

FADE IN:

EXT. BEACH - DAY

It's a typical day at the beach as Basher is working out with his weight set. His scooter is right next to the weights.

1 BASHER
13 <GRUNT> 14 <GRUNT> 15.

He flexes his biceps and starts to pose rapidly and ends with a "Firepower" pose.

HEAVY FOOTSTEPS approach Basher but he's too enamored with himself to even notice.

A shadow, like an eclipse, blocks the sun and only then does Basher notice TINY - a massive rhinoceros beetle.

He's kind but simple and speaks in a slow and precise way.

Basher is taken off guard until Tiny starts moving over to his scooter.

1A BASHER
Uh...eh...y-y-you like it?

Tiny is silent. He caresses the handles of the scooter.

1B BASHER
It's the baddest bike on the
boardwalk.

Tiny continues to admire the craftsmanship of the scooter.

1C BASHER
You like those shocks? I put those
on myself.

Tiny gets on the bike.

2 TINY
"Scooter."

Basher looks more nervous.

3 BASHER
Erm...yup. That's my scooter. Like
I said, the baddest bike on the
beach.

Tiny rides the scooter in repeated circles around Basher. He's unsure and confused on how to deal with this.

4 TINY
(happy)
"Scooter."

5 BASHER
(nervous)
Say, I never asked...what's your
name?

Tiny, still on the scooter, stops directly in front of
Basher.

6 TINY
"Tiny."

7 BASHER
Tiny, huh? There's nothin...<SMALL
GULP> *tiny* about you.

8 TINY
"Tiny."

There's a brief awkward pause between the two of them. The
only sound is the engine of the scooter.

8A TINY
"Ride."

9 BASHER
(conflicted)
You wanna take a ride? On my bike?

Beat.

9A BASHER
Uh...sure...but...

Tiny's eyes widen and he grins.

9B BASHER
(getting backbone)
Just to the boardwalk and back.

Tiny nods his head in agreement. He speeds away from Basher.

Basher watches him drive and approach the boardwalk.

9C BASHER
(shouting)
Okay! Now bring it back!

Tiny drives past the boardwalk and Basher watches his prized
possession get further away.

It takes a moment for Basher to realize that Tiny isn't coming back.

He runs and chases after him.

9D BASHER

Wait! Wait! Wait! Come back with my bike!

We pull back to see a long shot of the distance between Tiny and Basher.

EXT. BEACH - OTHER SIDE OF THE BOARDWALK - DAY

Tiny crosses under the boardwalk and Basher still is in pursuit.

The Bug Rangers are walking with Lucha on the beach. Tiny drives by them and they all spin in place.

They eventually slow down.

10 BUGS

<DIZZY WALLAS>

11 FLUTTER

What was that?

12 LUCHA

It looked like Basher's motocicleta.

13 COSMO

But who was that guy on it?

14 SQUIGGZ

(snarky)

I don't know but I'm gonna find out.

Squiggz marches O.S.

Squiggz and the gang approaches Basher who's pretending to mind his own business.

15 BASHER

<CASUAL WHISTLES>

16 SQUIGGZ

Basher!

17 BASHER

What do you want?

Beat.

17A BASHER

(to Lucha)

Hey Lucha. I thought you were going away for the weekend.

18 LUCHA

(haughty)

I am.

19 SQUIGGZ

I'm curious. Who was the huge guy riding away on your bike?

20 BASHER

(trying to think fast)

Well...he's a...new bug and I thought I'd show him the ropes.

21 COSMO

Looks like he's showing you.

C.U. on Basher glares at Cosmo.

22 BASHER

He's *just* taking it around the block.

PULL BACK as Basher looks past them. REVERSE SHOT as Basher watches Tiny grow smaller and smaller on the horizon.

ON SQUIGGZ.

23 SQUIGGZ

What block would that be?

The scooter is almost completely past the horizon and Basher starts walking in the direction of Tiny.

24 BASHER

Yeah, well I gotta go, Bug Losers. I'm gonna show Tiny how to ride a suped-up bike like mine.

The Bug Rangers and Lucha all look at each other in confusion.

25 SQUIGGZ/COSMO/FLUTTER/LUCHA

Tiny?

Basher goes from a walk to a run to a sprint towards Tiny and the scooter.

They all have dubious expressions on their faces and look to each other.

CUT TO:

EXT. FURTHER DOWN THE BEACH - DAY

The beach turns into a desert for Basher as his bike is gone. There are a few humans on the beach but not as crowded as it is near the boardwalk.

26 BASHER

<PANTING>

He falls to his knees to catch his breath.

26A BASHER

Maybe...I need the Bug Rangers.

Beat.

26B BASHER

I can't believe I said that.

He walks back, defeated, in the direction he came from.

EXT. BEACH - OTHER SIDE OF THE BOARDWALK - DAY

The Bug Rangers return and are at the same part of the beach that Basher saw them at.

Flutter points at Basher.

27 FLUTTER

Look guys! Basher's back.

28 COSMO

From the curvature of his posture,
I'd say that something is troubling
him.

Basher walks by the Bug Rangers in a daze and back towards the boardwalk.

29 SQUIGGZ

Basher, did you really--

Squiggz does quotes in the air.

29A SQUIGGZ

"Let" him use your bike?

Basher stops walking and turns.

30 BASHER

Of course. That's what I said.

None of the Bug Rangers believe him.

30A BASHER

(defeated)

You think I would just let another bug take my scooter, that I probably will never see again?

31 COSMO

What really happened, Basher?

Basher ponders to himself.

32 BASHER

Well...

RIPPLE DISSOLVE:

EXT. BEACH - EARLIER - DAY (BASHER'S LIE)

Basher is working on and admiring his bike.

Note: Basher will be narrating and voicing Tiny in this fabricated sequence.

33 BASHER (V.O.)

I was minding my own business.

33A BASHER

I sure do love my bike. It's the bestest bike in the whole world.

33B BASHER (V.O.)

When suddenly...

Tiny approaches Basher. To Basher, Tiny is the size of a skyscraper.

Note: Increase Tiny's size within Basher's story.

33C TINY (BASHER'S V.O.)

(threatening)

I want to ride your bike.

33D BASHER

(non-confrontational)

Oh sure. Well maybe if you're careful. And, what's your name?

33E TINY (BASHER'S V.O.)

Guess.

Tiny pushes Basher aside and gets on the bike.

33F BASHER

(concerned)

Hey, wait! That's my bike! You better bring it right back!

33G TINY (BASHER'S V.O.)

Too bad.

Tiny revs the bike.

33H TINY (BASHER'S V.O.)

This'll go great with all my other bikes.

END OF STORY SEQUENCE

RIPPLE DISSOLVE:

EXT. BEACH - DAY

The Bug Rangers are in awe of Basher's "true" story of what happened.

34 SQUIGGZ

(feeling bad)

Oh man, that's terrible.

35 BASHER

We have to stop him before he takes all of our stuff.

36 FLUTTER

(firmly)

We need to go find this "bully bug" and get your bike back.

37 COSMO

I concur completely.

Basher's eyes widen.

38 FLUTTER

Now if I were a big bug, I would have a "big" appetite.

Flutter points in the air.

38A FLUTTER
To the food carts!

39 SQUIGGZ/COSMO
Yeah!/Let's go!

40 BASHER
(nervous)
Hold on. Why go there, he might be
at the...the...magic shop.

The group regards him with renewed doubt.

41 SQUIGGZ
(slightly suspicious)
You don't seem too excited to find
Tiny.

Basher changes his posture from lax to upright.

42 BASHER
He just caught me off guard before.
That won't happen again.

Basher pushes past them and walks to the boardwalk.

42A BASHER
(false bravado)
Outta my way, losers.

The Bug rangers follow him.

EXT. BOARDWALK - DAY

Under the hot dog carts, everyone is looking for Tiny.

Squiggz and Cosmo are diligently searching while Basher and
Flutter are looking and eating.

Flutter has some popcorn in her hand and is ready to bite
into it until--

43 SQUIGGZ
Flutter! We're supposed to be
looking.

44 FLUTTER
<GULP> I was, Squiggz. Just stopped
for a quick bite.

Squiggz looks at Basher who's stuffing his face with whatever
he can find.

Basher goes between eating and looking nervously over his shoulder for Tiny.

Squiggz doesn't even try to reprimand him.

The rest of the group joins the two.

45 COSMO

I don't think Tiny is over here.

46 SQUIGGZ

Well, where else could he be?

47 COSMO

The end of the boardwalk?

Flutter nods.

48 BASHER

Huh?

49 COSMO

It's the old part that is closed off. Even to the humans.

50 SQUIGGZ

Well let's go then, so far we've looked all over and haven't found him.

The Bug Rangers walk O.S. but Basher stands in place.

Medium C.U. on Basher, concerned

51 BASHER

(uneasy)

What about the arcade? Or the bumper cars?

WIDE ON GROUP.

52 SQUIGGZ

We can check those places later.

53 COSMO

There's an increased likelihood he's hiding in a more isolated location.

Squiggz raising an eyebrow at Basher.

54 FLUTTER

Don't you want your bike back?

55 BASHER

Yeah...erm, fine.

The Bug Rangers walk together to the end of the boardwalk.

From the back, we see that Basher is veering O.S. to the right. Cosmo grabs him and brings him back.

They continue walking down the pier but Basher veers to the left. Flutter grabs his arm and brings him back.

CUT TO:

EXT. ABANDONED BOARDWALK - DAY

The Bug Rangers and Basher arrive outside of a wood fence. It towers over them. There are holes and splinters in the fence.

The Bug Rangers approach the fence but Basher is falling behind.

The gang takes notice.

56 SQUIGGZ

Come on, Basher!

Basher reluctantly presses onward.

INT. ABANDONED BOARDWALK - DARK

Beyond the wood fence is a bunch of old broken down rides and old frightening machines.

It is poorly lit as the wood fence blocks much of the natural light.

Spider-webs cover nearly every inch of the abandoned boardwalk and The Bug Rangers and Basher manage to avoid interacting with the webs.

The Bug Rangers and Basher are walking through and examining their surroundings and are on edge.

Cosmo looks O.S. and sees a silhouette of a spider and then it jumps away.

57 COSMO

<SCREAMS>

Beat.

57A COSMO

Guys, I think I just saw an eight-legged araneae.

The rest of the gang looks confused and looks to one another for an answer.

57B COSMO (CONT'D)

A multi-legged arachnid?

Continued looks to one another.

57C COSMO

<SIGH> A spider.

Squiggz and Flutter look around nervously.

58 BASHER

Oooooooooo look at Cos-Blow. Scared of an itsy-bitsy spider.

C.U. on Squiggz.

59 SQUIGGZ

You're one to talk, Basher.

C.U. on Basher, threatening

60 BASHER

What's that supposed to mean?

BACK TO WIDER SHOT

Basher leans threateningly towards Squiggz which causes Squiggz to lose his balance and falls backwards.

Squiggz bumps into a Strongman cardboard cutout. It starts to fall.

The Bug Rangers and Basher only see a shadow as it comes down.

The cutout falls on its back.

Everyone gets out of the way except for Squiggz who is trapped under the cardboard cutout.

Cosmo backs into a spider-web and is now caught.

The cardboard cutout has a space for a human head but now in it's place is Squiggz's tiny head.

61 SQUIGGZ
<GRUNTS> Help you guys. Get me
outta here.

62 FLUTTER
Hold on, Squiggz! Basher, help!

Basher runs over to Flutter.

62A FLUTTER
Cosmo? Where are you?

63 COSMO (O.S.)
It seems that I am currently
immobile.

Flutter looks back and forth at Squiggz and Cosmo - both
stuck/trapped.

64 FLUTTER
Basher, help Squiggz get that thing
off of him.

65 BASHER
Who put you in charge? I'll help
Cosmo out.

66 FLUTTER
Fine, Basher.

Beat.

66A FLUTTER
Get Cosmo out and then help me.

Basher goes over to Cosmo and starts pulling apart the web.
He starts at the antennae.

67 BASHER
Don't move, Cosmo.

68 COSMO
Just get me out of here, Basher. I
don't want any spiders to think I'm
on the menu.

Basher looks in all directions.

69 BASHER
I don't see anything. I think
you're--

Basher is cut-off by LOUD, STOMPING footsteps of something
gigantic.

Flutter is doing her best to lift the sign.

70 FLUTTER
<STRUGGLING> What now?

Basher starts to panic.

71 BASHER
Oh no. It's Tiny. He's here and
he's gonna get us.

Basher runs off from helping Cosmo.

72 COSMO
(shouting)
Basher! Come back!

It's too late. Basher has run off and out of O.S.

Flutter tries to lift the sign off of Squiggz but can't.

The footsteps gets LOUDER and CLOSER.

Cosmo struggles in the web to get out.

Flutter tries again to lift the sign off of Squiggz.

73 FLUTTER
On three, you push and I'll lift.

74 SQUIGGZ
Okay.

75 FLUTTER
One.

Beat.

75A FLUTTER
Two.

From the shadows, Tiny appears.

He stands in place and towers over the Bug Rangers.

76 COSMO
Oh no, our predicament has
worsened.

77 SQUIGGZ
No! Get away!

Flutter gently lowers the cutout and approaches Tiny. The size difference between her and Tiny is distinct.

78 FLUTTER
<GULP> Tiny?

Tiny happily nods his head.

78A FLUTTER
Please, help me help my friends.

Tiny stands confused.

Flutter points to Squiggz and Cosmo.

78B FLUTTER
We need *help*. Please *help*.

Tiny understands "help" and walks over towards Squiggz.

Flutter gets ready to do her part to lift the cutout.

78C FLUTTER
Okay, on three. One, two--

Tiny lifts the sign with ONLY one hand.

78D FLUTTER
Threeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee.

Flutter hangs on for dear life as she and the cutout are lifted up.

Squiggz gets up immediately and moves out of the way. Tiny lowers the sign and Flutter runs to catch up to Squiggz.

As the three leave, Cosmo - still caught in the web - watches in horror.

79 COSMO
Hey! You're not going to forget me.
Are you?

Tiny's large hand grabs Cosmo and pulls him out of the webs.

Tiny holds Cosmo gently in his hand as he walks to the exit.

79A COSMO
<SIGH> Why does this always seem to happen to me?

CUT TO:

EXT. ABANDONED BOARDWALK - DAY

Basher is outside of the wooden fence when he hears the LOUD, BOOMING footsteps approach even quicker.

He jumps behind a trash can.

He's about to run away again before he sees Squiggz and Flutter first. Tiny, with Cosmo in his hand, follows shortly after.

Tiny puts Cosmo down gently.

80 COSMO

Thanks!/Much appreciated, Tiny.

Flutter sees Basher - behind the trash can.

81 FLUTTER

Oh, there you are, Basher.

82 SQUIGGZ

I've never seen a bug run so fast.

83 BASHER

I wasn't "running away." I was...uh...going to get help.

84 COSMO

Well, we were lucky Tiny arrived when he did.

Basher is again terrified of Tiny's height and size.

85 BASHER

Didn't you guys forget that Tiny stole my bike?

Flutter walks up to Tiny.

86 FLUTTER

Tiny, where's Basher's scooter?

87 TINY

Scooter.

Tiny walks to the edge of the boardwalk and points to Basher's bike parked where Basher was working out.

The Bug Rangers and Basher walk over and see where he's pointing.

88 SQUIGGZ

Hey, he's telling us he returned it.

89 BASHER

Yeah. Well, he still stole it.

Tiny looks at Basher and Basher walks back a few steps.

90 TINY

No. Borrow.

The Bug Rangers look at Basher who starts walking down the boardwalk.

91 BASHER

I better go see what the damage is.
The tires are probably flattened.
<LAUGHS>

Basher leaves and Tiny follows.

As Tiny approaches, Basher cowers in fear but Tiny just walks past him.

Basher is frozen in a "don't hurt me" pose with his arms up. Once Tiny's shadow passes over, Basher realizes that Tiny has walked past him.

92 BUG RANGERS

<GIGGLING>

INT. ROACH HOUSE - DAY

The Bug Rangers each act out a portion of the day's events to Grandma Nan and Grandpa Lou like a theatre production.

93 COSMO

And I was stuck in the spider-webs!

94 FLUTTER

I was trying to lift the sign when Basher ran away.

95 GRANDMA NAN/GRANDPA LOU

<LOW CHUCKLING>

96 SQUIGGZ

And then a massive gigantic blue...what did you call them, Cos?

97 COSMO

Rhinoceros Beetle.

Grandpa Lou's eyes widen.

98 SQUIGGZ

Yeah, he came and saved the day.

99 GRANDPA LOU

You guys saw a...rhinoceros
beetle?

The Bug Rangers answer with nods.

99A GRANDPA LOU

It's been ages since I've seen one.
Really kind and gentle creatures
they are.

100 COSMO

I can attest to that!

101 FLUTTER

He was a gentle giant.

102 GRANDPA LOU

Oh, indeed. They usually come up
this way to spend time with their
families.

103 SQUIGGZ

Well, Tiny has a *new* family now.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END