

# The Salt and Pepper Diner

John Mulaney

I wanna tell you one story,  
ahh.  
this was...  
the best meal i've ever had  
in my life  
alright?  
this happened when i was eleven years old  
in Chiago illinois  
where i grew up  
and it took place at a little  
uh  
resteraunt called  
"The Salt and Pepper Diner"  
Which was a family resteraunt  
in the city  
(guy raises his hand)  
yes, yes you know the salt and pepper diner?  
Its a wonderful family resteraunt  
in  
in  
Chicago  
Which means it caters to mainly teenagers  
and homeless schizophrenics  
now i go into this place one day  
When i'm eleven with  
my best friend John  
And i should say that his name  
is also john  
I'm not calling myself my own bestfriend  
It's a seperate human being  
We walk into the Salt and Pepper diner one day  
And they had a jukebox there  
alright?  
And the jukebox  
was three plays for a dollar  
so we put in  
SEVEN DOLLARS  
And selected 21 plays of tom jones'  
"What's new pussycat"

hahaha  
And then we ordered and waited  
here's the thing about  
when "What's new pussycat" Plays  
Over and over and over and over and over again  
The second time it plays  
You're immediate thought  
is not  
"Hey! someones playing Whats's new pussycat again"  
It's "Hey... What's new pussy cat is a lot LONGER than i first thought"  
"and it has like... a Dip in the middle"  
you know how some songs have a dip  
like "Gun's and roses", "November rain"  
And your like...  
"Hey!! November rain's over!!"  
"No it's not...  
There's more"  
The third time it plays  
Your thinking  
"Maybe someone's playing What's new pussycat again"  
The FOURTH time it plays your thinking...  
"WOAH"  
"Someone just played What's new pussycat FOUR times!"  
Or Atleast  
Someone played it twice  
but its really long song  
So...  
The FIFTH time is the kicker  
Now we're watching the ENTIRE diner at this point  
MOST people have gotten wind as to what's going on  
And we're staring at this One guy  
He's sitting in his booth  
And his like, hand is shaking  
While his stupid kids jump around  
And like he's been onto us since the beginning  
And he's staring at his coffee cup like this  
and there's his look on his face  
like  
aww  
like he just got his thirty day chip from anger management  
And he's staring like this...  
And the fourth play fades out...  
It's dead quiet...  
And then  
i dont know if you know this...

But the song begins very suddenly...  
BWUAAH BWUAOOH  
"WHAT's NEW PUSSYCAT?"  
And the guy goes  
GOOOOODDAMMIT!!!!  
And pounds on the table  
And silverware flies everywhere  
and it was faaaantastic!  
But a word about my friend John  
And what a genius he was  
because...  
When we were first up in the jukebox  
And when we were punching in  
The "What's new pussycat"s  
alright?  
i punched in about seven...  
And then john says to me  
"Hey, hey, hey wait... Before we drop in another What's new pussycat"  
let's put in ONE  
"It's not unusual"  
and that is when the afternoon went from GOOD to GREAT  
After 7 "What's new pussycat"s  
in a ROW  
...Suddenly  
"dum ts nunum ts dum ts nunununununum"  
"It's not unusual "  
And the SIGH of RELIEF  
has SWEPT through the diner  
people were ECSTATIC!!!  
It was like the liberation of france!!  
You know for years scientists  
Have wondered...  
"Can you make grown men and women weep tears of joy by playing Tom Jones'-It's not unusual"?  
And the answer is...  
YES  
You can  
"As long as it's proceeded by seven Whats New Pussycat's"  
And on the other hand  
when we went back...  
Holy Shit!  
"It's not unusual" fades out...  
it's dead quiet...  
"BWaAaAh BwOa"  
"WHAT's NEW PUSSYCAT?!?"  
people went fucking insane!

No one could handle it!  
No one could handle it!  
And they were surrounded by  
This like seemingly different staff  
That was just like  
"Yep same shit as always"  
My ONLY wish is that one of the SCHIZOPHRENICS  
Stood up and have been like  
"Now YOU know"  
"Now YOU know what it is like to live in my brain"  
They unplugged the jukebox  
after ELEVEN plays  
And THAT was the best meal i've ever had  
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