

Drag Float!

ACT I

Scene 1

(Loud bar music is playing. Miss Shameless Beauty, a drag queen enters.)

MISS SHAMELESS BEAUTY

Stop the music! Hold the drinks!

(Music stops.)

Big gay disaster news everyone. My Coast Guard "sleep over" in Florida has just twatted me.

(Reading the tweet.)

Hey Miss Shameless, "DQW".

(To the audience.)

Drag Queen Warning.

(Reading the tweet.)

Big Queens Cruise ship. Middle of the AO. Atlantic Ocean. Massive freak storm. Huge wave hit during the CDDLAP.

(To the audience.)

Celebrity Drag Diva Look Alike Pageant.

(Back to tweet.)

Ship overturned and sinking. Over 800 passengers and crew members MOD. Missing or dead. Little hope for survivors. More details to come. CMWYIT.

(To the audience.)

Call me when you're in town. Holy shittin' Shelley Winters. Pray for our brothers and sisters and an extra amen for our drag girls. Don't forget beer bust is until midnight. DJ, spin the music and EHF. Everybody have fun!

(Bar music and lights fade. Lights up. The middle of the ocean. Survivors are floating on a piece of a platform stage. There's a railing that some are clinging to as they watch the ship sink.)

DION

Ain't this a drag bitch.

SHIRLEY

It's sinking.

NELSON

Bye bye Big Queens cruise.

JOEY

This reminds me of the time I did the musical, Titanic, the director really wanted to go for realism so the crew would throw water on us from the rafters.

(MORE)

JOEY (Continued)

Well, no one told them we wearing body mics so a majority of us we're taken to the E/R for electric shocks. Not me, I went on, I couldn't stop the neck twitches but I went on.

SHIRLEY

It's going down.

NELSON

And not in a good way.

HIPPALYTA

(Checking out Walter.)

He's not waking up.

DION

The old queen got hit by the anchor, I'm surprised she still has her head.

HIPPALYTA

Miss Rose Petals, we're going to take care of you.

(She snaps her fingers in front of  
Walter's face but no response.)

I think he's in a coma.

SHIRLEY

His real name is Walter Blake. My son and I saw him perform in Boston. I do love his Bette Davis but his Joan Crawford is a classic.

HIPPALYTA

Are you a drag queen too?

SHIRLEY

No, but my son is, I'm Shirley Hill. May I say, despite this disastrous interruption, all of you look fabulous.

DRAG QUEENS

Thank you.

NELSON

The ship is sinking fast.

JOEY

My Uncle Buzzy, said God was going to get us one day. Gather us "sinners" in one place then strike us down with one big bolt of lightning. Boom!

DION

More like a big 'effing splash then a boom.

JOEY

Splash, boom, fire, whips, titty twisters, at least we're alive and floating.

NELSON  
So what would Uncle Buzzy say to that?

JOEY  
He'd be pissed because God missed some of us.

SHIRLEY  
The ship is almost....

DION  
Going...

JOEY  
Going...

ALL  
Gone.

SHIRLEY  
It was a beautiful ship.

DION  
There go my wigs.

SHIRLEY  
Great food.

JOEY  
My make up.

SHIRLEY  
Beautiful men.

NELSON  
My winning crown.

DION  
Yours?

NELSON  
That crown was mine and nothing against the rest of you finalists but I am Cher.  
(Goes into a diva pose.)

DION  
Miss Diana Ross.  
(Goes into a diva pose.)  
The white version.

JOEY  
And the ultimate Divine Miss M.  
(Goes into a diva pose.)

NELSON

Beauty and sex always wins over musical comedy and camp.

DION

So does bribery?

NELSON

What are you saying?

(They give each other a wicked glare.)

JOEY

Oooh, intensity. If there was music this would make for a great dramatic moment.

HIPPALYTA

Do you think the others made it to the boats?

SHIRLEY

The chances are slim.

HIPPALYTA

Do you think they called for help?

SHIRLEY

Even slimmer.

HIPPALYTA

Everything happened so fast. I went to give the Lady GaGa girl an extra spritz when I heard thunder, felt a huge wind then this "swoosh" --

JOEY

That was the giant wave.

HIPPALYTA

Then this mighty "crack".

JOEY

That was our stage breaking apart.

HIPPALYTA

Then we went overboard and "kerplosh"ed with a loud high-pitched scream.

JOEY

That was me.

HIPPALYTA

Then no more Lady GaGa.

SHIRLEY

She was the fourth finalist in the pageant.