

DANNY COLLINS – DANNY & MARY - HOTEL BAR

MARY

Mr. Collins. How are we doing tonight?

DANIEL

Peachy, thanks for asking.

MARY

That's good. Real glad to hear that. Mr. Collins?

DANIEL

Yes?

MARY

Wonder if you could help me with something? When a famous musician starts getting fall-down drunk at a hotel bar and you are the manager of that hotel, is there a protocol on how to handle the situation? We've had a shortage of famous fall-down drunk musicians here lately and I'm a bit out of my depths.

DANIEL

I had a bad day.

MARY

Oh, ok.

DANIEL

That's just water.

MARY

Yes, but that's because you drank all the booze and the ice has melted.

DANIEL

Please don't be mean to me, I really did have a bad day.

MARY

Yeah? Well, I had a bad day, too

DANIEL

Really? Can I buy you a drink? Wine spritzer, bay breeze? Something frozen?

MARY

Tequila, on the rocks, anejo, and a splash of soda.  
You are not the only rockstar in this hotel.

DANIEL  
Why did you have a bad day?

MARY  
Because I work with a bunch of well-meaning but remarkably dim twenty-somethings who are just passing time until they go back to college. And one of them screwed up the computer system and it took me half the day to reprogram every reservation manually. You?

DANIEL  
I tracked down my grown son who I've never met before. Met him, his wife, my grand-daughter. Then he told me, quite emphatically, to fuck off and to die.

MARY  
EVERY reservation, each one had to be reprogrammed manually, I hope I made that clear? Can I ask you a question?

DANIEL  
Not if it's about why I never met my son until today.

MARY  
Shit. That was my question.

DANIEL  
We lost our patter.

MARY  
I saw you in concert once. About five years ago.

DANIEL  
Yeah?

MARY  
My husband - my ex-husband - he was a big fan. He loved it.

DANIEL  
And you?

MARY  
I appreciated your...zeal.

DANIEL  
Shit.

MARY

What? “Zeal's” not awful.

DANIEL

“Zeal's” not great. “Zeal's not awful – zeal's not great” I'm telling you, Mary, this is some kind of patter we have! We should take this on the road, we could be the new Nichols and May.

MARY

May and Nichols. I'd want top billing.