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[Outside a cozy bakery stands a long line of eager customers. A sign in the bakery window reads “Home of the Dagel! A delicious fusion of the sugary-sweet donut and the delectable savory bagel.” Inside the bakery display case stand a distressed donut and a bitter bagel, watching as swarms of excited patrons buy one Dagel after another.]

Bagel: “Can you believe how many people are buying Dagels? We are so much better on our own!

Donut: “I agree! We should be separate, not together! Besides, everyone knows that I am better!

Bagel: No way! There is no debate, everyone knows that I am great!”

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Bagel and donut look at each other angrily and shout, “No, I am better!”

[Bagel and Donut turn to the reader]

Donut and Bagel ask, “Which of us do you believe is the best?”

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[Donut faces the reader.]

Donut boldly announces, “I will prove to you and Bagel, too, why I am the superior choice.

[Bagel looks at the reader.]

Bagel confidently replies, “No, I will prove to Donut and you out there why I am the finest of us pair!”

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Bagel: “I am better because I am unique. Bagels are the only breads that are boiled before baking. To create my beautiful figure, I am dipped in boiling water for three to five minutes before entering the oven.”

Donut: “Well, I am the best because I am special!” Donut points to the hole in the center of his body. “You see this hole here? It is not just for looks. When I am being fried, this hole makes sure I am cooked all the way through.”

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[Bagel is dressed in battle gear.]

Bagel: “Did you start an international food war? Because guess what? I did! Montreal and New York are in an epic battle of the bagel. A heated debate rages between Montreal and New York residents, each claiming their city makes the best bagels. In New York, they boil and then bake me. Creating a thick, fluffy bagel with a shiny crust. In Montreal, I am poached in sweet honey water and then baked in a wood-fired stove. This creates smaller, sweeter, and crunchier bagels.”

[Donut is dressed in a Donut Lassie uniform.]

Donut: “You may have started a fight, but I helped to cheer soldiers up during three wars. Brave women called "Donut Dollies" and "Donut Lassies" risked their lives to deliver donuts and coffee to soldiers. Donuts as tasty treats reminded soldiers of home and brought them much-needed joy.”

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[Bagel is dressed in a spacesuit.]

Bagel: “I bet you did not know that bagels are out of this world. No, really, bagels have been out of this world. In 2008, Astronaut Greg Chamitoff orbited Earth aboard the space shuttle Discovery. And out of all the delicacies he could have taken with him, he chose bagels. Not donuts! Bagels! In fact, Astronaut Chamitoff took eighteen bagels on his journey through the cosmos.

[Donut has a halo and wings.]

Donut: “You may have been in space, but some say I am so yummy that I am angelic. The people of France used to call me *pets de nonne*, which means 'nun's farts.'”

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[Bagel is chugging a cup of coffee.]

Bagel: “You are not the only one who can make people feel like they have wings. In 2007, molecular scientist Robert Bohannon created the perfect breakfast combination of coffee and a bagel called The Buzzed Bagel. The Buzzed Bagel contains a caffeine kick for a morning boost of energy in a tasty bagel.”

[Donut is surrounded by mounds of sugar.]

Donut: “You can give a caffeine boost, but I can give a sugar lift. Donuts are often high in sugar. Sugar instantly gives you energy like caffeine. But sugar is special because it also acts as a reward to your brain. When you eat a sweet treat, the sugar triggers feelings of happiness and comfort.”

[Bagel is holding an award.]

Bagel: “While you give rewards, I have actually won an award. I hold the Guinness World Record for the world's largest bagel! I weighed a colossal 868 pounds. To make me it took one thousand and one hundred pounds of dough, nine hundred gallons of water, and ten hours to bake.”

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Donut: “Well, at least I am not a..”

Bagel: “Don’t you dare say the S word!”

Donut: “Oh, I dare. Sandwich!”

Bagel: “How could you! Well, at least there isn’t a version of me made out of mashed potatoes and called spudnuts!”

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Donut: “Hey! I am more than just a tasty treat! I have a long history that dates back to the 1600s. I am originally from the Netherlands and my name used to be called olykoeks, which means oily cakes. I was then brought to America by Dutch settlers. From then on, I have been creatively transformed into delicious donuts like the glazed donut, the maple bacon bar, the bear claw, the donut hole, the apple fritter, the matcha donut, the ube donut, and many more. I am making a difference because I am the treat people want when celebrating life’s big moments. You will find me at birthdays, holidays, graduations, retirements, and many other festivities.”

Bagel:” I am more than just bread! I represent an important part of Jewish culture and heritage. Originating in Poland in 1610, I was often gifted to women after childbirth because bagels symbolized life and success. Jewish immigrants later brought me to America, where I gained popularity, especially in New York City. My versatility means I can be enjoyed at any meal – breakfast, lunch, or dinner.