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TEASER

UNDERWATER ALIEN WORLD - "NIGHT"

PAN THROUGH the dark, spooky and definitely otherworldly underwater seascape. Shadowy alien sea life slithers through scene as we spot a LONE DOT OF LIGHT in the distance, rapidly moving toward us, ILLUMINATING the murky depths around it as it grows closer, revealing the source of the light to be the LUMINESCENT Dangler of a PISCCIS VOLANN (Ripjaws Alien) PLUMBER. This is PYKE.

FOLLOW PYKE - dressed in a modified Plumber's Suit (without helmet and boots) zipping through the water at inhuman speed. He speaks into a Plumber Badge.

1 PYKE
Pyke to Plumber Command. Current
location, Sector Zed Niner.
Approaching location of
unidentified spacecraft.

A DISPATCHER'S voice barks from Pyke's Plumber Badge.

2 DISPATCHER (VIA PLUMBER BADGE)
Copy that, Pyke. Do you have
visual?

Pyke shines his dangler at a LARGE SHADOWY SHAPE in the distance, moving rapidly through the water, illuminating it as he swims closer. We can't quite make it out through it's trail of bubbles.

3 PYKE
Affirmative, But it's not a ship.

4 DISPATCHER
Yeah, we were pretty sure it
wasn't.

5 PYKE
Mind telling me what it is?

6 DISPATCHER (VIA PLUMBER BADGE)
Sorry, that's classified.

Pyke mutters under his breath as he swims closer, matching the ship's speed and beginning to close.

7 PYKE
Typical Plumber bureaucracy...

8 DISPATCHER (VIA PLUMBER BADGE)
You are, however, advised to proceed with extreme caution.

9 PYKE
(dry sarcasm)
Helpful.

Pyke peers at the thing he's chasing.

10 PYKE
Wait. Is that an animal?

He squints... and from PYKE'S POV we get a closer look at the rapidly-travelling MASS OF BUBBLES, whatever's causing it is still obscured, but perhaps familiar.

11 PYKE
No...

Pyke pours on the speed.

12 PYKE
This is Magister Pyke of the Plumbers. I'm under orders to take you into custody. Your cooperation will help insure your own safety.

The MASS OF BUBBLES STOPS, suddenly PRODUCING an UNDERWATER WHIRLWIND/VORTEX that swirls outwards and ENVELOPS Pyke.

13 PYKE
<surprised cry/struggles>

THE MASS - we reveal ULTIMATE AGGREGOR, in all his five-alien amalgam glory, unleashing a WIND BLAST from a Galapagus-like chest propeller to create the vortex.

WIDEN - as Ultimate Aggregor directs the vortex to whoosh Pyke off to the distant depths.

13a PYKE
Ahhhh...

Aggregor laughs and turns back to his travels, swimming deeper into the sea...

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ULTIMATE AGGREGOR
<LAUGHS>

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

Kevin's car drives along the street as we hear:

15 BEN (O.S./VIA PLUMBER BADGE)
Guys! I need backup, stat!

INT. KEVIN'S CAR - MOVING - CONTINUOUS

Kevin drives, Gwen rides shotgun. Both look alarmed as they hear Ben's voice crying out from their Plumber Badges:

16 BEN (VIA PLUMBER BADGE)
Help me! I'm surrounded!--

CUT TO:

EXT. CITY SIDEWALK - ELSEWHERE - SAME TIME

Reveal Ben on the sidewalk, getting mobbed by adoring FANS, who scream at him, grab at his clothes, take FLASH pictures with their CAMERAS and CELL PHONES, and shove PENS and 8X10 GLOSSIES of his various aliens at him.

17 BEN
-- I'm serious, they're everywhere!

18 FANS
(ad lib walla)
Ben!/Over here!/Can I have your
autograph?/Get a picture of me with
him!/etc.

19 BEN
Okay, easy folks. One at a time.
Plenty of me to go around.

BEN - reacts as someone <RIPS> off part of his jacket.

20 BEN
Hey! Not the 10! Not the 10!

He pulls his arm free and reaches for the Ultimatrix.

21 BEN
Time to go with the flow...

He slams his hand down on the Ultimatrix... and TRANSFORMS INTO GOOP.

22 GOOP
Goop!

Goop slithers himself to the crowd's feet and oozes away, propelled by his floating Gravity Disk.

23 FANS
(ad lib walla)
Hey!/What happened!/Where'd he go?

A FAN - points to Goop's Gravity Disk.

24 FAN 1
There he is!

He dives and grabs for the Gravity Disk...

25 GOOP
Wait! I need that to <qlub>

...causing Goop to COLLAPSE INTO A PUDDLE.

THE FANS - now fight over the Gravity Disk like a loose football.

26 FANS
<walla>

THE GOOP PUDDLE - gets <TRAMPLED> and <SPLASHED> by the feet of the tussling fans.

27 GOOP
A little respect, please?

KEVIN'S CAR <ROARS> up to the scene. Kevin and Gwen jump out, reacting to Goop's plight.

28 KEVIN
That's just embarrassing. You got a
mop or something?

29 GWEN
Or something.

Gwen fires an ENERGY SPHERE, capturing the Gravity Disk from the fans.

Kevin catches the Gravity Disk.

31 KEVIN
So?

32 GWEN
So suck it up!

Kevin turns on the device and Goop FLOWS BACK INTO SHAPE.

33 KEVIN
Say, "Thank You."

Goop points at the approaching crowd.

34 GOOP
Fans still coming!

35 FANS
<WALLA>

EXT. KEVIN'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Kevin's car <ROARS> away, the crazed Fans attempting to chase after it, to no avail.

INT. KEVIN'S CAR - MOVING - CONTINUOUS

Goop REVERTS TO BEN, looking the worse for wear and more than a little embarrassed.

36 BEN
Not one word.

37 KEVIN
It's okay. I took pictures.

Ben's Plumber Badge suddenly **BEEPS** and **FLASHES** with an emergency transmission. A HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF PYKE projects from the badge.

38 PYKE
Ben Tennyson, this is Magister Pyke, calling from planet Pisccis ("PIE-sis").

The image changes to a blurry shot of Aggregor, obviously taken during the fight we saw in the Teaser.

39 PYKE
Apparently I'm supposed to report
any sightings of this being to you.

40 BEN
You've seen Aggregator?

The image switches back to Pike again.

41

PYKE

Briefly. But he got away from me.
<Surprised CRY>

The Holographic Transmission SUDDENLY FRITZES OUT INTO
<STATIC>. The image of Pyke returns a beat later.

42

BEN

Everything okay there?

43

PYKE

Just a minor seaquake. Nothing to
worry about. They happen all the
time.

Gwen turns around and faces the holographic image of Pyke.

44

GWEN

If you've been in contact with
Aggregor, I can use my powers to
locate him.

The holographic Pyke glares suspiciously.

45

PYKE

Exactly who is this Aggregor? And
why was it so urgent that I contact
you about him?

Kevin turns to Gwen.

46

KEVIN

Nosy little fish, isn't he?

Gwen glares at Kevin. Ben takes a more diplomatic approach.

47

BEN

Sorry to keep you in the dark on
this, Pyke. We just don't want to
cause any unnecessary panic.

48

PYKE

Yeah, well I don't want a bunch of
hotshot tadpoles swimming all over
my planet, telling me how to run my
precinct.

Kevin smiles knowingly.

49

KEVIN

That's okay. We weren't planning on
swimming.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACE - LATER

The Rustbucket III soars through space, rapidly approaching a DEEP BLUE PLANET. This is Pisccis.

50 BEN (O.S.)

This is Rustbucket III on approach,
requesting permission to land,
over.

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - COCKPIT - MOVING - CONTINUOUS

Kevin pilots. Ben operates the communications array, which currently emits nothing but <STATIC>. Gwen is stationed at the database array. All three wear PLUMBER ENVIRONMENTAL SUITS (sans helmets for now).

51 BEN

They're not responding.

52 GWEN

Maybe because "land" doesn't really apply here.

She calls up a ROTATING CUTAWAY HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF THE PLANET from the database, showing a planet completely made of water, with a small solid core at the center.

53 GWEN

(fascinated)

Pisccis is almost completely made up of water. The small solid core at the center is less than two percent of the planet's total mass.

54 KEVIN

You actually think that's interesting, don't you?

Gwen grins at Kevin. Ben turns back to the communications array.

55 BEN

This is Rustbucket III, requesting permission to, land, dive. Over.

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Again, he only receives <STATIC> in reply.

56 KEVIN

Maybe their communications are out again.

Gwen concentrates, her eyes GLOWING briefly.

57

GWEN

It could be Aggregor. I'm definitely sensing him on this planet. Somewhere.

58

BEN

No point waiting around for an invitation. Take us down.

Kevin PUNCHES THE ENGINES and pushes the controls forward.

EXT. SPACE/PISCCIS - CONTINUOUS

The Rustbucket III goes into a nose dive straight for a collision course with the planet.

FOLLOW - as it <SPLASHES> down, disappearing below the water's surface.

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS - CONTINUOUS

The Rustbucket III emerges in a wondrous and spooky looking underwater alien environment, filled with bizarre looking alien sea creatures and plants. Since we're still pretty close to the surface, it's all very clearly illuminated.

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - COCKPIT - MOVING - CONTINUOUS

Kevin pilots as Gwen concentrates, her eyes GLOWING briefly.

59

GWEN

Keep going. He's down deep.

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS - CONTINUOUS

The Rustbucket III dives deeper into darker, murkier and even spookier waters, their path now illuminated only by the ship's headlights. The sea creatures and plant life are more shadowy now, more malevolent looking.

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - COCKPIT - MOVING - CONTINUOUS

The entire hull begins to <CREAK> ominously, as if under great strain. Ben turns worriedly to a PRESSURE GAGE, which is creeping into the red zone.

60

BEN

You sure this is safe?

Kevin waves off his concern. He <PAT> the dash confidently.

61

KEVIN

Trust me, this baby can handle anything.

Suddenly, THE ENTIRE COCKPIT QUAKES as...

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS - CONTINUOUS

A <RUMBLING> SEA TREMOR rocks the Rustbucket III, sending it tumbling through the murky depths.

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

THE ENTIRE FRAME SPINS as Ben, Gwen and Kevin go tumbling with the ship.

62 KEVIN/BEN/GWEN
<panicked cries, whoas>

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Kevin pulls back on the controls, managing to stabilize the ship as the FRAME STOPS SPINNING.

63 KEVIN
Don't panic, it's just a sea tremor! Pyke said they're normal on this planet, remember?

He <PATTS> the dash confidently.

64 KEVIN
This baby can handle anything.

*

Gwen worriedly peers out the windshield.

65 GWEN
Including that?

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS - CONTINUOUS

A HUGE SHADOWY FIGURE emerges from the silt and bubbles that were churned up by the tremor, growing larger as it approaches. It's a GIANT SPACE SQUID/ARACHNID, with spiky, razor sharp tentacles, heading straight toward the Rustbucket III, which is dwarfed by the giant alien sea creature.

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Ben and Gwen peer out the windshield, alarmed at the approaching alien sea creature. Kevin remains unconcerned.

66 KEVIN
I said don't panic. We're safe as long as we stay inside the ship.

<THOK!> Suddenly a razor sharp tentacle PUNCTURES its way in through the hull, just missing Kevin, whose confident demeanor suddenly melts.

67 GWEN

Kevin...?

68 KEVIN

Yeah, now's a good time to panic.

The tentacle just as quickly retracts, allowing water to come <GUSHING> in through the hole it just made.

Ben, Gwen and Kevin quickly grab their helmets from a shelf and scramble for the exit.

69 BEN

Helmets on! Head for the cargo bay and seal the cockpit!

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - CARGO BAY - CONTINUOUS

Ben, Gwen and Kevin (now wearing their helmets) rush into the cargo bay (where they keep the cars), bathed in SPOOKY, SHADY EMERGENCY LIGHTING as they secure the door behind them, keeping the water sealed inside the cockpit.

70 KEVIN

Now what?

71 BEN

I'm sending out a distress signal. Hopefully someone on this planet will pick it up before--

Before he can finish, ANOTHER RAZOR SHARP TENTACLE <BURSTS> THROUGH THE HULL and grabs Gwen, wrapping itself around her.

72 GWEN

Get off me!

Ben and Kevin grab a nearby FIRE EXTINGUISHER and CROWBAR respectively and <POUND> the tentacle, trying to force it to release Gwen.

73 BEN/KEVIN

<exertions>

But the tentacle <YANKS> her back out of the ship, which now TAKES ON MORE WATER through the hole it left.

74 BEN/KEVIN

GWEN!

Ben antics to activate the Ultimatrix, then stops, indecisive.

75

KEVIN
What are you waiting for?

Ben indicates the rising water from the hole.

76

BEN
If I transform, when I change back
I won't be wearing my Plumber Suit,
and we're running out of oxygen
fast.

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Kevin looks at the Ultimatrix.

79

KEVIN
There's got to be button for
that...

80

BEN
You want me to look for it now? We
have to help Gwen!

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81

KEVIN
We still can. Follow my lead, I
made some alterations.

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS - MOMENTS LATER

Ben and Kevin emerge through a hatch in the Rustbucket III, activating JET PROPULSION UNITS in their Plumber Suits that allow them to zip through the water at high speed.

82

KEVIN
I installed propulsion units. And
neuroshock pulsers.

REFRAME as Ben and Kevin zip through the water, dodging the Giant Sea Squid/Arachnid's deadly thrashing tentacles.

83

BEN
Have you tested them?

ON GWEN - still in the clutches of the creature's tentacles, she activates her gloves, which GLOW and <HUM> and <SPARK> as she <PUNCHES> the tentacle, <BLASTING> it with NEUROSHOCK PULSES, forcing it to free her.

83a

GWEN
<punching effort>

84

GWEN
I have!

KEVIN - dodges flailing tentacles and <FIRES> more NEUROSHOCK PULSES at the giant creature.

Show a school of ONE-EYED BLOWFISH swimming nearby. Don't call attention to them, just establish that they're around.

85

KEVIN

Nice going, but we're gonna need a lot more juice to take this thing down.

BEN - dodges flailing tentacles and zips underneath the creature, spotting the proverbial soft white underbelly.

86

BEN

Or, we just go for his weak spot.

Kevin zips for the underbelly... but his path is cut off by a giant tentacle that swipes right in front of him, leaving a nasty looking CRACK right across the front of Kevin's FACEPLATE.

Gwen <BLASTS> the tentacle with a NEUROSHOCK PULSE, causing the tentacle to retract, clearing a path for them to Ben and the creature's underbelly.

87

GWEN

You all right?

Kevin looks at the BUBBLES escaping from the crack in his faceplate, trying to appear unconcerned.

88

KEVIN

Yeah. Go!

Our three heroes position themselves for a concentrated attack on the creature's underbelly.

89

BEN

All at once, on my mark. One, two... ten!

Ben, Gwen and Kevin zip toward the underbelly, <BLASTING> it simultaneously with NEUROSHOCK PULSES.

WIDER - The giant creature seizes up, NEUROSHOCK ENERGY PULSES CORUSCATING all over its body. When the jolts subside, the creature tumbles harmlessly and seemingly lifelessly away.

BEN AND GWEN - share an underwater high-five.

90

BEN/GWEN

Yes!

But their triumphant expressions fall at an ominous
<BUBLING> sound, as Kevin's faceplate's cracks expand
rapidly.

Kevin looks down at his suit, worried.

91 KEVIN
Guys?

Ben and Gwen react in horror as KEVIN'S FACEPLATE <EXPLODES>
OUTWARD!

92 BEN/GWEN
KEVIN!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS - RESUME

Kevin's Faceplate has BLOWN OUT, leaving his head exposed.
 His cheeks are puffed out, he's holding his breath.

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93a KEVIN
 <impact><Breathing>

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Thinking quickly, Gwen PROJECTS A FORCE SHIELD, <SLAMMING> Kevin into the hull of the Rustbucket III.

CLOSER - Kevin touches the ship's hull and TURNS SOLID STEEL, splitting open his suit and revealing his normal clothes beneath, all turned to steel.

94 BEN
 Nice going, Gwen! Another second and he would've been crushed by the pressure down here.

Kevin, wide-eyed, points alarmed at his mouth and shakes his head. Gwen suddenly realizes:

95 GWEN
 But he still can't breathe!

Kevin looks alarmed as a strange one-eyed, semi-transparent BLOWFISH-LIKE CREATURE suddenly shoots between Ben and Gwen, startling them and rockets straight for him, swallowing his entire head like an Alien face-hugger.

96 BEN/GWEN
 <startled cries!>

Ben powers up his Neuroshock gloves and is about to blast the Blowfish Creature, but Gwen stays his hand.

97 GWEN
 No, wait!

She points to the Blowfish, which now puffs out into a semi-transparent BUBBLE around Kevin's head that allows him to breathe.

98 KEVIN
 <big exhale> <Breathing sounds>

99 GWEN
 That thing just saved his life.

Kevin reaches up and feels the Blowfish Creature on his head, embarrassed (it remains there until otherwise noted).

100 KEVIN
Yeah, but I look like a dork.

Ben and Gwen admire the Blowfish as the GIANT SQUID/ARACHNID reviving and rising ominously behind them.

101 GWEN
What's it like?

102 KEVIN
The air's cold, but okay. It smells a little--

103 BEN
--Fishy?

104 KEVIN
How'd you guess?

Unseen, the Squid-Thing extends its razor sharp tentacles.

Our heroes are about to be impaled... when a <PIERCING SONIC SHRIEK> echoes through the water, causing them to double over in shock and pain, clutching at their ears as the Squid/Arachnid alien slithers off.

105 BEN/GWEN/KEVIN
<surprised/pained cries!>

They look up to discover PYKE, driving away the alien creature with a HANDHELD SONIC DEVICE that emits the piercing frequency. He turns back to our heroes:

106 PYKE
Next you decide to crash my planet?
Give me some warning.
(beat)
Or would that cause "unnecessary panic"?

Ben, Gwen and Kevin react to Pyke.

107 KEVIN
Pyke?

108 PYKE
Got your distress call.

Gwen approaches Pyke to scan him.

109 GWEN
Just the person I wanted to see. I can scan you to find Aggregor.

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110

PYKE

Be my guest, but you're wasting
your time.

Pyke nods his ascent. Gwen places her hands on his forehead, her eyes GLOWING briefly.

111

PYKE

Our scanners aren't picking him up
anywhere in the entire planetary
ocean.

112

GWEN

That's because he's not in the
water. He's inside the planet's
solid core.

113

PYKE

The core is the most inaccessible
place in the world. There's only
one way in and it's under constant
guard.

Kevin chimes in.

114

KEVIN

Trust me fishlips, she's never
wrong.

Pyke eyes the Blowfish on Kevin's head, which begins emitting a <SOFT VIBRATING SOUND>.

115

BLOWFISH

<coos>

116

PYKE

Nice hat.

WIPE TO:

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS - DEEPER WATER - LATER

We're in deeper, darker water now. Pyke zips through the water, lighting the way with his luminescent dangler. Solid Steel Kevin hitches a ride holding onto Gwen. Even with jets Ben and Gwen have a hard time keeping up with Pyke.

WIDE - All are rocked by another powerful <SEA TREMOR>. As our heroes right themselves, Ben calls up to Pyke.

117

BEN

Those are normal, right?

118

PYKE

They're more frequent than usual,
but yes. Nothing to worry about.

All react to another TREMOR.

119

PYKE

They do tend to spook the natives.

Gwen swims up to Pyke, confused.

120

GWEN

Aren't you guys the natives?

121

PYKE

Not down here.
(pointing O.S.)
They are.

REVEAL A SWARM OF SEA CREATURES, shark/eel and manta-like, smaller than the squid/arachnid, but no less dangerous. They soar toward our heroes in a crazed feeding frenzy attack.

A bullet-fast SHARK/EEL <SLAMS> into Ben's helmet, <CRACKING> the glass on impact.

122

BEN

<startled whoa/impact>

Gwen <FIRES> a few NEUROSHOCK PULSES, temporarily driving the attacking creatures away from Ben.

Kevin forms two STEEL MACE arms and <SLAMS> back attacking manta-like creatures.

Ben and Kevin fight back to back, Kevin flailing at mantas with his mace arms, while Ben attempts to use his NEUROSHOCK gloves to drive them back. It's a losing battle for both as they're completely surrounded.

Gwen PROJECTS A FORCE BUBBLE around herself and the boys.

123

BEN

Hey!

124

KEVIN

Wha'd you do that for?

125

GWEN

(pointing O.S.)
Thought I'd let the local authority handle things.

REVEAL - Pyke soars into battle like a one-fish army, <CHOMPING> into attacking sea creatures with his massive jaws, <SLICING> them with his claws, and <SLAPPING> them back with his powerful tail, zipping and bouncing from creature to creature like an underwater Bruce Lee.

Ben, Gwen and Kevin watch, impressed, from the energy bubble.

126 BEN
How come I was never that cool as
Ripjaws?

127 KEVIN
You were never that cool, period.

Suddenly they're under attack from sleek swordfish-like creatures that **<FIRE>** PROJECTILES from their mouths, **<SHATTERING>** the energy bubble.

128 BEN/GWEN/KEVIN
<surprised cries!>

They dart around, dodging PROJECTILE FIRE, as well as mantas, who dive down at them.

129 KEVIN
There's too many! How we supposed
to beat them?!

Suddenly struck with an idea, Ben rolls and leaps atop a diving manta, riding it like a surfboard.

130 BEN
If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

He grabs a passing swordfish creature and aims it like a gun, <FIRING> its projectiles at attacking shark/eel creatures.

Not to be outdone, Kevin rolls and leaps atop a diving manta.

131 KEVIN
No way I'm letting you have all the fun!

He grabs TWO swordfish creatures and makes a double barreled kamikaze style attack into the thick of the sea creatures.

132 KEVIN
<Rambo-style attack cry!>

Still on the attack, Ben calls back to Kevin.

133

BEN

Nice shootin'! Almost makes up for
the head gear.

But He gets <RAMMED> by another shark/eel creature,
<CRACKING> the glass even more.

134

GWEN

Ben! Your faceplate's about to go!

135

BEN

I know. Hope I got someone good
dialed in.

He slams his hand down on the Ultimatrix...

And TRANSFORMS INTO HUMUNGOUSAUR!

136

HUMUNGOUSAUR

Humung-<gagging, drowning noise>

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WIDE - Flailing, Humungousaur disperses the attacking sea
creatures, sending them scattering simply by virtue of his
enormous size and terrifying roar.

137

HUMUNGOUSAUR

<underwater ROAR>

138

KEVIN

Ha! They've never seen anything
like you!

139

GWEN

Ben! Stop panicking! Transform
again!

Struggling and flailing, Way Big manages to tap his Omnitrix
symbol... and TRANSFORMS INTO AMPFIBIAN.

140

AMPFIBIAN

<big exhale> AmpFibian! <big
inhale> Who can breathe down here!

141

GWEN

We're on the clock now, Ben.

142

AMPFIBIAN

Yeah, I could change back to human
any moment. We better hurry.

Ampfibian dives straight down toward the ocean planet's SOLID
CORE, which we can see in the distance.

DISSOLVE TO:

THE CORE - NIGHT

AMPFIBIAN, way ahead of the others, approaches the solid PLANETARY CORE (about the size of a large asteroid) at top speed.

143 VOLANN COMMANDER (O.S.)
Halt! This is a restricted area!

REVEAL AN ARMY OF VOLANN WARRIORS, carrying Trident-like weapons, guarding a HATCH-LIKE ENTRY into the core. Ampfibian attempts to zip past them as they fire their weapons at him. Ampfibian manages to dodge and zip past the ENERGY PULSES...

144 AMPFIBIAN
Can't stop. Official Plumber
business!

...only to <SLAM> into an ENERGY NET that suddenly materializes right in front of the hatch.

145 AMPFIBIAN
<impact>

Ampfibian struggles in the net as Volann Guards surround him.

146 AMPFIBIAN
Listen to me! There's a dangerous
intergalactic criminal in there!
I'll explain later, okay?

Ampfibian ABSORBS the entire electrical energy net... then spews the net back out to ensnare the Volann Guards.

147 VOLANN GUARDS (4) *
<surprised cries, struggles>

148 PYKE (O.S.)
All right, ease up, tadpole!

REVEAL PYKE - swimming toward them at top speed, Kevin and Gwen following in his wake.

149 PYKE
I was gonna vouch for you, but now
I'm not so sure.

Pyke uses his handheld remote device to deactivate the energy net, which dissipates, sending the Guards spilling out.

150 VOLANN COMMANDER
Pyke! What is the meaning of this?

151

PYKE

These Plumbers need access to the Planetary Core.

152

VOLANN COMMANDER

Outsiders are forbidden from entering the core.

All react as the core quakes with <MASSIVE TREMOR>, clearly emanating from within its solid form.

153

KEVIN

Yeah? Maybe you should talk to whoever's already in there.

154

AMPFIBIAN

We need to move. Now.

155

PYKE

(to Commander)

I'll keep an eye on them.

The Volann Commander reluctantly nods his assent and activates a control near the hatch, which irises open, revealing a long tunnel within.

INT. PLANETARY CORE - TUNNEL - CONTINUOUS

Pyke leads AmpFibian, Gwen and Kevin inside the core, swimming through a long tunnel, which bends upward into...

INT. PLANETARY CORE - AIR POCKET - CONTINUOUS

...where they break the surface inside an air pocket continuation of the tunnel. Pyke climbs to the shore, CONVERTING HIS TAIL INTO LEGS ala Ripjaws.

Ampfibian climbs out and REVERTS TO BEN.

156

BEN

<inhale> We can breathe in here.

Kevin climbs out, REVERTING TO NORMAL and happily tearing the Blowfish Creature off his head, tossing it aside.

157

KEVIN

Hallelujah!

Gwen climbs out, taking pity on the Blowfish Creature, who lets out a strange alien <WHIMPERING>.

158

BLOWFISH

<whimpers>

159

GWEN

You hurt his feelings!

The Blowfish Creature shakes itself right like a wet dog.

160

KEVIN

He's a fish.

(To Blowfish)

Go on! Shoo!

160a

BLOWFISH

<puppy like following sounds>

He tries to shoo the creature away. Undeterred, the Blowfish scampers after Kevin on its fins like a puppy, tailing him as our heroes trudge down the tunnel on foot.

FOLLOW - as our heroes continue down the tunnel, approaching the entry to a cavernous chamber beyond.

161

GWEN

What's in there?

162

PYKE

The Pisccis gravitational multiplier. It generates the centripetal force that holds our planet's liquid atmosphere together.

162a

BLOWFISH

<breathing hard>

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FAVOR KEVIN - still trying to shoo the Blowfish away.

163

KEVIN

I mean it! Go away!

164

PYKE

We keep it in the most inhospitable environment imaginable to prevent it from being tampered with. <small GASP>

165

BEN

Doesn't seem so inhospitable.

Pyke takes a GLOBED HELMET from the wall and puts it over his head. It quickly FILLS WITH FLUID.

166

PYKE

<inhale> To you, air-breather. Not to the likes of me.

A sudden **<MASSIVE TREMOR>** ROCKS THE TUNNEL, A VISIBLE RIPPLE, sending DEBRIS **<CRASHING>** down. Gwen shields Ben and herself, dropping the shield when the shaking stops.

New angle reveals that debris has fallen on Pyke.

Gwen rushes to Pyke's side.

167 GWEN
I didn't see you! I--

168 PYKE
<keep-alive groan>

Another RIPPLING <TREMOR> ROCKS THE TUNNEL. Ben points to the chamber entry.

169 BEN
In there.

Ben and Kevin rush to the chamber, while Gwen stays behind to tend to the dazed Pyke.

INT. GRAVITATIONAL DRIVE CHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

Ben and Kevin arrive inside a chamber filled with a strange amalgam of <THRUMMING> ALIEN MACHINERY.

They try to brace themselves as the ENTIRE ROOM VIBRATES RAPIDLY and SHAKES VIOLENTLY.

170 BEN
The tremors are coming from that
machine. I'm sure of it.

New angle reveals Aggregor, pulling an object that looks like an oversized Kirby-esque GYROSCOPE from the center of the machine.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. GRAVITATIONAL DRIVE CHAMBER - RESUME

As we watch Aggregor's GYROSCOPE transform into one quarter of A MOBIUS STRIP twisted into an infinity symbol.

173 BEN
Aggregor!

174 ULTIMATE AGGREGOR
Clever of Paradox to disguise this piece of the Map of Infinity as the single most important item on this planet.

Ben antics to slap the Ultimatrix...

175 ULTIMATE AGGREGOR
Don't even think about it. If you move, I'll destroy it, and planet pisccis.

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176 KEVIN
Comes apart at the seams. The tremors before, that was you trying to get it loose.

177 ULTIMATE AGGREGOR
You're smarter than you look, boy. Admittedly not a great achievement...

178 BEN
I'm not letting you leave with that.

Ben SLAPS his Omnitrix.

But Ultimate Aggregor BLASTS a LARGE PIECE OF MACHINERY, which comes <CRUMBLING> down, BURYING Ben.

179 BEN
<impact!>

180 KEVIN
Ben! <ATTACK!>

Kevin forms his arm into a BLADE, charging at Ultimate Aggregor...

...who directs one of Ra'ad's ELECTRIC CHARGES at Kevin's blade arm, which acts like a lightning rod, sending the charge through him, knocking him to the floor.

181 KEVIN
<pained cry!> Ooooff...

182 ULTIMATE AGGREGOR
Next time, try absorbing something that DOESN'T conduct electricity.

He looks down at Kevin, still convulsing from the shock at the Blowfish scampers up to Kevin, nudging him, trying to revive him like a loyal dog.

183 BLOWFISH
<whimper>

Aggregor <SLAPS> away the Blowfish (who gives a little <YELP>) and saunters to the machinery.

184 BLOWFISH
<YELP>

Aggregor walks with the device towards the stone wall, it MELTS AWAY in front of him and he walks into the tunnel.

Kevin struggles to his feet and tries to follow.

185 KEVIN
(weak)
You're not getting away that--

But the rock of the tunnel FLOWS BACK INTO PLACE., sealing Aggregor's escape route right in Kevin's face.

186 KEVIN
--easy.

The Blowfish scampers in and <YIPS> at the sealed hole like an angry puppy.

187 BLOWFISH
<YELPS>

Kevin tries to <SMASH> his way into the now-sealed hole with his still metal blade arm, to no avail.

188 KEVIN
<exertions, frustrated cry!>
Aggregor!

Kevin leans against the rock and slides down until he's sitting on the floor. He sees the pile of debris where Ben is buried.

189 KEVIN

Ben.

190 BEN (O.S.)

You completely forgot about me,
didn't you?

A flash of GREEN LIGHT is emmited from somewhere in the debris.

191 BIG CHILL (O.S.)

Big Chill!

INTANGIBLE Big Chill rises from the debris. Kevin points at the rock wall.

192 KEVIN

He went that way!

193 BIG CHILL

Really?

Big Chill PHASES through the sealed hole where Aggregor escaped. As soon as he's out of sight...

A weakened Pyke stumbles in, followed by Gwen. Pyke stares accusingly at Kevin, pointing to the tampered machinery.

194 PYKE

The Centripetal Accelerator! What have you done to it! You've doomed us all!

Kevin points down to the now-sealed hole.

195 KEVIN

I didn't do anything! It was Aggregor He took the do-hickey and escaped through that hole...
(realizing how lame this sounds)
...that isn't there anymore.

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Pyke pounds his fist on an alarm panel on the wall, an alien, sound, recognizable as an <ALARM> sounds.

Gwen steps up to Pyke, trying to intercede.

196 GWEN

Wait, Pyke. This is all a mistake.

Pyke grabs her roughly.

197

PYKE

The only mistake here was me
trusting your shape-shifting
friend!

Pyke SHOVES Kevin on the last word.

198

KEVIN

<impact>

199

BLOWFISH

<GROWLS>

The Blowfish is angered at his masters attack and Leaps at
Pyke's face, SHATTERING HIS WATER GLOBE!

200

KEVIN

Get off of him!

The Blowfish backs off, still barking.

201

BLOWFISH

<"barks">

202

KEVIN

Leave him alone!

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Rapidly dehydrating, Pyke <COLLAPSES> to the ground, gasping.

203

PYKE

<desperate gasps>

Kevin bends down, lifting him into his arms.

204

KEVIN

We've got to get him to the water!

Suddenly, the SEVERAL VOLANN GUARDS charge in to the sight of
Pyke collapsed in Kevin's arms.

205

VOLANN GUARD

Back away from that Plumber!

206

KEVIN

This isn't what it looks like...

CUT TO:

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS - FAR SIDE OF THE CORE - SAME TIME

Aggregor <BLASTS> out of a freshly drilled hole in the core (which is on the direct opposite side from the entry).

A beat later, Big Chill emerges from the hole, soaring after the ship, leaving a cool looking trail of ice crystals in his wake. He's just about to close in on the ship, when:

207 VOLANN COMMANDER (O.S.)
Halt!

A squad of Volann Guards charge in, <BLASTING> Big Chill with their trident weapons, <SHATTERING> his ice crystal trail.

208 VOLANN COMMANDER
Return the stolen item now!

Big Chill deflects the blasts with FREEZE BLASTS, creating ICE BOULDERS in the water that <SHATTER> with each blast.

209 BIG CHILL
I will, as soon as I catch the guy
who's getting away with it!

210 VOLANN COMMANDER
Explain yourself!

211 BIG CHILL
Could do that. Or I could just go:

Big Chill slaps the Omnitrix symbol on his chest...

...and TRANSFORMS INTO ULTIMATE BIG CHILL!

212 ULTIMATE BIG CHILL
Ultimate Big Chill!

Ultimate Big Chill soars off after Aggregor's rapidly retreating form, far in the distance.

The Volann Guards whip around and aim their Trident Weapons at Ultimate Big Chill...

213 VOLANN COMMANDER
Stop or we'll--

Ultimate Big Chill swirls around the Guards, shooting FIRE through the water around them that encases them in ICE.

Big Chill looks back at Aggregor, but he's long gone.

214 ULTIMATE BIG CHILL
Gone.

Big Chill's Ultimatrix symbol lights up, he's receiving a transmission.

215 GWEN (V.O.)
Ben! --

CUT TO:

INT. GRAVITATIONAL DRIVE CHAMBER - SAME TIME

Volann Guards FIRE on GWEN's ENERGY herself, Kevin, and Pyke. Gwen's on SHIELD, surrounding her Plumber's Badge

216 GWEN (CONT'D)
--The whole planet's breaking apart! We've only got a matter of minutes.

217 ULTIMATE BIG CHILL (V.O.)
On my way. Anything I can do?

218 KEVIN
Not unless you have a spare
centripetal accelerator on you.

Ultimate Big Chill suddenly PHASES HIS INTANGIBLE FORM up through the floor.

220 GWEN
It's like an anti-gravity
multiplier.

He taps his Omnitrix symbol and TRANSFORMS INTO GOOP!

222 GOOP
Goop!

Goop directs his Gravity Disk into the amalgam of gravity generating machinery, where the gravity decoupler was.

223 GOOP
If it can pull me together, maybe
it can do the same for the planet.

Gwen and Kevin watch in alarm as the Gravity Disk takes hold inside the machinery, with a DISCHARGE OF ENERGY, GOOP is sucked into the machinery like a piece of fruit tossed into a blender.

223a GOOP
<scream>

224 GWEN
Ben, no!
(Kevin)
Get him out!

225 KEVIN
He's-- He's been atomized, spread
throughout the entire ocean.
(beat)
I'm sorry, Gwen.

Pyke turns to the monitor, where the shallow atmosphere of water around the core ceases shrinking.

226 PYKE
It's working! The planet's atmosphere is stabilizing!

227 KEVIN
Least he went down saving the
world.

Pyke stares grimly at the monitor, where GLOBS of watery atmosphere that broke away from the planet still expand, divide again and again and float away from the planet into space.

228 PYKE
Only some of the planet, I'm afraid. Most of it is floating off into space.

EXT. SPACE/PISCCIS - CONTINUOUS

MATCHING IMAGE WIDE ON THE EVAPORATING PLANET - The water that still holds to the core suddenly begins to take on a FAINT, GOOP-LIKE GLOW.

CLOSER TO THE SURFACE - as a wave of Goop-green water stretches itself up from the surface... then connects with a free-floating globule, which takes on the GOOP-LIKE GLOW as it is pulled into the rest of the atmosphere.

WIDEN - as more waves of Goop-green water stretch out from the surface and pull in more free-floating globules.

Looking a bit like a giant blue-green lava lamp, the planet's watery atmosphere slowly pulls itself back together.

INT. GRAVITATIONAL DRIVE CHAMBER - SAME TIME

Pyke stares in amazement at the monitor screen.

229

PYKE

This doesn't make sense. Planetary atmosphere is now reading sixty percent. No, sixty-FIVE percent.

Gwen and Kevin rush to the monitor as Pyke brings up a satellite image of the planet as the Goop-green liquid atmosphere continues to pull itself back together.

230

GWEN

Ben...?

231

PYKE

Seventy-five percent! EIGHTY PERCENT!

With a <HAPPY YELP> the Blowfish excitedly jumps into Kevin's shoulder and hugs his face.

232

BLOWFISH

<yelps>

Kevin disgustedly wipes the creature off.

233

KEVIN

All right! I get it. You're happy.
Let's not go crazy.

EXT. SPACE/PISCCIS - SAME TIME

CLOSE ON A VOLANN - the rapid-shrinking globule of water he's struggling in suddenly BURSTS like a soap bubble, leaving him floating helplessly in the vacuum of space...

...only to be rescued at the last second as a wave of Goop-green water stretches into view and envelops him. PULL BACK WIDER as the wave recedes with the Volann into the planet's surface. Then RAPID ZOOM OUT to reveal the entire watery planet surrounded by a FAINT GOOP-GREEN GLOW around the rim!

234

PYKE (V.O.)

Planetary liquid atmosphere at 96%

PUSH IN CLOSER, as the Goop-green glow around the planet's rim suddenly coalesces, leaving pure blue water in its wake.

IN THE WATER - The Goop-green glow coalesces into a single puddle... which REVERTS BACK TO AN EXHAUSTED BEN! He tries to swim and tread water, flailing around desperately. But there's no surface to swim to. He's starting to panic.

235 BEN
<watery struggles/exertions>

236 GWEN (O.S.)
I see him!

NEW ANGLE

Reveals the Rustbucket, rising towards Ben.

INT. RUSTBUCKET COCKPIT - NIGHT

It's flooded, knee-deep in water. Gwen's plugging the hole with her powers, Kevin's at the controls.

237 KEVIN
Hang on, Ben! We're coming!

DISSOLVE TO:

UNDERWATER - PISCCIS

The Rustbucket III, now repaired, <REVS> its engines.

238 BEN (O.S.)
Thanks for the repair job, Pyke.

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - COCKPIT - SAME TIME

Ben faces a holographic image of Pyke on the monitor.

239 PYKE
It was the least we could do to
thank the one who saved our planet.

240 BEN
Wish we could've stopped Aggregor
while we were at it.

241 PYKE
If there's anything we can do to
help.

ON KEVIN - glaring at the Blowfish creature, who clings to the windshield, scratching at it with a fin like a dog that want to come inside.

241a BLOWFISH
<whimpers>

242

KEVIN

You can start by getting this slime
sack off my windshield! Go on!
Scat! We don't want you!

Kevin <BANGS> on his side of the windshield, startling the creature away. It slumps and stares heartbroken at Kevin with its big sad fishy eyes.

242a

BLOWFISH

<startled> Ah!

243

BLOWFISH

<pathetic whine>

244

KEVIN

(softening)

Come on, don't be that way. This is your home. You belong here. With your own kind.

He waves off the blowfish, who sadly swims away like a whimpering dog with its tail between its legs, looking back sadly at Kevin one last time.

244a

BLOWFISH

<sad whimpers>

245

GWEN

You aren't fooling me. That was noble.

246

KEVIN

It was nothing. You should have seen the one who got away.

END OF ACT THREE