

SUNNY'S TANNING & TONING

EPISODE 101 - PILOT: THE GRAND OPENING

1 BLACK SCREEN. 1

SUPER: "SUMMER, 1992"

2 INT. SUNNY'S - EARLY MORNING 2

AMANDA (18) in a jean-jacket and NIKKI (14) in a pink shirt with short blue jean shorts, make their way from the back entrance to the front of the store, both carrying sealed boxes.

*Their previous conversation continues--*

NIKKI

(annoyed)

I said I'd give it back-

AMANDA

(upset)

That's what you said last week!  
Quit borrowing my stuff without asking!

NIKKI

You'll get it back!

AMANDA

That's not the point. *You didn't ask!*

MARY (39) trails inside carrying boxes and sets them down on the FRONT COUNTER -- REVEALING HER FACE.

The AUDIENCE ROARS to LIFE, (in anticipation).

3 INT. SUNNY'S - FRONT COUNTER - CONTINUOUS 3

Mary blushes, then - addresses the situation, ...by snapping-

MARY

(shouts and squints)

STOP IT! You're both driving me up the wall!

Pause.

MARY (CONT'D)

I asked for your help today and if you guys are going to fight, then you can just leave.

Long pause-

NIKKI

Sorry, Mom.

AMANDA

Yeah, sorry.

THE AUDIENCE "AWE'S."

Mary nods her head-

MARY

This is a big day, not just for me, but for you girls, too.

The three share a hug, then-

MARY (CONT'D)

Now, we need to get this place setup and ready before we open.

SMASH CUT TO:

4 FRONT COUNTER - EARLY MORNING 4

ECU on Nikki's HANDS; she uses a BOX CUTTER to open one of the boxes, its contents reveal -- TANNING LOTION.

SMASH CUT TO:

5 FRONT COUNTER - EARLY MORNING 5

Amanda places TANNING LOTION in the display case and neatly positions it.

SMASH CUT TO:

6 INT. SUNNY'S - ROOM: A - EARLY MORNING 6

Mary sprays a TANNING BED with a SPRAY BOTTLE and wipes it clean with a paper towel.

The bed now sparkles.

SMASH CUT TO:

7 INT. SUNNY'S - FRONT COUNTER - EARLY MORNING 7

The trio stands before the wall of dials...

MARY

I'm going to show you girls how to  
turn on a tanning bed.

Pause.

MARY (CONT'D)

First, you have to set the timer up  
front, and these dials.

ECU on DIALS-

MARY (CONT'D)

You turn the dial to a  
corresponding number, for how long  
to turn on the bed.

MARY (CONT'D)

You don't want to give them too  
much time, if they've never tanned  
before. Only like 7 or 8 minutes,  
especially with new bulbs.

Beat.

MARY (CONT'D)

You girls want to try it?

NIKKI

(excited, shouts)

YEAH!

CUT TO:

9 I/E. TANNING BED A & B - EARLY MORNING 9

Nikki lies in a tanning bed "A", Amanda is in the next room  
over, Room: "B".

AMANDA

Wow! This feels so good!

NIKKI (O.S.)

I know, right!

NIKKI (CONT'D)

Hey Amanda?

AMANDA (O.S.)

What?

NIKKI

Sorry for taking your shirt.

AMANDA

(exhales)

*It's fine, it's just a shirt.*

The AUDIENCE "AWEs."

NIKKI

Thanks. I'll get you a new one.

AMANDA

What do you mean?

Silence.

AMANDA (CONT'D)

(upset)

Nik?!

Silence.

AMANDA (CONT'D)

(upset)

**NIKKI!**

NIKKI

I'm sorry... I got something on it.

The AUDIENCE LAUGHS.

AMANDA

(annoyed)

I knew it! This is why I don't let you borrow my stuff.

SMASH CUT TO:

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FRONT COUNTER - EARLY MORNING

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Sunny's is in order.

Everything in its place.

The store glistens and sparkles all around.

MARY

This place looks great!

The Mother-Daughter trio stands behind the counter in anticipation of newly arriving guests...

MARY (CONT'D)  
(upbeat, excited)  
...Now we wait for customers...

The neon-pink clock comes into focus and time passes by...

SMASH CUT TO:

11 BACK AT THE FRONT DESK --

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The trio stands tall, even after hours without a customer...

It's a bust.

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Mary looks over the store, then concludes-

MARY  
Well girls, it looks like we're  
gonna have to advertise.

END OF PILOT EPISODE #101