

TEEN TITANS
"Fear Itself"
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TEASER

INT. "BIG TICKET VIDEO" - DUSK

EXTREMELY CLOSE on a RENTAL CLERK, she's a pretty teenage girl and she's yelling her lungs out.

RENTAL CLERK
<SCREAM of terror>

WIDE to reveal the interior of a large video rental store. The Clerk is screaming for good reason, in front of her is TV-THING, an anthropomorphized TV Monitor, complete with gaping, razor-toothed jaws, intense eyes and cables that act like tentacles. The cables have the clerk tied up. TV-Thing is <GROWLING> at her.

Behind the TV-Thing is something even stranger, CONTROL FREAK, a nerdy but intense Quentin-Tarantino-esque young man with glasses. He's short, balding and despite being skinny, he still manages to have a paunch. Over his jeans and tee-shirt, he is wearing rather pathetic "battle armor," a chest plate with muscles built in, attached by straps. He's also wearing a long, flowing cape, which drags on the floor. Control Freak carries an oversized, high-tech device that is still recognizable as a REMOTE CONTROL.

CONTROL FREAK
Now, mouthy service-person,
either you admit that WarpTrek
5, which reunited the entire
original cast of the classic
TV series, deserved to be on
your "favorite rentals" list
or ..."

Control Freak indicates the TV-Thing, which looks at the Clerk hungrily and licks its fangs.

TV-THING

<SLURP> Mmmmmmm!

Control Freak confidently <FOLDS HIS ARMS>.

RENTAL CLERK

B-but I don't even know what
you're talking about! What's
WarpTrek?

Control Freak's face falls.

CONTROL FREAK

That was the wrong answer,
philistine!

He points his remote at the Mail-Thing and presses a button.
The Remote ZAPS the TV-Thing (with a signature energy that
is subtly suggestive of Raven's BLACK ENERGY effect).

TV-THING

<GROWLS>

RENTAL CLERK

<SCREAMS>

TV-Thing rushes towards the Rental Clerk. But suddenly
<STOPS SHORT>.

TV-THING

<confused GROWL>

TV-Thing turns around to see CYBORG holding his power cord,
stopping him from moving forward. The rest of the TEEN
TITANS are standing in heroic poses flanking him. Cyborg
<PULLS THE PLUG> from the outlet. This infuriates TV-Thing.

TV-THING

<GROWLS>

CYBORG

Yeah, guess that was too much
to hope for.

BEAST BOY

Too bad, I was going to do a
"pull the plug" joke.

TV-Thing lets go of the Rental Clerk and <WHIPS> its tentacles towards Cyborg.

A <STARBOLT> whizzes into frame and the TV-Thing <EXPLODES>. Starfire chides the smoldering remains.

STARFIRE

Bad Television!

BEAST BOY

That's not fair. There are lots of good shows on.

Control Freak looks up at the Titans. He can't believe they blew up his TV set.

CONTROL FREAK

That was my personal plasma screen from home!

Chagrined, Star hides her still-glowing hand behind her back, smiling apologetically.

ROBIN

Tough break, nerd boy. You tore up half the mall out there.

BEAST BOY

What are you supposed to be, anyway?

CONTROL FREAK

I am your darkest nightmares come to life.

RAVEN

A couch-potato who won't give up the remote? I'm petrified.

CONTROL FREAK

You should be. Nobody does scary like the Control Freak!

Control Freak points his remote at the big Video Return Drop-Box by the door and <ZAPS> it. DROP-BOX-THING suddenly <COMES TO LIFE. It uses its powerful arms to grab a startled Raven.

RAVEN
<surprised GASP>

It's pulling her right towards its mouth as we...

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE**INT. "BIG TICKET VIDEO" - DUSK**

Raven <STRUGGLES> with the DROP-BOX-THING, as it pulls her closer and closer to its mouth.

RAVEN
<struggling GRUNTS>

CYBORG
Hands off!

Cyborg rushes in to <WRESTLE> with the monster, allowing Raven to <SLIP FREE>. Cyborg and Drop-Box-Thing charge each other and GRAPPLE. Cyborg and Drop-Box-Thing are testing each other's strength when the Drop-Box-Thing begins to GLOW with Ravens <BLACK ENERGY>, and <MELT> into a puddle, right through Cyborg's hands.

Raven smirks, still hovering above.

Control Freak reacts to the destruction of his Drop-Box, he glowers up at Raven.

CONTROL FREAK
Be afraid. Be very afraid.

RAVEN
Since you seem to have such an
affection for bad movies...
Azarath. Metrion. Zinthos!

Raven uses her <BLACK ENERGY> to <WHIP> DVD boxes at Control Freak.

CONTROL FREAK
Hey!

Control Freak <ZAPS> the incoming DVDs with his Remote, turning them into <SNAPPING> piranha-like mini monsters. The evil DVD-THINGS reverse course and attack a surprised Raven.

RAVEN
Hey!

Now the DVD-Things spread out, attacking all of the Titans.

Beast Boy <FLASHES> into an ELEPHANT and <STOMPS> on a few stray DVD-Things. He <FLASHES> back to normal and frowns at the cover of one of the broken cases.

BEAST BOY

Shoot, is that RoboChimp II? I wanted to see that.

As the other Titans each use their powers to deal with the DVD-Things, Robin stalks towards an angry Control Freak, palm up, beckoning with his fingers for the remote.

ROBIN

Gimme that.

CONTROL FREAK

You asked for it...

BIG ACTION SET-PIECE. HIGHLIGHTS:

Control Freak <ZAPS> in quick succession; a cardboard STANDEE of a sci-fi movie ROBOT, holding a Laser Sword; SEVERAL CASH REGISTERS; a wall-sized SHELVING UNIT; A BUBBLEGUM MACHINE; and a display of CANDY and SNACKS. They all <COME TO LIFE>.

ROBIN produces his STAFF and whirls it in a threatening <KATA> The two-dimensional Standee-Thing raises its Laser Sword and takes a mighty swipe, <SLICING> off the end of Robin's staff. Robin <DODGES> a follow up swing. The battle is joined.

STARFIRE is in the air battling a CASH REGISTER-THING, which <FLIES> into the air, SPITTING CHANGE from its mouth/cash drawer. The Change is strafing like bullets. Star <DODGES>, looping in mid-air.

CYBORG AND BEAST BOY have their backs to the big SHELVING UNIT-THING, until it <ROARS>

Cyborg and Beast Boy look over their shoulders to see the immense thing looming over them, staring with giant eyes.

BEAST BOY

Big.

Cyborg smiles, cocking his fist to uncork a big punch.

CYBORG

Uh huh.

Suddenly, Cyborg's fist is <BITTEN> by a JUMBO BUCKET OF POPCORN-THING.

CYBORG

<YELP of pain and surprise>

CLOSE ON CYBORG'S HAND. The Bucket that is biting Cyborg also has little arms and is hanging on for all it's worth.

CYBORG

Leggo!

As Cyborg shakes his hand trying to dislodge the stubborn bucket of Popcorn, he's blind-sided by a swarming assortment of MOVIE CANDY-THINGS, they're all over him.

CYBORG

C'mon! Get off of me!

BEAST BOY thinks this is the funniest thing he's ever seen. He points and <LAUGHS> as the struggles with the candies force Cyborg off-screen. The SHELVING UNIT-THING reaches down and grabs Beast Boy, wrapping an immense hand around his waist.

BEAST BOY

<GRUNT of surprise>

Shelving Unit-Thing holds Beast Boy up to his face and <ROARS>. Beast Boy <FLASHES> into a SNAKE but the shelving Unit is unimpressed, it maintains a tight grip.

STARFIRE is in aerial battle with THREE CASH REGISTER-THINGS. She dodges the Change that they spit at her and fires a <STARBOLT> back, DESTROYING one.

ROBIN continues his battle with Standee-Thing. He's running out of staff. Robin DUCKS, WEAVES and DODGES blows from the

Laser Sword. The sword slices cleanly through everything they hit.

ROBIN

<dodging GRUNTS>

BEAST BOY, still in the grasp of the Shelving Unit-Thing <FLASHES> from Snake to WOODPECKER and rapidly <PECKS> away the Shelving Unit-Thing's wrist, freeing himself. Shelving Unit-Thing looks at his handless wrist in surprise and <GUNTS> "Huh?"

Beast Boy <FLASHES> into a BEAVER, then LAUNCHES himself at the Shelving Unit-Thing and takes a big <BITE>

BEAST BOY

<CHOMP>

CYBORG, still being swarmed by Movie Candies, saw this last and thinks Beast Boy is on to something.

CYBORG

Heyyyy!

Cyborg reaches out and <GRABS> a CANDY COATED CHOCOLATE-THING (it looks as much like one of the M&M guys as we can get away with). He lifts it to his mouth. The Candy Coated Chocolate-Thing looks up in alarm, realizing his impending fate.

Cyborg <EATS> the Chocolate-Thing and begins greedily <GRABBING> armfuls of the other, now-panicked, Candy-Things, <SHOVELING> them into his mouth with rude <EATING NOISES>

STARFIRE <STARBOLTS> a Cash-Register-Thing. It goes into a smoldering power-dive, like a plane that has been shot down, CRASHING into one of the other ones.

ROBIN <VAULTS> over to a refrigerator unit full of CANNED SODAS. He DUCKS another sword swipe, which SLICES open the Refrigerator. Robin GRABS a soda can and <SHAKES> it. Robin opens the pop top with his teeth (as if pulling the pin on a hand grenade), then THROWS it, grenade-style at the Standee-Thing, the spray from the can <SOAKS> the Standee. Standee-Thing's wet sword arm begins to <SAG>, then FALLS OFF.

Robin catches the Standee-Thing's Laser Sword as it falls towards the floor and with several graceful strokes, smoothly <SLICES> the cardboard Robot into confetti.

Robin <REACTS> as the Laser Sword <CHANGES BACK> into harmless cardboard.

BEAST BOY/BEAVER is standing triumphantly over a pile of wooden DEBRIS, the remains of Shelving Unit-Thing. As he <FLASHES> back to normal, he lets out a rude and self-satisfied <BELCH>.

Beast Boy spots a PROMOTIONAL DISPLAY featuring a GIANT GREEN MONSTER and smiles in excitement.

BEAST BOY

Dude! "Wicked Scary" is out on video??!

Control Freak is next to him, also admiring the display.

CONTROL FREAK

I know! Director's Cut.
Digitally remastered.

BEAST BOY (READING)

Alternate ending!

BEAST BOY & CONTROL FREAK

Awesome!!

Raven <STAGGERS> into frame, reeling from an attack from a ferocious BUBBLEGUM MACHINE-THING. She DESTROYS it with a bolt of <BLACK ENERGY>.

RAVEN

If you're done geeking-out?
Take his remote!

Beast Boy is embarrassed.

BEAST BOY

<heh-heh> Right...

Beast Boy makes a GRAB for the Remote but Control Freak snatches it away and <ZAPS> the display. The Green Monster <COMES TO LIFE> and <ROARS>

GREEN MONSTER-THING
<terrifying ROAR>

BEAST BOY
A little help?

NEW ANGLE reveals a stuffed Cyborg sitting in a pile of candy and snack wrappers, he's obviously eaten all of his attackers except for the one he's currently unenthusiastically opening his mouth to eat. He's too slow, the PEANUT BUTTER CUP-THING <BITES> Cyborg's tongue.

CYBORG
<Ow!>

Beast Boy is watching Cyborg instead of the monster.

BEAST BOY
Sort of a race, huh?

RAVEN
Would you please try and pay
attention?

Beast Boy joins Raven in struggling with the Green Monster.

BIG FINISH - ROBIN <THROWS> a Boomerang at the sprinkler head above the Green Monster. It SLICES off the valve and WATER pours down on the Green Monster-thing, melting it.

The water has also soaked Control Freak's Remote, causing it to <SPARK> and <SHORT OUT>.

CONTROL FREAK
My remote!

As Control Freak tries to get the Remote to work, all of his creatures <TRANSFORM TO NORMAL>

Robin snatches the Remote away from Control Freak and scowls at him.

ROBIN
I think that's enough TV for
one day.

Robin REMOVES the batteries from the Remote.

BEAST BOY

Check it out!

Beast Boy watches as a DVD-Thing on the floor <TRANSFORMS> into a normal copy of "Wicked Scary." Beast Boy picks up the DVD.

BEAST BOY

Movie night!

Beast boy takes the DVD to the counter, where the still-shell shocked Rental Clerk is standing. Beast Boy pats at his pockets, concerned.

BEAST BOY

I know I've got my rental card
here somewhere...

Wide on the completely wrecked video store.

RENTAL CLERK

Just take it.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. TITANS TOWER - OPS - NIGHT

In front of their big BAY WINDOW TV, the Titans settle down on the sofa with all sorts of popcorn, candy, and sodas. Star offers a big bowl of treats to Cyborg.

STARFIRE

You are certain you don't wish
to indulge in some unhealthy
foodstuffs?

Cyborg turns BLUE with nausea.

CYBORG

Make it go away. I'm never
eating candy again.

Star shrugs, takes some for herself and passes the bowl to Robin.

Beast Boy puts the DVD into the player and waves the Box in front of the others.

BEAST BOY

Ladies and gentlemen, get ready for the scariest night of your lives!

RAVEN

You aren't going to sing karaoke again, are you?

BEAST BOY

Ha, ha. Maybe you weren't scared of that Drop-Box monster but I guarantee this movie will freak...you...out!

RAVEN

Whatever.

CYBORG

It couldn't be as creepy as that documentary on Hot Dog Factories that Star made us watch last week.

STARFIRE

It was fascinating! I had no idea that Earth people ate every part of the pig!

Cyborg's cheeks bulge as if he's going to throw up. He covers his mouth with his hand. Starfire realizes what she's done.

STARFIRE

Sorry!

BEAST BOY

Haven't you guys heard the rumors? This movie is supposed to be cursed! When people watch it, strange things happen. Evil things!

Beast Boy shuts off the lights.

BEAST BOY

<scary LAUGH> Mwah ha-ha ha-haaaa!

Raven rolls her eyes.

RAVEN (SARCHASTIC)

Oh, please. No more. It's too scary.

All the Titans turn and <SHHHHHHH!> RAVEN as the movie begins to play. <CREEPY MOVIE MUSIC> fades up. The Titans, except for stone-faced RAVEN grin in anticipation.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. TITANS TOWER - OPS - TWO HOURS LATER

ON THE TV: Close on the mouth of a GIRL, opening wide with terror.

GIRL ON TV

<bone-chilling SCREAM>

The screaming girl fades to black as the words, "The End" fade in. The <CREEPY MOVIE MUSIC> fades up.

The Titans are still watching the movie, now sitting in a comic, wide-eyed-with-terror tableau. End credits <MUSIC> continues to play as we see the reactions of the horrified Titans.

BEAST BOY peeks up from behind the sofa.

BEAST BOY

Is it over?

Starfire has her hands over her eyes.

STARFIRE

I am not certain. I can not see through my hands

Cyborg is CHEWING his metal fingernails.

CYBORG

I gotta stop doing this, it's like chewing tinfoil.

ROBIN

I've fought psychotic villains, robot commandos, and giant oozing monsters ... But that is the scariest thing I have ever seen.

A silent Raven is BUG EYED with fear.

Beast Boy flicks on the LIGHTS. The Titans look at each other's frightened faces, then burst into laughter (except Raven).

ALL (EXCEPT RAVEN)

<LAUGHTER>

BEAST BOY

Did I tell you?

CYBORG

Man, when she went into the basement I wanted to turn it off!

ROBIN

I know. And when she opened the closet door...!

STARFIRE

Why do earth girls always twist their ankle and fall down when they run? Do they not wish to escape the monster?

BEAST BOY

What did I tell you, Raven? Scared the pants off of you, didn't it?

Raven quickly puts on a poker face, sneering.

RAVEN

I don't do fear. Or pants.

CUT TO:

EXT. TITAN'S TOWER - NIGHT

Establishing the building under dramatically dark and stormy skies. Eerie <WIND> whistles around the building.

CUT TO:

INT. RAVEN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Raven's in bed, apparently asleep. She hears the sound of a <DRIPPING FAUCET> and her EYES SNAP OPEN. She pulls the covers up to just under her nose.

Raven's eyes dart back and forth, reacting to a series of <CREEPY NOISES>

Raven hears the <HOWLING WIND> outside.

Raven hears a creepily <TICKING CLOCK>.

Raven FROWNS at her own silliness and rolls over to go back to sleep.

Wide-eyed Raven <SITS UP> again, reacting to <CREAKING FLOORBOARD> noises. She <LOOKS> around the room, throwing aside her bed sheets. The SHADOWS appear to be MOVING, menacingly closing in on her. She <STANDS> and <CHARGING> her powers <TURNS ON> her lamp.

There's nothing there besides her room's normal (albeit creepy) decor.

RAVEN

Maybe I should consider
redecorating.

Raven <SHUTS> her window, cutting off the Howling Wind sound, and gets back in bed. She <SWITCHES OFF> her lamp and pulls up the covers.

RAVEN

I'm not afraid.

She rolls over and snuggles in.

GIRL ON TV (REPRINT)

<bone-chilling SCREAM>

Raven <BOLTS UPRIGHT> in bed.

CUT TO:

INT. TITANS TOWER - OPS

Raven rushes in to discover the other Titans all entering at the same time.

RAVEN

Who screamed?

CYBORG

I dunno. There's nobody here.

Robin <TURNS ON> the lights

ROBIN

It was the same scream from the movie. Maybe we left the TV on?

The lights <FLICKER> and <GO OUT>.

ROBIN

Okay. That's creepy...

CYBORG

Nah. The storm probably blew a circuit-breaker.

Cyborg clicks on a built-in FLOOD LIGHT and scans the room, eventually revealing the HORRIFIC GREEN MONSTER from the movie, somehow come to life!

ALL (EXCEPT RAVEN)

<comic SCREAM> Ahhhhhhh!

Robin comes to himself first and peers up at the monster.

ROBIN

Wait, wait a minute. Okay
Beast Boy, you got us. Good
one.

The real Beast Boy taps Robin on the shoulder.

BEAST BOY

Uh, dude...?

Robin looks back at Beast Boy and then at the Monster again.

CYBORG

Uh-oh.

The scary Green Monster CHARGES at our freaked-out heroes.

GREEN MONSTER

<HIDEOUS ROAR>

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO**INT. TITANS TOWER - OPS**

The scary Green Monster <CHARGES> at our freaked-out heroes. Robin takes charge.

ROBIN

Titans: GO!

ACTION SET-PIECE. HIGHLIGHTS:

The Titans charge into battle against the Monster.

ROBIN <VAULTS> on his staff and plants both feet into the middle of Monster's chest, it <SWATS> him aside.

ROBIN

<impact GRUNT>

Beast Boy <FLASHES> into a WOOLLY MAMMOTH and <CHARGES>. The Monster GRABS his horns, stopping him cold.

The Monster <FLIPS> BEAST BOY/MAMMOTH over his head. He crashes into Cyborg.

CYBORG & BEAST BOY/MAMMOTH

<impact GRUNT>

Starfire <STARBOLTS> the creature.

GREEN MONSTER

<ROARS of irritation>

The Starbolts only seem to be making it angry. It RIPS up a chunk of floor and <THROWS> it at Starfire, she <DODGES>.

ROBIN <THROWS> several explosive Boomerangs at the Monster. The mini-explosions drive it back.

The Titans take the opportunity to <PILE ON>, each grabbing a different appendage.

TITANS

<WALLA and GRUNTS of effort>

GREEN MONSTER

<angry ROARS>

BIG FINISH -

Raven backs off, preparing to fire <BLACK ENERGY> at the Monster.

RAVEN

Azarath. Metrion. Zinthos.

Raven's BLACK ENERGY <FIZZLES> around her hands.

RAVEN

My powers...

She stares at her hands, bewildered. The Monster <LASHES> out at her with his tail, <SLAMMING> her into a wall.

RAVEN

<Unf!>

Raven looks unsteady on her feet for a moment.

The other Titans are still struggling to hang on, when the monster suddenly <DISAPPEARS>.

TITANS (EXCEPT RAVEN)

<Whaaaa!>

The Titans COLLAPSE into a comic dog pile.

TITANS

<WALLA>

STARFIRE

Someone's elbow is right in my grebnax.

BEAST BOY

Sorry!

The Titans scramble back to their feet. Starfire makes her hands <GLOW>, providing a dim, eerie illumination. The Monster is gone.

CYBORG

Okay, there was a monster here
just a second ago, right?

ROBIN

Where did it go?

STARFIRE

For that matter, where did it
come from?

Beast Boy paces back and forth like a madman,

BEAST BOY

Hel-loooo! I told you the
movie was cursed! Obviously,
watching it summoned the
monster here from another
dimension. And now it's going
to eat us!

Beast Boy stops in front of Cyborg, grabs him by the
"lapels" and braces him, a crazed expression on his face.

BEAST BOY

I'm probably delicious!!

<DEAD SILENCE> as the Titans react to Beast Boy's theory.
you can almost hear the crickets.

CYBORG

Or ...

ROBIN

Control Freak must have
escaped, he came to the tower
to get his remote back.

STARFIRE

And take his revenge.

Raven re-enters the frame. She's still shaken up and very
concerned about the failure of her powers.

RAVEN

That doesn't explain why my powers aren't working.

CYBORG

If that Remote can turn a bunch of junk into Monsters, who knows what else it can do?

ROBIN

We have to find him. Split up and search the Tower.

The Titans start to split up but Beast Boy <FLASHES> into an OCTOPUS, grabs them all and pulls them back. Then he <FLASHES> back to human form to lecture them.

BEAST BOY

"Split up??" Did you not just see the movie?! When the kids split up, the monster hunts 'em down one at a time. Starting with the good-looking comic-relief guy: Me!

ROBIN

That's not going to happen here, we've faced villains way tougher than Control Freak.

Beast Boy sticks his fingers in his ears and begins singing.

BEAST BOY (SINGING)

La-la-la-la-la-la! I can't hear you!

Robin grabs Beast Boy's wrists and pulls his fingers out of his ears. Beast Boy folds his arms petulantly. Starfire and Cyborg step next to Beast Boy and fold their arms in identical poses. Robin is irritated.

ROBIN

Fine.

CUT TO:

INT. DARK CORRIDORS

With Cyborg's LIGHT and Star's GLOWING HANDS to guide them, the heroes embark on a search through the DARK, SCARY CORRIDORS, looking this way and that as <STRANGE, GHOSTLY NOISES> echo through the Tower and MYSTERIOUS SHAPES seem to move in the shadows.

GHOSTLY VOICE
<inhuman MOAN> Helllllp!
Helllp meeeee....

The Titans run towards the noise.

CUT TO:

INT. BEAST BOY'S ROOM

The Titans enter Beast Boy's Room. The "Help me" <CRIES> continue. They follow them to Beast Boy's closet. Robin "shushes" them as he carefully leans forward to listen.

Suddenly, the door SWINGS OPEN.

TITANS
<Ahhhh!>

A PILE OF DIRTY LAUNDRY falls out and <BURIES> Raven.

Raven's head pops up out of the pile. She's holding a TOY MONKEY-WITH-CYMBALS.

TOY MONKEY/GHOSTLY VOICE
<LAUGHTER> HELP ME! HELP ME!
HELP ME COUNT: ONE, TWO,
THREE! <LAUGHTER>

Embarrassed, Beast Boy switches off the toy.

BEAST BOY
Heh. I really oughta get rid
of that.

CUT TO:

INT. DARK CORRIDORS - CONTINUOUS

The Titans continue their search.

CYBORG

<imitating THEREMIN> Ooo-OOO-
OO-oo! Scary monkey!

BEAST BOY

<LAUGHS> Raven, you should
have seen the look on your
face!

raven stares at Beast Boy, stone-faced.

RAVEN

You mean this look? I already
told you: I don't get scared-

Suddenly, a GIANT GHOSTLY SERPENT with TENTACLE ARMS comes
<SCREECHING> down the hallway toward them.

ROBIN

Titans, move!

Our heroes RACE down the corridor with the ghostly creature
ZOOMING after them and <SCREECHING> like a banshee.

ROBIN

Head for the Evidence Room!
It's reinforced!

They TITANS reach a DOOR at the end of the corridor and ...

CUT TO:

INT. DARK ABYSS

... <BURST THROUGH>, only to discover there is NO FLOOR!
They <FALL> into the inky black abyss.

TITANS

<falling CRIES>

Starfire <TAKES FLIGHT>. Beast Boy <FLASHES> into a HAWK.
Robin's GRAPPLING CABLE catches onto the doorway. Raven's
powers <CRACKLE> then <WINK OUT>.

RAVEN

I can't fly!

Cyborg just barely <CATCHES> the powerless Raven's wrist. Robin <CATCHES> Cyborg's hand. They're all <DANGLING> precariously above the treacherous void.

CUT TO:

INT. DARK CORRIDORS - CONTINUOUS

Starfire <LANDS> above, <PULLING> the grappling line with all her strength. Beast Boy <FLASHES> from Hawk to DONKEY and helps pull everyone up to solid ground.

STARFIRE

The serpent is gone. We appear to be safe for the moment.

Beast Boy FLASHES back to normal as everyone catches their breath and turns to Raven.

ROBIN

Okay, that had to scare you.
Am I righ-

GHOSTLY TENTACLES <WHIP> out of the doorway and grab Beast Boy.

BEAST BOY

<surprised CRY>

The Titans try to catch him.

STARFIRE / CYBORG

<SHRIEK!> / Beast Boy!

But they're too late. The tentacles pull Beast Boy into the darkness.

BEAST BOY (SHOUTING)

What did I tell you?? Funny
guy goes firrrrrst....!!

The door <SLAMS> shut. The Titans rush to the door. Robin flings it OPEN but there's just a regular room on the other side.

STARFIRE

<Gasp>

CYBORG

It's back to normal.

ROBIN

And Beast Boy's gone ...

Robin steps in and the others follow.

INT. TROPHY ROOM - NIGHT

This is the Titans' EVIDENCE ROOM where they keep all the GADGETS confiscated from bad guys (a veritable 'What's What' of cool armaments from other episodes). Robin looks thoughtful. He heads for a high shelf on the other side of the room.

ROBIN

Give me some light.

Cyborg shines his high beam at the shelf.

CYBORG

What're you looking for?

ROBIN

Something that shouldn't be here...

Robin SHOWS them all Control Freak's Remote.

ROBIN

Control Freak's remote: Right where I left it.

STARFIRE

But how could the annoying villain create these monsters without his technology?

Cyborg shrugs. It's not worth the effort to figure out right now..

CYBORG

Maybe he had an extra? I mean,
we've got nine.

ROBIN

I'm starting to think Control
Freak doesn't have anything to
do with what's going on here.

Robin paces as he works it out, looking from Starfire, to
Cyborg, to Raven as he explains.

ROBIN

The movie, the scream, the
monsters: The evidence has
been right in front of us all
along. If Control Freak isn't
doing this, it has to be--

A GHOSTLY HAND with bird-like talons emerges from the wall,
clapping its palm over Robin's mouth.

ROBIN

<MMph!>

The Titans react.

STARFIRE / CYBORG

Robin! / Hey!

COUNTLESS IDENTICAL Talons reach out from the wall to <GRAB>
Robin. Cyborg, Star and Raven also GRAB Robin, pulling
against the talons but they're too strong.

TITANS

<GRUNTS of effort>

Robin SINKS into the wall and <DISAPPEARS>. The Titans are
holding empty air. The Titans react in fear.

CYBORG

I don't suppose either of you
guys know what he was about to
say?

The girls shake their heads "no."

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE**INT. DARK CORRIDORS**

Raven, Star, and Cyborg search through the darkened Tower. They've obviously been at it a while. Star calls out.

STARFIRE

Robin? ... Beast Boy?

RAVEN

They aren't here. We've already looked here.

CYBORG

We've already looked every place, except for one...

CUT TO:

INT. CREEPY SUB-BASEMENT

PITCH BLACKNESS is suddenly broken by Starfire's GLOWING HANDS. A Door has just been opened, high above. Starfire, Cyborg and Raven start down the long staircase to the sub-basement, where eerie shadows, dripping pipes and ominous-looking machinery stretches as far as the eye can see (which in this darkness isn't very far). It takes several suspenseful beats to get to the bottom.

Starfire reaches the bottom first, she quickly and perfunctorily looks around, obviously frightened.

STARFIRE

Oh-well-there-doesn't-appear-to-be- anything-of-interest- here-we-should-really-be-going.

Star turns to walk back up the stairs. Cyborg palms the top of her head like a basketball and sets her back down on the floor.

CYBORG

Not so fast.

RAVEN

If we want to find our
friends, we've got to get to
the bottom of this.

STARFIRE

There is something closer to
the bottom than this basement?

They walk through the basement, it's extra-creepy. A startled Star thinks she sees something <SKITTERING> across the floor.

STARFIRE

<SQUEAK>

CYBORG

What?!

STARFIRE

On the floor! I saw something.

RAVEN

I didn't.

CYBORG'S POV as he scans the floor.

CYBORG

My scanners aren't picking up
anything either.

Regular view as they continue walking. Starfire is tipping around and peering at the floor as if she's afraid she'll step on something. She reacts to the <SKITTERING>: There it is again!

STARFIRE

<SQUEAK>

Raven <STARTS> at the sound, then glowers at Starfire.

RAVEN

Please stop doing that.
There's nothing to be afraid
of, okay? It's probably just a
few rats.

Starfire goes BUG-EYED with horror and points.

STARFIRE

Those are not rats!

Cyborg and Raven turn to see a carpet of rat-like, CREEPY-CRAWLY CREATURES with nasty bird beaks <SKITTERING> toward them from all directions.

CYBORG AND STAR

<YAHHHHH!>

Cyborg and Star hit them with <SONIC SHOCKWAVES> and <STARBOLTS> but the scary critters just keep on coming.

CYBORG

Run!

They race back toward the stairs. Starfire flies safely overhead while Raven and Cyborg run for their lives with the creature literally nipping at their heels.

CYBORG

C'mon, we're almost there!

Just as Raven and Cyborg reach the stairs and are about to climb to safety, a SWARM OF CREATURES <DROPS> onto Starfire from above.

STARFIRE

<SCREAM of fright>

Starfire TUMBLES to the ground, <STRUGGLING> to shake them off. She's covered from head to toe in skittering critters.

Cyborg and Raven double back to help.

RAVEN / CYBORG

<gasp!> / STARFIRE!!

But before they can reach her, the swarm <DISSIPATES> and Starfire is gone! Cyborg and Raven react in horror.

RAVEN

No...

CUT TO:

INT. DARK CORRIDORS

A <SONIC SHOCKWAVE> blows the basement door wide open and our two remaining Titans hurry out. Cyborg looks at Raven, gravely.

CYBORG

We're going to have to get out
of here. We'll get some help
and come back.

Raven <NODS> somberly.

Cyborg and Raven head down the corridor. Brave Cyborg leads the way, scanning frantically for danger. He looks back at Raven, who is hanging back, almost hiding behind him.

CYBORG

Don't be scared. We can get
through this together.

RAVEN

I know. How many times do I
have to tell you? I'm not
afraid.

Raven roughly brushes by Cyborg, charging defiantly ahead of him.

RAVEN

C'mon. Let's get out of here.

As Raven continues forward, the DARKNESS silently envelopes Cyborg behind her. She speaks to him without looking back.

RAVEN

Cyborg, I could use a little
more light...

No response. She <STOPS WALKING>.

RAVEN

Cyborg?

Raven <VERY SLOWLY TURNS AROUND>.

RAVEN

Cy...?

Cyborg is gone.

Ghastly voices <SCREECH> and <HOWL> as a TERRIFYING BIRD-LIKE WRAITH comes ZOOMING down the hallway toward her.

CAMERA <PUSHES IN RAPIDLY> on Raven's frightened face as <MUSIC STINGS>

Raven panics! She turns and <RUNS> for her life.

RAVEN

<running EFFORTS>

Raven rounds a corner, and races for the ELEVATOR at the end of the hall.

Raven enters and frantically <PRESSES BUTTONS>.

The Serpent <CHARGES> down the hall towards Raven. She's cornered, forced to wait for the doors to shut.

At the last possible second, the doors <CLOSE>. Raven listens for a long beat.

RAVEN

<frightened BREATHING>

<WHAM!> The door buckles in but holds as the Serpent slams into the outside off the doors.

Raven waits for the serpent to try again. It doesn't.

We see from the FLOOR NUMBER BUTTONS that the Elevator is going down. Relaxing a bit, Raven rests her palms on her thighs, trying to catch her breath.

RAVEN

What...?

She looks down at the floor, it's somehow been transformed into a VISCOUS LIQUID. Her feet are ankle-deep in it. She's <SINKING>! Raven STRUGGLES as the "water" rises above her head!

CUT TO:

INT. CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

On the silent elevator doors (these aren't dented, it's a different floor). A long beat, then the doors BURST OPEN, <POURING> a torrent of the "water" and filling the corridor.

RAVEN'S head breaks the surface.

RAVEN

<GASP>

She tries to swim but the water churns, carrying her along like a leaf in a white-water torrent towards us, then away from us...

CUT TO:

INT. OPS

The rushing water deposits Raven on the floor.

RAVEN

<impact GRUNT>

Raven climbs to her feet and heads for the corridor, the GREEN MONSTER is right there!

She turns and <RUNS> towards another exit but suddenly stops short. The SERPENT is blocking her path.

Raven looks around. A different Monster is blocking every exit from Ops. She's surrounded. And now, the Monsters that have been chasing her are <STALKING> towards her!

Raven picks a chair up over her head and runs towards the big Bay Window. She's about to throw it through the glass when the Bay Window <TURNS BLACK> and the Wraith RISES up behind it, <PASSING THROUGH> the glass and bearing down on her.

RAVEN

<SCREAM>

RAVEN drops the chair and <FALLS TO HER KNEES>, cowering as the Creatures come closer and closer...

RAVEN

Stay away from me!

Terrified, Raven sinks to the floor. The <TERRIFYING SOUNDS> of the howling, screeching monsters is overwhelming.

RAVEN

I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid.

As she speaks the words, the monsters only <GLOW BRIGHTER>, <GET BIGGER> and <SCREECH LOUDER>.

RAVEN (SHOUTING)

You hear me? I'm not afraid!

But she obviously is afraid,. She's balled up in a foetal position in the corner, trembling.

The Monsters <MOVE IN> to finish her. Raven <LOOKS UP> at them and admits the truth.

RAVEN

Okay ... I am afraid.

<SILENCE>. The Monsters have stopped in their tracks. Raven sees what's happening.

RAVEN

I'm afraid...

Her eyes <CRACKLE> with BLACK ENERGY.

RAVEN

But that doesn't mean I can't fight back!

With her powers suddenly restored, Raven rises to her feet.

RAVEN

Azarath. Metrion. Zinthos!!

She BLASTS the monsters with an enormous emission of <BLACK ENERGY> and the creepy creatures begin to LOSE THEIR FORMS.

CREATURES

<eerie MOANS>

The Creatures and the blackness of the room all <SWIRL TOGETHER> into a HUGE 'NEGATIVE-EFFECT' SHADOW OF A HOODED BIRD.

Raven and the BIRD SHADOW stare each other down.

BIRD SHADOW

<SCREECH>

The Bird Shadow <SWIRLS INTO> Raven and everything <GOES BLACK>.

INT. OPS - LATER

RAVEN'S POV: Looking up at the Titans, who are looking down at her with concern. <The LIGHTS ARE BACK ON>.

ROBIN

I think she's waking up.

New angle reveals that Raven is on her back. The Titans, completely unharmed, are around her, looking down at her with concern. A smiling Cyborg reaches a hand down to help her to her feet. She takes it.

CYBORG

Well. That was different.

RAVEN

You're all okay?

STARFIRE

Yes. Although I do not fully understand what happened.

ROBIN

When Raven wouldn't talk about her fear, it found another way out.

CYBORG

You mean it used her powers to make all those creepy-crawlies?

ROBIN

Right.

(to Raven)

And once you accepted your
fear, you regained your power
over it.

Raven winces sheepishly.

RAVEN

Oh. Sorry.

STARFIRE

Does this mean it is now safe
to return to our slumber?

ROBIN

Yeah, let's call it a night.

As the unafraid Titans head back to bed, Beast Boy grins at Raven.

BEAST BOY

You know, your haunted house
freakout was way creepier than
that dumb movie. Any chance
you'd wanna do all this again
for Halloween?

Raven gives him the tiniest hint of a smile as she deadpans.

RAVEN

I'm afraid not.

THE END