

AIR RELATIONS

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FADE IN:

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

We see CAPTAIN HARRY WATSON, a charming yet under appreciated pilot, in the captains seat flying the plane. He is overly cautious and watches the clouds past by as the plane descends into New York.

MAKENNA HENDERSON, stewardess extraordinaire, enters with a cup of coffee.

MAKENNA

Here's that coffee you asked for.

We see her sit in the co-pilots seat across from Harry and hand him the mug.

HARRY

Thanks.

Suddenly buttons begin to light up across the entire cockpit. We see Harry frantically push different buttons trying to figure out what is wrong.

HARRY (CONT'D)

So, um, I think we have a problem.

MAKENNA

A problem... um... what's wrong?

Makenna looks around the cabin to check and see if anything is wrong.

HARRY

It looks like one of our engines is going down.

MAKENNA

AN ENGINE'S DOWN?

HARRY

Everything's fine. We just have to remain clam.

MAKENNA

Remain calm? I should go make an announcement to the passengers.

Makenna gets up and heads to the door.

HARRY

Makenna... wait don't.

Makenna exits into--

INT. AIRPLANE CABIN - DAY

Makenna grabs the handheld radio and hold it up to her face.

MAKENNA

Hello everyone. This is your flight attendant Makenna speaking. First, I would like to thank you again for flying with us today on Delta Air. We hope you have enjoyed your flight so far.

Suddenly the plane begins to move due to turbulence from the broken engine.

MAKENNA (CONT'D)

I just want you all to know that we are going to have some turbulence. Which is totally normal with air travel.

The plane jerks up. PASSENGERS scream. Some recite a variety of prayers.

MAKENNA (CONT'D)

Like that. Now there is nothing to worry about. We are just going through a rough patch of air before we land in New York. Again, nothing is wrong. Just some turbulence. Thank you and please remain calm.

Makenna places the radio back on its hook and rushes back through the cockpit door.

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

Harry frantically flying the plane. He checks buttons. Looks out the window.

Makenna enters and shuts the door behind her.

She leans forward and props her hands on either of the pilot seats.

MAKENNA

So, how's it going?

HARRY

Not that good.

MAKENNA

Okay, well the passengers seem fine.

The plane jumps again. Makenna falls into the empty seat.

Passengers screams can be heard through the door.

HARRY

Makenna, I just want to let you know-

MAKENNA

Yeah, I know it was great for me.

HARRY

I just want to let you know that the other night was really just a one time thing for me.

Makenna leans back and pushes on the controls down.

The plane starts to go down.

Harry pushes her back and pulls the plane back up.

MAKENNA

Oh... well that's great. Because honestly, I didn't think it would work out between us anyways.

HARRY

Yeah.

MAKENNA

And I've been seeing other people to.

HARRY

You have? Like who?

MAKENNA

Well, you know I've been flying with Andy like three times a week...

HARRY

Andy from Flight 5267? Co-pilot Andy?

MAKENNA

I fly with him from New York to Paris every weekend.

HARRY

I thought that you only flew with me?

MAKENNA

I mean if you actually flew more than once a week. I totally would. But a girl's got to make some money right now.

HARRY

So, when we were together the other night. You had been flying with Andy three times that week?

MAKENNA

Well yeah, I mean there are plenty of pilots in the sky.

Harry silently tries to figure out what to say next. He's close to boiling over, when a loud BOOM occurs.

More lights begin to flash in the cockpit. Harry rapidly checks different buttons.

Makenna leans over to the window and looks out beside the plane which is pretty much impossible. She bangs her head on the glass.

MAKENNA (CONT'D)

Ouch... what was that??

HARRY

That would be the other engine.

MAKENNA

Okay, but we're still flying so that's good,... right?

HARRY

No. We're going to have to land. Um... JFK is only five miles away. We should be able to land there.

MAKENNA

Okay, great. Awesome. I'll go make an announcement to the cabin and calm everyone down.

HARRY

No... Makenna wait.

Makenna rushes out of the cockpit.

Harry turns on his own radio and begins to talk to air traffic control.

INT. AIRPLANE CABIN - DAY

Makenna stands in front of the cabin. Passengers are freaked. Some point out the windows at the smoking engine.

Makenna grabs the radio and holds it to her face again.

MAKENNA

Hello Everyone. This is Flight Attendant Makenna again. I just want to reassure all of you that everything is fine. So please return to your seats and remain calm.

PASSENGER #1

Lady the plane is smoking outside.

PASSENGER #2

What the hell is going on?

MAKENNA

Thank you sir. And Ma'am. As I was saying, if you would all remain calm it is just that we are experiencing some mechanical difficulties. Captain Watson is planning an emergency landing due to them.

PASSENGER #2

Oh god! We're going to die!

MAKENNA

We are only about four and three quarters of a mile away from JFK. So there is nothing to fear about. We should be arriving there in about twenty minutes or so.

PASSENGER #1

Miss, will we be able to make connecting flights from there?

MAKENNA

Yes, sir. All flights will be able to connect from our alternative destination.

(MORE)

MAKENNA (CONT'D)

And just as a reminder incase we have to make an emergency water landing, do remember that your seats can act as a flotation device.

Makenna places the radio back on the holder.

PASSENGER #2

Did she just say water landing?

Makenna rushes back into the cockpit.

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

Harry frantically pushes buttons.

HARRY

No. I'm going to try and make it to the landing strip. But what is the closest alternative landing area?

He wipes his brow. He checks another set of flashing buttons.

Makenna enters and sits down again. This time she's careful not to touch the controls.

MAKENNA

Okay, the cabin is fine. Some people are a little freaked out. But no worries. They're prepared for an emergency water landing.

HARRY

Great... well we're not going to make it to JFK in time. So it looks like we might have to land in the Hudson.

MAKENNA

THE HUDSON... I thought you said we could make it to JFK?

HARRY

That was before I found out you were sleeping with Andy from Flight 5267. And before we lost half our fuel. And before the engine caught on fire.

MAKENNA

OH MY GOSH! It's not like we were exclusive. We only fly like once a week. On a weekday.

A siren begins to go off. All the buttons in the cockpit begin to light up.

HARRY

OH YEAH DEFINITELY GONNA BE LANDING IN THE HUDSON.

MAKENNA

Um... okay... I'll go make another announcement just to keep the cabin calm.

HARRY

Yeah. Yeah.

Harry is too busy to reply because he's trying to literally fly the plane.

MAKENNA

Okay. I'll be right back then.

Makenna leaves even quicker.

HARRY

Air Tower this is Flight 4069. It looks like we will not be able to make it to JFK. So I'm going to make a water landing in the Hudson.

INT. AIRPLANE CABIN - DAY

Makenna grabs the radio quickly and holds it up to her mouth.

She braces herself as the plane jumps again from the turbulence.

MAKENNA

Hello Everyone, this is Flight Attendant Makenna yet again. And again I would like to thank each and every one of you for choosing to fly with Delta Air. I am very sorry to tell you that it looks like Captain Watson is going to have to attempt a water landing in the Hudson. We'll see if he can since he isn't capable of really committing to anything serious.

HARRY (O.S.)
(through his radio)
SULLY DID IT!

MAKENNA
Okay! But you're not Sully!

HARRY (O.S.)
NO. BUT I AM FLYING THIS PLANE!

PASSENGER #1
LADY ARE WE LANDING IN THE RIVER OR
NOT?

MAKENNA
YES!

Makenna composes herself.

MAKENNA (CONT'D)
We will be landing in the Hudson
River. Please remember that all of
your seats can be used as flotation
devices. And you may want to get
your life jackets ready from
underneath your seats.

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

Harry tries to steer the plane into a smooth landing dive.

Harry turns on his mic to speak to the cabin.

HARRY
Ladies and Gentlemen. This is your
captain speaking. First I would
like to thank you all for flying
with us today. We appreciate your
business. If the circumstances were
different, I would urge you all to
fly with us again. But I'm sure
that's not going to happen.

He wipes his brow. He pulls the control towards him sending
the plane into a rising direction.

HARRY (CONT'D)
Secondly, Makenna. I just want to
tell you that I have been in love
with you since you started flying
with me three years ago. I never
want to fly without you again.

INT. AIRPLANE CABIN - DAY

Makenna sits in her flight attendant seat and buckles up.

The lights begin to flicker throughout the plane.

HARRY (O.S.)

And I couldn't do my job without
you here beside me.

PASSENGERS

AWWWEEEEEE!

Makenna blushes. She starts to unbuckle.

SUDDENLY, the plane takes a deep plunge and begins to
descend.

EVERYONE

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!

The electricity in the plane goes out.

CUT TO BLACK.

CRASH SOUNDS INTO WATER OVER BLACK.

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