

JASON. Okay. Look. I gave her something to help her sleep.

CRADDOCK. What did you give her?

JASON. Calmo. Why?

CRADDOCK. Where'd you get it from?

JASON. I don't know. Ask Ella Zielinsky. Our secretary. Or Giuseppe Renzo. Our butler.

(CRADDOCK writes in his notepad.)

CRADDOCK. What does Calmo do?

JASON. It peps you up and it calms you down. *(Archly.)*
You should try it.

(CRADDOCK unimpressed.)

Sorry. It's late and we've all had a shitty day, as I'm sure you can imagine. Come back tomorrow morning and we'll see if my wife is up to speaking to you.

CRADDOCK. One last thing. Do you have any idea how Mrs Leigh ended up with the poisoned drink?

JASON. I'm a director, not some damn waiter.

(CRADDOCK turns back to MISS MARPLE.)

CRADDOCK. Before you ask, the butler was serving the drinks. The aforementioned Giuseppe Renzo. *(Disapprovingly.)* Italian.

MISS MARPLE. Does his descent have any bearing on the case?

(Beat. GIUSEPPE appears.)

GIUSEPPE. Me? You accuse me?

CRADDOCK. All I asked was if it was correct that you served the drinks.

GIUSEPPE. Marina chose her drink herself, from a whole tray of drinks! So did Mrs Leigh!

CRADDOCK. Is there anyone who can vouch for that?

GIUSEPPE. Yes. Anyone who saw!

You think it was me. That's ridiculous! Why would I want to kill her?

I love Marina. Love.

Nineteen years, I follow her everywhere. I keep her safe, I keep her...clear. How could I try to kill that woman? She needs protecting. She needs tenderness, care. Like a flower. She needs –

CRADDOCK. Water and sunlight?

GIUSEPPE. You English, you have no heart.

(GIUSEPPE disappears.)

MISS MARPLE. Clear?

CRADDOCK. From fans, I suppose. Newspapers. Photographers. Everyone wanting to catch a glimpse of her...

MISS MARPLE. Yes, but it's such an unusual choice of word.

CRADDOCK. Well. I should –

MISS MARPLE. How much would Mr Rudd stand to inherit if Miss Gregg died?

(CRADDOCK consults his notepad. JASON appears again.)

JASON. Two million dollars.

MISS MARPLE. It seems too obvious.

CRADDOCK. I've already looked into all that. If the film collapsed, he'd stand to lose –

JASON. Considerably more.