

Synopsis

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Camp One Guy

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Five married couples in their late 30s to mid-40s attend their monthly get-together, this time a backyard barbecue.

Marsha, a realtor, hearing one couple describe how expensive camp is for their two boys, has an epiphany. She has a stale listing in Idaho for an abandoned survivalists' compound. Her outdoorsy friends are always talking about ways they might do something together for fun and money. Why not create a summer camp for kids for six weeks, \$5,000 a kid, 200 kids – that's \$1,000,000!

Phil, ever the joker, tells the group: "Two hundred kids? Way too much work! How about: just one kid, for one million dollars. Camp One Guy." They laugh.

The next day, Bob has fun with Phil's idea. He places an ad in the New York Times for "Camp One Guy. Four weeks in remote Idaho. Just \$1,000,000. Meals and ground transportation included." The friends have another laugh.

In far-off Arabistan, the ad is taken seriously. King Abdullah, sick of the antics of his overactive teenage son, Prince Mahmud, is overjoyed when his adviser, Zayed, shows him the ad for Camp One Guy. Abdullah orders Zayed to get Mahmud signed up and to Idaho immediately.

To their great surprise, the five couples have a million-dollar camper! They scramble to acquire the survivalists' camp and clean it up.

Zayed is a double-crosser. He informs the leader of the jihadist rebel army, Talib, that Mahmud is now vulnerable to kidnapping or worse at Camp One Guy. Mahmud and his bodyguards, and Talib and a squad of his terrorists, arrive simultaneously in Idaho. On their way to Camp One Guy, they meet and clash. After using up all their ammunition, the combatants flee the scene and Mahmud, leaving him to make his way alone to the camp.

What ensue are a number of coincidental events where the rebel force keeps suffering defeat from unintended consequences caused by normal camp activity. The rebels ascribe cunning and skills to Mahmud and the camp counselors which don't exist.

Events force the inept local nearby town sheriff out of his usual lethargy to investigate. He inevitably misreads every clue right in front of him. His chief desire is to quell fears among the town folks that the crazy survivalists have returned after fleeing a planned FBI raid years ago. He also hates work.

Desperate from all his Keystone Kops setbacks, Talib devises a new strategy: his 12-year-old son Hamid is to leave Arabistan and get inside the camp and close enough to Mahmud in order to blow both himself and Mahmud up. That plot is foiled, however, when Hamid proves to be an ineffective liar, and the two boys become friends. They vow to depose both their evil fathers and bring peace to their beleaguered country. They tell all to the yuppie camp counselors.

But the counselors, enriched now by a second \$1 million registration for Hamid, have an even better idea: turn what's now Camp Two Guys into a rehabilitation center for would-be terrorists everywhere.

Zayed also has his plans as well. He imprisons both Abdullah and Talib, and he continues to run Arabistan by assuming both their identities, in order to keep conflicts alive and him in power.