

SCENE FIVE

Beach

STACHE enters, carried on by SMEE.

Stache: Set me down, you dozy prat. I can't go another step.

Smee: That trunk is hard to find, Cap'n.

Stache: So it is. Elusive as the melody in a Philip Glass opera. **Smee:** Rest yourself a while. Smee'll track yer treasure solo.

Stache: Negaroni. We'll trick the pewling spawn and make 'em bring it hither. But how to do it?

How to smoke 'em out — Smee: We could lure 'em, Cap'n!

Stache: Lure 'em, y'say?

Smee: (smacks himself on the head) Stupid idea, Smee. Stupid, stupid!

Stache: Lure 'em, yes. Down here to the butch.

Smee: Beach.

Stache: Beach. In which case, we shall need -

Smee: A magnet. A really big one. That'll attract 'em!

Stache: Smee, Smee . . . I know your heart's in the right place, but – (A distant ROAR.) Smee,

you've been hitting the three-bean couscous again.

Smee: 'Tweren't I, Cap'n. Stache: Wait! I have it!

Smee: (sees something shocking overhead) Oh, Captain?

Stache: Lucky for me you saved your ukulele!

Smee: Captain Stache!!!!

Stache: A siren's song is what we need, Smee, and you're going to be the luscious siren - (sees

Mister Grin) WHOA! BIG CROC! (runs off)

Smee: He's chewing all the scenery, sir.

Stache: (runs on) Not in my scene, he ain't! (to Miser Grin) Spare me the theatrics, y'reptilian

ham! (Mister Grin roars monstrously!) Abandon spleen!

Smee: Scene! Stache: Scene!

Smee, Stache: Abandon scene!

STACHE and SMEE run off.