

GOOD ENOUGH

A musical comedy inspired by a few very true events

FADE IN:

INT. ACTIVE FILM SET, COOKING SHOW, DAY

LOUISE DEL REY stands at a kitchen counter island hosting a TV cooking show. A sign reads the show's name, "CRAFTY LOUISE." Despite her glamorous sounding name, Louise is down to earth, late 30's/early 40's.

LOUISE
Try the chili corn chutney, Chef
Ramsey. Chili Corn Chutney. Wow,
that's a mouthful!

GORDON RAMSEY has his mouthful.

GORDON RAMSEY
I'll say.

AUDIENCE LAUGHTER emanates from the live studio audience.

GORDON RAMSEY (CONT'D)
This is the best chili corn chutney
I've ever tasted!

LOUISE
Thank you Chef Ramsey, that's the
best validation any cook can hear.
This chutney is like a salsa that
goes with a variety of foods.
Tamales, enchiladas, or simply have
it with fresh tortilla chips!

Chef Ramsey chows down chutney with chips. Audience laughter.

GORDON RAMSEY
(mouth full)
Delicious.

LOUISE
Don't worry there's plenty for the
entire audience! Bring out today's
Crafty Louise specialty of corn
chutney and corn chips!

Aides carry chutney and chips to members of the audience.

GORDON RAMSEY
That's a crafty chutney, Louise!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CULVER CITY SOUNDSTAGE, CRAFT SERVICE TABLE, MORNING

Louise has been day dreaming. She stands at the craft service station on a reality show set, serving breakfast burritos to the crew. Crew worker HARRY tries to get Louise's attention.

HARRY

Louise! Back to reality, Louise!

Louise snaps to.

LOUISE

Yes, Harry?

HARRY

Where were you?

LOUISE

Oh, the alternate universe in my head where I am star of my own cooking show.

HARRY

Wake up and smell the coffee, sugar!

LOUISE

Did the coffee run out?

HARRY

Not yet. Do you have any more hard boiled eggs? It seems the grips ate them all.

LOUISE

Sure thing.

Louise sets a pre-made bowl of hard boiled eggs on the table. She hurriedly wraps burritos in foil as hungry crew members, mostly men, grab the burritos.

SONG: "THE WHOLE ENCHILADA" (Inspired by the tune "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" and "Express" from the movie "Burlesque")

LOUISE (CONT'D)

IT'S A COLD AND WEARY WORLD
SINCE MY LIFE TOOK A BIG DIVE
I'M WORKING TWENTY JOBS
JUST TO KEEP ALIVE
EVERY SIDE GIG I CAN FIND
BEYOND THE NINE TO FIVE
I'VE GOT TO KEEP ON GOING
IF I'M EVER GOING TO THRIVE

(MORE)

LOUISE (CONT'D)
 WASN'T IT LATELY
 I THOUGHT THAT JUST MAYBE
 I SAW LIGHT AT THE END
 OF THE STREET?
 DANCE WITH ME BABY
 AND MAYBE, JUST MAYBE
 YOU CAN SWEEP ME OFF OF
 MY TIRED FEET

The crew members trade off partner dancing with Louise

LOUISE (CONT'D)
 I DON'T WANT HALF
 I DON'T WANT SOME
 DONT TELL ME I'M GETTING NADA
 I WANT IT ALL
 BOTH BIG AND SMALL
 I WANT THE WHOLE ENCHILADA
 THE DIAMOND RINGS
 DESIGNER THINGS
 PERFUME AND SHOES MADE BY PRADA
 I WANT IT ALL
 BOTH BIG AND SMALL
 I WANT THE WHOLE ENCHILADA

Louise dances with crew members around the sound stage.

HARRY
 COME TO THE WRAP PARTY, PLEASE.

LOUISE
 I THINK I CAN'T. I'M BUSY.

TOM
 C'MON GIRL, DON'T BE A TEASE.

DICK
 HE'S NOT ASKING HER OUT, IS HE?

Louise refers to her name tag.

LOUISE
 YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW MY NAME
 IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT HERE
 DON'T BE LAME
 I'LL SKIP THE PARTY JUST THE SAME
 AND MY NAME BY THE WAY IS LOUISE

MEN
 OH YES, THAT'S RIGHT, LOUISE!
 SOFT AS A BREEZE, LOUISE!

LOUISE
 Hardly soft, but I'll take it.

LOUISE (CONT'D)
YOU'LL SEE MY NAME
ON THE WALK OF FAME
A CAREER LIKE J-LO OR GAGA
I WANT IT ALL
BOTH BIG AND SMALL
I WANT THE WHOLE ENCHILADA

MEN
SHE WANTS THE WHOLE ENCHILADA!

Song over. Louise stands at her station as the crew goes back to devouring burritos, coffee, and set gossip. Hilary, a young woman in dungarees approaches.

HILARY
Hey, where are the enchiladas?

LOUISE
We don't have enchiladas, only
burritos you can hold in your hand.

Dick swoops in on the newbie female crew member.

DICK
You must be new. What department?

HILARY
Props.

DICK
Same here! Right this way, missy.

LOUISE
She's not a prop, Dick.

SHAN, Louise's non-binary crew-cut co-worker arrives.

SHAN
Where's the party?

LOUISE
You missed the excitement.
Burritos ran out in ten minutes.

SHAN
To think you couldn't boil an egg.

Another crew member TOM overhears and chimes in.

TOM

Here's how you boil an egg. You put the eggs on the stove, then you go in the other room and jerk off. When you're done they're done.

Shan and Louise are not impressed.

LOUISE

Ha, ha, still funny.

SHAN

Love that bad boy humor.

TOM

See you at the wrap party, ladies.

Shan corrects Tom.

SHAN

I'm a "them."

Tom joins crew members playing baseball with a baguette.

LOUISE

So much for the charcuterie plate.
(Shouting to the crew) Guys!

Louise shakes her head at the crew's disrespect for the food.

SHAN

I saw your ex on a billboard. His movie is number one, you know. Huge billboard on Sunset. Enormous.

LOUISE

Thanks, I'll avoid Sunset. It will just make me miss him.

SHAN

You were together a long time.

LOUISE

We were engaged.

SHAN

Wasn't that forever ago?

LOUISE

I've done the therapy. I'm good.

SHAN

Hey, thanks for taking Spot. You really saved me. Is he doing okay?

LOUISE

I've been watching him on the puppy cam! He's saving me, more like it.

Louise shows SHAN her dog Spot on the pet cam on her phone.

SHAN

You really have a knack for making things better, Louise.

LOUISE

Only French bulldogs, I'm afraid. I'm not so good with people.

SHAN

Spot is a magical creature.

Crew guys have totally decimated the baguette and are now playing basketball with a sour dough loaf. Tom slam dunks the loaf into a rigged up trash can as the basket. Guys cheer.

LOUISE

Guys! Geez. There goes the spinach dip in a bread bowl appetizer.

SHAN

Don't you have to jet?

LOUISE

Yes. There's a fruit plate ready in the fridge and Jessie says make the tuna with Hawaiian rolls today. I wish we didn't always have to follow her recipes.

SHAN

Recipes make it easier.

Dick, an older crew guy approaches.

DICK

Did you ladies know there's a contest at the wrap party?

Shan corrects Dick.

SHAN

Who you calling lady?

DICK

Chef Ramsey is judging our dishes. I'm bringing my famous "Momellette." It's basically an omelette with everything in it.

LOUISE

Does your Momellette tell you to
pick your socks up off the floor?

DICK

You should enter the contest. It's
a chance to meet Chef Ramsey.

LOUISE

Chef Ramsey never stops by our
station. He doesn't know we exist.

DICK

When you host a cooking show you
probably eat enough on set without
hitting crafty.

SHAN

Either that or someone brings him
his burritos.

LOUISE

I wish someone would bring me
burritos! Speaking of I've got to
feed Spot and drop off these bagels
to the shelter before my next gig.

SHAN

I don't know how you keep track of
all you do.

LOUISE

I've got a system of post-it notes
and reminder alarms, not to mention
my trusty GPS. Works good enough
for me.

Louise takes off her apron, grabs her purse and exits,
passing various departments on the sound stage.

SONG: "GOOD ENOUGH" (Up tempo, similar in tone to Billy
Joel's "Moving Out")

LOUISE (CONT'D)

I NEVER THOUGHT
I WOULD END UP HERE
FEEDING THE MASSES IN BULK
SOMETIMES IT GETS UNDER MY SKIN
AND I GO ALL INCREDIBLE HULK
I KEEP IT IN CHECK
I TOE THE LINE
ACTING LIKE EVERYTHING'S
GOING TO BE FINE
ANOTHER JOB I DONT CARE ABOUT
(MORE)

LOUISE (CONT'D)
 ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE ME DOUBT
 WHY I'M HERE
 DOING ALL THIS STUFF?
 MY BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH

IN HER HONDA

Louise in her beat up Honda driving to her next gig.

LOUISE
 WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT
 I WOULD LEARN TO COOK
 LITTLE MISS TRADER JOES?
 I STUDIED THE HOST
 ON THIS COOKING SHOW
 AND YOUTUBE VIDEOS

CLEANING AN APARTMENT KITCHEN

Louise at a house cleaning job. She discovers something gross in the fridge, tosses it in a bag wearing gloves.

LOUISE
 CLEANING APARTMENTS
 I TOE THE LINE
 ACTING LIKE EVERYTHING'S
 GOING TO BE FINE
 ANOTHER JOB I DONT CARE ABOUT
 WHEN I WANT TO SCREAM AND SHOUT
 I REMEMBER
 NOT TO GET IN A HUFF
 IT WILL HAVE TO BE GOOD ENOUGH
 MY BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH

GOOD ENOUGH
 TO GET ME BY
 GOOD ENOUGH
 TO FORGET WHY
 HE LEFT ME
 HE JILTED ME
 IT'S ALL OVER NOW
 HE BROKE MY HEART
 BUT IT'S ALL OVER NOW
 I'M TRYING TO FORGET
 ABOUT ALL THAT STUFF
 I GUESS I WASN'T
 GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM!
 LOWER MY EXPECTATIONS
 SO I'M NOT HURT AGAIN

AT THE HOMELESS SHELTER

Louise drops off bagels at the homeless shelter. Big smiles from the receivers. More smiles when she delivers several huge trash bags of recyclable plastic bottles.

LOUISE
 12 STEPPING AND COPING
 OREOS AND ICE CREAM
 AND KEEPING SUPER BUSY
 BUSY, BUSY AND CHEERFUL
 FAKING A SMILE
 AND IT'S ALL WORTH WHILE
 MY DAYS ARE WELL SPENT
 I CAN PAY MY OWN RENT
 AND ALL THAT STUFF
 MY LIFE IS GOOD ENOUGH

LOS ANGELES STREET

She drives past a billboard featuring her ex, MORGAN, getting punched in the face for his recent action movie. She doesn't stop to notice.

LOUISE
 MY LIFE IS GOOD ENOUGH
 IT HAS TO BE GOOD ENOUGH
 DOING MY BEST
 AND MY BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH
 GOOD ENOUGH WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH

HOME AT LOUISE'S APARTMENT

Louise arrives home to get love from Spot the puppy

LOUISE
 WHO NEEDS LOVE
 WHO NEEDS A GUY
 NO MORE ASKING MYSELF WHY
 I WAS NEVER GOOD ENOUGH
 THERE'S LOVE IN MY LIFE
 AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH
 THATS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME

Song over. Louise plays with her puppy, Spot, careful not to crush his broken leg.

LOUISE (CONT'D)
 Hi, Spot! I love you so much.

INT. LOUISE'S APARTMENT, DAY, LATER

Louise's colorful boho-chic one bedroom apartment is nicely laid out but crowded with the detritus from her various jobs. She navigates her way through several packages lined up with sales for eBay and Etsy. She irons clothes while video chatting with her older, married-with-children sister ERICA.

ERICA

Mom and I fly back tomorrow. She wants you to pick us up.

LOUISE

Aren't you getting a rental car?

ERICA

I can't make Mom wait for a rental with me. And don't even suggest getting an Uber. You know Mom.

LOUISE

Okay, I get it. I'll be there. Text me when you land. I'll meet you curbside.

ERICA

Oh my god, turn on your tv. Morgan's being interviewed. They're showing a clip of his movie.

Louise turns on the tv. Her ex celebrity fiancée MORGAN is in a fight sequence. Louise winces with every punch he gets.

ERICA (CONT'D)

Since when did Morgan become an action hero? Isn't it enough he rules tv comedy?

LOUISE

I can't watch this. I've got work to do. I'm finally selling the dress.

ERICA

Your wedding dress?

LOUISE

God no, I returned that. Lost the deposit even though I never wore it.