

1 INT. JAISI CITY HOSPITAL- THE MORNING AFTER THE ATTACK

A TV screen is shown, and the channel changes from Malik Clay's Heatwave to the news station. A woman is reporting on the incident that happened just a day prior.

NEWS REPORTER

Very unsettling and unexpected news this morning as we get more coverage of the mysterious attack that happened at the Preliminaries Stadium just 12 hours ago. Multiple small-scale bombs were set off that night, along with a physical rush from many masked soldier-type figures. However, one attacker did not have a facial disguise.

A picture of Amanda attacking The Timestopper is shown. Zay is sitting in the hospital with Jay and Rachel. Zay has small bruises and bandages on him, and Jay is sleeping on a bed with casts around her limbs. Rachel is sitting on a chair. (she's wearing a Timestopper shirt, of course).

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This girl's identity has not been found in any records by the city government, and that is rumored to be the same for all other attackers. The Timestopper, co-founder of Cosmic Time Technology and a Registered Superhero, is confirmed to have been assaulted and kidnapped, but his current location is yet to be discovered. The Cosmic Spark is yet to give her response on the incident at hand, and her whereabouts are unknown.

No others aside from The Timestopper and The Cosmic Spark assisted in defending from the terrorists.

Zaire's face goes sour.

That leaves only one question: How will we protect ourselves from the inevitable threat? More discussion on the Preliminary Attacks coming right after this commercial break.

A news jingle plays, and Rachel changes channels.

Zaire gets a call on his phone. It's from Cheyne, and Zay declines the call. The door is knocked on immediately after.

Zaire opens the door, sees that it's Cheyne, and immediately shuts it again.

RACHEL

Don't be that guy.

Rachel lightly pushes Zay aside and opens the door.

Cheyne steps in and sits down. Zay has an extremely disappointed look on his face and Rachel tries to avoid eye contact with Cheyne. Cheyne lets out a huge sigh.

CHEYNE

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ZAIRE

You knew exactly what you were doing when you saw us fight and decided to leave.

What, it's because you didn't want to soil your hands?

CHEYNE

I'm sorry you were hurt. I really am, Zay. But this hero stuff was never my gig.

ZAIRE

If it were anyone else besides us, would you have even cared about this whole situation?

There were people that needed to be saved, and because of your selfishness, this happened.

CHEYNE

Hey, to be fair, what WOULD I have done? there's always been enough heroes. Why do you think we're all still alive and well?

ZAIRE

"There's always enough heroes"? Well clearly there aren't. Just because YOU are alive and well doesn't mean others are too. You realize that a good amount of people DIED back there?

CHEYNE

And you're putting that blood on my hands? I didn't even do anything!

ZAIRE

That's the problem. You DIDN'T do anything. You keep thinking about what's happening to **you** when there's such a bigger picture!

There's a long pause.

CHEYNE

You guys can't force this lifestyle on me. I was never a hero. you know the whole reason why I'm even hooked up with powers?

Cheyne points at Jay. There's another short pause and Zaire stands up, walking towards Cheyne. They stand head to head.

ZAIRE

So now you're gonna shift this onto us? Just listen for once.

CHEYNE

(sigh) I've never seen you so mad in my life. It's kind of alarming you're taking things more seriously than me-

Zaire grabs Cheyne by the collar.

A friend who puts himself before what's right isn't my friend after all.

Cheyne starts backing up and walking away.

ZAIRE

You're not gonna fight back and prove me wrong? Huh?

Cheyne closes the door.

An attendant knocks on the door.

HOSPITAL ATTENDANT
Everything alright in there?

RACHEL
Heated game of Chess, that's all.

Cheyne is seen outside the hospital and walks away.

RACHEL
Hey, you think you went a little hard
on him?

ZAIRE
We've been tight ever since grade
school. I've gotten notions that he
was a little selfish,

Zaire sits down.

ZAIRE
...but never to this extent.

RACHEL
Maybe it isn't just selfishness. It's
fear. I think this situation hit him a
lot earlier than he wanted it to, and
he can't face it just yet.

Rachel looks at Jay.

RACHEL
And I kinda think that's warranted.
Not everyone has the same level of
selflessness and justice.

Jay starts to wake up, and Zay and Rachel have a relieved
look.

JERZEL
(to Zaire) Hey, was that.. you who
just snapped back there? I didn't
think you had the guts.

Zaire looks to himself, stands up and grabs his backpack and
jacket.

ZAIRE
You're right. I need to get back to
myself.

He heads out and closes the door.

RACHEL

I wish I was there.

JERZEL

It isn't your fault, RPG. We all need
some figuring out to do.

The camera pans to Cheyne awaiting the bus at a bus stop. he
notices Zaire from afar, walking the other way.

The epilogue ends.