

L'OVEN BLIND

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FADE IN:

INT. COOKING COMPETITION STAGE WITH LIVE STUDIO AUDIENCE - DAY

Three cooking stations are raised slightly above a central stage, with a pantry stage left and a refrigerator stage right. Music begins playing and lights turn towards center stage, revealing three CONTESTANTS and the HOST to the studio audience. The Host turns away from the Contestants to address the audience as the music fades out.

CHUCK WELLINGTON

Hello again everybody and welcome back to L'OVEN BLIND! The cooking show where no one can see! This season has been an intense, wild, thrill-ride of a show for you, and sadly, today marks the end of our journey.

The crowd "AWWS" exaggeratedly.

CHUCK WELLINGTON (CONT.)

But, worry not, because tonight we finally find out who's the best of the best. Let's meet our three finalists!

Chuck walks to the left-most Contestant.

CHUCK WELLINGTON (CONT.)

Hey Darryl, it's great to see you again! How's it been since the semi-finals?

DARRYL

Well, Chuck Wellington, I gotta say I've been great. Now that the divorce is finalized and she has the three kids, I have plenty of time to cook, including that Sauerkraut recipe I finally nailed!

CHUCK WELLINGTON

Well, that's great Darryl. Contestant number two right next to Darryl, how've you been Kathy?

KATHY

Thanks, Chuck Wellington, I'm great. I still feel so blessed that you'd let a blind woman like me compete on your show. Cooking is my passion and making it to the finals has been wonderful.

CHUCK WELLINGTON

That's truly amazing, Kathy. And now for our final contestant, a bit of a

fresh face in these finals, give it up
for Eddie! How are you Eddie?

EDDIE

It's great to be here Chuck, but-

CHUCK WELLINGTON

Wellington.

EDDIE (CONT.)

-right, but do you think I could talk
to you privately in a bit? I had no
idea I'd be on stage and cooking. I'm
just an intern, man.

Chuck leans into Eddie's ear to whisper and moves the mic away,
but not far enough away not to pick up their conversation.

CHUCK WELLINGTON

(angry)

Listen here you little bitch, you're
here to keep this show from getting
cancelled and you'll fuckin' do your
job or you'll be on the streets. I own
you, you got that?

Chuck turns to address the audience, which is a little quieter
after overhearing what he said to Eddie.

CHUCK WELLINGTON (CONT.)

Now that we've met all three contestants, we'll give them all a moment to get themselves situated and when we return from break, we'll be ready for some action! See you after the break.

FADE TO COMMERCIAL:

FADE FROM COMERCIAL:

CHUCK WELLINGTON (V.O)

Welcome back to L'OVEN BLIND! Our finalists have their dishes prepped, the judges are getting ready to taste them, but for those of you who are just tuning in, let's remember what happened today.

(V.O. carries over montage)

MONTAGE

-At the start of the 30 minute countdown, all three contestants run to the pantry and then fridge to gather their ingredients

CHUCK WELLINGTON (V.O)

The three finalists decided on their dish and collected their ingredients; Darryl grabbed duck eggs, salt, lime,

and ash from the wood-stove. Kathy picked fugu, a notoriously difficult dish, especially for a blind woman. Eddie, the intern, decided to make a cup of Kraft Macaroni and Cheese.

-With 25 minutes left, Darryl wraps his duck eggs in rice husks after rubbing them in the salt, lime, and ash mixture.

CHUCK WELLINGTON (V.O)

Darryl, recently divorced, decided to make century eggs, a difficult and time consuming dish.

-With 20 minutes left, Kathy had finished cutting her fugu and had begun preparing her sashimi dish when Chuck approaches her for a quick interview.

CHUCK WELLINGTON

Wow, Kathy, I've gotta say I'm impressed. You've aced the preparation on that fugu! No other contestants in the history of this show tried fugu, but I guess you're used to the lights being out.

KATHY

Wait, WHAT? There's no lights on in here? That's unsafe, who would want to

eat a meal made by someone in the dark?

That's [bleep]ing crazy! You could

[bleep]ing kill someone! [bleep] you

and [bleep] this show and [bleep] YOU

CHUCK WELLINGTON!

-Kathy pushed her cutting board onto the floor, knocking all of her station's utensils and prepared food off the table before grabbing her white cane and storming off the set.

CHUCK WELLINGTON (V.O)

After my conversation with Kathy, I

checked on Eddie, our lovable intern

who's just trying his best.

-With 15 minutes left, Chuck walks to Eddie's station, where he is struggling to mix water into his cup of mac and cheese.

CHUCK WELLINGTON (V.O) (CONT.)

He's trying his best.

-With 10 minutes left, Darryl was calmly garnishing his plates while Eddie was panicking at his station, hyperventilating and in the fetal position.

-With 5 minutes left, Darryl began plating his century eggs, all of which came out perfectly. Eddie finally put his cup of mac and cheese in the microwave.

CHUCK WELLINGTON (V.O)

With the timer counting down in this final round of competition, the heat is on for these two. Unfortunately, some can handle the heat better than others.

-With 30 seconds left, Eddie takes his mac and cheese out of the microwave, but as he runs back to his station he trips over Kathy's cutting board, spilling his cup of mac and cheese. He scoops whatever he can feel on the floor into the cup, including the poisonous fugu sac.

CHUCK WELLINGTON (V.O) (CONT.)

Eddie's mishap could cost him when the judges taste his dish, seasoned with floor drippings.

CUT TO:

Two judges sit at a table in front of the workstations. The lights are back on, and the live audience can see both finished dishes for the first time.

The crowd OOO's for Darryl's perfect century eggs and GROANS when seeing Eddie's cup of mac and cheese and floor.

One judge tries Darryl's century egg while another tries Eddie's cup of mac and cheese.

JUDGE #1

I've gotta say Darryl, this has got to
be the best egg I've ever eaten.

The judge who ate Eddie's mac starts sweating, choking, and
feeling dizzy.

JUDGE #1 (CONT.)

I've had century eggs before, but this
just blows all of those away. It's
perfectly pungent, but I don't get any
of the ammonia that commonly comes with
these eggs.

The other judge is having trouble breathing, and when he tries
to stand up, throws up onto the judge table and then passes out.

JUDGE #1 (CONT.)

Looks like someone had a little too
much fugu in their mac. I think given
the circumstances, we have a clear
winner here.

CHUCK WELLINGTON

You've heard it here folks, the winner
of this season of L'OVEN BLIND is...
Darryl!

Celebratory MUSIC begins playing as dozens of cops swarm onto
the stage and arrest Eddie for manslaughtering a judge. Confetti
and balloons fall from the ceiling.

FADE OUT: