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CAST:

EDNA: A woman in her 50's or 60's
SUSAN: Another woman in her 50's or 60's
WAITER: Indeterminate age

Place:
A restaurant

Time:
The present

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Setting: *A table and two chairs.*

At Rise: *SUSAN and EDNA are present. They both hold menus.*

SUSAN: So good to see you again, Edna!

EDNA: You too, Susan! God I hope the food is good here, I could eat a horse!

SUSAN: Well, if they serve horsemeat, I'm out of here!

EDNA: So, what are you going to have?

SUSAN: Hell, I don't know...what are YOU going to have?

EDNA: *(Glares)* I asked you first!

SUSAN: What were the specials?

EDNA: Forget it.

SUSAN: You forgot already?

EDNA: No, forget it; I saw them posted on the way in. One was way too high in cholesterol, the other too high in sodium.

SUSAN: But what were they?

EDNA: I told you, forget it, you couldn't eat them anyway!

SUSAN: *(pouts)* OK. Want to get an appetizer?

EDNA: Sure. What's here we can eat?

WAITER: (*arriving*) Hello, my name is John, I'll be your waiter today. May I start you with an appetizer?

SUSAN: We'd love one. We are just trying to decide what we can eat.

WAITER: We do cater to special diets.

EDNA: I'm lactose intolerant, low salt, and diabetic.

SUSAN: I need low cholesterol, gluten free, yeast free...and, oh, kosher...

WAITER: (*thinks*) How about a nice bowl of carrot sticks?

SUSAN: OK. OK. Never mind the appetizers.

SUSAN: Oh, all right. I guess we'll get right to ordering. What are you going to have?

EDNA: I think I'll have the Chicken parmesan with meat sauce.

SUSAN: Are you kidding?

EDNA: Why, what's wrong with it?

SUSAN: Did you read the nutritional information? It has 3100 milligrams of sodium! If you want that much salt, I'll just buy you a salt lick!

EDNA: But I LIKE it!

END OF FREEVIEW
You'll want to read and perform this show!