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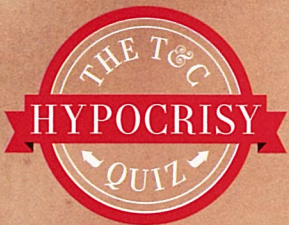
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To throw a cocktail party is to invite people to come at “six, put cigarettes out on your rug, and leave at eight to go somewhere more interesting,” as P.J. O’Rourke

once opined. The *T&C* solution: Dump the canapés for cake and make it a late-night affair worthy of Versailles. A dessert party melds the best of cocktail hour—the

champagne, or maybe a decanted port—with confectionery decadence. Consider this a reservation for the night’s finale, for guests who are saving the best for last. *T&C*