

THE LOUD HOUSE

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INT. RV - DAY

CLOSE ON Lincoln and Lynn:

1 LINCOLN
You know, I'm really getting used
to life on the road. Living with
the bare essentials isn't so bad.

REVEAL: They lounge on the RV couch. Lincoln and Lana play
video games on a TV.

2 LANA
You said it.

The camera passes Lori in a massage chair.

4 LORI
<VOICE VIBRATING> RV livin' is
literally the life for us. Why are
we stopping?

The RV comes to a stop.

5A MOM
Exciting news! For my next piece in
the travel series we are all going
to check out the beauty of the
Rocky Mountains here in Colorado.

Mom gestures out the window to the gorgeous mountain
landscape. The kids looks out.

6 LINCOLN/LOLA/LUNA
Cool./Definitely rocky./Sweet.

The kids close the blinds. Mom reopens them.

7 MOM
No, I meant we're going outside for
an invigorating ten mile hike. You
guys are going to love it!

8 LINCOLN/LUNA/LOLA
Nah./I'm good./You kids have fun.

9 DAD (O.S.)
Come on, fam.

The kids look up REVEALING Dad in Lincoln's convincing suit.
It's way too small for him.

10 LINCOLN
Is that my convincing suit?

11 DAD
<STRUGGLING TO BREATHE> Maybe. It'll be great to get out of the RV for a while for some fresh air. Your mother and I made some of our best memories hiking. And we want that for all of you! <CHUCKLES>

12 MOM
There's nothing like enjoying what nature has to offer. So what do you say kids?

Mom and Dad smile pleadingly at the kids.

13 LINCOLN
Maybe it's because I've never been on the receiving end of that suit, but I'm convinced. Besides, how bad can hiking be?

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS - WINDING NARROW PATH - DAY

QUICK BEATS as we PAN from kid to kid:

14 LOUD KIDS WALLA
<PANTING/GROANING>

Lori waves her phone around.

17 LORI
There is literally no signal!

Leni and Lily are swarmed by mosquitos. Lily burps at the mosquitos and they fly off in a stink cloud.

15 LENI
<SWATTING EFFORTS> Get away!

15A LILY
<BURPS>

Lynn and Lucy walk past a tree. Lynn obviously allows a branch to swing back knocking over Lucy <OOF!>.

18 LUCY
<OOF!>

Lucy folds her arms like a corpse.

19 LUCY (CONT'D)
Leave me here. I belong to the mountains now.

Lola steps over Lucy wearing stylish hiking heels.

20 **LOLA**
At least I can practice my strut
for the Little Miss Rough Terrain
Pageant.

Gusts of heat and cold rush past the kids.

24 **LINCOLN**
<PANT> Too hot. Too cold. Too hot.
Too cold. And now it's hot again.
But hey... we are making lifelong
memories, right?

25 **LOLA**
<UGH> More like lifelong
nightmares!

26 **LYNN**
I agree. This hike's a bust.

27 **LANA**
I bet Mom and Dad are having as
rough a time as we are.

Ahead, Mom and Dad blissfully lead the hike, unaware of whats
going on behind them.

MOM/DAD
<SIGH!>

28 **DAD**
I've never felt more alive!

Back on the kids, reacting.

29 **LOUD KIDS**
<GROAN>

30 **LUNA**
We're never gonna make it, dudes.

31 **LORI**
We have to convince Mom and Dad to
let us go back to the RV. Lincoln,
pull out the convincing suit.

32 **LINCOLN**
Dad stretched it out. But don't
worry, I have a plan! Follow me!

The kids follow Lincoln. Lisa falls in a deep puddle.

33 LISA
<STRAINING EFFORT> Uh, siblings?
Would someone mind lending me a
five-fingered appendage.

Lisa realizes no one is coming back to help her.

34 LISA (CONT'D)
(sarcastic)
Good to know you can always count
on family.

Lisa jumps out of the puddle.

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS - RIVER BANK - DAY

The family walks alongside a river. Seeing Mom and Dad aren't watching, Lincoln gives Lucy a thumbs up.

35 MOM
<WHISTLING AWAY>

Suddenly Lucy takes off her bag and drops it into the river.

36 LUCY
(deadpan/bad acting)
Oops. All of our food has fallen
into the river. Now we will perish.

37 LOLA
Clearly our school's drama
department has some work to do.

38 MOM/DAD
<GAH!>

Mom and Dad <GASP> and run alongside the river trying to catch the bag.

38A DAD
Oh no! My home-made grano-lynn
bars!

39 MOM/DAD
<RUNNING EFFORTS>

40 MOM
Luan! I think you can reach it!

Luan makes Mr. Coconuts reach weakly, missing the bag.

41 LUAN (AS MR. COCONUTS)
<REACHING EFFORTS>

42 MOM
Luan, just use your human hands--

43 LUAN (AS MR. COCONUTS)
Well, too late, toots. Looks like
our food is down the river, and
we're up a creek!

Mom and Dad keel over <PANTING> as they watch the bag vanish.

44 MOM/DAD
<PANTING>/<COLLAPSING EXHAUSTED>

Lincoln walks up between them, patting their backs.

45 LINCOLN
Aw. Looks like if we don't go back
to the RV, we'll starve! Bummer!
Alright let's go everybody!

The kids too eagerly pivot and head back the way they came.
Dad runs to block their path, stopping them.

46 DAD
No no no! This will just give us
the opportunity to live off what
nature has to offer. Don't worry
kids, the hike continues!

47 SIBLING WALLA
<WEAK CHEER>

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS - HUCKLEBERRY PATCH - DAY

Mom and Dad enthusiastically harvest huckleberries.

48 MOM
Great idea having us forage for our
own food, honey. This will make a
great addition to my column.

Dad plucks a huckleberry and eats it. A thorn gets stuck in
his tongue.

49 DAD
Mmm! Right. Nothing like
huckleberries fresh off the branch!
<GOBBLES BERRIES> Ow, thorn!

Behind them the kids reluctantly pick berries. Lana canonballs into Lisa's basket and berries go flying onto Lola.

49A LANA
Canon-berry!

Lola's face is covered with smushed berries.

51A LOLA
Ugh! Lana, you clod! You know red isn't my color!

Lincoln walks up to Lola.

52 LINCOLN
That gives me another idea!

MOMENTS LATER: Mom is bandaging Dad's tongue. Lola walks up to them with red splotches on her face and arms. She shouts dramatically:

53 LOLA
Oh no! I seem to have a bad case of poison oak! <PALTRY COUGH>. Oh cruel world! We must go back to the RV!

Lola falls into Lucy's arms.

54 LOLA (CONT'D)
(whispers to Lucy)
Now *that* was a performance.

55 MOM
Don't worry, honey. I've got this.

Mom zips off, rapidly returning, with a bowl of nasty looking goo. Mom slathers it on Lola's arms and face.

56 LOLA
<FACE SMUSH EFFORTS>

57 MOM
Voila! An all-natural cure for poison oak!

58 LOLA
<SNIFF> Ew! What's in this?!

59 MOM
Herbs, spring water, and squirrel excrement!

60 **LOLA**
<SHRIEK!>

Lola <SHRIEKS!> and starts brushing off the ointment.

61 **LOLA** (CONT'D)
Huh. What do you know? I'm cured!

62 **DAD**
Great work, honey! Your mom is
awesome. Onward!

Lincoln spots a BEWARE OF MOUNTAIN GOATS sign. He lights up
with an idea.

66 **LINCOLN**
Beware of mountain goats... I have
one more idea!

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS - PATH - DAY

The family continues to hike up a wooded path. Mom and Dad
are up ahead. They stop to look at a map. Lincoln gives a
thumbs up to Lori who is holding Lily.

69A **LORI**
Mom, Dad! Lily's got a full diaper.

The kids all begin their own versions of pee-pee dances.

72/72A **SIBLING WALLA**
Me too!/I gotta take a leak!/Pee
pee, pee pee!

73 **MOM**
Of course! Bathroom break,
everyone!

The kids spread out. Mom and Dad hear a RUSTLE.

MOM AND DAD'S POV: silhouetted by the sun, the girls form the
shape of a giant mountain goat.

75 **LYNN**
<MONSTROUS ROAR!>

74 **MOM/DAD**
<STARTLE>

The roar echoes through the mountains. Dad <SHRIEKS!>

76 DAD
<SHRIEK!> It's one of those rocky mountain goats I've heard about. They're very aggressive. They've been known to injure people!

77 MOM
Kids! Everyone come back!

REVEAL: The mountain goat was the kids in disguise using a tent, scarves, and branches. They whip off the disguise.

The kids gather around Mom and Dad.

78 MOM (CONT'D)
We're sorry to say this, but the hike is off. We've had an angry goat sighting. It's just too dangerous for you kids to be out here with those beasts roaming the woods.

79 DAD
Time to get back to the RV, ASAP.

80 LOUD KIDS
<CHEERING!>

Mom and Dad give them a look.

81 SIBLING WALLA
Uh I mean--/Oh no./Oh this is terrible!

Mom and Dad hurriedly turn back the way they came. The kids look to one another victoriously. **MP**

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS PATH - WINDING NARROW PATH - DAY

The family makes their way back down the mountain. Dad leads the way. He turns back towards the family.

82 DAD
<RUNNING EFFORTS> Hurry like your lives depend on it... because they do-- <AH!>

He finds himself face to face with a herd of MOUNTAIN GOATS. Dad <SHRIEKS> and starts backing away towards the family.

83 DAD (CONT'D)
<OOF!> No one make any sudden movements.

84 **LENI**
 (to siblings)
OMGosh, our sisters make really
convincing mountain goats.

85 **LISA**
No, Leni. Shh! It seems Lynn's roar
summoned actual mountain goats.

The goats close in on them, BLEATING and stamping.

86 **LANA**
I'm not quite as familiar with this
Rocky Mountain dialect, but I can
tell they are *not* happy.

87 **LUNA**
Maybe I can soothe them with a
lullaby. You know, Moon Goat to
Mountain Goat.

Luna grabs a ukulele. She STRUMS and sings:

88 **LUNA (CONT'D)**
*Sleep, angry mountain goats, on
this mountain hike/ With visions of
whatever that goats like./ Just lie
down now, and shut your sleepy
eyes/ Please let the Loud family
stay alive.*

The song doesn't work. The goats aggressively chase after the family!

88A **LOUD FAMILY**
<AHHH!>

91 **LUNA**
Ah! Tough room.

The family runs back up the path.

93 **LOUD FAMILY**
<RUNNING EFFORTS> <SCREAMING>

As they pass, a breeze reveals a "DANGER!" sign, covered with skull and crossbones. The goats follow.

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS - DEVIL'S UNDERBITE PATH - CONTINUOUS

The family runs towards a rickety rope bridge stretched over a massive chasm. They come to a screeching halt.

94 **LOUD FAMILY**
<YELP!>

95 **DAD**
Okay, careful, follow me!

Dad starts across the bridge. One of the planks breaks and he falls, just barely catching himself.

96 **DAD (CONT'D)**
<YELLING!>

MOM/SIBLING WALLA
Lynn!/Oh no!/Dad!/Gasp!

He pulls himself up.

97 **DAD**
<PULLING UP EFFORTS> <PHEW>

98 **LORI**
Okay, I am literally not crossing that. I'd rather take my chances with the goats.

Just then the goats run closer to the family. The Louds start running towards the bridge. Lori doesn't notice the goats right away but then <SHRIEKS!> She runs too.

99 **LORI (CONT'D)**
<SHRIEK!> Wait for me!

Lori and the rest of the family struggle across the rickety bridge. They're almost all the way across when the goats starts gnawing on the ropes holding the bridge up.

100 **LINCOLN**
They're gonna break the bridge!

100A **MOM**
Run!

101 **LOUD FAMILY**
<SCREAMING> <RUNNING>

The family tries to move as fast as the can across but--
SNAP!

102 **LOUD FAMILY (CONT'D)**
<SCREAMING> <OOF!>

<SCREAMING> the Louds go swinging into the other side of the cliff <OOF!> They dangle there, <PANTING> and clinging to the bridge for dear life.

104 MOM
Okay kids, stay calm. We need to
use the bridge as a ladder to get
back up--

105 LOLA (O.S.)
Make way! <CLIMBING EFFORTS>

Lola climbs up over her siblings.

106 SIBLING WALLA
Hey!/Ow!/Come on!/Lola!

107 LOLA
Beauty before age!

She passes Mom, holding Lily. Lily gives her the stink eye.

108 LOLA (CONT'D)
And... before you too.

108B LILY
Hey! <PFFT!>

Lola climbs up.

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS - CLEARING - CONTINUOUS

The family pulls themselves up from the bridge to the edge of
the cliff. The family collapses <CATCHING THEIR BREATH>.

108A LOUD FAMILY
<PULL EFFORTS>

109 DAD
<PULL EFFORT> <PHEW> See that? The
Louds can handle anything mother
nature throws at them.

110 LOUD FAMILY
<PANTING>

111 DAD
Now let's see where to go next.

Dad reaches into his pockets but comes up empty.

112 DAD (CONT'D)
Where's the map? Oh. Oh no. No no
no no.

Dad rushes back to look over at the bridge/ladder seeing the
map perched on a rung.

Dad dangles over the side to reach it when suddenly it blows into the chasm below.

114 DAD (CONT'D)
Noooooooo!

The goats stand at the other side of the fallen bridge, laughing.

115 MOM
<AH> Great. So we're completely lost with no food and no way to call for help.

116 LISA
Ah, yes. Given our circumstances, I'd calculate our chances of survival at uh... 35 percent.

116A DAD
<GASP>

116 Cont'd LISA
Oh, oh wait - forgot to carry the one. Five percent.

Dad faints and falls into Mom's arms.

117 DAD
<SHRIEKS> <FAINTS>

118 MOM
We never should have taken you kids on a hike. We just wanted to make some lifelong memories together.

119 DAD
And now it seems "lifelong" means only a few hours. This is all our fault. <SOBS>

Dad <SOBS>. The kids guiltily hang their heads in shame.

120 LUCY
Actually, Mom and Dad. This is all our fault.

121 LUNA
We didn't want to do a ten mile hike, so we sabotaged it.

122 MOM/DAD
<GASP>/You what?/Kids, how could you?

123 LUAN
We're sorry. **LP**
(as Coconuts)
You should be!
(to Mom and Dad)
I tried to talk 'em out of it.

Luan glares at him. Mom and Dad frown at the kids.

124 LINCOLN
But don't worry. We got us into
this mess, and if we work together
we can get us out of it. Right,
guys?

125 SIBLING WALLA
<AGREEMENT>

Lisa steps forward, eyeing the sunset.

126 LISA
Well...judging by the sun's
position in the sky, and knowing we
took an easterly road, the RV must
be uh... this way!

Lisa points to a steep cliff.

127 LORI
How are we supposed to get down?

128A DAD
We'll use what nature provides!

CUT TO the family using vines to repel down the cliff.

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS CLIFFSIDE/WATERFALL - MOMENTS LATER

The family lands beside the top of a waterfall. Luan squints and points.

129 LUAN
Ohh! How are we gonna get past
these rapids?

O.S. The Louds hear a tree uprooted.

130 LYNN (O.S.)
<UPROOTING TREE EFFORT>

REVEAL Lynn holding a hollowed out tree trunk.

131 LYNN (CONT'D)
We'll use what nature provides!

MOMENTS LATER: The family rides the rapids.

132 LOUD FAMILY WALLA
<CHEERING> <YELPING>

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINS PATH - RIVER - MOMENTS LATER

Together the Louds ride the rapids of the river.

133 LENI
How are we gonna get past this
waterfall?!

Leni points ahead towards a giant waterfall.

134 LUAN
We'll use what nature--

The family rides the waterfall like a log flume.

135 LUAN (AS MR. COCONUTS) (CONT'D)
(yelling)
<AHH!> --nevermiiiiind!

136 LOUD FAMILY
<YELLING!>

The family zooms down the rapids, flying past giant rocks in the water.

137 LINCOLN
Everyone lean left!

Everyone leans left, narrowly missing a rock.

138 LINCOLN (CONT'D)
Lean right!

They all lean right.

141 LINCOLN (CONT'D)
Aim for that beaver dam!

The family rides over the dam like a ramp up into the air.

142 LOUD FAMILY WALLA
<YELPING!>/<WHOA'S!>/<SCREAMS>

They land right by the RV.

143 LOUD FAMILY WALLA (CONT'D)
<PHEW!>

144 DAD
We made it!

EXT. RV PARKING LOT - EVENING

The family, exhausted, approaches the RV.

145 LYNN/LUAN/LANA
Can you believe when that bridge
broke?!/ You've got to be *kid*-ing
me with those mountain goats./I
thought we were goners in those
rapids!

146 DAD
Okay okay, we get the message.

147 MOM
We'll never take you on another
hike again!

The kids look at them puzzled.

148 LORI
What do you mean? We literally
loved it!

149 LISA
I concur. Talk about an adrenaline
rush!

150 LUNA
Nature is rad!

151 LINCOLN
Mom and Dad, can we sleep under the
stars tonight?

Mom and Dad well up with tears, moved. They exchange a look,
a smile on their faces.

152 DAD
<AH-HA!> I'll go grab our
mattresses!

Dad opens the RV door and finds the mountain goats inside,
eating the furniture. One of the goats spots dad and <HUFFS>.
Dad quickly closes the door.

THE END.