EPISODE TWELVE - "THE DOPPLEGANGER IN THE ROOM"

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EPISODE TWELVE - NEWS ONE

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

FIONA VAUGHAN

Embarrassments continue to mount as the Olympic Torch has been dropped by his management following his involvement in an underground dogfighting ring. The Olympic Four have stated that this kind of behavior has no place in the group and has made a sizeable donation to the ASPCA.

UNDERWRITER

That was Fiona Vaughan reporting from SPR Atlanta.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington, I'm Wenling Chen.

(then)

William Whizgig, aka Billy the Whiz Kid remains in quarantine as Agents of ACRONYM work to confirm his status as a Doppelgänger after his MOODD ring sent a red alert during the SPR ring drive last week.

(then)

Whizgig claims that he is the original and has requested the help of Franklin the Supercomputer, but the Heroic Legion has stated that Franklin is currently otherwise engaged.

(then)

We here at SPR wish Whiz Kid a speedy diagnosis.

(then)

In other news, Joint Operation Lasting Peace is underway with the combined naval forces of Tzarpathia and America converging on the island of Xen. These forces are engaged to blockade the island until the AI Galatea is surrendered back to Tzarpathia. We will have updates on this story as it develops.

UNDERWRITER

That was Wenling Chen reporting from Washington, it's 103 degrees here in Paradise City. Officials recommend staying indoors until the Geo-dome is repaired and the Suppression Field, reactivated. (then)

We go now to a special presentation from acting Vice President of SPR, Deirdre Wilson...

EPISODE TWELVE - END NEWS ONE

EPISODE TWELVE - ACT ONE - TCAS PT. 4

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

DEIRDRE WILSON

We want to open this segment by saying Apoorva Singh is alive.

(then)

When the Quantum Imposter first appeared, Apoorva Singh, our Junior Reporter, came to me to request permission to investigate. We did not know where this story would lead, but knew it would be intensely personal for her.

(then)

Ultimately we determined that we had no other choice. There was no one at SPR, or quite possibly in the entire world, who was better equipped to follow this story to its conclusion.

(then)

That story is now complete.

(then)

In her pursuit of the Quantum Imposter, Apoorva ultimately failed to uphold the standards we set for our investigative journalists.

(then)

Yet, we have decided that it is in the public's interest to play her final report in its entirety so that we may properly close the book on this Quantum saga.

(then)

I thank everyone who has been following this story.

(then)

We now give you the final chapter of "To Catch a Speedster."

Note: Audio from the previous episode gradually fades in as Apoorva Singh is speaking.

APOORVA SINGH

This is a story about family.

(then)

My sister Juhi isn't a speedster like me or our father.
(MORE)

APOORVA SINGH (CONT'D)

Instead she is gifted with the power of illusion. A power she has had mastery over since she was a small child. I've always hated it.

(then)

When I was sixteen and she was twelve, she made me think that our neighbor Cameron Hazard had a crush on me.

(then)

He'd wave at me from across the street, he'd talk to me from his car, and there was more than one late night phone call on our house phone.

(then)

When I showed up at his door to go to Junior prom...

(then)

Not only had we never talked, but he had <u>no idea</u> who I was. It had been one of Juhi's tricks. Four months of cruel illusions.

(then)

As revenge I scattered everything in her bedroom across the Mojave. Dad made us both go out and pick it all up. Without powers. It was the angriest I had ever been in my life.

(then)

Until I found her on the top floor of Tower Two impersonating our dead dad.

Note: We pick up at the last episode here:

JUHI SINGH Apoorva what did you do?

GARY

Oh look, the freaks get to see what it's like to be normal for once.

APOORVA SINGH They're children, Gary.

GARY

No, Singh. They're corpses.

APOORVA SINGH

Run Juhi! Run!

SFX: Signal Jammer.

NORM-GUARD TCAS 12 Blocked their broadcast, boss

GARY

Have fun, Norm Guards.

SFX: Door Slamming. Hitting door open. Running down hall

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO)

The legion's top floors are a wasp's nest of offices, labs and launch points. Designed to be maneuvered in robotic transporters. Which were currently shut off.

JUHI SINGH

I can't believe I'm outrunning you right now.

APOORVA SINGH

Shut. Up.

PARROT

Why aren't they using their guns?

APOORVA SINGH

They can't. There's fifty heroes outside just looking for an excuse to rush in.

T₁OOP

The elevator's off! I can't teleport us.

MELVIN NORM-GUARD, TCAS 4, EP 12

Nowhere to go, kids.

JUHI SINGH

Wait. They can't use their guns?

SFX: Cracks knuckles. Footsteps slowing.

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO)

There were fifteen of the so called "Norm-Guard" fanned out around five teenagers and me, armed with police batons and chains.

SFX: Pipe dragged along ground.

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO) (CONT'D)

Five teenagers who have been on the Future People's hero track for seven years.

JUHI SINGH

Let's get them.

NORM-GUARD TAUNTS, TCAS 4, EP 12 *Improv taunting.*

SFX: Fight sounds. Kapows.

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO)

Reading, writing, krav maga.

PARROT

We're doing okay.

SFX: Drywall being blown through by iron man.

PARROT (CONT'D)

Ah, me and my --

SQUALL

Iron Barracuda?

JUHI SINGH

No it's him!

GARY

(Iron suit)

NormGuards! This is what we've been working towards. Supers have tried to control us, rule over us because their variant blood made them feel superior. Well do they look superior now?

NORMCORE CHORUS, TCAS 4, EP 12

No!

PARROT

Squall!

JUHI SINGH

Put her down.

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO)

Squall has beautiful turquoise wings which she uses to blow gale force winds. Gary had them stretched out in his iron hands, his knee in her back.

(MORE)

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO) (CONT'D)

The face mask pulled back so we could see him smiling.

APOORVA SINGH (CONT'D)

She's 16, Gary.

GARY

Norm-guard, what do we call a 16 year old with wings?

NORMCORE CHORUS, TCAS 4, EP 12

A freak!

SQUALL

Please. Help. Me.

GARY

I am helping.

JUHI SINGH

NO!

SFX: TERRIBLE SOUND OF WINGS BEING RIPPED OFF

SQUALL

SCREAMING

NORMCORE CHORUS, TCAS 4, EP 12

Cheers

GARY

Who's next?

JUHI SINGH

I am you piece of--

APOORVA SINGH

Me. I'm not a fighter. I'm a reporter. I'm still recording.

(then)

Maybe this is your chance. The world will want to hear this. Tell your story.

GARY

Oh you're not going to trick me into monologuing. I'm not some costumed idiot like the men your father used to fight. Our flag means something! Our fight means something! Now we have the power. The world will watch us take it back for the sheep.

NORMCORE CHORUS, TCAS 4, EP 12

Baaaa!

GARY

The Sheep!

NORMCORE CHORUS, TCAS 4, EP 12

Baaaa!

LOOP

Juhi, what do we do?

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO)

The dozen or so Normcore soldiers still on their feet had the ugliest smiles. Hyped up on bloodlust as they closed in on the remaining children.

GARY

Not so smug now, are you, Juhi? Still having fun?

APOORVA SINGH

Juhi, get behind me

JUHI SINGH

Poorva.

APOORVA SINGH

Dad --

JUHI SINGH (JUHI IMPRESSION)

Would want me doing this.

(hint hint)

I need to do this.

APOORVA SINGH

Gary those blasters are powered by palladium, don't do anything crazy

SFX: IRON BARACCUDA GUN POWERING UP

JUHI SINGH (JUHI IMPRESSION)

(laughs)

Gary Guiness does everything crazy. Have you met him?

APOORVA SINGH

Juhi!

GARY

Any last words, Juuuhi?

JUHI SINGH (JUHI IMPRESSION)

Gary, your little movement is going to fail because you're weak. Not because you don't have powers, it's because you're a sad little frightened bully, who can't seem to realize that the reason no one likes you has nothing to do with your genetics and everything to do with your personality. If I never had powers again I would still pity

APOORVA SINGH

Juhi!

SFX: Iron Barracuda blaster.

GARY

Shut up.

(laughs.)

That was so satisfying. Oh my god. Singh. How does that make you feel? You must've always wanted to do that to her.

(then)

Or are you going to cry? Dead dad, dead sister. Maybe I'll find your mother after we're done here. What do you think?

APOORVA SINGH

I'm not too worried. The first Juhi is never real.

GARY

What?

SFX: Illusion dissipating.

JUHI SINGH

Made you look.

SFX: SMACK

GARY

Shit. Their powers are back, Normquard, guns hot!

SFX: Apoorva speedster sound, guns jamming, being taken away.

GARY (CONT'D)

I'll kill you all even if I have to blow us all to hell.

SFX: Suit powering up.

JUHI SINGH

Loop get Squall and Parrot out.

LOOP

On it!

SFX: Teleporting sound.

JUHI SINGH

Alright Poorva, let's get him.

APOORVA SINGH

No. They have a train to catch.

SFX: Steam engine Jackson approaching.

JUHI SINGH

But--

STEAM ENGINE JACKSON

Prepare to get railed Normcore--

SFX: Apoorva speedster zip. Desert walla.

JUHI SINGH

What? The Sahara[mojave]? Really? Bring me back.

APOORVA SINGH

I wanted a place you couldn't sneak away. We need to talk.

QUANTUM (JUHI IMPRESSION)

Have to catch me first, Rabbit.

SFX: Juhi illusion sounds.

APOORVA SINGH

How dare you.

SFX: Apoorva speedster zip. Juhi illusion dispelling. (The action is Apoorva threw a punch.)

JUHI SINGH

(multiple)

The second Juhi is fake too. You

never learn --

SFX: Apoorva speedster zip. Juhi illusion dispelling. (The action is Apoorva threw a punch.)

APOORVA SINGH

How could you do it?

JUHI SINGH

(Multiple)

We had everything under control. You messed it up. Squall's wings are--

APOORVA SINGH

You brought a bunch of high school students to bully a paramilitary group and it's my fault?!

JUHI SINGH

Yes!

APOORVA SINGH

You thought it was going to be Scooby doo. You brought them into -- ugh!

SFX: Illusion sounds.

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO) (CONT'D)

The desert dunes had disappeared. Becoming a flat, icy tundra. My mind was hard at work convincing my body it was freezing. It was also hard to move without twisting an ankle on the invisible hills of sand.

JUHI SINGH

You'll never catch me like that.

APOORVA SINGH

You're right.

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO) (CONT'D)

I started to make little circles in the sand, which as every speedster knows...

SFX: Apoorva speedster zip. Dust kicking up.

JUHI SINGH

(Coughing)

Hey, come on, that's cheat--

SFX: ILLUSION DISPELLED.

APOORVA SINGH

There you are.

SFX: Apoorva tackles her.

APOORVA SINGH (CONT'D) How could you lie to me like that?

JUHI SINGH

It's not like you were fooled!
 (as it turns out she was
 fooled)

Oh. Poorva, I didn't think--

SFX: SLAP SLAP SLAP.

APOORVA SINGH

You never think!

SFX: Dinosaur ROAR

JUHI SINGH

Apoorva look out it's a dinosa--

SFX: Slap. Slap.

APOORVA SINGH

Why?

JUHI SINGH

Apoorva---air---

SFX: Details of their battle.

APOORVA SINGH

Ah My nose!

SFX: Fighting in the dirt. This continues over the dialogue.

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO) (CONT'D)

I buried her in the sand, she disappeared, she threw illusions of snakes biting my ankles, birds pecking at my eyes. But I barely noticed. We were rolling over each other down the dunes.

CAMERON HAZARD (JUHI IMPRESSION)

Hey Poorva, it's me, Cameron
Hazard, you wouldn't hurt me right
before Prom?

APOORVA SINGH

You bitch!

SFX: ZIP Crack

JUHI SINGH

Ah, I think you broke my arm. (ALT: I thought we were pulling our punches!)

APOORVA SINGH

Well, yeah! (ALT: Yeah me too Cameron!)

(Then)

How could you do it?

JUHI SINGH

Me?

APOORVA SINGH

All of it! You had to make yourself the center of attention!

JUHI SINGH

To get attention! Newsflash, no one gave a shit about us.

A beat.

APOORVA SINGH

That's not true.

JUHI SINGH

Yes it is --

APOORVA SINGH

No it's not!

JUHI SINGH

"Super-friendly" SPR covered thirty Normcore rallies. Incognito got covered once. And ONLY because Normcore was there! No one cared who we were!

APOORVA SINGH Because you're a bunch of kids.

JUHI SINGH

And they are killing us!

APOORVA SINGH

Oh come --

JUHI SINGH

Dylan Hendricks, Lila Redding, heck even the children on Xen! And you gave the murderers a microphone!

APOORVA SINGH

You didn't have to use dad!

JUHI SINGH

He would be thrilled I used him to help people. It's the only thing he ever wanted.

APOORVA SINGH

Our father would never want to see you put yourself in danger like that.

JUHI SINGH

Yeah, spoken like his favorite.

APOORVA SINGH

Oh "favorite."

JUHI SINGH

His little perfect protégée. Maybe he didn't want to see **you** in danger. He didn't hesitate when it came to himself.

APOORVA SINGH

And look what happened to him!

JUHI SINGH

You think I don't know? Excuse me for trying to do one thing in my whole life that he'd be proud of.

APOORVA SINGH

You want to know the last thing he said? The **real** last thing he said?

(then)

When he fought Babylon, I ran across the whole country to help him.

(then)

I got there just in time to watch what happens when a man running faster than sound comes to a sudden stop.

(then)

If the Legion hadn't shown up then...

(then)

(MORE)

APOORVA SINGH (CONT'D)

By the time I got to him, he was almost gone. But you know what he did when saw me? He smiled and said: "Tell Juhi I love her more." His last words.

(then)

So yeah, I'm his favorite.

JUHI SINGH

Why didn't you tell me?

APOORVA SINGH

Because I didn't want you to feel guilty. Because I was mad.

JUHI starts LAUGHING.

JUHI SINGH

This is why you've been so angry? You idiot.

(then)

The last memory **I** have of Dad was screaming at him. I wanted to do early tryouts for the Battalion and he wouldn't let me.

(then)

I told him that he loved being the "Ultimate Speedster" and being the big hero for everyone else more than he loved us. Then I made myself vanish.

(then)

So that was the last thing I said to him.

APOORVA SINGH

But ... "He loved you more." I am an idiot.

JUHI SINGH

Maybe we're both a little stupid.

SFX: Juhi hugs her sister.

APOORVA SINGH

It's OK.

JUHI SINGH

No, it's not.

APOORVA SINGH

Yeah, it's not... You broke so many laws.

JUHI SINGH

So many ... Are you going to bring me in?

SFX: Apoorva Speedster Zip

APOORVA SINGH (STUDIO) I think it's important that people hear this story and know what Normcore is capable of. So I'll leave it to your judgement. I've never broken a rule in my life. I was taught that goodness needs strong borders. But like I said, this story is about family. And when it comes to Juhi, I love her more.

(then)

I am sorry about the confusion my sister and I have caused. But for now I'm going to spend time getting to know her in the only place that's still safe for people like us.

COSMOS

Welcome home, girls.

APOORVA SINGH

From SPR Xen, I'm Apoorva Singh.

SFX: Apoorva speedster zip.

EPISODE TWELVE - END ACT ONE

EPISODE TWELVE - NEWS TWO

INT. AD BREAK

In the studio.

ADS

Support for SPR comes from...

(then)

Upcycle And Away Secondhand Suits.

(then)

Old costumes cluttering your closet? That utility belt not

fitting anymore?
 (then)

Give them a fresh start with a Super in need.

(then)

Please also identify any booby traps or radioactive elements inside your suits when you donate them, remember your suits are going to real people who may not be as invincible as you are.

(then)

Upcycle And Away Secondhand Suits.

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington, I'm Wenling Chen. The joint naval force has arrived in Isla Silva's waters. We go now to SPR senior reporter Ben Beltzer.

BEN BELTZER

Hello Wenling. I am speaking from the bridge of the USS Harmony. Along with the White House Press Corp and the president himself.

(then)

The allied fleet of US and Tzarpathian forces have joined together for their blockade of the island Xen, which is now surrounded on all sides. All communication in and out of the island has been blocked.

WENLING CHEN

With communication blocked, how are the islanders supposed to indicate if they surrender?

BEN BELTZER

Good question.

(then)

These military divisions have been joined by members of both the Heroic Legion and Tzarpathia's Dvoynik. This force represents a significant portion of the Earth's defensive power. So surrender does seem likely.

JIKE BINDLE

More than likely, Ben. Inevitable.

BEN BELTZER

And we are also joined by Spandexo CEO Jike Bindle who is here as a personal guest of the President. Mr. Bindle, why so confident?

JIKE BINDLE

Just look at them out there. 24,000 American Troops, 800 of the Heroic Legion's top rated heroes, over a thousand Tzarpathian supers all clad in the latest of Spandexo's active combat wear. Don't they look great? Why I'd say this is an unbeatable force.

BEN BELTZER

Galatea expressed similar confidence in Xen's chances.

PRESIDENT NORRIS

Isla Silva, Ben. You don't have to listen to what villains want to call themselves.

BEN BELTZER

President Norris? Is it safe for you to be here?

PRESIDENT NORRIS

Couldn't find a safer spot. This fleet is the mightiest hammer on Earth.

(MORE)

PRESIDENT NORRIS (CONT'D)

If Isla Silva wants to turn itself into a nail, that's fine by me. Besides, we've leveled that particular playing field.

SFX: Radio.

FRANKLIN

Tzarpathian Ship <YAGAN> alter course 10 degrees SSE.

BEN BELTZER

Is that the AI Franklin?

JIKE BINDLE

Would you believe Iron Barracuda had him locked away in some basement?

BEN BELTZER

There was some concern about him taking over the world.

PRESIDENT NORRIS

Don't you worry. No internet for him. He's installed locally here on this ship, only allowed short wave communication. My father always said, if you're fighting someone strong, be unpredictable. Now if you'll excuse me, I have a conflict to end. Keep that mic hot, Ben, the American People shouldn't miss a moment of this.

JIKE BINDLE

Absolutely right, Mr. President.

SFX: Rumble. People rocking.

BEN BELTZER

The sea is beginning to get rougher as we approach the island. Although it is still miles away, you can see that it is aglow with energy. Waves seem to be pulsing from it. And above it all is a figure, who must be Cosmos himself. The president has climbed a stage under the banner for Operation Lasting Peace.

PRESIDENT NORRIS

(Over Speakers)
Residents of Isla Silva.
(MORE)

PRESIDENT NORRIS (CONT'D)

This is the President of the United States. You have been lead astray by the villain known as Cosmos. We do not mean you harm. You've come to this place looking for safety and you will have it. But not as long as your dictator continues to defy international law. Before you today—

SFX: Aero-punch.

SHE-LA

Ow, what the hell, Brannen?

SFX: Bop! Zip! Pow!

BEN BELTZER

There seems to be a small altercation on the deck between the heroes She-La and Physix. Physix seems to be trying to get She-la in a headlock, but. . .

SFX: Whoosh.

SHE-LA

Yeeeet!

BEN BELTZER

Physix has been thrown clear to another ship. It is unclear what started this--

PRESIDENT NORRIS

(Over speakers)

Before you today stands the might of the developed world. If you resist our lawful orders you will--

SFX: Small alert.

PRESIDENT NORRIS (CONT'D)

What is going on now? [alt: folksy]

LIEUTENANT PERSON

Sir, several of our ships are veering off course.

ADMIRAL PERSON

Contact joint command, and send a yellow alert to the rest of the fleet. I want everyone to check in.

JIKE BINDLE

Belay that. Maintain heading. And if you would, press that little red button there.

PRESIDENT NORRIS

Jike, you've been a good friend, but maybe let the Admiral handle this.

JIKE BINDLE

Of course, Mr President. Just. That little red button, Lieutenant.

LIEUTENANT PERSON

Sir, yes sir.

SFX: Clear bell.

FRANKLIN

Alert. Predictive model has been compromised. New--

SFX: Clicks off.

JIKE BINDLE

Alright everyone. It's showtime.

PRESIDENT NORRIS

Jike, what in the deep hell is going on?

JIKE BINDLE

Just ending the conflict, Mr. President.

SFX: Chaos.

SOLDIER

My SUIT! MY suit!

BEN BELTZER

I don't know how to describe it, all across the ship and in the air, people's uniforms are sliding off and becoming. Oh god. They're becoming—

SFX: Doppelgänger alert. Times 10,000.

PRESIDENT NORRIS

Oh you two timing son of a --

SFX: Explosion. Gunfire.

WENLING CHEN
Ben? Ben? If you're just joining --

SFX: Static.

WENLING CHEN (CONT'D)
We are getting reports -if you have a spandexo--- please--

SFX: Static.

EPISODE TWELVE - END NEWS TWO

EPISODE TWELVE - ACT TWO - TAS MIND VIRUS

INT. TAS STUDIO

In the studio.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

From QSPZ Baltimore, it's These American Supers.

(then)

In a year defined by the SUPER Act, unrest on Xen, the reuniting of the Olympic Four, there is a story that everyone seems almost afraid to cover.

(then)

Today's episode The Doppelgänger in the Room.

(then)

First, I want to deliver the news that my dear friend, Steel Trap, passed away just moments ago in Paradise City.

(then)

Our listeners might remember her from a fan-favorite story we ran last year.

RUN CLIPS FROM MIND VIRUS.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ (CONT'D)

Shortly after, I began work on a new story about the silent invasion of the Earth.

(then)

Aliens invading Earth has been a favorite theme in fiction for over a hundred years. And yet when we consider the actual invasion, it is cloaked in rumors. Government psyops, whether or not doppelgängers are even real, even after the passing of President Ames there was still doubt.

(then)

On today's program we will remove that doubt.

Music cue.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ (CONT'D)

It's these American Supers. But I'm not Ethan Schwartz and I haven't been for a long time. Right now I'm sure that SPR engineers are trying to figure out how I hijacked the broadcast.

(then)

In fact I wanted today's show to be the real Ethan, interviewing me about why we really came to Earth.

SFX: Tied up Ethan sounds.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ (CONT'D)

I even brought him with me in the studio.

(listening)

It's trippy to have him in the room, it's hard to tell where he ends and I begin.

SFX: Banging on door.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ (CONT'D)

But unfortunately we don't have time to unpack that right now.

(then)

In Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Spielberg imagined the first communication between species would be music.

SFX: Getting a record ready.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ (CONT'D)

While this may not be the first, I think it will be the most memorable.

SFX: Putting a needle on the record.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ (CONT'D)

As Franklin topples into the Pacific Ocean, I dedicate this banger to his memory. I'm sure you're all going to love it.

SFX: Play button being hit. (This is will be resolved in editing but for now, Mind Virus is what we're calling the song in dialogue.) Command is an ethereal voice representing what the Mind Virus is doing to the listeners brain.

MIND VIRUS

You can't tell me what to do. I'm gonna, I'm gonna do what I want to do.

COMMAND

You're going to do exactly what we want you to do.

MIND VIRUS

You can tell me what to say, I'm gonna, I'm gonna say what I wanna say.

COMMAND

You're going to force people to listen to this new banger.

MIND VIRUS

You can't tell me how to act, I'm gonna do it, and that is that.

COMMAND

We are going to take over and you're going to let it happen.

MIND VIRUS

I'm an independent person with wants and feels and skin and blood.

COMMAND

You will serve our empire.

MIND VIRUS

I've got favorite movies and I love chips.

COMMAND

You no longer like chips.

SFX: Feed is cut.

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

WENLING CHEN

Breaking news! (then)

(MORE)

WENLING CHEN (CONT'D)

SPR Security has breached the control room of our studios in Baltimore and secured the Doppelgänger posing as These American Supers host Ethan Schwartz.

(then)

Anyone who has listened to the episode, or the live feed of SPR up until this Breaking News broadcast should be isolated until we can find out the effects of the mind virus.

(then)

From the USS Harmony, we return to our live coverage at Isla Silva. Ben?

EXT. USS HARMONY

SFX: People screaming. Punching. Chaos.

BEN BELTZER

It seems that the situation is under control over here.

WENLING CHEN

That's good to hear, what happened?

BEN BELTZER

The super suits provided by Spandexo were in fact the Doppelgängers themselves. After a quick skirmish, the military forces of the US and Tzarpathia were quickly brought under control. Isla Silva seems to have encased itself in some sort of energy field but we believe this is temporary.

WENLING CHEN

Are you okay, Ben?

BEN BELTZER

Absolutely. Franklin has been isolated and is about to be ejected from the USS Harmony.

WENLING CHEN

Ben, what's going on?

BEN BELTZER

You just have to listen to this new banger.

SFX: Button click. SFX in earpiece

MIND VIRUS

You can't tell me what to do. I'm gonna, I'm gonna do what I want to do.

COMMAND

You're going to do exactly what we want you to do.

SFX: Feed goes dead.

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

DEIRDRE WILSON

This is Deirdre Wilson, Vice President of SPR.

(then)

I am broadcasting from our backup feed in a secure location.

(then)

It appears that planet Earth is undergoing a full scale invasion by the doppelgängers.

SFX: Slamming on the door.

ASSISTANT, MIND VIRUS, EP 12

Deirdre. Deirdre I just want to play this song for you it's a real banger!

(then)

Deirdre!

DEIRDRE WILSON

If you can hear this, do not use any Spandexo products as they might be doppelgängers in disguise.

(then)

Isolate yourself. Find ear plugs-

(off mic)

Get away from me.

(then to the mic)

If you can hear me turn the radio off now.

ASSISTANT, MIND VIRUS, EP 12 You're going to love it.

DEIRDRE WILSON

No. You can't make me. Get off of me. Get --

SFX: Sounds of song being played.

SFX: Feed being switched off. Emergency signal.

UNDERWRITER

This is an SPR Emergency Alert. From Paradise--

SFX: Alert continues. Cuts off. News Music.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington
I'm Wenling Chen. They're calling
it the seven minute war. That's how
long it took for Doppelgänger
forces to completely conquer Earth.
I, for one, welcome our new
Doppelgänger overlords.
(then)

Coming up we're going to have a full hour of our favorite banger. Followed by another hour of our favorite banger, until everyone on Earth has heard it. Until then...

SFX: Feed cuts in.

UNDERWRITER

Paradise city is still safe. Can someone get me a real transmitter? This walkie talkie is going to blow. If you can hear this, converge on—

SFX: End Music.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

This is SPR.

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