

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES** July 30, 2003

*(Dances With Wolves music—sign: Drinks With Wolves )*

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** Private Peevey reporting as ordered, sir!

**MAJOR TOM:** At ease, Private. Did you complete your mission?

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** That is affirmative, Major Tom. We captured Lt. Dunbar and several of his Indian friends.

**MAJOR TOM:** Don't you mean Native Americans private?

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** No Sir, this is the 19<sup>th</sup> century and we still use the much less politically correct and inaccurate term Indian, although we sincerely hope we don't offend anyone watching the skit, sir.

**MAJOR TOM:** Very well, private, bring them in.

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** All right, get in here!

*(Drinks With Wolves, and three others come in and sit down-Peevey exits-the third guy moves the last chair away from the others and the fourth guy sits there)*

**MAJOR TOM:** Lieutenant John Dunbar, you have a lot to answer for.

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** That is not my name.

**MAJOR TOM:** I beg your pardon, soldier. That *is* the name you used when you enlisted in the United States Army.

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Well, that is no longer my name. I am now known as Drinks With Wolves.

**MAJOR TOM:** Drinks With Wolves? How did you get a name like that?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** When my family here found me, I had been drinking whiskey all day and was unconscious. A wolf I had befriended

was sleeping nearby. I tried to explain that the wolf hadn't been drinking just me, but my name stuck.

**MAJOR TOM:** I see. So, you are now part of their group.

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** I am a proud Sioux warrior. I am also a member of a smaller tribe we call Alcoholics Anonymous.

**MAJOR TOM:** What in the world is that?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** It is a spiritual organization founded in 1935 by a stock broker and proctologist which has at its core 12 steps of recovery. Using these steps, my tribe has not had to drink the white man's fire water for some time now.

**MAJOR TOM:** I think you have been drinking! How could this program be founded in 1935 when it is now 1863?

*(Private Peevey enters)*

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** Sir! Private Peevey reporting with an explanation!

**MAJOR TOM:** Well, what is it?

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** Sir, it is true that AA wasn't started until 70 years from now, but for the purposes of this skit we had to play fast and loose with history, sir!

**MAJOR TOM:** Oh, I see. Dismissed private!

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** Thank you sir!

*(Peevey exits)*

**MAJOR TOM:** Who are your fellow tribesmen?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** This is my wife, Barfs like a Buffalo.

**BARFS LIKE A BUFFALO:** Nice to meet you.

**MAJOR TOM: You speak English?**

**BARFS LIKE A BUFFALO: As a child, the Sioux found me after Apaches killed my parents. They raised me but I still remembered the white man's words.**

**MAJOR TOM: I see. Okay, Drinks With Wolves who else have you here?**

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES: This is my friend Argues With Sponsor.**

*(Argues with Sponsor nods and Major Tom nod at each other)*

**MAJOR TOM: What is that around his neck? It appears to be dried animal poop?**

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES: Yes, we call that a Buffalo "chip". We give them out to mark continuous sobriety milestones. Today Argues With Sponsor has had 12 new moons without drinking.**

*(all the Indians applaud)*

**MAJOR TOM: Drinks With Wolves, Barfs Like a Buffalo, Argues With Sponsor; you all have such unusual names! Do you ever get teased?**

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES: Well, Major Tom, to us your bland names are unusual.**

**ARGUES WITH SPONSOR: She Ca , Wah kon, wom blee.**

*(all the Indians laugh)*

**MAJOR TOM: What did he say?**

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES: He said don't you get tired of all the David Bowie jokes? You know "Ground Control to Major Tom?"**

**MAJOR TOM: I don't get the joke. Who is David Bowie? Is he related to Sam Bowie?**

*(Peevey runs in)*

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** Sir! David Bowie is or rather will be an androgynous British singer best known for quirky songs, outrageous chameleon-like changes in his persona and for changing his true last name Jones to Bowie so as not to be confused with the famous British member of the pop group the Monkees Davy Jones.

**MAJOR TOM:** Very good, Private. Why don't you just stay here?

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** Sir, yes sir!

**MAJOR TOM:** Now, Drinks With Wolves, I couldn't help but notice that Argues with Sponsor pushed the last guy's chair away from the rest of you. How come?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Well, I'll give you a hint. His name is Farts Like a Moose.

**FARTS LIKE A MOOSE:** To ka ho?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** He wants to know if you'd like a demonstration.

**MAJOR TOM:** NO NO! That's fine, thank you!

**FARTS LIKE A MOOSE:** Wa Yan Ka.

**MAJOR TOM:** What did he say?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Oh, he says the door to your teepee is open.

*(Major Tom zips his zipper)*

**MAJOR TOM:** Thank you. Now, Drinks With Wolves, how come you deserted your post in the first place?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** I was restless, irritable, and discontent. I was stuck in a lonely outpost with nothing to do but drink. My only friend was that wolf and the stockpile of whiskey I had. It was terrible.

**ARGUES WITH SPONSOR:** Lot kunk sni. Wah chee pee.

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** I'm not on the pity pot, Argues With Sponsor. I'm just explaining my mindset at the time.

**MAJOR TOM:** My God! What is that horrible smell?

*(everyone except Peevey holds their nose)*

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Farts Like a Moose! At least give us a warning!

**MAJOR TOM:** That stench is inhuman!

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** Uh, Major Tom sir! I apologize sir! That was me. It's all that government cheese.

**BARFS LIKE A BUFFALO:** Oh, I feel sick.

*(Drinks With Wolves and Argues With Sponsor quickly move away from Barfs Like a Buffalo)*

**MAJOR TOM:** Look what you've done Private! You've made the poor woman nauseous!

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** No, Major Tom, my wife is with child. She has had severe morning sickness.

**BARFS LIKE A BUFFALO:** Oh, oh! *(blows her cheeks up momentarily starts to shake violently then deflates her cheeks)* False alarm.

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Look, Major Tom, capturing us has made us all very stressed. What do you plan to do with us?

**MAJOR TOM:** Well, originally I had planned to have you court martialled, but I think I have a better use for you.

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** I will not tell you anything about the Sioux nation.

**MAJOR TOM:** No, no, nothing like that. Um, Private Peevey you are dismissed until I need another future reference explained.

**PRIVATE PEEVEY:** Sir, yes sir!

*(Peevey exits)*

**MAJOR TOM:** Now Drinks With Wolves, I'm rather curious about this Alcoholics Anonymous thing. You see, I...uh...I have a friend who...uh thinks he may be an alcoholic.

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** I see. Why does your "friend" think that?

**MAJOR TOM:** Well, he...uh...sometimes gets drunk when he doesn't want or mean to and even though he knows he should stop, he can't.

**BARFS LIKE A BUFFALO:** Major, is your "friend" really you?

**MAJOR TOM:** NO! Not at all! I am not an alcoholic! No it's a...uh...friend I joined the army with.

**FARTS LIKE A MOOSE:** Wo Oketeh, Shoan ka.

**MAJOR TOM:** What did he say?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** He said "Denial is not just a river in Egypt."

**MAJOR TOM:** Look, I just want to help a friend in need and your program sounds promising.

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Well, pass along to your friend that the first step is to admit that you are powerless over alcohol and that your life has become unmanageable.

**MAJOR TOM:** I will. Um, how much does this program cost?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Well, we are still working on that. Some of us want to make the program self-supporting through our own contributions and others want to bankroll the whole operation through proceeds from a planned casino.

**MAJOR TOM:** Interesting. Drinks With Wolves, this program sounds most intriguing and what I think you need is a chief executive officer. After learning the basic tenets of the program..uh...so I can tell my friend of course...I will offer my services as CEO.

**ARGUES WITH SPONSOR:** Wa yank ka.

**MAJOR TOM:** It sounds like Argues With Sponsor thinks it's a good idea.

**BARFS LIKE A BUFFALO:** Actually he said "Keep it simple stupid".

**MAJOR TOM:** I'd like more information, do you have any literature I can get so my friend can get a better idea of what it's all about?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Yes, at our campsite.

**MAJOR TOM:** Well, then let's go.

*(they all stand up)*

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Before we go we have to give you a Sioux name for purification purposes. *(turns to other Indians)* Any suggestions? *(they huddled briefly and murmur then break it up)* I think we have the perfect name for you, Major Tom.

**MAJOR TOM:** What is it?

**DRINKS WITH WOLVES:** Lies Like a Big Dog. Let's go.

*(all exit)*

**THE END**