

Episode 30- "Solar Power"

I was sitting in the office of the dojo working on some paperwork for my record label. I wasn't needed in LA today, but that didn't mean I didn't have a ton of work to do. Thankfully it was nothing I couldn't do in Rocky's office while he taught classes. It gave us a chance to spend time together between classes and I could tell that he needed it. He was having issues with me being gone for work so much and it was only going to get worse once the show started. I needed as much time as I could with him now before things got even more chaotic for me.

I was deep in thought about a contract I was reading when I heard Rocky yell at someone in the training area. I could tell that wasn't a normal sensei yell. I jumped up and ran out of the office. Thankfully the class had just been dismissed because standing there was the Empress...with some friends.

"Oh hell no. I thought we sent you packing back to Universe D." I said taking a fighting stance.

She held her hands up, "I mean you no harm. The events that transpired here changed me. I am trying to atone for what I did with Drakkon and that means stopping him. We need your help to make that happen."

I raised an eyebrow, "You expect me to team up with you after you tried to kill me?"

"I am truly sorry for that. But yes, we need to team up." she said.

"Empress Michelle speaks the truth." another woman said.

"And who are you?" I asked.

"My name is Ellarein. I'm the Purple Solar Ranger of Universe C. Mine is a Universe where the purple powers isn't DNA locked to you. We have a Drakkon in my Universe as well. He has teamed up with the Drakkon of Universe D and together they are planning an all out attack on the Multiverse. It is going to take the combined power of 3 Solar Ranger teams to stop them." she said.

"Well you're out of luck. I don't know of any Solar Rangers in our universe." Rocky said.

"That's why we're here." Ellarein said, "We come with powers for a Solar team for Universe A."

I shook my head, "Um no. No, no, no. I'm retired. No. I'm not doing it. No new powers, nuh uh."

"Michelle, please. We need your help. You're the only one that can use the Purple Solar Power." Empress said.

I sighed, "Even if I agree, who else am I supposed to recruit?"

"The Solar Orbs will bring their users here. They know who their holder should be." Ellarein said as she released a Purple Orb. It came to me. "Reach to it to accept the power."

I sighed in defeat, "Fine." I reached to the orb and a morpher appeared.

"I suspect I know who is Solar Blue. Heckyl, release your orb." Ellarein said.

He did so and the blue orb went to Rocky. Rocky reached for it and got his blue morpher.

"Guess we're in this together babe." I said.

Rocky nodded, "I wouldn't have it any other way."

“OK, now, the rest of you. The orbs will teleport their users to us.” Ellarein said as everyone released their orbs. When they did we saw several other people teleport in. Pink teleported in Jen, Yellow was Ashley, Green was Adam, Red was Andros, Orange was Mina, and Black was (gulp) Hunter.

“What’s going on?” Andros asked.

Ellarein explained the situation to them.

“I’m finally a Ranger. YEAH!” Mina smiled as she reached into her orb to get her morpher. Everyone else did the same.

Andros looked at his Universe C counterpart, “You kept the long hair.” he said.

Andros-C nodded, “You didn’t. You look...very different.”

I looked at the Blue Ranger of Universe D. “Zack...you’re a Ranger?” I asked.

“I am now...” he said staring at me.

“Are you ok?” I asked.

“I’m sorry...you just look like I imagined my sister would.” he said.

“Instead of me.” Empress said, “You’re the me I could have been had I not followed Drakkon.”

I nodded.

“And you’re the me I could have been if I hadn’t had to battle Drakkon.” Mina-D said to Mina. It was clear Mina-D was battle hardened and had an edge that Mina lacked. Mina-D also had dark hair.

Mina nodded, “I see what the battle did to me.”

“And as interesting as this all is, we have a job to do.” Ellarein said.

“Can we get quick intros? We don’t know everyone.” Rocky said.

Ellarein nodded and introduced all of the Rangers from Universes C & D. “OK, now we have to get to Universe C. That’s where the 2 Drakkons are.”

“Wait, we’re going off Universe? You picked a group of Rangers with kids. We can’t just disappear.” I said.

“Yeah, the kids get out of school soon.” Ashely agreed.

“Wes can help. I’ll call and explain everything and he can pick up the kids and stay with them until we get back.” Jen said.

“That’s a lot of kids for Wes to watch alone.” Andros said.

I nodded, “I’ll text Dana and Carter. They can help.”

We all nodded and made calls and texts. Once all our kids were taken care of we nodded. “OK, let’s do this.” I said.

Ellarein nodded, “Good, we haven’t a moment to lose.” she said as she opened up a portal. We all went through the portal.

When we got to the otherside we were standing in a desolate and dead looking area.

"Welcome to Universe C." Ellarein said.

"Nice place." I said sarcastically.

"Any place Drakkon touches dies." Mina-D said.

"So what's the plan? We find Drakkon and then what?" Jason-D asked.

"Finding them will be the hard part." Kim-C said.

"Our Drakkon always protected his throne. Is that not the case for yours?" Kim-D asked.

"We destroyed his palace. That's why he got desperate enough to reach out to his counterpart." Heckyl said.

"How do we even know they are in this Universe? Maybe they went to Universe D." Adam said.

"They are here. I know it. Somewhere. But they are here." Ellarein said.

"OK, then how do we find them?" Andros asked.

"I can track his powers." Kim-C said.

"But it's not always 100 percent. It will get us to a general area, but beyond that it's luck." Remi said.

"Then we better get moving." Rocky said.

Kim-C led us. We walked for a long time. Finally Kim-C stopped.

"We're close...really close." she said.

"So now would be a great time to devise a plan of attack." Hunter said.

Jen nodded, "Yeah, we can't go in blind."

"Do we even know if they have an army or how big it is?" Andros asked.

"I presume they have an army. The size is unknown. We depleted a good bit of it but there's no telling how many people they brought from Universe D." Mike-C said.

"We need to fight through any army and get to the Drakkons. We all need to be there so we can combine our powers." Ellarein said.

"So we stick together and fight as one." I said.

"Sounds like the only option." Empress said

Jen nodded, "OK...let's do this."

"It's Morphin Time!" Ellarein called.

"Solar Flare, Power Up!" we all called.

We all carefully moved in the direction Kim-C told us to. We reached a cave.

"They have to be in there." Rocky said.

"We need to be careful. No telling how deep they are camped out, what traps they set, or what sort of maze that cave is." Darien-D said.

We nodded and carefully went inside. It really was a maze of a cave system. We were careful to stick together and to keep an eye out for potential traps. My guess was that they hadn't had time to set any. It appeared we were right as we didn't see any traps.

We were pretty deep into the cave before we heard voices.

"We found their camp." Empress whispered.

"You think they are there or is that just an army?" Heckyl asked.

"My guess is they are all there strategizing." Ellarein said.

"The Drakkons are likely in the center of them all." Kim-D said.

"I agree." Kim-C said.

"We have to charge in and just start fighting. There's no room for us to take them out little by little." Andros-C said.

"Agreed...but try to stay together. Have each other's back. Let's do this." Ellarein said, "On my count...1...2...3!"

We all charged in, weapons drawn. I didn't have a staff for the first time. I had a chakrum. I had fought with one before, but not often. This one split in half and I could use them like bladed escrima sticks. It was a bit of a learning curve, but truth be told, it was kind of nice to have a bladed weapon for once.

The army was big, but not huge. There were 24 of us and there appeared to be about twice as many of them. We were focused and on point. It didn't take long to finish off the army and get to the 2 Drakkons.

"We meet again." Kim-D said.

"How sweet of you Kimmy. You followed me through the multiverse." Drakkon-D said with a smirk.

"Only to finish what we started. I will end you." she shot back.

"It's over Drakkon." Jason-D said.

"For both of you." Andros-C echoed.

"I don't think so. Our plan to merge the multiverse is already underway. When that happens we will condense every Universe into one and we'll split it." Drakkon-C said.

"How we were supposed to dear sister, before you betrayed me." Drakkon-D said.

Empress glared, "You betrayed me. I never should have trusted you."

"We won't let you do this." Zack-D said.

"You can't stop me brother. You should have stayed in my dungeon. You would have been safer." Drakkon-D said.

"You expect us to believe you're actually merging the multiverse? You aren't smart enough to do that." I said.

"No, you certainly aren't." Trini-D echoed. It was hard to work alongside Trini again, knowing she was a different Trini. But damn, she looked the same. I missed Trini.

"That's what you think. We have the program running and as soon as it's finished the Universes will merge." Drakkon-D said.

"A computer? Down here? In a cave. You're bluffing." Tanya said.

"Ever hear of battery power? It is all running in that alcove over there." Drakkon-C said.

"Thanks! That's what we needed to know. Now Kim!" I cried.

Both Kims fired arrows at the alcove while we attacked the Drakkons.

"No!" both Drakkons cried out.

We saw an explosion from the alcove.

"Aww, I'd say your plan failed." Empress teased.

"It's over Drakkon." Jason said swinging his sword.

"It certainly is. Ready Kim?" Kim-D asked.

"So ready. Been saving this arrow for you." Kim-C said.

They fired at Drakkon and hit them both. They de-morphed and it was easy to see they had no strength without being Morphed. They had been Morphed so long that their very being relied on it.

"We have to destroy their power so they can't Morph again. We need to combine power now!" Ellarein said.

"Red Solar Power" all 3 Red Rangers said in unison.

"Blue Solar Power"

"Black Solar Power"

"Green Solar Power"

"Pink Solar Power"

"Orange Solar Power"

"Yellow Solar Power"

"Purple Solar Power"

"Solar Ranger Power!!!"

The power engulfed Drakkon-C and D. In an instant both of them vanished and their powers imploded, blowing us all

back.

When the smoke cleared we stood up and looked around.

“We did it.” Mina-D said.

“We did. Both Drakkons are gone.” Trini-D said.

“And now we need to get everyone home and restore order to the Multiverse quickly.” Ellarein said opening two portals.

“Thanks Empress...you did good. You can continue to do good. Be better.” I said.

Empress nodded, “Thanks Michelle. I’ll try.”

“Kim, take our Universe D friends home. I’ll escort the Universe A team. Everyone else stand by. We have a lot of work to do when Kim and I return.” Ellarein said.

Kim-C took the Universe-D team through one portal. My team followed Ellarein through another.

In a moment we were back at the dojo.

“Well, you can have these powers back now.” I said.

Ellarein shook her head, “They are yours now.”

“Why? We don’t need them.” I said.

“You will...Michelle, trust me...you will. Thank you for your help.” Ellarein said as she went back through the portal.

“Sounds like we’re needed.” Rocky said.

Andros nodded, “Yeah...there’s a threat we need these powers for.”

I sighed, “So much for my retirement.”

“I think you need to accept...that’s never gonna happen.” Jen said.

“I suppose not.” I sighed again, “Well, let’s go get our kids. I need to hug my baby.”

Ashley nodded, “I couldn’t agree more.”

We headed out to get our kids, those of us that had them. Why couldn’t I ever be free? How was I going to film and be a Ranger? I guess I’d be figuring it out soon enough.