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CAST

ELSBETH: A witch of indeterminate age. The middle sister, appears to be in her 50s.

MARYANN: A witch of indeterminate age. The eldest sister, appears to be in her 60s.

SARITA: A witch of indeterminate age. The youngest sister, appears to be in her 40s.

Place:

A room in the sisters' suburban home.

Time:

Present day.

Setting: A work area, consisting of a table with a large pot, crock pot or cauldron, various bottles, packets and vials, several old books, wooden spoon, cloth.

At Rise: ELSBETH is stirring something in the pot. All characters wear modern, casual clothes. SARITA's are a bit more 'hip.'

ELSBETH: Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble...

MARYANN: *(entering)* Elsbeth, what the heck are you doing?

ELSBETH: Duh! I'm casting a spell.

MARYANN: We don't do that anymore.

ELSBETH: Maybe you don't but I do. Eye of newt...

MARYANN: Why?

ELSBETH: Why, what? *(looking at vials)* Eye of newt...

MARYANN: Why are you fooling around with the old spells?

ELSBETH: Eye of newt? It's not a spell, it's a potion.

MARYANN: Okay then, why are you fooling around with old potions?

ELSBETH: *(still looking)* It's that pesky MacBeth.

MARYANN: Robbie MacBeth?

ELSBETH: That's the one. Aha, eye of newt!

MARYANN: What did Robbie do? Beat you at bridge again?

ELSBETH: This isn't eye of newt. Now where the hell is it? *(looks again through vials)*

MARYANN: We haven't used that since the 1950s. I think you threw it out in 1986.

ELSBETH: Well, that was pretty stupid. Now I need it.

MARYANN: It was out of date. Try toe of salamander. Wait, why am I helping you?

ELSBETH: It's in the genes. You can't help yourself. Is this toe of salamander? *(holds up vial)*

MARYANN: *(sniffs vial)* No, that's tongue of toad.

ELSBETH: That'll do. *(sprinkles some into pot)*

MARYANN: You're going to have to add some sugar. Tongue of toad is pretty bitter.

ELSBETH: Yeah, I know. I thought I'd make some brownies. Robbie loves chocolate. And Robbie didn't beat me at bridge. That was Colin Duncan. He's had the high score for the last four weeks. *(she keeps checking vials and occasionally adds something)*

MARYANN: So what's Robbie's 'crime'?

ELSBETH: Dog poop.

MARYANN: Dog poop?

ELSBETH: Yeah, I'm pretty sure MacBeth is responsible for the dog poop.

MARYANN: That's crazy.

ELSBETH: No, it's not.

MARYANN: (*she gives ELSBETH a disbelieving look, then yells to offstage*) Sarita, get in here. Hurry!

SARITA: (*enters typing on phone or tablet*) What's so urgent? I'm right in the middle of something important.

MARYANN: *Candy Crush Saga* is not important.

SARITA: I'm not playing *Candy Crush Saga*. I'm bidding on an item on Ebay and there's lots of action so I want to make sure I get the last bid.

MARYANN: Not again! Really, Sarita, you need to get treatment for this. It's becoming an addiction.

SARITA: Says the person who can't pass a shoe store without buying at least one pair. (*typing on phone/pad*) Darn it, Maryann, you made me lose the bid.

MARYANN: Just as well. There's no place to put another piece of--what was it this time?

SAERITA: Doesn't matter. I lost the bid. What's got you all in a titter?

(*MARYANN points to ELSPETH who has been consulting an old book and is adding/checking ingredients*)

SARITA: For goddess's sake, Elsbeth, are you casting a spell?

ELSBETH: No, I'm making chicken soup. Of course I'm casting a spell. Well, actually, I'm making a potion - or trying to. Something's not right here. Tongue of toad's not working.

SARITA: Which potion is it?

ELSBETH: The MacBeth potion.

END OF FREEVIEW

You'll want to read and perform this show!