

INT. ARBEIVILLE PRISON-NIGHT

Hodolph sits casually in his bed. Guards walk by and turn out the lights.

GUARD

Lights out, everyone.

As soon as the doors close, Hodolph jumps off his bed and pulls out some of the bricks on the wall near the floor, making a small hole. He puts his head near it.

HODOLPH

Mon ami! Are you there?

Jaqui's face appears on the other side of the hole.

JAQUI

Oh, Hodolph! How I love to hear your voice! Going just a few hours without talking to you is torture enough!

HODOLPH

Do not worry, my dear. Tonight, we escape this place. Then, we will work on the most diabolical plan yet! Street Ninja won't know what hit him!

JAQUI

And neither will Nightlurker! He isn't half the man you are, Hodolph!

Hodolph smiles at her dreamily. Then he stands.

HODOLPH

Time to put our escape plan into action!

Hodolph unzips the top of his orange jumpsuit and walks towards the metal bars of the door. He scrapes the zipper against a metal pole and sparks fly. He does it again, and some of the sparks fall onto his bed sheets. The sheets catch on fire. He blows on the fire gently until the flames are fairly large. Then he shouts.

HODOLPH

Fire! Fire!

A guard runs in. Hodolph cowers in the corner.

GUARD

What happened here?!

Hodolph runs towards the barred door.

HODOLPH

You must help me! I am terribly
afraid of fire! Help!

Hodolph grabs onto the guard and pulls him forward,
slamming the guard against the metal bars. The guard falls
to the ground. Hodolph grabs the keys and unlocks the door.
He runs down a hallway.

He runs up to Jaqui's door and unlocks it for her.

HODOLPH

Everything went exactly as planned.

JAQUI

Oh, Hodolph! I knew you could do
it!

She kisses him. Hodolph melts in her embrace.

HODOLPH

Come, we must escape!

Hodolph and Jaqui run away.

INT. IVAN'S ROOM-NIGHT

The room is almost completely empty. There is only the
metal bar bolted to the ceiling, the TV, the violin, and
the lamp. The music box from Obaasan sits beside the TV on
the stand. Ivan sits in the corner, looking at the moon
through the window from the opposite side of the room. His
eyes are half closed.

BLACK (V.O.)

Sometimes, we wish we could sleep
just to pass the time. Nights have
become so lonely lately.

Ivan sighs. He continues to stare at the moon.

INT. MEDICAL WING-DAY

Ivan is in full gear. He sits quietly on a stretcher. Anya comes up with a stethoscope and puts it in her ears. She presses the other end to his back.

ANYA

Breathe in.

Ivan closes his eyes and sucks in a deep breath. We can hear the steady beating of his heart.

ANYA

Okay. Now breathe out.

Ivan lets out his breath. Anya takes the stethoscope off her ears. She writes something down on a clipboard.

ANYA

Well, that's it for today! Same time next week!

Ivan lifts his head slightly.

IVAN

Aren't you going to tell me what's wrong with me?

Anya blinks in surprise.

ANYA

Nothing's wrong with you, Ivan!
You're as fit as a fiddle!

IVAN

Don't feel like it.

ANYA

Well, where does it hurt?

Ivan places a hand on his chest.

IVAN

Here.

Anya gives him a pitying look.

ANYA

It's been a month since she left,
Ivan.

IVAN

Feels like yesterday.

Ivan gets up off the bed. He gives her a slight bow.

IVAN

Thank you, Anya.

Ivan turns to leave. Anya takes a step after him.

ANYA

Ivan, wait.

Ivan halts.

ANYA

Has the voice in your head been
bothering you much lately?

IVAN

He's always there, but I haven't
had another... episode, if that's
what you mean.

ANYA

Yeah. Okay. Good. It's just that,
I've been researching a little, and
I think I might be able to help you
get rid of it.

IVAN

Why would I want that?

ANYA

That voice can take you over, Ivan.
It's dangerous.

IVAN

No more dangerous than I am. Just
angrier. He's not always angry. He
understands me.

ANYA

Okay, I just want to make sure
you're alright.

Ivan nods, turning to leave again. He walks out of the
room.

INT. WAREHOUSE-DAY

The warehouse looks plain on the outside, but the inside
has furniture and paintings, as well as crates lining the
walls. Hodolph is working on something on the counter,
while Jaqui reclines on the couch, reading a small book. It
looks similar to Nightlurker's, only the gem on this cover
is red. She suddenly sits up with a gasp.

JAQUI

Honey! Look at this!

Hodolph whirls around, holding a screwdriver. He comes to
her side. She shows him the page.

JAQUI

This spell would be perfect to use
on him! Don't you think?

Hodolph looks at it and chuckles.

HODOLPH

Oh, Jaqui, you are a devious one!
This spell is perfect!

They share a quick kiss before Hodolph turns back to his
work.

HODOLPH

This new device will help us as
well. Studying your book of magic
helped me to apply its reverse
principles! This plan will be
foolproof!

Jayde and Hodolph smile at each other.

INT. HEADQUARTERS LOUNGE-DAY

The room is big, with bean bags and couches dotting the
floor. Off to one side, there is a pool table, ping pong,
fooseball, and other games. The Brawn sits in front of the

large tv on a bean bag. He is playing a video game. He is out of gear. Nightlurker is wearing everything except his suit coat and mask, which are draped over a nearby chair. He is playing pool.

THE BRAWN

I wonder where Ivan is. We always play video games together!

NIGHTLURKER

Brawn, be more sensitive. He is still upset that Hero left.

THE BRAWN

No kidding. What's with that, anyways? We're a team! We don't just up and leave!

NIGHTLURKER

I will agree that it was rather abrupt of her, but Hero has always been a mercenary in training. I do not blame her for going to pursue her aspirations with her role model.

THE BRAWN

Yeah, but did she have to... you know... break up with Ivan first?

Nightlurker looks up from his game. He sighs.

NIGHTLURKER

You know Ivan's past. It was getting to be too much for her. I feel sorry for Ivan, but I understand why Hero did what she did.

The Brawn pauses his game and looks at Nightlurker.

THE BRAWN

It's still not very fair. Ivan can't remember any of that. It's not his fault.

NIGHTLURKER

Perhaps one day Ivan will be able
to find someone who can better deal
with that.

The Brawn turns his game back on, and Nightlurker continues
his pool game.

INT. HEADQUARTERS-DAY

Ivan leans against the wall beside the open door to the
lounge. He looks shocked and sad.

BLACK (V.O.)
Hero left us because of our past?
But why?

Ivan sits for a moment. Then puts on a determined face and
stalks away.

INT. LEGEND'S OFFICE-DAY

Ivan enters the room. Legend sits at his desk. He looks up.

LEGEND
Ivan! How are you?

Ivan looks wearied and upset. Legend's smile falls.

LEGEND
Ah, still moping, I see. What can I
do for you?

IVAN
Legend, I want you to tell me about
my past.

LEGEND
What?!

BLACK (V.O.)
What?!

IVAN
You heard me!

LEGEND
Ivan, you can't be serious! You
would go insane!

IVAN

I don't care!

Legend sits in confusion. He stands up.

LEGEND

I don't believe that for a second.

Ivan's face changes to uncertainty. Legend walks around his desk to stand before Ivan. As he does so, the door opens and Jayde, Nightlurker, and The Brawn walk in. They halt, seeing Legend and Ivan.

LEGEND

You care about the team, don't you?
If you were carted away to some
insane asylum, what would happen to
them? They'd be down another team
member! It would just be the three
of them left against all the
threats that bombard this city!

Ivan looks surprised.

LEGEND

And what about you? If your mind
collapsed in on itself, that other
side of you would have no control!
The Unstoppables would have to save
the city from you! They care about
you! How could they bring
themselves to do that?

Ivan closes his eyes and shakes his head.

IVAN

No! Stop!

Ivan falls to his knees, holding his head in his hands.

IVAN

... Just stop...

Legend looks down at Ivan pityingly. He puts a hand on Ivan's head.

IVAN

I don't want to remember my past,
there's just no other way out for
me.

LEGEND

Out of what?

Ivan stands, pointing at his head. He looks anguished.

IVAN

Out of this!! I can't sleep, I
can't die, I'm always awake! I'm
always thinking! Horrifying flashes
of my past keep haunting me!

Ivan's breathing becomes increasingly uneven. He looks
unstable.

IVAN

I can't... I can't take this
anymore!

Ivan suddenly turns and sees the other members of the team.
He looks surprised. They all stand and look at him with sad
expressions. They all approach him.

THE BRAWN

Dude, you're the best friend I ever
had. Don't you leave us, too.

NIGHTLURKER

I cannot imagine what your mind
must be dealing with, but I highly
respect you for continuing on
anyway.

Jayde doesn't speak, but instead wraps her arms around
Ivan. Ivan looks surprised, then bows his head and cries
silently.

IVAN

Thank you.

The Brawn uses his big arms and scoops everyone up into a
hug. Nightlurker protests with a grunt, but Jayde and The
Brawn both laugh. Ivan even smiles a little himself.
Suddenly, everyone's watches beep. Legend rushes to the

table and pushes a button. The map of ArbeiVille shows up on the holograph viewer. A red dot appears. Jayde straightens.

JAYDE

That's just a block and a half from here! Let's go, team!

TEAM

Yes, Boss!

Legend opens the window, and the team exits to the city.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-DAY

The team rushes on the rooftops to the scene in question. There is an overturned train and several crashed cars.

NIGHTLURKER

Goodness! What happened here?

The heroes drop to ground level and weave their way through the gathering crowd. They approach an officer.

JAYDE

Could you tell us what happened, here?

OFFICER

A horrible train accident, Ma'am. No one's been killed that we've found so far, but there are tons with injuries.

THE BRAWN

What can we do?

OFFICER

Well, you could help us peel back more of the roof of the train carts. And the rest of you could help people out of the train.

JAYDE

Sounds like a plan. Let's go, team!

The Brawn approaches the train and rips off the metal. The rest of the team gets inside.

INT. BROKEN TRAIN-DAY

The team splits up. Nightlurker finds a woman calling for help. He offers his hand.

NIGHTLURKER

Are you alright? Allow me to help you out.

WOMAN

No! I need to find my son! Jeremy! Where are you?

IVAN

I can look for your son. You need to get out of here.

WOMAN

You have to find him! He's my only child!

IVAN

I'll find him, don't worry.

As Nightlurker and the woman leave, Ivan searches around.

IVAN

Jeremy? You here?

Ivan makes his way to the back of the cart. He lifts up some toppled baggage. He sees a bruised arm.

IVAN

Oh no.

He gets on his knees and removes all the baggage. He lifts a boy into his arms. He checks his pulse and sighs with relief.

IVAN

Oh, thank goodness.

Ivan carries him halfway to the opening. The Brawn is yelling at him.

THE BRAWN

Street Ninja! Get out of there right now! Do you hear me? Get out!

IVAN

What's wrong?

The cart suddenly gets blown to one side. Ivan protects Jeremy with his body, getting all sorts of cuts and bruises. The boy wakes up.

JEREMY

What... Mommy!

IVAN

Everything's okay, Jeremy! I'll take care of you and get you back to your mom.

Ivan carries the child as he limps toward the opening, which is now leaned very close to the ground.

IVAN

Brawn! You still there?

THE BRAWN

Yeah, man. You alright?

IVAN

We're fine. Here, take Jeremy to his mom.

The Brawn reaches in and Jeremy grabs the large man's arm. He pulls him out. The sound of the mother comforting her son can be heard. Ivan smiles. Suddenly, the cart rocks again. Ivan's foot becomes stuck.

THE BRAWN

Ivan! There's another train comin'! The cops are trying to get it to stop, but if they can't, this train's gonna get crashed again! Get outta there! There's no one else in there!

IVAN

I can't! I'm stuck!

THE BRAWN

Hurry!

Ivan struggles to get his leg free.

THE BRAWN

Ivan, I mean it! That train is almost here!

NIGHTLURKER

Brawn! Back away! We can't have both of you getting hurt! At least Street Ninja might survive this!

IVAN

I've survived a spaceship crash! You guys go! I'll catch up!

The two leave, and Jayde approaches. Ivan is about to protest, but Jayde uses her powers and pops Ivan free. He smiles.

IVAN

Thanks, Jayde.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-DAY

Ivan climbs out of the hole just as the other train collides with the train. A cable cart pops lose and tumbles toward them. Ivan pushes Jeremy and his mother away.

IVAN

Watch out!

Ivan gets crushed by the cart. The crowd gasps. The Brawn runs forward and lifts the cart off of Ivan. Ivan lays on the ground, uncontious and bleeding profusely. Civilians stare at the scene in horror. The mother holds Jeremy close to her.

WOMAN

Oh my goodness. He... he sacrificed his life for us.

An officer appears on the scene and approaches Ivan. He speaks into his radio.

OFFICER

We have a wounded super hero on the team. Send in an ambulance.

Nightlurker runs and gets between Ivan and the officer.

NIGHTLURKER

Uh, that will not be necessary,
Sir. My comrade is fine.

OFFICER

Fine? That sure doesn't look fine!

As he says this, Ivan sucks in a lungful of air and opens his eyes. The crowd gasps.

CIVILIAN

He's alive!

A murmur rises up from the crowd. The wounds on Ivan's body begin to heal. Ivan sits up, groaning a little. He cracks his neck and stands. The Brawn smiles, patting him on the back.

THE BRAWN

Good to have you back, Buddy.

Ivan smiles. Jayde runs up to them.

JAYDE

The other train is fine, thank
goodness.

Ivan looks out at the crowd. They look horrified.

WOMAN

We... We watched you die! How are
you alive?!

CIVILIAN

That's freaky! Just what are you?

Ivan looks shocked. He takes a step away.

BLACK (V.O.)

We're... a freak?

Ivan takes a step towards Jeremy and his mother. The clings to her son and backs away.

WOMAN

Stay away from us!

Ivan looks around.

BLACK (V.O.)

They don't like us. We're a freak!
They don't even think we're a super
hero! ... Get out of here. Run!

The Brawn turns to the crowd.

THE BRAWN

C'mon, guys! That's his super
power! It's not scary! It's a good
thing, right?

Ivan suddenly takes off. He runs down a street and climbs
up onto a roof. He runs away. Nightlurker starts after him.

NIGHTLURKER

Ivan!

THE BRAWN

Let him go, man. Give the kid some
space.

EXT. THE TOWER SPIRE-DUSK

The sky is mostly dark, with a dim splash of colors to one
side, indicating that the sun has already set. Ivan sits on
the very top of the spire, looking out at the city. He
sighs.

BLACK (V.O.)

What are we even doing here?

IVAN

What do you mean?

BLACK (V.O.)

What's our purpose? To save a city
that thinks we're a freak?

IVAN

I'm here to help The Unstoppables.
They're the only friends I've got.

BLACK (V.O.)

They all have reasons for being
here. Their pasts drive them to
fight evil. We don't have a past.
We-

JAYDE (O.S.)

Ivan!

Ivan looks down. Jayde is wearing Ivan's old adhesive gloves, clinging to the building.

JAYDE

I thought I might find you up here.
Dinner's ready. Want some?

Ivan sighs.

IVAN

Sure.

INT. HEADQUARTERS CAFETERIA-NIGHT

The four team members eat together. Ivan uses chopsticks, but doesn't eat much. After a while he stands.

IVAN

Well, it's getting late. I might
just turn in early.

NIGHTLURKER

But you don't even sleep.

IVAN

I'll probably just practice the
violin or learn another foreign
language. Night.

THE BRAWN

Later, man.

JAYDE

Good night.

Ivan leaves. The other team members watch him go. The Brawn turns to Jayde.

THE BRAWN

What are we gonna do about that
guy?

Jayde sighs and shakes her head.

JAYDE

I don't know.

INT. IVAN'S ROOM-NIGHT

Ivan, still in full gear, hangs upside down and plays the violin, harmonizing to the little music box sitting next to the television. He stops suddenly, flicking his tail to close the music box. His ears twitch as he listens. After a minute, he shrugs and is about to play again, when suddenly, something crashes in through his window. Ivan is knocked off, and his violin crashes to the floor, breaking. Jaqui picks herself up off the floor. Ivan strikes a defensive pose.

IVAN

Jaqui! What are you doing here?

Hodolph climbs up onto the balcony.

HODOLPH

Don't forget about me!

IVAN

And Hodolph? Why weren't we notified?

JAQUI

The little train accident we caused threw us off the priority list for a little while.

IVAN

That was you two?!

Suddenly, Ivan's watch beeps.

LEGEND (V.O.)

Unstoppables! We have a situation! Jaqui and Hodolph have escaped from jail! They seem to be working together!

Ivan talks into his watch.

IVAN

You need to get your information updated! They've crashed their way into my room!

JAYDE (V.O.)

We're on our way!

JAQUI

well, as much as we would like to stay for the party, we have other plans.

Jaqui holds up a cannon. Ivan just laughs.

IVAN

I thought both of you would've learned by now that you can't hurt me!

JAQUI

Oh, this won't hurt a bit!

Jaqui shoots the cannon, and a mechanical arm reaches out and grabs Ivan around the middle. Ivan claws the ground as it reels him in, dragging him toward the window. Ivan's hands find the adjustable lamp, and he grasps it. It comes unplugged, and just as the rest of the team opens the door to his room, Jaqui, Hodolph, Ivan, and his lamp, disappear out the broken window.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-NIGHT

Ivan dangles by the mechanical arm, still holding his lamp. Jaqui and Hodolph stand on a small hoverboard together, and carry Ivan over the city. The team jumps off Ivan's balcony and gives chase. The hoverboard is fast, however, and The Unstoppables are soon out of sight. Ivan grimaces in frustration. They fly to the warehouse.

INT. WAREHOUSE-NIGHT

Ivan is still bound up by the mechanical arm. He holds the living room lamp in his hands. Jaqui and Hodolph smile and embrace.

HODOLPH

Oh, my dear! You were wonderful back there!

JAQUI

So were you, my love!

They embrace. Ivan looks slightly disgusted.

IVAN
Wait, you're with him? Hodolph?

JAQUI
This surprises you?

Ivan stares at them as if they are both stupid. Then he turns his head.

IVAN
Nevermind.

BLACK (V.O.)
She has no taste.

HODOLPH
Insults aside, allow me to relate to you our terms and conditions.

BLACK (V.O.)
Oh boy, here we go.

HODOLPH
You will become my nemesis, or you will forever rue the day you ever met me!

IVAN
I thought you gave that all up!

HODOLPH
You don't just stop being evil, Street Ninja! It's very complicated and sophisticated!

IVAN
Sure. Do your worst.

HODOLPH
We're warning you. Our plan is very involved. We know your weakness.

IVAN
Pray, tell me. What is my weakness?

HODOLPH

Your mind.

Ivan throws back his head and laughs. It is an unsettling laugh, almost crazed.

IVAN

There's nothing you can do to my mind that could torture me more than what I live through every day! Do your worst! And while you're doing that, my friends are on their way here right now! You were stupid enough to move back into your old warehouse!

Hodolph shows a hint of worry, but Jaqui just smiles.

JAQUI

We are heavily armed for them. And look! You've even provided us with your object of torture! How thoughtful of you!

Jaqui takes the living room lamp out of Ivan's hands. Ivan gives it up willingly, looking somewhat bored. She sets up the lamp in front of him, and pulls out her small book of magic. Ivan looks at it.

IVAN

Hey, Nightlurker has a book just like that.

JAQUI

Yes, this is the second volume of his book, and therefore, more in-depth.

Ivan nods with a knowing smile. Jaqui points at Ivan and begins muttering incantations. Ivan looks away.

BLACK (V.O.)

Lalalalala! We can't hear you!

Jaqui looks slightly unsettled.

JAQUI

He seems to be blocking my magic
with his other half. I'll take care
of that. Retracanto!

BLACK (V.O.)

What the-?

Ivan blinks in surprise.

IVAN

The voice... it's gone!

Jaqui continues her spells. Ivan is drawn into them suddenly. Instead of looking at her, however, he stares at the living room lamp. A slightly-transparent figure starts to appear over it. It is a beautiful woman. She looks at Ivan lovingly.

LUCIA

Ivan...

Ivan stares transfixed by the woman. His face turns slightly red. The voice in his head returns.

BLACK (V.O.)

Lucia?

Jaqui finishes the spells. She smiles at Hodolph, who smiles back at her. She walks right past Ivan, who still stares at Lucia. Jaqui releases him.

JAQUI

Alright, Ivan. You win. You can go.

Ivan continues to sit. Lucia smiles at him.

LUCIA

Ivan, I understand. You are
tortured. Let me help you. I care
about you.

Ivan stands slowly. He takes a step towards her. Jaqui steps between them.

JAQUI

Oh, no. You can go, but the lamp
stays here.

Ivan looks at Jaqui like she has greatly offended him.

IVAN

No. I need her to come with me.

Hodolph roars with laughter.

HODOLPH

Her?! Oh, this is rich! It worked!
This is better than I imagined!

Lucia looka sad.

LUCIA

Help me, Ivan. Save me! Please!

Ivan puts on a look of determination. He pulls out a sword. He strikes a pose to fight, but Jaqui suddenly grabs the lamp and holds it in front of her. The transparent woman follows the lamp's movements exactly. She still looks sad.

LUCIA

I'm trapped! Come on, you can
defeat these losers! I believe in
you!

She gives Ivan an encouraging smile. Ivan looks empowered. Hodolph continues to laugh.

HODOLPH

He doesn't just attack the lamp to
get to you! It really did work!

LUCIA

Ivan, listen to me. I have an idea.

Jaqui smiles as she watches Ivan seem to listen to the plain old lamp like it has something to say. Suddenly, Ivan wraps his arms around the lamp and makes a sweeping motion with his foot, knocking Jaqui off her feet. Ivan jumps away with the lamp in his arms.

Ivan lands near the doorway as Hodolph rushes to Jaqui's side. He carries Lucia in his arms. She leans her head on his shoulder and smiles.

LUCIA

I knew you could do it! You're the best!

Ivan smiles.

IVAN

Let's get you out of here.

Ivan turns to run, when the team suddenly appears.

NIGHTLURKER

Street Ninja! You escaped already?

JAYDE

Perfect. Let's send these losers back to jail!

IVAN

I have to take her somewhere safe, first!

THE BRAWN

Her? You mean that lamp?

Ivan looks at The Brawn like he's crazy.

IVAN

This isn't a lamp! This is Lucia!

LUCIA

Hi!

Everyone looks at Ivan in confusion. Hodolph laughs again. He and Jaqui each hold a weapon. The team strikes an attack stance.

HODOLPH

We may have let the lamp get away, but we have other tricks up our sleeves!

JAYDE

What did you do to him?

JAQUI

We'll never tell!

Lucia puts her arms around Ivan's neck. She is no longer transparent to Ivan, but completely real to him. To everyone else, it is just a lamp.

LUCIA

Ivan, what's going on?

IVAN

I don't know, but it'll be fine.

She hugs him, smiling.

LUCIA

I know it will. As long as you're here.

Ivan smiles. He sets her down gently outside the warehouse.

IVAN

Wait here. I'll take care of things.

Ivan takes out an eneja \bar{o} and faces Hodolph and Jaqui. A fight ensues. Hodolph and Jaqui fight with their weapons. The team dodges their attacks and The Brawn pins Hodolph to the ground. Nightlurker raisis his hands to him, ready to attack, but Jaqui jumps in between them. She looks angry. Nightlurker hesitates.

JAQUI

No! You can't hurt him!

THE BRAWN

Do it, man!

Nightlurker shakes his head briefly. Then he raises his hands to her.

NIGHTLURKER

I do not have feelings for you anymore! You have changed!

Nightlurker uses his magic to bind her with black tendrils. Jaqui pulls out her book, but Ivan snatches it away.

IVAN

I'll take that!

HODOLPH

You can throw us in jail, but our plan has already been put into effect! Nothing can stop us now!

JAYDE

Great. Then you can relish in your victory... in jail. Cuff them, Nightlurker.

Nightlurker nods, using his magic to handcuff them both together.

THE BRAWN

We'll make sure your cells are as far away from each other as possible. You might cause less trouble that way.

Jaqui bats her eyes at Nightlurker.

JAQUI

Hodolph and I are in love! Tell me you're not jealous, just try!

NIGHTLURKER

Alright. I am not jealous. Not in the least. I am seeing someone.

JAQUI

What?!

Jaqui looks shocked at The Brawn drags the two of them away. Nightlurker looks triumphant. Ivan hands him the small book.

IVAN

Here. You'll put this to better use than me.

Nightlurker's eyes grow wide.

NIGHTLURKER

This is... volume two! This is incredible! My knowlege of the dark magics could be greatly expanded with this!

Ivan smiles at his excitement. Then he slips out of the warehouse.

EXT. ARBEIVILLE-NIGHT

Ivan kneels down next to Lucia, who smiles at him.

LUCIA

I knew you could do it.

Ivan smiles, but looks confused.

IVAN

Who are you?

LUCIA

I'm the girl of your dreams. Like, literally.

Ivan chuckles a little nervously.

IVAN

I see. Because, well, I'm really attracted to you.

Lucia smiles.

LUCIA

Well, good.

She leans in, and they kiss. Ivan sighs.

IVAN

It's been a while since I last had a kiss. That was nice.

Lucia looks a little sad.

LUCIA

Your heart's been broken. Here.

Lucia reaches up, and puts a hand on Ivan's chest. Ivan closes his eyes. Lucia kisses him again. Then she smiles.

LUCIA

There. How's that?

Ivan lets out a deep breath. He mutters quietly.

IVAN

Much better, thank you.

Ivan helps her to her feet. The rest of the team walks out. They see Ivan standing next to the living room lamp.

JAYDE

There you are, Ivan. Well, let's head home. The Brawn will go back there when he drops those two off in jail.

Ivan nods, bringing the lamp back with him. Jayde and Nightlurker give him odd looks.

JAYDE

Ivan? Why are you still carrying around that lamp? Is it from your room? We can get you a new one.

Ivan looks slightly defensive.

IVAN

What are you talking about? This is Lucia. She's coming back with us.

Jayde and Nightlurker look confused.

NIGHTLURKER

What exactly did they do to you in there, Ivan?

Ivan blinks.

IVAN

I don't really remember. But it's okay. We put them back in jail. Doesn't matter, right?

Nightlurker puts a hand on Ivan's shoulder, staring into his eyes. A dark arua appears around both of them momentarily, then fades away. Nightlurker takes his hand away warily. Ivan shrugs him off and walks away with the lamp.

IVAN

Come on, are we going home or what?

Ivan leaves. Nightlurker looks disturbed.

NIGHTLURKER

Oh, dear.

JAYDE

What is it?

NIGHTLURKER

Jaqui put Ivan under a spell.

JAYDE

What does that mean?

NIGHTLURKER

Ivan has been tricked into believing that that lamp is a beautiful woman that is in love with him.

JAYDE

He's in love with his living room lamp?

NIGHTLURKER

Yes.

JAYDE

This should be interesting.

INT. LEGEND'S OFFICE-NIGHT

Ivan sits at the table, the lamp resting in the chair beside him. He seems to be engaged in lively conversation with it, smiling happily. The rest of the team talks to Legend at the other side of the room.

JAYDE

We're a little worried. I mean, it is a living room lamp, after all.

THE BRAWN

But look at him! This is the happiest he's been in weeks! I think we should leave him be.

NIGHTLURKER

You cannot be serious!

LEGEND

Do you know of a way to break the spell, then?

NIGHTLURKER

Well, no. But I will find one!

LEGEND

Fine. Until then, just let him alone. This might actually return him to normal for a while.

NIGHTLURKER

Because believing yourself to be enamored by a light source is normal.

THE BRAWN

For Ivan, it just might be.

They all turn to look at him. Ivan simply smiles, turned towards the lamp. Suddenly, a robot enters the room in a hurry.

ROBOT

Sir! Sir!

LEGEND

Yes? What is it?

ROBOT

There is a woman in the lobby that insists she must see Street Ninja!

LEGEND

Did she say why?

ROBOT

Yes! She says she is his mother!

Everyone gasps. Ivan looks up in shock.

EVERYONE

WHAT?!

A woman suddenly walks into the room. She looks remarkably like Ivan. She is older, but has a kind face. She sees Ivan and holds out her arms to him.

NOEL

Ivan! My son!

Ivan stands immediately, but still looks shocked.

BLACK (V.O.)

Mother?!

END.