

INT. BAR -- DAY

Two PATRONS are sitting next to each other at a bar.

BARTENDER

Here are your manhattans. Would you like to start a tab together or separate?

BAR PATRON 1

Oh separate! We don't even know each other. Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME], I am [YOUR AGE], I work in publishing.

BAR PATRON 2

That is lovely, my name is [YOUR NAME] I am [YOUR AGE], I have 2 jobs: one as a freelance sock designer and one as a gallery preparator. My specialty is hand-sanding walls for galleries.

BAR PATRON 1

That's very interesting. What galleries have you prepped recently?

BAR PATRON 2

I work for this Parisienne gallery franchise. They have locations in: New York, London, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Cairo, and now in Los Angeles.

BAR PATRON 1

Wow fascinating. Have you been to each of these places?

BAR PATRON 2

All the time.

BAR PATRON 1

For socks or for sanding?

BAR PATRON 2

I wish.

BAR PATRON 1

Hey, be honest with me. Is this the kind of job that makes you feel like you are performing a diluted version of yourself? Like you're sanding a wall when you should be making something to hang on it?

BAR PATRON 2

Duh.

(beat)

Since I've been doing it so much, maybe I should actually consider making it my art practice.

BAR PATRON 1

Show me how you do it.

BAR PATRON 2

Do what?

BAR PATRON 1

The sanding.

Bar Patron 1 demonstrates, with a hand movement. Bar Patron 2 looks at it, imitates it.

BAR PATRON 2

You are good at this. You have a strong and decisive way of guiding your hand. I can't even do it that well.

BAR PATRON 2

Thank you.

BAR PATRON 1

No but seriously, your muscle memory seems to work magic. Have you ever thought about becoming an actor?

BAR PATRON 2

Oh yeah, I've always wanted to do a series of performances.

BAR PATRON 1

No way.

BAR PATRON 2

Yeah, actually somebody just asked me the other day if I can do something.

BAR PATRON 1

That is so appealing to me. Cheers to that.

They cheers.

BAR PATRON 1

By the way do you have an MFA?

BAR PATRON 2

I do.

BAR PATRON 1

I thought so. Well let me tell you, I am in this new acting group – you should come to one of our sessions.

BAR PATRON 2

Oh yes. What kind of acting group is it?

BAR PATRON 1

You would love it. It's a sort of experimental education group. We research different schools of acting.

BAR PATRON 2

Tell me more.

BAR PATRON 1

We do exercises to liberate ourselves from our daily behavior routines. You know how we tell the same stories, make the same facial expressions over

and over again, every day. Through our exercises we access hidden behavioral patterns. We study human behavior, we observe, we imitate, some memory training, talk about how we are products of our social environment.

BAR PATRON 2

That sounds really quite fascinating.

BAR PATRON 1

A talented individual such as yourself, puhh, we would love to have you there. Here is the card, call that number if you ever find time.

BAR PATRON 2

I will. It was so exciting to meet you...

BARTENDER

Ok, thank you for that conversation. Let's do it again.