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Dear Friends and Family

Five Napkin Burger: It's the Sweet Potato Fries

My guy and I used to be big fans of **Five Napkin Burger**. [Click here to read](#) May I Have Another Four Napkins, Please. One day I wiped the burger grease from my hands with my third napkin and suddenly thought, why am I eating this sludge? So I was surprised last week when niece Dana suggested we meet at the **Five Napkin Burger** near her upper west side refuge. Just a few years ago she was a vegetarian. Happily for our



ultimate compatibility, she has come back to meat. But still. Five Napkins!

She was waiting inside when I arrived, having changed tables five times to get out of the draft near the door. She ordered the

original burger on a salad with organic field greens, red onion curls, and Danish blue cheese dressing. I picked the merguez lamb and beef burger with harissa yogurt, caramelized onions, and roasted tomatoes.

But the minute the sweet potato fries arrived and her eyes opened wide as she reached for a fry, I understood. We were here for sweet potato fries. Agreed, they were reverential. My burger is infinitely less messy than remembered. I especially love the Moroccan-flavored lamb. I couldn't take my eyes off a woman across the aisle finishing off a tall chocolate sundae while her three companions chatted. That could be me, I thought. Glad Dana doesn't like sweets. *2315 Broadway on the SW corner of 84th Street. 212 333 4488.*

