

THE NATURE WARRIORS

PILOT : "WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE"

**COLD OPEN**

**EXT. JUNGLE - DAY**

VARIOUS VIEWS - A lush JUNGLE. Sky-hugging evergreen trees with thick canopies. Jolly sounds of song birds.

A Tiger habitat with old and young tigers lying around.

A river bank. Elephants, deer, giraffes drink in peace.

GOLU, a baby eagle fitted with an 'NW' logo camera harness, LOOPS and SPINS playfully, scouting the jungle when - a WEAK CRY alerts her. The bird shoots a keen eye down.

GOLU'S CAM POV - SNAP ZOOM on a clearing of grass. A TIGER CUB, leg's caught in thorny vines, WEEPS.

Golu slaps a button on her harness. A BEEPING begins. She tucks her wings and DARTS down.

GOLU'S CAM POV - Dive down into the trees.

**INT. HERO HEADQUARTERS - DAY**

ON SCREEN - Golu's camera feed plays on a large screen.

PULL BACK REVEAL - a CIA-esque command center with screens monitoring the jungle. A ROBOT squeezes fresh Orange juice.

At a hi-tech CONTROL DESK, BALA (12, nerdy boy-genius) taps his BIONIC LEG waiting for his outplayed opponent, a ROBOTIC ARM, to make its move on the chess board.

A BEEPING SOUND begins. Bala turns to the screen, when the robotic hand swaps pieces on the board.

BALA  
Hey... I saw that.

Bala notices the tiger cub in pain.

BALA (CONT'D)  
Oh no....  
(game face on)  
Looks like a job for the Nature  
Warriors.

The robotic arm puts an 'NW' hat on Bala, and hands him a LOUD SPEAKER. Bala marches to the window.

**EXT. HERO HEADQUARTERS - DAY**

A COCONUT flies in the air. KITTU (8, chubby, mischievous boy) swinging from a vine, grabs the coconut and tosses it to a MONKEY swinging from another vine -- their game of catch.

CAMERA WHIPS DOWN - A bullseye pinned to the tree trunk. Arrows in all target circles. One is at the center. Another arrow STRIKES the bulls eye, splitting the first.

CAMERA WHIPS LEFT - SUBHA, (10, girl, badass go-getter) with one eye closed and tongue sticking out, draws her bow, focused on a bullseye hat-trick, when --

BALA (O.S)  
(through loud speaker)  
Nature Warriors emergency!

Subha flinches at the ANNOYING FEEDBACK and drops her bow.

Kittu and Monkey flinch, and leave the vines to cover their ears. Gravity does the rest.

As they fall, the coconut crashes towards Kittu.

KITTU  
Uh ohhhh...

SUBHA  
Kittu...

Subha recovers and fires an arrow. Moments before the coconut hits Kittu, the arrow STRIKES and pins it to the tree.

WIDE ON - Kittu and Monkey are at the foot of an enormous BANYAN TREE with a TREEHOUSE in it. Bala stares out of the window of the treehouse. Subha rushes to check on Kittu.

KITTU  
That was so.... coooool.

SUBHA  
(annoyed; to Bala)  
Why do you use that when we're right here?

BALA  
(through loudspeaker)  
Sorry.

Everyone shuts their ears. Bala laughs.

**END COLD OPEN**

ACT I**INT. HERO HEADQUARTERS - DAY**

Kittu chomping on a banana, Monkey also chomping on a banana, and Subha with her brows drawn - all stare at the screen.

BALA

Half a mile from the Tiger habitat.

SUBHA

(ponders)

How did she get so far from home?

ON SCREEN - The cub's tail TWITCHES and VIBRATES. She wails.

SUBHA (CONT'D)

What's with her tail?

KITTU

(pained)

Poor kitty hurt. We must help.

Let's goooooo.

Kittu swallows the remaining banana. He grabs his 'NW' hat, and leaps out of the window onto the banyan tree.

SUBHA

Kittu... wait for me.

Subha GEARS up - Bluetooth headset. Electric scooter and 'NW' helmet. A BOW and quiver full of hand-painted arrows.

SUBHA (CONT'D)

Tell Grandma we'll be back for  
brunch.

BALA

Be careful.

Subha opens a hatch in the floor and slides down a pole.

BALA (CONT'D)

What's wrong with your tail, poor  
kitty?

ON SCREEN - The cub's twitching tail.

BUNNY (PRE-LAP) (MALE VOICE)

What's wrong with it's tail?

**EXT. SOUTH EXIT WALL - DAY**

Tinny voices echo from a large HIPPOPOTUMUS like machine hidden behind tall bushes, near a massive "SOUTH EXIT" wall.

SUNNY (V.O.) (MALE VOICE)  
That's the robot's antenna, dumbo.

**INT. HIPPO MACHINE - SAME TIME**

On a small screen - A high-angle view of the cub's tail.

SUNNY  
It twitches when I send a signal.

SUNNY (30s, male, lean, mean tech-dork) and BUNNY (30s, male, huge, a little slow) sit cramped inside the mechanical tanker with screens, buttons and levers.

Sunny is fixed on the screen. Bunny looks around, bored.

BUNNY  
How long will this take?

SUNNY  
Stop bickering. No outsider can enter the Tiger Habitat. But with my robot cub, I'll trick those meddling Nature Brats, and steal the Blue Gem.  
(fantasizing)  
Boss will so pleased with me.

BUNNY  
With us.

SUNNY  
Fine. Boss will be pleased with us.  
(points to the screen)  
Look, its those brats.

**EXT. JUNGLE - DAY**

Subha's scooter SWIVELS to a stop, making a cool, dust kicking entrance. Kittu jumps down a vine.

Golu flies from a branch to Subha's shoulder.

SUBHA  
Good job, Golu.

Seeing the two rescuers, the cub starts WAILING.

KITTU

I'm coming.

Kittu races towards the cub. He musters all his strength to rip the vines, but they don't budge.

Subha catches up. She pulls out an arrow and snaps the vines.

The cub leaps up with joy. Kittu rolls on the ground, laughing and playing with the cub.

Subha scans around, suspicious.

SUBHA

(suspicious)

So... why didn't any tigers come to help this cub?

The tiger cub stares at Subha. A THOUGHT CLOUD pops up as an INSET on the screen, with SUNNY and BUNNY looking worried.

BUNNY (ON INSET)

(bites his nails)

The big brat is getting suspicious.

SUNNY (ON INSET)

Is she now? Let's see how she handles this... cute attttackkkk.

The cub rolls on its back and purrs. Subha melts.

KITTU

Awwww...

SUBHA

Cutieeee...

Kittu gives the cub a belly rub.

SUNNY (ON INSET)

(presses a button)

Now, take us home...

The inset disappears. The cub sprints away. Kittu chases.

SUBHA

Kittu wait... That's the wrong way.

Subha follows Kittu and the cub.

#### **EXT. TIGER HABITAT - DAY**

A CAVE with glowing rocks, hidden behind thick evergreen trees. Several tigers, large and small, old and young lie around. Tiger cubs playfully chase their mamas' tails.

Subha, Kittu and Golu enter through the bushes and past a large GUARD TIGER that welcomes them with a purr.

The robot cub sneaks in behind Kittu, evading the guard.

KITTU  
Welcome home, kitty.

TIGER CUB'S POV - The Habitat. The CAMERA ZOOMS to a BLUE GEMSTONE embedded at the top of a rock formation from which water falls and forms the drinking hole for the tigers.

**INT. HIPPO MACHINE - SAME TIME**

ON SCREEN - The cub's POV.

Sunny bursts out into a weird, muffled evil laugh. Bunny throws his hands up, excited, SMACKING Sunny's face.

SUNNY  
Watch it, dumbo.

BUNNY  
Oops... Sorry...

SUNNY  
Now... Where was I? Yes...  
(continues evil laugh)  
For the first time ever, the Tiger Habitat has been breached...

BUNNY  
By us...

SUNNY  
Fine. Us. Now, let's finish this.

Sunny presses "ACTIVATE" on his tablet.

**EXT. TIGER HABITAT - CONTINUOUS**

The robot cub's tail twitches. It sprints towards the cave. The real cubs surround the kids, purring.

SUBHA  
(pressing her earpiece)  
Mission accomplished. I think I was unnecessarily worried.

BALA  
(teasing)  
Yeah... You do that.

But the adult tigers suspiciously sniff the robot cub, when -- the robot cub's JAWS OPEN to an unnaturally wide angle.

SUBHA  
(alerted)  
Uh oh. Spoke too soon.

Kittu YELLS. The Tigers GROWL. Subha grabs her bow, but before she can react, the robot cub spurts PINK GAS, which spreads through the habitat like a low lying PINK FOG.

The tigers start coughing and fall unconscious. Golu struggles, and falls down.

Kittu and Subha cough vigorously.

BALA (V.O.)  
What is happening?

KITTU  
Subhaaa...

SUBHA  
Kit...tu

Kittu falls unconscious. Subha falls to her knees.

The robot cub jumps up the rocks, and with drill like claws, it starts drilling the BLUE GEM. The cave starts to RUMBLE.

GOLU'S CAM POV - Subha, Kittu and all the tigers are unconscious. In the background, the robot drills for the gem.

BALA (PRE-LAP)  
(freaking out)  
This is bad...

**INT. HERO HEADQUARTERS - CONTINUOUS**

Bala goes pale staring at his large screen. Monkey, beside him, bites his nails.

BALA  
This is bad...  
(worried)  
Computer... call Granny.

**END OF ACT I**



ACT II**EXT. GRANNY'S HOUSE - DAY**

A large, old house by a serene lake.

**INT. GRANNY'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS**

Six delicious dishes simmering on hotplates on a portable stovetop in the open courtyard.

PAGDALOO aka GRANNY (80s, hip, lively), WHISTLING on her veranda, clips the nails of an enormous tiger, SHAKTI.

GRANNY

No more biting your nails, Shakti.  
You need better nail hygiene.

Shakti WHIMPERS. Granny finishes up and looks to the door as Shakti admires her new, shiny pedicured nails.

GRANNY (CONT'D)

(sighs)  
These kids... always late.  
(to Shakti)  
How about we try some? For taste.

The tiger shakes her head - NO. Granny blows a raspberry. She tastes a dish and turns the HEAT UP on all the hotplates, when her smartphone BUZZES with a call from Bala.

GRANNY (CONT'D)

Hello. Lazy brats. Where are...

We hear Bala's voice as flustered GIBBERISH. Granny's mood instantly shifts from jovial to serious.

GRANNY (CONT'D)

Don't worry, kiddo. We are on it.  
(to Shakti)  
Time to suit up, kitty.

Shakti springs up and stretches herself.

QUICK CUTS -

Granny straps on a BACK BRACE, and over it, a VEST with a zillion pockets.

Granny opens a closet filled with HERBS and POTION VIALS. She stuffs several herbs, and vials into her vest.

Granny zips up her boots, puts on her shades and 'NW' hat.

**EXT. GRANNY'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS**

Granny revs her a JEEP with the logo 'Nature Warriors'. Shakti leaps into the woods.

**EXT. TIGER HABITAT - DAY**

The robot cub continues drilling. Glowing stones fall loose.

**INT. HIPPO MACHINE - SAME TIME**

Sunny and Bunny anxiously watch the cub's POV on a screen.

SUNNY

C'mon... c'mon... Go faster.

Sunny swipes up a 'TURBO' slider on his tablet.

ON SCREEN - The robot cub PLOUGHS in. The blue gem comes loose. The robot grabs it.

Bunny gasps. Sunny SHRIEKS in excitement and hugs Bunny.

**EXT. TIGER HABITAT - CONTINUOUS**

As the gem comes loose, the cave QUAKES. The water stops flowing into the watering hole. The robot cub races away.

**INT. HERO HEADQUARTERS - CONTINUOUS**

Bala and Monkey stare at the screens showing various angles on the robot, and the quaking Tiger Habitat.

BALA

This is bad. Granny... hurry up.

**EXT. TIGER HABITAT - CONTINUOUS**

The quakes intensify. Stones fall from the cave. Shakti leaps into the habitat, ROARING. But as soon as she steps into the fog, she too starts coughing.

Granny enters. She notices the tremors and fog.

GRANNY  
 (pained)  
 What have they done?  
 (notices Shakti)  
 Shakti... here girl.

Granny pulls out a few herbs from her vest, squeezes them and inhales. She gives Shakti a sniff. The tiger stops coughing.

BALA (V.O.)  
 Kittu and Subha are near the cave.

GRANNY  
 (spots the kids)  
 I see them. My poor little kids.

Granny rushes to the kids. She holds the herbs to Subha's nose. Subha wakes up coughing.

SUBHA  
 (coughing)  
 Granny... did we miss the brunch?

GRANNY  
 (relieved laugh)  
 You can't escape my brunch even if  
 you wanted to.

Granny holds the herbs to Kittu's nose. He springs up into a cartwheel.

BALA (V.O.)  
 Great to have you both back.

SUBHA  
 What happened?

BALA (V.O.)  
 The cub... was a robot. It poisoned  
 you and stole the gem. And it's  
 heading to the South Exit.

The ground QUAKES again.

GRANNY  
 If that gem leaves the jungle the  
 Tiger Habitat will collapse. The  
 jungle will fall out of balance.

SUBHA  
 I won't let that happen. Shakti!

The tiger springs up. Subha grabs her bow and quiver. She puts on her 'NW' helmet and jumps on Skathi.

GRANNY  
Kittu and I will help the animals  
and catch up with you.

Subha nods. The tiger ROARS and leaps out of the habitat.

**INT. HERO HEADQUARTERS - CONTINUOUS**

Bala bites his nails. The screens show tremors all over the jungle. Animals and birds all around seem agitated.

The large screen shows the robot cub racing away along a clear dirt road, while Shakti and Subha are far behind.

BALA  
Subha. The whole Jungle is shaking.

**INT. HIPPO MACHINE - SAME TIME**

The interior of the tank RUMBLES.

BUNNY  
(scared)  
Did you hear that?

Sunny's eyes are fixed on his screen.

SUNNY  
All I hear is the sound of victory.

**EXT. JUNGLE - CONTINUOUS**

Shakti leaps over rocks and bushes, but they are surrounded by thick vegetation in all directions.

SUBHA  
Bala... Which way is the robot?

BALA (V.O.)  
On the right...

Subha and Shakti pivot to their right.

BALA (V.O.)  
No... my right.

Dust rises from the quaking terrain, blocking Subha's view. Shakti GROWLS. Subha looks around, frustrated and seeming lost when -- she hears Golu's high pitch SCREECH from above.

The bird screeches again and darts forward.

SUBHA  
 (excited)  
 Shakti, follow Golu.

Shakti leaps, with a resounding ROAR. They cut across trees and reach the dirt road.

Subha hones in on the road. Far ahead -- the robot cub races towards the enormous wall on the horizon -- The SOUTH EXIT.

SUBHA (CONT'D)  
 (presses earpiece)  
 Granny... the robot is heading to  
 the South Exit. Can you cut it off?

The screen splits diagonally.

LEFT SPLIT - Subha and Shakti in pursuit.

RIGHT SPLIT - The Tiger Habitat. The tigers are now awake. Granny and Kittu are in the jeep.

GRANNY  
 (over Bluetooth)  
 Of course.  
 (to Kittu)  
 I've been waiting to try this.

RIGHT SPLIT - Granny punches a "INSANE MODE" button on her dashboard and the jeep VROOOOOMS into the woods.

The screen splits again, now a three way, 'V' shape split with Bala joining in the center screen.

ALL TOGETHER  
 Nature warriors to the rescue!

Golu, Shakti and the Monkey also join in the war cry.

**END OF ACT II**

**ACT III****INT. HIPPO MACHINE - CONTINUOUS**

ANGLE ON - Sunny's screen. Shakti and Subha chase the robot.

BUNNY  
(dramatic)  
That girl's gonna catch our robot.

SUNNY  
Not so fast.

Sunny swipes his tablet screen and presses a "TURBO" button.

SUNNY (CONT'D)  
Eat dust, Nature Brats.

Bunny reacts with surprised admiration.

**EXT. JUNGLE ROAD - CONTINUOUS**

Smoke puffs out from the robot's joints. TWO ROCKET BOOSTERS pop out from its ears and BOOST the robot forward.

**INT. HERO HEADQUARTERS - CONTINUOUS**

Bala watches stunned, with a hint of admiration.

BALA  
Waaaaaaaaa...  
(off the disapproving  
Monkey)  
Umm... I mean, this is bad.

**EXT. JUNGLE - CONTINUOUS**

Shakti and Subha stare as the robot gains speed.

SUBHA  
We can't let it get away.

Shakti GROWLS, and speeds up, keeping up with the robot. Subha draws an arrow but struggles to maintain her aim.

SUBHA'S POV - Shaky. Impossible to get a lock on the robot.

Subha shoots, but her arrow SWOOSHES past the robot.

The ground CRACKS. Shakti sidesteps a hole in the ground.

Subha loses balance, but continues firing. All her arrows miss, until one finally SCRAPES the robot's tail. Sparks fly out from the tail and the robot's boosters CHOKE.

The robot trembles and STOPS. Suddenly, it scratches its ear and rolls on the ground, purring erratically.

Subha and Shakti, both have a puzzled look.

SUBHA/ BALA (V.O.)  
(realizing it)  
The tail.

**INT. HIPPO MACHINE - SAME TIME**

ON SCREEN - Robot's POV. Sparks fly as the cub rolls around.

SUNNY  
No. No. No. Get up. Get up.

Bunny is shaking and sweating as the machine rumbles. Sunny presses several buttons on his tablet.

ON SCREEN - The robot springs up and continues its stride.

SUNNY (CONT'D)  
(stressed)  
Now come on here, you dumb robot.

**EXT. JUNGLE ROAD - CONTINUOUS**

Shakti gains ground on the robot, avoiding the cracks.

The ground tremors violently as the robot races towards the exit, which is now only a short distance away.

BALA (V.O.)  
The tail is the brain of that  
robot. Subha, destroy the tail.

Subha fires more arrows, but the robot evades them.

GRANNY (V.O.)  
(over Bluetooth)  
The gem can't leave the jungle.

SUBHA  
It won't.  
(to Shakti)  
Boost me.

Subha stands on Shakti and draws her arrow. Shakti leaps into the air.

SUBHA'S POV - Steady. A deep breath. Locked aim and... FIRES.

Subha's arrow pierces the robot's tail. Sparks fly. The robot SCREECHES and tumbles. Sparks and smoke all around it.

Subha pumps her fist, and Shakti roars.

SUBHA (CONT'D)

Yes

BALA (V.O.)

That was... awesome.

**INT. HIPPO MACHINE - SAME TIME**

Sunny is going nuts, pressing all the buttons.

SUNNY

Nooooo...

**EXT. JUNGLE ROAD - CONTINUOUS**

But the robot's momentum pushes it forward, like a metallic bowling ball, towards the exit.

BALA (V.O.)

Uh on. It's not over yet.

SUBHA

Noooo....

**INT. HIPPO MACHINE - SAME TIME**

Hope returns to Sunny's face. Bunny is surprised and anxious.

SUNNY/ BUNNY

Yes. Yes. Yes...

**EXT. JUNGLE ROAD - CONTINUOUS**

Just as the robot is about to cross the exit gate, Granny's jeep files in from the side trees.

The robot CRASHES into the jeep and stops. But the Blue Gem is launched high up into the air.



SUBHA/ GRANNY/ BALA (V.O.)

The gem...

Kittu hoists himself on the jeep and leaps into the air. He grabs the gem, but now, he's in free fall.

SUBHA/ GRANNY/ BALA (V.O.)

Kittu...

Shakti GROWLS and LEAPS forward, and Subha grabs Kittu's shirt right before he crashes to the ground.

SUBHA

Are you okay?

KITTU

That was... cooooool.

Granny takes a deep breath of relief.

GRANNY

(laughs)

You little brats...

BALA (V.O.)

Hurray. Way to go, team!

**INT. HIPPO MACHINE - CONTINUOUS**

Sunny has lost it. He punches the dashboard.

SUNNY

Dammit. Dammit. I was so close.

BUNNY

We?

Sunny glares at Bunny. The ground quakes.

BUNNY (CONT'D)

We should get out of here.

SUNNY

I will destroy those brats!

Sunny lands a rough fist on the dashboard. The machine trembles, and suddenly begins to slide downwards.

SUNNY (CONT'D)

What's happening?

BUNNY  
 (freaking out)  
 I don't know.

**EXT. SOUTH EXIT WALL - CONTINUOUS**

The ground cracks, and the Hippo machine falls into a ditch. Tinny screams echo from it.

DISSOLVE TO:

**EXT. TIGER HABITAT - DAY**

Subha restores the Blue Gem to its spot. The cave stops rumbling, and the water resumes flowing into the water hole.

Sounds of CLAPS, CHEERS, happy GROWLS and PURRS.

Kittu, Granny, and Bala gather around the cave with Shakti, Golu and Monkey. They all cheer. The tigers surround the heroes, purring and growling.

LATER.

The Jeep. Granny is driving and Monkey sits shotgun, both in cool shades. In the back, Kittu and Subha wave goodbye to the tigers. Golu is perched up on Shakti, who is sleeping. Bala smacks his drone camera, trying to get it to work.

GRANNY  
 You kids ready to go home?

KITTU  
 (emotional)  
 Goodbye kitties. See you soon.

BALA  
 (simultaneously)  
 Wait. We need our end of mission selfie. If only I can get this to work...

SUBHA  
 This adventure's got me hungry.  
 What're we having, Granny?

Granny realizes something -

**INT. GRANNY'S HOUSE - DAY**

The hotplates are BEEPING. There's smoke from all the dishes. All the food is charred black.

**EXT. TIGER HABITAT - CONTINUOUS**

GRANNY

(coy)

We are having a food adventure.

Bala's remote works and the drone takes off.

BALA

Alright. Everyone say... nature warriorsssss.

DRONE'S POV - The gang, the animals and the tigers in the background grin and yell 'NATURE WARRIORS'.

GRANNY

Let's go insaaaaane...

The jeep VROOOOMS and the kids' expressions turn all sorts of shocked, silly faces.

CUT TO BLACK.

POST CREDITS, OVER BLACK.

BALA (V.O.)

That robot cub was super cool. I wonder who built it.

**END OF ACT III**

**TAG****INT. HIPPO MACHINE - DUSK**

The lights and screens in the machine flicker.

BUNNY  
Someone help... please help...

SUNNY  
Stop shouting, you moron. No one  
can hear you.

Sunny tries to pull a hatch on the side and one on the top,  
but they are all jammed.

BUNNY  
I don't feel so good.

Bunny looks green and sick, about to explode. Sunny turns to  
him, scared.

SUNNY  
(cautious)  
No... no... hold it.

Bunny BELCHES loudly. Sunny's face contorts.

**EXT. SOUTH EXIT WALL - DUSK**

We hear the sounds from the hole in the ground.

SUNNY  
Someone help... please...

Sounds of more BURPS, BELCHES mixed with Sunny's cries.

**END OF EPISODE**