

ATOMIC BETTY

"Flutastic Voyage"

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EXT. MOOSE JAW HEIGHTS SCHOOL - DAY

A beat to establish, then -

INT. MOOSE JAW HEIGHTS SCHOOL - DAY

WIDE ON hallway - There's a long lineup of SCHOOL KIDS, with NOAH at the very end.

TWO SHOT ON NOAH - as BETTY walks into frame to stand behind him in line.

BETTY

Hey, Noah! What's going on?

NOAH

Everybody has to have a flu shot.
It's a new school rule.

ON BETTY

BETTY

I don't remember hearing that.

NOAH

They announced that yesterday,
after you had to leave suddenly.

BETTY

(remembering)

Oh, right.

(clears throat)

So have you been waiting long?

on NOAH - who looks worried.

NOAH

Not long enough.

BETTY

What's wrong?

NOAH

I hate getting needles. What if I
faint and everyone laughs at me?

BETTY

Don't worry, I'll stay with you
when you get your shot.

NOAH
(perks up)
You will?

Betty's bracelet BEEPS. Betty looks at her bracelet, then at Noah.

BETTY
Uh, I'll be right back.

She dashes away. WIDEN TO HALLWAY - to show Noah on his own at the end of the lineup again.

NOAH
Sure, I understand.

PENELOPE appears beside him.

PENELOPE
Where's Betty going? Is she going to chicken out? I'll bet she faints in front of the whole school.

ON NOAH - crossing his arms defiantly, eyes closed.

NOAH
Betty's the bravest girl I know.
You have no idea.

ON PENELOPE

PENELOPE
Well, if she doesn't show up to get her shot, we'll all know what a chicken she is. HA! I'll wait right here.

WIDEN TO TWO SHOT - Penelope stands beside him - but a discreet enough distance away so she doesn't look like she's "with him", and watches, smugly.

Noah looks nervously around. There's no way he can get away with Penelope watching. He looks disappointed.

NOAH
(under his breath)
Good luck, Betty.

INT. STAIRWELL - DAY

ANGLE FAVOURING BETTY - who touches her bracelet controls and a HOLOGRAM of ADMIRAL DEGILL appears, in the air beside her, projected from her bracelet. She salutes.

ON DEGILL HOLOGRAM - He's in bed, with an ice bag on his head instead of his uniform cap and a thermometer in place of his usual pipe.

DEGILL

Atomic Betty -

(cough)

A terrible plague has befallen the Galactic Guardians.

ON BETTY - and her shocked reaction to this grave news.

DEGILL (O.S.) (CONT'D)

You must travel to the planet Zinuflena, obtain a sample of the rare Maguffinia flower and bring it back to headquarters. It's the only cure.

(cough cough)

And hurry!

BETTY

At once, Admiral. I'm on it!

Betty taps off the hologram, then BEAMS UP, TRANSFORMING INTO ATOMIC BETTY.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - NIGHT

ROBOT X-5 and SPARKY wait on the BRIDGE. Betty climbs into her command chair.

ROBOT X-5

All systems are "go", Captain.

SPARKY

Ready when you are Chief!

ATOMIC BETTY

Set course for planet Zinuflena!

EXT. SPACE - NIGHT

Atomic Betty's Ship zooms off.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - NIGHT

WIDE ON ALL THREE

ATOMIC BETTY

Let's hurry this up, guys. Noah's counting on me to be there when he gets his flu shot.

ON SPARKY

SPARKY

He's going to get shot? What did he do to deserve that?

ON X-5

ROBOT X-5

Did he ask too many stupid questions?

ON BETTY

ATOMIC BETTY

No, it's a needle with a vaccine, to keep you from getting the flu.

ON SPARKY

SPARKY

What? A needle that keeps you from flying?

ON ALL THREE

ROBOT X-5

(to Betty)

Don't try explaining, it only makes it worse.

EXT. SPACE - NIGHT

PUSH IN ON the planet Zinuflena, green and smudgy.

EXT. PLANET ZINUFLENA - DAY

WIDE ON MAXIMUS IQ and MINIMUS, who wait by an enormous art deco style RAY CANNON, thinly covered in flowers for camouflage, with a control chair.

ON MAXIMUS - who paces, his hands clasped behind his back.

MAXIMUS

With all the Galactic Guardians
incapacitated by my M1M2 virus,
they'll have to send Atomic Betty
to retrieve this Maguffinia flower -

He points to - ANGLE on FLOWER - a glowing golden vaguely
tulip-shaped PLANT.

ON MINIMUS

MINIMUS

(sycophant head)
And when she does, you'll blast
her?

ON MAXIMUS IQ

MAXIMUS

No, I'll invite her to play
Cribbage. Of course I'll blast her!

ON MINIMUS - who switches heads.

MINIMUS

(grumbling head)
If you already knew the answer, why
did you even ask?

ON MAXIMUS - who sneezes. He pulls out a hanky and blows.

MAXIMUS

I hope they get here soon. My
allergies are killing me. The one
thing in the universe I'm allergic
to and I have to stand next to it.

WIDEN TO REVEAL - Betty's ship approaching in the distance,
seen as a tiny RED DOT, growing larger. Minimus points at the
sky.

MINIMUS

(sycophant head)
Look master!

MAXIMUS

I can see it, you dolt! Throw the
switch! I'll target them myself.

ON MAXIMUS AND THE GUN CHAIR Maximus sits in the gun control
chair.

The controls resemble Marvin the Martian's space ship, with lots of cranks and dials. He peers through a target scope.

POV GUN SIGHT - DAY

Betty's ship approaches in the crosshairs. An indicator reading "CHARGE" with a PROGRESS BAR nearly full is at the bottom of the screen.

MAXIMUS (O.S.)
Almost there and -

He sneezes; The scope wobbles wildly as he does. The gun fires, missing her ship completely. Betty's ship is off the scope; we see only sky. The progress bar begins charging again.

MAXIMUS (O.C.) (CONT'D)
Oh, blast! I missed. Now where did she go?

An EXTREME CLOSE-UP of BETTY'S FACE appears in the viewer, looking fierce. We see her FIST zoom in and BLOT EVERYTHING OUT as we -

BLACK OUT.

SFX: METAL SMASHING SOUNDS

CUT TO:

EXT. PLANET ZINUFLENA - DAY

TWO SHOT ON maximus and minimus - tied up back to back.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL - The ray gun is in a pile of pieces beside them. X-5 drops a piece of gun on the pile with a metallic CRASH as Atomic Betty and Sparky look on.

ROBOT X-5
The cannon is disabled, Captain.

SPARKY
(chuckles)
Hey Maximus, I hope you got insurance on that thing.

ON MAXIMUS as he growls.

MAXIMUS

You may have survived my cannon,
but you and your precious Galactic
Guardians will still fall to my
M1M2 Virus.

ON SPARKY as he holds his fingers to his chin, thinking.

SPARKY

Not a very memorable name. How
about Superflu?

TWO SHOT ON MAXIMUS AND MINIMUS

MINIMUS

(sycophant head)
That sounds pretty catchy.

MAXIMUS

That's the stupidest thing I've ever
heard.

ON MINIMUS

MINIMUS

(grumpy head)
That's the stupidest thing he's
ever heard.
(growly mutter)
Even if it is catchy.

PULL BACK TO WIDE

MAXIMUS

Anyway, no matter what you call it,
the Galactic Guardians will soon
perish.

Betty holds out the Maguffinia flower to Maximus.

ATOMIC BETTY

Not when I bring this to them!

CLOSE ON MAXIMUS - who sneezes.

ANGLE FAVOURING BETTY

ATOMIC BETTY (CONT'D)
 Come on, we can send a Galactic
 Guardian paddy wagon to pick those
 two up. We have to get back to HQ
 and cure the others!

The team walks away. Sparky looks over his shoulder.

SPARKY
 (taunt)
 Enjoy the fresh air, sourpuss!

The heroes leave. PUSH IN ON the villains. Maximus looks smug
 with villainous satisfaction.

MAXIMUS
 You may have the flower, but your
 efforts will be fruitless.

LETTERBOX CROP on MAXIMUS's face. He laughs maniacally, then
 sneezes.

MAXIMUS (CONT'D)
 (congested)
 Pass me a tissue.

FULL SCREEN PULL BACK - Minimus' arms are still bound. He
 struggles in vain, then -

MINIMUS
 (sycophant head)
 I'm trying!
 (grumpy head)
 Get it yourself!

A gust of wind fills the air with a cloud of golden yellow
 glowing POLLEN, obscuring them both.

MAXIMUS (O.S.)
 (mucous-filled sob)
 Oh, no!

EXT. SPACE - NIGHT

Betty's ship zooms past.

ATOMIC BETTY (V.O.)
 I hope we're in time.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN HEADQUARTERS - DAY

WIDE ON ATOMIC BETTY'S TEAM - as they rush in. X-5 holds the flower they obtained, neatly potted.

SPARKY

We got it! You can all relax now!

The empty hallway SCROLLS past them as they head towards -

INT. DEGILL'S ROOM - DAY

CLOSE ON DEGILL - a pale version of himself, lying in bed, same ice pack and thermometer as before. He moans softly.

WIDEN TO THE ROOM - where a NURSE attends him, taking his pulse and shaking her head.

ANGLE ON THE DOOR as Atomic Betty, Sparky and Robot X-5 burst in.

DOCTOR BONES, a lab-coated alien with a Galactic Guardian uniform underneath, approaches them, holding a MEDICAL CHART.

DOCTOR BONES

I'm Doctor Bones, Admiral DeGill's personal physician.

SPARKY

How is he doing Bones?

ANGLE ON DEGILL IN BED

DOCTOR BONES (O.S.)

Not good. In fact he's gotten worse.

CLOSE ON BETTY - off her anguished looks as we -

FADE TO BLACK

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN ON:

INT. DEGILL'S ROOM - DAY

WIDE ON DEGILL'S BED as an alien NURSE blots DeGill's forehead with a cloth as Betty and the others look on, in a row, beside his bed.

ATOMIC BETTY

But the Maguffinia Plant? He said
it would cure him.

ON DOCTOR BONES

DOCTOR BONES

It cured the others, but not him.
If you ask me, it has something to
do with his Piscean physiology.

ON SPARKY

SPARKY

Okay, I'm asking you.

ON DOCTOR BONES

DOCTOR BONES

It has something to do with his
Piscean physiology.

ANGLE ON DOOR as another lab-coated alien, JIMMY, rushes in.

JIMMY

Doctor Bones! I have the results
from the Admiral's scan!

INT. MEDICAL LAB - DAY

WIDE ON the scanner monitor console. Bones, Jimmy, Atomic Betty, Robot X-5 and Sparky gather around a large monitor screen over a bank of computers.

CLOSE UP of Jimmy's hand as he presses a button.

ANGLE ON the view screen, where we see a tentacled VIRUS with a mean looking face on it. A face that looks very much like Maximus IQ's!

ON THE TEAM As if seen from the POV of the screen, watching it, agape.

ATOMIC BETTY
Maximus! This is his doing!

CLOSE ON Jimmy's hands, pressing more buttons.

JIMMY (O.S.)
Watch what happens when we
introduce the antiviral serum into
the blood stream.

SPLIT INTO THREE PANELS on the view screen showing:

The virus shoots down the incoming ANTIBODIES and DRUG MOLECULES, as if in an arcade video game.

A score counter, reading MINI-MAXIMUS: 20,000 climbs as it eliminates wave after wave of threats. Beside it is a score counter reading DEGILL:, with a score of 00.

WIDEN TO entire screen as the message "NEW HIGH SCORE" flashes.

HIGH REVERSE ANGLE on the team watching the monitor, conferring with each other.

DOCTOR BONES
It's too small to remove
surgically, but immune to any other
treatments.

ON SPARKY - who puts up his dukes, miming a boxing match.

SPARKY
(finger pinch gesture)
Gee, if only we could make
ourselves small enough to take him
on "mano a germa".

WIDEN TO INCLUDE ALL

ATOMIC BETTY
Say, that's not a bad idea, Sparky.

They all look to Doctor Bones with big, hopeful eyes.

DOCTOR BONES
(shrug)
But how? I'm a doctor, not a
physicist!

ATOMIC BETTY
(to her companions)
Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

ROBOT X-5
Enormo's shrink ray!

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN VAULT - DAY

FROM POV OF THE VAULT we see an enormous bank vault style door swing open.

DOCTOR BONES (V.O.)
What in the blue blaze irregulars
are you talking about?

ROBOT X-5 (V.O.)
Enormo was an undersized villain we
encountered three years ago -

CLOSE UP OF DISPLAY RACK - Atomic Betty's hands reach out and lift ENORMO'S SHRINK RAY GUN from its spot.

ATOMIC BETTY (V.O.)
To make up for being short, he
tried to shrink everyone else -

ANGLE FACING DOOR TO VAULT as Betty, Sparky and X-5 emerge, Betty holding the weapon in both hands across her, MIB-style. She pumps the magazine for effect.

SPARKY (V.O.)
But we cut him down to size - and
now we've got his gun!

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN HANGAR - DAY

ON DOCTOR BONES AND JIMMY holding a syringe and Enormo's Shrink Ray, respectively.

LOW ANGLE over their shoulders, Atomic Betty's ship hovers above them.

DOCTOR BONES
Are you ready in there?

ATOMIC BETTY (O.S.)
(on radio)
Ready Doctor!

DOCTOR BONES
 Once Jimmy hits you with the Shrink
 Ray, you have to fly into this
 syringe so I can inject you into
 Admiral DeGill.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

ANGLE ON MONITOR showing Bones and Jimmy, looking small.

DOCTOR BONES
 (on speaker)
 Once inside, you have to find the
 virus quickly. You can only remain
 shrunken for a few minutes, after
 that your ship will return to
 normal size.

ANGLE ON ATOMIC BETTY'S TEAM

SPARKY
 And then what happens?

ROBOT X-5
 Ever tried to stuff a car into a
 burrito?

SPARKY
 Only once, but it didn't taste very
 good.

ROBOT X-5
 Admiral DeGill would be the burrito
 in this analogy.

SPARKY
 (cringes)
 Yeesh!

ANGLE FAVOURING BETTY

DOCTOR BONES (O.S.)
 (on monitor)
 Good luck!

ATOMIC BETTY
 I'm on it.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN HANGAR - DAY

HIGH ANGLE from above Atomic Betty's ship. Jimmy operates the Shrink Ray and Atomic Betty's ship shrinks down, eventually becoming invisibly small.

TWO SHOT ON Doctor Bones and Jimmy looking around for the shrunken ship.

JIMMY

Maybe I used too much power.

Doctor Bones looks down at his hand, then lifts up the syringe in front of his face to peer at it.

EXTREME CLOSE UP OF SYRINGE - a tiny RED DOT zooms about inside, with Doctor Bones' face blurry in the b.g.

DOCTOR BONES

There they are. Ready, Jim?

JIMMY (O.S.)

Ready, Bones.

INT. DEGILL'S ROOM - DAY

CLOSE ON DeGill's fin as Doctor Bones swabs and sticks the syringe into it, pushing the plunger down.

INT. SYRINGE - DAY

LOOKING DOWN THE INSIDE OF THE SYRINGE Betty's ship spins around the edge of a massive blue WHIRLPOOL. We PUSH IN as they go "down the drain".

INT. DEGILL'S VEIN - DAY

ANGLE ON venus wall as Atomic Betty's ship emerges from long metal TUBE sticking out from the purplish wall like a goldfish dumped into a larger tank.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL red corpuscles drift by.

ATOMIC BETTY (O.S.)

We're in.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

ANGLE FAVOURING CREW as all three are mesmerized at what they see.

ROBOT X-5

Fascinating. We're the first explorers to see the inside of another being.

SPARKY

Should we plant a flag or something?

ATOMIC BETTY

No time for sightseeing. Find out where we are.

OVER THEIR SHOULDERS on the monitor we see a MAP DIAGRAM of Admiral DeGill's anatomy. A pulsing dot shows the location of Atomic Betty's ship, with a "YOU ARE HERE" sign and arrow pointing to it.

Atomic Betty points to various structures in the diagram as she gives orders.

ATOMIC BETTY (CONT'D)

Okay, make a left at the right ventricle and a right at the left aolae, past the superior vena cava and continue on course to the hepatic portal vein.

SPARKY

Huh?

POV of MAP SCREEN - Robot X-5 points to the landmarks Atomic Betty did.

ROBOT X-5

(patronizing)

Left at the blue thing, right at the red thing, follow the long blue thing to that bean shaped thing.

SPARKY

Oh! Why didn't you say so?

INT. DEGILL'S VEIN - DAY

WIDE ON VEIN as Betty's ship flies off into the distance, an AMORPHOUS ALIEN SHADOW rises up into frame, watching them go.

SFX: Maximus IQ's evil chuckle.

INT. DEGILL'S LIVER - DAY

WIDE ON Atomic Betty's ship as it hovers in the liver, a vast network of sinewy strands and fleshy caves.

ATOMIC BETTY (O.S.)
I thought for sure we'd find it
here.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

ANGLE FAVOURING ALL THREE- X-5 points to the map.

ROBOT X-5
In this scale, we have millions of
kilometres to cover, searching for
a creature trying to avoid being
detected. I suspect we won't find
it unless it finds us first.

SFX: a metallic thud, like what it would sound like inside a submarine if you dropped a rock on it.

Atomic Betty's ship shakes as if struck.

ON SPARKY - who looks out the window.

SPARKY
What do ya know?

ATOMIC BETTY
(points)
It's him!

POV THROUGH FRONT WINDOW - we see VIRUS MAXIMUS, an angular virus version of Maximus IQ, with long tentacles writhing out from his back, with mouths at the end of each.

One of the ends of the tentacles has a FACE LIKE MINIMUS', which stretches up to their window to glare at them, then retracts again.

WIDE ON BETTY'S TEAM

SPARKY
There's something I never thought
I'd see.

ROBOT X-5
There's something I never wanted to
see.

CLOSE ON BETTY

ATOMIC BETTY
Fire main guns!

INT. DEGILL'S LIVER - DAY

ANGLE FAVOURING ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - The ship's guns fire.

ON VIRUS MAXIMUS whose tentacles stretch, pulling the body they're attached to out of the way of each shot.

VIRUS MAXIMUS
You'll have to do better than that.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

ANGLE ON ATOMIC BETTY who gets up from her chair, looking determined.

ATOMIC BETTY
That's it. I'm going out there myself. Cover me.

EXT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

LOW ANGLE ON her ship as Atomic Betty swims out an airlock, wearing an all-white diving suit. Her ship fires overhead.

INT. DEGILL'S LIVER - DAY

ANGLE FAVOURING VIRUS MAXIMUS as Atomic Betty approaches. The tentacles retract and he assumes a Kung Fu pose.

VIRUS MAXIMUS
Come and get me!

SPLIT CROP INTO ACTION PANELS as Atomic Betty launches into a flying kick which knocks Virus Maximus down. He gets up again. She hits him with a flurry of punches.

ANGLE FAVOURING ATOMIC BETTY as she gets in close. TENTACLES GRAB HER, encircling her. The MINIMUS TENTACLE stretches up to her face.

MINIMUS TENTACLE
(grumpy head)
Pick on someone your own size!

ATOMIC BETTY

Yuck!

PULL BACK TO TWO SHOT of Virus Maximus and Atomic Betty as Betty struggles, managing to get her bracelet arm free.

VIRUS MAXIMUS

Enough trash talk! Finish her, you worm!

Virus Maximus smacks the head of Minimus Tentacle.

MINIMUS TENTACLE

(grumpy head)

Don't shoot yourself in the foot.

ON BETTY who fires her bracelet grappling hook!

ON THE GRAPPLING HOOK as it hooks onto the fleshy red ceiling.

ON VIRUS MAXIMUS as Atomic Betty pulls away, stretching his tentacles like rubber bands.

ON BETTY at the end of the stretch length of the tentacles, pulled one way by her grappling hook, the other by Virus Maximus' tentacles.

ATOMIC BETTY

(straining)

Now, guys!

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

ON THE MONITOR - The TARGET SCOPE moves from Virus Maximus to a midpoint of the tentacles.

EXT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

STRAIGHT ON Atomic Betty's Ship, which FIRES

INT. DEGILL'S LIVER - DAY

ON TENTACLES as the beams hit and the tentacles snap.

PULL BACK WIDE TO REVEAL white blobs - the body's WHITE BLOOD CELLS drift toward the ship and Virus Maximus.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

ANGLE ON MONITOR - The White Blood Cells show on the monitor as oblong blips, closing in on the centre of the radar.

ROBOT X-5 (O.S.)
White blood cells are approaching.
The immune system must be
responding to all the damage from
the fight.

SPARKY (O.S.)
So?

ON ROBOT X-5 AND SPARKY

ROBOT X-5
They will consume all foreign
bodies in the area.

SPARKY
(punches palm)
That's great!

ROBOT X-5
Including us.

SPARKY
Oh. Not so great.

EXT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

WIDE ON Atomic Betty - still struggling, entangled in the now-severed tentacles, adrift. Robot X-5 and Sparky SWIM INTO FRAME pull her back inside the ship.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP, AIRLOCK - DAY

ANGLE ON ALL THREE - with Atomic Betty in the centre, Sparky holds her up while Robot X-5 cuts the tentacles loose -

CLOSE ON THEIR FEET as the tentacles fall to the floor and dissolve into a mushy puddle.

SPARKY (O.S.)
Ew!

ANGLE ON ALL THREE as Betty breathes a sigh of relief.

ATOMIC BETTY
Thanks, guys.

ROBOT X-5
We should leave now.

ATOMIC BETTY
Not without Virus Maximus.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP, BRIDGE - DAY

WIDE ON the bridge as Atomic Betty, Robot X-5 and Sparky take their stations.

ROBOT X-5
If we don't leave soon, we'll be
Phagocytosized.

SPARKY
What?

ROBOT X-5
Eaten.

ANGLE FAVOURING BETTY in her command chair again.

ATOMIC BETTY
Don't worry. I've got a plan.
(to the others)
Put me on speaker.

INT. DEGILL'S LIVER - DAY

ANGLE FAVOURING VIRUS MAXIMUS - he grows new tentacles, swatting down the approaching White Blood Cells, but the cells are increasing in number.

ANGLE ON Atomic Betty's ship.

ATOMIC BETTY (O.S.)
(on loudspeaker)
Hey loser! Catch me if you can!

ON VIRUS MAXIMUS - who points a commanding finger at Atomic Betty's ship.

VIRUS MAXIMUS
Get her!

ON MINIMUS TENTACLE - who stretches forth and grabs hold of Atomic Betty's Ship's hull as they fly away.

ON ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP which flies away. The White Blood Cells trail behind them.

INT. DUGILL'S ARTERY - DAY

ON ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP as it rapidly approaches -

REVERSE ANGLE as it flies away, White Blood Cells CLOSING IN.

TRACKING WITH Atomic Betty's ship, which swoops and zooms about, dragging Virus Maximus still attached. With a FLASH of energy, the ship gets MUCH LARGER.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

ON SPARKY busy at the controls, lurching this way and that.

ON ROBOT X-5 studying the map.

ROBOT X-5
We're starting to de-shrink. Which way do we go?

ON ATOMIC BETTY

ATOMIC BETTY
Head for the sinus cavities.

ON ROBOT X-5

ROBOT X-5
Acknowledged.

INT. DEGILL'S NOSTRIL - DAY

WIDE ON the inside of DuGill's nostril - It looks very much like a cave, with the nose hairs dangling like stalactites above the cavern floor as Atomic Betty's ship flies into view.

REVERSE ANGLE - ahead of them, the cave mouth glows brightly.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

PROFILE OF ATOMIC BETTY'S TEAM at their stations as Minimus Tentacle appears at the SIDE WINDOW. All three turn to look.

MINIMUS TENTACLE
(grumpy head)
You're going to be sorry!

Betty turns to her team.

ATOMIC BETTY
Everyone strapped in tight?

The others nod.

CLOSE ON WINDOW as Virus Maximus pulls himself up alongside.

VIRUS MAXIMUS
I can dissolve your ship's hull you
know.

ON BETTY

ATOMIC BETTY
Full reverse! Fire cables! Activate
breaking flaps!

INT. DEGILL'S NOSTRIL - DAY

ANGLE FEATURING ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - which comes to a sudden stop, its forward rockets firing, its grappling cables extending to latch onto the cave walls.

ON ITS HULL as the momentum flings Virus Maximus forward.

INT. ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - DAY

LOW ANGLE ON ATOMIC BETTY in her command chair.

ATOMIC BETTY
Fire!

INT. DUGILL'S NOSTRIL - DAY

ON ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP which fires

ON VIRUS MAXIMUS still tumbling. The shots miss him.

ON THE NOSE HAIRS - which get hit, vibrating with the impact.

SFX: a deep rumbling "Ah...Ahhh..." build-up to a sneeze.

WIDE ON Atomic Betty's ship and Virus Maximus

SFX: loud sneeze "Achoooooo!!!"

A GALE FORCE WIND blows Virus Maximus forward.

REVERSE ANGLE with Atomic Betty's ship in the f.g., hanging on, as we see Virus Maximus blown forward out the cave mouth.

INT. DEGILL'S ROOM - DAY

HIGH ANGLE ON DEGILL'S BED - DeGill sneezes, becoming rapidly blurry in the distance as we follow Virus Maximus through the air, in the sneeze, screaming as he RUSHES TOWARDS US -

INT. DEGILL'S ROOM - DAY

3/4 PROFILE ON A WALL

- and SPLATS on the WALL.

INT. DEGILL'S NOSTRIL - DAY

ON ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP - which releases its cables and flies ahead -

REVERSE ANGLE toward the opening of the cave - which seems to be getting smaller, like a mouth closing.

INT. DEGILL'S ROOM - DAY

ON DEGILL'S BED as a RED DOT flies out of DeGill's nose and into the room.

TRACKING WITH THE RED DOT as it flies to a mostly unfurnished - and clear - area. With a BRIGHT FLASH, it resolves into the full-sized ship, damaging the ceiling slightly.

ON THE NURSE, DOCTOR BONES AND JIMMY - Everybody screams, startled.

ON ATOMIC BETTY'S SHIP as The HATCH opens up and Atomic Betty rushes out with a can of DISINFECTANT and a PAPER TOWEL.

CLOSE 3/4 PROFILE ON THE WALL - She goes over to the splat on the wall, sprays it, wipes it clean with a SQUEAKY WIPING SOUND. It gleams. She smiles.

ATOMIC BETTY

There, that ought to do it.

ON DOCTOR BONES AND JIMMY - Doctor Bones wears a special Hat with a Microscope over one eye, not unlike a jewellers' eyepiece. Betty hands them the paper towel. Doctor Bones examines the towel with his microscope.

JIMMY

Well, Doctor?

Doctor Bones hands Jimmy the paper towel.

DOCTOR BONES
He's dead, Jim.

ON DEGILL'S BED - Atomic Betty, Robot X-5 and Sparky gather around Admiral DeGill's bed, as DeGill opens his eyes.

ATOMIC BETTY
How do you feel, Admiral?

DEGILL
Much better, thank you.

DOCTOR BONES
Of course, You'll still need plenty of rest and liquids. Plus, I've got to give you a shot of -

ATOMIC BETTY
Shot? Uh oh. I've got to go!
(over her shoulder)
Get well soon!

She dashes away.

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ON PENELOPE AND NOAH - The line's down to just them.

WIDEN TO REVEAL - a CROWD has gathered to watch.

PENELOPE
Looks like Betty chickened out after all. Figures! You're next Noah, unless you want to chicken out too.

ON NOAH - Glaring defiantly back at Penelope the whole time, Noah walks up, rolls up his sleeve and waits, eyes closed, head turned away. The NURSE ENTERS FRAME, swabs, then jabs his arm - he barely registers it.

NOAH
Okay, I'm ready for my shot.

NURSE
It's done, dear.

Noah looks surprised.

NOAH
 It is?
 (looks at his arm)
 It is!

Betty rushes in.

BETTY
 I hope I'm not too late.

NOAH
 (brave and calm)
 Not at all.

ON BETTY - who calmly holds out her arm, gets her shot, then stands aside.

BETTY
 Your turn Penelope.

HIGH ANGLE ON PENELOPE looking nervous.

PENELOPE
 (scoffs)
 Huh! This is nothing! Why I -

POV PENELOPE the needle looks ENORMOUS. The Nurse LOOMS.

NURSE
 Your turn, dear.

PULL BACK as Penelope faints dead away. The crowd she'd gathered to witness Betty & Noah's humiliation now laughs at her instead.

TWO SHOT on Noah and Betty - Noah takes Betty aside. They speak in secretive tones.

NOAH
 So, how was the mission? Sorry I couldn't come with you.

CLOSE ON BETTY

BETTY
 It was no big deal. Just a quick little mission.

Betty winks.

END OF SHOW