

**PARDON MY PREDILECTION**

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Cast

**HANS**, German, early 30's

**BETTY**, English, late 20's

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INT. OLD VICTORIAN HOUSE. LABORATORY. DAY

**HANS** is holding a plate of sandwiches. **BETTY** is holding a half-eaten sandwich and staring at **HANS**.

**BETTY**

You are joking right?!

**HANS**

Nein, Betty, I mean hand as in my hand.

**BETTY**

If you're trying to wind me up, it's not funny.

**HANS**

I do not understand. What have I done wrong, my liebchen?

**BETTY**

It's Valentines Day and after three dates, I'm finally getting to see my lovely boyfriend's home. It's just when you told me you had a laboratory, I thought you meant where you worked and now you're telling me that the meat in this sandwich is...

**HANS**

..Is good! Betty, you are adorable woman and first one I find on the internet who truly understands me.

**BETTY**

Why do I always fall for the crazies? I should report you!

**HANS**

I would never hurt you. Flesh is from dead tramp. He was nasty to me, nasty to others. He will not be missed.

**BETTY**

Hans, eating people is wrong!

**HANS**

My father was one of the few who survived the Andes plane crash in '72. He had to eat

dead passengers to survive.

BETTY

But this is not the Andes! Oh, this is a mistake. I should go.

HANS

No. I have something for you.

BETTY

If it's an arm or a foot then you can bloody well...

HANS puts the plate down, pulls out a ring box and gives it to BETTY. She opens it and squeals with delight.

BETTY

Oh Hans. It's beautiful.

HANS

Betty, will you marry me?

Pause. She looks at him and then at the ring.

BETTY

You're handsome, polite, you have money and most of all you really, really like me. A girl would be mad to turn that down.

HANS

But the sandwich, the tramp...?

BETTY

So, we all have bad eating habits. I'll get used to it.

HANS smiles. BETTY puts the ring on and kisses him. He picks up a sandwich and munches contentedly as BETTY admires her beautiful ring.

**END**