

## The Corn Off

- Alice** So you don't really know what something overcooked tastes like, until you overcook it. And that's growth in cooking. Billy?
- Billy** What about overcooking other things, like, say, corn?
- Alice** You've just triggered me, Billy. My dad overcooked corn since before I can remember. And I'm just lucky that I gave myself enough chances to keep tasting it to make sure that I loved corn, and not just thought about the way that dad cooked it, and let that be my understanding of corn forever. It's terrible! And he doesn't believe me, either.
- Maddy** You guys should have a corn-off. Like a corn-cooking competition.
- Joseph** Oh yeah.
- Jonathan** Yeah, you should.
- Alice** A corn off.
- Joseph** Welcome to the Phenomenom corn-off!
- Jonathan** The first contestant a great cook, and the leader of Phenomenom. Please welcome Alice!
- Joseph** And going up against her today, the real academic, the Professor, slash, her dad.
- Jonathan** Dad versus daughter corn-off.
- Alice** You don't have to stir at the corn, dad.
- Professor** Well, that's the secret of the trade.
- Joseph** Here are the contestants. Alright.
- Jonathan** And we forgot to mention, we have a special judge. George Calombaris!
- So we are tasting.
- George** Yeah.
- Jonathan** So we are tasting daughter versus father's corn.
- George** Oh, it's a corn-off.
- Joseph** Yes.

**George** I love a little corn-off.  
Okay. So what I might do first is just taste it simple.

**Professor** Yep. Plain. Yeah.

**George** Just to see where it's at.

**Alice** Mm-hmm.

**Jonathan** Well, he's a taste expert.

**George** Why not a little butter? It's real, isn't it?

**Professor** Yeah.

**Jonathan** He's rubbing it in the butter.

**Alice** I'm nervous.

**Jonathan** She's nervous. Yeah, she's really nervous.  
George is tasting it.

**Alice** Oh no. I've seen this face before. I can't even look.

**Jonathan** Good food though. I've never seen George. I think he's really digging into it.

**Joseph** Ooh! He's rubbing the butter. He's rubbing in butter.

**Professor** Guys, don't influence his decision.

**George** Father-daughter, one of these corns has been cooked less than the other.

**Alice** Yup.

**Professor** Correct.

**George** Because of that, the winner is, the daughter!

**Alice** Oh, thank you, Daddy. Thank you, Daddy!

**George** It was very, very close, but I could tell that was ...

**Professor** Yeah, it should cook longer.

- George** How long do you cook it for?
- Professor** 40 minutes.
- George** 40 minutes!
- Professor** 40 minutes.
- George** Oh my gosh! Guys, can I tell you. This, here, is just yummy-ness, so delicious.
- Professor** Well done!
- Joseph** You know what your trophy is?
- Alice** What's my trophy?
- Joseph** Your corn!
- Alice** My corn! The best prize ever! You know guys, that's just one person's opinion. I reckon it's important that we all taste it because everyone's got a different flavour, but before we do ...
- Professor** That's right.
- Alice** It's amazing when we get guests in our classroom. So George, we've always got really good questions. Who's got a question for George?
- Billy** What's your favourite vegetable?
- George** I love, I'm obsessed by fennel. Why? Because fennel, you can roast it. You can make a puree out of it. You can shave it and turn it into a salad. You can pickle it. I mean, it's got so many variations. I love it.
- Jonathan** What was the first dish you cooked?
- George** I made pasta at home for my mom and dad. And I was 12-years-old, and I didn't have a pasta machine, so I had to roll it out by hand, and it was so thick, the fettuccine, but my parents sat there and just smiled and ate it.
- Lucy** Thank you, George, for coming. We really appreciate it.
- George** My absolute pleasure. I love ... I love this girl. Right, but I love the fact that you guys are foodies. You know, it doesn't have to be fancy, as long as it's come from the ground, and it's real. What more can we ask for?
- Professor** And it's fresh.

**George** That's right.

**Jonathan** Let's hear it up for George Calombaris!  
It's been a really long day.

**Joseph** I know.

**Jonathan** I'm starving.

**Joseph** Me too.  
Do you want to take a bite?

**Jonathan** Yeah. Let's go for it.  
Mmm.

**Joseph** Hey, professor?

**Professor** Oh, yeah? Yeah.

**Joseph** We think we may like you as the best.

**Professor** Well, I knew that. Thanks for your honesty.

**Lucy** It's not easy being green.

**Twins** It's hard!

**Lucy** It's not easy being green.

**Twins** No, it's not!

**Joseph** It's not easy being green.

**Jonathan** And looking like a weed.

**Professor** How about being red?

**Alice** Dad!