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December 21, 2004 -- LITTLE person-loving Mets pitcher **Pedro Martinez** is caught in the middle of a dissing match between two dwarves.

After Martinez bonded with 4-foot-tall Post freelancer "Little" **Tim Loomis** at his introductory press conference last week, the hurler's old mini-mascot, 28-inch tall **Nelson De La Rosa**, whined to the Daily News that Martinez "broke my heart."

De La Rosa — who was Martinez's "good-luck charm" during his World Series win with the Boston Red Sox — is upset because Martinez laughed off the Beantown-based dwarf's role in the victory, saying it was "just a trick." Then Martinez doubled his diss by scooping up native New Yorker Loomis and triumphantly holding him in the air.

De La Rosa, who once starred opposite **Marlon Brando** in the "Island of Dr. Moreau," sniffed of Loomis: "That little guy just wants to be famous. Well, I'm already famous."

But Loomis fired back yesterday, telling PAGE SIX: "He sounds a little desperate to me. I'm more famous than he is. I was in **Woody Allen's** 'Shadows and Fog.' I've worked at Radio City's Christmas show. I've appeared on 'Saturday Night Live.' And I'm doing the hottest comedy show in the country — Beacher's Comedy Madhouse at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas.

"I'm also a lot taller than him," Loomis cracked.

The Post's report about Loomis' lovefest with Martinez may have landed him

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another movie role: He's been asked to play a pint-size pimp in "Vegas, Baby," written and directed by **Eric Bernt**, who scripted the 2000 **Jet Li** action flick "Romeo Must Die."

Meanwhile, Loomis and other little people are a wee bit upset that the News referred to him as a "midget."

Loomis fumes: "It's like calling someone a 'k- -e' or a 'n- - - -r.' It's a very offensive term. They should be polite and correct, and use either 'dwarf' or 'little person.' "

Dan Okenfuss, spokesman for the Little People of America, said he planned to contact the News about its demeaning description of Loomis. "That term refers to a time when we were in sideshows and circuses," Okenfuss told us. "It was the term du jour back then, but being called a 'midget' sounds like you're subhuman. It's pretty offensive."

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