

**ACT TWO****LORD ADALBERT AND LADY EUGENIA****SCENE 4****AUDITION SIDES 1**

*The Great Hall, Highhurst Castle. The rather grand LADY EUGENIA D'YSQUITH [50's] straightens the medals on the jacket of her husband, LORD ADALBERT. MUSIC fades out.*

**LORD ADALBERT**

I'm famished. What are we eating?

**LADY EUGENIA**

Everything to drive you to an early grave.

**LORD ADALBERT**

It can't be soon enough, as long as you're living.

**LADY EUGENIA**

You'd better hope I die before you. Otherwise, I shall feed your remains to the hounds.

**LORD ADALBERT**

I'm counting on you having a prolonged illness, every inch of you covered with leeches. And I shall savor the act of applying each of them myself. Speaking of leeches, who the devil have you invited to sponge off us *this* weekend?

*(MR. GORBY, a butler, announces the guests.)*

**LADY EUGENIA**

Adalbert, you remember Miss D'Ysquith, of course.



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AUDITION SIDES 2****LORD ADALBERT**

This fish is an abomination!

**LADY EUGENIA**

*(Dryly:)*

You specifically requested cod.

**LORD ADALBERT**

She knows very well I detest cod.

*(LORD ADALBERT notices WALTER, a servant.)*

Who the devil are you?

*(WALTER nearly quakes with fear.)*

**LADY EUGENIA**

It's Walter, dear. From the kitchen. I gave Bellamy the night off to visit his sick mother.

**LORD ADALBERT**

Sick mother! There's a good one.

*(Of his wife:)*

Most gullible woman on earth.

**LADY EUGENIA**

It's true. I should never have believed your vow to love, honor and cherish.

**LORD ADALBERT**

*(Raising a glass to her.)*

Till death do us part, my darling!

**LADY EUGENIA**

*(Blowing a kiss.)*

It's what I cling to, my sweet!

*(Awkward silence. After a long moment, SIBELLA feels compelled to fill the vacuum.)*