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Glutton For Punishment

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Characters:

The Girl

The Devil

The Angel

Mr Wolf

THREE WOMEN (THE DEVIL, THE GIRL, AND THE ANGEL) ARE STANDING AT THE FRONT OF THE STAGE. THERE IS A DINNER TABLE BEHIND THEM. MR WOLF IS SITTING AT THE TABLE (AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE SO HE IS IN PROFILE).

Chocolate cake! THE DEVIL

Oooh! THE GIRL

With chocolate-chocolate chip ice cream and hot fudge sauce. THE DEVIL

Mmmm. THE GIRL

Short dresses THE ANGEL

Hmmm... THE GIRL

Winners wear short dresses, like cheerleaders, and ancient Romans. Don't you like short dresses? THE ANGEL

I guess. THE GIRL

You like roast potatoes? THE DEVIL

Mmmm... THE GIRL

Crop tops THE ANGEL

THE GIRL

But I don't wear crop-tops

THE ANGEL

That's because you eat too many roast potatoes, and remember: it's not just bad for you, it's a sin. It means you're a bad person. You don't want to be a bad person do you?

THE GIRL

No.

THE ANGEL

You don't want to be some sad loser do you?

THE GIRL

No. I want to be a winner.

THE ANGEL

Then you need to lose just a few more kilos. To win is to lose...

THE GIRL

"And if you lose you'll win". I know.

THE ANGEL

It's a game. Like hide and seek.

THE DEVIL

How is it like hide and seek?

THE ANGEL

I'll explain later. How much time do we have?

THE GIRL

I don't know. What's the time Mr Wolf?

MR WOLF

Three o'clock.