

THE SURFER KING

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EXT. EARLY MORNING. - CUSTOMER SERVICE KIOSK

arrives
park
worker

JAFFA, a Jamaican looking fellow in his early 20's,
at Water World, carrying a dusty cardboard box.
There are a few workers milling about, setting up the
for opening. He passes EDDIE, a 25-something grounds
with Down's Syndrome.

JAFFA

Eddie!

EDDIE

(smiling, nodding)
Jaffa.

worked
Customer
enters the
reveal a CD
pushed

They do a hand slap maneuver that they have obviously
out some time in the past. JAFFA proceeds up to the
Relations Kiosk, plops the box on the counter, and
kiosk. We see him open the box, it is full of CD's.
He pulls winter covers off of an overhead area to
player and amplifiers. He starts pushing buttons he's

a thousand times, and lights come on. He pulls down a microphone, and clicks a button to see if it works.

see it

He reaches into the box of CDs and pulls one out. We is Sheryl Crow. He gets the CD, examines it, and pops into the CD player.

it

as he

He once again picks the microphone and flips the switch pushes the "play" button on the CD player.

Sun" begins

His voice echoes through the park. "Soak up the playing.

JAFFA

(smiling)

Ladies and Gentlemen, Water World will be open in

(checking his watch)

twenty-six hours and forty-three minutes.

GFX - OPENING CREDITS BEGIN

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EXT EARLY MORNING - THUNDER BAY

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who

BIG MIKE, the park's owner/manager - a 50-something man is portly and bald, and RICHARD THOMPSON, head another GUARD are on the east side of Thunder Bay.

lifeguard and

winter

There is a post with a box on top of it that has a cover on it. The GUARD is standing there with a garden

hose

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holding it so the water goes into Thunder Bay.

long

He is obviously tired, and has been standing there a

get
time. We look back at the massive size of the pool and
the joke.

GUARD
BIG MIKE and RICHARD pull off the winter cover. The
MIKE
turns to look and the hose turns with him, getting BIG
Bay.
wet. They object and he turns back to filling Thunder
RICHARD moves the GUARD to a safe distance.

the
BIG MIKE blows the dust off of the box at the top of
looks
post, and we see it is a large push button. BIG MIKE
button.
at RICHARD who nods "go ahead" and then pushes the

but
They both draw back as if something big should happen,
for
nothing. They look at each other and BIG MIKE motions
for the
RICHARD to go over to the wall housing the wave tank
pool.

When
RICHARD waves OK, and BIG MIKE pushes the button again.
with his
nothing happens, RICHARD whacks the side of the tank
his
closed fist. Suddenly a huge wave rolls out.
Nodding his approval, BIG MIKE checks off an item in
clipboard.

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3 **EXT. EARLY MORNING. - DAY SURFS UP AREA**

PRECISION
We see people working to open the park. The VAIL
is
LAWN CHAIR DRILL TEAM dressed in Water World uniforms
rifles,
setting and arranging chairs in time to the music. They
perform precision maneuvers with the chairs, as if
and cross each other in a timed march to the music.

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4 **EXT. EARLY MORNING. - DAY FUN HOUSE AREA**

a
BIG MIKE is standing under the Fun House structure with
clipboard. He is talking to RICHARD.

guards
After talking to BIG MIKE, RICHARD shakes his head
affirmatively and walks off. He glances up to the two
We
above, and grins. BIG MIKE is looking at his clipboard.
water a
see quickly the large water tank above is spilling
bit, indicating it is full.

stands
The water tank spills over BIG MIKE drenching him. He
it
there still, angry for a moment, then thinks better of
OK on
shaking his head and smiling, takes his pen and checks
his wet clipboard for the fun house water tank.

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FUNHOUSE

EXT. EARLY MORNING. - DAY FIRST AID SHACK NEAR
5

guard
Two guards are looking down at BIG MIKE below. One
other
begins motioning as if guiding a crane into place. The
guard has his hand poised on a large switch lever.

his
GUARD ONE is gesturing more emphatically now, closing
and
hands to indicate "almost there". He closes his hands,
GUARD TWO pulls the lever.

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EXT. LATER THAT MORNING - DAY 2001 VW BUG

CONNIE
We are on the road to Water World in Federal Heights,
Colorado. ROBBIE ZIRPOLLO is riding with his mother

ZIRPOLLO.

ROBBIE

your friends is not my idea of something

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to do. This way you'll make some money
and meet people here. You'd best get
used to it. This is where we live now.
We're staying.

ROBBIE

All thanks to Dad and his secretary.

CONNIE

Administrative Assistant.

ROBBIE

Whatever. Some summer....

Kids
has a

They have arrived at the front gates of Water World,
are in a line leading to a check-in canopy kiosk that
sign saying Employee Check In.

CONNIE

Promise me you'll give it a
try....please?

ROBBIE

(giving in to the inevitable)
I will. I promise. See you later

line.
He shuts the car door and walks over to the end of the

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EXT. EARLY MORNING. - DAY FRONT GATES OF WATER WORLD

street
in
know
to

There are about 40-50 teenagers in various default
clothes, shorts and tees mostly. Robbie takes his place
line behind an older, taller boy, ALEX, who seems to
almost everyone, and has made it his personal mission
greet them.

ALEX

(back still to ROBBIE)
...and so SHE says I'll have the filet
AND the lobster". I had to borrow twenty
bucks from Fitzgerald just to get out of
the restaurant.

down the

Two guys in front of Alex are laughing now. Further
line however, another voice pops up.

DOUG

(waving to ALEX)
By the way. Where is that twenty bucks?

ALEX

(avoiding)
Ohhh, hey Dougie. I'll catch up with you
later...
(turning around to ROBBIE as
not to continue the
conversation)
Hey, how you doin'? Haven't seen you
before.

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ALEX looks in his wallet, as do we. It is empty.

ROBBIE

(nodding)
I'm Robbie. Robbie Zirpollo.

ALEX

I'm Alex. Where you workin'?

ROBBIE

I believe it's with the Grounds Crew?

ALEX

What's the matter, can't swim?

ROBBIE

(surprised)
I can swim. Why?

ALEX

Well, you look old enough to be a guard.

ROBBIE

Almost 16. I get my license in
September.

ALEX

It's just that most of the guys on
grounds are a little younger than you.
Most guys your age that can swim are
guards.

ROBBIE

Well, I just moved here. I guess I
missed guard tryouts. You're a guard
then?

ALEX

Oh, no no no. I work concessions...at
Aokee's Surf and Snack Shack. It's just
as well. The guards are mostly stuck up
anyway. The rest of us are the ones who
know how to have fun.

ROBBIE

Can't swim, huh?

ALEX

(smiling)
Nope.

ROBBIE

(listening to speaker on post
above)
What is that?

ALEX

(mimicking his perception of
surfers)
Surf tunes, dude!

(back to his own voice)
You'll get used to it. You'll get to
where you miss it. I had to buy two CD's
just to get through the winter.

They are now at the front of the line. A teenage girl
MELISSA is sitting at the table with papers and a
clipboard.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(gesturing)
Ahh. And here we have the fair Melissa,
time clerk extraordinaire...

MELISSA

(shaking her head no)
Oh, Alex. Am I going to have to put up
with your crap for another entire summer?

ALEX

(looking upward toward the sky)
Dear Melissa.
There's nothing about our relationship
that couldn't be fixed by us spending a
few moments together in the pumphouse
behind Thunder Bay.

MELISSA

Yeah, well from what I hear, it would be
a BRIEF few moments.

ROBBIE

(wincing)
Ouch.

ALEX

(not missing a beat)
My dear, you cut me to the quick. Check
off my name and that of my amigo here,
Mr. Robbie Zirpollo.

MELISSA

(handing them cards)
Fill out these emergency cards, and turn
them in when you pick up your
uniforms....
(pointing)
over there. And Alex?

ALEX

(to ROBBIE)
She wants me.
(turning back to MELISSA)
Yeeees?

MELISSA

(finger pointing)

This year, let's clock in only our OWN
time card, shall we?

ALEX

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(head shaking, to ROBBIE,
walking together)
Some people have no sense of humor.

8 **8** **EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - OUTSIDE UNIFORM BUILDING**

or 5
are
ROBBIE and ALEX walk up to yet another line of about 4
teens. At the front a teenage girl and a teenage guy
behind a counter and handing out uniforms based on a
clipboard list.

a
front
As ROBBIE and ALEX reach the back of the line, TIFFANY,
blond beauty and two other girls brush past them to the
of the line.

ROBBIE

(taken aback, breathing in
through his nose)
Whoa....who was that?

ALEX

(unimpressed, putting his hand
on ROBBIE's shoulder as if to
hold him back, like a horse
that is riled up)
Eeeeasy there, big fella. Not in your
lifetime.
(wistfully, glancing over)
Or mine.

ROBBIE

So who is she?

ALEX

Miss Tiffany Maxwell, daughter of Big
Mike Maxwell, owner and operator of this

here fine water park.

their
have
WE SEE TIFFANY and her two friends are quickly given
uniforms by the attendants, as they ignore the kids who
waited in line.

ALEX (CONT'D)

See, Princess Tiffany and her friends
pretty much have the run of the park.
Her boyfriend is Dan Peterson, a guy we
all call Cowboy, one of the lifeguards.
Pretty decent guy from what I can tell.
But she's a piece of work. Your best
strategy is to steer clear of her and she
won't cause you any trouble.

ROBBIE

Cowboy, huh. Big guy?

ALEX

Big. Guy.

ROBBIE

(takes in a deep breath)

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Hmm.

They are now at the front of the line.

MALE UNIFORM GUY

Hey Alex.

(calling back to FEMALE UNIFORM
PERSON)

Aokee's. Large.

(to ROBBIE)

MALE UNIFORM GUY (CONT'D)

Name?

on a
Female Uniform Person has brought a blue Hawaiian shirt
hanger.

ROBBIE

Rob Zirpollo. Uh, Robert Zirpollo

MALE UNIFORM GUY

(looks on clipboard)

Grounds?

(looks at FEMALE UNIFORM
PERSON)

MALE UNIFORM GUY (CONT'D)

(and FEMALE UNIFORM PERSON,
together, ominously)

Grounds.

She disappears to the back.

ROBBIE

(to ALEX)

So what is this grounds thing, anyway?

ALEX

Let's just say....you are critical and
indispensable to the ongoing operation...
and....flow of things here at the park.

(he and MALE UNIFORM GUY
exchange a knowing glance)

FEMALE UNIFORM PERSON

Here you go, tiger. One grounds.
Medium. You have a pair of green shorts
at home?

ROBBIE shakes his head "no".

FEMALE UNIFORM PERSON (CONT'D)

Buy some. Tonight. Wear them tomorrow
along with this shirt. You need to
report to the area just south of Surf's
Up. Look for a guy wearing Army pants
and glasses.

ALEX

I'll show him. I'm going in that

direction.

(to ROBBIE with feigned
excitement)

You get to meet The Colonel!

They walk off. As they walk off we can hear ALEX in
the distance...

ALEX (CONT'D)

(marching)

Left. Left. Left right left.

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SHACK 9

EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - AOKEE'S SURF & SNACK

about 50
motif,
like.

Aokee's is a restaurant near Thunder Bay. It seats
and is lavishly decorated in a Hawaiian Surf and Ocean
with surf memorabilia, fish nets, surfboards, and the

man, late
shirt,
COOK.

AOKEE is a large 375 pound plus apparently Hawaiian
twenties, early thirties, wearing a purple Hawaiian
blue shorts and a white chef's apron that says KISS THE

WE SEE him on a pay phone behind the counter.

AOKEE

(to person on the line)

David...how you do this to me? I have
full staff with you. I save your spot.
I was counting on you.

(listens, nods)

Yes, yes....but The Gap? What you think
you do there? Are there girls in
swimming suits? Have you forgotten?

(listens, shaking head)

Tips. Do you get tips? Cash money?

(listens some more)

upset.

ALEX walks up. AOKEE waves to him. He is obviously

AOKEE (CONT'D)

(resigned)

Well, come see us this summer, eh?
You're a good kid...a good worker. Yeah,
you too.

AOKEE hangs up the phone.

ALEX

Who....?

AOKEE

David. Seems to think there is future in retail. Now what I do? I'm one person short. Park opens tomorrow.

AOKEE buries his head in his hands on the counter.

ALEX

(thinking)

You know...I just met a guy that's old

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enough to work here, but he's stuck in grounds.

AOKEE

(perking up)

Good guy?

ALEX

Seemed like our kind of people.

Up.

AOKEE thinks for a moment. He glances up towards Surf's
It hits both he and ALEX at the same time...

AOKEE

We need to get him before he get his
plunger!

They take off running.

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SURF'S10

EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - TRAIL FROM AOKEE'S TO

UP

feet

AOKEE and ALEX are running together. They get about 50
before AOKEE, large man that he is, runs out of breath.
ALEX, like a boxer in training, sort of runs in place,
keeping loose, ready for AOKEE to catch his wind. Off

they

go again, get another 50 feet, and the same thing happens.

AOKEE

(out of breath)

Alex.....

(wheeze)

..you got to go ahead...

(wheeze)

...stall 'til I get there.

ALEX

(nodding, running in place)

OK.

ALEX takes off, and AOKEE runs again....

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SOUTH

EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - SURF'S UP WAVE POOL
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along
utensils
and supplies.

and a
baseball
lenses, and
carrying a clipboard.

including
are all
the
beginning of the film.

He
is nearest THE COLONEL

THE COLONEL

(looking up from clipboard)

Well, it looks like we have a good staff here. Yes...yes a good staff. It will be an excellent summer. Remember as we go through training today, our park is judged by the work WE do. If we do it well, the people come back.

(walking up and down the line)

We have a little tradition here on the grounds crew. Rather than having to learn a lot of names, many of which I can never hope to pronounce properly, each grounds crew member gets a grounds crew nickname. You will be known by that nickname in every way except, of course, your paycheck and employee records.

THE COLONEL looks over his paperwork.

THE COLONEL (CONT'D)

Let's see, what do we	have? Hmm...yes.
OK, first up is Eddie	Cochran. Your
grounds crew nickname	will be.....Eddie!

EDDIE smiles knowingly. This has been his grounds crew nickname for the last 8 years, mostly because he would

never
trying.

answer to anything else, and THE COLONEL gave up

THE COLONEL (CONT'D)

Now crewmembers, listen up. Eddie here has eight years experience on the grounds crew. Why, I'd like to think there isn't anything, any situation that Eddie hasn't faced. Listen to him. Learn from him. Watch what he does. This man is the finest, most conscientious grounds crewman we've ever had.

brand
EDDIE is beaming with pride now. THE COLONEL pulls a
new toilet plunger from the cart nearby and hands it to
EDDIE. EDDIE shoulders it as if it were a rifle.

THE COLONEL walks down the line.

THE COLONEL (CONT'D)

Let's see...Clark? Hmmm. Your grounds crew nickname will be....Sparky.

on to
looking.
them.
small
cross
too.
as he

It is all ROBBIE can do not to laugh. THE COLONEL goes
the next kid, SKEETER who is tall, skinny and goofy-
SKEETER'S eyes are faced forward, but something catches
His eyes follow an unseen object as we begin to hear a
mosquito. Finally his eyes follow it until he looks,
eyed at his own nose.

THE COLONEL has taken note of this and is following it
SKEETER can take no more, and brushes it off his nose
makes a face.

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SKEETER

Sorry, sir. Mosquito.

THE COLONEL

Hmmm.....your grounds crew nickname will
be.....Skeeter.

plunger
COLONEL
finger

THE COLONEL steps over the cart and gets another new
and hands it to SKEETER who follows EDDIE's lead.
Next in line is a short, chubby lad, SNITCH. As THE
approaches him, a quick sound of passing gas is heard.
THE COLONEL is startled, and SNITCH makes a quick
motion indicating the culprit is SKEETER, next to him.

THE COLONEL (CONT'D)

(looking at the clipboard)
Bradley, is it? OK, Mr. Bradley.....your
grounds crew nickname will be Snitch.

run
SNITCH shows his dismay with a frown. THE COLONEL has

one of
makes a
depressed

out of new plungers already and is forced to move to
last year's leftovers, which look somewhat depressing.
He gets one and give it to SNITCH, who looks at it,
face, and decides not to shoulder it. ROBBIE is so
he looks like he's about to pass out.

passing

His worst fears have been realized. His summer is
before his eyes.

to go

There's only one more person, a young 14 year-old girl,
before ROBBIE. THE COLONEL addresses her.

THE COLONEL (CONT'D)

Melinda Tally. Hmmm... your grounds crew
nickname will be...
(thinking)

this

Suddenly ALEX bursts onto the scene, and even he, at
point, is somewhat out of breath.

ALEX

Hello, Colonel!

THE COLONEL

(thinking, staring)
Alex, isn't it?

ALEX

Yes sir, Colonel. And what a fine staff
you've assembled this year. Have you
told them yet about your army background?

THE COLONEL

Well, no, I didn't think it was..

ALEX

(interrupting, to the grounds
kids)

The Colonel here is very modest. Did you know that he reorganized the entire process of cleaning and sanitizing an army barracks and its latrines?

THE COLONEL

Well, it really wasn't much of a...

ALEX

(interrupting again)

Wasn't much?

(again, to grounds kids)

Can you just imagine for a moment the germs and bacteria our American soldiers could pick up in an unsanitised army latrine? It's impossible to determine just how many lives have been saved thanks to the efforts of this one humble Army Colonel.

THE COLONEL

Well, I suppose when you put it that way...

ALEX

(to the grounds kids)

I, too, came up through the ranks when at age 14, I began my service here at Water World learning from this great man.

THE COLONEL

Yes....I remember now....what was your grounds nickname...?

ALEX

Not even sure I remember it myself, sir. But I remember much more. Did you tell them about the film?

THE COLONEL

Film?

ALEX

(to THE COLONEL)

"Hygiene Makes You Happy"

(to the grounds kids)

Every enlisted man in the army has seen it. Some by choice. All from the mind of The Colonel here...

THE COLONEL

(to himself)

I never forget a grounds nickname....
AOKEE has finally made it now, but is, of course, out
of breath again.

THE COLONEL (CONT'D)

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(concerned)
Aokee, good God, man...are you OK?
charades AOKEE gestures he is fine, and does a combination of
and Hawaiian pantomime before he finally speaks.

AOKEE
Colonel....terrible mistake...
feeding ALEX gets behind AOKEE, deciding he needs some help,
him words.

ALEX
(quietly behind AOKEE)
Bureaucratic bumble...

AOKEE
Bureaucratic bumble....

ALEX
Lost paperwork....

AOKEE
Lost paperwork....

ALEX
An error in the front office...

AOKEE
Error in front office....

ALEX
Spiced applesauce....

AOKEE
Spiced...

and

AOKEE stops, turn and glares at ALEX, who merely smiles
shrugs.

THE COLONEL

Good God, man, what are you trying to
say?

ALEX comes around from behind AOKEE.

ALEX

It's Robbie sir. He was supposed to work
at Aokee's and through some crazy mix-up,
he ended up here.

THE COLONEL

(looking at clipboard)
Zirpollo? Well this is highly
irregular...

He is flipping though the papers, confused.

ALEX

(can't pass this up)

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Most annoying....

THE COLONEL

Most annoying....

ALEX

Never happened before....

THE COLONEL

Never happened before....

ALEX

Spaghetti marinara...

THE COLONEL

Spa....what?

(exasperated)

Well, if he was supposed to be assigned
to you, we'll just have to let him go...

and
ROBBIE has caught on and is quick to step out of line,
pick up his shirt to be ready to go.

ROBBIE

(to THE COLONEL)

I was confused myself, sir. I had heard
I was working for some Hawaiian guy.

AOKEE

(reassuring)

I promise, we go straight to personnel,
straighten the whole thing out. You
won't need to worry.

THE COLONEL

Very well. We'll just have to make-do.

to
ALEX,
He
THE COLONEL goes back to the girl MELINDA he was about
nickname before the interruption, but is staring after
AOKEE and ROBBIE as they walk off. He looks at MELINDA.
He
looks back at ALEX & company. It hits him.

THE COLONEL (CONT'D)

(remembering)

Snafu.

MELINDA

Sir?

THE COLONEL

His grounds crew nickname. I remember it
now. Snafu.

12 **EXT -DAY - HILL AREA ABOVE THUNDER BAY**

a
hat.
lifeguard.
The entire staff of Water World is assembled for a pre
opening pep talk from owner BIG MIKE MAXWELL. He wears
Water World Golf shirt, shorts and a crew-style marine
hat.
Standing next to him is RICHARD THOMPSON, head
lifeguard.
The workers are sitting on the hill.

standing
and
has

AOKEE, THE COLONEL and other "management" types are off to the side. TIFFANY and her friends are sitting up front.

ALEX and ROBBIE are sitting together towards the back, ROBBIE's grounds t-shirt is no longer in his hand, but has been replaced by a folded AOKEE'S blue Hawaiian shirt.

There is a lot of noise from everyone talking.

BIG MIKE

(motioning to get everyone to settle down)

Okay, everybody, let's quiet down for a minute.

(they do, and he looks down at his clipboard)

For those who don't know me, my name is Michael Maxwell, and I...sort of run things around here.

A chant starts up, with affection...

EVERYONE TOGETHER

Big Mike! Big Mike! Big Mike!

BIG MIKE smiles, this has happened before, probably a tradition.

BIG MIKE

(again motioning to settle down)

Okay, yeah thanks. Now, I want go over a few basic things. First of all, make sure you've all filled out your paperwork with personnel, cause nobody gets paid unless they do. Come to think of it, I suppose it's better for me that you don't fill out your paperwork, then I don't have to pay you. I'll make it optional. If you want to get paid, fill out your paperwork.

(looking at clipboard)

Let's remember, the people who come here are our guests, and your job is to see

they have a safe and fun experience here.
Let's work together to keep the park
clean and safe, and we'll have a great
summer together. Now with a few words is
our head lifeguard, Richard Thompson.

Another cheer starts up, smaller this time, which ALEX
starts.

SMALLER GROUP

Big Dick! Big Dick Big Dick!

RICHARD

(wincing some, but not

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surprised, motioning to settle
down)

Yeah, yeah, very funny, we're all very
amused. Okay, many of you have been in
training for some time, and some of you
still have a ways to go...

wearing WE SEE a quick shot of some geeky younger guards
less water wings, sharky goggles and noseplugs and looking
than confident...

RICHARD (CONT'D)

(glancing at the water wing
group wistfully, almost to
himself)

...a long ways to go...

He looks down at his clipboard.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

...but I'd like to take a moment to
speak, mostly to the guards, but
certainly everyone has a role in this.
We can take everything we've learned and
distill it down to two simple rules.
Rule number one:

near He pauses, thoughtful for a moment, but building into a

rage for effect to impress on everyone...

RICHARD (CONT'D)

(loudly, emphatically, angry at
the thought that anybody
might...)

Don't drown!

He stops, composing himself.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

(almost quietly)

Rule number two:

that
Again, thoughtful but building to a rage at the thought
this could happen...

RICHARD (CONT'D)

(loudly, emphatically)

Don't let anyone else drown!

He stops again, and regains his composure.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

(almost quietly to the stunned
crowd)

Thank you. Have a great summer!

sure how
There is stunned silence for a moment. They're not
to react.

ALEX

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(breaking the silence)

Alright! Whoo whoo!

ALEX
ALEX, then everyone begins applauding. ROBBIE looks at
quizzically, ALEX just shrugs. The meeting breaks up.

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SHACK

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INT - MORNING - THE NEXT DAY - AOKEE'S SURF & SNACK

day.
Everyone is hurrying around, getting ready for opening

ROBBIE, wearing his new blue Hawaiian shirt, is cutting
cooking pineapple. AOKEE is busy hovering over everyone, and
chicken on the grill. ALEX walks in.

ALEX

(to ROBBIE)

Hey, hey lookin' good. Blue is your
color. Beats that stupid t-shirt, huh?

AOKEE

(unhappy, stressed)

Alex! You are late. Come on, is opening
day!

AOKEE,
ROBBIE finishes the pineapple and hands the tray to
almost spilling it.

AOKEE (CONT'D)

(to ROBBIE and ALEX)

You two start setting tables.

refill the
but
ALEX takes a pile of silverware wrapped in napkins, and
points to ROBBIE to grab a box of sugar packets to
dispensers. ROBBIE grabs it quickly, enthusiastically,
loses his grip and spills the packets on the floor.

At that moment, AUDREY a girl in her teens who works at
AOKEE'S and is stacking plastic cups on the counter,
accidentally knocks a stack of cups to the ground.

counter.
pots and
sheepishly.
RAMON, a teenage boy who works there is behind the
He bends over, disappearing, and we hear a crash of
pans. His head peers up from below the counter

a
AOKEE turns from the grill looking at all this, and has
worried look, but smiles and shrugs weakly.

AOKEE (CONT'D)

(to ALEX, gesturing)

Alex. Come here a minute.

can
ALEX comes up close next to him at the grill so they
talk.

AOKEE (CONT'D)

(with intensity)

Alex, look. We falling apart. I made
you assistant manager this year. Go
assistant manage.

ALEX

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(agreeing)

No problem.

and
pastoral
ALEX pops a CD out of the rack above the sound system,
puts it in the CD player, stopping the standard
Hawaiian music that has been playing.
He turns up the volume some on the amp, and goes over
to
grass
SARAH, a teenage girl working there, and grabs her
skirt by the Velcro, removing it with a Velcro rip.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Sorry, Sarah, but I need to borrow this.

SARAH

(surprised)

Hey! How did you know I wear shorts
under that?

ALEX

(mock surprise, rolling his
eyes)

Oh, Puh-leeaase.

still
ALEX walks back out to the dining area, everyone is
working.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(to all)

Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, please?

Everyone stops and looks at ALEX.

ALEX (CONT'D)

In exactly 30 minutes, hundreds of dripping wet customers with fistfuls of money smelling of chlorine and suntan lotion will be walking in here. And what will they be looking for?
(as if directing a choir)

EVERYONE TOGETHER

(except ROBBIE, who doesn't know any better)
The best teriyaki east of the pacific!!!

ALEX

Annnnnnd?

EVERYONE TOGETHER

(Again except ROBBIE, who doesn't know any better)
The finest smoothies in the state!!!

ALEX

Now, everyone's a little tense, except me, of course. So to help you get in the proper frame of mind and relax, we need

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the right soundtrack.
(to AOKEE)
Maestro?

AOKEE hits the play button on the CD player.

ALEX (CONT'D)

This is little tune I like to call the Paradise Slide.
(mouthing with the song as it starts)
One, two, a one two three.

skirt,
Hawaiian

The music starts and ALEX, now wearing SARAH's grass
launches into his version of the electric slide,
style.

music.
overhanging

EVERYONE ELSE gets the beat and begins working to the
AOKEE is using his spatulas as drum sticks on the
kitchen tools.

conga-drum

RAMON has inverted an empty pot and is beating it
style.

dancing
rolls

ROBBIE has picked up the sugar packets and ALEX is
and quickly (almost casually) tossing silverware/napkin
to ROBBIE as ROBBIE catches them (at first with some
difficulty) and puts them on the tables.

pepper
onions to

SARAH has re-stacked the cups, and is juggling salt &
shakers, placing them on the tables. AUDREY chops
the beat.

EVERYONE TOGETHER

(on the chorus)

Don Ho, Don Ho, Don Ho. Don Ho, Don Ho,
Don Ho.

comes

AOKEE has now taken all the chicken off the grill and
out from behind the counter, dancing. The others form a
CONGA LINE behind him.

EVERYONE TOGETHER (CONT'D)

(on the chorus)

Don Ho, Don Ho, Don Ho. Don Ho, Don Ho,
Don Ho.

They
his

As they go by the tables they put on any missing items.
get into it more and more, AOKEE especially, swinging
huge, 375 pound guy hips.

EVERYONE TOGETHER (CONT'D)

(on the chorus)

Don Ho, Don Ho, Don Ho. Don Ho, Don Ho,
Don Ho.

(part of
and
As the song ends (abruptly), AOKEE bumps a surfboard
the restaurant's decoration) with his hip, knocking it
another one to the ground.

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AOKEE,
like
claps,
There is a loud crash and everyone pauses and looks at
waiting to see if he gets mad.
AOKEE looks down at his hip, and makes a puppy-dog face
"I didn't know my hips were that big...." Everyone
laughing. AOKEE takes a bow.

14 **INT -LATER THAT DAY - AOKEE'S SURF & SNACK SHACK**
14

ROBBIE and ALEX are carrying bus tubs loaded with dirty
dishes back toward the kitchen from the dining area.
AOKEE is sipping on a smoothie and leaning back on a
counter.
There are only a few customers in the eating area.
They set the tubs down on a counter that passes to the
back
area. An unseen person takes them into the dishwashing
area.

AOKEE

(to ALEX and ROBBIE)
You did good work today.
Here. I made you some of my special
Power Smoothies. More customers later
wanting dinner before park closes. I
can't have you falling asleep on me.

AOKEE (CONT'D)

(to ALEX)
Alex, we are completely out of table

stretchers and left-handed coffee pots.
Take Robbie and go find some. I think
some at the first-aid station near Surf's
Up pool.

ALEX

(nodding knowingly)

Right. See you in a little while.

They walk off carrying their smoothies.

15 **EXT - MOMENTS LATER - THUNDER BAY CONCESSIONS AREA**
15

ROBBIE and ALEX are walking past Thunder Bay
concessions area
toward THE WAVE carrying and drinking their smoothies.

ROBBIE

So that was a typical lunch crowd?

ALEX

Well, it's early in the season yet.
We'll get busier.

ROBBIE

(incredulous)

Busier?

ALEX

(laughing)

Don't worry. You'll get used to it. And
tips were good, right?

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ROBBIE

There's nothing like cash money in your
pocket. What's that over there?

They are coming up on THE WAVE area.

ALEX

Oh, you'll find this ride interesting.

16 **EXT - MOMENTS LATER - DAY - THE WAVE AREA**
16

surfing in
tricks.
short
up

The walk up to THE WAVE attraction, where kids are a high-water pressure river/ sheet of water. Surf music plays loudly here, and kids are doing all kinds of tricks. Some riders are good, some are not, and fall quickly. We also see SKEETER and SNITCH, the tall skinny and chubby grounds kids we met earlier. They are cleaning around the exit area of THE WAVE.

ALEX

(as a rider falls)
It's a lot harder than it looks.

ROBBIE

I can't imagine it's that difficult.
(to himself)
...no rudder on the board...

ALEX

Now this is a place of many wonders. See those guys in line over there?

hair

WE SEE some guys that look a little stoned with unusual laughing and talking to each other.

ALEX (CONT'D)

We call them "Wave Bums". They all have season passes, and do little more than ride the wave all day long. Some of them get pretty good.

appears to

Alex points up to a fence, behind which some smoke be drifting up.

ALEX (CONT'D)

That's where they hang out when they're not riding the wave. Don't get too close to them.

ROBBIE

No?

ALEX

(sniffing)
Contact high.

ROBBIE nods, understanding. ALEX points back to THE WAVE.

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ALEX (CONT'D)

And there, my friend, is another one of The Wave's features.

WE SEE a pretty girl in line to ride.

ALEX (CONT'D)

We call them "Wave Babes". And there's a special secret to this ride.

teens,
looking
With that ALEX walks over to BOB, a guy in his late wearing a Security Golf Shirt. He is standing and off in a different direction.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Hey, Bob...can I borrow your radio a minute?

BOB

Sure.

He hands him the radio, and ALEX is back with ROBBIE.

ALEX

(into radio)

Hey Frank, it's Alex.

back.
ALEX waves and FRANK, the guard watching THE WAVE waves

FRANK VO

(heard through the radio)

Yo, Alex.

ALEX

(into radio)

Listen you have a possible code 4.

(to ROBBIE)

Means a "hottie".

ALEX (CONT'D)

(to radio)

She's up next. A free chicken sandwich and a smoothie if you bounce up the pressure a bit.

FRANK VO

(heard through radio)

You got it bud. But two smoothies. "Volcanos".

ALEX

(to ROBBIE)

He knows my weak spot.

(to radio)

Two Volcanos and a chicken sandwich.

FRANK VO

(heard through radio)

Time to go to ludicrous speed!

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seems
noise

WE SEE FRANK push forward on a handle next to him that to resemble the throttle on a speedboat. The ambient from the wave is noticeably higher.

SKEETER

The WAVE BABE jumps into the water with the board. and SNITCH are still cleaning near the exit.

ALEX

(to ROBBIE, still holding the radio)

Watch, and wait....

good, even
moves,

THEY LOOK intently at the WAVE BABE, who is pretty with the increased water flow. But, after a few deft she falls. ALEX looks, and sees what he is looking for. ROBBIE smiles.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Yesss!

obscurating our
The
don't see

looking
reaches
BABE

We look back at the WAVE BABE, but the water is
view. We then see a medium shot of SKEETER and SNITCH.
WAVE BABE walks past them carrying a board, but we
below her waist, the board obscures our view.
SNITCH sees, and freezes, dumbstruck. SKEETER is
down at the grate where THE WAVE water drains. He
down and pulls something out, and turns to the WAVE
walking away.

SKEETER

(unaffected)

Excuse me... Miss?

(louder)

Hello...excuse me...?

from
puzzled

Finally she turns. We see her, but just a flash of her
the back, as the board covers her waist area. She is
by this grounds kid.

SKEETER (CONT'D)

(holding up the bottom to her
swimsuit)

Is this yours?

bites her

and
nearby.
mouth
face.

She looks down behind the board and reacts. She
lower lip, winces and nods yes.
SKEETER hands her her swimsuit, and she looks around
backs away towards a towel hanging from the fence
SNITCH is still frozen, stunned by what he's just seen,
wide open. SKEETER waves his hand in front of SNITCH's

No reaction. He's never seen a naked girl before.

We're back to ALEX and ROBBIE.

ROBBIE

(looking at ALEX)

You were right. I was interested in

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this.

ALEX

Well, sometime bring your swimsuit.
We'll come back on break. I'll show you
how to do it. Surf's is this way. And
keep an eye out for Frank over there. We
owe him.

ROBBIE nods in agreement, and they walk off.

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EXT MOMENTS LATER - DAY - NEAR SURF'S UP POOL

17

ROBBIE and ALEX are walking past the SURF'S UP wave
pool.

ALEX

(pointing)

The First Aid station is over there. Just
ask the guard. I just want to say hello
to this girl I know.

ROBBIE

OK.

ROBBIE walks over to the First Aid Station. DOUG
FITZGERALD,
he's a
the guy we heard in line on the first day is there,
guard.

ROBBIE (CONT'D)

Hey. I've been sent to find some table
stretchers and left-handed coffee pots.

DOUG

Oh, you must be the new guy at Aokee's.

ROBBIE

Yeah, how'd you know?

DOUG

Lucky guess. Saw some at the top of River Country. Just ask one of the guards over there.

ROBBIE

Thanks.

DOUG

And hey...tell that wienie Alex he still owes me twenty bucks!

ROBBIE

(looking back and waving as he walks away)

Got it.

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EXT - MOMENTS LATER - CUSTOMER SERVICE KIOSK

past

ALEX and ROBBIE are walking to RIVER COUNTRY and walk JAFFA in the CUSTOMER SERVICE KIOSK.

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JAFFA

(calling out)

Alex!

They turn and walk over.

ALEX

Jama...I mean...Jaffa the Jamaican...what shakes, it mon?

JAFFA

Jus' the same old this's and that's, mon.

ALEX

Jaffa, meet Robbie Zirpollo.

(to ROBBIE)

Jaffa plays the tunes and talks the talk.

The PHONE RINGS, and Jaffa turns to answer.

JAFFA

(into phone)
What? No way.
(hangs up phone, to ALEX &
ROBBIE)
Check it out...

JAFFA smiles and picks up a radio.

JAFFA (CONT'D)

(into radio)
Attention Lost River guards. We have a
report that some huge fat bald guy has
abandoned his swimsuit and is slidin'
down Lost River with nothin' on but a
smile. Be watchin' for a great white
whale now.

19 **EXT - DAY - TOP OF LOST RIVER RIDE**
19

look on
picks it
make an
WE SEE two female life guards, both with a surprised
their faces. One has just reached into the water and
up to display a HUGE pair of swim trunks. Both girls
Eeeew face.

20 **EXT - DAY - CUSTOMER SERVICE KIOSK**
20

JAFFA

(on PA system now, into mike)
Attention please. Will Mr. John Big
Bootay report to Lost River Splashdown.
John Big-Bootay to Lost River Splashdown.

ALEX

(to ROBBIE)
He's calling for security.

on in
ALEX wanders off a moment, looking at something going
the distance.

ROBBIE

(to JAFFA)

Wow. Jamaica. I thought I was far from home.

JAFFA

(dropping the accent a bit)

I'll let you in on a little secret. Perception is everything...now, Jamal from Aurora, he's probably over with those guys...

WE SEE SKEETER and SNITCH walking into the men's room, looking suspiciously around.

JAFFA (CONT'D)

(back to the accent)

...cleaning the rest rooms. But Jaffa from Jamaica, he's in customer service, wearin' the nice shirt and playing the music. Perception and atmosphere. You get it?

with
ROBBIE smiles and nods, and waves goodbye to catch up
ALEX.

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INT - MOMENTS LATER - IN MEN'S CHANGING/REST ROOM

tying
the
SNITCH is filling up a water balloon, while SKEETER is
a piece of fishing line to the hook on the inside of
stall door. SKEETER climbs up on top of the stall.

other end
to
the
door.
SNITCH is tying off the water balloon and grabs the
of the fishing line, and ties it to the fill end of the
balloon. He shuts the stall door, tosses the balloon up
SKEETER, who places it strategically on the beam above
toilet. SKEETER then jumps down, and they head for the

feels
head,
and heads for the door.
Eddie Enters. We see EDDIE cautiously checking out the
restroom. He reaches up over the closed stall door and
gingerly the fishing line. He smiles and shakes his

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ROOM 22

EXT -MOMENTS LATER - APPROACHING MEN'S CHANGING/REST

the
girls
deck
see

EDDIE is now pushing his cart and making his way toward MEN'S RESTROOM. He stops to talk to two concessions and show them a magic trick that apparently involves a deck of cards, which he pulls from a place on his cart. We see him holding the cards so one girl can pick one.

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ROOM 23

EXT - MOMENTS LATER - IN FRONT OF MEN'S CHANGING/REST

Eddie in
plastic
men's

SKEETER pops his head out and looks around. He sees the distance about 5 minutes away, and putting a plastic liner in a trash can. He nods and disappears into the room.

see
the

SKEETER and SNITCH appear at the door, look out, and see EDDIE finishing his card trick. He presents a card for

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they

girls to see, and the both nod encouragingly, but as walk off, they look at each other and shrug.

has

SKEETER and SNITCH take off, barely containing their laughter. But EDDIE notices them leaving. All of this happened under the watchful though distant eye of ALEX.

this point

EDDIE goes into the restroom.

EDDIE exits the restroom and goes to his cart. At this point ALEX and ROBBIE walk up to him.

ALEX

Hey Eddie. What have you got?

EDDIE

Water balloon.

EDDIE reached onto his cart and pulls out a pair of scissors, eyeing them.

ALEX

You got this?

EDDIE

Yeah. Rookies!

ALEX and ROBBIE walk away as EDDIE places a "RESTROOM CLOSED" sandwich board in front of the door. Just then BIG MIKE rushes up.

BIG MIKE

(big hurry-potty emergency)

Oh Eddie. Listen, I know you're working but you hold on for just a minute. I've been so busy, and I really gotta go.

EDDIE motions and tries to find the words....

EDDIE

But....no....

But BIG MIKE is already in. Eddies waits for it, wincing, and there is a loud splash...

BIG MIKE (O.S.)

(echoing through the door)

Yeahhhah that's cold!

EDDIE just shrugs and puts away his scissors.

24 **EXT -MOMENTS LATER - TOP OF RIVER COUNTRY**
24

Two young women guards, KATIE and AMY are loading kids into tubes and pushing them onto the slide. AMY is a little older than KATIE.

AMY

...so then he just disappeared. I had to

call my Dad to come pick me up.

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ALEX KATIE just shakes her head in amazement. ROBBIE and
walk up to them. AMY is out of earshot, loading a kid.
ALEX hangs back a bit.

ROBBIE

(to KATIE)

Hi. We're looking for some table
stretchers and left-handed coffee pots.

KATIE

What? Amy, this guy is looking for a
table stretcher?

AMY

(coming over)

Aokee's huh?

ROBBIE

(surprised)

Uh, yes...

AMY

(to ROBBIE, seeing ALEX in the
background)

They're all down at Big Mike's last I
saw.

(to ALEX)

When you gonna tell him?

ALEX

Hi, Amy. Who's this?

AMY

Katie, this is Alex and...

ROBBIE

(taken with KATIE)

Robbie. Ummm, Rob Zirpollo.

AMY

Well, anyway, Big Mike's is where they
are.

ROBBIE

Thanks.

ALEX and ROBBIE walk off.

AMY

What a couple of losers.

KATIE

I don't know...I thought Robbie was kind of cute...

AMY

Listen, you're new, so let me tell you how things are. First those guys were wearing blue shorts. That means

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concessions.

(uses her fingers to explain)

The Water World social structure is organized on three levels. At the bottom are the Trash Rats.

KATIE

Trash rats?

AMY

Bottom feeders. Grounds kids. Babies. They clean the toilets and empty the trash. Most are only 14 years old. It's the only job younger kids can do here. Next up is concessions. They're our "middle class". We don't hang with them and they don't much hang with us. At the top of heap are the guards. You are a guard. Girl, if you want to go out with someone, stick with your own kind.

KATIE

(looking off at ROBBIE and ALEX walking away)

Aw, that's just silly. I think he's cute.

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MIKE'S 25

EXT -DAY BOTTOM OF RIVER COUNTRY ON THE WAY TO BIG

tube
walking

This in an area where riders splash down from riding a
down the River Country slides. ROBBIE and ALEX are
past the splashdown area.

ROBBIE

What did that girl Amy mean?

ALEX

About what?

ROBBIE

When she said, when are you going to tell
him?

ALEX

I'll tell you over a hamburger at Big
Mike's.

ROBBIE and ALEX proceed to BIG MIKE's out of frame.

from a

SUDDENLY in the background we see a tube splashdown
slide and the 7 year-old girl riding in it falls out.

and

Realizing she is no longer safely in a tube she screams
begins splashing as if drowning. A guard nearby blows a
single tweet of her whistle.

area

BAYWATCH

IN SLOW MOTION we see four other guards throughout the
turn and react to the whistle. They begin running,
style towards the scene.

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line up

Two guards are running and carrying a backboard. They
converge in another BAYWATCH style slow-mo shot and
along the edge of the splashdown pool.

in slow
the

One guard in the middle has a rescue tube, and, still
motion, squats down slowly as if to jump in and rescue
girl.

WE SEE

At the low end of the jump crouch, however he stops.
his face in close-up as he says.

RESCUE GUARD

(slow-motion, voice distorted,
to the girl)

Staaaannnd Uuuuuuuupppp!

she
up,

The drowning girl stops splashing wildly, and realizes
can indeed stand up. She looks at all the guards lined
smiles sheepishly, and walks out of the pool.

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EXT - MOMENTS LATER - BIG MIKE'S

walking

ALEX is standing outside of BIG MIKE'S. ROBBIE is
out of the restaurant.

ROBBIE

(Shaking his head)

Aokee's not going to be happy. Nobody
seems to know where these things are...

ALEX

(smiling)

Yep.

(now laughing)

ROBBIE

What?

ALEX

There's no such thing as a table
stretcher or a left-handed coffee pot.

ROBBIE

What a dirty trick.

ALEX

(smiling)

It's just Aokee's way of giving you a
tour of the park without having to be

there. Consider it a rookie initiation.

ROBBIE

(still mad)
Humph.

ALEX

Time to make it up to you. Come on.

27 **EXT. DAY - BACK OF BIG MIKE'S**
27

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ALEX knocks loudly on the door.

A teenage boy, DAVE in a BIG MIKE's uniform answers.

DAVE

Alex!

ALEX

Hey Davey...how 'bout two for two?

DAVE

Malts?

ALEX

(looks at ROBBIE)
Chocolate.
(ROBBIE nods)

DAVE disappears for moment.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Now, if he ever shows up at our back door, we owe him chicken and smoothies.

ROBBIE

But...don't we get an employee discount?
Shouldn't we go in the front?

ALEX

Well...the discount is larger this way.

ROBBIE is getting out money from his pocket, counting
through

them
is
it.
DAVE shows up with two burgers and two malts, and hands
to ALEX, disappears and shuts the door quickly. ROBBIE
still staring at his money.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Come on...let's go eat!

They walk out of frame.

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28 **INT -DAY AOKEE'S SURF AND SNACK SHACK**

lunch.
scrub
ALEX and ROBBIE are cleaning tables after another busy
WE SEE that AOKEE is filling up a bucket, and getting a
brush, and heads out the doorway.

ALEX

Oh boy. Here we go.

ROBBIE

What now?

ALEX

Aokee. The pigeons have been taking
target practice on his trophy pedestal.
Come on.

They exit out the same doorway as AOKEE.

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29 **EXT - DAY - AOKEE'S SURF AND SNACK SHACK**

AOKEE is busily cleaning and cursing the pigeons.

AOKEE

(speaking Hawaiian)

Stupid Pigeons. They should all die!

ALEX

(to ROBBIE)

Happens every week.

ROBBIE

(to AOKEE)

What is this thing for anyway?

AOKEE

Someday, Robbie. Someday.

He keeps cleaning.

ALEX

(to ROBBIE)

That stand is to display the coveted Surfer King trophy. Aokee seems to think that one day some concessions kid with more courage than brains is going to beat the lifeguards in the annual Employee Olympics.

ROBBIE

And what would this concessions kid have to do?

ALEX

Nothing, really. Just out surf the strongest guard of them all in the surfing competition. No big deal.

ROBBIE

Has it ever happened?

ALEX

A guard always wins the surf competition. Know why?

TOGETHER

(ROBBIE and ALEX)

Because concessions kids can't swim!

AOKEE

(still cleaning)

Someday.

They go back into AOKEE'S SURF AND SNACK SHACK.

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INT MOMENTS LATER -DAY- AOKEE'S SURF AND SNACK SHACK

He puts

ROBBIE is now behind the counter making smoothies.

away. them up and the two kids waiting take them and walk

In walk AMY and KATIE.

KATIE

(to ROBBIE)

Hi there.

ROBBIE

(blinking, smiling)

Hello. On break?

KATIE

Yeah. Two Blue Crushes please.

ROBBIE

Coming up.

seconds and He shakes a mix container, blends it for about 5
umbrellas pours it out into two cups. He then puts in two
with pineapple.

AMY

Oooh. Umbrellas. I've never gotten
umbrellas before.

ROBBIE

These are only for VIP guests.

AMY looks over to KATIE and rolls her eyes.

ALEX arrives at this point, and decides to provide a
distraction.

ALEX

Amy. Have you ever seen the fabulous
Cummings and Robbins 2000-B?

AMY

(shaking her head)

I don't think so.

As he leads her back into the kitchen...

ALEX

It's incredible. It washes 2000 plates
an hour....

KATIE

(to ROBBIE)

So... you're not from around here, huh?

ROBBIE

California. I just moved here at the
beginning of the summer.

KATIE

I'll bet California's nice. I've never
been west of the mountains.

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ROBBIE

You'd love the ocean. And the sunsets
are incredible. You can almost hear the
sizzle as the sun drops into the ocean...

(daydreaming a bit)

Of course, we all know it doesn't drop
into the ocean.

KATIE

No.

(pause)

I'm surprised you're not a guard, coming
from the ocean and all.

ROBBIE

Let's just say I missed my chance, and
Alex saved me from a death worse than
fate. I was very nearly a trash rat.

KATIE

(frowns)

Oh. Good save.

from the ALEX has distracted AMY all he could and they return
kitchen.

AMY

Well. That was exciting. Maybe next time you can show me how to scrub the grill. Come on, Katie.

They leave.

ALEX

(to ROBBIE, interested)
Well...how'd you do?

ROBBIE

(thinking)
Mmmm. I told her how beautiful the California sunsets are.

ALEX

Good job. You work fast. Hey it's time for our break. Bring your swimsuit?

ROBBIE

Yeah. The Wave?

ALEX

The Wave. I love that water.

ROBBIE looks confused.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Can't swim. It's only three inches deep.

ROBBIE

(grabbing his suit and a towel)
Ah ha! Let's go.

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31 **EXT -MOMENTS LATER - THE WAVE AREA**

line to ROBBIE and ALEX have their swimsuits on, and are in
get on THE WAVE. ALEX is coaching ROBBIE.

ALEX

Now, just take it easy, and don't expect too much at first. When you wipe out, your ride is done.

is
He
up to

ALEX is up now, and he grabs the board and jumps in. He pretty good, but not nearly as good as the WAVE BUMS. does a few tricks and wipes out. He gets up and walks the line to watch ROBBIE.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(shouting)

Just ease into it.

force
feel of
BUMS
done
that

ROBBIE takes the board and looks around. He jumps full onto the wave. It takes him just a moment to get the the board, and then he is all over it, making the WAVE look like rookies. Spins, rolls, everything that can be he does. Finally, the guard blows a whistle indicating his time is up.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(meeting him at the exit)

Gees. Where did you learn to do that?

ROBBIE

I'm from Oceanside, California. I was born on a surfboard.

They start walking back.

then a

They stop for a moment to look at Thunder Bay. Just wave spews out, and kids on tubes are screaming as they always do.

ALEX

Think you could ride that?

ROBBIE

(looking right into ALEX's eyes)

In my sleep.

ALEX just smiles.

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INT - LATER THAT DAY - AOEKEE'S SURF & SNACK SHACK

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grinning AOKEE is cleaning up behind the counter. ALEX is
like the cat that ate the canary.

AOKEE

What you so happy about?

ALEX

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(shaking his head)
You're not gonna believe it...

AOKEE

Listen. Some guy came in today and try
to buy a sandwich and pay with a phone
card. Today I believe anything.

ALEX

I took Robbie to The Wave today.

AOKEE

(looking around)
What? He drown?

ALEX

No. It turns out that he's from
Oceanside. California. You know, where
they always hold those surf competitions?

AOKEE

Yeah. So?

ALEX

It turns out that he placed second in the
state high school finals for the
shortboard competition. As a Sophomore.

AOKEE

Robbie.
 (laughing in disbelief,
 dismissive, then serious)
Robbie barely walk without help.

ALEX

I saw it myself. You wouldn't believe

it.

winces and We hear a loud CRASH from the kitchen. AOKEE
gestures toward the kitchen.

AOKEE

I don' believe it. Our Robbie?

ALEX

Our Robbie.

AOKEE

(thinking)

If this true....this could be da year.

ALEX

That's what I was thinking.

AOKEE

Well, go get him. We need to make ready.
He not just walk in and win this thing.

ALEX

You heard it. He's in the kitchen...

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ALEX goes into the back. AOKEE sits at a table. Robbie
comes out of the kitchen wearing a dishwasher apron.

AOKEE

Robbie, sit down. Alex, make up a
Volcano. This boy in training.

ROBBIE

(sitting down, worried)

What did I spill now?

the WE HEAR the whine of a blender as ALEX is working on
Volcano Smoothie.

AOKEE

Robbie, Alex tell me you are some kind of
surfer. This true?

ROBBIE

I dunno. Yeah, surfing is usually how I spend my summers.

AOKEE

You know about Employee Olympics?

ROBBIE

Yeah. Some kind of trophy.

AOKEE

Surfer King trophy. Very big. Very nice.

(looking down)

Concessions never win.

chair
ALEX arrives with the Volcano Smoothie. He turns a
around and sits. They will gang up on him.

ROBBIE

I dunno...seems kind of silly to me.

ALEX

It's a big deal. Every girl wants to date
you. Every guy wants to BE you.
Special privileges...we all wear standard
uniforms. The Surfer King gets to be
creative. You ever see the cowboy hat
Cowboy wears?

ROBBIE

It shouldn't be that hard...how good
could this Cowboy be?

AOKEE

He very good. His family go to Hawaii
every year, two, three weeks. Good
surfer. If you do this, you need to see
Pipeman.

ROBBIE

Pipeman?

ALEX

He's a myth.

AOKEE

Oh, no. Pipeman very real. Works here in park. Low profile. You must find him and convince him to teach you the secrets of the Thunder Bay wave. This not the ocean, surf boy.

ALEX

(thinking)

Pipeman. The Banzai Pipeline. I get it. Some kind of legendary surf champ. Where do we find him?

AOKEE

I only see him once, maybe twice. Stay behind scenes. But here he is and find him you must.

(to ROBBIE)

So. You do this?

Robbie looks at them, thinking for a moment.

CUT TO:

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INT -MOMENTS LATER - AOKEE'S SURF & SNACK SHACK

WE SEE quarters going ding ding ding into the pay phone on AOKEE'S wall. The shot widens to reveal AOKEE is dumping quarters and ROBBIE is holding the phone. He puts it up to his ear.

ROBBIE

(into phone)

Hello, Grandma? No, I'm fine. Listen, Grandma...I need you to send me a few of my things...

AOKEE and ALEX are huddled around smiling.

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INT - DAY - BIG MIKE'S OFFICE

TIFFANY is sitting. Clearly she is being scolded.

BIG MIKE

(angry)

...why you wouldn't believe the things I've heard. Just stupid things. Cutting in line. Demanding special treatment. Oh, and how about this one:

(mimicking her)

Princesses don't carry trash.

(back to his voice)

I've often thought it was a mistake to have you work here. Maybe I was right.

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TIFFANY

(trying to dance out of it)

Oh, daddy. You know how jealous people get.

BIG MIKE

I'd almost believe that. But I was behind the First Aid station when you said the "princess" line. This park exists because the kids here work hard. They need to be treated fairly. They need to see you are just another lifeguard.

TIFFANY

(protesting)

But I'm not just another lifeguard.

BIG MIKE

(mad again)

You won't even be that if this continues. If you want to keep coming here every day and driving that little convertible of yours, I need to see real, concrete changes in your attitude.

TIFFANY

All right. What do you expect me to do?

BIG MIKE

For one thing, start mingling with "the commoners". You'd be amazed at how nice some of the people who work here are.

Make some friends outside that little group of yours. It's the work of the average teenager here that puts food on our table. Show some gratitude.

TIFFANY

(thinking a moment)
Fine. I'll work it.

BIG MIKE

(softening, but firm)
Good. Work on it. Please?

TIFFANY

(nodding, but we don't believe her)
Oh, Daddy. Don't worry about a thing.

35 **EXT MORNING - THE NEXT DAY - TIME SHACK**
35

ROBBIE and ALEX hook up and grab their time cards.
There is a banner hanging that says, "Employee Luau Tonight",
and SKEETER and SNITCH have taken a 5 gallon bucket and are
using it as a stepladder to attach something.
SKEETER is on the bucket with a stapler in his hand.
SNITCH hands up the hand-lettered magic marker addition, which

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SKEETER staples on to the bottom of the banner while
SNITCH keeps a lookout.
The addition says, "COME GET LEI'D". They scamper
off, laughing.

ALEX

(looking up at the sign)
This will be good. Aokee throws a great Luau.

ROBBIE

I don't how much fun it will be. With
Aokee hosting, we'll be working.

ALEX

There'll still be time for fun. Most of
the work is setting up. Besides, we get
paid, too. When was the last time you
got paid to party?

With that, ALEX punches in, as if to punctuate the
line.

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EXT - NIGHT - OUTSIDE AOKEE'S SURF & SNACK SHACK

TIKI
where a
It is dark, but the place is lit up by little lights
everywhere, Christmas lights in the fake palm trees,
lights around AOKEE's, and lights lighting a stage
band is playing, what else, surf music.

set
smoothies,
running
Everyone
AOKEE and
Buffet tables line the area, and there is SMOOTHIE BAR
up. BIG MIKE himself is behind the bar making
while RICHARD is playing bass in the band. AOKEE is
around making sure all the buffet items are full.
is wearing Leis, but the cheap plastic ones, except
his staff, who have real ones flown in from Hawaii.

AOKEE

(pouring out four smoothies to
ROBBIE and ALEX)
OK. You work hard, and we fine now.
Your time to party. Here they are.
Special Love Smoothies. Be careful!

ALEX

(to ROBBIE)
These never fail.

He and
near
ALEX picks up two Leis from a box behind the counter.
Robbie walk over to AMY and KATIE who are standing over
the buffet.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(to ROBBIE, but in front of AMY
and Katie)

Now this will never do.

ROBBIE

(agreeing)

I'm afraid you're right. Something must

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be done.

They
Then
back

ALEX and ROBBIE set the smoothies on a nearby table.
remove the cheap plastic leis the girls are wearing.
they put on the real ones they carried over. ALEX steps
to admire his work.

ALEX

Oh, yes, yes....

ROBBIE

Perfect. A work of art.

grab
right

The girls look at each other and smile. ALEX and ROBBIE
the smoothies and hand two to the girls. AMY sips hers
away.

AMY

I don't remember anything like this on
Aokee's menu.

ROBBIE

They're..

ALEX

(interrupting)

..special smoothies. Fortunately, you
know people on the inside.

began

Onstage, the band had finished a tune before the dialog
above. Now JAFFA steps up to the mike.

JAFFA

We'd like thank Aokee and his crew for hosting this evening's Luau.

waves

Everyone applauds, AOKEE waves. Alex raises a hand and off the accolade. ROBBIE nods and smiles as the AMY and KATIE clap as well.

JAFFA (CONT'D)

We'd also like to bring Aokee up to sing one of his Hawaiian specialties.

on

Again, everyone claps and cheers him on. AOKEE goes stage.

ALEX

You girls want to dance?

KATIE

(grabbing ROBBIE's hand and leading out to the dance floor)

Sure.

AMY shrugs yes and goes out with ALEX.

AOKEE

(onstage)

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Mahalo and Aloha. This song is sung on my island for all young people in love...or about to be. Is called E O'Mai, or, You Are Mine.

Many

AOKEE begins singing the Hawaiian love song, "E O'Mai". couples are dancing; it is a slow song.

once

ALEX, of course, is a goof. He dances slow, but every in a while executes a deep dip, much to AMY's terror.

EDDIE is off to the edge of the dance floor, watching,

of

longingly, and kind of swaying to the music. A couple girls walk by and he does a magic trick for them.

nothing in

He holds both hands up, palms open to show he has his hands. He also gestures that he has no sleeves (he wearing a tuxedo t-shirt). He reaches behind his back pulls out a trick bouquet of flowers, but they don't open right, and are still unfolding as he holds them.

is

and

quite

EDDIE smiles weakly, he knows that isn't quite how it supposed to go. The girls appear encouraging, but as leave look at each other and giggle.

was

they

We pick up ROBBIE and KATIE dancing.

KATIE

So. How are things working out at Aokee's?

ROBBIE

Oh, he's great. Alex too. I thought this summer was going to be a train wreck, but it's not turning out too bad.

KATIE

Well, of course this isn't California...

ROBBIE

No, but it looks like I will get a chance to do some surfing anyway.

KATIE

Really.

ROBBIE

Apparently there's some kind of surfing contest and Aokee is all over me to enter.

KATIE

You mean the Surfer King?

ROBBIE

You've heard of it?

KATIE

It's all the other girls seem to talk about. This is my first year, but

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apparently it's a pretty big deal. Being from Oceanside, you should have a good chance.

ROBBIE

We'll see. It seems kind of stupid to me. A surfing contest in Colorado.

(laughing)

My friends back home would never believe it.

TIFFANY
with
Suddenly she
where
real
dance
all
settles
he
girl

They continue to dance. WE SEE BIG MIKE talking to and gesturing broadly. TIFFANY is clearly not agreeing with what he is saying. COWBOY is nowhere to be seen. Suddenly she throws up her hands and marches over to the dance floor where EDDIE is standing alone, swaying a bit to the music. She whispers something in his ear, and EDDIE'S eyes get big as she leads him by the hand to the middle of the dance floor. She wraps her arms around EDDIE and they dance, all the while glaring at her father. EDDIE knows a good thing when he sees it, and quickly settles in, Big Man on Campus. TIFFANY is taller than he is, so he happily puts his head on HER shoulder. BIG MIKE looks back at them, not happy with the way it happened, but satisfied. DOUG FITZGERALD (twenty bucks DOUG) is dancing with a girl

into

when ALEX, doing some kind of fancy spin to AMY, bumps
him.

DOUG

(to ALEX)

Alex. Got my twenty bucks?

ALEX

Oh, Dougie. You know, I left my wallet
over in my locker. I'll see you before
we leave and get it to you then.

DOUG

Yeah, sure.

ALEX

You know, you could always come by
Aokee's and I could give it to you in
trade.

DOUG

Cash money, Alex. Cash money.

ALEX

No problem.

that

ALEX grabs AMY and swings her into another fancy move
leads them away from DOUG.

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The song ends, and everybody claps. AOKEE bows.

ROBBIE

(to KATIE)

Hey, listen. Alex told me about this
great spot on the other side of Thunder
Bay that looks down on the party, but
it's a little more quiet. Want to go for
a walk?

KATIE

Sure.

night.

They pick up their smoothies and walk off into the

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EXT MOMENTS LATER - NIGHT - NORTH EDGE OF THUNDER BAY

ROBBIE is walking on the seawall that separates the bay
from
the sunning area, tightrope style. KATIE walks next to
him.

KATIE

So...what made your folks pick up from
beautiful southern California and move to
Colorado?

ROBBIE

Not both my folks. Just my Mom.

KATIE

Aha...trouble in paradise?

ROBBIE

Let's just say my father had an eye for
his administrative assistant, and now
they're both somewhere in Mexico. Mom
got a job here, some of her family's
here, so they said "Colorady is the place
you outta be".

KATIE

It could be worse.

ROBBIE

Well, I must admit, I've met some very
nice people.

(looking down and smiling)

In California, the attitude's a little
different. Here, not everyone is out to
prove something. Seem's like everyone
just wants to have fun.

KATIE

I have a theory. Sometimes it snows here
so hard, that it's a challenge just to
get to work or to school. Everything
shuts down for a day or so. If your car
gets stuck, people appear from nowhere to
help pull you out and get you back on the
road. Most people here don't just look
out for themselves. A lot of times,

they're looking out for you, too.

38 **EXT. MOMENTS LATER - NIGHT - CUSTOMER SERVICE KIOSK**
38

her how ALEX and AMY are inside the KIOSK. ALEX is showing
everything works.

ALEX

All these switches feed sound throughout
the park. Which reminds me.

presses He pulls out a CD and pops it into the CD Player and
like PLAY. He sees a flyswatter and begins waving it around
a sword.

ALEX (CONT'D)

And this is for bad little girls who
don't know how to have fun.

He begins swishing it around, AMY is giggling.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Oops. There....almost got you.

like AMY is dodging and laughing. ALEX closes in and seems
tickling he will kiss her, but just starts gumming her neck,
the her. AMY leans back laughing and WE SEE her back hits
volume knob on the amplifier.

39 **EXT. NIGHT - MOMENTS LATER GRAND PAVILION**
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Bay. It is They have reached the area to the west of Thunder
We simply a concrete pad that overlooks the party below.
which hear "Paradise is in Your Eyes" by Michael Peace,
begins with a lot of jungle sound effects.

KATIE

(looking down at the party)
You were right. This is nice.
(reacting to the jungle noises)
But not necessarily quieter.

ROBBIE

Just a sec.

He walks away slightly and gets on the radio.

ROBBIE (CONT'D)

Hey, Alex. Give us break down here.
Turn down the sound effects.

40 **EXT. NIGHT - CUSTOMER SERVICE KIOSK**

the ALEX and AMY are kissing; she is up on the counter of
KIOSK.

ALEX

(interrupting, but to AMY)
Uh oh. Sorry. Hold that thought.

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He grabs the radio.

ALEX (CONT'D)

(into the radio)
I'm on it.

a He turns down the volume back to normal. He also flips
the-top switch. They hear the tune now, and AMY jumps off the
counter, stands there and smiles. ALEX does an over-
mambo moving to her and they start to slow dance.

41 **EXT. NIGHT - GRAND PAVILION**

KATIE ROBBIE has set down the radio, and is walking back to

close now, who is swaying to the music. He doesn't get too
to her, and actually stands off to her left.

style. Since she has the room and is momentarily inspired, she
begins a few dance moves, ballet, and then ballroom

instinctively, ROBBIE has seen this sort of thing before, and
almost without thinking steps in and becomes her dance
partner. They proceed in a beautiful dance that almost
seems rehearsed. Finally it occurs to them both.

ROBBIE

(quizzically)

So where did you learn to dance like
this?

KATIE

(smiling)

Eight years at Miss Vickie's Studio of
Dance. What surprises me is you.

ROBBIE

(somewhat embarrassed, keeps
dancing)

Can you keep my deepest, darkest secret?

KATIE

Of course.

ROBBIE

(hesitantly)

When you grow up within spitting distance
of Hollywood, every mother seems to think
her child is the next Harrison Ford. So
when I was about 12, my Mom started
taking me to all these auditions for
things.

KATIE

So are you the next Harrison Ford?

ROBBIE

Some days I'm not even the next Robbie
Zirpollo.

They continue to dance. After a few moments...

KATIE

....and?

They stop and walk over to the railing overlooking the party.

ROBBIE

Turns out I get this part. They're selling some dish soap or something, and they think it will be magical to have two twelve year old kids dancing ballroom on this fantasy set with clouds and everything. They lock this girl and I into a dance studio with a choreographer for two weeks, and then they shoot the commercial.

KATIE

Doesn't sound so terrible. You certainly learned how to dance.

ROBBIE

Yeah, but when it came out everyone in school saw it. I couldn't go anywhere for six months without everyone in the room laughing their heads off.

KATIE

(touched, drawing closer)
I'm not laughing.

They kiss, then return to dancing.

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SNACK 42

EXT. MORNING - THE NEXT DAY - OUTSIDE AOKEE'S SURF & SHACK - SURF MUSIC BED

WE SEE ALEX and ROBBIE discussing something; forming a plan.
They are going to look for Pipeman. ALEX gestures in one direction, and ROBBIE takes off. ALEX goes in another.

43
NEAR

**EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - DAY FIRST AID SHACK
43 FUNHOUSE - SURF MUSIC BED**

The
ALEX walks up to the Guard, appears to ask a question.
guard shakes his head "no".
ALEX walks off.

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BED 44 **EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - GIFT SHOP - SURF MUSIC**

shakes her
ROBBIE is talking to a cashier in the store. She
head 'no'. Robbie walks out hurriedly.

45
SURF45 **EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - CUSTOMER SERVICE KIOSK -**
MUSIC BED

up his
ALEX is talking to Jaffa. JAFFA gestures wildly, as if
telling some big mythical story, but at the end throws
hands as if to say, "I don't know".

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- 46 **EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - SOMEWHERE AT WATER WORLD**
SURF MUSIC BED

through a
and
We are in pitch darkness. We hear the sound of heavy
scraping metal. Lights shine and we are looking up
manhole cover being removed. ROBBIE bends over the hole
hollers "PIPEMAN" and peers in. He shakes his head
negatively and moves on.

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BED 47 **EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - BIG MIKE'S - SURF MUSIC**

the
appears to
comes
We are at the back door to Big Mike's. ALEX knocks, and
same kid as before, DAVE, pops his head out. ALEX
ask a question, DAVE goes back in as ALEX waits. DAVE

leave,
and
out again and gestures, "no one knows". ALEX starts to
but turns back and asks something else. DAVE disappears
comes back with a burger. ALEX shrugs, and walks away
unwrapping and eating the burger.

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48 **EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - BACK OF SOME BUILDING**

down
we
open
off.
shaking
ROBBIE sees a door marked, "EMPLOYEES ONLY". He looks
at his employee ID and shrugs and goes in. As he enters
see he is pushed out by some unknown force. Out the
door comes "Wally" the Water World mascot, who walks
Robbie has been knocked to the ground and looks up,
his head. He gets up and walks off.

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SURF49 **EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - BACK OF SOME BUILDING -**
MUSIC BED

door,
and
exits
underwear,
Now it is ALEX who has separately come upon the same
not knowing ROBBIE has already been there. He enters,
the door remains open. We hear girls screaming and he
quickly, followed by a volley of thrown girl's
swimsuits and towels.

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SURF50 **INT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - THUNDER BAY PUMPHOUSE -**
MUSIC BED

head
with a red scarf, but it moves out of view. Surf music
fades.

further
pipewrench,
There is a constant whine of the pumps. ROBBIE moves
in and finally comes across a man holding a large

leak. with his back to him. He is working to tame a small

ROBBIE

(quietly)
Hello?

No reaction.

ROBBIE (CONT'D)

(loudly this time)
Hello?

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This startles and kind of angers PIPEMAN.

PIPEMAN

Hey. You're not supposed to be in here.

ROBBIE

Yeah, sorry. Are you Pipeman?

PIPEMAN

(recovering from the startle)
Not on purpose.
I guess some people call me Pipeman.
'Spose it's better than Carl.

ROBBIE

So you're real name's Carl?

PIPEMAN

No. I just said Pipeman was a better name than Carl.

ROBBIE

Oh. Well, my name's Robbie. I work at Aokee's.

PIPEMAN

Oh. OK. What the hell you doin' down here?

ROBBIE

I need your help.

PIPEMAN

That scrubsink at Aokee's leakin' again?
Gees, I knew we shoudda replaced...

ROBBIE

It's not the scrub sink. I need your help. I'm competing in the Employee Olympics. With your advanced surfing experience, Aokee thought you might be able to help me.

PIPEMAN

(to himself)
Everybody wants to be the Surfer King.
(to ROBBIE)
What advanced surfing experience?

ROBBIE

Well, you know. "Pipeman"? Hawaii's North Shore? Surfing the pipeline?

PIPEMAN

Ohhh. Bad news, kid. I hate to disappoint you, but this is the reason they call me Pipeman. I'm the plumber around here.

PIPEMAN holds up the large wrench.

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ROBBIE

Oh, boy. See, I'm from California, and I can surf, I just don't know what to expect from the wave on Thunder Bay. I...I was just hoping you could help, I really am sorry for bothering you.

ROBBIE begins walking out, dejected. PIPEMAN looks
at him,
and feels sorry for him.

PIPEMAN

Wait a minute, kid. I do know a little about surfing. I also know a lot about the wave here. What exactly are you looking for from me?

ROBBIE

(perking up)

I need a mentor; you know like in Karate Kid.

PEPEMAN

Karate Kid. He works at Big Mike's doesn't he?

ROBBIE

No, no it's a movie.

PEPEMAN

Never seen it. Don't know much about this mentor thing. How's it work?

ROBBIE

Generally, you, as mentor, draw on some personal religious philosophy to first intimidate, and then later inspire me. What religion are you?

PEPEMAN

(proudly)

I'm Norman.

ROBBIE

Ah, Brigham Young and all that.

PEPEMAN

No, no NNNNORM-AN. We follow the big fat guy on Cheers reruns.

ROBBIE

Okay...and your belief structure....

PEPEMAN

Usually involves a lot of beer and corn nuts, but I don't think that's gonna work here.

(thinking)

Tell you what.

Meet me at Thunder Bay tomorrow morning,

work something out.

ROBBIE

(happily)

Great, perfect. Thanks. I won't let you down.

(walking away, muttering to himself)

What the heck is a corn-nut?

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EXT. MORNING - THE NEXT DAY - THUNDER BAY

WE SEE Thunder Bay looking east. AOKEE and ALEX are setting up lawn chairs. AOKEE is lathering on suntan lotion, and puts on a large straw hat. ALEX puts sun block cream on his nose, and they both sit on the lawn chairs. They both have large smoothies.

ROBBIE appears with his surfboard, and lays it up against the east fence at Thunder Bay. PIPEMAN arrives carrying a small device in a plastic ziplock bag.

ROBBIE approaches PIPEMAN.

ROBBIE

Hi! Glad you could make it.

(pointing to PIPEMAN's hand)

What's that?

PIPEMAN

This is how I trigger the wave.

ROBBIE

With that? A garage door clicker?

PIPEMAN

What did you think? Waves just happen?

This is Colorado, kid. Now get your board and get in the water.

Robbie gets his board and jumps into Thunder Bay, paddling over to the narrow side where the wave begins.

ROBBIE has PIPEMAN goes down the stairs leading to near where positioned himself.

PIPEMAN (CONT'D)

You sure that's where you want to be?

ROBBIE

Should be about right. Aren't you getting in? Where's your board?

PIPEMAN

Mentors don't get wet. I looked it up.
(pressing the clicker)
Get ready.

it, A wave comes and ROBBIE begins paddling. He misses

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nervously. splashes the water angrily and turns back to paddle to position again. AOKEE and ALEX look at each other

PIPEMAN (CONT'D)

Want to know what you did wrong?

ROBBIE

(mad)
Just gimme another wave.

PIPEMAN

Oakey doakey.

it Another wave comes. ROBBIE paddles furiously and misses again. Now he's really angry.

ROBBIE

(tersely)
Okay. Please. Tell me what I did wrong.

PIPEMAN

You're in the wrong position. The wave doesn't crest that soon. Move ten feet further away from the back wall.

ROBBIE

(to himself)

The ocean never had a back wall.

(to Pipeman)

Thank you.

AOKEE

ROBBIE paddles over to the spot suggested by PIPEMAN.

has

and ALEX are now sitting on the edge of the lawn chairs anxiously awaiting the next wave. It comes and ROBBIE catches it easily and begins riding it aggressively. He

a good run and kicks out at the end.

AOKEE and ALEX high-five.

ALEX AND AOKEE

(together)

Yeee-haww.

They settle back into their chairs to absorb some sun.

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INT. DAY AOKEE'S SURF AND SNACK SHACK - DAY

smoothie.
get the

AOKEE is behind the counter finishing up making a RICHARD, head lifeguard is on the other side; he will smoothie.

RICHARD

(grinning)

So. I hear he's pretty good. Haven't seen him myself yet.

AOKEE

(concerned, covering)

Good? Good at what? Who you mean?

RICHARD

Come on. Your ringer from California. Everyone says he's gonna give Cowboy a run for his money.

AOKEE

Robbie? Robbie barely walk without help.

We hear a loud CRASH from the kitchen.

RICHARD

Gees!

AOKEE

Ha!

AOKEE gestures back towards the kitchen.

AOKEE (CONT'D)

Your Surfer King. We just make a good show. Your boy have nothing to worry about.

RICHARD

You know I'd feel a lot better if you hadn't taken most of my money in that poker game last Friday night.

AOKEE

(dismissive)

Poker? Not an island game. I no good.

RICHARD

(nods)

Right. Tell you what. Sight unseen even money, twenty dollars on Cowboy.

AOKEE

You want to bet with me? Take my twenty dollars, just like that? Humph. Not worth the trouble, twenty dollars. Now, maybe a hundred...

RICHARD

A hundred bucks...

ANOTHER CRASH from the kitchen, this time pots & pans.

AOKEE

(to kitchen)

Robbie!

RICHARD

OK, a hundred bucks.

They slap hands to seal the deal. RICHARD leaves,
grinning

and shaking his head.

AOKEE
(to kitchen)

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Robbie? That you? Come out here.

ROBBIE
(entering from kitchen)
Sorry, dude, that tray was way off
balance.

AOKEE
Robbie, our secret getting out. You
practice too good.

ROBBIE
(happy)
I'm really getting the hang of that wave.

AOKEE
Fall more. Make good show.

ROBBIE
(thinking)
I'll try to remember to look and see
who's watching.

AOKEE
(pours the rest of RICHARD's
smoothie)
Good. Here, have a smoothie. You too
skinny to surf good.

ROBBIE smiles and takes the smoothie back to the
kitchen.

53 **EXT EARLY MORNING. - THUNDER BAY**
53

ROBBIE and PIPEMAN are in the middle of a practice
session.
PIPEMAN is at the side, ROBBIE is in the water on his
board.

PIPEMAN

(gesturing)
OK, now this time, get up on the board more quickly. This is a wave pool and this wave dissipates quickly. You only have a little time to show your stuff.

ROBBIE

How will the judging work?

PEPE

You get a possible ten points. Three for your surfing, three for your style and four for the judge's overall impression of your ride. No one's ever gotten a ten...I'm not really sure why.

ROBBIE

You've seen the competition. What does everybody do?

PEPE

Everybody just surfs, man and tries not to fall. The big reason Cowboy's done so

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well is he goes to Hawaii for a couple weeks every year. But there he's mostly a longboarder. Your job is to figure out how to make the most outta this little wave.

ROBBIE

OK. I'm ready.

The wave comes and ROBBIE catches it and surfs it hard, kicking up high at the end.

54

EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - HILL ABOVE THUNDER BAY

Bay.

WE SEE COWBOY and TIFFANY standing overlooking Thunder Bay.
COWBOY has binoculars and is looking through them.

COWBOY

He's pretty good, I'll give him that.

TIFFANY

(concerned)

How good?

COWBOY

If I have an off day, he could win.

TIFFANY

(really concerned)

That's terrible. You're the Surfer King.

COWBOY

Well, some days you get the wave, and some days the wave gets you.

TIFFANY

This can't happen. What are we gonna do?

COWBOY

I don't know what you're going to do, but as me for me, I'm gonna schedule some practice time of my own.

TIFFANY

This may take a lot more than extra practice.

COWBOY

Well, I don't know what else you expect. I'll go out and do my best. If that's not enough, it's not enough.

TIFFANY grabs the binoculars and stares down at Thunder Bay.

WE SEE gears turning in her head.

55 **EXT. MORNING - THE NEXT DAY - CUSTOMER SERVICE KIOSK**
55

ROBBIE and Alex are walking by. JAFFA sees them.

JAFFA

Hey, surfer boy! I got fifty bucks at three to one! Don't let me down, mon.

ROBBIE

(to JAFFA)
Hey Jaffa. NO worries.
(to ALEX, shocked)
People are betting on me?

ALEX

Just a little friendly pool. No big deal. Helps make this more interesting. Concessions never had a chance before...

ROBBIE

I've seen this Cowboy practice. His style is more longboard, and this is a shortboard wave, but he's still pretty good. I could lose you know.

Two concessions girls are walking by them.

CONCESSIONS GIRLS

(together)
Hi Robbie!

ROBBIE

How ya doin'
(to Alex after they have gone by)
See. How come everyone knows me by sight now?

ALEX

Ah, you're the next big thing. You'll survive it. The Employee Olympics are only a week away. What happens is we have this big opening ceremony where each team chooses a theme and we're judged on our spirit. Then different teams compete in contests that test their Water World skills. The next morning it all ends with the surf contest. You ready?

of Another group of concession girls calls ROBBIE from one the snack bars. He waves.

ROBBIE

I suppose. I've been working out a strategy to use if Cowboy has a real good day. It's risky...

Just then they both nearly run headlong into TIFFANY.

TIFFANY

Well, hello Robbie.

ROBBIE

(surprised)

You know me?

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TIFFANY

Of course I know you. It's my father's park, I try get to know everyone.

ALEX

(interrupting, eager)

I'm Alex!

TIFFANY

Yes, I'm sure you are.

(ignoring ALEX, back to Robbie)

It's been a while since I've been to Aokee's. Do you suppose if I come down in a little while you could make some of that special chicken, what is it?

ROBBIE

The best teriyaki east of the Pacific.

TIFFANY

Yes...and one those smoothies I hear so much about?

ROBBIE

(stunned)

Well, sure. I'll be working all afternoon.

TIFFANY

It's a date then. See you later!

She walks off. ROBBIE just stands there. ALEX starts walking, then comes back. Finally ALEX pushes him on the shoulder.

ALEX

Come on, we gotta get back.

ROBBIE

(still shocked)

Yes. Yes we do.

56 **INT. DAY AOKEE'S SURF AND SNACK SHACK**

56

the AOKEE is wiping the counter alone. HE turns toward
 kitchen...

AOKEE

Alex! We need more large smoothie cups
out here!

of AOKEE continues cleaning up. ALEX shows up with a load
 cups, AOKEE takes them and starts placing them.

AOKEE (CONT'D)

(to ALEX)

Look at that.

an WE SEE in a far corner of AOKEE's TIFFANY and ROBBIE in

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animated, engaging conversation.

AOKEE (CONT'D)

Second time this week. Our boy Big Man
on Campus, huh?

ALEX

Big something. I hope he knows how to
work without a net.

AOKEE

Well. We all grow up sometime. He not
drop a tray of dishes in days. Something
going right. You think he ready?

ALEX

I guess we'll both find out on Sunday. I
sure hope so.

laughing

WE SEE TIFFANY and ROBBIE again, and TIFFANY is loudly at some joke ROBBIE has made.

57
57

EXT NEAR SUNSET - TIME SHACK

day.

ROBBIE, ALEX, AMY and KATIE are clocking out for the day.
ROBBIE clocks out first. TIFFANY drives up in her convertible.

TIFFANY

(waving him over)
Robbie!

around to the

ROBBIE goes over to talk to her. WE SEE him go around to the passenger side.

ROBBIE

(shouting)
Alex! I won't need a ride tonight after all. Tiff's taking me home!

KATIE are
at

ROBBIE jumps in and they drive away. ALEX, AMY and KATIE are still standing on the porch of the TIME SHACK, shocked at what they've seen.

ALEX

(disbelief)
Tiff?

AMY

(grossed out)
Tiff?

KATIE

(forlorn, stunned)
Tiff.

see KATIE

WE SEE ROBBIE and TIFFANY drive out the gate. We walk slowly out of the park alone.

As she is walking, we flash back to scenes of KATIE and

dance
her

ROBBIE together, dancing and laughing. This time the moves to the song of Allison Krause's "New Favorite". We take a final look at KATIE with the setting sun at back and see she is crying.

58 **EXT. EARLY MORNING. - SURF'S UP WAVE POOL EAST SIDE**
58

a
like a

We see the rising sun behind AOKEE's head as he raises a conch shell and blows it like a horn. He is dressed Hawaiian prince.

among
that

As the shot widens it reveals six males and two females dressed in Hawaiian native garb. ROBBIE And ALEX are several drummers with bamboos sticks in their hands provide percussion for the Hawaiian war dance.

AOKEE

Aie, noka moka kei kai ke alo.

begin
folk

The drums begin and the male dancers, carrying spears the Hawaiian war dance. The drummers sing the Hawaiian tune "No ka moku Kiakahi Ke Aloha".

There are about 100 concessions kids in regular uniform sitting cross-legged behind them, clapping the beat in unison.

army.

The MALE DANCERS circle each other in time to the beat, gesturing a story the seems to involve some invading

are

The war dance progresses until the invading warriors defeated and the folk song ends. At the end, the kids sitting behind raise their hand and shout.

CONCESSIONS GIRLS AND BOYS

Concessions! Concessions! Concessions!

Looking to the south side of the pool, we see about 50

are
next to
ground's kids sitting in rows. In our foreground there
six large trash cans, with toilet plungers arranged
them, 2 each.

fatigues
To our left are a line of six ground's kids in army
carrying brooms as if rifles. The lead kid shouts:

LEAD MARCHER

Company! Forward, march.

of
THE DRILL team marches into full view. The ground's kids
behind clap the march beat. The marchers stop in front
the line of trash cans.

LEAD MARCHER (CONT'D)

Company! Halt!

They do.

LEAD MARCHER (CONT'D)

Present Arms!

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forward.
The brooms come off their shoulders and are held

LEAD MARCHER (CONT'D)

Company!

MARCHERS

Yes sir.

LEAD MARCHER

Order arms.

cadence,
They begin a routine practiced with brooms, in a
clapped by the ground's kids behind them.

LEAD MARCHER (CONT'D)

What do you do if it's wet and not yours?

MARCHERS

(in cadence)

Don't touch it! Don't touch it!

LEAD MARCHER

How do you deal with a full can of trash?

MARCHERS

We empty! We empty!

LEAD MARCHER

Sound off!

MARCHERS

Trash Rats!

LEAD MARCHER

Again!

MARCHERS

Trash Rats!

LEAD MARCHER

Sound off, Trash Rats.

MARCHERS

Trash rats! Trash Rats!

heads. They stop. Their brooms are raised over their

LEAD MARCHER

Company! Brooms Ho!

march They allow their brooms to fall to their right side and
a la to the trash cans. They pull out bright blue ski masks,
lead BLUE MAN GROUP, and pick up the toilet plungers. The
marcher holds his plunger high and shouts.

LEAD MARCHER (CONT'D)

Company! Begin!

MAN/STOMP He counts a four beat rhythm and they begin a BLUE
like drum routine with the trash cans.

holding
These
trash
plunger as

the
matches.

the

the
seated

Two grounds kids in regular grounds uniforms approach steel trash can lids by the handles (with gloves). become drums as well as two of the drummers switch from can to can lids using the stick side of the toilet the drumstick.

A competition erupts from the left and right sides of line as they each set a beat and then the other

Finally, a show of unity as both sides join back into beat for an ending flourish.

They pick up their brooms and turn their attention to kids behind them. They begin to march in place and the grounds kids clap for the tempo.

LEAD MARCHER (CONT'D)

(to the seated GROUNDS KIDS)
What do you do when the table's a mess?

GROUNDS KIDS

(together)
We wipe it! We wipe it!

LEAD MARCHER

What do you do when a toilet's stopped up?

GROUNDS KIDS

We plunge it! We plunge it!

LEAD MARCHER

Sound off!

GROUNDS KIDS

Trash rats!

LEAD MARCHER

Sound off!

GROUNDS KIDS

Trash rats!

LEAD MARCHER

Sound off trash rats!

GROUNDS KIDS

Trash rats! Trash rats!

They clap and cheer, and settle back down to sit.

grounds
and see

All is quiet now. WE SEE concessions kids sitting,
kids sitting and we look to the west side of the pool
lifeguards sitting. Everyone is looking around.

appear with
Roman

Suddenly two lifeguards dressed as Roman Soldiers
horns. They bellow a Roman Call to Action, and two
drummers lead a column of other lifeguards.

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Behind
marching.

First we see female guards dressed in togas filing in.
them are six gladiators with swords and shields,

of
next

They are followed by one female lifeguard with a basket
rose petals. She is throwing them into the path of the
group to enter.

is
Cesar. On

Next we see six more guards dressed as slaves carrying
COWBOY, who is sitting up on a First Aid backboard. HE
wearing laurel leaves and a toga, he is obviously
the backboard is also the surfer king trophy.

guards, and

They all approach the area in front of the seated

the
pace
gladiators are
The
ones,
and the
their

rearrange themselves so that COWBOY has a good view of
gladiators. The drummers count a cadence that sets the
for a simulated battle between the gladiators.
The simulated battle rages until three of the
on their knees before the three victorious gladiators.
The
victorious gladiators hold their swords over the fallen
ones,
and look to COWBOY for a yea or nay.
COWBOY generously waves and makes a thumbs up signal,
swords are put away. The seated lifeguards all raise
fists and shout.

LIFEGUARDS

(together)

Lifeguards! Lifeguards! Lifeguards!

The guards holding COWBOY set him down in front of an
elevated platform that has a microphone..

COWBOY picks up the surfer king trophy and walks to the
platform. He sets the trophy on a table next to the
microphone, arranging it carefully.

of the

We see now there is a large banner hanging at the back
wave pool that says "WATER WORLD WELCOMES EMPLOYEE
OLYMPIANS".

regal

COWBOY moves to the microphone and raises his arm in a
manner and speaks.

COWBOY

(to all)

Let the games...begin!

we
MIKE

The seated crowd now stands and cheers loudly. We see a
group of three people, two male and one female, adults
will later identify as JUDGES. They nod approvingly and
write something down on their clipboards. We see BIG
near them, smiling broadly.

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EXT. LATER THAT DAY - SURF'S UP WAVE POOL EAST SIDE

area
white

We see that the lounge chairs have been removed and the area is clear. There are scattered squashed up pieces of paper lying about.

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boy/girl
three

We look to the south and see that there are three teams with one of their legs tied together, like a legged race.

other
pistol

The rub here is one team member has the dustpan and the team member has the broom. A JUDGE triggers a starter and they are off.

grounds
are
two
advance.

The lifeguard team falls almost immediately, and the team takes a early lead over the concessions team, who are trying to figure the dustpan/broom operation out. The grounds people work tightly together and quickly

to
the

The lifeguards have gotten back up and are hobbling up their first piece of trash. Concessions has figured out dustpan, but are still well behind the grounds kids.

second,
finish

Finally, the grounds kids win, with concessions up and lifeguards trailing in third. The judges note the on their clipboards.

60

EXT. LATER THAT DAY - THUNDER BAY

end of We see three male participants standing in the shallow
Thunder Bay, One red suit (lifeguard) one blue suit
(concessions) and one green suit (grounds)

air A JUDGE on the rise to the west of Thunder Bay blows an
begin horn to start the race. They all rush into the bay and
swimming furiously.

behind by The guard takes the lead quickly, followed not far
and the grounds kid. The concessions kid is working hard
splashing a lot but not getting very far.

underwater As the guard reaches the back wall, he does an
the racing turn and swims back toward the point where they
started. Right behind him, the smaller grounds kid does
same thing.

who As they are returning, they pass the concessions kid,
pass still is splashing a lot but not going fast. After they
him he stops, as he is tired out.

guard Momentarily he can't even tread water any more, and a
The watching from the sidelines jumps in and pulls him out.
concessions swimming guard has beaten the grounds kid, the
kid never finishes.

61 **EXT LATER THAT DAY - SURF'S UP WAVE POOL SOUTH SIDE**
61

It There are three lines set up with several participants.
of is a relay race, with the baton replaced by a tray full
drinks in paper cups, water. The colors indicate again
concessions, guards and grounds.

the The race is already in full swing, with concessions in
lead. The last group of relayers are now getting their
trays, and concessions is way ahead.

made
moves

Everyone is cheering their team on. The final pass is to SARAH who works for AOKEE's. She takes the tray and gracefully to the final stop. There is a small table on which the drinks must be placed.

on.

She is clearly going to win when she suddenly stops. All concessions kids are shocked and plead her to go

with
drinks,
spilled.

She does a nifty and graceful around the back maneuver the tray, proceeds to the table, and sets down the tipping the tray sideways to show no water has been

The JUDGES scribble furiously.

62

EXT. LATER THAT DAY - AOKEE'S SURF & SNACK SHACK

dolly
indentically
four.
and

Three picnic tables are set up in front of AOKEE's. WE past each one to see that they are cluttered with what appears to be the leftovers from lunch for Behind each table is a team of two guards, concessions grounds kids.

A JUDGE blows a whistle and we begin by looking at the lifeguard team.

this.
clearing
hands

It is a boy and a girl and the girl is not too keen on They bring a trash can with them and begin gingerly the table, acting as if they are afraid to get their dirty.

ahead of We dolly left to see the concessions team a little
the guard team.

rain We dolly further left to reveal a grounds kid in a full
suit with a face shield.

the A tremendous force of water is clearing the table into
at trash can which the rain-suited grounds kid is holding
it's end.

fatigues with We dolly further left to see EDDIE in full army
water safety goggles on and wearing the biggest super-soaker
gun in the history of man.

washed. The table is quickly cleared, and at the same time
and EDDIE holds up the business end of the Super-Soaker gun
Western blows imaginary smoke from it's barrel, like an old
gunfighter.

The JUDGES take notes.

63 **EXT. LATER THAT DAY - SURF'S UP WAVE POOL**
63

waiting for The three different teams are gathered in groups
the next challenge. One of each team is in full sweats,
color coordinated by team.

the ALEX is the one in the sweats for concessions. Slowly
lay sweats people walk into the pool about waist deep and

The grounds kid is the littlest guy of all.

run
clear
A JUDGE blows a whistle and four members of each team
into the water and drag their now soaked sweat suited
teammate out of the water. They lie them down on a
area and begin CPR.

them
him
CPR.
trained.
The guards have a nifty little plastic device that lets
blow air into the mouth of their victim, and they roll
quickly on his side to clear water and back to begin
They are fast and efficient, and clearly expertly

clumsily
while
We move left to see the grounds kids, knowledgeable but
inexperienced. One girl is using her hands to provide a
seals over the mouth of her "victim" and another is
pumping his chest while the others try to keep a count
reading some kind of instruction card..

arguing
circle
We move again to see the concessions kids, who are in
trouble. ALEX is lying there dying, and they are
about who has to breathe into his mouth. They form a
over him, pointing and arguing.

on the
a
Finally they all just walk off and ALEX is still lying
ground, eyes rolled back and twitching convulsively in
hilarious death scene.

The JUDGES take their notes.

64 **EXT LATER THAT DAY - IN FRONT OF THE CANNING COMPANY**
64

three
Once again three teams representing the three competing
factions. Large stainless steel pots are bubbling on
propane cooking stands in front of the concession.

again,
The teams each have three members in cooking aprons,

chili color coded. One from each team is stirring the team's
while the others watch the JUDGES anxiously.

line Lines are forming in front of each pot, with people in
each carrying a paper chili bowl, but holding back,
deferring to the JUDGES. The JUDGES are each carrying three styro
cups in which to receive the chili.

sip. They each get a portion from the guard team and take a
spit They smile politely to the cooks, but turn around and
almost the chili back into the cup as delicately as possible,
tray of as if throwing up. A concessions kid is there with a
waters, which they quickly take advantage of.

portions They move on to the grounds team. They get their
and taste the chili and nod, not bad.

and move They take another sip of water to clear their palate
on to the concessions team. The portions are proudly
scooped.

huddle for They take a taste, smile and take some more. They

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concessions pot. a moment and then place a blue ribbon on the
that The lines quickly rearrange and merge themselves so
everyone is in line for the concessions pot.

65 **EXT LATER THAT DAY - SURF'S UP WAVE POOL EAST SIDE**
65

provides a An obstacle course has been set up, and the event
background to the dialogue that follows. AOKEE has some

papers, and is talking to ALEX and ROBBIE.

AOKEE

(looking through the papers)
This isn't good.

(looking at ALEX and ROBBIE)
It's the same as every year. Pretty much
a dead heat going into the surf
championship tomorrow morning.

ALEX

I can't believe those guys screwed up the
CPR.

ROBBIE

Hard to blame them. No one told them
they had to put their mouth on yours
until the last minute. Yuck.

ALEX

Bunch of babies.

AOKEE

(to ROBBIE)

It's going to be up to you. We slip a
little. You have to make up. That
trophy need a new home.

They look over at the obstacle course where a tiny
grounds
style.
kid is jumping up and down and raising his arms ROCKY-

AOKEE (CONT'D)

You need to make up. You ready? Tomorrow
morning last event. You our last hope.

ROBBIE just looks at both of them nods and sighs
heavily as
background.
the other grounds kids surround our winner in the

AOKEE and ALEX walk off. Suddenly TIFFANY appears.

TIFFANY

Hi Robbie.

ROBBIE

(shy but still very much
smitten)
Oh. Hey.

TIFFANY

How's your team doing?

ROBBIE

Uh. OK, I guess. Kind of a tie.

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TIFFANY

Well, I think you're going to take care of that tomorrow morning. In fact, I've planned a little celebration in advance. We're going to this incredible party up in the foothills at some friends of mine.

ROBBIE

(intrigued)

Party, huh? That sounds like fun. I have to work until nine tonight.

TIFFANY

That's perfect. I'll come back here and pick you up.

She starts to walk off.

TIFFANY (CONT'D)

Oh, and Robbie...call your mom and tell her you're spending the night at Alex's or something. It's going to be a very special night.

ROBBIE

(hypnotised)

K...

waking
66 She walks away. ROBBIE stands there a moment before
66 up and leaving also.

INT. EVENING - AOKEE'S SURF & SNACK SHACK

day's
AOKEE It is dark. We see ALEX and AOKEE cleaning up from the
AOKEE food service. ALEX is wiping down the smoothie area,
is sweeping on the other side of the counter.

ALEX

(voice somewhat hushed)
I'm telling you we need to talk him.
Something's going on.

AOKEE

(shaking his head no)
Robbie know the right thing to do. He's
a good boy.

ALEX

So how about this? He tells me I've got
to cover for him if his mother calls. He
told her he's spending the night at my
house.

AOKEE

He say that?

ALEX

Yes. Tiffany's got something up her
sleeve and Robbie's too messed up to

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notice.

AOKEE

(reflective)
Spending the night at your house. This
very bad. Very bad.

AOKEE (CONT'D)

He should be done with the dishes by now.
Tell him we want to talk.

ALEX disappears back into the kitchen. AOKEE goes to an
empty table under the one light on in the dining area

and

sits down.

ALEX comes back and ROBBIE follows.

ROBBIE

Hey. I'm done with the pots and pans.
It's almost nine. Can I take off now?

AOKEE

Robbie, please, sit.

both and

ROBBIE sits down. So does ALEX. Robbie looks at
gets suspicious.

ROBBIE

Everything OK?

AOKEE

That's what we gonna ask you. What you
plan tonight?

ROBBIE

Well, Tiffany invited me to a little
party up in the mountains.

AOKEE

Robbie, you athlete. Big day tomorrow.
You need sleep, not party.

ROBBIE

It's no big deal. I'll be fine.

AOKEE

Is big deal. Robbie. You good boy,
smart, everybody like you, but....

ROBBIE

But...

AOKEE

Face it. Only one reason Tiffany
interested in you. She want to make you
so tired and so crazy you lose tomorrow.

ROBBIE

(disbelief)
Aw, come on...

ALEX

Robbie. She's still going out with
Cowboy. I saw them together at the
movies two nights ago.

ROBBIE

Maybe she's just letting him down easy.

ALEX

Robbie...things...things are not always what they seem to be.

ROBBIE

Like what?

AOKEE

In this case, she acts like she likes you when really she wants Cowboy to win.

ROBBIE

Naw. You guys are nuts. She's not like that.

ALEX

She is like that.

ROBBIE

Look, I know what to believe and what not to. I'm not that easily fooled.

ALEX

Aokee?

AOKEE

(shaking his head)

Go ahead. Tell him. I trust him.

ALEX

OK. Take Aokee for instance. Gentle, genial Hawaiian guy, right?

ROBBIE

Sure. He's great. I love working here. Aokee, you've been real good to me...

ALEX

Then let me introduce you properly. Robbie Zirpollo, meet Manuel Ramirez.

AOKEE'S head is down in his hands. Robbie looks stunned.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Manuel's family snuck across the border ten years ago through Juarez, Mexico.

AOKEE

(accent gone)

My father refused to work for a drug lord
who ran our town. They tried to kill

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him. We barely got out with our lives.

ROBBIE

Aokee?

AOKEE

(accent now Mexican)

A name I picked up reading an obituary in
the paper. I sent away to Hawaii and got
his birth records and social security
number. This way, I never have to worry
about immigration. I spent weeks
watching tapes of Hawaii Five-0 just to
get the accent right. "Book 'em Danno".
Huh. What's that all about?

ROBBIE

(to Alex)

And you knew?

ALEX nods yes.

AOKEE

I burnt my hand on the grill one day and
started swearing in Spanish...

ALEX

(interrupting)

And I said, boy, you speak Spanish like a
native....uh oh. It's been our little
secret. Now it's your secret, too.

ROBBIE

(looking at his watch)

I need to think about all this.

ALEX

(nodding)

You do.

AOKEE

Sleep tonight. Sleep well.

ROBBIE

(gets up, dazed)

Right. Goodnight.

ROBBIE leaves. ALEX and AOKEE just sit, looking at each other.

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67 **EXT. EARLY MORNING. - THUNDER BAY**

Hundreds of people are gathering on bleachers to watch the surfing competition.

A large highway construction type signboard has been erected and says "Grounds 93", "Concessions 93" and "Lifeguards 94".

It is almost a festival atmosphere. The JUDGES are standing

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controls in a group, conferring, near a table that has the for the sign. The sign can be viewed easily from the bleachers.

ALEX WE look over to the front of AOKEE's and see AOKEE and standing outside the restaurant.

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SNACK 68 **EXT. EARLY MORNING. - MOMENTS LATER - AOKEE'S SURF & SHACK**

AOKEE

(to Alex)

Have you seen him?

ALEX

Not yet.

ROBBIE

They are looking to the north towards the crowd, but appears behind them.

ROBBIE

(looking in the same direction)
What you lookin' at?

AOKEE

We looking for you. How you sleep?

ROBBIE

I slept fine.
(pause as AOKEE and ALEX wait)
I decided I'm not my father. I don't run out on the people I care about just because some blond shakes her ta-ta's at me.

AOKEE

(relieved)
We go then.

ROBBIE picks up his board, and they begin walking toward the bleachers. ALEX stops and turns suddenly.

ALEX

She shook her ta-tas? No one said anything about shaking ta-tas.
(reflectively)
This puts a whole new light on things!

He is in ROBBIE's way. ROBBIE pushes him with his board.

ROBBIE

Get going!

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EXT. EARLY MORNING - THUNDER BAY

ROBBIE, COWBOY and MELINDA from grounds, who we met earlier surfed JUDGES. once on vacation, are all standing in front of the

One JUDGE explains the rules.

HEAD JUDGE

(looking down at clipboard)
Alright, here's the deal. You get three tries; three heats. We judge each run and only your high score counts. If you fall you get no score for the run. Your score will be added to the total for your team, and the winner gets the Surfer King Trophy. Any questions?

They all shake their head no.

HEAD JUDGE (CONT'D)

Then let's begin. Grounds is up first.

wave
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the
it
kicks out
row.
of his
and
chance

MELINDA grabs her board and begins paddling out. The wave comes and it's all she can do to stay on her board. She struggles and falls at the end. She will clearly not be a factor. The big screen shows a 0 in a column after the grounds score.

We look back to the bleachers to polite applause, but COLONEL and the grounds kids are clearly disappointed. COWBOY is out there now, the wave comes and he catches it easily. He rides the wave gracefully and well, and kicks out at the end. The big screen shows an 8 in the lifeguard row. The lifeguards and RICHARD are cheering now.

ROBBIE is next. He catches the wave and rides it more aggressively than COWBOY, but nearly falls at the end of his run. The big screen shows an 8. The concessions kids and AOKEE are very enthusiastic. They can see they have a chance with ROBBIE. PIPEMAN is watching from a far corner.

MELINDA begins her second run. She is a little more

stand and confident this time, but still seems barely able to ride the wave. More polite applause, and the big screen shows a 5.

more COWBOY catches his wave, and tries to imitate ROBBIE'S aggressive style, but falls midway through the run. We hear a large gasp from the crowd as this happens.

supportive The crowd applauds politely, and the guards are screen but disappointed. We see the JUDGES confer and the big shows a 0.

this ROBBIE gets his wave, and surfs it aggressively again, approvingly time not nearly falling at all. The JUDGES nod wild, and confer. The big screen shows a 9. The crowd goes especially the concessions kids.

past Melinda begins her final run. She does better than the screen two, but not significantly. The JUDGES confer and the know shows a 5. The ground kids are very disappointed, they hand they are out of it now. THE COLONEL shakes MELINDA'S and thanks her for her efforts.

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back to COWBOY gets his wave, and has clearly decided to go takes his original style; he rides the wave gracefully, but no chances.

guards He kicks out at the end with a wave and a smile. The the applaud, hoping to make it seem better than it was, and

JUDGES confer and the screen shows an 8.

but
ROBBIE snags his wave and rides it aggressively again,
loses his balance momentarily. It costs him; the JUDGES
confer and the screen shows a 7.

The concessions kids applaud, and the point totals show
"Grounds 98", "Concessions 102" and "Lifeguards 102".

before. THE
EVERYONE is confused, there has never been a tie
up to
JUDGES Are flipping through papers, and BIG MIKE steps
the microphone.

BIG MIKE

(clearing his throat,
flustered)

It looks like we have a tie. This has
never happened before, but I seem to
remember we provided for this possibility
in the rules. Hopefully our judges can
help us figure out what to do!

slaps
The HEAD JUDGE is reading to the other JUDGES out loud,
his hand on one of the papers and comes up to the mike.

HEAD JUDGE

Reading from the rules, "...in the event
of a tie at the end of three heats in the
surf competition, the teams who are tied
will participate in a sudden-death surf
off. Additional heats will be run until
a winner can be declared."

(looking up at the crowd)

The "Sudden Death" heat will begin in
five minutes.

Everybody cheers...they're going to see some more great
surfing.

head
COWBOY
points
The JUDGES signal COWBOY and ROBBIE to come over. The
JUDGE takes a quarter out of his pocket and points to
to call it. It lands and the JUDGE looks at it. HE
to ROBBIE.

HEAD JUDGE (CONT'D)

You want to go first or second?

ROBBIE

Second.

HEAD JUDGE

Be ready in five minutes.

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EXT -MOMENTS LATER - AOKEE'S SURF & SNACK SHACK

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of

ROBBIE, ALEX, AOKEE and PIPEMAN have gathered in front
AOKEE's to strategize.

AOKEE

So what you do? Wait for him to go crazy
and fall?

ROBBIE

Don't want to win with him falling.

PIPEMAN

You could always go out and do your very
best, take a lot of chances and maybe win
this thing on merit.

ALEX

(dismissive)

Don't be silly. That only works in the
movies.

ROBBIE

(shakes his head)

Actually, that's exactly what I'm
thinking. It's the reason we're in a
tie. I've been too conservative. I've
got to do everything I can, or just
forget about it. It's all or nothing.

(pause)

We gotta pull the fin.

AOKEE

Pull da fin?

PIPEMAN

You think you can hold it?

ROBBIE

(explaining)

One time, these tourists from Japan on the beach at La Jolla offered me a hundred bucks to do a full spin at the top of the wave, and then slide down and cut back and do a full back flip. I pulled it off. A friend of mine had a tricks board with just a single fin and foot pockets.

PIPEMAN

We gotta pull the fin. What do we do about the foot pockets?

ROBBIE

You got duct tape?

PIPEMAN reaches into his tool belt and pulls out a roll.

PIPEMAN

What kind of plumber would I be if I didn't have duct tape? Water World

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Platinum! Where do you want them?

They place the board on a table. ROBBIE pulls off two small pieces of tape and places them on the board.

ROBBIE

Here and here.

PIPEMAN gets his screw gun out of his tool belt and begins removing the two outer fins of the board. He then begins looping duct tap around the board to create two foot pockets.

This provides a background to the dialog below.

AOKEE

So, help me understand. What you do now?

ROBBIE

Pipeman is taking the extra fins off my board. I only need one to make a deep cut back. He is also putting some pockets to slip my feet into so when I flip upside down, I don't lose the board.

ALEX

Flip upside down?

ROBBIE

A back flip. You guys see it on snowboarders here all the time, I'm sure.

ALEX

Oh yeah, I'm sure I did that last winter. But not on purpose! Dude. You're either gonna win this thing or you're gonna die.

AOKEE

(quickly, eagerly)

It would be better if you won.

ROBBIE

Yeah, well, a tie is like kissing your sister.

ALEX

(mock anger)

You stay away from my sister.

We hear an air horn blast. They are ready to
start.

PIPEMAN

Ready!

ROBBIE

(to PIPEMAN)

I'll need the biggest wave you can give me...

PIPEMAN

(imitating Mr. Scott on Star

Trek)
I'll give 'er all she's got, Cap'n!

bleachers
Bay.
He hands Robbie the board. ALEX heads back to the area, PIPEMAN goes to the pumphouse in back of Thunder

AOKEE hangs back with ROBBIE and speaks to him alone.

AOKEE

(dropping his Hawaiian accent)
Robbie. When you do this, do this mostly for Robbie Zirpollo. But do it just a little bit for Manny Ramirez, eh?

They
head for the bay.
AOKEE smiles and pats him on the back. Robbie nods.

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EXT. MORNING - MOMENTS LATER - THUNDER BAY

has
him
the
gets a 9.
COWBOY is in the water paddling out to get his wave. It comes and he has apparently decided to stay with what gotten him this far; a conservative style that keeps looking good without falling. His ride is similar to last one, but even more graceful and lyrical and he

ALEX

(to ROBBIE)
Looks like he's waiting for you to make a mistake. You sure you know what you're doing?

ROBBIE

I'm just making this up as I go along.

ALEX

Works for me! Go get 'em.

looking
CONNIE
ROBBIE appears on the seawall holding his board and out first at the bay, then at the crowd. His mom, waves, and he smiles weakly.

up on
water.

HE sees KATIE and she looks hopeful. She hasn't given him completely. He smiles at her and gets into the

get
finally

He begins paddling. It seems to take forever for him to out to the spot where he catches the wave, but he arrives.

raises

He sits there for a moment, collecting himself, then his hand to signal he is ready.

ROBBIE!
to

The CONCESSIONS KIDS have started to chant, ROBBIE! The guards are anxious, but even they can't help moving to the cadence of the chant.

feet
first,

The wave comes and he catches it quickly, and slips his into the duct tape pockets. He misses one pocket at then gets it in.

to

He rides it carefully and at the right moment slides up

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water.

the top and executes a full 360 degree turn out of the

down
heads
a

On landing back on the downside of the wave, he slides it quickly, and then turns around with a deep cut and straight into the wave. At the top he bounces and does a complete back flip in slow motion.

his

We see the crowd also in slow motion. AOKEE Is covering eyes, he can't watch. ALEX's face is contorted with

mouthed disbelief. Various faces in the crowd are in open-
as disbelief. THE JUDGES are staring intently, focussed so
not to miss anything.
He ROBBIE lands the flip, and rides the rest of the wave.
waves to the crowd, and kicks off, exhausted.
like The place goes nuts. No one here has ever seen anything
him this before. AOKEE and ALEX run into the water and help
out. People are still cheering.
COWBOY knows he's in trouble.
appears, THE JUDGES confer only momentarily and the score 10
word and the word concessions starts flashing along with the
winner. COWBOY nods in agreement.
We can TIFFANY says something to him, and he appears angry.
only hear part of his response, something like:

COWBOY

(disbelief)

You did WHAT?

also AOKEE and ALEX lead him up to the grandstand. COWBOY
MIKE. makes his way up there, and we see him talking to BIG
as the BIG MIKE nods in agreement and COWBOY goes to the mike
crowd settles down.

COWBOY (CONT'D)

As last year's Surfer King, it's my
privilege to present this year's trophy
to the most amazing surfer on the water
today. Robbie! Congratulations.

mike. COWBOY shakes ROBBIE's hand, and ROBBIE speaks at the

ROBBIE

(holding trophy)

I just want to thank Aokee, Alex and

Katie for all their support.

We see KATIE clapping, crying. AOKEE and ALEX are
clapping
and smiling.

ROBBIE (CONT'D)

And I have just one thing to say to
everyone in concessions. WE DID IT!

ROBBIE holds the trophy high as everyone cheers.

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FADE

TO BLACK.

72 **EXT. EARLY EVENING SURFS WAVE POOL**
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final
tied
Grounds kids are stacking chairs in preparation for
closing. Tarps are being thrown over everything and
down.

being
Awnings are being taken down. Chairs and tables are
moved.

box.
into
HE We see JAFFA packing up his CD's into that cardboard
also snaps the winter covers for the sound equipment
place.

73 **EXT. MOMENTS LATER - EVENING TIME OUT SHACK**
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great
the
A banner hangs over the time shack, "Thanks for another
year". ALEX, ROBBIE, KATIE and AMY are clocking out for
final time this summer.

Suddenly
They all stop and look around one final time.

TIFFANY drives up in her convertible.

TIFFANY

Another summer gone. How about it
Robbie? You gonna guard next year? They
could use your help.

They all walk closer to her car.

ROBBIE

I don't know...we have a pretty good time
at AOKEE's.

TIFFANY

You know, that's what I hear. Maybe I
should work there next summer.

much
ALEX, ROBBIE, KATIE and AMY all say these lines pretty
at the same time.

ROBBIE

You wouldn't like it...

ALEX

That's a bad idea...

KATIE

And you're such a good guard...

AMY

You'd be miserable...

TIFFANY

Maybe you're right. See you around...

t
EDDIE appears out of the time shack wearing his tuxedo
shirt.

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EDDIE

(almost singing)
Tiffany!

He walks up to her driver's side.

TIFFANY

(feeling charitable, warmly)
Hello, Eddie.

into
Easter
beautiful
entranced.

EDDIE shows there is nothing in his hands, then reaches the car and from behind TIFFANY's ear pulls a plastic Egg out. He hands it to her, and she opens it. A butterfly flies out and away. She is momentarily

TIFFANY (CONT'D)

You know, that's one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen.

(pause, thinking, what the heck)

Hop in Eddie, let me give you a ride home.

drive.
in
broadly

EDDIE waves his hand for HER to scoot over so he can She is surprised, but does, almost reflexively. He gets and he looks at ALEX, ROBBIE, KATIE and AMY grinning as he pulls away.

silence as

ALEX, ROBBIE, KATIE and AMY just watch in stunned EDDIE and TIFFANY drive off.

ALEX

(collecting himself)
Well. Just another summer at Water World.

wide
the

The group begins walking toward the exit gate, as we go and helicopter upward. They get smaller and smaller in shot as we hear the conversation continue.

ROBBIE

You know Katie, I really am sorry I was such a jerk this summer.

KATIE

We'll be going to the same high school.
You'll have plenty of chances to make it

up to me. Let's see, there's Homecoming,
the Christmas Dance, Valentines Day...and
of course, the prom...

ROBBIE

Alex?

ALEX

Yeah?

ROBBIE

I'm gonna need to borrow twenty bucks.

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ALEX

Yep.

We helicopter up for a final shot over the whole park.

THE END