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Yesterday truly was the mother of all Adjective days in the restaurant industry. At final count, we fed nearly 400 Animal (plural). I, myself, ended up working a ten hour shift on Friday, Number hours on Saturday, and a solid baker's dozen on Sunday--with eight hours sleep in between.

It was all Part of Body on deck, Verb - Present ends in ING every free second, not stopping except for the occasional Noun and to refill on caffeine.

Halfway through it all, you could literally sense the kitchen staff being worn down to a nub, Part of Body becoming pudding, nerves fraying, Part of Body trembling with exhaustion. I saw one of the Adjective - Ends in EST cooks in a true moment of weakness, and for a second I thought he was going to Verb - Base Form right in front of me. To put it in perspective, there was a brief moment where I had a crazy delirious Noun weighing the pain of lopping off my own Part of Body so I could go home, versus having to stay and carry on.

But when it was all over...when every Part of Body was fed and every belly filled: the sheer Emotion, the Emotion of a breaking wave of pure adrenaline with nothing left to do but Verb - Base Form. And the camaraderie. I know every Utensil in the place had no thoughts except of crawling into their soft comfy beds and just sleeping for a year since the afternoon. And yet, we all stayed an extra couple of hours. To drink dark Liquid and darker Liquid, and just talk and enjoy one Noun and what it really means to do what we do. The sacrifices and the rewards. The Emotion and the Emotion. The Noun - same. Always the Noun - same. And by Noun - same I mean

sex. And by sex I mean Noun - same.

Every chef is born with a talent for satisfying people's Part of Body...including and especially our own.