

Don Meets Dan

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Characters:

DAN: male, 30's - 50's

DON: male, 20's

At Rise: DAN is sitting at a table drinking coffee. DON is standing at the condiment station. He looks around and sees the honey bottle on the other man's table.

Excuse me. DON

(Dan looks up)

Could I borrow your honey? DON (cont)

(DAN stands up and slams the table against the wall)

What? DAN

(DON backs away)

I was just asking to borrow your honey. DON

Why? Why do you want to borrow my honey? DAN

. . . Ah, to put a teaspoon of it in my herbal balm tea. DON

A teaspoon? No, there's more to it. Look at you. DAN

What? DON

DAN

Come here. Come over here to Dan.

DON
I'm not going to go over to Dan

DAN
You don't like Dan?

DON
....doesn't know Dan. *(starts to step away)* I think . . . I'll—

DAN
(interrupts)
You'll what? Uh, huh. Using clover honey as an excuse. Never heard that one before. There's more to *(points to DON)* and *(points to self)*, isn't there? *(a beat. Slams table against the wall)* Isn't there?

DON
Dan, you need to get a hold of yourself. Keep the honey. I'll use a packet of cane sugar for my tea. I'll sprinkle it in.

DAN
Is it vegan? Because if it's CW sugar, it's not.

(DON looks at the packets at condiment station)

DON
CW.

DAN
Better to use honey. You can pour it in. Drizzle it over your tea. Let it settle gently.

DON
But, obviously, I can't.

DAN
What are you saying?

(DAN threatens to push the table against the wall)

DON
Nothing. Go back to drinking your coffee or whatever you're drinking. I'm sorry I asked to borrow your honey. Maybe, all of this is, you know, a sign I don't need any supplements in my tea.

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Supplements? *(angry)*

Additions? DON

You mean, sweeteners? DAN

DON
Arrrr! *(grabs the honey off the table)* Ha! I've got it! I've got it! I've got the honey.
(looks at label) Wait, my God, it's a honey blend. *(to DAN)* Dan, it's not pure. It's a blend.

(DAN wearily sits down)

DAN
I tried to stop you. I did. Been stopping customers all night.

(DON hands DAN the honey)

DON
Putting others first. Thank you, man. Thank you.

DAN
Been my pleasure.

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