

SCENE THREE**The Beach**

LIGHTS up.

TANYA is sunbathing. PEPPER is running the beach cocktail-bar and is about to serve TANYA something long and smooth. It is obvious throughout the following dialogue that something happened last night between them and that while PEPPER is keen to take things further, TANYA's playing the amnesia card. TANYA has also brought HARRY down to the beach to keep an eye on him. When he appears he is on edge, excited. At the top of the scene, HARRY's having a swim in the sea.

PEPPER

(Pouring cocktail)

Signora. 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 then, you can call me Oedipus.

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—chop, chop. Champagne cocktails all round.

PEPPER

(Still with an eye on TANYA)

There's the bar, help yourself.

TANYA

(Checking her watch)

Good God—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

You don't mess with a masterpiece.