

2 Broke Girls



Street-wise Max doesn't expect much from the new waitress at her night job, a rich girl who has reluctantly joined the food service industry after a string of bad luck. But to her surprise, Caroline is a woman of substance and just may be her ticket to success. The two strikes up an unlikely friendship after Caroline discovers that Max can bake a mean cupcake and the women decide if they can just wrangle up the start-up cash, they may have found their big break. Their co-workers at the diner are bossing Han Lee, cook Oleg and cashier Earl.

Season 1 Episode 1 And How They Met



- **Max:** Earl! I made your favorite, red velvet.
- **Earl:** My little cupcake brought me a cupcake. Let me pay you for that.
- **Max:** Oh, no, no. It's *on the house*. It's your birthday. How old are you gonna be? Oh, Earl, if you were just three years younger.
- **Earl:** Max, Max, big news. The new boss fired that Russian waitress, Paulina. Turns out was Vladimir *putting it out*.

- **Mr. Lee:** Hello today. I have *paycheck* for you.

- **Max:** I need to talk to you. You fired Paulina, Han? I am *no longer* Han Lee.

- **Mr. Lee:** *I have new American name to go with changing neighborhood.*¹
- **Max:** To go with the changing neighborhood. You need to remember this for your immigration exam.
- **Mr. Lee:** Correct. To go with the changing neighborhood.
- **Max:** Bryce? Your name is Bryce Lee? Wait, wait, um,



¹ (Mr. Lee's grammar error) I have *a* new American name to go with *the* changing neighborhood.

um, um don't hire a new waitress, okay? I've been doing all the work anyway, and I really could use the extra money.

- **Mr. Lee:** You need help.
- **Max:** No, I don't.
- **Mr. Lee:** *Everyone need* help sometimes².
- **Max:** I don't. I've been waiting my whole life, okay? I've waited on tables, I've waited in bars, and I've waited on home *pregnancy tests*.
- **Mr. Lee:** I already hire new waitress. *She work*³ in all top restaurants in Manhattan. I gave her Paulina's uniform.

Vocabulary Vitamins

on the house: [of something] given away free by a merchant.

- Example: *"Here," said the waiter, "have a cup of coffee on the house".*

putting it out: to engage in sexual intercourse (usually penile-vaginal) when expected to, according to social conventions such as dating.

- Example: *It was already the second week they were going out and Chris was starting to lose interest in Ashley because she wasn't putting out.*

no longer: not any more

- Example: *They no longer make this model of blender.*

paycheck /'peɪ,tʃɛk/ (noun): salary or wages

- Example: *One can stretch the paycheck only just so far.*

Pregnancy Test: attempts to determine whether a woman is pregnant.

- Example: *The nurse prepared a pregnancy test for the lady.*

Discussion Question

1. What did you do on your first paycheck?
2. Do you plan to immigrate to another country?
3. How do you deal with a change of neighborhood?
4. What do you think of changing your name?
5. How can we earn extra money?

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³(Mr. Lee's grammar error) She works