

HELLCATS - MARTY

INT. LANCER ATHLETIC CENTER - LOCKER ROOM - NIGHT

Sierra pins Marty's Hellcat uniform. It's the first time we've seen Marty wearing Hellcat colors and she looks hot.

SIERRA

You look great.  
(inspects Marty's legs)  
We'll get some base to hide the bruises.

MARTY

Training's been pretty rough.  
(beat)  
But I guess it's like that with any competitive sport.

Sierra slowly smiles.

SIERRA

You don't think we're groupies?

MARTY

I do not.

Sierra nods, pleased.

SIERRA

So what happened to you anyway?

MARTY

What do you mean?

SIERRA

You've clearly trained. A lot.  
Otherwise you wouldn't be able to keep up.

MARTY

I was a gymnast up until high school.

SIERRA

Why'd you stop?

MARTY

My senior year, we made state, so my Mom was there to cheer me on. She brought a date. And they'd been drinking at lunch. She was screaming, hooting and hollering.

(MORE)

MARTY (CONT'D)

All the other girls were looking, wondering who the white trash freak was. I kept praying that nobody would connect her to me.

SIERRA

What happened?

MARTY

I got mental. I missed a jump and fell on my ass. Mom's an emotional drunk, so she comes lurching out of the stands in tears to make sure I'm okay. Everybody's looking, the other gymnasts are laughing...

(beat)

... and then she puked on me.

Sierra stares.

SIERRA

Shut up.

MARTY

I couldn't make that up if I tried.

Both girls laugh.

SIERRA

So you never went back?

MARTY

I kept at it for a month or so. But I couldn't get her to stop coming to meets. Every time I'd step up to the bars, I'd feel her soul-sucking presence, get wigged out and blow the routine. I finally stopped trying. Wasn't worth it.

SIERRA

(suddenly concerned)

You didn't invite your mother to qualifiers, did you?

MARTY

(laughs)

Oh, God no.

SIERRA

Good. We need this win. By the way, how do you feel about Luis?

MARTY  
(flustered)  
Good. He's good. I mean fine. Why?

SIERRA  
He's only our best base. He came to  
Vanessa and asked if he could make  
you his permanent flyer.

MARTY  
He did? And permanent how?

SIERRA  
He's first-string, so you stay a  
first-string. It's a big deal. Base  
and flyer have a special relationship  
-- they learn each other's rhythms  
and do everything together, like  
Batman and Robin.

MARTY  
Pretty sure Batman and Robin didn't  
do everything together.