

Show no Fear

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Raven is gifted with great power. Throughout her life as a Teen Titan member, she has done great deeds with them. But now that they have faced the Scarecrow, something has gone awry with Raven. Something so terrible she could destroy the entire city... along with the Titans.

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1 - The Scarecrow

Show no Fear 9:00 P.M: Bank outside of Jump City

A security guard sits near the counter, reading comics, still keeping an eye out for trouble. The night is rather calm for a prairie. There is no cricket chirping, no wind, and the moon is full. The security guard is about to drink the last of his cup of coffee when the wall in front of him explodes and knocks him backwards. As he regains consciousness, he spots through the cloud of dust a tall, black thin figure, slowly approaching.

-Freeze, I am an officer of the law. Then, the figure speaks in a deep, dried voice.

-And I'm your worse nightmare. Then another, red coloured gas escapes, which the officer inhales. He coughs, trying to get air. But he literally stops breathing as he notices a flock of cobras surrounding his feet. A piercing cry escapes from his mouth and he falls in shock. But the figure walks by him, as there are no real snakes anywhere. From the counter he grabs keys and opens the safe.

-I won the scaring contest, and I shall gain my prize. But as he reaches for the loot, a boomerang hits his hand and flies back behind. The figure moans and looks back at the hole in the wall. It's the Teen Titans. Robin moves forward:

-You have been disqualified Scarecrow, the trophies staying.

-Well well, if it isn't pigeon head and his little tea party pals.

Cyborg reaches for Robin's ear: -You know this wacko?

-We go way back. You were supposed to be locked away in Arkham Scarecrow. How did you escape?

Then Starfire flies past them and says: -Enough with the talking, we shall search for answers after.

-Titans go! Beast Boy, Cyborg and Robin charge (without thinking) at full speed towards the Scarecrow, but the villain deploys a snake shaped whip and knocks them to their knees. Beast Boy gets back to his feet looking uncomfortable:

-Dude, did you skin that snake. He then changes into a wolf and charges again. After all his battles with Robin, Scarecrow has well known how to dodge repetitive attacks. The fiend grabs Beast Boy's jaws and stuffs them with a spider toy.

-Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? Beast Boy literally chokes, but changes to a tiger and "hair balls" the toy out. Starfire flies from behind and throw star bolts at the Scarecrow. In a reflex action, Scarecrow makes several back flips, heading right for Cyborg's punch. Cyborg nearly strikes him but misses, and is tossed to Starfire (Scarecrow used some kind of upper cut there with his legs; I'll draw a picture later).

Agile Starfire, flies under Cyborg and shoots more bolts from her eyes, a direct hit to Scarecrow. But the villain remains to his feet and throws a flock of bats from his pockets to Starfire who desperately tries to cover her head from the animals. Scarecrow listens to Starfire's cries:

-Aaah music to my ears.

-Pay attention to this! Raven sneaks from behind Scarecrow holding out her hands.

-Azerath Methr... The Scarecrow grabs Raven's cloak and turns it around her. Then he hits her in the stomach, and Raven hits the wall of bricks. He looks behind and sees that the other titans are heading straight for him. Knowing he won't keep up much longer, the Scarecrow throws a grenade to the ground which lets out a thick sheet of gas. So thick is that gas that the Titans stop dead in their tracks and must cover their mouths.

Robin looks back: -Beast Boy, blow this stuff away. Beast Boy changes into a Pterodactyl and with mighty flaps from his wings blows away the smoke. The Scarecrow is gone.

-Where did he go? Cyborg asks.

Robin looks back to the hole in the wall.-He's trying to hide in the corn field! Titans, after him.But before anyone could move a muscle, they spot Raven getting up, moaning. Then:

-My cloak, it's gone.Starfire comes up:-The Scarecrow must have taken it.

Robin follows:-That wound looks bad Raven, you should stay here.

-I won't. He has my cloak.Raven gets up and flies quickly away, too fast for anyone to stop here. Robin petrified by her reaction can only call her name.

Beast Boy walks by Robin and asks:-What's with the cloak?

-We'll ask questions later, but we have to stop her before things get worse. Titans move! And the Titans run through the opening into the Cornfield.

2 - Stalking through the Corn

9:15 P.M: Cornfield.

Raven is about a mile away from her comrades, floating above the corn. There are Scarecrows all over the place, but only one can be real.

-This is ridiculous. Using her telekinetic powers, Raven tears off kilograms of corn from the soil, desperate to find the Scarecrow. Then a familiar voice crackles from behind.

-Hey kid, looking for this? the Scarecrow presents Raven's cloak. Raven's eyes glow white and flies at maximum speed towards the Scarecrow. Fatal mistake: the Scarecrow at Raven's face is a powdered sponge which blinds her. Then he jumps from his perch and Raven crashes into it, knocking her unconscious.

-Oh what a stunt, you might have to settle for the bronze. And Scarecrow makes his escape into the night. Then the titans find Raven on the ground still unconscious.

-Raven, no! Cyborg holds his scanner above Raven's forehead:

-She's alive, but she's suffered quite some injuries to her back and head. She needs medical care. Robin doesn't hesitate:

-Starfire, bring Raven back to the tower. Fly fast but carefully. Everyone else, we're going after the Scarecrow. Beast Boy, try to find his scent.

-No problem dude, he left evidence. Beast Boy approaches the sponge that was hurled at Raven, but Robin quickly grabs Beast Boy back before he transforms.

-Don't inhale it; there may be fear toxins on those.

Beast Boy thinks a few seconds: -How do you know... oh right, long time ago. Robin looks back at the sponge:

-What is this doing here? (Pause) Oh no.

3 - Emotional Mayhem

8:00 A.M: Titans Tower Starfire is at Raven's side in the same room where Robin was kept in "Haunted". The Cardio meter beeps in the quiet room. Then the rest of the Titans enter the room through the slide door. Starfire turns around and approaches:

-Have you caught the Scarecrow?

Cyborg looks away:-Guy vanished. He must've had a vehicle waiting somewhere.

Beast Boy then approaches Raven and looks down at her:-How is she doing?

-Raven has not wakened up yet. I fear her head may have suffered quite some damage.

Robin then takes a Q-tip and brushes it on Raven's nose. He collects a strange powder and puts it in the analyser. Within seconds, the results come out as a recite. As Robin reads the result:

-Friends, Raven has awakened.

Raven has indeed woken up and looks around her. Then Robin has realised the worse:

-Titans, stay away from her!

Cyborg does not understand:-Yo man, what are you talking about?

But Robin had the rights to fear the situation. Thus Raven has inhaled a fear toxin from the sponge that the Scarecrow threw at her. Through her eyes, nothing was the same. She was in a dungeon, surrounded by strange demons, and her father Trigon. Though they were in reality the Titans, she couldn't tell them apart. Ravens eyes grew bright and her clothes turned yellow.

-Stay away from me! Stay back! Raven was out of control. Her powers driven by the fear started to tear apart the room. Glass shattered in all directions and sparks flew from the walls. Robin knew that if Raven would not calm down, she could destroy the entire city.

-Starfire, Cyborg, take her down.

Both Titans grabbed Raven by her arms, only to be shot backwards into the walls. The walls were still sparking, and fissures started to appear. Robin hesitates, but grabs something out of his belt, and aimed at Raven:

-This is for your own good Raven.

Robin shoots a tranquiliser into Raven's neck, and she fell to the ground, unconscious again. The Titans got up and the room got quiet once more. They brought Raven back to the room where she was kept to safety from Slade and Trigon's minions (see episode: The End part 1). She was tied up in chains to the wall, not the perfect sight for the titans.

-Please, must we tie her up this way? Asked Starfire.

-Raven has inhaled a dose of fear toxin from her Scarecrow. And now she is under permanent fear, everything she sees is whatever petrifies her. I was able to give her some tranquiliser to keep her asleep, but it won't last long.

Beast Boy asked:-How much time?

Robin made the calculations and replied:-An hour, two at the most.

Everyone was stunned; it's only a matter of time until everything starts all over again.

-Ok then, what do we do to pass the time? Cyborg joked.

-Well here's where some relief comes. Scarecrow is really dumb; he surely has the antidote with him, probably waiting for a ransom. But he's going to regret all he did. Robin answered.

-Big time! Beast Boy followed. So where do we find this Scarecrow?

-I can only theorise, but I have a good idea where.

Robin rushed out of the room into the living room, and everyone followed. On the computer, Robin

opened a file with a picture of the remains of Professor Chang's laboratory.

-There he is.

-Robin, how are you so sure the Scarecrow dwells there. Starfire questioned.

-It is the nearest laboratory to the bank in the cornfields. And the rocks in that cliff contain several elements which he could use for his potions.

-Dude, next time, use simple words. Beast Boy complained.

-Yeah, BB has the brain the size of a bird's! Cyborg joked.

-Titans go! As everyone leaves through the door, Starfire grabs Robin's shoulder.

-Robin, I wish to stay here with Raven. She is defenseless.

-Starfire, you are aware that you are putting yourself in danger. She could tear the tower apart.

-Robin, Raven is still our friend. I could not fight knowing she is alone. Robin remains speechless for a while:

-Take care of yourself Starfire. They hugged, and then went their separate ways.

4 - Grab n' Go Antidote

9:15 A.M: Scarecrow lair September 21st [the first day of autumn].

The Titans finally reached the laboratory. It took them an hour to get there, so they have to find the antidote quickly if they want to return before Raven does anymore damage. It was cloudy outside and relatively dark. Cyborg took out his shoulder flashlight and looked around:

-Ok, now that we're here, how do we get in?

Robin moved towards a flat rock and pushed it. It revealed a secret hallway, undamaged.

-You have forgotten guys, I've been here before.

The three of them ran inside, down a long, sinister corridor. It was dark inside, there were no lights, Cyborg was the only source of visibility. Then Beast Boy fell to the ground, moaning about his bootie hurting. Robin got to his knees and picked up a test-tube (which BB slipped on), inside it were little drop of a coloured chemical.

-We're here. Robin declared.

-And you're a little early; I was not expecting you for a while. Echoed a dark voice.

-Scarecrow, reveal yourself.

There was a pause. Water drips could be heard close by.

-I'm right here! Scarecrow sneaked behind the Titans and knocked Robin to the floor. Cyborg diploid his arm weapon, but could not get a fix on the quick villain. The Scarecrow climbed on a perch which resembles a ship's crow's nest.

-You boys are early for Halloween, but I'm gonna give you your candy anyway.

He threw cherry bombs and sends the Titans flying. In mid air, Beast Boy turned into a hawk, flew above the Scarecrow's head. Before he could do anything, Beast Boy turned into a Mammoth and knocked the Scarecrow back to ground level. A capsule fell from his hand towards Cyborg. He picked it up and deployed his analyser.

-Robin, the chemicals in this pill are somewhat equal to those on the sponge. I bet this is the antidote.

Robin showed quick relief on his face and gave the order:

-Titans fall back.

As the Titans retreated, Scarecrow made an attempt to get up but Beast Boy who has tuned into a lion jump on his back and made his escape.

-Have a nice fall.

Scarecrow grew angrier at the minute. He could not admit defeat to a group of teenagers. He limped towards a large shadow:

-Muahahahahahahahaha!

5 - Shock

9:48 A.M: Downtown Jump City

Robin was driving his motorcycle, Cyborg and Beast Boy in the T Car, both high above the speed limit. But they could not deal with the law now, there was much more to worry about.

-There's the tower! Come on team, we're almost there!

But just as relief and satisfaction grew among the boys, an explosion knocked Robin off his vehicle and on the road. Robin tumbled down the street several times before crashing into a street light. He was badly wounded, he was conscious but could not get up, and he was in pain. He realised in shock that the pill has flew out his belt and is rolling towards a sewer hole. Then the T Car pulled over and out came Cyborg and Beast Boy.

-Yo Robin, you ok?

-The antidote!

But it was too late. The capsule fell down into the sewers and dissolved in the filthy waters. The Titans were in great shock, a shock never felt in their lives. Their one chance to save Raven from her own destruction has gone with the flow. They looked above their shoulder and spotted the Scarecrow in command of a well armed military helicopter. The villain grabbed a microphone and yelled:

-You have attempted to ruin my plans for the last time Robin! And now you will face the ultimate price. A first class seat inside the grave!

The Scarecrow pressed a red button and deployed two missiles.

6 - You must win this fight

50 A.M: Titans Tower Starfire is lying beside Raven, anxious for her friends to return fast. She fears that the choice she makes might cost her life. She then got up and placed her hand on Raven's forehead, looking for signs of a fever. Suddenly, Raven started to glow very brightly like a sun, blinding Starfire, who was then transported inside Raven's mind. Starfire opened her eyes to see a dark Raven meditating. The background echoes Raven's spell (Azerath Metrion Zinthos). Then Raven spoke:-Starfire?-Raven! Are you undamaged?-My powers Starfire, they're out of control. I can't control them.-Fear not Raven, Robin and the boys are gonna return with an antidote, you will be cured anytime now.-They're not going to make it.-What?-I can still sense them. They have been attacked by the Scarecrow. The Antidote was destroyed.-(gasp) Then you must try to free yourself!-I can't, the fear, it's too powerful. I cannot fight it.-Friend, you once said that we could not defeat Trigon. And we have, thanks to you.-But this is nothing like Trigon. This time it's something within me.-I know you can fight it, you are a great fighter.-I'm trying, it's too powerful.-Then take some of my energy, reinforce yourself and win this fight.A green glow escaped from Starfire's eyes into Raven's. As Raven became more powerful, the entire dimension collapse and Starfire fell into an abyss. She later woke up on the floor, weakened by the experience. She could hear a voice saying:-Rest now, I owe someone a little visit...

7 - The final showdown

:00 A.M: Downtown Jump City Beast Boy and Cyborg were running away from the Scarecrow, carrying the injured Robin. Scarecrow kept firing missiles at them.-Dude's gone mad! Yelled Cyborg.They came across an three way intersection.-Split up!Cyborg and Beast Boy went their separate ways, but the Scarecrow doesn't hesitate, and rather follows Cyborg and Robin. He set the missile aim line from 45 to 60° and fired at a parking lot. The explosion of all the vehicles knocked back Cyborg. When the smoke cleared, Cyborg realised his energy is dropping.-I really could use Raven's shields by now.The helicopter lowered a bit directly above their heads. The Scarecrow took back the microphone:-It's rather shameful to see how weak you became with the loss of your partner Robin. You and the caped crusader may be a fair game, but alone, you are nothing.Then a voice came from the direction of the tower.-He is not alone!Raven has regained consciousness, she has regained control of her emotion and is now using it to fight.-You again? Bah, I'll deal with you now and take out the pigeon later.Scarecrow deployed four missiles and aimed for Raven. Cyborg saw the danger:-Raven, get out of the way!Cyborg tried to blast the missiles with his arm cannon but his computer kept him back:-Warning, energy level dropping, must conserve energy.Cyborg could only obey and watch.-So long witch! Scarecrow fired the missiles heading directly towards Raven. But surprise, glowing bright, Raven turned the missiles into dust without even touching them. Her energy is so great. She flew towards the helicopter as Scarecrow attempted to fire more missiles, but the stock was out.-Uh oh.Raven held a black energy in her arms and threw it at the helicopter. It blew up in pieces and Scarecrow fell down through a tree, then to the ground to be covered with rotten apples.The explosion woke up Robin as he realised the presence of Raven.-Don't worry, I think she's cured. Cyborg explain.Raven flew towards the Scarecrow, who got up fast and tried to make his escape. But he blundered into elephant Beast Boy who knocked him back. Finally defeated, the fight was over.Starfire flew to the group and helped Robin up.-Thanks for saving us Raven.-You go girl!-Don't thank me; thank Starfire for helping me gaining control again.Starfire smiled. Robin got to his feet again.-Good job Starfire, good job everyone. You all did great! How bout we head for some pizza: the ideal toppings for each one of us. it's on me!Everyone cheered. Then Cyborg came up.-First things first, there's a couple of hours left till lunch, I need to get recharge and I think someone's mommy needs to see his naughty lil' boy again.He pointed at the Scarecrow lying on the ground mumbling words.

8 - Epilogue

00 P.M: Titans Tower Raven was sitting near the water, watching the sun set. A voice came from behind her.-Raven?It was Beast Boy-Beast Boy.-You alright?-Yeah. I just wish I still had my cloak back. I couldn't find it.-Well lookee here, I got something for you.Beast Boy handed Raven her cloak. Raven's eyes glittered slightly. Her trembling hands took the cloak.-Where did you find it?-Well you were right; Scarecrow did take it from you. I went back to the lab after we send him back to Arkham.-So that's why you weren't at the Pizza place. But you know, we did order a vegetarian there.-Yeah but you've been much more supportive these days so I thought I'd do you a favour instead.Raven giggled a bit and put the cloak back on her.-Raven, I'm not saying that cloak is ugly or anything, but what is so special about it?-You don't remember?-I guess not.-This is the cloak you gave me for my birthday last year. See, you wrote your name on the bottom. You must have figured out that my other cloaks were getting too small so you bought me a new one of high quality.-oh... yeah. I knew that.-Your sweet, I know you didn't mean no harm. She hugged him.-You know Raven, I think this would be the start of a beautiful friendship.