

DECISION PARK

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INT. Home Depot Color Chip Section

A Wife and Husband are mid-conversation, staring quizzically at the paint chips

WIFE

No no, Lost Pine Green will look terrible with the Wealthy Mahogany Oak cupboards

HUSBAND

What about the Half Burnt Orange Tan?

WIFE

Hmm, that could...balance out the red tones of the Oak.

HUSBAND

We'll go with that one then?

WIFE

God I just don't know, we're going to have to face this decision every time we cook food, take out the trash, recycling...I just..I..

Wife takes off running

INT. TYPICAL OUTDOOR PARK IN A CITY, A FEW TREES, LOTS OF GREEN SPACE, A GAZEBO

SHOT ONLY SHOWS A SMALL SECTION OF PARK

Wife runs into scene

She drops her hands to her knees, exhausted and out of breath, and her face is twisted into confusion

Then she heaves a sigh of relief

WIFE

(in a whisper)

Yes, Yellowed Countryside Off White, yes, that's it

CAMERA PANS OUT TO REVEAL THE PARK IS FILLED WITH PEOPLE QUICKLY COMING AND GOING FROM THE PARK FROM ALL DIRECTIONS,

LOOKING CONFUSED ON ENTRY, AND RELIEVED ON EXIT

A news reporter enters the scene

NEWS REPORTER

(In cheesy news reporter voice)

I am here visiting Decision Park today to celebrate the magical land's 100th year anniversary, of being owned by the Oklahoma City Park's Committee, but this piece of decision granting land has existed for as long as the Oklahoman memory permits. Let's ask some folks in the park what decisions they're making here today.

News reporter approaches a couple happily crying and hugging

NEWS REPORTER

Hey folks, would you mind sharing what decision you made here in Decision Park?

WOMAN

(Sniffling and smiling widely)

We're not getting divorced

NEWS REPORTER

Because you previously worked out your problems, or the park told you so?

MAN

(Streaming tears)

I think we've known we should stay together all along, the park just showed us the way

NEWS REPORTER

Beautiful! Let's see what this guy over here is deciding.

News reporter approaches a man holding a half empty bottle of brandy, smiling widely

NEWS REPORTER

Hey sir, what did you decide?

BRANDY MAN

(with a genuine smile)

It's time to send my kids to a foster home. I'm an alcoholic and I can't

give them the care they deserve.
(breaks into happy tears, wiping them away)
God I love this park

NEWS REPORTER
A truly responsible decision

A squirrel approaches and tugs on the news reporter's pant leg

NEWS REPORTER
Oh hey little guy, are you making some decisions?

SQUIRREL
(squeaks, dialogue appears in subtitles, news reporter nods along as if they understand)
It is finally time for my brothers and sisters to push back against the human race. This was our park that was forcefully taken from us 100 years ago. We used this magical space to guide us to the best location of acorn hiding, until the humans came here and decided Decision Park was for themselves. Get ready for the firey rampage of squirrel fury that will burn down society as you know it.

NEWS REPORTER
Aw! Squirrel rebellion! This park has it all.

Camera pans in to News Reporter's face

NEWS REPORTER
I had a great time today celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Decision Park. Back to Darrel and Rhonda in the Studio.

INT. NEWS BROADCASTING STUDIO

RHONDA
What a place. I'm so happy we have such a lovely park in our city.

DARREL
Aren't we all Rhonda?

RHONDA

We truly are. We'll be back next week
with the Boy Who Cried Wolf, or Shall
We Say Golf.

News Credits begin to run over screen, and News music plays.
Rhonda and Darrell lean back, chatting like a typical post
news segment credit run off.

Rhonda and Darrell begin arguing (no sound), and then both
jump out of their chairs and run out of the shot as credits
and music still plays.