

**POOL KIDS**

"Pilot"

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EXT. POOL ENTRANCE - DAY

A boy in a wetsuit, ENZO MIDLOTHIAN, is dropped off outside of the CHUBBY HILLS TOWN POOL, towel and pool noodle in tow.

ENZO

Bye, Mom! See you at dinner!  
(deep breath, to himself)  
You'll fit in just fine, Enzo.

Enzo steps through the pool gates and an ALARM goes off. A muscular lifeguard, MIKE SHARD, swoops in.

MIKE

Halt, civilian! I haven't seen you  
around here before. I'm Mike Shard:  
(turns to camera)  
Lifeguard.

His pearly whites twinkle.

ENZO

I'm Enzo Midlothian and I just  
moved here. I was captain of the  
swim team back home and wanted to  
sign up... if that's, uh, okay.

MIKE

Ah, a fellow soldier on the  
chlorinated battleground. The sign  
up sheet is right outside of the  
lifeguard office.

Enzo nods and starts walking, but is blocked by Mike.

MIKE (CONT'D)

But I'll need to see your  
government-issued pool pass first.

Enzo opens his wallet, organized like a filing cabinet.

ENZO

L, M, N, O, P for pool pass.

Enzo hands over his pass. Mike holds it up to the light. He bites and bends it, checking for a counterfeit.

MIKE

Seems legit. Can't be too careful.  
I'm the only force around here  
separating order from chaos.  
Speaking of which...

Mike swipes the pool noodle out of Enzo's arm.

MIKE

Pool Rule #38B: No toys outside of the kiddie pool. The only piece of extrapoolicular equipment is this:

Mike pulls out a blue BASKETBALL and spins it on his finger.

MIKE (CONT'D)

You can borrow it from the lifeguard office to play pool basketball in the shallow end.

WE SEE the POOL BASKETBALL HOOP in the SHALLOW END.

MIKE (CONT'D)

It's pool property, so GUARD IT WITH YOUR LIFE. My grandmother founded this pool and for generations we--

A feisty frizzy-haired girl, WINONA FISH, grabs the ball from Mike's clutches and raises it above her head.

WINONA

Got it! C'mon, Kai!

A boy in an oversized shirt and baggy trunks, KAI KOIZUMI, huffs and puffs as he catches up to her.

Mike picks up the ball and Winona, still holding on to it.

MIKE

Freeze, Winona. Let's teach our new friend Enzo the correct protocol.

WINONA

I won't bow to your authoritarian regime! Or your new crony!

Winona growls at Enzo, who recoils.

KAI

Can we please have the ball pretty please with sprinkles on top?

MIKE

That's Guard Shard to you. But I'll let it slide. Here, Kai.

Mike plucks Winona off the ball and passes it to Kai. The two kids scamper off to the shallow end.

MIKE (CONT'D)  
Follow the rules and you'll be  
fine. Don't follow them, and you'll  
be fined. With a "d". Heh.  
Lifeguard humor.

Mike hands Enzo his pool pass. Something catches Mike's eye  
and he blows his whistle.

MIKE (CONT'D)  
Mary-Kate! What did I say about  
using stilts on the diving board?

Mike speed walks off.

ENZO  
Uh, thanks! Now he said the swim  
team sign up was over... there!

Enzo walks off to find the swim team sign up sheet.

EXT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

Enzo arrives at the lifeguard office. He scans the bulletin  
board and finds the swim team sign up sheet. He lifts papers  
and scours the ground looking for a pen.

ENZO  
Gasp! There's no pen. If I don't  
have a pen, I can't sign up. And  
without swim team, I'm nothing!  
Nobody!

An elderly woman with a large bag passes by and spots Enzo.

ENZO (CONT'D)  
How could I be so foolish as to not  
bring my own writing utensils?!

The woman puts her hand on Enzo's shoulder.

EUNICE  
Relax, kid! I've got a pencil.

Eunice pulls a pencil out of her bag and hands it over.

EUNICE (CONT'D)  
I always come prepared. Pencils,  
sunscreen, a prosthetic leg for a  
komodo dragon--you name it.

ENZO

Thank goodness! Back home, Swim Team was the only time it felt like people liked me. And if I couldn't join the team, nobody would like me. I'd just be a friendless freak with no extracurriculars for my college application and slightly webbed toes.

Enzo wiggles his tootsies, showing off a very slight webbing between his toes.

ENZO (CONT'D)

So thanks Mrs...?

EUNICE

Oh, just call me Eunice.

Enzo takes pencil to paper but stops before writing.

ENZO

Do you have a sharpener? I write better with a very sharp pencil. I don't want people to think I have bad penmanship.

Eunice pulls out a sharpener and sharpens the pencil.

EUNICE

I've been coming to this pool every summer since the very first day it opened. And what's great about this place is that kids can just have fun and be kids. So don't worry so much.

Eunice hands Enzo the sharpened pencil.

EUNICE (CONT'D)

If you're ever in another jam, just whistle like this!

Eunice does a special three-note whistle.

EUNICE (CONT'D)

And I'll help you out as soon as I can. I'm like a dog--I'll hear it from miles away. A very old dog.  
Ha!

Eunice walks away laughing.

ENZO  
But I... can't whistle.

Enzo tries to whistle, but winds up just spitting everywhere.

ENZO (CONT'D)  
Dang it. Hopefully they let non-whistlers on the swim team.

Enzo writes his name on the sign up sheet.

EXT. SHALLOW END - DAY

In the pool, Kai is slowly lining up his shot as Winona frantically jumps up and down, trying to block him.

KAI  
A-tisket, a-tasket, this ball's going in... that hoop!

Kai throws the ball but Winona smacks it, sending the ball flying out of the pool and toward the Lifeguard Office.

EXT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

BAM! The ball smacks into Enzo's head and lands at his feet.

EXT. SHALLOW END - DAY

KAI  
Hey! Pass it here!

EXT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

Enzo turns to see Kai and Winona wildly splashing around.

EXT. SHALLOW END - DAY

WINONA  
No! Pass it to *me*, new kid! I'll be your best friend forever and ever!

EXT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

Enzo reaches down but the pencil slips out of his hand and its sharp tip pierces the ball. POP! The ball deflates.

ENZO

Oh no.

Kai and Winona get out of the pool and rush over to Enzo.

KAI

Hey, where'd the ball go? All I see is this colorful pancake.

Kai lifts the flattened ball and flops it around.

WINONA

What the heck, new kid?! Did Mike put you up to this? Are you his little minion trying to stop any and all fun?

ENZO

No! It was an accident I swear!

WINONA

Likely story.

ENZO

And I'd *never* break the rules... Which I just did! I was supposed to guard that ball with my life!

Enzo furiously bites his left hand's fingernails.

WINONA

Calm down...uh, what's your name?

ENZO

Enzo.

WINONA

Well, Elmo, these rules are just means of oppression. It's a crooked system that forces us to play with only one lousy ball! We need to rise up and start a revolution!

ENZO

A revolution?!

Enzo bites both hands' fingernails.

WINONA

I think buried a pitchfork around here for this very occasion.

Winona digs into the grass, looking for her pitchfork.

ENZO  
Pitchfork?!  
(looks at hands)  
But I'm out of fingernails to bite!

KAI  
You can borrow mine!  
(whispers)  
Try to guess which one is my mashed  
potato finger.

Enzo scoots away from Kai, who remains unfazed.

ENZO  
Could we get a replacement ball?

WINONA  
(stops digging)  
And we could give it back to Mike  
and he wouldn't be any the wiser.  
Smart thinkin', Enya.

ENZO  
My name's Enzo.

WINONA  
(points to herself)  
Winona. And that's Kai.

Kai holds the ball to his eye, viewing out of the hole.

KAI  
If I wear the ball like this, would  
people think it's a monocle and  
that I'm a li'l fancy man?

ENZO  
It's a bit big for a monocle.

KAI  
(with an English accent)  
Dear boy, the bigger the monocle,  
the better I can look for a ball!

ENZO  
Mike said something about toys  
being allowed in the kiddie pool.

KAI  
Indeed! We can stroll on over there  
and ask Hazel if she has a ball.



WINONA

Nuh-uh! I'm not asking my little sister for help!

ENZO

Do you not get along?

WINONA

She had a popsicle shaped like Felix the Cat. Y'know, the public domain character?

ENZO

Love the public domain.

KAI

Indubitably.

WINONA

Well, she still has baby teeth and doesn't want to chew gum. So she spits out the gumball eyes, Mike Shard's foot rolls over them, he falls on the ground, and she tells him that *I* did it! I had to leave the pool for the day and I'm banned from buying cartoon-based ice cream novelties from the snack bar!

Winona goes back to digging for her pitchfork.

ENZO

Maybe you could use that story as leverage? She owes you one.

WINONA

I don't trust her.

KAI

Got any better ideas, ol' chap? We're in a bit of a sticky wicket here.

WINONA

Ugh! Fine. I can't find my pitchfork anyway. All I found was this bonesaw I buried last year.

Winona unearths a big, rusty BONESAW. Enzo's jaw drops.

ENZO

W-why did you bury that?

WINONA  
For when it's bonesaw time.

Stunned silence.

ENZO  
...Let's go to the kiddie pool.

KAI  
Pip pip cheerio, old sport!

Enzo heads off. Kai laughs as he throws his "monocle" in the trash can. Winona drops her bonesaw and they follow Enzo.

**END OF ACT ONE**

ACT TWO

EXT. KIDDIE POOL - DAY

Enzo, Winona, and Kai step foot into the kiddie pool, a nightclub-like square of shallow water crammed with partying preschoolers. Glow sticks, inflatables, and pool noodles bounce like popcorn in the air. A PRESCHOOL DJ is at a colorful toy boombox, blaring EDM music with a familiar tune.

EDM MUSIC

B-I-N-G-O. B-I-N-G-O. B-I-N-G-O.

The whole pool sings along.

CROWD

And Bingo was his name-o!

KAI

Where's Hazel?

WINONA

She's usually in the back.

ENZO

Like a VIP Section?

WINONA

Yeah, Verified In Pottytraining.

Winona and Kai confidently strut toward the back of the pool.

ENZO

Wait, so are these other kids *not* potty trained?!

Enzo winces as he tiptoes through the apparent cesspool. He's stopped by PRESCHOOLER #1, who places a colorful necklace around his neck.

PRESCHOOLER #1

Eat it!

ENZO

What?

PRESCHOOLER #1

Just eat it!

The preschooler shoves the necklace in Enzo's mouth. Enzo's confusion changes to delight as he chews upon the jewelry.

ENZO  
Hey, it's made of Fruit Hoops!

PRESCHOOLER #1  
It's part of a complete breakfast!

Preschooler #1 moves on. Enzo realizes he's lost.

ENZO  
Kai? Winona? Where'd you go?

Enzo pushes past a few preschoolers and finds PRESCHOOLER #2 talking to his friend, who's submerged underwater.

PRESCHOOLER #2  
You're going too hard, man. You gotta stop.

The friend surfaces, wrinkly and pale from being in the pool.

WRINKLED PRESCHOOLER  
(weakly)  
Just one more minute.

Enzo runs away, but can't stop staring at the wrinkled boy. Just then, he collides into Kai's back and bounces off, falling into the water.

KAI  
Huh? Oh there you are, Enzo.

Kai pulls Enzo out of the drink.

KAI (CONT'D)  
They're not letting us in.

A preschool BOUNCER guards an area roped off by pool noodles.

BOUNCER  
Sorry, you're not on the list.

WE SEE the bouncer's clipboard, consisting of crude crayon scribbles and smiley faces.

BOUNCER (CONT'D)  
Miss Hazel isn't expecting guests.

WINONA  
She's my little sister! I had to wipe her butt this morning! Argh!

HAZEL comes out from behind the bouncer.

HAZEL  
 Winona? Oh, Winnie come on in.  
 (to bouncer)  
 Don't worry, they're with me.

The bouncer lifts the pool noodle and steps aside as they enter the VIP area.

HAZEL (CONT'D)  
 Long time no see, sis. We don't  
 hang out enough.

WINONA  
 Huh? We share a bedroom!

HAZEL  
 How are you, Kai?

KAI  
 I've been doing some snooping on  
 the squirrels around here.  
 (leans forward)  
 I think they're smarter than they  
 let on.

Kai spots a squirrel on a tree branch above the kiddie pool.

KAI (CONT'D)  
 I'm don't fear you!

HAZEL  
 (to Enzo)  
 And who, might I ask, are you?

ENZO  
 I'm Enzo.

An EDM version of "The Wheels on the Bus" comes on.

HAZEL  
 OMG, I love this song! Turn it up!

The DJ gives a nod and cranks the volume.

ENZO  
 We were wondering if you had a ball  
 we could borrow.

HAZEL  
 A what? Sorry, I can't hear you.

Enzo grabs the bouncer's clipboard and writes on it "WE NEED A BALL." He flips it over and shows it to Hazel.

HAZEL (CONT'D)  
I don't know how to read.

Winona, fed up, SCREAMS at the top of her lungs.

WINONA  
WE NEED A BALL!

The music cuts out. Everyone in the pool turns around.

WINONA (CONT'D)  
And you owe me after what you did  
with Felix the Cat.

HAZEL  
Hmm... A ball? I haven't seen a  
ball...

Hazel thinks. A devious smile forms on her face.

HAZEL (CONT'D)  
But I know where you can get one.

ENZO  
Perfect! Problem solved!

WINONA  
Don't hold your breath, Elon. We  
probably have to answer her riddles  
three or some garbo.

HAZEL  
Word on the street is that they  
have an extra supply of basketballs  
at the snack bar.

WINONA  
Great. Let's go to the snack bar.  
Bye, Hazel!

Hazel turns around and starts leaving.

HAZEL  
But it's a secret, so you have to  
place a special food order.

Hazel stops in her tracks and waits for more.

KAI  
What is it?

HAZEL  
If I told you, it wouldn't be a  
secret.

ENZO

Then come with us and you can place  
the order.

HAZEL

(fake gasps)  
What a great idea!

Hazel gets up and starts leaving.

WINONA

(rolling her eyes)  
Does she have to?

Hazel turns to the pool.

HAZEL

I'll be back, my people. Party on!

The DJ turns the music back on and the party resumes. Enzo and Kai follow Hazel as Winona stomps behind them, whacking preschoolers out of her way.

EXT. SNACK BAR - DAY

An acne-ridden teenager, IRVING JORTS, slouches over the counter as his co-worker, STEPHANIE DUKE, gathers her things.

STEPHANIE

Thanks for covering me for the rest  
of the day. It's not that I hate  
working here, I just really don't  
like this job, y'know?

IRVING

Totally. Maybe after I'm done we  
could catch a movie. I'm a  
connoisseur of cinema. Have you  
seen *Fight Cl--*

Stephanie slams the door behind her. Irving deflates.

Hazel leads Enzo and Kai to the snack bar, Winona grumbling behind them.

HAZEL

(whispers)  
We'll place the special order and  
they'll know to bring out the super  
secret basketball stash.

ENZO

Got it.

KAI

Hi Irving!

IRVING

I told you, the name's Snake.  
Y'know, like the lizard?

ENZO

Snakes aren't lizards.

KAI

Silly Irving!

IRVING

Snake! It doesn't matter, call me  
Snake. It's my new name.

KAI

Who gave it to you?

IRVING

Uh... well, y'know...

WINONA

Did you give yourself a nickname,  
Irving?

IRVING

Snake! Let me have this! Are you  
gonna order something or what?!

ENZO

Yes! I will have the--

Hazel leans in to whisper the secret order to Enzo, who  
repeats it out loud.

ENZO (CONT'D)

French fries, European style, and a  
peanut butter bar, extra chunky...  
if you know what I mean.

Hazel nods approvingly.

IRVING

Uh... okay? That's five bucks.

HAZEL

Winona, pay the man.

WINONA

Huh?! You didn't say it was going  
to cost anything!



HAZEL  
Mom doesn't let me carry money...  
You can have the peanut butter bar.

WINONA  
Ugh, fine.

Winona hands over a wad of crumpled, wet bills with a chunk of dryer lint and a wriggling earthworm.

WINONA (CONT'D)  
This is all I've got.

IRVING  
You're two bucks short.

KAI  
Don't worry, we can just get some  
from the free money bucket!

Kai reaches into the Tip Jar, which Irving swipes from him.

IRVING  
Those are my tips!

KAI  
Is that why it's empty?

ENZO  
Don't worry, I have some cash.

Enzo rifles through his wallet.

ENZO (CONT'D)  
J, K, L for Legal Tender.

Enzo hands over two pristine dollars to Irving, who walks back to prepare the order.

WINONA  
Thanks, Emo. You're not half bad.

KAI  
Yeah, Enzo, you're nice 'cause you  
smell like the post office.

DING!

IRVING  
Fries and a peanut putter bar.

Hazel takes her fries and Winona pockets the peanut butter bar.

WINONA  
Where's the ball?

IRVING  
Huh? What ball?

HAZEL  
(quickly)  
It was great to see you all! Let's  
do brunch! Have a nice life! Bye!

Winona stops Hazel by grabbing on to the straps of her swimsuit. Winona leans to Irving.

WINONA  
There's supposed to be a ball. A  
basketball from your secret stash  
that comes with the special order!

IRVING  
I don't have any "sportsballs." The  
only competitions I'm interested in  
are film festivals. I've been  
called the Tarantino of my genera--

WINONA  
Hush, Irving!  
(turns to Hazel)  
Care to explain?!

Hazel scrunches up her face and wells up.

HAZEL  
It's not fair!

Hazel drops and punches the ground, furiously crying.

HAZEL (CONT'D)  
You get an allowance and I don't!  
And I was hungry!

WINONA  
I get an allowance because I do  
chores!

HAZEL  
I clean the dishes!

WINONA  
Licking the maple syrup off of your  
plate after you eat waffles doesn't  
count as cleaning!

Incensed, Hazel stands up and sniffs the wet boogers hanging from her nose.

HAZEL

Does too!

Hazel sticks her tongue out at Winona and runs off.

WINONA

Get back here, twerp!

Winona chases after Hazel, Enzo and Kai following behind.

EXT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

Mike walks out of his office chugging a protein shake when he sees Hazel running from Winona, Enzo, and Kai. He blows his whistle.

MIKE

Freeze!

Hazel runs under his legs, but the big kids collide into him.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Do you know why I pulled you over?

WINONA

But she lied to us!

MIKE

Pool Rule #1: no running!

WINONA

She made us buy her food cause she said we'd get an extra basketball!

MIKE

Where's the basketball I gave you?  
After playing and/or galavanting  
has ceased, the ball must be  
returned immediately.

ENZO

What if we can't return it because  
it's got a big hole in it?

WINONA

Hypothetically!

MIKE

That'd be considered destruction of  
pool property.

(MORE)

MIKE (CONT'D)

Which, according to rule #8C, would result in your pool pass being terminated.

KAI

Those little bugs that eat wood?!

ENZO

Not termites, Kai. Terminated.

Kai pulls out a homemade wooden doll.

KAI

(whispers)

Don't worry, Alexandra. Your hickory physique is safe.

MIKE

So do you have the ball?

WINONA

Oh, I'll show you a ball!

Winona throws fists of fury at Mike, but he just holds her head in place, her arms not even reaching him.

ENZO

We left the ball over... not here.

Winona stops punching the air.

WINONA

Uh, yeah, it's just over not here!  
Er, over there! Chill out, Mike!

MIKE

That's Mike Shard: Lifeguard.

Mike smiles to the camera. Winona rolls her eyes.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Now where exactly is the ball?

ENZO

Well, uh... didn't you wanna talk to Mike about something, Kai?

Enzo nudges Kai with his elbow.

KAI

No I'm... oh yeah! Can I, uh, see what's in the lifeguard office?

WINONA

Yeah, Kai told me he wants to be a lifeguard just like you!

KAI

I wanna save people from drowning and go to work barefoot and look like a hunk and--

MIKE

A lifeguard in training? I guess I can show you around, big guy.

Mike grabs Kai's hand and they head into the office.

KAI

First question: what brand of cream cheese do you put on your nose?

MIKE

You know this is sunblock, right?

They leave. Enzo pulls the deflated ball out of the trash can.

ENZO

If there's no other ball, we need to patch this one up.

WINONA

Easy! I know just the thing we can patch it up with!

Winona goes to the edge of the pool and takes a seat. She grabs a huge WAD OF BANDAGES from the water.

WINONA (CONT'D)

Used bandages!

ENZO

My immune system's getting a real workout today.

Enzo delicately takes the bandages and sticks them onto the ball. They stay for a few seconds, but quickly fall off.

ENZO (CONT'D)

They've lost all their stick.

WINONA

Nah, you just gotta put some elbow grease into it!

Winona repeatedly hits the ball with the wad of bandages.

WINONA (CONT'D)  
Almost there!

RIP! Winona's arm tears through the hole and comes out the other side, creating an even bigger hole in the ball.

WINONA (CONT'D)  
Stupid ball! Stupid bandages!

ENZO  
Uh, maybe we can find a first aid kit with fresh bandages. Let's go!

Enzo gets up. Winona tries to, but can't lift her butt.

WINONA  
I can't. I'm stuck!

ENZO  
Huh? Let me help.

Enzo grabs Winona and after three pulls, pries her off of the edge of the pool. She has a sticky brown residue on her rear.

WINONA  
Aw, I sat on my peanut butter bar.

ENZO  
Oh that's peanut butter! Phew...  
Hey! We can use the peanut butter to stick the bandages on!

WINONA  
I'll give it a shot.

Winona wipes the peanut butter off of her tush and sticks it on the ball. Just then, a voice comes on the PA system.

KAI (O.S.)  
Breaker breaker, 1-9. We got a whirlbird on the poopdeck. Do you copy? This is Po'boy, over and out.

INT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

Kai is talking into the PA microphone, which Mike quickly intercepts from him and puts back in its place.

MIKE  
Yes, that's the PA system. Let's continue our tour over here.

Mike leads Kai to a wall decorated with swimming trophies.

KAI  
Ooh, shiny.

MIKE  
Here's just a small sample of the  
many swim team trophies I've won.

KAI  
Don't the kids on the team win 'em?

MIKE  
As head coach, I'm responsible for  
their success. Y'know, if you want  
to be a lifeguard, you should think  
about joining the team.

Kai moves toward the trophies.

It builds character, discipl--what  
are you doing?

Kai has two trophies, each with a little golden swimmer on  
top of them, and is playing with them like toys.

KAI (AS TROPHY #1)  
What's cookin' good lookin'?

KAI (AS TROPHY #2) (CONT'D)  
Just a big ol' stroganoff of love!

Kai smooshes the two trophies together, making kissing  
sounds. Mike pulls them apart.

MIKE  
Stop that!

KAI  
What? These two don't get along?

MIKE  
No! I mean... sure? I don't know,  
they're trophies!

KAI  
Trophies... in love!

Kai makes them kiss again.

MIKE  
Come on!

KAI  
Don't be upset, they love you too!

Kai chases Mike around with the kissing trophies.

EXT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

The ball is completely covered in peanut butter and bandages.

ENZO

See! The bandages are all stuck on!

WINONA

And it looks good as new!

CLOSE ON the ball in Enzo's hand, covered in chunky peanut butter and wrinkled bandages.

ENZO

Now I just need to blow it up.

Enzo lifts his hands, but the ball is gone!

ENZO (CONT'D)

What?! Where'd it--

WINONA

Squirrels!

Three squirrels stand about 10 feet from Enzo and Winona, nibbling at the peanut butter that covers the ball.

WINONA (CONT'D)

They like the peanut butter. Can't say I blame 'em, the little devils.

Enzo carefully approaches the squirrels.

ENZO

Here squirrely, it's okay.

Enzo makes some squirrel noises and tries to whistle to get their attention, but ends up spitting all over the place, scaring them away.

ENZO (CONT'D)

Dang! Still can't whistle.

WINONA

After them!

Enzo and Winona chase the squirrels, whizzing past other poolgoers. The squirrels end up at the base of a tree.

WINONA (CONT'D)

Don't you dare go up that tree.



ENZO  
Come on, gimme the ball.

The squirrels huddle up. After a brief chat, they turn around and simultaneously shake their heads "no" and scurry up the tree, where they nibble on the ball as they taunt the kids.

ENZO (CONT'D)  
I think Kai was onto something  
about the squirrels around here.

WINONA  
That's it. It's bonesaw time.

Winona grins devilishly.

INT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

Kai is dressed head to toe in sweatshirts, socks, and other clothes. He dances and hums a little ditty.

MIKE  
Alright, I think we've had enough  
fun with the lost and found.

Kai, with his eyes fully covered, bumps into a CPR DUMMY that falls over. Kai uncovers his eyes to see what he hit.

KAI  
Mike! When were you going to  
introduce me to your friend?

MIKE  
That's an advanced piece of  
equipment designed to teach  
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

Mike kneels down and puts his hands on the dummy's chest.

MIKE (CONT'D)  
Administer compressions to the  
middle of the chest like this...

Mike presses down on the chest of the dummy. Kai butts in.

KAI  
Stop! You're hurting poor Rupert!

MIKE  
Rupert? You mean the dummy?

KAI

That's no way to talk to a patient!  
He's just woozy because his blood  
sugar's low! Gimme your protein  
shake!

Kai grabs Mike's protein shake and pours it all over the  
dummy's head. Mike is seething.

KAI (CONT'D)

There, now his vitals are stable...  
but where are his arms and legs?!  
He'll never survive like this!

Kai inspects the areas where the dummy's limbs should be.

MIKE

That's just how it's manufactured.  
Now let's put it away.

KAI

Leave no patient behind! We can  
rebuild him. We have the  
technology.

Kai grabs stuff from around the office--staplers, pencils,  
etc.--and attaches them to the dummy. Mike is dumbfounded.

EXT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

The squirrels are relaxing high up in the tree, eating globs  
of peanut butter as they sunbathe. We PAN down to see Winona  
furiously sawing the trunk with her bonesaw.

ENZO

So if you chop down this tree, it's  
not pool property?

WINONA

Nah, it was here before the pool  
was! It belongs to Mother Nature!

The squirrels brace for impact as the tree starts to tip. It  
CRASHES to the ground, but the squirrels emerge, unharmed.  
One squirrel shakes its fist, one does the "I'm watching you"  
motion, and the third slides its finger across its neck. They  
scurry off as Enzo and Winona search through the wreckage.

WINONA (CONT'D)

Do you see the ball?

ENZO

Hey, what about this?

Enzo pulls out a pristine, fully inflated basketball.

WINONA

Whoa! Someone must've got it stuck  
in this tree years ago.

ENZO

Let's get it back to Mike Shard--  
(turns to camera)  
Lifeguard.

Enzo's teeth flicker like a dying lightbulb.

WINONA

Don't do that again.

Enzo and Winona abscond to the Lifeguard Office.

INT. LIFEGUARD OFFICE - DAY

The CPR dummy now has four limbs made of different objects.  
Kai has a defibrillator and rubs the paddles together.

KAI

Don't you die on me, boy!

Kai presses the defibrillator on the dummy. He puts his ear  
to the dummy's mouth to check for breathing.

KAI (CONT'D)

I did it! He's alive!

Kai jumps for joy as the CPR dummy briefly comes to life.

DUMMY

(weakly)  
Thank you.

Mike ushers Kai away from the dummy, stepping on its head and  
extinguishing any life that Kai created.

MIKE

That's enough. Let's see how your  
friends are doing, buddy.

KAI

Uh, wait, no!  
(looks around)  
What's that, some kinda robutt?

Kai points to a high-tech blender.

MIKE

Ah, that's the Blendtronic 400.  
It's how I make my protein shakes.

KAI

Ooh! I want a milkshake! Do I just  
press one of these buttons?

MIKE

Negatory. She's a sensitive beast  
that takes a gentle touch to tame  
her. First you take your powder...

As Mike shows Kai his shake-making skills, Enzo and Winona  
walk in with the ball.

WINONA

Thank goodness you found that ball.  
You saved our butts.

ENZO

Yeah, I guess I'm just lucky! Maybe  
I could even play basketball with  
you. Hey Mike, here's the ball!

Enzo shoots the basketball toward Mike but misses, throwing  
it into the blender. The blades shred the ball into a  
thousand pieces that are thrown all over the office.

KAI

Snow! It's a Christmas miracle!

Kai sticks his tongue out, but chokes on ball material.

**END OF ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE**

EXT. POOL ENTRANCE - DAY

Mike escorts Enzo, Winona, and Kai off of pool grounds. They have goggles tied around their wrists like handcuffs.

ENZO  
I'm sorry, guys.

KAI  
My papa's gonna be so mad. Now I'll never get that fluffy unicorn for my birthday.

ENZO  
Yeah, no more toys for me either.

KAI  
Toys? No, I want a real unicorn.

WINONA  
Grr... Stupid rules! I will break free from these chains!

Winona gnaws at the goggles on her wrist.

ENZO  
Is there anything we can do, Mike?

MIKE  
You destroyed multiple pieces of pool property: the basketball, the CPR dummy--

Mike sees the fallen tree in the distance.

MIKE (CONT'D)  
--and did you cut down a tree?!  
With good behavior, you'll maybe be able to come back next summer. Now let's see those passes.

Kai pulls his out from under his swim trunks. It's all crumpled up and stained. He gives it a sniff.

KAI  
I'll always remember your scent.

Enzo opens up his wallet and goes through the files.

ENZO

F, G, H for Hardly-Used Pool Pass.  
Good night, sweet prince.

Enzo hands over his pristine pool pass.

WINONA

You'll never take mine!

Winona shoves her pass into her mouth and furiously chomps.  
She gulps it down and shows Mike her clean tongue.

WINONA (CONT'D)

Good luck getting it now!

MIKE

I was going put these through the  
shredder, but that works too.  
Thanks for helping me out, Winona.

WINONA

What?! Grrrr...

Winona's anger turns to sadness as she accepts her fate.

MIKE

Now please vacate the premises.

Mike unties their goggle handcuffs and the trio leaves  
through the entry gate.

MIKE (CONT'D)

And now with you three out, order  
is restored and I can do what all  
lifeguards love most: idly twirling  
a whistle around my fingers.

Mike does just that and saunters off. Kai and Winona sit down  
on a nearby bench as Enzo paces back and forth.

ENZO

My first day and I get kicked out  
*and* everyone hates me. I'm sorry.

KAI

Don't be so hard on yourself, Enzo.

WINONA

This *is* kind of all your fault.

KAI

Winona!

WINONA

What? If he never showed up we'd be in the pool right now. Now we have to hang out on the playground or the tennis court or the town dump.

ENZO

Winona, I thought you were against the "authoritarian regime". Shouldn't we try to fight back?

WINONA

I tried. It just made things worse.

ENZO

We can still try! We could tell the town board about these crazy rules. We can be whistleblowers!

KAI

Whistleblowers? Like going toot toot with a shiny whistle?

WINONA

No, Kai, a whistleblower is like--

ENZO

Wait, Kai's got a point.

WINONA

Huh?

KAI

Really? Are you sure?

ENZO

If this doesn't work, it was nice knowing you.

Enzo takes a deep breath and runs back into the pool. Mike is relaxing, idly twirling his whistle, when he sees Enzo.

MIKE

Hey! No running! And no trespassing!

Mike stands up. Enzo runs straight to him and grabs the whistle out of his hand and blows into it, making that same three-note whistle that Eunice taught him earlier.

MIKE (CONT'D)

You just trespassed, ran, and stole pool property. You are banned from the pool for life!

Just then, Eunice shows up.

EUNICE

Who's whistling? Does someone need me?

(sees Enzo)

Oh it's you! Having fun?

ENZO

I'm in a jam and I don't know what to do.

MIKE

This criminal has committed multiple violations of the Chubby Hills Town Pool Rulebook.

EUNICE

Oh, Michael. You and your silly rules.

(to Enzo)

What did you do, kid?

ENZO

I accidentally popped a basketball.

MIKE

*AND* they messed up the CPR Dummy *and* trespassed *and* made my trophies kiss! On the lips!

ENZO

We just did that stuff because we were trying to fix the ball.

EUNICE

You scare these kids with your silly punishments and it just leads to more problems. And it's stuff that can be replaced. In fact...

Eunice digs through her bag and pulls out a basketball.

EUNICE (CONT'D)

See? I always come prepared.

MIKE

But Grammie, they cut down a tree!

ENZO

Grammie?! But that means... didn't you found this place?



EUNICE

Michael, your grandfather and I  
planted that tree when we opened  
this pool. We can plant another  
one. Now let these kids back in.

MIKE

But Grammmiiiiieeeeeee!

EUNICE

Don't be so difficult, Der Bear.  
(to Enzo)  
Now go get your friends and we can  
play some 2 on 2!

ENZO

Thanks, Eunice! Thanks, Der Bear!

Enzo rushes to get Winona and Kai.

ENZO (CONT'D)

Winona! Kai! We're not banned from  
the pool after all! Come on!

FADE TO:

EXT. POOL - DUSK

At sunset, Enzo, Kai, Winona, and Eunice play basketball in  
the shallow end. Eunice shoots the ball and drains it.

EUNICE

Boomshakalaka!

ENZO

Not bad for an octogenarian!

WINONA

Loser's ball.

Winona passes the ball to Enzo, who is frozen with nerves.

EUNICE

Go for it! Who cares if you miss?

Enzo calms down and shoots the ball. Outside of the pool,  
Hazel shows up and stands by the basket.

HAZEL

Winnie, when are we going h--

SMACK! The basketball nails Hazel in the face.

ENZO

Sorry! I'm more of a swimmer than a baller.

WINONA

(laughing)

Don't be sorry, that's the funniest thing I've ever seen!

They all laugh. A car horn beeps.

ENZO

I think that's my mom.

KAI

Aw, can't you stay? I haven't even shown you all the cool skateboard tricks I can do underwater.

Kai flails around in the water.

WINONA

Yeah, stay! She can wait.

EUNICE

Now kids, you still have the rest of the summer to play.

WINONA

Alright. See you tomorrow, Enzo?

ENZO

Definitely!

Enzo gets out of the pool and grabs his things. He walks to the entrance and passes Mike, who watches him like a hawk.

ENZO (CONT'D)

Bye, Mike! See you at swim team practice in the morning!

MIKE

Be here at 0600 hours sharp, Mr. Midlothian.

Enzo smiles and nods as he leaves the pool grounds.

MIKE (CONT'D)

I'll whip that delinquent into shape and once I do, the others will follow. Then, order will be restored once and for all with me as their ruler!

EUNICE (O.S.)

Der bear, do you have my evening  
foot creams?

MIKE

Coming Grammie! I keep all of your  
creams and powders in the heart-  
shaped fanny pack you got me for  
Valentine's Day!

Mike speedwalks to tend to his grandmother as the sun sets on  
the first of many exciting summer days.

**END OF PILOT**