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The Neighborhood

"Welcome to the Blazin' BBQ"

ACT ONE

1. A1: Calvin tells Tina that he pulled his back at the shop, so he just wants to rest and recover in his big chair at home with no interruptions, but Dave enters. Dave reveals signed them up as a team for a barbeque challenge. At first Calvin is annoyed, but then his mouth waters and competitive nature won't let him back down. He's in.
2. B1: Tina decides she wants to organize a community garden with Gemma to bring the neighborhood's wives together, in the empty lot at their corner. The both work on items to agree to plant.
3. A2: Tina is upset that Calvin is doing the BBQ challenge because he should be taking care of his back. Calvin promises to take it easy, but Tina knows how he gets down when it comes to grilling. Dave arrives in an over-the-top chef outfit, Calvin tells him that he'll have to take the lead so he doesn't damage his back further. Wife's orders.
4. B2: At the garden, Tina and Gemma have decorated it nicely and bond while planting seeds and leftover "plant buds" from Gemma's old job. Wives from the neighborhood arrive and start to hang out. They take a liking to Gemma's plants.
5. A3: Calvin and Dave compete fiercely in the challenge, but Dave gets tired and begins to slow them down. Calvin, not wanting to lose, takes the lead.
6. B3: Tina is happy that lots of wives are showing up, but she didn't realize that so many of them smoke. The garden is overrun, and Tina struggles to control the chaos of women coming to escape their families— she quickly realizes what they're smoking from the small... weed. Gemma unknowingly planted a bag of cured marijuana. Gemma wonders if they should try a little of it to make sure, but Tina gives her the side eye.
7. A4: Calvin is on a mission, flipping, slicing and dicing, when suddenly his back goes out completely. Dave tries to assist, but Calvin is more concerned with what's "at steak!"

ACT BREAK

ACT TWO

1. A1: Calvin starts to tell Dave everything to do, and Dave works like crazy to keep them on track. At this point, Calvin is laid out on the ground in pain.
2. B1: Tina confronts Gemma about the plants. Gemma says it's just marijuana and it's making the wives free of the stress of their families. But Tina points out they don't have a license to grow weed, so they've got to stop it before some authority finds out.
3. A2: The judges come over to Calvin and Dave's girl, and give the pair 10 minutes to get Calvin off the ground and continue the competition. Dave attempts to lift Calvin, but Calvin yells out in pain... But Dave has an idea.
4. A3: Calvin gets treated in the back of an ambulance, and his back is doing better now that he's on heavy painkillers. He turns down a hospital visit and when the EMTs (Dave's friends) suggest prioritizing his health, he tells them he already has a wife. He and Dave return to the competition and grill like beasts.
5. B2. Tina and Gemma work to dig up the weed, but are suddenly busted by two cops who think they are vandalizing the garden. Tina and Gemma quickly explain that it's their garden, but lie to the police... someone planted marijuana and they are removing it before someone smokes it- by accident.. Just then, a wife shows up... needing something to get through the night. it's one of the cops' wives. He pulls Tina to the side thanking her... smoking weed has made their household so much happier. Tina and Gemma think they have an idea for a new business model.
6. Calvin and Dave win the competition... they celebrate, just as the meds wear off and Calvin collapses to the floor with his trophy in hand.
7. A4: Calvin finally gets to relax in his big chair, eating their BBQ while Dave gives him a back massage... proving that they make a great team.

END OF SHOW