AFTER DINNER

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A Civilizing Place

This section is meant to represent a very unlikely dinner party — of people who could never be together. It's after dinner. Dessert and coffee are being served. This would be a good place to cast people according to type, if you have a company of six or more.

It is an elegant dinner party, with an impeccably set table — set by Alice Waters. Tablecloth, linen napkins, candles, nice china. Alice Waters is the host.

I just feel like like food is a way that that people can come together. Everybody has to eat. And it's something that that And when you do it well it has value right you know, right at the heart of it. When you go buy your bread, you talk to the baker, you exchange, and you feel loyalty,

and you go back, and if something happened to him, You'd support him and if something happened to you he'd help you out. And when things fell apart in this country in the fifties and sixties, and everything became processed, and frozen and canned that, And all of a sudden people had televisions and TV dinners That it just pushed people away from the table, and out into the other rooms. And that that we we we can't even begin to imagine what we've lost, In that In that process. I think we can't uh uh uh it's just the table is really a civilizing place. It's where a group comes, and they, they hear points of view, they they they uh learn about courtesy and kindness, uh they they learn about what it is to live in a community. I think