

New York, New York

Judy and I were in New York sitting at a sidewalk café in Little Italy. We were literally sitting at a table on the sidewalk alongside the curb. Parked right beside us was a big, black Lincoln. Every time I took a sip of coffee my elbow hit the car. Everything was nice and peaceful when all of a sudden all hell broke loose. People were jumping up screaming and yelling at some guy who was approaching the Lincoln. Other than Judy and I the only other person who hadn't jumped up to join in the action was a lady at the table beside ours.

I asked her who was the guy causing all the commotion. She looked at me like I was truly the village idiot and said, "That's Danny Aiello". "Oh", said I, "Who is Danny Aiello?" This was a little more than she could handle and she told me he is a movie star. "Oh! That Danny Aiello", I mumbled, overcome with confusion. I had no idea who he was and had never heard of him.

When the crowd had pretty well dispersed with autographs in hand, my friend Danny was opening his car door to leave. I thought that I might as well record this moment in history so I grabbed my camera and walked over to him. "Hey Danny!" I said, "Can I have a picture?" Danny was wearing sun glasses so he took them off, held them in his hand and said, "Sure Kid, go ahead". And that's how I ended up with a photo of Danny Aiello in my album of memories.



The movie "Moonstruck", with Cher, appears on TV almost every week. Danny Aiello is Cher's forlorn boyfriend in the movie who loses the girl (Cher) to his brother (Nicholas Cage). Every time I see that the movie is being shown on TV yet another time I think of Danny and his black Lincoln.



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