

(Lights out.)

(#13 – IN MY KITCHEN (PLAYOFF) begins.)

Scene 3

(Bergen Royal Court.)

(The castle is in a flurry in preparation for the arrival of MARIE BERGENETTE and her ROYAL ENTOURAGE. KING GRISTLE holds court, surrounded by the ROYAL GUARDS and the ADVISOR.)

KING GRISTLE

I've been so busy preparing for Marie Bergenette's arrival I haven't had pizza night with Bridget in who knows how long because I don't even have time to look! Nobody told me being king was going to be this hard. Advisor!

ADVISOR

I totally get that. Right there with you, Your Majesty.

KING GRISTLE

Stop agreeing with me and help me.

ADVISOR

You want me to take your girlfriend to pizza night?

KING GRISTLE

Ugh, no!

ROYAL GUARD TODD

Your Majesty, Bridget will understand. After all, she's friends with the Trolls too!

ROYAL GUARD CHAD

Besides, Bridget is tough – remember she used to work for Chef.

ROYAL GUARD TODD

She doesn't get worked up over nothing.

(BRIDGET bursts in, sobbing.)

KING GRISTLE

Bridget!

Start

BRIDGET

Oh, Gristly-Poo! The worst has happened. I have been assigned to be the personal liaison to the princess as part of the kingdom's mandatory volunteer program.

KING GRISTLE

You volunteered?

BRIDGET

Yes, it was mandatory – and she's almost here!

(Massive panic at court. MARIE BERGENETTE, unnoticed and unrecognized, approaches. She sneaks up on a Bergen SCULLERY MAID.)

MARIE

Excuse me—

SCULLERY MAID

We'll be with you in just a moment. We're really out of sorts today.

MARIE

Oh really, why is that?

SCULLERY MAID

Oh, you see, this big scary Bergen is supposed to be coming over and she's apparently just the worst and if things aren't perfect, she throws a big fit and writes mean reviews and makes people cry!

MARIE

You don't say.

SCULLERY MAID

Not only that, she's a horrible greedy glutton who ate up all of the Trolls in her kingdom! Anyway, I'm thinking about hiding in a cupboard until this all blows over. You can't get yelled at if you're in a cupboard.

MARIE

Good thinking, there's just one problem.

SCULLERY MAID

What's that?

End