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25 EXT. CAROLINE'S MANSION - WATERFRONT PATIO - NIGHT (N5) 25

The male escorts have left. Caroline tops off Nancy's CHAMPAGNE as Bethany and Diane laugh their high AF asses off.

START →
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BETHANY
(to Caroline)
Top me off, Swoop!

Diane takes a swig from her glass, realizes --

DIANE
I can't feel my face.

NANCY
You probably caught an STD.

DIANE
Oh no. He was clean. I checked.
It's the coke.

BETHANY
Best candy I've ever had. And I
blew my way through Bogotá. Wait.
That came out wrong.

Bethany and Diane LAUGH, rip another line --

DIANE
(re: the coke)
What is this shit? It's amazing.

CAROLINE
Fish Scale. Only world class blow
for you sluts.

BETHANY
Better fucking believe it.

Bethany stares out at the downtown Miami skyline --

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BETHANY (CONT'D)
Drug money built up this shithole.
Look at it now, wannabe Manhattan.
(snarky, to Caroline)
Home to a wannabe blue blood.

CAROLINE
(to Bethany)
Been meaning to congratulate you.

BETHANY
On what?

CAROLINE
Your divorce.

BETHANY
It happens.

Caroline lifts her drink for a toast, roasts Bethany --

CAROLINE
You married Lenny for money. May
your next union be for love.

BETHANY
Oh please. You're one to talk.

CAROLINE
What do you mean?

BETHANY
Your marriage was falling apart
before Chad met his tragic end.

Caroline reacts as if she's been slapped, insists --

CAROLINE
Chad and I were happy.

BETHANY
If you were so happy, why'd he tell
Lenny he was leaving you? Had
papers drawn up and ready to go.

Caroline is deeply stung, a long-kept secret is now in the open. Diane gasps. Nancy is shocked.

DIANE
Is that true?

BETHANY
(blisteringly)
Of course it's true.
(MORE)

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BETHANY (CONT'D)

Swoop was Chad's starter marriage. He tried to make it work, then realized he wanted to be with one of his own kind. It's a miracle it lasted as long as it did given how different they are.

Caroline fights the urge to strike Bethany, moves away from the group to calm herself down. Bethany, oblivious, rips another line. Nancy joins Caroline, who forces a smile --

← STOP



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START → FIND Caroline with Nancy and hungover Bethany, and Diane in SUNGLASSES, STEALTH WEALTH SWEATSUITS and DESIGNER CARRY-ONS.
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CAROLINE

Safe travels.

DIANE

Bye. Great reunion. I'd hug you but it might make me throw up.

CAROLINE

You have a whole year to recover until we do it again.

BETHANY

(disgusted by the thought)
Ugh. I cannot even think about partying right now.

Ungrateful, Bethany waves --

BETHANY (CONT'D)

Just get me on the flight so I can pass the fuck out. See you next year, Swoop.

As Bethany and Diane head towards the TSA OFFICER KIOSK, one of the drug dogs indicates -- *Bethany's carry-on*.

POLICE OFFICER

I need to check your bag, Ma'am.

BETHANY

Why?

POLICE OFFICER

(re: the dog)
She indicates, we search.

Bethany begrudgingly opens her carry-on --

BETHANY

Fuck. Fine. I miss my flight? You lose your job.

The Officer checks Bethany's bag, discovers -- Fish Scale.

BETHANY (CONT'D)

(freaking out)
That's not mine --

POLICE OFFICER

Arms behind your back.

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Bethany, terrified, obliges. As she's being handcuffed, her eyes fall on Caroline, who is watching --

BETHANY
Caroline. Do something!

Caroline makes no move to help, cracks a small, victorious smile. Diane, worried for Bethany, cries out to Nancy --

DIANE
Nance, you're a fixer. Fix this!

BETHANY
I can't get arrested -- I'll lose custody!

←END