

SCENE 11: BIKINI BOTTOM

Squidward crosses the stage, serving in his reluctant role as Official Concert Organizer. He's holding a clipboard, checking things off.

SQUIDWARD

Alright, gotta get this concert organized. The drumkit will go here... confetti cannons there and there... And posters, of course. The Electric Skates... *(dramatic pause)* with very special guest SQUIDWARD Q. TENTACLES! I still remember that night, my third-grade talent show, the other fish calling me Loser! Loser! To this day, when I hear that word, something in me just SNAPS! *(he almost snaps, then pulls himself together)* But you got me through it, Mama. You told me someday I'd play the Bikini Bottom Bandshell. Before time runs out, I will prove you right. I'm a pretty squid, Mama, and I'm going to show them what I've got! Hit it!

The band strikes up and Squidward sings.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)

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But before he can finish the line, he's interrupted by SpongeBob, Sandy and Patrick barreling in. It's his second experience with Singing Interruptus.

SPONGEBOB

Hey Squidward, good news. We're going to save Bikini Bottom!

Plankton comes in now, having just heard this. Karen follows.

PLANKTON

What're you talking about?! Explain yourself, rhombus slacks.

SPONGEBOB

Sandy's going to build an ingenious bubble device to stop the volcano.

SQUIDWARD

Did you say an ingenious bubble device to stop the volcano?

SPONGEBOB

Yes, an ingenious bubble device to stop the volcano.

SANDY

I'll work on a better name.

SPONGEBOB

And all we have to do is climb to the top of Mount Humongous and drop it in!

SQUIDWARD

(starts laughing, takes him a moment to stop himself.) You're kidding, right? Nobody's ever made it to the top alive.

SPONGEBOB

When you say nobody, do you mean that as a figure of speech, or...?

SQUIDWARD

I mean nobody ever, period, full stop, exclamation point.

SpongeBob gulps in fear. Very loudly. Squidward exits, shaking his head at these rubes.

PATRICK

Don't worry, buddy, we can do this. I'll be with you the whole way, no matter what.

ZOOM IN on Plankton and Karen. Plankton is concerned.

PLANKTON

That sponge is the biggest threat to my plot. He tried to stop me at the town meeting, and now this. If somehow they do manage to climb that mountain...

KAREN

We have to make sure they don't live long enough to reach the top.

PLANKTON

I like how you're thinking, Karen. And you know... you just said "we".

KAREN

(realizing herself) I guess I did.

PLANKTON

I'm so glad you want to scheme with me again. It's just like the old days.