One Day At The Shake And Steak

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INT. MID-RANGE RESTAURANT - DAY

An average CUSTOMER sits at a TABLE. They are approached by a SERVER with a NOTEPAD.

SERVER

Welcome to Steak and Shake. Can I take your order?

CUSTOMER

Well okay, but only if you promise to give it back later.

SERVER

No promises. What would you like to drink?

CUSTOMER

The tears of my enemies.

SERVER

We just ran out.

CUSTOMER

Damn. I'll have a pear cider then.

SERVER

Will that be in the bottle or in a glass?

CUSTOMER

Probably.

SERVER

Which would you prefer?

CUSTOMER

Surprise me.

Server picks up the glass of water off the table and throws it in Customer's face.

CUSTOMER

(pause) Excellent.

SERVER

Thank you. Have you decided on an entree?

CUSTOMER

What's the catch of the day?

SERVER

Hepititus.

SERVER AND CUSTOMER TOGETHER

Ba dum bum.

CUSTOMER

But seriously, what looks good today?

SERVER

Raoul the busboy in his biker shorts.

CUSTOMER

Oooh, then I'll have--

SERVER

No.

CUSTOMER

Well you're no fun. Then I'll have the steak sandwich with grilled onions.

SERVER

And how would you like your steak?

CUSTOMER

Well done.

SERVER

Thank you! Do you want fries with that?

CUSTOMER

Do you have any other sides?

SERVER

Of course! I have a playful side, a dark and moody side, a mysterious and enigmatic side, and oddly enough a hypnotically idiotic side.

CUSTOMER

That's four sides. Does that mean you're a pyramid?

SERVER

Only when I'm regular. And what do you want for dessert?

CUSTOMER

Angel food cake made from real angels. And lemon chiffon icing.

SERVER

We don't have that.

CUSTOMER

I know, but I'm a dreamer. No dessert for me, then.

SERVER

We're out of no dessert. How about no coffee instead?

CUSTOMER

If I must.

SERVER

And how do you plan on paying for your meal?

CUSTOMER

Reluctantly and with a heart filled with shame.

SERVER

We get a lot of that. I will be right back with your drink then disappear off the face of the Earth for half an hour.

CUSTOMER

Of course. And I, in return, will undertip by exactly the minimum amount it takes to be insulting.

SERVER

Perfect. Seeya later!

Server leaves. Customer peers at MENU.

CUSTOMER

What the hell's a sriracha?

THE END