

"Wrestling Club"

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Based on the series *Bob's Burgers*

FADE IN:

EXT. BACK ALLEY - DAY

BOB (King Wrestler) trips over the ropes entering a makeshift wrestling ring. He pops up immediately, wielding a spatula scepter and wearing a purple blanket tied around his neck, a crown, a tank top, and sweatpants.

BOB

Um... If you want to hold court with King Wrestler, you should know his ransom is your life! Because, like a king's ransom. Get it?

Somersaulting into the ring across from Bob is LOUISE (Mayor of Wagstaff), she is dressed in a boy's suit and waving a Wagstaff Flag in the wind. She whips off her sunglasses and they hit Bob, who doesn't react.

LOUISE

It's me! The Mayor of Wagstaff!
I've never lost a race or a fight.
Because I rig elections and I bite. It's Gerrymandering time!

LINDA (Anarchy in the U.K.) is in a Union Jack tracksuit and a pink ski-mask. GENE (The Oiled Up Strangler) is in his whitey tighties and covered in oil. They enter the ring together in between Bob and Louise, back to back.

LINDA

Look at us, wrestling as a family-

GENE

Stay in character, Anarchy!

Louise and Bob are circling around Gene and Linda.

LINDA

Right, okay... Smashing party! Mind if we crash it? Tis I, Anarchy in the U.K. and my top mate-

GENE

The Oiled Up Strangler! And last night, I had a very confusing...

GENE (cont.)

...dream about the Lady Lumberjack
on the paper towel roll! I have
now forgotten the rest of my
lines!

TINA (Billy Cob the Corn Bob Hustler) is dressed like a
cowgirl, with corn in her holsters and smaller corns in her
bandolier. She climbs to the second rope on the corner, and
she looks down and realizes how high off the ground she is.

TINA

What they don't know is Billy Cob
the Corn Bob Hustler is dropping
in like a pegasus at a rodeo! Are
you ready to eat my corns? You-

Tina clears her throat and tries to start over. But she
looks down at the ground and it gets further away. She
almost slips and barely catches herself.

TINA

Ughhh... I don't think I can do
this.

LINDA

Hold my crumpets! Bloody 'ell
Strangler-

GENE

Time out. We got a jumper that
won't jump. Call in the
negotiator!

LOUISE

I got this. What's it gonna take
to make this happen, toots? How
about all the change in my pocket?
Huh? No? What? You think you're
too good for my money?

Louise throws the coins she just fished out of her suit on
the ground. Bob gently pulls her back.

LOUISE

Sorry, still in character. Just give me a minute! I am sorry. Get off my back! Take the nickels!

BOB

Don't listen to your sister, Tina. But, it really isn't that high. Come on, just try jumping? And see how you feel after.

TINA

Ughhhhh...

LINDA

Honey, your flying elbow entrance is what sets up Act III. Without it, the ending doesn't work.

LOUISE

If Billy Cob doesn't jump right now, I am going to filibust-her. I'll filibust-her like it's election day!

Louise lets out a big sigh, puts her arms up, and walks away. Tina is looking down at them, everything starts looking further away. Her knees start getting wobbly.

BOB

Just jump, Tina. It's like three feet off the ground.

TINA

Ughhhhh...

LINDA

You can do it, Tina! Be brave, I love you, my little Hustler.

TINA

I can't do it. I just can't- I'm going inside. I'm sorry!

Tina gingerly climbs back down, her arms and legs shaking. Then she runs back inside. Linda smacks Bob. TEDDY is the only person sitting in their audience.

TEDDY

You really shouldn't pressure her like that Bob. You can lead a horse to a cliff but you can't make her jump.

BOB

Thanks Teddy. (sigh) Maybe we should just go back inside-

LOUISE

Throat Chop!

Louise chops Bob in the throat. Bob grabs his neck and falls to the ground. Gene punches Linda in the crotch, then Louise kicks Gene in the stomach. Louise slips on his oil and falls backwards, they are all rolling on the floor.

CUT TO:

INT. BOB BURGERS - DAY

Bob is cooking, TEDDY is the only customer in the restaurant. Linda and the kids are sitting in the booths working on their costumes. Except for Gene who is standing in a kiddy pool next to them still oiled up.

LOUISE

I love Back Alley Wrestling. We should start selling tickets.

TINA

I don't think anyone would pay to watch Dad sweat through his pajama pants while wearing a cape.

TEDDY

You'd be surprised what people will pay for nowadays.

Teddy is eating his burger very angrily.

GENE

I once sold my backpack to a man outside a gas station for forty dollars and a free gallon of gas.

LINDA

Is that why your closet reeks of gasoline?

BOB

I thought he was just trying to age meat in there, again.

GENE

That was one time and it turned out amazing!

Bob leaves the kitchen.

TEDDY

Fine, I'll tell you! I used to be a minor league wrestler, but I can't train you guys. I gave that life up a long time ago. The wrestler inside of me is dead.

TINA

Did you have to get him removed?

Teddy gets up and puts his mug into the microwave.

TEDDY

Look, if the Belchers wanna take this seriously and make it in the local league, we are going to need equipment, health insurance- We definitely need to hold auditions. I have a tailor that can get you guys some legit costumes. Except for you Gene. You're perfect.

GENE

The Oiled Up Strangler is perfect. He's not a Wrestler, he's a symbol, with a hankering for strangling!

Bob returns with the gallon of gas and a bag of fireworks.

BOB

Teddy, we don't want to be minor league wrestlers. Lin, we are not holding auditions. And, Gene, there was a bag of fireworks in your closet next to the gas!

LOUISE

Those are mine, who gave you permission to touch those! Linda!

LINDA

Bob!

BOB

Louise!

GENE

Bob!

TINA

Tina?

The microwave goes off. Everybody looks at Tina, she mumbles to herself and slides down the couch into her shirt like a turtle. Louise takes the fireworks and leaves.

TEDDY

The local wrestling federation has a minimum requirement of seven members per team. It's regulation.

GENE

It's regulation, Dad.

LINDA

So, we need two more wrestlers?

TINA

Unless Teddy wanted to wrestle with us? Then we would only-

TEDDY

No! I promised myself I would never step into the ring again. I can't even look at that mask! ...

TEDDY (cont.)

..But, I am happy to help as long
as the Belcher family needs me!

Teddy takes the mug out of the microwave, and blows on it
because it's giving off steam.

BOB

What are you drinking Teddy, we
didn't make coffee?

TEDDY

It's just some orange juice I
brought from home.

GENE

Why did you heat it up in the
microwave?

TEDDY

Trying something new everyday,
Gene. Tomorrow, I am going to wear
denim overalls.

Teddy takes a big sip from his mug with both hands.

CUT TO:

EXT. BACK ALLEY - DAY

The family is wrestling again. Teddy is announcing and
wearing denim overalls. They have a small audience. Rudy,
Zeke, Olly, Andy, Jimmy Jr, Gretchen, The Mail Man, and
Mort who is surprisingly very into wrestling.

TEDDY

But, out of the woodwork comes the
Demon of Djibouti, the Lubed up
Lethal Weapon, it's the one, the
only, Oiled up Strangler!

Bob is holding a bucket and flicking canola oil on the
Gene, who's wearing only white underpants and socks.

BOB

Is that enough?

GENE

Don't be so stingy with the oil,
Dad. They don't call me the
kind-of-Oiled up Strangler!

BOB

Honestly, this whole *thing* makes
me super uncomfortable, Gene.

LINDA

Strangler! That was your cue, Go!

Strangler takes the oil from Bob and dumps it all over
himself. The Strangler dives into the ring, slipping and
sliding and managing to tackle Louise.

GENE

Slippery, strangling, sliding
slippery, strangling!

TEDDY

The Mayor is the darkhorse in this
ring. I was talking to her before
the match and she promised, "a
chicken in every pot and her foot
in your butt."

LOUISE

My name is The Mayor of Wagstaff
and I approve this message!

Louise and Gene begin wrestling each other doing moves very
slowly and choreographed. Tina walks up to JIMMY JR in the
audience, and taps him on the shoulder.

JIMMY JR

Hey Tina?

TINA

Hey Jimmy, do you like my corn
bandolier?

JIMMY JR

Uh. Sure.

TINA
Would you like a different
vegetable more? Perhaps a carrot?

CUT TO:

INT. BELCHER HOME - DAY

Each time a character speaks they are being interviewed by themselves, speaking directly to the camera. Bob is at the grill flipping burgers.

BOB
Do we have to do this, Teddy?

TEDDY
(Off Camera)
You, promised Bob! You promised
you wouldn't complain.

BOB
Fine. We decided to become Minor
League wrestlers.

Tina is at her desk brushing her horse's hair.

TINA
So, we held some tryouts, and it's
been... Okay.

Louise is sharpening a knife at the table.

LOUISE
I got put in charge, but my
methods were a little too risqué.

CUT TO:

EXT. BACK ALLEY - DAY

Louise wades into the audience during the match and threatens Andy, Ollie, Zeke, and the Mailman.

LOUISE
Who wants to fight us? Huh? Do you
think you can take on the
Belchers? Do you punk? I'll make...

LOUISE (cont.)

...you wish you never graduated from the third grade. I haven't cut my nails in weeks just so I could scratch you chuckleheads silly!

Linda and Gene have to pull her back but Gene's hands keep slipping off her.

CUT TO:

INT. BELCHER HOME - DAY

Linda is folding laundry in the living room.

LINDA

So, I was put in charge of the auditions, and I got us this really nice table. Well, Bob got it out of the basement. And then, I made posters, but Bob and the kids put them up- What would Bob do without me? Just gotta remember, the first rule of Wrestling Club. Tell everyone about Wrestling Club! We always need people.

Linda gesticulates while Teddy sighs behind the camera.

CUT TO:

EXT. BACK ALLEY - DAY

There is a line of characters in costumes going down the back alley. The Belcher Family and Teddy are sitting at a table, tapping clipboards, drinking lemonade from a pitcher, and flipping through score charts.

GENE

Once again, we need your wrestler name, your signature move, and if you brought an animal-

Louise stands up and cuts Gene off.

LOUISE

No animals! If you brought an animal with you please go home.

A few people in line dejectedly walk away with a ferret, a snake, and a hawk. The hawk attacks the ferret. Then the snake bites a guy dressed as a mouse.

First in line is MORT, (Professor Kadabara) walks up. He is dressed as half scientist and half magician.

MORT

Yeah, so I am Professor Kadabara, part mad scientist, part magician. And today I will be executing the Squeeze Box of Thermodynamics.

Mort starts reaching his hand into his mouth and using his other hand to push it deeper.

BOB

What is Mort doing?

GENE

It looks like he is trying to shove his fist in his mouth.

MORT

I have- Ach- To get the key!

Mort is rolling around on the floor trying to shove his hand down his throat. ZEKE (Beaver Lad) steps over him. He is only wearing a coonskin hat and then a bunch of animal hair he taped to his body.

ZEKE

How's it going guys? The names Beaver Lad and my power move is referred to as the Jaws of Death.

TINA

Alright, now this is your full costume correct?

ZEKE

Yep, this is everything... I mean I could get like... Robot teeth?

BOB

Where would you get robot teeth?

GENE

No further questions Beaver Lad,
thank you for your time.

Zeke gives finger guns and clicks as he backs away. BEANS jogs up, breathing heavily and wearing a khaki overcoat.

BEANS

What's up, Bronados! Call me Bean.
Born and Raised in a womens
low-security prison. My signature
power move is called Helicopter
the Musical.

LOUISE

If we give you a free burger, will
you go home?

BEANS

I don't have a home. But yes, I
will leave for a free burger. I
will also leave if you let me-

Beans starts opening his coat to flash them. Bob looks at Linda and shrugs, she slaps his chest.

LINDA

Free burger coming up!

BOB

Fine! I'll make the burger.. On *my*
day off. When I was their age it
happened everyday on my way to
school for two weeks, and I turned
out fine!

Bob takes off his cape, puts down his crown and storms off to the restaurant in a huff.

CUT TO:

MARSHMELLO is standing in front of them, completely silent.

GENE

Are you going to do anything
Marshmello?

MARSHMELLO

This is what I do. I stand here
and I look good.

TINA

I mean, she is doing a great job.

MARSHMELLO

Thanks baby.

Marshmello slightly shifts her stance and everybody "Oohs."

CUT TO:

RUDY is standing in front of the audition table fidgeting,
he is holding one hand behind his back.

LINDA

Okay Rudy. Whenever you're ready...

RUDY

Oh, I am not auditioning. Mr Sock
is. Take it away, Socko.

Rudy reveals his other hand which has a sock puppet on it.
Bob and Linda look at each other worried. The puppet's
voice is just Rudy speaking very deep and demonic.

RUDY'S SOCK PUPPET

The name's Mr Sock. I used to
wrestle in the minors back in
central Florida. And I crave human
suffering. I feed on your tears. I
am a being beyond your mortal
comprehension. Now, bow before me.

BOB

Rudy? Is everything okay at home?

RUDY

Yeah, everything's fine. My
grandma is in hospice but tonight...

RUDY (cont.)

..Mom is making Irish Enchiladas so
I am excited for that.

DR YAN is wearing a wrestling unitard with the single arm strap. He is rubbing lubricant onto his body with one hand and in his other is carrying a big white bucket.

DR YAN

Hey, are you guys still holding auditions?

TINA

Is that a bucket of oil?

DR YAN

Well no, it's actually dental grade lubricant-

Dr yan drops the bucket and fluid sloshes around. Tina gulps and Gene sniffs.

GENE

Look man we've already got a slippery guy! So move along, buster!

Gene leans over the table Tina and Louise pull him back. The twins show up, ANDY and OLLY are dressed up as twin luchadores doing gymnastics together and speaking spanish.

BOB

Next!

Andy and Olly stop running around and yell at each other in Spanish as they walk away. MR FISHOEDOR is the last person to show up at the audition.

LINDA

Mr Fishoedor, I never would have pegged you for a wrestler! Are you doing a Mark Twain thing?

MR FISHOEDOR

No.. I am here to let you know, if you are hosting any sort of outdoor events, activities, ...

MR FISHOEDOR (cont.)

...concerts, or scheduled gathering
I am owed 10% of all profits that
arise from any sort of
get-together or hoe-down.

BOB

Well, we didn't charge people for
tickets.

MR FISHOEDOR

This is why you will always pay
rent, Bob. Owners never forget
what's really important.

TINA

Family?

MR FISHOEDOR

No. What? Haha. Of Course not.
Money! Money is what's important.
Anyway, your rent is due next
week. So, maybe start selling
tickets or start selling burgers!

Mr Fishoedor walks away whistling.

CUT TO:

INT. BELCHER HOME - DAY

Each character is sitting on the same couch in a slightly
different position speaking directly to the camera,
switching between them each time they speak.

LOUISE

You gotta sift through a lot of
dog poop to find your legos. You
also have to return that dog as
soon as you get it because you
kept feeding it legos.

LINDA

We ended up choosing... Drum roll
please! Mr Sock! And... Beaver Lad!
Teddy got upset after the
auditions and confessed to us...

LINDA (cont.)

...that he still wanted to be a wrestler, so that makes nine members of the Wrestling Club! We could almost be a baseball team, or two basketball teams.

TINA

Or a water polo team with two benchers. After the tryouts we never actually did anymore back alley wrestling. Which didn't really bother me, I don't even like corn.

BOB

Teddy took us to the abandoned Lifeguard Tower at the beach in front of the old paint thinner factory. The one where all the dead seals wash up. I don't usually take the kids there because of the broken glass and the overwhelming smell of dead seals. I have taken the kids there, but only when the good beach is busy.

CUT TO:

EXT. ABANDONED LIFEGUARD TOWER - DAY

The Belcher family is yelling to someone standing on top of the Life Guard tower. They are all dressed in their wrestling costumes. Rudy, his sock puppet, and Zeke are also there looking very confused. Bob facepalms.

LINDA

Please climb back down, Teddy.

TINA

It's too high. He is going to hurt himself.

LOUISE

Jump, poser. You won't.

GENE

Hurt yourself Teddy! We're just kids, we're invincible. No wait, only I am a kid. Don't do this Teddy, your bones are fragile, you're old and fat. You'll die!

TEDDY

I have to do it. I used to do this all the time with my old Wrestling Team. It is perfectly safe...

Teddy is standing on the edge of an abandoned tower at the beach, holding on really tight but sticking his foot out a bit. He is only wearing a kilt, with big poofy white underwear. Linda smacks Bob when he is spacing out.

BOB

Teddy, I am impressed by the fact you got to the top of the tower. Can't that be enough?

RUDY

Mr Teddy, if you jump you could break your neck or something.

RUDY'S SOCK PUPPET

Wouldn't that be fun to watch! Human suffering really stretches out my cotton!

TINA

Hey Rudy, how's your grandma?

Rudy and the Sock Puppet look at each other.

LOUISE

Teddy if you don't jump, I am going to throw rocks at you.

ZEKE

It's called negative reinforcement. It's how my Grandma taught me to read!

TEDDY

If Claire from the Ring Toss Booth at the Wharf is ever going to take me seriously, I need to change. I have to be more than a man! I have to be a wrestler. Ope!

Teddy steps backwards mostly out of frame, he puts on a wrestling mask, and then steps back into frame. A rock hits him in the stomach.

TINA

Or a woman! I think you mean you just want to be more mature, and deal with life more seriously, which most women arguably do more than men, from an even younger age. Just saying...

BOB

Teddy, get down! The same way you got up. I don't want to have to drive you to the hospital. Also, I don't want you to get hurt. I should have started with that one.

TEDDY

This jump is symbolic of a new life! This will be the first step of the rest of my life. Uh, oh...

Teddy gets to the edge and gets scared. Gene shrugs. Teddy ducks as a rock is thrown at him from down below, it's Louise and Zeke. Bob takes some from them and throws rocks at Teddy's feet.

GENE

Don't do it, Teddy. I can't watch another man die in front of me.

LINDA

When have you watched a man die?

TEDDY

I lied! I never jumped off the Lifeguard Tower, I watched everybody else do it but I...

TEDDY (cont.)

...couldn't. So, they kicked me off the Wrestling Team. This is why I have to do this. Right... Now!

Teddy takes a deep breath and imagines all of his enemies in the wrestling ring and then him revving up a chainsaw. Teddy finally jumps and lands in the sand bluff. Nobody moves, but Teddy immediately pops up out of the sand.

TEDDY

Aha! See, I am totally..

Teddy pats down his body. Louise starts climbing the tower in the background, nobody notices.

TEDDY

Oh, boy! I am actually fine! That sand is so soft it's like one of your burger buns Bob! I could live inside one of those buns. I'd have to install plumbing, and electric-

Louise falls into the sand screaming. Everybody looks scared for a moment before she also jumps out of the sand completely fine. She is super excited, and covered in sand.

LOUISE

That was the best thing I've ever done! I have so many feelings! I love you Bob and Linda I mean, Anarchy. King. Thank you.

Louise grabs both of her parents tight and almost cries.

LINDA

Oh, your welcome sweetie.

BOB

Louise! No! Not you're welcome! Hey, nobody else jumps off the tower! This is not okay.

Zeke is already standing at the top of the tower.

ZEKE

But, I already climbed to the top!

LINDA

Zeke, your parents aren't here. I don't know if we can allow this.

ZEKE

My parents live in Florida, Mr Belcher! They would be mad if I didn't jump off this thing!

BOB

Zeke, if you get hurt we can't take you to the hospital because they will blame us.

ZEKE

That's okay Mr Belcher. I wasn't born in a hospital, I ain't gonna die in one.

Zeke falls backwards off the tower like a trust fall, with his hands folded over his chest, and lands perfectly still in the sand. He opens his eyes, then starts to make a sand angel and sheds a tear.

ZEKE

Cherry.

Linda pushes past Bob and starts climbing the tower.

BOB

Linda, where are you going? Linda!
You are not allowed to jump off that lifeguard tower!

Linda starts singing to everyone as she climbs the tower.

LINDA

I need to know I can do it by myself! I need to prove I don't need to ask for help. I have to jump off this tower, and face my fears. Like closing my eyes in the shower and drinking local craft beers! Bob, I am doing this for you. I am doing this for us! I am doing this for the Royal Family...

LINDA (cont.)

...in which we trust! Blimey... It's pretty high.

BOB

Please, come back down, Lin. I can't raise the kids by myself, I don't know Gene's birthday, or what grade Louise is in, or where Tina's birth certificate is.

Linda looks really scared, but then she narrows her eyes and crouches, pulling her ski mask over her face.

LINDA

Sorry, Bobby! Linda isn't up here. There is only... Anarchy. And, it's Tea Time in the U.K. Ahhh!

Linda jumps off the Tower and falls in the soft sand in a belly flop, she isn't moving. Bob runs over to Linda.

BOB

Linda! Are you okay? Linda? Talk to me-

Bob rolls Linda over, her face is covered in sand. She spits sand onto Bob's shirt, then smiles and hugs him.

BOB

I thought you hurt yourself! I could never live without you, Lin. I love you.

Linda puts both her hands on Bob's face.

LINDA

I love you too, Bobby. And, don't worry! You're stuck with me, if we could surgically install a little kangaroo pouch into your belly the kids and I would live in there.

BOB

I don't like picturing that.

Tina looks at her parents and then goes up to Bob and Linda, and gently puts her hand on her fathers shoulder.

TINA
Mom, Dad, can I jump off the
Lifeguard tower?

LINDA
What! Are you sure baby?

TINA
I am the eldest, it's my
responsibility to hold this family
together! If I can't jump off a
lifeguard tower how am I going to
keep you two from inevitably
getting a divorce.

BOB
I don't feel like those things
have a lot in common. But, if you
are sure about this... Yes, go for
it Tina. I believe in you.

TINA
Thanks, Dad!

LINDA
Aww that's so sweet! Go fly baby!
Maybe shoot your little corn guns
while you're doing it, that could
be fun! Love you, Tina!

Tina starts climbing the Tower by herself. She gets to the top and the wind blows her hair back, her glasses fog up, she takes them off and wipes them as she steps to the ledge. Tina gets scared, her family looks so small.

She turns to step back but suddenly she realizes that Bob is standing right next to her. He holds her hand and without saying a word they nod to each other.

BOB
One... Two...

TINA
Three!

Bob and Tina jump off together and land in the sand. They immediately start laughing and before they can get up Linda and Zeke jump off the tower again and Zeke lands head first, with just his feet sticking out of the ground.

Rudy looks at everybody laughing and then he looks at his Sock Puppet. The Puppet shakes his head. Rudy looks sad, and Louise notices. She walks up to him, slaps him and starts shaking him.

LOUISE

Snap out of it, Rudy! The sock is not in control. You are. Prove it, by jumping off of this rickety lifeguard tower.

RUDY

I don't need this sock puppet to express my emotions!

RUDY'S SOCK PUPPET

Yes, you do, Rudy. I am a conduit into your demonic subconscious, I am your true evil self! I am-

Rudy takes the sock off and holds it as he runs towards the tower and starts climbing it. As soon as Rudy gets to the top he starts struggling to breathe, and then he faints.

RUDY

Rudy! I am Regular Sized Rudy...
And... I have Asthma. And... I am...
Afraid of heights. And.. Oh, no.

Rudy falls into the sand but he is totally fine. Linda helps Rudy up and he leaves the sock in the sand.

GENE

Well, now that everybody has jumped off the Lifeguard Tower we can go home, have a glass of coffee creamer, watch a rom-com-

TINA

I don't remember seeing you jump, Gene.

GENE

I am not Gene, I am the Oiled Up Strangler!

LOUISE

Looks to me like the Strangler is afraid of heights.

LINDA

It is perfectly safe, Gene. Don't worry, trust your Momma.

RUDY

It's a lot of fun when it's over!

TEDDY

You can do this... Strangler. We all believe in you!

BOB

I am not going to make you, but I am also not going to stop you.

GENE

You couldn't stop me if I tried.

BOB

I won't stop you.

GENE

You better not.

BOB

Exactly.

GENE

Fine, I'll do it. But, I won't be happy about it, and I will be filing a formal complaint at the next family bath time.

Gene gets all the encouragement, he stands at the bottom of the tower, and sees how tall it is. Then he takes a big dry gulp, and decides to start climbing the Lifeguard Tower. Then he stands there for a while.

LOUISE

If you don't jump right now you're going to die, Gene.

Tight on the Strangler's face, an eagle screeches and a train whistle sounds. Strangler takes a deep breath and looks out at the ocean.

GENE

Today I will be performing the classically styled Shark-Hook Elbow-Gainer-360 at a peak of over seventeen feet, for the very first time... Gulp.

TINA

He's gonna die.

GENE

Three... Two...

Gene is still struggling to jump. He takes another deep breath. Focuses and gets ready to jump. Then he whispers under his breath:

GENE

One!!!

As soon as Gene jumps the tower crumbles beneath him, he falls into the sand next to the tower. There is a cloud of dust and the rest of them shield their eyes and cough.

BOB

Oh, no. That did not look good.

LINDA

My baby! We told him to jump, Bob! What is wrong with us? How is he ever gonna trust his Momma again.

ZEKE

He totally missed that huge area of soft sand.

RUDY

Louise, you just killed the Oiled Up Strangler.

LOUISE

I murdered him with my words.

TINA

Just like the drifter under the
wharf said you would.

Bob and Linda are helping Gene out of the rubble.

CUT TO:

INT. GENE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Gene is lying in bed with two broken arms in casts. He is being interviewed and speaking directly into the camera.

GENE

Nothing can murder the Oiled Up Strangler. Not even words, but I broke both of my arms, and a few ribs. Then I had to tell a lady from the government that I jumped off that Lifeguard Tower by myself. My Mom and Dad were not present and they did not encourage me to jump or give me permission-

TEDDY

And then what happened?

GENE

Rudy's Grandma died and he's only allowed to wear sandals now.

TEDDY

After that!

GENE

Family bath time was postponed because, broken arms. And, oh yeah... Didn't you rejoin your old wrestling group?

Teddy starts packing up his camera.

CUT TO:

EXT. BACK ALLEY - NIGHT

The Belcher family is watching Teddy wrestle with his old team. Louise and Tina are helping Gene eat and drink. Tina is sitting next to Jimmy Jr and they are sharing popcorn.

TEDDY

(V.O.)

After they found out I finally jumped off the Lifeguard Tower. They asked me to come back. And, the Belchers came to watch me fight. They never wrestled again, the trauma of Gene's fall was too much for them. But, the Oiled Up Strangler is long but forgotten. In fact some people say he still wrestles today. Because whenever you're afraid, or you need help, The Oiled Up Strangler will be there. So, I guess there was a happy ending after all.

Teddy jumps into the ring dressed as the Oiled Up Strangler, covered in oil and in his underwear. He climbs to the top of the corner and jumps off, landing elbow first on a skinny guy dressed as a pencil cowering in fear.

Louise sets off her fireworks in the background. Bob puts his arm around Tina and Linda helps Gene drink his soda. The wrestlers fight in the ring as the family watches and fireworks explode in the moonlight.

FADE OUT