

CUT # 1

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Scene 1

(Interior of a restaurant. Dan is seated at a table with Amy and Matt.)

Amy

So, I asked to see the manager. I mean, you know me, I'm not the type to complain or cause trouble.

Matt

Oh, noooooo.....

(Amy gives Matt a slightly annoyed look and continues.)

Amy

But, I don't think it's too much to expect that when I tell them I don't want anchovies in my Caesar salad, that they should see fit to tell me that they grind up a bunch of those little suckers and put them in the dressing.

Matt

I think everybody knows that there are anchovies in Caesar dressing.

Amy

No, no, you can order it without. What if I were deathly allergic to them? Anyway, besides that, the French Onion soup I ordered was too spicy, and the salmon was too stringy. It wasn't the best meal I've ever had.

Matt

By the time she was done convincing the manager of the horrors of spicy soup and stringy salmon, our meal was comped, and we even got a gift certificate for our next meal. I thought we might even get a cash settlement for pain and suffering.

Amy

You can joke all you want, but this squeaky wheel got us two free meals.

Dan

Dina was always the squeaky wheel in our family. She didn't go out of her way to look for it, but when the situation arose, she was the queen of confrontation. I remember at Sarah's first birthday party. This was before we met you guys. Dina found a hair in her piece of the Winnie the Pooh cake we had ordered.

Amy and Matt

Ucch!

Dan

Yeah! So, after the preliminary investigation, and after the CSI team packed up all their equipment and left, Dina left me in charge of the party and drove right down to the bakery like a woman on a mission.

Amy

I would have so not wanted to be that baker.

Dan

You better believe it! She told me later how they tried to convince her that the hair probably belonged to her or one of the other guests. It was red, by the way, and there wasn't a redhead to be found at the party that day. Needless to say, Sarah's first birthday cake was free of charge.

Matt

Dina was a fighter, all right.

Dan

That she was. Right up until the end.

(All three study their menus.)

Amy

So, what looks good?

Dan

Well, they're running a special on stringy salmon.

(Amy looks at Dan for a beat, then does a silent, mocking "laugh" at his joke.)

Matt

Think I might try the Fettuccine Alfredo. *(Amy silently stares at him.)* Or....maybe the vegetable stir-fry.

(They continue to study their menus.)