

CALAMITY MEADOWS

"PILOT"

(EXCERPT)

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INT. DINING HALL - CONTINUOUS

Ness and Shane enter the dining hall, where Rob presides over lunch. All seems to be running smoothly.

NESS

Take a look. This is the Meadows magic at work. The kids are loving this.

ROB

(angry, over loudspeaker)  
Chew with your mouth closed, Dennis.  
Everybody eat quieter!

NESS

Dude, calm down.

ROB

Sorry. That kid Mason has me on edge.

NESS

Understandable.  
(to Shane)  
He called Rob's mom a human dumptruck.

Ness looks around.

NESS (CONT'D)

Where is he?

Rob looks around.

ROB

There's his buddy. Dennis, where's your buddy?

DENNIS stares blankly.

ROB (CONT'D)

Mason.

DENNIS

Mason is not my buddy. He peed on my butt.

SHANE

He what?

DENNIS

He peed on my butt! Once in the locker room and then again in the pool.

ROB  
You're supposed to stay with your  
buddy, Dennis.

NESS  
The kid had his butt peed on, Rob. He  
can bend the rules. When did you last  
do a head count?

ROB  
The Scout guidebook says to do 'em at  
the stroke of each hour, and it's  
11:58, so...

Ness turns to Shane, who's extremely caught off balance.

NESS  
Okay, so the Meadows magic usually  
doesn't involve losing kids.

Rob raises his radio to his mouth.

ROB  
Attention, all Calamity Meadows staff:  
Mason Kunkle--

Ness grabs the radio.

NESS  
--Peed on Dennis' butt.

DENNIS  
Dude!

BIXBY (V.O.)  
(on radio)  
Hilarious!

SHANE  
What are you doing? We need to start a  
search and call his parents.

NESS  
You don't get the highest customer  
satisfaction rating in the country by  
panicking parents the second their  
idiot kids wander off.

SHANE  
We have a legal responsibility to  
inform them that their child is  
missing!

NESS

We don't even know if he's really missing yet! 90% of this job is putting out fires before they spread.

(beat)

About 70% are figurative fires.

Shane is freaking out a bit, but Ness remains totally calm.

NESS (CONT'D)

Rob, check the bathrooms here, then drop your kids off with Archie and Tree and search the ropes course. Shane and I'll take the ranges and bunkhouses.

They take off, leaving the kids alone.

KID 1

Adults are gone! Food fight!

KID 2

That's wasteful.

KID 3

I already finished my lunch.

Kids 2 and 3 walk away. Kid 1 stares at his shoes, defeated.