

Dear grandma and grandpa,

It's been a tough year for all of us here at the Stuffins house. Inflation has forced us to try to make money any way we can. Jerri has auditioned for multiple cooking shows on ABC with big prizes, including "Are You Really Allergic?" and "The 5-Second Rule." She finally got selected for that new Netflix cooking program where the contestants create flavors for stamps – "Press Your Lick." Her proudest achievement, which you've probably seen on the front of this very envelope (!!), is "Postal Pear." We should know in the next few weeks whether she'll beat out Anderson Cooper in the final round. She did leak to me that for the last challenge, they have to flavor a United Arab Emirates stamp. They have the most crevices, you know!

Also, Troy knows one of the PAs at "Covid Cakes," so he was able to finagle a spot on that for a few episodes when one of their regulars got bitten by a horse. He's always made the most flavorless food, so luckily this show plays to his strengths. The rotating judges are people who have lost their sense of taste to the coronavirus, and the goal is for the contestants to bake their cakes so that they have the most pleasing "mouth weight," "mouth temperature," and "mouth ambiance" for the judges. He's won a few thousand dollars so far, but the shitter is that the show may be canceled because of competition from "Totally Tasteless." And the *real* shitter is that the whole point of "Totally Tasteless" is to make your bakes as *bland* as possible, so tasting is the name of the game there! The two shows couldn't be any more different!! Sigh.

Most of these shows aren't that hard to get on, but the one that's been a real shitter to book is a show called "Don't Wake the Baker," where all of the contestants are sleepwalkers, and the show is taped in the middle of the night. The prizes are huge because the viewership went through the roof when the hosts started quietly setting a bottle of hot sauce on the counter halfway through each episode. I've been on the show's waitlist for months because they said they need a somno certification from my doctor. If only! I've tried to induce sleepwalking, but all I've managed to achieve is sleep sitting. Who's going to pay me for that?! Not Cracker Barrel, I'll tell you what!

Anyway, I hope you're both having a good holiday season and that you've been able to get booked on "Hangin' With Stiltman" or one of the other new Marvel shows. Hopefully we'll see you at the studio cafeteria! I'm in talks to get Postal Pear on the menu.

Love,