

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS SPEC SCRIPT

"POP ART"

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INT. BIKINI BOTTOM'S CITY HALL - DAY

SPONGEBOB stands on stage as the MAYOR of BIKINI BOTTOM presents him the key to the city. The crowd applauds.

MAYOR

SpongeBob SquarePants, as Mayor of Bikini Bottom I bestow upon you the key to the city for all of your achievements as the world's greatest bubble blower!

SpongeBob blows into his Bubble Blowing Wand creating a giant "THANK YOU" bubble. The crowd goes crazy.

City Hall begins to shake and the roof is suddenly ripped off! POSEIDON, God of the sea, stands over City Hall.

POSEIDON

I have come for the one they call SpongeBob SquarePants.

SPONGEBOB

(nervous)
Um, that's me.

POSEIDON

SpongeBob! Can I have an autograph?

SPONGEBOB

(teasing)
I don't know, let me think about it.

POSEIDON

I command you to give me an autograph, and to be my best friend!

SPONGEBOB

I dunno. Not sure.

POSEIDON

Pleeeeeeease!

SPONGEBOB

OK! Of course I'll be your friend!

SpongeBob uses his bubble blowing wand to create a horse.

SPONGEBOB

Tally ho!

SpongeBob rides to Poseidon when--

MR. KRABS (O.S.)
SpongeBob!

The dream goes POP!

INT. THE KRUSTY KRAB KITCHEN - DAY

SpongeBob wakes up from his daydream behind the burger fry stove. MR. KRABS enters the kitchen.

MR. KRABS (CONT'D)
What's going on here? I've been
getting complaints that all the
food is covered in soap.

SpongeBob sends out a Krabby Patty order to a CUSTOMER. Each layer of food - bottom bun, patty, lettuce, tomato, cheese, top bun - is delivered on a bubble. The burger hovers on the tray with a bubble between each layer and then goes pop, pop, pop, pop, pop; the Krabby Patty collapses together.

The Customer rolls his eyes and gives a sarcastic slow clap.

SPONGEBOB
Sorry MR. KRABS, I'm training for
the Bikini Bottom Bubble
competition. I have to spend every
second working on my bubble skills
so I can be just like Esteban
River, the world's greatest bubble
blower!

SpongeBob swoons over a poster of ESTEBAN RIVERS, a very serious looking octopus with a pencil mustache, wearing a turtleneck, and holding a bubble wand.

MR. KRABS
Your bubble are blowing away all my
customers! The only bubbles I want
to see are little ones that come
out of the cash register every time
we make a sale. So less popping and
more spatula flopping!

As Mr. Krabs complains different animal shaped bubbles float by his face.

MR. KRABS
SPONGEBOB enough with the bubbles!

SPONGEBOB
But Mr. Krabs, you never told me if
I have the day off for the contest.
(MORE)

SPONGEBOB (CONT'D)
 I've put in request in your mail
 slot every day for the past year.

CUT TO:

EXT. MR. KRABS' OFFICE - DAY

Spongebob puts a note into a mail slot on Mr. Krabs' door,
 which lands straight into a paper shredder.

BACK TO:

INT. THE KRUSTY KRAB KITCHEN

MR. KRABS
 You're me best employee and it's
 just too busy here, lad.

A tumbleweed rolls through the empty fast food joint and hits
 SQUIDWARD in the face. Squidward enters the kitchen pulling
 tumbleweed bits from his face.

SQUIDWARD
 Bubble blowing contest? That's the
 dumbest thing I've heard of.
 Everyone can blow bubbles.

Squidward takes Spongebob's wand dips it solution and blows.
 Nothing just spit. He dips again and no bubbles. Squidward
 tries again blowing really hard and sprays Mr. Krabs and
 SpongeBob in the face with his spit.

SQUIDWARD
 This wand is broken, clearly.

SPONGEBOB
 Oh Squidward, you're just trying to
 hard. If wanna do a real big
 balloon you just--

Spongebob dips the wand and give a very gentle blow into the
 wand. A bubble instantly fills the kitchen pressing Squidward
 and Mr. Krabs against the ceiling.

SQUIDWARD
 Mr. Krabs?

MR. KRABS
 SpongeBob, you are excused from
 work for the contest.

EXT. LOCAL REC CENTER - DAY

A banner on the front of the building says "WELCOME BUBBLERS TO THE LOCAL BUBBLE BLOWING COMPETITION TRY OUTS"

INT. BUBBLE BLOWING COMPETITION/STAGE

Spongebob stands on a stage with two young fish children. The first child blows a lopsided bubble. Three judges sitting at a table raise number card: 4, 5, and another 4.

FISH JUDGE

Next.

Spongebob brings his wand to his lips when-

An Octopus sitting on throne made of bubbles hovers on to the stage.

GIRL FISH

Is it really him?

BOY FISH

Can it be?

SPONGEBOB

Esteban Rivers!

Esteban stands up from his throne and puts his wand to his lips. He blows a large bubble with a series of smaller bubbles. The smaller bubbles act like moons circling the larger bubble

ESTEBAN

As you can see my bubble blowing technique is superb. My bubble is perfect in every regard. Density--

The gravity of the large bubble pulls the GIRL FISH off the ground and into its orbit. The first judge gives a 9.

ESTEBAN (CONT'D)

Surface quality, reflection--

The light from a spotlight hits the bubble and bounces into the Boy Fish's eyes. He covers his eyes in pain.

BOY FISH

Ah! My eyes!

The second judge gives a 9.

ESTEBAN (CONT'D)

And of course circumference, the
shape of the bubble--

The giant bubble turns revealing SpongeBob holding on to it.
The judges give an exclamation point! The bubble pops!

SPONGEBOB

(giddily)

Mr. Rivers, I can't believe it's
you. I just think you're so
amazing.

ESTEBAN

A fan. Great.

SPONGEBOB

I've always wanted to be just like
you. You're my hero!

SpongeBob blows a bubble of himself and Esteban doing a high-
five, surrounded by hearts.

ESTEBAN

Never have I seen such an amazing
display,

SpongeBob's eyes start to widen.

ESTEBAN (CONT'D)

Of spectacularly,

SpongeBob starts shaking with excitement.

ESTEBAN (CONT'D)

Overwhelmingly, completely mind-
blowing,

SpongeBob is exploding at the seams.

ESTEBAN

Stupidity!

SpongeBob instantly deflates and becomes a pool of yellow
ooze. Esteban dips his wand into the goop that is now
SpongeBob and blows a yellow bubble.

ESTEBAN

I'm not your friend, sponge boy.
This is a competition and you're
either at the top or going to get
popped.

Esteban pops the bubble. SpongeBob's sad looking face smacks against the wall and drips down. The judges give the dis a perfect 10.

ESTEBAN

Amateur.

EXT. REC CENTER - NIGHT

SpongeBob exits the competition weeping.

SPONGEBOB

I wish I could just blow myself
into bubble and float away.

An older catfish with long whiskers and a white beard approaches SpongeBob.

OLD CATFISH

Do not cry, Little Wet Spongy
Pants.

SPONGEBOB

Huh? My pants are only soggy from
the bubbles, I promise.

OLD CATFISH

Esteban once enjoyed the thrills of
bubble blowing like you. He has
since turned his back on the true
art of bubble blowing.

SPONGEBOB

You knew Mr. Rivers?

MASTER WANDSMITH

I was his mentor, Master WandSmith.
You can beat him, Young Damp
Rectangle Boy.

SPONGEBOB

But how? He's the greatest.

MASTER WANDSMITH

Because, Yellow Crusty Slacks, I
will train you.

INT. ANCIENT BUBBLE TRAINING LAIR - NIGHT

SpongeBob walks down a long corridor with Master WandSmith. Along the hall is a series of portraits of historic bubble blowers.

SPONGEBOB

Wow, the ancient hall of bubble artists.

Master WandSmith points to a painting of caveman blowing a bubble through a hole in a leaf.

MASTER WANSMITH

From the beginning all of these masters have sought one thing. The perfect bubble.

They pass by a painting of a Fish Napoleon. He has one hand in jacket and the other holds a wand.

SPONGEBOB

A perfect bubble?

The two arrive at the last portrait - Esteban Rivers.

MASTER WANSMITH

And no one has ever achieved it. Many have tried and failed. But you will learn. You will master our techniques! And you will train!

SPONGEBOB

Training Montage! Yippee!

BUBBLE BLOWING TRAINING MONTAGE

- SpongeBob lifts a barbell with bubbles as weights. A bubble pops and the barbell falls, pinning him.
- Master WandSmith blows a series of bubbles shaped like a pile of bricks. SpongeBob karate chops the bricks and bounces off them.
- SpongeBob runs up the Temple stairs with barrels of soap solution strapped to his back.
- Master WandSmith blows a series of bubble shaped bricks and pieces of wood. SpongeBob chops and kicks them all! POP! POP! POP!
- SpongeBob blows harder and harder into his wand. Master WandSmith is running out of breath from blowing as well. We pull back to see a bubble version of SpongeBob and Master WandSmith arm wrestling. SpongeBob's bubble version slams his arm down and wins!
- Master WandSmith presents SpongeBob a hand-crafted wooden case. It glows with anticipation.

He opens the case to find a pink bubble wand. SpongeBob holds the wand above his head and a ray of light fills the room!

EXT. COLISEUM - DAY

"TRANS-ATLANTIC BUBBLE BLOWING COMPETITION TODAY ONLY" reads on a banner. We can hear the crowd is going crazy with excitement.

INT. COLISEUM - DAY

The crowd goes even crazier as Esteban enters the coliseum. Esteban lifts his wand up and audiences goes silent. He blows into his wand and creates a square. The crowd responds with "Ooohs!"

FISH AUDIENCE MEMBER 1
Classic. Very sophisticated.

The judges present the scores: 8, 7, 7. SpongeBob enters the stage.

SPONGEBOB
Not so fast Esteban.

SpongeBob blows into his wand and creates a horse that jumps over the square. The crowd responds with "Aww!"

FISH AUDIENCE MEMBER 2
A pony! It's so adorable.

The judges give the scores: 8, 8, 7.

ESTEBAN
Grrr.

Esteban blows into his wand creating a multi-sided bubble.

FISH AUDIENCE MEMBER 1
A Dodecagon! Can you believe it?

The Judges gives it a 9, 8, 8. SpongeBob creates a puppy that plays with the shape. The crowd "Ooohs" again.

SPONGEBOB
This is so much fun.

ESTEBAN
Enough! This isn't fun. This is art. Prepare yourself for the final show, SpongeBob. I present the Octo-bubble technique!

Esteban unsheathes wands for each of his tentacles.

SPONGEBOB

Gasp!

Esteban begins twirling his arms and blowing from his multiple wands creating a series of cubes and multi-sided bubbles.

SpongeBob looks around, desperate, and sees a large tub of bubble fluid. He grabs it pouring the fluid over himself. He takes in a deep breath, growing bigger and bigger.

And then releases! From all the different crevasses and holes in SpongeBob's spongy body blows a massive bubble: a giant adorable kitten.

The crowd gives their biggest "Aww!". The kitten plays with the shapes and then POP! The Judges give SpongeBob, 9,9,9!

SpongeBob stands exhausted catches trying to catch his breath.

SPONGEBOB

Whew! See that was a lot of fun.

ESTEBAN

You have fallen for my trap. You are clearly exhausted and cannot defend against my final weapon!

Esteban unsheathes a shiny black bubble wand! Close up on the side the wand it reads: "MEGA BUBBLE WAND 2000! Blow with caution."

SPONGEBOB

Gasp! Limited edition bubble wand!

Esteban begins running at SPONGEBOB. A stream of shapes pours from the wand. SPONGEBOB runs toward Esteban with his wand, cute animals pour from his wand.

Esteban yells getting closer! Spongebob yells getting even closer! And it cuts back and forth between the two until...! The wands cross and begin to glow!

EXT. COLISEUM - DAY

A giant bubble mushroom cloud appears in the middle of colosseum and then POP!

INT. COLISEUM - DAY

The crowd is covered in soap and mouths agape. Spongebob and Esteban lay on stage exhausted from the explosion.

PATRICK walking into the scene.

PATRICK

Oh hi, Spongebob. Did you know there was a bubble blowing contest today? I just love bubbles.

Patrick blows a bubble. It's perfect! A heavenly awe is heard. A rainbow of color shines from the Perfect Bubble.

SPONGEBOB

Gasp!

Spongebob and Esteban eyes widen in amazement.

ESTEBAN

It's, it's-

SPONGEBOB/ESTEBAN

The perfect bubble!

Spongebob and Esteban hug and begin to sob. The Judges also start sobbing as they give the bubble a perfect 10.

GRUMPY FISH

Whatever. It's just a bubble.

The Perfect Bubble floats away landing on the head of the grumpy fish spectator.

FISH SPECTATOR

Dude, why did you even show up?

GRUMPY FISH

Because I, I-

The Grumpy Fish also starts crying.

GRUMPY FISH

I have nowhere else to go!

The Judges hand Patrick an impressive "GREATEST BUBBLE ARTIST EVER" trophy. The Crowd rushes PATRICK.

VARIOUS EXCITED FANS

He's amazing!/A genius!/A natural talent!

PATRICK

I just blow and things happen.

EXT. COLISEUM - NIGHT

Spongebob and Esteban watch as Patrick is carried off by his crowd of fans. Spongebob blows a bubble shaped like a heart at Esteban. POP!

CUT TO BLACK. THE END.