

Descendants  
BOOK ONE - INHERITANCE  
Epilogue: Metastasis

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No Such Thing Productions

SCENE ONE

INT. Boarding Gates, Spaceport - DAY

We hear crowds of people moving through the crowded halls of a spaceport.

COMPUTER VOICE

This is the final boarding call for flight PL-177. Now boarding at Gate Three, non-stop shuttle to Pluto's Venera Terra colony. Depressurization will begin in 15 minutes. Flight PL-117, this is your final boarding call. Thank you for flying Adiona Spaceways -- Your nexus to the stars...

A young man, CARMINE, holds his daughter RUBY by the hand as they maneuver through the press of people, his teenage daughter SCARLETT trailing behind.

CARMINE

Ruby, come on... pick your feet up, we're going to miss the shuttle. Scarlett? Scarlett!

SCARLETT

(irritated, distracted) What?

RUBY

Dad! Daaaaaad!

CARMINE

(amused, exasperated) If you could grace us with your attention for just a moment-

SCARLETT

I'm in the middle of a-

CARMINE

Get off the phone, and keep an eye on your sister.

SCARLETT

Keep up, stupid!

CARMINE

Hey! Language!

RUBY

Daddy!

CARMINE

Yes, Ruby?

RUBY

I! Have! To! Pee!

SCARLETT

WOW! Squirt has to take a piss. Again. Shocker!

CARMINE

(warning) Scarlett! (amused) Didn't I JUST ask you if you wanted to go to the bathroom before we left the restaurant?

RUBY

I didn't have to go then!

CARMINE

(almost pleading) Can you hold it?

RUBY

(not bratty, just enthusiastic)  
Noooooo, I have to go NOW!

SCARLETT

Oh my god!

CARMINE

Okay! Okay... Come on. There's got to be a bathroom around here... Come on, Miss Potty Princess. Your sister is going to take you into the girl's room.

RUBY

(simultaneously) I'm a BIG GIRL! I wanna go by myself!

SCARLETT

(simultaneously, groans) Dad, she's six, not STUPID! She knows how to sit on a toilet! Why do you ALWAYS make me babysit?!

CARMINE

(firmly) It's either that, or you can

BOTH come into the boy's room with me.

SCARLETT  
(horrified) GROSS! Are you TRYING to  
kill me?

RUBY  
(giggling) NO!

CARMINE  
Then it's settled. I'm gonna wait  
here. And Ruby, remember the rule,  
okay? You don't talk to *anyone*. I want  
to hear you counting. Nice and loud.

RUBY  
Okay...

CARMINE  
(quietly) Scarlett, keep an eye on  
her, please?

SCARLETT  
(rolling her eyes) Yeah, fine.

We hear Scarlett push open the door.

SCARLETT  
... Come on.

CARMINE  
Start counting.

RUBY  
One... Two... Three... Four...

The door swings shut behind her. The sounds of the spaceport  
are muffled as she moves through the empty bathroom. Noises  
echo strangely off the walls.

SCARLETT  
Okay. Do your stuff.

RUBY  
Can't you come with me?

SCARLETT  
(teasing, but affectionate) What  
happened to being a big girl?

RUBY  
I am a big girl!

SCARLETT  
So what do you need me for? ... I'll  
be right here. Don't worry. I won't  
let any toilet monsters drag you down  
the pipes...

RUBY  
SCARLETT!

SCARLETT  
(laughs)

CARMINE  
(muffled) Ruby? Count louder,  
sweetheart, I can't hear you.

SCARLETT  
(already on her phone) Go on.

RUBY  
... Nine... Ten... Eleven...

From the far end of the room, we hear a splash. Ruby stutters  
in her counting.

SCARLETT  
Hurry up, Squirt! I haven't got all  
day!

Another splash. Ruby hesitates for an instant, then moves  
closer to investigate.

RUBY  
... Seventeen... Eighteen...

She stops counting. We hear the sound of dripping water.  
Gorgon song begins to fill the room.

RUBY  
... Scarlett?

SCARLETT  
What?

RUBY  
(whispering) There's something in  
here...

SCARLETT  
(looking up) What?

And then they both hear it. Something large is thrashing around in the water, forcing itself up through the pipes.

SCARLETT  
(moving closer, whispering) Ruby, what did you do?

RUBY  
(whispering) I didn't do anything!  
It's a toilet monster!

SCARLETT  
(whispering) Don't be stupid. There's no such thing!

The thing in the stall growls.

SCARLETT  
Whoah...

RUBY  
(frightened whine)

CARMINE  
(muffled) Ruby? Ruby, I can't hear you! ... Sweetheart are you okay?

SCARLETT  
Ruby... Get behind me.

RUBY  
What is that thing?

SCARLETT  
I don't know, just... stay back, okay?

Something in the water lets out a strange, gurgling cry.

RUBY  
Hello?

CARMINE  
Ruby?!

We hear Scarlett push open the door to the stall.

The Black Gorgon screams, and so do the girls.

FADE OUT.

END.