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Okay campers, it's time for you to prove your seaworthiness.
This is **not** a game, you know! The river is a cruel mistress, its currents unpredictable, its depths uncharted!
So if you want to survive, you'll listen closely and do **EXACTLY** what I say!
Do you understand me, scouts?!
What is it Ripley?
Are we gonna see any whales?
No, there will not be any whales.
Aw.

Now, remember, keep your life jackets on at ALL TIMES. DO NOT TAKE THEM OFF FOR ANY REASON.
And remember to ALWAYS follow me. This river is dangerous!
Yeah, it looks SUPER dangerous.
APRIL! Get away from there!
Do you even know what kinds of creatures could be living in the shallows here? DO YOU EVEN KNOW?
PIRANHAS! BLOOD-SUCKING CATFISH! OR WORSE!
Do you WANT your body to be drained of all its fluids?!
She watches a lot of the Discovery Channel.
The river monsters are everywhere. We're never safe!
Well, I'm glad SOMEONE'S taking their safety seriously.

Now, if you perform accordingly, you'll be able to earn your Naval Gauging badges today. Jo and Molly, you both already have your badges, so you'll be the captains.
And remember--
JEN.
WHAT, Ripley?!
Are there SHARKS??
No, Ripley, sharks live in the OCEAN. This is a RIVER.
Unless they're freshwater sharks!!

Okay, no. There are NO sharks. Can everyone please just PAY ATTENTION to the instructions I am TRYING TO GIVE YOU?
What are you doing?
Me? Nothing.
Can I get a different life vest? I think this one's for a baby.
JEN! What about EELS?
Okay, ENOUGH. Everyone in the canoes, NOW. Ripley, you're with me.
Nooooooo.

You okay?
I changed my mind. I can't do it. I am not going out on the murder river.
You'll do fine. You know those shows make stuff up all the time.
THEY'RE BASED ON TRUE EVENTS, MOLLY.
Any final tips before we go?
Yeah, don't TIP over!
Eh?! Eh?!
Congratulations.
You've earned the Pungeon Master badge.
Haha, awesome.
Are you serious.

Later!
Will you stop paddling like that? You're going to turn us around!
Jo and April are going to pass us! We have to WIN!
See ya, suckers!
Not so bad, is it?
I guess not! It's actually pretty calm and relaxing!
Uhhhhhh, Jen?
I thought you said this was supposed to be an easy route?

FWOOOOOOSH
FFFWWWWSHHH
HOLY MAE JAMISON!!
Everyone head to the shore! It's too dangerous!
AHH!

It's no use! We're caught in a current!
YEAH WE ARE!
I said head for the shore!
We have to save our pals!
I DID NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS, MOLLY!
I don't believe this! Now I have to call the Coast Guard, the River Authority, the National Parks Service, a SWAT team, the CIA, the--
What-- NO! RIPLEY!
MY FRIEEEEEENDS!

Ripley!
Oh no oh no oh no
M-Molly...
What?
RIVER MONSTER!

AAAAAHHHHH
WAHHHH!
Mal!
WAH!

The others are in trouble!
WE'RE in trouble!
AHHHH!
GRRAA
AAUGH
WHAT THE JUNK IS THAT?

Looks like it's scrunchie time!
This isn't the time for a new hairdo, April!
KAPWING
YIPE
GRRRAAAAUGH
YIPE
You guys!
Ripley!

Hey, he's leaving!
This canoe's seriously busted.
I think I can fix this.
I don't think I can fix this.
MOLLY!

I-I don't think she's breathing--
Give her CPR!
I don't even know how to DO that!
I think it involves smooching.
Yeah. Definitely smooching.
How will that help?!
You have to smooch her and blow into her lungs.
Like she's a balloon.
Okay, if you say so.
Puff

It's not working!
Stay calm! We'll think of something!
Do it again!
YAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAA!
I did it! I saved you!
OWWWW! What was THAT for?
Did you just save me?
Yep.
Ripley saves the day!

What did we learn today?
That our worst nightmares are real and we should totally be afraid of them because they ARE coming to get us.
That was so weird! What do you think that guy wanted with us, anyway?
Mal, I'm really sorry...
Why are you sorry? It wasn't your fault.
We should probably get back to camp before it gets too dark.
Later!
I'm hungryyyy.
Well, we can't exactly order a pizza out here.
CANDY BAR!
CHOCO
Where were you even keeping that?
CHOCO
NOOOO CANDY BAR!

Ripley!
Give me back my candy bar, you dumb eagle!
Candy barrrr....

Whoa.
Hey nooooooo!
Ooohhh...
Ripley!

I'm comin', I'm comin'!
Yipe!
OOF
CRACK!
Cave!
KKRRR RRRRRRRR

I don't think we should go in there.
I think we should go in there!
It's getting dark. At least it will be shelter.
Or it could be full of more weird junk.
RIPL--sigh.
COME ON GUYS! WEEE!
YEAHHH!
So, uh.
Yeah. Uh. Cave?
Yes, definitely.

THUNK!

Whoa!
That was SUCH a bad idea.
Okay, so there's just like, NO chance of us having a normal summer, is there?
TO BE CONTINUED...