

**Film Title and Release Date:** *The Dinner Game* (1998)

**Length of Film in Minutes:** 76 Minutes

**Film Genre:** Comedy

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Maxime L., 8th grade

**Date Reviewed:** February 19, 2021

*The Dinner Game* is a fictional film that is sure to make you laugh. The movie takes place in the outskirts of Paris. The main character is Pierre Brochant who makes a last ditch effort to get his wife back by teaming up with a so-called “fool”. This fool is also known as Francois Pignon. Francois was picked by Pierre to go to a dinner party of “idiots” because of his idiosyncrasies. This dinner party is hosted by Pierre and his friends. They have one every week and invite the biggest fools or idiots they can find and laugh at them all night. The night of the party, Pierre’s wife, Christine, pleaded with him to cancel the dinner party and to stay at home with her. Christine expresses how disappointed she is in her husband for participating in these obnoxious ‘parties’. In addition to this Pierre hurt his back golfing so she thinks he should stay home. Before Pierre can cancel the dinner party the “idiot” he chose, Francois, shows up to his apartment. While there Pierre gets a message from Christine about how she is going to leave him. Because of Pierre’s back he can’t go chase after her so he has Francois help him win her back. This leads to an adventurous and hilarious storyline because of all the mistakes that Francois ends up making. Throughout the movie you also see Pierre’s best friend Juste Leblanc who is Christine’s ex-husband.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found this film while casually browsing on Kanopy. This movie intrigued me because it was in French which is a language that I know.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?*

The plot of the story definitely kept me interested because as the story went on more and more exciting and hilarious things occurred. Not only this but secrets of some of the characters were being revealed.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace of this film was just right and I was always able to keep up with what was happening.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

In my opinion I would say that this film is appropriate for students in or above the 8th grade.

*5 stars: I’m really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*

I would unquestionably rate this film 5 stars. Not only is it pure comedy but it keeps you wondering what may happen next. For example a question I was asking myself a lot throughout the film was, is Pierre going to win Christine back? Something else that was recurring in my mind was if Pierre was the fool for letting Francois continue on with his continuous mistakes and his misinterpretations. Overall this film deserves the 5 star rating because of its original storyline.

**Reviewer Name and Grade: James B., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date Reviewed: April 3, 2021**

*The Dinner Game* is a fictional comedy film that is sure to make the viewer laugh. This movie takes place just outside of Paris. The protagonist, Pierre Brochant, who is making an effort to get his wife back teams with a fool (Francois Pignon). This fool, was chosen by Pierre to go to a dinner of idiots and was chosen by Pierre because of his *idiosyncrasies*. The party was being hosted by Pierre and his friends weekly. They try to look to invite the biggest fools or idiots they can find for their own entertainment. On the night of the dinner party, Pierre's wife Christine, asked him to cancel the party. After just having injured himself golfing, Pierre decides to stay home and cancel the party. Before he can cancel the party, Francois shows up to his apartment. After his wife realizes that the party was not cancelled, she leaves him a message saying she is going to leave him. Because he is injured, he needs to ask Francois to help him win his wife back. This leads to a hilarious storyline set by Francois because of all the mistakes he makes as he attempts to get her back for Pierre.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found this film by title search because I had heard great things about it from one of my friends.

*Did the plot (for a fictional movie) keep you interested?*

Yes. I found this storyline to be engaging and funny as I was constantly waiting to see what Francois would do next.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pac of the film was just right. I was able to keep up well with the storyline without getting lost or bored.

*5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*

This film was amazing. I found it hilarious the way Francois showed up early causing his wife to leave him. I also thought it was interesting to see how Francois would go about getting Christine back. Overall I highly recommend this film.