

The Dumb Waiter – Harold Pinter

What are we supposed to drink? What about us? I'm thirsty too. I'm starving. And he wants a cup of tea. That beats the band, that does. I could do with a bit of sustenance myself. What about you? You look as if you could do with something too.

We send him up all we've got and he's not satisfied. No, honestly, it's enough to make the cat laugh. Why did you send him up all that stuff? Why did I send it up?

Pause.

Who knows what he's got upstairs? He's probably got a salad bowl. They must have something up there. They won't get much from down here. You notice they didn't ask for any salads? They've probably got a salad bowl up there. Cold meat, radishes, cucumbers. Watercress. Roll mops.

Pause.

Hard-boiled eggs.

Pause.

They do alright, don't you worry about that.