What the Hell?! Episode 7: Chips by

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INT. KEBAB SHOP - DAY

A CHEF (30) in casual clothes stands behind a glass shield with trays of uncooked kebabs on skewers, raw burgers and salads underneath it. On his left is a cash machine in the open air on a desk. Also on the desk are two empty polystyrene boxes, a bottle of vinegar and a salt shaker. On his right, in front of him is an open door. Behind him is a vat of chips frying in oil, a metal shovel in the oil, and a spit that slowly spins. A CUSTOMER (40) in white-stained jeans faces the CHEF.

CHEF

Your chips are just about ready, sir. Thanks for waiting.

CUSTOMER

About time...

The CHEF turns around, shovels some chips then pours them into a box.

CHEF Here are some of the best chips in the country. A bit salty though.

CUSTOMER Really, the whole of England? I like salt, too!

The CHEF starts to pour salt on the food.

CHEF Oh yes, best in the world even. Once you get used to them, you'll be hooked. But be warned, you might need to get used to them.

The CUSTOMER smiles.

CUSTOMER Great! But that's enough salt...

The CHEF pours more.

CHEF (ignoring him) So, having a nice day?...

CUSTOMER

Er...

CHEF I'm having a great day.

The CHEF pours more.

CUSTOMER That really is enough now, thanks...

The CHEF keeps pouring.

CHEF I'm going on holiday next week. Can't wait.

CUSTOMER Why are you ruining my chips? I'm not going to be able to taste them at all. ..

CHEF They don't taste like ass!

CUSTOMER

I'm sorry??

The CHEF looks blank and pours more. A small mountain of the seasoning builds.

CHEF That will do. You like salt, that's what you said.

CUSTOMER Mind if I try a chip?

CHEF

No! Wait!

The CHEF starts to pour vinegar on the food.

CUSTOMER

Please!

CHEF (to himself) Let's try to get rid of the wrongness. ..

CUSTOMER

What??

CHEF (to himself again) God these are nasty. Like licking a turd.

CUSTOMER I think I'm going to go.

CHEF I'm going to Spain, thanks for asking. Nice and hot.

CUSTOMER Your chips will give me a heart attack!

The CHEF pours even more.

CHEF Hoping to do a lot of swimming in pools. Maybe do some dancing with the ladies, haha.

CUSTOMER Your making the chips soggy!

The CHEF stops pouring.

CHEF ... And done!...

The CUSTOMER puts his hands on his hips.

CUSTOMER Do you expect me to eat th...

CHEF (interrupting and carrying on his sentence) ... With the vinegar!

The CHEF pulls a small bottle of tomato sauce from his pocket, opens it and tips that all over the chips.

CHEF (to himself) I don't think all the tomato sauce in the world is going to make a difference to these small craps. I need to pour barbecue sauce on them too...

The CUSTOMER snatches a chip and puts it in his mouth.

CHEF

NO!

CUSTOMER (whilst chewing) There! Now I can taste your rubbish for myself!

CHEF They're not ready!! The CUSTOMER starts to retch.

CHEF I warned you! Let me get the barbecue sauce!

Clearly agitated, the CHEF paces up and down behind the desk.

CHEF Think, think, think! Where did I put the stuff??

The CUSTOMER starts throwing up on the glass and on the CHEF.

CHEF Of course! My other pocket! Duh!

The CHEF pulls the BBQ sauce from his pocket.

CHEF Open your mouth!

The CUSTOMER starts to cry and vomits some more.

CUSTOMER I just want to go home!

CHEF Just open your mouth! Please!

In a daze, the CUSTOMER does so. The CHEF squeezes the BBQ sauce onto the CUSTOMER'S tongue.

CUSTOMER (still in tears) That's... better...

CHEF Now not a word of this to anyone!

The CUSTOMER wipes his eyes.

CUSTOMER (pulling himself together) Mind if I have another chip?

The CHEF gives a thumbs up.

CHEF

Of course!

The CUSTOMER has one last wipe.

CUSTOMER These really are the best in the country!

CHEF

Told you!

CUSTOMER But where did the ass taste come from?

The CHEF looks down.

CHEF

Errr... Ass.

The CUSTOMER widens his eyes.

CUSTOMER

What??

CHEF Don't worry, not human! I use dog poos!

CUSTOMER

Why??

CHEF

Ummmm....

CUSTOMER I'm calling the police!

The CHEF does a little skip.

CHEF (with a huge smile) Ahhh! Got you!

CUSTOMER You were joking??

CHEF No, I got you eat a turd!

The CUSTOMER takes a deep breath. He then stares through the CHEF's soul. The CHEF backs away.

CUSTOMER (darkly) Hey... Are you related to that mad chef who fed maggots to people??

The CHEF shakes his head, dramatically.

CHEF (trying to be calm) No, I don't know him.

CUSTOMER Sure you do! I went to the hotel where he worked! He tried to kill me!

CHEF No. I don't know what you're talking about.

CUSTOMER Oh yes, you do. And now you're going to jail, too.

The CHEF looks blank. He signals the CUSTOMER to come closer with his finger.

CUSTOMER

What?

The CHEF signals again. The CUSTOMER walks to the glass covering then the CHEF hits him on the head with his fist, knocking him out. The CHEF drags the unconscious body behind the guarded food.