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Vocabulary

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...³. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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Trouble at Turtle Bay

Twas standing on the deck of the Wave Dancer. The sun was Ishining and I was a happy man. I had no money in my pocket, but the Wave Dancer belonged to me.

That morning, she looked like a new boat. Everything was clean and shining. Chubby and Angelo, my crew¹, had done their work well. I had cleaned and checked the two engines. We

were ready to leave.

A taxi drove slowly down to the wharf². It stopped and two men got out. One was short with hard, black eyes. The other man was younger and taller. He looked tough. He was trouble.

'Are you Harry Fletcher?' the older man called. He didn't

smile.

'That's me,' I replied. 'You must be Mr Materson. Welcome aboard the Wave Dancer.'

I took them down to the cabin³. It was cool there and very comfortable. The Wave Dancer had cost me a lot of money and I looked after her4 well.

We sat down. 'This is Mike Guthrie,' Materson said.

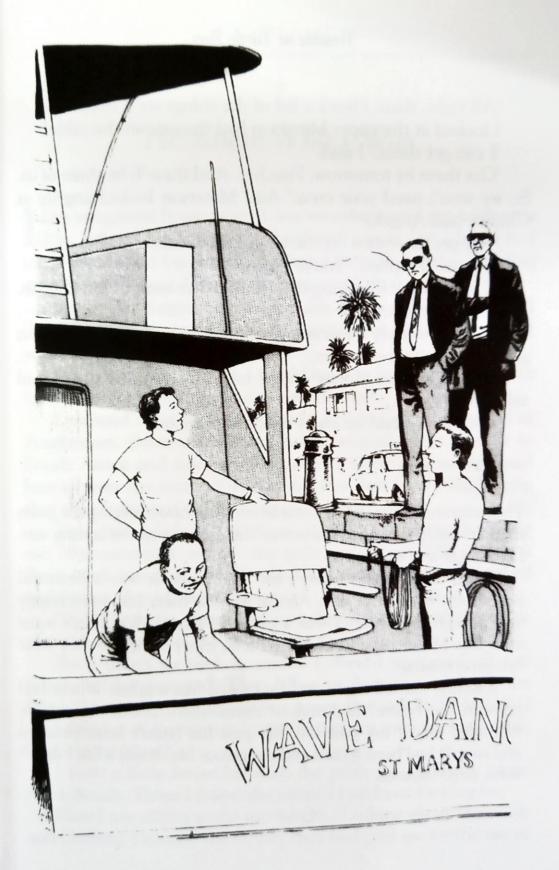
Guthrie stared at me.

'Don't I know you?" he said. 'You're from London, aren't you?'

'Sure, but I haven't been there for years,' I answered. 'Now, about the fishing,' I went on quickly. 'We'll have to start early tomorrow . . .

'We're not going fishing, we're going diving⁵,' Materson said.

'Pay me well, and you can do whatever you want,' I said with a smile.



'Welcome aboard the Wave Dancer.'

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