THE LOUD HOUSE

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EXT. FRONT OF LOUD HOUSE - DAY

CLOSE ON LINCOLN, talking up to the CAMERA above him:

1 LINCOLN

<DEEP INHALE> <EXHALE> It's summer
break for the Louds! That means
three months of nonstop fun!

We see some of the kids playing in the yard. LANA plays fetch with CHARLES. LORI hits GOLF BALLS over the house.

2 LORI

<GOLF SWING EFFORTS>

LUNA rocks on her ELECTRIC GUITAR. LOLA and LYNN zip around the sidewalk in Lola's PRINCESS RIDE.

3 LYNN/LOLA

<WOOOO!> <CHEERS>

GROUSE'S YARD: GROUSE (wearing a GARDENING HAT), is planting FLOWERS. Lana throws the dog toy. It lands in the flower bed. Charles leaps for it, peeling out as he runs off - showering Grouse in dirt.

4 GROUSE

<GROAN> <WINCING>

Lola and Lynn zoom by in the princess ride again, hitting a puddle, SPLASHING Grouse.

5 LYNN/LOLA

<HOLLERING>

6 GROUSE

<PUDDLE IMPACT> <GRUMBLES> It's
summer break for the Louds. That
means three months of nonstop
torture. <WINCE>

A golf ball bounces off his head.

There's a loud HONK and a shadow falls over the front yard. DAD and the rest of the SISTERS come out of the house and join the others to see that a large RV has pulled up.

7 DAD/LUAN/LUNA/LISA

<GASP>

AT THE RV - A MOMENT LATER: The puzzled family approaches, stepping into a large shadow cast by the RV (a la "2001: A Space Odyssey", complete with a dramatic MUSIC STING). The door opens with a HYDRAULIC HISS and Mom steps out.

DAD DAD

Rita?! Whose RV is this?

10 MOM

Ours... at least for the summer! Earlier today, I was in Jesse's office at the Gazette...

FLASHBACK - INT. GAZETTE - JESSE'S OFFICE - EARLIER

Mom looks on as JESSE sits behind her desk on the TELEPHONE. She's clearly not happy, sharply swiveling in her chair.

11 JESSE HILLER

Here's the cover story, Linda: "Travel writer does column about manure farms of Michigan. Editor Jesse Hiller furious!" Nobody wants to read about cow doo-doo over their morning coffee.

(mimes getting a memo)
<GASP> Well, I've just been handed
this news update: you're fired.

12 RITA

<AHEM>

Jesse hangs up and lets out a <DRAMATIC GROAN>.

13 JESSE HILLER

<DRAMATIC GROAN> What am I gonna
do, Rita? Wanted: someone to write
our summer travel column! Someone
willing to hit the road, zigzagging
the country in an RV, all expenses
paid, but willing to start extraextra soon!

Mom's face lights up.

EXT. AT THE RV - BACK TO PRESENT

13A LINCOLN

So does that mean...

14 MOM

Yep, she's letting me write the column! What do you say? You guys up for a summer-long adventure?

Dad and the kids CHEER in excited agreement.

15 DAD/LOUD SIBLING WALLA

<CHEERING!>

17 LOLA

Finally I'll escape this fourthrate town!

A <LOUD CHEER> rings out from next door.

The family turns to see Mr. Grouse doing <JOYOUS CARTWHEELS> down the sidewalk, <LAUGHING DELIRIOUSLY> and shouting at the top of his lungs:

19 MR. GROUSE

<LAUGHING DELIRIOUSLY> They're
leaving... for the WHOLE STINKIN'
SUMMER! <WOO-HOO!>

20 LENI

Aww, isn't that sweet? He's totes happy for us!

They rush to the RV. Dad kisses Mom on the cheek.

20A LENI (CONT'D)

Come on! Let's check out this RV!

20B LOUD SIBLING WALLA

<EXCITED ABOUT RV>

20C DAD

<KISS>

20D MOM

<GIGGLE>

INT. RV - MOMENTS LATER

The family explores.

21 LOLA/LANA/LUAN/LISA

<OOHS> <AHHS>

Lola opens a cabinet to find Lucy hanging upside down.

22A LUCY

I call dibs on this crypt.

22B LOLA

Uh, that's a pantry.

23 LUNA

(gets in passenger's seat)
Check out the sweet stereo system!

She presses buttons on the STEREO. ROCK MUSIC blasts from the front speakers, blowing her hair and lips back. She turns it off with a <LONG HAPPY SIGH>.

24 LUNA (CONT'D)

This is gonna be a rockin' summer.

Lori notices Lisa walking around, inspecting the RV and then scribbling notes onto a NOTEPAD.

25 LORI

What are you doing, Lis?

26 LISA

Well, this run-of-the-mill recreational vehicle requires some alterations to make it suitable for our family of 13. Therefore, Lana and I are assembling a list of upgrades to make before our journey.

27 LANA (O.S.)

Add "toilet" to the list!

REVEAL Lana in the RV bathroom. She flushes the toilet and then immediately sticks her face in the bowl to examine. She shakes her head, not impressed.

28 LANA (VOICE ECHOING IN BOWL) (CONT'D) <PULLING EFFORTS> This things gonna need way more pullin' power!

29 MOM

Okay, family, so here's our route...

Mom lays a U.S. MAP on the table. It has red dots leading to destinations. The family crowds in the tiny dinette area.

MOM (CONT'D)

Jesse's got a strict schedule of places for us to visit, so we need to leave tomorrow morning. First stop: Niagara Falls!

30A LOUD SIBLING WALLA

<EXCITED WALLA>

30 CONT'D MOM

We'll be there for the Annual Barrel Day!

She unfolds a BROCHURE with a picture of BARRELS sailing over the falls as a CROWD cheers them on from the edge.

MOM (CONT'D)

Competitors race down the falls in wooden barrels.

Lynn <GASPS>. She turns to Mom, about to speak.

32 LYNN

<GASP!>

33 MOM

No, Lynn, you're not joining them.

34 LYNN

Aw, boo! Major foul!

She impulsively kicks the wall - her foot goes through it. Lisa writes on her notepad:

35 LISA

Yep. "Replace side of seat."

WATER sprays from the hole.

36 LYNN

<WATER TO FACE IMPACT>

37 LISA

"And main water line."

37A LINCOLN

<HUGE GASP> Look! We'll be going
right by Dr. Weirdly's
Bizzaritorium!

Off blank looks.

38 LINCOLN (CONT'D)

It's a roadside oddities museum!

More blank looks. Lincoln pulls out his PHONE.

39 LINCOLN (CONT'D)

I could tell you how super-awesome it is, but I'll let Dr. Weirdly himself do the talking...

ON LINCOLN'S PHONE: a WEB PROMOTIONAL VIDEO for the museum, hosted by DR. WEIRDLY (over-the-top mad scientist type):

40 DR. WEIRDLY (ON VIDEO) Whooaaa! I'm Dr. Weirdly and welcome to my Bizarritorium! Here, you'll find curios of the odd and peculiar!

We see the ITEMS from his collection on display in the museum as he showcases them with an extreme sense of the theatrical:

41 DR. WEIRDLY (ON VIDEO) (CONT'D)
Be amazed by the three-legged
dancing rooster! Marvel at the
Martian mermaid skeleton! Behold
the Mystic Mummy of Mystery and his
Royal Ring of Royalty!

An ancient mummy wears a BEJEWELED GOLDEN RING on its bandage-wrapped hand.

42 DR. WEIRDLY (ON VIDEO) (CONT'D) So odd! So peculiar!

Lisa rolls her eyes.

43 LISA (sotto)

So patently false.

44 LINCOLN

Can we stop by the Bizarritorium on our way? Please please please pleeeease?!

45 MOM

I don't know, sweetie. Jesse made it clear that I cannot miss that barrel race...

Lincoln shows puppy dogs eyes.

46 MOM (CONT'D) Ehhhh...

Mom looks to Dad, who shrugs, still watching the video.

47 DAD

I'm not gonna lie hun: the dancing rooster has some real talent.

48 MOM

Okay, we can stop-- but only if we have extra time.

49 LINCOLN

(arm pumps)

YESSS!

He runs out of the RV toward the house. The family looks out the window to see Grouse go cartwheeling by...

50 MR. GROUSE/LINCOLN

Woo hoo!

He throws out his back.

51 MR. GROUSE

<ACH!> Oooh. I think I threw my back out. But this is still the best day of my life.

Mr. Grouse hobbles away.

51A MR. GROUSE (CONT'D)

Yay! Ow! Yay! Ow! <LAUGHS>

EXT. LOUD HOUSE - MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

The house is dark. A light clicks on in Lincoln's window.

INT. LINCOLN'S BEDROOM - SAME

Lincoln hops out of bed and heads to his closet. To CAMERA:

52 LINCOLN

If I want to be able to stop at the Bizzaritorium, I have to make sure we end up with lots of extra time.

He opens the closet, pulling out BLACK ITEMS OF CLOTHING.

53 LINCOLN (CONT'D)

Phase one: "Operation: Turn The Clocks Forward"...

The SCREEN DIVIDES into thirds. In the FIRST box, Linc slips on the shirt of a black stealth outfit. In the SECOND box, he puts on the pants (falling over with a leg in). In the THIRD, he pulls a stealth mask over his face.

54 LINCOLN (CONT'D)

This calls for some David Steele stealth action...

QUICK BEATS - INT. THROUGHOUT LOUD HOUSE - THAT NIGHT

Lincoln (i**55**stealth outfit) slips out of his bedroom door. He presses himself up against the wall and sneaks down the hall.

-- LOLA & LANA'S BEDROOM: Lincoln raises up near Lola as she sleeps. He reaches for the PRINCESS CLOCK on her nightstand.

56 LOLA

HEY - HANDS OFF!

Lincoln freezes. Beat. We realize she's talking in her sleep.

57 LOLA (CONT'D)

This crown's <u>mine</u>, Lindsay! Keep your greasy runner-up mitts off... <GROAN> <SNORES>

Lincoln <SIGHS> in relief.

58 LINCOLN

<SIGH OF RELIEF>

He turns the clock back an hour, then belly-crawls away.

-- MOM & DAD'S ROOM: Mom and Dad are asleep. Lincoln silently lowers on a WIRE over Dad's nightstand. He uses a GRABBY HAND TOY to reach for the ALARM CLOCK. But Dad turns in his sleep and his hand falls on top of it. Lincoln stretches the grabby hand to tickle under Dad's arm. Dad <SLEEP-LAUGHS> and then flops over.

59 DAD

<SNORES> <SLEEP LAUGH> Rita, stop.

Lincoln adjusts the clock, then zips up.

-- LUNA & LUAN'S ROOM: Lincoln takes Luan's ALARM CLOCK off her nightstand.

62 LUAN

<SNORING>

But he fumbles, causing the alarm to go off. It sounds off with a horn noise - AOOGA! AOOGA! Then it sprays WATER. Then makes a FART NOISE.

63 LINCOLN

<GAH> <GAGGING>

Then throws a TINY CREAM PIE.

64 LINCOLN (CONT'D) <OUIET FACE IMPACT>

Linc manages to turn it off, then waits to be sure there's no reaction. Nothing. He turns the clock and returns it to the nightstand.

As he turns to go, he sees Mr. C laying with a sleeping Luan - puppet eyes open! Lincoln <STIFLES> a scream of terror as he runs out of the room.

65 LINCOLN (CONT'D) <GASP> <STIFLED YELP>

A beat. He closes Mr. C's eyes. He leaves the room. Mr. C's eyes pop OPEN!

INT. UPSTAIRS HALLWAY - EARLY NEXT MORNING

Lincoln has a STOPWATCH around his neck. He turns to CAMERA:

66 LINCOLN

Now to get us on the road! Phase two: "Operation Move It or Lose It"!

He CLICKS his stopwatch, then approaches Lori, Luna and Luan in line for the bathroom. Lori <YAWNS>, looking exhausted.

67 LORI

Is it just me or did it literally feel like a short night?

LUAN (AS MR. COCONUTS)

Beats me. I was havin' dreams about a clumsy white-haired ninja.

Lincoln pulls out a BULLHORN, <STARTLING> the sisters.

69 LUNA/LUAN/LORI

<STARTLED!>

70 LINCOLN

Attention: The Loud Summer Express leaves in T-minus... nine minutes!

The bathroom door opens.

71 LOLA (O.S.)

<GROWLING> HEY!

Lola comes out, <GROWLING>, LIPSTICK streaked across her cheek. She shrieks, furious at Lincoln:

72 LOLA (CONT'D)

NEVER YELL WHILE I'M DOING MY
MAKEUP!

(softening, flips hair)
You're just lucky I look fabulous
no matter what.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Dad is pouring himself a CUP OF COFFEE. Lincoln bursts in, yelling into the bullhorn:

73 LINCOLN

We leave in T-minus seven minutes!

Dad <SHRIEKS>, splattering coffee on himself and the floor.

74 DAD

<STARTLED YELP> <SHRIEK!>

He runs frantically around the kitchen:

75 DAD (CONT'D)

Coffee hot! Coffee hot! Ahhh...
Hot!

76 LINCOLN

I loaded all the breakfast stuff in the RV, Dad, so you can cook on the road!

Lincoln marches out again. As Dad steps forward to grab a TOWEL, he slips on the spilled coffee and falls.

77 DAD

<SHRIEK> <IMPACT> Still very hot!

QUICK BEATS - EXT. FRONT OF LOUD HOUSE

In TIMELAPSE, we watch Lincoln race back and forth from the house to the RV. He <STRUGGLES> to balance a ton of LUGGAGE on his back.

78 LINCOLN

<CARRYING EFFORTS> <PUSHING
EFFORTS> <TRIP AND FALL> <PUSHING>
<PANTING>

He lugs Lori's GOLF BAG and Luna's guitar. Then Lynn's WEIGHTS that he <STRUGGLES> to carry.

78A LINCOLN (CONT'D) <STRUGGLING EFFORTS> Uh, Lynn. Are weights necessary?

Then he pulls Lucy's COFFIN with TANYA hoisted over his shoulder (her arm falls off and he struggles to reach down to pick it up).

78 Cont'd LINCOLN (CONT'D) <PUSH EFFORTS> <PANTING>

Lincoln pu**59**es his family toward the RV on their heels: Lori is absorbed by texting on her phone.

EXT/INT. RV - A MOMENT LATER

They all stand in front of the RV. Lisa, standing next to Lana, holds out a REMOTE.

80 LISA

Before we depart, Lana and I want to announce we've made several RV upgrades we think you'll enjoy. We give you... "Camper-zilla"!

She clicks the remote. The top and sides of the RV expand. The family $<00\mbox{HS}>$.

81 LUAN/LILY/LYNN/LENI <OOHS/AHHS>/OM-Gosh!

They all explore the inside of the RV.

81A LYNN/LUAN/LILY Who-oa!/Whoa!/<GIGGLES>

81B LENI

It's a mini house on wheels. So cool!

Lincoln climbs to the top compartment (his room on the RV).

82 LINCOLN Whoa!

Lana shows off the toilet.

83 LANA

And check out the toilet! I added triple vortex suction power!

She flushes. The toilet creates a mini tornado effect that sucks Lincoln's pants off.

84 LINCOLN

<GASP!>

84A LANA

<AHA>

Lily CLAPS and <LAUGHS>, delighted.

85 LILY

<LAUGHS> Lincoln's in his
underwear!

Lana <STRUGGLES> to pull them out of toilet.

86 LANA

<PULLING EFFORTS>

Lana manages to pull them out and tosses them to Lincoln. He frowns as he holds up the soaked pants.

87 LINCOLN

<SIGH>

Mom starts the RV.

88 MOM

Niagara Falls, here we come!

INT. RV - A LITTLE LATER

Dad (in APRON) is at the small kitchen area. He SINGS as he pours PANCAKE BATTER on the GRIDDLE:

89 DAD

Makin' up some flapjacks/Told ya that I would/Pilin' up the short stacks/Tall ones if you're good

A cocky Dad tries to show off and turns his back to flip the pancakes, but he sends them flying out the window.

90 DAD (CONT'D)

Doh! Ding-dang darn it! Not again!

BEHIND THE RV: Reveal, a car behind has PANCAKES stuck all over the hood. They swerve!

BACK TO SCENE: Dad looks at Lincoln.

90A DAD (CONT'D) <SHEEPISH LAUGH>

Lincoln kicks back in a chair, his feet up and arms behind his head. To CAMERA:

94 LINCOLN

Good news! We're way ahead of schedule! Looks like nothing's gonna stop us now--

Lola is in the front of the RV with Mom and Dad.

95 LOLA

We need to stop. I gotta tinkle.

Lincoln pulls Lola back.

95A LOLA (CONT'D) <YELP>

96 LINCOLN

NOOOO! No stopping! Just do your "tinkling" in the RV toilet!

97 LOLA

I can't. Somebody clogged it.

98 LANA

No way! Nothing can stand up to triple vortex suction power!

99 LYNN

Tell that to the 14 chili dogs I ate for dinner last night.

She lets out a <RATTLING BELCH>.

100 LYNN (CONT'D) <RATTLING BELCH>

The fumes from it make the family <GAG>.

101 LUAN/LUNA/LOLA <GAGGING>

Lincoln turns to CAMERA:

102 LINCOLN

Okay. Okay. Emergency change of plans. Time for "Operation Get Them In and Out of the Rest Stop As Fast As Possible"!

EXT. REST STOP - A MOMENT LATER

The RV pulls into a parkings space. The door opens and Linc jumps out, wielding his bullhorn and CLICKING his stopwatch:

103 LINCOLN

All right, people. Five minutes!

This sisters give him an annoyed look as they all exit the RV.

104 LINCOLN (CONT'D)
C'mon, let's see some hustle!

105 MOM

Let's give Mr. Bullhorn a rest, okay.

Mom snags the bullhorn away.

106 LINCOLN

Moooom!

As the family enters the rest stop, they pass the COUPLE from earlier, scraping layers of pancakes off the windshield. The man glares at Dad, who smiles sheepishly. Lily, on Dad's shoulders, waves at the couple.

107 DAD <SHEEPISH CHUCKLE>

QUICK BEATS - AROUND THE REST STOP

-- **VENDING MACHINE:** Lori puts COINS in and selects a SNACK. But it gets stuck as it starts to fall. She lightly shakes the machine, to no avail.

108 LORI <SHAKING EFFORTS>

Lincoln rushes over, checking his stopwatch. He gestures for her to step away. She does, then Lincoln runs O.S. Beat. With a <WAR CRY>, he runs full speed at the machine and shoulder-rams it.

109 LINCOLN <WAR CRY!> <IMPACT>

The bag falls. He swipes it from the slot, grabs Lori and rushes her back toward the RV. After they go, all the SNACKS in the machine avalanche out.

-- WOMEN'S BATHROOM: Lincoln sees his sisters at the end of a long line. He checks his stopwatch, concerned.

109A LINCOLN (CONT'D)
Oh no! With this line we'll never
make it to Dr. Weirdly's in time.
Hmm... <GASP>!

He looks around and sees the pancake-covered car. He runs to the front of the line and calls out:

110 LINCOLN (CONT'D)
Alright, folks. All-you-can-eat
pancakes over in the parking lot.
Hot off the hood! Get 'em before
they're gone!

The women rush toward the pancake car - as well as MEN in the vicinity out of the men's restroom - in a stampede.

111 CROWD WALLA <EXCITED WALLA>

Lincoln urgently waves his sisters into the now empty restroom. They all rush in, accidentally closing the door on Lori.

112 LORI Hey!

-- OUTSIDE RV: Lincoln waves the family back on, eye on the stopwatch. After they all board, he hurries to grab Lily, who's on the hood of the couple's car eating pancakes.

113 LILY <SUCKING ON PANCAKE>

Lincoln carries her to the RV.

114 LILY (CONT'D)
Dang it.

INT. RV - A LITTLE LATER

The Louds are on the road. Lincoln's face is pressed against the window, eagerly watching. He <GASPS> and turns to us:

115 LINCOLN <GASP!> The Bizarritorium's the next exit!

He points. A BILLBOARD approaches. It's for the Bizarritorium. He rushes to the front of the RV.

116 LINCOLN (CONT'D)

Mom! We have extra time! Can we stop? Please?! Can we?

117 MOM

Well, why not? (taking the exit)

Dr. Weirdly's, here we come!

118 LINCOLN

Yesss!

EXT. FRONT OF BIZARRITORIUM - MOMENTS LATER

CLOSE ON a horrified Lincoln's face.

119 LINCOLN

Noooo!

REVEAL the family is standing in front of the museum - which is now closed. It's empty and abandoned. We see the Martian mermaid skeleton in a dumpster in the BG.

L20 LINCOLN (CONT'D)

How can it be OUT OF BUSINESS?!

121 LUAN (AS MR. COCONUTS)
What a shocker, huh? Who isn't into

a bunch of creepy old tchotkes?

122 MOM

Ohhh, I'm so sorry, sweetie.

123 DAD

Lincoln gives him a doubtful look. Dad, Mom and the sisters head for the RV. Now alone, Lincoln sadly peers through the window in the door at the dusty, deserted museum space. He <SIGHS>, bummed.

124 LINCOLN

All that work for nothing. <SIGH>

As he leans in for a better view, the door falls forward off its rusted hinges - BAM!

124A LINCOLN (CONT'D)

Huh? <00F!>

It hits the floor, Lincoln on top of it, in a cloud of DUST that leaves him <COUGHING>.

125 LINCOLN (CONT'D) <COUGHING> <GASP>

After the dust clears, he sees all the abandoned oddities. Then he spots something shining in the sunlight on the wooden floor.

He picks it up - it's the Royal Ring of Riches from Dr. Weirdly's video!

127 LINCOLN (CONT'D)
Whooaaa! The Royal Ring of Royalty!
It must have fallen off when they
were packing up the Mummy!

He slips the ring on his finger. Lynn calls from the RV:

128 LYNN
Come on, Stinkin'!

Lincoln is back on the RV. He turs to CAMERA.

129 LINCOLN

Well, even though I didn't get to see the Bizzaritorium, at least I ended up with a cool souvenir. Who knows, maybe it'll be my very own good luck charm!

Lincoln lays back on his bed and closes his eyes. The skull eyes on the ring start to glow. A DARK CLOUD appears over the RV and follows... an ominous SKULL FACE forming in it. COMMERCIAL BREAK.

INT. RV - DAY

A rain cloud appears and rain pours down just on the RV.

130 LISA

Hmm, how odd. According to my storm radar app, it's not supposed to rain today.

Nearby Dad is fussing with the stove so he can grill burgers, but the pilot light's not firing - CLICK! CLICK!

131 DAD

DAD (CONT'D)

<AGH> Along with the ding dang stove!

He goes to put the burger patties back in the fridge, but when he opens the door, they're hit with a horrible smell.

132 DAD (CONT'D) <SNIFFS> <CRINGE>

133 LUNA

Dude, shut the door - that is rank!

133A LUAN (AS MR. COCONUTS) <UGH> P.U.!

134 LANA

<AWW> The milk is just the way I
like it: warm and chunky. <DRINKS
EXPIRED MILK> <CHEWING>

135 LUNA/LUAN <GAG/CRINGE>

136 DAD

Well that's weird. The fridge was working before! Well, I guess we're stopping for lunch.

As Dad walks O.S. the RV hits a bump -- we hear a CRUNCH! along with the telltale sound of a flat - flap, flap flap! Lana tries to drink more milk, but the RV sends the solid milk flying.

137 LANA <STARTLE> <SIGH>

138 MOM

What was that? Please don't tell me we have a flat tire!

PSSS The RV tilts.

140 LUCY

We don't... We have two flat tires.

Lana joins Mom and Dad at the front of the RV.

141 LANA

Don't worry! There's a restaurant up ahead. I'll fix the tires while you grab some grub. I'll have us back on the road in a jiffy.

INT. BUSY BURGERS - MOMENTS LATER

Dad hurries the family (minus Lana) in and over to a table.

L42 DAD

Okay kids. Lets go, everybody be quick with your orders-

As Dad sits down with the others - CRACK! His chair breaks and he falls to the ground. <GAH!>

143 DAD (CONT'D) <GAH!>

144 FAMILY/LORI/MOM

<GASP>/Dad!/Honey! Are you okay?

Mom helps Dad up as the WAITRESS, 80s, comes over.

145 WAITRESS

Welcome to Busy Burgers! Sorry about the chair. Haven't seen that happen in the sixty years I've worked here.

Suddenly the light fixture CRASHES down on the table, narrowly missing the Louds. The table collapses. Another chair breaks, sending Lori to the ground.

146 LORI <OOF!>

A ketchup bottle explodes.

148 WAITRESS

Or any of that.

149 MOM

Why don't we just order? Lincoln, you go first--

150 LINCOLN

I'll try the Busy burger with fries, please.

151 WAITRESS

<AH> I'm afraid we're fresh out of burgers.

152 LUNA

Dude, isn't this a burger joint? Don't tell me you're out of fries, too. 153A WAITRESS

Oh, no, no we got lots. But the fryer's on the fritz.

153B FAMILY

<GROAN>

154 LORI

We'll literally just take thirteen orders of whatever you have, to go.

EXT. MAURY'S BURGERS - MOMENTS LATER

The family exits. Dad holds a large to-go bag.

L55 DAD

Well, mustard sandwiches are never anyone's first choice. But at least we've got lunch.

The bottom of the bag falls out and all the food spills on the pavement. Dad <SCREAMS IN FRUSTATION>.

156 DAD (CONT'D) <SCREAM IN FRUSTRATION>

Across the parking lot, Lana pops out from behind the RV with her toolkit.

157 LANA

The tires are fixed! Let's hit the road! Ooh! Mustard sandwiches! My favorite! <EATS SANDWICHES>

158 DAD

Record time on the repair, Lana! At least something's going our way.

Just then it begins to rain again drenching the family.

159 LUAN

Looks like you soak too soon.

The family sprints to the RV, but before they make it there we hear a loud CRACK -- and a tree falls, landing smack on the hood and roof of the RV - CRASH! The broken car horn lets out a moan - hoooonk! The family deflates.

159A FAMILY <GROANS> <SIGHS>

159B LUCY Sigh.

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161 LANA

I'm on it!

Lana runs OS as the family stands defeated.

EXT/INT. RV - LATER

The Louds continue to drive (with Dad at the wheel) to the sound of polka music on the radio.

162 LUNA

<AGH> Can we change the tunes?!

Mom turns the dial, but every station plays different polka music.

163 MOM

I'm trying but the tree must have damaged the radio.
(adjusts dial)

And now it won't turn off.

164 LOLA

Hello! We have bigger problems!

Lola, soaked, stands in the middle of the RV where it's RAINING through the broken skylight. She tries to catch the water in a bucket as it falls.

165 LENI

Ooh! I have an idea!

She takes an umbrella, sticks it through the hole in the skylight and opens it - the rain stops.

166 LISA

Uh, I wouldn't do that.

167 LENI

OMGosh, are you superstitious about opening umbrellas inside?

168 LISA

No, I'm more worried about--

ZAAP!!! LIGHTNING strikes, hitting the umbrella! The whole RV seems to light up! The family <SCREAMS> as the RV swerves, going into a spin!

169 MOM/DAD

<SCREAM!>

170 LISA

-- that.

Dad slams on the brakes but they're jammed!

171 DAD

The ding dang brakes are out!

The RV drives into a roadside sign - CRASH!

EXT. ROADSIDE - MOMENTS LATER

The Louds gather their belongings, which are now strewn across the side of the road. The rain has stopped. Lori picks up a dented golf club.

172 LORI

Uh, what is going on? We're literally having the worst luck ever.

173 LUCY

This is worse than bad luck. It feels like a curse. Did anyone anger a warlock?

(off head shakes)

Did anyone insult a fortune teller?

(off head shakes)

Did anyone take a sacred ancient heirloom?

Everyone shakes their head "no" except Lincoln, who looks down at his ring - which is now glowing. Alarmed, he hides his hand and smiles sheepishly.

174 LINCOLN

<SHEEPISH>

He quickly pulls Lucy aside.

175 LINCOLN (CONT'D)
Hey Lucy, uh, hypothetically
speaking, if someone were to...I
don't know, borrow a ring from
like, an ancient mummy, that
wouldn't be bad, right? Just asking
for a friend-

176 LOLA

(overhearing)
Mom! Lincoln stole a ring from the
Mystic Mummy of Mystery and cursed
our family!

177 LUNA/LORI/LANA

Aw, come on!/Seriously?/Way to go, Lincoln!

177A LILY

Bad, Lincoln!

178 LOLA

Not to mention it's tacky!

Lightning crashes! Lola cowers.

LOLA (CONT'D)

<YAH!> Sorry Mr. Mystic Mummy of
Mystery, sir!

180 LINCOLN

Guys! I'm sorry. It was an honest mistake. Can't I just put it back?

Lucy's got her spell book open and is scrutinizing it.

181 LUCY

Unfortunately, no. According to my spell book, once you put the ring on, you activated the curse.

182 DAD

(spiraling)

Well, that's just great. I guess we're cursed for life now! Check that off the ol' bucket list!

183 LUCY

Not necessarily. According to this, there is one way to lift the curse. We'll have to make an offering to the spirit of the mummy. But we'll need to gather ingredients for a potion first.

184 MOM

I'm sorry, we do not have time for that. We have to get to that barrel race. The mummy's just gonna have to wait.

Mom marches back to the RV but before she can reach for the door the vehicle is struck by lightning again.

185 MOM (CONT'D)

<STARTLED> <OOF!>

Mom is knocked backwards and lands on her butt in the dirt.

EXT. FORAGING MONTAGE - VARIOUS

Lucy reads from her spell book. We see a birds eye view of the RV driving into the SWAMP.

187 LUCY (V.O.)
The first ingredient is hoary bog moss, found deep in the swamps...

- IN THE SWAMP: Lana crawls around, sniffing like a truffle pig.

188 LANA <SNIFFING>

The family follows, wading waist deep in swamp water.

189 LOLA/LORI/LENI <CRINGING>

190 LILY <GIGGLING>

191 LORI
All this moss literally looks the same!

192 LOLA
Ew! Ewie! Ew, ew! Something touched
my foot!

Lola climbs up onto Dad's shoulders.

193 DAD SWAMP MONSTER!

194 LOLA AAAHHHH!!!!

The family screams and runs but Dad falls in the water. His eyes widen.

195 DAD <WHOAH> <AHH!> It's coming for me!!!

Seized by panic, he passes out, into the muck. Suddenly Lana pops up from the water, with a clump of MOSS on her head.

196 LANA

Found it!

(looks around)

Where's Dad?

- IN THE FOREST: The family hacks through some dense brush, inspecting bushes and other plants.

197 LUCY (V.O.)

The next ingredient is Violet Clingius, found in the heart of the forest. It's vibrant color makes it easy to spot...

Leni perks up when she sees a purple flower.

L98 LUCY (V.O.)

But beware...it's a hugger.

Leni goes to pick it. Its vines creep around her, hugging her until she's completely stuck.

199B LENI

(struggling)

Umm, no. This is \underline{not} a good look for me.

The family tries to pull Leni from the vines but they get grabbed too. The vines slam them to the ground and then spin them around.

200 FAMILY

<STRUGGLING/YELLS>

Lily walks up and grabs a flower causing the plant to toss the family.

201 LILY

<GIGGLING> <PLUCK EFFORT>

202 LYNN/LINCOLN/MOM/LUAN/DAD

<SCREAM>

They land in the swamp as Lily walks up to them holding the flower.

LILY

<GIGGLING>

CUT TO:

- IN A CAVE: The Louds (minus Lucy) search the cave.

203 LUCY (V.O.)

The last ingredient is the precious moon stone found in the darkest dankest cave. Difficult to find and even more difficult to extract.

Lola stops in front of a big rock.

203A LOLA

You can't hide bling from Lola Loud. <CHUCKLE> <SNIFF>

Lola smashes the rock with a pick axe. She immediately locates the glimmering gem.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Found it! Next time, give me a real challenge.

She smiles. Suddenly the entire cave starts to RUMBLE.

205 LYNN

Is that real enough for ya?

Lola grabs the stone as they run for it.

206 LANA/LISA/LINCOLN/LUNA

<GASPS/YELPS/RUNNING>

Just as they flee, the cave entrance collapses in. They hurdle themselves out just in time, landing in a pile infront of Lucy.

207 FAMILY

<00F!>

209 LUCY

Now we can undo the curse.

MOMENTS LATER Lucy stands with her spell book. Lincoln, wrapped in toilet paper like a mummy, with his hands crossed over his chest to display the ring, lies in a circle of candles.

210 LINCOLN

Um, are you sure the spell book says you have to wrap me in toilet paper?

211 LUCY

It doesn't. That's just payback for cursing our family.

212 LINCOLN

Fair enough. Carry on.

Lucy looks seriously to her family.

213 LUCY

Everyone gather around. It's time to banish the curse.

QUICK BEATS: We see a quick montage as Lucy reads the spell.

- Luna, Lori and Luan each put an ingredient into the pot.

LUCY (CONT'D)

Ancient mummy, sleeping tight...

- Lucy stirs it and smoke starts to rise.

LUCY (CONT'D)

We lay these gifts upon your shrouds....

- With a dropper Lucy takes some of the potion.

216 LUCY (CONT'D)

Deadly nightshade, moss and stone--

- She holds the dropper over Lincoln's chest---

LUCY (CONT'D)

Remove the curse placed on the Louds....

A drop of potion hits the RING, which starts to glow brighter than ever.

218 LUCY (CONT'D)

Everybody!

(chanting)

Lift the curse placed on the Louds!

219 FAMILY

Lift the curse placed on the Louds! Lift the curse placed on the Louds!

As they chant, the ring slips off Lincoln's finger and starts to rise. Wind blows through the RV like a mini tornado---

The ring shines brighter -- until it burns up, disappearing in a burst of light! WHOOSH!!!

FAMILY (CONT'D)

<WINCING>

The candles go out, the wind blows through the RV one last time, putting everything back in order - the skylight seals itself up, the rain stops and the skies clear. The skull cloud now forms a HAPPY FACE.

221 LINCOLN

Guys! It worked!

222 DAD

<HAHA> Well, would ya look at that!
The Louds conquered an ancient
curse! Go us!

Dad pulls everyone in for a group hug. Suddenly Mom deflates.

223 MOM

Just one problem - we've only got thirty minutes to get to Niagara falls in time for the Barrel Day competition. We'll never make it!

Lana and Lisa exchange nods. Lisa holds up the remote.

224 LANA

We've got this one covered. It was one of our upgrades to the RV.

EXT/INT. RV - CONTINUOUS

Mom sits in the driver's seat, Dad's in the passenger seat and Lisa stands between them holding the remote.

225 LISA

I suggest everyone buckle up.

Lisa clicks the remote.

OUTSIDE we see rocket boosters emerge from the back of the RV. It takes off!

EXT. NIAGARA FALLS - LATER

The RV rockets through the entrance into Niagara Falls. The Louds crash against the windshield as it comes to a screeching halt.

225B LANA

(face smushed)
We're here!

225C LISA

(face smushed)

It seems the jet boosters are a smashing success.

227 MOM

(face smushed)

Let's just hope we made it in time for the race!

A small group carrying the WINNING CONTESTANT in a barrel walks by cheering.

228 BARREL RACER

Woo-hoo! I just won the race! I sure hope there was a journalist here to see it!

Mom still has her face smushed against the windshield.

229A MOM

Great.

They all peel themselves off the windshield and head outside. Dad stumbles out last.

229B DAD

Ar..ar...are..we still alive?
 (kisses the ground)
Oh thank goodness! <KISSING SOUNDS>

Just then Rita's phone rings - it's Jesse on video chat.

231 MOM

<GROAN> It's Jesse.

The family exchanges panicked looks -- what do they do?

232 MOM (CONT'D)

I guess I'll just tell her the truth. Hopefully she'll understand. I mean, things happen, right?

She forces a smile and answers the phone in an upbeat voice. The family follows her, listening in.

233 MOM (CONT'D)

Hey Jesse!

234 JESSE

Rita! What's the scoop? How was the Barrel Race? I can't wait to read your column on it.

235 MOM

Well, about that... we hit a little snag and we missed the race.

ON SCREEN Jesse reacts. Mom quickly keeps talking.

236 MOM (CONT'D)

But I assure you this will not happen again. We're back on track and super excited to get to our next destination.

237 JESSE

I don't know, Rita. If you couldn't make your first deadline, maybe you're not fit to be a travel writer. This just in: You're out! I'm taking you off the assignment!

The family deflates - Lincoln, hearing this, feels worst of all.

230 LINCOLN

<SAD GROAN>

238 MOM

I'm sorry you feel that way, but I
understand--

239 LINCOLN

Wait - no! Let me explain!
 (grabbing the phone)
Ms. Hiller, this is Lincoln Loud.
Please don't take this away from my
mom! She's a great reporter!

240 MOM

Lincoln-

241 LINCOLN

It's my fault she missed the race. If I hadn't gotten the family cursed by a mummy, she would have crushed the barrel race story!

242 JESSE

Did you say, cursed by a mummy? Stop the presses! Tell me more, kid.

CUT TO MOMENTS LATER: Lincoln is finishing up the story.

243 LINCOLN

And then the ring disappeared and we raced to Niagara Falls in record time thanks to the rocket boosters on the RV.

Jesse takes this all in.

244 JESSE

I see...well...

(then)

News flash! I love this story! It's got everything! Mummies, curses, hood pancakes! It's brilliant!

The family exchanges an excited look. Lincoln hands mom the phone.

JESSE (CONT'D)

I changed my mind, Rita! The trip's back on, but you can tear up my itinerary! Go wherever you want! Here's the hook: "Out-of-control family has random, bizarre adventures on the open road!" It's different, it's fun, and people love a good old fashioned hot mess! <HAH>

246 MOM

Well, I don't know about "hot mess," but we'll take it! <CHUCKLE> Thank you, Jesse.

Mom hangs up and the family <CHEERS>, hugging each other.

247 FAMILY

<CHEERS>

248 MOM

And thank you, Lincoln. Okay guys, you heard her. Where should we go next?

They all start piling back into the RV.

249 LOLA

Ooo! Hurray for Hollywood!

250 LANA

America's Largest ball of Garbage!

251 LUAN

Whoopee Cushion World or bust!

The RV heads out onto the highway again. We hear a flush.

252 LYNN (O.S.)

Oh, uh. Hey, guys, I think the toilet's clogged again! Yah, must still be the curse.

FAMILY (O.S.)

<GROAN> Lynn!

253A DAD

I'll get the plunger.

The family groans as the RV pulls over again. THE END.