

Hungry Like the Wolf

CNN's ace reporter Wolf Blitzer has an insatiable appetite for news—but not for “mystery meat,” he tells **Lauren Paige Kennedy**.



Wolf, you couldn't possibly be a vegetarian, could you?

No, I couldn't possibly be a vegetarian.

Were you a kid who cleared his plate, or fed his cauliflower to the dog?

I both cleared my plate and fed my cauliflower to the dog. I actually like cauliflower, though.

Let's play word association: "spaetzle."

Gesundheit.

Brown bag or power lunch?

I'm on the air during lunch, from noon to 1 p.m.! Don't you watch?! But if I had time, I'd prefer a power lunch.

Describe the most exotic meal you've eaten while on assignment.

It was one I didn't eat. I was in the capital of Kazakhstan with then-Secretary of State James Baker, and there was food on a table—some sort of mystery meat. All the other reporters were eating it. I came in a little late and I asked what it was, and someone who spoke Russian said the waiter told him it was horse meat. I could see other reporters spitting out their food. I, of course, never tasted it. So, that was the most exotic meal I never ate while on assignment.

Tell us why The Palm is your favorite restaurant in Washington.

I love the food. I love the atmosphere. I love the waiters. What more can you ask for?

Beer, wine or spirits?

I like all three, on occasion, with moderation. Beer with pizza, a good glass of white wine with a nice meal. I'll have a Bloody Mary from time to time if the mood is right.

Are you a good cook?

No, I am not a good cook.

The thought of (*insert favorite food here*) can make you skip a line on the teleprompter.

Chicken cacciatore.

Washington, D.C.: Sweet or tart?

Sometimes both. I've been here for more than 30 years, so I've seen the sweet and I've seen the tart. It's like a hot-and-sour kind of meal—you get the best of both worlds.