

SCENE THREE

The Beach.

Lights up.

TANYA is sunbathing. PEPPER is running the beach cocktail-bar and about to serve TANYA a cocktail. It is obvious throughout the following dialogue that something happened last night between them and that whilst PEPPER is eager to pursue the romance, TANYA is far from sure. TANYA has also brought HARRY down to the beach to keep an eye on him. When he appears he is a little edgy, even excited. As the scene begins HARRY is taking a swim in the sea.

PEPPER

(pouring cocktail)

Madame! This should tickle your taste-buds

TANYA

Yes, but will it cure my hangover?

PEPPER

You should look in the mirror baby – you've just cured mine.

TANYA

Down, boy. I'm old enough to be your mother.

PEPPER

(On his way back to the bar)

Well, you can call me Oedipus.

TANYA gives him a withering look HARRY rushes up from the sea.

HARRY

Oh ... what time is it? Shouldn't you be getting ready?

TANYA

Oh don't worry about me, Harry. I've got oodles of time. There's nothing worse than sitting around in your glad-rags for hours.

HARRY

Donna must be tearing her hair out doing the wedding on her own.

(Tentatively)

... what would the bride's father usually do?

TANYA

Well, usually he'd pay. Though my Dad drew a line at the third.

HARRY

Did he ... say anything to you beforehand? Words of advice, that sort of thing ...?

TANYA

Yes – there I'd be in my dress, all ready to walk down the aisle and he'd whisper –

(TANYA imitates her father)

“Don't worry love, I know a good lawyer.”

(TANYA gives HARRY a curious look)

Why are we talking about my Dad?

HARRY

I think I'll go back to my room. Too much sun.

TANYA

Oh Harry, don't go ... please!

HARRY

Let's catch up tonight.

As HARRY exits PEPPER comes over to TANYA again

PEPPER

Tanya, why don't we catch up from last night?

TANYA

I've drawn a veil over last night. Last night never happened ...

ROSIE, BILL, ALI, LISA and EDDIE enter on the boat

LISA

Pepper! Pull your finger out – champagne-cocktails all round.

PEPPER

(still with an eye on TANYA)

There's the bar – help yourself.

ALI

You have to do it. We're guests now.

EDDIE

You just can't get the staff these days.

ROSIE holds up a small fish on a line. there is a general mood of frivolity.

TANYA

Is that all you caught?

ROSIE

You should have seen the one that got away.

BILL

(Opening his arms to indicate the size)

This big.

ROSIE

Bill – don't exaggerate.

(Opening her arms as wide as she possibly can).

This big.

THEY laugh together. EDDIE, LISA and ALL are heading for the bar

LISA

Drink Bill?

BILL

Thanks, but no thanks; Rosie's promised me a fry-up!

ROSIE

Have I?

BILL

You know I always keep a copy of your 'New Woman' cook-book in my ruck-sack?

ROSIE

Do you? Well then you'll know how to pepper my snapper!

ROSIE and BILL exit

TANYA

(checking her watch)

Christ – three hours to blast-off. Come on, girls, we've got work to do.

(SHE goes to collect her belongings)

PEPPER

Work?

TANYA

On my face, sweetie. A little repair and renovation.

PEPPER

(getting in front of her)

Hey – you don't mess with a masterpiece.

ALL, LISA and EDDIE groan

EDDIE

You sad bastard!