

The veteran bartender PATRICIA (38) throws her hand in the air. Her "Karen style" haircut frames her pierced and weathered face. Her years of bartending and heavily drinking have clearly aged her well beyond 38.

PATRICIA

What happened to Kenny?

SETH

Kenny is no longer with
Chapman's Bar and Grill.

Seth cuts in before Greg can respond, shutting him down. Desperate for support, Seth glances over to the Bar Manager, MARCO (69), whose sunglasses-worn indoors to disguise his mid-shift nap-give him away. With his legs propped up on another chair, Marco offers zero help, leaving Seth hanging.

GREG

We lost another one too soon...

RYAN

Oh my god did he die?!

SETH

No! Nobody died!

GREG

Not physically! But the man's soul
did!

SETH

Ok, let's just hit the last few
items here-

RYAN

What does that mean?

GREG

Kenny was wrongfully accused *AGAIN*
for sexual misconduct.

SETH

Greg-

GREG

Now I won't name names-

SETH

Greg!

GREG

(coughing)
Hannah.

SETH

GREG!

One of the employees grabs her things and hurries out the front door.

GREG
(calling after her)
LIAR!

Seth reaches over the bar and rips the clipboard out of Greg's hands.

SETH
Ok- last order of business before
we set you free.

Seth skims the page as the room shifts in discourse.

SETH (CONT'D)
Helen! Helen is our temporary Front
of House Manager while Amber
finishes up her training. She's
been transferred from Minnesota so
give her a nice welcome while she's
here. Where are you Helen?

Seth looks up from the clipboard to glance around the room.
As he turns he discovers HELEN (54) at about 5 feet tall
standing just inches behind him.

SETH (CONT'D)
Jesus f*%\$!

HELEN
Hello everyone... I'm Helen.

HELEN TALKING HEAD - HOST STAND (LATER)

Helen stands as stiff as a board at the entrance of the restaurant.

HELEN
Hello. I am Helen Howard. I am
originally from Minnesota and was
transferred to sunny California in
an effort to spice up my life with
my gorgeous husband Doug.

INSERT - Pictures of Helen throughout the years at Chapman's
Bar and Grill. In every picture she is just as stiff and
lifeless as she is in present day.

HELEN (V.O.)
I have been with Chapman Bar and
Grill for over 30 years. I started
as a measly host and worked my way
through the ranks to become a Front
of House Manger in Minnesota's very
own Benton County.

BACK TO TALKING HEAD

HELEN (CONT'D)
I couldn't be more proud.

BACK TO SCENE

HELEN (CONT'D)
I am very happy to be here serving
all of you...

Helen shuffles slowly back to her table.

SETH

Right- so main takeaways- recall on
the spinach in the lettuce mix so
make sure to pick that out, Talons
of Fury sauce is out, and last day
to sign up for the restaurant
kickball team is next Friday.
Openers get your stations set,
doors are in 15. Everyone else can
head out.