

SAVANNA AT THE BEACH - A SAVANNA SHORT

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EXT. WINDY HILL - BEACH - SATURDAY AFTERNOON

It's a gorgeous day at the beach. The beach bustles with activity.

SAVANNA (9) builds a sand castle on the shore. She's a very cute kid. She's skinny. She has long brown hair and brown doe-like eyes. She wears a Circus Time brand sun visor on her head. Her nose is slathered with white sunscreen.

She takes her bucket and unloads a pile of sand. She starts to shape the sand into a wall. Savanna's DAD waves to her.

DAD

Time to eat!

Savanna looks up from her work. The food is set up on a blanket. Her MOM sits under the large umbrella.

MOM

Food's ready Savanna.

Savanna leaves her castle. She walks across the sand and sits down next to her parents. Her dad hands her one of the sandwiches.

Savanna examines the sandwich. She looks very disappointed.

SAVANNA

Tuna?

Dad smiles. He points to the ocean.

DAD

It's the beach! This tuna probably came from right out there!

Savanna makes a face. Dad looks amused.

DAD

What kind of kid doesn't like tuna sandwiches?

SAVANNA

Me.

Savanna's mom searches the picnic basket.

MOM

You know she doesn't like fish.
Where's the peanut butter sandwich
I made for her?

Mom gives dad an accusatory look.

MOM
You packed the basket.

Dad smiles nervously.

DAD
I'm sorry kiddo.

Savanna pouts.

SAVANNA
Did you bring my chips?

Mom searches the basket. She shakes her head. Savanna looks desperate.

SAVANNA
My soda and my cookies?

Mom shakes her head again. Dad looks like he wants to crawl away. Mom takes a bottle of water and hands it to Savanna.

MOM
I'm sorry hun. We'll get you something on the way home.

Savanna GROANS.

SAVANNA
But that's not for hours!

Savanna falls on the sand in a big, melodramatic lump. She rubs her belly. Dad looks guilty. He tries to cheer her up.

DAD
Well, if it's any consolation, these sandwiches aren't all that great. So it looks like we're both starving kiddo.

Savanna's mom shoots him a look. He LAUGHS nervously.

DAD
Just kidding! Just trying to cheer her up.

Savanna gets up. She rubs her empty belly.

SAVANNA
I guess I'll go have a quiet belly rumble while I build my castle.

She pauses for emphasis.

SAVANNA
While I starve!

Dad cheers her on.

DAD
That's the spirit! Don't wander
off too far!

Savanna walks back to the shore. She looks for her sand castle. The sand castle has been wiped out by a wave. Savanna GROANS.

She plops down on the sand and watches the sail boats on the horizon. She watches people swim. Someone catches her eye. She spots her teacher, MR. PAMPA (50). Mr. Pampa is thin. He has sharp features, a long chin and a permanent scowl on his face.

He wades through the water. Savanna GIGGLES when she sees his scrawny chicken legs. She waves to him.

SAVANNA
Mr. Pampa!

He doesn't notice her. Suddenly, a big wave hits him. The wave nearly knocks him over. Mr. Pampa rubs the water out of his eyes. He looks agitated and annoyed. He MUMBLES to himself.

Savanna GASPS. Mr. Pampa's hair is gone! She sees his hairpiece float away. Savanna stands up. She walks toward the water.

SAVANNA
Mr. Pampa! Your hair is floating
away!

Mr. Pampa wades through the water. He doesn't notice Savanna or his missing hairpiece. He reaches the shore and starts to walk up the beach.

Savanna walks into the water. She wades through the ocean and finds Mr. Pampa's hairpiece. She snatches it out of the water.

Savanna examines it.

SAVANNA
I've got to give this to him.

Savanna wades back to shore. She follows Mr. Pampa's trail up the beach.

EXT. BEACH

Savanna walks along the beach. She hears someone call her name. She turns around and sees her friend RIKU (9). Riku waves to her. Riku is a cute kid. She has long, shiny black hair and dark almond shaped eyes. She's taller than Savanna.

RIKU

Savanna!

Savanna smiles. She waves back.

SAVANNA

Hey Riku! I didn't know you were going to the beach today!

Riku joins her friend.

RIKU

Yeah. Dad said it was too nice a day to stay home so we came here.

She looks at the hairpiece in Savanna's hand. Her eyes grow wide.

RIKU

What is that? Is that an animal?

Savanna waves the hairpiece in the air.

SAVANNA

Oh no. It's Mr. Pampa's hair. I'm trying to find him so I can give it back.

RIKU

His hair?

Riku pauses. She nods her head.

RIKU

Oh yeah! I saw him walk by. He looked mad.

Savanna hands her the hairpiece.

SAVANNA

Wanna touch it?

Riku holds up her hands.

RIKU

No way!

Savanna GIGGLES. Riku LAUGHS. Savanna tosses the hairpiece at her friend. Riku dodges. The hairpiece lands in the sand.

Savanna picks it up and washes it in the ocean.

RIKU

Let's go over to my blanket. My dad's making hot dogs.

Savanna's eyes light up.

SAVANNA

Really?

RIKU

Yeah. Come on.

They walk to Riku's camp. RIKU'S FATHER lounges on the blanket. Hot dogs cook on a nearby grill. He waves to Savanna.

RIKU'S FATHER

Hey Savanna. You're just in time. You hungry?

Savanna rubs her belly.

SAVANNA

Sure am!

Riku's father stands up.

RIKU'S FATHER

I've got you covered. How about you Riku?

RIKU

Yeah. I'll have one.

Riku's father looks at the hairpiece in Savanna's hand. He rubs his chin and shakes his head. Savanna smiles up at him innocently.

RIKU'S FATHER

OK. That's interesting.

Riku's father walks over to the grill. He looks at the hot dogs. The hot dogs are very charred. They look practically inedible. He scratches his head.

RIKU'S FATHER

I hope you like them well done.

Savanna observes the hot dogs. She looks disappointed. Riku's father places one of the blackened hot dogs into a bun. He hands it to Savanna.

RIKU'S FATHER

I kind of lost track of time
there. Sorry about that.

Savanna sniffs the hot dog. She takes a bite and makes a
face. Riku's father prepares one for his daughter.

RIKU'S FATHER

Here you go.

Riku takes the hot dog. She studies it and shakes her head.
Her father prepares his own hot dog.

RIKU'S FATHER

Oh come on. They're good when
they're charred. Look.

He takes a bite and chews. He makes a face and shakes his
head.

RIKU'S FATHER

That's burnt.

Savanna and Riku look at each other. Savanna shrugs.

SAVANNA

It's OK. Thanks for the hot dog
anyway Mr. Ishii!

Savanna smiles. She continues her walk to the beach.

RIKU

Is it OK if I go with Savanna?
We're going to go see Mr. Pampa.

He nods.

RIKU'S FATHER

Don't go too far. You have your
cell?

Riku reaches into her pouch. She shows him the cellphone.

RIKU'S FATHER

OK. Have fun then. See you later
Savanna.

SAVANNA

Later Mr. Ishii!

Savanna and Riku continue their search for Mr. Pampa.

EXT. BEACH

Savanna and Riku continue their walk up the beach. KUDER sits under a palm tree. His MOTHER suns herself on a beach blanket.

Kuder is a large kid for his age. He grins as he watches Savanna and Riku walk past him.

KUDER
Look! It's the dork sisters!

Savanna stops. She waves to Kuder.

SAVANNA
Hi Kuder!

Kuder notices the hairpiece in her hand.

KUDER
What's that thing in your hand?

SAVANNA
It's hair.

KUDER
Oh gross!

Savanna and Riku LAUGH.

KUDER
You almost made me lose my
appetite for lunch.

Savanna glances at the colorful tent shaped box that sits on his lap. Her eyes light up.

KUDER
A really good lunch too. The
Circus Time Three Ring Meal.

Savanna looks envious.

SAVANNA
The Three Ring Meal?

KUDER
Yep!

He opens the box. He takes out a large container.

KUDER
The Big Top burger.

He opens the hamburger container.

KUDER

Two flame broiled beef patties,
pickles, tomatoes, bacon,
mayonnaise and two oven toasted
buns.

He sets the burger aside. He continues to taunt the two girls. He takes a container of french fries out of the box.

KUDER

Periwinkle's seasoned curly fries.

He pauses. He smiles as he watches Savanna stare at the food. He pops one into his mouth.

KUDER

So good!

SAVANNA

Can I have a fry?

Kuder shakes his head.

KUDER

Nope.

SAVANNA

Why not?

KUDER

Nope.

Kuder sets the fries down next to the hamburger. He looks inside the box.

KUDER

Wow!

Riku shakes her head.

RIKU

He's being so rude.

Savanna stares at the Three Ring Meal box. Kuder removes a large soft drink and a package of cookies.

KUDER

The Strong Man's soda! Thirty-two
ounces!

He inserts a straw and takes a long sip.

KUDER

Nice and cold.

Savanna GROANS. She looks at her half empty bottle of warm

water. Kuder opens the cookies. He removes them from the package and places them next to the food and drink.

KUDER

I'll save these for later.

He places his hand inside the box and takes out a Circus Time action figure. Savanna is excited.

SAVANNA

Oh! Is that the limited edition
Dooby Birthday Bot figure?

Kuder studies the action figure. He shrugs.

KUDER

I don't know. I don't collect this
baby junk.

SAVANNA

Can I have it?

Kuder narrows his eyes. He places it back into the box. He doesn't notice the flock of seagulls that are beginning to gather.

KUDER

No. I think I'll keep it.

Savanna GROANS. Riku tugs on her arm.

RIKU

Let's go.

SAVANNA

OK. I have more important things
to do anyways.

Kuder smiles with satisfaction.

KUDER

Yeah. Get lost. I'm going to enjoy
my lunch.

Kuder's mom calls out to him.

KUDER'S MOM

Kuder! Get me a towel will ya?

Kuder grabs a towel. He walks over to his mother's blanket and hands it to her. The seagulls swarm on Kuder's food. Several gulls peck at his burger. They tear it into pieces and begin to eat their share.

Several more seagulls fly away with his french fries. Savanna and Riku LAUGH. Savanna points at the birds.

SAVANNA
They got your food!

RIKU
Better hurry!

Kuder turns around. He puts his hands to his head.

KUDER
My lunch!

He runs over to the tree. The birds scatter. He knocks over his soda as he swings and kicks at the gulls. Savanna and Riku wave goodbye.

SAVANNA
See ya Kuder!

Kuder narrows his eyes. He MUMBLES to himself as they walk away.

EXT - BEACH

Savanna and Riku finally manage to track down Mr. Pampa. Their teacher sits under a tree. He reads a book. Savanna and Riku exchange looks.

Riku shrugs. Savanna nods. They approach him. Mr. Pampa looks up. He looks surprised to see his students.

MR. PAMPA
What are you two doing here today?

SAVANNA
I came here with my parents. My mom and dad brought a picnic basket for lunch today. My dad forgot my sandwich and I don't like tuna sandwiches but I'll be fine for the rest of the day. They're taking me out someplace later.

Mr. Pampa stares at her.

SAVANNA
Oh. And the waves ruined my sandcastle.

She points at Riku.

SAVANNA

Her dad, Mr. Ishii, you know him right? He gave me a hot dog but it was burnt up.

Riku nods.

RIKU

Yeah. He said he lost track of time so they got all burned up on the grill.

SAVANNA

But that's OK because my mom always says it's the thought that counts.

Mr. Pampa frowns. Savanna continues.

SAVANNA

We saw Kuder here too. He had the Circus Time Three Ring Meal but birds ate it.

Riku GIGGLES.

RIKU

He thought he was so cool with his lunch!

Savanna flaps her arms like bird wings. She struts around like a seagull. Riku LAUGHS at her friend's impersonation.

SAVANNA

Yeah! They just flew over and took that boy's food and ate it all up!

Savanna stops. She tilts her head and looks at him curiously.

SAVANNA

Do you like Circus Time burgers?

Mr. Pampa appears agitated.

MR. PAMPA

What?

SAVANNA

They're the best. I collect all the Circus Time stuff.

Mr. Pampa rubs the top of his head. Savanna nods.

SAVANNA

Don't worry about that. I got it
back for you.

He looks at her suspiciously.

MR. PAMPA

Got what back?

Savanna proudly holds up her teacher's hairpiece. Mr. Pampa
stares at it.

SAVANNA

I found it floating in the ocean.
So I washed it off and carried it
all the way over here.

Mr. Pampa takes the hairpiece. He looks embarrassed and
annoyed.

SAVANNA

It's OK. My mom has bad hair days
all the time!

Savanna smiles pleasantly.

SAVANNA

See you in class Mr. Pampa!

Savanna and Riku wave goodbye. They walk back down the
beach.

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