

NO MAURIZIO NO PARTY

Imagin to look like George Clooney, furthermore imagin to live on Lake Como. It is exactly what happen to Mr. Gerosa, profession: Restaurant Manager. One that when George's sister enter in his restaurant...

"The first person who told me that I was his double has been an American journalist back to 1994: - "You are George Clooney double"-."

What did you answer?

"I asked back who was this Clooney, in Italy the series ER was not arrived yet and Clooney was unknown".

And now that he is an international star and has got a villa nearby on the lake?

"Often (female) clients of the restaurant, mostly Americans, ask me to pose with them for a picture. Ok I say, but it is better out of the restaurant, I don't want to mix this with business. Once a girl from California wrote me about the reaction after showing my fotos to her friends".

Envy. Because actually Maurizio Gerosa, manager of the Restaurant "Bar delle Terme" of the hotel "Albergo Terminus" in Como, on the lake promenade, definitely resemble to Clooney. Most of all he has the same fascinating smile.

"Also her sister, or at least as she introduced herself, was surprised when she came with friends for dinner one evening - "My God!" - she exclaimed as soon I approached to get the orders. Laughing hugely like only American woman can, she asked me if we could make a joke to her brother.. than she changed her mind - " you would be perfect to deceive Paparazzi!"-"

How did it end up?

"I've never seen her anymore! But I should have the visiting card of a movie agent who was with her: he recognised that I would be a perfect stand-man."

Would you agree?

"I don't know. Since when I was ten that I've been working in hotels and restaurant: I like my job. I worked in a movie when I was 16. At that time I was training at the Hotel Palace in St. Moritz. They were making a German film there, so I played the part of a waiter! What a fantasy! Eh!?"

Are you married?

"Divorced."

Like Clooney, fiancée?

"Not, single."

Officially he's too. How tall are you?

"I'm 1 metre and 76 tall."

Clooney is 1,80. Do you know everything about him?

"Nothing, even when he was born".

I'll tell you: May 6th, 1961. He's a Taurus.

"I was born in November 12th, 1963. I'm a Scorpio."

At least you should have seen his movies. The make some scenes of his movie "Ocean Twelve" here on Lake Como.

"I haven't watched it. I've been told that is not that nice."

But at least do you know where is his villa in Laglio?

“Yes, because one year ago I wrote him a letter and personally put it on his mailing box. Try to understand me, everybody is telling me I’m his double, I would love to have him for dinner at the restaurant where I work.”

Answer?

“None, but I won’t resign myself. I will post also this interview!”

Is it true what people say about you? That you are more hearts-breaker than George Clooney?

“Let say that I used to have many girls around even when nobody knew who George Clooney was, when I was working on a cruise ship, on the route New York – Bahamas. Or when I worked at the bar of the Palace of Acapulco, serving drinks to Christina Onassis. I have my own charme too, don’t you think so?”

Of course yes. But as his double the number of you fans has grown?

“The request of pictures raised. Mostly from American women, they are so direct!”

In which sense you mean?

“From the sexual point of view: if they like you, they will tell you and invite you to go out for dinner. With Italian women is so different, even though interested, they need to be invited three or four times before accepting a date. Before Xmas I was with a friend of mine in a Bar here in the town centre, an American tourist walked in and she said - “Oh, George Clooney”- and I explained -“... really ...I’m not!”- then she replied “But you look alike, can we take a picture together?” My friend was steady with the camera and while we were embraced...”

Embraced?

“All of them want the picture while I hug them: otherwise how can they boast of it with friends?” Anyway while ready for the shot she whispered me - “I want you tonight”-.”

Really explicit. And what did you answer?

“She was in her fifties, I shook her hand and said goodbye: also because I’m in love with someone.”

But, aren’t you single?

“A single in love, in the hope that this lady will surrender once.”

How do you imagine Clooney?

“A simple person, not a snob. He plays basket in a public court with children of Carate Urio, he drinks wine with the labourers that are working for him for the refurbishment of his villas. A very intelligent Star, not like others that I happened to meet.”

Like?

“Diego Abatantuono. Though, I used to admire him. Then I met him in a restaurant of a friend of mine: he thinks too much of himself, I was so annoyed, I was nearly going to remind him about his old movies.”

Do many famous people come at the “Bar delle Terme”?

“I would say yes, but I prefer not to talk about my clients, it would not be fair.”

Also the singer Robbie Williams ate here.

“Yes, a real gentlemen. Very easygoing.”

Also Daniel Fonseca often comes. A former football player of Juventus team.

“He’s a friend, make jokes with waiters, ask about my son: he’s 18 years old and lives in Siena with his mum. Sadly, I don’t see him as much as I would like.”

Had you ever asked to take a shot with famous clients?

“No, I hadn’t. I would try only if I see George Clooney and Michael Douglas together, because my friend Fausto, the owner of the Gatto Nero in Cernobbio, has got it. They took it when they had lunch over there. And every time I visit him, he

shows it to me, then I remind him that actually I'm the one who resemble to Clooney, and he always states - "Next time he gets in I'll phone you , so you'll come and see how is much more beautiful than you!"-