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STORY BEATS v3

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- ▶ We see three pre-teen kids dressed in eclectic futuristic outfits enter a dark, damp chamber.
- ▶ The teens try to avoid strange-looking insects crawling and dropping from the slimy ceiling.
- ▶ The leader, Max, a bold, spontaneous dreamer, pauses as he spots a sacred stone on an altar, à la Raiders of the Lost Ark's golden idol scene.
- ▶ The other two kids, Pi and Willow, walk up next to Max to also see the stone.
- ▶ Pi, a smart but skittish kid, is worried something bad is going to happen if they get too close to the stone. Willow, who has doubted the stories of the stone were even true, "I thought you said it was a page? That's just a rock."
- ▶ Max moves slowly toward the stone, believing it holds the secrets to bringing order to the galaxy. He shines a flashlight on the stone, and it begins to glow and project ancient text in an unknown language onto the walls of the cave and the teens' faces. Willow is now in awe.
- ▶ Max pulls the light down and the stone stops projecting the texts. While attempting not to disrupt anything in the chamber, Max gently picks up the stone.
- ▶ The chamber begins to shake like an earthquake, which sends Pi into scaredy-cat overdrive.
- ▶ The gang darts toward the entrance as the strange insects fall from the ceiling and land on them.
- ▶ CUT to outside the chamber as the three kids leap out the entrance covered in galactic slime and strange insects.
- ▶ We see they're on a desolate planet covered with craters and Tepuis.
- ▶ While Pi and Willow remove the insects and slime from each other, distraught due to their failure of losing the stone, Max reveals he has the sacred stone.
- ▶ They cheer. But their victory is cut short when the cave entrance rises behind them revealing fangs and eyes.
- ▶ They were never in a chamber, but instead inside a giant, alien worm, similar to the creatures in Dune, with a snake body and millions of tiny legs.
- ▶ Pi squeals as the gang bolt away as fast as they can as the monster picks up speed!

- ▶ While running, Max uses his communicator to call the crew back on the ship for help.
- ▶ Cut to inside the spacecraft as the fiery captain of the ship [possible names: Dodge, Jet, Birdie, Bird], along with her droid and a moth-like creature conveniently named Moth, desperately try to fix the malfunctioning ship.
- ▶ Cut back to the ground crew running for their lives as Max is communicating, "We have the stone, but have to leave now!!!" The crew on the ship replies, "We need more time!"
- ▶ Willow shoots at the worm to slow him down, but it only makes him more angry.
- ▶ Then suddenly worm babies hanging off the side of the giant worm appear, revealing the worm monster is not a him, but a mom! The angry babies leap off their mom and chase after the gang, chomping at the kids with their razor-sharp fangs.
- ▶ Pi yells at Max, "So, how many of these things do we have to get to save the galaxy?" Max yells back, "Nine more?!" Willow and Pi are overwhelmed by the number as they continue to shoot at the worm mother and her babies.
- ▶ As they run for their lives we see a BIRDS EYE POV of the gang unknowingly heading straight for a bottomless canyon.
- ▶ We CUT back to the inside of the ship as the captain is screaming for Moth and her droid to hurry up. The engine begins to reboot and is 85% ready.
- ▶ We cut back to Max, Pi, and Willow as Max shakes off worm babies biting into his arms and activating his communicator. The captain and the crew hear the sounds of chewing and Max and others screaming. The crew think their friends are being eaten alive.
- ▶ The droid and Moth finally get the engine fully charged up and give the thumbs up.
- ▶ Meanwhile Max, Pi, and Willow reach the side of the cliff and have no choice but to jump off or face their death with the worm creatures. Max yells, "Jump!" as they leap to their death.
- ▶ The mama worm and babies skid to an abrupt stop, as they watch Max, Pi, and Willow fall into the dark cavern.
- ▶ The alien worm and her babies turn to go home when suddenly, the captain and the crew rise up from the dark cavern, à la Marty McFly in Back to the Future 2, with Max, Pi, and Willow safely riding on top like a giant space surfboard.
- ▶ As the ship prepares to launch into hyperdrive, Max, Pi, and Willow hop into the ship, and the ship fills the screen revealing the title of the show, "Pagefinders."