

RESTAURANT SKETCH.



(P and L walk in and sit down)

P - You're sure we can talk here quietly?

B - Certainly Mr. Pinker, I come here all the time to discuss my biggest deals. You just order a cup coffee and sit here as long as you like. In this place, nobody disturbs you.

P - That's fine - let's give an order and get down to business. Waiter-
Waiter -----

L - Waiter -- waiter -- This never happened before - Usually he's Johnny on the spot.

P - Well, he'll come around. Now listen Lapidus. You know you're asking too much for that parcel on Burnside Avenue. Between friends it's worth just about half.

L - You should excuse me for being not polite, Mr. Pinker, but I think you're crazy - 40 tenants - all rented - fine mortgage - All terms - it's a steal.

P - Well - I'll tell you what I'll do.
(Waiter enters)

W - How do you do gentlemen,

L - Oh hello. Bring us two cups of coffee and some cookies.

W - No cookies.

P - All right - bring us coffee cake.

W - Two cups of coffee and coffee cake.

P - (To L) So I'll tell you what I'll do. We'll take that parcel on Burnside Avenue and those two little houses in Bensonhurst--

W - What kind coffee cake?

P - Coffee Cake!

W - Coffee cake - We got six kinds coffee cake. We got with or without raisins - with or without cinammon - with or without prunes - What kind do you like?

L - Listen - bring us coffee cake - any kind (To P) But you know these little houses in Bensonhurst is practically sold.

P - Practically sold. Practically sold - As long as you didn't sign a contract yet.

W - I'm still waiting for de order.

P - What?

W - What kind of coffee cake - with or without raisins - with or without? cinammon - with or without prunes.

L - Bring us without prunes - now go.

W - 2 cups coffee and two coffee cakes without prunes.

P - That's right - now leave us alone. (To L) So as I was saying - take these two little houses in Bensonhurst.

W - Cream on de side?

P - What?

W - I said you want cream in de coffee or cream on de side?

P - In de coffe on de side - on de side - in de coffee - who cares?

W - I care - Suppose I bring you cream in de coffee and you want on de side - You'll send me back and I'll have to spill out de coffee - Which means that the proprietor will say I'm wasting his profits which means he'll be angry with me - which means he'll call me names - which means I'll call him names - which means we'll get into a terrible argument - which means maybe he'll fire me -- You wouldn't want I should get fired, would you?

P - No-no-no

W - Den what do you want - cream in de coffee or cream on de side?

L - In de coffee - in de coffee -- all right - go now.

P - But I like mine on de side.

L - But in de coffe is less bother.

P - But on the side is better coffee.

W - Am I going to stand here all day for two lousy cups coffee?

P- On de side - on the side -- now go - That new development is going to reduce the value of the Burnside Avenue property. You know that, don't you Lipodus?

L- Well- that's a long way off yet -- and besides -----

W- 2 cups coffe wid cream on de side - 2 coffee cake without prunes.

P- Yes - yes - yes -

L- How many times must we tell you this?

W- What are you getting excited for? I'm only checking up. I want to bring de right order - If I bring de wrong order you'll call me a lousy waiter - which means I'll get excited and call you a lousy customer- which means you'll call over the prorieter and complain- which means maybe I'll get fired. - You wouldn't want I should get fired - would you?

L- No- no - of course not.

P- We told you that before.

W- All right then - so don't get excited - I'm only checking up. 2 cups coffee cream on de side - 2 coffe cakes without prunes - I'll bring it in a jiffy.

P- Don't rush - we got business to discuss.

W- I shoudn't rush? Dis means I'll give you lousy service - which means dis is a lousy restaurant - which means -----

L- Listen - I don't care if you rush, don't rush, bring it or don't bring it - get out of here.

W- Gentlemen - I think you are trying to confuse me. First you say rush den you say don't rush - For Gods sakes make up your mind.

P- Rush - rush.

W- 2 cups coffee cream on de sid e- 2 coffee cakes widout prunes - Rush.

L- That's right.

P- (Together) That's right.

W- So why didn't you say, so in de foist place - Now I got the situation well in hand - and I'll bring it -- (He goes)

P- Thank God that pest is gone. Now let's get down to business. (Takes out paper) according to this statement the income on the Burnside Avenue parcel is twelve dollars a room -- that means-- (Waiter re-enters)

W- Gentlemen --(Shakes head) I wouldn't recommend the coffee cake without prunes - it's the last two pieces, which means it's from de end -- which means it's a little burnt- which means you wouldn't like it so I wouldn't recommend it - and if I don't recommend it - the boss will get mad at me - and maybe he'll fire me- Now you wouldn't want I should get fired - would you?

P- (Bangs) table) This is the last straw - come on let's get out of here.

L- Don't get so excited Pinker.

W- Certainly - wha are you getting so excited about - Take it Easy.

P- (Yells) I thought this was a quiet place.

W- It was quiet till you came here.

P- What?

W- Certainly - who's making de noise - you - and why? cause I want to give you good service.

L- Sit down Pinker - I'll fix everything - (P sits) Now look waiter -- let me make this very plain. Mr. Pinker and I came in here to discuss a business deal - we know you can't come into a restaurant without ordering something - So we order coffee and cake -actually we don't care what kind of coffee and what kind cake you bring - we don't care if you don't bring any coffee or any cake - Just leave us alone -- we'll pay the check anyhow.

- W- He'll get blood pleasure - So you want I should bring you nothing.
P- That's right - bring us nothing.
W- (Picks up the two glasses of water) All right -so I'll bring you nothing. But you'll pay the check.
L- Yes -yes - Get out of here - Now what were you saying about the income.
P- By now I forgot.
L- You said something about twelve dollars a room.
P- Yes - yes - twelve dollars a room--
W- One or two checks?
P- What?
W- Should I put it on one or two checks?
L- One check - one check -p-Leave us alone.
W- Crazy people - I can't understand it - Two people come in here - they order 2 cups coffee cream on de side - 2 coffee cakes without prunes- Then they don't want it but they want to pay the check - then they want I should rush - then they want I shouldn't rush - I'm going crazy -- Never happened to me before in my life.
L- I thought I explained it to you before -- We want to talk business.
W- You want to talk business - so it'll hurt you to talk with coffee.
P- (Slaps table and yells) It hurts us to talk with you.
W- What did you said?
P- I said ---
W- Quiet -- whatare you getting excited about - It's a very simple problem --
P- Maybe you can stand this - but I'm getting out of here -- (Starts to go)
L- But Pinker -- what about the parcel?
P- Take the parcel - take Burnside Avenue - take this pest - the coffee and the coffee cake and you know what you can do with it --- Goodbye--
L- But Pinker -- (To W) Now see what you done to me -- you want and spoiled a good deal --
W- I spoiled? -- I'm only a waiter.
L- Yes you spoiled - A beautiful apartment on Burnside Avenue - 40 tenants - all rented - a fine mortgage - and a wonderful deal for me too -
W- Eh - an apartment - 40 families all rented -- Hmm - I've been looking for a parcel like dis for a long time - Now I've got a couple bungalettes in Rockaway - maybe we can make a small switch -- Let's get a cup coffee and talk dis over ---- Waiter.