

She wasn't in a hurry, but she hurried. She skirted around a table or two, scooted past chairs and around waitress and waiters carrying food orders. And there were one or two employees carting away empty beer mugs and dirty plates. She skipped past them.

"I have got to beat that older lady heading my way," she thought to herself. She must be going to the same place." So, she picked up her pace. "I should let her get there before me," thought the lady. "She looks kind of old and she might need the Restroom before I do." As they reach for the door at the same time she realizes: "That older woman is me!!" She was racing against her image in the wall to floor mirror. She looks around the room. People are still eating, still talking and still in their own zone.

On reflection, seeing ourselves in a mirror is not how other people see us. We usually see ourselves as young, with it and without grey hair. Perhaps, if we are past a certain birthday, we see ourselves as we used to look. If we are just out of higher education, we see ourselves as a "good catch".

In another time in another restaurant in another state, my husband returns from the Restroom and says in a bewildered voice: You have got to look in the mirror in the restroom."

"How can I go into the men's restroom and look into the mirror?" I ask. We were each having a \$10 slice of pie rather than an \$18 hamburger in a California eatery. "No," he answered. "go into the ladies' restroom and wash your hands at the sink, look into the mirror and you can see the guys in the men's restroom wash hands at the sink there. "No, kidding."

So, I do and I did and I, too, became bewildered.

As we were on our way out of the building, we questioned the front desk clerk about the mirrors saying we thought them funny but compromising. She laughed. "Everyone loves those mirrors," she countered.

This put a new meaning on the term, "Smoke and Mirrors" and on "Snow White's witches' cant: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall. In hindsight those mirrors were not so bad. I would do it again, anytime soon.

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