SCENE 8

BEULAH

CRYSTAL, I SAW ON THE NEWS THAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR BLANKETS AND BEDDING AND MAYBE SOME FOOD

CRYSTAL (ACTOR 1)

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY NEED AND HOW MUCH

MARTHA (ACTOR 5)

I NEED SOMETHING TO DO

MARTHA, CRYSTAL & BEULAH

CAUSE I CAN'T WATCH THE NEWS ANYMORE

ANNETTE (ACTOR 6)

CAN I HELP?
IS THERE SOMETHING?
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING
TO KEEP ME FROM THINKING OF
ALL OF THOSE SCENES ON THE TUBE

CRYSTAL (ACTOR 1)

I NEED SOMETHING TO DO CAUSE I CAN'T WATCH THE NEWS

WOMEN-GROUP 1

NO, I CAN'T WATCH THE NEWS ANYMORE

WOMEN-GROUP 2

IN THE WINTER, FROM THE WATER, THROUGH THE WIND

ALL WOMEN

IF A STRANGER ENDS UP AT YOUR DOOR

BEULAH A

YOU GET ON THE HORN

(on the phone)

Hello? This is Beulah Davis down at the Academy. I heard we might be getting some guests and I thought I'd see if I could help whosever in charge of getting the school organi—How many passengers can we take?

BEULAH (CONT'D)

Uh—well, we fit about 400 students—yes, we could probably do 600. Or sure, 700, if we really pack them in. When are they coming? Could be any time now? Well, I'm glad I phoned!

OZ

I get a call from Beulah looking for "anything 700 people from around the world might need." So, I go down to Shoppers and the manager says to just take what I want off the shelves—toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, deodorant. And I'm back at the school, when Beulah says...

BEULAH

You know, those planes probably got some babies on 'em...

A slight pause.

OZ

So, I'm back to Shoppers for diapers. And we're unpacking them, when Annette says...

ANNETTE

You know, those babies are probably going to be hungry...

A slight pause.

OZ

So, I'm back to Shoppers for formula and baby food. And when I get back, Beulah says...

BEULAH

You know, those planes are probably filled with women of child bearing age...

Another pause.

OZ

S000?

BEULAH

So, I'm back to Shoppers to pick up as many pads and tampons as they have.

Oz exits, wincing.

JANICE

The Baptist Church needs a hand moving their pews... Doctor O'Brien down at the pharmacy is ready to fill any prescriptions. Oh, and the Lion's Club is looking for some toilet paper, if you have any extra.

HANNAH (CONT'D)

BUT INSTEAD I AM HERE I AM HERE

BEULAH

Some leaves message after message for her son—until there's no more room on his active message machine.

HANNAH

ALL I KNOW
IS YOU ARE THERE
YOU ARE THERE
AND I AM HERE

BEULAH

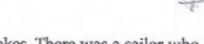
She finally got some news.

HANNAH

They said it was Kev's day off—but someone else said there were more men down there than were scheduled. I should be looking for him. He's always there for me—trying to make me laugh. Tells me stupid jokes. He loves jokes—tells them to the kids at the trehouse, while he fixes their bikes.

should be there.

BEULAH



know there's nothing I can do to help. But I do know a few jokes. There was a sailor who
was stationed in the South Pacific, far away from his wife who he'd just married. And
when he was away, he wrote her a letter. He said, "We're going to be apart for a long
name—and this island is full of young, attractive native girls. I need something to take my
mund off them."

his wife sends him an accordion and says, "Why don't you learn to play this then?" So finally, he comes home from his tour of duty and says to his wife, "I can't wait to get you not bed." And she says, "First let's see how well you play that accordion."

SHE laughs at her own joke, but sees HANNAH's face and stops.

HANNAH

That was a really stupid joke.

A pause.

Tell me another one.

DELORES

dem't understand why they can't let us off. I mean, just to stretch our legs, I mean really?

meed to get some air! Oh my god! I need to get off this plane!

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KEVIN T.

my boyfriend, Kevin—we're both named Kevin. It was cute for a while. Anyway, was not dealing with it well.

KEVIN J.

m going to kill her.

DELORES pushes the call button above her over and over.

DELORES

Excuse me?! I would like to get off the plane. I am claustrophobic!



KEVIN J.

Excuse me! Would you like some Xanax? Because you are freaking out and it is freaking me out and we are all FREAKING THE FUCK OUT!!!

ALL

OPEN THE AIRPLANE DOORS!

LET A LITTLE AIR IN HERE

CAUSE I COULD USE A SHOWER—OR A BAR (OR A BAR!)

OPEN THE AIRPLANE DOORS!

LOOK AT ALL THE PLANES OUT THERE

THERE MUST BE A CONVENTION, IT'S BIZARRE

WHEREVER WE ARE

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	Chorm.
MOURS HOURS HOURS HOURS	28 HOURS	OUT OF THE WINDOWS NOTHING BUT DARKNESS DARKNESS AND
	28 HOURS	
	28 HOURS 28 HOURS	
		HEADLIGHTS
		NOTHING TO SEE

BONNIE picks up her phone.