

The Diet

Cast: Joni, Karen

Setting: Cafeteria

Props: A delicious looking dessert

- 1 JONI: Ohmigod, this is – mmmm. Ohhh! Karen, taste it.
 2 KAREN: No, thanks.
 3 JONI: Divine! Heaven! Angels are flying in from above with
 4 this in their little harp playing hands. You've got to try
 5 it!
 6 KAREN: You know I can't.
 7 JONI: Yeah you can.
 8 KAREN: Joni, no, I can't.
 9 JONI: One little piece of this heaven on a bun will not hurt
 10 you.
 11 KAREN: Does it have carbs in it?
 12 JONI: Well, yeah ... ohmigod, are you *still* on that Atkins
 13 diet?
 14 KAREN: It is not a diet. It is a way of life.
 15 JONI: So, you're never eating a dessert again?
 16 KAREN: No.
 17 JONI: Not even chocolate?
 18 KAREN: Especially not chocolate.
 19 JONI: So, all you're going to eat is meat?
 20 KAREN: No, I eat veggies.
 21 JONI: OK. So, no carbs. No dessert. No *chocolate*?
 22 KAREN: Right.
 23 JONI: Not even one teeny tiny little bite? *(She holds the fork*
 24 *of the dessert in front of Karen.)* Just one.
 25 KAREN: You are not being helpful.
 26 JONI: Goodness, I envy your self-control. *(She downs the*
 27 *bite.)*
 28 KAREN: Two more sizes, that's eight more weeks, at least. I
 29 am not going to Winter Formal with Joey looking like

- 1 Shamu's big sister!
 2 JONI: He's not worth it. Not compared to this. Ohhh, what is
 3 that – I can't quite identify, some kind of tang –
 4 cinnamon? Allspice? You'll know in an instant, you're
 5 the expert.
 6 KAREN: I really can't.
 7 JONI: It's like a little dart in the tongue – there, between the
 8 chocolate and the butterscotch cream, some kind of –
 9 KAREN: Chipotle.
 10 JONI: You're kidding. That's a chili.
 11 KAREN: Eight bucks a slice, it's probably chipotle. *(Beat)*
 12 JONI: Chili in chocolate. Interesting.
 13 KAREN: Just a hint of it. Adds brightness. *(A beat)* What do
 14 you mean, he's not worth it?
 15 JONI: Joke.
 16 KAREN: No, it wasn't.
 17 JONI: It's just, what's with this sudden obsession about
 18 your weight? Now you can't even taste a dessert? It's a
 19 high school dance, for crying out loud, not a
 20 coronation.
 21 KAREN: It's only eight more weeks. I can do anything for
 22 eight weeks.
 23 JONI: So, you are off this diet after Winter Formal?
 24 KAREN: Again ... it is a way of life.
 25 JONI: Your whole life? *(Beat)* What, are you crazy?
 26 KAREN: Fine. Thanks for your generous and unconditional
 27 support. It's appreciated. Now I have to ...
 28 JONI: Settle down. Good grief, you're touchy these days.
 29 KAREN: Must be the fat cells. Calling for help. "I'm
 30 lonesome. I need some friends."
 31 JONI: Or the chocolate withdrawals. *(She takes another bite.)*
 32 I'm telling you, this isn't dessert, it is God's way of
 33 saying, "Yes, heaven exists!" Ah, that is goooood!
 34 KAREN: You left a bite.
 35 JONI: It's too rich for one person. When something is this

- 1 good, it's wrong not to share it. Are you sure?
2 **KAREN:** Yes, I'm sure.
3 **JONI:** So, I guess this last little piece will just go to waste.
4 **KAREN:** Yes ... it will. I am stronger than the chocolate. (A
5 moment passes, she then scoops up bite with her bare
6 hands and eats it whole.) **OK, so chocolate is stronger**
7 **than me. Oh, what's one extra pound or two?**

A Friend

Cast: Lori, Martha

Setting: Inside Lori's house

Props: Purse, sweater

- 1 **LORI:** (Calling out) **Just a minute.** (She answers door.) **Oh, it's**
2 **you. What do you want?**
3 **MARTHA:** My sweater and my purse you borrowed.
4 **LORI:** Just a minute, I'll get them.
5 **MARTHA:** They better be in the same condition they were
6 when I lent them to you.
7 **LORI:** You mean dirty and beat up? I had the decency to dry
8 clean the sweater and polish the purse.
9 **MARTHA:** Very amusing, Lori. You always have been quite
10 the comic.
11 **LORI:** (She returns with purse and sweater.) **Here they are. I**
12 **don't know why I borrowed them in the first place.**
13 **They are really rather tacky, aren't they?**
14 **MARTHA:** That's not what you said when you gave them to
15 me for Christmas last year.
16 **LORI:** And the joke is that you actually used them.
17 **MARTHA:** You had them last night.
18 **LORI:** I was feeling like being silly. It was part of my
19 costume.
20 **MARTHA:** Right. Listen, you have a great life. See ya.
21 **LORI:** Whatever.
22 **MARTHA:** You know, I hate when you say that. Whatever.
23 You always say it when you know you've been nasty.
24 **LORI:** Whatever.
25 **MARTHA:** See? I was right.
26 **LORI:** Listen, Martha, you're the one who has the problem.
27 You're the one who flipped out last night at the dance.
28 I don't know what happened, but you went nuts.
29 **MARTHA:** You don't know? Did it ever occur to you that I