



Camping for Nothing

Cast of Characters:

Germaine – 30's, single, doesn't get overly excited

Gloria – 30's, single, very charming and dainty but also loves seeing people trip and fall

David – 30's, neurotic, insecure

Chris – 40's, weird, unreliable

Narrator

Props:

A backpack for each character

3-4 bags/backpacks for David

Camping equipment such as a tent and lawn chairs

Cardboard box

Narrator:

On a late afternoon, two friends, Gloria and Germaine, are walking onto their campsite with backpacks, tents, and lawn chairs. David is a few paces behind them lugging all his own bags. Chris is still back at the car gathering the remaining items.

Gloria: [speaking to Germaine and irritated] I cannot BELIEVE I let you talk me into going camping with you guys. It's so hot out here!

Germaine: I'm sorry, what could I do? Chris really wanted to do this. He agreed to house-sit for me so I felt obligated. And there's no way I'm spending three days alone with that nut job.

David: [catches up to Gloria and Germaine and throws down all his bags in frustration] It's so hot out here!

Germaine: [sarcastically to David] Oh yeah, and thanks for all your help carrying the equipment by the way. Why did you pack so much for a three-day CAMPING trip??

David: Because, I decide what to wear based on what kind of mood I'm in. Plus, you jerks convinced me to do this and you know how picky I am about my toilets. I have a couple of bags devoted just to hand sanitizer, toilet paper and Clorox wipes.

Chris: [arriving to the campsite with a backpack and a hug box] All right! Let's start the fun weekend!

Germaine: What took you so long?

Chris: Well during the drive all the silverware and pots and pans spilled out into the trunk so I had to gather it all up again.

David: Why did you bring all that?

Chris: Well, how are we supposed to cook eggplant parmesan without it?

Gloria, David & Germaine: [stare at him for a couple seconds, then in unison] We don't!

Chris: [playfully] Aaaaa, you guys are crazy. Eggplant parmesan is the best part of this trip!

(Gloria approaches Chris as though she is going to choke him and Germaine pulls her back.)

Narrator:

Three days later, Germaine, David and Gloria are sitting on lawn chairs looking irritable and exhausted.

Gloria: I swear I am going to STRANGLE Chris.

David: [displeased and sarcastic] So, you guys making fun of me NOW for bringing all that stuff? If it wasn't for all the Ring Dings and Pepsi I brought, we would've had nothing to eat for the past few days.

Germaine: [looking ahead, contemplative] I really thought that his tenth attempt at the eggplant parmesan was going to be the winner. Well at least now it's over and we get to go home.

Gloria: Where in the world is Chris?? All he had to do was bring the car around closer to our part of the campsite!

Germaine: I don't know that all this was worth the two grand I agreed to take in exchange for coming on this stupid trip. (Germaine's eyes get big as soon as he realizes he has revealed the secret.)

Gloria and David: [furious, in unison] He's PAYING you to be here???

Chris: [casually] Um, the car is stuck in a ditch. (They all stare at him.) [enthusiastically] Hey David, do you have any of those Ring Dings left?

End of Play

