

Business next door: Faux Pho - Noodle-Free Noodles
Exterminator: Dr. Anthony Mousey, Pest Control

INT. BELCHER KITCHEN - DAY

BOB and LINDA are serving breakfast to TINA and GENE.

TINA

...and the Thundergirls meetings have
just become a clash between the haves
and the have nots.

BOB

So many girls' clubs end in class
warfare.

TINA

Seriously, it's all about those who
have learned to tie a knot and those
of us who haven't.

GENE

But what about all those feminist
acronyms they taught you? Boys Don't
Suppress Me. B.D.S.--

BOB

Maybe this IS a good time to leave
Thundergirls.

TINA

Oh I would never leave the
Thundergirls. But I feel I could reach
my leadership potential by becoming a
Frond Fellow.

LOUISE
(ENTERING)

A FROND Fellow?

TINA

Any 8th graders who earn enough
leadership points in Mr. Frond's
Fellowship program will be rewarded.

LOUISE
Rewarded with ... a certificate?

TINA
Printed on heavy paper. I'll have a
big leadership opportunity today on
the Boos Cruise.

LINDA
The what?

LOUISE
The all-school day cruise, where we
launch our slogan, "boo to beer."

GENE
And other White Claw wanna-bes.

LINDA
Boos Cruise? You gotta' be kiddin' me.
That sounds like that trip Gretchen
and I took when we--

BOB

That's great, kids. Just be careful.
I've heard there's a virus going
around, so have a cautious ... Boos
Cruise. That name is weird. Who's
sponsoring this field trip anyway?

EXT. PIER - DAY

MR. FISCHOEDER greets students preparing to board the
Windbreaker Yacht. He spots Gene and Louise.

MR. FISCHOEDER

Ahoy, Belcher children. What do we say
to beer?

GENE

Boooooo!

MR. FISCHOEDER

There you go. Enjoy your day at sea
I've generously provided.

LOUISE

I heard this is your court ordered
public service for running a hard root
beer distillery without a lic--

MR. FISCHOEDER

Ha Ha! Move along, children.

Nearby, MR. FROND addresses the crowd of kids with the rules
for the day, while Tina stands beside him to assist.

MR. FROND

... Rule number 46: No showing body
parts to passing ships.

TINA

Even butts?

MR. FROND

ESPECIALLY butts. Rule Number 47 --
wash your hands. There's some kind of
virus going around, so it's important
to-- Hey, are you kids listening?

TINA

I think we need some visuals, Mr.
FronD. I can demonstrate CPR if
there's a hot volunteer.

MR. FROND

I have all the visuals we need, Tina.
I'd like to introduce...

Mr. FronD pulls a puppet out of his bag, to minimal reaction.

MR. FROND (CONT'D)

President George WashingHands. Wash
your hands after you touch ANYthing.
Or anyONE. But don't TOUCH anyone.

TINA

Let's not go crazy, Mr. FronD.

Near by, TAMMY, JOCELYN, JIMMY JR. and ZEKE talk virus.

JOCELYN

I'm not washing my hands because I
WANT to go viral.

TAMMY

That's not what that means, Jocelyn.

Is it? I don't even know.

ZEKE

I heard this is part of a conspiracy
to get kids to stop licking doorknobs.

The Belcher kids walk up.

GENE

They'll never stop ME!

TINA

Hi everyone. As an 8th grade leader, I
invite you to follow me aboard. You
may recognize the Windbreaker Yacht
from the *Seinfeld* episode...

JIMMY JR.

Hey I think they're boarding.

TINA

...the Yacht-a Yacht-a Yacht-a
Regatta. It was recently named the
Capsize Queen when--

Tina, who has been talking away in her own world, turns to
see that everyone's already boarding, Jimmy Jr. in the rear.

TINA (CONT'D)

Oh. They've boarded without me. Its OK
Tina. Sometimes you have to lead their
behind. FROM behind. Lead from behind.

INT. RESTAURANT - DAY

Linda, Teddy and Mike watch TV news while Bob cooks. Burger of the day: The HeisenBurger Uncertainty Plate

LINDA

This virus is really spreading. What?
And now there's a run on toilet paper?
What's poop got to do with it?

TEDDY

Oh everything. In fact I think I'm low
on TP. Hey Bob, does your bathroom
have one of them big toilet paper
wheels?

BOB

You're not taking our toilet paper.

TEDDY

I know, I know, just wondering. I
wonder about these things.

LINDA

Oh my god we're being robbed!
Someone has entered wearing a black face mask.

ROBBER

It's me -- Gretchen!

LINDA

Gretchen! Why do you...why do you look
like that profile picture you have on
the site for like-minded adults who--

GRETCHEN

It's a face mask! Everyone's supposed to wear them now.

TEDDY

Where do I buy one?

GRETCHEN

You can't. They're harder to find than, uh...

MIKE

Toilet paper?

GRETCHEN

I was gonna' say buffalo milk, but yeah, that makes sense. ... Anyway, you have to sew them out of household fabrics.

BOB

Why does yours say, "Secret"?

GRETCHEN

I don't know. It says "Victoria's" on the inside. And Double D. I have a 2nd one just like it if anyone needs-

MIKE

I'd like one.

TEDDY

Linda, you ought to make masks out of YOUR old bras. I (licks lips) think you'd look good in white.

LINDA

You don't know all my bras are white.

BOB

They are.

LINDA

They are.

Linda notices the TV news again and turns up the volume.

OLSEN (ON TV)

... in an effort to curb the spread of
the virus, no ships are being allowed
to dock on the pier, before awaiting a
two-week quarantine period ...

LINDA

The kids! Bob! The kids are at sea!

TEDDY

You guys better get to the pier. I'll
watch the bathroom. The RESTAURANT!

BOB

Linda I'm sure they'll make exceptions
for boats that are only on a day crui--

OLSEN (ON TV)

... NO exceptions.

EXT. WINDBREAKER YACHT - DAY

Mr. Frond negotiates via bullhorn with SGT. BOSCO's police
boat. Many kids are present, including REGULAR SIZE RUDY,
Gene, Louise, Jimmy Jr., Zeke, Tammy and Jocelyn.

MR. FROND
(TO PLOICE BOAT)

...I can assure you we have not been out of the country. We left the pier 91 minutes ago. Just long enough for these kids to think they've been somewhere. (TO KIDS) We had fun, right?

SGT. BOSCO
(TAKING MEGAPHONE)

Sgt. Bosco here. Orders are orders. We can't let you dock in the event you've contracted the virus.

LOUISE
Sgt. Bosco has a boat?

GENE
I THOUGHT it was weird that the only crime fighting vehicle on the water was the BatBoat.

Tina approaches, passing out life vests.

TINA
Life vests. Life vests. Louise, have a small. Gene, large.

GENE
I prefer curvy.

TINA
Regular size Rudy, I know what size you are.

RUDY

I'm actually a small.

TINA

Oh. I did not see that coming.

MR. FROND
(TO POLICE)

What if we just deboard the
kindergarteners, and the less
continent 1st graders?

TINA

What did I miss?

TAMMY

Oh nothing. Just that we live on a
boat now. I thought my split-level was
embarrassing.

LOUISE

This will be so amazing. I'll finally
be the Pirate Queen!

GENE

I'm picturing a Gilligan's Island
scenario. Bob Denver's Gilligan
played by me, and Tina Louise's Ginger
played by Tina or Louise.

LOUISE

How has no one ever never noticed
that?

TINA

Don't worry, people. Our leader Mr.
Fronnd will negotiate our way home.

MR. FROND
(TO POLICE)

Well can you at least send us over a
bag of popcorn or something!?

JOCELYN

We're gonna' die here.

JIMMY JR.

No we're not. Mr. Fronnd has cracked
under the pressure. Sometimes that
happens in positions of power. That's
when the next generation of leaders
are made. We need a leader who doesn't
play by society's rules. We need...

TINA

Justin Trudeau?

JIMMY JR.

You! We need you, Tina.

TINA

Oh.

JIMMY JR.

But Justin Trudeau would be a very
safe second choice if he were here.

ZEKE

Come on Tina, you got this! Give that
police boat what for!

ALL BUT TINA

Yeah Tina! You can do this! Etc.!

PUSH to Tina, who's face rises to panic level.

TINA

Unnnnnhhhhhhh!!!

EXT. PIER - DAY

Bob and Linda pull up and get out of the car. There's a crowd of parents talking about the situation and trying to see the boats off in the distance. Bob's talking on his phone.

BOB

... No, you'll find the spoons next to
the forks, Teddy. Stay out of the
bathroom! (HANGS UP) We're gonna' lose
the restaurant.

LINDA

So we'll open a Wienerschnitzel.

OH, it's Tammy's Mom!

Linda drags Bob to MRS. LARSEN.

LINDA (CONT'D)

What have you heard?

MRS. LARSEN

The police are following orders not to
let any boats dock. But we're trying
to get an exemption for the kids.

LINDA

Who's trying?

MRS. LARSEN

Mr. Frond.

BOB

Oh god.

LINDA

Bob, he's the best we've got. It would be nice if we had someone who was as good with the police as they are with the kids, but we don't have Burt Reynolds in *Cop and a Half*.

MRS. LARSEN

Oh! They're coming this way!

All parents cheer as the police boat gives way and the Windbreaker Yacht approaches the pier.

EXT. PIER - DAY

A short time later. The kids are debarking to joyful parents. Linda spots Sgt. Bosco.

LINDA

Sgt. Bosco! I'm so glad you worked this situation out with Mr. Frond.

SGT. BOSCO

Heh. Mr. Frond is a worse leader than Jim Jones. My varsity rowing team captain. Not the cult guy. But still, we had a terrible season.

BOB

Then who led the kids out of this
mess?

SGT. BOSCO

Here she comes now.

Tina approaches with a bullhorn, followed by Gene and Louise.

BOB & LINDA

Tina!?

TINA
(THROUGH BULLHORN)

Hi Mom. Hi Dad.

LINDA

Tina, what did you say to the police?

TINA
(THROUGH BULLHORN)

I used the Thundergirls negotiating
acronym...

BOB

You can put the bullhorn down.

TINA
...P.I.T.S. Trouble-Shoot, Implement
and Prepare. But not in that order.

MR. FROND (O.S.)

There's my bullhorn.

Mr. Frond approaches, while on his phone, with a blanket over
his shoulders, and takes the bullhorn from Tina.

TINA
Mr. Frond, I did it! I'm a leader!

MR. FROND

WE did it, Tina. WE'RE leaders. (Into phone) What's that, Principal Spoors?

SGT. BOSCO

FronD, you were breathing into a popcorn bag by the end of that negotiation. But Tina here is leadership material.

MR. FROND

I'll show *you* leadership material.

(Through bullhorn)

Kids, we are officially under educational quarantine, which means Wagstaff School is closed!

ALL KIDS

YAY!

MR. FROND

Instead, you'll attend a different school!

ALL KIDS

BOO!

MR. FROND

Home school!

ALL PARENTS

BOO!

MR. FROND

Each family will be issued a state-of-the-art refurbished laptop...

The crowd heads to their cars.

LINDA

Home school! You guys will have fun.

GENE

Are you really going to be our teacher, Mom?

LINDA

No, that's what the computer's for.

INT. RESTAURANT - DAY

Bob's cooking and Linda's serving Teddy. BBC is on the TV.
Burger of the Day: Clean as a Gristle Burger

BBC NEWSCASTER (ON TV)

... Which doubles London's number of viral-related deaths ... since Monday.

BOB

Linda, why are we getting our virus news from the BBC?

LINDA

It just sounds more pleasant with their accent. (IRISH ACCENT) "Viral-related deaths."

MR. FISCHOEDER
(ENTERING)

Hello Bob. Bob's wife.

BOB

What can I do for you Mr. Fischoeder?

Did our last rent check bounce?

MR. FISCHOEDER

No, quite the opposite. I have good rent news. I'd like to offer you a discount on next month's rent, IF you pay it early.

BOB

A discount? That WOULD be nice.

Business has been OK lately, so--

Health Inspectors HUGO and RON enter abruptly.

HUGO

I'm shutting this place down, Bob! On account of a little thing called statewide quarantine.

LINDA

Statewide quarantine? Why haven't we heard about this?

BOB

Turn off the BBC, Linda.

LINDA

Oh.

Linda presses the TV remote and switches to Channel 6 News.

OLSEN (ON TV)

... The statewide quarantine's "Nobody Have Fun" initiative will require all businesses to close...

BOB

Close!? We can't afford that! Why now? Just when I was about to get discounted rent.

RON

Oh don't worry about that. Part of the quarantine is an eviction freeze.

MR. FISCHOEDER

I should be heading off now.

BOB

Eviction freeze? You KNEW I was off the hook for next month's rent? And you hoped I'd pay it early for a discount? And it probably would have worked if my wife didn't get her news from the BBC and have an ex-boyfriend health inspector who's wanted to shut me down for years?

MR. FISCHOEDER

That about says it all.

LINDA

Yay, eviction freeze, right?

BOB

It doesn't matter. The restaurant
can't survive a shut-down.

TEDDY

What'll we do? What'll we do!? I
should use the bathroom.

BOB

Stay out of the bathroom.

OLSEN (ON TV)

... This just in. Like grocery stores
and dispensaries, restaurants have
been added to the list of essential
businesses...

ALL BUT HUGO

Hooray!

OLSEN (ON TV)

... Though they can provide carry-out
service only.

BOB & LINDA

Carry-out?

HUGO

Hope you know how to run a carry-out-
only restaurant, Bob. Ha! Ha! Ha!

BOB

Is it a regular restaurant where no
one sits down?

HUGO

... Yes.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

Bob and Linda approach their apartment door.

BOB

Mr. Fischoeder and Hugo. My least
favorite people, together at last.

LINDA

It's like *LIVE with Kelly and Ryan*--
hey, the door's locked.

She shakes the knob. Then Bob tries. He knocks.

BOB

That's weird. Kids! We're home!

TINA (O.S.)

Hi Dad! There's sanitizer on the
floor. Use it before you come in.

Bob and Linda exchange a blank look, shrug, and sanitize.

LINDA

OK, Tina!

TINA (O.S.)

Now pick up the bleach wipe and wipe
your germs off the sanitizer bottle.

They exchange another look, but do so.

BOB

Alright Tina, let us in now.

TINA (O.S.)

Now I'm going to need you to put all
of your clothes in the cremation tray
behind you before I--

LINDA

Tina open the door!

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The furniture is all covered in Saran Wrap. The kids are in hazmat suits. Louise's suit has bunny ears. Tina opens the door to a stunned Bob and Linda.

TINA

Quick, get in before infected air
enters. I've ordered a decompression
chamber, but for now--

LINDA

Kids, this is out of control. Where
did you get all this plastic wrap?

GENE

We found a stockpile of it in the
basement.

BOB

You mean in the restaurant supplies?
Those are supplies. For the
restaurant.

GENE

This is the first I've heard of this.

LINDA

And the hazmat suits?

LOUISE

Hugo's truck. The lock was so easy to jimmy, it's like he WANTED us to take them.

BOB

Why does our couch look like a baked potato?

TINA

People are dying of this virus -- and it's contagious! We tried to study today, but there was infection coverage on all of the news outlets -- Twitter, TikTok, Snappy. Tammy tweeted 'it could be airborne' and then Jocelyn commented 'what's airborne' and then Jimmy Jr. posted pictures of a lady in Thailand who ate a Gibbons monkey and if I'm a leader, I have to protect us from everything--

Bob and Linda start pulling the kids' masks off.

LINDA

Tina, Tina. Being a leader isn't about doing what EVERYONE tells you to do. It's about doing what the IMPORTANT people tell you to do. Your Dad and me and the BBC.

The family settles down together on the couch.

BOB

There are plenty of things we can do
to stay safe. But going overboard
won't help anyone.

GENE

It helped Goldie Hawn meet Kurt
Russel.

BOB

This will all be over in a few days.
All smile lovingly at the thought.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Same couch scene, but now they're ragged and angry and
elbowing each other off the couch. Subtitle: One Month Later.

INT. BELCHER KITCHEN - NIGHT

SUBTITLE: Another month later. Tina views the laptop, which
displays a Fronds Fellowship Leader Board Page. Her avatar is
rising to the top. Bob and Linda are doing dishes.

TINA

Yes! My leadership skills are going to
leave the rest of the kids in the
dust!

BOB

Is that really what leadership is
about, Tina?

LINDA

Sure it is, Bob, she's leading the
crap out of those other kids!

Gene and Louise enter, unhappily.

GENE

When will this quarantine be over?
I've forgotten what it's like to run
around outside!

BOB

Gene, you never ran around outside.

GENE

Phew, I feared it was early onset
alzheimers.

LOUISE

I've developed origin stories for all
of my stuffies and most of Dad's
odors. (sniffs) Old Spice won't hide
Gamma Radiation.

Gene whistles Old Spice commercial jingle. He sits at the
table and pushes hand sanitizer bottle aside.

LINDA

Careful with that sanitizer. It's
priceless.

GENE

Like *House of Wax* with out Vincent.

TINA

You guys don't appreciate what this
quarantine is for. Saving the lives of
old people. Like Mom and Dad.

LINDA

Yeah. ... What?

BOB

We're not old.

GENE

You're not young.

TINA

It's time! Who wants to see my next
leadership endeavor? I'm now a
community organizer.

Tina types and switches screen to a Zoom-type gallery view.

LINDA

Oh, my baby's Barak Obama! But you're
not smoking weed in college.

TINA

Many people are quarantining alone.

LOUISE

Those lucky unloveables.

TINA

They could drop dead any time. So on
my daily video conference, I'll check
in with all of the singlest people we
know. Hi Teddy!

TEDDY (ON SCREEN)

Hi Belchers! So what is this, like one
of them parties?

MR. FROND (ON SCREEN)

(APPEARING) Hi Tina!

LOUISE

You invited Frond?

BOB

Have a little compassion, Louise.

MR. FISCHOEDER (ON SCREEN)

(APPEARING) Hello Belchers, and other
tenants who are skipping their rents.

BOB

You invited Fischoeder?

TEDDY (ON SCREEN)

Why does my screen look like Jeopardy?

LINDA

Tina's checking to be sure you're
alive, Teddy.

TINA

Well, not right now I'm not. This is
just practice.

MR. FISCHOEDER (ON SCREEN)

Practice for what?

TINA

Practice for the real viral health
check conference call I'll be hosting
every day at noon.

TEDDY (ON SCREEN)

It's noon?

MR. FISCHOEDER (ON SCREEN)

Is there a purpose for this virtual gathering?

GENE

There could be, if we read my disaster comedy screenplay, "Worst Responders." If you can't handle them at their worst, they won't triage you at their best.

TINA

I hope you're all taking care of yourselves.

MR. FROND (ON SCREEN)

I'm sewing face masks. You can choose from Cincinatti Bengals or Bernie Sanders. You can always find extra fabric from losing teams.

LOUISE

Where are Grandma and Grandpa?

TINA

This is just for the hopelessly single.

GRETCHEN (ON SCREEN)

(APPEARING, IN MASK) Hi Belchers!

BOB

Oh god she's in red.

GRETCHEN

I ran out of black. Tina, what's this all about?

LOUISE

Tina thinks you're hopelessly-

BOB

Great at cutting hair! And we're all overdue. How about a ...phone consult?

GRETCHEN (ON SCREEN)

I thought you'd never ask. Bob, I want your head to POP. I'm thinking ... teal.

GENE

How is your business considered non-essential?

MR. FISCHOEDER (ON SCREEN)

Much like mine, it would seem. What difference does it make if you're the lifeblood of the community...

LOUISE

Tina, I think we can wrap this baby up.

TINA

OK, good practice everyone. See you every day at noon. Bye Teddy. Take care, Gretchen. Bye Mr. Frond. Bye-

Everyone disappears when Louise clicks "Hang Up On Everyone."

LOUISE

My finger slipped.

MONTAGE: VARIOUS VIGNETTES OF TINA THE QUARANTINE LEADER

A) INT. BELCHER KITCHEN - DAY - Tina views laptop screen: Frond Fellowship Leader Board. Her avatar is in the middle.

B) INT. RESTAURANT - DAY - Tina, in mask, carries take-out food from counter to doorway, where she hands it to a masked customer. Teddy presses his nose up against the window.

C) INT. BELCHER KITCHEN - DAY - Tina views herself rising on the Frond Fellowship - Leadership Leader Board.

D) INT. BELCHER LIVING ROOM - DAY - Tina teaches. "Art Appreciation" is on the TV screen. The marble head of Da Vinci's David rises into frame. REVERSE ANGLE on Louise and Gene on the couch watching. Their faces suddenly get uncomfortable (presumably the penis has entered the frame). Tina continues to speak, and even points with her pointer.

E) INT. BELCHER KITCHEN - DAY - On laptop is Gallery view of Zoom conference grid. Everyone's box is labeled with their names. One at a time, we get thumbs up from Teddy and Gretchen. GAYLE's box just displays a cat. Tina switches screen to view herself rising on the Leader Board.

F) INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN - DAY - Tina gets into hazmat suit. Shots of her putting on boots, gloves, mask, belt. She then takes a bag of garbage, steps outside, drops it in the dumpster, returns inside, and starts taking off mask, etc.

G) INT. BELCHER KITCHEN - DAY - Louise helps Gene take a test at the laptop when Tina comes in and kicks them off.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

... I told you to pick C!

GENE

Sorry, I'm not Einstein. I don't make bagels.

TINA

Lesson's over. I need to do my noon
video conference. Hand me the
sanitizer, please.

Tina pulls up the conference grid. Louise grabs the bottle of
sanitizer and tosses it to Gene.

LOUISE

P.E. lesson - sanitizer keep-away!

TINA

Hey! I need that.

TEDDY (ON SCREEN)

(Appearing) Teddy, standing by.

GENE

If you want it, you'll have to catch
it! Like scabies.

Gene and Louise are now running around the table throwing the
bottle back and forth while Tina tries and fails to catch it.

MR. FROND (ON SCREEN)

Mr. Frond, standing by.

MIKE (ON SCREEN)

Mailman Mike, standing by.

MR. FROND (ON SCREEN)

Tina, I've got something for you.

TINA

Would you two stop that!?

<VFX: SLO-MO> Tina reaches to intercept the flying sanitizer
bottle and accidentally knocks it down. It spills all over
the computer, which starts to spark. All kids are wide-eyed.

TINA (CONT'D)

Unnnhh! Hello group, as your leader, I must inform you we've had a minor accident.

MIKE (ON SCREEN)

Why are you moving your lips, but not talking, Tina?

LOUISE

They can't hear you. The sanitizer must have broken the microphone.

GENE

And they call this stuff safe for children.

GRETCHEN

Now they're all lip-syncing. Is this Lip Sync Battle? Is LL Cool J here?

TINA

Don't panic. The important thing is that everyone checked in ... except for Mr. Fischoeder!

LOUISE

I'm sure he's fine. He was just on here yesterday asking what's it all for.

TINA

That's not good.

GENE

He said he was filing for something
... a divorce?

TINA

Probably not since everyone here is
single.

LOUISE

Chapter 11. He said he was filing for
a Chapter 11. What's that?

TINA

I think it means he's broke.

LOUISE

So Mr. Fischoeder has lost his money
and has nothing left to live for?

TINA

That's kind of a reach.

LOUISE

Tina, are you a leader or a follower?

TINA

I'm a leader. Even if I am following
wherever this is going.

LOUISE

It's going to Mr. Fischoeder's house.
He needs your help. And I can't stand
another day in quarantine.

MR. FROND (ON SCREEN)

Tina, I hope you can hear me. Because you won! I've printed your leadership certificate ... on heavy paper!

TINA

(STUNNED) ... I won. I won! I'm a leader! I'm a Frond Fellow Leader!

Her smile morphs into serious resolve -- to be a real leader.

TINA (CONT'D)

But leadership isn't about paper -- heavy or standard weight. Louise, get the face masks.

LOUISE

Bernie Sanders or Mom's bra?

TINA

All of them.

The kids, masks in hands, head for the door.

TEDDY

(beat) Are we still doing this?

EXT. MR. FISCHOEDER'S HOUSE - DAY

The masked Belcher kids ring the bell. <GONG-Y DOORBELL>.

TINA

I can't believe 911 was busy with virus calls.

GENE

I can't believe how good we'd look as bandits. Or surgeons.

"Episode: Quarantina"

TINA
(RINGS AGAIN)

We're too late.

Louise steps into the yard, picks up a potted plant, and winds up to hurl it through the picture window.

LOUISE

Maybe he's still alive in there.

MIKE (O.S.)

Or maybe he's at the Wonder Wharf
where I saw him a half hour ago.

Masked Mailman Mike approaches with mail for the house.

TINA

Mailman Mike!

LOUISE

Am I EVER gonna' get to smash this
guy's window!?

TINA

Did Mr. Fischoeder look ... OK?

MIKE

No, he looked like Mr. Fischoeder.
Though now that you mention it, he did
look, what's kind of a low-rent
suicidal? ... Forlorn.

TINA

That's a very nuanced expression to
see through a mask.

MIKE

Oh he wasn't wearing a mask.

PUSH TO the eye-widening, terrified face of Tina.

TINA

Let's go.

She heads to their bikes, followed by Gene. We here a
<SMASH!> of glass, then Louise joins the kids at the bikes.

LOUISE

It fell.

EXT. WONDER WHARF - DAY

Mr. Fischoeder sits alone on a bench. He is unmasked and ...
forlorn. The Belcher kids ride up and drop their bikes.

TINA

Mr. Fischoeder!

MR. FISCHOEDER

Belcher children? What are you doing
here?

GENE

You didn't check in on the video
conference call.

TINA

Mr. Fischoeder, you need to put on
this face mask.

MR. FISCHOEDER

Thank you Tina, but what do I have to
live for? I can't enforce rents. The
Wonder Wharf and all of my other
businesses have shut down. Even my
black market buffalo milk syndicate
has dried up.

TINA

... The real business ... is love.

LOUISE

Tina, do you know who you're talking to?

MR. FISCHOEDER

I've accepted my fate. The only
contracting I'm interested in these
days is contracting this virus. What's
the purpose of living, when my hard
root beer distillery can no longer
distill hard root beer.

GENE

Boo! Wait, hard root beer is just
regular beer, right?

Fischoeder stands up and points to his different businesses.

MR. FISCHOEDER

Or my souvenir eyepatch factory can no
longer produce souvenir-

TINA

Face masks!

MR. FISCHOEDER

What's that?

TINA

What's an eyepatch, but a tiny face
mask?

(MORE)

TINA (CONT'D)

You DO have a purpose, Mr. Fischoeder--
to re-outfit your eyepatch factory to
produce the face masks the world
needs!

LOUISE

And your hard root beer distillery
could produce the hand sanitizer the
world needs!

GENE

And your saltwater taffy puller could
produce the saltwater taffy the world
needs!

MR. FISCHOEDER

Why ... this could possibly work. If
only I had some seed money to get it
off the ground.

BOB (O.S.)

We could pay our rent. At a discount.

PULL OUT to reveal masked Bob and Linda watching the scene.

LOUISE

Mom and Dad! Tina took us on an
educational field trip to--

LINDA

Mike told us why you're here. I think
it's sweet.

BOB

I bet your other tenants would pay
their rents too. Except Jimmy Pesto.

TINA

Welcome back to the land of the
living, Mr. Fischoeder. Here's a white
mask, to match your eyepatch.

She hands him a mask. He accepts and starts to put it on, but
notices the word "Wonder" inside.

MR. FISCHOEDER

"Wonder." Here on the Wonder Wharf.
Perhaps it's a sign.

He puts it on, and we see on the outside, the 2nd word that
followed the word "Wonder" -- "Bra." The Belchers stare
nervously.

LINDA

Is that my...

MR. FISCHOEDER

How do I look?

BELCHERS

... Great. Nice. Lovely. Etc.

LOUISE

Supportive.

BOB

Louise!

The group starts to walk back toward town. ANGLE PULLS BACK.

TINA

Social distancing prevents us from
hugging you at this point, but we'll
be sure to make it up to you when--

MR. FISCHOEDER

Oh no that's fine.

LINDA

Mr. Fischoeder, I'm proud you're going
to refit your factories to donate
needed supplies.

MR. FISCHOEDER

Donate?

THE END