

RICH - SIDES

Fine China - Short Film

RICH (V.O.)

We have to know what the customer wants, when she wants it, before he even knows it's what they wanted. Psychics with aprons. Invisible and uh-biquitous...

THEO (V.O.)

You mean ubiquitous?

RICH (V.O.)

Yeah, what'd I say? Nevermind, you get my point.

RICH (V.O.)

Sam will be training you as runner tonight. He's a little hungover from a Psybomb concert so tread carefully. Jade got laid last night so she should be in one of her rare good moods. Mel's girlfriend is newly pregnant, but you guys are friends, he probably told you that already, he's a bit of the mayor round here. Jamie's gonna try to get behind the line at all costs so if you see her lagging behind tell her crunchy Birkenstocks to get the fuck out. But don't curse or you have to put a dollar in the swear jar.

We pass them and finally arrive at RICH, standing at the end of the bar; older than the rest of the crew - late 20s or early 30s - and not yet comfortable with being old enough to be in charge. He has been addressing a nervous looking THEO this whole time.

RICH

Other than that, glasses have been steamed, tables are set, "rezies" are organized, kitchen is prepped... You look nervous, you nervous?

THEO

Not nervous, just... frightened.
(pause)
That came out wrong, what I meant was...

RICH

Don't be scared. Just be yourself.
And remember, at the end of the
day, it's just chicken and rice.
It's not like we're making life or
death decisions around here.

THIS IS A SEPARATE SCENE. TAKE A PAUSE. NOW MOVE ON.

19 INT. HOSTESS STAND - CONTINUOUS

Hostess Stand at the front of the restaurant where RICH is helping out.

JADE

This has been addressed but we're
talking about it again.

RICH

Are you actually asking me this
right now?

JADE

Yes, can I leave early tonight?

RICH

It's the busiest Saturday night of
the year, we're short a fry cook,
we're training new employees, and
you want to go home early. Just
'cause some cute guys ask if...

JADE

If this is another jealous power
trip...

RICH

This is not about being jealous.
It'd be one thing if you...

An UNEXPECTED CUSTOMER approaches the HOSTESS STAND and addresses RICH.

UNEXPECTED CUSTOMER

Hi, we have a party of fifteen. We
canceled and then we un-canceled.
We canceled again, anyway, we're
here!

RICH

(to Jade)

Go tell AC we need him down here
right away.