Dear Producers:

The story of my attempt to make Chinese hot and sour soup makes me a perfect fit for America’s Worst Cooks.  I searched the Internet for an authentic recipe.  I had to find a Chinese grocery store to purchase the ingredients.  Once I had all the ingredients, I began combining them in a large pot.  For some reason, the soup was not thickening.   I re-read the recipe and thought there was a typo, so I added two additional tablespoons of cornstarch.  When the soup still did not thicken, I added two additional cups of cornstarch.  While I stirred, suddenly the soup turned into a solid brick and my spoon froze in the middle of it.  I had to throw the entire batch into the garbage can, including the pot.  I learned a valuable lesson, though: An amateur shouldn’t think he knows better than the person who created the recipe. Doesn’t this experience make me a truly awful cook who should be on your show?  
  
Sincerely,  
Awful Cook