**Tig in *Food Bank* by Simon Nye**

Tig is a volunteer at a food bank. She is showing a new volunteer, Roly (a middle-aged actor), the ropes.

Tig is full of energy and common sense, maybe a bit worthy, but with good intentions. It’s a comic role, but it needs someone who can play the truth of it too.

TIG

So how much do you know about our food bank?

ROLY

About as much as I know about my money bank or my prostate. I’m just bloody glad they’re there.

TIG

Yes, so in terms of the people who use the service here-4.

ROLY

Yup, I imagine they’re lovely but terribly downtrodden, am I right?

TIG

Well obviously they’re short of food so they usually feel under pressure.

ROLY

When we get a queue I’ll do a little skit for them, about how to buck up and keep cheerful.

TIG

No don’t do that.

ROLY

Oh. Right-y-oh. But I am keen to give something back.

TIG

That wouldn’t be giving back. That would be being annoying.

ROLY

You’re gaining in confidence, bravo. I’ll recite a poem then, maybe If - “If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster-

TIG

Please don’t recite If to a queue of people just wanting some food on their table.

ROLY

Then how about “And still I rise” channelling Maya Angelou?

TIG

No please don’t pretend to be Maya Angelou-

ROLY

“Climb Every Mountain” from the Sound of-”

TIG

Let’s just avoid mixing food provision and show-business.

ROLY

Have you not seen “Oliver!”? Very powerful.

TIG

Roly, the people who come here are often embarrassed and we just need to make them feel at ease.

ROLY

Right. Yes. I’m being an idiot.

TIG

No, just... please don’t make assumptions about people.

ROLY

Sorry.