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(**The Poseidon Adventure.** Stella and Shelley, a lesbian couple are trying to make it to the top being led by Gene, an intense man.)

GENE

This way, girls. We have to keep moving, the Poseidon is sinking fast and to get to the top we must get to the bottom.

STELLA

I still don't get that.

GENE

You girls are very lucky you have a man with you.

SHELLEY

We "girls" don't need a man. We're two lesbians in a loving and committed relationship.

STELLA

This is our third date.

GENE

So what do I call you?

SHELLEY

Shelley and this is Stella.

STELLA

Hi.

GENE

Hi. I'm Gene.

STELLA

Can we sit for a minute? My nose feels shiny.

GENE

A minute is all it takes for this to place fill up with water and drown us all like wet kittens.

(Stella pouts.)

SHELLEY

What's wrong?

STELLA

I miss my cat, Buttons.

(A loud explosion and the actors pretend the boat shakes. Stella cries loudly.)

GENE

Stop crying!! Do you hear me?!!

(Gene goes to slap her. Shelley grabs Gene and puts his arm behind his back.)

SHELLEY

If anyone is going to slap her it will be me. Got it Gene.

GENE

Got it Shelley.

SHELLEY

I think it's time I took over.

GENE

You?

SHELLEY

Yes, me.

STELLA

Shelley's good with figuring things out. She finished a word search in five minutes.

SHELLEY

I'll go up ahead and check things out.

GENE

I think I should do that since I'm the man.

SHELLEY

Are you Gene? Are you really the man?

(She grabs him and puts him in a choke hold.)

STELLA

Shelley is also the top female wrestler in the Lesbian division back at home.

GENE

Okay, I'll sit and wait.

(She lets him go.)

SHELLEY

Don't let him push you around. Here, this is my friendship bracelet. I want you to have it just in case I don't come back.

STELLA

But it doesn't match my purse.

SHELLEY
I love you.

STELLA
I kind of do too.

SHELLEY
Kiss me.

STELLA
Can we do it later when he's not watching.

GENE
I don't mind. I like to watch.

SHELLEY
(Disgusted.)
Men.

(Shelley exits. Stella refreshes her makeup.)

GENE
Is this really your third date?

STELLA
Yes, Shelly won the trip on a radio song contest. I figured since my boyfriend wasn't ever going to get out of prison, I said, "What the heck."

GENE
I came on this boat to get away.

STELLA
From what?

GENE
Exactly.

STELLA
I read in a magazine that saltwater is good for your complexion, opens those pores.

GENE
The saltwater is a part of the ocean and the ocean is just going to suck us up like an unwrapped lollipop.

STELLA
That's funny. I went to this group session, once, called "Confused people, Confused Partners" and we had to become everyday objects. Everyone became a car and started making all these loud motor noises not me, I stood there and became a balloon.

(She becomes a balloon.)