



# SCARS/dale

*The wounds cut deep.*

An ongoing series  
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*Three women in Queens, New York are roommates and best friends, but as they marry and pursue careers, their lives become more complicated and dysfunctional. Tensions arise, loyalties are frayed, and the limits of their bonds are tested.*

*SCARS/dale is a 6-hour buddy series spanning 25 years, testing the loyalties and binding strengths of the "Triangle," comprised of Dora, MacKenzie, and Lara.*

## THE STORY

Dora works for the rising producer of rap star Dpxshy, and is the daughter of a pioneering soccer player who had a sex-change operation. MacKenzie (Mac) is an inspiring jazz and opera singer, and Lara is an outgoing and no-holds-barred flight attendant. Dora's and Lara's life-long bonds are strained when Lara's husband, an investigator for the DA's office, probes into Dora's employer for fraud, forcing them to choose loyalties, and Mackenzie, whose own life is fraught with relationship conflict, is pulled in both directions as each seeks her support.



This series is in the mood of Sex And the City and The Slap. These women love each other, but as outside forces impose decisions that threaten their solidarity, the relationships unravel with dire consequences.



## THE SUPPORTING CAST

The supporting cast of characters include Emilio, Dora's Spanish husband; Luis, a former bordello bouncer; Monica, a nightclubbing surgeon; Taylor, Dora's politically conservative father; Dpxshy, the superstar rapper who Dora represents; Bette, the elderly neighbor who drops in daily; and Skippy, the chihuahua with a personality disorder who terrorizes all visitors.



## THE CAST

**DORA SANTOS:** the lead, Dora was raised in Queens. She is of mixed race-- her father Nigerian, mother white British. In 1995 she takes an associate position at a record producer's office that represents the rapper Dpxshy. With his rise the company becomes a powerhouse and she climbs the ranks, managing his licensing and merchandizing. She marries and moves into an apartment with her husband, Emilio. When she becomes pregnant they decide to relocate to Scarsdale, buying a home designed for hosting parties. She and Dpxshy become close friends, a friendship that is strained when an investigation for fraud in her company begins.



**LARA CAKIR:** brash, outgoing flight attendant from Atlanta, she's the alpha female, the "Samantha" from Sex And the City. She tells it like it is. She is a hobbyist home renovator who cannot walk into a home without mentally removing walls, adding fixtures, and rearranging traffic flow patterns. She is the unshakable pillar, the go-to person when the chips are down.

**MACKENZIE (MAC) VACEK:** a mid-western girl chasing her dreams, she's folksy, naively inappropriate, and warm to everybody. A talented singer, she studies opera at Julliard, joins forces with her jazz guitarist husband, and is cast at Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown, NY. She abandons her career to raise her son, and on a lark, years later, records a pop CD which gives her a second chance at a career. Sexually liberal, she and her second husband become swingers in Brooklyn.



**Emilio Santos, husband of Dora:** raised on the Spanish Canary Islands, Emilio is a looker with a beach body. When he marries Dora he buys a Latin dive bar, the Bar del Barrio, with beer and attractive waitresses, and they take an apartment two blocks away. ICE raids his tavern and arrest many of his patrons, sending him spiraling into despair.



## THE CAST

**BULENT CAKIR**, *husband of Dora*: a Turkish Renaissance Man, was raised his first 12 years in France before moving to New York. Soft-spoken, fluent in Turkish/French/Arabic/English and Portugese, he is first an intelligence officer monitoring Arabic radio transmissions during the Iraq War. When discharged, he graduates Wharton Business School and becomes a trader, first on Wall Street, then in Brazil. He returns to the U.S. to be married, and acquires his law degree, leading him to become an investigator for the District Attorney for the Southern District of New York. He is tasked to investigate fraud by Dora's employer.



**DARBY WILKINSON**, *2nd husband of Mackenzie*: works at the Council of Nations (fictitious United Nations) when he marries Mackenzie. Two years after their son is born, he is laid off and finds gainful re-employment to be difficult. As he and Mackenzie struggle financially, he has affairs, first by a lesbian couple across the street, then a male college professor. He and Mackenzie discover they both are open to outside liaisons, and become swingers.