



ANIMATION WEBSERIES

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Genre: comedy, family, environmental, animation

Length: 8 x 1 min for the 1st season

Target audience: 6+

Locations: a city park

Concept: Along with entertaining, one of the project objectives is to explore ways of solving conflicts in a peaceful, non-violent way. People are fed up with violence they have been experiencing during this pandemic time.

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Logline: Sunny is a teenage girl, woven from sunrays. She keeps a city park sunny helping the park visitors and workers to solve their everyday problems. But life as a human girl causes lots of attachments and conflicts, what often jeopardizes her mission.



Synopsis:

Her name is Sunny, because she is woven by the sun with rays, and because she cares about a city park keeping it sunny. She helps a boy to save a cat, helps a lost little girl to find her mom, and saves a student-janitor from freezing.

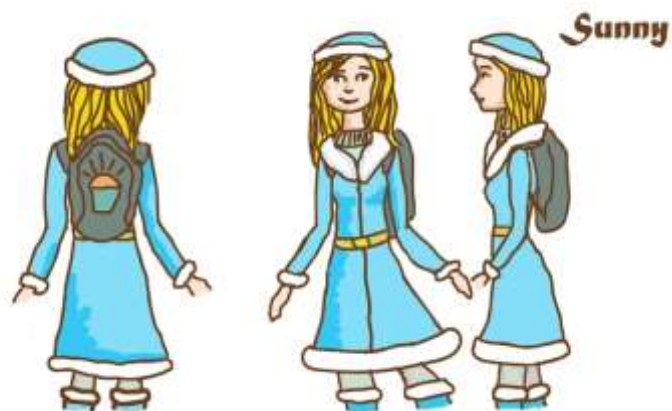
But when the park gardener destroys her favorite lawn with wildflowers to make new flower bed with his exotic plants, Sunny stands up for the park. Her friendship with children gives ground for jealousy on the part of their parents. The student-janitor falls in love with her and neglects his duties.

All these events push Sunny to an uneasy decision to turn into the park itself, still caring about visitors and workers. She stops being a human girl anymore, now people see just nature's forces in her actions, and only children still can see her in a human form.

Characters:

SUNNY (20) - a caring girl, woven from sunrays, a Guardian of the City Park. Her main objective is to keep the park sunny, full of happy and joyful visitors. In her actions, she always chooses non-violent ways and devices, trying not to offend anyone. She keeps lots of interesting cheerful things in her backpack taking them out like a magician from a hat. Being the light, she always looks for the light in all the things surrounding her. Before coming into this world, she was in the icy darkness of the space for too long - that's one more reason for her love for the light and warmth.

Sunny's super goal is to tune up the park so that everything would shine naturally having no problems at all. Her enemies are people's fears, prejudice, jealousy and all what may come from people's wish to own something. So, a young park janitor, a student, falls in love with Sunny what causes problems with cleaning the park and female visitors. Children also love Sunny what becomes a reason for some jealousy on the part of their mothers.



Each of the following characters helps to unfold one of Sunny's traits.

GEORGE (60) - Chief Gardener of the City Park, a strong adherent of order and artificial beauty. He loves classic garden culture - shining perfection in every tiny part of the park - well-groomed lawns, trimmed bushes, and clean paths. All his life he has been an excellent student, so he demands the same attitude from all the park workers. He dreams to have his park awarded as the Best Park of the City. This character helps us to see Sunny's attitude to the artificial beauty. He believes that it's his own park, questioning Sunny's position as the park guardian.



PAUL (20) - a journalist student part-time working as a Janitor of the City Park. He has a blog and represents online mass media, depending on public opinion in many ways. He often neglects his duties as a Janitor especially after falling in love with Sunny. Paul dreams to own a million subscribers on his blog. Sunny is a real treasure for his public activity, but his love happens to be stronger than his strive for fame.



FREDIE (8) - a rescuer of all local cats and dogs, but it often turns out that he himself needs to be rescued. Sunny helps him to overcome his fears and become the one he wants to be. Her beauty and art of solving problems attracts Freddie.



MARY (8) - an artist, who loves all beautiful things and tries to reproduce them in her creative way. She wants to be like Sunny and gets very jealous and possessive about her.



HELEN (30) - Mary's mother. She wants to be a perfect, caring mother, but makes too much fuss around herself. Peace of mind is what she really needs to fulfill her dreams. She sees how Mary seeks for Sunny's attention and love and feels jealousy.



KATE (60) - a big woman, who sells pies in the kiosk on the Park Square, feeding all living creatures around herself, what causes some conflicts with George, the Chief Gardener. She has had hungry childhood and expresses her sympathy through a wish to feed anyone. Kate dreams about turning the park into one big open-air café. She treats Sunny like her granddaughter and cares about her.



1st season episodes:

Episode 1. A Meowing Tree. Freddie climbs a tall tree to rescue a meowing kitten, but is terrified to climb back down. Sunny entices the kitten by playing with a butterfly so, that it itself jumps down on the ground. Now the boy feels no fear and climbs after the kitten.

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The 1st episode is available for watching here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZEK0nShj0TjIF2g9Gqit7Kk3y9URVQ2c/view?usp=sharing>



Episode 2. A Hat Bird. Helen loses her daughter Mary while they are walking across the park. Sunny turns the bird on Mary's hat into a real bird. The bird flies to Helen and leads her back to the girl. Waiting for mother, Sunny and Mary are drawing Helen.



Episode 3. Magical Scarves. Sweeping park paths, Paul is freezing, but he suddenly notices a shining scarf on the neck of a sculpture. Such scarves decorate all sculptures along the path, so the young man hurries to see who is hanging them and finds Sunny. Sunny gives him a warm scarf. The Chief Gardener shows up and reminds Paul about his duties, but sees that the path is already clean - the snow has melted from scarves hanging on statues.

Episode 4. A Flower Game. Chief Gardener of the park is going to set new lawn with exotic flowers replacing a local meadow with numerous wildflowers. Sunny feels sorry for the meadow. What is she going to do? How is she going to use her non-violent ways to protect the wildflowers?

Episode 5. A Living Painting. Mary sets up an easel in the park. Sunny helps her create a beautiful picture. The young artist finds out that Sunny is not an ordinary girl, but a ray-woven creature. That inspires her for a real masterpiece and upsets blogger Paul, who loves Sunny.

Episode 6. A Hide and Seek Champion. Children follow Sunny everywhere. Helen sees her daughter spending lots of time with Sunny and feels jealousy. She announces a great "hide and seek" game for children, but nobody seems to be interested. Sunny helps Helen organize the game.

Episode 7. A Great Feast. Children and their parents seek for Sunny, but in vain. Sunny decides not to show herself as a teenage girl anymore to let people do their duties by themselves. She sets up a farewell feast for everyone. She is leaving.

Episode 8. For Kids Only. Sunny disappears, but she keeps helping people through natural forces of the park - in fact, she is the park now. Only children, Mary and Freddie, can see her sometimes.

ULTRA-LOW BUDGET: Each episode of this webseries is about 1 minute and contains no dialogues (what gives better opportunities for worldwide distribution). At the same time, as our experience with the first episode shows, the webseries will be warmly welcomed by the wide audience and will be a good asset for any animation studio.

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