THE PRINCESS BRIDE -- THE MACHINE VIGNETTE

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[Transcribed from the movie by Tara Carreon]



[Count Rugen] Your princess is really quite a winning creature.



A trifle simple, perhaps, but her appeal is undeniable.



[Prince Humperdinck] I know. The people are quite taken with her.



It's odd, but when I hired Vizzini to have her murdered on our engagement day, I thought that was clever. But it's going to be so much more moving when I strangle her on our wedding night. Once Guilder is blamed, the nation will be truly outraged.



They'll demand we go to war.





[Count Rugen] Now, where is that secret knot?



It's impossible to find.





[Count Rugen] Get some rest.



If you haven't got your health, you haven't got anything.









Beautiful, isn't it?



It took me half a lifetime to invent it.



I'm sure you've discovered my deep and abiding interest in pain.



At present, I'm writing the definitive work on the subject.



So I want you to be totally honest with me on how the Machine makes you feel.



This being our first try, I'll use the lowest setting.

















As you know, the concept of the suction pump ...



is centuries old.



Well, really, that's all this is. Except that, instead of sucking water, I'm sucking life.



I've just sucked one year of your life away.



I might one day go as high as five ...



but I really don't know what that would do to you, so let's just start with what we have.



What did this do to you? Tell me.



And remember, this is for posterity, so be honest.



How do you feel?



[Wesley] Moans.



[Count Rugen] Interesting.

