

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.

RAU sees TOM SOLAN, a tomato, spill their sauce.

PIPER BELL (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Tom Solan, pick up after ya sauce!

TOM SOLAN
(to RAU)
These peppers always getting up in
our noses, amirite?

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

PIPER BELL
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

PYRUS

So campy, Oci. Stop it, Py- 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. Trying not to well up
or smash a nearby pumpkin person, 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 midnight. It's basically poison.

BELLA DONNA, a nightshade, walks by.

BELLA DONNA

Rude. I'm toxic. Not poisonous.

RAU

Sorry for the mix up, Bella.
Mallows give Parsley a stoma ache.

BELLA DONNA

That, they do.

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.

PIPER rolls their eyes.

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

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