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YOU'RE PUTTING ME OFF MY VERY EXPENSIVE LUNCH!

DEAR DIARY, a middle aged woman was having a meal in a restaurant with what appeared to be her elderly parents this afternoon. She kept looking over towards me and my friend while we were having lunch and chatting away. My friend Sabrina often has strangers staring at her because she's quite stunning; next to her, I look like a Troll doll. Anyway, I just assumed she was being stared at because she looked particularly radiant today. It then occurred to me that we were also dressed in very bright colours and often bright colours against various hues of brown coloured skin can cause people to stare in



admiration or sometimes disgust... it depends really! Take the photo on the left of Naomi Campbell for instance, black woman, bright colours... stunning or not; you decide! Anyway, all these thoughts were running through my head because the threesome couldn't take their eyes off us. I then thought oh, maybe they're admiring Sabrina's new born baby daughter Remona who

Sabrina was holding in her arms. That must have been it; although somehow I didn't think they were offering us kindly looks because not one of them were smiling.

I saw the threesome quietly talking to the manager and thought to myself oh, what's this about. I was intrigued when the manager gave them a dirty look and walked away. The threesome didn't wait for the bill, they simply left some money on the table and got up to leave. As they purposely passed our table, the woman who I labelled the daughter said to Sabrina, you should feed that baby of yours in the toilet instead of getting your mammaries out in full view of strangers trying to eat their meal in peace. Shameless women like you are a disgrace. The man I labelled the father said alright dear, come along. Me and Sabrina were in such a state of shock that we just sat there with our eyes and mouths wide open. Both of us are not short of things to say, especially when people are being unnecessarily rude, but this incident was a bit of a shock! The manager of the restaurant quickly came over and said did those people say something offensive to you ladies because they said something very offensive to me and I told them if they didn't like my response, they really ought to take their custom elsewhere. Sabrina said to him one of them was acting like an arse that's all but they didn't upset me! I was just taken by surprise by a comment made

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about me breast-feeding when you really can't see any flesh or nipple; in fact I'm surprised they could see through, around, over or under my pashmina! They should see me naked showing my humongous breasts and stretch marks, that's when they'd be upset! The manager burst out laughing. Sabrina went on to say easily offended people are everywhere so I'm not that bothered, but thanks for your concern!

I don't know what surprised me more? Sabrina's serenity or those people with their ugly behaviour. The manager went over to their table and picked up the money they left and said here you go; your meal's on them... the bloody bastards!!

I came away from that incident feeling quite proud because of Sabrina's reaction. She showed me how to let things slide. If left up to me, I would have been happy to cause a scene which would have made us look common and undignified. Whereas the way Sabrina handled herself was commendable. Why should she allow small minded people to bring her spirit down? Those people were totally insignificant beings who she will never see again and their way of thinking meant absolutely nothing to her. They have a right to their opinion, but the way they delivered their message is what I took exception to. But Sabrina's obviously got better things to do than to want to break into a sweat over sour words.

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