

ACTOR #6

Plays: BEVERLEY (Slight Texan Accent) and ANNETTE (Newfoundland Accent)

Side Side 1 of 2: Read Beverley

BEVERLEY

(to a large group) Good morning. We are one of the first flights to leave...

The CROWD responds, relieved.

...which makes us one of the lucky ones as some planes may still be here for quite some time. Now, I have no control over this. You've paid for a flight from Paris to Dallas. If I get clearance, I will take you to Dallas. But if I am not cleared for Dallas, I have to take you back to France.

The CROWD starts murmuring.

But we will make arrangements as quickly as we can to get y'all back to the United States where you need to be.

(PASSENGER)

I can't go back. I just adopted my daughter – we could lose her if we go back to Europe...

(PASSENGER)

Hey! Hey! We can vote on this. We can make them go where we want to go.

(PASSENGER)

Well, who's for Dallas?

TEXAN PASSENGER

Fuck that! Who's for Switzerland?!

The passengers shout at her.

BEVERLEY

(cutting them off) This is not a democracy! I am the captain and this is coming from American Airlines and the FAA. You are not voting on our destination. Now, if we have any situation that needs to be dealt with, we will be pulled out of line and we will be the last flight to leave.

The CROWD is quiet

Thank you for your cooperation.

Side Side 2 of 2: Read Annette

BEULAH

Ladies and Gentlemen. We have an indelicate request. We need volunteers to help clean the bathrooms. As you can imagine, with 700 adults in a primary school, Health Canada needs us to clean them every hour and a half and we just don't have the people. So, we're asking for your help.

A pause as EVERYONE looks away.

ANNETTE

(to us)

But no one volunteers.

BEULAH

No one comes. And we're run off our feet with everything else. And then—

ANNETTE

Sweet Jesus in the garden.

This line of men comes walking down the hall.

Six men in doctor coats walk towards her in a slow motion burlesque.

ANNETTE's jaw drops.

ANNETTE

The top six cardiologists from all over the world. On their way to a conference. Highly qualified cardiologists.

And they know about the importance of cleanliness.