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CONFUSION
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The door bell rings

Answering it
I find mom holding
a birthday cake
She is drenched
from the pouring rain

Why are you here? Because I am the one who Always bakes the cake

Wondering how I might ask for whom it is She blurts "don't tell me you forgot Something is wrong if birthdays are no longer remembered"

> I nod puzzled perhaps as confused as she

I ask if she recalls how many are coming Perturbed she abruptly leaves

Later in the day
she phones with exciting news
of having been invited
to a birthday party

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