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Acting Cut #5
Sandy

Scene Eleven: Jellyfish Fields

(Iridescent jellyfish float above, gently glowing as they swim. All is quiet and peaceful for a change.)

(SANDY gazes up at the jellyfish.)

SANDY

(To herself.)

Sure is beautiful. I reckon I'll miss this place the most of all.

(SPONGEBOB and PATRICK come running in.)

PATRICK

Sandy! Hey Sandy!

SPONGEBOB

We've been looking for you everywhere!

SANDY

I've been hiding. That mob's turned me into a scapesquirrel.

PATRICK

Aw, who's afraid of a little ol' mob.

SANDY

Did you not see the pitchforks??

SPONGEBOB

It's terrible what they're doing. But that doesn't change the fact we have a volcano to beat - and we need you on the team. Brains (*i.e. her.*), brawn (*i.e. PATRICK.*), and...though I may not have a special skill to bring to the table, I'm coming too.

SANDY

They don't want my help, they want me gone. And I can take a hint.

SPONGEBOB

You can't leave. This is your home.

SANDY

It's not, SpongeBob. Let's face it, I've never fit in here.

Then again, I never really fit in Texas either.

(The music shifts to sad Texan underscoring. A bunch of small, stuffed squirrels - in cowboy hats - now appear and float around SANDY's head. They point and giggle at her.)

I was always the odd rodent out. No one knew what to make of a girl-squirrel who was into science and martial arts.

(Out of the blue, she executes some karate chops or nunchuck moves with loud foley, and some of the squirrels get knocked out. A couple of jellyfish swim away, frightened.)

(Realizing.)

I've never felt at home anywhere, really. And now it's time to dig up my acorns again and push on.

(Music ends, and the squirrels are gone.)

SPONGEBOB

Okay...

I understand you've gotta do what you've gotta do...acorns and all.

[MUSIC NO. 08 "HERO IS MY MIDDLE NAME"]

But first we need your help.

(He sings to SANDY:)

IF THE WORLD IS GONNA END TOMORROW
WALLOWING IN SORROW
ISN'T WHERE I WANT TO BE,
'CAUSE THERE ISN'T A CATASTROPHE

SANDY

Uh, hello?

SPONGEBOB

THAT COULD EVER MEASURE UP TO ME -
SANDY, JUST TRY IT AND SEE!
COME ON -

SANDY

Try what?

SPONGEBOB

HERO IS MY MIDDLE NAME.
FIXING TROUBLE IS MY GAME.

SANDY

No it's not. We just went over that.

PATRICK

FIXING TROUBLE IS YOUR GAME

SPONGEBOB & PATRICK

JUST GIVE IT THE OLD KNOW-HOW
THERE'S NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW

SPONGEBOB

(Gesturing to the spray-painted wall.)

After what that mob's done, I understand why you'd want to leave. But we need you. Patrick can help climb the volcano, but you have to handle the stopping-it-from-erupting part. Because we have no clue how and time is running out really really fast. But no pressure.

SANDY

Pressure! Yes! I think I have an idea.

(The music shifts. SANDY reveals a chart with a complicated diagram or instantly produces another PowerPoint presentation. She gives the following speech extremely quickly, pointing to the images described:)

Figure 1: Diagram of a volcanic eruption, caused by rapid pressure buildup in a subterranean magma chamber. Figure 2: if this pressure is released, no eruption will occur. Ipso facto - I can design an explosive device, Figure 3: to drop in the mouth of the volcano, Figure 4: with a timer set to detonate at the precise moment of eruption, Figure 5: unleashing a deluge of bubbles that'll release the pressure and prevent the blast!

(Beat.)

PATRICK

You lost me at one.

SANDY

Point is, this could work. I reckon I can have this bubble device built by tomorrow morning.

SPONGEBOB

So you'll stay and help us?

SANDY

(She nods, deciding.)

Boys, I'm still gonna push on from this town o' yours, but you're my friends. So first, I say we give this idea a shot.

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SPONGEBOB

Three heroes, to the rescue!

SANDY

Team of tres, to the top!

PATRICK

Us...go!

SANDY, SPONGEBOB & PATRICK

SO COME ON -
HERO IS OUR MIDDLE NAME
FIXIN' TROUBLE IS OUR GAME

SANDY

I'M UP AND I WON'T BACK DOWN.

SANDY, SPONGEBOB & PATRICK

AND WE'RE GONNA SAVE THIS TOWN!

SANDY

I AM SANDY HEAR ME ROAR,
WON'T BE PLAYIN' SWEET NO MORE!
COURAGE IS MY CLAIM TO FAME
'CAUSE HERO IS MY MIDDLE NAME

SANDY, SPONGEBOB & PATRICK

AND HERO IS OUR MIDDLE NAME!
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(End in a triumphant tableau.)

[MUSIC NO. 08A "HERO PLAYOFF"]

(As play-off music begins, SANDY fixes her eyes on the wall with the graffiti: "LAND MAMMALS GO HOME." She decides something's gotta be done about that. She gestures to SPONGEBOB and PATRICK...they hurry over and grab each side of the wall. Then SANDY takes a running start and karate kicks through the wall, breaking it in half!)

SANDY, SPONGEBOB & PATRICK

Yeah!

(Lights shift as they exit together.)