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Tanya, Rosie, Donna, Sophie, Sky, Pepper, Eddie

The Courtyard

Lights up.

TANYA and ROSIE enter along the jetty. They have all their luggage with them.

TANYA

Christ—how much further in these sodding heels?

ROSIE

What did you expect—the chauffeured limousine at the water’s edge?

TANYA

Yes. Donna knows I don’t do walking ...

DONNA

Well, will you look at what the tide’s washed in?

ROSIE and TANYA wheel round

ROSIE

For one night ...

TANYA

... and one night only

ROSIE & TANYA

Donna ...

DONNA, ROSIE, TANYA

... AND THE DYNAMOS!

DONNA

Group hug!

They ALL hug together, falling back into their old “routine” greeting involving high fives and bum wiggles!

ROSIE

So how’s the mother of the bride?

DONNA

Much better for seeing you two! God, Tanya—Eight bloody years!

TANYA

I know darling, I’m sorry. Blame it on my penchant for jet-setting millionaires.

DONNA

I know and I’ve been chained to this place. The constant battles with the bank-manager.

ROSIE

I pity the poor bank-manager.

SOPHIE

(Running on)

Auntie Rosie!

ROSIE

Sophie Sheridan. You get more gorgeous every time I see you. Don't I get a big, fat kiss? I've come all this way for your wedding!

SOPHIE and ROSIE hug

TANYA

I bet you don't remember me.

ROSIE

All that plastic surgery

SOPHIE

(Going forward to embrace TANYA)

Of course I do. Auntie Tanya.

DONNA

Look at my baby—her whole life ahead of her ...

SOPHIE

Mum! I'm getting married, not joining a convent.

DONNA

Yes well in my day, you didn't get married at twenty ...

(SKY, begins his journey down the U.S. section of the jetty)

ROSIE

(Smoothing things)

... Donna—in our day we didn't get married—full stop!

(SKY reaches the end of the U.S. section of the jetty and overhears DONNA)

DONNA

A white wedding, will you? I don't know where she gets it from.

SKY

Don't blame me, Donna. It wasn't my idea.

DONNA

Girls, meet the leading man at tomorrow's shindig—Sky—Rosie and Tanya, my one time backing band and all time best mates.

(PEPPER and EDDIE enter)

ROSIE

Backing band be buggered!! Hello.

SKY

Hi. I've heard lots about you two.

TANYA

All bad, I hope.

(PEPPER crosses to TANYA and kisses her hand)

PEPPER

Yasu Cooklamoo.

TANYA

Efkhareesto pole dhen kanee teepota

EDDIE

Don't bother, he doesn't speak Greek. He's from Chipping Sodbury

(or wherever)

My name's Eddie. Bonjour Madame.

TANYA

Bonjour Eddie, enchantée de fais votre connaissance.

EDDIE

Bon appetite.

PEPPER

My name's Pepper.

TANYA

Because you're hot?

EDDIE

No—because he gets up your nose.

DONNA

Pepper and Eddie are my bar-staff, waiters, boatmen and general help. Only they're generally no help at all. Don't you two have any work to do?

PEPPER and EDDIE exit, taking TANYA and ROSIE'S luggage.

TANYA

Darling, the Taverna looks wonderful.

DONNA

We've got Sky to thank for that.

TANYA

Why, what have you been up to?

ROSIE

You've not been here long have you?

SKY

No—I came here to escape from the London Stock Exchange and I never went back.

ROSIE

Why?

SKY

I burnt out. I'd been dealing in the world but I'd never seen the world.

DONNA

Well you should see what he's done to my world. He's got me on-line, e-mailed, wired-up and knuckled-down ...

SKY

... you have to move with the times, Donna—no more drachmas under the mattress ...

DONNA

... just invent me a machine that'll make the beds.

SOPHIE

If they did, you'd be going along behind it, doing them again. I know you, mum.

DONNA

Are you joking? I'll be more than ready to put my feet up when my boat comes in.

ROSIE

Talking of boats, I'd sink that old wreck you've got moored by the jetty.

SKY

Sink it!

ROSIE

Well, it's a bit of an eyesore!

DONNA

That old eyesore's going to be my Floating Casino!

ROSIE

What?

DONNA

Sky and Eddie's transforming it into a millionaire's paradise—

SKY

Sailing round the islands, gambling under the stars ...

ROSIE

Aye-aye—gambling millionaires—may be a few of your ex-husbands aboard, Tanya?

TANYA

Shouldn't think so, darling. I spent their millions.

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