

**[PLAY QUIET AMBI]**

[JOHN] I'M JOHN GRIFFIN

[SHAE] AND I'M SHAE RICKEL AND YOU'RE LISTENING TO HOUNDBITE A FOOD PODCAST ON WHJE.

[SHAE] NOW USUALLY WE TALK ABOUT A KIND OF FOOD LIKE SUSHI OR THE BURGER BUT FOR THIS EPISODE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

[JOHN] THAT'S RIGHT WE CAN ALL FEEL THE WEATHER GETTING COOLER, THE FIRST FROSTS OF THE YEAR, AND OF COURSE SOME SNOW MIGHT BE COMING SOON WHICH MEANS WINTER IS ON ITS WAY.

[SHAE] WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME FOR THE RE-EMERGENCE OF A CERTAIN MAINSTREAM COFFEE HOUSE'S COLORED CUPS. BUT IT'S WHAT IS CONTAINED INSIDE THESE CUPS THAT REALLY MAKES THIS TIME OF YEAR SPECIAL.

[JOHN] OUR TOPIC THIS WEEK IS COFFEE, PERHAPS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT DRINKS THAT BRINGS REFRESHMENT, JOY, AND COLD, HARD CAFFEINATED ENERGY. SO LET'S DIVE INTO THIS AMAZING DRINK.

*\*start fading these in as John finishes his line\**

*-sound of grinder*

*-tamp coffee in portafilter*

*-put in machine*

*-brewing sound/pouring into glass*

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*-ambient talking*

*-employee sounds*

[SHAE] NOW IT'S NOT REALLY CERTAIN HOW COFFEE WAS FIRST DISCOVERED BUT COFFEE CULTIVATION DID FIRST BEGIN IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. THE CURIOUS DRINK WAS THEN INTRODUCED TO EUROPE WHERE IT DIDN'T REALLY HAVE THE *INTENDED* REACTION.

[JOHN] IN FACT IT'S IRONIC THE COFFEE CONNOISSEUR CAPITAL OF THE WORLD ITALY WAS QUITE AGAINST COFFEE WHEN IT WAS INTRODUCED, CALLING IT "THE BITTER INVENTION OF SATAN". WHEN POPE CLEMENT VIII DECIDED TO TASTE FOR HIMSELF HE GAVE IT FULL PAPAL APPROVAL

[SHAE] WHICH LEADS TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY WITH PEOPLE ALL AROUND THE WORLD GIVING THE HOT BEVERAGE THEIR HIGHEST APPROVAL.

[JOHN] THIS TAKES US TO NOW WHERE WE SEE COFFEE LITERALLY ALL OVER THE PLACE. IN FACT YOU'D BE HARD PRESSED TO NOT FIND COFFEE ANYWHERE YOU GO, I VISITED ONE OF THESE PLACES WHERE YOU CAN GET GREAT COFFEE, *THIS* IS QUIRKY FEATHER CONFECTIONERY.

[SHAE] THIS IS SABRINA WERNICKE, HER AND HER SISTER HEIDI OWN THE QUIRKY FEATHER CONFECTIONARY IN CARMEL, INDIANA.

[JOHN] THE CAFE IS A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN GO AND WORK. THEIR INTERESTING HOURS MAKE THIS THE PERFECT PLACE TO WIND DOWN AFTER A LONG DAY.

**[SABRINA]** OUR HOURS ARE NOON TO MIDNIGHT, PART F THAT REASON IS THAT I AM NOT A MORNING PERSON AT ALL. AND ALSO BECAUSE I AM NOT A MORNING PERSON, I AM VERY MUCH A NIGHT PERSON, I LIVE JUST A MILE AWAY. IN CARMEL IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING AFTER NINE O’CLOCK YOU CAN GO TO A BAR OR STEAK N SHAKE. AND I WANTED THERE TO BE SOME OTHER PLACE TO GO TO. REALLY AFTER NINE O’CLOCK IS WHEN OUR BUSINESS GETS MORE CROWDED WITH PEOPLE THAT HAVE HAD TO LEAVE OTHER PLACES AND ARE WORKING FROM HOME AND TIRED OF GETTING DISTRACTED BY THEIR CAT AND SO IT’S JUST BEEN A GOOD TIME FRAME FOR PEOPLE. EVEN MORE SO THAN I EXPECTED.

**[SHAE]** NOT ONLY DOES THE QUIRKY FEATHER GIVE CARMEL RESIDENTS A QUIET PLACE TO WORK OR RELAX, IT ALSO HAS SOME DELICIOUS COFFEE DRINKS. ONE PERSON WHO MAKES THESE DRINKS IS ONE OF THEIR BARISTAS, JOHN.

**[BARISTA JOHN]** YEAH, UM, WHAT I’VE REALLY LIKED ABOUT WORKING HERE AS FAR AS THE COFFEE GOES IS THE CREATIVITY AND FLEXIBILITY WITH IT. SO WE HAVE THE PRESET MENU WITH THE FUN THINGS SHE MENTIONED LIKE THE COOKIES AND CREME MOCHA. WE ALSO HAVE THE CHOCOLATE ORANGE MOCHA THAT USES THOSE FUN HOLIDAY CHOCOLATE ORANGES WITH THE SAUCE...

**[JOHN]** AFTER THE INTERVIEW, I PURCHASED A CHOCOLATE ORANGE MOCHA.

**[SHAE]** HOW WAS IT?

[JOHN] IT WAS GOOD. IT HAD A GREAT CONSISTENCY WITH GREAT CHOCOLATE FLAVOR AND AND A NICE HINT OF ORANGE ZEST.

[SHAE] THE WIDE VARIETY OF DRINKS THAT THEIR BARISTA DESCRIBED DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO COVER ALL THAT THE CONFECTIONARY SERVES.

[SABRINA] WE'VE HAD A LOT OF FUN CREATING SOME DRINKS THAT AREN'T REALLY AVAILABLE OTHER PLACES. WE HAVE A COOKIES N CREAM MOCHA WITH ACTUAL MOCHA DUST. WE HAVE UM THE JABBERWOCKY WE HAVE SORT OF A LOOSE ALICE AND WONDERLAND LEWIS CAROL THEME HERE, SO WE'VE NAMED SOME DRINKS AFTER THAT...

[SHAE] WITH SUCH CRAZY HOURS AND SUCH A VARIETY OF DESSERTS AND COFFEE DRINKS TO CHOOSE FROM, YOU MAY BE WONDERING HOW THEY MANAGE TO STAY STOCKED AND SALE READY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

[SABRINA] WE GET OUR COFFEE THROUGH HUBBARD AND CRAVENS WHICH IS GREAT BECAUSE WE KNOW IT'S ETHICALLY SOURCED. ITS ROASTED DOWN IN BROAD RIPPLE EVERY WEEKEND. WE KNOW THE GUY THAT BRINGS IT TO US AND WE KNOW THE GUY THAT BRINGS IT TO US SO IT'S A SMALL COMPANY THAT REALLY CARES ABOUT OUR BUSINESS AND WE CARE ABOUT THEM.

[SHAE] IF YOU'RE A BUSY AMERICAN, YOU'VE RELIED ON COFFEE AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER TO GET YOU THROUGH A LONG DAY. HOWEVER, YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT COFFEE BEHIND THE SCENES. WITHOUT SMALL, HARDWORKING CAFES AND CONFECTIONARIES LIKE THE QUIRKY FEATHER AROUND TO GIVE YOU YOUR DAILY FIX, HOW WOULD YOU SURVIVE?

**[SHAE]** THAT CONCLUDES THIS EPISODE OF HOUNDBITE. FOR MORE EPISODES LIKE THIS, HEAD ON OVER TO [WHJE.COM](http://WHJE.COM) AND CLICK ON THE ENTERTAINMENT TAB. THIS HAS BEEN SHAE RICKEL **[JOHN]** AND JOHN GRIFFIN.