

BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE

“Singlehanded”

Beat Chart

Marty Isenberg

9/16/08

TEASER

- EARTH LOCATION TBD – Open in mid-battle: Ben/TBD Alien grapples with Energy Axe wielding Alien HAX – a self-proclaimed “finder and dealer of rare and precious items” – who wants the Omnitrix. Establish Hax has a TRACKER that can trace the Omnitrix’s energy signal.
- Omnitrix loses power/Alien Hero reverts to Ben, who scoffs: “lotsa luck getting it off my wrist”.
- Hax smiles: “I’ll deal with that problem later.” Brings his Energy Axe down on Ben’s wrist!
- WASH OF ENERGY dissipates. Ben is gone! Only his hand, wrist and Omnitrix remain. Hax scoops it up.

ACT ONE

- NULL VOID – REVEAL BEN on an asteroid (we can’t see his watch arm yet). “What happened? How’d I get here?”
- TBD NULL VOID ALIEN attacks. Ben instinctively goes to activate watch. Reveal his hand is missing! Ben freaks a bit, dodges attacking Alien. “I don’t get it. I can feel my hand, but where is it?”
- BACK TO TBD EARTH LOCATION WHERE WE LAST SAW BEN – Reveal Ben’s hand wriggling in an energy cage attached to Hax’s motorcycle-like spaceship as he blasts off.
- NULL VOID – Cornered by Alien, Ben balls his fist to fight.
- EARTH – Ben’s fist balls inside energy cage.
- NULL VOID/EARTH – CUT BACK AND FORTH as Ben battles Alien and Fist punches its way out of energy cage. Ben eludes the Alien threat via cleverness, then suddenly stops as he senses something from his missing hand...
- ...which is grabbed by Hax. Hand wriggles free, palms Hax like an Alien Face-Hugger (can we get away with an eye poke?), blinding Hax, who crashes space bike as hand leaps off to safety.
- NULL VOID – Ben: “I dunno what’s going on with ‘Lefty’, but he’s gonna need help!”
- PARK – Hand scrambles along grass, chased by a DOG. Hand scrambles up tree as dog barks/jumps, but can’t reach hand.
- REVEAL JULIE – in TENNIS COURT below, hitting balls from ball machine.
- Hand straddles/slides along thin branch, trying to reach Julie. Branch bends with weight. Hand is just about to reach Julie (who doesn’t see it yet), when...
- Dog leaps up and grabs hand in mouth. Runs off.

- NULL VOID – Ben is on the run as well, chased by a pack of VOLPIMANCERS (Wild Mutts). “This day just gets better and better. And why does my hand feel like dog slobber?”
- PARK – Dog runs to KIDS. “What you got there, boy?”
- NULL VOID – Ben hides from Volpimancers, who run past him, sniffing, but unable to find him.
- PARK – Kids in tug-of-war with Dog over hand/watch. “Drop it!”
- NULL VOID – Ben’s handless arm flails around from tug-of-war (while he tries to control it with his good hand ala *Dr. Strangelove*). Too late. The Volpimancers spot him.
- PARK – Kids win tug-of-war, see Watch. “Ooooooh...”
- NULL VOID – Ben dives into water and swims for his life to escape Volpimancers.
- PARK – Kids fiddle with watch and accidentally activate BIG CHILL. Hand turns to Big Chill hand. “Cool!”
- NULL VOID – Ben turns into Big Chill, accidentally FREEZES ENTIRE LAKE!
- Realizing he can now switch Aliens, Ben turns to SWAMPFIRE and melts ice.
- PARK – Ben’s hand, now Swampfire hand, shoots fire. Kids drop it like a hot potato and run like hell.
- NULL VOID – Swampfire battles Volpimancers. “What is it with dogs and trees anyway?” One rips off his (good) hand. But it regenerates. “Why can’t my OTHER hand do that?!”
- Swampfire turns into JETRAY, flies away from Volpimancers. Gets idea to find Max’s old hovel (as seen in “Voided”). Maybe there’s some Plumber tech there that can get him out of here.
- PARK – Jetray Hand scrambles up to Julie – now leaving tennis courts, racket in hand – and grabs her ankle. Julie freaks. Beats alien hand off with tennis racket.
- NULL VOID – Jetray feels beating, flies erratically, then reverts to Ben, having exhausted the Omnitrix. Plummets to certain doom...

ACT TWO

- NULL VOID – Ben plummets in space, only to be snatched by a FLYING ALIEN.
- PARK – Julie now recognizes Ben’s Hand/Watch. “<gasp!> What happened to Ben?!” Sees hand wriggling. Decides she’d better take it to Gwen and Kevin. Afraid to touch it, she picks it up gingerly with her racket. PUSH IN CLOSE ON HAND.
- THEN MATCH DISSOLVE TO Hand being examined by GWEN, while KEVIN laughs hysterically. Gwen/Julie don’t see the humor. They’re concerned because Gwen can’t trace Ben’s energy from Hand.
- Kevin recognizes temporal displacement effect on Hand. Tells a funny story about it. Has some Alien Tech in the trunk of his car he can kludge together to retrieve Ben. Or the rest of him anyway. Shouldn’t take too long. Gwen tells him to work fast.

- Because Hax attacks, having traced Omnitrix energy signal. Demands the Omnitrix.
- Gwen battles Hax, trying to hold him off while Kevin puts together the dimensional retrieval device.
- NULL VOID – Ben manages to extract himself from the Flying Alien and land precariously on the narrow bridge that leads to Max’s hovel.
- GWEN’S HOUSE – Julie grabs Ben Hand an instant before Hax gets it. Gwen tries to protect her, but Julie clearly needs a weapon.
- Julie realizes she HAS a weapon in the Omnitrix and tries to dial in an alien, while Kevin and Gwen argue over which one she should dial in (all the while still fighting off Hax): “Humongosaur!” “Are you crazy?! Swampfire!” “Wait, what does he look like?”
- Julie accidentally dials in CHROMOSTONE, whose indestructible hand manages to parry back Hax’s axe and channel its energy back to Hax. “That’ll do.”
- NULL VOID – The added weight/energy blast from Chromostone causes the bridge to crumble. Chromostone goes tumbling.
- Thinking quickly, Chromostone turns to GOOP and stretches his form to grab hold of the ledge.
- GWEN’S HOUSE – Goop hand oozes out of Julie’s grasp, leaving her defenseless once again.
- NULL VOID – Drained by the effort of pulling himself up, Goop reverts to Ben.
- GWEN’S HOUSE – Goop hand becomes Ben hand again. Julie grabs it just before Hax can get it. Plays keep-away with Gwen while Kevin finishes the dimensional retriever.
- NULL VOID – Ben scrambles into Max’s hovel, to find it overrun by MONKEY/GREMLIN ALIENS (perhaps the same species as the little gremlin-like alien Ben fought in “Truth” – which came from/was sent back to the Null Void), who smash all of Max’s Plumber Tech.
- GWEN’S HOUSE – Kevin finally completes the dimensional retriever. Gwen tosses him Ben’s Hand. Kevin focuses on the Hand’s energy signal and fires up the device.
- BEN WARPS INTO VIEW in a WASH OF ENERGY (we don’t see his watch hand yet). Happy reunion is cut short as...
- Hax attacks, demanding Omnitrix.
- “Oh, I’ll give you the Omnitrix...” Ben goes to activate the watch. Reveal his hand is still missing! And he’s about to be sliced in two by Hax’s Axe!

ACT THREE

- Gwen holds Hax at bay while Kevin explains Ben’s dimensional displacement is still in effect. In order to fuse him back, they’ll need to reverse the polarity of the thing that sliced him apart in the first place. You mean...?
- THE AXE – comes slashing in, missing them by inches. “Give me the Omnitrix!”

- Kevin: “Give it up, Hax. The Omnitrix is gone, history, finito. We don’t have it. You don’t have it.”
- While Hax tries and fails to pick up Omnitrix signal on his tracker, Ben asides to Kevin that he can still feel his hand. Kevin tells him to shut it and follow his lead.
- Kevin goes into full arms dealer mode: “But that doesn’t mean we still can’t do business.” Kevin tantalizes Hax with all kinds of BS alien tech he supposedly can get his hands on, distracting him while Gwen sneaks around and tries to extract the Axe from Hax.
- NULL VOID – The Gremlin/Monkey Aliens suddenly feast their eyes on the Omnitrix Hand, their reaction mirroring the Kids in the park earlier: “Ooooh...”
- A Gremlin/Monkey Alien fiddles with the Omnitrix and dials in a TBD Alien.
- GWEN’S HOUSE – Ben turns into TBD Alien just as Gwen’s about to snatch axe. Hax wields his axe threateningly at Ben/Alien while eyeing Kevin archly. “Gone, history, finito, eh?”
- Ben and Hax square off. “Doesn’t matter. I can still beat you with one hand tied behind another dimension.” Kevin and Gwen join the fight. “And a little help.”
- Switching to various TBD Aliens, Ben, Kevin and Gwen KO Hax and grab his axe. The effort drains the Omnitrix and Alien Hero reverts back to Ben.
- Kevin fires up dimensional retriever and raises the axe to bring it down right at Ben’s wrist stump. This shot has to be just right. But Kevin can’t work up the nerve to make the shot.
- KO’d Hax begins to stir.
- Kevin comically/nervously antics with the axe, accidentally smashing things behind/above him. He still can’t work up the nerve.
- Hax is now on his feet. Leaps for his axe.
- Gwen grabs the axe out of Kevin’s hands and makes the shot. **BIG WASH OF SWIRLING ENERGY.**
- When it dissipates, Ben is whole! And Hax is gone.
- NULL VOID – Reveal Hax is swarmed by Gremlin/Monkey Aliens who have his Axe, swinging it wildly at him. “Give it back!”