

PEACE AND PLENTY

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Cast of Characters

Susan: Cate Blanchett

Craig Bradley: Joel Edgerton

Jo:

Sam:

James Cook: John Gaden

Consul:

Mrs Consul:

Mark Walk:

Secretary:

Lazar:

HK Businessman:

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Scene 1

Bronte. Sydney 2015.

JO

I don't know why anyone lives in this country. No wonder everyone is covered with melanoma's. Life comes at you like a bad sunburn. When you're young, it's all glowing warm, but eventually the shit blisters to the top and before you know it you're dead.

SUSAN drinks a green tea quietly. The man stirs and turns over. He is middle aged and covered in dried blood. SUSAN cues JO.

SUSAN

For the food.

JO

Yeah, the food. The beach. The sun. The food. The friendly Australians.

How is he?

SUSAN

Fine.

JO

That blood is pretty serious.

SUSAN

Oh, it's from his nose.

JO takes his penis between her thumb and forefinger

JO

More than a handful.....

pause

JO

Are you sure he's okay?

SUSAN

Oh he's had a few bottles of wine and a JD or two. Nothing else.

JO

And some fisty cuffs.

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SUSAN

A bit of biffa, as they say.

JO takes out a silver package and opens it.

JO

Beef kebab. Want some?

SUSAN

It's six o'clock in the morning.

JO

Special garlic sauce, got it down on the main drag.

SUSAN

No thanks.

JO

You should. We worked pretty hard last night. I didn't think we'd get it done.

*JO gestures around the empty room. Then eats.
SUSAN watches, then gets up and stands behind her
with a key.*

SUSAN

Here's the key. There's a cleaning lady around the corner, I'll give you her number. But don't talk about the Lebs.

pause

SUSAN

Good luck with the girls.

JO

Why don't you stay? I think you'd love it.

SUSAN

Unmarried refugee mothers? I don't think we'd get on.

JO

Just stay for a few hours and you can meet a few

SUSAN

You really don't want that. Nobody would.

pause

SUSAN

Tell my husband...