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EXT. BAJA OCEAN - DAY

OTTO, REGGIE, TWISTER, and SAM are sitting in inner tubes, floating on a calm ocean.

In the B.G. on the beach, RAY and TITO are struggling to erect a camping tent, that keeps collapsing on them.

TWISTER

It sure was cool of Raymundo to bring us on this vacation with you guys.

OTTO

Yeah, I just wish there were some wave action.

SAM

Well, we could do something else.

OTTO

Like what?

SAM

We could help your dad and Tito build the tent.

OTTO

Earth to Sam, we're on a vacation, that would be like work.

ON REGGIE, her eyes pop wide open.

REGGIE

Hey, I felt something hit my leg!

ON SAM for the same expression

SAM

Me too!

ON TWISTER for the same.

TWISTER

I just felt a shark!

BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE WATER

We see a school of fish swimming by.

REGGIE

(LAUGHS) There's your "shark," that school of fish!

OTTO  
Hey we should go fishing!

REGGIE/TWISTER/SAM  
Cool!! Awesome!!

EXT. CAMPSITE - LATER

The Kids are standing by as Ray and Tito STILL struggle with their camping tent.

RAY  
Sounds like a great idea, Otto. As soon as Tito and I get the tent up, we'll take you fishing.

OTTO  
Raymundo, that could take all day. Can't we go out on our own?

RAY  
I don't know...

REGGIE  
We'll be super-careful. Please dad.

OTTO  
Please dad!

TWISTER  
Please dad!

RAY  
If Twister promises not to call me dad, you can go.

REGGIE/TWISTER/OTTO/SAM  
Cool! This rocks!

RAY  
But you gotta promise me, you'll stay close to shore.

OTTO  
We promise. Can we go?

TITO  
You know there's an old Hawaiian saying my grandfather told me, "It's not always the sharpest hook that catches a fish, but the sharpest mind."

TWISTER  
(OBLIVIOUS) Huh?

TITO  
You cannot rush nature, you must out-  
wait the fish, you must have patience.

OTTO  
(IN A RUSH) Uh huh-patience-got it- can-  
we-go-now?

EXT. WATER EDGE - MOMENTS LATER

Otto, Reggie, Sam, and Twister are in the boat, ready to go.  
Ray stands in the water next to the boat.

RAY  
Kids, before you go, I've got a short  
checklist...

OTTO  
Checklist, shmecklist. Let's go!!

RAY  
The fish aren't going anywhere, and  
neither are you, til' we go over this  
list... life jackets, fishing rod,  
tackle, secure the extra gas tank...

OTTO  
Raymundo, I went over the list, got it,  
got it, got it...

RAY  
And one more thing Otto.

OTTO  
What? The fish are growing old.

RAY  
Have a good time.

Ray hands Otto the list and walks off. Otto crams it in his  
pocket.

OTTO  
Okay, Reggie and Sam hold the tackle and  
rods, Twist, you keep a lookout for fish,  
I'll steer the boat. I got it all figured  
out.

REGGIE  
So did the captain of the Titanic.

Otto starts the boat up and pulls out. Nobody notices the extra gas tank fall off the side of the boat.

EXT. OCEAN - LATER

The kids bring their boat to a stop.

OTTO  
This looks like major fish land. Twist,  
drop anchor.

Twister drops an anchor overboard, but the rope is not tied. Both the anchor and rope plunge into the water.

TWISTER  
Ooops...

OTTO  
Nice move Gilligan.

TWISTER  
Sorry.

REGGIE  
Let's forget it and start fishing!

Reggie opens the tackle box, Sam passes out fishing rods.

Reggie and Otto easily bait their hooks with worms, they've done this before.

ON SAM

He intently stares at his worm, but everytime he tries to hook him, the worm dodges his hook, i.e., he goes to the right, the worm dodges to the left.

ON TWISTER

Twister tries to bait his worm, but baits his finger accidentally.

TWISTER  
Owwwww!!!

REGGIE  
Twister, what's wrong?

OTTO  
He harpooned himself.

TWISTER  
(LYING) Uhh, I meant to do that.

OTTO  
(LAUGHS) Yeah right, Captain Hook.

The kids cast their lines into the water and wait for a bite.

A FEW BEATS.

Still no bite.

TWISTER  
This is sooo boring.

OTTO  
Yeah, we might as well be in school.

SAM  
Maybe the fish are asleep.

OTTO  
Then we gotta wake them up!

Otto does a cannonball into the water! Twister follows!

REGGIE  
Are you guys nuts? You're scaring all  
the fish! Now, we're gonna have to wait  
even longer.

Otto and Twister crawl back into the boat.

SAM  
Remember what Tito said, be patient.

Suddenly, Sam's line starts pulling, his rod starts bending.

SAM  
Wha-what's happening???

TWISTER  
You caught a fish!

SAM  
I did? I did!!! What do I do now?

REGGIE  
Reel him in!!

Sam reels his fish in.

REGGIE  
Sammy, you go boy!

Sam lifts his fish into the boat. Otto is jealous.

OTTO  
The squid got lucky.

REGGIE  
Jealous, Rocket boy?

OTTO  
No way...errr... Sam, let's switch places.

SAM  
Why?

OTTO  
Cause you're hogging all the fish dude.

SAM  
Oh...okay.

Otto and Sam switch places, the boat tilts back and forth perilously. Otto slips and falls into the water!

EXT. BAJA BEACH

Ray and Tito are fishing.

RAY  
Ahhh... this is life.... It's so nice to have a break from the demon tent.

TITO  
You said it Bruddah.

RAY  
You know, I should warn you. I'm using a surf style spinning reel, a graphite pole with carbide guides, a sliding sinker, a 6 ounce lure, and multi-filament line.

TITO  
I prefer the ancient Hawaiian ways.

Tito holds up his bamboo rod. There's a rock tied to the end of his line.

RAY  
How are you going to catch a fish with a rock?

TITO  
Ancient secret.

RAY

Well, that might have worked centuries ago, but I think most fish would have caught on by now.

TITO

Would you care to wager, Bruddah.

RAY

The one who catches the most fish gets to watch the other build the tent.

EXT. OCEAN - LATER

Sam and Reggie are both pulling fish in.

REGGIE

I got another one!

SAM

Me too!

OTTO

Reggie, let's switch fishing rods.

REGGIE

No way. I'm on a roll!!!

TWISTER

I've got a bite, it feels big!!!

Twister struggles furiously to pull his fish in.

TWISTER

(GRUNTING) I got him!! Ugggh!!!

Twister pulls his fish out of the water... it's tiny!!!

OTTO

(SARCASTIC) Wow he's huge!

TWISTER

He's strong, maybe he works out!

REGGIE

I think he's a cute little fishy!

TWISTER

That's what I'll call him, "lil fishy."

OTTO

I say we forget this small fry stuff.

REGGIE

That's cause you haven't caught one.

OTTO

I'm holding out for monster-size fish!

REGGIE

Or any fish.

OTTO

I can't catch a big one here, we gotta go out into deeper water.

SAM

I don't mind staying here and catching little ones.

OTTO

We either go big or we don't go at all. We could catch a fish and set a world record!

REGGIE

I don't know Otto, Dad told us to stay close to shore.

OTTO

What's "close to shore" anyways? If I can see the shore, I'm close to it. Right Twister?

TWISTER

Right on, Otto man.

REGGIE

Well, as long as we don't go to far out.

OTTO

We have a "one horse power" motor, we can get back to the shore super fast.

REGGIE

Okay, I guess.

Otto starts the motor and drives them into deeper water.

CLOSE ON - FUEL GAUGE

It's dangerously low.

EXT. BAJA BEACH - SAME

Ray and Tito are fishing.

Ray has a bite!!

RAY

Tito, I hate to say I told you so...

TITO

You still gotta land him, Bruddah.

RAY

No problem.

The fish jumps into the air, spits out the hook, and dives back down.

RAY

He just spit out a twenty dollar hook!!!

Tito LAUGHS. Suddenly his bamboo rod starts bending.

EXT. DEEP OCEAN - LATER

The kids are fishing, but there are no bites.

REGGIE

Gee, I'm sure glad we left our spot to come out here where the big fish are... not!

OTTO

The big fish aren't going for our dinky lures.

TWISTER

What do big fish like to eat?

SAM

(WORRIED) Little kids?

OTTO

Duh! Big fish eat little fish. We need a little fish to use as a lure.

Otto looks at twister's "lil' Fish."

TWISTER

No way Otto.

OTTO

It's only a fish.

TWISTER

It's "Lil' fish."

OTTO  
Dude, who's your bud, me or the fish?

Twister thinks about it.

OTTO  
Twist????

TWISTER.  
Well, okay.

Otto baits his line with Twister's fish, and casts it into the water.

It's quiet for a FEW BEATS.

Suddenly, Otto's line is pulled hard, almost pulling him out of the boat.

Twister grabs Otto, Reggie grabs Twister, and Sam grabs Reggie... all four of them struggle to keep Otto from flying over into the water.

OTTO/SAM/REGGIE/TWISTER  
Whoaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!!!!!!

Suddenly the tugging stops. The ocean is calm.

A FEW BEATS.

OTTO  
Bummer, he must have gotten away.

The fish pulls again, and this time really takes off, pulling the boat across the water like a toy!!!

OTTO/SAM/REGGIE/TWISTER  
Whoaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!!!!!!

EXT. BAJA BEACH - SAME

Tito finally pulls his catch out of the water... a gas tank.

TITO  
Something is fishy here.

Ray LAUGHS. Then he takes a closer look at the tank.

RAY  
Wait a second, that looks like the spare tank from the kid's boat.

(MORE)

RAY (cont'd)

This means one of two things, at best  
Otto didn't listen to me, or at worst the  
kids might be in trouble.

EXT. SOMEWHAT DEEPER OCEAN - CONTINUOUS

The kids' boat is flying through the ocean, like they are  
strapped to a run away horse!!! Stuff starts flying out of  
the boat, tackle, rods, hats, vests, and paddles!!!

Their boat almost crashes into a skier, there's another near  
miss with a sail boat!!!

SAM

(SCARED) Our father who art in heaven...

TWISTER

Squid, just think of this as a roller  
coaster.

SAM

Rollercoasters scare me!

REGGIE

Otto hold onto him, ride em' cowboy!!

REGGIE'S POV

As they are pulled farther and farther away from the distant  
shore.

REGGIE

Otto, let go!!!

OTTO

Are you crazy? I almost have him!

TWISTER

Otto man, he has you, dude!!!

OTTO

Are you taking the fish's side now? What  
is this a mutiny?

REGGIE/SAM/TWISTER

Cut your line, Otto!

OTTO

You guys are just jealous.

REGGIE

Okay, we're jealous, you're right, you  
win Otto, now cut your line before we  
become fish food!!

Otto finally cuts his line. Their little boat finally slows down and comes to a rest.

REGGIE

We're so far out, I can barely see the shore.

OTTO

No problemo, we just start the motor and we'll be home in no time.

Otto tries to start the motor, but it won't start.

OTTO

What's wrong with this thing?

Reggie looks at this gas gauge.

REGGIE

It needs something called gas. We're empty.

OTTO

So let's start paddling.

REGGIE

Your fish took care of all our paddles except one.

EXT. OCEAN - SAME

Ray and Tito paddle their canoe parallel to the beach.

RAY

Any sign of them?

TITO

Nope. Sorry, cuz.

EXT. OCEAN - LITTLE LATER

The kids are paddling the boat. Reggie uses the paddle, the rest use their hands.

REGGIE

Man this is hard. We need to lose some weight.

SAM

Oh nooo, you're not throwing the fat kid overboard!

REGGIE

I mean the fish silly. They're going bad anyways.

Reggie tosses the bad fish overboard.

SAM

There goes dinner.

REGGIE

Yep our whole catch, gone!

TWISTER

Hey! I'm never gonna see my "lil' Fishy" again.

REGGIE

Thanks, Otto.

TWISTER

Yeah, thanks.

OTTO

Look, since it's all my fault, I'll row us to shore all by myself, okay?

Otto starts paddling the boat.

REGGIE

It was kinda funny though.

The kids start to smile.

TWISTER

Sam sure was scared!

SAM

Was not.

Twister and Reggie LAUGH.

SAM

(SMILING) Well maybe a little...

Reggie starts paddling with her hands, Sam and Twister join in. Otto smiles.

EXT. BAJA BEACH - LATER

Ray is waiting as the kids paddle into shore.

RAY

I told you kids not to go out so far. I was about to call a search team. How did this happen?

OTTO

Dad, I'm sorry. It's all my fault.

RAY

(SARCASTIC) Gee Otto, I find that hard to believe.

OTTO

I wanted to catch a big fish and set a world record, but I caused everyone to lose their catch. Our cookout is ruined.

TITO

Don't worry little bruddah. There's more than one way to catch a fish.

EXT. OCEAN - LATER

Ray, Tito, and the kids pull a long straining net through shallow water.

TITO

Using a net to catch fish is an old Hawaiian tradition called "hak-e-lua."

The kids, Ray, and Tito lift the net up...they've caught a ton of fish!

SAM

We caught a whole school of fish!!!

TWISTER

A school and a college!!!

REGGIE

Cool!

OTTO

This is rockin'!

The Kids high-five!

EXT. BAJA BEACH - THAT NIGHT

Everyone is cooking their fish by the campfire.

OTTO

The fish I had musta been 50 feet long!  
It's teeth were a foot long!

RAY

That's quite a fish story, Jonah.

OTTO

But I'm really sorry I put you guys  
through all that today.

REGGIE

At least it wasn't boring.

OTTO

I just wish I could have caught him.

RAY

Well, you might not have caught the fish,  
but you caught something all great  
fisherman covet... a great fish story!

FADE OUT.

THE END