CAKE AUCTION

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Folks are gathered around a small stage with three women an elderly man, and a man in a thrift store tuxedo.

There is a table with three cakes on it.

MC
Ladies and gentlemen the Daughters of the Invasion of Grenada presents the Annual Bachelor Cake Auction.

CHEERS and APPLAUSE.

MC (CONT'D)
The rules have stayed the same this year.
You the audience will bid on three cakes, and the person who has the highest bidding cake will then have the option to marry Embarrass Minnesota's own Elmer Putski.

CHEERS and APPLAUSE.

MC (CONT'D)
Elmer a recent widower at the sprite age of a hundred and two, and a recent winner of the Mega Balls jackpot.
Elmer, the true optimist, took the million dollars a year payout instead of the lump sum billion.

Woo.

MC (CONT'D)
First up we have Belzoro Warham. Elmer's first cousin, but the only baker in the competition that is age appropriate.

ELMER
It's time for the dessert bell.

MC
Elmer is a subtext genius, you rascal.

CHEERS and APPLAUSE.

MC (CONT'D)
The decorations for this first cake are, let’s see, on the side of a wedding cake tower design, yes a family tree with Elmer and Belzora underneath the tree totally nude. And look there carved into the frosting, “Took each other’s virginity.”

Elmer gives a thumbs up, then switches hands.

ELMER
No, it was this one.

Belzora salutes.

MC
Too much information or not enough. You decide by placing your bids.

CHEERS and APPLAUSE.

MC (CONT'D)
Do I have a hundred dollars? One hundred? Three hundred? OH, OH we have sixty nine hundred dollars. Going... Going... Sixty nine hundred for the not virgins anymore cousins cake.

CHEERS and APPLAUSE.

MC (CONT'D)
Our next confection delight from Dicey Nicey, is a Black Widow wedding cake.

Woo, woo!

MC (CONT'D)
This cake features just Elmer and Dicey on top of the cake dressed in their Easter Sunday slash wake clothes. Oh here's a bit of history, at the base of the cake is lined with seven coffins.

Elmer puts his two hands tight around his throat and sticks his tongue out the side of his mouth.

MC (CONT'D)
For those new to the township of Embarrass, Dicey has had the unfortunate luck of losing seven husbands all before the age of forty.

Tepid APPLAUSE.

MC (CONT'D)
It has been tough on her having to run the Embarrass County Bank, lumber yard, feed store, laundromat, McDonald's, Taco Johns and the ironic Garden of Eternal Pillows Funeral Home, all by herself.

DICEY
He had never taken a nap in the body fridge before, but it was during quite a warm spell.

Dicey holds her hand out and up in front of her.

DICEY (CONT'D)
It has been a sad rich life.

MC
So what do we have as a starting bid?
Come on this cake might make everyone's new hobby watching the obituary page in the paper.
How exciting.
Nothing?

DICEY
I start the bidding at six hundred and sixty six dollars.

BELZORA
That’s cheating!

MC
The rules allow it.

BOO!

MC (CONT'D)
What will be the next bid? Millions of dollars are on the line.
Nothing, nobody?

DICEY
Free coffee at every funeral!

MC
I'm sorry Dicey, I think folks might be worried you might buy the Boom Boom Room Massage Parlor with gambling room in the basement. Though, since finding out Pastor Suede has been using the church offerings to pay for the choirs weekly visits it might be up for grabs. No pun intended.

CHEERS and APPLAUSE.

MC (CONT'D)
Up next from Charmie Mae Luly, is a plain white sheet cake. Simplistic and timeless. A side of mysterious symbolism for the bidding. A clean slate for the start of marriage.

CHARMIE MAE
Ain't no damn symbolism. Just didn't want to waste any time on the idiot Elmer Putski so I picked up a McDonald's birthday cake.

DICEY
Yes we do sell them along with bags of ice through the drive-thru.

CHARMIE MAE
That fool Elmer has been stealing my nighties and negligees, right off of my clothes line. And I want them back. Back you hear.

MC
So you don't want to be betrothed to him? The Money?

CHARMIE MAE
Back and they better not be all stretched out and well... I just can't say it.

BELZORA
Moist?

CHARMIE MAE
Well that's as close as I wanna hear.

BELZORA
I taught him that.

CHARMIE MAE
I just want my nighties and negligees, they have been handed down since my Grandmother welcomed my Grandpa back from the invasion of Grenada. So much sentimental value.

MC
Well I am sorry Charmie, but for the good of the community I cannot allow this cake bid to move forward.

Woo Hoo!

MC (CONT'D)
I know personally that Elmer has been wearing them down at the massage parlor. And as he is one of the best masseuses there, your nighties and negligees with his new look has added a lot to the attitude and artistry of his massage craft.

DICEY
Buying it now. And free coffee!

MC
So Elmer and Belzora, in a town that was built on cousin lovin', enjoy your happy ending.

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