

FDMAT 108 - Week 9

By Three Kids in a Closet

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EXT. YELLOWSTONE - WINTER - DAY

Sophia, Astrid, and four of their friends sit on their motionless BAT snowmobiles in a circle. Sophia, the tour guide, addresses them.

SOPHIA

All right, before we start the tour, we need to go over some park regulations. Please do not break these regulations, or you might die.

Astrid nods knowingly. She helpfully holds up a flip book for all to see.

SOPHIA (CONT'D)

Stay on the marked oversnow roads. No off-road travel is allowed. Or you might die.

Astrid helpfully flips in the flip book to a picture of a frowning stick-figure man lost in the woods, surrounded by ravenous wolves and a beaver.

SOPHIA (CONT'D)

Don't go off the marked path in geothermal areas of the park. Or you might die.

Astrid helpfully flips to the next picture, which is of an obviously smiling stick-figure man falling into a geyser.

SOPHIA (CONT'D)

Also, do not approach or feed the wildlife. You might die.

Astrid helpfully shows a picture of an obviously smiling stick-figure man feeding a bison a banana while another bison charges at him from behind.

SOPHIA (CONT'D)

(excitedly)

Okay, let's go!

One of her friends, a young man with droopy hair, pipes up before anyone moves.

YOUNG MAN

I still wish Candace could have come, but I could only afford to rent one regulation snowmobile. I wish we could just bring our own.

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SOPHIA

I know, sorry. It's a park regulation to protect the environment.

She whips out a graph, from someplace behind her, that shows emissions data.

SOPHIA (CONT'D)

(gesturing at the graph)

You can see how older snowmobiles can affect the environment.

(putting the graph away)

Any questions?

EVERYONE

No, we're good. (And other similar things.)

SOPHIA

Okay, let's go.

FABULOUS MONTAGE: Beautiful Yellowstone landscapes. Bear, bison, geysers, hot springs, snow, waterfalls, etc.

They stop at Old Faithful.

SOPHIA

Here's the crowning jewel of Yellowstone: Old Faithful.

Her tourists oo and ah.

SOPHIA (CONT'D)

A lot of people think Old Faithful erupts at exact, consistent times, but that's actually not true. Mathematically, we can't predict the exact times it will erupt each day. After an eruption, we can tell when the next one will happen give or take 13 minutes.

It erupts. More oos and ahs from the tourists. All their phones are out taking pictures.

ASTRID

(to Sophia)

So it's not really predictable at all?

Sophia smiles.

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SOPHIA

Well, they don't call it Old
Faithful for nothing. Compared to
other geysers, it's actually very
predictable.

ASTRID

You know, it might help if I saw
a--

SOPHIA

(cutting her off, hand already
in coat)

A graph? I have one here.

ASTRID

Prefect! How do I read it?

SOPHIA

(excitedly)

Let me show you.

FADE TO BLACK