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Lewis Taylor decided against pouring another glass of *pinot noir*. He would be eating dinner soon, since he had decided against going to the birthday party he had been invited to. He could always directly message Diana Hopkins and wish her the happiest possible birthday. He and Diana had somehow managed to maintain a friendship after breakup. But they had managed this without a considerable number of Diana's friends, who would undoubtedly be present at the gathering.

There were so many, Lewis muttered as he lit a cigarette. There would be Beth Tudhope and her girlfriend Joanna. There would be Jack and Linda Swinton. There would be Kelly Truesdale and Mercedes Frank and Jason Eberhard. There would be others.....Ray Townshend and Jenn Mortimer and then strangers who were probably also arrogant and rude.

Lewis worked with his colleagues. He saw enough of them during working hours. He didn't want to say home but he most certainly would not be attending Diana's birthday soiree.

So, what to do instead? What would be for dinner, and where?