

CRAIG OF THE CREEK - "BROTHER BUILDER"

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SEQ 001 - INT STUMP - DAY

We open inside the STUMP, CRAIG is hard at work building. A bunch of MATERIALS are lying on the ground, that don't seem quite like they go together.

CRAIG
(hurried)
Ahh... Look at the time, look at the
time!

Cut to Craig pulling a SLINKY from his pile of materials. He stretches to make sure It's the perfect length.

CRAIG
A little short... Ah! Perfect.

Suddenly, Craig notices a bubble float by, then another. He turns around and we hear a familiar call off screen.

Cut to SPARKLE CADET sitting up high, at the opening of the Stump.

SPARKLE CADET
I am the champion of feeling and
positivity.

As Sparkle Cadet (encased in a bubble) floats into the Stump, she trips and falls face first into the bean bag chair.

SPARKLE CADET
Woah!

Cut to Craig running to help Sparkle to her feet.

CRAIG
(gasps)
Oh my gosh! Sparkle Cadet, you ok?

SPARKLE CADET
I'm splendid! Because I have
completed...
(serious)
The **mission**.

Bubbles fill the screen as Sparkle Cadet tells Craig of her journey.

WIPE TO:

SEQ 002 - TITLE CARD

BUBBLES float away from the screen to reveal a TITLE CARD reading "Sparkle Cadet, the Magical Girl".

SPARKLE CADET(V.O)
Last time on Sparkle Cadet...

Cut to a matte painting of Sparkle Cadet in SPACE! She's riding in her parent's VAN that has transformed into a rocket ship! There's an ARTS AND CRAFTS PLANET in the distance.

SPARKLE CADET
After a card ride with my parental units, I fought an unforgiving battle at the 2-dollar store for justice and glitter-- my two favorite things...

Cut to matte painting of Sparkle Cadet facing off with an ALIEN GLITTER MONSTER.

SPARKLE CADET
It was looking bad for your old Sparkle.

Cut to matte painting of Sparkle Cadet beating the alien with her MAGIC WAND!

SPARKLE CADET
But with the power of love-- and zero tantrums-- we were able to find the *goods!*

Cut to Sparkle Cadet holding a sheet of cute stickers.

CUT TO:

SEQ 003 - INT STUMP - DAY

Craig with big GOOGLY EYES marvels at the stickers Sparkle Cadet has brought.

CRAIG
(gasps)
These stickers are perfect for PROJECT SKY-TOWER. Thanks Sparkle!

SPARKLE CADET
Of course, Craig! As memebers of the elite trium-pher-ment of friendship-- the Ice Pop Trio-- We must always have

each other's backs.

Cut to Craig nodding in agreement. Nothing is more powerful than the power of friendship.

CRAIG
(Looking at the stickers)
Awesome!

Cut to Sparkle Cadet fluffing her hair, assuming Craig is talking about her.

SPARKLE CADET
(confident)
I know!

Cut to Craig consulting his blueprints.

CRAIG
Forgive me if I build and talk. This project has to be perfect, and I'm crunched for time.

SPARKLE CADET
If anyone can pull It off, It's you Craig! You're always building and creating new things-- changing the creek one piece of duck tape at a time! Where did you learn to build like that anyway?

Cut to Craig carefully and skilfully taping part of his invention.

CRAIG
At a place where intelligence and innovation combine to create some of the greatest inventions ever seen.

SPARKLE CADET
The Galactic Space Academy?!

CRAIG
(laughs)
Close. My Grandad's. It all happened a long time ago, when I just a kid. A littler kid.

We flashback to the PAST. Craig and his family are at his grandparents' home.

CROSS DISSOLVE TO:

SEQ 004 - EXT GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE (DRIVEWAY) - DAY

Cross Dissolve to TODDLER CRAIG, pouting and clenching onto his favorite toy, FRANKIE THE FLEXING FLAMINGO.

GRANDDAD (O.S)

Oh I remember the first time I met you
Ms. Nicole.

Cut to GRANDDAD talking to NICOLE and DWAYNE in the driveway.

GRANDDAD

It was just you, Dwayne, and a handful
of coleslaw.

Cut wide on the DWAYNE, NICOLE, YOUNG CRAIG, YOUNG BERNARD,
GRANDMA JOJO and GRANDDAD in the driveway talking.

GRANDDAD

(Laughs)

Now you got two kids with a baby girl
on the way? That's a four piece meal
with a biscuit. Throw in some gravy,
and I'm your man!

GRANDMA JOJO

We cannot believe the baby is gonna be
here in a few days.

Cut to Nicole and Dwayne. Nicole has her hand on her belly.

NICOLE

(exhausted)

We can't believe it either.
(looking at her stomach)
It's time for our little girl to make
her big debut. I can't tell if It's
butterflies I'm feelin', or heartburn.

DWAYNE

You know we've been so busy making
preparations at home, shopping for
baby clothes... It's like the time
just flew right on by like a breeze.
It doesn't even feel like It's been 9
months already!

Nicole shoots Dwayne a look. Serious music plays in the
background.

DWAYNE

(nervous)

Y-you know you are so strong baby,
carrying this like the beautiful
goddess you ARE!

NICOLE

(irritated)

Anyways!

(Pleasantly to the grandparents)

We really appreciate ya'll watching the kids for us this week.

Cut to Grandad and Grandma Jojo sweetly reassuring Nicole they're grandparents! That's what they're here for.

GRANDAD

Oh, now you don't have to thank us for that! We're more than happy to do it.

Grandad walks up to Young Craig and Young Bernard. Grandad bends down to look at Young Craig.

GRANDAD

(con't)

What a perfect opportunity to spend quality time with Bernard, Craig..

(Squints at Craig's toy)

a-and whatever that is!

Cut to Craig holding up FRANKIE to show Grandad.

YOUNG CRAIG

(with attitude)

This is Frankie, the Flexing Flamingo??

Craig pulls a string and Frankie's squeaky arms move up and down, just like It's flexing!

GRANDAD

All right now, you see? We gon have a blast!

(flexing arms)

Eee-ooo, Eee-ooo!

YOUNG CRAIG & BERNARD

(laughing)

GRANDMA JOJO

Yes, It's not problem at all. But If

you *really* wanna thank us, name that baby Jojo. Or at least a name startin' with a J. That's all I'm sayin'!

Cut to wide of the the whole family in the driveway, about to part ways. Craig isn't happy about his parents.

DWAYNE

All right, It's time for us to go.

Young Craig clings onto his mom's side.

YOUNG CRAIG

No... Can't you just have the baby next year?

NICOLE

Cheer up sweetie. The next time I see you, you'll be a big brother!

Craig excitedly smiles. Maybe things aren't so bad if he's going to be a big brother!

Cut to Dwayne and Nicole driving off in their van. Grandad waves goodbye, and then opens the door to the house.

YOUNG CRAIG

Wow. Me, a big brother!

YOUNG BERNARD

Mom was wrong you know.

YOUNG CRAIG

W-what do you mean?

Cut to Bernard halfway up the stairs. He looks down at Craig, with spiteful eyes.

YOUNG BERNARD

Well I'm bigger than you. That means **I'm** the big brother.

YOUNG CRAIG

That's just because you're standing on the stairs!

Cut to an up shot of Bernard. Looking even MORE down at Craig.

YOUNG BERNARD

Hey! I'm just statin' the facts. I've

been doing this big brother job since
you were born.

Cut to Craig looking up at Bernard, feeling confused.

YOUNG CRAIG

So then... I'm still the baby?

YOUNG BERNARD

Nah! You can't be that either. The new
baby's the baby.

YOUNG CRAIG

So... what does that make me?

YOUNG BERNARD

I dunno! Just some kid with a toy
Craig...
(echoes)
Craig... Craig...

Cut to Young Craig as he looks sad and confused. We hear
Bernard's voice echo as we cross dissolve back to PRESENT
DAY.

CROSS DISSOLVE:

SEQ 005 - INT STUMP - DAY

Cross Dissolve to Craig at his workstation with his
invention. He's sad remembering how he felt at that moment
with Bernard. CANNON BALL's voice to snap Craig out of his
past memory.

CANNON BALL

Craig... Craig!

CRAIG

Oh! Hi Cannon Ball, you're just in--
(gasps in disbelief)
Time?!

Cut to Cannon Ball, fully on his BIKE, floating down and into
the stump. A true master of gravity.

CANNON BALL

(Raises hand)

'Sup.

SPARKLE CADET

How did you just DO THAT?!

We cut to close up of Cannon Ball.

CANNON BALL

I've defied it so many times, gravity just gave up. Craig. I have travelled far and wide to obtain the artifact you sought.

Cut to Cannon Ball holding up an item.

CANNON BALL

BEHOLD!!! The uh, bike pump. It was in the cabinet in my garage.

Craig grabs the bike pump from Cannon Ball, with gratitude.

CRAIG

Thank you Cannon Ball, this is exactly what I needed.

Cut to a wide shot of Craig continuing to work on his blueprints. Sparkle Cadet and Cannon Ball hang back and watch.

CANNON BALL

So, what's up?

SPARKLE CADET

Craig's telling a story about how his grandad taught him how to build stuff!

CANNON BALL

I do love an origin story! The compelling story, the drama, the twists as well as the turns, the moment where the hero answers their call to action and fulfils their DESTINY! So dope.

Cannon Ball brings down his KICKSTAND and sinks into his bike like a chair. Both his legs are off the ground-- sitting like the true master of gravity he is.

CANNON BALL

Dooo tell!

CRAIG

Well, my grandad had just served us lunch.

CROSS DISSOLVE TO:

SEQ 006 - INT GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE (DINING ROOM) - DAY

Cross dissolve to Young Craig pushing around his peas on his plate. Young Bernard has his BRING OUT YOUR BEATS trading cards at the table. He enthusiastically shows Grandad.

YOUNG BERNARD

(excited)

And this one is a Bushalow! I have a bunch, and they're the base of my team.

GRANDAD

Oh, ok! A Bushalow, eh? And do those guys also try to distract their grandad so they don't have to eat their vegetables?

Bernard puts down his playing cards and starts to eat his peas.

YOUNG BERNARD

(guilty)

Um... no?

GRANDAD

I didn't think so.

(turns to Craig)

You're pretty quiet, Craig. Are you and Flex not hungry?

Cut to Craig pouting, still pushing the peas on his plate. Frankie the Flexing Flamingo is sitting on the table right next to him for company.

YOUNG CRAIG

(upset)

His name is Frankie the Flexing Flamingo... And he can't eat. Because he's not a big brother, or baby, or the new baby. He's just some kid with a toy.

GRANDAD (O.S)

Well! If you two are finished with lunch, maybe you could help me out with something.

Cut to Grandad getting up from his chair. He and winks at Craig.

GRANDAD
Follow me!

YOUNG CRAIG
But wait, what about my vegetables?

Cut to Bernard just finishing the last pea on his plate.

GRANDAD
(Putting his hand on Bernard's
shoulder)
Oh, Bernard will finish 'em.

YOUNG BERNARD
Wait, what?!

CUT TO:

SEQ 007 - INT GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE (BASEMENT STAIRS) - DAY

Cut to the basement door as it creaks open. It's dark, but Grandad walks down the stairs with no fear! Craig on the other hand, looks down the dark steps and hesitates. He takes a moment to gather courage, squeezes Frankie, and slowly goes down step by step.

Cut to Grandad flicking the light on. We see various shots of Grandad's shelving. He's got GLUE, CONTAINERS, WIRE, TAPE, TOOLS, you name it!

GRANDAD (V.O)
Welcome to my workshop!

Cut to wide of the entire basement. It's neatly full of crafting tools, and hanging laundry.

GRANDAD
(sniffing)
You smell that? That's innovation! And fresh laundry.

YOUNG CRAIG
(amazed)
Wow, this is the coolest basement ever.

GRANDAD
Well, thanks Craig! This place is so secret, your grandmother doesn't even know about it.

GRANDMA JOJO (O.S)
 (Yelling)
 Earl! Could you put the clothes in the
 dryer for me?

GRANDAD
 (Yelling back)
 You got it!

Cut to a close up of Grandad's pencil dispenser. He takes a pencil and starts drawing a blueprint on the counter, in front of Craig.

GRANDAD
 Pull up a stool Craig, and let's get
 started on this secret project.

Cut to Grandad and Craig (on a stool) ready to draft out a plan! Craig pulls down a magnifying glass. His features balloon as he looks through the lens.

GRANDAD
 These are the plans for what I'd like
 to call, Project Water-Tower.

CUT TO:

INT - BLUEPRINT PAPER

Cut to a POV view of the BLUEPRINT. As Grandad explains his plan, we start to see various drawings appear on the the page.

GRANDAD (V.O)
 Here's how it works! The trestles are
 set up like this!

Pencil drawings of the garden, and trestles appear on screen.

GRANDAD (V.O)
 Boop, boop, boop, boop! The we take
 one hose and connect it from one
 trestle to the other!

Pencil drawings of the hose are added on top of the trestle.

GRANDAD (V.O)
 Boop, boop, boop, boop! Turn on the
 hose, and BAM! We're in business.

Animated water drops sprinkle out of the hose, onto the

garden below!

CUT TO:

SEQ 008 - INT GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE (BASEMENT) - DAY

Grandad, leaning against the work table is impressed by his own plan. He looks at Craig, who's excited.

YOUNG CRAIG
(amazed)
Cooooo!

GRANDAD
Very cool! But without this irrigation system, the garden will dry right up on us like a desert. And the worst part is, we won't be able to have vegetables anymore.

Cut to Craig, looking completely unfazed.

YOUNG CRAIG
Mm, that's not so bad.

Cut to Grandad's face, pitching a scenario Craig will relate to.

GRANDAD
You know, ketchup is made of vegetables. You wanna eat your french fries dry?

Cut to Craig's BRAIN. Craig is imagining a PLATE OF FRENCH FRIES. Craig's HAND comes into frame with a KETCHUP BOTTLE and squeezes. Dust poofs onto his fries!

YOUNG CRAIG
(In panic)
Ahhh, that's bad!!

cut to wide of Craig and Grandad. Grandad points at his blueprint.

GRANDAD
See? That's why this project is so important, Craig. But Imma need your help to build it. What do ya say?

YOUNG CRAIG

(hesitant)

I don't know... I'm just...just some kid. I can't make stuff like you Grandad.

GRANDAD

Now Craig, there ain't any lick of truth in any of that. You will do a great job, I promise! You know why?

YOUNG CRAIG

(unsure)

Why?

GRANDAD

(kneeling down)

Because I trust you.

YOUNG CRAIG

(laughs)

Ok, for the french fries.

GRANDAD

(laughs)

For the french fries? Boy, you a trip.

CUT TO:

SEQ 009 - EXT - GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE (GARDEN) - DAY

Cut to a montage of Craig and Grandad working outside as they measure and mark spots on a hose, then put little holes in it with a hammer and nail. Initially, Craig is a bit nervous but starts to have fun helping Grandad. Soon enough, they've finished their trestle irrigation system! Grandad says now they just have to put it up in the yard! Craig is excited to see their creation in action.

GRANDAD

(tightening the hose)

And, finished!

Cut to a wide of their invention, completed!

Cut to a close up of Young Craig's hand on the faucet for the hose.

GRANDAD (O.S)

Let it rip!

Quick pull-out as Craig turns on the hose. We see a bulge of water travel down the tube. Grandad and Craig excitedly watch. The water travels to one trestle successfully, the second and third as well, but on the fourth it BURSTS and the hose goes flying everywhere!

GRANDAD AND CRAIG
(screaming)

Ahh!!

Cut to the hose whipping around and damaging Grandad's sweet corn!

YOUNG CRAIG
(distressed)

No, the sweet corn!

Cut to the hose whipping around and damaging Grandad's tomatoes!

YOUNG CRAIG
(distressed)

The tomatoes!

Cut to wide of Grandad turning off the hose and Craig looking at the garden, in disbelief.

YOUNG CRAIG
(distressed)

Oh no, is my fault, Grandad? I messed up, I-I didn't mean to, I...

GRANDA

You had nothing to do with It, Craig. This one's on me. I forgot to consider the weight of the water. There was nothing to hold It in place!

Cut to squashed tomatoes on the ground.

GRANDAD (V.O)

Now the tomatoes really are ketchup.

Cut to Grandad and Craig looking at the garden.

GRANDAD

We gotta figure out how to fix this.

Water WIPES the screen back to present day with Craig, Sparkle Cadet, and Cannon Ball in the Stump.

WIPE TO:

SEQ 010 - INT STUMP - DAY

Craig, trying with all his might, uses the brake pump on his invention.

CRAIG
(with effort)
Hrghn!!!
(sigh)
I gotta figure out to fix this! This stupid bike pump won't stay in place.

Sparkle Cadet and Cannon Ball watch from behind Craig, cheering him on.

SPARKLE CADET
I think it still looks good without the bike pump!

CANNON BALL
I agree with this assessment.

CRAIG
I appreciate the help guys, I really do. But this piece is super important for my project. I have to figure this out.
(looks at phone)
And fast, or else I won't make it in time! Ok Craig... Think back to how you saved the french fries.

Cut to Craig's POV and there's a figurine in his pile of materials. He suddenly gets an idea!

CROSS DISSOLVE TO:

SEQ 011 - EXT GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE (GARDEN) - DAY

Cross dissolve to Young Craig holding Frankie the Flexing Flamingo.

YOUNG CRAIG
What if we used Frankie? Maybe he can keep the hose from flying off.

GRANDAD
You sure, Craig? Frankie's your main man. Uh, bird, as It were.

Cut to a close-up of Craig looking at his figuring. With confidence, he willingly hands Frankie to Grandad.

YOUNG CRAIG
 (certain)
 Yeah. We need to do it.
 (excited)
 For the french fries!

Cut to close up of the fourth trestle. Grandad stick Frankie into the hose-knot. Grandad pulls Frankie's switch, and Its arms Flex up!

Cut to Grandad giving a thumbs up to Craig in the distance.

Cut to Craig's hand on the hose's faucet. He turns on the water.

Cut to the water bulge travelling up the hose along the trestles. When the water reaches the fourth, the hose shakes like it's about to explode.

Cut to Craig intensely watching.

YOUNG CRAIG
 C'mon Frankie, flex for the fries.

Cut to close up of the fourth trestle. The hose stops shaking! The plan was a success.

GRANDAD AND CRAIG
 (cheering)
 All right!!

GRANDAD
 Ow, ow, ow! I think I pulled somethin'.

Cut to Craig proudly looking on at the garden and at their job well done.

CROSS DISSOLVE TO:

SEQ 012 - INT STUMP - DAY

Cross Dissolve to Craig proudly looking at his complete invention. Craig has added a new attachment to his device-- a toy figure with Its arms stretched around holding the bike pump in place.

CRAIG
(proud)
There, It's perfect.

SPARKLE CADET
Is a toy really going to be strong
enough to hold It all together?

CANNON BALL
It's a stretch, but it just might
work.

CRAIG
And I couldn't have done it without my
pals by my side.
(whispers)
Get ready for the formation!

Cut to a close up of Craig looking directly at camera.

CRAIG
(confidently)
Craiggy-Boy!

Cut to a close up of Sparkle Cadet holding up her wand.

SPARKLE CADET
Sparkle Cadet!

Cut to a wide of Cannon Ball bending forwards and peeking
through his legs. He throws out his arms outwards.

CANNON BALL
Cannon Ball!

Cut to a TITLE CARD with ICE POPSICLES framing the screen.

SPARKLE CADET, CRAIG, CANNON BALL
The Ice Pop Trio!

Craig pulls out his cell phone to look at the time.

CRAIG
(alarmed)
Ah! I'm going to be late!

SPARKLE CADET
Quick! Wrapping paper!

Polka-dotted wrapping paper wipes the screen.

WIPE TO:

SEQ 013 - EXT STREET - DAY

Sparkle Cadet and Craig run down the street. Craig is holding the wrapped PRESENT in hand. Cannon Ball follows behind on his bike.

CANNON BALL

Wait, you forgot to finish your story!

CRAIG

(out of breath)

Right! So as I was saying...

CROSS DISSOLVE:

SEQ 014 - INT GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE - DAY

Grandma Jojo, Grandad, Young Bernard, Dwayne, Nicole and Craig are all in the living room. Nicole holds new baby JESSICA.

GRANDMA JOJO

Oh she is just beautiful! And I love that name.

NICOLE

Craig, would like to hold your new baby sister Jessica?

YOUNG CRAIG

Mhmm!

Cut to Craig as Jessica is put on his lap.

YOUNG CRAIG

(Softly to Jessica)

Hello, I'm Craig.

Jessica opens her eyes, looks up, and smiles.

Cut to Craig smiling, and looking down at Jessica.

YOUNG CRAIG

(softly to Jessica)

I'm your brother!

GRANDAD (O.S)

Now your sister's gunna need help from Bernard and you.

Cut to wide of Dwayne, Nicole, and Craig with Jessica in his lap. Grandad sits next to Craig on the couch.

GRANDAD

But I know you'll be there for her,
the way you were there for me.

CROSS DISSOLVE:

SEQ 015 - EXT CRAIG'S HOUSE - DAY

Cannon Ball, Sparkle Cadet, Craig arrive at CRAIG'S HOUSE. They've made it just in time! JP and KELSEY also arrive with presents.

CRAIG

(out of breath)

We made it!

INT CRAIG'S HOUSE (KITCHEN) - DAY

Cannon Ball, Sparkle Cadet, Craig, JP and Kelsey all run into the KITCHEN with their gifts.

CANNON BALL, SPARKLE CADET, CRAIG, JP,
KELSEY

Happy Birthday, Jessica!

Sparkle Cadet trips on her shoe laces, face planting into the floor.

SPARKLE CADET

(tripping on her shoes)

Waah, oof!

Cut to Bernard, Jessica, Grandad, Grandma Jojo, Dwayne, and Nicole at the dinner table. It's a whole celebration, with a delicious cake ready to eat.

NICOLE

Hey! You're right on time.

CRAIG

(to Jessica)

Jessica, this is for you!

JESSICA

Aw, thank you Craiggy.

(menacingly)

I'm gunna rip it open!

Cut to Craig watching with slight terror, at Jessica ripping apart the wrapping paper. What's revealed is Craig's stool that has an accordion, bike pump, and skateboard attached.

JESSICA

Wow! A barbeque for me!

CRAIG

Actually, it's a stool.

JESSICA

A stool?

CRAIG

A very special stool. Here, climb up.
Now watch this.

Craig uses the bike pump to put air into his invention. The stool expands upwards, giving Jessica extra height!

CRAIG

I noticed you were having trouble reaching things around the house. So I built this for you.

JESSICA

(hugging craig)

I love it! Thank you, Craiggy. You're a great big brother.

(pushing the stool)

Now I can get cookies whenever I want!
I shall rule the house with my little stool!

Cut to Jessica at the counter pumping herself up to reach the jar of cookies, once too high to reach.

BERNARD

(impressed)

Wow, that actually works! Nice one, little bro.

CRAIG

(shy)

Thanks, big bro.

GRANDDAD

Hey brother builder! Why don't we test how high that stool can really go?

EXT GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE (GARDEN) - DAY

Cut to Jessica being pumped high enough to reach tomatoes in the garden. She plops them in into a basket that Craig's holding.

GRANDAD

(rubbing craigs head)

I couldn't have built it better
myself.

CRAIG

Thanks, Grandad.

Cut to Frankie the Flexing Flamingo still to this day,
holding the hose together.

END.