

RICK AND MORTY
(Spec Script)
"World's Beth Dad"

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TEASER

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Morty, Summer, and Beth watch interdimensional cable. Rick enters with an unpopped bag of popcorn, shooting a portal at the floor and dropping the bag. He shoots a portal at the ceiling, catching the popped bag. Jerry enters with tickets.

JERRY

Morty, two tickets to Vindicators
4: 3 Part 2 -- *right here!*

MORTY

Saw it in another dimension. This
one had softcore porn in it.

JERRY

What?! Come on! You can't watch a
movie like that on a little TV!

RICK

That's what the Unabomber said, and
at least he got published, *Jerry.*

A Citadel of Ricks breaking news alert flashes onscreen:

ANCHOR RICK

Chaos in the recovering Citadel as
the mysterious figure known as
Birth wreaks havoc in New Glipglop.

In full bionic armor, BIRTH topples a skyscraper, killing a swarm of pursuing Police Ricks on jetpacks. Rick frowns at the TV, something not right. Birth massages their hip, stretches their knee, and continues. Beth frowns as well, given she's stretching the same knee.

BETH

Hey, that's kinda weird: it --

Spooked, Rick leaps up, tearing the cable box out.

SUMMER

Hey!

MORTY

What gives!?

RICK

No more interdimensional cable! We
can't keep playing the same card
all the time! What are we?! Sunny?!
Dennis is a killer, Mac is gay,
cartoonish misogyny on the only
female lead? It's played out!

SUMMER
We were watching --

RICK
Summer, you stupid bitch! Do what
your redpill father says and go
outside! How often is Jerry's knee
jerk reaction wrong?

JERRY
(quickly)
Always.

Rick flees with the cable box. Morty chases after him.

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - RICK'S GARAGE - MOMENTS LATER

Rick's smashing the box with a hammer as Morty grabs him.

MORTY
Hey! Rick! Cut it out!

RICK
We're done with this shit! It was
good half the time at best!

MORTY
If you bat five hundred they rename
the sport after you!

RICK
I'm sending the box to the popcorn
dimension! Where's my portal gun?!

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - LIVING ROOM - SAME TIME

The lone Beth stares at the portal gun on the couch. She
hesitates, but then grabs the gun, dialing quickly.

BETH
New... *Glipglop*, in the Citadel...?

Beth, unsure if this configuration is right, shoots a portal.

RICK (O.C.)
Where is it?! Someone get a diaper
cuz I'm about to lose my shit!

Beth hops in the portal. It closes just before Rick enters.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

EXT. PLANET GOTHRU - DAY

Beth arrives on the desert planet of Gothru as tiny Gothruns gawk. Their hierarchy has towers of Beta Gothruns stacked on one another, functioning as giant legs for Alpha Gothruns.

BETH

Yeah. This is wrong. Okay, does anyone know the way to the Citadel?

The APEX ALPHA, with the tallest legs of stacked Betas under him, arrives at Beth, coming up to about her waist.

APEX ALPHA

Tall! I will only share my knowledge upon your submission!

Gauging this, Beth takes the Apex Alpha off his Betas and holds him up. The Apex Alpha immediately freaks out.

APEX ALPHA

Wait! Higher than I thought! NO!

The Apex Alpha flails out of Beth's hands and plummets to the ground, immediately dying. All of his former Betas gasp. A Beta to a different Alpha looks up at their Alpha.

GOTHRUN BETA

Free Solo the oppressors!

The Beta throws the Alpha down, killing it. All around, Betas throw their Alphas to their deaths. Betas scramble to climb on top of the other stacked Betas, then are thrown off.

BETH

Okay! Sorry! I was just looking for the Citadel of Ricks!

OMEGA (O.C.)

(weakly)

I can help you...

OMEGA, larger but crushed from years of being at the bottom of her stack, wobbles over to Beth.

OMEGA

I know the coordinates to Irgnuts 8 -- a mythological breadcrumb for the Citadel's hidden location.

Beth frowns. She gets out the portal gun.

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - LIVING ROOM - LATER

The whole house has been turned upside down by Rick's search. Rick looks under couch cushions as Summer enters.

RICK
Summer! Have you found the portal gun or the portal gun finder?!

SUMMER
No -- Can I invite Joshua over since Mom and Dad are gone?

RICK
Fine -- Wait. Where?

SUMMER
Probably the shower.

RICK
No, I don't care about -- Just pee after but not in the shower -- I mean where are Beth and Jerry?

SUMMER
Oh. Dad took Morty to the movie and Mom's been gone since this morning.

Rick gets more frustrated, and even worried. He grabs a "Back Book" from the floor, holding it to his forehead.

SUMMER
What are you doing?

RICK
I'd say early onset dementia but that's just flattering myself.

The Back Book scans Rick's head. Then beeps.

BACK BOOK
Wow! What a great brain! You left the portal gun on the couch!

Rick scribbles in the Back Book.

RICK
Then where -- Nevermind! Okay, so I'm looking for an even deeper thought wayyy in the back there.

BACK BOOK
Anybody who'd rather be smart than kind has never been either!

Rick's about to write that down, but doesn't.

RICK
Well, that's dumb. No, Book, I'm
looking for something about Beth.
(thinking hard)
Are you feeling where I am now?

The Back Book pauses.

BACK BOOK
Uh-oh! Looks like somebody did a
mindblower! Can't help there!

RICK
What?! When did I...?!

Rick looks to Summer accusingly.

SUMMER
Woah! I don't have anything from
you about Mom! I swear!

Rick fumes. He looks where the portal gun was on the couch.

EXT. PLANET IRGNUTS 8 - NIGHT

Beth and Omega portal onto a tiny moonlike planet. In the distance, geometric creatures (Geos) covered in flat eyes float around, their high voices creating a haunting melody.

Upon seeing Beth and Omega, the little Geos zoom over, screaming their melody at the two of them. Beth frowns.

BETH
What's wrong with the biblically
accurate angels?

Omega reconfigures the portal gun.

OMEGA
The Geos scream in fear.

BETH
They're singing because they're
afraid of us?

OMEGA
They are *warning*. They are afraid
for us.

Beth frowns as Omega opens a portal.

OMEGA
ALPHAS MUST BE PUNISHED FOR THEIR
HEIGHT!

Omega hops in the portal, vanishing before Beth can react. ROAR in the distance as Beth gasps. The Geos get frantic. Over the horizon, the torso of a BEAR WITH NO EYES appears.

The Bear hears the Geos around Beth and turns to her. Beth tries to shush the Geos as they scream in fear for her. She looks around, realizing she has no chance.

The Bear gets closer -- but oddly slowly. Beth frowns, and see the Bear's lower body is that of a snail. Beth takes a casual step back. The Geos follow her, still screaming.

EXT. MOVIE THEATER - DAY

Morty and Jerry walk out of the finished Vindicators movie, Jerry ecstatic and Morty exhausted.

JERRY
All the characters that died in the
last movie are alive now!

MORTY
Only played-out characters can die,
otherwise you'd have stakes and a
movie. The only difference between
this one and the one in that other
dimension is that this kind of porn
didn't have Million Ants' ass.

JERRY
And there were spaceships!

Rick's spaceship *CRASHES* in front of the two of them, Rick and Summer hopping out. Rick confronts Jerry.

RICK
If you have neither my portal gun
nor Beth, I'm doing a Prometheus
thing but the eagle eats your dick!

JERRY
I have neither! I have neither!

MORTY
You think my mom has a *portal gun*?

RICK
Either that or it's become sentient
and I don't have enough time to
explain why it would kill Summer.

SUMMER
Wait. Why would it kill Summer?

MORTY
Have you used the portal gun
finder's finder yet?

RICK
Oh...! Wait. Shit.

Rick holds the Back Book to his head.

BACK BOOK
You thought it was a game token and
spent it at Blips and Chitz.

Rick scribbles that down. Morty sighs and gets out a small
disc, boarding the ship.

MORTY
Got the finder's finder's finder.

RICK
Nice one, Morty! No time to lose!

SUMMER
Why would it kill Summer?!

JERRY
Now, hold on!

RICK
You're not coming!

JERRY
If Beth's in danger I should go!

SUMMER
Is *Summer* in danger?!

Rick grabs his laser pistol and points it at Jerry.

RICK
Jerry, you know you're not allowed
to ask to go on adventures!

JERRY
(cowering)
I thought I got three strikes! It's
what you said the last two times!

RICK

You don't get it! This isn't a fun adventure; this is one of the sad song ones! Summer, have shower sex! Jerry, be an inept father about it! It's a good comic relief storyline! Look! Beth's...

(confused; starting ship)

Something's wrong and... I don't know what it is. And I *always* know what it is! This isn't an all play. I'm not taking anybody who isn't the brightest tool in the deck -- and Morty since he has the finder.

The ship takes off, leaving Summer and Jerry.

EXT. IRGNUTS 8 - NIGHT

Hearing the roaring Bear approach, Beth grunts to her feet. She massages her hip, stretches her leg, and walks down the planet before sitting down again. The Geos follow, screaming.

BETH

Could you just -- ?!

Suddenly, Beth leaps up and snatches a Geo out of the air. She crushes it in her hands and throws it. It lands, wheezing in pain. The other Geos flock to it, screaming in fear for it. The Bear follows after the sound.

Beth smiles -- at peace. The Bear reaches the fallen Geo, picks it up, and devours it. The Geos gasp, then rush back to Beth and scream for her again. Beth groans.

INT. BLIPS AND CHITZ - LATER

Rick and Morty hurry through the arcade, Morty looking down at the beeping finder.

RICK

Are you sure you're using it right?

MORTY

Less beeps the better? Haha.

RICK

This isn't a joke! On a scale of one to ten: do you understand what's being asked of you?

MORTY

Yep.

Morty stops, turning to a coin pusher game. The two of them look inside and sure enough there's the finder, on the edge.

RICK

(groaning)

You're kidding me! This?! Winning this game's like escaping poverty through merit! We need...!

Rick looks around, seeing an incoming ALIEN CHILD with a cup of tokens. Rick snatches the cup and begins playing.

MORTY

Rick! You can't just do that shit!
If you're always taking things --

RICK

I'll worry about the future when it finally gets here.

The Alien Child frowns, then gets angry. It shakes.

MORTY

Uh... Rick?

RICK

(focused on game)

You need to run it in a straight line edging against the side wall!

The Alien Child's face begins melting.

ALIEN CHILD

The tokens... The sacred tokens...

MORTY

Hey! Don't melt! Uh, we'll get you your tokens back, see?! My grandpa is gonna win them back! Okay?!

The Alien Child's whole body melts, smoking coming off of it.

ALIEN CHILD

Prometheus brought fire down and we burn ourselves alive...

MORTY

Rick!?

RICK

Right?! Two Prometheus references
in an episode? Learn some new
myths! Kid isn't even from Earth!

MORTY

Uh! It's okay, little guy! Rick's
really good at the game and he'll
win you a... uh... a...

The Alien Child is almost gone.

ALIEN CHILD

In-flat-a-ble... Mor-ty...

MORTY

An inflatable... Morty? Uh! Okay!

The Alien Child immediately regains physical form, smiling.

ALIEN CHILD

That machine gets flooded with more
than five tokens at once!

Rick hears this, frowns, tries it, and it works: tokens spill
out the bottom of the machine, plus the finder. The Alien
Child gaily reaps the spoils as Rick plucks up the finder.

RICK

Inflatable Morty? Jeez. Citadel
really sold out on merchandising.

MORTY

You're just upset that my siding
with the kid did better than your
conflict and he didn't want a Rick!

RICK

You watched one YouTube video about
game theory and children want
inflatable Morties for the same
reason they want moisturizer and
absorbent socks. We're leaving now.

EXT. PLANET IRGNUTS 8 - NIGHT

The Bear is devouring a Geo. The last Geo rushes over to an
exhausted Beth, screaming alone. Beth grabs it from the sky
and is about to crush it, but doesn't, seeing something...

Beth jumps as a spaceship *CRASHES* where she was sitting. The
hatch opens and an ENTREPRENEUR RICK pokes his head out.

ENTREPRENEUR RICK
Does this planet consent to being
colonized?

Entrepreneur Rick doesn't wait for Beth's answer, immediately
beginning to build a Whole Foods.

BETH
Uh! Oh, wow! Hey! Are you... from
the Citadel of Ricks?!

He ignores her. The Bear roars in the distance, hearing the
sole Geo. Entrepreneur Rick hears the roar and frowns.

ENTREPRENEUR RICK
Well, that's gonna be a nuisance.

He goes back to building. Beth nods, then hops in his
spaceship, the Geo going in after her. She closes the hatch.

BETH
Computer, take me to New Glipglop.

COMPUTER (V.O.)
New Glipglop. Citadel of Ricks.

The ship takes off. Entrepreneur Rick builds an antique shop.

EXT. PLANET YORI - DAY

Rick and Morty's ship lands on Yori, Morty with a handful of
finders. Yorans behead alphas as Omega speaks at a podium.

OMEGA
Destroy the bourgeoisie! Establish
a dictatorship of the proletariat!

Rick hops out of the ship. He sees the portal gun on Omega's
belt and rushes over.

RICK
Hey! Uh... Portable Pol Pot!

OMEGA
(seeing Rick and Morty)
Tall! Tall! Kill the tall!

The Yorans rush the ship as Rick grabs a pellet from his
coat, throwing it at a Yoran. That Yoran instantly becomes
ten feet tall. All the other Yorans halt.

YORAN 1
One of us... Yorans... is tall?

YORAN 2

Then... he shall help our cause!

TALL YORAN

(deer in headlights)

Uh... Yeah. Yes.

OMEGA

Stop! Private individuals cannot be trusted with power! Only me!

TALL YORAN

I'm a good leader since I'm tall!

YORAN 3

He got tall from hard work!

TALL YORAN

Yep! And I'll make sure your money trickles down back to you!

OMEGA

No! Only me and my secret police want to help you!

RICK

Fuck! Authoritarian or libertarian hierarchal menace! Glad we can have this black-and-white debate, but I'm gonna need to rush it!

Rick shoots Omega through the head, pulling his portal gun off her. He inspects it, frowns, and hops back in his ship.

All the Yorans gawk as Rick puts in coordinates.

MORTY

(awkwardly)

Uh, y'know, you could just *all* run the society. Like do that thing but without a dictator, or even --

RICK

A colorful YouTube video isn't a surrogate for actually learning!

Rick closes the hatch and the ship takes off. Stunned, the Yorans all look to the Tall Yorán. Beat.

TALL YORAN

Jobs.

EXT. CITADEL OF RICKS - NEW GLIPGLOP - EVENING

The ship lands among desolated fascist architecture. The Geo murmurs a melody and Beth frowns.

COMPUTER (V.O.)
New Glipglop. Hail President Morty.

The hatch opens and Beth gets out, then gasps, pointing.

BETH
That's the building that was
knocked down! It was real!

The Geo flies around, then rushes back to Beth, screaming.

BETH
Come on! The bear isn't even here!

POLICE RICK 1 (O.C.)
Halt!

Two Police Ricks on jetpacks arrive, hovering over Beth.

POLICE RICK 1
Declare your dimension of origin!

POLICE RICK 2
Why is a Beth in the Citadel?

BETH
Uh, I don't know the dimension! I
have questions about a newscast --

Beth is seized by the Police Ricks.

POLICE RICK 1
Resisting arrest!

BETH
Well, okay, Dads -- Let's --

POLICE RICK 2
We have to falsely arrest her
before we can accuse her of
resisting arrest.

POLICE RICK 1
What are you, the Fascism Police?

POLICE RICK 2
I mean... Yeah.

They fly away with Beth, the Geo following.

BETH

Woah! Hey! Put me down!

EXT. PLANET IRGNUTS 8 - NIGHT

The ship lands, Rick and Morty getting out. The tiny moonlike planet has become gentrified, populated by Ricks and Morties.

SUPREMACIST RICK

The Blind Bearsnail is a horror to our society and must be vanquished!

MERCHANT RICK

Blind Bearsnail merchandise! Wear this hat and look like it! Ha!

RICK

Yikes. Gotta love gentrification. Who's in charge around here?

ENTREPRENEUR RICK (O.C.)

I am!

Entrepreneur Rick arrives in glasses, a beanie, and a beard.

RICK

Of course. Age Is Just A Number Paul Bunyan, is there a Beth here?

ENTREPRENEUR RICK

Was. Stole my ship. 'Twas the last crime to happen here on Irgnuts 8.

RICK

What?! Where was she going?!

Rick grips Entrepreneur Rick's collar, terrifying him.

ENTREPRENEUR RICK

Okay, man! She said something about the Citadel! Careful with the shirt; it's Armani Rickschange!

Rick throws Entrepreneur Rick down, gripping Morty now.

RICK

Did I tell you to do a mindblower?!

MORTY

Woah! Rick! Take it easy!

RICK
Morty! Did I ask you to erase a
memory about your mother and the
Citadel! Tell me!

MORTY
No! Calm down!

Rick thinks, releasing Morty.

MORTY
Geez, man. What's going on, Grippi
Longstocking? Grip Hamilton.

Rick sighs, shaking his head.

RICK
Computer, abduct Morty.

MORTY
What?!

COMPUTER (V.O.)
Abducting Morty.

Rick's ship begins swallowing up Morties from all around.

RICK
C-137!

COMPUTER (V.O.)
Oopsies.

The ship spits out all the random Morties and pulls in Morty.

MORTY
Woah! Rick!

Morty ends inside the ship and the hatch shuts.

COMPUTER (V.O.)
Apologies for mass child abduction.

RICK
Take Morty home, then full
deactivation until I return.

COMPUTER (V.O.)
Affirmative.

Morty pounds on the glass as the ship takes off. Rick thinks.

RICK

Come on... *Think*, Rick... What am I forgetting? What's the next move?

ENTREPRENEUR RICK

Drone landlords!

Beat. Rick sighs, shoots a portal, and hops in.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - KITCHEN - DAY

Jerry sits at the table, silent and horrified. We hear a shower running. Outside, the ship lands and Jerry grins. We hear the ship power down, then Morty jump out and run inside.

JERRY

Morty, do you wanna -- ?!

Morty rushes past Jerry, to the basement.

JERRY

The cable box works just --

SMASH! Glass breaks. Groans from a Rick. Slamming around. Morty comes back up dragging a weak and naked CLONE RICK through the kitchen and out to the driveway.

JERRY

Wanna watch interdimensional --

MORTY (O.C.)

Tell it to activate!

CLONE RICK (O.C.)

Please...

The sounds of Morty punching Clone Rick.

CLONE RICK (O.C.)

I... need... spinach...!

MORTY (O.C.)

Tell it to activate!

CLONE RICK (O.C.)

Activ- activate...!

The sounds of the ship powering up. The sounds of Morty hopping in, then the ship blasting off. Jerry sits, morose.

JOSHUA (O.C.)

(from the shower)

Wait Summer, is this anti-dandruff?

EXT. CITADEL OF RICKS - MAIN QUARTER - EVENING

This area of the Citadel is covered in Police Ricks and banners for President Morty. A portal opens and Rick hops out, hiding in an alley and pulling out a laser pistol.

Rick peeks around, then hears the Geo and looks up. He sees Beth being carried by the jetpacking Ricks.

BETH
(from a distance)
You have a budget for all of this
but not a fucking car!?

Rick gets ready to follow -- when he sees something else up there: a spaceship breaking the atmosphere. His watch beeps.

RICK
(quiet)
Morty, you stupid piece of shit.

Rick, keeping an eye on Beth, sees the ship park outside the Main Quarter. Two nearby Police Rick notice it as well.

POLICE RICK 3
Again? Is it Unidentified Ship Day?

POLICE RICK 4
Calendar only said it's Yom Kippur.

POLICE RICK 3
Baruch atah I dunno bout this ship.

They jetpack towards it. Rick fumes, looking between Beth and where the ship landed, choosing the ship.

EXT. CITADEL OF RICKS - JUST OUTSIDE MAIN QUARTER - EVENING

Morty gets out of the ship, brushing himself off, as the two Police Ricks surround him, guns trained.

POLICE RICK 3
Declare your dimension of --

Morty spins with a laser pistol, killing Police Rick 3. Rick rushes in, shooting and killing Police Rick 4.

RICK
Morty, you fucking idiot! You're
not supposed to be here!

MORTY
Unless we changed it to just Rick,
you're not giving me the unplugged
controller to play with! So talk!

Rick stares, enraged, but recognizes Morty's not leaving.

RICK

Okay. Look. I know *everything* -- ninety-ten percent of the time. If there *was* something I plucked out, it was because I didn't want myself to intervene -- which means I *should* because I'm a fucking asshole. I shouldn't be here, which means you *really* shouldn't, and Beth *REALLY* shouldn't. Understood?

MORTY

You... You tell me what's going on with my mom, Rick! Tell me now!

RICK

I don't *KNOW*! That... That thing on the TV, it... I've seen it before.

MORTY

Million Ants' ass?

RICK

No! Birth! The thing that was destroying the Citadel!

MORTY

(beat; frowning)
What are you talking about?

RICK

I'm saying... *Fine*.

Rick reaches into the ship, pulling out two laser rifles.

RICK

Because under no circumstances are you and I to let the Citadel abduct my daughter.

INT. CITADEL CORE - PRESIDENT'S LOBBY - LATER

The Police Ricks toss the handcuffed Beth down on a chair in a waiting area outside the President's Quarters.

POLICE RICK 1

If you try to run, we're gonna torture you like you can't imagine.

POLICE RICK 2

You can't threaten her with something she can't imagine because then she can't imagine it!

The Police Ricks go to exit.

POLICE RICK 1
All right, we need to address a
confrontational work ethic.

The doors close, leaving Beth alone. There are little squeaks outside the window, and Beth sees the Geo tapping the glass.

BETH
Little thing! Uh... Name...?

Beth thinks as the Geo taps the glass.

BETH
Huh, you'd figure by naming
children after a season and a typo
I'd be kinda quicker at this...
(struggling with her cuffs)
Uh! Key? Yuck, that's kinda dopey.

The newly christened KEY keeps tapping.

BETH
Okay... Key...? See a way out?

Beth wanders the room and Key screams.

BETH
What? What are you...?

Beth wanders closer to an area and Key gets louder. Beth goes to a potted plant, to which Key shrieks. Beth reaches into it, finding and pulling out a laser pistol. Beth gasps.

BETH
What in the...?

Beth thinks, then shoots through her cuffs, separating them.

POLICE RICK 2 (O.C.)
What's going on in there?

POLICE RICK 1 (O.C.)
Nothing! Sometimes it's nothing!

Beth quickly shoots the window then hides behind the chair. Key dives in through the blasted hole as the Police Ricks run in, guns drawn. They see the broken glass, then window.

POLICE RICK 2
(into walkie talkie)
Woah! Calling all Ricks! Our
captured Beth pulled a Matrix!
(MORE)

POLICE RICK 2 (CONT'D)
Like the early scene where Keanu
walks out the window -- I'm saying
she went out the window!

POLICE RICK 1
(re: Key)
The hell is that?

Meanwhile, Beth, not able to see without poking her head out,
aims the pistol blindly. Key screams accordingly to warn
Police Rick 2 as Beth adjusts her pointing.

POLICE RICK 2
Suspect is Beth's height, with
Beth's hair color --

Key shrieks and Beth fires, killing Police Rick 2. Quickly,
she blindly repoints. Key shrieks, Beth fires, Police Rick 1
dies. Key is silent, so Beth peeks around the corner.

BETH
Ohhhhhhh boy.

INT. CITADEL CORE - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Grabbing a rifle from a Police Rick corpse, Beth stalks down
the hallway. Key rushes ahead of her, screaming around a
corner: Beth halts, then changes course. Key rushes back to
get ahead of her again, but stays silent: Beth goes that way.

INT. CITADEL CORE - DIFFERENT HALLWAY - SAME TIME

Rick and Morty have just shot through a room of Police Ricks.
Morty is kneeling, listening to the walkie talkie.

MORTY
Mom escaped out a window!?

RICK
What?! Where?!

MORTY
President's Lobby!

RICK
Oh, good! Am I finally gonna meet
this little asshole?

More Police Ricks rush in, another firefight erupting. Lasers
slam back and forth as Rick and Morty go for cover. A laser
nails Morty in the shoulder.

RICK
MORTY!

MORTY
ARGHH!

Rick taps his breast pocket, turning on a forcefield for him and Morty. Rick throws his lab coat on Morty.

LAB COAT (V.O.)
Dispensing morphine.

MORTY
Oooo.

The room fills with more Police Ricks, all aiming at the forcefield, waiting for it to go down.

Key flies in, singing its haunting note above a Police Rick. They all frown as Key sings louder and louder, then shrieks. *BZZT!* A laser slings through the wall, nailing the Police Rick. Key flies around shrieking, lasers blasting through the wall every time it does.

INT. CITADEL CORE - DRAMATIC SPOT - SAME TIME

Something like the nice long fall at the end of *The Empire Strikes Back*. Beth crouches on the bridge, aiming at a wall full of holes, moving the gun and listening. When a shriek happens, Beth fires, clearly not even looking where the gun is aimed. She winces, stretching her leg.

After a few shots, the shrieking stops. Beth surveys her rifle all around the perimeter. No shrieks. She walks.

INT. CITADEL CORE - DIFFERENT HALLWAY - SAME TIME

The room cleared, a confused Rick turns off the forcefield. He rushes out of the room as Morty moans in pain.

INT. CITADEL CORE - DRAMATIC SPOT - CONTINUOUS

Rick arrives, seeing Beth. She aims the rifle, Key singing.

RICK
(hands up)
Woah! Sweetie, it's me! I'm the
real Rick!

Beth stares, but doesn't point the gun away. Beat.

BETH
Am I the real Beth?

Rick frowns, not understanding.

BETH
That person from the newscast...
That was the real Beth, wasn't it?

RICK
What are you...? *What?*

BETH
You'd kill a clone if it found out.
That's what you said to me.

RICK
Sweetie... It was interdimensional
cable! Before that was Terminator
8: He Wasn't Back Furlong!

BETH
The Citadel has the Ricks from all
the dimensions! So that broadcast
went out to all of them! From right
here! From where the real Beth was!

Rick glares, shaking his head.

RICK
This is stupid. You are my
daughter. And you're being stupid.

BETH
Daughter of the smartest man in the
universe probably wouldn't do that.

RICK
Never claimed to be a perfect dad.

BETH
Nobody's a perfect dad; you were
just bad! No! Jon Voight was bad;
you don't qualify for bad because
at least that's a participation
ribbon! And... that... isn't why
I'm here! I know I'm a clone!

Rick sighs. Beat.

RICK
Beth, if I'd been in your life,
you'd have turned out like me.

BETH

That's not what we're...!

(beat)

That's why you left? To make sure
there wasn't another you? You're
only god of the universe if you're
the *only* god of the universe?

Morty enters, leaning on the entrance, still a bit dazed.

MORTY

What's going...?

Neither Rick nor Beth notice Morty.

BETH

I'm *not* stupid. I know what I am. I
know what you're gonna do to me.

Beth concentrates her rifle, Key getting louder.

RICK

Beth... Stop aiming a gun at me.
Don't make me do it.

BETH

Oh, you'd just replace me like you
did your last one! Or like you did
the Cronenberg'd one! And I...
(aiming down the sight)
Won't let you get rid of me again!

Key's singing gets louder as Beth tightens her aim and shuts
her eyes, tears falling. Rick bites his lip.

Key shrieks. Rick fires his portal gun right before Beth
fires her rifle. Beth falls in and her shot misses.

Morty shakes his head awake, coming to.

MORTY

Mom...? *MOM!*

Morty rushes to the portal as it closes.

MORTY

What...?! What just happened?!
Where'd you send her?!

Rick doesn't answer.

MORTY

RICK! Where is she!?!?

Rick can't respond. He takes a breath.

RICK
(quiet)
It wasn't your mom.

MORTY
What are you talking about?!

Rick can hardly say anything.

MORTY
Rick, what are you --

RICK
That... was the clone. That wasn't
your mom. Don't worry about it.

Morty can't believe him. He aims his rifle at Rick.

MORTY
You... Rick! Tell me the truth!

RICK
(voice cracking)
It wasn't the real *BETH*!!!

Morty stares. He drops his rifle, then falls to his knees.
Key zooms out of the room.

MORTY
What did you do...?

RICK
(beat; struggling)
She'd never stop. If I just sent
her home, she'd be holding a gun at
home. She'd never stop holding one.

The two stare at the spot on the bridge where the portal was.

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - KITCHEN - NIGHT

Jerry feeds the Clone Rick spinach, doing airplane noises.

CLONE RICK
(chewing)
I'm weak, not a toddler.

JERRY
(disappointed)
I know.

Rick and Morty enter, the two somber.

JERRY
(re: Clone Rick; excited)
He from a spinach loving dimension?

RICK
No: he's a clone, he grows me an
unpickled liver every couple
months, and now he's useless.

Rick points his laser pistol at Clone Rick. Beat.

Rick drops the pistol. He pulls out his portal gun, dropping
it too. He stares at them on the floor. He exits.

Beat. Morty picks up the portal gun, looking through it.

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - RICK'S GARAGE - MOMENTS LATER

Rick pulls out a bottle of vodka, a cleaver, and a Meeseeks
box. He sits, drinking, then hits the Meeseeks button. A
MEESEEEKS poofs into existence.

MEESEEEKS
I'm Mr. Meeseeks! Look at me!

Rick drinks more. He burps.

RICK
Have you ever...?

Rick stares at the waiting Meeseeks.

RICK
Destroy a part of yourself.

The Meeseeks grabs the cleaver, severing its arm off. It
screams in pain, then poofs out of existence. Rick stares,
then hits the button again.

MEESEEEKS 2
(appearing)
I'm Mr. Meeseeks!

RICK
Destroy a part of yourself.

The Meeseeks grabs the cleaver, hitting itself in the chest.
It gurgles white blood, falling against a shelf. A bowling
ball falls off the shelf and hits it in the head.

RICK
 (chuckling)
 Like The Naked Gun! Like the, the
 Naked, one with, the second one!

The Meeseeks vanishes and Rick hits the button again. A new Meeseeks. Rick takes a swig from the vodka and groans.

RICK
 Destroy a... part of... yourself.

The Meeseeks grabs the cleaver. Rick isn't even watching now.

EXT. FIERY POPCORN DIMENSION - FIRETIME

It's a fun and silly dimension full of fire and whimsical fire creatures. A portal opens and Morty walks out. He's horrified, re-checking the coordinates on the portal gun.

FIRE CREATURE 1
 (silly voice)
 Well, hey there! You're not a bag
 of popcorn! Hyuck hyuck!

MORTY
 What is this place?!

FIRE CREATURE 2
 We pop the popcorn for Rick!

MORTY
 NO...! What'd you do to her?!
 (gripping Creature's cuff;
 immediately releasing)
 Oh! Hot! HOT!

FIRE CREATURE 2
 Who? Would you like your bag
 popped? That isn't being sexual
 towards a child. It's popcorn!

Morty shoots a portal and water floods out of it. He fumes in pure wrath as the water fills the dimension, slaughtering.

FIRE CREATURE 2
 NOOOO!

FIRE CREATURE 1
 Morty...! Hyuck... Hyuck...!

MORTY
 You... killed my fucking mom.

Morty falls to his knees as the water comes to his chest, the fire creatures steaming out to their deaths.

FIRE CREATURE 1
Beth...?! She... was never...!
Hyuck... Hyu...!

The last Fire Creature dies.

INT. DARK ROOM - SAME TIME

Beth wakes up in a dark room to the gentle melody of Key. She gasps, grabbing her rifle. She hears Key moving and spins: President Morty stands by himself. Beth frowns. Beat.

PRESIDENT MORTY
You and I have something in common:
we were both made by a Rick.

Beat. Beth lowers the rifle but keeps it near. President Morty pulls at his eye, showing his cybernetic wires and flashing lights in his head. Beth stares.

BETH
I'm a machine?

Beat. Birth comes from the shadows, Beth aiming her gun. Seeing who it is, Beth sighs, nodding.

PRESIDENT MORTY
No: you're the real Beth.

Birth opens up: hollow inside. A robotic suit. Beth frowns.

PRESIDENT MORTY
Never the Adventures of Rick and Beth. Why? Why not his daughter? When you were so much more capable than a Morty...? Cuz you actually rival him. Adventures of Beth and Rick. Even just Adventures of Beth.

Beth stares.

BETH
Who are you?

PRESIDENT MORTY
I promise I'll tell you eventually. For now, you either get inside this kickballs suit that'll make you the heroine Rick never taught you to be, or you go back.

A door's opened by a Police Rick silhouette. Light bleeds in.

PRESIDENT MORTY
Trial and error.

President Morty exits. Beth stares at the Birth suit. She approaches it, investigating, as Key makes a squeak.

EXT. CITADEL CORE - PRESIDENT'S BALCONY - DAWN

Sunrise peeks over the horizon as President Morty and his RIGHT-HAND RICK wait on the balcony. Birth enters, permanently accompanied by Key.

PRESIDENT MORTY
The suit will teach you combat
skills at increasing difficulty,
but the interstellar flying feature
is designed to be intuitive.

Birth stares at him, then activates jet boots. She looks at them for a moment before blasting off into space. President Morty and Right-Hand Rick watch her go.

RIGHT-HAND RICK
Sir... I get spending the last of
the money we raised to rebuild the
Citadel on portal gun hacking
technology, but... that?

President Morty listens to Key getting quieter and quieter.

PRESIDENT MORTY
A Rick shoots himself in the head.
What killed the Rick? The trigger?
The firing pin? The hammer?

RIGHT-HAND RICK
The Rick.

PRESIDENT MORTY
A logician would say the bullet.
But that's the problem: your finger
becomes puppet master to the
world's fastest puppet.

EXT. SPACE - SAME TIME

Birth soars through the cosmos.

PRESIDENT MORTY (V.O.)
But what happens if you build a
bullet that doesn't move that fast?
Say, it actually takes ten years?
It'd be easier to fire.

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - RICK'S GARAGE - SAME TIME

Rick lies on the floor while covered in vodka as a screaming
Meeseeks lies next to him while covered in white blood.

PRESIDENT MORTY (V.O.)
At the end of a decade you either
threw a going away party or forgot,
but regardless: it arrives.

EXT. CITADEL CORE - PRESIDENT'S BALCONY - SAME TIME

President Morty remains staring at where Birth had flown.

PRESIDENT MORTY
Only then it's a lot harder to
remember a Rick pulled the trigger.

Right-Hand Rick processes, a bit confused.

RIGHT-HAND RICK
I... Okay. Dark. Big fan, sir. But
why did we spend all that money?

President Morty nods and smiles.

PRESIDENT MORTY
Do something about that face scar.
You look like you start STDs.

President Morty exits the balcony. For The Damaged Coda
begins, sung by a choir of Geos.

END OF ACT TWO

POST CREDITS

INT. SMITH HOUSEHOLD - LIVING ROOM - MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

An exhausted Jerry feeds an exhausted Clone Rick more spinach. There are dozens of empty cans around.

JERRY

Can we just... go to bed...?

CLONE RICK

No... I can't do it myself, Jerry.
If... If I don't get iron...
I'll... wither away...

Jerry holds up the fork, but collapses, falling asleep.

Clone Rick tries to grasp the fork, but can't muster the strength. He releases, head falling back against the chair.

CLONE RICK

So... This is death... The...
requiem for but a copy of a --

JOSHUA enters in a bath towel, seeing Clone Rick.

JOSHUA

Whaddup! I'm Joshua! I don't do
drugs cuz I sell my pee!

CLONE RICK

Oh! Please! Feed me the --

JOSHUA

Oh! Green! I love green!

Joshua grabs the spinach can and fork, eating as he exits.

JOSHUA

Green! Like Poopy the Sailor Moon!

Beat.

CLONE RICK

Fuck.

END OF EPISODE