

SONG: THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST

SPIKER
THERE IS THE PRIZE: THAT LUCKY PEACH.
OUR "DREAM COME TRUE" AND ALL WITHIN OUR REACH.

SPONGE
WHAT WOULD YOU CHARGE, JUST FOR A PEEP?

SPIKER
ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN: IT WON'T BE CHEAP.

SPONGE
OH, I THINK I SEE...

SPIKER
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT.

SPONGE
PIE IN THE SKY - AND CHARGE 'EM BY THE BITE -
RIGHT?

SPIKER
DON'T CROSS THE LINE.
SET UP A STALL.

SPONGE
I'LL PAINT A SIGN:
"COME ONE AND ALL."

SPIKER
ONE RE-DESIGN -
MIGHT I SUGGEST:
"COME SEE THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST!"

Sponge, this is what you call a providential
confluence. Now let's get out there and sell
that peach!

SPONGE AND SPIKER
HURRY ALONG - FORM UP THE QUEUE.

GRABBY
May I?

SPONGE AND SPIKER
Dont!
DON'T MISS THE GIANT PEACH'S BIG DEBUT.

JADED
As if I never seen a peach.

SPIKER
IT'S WORTH THE PRICE...

FRUGAL
I'll be the judge.

SPONGE
YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED.

CROWD
Ooooooh!

SPONGE AND SPIKER
THIS ONE'S THE BIGGEST;
THIS ONE'S THE BEST!

SPIKER
James, fetch something to collect the money in!

SPONGE AND SPIKER
THINK THAT YOU'VE SEEN PEACHES BEFORE?
GET OUT YOUR MONEY, THEN GET SOME MORE!
BRING ALL YOUR FRIENDS, COME WATCH IT GROW!

CROWD
WILL IT GET BIGGER?

SPONGE AND SPIKER
WELL, YOU NEVER [KNOW.]

PUSHY
[NO] NEED TO PUSH!

EAGER
I WANT TO SEE!

EARLY
I WAS HERE FIRST!

THRIFTY
DO CHILDREN GET IN FREE?

SPONGE
Free?

SPIKER
Next, please!

CROWD
IS IT FOR SALE? CAN I INVEST (HERE TAKE IT...)
MY FAMILY FORTUNE IN THE (I WANT THE...)
BIGGEST AND THE BEST?

SPIKER
NEVER BEFORE

SPONGE
(NOT EVEN THEN)

CROWD
WILL ANY HUMAN SEE THE LIKE AGAIN!

LUCKY
I GOT THE CHANCE!

PIOUS
I FEEL SO BLESSED!

AWED
I'M OVERWHELMED!

COWED
I'M UNDER-DRESSED!

JAMES
I'VE HAD ENOUGH - I NEED A REST.

CROWD
IF YOU'RE ALIVE...
IF YOU'RE ALLOWED...
IF YOU'RE DEPRESSED...
COME SEE THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST.

REPORTER
Peter Pitt. KDHL News. Here with prominent
local spinsters Sponge and Spiker. Well,
ladies, that's the Pulitzer Prize of Peaches.
Anything you'd like to say to the entire
listening world?

SPIKER
Well Peter, I, for one, I would just like to
say - on behalf of my sister and myself-

SPONGE
That Peach is OURS!

GARDEN LADY 1 (O.S.)
Oh yoo-hoo! Lay-ay-deeeees!

GARDEN CLUB
WE'RE FROM THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
WE APPROACH WITH DEFERENCE AND PIETY
TO EXAMINE WITH METICULOUS PROPRIETY

GARDEN LADY 1
A PEACH OF SUCH PARTICULAR...

GARDEN LADY 2
REMARKABLE...

GARDEN LADY 3
EXCEPTIONAL...

GARDEN CLUB
VARIETY. WOO!

GARDEN LADY 1
YOURS is the most extraordinary specimen of
Prunus persica I've ever. Laid eyes. Upon.

GARDEN LADY 2
Darlings, you simply *must* allow us to take a
snippet...

GARDEN LADY 3
A tittle...

GARDEN LADY 4
A smidgen?

BUREAUCRAT (O.S.)
Hooooooooooooold it right *there!!!*

MINISTRY OF EVERYTHING
GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT!

BUREAUCRAT 1
(overlapping)
We! - are from the Ministry of Absolutely
Everything - and that peach is not... going...
anywhere!

BUREAUCRAT 2
(Two, three...)
AS A PEACH IT'S UNIQUE

BUREAUCRAT 3
AN ORIGINAL CREATION

BUREAUCRAT 4
BUT UNREGULATED THINKING

BUREAUCRAT 5
IS A DANGER TO THE NATION.

BUREAUCRAT 1
UNLESS THE PEACH CONFESSES TO FRUCTIFEROUS SEDITION,
I'LL HAVE TO SIGN AN ORDER FOR THE PEACH'S DEMOLITION!

MINISTRY OF EVERYTHING
UNLESS YOUR PEACH IS READY TO CONFORM TO THIS PETITION,
HE'S GOING TO SIGN AN ORDER FOR THE PEACH'S DEMOLITION!

BUREAUCRAT 1
You'll be hearing from our lawyers - and don't
you think you won't!

MINISTRY OF EVERYTHING
DEMOLITION, DEMOLITION, DEMOLITION, DEMOLITION,
GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT!

(SFX: A Hollywood studio bell!)

DIRECTOR
Quiet on the set!!!

SPIKER
Oh, *now* what!?

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT
"Peach Pitch"... Take 39!
(SFX: slate-board clack)

DIRECTOR
Action!!!

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT
Playback!
(SFX: playback beep)

HOLLYWOOD SCUM
WE'RE HERE FROM HOLLYWOOD,
YOU HEARD RIGHT: HOLLYWOOD,
AND WE'RE HERE TO MAKE A PICTURE SHOW!

SCUM 1
HERE'S THE CONTRACT!

SCUM 2
HERE'S A DRAFT
OF THE SCRIPT.

SCUM 3
I CRIED, I LAUGHED.

SCUM 1
HERE'S AN AGENT!

SCUM 2
HERE'S A LATTE!

FILM DIRECTOR
HERE WE GO:
It's a romantic comedy action adventure art
suspense thriller murder mystery sci-fi docu-
drama musical fantasy indie *blockbuster*... with a
heart. Starring... "Peachy!!!"

The following six sections
overlap.

DIRECTOR

LOVE IT? THEY LOVE IT.
LET'S GET A PICTURE OF IT.
YOU TWO: FURTHER BACK, PLEASE.
FURTHER... FURTHER... YES.
JUST BEHIND THAT TREE, PLEASE! PERFECT!

CROWD

LOVE IT! WANT MORE OF IT!
I LOVE PEACH, THE SIGHT OF...
I DON'T KNOW WHY.
PIECE OF PEACH... A BITE OF...
OR ELSE I'LL DIE!
IS IT FOR SALE? NO... NOT FOR SALE.
I WANT IT... NOW! A SLICE OF... NOW!
A WEDGE OF PINK AND ORANGE AND GOLD!

GARDEN CLUB

OH PLEASE, WE NEED A SMIDGEN, A SAMPLE,
YOUR PEACH HERE IS MORE THAN AMPLE.
IT HAS NO EQUAL.
WHY IT'S A PERFECT SPECIMEN.
A SLICE FOR A START
WOULD BE NICE, JUST A PART
OF THE SKIN, JUST A FLAP OR A FOLD!

HOLLYWOOD SCUM

CAN YOU SAY, "SEQUEL?"
WHY IT'S A PERFECT STORY
AND WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD!

MINISTRY OF EVERYTHING

THEY LOVE PEACH... THEY WANT PEACH...
THEY DON'T KNOW WHY.
WHY IT'S A PERFECT CANDIDATE FOR HIGHER OFFICE!
IT'S WORTH A TRY.
SO DELECTABLE, IT'S ELECTABLE.
AND WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD!

SPONGE AND SPIKER

PLEASE KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELVES.
IT'S NOT FOR SALE. NOT FOR SALE.
DON'T EVEN TRY!
CAN'T HAVE IT! CAN'T HAVE IT!
IT NEVER WILL BE SOLD!

HOLLYWOOD SCUM

CROSS PROMOTIONAL TIE-INS!

GARDEN CLUB

BOTANICAL EXHIBITIONS!

MINISTRY OF EVERYTHING

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS!

CROWD
CONSPICUOUS MASS CONSUMPTION!

ALL
OTHER PEACHES NOW ARE MOOT.
BEHOLD THE WORLD CUP OF FRUIT!

RING PEACHY BELLS, BANG PEACHY DRUMS,
PULL UP YOUR POMEGRANATES, PEARS AND PLUMS.
(TOSS YOUR PAPAYAS, PUMPKINS, KUMQUATS...)
HAIL TO THE PEACH! KNEEL AND SALUTE!
LIFT UP YOUR VOICES; COME CHEER THE FRUIT!
(COME CHEER THE FRUIT! COME CHEER THE FRUIT!)

HIP HIP HURRAH! HIP HIP HURRAY!
HIST'RY WILL NOT FORGET THIS DAY.
THIS WAS THE DAY I NEVER GUESSED
I'D EVER SEE WHEN I'D BE BLESSED
TO SEE THE PEACH BEATS ALL THE REST...
COME SEE THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST! (THE BEST! THE BEST!)