

Beau CB

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They scream and screams are heard
throughout the house.

SYLVIA

I thought you said it wasn't loaded!

RICHARD

I thought it wasn't! I've never been good with guns! Perhaps
it was slightly loaded.

SYLVIA

That leads to slightly dead doesn't it?

RICHARD takes the gun, clearly not an
expert, and examines it.

RICHARD

It's empty now. For certain.

SYLVIA

Let me see it.

She expertly examines the gun.

SYLVIA

Right. Good then.

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BEAU enters with a fire poker drawn, en
guard! RICHARD picks up his gun and
aims at BEAU.

BEAU

Aha! I am Beau Van Kipness! It's me you're after! Let the
girl go!

SYLVIA

(flattered)

Beau! How noble!

BEAU

Step aside, Sylvie, you're free now!

SYLVIA

Thank you, Beau, but I'm fine. Really. Will you excuse us?

BEAU

Pardon?

SYLVIA

Go back to the bedroom, darling. I'm quite fine.

BEAU

I heard a gunshot.

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SYLVIA

Indeed you did.

BEAU

(as though rehearsed)

This is my home! No one opens fire in my home!

SYLVIA

Right, well, we'll keep that in mind, darling. Now, beg your pardon, off you go.

BEAU

Sylvie, I can't leave you with a murderer!

SYLVIA

Oh? Now you've decided to qualify how you'll leave me?

BEAU

(pulling her aside)

Sylvie, I am sorry about Dierdre. About everything. And now, thinking of you in danger, I ... Well, I think, perhaps I really do love you.

SYLVIA

That's all I've ever wanted you to say and now that fear of my death has caused you to say it, it's the very last thing I want to hear. Perhaps I do believe you Beau, but you see, it's no matter, because I'm quite sure I'm only partially on your thermometer.

BEAU

What?

SYLVIA

Please leave us for the time being.

BEAU

(back en guard)

Leave you with this killer?

SYLVIA

None of us are free of sin.

BEAU

(an attempt at authority)

But Sylvia.

SYLVIA

(a better attempt than his)

Beau.

BEAU

Right then. Excuse me.

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