

SCENE 35

BEVERLEY addresses her passengers.

BEVERLEY

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 y'all 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.

CROWD 5

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

CROWD 5

I could lose
my
daughter.
You have to
take us
home!

CROWD 11

(Simultaneously)

There's
over 200 of
us — they'll
take us
where the
majority of
us wants to
go. I'm
serious —
Hey. Hey!

CROWD 11

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

CROWD 5

Well, who's for Dallas?

CROWD 11

Fuck that! Who's for Switzerland?!

BEVERLEY

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.

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