

"BAD NANNIES"

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Pilot Episode - "Don't Raise the Bar"

EXT. NEW YORK CITY, AN UPPER EAST SIDE PLAYGROUND - DAY

LORI (22) and LISA (22) sit on a bench on the side of a playground.

VO: Sounds of children's laughter and screaming.

LISA

Wait, what's he doing?

LORI

Eww. That's offensive. I mean, you can't just come to a public place and do that.

LISA

We have kids here.

LORI

Who does he think he, Manny Poppins?

MANNY POPPINS, a sweet faced, fit, energetic young man in his early 20's jogs over to the next bench, sweaty and out of breath. He grabs a large iced coffee and takes a long sip.

MANNY

Wow. These kids sure do wear us out, huh?

LISA

Yeah, tell me about it.

LORI

So exhausting. Can't even keep up.

Manny does a quick stretch routine, some lunges, takes another rejuvenating sip.

MANNY

Alright, I'm back in the game.

LISA

See you out there, champ!

Manny jogs back to the playground.

LISA  
I literally haven't moved in  
hours.

LORI  
That asshole's got to stop raising  
the bar.

VO: Sounds of elated children's laughter.

MANNY  
(VO)  
Let's play freeze tag!

KIDS  
(VO)  
YAAAAAY!

LISA  
So no effort at all?

LORI  
Ok. Say your kid wants to play  
hide and seek? What do you do?

LISA  
Start counting. Count slowly?

LORI  
No. tell them to hide and then YOU  
check to see what potentials are  
in your immediate area via Tinder.

VO: One child screams.

LORI  
Wait, hold on.

Lori stands for a better view. The screaming turns to laughter  
and she immediately sits back down.

LORI  
Eh, it's fine.

LISA  
So, wait, pretending to care?

LORI  
Exactly.

LISA  
Oh, it's the ultimate acting  
challenge.

LORI  
You've been training your whole  
life for this.

Manny Poppins runs back to the benches. He carefully removes a large Tupperware of cupcakes from under his bench.

MANNY  
I almost forgot!

LORI  
What?

MANNY  
I baked too many cupcakes this  
morning before the gym. Is it ok  
if I share them with the kids?

LISA  
Sure.

LORI  
I mean, I guess.

MANNY  
Oh no, don't worry. They're  
organic, gluten free, made in a  
nut-free kitchen.

LORI  
Mind if I share something with  
you?

MANNY  
Yeah, I always love feedback on my  
baking.

LORI puts a hand up to MANNY's face, holding his mouth shut.

LORI  
Stop. Just, no. You're ruining  
this for everyone.

MANNY  
I'm sorry?

LORI  
There are parents here. They'll  
see what you're doing. You're  
setting the bar way too high.

LISA  
Maybe you should conceal the  
cupcakes, man. You're making us  
look like shit.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK - DAY

Lisa and Lori crouch, hidden behind a large tree, each double fisting cupcakes.

LISA  
(mouth full)  
You think we got through to him?

LORI  
(mouth full)  
I don't know, but these cupcakes  
are getting through to me.

Tight shot on LISA

HENRY (off screen)  
MOMMMMMMMM!!!!!!!

LISA  
(paralyzed with fear)  
oh god. no.

MELINDA VANPARKER, aged 45, but with enough silicone in her face to vaguely resemble a 24 year old, enters the playground. Clad in lululemon, a designer jacket, latte in hand, fuming at LISA, who is panicking as she wipes crumbs on her jeans.

MELINDA  
My baby!

LISA  
Mrs. VanParker! You're early! We  
were just about to head home for  
Henry's evening private vinyasa  
session.

MELINDA  
Lisa, I've had about enough of  
this.

LISA  
....of what, exactly?

MELINDA  
Of your flagrant disregard for our  
family's standards. Henry is all  
dirty, and what is orange on his  
hands?! Henry come here.

HENRY, a 5 year old boy, skips over to his mother and wipes his Cheeto-Dusted hands on her white coat.

HENRY

Mom, someone brought Cheetos to the playground! They were delicious!

MELINDA

Thats absolutely disgusting, my darling boy. (to LISA) You see? He was eating gluten? Fried junk food? From another child? You do not know where those have been! He could have gotten those from a street urchin!

LORI

Wait, why would someone homeless give their cheetos to a rich kid?

LISA

I'm so sorry, Mrs. VanParker, I didn't see it happen. The kids were just playing, and I thought it was okay that they were having a snack.

MELINDA

You didn't check the ingredients with the list of approved foods I gave you this morning?

LISA

No.

LORI

Lets get back to Why someone homeless would give cheetos to a rich elementary school kid?

MELINDA

Linda, I'm afraid this might be the final straw.

LISA

My name is Lisa.

MELINDA

Renee Richards called me an hour ago and said she saw Henry on the playground. THE PLAYGROUND? He was supposed to be at his mediation session, but I suppose you forgot that as well.

LISA  
Honestly, I thought you were kidding about that.

MELINDA  
His clothes are dirty..

LISA  
He's playing!

MELINDA  
...his hair is a wreck. He can't be out looking like this!

LISA  
HE'S FIVE

MANNY POPPINS overhears this exchange,

MANNY  
Heyyyyy Ladies! Can I help? The yelling is upsetting my pint sized friends. Would you like a cupcake, ma'am? Its gluten free!

CLOSEUP on MELINDA. She looks as though she is about to explode with anger.

JUMPCUT to MANNY and MELINDA sitting on a bench, gabbing away like two old friends. LORI and LISA standby in disbelief.

LORI  
See what he's doing?

LISA  
(dejected) What.

LORI  
He's making her think he's her friend. It all started with the damn cupcake.

LISA  
Ok, so whats the lesson here? I thought the key was to do nothing.

LORI  
Have you seen that guy near a kid in the last 15 minutes? No. He's making that off-brand real house wife think that he's her friend.

CUT TO MANNY and MELINDA

MELINDA  
You're just so right.

MANNY  
Mrs. VanParker, you need to cut  
the negativity out of your life  
and just DO you.

MELINDA  
Yes.

MANNY  
Don't let anyone judge your  
choices and stifle your  
creativity.

MELINDA  
I know where to start.

MELINDA zeroes in on LISA.

LISA  
Mrs. V, I'll do better, today was  
a fluke! Please I need this job.

MELINDA  
Lisa, you're dismissed, we'll send  
you a check.

LISA  
Fuck.

CUT TO:

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