

EXT. ARBEIVILLE PRISON-NIGHT

The armored hunter stands before The Unstoppables and Legend. They all look startled. Ivan is lying motionless on the floor, with Hero kneeling beside him. The armored hunter takes a step forward.

HY-TEK

I won't tell you again! Back away
from the ninja!

Hero glowers at him defiantly.

HERO

Just who do you think you are?! You
think we're just gonna hand our
friend over to you because you told
us to?

The armored hunter pulls out a weird-looking gun, pointing
it at the group.

HY-TEK

I'm warning you! I would rather not
hurt anyone, but I will if I have
to!

Hero gasps, standing.

HERO

That gun! Where did you get that?

The hunter looks slightly confused at this question.

HY-TEK

What do you mean, 'where did I get
this'? I made it!

HERO

Did you happen to make two of them?

HY-TEK

Wh- yes! But I lost one. How do you
know about that?

NIGHTLURKER

Hero, do you know who he is?

HERO

Of course not! But doesn't that gun look familiar?

JAYDE

It- it does! It looks like the transforming weapon we confiscated from Hodolph a few years ago!

HY-TEK

You have it?! I need it back!

THE BRAWN

Are you kidding me? You kill our friend and then ask for your gun back? I don't think you're gonna get either of them!

The Brawn stomps forward and pounds his large fists into the ground. A large crack in the ground appears under the hunter's feet. He struggles to gain balance, then turns on his jetpack.

HY-TEK

Stupid-! I'll have to get you later, ninja!

The hunter flies away. Everyone stares after him. The Brawn turns to Legend. Hero crouches down by Ivan to check on him.

THE BRAWN

Who was that?

Legend shrugs.

LEGEND

How should I know?

HERO

I thought you knew people from Ivan's past. He obviously knows who Ivan is.

IVAN (O.S.)

Who knows me?

Everyone looks down at Ivan, who sits up and rubs the back of his head, groaning. Hero looks relieved.

HERO

You're okay! When Vlad said your heart stopped beating, you had me worried! I thought you died!

IVAN

I did. I die all the time. I just keep coming back. What happened?

NIGHTLURKER

Do you happen to remember being skewered by several harpoons?

IVAN

Ah. That rings a bell. So, who is this guy, and why is he after me?

JAYDE

We were hoping you could tell us.

IVAN

No idea. Wait! I actually do have an idea!

NIGHTLURKER

What is it?

IVAN

Tacos! Prison food has nothing compared to tacos! I'm starving!

The Brawn chuckles and lifts Ivan onto his feet. The group walks towards their vehicles.

INT. ARBEIVILLE PRISON-NIGHT

A cop walks down the hallway, checking briefly on each prisoner as he passes. He looks at Jaqui's cell, and sees that she is asleep in her bed. He continues walking. As soon as he is gone, Jaqui jumps up out of bed and reaches under it. She pulls out the missing pages from volume two of Nightlurker's magic books. She studies them. She crawls towards her prison door.

JAQUI

Hody-Honey! You awake?

HODOLPH (O.S.)
Jaqui! Is it that time?

JAQUI
Yes. We're going to escape.

INT. REC ROOM-NIGHT

Everyone sits around in the room, eating tacos and other Mexican food.

IVAN
So has anything exciting happened since my afternoon in prison?

Everyone falls silent and glances at Legend. Ivan looks confused.

LEGEND
Well, Anya did threaten to quit, but thankfully, she's still with us.

Ivan looks surprised.

IVAN
What?! Why?

LEGEND
She didn't agree with the way I attempted to handle Zampano while he was still in your mind.

NIGHTLURKER
Frankly, Sir, none of us did.

LEGEND
I'm glad of that. I wasn't thinking clearly. I was more concerned with getting rid of Zampano, than the safety of my good friend. I'm sorry, Ivan.

IVAN

Oh, don't worry about it. You were trying to do the right thing. Maybe... maybe it would've been better if you had killed me permanently.

HERO

Ivan, what are you saying?

IVAN

Zampano's back, Hero! I failed to get rid of him before he entered his next clone! Now he's more dangerous than ever, and he wants to kill you!

HERO

I'm not afraid of him!

IVAN

You should be! We all should be! He's... a monster!

The room is silent for a moment.

THE BRAWN

Well, I for one am real glad that you aren't dead.

NIGHTLURKER

Here here! Now that you and Zampano are separated, we will not have any reservations on cutting him down!

LEGEND

I promise that I won't let my job dictate my decisions again. It almost cost me my head doctor, and you.

Suddenly, a memory flashes through Ivan's mind. It is of him and Anya sharing a kiss. Ivan stands up suddenly, his eyes wide.

IVAN

I need to talk to Anya!

He runs out of the room. Everyone looks slightly surprised.

INT. MEDICAL WING-NIGHT

Ivan enters the medical wing. All the lights are off except for one, in one of the research labs. Ivan walks in and sees Amos. Amos looks up at him and smiles.

AMOS

Ivan! Haven't seen you in a long while! What are you doing down here? It's nearly four in the morning!

IVAN

I need to see Anya. Is she here?

AMOS

Yeah, in the other room. But I wouldn't-

IVAN

Thanks!

Ivan leaves Amos and goes into the other room. Anya is reading something on a computer, and looks up when Ivan enters.

ANYA

Ivan! What are you doing here? Is something wrong?

IVAN

No, I... I just came to see you, I guess. I was worried. Legend said you almost quit.

ANYA

Oh. Well, yes. I couldn't stomach the thought of Legend killing you just to stop Zampano. Especially since it was me who brought it all to his attention in the first place.

IVAN

You told him Zampano was in my head.

Anya bites her lip.

ANYA

Yes. I just wanted to help you. But look at the mess I got you into. You were sent to prison!

IVAN

Don't worry about that. It wasn't so bad. And Zampano's not in my head anymore, so everything is fine.

Anya sighs with relief.

ANYA

That's good to hear.

IVAN

So, what are you doing here at four in the morning? Shouldn't you be asleep?

ANYA

Yeah, I should be.

Anya looks away from Ivan. There is a short silence. Then Ivan reaches into his bag of tacos and pulls one out, holding it out to her.

IVAN

Well, here. I brought you a taco!

Anya smiles.

ANYA

Thank you, Ivan.

She takes it, and leans on the counter, beginning to eat. Ivan eats one with her.

IVAN

You know, I'm really glad you didn't quit.

Anya looks up at him.

ANYA
... Really?

IVAN
Yeah! I mean, you've done so much for me. I would've hated to have you leave without being able to thank you.

Anya looks touched. She looks at the floor.

ANYA
That's nice to hear you say, Ivan.

There is another short silence.

IVAN
Is there anything I can do for you, Anya?

Anya looks slightly surprised.

ANYA
What do you mean?

IVAN
Well, I remember a while back, you said you were going through some hard things. I was just wondering if there was something I could do to help.

Anya looks up at Ivan, who smiles gently down at her. Suddenly, he looks alarmed.

IVAN
I- I didn't mean to make you cry!
Are you okay?

Anya realizes that she is crying. Ivan hands her a tissue from a box on the counter. She wipes her eyes, turning away.

ANYA
That's nice of you, Ivan, but I'm fine. Really.

Ivan places a hand on her shoulder.

IVAN

Anya. You've been dealing with my problems and yours for almost two years, now. You've done so much for me. What can I do for you?

Anya suddenly turns around and hugs Ivan, crying quietly. Ivan looks surprised, but then wraps his arms around her, closing his eyes.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-MORNING

Jaqui and Hodolph sneak away from the prison, heading into an alley.

HODOLPH

We must get out of here quickly!
The sun will be coming up soon, and then they'll notice we're missing!

JAQUI

We'll be long gone by the time they notice. Besides, I found a way to keep us out of jail, permanently!

Jaqui holds out one of the sheets of paper from the magic book. Hodolph squints at it, then shakes his head.

HODOLPH

I can't read it. It's in another language, or something.

JAQUI

It's the language of magic. This particular spell switches two people's bodies.

HODOLPH

But how does that help us?

JAQUI

Don't you see? I'll switch your body and Street Ninja's body! Then The Unstoppables will trust you and

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JAQUI (CONT'D)

not him! Then you can keep me from
going back to jail with your
influence!

Hodolph's eyes light up.

HODOLPH

Jaqui, my love! You're a genius!

JAQUI

I know, dear.

They share a quick kiss before running away into the
alleys.

INT. REC ROOM-MORNING

The room is quiet. Nightlurker is slouching in one of the
couches beside a coffee table. His feet are propped up on
the table, and he has one of his magic books open in his
lap. His hat is pushed over his eyes, and he snores
quietly. He looks like he fell asleep studying his book.
Jayde walks into the room.

JAYDE

Vladimir, are you-

She sees him sleeping, and falls silent. She smiles. She
walks up to him quietly and takes his hat off his face,
setting it down beside him. Then she takes his book off of
his lap and closes it, putting it on the table. She uses
her psychic powers and a blanket nearby suddenly glows with
a teal aura. It gently spreads itself over the sleeping
Nightlurker. He looks peaceful. She smiles gently and leans
over. She plants a small kiss on his forehead, and then
quietly leaves the room, turning the light off as she goes.
When she's gone, Nightlurker opens his eyes and his face
turns completely red. He jumps suddenly as his watch starts
beeping. He pushes a button on it, and Legend's face
appears.

LEGEND (V.O.)

Unstoppables! Hodolph and Jaqui
have escaped from prison! I need
all of you to locate them before
they can do anything!

Then, The Brawn's voice can be heard through the watch.

THE BRAWN (V.O.)

Aw, man! I haven't even been able
to get any sleep in, yet!

Nightlurker gets up, places his hat back on his head, and
leaves.

INT. MEDICAL WING-MORNING

Anya has fallen asleep on the table in the small room. Ivan
touches her shoulder. She opens her eyes.

ANYA

Oh, did I fall asleep? I'm sorry.

Ivan chuckles.

IVAN

It's alright. I'll have to hear the
rest of how you became a doctor
another time. Legend just called
us. I have to go.

Anya nods, still looking tired.

ANYA

Okay.

IVAN

Do you want me to walk you back to
your room, at least? Just to make
sure you actually get there before
falling asleep again?

Ivan grins. Anya allows a smile.

ANYA

I think I can manage. Go for it,
ninja.

Ivan smiles and leaves.

INT. HEADQUARTERS HALLWAY-MORNING

Ivan walks down the hallway. Suddenly, Anya's voice rings
out in his head again.

ANYA (V.O.)
Go for it, ninja.

BLACK (V.O.)
Why does that sound so familiar?

IVAN
Has she ever said that to me
before?

BLACK (V.O.)
Not that we remember.

Ivan shrugs and continues quickly down the hallway.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-DAY

The Unstoppables are riding in The Unstoppable Car. The Brawn yawns enormously.

THE BRAWN
We've been up all night! And now
we've gotta keep saving the day
with no rest!

HERO
You know what they say. Crime never
sleeps.

NIGHTLURKER
Crime is an insomniac.

IVAN
Crime and I have something in
common.

JAYDE
What the- look!

Everyone looks out the window to see Hodolph and Jaqui standing on top of a building, waving at them.

NIGHTLURKER
Odd. Why are they so eager to get
our attention?

HERO

It's obviously a trap. We should ignore them.

JAYDE

If we ignore them, they'll do something drastic to force our attention on them. We should at least see what they want.

IVAN

I dunno. I have to agree with Hero. Something's fishy.

NIGHTLURKER

There are five of us, and two of them. I think we can manage.

THE BRAWN

Famous last words.

JAYDE

So, are we going or not?

IVAN

Ah, what the heck. Let's do it. I'm curious.

HERO

Might as well. They're keeping me from sleeping. The sooner they're back in jail, the better.

Jayde flies The Unstoppable Car down to the two villains. Hodolph and Jaqui hold up their hands to show that they are unarmed. The heroes get out, but are all wary.

HODOLPH

Good morning, heroes! How was your night in solitary confinement, Street Ninja?

IVAN

Delightful. You should try it sometime.

HODOLPH

Believe me, I have. It's quite the place to think. Wouldn't you agree?

JAYDE

Enough chit-chat. Why did you escape prison, and why did you wave us down?

HODOLPH

Oh, but dear Jayde! That's exactly why we're here! To talk to you! We have decided to turn over a new leaf, so to speak! We wanted to contact you directly to tell you that we are through with being evil!

As Hodolph talks, Nightlurker glances at Jaqui. She is staring intently at Ivan, her lips moving slightly, like she is mumbling.

JAYDE

For some reason, I don't believe you.

HODOLPH

Why ever not? Are you saying that you would rather continue labeling us as villains, even as we try to correct our ways?

HERO

You just escaped from prison! That doesn't seem like turning over a new leaf!

Nightlurker lays eyes on a few papers that Jaqui is clutching in her hand. Ivan suddenly seems to have trouble breathing. Jaqui's eyes begin to glow. Nightlurker jumps at Ivan.

NIGHTLURKER

Ivan! Move! Jaqui is casting a spell!

Nightlurker bumps into Ivan and casts a deflecting spell. Hodolph and Jaqui are flung backwards. Ivan and Nightlurker

fall hard on the ground. The rest of the team jumps into action.

HERO

I knew it! Stay where you are!

Hero points a gun at them. Jaqui moves to gather up her missing pages, but Hero stops her by threatening with her gun. Jayde sees the papers and recognizes them.

JAYDE

Those are papers from Nightlurker's book!

She uses her psychic powers to gather them up. The Brawn runs at the two villains and pins them to the ground.

JAYDE

Cuff them, Nightlurker!

There is a short silence. Jayde turns around to see that Ivan and Nightlurker are both still lying on the ground. She approaches them and sees that they are both unconscious.

JAYDE

What did you do to them? What spell did you cast?

JAQUI

They ruined my spell! Heaven knows what happened to them! Not that I care!

Jayde throws The Brawn two pairs of handcuffs. He cuffs the villains and then picks them up effortlessly in his arms.

THE BRAWN

I'm going to see about having these two yahoos being put under special confinement.

JAQUI

Give me back my papers! Those are the last pieces of magic I have left! Don't take them from me!

HODOLPH

Jaqui...

JAYDE

You don't deserve to use magic if
you're just going to defy the law!
Take them away, The Brawn!

THE BRAWN

Yes, Ma'am!

JAQUI

No! Stop! Don't take them away from
me! I'm nothing without magic!
Nothing! Please! I'll do anything!

The Brawn disappears around a corner. Hero scoffs.

HERO

Well, somebody's being dramatic.

JAYDE

It's not like that. Nightlurker
told me about it once. He says that
using black magic takes away some
of your light, like a piece of your
soul. Then the black magic replaces
the missing piece with itself.
That's how he is able to use magic
at all.

HERO

He sold his soul for magic?

JAYDE

Just a small portion. He says the
deeper someone delves into black
magic, the more of their soul they
lose. Until there's almost nothing
left. That's why he hasn't gone as
deep as he potentially could. He
doesn't want to lose his soul.

Jayde looks at Nightlurker and Ivan lying on the ground.

JAYDE

That's why Jaqui was so desperate.
She's gone much deeper than
Nightlurker. Without magic, she

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JAYDE (CONT'D)

essentially has no soul. She's empty.

HERO

Whoa. Is there any way to get your soul back?

JAYDE

I don't know.

Ivan groans.

HERO

Finally, they're waking up! You feeling alright, Ivan?

Ivan sits up, putting a hand to his head. He speaks, but Nightlurker's voice comes out of him.

NIGHTLURKER

I am not Ivan. And yes, I think I will be fine.

Ivan suddenly sees his hand, and gasps.

NIGHTLURKER

What? What is the meaning of th-

Ivan looks at Nightlurker, lying on the ground beside him. He jumps to his feet.

NIGHTLURKER

What has happened?! Why am I there, and here?

Ivan looks at himself.

NIGHTLURKER

I'm- I'm in Street Ninja's body!

Ivan kicks at Nightlurker with his foot. Nightlurker groans, sitting up. Ivan's voice comes out of him.

IVAN

Ugh, why did it take me so long to recover? My head hurts...

NIGHTLURKER

That is my head, you dolt! Look
what that confounded Jaqui did to
us!

Nightlurker looks up at Ivan, his face goes blank. Then he
looks at himself.

IVAN

Oh, dang. This isn't good!

Ivan looks over at Jayde, who looks stunned. His face goes
red.

NIGHTLURKER

J-Jayde! This is... Something
has...

JAYDE

I think we need to take a look at
these pages.

Jayde holds up the missing pages. Ivan gawks at them.

NIGHTLURKER

The missing pages from volume two!
Of course!

Ivan runs to Jayde, who hands the pages to him with a
confused look on her face. Ivan studies the pages intently
and then turns to Nightlurker. He holds out a hand.

NIGHTLURKER

This ought to do the trick!
Combaniantos!

There is a short silence. Ivan looks frazzled.

NIGHTLURKER

Why isn't this working?!
Combaniantos!

IVAN

Wait a second... Nightlurker, your
light!

Ivan looks at Nightlurker for a moment, then realizes what
he means.

NIGHTLURKER

I no longer have the power to do magic! Here, Street Ninja! You need to do it!

IVAN

What? I don't know anything about magic!

NIGHTLURKER

But you are in my body! Just give it a try!

Nightlurker looks at the pages, flipping them over in his hands.

IVAN

What the heck is all this? I don't see the word you said on here anywhere!

NIGHTLURKER

It's like an equasion. Just- Gah! This is hopeless!

Ivan suddenly seems to be listening.

NIGHTLURKER

What? Just who do you think you are?! I am only trying to fix things!

HERO

What's wrong with him now?

IVAN

It's gotta be the voice in his... uh, my head.

The Brawn comes back.

THE BRAWN

Those two goons are back where they should be! Hodolph and Jaqui won't be back on the streets for a good long while!

NIGHTLURKER

Wait! Jaqui! She can turn us back,
just like she switched us! We need
to visit her in prison!

THE BRAWN

Little bro? Your voice sounds
wierd...

IVAN

Are you kidding? I just got out of
jail, I don't wanna go back!

The Brawn looks from Nightlurker to Ivan and back again.
Then he turns to the girls.

THE BRAWN

Did I miss something?

HERO

Yep. You did.

Ivan pulls on Nightlurker's arm and heads towards The
Unstoppable Car.

NIGHTLURKER

Come on! What are we waiting for?!

Jayde, Hero, and The Brawn all exchange glances. Jayde
shrugs, and they all follow Ivan.

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Ivan starts walking right up to the front desk, but
Nightlurker stops him.

IVAN

Hold on there, Lurky. I'm not too
popular here. You better let Jayde
do the talking.

Jayde walks up to the front desk. The lady at the desk
looks at her lazily.

JAYDE

Hello, there! We just brought Mr.
and Mrs. Hodolph in, but there has
been some confusion. Is it alright
if we speak to them?

LADY

Felix will take you there.

Felix, who is standing by the door to the prison halls, smiles at the heroes.

FELIX

Didn't I see all of you just recently? It's really an honor to help you in any way I can! Let me show you to those evildoers cells, alright?

The heroes follow Felix. Ivan looks perplexed, but Nightlurker looks surprisingly calm. Hero notices.

HERO

Hey, Nightlurk- I mean, Street Ninja. You don't look too worried about being in someone else's body. Doesn't it bother you?

Nightlurker shrugs.

NIGHTLURKER

I have out of body experiences every time I die, or when the voice in my head takes over. Besides, wierder stuff has happened to me.

HERO

Touché.

The heroes approach Hodolph's cell. When Hodolph sees them, he immediately looks angry.

HODOLPH

You! It's all your fault!

IVAN

Shut your pie hole, Fatso. We're here for Jaqui.

Hodolph scoffs incredulously.

HODOLPH

Are you now! You aren't done making her completely miserable, then? All of you are despicable! You sicken me!

THE BRAWN

What the heck happened here?

FELIX

Mrs. Hodolph had a bit of an episode after being taken to her cell. We had to put her in one of the... Happy Rooms.

Ivan looks stunned.

NIGHTLURKER

An episode...?

FELIX

Here! I'll take you to her room.

Felix leads the way. Hodolph glares at the heroes darkly as they walk away. Nightlurker shudders.

IVAN

If looks could kill.

NIGHTLURKER

That is the look of a man being protective of his wife. Let him be.

Nightlurker stops to think about that for a second. He nods.

IVAN

Huh. Well, when you put it that way, I kinda feel sorry for him.

The group approaches a door with a small window. Felix points at it.

FELIX

This is the only padded room in the ArbeiVille prison. If Mrs. Hodolph keeps up this act, she's going to be taken to the Easton Insane Assylum.

IVAN

Act?

FELIX

See for yourself.

Felix opens the door. Jaqui sits on the floor in a straight jacket. She sees Nightlurker and snarls.

JAQUI

Vladimir! If you know what's good for you, you'll give me my book back! I need it! I want it! I love it!

Ivan takes a stance.

NIGHTLURKER

If we give it to you, you will only use it to put ArveiVille in danger again. We cannot allow it.

Jaqui's eyes seem to deaden. She howls.

JAQUI

Nooooo! You don't understand! I'm nothing without it! I'll die without magic! I'll diee!!

NIGHTLURKER

But! I can offer you one thing.

Jaqui stops her wailing to look at Ivan.

JAQUI

Your voice... Vladimir?

All is silent for a moment. Then, Jaqui begins to giggle. Her giggles grow into loud laughter. She throws back her head, gasping.

JAQUI

My spell rebounded! It didn't switch Hodolph and Street Ninja! It switched you with him!

Jaqui laughs loudly again, but suddenly stops.

JAQUI

I won't do it.

NIGHTLURKER

What!

JAQUI

I won't switch you back! That's why you're here, isn't it? You want me to switch you back! Well, I won't! Not unless you give me both volumes of the black magic books!

NIGHTLURKER

Both of them?!

JAQUI

Yes! I want both!

NIGHTLURKER

Impossible! I need those books for myself when I return to my own body!

JAQUI

Well, you're not gonna get there without my help! Do we have a deal?

NIGHTLURKER

No!

Ivan turns around and leaves. The others warily follow him.

JAQUI

What? Wait! How about just one book? Maybe just a chapter? You can't just leave! Come back here! Give me back my book! Vladimir!!

The door closes.

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Ivan storms out of the prison, muttering in Nightlurker's voice.

NIGHTLURKER

That vixen! Completely insane!

Nightlurker strides behind him, with the rest of the team following behind.

IVAN

I still don't understand why Jaqui can't use magic anymore. She's been using it for years, hasn't she?

Ivan turns around.

NIGHTLURKER

It is not that simple. You can't do math without the equation. The same goes for magic. It's complicated.

Ivan grunts in frustration.

NIGHTLURKER

What an outrageous request! She can't possibly expect me to give her both volumes! I'll figure out something myself!

The rest of the team follows him out. The Brawn puts a hand on Nightlurker's shoulder.

THE BRAWN

So, what are you going to do, little bro? Are you and Lurky stuck like this forever?

Nightlurker is about to answer, but Ivan shouts.

NIGHTLURKER

This is not my fault! Just... leave me alone! No, you're the stupid one! I don't know how Street Ninja is able to put up with you! Aah!

Ivan suddenly falls to his knees.

NIGHTLURKER

What... what is happening to me?
This is- AAHH!

Jayde, The Brawn, and Hero run to Ivan to help him. Nightlurker hangs back warily.

HERO

What's the matter, Nightlurker?
What's wrong?

Ivan continues to writhe on the ground. Nightlurker takes a step forward.

IVAN

He's... he's having flashbacks of
my past!

JAYDE

Will this have an affect on...
Vlad's sanity?

IVAN

I'm not sure.

Ivan suddenly goes limp, his eyes closing. When he opens them again, his eyes are dark. He sits up. When he speaks, Black's voice comes out of him.

BLACK

You guys gotta get this weirdo out
of my body.

IVAN

Our body! And stop picking on him!
We don't know what we're dealing
with, here!

Ivan groans, putting a hand to his head.

BLACK

You guys deal with it! This whack-
job is coming back!

Ivan collapses again, closing his eyes. Jayde sighs.

JAYDE

What should we do? Poor Vladimir...

Nightlurker suddenly freezes.

IVAN

I... I was talking face-to-face
with the voice in my head.

Nightlurker lifts his head to the sky.

IVAN

I'm... free?

Hero turns to him.

HERO

What are you talking about, Ivan?

IVAN

Don't you see? I have no voice in my head! I have no horrible past! I'm completely free!

Nightlurker laughs and jumps for joy. He looks around.

IVAN

What should I do now? I know! I'm going to track down the Inner Eye and learn what happened to myself! I don't even have to worry about relapsing into insanity! I can do anything I want!

He is about to jump away, but stops short. He turns around to see that Jayde tugged on his cape. She has a sad expression on her face. Nightlurker stares at her for a moment, putting on a look of understanding.

IVAN

You're right. I wouldn't wish my life on anyone. Let's figure out how to switch us back.

THE BRAWN

Seriously? Ivan! This might be the only chance you get! Let me just tell you what happened, then!

IVAN

I can't. When Vlad and I switch back, I'll just go insane then. This is the way it has to be.

JAYDE

Thank you, Ivan.

Ivan groans, sitting up.

NIGHTLURKER

Insufferable voice... What happened?

IVAN

The voice in your... my head took over. But don't worry, he's harmless... mostly.

The Brawn helps Ivan to his feet.

THE BRAWN

Come on, Vladdy. Let's get you back to The Tower. Maybe Legend can help get you guys back to normal.

ZAMPANO (O.S.)

Not if I have anything to say about it!

The team turns around and looks at Zampano in fear. Zampano smiles.

ZAMPANO

And, I do.

The team reacts quickly. Except for Ivan and Nightlurker, who exchange confused glances.

NIGHTLURKER

Street Ninja! I am not trained to use physical combat!

IVAN

And I don't know the first thing about magic! What are we gonna do?!

Hero pulls out a gun. A yellow-green aura surrounds it, and it leaps from her hands. It flies into Zampano's outstretched hand.

ZAMPANO

Don't worry, dear Hero. I didn't forget about your precise shooting and martial arts skills! I duplicated those in myself, too!

Zampano aims the gun at Hero. Nightlurker gasps.

IVAN

Hero!

He takes a step towards her, but Ivan stops him.

NIGHTLURKER

No, idiot! You cannot use yourself
as a healing meat shield! I do not
heal like you do!

Jayde jumps in the way and stops the bullets with her psychic powers. The Brawn leaps forward and smashes the ground right in front of Zampano. Zampano flies backwards with a shout. Nightlurker looks around frantically. He spots Ivan's enejaatōs. He lunges for one, grabbing it and turning it on.

NIGHTLURKER

Street Ninja! What do you think you
are doing?!

IVAN

Something other than being useless!

Nightlurker waves the sword in a quick circle and strikes a fighting stance. He leaps at Zampano. Zampano sees him and jumps backwards.

ZAMPANO

What's this? The magician has lost
his magic? Or is something else at
work here?

IVAN

Shut up, you freak! Stand still so
I can kill you!

Zampano continues to dodge, but only barely. He punches the air in front of Nightlurker, and he is blown back by an explosion of magic.

ZAMPANO

Jaqui was so kind as to give me
some of her magical equations

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ZAMPANO (CONT'D)

before I made this new clone! Good thing, too!

Nightlurker lands on the asphalt a few yards away. He groans.

IVAN

Ugh... How does anyone else live without a healing ability?

He slowly sits up.

IVAN

Wait... Equation? Math!

Nightlurker looks at his hands.

IVAN

Magic is like math!

Nightlurker looks up to find Ivan, spotting him looking nervous behind The Brawn.

IVAN

If I use magic like math, I can find an equation that will switch us back!

Nightlurker stands up and puts a hand to his head.

IVAN

Think! Think! What equation would reverse a spell?! If only I was better at math!

Nightlurker suddenly looks up.

IVAN

In-inversions!

Nightlurker runs at Ivan, his hands outstretched. His hands begin to glow with a black and purple aura. Ivan sees him and looks shocked.

NIGHTLURKER

Street Ninja! What-

Nightlurker grabs Ivan, and both of them topple to the ground. The rest of the team, still battling Zampano, exchange glances.

HERO

What just happened?!

JAYDE

I'm not sure! Focus!

Ivan slowly opens his eyes, blinking. He suddenly sits up, patting himself down.

IVAN

I'm- I'm me again! Oh, yeah!

Ivan pulls out his other sword and joins in on the fight. Nightlurker opens his eyes as well, and slowly picks himself up off the floor.

NIGHTLURKER

Oh, what a headache!

Nightlurker sees his hand and smiles. He smiles darkly up at Zampano. His fingers spark with purple lightning.

NIGHTLURKER

It is good to be back!

He lashes out in the direction of Zampano with his lightning.

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The team looks exhausted. There are a bunch of cops on the scene, tying an obviously upset Zampano tightly into a straight jacket and putting him into a cop car. The Brawn sits on the ground, with Hero leaning up against him. Nightlurker helps Jayde to her feet.

NIGHTLURKER

Are you all right?

JAYDE

Yes. Thank you.

Ivan comes up and slaps Nightlurker on the back, making him cringe. Ivan grins.

IVAN

What a day! Eh, Lurky? Let's hope this never happens again!

Nightlurker allows a small laugh.

NIGHTLURKER

You and I both, Street Ninja. Nice job with the magic, by the way. It is very impressive that you were able to come up with your own equation to switch us back. I daresay you could become a master of the dark magics, if you tried.

IVAN

I think I'll leave that to you.

Ivan and Nightlurker smile at each other. Then Nightlurker grows serious.

NIGHTLURKER

Listen, Ivan. Just before we switched back, the voice in your head told me something. It said that you thought about staying in my body, and using your freedom to find out your past.

Ivan looks down.

IVAN

Yeah, I'm real sorry about that.

NIGHTLURKER

Do not be. After being inside that head of yours for just a few hours, I would have considered it as well. That is why I am so grateful that you came back anyway.

Ivan smiles at Nightlurker.

IVAN

Thanks, man.

JAYDE

Well, it sure has been an
interesting day. What say we head
home?

THE BRAWN

You bet! We can all finally get
some shut eye!

HERO

I'm with you on that!

END.