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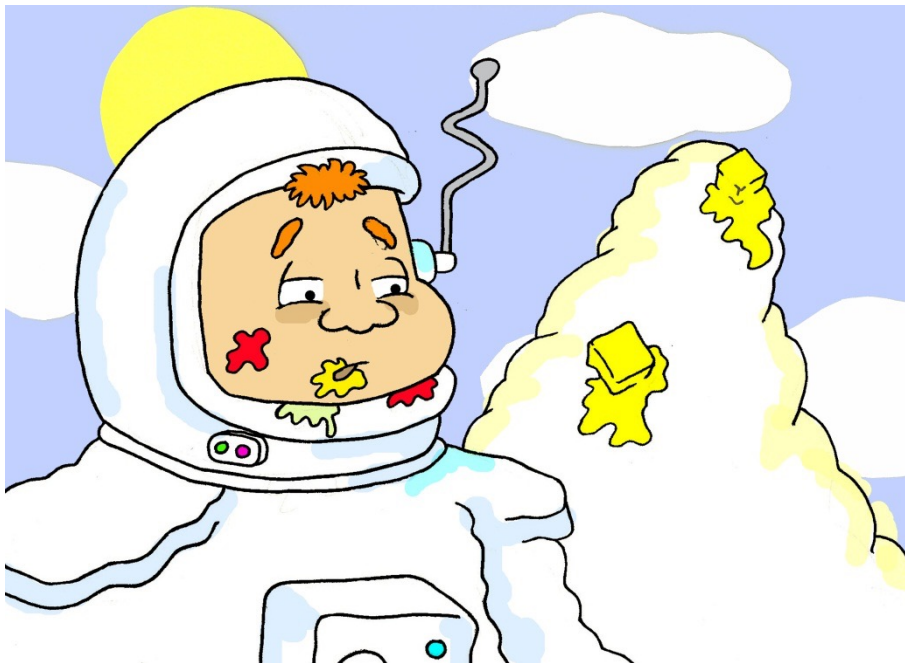
EPISODE SYNOPSIS

THE HUNGRY GAMES

Gastronaut, after winning an eating tournament, sets off to honour a former champion by eating Mash Potato Mountain. All is going fine until he encounters the indigenous people who live there.

FEATURED SONG

PREPARE FOR LUNCH



Episode begins with Billy finishing a long day at work in the Italian sushi bar. He is half asleep when he gets home and is about to have a shower when Prawn Paul appears in the toilet and says they have been waiting for him. He sighs and jumps into the plughole emerging as he

always does in the mayor's office in Bungusland. He looks out the window to see a big carnival; all the characters are present in a variety of stalls and games. All sorts of silly activity is going on he grabs Sea Cucumber Girl and starts making his way around the fair, eventually he arrives at the '51st Annual Bungusland Eating Competition' where Prawn Paul is introducing the competitors which are Emily Epiglottis, the Robo-Walrus and Gastronomaut, they all start preparing, the Robo-walrus is manned by the Crazy Professor and Bionic Crab. They are all presented with a huge plate of beans and pizza and when a horn is blown they all start munching away...a time lapse montage is shown of expectant faces as the competitors munch away and the empty plates pile up, Robo mechanically pours the food down his throat as Professor and Crab rub their hands in glee...Gastronaut just munches away and it is clear that Emily is struggling . After thirty minutes has been shown to pass on the clock, Prawn Paul makes his way down the line of competitors. Emily (with Gwretchin hanging out her mouth) has collapsed into her food.....he moves along to Robo walrus who seems okay....he offers him one more spoon full and he explodes spreading beans everywhere. He moves on to Gastronomaut and he is still busy munching away...he is declared the winner; the crowd goes wild, Gastronomaut doesn't notice the excitement and continues eating. Prawn Paul whispers into his ear and he stands up to accept the applause, still eating. Billy as mayor presents him with a trophy and asks him if he has anything to say to the crowd and he says 'does anyone know where to get some ice-cream?....'

Later while celebrating and eating ice cream out of his trophy in a parlour (he is with Sea Cucumber Girl, Billy and Emily) they are laughing when a French man walks in (Marcel Marceau) and gives him a suspicious look. 'So you are the so called 'eating Champion'...? What a joke'. Gastronomaut is flabbergasted ' what do you mean.....?'. He comes up close to Gastronomaut and says....'You ever heard of Pierre Grandbelly de Baguette.....' Gastronomaut says...'Of course, the most famous professional eater in history!' Marcel explains....'Well that was my brother....'

'Was...but I thought he had just retired from the world of Professional Eating, word was that he had grown weary of the glamour and the

fame...and had settled down to live a simple life among the Bungus Fjords...'

'That is what we wanted you to think....the truth is (deep sigh and deep stare into the middle distance....a montage of the events is shown under voice over)...He had just finished a jelly eating tournament and was busy accepting his trophy when someone in the crowd set him a challenge to eat anything he was presented with. My brother...being French and a proud man...foolishly accepted... (in the montage it will be Crazy Professor who sets this challenge) the man in the crowd said...'well then I challenge you to eat MASH POTATO MOUNTAIN!' (he points to a huge pile of mashed potato in the distance, so tall it's summit is hidden in the clouds). He set off the next day using only some thick boots and a climbing spoon, there was much fanfare and all of Bungusland showed up to see the spectacle, we all watched him disappearing up the slope eating as he went. Well after a few days people began to lose hope and slowly the crowd left....my brother...he was never seen again.'

We are back in the Ice Cream Parlour, Marcel is leaning against the window, staring sad eyed, Gastronom puts a supportive hand on his shoulder 'Monsieur, that is a sad tale....and to honour your brother I will take on the challenge he couldn't complete....(he is becoming more bold now and turns to address all in the ice cream parlour.....)Tomorrow I will EAT MASH POTATO MOUNTAIN!' everyone cheers. Billy tries to talk him out of it but Gastronom is determined.

We see a montage of Gastronom training to the song '**PREPARE FOR LUNCH**'. He does lots of strange things to mentally and physically prep himself for the challenge, the song is performed by a band made of food. The song ends and we are at the foot of Mash Potato Mountain. Billy introduces Gastronom and he makes a speech to the crowd of onlookers and climbs in the Bagel Rover and flies up to the very top of the mountain, the weather is harsh up there and he leaps out onto the peak, takes out a spoon and starts munching away. He continues eating but after some time he becomes weary and the thick, snow like fall of Potato starts to wear him down...he drags his weary body into a cave, eating as he goes. He is just trying to relax when he notices a pair of furry boots, a climbing spoon and a message written on the potato wall

of the cave.....it says 'BEWARE....' He picks up the spoon and reads on the handle....'if found please return to Pierre Grandbelly de Baguette'....he drops the spoon in shock... just as a tribe of pygmy warriors in potato clothes surround him and one hits him on the head knocking him out cold.

Billy and several other characters at the base of Mash Potato Mountain checking their watches and looking concerned, wondering what has happened to Gastronom. Billy and Sea Cucumber girl decide to go in search of him.

Gastronaut awakes to find himself in a huge cooking pot as Pygmy warriors dance around. He starts shouting for help and suddenly they all stop still and stare at him, they all part to allow the chief to approach the edge of the pot and several pile up so he can stand on them so he can talk to Gastronom....'Silence funny fat man, you will anger Mash Potato Mountain God' he points to a huge statue that looks a lot like a big angry potato tiki.

'What are you going to do with me....you can't simply eat me....!'

'Don't be foolish funny fat man.....we do not intend to simply eat you....we intend to make soup out of you...last much longer, we make soup out of last fat man foolish enough to desecrate our sacred land... he last two whole winters'.

'But why....!!! You live on a mountain of potato!!!!'

'A diet of only potato gets boring very quickly, besides...too much carbohydrates'

They resume their dance and the chief starts doing some crazy chant. Gastronom looks around and starts panicking...

We cut to Billy and Sea Cucumber Girl calling out for Gastronom as they search at the peak of the mountain of mashed potato. They come across the abandoned Bagel Rover and climb inside.

Cut back to Pygmy's chanting as they circle Gastronom in cooking pot....chief takes out a fork and approached the pot 'Lets see how you taste', just as he is about to stab him with his fork the Bagel Rover appears with Billy and sea Cucumber girl inside and starts shooting

mayonnaise at him and the other Pygmy's. 'What is this delicious assault we are suffering!!' they all start to panic and run about. A string of spaghetti is lowered from the Bagel Rover and Gastronomaut climbs up it. The statue of the Potato Deity starts to rumble 'Fools... you have angered the mash potato mountain god!!!!' the Potato Deity is beneath the statue and starts breaking through, roaring as it does. It chases after them in the Bagel Rover...Gastronaut is trying to fly as the mash potato mountain starts rumbling and avalanches of potato start flying about they make a quick evasive manoeuvre from the Potato Deities long arms and crash deep into the side of the mountain... instantly gravy starts erupting out and the Deity panics.

Cut to the crowd at the foot of mash Potato Mountain....they start to flee as the mountain erupts a huge flume of warm gravy and the mountain collapses covering the town of Bungusland. People stand around shocked, everything is coated in gravy and mashed potato....Billy is exasperated 'who will clean up this mess!?'

Suddenly Gastronomaut emerges out of the potato with a spoon and says....'time for me to shine...and these guys can help' he points to the pygmy's who all groan.

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