A Dinner Theatre for four speakers by Idris Goodwin

If you have more or less than four feel free to omit or reassign/share lines
This is a play to be performed around a meal, ideally dinner.

1. So how was everyone's day?
   Shrug from two
   Shrug from three
   Shrug from four

1. Well

I guess the most interesting thing that happened to me today---You know how I like to
sweep up the front porch? Well, today, I went to sweep the front porch and I noticed a
package.

I set down my broom and went and got the box cutter and when I went to open that
package, it shook. The package shook

2. It shook?

3. How did it shake?

1. I was careful--cut the tape on the sides and gently down the middle and opened the
package. And out leapt a kangaroo! I said OHMIGOSH!!

It’s funny because the kangaroo was four feet high, and the box was maybe 10 by 5 inches,
if that. Wow! How did a Kangaroo get in there? Who would send me a kangaroo and why?

But I didn’t have time to think too deep about those questions because that Kangaroo was
just a hoppin' and bouncin
Now if I have learned anything from all the cartoons I watched, everyone knows that Kangaroos like to box. So immediately I got into my boxing stance. Hands up. Fists tight.

4. Oh Man!

3. Then what happened?

2. What are you talking about?

1.

My fists and I --we waited
But this kangaroo he flattened out his little paws, held them up
Sayin “hey man, it’s cool”

3. Aww

1. Whew! I was relieved. You know I can't fight

4. He really can't

1. So I put my guard down too. I said, “You want to come in, kangaroo?” He considered it, looked at the address number on the house. Shook his head. "Sorry, wrong address" he said, picked up the box, and hopped on the road.

So that was pretty cool.

2. What?!

3. I Love Kangaroos
3. Now that I think about it, somethin kinda cool did happen to me.

2
Wait wait...where were all of us when this Kangaroo thing was happening?

1.
Not now--I wanna hear the cool thing

3.
I came up with an idea for a web business.

2.
Web Business? You wanna start a spider farm?

4.
No the internet silly!

1.
Not Spider Webs!

3.
It’s more of an app.

1.
Oh, is it a game? Like Words with Friends or Two Dots?

3.
No

4.
Is it something that teaches you how to speak in a foreign language like Duolingo?

3.
No not like Duolingo.

2.
Why don't we stop guessing and just wait for--
3. It’s called The Boredom app

1. Interesting

4. The Boredom App

1. Say more.

2. Who would want an app called Boredom?

3. People who get bored of course!

Let’s say you’re bored--

2. Not a problem

3. You turn on the app
And it asks you questions

Hey what did you have for breakfast?
What do you want for lunch?
What's the weather like outside today?
Are you an android or an iphone person?

And after you get tired of answering all these questions, you turn it off and go find something else to do

The boredom app bores you so much you get creative

1. Genius
2.
You guys are so weird today

4.
You know you JUST reminded me of something interesting that happened to me.

1.
Great!

4.
So I was having this dream

1.
I love dream stories

4.
Well it’s not really about the dream. I don’t really remember what happened in the dream. It was probably a normal boring dream. I was probably folding clothes or reading a comic book in a row boat or something. But for whatever reason I woke up.

2.
Maybe there was a leak in the row boat

3.
Shhh
Stop interrupting

4.
Well speaking of leaks, I got up and had to go to the bathroom. I flipped the switch, the lights came on and thats when I saw it. Our tub was full of water. And I don’t mean like somebody forgot to drain the tub after they got out, I mean the tub was full of raging water. And in that raging water. There were battleships. Two of them, blasting cannon balls at each other!

1.
Whoa
3. Cool

2. What is going on with you all?

4. I went got those little binoculars and I took a closer look. Their ships had flags from two different nations and there were two guys, in different uniforms on each ship. They were shakin fists at each other and lighting up those cannons and then BOOM!

2. I would have heard a boom

3. They were tiny so...

4. Right they were so small the cannons weren't that loud

1. The way I snore you could blast a full size cannon and I wouldn't even hear it!

4. But I HAD to know what the battle was about so I leaned in real real close and could maybe make out a few words...They were sooooo tiny I couldn't understand exactly what they were sayin’ but I picked a bit.

It turns out they were brothers that didn't really get along so well. And we're having a bit of an argument and they took it to the open seas or the open tub I guess.
I sat right there on the toilet with a pair of binoculars and watched this battle rage on for a few minutes…until they both ran out of cannon balls. Nobody won, nobody got hurt but they really did a number on each other’s ships.

Then I shut the light off, asked them to drain the tub when they were done.

3.

Did they?

4.

Yes

1.

Considerate

4.

Then I went back to sleep and slept like a baby.

So, that was interesting.

Pass the [reference whatever available food on the table]

3.

Well what about you? What do you have to share?

2.

Nothing

4.

We all shared

2.

I don't have anything

4.

Oh come on

1.
I thought I didn’t have anything but then I remembered the Kangaroo

3.
And I remembered the app

4.
And the battleships

2.
You made that up!

1.
No we didn’t!

3.
I didn’t

4.
Neither did I

1.
Interesting things happen to everyone everyday. Sometimes we just don't see them

3.
So true we get so caught up

4.
So so so caught up

2.
Stop.

1.
Come on! Really think.

2.
You just made all that stuff up! Stop! You’re so annoying

4.
You don’t have to get mad

3.

Just nice to have dinner conversation

2.

Do you think I’m a chump?
A kangaroo in a box bustin out with a jump?
Brothers in tubs blasting cannons through suds?
All these fibs and lies when I’m trying to grub

3,4, & 1 just look at 2 in amazement

2.
What?

1.

You just rhymed

3.

That was cool.

4.

Keep going

2.

Keep going with what?
Sippin out of my cup
Trying to cut and slice a nice bite
With my fork and my knife

These are the silliest stories I heard in my life

1.

How are you doing this?

4.

I think it’s called freestyling

2.

I’m just trying to eat
Sittin here in the seat
I’m not some rappity rapper
Rhymin over a beat

Talkin bout the day
you all get carried away

Yea okay
but don’t tell me it’s true
About apps and tub battles and fightin’ kangaroos

It’s okay to say nothing
That the day was just a shrug
That its was boring as an empty box or a waterless tub

And with all the problems that we have
From front to the back
The last thing in the world we need is one more single app

I have a birthday but not yesterday
I wont accept everything that you say

About what you did but didnt really do
So if everyone’s done
lets just sit here and chew

Everyone should just chew for about 10 seconds.

1.

I take my thing back. THAT was the most interesting thing that happened to me today.

3.

Me too

4.

Me too

1.

I never knew you had this talent

3.

I’m not surprised

4.

I had a feeling

2.

We’re supposed to be chewing

3 more seconds of silent chewing

2.

Thank You

1.
Okay! Who’s ready for Dessert!

And then they have dessert
End of Play