

FROZENTOWN: THE BEGINNING (SEASON 1: EPISODE 1)

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EXT. BLOCK OF ICE - DAY (EPISODE'S TITLE)

It's snowing as we read this show's title, "FROZENTOWN: THE BEGINNING (SEASON 1: EPISODE 1)," which is written with its letters carved into a block of ice that's sitting on the snow.

INT. CHRISTIAN'S OFFICE - DAY

CHRISTIAN ZAKOWSKI, 42 years old, is sitting in a chair behind his wooden desk in his cozy-looking office while his best friend and colleague, RALPH PETROSKY, 60 years old, is sitting in a chair at the side of the desk. They're both handsome, and they're physicists who work in a casual workplace, so they're wearing casual clothes.

CHRISTIAN

It's ready to go. This is the final test tonight. We're going to create a permanent cold area of a few hundred square feet, and then we'll be able to show the world how we can control the weather. And, then, we'll take our place among the greatest scientists ever! Are you ready?

Christian smiles at Ralph.

RALPH

Yeah, I can't wait!

Ralph smiles back at Christian.

CHRISTIAN

Great, but first, I have to call my wife.

Christian picks up his smartphone off of his desk, and he calls his wife.

INT. CHRISTIAN'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

LINDSAY, 42 years old, is Christian's beautiful wife, and she's sitting on the sofa with their two beautiful daughters: VIOLET, 18 years old, and ZOEY, 16 years old. Their home is fairly nice, although it's certainly not remarkable, and it's located in a suburban neighborhood of Anchorage, Alaska.

They're watching TV, and when Lindsay hears her smartphone ring, she picks up the remote that was sitting on the end table next to her at the side of the sofa, and she uses it to turn off the TV. Then, she puts the remote back down on the end table, and she picks up her smartphone from this table and answers it.

LINDSAY
(on the phone)
Hey, baby!

CHRISTIAN (O.S.)
(on the phone)
Hey, Lindsay! I just called to say
I'll be home late tonight.

LINDSAY
(on the phone)
But I just made dinner. Wait,
you're not doing something stupid
again, are you?

CHRISTIAN (O.S.)
(on the phone)
No, I'm onto something big, and
it's going to change the world.

Lindsay becomes very worried.

LINDSAY
(on the phone)
Christian, every time you try to
change the world, you create an
international incident.

CHRISTIAN (O.S.)
(on the phone)
Trust me, it will be fine.

Lindsay becomes resigned to letting Christian do whatever he has planned.

LINDSAY
(on the phone)
Well, just be careful, OK?

CHRISTIAN (O.S.)
(on the phone)
I will.

LINDSAY
(on the phone)
I love you.

CHRISTIAN (O.S.)
(on the phone)
I love you too. Bye.

LINDSAY
(on the phone)
Goodbye.

Lindsay hangs up her phone and puts it back on the table. And she can't help but continue to worry, so she's a little distracted and, thus, doesn't pick up the remote to turn the TV back on.

VIOLET
Dad is going to blow something up again, isn't he?

LINDSAY
Yep.

ZOEY
Should we sleep in the basement?

LINDSAY
Oh, yeah.

EXT. HELICOPTER - NIGHT (ESTABLISHING)

A helicopter is flying over a beautiful area that's fairly hilly and has several evergreen forests, and there's no snow on the ground since it's summer.

INT. HELICOPTER - NIGHT

The PILOT, a 50-year-old man, is flying the helicopter while Christian and Ralph are sitting next to each other on a bench in the cabin behind the Pilot. Christian is looking at the GPS on his smartphone that tells him the coordinates of their location, and then he looks up and leans forward to talk to the Pilot.

CHRISTIAN
OK, this is right where the GPS tells us is the spot: several hundred miles north of Anchorage, and no one lives within fifty miles of here.

PILOT
OK, I'll hover here.

CHRISTIAN

Thanks.

Christian sits up straight again.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

This is it, Ralph!

Christian puts his phone in his pocket, and he's excited as he stands up and opens the large side door of the hovering helicopter, and Ralph excitedly stands up too and stands behind Christian.

RALPH

Here's the gun.

Ralph hands a gun to Christian that looks like a flare gun pistol, although it's a little bigger and has a much larger barrel opening, and then Christian smiles at Ralph.

CHRISTIAN

Let's shock the world!

RALPH

Or destroy it.

CHRISTIAN

Why is the other option never good?

Ralph smiles at Christian.

Christian aims the gun straight out of the helicopter, and then he fires it, so it shoots a silver metal ball (which Christian calls a "weather ball" and is about the size of a baseball). The weather ball flies several hundred feet, and then it falls a little below the level of the helicopter and explodes spectacularly with bright-blue streaks shooting out in all directions like a huge firework shining in the dark.

PILOT

Whoa!

CHRISTIAN

Whoa!

RALPH

Whoa!

The blue streaks disappear, and then it immediately gets cold, and it starts snowing over a few hundred square feet.

Christian and Ralph are really excited at their success as they look out at the falling snow, with some of the snow even being blown into the helicopter.

CHRISTIAN
Hey, it worked! It actually
worked! The weather ball works!

Christian turns back to Ralph and slaps Ralph on the shoulder as they smile elatedly at each other.

Then, Christian turns back to look outside, and he and Ralph see that the snow and cold are expanding rapidly for miles.

So, Christian and Ralph become a little worried.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
Does that look like more than a few
hundred feet?

RALPH
It looks like miles.

CHRISTIAN
You know, they say looks can be
deceiving.

RALPH
I don't think they're that
deceiving.

CHRISTIAN
What was plan B?

RALPH
We never have a plan B.

CHRISTIAN
We should probably get one someday
because plan A always

RALPH
Goes really bad?

CHRISTIAN
Yeah.

Christian and Ralph stare hopelessly at the rapidly expanding cold, snowy weather.

INT. CHRISTIAN'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Christian, Ralph, and their boss, TOM, 55 years old, are standing with their backsides leaning against the front of Christian's desk. Of course, Tom isn't happy, and he's not even fully awake since he had to be woken up in the middle of the night to address this incident.

They're facing a TV, which is currently blank, that's sitting on a table in front them, and they're just waiting for its feed to come through of a GENERAL, a 65-year-old man, who'll decide the punishment of Christian and Ralph.

CHRISTIAN

So, boss, do you think the general will be happy that our experiment worked better than expected?

Tom looks sternly at Christian.

TOM

No.

CHRISTIAN

Yeah, I didn't think so.

The TV feed comes through with the General displayed on the screen, so Christian, Ralph, and Tom stop leaning against the desk and stand straight up. The General is sitting at his kitchen table while wearing his pajamas since he has, obviously, been woken up for this.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

Hey, General! I barely recognize you without your dress blues.

GENERAL

Hello, Christian, Ralph, Tom.

TOM

Hello.

RALPH

Hello.

GENERAL

So, Christian, just so I get this straight, I fund your project to control the weather, so we can use it for national defense, and you go out and permanently freeze twenty square miles.

CHRISTIAN

Pretty much, yeah.

GENERAL

You know, you're the world's most brilliant physicist, so you're always going further than anyone else, but then you screw it up in

some spectacular disaster. I can't use your weather control until you can actually control it, which includes undoing weather changes. I'm going to protect you from all of the legal issues that would come from the fact that you preformed an unauthorized experiment that ended up making a large section of land nearly uninhabitable. But I can't fully protect you anymore, so by government order, you and your accomplice, Ralph, are going to live on this land until you return its weather to normal.

CHRISTIAN

Is that even legal?

GENERAL

I already got the U.S. president's signature.

The General holds up a piece of paper that has writing that dictates what he just described.

CHRISTIAN

Wow, that was fast!

GENERAL

Yeah, the president made it clear to be immediately notified of any problems you caused. But, if you prefer, we can take this to court instead, and I'm sure that the U.S. government and state of Alaska would be completely understanding of you destroying their land and not sue you for everything you have, and they'd just waive the prison time.

CHRISTIAN

OK, I'll take that first option.

RALPH

Yeah, me too.

GENERAL

We'll be in touch.

The General turns off his TV connection, so the screen goes blank again.

EXT. CHRISTIAN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Christian pulls his car into the driveway of his suburban house, and he parks.

Christian shuts off his car lights and turns off his car.

Christian exits his car, and he starts to walk towards the front door of his house.

INT. CHRISTIAN'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Lindsay is sitting on the sofa while reading a book, and she's wearing her light-blue flannel pajamas that have short sleeves and short pant legs. She hears the front door open and close, so she knows Christian has arrived home, so she closes her book and puts it down on the end table next to the side of the sofa.

Christian walks into the living room and notices Lindsay, so he stops near the side of the sofa.

CHRISTIAN

You didn't have to wait up.

LINDSAY

Yes, I did. I can never sleep whenever you tell me that you're going to change the world. I just always have one nagging question: How much trouble did you cause? So, how much trouble did you cause?

Christian sits down next to Lindsay on the sofa.

CHRISTIAN

A little.

LINDSAY

It's never a little. If it was, we wouldn't have just finished paying for that house you destroyed with your brilliantly designed laser gun.

Christian laughs a little to himself as he fondly remembers destroying a house with his laser gun.

CHRISTIAN

Yeah, that was a big fireball.

Lindsay gets mad.

LINDSAY

Not funny, Christian. I mean, with your expertise, we should be making a nice living with a lovely house and financial security, not worrying about paying our bills.

CHRISTIAN

Hey, I was just going to tell you that we're getting a new house.

Lindsay gets excited.

LINDSAY

We are?

CHRISTIAN

Yep, and it's got a big yard too, as far as the eye can see.

LINDSAY

Are you serious?

CHRISTIAN

Yeah, and we'll have a lot of privacy, and it's just a little further north of here.

Lindsay tempers her excitement because she knows this is too good to be true.

LINDSAY

Wait, this sounds great. What's the catch? Are we going to jail?

CHRISTIAN

No, that's ridiculous. You were never in danger of going to jail, and I was only to go to jail if I didn't agree to move to a new house.

Lindsay gets mad again.

LINDSAY

What did you do?

CHRISTIAN

I barely did anything. All I did was freeze twenty square miles, so it's now an area of extreme cold with unexpected and possibly dangerous weather changes that's

uninhabitable for the foreseeable future. Well, uninhabitable for everyone except us ... and Ralph and his son.

Christian smiles at Lindsay, who's looking at him in complete shock, and then his smile disappears since, obviously, Lindsay isn't happy.

LINDSAY

Remember when we prayed together
that God would give you the
strength to make better decisions?

CHRISTIAN

I think that prayer went
unanswered.

Lindsay just stares at Christian with disappointment for a moment before finally looking away.

LINDSAY

My mother was right. I followed
you down the rabbit hole.

CHRISTIAN

Well ...

Lindsay looks back intently at Christian, who can't think of a reason to argue against the rabbit hole.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

yeah.

Lindsay breaks her intent look at Christian, and she becomes resigned to the situation.

LINDSAY

So, do we have to live there
forever?

CHRISTIAN

No, just until I fix the weather.

LINDSAY

Do you think you can fix it?

CHRISTIAN

No.

Lindsay takes a deep breath and slowly exhales it, which helps her to calm down.

LINDSAY

So, how bad is the weather?

CHRISTIAN

It's actually not that bad for Alaska. It's about a constant thirty degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and about minus fifty degrees in the winter, and the snowstorms will only be a little more frequent than around here.

Lindsay becomes more relieved.

LINDSAY

And they're building us a house?

CHRISTIAN

Yes. And we can still come back here to visit Anchorage or go on vacations to other places.

LINDSAY

OK, well, I guess it doesn't sound too bad. God knows I'm always going to follow you anyway.

Christian puts his arm around Lindsay's shoulders.

CHRISTIAN

It will be fine. I'll make this whole thing work out for you and Violet and Zoey. You'll see.

Christian smiles at Lindsay, who manages to smile back.

EXT. CABIN AND CASTLE - DAY

It's snowing as Christian is driving Lindsay, Violet, and Zoey in his car. And Ralph is following in his car as he drives his son, ALEX, 19 years old, who's athletic and handsome.

They drive up to a log cabin standing next to a stone castle that have some trees around them, but there's a fair amount of open space around too that leads to forests and mountains in the distance. Of course, everything is covered in snow, and there isn't any other person or building around for more than twenty miles.

Christian parks his car on the street in front of the cabin and castle, and Ralph parks behind him. Then, everyone exits their cars, and they're wearing nice wool/fleece coats

in the falling snow. And Christian and Ralph, who are the only ones who have seen these homes before, are beaming with pride as everyone else is smiling and looking at the cabin and castle in awe as everyone walks towards each other until they stop next to each other at the side of the cars.

The beautiful log cabin consists of light-colored wood that's very smooth, not rounded logs. And it's a fairly big cabin with three stories (including the basement). Also, it has a very nice wooden front porch that extends the full width of the cabin, and there's a roof over the porch.

The beautiful castle is rectangular and is made of dark-gray stones, looking like a dreamy medieval castle. It contains three tall stories (including the basement), and it's about twice as tall and several times wider than the cabin. Each of the two front corners of the castle consists of a tower. And, on the first floor on one side of the castle, there are a few pretty stained-glass windows on one side of a chapel.

VIOLET

Wow!

ZOEY

Awesome!

ALEX

This is cool!

LINDSAY

Oh, my God, you guys built a cabin and a castle!

CHRISTIAN

Yep, wood and stone.

ZOEY

So, you can burn one place down with a match, but you'd need an army of knights to conquer the other place?

CHRISTIAN

Yeah, but the cabin is cozy.

Zoey smiles at Christian, and he smiles back at her.

LINDSAY

How did you get this done?

CHRISTIAN

Well, the general was a lot less mad when he had time to consider

that the weather control is a powerful weapon to use against everyone except polar bears and penguins. So, he said he'd build us a road to wherever we wanted in this frozen land, so we chose to be in the center of it, and he said he'd build us any kind of houses we wanted too. And I knew you always wanted a log cabin, and Ralph chose a castle. So, we have twenty square miles, one log cabin, one castle, and one road. And we call it "Frozentown" because it's

VIOLET

Frozen?

CHRISTIAN

Exactly. And this street is called

VIOLET

Main Street?

CHRISTIAN

Yeah. And our cabin is located at One Main Street, and the castle is at

VIOLET

Two Main Street?

CHRISTIAN

Yep. So, it's the Zakowskis and the Petroskys, which means the entire town is

VIOLET

Polish?

CHRISTIAN

Wow! See, this fresh air is making you smarter already.

Violet smiles at Christian, and he smiles back at her.

LINDSAY

I love it. Thank you, baby!

Lindsay kisses Christian on his cheek, and then they smile at each other.

LINDSAY (CONT'D)
And, Ralph, that castle looks
fantastic, like it's straight out
of a fairy tale!

RALPH
Thanks, although I wish they would
have given me those cannons.

ZOEY
Why didn't they?

ALEX
They said they wouldn't even trust
our dads with BB guns.

ZOEY
Oh, right, they know our dads.

Everyone smiles/laughs.

ALEX
Yes.

LINDSAY
Let's go inside and have a look!

CHRISTIAN
Sounds good.

RALPH
And I'm dying to show the castle to
Alex, so let's meet up later.

CHRISTIAN
Yeah, definitely.

Christian, Lindsay, Violet, and Zoey wave goodbye to Ralph
and Alex, who wave back, as the Zakowskis walk towards the
cabin while the Petroskys walk towards the castle.

ALEX
See you, guys!

LINDSAY
Bye!

RALPH
Bye!

VIOLET
Bye!

ZOEY
See you later!

With her family following her, Lindsay walks up onto the cabin's porch, and then she opens the front door.

INT. CABIN, LIVING ROOM - DAY

Lindsay walks inside, with Christian, Violet, and Zoey following her, and they're completely amazed by this large beautiful room. Christian closes the door, and then he walks a few steps and stops. So, he stands at the beginning of the room as he enjoys watching Lindsay, Violet, and Zoey walking around the room while looking around in awe.

Like the rest of the cabin, the ceiling, walls, and floor are made of smooth light-colored wood that matches the outside of the cabin. And this room is nicely furnished (including a fabric sofa, wooden tables, a fireplace, and a big furry throw rug that covers some of the floor).

LINDSAY
Oh my, Christian, this is so beautiful!

Christian smiles at Lindsay, who continues looking around.

LINDSAY (CONT'D)
Look at the wood framing and the rug and the new furniture they bought for us!

VIOLET
This is a dream house!

ZOEY
Yeah, this will do!

LINDSAY
You did great, honey!

CHRISTIAN
Well, you know what they say:
"Permanently freeze a large area of land, and you get a log cabin."

Christian smiles, and Lindsay, Violet, and Zoey look at him and smile too.

VIOLET
Do we have our own bedrooms?

CHRISTIAN

Yes, Violet, you have your own
bedroom, and Zoey has her own
bedroom, but I got ripped off. I
have to share with your mom.

Violet and Zoey smile excitedly.

LINDSAY

(sarcastically)

Ha! Ha!

Christian and Lindsay smile at each other.

LINDSAY (CONT'D)

Well, I have to go check out the
bedrooms.

VIOLET

Me too!

ZOEY

Me three!

Lindsay starts to run upstairs as Violet and Zoey run after
her.

CHRISTIAN

(to himself)

I guess I'm me four.

Christian runs upstairs after them.

EXT. CASTLE, FRONT DOOR - NIGHT

A few hours later in the nicely falling snow, Christian,
Lindsay, Violet, and Zoey are standing as Christian knocks
on the door, which is made of thick dark wood, and then they
wait for someone to open the door while their coats keep
them warm.

Ralph quickly opens the door, with Alex standing behind him,
and Ralph is wearing vampire teeth and speaks with a
Romanian accent in order to imitate Dracula.

RALPH

Welcome to my home. My name is
Dracula. Please come in, and stay
a while. Ha, ha, ha!

Christian, Lindsay, Violet, and Zoey smile/laugh at Ralph's
impression of Dracula, and they enter the castle.

INT. CASTLE, MAIN HALL - NIGHT

Christian, Lindsay, Violet, and Zoey walk a few steps inside, and then they stop and remove their coats, which they hang on the coat hooks on the wall next to the door.

ALEX

He always wanted to do that.

LINDSAY

(to Alex)

I love it!

(to Ralph)

Nice teeth!

Ralph smiles at Lindsay to show even more of his vampire teeth, and then he removes his vampire teeth and puts them in his pocket, and he starts talking in his normal voice.

RALPH

Thanks, neighbor.

Ralph closes the door.

RALPH (CONT'D)

Well, now for the grand tour.

Ralph walks with everyone else following him as they head towards a stone staircase, which is fairly wide.

RALPH (CONT'D)

This is the main hall.

Everyone looks around in awe since it's a very big and beautiful room with a high ceiling. Like the rest of the castle, the ceiling, walls, and floor are made of dark-gray stone that matches the outside of the castle. And this main hall is nicely furnished and decorated like a medieval castle: There are a few antique sofas, armchairs, and shiny knights of armor; there's a very large stone fireplace; there are many antique paintings on the walls that show people and landscapes, with a lot of these paintings being religious; and several big furry throw rugs cover some of the floor.

LINDSAY

This is really nice! By the way, who are in all these paintings?

RALPH

I have no idea, except the ones with those Jesus and Mary people. But I've always loved art, and the

general said he'd give us what we wanted. Besides, nothing says class like a bunch of strangers hanging on walls.

Ralph and Lindsay smile at each other.

ALEX

Hey, I asked Dad to put secret passages in, so does anyone want to see them?

VIOLET

I do!

ZOEY

Me too!

RALPH

Why don't you take Violet and Zoey up a passage, and we'll meet you upstairs.

ALEX

(to Ralph)

OK.

(to Violet and Zoey)

Follow me.

Violet and Zoey follow Alex, and all of them are excited as they go across the main hall, heading towards a secret passage. And Ralph continues to lead Christian and Lindsay towards the staircase.

CHRISTIAN

(to Ralph)

Are they going to find Narnia?

LINDSAY

No, we're already in Narnia.

CHRISTIAN

Oh, yeah.

Ralph smiles as they start to go up the stairs.

INT. CASTLE, HALLWAY UPSTAIRS - NIGHT

Ralph is leading Christian and Lindsay up the final steps of the stone staircase, and then they reach the upstairs hallway, so they turn and start to walk down the hallway.

A hidden stone door on the side wall of the hallway opens up a little ways in front of them, and Violet, Zoey, and Alex walk excitedly out of it, and then Alex closes the door.

They see Christian, Lindsay, and Ralph walking towards them, so Violet, Zoey, and Alex stop and wait for them. And Violet yells over at Christian, Lindsay, and Ralph.

VIOLET

That was awesome! There are even some rooms in there!

CHRISTIAN

Cool! Maybe, we can lock Zoey in there.

Everyone, including Zoey, smiles.

ZOEY

(sarcastically)

Ha! Ha!

Christian smiles at Zoey and pats her on her head as he walks past her, and she smiles back at him.

Violet, Zoey, and Alex start following Christian, Lindsay, and Ralph. And they quickly arrive at Ralph's bedroom on their left, so Ralph motions to it.

RALPH

And this is my bedroom in here.

Ralph opens the door to his bedroom, and everyone follows him into the bedroom.

INT. CASTLE, RALPH'S BEDROOM UPSTAIRS - NIGHT

Everyone stops after walking a few steps into this fairly large room that's as beautiful as the rest of the castle, except Ralph walks a few steps further until he stops and turns to face everyone else as he points out the nice antique furniture.

RALPH

All of the furniture in this castle is antique. This bed and sofa are from the eighteen hundreds, and that armchair is from the seventeen hundreds.

Zoey walks over to the armchair in the corner of the room and sits down on it, so a big cloud of dust kicks up from the seat's fabric as she swats the dust away from her face.

ZOEY

Did they ever hear of dusting?

Zoey stands up while still swatting the dust away.

Then, Christian walks over to the armchair and sits down on it too, but it immediately falls apart with the seat falling through and all four legs breaking, so Christian crashes to the floor while everyone else looks on in surprise and a little bit of horror that such an old chair just broke.

ZOEY (CONT'D)

Or mothballs?

INT. CABIN, PLAYROOM IN THE BASEMENT - DAY

Lindsay is reading a book while sitting on a comfortable fabric sofa, which is lined up against a side wall. Her legs are stretched out on the sofa while she's leaning her back against a corner of the sofa.

Violet, Zoey, Ralph, and Alex are sitting comfortably in separate furry bean bags on the floor, forming a row that's perpendicular to the sofa. They're holding controllers since they're playing a hockey video game on the TV that's on the front wall, and they have the volume turned off in order to talk to each other better.

This very nice basement is made of light-colored wood like the rest of the cabin, and it contains several rooms.

ALEX

I have a feeling that we're going
to get really good at video games.

ZOEY

I know I will because I never have
to go to school again. I have snow
days forever.

LINDSAY

No, I'm home schooling you for your
last two years of high school.

Zoey is disappointed.

ZOEY

Ah!

VIOLET

And I'll just do my online college
freshman courses as normal to
become an accountant.

ALEX

I just graduated high school too, and I was going to get a job, but now, I'm just going to help out my dad with the upkeep of the castle, and I'll also help Christian out if he needs any help with fixing the weather or anything.

Lindsay laughs, and she stops reading her book, so she closes the book and lets it sit on her lap.

LINDSAY

Yeah, except the kind of help that Christian needs comes from psychologists. And, Alex, I do apologize to you that my husband got you involved in this.

ALEX

It's no problem. I think it will be fun living here.

LINDSAY

That's a great attitude to have.

Lindsay smiles at Alex, who smiles back at her.

VIOLET

Is Dad going to fix the weather?

LINDSAY

Your dad can do anything. Unfortunately, most of what he does is ninety percent brilliance followed by ten percent off the cliff. He's like the swimmer who is leading the race but messes up touching the wall at the finish and loses, except your dad would actually go sideways just before the wall and somehow swim out to the ocean and drown. So, I'm guessing no. But you, Zoey, and Alex aren't bound to here, so you guys are free to leave.

ZOEY

You're free too, right?

LINDSAY

Yes, legally, but I happen to have really bad taste in men.

Violet, Zoey, Ralph, and Alex laugh while Lindsay smiles.

VIOLET

Do we own all of Frozentown?

RALPH

Well, I own the castle, and you guys own the log cabin, including everything inside of them, but each of us only owns a few acres of the surrounding land. The rest of the area isn't ours, but no one else is allowed in there. That land is kind of like on lease to us with an option to experiment and, most likely, destroy.

ZOEY

I did see it was on the news how they blocked off this land. They even showed a picture of Dad. It was captioned, "Mr. Ice."

VIOLET

Not our proudest moment.

Christian comes hurrying down the stairs and, then, stands among everyone.

CHRISTIAN

Come on, guys, we're living in a winter wonderland! Let's go enjoy it and tour the sights! So, who wants to go sledding?

ZOEY

Yeah, let's go!

Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, Ralph, and Alex stand up excitedly to go sledding. Then, Violet turns off the TV and video game console, and Christian leads everyone up the stairs.

INT. CABIN, GARAGE - DAY

Christian, Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, Ralph, and Alex are looking to choose a sled as they sort through a pile of sleds that are sitting on the concrete floor next to the wooden wall, and they're wearing coats (though they're not wearing gloves or stocking caps yet). There's a wide variety of sleds, including traditional wooden sleds, plastic sleds, and inner tubes. This nice big two-car garage contains their only car, so while there are some stored items, there's plenty of empty space.

Violet holds a plastic sled up to show it to Zoey.

VIOLET

Hey, Zoey, do you remember this one?

Zoey's eyes light up, which causes Violet to smile.

ZOEY

Yeah, I love that sled!

VIOLET

Do you want it?

ZOEY

Yes, thanks.

Violet gives the sled to Zoey.

ZOEY (CONT'D)

This sled goes really fast.

CHRISTIAN

It's going to go even faster now because I covered the bottoms of all the sleds with a little mixture that Ralph and I developed earlier this year that we call, "Really Fast Wax," so everyone is going to go super fast!

ZOEY

Alright, Dad!

Christian and Zoey smile excitedly at each other, and Alex is excited too. However, Violet is a little concerned, and Lindsay looks worriedly at Ralph, who looks worriedly back at her, and then Lindsay addresses Christian.

LINDSAY

Honey, is it safe?

CHRISTIAN

Yeah, of course, it just makes the sleds go a little faster.

ALEX

It sounds great!

VIOLET

(to Zoey and Alex)

Yeah, with Dad, it always sounds great until it becomes terrifying and life-threatening.

ZOEY
(sarcastically to Alex)
Don't listen to her. She lost her
fun side when she turned eighteen
and became an adult.

Alex looks into Violet's eyes, and Violet looks back into
his eyes in a moment of connection.

ALEX
Oh, I don't know. She seems fun to
me.

Alex smiles at Violet, who smiles back at him, and their
eyes remain locked as Zoey's eyes dart back and forth
between them since she can't believe that Violet and Alex
are falling for each other, and she's completely turned off
by it while Christian, Lindsay, and Ralph don't even notice
this infatuation.

ZOEY
(to herself)
Oh, no.

CHRISTIAN
OK, is everyone ready to go?

ZOEY
Yes, let's please go.

Zoey walks purposely right between Violet and Alex, causing
them to break up their locked eyes.

EXT. HILL BEHIND THE CABIN - DAY

Christian, Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, Ralph, and Alex are
carrying their sleds while walking through the snow as they
go up a fairly big hill that's about a half mile behind the
cabin, and they're pretty close to the top of the hill.
Everyone is wearing coats, gloves, and stocking caps.

Violet and Alex are happily holding hands, and Zoey is
walking behind them while looking at this in disgust.

ZOEY
(to herself)
Would someone just shoot me?

LINDSAY
So, do you and Christian just
invent stuff like whatever is on
the bottom of these sleds just for
fun?

RALPH

Well, it usually starts off as having some kind of purpose, but it doesn't always end up that way. And my job for the last twenty years has been to assist him in whatever he needs, and I've been happy to help. I mean, it's always been fun ... until something blows up.

Lindsay motions up at the sky.

LINDSAY

Yeah, that would put a snow cloud over things.

Ralph laughs.

RALPH

That was a good one.

LINDSAY

Thanks, but you guys literally set that one up.

Lindsay and Ralph smile at each other.

LINDSAY (CONT'D)

So, what did you use this wax on?

RALPH

We put it on military boats to make them faster, but it turned out it also prevented them from stopping.

Lindsay looks at Ralph with worry.

RALPH (CONT'D)

A battleship crashed into a fish market.

Lindsay's look at Ralph goes from worry to shock, but he barely notices since, of course, it's almost normal for Christian and himself to get into trouble.

Everyone arrives at the top of the hill, where they stop and look down the hill, which is fairly steep and goes downhill for a long ways without any trees in the way, though there are forests nearby.

Everyone is thrilled since it looks like a great hill to sled down.

CHRISTIAN

See, Lindsay, isn't this is a nice hill? It's just smooth sailing with nothing in the way.

Lindsay smiles as she looks at the hill.

LINDSAY

Yeah, this is nice. It's a great view too.

ZOEY

This is going to be fun!

CHRISTIAN

That's the spirit! OK, everybody, get on your sleds!

Everyone lines up in a row beside each other, and then they sit down on their various types of sleds, which are all different, with their feet at the front of the sleds.

Christian looks at everyone on both sides of him, and he sees they're all ready to sled down the hill.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

Ready ... set ... go!

Everyone pushes off the ground with their hands, and they immediately start going really fast down the hill since the wax substance that Christian put on the bottoms of the sleds causes the sleds to go really fast.

Everyone starts screaming in horror, and of course, they're going too fast to make it safe to stop the ride by just falling off their sleds.

Although their sleds are different, everyone is going the same speed, so they're still in a row across the hill.

Lindsay looks angrily over to Christian, who's sledding right next to her.

LINDSAY

Christian!

CHRISTIAN

I'm sorry, but this wax really works!

LINDSAY

What kind of apology is that?

Lindsay turns her attention back to the snow in front of her.

Everyone is rapidly approaching a bump that stretches across the hill.

Everyone hits the bump, which causes them to go soaring through the air as they continue to scream.

They sail about twenty feet until they land back on the snow, and their sleds skip for a few bounces until they settle down and start riding smoothly again.

Everyone starts to approach the end of the hill.

VIOLET
It's almost over!

ALEX
Thank, God!

Everyone reaches the bottom of the hill, and they stop screaming since they think their ride is over, even though they speed across the flat ground until they reach the next hill: It's a small hill that only rises up a little in front of them, but the far side of it extends a long way down.

Then, to everyone's amazement, they actually start to go up the small hill as they don't slow down at all.

ZOEY
We're not slowing down!

VIOLET
How is that possible? These sleds don't even obey the laws of physics!

LINDSAY
Christian, you better do something before we hit a tree!

CHRISTIAN
OK, I'm thinking!

Everyone is approaching the top of the hill.

They reach the top of the hill, and then they go over it and start to go down the hill.

So, everyone starts screaming again.

Luckily, there are no trees on this hillside either.

Since no one has figured out how to stop yet, this sled ride doesn't seem like it will ever end, but everyone stops screaming in order to hear Christian as he addresses him.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

OK, I have an idea! Hey, everyone,
remove your coats, and put them
under the front of your sleds!

Everyone removes their coats while they're still speeding down the hill.

Then, everyone puts their coats under the front of their sleds, which prevents the wax on the bottom of the sleds from being in contact with the snow, so the sleds start to slow down.

Everyone reaches the bottom of the hill, where they go across a flat surface until finally coming to a merciful stop. Everyone is close to each other, and they're, basically, lined up in a straight row beside each other just like they started.

Everyone is exhausted as they roll off their sleds and fall onto the snow, and they're breathing hard as they try to catch their breaths while lying on their backs.

LINDSAY

Oh, thank you, Lord.

VIOLET

We are so far away from home.

ZOEY

Yeah, Mom, I won't be home for dinner.

VIOLET

That was the worst tour I've ever been on.

ALEX

I missed the sights. It was all blurry.

ZOEY

And I think the cold air rushing by froze my body.

RALPH

You know, when you get to be my age, they give you a list of activities to not do.

CHRISTIAN

Yeah?

RALPH

Yeah, and sled riding wasn't on it.
But I think I'm going to add it
anyway.

LINDSAY

Did it say to not listen to
Christian?

RALPH

No.

LINDSAY

You might want to add that one too.

Everyone just continues lying on their backs in the snow
while catching their breaths.

INT. CABIN, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Christian, Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, Ralph, and Alex are
sitting on the fabric sofa, and plush blankets are covering
them up to their torsos as their legs are stretched out with
their feet resting on the wooden coffee table in front of
them.

They're drinking hot chocolate in large transparent glasses
(which make the hot chocolate look delicious) while watching
a roaring fire in the fireplace that's in front of the
coffee table where their feet are resting. And everyone is
very happy to be resting and warming up after their long,
cold walk back to the cabin after sledding.

Alex talks a little funny as he addresses Zoey since he
hasn't regained feeling in his body yet.

ALEX

Is this hot? I still can't feel
anything.

ZOEY

No, it's fine.

ALEX

OK, thanks.

Alex takes a big sip, and Zoey watches while grimacing since
she lied because it's actually really hot.

LINDSAY

Now, this is nice: hot chocolate
and a big fire.

CHRISTIAN

There's nothing better.

Christian smiles at Lindsay, who smiles back at him.

Christian raises his glass of hot chocolate in order to
propose a toast.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

Here's to home sweet home.

Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, Ralph, and Alex raise their glasses
of hot chocolate too.

CHRISTIAN, LINDSAY, VIOLET, ZOEY, RALPH,
AND ALEX

Home sweet home!

Christian, Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, Ralph, and Alex touch
their glasses with each other, and then everyone drinks a
sip, completing their toast to their new homes.

Everyone finishes their sip, except Alex keeps drinking the
entire glass as everyone else watches him in disbelief that
he's downing his entire glass of hot chocolate that's very
hot.

Alex finishes his glass and smiles until he notices that
everyone is looking at him.

Suddenly, Alex gets feeling back and realizes that he burnt
his mouth, so he screams in pain.

ALEX

Ow!

Alex hurriedly stands up and puts his glass down on the
coffee table where his feet were resting, and then he runs
to the front door, and he quickly opens the door and runs
outside.

EXT. CABIN, FRONT PORCH - NIGHT

Just a few steps from the front door, Alex kneels down on
the snow-covered wooden porch and uses his hands to rapidly
shovel multiple handfuls of snow into his mouth, desperately
trying to cool his burnt mouth.

INT. CABIN, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Christian, Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, and Ralph remain sitting on the sofa while watching Alex through the cabin's open front door.

Alex has found relief since his mouth has cooled down, so he sits back on his heels and sighs while eating the snow.

CHRISTIAN

He should wear a coat. It's cold
outside.

Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, and Ralph turn their heads towards Christian and stare at him since, of course, he's the one that made it cold outside.

Christian notices everyone staring at him.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

Oh, yeah, sorry.

Lindsay, Violet, Zoey, and Ralph laugh, and then Christian laughs too.

FADE OUT.

THE END