

SALT AND PEPPER SHAKIN' THINGS UP

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Character List: Salt Shaker, Pepper Shaker, disembodied hand, Garlic Salt, Celery Salt

INT - KITCHEN - DAY

A SALT and PEPPER shaker sit on a kitchen counter, next to a stove. Something is sizzling in a pan nearby.

SALT

(excited)

Woohoo, you smell that, Pepper?
Something's cooking!

PEPPER

(equally excited)

Hell yeah, Salt! Something is
DEFINITELY cooking! You know what that
means?

SALT

Someone's gonna need--

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SEASONING!

PEPPER

I love it when they're cooking food,
and then they taste the food, and then
they go "Hmm, needs some pepper!"

SALT

I know! My favorite part is when they
taste the food and then they're like,
"That could use some salt!"

A shadow falls over SALT and PEPPER.

PEPPER

Here comes the hand, here comes the
hand!

The DISEMBODIED HAND comes into frame and picks up PEPPER.
The hand shakes PEPPER over the food.

PEPPER

(makes barfing sounds)

BLAAAARFF BARF BARF

The HAND puts PEPPER back on the counter.

SALT
You did awesome!

PEPPER
(Wipes his mouth)
Thanks, what a rush!

SALT
(hopeful)
Me next, me next, me next!

The hand's shadow hovers over SALT for a minute, then disappears.

SALT
(confused and angry)
Wait, what gives?

PEPPER
(Also confused and angry)
C'mon, Hand! You just used Pepper,
now's the time for Salt! Don't be a
chump!

GARLIC SALT
(Offstage)
Maybe it's looking for something a
little more-

CELERY SALT
(Offstage)
-interesting.

GARLIC and CELERY SALT hustle onstage. They're flashy, sassy,
and full of themselves. The mean girls of the spice cabinet.

SALT
Garlic and Celery Salt! Who invited
you two?

GARLIC SALT
Oh, we heard there was something
cooking in the kitchen and we thought,
What the hell-

CELERY SALT
-why not take a little trip to the
stove and see if we can't offer the
chef a little inspiration?

PEPPER

(backing up his buddy SALT)
 You guys are just a bunch of overblown
 flavor dust! I've met packets of
 cheese in boxes of macaroni with more
 personality than you!

GARLIC SALT

(Flips her hair)
 Sounds like something only the jealous
 type would say.

CELERY SALT

(Looking up in the air as the hand
 shadow appears again)
 Why don't we let the hand decide?

The disembodied HAND reappears. SALT is anxious with
 excitement. But the shadow passes over SALT, PEPPER, and
 CELERY SALT and picks up GARLIC SALT.

GARLIC SALT

(Absolutely losing her cool with
 joy and excitement)
 YES! YES! YES! I WAS BORN FOR THIS
 MOMENT!

The HAND shakes GARLIC SALT into the pan.

GARLIC SALT

(barfing sounds)
 BLEEAAAARF BERF BARF BERF

The HAND puts GARLIC SALT back on the counter, next to the
 other seasonings.

GARLIC SALT

(Flipping her hair back over her
 head, regaining composure)
 Oh my god, that was AMAZING!

CELERY SALT

(Trying not to look jealous)
 Oh my god, you crushed it!

GARLIC SALT

(Rudely)
 Oh my god, you never shut up!

SALT
 (to PEPPER)
 What if the hand doesn't pick me next?

PEPPER
 (to SALT)
 You got this, don't worry, you got this!

The shadow passes over everyone again, and this time picks up CELERY SALT. SALT is crushed.

CELERY SALT
 (So excited)
 EEEEEEEEEEEYES!
 (Makes barfing sounds. These are noticeably more subtle.)
 ACK, BERF-BERF-BERF

The HAND returns CELERY SALT back to the counter.

GARLIC SALT
 I guess they didn't need very much of you, huh.

CELERY SALT
 (Defensively)
 Everyone knows a little of me goes a long way.

SALT is freaking out, near tears.

SALT
 What if the hand just doesn't need me any more? What if I get put in the back of the cabinet, next to Nutmeg and Bay Leaves?

PEPPER
 (Slaps SALT across the face)
 You listen to me! You're Salt, for Christ's sake! You make everything flavorful and incredible! You're a taste explosion! You're umami! You're not going anywhere!

A voice – the one attached to the HAND – speaks. The spices freeze. SALT looks hopeful again.

V.O.
 Hmm. It's still missing something.

Like it could still use... Some salt.

SALT and PEPPER lose their shit.

SALT AND PEPPER
OH MY GOD, OH MY GOD!!!

The HAND moves to grab SALT, who weeps tears of joy. PEPPER jumps up and down, and CELERY and GARLIC look put out and a little aghast.

SALT
(Lots of barfing sounds)
BAAARF BORF BARF BLURF BAAAARF BARF
BORF BARF BEEEEERRRRRRFFFFF

SALT rejoins the group. PEPPER gives SALT a high five. GARLIC and CELERY SALT continue make sour faces.

SALT
YES! YES! I still got it, baby! I
still got it!

PEPPER
You're unstoppable! That means nothing
can stop you! You're a legend!

Freeze frame on their high five as the theme song comes up:

THEMESONG V.O.
Salt and Pepper

friends forever

through thick and thin

they're a flavor win

They just make everything better by
barfing on it!