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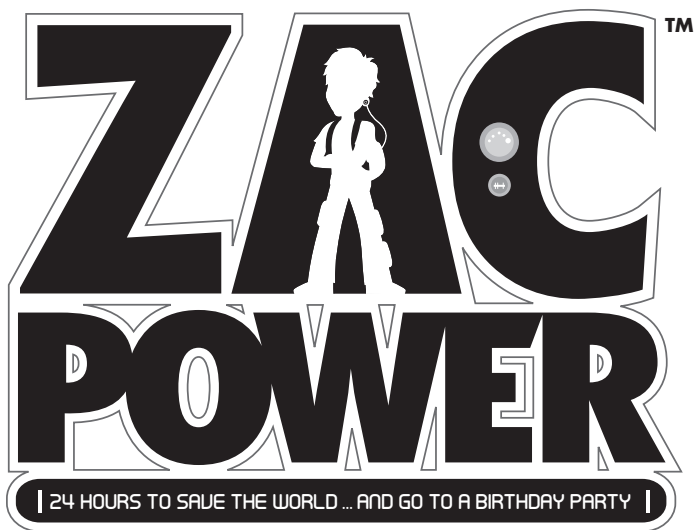
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CHAPTER... ...FOUR

Zac hid behind an empty box. He needed to think. *Security's after Captain Tentacles! Does BIG know I'm here?* Zac wondered.

It didn't make sense. BIG were only supposed to be having a conference at Shark Park. *But somehow they've got control of security!* Zac thought. He thought of the gunsights box with a sinking feeling.

This mission seems much bigger than GIB realizes, Zac decided, gritting his teeth.

And somehow, he had blown his cover already. *How did they get onto me so fast?* he thought. *They must have cameras everywhere, even at the garbage dump!*

But then something else occurred to him. The red-headed man at the gas station was the only one who knew that Captain Tentacles was heading to Shark Park. *And the timing fits,* Zac thought, glancing at his watch.



The HypnoTick would've worn off 13 minutes ago, giving the red-headed man time to get here. Maybe he works for BIG. They're planning something evil at their conference, and he thinks I'm trying to stop them, Zac thought. Although the man had seemed a bit...well...thick to work for BIG.

One thing was certain. Security was searching Shark Park for a pink octopus. *If I can get rid of the suit, Zac realized, I'll look like an ordinary kid.*

But the suit would be hard to get off. And Zac needed somewhere secure to get changed.

The garbage dump was hidden from the rest of Shark Park by a brick wall. A

door in the wall stood slightly ajar.

Perfect, thought Zac. A storeroom.

He went inside and shut the door behind him. The lock clicked softly. Zac looked around.

Uh-oh.

Zac wasn't in a storeroom. He'd walked through a back door into one of Shark Park's most famous attractions: the World of Sharks aquarium!

