

INT. HOME - ZOOM CALL #2 - WEEK #3

Jackson and Bernie are on with Peter. He's lost his patience.

PETER

(upset)

What...are you guys...doing?!!

BERNIE

We're talking to you on the Zoom now.

PETER

I don't mean, what are you...I mean...you...ugghh...

JACKSON

Bernie, just don't say anything.

BERNIE

Ever?

JACKSON

No, not ever. I'll tell you when.

BERNIE

Okay.

JACKSON

I know he's not doing everything you asked, but people seem to be responding to him even more than they did the last two weeks.

PETER

I'll give ya that, but what is your plan to help spread the word about Cajun Crispy Squid?

BERNIE

Korajun!

PETER

No! No more Korajun. There's no such thing. You can't just make up a language! Just please stick to what we've been asking you to do. Tell everyone how much you love Crispy Squid...

BERNIE

I do! And by the way, we need more squid.

PETER

MORE?! No! No more samples. We're not going to have any left to give to anyone when they but it!

JACKSON

Bernie, please. Just let me talk to Peter.

BERNIE

Okay.

PETER

Listen, this is the last week for the campaign and I need you guys to come up with a amazing slogan like you said Bernie would. Why I believe he will, I don't know?

JACKSON

He will, I know the ones so far haven't been great...

PETER

Great?! How about awful. Ridiculous. Bizarre...

JACKSON

Please, just give us this week to fix everything.

PETER

Well, you better or we're definitely going to lose Arnold and no more Crispy Squid.

BERNIE

What?!

Bernie starts to whimper.

PETER

Yup. And I know you guys know that we have the big live TikTok event on February fifteenth.

JACKSON

Yes, we've been preparing for that and...

PETER

Okay, humuhnumuhnahnah. Let me finish.

(MORE)

PETER (CONT'D)

Arnold has agreed to do a very special giveaway to one lucky person out there. So you really need to push that so people hear about it.

JACKSON

No problem.

PETER

And please, for the hundredth time, mention that it's like jerky. That's why people are going to love it. It's an original snack that's really good.

BERNIE

I love Crispy Squid!

PETER

I gotta go. Good luck, you're gonna need it.

Peter leaves the Zoom. Jackson and Bernie sit in silence.

BERNIE

I like Peter.

Jackson slow burn to Bernie.