

KAREN. Come on, Sheldon. It'd take forever to hypnotize the whole town.

PLANKTON. Not if I can trap them all in one place!

KAREN. How is that going to happen?

PLANKTON. When fish are scared, they school together! So we just have to keep them scared. Then I can trap them in one place and hypnotize them in bulk! First, though, I need to shut down this squirrel. (*To the MAYOR.*) Ahem! Excuse me!

(**EVERYONE** *unfreezes.*)

MAYOR OF BIKINI BOTTOM. Yes? Speak up, tiny citizen.

(**PLANKTON** *winces. He hates being called "little."*)

## START

PLANKTON. Do any of you actually believe that science can save us?

TOWNFISH 1. Yes.

TOWNFISH 2. Sure.

TOWNFISH 3. Sounds pretty good to me.

PLANKTON. Oh, come on. Next she'll tell us tidal warming is real –

SANDY. I've been studyin' Bikini Bottom for years now. With a little time to dig through my research...

PLANKTON. We only have until sundown tomorrow.

SANDY. If you'd just trust me...

PLANKTON. Why should we trust you? You're not even from here.

OLD MAN JENKINS. Yeah. You're a land mammal.

SANDY. Since when does that matter?

OLD MAN JENKINS. Things are different now. Our town is under attack.

(**SANDY** *recoils, hit hard by that.*)

PLANKTON. You know what they say, folks: When the going gets tough – the tough... get lost!

*(Confused sounds emerge from the CROWD.)*

TOWNFISH 3. Huh?

TOWNFISH 2. What?

LARRY THE LOBSTER. Dude, that is not the saying.

END

*(PLANKTON is worried. He doesn't want to lose them.  
EVERYONE freezes, and PLANKTON turns to KAREN.)*

PLANKTON. I need to sell them on my plan, Karen, but it won't be easy.  
I'm going to need to do it in song. Give me a beat.

*(EVERYONE unfreezes.)*

*(KAREN beat boxes.)*

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PLANKTON.

YOU ALL KNOW WHO I AM?  
EVIL GENIUS - GIANT BRAIN.  
YOU CAN'T STOP A VOLCANO,  
I MEAN, ARE YOU ALL INSANE?  
  
THE ONES WHO STAY WILL ALL BE  
VAPORIZED WITHOUT A DOUBT,  
BEFORE THAT SUCKER BLOWS  
WE'VE GOT TO GET THE FISH OUT!

ALL.

(FISH OUT, FISH OUT, FISH OUT)

PLANKTON.

SO LET'S GO.  
AND BE GONE  
UH LE-GO  
AND BE GONE