

WONDER PETS

"SAVE THE BULL"

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EXT. SCHOOLYARD - DAY

A beautiful blue sky with the Wonder Pets logo. A gust of wind blows. As the camera pans we hear the voices of children singing the Wonder Pets' theme. Squirrels scamper through the branches of a tree as we reveal a little red schoolhouse.

KIDS (V.O.)

(chanting)

Wonder Pets!

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We're on our way!

To help a friend

And save the day!

We're not too big!

And we're not too tough!

But when we work together

We've got the right stuff!

(cheering)

Go, Wonder Pets! Yayyyy!!

We hear the school bell ring as the kids finish their song.

SFX: SCHOOL BELL

A red sheet, pinned to a makeshift clothesline, waves in the breeze as we push in...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Inside the classroom is a chalkboard. On it is the following: "THE WONDER PETS! SAVE THE BULL!" with a picture of a young bull calf.

KID NARRATOR (V.O.)

The Wonder Pets! Save the Bull!

In addition to the standard decor, the classroom features a map of Spain, pictures of Spanish villages, and kids' artwork of matadors and bulls on the walls. A toy windmill sits under Linny's cage.

TEACHER (V.O.)

It's time to go!

KID #1 (V.O.)

Bye, Ming-Ming!

KID #2 (V.O.)  
See ya, Linny!

KID #3 (V.O.)  
Mom, we learned about Spain today!

MOM (V.O.)  
That's wonderful.

KID #4 (V.O.)  
Adios, Tuck!

Inside her cage, LINNY chews a stalk of celery, a small stuffed bull in her exercise wheel.

In his cage, TUCK sits with his feet in the water, cooling himself with a Spanish fan.

In her cage, MING-MING digs with her bill in the wood shavings, a postcard for Pamplona behind her.

SFX: RINGING

The red tin can shakes and rings. A Spanish flag sits inside.

MUSIC: CLASSICAL MUSIC UNDERSCORE BEGINS

In her cage, Linny sits up, listening.

LINNY  
(sings)  
The phone!  
The phone is ringing!

She moves her bowl and descends through the trap door, grabbing onto the windmill arms, swinging around once, then landing on the floor. She scampers away.

In her cage, Ming-Ming reaches behind the postcard to retrieve her hat.

MING-MING  
(sings)  
The phone!  
We'll be wright there!

She opens a hole in her wire cage and flies through.

In his cage, Tuck puts down the fan.

TUCK  
(sings)  
The phone!  
The phone is ringing!

He lifts a small rock and pulls out his shoes and sailor cap, which he puts on before diving into the water.

On the floor, Linny scampers up a long red tablecloth to the shelf with the phone.

LINNY

(sings)

There's an animal in trouble!

Ming-Ming flies past the map of Spain

MING-MING

(sings)

There's an animal in trouble!

Tuck swims up into the paint sink next to three small cow bath toys.

TUCK

(sings)

There's an animal in trouble  
somewhere!

He pulls himself out of the sink.

TUCK (CONT'D)

<Grunts>

On the shelf with the phone, Ming-Ming and Tuck arrive as Linny removes the tin can's contents and picks up the phone. We hear mooing.

BABY BULL (O.S.)

Moo! Moo!

LINNY

Listen! It's a baby bull calf! And  
he's standing in the street.

MING-MING

In the street?

TUCK

That's dangerous!

LINNY

Look!

Linny tilts the can so they can see in: a small black BABY BULL calf sits in the street of a rustic Spanish village.

BABY BULL

Moo!

CUT BACK to the Wonder Pets.

MING-MING

Doesn't that bull know to nevewr go  
in the stwreet alone? He could get  
huwrt!

TUCK

(sings)  
A baby bull calf!  
Out in the street!

MING-MING

(sings)  
This is sewrious!

TUCK

(sings)  
We have to help him!

LINNY

(sings)  
Let's save the Bull Calf!

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING

(sing)  
Let's save the Bull Calf!  
Let's save the Bull Calf!  
(spoken)  
Weeeeeeeeeee!

The Wonder Pets take hands and leap from the shelf. They drop into the box and a moment later leap out and assume heroic poses.

LINNY

(sings)  
Linny!

TUCK

(sings)  
Tuck!

MING-MING

(sings)  
And Ming-Ming, too!

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING

(sing)  
We're Wonder Pets  
And we'll help you!

They break their poses and scamper to the play area. They gather the disk and mast for the Flyboat but can't find the wheels.

LINNY  
Where are the wheels?

Tuck points up on a shelf.

TUCK  
Up there! I'll go get them and roll  
them down to you.

Tuck climbs up the ladder of a toy fire truck.

LINNY  
(sings)  
What's gonna work?

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING  
(sing)  
Teamwork!

As Ming-Ming and Linny erect the mast, Tuck reaches the top and walks onto the shelf.

LINNY  
(sings)  
What's gonna work?

MING-MING  
Linny, look!

Ming-Ming, holding the sail, points up at Tuck. Linny turns to look.

Tuck is struggling to hold all four wheels at once and doesn't notice that he is backing toward the edge of the shelf.

TUCK  
<GRUNT>

LINNY  
Tuck, watch out! You're going to  
step off of the edge!

MING-MING  
Tuck!

Tuck is oblivious to them.

TUCK  
(sings)  
Teamwork!  
(spoken)  
<Ugh!>

MING-MING  
Tuck! Tuck! He's not listening, Linny!

Tuck steps closer to the edge.

LINNY

No. We need to get his attention somehow.

MING-MING

I could do my fancy duckling dance!

She starts to wiggle her tail.

LINNY

Dancing won't work, Ming-Ming; he's too interested in what he's doing. To get his attention we need to use something bigger.

MING-MING

But what is bigger?

TUCK

(sings)

What's going to work?

He drops a wheel, which rolls toward the edge.

TUCK (CONT'D)

(spoken)

Whoops!

As he turns to catch it he is about to fall off.

MING-MING

TUCK!!

She waves the Flyboat sail in the air. Tuck sees it and turns.

TUCK

What is it, Ming-Ming?

Ming-Ming wipes her brow.

MING-MING

Phew. Sometimes I don't know if I'm appreciated awround hewre.

LINNY

You were about to fall off the shelf, Tuck. You didn't hear us, so Ming-Ming waved the sail to get your attention. Good thinking, Ming-Ming.

TUCK

Wow, thanks, Ming-Ming!

Ming-Ming looks embarrassed.

MING-MING  
Aw, you do cawre.

Tuck picks up the loose wheel and rolls all four down the fire truck ladder to Linny.

LINNY  
Well, should we try that all again?

MING-MING  
You betcha!

LINNY  
(sings)  
What's gonna work?

Ming-Ming hangs the sail while Tuck comes down to help Linny with the wheels.

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING  
(sing)  
Teamwork!

LINNY  
(sings)  
What's gonna work?

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING  
(sing)  
Teamwork!

The Flyboat is complete.

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING (CONT'D)  
Ooooooooooh!

LINNY  
Hop in the Flyboat, Wonder Pets.  
We've got a Baby Bull to save!

They jump in. Linny pushes the Flyboat and it takes off.

MING-MING  
We awre coming to save you, Baby  
Bull Calf!

The Flyboat sails across the classroom and out its secret exit hole.

EXT. SKY - DAY

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING  
Wee! Yippee!

The Wonder Pets soar through the clouds.

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING (CONT'D)

(sing)

Wonder Pets!  
Wonder Pets!  
We're on our way!  
To help a Baby Bull Calf  
And save the day!

MING-MING

(sings)

We're not too big.

TUCK

(sings)

An' we're not too tough!

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING

(sing)

But when we work together  
We've got the right stuff!

(spoken)

Gooooooooo, Wonder Pets! Yaaaaaaayyyy!

The Flyboat comes down through the clouds over the city of Pamplona, Spain.

TUCK/MING-MING

Ooooooooooh.

TUCK

Where are we?

LINNY

This is the city of Pamplona in Spain.  
Every summer the city hosts the  
Festival of San Fermin.

MING-MING

I love a good festival! Um, Linny,  
what's a festival?

LINNY

<CHUCKLES> A festival is a big party,  
Ming-Ming, for a whole city.

MING-MING

Oh. I do love a good festival.

LINNY

This festival is famous for the running of the bulls, when all the bulls run through the streets of the city, and for its bullfights, when they run past the cape of a lone bullfighter.

MING-MING

All that wrunning is fowr the bulls.

Tuck points down.

TUCK

There's the street!

LINNY

Good eyes, Tuck. Let's land.

EXT. STREET - DAY

Linny lands the Flyboat by the side of the street. They get out.

MING-MING

But whewre's the bull calf?

They hear a guitar strumming from the street.

BABY BULL (O.S.)

(sings)

There was a bull...

The Wonder Pets look in the street and see the Baby Bull sitting in the dust.

BABY BULL (CONT'D)

(sings)

...A very small and quiet bull.  
And though he had so many dreams,  
Of bullish things,  
He was too small for this...  
...His only wish...  
This greatest thing:  
To run with the bulls  
In la Fiesta de San Fermin!

As the guitar swells Tuck wipes his eye.

TUCK

Oh, I wish we could help the little guy!

MING-MING

Well what awre we waiting fowr?  
Come on!

She starts to go out in the street.

LINNY

Wait, Ming-Ming!  
(sings)  
You should never go out into the  
street all alone.  
You should always look both ways  
And hold the hand of someone grown.

MING-MING

You'wre wright, Linny! What was I  
thinking?

LINNY

(sings)  
If we go together and make sure our  
path is clear  
Then we can get that bull and bring  
him back over here!

MING-MING

Sounds like teamwovrk. Let's twry  
it.

The Wonder Pets hold hands and look up and down the street.

TUCK

(sings)  
There's nothing near.

MING-MING

(sings)  
The coast is clear.

LINNY

(sings)  
Yes, but I fear...  
Something soon will be here.  
(spoken)  
So let's go fast.

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They run out in the street over to the Baby Bull.

MING-MING

Hiya.

BABY BULL

Hola.

MING-MING

My name isn't Hola. It's Ming-Ming.

LINNY

Ming-Ming, 'hola' means 'hello' in Spanish.

MING-MING

Oh.

LINNY

Baby Bull Calf, we're the Wonder Pets and we're here to rescue you.

TUCK

(sings)

You have to get out of the street.

LINNY

(sings)

It's really not a safe place to meet.

MING-MING

(sings)

Do I hear the twrampeling of...

(spoken)

Feet?

A quiet rumbling sound comes from the distance.

SFX: <<RUMBLE>>

The Baby Bull jumps up.

BABY BULL

It's them! They're coming!

LINNY

Who's coming?

BABY BULL

It's the running of the bulls!

(sings)

Every year for the Fiesta de San Fermin

All the bulls run through the streets of Pamplona--

It is quite a scene!

And they run and they run and they run!

So it's my dream

To join in the running at the Fiesta de San Fermin!

TUCK

Why don't you?

BABY BULL

They say I'm too small. I can't run with the bulls or join in a bullfight until I get bigger. So I'm going to sit right here to watch, so I can learn how and run next year.

The Wonder Pets look at each other.

TUCK

What're we going to do? He doesn't want to move!

MING-MING

Just leave it to me, Tuck! When in Spain, I always say, do a fancy dance!

Ming-Ming ducks out of sight then returns, dressed as a flamenco dancer with a castanet on each wing. She starts to dance around the Bull, who struggles to keep out of her way.

MING-MING (CONT'D)

(sings)

I'm afraid it's not safe to watch in the stwreet .  
When the bulls get here--

TUCK

Which is soon!

MING-MING

(sings)

--With their twramplng feet  
You could get huwrt. So I wrepeat :  
Come ovejwv thewre with us  
To a safewr seat!

BABY BULL

Nu-uh.

He sits back down.

MING-MING

Wreally? Well, I gave it my best shot.

She ducks off to change back into her cap and cape.

TUCK

(sings)

Linny, the bulls are nearing our location.

LINNY

(sings)  
When they get here we could all get  
hurt!

MING-MING

(sings)  
I'd like to make an obsewrvation :  
This -- is -- sewrious!

LINNY

There must be some way we can work  
together. If only we could find  
something more interesting than the  
running of the bulls, then the Baby  
Bull would follow us to the side.

MING-MING

You mean we need to get his attention?

LINNY

Exactly.

MING-MING

Like we got Tuck's attention eawrliewr  
by waving the Flyboat sail?

TUCK

Yeah! You waved the sail when all I  
could think about was gathering the  
wheels. I saw it and was safe. But  
what could be more interesting to a  
bull than running through the streets?

Tuck turns to look for something interesting, facing his  
back--and his red cape--toward the others. Linny perks up.

LINNY

That's it!

MING-MING

Whewre?

LINNY

Tuck's cape!  
(sings)  
Our Baby Bull wants to run, all right,  
And we could help him run...in his  
very own bullfight!  
For bulls love to chase just about  
anything red.  
So Tuck's cape's just right for him  
to follow us instead.

Tuck takes off his cape and looks at it.

TUCK

(sings)  
That's a great idea, Linny,  
We've found a way at last.  
But I have one tiny question:  
Aren't bulls a little fast?

Ming-Ming puts her wing around Tuck.

MING-MING

Don't worry, Tuck. We'll help you.  
That's what teamwork's all about.

TUCK

Ahhhh.

He wraps his arms around Ming-Ming.

SFX: The rumbling gets louder.

LINNY

The bulls are almost here, Wonder  
Pets. We'd better get ready. Tuck,  
climb up on my shoulders and hold  
the cape to make Baby Bull Calf chase  
us. Ming-Ming, help us pick up some  
speed by lifting Tuck from above.

MING-MING

You got it.

She salutes and flies up above Linny and Tuck's heads. Linny  
helps Tuck climb up on her shoulders, and Ming-Ming holds on  
to Tuck's shoulders with her feet.

LINNY

(sings)  
Linny!

TUCK

(sings)  
Tuck!

MING-MING

(sings)  
And Ming-Ming, too!

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING

(sing)  
We're Wonder Pets and we'll help  
you!

LINNY

(sings)  
What's gonna work?

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING

(sing)  
Teamwork!

LINNY

(sings)  
What's gonna work?

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING

(sing)  
Teamwork!

TUCK

I made it! Woah!

MING-MING

I've got you, Tuckster!

Tuck holds out the red cape and they wobble toward the Baby Bull. He spots them and cautiously rises.

BABY BULL

(sings)  
What's this thing that I see coming  
towards me?  
It's the Wonder Pets, as plain as  
plain can be.  
But there's something different...

Tuck waves the cape.

BABY BULL (CONT'D)

(sings)  
Oh now I see!  
They've got a red cape--  
So I've got an urge to chase all  
three!  
(spoken)  
Ole!

Baby Bull lowers his head and charges the Wonder Pets. They move aside and Tuck swishes the cape over Baby Bull's head. The Bull turns and makes a second pass, again going right by.

TUCK

Ole!

MING-MING

You go, Tuck!

The ground begins to shake.

SFX: The rumbling is now very loud.

LINNY  
Ming-Ming! Tuck! The bulls are  
almost here! Let's get him out of  
the street!

TUCK  
Okay, Linny!

Baby Bull turns and runs at the Wonder Pets again. This time they run away, with Tuck holding the cape out behind them. They get to the side of the road just as the Baby Bull passes them--and as a tremendous cloud of dust indicates the herd of bulls thundering by.

After a moment the dust begins to settle. Tuck is virtually jumping up and down.

TUCK (CONT'D)  
We did it! Yippee!

Regaining his general tranquility, Tuck replaces his cape and gives Ming-Ming and Linny a simultaneous hug.

TUCK (CONT'D)  
Um, thanks, guys.

LINNY  
You were pretty good too, Tuck.

A FATHER BULL trots up.

FATHER BULL  
Well done, mi hijo! What a wonderful  
bullfight!

BABY BULL  
You saw me, Papa?

FATHER BULL  
Yes, and I think that next year you'll  
be big enough to run with the bulls  
yourself. Gracias, Wonder Pets.  
Thank you for saving my son.

Father and Baby Bull snuggle.

LINNY  
It was nothing.

TUCK  
Nothing a little teamwork couldn't  
handle.

Linny turns to Tuck and Ming-Ming.

LINNY  
 Wonder Pets, this calls for some  
 celery.

She removes a stalk, breaks it in three pieces and hands it out.

FATHER BULL  
 How about some patatas bravas on  
 your celery?

MING-MING  
 What's that?

FATHER BULL  
 Spicy potatoes from Spain. Es muy  
 rico.

LINNY  
 All right.

Father Bull turns and retrieves a spoon with patas bravas, which he distributes on each piece of celery. The Wonder Pets taste it.

LINNY/TUCK  
 Mmmmmm.

MING-MING  
 Spicy!

They finish their food.

LINNY  
 Well, Wonder Pets, it looks like our  
 work here is done.

MING-MING  
 To the Flyboat?

LINNY  
 To the Fly Boat! Goodbye!

FATHER BULL  
 Goodbye! Adios!

The Wonder Pets get in the Flyboat and fly off.

EXT. SKY - DAY

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING  
 (sing)  
 Wonder Pets!  
 Wonder Pets!  
 (MORE)

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING (CONT'D)

We found a way  
To help the Baby Bull Calf  
And save the day!

MING-MING

(sings)  
We're not too big.

TUCK

(sings)  
An' we're not too tough.

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING

(sing)  
But when we work together  
We've got the right stuff!  
(spoken)  
Goooooooooo, Wonder Pets! Yaaaaayyyyy!

The Flyboat soars through the sky.

LINNY/TUCK/MING-MING (CONT'D)

(spoken)  
Wee! Yippee! Ole!

The Flyboat enters the schoolhouse through the hole.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

The Flyboat comes in and approaches the cages. Each Wonder Pet Leaps off toward their respective habitat:

Ming-Ming flies down into her cage, losing her cap and cape. She swings on the loose postcard from Pamplona before hitting the wood shavings.

Tuck drops down past a mobile of Spanish hats into his terrarium. He lands in his pond and sheds his sailor's hat and cape, climbing up onto his rock next to his fan.

Linny parachutes into her cage, bouncing off the stuffed bull. She reaches underneath it for a piece of celery. There is a dash of flamenco music--

MUSIC: <<FLAMENCO>>

--As she takes a bite and winks to camera.

THE END