

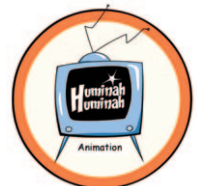
CHET & SLAM



“I can fix that...!”

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Animated action comedy for 6-11



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THE SHOW

Welcome to your pre-teens... the best, coolest, most awesome time of your life, right? Yes! But also... *NO!* At age 12, you're fighting fires on all fronts – peer group pressure, invasive social media, trying to forge a unique identity while trying desperately to fit in, the onslaught of puberty, weird mood swings, unrequited crushes and icky skin flares... *YUCK!*

And if you're **CHET**, an overthinking worrywart with an invisibility complex, those pressures are dialled up to **EXTREME!** It's at a time like this, you need a good, solid friend you can rely on to help navigate the chaos.

A friend like **SLAM**.

Slam is that friend with unshakable confidence, a noggin full of big ideas, a ceaseless spirit for adventure, and the tenacity to build a 50,000 seat football stadium out of ice lolly sticks and an old fridge. But most importantly, a **BIG HEART** and the unquenchable urge to solve every problem he hears about. If Chet has even the smallest of worries, Slam is all ears. Want a date for the junior prom but are too gutless to ask? Want to join the school football team, but get rejected thanks to your total lack of sporting talent? Want to grow epic sideburns for that killer school photo but have less facial fuzz than your kid brother? Slam is more than eager to help.

"I can fix that...!"

Slam doesn't do things by halves. Or quarters. Or fractions. He doesn't even do math. He leaps in headfirst on a *FUN-FILLED* quest to fix that problem *FAST*. While some problems might just need a bandaid and a little TLC, Slam applies a sledgehammer – made of bowling balls! Slam's wild blue sky thinking conjures all sorts of crazy solutions. Like inventing a robo-prom date. Or starting his own football team and building them their very own stadium. Or mixing a hair tonic that stimulates your follicles so well that they become living, sentient beings! If you've got the issue, Slam's got the answer... to the **MAX!**

But before work begins, he needs to convince the cautious, analytical Chet to collaborate. Chet is always hesitant – *for good reason* – but thanks to Slam's infectious enthusiasm, resistance is futile and he's quickly onboard. While Slam brings infinite imagination to the table, Chet brings practical know-how – stuff he's gleaned from class, comic books, movies, his DIY friend Angie in the hardware store, Wiki-How guides, factoids on the back of cereal boxes, wherever.

Like Wozniak to Slam's Jobs, Chet's detailed precision planning makes the impossible *possible*. And with a little help from Angie and a tiny army of neighborhood kids, we're off to the races...

And that's when the REAL problems start. Slam's big idea comes to life, then quickly snowballs and goes utterly bonkers. The robo-prom date that devours flowers, chocolates and 12-year old boys' hearts. The football stadium that attracts a rival team, Skullcrushers United for a match to the death. The rampaging sideburns that threaten to reverse the human-hairstyle hierarchy for good...

Now facing a MUCH BIGGER CRISIS, Chet and Slam kick into top gear for an all-action finale. But it's on this insane mission – while dodging laser beams and driverless monster trucks and trying to quell mutant sharks and zombie teddy bears – that the two friends get a chance for a good old-fashioned heart-to-heart, working through the initial dilemma to find a more reasonable, honest solution.

And then, once they've saved the day from the big crazy-thing-of-the-week, they put this fresh idea into action for a heartwarming resolution to the episode. Like when Chet invites Slam to go to the prom together as each other's dates. Chet has the best night ever – as happy and confident as he can be as an overthinking worrywart pre-teen. Chet and Slam have fixed it... together... until next week...



THE VIBE

Chet and Slam is a comedy show for the very modern audience. Yes, there's bone-crunching action and gut-busting hilarity and a story where an entire house turns into a bodybuilder, but there's an underlying message about the importance of friendship and opening up about personal problems instead of bottling them up. The show serves as a counterpoint to toxic masculinity, 'boys will be boys' and bro culture. It's a weirdly fun mix of *The Dangerous Book for Boys* and family psychologist Steve Biddulph's excellent *Manhood* and *Raising Boys* series. Hidden inside every episode is a valuable message for our viewers – adolescence can indeed be complicated and crazy, but there's nothing like sharing a difficult dilemma with a good friend to find a positive solution.

¹ This sequence is partly inspired by a funny scene in *Team America*, where they're in the middle of a death-defying mission, but the two main characters find time to chat through their personal issues – a nice spoof of an action movie trope.

THE CHARACTERS

CHET

Chet is a relatable 12-year old boy, a loveable underdog in the tradition of Adam Goldberg (*The Goldbergs*), Will McKenzie (*The Inbetweeners*) and let's be honest, the younger version of all of us in the kids TV industry! All the pressures of tween life are amplified by his awkward self-consciousness and overthinking that weighs up the pros and cons of every decision until he collapses under the heavy load!

But Chet is also incredibly sweet. He cares about his fellow family members, is a hopeless romantic, and would do anything for his best mate. As our narrator and guide, he tops and tails each episode in voice-over, sharing his inner most secrets with a witty self-deprecating style.

He's also got a big brain bursting with all sorts of seemingly useless information he's collected from all over the place, weird and wonderful know-how that comes in handy when trying to make Slam's latest ridiculous brain-fart a reality.

Chet comes from a large family where it's easy to get lost amongst the hustle and bustle. It's like *The Brady Bunch* meets *The Loud House* in a crazy house where a multitude of siblings either ignore him or pester him with equal enthusiasm. At school, he's the quiet kid in the corner of the playground, too hesitant to let his true colours shine. But he has big aspirations, wishing he could be more talented, more athletic, more artistic, more outgoing, more influential and above all, more popular.

Thankfully he has a best friend...



SLAM

While Chet can be often be ‘no no no’, Slam is all ‘go go go’! Born with no brake pedal, this motor-mouthed ball of energy charges into every situation with boundless imagination, enthralling enthusiasm and ZERO thought for anything more than five seconds into the future!

To Slam, a problem isn’t an obstacle. It’s a puzzle to be solved. Failure isn’t the finale. It’s a catalyst for yet another fun-filled solution... and then rinse and repeat until everything is solved, or everything explodes. Or both!



Slam first met Chet when he saw him sitting alone on the school bus on the very first day of school and quickly wedged in next to him. When Chet revealed he was worried he’d be late and get a detention on the first day of school, Slam came up with the idea of a speed-defying school bus. Chet offered some tidbits he learned from a comic book and together they pimped up the world’s first rocket-fuelled bus! (Also with multiverse-travelling abilities, but that’s another episode). They’ve been inseparable ever since.

Alongside his unbridled creativity, Slam comes equipped with a big beating heart and would do *anything* for Chet, especially when Chet is facing one of his regular mini-meltdowns. He’s also sympathetic to other classmates in crisis, offering to solve their problems as well. Sometimes even the adult characters are graced by Slam and his solutions – whether they’ve asked for help or not!

Slam proves you don’t have to be popular to enjoy a healthy self-esteem. Just equipped with positive go-getting attitude, an unflappable self belief and a reliable, ever-supportive best friend named Chet. With those ingredients, no problem is going to be too overwhelming to beat Slam.

“I can fix that...!”

THE SUPPORTING CAST

ANGIE



While most normal kids relax at the local shopping centre or coffee franchise, Chet and Slam's awesome hang-out of choice is The DIY Dude, a rundown old hardware store often fronted by the dude's daughter Angie. A couple of years older than the boys, she's a little wiser about the possible chaos of their grand plans – but who is she to crush a young man's dreams? Instead, she happily enables their schemes with all the necessary tools and machinery, along with some cool STEM-based advice. Smart, savvy and witty, she's the only girl who makes the usually unflappable Slam, well, flappable.

THE 'HOODS

No homemade intergalactic vessel would be possible without a small army of minions to help build it, so thank goodness for the 'Hoods. This adorable troop of younger neighbourhood kids are in awe of Slam and willing to do his bidding in exchange for front row seats to his latest spectacle (safety goggles required!).

SUZIE SIMMONS

Behind every super-motivated kid is a super-supportive parent – like Suzie Simmons, Slam's mum. She's a motivational speaker in the style of Tony Robins, and inspires Slam to succeed on a daily basis. That's when she's not slightly distracted by work – giving Slam plenty of space to go large, unchecked. Knowing that her son can overcome long odds to make his dreams a reality is all Suzie needs to know. Even if that means she occasionally has to put on her big game tracking outfit and round up an escaped tiger. It's like her motivational motto: *It's all worth it!*



CHET'S FAM

Chet lives in a busy household, with his large family seen mostly in legs and limbs and from behind devices. The irony is that among this bustling clan, Chet feels most alone at home – and most at home with Slam.

LUCKY McLIKEY

The golden boy of the local high school is, thanks to the internet, the golden boy of the entire planet as well! Uber popular in school and online, he's crushing it a hundo percent. While Slam couldn't care less about some over-tanned poser, Chet is well jelly! Lucky's effortless successes often motivate poor Chet to strive for seemingly unreachable heights. Thankfully he has Slam to help him soar to those heights... then help pick up the pieces when he crash-lands back to earth.

NEWTON

Sneering naysayer Newton is the living and breathing equivalent of an internet troll. Throwing rotten tomatoes at Slam's big ideas, and spanners into his works, he's the "You can't do that" to Slam's "I can fix that". A self-proclaimed science genius/child prodigy he thinks he has all the answers. Unfortunately he's also a flat earther who doesn't believe in dinosaurs or vaccines. Go figure!

MAYOR FLIP-FLOP & MS STRAPPINGTON

Also opposing Slam are Mayor Flip-Flop, an inept, gaffe-prone politician who tries to outlaw his grand plans (unless exploiting his talents for personal gain), and headmistress Ms Strappington, who's extreme detentions only fuel Slam's creativity (cooking up methods of escape!).

THE WORLD

Salty Breeze is a seaside village that has seen better days. It's been quiet and dull for decades... at least, until Slam burst onto the scene, shaking it up like a snow dome with every new idea. Alongside the DIY Dude and the Chet/Slam households, it features all the regular locations – school, sports field, main street, fast food restaurant, woods, and most importantly, an abandoned amusement park on a pier, offering an endless supply of scrap material for our heroes.



THE STORIES

HOME JIM

Chet can't believe it. He's been invited to Lucky McLikey's pool party! OK, so it was by accident, but who cares? All he needs now is a wicked pair of board shorts... and a six-pack to fit in amongst the perfectly chiselled crowd! Of course, Slam has the answer – he'll build Chet a home gym. Not just any home gym... a smart house gym. Slam pimps up Chet's house with state-of-the-art gym equipment and surround sound smart speakers that pump out training routines and inspirational coaching advice. At first, it starts to work. Chet gets his very first bicep. OK, maybe that's an arm pimple, but who cares? He's feeling fitter and more fabulous than ever and it's all thanks to his virtual coach, 'Home Jim'. But then the smart house gym starts getting a little *too* smart... and soon Jim is urging him to drink disgusting protein shakes and waking him up for 1am bootcamps, uttering 'inspirational' quotes like "Sleep is for babies!" It's a living nightmare! Chet and Slam try and shut it down, but then the entire house converts Transformers-style into a brick-and-timber body-builder! It's *game on* as the two buds try to outplay the super-fit, super-terrifying Home Jim in an epic smackdown! Amidst the crazy action, Slam notes how good Chet is at curling up into smash-happy cannonballs – a skill that ultimately defeats Jim. And now Chet realises he has something far better to impress with at the pool party... leaping off the high-dive board for some crowd-pleasing cannonballs that have partygoers cheering his name. Who needs a six-pack anyway?!

THE CHET JET

Scrolling through Lucky's glitzy and glamorous social feed, Chet frets that his life is super dull and ordinary. Slam's solution? Build Chet a private jet. The Chet Jet! To blast him off around the world and take spectacular selfies of his new crazy cool lifestyle – like volcano lava heliskiing in Hawaii or hot tub waterskiing over Niagara Falls! Naturally everything goes spectacularly pear-shaped – and to make matters worse, their selfie stick and camera gets melted by smouldering hot lava! Goodbye glamour pics! But along the way, Chet realises that social feeds are just a fake version of yourself, and with some encouragement from Slam, starts to gain an appreciation for his ordinary non-lava filled life back home. Landing the Chet Jet back at Salty Breeze international airport (Chet's front lawn), the two friends take some new selfies doing the everyday ordinary, goofy stuff they usually love to do – like garden gnome bowling or blindfolded meatball slingshot. Super messy, but as glamorous as it gets!

SLAM UNITED

Chet desperately wants to be part of a team. Not just any team. The school football team! Problem is, he has no ball control skills. Or running ability. Or eye-foot coordination. Oh, and he's highly allergic to grass! Possibly due to these issues, poor Chet doesn't make the cut. But is Slam going to let his buddy miss out on his big dream? NO WAY! He starts his very own football team, Slam United, recruiting all the rejected no-hopers from around the school and training them up. Problem is, they've been rejected for a reason! Slam declares they need a confidence boost with their very own team jerseys... and a 50,000 seat football stadium! They may not play any better, but they look great and their stadium is AWESOME – and even the school jocks are begging to join. Soon they've attracted the attention of a football promoter who instantly books the stadium to host the imminent World Cup! Club manager Slam agrees, on the proviso that Slam United play in the first match. Agreed!

Unfortunately it's against Skullcrushers F.C., the biggest, ugliest, skull-crushiest gang of thugs ever to set foot on field! As the first half kicks off, our heroes find themselves facing sudden death – and we're not talking penalties! Chet is terrified, revealing that he only wanted to join the football team out of pressure to conform. What he really wants to do is... *dance!* Other players (including the jocks) admit they feel exactly the same and reveal their own inner yearnings – like baking, cello playing and cosplay! Chet and Slam have a buddy huddle and cook up a plan – they storm back onto the field and compete with some seriously weird and whacky gameplay, drawing upon the players' secret passions and hidden strengths. Chet jazz-dance kicks the winning goal and the crowd goes wild, throwing bouquets as the red curtains close on our champion underdogs.

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