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CAST LIST

DAWN.....SARA BAREILLES
WICKIE.....RENÉE ELISE GOLDSBERRY
GLORIAPAULA PELL
SUMMERBUSY PHILIPPS
LARRY.....JONATHAN HADARY
SCOTT.....DANIEL BREAKER
NICK.....DEAN WINTERS
ASHLEY.....ASHLEY PARK
YOUNG GLORIA.....ERIKA HENNINGSEN
LIL STINKER.....JEREMIAH RICHARD CRAFT
STEVIA.....PENELOPE RICHMOND
DERBY.....MARY THERESA ARCHBOLD
MAX.....JULIUS CONCEICAO
JIMMY FALLON.....HIMSELF
CARSON DALY.....JOE CHISHOLM
CARSON DALY VOICE.....CARSON DALY
CONSTRUCTION WORKER 1.....DANNY DOHERTY
CONSTRUCTION WORKER 2.....GABRIEL LOPEZ
TECH.....JOY LYNN JACOBS
PRODUCER.....JAYSON WESLEY
SOUND ENGINEER.....DILLON GEYSELAERS
RUDI.....KENNETH DE ABREW
STU.....SEAN DONNELLY
P.A.....NIC INGLESE
OLD CUSTOMER.....BRIAN CORRIGAN
PEDESTRIAN.....RANDI KAPLAN
REGIS PHILBIN.....ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

1 INT. RECORDING STUDIO - BOOTH - FIVE MONTHS AGO

1

A young rapper, LIL STINKER, listens to his flow while he lays down ad libs.

LIL STINKER (INTO MIC)
... Bllllip-bllllip! ... Wloool
wloool! ... Brrrrrup prrrrup!

PRODUCER (O.C.)
Genius ad libs, Lil Stinker!

LIL STINKER
Na man, that's all nature: Double-
crested cormorant, fan-tailed
cuckoo, common-ass kestrel!

1A INT. RECORDING STUDIO - MIX - A LITTLE LATER

1A

Lil Stinker, with a PRODUCER and a YOUNG ENGINEER, holds headphones to one ear.

LIL STINKER
Na, I don't like that sample!

PRODUCER
It's "Baby Shark" backwards but we
can find something else.
(sotto to sound engineer)
Keep it cheap.

The engineer nods and plays clips as Lil Stinker listens.

SOUND ENGINEER
You could go with Joe Scarborough's
funk album, anything by the Stones --
Sharon or Oliver -- this by
Girls5eva --

Lil Stinker bobs his head. His producer smiles, remembering.

PRODUCER
Oh yeah, they were a thing for a
second around '99, 2000. Remember
them, Lil Stinker?

LIL STINKER
No! I was a baby in '99. Ask
smarter questions, Paul.

(MORE)

WICKIE

We've been best friends ever since
we auditioned for a man in a motel
in New Jersey.

GLORIA

We all saw the same ad written onto
a newspaper.

DAWN

But it was fate Larry picked us
'cause we're gonna be friends 5eva,
famous 5eva, young 5eva --!

ASHLEY/GLORIA/WICKIE/SUMMER/DAWN

Maybe 6eva!/Or 7eva!/Infinity-eva!/
Or 4eva!/Longer than a Willennium!

The footage FREEZES. We PUSH IN on Dawn's ecstatic face.

SMASH CUT TO:

3 INT. WEILL CORNELL IMAGING CENTER - PRESENT DAY (MORNING)

3

Dawn today (40, less joyful, graying roots) is at a mammogram
machine. A radio plays quietly as the TECH adjusts her.

TECH

I have to say, your breasts are
perfect... for a mammogram.
They're already so smooshed.

DAWN

Thank you. My son had a violent
latch.

The clamp lowers. Dawn tries to fill the awkward silence.

DAWN (CONT'D)

First mammogram. Guess I'm
officially a ma'am now.

TECH

Take a deep breath and hold it.

As the tech crosses to the imaging screens, Dawn pulls up
hearing her own voice on the radio.

LIL STINKER/GIRLS5EVA (ON RADIO)

Brrrrrup prrrrrup!/SO WHAT ARE U
WAITING 5?

Dawn reacts stunned. She turns to the radio.

TECH
Ma'am, please do not move.

DAWN

I can't do the imaging if you
don't stay --

Sorry. Is this a new song?!

Can I just Shazam it real
quick --?!

Dawn reaches for her phone but her right breast is pinned.

TECH (CONT'D)
You cannot leave the machine!

DAWN (CONT'D)
It's stretching like taffy!

MAIN TITLES

4

EXT. CAFÉ RISTÓRÁNTÉ - LATER

4

A rattled Dawn hurries up to a small Italian restaurant in Queens. STAFFERS and a few CUSTOMERS are outside, annoyed.

DAWN
Sorry!

OLD CUSTOMER
I need food now!

DAWN (CONT'D)
(unlocking, to waiter)
Javier, get Randy some bar cherries
so he can take his pill.

5

INT. CAFÉ RISTÓRÁNTÉ - KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

5

Dawn sits and googles "Lil Stinker" on her phone, trying to figure this out, as her brother, NICK (50), barges in.

NICK
I got a call the restaurant is
locked?! I can't be running down
here to do your job, Dawn. I've
got five to six businesses!

Dawn's husband SCOTT enters, winded, wearing a bike helmet. He doesn't see Nick at first.

SCOTT
Your brother said the restaurant
was locked so I biked back from
work.

DAWN
Then why'd you come, Nick?!

NICK
Because he's slow!

Scott shrugs, "That's true." Then, hearing something:

SCOTT
Wait, is that --?!

Dawn nods, a little freaked out, and shows off a VIDEO ON HER PHONE of Lil Stinker in an OPULENT BATHTUB with an owl.

DAWN
This guy Lil Stinker sampled
"Famous 5eva" I guess?

SCOTT
Awesome!
NICK
How much you get?

DAWN
I just found out about this.

NICK
Well he can't use it for free. We
need a new walk-in. The lambs keep
coming back to life. Track down
that old manager --

DAWN
(avoiding)
Larry? No, it's fine. I'm sure
I'll get a check eventually or
maybe I can just email iTunes?

NICK
This is the only one of my nine to
ten businesses that's losing money.
Find Larry. Get the money! And
wear the jacket for the commute.

He tosses her a cheesy bomber jacket that loudly advertises
Café Ristóranté: "Huge Portions Guaranteed!"

6

INT. PLUMB MANAGEMENT - MIDTOWN - LATER

6

Dawn, in the jacket, reluctantly enters a cluttered office to
find LARRY PLUMB tapping on dozens of phones and laptops. He
spots her and reacts, arms wide.

LARRY
Dawn Solano?! Get in here!
(catching self)
Uhp, I just did mandatory
sensitivity training so how about a
side hug where none of our parts
touch?

He side hugs her inappropriately somehow. She wiggles out.

DAWN

Hi, Larry. Still at it, huh?

LARRY

(tapping devices)

Heck yeah. It's all about clicks nowadays. I got my own little streaming farm going on. I'm generating "likes" for this teen who sings so quiet you can't even hear her. I gave her a spooky makeover; she's gonna be the next Billie Eilish!

He slaps a laptop with a yardstick.

DAWN

Cool. You said you had a royalty check?

LARRY

Yeah, it's been sitting here for months.

He roots around and hands her a check.

DAWN

Three-hundred-and-seventy-two dollars?

LARRY

My classes taught me to recognize the look of a "disappointed woman". Your face is doing that face.

DAWN

Great catch. No, I just thought -- I mean, it made Hoda's Playlist!

LARRY

Dawn, nobody gets rich off a sample. This was a simple licensing deal based on the terms of your original contract with "Plumb Management and Junk Removal", and artists never make dick --

(catching self, "feminist")

-- or vagina! -- off their first record. What can I say? Somebody took advantage of you.

DAWN
(quiet)
Yeah, you.

Larry grabs more checks while one hand continues tapping.

LARRY
Do me a favor and get these to the
other gals?

DAWN
Larry, I haven't seen anyone in
forever and I'm busy --

LARRY
(throwing them away)
I'll just toss them then --

DAWN
No don't do that! That's real
money! I'll... I'll mail them.

She removes them from the trash can.

LARRY
If you cut yourself on a cat food
can, it's because I do have a cat.
He's just not here right now.

DAWN
(pulls up, noticing)
"Void after ninety days"? Larry,
these expire in --

DAWN (CONT'D)
(doing math)
-- two days.

LARRY
(confused)
What is this, a party trick?

LARRY (CONT'D)
Then you better deliver them by
hand. You could use the steps.
(shooing her out)
Good to see you. We'll catch up
next time, so much has happened --
Brexit, tiny houses, Bindi Irwin is
hot, et cetera -- Bye, Dawn!

Dawn exits, reeling. She's gotta deal with this now?!

SUMMER (CONT'D)

Come meet Stevia. But don't touch
her, she's not vaccinated!

9

INT. SUMMER'S MCMANSION - KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

9

STEVIA (8, Kardashian hair) holds a lip palette up to her
phone, which is on a tripod attached to a ring light.

STEVIA (TO CAMERA)

This Brody Jenner's ex-wife's
Poutgasm palette has me super sad-
face that I only have one mouth --

Summer enters with Dawn.

SUMMER

Stevia!

STEVIA (CONT'D)

And that take is ruined.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

Sor-ry! Momma's friend Dawn
brought you... something to unbox!

She hands Stevia the gift. Dawn is embarrassed.

DAWN

Oh, I thought you were four, tops,
because... time is fast now.

Stevia pulls out a plush penguin, dead-eyed. Then, "polite":

STEVIA

Thank you, but if you want me to
show your product on camera, you
really need to go through my reps.

Dawn reacts, "Huh?" as Stevia grabs her set-up and exits,
annoyed.

SUMMER

Stevia's an internet thought
leader. She started that thing
where you throw all your mom's
jewelry in a pool.

Dawn eyes Summer's wall of Girls5eva memorabilia, including
an old "Tiger Beat" with Summer kissing a boyband cutie, KEV,
next to a recent photo of Summer kissing the same guy.

DAWN

How is Kev?

SUMMER

Amazing! He's an entertainment
reporter at W-TIT News Tampa!

DAWN
Tampa like Florida?

SUMMER
Kev insisted we stay in New Jersey
so as not to disrupt Stevia's
education even though she's
homeschooled. He comes back the
thirty-first of every month that
has one of those!

DAWN
(ignoring that)
Hey, so I found Gloria's work
address online, but I guess I gotta
FedEx Wickie's check to L.A. Do
you know where --?

SUMMER
Dawn, Wickie Roy does not need
three hundred dollars.

Summer holds up Wickie's latest INSTAGRAM STORY: Wickie,
looking glamorous in a scarf, is in front of a private jet.

WICKIE (INSTAGRAM STORY)
On the runway to the runway!
Fashion life. Wheels up heels up!

SUMMER
Her shoe line is number one in
China and they have the most feet.
Oof, how we gonna get her for the
reunion?

DAWN
Summer, there's no reunion!

SUMMER
Don't say that!

She does a TV slap with both hands in front of Dawn's face.

SUMMER (CONT'D)
Good, right? I've tried out for
"Housewives" eight times.

DAWN
Cool. I should probably head out
so I can drop off Gloria's --

SUMMER
I'll drive you! I just got my
license back! Reunion!

DAWN

Good for you. I manage a restaurant Yelp calls "a guilt-free place to have a bathroom blowout."

GLORIA

Sure, a dentist is stable, but it's no dream job. I have a form of rosacea that's from other people's breath.

A beat. Then, lightening the mood:

DAWN

Didn't I hear you got married?

GLORIA

Yep. Caroline and I were actually the first gay couple in the state of New York to get... divorced. So. Making herstory.
(off their looks)
But don't worry, I have a new roommate: My rapidly-aging father!

She laughs, "Fuck me!" A long beat. Dawn's phone breaks the silence.

DAWN (INTO PHONE)

Larry, I delivered the checks --

She listens, then turns to the others, stunned.

DAWN (CONT'D)

Oh God. Girls5eva booked a gig.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

13 INT. PLUMB MANAGEMENT - A LITTLE LATER 13

A hesitant Dawn and Gloria and a pumped Summer sit opposite Larry. Summer does dips on her chair. Larry refreshes devices as they talk.

DAWN

"The Tonight Show"? Are you serious?

LARRY

Serious as the heart attack that killed my first wife. There was no foul play on that SCUBA excursion!

(then)

Lil Stinker booked "Fallon" and Jimmy thought it'd be cool if you did live back up.

GLORIA

Does Wickie know about this?

LARRY

I left a message at her L.A. office but I wouldn't count on her. Have you seen her Instagram? She only follows Michelle Obama and Swarovski.

Dawn shakes her head, "This is a bad idea."

DAWN

But "Famous 5eva" is a three-part harmony. We need at least four voices because Summer doesn't count.

SUMMER

Yeah, I always drift to whatever the person closest to me is singing, remember? That's why I have handicap plates? The only thing I can do solo is end songs with a sultry femi-nasty phrase.

14 INT./EXT. VARIOUS LOCATIONS 14

QUICK HITS of sexily Summer capping off G5E MUSIC VIDEOS.

A) In OUTER SPACE.

SUMMER

But that's just Paris, baby.

B) In a BARN, Summer throws a cowboy hat at camera.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

See you never, boy!

C) Summer crawls on the hood of a SPORTS CAR.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

What we gonna do about Kosovo,
y'all?

15

INT. PLUMB MANAGEMENT - PRESENT DAY [BACK TO SCENE]

15

A phone starts ringing. Larry answers a cellphone.

LARRY

Hello?

We still hear ringing. He reacts, "Wrong phone!"

LARRY (CONT'D)

Uch, streaming-farm problems, fam.

(trying other phones)

Hello? ... You got Larry! ... Clear
for Larry.

(feels pants, "Aha!")

Ah, pocket! That's why I wrote
"pants" on my hand!

(takes it out and answers)

Go for Larry!

JONATHAN (O.C.) (ON SPEAKER)

(posh British man)

This is Jonathan Barron, assistant
to Wickie Roy.

Everyone pulls up, surprised Larry got a call back.

JONATHAN (O.C.) (ON SPEAKER) (CONT'D)

As fancy has it, Ms. Roy is headed
east to Milan to launch a line of
room temp refrigerators called
Fabinets. Very eco-chic! I could
tickle the schedj so she could pop
into New York for your little show --

LARRY

Hot damn!

(to women)

Now we just gotta find Gloria!

GLORIA
I'm Gloria.

16 EXT. PLUMB MANAGEMENT - A LITTLE LATER 16

The women exit Larry's office building, reeling.

SUMMER
I can't believe Wickie is in!

GLORIA
It doesn't make sense. I thought she was "done with music" because her true passion was being an international iconi-mogul-preneur.

DAWN
Guys, I don't know if we should do this. We're not little Ariana Grandes anymore. I'm getting targeted ads for a cream that fights "Party Streamer Neck".

GLORIA
And I doubt I can still do The Excelsior.

Gloria attempts a kick; it's small and weird.

DAWN
I haven't even performed since our follow-up album tanked.

SUMMER
Why'd it have to drop September tenth?

17 INT. GREENSCREEN [MUSIC VIDEO FOOTAGE] 17

Girls5eva is dancing, dressed like stewardesses.

GIRLS5EVA
QUIT FLYING PLANES AT MY HEART!

18 EXT. PLUMB MANAGEMENT - PRESENT DAY [BACK TO SCENE] 18

DAWN
What did that song even mean?!

GLORIA
No idea.

SUMMER

(psyching them up)
Guys, you never forget how to perform. It's like riding a bike into a river to get your husband to pay attention to you.

DAWN

("elephant in room")
It just... feels weird to make any decisions without Ashley.

Gloria and Summer share a look, agreeing.

19

INT. "TRL" STUDIO - 1999 [MTV FOOTAGE]

19

The Girls5eva interview. Ashley whips her hair, then:

ASHLEY

I'm Ashley! This is actually my seventh girl group after Daddy's Crush, Fate's Baby, J.O. Sisters, Aaand Twins, Diva Cups, and Der Frauzeit. They all failed but I have an amazing feeling about the future!

SMASH CUT TO:

20

EXT. A TINY CEMENT PARK - PRESENT DAY (A LITTLE LATER)

20

A plaque reads "In Memory of Ashley Gold, 1979-2004, Love ya 5eva." WIDEN TO REVEAL it's on a bench occupied by Gloria, Summer, and Dawn in a dingy park.

DAWN

I suck. I haven't been here since the dedication.

GLORIA

Neither. I remember it being nicer. Didn't we all plant a tree?

They spot a dead tree on its side. A CONSTRUCTION WORKER peeks out of a nearby manhole and shouts to his CREW.

CONSTRUCTION WORKER 1

I found the fatberg! It's bad.
Baby wipes, diapers -- Come on,
New York! Wipe with ya hand!

The women shake their heads, "Oof, this is bad."

DAWN

Ashley deserves better than this.

GLORIA

She was like our big sister. She got us through all of our break-ups with Moby.

SUMMER

Ash, we miss you, and know if you were here, you'd tell us what to do. Give us a sign if we should do the show?

Dawn and Gloria roll their eyes. After a beat, Construction Worker 1 hot-foots it by the women, calling back to the other four workers.

CONSTRUCTION WORKER 1

I gotta run! My wife's in labor!

CONSTRUCTION WORKER 2

But we can't do this with four!
It's a five man job, Ashton!

CONSTRUCTION WORKER 1

(stops, inspirational)

Yes, you can. It'll be different, sure, but you can do it without me.

Dawn and Gloria, mouths agape, can't ignore this sign.

DAWN

("oh boy")

Okay. We're gonna do "The Tonight Show".

SUMMER

What was the sign?
(noticing, gasps)
A pigeon! Ashley's favorite bird!

21

INT. DAWN'S APARTMENT - LATER (NIGHT)

21

A nervous Dawn, dye on roots, mud mask on face, holds two wrinkled dresses up to Scott, who is doing back exercises on the rug. Their son, MAX (3), runs around.

DAWN

Dress I wore to my dad's wedding or
dress I wore to your dad's wedding?

SCOTT

My dad's. Is it gonna be weird to see Wickie? Did she ever apologize for ditching you guys?

22 INT. TV STUDIO - 2002 [TV FOOTAGE]

22

Wickie is giving an emotional tell-all interview.

WICKIE

After a disappointing second album, I've decided it's time to go solo.

(tearing up)

I've taken Girls5eva as far as it can go. Cards on the table, they drag me down. See, there's a point when you're trying to save a drowning person where you just have to let go. Otherwise they'll hit you with their panic-arms and drown you too.

CUT TO REGIS PHILBIN [ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE] on the set of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire: Celebrity Edition." A beat, then:

REGIS PHILBIN

Okay. And what charity will you be playing for?

WICKIE

Oh. Um... medicine?

23 INT. DAWN'S APARTMENT - PRESENT DAY [BACK TO SCENE]

23

DAWN

No, she didn't apologize. And I never said anything because I never say anything to anyone ever. I saw Giuliani on the street the other day and all I said was "Happy Tuesday."

Dawn wipes up Max's milk spill. Then, convincing herself:

DAWN (CONT'D)

But it's one show. I can get through one show with her. And I'm sure she's grown up a lot. She hangs out with the Dalai freaking Lama!

Dawn scrolls Wickie's lavish Instagram. We see Wickie with the DALAI LAMA, more photos of jets, fancy shoes, etc.

SCOTT

Never been a big Dalai Lama fan.
You live in the Himalayas and don't
mountain bike?! What?!

24

INT. "THE TONIGHT SHOW" - BACKSTAGE - THE NEXT DAY

24

A P.A. walks Dawn, holding a garment bag, down the hall.

DAWN

Do you guys have a steamer? I hung
my dress in the shower but it fell.

P.A.

Yes, but Wardrobe pulled some looks
in case you'd like options.

They stop at a DRESSING ROOM. Inside, Gloria and Summer happily sip iced teas and browse a rack of high-end outfits.

P.A. (CONT'D)

Can I get you anything before
rehearsal? Water, an iced tea?

DAWN

I'd love an iced tea.

The P.A. nods and crosses off.

DAWN (CONT'D)

I literally can't remember the last
time someone offered me something.

GLORIA

This is a stark contrast from this
morning when my disoriented father
grabbed my thigh.

DAWN

I so did not appreciate this stuff
like I should have back in the day.

SUMMER

I know! It's like, how many twenty-
year-olds could say they'd been
attacked by two stage cats?

Gloria, now in a bra, is trying on a blazer.

GLORIA

Well I'm gonna savor the s. hit out
of tonight.

She puts some coasters and a couch pillow in her bag.

25

INT. "THE TONIGHT SHOW" - HMU - LATER

25

STYLISTS put finishing touches on the women. Larry tries not
to touch a rack of underwear. Gloria, to a stylist:

GLORIA

Crank that pony tight as J.Lo's. I
want my ears to touch!

A producer, STU, enters.

STU

Girls5eva? Hey, so one of your
members has not checked in --

SUMMER

Oh, no, Ashley died swimming off the
edge of an infinity pool. See, she
was partying with magicians --

STU

No, Wickie Roy isn't here --

The women panic.

DAWN

Why'd I think she'd be normal?! No
one gets more normal as they age
except Nicole Richie!

GLORIA

Farts! Elephant farts!

SUMMER

Maybe Mr. Fallon could do it with
us?!

LARRY

As who, Neil Young?! Those genres
don't mix, Summer!

GLORIA

What are we doing?! Who's the
leader? I can't take it on! Between
my dad's sleep-running and having
full custody of four spaniels --

DAWN

I don't know what we're doing!

A panicked Gloria shows off the world's biggest pit stains.

GLORIA

Are my pit stains bad?

SUMMER

We gotta get out of this!

She starts panic-trashing the room.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

We'll say there was a robbery!

DAWN

To what end Summer?!

STU

(hand on headset)

Uhp, flag on the play! ... She's where?

Wickie flounces by the open door in full HMU. The women run to the DOORWAY. Wickie looks impossibly glamorous. In a SLOW MOTION HERO SHOT, she looks back at them:

WICKIE

Let's go, ladies.

The women react, relieved and a little annoyed. Gloria starts dousing her outfit with water to mask the pit stains.

GLORIA

I gotta make it match. I gotta make it all pit!

26

INT. "THE TONIGHT SHOW" - STAGE - MOMENTS LATER

26

Girls5eva takes their marks. Gloria's dress squishes as she walks. She turns to Wickie.

GLORIA

Just to get ahead of it, it's me, Gloria.

WICKIE

I know, I used context clues.

At his desk, JIMMY FALLON holds up Lil Stinker's album.

JIMMY FALLON
Here to sing "Line Up": Lil Stinker
and, remember these ladies? So
cool! Girls5eva!

Lil Stinker starts rapping. After a few beats, the lights
come up on the women; they immediately turn it on, belting:

GIRLS5EVA
GONNA BE FAMOUS 5EVA/CUZ 4EVA'S TOO
SHORT/GONNA BE FAMOUS 3GETHER/CUZ
THAT'S ONE MORE THAN 2GETHER!

They sound amazing and slip into old choreography. You don't
forget how to perform! The AUDIENCE and Jimmy are into it.
Larry watches from the wings, enjoying it. Gloria does an
impressive kick.

GIRLS5EVA (CONT'D)
GONNA BE FAMOUS 5EVA/CUZ 4EVA'S TOO
SHORT/SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING 5?
GIRLS5EVA!

27

INT. "THE TONIGHT SHOW" - BACKSTAGE - A LITTLE LATER

27

Over closed studio doors Summer caps off the song, sexy:

SUMMER (O.C.)
But that's just Dallas, muchachos!

Applause. A beat. The doors fly open and Girls5eva bursts
backstage on a massive performance high.

SUMMER (CONT'D)
I sang my own part I think!

DAWN
(overwhelmed)
We were... good.

Gloria braces herself, experiencing a foreign sensation.

GLORIA
Gals. Something's up with me. I
feel weird.
(tastes own mouth)
Is it a mini-stroke? No. I know
this, I've felt it before.
(realizing)
Second grade. Jenny Nestley
brought a kitten to show-and-tell.
It's joy!

An ecstatic Gloria punts an empty water cooler bottle. Lil Stinker passes them and smiles.

LIL STINKER

That was stanky, ladies! That means good.

He heads into his DRESSING ROOM. Wickie turns to the women.

WICKIE

That was... fun. I can't believe I'm saying this, but we should do more shows with him.

DAWN

Wait. For real?!

WICKIE

5-real. Running a fempire is fulfilling in every way, but I forgot what it feels like to murder a crowd of tourists.

SUMMER

Reunion! I'll clear my schedule.
(scrolls iCal until:)
Ooh, I'm supposed to get my car detailed in April, but I'll cancel.

DAWN

Okay. Reunion.

GLORIA

Let's celebrate and go the eff out! Somewhere with columns!

SUMMER

The M&M Store has spaghetti now!

WICKIE

We could do my suite at the Peninsula... or what if we went to that cheesy rotating hotel bar in Times Square?

SUMMER

Like we did after "TRL"?

WICKIE

We thought it was so "fancy"! It'll be hilarious!

GLORIA

Done! Come on, Sum, help me to our dressing room. I got joy legs.

She holds onto Summer as her leg makes an involuntary movement. They cross off. Wickie links arms with Dawn.

WICKIE

Let's chat deets with Stinks. I'll do the talking, famous to famous -- make sure we don't play any states that are rectangles, et cetera --

They enter Lil Stinker's DRESSING ROOM. Wickie throws up her arms, life of the party:

WICKIE (CONT'D)

Oh, Stinkerrr!

END OF ACT TWO

29

INT. "THE TONIGHT SHOW" - DRESSING ROOM [FLASHBACK]

29

Wickie and Dawn talk to Lil Stinker as HANGERS-ON mingle.

WICKIE
Great news, Girls5eva is in for
your tour, provided --

LIL STINKER
What? No. Y'all look like you
freeze grapes for dessert. People
are gonna think I'm your baby. And
I'm a big boy!

DAWN
But you said we were "stanky".

LIL STINKER
'Cuz I'm nice, but real talk, y'all
kinda remind me that all this...
might not last forever. That fame,
in its essence, is transient. And
I don't like that feeling!

He chugs a beer. Larry enters and attempts a cool handshake.

LARRY
Cool, cool, git it git it, let me
tiz-ake thiz-iss, Stanks.
(to the women)
No one wants you, okay?!

WICKIE
Fallon did --

LARRY
Yeah, because they have a boner for
nostalgia. They reunited "Saved By
the Bell", "Keenan & Kel", everyone
from Iran Contra. You think I
haven't been working the phones all
day? There's nothing out there!
For ladies, "thirty-five is check-
out time", that's a quote from our
greatest president. Have a nice
life!

Dawn reacts, gutted. Wickie fumes. He air-honks their
boobs, "Bye," and crosses to get a beer.

LARRY (CONT'D)
See? I air-honk now. Growing.
Learning. Ally.

30 INT. MARRIOTT ROOFTOP BAR - PRESENT DAY [BACK TO SCENE] 30

WICKIE

Dawn didn't want to "spoil tonight", but I can't listen to this delusion anymore. Honestly, I get why no one wants more Girls5eva, because this mess is tragic.

(stands, "over this")

Music was never my bag anyway, bags are my bag because I'm launching a bag line. They're bat leather and they're tiny as bats!

She exits with a wave. Gloria sighs.

GLORIA

Aaaand there goes the joy. So long, joy. Perhaps we'll meet again during colonoscopy drugs.

DAWN

Ashley wouldn't let her walk out on us like that.

SUMMER

Yeah but Ashley's not here. She's a bench now, Dawn.

Dawn downs her drink, then, making a decision:

DAWN

Then I'll be Ashley.

She charges after Wickie. Summer and Gloria react, shocked.

31 INT. MARRIOTT MARQUIS - ELEVATOR - MOMENTS LATER 31

Dawn gets in the elevator with Wickie as the doors close.

DAWN

You know who's the real little stinker? You.

WICKIE

What are you doing?

DAWN

Calling you out. For insulting us, for making us panic before the show, and for never once apologizing for anything because you're the big shot with the perfect life --!

The elevator stops on the 28TH FLOOR. Dawn pulls up.

32

INT. MARRIOTT MARQUIS - 28TH FLOOR - CONTINUOUS

32

DAWN

Why aren't you going down to the lobby?

She notices Wickie is holding a Marriott room key.

WICKIE

My pilot is staying here. I was just... going to give him gas and sashimi money. Bye, Dawn.

Wickie hits "L" for Dawn and exits. Suspicious and a little drunk, Dawn follows. Wickie knocks on a door confidently.

WICKIE (CONT'D)

Captain... Phillips? It's Wickie!
(a beat, then, "casual")
Probably at the Admirals Club. You know pilots.

Not buying it, Dawn grabs the key and swipes it.

33

INT. MARRIOTT MARQUIS - HOTEL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

33

Dawn pushes Wickie into a room. There are wig blocks, bras drying over a lamp, makeup and minibar wrappers everywhere.

DAWN

This is your pilot's room?

WICKIE

Are you saying a bald woman can't be a pilot? Wow, Dawn.

DAWN

(realizing, "unbelievable")
You're lying. I should have known. It's like when you were "dating Rick Fox" but you'd only let us meet him really far away!

WICKIE

What? That was totally Rick Fox --

DAWN

Then how come he never yelled back about basketball?!

(MORE)

DAWN (CONT'D)

I never said anything because I was
"the chill one" but now I'm forty
and I don't care! Also I've had
three --

(whispers)

-- Negronis.

WICKIE

Did you just whisper
"Negronis"?

DAWN (CONT'D)

I don't know the word's
history!

WICKIE (CONT'D)

(blurts, admitting)

Fine! I'm staying here, okay? The
show put me up here, the show flew
me out here, and I almost missed
everything because I volunteered to
get bumped for cash and had to
connect through Port-Au-Prince!

DAWN

So obviously you don't have a jet.

WICKIE

I just work at the Van Nuys
Airport, Sherlock!

34

EXT. VAN NUYS AIRPORT, L.A. - DAYS AGO [FLASHBACK]

34

The scene from earlier. Wickie is in front of "her" jet.

WICKIE (INTO PHONE CAMERA)

-- wheels up heels up!

A young man, RUDI, charges up as we GO WIDE to see that
Wickie is wearing overalls under her scarf.

RUDI

The hell you doing, Wickie?!
There's a shit-ton of geoses by
Runway Two! And take that scarf
off! You wanna get sucked into a
engine?!

WICKIE

Sorry, sir.

Cowed, she takes off her scarf, picks up a shotgun and
crosses off, loading it.

35 INT. MARRIOTT MARQUIS - HOTEL ROOM - PRESENT DAY [BACK TO SCENE] 35

WICKIE

I shoot geese at the airport! And
I get paid by the goose!

DAWN

There is no fempire. So who's --?

WICKIE

(British male voice)
Jonathan Barron?! Me, you
fannywank!

(drops accent)

I stole that move from Trump!

DAWN

Oh, but we're the tragic ones?!

WICKIE

I was never "done with music",
okay?! After I went solo, the
label decided I was "difficult"
just because I wouldn't let my
backup singers wear makeup and
refused to play venues that also
did sports.

(sighs, frustrated)

I thought this Lil Stinker stuff
was gonna be my ticket back to the
fame and lifestyle I am owed --

(belting)

-- BECAUSE OF THE VOICE GOD PUT IN
MY MOUTH!

DAWN

Well, sorry it turned out to be
nothing. It must've been us
dragging you down again.

(digging in purse)

I guess you do need this.

She gives Wickie her check. Wickie takes it, embarrassed.
Dawn exits, pissed. A beat.

WICKIE

Oh don't walk out of here all
superior when you couldn't even
tell --

(holding up Instagram)

-- this isn't the Dalai Lama! It's
an old man dressed as a hot dog!

Wickie stops drinking. She's being recognized?!

DERBY (CONT'D)

You gals sounded good. Sure got me and my boyfriend dancing! He'd been drinking, so the escalation didn't work but that's not on you. Ooh! Can we do a selfie or are you sick of randos bugging you?

WICKIE

(loving this, off name tag)
Not at all, Derby. You are a beautiful soul.

Wickie poses. Derby grins and snaps a selfie.

DERBY

It's great you're still working with those ladies. 'Cause I'll tell ya, the friends you make when you're young? They're the ones who really know you. They're not just trying to suck up 'cause you've got --
(re: herself)
-- a trampoline now.

Wickie takes this in. Derby leans in, grinning.

DERBY (CONT'D)

You don't have to drink it all. Go on through, Famous Lady.

Wickie gathers her luggage with dignity, then pauses, wheels turning.

38 INT. DAWN'S APARTMENT - LATER

38

Dawn and Scott are asleep on the couch. Scott is snoring.

THE AMERICANS (ON TV) (O.C.)
For this secret, sex again!

WICKIE (O.C.)

Dawn! Dawn! Dawwwwwn!

Dawn snorts awake and stumbles to the window. It's Wickie.

39 EXT. DAWN'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

39

WICKIE

DAWN

Oh good, you still live here.
Of course you do, Italians
never move. Let me up!

(fierce whisper)
Max is sleeping. No!

40 EXT. DAWN'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER 40

Tired, arms folded, Dawn meets Wickie on the sidewalk.

WICKIE

Look, I'm not the best at apologies. I mean, I'm the best at a long list of other things, but... I'm sorry. I always thought I needed to be on my own to shine but I was wrong. You girls don't drag me down. You make me better. I actually wish I was more like you, all happy --

DAWN

Wickie, no adult is all happy. I'm an anxious mess. My most recent Google searches were "hidden signs of stroke" and "can a mouse get in your vagina at night?"

WICKIE

It can.

DAWN

(admitting)

Last night was the first time in forever that I felt like a person.

WICKIE

Dawn, I think we should do this again. Forget Lil Stinker, forget Larry. I don't care if we have to start from the bottom, people like hearing us sing. And they can't take our voices. Those are ours.
(off her reluctance)
Just tell me you don't need this like I do and I'll leave. I'll go back to L.A. via Bogata on Kirkland Airlines.

Dawn hems and haws, torn. Then:

DAWN

Fine. I need this. I need this!
(then, noticing)
Are your boobs smaller?

41 EXT. CAFÉ RISTÓRÁNTÉ - LATER (MORNING) 41

Dawn pulls up in a Café Ristóránté van. Girls5eva unloads Ashley's bench, puts it on the sidewalk. They sit, content.

DAWN

This is a better spot for Ashley.

WICKIE

Yeah, this feels good.

GLORIA

(psyched but nervous)

Well, strap in. Four grown ladies trying to be pop stars? Get ready for the same level of respect I get when I ride my recumbent bike. People throw fountain sodas at me!

WICKIE

No, we got this. 5-eva on four.
1, 2, 3 --

GIRLS5EVA

(harmonizing)

5-EVA!

As we CRANE UP on this joyful moment, a PEDESTRIAN walking by throws a fountain soda at them.

PEDESTRIAN

Too early!

FADE OUT.

END OF EPISODE