

The States Collection – Colorado – Rocky Mountain Oysters
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CAST: 3

Andrea (female); 20-30; a wee bit of a pretentious eater

Tom (male); 20-30; Andrea's laid-back boyfriend

Sandy (male or female); 18-30; waiter/waitress

PLACE:

Denver

TIME: Dinner time

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The States Collection – Colorado
Rocky Mountain Oysters

Lights up in a restaurant in Denver. Lovely, locally “sourced” menu.

ANDREA

I don’t see lobster here.

TOM

It’s Denver. Lobsters don’t grow here.

ANDREA

Or lamb.

TOM

We’re in Denver – where the cheeseburger was invented. Try something that’s local.

ANDREA

They do have Osso Bucco – that could be interesting.

TOM

It better be at \$49.95.

ANDREA

Don’t get all negative on me. I am trying to appreciate the cuisine of Colorado. Oh wait – oysters. I could do oysters. Oysters with a Caesar Salad. And it won’t break the bank.

TOM

The things about the oysters/

SANDY

Are we ready to order?

ANDREA

I believe so. I mean, it is a limited menu. You certainly not overwhelming up with choice. It’s a bit beef-centric.

SANDY

You’re in cattle country.

ANDREA

I am impressed that you have Rocky Mountain Oysters. I thought oysters only came from the ocean. You must have them in your rivers... or ...lakes ... or ...

SANDY

Somewhere else.

TOM

I'll have the cheeseburger. With the fries. Maybe with the bacon also.

ANDREA

So mundane.

SANDY

Excellent choice. You know the cheeseburger was invented a mile from here.

TOM

I know! I did my research.

ANDREA

We're from out of town.

SANDY

I'm sorry, did you say you were ordering the Rocky Mountain Oysters?

ANDREA

I didn't but I will. I'll start with the oysters. And then I'll have a Caesar Salad. Dressing on the side. Extra anchovies.

SANDY

What dipping sauce would you like with your oysters?

ANDREA

Oh I don't need dipping sauce with my oysters. I just slide those babies down.

SANDY

We have a house-made cocktail sauce that I think will please you.

ANDREA

No, thank-you.

TOM

Honey, I think you should know/

SANDY

/These are very large oysters. You might want the sauce.

ANDREA

No, thank-you.

TOM

Take the sauce.

ANDREA

I know my own mind.

SANDY

I'll get your order in. It's pretty empty right now, so it shouldn't be long.

(SANDY exits. Beat.)

ANDREA

I wish they had coloring for adults at these tables. I hate waiting for my food,

TOM

Phones?

(They take out their phones and play games. Time passes.
SANDY arrives with the oysters.)

SANDY

Just out of the frying pan.

ANDREA

Oh! Didn't realized they were fried.

SANDY

That's because everyone who comes here knows that they are fried. It's like French fries – the frying is understood.

(ANDREA takes a bite. SANDY and TOM intently watch.)

ANDREA

Surprisingly good. I bit dry. I'll try it with the sauce. Don't stare.

(SANDY moves a few steps away and watches.)

Oh my. That is tasty. I've never had anything like this before. But I am not getting that briny oyster feel.

TOM

I can't stand it! Honey – they're not really oysters, you know.

ANDREA

I can see that.

They're you know – private parts.

TOM

Excuse me?

ANDREA

.... Well

TOM

You can say the word.

SANDY

Testicles. From a bull.

TOM

Bison actually.

SANDY

Really? Fascinating.

ANDREA

You're not upset.

TOM

Delighted. Do you do online ordering? We live in L.A. I would love these as a special taste treat.

ANDREA

As a matter of fact, we do. I'll get you the brochure. (To TOM.) Your burger should be out shortly.

SANDY

I'm not hungry anymore.

TOM

(Lights go down as ANDREA happily eats and TOM is a bit horrified.)

ENJD OF PLAY

