

EXT. FRESH GROUND TRAIL

RAU falls face first into mud. KUDZU's boots trample her.

RAU
Boots... crushing... meeeeee...

PIPER BELL (O.S.)
Ding dong! Get a move on, cilantro.

PIPER BELL, a peppered drill instructor in their 60s, leads a group of exhausted PLANTS. RAU trails behind.

PIPER BELL (CONT'D)
I DON'T KNOW BUT I'VE BEEN TOLD

CAMPERS
I DON'T KNOW BUT I'VE BEEN TOLD

PIPER BELL
HOPES AND DREAMS ARE FULL OF MOLD

CAMPERS
HOPES AND DREAMS ARE FULL OF MOLD

PIPER BELL
YOU'RE FLAT

CAMPERS (CONT'D)
DO RE

PIPER BELL (CONT'D)
YOU'RE SHARP

CAMPERS (CONT'D)
MI FA

PIPER BELL (CONT'D)
OFF KEY

CAMPERS (CONT'D)
DO RE ME FA SOL LA TI DO

PIPER marches the group into...

EXT. FRESH GROUND CAMPGROUND - CONTINUOUS

...the campground. BOMBUS chills on the flagpole.

RAU
Bombus, where are Oci and the kids?

BOMBUS directs an antenna to a nearby creek. RAU sees PYRUS dive in and splash PARSLEY while OCI float on their back.

OCI
Fresh Ground got some fresh water!

PARSLEY
So campy, Oci. Stop it, Py-

PYRUS
I love boot camp!

PIPER BELL
No delighted listening. Ears on me!

ZEA MAYS, a corn, lifts a peel. Kernels fall out their ears.

PIPER BELL (CONT'D)
Easy with the kernels, corn ears.

ZEA MAYS
Ay ay, Colonel Piper Bell!

PIPER BELL
Here at Fresh Ground, everyone gets
grounded into spices. Say good
night to your sweet dreams as this
sour experience shall straighten
your vine. Roots reshaped.

KUDZU LUBATA
You needa get in shape.

RAU
Shut your sprout.

PAPA VER
At peas, Rau and Kudz!

PIPER BELL
At Fresh Ground, you only follow
me, not this poppy.

EXT. FRESH GROUND CREEK - CONTINUOUS

OCI and the kids leave the creek. They take a selfie while
BOMBUS buzzes in. *Photosynthesis* jingle!

PARSLEY, PYRUS, OCI
PHOTOSYNTHESIS! PHOTO!

OCI, PARSLEY, and PYRUS see PIPER verbally rip apart RAU.

OCI
She's got a fun chaperone, huh?

PYRUS
Chaperoning? More like owning ya
mom, Parsley.

PARSLEY
Shut up, Pyrus. Mom never lets me
play in mud...

PIPER and the CAMPERS leave RAU alone. She turns to the KIDS.

RAU
The Firefly Pit tonight?!

A giant FIREFLY flies over the frame and transitions to...

EXT. FRESH GROUND FIREFLY CIRCLE - EVENING

...a MARSHMALLOW PLANT RANGER herding FIREFLIES into a pit. They give each BUG a marshmallow. In return, they light up.

EXT. FRESH GROUND FIREFLY CIRCLE - NIGHT

RAU, PARSLEY, and PYRUS sit around the lit firefly herd.

PARSLEY

So... anyone got a fun game?

PYRUS

Games are so lame, lil herb. How 'bout ghost plant stories?

RAU

Parsley's too widdle to hear any of-

PARSLEY

Ghosts don't scare me.

BOMBUS in a ghost cloak pops out behind PARSLEY and PYRUS.

BOMBUS

Booooooooozzzzzzzz!

PARSLEY & PYRUS

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!!

RAU high-fives BOMBUS's antenna.

RAU

What's bugging you, son?

OCI joins in, with CO2-mallow sticks in hand. PYRUS nabs one.

OCI

CO2-mallows, anyone?

PYRUS

Don't mind if I do!

RAU takes one but denies PARSLEY's.

RAU

No CO2-mallows at night.

22-minute episode summary: Rau fails as a Fresh Ground camper and Piper Bell dismisses her as a creative salonist. Another camper scares off the fireflies and the herd somehow sets fire to the campgrounds. Fresh Ground gets burnt down but not before Rau, Parsley, Pyrus, Bombus, and Oci get the community together. Piper wants to go down with their "ship." Piper's signature number is "Grow a vine or get left behind" and Rau's number is "Fresh Ground."

INT. FRESH GROUND BARN - NIGHT

RAU runs into the flaming barn. She finds PIPER is giving up.

EXT. FRESH GROUND BARN - MOMENTS LATER

The barn collapses, causing the CAMPERS to cry and weep.

PARSLEY

Me (Viet: "Mom")!

From the smoke of the collapsed barn, RAU carries PIPER.

The CAMPERS rejoice.

PIPER BELL

Why? After grounding your hopes
into spice, you still came back for
me...

RAU

Nothing makes me more hopeful...
than getting my deposit back.

The CAMPERS extinguish the remaining fire. The windy smoke
transitions to...

EXT. FRESH GROUND FIREFLY CIRCLE - DAWN

...BOMBUS buzz-napping in the pit with a flashlight still
taped to their stinger, flickering as the battery dies.
Around them are charred barns and giant mushrooms.

RAU walk beside PIPER.

PIPER BELL

Ding dong, it's going to be real
quiet for a long time at Fresh
Ground...

RAU

Ashes are old ground made fresh.

PIPER BELL

Try not to burn out, cilantro.

RAU

Whether I end up spice or ash, a
mother's soul can never be crushed.

PARSLEY and PYRUS hop in the pit and kick ash at one another.

PARSLEY

Like spice, pear?!

PYRUS

Eat my ash, herb!

BOMBUS is startled awake. They hover and barf honey on RAU.

RAU

You all are grounded!

As ashes get dispersed by PARSLEY and PYRUS's feet, the pit unveils the credits and photos taken throughout the episode.

END OF THE PLOT

CREDITS

~~PIPER BELL~~

~~But time nears crushing my soul to-~~
~~oblivion.~~

~~PARSLEY~~

~~If you tell yours,—~~

~~PIPER BELL~~

~~Werewolf Spider~~

~~PIPER BELL~~

~~Grow a vine or get left behind.~~

RAU

~~PIPER BELL~~

~~I've build Fresh Ground from the-~~
~~ground up. Now it's coming down!~~