The Glam Gizmo: Season 4 -Episode 6: Rule Of The Universe

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FLASHBACK BEGINS

INT. PALACE OF THE HIGH ORDER D/T

A series of footsteps hurry into the palace quarters with urgency. A Messenger has arrived with important news.

NEXUS Well, what is it? What news do you bring me?

MESSENGER My lord Nexus.

NEXUS No time for pleasantries. Get to the point.

MESSENGER Would you like me to read the memo I've received or should I just tell you?

NEXUS Which would be the quickest?

MESSENGER The news I suppose...

NEXUS Yes, well, go on.

MESSENGER

It's my duty to inform you that the two celestial beings who call themselves Genesis Serenity and Exodus Chaos... are dead.

NEXUS

Impossible.

MESSENGER That's what my news says.

NEXUS Genesis and Exodus have existed in our universe for centuries. They have both signed a clause that they must adhere to their adjacent parts of the universe; light and dark. (Beat) They can't just die! How selfish of them.

The grand doors open into the palace as another figure walks in.

THE CLOCKMAKER If I may intrude?

NEXUS You most certainly may not!

MESSENGER

Who's he?

NEXUS

It's my displeasure to introduce you to another Celestial from the crackpot batch. The Clockmaker.

THE CLOCKMAKER At your service.

NEXUS I thought you died long ago.

THE CLOCKMAKER

Physically speaking, yes. But it seems fate had other ideas.

NEXUS What do you know of Genesis and Exodus?

THE CLOCKMAKER

One of my former selves bared witness to the death of these two Celestial claptraps.

NEXUS What can you tell us?

THE CLOCKMAKER

At the end of their mortal life, Exodus and Genesis unified, combined, merged into the one being, and not long after, left this universe alltogether, dissipating into nothing.

NEXUS

They were the very thing that separated good and evil in this universe... Without them, we could fall into complete disaster. And it will be our fault.

THE CLOCKMAKER It's the fault of the Celestial Realm.

NEXUS This is beyond the Celestials. We need to form a meeting, of all sanctions of the universe and put together a plan.

Suddenly, a large object begins to teleport it's way into the palace.

MESSENGER What the hell is that?!

THE CLOCKMAKER I'm afraid I know.

NEXUS

Just as I foretold. Without the guardians of this world keeping everything at bay, all kinds of hellish evils are making their way into our universe.

THE CATHARO QUEEN (Sniggers) Is that how you decide to title us? Are we that feared in your universe?

The Catharo Queen slithers around Nexus.

NEXUS

We shut you off to the dark dimensions for a very good reason, so you couldn't interfere!

THE CATHARO QUEEN

I sensed there was a spatial displacement in your universe. No sign of law and order.

NEXUS I am law and order! THE CATHARO QUEEN Is that what you tell yourself so you can sleep soundly at night?

THE CLOCKMAKER Catharo, what business do you have here?

THE CATHARO QUEEN We are in need of something special. Something that we cannot find in our universe. So we've come to yours!

THE CLOCKMAKER You won't meddle with this universe, that's my job!

THE CATHARO QUEEN You know Clockmaker... I think you can help us.

THE CLOCKMAKER I will not assist you in any of your fiendish plots!

The Catharo Queen lingers over the Clockmaker and sniffs.

THE CATHARO QUEEN I sense that you are in trouble too. You hang on the leash of the High Order.

THE CLOCKMAKER That's none of your business. It means I can return to the mortal realm.

THE CATHARO QUEEN It means that you are under their dutiful command.

THE CLOCKMAKER What are you proposing?

THE CATHARO QUEEN Help me, and I can set you free.

THE CLOCKMAKER (The Clockmaker begins to laugh nervously, then manically) MESSENGER

What are you going to do with him?

THE CATHARO QUEEN If I'm not mistaken, the Clockmaker, albeit a different iteration, was the last person to bare witness to Exodus and Genesis. You retain his memories?

THE CLOCKMAKER

I... I...

THE CATHARO QUEEN Do not test my patience.

THE CLOCKMAKER Yes, I remember.

THE CATHARO QUEEN Then do this for me Clockmaker, let me consume your memories.

The Catharo Queen sucks the essence out of the Clockmaker, taking his memories of the events of when he last saw the two almighty Celestials.

> THE CLOCKMAKER (Shrieks and cries in agony, then gasps for breath.)

The Clockmaker falls to his knees.

THE CATHARO QUEEN Thank you Clockmaker. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

NEXUS What have you done?

THE CATHARO QUEEN I have taken all that I need. A physical appearance for my latest experiment.

NEXUS Experiment? What on earth are you on about?

THE CATHARO QUEEN I and the rest of the Catharo race have always been the bringers of darkness. We devour reality. But as I watch the axis of life tilt, I think we need to change tact. To live on, to be able to continue our existence, we need to create life.

NEXUS You will not meddle with what is ours!

THE CATHARO QUEEN You're too late Nexus. I already have.

The Catharo Queen teleports away.

MESSENGER What just happened?

NEXUS

I think we may have signed this universe's death notice.

FLASHBACK ENDS

INT. SCIENCE LABORATORY, HAWKSPUR TOWERS

BOLTIZOR You're pathetic. Without your army, you are nothing.

LILY You are not aware of our capabilities.

BOLTIZOR Do you really want to fight me?

Beat.

LILY Bring it on.

Lily suddenly cries out in pain.

COSMO PARADOX Are you alright?

LILY This pitiful human form! It's not enough for me! COSMO PARADOX What's happened to you?

LILY You're not talking to my daughter any longer. I am the Catharo Queen. The devourer of realities, the destroyer of worlds, the- (Groans).

COSMO PARADOX You're failing...

LILY

I am NOT!

COSMO PARADOX Your human form is not enough for you.

LILY It will be. Just as you Boltizor foresaw, you have prepared me for this moment. Was this merely a tactic to gloat, or were you prepared to fight me?

BOLTIZOR

I was ready to talk down to you. Your feeble human form is nothing for me and my contagion.

LILY That's what you think!

Beat.

JOHN HAWKSPUR

Boltizor, I think your plan worked. Take a look outside.

Boltizor slithers towards one of the windows and gasps in awe.

BOLTIZOR The contagion has taken over.

JOHN HAWKSPUR There's hardly a sign of life out there!

BOLTIZOR That's what it was designed to do. JOHN HAWKSPUR You mean, this contagion has destroyed everything as we know it?

BOLTIZOR Correct Hawkspur. And now we can start again!

The room is suddenly swarmed by two or three Adaxis who float in and surround Boltizor.

> ADAXIS DRONE 1 DO NOT MOVE! DO NOT MOVE!

ADAXIS DRONE 2 YOU ARE A PRISONER OF THE ADAXIS!

JOHN HAWKSPUR Almost everything...

BOLTIZOR You knew this would happen.

JOHN HAWKSPUR Oh, don't take me for a fool Boltizor. I knew you were too egotistical to see past your own plan.

BOLTIZOR How dare you!

One of the Adaxis strikes Boltizor down as he hisses.

JOHN HAWKSPUR Adaxis drones! Take Boltizor to his cell.

ADAXIS DRONE 2

WE OBEY.

The drones escort Boltizor away.

BOLTIZOR No, no, wait, you don't understand, we had an agreement!

JOHN HAWKSPUR That's enough from him.

Rumble.

JOHN HAWKSPUR What's going on?

COSMO PARADOX Something's happening.

LILY Don't you feel it? Listen outside, the oncoming storm full of travesty and devastation. The Catharo are coming.

INT. CATHARO LAIR

Across the universe in the lair of the Catharo, Lily awakes from her inter-dimensional trance, now in the body of the Catharo, she is filled with shock and horror.

> LILY Where am I? What's happened?

CATHARO 1 Your highness, are you distressed?

LILY Argh! What are you doing? Get away!

CATHARO 1 I am merely checking in on your welfare.

LILY What's going on? Mirror, I need a mirror!

Another Catharo emerges, fulfilling Lily's wish.

CATHARO 2 Of course, your highness.

The Catharo shows the mirror in the direction of Lily in her Catharo form.

LILY (Cries in horror) What's happened? I'm a monster!

CATHARO 1 You are our queen.

LILY I'm like you?

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CATHARO 2 You always were.

LILY Boltizor was right.

CATHARO 1 Who is this Boltizor?

LILY Something's gone wrong. We must go to earth and find out what's happening!

CATHARO 2 Of course, your highness!

CATHARO 1 Descent on earth is imminent!

The Catharo lair spins into life, an organic spacecraft if you will, as it hovers and hurtles towards earth.

LILY (To herself) Oh, I do hope there's a reasonable explanation to all this.

INT. ARTEMIS' LABORATORY D/T

Violet and the Professor lie motionless, limited by their energy, growing weaker as Cosmo further develops. Both of them are straining and struggle on their words.

> VIOLET Professor, are we going to die?

PROFESSOR PARADOX I'm afraid I don't know the answer to that.

VIOLET It only feels like I just started living.

PROFESSOR PARADOX It wouldn't be the first time Buxton has defeated me. He's getting good at that.

VIOLET Professor, if this is the end... It's been real. 10.

PROFESSOR PARADOX What do you mean?

VIOLET

I somehow by some miraculous event came back to life. And you did too. And we got to travel the universe. I couldn't imagine life any more extraordinary than it has been like this.

PROFESSOR PARADOX You mean that?

VIOLET

I do.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Perhaps the universe doesn't need a Professor anymore.

VIOLET

Don't say that.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

What, I mean it! Look at you. I found you in that old little shop all those years ago, and you found all my other friends I made.

VIOLET

(Smirks) We saved the universe together because of you.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Oh, I did nothing. I was too busy living a double life.

The door to the laboratory opens as Helen walks through

HELEN Speaking of that.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Oh! Helen, how good of you to join us.

HELEN What's happening to the pair of you?

PROFESSOR PARADOX Buxton has taken our life source. 11.

HELEN

But what about the other you, the ghostly you, the one upstairs in that container?

PROFESSOR PARADOX What about him? He's just an extension of my existence thanks to the Catharo.

HELEN

Yes, I know that, but is there anything that we can do with him to, you know, restore yourself back to normality?

PROFESSOR PARADOX It could work.

HELEN It's worth a go!

Helen meddles with Artemis' equipment, trying to look for answers.

HELEN It's... I don't know.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Helen, it's okay.

HELEN

I don't think I'm ready for you to leave us Professor.

PROFESSOR PARADOX There are many other Professors out there in the multiverse. Maybe you'll meet one of them.

HELEN There must be something I can do!

PROFESSOR PARADOX There's one thing you can do for me. I need you to send the other me somewhere very important.

HELEN Name it, I'll make it happen. PROFESSOR PARADOX He doesn't have long. So you need to act quickly.

The Professor writes down an address.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Use these coordinates. The physical address is there too.

HELEN What do I do?

PROFESSOR PARADOX Use the hardwiring Artemis has put in the container and see if it can be projected.

HELEN

On it.

Helen rushes upstairs back to the ground floor of the shop.

VIOLET Look at the way she did that. She would do anything for you.

PROFESSOR PARADOX I meant a lot to them.

VIOLET

It makes me wonder how much of your time was actually with us and how much you spent with them.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

It doesn't matter how much time you had. What matters most is that you had time together in the first place.

VIOLET

Professor, why don't I remember my life? Why is it so guarded? Why can't I access my own memories?

Beat.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

Because one day, it was all too much for you to understand. And for you to live this new life you've taken on, those memories needed to be protected.

VIOLET Am I going to die too?

PROFESSOR PARADOX I hope not. The universe still needs Violet. I think it can do without me though.

VIOLET Stop talking like that.

PROFESSOR PARADOX You matter more than I do. I've lived for thousands of years. You still have days to be decided.

The Professor clenches in pain.

VIOLET

What's going on?

PROFESSOR PARADOX

The other part of me, it's being transported! Good old Helen. Well done. (Beat) Whatever happens here today Violet, remember all the things we did, and all the people we met. Casper, Yodalin, Max, Lucy... Lucy, my dear. (Clenches) The people you meet make you who you are.

VIOLET One thing you never were able to answer. That grey lady, who was she?

Beat.

The Professor projects, to nobody in particular.

PROFESSOR PARADOX I think it's time for you to come out of the shadows now.

Suddenly, out of the veil of darkness, the Grey Lady appears.

VIOLET

It's you.

THE GREY LADY I promised to protect you and I keep my promise.

VIOLET You were with me, all this time?

THE GREY LADY I live inside your conscience. I always am with you.

VIOLET What are you?

THE GREY LADY

Your guardian.

VIOLET

Yes, I gather that. But what are you beyond that?

PROFESSOR PARADOX I created her.

VIOLET

You did?

PROFESSOR PARADOX

When you left the shop all those years ago from those memories you can't recall, I wanted to ensure your safety. So that no monsters would come after you.

VIOLET So she's my protector.

THE GREY LADY That is my purpose, and my wish.

PROFESSOR PARADOX She will protect you at all cost, no matter how grave the threat.

Suddenly, in a whoosh of dark clouds, a familiar dark figure appears.

DEATH And you thought you could outrun ya old uncle Death!

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PROFESSOR PARADOX I never dreamed of such a thing darling.

DEATH

Then why don't ya join me? Why do you ya keep running? Huh?

PROFESSOR PARADOX It just seems that I'm constantly needed elsewhere. But I think you're right, my time has come.

VIOLET

No!

PROFESSOR PARADOX Violet, don't intervene.

DEATH

Well, take my hand old buckaroo! It's time to say goodbye to the material world and join the dearly departed!

VIOLET Professor, is this the right thing?

PROFESSOR PARADOX Trust me on this.

VIOLET Take me with you!

Death swings around.

DEATH

What?!

VIOLET

You're after me too, aren't you? Violet, the girl who died over and over again, but yet remains undead.

DEATH

Hmm, something tells me that you've got more time on your hands!

VIOLET

What?

DEATH

I'll take ya with me anyway! It'll be a big old road trip to the depths of the afterlife!

The Professor swings around to Violet.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Do you know what you're getting yourself into?

VIOLET

I have complete control over this.

Death guides the Professor and Violet through a portal, as they then vanish.

INT. LIGHTHOUSE D/T

Lydia sits in her lighthouse solitarily as she wonders what's going on.

LYDIA

I do hope they're all okay.

Suddenly, a golden glowing energy circulates around the room, twinkling.

LYDIA Who's there?

A ghostly Professor Paradox appears

LYDIA Great, now I am seeing things...

PROFESSOR PARADOX This is definitely real. Don't be alarmed.

LYDIA I... I thought you died.

PROFESSOR PARADOX You of all people know my relationship with death is complicated.

LYDIA Where are you? You look like a ghost.

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PROFESSOR PARADOX

I was split in two, one part of me weaker than the other. The stronger half, well, he's about to meet his end.

LYDIA

What are you doing here? You never came back for me. You never popped by that old shop to say hello... I thought I lost you.

PROFESSOR PARADOX I didn't want to say goodbye. I didn't have the right words.

LYDIA You could've at least tried!

PROFESSOR PARADOX What do you think I'm trying to do now?

Beat.

LYDIA

How long have you got?

PROFESSOR PARADOX

This version of me is fading. But I wanted to make sure you were the last one to see me. I don't think anyone else would understand.

LYDIA

I know we fell out. I know we were always awkward with one another and that you could never look me back in the eye but tell me, were we ever something?

PROFESSOR PARADOX Lydia, I don't think I've ever told you how much you meant to me. You saved me time and time again and I never thanked you properly.

LYDIA

I loved you.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

I did too.

LYDIA If this is really and truly goodbye, can you say it like you mean it?

PROFESSOR PARADOX Oh, well... Until the next time, Lydia.

Professor Paradox fades from existence, leaving Lydia alone.

INT. HALLWAY, HAWKSPUR TOWERS D/T

Cosmo Paradox leads Lily down the hallways of Hawkspur Towers.

LILY Where are you taking me?

COSMO PARADOX I'm keeping you under watchful eye.

LILY (Smirks) Like I can really do anything.

COSMO PARADOX You say that, but you have my suspicions raised.

Chelsea and Dirk run towards Cosmo and Lily.

CHELSEA Guys, the Adaxis. They're still here!

DIRK Something about them got through the contagion.

COSMO PARADOX Impossible. That venom wiped out everything.

DIRK Yeah, think again.

LILY It seems not everything is working in Boltizor's favor. CHELSEA So is it possible there's still life out there?

COSMO PARADOX Let's say babes, it's in a state of flux.

CHELSEA So what do we do?

COSMO PARADOX It's too dangerous to go out there. Who knows if the contagion is still active.

LILY That is unless you can control it.

COSMO PARADOX What do you mean?

LILY The very essence of the contagion comes from the remnants of Exodus and Genesis.

Beat. Cosmo thinks and realises.

COSMO PARADOX Oh, I see what you mean.

DIRK Are we missing something?

LILY

This body is the very same genetic printing as that of Genesis herself. I know, I made it happen. If both myself and Genesis can balance it out, then I know that I can withstand the contagion.

CHELSEA

Hold on, so you mean you're like an antidote?

LILY If you like. DIRK What are you going to do?

LILY Ensure that my army arrives and fulfils its mission.

COSMO PARADOX Ohhh, no you don't.

CHELSEA What's she on about?

COSMO PARADOX She's been body-swapped with the leader of a reality-devouring race that's heading for us at this very moment.

CHELSEA

Ah, great.

LILY We were always heading here. Boltizor and Hawkspur's attempt at dominion were merely distractions. The Catharo will rule over all.

INT. CATHARO LAIR

Artemis enters the Catharo Lair, confronting the Queen, Lily still in her form.

ARTEMIS I gotta ask, how is it being the ruler of an alien race?

LILY This is your doing, isn't it?!

ARTEMIS Now now, I've done nothing! I've just come along for the ride.

LILY You've sided with the Catharo, for what?

ARTEMIS We have a shared interest.

LILY

In what?

ARTEMIS Mutually assured destruction.

LILY What did the human race ever do to hurt you?

ARTEMIS

Oh, I used to live among them. I was a sweet maker. They *loved* my confectionary. But then I was found out, I had to go into hiding and cease all production. I only wanted to do something sweet for a world of people and that wasn't enough! I think my capabilities are better suited elsewhere.

LILY

So now you've joined forces with the Catharo to have Earth destroyed?

ARTEMIS

That's about the half of it, yeah!

LILY

I exist as the Queen of the Catharo. i can change that and ensure that it does not happen.

ARTEMIS

Oh, you're too late my dear. We're hurtling towards earth faster than you can comprehend. We'll be there before you know it.

LILY

Why have I been thrown into all of this?

ARTEMIS

Oh my dear, you've been involved from the very beginning, you just haven't known it. You've been protected by a realm of unknowing your whole life! Now Mummy and Daddy are coming to take you home! LILY

Is that what the Catharo want? They want me?

ARTEMIS

I'm pretty sure they would protect you at all costs. You are their daughter after all.

LILY That's why my life doesn't make any sense.

ARTEMIS

And *now* you realise! Oh, this is juicy.

LILY What's going to happen when we reach earth?

ARTEMIS

Well, the Catharo will start consuming reality. And then by chain of their nature, they'll feed all their findings to you. And you will grow and expend comprehension of space and time as we know it. You will be the most powerful being in all of creation!

LILY

I don't want to be the most powerful being! What's happening to me? The real me, the one back on earth.

ARTEMIS

Your mother is having a fun time parading around as you I'm sure.

LILY

I can stop this.

ARTEMIS

How? You have no idea what you are doing. Where would you be without Gary?

LILY Gary! Where is he? ARTEMIS To my knowledge, he's almost stonecold dead on board a satellite.

LILY You take that back!

ARTEMIS I'm telling the truth! Don't believe me? Why don't you go look for yourself?

Artemis chuckles and disappears via his teleporter.

INT. SATELLITE

On board the satellite, Gary and Irving struggle in their final breaths, bracing for the end.

GARY GIZMO Funny... This old life... I didn't expect it to end like this...

IRVING We've lost... Nobody's coming for us...

A transmission turns on suddenly

GARY GIZMO Is that who I think it is?

IRVING That's Mr. Hawkspur.

JOHN HAWKSPUR V/O

You're probably wondering why I have you contained here, out of harm's way. Once I found out what you are, I knew I had to keep you out of the reach of certain individuals.

IRVING What's he talking about?

GARY GIZMO He's referring to me.

JOHN HAWKSPUR V/O

I thought it was a bit obvious in the name. Gary Gizmo. Little bit on the nose. You are evolution untold. The next chapter. The anomaly who defies the rule of the universe. You are the glam gizmo.

GARY GIZMO

It can't be.

JOHN HAWKSPUR V/O

Oh, but you very much are. You were destroyed. I picked up the pieces at a very good price. Made sure I nurtured you so you could be strong enough to come back. And you did, just not in the way I was expecting. No matter where you go Gary, you control the fate of the universe. Almost unknowingly. I raised you like a son and watched you grow into this world. I was just some nobody. But because of what you are, you made me what I am. I used your abilities to draw the Adaxis out of time, I saw your beginning, middle and end, I watched as Professor Paradox forged his secret club of mystery solvers across the world. And you know what I learned? (Beat) That if anybody else got hold of your power, it might just be too much for the universe to bear. You should be thankful that it was only me who knew. (Beat) If you receive this recording, I'm probably dead. I have done what I need to, but, it seems other more capable parties have taken control.

FLASHBACK BEGINS

EXT. ROOFTOP, HAWKSPUR TOWERS D/T

The wind blows around John Hawkspur as he observes Melbourne in its complete wreckage.

JOHN HAWKSPUR V/O

I looked upon that world and thought that could have been me. I had all the eggs in my basket to make sure that I could have ultimate power. But you know what? Not even the bloody glam gizmo could make that happen. There was always someone better.

ARTEMIS

Quite a nice view from up here.

Hawkspur swings around.

JOHN HAWKSPUR Who are you?

Artemis paces towards Hawkspur.

ARTEMIS

May I say, you've done a mighty fine job. You created an empire out of nothing. All you are is some pathetic little human. But you did all *this*?! Well done, well done indeed. You've got control over the world. What now? What will you do next?

JOHN HAWKSPUR

There's... There's nothing left to do. I've run out of ideas.

ARTEMIS

Is that it? Hah! Tell you what, you really thought this through.

JOHN HAWKSPUR I just wanted to be seen and known.

ARTEMIS

That you were. And then because of your enabling, everyone turned to dust. Now who's going to herald you king of the world? (Whispers) Nobody.

JOHN HAWKSPUR What is there left to do?

Beat.

ARTEMIS

Come with me, and I can change that. Think beyond this world. There's a whole universe out there. Together, we can rule them all. JOHN HAWKSPUR You think so?

ARTEMIS Think on it, and while you do, help yourself to a lemon drop.

Artemis pulls out a bag of sweets and offers one to Hawkspur. He takes it and begins to suck on it.

> JOHN HAWKSPUR (Sucks on the lemon drop) Very sweet, it's got a lovely hint of... Argh! (Chokes)

ARTEMIS

Don't take me for a fool John. Your work here has been good, but not good enough.

Artemis pushes John off the side of the building as he plummets to his death.

JOHN HAWKSPUR

(Screams)

FLASHBACK ENDS

INT. SATELLITE

The transmission begins to fade.

JOHN HAWKSPUR V/O I'm sorry you won't get to see the end. It's really not that beautiful after all.

The transmission cuts out, leaving Gary and Irving on their own.

IRVING So... This is it.

Suddenly, the whole satellite moves as something crashes against it.

The door opens.

GARY GIZMO

(Gasps)

IRVING (Gasps) We're free!

GARY GIZMO Not yet. Follow my lead.

Gary and Irving carefully exit the satellite.

INT. CATHARO LAIR

They find themselves in the Catharo lair, before the Catharo Queen, still in the guise of Lily.

LILY Gary?! You're alive!

IRVING What on earth is that thing...

GARY GIZMO What do you want with me?

LILY Gary, it's me, Lily! I've been bodyswapped with the Catharo Queen.

GARY GIZMO

What? How?

LILY It's a long story, but we're hurtling towards earth.

GARY GIZMO I can tell, you just crashed into our satellite.

IRVING Which means we're probably not far off.

Beat.

GARY GIZMO I have an idea. It's risky, but it might just work.

LILY What do we do?

GARY GIZMO

You can absorb reality, ideas, anything that's powerful enough. We need to outdo the Catharo Queen, make sure that she cannot return. We need to give her and the Catharo mass information.

IRVING

So we overflow them?

LILY

They become so overwhelmed with information and reality that they can't take it anymore?

GARY GIZMO

Exactly!

LILY How do we begin?

GARY GIZMO I'm going to project a million possibilities into your mind.

LILY How can you do that?

GARY GIZMO

I've learned about my new capabilities and I'm willing to put them to the test.

LILY Is it safe?

GARY GIZMO You can trust me with your life Lily.

Beat.

LILY Here goes nothing I guess.

GARY GIZMO Three... Two... One... Huzzah!

Gary's mind opens as the infinite possibilities of the Glam Gizmo ignite.

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GARY GIZMO

A thousand and one different realities all converging at once! Enough to be fit for a Queen and her final supper!

The information is absorbed by the Catharo Queen as she and the Catharo engulf the neural waves of energy, all of them growing in mass.

> LILY I think it's working!

IRVING We need to get back!

GARY GIZMO I can't stop it Irving! If I do, it might not work!

LILY I hope you know what you're doing Gary!

GARY GIZMO I'm working my hardest!

Suddenly, each of the Catharo start exploding into goo, golden energy pouring out of each of them.

LILY Keep going Gary!

INT. HALLWAY, HAWKSPUR TOWERS D/T

From across the universe, the Catharo Queen can feel the effect of what is happening to herself.

LILY Ooh, that does not feel good.

CHELSEA What's going on?

LILY

Information, so much new information, and reality, oh, it's so good I can taste it. But it's too much! It's all too much! I won't be able to handle it! DIRK Is she okay?

COSMO PARADOX I think she's getting back in touch with her former self.

INT. CATHARO LAIR

Suddenly, the Catharo Queen reverts back into her own form, fighting against Gary's power.

THE CATHARO QUEEN You cannot do this Gary!

GARY GIZMO It's too late Catharo! You wanted to absorb the universe, well you can have it! Can you taste the negative impulses of the dark dimensions?!

THE CATHARO QUEEN No! Stop it! You must stop it!

GARY GIZMO

Too late!

The Catharo Queen struggles and groans as it absorbs all the reality being poured into them.

GARY GIZMO Irving! Take this teleport!

IRVING What?! But what about you?

GARY GIZMO I'll turn at the ready, just plug in the settings!

Irving catches the teleport.

IRVING Uh, okay! Resetting the interface!

THE CATHARO QUEEN You'll die for this Gary Gizmo!

GARY GIZMO I don't think I will!

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Ready?!

GARY GIZMO

Ready!

Gary spins around as he and Irving vanish.

THE CATHARO QUEEN N0000000000000000

The Catharo Queen explodes into a blinding light.

INT. HALLWAY, HAWKSPUR TOWERS D/T

Lily gasps for breath and collapses to the floor.

COSMO PARADOX I've got you Lily!

LILY I'm back! I'm back!

CHELSEA Is she alright?

COSMO PARADOX I think so.

DIRK Thank goodness.

Gary and Irving appear from their teleport.

GARY GIZMO Ah, a welcome party, what a surprise!

LILY (Trembles) Gary?

GARY GIZMO Hello Lily. Long time no see.

LILY

(Gasps)

GARY GIZMO Quick, she needs medical attention! Chelsea and Dirk carry Lily into the lab placing her back on the bed.

COSMO PARADOX Get her on the bed! She needs to catch her breath back!

CHELSEA Will she be okay?

GARY GIZMO I'm sure she will, she just needs a moment.

LILY Gary (Gasps) What happened?

GARY GIZMO We did it Lily! We destroyed the Catharo!

LILY Reality is saved?

GARY GIZMO From them at least.

As Gary and Cosmo mend to Lily, Chelsea lectures to Dirk and they side step from the commotion.

DIRK Chelsea, what you said back there... Did you mean that?

CHELSEA

Um, yeah.

DIRK When all this is over, if we get out... Do you want to get a drink some time?

CHELSEA I'd like that.

DIRK I'd like it too. INT. PRISON CELL

Boltizor sits dormant in his prison cell. Suddenly a figure walks down the stairs, observant.

ARTEMIS

Well, well, well. I never expected to find you here behind bars.

BOLTIZOR

Do I know you?

ARTEMIS

Oh, believe me, you know me of old.

BOLTIZOR

I might need some help. I meet a lot of people.

ARTEMIS

You might not remember me like this, but remember that whole thing with the midge flies and the mystical fudge?

BOLTIZOR

Buxton...

ARTEMIS

Hello dear.

BOLTIZOR How have you survived all this time?

ARTEMIS I could probably ask you the same.

BOLTIZOR What brings you here?

ARTEMIS

Well, in a mere matter of minutes, the Catharo are about to engulf this whole world thanks to my doing.

BOLTIZOR Oh, that was all you? Bravo.

ARTEMIS

Thanks. What about you? You don't seem to be doing much under lock and key.

BOLTIZOR That silly old man who has the Adaxis at his disposal.

ARTEMIS (Whispers) Dead.

BOLTIZOR

What?

ARTEMIS I killed him.

BOLTIZOR You daredevil.

ARTEMIS

Child's play.

BOLTIZOR So have you come to gloat or are you actually going to release me?

ARTEMIS Well, I've come to admire your handiwork with that venom. Perhaps we can use it elsewhere.

BOLTIZOR Are you proposing an alliance?

ARTEMIS Oh, just maybe.

Beat.

BOLTIZOR Hmm, it's tempting. You'll have to let me out of here first so I know you're telling the truth.

ARTEMIS

Oh, alright.

Artemis clicks his fingers as the prison cell door slides open and Boltizor slithers out.

> BOLTIZOR How did you do that?

ARTEMIS I'm very clever.

BOLTIZOR Not clever enough.

Boltizor wraps his snake-like body around Artemis.

ARTEMIS

(Chokes)

BOLTIZOR

Say mercy.

ARTEMIS (Chokes) Mercy! Mercy!

Boltizor lets go as Artemis falls to the ground.

BOLTIZOR This is my planet to thwart. Go find your own.

Artemis trembles and teleports away.

INT. ARTEMIS' LABORATORY D/T

Artemis appears back in his laboratory, gasping, trying to find a means of escape. Suddenly, a loaded laser gun is pointed towards his head.

> ANGUS I was wondering when you'd return, liar.

> ARTEMIS What are you doing Angus? Don't do something that you might regret.

ANGUS Oh, I won't regret this. I'll enjoy it.

ARTEMIS Angus remember, I am your master, you will do as I say.

ANGUS I've done some thorough research on you Buxton. I know exactly who you are. Helen opens the tall container, revealing Buxton's true form indisposed.

HELEN How long were you planning on keeping this old thing here?

ARTEMIS

Ah, my old body! No, no, no, I can't go back!

HELEN

You will.

ARTEMIS

No, no, no, no!

Angus pushes Artemis into the glass container as he begins to transform.

ARTEMIS (Buzzes like an angry fly)

ANGUS Time to get out of here?

HELEN I think you're right.

ANGUS So long Buxton!

Angus and Helen leave behind Artemis as he devolves back into his former self.

INT. DEATH'S CASTLE N/T

Professor Paradox and Violet emerge from the portal Death has lead them to, in what sounds like a gigantic cavernous castle where bats can be heard screeching high above.

> VIOLET Some set up you've got here.

DEATH Oh know right? Isn't it great.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Did you bring us here to show off your taste for neo classical architecture, or is this actually an execution?

DEATH

Oh, you are a dreary one, aren't you? (Mockingly) Why don't we just get to it old boy? Don't mind if I do! Now, kneel.

PROFESSOR PARADOX I can't. I've got terrible cramp.

VIOLET

Professor, I think this is one of those times where we just have to do it.

DEATH

You know what, I got to execute your later self Professor, but that doesn't stop me from being able to do it again. In doing so, does that make me the ultimate paradox-maker?

PROFESSOR PARADOX

You tell me.

DEATH

And Violet. Dear old Violet. The girl who can't even recall her own life. All that you know is death. Is it really time to die?

VIOLET

I won't lower my standards for you.

DEATH (Mutters) Gee, tough crowd.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Are you going to get on with it?

DEATH

I'm going to leave the two of you with a decision.

A transcendent sound signifies the appearance of a gateway

DEATH

This is a doorway that leads back to your material universe. Only one of you can walk through it alive. The other will remain here and spend the rest of their days in this domain. PROFESSOR PARADOX You can't do this.

DEATH

But I am.

VIOLET Professor, you go.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

What?!

VIOLET Ever since we started to fade, I thought about this.

PROFESSOR PARADOX No, no, Violet, you can't.

VIOLET I need you to trust me. Now do as I say.

Beat.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

This is not how I'm going to say goodbye to you.

VIOLET

Not everything is as it seems. Just walk through the door and trust me.

DEATH

It sounds like the girl has made her decision Perseus.

PROFESSOR PARADOX What will happen when I leave here?

DEATH

You will wake up back where you belong. And all of this will be a distant dream.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Fully restored?

DEATH As you wish.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Then I choose the door.

DEATH Go on, you greedy narcissist. Do it.

Beat.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

Violet.

VIOLET

Professor.

PROFESSOR PARADOX See you around.

The Professor begins to walk through the gateway and slowly disappears in a shrill blink of energy, leaving Death and Violet alone.

DEATH And now, it's just the two of us.

VIOLET

So you think.

Suddenly, a rapturous energy convulses as the Grey Lady appears.

DEATH

What?!

VIOLET I'm surprised you didn't see this coming.

THE GREY LADY I made a vow to protect Violet and I always will.

DEATH Who are you?

THE GREY LADY I am The Grey Lady. This is me in my eternal form. Or, if you like-

The Grey Lady transforms into Kamelia

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KAMELIA

My flesh appearance might be more to your appealing.

DEATH This is a hoax!

KAMELIA

Oh, believe me, it took the Professor a while to cotton on that we were one in the same. I had to pretend to be Violet for him to realise my capabilities.

VIOLET

So this is what you look like when you're not following and protecting me?

KAMELIA

Most of the time, yeah.

VIOLET

You don't have to wear such a haunting veil when you're around me.

KAMELIA

Oh, believe me Violet, if I revealed myself too early, it would contradict so many things, and so many more things yet to come.

DEATH

How on earth did you breach into my domain?!

KAMELIA

My vow to the Professor is unbreakable. I can penetrate through any ego.

DEATH

But I am Death! I am the end, the darkness, the bleak void of nothing!

KAMELIA The complete insane egotist.

VIOLET

What do you mean?

KAMELIA

Death is just a title. He likes to think he's death, but everybody knows the Grim Reaper doesn't exist.

DEATH (Stammers) How do you know so much?

KAMELIA I see everything Death. I can snap you like a twig if I wanted to. Now, let us go. That's an order.

Beat.

DEATH Where would you like to go?

KAMELIA Back to our world where you found us would be most appreciative.

INT. SCIENCE LABORATORY, HAWKSPUR TOWERS

Lily, laying in her hospital bed, slowly wakes up.

LILY

Hello Gary.

GARY GIZMO Hello Lily. We saved the universe.

LILY

We did?

GARY GIZMO Well, kind of.

DIRK

Pretty much as far as I can see, we're still in complete devastation out there.

CHELSEA Yeahhh, can that be fixed, or is that kinda permanent?

Cosmo, who is cobbling away at Boltizor's scientfic instruments runs back over to join the group.

COSMO PARADOX Hold on my honey-suckles, I think there might be a way.

LILY That's Boltizor's ray gun.

COSMO PARADOX

And if I can successfully reverse engineer the device, it could turn everything back to how it was. But with a few implications.

CHELSEA

Like what?

COSMO PARADOX

We need some mass raw power to be able to jettison it back through time.

GARY GIZMO What kind of power?

COSMO PARADOX

Something belonging to a device? Something that understands dimensions.

GARY GIZMO

You mean me.

LILY

What?

GARY GIZMO

Lily, it's been a pleasure. Sad I got to never meet the Professor, but if you see him, tell him I said hello.

LILY Gary, what are you talking about?

GARY GIZMO

Lily, I am the glam gizmo, the probability engine. I have control over the stability of the universe. I'm not supposed to be sentient like this.

LILY What will happen to you? (Beat) What will happen?! COSMO PARADOX He will revert back into his former self.

LILY I spent all this time trying to find you again and for what?

GARY GIZMO Lily, the probability engine doesn't choose everybody. I chose you. I needed new people to look out for me, and you've been exemplary.

LILY What am I supposed to do once I leave here? I'm lost without you.

GARY GIZMO

You and I both know there's someone waiting out there for you. Oh, I'm not a fool Lily. Your friend Wanda is looking for you. Best you go find her.

Gary Gizmo places his hands on the ray gun, ready to infuse his energy within it.

GARY GIZMO

Cosmo, you may be a strange anomaly, but you are one hell of a paradox.

COSMO PARADOX That's the biggest praise anybody could make.

GARY GIZMO

Chelsea, Dirk, well done. You overthrew a sinister government and cracked the code.

LILY

Gary, there must be another way.

GARY GIZMO

I'll still be here Lily. Just not as you know it. This is my renewal. Everything will run its course.

Gary begins to glow as everything in the building jolts with an almighty energy.

DIRK What's going on?!

COSMO PARADOX We're going back in time!

INT. OFFICE, HAWKSPUR TOWERS D/T

As the building starts to pulsate, Irving makes his way through John's office searching for something.

IRVING Where is it? Where is it?

Suddenly, Boltizor emerges in.

BOLTIZOR Ah, the faithful servant.

IRVING What are you doing here?

BOLTIZOR I could ask the same of you.

IRVING

There was something that John left behind. He had unfinished business. I need to ensure it doesn't happen.

BOLTIZOR

Give me that.

IRVING

No!

Boltizor clutches onto a piece of paper Irving held onto.

BOLTIZOR This is excellent.

IRVING Whatever you do, don't.

BOLTIZOR Try and stop me.

Both Irving and Boltizor disappear as the building rapidly pours back through time.

INT. SCIENCE LABORATORY, HAWKSPUR TOWERS

As Gary continues to send the whole of time back in reverse, Cosmo feels herself bubble and melt away.

> CHELSEA Cosmo, what's happening?!

COSMO PARADOX I'm being erased out of existence, Buxton never made me!

DIRK She's melting!

COSMO PARADOX Catch ya later, cruisers!

Cosmo explodes into the vastness of the impossible future that never happened, Chelsea and Dirk soon vanishing too. Suddenly, everything stands still as Lily is the last one remaining.

LILY (Exhales) Hello? Is there anybody there?

Out from behind one of the doorways, Wanda appears.

WANDA So, you made it.

LILY Aren't you a hard nut to crack.

WANDA

Meaning?

LILY

Every time I try and solve the mystery around who you are, something gets in the way and I never find out.

WANDA Well, now there's nothing holding us back.

LILY Then go on, tell me.

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WANDA This new timeline.

LILY What about it?

WANDA

Everything that you experienced was a possible future and it never happened. Our time, together, is what I was reaching out for.

LILY You were someone from a possible future reaching out for me?

WANDA

Yes.

LILY And what makes you so certain?

Wanda approaches Lily and kisses her passionately.

LILY Oh, that answers it.

WANDA

You probably have a thousand questions running through your head.

LILY

Yes, yes, I do. (Beat) Wait, Gary!

WANDA

Gary never existed.

LILY

Yes he did! I remember him, so he was *something*, wasn't he?

WANDA

Soon, he'll be nothing but a dream.

LILY Who are you? How did you know to find me? How did you fall in love with me?

WANDA Time has a weird way of fluctuating.

LILY

Meaning?

WANDA

When you met Hector? That was supposed to be me. I was supposed to be in the place of those people. But when the universe tried to erase me, I had to step into your conscience, where I knew I'd be safe.

LILY

How did we meet?

WANDA We met thanks to Professor Paradox.

LILY

We met because of the Professor and I don't remember?

WANDA

It was an event that was protected by a neural blocking thanks to the Elementals. It was the first contact we had with the Catharo.

FLASHBACK BEGINS

INT. PANCAKE RESTAURANT N/T

Lily enters the restaurant, where Wanda is waiting for her.

LILY Excuse me, are you Wanda?

WANDA That's me, yeah.

LILY Are you the person that-

WANDA That this random Professor sent? Yeah, I'm his assistant.

LILY Nice to meet you. INT. CELESTIAL AVENUE D/T

Lily enters the bookshop at Celestial Avenue for the first time, where Wanda is waiting for her with the Professor.

WANDA

Welcome to Gibbon's Guild! Our humble old bookshop we call home, our base of operations, our hideout.

PROFESSOR PARADOX It's a pleasure to have you here.

FLASHBACK ENDS

INT. SCIENCE LABORATORY, HAWKSPUR TOWERS

LILY

Did you know what I was?

WANDA

Yes, we both did, but we wanted to ensure that you were among friends. And when the Catharo came looking for you again, we had to alter your memory, make you think that you were someone else.

LILY And now the spell is broken.

WANDA And foolishly, I fell in love with you.

LILY That's not foolish.

WANDA

Well.

LILY So what happens from here?

WANDA

There's an old bookshop on Celestial Avenue that I know could use some attention. How about we check it out? INT. CELESTIAL AVENUE D/T

Lily and Wanda enter the bookshop. It's covered in layers of dust and has remained untouched for some time.

> LILY This place could surely do with some love.

WANDA You could say that again.

Suddenly, a pile of books fall over as Violet lands back in the familiar old bookshop she once knew so well. Wanda turns straight into defense-mode.

WANDA Who's that?

VIOLET Ah! Just a friend!

Beat.

LILY Violet? Is that you?

VIOLET

Lily?

LILY What happened to you?

VIOLET It's a long story.

LILY I could say the same.

Suddenly, a gateway opens as Professor Paradox walks through.

VIOLET

Professor!

PROFESSOR PARADOX Hello Violet!

VIOLET We did it, we tricked them!

PROFESSOR PARADOX

I knew there had to be something more to it.

LILY Good to see you again Professor.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

And to you all as well. Now, we've got the whole gang back together, what next?

The gateway remains open as Nexus walks through.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Oh, what brings you here? We were just starting to have fun!

NEXUS I'm afraid the time for festivities is over.

VIOLET Professor, can you tell me who this is?

Beat.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

This is the leader of the High Order, keeping the universe at bay. He likes to call himself Nexus.

NEXUS A very fitting name, I think.

WANDA What have we done wrong?

NEXUS

Wrong? My friend, you've done nothing wrong. You have all managed to save the universe once more, as you somehow manage to do time and time again here in this old trinket of a place.

PROFESSOR PARADOX It's my bookshop.

NEXUS So I can see.

LILY

What more do you want with us?

NEXUS

There are still matters that need to be met. I must apologise for the incredulous behavior of one of our elemental tricksters.

VIOLET

Do you mean Death?

NEXUS

Yes. He likes to parade around persuading his name is his title, but it's clearly not the case. Merely a magician with a box of tricks that's running out of ideas. But, as we observed, there is something important that he has noted. Professor, Violet, you two are both not of this mortal realm.

PROFESSOR PARADOX

Ah, yes, I was hoping you wouldn't point that out.

NEXUS

Now, please don't fear, I'm not going to execute you. I am ready to restore your friend Violet here back to life, but at a cost.

VIOLET

Cost? What cost?

NEXUS

Professor, your services are greatly needed.

PROFESSOR PARADOX What services?

NEXUS

We could use someone like you on the High Order.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Oh, um, er, well.

NEXUS

It's not an invitation. It's an imperative means to an end. Isn't that what you're all about?

PROFESSOR PARADOX For what means?

NEXUS Work for us, you and Violet get to remain in the mortal realm.

PROFESSOR PARADOX How long do I need to work for you?

NEXUS Until I see it fit.

PROFESSOR PARADOX I suppose you'll be here fighting monsters, writing wrongs, doing good, hey?

VIOLET Actually, I think it's time I gave all that up.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Oh, really?

VIOLET

Lily and Wanda, you're both great. But my friends aren't here anymore. I had Casper and Yodalin and Lucy. They've all moved on. Maybe it's time I move on too.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Ah, I see. Did I say something wrong?

VIOLET

You've done nothing wrong. If it wasn't for your nefarious meddling, I wouldn't be alive. I'd be dead, in a silly old house on a silly old hill. But you brought me back.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Violet, you brought me back.

VIOLET We cheated death together. And now we get to live again. We broke the rule of the universe.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Ah, well, I didn't know how to say goodbye.

VIOLET Who said this is the last time we'll see each other?

PROFESSOR PARADOX Ah, yes, well, hrm, you're right.

Beat.

VIOLET A hug will do.

The Professor and Violet embrace.

VIOLET You showed me the universe. Thank you.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Goodbye Violet. Violet, my dear.

The Professor dusts himself off and turns to Lily and Wanda.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Look after the old shop, won't you?

WANDA We'll do our best.

LILY Thank you Professor.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Oh, and Lily. I know everybody tells you otherwise, but Gary was very much real. He's as real as you want him to be. And he will always be the reason you stand here today.

Beat.

LILY Thanks Prof.

PROFESSOR PARADOX Prof...? Prof?! (Scoffs) Prof indeed.

VIOLET / LILY / WANDA

(Laugh)

PROFESSOR PARADOX Hoo-roo I guess!

The Professor steps back through the gateway, his position at the High Order waiting for him. Nexus, turns around to Wanda.

> NEXUS I think in his absence, this old place is in good hands?

WANDA You can be sure of that.

NEXUS

Excellent.

Nexus walks through the gateway as it disappears.

VIOLET Well, I guess this is goodbye.

LILY See you later Violet.

WANDA You know where to find us if you need anything.

VIOLET I've lived my whole life not knowing what it's been like. Now I guess it's time I find out.

LILY

Go get'em.

VIOLET (Laughs) Thanks for saving the universe for me.

LILY

Any time.

Violet walks to exit the bookshop, takes one last look and leaves.

DIRK V/O

You know, there are times that are impossible to place. Times when we are whisked off our feet, when we meet new people, when we're ordained with new tasks, which are immeasurably difficult in our minds at the time of conception. But somehow, we take it on.

LILY

So, what now?

WANDA

Well, we have a probability engine to protect. And all kinds of monsters and aliens come here on a weekly basis. Shall we save the world together?

LILY

I don't know how good I am, but I can try.

WANDA You were trained by the best.

Beat.

LILY Yeah, I was.

INT. RADIO STUDIO D/T

Dirk and Chelsea sit in the radio studio, live on air, as Dirk delivers a closing editorial.

DIRK

But no matter how fantastical, no matter how strange, we tackle it and we take it on. Because that's what we do. That's what I did. And that's how I stand here before you today, a changed person.

CHELSEA And we wouldn't have it any other way. DIRK I guess that's why we're a radio duo now.

CHELSEA I guess that's why we're getting married too.

DIRK Some things just happen, simply because they're meant to.

(THE END)