

~~DAD (CONT'D)~~

~~Gaawwwd! Fire that licks the sugary
mallow de marsh, charring the outside
to a rich black while furiously
heating the center into a grand golden
gooey goodness...~~

~~The marshmallow is ablaze. Dad tries to blow it out but it's
out of control. He wildly waves the blazer around. It flies
off... somewhere.~~

~~He is confused when the marshmallow is strangely gone. He
looks at the stick. Looks left, looks right. Hmm.~~

~~He looks at the kids. They are wide eyed, looking over his
shoulder. He sees flames flicker against their skin.~~

~~Behind him, the tent is on fire.~~

~~Dad jumps up, kicks dirt onto the tent. The kids join him. He
pushes them away to safety.~~

~~The kids stand and watch Dad in a frenzy trying to save the
tent. Dad pops a soda top and slings the soda on the tent.
Donny shakes another soda violently and tosses to Dad. He
tries to cover the fire with a towel.~~

FADE TO BLACK

10 EXT. RIVER BANK - NIGHT

The three sit on a log on the river bank and stare as the
smoldering tent floats in the river.

Reflection of moon in the river.

The three lie on sleeping bags under the night sky. They swat
mosquitoes.

DONNY

Where did you learn to camp, Dad?

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DAD

From MY dad.

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ROBBY

Didn't your dad die when you were a
little kid?

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DAD

Ya... I'm sorry guys. I wanted this
weekend to be perfect.

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ROBBY
Can we try camping again? 62

DONNY
Ya, cuz you suck at this. 63

DAD
Ya, I kinda do. 64

DONNY
Kinda? You caught the whole dang tent
on fire. 65

DAD
You wanted s'mores. I called down
fire. 66

DONNY
And lots of it. 67

ROBBY
Dad, what's that bright star called? 68

DAD
That's a planet, baby. Mars. 69

ROBBY
Cool. 70

DAD
And there is Saturn... and Venus. They
only line up every couple thousand
years. See that line of stars there?
That's Orion's Belt. And there's the
Big Dipper. Follow the handle and it
points to the Littler Dippler. 71

DONNY
This is the best day ever. 72

Dad pulls the kids close.

ROBBY
It ain't so bad. 73

Dad looks up at the stars with tears pooling. A bear roars in
the distance.

DONNY
Dad? 74

DAD
Ya, squirt? 75

DONNY
Didn't we pass a motel?

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~~They pack quickly.~~

~~WIDE SHOT OF THEM PACKING UP.~~

~~DOLLY ZOOM IN TO OLD TELESCOPE BOX IN HATCH.~~

~~SIDE OF CAR PEELING OUT WITH TILT DOWN TO SKETCHBOOK ON
GROUND OPEN TO AN EPIC SCENE WITH BEAR, STARS, BIRDS,
BERRIES, TENT ON FIRE, BOY WITH BIG FISH.~~

~~SFX: Bear roars again.~~

~~FADE TO BLACK~~

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