

OUTSIDE KIDS!

Episode 1

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INT. MS. HERSHMAN'S CLASSROOM - DAY

Ms. Hershman (Late 20s, White, Kind, Bookish, curious teacher) introduces Michael Greyson (8 years old, black, an imaginative person who loves to play games).

MS. HERSHMAN

Alright, welcome back, class! Happy *First Day of School!* I'll like you to meet Michael Greyson; he and his sister moved here earlier in the year. I know some of you'll probably meet them during summer school, but we'll let Michael introduce himself to those who haven't.

(to Michael, whispering)
Michael do you have anything to say?

MICHAEL

(whispering back)
Not really!

MS. HERSHMAN

(regular voice)
Well the floor is still yours yum!

MICHAEL

(mumbling quick)
Hi, I'm Michael Greyson and I like to draw and play video games...Also please don't call me *Mike*, I prefer Michael.

Michael quickly takes his seat next to Kevin (9 years old, black, silly, playful, but a loyal friend), a friend he met in summer school.

KEVIN

Told you she was going to make you do that.

MICHAEL

So embarrassing!

KEVIN

I still don't get why you don't like to be called Mike.

MICHAEL

There was too many Michaels called Mike at my last school...Here I can stand out.

Kevin laughs real hard. Michael tries to tell him to shh.
The clock does a time laps to Play Time.

MS. HERSHMAN
Alright Class is almost time for
recess, put your drawings on the
wall.

Michael shows Kevin a drawing of a fantasy school.

KEVIN
(to Michael)
Wow!...cool drawing man...what is
it?

MICHAEL
It's a drawing of how I see the
school.

KEVIN
Cool, wish I can see the world like
you.

MICHAEL
You could!... Watch, you'll see.
Still down to play hide and seek?

KEVIN
You know it!

MICHAEL
(whispering)
Did you bring *the stuff*?

Kevin looks around before showing a glimpse of his water gun
in his bag.

KEVIN
(whispering)
You know it!..Did you bring yours.

Michael shows him his slingshot and playdoh cart.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Why we need these again?

MICHAEL
For my sister, she's the reason why
we had to move.

MS. HERSHMAN
Alright class! Recess time! Outside
Kids!

All kids from K-5 goes outside for recess.

EXT. SCHOOL'S OUTSIDE PLAYGROUND - DAY

Michael and Kevin meet up with Precious, Michael's younger sister (6 years old, black, a first grader, whose challenging, evil, and mean).

MICHAEL
Hey Precious!

KEVIN
Hey Precious!

PRECIOUS
What's up slowpokes!..you guys
ready to play hide and seek.

Michael and Kevin look at each other in agreement.

MICHAEL
We're down.

KEVIN
We're down.

MICHAEL
But you have to be it first.

PRECIOUS
No problem, I'm faster than you
guys anyway!

KEVIN
Will see about that...I get pretty
fast when I'm scared!

Precious and Michael look at Kevin with a confuse face.

MICHAEL
(embarrassed)
Why would you say that?

KEVIN
(ashamed)
I don't know!

CUT TO:

INT. MS. HERSHMAN'S CLASSROOM - DAY

Ms. Scott (Late 20s, Light-skin, Loud, Funny, fun teacher) a teacher friend of Ms. Hershman, enters the class.

MS. SCOTT
Hey, Tiffany!

MS. HERSHMAN
Hey Chynthia!

They each sip their coffee and tea, while watching the kids play outside the window.

Ms. Hershman ponders at the kids.

MS. HERSHMAN (CONT'D)
I wonder what goes on in their heads when they're playing these childhood games.

MS. SCOTT
You don't remember...It's probably something like this...

CUT TO:

The Game starts and their imagination take over, turning the playground into a magical forest where they can realm free.

Precious does a countdown, while Michael and Kevin run and hide.

Michael and Kevin hide behind a couple of tress, bringing out their stash of artillery.

PRECIOUS
(loudly)
5...4...

Michael and Kevin gear up.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)
3..2..

Michael and Kevin anxiously wait.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)
(scary voice)
1...Ready or not here I come.

Precious viciously turns around, looking for her prey. She HOWLS like a wolf as a fear tactic, scaring Kevin and causing him to sweat.

A drop of sweat from Kevin face hits the ground.

Precious, instantly hearing this, burst towards the sound. Michael hears her footsteps and signals Kevin to keep moving.

Precious reaches the spot that Michael and Kevin were just at.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)
 (scary voice)
 Here kitty kitty kitty!

Michael and Kevin attack from a distance. Hitting her with water and rolled up playdoh. Each landing their hit.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)
 (angry)
 So that's how you want to play it.

Kevin starts laughing hard. Michael signal to him to be quiet. Kevin can't stop laughing. Precious hears this and runs.

MICHAEL
 (whispering)
 Kevin stop laughing I think she can hear us.

Kevin slowly starts to calm down.

KEVIN
 Ok ok!...I think I'm good now, but you got to admit that was...

Precious burst out of the brushes into the air in a ballerina pose.

Kevin looks at her dumbfounded.

Precious lands right next to them.

PRECIOUS
 Well, well, well, look at who I just founded. Guess I win.

MICHAEL
 Noooo! not yet...you got to tag one of us to be it first.

Michael and Kevin run opposite directions.

Precious chase after Kevin.

KEVIN
 (scared)
 Oh no! Why me!

Precious almost tags him. Kevin gets faster out of fear.

PRECIOUS (V.O.)
 Wow! He really is fast!...but not fast enough.

Precious, about to tag Kevin, is hit by another rolled-up playdoh from Michael. Precious slowly turns around and patiently walks toward him.

Michael tries to sling another ball of playdoh, but LOSES them from a hole in his pocket.

Precious's walk AMPLY turns into a full on sprite.

MICHAEL
(quickly)
Wait, wait, wait!

Precious RUSH towards Him. Michael RIPS a tree truck skin to shield himself from being touched but is now pinned down by his sister.

MS. SCOTT (V.O.)
And then she like...I got you now
or something..

CUT TO:

INT. MS. HERSHMAN'S CLASSROOM - DAY

Ms. Scott and Ms. HERSHMAN act out the scene of the kids' imagination.

MS. HERSHMAN
(kid voice)
Oh no you don't! I'm the king of
games!

Ms. Hershman reaches for a pillow near by before she gets tagged.

An older teacher walks by the classroom doorway and see this. She gives them a stern look.

Ms. Scott and Ms. Hershman QUICKY straight up.

MS. HERSHMAN (CONT'D)
Sorry MRS. PITTS.

MRS. PITTS linger away.

Ms. Scott sticks her tongue at her when she leaves. Ms. Hershman quietly laughs.

MS. SCOTT
Ok! Where were we!

HARD CUT TO:

EXT. MAGICAL FOREST - DAY

ANGLE ON: B-ROLL OF THE MAGICAL FOREST

MICHAEL (O.S.)

Nooooo!

CUT TO:

EXT. MAGICAL FOREST - DAY

Precious still got Michael pin.

PRECIOUS

(menacingly)

Looks like I still won!...*Big brother.*

MICHAEL

Still haven't tag me yet...*lil sis.*

Precious evilly smiling, wets her finger to tag her brother with a wet willy.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

Nooooo!

Michael reach for his almost out reach slingshot next to a playdoh ball.

Precious torments her brother by going slow for the tag.

Michael almost reaches the slingshot.

Precious flicks it away and continues her torment...until she hears something.

PRECIOUS

Shhhh...You hear that!

Michael looks confuse.

Precious reacts but it's to late. She is hit with water and is taken right off of Michael.

KEVIN

Gotcha!

Michael CHEERS.

MICHAEL

yeaaaah!

Kevin unleash a barrage of water shots

KEVIN
Ahhhhhhh!

Precious doges some but gets hit a few times and goes into hiding.

Kevin rescue Michael.

MICHAEL
Yesss! We have her on the ropes!

KEVIN
Shouldn't we go on defense...and you know...not LOOSE!

MICHAEL
Or we can go on offense and win!

KEVIN
How so?

MICHAEL
(menacingly)
By hitting her with everything we got unlit she says....I QUIT!

Michael does a evil laugh.

KEVIN
You and your sister got issues.

MICHAEL
(regular voice)
Oh you know it!

CUT TO:

EXT. MAGICAL FOREST - AFTERNOON

Precious all wet use this as opportunity to cloak herself in mud.

MICHAEL (O.S.)
Here kitty kitty Kitty!

Michael mocks Precious.

Precious start using the mud to make replica of herself as decoys.

CUT TO:

EXT. MAGICAL FOREST - AFTERNOON

Michael and Kevin search the magical forest.

MICHAEL
 (to Kevin)
 Stay close Kev...knowing my sister
 she probably cloak herself in mud.

KEVIN
 (happy)
 Hey You called me Kev!...doesn't
 that mean I can call you Mike now!

MICHAEL
 Nope!

KEVIN
 Awww!

Michael discover mudded footprints going down towards a
 rainforest like path. They follow the path.

CUT TO:

EXT. MAGICAL RAINFOREST - AFTERNOON

MICHAEL
 We got to be careful Kev, we're in
 her territory now.

Kevin nod his head right.

KEVIN
 (whispering)
 Michael!... I think I spotted her.

Michael looks in Kevin's direction. They see a mudded figure
 pose next to another mudded figure as if it was making it.

MICHAEL
 (whispers)
 You're right that is her!

Michael and Kevin gear up for a *Hail Mary* play.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
 Alright man!...let's end this.

KEVIN
 Let's do it!

Michael and Kevin RUSH towards the figures screaming a
 battle cry.

MICHAEL
FOR THE WIN!!!

KEVIN
FOR THE WIN!!!

They unleash everything they got.

MICHAEL
Ahhhhhhh!

KEVIN
Ahhhhhhh!

They soon realize that both are decoys and fear kicks in.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Michael I'm scared.

MICHAEL
Me too Kev!

Before they can make a run for it, A monstrous Precious pops up behind them cover in frightening mud.

Michael and Kevin scream.

MICHAEL
Ahhhhhhh!

KEVIN
Ahhhhhhh!

Precious swipes Kevin out the way.

Kevin blocks the hit with his water gun, but stills goes flying, hitting a large tree.

KEVIN
(batter)
Still...not..it!

Kevin faints.

MICHAEL
(yelling)
KEVINNNNN!

Precious does a evil laugh.

PRECIOUS
(monster voice)
HA! HA! HA! HA!...And the winner
is...

Precious goes in to tag Michael but is distracted by the sudden rain.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)
Uh!

CUT TO:

INT. MS. HERSHMAN'S CLASSROOM - DAY

Ms. Hershman and Ms. Scott pause their portrayal of the kids to acknowledge the sprinklers.

MS. HERSHMAN
Oh Look! Someone put on the
sprinklers...awww...it's making a
rainbow.

MS. SCOTT
I bet you in those kids' heads it's
probably like...

CUT TO:

EXT. MAGICAL RAINFOREST - NIGHT

The heavy rain washes Precious's monstrous mud form away.

PRECIOUS
Uh! Didn't need it anyways.

Michael use the distraction to roll out of harms way.

MICHAEL
You're sure about that.

Both pick up sticks and prepare for the last duel. Lighting and Thunder roars.

PRECIOUS
You ready?

MICHAEL
Ready!

Both soaking in the rain, they rush towards each other, ready to strike.

PRECIOUS
Ahhhhh!

MICHAEL
Ahhhhh!

Both start stick fighting.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
This is all your fault!

Thunder and Light roars once again.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
(dramatic yelling)
Why do you always have to cause
problems.

PRECIOUS

(yelling)

I don't see how standing up for yourself is causing problems...That sounds like a problem solver if you ask me.

MICHAEL

You're calling me a coward!

PRECIOUS

If the shoe fits.

Fighting continues.

MICHAEL

I was surviving.

PRECIOUS

You did nothing! When those older kids started bullying us on the bus, you just stood there.

Michael looks at a reflection of himself in a puddle of mud water. Michael's shame turns into anger.

MICHAEL

And you just had to be the hero...Now look where we're at!

PRECIOUS

You're just mad because I did what you wanted to do!

Precious tags Michael.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)

(exhausted)

Now I win.

Michael tags her back.

MICHAEL

Now you're it.

Precious tags Michael back.

PRECIOUS

You're it.

Michael and Precious go back and fourth tagging each other.

Kevin gets up and start watching from the sideline. The sun comes out and it stops raining.

KEVIN
Hey you guys!

MICHAEL
You're it!

PRECIOUS
Your're it!

KEVIN
Can we play a different game
now...this is getting kinda boring.

CUT TO:

INT. MS. HERSHMAN'S CLASSROOM - DAY

Ms. Scott and Ms. Hershman are both exhausted from playing
make believe.

MS. HERSHMAN
Well, that got real!... Do you
think that's what's going on in
their heads?

MS. SCOTT
I talked to their parents about
it...apparently, there was a
situation on the bus that added to
them moving here.

MS. HERSHMAN
Wow...for a second there, I thought
you were talking about Mrs. Pitts
and me.

Ms. Scott stays silent.

MS. HERSHMAN (CONT'D)
I stand up for myself!

MS. SCOTT
But do you though?

Mrs. Pitts and other fellow staff members walk by the
classroom.

Ms. Hershman gets into a militant style pose to acknowledged
there presents.

Neither Mrs. Pitts or the staff bother to look their way,
they just walk pass.

MS. SCOTT (CONT'D)
Feel better!

MS. HERSHMAN
Shut up!

Both bust out laughing.

MS. HERSHMAN (CONT'D)
So what now!

MS. SCOTT
(suggestion)
We finish the game and end recess?

MS. HERSHMAN
How do we finish the game?

MS. SCOTT
Not sure! Let's see what the kids
are up too.

CUT TO:

INT. MAGICAL RAINFOREST - DAY

The kids decide to wander the magical playground realm to see what other games they can play before recess is over.

PRECIOUS
I'm bored!

KEVIN
Yeah Mike.

Michael Looks at Kevin.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
I mean Michael...What's the next
game we can play?

PRECIOUS
Recess is almost over.

Michael panics, but soon hear kids laughter.

MICHAEL
Let go check out that area.

Michael points to a dark clouded foggy reddish location.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
I can hear kids having fun over
there.

KEVIN
Yeah, big kids! That's the 4th-
grade battleground. Mostly older
kids play over there.

Michael looks at her sister.

PRECIOUS
I'am going!

She head down the red foggy path.

MICHAEL
Peanut Head (Precious) wait!

Kevin looks at Michael

KEVIN
(to Michael)
You're not going to go after her?

MICHAEL
She made her choice.

KEVIN
She's your sister?

Kevin goes in after Precious.

MICHAEL
(Yelling)
KEVIN!
(Whisper to himself)
I don't want to be alone.

Michael finally enters 4th grade battle realm.

CUT TO:

EXT. RED FOG BATTLEFIELD - DAY

Michael wanders the fog area, hoping he will see Kevin or
Precious.

MICHAEL
(Whisper yelling)
PRECIOUS...KEVIN...WHERE ARE Y'ALL.

There are no kids in sight, but Michael can here laughter in
the background.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
I don't like this!

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
 (Actually yelling)
 You hear me, Precious and Kevin, I
 don't like this, I'm heading back,
 recess is almost over anyway.

The way they came in gets lost in the fog.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
 What is this place?

Kevin pops up behind him.

KEVIN
 I don't know, man! This is my first
 time in here.

Michael surprised.

MICHAEL
 Where were you and where is my
 sister?

KEVIN
 I don't man...for both answers.

Michael smacks his head and shakes it.

MICHAEL
 How do we get out of here?

KEVIN
 I don't think you do; I think we
 have to play.

MICHAEL
 But what game are they playing?

CUT TO:

EXT. RED FOG BATTLEFIELD - DAY

Precious all alone, tries to find Michael and Kevin and
 figure out what game they're playing.

PRECIOUS
 MICHAEL!!!...KEVIN!!!...Where are
 you guys.

A kid runs past her as if the kid is trying to get away from
 something.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)
 WOW!

A red dodgeball goes flying pass Precious face, hitting the kid. The kid turns into a puff of red mist that joins the red fog.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)

(scared)

Oh no! Dodgeball.

Kids laughter turns into screams.

(CONT'D)