

# WILLIAM BUNGUS

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## A New Mayor in Bungusland

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### TITLE SEQUENCE

Psychedelic,

### SCENE 1

INT: Pastrami Wasabi's; A dirty office in the back of an Italian Sushi bar. **Billy** is sat on a rickety chair in front of his **Boss's** desk. There are two chairs and the **Boss** is addressing both but at this point we cannot see who is occupying the second chair. The **Boss** is a big unshaven surly looking guy:

**BOSS**

Well it was a close run thing ....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 [while picking his ear with a chopstick]....the new head dishwasher at Pastrami Wasabi's is...

**BILLY**

[Looks hopeful, fingers crossed, talking to himself or some higher power] please, please, please....I will be evicted if I don't make rent this month...

**BOSS**

...Mr Whiskers

CAMERA OPENS OUT TO SHOW A CAT IS SAT ON THE CHAIR NEXT TO **BILLY** LICKING ITSELF; **BILLY** LOOKS DEJECTED.

**BILLY**

Well I appreciate your consideration sir [with a sigh] ....congratulations Mr Whiskers.

**BILLY** OFFERS A HAND SHAKE TO **MR WHISKERS** WHO LOOKS UP FROM LICKING HIMSELF AND SWIPES AT THE HAND WITH HIS CLAWS. **BILLY** BACKS OFF, RUBBING HIS HAND.

**BOSS**

Hey, better luck next time, Billy. As a consolation prize I'll let you have this prototype tuna and pepperoni egg roll...state of the art cuisine!

**BILLY** TAKES THE EGG ROLL, REGARDS IT WITH A 'YUCK' AND GRABS HIS JACKET AND STARTS TO LEAVE. AS HE'S LEAVING HIS **BOSS** SHOUTS AFTER HIM:

**BOSS**

See ya tomorrow at 6 Billy...don't be late.

## **SCENE 2**

EXT: Outside Pastrami Wasabi's; ***Billy** is leaving work, suddenly there is a thunder clap and it starts raining. He has his egg roll in his hand, he is just about to eat it when **Mr Whiskers** jumps into shot and steals it.*

**BILLY**

Darn it....is anything going to go right for me today....?

*Suddenly a crack of thunder is heard and it starts to rain. **BILLY** walks away sullenly.*

EXT: Apartment block, **BILLY**'s house; ***BILLY** arrives home to find wooden boards across the windows and a note nailed to his front door. **BILLY** tears the note down and reads it:*

**NOTICE OF EVICTION.**

**BILLY**

[to himself] Ah man, [up at the window] ....hey what about my stuff.....???

**UNSEEN PERSON FROM WINDOW**

It's all by the garbage...

**BILLY** looks over and sees a box with 'BILLYS STUFF' written on the side among the trash. **MR WHISKERS** is relieving himself into the box. He rushes over yanking the box from under the cat and sending **MR WHISKERS** rolling into the road. **MR WHISKERS** lands and then sits down and starts licking himself.

Suddenly an expensive looking car comes speeding along. **BILLY** sees it and realises it is about to hit the oblivious cat. He jumps into the road lifting the cat out of the way but the car has a golden hood ornament shaped like a high heeled shoe which catches **BILLY** in the groin. The window rolls down and an officious looking business woman is inside in a suit. She is **Stepahnie Swindle**.

**MR SWINDLE**

...Are you per-chance [ruffles through some documents] Mr William Bungus....?

**BILLY**

[in a pained high pitched voice] yes

**STEPH SWINDLE**

Get in...I have some news regarding your uncle....Edwin Bungus.

**BILLY**

But I don't have an uncle Edwoooooah.....

**BILLY** STARTS TO PROTEST BUT IS YANKED INTO THE CAR AS IT SPEEDS OFF;

INT: Limousine; **Billy** is looking around amazed. **Steph Swindle** has a brief case stuffed full of documents.

**MR SWINDLE**

Hello William, my name is Stephanie Swindle and I am an attorney at Swindle, Sneaky and Snatch. Can I fix you something to drink....?

**BILLY**

Um...can I get a fizzy pop...?

**STEPH SWINDLE**

Perhaps something a little stronger...?

**BILLY**

Um...Fizzy pop with an umbrella in it...?

**STEPH SWINDLE** PREPARES AN ORNATE AND OVER DECORATED COKE FLOAT QUITE ADEPTLY FROM THE RATHER OVER STOCKED REFRIGERATOR IN THE LIMO.

**STEPH SWINDLE**

Now I enquired before about your Uncle Edwin Bungus ...

**BILLY**

[Scratching his chin thoughtfully] Well you could mean my crazy Uncle Eddy I suppose. My Mum always used to tell me strange stories about him...they once caught him running down the street chasing a monkey in his underpants... he was trying to get them back...

**STEPH SWINDLE**

Yes, the very same. Well I am sad to inform you that he has passed on and he has left all his worldly possessions to the sole living member of the clan Bungus...

**BILLY**

woah...well if I meet any other Bungus' I will be sure to tell them...but good luck...I don't know any... Thanks for the coke drink...

HE GOES TO LEAVE

**STEPH SWINDLE**

[rolling her eyes impatiently] It's you Billy. You are the sole heir of Edwin Bungus' fortune.

**BILLY**

Woah. ME!? But I hardly knew him....well what does this mean....?

**STEPH SWINDLE PULLS OUT A TATTERED SCROLL AND STARTS READING:**

**STEPH SWINDLE**

You are now the proud owner of his miniature Yak sculptures, his large collection of exotic smells....[as these are read out Billy's face looks both disappointed and put off] ...and the deeds to Bungus tower [a smile spreads on Billy's face].

### **SCENE 3**

EXT. BUNGUS TOWERS; *Billy is standing on the curb with his box of stuff. STEPH SWINDLE is talking to him through the window of the limo.*

**STEPH SWINDLE**

...now you have the keys, is there anything else I can do for you...?

**BILLY**

Um..... a date?

**STEPH SWINDLE**

Absolutely not. You are far too ugly and you smell just awful. Good day! Driver, away please....

*The limo pulls away leaving him alone. He is holding the keys to Bungus Tower, it is an old medieval looking stone tower on a quiet suburban street, every other house is perfectly normal. He approaches the door and puts the key in the lock and the door falls over onto him with a big cloud of dust...he dusts himself off and enters. It looks like no one has lived here for a very long time, it is covered in cob webs and bugs. He wanders about*

*marvelling at all the strange artefacts. There is a giant portrait of Edwin Bungus on the wall. He finds a room lined with shelves of jars. He takes one down, unscrews the lid and sniffs it, quickly he recoils in revulsion. He reads the label and it says:*

#### BOTTOM BURP OF THE MADAGASCAN FRUIT LIZARD

**BILLY**

*Must be Uncle Ed's collection of exotic smells...*

*He sees a sofa and jumps onto it and instantly it falls apart in cloud of dust. Bugs scuttle away as **Billy** sits in the debris. A rat runs up and steals his hat...**Billy** grabs it back and says with a sigh...*

**BILLY**

*I can live here....*

WE SEE A MONTAGE OF BILLY CLEANING UP THE HOUSE;

***Billy** is sweeping in the room of smells, he accidentally knocks a shelf and the jars come crashing down releasing all the awful smells...he runs for it as rats and bugs faint.*

*He is cleaning the kitchen and turns on the tap...he pulls something out of the plug hole which is very long, hairy and disgusting....turns out to be a rats tail.*

*He is hoovering in a maids apron.*

*He is pulling weeds out in the garden and **Billy** gets tangled up in vines.*

*He dusts the miniature Yak Sculptures.*

THE MONTAGE ENDS AND **BILLY** IS STOOD WITH HIS ARMS FOLDED ADMIRING HIS WORK...  
SURVEYING HIS CLEAN (ISH) HOUSE;

**BILLY**

*Home sweet home.*

*Camera pulls back and reveals that only one small area is clean and the rest is as dirty as he started.*

#### SCENE 4

INT. Bathroom, Bungus Tower. **Billy** is in a shower cap with a towel wrapped around his waist. He steps in the bath and turns on the shower...it is a really lousy trickle. He starts trying to lather himself and whistles as he scrubs his back with a loofer...He looks down and sees that there is a lot of hair caught in the plug hole. He bends over to clear it out and then notices a weird neon green glow emanating from the plug hole suddenly he is sucked down in a huge flash;

***Billy** travels down the labyrinth of pipes in a psychedelic water slide. He is shouting and yelling as he goes...tumbling and spinning.*

INT. Mayor's Office, Bungusland.

*All the major characters of Bungusland are assembled in the room all looking concerned. The **Crazy Professor** (in this episode he has big wild hair) is stood behind the desk. He is in the middle of addressing the huddled mass.*

**CRAZY PROF.**

...unless of course a member of the Bungus family happens to slide out of that drain this very minute....OOOFFFF

***Billy** slides out of the drain right above **Crazy Prof.**'s head squashing him. All the other characters gasp. **Billy** and **Crazy Prof.** get up and dust themselves off.*

**BILLY**

Oops...sorry

**CRAZY PROF.**

[rubbing his head] Who the devil are you....? [frustrated]

**BILLY**

I'm William Bungus, but you can call me Billy.

**BILLY** OFFERS A HANDSHAKE BUT **CRAZY PROF.** BATS HIS HAND AWAY. **PRAWN PAUL** JUMPS ONTO THE DESK EXCITEDLY;

**PRAWN PAUL**

Did you say Billy Bungus? [**Billy** nods] Marcel...read back the transcript...

**MARCEL**

[a French man sat at a typewriter in the corner, clears his throat] Crazy Professor....ahahahah....'...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 'appens to slide out of that drain oooof' Billy 'Oops sorry about that...' Crazy Prof....

**PRAWN PAUL**

[interrupting him] We have found ourselves a Bungus!

EVERYONE CHEERS. **BILLY** LOOKS AROUND CONFUSED BUT EXCITED TO BE THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION. **CRAZY PROF.** PULLS OUT A SCROLL AND SHUSHES EVERYONE;

**CRAZY PROF.**

...NOT SO FAST!!! It states here that '...only a member of the Bungus family can assume Mayoral leadership of Bungusland and he must 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 semi-aquatic Medical staff'....that would be me!' HAHAAH!!!

**PENELOPE PRAWN FINGERS**

No problem...you'll do it...won't you Billy....??

**BILLY**

[backing off slightly...hesitant] w-w-wait a minute, who are you ....creatures.....? Where is this place...? How do I get home....?

**CRAZY PROF.**

[flushing the throne of leadership] Hahahaha, good luck convincing this loser...let's go Crab. [he whistles] HAHAHAAAAH.....

***BIONIC CRAB** hurries over like a loyal lap dog. He jumps on his 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.*

**BILLY**

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...

**BILLY**

Me...??...and who are you ?

**PRAWN PAUL**

My names Prawn Paul, I'm an MC...and um...a Prawn!

**PENELOPE PRAWN FINGERS**

And I'm Penelope. [goes to shake hands, looks down at her prawn fingers then slightly embarrassed at **PRAWN PAUL**] um...no relation.

**PRAWN PAUL**

[to the huddled mass]...everyone back up, give Billy some room...[to **BILLY**] do you want us to show you around....?

**BILLY**

Sure.

THEY LEAVE AS EVERYONE CLEARS OUT OF THEIR WAY.

## **SCENE 5**

EXT. BUNGUSLAND, STREET; *Billy, PENELOPE PRAWN FINGERS and Prawn Paul walk down the street, Billy is gawping as all sorts of unusual characters wander past....*

**PENELOPE PRAWN FINGERS**

Welcome to Bungusland! It will take a little while to get adjusted but you'll get the hang of it....

**PRAWN PAUL**

oh...watch your step...

**BILLY LOOKS DOWN AND REALISES HE NEARLY STEPPED ON A STRANGE FLAT CREATURE**

**BILLY**

Woops, excuse me...

**FLAT CREATURE**

Watch where you're stepping.

*The Creature rolls away in a very unusual style.*

**BILLY**

So what exactly is this place....? I mean...what would be my job....? How long was my Uncle coming here.....??? what is going on.....?!!!!

**PENELOPE PRAWN FINGERS**

Woah woah, slow down Billy...

**PRAWN PAUL**

I am sure you have many questions....this place is Bungusland....you would be mayor and would help run things around here....

**BILLY**

[smiling to himself] Mayor hey....? Imagine that.

**BILLY ACCIDENTALLY KICKS AN EMPTY CAN OF BUNGUS JUICE THAT SOMEONE LEFT ON THE FLOOR. SUDDENLY CAPTAIN CLIMATE CHANGE SWOOPS IN AND GRABS BILLY BRANDISHING THE CAN WITH HIS OTHER HAND.**

**CAPTAIN CLIMATE CHANGE**

...is this your piece of carelessly discarded non bio degradable litter....?

**BILLY**

[scared] ...um..n-n-no



**PENELOPE PRAWN FINGERS**

Ah...gee...'Captain Confusion' is here....

**PRAWN PAUL**

[pushing Captain off him] back off him! It's not his. This is Billy, Billy meet Captain Climate Change. He's a little over zealous but he means well...

**CAPTAIN CLIMATE CHANGE**

Prawn Pete!... Patricia....!

**PENELOPEPRAWN FINGERS**

[slowly like talking to an idiot] Erm...Paul...and Penelope

**CAPTAIN CLIMATE CHANGE**

Any friend of Pete and Patricia's is a friend of mine, pleased to meet you Bobby [offers handshake]

**BILLY**

[shaking his hand] erm...hi...it's Billy actually.

**CAPTAIN CLIMATE CHANGE**

Well must dash, somewhere there's a polluting going on....bye Percy, bye Porcia....bye Buddy. [He flies off]

**PRAWN PAUL**

...he never remembers anyone's name...

THEY HAVE WANDERED INTO A MORE SCENIC AREA AND THEY ARE SURROUNDED BY TREES. SUDDENLY THE GROUND BEGINS TO SHAKE;

**PENELOPE PRAWN FINGERS**

...Quick duck!

THE LOBSQUITCH WALKS OVER THE TOP OF THEM BARELY MISSING THEM WITH HIS GIGANTIC TENTACLES;

**BILLY**

w-w-what was that!!!!???

**PRAWN PAUL**

That is The Lobsquitch....um...it's kinda difficult to explain. It is friendly but you just have to watch out as it's so big it sometimes doesn't notice you...and you could get squished.

THEY CONTINUE AND SUDDENLY THE **BAGEL ROVER** FLIES OVER HEAD. **GASTRONAUT** STICKS HIS HEAD OUT OF THE WINDOW AND SHOUTS;

**GASTRONAUT**

HEY! Guys! You need a lift....?

**PRAWN PAUL**

Gastronaut! This is Billy Bungus. Sure, I am giving him a tour.

**BILLY**

Um...hi!

**GASTRONAUT**

Billy Bungus! It would be an honour...hang on!

A BIG CLAW COMES OUT OF THE **BAGEL ROVER** AND SCOOPS THEM UP.

INT. Bagel Rover. *Billy is gazing out of the window of the Bagel rover as they fly over Bungusland. It all has been a lot to take in.*

**GASTRONAUT**

[while eating a sandwich] So...what do you think Billy....? How are you finding things ?

**BILLY**

It has certainly been the strangest day of my life....

**GASTRONAUT**

Look over there [points to a mountain in the distance] That's mashed potato mountain, there's a river of gravy that runs around it and it's always piping hot...even in the dead of winter. [he starts to drool] delicious.....simply delicious. Anyplace else you want to see.....?

IN THE DISTANCE WE SEE A BEACH. **BILLY** POINTS IT OUT;

**BILLY**

There. I think I need a stroll on the beach to clear my head.

**GASTRONAUT**

Sure thing.

THE BAGEL ROVER FLIES ON.

## **SCENE 6**

EXT. Bungus beach. *Billy is alone walking along the beach in deep thought, odd creatures look at him as he walks.*

*He comes across a statue of his uncle EDWIN BUNGUS he looks up at it.*

**BILLY**

[to the statue]...oh Uncle Eddy. What should I do....?

SUDDENLY THE STATUE STARTS TALKING;

**EDWIN BUNGUS STATUE**

I was once in your position.

BILLY STANDS BACK SHOCKED.

Got left the tower by my uncle Bernard Bungus. Everyone thought I was crazy. But it was worth it, for all the friends I made here and adventures I had. Stop being a whining Nancy and take the position that is your birth right....don't let that Evil Professor take over, he'll ruin this place.....

THE STATUE STOPS TALKING. BILLY WALKS PAST NOT NOTICING TWO SMALL CREATURES THAT WERE BEHIND THE STATUE.

**CREATURE 1**

...What are you talking about....?

**CREATURE 2**

[in Edwin Bungus voice] ..ah nuthin'

*BILLY finds a jetty and walks along it and sits with his legs hanging over the water. He takes a coin out of his pocket.*

[THE INTRO TO 'SEA CUCUMBER GIRL' SONG STARTS PLAYING UNDERNEATH

**BILLY**

....what should I do....? Heads I just go home and pretend this never happened....tails I will assume the role left me by my Uncle Edwin...

*Billy flips the coin but misses it and the coin drops into the water. Camera follows the coin as it sinks into the water and lands next to the **Sea Cucumber Girl**. She looks up.*

*Cut to; **Billy** looking sadly at the water. Suddenly **Sea Cucumber Girl** pops out. Their eyes meet and a smile creeps across **Billy's** face...it is love at first sight!*

MONTAGE OF **BILLY & SEA CUCUMBER GIRLS** ROMANCING SET TO A PART OF THE SONG 'SEA CUCUMBER GIRL';

**SEA CUCUMBER GIRL**

*On a pier one morning,*

*I met my girlfriend and we fell in love...so instantly,*

*I'd never met a girl like you before....and baby,  
I got a big surprise, when I looked down at your thighs,  
It appeared to me that your legs were a zucchini.*

**CHORUS**

*You could be my Sea Cucumber Girl,  
We'll explore the oceans of the world,  
It seems to me Cucumber girl....I belong to you*

*On the back of a turtle, together we hurtle,  
Deep to meet your family because....  
They'd never met a guy with legs before and baby...  
I think they were impressed, by my deep sea diving vest,  
We have a special chemistry....me on my legs and you stationary...*

**CHORUS**

*My sea cucumber girl, how you rock my world,  
I'd do anything for you...I would fight a shark or an urchin too.*

**CHORUS**

*While the song is playing we see a montage of **Billy** and **Sea Cucumber girl** in various situations of cliché romance:*

*Sharing a candle lit meal together.*

*In a Cinema (she is in a carton of popcorn)*

*Exploring the Bungus sea and odd creatures (they will encounter a few regular characters such as Melville the whale with a snail on his head)*

**SONG ENDS: Billy is sat on the jetty with Sea Cucumber Girl.**

**BILLY**

*....I can't believe I've met someone like you...*

**SEA CUCUMBER GIRL NUDGES IN THE DIRECTION OF A NEWSPAPER [THE BUNGUS TIMES] THAT IS SITTING DISCARDED ON THE JETTY.**

**BILLY**

**What is that.....? [BILLY PICKS IT UP AND STARTS TO READ] ... the Crazy Professor intends to build a factory that will prepare and package Mashed Sea Cucumber Juice.....no!!!! I must**

stop this from happening!! [holds **Sea Cucumber Girl**] I will make sure nothing bad happens to you.

HE DROPS HER HEAD FIRST IN **EEL BOY'S** MOUTH. HE PULLS HER OUT DUSTING HER OFF

## SCENE 7

INT: MAYORS OFFICE; *The office is filled with characters looking concerned as the sun is going down, time is running out... suddenly **Billy** enters carrying **Sea Cucumber Girl**.*

**BILLY**

I have decided to take your offer and become the new Mayor of Bungusland!

*Everyone cheers.*

**PENELOPE PRAWN FINGERS**

That's great Billy...all you need to do is get the Swirly of leadership and....

*Suddenly the **Crazy Professor** jumps through the window with **Bionic Crab** brandishing a big complex laser:*

**CRAZY PROF.**

Not so fast!...so...the loser decides he wants to become Mayor hey?...well not if I can help it. [HE HOLDS OUT THE 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! HAHAAAA

***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;*

**CRAZY PROF.**

Get me to a wig shop...post haste!

*The pair scuttle off. 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.*

**FADE OUT**

## SCENE 8

INT: PASTRAMI WASABI. *The **Boss** is waiting impatiently for **Billy** to arrive. Suddenly he bursts in...his hair still in a swirly.*

**BOSS**

...and where have you been....? [looks dubiously at **Billy's** big swirl of hair]

**BILLY**

[putting on rubber gloves] oh, I just inherited an ancient stone tower and I discovered a portal to another world of strange creatures and I became their mayor!

**BOSS AND MR WHISKERS LOOK AT EACHOTHER AND THEN START LAUGHING**

**BOSS**

You! a Mayor?...now that's a good joke!...[handing him rubber gloves] better get to work, those wasabi stains ain't gonna scrub themselves.....your excellency... [Continues laughing as he heads into his office]

*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.*

**EPISODE ENDS CREDITS ROLL.**



