

Gashlan The Mighty: Episode 1

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Fade In:

INT. THE PLANET EARTH; HALF SHROUDED BY THE DARKNESS OF SPACE, SUDDENLY A GIANT SPACESHIP COMES INTO VIEW AS IT HEADS TOWARDS THE PLANET.

(Inside, we see the ship being manned by a race of insectoid creatures: the Zirabots. They are the foot soldiers of the alien race known as the Ziracons. One of the Zirabots turns around and gives his report about their location.)

ZIRABOT #1

Sir, Earth is in range, preparing hyperscanners and weapons!

The camera swings around to reveal Emperor Zarabrak; the evil Overlord of the Ziracon forces, his yellow eyes stare at the Earth from beneath his black helmet.

ZARABRAK

Excellent; Earth is such a weak name for a planet, but I will give it a new name when it becomes part of my Empire! Prepare the Laser Cannons and set their power to 89%!

ZIRABOT #2

Yes sir!

PLANET EARTH, AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPACE DEFENSE SQUADRON.

INSIDE THE BASE, THE RADARS HAVE PICKED UP THE SIGNAL OF ZARABRAK'S SHIP AS IT ADVANCES TOWARDS EARTH.

One of the members of the SDS turns around to the leading commander and tells about what he found.

SDS MEMBER #1

Sir, unidentified ship entering Earth's atmosphere!

SDS COMMANDER #1

Prepare to intercept!

SDS MEMBER #2

Yes sir; Space Jet 1 to launching zone! Operation: intercept is go!

(Outside, we see a special aircraft known as a Space Jet roll up onto the launch pad.)

Inside, the pilot presses the launch controls as his visor flips down into place.

SDS MEMBER #2 (CONT'D)  
Space Jet 1; you are ready and authorized for launch!

SPACE JET PILOT #1  
Roger that; Space Jet 1, launching now!

(The jet roars into life and takes off at high speeds; when it reaches the end of the launch pad, it takes over into the air.)

As he is leaving the atmosphere of Earth; the pilot sees Zarabrak's ship coming closer to the planet.

SPACE JET PILOT #1 (CONT'D)  
Space Jet 1 to base; I have located the enemy ship!

SDS MEMBER #4  
Affirmative; prepare to intercept!

SPACE JET PILOT #1  
Roger that!

Space Jet 1 begins to fly towards Zarabrak's ship; inside, we see one of the Ziracons telling Zarabrak about the approaching spaceship.

ZIRABOT #1  
My great Emperor; there is a human ship heading towards us at 23 Parsecs!

ZARABRAK  
So, the humans have come out to play...prepare to fire lasers!

ZIRABOT #2  
Yes; my emperor! Firing lasers 1 and two; power at 76%...  
(The lasers of the ship fire at the approaching ship, sending a thin line of red energy at the Space Jet.)

Space Jet 1 veers right; it's wing narrowly touching the laser.

SPACE JET PILOT #1  
 Phew; that was close! Alright, you  
 want a fight; then you've got one!

Space Jet 1 swings around and begins to fire it's own  
 weapons; landing a few hits on Laser 1.

ZARABRAK  
 You little pest! Fire Death Laser;  
 set power to 100%!

ZIRABOT #3  
 Yes my lord; preparing to fire  
 Death Laser...power at 99%!

ZARABRAK  
 Excellent, now we shall show the  
 humans the true might and power of  
 the Ziracon Empire!

Space Jet 1 veers around again as the front of Zarabrak's  
 ship opens up to reveal the Death Laser.

SPACE JET PILOT #1  
 What is that?

The Death Laser begins to charge up as Space Jet 1 contacts  
 SDS headquarters on Earth.

SPACE JET PILOT #1 (CONT'D)  
 Space Jet 1 to SDS Headquarters;  
 we've got a problem! The ship has  
 revealed some sort of secret  
 weapon.

SDS MEMBER #1  
 Affirmative; what is it?

SPACE JET PILOT #1  
 It looks like some sort of Death  
 Laser...

SDS MEMBER #1  
 I recommend imeditate caution when  
 approaching the ship!

SPACE JET PILOT #1  
 Right; I'll be careful.  
 (As Space Jet 1 ponders it's  
 next move; Zarabrak sees his  
 perfect chance to attack.)

ZARABRAK  
 Now...FIRE!!!!!!

Suddenly; the Death Laser erupts at full force; it hits Space Jet 1, causing it to explode in a ball of fire.

(Back on Earth, the members of the SDS watch as Space Jet 1 and it's pilot dissappear into nothing.)

The commander looks at his men as they watch the Death Laser dissappear into the ship again.

SDS MEMBER #3  
That laser is powerful!

SDS COMMANDER  
Indeed, we need to watch out for that laser if we have any chance of surviving this war...

SPACE DEFENSE SQUADRON ACADEMY; THE MOON.

THE RECRUITS OF THE ACADEMY ARE LINING UP FOR ROLL-CALL; AMONG THEM IS KINO RISHI, A YOUNG SPACEPILOT ASSIGNED TO SPACESHIP VR-243.

(Afterwards; he reports to Commander Hakara, the leading officer onboard VR-243.)

Commander Hakara invites Kino into his office and shows him around; he then tells him to sit while the commander goes over Kino's report.

COMMANDER HAKARA  
So Kino, I hear that you are an ace at Mecha driving.

KINO  
Yes sir, I'm the best in my class.

COMMANDER HAKARA  
I've also been told that you are a weapons expert as well, it would semm that you are a recruit of many talents.

Kino nods in agreement; so the Commander continues.

COMMANDER HAKARA (CONT'D)  
But being on a Spaceship like VR-243 isn't easy as it sounds, people are out there dying once every five minutes.

KINO

I understand sir, I'm willing to  
lay down my life to help safe  
others.

After going over a few more notes into Kino's Datafile,  
Hakara leads the young pilot into the hangar where VR-243 is  
stationed. When there; Kino meets up with his two friends,  
Akio Roarin and Hiro Hyran.

(Kino learns that his two  
friends have also been  
assigned to VR-243; Akio is  
mechanic onboard on VR-243  
and Hiro is the medic.)

Hakara takes them inside the ship; where they see Main Deck,  
where Kino and his friends will be stationed when on board  
VR-243.

COMMANDER HAKARA

Now that you've seen your  
stations, I need to show you three  
something very important.

Haraka walks over to a panel on the main computer and  
presses a button next to it, a pair of eyes appear on screen  
1 and blink.

COMMANDER HAKARA (CONT'D)

Allow me to introduce the Main  
Identification Device; or M.I.D  
for short, he is the sentient  
computer onboard the ship.

KINO

Hello, I'm Kino Rishi.

HIRO

My name is Hiro Hyran.

AKIO

And I'm Akio Roarin, nice to meet  
you M.I.D.

M.I.D

It's a pleasure to meet you;  
gentlemen, welcome onboard VR-243.  
I hope you like it here!

HIRO

Thank you; but can I ask you a  
question?

M.I.D  
Ask away Hiro!

HIRO  
What does "VR-243" stand for?

M.I.D  
Aha; I can answer that! Allow me  
to process the question in my  
databanks first...

The sentient computer looks at all three of the pilots and then the commander while it searches the databanks; it then dings.

M.I.D (CONT'D)  
It stands for "Variable Reactor  
Model-243"; this is only of the  
one models the SDS is using for  
these Spaceships.

COMMANDER HAKARA  
That's right M.I.D; now if you  
gentlemen will follow me, I have a  
very important "gift" for Kino.

They walk out of the ship and into the next hangar; where a giant robot is housed.

KINO  
What is that thing?

COMMANDER HAKARA  
This is Gashlan; it is a  
mysterious robot that we found in  
the year 3019 and we've spent ages  
trying to fix it.

HIRO  
What will you do with it?

COMMANDER HAKARA  
That is a good question; Gashlan  
will be Kino's personal Mecha when  
we're out fighting this invincible  
enemy.

They all listen carefully as the Commmander Hakara continues to explain where Gashlan is being kept.

COMMANDER HAKARA (CONT'D)  
Gashlan is kept in a special  
hangar that can hold both it's  
weight and size. Kino; as you  
already know, are the pilot of  
(MORE)

COMMANDER HAKARA (CONT'D)  
Gashlan while your friends have  
their jobs to do.

SDS MEMBER #2  
VR-243, report to Hangar 5! You  
are clear to launch!

MOONBASE, HANGAR 5.

VR-243 ROLLS UP ONTO THE LAUNCH PAD AND INSIDE, WE SEE THE  
CREW SITTING AT THEIR BATTLE STATIONS.

COMMANDER HAKARA  
Akio; fire up boosters.

AKIO  
Yes sir!

COMMANDER HAKARA  
Hiro, switch on defense shield.

HIRO  
Roger!

COMMANDER HAKARA  
Kino, fire up weapon systems.

KINO  
Weapon systems at full power!

COMMANDER HAKARA  
Then, we're ready...

The doors of the hangar open up and they see the distant  
stars; Commander Hakara looks at the others and then back to  
the stars.

COMMANDER HAKARA (CONT'D)  
LAUNCH!!!!

The ship flies out of the hangar and up into the sky; where  
Zarabrak's ship is waiting.

ZARABRAK'S BATTLESHIP.

ZARABRAK IS LOOKING OUT AT THE SOON TO BE CONQUERED EARTH;  
WHEN HIS THOUGHTS ARE INTERRUPTED BY A ZIRACON REPORT.

ZIRABOT #4  
Sir; there's a Earth ship heading  
towards us and it's piloted by  
three humans.



ZARABRAK

Huh? What did you say? Did you say  
that a human spaceship is daring  
to oppose us?!

Zarabrak sees VR-243 coming towards his ship, he is shocked  
at this sight; he stands up in anger and rage.

ZARABRAK (CONT'D)

WHAT?! DON'T JUST STAND THERE,  
DESTROY THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!

ZIRABOT #1

Yes sir; Firing all lasers at 100%  
power!!!

The laser fire at VR-243 from all over Zarabrak's ship.

(As the laser fire in a mad  
frenzy; some of them hit  
VR-243, damaging a bit of  
it's wing.)

The whole ship shakes as the laser hit the wing and various  
other spots. Inside, the others file their reports to the  
Commander.

AKIO

Commander, the right wing is  
damaged! I don't know how long it  
will hold.

COMMANDER HAKARA

Right!

He turns to Kino, who turns around to face him.

COMMANDER HAKARA (CONT'D)

Kino; take Gashlan and get out  
there, be careful.

KINO

Yes sir!

AKIO

Good luck out there!

KINO

Thanks pal; I'll do my best!

Kino presses a button on his control panel and his chair  
clicks out of place onto a moving track.

(Kino's chair moves along  
the track into the hangar  
where Gashlan is housed.)

Kino's chair turns around and moves up a horizontal track,  
the chair then slides into the cockpit of the Mecha and  
clicks into place.

KINO (CONT'D)  
Docking complete, Gashlan is ready  
to be deployed!

COMMANDER HAKARA  
Right; deploying now!

The hangar doors open and Gashlan flies out to confront the  
enemy battleship.

ZARABRAK'S BATTLESHIP, MAIN CONTROL ROOM.

ZARABRAK SEES GASHLAN HEADING TOWARDS HIS SHIP, HIS EYES  
WIDEN IN HORROR AT THE SIGHT.

Zarabrak's entire body begins to tremble in fear.

ZARABRAK  
No, it can't be...

ZIRABOT #1  
My liege; what is our next move?

Zarabrak's blood begins to boil and it emits as an  
unforgiving rage.

ZARABRAK  
DESTROY THAT MECHA!!!!!!!

ZIRABOT #2  
Roger; but why sir?

ZARABRAK  
DON'T ASK QUESTIONS, YOU  
WEAKLING!!!!!! DON'T YOU SEE? THAT  
IS GASHLAN, HE WILL DESTROY  
US!!!!!! SEND OUT THE  
ZIRA-BOMBERS!!!!

ZIRABOT #3  
Yes sir, sending out Zira-Bombers  
now!!!

The hangar doors open on both sides of Zarabrak's ship and  
smaller ships flying out: the Zira-Bombers.

(Kino and the others see the ships heading towards them; Kino radios back to his friends.)

The crew of VR-243 watching as the ships edge closer and closer to them with every second when Kino's voice speaks through the radio.

KINO  
What are those things?

M.I.D  
They seem to be smaller ships that are housed within that larger one.

Suddenly, the radio dies and the face of Zarabrak; the Dark Emperor appears on every screen on Earth.

ZARABRAK  
Petty humans of Earth; it is I, Zarabrak, your new emperor! Kneel before me; the mighty leader of the Ziracon Empire!

The crew of VR-243 watch him as Commander Hakara stands up.

COMMANDER HAKARA  
I don't know what you want, but you're not taking this planet!

ZARABRAK  
Stupid human; I don't only want your planet, I want to destroy it and then rebuild it into a form that I desire!

Kino and the others look at him in horror.

AKIO  
D...Destroy our planet...

HIRO  
...And then rebuild it into a different planet altogether?!

ZARABRAK  
Finally, you stupid humans are catching on!

KINO  
We'll stop you, no matter how long it takes!

Zarabrak laughs evilly as Kino bravely watches him.

ZARABRAK

HA! HA! HA! What makes you think  
that you can stop me?!

KINO

I have this Mecha to help us!

ZARABRAK

We'll see about that...

The communications end and Zarabrak turns to the Zirabot at  
the weapons panel.

ZARABRAK (CONT'D)

Fire all weapons at 100% power!

ZIRABOT #3

Yes sir!

ZARABRAK

Let's see how you like this one  
boy!

The weapons slide out from their places all over the front  
of the battleship.

COMMANDER HAKARA

Oh no; that ship has all it's  
weapons unsheathed at the same  
time!

AKIO

It's too dangerous out there,  
he'll be killed if he goes up  
against that kind of firepower!

(The weapons charge up as  
Gashlan bravely flies  
towards them.)

Zarbrak waits for the perfect chance and then Gashlan comes  
straight into the weapons' line of sight.

ZARABRAK

Got you...

He then gives the command to attack.

ZARABRAK (CONT'D)

FIRE!!!!!!!!!!

(The lasers all fly towards  
Gashlan all at once.)

Kino covers his eyes and waits for death to take him, but it  
doesn't come. He takes his hands away from his face and sees  
that Gashlan is moving on it's own!

AKIO  
What the-?

HIRO  
I don't believe it!

M.I.D  
The Mecha, it's...it's...

COMMANDER HAKARA  
It's alive!! B...But how is that possible?

GASHLAN COCKPIT

KINO IS STILL SUPRISED THAT THE MECHA HE IS PILOTING IS ACTUALLY A SENTIENT CREATURE, IT HAS IT'S ARMS UP IN DEFENSE.

Gashlan puts down it's arms and looks at Zarabrak; it suddenly speaks.

GASHLAN  
Zarabrak! You must be punished for your crimes against the galaxy!

ZARABRAK  
WHAT?! I...I...It can talk too?!

GASHLAN  
Now, prepare yourself!  
(Kino decides to speak up, he decides that it's time that he got some answers.)

KINO  
I don't believe it...

GASHLAN  
Hey, you ok in there?

KINO  
Y...Yeah; a bit shocked, that's all.

GASHLAN  
I knew you would be; what's your name by the way?

KINO  
I'm Kino, Kino Rishi. I'm your pilot, Gashlan.

GASHLAN

Nice to meet you Kino, we make a great team.

Gashlan turns his attention back to Zarabrak's ship.

GASHLAN (CONT'D)

Now let's kick some Ziracon tail!

KINO

Right, FULL THRUST!!!!

Kino grabs both levers and pushes them as far they can go, amplifying Gashlan's thrusters to 100%. This causes Gashlan to fly at super sonic speeds.

(As Gashlan begins to fly towards the ship; Zarabrak orders a retreat.)

ZARABRAK

RETREAT!!!!

ZIRABOT #4

But sir-.

ZARABRAK

JUST DO WHAT I SAY!!!

ZIRABOT #4

Yes sir, retreating to the moons of Jupiter!!!

(The ship turns around blasts off for Jupiter, Zarabrak slams his fist down in anger.)

ZARABRAK

Damn you Gashlan, I'll destroy you one of these days!

NARRATOR

Thanks to the new alliance between the SDS and the Mighty Gashlan; the evil Zarabrak and his troops have been repelled for the time being. But the battle against the Ziracons...is far from over!!!!

EPISODE 2 PREVIEW

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

The crew of VR-243 must head towards the outer rim of the Solar System to find a missing fleet of Space Jets, unaware that Zarabrak lies in wait for them to arrive.

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NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Can Gashlan save the fleet from  
destruction? Find out in the next  
action packed episode of Gashlan  
the Mighty!!!

END OF EPISODE 1