

NATURE DOCUMENTARY

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EXT. FOREST - MORNING

The forest ends at a narrow clearing, near the edge of a stream, quiet except for the sounds of distant ducks quacking, welcoming the new day. Suddenly, a rustle can be heard. The rustling grows louder until a man emerges from the forest thicket. The man is wearing a long sleeved, light blue dress shirt, khaki pants, and a brown belt with brown penny loafers. He's looking around apprehensively, taking quick nibbles of leaves between suspicious glances.

HOST (V.O.)

An accountant. A common sight here  
in Yellowstone.

The accountant slowly walks over to the stream, still maintaining his watch.

HOST (V.O.)

This is an older accountant and  
that has just finished balancing a  
large account. Prime prey.

The accountant crouches down to take a sip of water from the stream. A branch breaking can be heard from the forest. The accountant looks up.

HOST (V.O.)

Danger.

A jacked man wearing slacks, a tight fitting Underarmor tshirt, and sports sunglasses bursts through the forest.

HOST (V.O.)

A used care salesman.

The accountant runs through the through the stream, stumbling out of the other side before taking off into the field next to the forest. The salesman gives pursuit, jumping over the stream in a single bound. After a short chase, the salesman catches up to accountant and tackles him. With the accountant pinned to the ground, the salesman produces and stack of papers and a pen, forcing the accountant to sign.

HOST (V.O.)

The sale has been made.

The accountant gets up, brushes himself off, grabs the stack of papers and dejectedly meanders back into the woods.

HOST (V.O.)  
Today on Planet Earth, we'll be  
exploring Yellowstone National  
Park.

Title card "Planet Earth"

EXT. FOREST - DAY

A man is sitting on a rock, marking through a stack of  
papers. Behind him is a 8ft rock outcropping.

HOST (V.O.)  
A teacher, alone and distracted by  
grading.

A faint and slow honking noise can be heard. The teacher  
looks up for a moment as the honking stops. The teacher goes  
back to grading and the honking starts again. The honking  
gets louder and louder, now accompanied by squeaking. A clown  
appears on the top of the cliff face.

HOST (V.O.)  
The clown makes their move!

The clown tumbles down the cliff face, limbs flailing, until  
they collapse in front of the teacher before quickly bouncing  
back on their feet. The teacher, startled, falls back from  
the rock, papers flying through the air.

HOST (V.O.)  
The teacher, knowing there's no  
fleeing from this predator, puts up  
a desperate struggle for survival.

The teacher sits back down on the rock only to shoot back up  
again. He grabs the whoopie cushion that was quietly placed  
on the rock and throws it to the ground.

HOST (V.O.)  
A grievous injury.

The teacher starts yelling something at the clown.

HOST (V.O.)  
With no other option, the teacher  
tells the clown that they'll never  
achieve anything in life.

The clown throws a paper airplane at the teacher.

HOST (V.O.)  
And thus, the circle of life ends  
for this teacher.

EXT. POND - DAY

A woman is sitting at the end of the pond, looking at her phone, and occasionally dipping down to drink from the pond.

HOST  
Throughout Yellowstone, there are thousands of ponds where animals of all types congregate. Today, we join the doctor, at the top of the foodchain, enjoying the cool pond on this hot summer day.

A man approaches her, jerking his body violently in a poor attempt at dance.

HOST (CONT'D)  
The male receptionist approaches, trying to win her approval.

The woman has takes a drink from the pond and goes back to her phone, paying the man no heed.

HOST (CONT'D)  
Unimpressed.

The man starts singing "My Girl" by the Temptations, poorly. The women glances up with an annoyed look before going back to her phone

HOST (CONT'D)  
Not the reaction he was looking for.

The man pulls out a deck of cards and fans it. The woman stands up and looks at him. He gets excited and starts talking but is cut off as she walks past him. Dejected he sits down by the pond and takes a drink.

HOST (CONT'D)  
His mating routine over, our receptionist only has water to slate his thirst.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

The used car salesman is running through the forest, stumbling on tree roots.

HOST

The used car salesman, so used to  
being on top of the food chain, has  
finally met an animal that he can't  
sell to.

Wolves howl in the distance.

HOST (CONT'D)

The grey wolf.

BLACKOUT