

Arrestaurant  
Pilot Episode : "The Pissy Busser"  
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### ***Series Synopsis:***

The show takes place within a restaurant during the course of an evening. Each episode deals with the problems of the wait-staff during a given night. Most episodes are based around Mickey, the food runner, and what he sees and encounters throughout the evenings.

### ***Characters:***

Mickey, the Food Runner - A young male, early twenties. He's generally friendly, likes to joke around, but has a good work ethic.

Becka, a server - A young female, mid-twenties. She's always trying to do school work between tables when slow. Generally friendly. Grew up in So-Cal.

Randi, another server - A shorter, older male, early to mid-forties. Has an Eastern European accent. Talks a lot, complains a lot, but is a genuinely good guy.

Ro, the bartender - A young male, mid-twenties. Grew up in So-Cal. Kind of witty, a bit of a smart-ass, but mostly plays it cool. Very well liked.

Benito, the busser - Hispanic male in early to mid thirties. He is not well liked. He doesn't really speak too much, except when being bossy or rude. He keeps to his own otherwise. Not much of a team player.

Cliff, the general manager - Male in thirties. A smart-ass, cocky, arrogant man. He likes to kid around, sarcastic, likes to find people's limits. He's a good boss and a good manager and a generally nice guy.

### ***Episode Synopsis:***

Mickey receives about all the negativity he can handle from Benito. He doesn't seem to be a team player and the rest of the wait-staff notices too.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN - NIGHT

In front of an open-kitchen at the counter where the food comes up.

Mickey is talking to Becka in front of the counter. Sous Chef and three line cooks are cooking on the other side of the counter.

MICKEY

So Benito has been giving me attitude all night.

BECKA

Yeah, he kinda has an attitude problem.

MICKEY

I noticed.

BECKA

I'm not very fond of him.

MICKEY

Me neither. He's always shaking his head like I am doing something wrong, even when I try to help him.

BECKA

He needs help. That guy is never around when I need him. I don't understand how that is. We're not that busy here.

MICKEY

I don't know. Let me know if you need help.

LINE COOK #1

Runner!

Mickey turns around to take food to table. As he is walking out toward the table he passes by Benito who shakes his head with a look of dissatisfaction on his face.

MICKEY

(To self)

What the hell is his problem?

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN

Benito walks past Becka. Becka smiles. Benito does not. Becka walks towards the bar.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN

Mickey is at the end of the bar with Ro.

MICKEY  
Hey Ro, can I get a Coke?

RO  
For sure man.

Ro grabs a glass and fills with ice and Coke.

RO  
You drink way too much Coke man.

MICKEY  
I keep it to a two Coke minimum per night. No worries. I gotta friend who drinks about five or six a day.

RO  
Jesus Christ guy. I guess you're pretty good about it then, but your friend's gonna get diabetes drinking like that.

MICKEY  
Oh, he's already got 'em.

Becka approaches.

BECKA  
(To Mickey)  
I smiled at the guy and he ignored it. There's just no being pleasant with him.

MICKEY  
I know. He's especially pissy tonight.

Mickey walks back toward counter near kitchen with coke in hand.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN

Mickey takes a sip and sets it nearby in a nook. Cliff walks into the area.

CLIFF  
(Semi-serious)  
How many times have I told ya kid? No food or open drinks near this area. Two words: health department.

MICKEY  
(Sarcastically)  
Yeah, yeah old man. I heard ya.

Mickey takes another sip of the Coke.

CLIFF  
Punk kid.

Mickey laughs.

Randi walks up sternly.

RANDI

Hey Mickey, where's my busser? I haven't seen him in, like, ten minutes. I have a table that needs bread service and water, and two that need to be bussed.

MICKEY

I got it man. What table needs bread and water?

RANDI

Table seven. Thanks bro.

MICKEY

No prob Randi.

Randi walks away. Mickey starts to cut bread. Benito walks past and shakes his head again.

MICKEY

(To self)

God that guy's a dick.

Mickey grabs bread tray, some olive oil and spread in a cup, and a pitcher of water. He walks to the dining room.

INT. RESTAURANT DINING ROOM

Mickey at table seven. Mickey drops off the bread and pours the water from the customers.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN

Mickey walks back to the counter to drop the water off, then returns to dining area.

INT. RESTAURANT DINING ROOM

Mickey clears some plates off a table. Mickey walks toward the kitchen to the dishwasher area.

INT. DISHWASHER AREA

Mickey begins setting plates down.

BENITO

Behind you.

Mickey acknowledges but doesn't move.

BENITO

Behind you!

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There is a loud crash of dishes as Benito shoves a tray full of dishes onto the dishwashing station.

BENITO

You never move! When I say behind you,  
you just sit there!

MICKEY

Well, had you said move, I would've. But  
you say behind you, which implies that  
you are behind me with something that I  
shouldn't bump into.

BENITO

You never pay attention to what's behind  
you!

Mickey walks out before the Benito finishes talking. He passes Becka taking a few plates to the dishwashers.

MICKEY

(To Becka)  
God I hate that guy.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN

Mickey walks up to the food counter. Randi walks up to the counter.

RANDI

Hey man, can you reset table nine for  
me. I don't know where this guy is.

MICKEY

Sure thing man.

INT. RESTAURANT DINING ROOM

Mickey walks over to table nine and takes the table cloth off the table. He walks over to the counter.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN

Mickey sets down the cloth nearby, turns around and grabs a fresh table cloth from the cupboard below. He walks back to the dining area.

INT. RESTAURANT DINING ROOM

Mickey walks to table nine and puts the cloth down on table.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN

Benito looks at the dirty table cloth on counter and shakes his head. Mickey walks back to counter.

BENITO

Why do you leave the cloth here? Why don't you take it back to where it goes?

MICKEY

Hey, don't get attitude with me man. If you want to talk to me then talk to me. But don't bark at me. I'm just helping you.

Mickey starts to grab utensils and plates.

BENITO

I'll do it. Don't do my work.

MICKEY

Fine.

Mickey drops the utensils.

MICKEY

Do it yourself. I won't help you with anything again.

Benito walks off toward dining room. Randi walks up toward counter.

MICKEY

I know you need help man, but I'm doing shit to help that hotheaded jackass. He won't allow me to.

INT. RESTAURANT DINING ROOM

WIDE: FULL DINING ROOM

Benito is looking at table that the Mickey had begun to reset. He shakes his head as he continues to set it.

INT. RESTAURANT KITCHEN - TIME PASSES

Cliff walks up to Mickey at the counter. Mickey is sipping on his Coke.

CLIFF

What's up with you and the Benito man?

Mickey takes a another sip of his Coke before beginning to talk.

MICKEY

He's rude man. He won't accept help.

Benito walks towards them. Cliff stops Benito.

CLIFF

Benito, Mickey, we gotta resolve this

now.

MICKEY

What's there to resolve? If he doesn't want the help, he can do everything himself.

Benito shakes head.

MICKEY

See. Right there. It's that attitude man. He's always bringing that negativity in here.

CLIFF

Hey, we gotta be like family and work together in here. You guys better just shake on it and makeup. And learn to work together.

Mickey hesitates. Cliff stares at him. Mickey looks at Benito. Mickey and Benito hesitate once more. Mickey and Benito shake hands with awkwardness.

CLIFF

Good.

Cliff walks off. Mickey and Benito stare at each other in tense silence for a moment. Benito continues walking toward the back of the kitchen. Mickey turns and takes another sip of his Coke.

MICKEY

(To self)

I still think he's a dick.

FADE OUT.