

**Petropolis Season 1 Presents:**

**POOL FIGHT**

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EXT. MIDDLE DAKOTA COMMUNITY POOL- DAY

BENJI (13 M) and ALEX (12 F) set down their things. Alex runs off and-

SPLASH!

BENJI  
Watch it Alex!

Alex pops her head out of the water, sticks her tongue out at him. Benji applies sunscreen, triple checks his surroundings, then gets in the water.

INT. MIDDLE DAKOTA COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE- DAY

Elsewhere, PEEP (4 M) hides amongst the clubhouse decor, scours the people at the pool. He scowls.

PEEP  
Fools.

INSERT: WHISTLE on EMO LIFEGUARD's neck (16 M)

Peep smirks.

EXT. POOL LAP SECTION- DAY

Benji's hand hits the wall of the pool, he pants.

STEPH (O.S.)  
Hey Benji!

Benji looks up to see STEPH (13 F) and a group of girls- HELEN (12 F), MARCIE (13 F), and DANIELLA (13 F) walking toward him.

BENJI  
Steph? What- what are you doing here?

STEPH  
Swimming.

Benji frowns, continues swimming.

HELEN  
He's so cute.

MARCIE  
I know right.

DANIELLA  
Steph, what do you think?

Benji shakes his head, swims another lap.

SPLASH! The girls jump in the pool.

HELEN  
Hiiiiiii! Oh my god I love that  
outfit!

BENJI  
Uh, h-hi. Thanks, but I really need  
to focus.

Benji ignores her. Marcie giggles, splashes water on Benji.

BENJI (CONT'D)  
Ack!

STEPH  
Sorry about my friend. She really  
didn't-

WHISTLE BLOWS!

EXT. POOL DEEP END- DAY

EMO LIFEGUARD (O.S.)  
Everybody out. Adult swim for the  
next ten minutes.

ALEX  
Ah, come on!

Alex and several kids stomp out of the pool. Alex looks at the lifeguard, body goes limp.

EXT. CAMPBELL LAWN CHAIRS- DAY

BENJI  
Ahhhhhhhhh!!!

He bumps into a chair.

ALEX  
What happened?

Benji points at Steph, Helen, Marcie, and Daniella nearby.

BENJI  
They won't leave me alone!

Alex shrugs, continues looking at the emo lifeguard. Benji tries to get her attention.

BENJI (CONT'D)  
Alex? Hellllooooo, Alex?

ALEX  
What was that again?

Benji smacks his forehead.

EXT. POOL SEATING OUTSKIRTS- DAY

Peep weaves through pool chairs, avoiding puddles of overly chlorinated pool water and hordes of screaming kids.

He gets closer to the whistle when EDDIE (13 M) runs in front of him and steps on his paw.

PEEP  
(mutters to himself)  
Stupid Ape.

EXT. CAMPBELL POOL CHAIRS- DAY

Water gets sprayed into Benji's eyes.

BENJI  
Ow!

EDDIE  
'Sup dweeb.

Eddie sprays more water onto Benji. Benji runs.

EXT. POOL/ UNSPECIFIED- DAY

BENJI  
Help me!

THUD! Benji bumps into MARCO (26 M).

BENJI (CONT'D)  
Marco? You work at the pool?

MARCO  
No, I'm the pool janitor.

BENJI  
Just hide me!

MARCO  
Uhhh...

MARCIE (O.S.)  
BENJIIIII!

Marco and Benji turn their heads around.

POV: Eddie, brandished with a paintball gun on one side, Steph and her entourage of girls on another. All aiming for Benji.

Marco and Benji nod, they run off.

EXT. DEEP END- DAY

SPLOOSH!

Eddie pushes Benji into the pool, jumps in.

Benji pops his head out the water, gasps for air. Eddie dunks him further into the water.

EXT. POOL BUSH- DAY

Alex's POV: The emo lifeguard scrolls on his phone.

DAYDREAM-

ALEX  
Hi, I'm Alex! I really like  
skateboarding and cool awesome  
stuff. You're dreamy and hot.

EMO LIFEGUARD  
Ah, thanks. You too.

BACK TO REAL WORLD-

ALEX  
Nah, that's stupid.

She continues to stare at the lifeguard, drool spills out of her mouth.

ALEX (CONT'D)  
Alright, I'll just do it. Andddd,  
move.

She doesn't move.

EXT. POOL DEEP END- DAY

Benji swims away from Eddie, heaves for air.

BENJI  
Marco, help me!

MARCO  
I can't. It's adult swim.

BENJI  
Marco, you are an adult.

EDDIE (O.S.)                                 STEPH (O.S.)  
Get back here loser!                      Benji! Over here!

Benji ignores them, continues to swim away.

EXT. POOL OUTSKIRTS- DAY

PEEP'S POV: Humans splash around. The whistle hangs on the lifeguard's neck. Alex tiptoes toward the lifeguard.

PEEP  
(whispers)  
Drat!

Peep approaches the lifeguard chair, maneuvers his way through chairs, sweaty legs, and misshapen toys.

EXT. POOL DEEP END- DAY

Benji defends himself against Eddie and the girl trio. Steph sprays water onto Benji.

BENJI  
Why do people keep spraying water  
on me?!

Eddie tackles him.

EXT. POOL OUTSKIRTS/EXT. LIFEGUARD CHAIR- SPLIT SCREEN

Alex stands near the lifeguard, she opens her mouth.

Peep edges closer to the lifeguard chair, water gets splashed on him.

Elsewhere on the outskirts...

SPLASH!

Marco jumps into the pool.

Alex spins around, sees Benji, Steph, and Marco in the pool.

ALEX

(pouts)

How come they get to swim?

Peep tries to get to the lifeguard.

EMO LIFEGUARD

What?

Alex and Peep get closer to the lifeguard.

PEEP (V.O.)

*Kibble!* Alex!

Peep backs away.

ALEX

Oh, I'm Alex. Nice to meet you.  
You're really cool. I'm really  
cool.

The emo lifeguard begins to back away, accidentally trips on Peep. They fall into the pool.

Alex looks around, bites her lip.

ALEX (V.O.)

Quick, do something! Before people  
notice.

Alex closes her eyes, deeply inhales.

AN UNNECESSARILY LONG PAUSE.

ALEX

POOL FIGHT!

Hordes of children enter the pool.

EXT. POOL DEEP END- DAY

BENJI

Ohhhh mannnn.

More children jump into the deep end, throwing foam noodles, water guns, and floaties at each other.

HELEN

Benji!

Benji freezes.

MARCO  
Benji! Over here!

Benji moves toward Marco, but Eddie steals his goggles and dunks him further into the pool.

EXT. POOL SHALLOW END- DAY

Peep attempts to climb out of the pool.

WOOSH! A POOL NOODLE! Peep FLIES across to the deep end!

EXT. POOL DEEP END- DAY

Benji gargles water.

Eddie keeps pushing him down.

Helen kicks Eddie.

Steph grabs Benji, pulls him out the water.

BENJI  
Thanks.

Steph looks away, hides blushing.

STEPH  
Of course.

Helen hugs him, kisses his cheek. Benji's cheeks turn red.

EXT. LAP SECTION- DAY

Marco swims laps.

WHACK! A messy-looking Eddie hits him in the arm.

EDDIE  
Janitor Marco? Where the heck is  
the dweeb?

Marco shrugs his shoulders, continues swimming.

EXT. LIFEGUARD CHAIR- DAY

ALEX  
Hey, Mr. Lifeguard. Can I help?

The emo lifeguard swims back out.



EMO LIFEGUARD

No.

ALEX (V.O.)

Okay, Alex. This is just like in the movies.

She moves towards the lifeguard.

ALEX (V.O.)

Just move closer and-

The emo lifeguard sits back on his chair.

EMO LIFEGUARD

What a drag.

EXT. POOL DEEP END- DAY

Peep struggles to keep afloat, looks at the whistle.

Tons of kids fight each other with pool equipment.

Some adults join the kids in the pool fight.

Benji, Steph, and Helen swim towards the edge of the pool, look at the fighting kids.

STEPH

It almost looks fun.

BENJI

Almost.

Steph frowns.

Helen looks at Steph, the two girls exchange nods. Helen leaves.

BENJI (CONT'D)

I was supposed to practice for a swim test.

STEPH

I'm sorry, really.

Steph grabs Benji's hand.

BENJI

It's not your fault. Eddie's just being Eddie.

STEPH  
I meant about my friends. They can  
be... a lot.

BENJI  
A lot is an understatement!

STEPH  
Are we still friends?

Benji hesitates, shakes head.

BENJI  
Friends.

They shake hands.

EXT. LIFEGUARD CHAIR- DAY

The emo lifeguard slouches in his chair.

LIFEGUARD POV: Tons of children and adults play-fighting with  
different toys. Sees Peep.

LIFEGUARD  
Is that a cat?

He shakes his head.

LIFEGUARD (CONT'D)  
Not. Dealing. With. It.

EXT. POOL/ 3 FEET ZONE- DAY

Alex swims to the deep end, chases a couple of girls with a  
water gun.

EXT. DEEP END- DAY

Benji and Steph push themselves out of the water, sit down.

Peep struggles through the hordes of children, only looking  
at the lifeguard's whistle.

PEEP  
(muttering)  
This is preposterous.

Alex and a couple of kids enter, shooting each other with  
water guns.

Peep hides amongst the other kids.

A man plays with a group of kids, the currents in the water emitted from his swimming wash Peep further into the deep end.

Eddie re-enters the deep end, sees Benji and Steph sitting. He snarls.

EDDIE

There you are, dweeb.

Benji runs away. Eddie follows. Steph giggles, jumps back in the water.

EXT. LAP SECTION- DAY

Marco whistles some tunes, sees the pool fight.

Benji, running away from Eddie, sees Marco in the water.

BENJI

Marco?

MARCO

Hi Benji! Did you have fun?

BENJI

What? No! Marco, I need your help!

Marco sees Eddie about to charge at Benji. He gets out of the water, picks up Benji. Carrying Benji, he runs away from Eddie.

EXT. LIFEGUARD CHAIR- DAY

The emo lifeguard watches the pool fight. A middle-aged WOMAN (40s F) approaches.

WOMAN

Hello?! Aren't you going to do anything?

EMO LIFEGUARD

Uhhhhhhhhhh-

WOMAN

Well, figure it out quickly, or I will figure it out for-

Marco, carrying Benji, runs right past them. Eddie chases after Marco.

The woman and the emo lifeguard look at them. The woman leaves.

                    EMO LIFEGUARD  
I love my job. I love my job. I  
love my job.

He stands up, stretching.

EXT. 3 FEET ZONE- DAY

Peep swims over to the three-foot zone, sighs.

                    PEEP  
                    (mumbling)  
Dr. Barkman should be grateful I'm  
doing this for him. Lazy "doctor".  
The Doctor of Stupidtown is what he  
is.

He swims toward the lifeguard chair.

EXT. 3 FEET ZONE- CONTINUOUS

Alex swims toward the lifeguard.

                    ALEX  
Hi!

The emo lifeguard quickly waves at her.

                    ALEX (V.O.)  
This is progress.

                    ALEX  
Is there anything I can help with?

The emo lifeguard ignores her, jumps into the water.

                    ALEX (CONT'D)  
Okay, I guess not then.

EXT. CAMPBELL POOL CHAIRS- DAY

Marco sets Benji down on a chair.

                    BENJI  
Thanks Marco.

Benji dries himself off, applies globs of sunscreen on himself.

Eddie runs past the chairs.

BENJI (CONT'D)  
He does know I'm here, right?

MARCO  
It'll be fine.

BENJI  
Note to self, don't practice for a  
swim test when everyone is here.

EXT. 3 FEET ZONE- DAY

Peep keeps swimming, gasps for air.

PEEP (V.O.)  
These insolent humans. I'm dying!

He sees the lifeguard nearby.

PEEP (V.O.)  
The whistle! Yessss.

He looks at Alex and the other humans in the pool.

PEEP (V.O.)  
That whistle is all mine!

WHISTLE BLOW

EMO LIFEGUARD  
Everybody, get out of the pool  
right now, or you're all banned for  
life.

EXT. POOL/ ALL THROUGHOUT- EVENING

Several kids and adults stop fighting, collectively groan and  
grumble. Hordes of them begin exiting the pool.

EXT. CAMPBELL POOL CHAIRS- EVENING

Benji folds his pool towel obsessively.

STEPH (O.S.)  
Sorry about the pool test.

Benji looks up, sees Steph walk toward him. He smiles,  
continues fidgeting with the towel.

BENJI  
It's fine.

Various pool patrons stomp past the chairs. A beat.

STEPH  
You can practice with me if you  
want. The pool's open for another  
four hours.

Benji stops folding the towel.

BENJI  
Oh, uhh y-yeah! Definitely!

Steph giggles.

STEPH  
Well, see you soon.

She leaves.

EXT. 3 FEET ZONE- EVENING

Peep continues swimming, gets slower.

PEEP (V.O.)  
Is this what death feels like? No,  
there is no way I am dying before  
these blasted *humans* do. What fool  
would think that?

Peep looks around, notices he's one of the few pool patrons  
left in the pool.

PEEP (V.O.)  
Drat! The humans will notice me  
sure enough. I must continue being  
discreet about this.

Peep tries swimming, does not move. He begins to sink.

PEEP (V.O.)  
No!

He tries swimming up, has difficulty going against the  
current. He gasps for air.

PEEP  
MROWWWWW!

EXT. CAMPBELL POOL CHAIRS- IMMEDIATELY AFTER

Alex, sitting next to Benji, eats a sandwich. She hears a MEOW and puts the rest of the sandwich down.

ALEX  
(mouth full of food)  
Is that Peep?

BENJI  
Yep.

Alex begins moving toward the pool.

EXT. 3 FEET ZONE- EVENING

The emo lifeguard swims to Peep, carries him out of the pool.

EXT. POOL OUTSKIRTS- EVENING

WHISTLE BLOW!

EMO LIFEGUARD  
Who brought their cat here?!

People talk amongst themselves. Benji looks down at the floor.

BENJI  
(sighs)  
Goodbye swim practice.

Alex looks at Benji, sees him looking sad. She bites her lip, looks up.

ALEX (V.O.)  
Goodbye totally awesome hot  
lifeguard.

Alex takes a deep breath.

EXT. POOL OUTSKIRTS- EVENING

The lifeguard rambles to the pool patrons.

Peep grabs onto the whistle with his mouth, carefully snaps it off the lifeguard's neck.

EXT. CAMPBELL POOL CHAIRS- EVENING

ALEX

I did.

Alex, handbag on her shoulder, walks toward the lifeguard.

EXT. POOL OUTSKIRTS- EVENING

Alex grabs Peep from the lifeguard.

Peep slips the whistle in Alex's handbag.

Alex and Peep leave the pool on her skateboard.

EXT. POOL CLUBHOUSE- EVENING

Marco gives Eddie a broom. They sweep around the pool.

EXT. CAMPBELL POOL CHAIRS- EVENING

Benji watches Alex and Peep leave.

STEPH (O.S.)

She didn't bring him, did she?

Benji looks up, says nothing.

STEPH (CONT'D)

It's okay. I won't tell.

BENJI

I really don't know how Peep got here.

STEPH

(shrugging)

Eh, whatever. Wanna swim? The pool's still open?

BENJI

(smiles)

Sure.

They run to the pool, jump in at the same time.

FADE TO BLACK.