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"Pilot"

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. SUBURBAN HOME - EARLY MORNING

Pittsburgh. Summertime. A peaceful calm is broken by THE
PIERCING BUZZ OF AN ALARM CLOCK.

INT. SUBURBAN HOME - DAVE AND MARNI'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

The bedside clock reads "5:00 AM". Marni (mid-late 30's,
stay at home mom with a bit of a wild side) groggily searches
for the button and shuts it off. She rubs the sleep from her
eyes and turns on a lamp, REVEALING: Dave (late 30's,
lovably intense former jock, think Rob Riggle) already
dressed, holding two suitcases.

DAVE
(pumped)
Let's do this!

MARNI
Dave, it's too early. This is
vacation. We're supposed to relax.

DAVE
Too much to do, Marni. We gotta
beat that traffic, check in early
and get kick ass seats by the pool.
Then we can relax... HARDER THAN
ANYONE ELSE!!

Dave crosses out, pumped. Marni collapses onto her pillow.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOME - A SHORT TIME LATER

Dave packs the SUV as our gang prepares to hit the road.
Marni buckles in Ruby (4, always dressed as a princess).

RUBY
Why is it still dark out?

MARNI
Because Daddy's crazy, Sweetie.

DAVE
I just want to squeeze every moment
out of this trip. You're always
home with the kids. I need to take
advantage of this time.

CARLY (15, adopted African-American, honors student in the body of a bikini model) approaches.

CARLY

I can't believe you guys are making me go away. Are you trying to ruin my life?!

DAVE

See, this is the stuff I've been missing out on. Max, let's go!

MARNI

He's re-packing. He said the underwear wasn't folded right. It was perpendicular to the socks or something.

Max (13, mildly OCD, not gifted but a hard-tryer) enters with his suitcase, having overheard this.

MAX

It was touching a hat.

DAVE

That makes more sense.

They're all in the car, ready to roll.

DAVE (CONT'D)

From this moment forward, we aren't the Bronsky family. We are Team Bronsky. Our goal: to have more fun and make more memories, at a more reasonable price, than anyone else at that resort.

Dave pulls the car out. The journey has begun.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Let the bonding begin.

Immediately Max whips out his Playstation Portable, Carly starts texting and Ruby starts picking her nose. Marni snaps a picture of them. We PULL OUT to REVEAL...

INT. SUBURBAN HOME - FAMILY ROOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION

The photo is displayed on an iPad that Dave holds. He and Marni sit in front of a desktop computer, video conferencing with Dave's mother, RICKI. Dave holds the iPad up so that Ricki can see the photo. NOTE: The "video conference" scenes take place in present day (looking back on the events we're retelling).

Sometimes we show Dave and Marni talking directly to the screen as if they're video chatting with the audience. Other times it's shot conventionally.

DAVE

And that was the start of our Labor Day adventure, Ma.

MARNI

Well, I'll let Dave finish up with you. Great talking to you, Ricki.

DAVE

She's kidding, Ma. She's not done.

Dave clicks the mouse, minimizing the chat window so that the mother's face disappears from screen. He turns to Marni.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Honey, I know these weekly chat sessions aren't your favorite, but she's my mother and I love her. And it's either this or she'll start coming to visit more often.

Marni clicks the mouse, bringing the mother back on screen.

MARNI

But let's keep talking cause we're sharing a life here. It was a wonderful trip. Pretty tame, relaxing. That sort of thing.

RICKI

What about this picture that Max put up on Facebook of you two?

MARNI / DAVE

Huh? / What picture?

MARNI

You're on Facebook? And you're friends with Max? Why aren't you friends with me?

RICKI

It's nothing personal. I wanted to keep it at three hundred. Nice round number.

Dave has now brought up Max's facebook profile.

DAVE

Oh my God!

We see Max has posted a photo of Dave standing naked on the beach, exhausted and dazed (seaweed covers his naughty parts). Behind Dave is a horrified Marni, also naked, whom Dave shields. Dave and Marni react.

MARNI

Dammit, Max.

DAVE

Okay, I can explain.

EXT. OCEAN KING RESORT - ESTABLISHING SHOT

A recently renovated sprawling hotel/condo complex on the beach. It's awesome. Our gang takes it in as they pull in.

DAVE (V.O.)

We had just arrived at the resort...

INT. OCEAN KING RESORT - LOBBY - FRONT DESK

Dave and Marni are in line to check in. Marni has an umbrellaed cocktail. The kids are sitting off to the side. Dave eyes them as Max has his suitcase open, refolding some items inside it.

DAVE

You ever notice how the one we adopted is far more well adjusted than the one who shares our genes?

MARNI

I have noticed and I choose not to read too deeply into that.

DAVE

I blame myself. I've been working too much. I need to connect with Max on this trip, really get in there. Our son needs me, Marni.

(thinks)

Or I write him off as a lost cause. Throw all my focus on to Ruby.

MARNI

Dave.

DAVE

You're right, there's still time. Still time.

ANGLE ON: Max, Carly and Ruby sitting by the luggage.

CARLY

I can't believe I'm missing Becky Marasco's end of summer party. The first time I've been invited.

(sighs)

I finally broke through with the popular crowd this year. Maybe it was my placing third in the state spelling bee. Maybe it was my becoming captain of the Mathletes. But people stood up and took notice.

MAX

My friends say it's because you got hot and grew boobies.

CARLY

I think that's a coincidence.

MAX

(looks around)

I don't understand. We just got here. I don't see a bar in the immediate area. How does Mom already have a margarita?

CARLY

It's starting. Vacation Mode Mom. Once she gets that key card in her hand, all bets are off.

ANGLE ON: Dave and Marni, now up at reception.

MARNI

And as far as walking on the boardwalk goes?...

CLERK

I'm not completely up to speed on Maryland's open container law but I'll get back to you.

MARNI

Thank you.

CLERK

Alright, here are your beach tags and room keys. Are you here for the O'Connell wedding, by chance?

Dave starts to shake his head no, when:

MARNI

Yes. Yep. And we will take our gift basket like that couple.

Marni points to a couple who have just crossed away after checking in. The clerk crosses to retrieve it.

DAVE

We're not with the wedding.

MARNI

Dave, I am the responsible mother three hundred sixty days a year. I want to let my hair down. Live on the edge.

DAVE

Responsible? Who organized "body shot bowling" last week?

MARNI

I want that fancy mustard I saw in the gift basket.

The clerk crosses back in with the gift basket.

CLERK

Here you are. Oh, and here's the happy couple now!

Marni and Dave turn to see a young couple and two sets of older parents just staring at them. Busted. Marni hands the gift basket to the bride.

MARNI

(meekly)
Congratulations.

INT. BRONSKY CONDO - LATER

Dave, Marni, and the kids are settling in. It's a spectacular three bedroom oceanfront condo on a high floor.

DAVE

Max, what do you say we head down to the beach, toss the old pigskin around?

(off confused look)

Which I know I don't have to tell you means football.

MAX

I don't know, Dad. The UV index is pretty high right now.

(MORE)

MAX (CONT'D)

Also I think I tweaked my shoulder.
Why don't they sell pre-mixed
Crystal Light?

Max crosses off.

DAVE

(to Marni)
Not deterred.

MARNI

It really was generous of my
parents to let us use their time
share like this.
(considers)
Slightly out of character.

DAVE

Thought I'd let you say it.

Carly opens the door to a bedroom and sees a man (STEVEN,
30's, a bit off) working out with a "Shake Weight" (of lame
infomercial fame). He is listening to head phones and
wearing only tight bike shorts.

STEVEN

(feeling the burn)
Rrrrrrr!

CARLY

(frightened)
Aaaaaaaah!

Carly kicks Steven in the balls and then roundhouses him to
the face. He collapses to the floor. The family runs in.

MARNI

What's going on?

CARLY

There's a pervert in my room!

STEVEN

(in pain)
... Carly? Hey, guys.

The panic subsides. They all recognize the man.

MARNI

That's not a pervert, that's your
Uncle Steven.

DAVE

Well--

MARNI

Dave.

INT. SUBURBAN HOME - FAMILY ROOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION

Dave and Marni video chat with Dave's mom.

MARNI

You remember my brother Steven. Apparently my folks said he could use the condo too. He recently returned from a six month solo expedition to the Amazon where he was studying a rare species of butterfly.

DAVE

You know what species he needs to study?

MARNI

(heard this already)
Humans.

DAVE

Humans!

EXT. POOL - LATER

Dave is there with Marni and Carly. He talks aside to Marni.

DAVE

I just don't want him interfering. It's so rare I get time away with you and the kids.

Steven approaches wearing a T-shirt that says "I'm not a gynecologist, but I'm willing to take a look."

STEVEN

I felt bad about the whole me-taking-the-Master-bedroom mixup. I made you some cupcakes.

Steven hands Dave a pink pastry box.

DAVE

Or we could just switch bedrooms.

STEVEN

(re: cupcakes)
It's a cream cheese frosting.

CARLY

Where's Ruby?

MARNI

I dropped her off at daycare. I am officially off the clock. Nothing to do except kick back and relax.

She puts her feet up, exhales. A beat.

CARLY

You need a project, don't you?

MARNI

How many *US Weeklies* can I read?!

DAVE

Oh God, here comes Super Dad. Did you know they were coming here?

Dan Pollard, a very in shape forty something with a permanent smile, approaches.

DAN

Bronsky family! What are you guys, following us? It's like all of Pittsburgh is at this place.
(calling off)
Hey, Greg, I'm deep! Hit me!

We see Dan's golden boy son, Greg (15, looks like a Greek god) in the distance. He has a football.

DAVE

Really? He's like fifty yards--

A ball whizzes into frame. Dan plucks it from the air.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Oh my God!

DAN

Where's Max?

DAVE

(looks around)
Uh, I don't know, probably blasting something at the gym.

MAX (O.S.)

(muffled)
Hey, Mr. Pollard.

REVEAL Max is in a one person "UV tent" atop a lounge chair. He unzips it and pops his heavily sun-screened face out.

DAVE

Or in this UV tent.

(to Max)

Really? You need the hat in there, buddy?

MARNI

(to passing waitress)

Excuse me, could I--

The waitress, harried, blows past, ignoring her.

MARNI (CONT'D)

Darnit! This chick is swamped.

How do we get one of those cabanas?

We see a line of ten two-person cabanas across the way. They are decadent oases. Shade, misters, fans, servers aplenty.

CARLY

The cabanas all belong to specific condos. Except one that's first come first serve. Unfortunately it's already taken.

She points to an unoccupied cabana across the way.

MARNI

There's no one even in there.

STEVEN

Yeah, see on the chair? A woman left her book a couple hours ago.

MARNI

What? You can't do that.

DAVE

It's a thing, Marn. A towel, even a magazine, you might have a case.

STEVEN

Hey, wait, she's coming back.

We see a woman (HOLLY MARTINEZ, 30, Type A, workaholic) cross in to the cabana.

CARLY

She's putting the book in her bag. She's leaving!

MARNI

Grab it! Move! Move! Move!

DAVE

Uhp, she put her goggles down.

MARNI

Oh, come on!

DAVE

Goggles are also a thing.

EXT. POOL - LATER

Max is grabbing a towel from the towel stand. A beautiful fourteen year old (Bree Daniels) in a swimsuit passes by. Max is struck. After she is completely out of earshot:

MAX

Hi.

EXT. BOARDWALK - RESTAURANT - LATER

A classic East Coast boardwalk. Funnel cake stands, arcades with ski-ball machines, etc. Dave, Marni and Carly are in line at a casual eatery. Dave surveys the Menu Board.

DAVE

That seafood bisque looks good.
Oh, but it's got crab in it.

MARNI

Oh right. The "allergy."

Dave gives her a look. Steven crosses in.

STEVEN

Gonna be a while. There was no swaying that hostess. Hey, Dave, gimme ten bucks.

Dave reluctantly hands Steven the money.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Thanks.

Steven just pockets the money. Max crosses in.

MAX

(major news)
Bree Daniels is at our resort. I just saw her.

DAVE

Who's Bree Daniels?

MAX

A girl from back home. She makes my heart hurt. But she doesn't even know I exist.

DAVE

Yes! This is something your old man can help you with. We can make this happen, son.

(aside, to Marni)

Now let the bonding begin.

CARLY

Dad, I don't know if Bree Daniels is exactly in Max's league.

DAVE

Hey, it's like Joe Paterno told me my first day of football practice at Penn State: never let anyone tell you you can't do something.

MARNI

Didn't he cut you later that afternoon?

DAVE

I realize the message was mixed in that context, but listen to the words.

STEVEN

Your dad's right. This is the perfect opportunity. Let's do a drive by, Max.

DAVE

Steven, I have this under control.

STEVEN

It's no problem. I'm the uncle.

(as they cross off)

We're not going to say anything to her yet. We're just going to walk by and leer. Trust me.

Dave starts to go after them, but Dan and Greg (the SuperDad and son from earlier) block his path when they cross by carrying a huge marlin they just caught.

GREG

Thanks for the best day ever, Dad!

DAN

Up top, son!

They high five, then cross off. Dave tries to find Steven and Max but they have disappeared into the crowd.

INT. CONDO - CARLY'S BEDROOM - THE NEXT DAY

Marni enters and approaches a sleeping Carly.

MARNI

(whispers)

Carly. Carly. Wake up.

CARLY

What time is it?

MARNI

5:30 AM.

EXT. POOL - A SHORT TIME LATER

The sun is not yet up. Marni and Carly enter. Holly is already in the cabana and she waves to them.

HOLLY

Morning!

EXT. POOL - LATER

From their crappy seats, Marni and Carly glare enviously at Holly. Steven is telling a story to Max as Dave looks on.

STEVEN

Through the forest, I crept as silently as my Crocs would allow. All the way to the inner sanctum of its cave. That's when I realized, I wasn't tracking the butterfly at all. It was tracking me.

MAX

Whoa.

Dave throws his hands up, confounded.

DAVE

(aside, to Marni)

This is exactly what I was worried about.

(MORE)

DAVE (CONT'D)

The kid's already a little off.
Steven is the one guy who could
actually make him worse.

MARNI

It's been one day. Relax. You'll
have your time with Max. It is
sweet, though, how much you care
about connecting with the kids.

DAVE

That's what vacation is all about.

Ruby cheerfully crosses in with a group of five year olds.
They wear "Kids Kamp" shirts and are happily being led on a
leash by a counselor.

EVERYONE

Hey, Ruby! / Have fun!

Ruby and her gang cross off.

MARNI

(re: Holly in cabana)

Look at her in there. I hope she
chokes on that frozen lemonade.

(then)

Alright, this is my project. That
cabana. It's not fair that she
gets the best spot everyday. I'm
getting burnt to a crisp out here.

CARLY

You know what, how about I just go
over there and reason with her?
I've been getting a little
sunburned too.

Carly crosses over to Holly. We stay with Marni and Dave.

MARNI

What do you think?

DAVE

Well, I mean, Carly's a people
person. Who knows?

(then)

Can black people get sunburned?

MARNI

I don't think we're allowed to ask
that, but I was thinking it too.

Carly starts gesticulating to Holly. Holly motions back.

MARNI (CONT'D)

Okay, she's made contact. The woman seems to be hearing her out.

DAVE

Yeah, looks like she's getting somewhere. Okay, now the woman's laughing. That's good.

MARNI

Ooh, Carly's sitting down! Unbelievable. Now I'll just wait for her to wave me over.

(beat)

Any second now.

DAVE

Is she... ordering food?

MARNI

Now the woman's giving her a magazine! Dammit, Carly.

Carly and Holly both sit back, relaxing with their magazines.

INT. CONDO - LATER

Dave is there with Marni and Carly.

CARLY

Yeah, she's not going to give up those seats. So I made the best of a bad situation. I hung out, gained her trust. Now we're working from the inside.

MARNI

It took four hours to do that?

CARLY

There was a mister spritzing me with lime water. But I got intel. Her name is Holly and she's here for a convention. Strikes me as a bit of a workaholic. Doesn't know how to relax and have fun. So... I invited her to dinner tonight.

MARNI

Why did you do that?

CARLY

After dinner, I'll meet Max at the big teen bonfire.

(MORE)

CARLY (CONT'D)

You will stay with Holly and show her a good time. So good maybe she's not feeling like waking up at five AM tomorrow...

MARNI

(getting it)

Harnessing the power of my Vacation Mode for good. Carly, you're a genius.

DAVE

Wait, Max is going to a bonfire party on the beach? He's scared of parties. And fires and beaches.

CARLY

Uncle Steven talked him into it. He said he'd go help him make headway with that Bree girl.

DAVE

Alright, that's it! This is my kid and my vacation. Steven needs to butt out. First off, it's just weird having your uncle at a party. Secondly, if anyone's going to be helping Max at the party, it's me!

EXT. BEACH - DUSK

Music cue: "Pumped Up Kicks" by Foster the People.

A bonfire is underway. If you've been to the Eastern shore as a youth, you've been to this party. Sun-kissed teenagers drink what is most likely Nattie Light from red plastic cups. ANGLE ON: Carly and Greg (the son of SuperDad from before).

GREG

Hey, beautiful. I'm Greg.

CARLY

(annoyed)

Seriously? Greg, It's me, Carly Bronsky. We went to junior high together. I know, I've blossomed. But I'm still the same person inside that you never bothered saying hi to in the past. And I'm striking a blow for my former self, by telling you to get lost.

GREG

I bet I could do fifty pushups with you on my back.

CARLY

Is that supposed to impress me?

(beat)

Really? Fifty?

ANGLE ON: Dave, Steven and Max.

DAVE

Is that a keg? Where would these kids get a keg?

A few high school guys raise their cups and nod to Steven.

HIGH SCHOOL GUYS

Hey, convenience store parking lot guy! / MVP! / Thanks, man!

STEVEN

(off Dave's look)

They said it was for their grandpa. Not cool, guys.

Dave notices Max making a weird face, staring at Bree.

DAVE

What are you doing?

MAX

I'm using Uncle Steven's smoldering stare method.

STEVEN

Now add a growl. You want her to think you're a little dangerous.

Max growls. It's weird.

DAVE

Okay, look, this doesn't have to be complicated. See that guy she's talking to -- he's bothering her. Check out her body language. The crossed arms, the looking away.

Dave is right. Bree seems really annoyed.

STEVEN

No, I get that all the time. It's actually a good sign.

DAVE

Go. Save her. Be the hero.

Max takes a deep breath, steels himself.

INT. GREENHOUSE BAR/RESTAURANT - LATER

Marni and Holly are at the bar, two shots in front of them. They're already a little drunk.

HOLLY

People think actuaries don't get crazy. But statistically we're just as likely to attend a festival or music concert as anyone else.

MARNI

Yeah you are!

They slam the shots. A blackberry buzzes on the bar. Marni grabs it and plops it in her water.

MARNI (CONT'D)

Uh-uh. The office can wait. The only thing we're working on tonight is making ourselves feel nice.

HOLLY

You know that wasn't my blackberry.

WOMAN (O.S.)

What the hell?

Marni turns to see it is the bride from the lobby earlier.

BRIDE

You! You're that awful woman who stole the gift basket.

MARNI

(feels bad)

Sorry about that. And the phone.

The bride storms out. A beat. Holly bursts out laughing.

HOLLY

She hates you!

Marni starts laughing too. She likes Holly.

MARNI

I know!

EXT. BEACH - LATER

Max makes his way over to Bree, passing Carly who has a beer and is sitting atop a pushup-doing Greg.

CARLY
(counting, loving this)
Fifty. Fifty one!
(to herself)
Just be quiet, former self. Live a little.

Max who approaches Bree. She is talking with an Older Kid.

MAX
Hey, is this guy bothering you?

BREE
Actually--

OLDER KID
Actually, why don't you get lost?

The Older Kid shoves Max to the ground. Dave rushes in.

DAVE
Don't you put your hands on him.

BREE
(to Max)
Is that your Dad? Why would you bring your dad to a party?

Dave lets out a small burp. He starts to look queasy.

DAVE
(concerned)
Excuse me. My tongue is suddenly feeling a little thick.

OLDER KID
What's... going on?

Dave starts to convulse.

INT. SUBURBAN HOME - FAMILY ROOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION

Dave and Marni talk to Dave's mom.

DAVE
Crab. Which I had no idea I'd eaten.

INT. CONDO - EARLIER THAT DAY

Dave picks up one of Steven's cupcakes. Takes a big bite.

INT. SUBURBAN HOME - FAMILY ROOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION

Back at the house.

DAVE

Why would he put crab in
cupcakes?!?

MARNI

I guess he thought cause we were in
Maryland... I don't know. Why does
he do anything he does?

INT. GREENHOUSE BAR/RESTAURANT - LATER

Marni and Holly are more drunk. Marni lights a cigarette.

HOLLY

You smoke?

MARNI

No no. Just on vacation.

She takes a big drag, then exhales.

MARNI (CONT'D)

You don't have any vicodin, do you?

HOLLY

I really needed a night like this.
Truth -- I'm not here for a
convention. I'm on my honeymoon.
Well, what was supposed to be my
honeymoon. I'm by myself.

MARNI

What happened?

HOLLY

My fiance called off the wedding.
Left me a note saying I didn't know
how to have fun. That I was too
critical, which he spelled "t-o".

MARNI

He's an idiot. You're fun.
In fact, can I tell you something?
It's stupid, you'll think it's
funny.

HOLLY

What?

MARNI

We had kind of... ulterior motives
for inviting you out tonight...

EXT. BEACH - LATER

Dave is bloated, sweaty, breaking out in weird hives. People run, screaming. BREE'S POV: Dave staggers, monster-like, toward her, gurgling and unable to speak. Bree screams. Dave stumbles and falls on top of her, pinning her legs. Carly aims her cell phone.

CARLY

(taking pic)

Tweet.

INT. GREENHOUSE BAR/RESTAURANT - MOMENTS LATER

Holly has gotten up, angry.

HOLLY

You were just trying to get my
cabana? What is wrong with you?

Holly starts to cross off.

MARNI

(calling after)

But then I actually ended up liking
you. That's the part to focus on.

EXT. BEACH - LATER

Steven jumps to action to save Dave.

STEVEN

The epipen!

He grabs it out of Dave's pocket. Dave tries to fight Steven off, but Steven holds him down, stabbing him repeatedly.

STEVEN (CONT'D)

Don't... fight... it.

CARLY

You only have to do it once, Uncle
Steven!

Steven stops. Dave collapses into the sand, exhausted. Max watches, crestfallen, as Bree runs by him, freaked out.

DAVE
(recovering)
I'm okay. I'm okay.

MAX
(sullen)
Thanks a lot, Dad.

Max crosses off. Dave feels terrible. A beat.

STEVEN
(to Dave)
Do you want me to talk to him?

Dave lunges, hands around Steven's neck. As Carly and others struggle to pull Dave off Steven, we...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. CONDO - DAVE AND MARNI'S BEDROOM - THE NEXT MORNING

Marni is applying Neosporin to some shallow puncture wounds on a shirtless Dave.

DAVE

He is ruining the trip, Marni! I'm supposed to be bonding with the kids. Making memories. I haven't bonded with anyone. I haven't made any memories.

MARNI

Hey, what is this moping and whining? You are Dave Bronsky. You own and operate a small chain of grocery stores.

DAVE

Marni, not the speech--

MARNI

That's one of the most competitive industries there is. You get underpriced by the big guys, squeezed by the convenience stores...

DAVE

(getting onboard)
The profit margins are razor thin.

MARNI

But you make it work. Because you're Dave fucking Bronsky. And you make the best of bad situations.

DAVE

I mean it's inspiring, my life story. But particularly the way you tell it.
(calling off)
Max, today you and I are renting a boat! Just the two of us! And I am going to teach you how to dive.

MAX (O.S.)

No, I'm mad at you!

MARNI

He's also scared of boats.

MAX (O.S.)

And I'm scared of boats!

DAVE

I don't care. We're going! You're going to have fun even if you hate it! I'm your dad. And we're going to make memories!

Marni likes this.

RUBY (O.S.)

Mommy, there's a stranger in here.

CARLY (O.S.)

(urgent)

You may wanna get in here, Mom!

INT. CONDO - COMMON AREA - MOMENTS LATER

Dave and Marni enter to see Holly wearing last night's clothes and looking hungover. The kids all stare at her.

MARNI

Holly?

HOLLY

(confused)

This is your condo?

MARNI

Yeah. What are you doing here?

Steven enters from the Master, arms raised, triumphant.

STEVEN

Good morning, Vietnam!!

MARNI

(realizing)

Ohhhh.

HOLLY

(to Marni)

Wait, you know Steven?

MARNI

He's my brother.

HOLLY

Oh my God. So was this all part of your evil plan too? You had him run into me after I left you?

MARNI

No! I have no idea how this happened.

STEVEN

It's actually one of those cute meet stories. I was hanging out late night at Captain Booty's Pub. It was getting to that desperate hour, when this one comes in.

RUBY

Why is she here?

DAVE

Well, uh--

STEVEN

Children, when two special adults love each other very much they sometimes spend the night together. To show each other how they feel.

CARLY

(saving it)
Like a sleepover.

MARNI

Exactly. Like a very innocent sleepover.

Ruby seems satisfied. Marni and Dave are relieved.

STEVEN

And then they manifest their love physically through sexual intercourse. How do I explain this? Do we have any bananas?

HOLLY

I should go.

STEVEN

Everyone, wonderful visit. I'll be moving to Holly's room for the rest of the trip, as we are now boyfriend and girlfriend.

(to Holly)

(MORE)

STEVEN (CONT'D)

We'll figure out the living situation when we get back to Pittsburgh. Don't wanna rush you.

HOLLY

We're not boyfriend girlfriend.
(off his look)
Steven, last night was a mistake. She got me drunk. That wasn't me. I... I'm sorry.

Steven is hurt.

HOLLY (CONT'D)

(to Marni and Carly)
You two should be ashamed of yourselves.

CARLY

Wait a second. What time is it?

DAVE

(re: watch)
Seven thirty.

Carly looks to Marni. Marni turns to Holly. They lock eyes.

MARNI

The cabana!

Holly, Marni and Carly bolt for the exit. Holly hip-checks Marni into the closet door and runs out. Carly follows. Marni stumbles out the door, too.

EXT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Marni, Holly and Carly race down the hallway. A couple is getting on the elevator. The three of them rush onto the elevator just as the doors close.

INT. ELEVATOR - CONTINUOUS

Marni, Holly and Carly ride silently down with a few other people. Polite nods and smiles at the other passengers, until... the doors open with a ding. Marni shoves Holly into the control panel and they race out.

EXT. HALLWAY - CHASE SEQUENCE - CONTINUOUS

The race continues. Pushing, hair pulling, locked doors, dead ends. Finally Marni grabs Carly as Holly races on by.

MARNI

Shortcut!

They burst through a set of double doors.

INT. PRIVATE DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The O'Connell wedding party is having an informal brunch. The bride, dressed casually, is speaking to everyone.

BRIDE

Thanks to all you out of towners.
I can't wait for the ceremony
tonight where I can finally--

Carly and Marni rush in, running into a woman who hits a waiter who smashes his tray of food into the bride.

MARNI

(without breaking stride)
Sorry!

BRIDE

What did I do to you?!

EXT. POOL - MOMENTS LATER

Marni and Carly race around the corner. They've got a ten foot lead on Holly! The empty chairs in their sights, the final sprint begins. Just before they reach the cabana, Holly grabs her book from her bag and flings it. Like a Tom Brady pass, we follow it in SLO MO as the book tumbles end over end, landing perfectly on one of the lounge chairs.

HOLLY

Saved!

MARNI / CARLY

What? / No way.

A nearby pool attendant weighs in.

ATTENDANT

Sorry. That's a thing.

Holly takes her seat as Marni and Carly seethe.

EXT. BOARDWALK - FUNNEL CAKE SHACK - LATER

Dave, Max and a depressed Steven are eating some funnel cake.

DAVE

Listen, I want to get some quality
time with Max. So he and I are
going to rent a boat, hit the
water. Alone. Just him and me.
Father and son. The two of us.

STEVEN

Can I come?

DAVE

Steven--

STEVEN

No, that's fine. I'm too sad to be going anywhere anyway. On account of Holly breaking up with me.

Dave gives him a comforting pat on the shoulder.

DAVE

Yeah, I'm not sure you were technically going out.

Max takes Dave aside.

MAX

Dad, we can't leave him alone. Team Bronsky doesn't leave an injured player on the field.

Steven begins aggressively sighing.

DAVE

I'm going to regret this. Steven?

Steven bolts up, a pep in his step.

STEVEN

I call boat captain!

INT. GIFT SHOP - LATER

Marni is looking at some bathing suits. Holly enters and they see each other. An awkward beat, then:

HOLLY

Listen, I owe you an apology.

MARNI

No, I'm sorry. I shouldn't have gotten you drunk to take advantage of you. That sounded weird.

HOLLY

Last night was the most fun I've had in... I can't remember how long. Yes, it ended with some regretful decisions. I hope Steven's not too hurt.

MARNI

Maybe you shouldn't look at that as a mistake. Steven's a great guy if you take the time to know him.

HOLLY

(recalling)

Did we do it "butterfly style"?
What does that even mean?

(then)

The point is, I do need to learn how to relax. And you seem like someone who makes poor reckless decisions. Someone I could learn from. You want to take on a project when we get back home?

Marni smiles. She's found her project.

MARNI

I was kind of looking for something to do. Ruby's going to be starting school for the first time. I've got some time to fill.

HOLLY

So you could use a party buddy?

MARNI

Sounds better than getting a job.

Holly smiles, then takes out her iPad.

HOLLY

Great. Let's sketch a tentative itinerary of fun activities and then prioritize them.

MARNI

Let's not do that.

EXT. BOAT - BAY - LATER

Dave, Max and Steven are on their small fishing boat, not far from shore. Steven is at the wheel, wearing a captain's hat.

DAVE

Alright, Max. Diving is easy once you get the hang of it.

(surveying water)

This seems like a good spot. How about we drop anchor here?

STEVEN

We could do that. But according to this map if we just head up the coast a bit, we'll have a pretty good chance at spotting a mermaid.

Dave grabs the map.

DAVE

This isn't a map. This is a placemat from Captain Booty's Pub.

STEVEN

It's a map. There's Maryland. There's the ocean.

DAVE

And there are the appetizers. You need a nautical map. Otherwise you don't know how deep the water is.

STEVEN

We're on a boat, who cares how deep the water--

BOOM! The boat slams to a stop, having hit something below in the shallow waters. Dave is tossed off his feet and strikes his head on a rail.

MAX

Dad!

STEVEN

Dave, are you okay? Dave?

DAVE

(passing out)

Why... are... you... here?

Dave passes out.

EXT. BOAT - LATER

Steven is stroking Dave's head and gently kissing his forehead. Dave comes to.

DAVE

Where's Max?

STEVEN

The boat was rendered inoperable. Max swam to shore to get some help.

DAVE

What? Why didn't you swim back?

STEVEN

Well, um... yeah, that's a fair question.

Dave bangs his fist, frustrated, the weight of all that's gone wrong finally catching up to him.

DAVE

Oh my God! This trip is a disaster!!

STEVEN

I'm sorry. I know I'm in the way. It's just, I like hanging out with you guys. You're my family.

DAVE

It's not just you, Steven. My best memories of my dad were from when we'd go on vacation. I figured it would be the same way with me and my son. But maybe I'm not the same dad my father was.

STEVEN

Are you kidding? You're an amazing dad. At least you're trying. Max is lucky. And I bet, deep down, he knows it.

Dave smiles.

DAVE

Thanks, Steven.

STEVEN

My dad, he never took the time to do stuff with me. We never played ball. Never went to the movies. You know he never even taught me how to dive? I'm thirty-four, and I don't know how to dive.

Steven seems dejected. Dave shakes his head. He can't believe what he's about to do.

DAVE

Oh, for crying out loud. Come on.

Dave grabs Steven's hand and leads him off.

INT. SUBURBAN HOME - LIVING ROOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION

Marni turns to Dave.

MARNI
(surprised and touched)
You didn't.

Dave can't help but laugh a little thinking back on it.

DAVE
It's funny. In a lot of ways the world has changed. We're more connected than ever, with Facebook and Twitter and all that crap...

EXT. BOAT - LATER

Music cue: "Hey Hey Hey" by Michael Franti and Spearhead.

We see various shots of Dave teaching his 34 year old brother-in-law how to dive.

DAVE (V.O.)
But in other ways nothing's changed. No matter how we're sharing the memories, you still have to go out and make them.

With Dave holding onto the back of Steven's bathing suit, Steven tucks, bends and jumps. Dave lets go and Steven executes a pretty damn good dive.

EXT. DOCK - LATER

Max climbs out of the water and starts telling people at the dock that he needs help to rescue Dave and Steven.

DAVE (O.S.)
It's all about putting in an effort with the ones you love. Sure, sometimes the memories you make aren't the ones you're expecting.

Bree and her family are there rigging up their own boat.

BREE'S DAD
You swam all the way to shore from there, kid? You're a hero.

Max shrugs, proud. Bree looks at him impressed, and maybe in a slightly new light. She smiles at him, he smiles back. He does a confident walk and trips over a mooring. She looks at him again, in the normal light.

EXT. POOL - LATER

Marni and Holly are in the good seats. A waiter drops off a giant banana split with sparklers in it.

DAVE (V.O.)
But that's okay, because those are
often the most incredible moments.

We PAN to the beach where Carly and Greg kiss behind a dune.

GREG
Damn, you're hot.

Carly pulls away.

GREG (CONT'D)
I meant your mind. Your mind is
hot.

She goes back to kissing him.

EXT. BOAT - LATER

Steven executes another dive.

DAVE (V.O.)
The ones that come out of nowhere.
The moments you never forget.

Steven celebrates, Dave celebrates and laughs. He can't believe this moment.

INT. WALTER'S RESTUARANT - LATER

Dave, Marni, Steven, Holly, Carly and Max are at dinner.

DAVE
(to Max)
Thanks for coming to our rescue,
son. I'm proud of you.

Max beams. He starts to mix a packet of Crystal Light into some water, but then winces and grabs his shoulder.

DAVE (CONT'D)
(to Marni)
See this is what it should be like
all the time. I shouldn't wait for
vacations to bond with the family.
I need to be trying this hard all
the time.

MARNI

Oh no.

DAVE

(announcement)

Kids, I'm taking the vacation home.
From now on, less work, more play.
I'm bringing the bonding AND I'M
BRINGING IT HARD. Because this is
what it's all about. The whole
family doing stuff together.

Ruby marches through screen, again attached via a string to a group of five year olds and led by a counselor.

EVERYONE

Hey, Ruby! / Hi! / Have a good day!

Ruby and her group cross off. Holly turns to see Steven smiling at her.

STEVEN

Did I ever tell you about the
Magnigus Gigantus? It's the
butterfly I was studying in the
Amazon. The females of the species
find the males repugnant,
disgusting. So only the most
persistent male gets to mate. He
picks a female and spends the rest
of his life following her on a
migration of over a thousand miles.
Through rain, heat, predators. All
to be with the one he loves.
Because that's how God made them.

Holly is surprised by this moving side of Steven.

HOLLY

That's beautiful.

STEVEN

It's actually incredibly stupid.
That's why there are only like a
hundred left. It's idiotic.

Holly is appropriately confused.

EXT. BEACH - LATER - SUNSET

Dave and Marni walk on the beach. No one else is around.

MARNI

You know, Mommy needs a little bonding too.

Dave likes this. Marni removes her top.

DAVE

What are you doing?

MARNI

Making memories, Honey!

Off come the bottoms.

DAVE

Skinny dipping?

She runs into the water. He shrugs, "what the hell" then runs in after her, disrobing.

DAVE (CONT'D)

I can't believe we're doing this.

They start to get cozy. They kiss, then:

MARNI

Dave, I think we're getting a little far from shore.

DAVE

There's some sort of undertow.

MARNI

I can't touch the bottom! Dave!

The current carries them away.

DAVE

(floating away)
Hang on!!

EXT. RESORT - BEACH - A SHORT TIME LATER

An exhausted Dave and Marni crawl out of the ocean, naked. They are out of breath, but happy to be alive.

DAVE

It's okay, we're okay.

MARNI

(noticing)
Um, Dave?

They look up to see (and we REVEAL) they've washed ashore in front of the resort, interrupting the O'Connell wedding ceremony in progress. Everyone stares daggers at them. ANGLE ON: Steven and the kids watching from the balcony. The kids look mortified.

STEVEN

They'll want to remember this.

Steven snaps a photo. We FREEZE on it - it's the "naked Dave and Marni" pic from the beginning of the episode.

INT. SUBURBAN HOME - FAMILY ROOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION

The "naked pic" is on Dave's iPad.

DAVE

It was a lovely ceremony. And that was our Labor Day trip.

Marni pours herself a glass of wine.

RICKI

Really? Wine, Marni? It's three in the afternoon.

MARNI

It's Thursday. It's Weekend Eve.

DAVE

(to Marni)

I can't believe Max posted that picture.

MARNI

It's not that bad. For once his lack of friends works in our favor.

The computer "dings".

MARNI (CONT'D)

(re: computer)

And now Carly's Tweeted it. We're screwed. She has like ten thousand followers.

DAVE

(noticing)

Hey, look what Max wrote underneath. "Best trip ever. I'll never forget it. Thanks, Mom and Dad."

MARNI

Aww, see? He did make a memory.

Dave smiles, touched.

DAVE

(into screen)

Alright, Ma, we're gonna get going.
Step one of bringing the bonding
home: I've signed Max up for the
seventh grade basketball team. And
I'm going to be an assistant coach.

(excited)

I get a whistle.

MARNI

Wait, does Max know about this?

DAVE

I think they were telling him about
it at school today.

MARNI

Oh my God.

DAVE

Have you ever seen the way he
tosses those tissues in the trash
when his hay fever is acting up?
Kid's a natural!

Max enters through the front door, hot.

MAX

Really, Dad?! Basketball?? I
can't believe you!

DAVE

If we could just channel this
passion into rebounding...

Steven enters through the front door.

STEVEN

Hey, guys, how would you feel about
a little double date action
tonight? You guys and me and
Holly?

MARNI

I guess we could do that.

STEVEN

Great. I'll make a reservation.
You invite Holly and don't her tell
I'm coming.

Dave sighs, then turns to the computer and we again SEE HIM
IN A CHAT WINDOW.

DAVE

(into screen)
We'll let you know how it all went
next week.

He quits the video chat program, zooming us into BLACK.

END OF SHOW