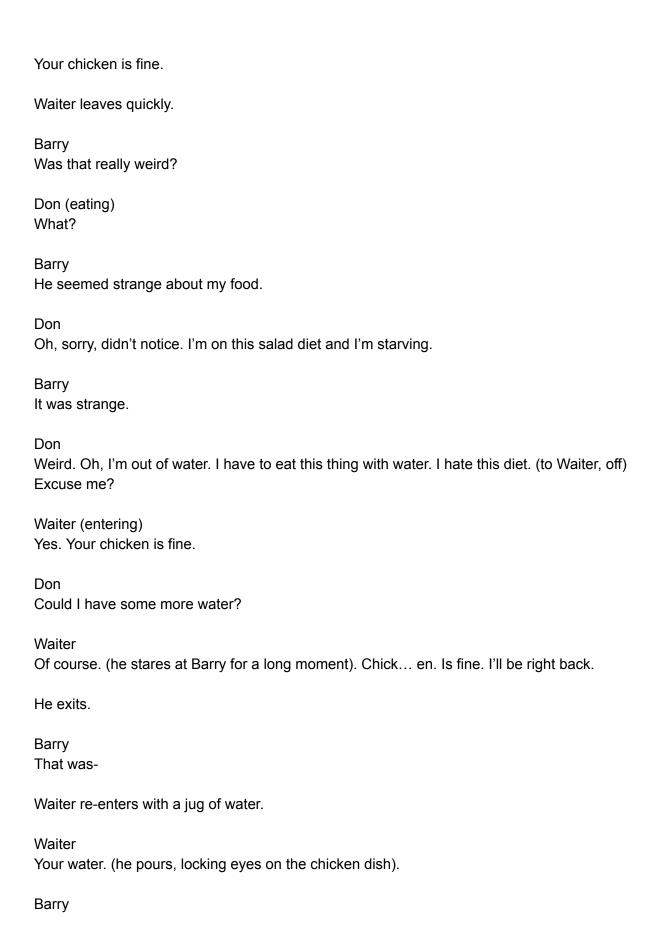
Your Chicken Is Fine
Int Restaurant.
Barry and Don are having lunch together.
Barry It's great to see you.
Don Yeah, been too long.
Barry Seriously. I'm sorry I've been so busy.
Don Hey, I understand. New house, new kid, it's all good stuff!
Barry Well, I gotta make more time for things like this.
Waiter enters. Looks somewhat concerned.
Waiter Ok, so the salad?
Don That's me.
Waiter Great (hands over salad, Don starts eating hungrily). And that means you got the chicken. Which is here. And it is fine. Here. (He hands over a normal plate.)
BarryThanks.
Waiter (with a very stilted intonation) NO PROBLEM
Barry Is everything-
Waiter



I'm sorry, is there something I should know?
Waiter Your chicken (long pause) IT IS FINE
Waiter leaves quickly.
Don I mean, it looks fine. It looks delicious, honestly.
Barry Yeah, but now I don't know if I want it.
Don He's only told you that it's fine.
Barry I know, but, by insisting
Don Yeah. I mean, I'd try it, I'll try anything. But my diet. I can't eat protein.
Barry No, I hear you. It's fine, right? It's probably totally fine.
Don Oh, sure.
Barry I should just eat it. I'm gonna eat it.
Don Good. How's having a kid?
Barry Oh, man. Incredible. It's such a cliché, but what a rollercoaster. I've never been so in love with anything in my life. I never really understood-
Waiter enters.
Waiter I have bought breadsticks to your table. They will go well with your chicken, which is fine.

Barry Yeah, that's ok, thank you though. Waiter Your chicken is fine. Barry Can I ask you something? Waiter yelps. Barry Is everything ok here? Waiter Everything is more than ok. It is fine. Waiter exits Barry I don't know if I should eat this. Don Well, should we ask someone something? Barry Well, who? The busboy? The maitre d? Don Maybe there's a manager? Barry Oh, good id- (Waiter has suddenly appeared next to him) —aaaa! Waiter You haven't eaten your chicken. Barry Oh, I was telling my-	Don Oh, I can't eat wheat. My diet.
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Barry Ok. Can I talk to the manager for a sec?
Waiter About the chicken?
Barry Just get the manager, would you?
Waiter I will. Your chicken is fine.
Waiter leaves.
Barry I'm sorry, Don.
Don It's ok.
Barry I'm not trying to make a scene. Am I making a scene?
Don No, he was being weird.
Manager enters. He has chicken feathers and matted blood on his face.
Manager My waiter informed me that you wished to speak to me. Your chicken is fine.
Barry There's something on your face.
Manager (taking out a handkerchief and mushing the feathers and whatnot around a bit with no particular effect) How embarrassing. Your chicken is fine. Now, what did my waiter do?
Barry He He acted strangely.

Manager I'm very sorry to hear that. Can I ask what he said? Your chicken is fine.
Barry He told me that my chicken was fine.
Manager Your chicken is fine.
Barry Is it?
Manager I assure you. Your chicken is fine.
Barry Stop saying that!
Don It probably is.
Barry Look at his face!
Manager Have you ever prepared a chicken before?
Barry No.
Manager Neither had we. (he grips Barry by the wrist) Neither had we.
Barry Ow.
Manager Your chicken. Is fine.
Blackout
Lights up on the kitchen of the restaurant. A chicken, wielding a cleaver chops a human arm.

Waiter enters.
Waiter
We have another order for chicken.

Chicken laughs maniacally.

Fin.