



Bad Theatre / WiFi in a Bag

Cast:

Lead Trainer

Assistant

Audience volunteer 1

Audience volunteer 2

Setting: To be read out loud by the workshop moderator

A storm has just hit, and everyone has been evacuated to The Convent of the Perpetual Flame of Purity's gymnasium, which has been converted to a temporary emergency storm shelter hurricane evacuation safety zone medical assistance center soup kitchen. Two people, one woman, a single mother looking for her child, and a confused man, looking for his teacup yorkie named Madex. There is no cell service or WiFi in the building. *What will they do?*

(Both volunteers are wearing [ponchos](#))

Woman: Someone please help me. I can't find my son! My phone has no service.

Man: (yells) Madex! MADEX! MADEX? Someone please help me, like, I can't seem to find my dog, like, anywhere. And like, this stupid smartphone won't work.

Woman: Excuse me, I'm looking for my son. Have you heard anything about the kids from the Zumba Kung Fu Yoga Quinoa Day Care Center being around?

Man: Uhh, I, like, have my own problems. I can't seem to, like, find my dog Madex. *He's a teacup yorkie....*

In unison: Ugh, why isn't there at least a shared chat app we could use on a free pop-up local WiFi network?! Who can help us?!

The theme from Knight Rider comes on (assistant plays it on their iPhone through her Bluetooth speaker)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4XjxPiKyPk>

The lead Trainer and the assistant run in, take backpack off, look at each other, pause, and start to bob their heads to the beat. Then the assistant, looking annoyed, nudges the trainer and they get to work on setting up the temporary network. The trainer unpacks the bag, one piece of gear at a time, as the assistant holds up signs that say what each piece of gear is.

The trainer realizes their one ethernet cable is broken ([sad trombone sound plays](#)). The assistant busts out the crimper and gets to work making a new cable from scratch while the trainer plugs in the routers, battery packs, laptop, and Raspberry Pi. The Trainer keeps tinkering obsessively with the TP-Link antennas to get them to be lined-up perfectly even.....The assistant slaps his hand. When the RISE:NYC network is live they hold up a sign with the name of the network for the audience to discover and a sign with the URL and instructions for the Etherpad. If possible, the laptop is plugged into a projector/monitor to show the Etherpad as the audience logs on and types a greeting.....or suggest where to find the mom's kid and the man's teacup yorkie named Madex.

End.

