FOR THEN WE ARE STRONG

"The Brenda Project"

by

Naomi Buckley and Susan Thrasher

2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Final Draft - January 2011
CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

BRENDA 30’s. A young Latina, fiery and intelligent. She is a force of nature, chain smoking, coffee drinking power-house. She is also a mother and wife. There are 2 Brenda’s. One that appears in all of the dream sequences and opens and closes the show and one that appears in all of the flash back scenes.

DIANA 30’s. A young woman assertive and logical. She a control freak and a fighter. A mother of two older kids and divorced.

TAMMY 40’s. A strong African-American woman, funny and warm. She’s been through hell and back and is unflustered. She has the weathered and beautiful look of a warrior.

PATRICIA 50’s. A soft spoken and deeply emotional woman with a core of strength that she has only recently become aware of. She is a quiet talker and is funny even though she would never describe herself that way.

LUZ 40’s. A latin woman, drop dead funny, wild and larger than life. She is someone you want to be around. Very concerned with appearances.

BETHANY 20’s. A pretty young woman who loves to talk and comes off as silly at times. She is actually very bright and funny.

CARA 30’s. A young woman, friendly and sometimes dramatic. She likes to look on the bright side and is often labeled an optimist.

MAMA Older than the sun. She is a warm, kind, uber-mother. She has wisdom beyond the corporeal world.

NURSE 1, 2, 3 Any age. They may be cast as male or female. Harbingers. They spin the wheel of fate. They are the instruments of God and MAMA’s companions.

LILLY 20’s. Cara’s sister. She is a fun, bright girl. Loves her sister. May be double cast.

KAREN Friend to Brenda; 20’s-30’s female. may be double cast.

DR. PHILIP Diagnoses Luz; May be double cast with Dr. Gorgeous.

DR. GORGEOUS Helps with reconstruction for Bethany;

JUAN 50’s. Latino. Husband to Luz;
JERROD  Husband to Tammy;
KAITLYN  Middle School student; played by one of Mama's girls;
IMANI  Middle School student; played by one of Mama's girls;
SISTER 1  30’s Brenda’s sister. Latina
SISTER 2  40’s. Brenda’s sister. Latina.