

(#10 – INTO THE ROYAL KITCHEN begins. We transition to the Royal Kitchen.)

Scene 2

Start

(In the Royal Kitchen inside King Gristle's castle, SOUS CHEF and DEPUTY SOUS CHEF nervously hold out a plate of food in front of them. CHEF sticks her fork in and puts a bite of food in her mouth. The SOUS CHEFS watch CHEF chew with bated breath... until CHEF spits it out.)

CHEF

Bfffh!!!

(CHEF vigorously wipes her tongue with a clean napkin.)

(CHEF)

You call that food?

SOUS CHEF

Oh no I'm sorry—

DEPUTY SOUS CHEF

I'm sorry—

CHEF

Two degrees too cold.

SOUS CHEF

I tried—

DEPUTY SOUS CHEF

I thought—

CHEF

Clumpy.

SOUS CHEF

I'm sorry—

CHEF

Mushy.

DEPUTY SOUS CHEF

There were—

CHEF

Salty.

SOUS CHEF

We had—

CHEF

Enough! This is an outrage to the culinary arts! To think I clawed my way out of a worm monster's stomach to return to this! Oh, to what depths the kingdom has sunk to suffer your presence in this kitchen.

SOUS CHEF, DEPUTY SOUS CHEF

Yes, Chef. We're scum, Chef. We deserve discipline, Chef.

DEPUTY SOUS CHEF

Me first, Chef.

CHEF

Enough! I hear voices.

End

(In the hallway, KING GRISTLE catches up to BRIDGET. CHEF and the SOUS CHEFS eavesdrop.)

KING GRISTLE

Bridget, there you are! I've been looking for you everywhere.

BRIDGET

I've been where I was supposed to be, waiting for you to show up for our pizza date.

KING GRISTLE

I'm sorry I stood you up, Bridget, there's just been so much on my mind lately.

BRIDGET

Is everything ok? It isn't like you to have things on your mind.

KING GRISTLE

I know, it hurts, and there's no room for pizza!

BRIDGET

Gristly-Poo, if you need anything, you can always come to me.