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**FreeView**

CAST

TRISH: Older female

NANCY: Older female

PAM: Older female

JUDY: Older female

MAN: Older male

Place

Train Station.

Time

Present.

*At Rise: All women are seated at a small table at the train station. There is a large suitcase on the floor next to Trish and Nancy and 4 cups of coffee and a two danish on a plate. All women are well dressed.*

NANCY: Here girls, have some.

PAM: I don't like danish.

JUDY: I'll have a bite.

NANCY: We sure had fun this week.

PAM: Too bad you don't live closer, Trish.

TRISH: I wish now I hadn't moved back to Chicago. I miss you girls.

JUDY: And we miss you to too.

TRISH: (*Struggles with a large hulking suitcase, takes a piece of danish*) Thanks. I love a good danish and for some crazy reason they always seem to taste better at a train station. How much was it? Help me lift this, will you Nancy?

NANCY: Six bucks. It should taste good. And I'm not helping you lift that suitcase. Why do you bring it? You don't use half the stuff you pack anyway. Ask one of them.

JUDY: Don't look at me, I could break a fingernail.

PAM: And I've got a bad back. Guess you're on your own.

TRISH: Seriously, six dollars for that? I'll buy next time

.

NANCY: Never mind. Just enjoy the danish and promise me you won't bring that suitcase again.

TRISH: You're right, I shouldn't worry about the cost of things all the time.

JUDY: They say it's a bad habit that keeps people from enjoying the moment, whatever that's supposed to mean.

TRISH: My daughter tells me I'm negative. You think I am?

NANCY: Let's put it this way...you aren't positive.

TRISH: It's easy for you to talk. You've got more money than God.

JUDY: She sure does.

TRISH: Unlike Nancy, I didn't have a rich husband who left me a fortune.

PAM: So neither did the rest of us.

TRISH: But you're all better off than me.

JUDY: Your Louie may not have been rich, but he was a great guy.

TRISH: Yeah, well that great guy left me with a mountain of bills when he died.

NANCY: So? You created them. Guess you gotta pay.

TRISH: You're heartless, Nance.

NANCY: No. I'm honest. You had it good. You had anything you wanted.

JUDY: Let's change the subject.

PAM: Is your train on time, Trish?

TRISH: You make it sound like it's my fault and it's not. Louie never put anything away for a rainy day and that's a husband's responsibility.

PAM: I think whoever's best at managing should do it.

TRISH: You're wrong. It's the husband's job to handle finances.

JUDY: You're spoiled.

TRISH: You don't realize how lucky you are. It's one thing to be broke when you're young. But to be broke when you're my age is pathetic.

JUDY: You could always get a little part time job.

TRISH: You're serious, aren't you?

PAM: It's an idea.

TRISH: And a stupid one. I'm not going to work. Besides, who'd hire me?

NANCY: That's probably true.

PAM: Since you can't make ends meet, at least consider it.

JUDY: There could be worse things than working, Trish.

TRISH: Yeah, well name me one thing worse than having to go back to work at my age? Come on, one thing?

NANCY: Losing your home?

TRISH: Yeah, and I owe more than it's worth. Any more ideas?

NANCY: By the way, before we forget, are you going to be able to come to Florida this winter?

PAM: I'm planning on it.

JUDY: Me, too.

NANCY: I'm renting the same place for three months so we can come down together again.

TRISH: I don't have the money.

NANCY: I figured that, so I'll give you a ticket for Christmas.

JUDY: Were you thinking sometime in February?

TRISH: Perfect. I can't wait. Just let me know.

PAM: I'm packing already!

NANCY: Figure out a week that works and let me know soon so I can book the flight.

TRISH: You're really a great friend Nance.

NANCY: Yeah, I know.

**END OF FREEVIEW**

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