DINNER, EVERYONE?

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No scenery necessary. The actors should be in formal evening dress. A single man stands on stage.

Man: For tonight's party in honor of the film Diner, I have invited many famous guests.

A woman enters.

Man: Ah, Dina Merrill. How kind of you to come.

Dina: A pleasure, I am sure.

A man enters.

Man: Ah, Dean Martin.

Dina, Dino.

Dino, Dina. Dinner, Dino?
Dinner, Dina?
And then we'll watch Diner, Dina.
Diner, Dino.

Another woman enters.

Man: Ah, Dinah, how good to see you.

Dino, Dinah.

Dinah, Dino.

Dinah, Dina.

Dina, Dinah.

Dino, Dina.

Dina, Dino.

Dinner, Dinah, then Diner, Dinah.

He brings forth a tray of doughnuts.

Man: Doughnuts, Dinah?
Doughnuts, Dina?
Doughnuts, Dino?

A man enters.

Man: Ah, Dana Andrews.

Dana, Dino.

Dino, Dana.

Dana, Dinah.

Dinah, Dana.

Dana, Dina.

Dina, Dana.

Doughnuts, Dana? Dinner, Dana? Diner, Dana?
A woman enters.

Man: Oh, look. Donna Reed has joined our little gathering.
   Donna, Dana.
   Dana, Donna.
   Donna, Dinah.
   Dinah, Donna.
   Donna, Dino.
   Dino, Donna.
   Donna, Dina.
   Dina, Donna.

Donna: I brought you a little gift.
Man: How thoughtful. What is it?
Donna: A gold coin used in Muslim countries.
Man: A dinar?
Donna: Yes, a dinar.

The man shows the gold coin to each person in turn.

Man: Look. A dinar, Dina.
   A dinar, Dino.
   A dinar, Dinah.
   A dinar, Dana.

Now shall we go to dinner, Dinah, Donna, Dino, Dina and Dana?
Dino: Dunno.
Man: Dunno, Dina?
Dana: Doughnut, Donna?
Donna: I really must run. I am donating blood at the hospital.
Donna: Yes, I am a blood donor.
Man: Donor, Dana?
   Donor, Dinah?
   Donor, Dino?
   Donor, Dina?

Dino: What is the book you're reading?
Donna: Lorna Doone.
Dino: Doone, Donna?
Donna: Doone, Dina.

Man: Enough. I think we're done.
   Done, Dino?
   Done, Dina?
   Done, Dinah?
   Done, Donna.

Now shall we go forth to dine?
Dine, Dino?
   Dine, Dina?
   Dine, Dinah?
   Dine, Dana?
   Dine, Donna?

One by one the guests exit. The host brings out a wipe handkerchief and mops his brow. (Lights out)