

BOB'S BURGERS: "THE LAUNDERING"

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FADE IN:

INT. THE APARTMENT - NIGHT

A quiet, peaceful night when--

BUZZ! The WASHING MACHINE starts malfunctioning. Bob walks out in his PJs and approaches when--

The pipe bursts! Water shoots out and a WET SOCK hits Bob in the face.

BOB

OW!

The family collectively wakes up, opening their doors to see what the commotion is. They all talk in a loud whisper.

LINDA

Bob! What was that sound?

BOB

I'm ok...

LOUISE

Is something about to explode?
Please tell me something is about
to explode!

Gene steps in a puddle.

GENE

I think Dad peed in his sleep
again...

BOB

Gene, I don't pee in my sleep.

GENE

Really, then what's all this wet
stuff? Wait. Maybe it was me...

Tina reaches down and grabs the sock off of Bob's face.

TINA

My sock!!

Bob tries to get up, but slips and falls again in the soapy
mess. He groans.

LINDA

Oh gosh, Bobby stay right there.
I'll get the mop!

EXT. BOB'S BURGERS - MORNING

Bob and Teddy haul the washing machine down the steps.

TEDDY

Lift with your back, Bobby!

BOB

I am! I mean, I'm trying! I think.
Are we almost at the bottom?

TEDDY

I don't know I can't see--

SMACK! Teddy's head hits the top of the doorframe

TEDDY (CONT'D)

Ow! I think that was the door
frame...

SMACK! Bob's head also hits the door frame.

BOB

Yep, definitely the door frame...

He groans, reaching the bottom of the steps.

Tina, Louise, and Gene wait on the sidewalk below.

Bob and Teddy carry it past them.

LOUISE

Hey look my initials are still
carved in the back...

GENE

How'd you even get back there?

LOUISE

I have my ways...

CLANG! Bob and Teddy drop the washing machine on the sidewalk. The kids watch in horror.

Tina sheds a tear.

TINA

She deserved better...

Bob and Teddy are panting. They load it onto Teddy's truck.

Bob cracks his back.

BOB

Ow. That definitely wasn't good for my back.

TEDDY

Well, She's all strapped in and ready to go.

BOB

Thanks for the help, Teddy. Time to go inside, kids. I need to sit down.

TINA

What about our final words?

BOB

Final words? Tina, it's a washing
machine...

LOUISE

Tina's right, it deserves a proper
funeral!

TEDDY

Have some respect, Bob. They're
grieving.

The kids line up and each take a turn approaching and tossing
flowers onto the dead machine like it's a casket.

Louise walks up.

LOUISE

I'm sorry I killed you. I just
wanted to see how many Tide pods I
could throw in at once...

FLASHBACK

Louise holds a container of Tide Pods.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Hmmm.

She shrugs and dumps the entire container into the washer.

END FLASHBACK

She walks back and Gene approaches.

GENE

I'm sorry for killing you. I knew I
shouldn't have crawled inside of
you...but the bubbles were so worth
it!!

FLASHBACK

Gene walks past the washing machine, wearing only underwear.

GENE (CONT'D)

Hmmm.

He jumps inside, starts a bubble bath, rubber ducky and all.
He starts to spin around, giggling.

END FLASHBACK.

He walks back and Tina, a sobbing mess approaches.

TINA

I swear I didn't mean it!

FLASHBACK

Tina shoves too much laundry into the machine, filling it to
the brim and struggling to close the door.

END FLASHBACK

They all wave as Teddy drives away.

BOB

You guys are acting really weird...

INT. THE APARTMENT - KITCHEN - LATER

Breakfast. Linda sits at the table with the laptop.

LINDA

Bob! Look at this one! It says it
won't just wash your clothes, it'll
wash away all your problems!

She snort-laughes.

BOB

Lynn that washing machine is \$800.
How are we gonna pay for that? We
can hardly even afford the upgrade
to detergent pods. We ran through
them so quickly.

LINDA

C'mon Bob, shopping for new washing
machines is fun! I love all the
cute little names and numbers. Plus
we wouldn't want to be stuck going
to the laundromat every week,
right?

DING! A lightbulb goes off above Bob's head.

BOB

That's it! Kids, you're on
laundromat duty.

Louise groans.

LOUISE

Ugh why? We don't even know how to
do laundry...

GENE

So many washing machines. So many
bubble baths...

GENE'S IMAGINATION

The laundromat, all the washing machines for him to try out.
The machines line up and fill up with bubbles.

Gene runs down the line of machines and slides through the
soapy water.

He floats in the water with a rubber ducky.

END GENE'S IMAGINATION

TINA

The laundromat? Hmmm. Doesn't seem
so bad.

TINA'S IMAGINATION

The laundromat, all the cute, mature boys on laundry day.

She imagines all of the sweatpants.

END TINA'S IMAGINATION

Louise look at her day dreaming siblings.

LOUISE

You guys are OK with this?

BOB

It'll be...fun! A fun learning
experience. Right Lynn?

She giggles.

BOB (CONT'D)

Ahem! Right, Lynn?

LINDA

Huh? Oh yes! Of course. It's about
time you guys learn how to do your
own laundry.

LOUISE

Seriously? Why can't we just get a
new one.

BOB

We will. Your mom and I just have to agree on one...together! One that's hopefully not so expensive.

LINDA

Alriiiiight! It'll be fun!

Bob puts a BAGGY of assorted change on the table.

CUT TO:

EXT. CITY STREET - LATER

Tina, Gene, and Louise struggle to push a CART full of laundry down the bumpy sidewalk.

GENE

It's so heavy, I think I'm gonna die!

Gene flops down on top of the cart.

TINA

We're almost there!

LOUISE

Tina will you please help us push the cart?