

DRIVE THRU February 9, 2005

CLERK: Welcome to AA Burger! Would you like to try one of our Basics of our Home Group Combos today?

CUSTOMER: No, not today.

CLERK: That's fine, just order when you're ready.

CUSTOMER: Okay, I'd like a Double Sober Burger and a large order of Serenity Fries. Oh, and let me try one of those new Gratitude Shakes too.

CLERK: What size Gratitude Shake did you want; sir? Huge or overflowing?

CUSTOMER: Overflowing please.

CLERK: Would you like to try one of our tasty new desserts today, sir?

CUSTOMER: Maybe. Do you have turnovers?

CLERK: We certainly do sir!

CUSTOMER: What kind do you have?

CLERK: Our piping hot turnovers come in three flavors: Happy, Joyous, and

Free. May I add one to your order today?

CUSTOMER: Well, not so fast. Do you have anything chocolately?

CLERK: We sure do! How about a delicious Acceptance Brownie?

CUSTOMER: Now that sounds good. Go ahead and add a brownie to it.

CLERK: Will that be all for you today, sir?

CUSTOMER: Yeah, that's it.

CLERK: Okay, repeating your order back to you: I have a Double Sober

Burger, large Serenity Fries, Overflowing Gratitude Shake and an

Acceptance Brownie. Your total will be 12 Steps and 12 Traditions at the

window. Thank you!

(customer drives to window)

CLERK: Hi. How are you?

CUSTOMER: I can't complain. How about yourself?

CLERK: Splendid! Nice car you have there.

CUSTOMER: Thank you. I fixed it up myself.

CLERK: What kind of engine does it have?

CUSTOMER: It's a Flintstones-hybrid.

CLERK: Cool. I bet it gets great mileage. Anyway, your order today comes to 12 Steps and 12 Traditions please.

CUSTOMER: (*rifling through his pockets*) Oh man! I don't believe this!

You know what? I don't have 12 Steps and 12 Traditions!

CLERK: You don't?

CUSTOMER: No. All I have is half a step. What can I get for that?

CLERK: Well...you'll have to choose from our Half Measures Value Menu.

CUSTOMER: Well okay, if I have to. What kind of stuff is on there?

CLERK: As luck would have it, our Big Fat Resentment Burger is on sale

for just half a step today.

CUSTOMER: Big Fat Resentment Burger? That doesn't sound too tasty.

What's in it?

CLERK: Let's see...we take misplaced anger, deep fry it, smother it in greasy guilt, and slap it on an insincere sesame seed bun.

CUSTOMER: Not quite a Double Sober Burger, is it?

CLERK: Not quite. But it is big and fat.

CUSTOMER: Do you have anything else?

CLERK: Certainly sir. If the Big Fat Resentment Burger is not for you, maybe you'd like to try the Relapse Meal Deal.

CUSTOMER: Hmm, what's that?

CLERK: The Relapse Meal Deal includes a 100% Denial sandwich, large Rationalization Rings and a medium Incomprehensible Demoralization

Soda. It also includes a toy Big Book that you can't read. All for just half a

step!

CUSTOMER: Well, that doesn't sound too appetizing either. Is that everything you have that half a step can buy?

CLERK: Oh no there's much more.

CUSTOMER: Like what?

CLERK: Well, there's Character Defect Crispers.

CUSTOMER: No thank you.

CLERK: How 'bout a frosty Self-Will Run Riot Root Beer Float?

CUSTOMER: Nope.

CLERK: Complacency Cookies?

CUSTOMER: Negative.

CLERK: Pity Pot Potatoes?

CUSTOMER: No! Sheesh! Look, can I talk to the manager?

CLERK: Certainly sir, just a moment.

(clerk exits, manager comes to window)

MANAGER: Can I help you sir?

CUSTOMER: Yes, I am trying to get some food here, but all I have is half a step.

MANAGER: Have you tried the Big Fat Resentment Burger?

CUSTOMER: I don't want a Big Fat Resentment Burger! I want what I originally ordered!

MANAGER: I'm sorry sir, but your original order costs 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

CUSTOMER: But all I have is half a step.

MANAGER: Well, I am truly sorry sir, but here at AA Burger that avails you nothing!

CUSTOMER: Come on! Can't we work something out? I am so hungry!

MANAGER: Tell me...do you by any chance have any willingness?

CUSTOMER: *(goes into his pocket again)* Hey. Hey! You know what? I do have some willingness. It's only a little though.

MANAGER: That's okay. A little is all you need. I'll tell you what, sir. Give me that little bit of willingness and I will give you this. *(holds bag up)*

CUSTOMER: What's that?

MANAGER: Our best selling sandwich for 70 years now: The Deluxe Pink Cloud Hope Burger.

(customer gives manager willingness, manager gives customer Hope Burger)

CUSTOMER: Thank you. Thank you so much.

MANAGER: Thank you, sir. And keep coming back!

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