

Scene 1

Characters

CHARACTER 1 JIM: Jim is a high schooler that couldn't get any more excited to be on his way to winter break. He tries to act cool, and rarely he'll go to school without his mom getting a call from the principal. He's always messing around trying to figure out the most fun way to pass time.

CHARACTER 2 THEADORA, Jim's mother: She can't wait to be able to sleep in during break. She is a very busy mom, always driving her son around to school.

CHARACTER 3 JO: Jo is an overachiever, but has his goofy times. As much as he loves school, he loves that feeling he gets when he's about to go on break. He is best friends with Jim, they've known each other ever since 5th grade when the teacher made them sit in the corner. Being sent to the time out corner was very rare for Jo.

Setting: In Jim's room; there is a huge pile of the gathered up ideas just waiting to be unfolded. Staring at the pile they wonder how to tackle it.

AT RISE It's a chilly day, but inside their warm cabin, all they can feel is warmth. The list was getting long, sticky notes after scrap pieces of paper on top of receipts—these are all things that they used to jot down ideas for their fun winter break every time an idea hit them. They had ended up at the beginning of winter break with one massive matted up pile of ideas.

JIM

How in the world are we supposed to manage all of these ideas?!

JO

Honestly, I have no idea. Also how did we come up with these many ideas?

JIM

I know right! Do you think we'll even have enough time to do all these things???

JO

I would hope so, and well, there's only one way to find out!

JIM

You're right! But before we start to do these things, let's figure out what we actually wrote down.

JO

Okay, let's dig in!

As these two try to unfold their pile, they start realizing how many fun things they had come up with.

JIM

So many ideas!

JO

Yeah!

JIM

Let's go!

JO

Okay! Don't we need to ask your mom before we do anything?

JIM

Yah, I'll call her.

JIM calls his mother through his new Iphone X. He is really hoping that they can just get started on their plans as soon as possible.

THEADORA

Hello?

JIM

Yah, hey mom, it's me.

THEODORA

Jim! I'm literally in the house, why are you calling me? I swear, in my day, I would have to walk across the neighborhood just to ask my mom if I could stay a little bit longer at my friends house. You kids are so lazy!

JIM

Alright Alright, didn't mean ruffle your feathers, mother!

THEODORA

WELL YOU DID! Good thing we're snowed in or else I would ground you for talking to me like that!

JIM

(says with stutter)

WHaT We'Re We'RE snowed in! How are we supposed to do all of our fun winter break plans?!

At that moment, JO and JIM stared at each other with disappointment. Jo starts calling his parents to let them know the situation and that they will be stuck at Jim's house all day.

THEODORA

Yes, yes I know you had much planned, but it'll be okay and maybe you'll just learn how to entertain yourselves without those video games that you're not gonna have.

JIM

So, first I don't even get to go outside this whole day, and now I won't even get to play on my XBOX—not even that, but FORTNITE!? Why you gotta do me like that, Ma?

Scene 2

Setting: In Jims room

AT RISE: The phone hangs up, JIM is left with a feeling of disappointment. Next the scene takes place in JIMS living room where there is no XBOX, TV, not even his phone.

JO

So what do you wanna do now? It's not like we can just waste time on our phones.

JIM

Yeah, I know right!? Life's just gonna be like that sometimes.

JO

So maybe we should try doing something different, maybe something more like...Oh! What about we try and build a fort?

JIM puts his hands up trying to assert dominance.

JIM

Jo, it's not like we're in fourth grade anymore.

JO

(in a convincing tone)

I know, but maybe if we do that, then we'll end up having fun! And let's face it, if your mom walks in and sees us doing nothing she'll make us do our "extra credit homework" and I know how much you hate doing homework.

JIM

Actually, you know what!? That's not really such bad idea. We might end up having some fun after all.

JO

Okay great, let's get started!

As the two start grabbing supplies for their massive fort, they end up feeling pretty good and entertained. They didn't expect that doing something a fifth grader would do would be as much fun for them.

JO

(geeky) Okay, so for this to actually work, we need at least four stable supporters evenly distributed throughout th.....

JIM

Dude, just chill, it's all gonna work out. We'll build the fort and see if it holds up. No reason to get all scientific on me.

JO

Okay fineeeee. But can we at least make sure that we don't use too much material, 'cause then there's gonna be so much to clean up and... I don't know.

JIM

Okay, I'll try, but I can't promise anything.

JO

That's all I ask.

As they start adding pillows, one by one to the fort, they start to forget about time and the video games and they start to, without realizing, actually have fun without being on an electronic device. In the past, they probably would've been half way through the day without even doing anything on a snowy day like this.

JO

And there, the last final blankets that puts together this whole vivid, unique, and expressive fortress!!

JIM

Forget about that poetic crap, this is sick, dude!

JO

Come on, why do you always have to do that!

JIM

Do what?

JO

You know, that! You're always saying bad stuff about the things I say.

JIM

Okay okay, you're right. I'm really sorry and I didn't mean that. This fort is really sick!

JO

Thank you.

JIM

(Jim taps Jo on the back) Yeah, man, I wouldn't want to offend you.

JO

Now come on, what are we waiting for? Let's test this baby out!

JIM

Oh right! Let's get in.

JO

(gestures to the opening of the fort and says to Jim) Ladies first, you know the rules.

As JIM and JO start to get into the fort, they soon realize how tiring building a fort can be. They had spent almost all day building this huge thing and they needed to test it out to see if it was actually comfortable. They climb in and, before you know it, minutes later, they start drifting off to sleep.

THEODORA walks into the room and sees what looks like a tent made out of materials found around the house.

THEODORA

“Oh, I remember these forts! I remember they used to make them all the time when they were younger. I’m so glad they’re finally having a good time. But, where are they?” She thinks.

She peers around the hallway, then the rooms, then the kitchen. Soon she hears what sounds like snoring. She then peeks in the fort.

THEODORA (cont.)

Oh, look what we have here. A slumber party in the fort.

She smiles. She then hears on the news that come morning they shouldn’t be snowed in anymore.

Scene 3

Setting: The living room

AT RISE Later that day the two wake up from their nap. They feel rested and energetic ready to do something! They sit up and look around, they aren't aware of the time. To them it could be the next day, early in the morning, or they could've just fallen asleep for ten minutes.

JO

Hey (he rubs his eyes and stretches), what time is it?

JIM

I donno, check your watch.

JO

(checks his watch) We slept for 14 hours!

JIM

What?! No, there's no way. You're probably reading it wrong, lemme see. (he grabs jos watch) wow your right! That's so crazy!

They look around perplexed. How did they sleep for so long? Soon there is a voice, it sounds like JIMS mom.

JIM
Mom?

THIADORA
Yeah!

JIM
Mom! Do you even see the time?!

THIADORA
Yep! Considering you guys stayed up till five AM today!

JO
Oh yeah we totally forgot! Haha

JIM
Oh yeaahhhh

THIADORA
Is this what it's gonna be like for the next two weeks? Cause I can't have you sleeping all day, it's break im going to nd help with a lot of house maintenance. Starting with the rest of painting the walls.

JIM
Okay, I mean I guess i don't really have a choice do I?

THIADORA
Nope!

JOs phone starts ringing, it's his mom. He picks up the phone and answer it.

JO
Mom, hey whats up? (continues to listen) oh sorry! I didn't see you called, I was sleeping during the storm and didn't even think about you being worried about me since you knew I was over here at jim's house. Yeah, yeah i get it, I'll try and make sure I respond to you quicker. But yes, I'm fine. Okay bye, you too!

He hangs up the phone.

THIADORA
Is everything okay?

JO
Yeah, my mom was just checking in.

THIADORA
Oh okay. Oo, guys! The weather report just announced that the storm is gone, go check and see if the door will open.

They go to open the door, it's a little jammed but after an hour the snow around it melts and it opens! They run outside, it looks so snowy and looks like it'll be so fun! They start playing with the snow, it's getting dark out so they play till dark and head back inside.

Scene 4

It is now nine PM, time to start on the winter break chores, before the fun. They start on taking tape and covering the outlets and parts the paint shouldn't reach. They take the paint and brushes into the kitchen, they start painting over the old greyish collar with a new faint red. THIADORA says this color will look the best in the winter because it will match all the new decorations.

JIM
Hey guys, you know what color we should paint the living room?

They both stare at him wondering what idea he has now.

JIM
We should paint it black with some blue to make it looks like outer space!

THIADORA
And who will be the one to do all of this art on my wall? Will it be you or are you thinking i'm the one that's going to be making this outer space thing?

JIM
Oh yeah. Didn't really think about that.

THIADORA
Mmhhmm, that's what I thought! Just like another one of your ideas that you haven't thought through all the way! (she chuckles to herself)

JIM

I'm getting better ya know! When was the last time you got a call from the principal about on of my "ideas?"

THIADORA

Okay, okay I will give you that. It has been almost two weeks, we're hitting a record here!

JO

So jim! (he butts into the conversation and quickly changes the subject) let's definitely start doing those plans tomorrow like we've been trying to do!

JIM

Yah, that's what I was thinking. Just so we can start doing things quicker, let's start looking through our ideas tonight so by morning we'll know what to do!

THIADORA

That's the first!

JIM

What?

THIADORA

Well I didn't find anything wrong with your plan!

JIM

(sarcastically saying) Oh wow thanks mom!

They all start going back to painting.

Scene 5

It's morning, JIM and JO are all ready to go and explore.

JO

Okay, so now today we are going to go fishing!

JIM

Yup, I'm excited! We're gonna have to cut the ice with the saw so it's gonna be a little difficult but we'll get the job done!

JO

You got that right!

JIM and JO start walking through the deep snowy trails to get to the frozen lake. When they are at the lake, it starts getting a little bit warmer because the sun is finally coming out. Even though it was getting warmer, that still didn't help with the fact that the ice was extremely thick and was really hard to cut through.

JIM

Can you help me with this? It's pretty hard and my my arms are getting really tired.

JO

Yah let's switch spots.

JIM

K, imma start getting the fishing polls ready.

After a while and a lot of sawing, they get the ice broken and they capture a really cool looking fish at the end of everything and start heading back.

Scene 6

Five hours later they come back with one small fish, they feel proud and fulfilled with their capture. They walk into the kitchen holding the fish which is in a bag. TIADORA walks in the room right as they do.

THIADORA

So how'd it go? By the looks of it, I'm guessing you didn't have that much luck?

JIM

Ma! Are you kidding me! This is awesome, with our luck we managed to catch a whole live fish! Well, it's not that live anymore, but i bet once we cook it it'll be pretty darn good! This smart one over here even taught me some cool fishing tricks.

JO

Yeah, today has been so fun! I'm glad you had all this stuff we needed in order to go fishing.

THIADORA

Well i'm glad you guys had fun! Go fire up the grill and make some us out of that small thing.

JIM

Yeah, come on jim let's go fire this thing up!

The two head off to cook the meal, and the mom starts preparing other food as well.

Scene 7

It is now dinner time. The food is warm and smells delicious. They are getting the table all together and set up. There is still scrap pieces of tape laying on the ground with some brushes and paper towel laying beside them.

THIADORA

I'm so glad that we're able to finally relax and take a break from that busy school schedual.

JIM

Mom, that sounds like something I would say. I'm the one going to school, I should b the one saying that!'

THIADORA

I get tha your the one going to school, but whos the one driving you and having all thse calls with the principle and...

JIM

I get it! Your right!

JO

Now can we start eating? It looks so good and I'm soo hungry!

JIM

Yah me too! Let's dig in!

THIADORA

So how did the fish cook?

JO hangs a plate to THIADORA, this plate has the cooked fish on it. They look pretty proud and glad of what they are presenting. She looks at the plate, it has what looks like a fish but she's not completely sure of it.

THIADORA

Is this it?

JIM

Yeah!

THIADORA

(says with fake enthusiasm) Oh! It looks so, yummy!

JO

I know right! Try it!

THIADORA

Okay! But I need to save room for the lasagna. (takes a bite) Actually, I'm not gonna lie, not bad!

JIM

Let us try some now!

They both start digging in enjoying all the food and drinks!

JIM

Jo, you definitely need to come over again really soon so we can do some of those other things we've planned!

JO

Yeah seems good!

The scene ends with all of them enjoying their dinner and especially that tiny but surprisingly delicious fish.