

WILLIAM BUNGUS

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EPISODE SYNOPSIS

A NEW MAYOR ON BUNGUS STREET

William Bungus inherits a stone tower from his mysterious uncle Edwin and makes an unusual discovery about the plumbing. He finds himself offered the position of mayor of Bungusland and is already the target of the Crazy Professor and an attempt to un-seat him.



The episode begins with Billy sat opposite his boss in the office at the Italian sushi bar. His boss is talking calmly, 'how close the run was for the promotion to head dishwasher but unfortunately I had to make a decision...and I have gone with the one who I feel is most dedicated to cleanliness and hygiene....Mr Whiskers'. We see that there is another chair beside Billy, he looks shocked, there is a cat licking itself in the seat next to him. 'Congratulations Mr Whiskers' Billy sighs and grabs his jacket, his boss calls after him 'better luck next time Billy, see you tomorrow night at 6, don't be late'.

Billy steps outside and it starts raining. He looks down and Mr Whiskers is peeing on his leg. He gives a deep sigh. Suddenly a ridiculously long limousine pulls up, the window is lowered slightly and a very serious looking old business man peers at him 'Are you Mr William Bungus?' he enquires. Billy says he is and he is ordered to get in.

In the car he is offered a coke float and starts feeling all comfy as the old man asks him if he knew of his uncle, Edwin Bungus. Billy replies that he thinks his mother used to speak about him, everyone said he was crazy, they once saw him running down the street in his underpants trying to tape bacon to a monkey. The old man pulls out a scroll and reads it out, it is Edwin Bungus' last will and he has left all his worldly belongings to his only living relative...William Bungus...this includes his miniature yak sculptures, his large collection of exotic smells and the deeds to Bungus Tower.

Billy is shocked and soon is dropped off outside Bungus tower, left alone to look at its crumbling walls and broken fences. All the other houses in this suburban street are perfectly normal, his new neighbour eyes him suspiciously as he walks up the path. He walks up to the door and inserts the key and as he does so the heavy wooden door falls forward onto him.

Dusting himself off he wanders around inside marvelling at all the strange artefacts. He finds a huge collection of empty jars and picks one up and un-screws the lid...quickly he re-coils at the awful guff and reads the label 'Bottom Burp of the Madagascan Fruit lizard' ...must be his uncles collection of exotic smells.

He finds a dusty old sofa and sits on it and it collapses around him, he is sitting on the floor surrounded by broken furniture as mice and bugs scurry out from under it. A big rat runs up and tries to steal his cap but he grabs it and puts it back, only the mildest hint of irritation on his face. He decides he could live there.

We see Billy in the shower under an intermittent stream of water. He is whistling while lathering up and realises the water is gathering at his feet. He looks down and the plug hole is blocked by a disgusting amount of hair and bugs, bending over he starts un-blocking the drain... and notices a strange glow emanating from inside the drain. He looks closer and before he knows it he is sucked down the plug hole and is whooshing like a water slide down a labyrinth of pipes and tubes.

He eventually comes flying out of the tube into a fancy but run down office, landing on the head of the Crazy Professor (in this episode he has big crazy hair) who is in front of a large crowd of unusual characters. He rubs his head and notices that he is sat on a groaning Crazy Professor. 'oops, sorry....' Crazy Professor is irate and rubbing his head 'Who the devil are you!!....' 'My name is William Bungus, but you can call me Billy', he offers his hand in a hopeful handshake, the Crazy Professor bats it away. Suddenly a Prawn in a cap jumps up on the desk...'Marcel...read back the transcript...' Marcel, a French guy, is sat at a small court room style type writer, he clears his throat and reads '...In absence of a town's mayor, I must assume leadership of Bungus land...unless that is, and I highly doubt it, a member of the Bungus family happens to slide out of that drain oooof'. Prawn Paul is excited...'and did you not say your name was William Bungus?'....he asks Billy. He nods....and everyone cheers. Billy looks around confused but is excited to be centre of attention. Crazy Professor is holding a scroll and shouts for everyone to be quiet. 'It states here that only a member of the Bungus family can assume leadership of Bungusland and he must be get the swirly of leadership within 24 hours of the fountain of Bungus being started(he points to a toilet in the office) ...or else the role must go to a member of the Society of Crazy Professors and Evil Medical staff....that would be me!'

‘No problem’...says Prawn Paul, ‘Billy, you’ll do it won’t you....?’ Billy starts backing off....’wait a minute who are youcreatures.....? Where is this place...? How do I get home....?’

Crazy Professor laughs and flushes the toilet (throne of leadership) ...’Good luck convincing this loser...C’mon crab’. He calls to a Bionic Crab which hurries over like a loyal lap dog. He jumps on its back and it starts hovering with a jet pack and flies through the window... unfortunately too high and the Professor is knocked off by the window frame. He gets up, dusts himself down, curses the Crab, carries on maniacally laughing and jumps out the window. We hear a splat. Billy and some other characters peer out the window and see him in a slimy drum of ooze, he gets out and the crab flies back and picks him up... and he continues maniacally laughing...with just a little less gusto.

The characters in the office all gather around Billy, He looks shocked. ‘Did you guys know my uncle Edwin Bungus....?’

Prawn Paul: ‘Of course, he was our mayor for many years and then he stopped coming...but now we have you...you are the only one who can stop that stinky old Professor taking over Bungusland and turning it into a whole bunch of factories and chemical waste dumps...’

‘And who are you...?’

‘I am Prawn Paul, I am a rapper, but I sometimes do temp jobs here, let me show you around....’

Billy and Prawn Paul walk the streets of Bungusland and Prawn Paul introduces him to several odd creatures and characters, some regard him strangely, Billy is gawping and not sure what is going on. He is being introduced to Neck Boy when he says he needs to go away and have a think.

He is sitting on the edge of a small jetty by the lake sighing and feeling confused. He takes out a coin from his pocket and tosses it, it tumbles into the water. We see the coin tumble down and land next to Sea Cucumber Girl. She pops out of the water and the two lock eyes. The song ‘Sea Cucumber Girl’ is sung by Billy as a montage of the two characters romancing. At the songs conclusion she nudges towards an article in The Bungus Times that says the Crazy Professor intends to

build a factory that will prepare and package Mashed Sea Cucumber Juice. He is shocked...!

The office is filled with characters looking concerned and the sun is going down when Billy enters carrying Sea Cucumber Girl. He has told them he has decided to take up their offer and everyone cheers.

Suddenly the Crazy Professor jumps through the window with Bionic Crab brandishing a big complex laser. 'This is the Baldernater!' The only way to become Mayor is to get a Swirly....but you can't get a Swirly if you don't have any hair!one blast from this and you will be completely bald!'. Billy runs for cover as The Crazy Professor wildly blasts around the room, some characters are hit and all their hair falls out....an ostrich is hit and all its feathers drop off. Billy grabs a mirror off the wall just as a laser blast is about to hit him. The laser blast bounces off the mirror and hits the Crazy Professor...his hair falls off and his weapon explodes. Bionic Crab scuttles over to his master and gingerly picks him up...Crazy Professor mumbles...'get me to a wig shop!' and the pair run away.

Everyone cheers...Billy steps up to the fountain of leadership (toilet), removes his cap and bends over, putting his head in the toilet. He removes it and he has a big swirl of hair. He is handed the big chain necklace of Mayor of Bungusland....and everyone cheers and lift him (and Sea Cucumber Girl) up on their shoulders. Image fades...

We cut to Pastrami Wasabi's , his boss is waiting impatiently when Billy bursts in, his hair still in a swirl. 'And where have you been?' he asks while handing him his rubber gloves. Billy takes the gloves and steps up to the sink...'oh, I just inherited an ancient stone tower, discovered a portal to another world of strange creatures and become their mayor', his boss and Mr Whiskers burst out laughing....'you must have been dreaming.....you...a mayor! Don't make me laugh'. They laugh while Billy sighs a contented sigh and starts washing dishes...The sea cucumber Girl pops out of the water and gives him a wink and he winks back.

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