

SCENE 11: THE BIKINI BOTTOM BANDSHELL

The Mayor barks at the assembled crowd.

MAYOR OF BIKINI BOTTOM

Alright, that's enough. Luggage there, escape pod will go here!

PEARL

Where's the band? They should be here!

Everyone stops. Realizing they're gone.

SQUIDWARD

They quit. Artistic differences.

PEARL

They left me behind?! But—he said I could go on tour with them!

MR. KRABS

What? You were going to run away?? *(infuriated)* Pearl Krabs! If we survive this, you are grounded. I'm sorry if that sounds cold-blooded, but I am.

His anger makes Pearl even more upset.

MRS. PUFF

We won't survive! Without the band, we'll never raise enough money for the pod.

A cry of fear from the crowd. And now Pearl, who's got a lot of pent-up teenage anger at her father, has an idea. She glares at Mr. Krabs and says—

PEARL

I bet Daddy could pay. He's made a lot of cash off this crisis.

Everyone turns to look at Krabs.

MR. KRABS

Don't look at me. *(As his suitcases pop open, showing tons of cash)* Don't look at that either.

MAYOR OF BIKINI BOTTOM

Mr. Krabs, the government is hereby seizing your assets.

She signals Larry the Lobster, who grabs the suitcase away from Krabs.

Squidward comes scrambling over to help Larry take a look at what's inside.

MR. KRABS

(to Pearl) How could you?

PEARL

Is money really more important than all of us? Than me?

Mr. Krabs doesn't know how to answer that.

Meanwhile, Squidward has been helping Larry the Lobster count all the cash. And they've both just realized—

SQUIDWARD

It isn't enough! Not even close!

And then, to make matters worse, there's another RUMBLE.

MRS. PUFF

Oh no! Not again!

PERCH PERKINS

(pointing) It's another boulder!!

MAYOR OF BIKINI BOTTOM

Everyone stay calm!

But no one stays calm. They all scream in fear!

The biggest boulder of all comes rolling through.

IT CRUSHES OLD MAN JENKINS, flattening him into a 2-D version of himself. There is total shocked silence. Then Perch turns to the Mayor.

PERCH PERKINS

This is the government's fault!

MAYOR OF BIKINI BOTTOM

This is the media's fault!

MR. KRABS

It's Squidward's fault!