

SONIC SYNDICATED SERIES PROMO  
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fade in:

ext. planet mobius IN space

zoom in on desert-like area of one continent

narr (vo) (NOTE: ALREADY RECORDED)

The evil Dr. Robotnik has already conquered much of the Planet Mobius. All that stands in his way is the fastest freedom fighter who ever lived...

ext. DESERT - day

ANGLE ON "wanted poster" of sonic the hedgehog

The poster, tacked up on a BIZARRE DESERT TREE, says:

"WANTED, DEAD OR ALIVE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. 5,000 REWARD."

narr (CONT VO)

...Sonic the Hedgehog.

sonic (OS)

Five grand! Is that all?

A BLUR ZOOMS PAST THE POSTER. Sonic's hand ENTERS FRAME and scrawls a bunch of zero's at the end of the number.

PULLING BACK, we see SONIC is standing in front the poster. TAILS hops off his back.

sonic (CONT)

Now that's more like it, eh, Tails?

They REACT and TURN as suddenly they hear, off in the distance:

robots (OS)

(distant cheering)

SONIC/TAILS POV

In the distance, a huge MEETING TENT is set up.

tails (OS)

It's a circus! Let's go!

I. BEGIN "BOUNTY HUNTER" SEQUENCE

int. meeting tent

DR. ROBOTNIK stands on a STAGE at one end of the tent, in front of a huge PICTURE OF SONIC. IN SILHOUETTE, we see his AUDIENCE is a Rogues' Gallery of robotic CREATURES -- Robotnik's troops.

robotnik (VO)

That's right, the first one who captures this sneaky little pest can name his reward!

PAN ALONG CREATURES

Various goofy robotic BOUNTY HUNTERS CLAP and CHEER.

robots

(ad lib cheering)

PAN ENDS ON GROUNDER AND SCRATCH.

Robotnik's favorite cohorts. Scratch looks like a weird robotic chicken; Grounder is similar but has tank treads for feet.

grounder

That's gonna be me! I'm the head of the Super Special Sonic Search and Squash Squad!

scratch

You?! Hah! You couldn't even catch a cold!

angle on dr. robotnik

robotnik

I want that hedgehog!

angle on doorway of tent

Sonic stands there with Tails.

sonic

Did someone say "hedgehog?"

angle on robots

robots

(mass bloodthirsty yell)

GET HIM!

angle on sonic

Sonic does a BIG TAKE. Grabs Tails, jumps up, feet churning into a BLUR, hits the floor with a SCREECH, and rockets OUT THE DOOR leaving a trail of SMOKING SKID MARKS which BURST INTO FLAME.

sonic (OS)

(yelling back)

Hasta la veestah, meestah!

ext. tent

Sonic ZOOMS away from the Tent dragging Tails by the hand and BLASTS PAST CAMERA. A beat later, ROBOTS ROAR OUT AFTER HIM.

robots  
(ad lib screams and yells)

ext. desert

Sonic SCREECHES TO A HALT, TAKES AHEAD.

SONIC'S POV

A MONSTER BULL with THREE HUGE HORNS is glaring back at Sonic.

back on sonic

Sonic pulls out a RED BANDANA and makes like a bullfighter.

sonic  
(to camera)  
I don't take no bull -- not even from a bull!

angle on bull

The Bull SEES RED, lowers its head and CHARGES.

angle on sonic

Sonic looks back over his shoulder.

sonic's pov

The pack of Robots is charging straight at him.

back on sonic

Sonic bends down, RUNS in place for a beat, then grabs Tails and ZOOMS STRAIGHT UP OS like a rocket taking off.

A beat later, the Bull charges INTO FRAME from the one side as the pack of Robots charge in from the other. They meet head-on. SFX: CRASH! A HUGE CLOUD OF DUST FILLS THE SCREEN.

DISSOLVE TO:

II. BEGIN "CANNON GAG" SEQUENCE

INSERT CANNON GAG AS PREVIOUSLY STORYBOARDED.

Sonic runs through the landscape. Robotnik hauls out a cannon, stuffs a cactus into it, fires the cannon.

narr (vo)  
Frustrated by the failure of his troops, Dr. Robotnik decides to take matters into his own hands.

The cactus gains on Sonic. Sonic sees it...

sonic

Sorry, I already had my ears pierced.

...and blasts ahead, leaving the cactus in the lurch. The cactus gets tired out, runs back and jumps back into the cannon, which bulges and then explodes in Robotnik's face -- leaving him covered with cactus spines.

WIPE TO:

int. robotnik's field hq

Robotnik in a bathtub while a MACHINE operated by Scratch and Grounder pulls the cactus spines out of his body.

narr (vo)

Sonic continues to elude Dr. Robotnik.

robotnik

(punctuating the narrator's speech)

Ouch!

ext. rolling hills

Sonic ZOOMS down a road through rolling alien hills. He goes through SMALL ALIEN-LOOKING VILLAGES where various BIZARRE SPECIES of CHILDREN WAVE and CHEER as he passes.

narr (CONT VO)

Meanwhile, the valiant hedgehog crisscrosses Mobius using his speed and daring to help the inhabitants and mount the resistance.

wipe to:

III. BEGIN "ROCK SMASHING GAG" SEQUENCE

INSERT rock smashing GAG AS PREVIOUSLY STORYBOARDED.

Robotnik builds a "car crusher" trap between two rocks along the road. He tries it out with a remote control. It works.

narr (VO)

Dr. Robotnik will go to any lengths to stop his nemesis.

Sonic zooms toward the scene. Robotnik activates the weight as Sonic dashes under. Sure he's finally smashed Sonic, he raises the weight with the remote. Nothing. No Sonic. Robotnik stands under the weight, perplexed. Sonic pops out of a manhole, grabs the remote and sends the weight crashing down on Robotnik.

wipe to:

IV. BEGIN "LAKE VILLAGE" SEQUENCE

ext. pumping station - day

Grounder and Scratch are using a hand-operated type bicycle tire PUMP to INFLATE the comically flattened Robotnik. SFX: POPPING SOUND as Robotnik POPS back into shape.

scratch  
Your grandest plan yet!

PAN OVER to a huge mechanical RUBE GOLDBERG PUMP with a PIPE leading into the base of a HIGH CLIFF spews out WATER into a dry, parched DESERT LAKEBED.

scratch (cont OS)  
Turning a desert into a paradise...

ext. lake - day

Sonic and Tails stand with a OTTER-LIKE MAYOR on the shore of a BEAUTIFUL LAKE which is DRAINING AWAY as we watch. A bucolic VILLAGE in the BG, sad-looking OTTER-LIKE "PEOPLE."

Grounder (VO)  
And a paradise into a desert!

MAYOR  
We need your help, Sonic!

sonic  
Watch this. I'll put a cork in it!

And Sonic DIVES into the water.

int. lake

Sonic WHIZZES through the water. Robotnik's MECHANICAL FISH try to catch him, CHOMPING in his wake. Sonic reaches a DRAIN HOLE. The water forms a WHIRLPOOL. He ZOOMS IN.

int. pipe

Sonic ZIPS down a long, twisting PIPE.

sonic  
Yahooo!

EXT. pumping station - day

Sonic EXPLODES out of the PUMP and CANNONBALLS into the desert lake, sending a HUGE WAVE of water SPLASHING over Grounder, Scratch and Robotnik.

grounder/scratch/robotnik  
(ad lib walla)

Sonic ZOOMS out of the lake.

sonic  
You're all wet, Robotnik! How about a spin-dry?

He ZIPS around Robotnik, SPINNING him into a blur.

angle on pump

Sonic ZIPS over to the PUMP, SCREECHES to a halt. We see a big SWITCH marked FORWARD/REVERSE. Sonic throws it to REVERSE. SFX: SUCKING SOUNDS as the water is sucked back up.

sonic

Wow! This really sucks...

(to camera)

...water, that is!

The pump SFX: SUCKS DRY, then SUCKS ITSELF with a SFX: FWOOP! into the water pipe! Robotnik SPINS INTO SCENE and is sucked in after it. SFX: SQUELCH! Sonic grins.

SONIC

Hate to pump and run, but I got some rays to catch!

Sonic ZIPS OS. Robotnik's HEAD POPS OUT of the pipe.

robotnik

I hate that Hedgehog.

wipe to:

V. BEGIN "DRILL GAG" SEQUENCE

insert drill gag as PREVIOUSLY STORYBOARDED

Sonic and Tails at the beach. Robotnik tunnels under Sonic in his drill machine. He sends up a periscope. Sees Sonic.

robotnik

Mmmwaa-ha-ha! I've got him now!

Robotnik drills a hole under Sonic. Sonic falls in. Tails looks down into the hole.

tails

Sonic...?

Sonic is being held by the drill machine's mechanical arms.

robotnik

I've got you at last -- Sonic!

sonic

Happy "Tails"...

Behind Robotnik, Tails "flies" down into the tunnel...

sonic (CONT)

...to you, Robotnik!

Tails leans over Robotnik's shoulder, puts the machine into high gear. The machine breaks through the side of a cliff. Tails flies out and rescues Sonic in mid-air.

sonic  
Next stop, ground floor!

Robotnik and the drill machine crash to the ground far below.

robotnik  
That hedgehog is beginning to get on my nerves!

wipe to:

VI. BEGIN "JUNGLE" SEQUENCE

ext. jungle - day

A SHADED JUNGLE CLEARING. Sonic and Tails stand in front of KING and QUEEN LION, who are sitting on their THRONES.

sonic  
Keep your crown on, King Leo! Robotnik can't touch my break-neckin' ear-splittin' trail-blazin' smoke-spittin' mind-trippin' one-of-a-kind buttnik-kickin' warp-sonic speed.

another angle

We now see a group of GORILLA WARRIORS standing off to the side.

sonic (cont)  
You and your gorilla fighters can just kick back and--

Sonic and the rest REACT to an OS SFX: CRASH! as...

angle on jungle outside the clearing

Robotnik and COCONUTS (Robotnik's robotic monkey helper) sit atop a huge OCTOPUS-LIKE TREE-PULLER which is UPROOTING TREES.

robotnik  
A perfect site for my new airbase!

angle on sonic

sonic  
Oh yeah? Here's a "site" for you... check out my Super Sonic Spin!

Sonic ROLLS into a BALL, starts SPINNING FASTER - FASTER - FASTER. ZZERRRAZZZO!

wider

Sonic BLURS OVER to Robotnik's machine and, like a buzzsaw, CUTS OFF each of the mechanical arms, which are holding trees aloft in various poses. After a beat, the arms and trees COLLAPSE DOWN on Robotnik, pinning him to the machine.

sonic  
Now that's what I call a disarmament program!

close on ROBOTNIK

Pinned down, just his head and upper torso protruding through the logs and debris.

robotnik  
Coconuts! Get me out of here!

Coconuts POPS UP from the logs, grabs the ends of Robotnik's moustache and PULLS.

robotnik  
Yeeeeooowww!

Suddenly Robotnik is PULLED FREE and is CATAPULTED into the air. Coconut's head swivels to watch his trajectory.

robotnik (OS)  
Aiiiiiiiiieeeee!

angle on LANDING FIELD CUT IN JUNGLE

Robotnik LANDS upside down in the cockpit of his AIRPLANE with a SFX: SPLAT, feet kicking comically. He rights himself, SFX: STARTS the engine and TAKES OFF angrily in pursuit of Sonic.

wipe to:

VII. BEGIN "PLANE GAG" SEQUENCE

INSERT PLANE GAG as PREVIOUSLY STORYBOARDED

Robotnik chases Sonic with the plane, swinging a mace at him. Sonic leaps up, grabs the head of the mace, hands it to Robotnik.

sonic  
I believe this is yours.

Sonic wraps the plane (and Robotnik) with masking tape.

sonic  
No charge for the giftwrap!

robotnik  
I can't see where I'm going!

Robotnik's plane smashes into a cliff. Robotnik is left hanging from a bush with a vulture on his head.

robotnik  
I hate that hedgehog!

wipe to:

VIII. BEGIN "SALES PITCH" SEQUENCE

insert sonic's sales pitch as PREVIOUSLY STORYBOARDED

Sonic shows off the Sonic logo.

sonic

It's fast and furious. I'm fast...

Pointing at Robotnik, who's bandaged up, in a hospital bed.

sonic (CONT)

...and he's furious.

Sonic pushes the hospital bed OS. SFX: CRASH!

robotnik (OS)

(yell of pain)

sonic

Gotta juice! Betcha can't catch me...

He ZOOMS OS.

sonic (cont OS)

...at least until the fall of ninety-threeeee!

fade out:

IX. BEGIN SONIC PSA

insert SONIC psa (PREVIOUSLY approved by all parties)

fade out:

the end

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Sonic promo one

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