**Excerpt #3**

Characters: Baron, Baroness

Context: The Baron and Baroness are getting ready for the Baron’s Birthday celebration.

**The Baronial Apartments**

**Baron** Happy Birthday to me, me

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My darling, how do I look?...

**Baroness** I could eat you with a spoon. My strudel.

**Baron** My little knockwursts.

**Baroness** My sticky bun… I have such a special surprise birthday

planned

for you today

**Baron** You do? Tell me, tell me, what’s the theme this year, for my party?

**Baroness** Shan’t. It’s a surprise.

**Baron** Tell me about my party.

**Baroness** You’ll have to wait and see.

**Baron** Tell me, tell me, tell me.

**Baroness** Don’t make me count!! *The baron attempts to speak.*

One

*The Baron attempts to speak again.*

Two. I have a special present planned for you today. This year the toymaker has excelled himself.

**Baron** The toymaker? What has he made? Is it…a toy?

**Baroness** It’s like a sixth-sense with you, isn’t it? You always know.

**Baron** Ooow, I’m so happy! It’s my birthday and I’m having a big party and I’m getting the flying car and the toymaker has a special toy just for me. What more could a Baron want?

**Baroness** His Baroness.

**Baron** Oh my veenerschnapple.

**Baroness** Your rotten toys mean more to you than I do.

**Baron** No. You know what you are to me – don’t you my darling?

**Baroness** Remind me.