

Ordinaire #2

A Regular Field Trip

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1. A Normal Trip, Right?... Right?

The students of Ordinare International School were on a field trip on the water. They were on a motorboat and it was for five days.

On the first night, the students were winding down for the night, playing UNO. Everybody was very excited.

Suddenly, a bunch of animals came from the jungle. The army was led by a crow.

"This is a piracy!" the crow cried. "Give us all your food!"

"What?" cried the headmistress. "We won't give you all our food."

"If you won't, your ship will be sunk," said the crow.

"All right, all right, you can have the food," said the principal. Some of the students looked at him quizzically, and some were angry.

"Everybody take out your food!" ordered the principal. Everybody opened their bags and took out their sandwiches. Seagulls swooped down to collect them. One boy didn't want to give up his sandwich. A seagull flew down and just stole his entire bag.

2. "Oops!"

But then... a pigeon came and defecated all over the bag as the seagull brought it back! A fight started and suddenly there was total chaos. People fighting birds, birds fighting people, and birds fighting each other everywhere. As they fought, a group of five woodpeckers accidentally made a hole in the ship.

"Oops!" they said in unison as the water flowed through the hole. The ship began to sink.

As soon as the principal noticed, she shouted, "EVACUATE SHIP! There is a leak!" while drenched in bird waste (she had been battling a seagull). Everybody immediately jumped in plastic floaties and watched the ship sink.

The principal called 999. "No minutes. Does anyone have a phone?" she asked. A student raised his hand. She called 999 on his phone. "Hello, we were waylaid on our field trip by a flock of birds... Shipwrecked us, stole all our food... No, I don't know our coordinates... NO, this is not a prank. Please don't hang up!!"

She put down the phone. "They hung up. Really, people need to be more open-minded!"

"I have an idea. Don't we have flares?" asked the class teacher of class 4.

"Oh, I forgot about those!" said the headmistress. They shot one up the air and hoped for the best. Some students started a game of UNO H₂O, which is a special type of UNO to play underwater.

They all waited

...and waited...

...and waited...

...and waited some more.

3. Back Home

Eventually, a cruise ship came and collected them. They were extremely relieved.

"What happened?" the captain said.

"We were waylaid by some birds, stole our food and sank our ship and everything," the principal explained after introducing herself and the teachers and students.

"Um, okay..." the captain said, bemused, clearly disbelieving. They were dropped off at the school and went home at 8:00 the following day.

Epilogue

"Where is your bag, Tim?"

The small boy whose bag was stolen, said to his mom, "It was stolen by a seagull. They waylaid our ship and sank it."

"Oh, of course," said his mother, attributing it to his overactive imagination.