Cast List:

DAN 90
CHRIS 71
DON 37
ELISE SR. 32
ELISE 29
COLBY 19
CRUNCHY 12
MR. MUMBLES 9
COP 6
REPORTER 2
DISPATCHER 1
TITLE CARD

"Dan vs." floats at the top of the screen.

EXT. CHRIS’S HOUSE - EVENING

Chris drags a large plastic trash can to the curb. He puts the trash can down and walks back to the house—where he is tackled by Dan, who leaps out of the bushes wearing facepaint and carrying a hatchet.

1 CHRIS
Aaahh!

2 DAN
Hack! Hack! Hack!

As Dan "hacks" at Chris, his hatchet makes a hollow BONK-BONK BONK against Chris’s forehead.

3 CHRIS
Help! Ah! Hel- Wait, Dan?!

4 DAN
You’re probably wondering why I’m wearing facepaint and attacking you with a plastic toy hatchet.

5 CHRIS
This is not okay. What do you think you’re doing?

6 DAN (gleeful)
It’s that time of year again!

7 CHRIS
Oh, it’s "Put-on-facepaint-and-attack-your-best-friend-with-a-hatchet Day" already?

8 DAN
Of course not! That’s not until January. It’s "DismemberFest!"

9 CHRIS
The horror film festival?

10 DAN
You got it! "Slasher Cats" starts at noon tomorrow, followed by "Eek the Murderer."

(CONTINUED)
11  CHRIS
I can’t go this year, Dan. Elise’s parents are taking us on a camping trip.

12  DAN
You have got to be kidding me.

13  CHRIS
Hey, I’m not happy about it either. Although I must admit I don’t like those movies anyway.

14  DAN
But it’s no fun to go to slasher movies by myself! Plus, it’s hilarious when you hide your eyes.

15  CHRIS
Sorry, but I have an opportunity to finally get Don and Elise Sr. to like me.

16  DAN
When are you going to learn? They’re your in-laws. Natural enemies. Like sharks and robots.

17  CHRIS
Anyway, we’re going up to Lake Sequester for the weekend, and-

18  DAN
Whoa, whoa. Where?

19  CHRIS
Lake Sequester.

20  DAN
Oh, you won’t go to slasher movies, but you’ll go there?

21  CHRIS
Sure, why not?

22  DAN
Are you kidding me?

DISSOLVE TO
EXT. CAMPGROUND - NIGHT

The Hockey Mask Maniac tears through a campground with his chainsaw as campers scream and run.

23 DAN (VO)
It’s where the Hockey Mask Maniac ran amok ten years ago!

24 CHRIS (VO)
You’re making that up just to scare me.

BACK TO

EXT. CHRIS’S HOUSE - DAY

25 DAN
No, it’s true. It’s the basis for the goriest, bloodiest, most iconic slasher movie of them all; "The Campground Chainsaw Unpleasantness."

26 CHRIS
Okay, you should go now.

27 DAN
Well, I’m not leaving until you agree to- Hey!

Chris grabs Dan and forcefully escorts him back to the street.

28 DAN (CONT’D)
Let me go! Unhand me, I say!

He pushes Dan unceremoniously up to the trash on the curb.

29 CHRIS
I’m going on the family camping trip, Dan. And that’s final.

Chris goes inside. Dan raises his fist to the sky and shakes it.

30 DAN
FAMILY CAMPING TRIP!

TITLE CARD
"the Family Camping Trip" slams into place under "Dan vs."
ACT I

INT. DAN’S APARTMENT - DAY

Dan paces in front of a large whiteboard with "WAYS TO RUIN A CAMPING TRIP" written at the top. Under that, we see "1) Cause downpour/hurricane - but how?" "2) Kidnap Chris? Lots of heavy lifting," and "3) Killer bees? Hmm..." Dan is on the phone.

31 DAN
What do you mean you can’t mail order killer bees?! I need killer bees! You send me-
(Dan’s phone BEEPS)
Hold on.

Dan clicks over.

SPLITSCREEN / INTERCUT WITH:

INT. CHRIS’S ROOM - DAY

Chris is on the phone while he packs.

32 CHRIS
Hey, Dan.

33 DAN
Oh, Chris. Good. Have you come to your senses?

34 CHRIS
I’m still going camping, if that’s what you’re asking.

35 DAN
Hey, that reminds me. What food allergies do Elise’s parents have?

36 CHRIS
You’re not going to ruin the camping trip, Dan.

37 DAN
Says you.

38 CHRIS
Also, I would like you to stop sending me creepy emails about the Hockey Mask Maniac.

(CONTINUED)
Chris looks at his computer screen, where a news article about the Hockey Mask Maniac (complete with scary picture) is displayed. The headline is "HOCKEY MASK MANIAC TERRORIZES CAMPGROUND, CAMPS WITHOUT PERMIT."

39  DAN
They’re not creepy, they’re factual news articles.

40  CHRIS
What about the clips you keep sending me from scary movies?

41  DAN
Based on true stories!

42  CHRIS
You know I don’t do well with this stuff. I saw "The Campground Chainsaw Unpleasantness" as a kid and it scared the heck out of me. Completely ruined the entire genre.

43  DAN
(concerned)
You know, Chris, if you don’t push through, you’re never going to get desensitized.

Chris hangs up. Dan looks at the phone for a second. Then he presses the button and starts talking again.

44  DAN
Where was I? Oh, right, killer bees...

INT. CHRIS’S ROOM – DAY

Elise pokes her head into the room where Chris is packing.

45  ELISE
My folks are here.

46  CHRIS
They are? They’re three hours early.

47  ELISE
Welcome to my world.
EXT. CHRIS AND ELISE’S HOUSE - DAY

Don and Elise Sr. have parked in the driveway and are walking to the house.

48 ELISE SR.
Wow, look at that. When’s the last time someone watered this grass?

Chris and Elise walk out. Elise hugs her parents.

49 ELISE
Mom! Dad! You’re early!

50 DON
We made good time from Vegas. Fun drive. I never saw so much desert.

51 ELISE SR.
Until we took a look at your lawn here, Junior.

52 ELISE
Mom...

Chris smiles, goes to hug Elise Sr.

53 CHRIS
Hey, Mom, welcome back.

Elise Sr. puts a hand up to stop him.

54 ELISE SR.
Wait, we’re hugging now?

55 CHRIS
(backing away)
Uh, I guess not.

56 ELISE SR.
No, that’s fine. Give me a hug.

57 CHRIS
I... don’t want to anymore.

58 ELISE
Chris, give my mom a hug.

Chris gives Elise Sr. an awkward hug.

59 DON
No hug for me, thanks. Are you all ready to go?

(CONTINUED)
60  CHRIS
I haven’t finished packing yet.

Don SIGHS impatiently and glares at Chris.

61  ELISE
Why don’t we go inside and have some iced tea?

Elise holds the door for her parents, who go inside.

62  CHRIS
They hate me.

63  ELISE
They don’t hate you.
(beat)
Okay, they kind of hate you. But it’s not your fault. They haven’t liked anybody I’ve ever dated.

64  CHRIS
(huffy)
Except Colby.

65  ELISE
Well, sure, him...

INT. CHRIS AND ELISE’S HOUSE – DAY

Elise Sr., Don, and Elise drink iced tea in the living room. Don yells into Chris’s bedroom.

66  DON
You go ahead and take your time, Chris! Whenever you’re ready!

67  ELISE
Dad, knock it off!

68  DON
Oh, I’m just kidding with him. It’s kind of our thing.

Don laughs, Elise glares at him.