

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS

#1328 "Arbor Day Disarray"

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EXT. SANDY'S TREEDOME - MORNING

SpongeBob, Patrick, Squidward, and Mrs. Puff stand next to a table set up with stacks of pancakes and jars of maple syrup. Everyone holds a plate of pancakes (and a fork).

1 SANDY/PATRICK/SQUIDWARD/KRABS/PUFF
<EATING EFFORTS

SpongeBob grabs a bottle of maple syrup and pours it on his pancakes and, using a fork, takes a bite. (A pyramidal shape sits next to the table covered in a sheet.)

2 SPONGEBOB
<EATING EFFORTS> <GULP> These
pancakes are delicious Sandy. But
what do you call this sweet stuff
again?

3 SANDY
That's maple syrup! It's kinda like
jelly that comes from trees!
<CHOMP>

4 PATRICK
Tree jelly! Gross, I prefer mine on
tap. <PULL EFFORT> <EATING EFFORTS>

Patrick grabs a Jellyfish and pulls on a tentacle like a soda tap, squirting jelly on his pancakes. Patrick lets go of the jelly and it bounces off of Squidward's head. <ZAP!>

5 SQUIDWARD
<ZAPPED REACTION> Ow!

Sandy holds up her hands. (Krabs, Puff, Squidward, SpongeBob, and Patrick put their plates on the table.)

6 SANDY
Welcome y'all to Bikini Bottom's
very first Arbor Day celebration!

7 PATRICK
Barber day?

SpongeBob takes out a comb and combs through the top his spongey head like it was hair.

8 SPONGEBOB
I could use a trim.

9 MR. KRABS

I think she said Harbor Day, to
celebrate old Navy swabs like
meself!

10 SANDY

It's AR-BOR day! It's a day to
celebrate the joy of trees!

11 SPONGEBOB

But Sandy, you've got the only tree
in town!

12 PATRICK

Tree hog!

Sandy gives Patrick a look, then pulls a sheet off a stack of
planter pots. Sandy hands them each a pot full of dirt.

13 SANDY

Correction! I used to have the only
tree because today you're all going
to grow your own tree!

14 SQUIDWARD

(snarky)

But trees won't grow under water.

Sandy holds up a beaker full of acorns, in a translucent
green liquid, and <SHAKES> it.

15 SANDY

These little fellers will! I've
used the power of science to make
special acorns that'll grow into
saltwater trees!

Sandy hands SpongeBob an acorn and he plants it in the dirt
in his pot. The dirt rumbles and then a sapling tree sprouts
instantly. (About half SpongeBob's height) SpongeBob grins.

16 SPONGEBOB

<SURPRISED REACTION> Ooh! Hello
little tree.

17 SANDY

Step right up and grab yerself an
acorn.

18 PATRICK/SQUIDWARD/KRABS/PUFF

<ENTHUSIASTIC GRABBING>

Krabs, Puff, Squid, and Pat grab an acorn and plant it in their pot. (Except Pat who chews on his.) Their tree's sprout into small saplings too! Pat's tree sprouts from his mouth.

19 SPONGEBOB/KRABS/PUFF/PATRICK/SQUIDWARD
<EXCITED WALLA>

20 PATRICK
<CHOMP, CHEW> Mmm! Salty trees!
<CHEWS>

Sandy pulls the tree from Pat's mouth and plants it in his pot.

21 SANDY
(to Patrick)
Ya don't chew it ya whittle stick!
(To everyone)
Ahem, to keep your tree healthy all
ya need to do is give them lots of
fertilizer.

Patrick <PASSES GASS>. (Bubbles float up.)

22 PATRICK
Not a problem.

23 SANDY
And to grow a happy well-rounded
tree you need to talk to them!

24 SPONGEBOB
Ooh! Can't wait to have a heart to
bark chat with my new tree friend.

Sandy waves to them as they walk off with their new trees.

25 SANDY
Happy Arbor Day y'all!

Patrick returns without his tree.

26 PATRICK
Can I have another acorn? I
swallowed my tree. <BURP!>

EXT. DRIVING SCHOOL - LATER

Puff buckles her tree into the passenger seat of her boat, puts a crash helmet on it, and takes it for a drive around town. (Puff's tree is a little bigger now.)

27 MRS. PUFF

(to her tree)

It's wonderful to talk to someone
who knows how to keep a secret!
Haha! I can finally tell someone
what really happened when I pulled
that job in Shell City. <WHISPERS>

INT. KRUSTY KRAB - DAY

Krabs sets his new tree in the Krusty Krab dining room next
to the order boat. (Krabs tree is taller too.)

28 MR. KRABS

Don't worry little fella you'll
have lots of people talking to you.

Krabs scribbles with a pen onto a placard as Bubble Bass
walks up holding a Krabby Patty.

29 BUBBLE BASS

Ahem, I would like to speak with
the proprietor.

Krabs hangs a sign reading 'complaint department' on the
tree.

30 MR. KRABS

The complaint department's over
there. Talk to the tree!

Bubble Bass turns towards the tree.

31 BUBBLE BASS

The condiment distribution on my
patty is sub par.

INT. SQUIDWARDS LIVING ROOM - DAY

Squidward hangs portraits of himself on his tree's branches
like Christmas ornaments. (The tree's grown a bit taller.)

32 SQUIDWARD

There. Now you look gorgeous! Hmm--
if talking to a tree is good for it
I'll bet a little smooth jazz must
be amazing.

Squidward grabs his clarinet and plays horrible <MUSIC> to
his tree.

33 SQUIDWARD (CONT'D)
<INHALE>

EXT. PATRICK'S ROCK - DAY

Patrick carries his tree horizontally. He lifts his rock, tosses the tree inside and jumps in after it. (The rock closes on it's own.)

34 PATRICK
<LIFT> <TOSS> <JUMP>

INT. PATRICK'S ROCK - CONTINUOUS

Patrick plops the tree next to his sand chair and turns on his TV.

35 PATRICK
I'll talk to you the way nature
intended --- with television!

36 TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
We now return to, My Mother the
Barnacle.

Patrick elbows his tree.

37 PATRICK
Ha ha! I love this one!

Patrick's tree wilts a bit.

EXT. SPONGEBOB'S PINEAPPLE - DAY

Drift in on SpongeBob's pineapple.

38 SPONGEBOB (V.O.)
Who's a cutsey wittle tree?

INT. SPONGEBOB'S BEDROOM - DAY

SpongeBob cradles his tree like a baby and tucks it into his bed.

39 SPONGEBOB
(baby talk)
You are! Would you like to hear a
bedtime story?

He takes out a children's book with bark for a cover and flips through the pages.

40 SPONGEBOB (CONT'D)

Once upon a fertilizer there was a
Mama tree, baby tree, and a Papa
tree who went out to the forest
when they suddenly met little Goldy
Lumberjack ---

But the tree interrupts him. A knothole on the tree's trunk acts as its mouth.

41 TREE (BARKY)

Ugh! What a dumb story! Would you
put a sock in it? I'm trying to get
some shut eye!

SpongeBob's eyes grow wide and he grins.

42 SPONGEBOB

You can talk?!

SpongeBob hugs the tree.

43 SPONGEBOB (CONT'D)

I'm going to name you Barky!

44 BARKY

Leggo! Yer wrinkling my leaves you
filter feeding goofball!

TITLE CARD: A little while later

45 FRENCH NARRATOR (V.O.)

A little while later.

INT. SANDY'S TREEDOME - LATER

Sandy is busy distilling an acorn in a bunch of chemistry glass (beakers, retorts, a condenser) when the phone attached to her tree <RINGS>. Sandy answers the phone.

46 SPONGEBOB (O.S.)

Hi Sandy!

47 SANDY

Howdy SpongeBob. How's your new
tree doing? Are ya talking to it?

48 SPONGEBOB (O.S.)

I'm trying! But to be honest, I really haven't been able to get a word in edgewise - my tree's been doing all the talking!

49 SANDY

You feeling okay SpongeBob? You haven't hit yer head again have you?

50 SPONGEBOB

Hold on --- I think Barky would like to say hi.

51 BARKY (O.S.)

(yelling)

Why'd you leave me with this giggling hunk o' holes? He's dimmer than a half-watt bulb in a power outage.

52 SANDY

Well smack my tail and call me twitchy. I'll be right there!

EXT. SPONGEBOB'S PINEAPPLE - SOON

BUBBLE WIPE: Sandy runs to the pineapple's front door. The muffled sound of the tree complaining comes from inside.

53 BARKY (O.S.)

Bring me a glass of water. Change my soil! Watch the roots!

54 SANDY

<HUH...?>

INT. SPONGEBOB'S LIVING ROOM - LATER

Sandy runs inside to find SpongeBob holding his tree like a fussy baby. (The tree is taller with acorns now.)

55 BARKY

Ugh your breath smells. Why are you all face and no body?

56 SANDY

Hoo doggy! This lil' shrub is a real chatterbox!

57 BARKY

(to Sandy)

Get me outta this dump! A sensitive
tree like me needs sun!

Sandy and SpongeBob shrug to each other.

EXT. SPONGEBOB'S PINEAPPLE - DAY

Sandy & SpongeBob take Barky out for a walk in a handcart.

58 BARKY

It's too cold out here! The sun's
too bright! Somebody get me a
sweater! I want to go back inside!

59 SANDY

Hmm. I wanted to make saltwater
trees but this one's a bit too
salty!

60 SPONGEBOB

I wonder how everyone else's trees
are doing?

Puff's boat zooms past, with the tree at the wheel, and Puff
<SCREAMING>.

61 MRS. PUFF

<SCREAMINNG>

INT. KRUSTY KRAB - DAY

Lady Upturn, holding a patty, walks up to Krab's tree.

62 LADY UPTURN

Excuse me but this Krabby Patty
tastes awful!

63 KRABS' TREE

Well you look awful but you don't
hear me complaining!

64 LADY UPTURN

I am offended!

Lady Upturn walks off. Another customer walks up with a ball
of twisted up fries. (We only see the customer from behind.)

65 CUSTOMER #1

These fries look funny.

66 KRABS' TREE

You think those fries look funny!
Have you looked in a mirror lately?

67 CUSTOMER #1

<CRIES>

The tree holds up a mirror and we see the customer has clown make up on. He runs off <CRYING>. Another customer walks past the tree. The tree <SNIFFS> the air.

68 KRABS' TREE

<SNIFF SNIFF> Is that smell all you customers in this joint, or has the garbage man started making deliveries?

69 CUSTOMER #2

<HMPH!>

The customers all begin leaving!

70 CUSTOMERS

That's it!/I'm outta here!/I didn't come to the Krusty Krab to be insulted by a plant!/<ANGRY WALLA>

Krabs panics!

71 MR. KRABS

Me complaint department isn't supposed to do the complaining! I'm gonna go broke!

INT. SQUIDWARDS LIVING ROOM - DAY

Squidward dances around his tree, <PLAYING> a horrible tune on his clarinet.

72 SQUIDWARD'S TREE

Ugh! What is that horrible noise?
You should register that thing as a lethal weapon!

Squidward stops playing with a <SQUAWK>.

73 SQUIDWARD

What?!

74 SQUIDWARD'S TREE

It's okay buddy, talent isn't everything. And in your case it's nothing!

INT. PATRICK'S ROCK - DAY

Patrick is watching TV and eating pizza while his tree insults him.

75 PATRICK
<EATING EFFORTS>

76 PAT'S TREE
What's with your head? You get in a
fight with a pencil sharpener? You
must be twins! You're too dumb to
be just one person!

77 PATRICK
Hahahaha!

78 PAT'S TREE
You don't get it do ya?

79 PATRICK
Get what? <EATING EFFORTS>

EXT. KRUSTY KRAB BACK DOOR - DAY

Krabs tosses his tree out of the KK's back door. (The pot
breaks and acorns scatter on the ground.) Krabs shuts the
door.

80 MR. KRABS
<KICK EFFORT> <TOSS EFFORT> <SLAMS
DOOR>

The tree walks away on its roots and its acorns sprout into
mutant trees too and skitter off into town.

81 KRABS' TREE
<STANDING, WALKING EFFORTS>

82 TREES
<SPROUTING GRUNTS> <WALK EFFORTS>

EXT. BIKINI BOTTOM STREET - DAY

Puff grabs the wheel of her boat, slams the brakes, tosses
her tree on the sidewalk and drives off. (Its pot brakes and
it scatters acorns too. The acorns sprout and run off.)

83 MRS. PUFF
<AAAH!> <GRAB, STOMP EFFORT> <TOSS
EFFORT>

84 PUFF'S TREE

What'd I ever do to you?! <WALK
EFFORTS>

85 TREES

<SPROUTING> <WALKING>

Cut to: the tree to a payphone making a call.

86 PUFF'S TREE

Hello Police department? I've got a
lead on that shell city job!

EXT. SQUIDWARD'S HOUSE - DAY

Squidward opens his front door holding his tree.

87 SQUIDWARD'S TREE

Your barber called! He said he's
sorry!

88 SQUIDWARD

<THROWING EFFORT>

Squidward tosses his tree onto the sidewalk <BREAKING> the
pot and scattering more acorns. Squidward <SLAMS> his door
shut. The acorns sprout and the trees all run off together.

89 TREES

<SPROUTING> <WALKING>

EXT. BIKINI BOTTOM - DAY

MONTAGE: A woman walking her pet worm stands in front of a
tree. The worm circles the tree, <SNIFFS> the trunk, and
lifts its tail. But the tree <WHACKS> the worm with a branch
sending the worm flying. An <ALARM> sounds and two trees come
out of the broken window of a garden center with a rake, a
hoe, and a bag of fertilizer.

90 TREES

<SNICKERING>

A guy in a towel in his bathroom pulls back his shower
curtain and finds a tree guzzling water from the shower head.
He runs off <SCREAMING>.

91 TREE

<GARGLING>

92 FISH GUY

<AAAHHH!>

In a playground, another pair of trees bury a couple of kids in sandboxes. END MONTAGE

93 KIDS
<PLAYING WALLA>

94 TREES
<SHOVELING EFFORTS>

EXT. BIKINI BOTTOM - DAY

Sandy and SpongeBob walk into town with the tree on the handcart, horrified by the mutant trees throwing acorns, knocking over trashcans, and chasing Bottomites through the streets.

95 TREE
<THROW EFFORT>

96 FISH GUY 2
<HEY!>

97 TREES
<SPROUTING> <MISCHIEVOUS SNICKERS>

98 FISH GUY 3
<SLIP EFFORT>

99 CITIZENS
<PANICKED SCREAMING>

Two trees grab SpongeBob's tree, pull it out of its pot and the three of them run off together.

100 BARKY
So long chump!

Krabs, Puff, Squidward and other angry Bikini Bottomites walk up and confront Sandy.

101 MR. KRABS
There she is! This Arbor Day
anarchy is all her fault!

102 MRS. PUFF
They're ruining everything!

Puff hears <POLICE SIRENS> and runs off!

103 MRS. PUFF (CONT'D)
I gotta go!

104 SQUIDWARD

They're just wood! I say we burn them!

105 ANGRY CROWD

Yeah! Burn em!

106 SPONGEBOB

Squidward! That's not the spirit of Arbor Day!

Sandy raises her arms trying to calm the crowd.

107 SANDY

Everyone calm down! I've got a plan! There's nothing to worry about!

Everyone flinches from a <BLAST> o.s. A <LAUGHING> tree runs by.

108 TREE

<LAUGHING>

EXT. BIKINI BOTTOM - LATER

Close on Sandy as she sticks a flyer to a tree. Pull out to reveal a tree reading the flier on the back of another tree. SpongeBob walks past them handing out fliers to other trees.

109 SPONGEBOB

Come one come all to Log-a-palooza!
It's an Arbor Day extravaganza! All
you can eat fertilizer! Free
admission to every tree!

EXT. SANDY'S TREEDOME - LATER

Sandy has set up a stage outside her dome. The trees are all gathered out front of the stage, <HOOTING> & <HOLLERING>. Sandy pushes SB (dressed in a stupid tree costume) out onto stage. (Patrick is hanging out with his tree.)

110 TREES

<HOOTING/HOLLERING>

111 PAT'S TREE

<PUSH EFFORT>

112 PATRICK

<SPIT>

113 SPONGEBOB

Ahem. Uh --- why did the pine tree go to prison? It was too knotty!

114 BARKY

Boo! You stink!

115 SPONGEBOB

Why did the tree go to the dentist? For a root canal!

The trees throw acorns at him.

116 TREES

Get off the stage!

Suddenly smoke pours onstage, <MUSIC> plays, and stage lights flash. Sandy emerges from trap door in the stage next to a big boxy machine covered in gears and wires. Sandy addresses the crowd.

117 SANDY

Is your bark too wrinkly? Are your leaves feelin' wilted? Then try Sandy Cheeks wonderful make-over machine, the Arbor revitalizer! Look your best this Arbor day! Do I have any volunteers?

Patrick's tree waves a branch and walks on stage.

118 PAT'S TREE

(sarcastic)

I'll give your dumb machine a try!

Sandy climbs onto the machine's seat and pulls a lever that sucks the tree into the machine. The machine <BUZZES> and <RUMBLES> and wood chips fly out of the back and a wooden chair pops out the back. The trees look horrified!

119 TREES

<GASP!>

Sandy hits a switch and wheels pop out from under the machine. Sandy drives it towards the trees! The trees panic and run.

120 KRABS' TREE

Ahh! Run for your leaves!

But Patrick's tree, which is now a chair, calls out to them. (It has a knothole for a mouth.)

121 PAT'S TREE

Everyone wait! I love it! I've never felt so smooth!

The other trees calm down.

122 TREES

<SIGHS OF RELIEF>

123 KRABS' TREE

He does look pretty handsome.

124 PUFF'S TREE

I want to be a chair too!

125 TREES

I'm next!/Make me into furniture too!/I want to be a table!/<LEAPING EFFORTS>

They all leap into Sandy's machine, gleefully becoming chairs one by one. The trees <CHEER>!

126 TREES (CONT'D)

<CHEER!>

EXT. BIKINI BOTTOM - LATER

Krabs and Puff, sitting in their chairs, relax as the chairs carry them down the sidewalk.

127 MR. KRABS/MRS. PUFF

(relaxing in chair)

Ahh!

Other Bottomites sit on top of tables as the tables walk down the street. (Instead of driving boats.) Two other chairs swing a jumprope as a little kid jumps rope.

128 KIDS

<HAPPY JUMP ROPE EFFORTS>

EXT. SANDY'S TREEDOME - SUNSET

SpongeBob relaxes in a rocking chair in front of Sandy's treedome. (There's another chair for Sandy.)

129 SPONGEBOB

Ahh, Happy Arbor Day Sandy!

Sandy goes to sit in her chair but it scoots back out of the way and she falls on her butt. <OOF!> Their chairs clink together like a high-five.

130 SANDY
<OOF!>

131 CHAIRS
Yeah! Chairs rule! <RUN OFF
LAUGHING>

132 SANDY
I think I'll skip Arbor Day next
year!

THE END