughing.

EXT. CAPITOL BUILDING, WASHINGTON D.C. - DAY

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CAPITOL BUILDING
WASHINGTON D.C., UNITED STATES

There are armed Police on the steps, as hundreds of civilians (some armed) protest against the N.E.R.D.S. below. Several are carrying signs, many are shouting. Some of the Police are also armed with tear gas. Several in the crowd are filming on their phones.

SFX:

Indistinct crowd shouting

There is a POLICE LIEUTENANT with a megaphone stood among the armed Police. Another POLICE OFFICER approaches the Police Lieutenant.

POLICE OFFICER #1

This is getting out of hand.

The Police Lieutenant looks at the Police Officer angrily.

POLICE LIEUTENANT

It's under control.

The Police Lieutenant raises the megaphone to his mouth to address the crowd.

POLICE LIEUTENANT

Disperse immediately, or tear gas will be used.

The crowd get louder and sound angrier.

POLICE OFFICER #1

Yeah, that'll calm them down--

A PROTESTER (White, overweight, with neck beard, wearing shades) emerges near the front of the crowd.

PROTESTER #1

We are the victims here! Those--Nerds just destroy and kill and move on!

The crowd shout in support.

The Police Lieutenant looks nervously toward the Police Officer.

The Police Lieutenant raises the megaphone to his mouth again.

POLICE LIEUTENANT

Disperse immediately, or tear gas will be used. This is your final warning.

POLICE OFFICER #1

You are going to get us killed.

POLICE LIEUTENANT

Watch who you're talking to, rookie.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

Prophecy and Ghost are sat typing/hacking as Black Kat, Fuego Metálico, BattleUnicorn and Silence are sat around a table, playing poker. Wolf Star, Felix & Big Al are in the background working on super-suits. Doc and Harry are sat playing chess.

Jake enters the main base and smiles at Black Kat who ignores him.

BATTLEUNICORN

Hi, Jakey!

JAKE

Hey, BattleUnicorn.

Jake looks around the room.

JAKE (CONT.)

I'm going out for a bit, does anyone need anything?

No one says anything, but Silence shakes an empty can of Coke at Jake.

JAKE

Alright.

PROPHECY

Seriously? You took the last one again?

Silence looks embarrassed.

PROPHECY (CONT.)

You know that means you have to replace.

Silence sighs and grabs his coat.

Jake and Silence head to the giant lift in the base.

Ghost looks intrigued by something.

PROPHECY

What is it?

GHOST

American social media is lighting up with the news of protests--

PROPHECY

So what's new--?

GHOST

It's against us.

PROPHECY

Ah! Let's hope no one does anything stupid--

EXT. CAPITOL BUILDING, WASHINGTON D.C. - DAY

As previous

A bright glow engulfs the sky, as everyone (crowd & police) look up to see what caused it. An object comes swooping down from the sky (LIBERTY EAGLE; American, Black, 30's in gold eagle-esque armoured flying super-suit. Two golden handguns are holstered at his side) before superhero landing at the front of the Police line, facing toward the crowd.

EXT. CAPITOL BUILDING, WASHINGTON D.C. (IN CROWD)– DAY

PROTESTER #2
It's Liberty Eagle!

PROTESTER #3
Who cares? His "superpower" is he shoots people who don't agree with him.

EXT. CAPITOL BUILDING, WASHINGTON D.C. – DAY

LIBERTY EAGLE
Normal citizens! It is I, your hero, Liberty Eagle!

PROTESTER #3
Shut up!

Liberty Eagle tries to hide his disgust with a fake laugh.

LIBERTY EAGLE
Now, now. I'm here to talk to you about superhero rights--
The crowd get angrier.

CROWD
Boooo!

SFX
Indistinct angry crowd

POLICE LIEUTENANT (TO LIBERTY EAGLE)
You should listen to them.

LIBERTY EAGLE
You should eat a dick, pig!

POLICE LIEUTENANT

Hey! I'm not the one who they're protesting against. Leave now, or I'll be forced to arrest you.

Liberty Eagle laughs in the Police Lieutenant's face.

LIBERTY EAGLE

Arrest me? I'm in charge.

Liberty Eagle pulls his guns out of their holsters and aims them at the Police Lieutenant.

All the Police in the immediate vicinity (about twenty) un-holster and aim their weapons at Liberty Eagle, including Police Lieutenant.

POLICE LIEUTENANT

Drop the weapons!

LIBERTY EAGLE

I'll drop you!

PROTESTER #1

If you can't stop these criminals, we'll have to!

The armed protesters aim their weapons at Liberty Eagle.

POLICE LIEUTENANT

No!

Liberty Eagle turns his aim toward the crowd, who open fire on him. Some of the shot hit his (bulletproof) suit, others miss completely, hitting Police.

SFX

Semi-automatic rifle shots

Handgun shots

Bullets hitting metal

POLICE OFFICER #2

Argh!

Liberty Eagle shoots a handful of civilians. The Police return fire and shoot tear gas into the crowd.

SFX

Handgun shots

Tear gas being launched and dispersed

CROWD

Screams

PROTESTER #1

Argh!

POLICE OFFICER #3

Argh!

PROTESTER #4

Urgh!

The shooting continues and Liberty Eagle is fatally wounded, along with several citizens and Police.

SFX

Semi-automatic rifle shots

Handgun shots

Bullets hitting metal

PROTESTER #5

Hurgh!

POLICE OFFICER #4

Urgh!

LIBERTY EAGLE

Urgh!

PROTESTER #6

Argh!

POLICE LIEUTENANT

Cease fire! Cease fire!

As the final Police shots are fired, it is apparent that the situation has quickly gone from bad to worse. Some of the tear gas has now dissipated and there are several citizens laying dead or wounded, as well as a handful of Police and Liberty Eagle himself. Four or five citizens are comforting the wounded and crying over the dead. Nine citizens are still nearby filming on their phones.

POLICE LIEUTENANT

Shit--

EXT. BERLIN STREET, GERMANY - DAY

CAPTION

Berlin, Germany

There are dozens of Police Officers arresting dozens of superheroes (primarily previously seen). Blue Tiger is one being bundled into a Police van by GERMAN POLICE OFFICER #1.

SFX

Indistinct shouting

Indistinct Police radio chatter

BLUE TIGER

Hey! Please! We are innocent!

SFX

Distant scream

A Molotov cocktail hits an empty Police car behind Blue Tiger and the Police Officer arresting him.

GERMAN POLICE OFFICER #1

We are just following orders.

BLUE TIGER

I know where we've heard that before--

Blue Tiger gets into the back of the van where four other (previously seen in Germany)superheroes are already detained.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

Ghost & Prophecy are at their computers whilst all the other members are gathered nearer than before.

GHOST

This situation is getting out of hand--

PROPHECY

--And spreading. Hatred for superheroes is growing.

BLACK KAT

Fuck! Fucking normies.

DOC

Is Silence gonna be alright out there--?

FELIX

He's with Jake.

HARRY

Exactly.

BIG AL

He's doomed.

WOLF STAR

Jake's not that bad--

There is an awkward silence throughout Arcadia.

WOLF STAR (CONT. SHEEPISHLY)

--He's not totally useless--

There is an awkward silence throughout Arcadia.

WOLF STAR (CONT. QUIET)

--Not all of the time.

BATTLEUNICORN

I like Jake!

GHOST

You like everyone.

BATTLEUNICORN

Not everyone--I hate bad guys.

BLACK KAT

She's got you there.

GHOST

True. Anyway, I'll let them know to keep a look out.

FUEGO METALICO

Is there anyone who can identify where we're based?

PROPHECY

If there is, it's the one guy instigating the war against us.

FUEGO METALICO

I see.

FELIX

Can we get anyone on the inside?

GHOST

That place is locked down tight. We'd need a small army.

There is a short silence.

DOC

We have a small army.

HARRY

Quite a big one, really.

GHOST

A small army of ninjas--Or like, actual ex-special forces guys.
More subtle than us.

INT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

Dr. Jubb is duct-taped to a chair in the middle of the room, with cuts and bruises all over his face. It would appear that Fearless has been beating Dr. Jubb for information.

There are five other Scientists / Lab Technicians cowering in a corner, away from the door. There is a large computer console, used to launch the rocket.

Fearless is stood, gun in hand, looking confused.

FEARLESS

--That's insane.

DR. JUBB

It's the ultimate show of power.

FEARLESS

To blow up the moon! No, that is just insane.

DR. JUBB

In the nineteen-fifties, the United States government planned something similar.

FEARLESS

But they didn't go ahead with it! It could kill a lot of people.

DR. JUBB

Blowing it up completely would likely kill everyone.

FEARLESS

Then why are you doing this?

DR. JUBB

Maybe I'm crazy--Maybe I've had enough of life--Who knows?

FEARLESS

How do I stop it?

Dr. Jubb bursts out laughing, maniacally.

DR. JUBB

You can't stop this.

Dr. Jubb leans forward.

DR. JUBB (CONT.)

--And we're not going to help you.

Fearless punches Dr. Jubb hard in the face.

SFX:

Punch

DR. JUBB

Urgh!

Dr, Jubb spits out some blood.

DR. JUBB

Besides, it's on a timer, with a biometric override only.

Fearless looks as though he is thinking. He pulls out a large knife, Dr. Jubb looking scared.

Fearless cuts Dr. Jubb free and grabs him by the back of the neck, dragging him towards the console. Fearless spots what appears to be a fingerprint scanner and grabs Dr. Jubbs finger, breaking it in the process and slamming it down on to the scanner.

SFX:

Small bone breaking

DR. JUBB
Argh!

SFX:
Thud

The scanner does not accept the fingerprint and gives a negative beep, while flashing red.

SFX:
Negative beep

Dr. Jubb laughs.

Fearless sees what appears to be a facial recognition scanner and drags Dr. Jubb over to it, slamming his face on to the scanner.

SFX:
Thud!

DR. JUBB
Urgh!

The scanner does not accept Dr. Jubb's face and gives a negative beep, while flashing red.

SFX:
Negative beep

FEARLESS
Why isn't it working?

Dr. Jubb smiles with bloodied teeth.

DR. JUBB
It's not my biometrics that can override it--

EXT. SOUTHERN OR EASTERN UK CITY STREET - DAY

Jake and Silence are driving in a bright yellow supercar (Lamborghini or Bugatti-esque) (Jake driving) and they approach a space easily big enough to park in. Jake attempts to parallel-park in the space. He fails, now holding up traffic.

Jake looks at Silence, who is staring at him, disapprovingly.

JAKE

What? Don't look at me like that.

Jake tries again. He fails again.

Silence is shaking his head at Jake.

JAKE

Oh like you could do better.

Other cars behind them now begin beeping their horns.

SFX:

Car horns

Silence signs "Just park elsewhere."

JAKE

Park elsewhere? Like where?

Silence shrugs.

SFX:

Car horns

JAKE

Fine.

Jake drives away from the space. The car behind immediately and quickly parks in the space with ease.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) – DAY

As previous.

A mobile phone on the desk in between Prophecy and Ghost rings with Rick Astley's Never Gonna Give You Up as the ringtone, startling all. Ghost and Prophecy are especially shocked.

There is a pause.

BATTLEUNICORN

Guys--Your phone is ringing.

GHOST
Yeah--

BIG AL
What's wrong?

BLACK KAT
Not many people have that number.

FELIX
How many is "not many"?

BLACK KAT
No one outside this room--Except The Silence.

FELIX
Oh--

GHOST
Yeah--
Prophecy tentatively picks up the phone and answers it.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

PROPHECY
Hello--

INT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

As previous.

FEARLESS
We don't have a lot of time--

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY
Who is this?

FEARLESS
That doesn't matter. I'm in Epoch Labs and on your side.

PROPHECY
What is Gaumond's plan?

N.E.R.D.S. π – Andrew M. Ward

INT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) – DAY

As previous. There is a commotion in the background of the lab, as guards try to break into the room Fearless is in.

SFX:
Muffled yelling

SFX:
Muffled banging

FEARLESS
Now this is gonna sound crazy--

PROPHECY
Try me--

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) – DAY

As previous.
Prophecy is in stunned silence.

Guards can be heard successfully breaking into the room Fearless is in, followed by gunshots.

SFX:
Metal door crashing open

SFX:
Indistinct yelling x 3 voices

SFX:
Handgun shots
Semi-automatic gunshots

PROPHECY (QUIETLY)
Bye--

Prophecy hangs up the call.

END OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

The other Nerds in the room look awkwardly at Prophecy and each other.

HARRY
Who was that?

DOC

What is the plan?

Prophecy looks uncharacteristically terrified.

GHOST

It can't be that bad—

Prophecy looks at Ghost as if to say "You have no idea (how wrong you are)"

BLACK KAT

What? What is it?

Prophecy looks at Black Kat with tears in his eyes.

PROPHECY

He--Charles Gaumond is going to--to--blow up the moon.

WOLF STAR

Oh my god—

BLACK KAT

That's insane.

PROPHECY

That's not even the worst part—

FELIX

How is that not the worst part?

PROPHECY

He's rigged it so that only his biometrics can stop it.

DOC

Ah! Yeah--

HARRY

Yep, that's worse.

FUEGO METALICO

What can we do?

GHOST

Pray.

EXT. SOUTHERN OR EASTERN UK CITY STREET - DAY

Jake is sat in the car listening to the radio, waiting for Silence to return.

The radio makes a static sound.

SFX:
Radio static

Jake's car radio has been hacked and Ghost's voice comes through.

GHOST (THROUGH RADIO)
Jake. Jake, it's Ghost.

Jake looks confused.

JAKE
What the--?

GHOST
Jake, there's not much time, not that we can really do anything

JAKE
How--Are you doing this?

There is a pause.

GHOST
Are you serious? What do I do better than anyone--?

JAKE
Oh yeah--

GHOST
Anyway--Gaumond is going to blow up the moon using a rocket launched from Epoch Labs.

JAKE
Blow up the moon? You must think I'm unbelievably gullible.

GHOST
I know why you'd think that, but I swear it's true.

JAKE
I'm not falling for your stupid jokes.

GHOST
I would swear on Mum and Dad's lives if they were still here.

JAKE

I'll be there soon. Ready the jet.

INT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

Fearless is pacing up and down. Dr. Jubb grinning at him.

SFX:

Mid-distant helicopter

DR. JUBB

So what now--?

FEARLESS

Shut up!

DR. JUBB

Well that's uncalled for, Mr.--What do I call you.

Fearless is silent, still pacing.

DR. JUBB

Fine. I'll call you--"Fearless", because you're brave.
Stupid, but brave.

SFX:

Mid-range helicopter

Fearless grabs Dr. Jubb by the wrists (still duct-taped)
and screams in his face.

FEARLESS

Shut the fuck up!

Dr. Jubb laughs again and Fearless punches him again.

SFX:

Punch

DR. JUBB

Urgh!

Fearless stops as though he heard something.

SFX:

Near helicopter

Fearless looks over to the other Scientists, who are

looking out the large window.

Fearless looks out of the window to see a helicopter flying relatively close to the building. The side door is open, with a blonde woman, 30's, dressed in an American flag printed leather cat suit. She is holding a rocket launcher.

SCIENTIST #1
It's The American Dream!

SCIENTIST #2
She'll save us!

The helicopter continues to go up the side of the building, out of sight.

SCIENTIST #1
Hey! Where's she going?

FEARLESS
She's not here for you--

INT. LARGE OFFICE (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

Charles Gaumond is stood holding a handgun, looking out of a large window in his office, expectantly.

SFX:
Nearby helicopter

The American Dream's helicopter appears in sight.

CHARLES GAUMOND
Ah! The American Dream. I wondered which of you "superheroes" would be first. Didn't think it would be you.

American Dream aims her rocket launcher.

AMERICAN DREAM
Give yourself up, Gaumond. No one else needs to get hurt.

Charles Gaumond gives an evil smile.

CHARLES GAUMOND
Well, though that is very tempting. I disagree.

Gaumond quickly aims at the helicopter pilot.

AMERICAN DREAM

No!

Gaumond shoots the helicopter pilot, killing him.

SFX:

Handgun shot

HELICOPTER PILOT

Argh!

EXT. HELICOPTER NR. LARGE OFFICE (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES)

- DAY

The helicopter immediately tilts wildly, American Dream is thrown back wards into the helicopter, accidentally firing the rocket launcher up toward the building as she does.

SFX:

Helicopter warning sounds

SFX:

Helicopter tilting

AMERICAN DREAM

Arrgh!

SFX:

Rocket launcher firing

The rocket hits the building, but a few floors higher and at an angle, causing less damage than anticipated.

SFX:

Rocket launcher explosion

SFX:

Screams from people above (and below)

SFX:

Debris falling

SFX:

Helicopter warning sounds

SFX:
Helicopter falling

INT. HELICOPTER NR. LARGE OFFICE (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES)
– DAY

American Dream is aboard the falling helicopter.

SFX:
Helicopter warning sounds

American Dream is worried.

AMERICAN DREAM
Oh god, no.

American Dream takes out her mobile phone and starts streaming to her followers with an over-the-top fake voice.

AMERICAN DREAM
Hey guys! Yeah, so, like, I'm angry--

EXT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) – DAY

Jake and Silence arrive in the supercar (from previous), with no sign of the jet, just open fields.

JAKE
What the--?

SILENCE signs "What?"

JAKE
I asked them to get the jet ready.

Silence looks at Jake like he's an idiot and shakes his head.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) – DAY

Jake and Silence enter, with the other Nerds stood around suited up, like they were waiting for them.

Silence heads straight for the jet.

JAKE

What? Why's the jet not ready, I thought we were in a hurry--?

FELIX

We are.

BIG AL

Silence is the only one who can fly--

Jake looks embarrassed.

JAKE

Oh, yeah--Guess I'll--Err--Get my--

BLACK KAT

Get your god-damn suit on, Jake!

HARRY

Epoch Tech has been attacked by The American Dream, but she--

Harry looks sad, BattleUnicorn comforts him.

HOOD

She made the ultimate sacrifice.

Jake silently nods and slinks away to put his super-suit on.

EXT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

Jake, Black Kat, Ghost, Fuego Metálico & Wolf Star exit the jet (Silence & Felix still onboard). There is somewhat of a media circus. Members of the press (TV Reporters, camerapeople etc.), police and the public are everywhere. There is a huge rocket in the middle-distance.

There is some debris on the ground near the building.

SFX:

Indistinct chatter of the crowd

GHOST

Jeez.

CAMERAPERSON #1 (OS)

There he is!

Charles Gaumond is being led out of the building by Police. He is handcuffed. The press immediately try to gain a better vantage point and get a soundbite. Some public are filming on their phones.

SFX:

Indistinct chatter of the press and public

Gaumond seems happy to see them.

CHARLES GAUMOND

Imbeciles! Even in these constraints you can't stop me!

FUEGO METALICO

He's right. Without his biometrics, we're doomed.

JAKE (to Wolf Star)

Can you stop it?

WOLF STAR

Not this, Jake. I'm a Rocket Scientist, not a God.

Fearless is being led out by police, also handcuffed.

BLACK KAT (into comms)

Prophecy, who's that?

PROPHECY (via comms)

I believe it's the chap who called us.

BLACK KAT (into comms)

I see.

BLACK KAT

It's the man who brought us here.

Jake, Ghost, Fuego Metálico & Wolf Star nod in admiration.

Fearless sees the Nerds.

FEARLESS (To Nerds)

You need to stop it! Get on it! You have to try!

The press and public see the nerds and turn to film and interview them.

SFX:

Indistinct chatter of press / public

JAKE (Quietly, to self)
Get on it?

JAKE
Ghost, Fuego; You guys talk to this lot.

GHOST
Okay--

JAKE
Wolf, which part of that is the missile?

WOLF STAR
The very top, why?

BLACK KAT
What are you going to do?

JAKE
I'm going to try.

Jake kisses Black Kat and runs back into the jet.

BLACK KAT
Where's he going?

Jake emerges from the back of the jet, driving the supercar from previous. "The Final Countdown" by Europe plays.

SFX:
Loud supercar driving

Jake speeds toward the rocket.

The ground rumbles, as the rocket prepares to launch.

SFX:
Rumble

PUBLIC #1

What was that?

The rumbling continues, people start to panic.

Jake goes even faster.

INT. SUPERCAR – DAY

JAKE (to self)
Come on! Come on!

Jake nears the rocket and unbuckles his seatbelt.

He opens the sunroof and places the shopping from earlier
on the accelerator.

EXT. SUPERCAR – DAY

SFX:
Supercar speeding

SFX:
Rumble

Jake climbs out of the sunroof, on to the roof.

The car is very close to the rocket now. There is smoke
coming from the bottom of the rocket and the rumbling is
intense. He aims his hands down at the car.

JAKE
Great Scott.

Jake immediately positions himself so his body is facing
the rocket and his palms are away, though now attached to
the car.

JAKE
Hadouken!

Jake flies toward the rocket, the car being sent
backwards.

JAKE
Arrrrgh! Great Scott!

Jake clings on to the rocket.

EXT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

Everyone, the press, the public, the police and even the Nerds are stood gob-smacked as they see Jake fly toward the rocket leaving his supercar in a heap behind.

EXT. ROCKET - DAY

Jake is about a quarter of the way up the rocket. There is a lot more smoke coming from the bottom and the rumbling is very intense.

SFX:
Rumble

JAKE (into comms)
Prophecy! I need to climb up this thing!

PROPHECY (via comms)
Use Alpha and Delta. Alpha to move your left, Delta for right.

JAKE (into comms)
Thank you.

JAKE
Alpha.

SFX:
Rumble!

Jake almost falls, hanging by his right hand.

JAKE
Argh!

Jake manages to move it higher, where it sticks again.

JAKE
Delta.

Jake moves it right hand higher.

Jake soon gets the hang of it and clambers up the rocket.

SFX:
Rumble!

JAKE
Alpha. Delta. Alpha. Delta.

Jake makes it nearly to the top, though not quite the warhead. There is a lot of smoke now emanating from the bottom of the rocket.

The rocket launches.

SFX:
Rocket launching

JAKE
Oh no--

EXT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

Everyone, the press, the public, the police and even the Nerds are stood gob-smacked as they see Jake. Many are still recording, including Public #2. Silence and Felix are now off the jet.

SFX:
Indistinct chatter

SFX:
Mid-distant Rocket launching

PUBLIC #2 (to followers (on phone))
Oh my god! The Jake from The Nerds is holding on to a rocket that is going to blow up the moon! This is so crazy!

WOLF STAR (to Black Kat)
What does he think he can do when he reaches it?

BLACK KAT (looking worried)
I don't know.

EXT. ROCKET - DAY

As previous, Jake is still clinging on.

SFX:

Rocket flying

JAKE

Arrrrrggh!

The rocket flies up into the air, toward space and ultimately, the moon.

EXT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

As previous.

BLACK KAT (into comms)

Prophecy, what can we do?

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

Prophecy is sat at his desk, with the other Nerds who did not go surrounding him, looking sad.

PROPHECY (into comms)

You're on loudspeaker, Ma'am, but honestly, I--

Prophecy looks around the group for answers. They look sad, some shaking their heads.

PROPHECY (into comms, cont.)

--We don't know. I'm so sorry.

EXT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

As previous.

BLACK KAT (into comms)

You do not need to apologise.
Without you, we could not have
done what we have. Without any
of you.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous, only the Nerds re looking slightly happier, more appreciative (hands on shoulders, slight (forced) smile etc.)

BLACK KAT (via comms, cont.)
The world owes you a debt
of gratitude. You gave
your time, your skills--

EXT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) – DAY

As previous.

Black Kat has tears in her eyes.

Black Kat sees the rocket Jake is holding on to in the distance, high above the Earth, heading up.

BLACK KAT (into comms, cont.)
--Your lives.

Black Kat looks to Wolf Star.

BLACK KAT
I have to help him.

WOLF STAR
Help him do what?

BLACK KAT
Come back down to Earth.

WOLF STAR
What do you--?

Black Kat flies up into the sky, towards Jake's trajectory.

WOLF STAR
--Oh--

EXT. ROCKET – DAY

As previous.

The rocket is now entering space.

JAKE (to self)
Come on Jake, you can do this.

Lower parts of the rocket (boosters) fall off.

Jake sees them fall.

JAKE (to self)
ARRRRGHHH!! Oh fuck, oh fuck, oh no!
What am I doing? Oh no, oh god, Allah,
Stephen Hawking, help me. Please!

There is a brief moment of calm.

The warhead separates from the part of the rocket Jake is
holding on to, which starts falling back down to Earth.

JAKE
What the--?
ARRRGHH!!

EXT. SKY (BELOW ROCKET) - DAY

Black Kat is flying up toward Jake.

BLACK KAT (into comms)
Jake, it's me.

JAKE (via comms)
Kat?

BLACK KAT
Let go in ten seconds.

EXT. ROCKET - DAY

As previous. Black Kat is approaching from below in the
mid-distance.

JAKE
What if you miss?

BLACK KAT (OS, via comms)
Then at least you'll have a nice view
before you die.

Jake looks worried.

PROPHECY (OS, via comms, to Black Kat)
Ma'am, you need to turn back when you have
him, you are dangerously low on fuel.

BLACK KAT (via comms, to Jake)
Five--

Black Kat is approaching fast.

BLACK KAT (via comms)
Four--Three--

Black Kat is almost there with Jake.

BLACK KAT (via comms)
Two--Now!

JAKE
Alpha, Delta!

Jake lets go of the falling piece of rocket and
temporarily freefalling, but almost peacefully as a
strange silence engulfs him.

The peaceful silence is broken sharply by Black Kat
swooping him up and his right magnetic hand sticking
around her.

Black Kat and Jake fly up toward the now separated
warhead.

EXT. SPACE - DAY

The sky is replaced with the abyss of space, punctuated
with stars etc. It looks beautiful.

JAKE
This is so surreal--

BLACK KAT
Right--?

Black Kat and Jake catch up to the warhead.

Jake reaches out toward it.

JAKE (gently)
Alpha.

The warhead gently sticks to Jake, though is now somewhat
guiding them toward the moon.

BLACK KAT
It's too strong.

PROPHECY (OS, via comms, to Black Kat)
Kat! Come back! If you fly much further,
you won't have enough fuel to get
yourself back, let alone both of you.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY
She's not listening.

BATTLEUNICORN
Try Jake, he might.

EXT. SPACE - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY (OS, via comms, to Jake)
Jake, listen to me. Kat is low
on fuel.

Jake looks very concerned.

PROPHECY (OS, via comms, to Jake, cont.)
She's not responding to me and out
of range to control remotely.
You need to take action.

Black Kat is determinedly flying.

Jake looks proudly at her, with tears in his eyes.

Part of "Let Her Go" by Passenger begins to play quietly

PROPHECY (OS, via comms, to Jake, cont.)

You need to save her.

JAKE (via comms)
Okay.

Montage of footage/images of Jake and black Kat's relationship.

Jake s still looking at Black Kat, now sadly, but proud

BLACK KAT (to Jake)
What?

JAKE (to Black Kat)
I love you.

BLACK KAT
I know.

Jake slowly stretches out his arms, throwing Black Kat off balance. He is aiming his right arm around Black Kat back toward Earth and the left warhead arm the opposite direction, though clearly away from the moon. Black Kat looks scared/confused.

BLACK KAT
What are you doing?

The song "Let Her Go" reaches the line "but you let her go", the dialogue/SFX fall silent.

JAKE (silently mouths)
Hadouken!!

Black Kat is fired backwards toward Earth, with the warhead hurtling in the opposite direction.

BLACK KAT (silently mouths)
JAAAKE!!

Black Kat begins spinning a little out of control.

Jake is left floating alone in space looking at Black Kat fall back down to Earth.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

Prophecy is sat absolutely stunned, the Nerds in the base rush around to see anything on Prophecy's screens.

DOC
What happened?

Harry points at some dots on a screen representing Jake and Black Kat in space and their current movements.

HARRY
Is that--?

PROPHECY
Yep.

HARRY
But that means--

PROPHECY
Yep.

BATTLEUNICORN
Wait, will Kat be okay?

PROPHECY
I should be able to remotely control her suit soon and stabilise her.

BATTLEUNICORN
And Jake?

Prophecy looks sad, almost like he may cry.

PROPHECY
Jake has literally just single-handedly saved the planet.

HOOD
My god--

PROPHECY
He is the world's greatest hero of all time.

Prophecy presses a button to communicate with Jake.

PROPHECY (into comms)
Jake?

EXT. SPACE - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY (OS, via comms)
Jake?

JAKE (into comms)
Hi.

PROPHECY (OS, via comms)
Hi Jake. Thank you so much
for what you've done.
I trust you understand the
implications of what you've done?

Jake has tears in his eyes.

JAKE (into comms)
Yeah. Is she okay?

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY (into comms)
She will be, she's just
coming into range now and
I'll guide her down.

JAKE (OS, via comms)
Thank you.

BattleUnicorn, Doc and Big Al begin to cry, with tears in
the eyes of the other Nerds.

PROPHECY (into comms)
You don't need to thank me, Jake.
Your sacrifice will be spoken of

for generations.

EXT. SPACE - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY (OS, via comms)
Thank you.

JAKE (into comms)
It's okay--Say, how long
do I have anyway?

PROPHECY (OS, via comms)
Judging by the oxygen level and
your vitals, probably around
twelve minutes.

JAKE (trying to laugh, into comms)
Wow! That is going to drag--

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY (into comms)
It will feel like it--
Bear with me, I'm going to fly
Kat down. Goodbye Jake.

BattleUnicorn grabs a headset off the desk.

BATTLEUNICORN (into comms)
Jake?

JAKE(OS, via comms)
Lai?

BATTLEUNICORN (into comms)
Thank you for, like, saving us all.

JAKE (OS, via comms)
That's okay.

BATTLEUNICORN (into comms)
Tell Prophecy to go on a date with me.

The other Nerds look awkward.

There is an awkward silence.

BATTLEUNICORN (into comms)
Too soon--?

JAKE (OS, via comms)
I'm not even dead yet, but yes.

Prophecy is concentrating on remotely flying Black Kat
down to Earth.

JAKE (OS, via comms, to Prophecy)
What do you say, Prophecy?
She's not that bad.

Prophecy looks pretends to be aggrieved.

BattleUnicorn looks excitedly hopefully.

PROPHECY
Okay, one date.

BATTLEUNICORN
Yay!

BattleUnicorn hugs Prophecy and kisses him on the cheek,
knocking the control slightly.

PROPHECY
Woah, be careful. You'll crash Kat.

BATTLEUNICORN
Sorry.

BattleUnicorn steps back and composes herself.

BATTLEUNICORN (into comms, to Jake)
Thanks, Jakey!

JAKE (OS, via comms)
You're welcome.

Another silence falls between them.

JAKE (OS, via comms)
So--What shall we do now?

Another silence.

PROPHECY(into comms)
I've almost landed Kat,
Then I'll patch in her
comms and those of the others.

EXT. SPACE - DAY

As previous.

Jake begins to sing "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen

JAKE ("singing",into comms)
*Is this the real life?/
Is this just fantasy?/*

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

BATTLEUNICORN (into comms)
Caught in a landside,/

PROPHECY (into comms)
No escape from reality/

HOOD, BIG AL, DOC & HARRY
Open your eyes,/
Look up to the skies and see,/

EXT. SPACE - DAY

As previous. Jake looks increasingly unwell/dying.

JAKE (into comms)
I'm just a poor boy, I need no sympathy,/
Because I'm easy come, easy go,/

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

DOC & HARRY
Little high,

BIG AL 7 HOOD
little low,

EXT. SPACE - DAY

As previous.

JAKE (into comms)
*Any way the wind blows/
doesn't really matter to/
Me, to me/*

GHOST (OS, via comms)
Mamaaa!,/
Just killed a man,/

EXT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

As previous, though the crowds look like they have been crying. They are now far more jovial in this surreal moment. Black Kat is walking over, crying, having recently landed. Public #1-9 are recording themselves and surroundings.

GHOST
Put a gun against his head, pulled my trigger,/
Now he's dead/

CROWD
Mamaaa, life had just begun,/
But now I've gone and thrown it all away/
Mama, oooh,/

EXT. SPACE - DAY

As previous.

JAKE (into comms)
Didn't mean to make you cry,/
If I'm not back again this time tomorrow,/
Carry on, carry on as if nothing really matters/

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

ALL NERDS

Too late, my time has come,/
Sends shivers down my spine,/
body's aching all the time/

EXT. SPACE - DAY

As previous.

JAKE (into comms)
Goodbye, everybody, I've got to go,/
Gotta leave you all behind and face the truth/
Mama, oooh/
I don't want to die,/
I sometimes wish I'd never been born at all./

Jake dies.

INT. N.E.R.D.S. BASE (ARCADIA) - DAY

As previous.

PROPHECY (into comms)
Jake? Jake, can you hear me?

The Nerds at the base look very sad/crying

DOC
Is he?

PROPHECY
I'm afraid so.

EXT. LARGE LAB (EPOCH TECH INDUSTRIES) - DAY

As previous, though the Nerds there look devastated.

REPORTER #1 (to Black Kat)
What's wrong?

BLACK KAT (trying not to cry)
He--He's--

FUEGO METALICO
He's gone. Jake of the Nerds has
died to save us all.

There is a solemn silence.

PUBLIC #2 ("Singing")
I see a little silhouette of a man!//

Everyone glares at Public #2

GHOST
Really? Are you seriously that dumb?

FELIX
This feels so strange. We should be
dead ourselves by now, but he saved us.
What do we do after that--?

CAPTION

TWO WEEKS LATER

EXT. CEMETERY - DAY

All the Nerds (minus Jake) and members of the Black Parade are gathered,
dressed for a funeral, in the cemetery where Jake's parents and Harrison
are buried. Fearless is observing from a distance, dressed in his usual
attire.

BATTLEUNICORN
It was a lovely service.

BLACK KAT
It was.

Ghost puts his arm around Black Kat.

FUEGO METALICO
He would want us to live our lives to the full.

BLACK KAT
No, he would want us to carry on.
He gave us everything, his life,
to save the world. We have to
carry on. Just not yet.

FUEGO METALICO
I'm glad you said that.

Black Kat looks confused.

Fuego Metálico and Ghost share a sly smile.

BLACK KAT
What?

GHOST
Fuego and I decided our base wasn't big enough.

BLACK KAT
Not big enough? It's huge.

GHOST
Not huge enough--

EXT. HELICOPTER - DAY

The Nerds are on the helicopter, approaching a beautiful island.

GHOST (to Black Kat)
Welcome--to Arcadia Ten!

BATTLEUNICORN
Ten?

BLACK KAT
Ten, or one-zero is the binary for the number two.

BATTLEUNICORN
Ah!

BLACK KAT
It's beautiful.

FADE OUT

The End

