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JERRY RICHARDS is on stage, dressed as a troll, acting all troll-y and shit. HR DUDE walks on with a clipboard, and addresses THE THIRD PERSON.

HR DUDE

Hey, there's one person I still need to get paperwork from. Do you know Jerry Richards?

THE THIRD PERSON

Yeah, it's the guy over there.

HR DUDE

Thanks.

HR Dude begins to walk towards Jerry.

THE THIRD PERSON

Oh, hey. You should know - he, uh, doesn't break character at all while he's on set.

HR DUDE

Like a Daniel Day Lewis thing?

THE THIRD PERSON

Yeah, except he's just an extra. Kinda sad.

HR DUDE

Thanks for that helpful and explanatory piece of information.

THE THIRD PERSON

Cool, I'm gonna leave now.

THIRD PERSON leaves. HR DUDE approaches JERRY

HR DUDE

Hello, sir?

JERRY

(in character, as Troll)

Who dare disturbs Magnar,  
Bookkeeper of the Trolls!

HR DUDE

I work in HR for the production company shooting this movie, I was hoping to speak with Jerry Richards.

JERRY

My Troll knowledge tells me he usually shows up here around 8pm, or whenever it is shooting wraps for the day.

HR DUDE

Well, I work 9 to 5, so if you see him during those hours, let him know we need some information in order for him to get paid.

JERRY

To pay him, you say? Maybe Magnar, Bookkeeper of the Trolls can provide you with the information you seek.

HR DUDE

Cool, fill out this form, please.

JERRY

Magnar, Bookkeeper of the Trolls cannot read or write in your human language.

HR DUDE

So you want me to -

JERRY

Speak the questions to Magnar and Magnar will answer.

HR DUDE

Sure. Would Magnar happen to know Jerry's address?

JERRY

Well, Jerry is kind of in between places right now. Not unlike myself. You see I used to live under the bridge of Galdar, until it was destroyed in the Battle of Galdar Bridge. Now I'm looking for a new bridge to live under. Jerry's got a PO Box if that helps.

HR DUDE

That'll work. How about an emergency contact?

JERRY

Jerry is very much like Magnar the Bookkeeper of the Trolls. We're both loners, always have been. Feel more comfortable on our own, don't want to be a burden to the trolls, or humans, around us. Maybe you can put down Carl?

HR DUDE

Do you know Carl's last name, or relation to Jerry?

JERRY

His relation is he's the counter guy at the Planet Fitness Jerry goes to.

HR DUDE

The counter guy at the gym is his emergency contact?

JERRY

Yes. Jerry spends most of his time there. Not working out. It's where he showers and does other bathroom activities - on account of him living in his van for the time being until he finds a new bridge to live under.

HR DUDE

I thought you lived under a bridge.

JERRY

Jerry too.

HR DUDE

Wow, this Jerry guy sounds -

JERRY

Like a badass rebel, living on the edge? Yes, I'd say so. Much like me, Magnar, Bookkeeper of the Trolls. I had quite the rise to my position, you know.

HR DUDE

You don't say.

JERRY

Oh, yes. I was once so new and low status in Troll-town another troll

JERRY

asked me to answer his riddle to  
cross his bridge!

HR DUDE

Wow. Do you know Jerry's social?

JERRY

And I said - I will not answer your  
riddle, for I am Magnar, a master  
of riddles myself. Even though I  
knew the answer to his riddle was  
198-52-3636 - the same number as  
Jerry's social security identifier.

HR DUDE

Cool. Jerry's last place of  
employment?

JERRY

And he said, well I am Valdar,  
Bookkeeper of Trolls, and this is  
my bridge, Galdar Bridge! So, you  
can just go *artificially inseminate*  
*racehorses for a living just like*  
*Jerry Richards used to do for all I*  
care.

HR DUDE

Gross. Any dependents?

JERRY

And I said, well Valdar, you have  
met your match, I will take this  
bridge, and your place as  
Bookkeeper of Trolls by blood! And  
he said "just you try - I will  
defend this bridge to the death so  
I can pass it on to my *three*  
*children, Hannah, Vannah, and Jerry*  
*Richards Jr. who now goes by Jack*  
*because he's ashamed of his*  
*father.*"

HR DUDE

Dang, dude. That's cold blooded.  
Well, that's all the info I need so  
you - I mean (wink) Jerry can get  
paid. Good luck finding a new  
bridge to live under.

HR DUDE starts to leave.

JERRY

Do you want to be my friend?

HR DUDE

No thanks. I don't like trolls. I'm straight up racist against trolls.

JERRY

Would you want to be Jerry's friend?

HR DUDE

That guy doesn't sound very fun.

JERRY

No. No he isn't.

THE DIRECTOR walks on.

DIRECTOR

Oh, hey, HR Guy - I need you to go over what is and isn't considered sexual harassment with me again.

HR DUDE

Cool.

DIRECTOR

(to Jerry)

The, Troll extras have been wrapped for the day. you can go home.

JERRY

(finally breaks character)

Ok cool. See you tomorrow.

DIRECTOR and HR DUDE start to leave. HR DUDE turns back.

HR DUDE

Hey, Jerry.

JERRY

Yeah?

HR DUDE

I hope things work out for you. I really do.

JERRY

Thanks. Me too.

HR DUDE and DIRECTOR leave. Jerry stands there a moment, his cell phone rings - he gets excited when he sees who's calling.

JERRY

Jerry Jr! - I mean, Jack! So great  
to hear from you! How are you, my  
boy? -----What do you mean you  
*accidentally* called me?