

AND THERE CAME A DAY, A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER. WHEN THREE FRIENDS UNITED TO CREATE THE FUTURE THAT WE NEVER COULD. ON THAT DAY, E.G.G. WAS BORN.

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Experimental Government Gadgets

-EPISODE 7-

EXTREMIS

Acacia charged towards Venom. She punched but he caught it. She punched with her other arm but he caught that too. He then lifted her into the air and roared as he flung her across the room. Acacia slid into a tesla coil and was electrocuted. She screamed, then quickly got to her feet. She glared at Venom.

“You may not be the same guy in the suit,” she said, pulling two gloves onto her arms. “But I know one guy that that can beat the living garbage out of you.” And with a *snikt*, three claws emerged from each of the gloves. Venom laughed.

“This should make things more...” He thought a bit. “Interesting.” He lunged at Acacia.

Meanwhile, Josh had engaged Julian in hand to hand combat. Josh punched, but Julian blocked and kneed him in the gut. Josh doubled over and Julian punched him across the jaw. Josh stumbled a bit, but regained his balance. He rushed Julian, with a shoulder to his chest. Julian was about to fall to the ground, but Josh caught him by his hair and threw Julian’s head down onto his knee. Julian held his head and backed up in pain. Then Josh ran and jump kicked him, but Julian caught his leg. Josh struggled to get free, but Julian raised his arm and forced his elbow down on Josh’s lower leg. There was a loud crack, and Josh screamed in pain as Julian dropped him to the ground. Julian smiled and approached him as Josh struggled to get up.

“You’re weak Josh.” He said, kicking him in the stomach. “Always were.”

“Not... finished... yet...” Josh grunted, trying to get up. Julian laughed.

“Come on man, you know how it is. You’ve always known that if you and me stepped into the cage I was comin’ out. You couldn’t beat me then, you can’t beat me now, and won’t beat me ever.”

“Good thing he doesn’t have to.” Josh and Julian both looked. Josh’s eyes widened. Julian took a step back.

“Impossible...” Josh said, as he stared at Eileen Wuthrich, standing in the doorway.

In the other room, Acacia sliced viciously at Venom. She shredded at the symbiote, almost completely getting through if it didn’t regenerate too fast. Venom stumbled back with each slash. He then swiped at Acacia with his claws, but she ducked under the attack and stabbed him repeatedly in the gut. Venom screeched and kicked Acacia back. She slid across the floor, but stuck her claws in the ground to slow herself down. Venom leapt at her, but she stabbed her claws through his chest and slammed him on the ground. Venom weakly laughed.

“You can’t kill me!” He said. “No matter how many times you stab me!”

“Then how about I take a different approach!” Acacia lifted Venom, her claws still dug into him, and ran him straight into a tesla coil. Venom screamed and the symbiote electrocuted. Acacia held him on, catching some of the electricity but fighting through the pain. Venom screamed and screamed, and then there was a big explosion. Acacia was launched backwards. She sat up, rubbing her head to see Tanner lying on the ground in his boxers. He looked up at her and smiled.

“I’d ask you to spare me,” He said. “But I know you’re not gonna kill me.” Acacia walked up to him, and popped her claws out with a menacing *snikt*.

“And what makes you so sure I wouldn’t.” She said. The smile slowly faded from Tanner’s face.

Josh slowly stood up as Eileen approached. Julian shook his head.

“Uh-uh,” he said, backing up. “Westbrook said you croaked, he wouldn’t even joke like that!”

“I wasn’t joking...” Josh said. “Eileen, how...”

“One sec.” She said, walking past Josh and towards Julian, who was still backing up.

“Take it easy now...” Julian said. “I don’t how you came back but...” Eileen brutally cut him off by choking him and lifting him into the air.

“This is for hurting my friends.” She said, as she punched Julian across the room. Josh’s jaw dropped. Eileen walked over to him as he was recovering from the hit. “This is for Mother Egg!” She shouted, as she held out her hand and shot out bolts of lightning, electrocuting Julian. Josh’s knees got weak. “And this is for KILLING ME!” She screamed, as she breathed fire out of her mouth. Josh’s eyes rolled to the back of his head, and he fainted. Eileen finally stopped and walked over to Julian, who was smoking from the fire.

“You...” He coughed. “You finally got a backbone rainbow eyes...”

“I’ve developed a lot more than a backbone!” Eileen growled, picking him up.

“Wait...” He began, but too late. Eileen hurled him to the complete opposite side of the room. Julian slammed into the wall and fell to the ground. Suddenly his gauntlet began to beep. He pressed a button to reveal the image of Doctor Victor von Doom.

“Have you done as I asked?” Dr. Doom questioned.

“Yeah, Mother Egg’s grounded...” Julian weakly managed.

“And the Director.” Doom demanded.

“Workin’ on that...” Julian replied, standing up.

“If you have not done it by now, you will not succeed any time soon. Luckily Doom takes precautions.”

“What are you...”

“The entire facility is going to explode in less than a minute.”

“What! But you can’t!”

“Consider it your punishment for failing Doom.” With that, the transmission ended.

“No, you can’t! Doom! Doom!” Julian shouted in vain. Eileen approached.

“I’m not finished with you yet.” She said, grabbing him by the collar.

“Hold up a minute! The whole place is gonna...” At that moment, a series of explosives went off and the entire power plant came crashing down around them.

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Acacia sat up, some rubble falling off of her. She didn’t get buried, luckily. She stood up and dusted herself off.

“Gotta find Josh,” She said, as she began to walk away. Suddenly she heard a noise. She spun around quickly and popped her claws out with a *snikt*. Then she saw Tanner, trapped under a big rock.

“Help me!” He demanded. “You can’t just let me die!” Acacia looked him over.

“You’re a pretty strong dude.” She said. “I think you can get yourself out.” Acacia walked away as Tanner screamed after her. She smiled, knowing she did Eileen justice.

Josh, on the other hand, was piled under debris. He struggled to get out, he pushed and pushed against a giant metal beam until it slid off of him. Then he stretched out his arm and attempted to reach a pole to pull himself out. He reached and reached when suddenly someone took his hand. He looked to see Julian grasping his arm.

“Julian?” He asked. Julian pulled Josh out of the debris and helped him to his feet.

“I’m sorry about all this man.” He said. “It’s pretty messed up. It’s just that Doom, well, he said...”

“Josh!” Eileen called. He looked over to see Eileen punch her way through a giant piece of rock and make her way towards him.

“I’m coming Eileen.” He called. “Now what did Doom...” He turned to see that Julian was gone. Josh sighed. “Okay then.”

“Guys!” They turned to see Acacia making her way towards them. “You wouldn’t believe the fight I had!”

“Acacia!” Eileen exclaimed.

“Oh, hey Eileen.” She replied. “So anyways, Venom was there, and he was...” Suddenly Acacia stopped. She looked at Eileen. “Eileen! You’re alive!” She shouted, hugging Eileen and lifting her into the air. “It worked! It worked! I can’t believe it worked!”

“What worked?” Josh asked. Acacia stopped. She put Eileen down.

“I, uh...”

“Maybe you can explain why Eileen is not only alive, but shooting lightning, punching down walls, and breathing fire!” Acacia just stared at him.

“I was actually kinda hoping this would be more of a celebratory thing...”

“Acacia!”

“I want to know too.” Eileen said. “How did you bring me back?” Acacia looked down sheepishly.

“I gave her dose of Extremis.” She mumbled.

“You what!” Josh shouted.

“It was just a small dose!” Acacia defended.

“Acacia, you know the story of Agent Mallen! I heard Iron Man had to blow his head off just to stop him!”

“I’m sure that’s an exaggeration...”

“Either way,” Eileen interjected. “I’m thankful to be alive.” She looked at Acacia.

“Venom...”

“I got him.” Acacia reassured. Eileen sighed with relief.

“Good.”

“Yeah, it’s nice we wrapped things up so nicely with the villains,” Josh said. “But we still have a big, ovular problem in the middle of Smith Park.”

“I think I can help with that.” Eileen said. The three friends made their way back to the crash site where police and firefighters had built a perimeter. Josh flashed his ID, and they let him across the lines.

“So what can you do about this?” He asked Eileen.

“Well, I can’t explain it, but…” Eileen closed her eyes. “I can sort of… sense technology. Like, I’m communicating with it.” Josh looked angrily at Acacia, who turned away and began to whistle.

“Okay, are you… communicating with Mother Egg?” Josh asked. Eileen smiled.

“Yes.”

“What are you telling her?” Eileen opened her eyes and turned to Josh.

“I’m telling her it’s time to wake up.” At that moment, a loud noise came from Mother Egg. The agents inside watched in amazement as all of the systems re-activated. The computers came online, the engines fired up. Josh and Acacia took a few steps back as the thrusters burst on. Eileen held out her hand and began to raise it. As she did, Mother Egg slowly lifted itself into the air. Everyone watched in disbelief as Mother Egg took off into the sky, and vanished beyond the clouds. Then Eileen mentally tapped into the teleportation system, and in a blue flash, she, Josh, and Acacia were all standing in the Inner Shell. Josh stood, dumbfounded.

“Well?” Eileen asked. “What do you think of my new powers?”

“They’re awesome!” Acacia shouted, resulting in an angry glare from Josh.

“They’ll take some… getting used to.” He said. “But I’m glad you’re alive.”

“Me too.” Eileen said, engaging Josh and Acacia in a group hug. An agent approached the three.

“Director Westbrook,” he said. “With the exception of some exterior damage, Mother Egg is fully operational.”

“Copy that agent!” Josh replied. He pointed his finger forward. “Full speed ahead!” And with that, Mother Egg flew off into the sunset.

The End