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This article is a transcript of the SpongeBob SquarePants episode "Help Wanted" from season one, which aired on May 1, 1999.

[Following the SpongeBob SquarePants theme song, the brief opening titles show the names of creator Stephen Hillenburg, Derek Drymon and others. The episode opens with a bubble transition, and we see a coral reef under the sea. The camera zooms to initiate parallax scrolling, which reveals the city of Bikini Bottom. It continues zooming to show a brown rock, a Moai head, and a pineapple, which each contain inhabitants]

French Narrator:

we see Bikini Bottom, teeming with life. [Shows from left to right Patrick's, Squidward's, and SpongeBob's houses. Zooms in on SpongeBob's house.] Home to one of my favorite creatures, SpongeBob SquarePants. Yes, of course he lives in a pineapple, you silly. [Scene cuts to the house's bedroom. A sea snail is seen sleeping near a pile of newspaper on the floor, a scallop is seen in a birdcage, and an optimistic sea sponge is seen sleeping in his bed, snoring as his foghorn alarm clock ticks. SpongeBob's alarm then sounds. He wakes, but is unaffected by the annoying sound, and with a smile on his face, turns it off. He climbs from his bed to a ladder leading to his diving board.]

SpongeBob SquarePants: Today's the big day, Gary!

Gary the Snail:

SpongeBob:

and leaves his underwear behind] ...naked! [Lands inside pants, walks over to exercise room. His head pops out of the top of his pants.] Gotta be in

top physical condition for today, Gary.

Gary:

SpongeBob:

reads "I Love Pain." Taking deep breaths, he prepares to lift a barbell that is balanced by two lightweight stuffed animals. He sticks out his chest, but almost passes out because he can barely lift it. He drops it, and it makes a "squeak" noise] I'm ready! [runs outside] I'm ready, I'm ready, I'm ready, I'm ready, I'm ready, I'm ready, I'm ready, I'm ready, I'm ready, I'm ready! [A dimwitted sea star's rock tilts upwards with him stuck to its underside]

Patrick Star:

effect]

SpongeBob:

The finest eating establishment ever established for eating: The Krusty Krab, home of the Krabby Patty. With a Help Wanted sign in the window! For years I've been dreaming of this moment! I'm gonna go in there, march straight to the manager, look 'im straight in the eye [breaks the fourth wall and looks the audience in the eye], lay it on the line and... I can't do this! [He starts to run home, but Patrick stops him.] Uh, Patrick!

Patrick:

SpongeBob:

Patrick:

job!

SpongeBob:

Patrick:

SpongeBob:

Patrick:

SpongeBob:

Patrick:

good third line] Who's a, uh who's uhh, oh! Who's a big yellow cube with holes?

SpongeBob:

Patrick:

SpongeBob:

Patrick:

SpongeBob:

Patrick:

SpongeBob:

the Krusty Krab. An octopus is seen cleaning graffiti on the restaurant's windows.]

Squidward Tentacles: [cleaning graffiti of himself with the word "loser," sees SpongeBob, and sighs] Oh no, SpongeBob. What could he possibly want?

SpongeBob:

ready! I'm ready! I'm ready! I'm ready! I'm ready! I'm ready! Go SpongeBob! Go SpongeBob! Go SpongeBob! Go self! [Squidward looks at the Help Wanted sign, gasps, and runs inside.]

Squidward:

background] Mr. Krabs! [cuts to the ordering window, where a greedy sea crab is seen happily sniffing a handful of money. Squidward runs up to him.] Hurry, Mr. Krabs, before it's too late, I gotta tell you- [interrupted by SpongeBob]

SpongeBob:

been training my whole life for the day I could join the Krusty Krew [normal voice] and now I'm ready. [SpongeBob trips on a nail stuck in the floorboard. His fall causes him to bounce against the ceiling. SpongeBob shouts and blurts incomprehensibly while his bounces and ricochets around the building accelerate. He then rolls to a stop at the feet of Squidward and Mr. Krabs.] So, uh, when do I start?

Mr. Eugene H. Krabs: Well lad, it looks like you don't even have your sea legs.

SpongeBob:

Squidward, he'll vouch for me. [Mr. Krabs and Squidward quickly walk away from SpongeBob]

Squidward:

SpongeBob]

Mr. Krabs:

be on the Krusty Krew! Go out and fetch me... [SpongeBob takes out a notepad] a, uh, hydrodynamic spatula... [SpongeBob quickly jots down what he says] with, um, port-and-starboard-attachments, [more scribbling] and, uh... turbo drive! [more scribbling] And don't come back till you get one! [Mr. Krabs puts a Krusty Krab crew hat on SpongeBob's head. SpongeBob sees how he looks in a mirror, there are sparkles on his hat, and he has a huge, satisfied smile]

SpongeBob:

hydrodynamic spatula, with port-and-starboard attachments, turbo drive, coming right up, Sir!

Mr. Krabs:

again.

Squidward:

laugh. While Squidward laughs, his nose moves distinctly while he inhales and exhales. Krabs laugh sounds like a pirate. As they laugh, SpongeBob is shown leaving the Krusty Krab. As SpongeBob fades out of sight, five buses drive toward the Krusty Krab from the opposite direction.]

Bus driver:

put their hands out the window! [The buses surround the Krusty Krab and the doors open; Mr. Krabs stops laughing.]

Mr. Krabs:

smell it? That smell. A kind of smelly smell. A smelly smell that smells smelly. [bulgy eyes] Anchovies.

Squidward:

Mr. Krabs:

inside the Krusty Krab, crowding, repeating the word "meep" over and over again]

Squidward:

any way to behave, hmmm?

Anchovy:

Squidward:

file line in front of the register? [The anchovies are quiet at first, then pick up the boat, as their cries of "meep!" become more intense. Cut to Barg'N-Mart as SpongeBob enters.]

SpongeBob:

spatula needs. [cuts back to the Krusty Krab. Squidward and Mr. Krabs are still in the boat register, and being tossed around like a ship in a storm.]

Mr. Krabs:

Squidward:

Mr. Krabs:

and Squidward are thrown up in the air] Were taking on water, Mr. Squidward! [they get thrown back up again; the boat is in splinters] I want my mommy, Mr. Squidward! [cuts to Barg'N-Mart]

SpongeBob:

port-and-starboard attachments. [cuts back to the Krusty Krab]

Squidward:

Mr. Krabs:

the mast, while the anchovies try to get them down. The anchovies then form a big wave.]

Anchovies:

Mr. Krabs:

Squidward:

lights flashing and flying with the spatula, singing a heroic tune]

SpongeBob:

Da da da da da da da da da! Did someone order a spatula?

Squidward and Mr. Krabs: [stuttering while shocked at the SpongeBob getting the hydrodynamic spatula]

SpongeBob:

pop out on the sides of the previous one] port-and-starboard attachments, and lets not forget the turbo drive! [the two extending spatulas twirl around and smack Squidward and Mr. Krabs in the face] Would you believe

they only had one in stock? To the kitchen! [to the anchovies] Who's hungry?! [Tiny Tim's "Living in the Sunlight, Loving in the Moonlight" plays while SpongeBob serves up Krabby Patty after Krabby Patty. Numerous Krabby Patties are launched through the opening window to the hungry anchovies. Eventually, all of the anchovies are served and they leave on the buses. Cuts to later.]

Mr. Krabs:

SquarePants! Welcome aboard! [Mr. Krabs gives SpongeBob a name tag]

Squidward:

Mr. Krabs:

Squidward:

Mr. Krabs:

Squidward:

Mr. Krabs:

Squidward:

Mr. Krabs:

a wheelbarrow piled with an enormous stack of cash to his office. Patrick enters]

Patrick: