

ROBERTA. I'm not doin nothin you ain't doin, too.
DANNY. Yeah?
ROBERTA. That's right. Do you really think you killed that

guy?

DANNY. I don't know.
ROBERTA. I hope not.

DANNY. He was a real mess.

ROBERTA. But it takes a lot to kill somebody, right? I mean lots of people've been hurt worse than you hurt that guy, I bet, and they didn't die. Sure! That's right. Babies fall outta windows five stories high and go right on cryin. Old ladies get run over by buses and pop right back up. You hear about it all the time.

DANNY. I don't know. He wasn't . . . He wasn't dead when I left.

ROBERTA. Then you probably didn't kill nobody at all.

DANNY. I coulda killed him. Even if I didn't. Ain't that the same?

ROBERTA. Between you and me, yeah. It's the same. One way or the other. (*A distant boat horn sounds.*) Listen! (*It sounds again, and then once more.*) There. You hear it?

DANNY. What is it?

ROBERTA. Big boats.

DANNY. Ain't no boats around here. There's no water.

ROBERTA. Yeah, there is. It's not a block over or like that, but the ocean's right out there. (*The horn sounds again.*) See? That's a big boat goin down some like river to the ocean.

DANNY. Whatever you say.

ROBERTA. That's what it is. There's boats right up by Westchester Square. What's that, twenty blocks? Look sometime, you'll see 'em. Not the real big ones, but big. Sea boats. I met a sailor in the bar one time. In the outfit, you know? I was all over him. But he turned out to be nothin—a pothead. He giggled a lot. It was too bad because . . . Well, it was too bad. When we got married, me and Billy, that was my husband, we smoked a ball of opium one night. It really knocked me out. I fell asleep like immediately. And I dreamed about the ocean. It was real blue. And there was the sun, and it was real yellow. And I was out there, right in the middle of the ocean, and I heard this noise. I turned around, and whaddaya think I

saw? Just about right next to me. A whale! A whale came shootin straight outta the water! A whale! Yeah! And he opened up his mouth and closed it while he was up there in the air. And people on the boat said, Look! The whales are jumpin! And no shit, these whales start jumpin outta the water all over the place. And I can see them! Through one a those round windows. Or right out in the open. Whales! Gushin outta the water, and the water gushin outta their heads, you know, spoutin! And then, after a while, they all stopped jumpin. It got quiet. Everybody went away. The water smoothed out. But I kept lookin at the ocean. So deep and blue. And different. It was different then. 'Cause I knew it had all them whales in it.

DANNY. What if you . . . Nah, I ain't gonna say that.

ROBERTA. What were ya gonna say?

DANNY. Somethin I'm not gonna say. (*Referring to the doll.*) Is that you?

ROBERTA. That? It's just a doll.

DANNY. Yeah, I know that. But is it supposed to be you?

ROBERTA. Yeah, I guess so. Shirley gave it to me. My friend. When I was gonna get married.

DANNY. It don't look like you.

ROBERTA. No kiddin.

DANNY. It don't have your nose.

ROBERTA. No?

DANNY. No. Did you get in the whole white outfit, you know, when you got married?

ROBERTA. Not really. We got married at City Hall. My mother was pissed. She's religious. But we wanted to get that part over with. I was showin. It woulda been stupid in white. It's an ugly room, though, when they marry you at City Hall. It's like school.

DANNY. Why you keep the doll?

ROBERTA. It ain't much to keep.

DANNY. It's pretty.

ROBERTA. You think so?

DANNY. Bein a bride. All in white and everything. Flowers. I was at a weddin once. They left through this garden. All these roses all around. I never seen so many roses. Bees buzzin. Lotsa other flowers, too. They came out. Everybody was throwin rice. Why do they do that?