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Ching, ching, ching, ching...

The gathered party-goers all looked up as Jeff lowered the spoon from his champagne flute. The room fell silent apart from the quiet background music. Jeff cleared his throat.

"Good evening, everyone," he said. "Tonight we're belatedly celebrating the birthday of the lovely Lady Penelope Creighton-Ward."

There was a gentle peal of applause and smiles all around. Penelope, inclined her head at Jeff's compliment.

"So, if everyone would raise their glasses please," he said, nodding to Jenny who had been making sure everyone was topped up with their tipples before filling her own glass, "and join in a toast to a most excellent agent and a most beloved friend. To Lady Penelope," he finished.

"To Lady Penelope!" the rest of the room chorused.

Champagne flutes and glasses clinked together and Penelope smiled gracefully.

"Thank you very much, everyone; you are too kind. I do hope you all will enjoy yourselves. I know that I shall with your wonderful company."

There was another round of applause, before the music was turned up a little, and the party officially began.