

Episode Two: “In the Buffer”

Narrator: It’s time for another episode of the Barkleavies: A Family Tree with Issues. Bud has been hanging out in the buff-er and his wife, Chlorophyllis, doesn’t understand why? How will he explain himself this time?

Chlorophyllis: “Bud, please stop doing that! It’s embarrassing. The other trees are already talking about it.”

Bud: “Doing what? I’m not following you, dear”

Chlorophyllis: “Ahem (clearing throat)...your behavior next to the stream. Why? I don’t get it!”

Bud: “They’re all doing it!”

Chlorophyllis: “Who exactly?”

Bud: “Who isn’t? The silver maples, the river birches, the willows, sycamores like me.”

Chlorophyllis: “That’s sick alright!”

Bud: “Look, it feels totally natural for me to be in the buff-er.”

Chlorophyllis: “You better clean up your act!”

Bud: “I’ll clean up the stream that’s what I’ll do. That’s what living in the stream buffer is all about. We shade the streams, filter run off, and help keep stream banks from washing away. There’s nothing wrong with that kind of strip (cough) of trees.”

Chlorophyllis: “Hmmm. I guess not (pause) but you better keep some of your bark on. You’re catching a cold.”

Narrator: “To learn more about stream buffers, go to www.iConservePA.org/buffers