

23 December - A pleasant day; I am looking forward to Michael's sister and niece coming to visit for Christmas. Finally got all of the gifts wrapped and the cookies baked. What a relief! Also prepared the experiment today, with the incantation out of *In Librium Ex Ovum*. It was harder getting a frog's eye at this time of year than that video game that Jacob wanted. It should be magnificent, diary. The experiment, that is, not the game.

24 December - Stephanie and Erin arrived today. Erin's grown so much since I last saw her, and turned rather pretty in the process - though she's a bit heavy on the eyeshadow. Also, the experiment began wonderfully. It marked the subject, and she began feeling the effects shortly thereafter. Jacob's been acting odd - perhaps Traci contacted him again. \*sigh\* What must a mother do to protect her children?

25 December - Stephanie being in the hospital put a damper on today's festivities. It didn't help that the ham was slightly dry. It has awoken. Jacob and Erin encountered it briefly, but thankfully without any damage to it. The subject's blood was drawn at 0800 and again at 1600. I am anxious to run a CBC on it with differential blood volume. Jacob clearly suspects something - I may have to act on that soon.