

ATOMIC BETTY

"THE DUCK THAT ATE THE UNIVERSE"

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EXT. MOOSE JAW HEIGHTS - DAY

BETTY and NOAH play a game of hoops on her driveway. Noah clumsily dribbles the ball as he approaches the net.

His eyes widen with anticipation.

Betty pumps her fist in encouragement.

NOAH

Uhh...

BETTY

Come on, just throw it the way I showed you!

Noah jumps into the air as high as he can, which isn't very far, and throws the ball, too hard. The ball hits the backboard and flies straight into Noah's face. With a rough crash, Noah lands on the ground. He quickly sits up, bewildered.

NOAH (COMICAL GROAN)

Duh!

BETTY

Oh, Noah! Are you okay?

NOAH

I'm okay, but my pride may never recover.

MOM (V.O.)

Betty! Yoo-hoo!

BETTY

Yes Mom!

Betty's MOTHER emerges from the front door holding her hands out at length.

MOM

Betty there you are! All the cooking is done for the party tonight, but I simply must get my hair done! The kitchen needs cleaning, and I simply can't do both, not with these nails, that is!!

Mother blows on her freshly painted fingernails. She makes her way to the car and gently opens the door.

Betty slumps, annoyed, as the car door SLAMS shut.

MOM (V.O.)
Oh, and make sure you're done by
the time I get back!!

BETTY
Rotten luck! Sorry Noah, looks
like I've got chores to do.

Noah and Betty watch the car leave. Suddenly Noah gets an
idea.

NOAH
Well, why don't I help! If we both
clean the kitchen, it'll get done
in half the time!

BETTY
Okay. If you say so?!

INT. BETTY'S KITCHEN - DAY

Every surface in the kitchen is covered with dirty pots,
pans, and spoons and spatulas. Scraps of food are littered
everywhere.

BETTY
Oh! This is gonna take forever!

NOAH
Forever split between us will just
be a long time.

Suddenly Betty's bracelet rings. She covers it with her hand
to muffle the sound. Betty looks around frantically for an
excuse to leave. She grabs an arm-load of pans covered in
burnt food.

BETTY
I'll go soak these in the tub!

Betty bolts out of the kitchen, knocking a spoon to the
floor, before Noah can say anything.

NOAH
Oh. Okay...

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Betty drops the pans in the tub with a loud CRASH! She holds
her arm out and the image of ADMIRAL DEGILL appears amid a
green beam of light coming from her bracelet.

ADMIRAL

Atomic Betty, we have an emergency
that needs your attention!

BETTY

Yes sir!

ADMIRAL

There's no time to lose. Maximus
I.Q. Has broken into Camp 99 in the
Gloopelian Nebula!

BETTY

What's Camp 99?

ADMIRAL

It's a secret base we hide the
Universe's most dangerous machines!

BETTY

Okay, I'll get right on it!
Beam me up!

EXT. BETTY'S HOUSE - DAY

Betty's Guardian spaceship hovers over the house, a beam
bursts up into the belly of the vessel, carrying Betty with
it, as she transforms into her Guardian uniform.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP - DAY

SPARKY to Betty, arriving on the bridge, and smiles. X-5
concentrates on the control panel.

SPARKY

Hi Captain!

X-5

Greetings Betty.

SPARKY

Where to?

BETTY

The Gloopelian Nebula and fast!
I've gotta get back in time to
clean the kitchen!

X-5 (SARCASTIC)

Sounds very exciting.

EXT. EARTH'S ORBIT

Betty's ship leaves Earth's orbit and streaks off into Hyperspace.

EXT. CAMP 99

Deep in a dark sector of space, Camp 99 rests, a large planetoid covered with jail doors and sealed vaults. The largest vault door is open, and out of it flies the THARBORIAN FIRE-DUCK, gargantuan mechanical rubber duck.

Suddenly the Galactic Guardian ship pops out of hyperspace.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP

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The three heroes are aghast at the monster, so vast it could eat asteroids whole! Betty notices the tiny shape of MAXIMUS' ship leading the creature's escape, but then suddenly takes off in another direction.

SPARKY

Ahh!! What is that?

X-5

It's a Tharborian Fire-Duck!

BETTY

Look! It's Maximus!

X-5

Indeed. But why is he leaving the duck behind?

SPARKY

Yeah! You'd think he'd be taking gargantuduck with him?!

EXT. CAMP 99

The Galactic Guardian ship slows as the Fire-Duck and Maximus' ship fly off in different directions.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP

Sparky turns to Betty.

SPARKY

Which one do we got after?

BETTY

We better go after the Fire-Duck!
It looks like it'll cause the most
damage!

SPARKY

Right-o Captain!

X-5

I think I'd feel better if we knew
where Maximus was going.

BETTY

Me too, do it X-5!

EXT. CAMP 99

The Guardian ship turns to follow the Fire-Duck, but before it's too late, a tiny pod shoots out of a gun port. The pod flies into the hull of Maximus' ship and attaches to it. A small light flashes on the device.

INT. MAXIMUS' SHIP

MAXIMUS I.Q. sits triumphantly in his command chair while MINIMUS flies the ship nervously.

MAXIMUS

Excellent! Betty has fallen for my
scheme! Now that she is off
chasing ducks, they won't be
watching me hatch a most devious
plan!!

Maximus LAUGHS maniacally.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP

A computer readout shows that Maximus' ship is now being tracked.

X-5

We have him Betty.

BETTY

Good! Sparky, follow that duck!

SPARKY

Rubber ducky, here I come!

BETTY

Oh, great. I sure hope Noah gave
up and went home.

INT. BETTY'S KITCHEN

Noah carefully walks towards the kitchen sink carrying a huge pile of pots and pans, trying not to spill the lot.

NOAH

Beeettyyy! You almost done
rinsing?

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The Tharborian Fire-Duck threatens planet Porkchop Prime. It is a planet of space pigs who squeel as they escape in spaceships. The Fire-Duck chomps away on the moon. Inside it's mouth is a massive churning vortex of nuclear fire. Bits of moon are incinerated inside it's sun-like core.

Betty's ship swoops in and begins firing rapid fire volleys of laser fire at the attacker.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP

Betty leans forward, intent on vanquishing the foe quickly.

BETTY

Keep firing! We've gotta get that
thing away from Pork Chop Prime!

X-5

I'm trying, but nothing seems to
have any effect.

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The Guardian ship keeps firing while skimming the surface of the titanic creature. Nearly as big as a planet, up close it's hard to see that it is a duck.

The creature turns it's head, and breathes a gout of nuclear fire at the Guardian ship.

Avoiding the blast of heat, they turn back and fire several missiles at it, but are as ineffective as the lasers were.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP

Betty grabs her head in frustration.

BETTY

Okay, now what! Nothing will stop that thing!

SPARKY

Don't fret Betty, I can dodge this thing forever!

Suddenly the ship shakes violently as Sparky tries dodging another blast of nuclear fire.

SPARKY (CONT'D)

Ah! Sorry!

BETTY

X-5 what can you tell me about that thing?

X-5

The entire core is a nuclear reactor. It needs to eat planets and moons to feed it, but with all that power, it's hard to imagine anything hurting it, except a force of equal power.

BETTY

Really? X-5, get me in contact with the Pork Chop Prime President!

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

Betty's ship veers from the Fire-Duck towards Pork Chop Prime.

The canopy of a passing ship fills the screen showing a space pig SQUEALING in fear.

WIPE TO:

EXT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN HEADQUARTERS

Galactic Guardian Headquarters sits casually in orbit, completely unaware that Maximus I.Q.'s spaceship has just docked with one of the service passages.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN HEADQUARTERS

Maximus and Minimus sit inside the glass head/body of a Galactic Security Robot. They are cramped and struggling to maintain control of the ungainly bot. At the other end of the hall stand real Security Robots.

MAXIMUS

Be silent, or we won't make it past the guards!

The guards pay them no mind as they walk past, and the doors slide shut behind.

MAXIMUS (CONT'D)

(Laughs)

In no time I will steal the KX-12 Thermocellulator, and I will be able to listen in on all Galactic Guardian Communications! With Atomic Betty fighting my Fire-Duck, no one can stop me! I will be all powerful!!!

Maximus LAUGHS maniacally.

WIPE TO:

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

Betty's Guardian ship hovers in orbit, next to an even larger, but more decrepid space barge.

PRESIDENT PORKER (V.O.)

Are you sure this will work?

INT. SPACE BARGE

Betty presses switches and buttons at the helm of the decrepid space barge's bridge. On the view-screen is PRESIDENT PORKER.

BETTY

It can't hurt to try!

The view-screen flickers to show X-5 and Sparky on the Guardian ship.

X-5

You're locked in and ready to beam back.

SPARKY
Be careful!

BETTY
Thanks!

The screen changes back to President Porker.

PRESIDENT PORKER
Good luck! All of Pork Chop Prime
is in your hands!
(Squeal)

Betty lifts the protective plate off a red button on the control panel.

BETTY
Okay! Time to save Pork Chop
Prime!

With a hard shove on the controls, the ship begins to shake and GROAN as the engines come to life.

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The space barge's engines shine with a blinding light and starts to lumber forth, towards the Tharborian Fire-Duck.

INT. SPACE BARGE

Betty turns the wheel, bringing the ship in line with the Duck's path.

Betty's eye's squint with determination.

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The space barge flies at the Duck from behind, skimming the surface of it's back, which streaks past at an incredible speed.

BETTY (V.O.)
Oh...

INT. SPACE BARGE

Betty tightens her grip on the wheel.

BETTY
...boy this is going to be close!

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The space barge flies straight over the Fire-Duck's shoulder, and out in front of it's head.

The Fire-Duck lifts it's head away from chomping on the moon to see what just flew past.

INT. SPACE BARGE

Betty turns hard on the wheel.

BETTY
(Groans)

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The space barge does a tight 180, turning around to fly straight into the nuclear cored mouth of the Fire-Duck, which opens to accept the tasty morsel. The mouth looms large, glowing brightly like the sun.

INT. SPACE BARGE

The bridge lights up from the nuclear light shining through the canopy. Her eyes grow wide the closer she gets. She takes one hand off the wheel and places it on the red button.

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The space barge enters the vast mouth of the Fire-Duck. The gigantic beak begins to close.

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP

Sparky begins to panic.

SPARKY
Betty, get out of there!

INT. SPACE BARGE

Betty's eyes squint from the blinding light flooding the bridge.

BETTY
Almost there!

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The Fire-Duck's giant beak snaps shut.

INT. SPACE BARGE

Betty prepares to press the button.

BETTY
Aaaaaaaaand! Now!

Betty presses the red over-ride button.

BETTY (CONT'D)
X-5! Get me out of here!!!

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP

Betty appears on the beaming pad and rushes to the bridge.

BETTY
Okay Sparky! Let's go!

SPARKY
You betcha!

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

Betty's ship shoots away from the Duck.

The Fire-Duck's eyes pop wide, and then with a loud BANG, it's cheeks pop out, as the space barge explodes inside. The cheeks shrink back to normal size, with smoke pouring past it's closed beak. The Duck comes over all nauseous.

FIRE-DUCK
(Groans)

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN SHIP

Betty, Sparky and X-5 lean back surprised.

X-5
Okay, that I did not expect.

SPARKY
It's, it's, got a...

BETTY
A stomach ache?!

EXT. PORKCHOP PRIME

The Fire-Duck floats away from Pork Chop Prime. The moon looks like a permanent New Moon. Betty's ship turns to face their adversary.

BETTY (V.O.)

There! One problem down, let's get the Fire-Duck back to Camp 99 so that we can deal with Maximus!

WIPE TO:

INT. BETTY'S KITCHEN

Noah stands at the kitchen sink scrubbing a rather stubborn pot. His eye twitches in suppressed frustration.

WIPE TO:

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN HEADQUARTERS

Galactic Guardian Headquarters sits casually in space, with Maximus' ship still docked.

MAXIMUS (V.O.)

(Maniacal laughter)

INT. GALACTIC GUARDIAN HEADQUARTERS

Maximus stands, still wearing the robot guard disguise, facing a huge machine with optical wires going in all directions. Routing all these wires is a huge machine with a glowing green orb in the centre. At his side is Minimus.

MAXIMUS (CONT'D)

Come to daddy!

Maximus reaches in and grabs the green orb, pulls it out and turns triumphant.

MAXIMUS (CONT'D)

The KX-12 Thermocellulator is mine to control! I will know where the Galactic Guardians will be at all times! No one can stop me!!!

(Maniacal Laughter)

MINIMUS

Uh, oh...

Maximus' laughter stops suddenly, and his smile drops like a brick. The doors to the communications room are open, and there stands Atomic Betty, Sparky and X-5.

BETTY

So that's what you were after!

SPARKY

I'd put that back if I were you!

MAXIMUS

Impossible! How could you have defeated the Tharborian Fire-Duck so quickly?

BETTY

Easy, I have the best crew in the galaxy.

Maximus and Minimus panic, fighting over the controls of their Robot disguise.

MAXIMUS

No, the other button! Quick!
Ouch! Don't shove!

MINIMUS

This one? How about this?
I'm trying! But I can't reach!

Betty raises her bracelet arm, and a laser gun pops out of it.

Beams of light shoot into the shoulders of Maximus' robot. The arms and the orb drop to the ground. Atomic Betty shoots past, delivering a powerful side kick to Maximus' robot leg. Betty lands in a crouch just behind.

BETTY (CONT'D)

Now this Robot is just the right size to fight!

Maximus tries to keep the robot aloft, but it begins to teeter. Minimus begins to panic.

MAXIMUS

Nooooo!!!

MINIMUS

Ahhh!!!

Betty grabs hold of the remaining leg and spins the thing around, throwing it into one of the nearby guard robots, and explodes. The armless/legless body bounces into space with Maximus and minimus still inside.

Sparky leaps to Betty's side, and X-5 hovers in and picks up the KX-12 Thermocellulator.

X-5
Great shot Betty!

SPARKY
Yeah, but all this action got me
all hungry!

X-5
How about some duck soup.

SPARKY
Ew!!

BETTY
No thanks! I've had enough
Barbecued Duck!

SPARKY
I'll stick with my worm sandwiches!

WIPE TO:

INT. BETTY'S KITCHEN

Noah finishes the last touches on the kitchen, which is by
now sparkling clean.

Betty bounces in carrying a huge pile of clean pots.

BETTY
Got the pots cleaned!
(Gasp)
Wow! You're the best! Thanks
Noah!

NOAH
No problem.

BETTY
Come on buddy, I owe you one. Let
me teach you how to play basketball
WITHOUT hitting yourself in the
face!

NOAH
Okay, but I'll never get the hang
of that game.

BETTY
The important thing is to have fun!
Right?

NOAH

Well, playing with you makes up for
a lot.

Noah straightens, not believing what he's just said.

NOAH (CONT'D)

I mean! I enjoy playing with you!
No... I mean I do! Uh... What
I'm trying to say is, friends! I
like friends.

Betty smiles.

BETTY

So do I, Noah. Come on, it's
payback time!

Betty tosses Noah the ball, who catches it, and they rush
outside.

FADE TO BLACK: