SCENE 4 – On the Avenue

On the video screen: PURPOSE. Princeton looks at the screen.

Christmas Eve appears.

CHRISTMAS EVE

My purpose in life is to help people find themselves.

She disappears. Brian appears.

BRIAN

My purpose in life is to make people laugh. And make money doing it.

Brian disappears. Gary appears.

GARY COLEMAN

My greatest fear is that I already achieved my damn purpose in life. And now I'm just happy to walk out my front door with a little bit of self-respect.

Gary disappears. Lights up on the Avenue, where Princeton stands.

Kate Monster enters.

PRINCETON

Oh – hey, Kate Monster!

KATE MONSTER

Princeton! Hi!

PRINCETON

Say, Kate – can I ask you a question?

KATE MONSTER

Sure!

PRINCETON

What's your purpose in life?

KATE MONSTER

Oh! Well – I'm a kindergarten teaching assistant.

PRINCETON

Right. But what's your purpose? Your dream! Your mission!

KATE MONSTER

Nobody ever wants to know that!

PRINCETON

I do!

KATE MONSTER

(blushing)

Well, since you asked — No, I can't! I barely know you!

PRINCETON

Awww, come on!

KATE MONSTER

Okay.

#4b – Kate's Purpose

(Over tinkling music)

When I was a little Monster, I always wished I had a special place I could go. A special school, only for Monsters. The media only talks about the bad things Monsters do, but some of the most productive members of our society are People of Fur. So my dream is to start a special school, only for Monsters, where little Monsters can become part of the global community. So that, in short, is my purpose.

(Music ends. Beat.)

But I'm not an egghead! I like to have fun, and party —

PRINCETON

So you're, like, all into Monster stuff!

KATE MONSTER

Uh huh.

PRINCETON

Do you know Trekkie Monster upstairs?

KATE MONSTER

Uh huh!

PRINCETON

Well, he's Trekkie Monster, and you're Kate Monster.

KATE MONSTER

Right.

PRINCETON

You're both Monsters.

KATE MONSTER

Yeah.

PRINCETON

Are you two related?

KATE MONSTER

(shocked)

What? Princeton, I'm surprised at you! I find that racist!

PRINCETON

I'm sorry! I was just asking.

KATE MONSTER

Well, it's a touchy subject. No, not all Monsters are related. What are you trying to say — that we all look the same to you?

PRINCETON

No, not at all. I'm sorry, I guess that was a little racist.

KATE MONSTER

I should say so. You should be much more careful when you're talking about the sensitive subject of race.

#5 – *Everyone's A Little Bit Racist*

PRINCETON

Well, look who's talking!

KATE MONSTER

What do you mean?

PRINCETON

What about that special monster school you just told me about?

KATE MONSTER

What about it?

PRINCETON

Could someone like me go there?

KATE MONSTER

No, we don't want people like you —

(She gasps)

PRINCETON

You see!?

(sings)

YOU'RE A LITTLE BIT RACIST.

KATE MONSTER

WELL, YOU'RE A LITTLE BIT TOO!