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KETTLE HILL SPRINKLER DAY

Commercials / Deadpan / 30 sec
Cast 2 Any x2

Kettle Hill Mutual is a home insurance company. Two neighbors stand on their lawns with coffee while a broken sprinkler floods one yard, then the other. The actors play total calm. Nobody raises their voice and nobody moves. The comedy is in the stillness.

CHARACTERS

PAT - 30s to 50s, any gender, a homeowner standing ankle deep in water, completely unbothered

SAM - 30s to 50s, any gender, the neighbor, dry, curious, not yet aware of what is coming

SETTING

Two neighboring front lawns on a sunny morning, one of them flooding from a sprinkler head shooting straight up.

Two front lawns side by side. On the left, a sprinkler head shoots water twelve feet straight up.

PAT stands ankle deep in the puddle, holding a coffee. SAM stands dry on the other lawn, also holding a coffee.

SAM
(flat)

That's a lot of water.

PAT
(flat)

Yep.

SAM
Is it supposed to do that.

PAT
Nope.

A garden gnome floats slowly past.

SAM

(beat)
You have Kettle Hill?

PAT
I do.

SAM
Oh. Then you're fine.

PAT
(sips coffee)
I know.

The sprinkler sputters. A second geyser erupts on SAM's lawn.

SAM
(looks at it, then at Pat)
I don't have Kettle Hill.

PAT
(sips)
I know.

Title card: Kettle Hill Mutual.

SAM
(to camera, still flat, water rising)
Kettle Hill Mutual. Covered means calm.

END OF SCRIPT