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(Part Four)

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D-Day

Relax, everything is perfect. I am perfect. Today is the day of scrubbing and exfoliating both your pores and your home. Spend the day at the Elizabeth Arden spa while Pedro and his amigos (A.K.A. your staff of 200) prepare your home. Your dark brown oak dining room table is set for 48. The glamorous table is covered with your Monet *Water Lily* original. Your glistening silverware is immaculately assembled around your photo plates. Three sets of Tiffany candlesticks are placed on the table. Dark red candles gleam from sterling silver designer candlesticks. There is a surplus of servants in uniform, bringing dishes out by the minute. Jumbo shrimp, petit filet mignon with toast and yellow mustard, pigs in a blanket, Beluga caviar, California rolls, and latkes, for my friends who celebrate Chanukah, are all being served on gold platters. There is an overabundance of Don Perignon being served freely. There is little lighting in the room except the dim illumination of the Van Cleef and Arpel diamond and crystal chandelier. There are smiles, laughter, joy and the look of satisfaction on people's face as they mingle. For dinner, my guests have a choice of salmon steak or Cornish hen, real mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread sticks galore, and challah, for my friends who celebrate Rosh Shanah. For dessert, each person is served a basket full of chocolate covered blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries. Pedro and his crew clean up while the party moves to the hot tub. I throw a hell of a party. Who wants to Macarena? Have a merry Martha meal!

Love,

Martha Stewart (the artist formally known as God)