

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-DAY

The Unstoppables all run along the rooftops together. They all look serious as they look around the scenery. Nightlurker catches a glimpse of a figure of a woman running. He points in that direction.

NIGHTLURKER

She is over there!

The team turns and gives chase. Ivan looks around.

IVAN

Over where, Lurky? I don't see her at all!

JAYDE

We're dealing with a master of stealth, here!

THE BRAWN

Master of stealth? Isn't that what ninjas are supposed to be?

The Brawn lifts an eyebrow to Ivan. He flinches.

IVAN

She's too fast! By the time I can get a clear focus, she's long gone!

JAYDE

We just have to keep trying!
There's four of us, and one of her.
She can't evade us forever!

THE TEAM

Right!

The team continues to run. Suddenly, Jayde stops.

JAYDE

She's hiding among the civilians!
It's a pity for her that I can sense her aura!

The team dives off the roof and runs along the sidewalk on the ground. Civilians jump out of the way, exclaiming. Some out of surprise, others cheering them on.

CIVILIAN 1

Look! It's The Unstoppables!

CIVILIAN 2

They must be on the chase!

Jayde reaches out as she runs, suddenly grabbing the shoulder of a woman walking. She turns her around and smiles. The boys surround them.

JAYDE

We've got you now, Rubella the Rouge.

A smile crosses Rubella's face. She is wearing black and purple gear, and a mask. A fight ensues. The whole team battles her. She jumps up, exiting the fray.

JAYDE

After her!

RUBELLA

No fair! Four against one? You guys are nothing but bullies!

NIGHTLURKER

And you are a thief!

RUBELLA

What can I say? Women love jewelry. I can't rely on a man to give any to me. I have to just take them for myself!

THE BRAWN

What kind of logic is that?!

He jumps up after her. Rubella runs through an alley. The Brawn chases her. Despite his size, he maneuvers his way through with skill. Rubella looks impressed.

RUBELLA

You're strong, and you're street smart! It's a shame that you're just a man!

She turns and lashes out with a purple blade.

RUBELLA

Women are by far superior!

She cuts The Bran's arm. A thin stripe of blood is seen. He grins.

THE BRAWN

Is that all you got? It's gonna take a lot more than that to put me down!

RUBELLA

I think you underestimate me!

Rubella runs away. The Brawn attempts to chase her, but staggers. The team catches up to him.

IVAN

Brawn! You okay?

THE BRAWN

Watch out for her knife! It's got a paralyzing toxin infused in it! Go!

JAYDE

But what about you?

THE BRAWN

I'll catch up. Go!

The team runs after Rubella.

JAYDE

She's going around in circles! Is she toying with us?

IVAN

Maybe she's lost in the city?

NIGHTLURKER

Either way, she moves extremely quickly!

Nightlurker picks up speed, using his magic to help him. He catches up to Rubella. She looks him over as they run.

NIGHTLURKER

Give it up, Rubella! Despite what you did to our comrade, we still have you outnumbered!

RUBELLA

Well, what do we have here? Mister Mysterious!

Nightlurker holds out a hand and uses his magic to take away the bag she is carrying.

NIGHTLURKER

I'll take these back to the jewelry store when I'm finished with you!

Rubella looks frustrated. Then smiles.

RUBELLA

Brave and talented! Tell me, do you have a sister? She could join me easily!

NIGHTLURKER

Fortunately, I have no sister, and if I did, she would be smart enough not to follow a petty thief!

RUBELLA

Petty thief! I'm much more skilled than that! I'll show you what I mean!

She turns around and flings two small, black balls at Nightlurker. They stick on contact. One sticks to the back of his hand, and the other to his neck. They begin sparking furiously. Nightlurker shouts in pain.

RUBELLA

I hope you enjoy my wireless tasers!

Jayde and Ivan run along the street and hear Nightlurker's cry.

IVAN

Jayde! That sounded like
Nightlurker! I think she got him,
too!

JAYDE
We need to hurry!

IVAN
Leave it to me!

Ivan runs faster than Rubella and gets in front of her. He pulls out his swords and she screeches to a stop. She looks at Ivan, astonished.

RUBELLA
You wouldn't hurt a pretty girl
like me, would you?

IVAN
I'd rather not, but in all honesty,
that's up to you.

Rubella pulls out more taser balls and throws them at Ivan. He uses a sword to deflect them. They stick to his sword and spark. His sword begins to glow brighter. He looks at it in interest.

IVAN
Ooh! I didn't know they could do
that! Now my solid energy sword has
more energy! Do it again!

Rubella looks unsettled. She pulls out her knife. Ivan lowers his blades as she cuts across his chest. The cut heals immediately.

IVAN
I've got all day. What other tricks
do you have?

Rubella looks impressed. She smiles.

RUBELLA
Well, you're a unique one, aren't
you? If only you were a woman.

Ivan puts on an uncomfortable look.

IVAN

You got something against men, I take it?

RUBELLA

All men are pretentious pigs, looking for nothing but mindless self-gratification.

IVAN

Let me guess, your boyfriend broke up with you?

RUBELLA

Why should I tell you? You wouldn't even understand!

BLACK (V.O.)

Yikes! She's got some kind of vendetta against our gender!

RUBELLA

All men are the same! Now get out of my way!

IVAN

And here you just said I was unique! Which one am I?

RUBELLA

I-!

Ivan chuckles.

IVAN

I think your problem is that you're blaming all men for something that happened to you. But I'm no therapist.

Rubella scoffs.

RUBELLA

I don't need a man to talk to about my problems! I'm much happier on my own!

IVAN

I can tell. Stealing goods from a jewelry store sounds pretty uplifting to me!

RUBELLA

I'm done being insulted by a man!
It never ends! You're all stuck up!

IVAN

Excellent! My team has caught up to us now, anyways.

Suddenly, Jayde appears behind Rubella.

JAYDE

Thanks for stalling her, Ivan! This has gone far enough!

Rubella turns around in surprise.

RUBELLA

What?!

Nightlurker approaches as well, cutting off any escape. Then The Brawn lumbers up, backing up Jayde.

IVAN

We realized that you could only take us on one by one. That's why you had to move so fast. The only way we could catch you, was all together.

JAYDE

Give it up, Rubella! You'll only make things worse for yourself by resisting more!

Rubella looks around calculatingly.

RUBELLA

You side with the men? Then I guess hope really is lost.

She holds out her hands. Nightlurker pulls out a pair of handcuffs and uses his magic to put them on her wrists. Before he is able to, however, she snatches the handcuffs out of the air and pushes herself into Ivan. Ivan backs up

into Nightlurker and Rubella smiles.

RUBELLA

Ha! Stupid men. Catch you later!

She throws a smoke bomb. Everyone starts coughing. When the smoke clears, Rubella is gone. Ivan blinks. Nightlurker groans.

NIGHTLURKER

Get away from me, you oaf!

Ivan tries to leave, but finds he can't. He looks down at his wrist, and realizes his right wrist is handcuffed to Nightlurker's left. Nightlurker curses under his breath.

NIGHTLURKER

That sly wench! She will not get away with this!

THE BRAWN

I hate to tell ya, man, but she already did.

NIGHTLURKER

You mean I'm stuck with this moron until we get home?!

IVAN

You always carry a pair of handcuffs, Smiley! Don't you have a key?

NIGHTLURKER

I usually hand the perpetrator over to the officers, and they unlock the handcuffs. Besides, I...

Nightlurker shrinks slightly.

NIGHTLURKER

I may or may not have lost the key some time ago.

All is silent for a moment. Then The Brawn and Ivan burst into peals of laughter.

NIGHTLURKER

It is no laughing matter! Besides,
you are just as stuck here as I am,
Street Ninja!

IVAN

Ah, but you forget!

Ivan pulls out a shiruken and slices off his own hand.
Nightlurker exclaims in disgust. Ivan frees himself from
the handcuff and puts his hand back on.

IVAN

Now the only one stuck is you!

NIGHTLURKER

You stained my suit jacket with
your blood! How repulsive!

Nightlurker fumbles with the handcuff on his wrist in
frustration.

NIGHTLURKER

Let us get back to The Tower
already!

THE BRAWN

Too bad we failed the mission...

NIGHTLURKER

Well, not completely. I did manage
to swipe that bag of jewelry off
her.

Nightlurker reaches into a pocket inside his suit jacket
and pauses. Then grows furious.

NIGHTLURKER

That abhorrent vixen!

IVAN

Don't tell me, she stole the-

NIGHTLURKER

She stole the jewels back!

JAYDE

Don't worry, she's bound to strike
again. We'll catch her.

Nightlurker storms towards the tower, grumbling.

NIGHTLURKER

Cursed woman! Humiliated and
outsmarted! I'll show her!

The team exchanges slightly amused glances. They start their way back to The Tower.

EXT. DARKENED ALLEY-DAY

Rubella hops into the alley, a pleased look on her face. She crouches on the floor and pushes a pile of boxes to one side. There is a narrow door. She enters.

INT. RUBELLA'S DEN-DAY

The inside looks very impressive. It is a club, filled with women. There are only a few men, but they are cleaning and working, while the women all laugh and talk with one another. Rubella walks in, and several of the women greet her enthusiastically.

STELLA

Roo! You made it back! Those heroes
didn't give you any trouble, did
they?

RUBELLA

They're a bunch of men, plus a
woman who works along with them. I
easily got away. And look!

Rubella dumps some of the stolen jewels into her hand, showing them off.

RUBELLA

Too bad I only had enough time to
go for the cheaper stuff. I
should've gone straight for the
more expensive pieces. Oh well.

Rubella puts a beautiful ring on her finger, admiring it. Then she hands the bag around for all the women to pick something from it. She makes herself comfortable at the bar.

RUBELLA

Stan! Give me a drink of something cold! And make it quick!

Stan looks at her with a hollow expression.

STAN

Yes, Miss Rubella.

Stan pours her a drink, moving mechanically. As he turns, we can see a small device attached to his ear.

INT. LEGEND'S OFFICE-DAY

The team and Legend all sit around the long table. Nightlurker pounds his fist on the table.

NIGHTLURKER

It is that Rubella the Rouge's fault that we failed today's mission! I had the stolen jewels, but she took them back right out from under my nose! Women!

JAYDE

Um, should I be offended?

LEGEND

It is unfortunate that Rubella escaped, but don't take it too hard. I'll settle things with the jewelry store, and I'm sure that you'll catch her next time.

Legend stands and exits the room.

THE BRAWN

Yeah! Cuz we're The Unstoppables!

IVAN

Up top, brotha!

The Brawn and Ivan high five.

JAYDE

Do we know anything about her that could help us catch her?

Nightlurker suddenly looks up.

NIGHTLURKER

I remember something she said to me earlier! She asked if I had a sister, as she could easily join Rubella!

IVAN

Join? Like some kinda club?

The Brawn shakes his head with a sigh.

THE BRAWN

A club of women who hate men. What is this world coming to?

IVAN

I know, right?

JAYDE

No, it makes sense! For Rubella to harbor and act on such strong negative feelings about men, she would need a group of like-minded women to back her up!

The boys all look confused.

NIGHTLURKER

Why would she need that?

THE BRAWN

Yeah, why not just go it alone?

Jayde sighs.

JAYDE

It's a woman thing, alright? Like how women all go the restroom in a group.

The boys' expressions lighten. They all speak at the same time, nodding.

NIGHTLURKER

Ah, I see!

IVAN

That makes sense!

THE BRAWN
Sounds legit!

The team thinks for a moment longer.

IVAN
You know what this means, don't
you?

THE BRAWN
What?

IVAN
Jayde is going to have to join her
group!

JAYDE
What?! Why?!

IVAN
If we can gain her trust, we can
find her hideout, and take down
this group from the inside. Man-
haters or not, we can't let her
steal anymore.

THE BRAWN
You got a point.

Jayde looks mortified.

JAYDE
Join her?! A woman who hates men?!
I could never! It- it goes against
everything I stand for!

Nightlurker suddenly turns to her, a sympathetic look on
his face.

NIGHTLURKER
Jayde...

JAYDE
No! I just- I just can't!

She turns away, curling her hands into fists.

IVAN

But-

NIGHTLURKER

Drop it, Ivan.

Nightlurker gives Ivan a warning glare. Ivan shuts his mouth.

THE BRAWN

So... What do we do?

Ivan seems to make up his mind.

BLACK (V.O.)

Uh, oh. Don't do it!

IVAN

I guess... I can go.

Everyone turns back to Ivan.

NIGHTLURKER

Um... I am fairly sure that would not work, seeing as you are not a female.

Ivan winces.

IVAN

W-well, unless I use a disguise.

BLACK (V.O.)

Open foot, insert mouth.

The team falls silent.

THE BRAWN

Part of me wants to give this a shot, just to see him disguised as a woman.

Jayde allows a small smile.

JAYDE

Thank you, Ivan.

Ivan nods. Then looks embarrassed.

IVAN

I think I'm going to need your help, though.

JAYDE

With what?

INT. LEGEND'S OFFICE-AFTERNOON

Nightlurker and The Brawn explode into fits of laughter, holding onto each other for support. Ivan stands before them, looking annoyed. Jayde circles Ivan, adjusting his wig of long hair, his makeup, and the dress he is wearing. She turns to Nightlurker and The Brawn.

BLACK (V.O.)

We are such an idiot sometimes.

JAYDE

Cut it out, you two! This is for the good of the mission!

The Brawn pulls out a cell phone.

THE BRAWN

This is also for the good of my photo album! Smile, Ivan!

IVAN

I know where you sleep at night!

Jayde takes hold of Ivan's arm and walks him away, tossing her head at the other two. They head to the elevator and begin the decent.

JAYDE

I appreciate you doing this in my place.

IVAN

Listen, if I offended you back there, I'm-

JAYDE

Don't worry about it. You'd think after five years I could... but nevermind. Anyway, we did some

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JAYDE (CONT'D)

research, and found a small
restraunt on the corner of 27th and
9th, where someone who matches
Rubella's description has been seen
several times. She seems very
friendly with women, but not so
much with men.

IVAN

You want me to find out if that's
her, and join her if it is.

JAYDE

Here's a distress signal in case
something goes wrong. It's also a
homing device, so we'll know where
to find you.

Jayde puts the device in a small purse and gives it to
Ivan. The elevator opens to outside.

JAYDE

Also, do not, under any
circumstances, give yourself away.
No combat, no swords, no super
healing.

IVAN

That last one's involuntary.

JAYDE

Then don't get hurt! Good luck!

She leaves, and Ivan heaves a sigh. He stumbles a little as
he walks away in his high heels.

INT. RESTRAUNT-AFTERNOON

Ivan walks inside the small restraunt, looking around
warily. He looks around at the people, but there is no sign
of Rubella. He takes a seat at an empty table and looks at
the menu. A man notices him and smiles to himself. He gets
up and sits down beside Ivan.

MAN

Hey, there! What's your name?

Ivan looks surprised. He stammers in his voice, then quickly switches to falsetto, doing his best to sound like a woman.

IVAN (FALSETTO)

I- uh- Iris!

MAN

That's a pretty name! It matches your pretty face!

BLACK (V.O.)

Ho-boy! We're being hit on! By a man!

The man rests his hand on Ivan's. Ivan stiffens and his face turns red.

IVAN (FALSETTO)

Th-th-thanks?

Ivan quickly pulls his hand away. The man leans towards him.

MAN

What's the matter, hot stuff? Can I buy you a drink?

IVAN (FALSETTO)

N-no thank you! I'm fine, by myself!

The man scoots towards him.

MAN

Aw, don't be like that!

The man puts a hand on Ivan's shoulder. Ivan stiffens again.

BLACK (V.O.)

Red alert! Commence attack mode immediately!

Ivan is about to utilize his martial arts skills, when a woman's voice sounds from behind him.

RUBELLA

Is this oaf giving you trouble,
Miss?

Ivan and the man turn to see Rubella. She is wearing regular clothes. She stands over them with a disapproving look.

BLACK (V.O.)
How ironic that she's the one
saving the hero...

Rubella holds out a hand to Ivan.

RUBELLA
Come on, we can find a better place
to hang out, where the men all know
their place.

Ivan silently takes Rubella's hand and they walk out of the restraint.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-AFTERNOON

Arm in arm, Rubella and Ivan walk down the street. Ivan continues to speak in his falsetto voice.

IVAN (FALSETTO)
Um, thank you for rescuing me from
that man back there! Ever since I
broke up with my... my fiancé, I've
realized just how repulsive men can
be!

Ivan makes a weird face, but Rubella's face lights up.

RUBELLA
Really? I think that way about men,
too! There wasn't a man in my life
who treated me well! Who needs
them!

IVAN (FALSETTO)
I couldn't agree more!

Rubella smiles.

RUBELLA

I have a feeling you're going to love this place. It's a secret hideout I created exclusively for women who hate men! All the drinks and chocolate a woman could hope for!

IVAN (FALSETTO)
Heh, sounds like paradise!

Rubella leads Ivan into an alley and opens the entrance to the club.

INT. RUBELLA'S DEN-AFTERNOON

Ivan looks around in surprise. There are even more women than before, gossiping with one another and laughing. A man wipes down the counter with a rag, looking sullen.

RUBELLA
Here, why don't we grab a drink?

Rubella leads Ivan to the counter and they both sit down.

RUBELLA
Stan! Give Miss Iris here a drink!

STAN
Yes, Miss Rubella.

Ivan turns to Rubella.

IVAN (FALSETTO)
But I thought this was a man-hater club?

RUBELLA
Exactly! Here, the men do all the cooking and cleaning, while us women enjoy ourselves! The way things should be!

Rubella points to Stan's ear as he turns around.

RUBELLA
I'm not much of an inventor, but I was able to make those devices.

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RUBELLA (CONT'D)

They send out a frequency that dulls the thought process and makes the wearer dependant on instruction from an outside source. I tell them what to do, and they do it! Nifty, huh?

IVAN (FALSETTO)

Very!

Stella approaches the two of them.

STELLA

Hey, Roo! Who's this?

RUBELLA

This is Iris. I rescued her from one of THEM.

Stella smiles at Ivan.

STELLA

You're lucky she found you! My name is Stella!

Ivan looks around.

IVAN (FALSETTO)

If you don't mind my asking, why are all of you here? I get that you don't like men, but... why?

RUBELLA

We all have our reasons. My father was abusive, my brother only cared about himself, my boyfriend cheated on me. Men are no good.

STELLA

I recently got out of an abusive relationship. Most of the women here have similar stories. Taken advantage of, lied to, abandoned, everything!

Ivan looks concerned. He mutters quietly.

IVAN

That's... That's awful.

Rubella stands up.

RUBELLA

It's almost nightfall. I need to go.

STELLA

Going on another adventure? Bring back something nice!

Rubella leaves.

IVAN (FALSETTO)

Bring back?

STELLA

She's the wanted criminal, Rubella the Rouge! She takes good care of all of us and treats us well. Enjoy your stay!

Stella leaves. Ivan thinks quietly out loud.

IVAN

So that's why she's stealing. To keep this place afloat.

Ivan looks around at all the happy women.

IVAN

They all depend on her... But this is still wrong! She can't steal and enslave men! There's gotta be a way to solve this!

Ivan gets up and thanks Stella. Then he leaves.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-NIGHT

Ivan looks around and spots Rubella pulling on her mask. She is wearing her usual thief gear. Ivan reaches into his purse and pulls out an adhesive glove. He uses the wrist communicator. Jayde's face appears.

JAYDE

Ivan! What did I say about not compromising your cover?!

IVAN

Don't worry, I'm alone! But Rubella is on the move! I found her hideout as well!

JAYDE

Did she say where she was going?

IVAN

No.

JAYDE

Then stay there! Team, let's move!

Ivan stuffs his communicator back into his purse. He activates the homing device, and steps back into the hideout.

INT. RUBELLA'S DEN-NIGHT

Some of the women look up to see him.

WOMAN 1

Iris, right? Come sit by us!

WOMAN 2

Yes! You must be new here!

Ivan looks pleasantly surprised. He sits down near them.

BLACK (V.O.)

They don't seem like bad people.
Misguided, maybe.

WOMAN 1

Welcome to our man-haters club!
Cooper! Refill!

Another dull-eyed man approaches and fills up the woman's cup.

IVAN (FALSETTO)

Are they okay?

WOMAN 1

Yeah, it's not like we're slave drivers.

IVAN (FALSETTO)
Still, it seems a little extreme.
Also, Rubella is a criminal!

WOMAN 2
I know it's a little hard to swallow at first, but think of Rubella as more of a modern-day Robin Hood!

IVAN (FALSETTO)
But she's breaking the law! And by keeping her hideout a secret, we're breaking the law, too!

WOMAN 1
Just don't think too much about it.
Here, have some chocolate.

The woman reaches to a small bowl of chocolates on the table and hands Ivan a few.

IVAN (FALSETTO)
Aren't you guys worried that someone will find out?

WOMAN 2
Like who?

IVAN (FALSETTO)
Maybe The Unstoppables! I hear they're hot on her trail!

WOMAN 1
Rubella knows how to deal with them. Nightlurker is too easily offended, and that Street Ninja is a softie.

IVAN
Softie?!

Ivan clears his throat.

IVAN (FALSETTO)

Um, I mean, how do you mean?

WOMAN 2

He fights a fierce battle, but he won't directly fight a woman. Like he thinks he's superior, somehow.

WOMAN 1

Although he did punch that Jaqui character right in the face a while back. Despicable.

IVAN (FALSETTO)

She was robbing a bank!

WOMAN 1

She did it to get back at her man. She and Nightlurker used to be a thing, I hear.

IVAN (FALSETTO)

Yeah... Heard that, too.

WOMAN 2

She's better off. We all are.

The woman puts a hand on her arm, where a bruise is healing. Ivan looks at her pityingly. Suddenly, the door bursts open. The Unstoppables walk in, The Brawn is carrying a tied-up Rubella.

JAYDE

Looks like we're in the right place!

BLACK (V.O.)

Uh-oh.

JAYDE

Everyone remain seated! We are shutting this place down, and all of you will submit to questioning!

IVAN

No, wait!

Jayde turns to Ivan.

JAYDE

Thanks for the help, Street Ninja.

All the women in the room gasp. Even Rubella looks shocked.

WOMAN 1

Street Ninja?!

STELLA

You sold us out!

Ivan approaches Jayde.

IVAN

Let these women go! They haven't done anything wrong!

NIGHTLURKER

Pretending to be a woman has made its way to your mind, Street Ninja! These women are all responsible for concealing a wanted criminal!

IVAN

Pretending to be a woman has taught me what these woman have gone through! Let them go!

Ivan moves quickly, ripping off his dress and pulling his swords out of his purse. He stands before The Unstoppables.

THE BRAWN

You're... pulling your swords on us?

JAYDE

Street Ninja! What are you thinking?!

IVAN

These women are innocent! They came here seeking comfort and friendship after enduring heaven knows what! You said yourself that women find strength in numbers!

The women all look at Ivan in shock. The team members seem to understand.

IVAN

I will not let you bring any more trouble into these women's lives! Sure, the way they went about it was wrong, but the only one you need for that is Rubella!

Ivan turns to her, lowering his blades.

IVAN

Stealing is wrong, Rubella. And taking away the free will of these men isn't right, either. I understand that all of you have been through hard things, and that men were at the fault.

Ivan turns to all the women.

IVAN

Allow me to apologise on behalf of my gender. But not all men are bad. Things may happen in our lives that we don't understand, but we just need to stay strong and move on.

BLACK (V.O.)

Like with Hero...

All the women look up at Ivan in amazement. Ivan puts away his swords. He turns back to Jayde, who nods at him. Ivan leaves, looking a little down. Rubella struggles free of the cloth around her mouth.

RUBELLA

Liars! All men are horrible! I'll never forgive them! Never!

The team leaves with her as well. The women sit around in stunned silence.

WOMAN 1

Well I'll be! Iris was Street Ninja all along!

WOMAN 2

He didn't seem like such a bad guy
after all! He even stood up for all
of us!

STELLA

I'll tell you what, that Street
Ninja is quite a handsome one
without the dress!

The women stand and take the devices off the men's ears.

INT. IVAN'S ROOM-NIGHT

Ivan walks in, heaving a sigh. He is now in full gear.
Lucia is standing in the middle of the room. She smiles at
him.

LUCIA

Long day at work?

IVAN

You have no idea.

Ivan and Lucia hug and he plants a kiss on top of her head.

IVAN

I love you, Lucia.

Lucia looks slightly guilty.

LUCIA

I... I love you too, Ivan.

Ivan's wrist communicator beeps.

LEGEND

Ivan, please report to the office
as soon as you can.

Ivan sighs.

IVAN

Yes, Sir.

Ivan lingers a moment longer, smiling wearily at Lucia.
Then he leaves.

INT. LEGEND'S OFFICE-NIGHT

The room is dark. Ivan walks in, looking around.

IVAN

Hello?

The lights suddenly turn on, and Legend, Anya, Amos, Willis, Jayde, Nightlurker, and The Brawn all jump out of hiding. There is a cake on the long table.

EVERYONE

Surprise!

IVAN

What- what is this?

AMOS

Happy birthday, Ivan!

LEGEND

It was a year ago today, when you joined The Unstoppables!

THE BRAWN

Since you don't remember your past, we decided to celebrate your birthday today!

JAYDE

It was actually Nightlurker's idea.

Nightlurker looks offended.

NIGHTLURKER

Jayde! You promised you would not say it was me!

Ivan grins.

IVAN

Aw, Lurky! I'm touched! All this for me?

Suddenly, Ivan looks up and blinks in surprise. Hero is there. She smiles a little and approaches Ivan.

HERO

Hey.

IVAN

Hey. You're back?

HERO

Yeah. Once an Unstoppable, always
an Unstoppable, you know?

Ivan nods, allowing a smile.

IVAN

Welcome back.

HERO

Happy birthday.

THE BRAWN

Who wants cake?

AMOS

I do!

WILLIS

Slice me off a piece too!

The group enjoys the birthday celebration.

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Ivan walks alone back to his room. As he walks, he suddenly stops and turns around, reaching for a sword.

HERO

Kill the motor. It's just me.

Ivan lowers his hand. Hero walks up to him.

HERO

I left on a bad note with you. I'm
sorry.

Ivan looks away.

HERO

I did nothing but train with Black
Tulip when I was away. I... I found
that I missed you while I was-

IVAN

I'm seeing someone, Hero.

Hero looks slightly shocked.

HERO

Oh. Um, good. Good for you.

IVAN

I'm sorry.

HERO

No, it's okay. I'm glad you're happy.

IVAN

Thank you. Good night, Hero.

HERO

Night.

Ivan walks away, leaving Hero alone in the hallway.

END.