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ROMANCE SENIOR STYLE:
THE SINGLES CRUISE

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CAST

JANE WESTON: In her sixties, nice personality, attractive, professional looking.

DOTTIE TAYLOR: In her sixties or early seventies, a bit overweight, jovial and boisterous.

WAITRESS: Any age, she is dressed as the cruise line waitstaff. Experienced and efficient.

JASMINE ELLIS: In her sixties, attractive. She has had a few too many cosmetic procedures, has bleached blond hair, tight pants, low-cut blouse and high heels.

RICHARD: In his sixties, attractive and well-dressed.

YOUNG WOMAN: In her twenties, she is very sexy in a short dress and heels. She has long blonde hair.

Place
At Sea

Time
The present

Setting: The deck of the Cruise Ship Folly. Three lounge chairs are set in a line, facing the audience at Center. Each chair is flanked by side tables.

At Rise: JANE sits in the chair at Right. DOTTIE enters from Left with a margarita, followed by a WAITRESS carrying a pitcher of margaritas and two extra glasses on a tray. DOTTIE sits in chair at Center. The WAITRESS places the tray on the table between the women and exits. During the first part of the play, the WAITRESS will enter and replace the full pitcher as necessary.

DOTTIE: Keep 'em coming, honey. Room 326. (She glances at JANE) How about a margarita?

JANE: I don't really drink, thank you.

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DOTTIE: Well, you should have a drink today. We're on a singles cruise made up of mostly women. I'm alone, you're apparently alone, and today is my birthday. This pitcher of margaritas is my birthday present to myself. Won't you share it with me?

JANE: (*She closes her magazine,*) When you put it that way, I might have just one. Happy Birthday. (*DOTTIE pours JANE a drink*). Margarita's are kind of fattening, aren't they?

DOTTIE: First of all, I'm not fat, I'm fluffy. We don't use the 3-letter "F" word around here.

JANE: Oh, I didn't mean you. *I'm* on a diet.

DOTTIE: Who isn't? Here's your drink. Bottoms up!

(*JANE and DOTTIE toast, then both take a drink*)

DOTTIE: My name is Dorothy Taylor. Everyone calls me Dottie, What's yours?

JANE: Jane. Jane Weston. Everyone calls me...well...Jane.

DOTTIE: Well, you're not plain-Jane, that's for sure. You look like a very classy woman. I'll bet you have a lot of men fluttering around.

JANE: I've been divorced for several years. I guess I'm a little shy around men when I don't know them very well, so I pretty much stay to myself.

DOTTIE: We can't have that, now can we? Not on this cruise!

JANE: I used to like to think I was easy to live with, but I think my problem was that I put my career and success in front of my marriage. Most men don't like that. My husband used to say I had too much testosterone.

DOTTIE: Ha ha! You don't seem the type!

JANE: I guess when it comes to work I do. Particularly when I started making more money than he did.

DOTTIE: You go, girl! Good for you! What you need is a man who has lots of his own money, and is confident enough to handle a strong woman. I like you!

JANE: (*smiles*) Thank you, Dottie. How about you?

DOTTIE: Oh, you don't want to hear my sad story.

JANE: Of course I do!

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