WE'RE BLACK: WHO'S MOLLY

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Draft 1 10/31/24 INT. MABEL AND ARETHA'S HOUSE - MORNING

Ding Ding Ding. Mabel and Aretha's phones chime back to back. Aretha picks hers up and scrolls through the messages.

MABEL (O.S.) Who is it?

ARETHA

It's the group chat. Last minute planning before the festival tonight. Sheila said bring blankets.

MABEL Already packed.

ARETHA Kathleen says bring snacks for the travel.

Mabel enters with 2 duffle bags.

MABEL These are al things I already prepared for.

ARETHA And that is why we're married.

The two share a kiss. Their phones ding once more. Aretha opens hers. The from Tabatha text reads:

"I'M BRINGING MOLLY, IS THAT COOL?"

Sheila and Kathleen thumbs up the message.

ARETHA (CONT'D) Who's Molly?

MABEL Your guess is as good as mine.

ARETHA Everyone else is cool with it. As long as she got her own ride and money.

MABEL

Right.

Mabel and Aretha thumbs up the message.

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EXT. MUSIC FESTIVAL - EVENING

Sheila, Tabatha and Kathleen chat in a circle.

KATHLEEN When Doechii comes out, I'm sorry y'all but I'm running to the front.

TABATHA I'll already be there for Teezo.

SHEILA

Righttt!

A group of people with blunts pass the girls.

TABATHA

Oh, that reminds me.

Tabatha pulls out what looks like a container of mints. She shakes them. The women squeal. Tabatha pops a "mint" and passes the tray around. Mabel and Aretha join the trio right after Kathleen pops here. She passes the container to Aretha.

Aretha unknowingly takes a pill. She passes it to Mabel who follows suit and gives it to Tabatha.

TABATHA (CONT'D) Are we ready to go?

ARETHA (enjoying the "mint") Where's Molly?

TABATHA

Who?

Everyone (except Mabel) looks at Aretha confused.

MABEL Molly? Whoever you said you were bringing.

Sheila and Kathleen giggle.

TABATHA Oh no. I'm not bringing someone NAMED Molly. I brought MOLLY. The DRUG. That you both just took.

Mabel and Aretha look at each other. Tabatha slaps her head.

ARETHA So that mint.

MABEL Wasn't a mint.

ARETHA

It was.

ALL WOMEN

Molly.

CUT TO:

EXT. GRASSY AREA

The crew sit on blankets. Aretha trembles, petrified. Mabel lays very still, blank stare on her face.

KATHLEEN Will you two calm down? You're gonna be fine.

TABATHA Mmhmm. It was a standard dosage. At least that's what the dealer told me.

ARETHA YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW!?!?

SHEILA

You took one pill, one time. You're not gonna overdose. You'll just be hella high and hella happy.

KATHLEEN Don't y'all wanna be hella happy when Doja Cat performs?

MABEL

Of course we do.

Mabel sits up stiffly.

MABEL (CONT'D) But we could've done that without drugs. At least not this one.

ARETHA

Right! I would've been very happy with a blunt or even an edible.

KATHLEEN

Y'all can be negative Nancys now. But when she starts to hit, you'll have no choice but to be Happy Helens.

SHEILA

Mmmhhmmmmm.

TABATHA

(giggles) Happy Helens. That was a good one Kathleen.

Tabatha pulls UNO out of her purse. Sheila and Kathleen rejoice. Aretha and Mabel lay down together.

MABEL Maybe it won't be so bad.

ARETHA

I hope so.

LATER

SHEILA BOOM! That's 3 games in a row.

KATHLEEN

Whatever.

Aretha and Mabel giggle on their blanket.

KATHLEEN (CONT'D) Oh, y'all think y'all can do better?

The couple continues laughing.

SHEILA What's so funny?

Tabatha joins in the laughter.

TABATHA (through laughs) I think it's working.

KATHLEEN Ohhhhhh. Happy Helens.

SHEILA AND TABATHA Happy Helens!

CUT TO:

LATER AT NIGHT

The girls dance euphorically, a dj plays house music on stage, colorful lights move and flash. Half a sea of people move their bodies to the music.

ARETHA This may actually be the best night if my life.

MABEL I knowwww. I'm just thirsty af.

She takes a long swig from a bottle of water.

MABEL (CONT'D) Shit. I'm out of water.

ARETHA I got you babe. I'm a little hot, I can use some space anyways.

MABEL Ok hurry back. We gotta DANCEEEE!

Mabel turns to Sheila, Tabatha and Kathleen. They White girl dance as Aretha exits. Tabatha accidentally bumps into a guy. They turn and look at each other.

TABATHA

(dazed) Prince Charming.

They guy smirks, Tabatha is enamored. They begin to dance with each other.

SHEILA Oooouuu look at Tabatha.

Tabatha and the stranger are vibing.

KATHLEEN I don't know. Somethings off about that guy. SHEILA

What do you mean? He seems fine to me. Besides, they're just dancing. We'll keep an eye on her.

KATHLEEN

I sure will!

SHEILA Alright girl. Hey can you pass me my sweater?

Kathleen reaches down to a bag on the blanket and grabs a sweater. She passes it to Sheila. Sheila shivers as she puts it on.

CUT TO:

MIDDLE OF THE CROWD

Aretha pushes and squeezes past people. She can't find an opening and no one is moving.

ARETHA Excuse me. Excuse me!

Aretha continues to weave through the crowd.

ARETHA (CONT'D) My God. It's hot af. All these fucking people.

Aretha's breathing picks up slowly. Same as her heartbeat.

ARETHA (CONT'D) Excuse me! Fuck!

She breathes more heavily now. Her vision is starting to blur. All she hears is her heartbeat increasing rapidly. She grabs her chest. Just as she makes it out the crowd, she falls to her knees. She collapses.

CUT TO:

GRASSY AREA

The women continue to dance. Kathleen looks at her phone, she ha a couple messages and opens the app. Tabatha leaves with the stranger unbeknownst to her friends. Kathleen looks up.

> KATHLEEN Hey, where's Tabatha?

Sheila and Mabel stop dancing. They look around.

KATHLEEN (CONT'D) I knew it. That shady man kidnapped her!

MABEL She's not a kid.

SHEILA And she didn't get napped.

Sheila looks some more, she spots Tabatha being led through the crowd by the stranger.

SHEILA (CONT'D) There she goes.

Kathleen rushes after them.

MABEL Bring some water when you come back!

SHEILA I have some on the blanket. Could you actually pass me the whole blanket? I'm freezing.

Mabel takes the water and passes Sheila the blanket. Sheila wraps it around her like a cape. Mabel drinks the last drops from the water. It wasn't much.

MABEL Fuck! I'm still thirsty! I'm gonna find Aretha.

SHEILA

Good luck.

Mabel leaves and Sheila continues to "White girl dance".

CUT TO:

OUT OF THE CROWD

Tabatha and the stranger walk way from the crowd. Kathleen finally makes her way out of the sea and follows Tabatha. The stranger looks back and spots Kathleen. He beelines left. A large group of people cross in front of Kathleen. Sheila is now cocooned in the blanket, shivering. The wind blows and she squats down, knees to chest.

CUT TO:

MIDDLE OF THE CROWD

Mabel pushes through people smacking her lips.

MABEL

Water. Water.

With a hoarse voice she asks fellow patrons.

MABEL (CONT'D) Do you have any water?

Each person shakes their head no. Some ignore her. Her vision wobbles and blurs. She continues to ask.

MABEL (CONT'D) Does anybody have water...Babe..where are you?

CUT TO:

OUTSIDE FESTIVAL

An ambulance pulls away.

CUT TO:

OUT OF THE CROWD

Kathleen finally gets around the group. She searches frantically for Tabatha. There's no sign of her. Kathleen rushes up to random people.

KATHLEEN Have you seen my friend?

Person after person says no. Kathleen gets more aggressive. She grabs people when approaching them, yelling.

> KATHLEEN (CONT'D) Where's Tabatha? Have you seen her?

Kathleen pesters every person who crosses her path. People are getting scared.

(paranoid)

Please, have you seen her? She was with an 8 ft tall man. I mean 7 ft. He had blonde hair. Or was it brown. Please, she's in danger. She has a pink afro. No, pink braids. Or was it twists? I can't remember. Nut I haver to find her!

A security guard approaches Kathleen.

SECURITY Excuse ma'am. I'm gonna have to ask you to leave.

KATHLEEN

What? No. I can't leave. Not without Tamia. I mean Tonya. No. We just have to find her. Get her away from that man, that beast.

Tabatha spots the guards weapon and reaches for it. He quickly grabs his taser and fires at Kathleen. She falls to the ground, her hair starts to smoke.

SECURITY

Oh no!

He tries to turn the taser off but it keeps going. He slaps it with his palm. Finally it stops. Kathleen is fried.

CUT TO:

OUTSIDE FESTIVAL

An ambulance pulls off.

CUT TO:

GRASSY AREA

Sheila shivers relentlessly on the grass. The wind continues to blow.

CUT TO:

DARK WOODED AREA

Tabatha gawks at the stranger who grins evilly.

TABATHA Are you here to return my glass slipper?

STRANGER I got some glass for you.

CUT TO:

OUT OF THE CROWD

Mabel crawls away from the crowd. Vision incomprehensible. Lips visibly cracked.

MABEL (dry) Watterrrr.

She collapses.

CUT TO:

OUTSIDE FESTIVAL

Three ambulances pull off.

CUT TO BLACK.

NEWS ANCHOR (O.S.) Breaking news. 5 women were found dead at a music festival this weekend. Who's to blame you may ask? A little someone named Molly.

END OF EPISODE