

Meat, à la Carte

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Waitress:

Welcome to our restaurant. We're glad you came.

We take pride in every drink and every dish.

Though your martial garb is quite alarming,

I will take your order. What's your wish?

Customer:

I want to have meat! Nothing but meat!

Meat to begin, and meat for dessert, and nothing but meat in between!

I've got to have meat! Simply meat!

Food fit for a warrior, nothing else will do!

Waitress:

We have lots of dishes that have got meat.

A pot roast with a salad on the side.

Or would you like to have a hamburger platter,

With cole slaw and potatoes nicely fried?

Customer:

(You're not listening, are you?)

I only want meat, all the way through,

No vegetables, fries, no salad or slaw, that's stuff that rabbits eat,

I need to have meat, tasty meat.

Food that's for a carnivore, nothing else will do!

Waitress:

Yes certainly, we'll bring the meat out,

We aim to please and leave no effort spared.

We'll get you meat without the trimmings,

But first -- how would you like your meat prepared?

(Customer hesitates, flips a coin, looks at it and says softly:)

Cooked.

As long as it's meat, juicy meat!

Cattle meat, sheepish meat, meat of any kind,

It has to be meat, only meat!

Meat that comes from animals, that's all I have in mind!

Waitress: Is there anything else you'd like to order?

Customer: Yes, a meat dessert on meat that I can carve.

Waitress: We hope you'll come back here to visit often.

Both: And why not? How terrible it would be to starve!