

THE BUDDY SYSTEM

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EXT. WOODS - LATE AFTERNOON

Manny and Eddie are wearing camping gear. They look like they've been hiking for a while. Manny stops and stares at a tree.

MANNY

Does this tree look familiar to you?

EDDIE

Dude, we're in the woods, surrounded by rows and rows of trees. I haven't gotten to know each one.

MANNY

No, I think we've been here before. I know this rock too.

EDDIE

You mean we're lost?

MANNY

(covering)
No, we're not lost.

EDDIE

Because you said you knew the way back to camp.

MANNY

I do. I just...really wanted to see this rock again.
(to rock)
Hey Rocky. Long time no see.

EDDIE

Manny...

MANNY

Okay. We're lost.

EDDIE

I knew this would happen. Where's the map?

MANNY

I thought you had it.

EDDIE

(panic)

Great. Now we're those kids you hear about on the news who get lost hiking and all they find is their bones after they starve to death! I'm so hungry...

MANNY

Get a grip man! We had S'mores twenty minutes ago.

EDDIE

I haven't eaten in twenty whole minutes? This is bad.

MANNY

Relax. Nothing bad can happen to us as long as we keep within "the buddy system."

EDDIE

The buddy system?

MANNY

Yes I'm here and you're here - we're buddies. You see, it's a system.

EDDIE

You're an idiot.

MANNY

Whatever. I think we should just stay here till one of the campers comes to find us.

EDDIE

The sun's going down and it's getting cold.

MANNY

Think of something warm, like laying on the beach in Malibu.

EDDIE

Alright, warm thoughts. Like sizzling hot fajitas, or chocolate lava cake, or a bubbling cheesy pizza.

MANNY

Are you always hungry?

EDDIE

I'm trying to stay warm. Do you know how to make a fire?

MANNY

Not without a lighter.

EDDIE

I thought you said you knew about survival stuff.

MANNY

I'm from Brooklyn, aight? When we go to the corner store and make it back alive - it's survival.

EDDIE

Well if we run into any thugged-out, 'gansta' bears, I'll call out for you.

MANNY

You're not exactly what I would call a "happy camper."

EDDIE

Of course not. I'm starving, cold, and about to die alone in the woods!

MANNY

Not alone. You're with your buddy.

Manny smiles. Eddie glares at him hard.