

FORE WARNED IS FOUR ARMED

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FEATURED SONG: "HUNK A CHUNK A FOUR ARMED LOVE"

TITLE SEQUENCE;

SCENE 1

PASTRAMI WASABI'S, INT; **BILLY** and some other chefs are busy chopping and cutting preparing for the days work. Suddenly their boss, **TONY DOURBAIN**, walks in and calls everyone to attention;

TONY

Alright you maggots, gather round, I got an important announcement to make.

The chefs all group around him.

TONY

Right, I have got someone I would all like you to meet. His name is Kaneda Wing and he is on loan from Mings Sushi and Salad emporium in Okinawa...Japan.

TONY steps aside and a small Japanese chef is stood there with a very serious expression.

TONY

Now Kaneda here was trained by a long line of Samurai Sushi makers and he is here to show you how it should be done.

KANEDA steps up to the chopping board and everyone crowds around murmuring. KANEDA starts chopping very slowly on a piece of celery, **BILLY** turns to **SLOUCH**;

BILLY

(whispering) well I can chop as fast as that...

Unfortunately for **BILLY**, his boss **TONY**, has overheard him;

TONY

What was that Billy...? You think you can do better...?

BILLY

...um no sir...what I mean is...

TONY

Why don't you get on up here and show us all...

BILLY is protesting as he pushed up to the chopping board next to **KANEDA** who regards him calmly;

TONY

Well we know we need a whole bunch of sliced vegetables for salads tonight...let's see who can do it the fastest...you can start on three....THREE!

The pair start chopping furiously, **BILLY** is sweating, trying to keep up as **KANEDA** easily increases speed and keeps getting faster his hands becoming a blur with vegetable peels flying everywhere. In a few seconds he is done and **BILLY** has barely begun. **TONY** raises **KANEDA's** arm;

TONY

And easily the winner...KANEDA!

BILLY

That's no fair...it's like he's got four arms or something...there's no way I can chop that quickly!!!

TONY

Well you better learn...all you guys...I want you to be as good as Kaneda by the end of the week or else...! And as you were the loud mouth Billy, I'm going to be watching you very closely...

BILLY lets out a gulp.

SCENE 2

CRAZY PROFFESSORS LABORATORY: The **CRAZY PROF**. is busy working on something, he has his Mother, **AUNT BETTY**, on video phone watching while he describes his latest diabolical plan;

CRAZY PROF.

...and then I got to thinking...what if I could somehow control what Billy does...then I could get him to sign whatever documents I want...

AUNT BETTY

Yes...yes...get to the point...I have got to get ready for Bingo...

CRAZY PROF.

Sorry mother...so I present to you this...tah-dah!

CRAZY PROF. pulls away a blanket that is covering a cage. Inside is a guinea pig with 6 legs.

AUNT BETTY

What in blazes is that... a spider rat! What is the use in that?

CRAZY PROF.

It's a Guinea Pig! I have made it grow an extra pair of limbs! Which I can control! You see all they have to do is take a sip of this medicine and...hey presto! They grow an extra pair of arms...!

AUNT BETTY

...I still don't follow you, you useless nit wit...what use is Billy having four arms...?

CRAZY PROF.

...because, Mother...I will be able to control them! After only a few hours he'll do anything for me to get rid of them....he'll sign anything too...even a bill that will allow you to re-enter Bungusland!

AUNT BETTY

Top marks for originality...but how are you going to get him to take the medicine...?

CRAZY PROF.

Peer pressure...mommy dearest.

AUNT BETTY

Eh...?

CRAZY PROF.

I'll give you an example...Oh Crab......

BIONIC CRAB comes running like a faithful lap dog;

CRAZY PROF.

You are a big fan of soppy ballad crooner Ceiling Dionne aren't you...?

BIONIC CRAB nods his head eagerly;

CRAZY PROF.

What if I told you she has grown two extra claws and if you wanted to do the same I have the medicine right here to make that happen...?

BIONIC CRAB jumps up and down excitedly as **CRAZY PROF**. gives him a spoonful of medicine. Almost instantly two new claws grow out of the **BIONIC CRAB** and he starts admiring them.

CRAZY PROF.

Now watch this...

CRAZY PROF. picks up a little electronic controller and starts making **BIONIC CRAB** hit himself with his new appendages.

AUNT BETTY

Excellent plan...let's hope you don't screw it up THIS time. Who are you going to use to persuade that dunder head Mayor to do this...?

CRAZY PROF.

Oh, I have someone in mind...someone super-cool...someone who you could say is maybe 'the king' of cool....

CRAZY PROF. starts laughing maniacally.

SCENE 3

BUNGUS TOWER, INT; **BILLY** is in the shower about to go to Bungusland. He calls out to **AUNT BETTY** who he still doesn't realise knows all about his secret double life.

BILLY

Aunt Betty! I am just taking a long shower...may be a while...I was gutting squid all day at work and I am especially stinkerific!

BILLY turns the tap on and is magically sucked down the pipe to Bungusland. As soon as he is gone **AUNT BETTY** appears at the door and remarks to herself evilly...

AUNT BETTY

Fore warned is four armed Billy Bungus...hahaha

SCENE 4

MAYORS OFFICE; BUNGUSLAND, INT; **BILLY** arrives in the Mayors office...landing with a spin in the mayors chair. **PRAWN PAUL**, **EMILY EPIGLOTTIS** & **SEA CUCUMBER GIRL (SCG)** are all there rifling through overflowing sacks of letters, they let out a cheer when **BILLY** appears.

ALL BILLY!!!

SCG jumps onto **BILLY's** lap and the two embrace.

BILLY

I've missed you Sea Cucumber Girl! Hey gang...what's happening...

PRAWN PAUL

Not much, we have just been going through the mail...

BILLY

Anything interesting...?

EMILY

Not really, you have got a few free samples of Vagon beauty products...but Gwretchin took them all...

Suddenly **GWRETCHIN** squeezes out of **EMILY's** mouth, she is busily munching on a bunch of lipsticks and perfume bottles.

GWRETCHIN

Munch...sorry...munch...munch

PRAWN PAUL

(holding a letter) Did you now you have been personally selected to trial the new super suction nuclear powered vacuum cleaner...?

BILLY

Well that's pretty cool...I guess...(takes the letter) hey...wait...this is from that Crazy Professor! Anything that might not lead me into certain peril...?

PRAWN PAUL

(reading from another letter) Well you have been granted an audience with the King of Coolsville... a small community just past Mashed Potato Mountain...

BILLY

Really!!! Let me see!!!(Billy snatches the letter away from Prawn Paul and starts reading) Wow! He wants to see me today!!! I can't wait...

SCG jumps off of **BILLY's** lap and looks annoyed in the corner.

BILLY

What's wrong Sea Cucumber Girl...? Don't you want to go...?

BILLY tries to comfort her.

EMILY

I don't think she likes The King of Coolsville...he is a bit of a show-off...

BILLY

B-b-b-but he's The King! Of Coolsville!!! How much cooler can you get! C'mon Sea Cucumber Girl...come along...for me...

SCG looks stern, but when she sees how much this means to **BILLY** she relents...and nods that she will come.

BILLY

Awesome! And you guys are welcome too! I'd love you to come...

EMILY

Not me...I'd rather hang out with some people who don't have such a high opinion of themselves...

Suddenly GWRETCHIN pops out of her mouth.

GWRETCHIN

Besides...I have bad indigestion from eating all of that make up!!!

BILLY

...well, how about you Prawn Paul...?

PRAWN PAUL

Not me...he's into that whole rock n' roll thing...it just isn't my bag...sorry

BILLY

Fine...suit yourselves...(to **SCG**) looks like it's just you and me...let's go to Coolsville...

SCENE 5

BACKSTAGE, INT; WE cut to a stars dressing room (THE KING), the room is filled with flowers and cards of encouragement. CRAZY PROF. is holding a bottle of his Four Arm medicine and trying to sell it to the KING who we cannot see clearly as he is in silhouette.

THE KING

...so crazy bald fella', what's in it for me...?

CRAZY PROF.

You get to be the coolest of the cool...the man!

THE KING

In case you hadn't noticed...I am already the coolest of the cool...look up 'COOL' in the dictionary and there's a picture of me...incidentally I'm also in there under 'FUNKY', 'HIP' and 'Hippopotamus'.

CRAZY PROF.

I know The King...

THE KING

That's Mr The King to you sonny...

CRAZY PROF.

Sorry, Mr The King...but It is no secret that your star has been on the wane recently and this will put you ahead of the curve...get you down with the kids...two arms is so last year...it's all about multiple limbs...but if you're not interested...I am sure 50 Centipede will be... (Goes to leave)

THE KING

Hang on there a second sonny...I didn't say I wasn't interested...let me have a look at that thing...

CRAZY PROF. hands him the bottle.

THE KING

Well...if it will help me capture a whole new demographic...what the hey...! Down the hatch.

THE KING drinks the whole bottle...**CRAZY PROF**. lets a mischievous smile spread across his face.

CRAZY PROF.Bottoms up! Hahahaha

SCENE 6

BUNGUSLAND, OUTSIDE COOLSVILLE'S MAIN GATE, EXT; **BILLY** and **SCG** are apparently having a little dispute.

BILLY

...lighten up Sea Cucumber Girl...this is sooo cool...I mean look at this path...how cool is that!?

He gestures to the diamond-encrusted path with cool designs down it. **SCG** looks un-impressed.

BILLY

And this sign...how cool is that!?

He gestures to a huge Vegas style sign saying 'Like, Welcome To Coolsville'. Once again **SCG** seems un-impressed. They walk up to the entrance of Coolsville and ring the doorbell and a really cool piece of music plays.

BILLY

See!!! How cool is that!?

Two stylishly scruffy teenage soldiers open the gate, a Boy and a Girl both with apathetic faces and floppy, stylishly messy hair.

GIRL SOLDIER

Like...what do you want or whatever.

BILLY

(REALLY EXCITED) I'm Billy Bungus and I'm the mayor of Bungusland...and this is Sea Cucumber Girl...she's my girlfriend...and we have been granted an audience with The King...

BOY SOLDIER

Like, cool, nice cactus. Follow me...or whatever...

BILLY and **SCG** (who still looks un-impressed) follow the two hipster soldiers as they are lead into Coolsville.

SCENE 7

THE KINGS MAIN THRONE ROOM, INT; **BILLY** and **SCG** are stood before a huge stage in a lavish throne room. **BILLY** is chatting away excitedly, just happy to be there.

BILLY

Ahhh...I'm well excited...I've never met a King before...unless you count the Burrito King.

Suddenly a stylishly scruffy hipster cheerleader appears as the lights dim.

HIPSTER CHEERLEADER ...PRESENTING...THE KING....!!!

THE SONG 'FOUR ARMED LOVE' STARTS. Lights flash and smoke billows out as a concert starts. We see several glimpses of **THE KINGS** hands, feet and belt buckle and we keep cutting back to **BILLY** and **SCG** as they look on (**BILLY** excited, **SCG** less so).

FOUR ARMED LOVE

What's got four arms and is better than you?
It's The King of rock n' roll, that's who!
Right before your very eyes,
Prepare yourself for a big surprise...
I can count to thirty on my fingers and toes...
I need someone to customize my clothes...
I can play bass and guitar simultaneous...
That's probably why I'm so darn famous...!

I have got a one, two, three, four armed love, A hunk-a-chunk-a-four armed loved,

As the chorus hits we (and **BILLY** and **SCG**) get their first glimpse of **THE KING** who looks uncannily like a four-armed Elvis Presley. **BILLY** and **SCG** look at each other shocked.

A one, two, three, four...a hunk-a-chunk-a four armed love!

BILLY looks on excited as **SCG** rolls her eyes.

Well...a thank you very much to the fella' down there in The orange baseball cap and his girlfriend... What is that...? Some kind of cucumber or something...? Well...thank you very much! The song ends as **THE KING** strikes a pose. **BILLY** is gobsmacked in adoration for a second and then starts frantically clapping. **SCG** rolls her eyes.

THE KING jumps down to them...**BILLY** starts gushing:

BILLY

That was amazing!

THE KING

Thank you very much, shake my hand son.

BILLY

Which one!?

THE KING

Pick one...they're all good.

BILLY shakes hands with **THE KING** who envelops his hand in all of his.

BILLY

Wow...that's so cool...you have got so many arms! I wish I could grow an extra pair...I feel like such a loser...

THE KING

Well kid, it isn't for everyone y'hear...maybe you don't got what it takes...let me take you on a tour coolsville...

BILLY

Wow! Cool...

SCENE 8

COOLSVILLE, EXT; **BILLY,SCG & THE KING** are cruising around Coolsville in a neon pink Cadillac. **THE KING** is driving with one hand, one arm leaning on the window frame and the other two behind his head in a cool, laid back style. He is describing what all the places they see are;

THE KING

...and over there is the hair wax factory...very busy, and that is the coolest clothes shop in Coolsville...

BILLY

...cool!

As they drive they pass several more people with four arms; **BILLY** looks on in adoration...**SCG** looks continually un-impressed.

THE KING

...and that is the beach, only cool people are allowed on there...

BILLY

Um...Mr The King...it looks like everybody has grown an extra pair of arms here...

THE KING

Well, sure. I am the King of Coolsville...if I say it's cool...it's cool!

BILLY

(DOWNHEARTED) I wish I could be cool...

Suddenly **THE KING** pulls over to the side of the road by the gate that leads back out of Coolsville;

THE KING

Listen kid...l'd really like to help you...but...you just ain't cool. Sorry. Now that concludes our tour, I have got important cool duties to attend to, and I have an appointment at the hair salon...it's been a pleasure meeting you both.

BILLY

(A LITTLE DOWN BEAT) You too Mr The King, it's been an honour.

BILLY and SCG get out of the car which promptly pulls away showering them with dust. They start walking out of the gate. SCG seems relieved it's all over but BILLY has his hands in his pockets. As they walk BILLY looks enviously at all the people with four arms. As they are aboutto walk through the gate a suspicious character (who is clearly the CRAZY PROF. in disguise) whispers to BILLY;

CRAZY PROF.

Psst, kid...come over here...

BILLY looks surprised, but wanders over to him. **SCG** looks shocked...she can clearly see it is **CRAZY PROF**. but **BILLY**, as always, is oblivious.

BILLY

Can I help you sir ...?

CRAZY PROF.

Perhaps I can help you...! I have something here that may be of interest to you... it's an elixir that will let you grow extra limbs...just like the King!

CRAZY PROF. pulls a bottle of his four armed medicine from his pocket and shows it to **BILLY**. A huge, elated smile spreads across **BILLY**' face. **SCG** shakes her head in fear...knowing how big a mistake this is.

SCENE 9

BUNGUSLAND MAYORS OFFICE, INT; **PRAWN PAUL & EMILY** are still busy reading through the mail when **SCG** mopes in;

EMILY

Sea Cucumber Girl! What's up...? How was Coolsville?

Suddenly **BILLY** bursts through the door with four arms and a very satisfied expression on his face. **PRAWN PAUL & EMILY** gape in shock.

BILLY
...it was...THE COOLEST!

PRAWN PAUL

What have you done Billy...?

GWRETCHIN

(SQUEEZING OUT OF EMILY'S MOUTH) Yeah Billy...you look like a freak...

BILLY

Freakishly COOL maybe...

EMILY

No...just freaky! **BILLY**

...but Paul's got 10 arms!

PRAWN PAUL

I'm supposed to! I'm a prawn!

BILLY

Oh, forget you guys...you just ain't cool.

BILLY storms out of the office in anger leaving EMILY, PRAWN PAUL & SCG in shock.

SCENE 10

BUNGUSLAND STREET, EXT; BILLY is walking along the street showing of his new arms and acting like he is the coolest man alive...he is even wearing sunglasses. As people walk past him looking shocked he gestures at them like he's the Fonz speaking in a voice that sounds a little like The King;

BILLY

...heyyyy!....what's happenin'?...how you doin'?

BILLY comes across his old pal GASTRONAUT who is sitting on a bench with a cheese-burger in each hand munching away;

GASTRONAUT

Billy...!? Is that you...!?

BILLY

Hey, Gastronaut! What's shakin'?

GASTRONAUT

What's with the arms...? It kinda cool...in a weird spidery kind of way...

BILLY

Thanks, man. Yeah, they are the new....thing!

GASTRONAUT

Hey, do you fancy one of my Cheese-burgers...? I've already had 12...

BILLY

Sure, man, thanks.

BILLY takes one of the cheese-burgers in one of his hands and starts munching away, trying to look cool.

GASTRONAUT

Hey, where's Sea Cucumber Girl...? You two are normally inseparable!

BILLY

Well, y'know...she doesn't quite get my new style...eh...!

Suddenly one of **BILLY'S** new arms starts mashing the burger into his face, missing his mouth...he starts to panic...and the other arm starts slapping him around the face. He runs off into the bushes;

BILLY

...sorry...gotta dash...!!!

GASTRONAUT

(CALLING AFTER HIM) Billy...!? Are you okay !!??

SCENE 11

BUNGUSLAND MAYORS OFFICE, INT; **BILLY** is looking very sorry for himself as his hands keep slapping him and he tries controlling them with his two original arms. **PRAWN PAUL**. And **EMILY** try to comfort him;

BILLY

I should have listened to Sea Cucumber Girl...I just wanted to be cool and now look at me...! All my hands want to do is slap me about and sign weird documents stepping down as mayor of Bungusland...

EMILY

It is pretty weird the way they are doing that...who sold you this medicine anyhow...?

BILLY

Oh, just some weird guy on the street who looked a bit like that Crazy Professor who's always giving me problems...

PRAWN PAUL & EMILY exchange glances;

PRAWN PAUL

Erm, word of advice...from a friend...you probably shouldn't buy things like that from strange people in the street...ESPECIALLY if they look like that Crazy Professor!!

BILLY

I know...sorry guys. I was so caught up in being cool I didn't think about the consequences.

EMILY

That's okay Billy, we are your friends...we understand.

GWRETCHIN

(SQUEEZING OUT OF EMILY'S MOUTH) Yeah Billy, we can all get swayed when we try to fit in.

BILLY

Thanks guys. I just hope Sea Cucumber Girl can forgive me!

Suddenly the **DELHI LLAMA** walks into the office carrying **SCG**.

BILLY

Sea Cucumber Girl!

SCG jumps out of the DELHI LLAMAS hands and onto BILLYS lap. They embrace but almost immediately the rogue hands start trying to grab at her. The DELHI LLAMA snatches her away;

DELHI LLAMA

I think it's better If you keep away for a moment...at least until we have solved this little predicament!

BILLY

Oh Delhi llama. Thanks for coming. I have been a bit of a fool.

DELHI LLAMA

You cannot be a fool if you recognise that you have been acting as such...now what do we have here...looks like a case of trying-to-fit-in-itus! Tsk tsk. Well it is very simple...just drink a little of this and they should come under control before they simply just drop off...if you can handle being your old normal self...?

BILLY

So long as my friends want me back...

PRAWN PAUL & EMILY

Of course we do!

BILLY drinks the medicine...and almost instantly his arms calm down. **SCG** leaps into his lap and gives him a loving look.

DELHI LLAMA

I think I better get some of this down to Coolsville as well...

BILLY

Hey, Delhi Llama...how long do I have before these arms drop off...?

DELHI LLAMA

...perhaps an hour or two...why...?

BILLY

I just had a plan...

BILLY has a mischievous grin while the others look on confused;

SCENE 12

PASTRAMI WASABI'S, INT; A crowd is gathered watching **BILLY** compete against **KANEDA** in a vegetable chopping competition. **BILLY** is clearly winning as he is utilizing his secret extra set of arms. **KANEDA** is struggling to keep up as vegetable peels fly everywhere...suddenly **KANEDA** collapses from exhaustion, the gathered crowd all cheer; **TONY DOURBAIN** is watching...in shock.

TONY

(TO BILLY) I don't know how you did it but I am impressed...

BILLY

Oh...it was nothing sir...I just got some HANDY hints from a friend...

TONY

The winner, and fastest vegetable slicer at Pastrami Wasabi's is...BILLY BUNGUS!!!

Everyone cheers again. **TONY** raises **BILLY'S** arm in the air. Suddenly it detaches itself, as **TONY** looks stunned. Suddenly uncomfortable **BILLY** makes a quick exit.

BILLY

Oops, must dash...!

SCENE 13

CRAZY PROF.S LAB, INT; **CRAZY PROF.** is being admonished by **AUNT BETTY** via a video link. She is shaking one of **BILLY'S** un-attached arms at him;

AUNT BETTY

...and once again your ridiculous plan doesn't work!!! How long before you actually have a good idea in that useless collection of brain cells...

CRAZY PROF.

Yes, mother...sorry, mother...

A doorbell ring sounds;

CRAZY PROF.

Answer the door, Crab...tell who ever it is to go away...

BIONIC CRAB comes running in scared. Suddenly **THE KING** marches in followed by a whole load of people from Coolsville al looking very angry carrying their now loose extra arms...they all throw their spare arms at him and soon he is buried in them;

THE KING

As The King of Coolsville, on behalf of my people...we declare what you did as incredibly un-cool...furthermore...we all want a re-fund...plus compensation!

CRAZY PROF. looks pained, buried in his pile of limbs.

AUNT BETTY

Looks like that's going to cost you an arm and a leg!

Close in on CRAZZ PROF. who wince's at the bad pun and sinks beneath the pile of arms.

EPISODE ENDS, CREDITS ROLL.



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