

FADE IN:

EXT. BOARDWALK - DAY

Squiggz, Flutter and Cosmo are running side-by-side down the boardwalk on a typical day.

1 BUGS
<LAUGHING WALLAS>

MEDIUM SHOT on Cosmo walks in front of the other two and walks backwards. He doesn't see that he's about to back into a wooden pylon.

2 COSMO
You know, assisting those homeless
bugs find domiciles was lots of--

C.U. on Flutter.

3 FLUTTER
Cosmo! Stop!

Cosmo comes to a screeching halt. Cosmo wipes his forehead.

4 COSMO
Phew! Thanks, Flutter.

Squiggz walks past the two of them.

5 SQUIGGZ (O.S.)
(sarcastic)
Who'd want to do a parade?

Cosmo and Flutter give each other a quick confused look and walk to join Squiggz.

PAN UP from the Bug Rangers to a sign on the pylon advertising: "SEASIDE PARADE: THIS WEEKEND!"

C.U. and PAN on each of the bug's reaction: Squiggz is dismissive. Cosmo looks interested, then at Squiggz and then becomes dismissive as well.

Flutter is excited with her eyes widened.

6 COSMO
I could see...um...the practical
applications in testing the
machinery in our--

Medium on Squiggz rolling his eyes. Cosmo notices and stops.

Flutter goes up to the pylon with wonderment in her eyes.

INSERT - Flutter's thought balloon.

Flutter imagines herself on top of a float with flowers being thrown at her.

BACK TO SCENE

7 FLUTTER

I think it could be fun!

8 SQUIGGZ

Why am I not surprised?

9 FLUTTER

You shouldn't be. We should have a parade!

10 SQUIGGZ

Parades are so boring. All you do is go in a straight line. Oh, YAWN!

MEDIUM SHOT on Cosmo and Squiggz.

11 COSMO

(to Squiggz)

There are many celebratory reasons for conducting a parade.

12 SQUIGGZ

Like?

13 COSMO

Well, in this case, this particular parade celebrates the building of the boardwalk.

PULL BACK to include Flutter.

14 FLUTTER

We need something worth celebrating.

15 COSMO

Oh, I know. How about Grandpa Lou's birthday?

16 SQUIGGZ

<SCOFFS> Whoever thought of celebrating a birthday with a parade?

Cut to MEDIUM on Cosmo and Flutter aware and used to Squiggz's negativity.

PAN CAMERA to Flutter and Squiggz.

17 FLUTTER

We could build floats to make others aware of The Bug Rangers.

C.U. on Squiggz. This piques Squiggz's interest.

18 FLUTTER (O.S.)

It could lead to more adventures.

Squiggz's eyes widen.

19 SQUIGGZ

I'm down.

Cut to Flutter jumping up and down, clapping her hands.

FLUTTER

Yipee! Let's go make a float!

CROSS DISSOLVE:

INT. BUG CAVE - LATER

The Bug Rangers are standing by a ragged, broken piece of chalkboard. Cosmo has the piece of chalk.

20 COSMO

Okay, we need to figure out what the float is going to look like.

MEDIUM SHOT on Cosmo drawing with Flutter and Squiggz on opposite sides of Cosmo.

We don't ever see what Cosmo is drawing.

21 FLUTTER

It should be super small and cute.

Cosmo scribbles something O.S.

Squiggz looks at Flutter.

22 SQUIGGZ

No. It needs to be bigger so everyone can see it easier.

Cosmo erases and scribbles again.

23 FLUTTER
It should be medium then.

24 SQUIGGZ
Fine.

25 COSMO
<SIGHS>

Cosmo erases and scribbles.

26 COSMO
What should be on it?

27 FLUTTER
Pretty flowers.

Cosmo draws.

28 SQUIGGZ
Where are flowers going to fit in
our MASSIVE Bug Ranger logo?

Cosmo erases yet again and scribbles.

29 COSMO
(calm but annoyed)
Guys, guys. You should come to an
agreement before you tell me.

Flutter and Squiggz walk O.S.

30 COSMO
<DEEP BREATH>

31 FLUTTER/SQUIGGZ (O.S.)
<AGITATED MUMBLING DISCUSSION>

They come back and the three are on the same MEDIUM shot.

32 FLUTTER/SQUIGGZ
<TALKING OVER EACH OTHER>

Cosmo gives up and SLAMS his head on the chalkboard.

C.U. Flutter notices Cosmo's frustration.

33 FLUTTER
Maybe it would be better if we
worked on separate floats.

34 COSMO
<SIGH OF RELIEF> That's a
stupendous suggestion, Flutter.

35 SQUIGGZ

But who gets to work with Cosmo?

36 COSMO

I think we can discuss this like
the rational bugs that we--

37 SQUIGGZ

Cosmo, we guys have to stick
together.

Flutter is surprised.

Cosmo reluctantly walks over to Squiggz.

Cut to MEDIUM of Flutter by herself.

38 FLUTTER

(holding back tears)

Okay, if that's how you *guys* feel,
I'll build my own float.

Flutter walks O.S.

Squiggz and Cosmo look at each other with minor remorse.

EXT. BEACH PARKING LOT - DAY

Cosmo and Squiggz are working on their parade float.

The boy's float is a large intricate piece of machinery that
looks like it came out of a cold and sterile laboratory. It
has tesla coils on one end, test tubes on the side and diodes
on the back.

Awkwardly placed on the float is a banner with the Bug Ranger
logo that Squiggz and Cosmo put on as the finishing touch.

39 SQUIGGZ

There. Now that's a float!

C.U. Cosmo rolls his eyes.

MEDIUM shot on Squiggz and Cosmo looking over to a napkin
held down by small rocks with a float underneath.

Squiggz and Cosmo walk over to the girl's float.

REVERSE SHOT on Lucha coming out from under the sheet/napkin.

PAN shot of the two walking towards Lucha, going back and forth between who walks in front. Repeat action.

Squiggz ends up being the one in front.

40 SQUIGGZ

H-h-hey, Lucha. I didn't know you liked floats too.

41 LUCHA

Like them? I love anything that I can make muy bonita.

Cue bizarre Daytona Pit Crew SFX -
Hammers/Screwdrivers/Chainsaw - from underneath the sheet.

Cosmo and Squiggz look at each other confused.

Flutter rolls out on a toy skateboard from under the sheet. She has splotches of grease on her face and a wrench and screwdriver in her hands.

Cosmo bends down and reaches down to pull up the napkin..
Flutter immediately pushes his hands away.

42 FLUTTER

(to Lucha)

I just put the finishing touches on the float.

43 LUCHA

Aiiyyyy! Buen trabajo, Flutter! This calls for a celebracion! How bout some ice cream from under the snow cone cart?

44 FLUTTER

My favorite! Or how do you say it, Lucha?

45 LUCHA

Mi favorita!

46 FLUTTER

Mi favorita!

Beat.

47 LUCHA/FLUTTER

<LAUGHS>

48 SQUIGGZ

Can we see your guy's float?

MEDIUM of Lucha and Flutter looking at each other knowingly.

Flutter and Lucha lean into a C.U.

49 LUCHA/FLUTTER

No way!

Beat.

50 FLUTTER

It's not a "guy's" float.

51 LUCHA

Si. Flutter told me how you left her out. That's not the Bug Ranger way.

TWO-SHOT of Squiggz and Cosmo. Cosmo looks sheepish.

52 SQUIGGZ

We weren't leaving her out. Cos and I just work better together. That's all.

53 LUCHA

Well...now, Flutter and I work best together.

54 FLUTTER

(to Squiggz)

And we're gonna have the best float you've ever seen.

Lucha and Flutter high-five and walk towards the boardwalk.

Cosmo and Squiggz begin walking back towards their float.

55 COSMO

Maybe we should've let Flutter--

56 SQUIGGZ

Cosmo < EXASPERATED SIGH > Let's just get back to work.

57 COSMO

I thought we finished.

58 SQUIGGZ

(determined)

I haven't even started.

EXT. BEACH PARKING LOT - SUNSET

Cosmo and Squiggz are still working on their parade float when Basher comes drifting in on his scooter from O.S.

The scooter kicks up small rocks and dirt onto Squiggz, Cosmo and the float.

Squiggz stops working and walks up to Basher. There is a toolbox at Squiggz's feet

59 SQUIGGZ

Watch where you're going, Basher!

60 BASHER

Oh, I'm sorry. Did I get you and your...er...thing dirty? <LAUGHS>

Squiggz brushes himself off.

61 COSMO

(shouting)

Squiggz, bring back a screwdriver while you're over there!

Squiggz reaches into the toolbox and walks back towards the float.

Basher gets off his scooter and catches up with Squiggz.

PAN walking back to the float side-by-side.

62 BASHER

Say...What're you guys building anyway?

63 SQUIGGZ

It's none of your business, Basher.

64 BASHER

Oh yeah?

Squiggz and Basher arrive at the float.

65 BASHER

Cosmo, Squiggz told me you guys are building an airplane.

66 COSMO

As a matter of fact, it's a parade float.

Basher drops to the ground on his stomach and flails his arms and legs.

67 BASHER
<LAUGHING HYSTERICALLY>

Squiggz shoots an annoyed look at Cosmo.

68 SQUIGGZ
(to Cosmo)
Let's get back to work and show the girls what a real float looks like.

Basher gets up quickly.

69 BASHER
Girl...ssuh? You mean...like Lucha?

Squiggz looks at Basher, annoyed.

70 COSMO
(sarcastic)
I'm not sure, Basher. What else would you call her? <SNICKER>

71 BASHER
I know what I'm gonna call you.
Dead-meat!

Basher chases after Cosmo O.S.

Squiggz shakes his head and continues working on the float.

REVERSE SHOT of Squiggz working inside the float and Grandma Nan and Grandpa Lou come into frame.

72 GRANDPA LOU
Hey Squiggz!

CLONK! Squiggz hits his head on the panel above and starts to rub it.

Nan and Lou rush over to him.

73 SQUIGGZ
Oooowwwwwwwieeeeeee!

74 GRANDMA NAN
That's going to be a bump on the head for sure.

Squiggz rubs his head repeatedly.

75 GRANDPA LOU
Sorry, Squiggz.

76 SQUIGGZ

It's okay. I was just working on our float.

77 GRANDPA LOU

(jokingly)

Oh? What kind of float? Like Root Beer?

78 SQUIGGZ

<CHUCKLES> No. The ones where you compete with girls who think they're better than you.

79 GRANDPA LOU

Now, Squiggz. It's not about winning. It's about the fun of competing and knowing you did your best.

80 SQUIGGZ

(ignoring)

If you say so, Grandpa.

81 GRANDPA LOU

Who're going to be your judges?

Squiggz looks dumbstruck.

82 SQUIGGZ

I never thought about that. Do you guys wanna be judges?

83 GRANDPA LOU/GRANDMA NAN

Sure!/Sounds like a plan!

Beat.

84 SQUIGGZ

I'd love to talk more with you guys but I gotta get back to work.

Squiggz stops rubbing his head and goes back to work on the float.

MEDIUM on Nan and Grandpa Lou.

85 GRANDPA LOU/GRANDMA NAN

<WHISPERING AND MURMURING>

86 GRANDMA NAN
(quietly murmurs)
To be fair, we're going to need a
third judge.

CROSS DISSOLVE:

EXT. MINI-GOLF COURSE - NIGHT

ESTABLISHING SHOT: The golf course has the standard attractions for the casual players that would usually populate the course.

At night, the bugs host their own Bug Parade.

PAN down to see a sign: "BUG PARADE TODAY! GRAND PRIZE-GRANDMA NAN'S MASSIVE MUFFINS!" near the entrance with the generic bugs walking in.

The generic bugs pull their less impressive floats in front of Grandma Nan and Grandpa Lou.

Squiggz and Cosmo pull their float up followed shortly by Lucha and Flutter's float covered by the tissue.

All the bugs leave their floats and crowd around Grandma Nan and Grandpa Lou. The large muffins sit on a table directly behind them.

In the crowd, C.U. on Squiggz and Flutter locking eyes.

MEDIUM of Basher in the back of the crowd amongst the other bugs.

C.U. on Zenon (Xtra from Ep101: New Bug) with the muffins reflecting in his eyes.

The other generic bugs have their eyes on the muffins as well.

87 GRANDPA LOU
Welcome to the first Boardwalk
Parade. (Beat.) But before we get
started, we have to pick a third
judge.

88 GRANDMA NAN
We need to keep this fair.

All of the bugs raises their hands with excitement.

89 GENERIC BUGS

Pick me/I wanna do it/Please!/Over here!

Basher starts to rub his chin, mischievously.

90 BASHER

(whispers; to himself)

This is may be my chance to impress Lucha.

REVERSE SHOT: In between Grandman Nan and Grandpa Lou is Basher pushing through the crowd - parting it like the Red Sea.

PAN across the crowd. Every bug is shocked.

91 GRANDPA LOU

Can you be an impartial judge, Basher?

92 BASHER

(insincere)

Of course I can.

Basher holds his right hand and makes a "scout's honor" gesture.

93 BASHER

Scout's honor.

Nan and Lou have a pow-wow O.S.

CU Basher spots Lucha in the crowd and smiles confidently at her.

Lucha looks away in disgust.

MEDIUM on Nan and Lou approaching Basher.

94 GRANDMA NAN

Okay. We're going to make you a judge, Basher

But behind his back is his other hand with crossed fingers.

95 GRANDPA LOU

(to the crowd)

We will begin the contest shortly. May the best float win!

CUT TO:

EXT. MINI-GOLF COURSE - MOMENTS LATER

Over by the floats, Basher is sneaking around and avoiding detection from any of the other generic bugs.

He pulls out a wrench and a screwdriver.

96 BASHER
I'll make sure Lucha wins.

CROSS DISSOLVE:

EXT. MINI-GOLF COURSE - LATER

Basher walks away from Squiggz/Cosmo's float with dust on him.

He brushes himself off and throws the tools away.

Basher looks at Zenon's float at the front of the line.

97 BASHER
Lucha's float is going to beat that
no problem.

PAN Follow Basher back to the Grandma Nan and Grandpa Lou.
MEDIUM of the three judges.

98 GRANDPA LOU
You got here just in time, Basher.

99 BASHER
Let's get this show on the road!

Zenon and all of the generic bugs get in their floats.

Cosmo/Squiggz enter theirs.

Flutter and Lucha pull off the tissue together and reveal a beautiful float with Squiggz, Cosmo and Flutter all together as friends made of flowers.

The girl's float also has a stage that Flutter and Lucha can both stand on.

Cosmo/Squiggz look behind at the girl's float in wonderment.

100 GRANDPA LOU
And...go!

Zenon's float works without a problem.

He passes in front of Lou, Nan and Basher. Lou and Nan give each other smiles as Zenon's float goes by.

Basher looks bored.

101 BASHER

YAWN!

All of the other bugs' floats start having problems and shut down. They stop or fall apart.

Squiggz and Cosmo's float begins to fall apart. First the wheels and then the controllers.

It begins to veer off course. Cosmo and Squiggz jump off and the float rolls away O.S. into a CRASH.

C.U. on Flutter's shock.

Flutter jumps off of the float stage.

Lucha watches Flutter run after Cosmo and Squiggz.

MEDIUM on Cosmo and Squiggz picking themselves up and Flutter helping them up.

102 COSMO/SQUIGGZ

Thanks, Flutter/Thank you!

103 FLUTTER

No problem, guys.

SLOW CROSS
DISSOLVE:

EXT. MINI-GOLF COURSE - MOMENTS LATER

The only two floats to have made it to be judged are Zenon's float and the Lucha/Flutter float - each contestant is standing next to their float.

Basher is standing, next to Lucha, looking smug.

Squiggz and Cosmo walk back, defeated, with Flutter.

Lou and Nan spot Squiggz and Cosmo.

104 GRANDPA LOU

(to Squiggz)

Your float's a no-show. What happened?

105 SQUIGGZ

It was going fine until the tires started to fall off.

106 COSMO

And the steering wheel broke off too. I don't understand! I tested it myself earlier today!

Grandma Nan leans over to Grandpa Lou.

107 GRANDMA NAN

(whispers)

Well there were alot of floats falling apart today, Lou.

Basher leans over to Lucha by the floats.

108 BASHER

This one's in the bag, Lucha.

109 LUCHA

What makes you so certain?

110 BASHER

Well...let's just say...you owe me one.

The pieces begin to connect in Lucha's head.

111 LUCHA

You broke their floats?

112 BASHER

Well, I'm not saying yes but I'm not saying no either.

C.U. on Lucha glaring at Basher.

113 GRANDPA LOU

Well, we have seen the floats and have determined that Flutter and Lucha's float is the winner.

The crowd of generic bugs cheers.

114 LUCHA

(shouting)

Wait!

Everyone stops.

115 LUCHA
(shouting)
I will not accept this trofeo!

116 FLUTTER
(shouting)
Me either! Too many floats fell
apart. Something happened.

Basher slinks away from all of the other bugs.

117 GRANDMA NAN
Well there needs to be a winner
after I made my special muffins.

118 GRANDPA LOU
If Lucha and Flutter do not accept
first place, then Zenon wins by
default.

Zenon can't believe he has won. He runs up to Lou and Nan,
excitedly shakes their hands and runs over to the muffins.

He starts to comically gorge on the massive muffins.

CROSS DISSOLVE:

EXT. MINI-GOLF COURSE - LATER

Now that the Bug Parade is over and all the generic bugs have
gone home, The Bug Rangers, Lucha, Nan and Lou walk out of
the mini-golf course together.

119 SQUIGGZ
I really did like your float,
Flutter.

Flutter smiles.

120 FLUTTER
You did? I liked yours too.

121 COSMO
Ours could've used a more feminine
touch.

122 COSMO/FLUTTER/SQUIGGZ
<LAUGH>

123 GRANDMA NAN
Let's do this again next year.

124 GRANDPA LOU
Agreed. This was alot of fun.

125 LUCHA
You gotta make sure that Basher
isn't a judge though.

126 EVERYONE
<LAUGHS>

The group continues to walk away from the floats but they
electricity starts to HUM from Cosmo and Squiggz's float.

The Bug Rangers sign on their float begins to light up.

127 SQUIGGZ
Hey Cos. Look! It's working!

THE END.