

Scene 22

#7c – World's Largest Refrigerator

In an airplane hangar, BONNIE is feeding animals, as DOUG gets increasingly frustrated.

BONNIE

Doug's helping me feed the animals—and after security checks each plane – slow as cold molasses—we finally find eight dogs, nine cats—one of whom's epileptic—not to mention two rare Bonobo chimpanzees! And the female Bonobo is pregnant. We've got to get them off these planes!

(into the phone)

Hello? Is the Mayor there? It's Bonnie Harris again. Yes, I'll hold.

DOUG

FAA was pretty clear about "No rare chimpanzees on Canadian soil."

BONNIE hands a bucket to DOUG.

BONNIE Doug. Take that.

BONNIE DOUG

—what is that?

DOUG BONNIE

It's rare chimpanzee shit. What do you think it is?

(into the phone)

Yes? The mayor! Yes! I'll hold!

DOUG

(finally losing his patience)

I've got to get back to Air Traffic Control!

BONNIE

Doug—look up! Do you see anything flying?

DOUG

I can't see across the friggin Atlantic!

BONNIE

Just get me more litter from the truck!

DOUG

Get your own litter!

DOUG exits.

BONNIE

Fine then! Goodbye!

(into the phone)

No! Not you! Hello? Hello?!

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CLAUDE & GARTH

Jaysus!

JANICE

2:10pm. School bus drivers "thinking about" leaving the picket lines.

CLAUDE

What's the point of an emergency if no one treats it like an effing emergency? ... And you can quote me on that.

HANNAH

The flight attendants keep telling us nothing's wrong - but I've got kids and I've got grandkids—I know when someone's hiding something. And when parents need their kids to stop asking questions... They start playing movies.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

We ran through every movie we had: Legally Blonde, Doctor Dolittle 2, and... Titanic.

DELORES

(totally drunk)

NEAR... FAR... WHEREVER YOU—

ALL

NOTHING TO DO, NOTHING TO SEE

THANK GOD WE STOPPED AT THE DUTY FREE

WHEREVER WE ARE

NICK

Do you mind if I sit here? I need to get some work done and there's some drunk people at the back of the plane singing at the top of their lungs.

DIANE

No... Of course. I'm Diane.

NICK

Nick. How are you doing?

DIANE

I'm worried about someone. He was flying today. I just wish there was some way to tell him where I am.

NICK

Newfoundland—no, you know that—you just can't tell him. Right. I'm hoping you're one of those people who laughs when English people say awkward things.

DIANE

I just wish we knew what was happening.

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#6c – Nick and Diane

On one of the busses, NICK approaches DIANE.

NICK

Mind if I sit here? The drunk people from our plane are snoring back there...

DIANE

Oh hello, Nick! Please do... I thought we'd lost you.

NICK

No—I just needed to get an emergency prescription filled—my medication is in my suitcase. Nothing serious. Not like, "Ohmygod, he's off his medication." I'll stop talking now.

DIANE

It's fine.

NICK

...It's heart medication. I've got a slight arrhythmia – nothing serious. There you go – everything you need to know about me.

DIANE

Okay. I'm allergic to bananas and I have never had the chicken pox.

THEY both smile.

NICK

Any news yet about your husband who was flying today?

DIANE

My—? No—do you mind if we just don't talk about that. I haven't been able to get to a phone.

NICK

I'm sorry. I'll help you find a phone as soon as we get... wherever we're going.

Scene 21**BEVERLEY**

I don't leave the hotel. I wait by the phone. Wait for someone to tell me we can fly again. Planes aren't made to just sit on the tarmac – planes are made to be in constant motion. They arrive, you switch crew, you switch passengers, you empty the honey buckets, and then the plane keeps going. When they sit still for too long, well, it's not good for 'em. They start to break down.

#7b – *It's Sure a Nice View*

DIANE

Our pilot says we're not leaving anytime soon, and Nick says...

NICK

I might get a picture or two before we go.

KEVIN T

I finally convince Kevin to go for a walk.

KEVIN J

There's four of us to begin with. This Texan woman and this English guy with a disposable camera and a huge stick up his ass.

KEVIN T

They're nice enough...

(pointing at KEVIN)

Kevin and I are a little wary of telling people we're together.

KEVIN J

I mean you just don't know how redneck people can be.

DIANE

(happily)

This nice gay couple come along with us.

NICK

We kind of make small talk. They ask me what I do.

KEVIN J

He works for this oil company in England and she was there visiting with her son.

NICK

Wait... You've got a son?

DIANE

Yes. David. The one who was flying on Tuesday.

KEVIN J

She goes on and on about England and how she didn't get to travel when she was married.

NICK

Wait... You're divorced?

DIANE

Yes. For a long time now.

KEVIN T

(to Nick)

What about you?

NICK

No. Not divorced, I mean... Not that I'm married! I'm neither. I travel a lot for work—

KEVIN T

Kevin and I work for an environmental energy company. It's my company—and Kevin's my secretary.

KEVIN J

I'm his sexy-tary.

KEVIN T

Anyway—we do a lot of green work, so we generally hate people who work in oil.

NICK

I just got the feeling that they hated me.

DIANE

Then they want to go into some old building that looks like a shed. Now, they'd heard it was a bar, but I wasn't going into a bar in the middle of the afternoon with three men I had just met.

NICK

And I think, I'll stay with Diane, you know, instead of the gay men who hate me.

THEY exit in opposite directions.

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DIANE

We're told by our pilot to stay close to our shelters so we're ready to go again.

NICK

But Diane wants to take one last look around. And I can't let her go by herself.

DIANE

And we find a gorgeous lookout: the Dover Fault.

DIANE stands on a chair and looks out.

NICK

(exhausted)

There's about a million stairs.

DIANE

It's beautiful. Nick! You've gotta see this.

HE steps up next to her and looks.

NICK

(looking)

Wow...

DIANE

I can't believe we're here.

NICK

I know.

DIANE

I can't believe we're leaving!

NICK

(quietly)

I don't want to go.

DIANE

What did you say?

NICK

I don't know. I'm—I'm going to get a picture or two.

DIANE

Oh, okay.