



Facts For the Casual Fans, and Why It Should Continue

Rocket Power, one of Klasky-Csupo's many Nicktoons, made its debut on **August 16, 1999**. Based on Arlene Klasky's own childhood experiences in the beach towns of Orange County, CA, the show revolves around the day-to-day adventures of four young extreme sports enthusiasts who live in Ocean Shores, CA, where they enjoy various active pastimes.

Some rad facts about the series:

- While the show portrays Twister Rodriguez as being very good at producing short videos about his friends, Shayna Fox (voice of Reggie Rocket) has produced a couple of short films herself.
- The producers had *Surfer* magazine contributing editor Gabe Sullivan to do research for the show, mostly having to do with its use of language and how extreme sports work in real life.
- The show won an award from The Association for the Severely Handicapped for the episode "Radical New Equipment", featuring a snowboarder with a fake leg who turned out to be quite competitive at her sport.

The series enjoyed a run of three seasons, during which the show has made its share of interesting storylines, whether it be Reggie's attempts to prove that girls *can* be as good as the boys, or her brother Otto running into Tony Hawk at an ice-cream factory (!), or a spring break beach-fest being held in Ocean Shores, or Otto having to put up with his neighbor Merv Stimpleton at a golf course. Good times, good times. Mostly.

So why are we, major RP fans, asking for more, then? Well, it concerns a major change that occurred in the series' final few stories.

As you probably know, Otto and Reggie's father Ray is single. Or, rather, *was* single, until he came across Noelani, one of Tito Makani's cousins in Hawaii in "Island of the Menehune", and subsequently married her in "The Big Day". You'd think that that would be the end of the series.

However, a month before either of these eps aired, RP fans were in for a surprise when, out of the blue, Nick showed an ep consisting of stories which couldn't have taken place before the wedding: One of them showed Noelani hiding under a table at Ray's diner The Shore Shack and Twister and Otto trapped at a skate park which opened in "The Big Day", and the other had Reggie mentioning her stepmom to a homeless girl.

Given that Ray's marriage has raised the possibility for new storylines, it also raises the question: If Klasky-Csupo can make one episode that takes place after the wedding, why not make a **whole season**? Or two? Thus, we are drumming up support from you, the "regular" fans of the show, in order to convince Nick and KC that Rocket Power is still a viable show, and therefore should be continued. Thank you.