

Synopsis for "Prosperity Sucks"
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Paula Morris is the irreverent daughter of an incarcerated shoplifter and a medicated mother whose best friends are the deeply Christian Terry Tyler and the television show Prosperity Ridge 80229. When her father Paul is released from prison and high school acquaintance Aspen Winters takes credit for work that prevents Paula from going to college, she is forced to work at the City Medical Center with the vindictive Linda Smith-Wilson.

As Linda maneuvers to have Paula fired and replaced with the simple-minded Cathy, Paula watches Aspen Winters rise to stardom on Prosperity Ridge 80229. When pressured by her estranged father, Paula rejects religion as an answer to her problems and instead turns to alcohol and cigarettes.

Her refusal to deal with her problems head-on sparks an argument with her lifelong friend Terry who is struggling with his own dark secret and he announces that he is moving out of their shared apartment. Following the altercation, Paula goes to a nightclub using fake ID where she meets the charismatic Rusty. Rusty chats up Paula and talks her into an ill-advised one night stand that has consequences she later regrets.

Paula finally hits rock bottom when her father goes back to prison but gets unexpected help from the seemingly clueless Dr. Brock and the enigmatic Carlos the janitor.