

everyone from acting on my warnings. (Feels drawn to make a bit of a speech.) Oh mystery and misery, descends upon me like a thunder cloud, Pregnant with rain and Jupiter's arrows. The terrible burden of true prophecy, of my unwanted but unstoppable prelude. Look out, look out — all around us are lions and tigers and bears. Oh my, the omelette is a failure, I crush it beneath my foot. The libation bearers bring guts and entrails And parents' children chopped up and served in a shepherd's pie. Something tastes wrong with it — little wonder! Next time you won't go killing Agamemnon, will you? He's already dead. My car needs to be inspected, How can I keep all these facts in my head when I see calamity and colossus Lumbering up the walkway? Oh wretches, oh misery, oh magical mystery tour. Beware the future. I know you will not abide me, You ignore because I am not tall. But I am right! I see disaster ahead for all of you! Lunch in about twenty minutes! (She strides out.) NINA. Oh she's a wonderful actress, too. What was that from, what she just recited? MASHA. It was from one of the Greek tragedies, I think. But I believe she embellished it slightly. NINA. Tell me ... I wonder if this is a stupid question. But what is the difference between acting in a movie and acting onstage? MASHA. No, it's not stupid at all. In film, you are acting in front of a camera, and you need to speak in a normal voice. And onstage, you are in a sort of wooden box in front of people who are looking at you and you must speak more loudly. So that they can hear you. NINA. I see, yes. What was your favorite role onstage? MASHA. My favorite role onstage. Well I loved all the Ibsen I did, and the Chekhov, and the Shakespeare. Google me when you go home. Besides I'm not the only actor in the room. Spike is wonderfully talented. He was almost cast in Entourage 2. NINA. Yes, he told me. MASHA. Spike, why don't you ... (Suddenly notices he's still in his un-

derwear.) Goodness, you're still in your underwear. Spike, dear, why