

A. **EXT BEACH - DAY**
MIRANDA, STELLA

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Miranda and Stella head onto the beach for a swim.

MIRANDA
So what did you do with Josh?

STELLA
Left him dangling off the end of a
bungee jump somewhere in Tasmania.

MIRANDA
Engagement's off, then?

STELLA
He's lucky I didn't cut the rope.

MIRANDA
So what's the plan now? Paid
employment?

Stella looks alarmed at the prospect.

STELLA
Don't be insane - this is my gap
year. Besides, I'm an emotional
train wreck. I need wallow time.

As Miranda takes her shirt off, Stella reacts.

STELLA (CONT'D)
OMG. Your boobs have grown.
Definitely up a size or three.
You've had work.

MIRANDA
As if I would have cosmetic
surgery.

STELLA
I'm not judging you. You look hot,
well, hotter than normal.

Stella has just caught sight of Findlay - sans shirt -
jogging towards them on the beach.

STELLA (CONT'D)
Speaking of hot. Who is that?

MIRANDA
The enemy. He works for Striplands.

STELLA

Enemies like that, who needs friends. Is he taken?

MIRANDA

Thought you needed wallow time.

STELLA

Striplands? The ones you said are killing the local wildlife and polluting the wetlands?

MIRANDA

That's right.

STELLA

(fascinated)
Ooh. A bad boy.

MIRANDA

Take my advice, Stella, don't go there.

STELLA

That's so sweet... Worrying about my love life.

(SUDDENLY SINCERE)

Almost like a real big sister.

MIRANDA

Half sister.

STELLA

Okay, my last trip here wasn't so great but maybe this time'll be better... I know I'll never make full sister status in your eyes - but I'd be happy to settle for friends.

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INT. MIRANDA'S HOUSE - DAY
LAURA, STELLA

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Stella rifles through the medicine cabinet in a panicked flurry as Laura arrives.

LAURA
Sweetheart, what are you doing?

STELLA
Looking for some kind of drug that can kill the pain - or get me out of this nightmare I thought was my family.

LAURA
Come on, it's not that bad.

STELLA
Really? My only sister had sex with my scum-bag boyfriend and they both lied to my face about it. Tell me! Where's the up-side?

LAURA
You said Josh was a waste of space.

STELLA
And that makes it okay? Miranda ignored not only contraception but any form of sisterly love or loyalty.

LAURA
Stella...

STELLA
Oh, why should I expect you to care. I mean you left me on a baggage carousel when I was two months old to go and get yourself a coffee.

LAURA
That never happened -

STELLA
And now you'd rather side with my dirty dog of a sister than do anything that makes me feel better.

LAURA
What about a plane ticket to Nepal? I could shout you.

STELLA

What?! I've been here for five seconds and you're trying to get rid of me? You can't keep doing this to me. Every time I get in the way you try to send me somewhere.

LAURA

It's always somewhere spectacular.

STELLA

Actually. You don't have to send me anywhere - because I'm leaving. When's the next ferry?

LAURA

This afternoon.

Stella begins to gather her things.

STELLA

Tell Miranda I'm stealing her favourite jacket and her boots - and she's lucky I'm not taking her entire wardrobe.

LAURA

Stella, she wants to apologise.

STELLA

Tell her not to bother. I plan to have revenge sex with her next boyfriend instead.