

SHORT SKETCH: CHOICE AIR

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INT. AIRPLANE - ECONOMY CABIN - DAY

Passengers are miserable in a cramped, sold out flight.
FLIGHT ATTENDANT 1 (40's, female, run down, veteran flight attendant) walks the aisle.

*Ding

CAPTAIN (V.O.)
Ladies and gentlemen, we're just dealing with a minor maintenance advisory. Should be on our way momentarily.

PASSENGER 1
(Furious)
That's the 5th time he's said that!

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 1
(leaning in, conspiratorially)
Fuck. I know, right? It's just a flap-thingy.

Passenger 1 looks up, confused.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 1 (CONT'D)
(to the whole cabin)
Look, I'm not supposed to say this, but this captain really likes to stick to the 'regulations'.

Passenger 1's confusion turns to concern.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 1 (CONT'D)
All in favor of just taking off, say 'Aye!'

PASSENGERS
(in sync)
Aye!

PASSENGER 1
(panicked)
Wait, what?!

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2 (30's, female, spunky flight attendant with a corporate smile) enters.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2
This is Choice Air. Where your opinion is our altitude.

Classic cheesy airline advertisement cuts in. A red, white, and blue airplane flies across the sky. Branded as Choice Air, the windows are painted like check boxes on a ballot.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2 (CONT'D)
Disagree when one of our highly
trained experts follows proper code
and regulations? At Choice Air, you
call the shots.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2 (CONT'D)
Choice Air. Giving you the *feeling*
of power.

INT. AIRPLANE - FIRST CLASS CABIN - CONTINUOUS

FANCY WOMAN (Posh, wrestling three huge, stuffed Louis
Vuitton bags) is standing by Row 1.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2
Ma'am, do you have 3 carry-on
items?

FIRST CLASS PASSENGER
Oh no, please... They're my
emotional support.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2
They are cute. We're probably still
safe enough.

ECONOMY PASSENGER (Big, tough guy) leaning in through the
First Class curtain.

ECONOMY PASSENGER
Safe *enough*?

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2
Let me just check our safety
outlook.

Flight Attendant 2 opens her iPad. A cartoon graphic of a
green plane with a smily face and '100% Sky-High' safety
rating changes to a yellow plane with sweat beads as the
rating drops to '82% Probably-Fine'.

ECONOMY PASSENGER
Wait, we should have a say in this!

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2
Of course you do! Your cabin's
interests are represented by...

Flight Attendant 2 checks her iPad seating chart.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2 (CONT'D)
Economy? Looks like... Seat 1A.

Flight Attendant 2 gestures to Fancy Woman. Fancy Woman makes eye contact with Economy Passenger who is shaking his head no.

FIRST CLASS PASSENGER
He's right. I shouldn't have to choose between the three. We vote... yes.

Economy passengers erupt in angry shouts.

HARD CUT TO:

INT. AIRPLANE - CALM ECONOMY CABIN

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 1
(unenthusiastically)
Think this 238 year old system is outdated? You can also cast your own individual votes on your seat-back screens which...

Flight Attendant 1 pulls out a note card.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 1 (CONT'D)
I don't know, may... be factored in at some...

ECONOMY PASSENGER
There's no button to *submit*.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 1
Ya, I wouldn't worry about it.

CUT TO:

INT. CALM CABIN

CAPTAIN
(slurring)
Ahhh, shit uhhh, this is uhhh, your captain?... Speaking. Uhhh, I guess 10 was a few too many so uhhh, just blew a .08. Federal law suggests that's dangerous. Give me a couple minutes and I'll try again up here. Should be cleared for take off once I hit a .079.

A voting page pops up on each Passengers' seat-back screens.

Your captain is schwasted. How shall we proceed?

A. Accept a 5 hour tarmac delay while he watches cat videos to sober up.

B. Fuk the rules and send it bro. Fly safe and slo YOLO

Economy Passengers frantically vote A. The only 2 passengers in a near empty First Class look at each other, srug, and both vote B.

CUT TO:

INT. IN FLIGHT

Oxygen masks deploy as the plane shakes violently with turbulence. Flight Attendant 1 braces herself against a wall. Behind her, a smiley Flight Attendant 2 and terrified Passenger 1 struggle to hold up a green screen. Turbulence continues as the green screen glitches between a serene, waving American Flag and a "404-SCENERY NOT FOUND" error message.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2
(shouting over the noise)
Choice Air! Where every vote
counts!

A chunk of ceiling falls, narrowly missing her.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT 2 (CONT'D)
Some, just count more than others.

The plane shakes violently. The green screen falls, revealing the window behind it, showing the wing flap sparking and vibrating wildly.

CUT TO BLACK