

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS

"CORAL JUICE CALAMITY"

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FADE IN:

INT. KRUSTY KRAB - DAY

Squidward naps at the register; a magazine rises and falls with his SNORING. A sea-tumbleweed rolls by; there isn't a customer in sight.

Mr. Krabs rushes in.

MR. KRABS  
Mr. Squidward!

Squidward falls over. Spongebob appears in the window with a tray of food--

SPONGEBOB  
Order ready, sir!

He drops the tray on Squidward's head. Squidward SHOUTS in pain.

MR. KRABS  
Where are all me customers at?

Spongebob points ahead.

SPONGEBOB  
They're right outside!

Spongebob and Krabs rush to the front windows. Their eyes peer out from the curtain blinds, suspicious.

SEVERAL FISH and characters (Larry the Lobster, Mrs. Puff, Patrick) cross back and forth along the street. Everyone drinks a bright pink CORAL JUICE. With each sip, they vibrate faster.

MR. KRABS  
What the blazings--?! Spongebob!

Spongebob, in soldier's uniform, salutes.

MR. KRABS (CONT'D)  
I'm orderin' ya to go check out that Coral Juice!

SPONGEBOB  
Aye aye, captain!

EXT. KRUSTY KRAB - DAY

Spongebob marches out the front doors. He trips over a LARGE BOX. A letter sits top.

SPONGEBOB

Huh?

Mr. Krabs rushes to the scene.

MR. KRABS

Aye? What's this?

Squidward slowly joins them. Spongebob grabs the letter and reads--

SPONGEBOB

Dear Local Restaurant Owner, please accept this free gift as a token of our--

MR. KRABS

Free?! Well don't just stand there, boys! Bring it in!

Mr. Krabs exits inside. Spongebob struggles to lift the heavy box. Squidward LAUGHS at him.

SPONGEBOB

Hee, heeee, wooooo!

Spongebob loses his balance. The package flies from his hands. Squidward's laughter stops as he notices an impending shadow above him.

SQUIDWARD

Oh no--

The box SQUASHES Squidward.

SPONGEBOB

Heeeey, thanks buddy!

Spongebob heads inside. Squidward MOANS in pain under the box.

INT. KRUSTY KRAB KITCHEN - DAY

Spongebob, Squidward, and Mr. Krabs step away from the new "CORAL JUICE" machine. It's bright pink with several buttons and levers.

Spongebob stares in awe. Mr. Krabs's eyes turn to money symbols.

SPONGEBOB  
Ooooh! What do you think it is?

SQUIDWARD  
It's a coral juice machine.

Squidward walks off, bored.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
If you need me, I'll be on my break-  
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MR. KRABS  
Oh, no, yer not goin' anywhere.

Mr. Krabs pulls him back by his shirt.

MR. KRABS (CONT'D)  
I need you two boys to figure out  
how this machine here works. From  
now on, we'll be called the Krabby  
Kafe!

SPONGEBOB  
(excited)  
The Krabby Kafe!

SQUIDWARD  
(unimpressed)  
The Krabby Kafe?

Mr. Krabs leaves.

MR. KRABS (O.S.)  
Get to work!

Squidward SIGHS and turns to--

Spongebob, who hugs the soda machine.

SPONGEBOB  
Cooooraaaaal juuuuice.

He slides off the machine and leans on Squidward's shoulder,  
much to his displeasure.

SPONGEBOB (CONT'D)  
Squidward, what is cooooraaaaal  
juuuuice?

Squidward pushes him away.

SQUIDWARD  
It's a gross, unhealthy waste of--

Spongebob chugs a giant glass of pink coral juice. Squidward GASPS. He reaches for the glass--

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
Give me that!

He pulls it away. It's too late.

Spongebob bounces up and down beside Squidward at an unusual speed. He grins from ear to ear. His speed increases with each bounce. Squidward inches away.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
What are you doi--

Spongebob ROCKETS UP, a rainbow trail following behind. He bounces across the walls. His LAUGH VIBRATES.

Squidward SCREAMS and shields himself. Spongebob BURSTS through the ceiling. CRASH! Ceiling pieces fall onto the ground.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
Oh boy.

SPONGEBOB (O.S.)  
WOOOOOOOO!

INT. KRABBY KAFE - DAY

The restaurant is filled with fish; they MURMUR about the new coral juice drinks. Squidward struggles to take everyone's order.

SQUIDWARD  
Please, would you-- Would you please calm down?

He turns toward the kitchen window.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
Spongebob!

INT. KRABBY KAFE KITCHEN - DAY

The grill is abandoned.

SQUIDWARD  
Spongebob, are those orders ready yet?!

Spongebob, still wide-eyed and vibrating, uses several of his hands to pull different levers and press different buttons at once. Soda rapidly streams out of the machine into different cups.

INT. KRABBY KAFE - DAY

SQUIDWARD  
Spongebob!

SPONGEBOB (O.S.)  
Ready!

SEVERAL DRINKS spout out of the kitchen window; they knock Squidward right over. Customers catch the drinks in the air. They receive similar energetic spurts as they leave.

Once the last customer, Patrick, has left, Squidward slouches back against his boat register and SIGHS in relief.

GIGGLES are heard in the kitchen.

INT. KRUSTY KRAB KITCHEN - DAY

Squidward enters.

SQUIDWARD  
Spongebob, what on earth are you doing?

Spongebob, bouncing, drinks a large coral juice. Behind him, several empty cups lay on the floor.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
Did you drink all those?

SPONGEBOB  
Only one-- or two-- or twenty.

Spongebob kicks the cups under the counter.

SQUIDWARD  
And what are those?

Squidward points to Spongebob's pocket. Empty sea salt packets stick out. Spongebob LAUGHS, guilty, and pushes them back in.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
Are you adding more sea salt to the juice?!

SPONGEBOB  
What would give you that idea?

SQUIDWARD  
I think you've had enough--

Squidward reaches for his cup. Spongebob HISSES at him.  
Squidward pulls back in surprise.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
Spongebob?

Spongebob is equally surprised.

SPONGEBOB  
I'm sorry. I don't know what came  
over me. I--

Squidward reaches for the cup again. Spongebob HISSES and  
SNAPS his teeth at him. Squidward tries this a few more  
times. Spongebob continues to hiss and snap his teeth at him.

Squidward slowly walks backward out of the kitchen.

BUBBLE DISSOLVE TO:

INT. MR. KRAB'S OFFICE - DAY

Mr. Krabs naps in a bed beside his desk. He holds a teddy  
bear made of money.

Squidward bursts in.

SQUIDWARD  
Mr. Krabs!

Mr. Krabs wakes up, startled.

MR. KRABS  
Huh? What?

SQUIDWARD  
Mr. Krabs, we have a problem here!

Squidward points toward the kitchen.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)  
Your fry cook has gone feral!

Mr. Krabs sits up.

MR. KRABS  
Yer overexaggeratin'.

Mr. Krabs rolls back over in bed.

SQUIDWARD  
Go see for yourself!

MR. KRABS  
After me nap.

A large CRASH SHAKES them. Mr. Krabs SIGHS.

INT. KRABBY KAFE KITCHEN - DAY

Mr. Krabs and Squidward peer in from the kitchen door. Several mountainous piles of empty coral juice cups litter the floor.

On the opposite side of the kitchen, Spongebob rocks back and forth in a ball in front of the coral juice machine, his back to them. He MUTTERS to himself.

MR. KRABS  
The lad's gone out of his mind.

SQUIDWARD  
What do you think we do?

Mr. Krabs and Squidward hesitantly enter the kitchen.

MR. KRABS  
Hey there, lad. I was, er,  
thinkin', perhaps it's time to give  
up the coral juice.

Spongebob abruptly stops moving.

SPONGEBOB  
Give up coral juice?

MR. KRABS  
Just for a little while.

Squidward reaches for the machine's plug.

SPONGEBOB  
NO!

Spongebob bites his tentacle. Squidward YELPS.

SQUIDWARD  
Enough of this!

Squidward shakes his tentacle. Spongebob springs, like a slinky, back and forth with his tentacle.

SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)

Let go! Get off of me! Let go! Now,  
Spongebob!

Spongebob flies off the tentacle and into a pile of empty cups. Mr. Krabs hurries to the pile.

MR. KRABS

You okay, lad?

Spongebob BURSTS OUT of the pile on a rainbow trail. He looks crazed.

SPONGEBOB

I NEED MORE!

EXT. KRABBY KAFE - DAY

Several earlier customers surround the Krabby Kafe, equally as irritable as Spongebob. They bang on the doors and windows.

CROWD

We need more! We need more! We need  
more!

INT. KRUSTY KRAB - DAY

Squidward and Mr. Krabs rush to the dining room, but stop at the sight of the crowd.

SQUIDWARD

What do we do?!

Spongebob jumps into the kitchen window. He looks more "jungle than man". He pounds his fists on his chest. His tongue swings around his mouth.

SPONGEBOB

WOOLOOLOOLOOLOLOOL!

Mr. Krabs and Squidward hug each other and SCREAM.

INT. CORAL CAFE - DAY

Binoculars watch the scene at the Krusty Krab. Pulling back, it's Plankton. He LAUGHS.

PLANKTON

This is perfect!

He hops off a stool and goes to--

INT. PLANKTON'S LAB

PLANKTON

My plan worked! Stupid Krabs-- he would accept anything free.

Several surveillance TV's sit in the middle of the room.

PLANKTON (CONT'D)

All I had to do was put my mind-controlling devices in the hyper-addicting coral juice.

One TV shows the Krabby Kafe dining room as Squidward and Mr. Krabs are bombarded by the crowd and Spongebob.

PLANKTON (CONT'D)

Now all I've got to do is run over there and grab the Krabby Patty secret formula. Krabs will be none the wiser!

A face lights up on a computer behind him; Karen. She rolls her eyes.

KAREN

Put on a coat. It's cold out.

Plankton GROANS.

PLANKTON

I know, Karen.

Plankton pulls on a coat.

PLANKTON (CONT'D)

Just think of it. As soon as I come back, the formula will be mine-- All mine!

Plankton LAUGHS evilly. Karen SIGHS.

KAREN

You might want to rethink that.

PLANKTON

Why?

KAREN

Look.

Plankton turns his attention to the TV.

INT. KRABBY KAFE KITCHEN - DAY

Squidward and Mr. Krabs flee into the kitchen. Spongebob leads the angry mob after them.

Squidward and Mr. Krabs struggle to climb atop one of the cup mountains. Spongebob and the crowd try to climb after them.

MR. KRABS

This is the end! Goodbye, Mr. Squidward!

SQUIDWARD

Goodbye, Mr. Krabs!

They CRY.

Down in the crowd, Patrick-- also part of the mob-- searches around. He spots the Coral Juice machine. A red light blinks above a hidden camera.

Patrick picks it up--

INT. PLANKTON'S LAB - DAY

Plankton watches Patrick on screen.

PLANKTON

Wait. No. What's he doing?

INT. KRABBY KAFE KITCHEN - DAY

Patrick THROWS the machine at Squidward and Mr. Krabs. It unplugs from the wall.

PLANKTON (V.O.)

(static)

NO!

It misses them, but crashes into the wall. The nozzles break.

Spongebob and the mob snap out of their trance.

SPONGEBOB

Huh?

SUDDENLY, the room floods with coral juice.

EXT. KRABBY KAFE - DAY

The restaurant overflows with coral juice. It EXPLODES.

EXT. KRUSTY KRAB - DAY

Back to its old self.

INT. KRUSTY KRAB - DAY

A normal day for customers. Squidward hands a fish his change.

INT. KRUSTY KRAB KITCHEN - DAY

Spongebob flips Krabby Patties, happy as ever. Mr. Krabs enters.

MR. KRABS  
Alright, lad.

Mr. Krabs picks up the Coral Juice machine.

MR. KRABS (CONT'D)  
Say goodbye to this hunk of junk!

He throws it out back. Spongebob watches.

Mr. Krabs walks back across the kitchen. He wipes his claws.

MR. KRABS (CONT'D)  
That's the end of that.

Mr. Krabs exits. Spongebob LAUGHS.

SPONGEBOB  
Yeah! That's the end of that.

EXT. KRUSTY KRAB - DAY

Patrick finds the Coral Juice machine outside.

PATRICK  
Ooooh!

FADE TO BLACK.