

Calming the Storm

Scene: Near Lake Galilee

Levi & James are set up with a table and a sign that says 'Lake Galilee Thrill Seekers' with a picture of a boat in stormy weather.

Characters – Levi, James, Woman, Boy, Girl, Man

Levi: Let's set up over here. Lots of people come past here. It'll be a great spot.

James: Are you sure this is a good idea?

Levi: It's a great idea. Trust me.

James: 'Trust me', he says. We did get in trouble over your last scheme, if you remember. 'No-one said we couldn't make a bit of money on the side' he says.

Levi: Well, what was going to happen with all that left over wine after the wedding. Six jars full!

James: I know... but 'Levi's Liquor Land'? That was not one of your better ideas. What was it the Master said to you?

Levi: Alright, don't remind me. This is different. Now listen, here come some prospective customers.

James: OK, I know what to do. Excuse me madam, you look like you enjoy adventure.

Woman: I beg your pardon!

James: You look like you enjoy adventure.

Woman: I'm a married woman! How dare you!

Levi: No, no, that's not what he meant at all. Didn't you see the sign?

Woman: Lake Galilee Thrill Seekers. Defy the Depths! What on earth is this?

James: Imagine being out on the lake in a small fishing boat....

Levi: Suddenly the weather turns stormy....

James: The waves roll and crash...

Levi: The lightning cracks...

James: The thunder booms...

Levi: The boat tosses and turns and you think you're going to drown...

James: Sounds exciting, eh?

Woman: Oh my goodness, I think I'm going to be ill...(rushes off)

Levi: But wait, you haven't heard the best part.

James: It's quite safe really.

Levi: Look, here come two more. They look a bit more daring. Hi there, thrillseekers!

Girl: Are you talking to us?

Boy: Thrill seekers?

James: I bet you don't get scared easily.

Girl: Only when he looks in the mirror first thing in the morning.

Levi: How would you like the ride of a lifetime?

James: Imagine being out on the lake in a small fishing boat....

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Girl: Is that it?

Boy: C'mon, let's go play "Temple Invaders". It's awesome.

Levi: But wait, there's more!

Girl & Boy: Free steak knives?

Levi: No! Just when you think you're about to drown, he gets up.

James: He points up at the thundering sky, he points out at the crashing waves.

Levi: He says in a commanding voice, 'Peace, be still!'

James: And everything is calm.

Levi: You row safely back to the harbour.

Girl: And.....?

James: Um...that's it. Sounds terrifying heh?

Boy: Sounds dead boring.

Girl: Doesn't anybody get killed?

Levi: No, you get saved. But you get really, really scared first.

Girl: Yeah, I'm shaking in my shoes just thinking about it.

Boy: C'mon let's leave these two losers alone. (they walk off)

Girl: (laughing) 'The lightning cracks'....

Boy: 'The thunder booms.....'

James: Well, that was an outstanding success.

Levi: It was scary wasn't it?

James: Well, I was terrified. When I got home I had to change....

Levi: That's enough! And the way the master calmed that storm. Such power!

James: It was like he became someone else. Or maybe we didn't really know him before.

Levi: Somehow it's not the same when you tell other people.

James: Well, I think it's time for my plan now.

Levi: I guess you're right. (turns sign around - the Sign says 'Lake Galilee Pleasure Cruises' with a picture of a boat on a calm lake.)

James. That looks lovely. Look, here comes a customer. Excuse me sir, you look like a man of discernment.

Man: Are you trying to sell something? I've already got plenty of steak knives.

James: How about a peaceful cruise on Lake Galilee?

Levi: Just the thing to soothe the troubled soul.

Man: Sounds very inviting. But doesn't the lake get a bit rough sometimes.

Levi: Well, er, yes, it can.

Man: The waves get quite big at times, don't they?

James: Yes, they crash against the boat.

Levi: And the thunder booms...

James: And the lightning cracks...

Levi: And you feel like there's no way out...

James: Like you're going to drown...

Levi: And the boat spins round and round and round...

James: And you just want someone to rescue you...

Levi: And then... (Man sits down and puts his head in his hands) Are you alright?

Man: Sorry, I just know what you mean.

James: Being out in the storm?

Man: Wanting someone to rescue you. My wife is very ill. They don't know what's wrong with her. I feel like we're being tossed about in a storm and there's no way out. I wish someone could help us. (long pause. then he gets up and walks off)

Levi: I feel as if we should have said something.

James: Yeah, I know. But what can you say in a situation like that.

Levi: (phone rings) Hello...uh huh...gotcha. Bye. OK, time to pack up. That was Peter. The Master says there's a big school of fish coming towards the harbour.

James: Alright! Did he say we should bring our raincoats?

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