

Red Vs Green

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FADE IN:

INT. KITCHEN-DAY

THE GRIDDLE

Rectangular in shape, bits of gristle scatter the surface and the grease trap. Bacon sizzles, pancakes rise, eggs bubble. a spatula scoops everything off the griddle, and the process starts over.

THE FRIALATOR

A pool of dark yellow fryer oil sits peacefully in a stainless steel frying machine. A bag of frozen french fries is poured in to the machine, the oil bubbles violently. The cooked fries are removed, then a bag of frozen chicken fingers goes in.

CARL the cook, middle-aged, sweaty, three days of growth. He RINGS the order bell.

CARL

Order up!

The WAITRESS enters the kitchen and picks up her order.

WAITRESS

Hey Carl!

CARL

What?

WAITRESS

A customer has a suggestion.

Carl repeatedly TAPS the garbage pail with his spatula.

CARL

Tell her to write it down and put it in the suggestion box.

The Waitress laughs.

WAITRESS

How'd you know it was a women?

CARL

It's not a women, it's a lady, an old lady. It's always an old lady.

The Waitress shakes her head as she exits the kitchen.

INT. DINING AREA-CONTINUOUS

The Waitress enters the bustling dining room. She drops off the order to one of her tables.

WAITRESS

Here you go, if there is anything you need don't hesitate to ask.

The patrons smile as she walks away. The waitress stop briefly at another table occupied by an old women.

WAITRESS

I spoke with the chef, he said it was a wonderful idea, and he'll definitely take it in to consideration.

The old woman smiles and gives the Waitress a THUMBS UP. The Waitress approaches a table with two men seated. BILL and KYLE, both in their mid twenties.

WAITRESS

Hi, what can get you boys?

BILL

I'll take a vanilla coke.

KYLE

I'll have a cup of green tea. Do you have bottled water?

WAITRESS

Poland spring.

KYLE

Oh, I was hoping for a Panna or a Larisia, a Voss even.

WAITRESS

No, sorry just the Poland spring.

KYLE

Ok, I guess I'll have that then.

WAITRESS

Sure I'll be back in a minute to take your order.

The Waitress walks away. Bill stairs at Kyle. Kyle notices but tries not to engage, but its hopeless.

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KYLE

What!

BILL

Try to keep it simple this time
alright.

KYLE

You just worry about your own food.

BILL

I mean it Kyle, I like coming to
this place...

The Waitress returns.

WAITRESS

Here's your coke, here is your tea,
and your water. What can I get you
to eat?

Bill never breaks eye contact with kyle.

BILL

(MONOTONE)

Yeah, I'll have a cheeseburger,
medium, fries, does it come with
Cole Slaw?

WAITRESS

yup!

BILL

(MONOTONE)

Great, that's just great. Kyle what
are you having?

KYLE

Hmmm! let me see.

Bill cringes, he knows whats coming.

KYLE

Now the onion soup, how do they
make that?

WAITRESS

It's just onions in broth with some
bread and melted cheese.

KYLE

I see, can I have that with out the
cheese.

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WAITRESS
I don't see why not.

KYLE
what kind of broth is it in?

WAITRESS
Beef.

KYLE
Oh, they can't make that in like a vegetable stock, could they?

WAITRESS
I would have to check with the chef.

KYLE
If you could, that would be great.

Bill buries his face in his hands.

WAITRESS
Can I get you anything else?

KYLE
You wouldn't happen to have any veggie burgers, would you?

WAITRESS
I would have to find out about that too.

KYLE
Great, and if he does you can just go ahead and put the order in, you don't have to come back. I don't want you running all over the place for me. I don't wanna be to much trouble.

WAITRESS
No, no trouble at all.

KYLE
Oh one last thing, please tell the cook, no butter.

The waitress smiles.

WAITRESS
No problem.

The Waitress leaves the table.

BILL
I can't believe you.

KYLE
what?

BILL
Why do you even bother going out to eat? Why don't you eat at home?

KYLE
What did I do wrong.

BILL
Do you have to order crazy things like that. Even I feel like going in the back and spitting in your food. Because that's what's going to happen. She's gonna go back there, tell the cook your order, he's gonna curse you out. And spit in your food.

KYLE
He's not gonna do that.

BILL
Yes he is Kyle, and just because I'm with you he's gonna spit in mine too. And you can forget about getting your vegan food because he's gonna do what ever he can to pump your food full of animal products.

KYLE
I don't think so.

BILL
Well, I hope it's was worth it.

KYLE
It is. do you know there are millions of people starving in the world.

BILL
Spare me your altruistic bullshit, you don't care about the starving people. You just want to feel better about yourself.

KYLE

I do feel better inside, because I know it isn't my ignorance causing other people to die of starvation.

BILL

Are you calling me ignorant?

KYLE

Yeah, I am.

BILL

I don't see how not eating beef here is gonna keep people from starving in other countries. It just doesn't make sense.

KYLE

It makes allot of sense.

BILL

Enlighten me.

KYLE

A cow only produces 600 pounds of meat, but eats like... Tons and tons of grain. It's like a six to one ratio.

BILL

So what?

KYLE

So they start to over bread these big dumb animals, and they start eating more and more grain.

BILL

So!

KYLE

Grain is the biggest part of the human diet.

BILL

Then why don't they feed the cow something else.

KYLE

Because it takes to long for the cow to get fat. and god forbid there were a shortage of beef.

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BILL
I know right, I would go crazy.

A busboy walks over to the table and sets the soup down in front of him.

KYLE
Thank you, Gracias!

The busboys nods, and leaves the table.

BILL
There is no way that's vegetable broth.

KYLE
Well it's too light to be beef broth, and it doesn't have the toxic glow of chicken broth.

BILL
Well, even if it is vegetable broth he definitely spit it it.

KYLE
Would you give it a rest, he didn't spit in it.

Kyle eats his soup.

BILL
Where's my burger I'm starving?

INT. KITCHEN-MOMENTS LATER

Carl the Cook is preparing food. The Waitress enters the kitchen.

WAITRESS
Are those burgers ready yet?

CARL
Cheeseburgers up, but the Veggie burger is gonna take a little longer.

The Cook smiles.

WAITRESS
That's fine he's still working on his soup anyway.

She picks up the burger and heads out to the dining room.

INT. DINING AREA-CONTINUOUS

Kyle picks up his bowl and slurps down the rest of his soup.

BILL

Her comes my burger, I don't see yours, I bet he's taking extra care of yours.

Bill laughs.

KYLE

That's not funny.

The Waitress reaches the table, and sets the burger down.

WAITRESS

Here you go Hun! the veggie burger should be out in minute.

KYLE

That's fine.

Bill goes to work on his burger.

BILL

That's one good burger.

KYLE

That's nice Bill.

BILL

How does it make you feel?

KYLE

How does what make me feel?

BILL

Watching me eat this burger.

KYLE

It doesn't make me feel like anything.

BILL

Wanna bite?

KYLE

No!

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BILL
Come on, you know you wanna bite.

KYLE
I don't want a bite!

BILL
How can you even be friends with me
if your a vegan?

KYLE
What do you mean?

BILL
Look at this burger, there's meat
in here from like nineteen
different cows.

KYLE
It's like Gandhi and Hitler hanging
out.

BILL
Your an idiot.

The Waitress brings Kyle his veggie burger.

KYLE
Wow that looks great thank you.

WAITRESS
The cook is actually a vegan also.

KYLE
Wow, really?

WAITRESS
yup!

KYLE
You hear that Bill, the cook is a
vegan.

BILL
(DISINTERESTED)
Wow, that's awesome.

The waitress leaves, and Kyle begins to eat his veggie
burger, when he starts to laugh.

BILL
Whats so funny?

KYLE

Nothing.

BILL

Come on lets hear it.

KYLE

How's your burger.

BILL

It's fine, why?

KYLE

No reason.

BILL

What... you think he spit in my
food.

KYLE

Well now I know for sure he didn't
spit in mine, and if I were him, I
would definitely spit in your
burger.

Bill looks towards the kitchen, he notices the waitress and
the cook peeking out the kitchen door. They quickly recede
back into the kitchen. Bill examines his burger.

BILL

Well we can't know for sure, BON
APPETIT!

Bill continues to wolf down his burger.

KYLE

See, you are ignorant.

BILL

(WITH HIS MOUTH FULL OF FOOD)
Ignorance is bliss!

FADE OUT: