

KOWABUNGA

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FADE IN:

EXT. BEACH - DAY

It's a bright sunny day. BATHERS play volley-ball and CHILDREN build sand castles.

SURFERS, with their multicolored surfboards surf the crashing white waves on a deep blue sea.

Close to the sea's edge, a few SURFERS flirt with some BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRLS.

Sat on the sand, all alone, is BERT, (25) a good-looking, bronzed guy. He glances over towards the edge of the beach.

Some SURFERS chat with PRETTY GIRLS.

Bert appears envious when he looks at the surfers and girls.

The girls laugh and giggle, they appear to enjoy being with the surfers.

Bert stands up, he appears lonely, then he strolls away towards the stores.

EXT. SURF STORE - DAY

Bert arrives at front of the store-window. He stares at a yellow surfboard reflected in the display.

The yellow surfboard has a red dragon design painted on top; the dragon sports flames from it's mouth.

Bert scans the yellow surfboard up to down. He looks at the price-tag:

The price-tag reads: \$800 Dollars.

Bert touches the store-window with his hand, runs his hand across the window as if touching the surfboard itself. Bert moves away from the window, a look of regret in his eyes.

INT. BERT'S HOME - BEDROOM - DAY

A basic, simple bedroom which is messy, typical of a teenager. Posters hang from the walls and ceiling.

Bert sits on a bed. He holds a box. Bert opens it, pulls out some bills of money and coins.

He counts the money on the bed. He tosses the bills and coins aside. He lays down.

Bert stares up to a posters on the ceiling...

EXT. SURF STORE - DAY (DREAM SEQUENCE #1)

Bert is well dressed, hair combed. He walks past the store window then enters the store.

INT. SURF STORE - DAY

A STORE ASSISTANT, in a T-Shirt, with 'Surf Store' printed on the shirt, approaches Bert.

Bert points to the window.

The Yellow surfboard in the window display.

The Store Assistant ambles over to the window and pulls out the yellow surfboard. Brings the surfboard over to Bert.

He holds out a stack of money in his hand. The store assistant takes the money.

Bert leaves the store, the yellow surfboard under his arm, a big smile on his face.

EXT. BEACH - DAY

Bert arrives at the beach in his swimming shorts, he holds the yellow surfboard under his arm.

The girls from the other day come over to meet him.

Bert chats with the girls; he has a big smile on his face.

END DREAM SEQUENCE #1

EXT. BERT'S HOME - BEDROOM - DAY

Bert stares up to a posters on the ceiling...

He turns over, pulls the sheets over his head and falls asleep.

EXT. SURF STORE - DAY (DREAM SEQUENCE #2)

Bert arrives in front of the store-window.

He stares at the yellow surfboard in the window display.

Inside the store TWO STORE EMPLOYEES whisper to each other, they point to Bert, they laugh and snigger.

Bert pays no attention, oblivious, he looks hard and long at that Yellow Surfboard.

INT. SURF STORE - DAY

A guy in a black a ski-mask enters the store brandishing a gun! He points to the yellow surfboard.

The store assistant hurries to bring the yellow surfboard to him.

A couple of customers in the store have their hands up, they appear frightened, scared.

The guy in the black ski-mask, has the yellow surfboard under his arms then runs like Hell out of the store.

EXT. SURF STORE - DAY

The guy in the black ski-mask suddenly stops.

A COP points a gun in his face...

END DREAM SEQUENCE #2

EXT. SURF STORE - DAY

Bert stares at the yellow surfboard, a gun in his back.

Bert turns around.

A LITTLE BOY dressed in as a cowboy holds a toy pistol in Bert's back.

A lady, the BOY'S MOTHER rushes in, whacks the boy's head, pulls him away.

Bert shakes his head, strolls away, a disappointed look on his face.

INT. BERT'S HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

Bert sits at a table, eats some cornflakes in bowl of milk. The cornflakes box to the side. He stops eating, pulls the box close to him, stares at it for a moment.

Bert turns the box upside down.

Paper money bills and coins falls onto the table.

Bert counts the money. When he finishes, Bert throws the money down on the table.

Bert stands up, walks out of the room.

MONTAGE: (Bert working at different jobs)

Bert at a Gas Station cleans cars --

Bert rides in a bicycle, he delivers newspapers --

Bert helps an OLD LADY to he shopping in a mall --

END MONTAGE

INT. BERT'S HOME - BEDROOM - DAY

Bert sits on his bed, counts the money.

Bert appears upset, tosses the money up in the air.

The money floats high up in the air.

Bert has a big smile on his face, he jumps up and down on the bed, he looks very happy.

EXT. SURF STORE - DAY

Bert strolls down the street, he smiles and waves to everybody he passes.

Bert helps an OLD LADY to cross the street. He kisses her hand. The old lady has a smile on her face, she looks very happy.

Bert dances in the street, like Gene Kelly from 'Singing in the Rain', he finishes by twisting around a lamppost.

EXT. SURF STORE - DAY

Bert arrives in front of the Surf Store and looks inside the window.

Suddenly, a look of complete surprise on Bert's face.

The yellow surfboard has gone from the window display.

Bert rushes into the store. The door closes.

Through the window Bert talks to the Store Assistant, then he shakes his head, points to the door.

Bert walks through the door, a sad look on his face.

In the Store window the Store Assistant places a naked dummy in the window display where the yellow surfboard previously was.

Bert looks into the window.

A Store Assistant inside the store-window puts a dummy in the place where the yellow surfboard was.

A tear rolls down Bert's cheek.

Bert turns around, he looks very sad, then walks down the street, his head hung low.

EXT. BEACH - DAY

It is morning.

It is a grey day, the beach is quite deserted.

Bert sits on the sand and stares out at the sea.

Something grabs his attention out at sea.

The waves crash in onto the beach.

Bert stands up to get a better view.

A hand held up high in the water, somebody waves for help.  
The waves crash down on top on this person and they are gone.

Bert looks around.

Nobody to be seen, the beach is deserted.

Bert runs down to the sea, rushes into the crashing waves,  
the water breaks across his body. Bert dives into the water,  
swims against the tide.

EXT. THE SEA - DAY

Bert swims far out to sea where the victim previously waved  
their hand but there is nobody there. Bert glances around  
to his left and then to his right, nobody there.

Bert dives deep down into the sea.

Moments later, Bert bursts through the water he holds a  
TEENAGER in an arm-lock.

He swims back towards the beach, pulls the limp Teenager  
with him.

EXT. BEACH - DAY

Bert reaches the beach, he is exhausted, out of breath.  
Both Bert and the Teenager lie in the shallow water.

Three or four BATHERS rushes over and pulls Bert and the  
Teenager out of the shallow water, pulls them farther up the  
dry sand.

Bert is exhausted, he breathes heavily.

A BATHER performs mouth-to-mouth C.P.R on the Teenager.

Suddenly, the Teenager bolts forward, vomits a mouthful of  
water onto the sand.

A Lady, the BOY'S MOTHER (30's) arrives, bends down,  
desperately embraces the Teenager.

The Teenager looks through his Mother's arms.

Bert catches his breath looks back at the Teenager, he still has a sad look on his face..

The Mother lifts the Teenager up and they leave the beach. The bathers walk away.

Bert is left all alone. He looks up to the cliffs nearby.

Bert rises to his feet then strolls towards the cliffs.

EXT. CLIFF TOP - DAY

A view of the beach and sea reaches out into the distance. The wind gushes high up it blows Bert's hair to the side. He looks down to the sea and cliffs below.

The sea waves crash hard against the rocks below.

Bert takes a deep breath, steps back, runs and then jumps.

EXT. SEA - DAY

Bert soars through the air then drives into the sea like a seagull, he plunges deep down into the sea.

INT. SEA - UNDERWATER - DAY

Bert dives down, down into the deep blue sea.

He opens his eyes, looks up to the surface.

The sunlight shines down through the water.

Bert dives down, deeper, and deeper until the light is gone and into a deep blue darkness. Bert looks faint, out of breath, the bubbles escapes from his mouth then...

A Red Dragon, fire spits from its open mouth.

Bert struggles to reach the surface, bubbles trickles out of his mouth, running out of air.

EXT. SEA - DAY

Something yellow bobs up on the surface.

Bert emerges through the sea waves like a whale, he gasps hard for air and breathes in, sucking in the fresh air.

The Yellow surfboard floats up to Bert.

Bert grabs a hold of the board, lifts himself out of the water, climbs onto the board. He stands up, looks up to the cliffs.

On top of the cliffs in the distance, a figure waves to Bert.

EXT. CLIFF TOP - DAY

The Teenager, on top of the cliffs, he waves to Bert.

EXT. SEA - DAY

Bert on the surfboard floats across the sea.

Bert waves back then turns and gazes into the distance across to sea.

The golden sun slowly goes down over on the fiery horizon.

Surfing on the water, Bert raises his right arm high up in the air, his fist squeezed tightly, he yells out loud like a Hawaiian warrior...

BERT  
KOWABUNGA!

FADE OUT:

THE END