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   - A ***six***-***month*** party.
   - The first ***after***-party?
   - ***Imbibe***, it becomes ***decadent***.
   - Painting the ***background*** scene.

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   - Vashti, a ***dutiful*** queen.
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   - ***Common*** in antiquity.
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