

**NICKELODEON
WONDER PARK**

"SO YOU THINK YOU CAN'T DANCE"

AMUS029

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11 AL JABRO 11
Then my timing is impeccable! See,
I'm in the market for a dance
partner and I was thinking-- maybe
you'd be down to go with me June.

12 JUNE 12
(surprised)
I'm sorry. Me?! Your dance partner?

13 AL JABRO 13
Fo sho! I need someone to keep up
with my sick moves. And you're good
at everything.
(then)
Unless you've already decided to
team up with Bunky of course.
Wouldn't want to step on any toes.

14 BUNKY 14
Oh, no. I'm the one who steps on
toes. Not really a big dancer, I've
got two left feet.

15 AL JABRO 15
Totally get it. I've got two belly
buttons.

Bunky raises his hand to inquire <oh>, but Al is rolling...

16 AL JABRO (CONT'D) 16
So, whattaya say June? You wanna be
my PID? AKA Partner in Dance?

17 JUNE 17
(flustered)
Uh... uh... uh....

Bunky shrugs.

18 AL JABRO 18
(opera)
Uhhhhh! (then) Totally get it. This
is a HUGE decision to make for an
epic event. You take some time to
think about it and get back to me.

Al wiggles away to SALSA MUSIC that comes out of nowhere.
June looks around confused.

20 BUNKY 20
What are you waiting for? You gotta
go with Al Jabro. My sources tell
me that he's a *ridiculous* dancer.

31 JUNE 31
So here's the thing. My friend Al
asked me to be his dance partner at
our upcoming school dance and--

32 & 34 GRETA 32 & 34
Lemme stop ya right there June.
You're a great catch. You can't
dance-partner up with the first
rando that asks.

35 JUNE 35
Actually, that's not it at all.
Al's awesome. It's just--
(leaning in)
I can't dance! And if I go with Al,
I'm not only gonna embarrass
myself, I'll embarrass him! His
moves are supposed to be ridic!

36 COOPERTINA 36
Psh, this is an easy peasy, lemon
squeezy fix. Wonderland has one of
the best dancers around.
(off June's confused look)
Gus!

On cue, Gus floats back into shot like an astronaut... spa
water jug over his head.

42 GUS 42
Awwwww yeah! I'd be happy to show
you. I can brake...
(Gus break dances)
Snake...
(Gus does the worm)
And shake...

42A He wiggles his shoulders backward and forward. June <laughs>. 42A

43 JUNE 43
Wow! That's pretty good.

44 GUS 44
So, is that a yes?

June takes this in for a beat. A smile builds.

45 JUNE 45
Let's do it. I'm gonna learn how to
dance!

June confidently leans back as a Wonder Chimp places LOLLIPOPS over her eyes (a la cucumber slices), completing her Wonderland "facial". She <relaxes>.

INT. SCHOOL - HALLWAY - NEXT DAY

An excited June runs up to an open locker.

47 JUNE 47
Al! Guess what?!

From behind the locker...

48 AL JABRO 48
(Darth Vader voice)
<kshh> I am not Al. I am the Locker-
Ness Monster.

The locker shuts to a cheerful Al.

49 AL JABRO (CONT'D) 49
Just kiddin', June. It was me the
whole time!

49A June <giggles> 49A

50 & 52 JUNE 50 & 52
So I have some awesome news! I
thought about your offer and... I'd
love to be your dance partner!

53 AL JABRO 53
(huge smile)
June, I can't tell you how exciting
this is! With my moves-- and your
moves-- this dance is gonna be a
move-fest!

Al and June <high five> as he glides away to <MUSIC> that again comes out of nowhere. A confused June looks around...

54 JUNE 54
<laughs>

INT. WONDERLAND - WONDER CHIMP BREAKROOM - DAY

June is ready to begin her dance training. She enters to see Wonder Chimps hanging decorations and the MASCOTS stretching in 80's headbands.

55 JUNE 55
Whoa. What's going on--

An <AIRHORN> startles June as DJ DROPPY BEATS motions for her to move while lugging the SPEAKER CHIMP. June approaches the mascots.

56 JUNE (CONT'D) 56
What are you guys doing here?

57 GRETA 57
We know how much you're stressin'
about not being able to dance. So
we figured we'd all learn together.

58 COOPERTINA 58
Yeah. We're throwin' a Wonderland
dance party!...Lesson.

59 STEVE 59
I'm ready get "crunk" in da club.

60 BOOMER 60
And I'm ready for a nap. Dancing
makes me tired.

He collapses face first.

61 COOPERTINA 61
We haven't started dancing yet
Boomer.

62 BOOMER 62
Thinking about dancing makes me
tired.

63 PEANUT (O.S.) 63
Alright. Let's do this!

The group turns to see Peanut approaching with a pack of WARRIOR Wonder Chimps (muscly, face paint) in tow.

64 GRETA 64
What's with the gang of menacing
chimps?

65 PEANUT 65
I thought this was a dance battle.

66 STEVE 66
It's not. That's not what a dance
battle is. And as always, you've
completely misread this situation.

67 PEANUT 67
Well is there food at least? I had
to churn this crew out of the
factory pretty quickly and I think
it's in everyone's best interest to
keep them busy.

The chimps <bark> and <gnaw> on Boomer as he naps.

67A BOOMER 67A
(asleep)
No, you're the tickle monster.
<snore>

68 JUNE 68
Ookay. We can get started just as
soon as Gus gets here. Has anyone
seen him?

Suddenly, <MUSIC> kicks on as DJ Droppy Beats cranks up the
bass to 10. It thumps loudly as MOOD LIGHTNING descends from
the sky, glowing and spinning wildly like a DISCO BALL.

A WONDER CHIMP opens it's mouth as FOG pours from it. From
inside the fog cloud we hear...

69 GUS (O.S.) 69
Who's. Ready. To. Par-tay?!

Barreling out of the fog comes Gus with a head set on. (Think
Zumba instructor).

70 GUS (CONT'D) 70
Everyone get those hands up!

Gus claps as the excited group follows. They're feeling it.

71 GUS (CONT'D) 71
Let's keep it tight and light.
Dancing is about feeling the music
and most importantly... having fun!
Beat that beat up!

Gus shuffles side to side alternating punching the air like
he's a cast member of Jersey Shore. June follows along.

72 JUNE 72
(to herself)
Hm... dancing is easy!

71 CONT'D GUS 71 CONT'D
BEAT THAT BEAT UP <dance
efforts>... BEAT THAT BEAT
UP...<dance efforts>

73 GUS (CONT'D) 73
(in cadence)
Now chop the wood! Haha! I said
chop the wood! <dance efforts> Now
chop the wood and eat it... I said
chop the wood and eat it.

Gus dance motions like he's swinging an axe in rhythm, then
nibbling on an ear of corn. June begins to fall behind.

Gus combines all three moves in rapid succession. June is
tying herself in knots!

75 GUS (CONT'D) 75
Now windmill, air flare, back
flipper head spin, twist! That's a
windmill air flare, back flipper
head spin, twist...

Gus jumps flips, lands on his head and spins.

77 JUNE 77
Gus!

Gus continues to spin on his head getting a word out each
rotation.

78 GUS 78
You... rang... June?

June stops him from spinning.

79 JUNE 79
Can't you slow it down a little
bit? We're all beginners here.

80 GUS 80
But... everyone else is getting it.

Gus motions. June's eyes dart around in QUICK POPS:
- Steve stands rigidly in the middle of the dance floor.

81 STEVE 81
Safety in the front...
(turning, shaking butt)
... Dance party in da back!

- Peanut talks to no one.

82 PEANUT 82
You are smooth like peanut butter,
Peanut. It's a shame I gotta dance
battle you out of town!

82A The wonder chimp audience <gasp>. Peanut jumps, faces off to where he was previously standing. 82A

83 PEANUT (CONT'D) 83
Peanut, we can't dance battle. I'm
in love with you!

83A The wonder chimps <squee>. 83A
- Greta head bangs, then dives into the Braveheart chimps.

84 GRETA 84
Mosh pit!
- Other chimps crowd surf a sleeping Boomer over their heads.

85 BOOMER 85
<snore> <giggle> <snore> <giggle>
- Finally, Coop does a <solo interpretive hippie dance/ and shimmies.>

86 JUNE 86
Um, no one is getting it Gus.

87 GUS 87
They're all feeling the music in
their own way June. Dancing is
about having fun, remember?
(then)
Here, try this. I call it the
Wonderland Wobble. Just lick it and
stick it...

Gus busts an insane move that ends with a death drop. A
dejected June walks off and takes a seat nearby.

88 JUNE 88
<sigh> The dance is tomorrow and I
got nothin'! <sigh> I didn't want
to do this, but there's only one
way to avoid embarrassing myself
and Al.
(beat)
I gotta back out of the dance... ya
know?

REVEAL one of the Warrior chimps sitting next to June,
eating a huge turkey leg. He calmly nods, "Yes."

INT. SCHOOL - HALLWAY - NEXT DAY

June shuts her locker to see a kneeling Al on the other side.
He presents a BOX to her with a bow on it.

89 AL JABRO 89
 I come baring gifts mi lady.

June smiles and opens the box to...

90 JUNE 90
 Is this--
 (smelling)
 Clam chowder?... In a box?

91 AL JABRO 91
 Oh! Sorry, that's for someone else.
 This one is for you.

Al pulls another box from his backpack. June opens it to...

92 JUNE 92
 Cool... orthotics.

93 AL JABRO 93
 You gotta stay G'd up from the feet
 up!

95 JUNE 95
 This is so thoughtful. But I think
 we need to talk...

96 AL JABRO 96
 Oh no! They're not the right size?
 Man, I usually have an uncanny
 ability to size up people's feet
 from a distance.
 (to students passing by)
 Size 10, size 9... a UK 7!

97 JUNE 97
 Actually, these are a perfect fit.
 It's just...
 (searching)
 ...oooh my ankle. Yep, I <wince>
 was practicing for the dance last
 night and I twisted it.

June reaches for her ankle, cringes and rubs.

98 JUNE (CONT'D) 98
 Agh. I don't think you'll heal in
 time for tonight. Can't dance at
 all. Sorry!

June begins to faux hobble away, really selling it, leaving a confused Al. He dramatically shakes his fist to the sky.

99 AL JABRO 99
If only I had given her the
orthotics yesterday!

INT. BAILEY HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

June sits by herself playing Banana Bonkers.

100 JUNE 100
Dance must be in full swing by now.
Maybe I should make sure they're
not having too much fun without me.

She mashes a few buttons, then...

100A JUNE (CONT'D) 100A
Hey Bunky! How's the dance going?

CLOSE ON PHONE: A VIDEO of a sweaty Bunky jumping around at the dance with others.

101 BUNKY (ON PHONE) 101
Woo! This is the best night of my
life! Party time! <having fun
walla>

102 MOM (PRE-LAP O.S.) 102
Welp. That answers that question.

June turns to see MOM looking over her shoulder.

103 MOM (CONT'D) 103
Your friends aren't having fun at
all June.

104 BUNKY (O.S. ON PHONE) 104
I'm having so much fun!

June hangs up the phone.

105 JUNE 105
<sigh> Maybe I should give this
dancing thing one last shot.

June cues up a dance song on her phone.

106 JUNE (CONT'D) 106
Here we go... Wonderland Wobble.
Just lick it and...

106A June jumps and spins. 106A

107 JUNE (CONT'D) 107
... stick it.

107A MOM 107A
Oh June! Your friend is here.

June freezes. REVEAL Al staring back at her through the window! His face is pressed against the glass, devastated, fogging it up. As he slowly pulls away we see it's left a PERFECTLY round, emoji looking "SAD FACE".

EXT. CUL DE SAC - CONTINUOUS

109 JUNE 109
Al, wait! It's not what it looks like!

But Al rides away. <SAD> music trails off as he does. June anxiously watches him go for a beat. Mom puts a hand on June's shoulder.

110 MOM 110
Go to him.

EXT. BRICKYARDS PARK - NIGHT

Al sits on a park bench, tub of ice cream melting next to him. June pulls up behind him on her bike.

111 JUNE 111
This seat taken?

She takes a seat next to Al.

111A JUNE (CONT'D) 111A
So... why aren't you at the dance?

118 AL JABRO 118
I came by to bring you some ice cream. I also had a bag of ice... and cream. I wasn't sure which one would make you feel better.

A handful of squirrels appear, eyeing the ice cream. June again shoos them away.

119 JUNE 119
That... is really sweet.

120 AL JABRO 120
Actually, the ice cream is sugar
free. My dad's a dentist.

121 JUNE 121
Al, I owe you a BIG apology.

122 AL JABRO 122
I think I get it June. You didn't
want to be my dance partner.

123 JUNE 123
That's *kinda* true. But not for the
reason you think. See, word on the
street is that you're a *ridiculous*
dancer and I'm-- well... not.

Al lightens a bit.

124 JUNE (CONT'D) 124
I just didn't want to embarrass you
in front of the whole school. And
if I'm being totes honest, I didn't
wanna embarrass myself.
(then)
<sigh> Al I blew it. *But...* there
might be a way to turn this whole
night around...

125 AL JABRO 125
(lighting up)
<gasp> Corn dogs?!

126 JUNE 126
Even better...

June whips out the orthotics that Al gifted her.

127 JUNE (CONT'D) 127
There's still time to get to that
dance... partner.

INT. SCHOOL - AUDITORIUM - NIGHT

The dance is in full swing. An awed June and Al take it in.

129 AL JABRO 129
It's... glorious!

130 BUNKY 130
June! You made it.

131 JUNE 131
Bunky! You... are very very sweaty.

132 BUNKY 132
(pulls up pant leg, re: socks)
It's my party feeter heaters!
They're made of wool, but they also
have sharks on them, so--*totally*
worth it!

June <giggles>. Suddenly, a new song starts to play.

133 AL JABRO 133
<High pitched scream> This is a
Jabro jam! June-June! May I have
this dance?

Al puts out his hand.

134 JUNE 134
Of course. Just gimme one sec.

134A June turns to psych herself up, taking a deep <breath>. 134A

135 JUNE (CONT'D) 135
You got this Bailey. Just feel the
music.
(shakes out arms)
Okay Al, I'm ready to--

She turns around to see that Al is gone. She notices a DANCE
CIRCLE has formed on the dance floor.

135A STUDENTS 135A
<making fun of Al Walla/laughter>

She pushes her way into it, finding Al in the middle
dancing... AWFULLY!

Everyone around him looks just as confused as June, but Al
doesn't seem to mind. He blissfully dances like a wild man,
<what-what> the whole time.

137 BUNKY 137
What is he doing?! Everyone said
his dancing was ridic--
(realizing)
Oh! *That* kind of "ridiculous".

137A June looks around. Students point, <chuckle/mumble> about Al. 137A

138 JUNE 138
Bunky... I'm goin' in!

