

1 INTRODUCTION

001 NARRATOR

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GENTLE MUSIC UNDERSCORE BEGINS

002 BEATRIX

Once upon a time there was a pussycat called Ribby, who invited a little dog called Duchess, to tea.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC

2 I/E.

SOUND OF PEN SCRATCHING ON PAPER

003 RIBBY

Come in good time, my dear Duchess, and we will have something so very nice. I am baking it in a pie dish - a pie dish with a pink rim. You never tasted anything so good! And you shall eat it all! I will eat muffins, my dear Duchess!

004 BEATRIX (V.O.)

Duchess read the letter and wrote an answer:

DUCHESS WRITING A RESPONSE.

**START >>>**

005 **DUCHESS**

I will come with much pleasure at a quarter past four. But it is very strange. I was just going to invite you to come here, to supper, my dear Ribby, to eat something most delicious. I will come very punctually, my dear Ribby.

006 BEATRIX (V.O.)

And then at the end she added:

007 **DUCHESS**

I hope it isn't mouse?

008 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
And then she thought that did not  
look quite polite.

PEN SCRATCHES OUT THE "ISN'T MOUSE."

009 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
So she scratched out "isn't mouse"  
and changed it to:

PEN WRITING ON PAPER.

010 **DUCHESS**  
I hope it will be fine.

011 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
And she gave her letter to the  
postman.

A THOUGHTFUL GROWL FROM DUCHESS

012 BEATRIX  
But she thought a great deal about  
Ribby's pie, and she read Ribby's  
letter over and over again.

013 **DUCHESS**  
I am dreadfully afraid it will be  
mouse! I really couldn't, couldn't  
eat mouse pie. And I shall have to  
eat it, because it is a party. And  
my pie was going to be veal and  
ham. A pink and white pie-dish! And  
so is mine. Just like Ribby's  
dishes. They were both bought at  
Tabitha Twitchit's...

DUCHESS SLIDES HER PIE DISH OFF THE SHELF

014 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
Duchess went into her larder and  
took the pie off a shelf and looked  
at it.

015 **DUCHESS**  
It is all ready to put into the  
oven. Such lovely pie-crust. And I  
put in a little tin patty-pan to  
hold up the crust. And I made a  
hole in the middle with a fork to  
let out the steam - Oh I do wish I  
could eat my own pie, instead of a  
pie made of mouse!

016 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
 Duchess considered and considered  
 and read Ribby's letter again:

017 **DUCHESS**  
 "A pink and white pie-dish--and you  
 shall eat it all."  
 (beat)  
 'You' means me--then Ribby is not  
 going to even taste the pie  
 herself? A pink and white pie-dish!  
 Ribby is sure to go out to buy the  
 muffins....

SLIDE WHISTLE - REALIZATION

018 **DUCHESS**  
 Oh what a good idea! Why shouldn't  
 I rush along and put my pie into  
 Ribby's oven when Ribby isn't  
 there?!

◀◀ END

019 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
 Duchess was quite delighted with  
 her own cleverness!

TRAVELING MUSIC

3 INT. RIBBY'S HOUSE

020 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
 Ribby in the meantime had received  
 Duchess's answer.

STIFF OVEN DOOR OPENING, CERAMIC PIE PLATE  
 SLIDING ONTO THE GRATE

021 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
 As soon as she was sure that the  
 little dog could come - Ribby  
 popped her pie into the oven.

A CONTENTED LITTLE "MEW" FROM RIBBY.

022 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
 There were two ovens, one above the  
 other. Some of the knobs and  
 handles were only ornamental and  
 not intended to open. Ribby put the  
 pie into the lower oven. The door  
 was very stiff.

THE DOOR CLICKS SHUT.