LIN. I can't remember all that.

VIC. Lin! Innin, Innana, Nana, Nut, Anat, Anahita, Istar, Isis—(ALL repeat Innin etc.) Goddess hear us calling you back through time, hear us, Lady, give us back what we were, give us the history we haven't had, make us the women we can't be.

LIN. Come back, goddess.

VIC. Goddess of the sun and the moon her brother, little goddess of Crete with snakes in your hands.

LIN. Goddess of breasts.

VIC. Goddess of cunts.

LIN. Goddess of fat bellies and babies.

LIN. And blood.

(ALL repeat Innin, etc.)

LIN. I see her.

EDWARD. What?

LIN. I see her. Very tall. Snakes in her hands. Light light light—Look out! Did I give you a fright?

EDWARD. I was terrified.

VIC. Don't spoil it Lin.

LIN. It's all out of a book.

VIC. Innin,—I can't do it now. I was really enjoying myself.

LIN. She won't appear with a man here.

VIC. They had men, they had sons and lovers.

EDWARD. They had eunuchs.

LIN. Don't give us ideas.

VIC. There's Attis and Tammuz, they're torn to pieces.

EDWARD. Tear me to pieces, Lin.

VIC. The priestesses chose a lover for a year and he was king because she chose him and then he was killed at the end of the year. And the women had the children and nobody knew it was done by fucking so they didn't know about fathers and nobody cared who the father was and the property was passed down through the maternal line—

LIN. Don't turn it into a lecture, Vicky, it's meant to be an orgy.

VIC. It never hurts to understand the theoretical background. You can't separate fucking and economics.

LIN. Give us a kiss.

EDWARD. Shut up, listen.

LIN. What?

EDWARD. There's somebody there.

LIN. Where?

EDWARD. There.

VIC. The priestesses used to make love to total strangers.

LIN. Go on then, I dare you.

EDWARD. Go on, Vicky.

VIC. He won't know it's a sacred rite in honour of the goddess.

EDWARD. We'll know.

LIN. We can tell him.

EDWARD. It's not what he thinks, it's what we think.

LIN. Don't tell him till after, he'll run a mile.

VIC. Hello. We're having an orgy. Do you want me to suck your cock?

(The stranger approaches. It is MARTIN)

MARTIN. There you are. I've been looking everywhere. What the hell are you doing? Do you know