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Til Death Do Us Part

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EXT. COMMUNITY POOL. AFTERNOON

There is a lot of noise: kids screaming, parents yelling, water splashing. The Myers family is entering into the pool area. The family consists of four girls and their two male cousins. The girls are, according to their age: Carmen, 14; Annie, 13; Irene 10; and Erica, 8. The male cousins are: Stefan, 13, and Wes, 10. They are making their way to the dressing rooms.

INT. FEMALES DRESSING ROOM. SAME

The girls are pulling off their upper layer of clothes. They already have on their bathing suits.

CARMEN

Erica, I don't want any trouble out of you.

ERICA

What? I didn't cause any trouble last time.

IRENE

Yeah, right. The incident on the high board? Let me guess,
wasn't your fault.

ERICA

Nope. I know how to dive off the high board. The kid in
front of me didn't.

ANNIE

It wasn't her fault that the kid didn't know how to dive.
He was a wuss.

CARMEN

Annie, she pushed him. The kid barely knew how to swim.
He ended up belly flopping into the pool and nearly
drowned.

ERICA

He didn't nearly drown! He was a pansy!

CARMEN

Point is, don't get banned from the pool this time.

ERICA

Then tell David to stay out of my way on the high board.
They put all the clothes into one locker.

EXT. POOLSIDE. SAME

The sun is beating down on the pool attendees. Wes and Stefan are
already in the deep end, diving under the water and seeing who can
stay there the longest.

Carmen lowers herself into the deep end. Annie goes to the high diving board. Irene slides off the side of the pool into the shallow end. Erica stands at the side of the pool, scanning the water. Irene splashes water at Erica.

IRENE

Get in, Erica! Don't be looking for that boy.

ERICA

I'm just making sure he's not in my way.

IRENE

C'mon! I wanna do handstands!

Erica jumps off the side of the pool and swims over to Irene. In the midway of her swim, a boy splashes Erica in the face. David is 10, like Irene, and in Irene's class.

ERICA

Stop it, David! I'm not playing with you!

DAVID

You tried to kill me last week.

ERICA

Did not!

DAVID

Did too!

ERICA

I'm going to try today if you don't leave me alone.

DAVID

I'm gonna tell your sister Carmen. You're gonna get in trouble and wont be able to come back to the pool for a year!

David splashes Erica again. Irene swims up.

IRENE

David, leave my little sister alone!

DAVID

Your little sister is a murderer!

ERICA

Am not!

DAVID

Are too!

ERICA

Am not!

IRENE

I hope she does murder you so we won't have to hear your pansy ass crying like you did last week.

Erica splashes David and swims off. Irene follows. David watches. Irene and Erica perform handstands in the shallow end of the pool, mimicking synchronized swimmers. David swims out to the deep end. Erica decides to go diving. Annie swims over near Carmen on the side of the deep end.

ANNIE

She's about to do something crazy.

CARMEN

That boy isn't around, is he?

Carmen and Annie are scanning the pool.

ANNIE

I don't see him. Oh! There he is! Right in her jump zone!

EXT. POOL DEEP END. SAME

Erica is on her final jump off the diving board.

ERICA

Cannonball!

She plunges in a cannonball, aiming right at the startled boy in her jump zone. David screams. Erica lands right on top of him and they both sink into the water. She opens her eyes under the water to see him still sinking. She dives further to grab his hand and drag him up to air.

David is crying when he reaches the side of the deep end where the life guard pulls him out. Irene's laughter can be heard off screen.

CARMEN and ANNIE

Erica!

ERICA

What? I didn't know he was in the zone.

The life guard is pulling on Erica's arm. She breaks away.

ERICA

Stop! I didn't do anything wrong! I didn't know he was in
the diving zone!

LIFE GUARD

Kiddie Pool, Now!

ERICA

I'm not a kid! He is! (*pointing at the soaked and crying David*) He ought to be in the kiddie pool!

LIFE GUARD

Kiddie Pool, Now!

Erica swims to the edge and the life guard pulls her out.

LIFE GUARD

You better be happy I know Carmen. Otherwise you'd be banned for a month. Get in the kiddie pool and stay there till I tell you to come out.

EXT. KIDDIE POOL. SAME

Erica goes reluctantly to the kiddie pool. David follows behind her since he was demanded to go to the kiddie pool as well. Erica tries her best to stay away from David. But David comes over and kisses her cheek. Erica grabs David's foot and pulls him down in the "deep end" of the kiddie pool. Erica is splashing around in the "deep end" of the kiddie pool when a shadow falls over her.

STEFAN

Get off of him.

Erica moves over to the side. David comes up for air, once again crying.

STEFAN

Life guard said you can come back into the big people's
pool.

Erica skips back over to the big pool, turning to stick her tongue out at David. She jumps in and joins Irene in handstands. David stands at the gate, clinging to it, still crying and watching Erica.

INT. DININGROOM. NIGHT

Erica is now 28 years old. She, her family and her friends are gathered around a long dining table, telling stories about the good ol' days. She is seated at the middle of the table. Some couples are cozied together. The table is somewhat clear, despite a plate here and there and glasses, some filled, some nearly empty of wine. Some silverware is still on the table. She sips from her glass and puts it down.

ERICA

You know, I still couldn't get that fucker to leave me alone, even after the fourth attempt to take his life at the pool. *(looks over to her left)* I still think he's a crying pansy today.

David gently touches her hand. Their wedding bands clink as he clasps his hand over hers. Erica grabs her butter knife and attempts to stab David's hand. David quickly draws it back.

DAVID

She still loves me.