

# Series Title: ***Beyond Brilliant***

## **Synopsis**

Follow the adventures of Cockle Licks City's greatest & only crime fighting duo Gwen Giraffe & Peanut Puffin as they're called upon to protect the city from dastardly villains who attempt to drive the city's residents apart.

## **Treatment**

Beyond Brilliant follows two best friends: Gwen the Giraffe and Peanut the Puffin as they undertake surreal adventures to protect Cockle Licks City from the devilish duo of Hugh Mann (a man) and Manatee, a manatee.

Cockle Licks City is the strangest yet most wonderful place in the known and unknown universe. Overflowing with colourful characters the townsfolk live in harmony. Lions and sheep, pigeons & bunnies all working together to maintain a harmonious home. But not all is well in Cockle Licks City as the mischievous Hugh Mann attempts to undercut the peace for his own dastardly gain. It's up to our heroes, the crime fighting duo of Gwen, a Sherlock Holmes obsessed giraffe, & Peanut a hapless puffin to show the villains that friendship always beats fear.

Taking influence from classic animation such as Hanna Barbera, Seuss or the world of Cartoon Cartoon; Beyond Brilliant aims to tackle current issues of division whilst drawing an audience into madcap adventures. So pack your sandwiches and follow us towards the haphazard world of Beyond Brilliant!

## **Episode Guide**

### **Episode 1**

#### **Cockle-Licks City: The greatest place on earth, when no one is trying to kill you**

Welcome to the wonderful town of Cockle Licks City, the most beautiful city in the land and the harmonious home of our heroes. Harmonious until Hugh Mann & his sidekick Manatee set off a series of disastrous events that will spell trouble for our townsfolk. It's up to the heroic & bumbling duo of Gwen & Peanut to stop them in their tracks & save the day!

### **Episode 2**

#### **Digging up, digging down, digging all around town aka 'The Big Dig'**

Hugh Mann and his trusty sidekick are at it again! They've created a huge digging machine which will carry them underground and into the museum of 'Ancient ancient treasures'. Here they are going to steal the legendary 'Poopa-da-doopa stick' which will enabled them to cast a

spell & enslave all and sundry. The only problem is they don't actually have the coordinates and with giant mole hills popping up all over town Auntie Bola hires the greatest, albeit only detective agency in town: Gwen and Peanut to save the day - again!

### **Ep3**

#### **The sun's no fun when you wanna rob the streets blind aka 'Undercover of night'**

Hugh Mann and Manatee have created a spaceship with a gigantic Victorian candlestick snuffer which has the ability to snuff out the sun. With the town in perpetual darkness Manatee dresses in his cat burglar suit & is ready to plunder. Auntie Bola is more than annoyed as this has completely disrupted her sunbathing on the town's beach with Harry Herring. Our heroes are called back into action to shine a light on what's going on and light the sun back up... obviously...

### **Ep4**

#### **Trumpet trousers**

With Hugh Mann and Manatee safely behind bars things are a quiet in the town. Possibly too quiet. That is until Hugh Mann and Manatee are put in charge of the catering section of Gaggles Goose Infirmary. Once here they seize their opportunity to juice all the sprouts and pour the sludge into the town's water supply. With every resident's trousers soloing a Mile Davis freestyle things get far too loud. Luckily Gwen and Peanut are at hand to sort it out.

### **Ep5**

#### **The icing on the cake**

It's Manatee's special day and what better way to celebrate than to drop a colossal boulder into the sea from Hugh Mann's wondrous flying contraption? An impending tsunami sets the town for disaster but what's this? Once the wave hits a lofty height it becomes frozen in ice! The town's folk celebrate and Auntie Bola calls Gwen to congratulate her on a job well done but Gwen and Peanut had nothing to do with it. They didn't freeze the wave. So who did? It's worse than anyone thought. It's Captain Sensible and the Beige Brigade who are here to strip the town of colour and fun.

### **Ep6**

#### **The jam in the middle**

The Beige Brigade have taken over town. With the colourful antics of Cackle Licks City seen as dangerous and unruly the town has been stripped lifeless & bare. Gwen & Peanut realise what the town really needs. They must team up with Hugh Mann and Manatee to take on the energy sappers & bring Cackle Licks City back to the dynamic and chaotic town everyone knows & loves.

# Character Breakdown

## Gwen Giraffe

Job: Private Eye

Sherlock Holmes styled Giraffe whom is of course beyond intelligent. It's pretty much her defining characteristic. Gwen is always happy to help with anything but her favourite hobby is educating Peanut. Gwen can become sidetracked when coming across a tasty bit of greenery to munch on.



## Peanut Puffin

Job: Private eye

Clumsy, cheerful and with a laugh that'll melt the coldest of hearts. Peanut's clumsiness regularly gets himself and anyone in his company in trouble. When things are going smoothly rest assured Peanut will find a way to cause mayhem.



## Aunty Bola Badger

Job: Mayor of Cockle Licks City

Everyone's favourite Aunty and badger but always the bearer of bad news. Aunty Bola tries her hardest to keep the wonderful folk of her city calm and happy usually whilst flustering herself. She loves Gwen and Peanut dearly - a mother hen type even if she's an Aunty and a badger.



## Hugh Mann - A Man

Job: Evil-doer

Hugh Mann dislikes everything and everybody. He's sick to the back teeth with all the lovely folk of Cockle Licks City and he believes destroying everything in the city will improve his mood. Hugh has an uncanny knack of being able to create contraptions for evil doing with the greatest of ease.



## Manatee

Job: Hugh Mann's right hand Man-atee

A Manatee who is a dab hand at anything he turns his hand to. Always in the right spot; always able to pilot any device: even though Manatee never seems to talk or move.

