

## The "Staff" of Life

CHARACTERS: Wendy Wheat, Connie Corn, Ricky Rice, Oscar Oats, Ronda Rye, Bobby Buckwheat, Brenda Barley, and Mr. Grains, pres.

NARRATOR: Our story opens at a business meeting of Life, Inc. The seven main executives are reporting to the president about projects and contributions they are making to the company.

Mr. GRAIN: I've called all of you together as the staff of Life, Inc, to find out about all of our company's important holdings.

BARLEY: Well, I am still over the entire United States and have closed a major soup deal.

BUCKWHEAT: I'm really stacking up the pancake flour deals and still have accounts throughout the U.S. with main dishes.

CORN: I just got back from my South America tortilla plants and yesterday I judged the Texas Hominy House's bread contest.

RYE: I'm still "roll"ing around Europe and there may be a merger with the Pastrami brothers in a month or so.

RICE: I've had my hand in a lot of dishes lately—usually main ones in Asia and the Far East though it is nice to just be around breakfast once in a while.

OATS: My part of the company is really "heating" up breakfast cereal right now as cold weather is setting in. I also just threw in with a major cookie deal just last week.

—Wheat comes running in from off stage—

WHEAT: Sorry I'm late. I just completed a world wide tour of our holdings. The breakfast division is looking great in the U.S. with Mr. Waffle and Mr. Cereal in charge. The side-dish division is in excellent shape with Norton Noodle on top of things in Europe. I'll keep you "pasta"d on Italy and the rest of the world as new deals come along.

MR. GRAIN: Thank you all so much for all the good you do. I can see I have Seven of the best executives on my staff of Life, Inc.

NARRATOR: Thus ends the meeting of Mr. Grains and his 7 top executives.