

FADE IN:

EXT. BACK40 FARM, DUSK

Two bees, STINGER and RUFUS, look out over a field. Party lights and bass music light up a nearby farm. Curious (but also a little concerned) STINGER and RUFUS approach the farm.

CUT TO:

EXT. BACK40 PARTY STAGE, DUSK

STINGER and RUFUS interrupt a raging party. The crowd falls silent as they notice STINGER has stepped into the "battle ring." STINGER glances around quickly. STINGER points at RUFUS. RUFUS starts to beat-box.

STINGER

(clears throat)

That's Lil' Rufus, and I'm Stinger
Bee, here to help you out in your time
of need.

From across the "battle ring," HONEYSUCKLE steps forward.

HONEYSUCKLE

(annoyed)

Woah, hold up. Who said we're in need?

STINGER

(obviously)

You're bees, aren't you? It's
practically guaranteed.

Have you seen the world out there? No
trees, less grass- don't get me
started on the air.

We bees are in trouble, we need to
stick together-

HONEYSUCKLE

Why not stick here, where life is
better?

We got veggies to the left, fruits to
the right, all the flowers you could
want, fresh pollen, warm light.

MCFLY

The humans built it for us, a place to

be free!

STINGER

(scoffs)

The humans, sure. That I'd like to see.

HONEYSUCKLE whips out (of nowhere) a poster for SCAD Back40. As she continues her rap battle, camera trucks in on the images on the poster showing, in order: various species of pollinators on the farm, donating food to local organizations (names??), and students working at the farm. HONEYSUCKLE stays visible in the corner of the shot why the poster scrolls.

HONEYSUCKLE

(defensive)

They did! A whole farm, just for us.
"All pollinators welcome," now we
livin' no fuss.

(confidence returns)

They take care of us all, when they
come around, n' we help grow this food
to give back to their town!

Why whine about adversity in **your**
plant nursery when you could be over
here, singing biodiversity.

MCFLY pops up next to HONEYSUCKLE. MCFLY cups his hands around his mouth to mimic a megaphone.

MCFLY

We're talking integrated. Pest.
MANAGEMENT!

HONEYSUCKLE levels STINGER with a look, pointing at MCFLY in emphasis.

HONEYSUCKLE

Check our solid infrastructure, all
about that regenerative agriculture.

STINGER

(frustrated)

And what about the rest of us? The
bees they left out? We struggle and
suffer while you have a...what is
this?

MCFLY
Um...a cookout?

STINGER
(looking unimpressed)
No, we will only be safe **if** we come together as one! One hive, one people, or else we are done!

STINGER mic drops.

HONEYSUCKLE
(laughing)
We are "one hive," haven't you taken a glance? The Back Forty Hive, and we sure know how to dance!

HONEYSUCKLE and MCFLY start to dance STINGER out of the ring. RUFUS steps up in defense and starts to do a ridiculous yet complicated dance move. Not even halfway through, he falls and badly hurts his (Wing? Antenna? Leg?). STINGER rushes to Rufus's side.

STINGER
Rufus!

HONEYSUCKLE steps forward.

HONEYSUCKLE
Hey, let us help.

STINGER
Help?

HONEYSUCKLE
Yeah, bees are taken care of at the Back40 Farm. **All bees.**

CUT TO:

Insert shot of the Back40 Bee-firmary.

CUT BACK TO:

STINGER and RUFUS stand side by side with HONEYSUCKLE and MCFLY.

HONEYSUCKLE
Part of the hive?

STINGER
Part of the hive.

FADE TO BLACK/LOGO.