

Episode 19- "Homecoming"

I was lying in bed with Jon watching a movie. We were cuddled. I had my head resting between his shoulder and neck like a pillow and he had his arm around me. We had rented a movie and were lost in it when my phone chimed. I reached over and picked it up. It was a text from Rocky:

"Mich, I know you don't want to talk to me right now and that's ok. I know this entire event had brought up a lot of old and painful emotions and sparked some new ones as well. I just want you to know I love you more than anything. You and Harley are my world. We have a beautiful family and a beautiful life. I will do anything I can to help you fight to protect what we have. Together I know we are unbeatable. You are my heart and I can't wait to see you. I miss you beautiful and I hope you are getting what you need while you are away. Harley and I both love you to Saturn and back. I'll see you tomorrow sweet Queen."

I sighed. He was so sweet. He loved me so much. Part of me couldn't believe I was lying in another man's arms when I had a husband that loved me so much. But I also couldn't bring myself to leave Jon again. I quickly replied:

"I love you too Rock. See you tomorrow my King."

I meant it. I did love him. I put my phone down and turned my attention back to Jon and our movie. It had been wonderful spending time with him. And I really loved the Poconos. It was beautiful and I was really enjoying myself. It was just what I needed. Jon and I had been skating and then we played in the snow for awhile. We sat by the fire and had cocoa and listened to music. We talked and made love. It was as if we'd never been apart. Jon and I fit together so easily. Being his girlfriend was an easy role for me to slip into. It also reminded me of my life before the power, which was nice.

I couldn't escape the truth though. The fact was the Empress had to be stopped and I had to help my team. I couldn't run away forever. In the morning I would have to go home and face that reality. For tonight I intended to enjoy every moment with Jon I could.

"I wish this never had to end." I whispered as the movie ended.

"It was a fairly long movie." Jon replied.

I laughed, "Not that. This. Us. Right here."

Jon smiled, "Me too. But we have my place in New York and you're going to get a place in LA. We'll make this work baby. This isn't a fling, this is us picking up where we left off. And it will be good. We'll be together as much as possible."

I nodded. "I know."

"And I'll be with you soon. You're not using that Amethyst. You're gonna defeat that Empress then we'll celebrate." Jon said.

I smiled. "I'm not using the Amethyst. I promise."

"Good. Now, I'm tired...but I also want you one more time before we go to sleep." he said as he pulled me in and kissed me.

We made love and then passed out.

The next morning I woke up and showered. Jon woke up while I was in the shower and the next thing I knew I felt a pair of arms slip behind me. "Mmm, good morning." I said.

“Good morning beautiful.” he said as he pulled me back into his arms.

I turned and kissed him. “You’re going to make it hard as possible for me to leave aren’t you?”

“Of course.” he said kissing me back.

We made love again then we finished showering. We got out and I dried off and got dressed then I blow dried my hair. When I was ready I sat next to Jon. “I have to go.” I said.

“I know. I don’t want to let you go, but I know I have to.” he said as he pulled me into his arms.

I held him close. “I’ll be ok. I’m going to win this battle and we’ll be together soon. We’re going to celebrate, right?”

Jon nodded and kissed my head. “Any way you want.”

“I love you.” I whispered.

“I love you too Michi. Always.” he whispered back.

“Always.” I repeated as I kissed him passionately.

He kissed me back then I stood up. “Thank you for everything. I’ll call you soon.”

He nodded, “You better.”

I smiled and walked out of the cabin. I made sure the coast was clear then I ninja streaked back to Angel Grove. It was pretty exhausting to ninja streak that far but I didn’t have time to take a plane.

I arrived back at the Blue Dragon and went inside. It was quiet. Classes hadn’t started yet. I found Rocky in his office working and stood in his doorway. He looked up from his work.

“Hi Rock.” I said softly.

I saw his face go from angry to relieved in a second’s time. He stood up and ran to me. He pulled me into his arms and kissed me passionately then he held me close and tightly. “I missed you baby. I was so worried.”

“I’m ok. I just needed some time away. I’m sorry I worried you.” I whispered as I wrapped my arms around him tightly. .

“Are you ok?” he asked as he moved back to look at me, his arms still around my waist.

I nodded. “I’m ok. I’m ready to do what has to be done.”

“Which doesn’t include your Amethyst?” he asked.

I smiled. Jon made me promise that too. It was weird making the same promise to my husband. It was so clear both men loved me a lot. “No, it doesn’t include my Amethyst.”

“Good. I love you so much.” he said.

"I love you too Rock." I said.

He started to pull me close to him again but his phone rang. He pulled it out of his pocket. "Hello?"

I could only hear his end of the conversation. "Yes. She's right here.....Do you need Ranger help?....." "We're on our way." he said hanging up. He looked at me. "Empress is staging an all out attack downtown. Mina says it's all hands on deck. Rangers too. It's go time baby."

I nodded. "OK. Be careful."

He kissed me. "You too. No Amethyst. I love you."

"I love you too." I said.

"Let's do it." he said, "It's Morphin' Time! Zeo Ranger III, Blue!"

I nodded, "Saturn Mystic Power, Make Up!"

We rushed downtown and were shocked at what we saw. There was a huge army of putties...fricking putties!!!!

"What the hell?!" I cried.

"Blast from the past." Rocky said.

"Empress is pulling out the greatest hits." Adam said.

"They aren't hard, but there's a lot of them." Mina said.

"No kidding. I feel like they just keep coming." Serena said.

"I think that's her plan. Wear us down and then attack." Raye said.

"I agree. We have to meter our energy." Amara agreed.

"We can only do that for so long and this stream of putties seems endless." Lita said.

"We have to keep fighting." Michele said.

Just then there was a flash of lightning and 4 figured appeared.

"Your efforts are futile. I can keep the putties coming endlessly." Empress laughed.

Serena gasped, "Nemesis?"

We all looked. Empress had her Hunter with her as well as Harley and Sailor Nemesis.

“But, how?” Trista asked.

“We drained your powers.” Raye echoed.

“I gave them back and she is ever so grateful. She was all too happy to join me.” Empress smirked.

“Oh crap.” Lita said.

“You can’t win Sailors. Surrender now and I may let you live. I’ll even release Hotaru.” Empress said.

Amara’s eyes widened. “I knew it! You have her! Where is she?”

“Of course I have her. Right here.” Empress said holding up a clear crystal. “I had to get her out of the way. I needed my counterpart to have the Sailor Saturn powers. What fun would this have been if I couldn’t ruin my counterpart’s life?” Empress laughed.

“You forced the power back on me? For a thrill? Just to screw with me? You bitch!” I cried.

Empress rolled her eyes, “So what if I did? What exactly are you going to do about it? You can’t do anything about it.”

I was rapidly reaching a new level of fury. Last time this happened I lost control of my powers. I knew I couldn’t let that happen again. Last time I almost destroyed LA. I tried to control my anger while still letting myself feel it.

“Saturn, your eyes are turning purple...” Mina said.

“Stand back Venus.” Adam said pulling her away from me, not knowing what was going to happen.

I felt static start to move around me.

“She’s surrounded in purple static energy.” Amy said.

“Baby, are you ok?” Rocky asked.

“You messed with the wrong Queen.” I said to Empress, my voice had an echo to it.

“Finally. You might actually be a challenge...not that you can beat me.” Empress scoffed.

I motioned to her in a ‘come here’ gesture. “Bring it.”

“She’s losing control of her powers.” Serena said.

“I’m fully in control.” I said calmly.

"You 3 handle the others, Saturn is mine." Empress said as she came at me.

As she charged me I held up my hands and purple lightning flew at the Empress. It was much brighter and charged than my normal lightning. She held up her hands and created a purple energy shield.

"You coward!" I yelled.

We continued to fight as Harley attacked the outer soldiers.

"Harley, don't do this...we can help you." Trista said.

"My mommy said I have to kill you to prove I'll make a powerful Empress. I'm sorry, I have no choice." she said as she fired her own lightning.

The 3 outers dodged.

"Then we don't have a choice but to fight back." Amara said.

Meanwhile, Hunter was attacking Rocky, Adam, Mina, and Raye.

"Finally, I get to end you." Rocky said.

"You're a joke Blue Ranger." Hunter scoffed.

"We'll see about that." Rocky said as he and Adam attacked.

Nemesis was facing off with Serena, Lita, and Amy.

"We beat you once Nemesis, we can do it again." Lita said.

"You can try." Mia said.

"Please, Nemesis, we're all Soldiers. We don't have to fight. We can work together." Serena begged.

Mia laughed, "After you stripped me of my powers? You have to be joking."

Just then Serena turned and saw Hunter with his sword charging at Raye. He was about to impale her with it. "Raye!!!!" she screamed.

We all turned and looked in horror as we realized what was about to happen, but we were all too far away to stop it.