

Sky
Pepper
Eddie
Donna

DONNA

Nothing, I'm sorry it's just a figure of speech ...

SOPHIE

No, it's not. That's what you think--isn't it?--I'm stupid to get married, it's just a whim?

DONNA

Well, I'm not pretending I really understand ...

SOPHIE

Of course you don't. You did just fine without a man, didn't you--you never did that marriage and babies thing. You just did the baby, well good for you.

DONNA

Hang on--what's happening? Why are you having a go at me?

SOPHIE

I'm going to do it right, mum. I love Sky and I want to be with him and I don't want my children growing up not knowing who their Dad is. Because it's crap!

SHE exits. DONNA stares after her, devastated by her words. Off: We hear the unearthly wail of bagpipes and the unearthly wail of SKY and PEPPER.

SKY & PEPPER

(Off- drunkenly and quite loud)

VOULEZ-VOUS

TAKE IT NOW OR LEAVE IT

NOW IS ALL WE GET

NOTHING PROMISED

NO REGRETS ...

SKY, EDDIE and PEPPER are coming on - drunken and bedraggled-looking. SKY and PEPPER are playing bongos, EDDIE is playing the bagpipes.

SKY, PEPPER, EDDIE

VOULEZ-VOUS

TAKE IT NOW OR LEAVE IT ...

DONNA

Jesus, will you stop that racket before you wake the whole island! Eddie--what are you doing with those monstrosities?

EDDIE

(arms round PEPPER and SKY)

Oh they're not that bad ...

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(cont'd)

DONNA

Eddie!

EDDIE

... No, I found these babies in the cellar. Just what we need for a wedding. Are they your's Donna ?

DONNA

No, they're ...

(Abruptly)

... and what sort of wedding do you think there's going to be, the state of you three? Sky! You're not marrying my daughter smelling like the drayman's drawers—hit the tub.

Noticing PEPPER trying to leave with SKY.

DONNA

Where do you think you're going?

PEPPER

To scrub the groom's back?

DONNA

Oh no, you're not. I want the champagne on ice and the ouzo in the punch-bowls, lay out the tablecloths, the cutlery and the best glasses—you'll have to wash and polish them first.

PEPPER is looking more and more dismayed and turns to exit into the Taverna.

DONNA

(rounding on eddie)

Eddie—get your boat out.

EDDIE

Why?

DONNA

Because my guests want to dive down to the old wreck, to look for more pearl necklaces.

EDDIE

Donna—we planted the one Sky found last night.

DONNA

I don't care—it'll keep them happy till the wedding starts. For God's sake just do it.

EDDIE exits quickly. DONNA looks about to explode. When he has gone, she takes a deep breath alone with her thoughts. SAM—enters and sits in another part of the courtyard. He is sketching.