

Enter the Sausage

Series: Jar Dwellers SOS

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Spec script for a ten minute ensemble adventure show
with a tight story format. For kids 7 -10 years old.

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EXT. TEMPLE - NIGHT

SILLY SAUSAGE, dressed as a ninja, runs along a forest trail and stops to listen. He looks up to see the SHADOW WARRIOR (Chang in ninja costume) leap up onto a rock overlooking the trail.

SILLY SAUSAGE

A ninja warrior knows no fear.

INT. VR PORTRAIT ROOM - DAY

CHANG is watching the ninja show on TV while VAN RICEBERGER reads a paper. Van Riceberger looks up from his paper.

VAN RICEBERGER

Chang, what ridiculous nonsense are you watching?

SHADOW WARRIOR

(on TV)

But the shadow warrior is the ultimate hunter.

Van Riceberger sees the tv screen and he cowers back.

VAN RICEBERGER

EEE--uuuurghh!!!!

Frightened, Van Riceberger hides his face behind his paper.

EXT. TEMPLE - NIGHT

Lightning flashes on the tv screen. We get a closeup of the shadow warrior looking scary. Then the TV cuts out.

INT. CELLAR - DAY

The TV turns off and we cut to the cellar where David, Crunch, Ooble and Barka are watching TV. Sophie sits reading on a tablet.

DAVID

Awww, come on!

CRUNCH

No! What Ninja Sausage do next?

SOPHIE

Oh, that's interesting. It says here that unusual solar spot activity may lead to interference with electronic devices.

OUBLE

Huh?

SOPHIE

The sun's energy is stronger than usual, so the TV won't work.

OUBLE

Hasta Luego! Sun is stronger?

SOPHIE

(to self)

Hmm, if the sun is stronger that means the amount of radiation in the atmosphere is increasing and that would lead to....

Sophie stands before a whiteboard and works stuff out as she continues talking to herself in the background.

DAVID

Hey Crunch, wait here.

Crunch obliges and David races off, then leaps back onscreen dressed as a ninja.

CRUNCH

Ninja Sausage!

David takes his mask off.

DAVID

Nah, it's just me buddy.

CRUNCH

David is ninja? Crunch too! Crunch too!

DAVID

I've got you covered my man.

David produces a mask and Crunch puts it on. Sophie continues writing in the whiteboard while Crunch and David strike a ninja pose and then stealth walk off screen. Barka and Ooble enter carrying a banana lounge, sunhat, sunglasses etc and leave the cellar.

SOPHIE

So if we carry the one, allow for the effects of atmospheric dispersal... Yes, the unusual activity of the sun will make Van Riceberger's jar dweller trackers more sensitive than usual. He'll be able to find you much more easily today, so we better stay inside.

Sophie turns to find the cellar deserted.

INT. VAN RICEBERGER PORTRAIT ROOM - DAY

Chang bangs on the TV

CHANG

Awww, it was just getting good.

Van Riceberger stops cowering behind his paper.

VAN RICEBERGER
 (looking at paper)
 Aah, this must be the result of the
 (reading) eee-leck-chtro
 maaag-nett-ick ray-deee-ay-shun.

CHANG
 Huh? What's that?

VAN RICEBERGER
 (embarrassed)
 Oh... It's all very technical. I'm
 afraid your tiny brain couldn't
 possible comprehend it.

Chang is leaning over the back of the TV, checking the connections.

VAN RICEBERGER
 (to self)
 However, If these sunspots are
 affecting the TV, I wonder if
 they'll have any effect on my
 trackers. CHANG!!!

Startled, Chang falls down behind the TV head first.

VAN RICEBERGER
 Those jar dwellers may have
 embarrassed me, fooled me and
 outfoxed me before, but I am not
 afraid! To the laboratory!

Chang pops up from behind the Tv with the rabbit ear antenna on his head. Van Riceberger starts back and dives behind the chair.

VAN RICEBERGER
 Mummy!

EXT. PLAYING FIELD - DAY

Sophie is searching for the jar dwellers.

SOPHIE
 Crunch! Ooble! Barka!

BARKA
 Over here Sophie!

Sophie finds Ooble and Barka sunbathing on the playing field. Ooble on a banana lounge with sun glasses and sun hat, Barka stretched out on the grass. Ooble is putting on sunscreen from a bottle.

SOPHIE

What are you guys doing out here?
It's broad daylight!

OUBLE

No Sophie. It extra strong
daylight. Ooble pale. Spend too
long underground. We sunbathing.

BARKA

Join us Sophie.

SOPHIE

But you've no idea what sort of
danger you're facing. You can't be
out here. Come inside this instant!

OUBLE

Tierra del Fuego! You tell Ooble
what to do?

Sophie realises she may have played it wrong, but decides to
double down anyway.

SOPHIE

Yes. Come inside right now!

OUBLE

You not boss of ooble! I pale. Stay
here and get suntan.

SOPHIE

(desperately)

But Van Riceberger could be here
any minute!

Ooble just pouts but Barka looks around nervously.

EXT. SCIENCE ROOM - DAY

David and Crunch are pretending to be ninjas, stalking
through the school. They stop outside the science room where
they can overhear Van Riceberger talking.

INT. SCIENCE ROOM - DAY

VAN RICEBERGER

Just imagine Chang, soon those jar
dwellers will be mine, and those
boobies at the science institute
will have to admit that I was right
all along.

Van Riceberger presses the secret button and the blackboard
folds back to reveal the tracker lab. Chang catches a
glimpse of Crunch and David peeking in the window but they
duck out of sight. He heads off screen towards the science
room door.

EXT. SCIENCE ROOM - DAY

David and Crunch are crouched down outside the science room windows.

DAVID
That was close. Is he looking?

Crunch peeks in the window.

CRUNCH
He gone. What now?

DAVID
(tremulously)
Uh... Let's head over there.
Somewhere where Mr Chang isn't.

They creep back towards the big house.

INT. BIG HOUSE HALLWAY - DAY

Open tight on a pair of mysterious feet standing next to some footprints in the dust. It is the Shadow Warrior from TV (Chang in a ninja costume). He is examining the footprints. He hits a ninja pose, looks around and then creeps over to the ballroom door. He slowly pushes the door open and then leaps though into a karate pose.

SHADOW WARRIOR
HEEEY-YAAAH!!

The ballroom is deserted.

SHADOW WARRIOR
Strange.

Shadow Warrior leaves and we reveal David and Crunch, crushed up into the corner between ceiling and wall, balanced precariously in their hiding spot. As soon as the door closes they fall in a heap on the floor.

CRUNCH
Ninja warrior know no fear. Right
David?

David looks nervously at the door through which Shadow warrior left.

DAIVD
Right.

EXT. PLAYING FIELD - DAY

Van Riceberger is driving the land tracker, looking up at the sun. And down at his readings.

VAN RICEBERGER

Ooh! Jar dwellers are near. I love sunspots! But - phew - this sun is really hot.

Van Riceberger wipes sweat from his forehead. Sophie looks up to see Van Riceberger is almost on them. Ooble leaps up into her arms.

OUBLE

Ay-yi-yi! Van Rubberburger! What we do Sophie?

SOPHIE

(looking around)

Umm... Uhhh...

Barka looks from Van Riceberger to Sophie and back again. Suddenly he disguises himself as a tree. His tentacles snake out and grab Sophie and Ooble and drag them into his foliage where they can't be seen.

VAN RICEBERGER

Funny, I don't remember this tree being here.

Van Riceberger stops the tracker in the shade of the tree.

VANN RICEBERGER

Aah. That's better.

Hidden in the foliage, Sophie, Ooble and Barka exchange looks.

EXT. BIG HOUSE - DAY

David and Crunch are hiding in some bushes. They look out, then duck back quickly. Shadow warrior ninja flips into the scene, poses, and then passes on. He is looking for them.

DAVID

We have to get out of here. Right now.

CRUNCH

Ninja warrior always know what to do.

Crunch squirts out some wool, then fashions it into a lasso. He tosses the lasso up to the roof, where it catches on a weathervane. David and Crunch start hand over handing it up the rope. Shadow Warrior is approaching, looking around carefully for them

DAVID

Quick, quick, he's almost here!

They make it to the roof. But Crunch doesn't have time to pull up the rope. Shadow warrior picks up the dangling rope

and examines it.

DAVID
(mouthing silently)
What are we going to do?

Shadow warrior looks at the rope in his hand, then looks up at the roof. David peeks over the edge and the ducks back quickly. Terror is visible on his face. Shadow Warrior starts to climb the rope. David is curled into a foetal ball muttering to himself over and over.

DAVID
He's gonna get us. He's gonna get us. He's gonna get us.

EXT. PLAYING FIELD - DAY

Van Riceberger is sitting on his tracker next to Barka when it beeps an alert.

VAN RICEBERGER
O-ho! What's this? Someone has left their sunscreen behind and if these readings are correct, that someone is... A jar dweller!

He starts to pick up the bottle but stops.

VAN RICEBERGER
But if I touch it...

A thought bubble forms and Van Riceberger imagines himself spasming as he touches the bottle.

VAN RICEBERGER
I need tongs. CHANG! COME IMMEDIATELY! HURRY CHANG!

EXT. BIG HOUSE - DAY

Shadow warrior hears Van Riceberger's shouts. He drops from the rope and executes a flip into the bushes where David and Crunch hid. Chang emerges sans ninja costume. David and Crunch watch from above.

CRUNCH
What Chang do with Shadow Warrior?

DAVID
No Crunch. Mr Chang is the shadow warrior.

EXT. PLAYING FIELD - DAY

Van Riceberger waits impatiently under the shade of Barka. Chang arrives instantly.

SOPHIE

Oh no. Mr Chang too?

BARKA

What are we gonna do Sophie?

VAN RICEBERGER

Chang! A jar dweller has been here.

I require...

Chang holds up a pair of long tongs.

CHANG

A set of tongs?

VAN RICEBERGER

Don't interrupt. Go and get me some tongs.

Chang rolls his eyes. He zips off then then zips right back on again.

CHANG

Hey boss. I got your tongs.

VAN RICEBERGER

What took you so long?

Van Riceberger picks up the sunscreen with the tongs.

OUBLE

Hey! That mine!

SOPHIE

Ooble, Shhh!

OUBLE

Hey stinky Van Ribbonbubble. Hands off my...

Ooble gets so agitated she falls out of the tree. Ooble lands on the ground at Barka's feet right in front of Chang and Van Riceberger. Luckily they have their backs turned.

VAN RICEBERGER

Did you hear something?

Van Riceberger goes back to examining the sunscreen but Chang looks behind him to where Ooble is... Gone. Ooble hides behind Barka's feet as Chang starts to look around the base of the tree/Barka's feet.

EXT. FOREST- DAY

David and Crunch are hiding in the trees at the edge of the playing field. They see that ooble is in peril.

CRUNCH

Oh no! Big trouble David. What to do?

David cringes.

DAVID

What can we do? Mr Chang is...The SHADOW Warrior!

CRUNCH

But Ooble and Barka need us to help!

DAVID

I can't. I'm no ninja. A ninja knows no fear. I'm just...just...a coward!

CRUNCH

You have to!

DAVID

(angrily)

I can't!

David slumps to the ground, but Crunch stands erect.

CRUNCH

David, in difficult time, Ninja Sausage say "Seek power in self."

DAVID

Seek the power inside your self? Yeah. The power inside yourself.

Go in tight on David's eyes and then match dissolve to:

EXT. BAMBOO GLADE - DAY

From tight on Ninja Sausage's eyes we pull out to show he is in a peaceful bamboo glade. Serene flute music plays.

NINJA SAUSAGE

With a peaceful heart, a ninja can overcome any opponent.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

David opens his eyes. Crunch waits expectantly. David grabs a stick and starts drawing in the dirt.

DAVID

Okay, here's what we'll do.

EXT. PLAYING FIELD - DAY

DAVID (VO)

First, we gain our opponent's attention.

Chang is looking around the tree trunk as Ooble desperately tries to move around it to avoid being seen. Chang hears <SFX> FAKE BIRD CALLS from the forest. He ducks behind the tracker and emerges dressed as the Shadow Warrior. He somersaults over to the treeline and dives into the trees. He lands in a crouch right where David was standing.

SHADOW WARRIOR

At last! You cannot escape the shadow warrior!

No one is there. Over to his left, David has removed his ninja costume and is hiding behind some bushes.

DAVID (VO)

Then, we distract our opponent.

He flips up into a tree then leans out and makes another <SFX> FAKE BIRD CALL. The Shadow warrior hears and looks over to where he sees a shadow flitting away among the branches. He flips and jumps in pursuit of the shadow. The shadow warrior lands and looks around again.

SHADOW WARRIOR

Now I have you!

In the trees, David yanks on a rope. The Shadow Warrior sees the silhouette flitting away again. He grits his teeth and runs directly after it. He passes Crunch, hiding in the bushes with a boulder. Shadow Warrior leaps high over some bushes and we change angle so we can see he is heading towards the edge of a large gully. But he doesn't go over the edge. He lands dramatically just next to the edge.

SHADOW WARRIOR

A-HA!

Pull back to reveal that he is poised on the down end of a seesaw made of a rough plank and a thick log. The silhouette he has been chasing is David's ninja costume, tied to a makeshift hanger and suspended on a rope running line.

SHADOW WARRIOR

What's this?

DAVID (VO)

Then, we defeat our opponent.

Crunch is waiting for David's signal. He gets it then launches the boulder with his nose. It sails through the air and lands on the up end of the seesaw. The Shadow Warrior is catapulted up into the air and out into the gully where he

disappears with a scream.

SHADOW WARRIOR
WAAA-HAAAAA-AAAAAAAH!!!!

David and Crunch run back towards the playing field.

EXT. PLAYING FIELD - DAY

Van Riceberger notices Chang is missing.

VN RICEBERGER
Chang! Chang! Where are you, you
worthless lump? I'm waring you, if
you're nor here in two seconds...

EXT. FOREST - DAY

The shadow warrior lies in the bottom of the gully, roughed up from his fall. Eyes closed, he groans in pain.

SHADOW WARRIOR
Ooooo-ooohh...

VAN RICEBERGER (OS)
...I'm docking your pay!

The shadow warrior's eyes pop open and he leaps to his feet and zips off back to the playing field.

EXT. PLAYING FIELD - DAY

Van Riceberger lose his patience.

VAN RICEBERGER
That does it!

He throws the bottle of sunscreen to the ground in a fury. It hits and sunscreen spurts out all over him. He immediately starts to spasm.

SOPHIE
Now Barka!

Barka grabs Ooble and skedaddles with Sophie still in his branches. The shadow warrior bursts out of the trees and runs towards the spasming Van Riceberger.

SHADOW WARRIOR
Crashitsu!!!

Van Riceberger's eyes widen in mid spasm.

VAN RICEBERGER
Mummy!

He runs off still spasming as the Shadow Warrior tries to catch up and crashitsu him.

VAN RICEBERGER
No! Help ! Stay away!

SHADOW WARRIOR
Crashitsu!

VAN RICEBERGER
AAAAaaaaahhhh.....

They vanish into the distance, Van Riceberger still spasming and fleeing in terror as the shadow warrior tries to help.

INT. CELLAR - DAY

David, Sophie, Ooble, Crunch and Barka are back in the cellar.

DAVID
That does it! I am done with ninjas!

CRUNCH
But David good ninja. Defeat Shadow Warrior.

DAVID
I'm finished. I don't want anything to do with that stuff. No way, no how.

Suddenly the TV comes back on. Ninja Sausage is on the screen. He has his foot on teh Shadow Warrior who is lying beaten up on the ground.

NINJA SAUSAGE
And remember kids. Don't try this at home.

The kids and jar dwellers look at the Tv screen then at each other and then they all burst out laughing.