

Make do and Mend

Scene 1: In house

Shot 1: Wide shot of all kids lounging on the floor or on the sofa, each one has a device (iPad, iPhone..)

Shot 2: mother walks into room holding a letter

Mother: (talking to mid air): I just received a letter from grandma, up north. She wondered, since it is the summer holidays, whether we'd all go up and help her with her garden, for a week or two. Aww! that's sweet! But I'm afraid that we won't be able to come, we've got work to do. I'll tell her that you three shall go and help her.

Shot 3: oldest boy looks at other two

Zac: I suppose there's good beaches up north, and there's nothing here to do. What you 2 think?

Shot 4: mid shot of both younger kids on the floor

Joel: Level 68! Yeahh! (Looks up at the silence) what are we talking about?

Zac: we'll take that as a yes

Alice: there'd better be a TV there

Scene 2: in car

Shot 1 all three Kids sitting in back seat Alice in the middle Zac on the right and Joel on the left, all three have devices

Shot 2: close-up of Alice

Alice: I've never seen Granny before

Shot 3: shot of 3 kids again

Joel: What's she like?

Zac: *(pauses his game, looks outside to think)* Suppose she's alright, when she came over you guys were way too young to remember her. She smelt a wee bit weird, a bit like a llama.

Mother: Zac, how could you say that, granny does not smell of llama. She's very hygienic for her way of life

Alice: what's hygienixix?

Zac: *(suspicious)* what do you mean: "way of life"?

Mother: oh look a truck! Snacks anyone?

Kids all look at each other bemused

Scene 3: Driveway

Shot 1: *everyone gets out of the car*

Shot 2: *mother breaths in a deep breath*

Mother: Here we are then

Shot 3: *close up*

Alice: *(holding her ipad, and looks around)* Sooowa where's the house?

Grandmother's voice: There you all are

Shot 4: *Mother turning back to the car looking hurried*

Mother: Can't stay, gotta dash, love you mother, love you dears, I've got to go, got a lot of work to do.

Shot 5: *grandmother walks around the corner*

Shot 6: *all 3 kids turn back from staring at their mother and their jaws drop*

Shot 7: *full body shot, Granny dressed as an extreme hippy smiling happily*

Scene 4: Further down driveway

Shot 1: *all three kids dragging their suit cases*

Alice: My bags really heavy. Are we there yet?

Granny: here we are *(arms out wide and smiling beatifically with her back to the camera)*

Shot 2: *slight zoom on to the bender on its own*

Zac: *(snorts)* Yea right, we're really going to live in your garden shed for 2 weeks.

Joel: My Nintendo's almost flat! Where's my room, I've got to recharge it. Now.

Shot 3: *granny turns to face the camera*

Granny: *(laughs)* What are you talking about? Garden shed? This is my bender: I've lived in it for 25 years. I have been very close to nature ever since my partner died.

Shot 4: *Kids stare and drop their bags*

Zac: We're living in that?

Alice: Where can I plug in my hair straighteners?

Joel: *(Joel swaying back and forth in shock)* And my Nintendo, and my iPod and my iPad....

Zac: You've at least got a TV and a microwave huh?

Granny: Oh good lord- no! I haven't needed it for years. By the way, what's a microwave?

Alice: *(grabs Zac's arm)* You've got to take me home, take me away from here. Phone Mum! Or whatever. Just get me outta here.

Zac: You bet *(takes mobile out)* oh no there's no reception, were stuck here

Joel: *(rocking backwards and forwards in shock)* No iPad no Iphone, no TV.... What are we going to do?

Shot 5: *just Alice and Granny with Zac on the side. Granny returns from inside the bender with 3 baskets in a wheelbarrow and dumps a basket on to Alice*

Granny: Alice, we need eggs for dinner, the chickens tend to lay them in that hay pile over there. Please go and get us 7. *(Turns her around and pushes her off)*

Shot 6: *turning to Joel granny shoves a basket into Joel's shocked arms*

Granny: We need Strawberry's for desert; the patch is over there next to the potatoes.

Joel: *(wails)* What do potatoes look like?

Shot 7: *Granny with a in one hand looks Zac up and down*

Granny: Who's a big strong lad? Here take this wheelbarrow and the log pile is over there, get me some logs for the fire.

Zac: so what are you going to do?

Granny: I'm going to pull up some potatoes and prepare the mushrooms. Now off you go. Shoo!

Scene 5: outside bender, early evening, sitting around fire eating

Shot 1: granny sitting with her back to the bender smiling at the camera

Shot 2: pan of the 3 kids faces lit up by the fire all eating , Alice has finished hers and holds her plate for more

Alice: Could I have some more please?

Shot 3: both boys stop eating and stare at her

Joel: But you **never** ask for seconds

Alice: But I'm hungry

Granny: Ah I see that nature is already affecting you

Zac: that sounds disturbing, what do you mean?

Shot 4: granny smiling refills the bowl

Granny: Honest hard labour in good fresh air, and then a meal of decent organic foods always brings back an appetite.

Shot 5: Joel Yawns massively and snuggles up in a blanket

Granny: I think that it would be advisable that we all turned in for the night.

Shot 5: in tent all three kids are lying with their heads around a candle in the middle

Shot 6: granny's head sticking through the curtain

Granny: (Closing the curtain) Goodnight little dreamers, if you need me I'll be sitting outside for a short while

Shot 7: all the kids cuddle up in their blankets whispering

Alice: It isn't that bad isn't it?

Joel: It's weird, I didn't know that granny was a hippy

Zac: (grumbling) when we get back I'm going to be so far behind in my social life

Alice and Joel Snigger

Alice: You mean spending hours talking to Lydia on Facebook?

Zac: Shut up!

Alice: anyway it's fun here, mum never lets us near candles, let alone cook over an open fire

Joel: I thought that potatoes grew in trees, you know like fruit

Zac: well they do don't they?

Joel: No they grow underground on small plants

Zac: don't be stupid that's aubergines

Joel: (*sitting up indignant*) No, I've watched granny pull them up

Granny: (*yelling*) Shut up all three of you I'm trying to meditate and we have got a long day tomorrow.
Blow out the candle and go to sleep

Scene 6: in woodland/around garden/bender. At each scene the kids clothing gets increasingly dirty, and hippy accessories get added

Shot 1: Alice collecting mushrooms

Shot 2: zoom out as she turns to Granny with 2 different mushrooms and goes to eat one. Granny panicked snatches it from her hand and vigorously waves her head

Shot 3: Zac cutting wood at first he has a small axe and is doing it carefully

Shot 4: Zac doing it faster and with more confidence

Shot 5: Zac has a big ax and is adding flourishes to it

Shot 6: Zac is going mad with the bit axe bringing it right over his head and smashing it don and swinging it about really enjoying himself

Shot 7: Joel carrying two small buckets

Shot 8: Joel carrying 2 huge buckets and getting most of it on himself he laughs

Shot 9: All three kids and granny in the garden, Alice is wearing long hippy skirt and bangles Joel has a bandanna with a feather in it and Zac is wearing lots of necklaces and bangles and a pair of hippy sunglasses they are all bare foot. Granny is showing them a plant

Granny: Get your potatoes in early, and give them a very deep bed of good soil ... (fade out)

Shot 10: different part of the garden granny and all the kids

Granny (*fading in*): In winter fresh vegetables are always good in soups, for your leaks to be good and fat in the winter, plant them in late spring so that they grow fat on the summer... (*fading out*)

Scene 7: bender

Shot 1: *sun sinking*

Shot 2: everyone is sitting outside the bender grilling marshmallows. Zac is stuffing marshmallows in his mouth; it is already fit to bursting. Joel is trying to play the guitar and failing and Alice is flicking sunflower seeds at him, everyone is enjoying themselves.

Alice: These 2 weeks passed so fast, I don't believe that it is time to go home now

Granny: it is good to have young folk around, here I have a gift for you (*she turns around a rifles in the shadows behind her*)

Joel (*gives up trying to play the guitar*): Ooh presents! I like presents

Shot 3: *Granny turns around with some brown paper packets she smiles*

Shot 4: *all 3 kids look puzzled*

Joel: They're really small

Alice: What are they?

Shot 5: *all together*

Granny: They're seeds. If you ever get a garden plant these, they're leeks, potatoes and some beans and peas. And each of you get on packet of pretty, but useless flowers to brighten up the garden. I've son enjoyed having you here, you must come back next time you have a holiday.

Zac: You bet

Scene 8: driveway/bender, next morning

Shot 1: Zac and Joel are lounging in front of the bender they look up as Alice comes running

Alice: Mummy's back

Zac and Joel get up and run with Alice off stage

Shot 2: Mother getting out of the car

Alice, Joel and Zac running laughing

All : Muuuuum

They all collide and have a group hug; mother is shocked she disentangles herself

Mother: good heavens what was that for? And... (Stops and starts in shock)

Shot 3: Alice holding Joel's hand she is wearing very hippy gear and has a lopsided wreath of flowers on her hair

Shot 4: pan to Joel holding Alice's hand and Zac's hand he is also wearing hippy clothes but has flowers painted on his arms, a bandanna with 3 feathers in it, he is barefoot and dirty and grinning

Shot 5: pan to Zac, who is holding Joel's hand and grinning he has a woven arm band, a embroidered waistcoat, and hippy round glasses

Shot 6: Mother has collapsed in shock against the car

Scene 9: *walking upstairs in their house*

Shot 1: *Alice is first to step up from the stairs onto the landing*

Alice: (shivers) brrrr. It's colder in here than outside

Mother: we had to turn off the heating

Shot 2: *everyone is upstairs; Zac goes to turn on the lights*

Mother: No Zac. Save the lights for when we need them

Joel: the warm water is off, what's happening mum?

Mother: Brice, Witterhouse & Pooper went bust, and dad and I are out of work. I have got a paper round but that is only \$50 a day. I'm afraid that we will all have to tighten our belts. We can only go shopping once a week I'm afraid. And we will need to cut down our fresh/ organic fruit and veggie intake. (loud crunkling noise) What are you doing Alice?

Shot 3: *Alice is crouching on the floor going through her bag she snorts triumphantly and pulls out 2 brown paper bags.*

Joel: hey Alice you are smart

Alice: Granny said that these might come in useful

Zac: we've solved our organic fruit and veggie problem

Joel: And we also don't ever need to go cold, we can take up copising on our plot

Shot 4: *Zac is leaning on the wall sharpening his sledge axe, grinning*