

RESISTOR: EPISODE 1
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EXT. MOUNTAIN - DAY

A snow-covered wasteland. Abandoned high-rise buildings, the skeletons of a once powerful city.

A trail of footprints lead up to SPARK, a mechanic buried in layers of clothes, who carries VISMO, his robot companion, on his shoulders.

SPARK

Mmow mfch mlfongpfer??

VISMO

What?

Spark removes the scarf covering his mouth.

SPARK

I asked how much longer. You're a lot heavier than you look.

VISMO

We're almost there. The signal is coming from the summit.

Vismo projects a HOLO-MAP of the mountain in front of them. A red dot blinks showing their current position. A blue dot blinks at the summit.

VISMO (CONT'D)

How're those snow shoes holding up?

SPARK

Oh you mean my hand-crafted Snow Surfers? Well, we're already halfway up the mountain and they haven't failed yet so, that's a good sign. But going back down will be the fun part.

VISMO

And why's that?

SPARK

They're not called Snow Surfers for nothing. Plus we'll be carrying a whole bunch of treasure from whatever we find up here. It better be worth it.

VISMO

According to my memory, 0 out of 6 of our last expeditions have succeeded. All we found is danger.

(MORE)

VISMO (CONT'D)

And I don't like danger. I'm fragile.

SPARK

Hey, we did find that can of beans. I'd call that a treasure.

VISMO

Oh yeah *beans*. What am I gonna do with those, pour them on my screen, short circuit and die? That was not treasure.

SPARK

When we get back, I promise I'll find you a digital can of beans and we can enjoy them together.

VISMO

Deal.

Vismo projects the HOLO-MAP, the two blinking dots are almost overlapping.

VISMO (CONT'D)

The beacon is just up ahead!

EXT. SUMMIT - MOMENTS LATER

A small plateau. A pole with an unrecognizable flag and the FROZEN CORPSE of an explorer slumped over underneath it.

SPARK

He looks dead.

VISMO

Yeah. Super dead.

SPARK

I wonder how long he's been there.

Vismo jumps off of Spark's shoulders, approaching the body.

He scans it with his finger.

VISMO

Well, judging by some light carbon-dating, approximately 150 years. Before the ice came.

SPARK

Whoaaa. This guy's a fossil! He wouldn't mind if I did a little updating to the flag, would he?

Spark pulls out a paint-marker from his bag.

SPARK (CONT'D)

'Scuse me Mr. Frozen Guy but there's two new explorers in town, and we just claimed this mountain! Ta-da!

Spark reveals the new flag: "Spark and Vismo" With a portrait of them in the middle. Spark smiles real big.

VISMO

That looks just like us! I love it!

SPARK

Hey shouldn't the beacon be around here somewhere? I'm getting treasure hungry.

VISMO

Hmm. It looks like the signal is coming from underneath us. Inside the mountain.

SPARK

Inside the mountain? How're we supposed to get in there?

CLICK! Spark steps on a button hidden under the snow.

The mountain begins to rumble and the plateau opens up into a trap door, swallowing Vismo and Spark into the darkness.

INT. MOUNTAIN - MOMENTS LATER

Spark lies on the metal floor of a dark cavern.

SPARK

Well, I guess we found the way inside. The hard way.

Silence.

SPARK (CONT'D)

Vismo?

Next to Spark, Vismo's 11 distinct pieces lie scattered across the floor.

The screen remains on for a moment--

VISMO
I don't feel too good...

Vismo powers down.

SPARK
No! Vismo turn back on.

Silence. Vismo's screen is black.

He taps the power button. Nothing.

He gathers all of his pieces in his arms.

SPARK (CONT'D)
(teary eyed)
I will fix you.

CUT TO:

EXT. SUMMIT - SAME

The FROZEN BODY lies on the edge of the open trap door.

A huge gust of wind blows past, sending it tumbling into the cavern below.

CUT TO:

INT. MOUNTAIN - SAME

Spark holds Vismo's disassembled body in his arms.

CRASH! Behind him: the FROZEN BODY plummets down, landing on a control panel.

Red lights fill the cavern and two towering ROBOTS awaken on either side of Spark.

ROBOT 1
Intruder alert!

ROBOT 2
Activating defense protocol!

The robots step forward

He looks down at his broken friend.

SPARK
I'm gonna get you out of here. Then
I'll get you back together. I
promise

Spark puts the deconstructed Vismo into his bag.

The robots power up their laser cannons.

ROBOT 2
Prepare to die!

A red, crackling laser bolt erupts from its outstretched arm.

Spark dodges out of the way, noticing--

A door at the end of the cavern!

He sprints towards it, weaving through the onslaught of laser bolts as he goes.

A laser shoots in front of him, melting a hole where the door was.

SPARK
That's convenient. Later losers!

He jumps through the hole into a free fall down the mountain.

ROBOT 1
Your accuracy was in the lower 30th
percentile.

ROBOT 2
Well you were no help.

EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE - SAME

Spark skydives through the enormous peaks of the mountain range.

The ground rapidly approaches, but he continues downward.

At the last second--

SPARK
This better work!

CLICK! Spark deploys the Snow Surfers: his boots extend out into a snowboard.

He dives towards the ground, kissing the snow with his board and surfing down the powdery hills.

Behind him: the two robots burst through the side of the mountain.

Spark goes off of a huge jump, dodging more lasers

Robot 1 slips and slides down the icy mountain, right on Spark's tail

ROBOT 1
Target located!

He extends his arm to capture him but--

Spark whips his board around, splattering Robot 1's face with snow

SPARK
Gotcha!

ROBOT 1
My vision has been obscured!

Blinded, the Robot aimlessly shoot off laser bolts and falls on the ice

Robot 2 slides past, grabs Robot 1 by the arm and flings it towards Spark

ROBOT 1 (CONT'D)
I'm helpiiing!

Robot 1's voice trails off as he sails through the air down the mountain--

CRASH! Robot 1 explodes into the ground, sending Spark flying
Spark lays motionless, a shadow looms over him--

ROBOT 2
Activate Instant-Kill Protocol!

Robot 2's laser revs up, Spark closes his eyes, reaches out his hand--

ZAP! Robot 2 fires the laser but--

It is absorbed by Spark's outstretched arm.

The red electrical energy travels down his arm and envelops his entire body.

He looks at his hands, red sparks fly between his fingertips.

He smirks then unleashes a blast of red electricity out from his hands.

Robot 2's melted head falls to the ground.

Spark sighs in relief.

SPARK

That was...awesome! And scary. But mostly awesome.

How did I do that?

He lays his head in the snow.

INT. THE TOWER - LATER

A cluttered apartment-turned-workshop. Electronics and parts are scattered across a high-tech workbench.

Spark pushes a couple unfinished projects to the side and dumps Vismo's broken pieces out.

SPARK

Aw man, you're all covered in snow.

He wipes one of the parts with a shop rag.

SPARK (CONT'D)

I'll get you fixed up, don't worry.

TIMELAPSE

Spark rebuilds Vismo's chassis using the various machines that are set up around the space.

Spark solders a circuit board, 3D prints new pieces, measures twice before cutting, falls asleep at the workbench, makes coffee, realizes he forgot a piece, unscrews the screws, puts the part in, re-screws in the screws and--

END TIMELAPSE

SPARK (CONT'D)

After 72 hours of pain, voila!
Vismo 2.0!

Spark presses the power button.

Nothing.

SPARK (CONT'D)

I said...voila!

Still nothing.

SPARK (CONT'D)
 Hmm. Something is missing.

FLASHBACK

Spark absorbs the electricity from the robot's laser and shoots it out his fingers.

END FLASHBACK

SPARK (CONT'D)
 That's it!

Spark opens a drawer and shuffles through, he pulls out a FORK

He opens up Vismo's back panel

He shoves the fork into an outlet and--

ZAP! Spark sends an electric pulse through his body and into Vismo's circuitry

BEEP! Vismo's screen clicks on

SPARK (CONT'D)
 No way! It worked! I'm so glad to see you Vismo! There were these two giant robots and they were shooting lasers at me like pew pew! But I was flying down the mountain so fast I was like nyooooom! And I think I might have super-powers because I absorbed the electricity and shot it back out! It was all like zip and zap! And then zop!

VISMO
 Battery Malfunction!

SPARK
 I know I was thinking the same thing like what if--wait what did you say?

VISMO
 Battery Malfunction!

SPARK
 No, that can't be right.

Spark checks Vismo's screen, it reads "Battery Malfunction" with a graphic of a frowning battery.

SPARK (CONT'D)
I checked everything. I checked everything TWICE.

VISMO
Battery Malfunction!

SPARK
Yeah yeah, I got it. Battery malfunction.

He slams his head against the workbench.

VISMO
Battery Malfunction!

SPARK
Ugh. Just let me be depressed in peace.

VISMO
If you are experiencing issues with your VISMO TV-112 unit, please contact The Creator or visit Circuit City to schedule an appointment for repairs!

He looks up hopefully.

SPARK
Wait, repeat that!

VISMO
Battery malfunction!

SPARK
No! The other part!

Spark grabs a notebook and pen from nearby

VISMO
If you are experiencing issues with your VISMO TV-112 unit, please contact The Creator or visit Circuit City to schedule an appointment for repairs!

Spark scribbles down the name "Circuit City" and circles it.

SPARK
That's where I gotta go. That's
where I can get you fixed!

MONTAGE

Spark suits up with warm furs and protective gear.

He manufactures a carrying case for Vismo and straps him onto his back.

He makes a couple upgrades to his Snow Surfers, adding jet propulsion and a Ski mode.

Finally, he grabs his trusty all-tool WRENCH, a multi-tool with over a hundred different modes.

END MONTAGE

Spark stands in his doorway, bundled up and ready to go.

SPARK (CONT'D)
Goodbye warmth. I'm gonna miss you.

He shuts the door on the known world and sets off into the unknown.

Pull back to see a DRONE watching Spark depart on his Snow Surfers--

INT. LABORATORY - SAME

Screens and buttons light up the dark space.

THE CREATOR, a robotic entity, hovers in front of a screen showing the live drone footage of Spark.

THE CREATOR
Excellent. Everything is going
according to plan.

A sinister laugh echoes through the room.

FADE TO BLACK.

END EPISODE 1