

INT. LEGEND'S OFFICE-DAY

Nightlurker is sitting alone in the room. He sits at the head of the long table, using the holograph computer. The holograph flashes with headache research. Causes, treatments, and other things. He studies the holograph intently. He sighs.

NIGHTLURKER

It is unfortunate that there is no
headache research on psychics,
since they are so rare.

Suddenly, Nightlurker gets an idea, and begins flipping through his little magic books.

NIGHTLURKER

Perhaps there is a cure for Jayde's
headaches in black magic?

Hero walks into the room carrying a rocket board and a pack thrown over his shoulder. She looks upset, as her eyes are red from crying. She sees Nightlurker and looks at the holograph. Nightlurker notices her.

NIGHTLURKER

Oh! Hello there, Hero! What... what
is the matter?

Hero sighs.

HERO

Where's Legend?

NIGHTLURKER

He took a vacation. He is visiting
Willis's family to inform them of
what has occurred.

HERO

Oh. Have you... seen Jayde?

NIGHTLURKER

I have not. Is there something I
can help you with?

HERO

Um, can you tell her I'm sorry?

Nightlurker stands and walks to Hero, putting a hand on her shoulder.

NIGHTLURKER

Sorry for what, Hero? What is wrong?

HERO

I'm leaving. I'm going back to train with Black Tulip, and... I'm not coming back. I quit being an Unstoppable.

NIGHTLURKER

What?! Why?

Hero pulls away and turns, beginning to cry.

HERO

Just tell her I'm sorry!

Hero jumps at the open window, stepping onto the rocket board. She flies away. Nightlurker looks shocked. Suddenly, Ivan bursts into the room.

IVAN

Hero? Hero! Listen, I'm sorry!

Nightlurker looks at him. Blood covers Ivan's chest. Ivan looks around.

IVAN

She left, didn't she?

NIGHTLURKER

What happened?!

Ivan sighs and bows his head.

IVAN

I just went down to the shooting range to talk to her, that's all! And then...

INT. SHOOTING RANGE-DAY

Hero holds a gun in her hands, shooting it several times at the target. Ivan peeks into the room.

IVAN

There you are, Hero!

Hero turns. She sees Ivan and gives a small smile.

HERO

Hey, Ivan. What's up?

IVAN

I, uh, wanted to talk to you...
about something.

HERO

Shoot.

Hero lets off a round. Ivan winces.

IVAN

Hero, I... I'm sorry.

Hero turns her head to look at Ivan.

IVAN

I've caused you nothing but trouble since you came back. I thought if I tried ignoring you, it would make things less... awkward. But all I've been is a real jerk. I was in love with a freaking lamp for crying out loud!

They both chuckle, but stop almost immediately.

IVAN

The truth is, Hero, the only real love I can remember, is when I was with you. And that's something to respect, I think.

Hero lowers her gun, looking at Ivan.

HERO

What are you saying, Ivan?

Ivan scuffs his feet and scratches the back of his head.

IVAN

Well, I mean... I miss it, Hero! I miss you! The real you! I just... I just want to see you happy again.

Hero bows her head and sighs.

HERO

Ivan... That's really sweet of you, but... I dunno. I don't think staying here is good for me.

IVAN

What...?

HERO

I was talking to Black Tulip on the phone last night, and... I'm leaving The Unstoppables, Ivan. For good, this time.

IVAN

But! You can't! Once an Unstoppable-

HERO

No! Stoppit! I can't stay here, Ivan! I knew The Tower was just a stepping stone to becoming a mercenary when I first got here! It's time to move on, Ivan. I thought you already had.

Ivan looks taken aback. Hero takes off her headset and turns to walk away.

IVAN

Hero... Wait! You can't just leave! The team needs you! I need you!

Hero swivels around and points her gun at Ivan.

HERO

Don't play that card, Ivan! Don't
be so selfish!

Hero turns away again. Ivan grabs her shoulder.

IVAN

Hero, just calm-

Hero turns around swiftly, a gunshot is heard. Ivan and Hero both stare at each other in shock. Then Ivan lets in a little gasp. They both look at Ivan's chest, which is now bleeding profusely. Ivan gently puts his hands on Hero's arms. He speaks quietly.

IVAN

Hero, wait. Everything is okay.
Just-

Hero takes a few broken gasps.

HERO

I- I shot you!

IVAN

It's alright, Hero. I'm fine. I can
heal.

Hero drops the gun in her hands, tears brimming in her eyes.

HERO

That would've killed you! I
would've killed you!

IVAN

You didn't! See? I'm already
starting to heal. Ssh.

Hero wrenches herself away from him.

HERO

No! I can't stay here! I'm so
sorry!

IVAN

Hero!

Hero runs away.

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Nightlurker looks at Ivan in surprise. Ivan seems to wilt.

IVAN

And now she's gone for good. What
do I tell Jayde?

JAYDE (O.S.)

Tell me what?

Nightlurker and Ivan both turn to see Jayde enter the room.
Ivan bows his head.

IVAN

B-Boss! I-I... Hero, she...

NIGHTLURKER

Hero instructed me to tell you that
she has left, and does not intend
to return.

JAYDE

She... left?!

IVAN

It's my fault! I'm sorry.

JAYDE

It's... alright, Ivan. We've
functioned as a team without her
before, we will do so again, just
as long as nobody else-

THE BRAWN (O.S.)

Boss! Boss! Boss!

The Brawn runs into the room in a panic, holding a cell
phone in his giant hand.

THE BRAWN

I need to quit the team!

NIGHTLURKER

What?!

IVAN

You too??

THE BRAWN

I just got a call from my Ma! Pop
got caught in a cave-in in the
mine! He's stuck and badly injured!
I gotta go! He's my Pop!

IVAN

Brawny...

Jayde closes her eyes. She lets out a deep sigh. Then opens her eyes and smiles warmly at The Brawn.

JAYDE

Of course you can go, Theo. We wish
you and your father the best.

THE BRAWN

Thank you, Jayde!

The Brawn turns to leave, but glances at Ivan.

THE BRAWN

I'm sorry, little bro.

The Brawn leaves. There is a long silence. Jayde turns and looks at the others.

JAYDE

Well... We no longer have a
substantial team to take care of
the problems of our city.

Nightlurker and Ivan glance warily at each other.

JAYDE

I hereby proclaim the team of The
Unstoppables... dissolved.

BLACK (V.O.)

What?!

NIGHTLURKER

Dissolved?? Jayde, you cannot
possibly mean-

JAYDE

I do, Vladimir. This job has become
too much for me already. I will
inform Legend, and he can recruit a
new team.

Ivan looks at Jayde in disbelief.

BLACK (V.O.)

This is all our fault...

Jayde turns and walks away.

JAYDE

Good luck with your lives, you two.
Maybe we'll see each other again
sometime.

Nightlurker takes a step after her, tears brimming in his
eyes.

NIGHTLURKER

Jayde... do not go. Please. Do not
go where I cannot follow!

Jayde pauses for a second.

JAYDE

I'm sorry, Vladimir.

Jayde leaves. Ivan turns to Nightlurker. His eyes are wide
with surprise.

IVAN

Vlad! This is all my fault! I'm so-

Nightlurker interrupts, his voice breaking.

NIGHTLURKER

Do not pin all of the blame upon
yourself, Ivan. This was bound to

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NIGHTLURKER (CONT'D)

happen sooner or later. I just- I
just refused to believe it!

Nightlurker sniffs, putting a hand over his face.

NIGHTLURKER

If you will excuse me. I suppose I
have some packing to do now.

Nightlurker leaves. Ivan is alone in the room.

BLACK (V.O.)

We just... We just destroyed the
only family we have.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-EVENING

The Brawn, Ivan, Jayde, and Nightlurker all stand outside
The Tower. Everyone has a suitcase, save for Ivan.

THE BRAWN

Well, I guess this is goodbye.

JAYDE

Yeah. It's been a pleasure working
with all of you.

NIGHTLURKER

If any of you find yourselves in
Northton, look me up.

THE BRAWN

What will you do, Ivan? You didn't
pack anything.

IVAN

I'm not leaving.

JAYDE

You're not?

IVAN

Nope. I'm staying here. I'll
protect the city, even if I have to
do it myself.

NIGHTLURKER

You are sure you can do that?

IVAN

Someone's gotta keep Hodolph in line. Wouldn't want him to get a big head to go with his big body!

Everyone laughs a little. The Brawn pats Ivan on the head.

THE BRAWN

Take care of yourself, little brother.

IVAN

Yeah. You too. That goes for all of you.

The friends disperse. Ivan watches them leave. Then goes back inside.

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Legend sits at the head of the table, leaning his head on his fist. Ivan sits quietly on the opposite side. Legend sighs.

LEGEND

One week was all it took. One week.

IVAN

Sir?

LEGEND

In one week, I found out the fate of my long-time friend, and lost my team of heroes that I worked so hard to obtain.

IVAN

Legend, I-

Legend holds up a hand, allowing a small smile.

LEGEND

At least I can count on you, Ivan.
As always. That's why I need your
help.

IVAN

What can I do?

LEGEND

I have a handful of rookie heroes
I've been training. They work
extremely well together, but they
don't have much experience. I'll
need you to lead them. Show them
how it's done.

Ivan salutes Legend.

IVAN

I'll do my best, Sir!

INT. TRAINING ROOM-DAY

Legend and Ivan walk into the room. The Epics are training
in different parts of the room. Legend calls out to them.

LEGEND

Epics, front and center!

The team members line up before Legend. Legend places a
hand on Ivan's shoulder.

LEGEND

Epics, I'd like you to meet your
new team leader, Ivan. Better known
as Street Ninja.

The rookies look unimpressed. One of them nods to him.
Legend points to a girl in a purple outfit.

LEGEND

This is Tiana, or, "The Shade". She
has the ability to pass through
solid objects, much like a ghost.

Legend points to a stubby, rotund teenage boy. He is
covered in armor.

LEGEND

This is "Tank". His name says it all.

Legend points to a taller, slender young man, only slightly shorter than Ivan. He has a mechanical, robotic covering on his right arm.

LEGEND

And this is Gordon Greene, or, "Gadget Guy". Epics, you will now be called to active hero duty, and be under the command of Street Ninja.

The Epics salute Legend.

THE EPICS

Sir!

Legend turns to Ivan.

LEGEND

I'll leave them in your capable hands. Teach them well. Taking care of this city is no easy task.

IVAN

Yes, Sir.

Legend puts a comforting hand on Ivan's shoulder before leaving the room. Ivan looks at The Epics and smiles.

IVAN

All right! Let's do some training before lunch, okay?

THE SHADE

We've been training all morning.

TANK

Yeah. We don't need to train! We need to go out on the city!

IVAN

All heroes need to train. Even The Unstoppables trained!

GADGET GUY

Yeah? And where are they?

Ivan blinks in surprise. Then deflates slightly.

IVAN

Right. Lunchtime it is.

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(Three days later.)

The Epics sit around the long table in Legend's office. Legend brings up a holograph of a gangly man above the table.

LEGEND

This is Xavier Plode. Better known as X. Plode. He was a big-time criminal a few years back, but now he's nothing but a petty criminal. He has recently escaped from prison with the help of a crooked cop, who has now been taken into custody. X. Plode is still out on the streets, however, and must be taken back to prison. This is your assignment today. Dismissed!

Legend gets up and leaves the room. As soon as the door closes, Gadget Guy shouts.

GADGET GUY

That's it?!

IVAN

What's it?

GADGET GUY

X. Plode is just some old guy pickpocket! We shouldn't be wasting our time with this!

IVAN

Removing criminals from the city
streets is not a waste of time!

BLACK (V.O.)

These kids are such losers!

THE SHADE

The Epics deserve a better
challenge than this!

Ivan looks angry. He stands up sharply.

IVAN

You want a challenge?! Either we
all go catch this criminal, or I'll
hand all of you your sorry hides on
a silver platter!

Ivan pulls out an enejatō and turns it on.

IVAN

Now move it!

The Epics all sigh dramatically and roll their eyes. They
slowly get up and drag their feet as they leave the room.
Ivan puts on a miserable look as he follows them.

IVAN

I thought Nightlurker was a pain
when I first met him! That was
nothing next to this!

BLACK (V.O.)

Teenagers!

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-DAY

The Epics run along the rooftops, Ivan leading the way. The
Epics talk amongst themselves.

TANK

This Street Ninja guy is such a
loser!

THE SHADE

Yeah! His whole team up and left him! And who does he think he is, bossing us around?

TANK

I heard he's mentally unstable, and needs therapy at The Tower!

GADGET GUY

Whoever this joker is, he's not our leader! Let's ditch him!

The Epics smile and nod. They suddenly jump down to the street below and run a different direction. Ivan runs along the rooftops until he reaches Main Street.

IVAN

Okay. We'll start with Main Street, since most robberies happen here. Now, the most important part is to stick together, because-

Ivan turns to realize he is alone. He grimaces.

IVAN

Those stupid kids!

Ivan jumps away.

INT. ALLEYWAYS-DAY

The Epics laugh as they run through the alleys.

TANK

That doofus didn't even know we left!

THE SHADE

I bet he's still running along up there with no clue!

GADGET GUY

Now let's find this criminal!

X. PLODE (O.S.)

Looks like this criminal has found
you first!

X. Plode drops down into the alley. He grins.

X. PLODE

So, these are the heroes sent to
bring me in, huh? Well, isn't that
cute? They'll let anyone be a hero
these days!

GADGET GUY

We're not just anyone! And you're
just a petty thief!

Gadget Guy's mechanical arm cover suddenly changes into a
mini cannon. He fires it at X. Plode. When the smoke
clears, X. Plode is unscathed.

X. PLODE

Being a "petty thief" has allowed
me to save up and get this nice
little personal shield.

X. Plode shudders slightly.

X. PLODE

It's been a good long while since
I've heard a good explosion like
that. Do it again!

Gadget Guy grimaces and fires again and again, until his
arm only emits a few clicks.

GADGET GUY

Oh no! I'm out of ammo!

THE SHADE

Then it looks like it's my turn!

The Shade moves quickly, and runs at the criminal. She
swings a fist, and moves right through the shield. Her fist
goes right through X. Plode's face. He looks bored.

X. PLODE

Oh, wow. That hurt so much! Looks like you'll have to make yourself solid again to hit me! Oh! But wait! You're halfway through my shield! That would slice you right in half!

The Shade looks frustrated. She moves out of the shield to turn solid again, just as X. Plode takes a small bead from his pocket and throws it at her. It causes a small explosion.

TANK

Shade!

Tank rolls up into an armored ball and rolls towards X. Plode. X. Plode pulls an entire handful of little beads out of his pocket and unleashes them on the team. The Epics get blown back.

X. PLODE

Now, to get you out of my way for good!

X. Plode pulls out three jagged knives.

X. PLODE

One for each of you!

He throws them, but Ivan suddenly appears between him and the team.

IVAN

Look out!

The Epics gasp. They all stare at Ivan. He has three giant knives sticking out of him. He grunts and smiles up at X. Plode. He pulls out his enejatōs and walks toward X. Plode. X. Plode looks uneasy.

X. PLODE

Ah, quite resilient, aren't you? Here, let me put you out of your misery!

He throws more black beads, and Ivan blocks them with his swords. They make little popping sounds, but nothing more. His swords glow slightly brighter. The Epics pick themselves up and watch the ordeal with interest.

X. PLODE

What?!

IVAN

These swords are solid energy. They absorb any energy they come in contact with, so, thank you!

Ivan swings a sword at X. Plode, and it goes right through the shield. The shield generator breaks, and so does the shield. Ivan turns his head slightly to the side.

IVAN

Alright, kids! Tackle him!

The Epics rush the criminal, and pin him to the floor.

INT. ALLEYWAYS-DAY

The cops put X. Plode into the police car. A cop talks to Ivan.

COP

Well Street Ninja, you've done it again. Thanks for your help.

IVAN

No problem, officer!

The cop points at his chest.

COP

You've got a little something right there, by the way.

Ivan looks down and sees the knives sticking out of him.

IVAN

Oh, yeah! Forgot about those!

The cop smiles and leaves, as The Epics approach him. Ivan pulls the knives out of his chest.

TANK

Does... Does that hurt?

IVAN

Eh, I've gotten used to it.
Besides-

The wounds on his chest heal quickly, until there is nothing left. The Epics look at him in surprise.

GADGET GUY

How did you do that?

IVAN

It comes with being a mentally
unstable mutant. No big deal.

Ivan waves at The Epics for them to follow, and he starts home. Suddenly, a voice rings out over the city.

HODOLPH (V.O.)

Attention people of ArbeiVille!
This is Hodolph, the servant of
evil!

Ivan and The Epics look around until they see Hodolph standing on top of a tall building with a megaphone.

HODOLPH

I've heard tell that The
Unstoppables have had a falling
out! Your team of so-called
"heroes" has abandoned you!

Ivan and The Epics run out into the street before him. A crowd is forming.

IVAN

Where one team ends, another
begins! We are The Epics!

Hodolph laughs.

HODOLPH

You?! You're a mentally unstable misfit followed by a group of children! Would a real hero put the lives of a handful of youths at stake?

GADGET GUY

We're not children! Come on, team! Let's take this guy down!

Ivan holds out an arm to stop them.

IVAN

Hold on, guys. This villain is my nemesis. I've known him since he was a rookie, but he's much more powerful now. He wouldn't blatantly leave himself vulnerable unless he had a plan.

Gadget Guy storms forward.

GADGET GUY

I don't care! As a team, we can take him!

Gadget Guy lifts up his mechanical armpiece, which is now fully charged, and aims it at Hodolph. Hodolph pulls out two of his own guns. They are large and misshapen. As Gadget Guy fires at Hodolph, Hodolph retaliates. The Shade and Tank join in on the fight. Explosions rip up sides of buildings and parts of the street. Ivan pulls out his swords.

IVAN

Stop, you idiots! We want as little damage to the city as possible!

Just as he says this, another explosion takes place across town. Ivan jumps up on a building to see, and sees Jaqui causing havoc there as well. Ivan sighs and mutters under his breath.

IVAN

So that's your plan, Hodolph. You want to spread us out to make us weaker.

BLACK (V.O.)

What do we do?! We need to stay together, or Hodolph will squish us one by one! But we can't just ignore that part of the city in need!

Ivan thinks for a moment. Then he grimaces.

IVAN

You guys stay here and fight! I'll see to the other villain!

Ivan leaves. He runs on the rooftops to where Jaqui is sending citizens running in all directions. He confronts her. She smiles.

JAQUI

Is it just you, all by yourself?
You're no fun.

IVAN

If by fun you mean kicking you into next week, then I'm plenty of fun.

Jaqui pushes out her bottom lip.

JAQUI

You wouldn't hit a girl, would you?

IVAN

A girl who is terrorizing the city
I've been put in charge of
protecting?

Ivan cracks his knuckles.

IVAN

Oh, I'd do plenty.

Jaqui looks slightly worried. She takes off in a direction. Ivan follows her. They weave through the city in a chase,

Jaqui causing trouble wherever she goes. She speaks into a communicator hooked to her ear.

JAQUI

Honey-Love! Street Ninja is on my tail! How long am I supposed to keep this up?

HODOLPH (V.O.)

Long enough for the rest of the plan to come to effect. Just stay out of reach. Street Ninja is a close-combat fighter.

Just as Hodolph says this, some shuriken fly past Jaqui. She squeaks.

JAQUI

Are you sure about that?!

IVAN

When will you villains just give up?!

JAQUI

Well, if we did, wouldn't you be out of the job?

Ivan's face goes blank as he thinks for a moment. Suddenly, an alarm goes off a few streets away. Ivan chases Jaqui to the jewelry store, where Rubella has robbed it clean. Rubella hands Jaqui a bag of loot as she runs past. Ivan skids to a stop. Rubella smiles.

RUBELLA

Well, if it isn't "Iris"! Which one of us are you going to chase, big shot? The rest of your little team has left you!

Rubella takes off down another street with the rest of the loot. Ivan looks down the street Jaqui took off on, and then looks after Rubella, trying to decide. The jewelry store owner yells at him.

STORE OWNER

Well, don't just stand there! Save
the day!

IVAN

I'm trying!

Ivan runs after Rubella. The store owner scoffs.

STORE OWNER

They leave the city in the mutant's
hands, of all people?

Ivan runs down the street, panting heavily. Rubella talks
into her earpiece.

RUBELLA

Street Ninja is with me! Has
someone rescued X. Plode yet?

ZAMPANO (V.O.)

Is this you asking for help from a
man?

RUBELLA

Shut it, Zampano! I'm just here for
the jewels and crushing the Ninja!
Just stick to the plan!

Ivan pants heavily.

IVAN

I hope those kids are doing alright
against Hodolph!

INT. THEODORE'S HOUSE-DAY

Pop is lying on a bed, bandages all over his body. The
television is on, talking about the local weather. Ma is
tending to him. She approaches the bed with a bowl of soup.

MA

I made ya some soup here, darlin'.

POP

Thanks, hon! I'm starving!

The Brawn, dressed in a white shirt and overalls, enters the house, crouching down to fit into the room. He is covered in dirt.

POP

Theodore! How is the mine?

THE BRAWN

Things are picking up! The cave-in is almost cleared out!

POP

That's great! I'll be bak out there in no time!

Ma begins to feed him. The Brawn moves forward.

THE BRAWN

Ma! You sit down and take a rest!
I'll feed Pop!

Ma smiles and gives him the bowl. The Brawn scoots closer to Pop and begins feeding him.

POP

So, how did yer hero team take ya leaving to come home?

The Bran sighs.

THE BRAWN

Our team broke up. Everyone had other things they wanted to do. Well, except for Ivan.

The TV suddenly speaks up.

TV ANNOUNCER

We interrupt this program to bring you shocking news, ladies and gentlemen! ArbeiVille is in a state of panic as several villains have teamed together to take over the city!

The Brawn snaps his head in the direction of the TV. It shows the villains wrecking havoc as civilians run away in fear.

TV ANNOUNCER

The Tower, a place where heroes are trained, has sent out a rookie team to take on this turn of events.

INT. HOTEL ROOM-DAY

Jayde is in normal clothes. She looks like she was fixing her hair, but is frozen in shock, staring at the TV.

TV ANNOUNCER

This team is being led by Street Ninja, the last remaining hero from The Unstoppables.

The TV shows Ivan chasing Rubella, but is suddenly head off by Jayde. Zampano and X. Plode appear, and they surround Ivan. Then the screen changes to show Hodolph, who is winning against the badly beaten Epics.

EXT. NORTHTON LANE-DAY

Many people are walking on the street. Everyone has an umbrella. It is raining profusely. Nightlurker stands frozen in front of a window of televisions, watching the news. He is wearing a knee length, dark purple coat, and a dark blue scarf. He looks horrified at the window. He turns and runs down the street, dropping his umbrella.

INT. THE VALLIANT FORTRESS MAIN ROOM-DAY

Hero is gearing up in her uniform, giant guns lay on the floor around her. A giant view screen shows the news. Black Tulip sits at the long table with the remote in her hand.

BLACK TULIP

You're really going to go back?

HERO

ArbeiVille needs me. I suppose it always will.

BLACK TULIP

So, you're giving up being a mercenary?

HERO

I guess so. Thanks for taking the time to teach me.

BLACK TULIP

If you find yourself in the area, stop by.

HERO

I will.

Hero shoulders a sling of bullets, picks up a big gun, and leaves.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-AFTERNOON

The Epics are tied together, sitting on the ground. The street is almost completely obliterated. Rubella, X. Plode, Hodolph, and Jaqui stand around them, smiling in triumph. Hodolph laughs, toting what looks like a scimitar.

HODOLPH

Ha hah! With The Unstoppables gone, taking over the city was a snap! Ah, today is a great day!

GADGET GUY

You can't get rid of us that easily! Just wait! Street Ninja will come to free us, and then you'll all be in for-

ZAMPANO (O.S.)

You mean this sucker?

Everyone turns to see Zampano dragging an unconscious Ivan across the ground by a rope. Zampano looks slightly crazed, with a grin smudged across his face. He deposits Ivan beside the young heroes. They gasp in horror.

TANK

... Gadget Guy? What do we do now?

ZAMPANO

You lose, that's what!

Zampano kicks Ivan onto his back and pulls out a knife.

ZAMPANO

But first, I'm about to become
richer than I've ever dreamed! HE
will definitely pay big for this!

Zampano holds the knife up, about to stab Ivan, but a loud gunshot is heard, and the knife flies out of Zampano's hand. He shouts in pain and looks at the source of the shot. Hero is sitting on the roof of a nearby building with a sniper rifle. She stands.

HERO

Release the heroes, and I promise I
won't kill all of you where you
stand!

JAQUI

She's bluffing! She's only ever
used her guns defensively!

HERO

How's this for bluffing?!

Hero fires her gun again, and Zampano falls to the ground with a sharp cry. He has a gunshot wound in his chest. He dies. Everyone looks up at Hero in shock. Hero pushes some hair out of her face and takes a deep breath.

HERO

I'm glad you weren't awake to see
that, Ivan.

X. Plode takes a step forward, pulling out a slingshot.

X. PLODE

I'll handle this.

He places a small bomb in the slingshot and fires it at Hero. She jumps away, and her rifle is destroyed. X. Plode continues to fling bombs at her. She works hard to dodge them. She begins to get tired. She trips, and is about to

get hit by a bomb, but The Brawn throws a trash can lid at it and deflects it. It explodes nearby.

HERO

The Brawn! You came back too?

THE BRAWN

How could I not come back?

NIGHTLURKER (O.S.)

I see that great minds think alike!

Hero and The Brawn turn to see him. They smile.

HERO AND THE BRAWN

Nightlurker!

NIGHTLURKER

Is Jayde here?

HERO

We... haven't seen her. Sorry.

Nightlurker's smile falls. Then he grows serious.

NIGHTLURKER

It seems this city needs us more than we were aware of. Let's go!

The three heroes begin to attack the villains. The Brawn kneels down beside the young heroes. They look up at him in wonder.

TANK

Whoa! The Brawn! I'm a huge fan of yours!

THE BRAWN

Care to help us put these losers away?

THE SHADE

Would we ever!

The Brawn unties them, and they enter the fray. Rubella looks worried.

RUBELLA

This is getting bad! What do we do?!

HODOLPH

Stand your ground! We've come so far! We can't forfeit now!

THE BRAWN

What's wrong with Ivan? Shouldn't he be awake by now?

BLACK (V.O.)

Ivan! Let's move! We've gotta help them fight!

Ivan remains motionless.

BLACK (V.O.)

Maybe it's time for a manual override.

Ivan suddenly opens his eyes, which have become dark. He stands slowly, cracking his bones and muscles back into their proper places. He growls dangerously. He pulls out a sword and runs into the fight. The other villains are quickly captured and put into handcuffs, but Hodolph fends off the heroes with his sword. Seeing that his allies are gone, Hodolph begins to retreat. He fights as he runs down a street. Ivan lashes out at him. Black's voice emits from him.

BLACK

You won't get away from me!

NIGHTLURKER

It's the voice from Ivan's head!
Where is Ivan?

BLACK

Don't know, but can we talk about this later?

HODOLPH

You can't stop me! I am so close! I refuse to give up!

Hodolph lashes out with his sword at Ivan, creating a large gash across his chest. Ivan grunts, holding an arm against the wound, but continues to fight. He is significantly weakened.

BLACK

There's seven of us, and one of him! Why isn't he dead yet?!

GADGET GUY

He's really fast! We can hardly keep up with you guys!

BLACK

Ooohhh... You guys go ahead! I'll catch up!

THE BRAWN

What's the matter, kid? You aren't healing?

Suddenly, an explosion occurs. Hodolph holds several of X. Plode's bombs in his hands. Everyone backs up.

HODOLPH

If I can't rule the city, I may as well destroy it! I'll go out with a bang!

HERO

Watch it! Hodolph's gonna-

Hodolph throws the bombs at the heroes, but they suddenly slow down and stop in mid air. Then they drop to the ground uselessly. Everyone turns to see Jayde standing at the end of the street, her arms outstretched. The Brawn and The Epics tackle Hodolph to the ground, pinning him and stripping him of his weapons. Nightlurker stares at Jayde for a moment. Then tears spring to his eyes as he grins and runs to her.

NIGHTLURKER

Jayde! You came back!

Nightlurker wraps his arms around her and lifts her a few inches off the ground. Jayde looks surprised, but smiles

and pats him on the back.

JAYDE

I couldn't very well let you guys
have all the fun!

Nightlurker suddenly realizes what he is doing and quickly sets her down. He takes a step away from her and clears his throat. There's a short awkward silence. Suddenly, Ivan groans and collapses to the ground. Everyone turns to him.

HERO

Ivan!

BLACK

I'm not Ivan. I'm the voice in his
head.

NIGHTLURKER

Where is he?

BLACK

Not a clue. He's usually awake by
now.

THE BRAWN

Well, what happened?

Ivan shudders.

BLACK

Zampano... Ugh!

Ivan passes out. Everyone rushes to him. The gash on his chest slowly begins to heal.

JAYDE

His aura has returned to normal,
and he's breathing. I think he'll
be just fine.

NIGHTLURKER

What did he mean by Zampano?

Ivan suddenly gasps and jerks into a sitting position.

IVAN
Zampano?! Where??

HERO
I shot him. Zampano is dead.

Everyone looks at her.

THE BRAWN
You... shot him? You killed
someone?

Hero hunches her shoulders.

HERO
Well, I have been training to be a
mercenary! And my main weapon is a
gun! I'm actually surprised he's
the first person I've killed.

Ivan begins to tremble.

IVAN
I... I don't think he's dead.
He's... not human.

NIGHTLURKER
Ivan, what are you talking about?

IVAN
He beat the living day lights out
of me in seconds! It's like he's
made out of rock! He reached inside
my head! He played with my brain!
He's some kind of monster!

Hero picks him up and sets him on his feet.

HERO
Here. Let me show you.

JAYDE
The Brawn? If you and The Epics
would be so kind as to escort
Hodolph to the Prison?

THE BRAWN

Sure thing, Boss!

Hero, Ivan, Nightlurker, and Jayde return to the place where Zampano was shot. He is lying on the ground, a gunshot wound in his middle, and a pool of blood surrounding him. Ivan simply stares.

HERO

There. Now you don't have to worry about him any more.

IVAN

All the same, I still think he ought to be cremated or something. I just feel like-

HERO

Oh, come on, Ivan! He's dead! That means he can't come back!

IVAN

You do realize you're talking to someone who dies on a regular basis, right?

Hero looks annoyed and turns away. Ivan looks slightly guilty for upsetting her, but then looks back down at Zampano's body. The Brawn returns.

JAYDE

Well, guys. Look at us. Even when we quit, we can't stay away.

Ivan looks up.

IVAN

Do you mean...?

JAYDE

What do you say, guys? Are you with me?

Jayde holds out her hand. Nightlurker immediately joins her.

NIGHTLURKER

I would like nothing more!

THE BRAWN

My pop is on the mend, so, I'm all
for it!

HERO

I'd say this city needs me, but I
think I need it more. I'm in.

Ivan smies. He cheers.

IVAN

The Unstoppables are back! Yeah,
baby! Woo!

There is some silence, where we pan through the city
streets and see the extent of the damage.

IVAN

Um, now what?

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-NIGHT

Zampano's body still lies on the ground. Nobody else is in
sight. Suddenly, Gene comes out of the shadows and looks
around nervously. He scuttles up to Zampano's body and
looks him over.

GENE

You really did a number on yourself
this time, Boss.

Gene picks up Zampano's arm and slowly drags his body away.

END.