

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!