

# THE RESTAURANT

*(Two or many more people, 1 & 2 etc. enter, led by Waiter and sit at table.)*

Waiter: Your menus.

1 & 2: Thank you.

1: We will both have the soup special.

Waiter: Right away, sir. *(Exits. Returns with two bowls.)*

2: Excuse me, you've got your thumb in my bowl of soup!

Waiter: *(wiping thumb on customer's napkin)* Thank you for your concern, Madam (or Sir), but it's not hot.

1: Wait! There's a fly in this soup!

Waiter: Is that a problem? You asked for noodle, not vegetarian soup.

2: And look! There's 4 more flies!

Waiter: Thank you for pointing that out. I'll have to charge you for noodles with meat soup.

1: Come back here! What are these flies doing in my soup??

Waiter: The backstroke, it appears to me.

2: No, no, that one is definitely doing the butterfly stroke.

Waiter: *(erasing and writing on the check)* Exotic meat and noodle soup... that's an extra \$2.50. *(Exits)*

1: I'm not paying for a bowl full of flies! Where did that waiter go?

*(Other waiter brings in big pot and sets on nearby empty table. EXITS)*

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1: I can't eat this disgusting bowl of flies and I'm so hungry. *sniff sniff* What's that good smell?

2: It's that pot of stew over here.

*They get up and look inside pot.*

1: Ummm, look how thick and rich it is.

2: And those savory chunks and rich broth.

1: Who is it for?

2: Let's scoop out some before the waiter comes back.

*(They use their bowls to scoop out some and sit down to eat.)*

1: Yum! Isn't this delicious! Is that barley?

2: I don't know but the spices are wonderful. Are the stringy things fettuccini?

1: Could be. These tiny mushrooms are tasty. I was never going to come back to this restaurant but now I will just to order this great soup.

2: Me too. I wonder what it's called.

*(Other waiter returns carrying mop. Looks in pot.)*

Other Waiter: Hey, who spilled my mop water??

*(Customers run off gagging. Other waiter shrugs, scrapes their plates into mop bucket and hollers:)*

Other Waiter: Eddie! Your customers left without paying! Darn! Now I have to add more water. I'll just scoop some out of the toilet. It's stopped up anyway. *(Exits)*

Waiter: *(Entering, looking and leaving)* Oh, some people have no class!