

VOLTRON: LEGENDARY DEFENDERS

"Homesick"

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FADE IN:

ACT ONE

INT. ALTEAN CASTLE - LANCE'S ROOM - DAY

LANCE lies in bed staring at a PHOTOGRAPH of his family celebrating his mother's birthday.

LANCE
(singing)
...Happy Birthday to you.

Lance holds the photograph close to his chest.

LANCE (CONT'D)
Happy Birthday, Mom. Sorry I can't be there.

FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
But you can be.

Lance springs up, now sitting, and looks around. No one's there.

LANCE
Weird. I thought I just heard-

Lance screams as sudden turbulence throws him out of bed.

INT. ALTEAN CASTLE - CONTROLS ROOM - DAY

ALLURA and CORAN manage the ship's controls as Lance, KEITH, SHIRO, PIDGE, and HUNK scramble into the room.

SHIRO
Is everything all right?

ALLURA
Yes, for now.

CORAN
A wormhole appeared out of nowhere!
Almost flew right into it.

HUNK
That's a relief. Imagine if it took us straight to Galra central.

Coran cycles through the galaxy maps, pulling them up next to an image of a large purple wormhole.

CORAN

No, it appears it could have taken us to what you call the Milky Way.

Lance's eyes widen. Pidge squeezes next to Coran, her eyes glittering at the controls.

PIDGE

Whoa, how can you tell?

CORAN

It's quite complicated, and not always accurate. See-

LANCE

Hold on, so that wormhole could take us to Earth? Shouldn't we check it out?

Keith raises an eyebrow, suspicious.

KEITH

We don't need to go to Earth.

LANCE

I'm just curious!

ALLURA

Best you let it go. We don't know who created that wormhole. It could be dangerous.

Keith glances at the photograph sticking out of Lance's pocket. He swipes it.

LANCE

Hey!

Lance tries to swipe it back, but falls on his face as Keith dodges his attempt.

SHIRO

Keith, give it back to him.

Keith stops and Lance snatches the photograph from him.

Hunk looks at the photograph over Lance's shoulder. He sees the delicious birthday cake and drools.

KEITH

Doesn't look like you're just curious.

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LANCE

So I wanna see my family! Doesn't everyone?

HUNK

I do! I love birthdays.

Lance sees Hunk drooling on his shoulder and pushes him off.

KEITH

We don't have time for distractions, especially if it could be a trap.

LANCE

Come on, I'm a paladin! I can handle anything.

PIDGE

Hey, my family could actually be in danger, but I'm still here.

KEITH

See? Pidge can actually put the fate of the universe before herself!

LANCE

What do you know, Keith? You don't even have a family!

Silence. The shock on Keith's face is visceral.

LANCE (CONT'D)

Keith, buddy, I... I didn't mean-

Red flashing lights fill the room. Allura looks up from the control center, a planet and its distress signal appearing on the screens.

ALLURA

We just received a distress signal from Vilga. Everyone, get dressed! We'll be landing shortly!

Everyone rushes back to their rooms except for Lance. He lingers a moment and stares at the wormhole on the screen.

LANCE

I've never missed my mom's birthday before, and I'm not about to start.

EXT. VILGA PLANET - DAY

A cold, solid planet full of caverns and shale. A humble castle hides inside a cavern.

The Altean Castle lands gently on the planet's surface. The door opens and Allura, Shiro, Hunk, Pidge, Lance, Keith, and Coran exit.

Before them stand the VILGA NATIVES, biped alien creatures with ghost-like, smoky heads.

The VILGA LORD, larger than the others and clouded in a cloak of mist, steps forward.

VILGA LORD

Greetings, visitors. I am the Vilga Lord.

ALLURA

I am Princess Allura of Altea, and these are the Voltron Paladins. We received your distress signal.

VILGA LORD

Thank you. Do you know where that swirling vortex came from?

The Vilga Lord points to the wormhole in the sky.

ALLURA

We do not. Has anything come through the wormhole?

VILGA LORD

No, but we fear it may be hostile.

ALLURA

Hopefully not, but we will be here to protect you should you need us.

Shiro extends his Galra hand to the natives.

SHIRO

I'm Shiro, leader of the paladins. It's nice to meet you.

The Vilga Lord takes Shiro's hand to shake it, but Shiro's hand starts crushing him. The Vilga Lord whimpers.

SHIRO (CONT'D)

It won't let go-

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Shiro hits his arm and the hand releases. The Vilga Lord snatches his hand back.

SHIRO (CONT'D)

Sorry, I guess it's malfunctioning.

The natives stare at Shiro's Galra arm and cower in fear, clinging to each other.

VILGA LORD

Wait, I recognize that technology. Are you with Zarkon?

SHIRO

No, I mean, my arm is, but I'm not.

ALLURA

The paladins and I fight against the Galra. We are not your enemies.

The Vilga Lord and the natives breathe in relief.

VILGA LORD

Splendid. Would you like to stay for our welcoming banquet?

Before Allura can reply, Shiro pulls her to the side.

SHIRO

Allura, if there's no immediate trouble, we should leave.

ALLURA

The wormhole might bring trouble. Besides, we need to build trust with other peoples.

Shiro glances toward the Vilga natives. Meeting his gaze, they back away in fear. Shiro shows Allura his Galra arm.

SHIRO

They already don't trust me.

ALLURA

Then show them they can trust you. Your arm does not define you.

Shiro tries to object, but Allura turns back to the Vilga natives and claps her hands together with a smile.

ALLURA (CONT'D)

We accept your gracious invitation.

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The Vilga natives cheer. Everyone except for Lance starts to follow the natives to the castle.

PIDGE

Lance, aren't you coming?

LANCE

Nah, I'm not hungry. I'll look after the castle while you're gone.

Keith's eyes narrow. He stops and turns back toward the ship.

As they head to the castle, Shiro glances at his arm. It twitches on its own.

INT. ALTEAN CASTLE - MAIN HALL - DAY

Lance and Keith enter the castle side-by-side, glaring at each other.

LANCE

You don't think I can handle looking after the castle by myself?

KEITH

I don't think you can handle staying put.

LANCE

Why can't you trust me?

KEITH

If Pidge or Hunk wanted to go home, I wouldn't trust them either.

FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)

We trust you, Lance. Come home.

Lance's head jerks up in the direction of the voice -- the hangars.

He tries to sneak away from Keith, but Keith immediately glances in his direction.

KEITH

Where are you going?

Lance stops in his tracks.

LANCE

Nowhere.

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Keith eyes him with suspicion. Suddenly, Lance darts away toward the controls room.

KEITH

Hey!

INT. ALTEAN CASTLE - CONTROLS ROOM - DAY

Lance jumps into his pod and slides down the tubes toward the hangars.

Furious, Keith jumps into his own pod and follows him down.

KEITH

Get back here!

INT. VILGA CASTLE - BANQUET HALL - DAY

A banquet hall with little decoration aside from the feast. Natives line the tables and pathways.

Hunk and Pidge sit together at one table, while Allura and Coran eat with the Vilga Lord at another.

HUNK

This shale broth is amazing!

Hunk slurps down a BOWL of shale broth, **burping** loudly as he places the bowl back on the table.

Taking that as a challenge, Pidge slurps down the rest of her bowl and burps, but it is weak in comparison.

A VILGA NATIVE next to them dumps her bowl down her smoky mouth and burps the loudest. They all burst into laughter.

HUNK (CONT'D)

Nice, dude.

Shiro sits alone at a table, aside from a few brave natives.

One of them, JEELONG, curiously reaches for Shiro's Galra arm. Jeelong nearly touches the metal, but retreats.

Shiro smiles warmly at Jeelong.

SHIRO

It's a replacement for the arm I lost.
I know it looks scary, but I won't hurt anyone.

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JEELONG

What about the Vilga Lord's hand? Did you not hurt it earlier?

Shiro looks away.

SHIRO

That was...

SENDAK MIMICRY(V.O.)

You and I are the same.

Shiro freezes and his eyes go wide.

He whips his head around to find Jeelong's smoke-head transformed into a SENDAK MIMICRY.

Shiro activates and swings his Galra arm through Sendak's face and it dissolves into smoke.

Jeelong screams as Shiro hits him, falling to the floor.

SHIRO

No, I didn't mean to!

The whole hall looks to Shiro in horror. Shiro jumps up from the table and the natives scream, scrambling away from him.

Allura, Coran, Hunk, Pidge, and the Vilga Lord rush over.

VILGA LORD

Jeelong!

PIDGE

Is he okay?

The Vilga Lord tends to Jeelong and assesses his wound.

VILGA LORD

It's not critical, but he needs medical attention.

Shiro deactivates his arm and clutches it close to his chest, eyes wide. He is just as shocked as anyone.

ALLURA

Shiro! What did you do?

SHIRO

The smoke, it turned into Sendak! My arm, it just-! I'm so sorry.

The Vilga Lord picks up Jeelong with Coran's help.

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CORAN

Lead the way, Vilga Lord!

They carry Jeelong off to an infirmary wing. Allura pulls Shiro to the side.

SHIRO

I didn't mean to hurt him. I don't know what's going on with me. I saw Sendak, I heard him-

ALLURA

Shiro, go back to the castle and rest. The Vilga are scared enough. We need them to feel safe.

Shiro closes his eyes in shame.

SHIRO

I understand.

As Shiro leaves the hall, Allura, Hunk, and Pidge watch him with concern.

The Vilga natives part the way for him out of fear. Shiro frowns and clutches his arm tighter. It twitches.

SHIRO (CONT'D)

Leave it to the Galra to make my arm a weapon.

INT. ALTEAN CASTLE - HANGARS - DAY

Lance and Keith glide down their respective zip-lines, racing each other to their Lions.

They slide out the tubes and into their Lions, Keith a second behind.

KEITH

Lance, stop!

LANCE

No, you stop!

INT. BLUE LION - CONTINUOUS

Lance lands in his seat and slides to the front, flicking on the controls. He grabs the thrusters and pushes them forward.

LANCE

Come on, Blue. Don't let me down!

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INT. ALTEAN CASTLE - HANGARS - CONTINUOUS

The Blue Lion rushes out of the hangar, quickly followed by the Red Lion.

KEITH

Red, don't let him get away!

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

Lance pilots the Blue Lion toward the wormhole, but Keith crashes into his side, knocking him off-course.

The Blue Lion tumbles through space, but Lance guides it back onto its feet.

LANCE

This game of cat-and-cat has been fun,
Keith, but knock it off!

KEITH

You knock it off and get back to the
castle! You don't know where that
wormhole goes!

LANCE

I know it's got a good chance of going
to Earth and that's enough for me!

The Lions battle, swiping at each other, shooting lasers, and dodging attacks.

KEITH

You are so selfish! There are millions
of people depending on us, and you
just do whatever you want!

LANCE

You wouldn't understand!

KEITH

Oh, because I don't have a family?

LANCE

I said I didn't mean it!

Keith sends the Red Lion crashing into the Blue Lion. They tumble together through space before the pilots regain control.

Lance races back toward the wormhole, but Keith blocks his way again.

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LANCE (CONT'D)
Keith, get out of my way!

INT. RED LION - CONTINUOUS

The Red Lion roars and Keith thrusts the controls forward, closing in on the Blue Lion.

KEITH
You're not leaving!

INT. BLUE LION - CONTINUOUS

The Blue Lion roars back and Lance challenges Keith, piloting the Lion straight toward him.

FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Come home, Lance.

LANCE
Yes, I am!

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The Lions collide head-on, and the impact sends them hurtling through the wormhole. It disappears behind them.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. VILGA PLANET - CORE CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

A vast, open cavern. A large, circular chasm lies in the center.

The Lions hurtle out of the wormhole, which closes behind them. The Lions skid to a stop just before the chasm.

LANCE

Whoa, where are we?

Above the chasm floats an enormous glowing purple sphere, the VILGA CORE.

VILGA CORE

Welcome, children. I am the Core of the Vilga planet. I created the wormhole you passed through.

INT. BLUE LION - CONTINUOUS

Lance's face falls.

LANCE

So we're not on Earth.

VILGA CORE (O.S.)

No, but I can take you there. I can take you anywhere in the universe.

A flash of hope appears on Lance's face.

INT. VILGA PLANET - CORE CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

The Blue Lion opens and Lance walks out. He heads toward the Vilga Core, confident in his stride.

VILGA CORE

How brave of you to step forward.

INT. RED LION - CONTINUOUS

Keith watches Lance through his monitors.

KEITH

Lance, what are you doing?

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INT. VILGA PLANET - CORE CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

Lance reaches the edge of the chasm and stops. He stares up at the Core.

LANCE

You can take me to Earth?

VILGA CORE

Of course, child.

KEITH (O.S.)

You're going to trust some floating ball? Why would it help you for nothing in return?

LANCE

Why shouldn't I? It's willing to help me more than you ever have!

INT. RED LION - CONTINUOUS

Keith scowls and jumps up from his chair. He sprints towards the Lion's exit.

KEITH

You never listen!

INT. VILGA PLANET - CORE CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

The Vilga Core creates a wormhole in front of Lance. Inside, he can see all of his family waiting for him, just like the photograph.

FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)

Come, Lance. Come to your family.

Lance stretches his fingers toward the wormhole.

Before he can reach it, Keith grabs his hand and yanks it back. Lance struggles in his grasp.

LANCE

Let me go!

KEITH

No way! I'm not letting go until you cut it out and come back to the castle!

As Keith tries to pull Lance back by the wrist, Lance grabs Keith's arm with his other hand.

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LANCE

Then you're coming with me!

Lance yanks hard. He hurls them both into the wormhole.

INT. ALTEAN CASTLE - MAIN HALL - DAY

Shiro enters the hall and looks around. Silence.

SHIRO

Keith? Lance? Are they in their rooms?

Footsteps sound and Shiro whips around to find Jeelong standing in the entrance.

SHIRO (CONT'D)

Jeelong? I'm so sorry, I didn't mean-

JEELONG

It's okay, Shiro. I know it's not your fault.

Several Vilga people appear behind Jeelong. Their smoky heads transform into GALRA MIMICRIES and climb off their bodies.

Jeelong's head transforms into a Sendak Mimicry again. Shiro stares in horror as the Sendak Mimicry strolls forward.

SENDAK MIMICRY

It's ours.

INT. VILGA CASTLE - BANQUET HALL - DAY

Peace restored, the banquet hall is filled with lively **cheers**. Allura and Coran sit with the Vilga Lord.

ALLURA

Thank you for your gracious welcome, Vilga Lord. I hope we can deepen our relations in the future.

VILGA LORD

I as well. I admit, after seeing your one soldier, I had my doubts. Yet, you have been so kind. I believe we can trust you.

Allura beams.

Suddenly, the door **slams** open and Shiro bursts into the banquet hall, disheveled and frantic.

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The Vilga people cower at the sight of Shiro. Allura, Coran, Pidge, and Hunk jump up from their tables.

ALLURA

Shiro? What's going on?

SHIRO

The Galra, no, the Vilga, they ambushed me!

The teammates exchange glances.

SHIRO (CONT'D)

They can shape-shift! They turned into Galra right in front of me! I saw them! I saw Sendak!

Shiro sees the Vilga Lord next to Allura. He activates his Galra arm and points it at the Vilga Lord.

SHIRO (CONT'D)

Get away from her!

The Vilga Lord shrinks back in shock.

VILGA LORD

Princess Allura! You intend to hurt us after all?

ALLURA

No, of course not!

VILGA LORD

To think Alteans would be so barbaric! You're no better than the Galra!

Allura's face falls. Shiro's eyes dart around the banquet hall and he adopts a fighting stance.

SHIRO

Pidge, Hunk, get your bayards!

PIDGE

Shiro, they're not fighting us!

HUNK

Yeah, look at them! They're terrified!

SHIRO

They're dangerous!

CORAN

Dangerous? You're the one swinging around Galra technology!

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Shiro looks to Allura with pleading eyes.

SHIRO

Allura, don't you believe me?

She holds his gaze for a moment, then averts it toward the cowering Vilga people. The Vilga Lord looks pained.

She closes her eyes.

ALLURA

Everyone, please restrain Shiro.

Pidge and Hunk look to Allura in shock. Shiro's arms fall to his sides.

SHIRO

Allura?

Pidge and Hunk glance back to Shiro. Reluctant, they move towards him. Coran follows.

PIDGE

I'm sorry, Shiro, but we're worried about you.

HUNK

Yeah, man. It's okay, you just need some help.

CORAN

If Allura thinks so, then it's for your own good.

Shiro watches as their hands descend on him.

SHIRO

You don't believe me.

ALLURA

If you don't want to hurt anyone, then please, trust me.

INT. LANCE'S HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

A large kitchen, old-fashioned, enough room to easily fit a family of thirty.

PARTY DECORATIONS adorn the walls. A HALF-FROSTED CAKE sits on the COUNTER.

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The WORMHOLE opens up and spits out Lance and Keith, now in their NORMAL CLOTHES. It closes behind them as they land with a **thud**.

LANCE

For a top pilot, you really fail at landing.

KEITH

That was all you.

Lance looks up to see his MOM standing over them, a surprised look on her face.

MOM

Lance? When did you get here?

LANCE

Mom!

Lance shoves Keith off and pulls Mom into a bear hug.

LANCE (CONT'D)

You know I wouldn't miss your birthday!

When he pulls away, Mom's eyes drift to Keith and she gasps, noticing him for the first time.

MOM

You brought a friend!

KEITH

I'm Keith-

LANCE

But that's not important. What's important is that your sweet, handsome son has come home for your birthday!

Mom **bonks** him on the head with her fist and he yelps, rubbing the spot.

LANCE (CONT'D)

Ow! What was that for?

MOM

Show up whenever you like, but let me know if you're bringing company over!

She smiles softly at Keith.

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MOM (CONT'D)

Come, Keith, you've got to meet the rest of the family.

Mom starts to pull Keith's arm toward the living room. Lance's eyebrow twitches.

MOTHER

There's my husband, Lance's siblings, the grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles-

LANCE

Mom, don't overwhelm him. He's not used to a lot of company. Besides, aren't you happier to see me?

Lance flashes a winning smile. Mom is unimpressed.

MOM

Keith is our guest.

LANCE

Come on, Keith doesn't want that.

Keith's eyes light up, sparkling. He reaches out to gently grasp Mom's arm.

KEITH

Actually, I'd love to meet everyone. It would be my first time seeing such a big family.

LANCE

Excuse me?

MOM

Then it's settled! Come, we haven't cracked open the piñata yet!

Dumbfounded, Lance watches as Mom leads Keith away into the living room.

LANCE

The prodigal son returns, and no one cares.

(to Keith)

Hey, put the stick down! I've got dibs on first bat!

INT. VILGA CASTLE - INFIRMARY - NIGHT

Shiro lies strapped to an infirmary bed, completely still. Allura walks into the room and takes a seat next to the bed.

ALLURA

Everyone is all right, just worried about you.

SHIRO

That's good. So it's just me going crazy, huh?

ALLURA

You're tired.

SHIRO

I saw them, Allura. I saw them transform into Galra.

Allura stares at Shiro's arm. It lies next to his body, heavily restrained.

ALLURA

Have you considered that your arm might be the problem?

SHIRO

It can't be. I'm not like the Galra.

ALLURA

We don't know much about it. They might be able to influence you through it.

Shiro lifts his head as much as possible and looks Allura in the eyes. He pleads with her.

SHIRO

Allura, please. If nothing else, I need you to believe me when I say I don't want to hurt people.

A look of sadness on her face, Allura lays her hand over Shiro's Galra hand.

ALLURA

I believe you. But sometimes we hurt others even if we don't want to.

INT. VILGA CASTLE - BANQUET HALL - NIGHT

Pidge tinkers with a GADGET as Hunk pokes it repeatedly, to Pidge's annoyance. Coran watches over Pidge's work.

HUNK

Is it supposed to be that color?

CORAN

Yes, I liked the one before better.

PIDGE

I don't care about the color! I'm-!
Ugh, you wouldn't understand!

HUNK

Excuse you, you might have forgotten
because my cooking is amazing, but I
am an engineer.

The Vilga Lord steps into the hall. Coran corrects his posture and bows to him.

CORAN

The Vilga Lord! Please accept our most
sincere apologies for our paladin's
behavior!

VILGA LORD

It's all right, though it is a shame.
He is your leader, correct?

HUNK

Well, I've got this neat blaster and
master cooking skills-

Pidge elbows hunk in the gut.

HUNK (CONT'D)

But Shiro's our leader. So yeah. He's
the best.

CORAN

But they all defer to Princess Allura,
of course.

VILGA LORD

Yes, what a shame...

The Vilga people surround them and transform into Galra Mimicries.

VILGA LORD (CONT'D)

Now there's no one to save you.

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INT. LANCE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Old-fashioned SOFAS and ARMCHAIRS. The room is packed with Lance's RELATIVES. LITTLE SIBLINGS and COUSINS shriek as they chase each other.

Blindfolded, Keith grips the STICK, a piñata hanging before him. Mom and the relatives cheer him on.

Lance sulks in the corner and blows a PARTY STREAMER.

LANCE

Outshining me in my own home. Who does he think he is?

Lance glances at the window -- anything but Keith -- and his eyes widen.

EXT. LANCE'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

A WORMHOLE eats through the SUN.

The sky around the Wormhole Sun starts to **crack**. Debris falls off the sky with each crack and **splashes** against the ground.

LANCE (O.S.)

Uh, anyone else see that the sky is falling? No? Just me?

INT. LANCE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Keith readies his swing. **Thwack!** He splits the piñata in two.

The stick swings through Mom's face -- it turns to SMOKE before regaining its shape. Lance's jaw drops.

LANCE

Oh no.

Mom turns to Lance and tilts her head, an uncanny smile on her face.

MOM

Lance, is something wrong?

Keith pulls off his blindfold, a fond smile on his face as the kids scramble for CANDY.

LANCE

Keith, a moment.

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Lance jumps into the fray and grabs Keith's arm. Lance yanks him into--

INT. LANCE'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

Lance **slams** the door shut and locks it. He moves in close, a hand to Keith's ear as he whispers.

LANCE

Keith, we've got to get out of here.

KEITH

What? After all you put me through to get here?

LANCE

Something's seriously wrong here!

KEITH

Why? Because everyone likes me and treats me like family?

Lance grabs Keith's shoulders and shakes him violently.

LANCE

Listen to me! You swung a stick through my mom's head and it turned to smoke! Like the Vilga people!

Keith gives him a weird look.

KEITH

I never saw that.

LANCE

You had a blindfold on!

A panicked look sets into Keith's eyes. He shakes his head.

KEITH

But that's not possible. This is your family-

LANCE

They're fake! This place is fake!

Lance grabs Keith and turns him to face the window, pointing at the Sun.

LANCE (CONT'D)

Look!

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EXT. LANCE'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The sky around the Wormhole Sun continues to crumble.

LANCE

The sky is collapsing! We've got to
get out that wormhole before it
collapses, or we'll be stuck here!

INT. LANCE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Keith turns from the window to face Lance, a distant look on his face.

KEITH

No.

Lance raises an eyebrow.

LANCE

Okay, did I hear you wrong? Because
there's no way you said-

KEITH

I said "No." I'm not leaving.

Lance stares at him, dumbfounded.

LANCE

See, now I know I heard you wrong.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREEINT. LANCE'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Lance runs his hands through his hair in frustration. Keith can't even look at him.

MOM (O.S.)
Keith? Is everything okay?

LANCE
Everything's fine, Mom!
(to Keith)
Dude, I'm not leaving without you.

KEITH
Then I guess we're not leaving.

LANCE
What is wrong with you? I'm telling
you, this place isn't real!

KEITH
I know it's not real!

Lance stares as Keith balls his fists, shaking.

KEITH (CONT'D)
That's exactly why I want to stay.

INT. LANCE'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

The sky outside the window darkens, a thick MIST coming through.

LANCE
Where did the Sun go? The wormhole?

Lance scrambles to the window. Through the glass, the Wormhole Sun still hangs in the falling sky.

LANCE (CONT'D)
Good, it's still there!
(to Keith)
Buddy, we're gonna have a talk when we
get back to the castle, but right now
you need to come with me-

Lance reaches for Keith's hand, but Keith slaps it away.

KEITH
I said I'm not going!

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MOM (O.S.)

Yes, Keith. Let us in. Let's make a birthday wish, together.

LANCE

We are going!

Lance lunges for Keith, but Keith dodges and Lance skids on his face. He rolls back onto his feet.

LANCE (CONT'D)

Like it or not, you're coming with me!

Lance pulls out his BAYARD and freezes Keith's leg in place.

Before Keith can break free, Lance tackles him through the front door.

INT. VILGA CASTLE - INFIRMARY

Muffled **explosions** hit the walls.

The infirmary door **slams** open. Pidge and Coran rush into the room while Hunk shoots blasts out the door with his bayard.

ALLURA

What's going on?

PIDGE

Allura, it's the Vilga people! They transformed into Galra!

HUNK

Yeah, I was just having some nice shale broth and, bam! Suddenly, Galra!

CORAN

Come on, let's grab Shiro and get out of here!

Allura, Pidge, and Coran scramble to break Shiro from the restraints. Free, he jumps off the bed.

They all sprint out the door and Hunk follows.

INT. VILGA CASTLE - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

They skid to a stop as they reach a bend in the hall. Thirty Galra Mimicries wait for them.

CORAN

Everyone, prepare for battle!

"Homesick"

Shiro's eyes dart around the narrow space, his position next to his teammates, and finally his Galra arm. He shakes.

ALLURA

Shiro, what's wrong?

SHIRO

The hallway- it's too small! If I fight them, you might get hurt!

The Sendak Mimicry emerges from the crowd. He wears a wicked smile and claps his hands.

SENDAK MIMICRY

That's right, Shiro. You'll only hurt them.

Hunk and Pidge battle with the Mimicries on the front lines of the narrow hallway.

Coran and Allura fight without weapons. Frozen in place, Shiro can only watch.

ALLURA

Shiro, what do you mean you can't fight? We need your help!

SHIRO

I can't! It's too dangerous!

PIDGE

Shiro, we trust you! You were right about the Vilga!

HUNK

Yeah, like, unfortunately right. I mean, maybe fortunate for you, but really, really bad for all of us!

ALLURA

I'm sorry I doubted you, but please gather your courage! We need your help!

SHIRO

You don't understand!

Shiro clutches his Galra arm close. It twitches on its own.

SHIRO (CONT'D)

It might hurt you! I might hurt you!

Pidge shocks another Mimicry with her bayard. Hunk shoots more lasers.

"Homesick"

PIDGE
(into headset)
Lance! Keith! We need you!

HUNK
They're not answering!

CORAN
Then keep shooting!

ALLURA
Shiro, there's nothing wrong with you!

SHIRO
You don't know that!

Shiro watches in horror as the Sendak Mimicry jumps above all the fighting and lands in front of him.

SENDAK MIMICRY
You won't fight back? Then I'll have to bring it out of you. A soldier must fulfill his purpose.

EXT. LANCE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Lance and Keith tumble out together, landing on the **cracking** ground. Their PALADIN ARMOR reappears.

Lance and Keith lie there, looking up at the crumbling sky.

LANCE
Keith, please. I'm trying to help you.
We can't stay here.

KEITH
What's the point? There's no one out there waiting for me.

LANCE
What about Shiro? Pidge? Hunk, Allura, Coran? Your Lion? And me? We're all waiting for you!

Keith turns his head away.

LANCE (CONT'D)
We need you! You bonded with the Red Lion! You can fight and fly like no one else! You're better than this!

Lance grabs Keith's arm and grips it tight.

"Homesick"

LANCE (CONT'D)

You're better than me.

KEITH

But you said it yourself. I don't have a family. I'm just some part-Galra kid who never found answers.

LANCE

You won't find them here.

Keith looks back at the house. In the window, Mom and the relatives dissolve back into Vilga people, faces distorted in smoke.

LANCE (CONT'D)

You know who you are, Keith. You're the best pilot in our class, a paladin of Voltron, and my best friend. You don't need a fake world to love you. We already do.

Lance extends his hand. Keith takes it.

KEITH

Okay, buddy. Let's go.

LANCE

About time.

They pull apart and turn on their jet-packs. They fly toward the wormhole as the world crumbles around them.

MOM (O.S.)

Lance, please stay. We can blow out the candles, together.

LANCE

I'm sorry, Mom.

They enter the wormhole.

LANCE (O.S) (CONT'D)

I'll catch your birthday next year.

INT. VILGA CASTLE - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Hunk, Pidge, Coran, and Allura fight the Mimicries.

HUNK

Any minute now, Shiro!

"Homesick"

The Sendak Mimicry chases after Shiro. He swings his cybernetic arm. Shiro dodges, and the claws almost graze his face.

SENDAK MIMICRY

Yes, Shiro, why don't you fight? It's who you are. You're meant to destroy.

SHIRO

No! That's not me!

SENDAK MIMICRY

That's what we trained you for, what we made your arm for. You will destroy.

As the Mimicries close around Hunk, Pidge and Coran, one pops up behind Hunk and yanks him back.

HUNK

No, not the arm!

PIDGE

Hunk!

The Mimicries grab Pidge and Coran too. They struggle as the Mimicries restrain them.

SHIRO

No! Let them go!

As Shiro turns his head, the Sendak Mimicry swings at him with his cybernetic claws. Allura gasps.

ALLURA

Shiro, watch out!

Allura jumps in between Shiro and the Sendak Mimicry. The Mimicry hits her instead.

SHIRO

Allura!

CORAN

Princess!

Allura flies back and rolls across the floor. She weakly clutches her waist, where the Mimicry clawed her.

Shiro turns back to the Mimicry, eyes ablaze.

SENDAK MIMICRY

See? All you do is hurt the ones you hold dear.

"Homesick"

Shiro lunges at the Sendak Mimicry and they lock hands, push back against each other's strength.

SHIRO

No! You hurt them, not me!

SENDAK MIMICRY

We hurt them if you do not defend them. You hurt them if you try to defend them. You cannot win!

SHIRO

I can't sit back and let you hurt them. I have to take that risk!

Shiro activates his Galra arm and slices through the Sendak Mimicry's head.

The Mimicry falls to the floor and laughs. Its head slowly dissipates.

SENDAK MIMICRY

Congratulations, Shiro. You can fight like the Galra.

Shiro helps Allura onto her feet. He slings her arm over his shoulder and supports her weight.

ALLURA

No, Shiro. The Galra fight to destroy. You fought to save us.

INT. VILGA PLANET - CORE CAVERN - NIGHT

Lance and Keith tumble through the wormhole. They crash into their Lions.

The cavern **rumbles** as it falls apart. Ceiling debris **crashes** to the ground to reveal the night sky above.

LANCE

Keith, hurry! It's collapsing!

KEITH

I got it!

They jump inside the Lions as the cavern crumbles around them. They fly through the open ceiling, into the night sky.

LANCE

Come on! We've gotta get back to the castle before the planet falls apart!

"Homesick"

INT. VILGA CASTLE - HALLWAY - NIGHT

A loud **rumble** tears through the castle as it crumbles. The mimics disappear and the Vilga People scream.

VILGA LORD

No, this can't be! The Core is dead!

The Vilga's stone bodies crumple to the ground as their smoky heads dissipate into the air.

Coran, Allura, Shiro, Pidge, and Hunk look at the falling debris in a panic.

CORAN

Everyone, we have to get out!

EXT. VILGA PLANET - CONTINUOUS

They all run for the Altean Castle. Coran reaches the doors and they open.

CORAN

Onto the ship!

Everyone dashes inside except for Coran.

LANCE (O.S.)

Hey, wait for us!

Coran looks up to see the Blue and Red Lions fly toward the castle. They dive into the hangars.

KEITH (O.S.)

Thanks, Coran!

LANCE (O.S.)

You're the best!

Coran shakes his head and runs inside. The doors shut.

The Altean castle lifts off the crumbling Vilga planet and shoots out into space.

The Vilga planet caves in on itself. It splits apart with a loud **crack** and the planet explodes.

HUNK (O.S.)

Goodbye, delicious shale broth.

"Homesick"

INT. ALTEAN CASTLE - LOUNGE - DAY

Allura, Coran, Shiro, Hunk and Pidge rest on the sofa. Lance and Keith walk into the room, exhausted.

SHIRO

Keith, Lance, where were you guys?

PIDGE

We called you! The Vilga transformed into some sort of fighting Galra illusions!

LANCE

We...

Lance and Keith exchange glances.

LANCE (CONT'D)

We got lost.

KEITH

Yeah.

HUNK

Lost? It was a planet of rocks.

LANCE

Yeah, and they all looked the same!

Lance and Keith collapse on the sofa, between Hunk and Pidge. They glare at the two, annoyed.

CORAN

Glad to have you back. Now we can get far away from this planet debris!

ALLURA

You did well today, everyone. You too, Shiro. Rest.

Shiro smiles. Allura and Coran leave the room.

PIDGE

We needed you guys here. Shiro was-

SHIRO

Pidge, it's fine. I'm just glad everyone's all right.

Shiro stands up and stretches. He heads for the door.

SHIRO (CONT'D)

I'm turning in for the night. Get some rest, everyone.

PIDGE

Fine. Hey Hunk, do you wanna try to recreate that shale broth tomorrow?

HUNK

Oh, I'm dying to. You'll recognize the compounds, I'll recognize the subtle tastes, it will be genius!

Hunk and Pidge stand up and walk out the door. Lance sprawls out on the sofa and glances toward Keith.

LANCE

So, when do I get my "thank you?"

Keith **bonks** Lance on the head with his fist. Lance flinches and rubs his head.

LANCE (CONT'D)

Ow! That's the thanks you give to the guy who saved your life?

KEITH

This all could've been avoided if you hadn't gone there in the first place!

LANCE

You know how hard it is to resist the call of your family.

KEITH

I did it before. When the Blade of Marmora tested me. I should've been stronger.

LANCE

Hey, we all have times where we feel like we're weak or not good enough. I do all the time.

Keith turns to Lance, surprised.

LANCE (CONT'D)

But you're strong. You still found the right way. That's our Keith, Galra or not.

Keith claps a hand on Lance's shoulder.

"Homesick"

KEITH

Thank you, Lance.

LANCE

Thanks for trusting me to get us home.

KEITH

Home. It's weird. That shack in the desert was the only place I ever considered home. But this castle...

Lance rests his arm around Keith's shoulder and smiles.

LANCE

It feels like home. We've got our own kind of family going on here. Our Voltron family.

END OF SHOW

"Homesick"