The Cookie Snob

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INT. BAKERY. DAY

A lovey little bakery in the heart of the city prepares for a big day. The owner, Francis Wong, just got word last night that his shop would be paid a little visit by the world renowned cookie critic Elmer K. Rodchester a.k.a The Cookie Snob.

FRANCIS WONG

Alright guys I've got big news!

Francis rallies entire team which includes his wife Ani and his daughters Tina and Thelma, Plus Timmy the busboy, Zach the janitor, Jamie the security guard and of course Sam the head baker.

ANI WONG

Are we finally gonna start selling conchas?

FRANCIS WONG

No, even bigger!

ANI WONG

Well we really should, conchas are all the rage. Even the O'Conner's are selling them now.

FRANCIS WONG

What we have will blow the O'Conners and conchas out of the water!

TINA WONG

Well, what is it dad?

FRANCIS WONG

Okay guys brace yourself. Do you remember that episode of Bake Off on Yummo TV? You know, the one where they made cookies and they had that one celebrity judge.

THELMA WONG

OMG are we getting a reality show?

FRANCIS WONG

(laughing)

No no, not quite, but just as good.

THELMA WONG

(annoyed)

What then?

FRANCIS WONG

Okay okay, so remember the guy, Elmer K. Rodchester.

ANI WONG

The Cookie Snob?

FRANCIS WONG

Well yeah, but don't call him that when you see him, I heard he doesn't like it.

ANI WONG

WHAT! He's coming here?

TIMMY

Cool.

ZACH

Hmm, alright.

TINA WONG

(excited)

Dad, that's huge!

FRANCIS WONG

I know right!

ANI WONG

How? why would he come here?

FRANCIS WONG

I don't know really. I think it has something to do with Thelma's posts on social media.

THELMA WONG

What?

FRANCIS WONG

Yes hunny, your Instagram posts get a lot of attention these days, and we will get even more once we get a review from Mr. Rodchester.

THELMA WONG

Well your cookies are bomb dad but I didn't know it would catch his attention like that, I'm sorry.

FRANCIS WONG

Sorry? No this is great! Why would you be sorry?

THELMA WONG

He's actually a mean guy.

ANI WONG

Yeah he rips everyone apart. Remember on the show he didn't have anything nice to say.

FRANCIS WONG

Well he's a tough critic, but come on, my baking speaks for itself. You even said so yourself, my cookies are da bomb dot com!

THELMA WONG

(embarrassed)

Dad stop!

TINA WONG

I'm sure he'll like it. If he doesn't, oh well.

FRANCIS WONG

Yes! No such thing as bad press. People will flock here from all around after they see us on TV.

THELMA WONG

Even if he tears us to shreds?

FRANCIS WONG

Remember that restaurant on Breakfast Nook Bad Dreams? Thee um... Shady Pine or whatever? It was such a failing establishment with day old waffles and lumpy syrup but the exposure from the show turned everything around. Now people go there just out of the novelty of it.

THELMA WONG

I don't think that's true dad.

FRANCIS WONG

Oscar down at the deli told me so-

ANI WONG

Dear we don't need to be "turned around" we are doing just fine as is.

THELMA WONG

Yeah I agree with mom on this one, how does this benefit us?

FRANCIS WONG

Guys! I thought you would be more excited! He's on TV!

ANI WONG

Well so is OJ Simpson and I don't want him anywhere near our shop.

FRANCIS WONG

The Juice is always welcomed here, any paying customer is. Guys listen, it's not up for debate, he's coming.

ANI WONG

When?

FRANCIS WONG

On Friday so we only have 3 days to get this place ship shape. Ali and Tina can you please fill all the back orders and call and refund anyone who had a pick up on Friday.

Francis frantically paces the floor while rattling off orders. Suddenly there's a light tap on the front door.

TINA WONG

Dad

FRANCIS WONG

Timmy and Zach can you guys straighten up in here. Let's make sure everything is spic and span.

Timmy and Zach fix up the place a little then head to the back.

TINA WONG

Dad I think someone is at the door.

FRANCIS WONG

Thelma I need you to get on all platforms and do an info dump or media blitz or whatever. Just spread the word!

Another knock on the door, this time a little harsher.

THELMA WONG

Um ok, but dad-

FRANCIS WONG

Sam, let's go to the back. I want to try out some some new recipes.

Three knocks this time. Tina goes to the door.

ANI WONG

It's too late for that.

FRANCIS WONG

Hmm, guess your're right. Okay Sam looks like we will be sticking to our tried and true.

ANI WONG

You said he was coming on Friday.

FRANCIS WONG

Yes we only have 3 days, come on people.

ANI WONG

He's here now.

A heavy set, bearded man in his late 40's strolls in. He's wearing an argyle sweater and tweed pants. He is accompanied by two skinny lads in black suits. One is Lenard his accountant and the other one is Patrick his personal groomer and palette cleaner.

LENARD

Mr. Wong, Mr. Francis Wong?

FRANCIS WONG

Ye-yes. Yes sir, that's me.

Francis extends his hand for a handshake but Lenard just hands him a legal document.

LENARD

Here sign this release.

FRANCIS WONG

Oh, okay.

Francis signs and hands it back.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Mr. Wong, and this is Wong's
Bakery?

FRANCIS WONG

Yes sir, and let me just say-

Francis reaches out again to shake Elmer's hand but Lenard pushes it down and shakes his head.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

What a pedestrian name for a bakery. Already not a good sign.

Elmer scribbles in a little notepad.

FRANCIS WONG

Well sir it's not much but-

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Hmm yeah you can say that again.

Elmer smirks and the rest of the family give each other sideways glances.

FRANCIS WONG

(nervous )

Well uh you aré here a bit early so-

Elmer looks annoyed.

LENARD

(sharply)

Mr. Rodchester makes an offer with a tentative date of review but of course he can choose to amend the arrangement at his discretion.

FRANCIS WONG

Yes, yes of course. Here um, have a seat.

Francis walks over to a little table and pulls out a chair.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

(to himself)

Small commendations...

LENARD

Mr. Rodchester will sample 3 different cookies and when he has finished we will be on our way. Should not take more than ten minuets of your time.

FRANCIS WONG

Well alright, let's get this show on a roll! Sam! Bring out the cookies.

Sam beckons Francis to the back.

FRANCIS WONG (CONT'D)

Excuse me a moment.

SAM

Boss we ain't got no cookies.

FRANCIS WONG

What the fudge!

SAM

I was gonna bake 'em but you called us to that meeting-

FRANCIS WONG

(angry)

Well get to it! Make them up now!

Francis walks back to the table to explain the situation.

LENARD

Is everything alright ?

FRANCIS WONG

(nervous)

Funny thing is we don't have any cookies at the moment.

LENARD

What?!

FRANCIS WONG

My baker is whipping up a tasty batch of cookies as we speak. They will be hot and fresh and just for you! ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Forgive me Mr. Wong, I was under the impression that your establishment was open for business.

FRANCIS WONG

Ye-yes sir, we open at 10.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Yes and here we are 10:05 and yet no cookies.

FRANCIS WONG

May I interest you in a danish or an eclair?

Elmer and his whole team look rather unsettled.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Excuse me? Eclair ? Eclair?

LENARD

Surely you jest? Mr. Rodchester is a world renowned cookie critic.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

No I don't want a freaking eclair, danish or cinemon roll or anything other than a God Blessed cookie!

FRANCIS WONG

I am so sorry. Yes of course. I will be getting those out to you shortly, if you just give us a few minutes.

ANI WONG

Or if you can just come back on Friday we will have everything prepared for you.

FRANCIS WONG

Ani!

LENARD

I assure you, if we leave today we will not be back.

FRANCIS WONG

Don't mind my wife. Sam where are those cookies!

SAM

(from the back)

I'm working on them boss! The oven is about to ding.

Elmer gets up and whispers to his team.

here.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Perhaps I made a mistake coming

FRANCIS WONG

No sir, no sir you didn't! I am so sorry for the inconvenience.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Lenard what was that other bakery in the area?

LENARD

Crumble Pie, sir.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Much better name. Bring around the car Len-

FRANCIS WONG

No! Please sir, don't go to O'Conner! We were voted best bakery in the county 2016 and 2017! The customers love us and we have a hot social media presence.

LENARD

Mr. Rodchester travels the world sampling cookies from Bangkok to Bangladesh and beyond. He's been invited to royal kitchens and ancient bakeries that still use wood burning ovens. His being here is just a mere indulgence of his fancy and his patients grows thin!

Out from the back a DING rings out.

FRANCIS WONG

Sir, sir, sir, please, the cookies are done sir. Please have a seat.

Elmer returns to the table. Standing over it for a bit before sitting. His goons quickly rejoin his side.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

The Instagram post of your caramel crunch cookie got 325 likes last week. Pretty impressive for a small time bakery such as yours. That's why I am here. But believe me I am not one to be trifled with and I hate to waste my time.

FRANCIS WONG

Yes sir! Here speak of the devil here is the caramel crunch!

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

No. Let's save that one for last. Give me an oatmeal cookie to start off.

FRANCIS WONG

Yes! Sam please bring out the oatmeal.

SAM

Yes boss.

Sam brings out a plate of oatmeal cookies and exchanges them with Francis for the caramel crunch. Francis then sets the plate in front of Elmer.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Patrick.

Patrick opens up a briefcase to reveal a whole personal cleaning and grooming kit. He then takes out a anti-bacterial wipe and runs it over Elmer's hands. Then from a sealed pouch he removes a pair of black leather gloves with tongs. Elmer takes the gloves and wears them. Next he removes a small glass and places it on the table then fills it with 8oz of 2% white milk. Lastly he spritz Elmer's throat with some sort of lubrication spray.

The whole Wong family and employees look at each other uncomfortably.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

Ah.

Elmer reaches down for the oatmeal cookie as Francis looks on nervously.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

Hmm.

Elmer drinks a sip of milk and puts down the half eaten cookie.

FRANCIS WONG

Well?

LENARD

Please refrain from speaking to Mr. Rodchester.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Next.

Patrick spritzes Elmer in the mouth again.

FRANCIS WONG

How about a good ol' fashion chocolate chip.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Very well.

Francis places a beautiful chocilate chip cookie infront of Elmer.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

You are fan of the cadbury style of chipping your chocolate.

FRANCIS WONG

Yes sir.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I hate Cadbury.

FRANCIS WONG

Well when I first started out I-

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Be quiet.

Elmer takes a bite despite not liking the way the chips look.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

Gah.

Elmer sniffles a little and then takes another sip of milk and another spritz.

FRANCIS WONG

And here we go, the famous caramel crunch.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I am just curious Mr. Wong, what other kinds of cookies do you bake here?

FRANCIS WONG

You don't want the caramel crunch?

LENARD

Please just answer his question directly.

FRANCIS WONG

Well, we make all kinds. Mint Crispy, Birthday Cake Batter, Fudge Rounds, Sugar Cookies, um, Peanutbutter surprise, um we were tinkering with a spicy cookie made out of-

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Tinkering? You love to tinker don't you Mr. Wong?

FRANCIS WONG
Yeah I enjoy trying new things.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Believe it or not, so do I. Here's
to you Mr. Wong. May this cookie
not disappoint.

FRANCIS WONG

Oh it wont, it's our best seller.

LENARD

Shut up!

Elmer bites into the cookie. A slight grin adorns his face.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Hm.

He takes another bite, and then another. He finishes the cookie and then finishes off his milk and has one more spritz before taking off his gloves.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D) I have never had anything like that before. Do you have any more?

FRANCIS WONG

Yes! Yes sir! Sam bring out all of our cookies. Tina go get a tin for Mr. Rodchester.

Francis shoves all the cookies they baked for Mr. Rodchester in a tin and hands it to him.

FRANCIS WONG (CONT'D)

Here you go!

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

(with a half cocked smile)

Very well.

Patrick packs up all the equipment back into the briefcase. The team heads for the door.

LENARD

Thank you for your corporation Mr. Wong.

FRANCIS WONG

Thank you! The pleasure was all mine!

LENARD

You will be able to read Mr. Rodchester's review on his blog later today.

FRANCIS WONG

Wow really? That's awesome!

LENARD

Goodbye.

The cookie trio leave. The Wongs release a collective sigh.

FRANCIS WONG

See guys, not so bad!

ANI WONG

That man is a jerk.

FRANCIS WONG

Yeah a bit but most celeberitys are.

TINA WONG

No dad, he was extra rude.

FRANCIS WONG

Well I think he liked our stuff, we just had a rocky start but I'm sure he wont hold it against us. Thelma how will we know when the review comes out?

THELMA WONG

We can just set a Google alert, dad.

FRANCIS WONG

You can do that?

THELMA WONG

Oh dad.

The bakery returns to normal. Everyone goes back to their normal jobs and tasks while the regular crowd comes in for their pastries.

FADE TO:

INT.CAR.DAY

Elmer sits in the backseat of his fancy luxery car while Lenard drives.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Lenard take me home.

LENARD

You had one more bakery on your agenda sir.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I am tired of these small town bakeries, nothing but low class bums.

PATRICK

I thought they were nice.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Shut up Patrick, I don't pay you to talk. Go to sleep.

Patrick fakes sleeping.

LENARD

Absolutely sir, I will take you home.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
In fact cancel all my small town
America tour.

LENARD

But sir we just started...

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
And it was a mistake, whoever said
I needed to get in touch with the
common man was out of his mind.

PATRICK

Wasn't that you?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Patrick for the love of
butterscotch if you don't go to
sleep right now I will throw you
out of this moving vehicle and no
one will care because I am the gosh
darn cookie snob, you hear?!

PATRICK

SNORE!

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Take me home Lenard and don't
bother me until you book me a major
city. I'm talking New York,
Chicago, Atlanta, heck even
Portland but don't you dare get me
out here in these rinky dink mom
and pop shops ever again or else I
will be looking for a Lenard 3.0,
got it?!

LENARD

Yes sir!

CUT TO:

## INT. ELMER'S HOUSE. NIGHT

Enter the Cookie Chateau, imagine the Playboy Mansion but run by Cookie Monster minus the bunnies. Elmer sits in his lonely house at his computer munching on left over cookies and drinking from a mug of milk. He writes the review for Wong's Bakery.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. BAKERY. NIGHT

The team is closing up for the night. The last customer comes in and buys the last caramel crunch cookies.

CUSTOMER

I love these things.

FRANCIS WONG

Thank you, me too, ha.

Thelma is on her laptop posting new content to Facebook when she is notified of the new review.

THELMA WONG

Dad, the review is up.

FRANCIS WONG

Woot woot! Hey hey everyone gather round. Ani, Tina come in here! Come on Sam you too!

The whole family gathers around Thelmas laptop with Francis front and center.

THELMA WONG

Come on guys don't crowd me!

FRANCIS WONG

Hey hey Thelma mind if I read it for everyone!

THELMA WONG

Sure dad, knock yourself out.

Francis sits down at his daughter's computer and opens up the blog.

FRANCIS WONG

Alright guys are you ready for this?

ANI WONG

Just get it over with.

FRANCIS WONG

Hey look it's a picture of our bakery on his site! So cool!

Francis begins to read the review outloud for the whole group.

FRANCIS WONG (CONT'D)

'The Wong Stuff'. Hmm interesting title. 'Mr. Wong's bakery is a humble but yet pathetic...'

He pauses for a moment then continues.

FRANCIS WONG (CONT'D)

'Pathetic excuse for a shop' hmmm okay so he's use to something a little fancier.

THELMA WONG

Dad...

FRANCIS WONG

Let's skip down to what he says about the cookies.

TINA WONG

Yeah he can't say crap about your cookies dad.

THELMA WONG

Don't be so sure.

FRANCIS WONG

Mr. Wong's cookies are mediocre at best. Unnaturally his signature dish, the Caramel Crunch cookie is..'

He chokes up a bit.

THELMA WONG

Dad, it's okay.

SAM

What did he say boss?

FRANCIS WONG

'The Caramel Crunch Cookie is a mockery of the individual elements that make this gross confection. What should be an unique and inspiring recipe turns out to be a mishmash of flavors cooked up by a second grade science project gone arye."

Francis slows down and then stops ready. He has a tear in his eye.

SAM

What! That jerk!

ANI WONG

(resting her hand on Francis' shoulder)

It's okay dear.

TINA WONG

Dad everyone loves your cookies.

THELMA WONG

Yeah dad, don't listen to him. He's nothing.

FRANCIS WONG

He's the cookie snob.

THELMA WONG

No one reads these things!

Francis refreshes the page, sees 10,000 views and 230 comments.

FRANCIS WONG

... it goes on for paragraphs. So many comments.

THELMA WONG

Don't do it dad!

ANI WONG

Come on babe, let's go get some sno cones.

FRANCIS WONG

I just... I just don't know where I went wrong.

ANI WONG

No no, don't think like that.

THELMA WONG

Dad I'm gonna need my computer back.

Thelma grabs the computer, pats her dad on the back and walks away. He just sits there in disbelief.

FRANCIS WONG

I thought he was a good man.

Francis begins to weep.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT.CAR.DAY

2 months later Elmer is on the road again, on his way to review some more cookies. Patrick is driving and Lenard is in the back seat with Elmer disussing the next review.

LENARD

Sir, we are coming up on the Gold Star Cookie factor now.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Factor? I thought we were going to their headquarters.

LENARD

We are, but first we need to tour the factor.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Why?

LENARD

Quite frankly sir the public is starting to turn on you, you need -

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Let me get this straight, you think
if I am seen rubbing elbows with
these slack jaw high school drop
outs then somehow I will regain
public support?

LENARD

Well yes, more or less.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Need I remind you I don't really
care about the drooling masses?

LENARD

Sir your image in important.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
I am Elmer K. Rodchester. They call
me The Cookie Snob. I used to hate
that name. But yes! I embrace it.
Yes I am a snob.
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ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

It's not my fault that everyone has such low standards, willing to settle for Oreos and Chips Ahoy. Disgusting.

LENARD

Sir, this is the perfect time to show how sweet you are.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Ha! Me? Sweet? I may eat sweets but
I myself am not one. You got to be
kidding me with that trash. The
only two things that matter in life
are cookies and money! They hate
me? Let them loath me. I don't give
a flying flip!

LENARD

Yes sir. Patrick keep driving, all the way to their headquarters.

Elmer looks out the window at the factory and gets a shiver as they drive past.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Disgusting blue collars. Lenard, I
really don't want another challenge
like that again.

Lenard just looks on and nods. Elmer pulls a cookie tin from his jacket pocket and has a little snack.

CUT TO:

## INT. HEADQUARTERS.DAY

Elmer and his crew arrive at the Gold Star Cookie Company headquarters. They are a gourmet cookie company so they have the finest amenities. The Chairmen of the company, Winston Ross, is in the lobby to welcome Elmer personally.

WINSTON ROSS

Elmer my old friend, I am so sorry to hear about your allergenic reaction

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Yes, that's one way of putting it.

WINSTON ROSS
It's really a shame. The factory is quite a sight to see.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I doubt it.

LENARD

Yes, well unfortunately organic almond milk got mixed into his regular milk supply.

WINSTON ROSS

I thought it was shellfish.

Lenard looks a bit dumbfounded.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Regardless, I'm much better now. What do you have for me today Winston?

WINSTON ROSS

Please let's go to my office. We have something special planned for you. It's a Pink Ribbon Snooker Doodle

Everyone heads upstairs to the office.

WINSTON ROSS (CONT'D)

Please have a seat.

Elmer sits.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Now what on Earth is a Pink Ribbon Snooker Doodle?

WINSTON ROSS

Well here you go Elmer. I hope this meets your standards. My boys have been tinkering with this recipe for months, just for you partner.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Patrick!

Patrick hurries over and sets up Elmer's milk. Elmer goes through his routine.

WINSTON ROSS

Well then, looks like you're all ready to go. Okay may I present to you the next big thing.

Winston opens up a gold case with the Pink Snooker Doodle in it. Elmer holds it firmly in his hand and takes a little nibble.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Hmm

WINSTON ROSS

You like it eh? It's sweet like a slice of cake. Cherry whip icing. You taste those sugar flakes right? Wait til you get to the center. Mmm nougat!

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Nougat... it's worse than caramel.

WINSTON ROSS

Eheha, excuse me?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

It's sticky and confuses the senses.

WINSTON ROSS

People like some variety

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Maybe individually but this is like Frankenstein

Elmer spits out his cookie and gets a spritz from Patrick.

PATRICK

Well actually Mr. Ross would be Frankenstein and the cookie his mon-

LENARD

Shut up Patrick!

WINSTON ROSS

Well now come on. That's hardly fair to judge it completely like that. You didn't even finish it.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I don't need to finish it to know what I don't like. My palette is that refined.

WINSTON ROSS

Unbelievable! Everyone who sampled this cookie said it's the next big thing.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Who, the people on your payroll?
What else do you expect from them?
They are not me, the one and only.

I don't sugar coat the truth, I am not like one of your over saturated concoctions.

WINSTON ROSS

You didn't like the the nougat, you didn't like the sugar. What did you like?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Honestly nothing. It was too small,
very little room to grab on to, a
bit flaky, even the gold case, way
too much presentation.

WINSTON ROSS Criticize, criticize, criticize! That's all I hear from you.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (defensive)
Well that's why you invited me!

WINSTON ROSS (under his breath) Kinda wish I didn't.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER What! What was that? You need me sir! This is just how it goes. You need to me to taste test your disgusting cookies so I can tell the world which ones are good and which ones are horse manure!

WINSTON ROSS
But see, nothing is good enough for you! C+ is as high as you ever go.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER There's always room for improvement.

Elmer starts to choke a bit.

LENARD

Mr. Rodchester!

PATRICK

Boss?

WINSTON ROSS

Hey you okay?

LENARD

You have upset Mr. Rodchester!

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

(caughing)

Pat- the milk.

Patrick is stunned.

LENARD

Patrick you fool give him the milk for crying out loud.

Patrick looks super nervous and haphazardly grabs the milk and pours him a glass.

PATRICK

Here sir.

Elmer chugs it down and then takes the bottle and drinks straight from it.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I'm alright!

WINSTON ROSS

You doing okay old buddy?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Yeah I am fine, no thanks to your ... death cookie!

WINSTON ROSS

Oh that's it! You were choking on your own jowls of fat. Please leave, this meeting is-

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

That's it! Let's go. Lenard get the car, Patrick, pack it up!

PATRICK

Yes sir.

LENARD

Yes sir.

They stand up and clean up a bit get ready to leave.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Oh and I will take the rest of my test cookies to go Mr. Ross.

WINSTON ROSS
You will get nothing from me!

LENARD

It's in the contract. Mr. Rodchest-

WINSTON ROSS Yeah yeah I know! Fine.

Winston hands Elmer a tin of cookies.

WINSTON ROSS (CONT'D)
Don't know why you want them so bad
if you hate them so much.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER A deal is a deal, and you know the deal. Good day sir!

Elmer and company exit.

WINSTON ROSS

Bye! Don't choke on them cookies... he's gone.

FADE TO:

## INT. COOKIE COMMISSION. DAY

Winston Ross president of Gold Star Cookies called to order the top cookie makers in the world to discuss the actions of The Cookie Snob. There is: Johan Schlinger: The Royal Baker of Denmark, Honey Holdenbrooke: CEO of Granny Mable, Otis Wayne Driskle: President of Little Bunny Cookies, Miss Pelly Sanders: President of The Girl Scouts of America, Chip Howler: CEO of Cookie Collective LLC, Ganji Moon: Founder of Nature's Best, Julia Child Jr: Celebrity Chef and Thaddeus J. Floustbottom: leader of the Secret Cookie Society.

WINSTON ROSS
Ladies and gentlemen thank you all
for joining me here.
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WINSTON ROSS (CONT'D)

As you all know last week I unjustly received the lowest score ever by Mr. Elmer K. Rodchester aka The Cookie Snob. This is nothing new. He has trashed each one of our products in the press. He's always super critical and never nice.

JOHAN SCHLINGER
He made the king of Denmark cry.

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE Yes, for as long as I have known him he's been a rotten jerk, but that's the business we're in darling.

WINSTON ROSS Our business is bringing delicious cookies to the world.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE And lots of greenbacks to our pockets.

GANJI MOON
We should not dwell on profits.
Making an ethical and organic
cookie that can uplift the soul is
a top priority at Natures Best.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE
Oh I am so sick of hearing your
hippie crap every time we gather
like this.

GANJI MOON It's like what Gandhi said-

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE Please spare me-

WINSTON ROSS Fellas! We are not here to fight. We have a common enemy. Let's not lose sight of that.

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE Elmer is not our enemy.

CHIP HOWLER
Speak for yourself Honey. I never
did like him. I own three of the
biggest-

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

And blandest

CHIP HOWLER

THEE BIGGEST! Cookie franchise around. I know none of my brands are gourmet or fancy but gosh darn it people love 'em. They are a staple of the American diet.

MISS PELLY SANDERS What people really like are my girl scout cookies.

CHIP HOWLER

Well yep, I can't argue with that.

WINSTON ROSS

Yes exactly! And the Cookie Snob crapped on both! You remember what he said about y'all

CHIP HOWLER

He compared my cookies to Styrofoam.

MISS PELLY SANDERS And he said I exploit child labor. Come on! Those girls love it!

The room has an awkward silence

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE Come to think of it he said the old lady on our package was a foreboding sign of death and decay. That's my granny he's talking about!

WINSTON ROSS

And doesn't that just boil your blood?

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE

Well yes, I was actually quite miffed at him for a month or so. Thought about canceling his contract.

WINSTON ROSS

Then why don't you do it? Why don't we all?!

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE

But you have to take the good with the bad.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

Now hold up Honey, what good? We get nothing outta him.

CHIP HOWLER

Nothing but bad reviews.

MISS PELLY SANDERS

And insecurity

WINSTON ROSS

There we go!

GANJI MOON

But if you don't set your mind on such things then you don't allow yourself to be bothered by it. The only thing that matters is how you feel about it.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

And money!

CHIP HOWLER

Trust me, I would want nothing but to get rid of him but we can't.

WINSTON ROSS

Why not?

CHIP HOWLER

It's tradition. He's been doing it for 20 years now... we have never without him.

WINSTON ROSS

Well hold up, that can't be true.

MISS PELLY SANDERS

I remember when I first met him, I was so intimidated.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

But your're twice his age.

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE

Otis!

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

What?

MISS PELLY SANDERS
It's alright, but I would like to
hear from Julia Child Jr.

JULIA CHILD JR
Helllo! It's me! Julia Child Jr. I
bake, I cook, I am on TV and never
have I met a more self indulgent
man than that of one Mr. Cookie
Snob.

WINSTON ROSS
There that seals the deal!

JULIA CHILD JR
We invite him into our kitchens as
he delights himself on our wares
then turns right around and writes
such nasty trash online about us.
It's so rude.

WINSTON ROSS

Right on!

JULIA CHILD JR
But we must do business with him.

WINSTON ROSS No! Listen I feel like we are going around in circles.

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE Listen child, that's just how things are done. Some things you can't change.

WINSTON ROSS
I don't see the problem. We are all wealthy right? Did we get that way because of his good reviews or quidance or what not?

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE

Well no.

CHIP HOWLER
I am filthy loaded, I love money
more than any of y'all.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE Well I too love me some money.

CHIP HOWLER

Okay well point is that even with my bonzo bucks I can't shake this feeling that some how without this guy we will fall on hard times.

WINSTON ROSS

Hogwash!

JOHAN SCHLINGER

Just look at Mr. Pierre Crux. He cut ties with thee snob and now he's shoveling coal in the palace of Versailles.

CHIP HOWLER

Yikes! I don't wanna do that!

WINSTON ROSS

Pierre was a fool! He went after Elmer all alone without the support of the counsel. Heck even I turned my back on him, but listen fellas, I have seen the light and it's bright shiny future without The Cookie Snob.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE
So you want us all to make a pact
not to serve him?

WINSTON ROSS

No, it's bigger than us. No one will ever offer him a taste test. Not just us or our allies or underlings but everyone. Every single person, man, woman, or child or even beast will ever give him a single cookie ever again.

CHIP HOWLER

But he can still buy them though right?

WINSTON ROSS

Nope! I want his life here on out to be cookieless!

The whole crowd gasps.

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE That seems a bit harsh darling.

MISS PELLY SANDERS What if we just ban him for a year?

CHIP HOWLER
Yeah what if his fans retaliate?

WINSTON ROSS

He don't have no fans, no real ones anyway.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE You are forgetting the fact that it's impossible. He's the glue the binds us together!

THADDEUS J. FLOUSTBOTTOM Nonsense.

The whole crowd draws their attention to Thaddeus.

WINSTON ROSS

Thaddeus.

THADDEUS J. FLOUSTBOTTOM Cookies. That's what bind us.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE Well of course but-

THADDEUS J. FLOUSTBOTTOM But nothing. I have been in the cookie business for 52 years! Back in my day we never had anyone tell us our cookies were good or bad. It's a cookie, how bad can it be? Then one day right after the series finale of Seinfeld I get a call from some kid straight out of baking college saying he wants to write an article about one of my cookies. I thought he was a fan but he's an evil leach.

MISS PELLY SANDERS Wow even back then ?

THADDEUS J. FLOUSTBOTTOM
Yes. Of course I didn't want any
part of it after I read his review.

(MORE)

THADDEUS J. FLOUSTBOTTOM (CONT'D)

But before I could even call my lawyer he had sunk his claws into Jim Miller, Isaac George, Cameron VanSickle, Meredith Plum, the boys down at 8th street and pretty much everyone. The more he abused them the more they invited him back and others followed suit. It was the darndest thing.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE And you didn't want to end it?

THADDEUS J. FLOUSTBOTTOM Yes of course but once things started rolling and months turned into years and it just became the norm, the necessary evil. We all stood by.

WINSTON ROSS
And now it's time we break ties.

THADDEUS J. FLOUSTBOTTOM Yes, on that I agree Mr. Ross.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE Well alright!

CHIP HOWLER
So now do we vote or something?

WINSTON ROSS
Here yee here yee. All in favor of
doing a level Omega ban on Mr.
Elmer K. Rodchester for crimes
against cookie decency say "aye".

The whole room raises their hands and says aye, some more reluctant than others.

WINSTON ROSS (CONT'D) And all opposed ?

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE Better not see no hands.

WINSTON ROSS Looks like the ayes have it.

THADDEUS J. FLOUSTBOTTOM Then it's settled from here forth on the Cookie Counsel dissolves all working relations with Elmer Rodchester AKA The Cookie Snob.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE He is no longer welcomed in my bakery or any of their affiliates.

MISS PELLY SANDERS
He will be put on the penitent 'do
not sell list'. My girls will never
sell him another box of Samoa's.

GANJI MOON
He will never know the joy of another organic baked good.

CHIP HOWLER
Can't say there's much joy in that
no how but add to the list one of
my many fine mass produced goodies.
Off the table for that jerk!

JOHAN SCHLINGER
He wont set a foot in Denmark!

JULIA CHILD JR
And he will never be on any show I produce.

HONEY HOLDENBROOKE And he will never have one of my cookies neither. God rest his soul. And may God forgive us all.

WINSTON ROSS Sorry Elmer buddy, but you had it coming.

Winston takes a big rubber stamp and stamps some paperwork.

CUT TO BLACK.

FADE IN:

INT. ELMER'S HOUSE. DAY

Elmer is in his office with Lenard and Patrick. He holds in his hands an official envelop with the official decree that bars him from any cookie snobbery. ELMER K. RODCHESTER

This is a joke right!

LENARD

Sir you need to calm down.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

They can't do this to me! It's impossible! Lenard they can't be serious. Read this for me, I can't see straight any more.

Lenard takes the letter and reads it for himself.

LENARD

Do you know what this means?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Yeah I have to sue!

LENARD

No sir. It means. You're done. Ha. You're washed up!

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

WHAT! How dare you talk to me like that!

LENARD

Bad news Elmer, you're indeterminately and permanently banned from reviewing cookies. Your career is over which means I don't have to put up with your crap anymore.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I thought you liked me.

LENARD

Ha! Never! We despise you. Right Patrick?

PATRICK

Am I out of job too?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

No one is out of a job except for Lenard. You're fired!

LENARD

You can't fire me, you have no power.

(MORE)

LENARD (CONT'D)

I am finally free to pursue my passion of restoring old bicycles.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Well fine good riddance! Come on Patrick.

PATRICK

Where are we going, sir?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Nothing has changed, it's business
as usual. We are still going to
Little Bunny Bakery in San
Francisco .

PATRICK

I thought-

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
I don't pay you to think, now grab
the paper work and your briefcase
we have a flight to catch.

CUT TO:

EXT. LITTLE BUNNY BAKERY. DAY

Elmer arrives at Otis' bakery in Oakland CA. Elmer and Patrick exit the taxi looking disheveled. Patrick walks ahead of his master and it met at the door by Otis.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE Hold on, hold up!

PATRICK

(nervous)

Hello sir, may I present Mr. Elmer Rodchester.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE (yelling pass Patrick) Elmer what are you doing here?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
We have a cookie testing today!

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

We do not!

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Check your calendar.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE And you should check your mail.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Let me in!

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE You are not welcomed here!

PATRICK

So it's true? He really is barred from cookie testing?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Shut up Patrick!

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

That's true son.

PATRICK

(to himself)

Oh man I really am out of a job.

Patrick throws down the briefcase.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

My stuff! Pick that up you buffoon!

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

Patrick right? Your pride, is worth more than the huge paycheck he was paying you?

PATRICK

Well I was just making minimum wage.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE

Boy! Get out of here!

Patrick scampers off.

OTIS WAYNE DRISKLE (CONT'D)

You too Elmer!

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Unbelievable!

Elmer picks up the case and walks away.

CUT TO:

INT. ELMER'S HOUSE. NIGHT

Elmer sits alone in his big house. Looking even more pathetic.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER
Otis you leave me no choice. You
will get a seething review from me!
No grace, no mercy!

Elmer tries to access his blog but sees he can't. He tests out his internet connection on other sites, everything is working fine. He goes back to his blog and he's blocked.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

Blast!

He keeps trying to refresh and bang the keys.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D) Blast, blast, blast! It's my blog! How can I not be authorized! Do I need to write AOL an angry letter too!?

He slams his hands down on the keyboard then takes out a notebook and frantically looks for a pen.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D) Blast where's that pen!?

As he's looking he finds a tin of left over cookies from one of his last reviews. He looks longingly at it, then finally cracks it open and enjoys a cookie.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

Not bad, could use some milk. ...

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN. NIGHT

He runs down to the kitchen and pours a big glass of milk. There is also several cookie jars, mostly half full. He slowly starts to binge on every cookie in sight in a party type montage. It ends with him on the floor covered in crumbs and crying.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. BATHROOM. DAY

The phone is ringing. Suddenly Elmer runs to the bathroom, grips the toilet and throws up. The phone continues to ring then the answering machine kicks on. A stern greeting comes on followed by a beep.

SARAH

(VO)

Hello, Mr. Rodchester this is Sarah calling from the bank. We need to have a discussion regarding your mortgage. So please call us back at 1-887-232-0090. Once again....

Elmer runs to his phone in his office.

CUT TO:

INT. OFFICE. DAY.

Elmer pick up the phone before they can hang up.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Hello?

SARAH

(vo)

Oh.Mr. Rodchester?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Yes, that's me.

SARAH

(vo)

Sir this is Sarah Smith from First National Bank. How are you this fine evening sir?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Sick! Angry and upset!

SARAH

(vo)

Oh dear, sorry to hear that. Wish I was calling under better circumstances but I am afraid there is an issue with your mortgage, sir we haven't received any payments in three months and-

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

What!? That's impossible, how come I am just hearing about this right now?

SARAH

We have sent you several letters and made several calls. Your assistant kept saying "the check is in the mail" but sir this is your final warning.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER Lenard! He was lining his pockets for a quick get away.

SARAH

(vo)

Sir if we don't receive payment by 5 'o clock on Thursday the 3rd we will forced to repossess the house.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER But wait, today is the 3rd, and it's 4:45!

SARAH

(vo)

Well I did say it was your final warning.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

But I'm rich!

SARAH

(vo)

Not according to our records sir.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

But but but.

SARAH

(vo)

Have a nice day sir.

She hangs up. The sound of a dial tone can be heard from the phone.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Blast! Blast! Triple blast!

Outside the house there is a rumble of moving trucks. This alarms Elmer.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

No no no!

A gang of moving men rush in plucking everything in sight.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D) What are you barbarians doing!?

MOVING MEN
We are from the bank. HUT HUT.

The men continue to ransack the house. Elmer tries to scoop up as much as he can, clothes, books and of course any cookies he didn't already binge. It's a whirlwind of madness. Finally Elmer escapes at exactly 5pm with 2 big suitcases in hand. The men change the locks and Elmer is sitting outside dumb founded. He packs up his car and clumsily drives away as the new owners drive in.

CUT TO:

INT.CAR.DAY

Elmer is driving away confused and sad. He opens up a tin of left over cookies from Wong's Bakery. He takes one and even though it is a bit old he still eats it. There is only one left.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER I need more cookies.

CUT TO:

INT. WONG'S BAKERY. DAY.

Elmer parks and heads inside Wong's bakery and stands in line. There begins a small chatter among customers. Mr. Wong sees him and confronts him.

FRANCIS WONG
What in the world are you doing here Mr. Rodchester?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER I just want some cookies.

FRANCIS WONG You need to leave sir.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I'll tell you a little secret. I actually kinda liked your caramel crunch. I mean I didn't at first but I.. they grew on me... I can amend my review. Just please give me another one.

FRANCIS WONG

No. You humiliated me and my family. We even had a significant drop in business. It's been hard to make ends meet.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Money troubles. I get it.

Elmer gathers as much cash money he has on him from his wallet and pockets.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

Ok, I'll buy one. I have roughly \$27.18. Give me a few chocolate chip while you're at it.

Francis looks over at his wife who is shaking her head no.

FRANCIS WONG

No.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

What?! No, you must take my money, it's legal tender.

FRANCIS WONG

Actually sir you see that sign over there? I have the right to refuse service to anyone I see fit.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Okay I know I was a bit of a jerk and I .. I am ... I am unhappy that happened to you. But please.

FRANCIS WONG

No.

ANI WONG

You need to leave now.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

You- you ... not you too. Please let me have one!

THELMA WONG

Why don't you just go buy some Oreos or something?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Yuck!

THELMA WONG

Oh not good enough for The Cookie Snob?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

No! It's not. I wouldn't be caught dead with their cookie in my mouth.

ANI WONG

I don't care what you do, just go!

FRANCIS WONG

Please... before I call the police.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Fine, I was just leaving anyway. Thanks for nothing Wong!

Elmer exits.

FRANCIS WONG

The nerve of that guy.

ANI WONG

I'm proud of you hunny.

Elmer reenters.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

(to customer)

You gonna finish that?

FRANCIS WONG

Get out!

Elmer exits again.

CUT TO:

INT. GROCERY STORE. DAY

Elmer walks in the store wearing some sort of disguise. He lurks around then heads down the cookie aisle, ponders for a moment then fills his cart. Then goes to the check out. The cashier scans his boxes one at a time.

CASHIER

Would you like a bag for 10 cents?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Yeah whatever.

CASHIER

Alrighty your total is \$97.84

Elmer hands her his credit card.

CASHIER (CONT'D)

Oh I am so sorry. It's been declined.

The cashier starts to get suspicious. She looks at Elmer as he starts to flummox around. She then looks behind her register at a wanted picture of Elmer that says "DO NOT SELL TO THIS MAN"

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Okay fine, just ring up the Oreos, I'll give you cash.

CASHIER

Sir can I see some ID?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

(near hysterical)

ID for what? .. I'm paying in cash. I just want some gosh darn cookies. That's it. Please. I'll give you money.

CASHIER

No sir, I can't.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

(takes her hand)

Please please! All I want are these lousy Oreos.

The whole store is looking at him as he makes a huge fuss. The manager walks over.

CASHIER

Get your hands off me!

Elmer lets go.

MANAGER

Sir you must leave now. You have been barred from buying cookies here.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

What about bread? Can I buy that? Or meat or these trashy magazines.

MANAGER

As long as it's not cookies you can buy whatever you want.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

BUT I WANT COOKIES!.

Elmer begins to cry. The manager escorts him outside. At that moment a troop of girl scouts are setting up on the sidewalk. Elmer starts to beg and plead with them.

CUT TO:

EXT. GROCERY STORE. DAY

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Ladies please give me some thin mints

GIRL SCOUT

No! We're not suppose to sell to the Cookie Snob

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

I'm not that guy, I am a different guy!

GIRL SCOUT

Your ugly disguise isn't fooling anyone.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

No please, I'm dying.

GIRL SCOUT

No!

Elmer grabs a box and starts to run.

GIRL SCOUT (CONT'D)

Oh heck no!

The girl scouts chase him down and beat him up.

FADE TO:

EXT. ALLEY. DAY

Elmer is a shell of his former self. He's beatened and broken. He lays down on the ground.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

So hungry.

A mysterious voice comes out of a trash can.

OSCAR

Quit your complaining

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Huh?

The bums pops out of a dumpster covered in trash holding an old shoe.

OSCAR

Why don't you just crawl in here with ol' Oscar and get yourself something to eat.

The bum takes a bite out of the shoe.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

Gross.

OSCAR

Don't judge me boy! From the looks of things you're no better off.

Elmer looks insulted but knows he can't argue this fact. He is firmly deflated.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

You're right.

Oscar jumps out of the dumpster with a trash bag and unloads it all over Elmer's feet.

ELMER K. RODCHESTER (CONT'D)

Hey!

Elmer quickly stands up.

Oscar starts digging through the trash. A stray dirty Oreo rolls out and stops in front of Elmer. He looks hard at it. It disgusts him for so many reasons.

OSCAR

There you go bub.

Elmer picks it up but hesitates.

OSCAR (CONT'D)

Hey if you ain't gonna eat it, give it to me, I ain't no cookie snob.

Elmer continues to stare at the cookie. Then he eats it.

OSCAR (CONT'D)

How was it?

ELMER K. RODCHESTER

It's good enough for me.

Camera pulls out to see Elmer just sitting there with a dumb look on his face and Oscar digging in the trash. Other wacky characters enter the frame like a transvestite prostitute wearing a yellow feather boa, two gay Mexicans in sweaters and a green frog.

FADE OUT.

THE END.