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SAM WINCHESTER DEAN WINCHESTER

YOUNG SAM YOUNG DEAN

STEVIE CARSON GRANDPA CARSON MELINDA WALSH GRIMY SANTA RONNIE CHEERY ELF JIMMY CALDWELL JODIE CALDWELL * MR. SILER MADGE CARRIGAN EDWARD CARRIGAN MOLLY JOHNSON JARED PADALECKI JENSEN ACKLES

> KOLIN FORD RIDGE CANIPE

> > ZAK LUWIG DON MACKAY

CONNOR LEVINS

SPENCER GARRETT

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TEASER

FADE IN:

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INT. CARSON HOUSE - NIGHT (DAY 1)

SUPER: Seattle, Washington. Christmas Eve. One Year Ago.

A picture-perfect house smothered in glorious Christmas Technicolor. TREE alight, FIRE roaring, STOCKINGS over the hearth, etc. The DOORBELL rings and STEVIE CARSON, 7, tears into the foyer to answer the door. It's his grandfather, GRANDPA CARSON. Stevie bear hugs him.

> STEVIE Merry Christmas, Grandpa!

GRANDPA Hey! Merry Christmas, Stevie.

STEVIE Did you bring me any presents?

GRANDPA (feigning confusion) Now why would I do that?

STEVIE 'Cause it's Christmas!

GRANDPA I thought Santa Claus brought the presents on Christmas. (Stevie shrugs) You have been a good boy this year, haven't you?

STEVIE I have! I swear!

GRANDPA Then who knows? Maybe he'll come. (then) Those chocolate chip cookies I smell?

Stevie pulls Grandpa toward the kitchen.

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STEVIE Mom! Grandpa's here!

INT. CARSON HOUSE - LATER THAT NIGHT

The Christmas tree is dark, the house is quiet. Suddenly, the TWINKLE LIGHTS on the tree TURN ON. The room is suddenly bathed in a warm glow, REVEALING GRANDPA, wearing a full-on SANTA SUIT and affixing the BEARD to his chin with a smile (so we get a good look at his face before he disguises himself). He holds a SACK full of PRESENTS.

Grandpa looks mischievously to the bedrooms above as he RINGS a SLEIGH BELL in his hand. Then he begins laying PRESENTS around the tree.

Sure enough, seconds later, Stevie appears at the top of the stairs in REINDEER JAMMIES. He sits on the top step.

Stevie sees Santa/Grandpa and his eyes go wide as saucers.

STEVIE (whispered awe)

Santa!

Grandpa smiles to himself, lays more PRESENTS round the tree.

Then... THUMP. A SOUND on the ROOF. Stevie looks toward the ceiling, even more excited.

STEVIE

Reindeer!

Grandpa, however, isn't so sure. He looks to the ceiling. Frowns. What was that... the wind?

A beat.

He shrugs it off, pulls another PRESENT from his sack... and then sees SOMETHING. He freezes.

SOOT drizzles from the chimney into the fireplace.

Okay... <u>now</u> Grandpa's weirded out. What <u>is</u> that?

Grandpa warily approaches the chimney. He gets down on all fours... pokes his head beneath the flue for a better look... we draw this out for maximum suspense...

... when suddenly TWO FILTHY HANDS dart down from the chimney, grab his head and YANK HIM UPWARDS!

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GRANDPA SCREAMS! He disappears, HOWLING in pain, up the chimney. Maybe we hear the CRACK of bones. Anyway, it's fucking awful.

A dust-settling beat.

Off Stevie, not quite comprehending what he's just seen.

STEVIE

Santa...?

BLACKOUT!

END OF TEASER

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ACT ONE

EXT. WALSH HOUSE - DAY (DAY 2)

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Another home dripping with Christmas decor. MELINDA WALSH, 30s, stands on her front steps--

(NOTE: WE CLOCK a DISTINCTIVE WREATH on her FRONT DOOR that we don't pay much attention to.)

SUPER: One Year Later. December 22. Ypsilanti, Michigan.

MELINDA I was already in bed, Mike was downstairs decorating the tree. There was this thump on the roof... and then I heard Mike scream... (just unbelievable) And now I'm talking to the FBI.

REVEAL DEAN. In jacket and tie.

DEAN And you didn't see any of it?

MELINDA No. He was just... gone.

DEAN

And your doors were locked? No forced entry?

MELINDA That's right.

DEAN Does anyone else have a key?

MELINDA My parents.

DEAN Where do they live?

MELINDA

(dry) Florida.

Just then... SAM exits the front door, joins them.

SAM Thanks for letting me look around, Mrs. Walsh. We're all set.

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> DEAN We'll be in touch.

As Sam and Dean head down the front walk--

MELINDA

Agents? (they pivot) The police said this could be a kidnapping.

DEAN

Could be.

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MELINDA Then why haven't the kidnappers called? Or demanded a ransom? (choking up) It's three days to Christmas. What am I supposed to tell our daughter?

Sam and Dean aren't sure how to respond.

SAM We're very sorry.

Melinda nods. Heads back into the house. Sam and Dean continue to the curb. Speaking so no one overhears--

DEAN

Find anything?

SAM Stockings, mistletoe... and this...

Sam holds out a cupped hand.

CLOSE ON HIS HAND. A BLOODY MOLAR.

DEAN Where was it?

SAM The chimney.

DEAN What? But no way a man fits up there. It's too narrow.

SAM No way he fits in one piece.

Dean contemplates this ---

"A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 6. 3 CONTINUED: (2) 3 DEAN Huh. So if Dad went out the chimney...? SAM (finishing the thought) -- then what dragged him up there? Off the boys, wondering just that. INT. MOTEL ROOM - DAY 4 4 Sam works on the laptop. He's surrounded by RESEARCH. Dean enters. DEAN So? Was I right? Serial-killing chimney sweep? SAM Yeah... it was Dick Van Dyke. Dean starts to chuckle... then stops. DEAN Who's that? SAM Mary Poppins? DEAN (a beat) Who's that? SAM Never mind. DEAN So, turns out Walsh is the second guy in town grabbed out of his house this month ... SAM Other guy go up the chimney Yeah? too? DEAN Dunno. But witnesses heard a thump on the roof. (then) Any idea what the hell we're dealing with here?

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> SAM Well... (here goes nothing) ... an idea...

> > DEAN

What?

SAM It's gonna sound crazy.

DEAN What could possibly sound crazy to me?

SAM Evil Santa?

DEAN (a beat) You're crazy.

SAM I'm just saying, some version of an anti-Claus shows up in every culture. Belsnickel, Krampus, Black Peter... whatever you call it, there's tons of lore.

CLOSE ON: Sam's research. Period WOOD CUTS and ILLUSTRATIONS of the aforementioned creatures.

DEAN Saying what?

SAM

Saying back in the day, Santa's brother went rogue. Now he shows up around Christmas, but instead of bringing presents, he punishes the wicked.

DEAN By hauling their asses up the chimney.

SAM For starters, yeah.

DEAN (takes a beat) So, this is your theory? Santa's shady brother? "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 8. CONTINUED: (2) 4

> SAM I'm just saying, that's what the lore says.

DEAN But... how can he have a brother? There's no Santa.

SAM (pointed) Yeah. I know. You're the one who told me that in the first place, remember?

Dean remembers... and it's not a pleasant memory. They stare each other down for a moment.

> SAM Look, I'm probably wrong. I gotta be wrong.

DEAN Maybe. Maybe not.

SAM What do you mean?

DEAN

I did some digging. Both victims visited the same place before they were snatched.

SAM

Where?

EXT. SANTA'S VILLAGE - DAY

Sam and Dean walk beneath a HAND PAINTED ARCHWAY which reads "Welcome to Santa's Village".

Santa's Village is a fairly honky-tonk seasonal set-up on a local farm. Read: County Fair Cheap. A few wood-post candy canes; a few sheds, labeled with signs like "SANTA'S POST OFFICE," "REINDEER SHED," etc... PIMPLY-FACED TEENAGED ELVES... and no snow. In fact, Santa's Village is a little... brown.

Sam and Dean take in the Archway and decorations with weirdedout expressions.

> DEAN Does kinda lend credence to the theory, don't it?

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As they walk, Sam fixes on a PLASTIC REINDEER. As they move past it, WE PUSH IN ON THE REINDEER...

MATCH CUT TO:

6 INT. MOTEL ROOM - CHRISTMAS EVE - 1991 - FLASHBACK (FB D1) 6 *

A CARTOON REINDEER frolics in the snow on the TV. YOUNG DEAN, 12, peers anxiously outside the motel room window. Behind him, YOUNG SAM, 8, eagerly (and messily) wraps an UNSEEN PRESENT with NEWSPAPER.

SUPER: Broken Bow, Nebraska. Christmas Eve, 1991.

YOUNG DEAN (re: the present) What is that?

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YOUNG SAM Present for Dad.

YOUNG DEAN Yeah, right. Where'd you get the money? You steal it?

YOUNG SAM No! Uncle Bobby gave it to me to give to him. Said it was real special.

YOUNG DEAN What is it?

A pony.

YOUNG SAM

YOUNG DEAN Very funny.

Young Dean picks up a CLASSIC CAR MAGAZINE and starts leafing through it.

YOUNG SAM Dad's gonna be here, right?

YOUNG DEAN He'll be here.

YOUNG SAM But it's Christmas! "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 11. CONTINUED: 6

> YOUNG DEAN He knows, and he'll be here. I promise.

YOUNG SAM Where is he, anyway?

YOUNG DEAN On business.

YOUNG SAM What kind of business?

YOUNG DEAN You know that. He sells stuff.

YOUNG SAM What kind of stuff?

YOUNG DEAN

Stuff.

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YOUNG SAM Nobody ever tells me anything.

YOUNG DEAN (genial) Then you should quit asking.

A moment. Young Sam picks at the wrapping of Dad's Present. *

YOUNG SAM Is Dad a spy?

YOUNG DEAN Yeah. He's James Bond.

YOUNG SAM Why do we move around so much?

YOUNG DEAN (getting annoyed) 'Cause everywhere we go they get sick of your face.

YOUNG SAM I'm old enough, Dean. You can tell me the truth.

YOUNG DEAN You don't want to know the truth. Believe me. "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 12. CONTINUED: (2) 6

A long moment. Young Sam chooses his next words carefully.

YOUNG SAM ... is that why we never talk about Mom?

YOUNG DEAN (angry now) Shut up! Don't you ever talk about Mom! Ever!

Young Dean grabs his jacket. Heads for the door.

YOUNG SAM Wait! Where are you going?

YOUNG DEAN

Out.

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Dean leaves, slams the door shut behind him.

Off Young Sam, sitting on the bed, wondering what hell he just did that was so bad...

MATCH CUT TO:

EXT. SANTA'S VILLAGE - DAY - PRESENT DAY (RESUME DAY 2) 7

CLOSE ON: SAM. Remembering.

Meanwhile, Dean takes in the decidedly brown, muddy surroundings.

DEAN You know, for the ten bucks it cost to get in here, you'd think Santa could scrounge up a little snow.

Sam snaps out of it.

SAM Sorry, what?

DEAN Nevermind. What exactly are we looking for, anyway?

SAM Lore says the anti-Clause walks with a limp and smells like sweets.

DEAN We chasing Pimp Santa? Why sweets? "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 13. CONTINUED: 7

> SAM Smell like candy, the kids come close.

DEAN Okay. <u>That's</u> creepy. (then) How's this thing know who's been naughty and who's been nice?

SAM Don't know.

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DEAN (looking ahead) Actually. Maybe we do.

The boys have arrived at Santa's Court. A LINE OF KIDS wait eagerly to sit on Santa's lap. Santa, in this case, is a dodgy-looking guy we'll call GRIMY SANTA.

Grimy Santa sits on a THRONE. A little boy, RONNIE, sits on his lap. Grimy Santa creepily strokes Ronnie's back and looks deep into his eyes.

> GRIMY SANTA So, Ronnie... have you been a good little boy?

Ronnie nods yes. Grimy Santa cracks a creepy smile.

Oh, I've got a <u>special</u> present for you.

Dean and Sam exchange looks. Could be our guy. Just as a cheery female ELF, 17, steps in front of them.

CHEERY ELF Welcome to Santa's Court! Can I escort your child to Santa?

DEAN Oh, no. My brother. Sorta been a lifelong dream of his.

CHEERY ELF (to Sam) Aw, I'm sorry... no kids older than twelve. "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 14. CONTINUED: (2) 7

> SAM That's okay... he's joking. We just want to watch.

The Teenaged Elf shoots a questioning look at Dean, who just shrugs -- "don't look at me". She looks at Sam in disgust.

CHEERY ELF

<u>Ew</u>.

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Cheery Elf takes off. Dean loves it.

SAM (calling after her) Not what I meant! (to Dean) Thanks for that.

DEAN Check it out.

Grimy Santa has stepped off his throne and now walks past them. He moves with a distinctive limp.

DEAN You seeing this?

SAM Lots of people limp... right?

DEAN Tell me you didn't smell that. That was candy, man.

SAM Dude. That was Ripple. (unsure) I think. Had to be.

DEAN Maybe. We gonna take that chance?

Off Sam, wondering: is there really an anti-Claus?

EXT. SANTA'S VILLAGE - GRIMY SANTA'S TRAILER - NIGHT

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Santa's Village is long-closed for the night and the farm is still. The boys stake out the old TRAILER where Grimy Santa lives for the season. We see him PASS a lit window. Dean stifles a yawn. Sam passes him a thermos.

> SAM Caffeinate.

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> DEAN What time is it?

SAM Same as the last time you asked.

Dean tries to pour himself some coffee... it's empty.

DEAN Wonderful. (after a moment) Sam.

SAM

Yeah?

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DEAN Why are you the Boy Who Hated Christmas?

SAM

Dean--

DEAN Okay, I admit-- maybe we had a few bumpy holidays when we were kids...

SAM

("understatement") Bumpy?

DEAN

But that was then -- we'll do it up right this year.

SAM Look, you wanna have Christmas, knock yourself out. Just leave me out of it.

DEAN That'll be fun. Me and myself can make cranberry molds.

ANGLE ON: Grimy Santa's Trailer. Grimy Santa appears at a window, peers warily outside, then draws the curtains tight.

ANGLE ON: The boys, who throw each other a look.

DEAN What's up with St. Nicotine? "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 16. CONTINUED: (2) 8

Just then... A SCREAM SOUNDS from inside the trailer. The boys draw guns (keeping them behind their backs, mostly... cautious, smartly concealed) and move to the front door.

As they do, Sam looks at Dean, wry smile on his face.

DEAN (whispering) Something funny?

SAM Sort of. Mr. Gung-Ho Christmas is about to blow away Santa.

Dean shoots Sam a fake smile--"Ha, ha, not funny, asshole."

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INT. GRIMY SANTA'S TRAILER - CONTINUOUS

They THROW OPEN the unlocked trailer door, and the boys (again, guns tucked behind their backs) step in to see:

Grimy Santa sits on his sofa, in WIFE-BEATER and SANTA PANTS, sucking mightily from a 3-FOOT BONG... while watching a CHRISTMAS-THEMED PORNO MOVIE playing on the TV. Which was obviously the source of the SCREAM.

The guy's a pig, but not evil.

Grimy Santa notices them and freaks.

GRIMY SANTA The hell are you doing here!

Well... this is awkward. Neither brother knows what to say. And then, haltingly, Dean begins to sing.

> DEAN Silent night, Holy Night...

Sam looks at Dean like he's crazy. Dean shoots a look back--"start singing, crapwad". And Sam does.

> SAM AND DEAN All is well, all is bright...

They're horrible, they HUM some of the words, Dean keeps sneaking peeks at the porn... but Grimy Santa buys it. He lounges back, expels an enormous cloud of smoke and enjoys.

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10 INT. CALDWELL HOUSE - UPSTAIRS HALLWAY - NIGHT

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As "Silent Night" (a good, haunting version) continues to play, THE CAMERA FIXES ON THE CEILING of the second floor hallway... when a LOUD THUMP SOUNDS on the ROOF.

THE CAMERA TILTS DOWN to PICK UP JIMMY CALDWELL, 8 years old, emerging from his bedroom and staring up at the ceiling, hoping against hope...

11 INT. CALDWELL HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

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Jimmy pitter-patters into the living room, wipes the sleep from his eyes. He stops in the middle of the room, looks around. The tree is dark, all is quiet. Dang, must have been a false alarm. He turns to head back upstairs... when he spots--

The Fireplace. SOOT drifts down from the flue... as if SOMETHING were coming down the chimney. Jimmy steps a few paces closer, his eyes grow wide. Is that...? Could it really be...?

JIMMY Santa? You're early...

CLOSE ON JIMMY. As we hear an O.S. THUMP, as something is clearly coming out of the fireplace. Jimmy's expression changes from delight to horror... as a DARK FIGURE WIPES foreground frame... past Jimmy... heading for the steps...

12 INT. CALDWELL HOUSE - UPSTAIRS HALLWAY - NIGHT

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ANGLE ON: JIMMY'S PARENTS' BEDROOM DOOR. PICK UP ON a PAIR of GROSS, BLOODY, FUR-TINGED, LEATHERY BOOTS (think a primal version of Santa boots, the only part of the creature we see for now) moving into the Parents' Bedroom. The door closes. A moment later, SCREAMS OF HORROR sound from inside.

The door opens... out come those BOOTS... now dragging a LARGE, TWITCHING LEATHER SACK...

ANGLE ON: THE STAIRWAY. The BOOTS move downstairs... dragging the sack behind... THUNK... THUNK...

INT. CALDWELL HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

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ANGLE ON: JIMMY. Gobsmacked, as this THING moves past him (again, it's just a shape in the foreground) toward the chimney... and then suddenly stops as...

A FILTHY HAND reaches out... Jimmy freezes as the hand moves toward his neck... he holds his breath...

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> then the hand moves past Jimmy... to snatch a red and greenjimmied CHRISTMAS TREE COOKIE from a bowl... and eats it O.S. Crunch. Crunch.

Off frightened little Jimmy Caldwell, dumbstruck--

BLACKOUT!

END OF ACT ONE

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ACT TWO

14 INT. CALDWELL HOUSE - DAY (DAY 3)

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Sam and Dean, again pretexting as FBI agents, interview JODIE CALDWELL. Jodie is the wife of the man taken the night before and she's hurting. She's also got a bruise on her cheek, or maybe a black eye.

JODIE

I guess there was a thump on the roof or something, that's what my son says. All I know is I was asleep... and suddenly Al's being dragged out of bed.

SAM Did you see the attacker?

JODIE (shakes her head, no) It was dark, and he... he hit me. Knocked me out.

DEAN How's your son hanging in there?

JODIE

Besides thinking Santa Claus dragged his daddy up the chimney? Swell.

DEAN I'm sorry. I know this is hard.

JODIE

(softening) It's not your fault. It's just, all you boys coming through here with all your questions, be nice if one of you had an answer.

They let this settle for a beat. Then Sam happens to glance over Jodie's shoulder, sees something. Reacts.

SAM Excuse me, Mrs. Caldwell? Where'd you get that wreath over the fireplace?

Jodie returns Sam's question with a disbelieving glare.

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JODIE

Excuse me?

SAM Just... curious.

Sam looks to Dean-- "what'd I say?"

INT. MOTEL ROOM - DAY

Dean and Sam enter the motel room--

DEAN

Wreaths, huh? Sure you didn't want to ask about her shoes? I noticed some sweet handbags in the foyer.

SAM We've seen that wreath before.

DEAN

Where?

SAM The Walshes. Yesterday.

Dean takes a beat. Covering--

DEAN I know. I was just testing you.

TIME CUT TO:

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INT. MOTEL ROOM - DAY

Sam is on the phone. Dean stands by.

SAM (on phone) Yeah, okay... keep looking, would you? Thanks, Bobby. (he disconnects) Well, it's not the anti-Claus.

DEAN Why? What'd Bobby say?

SAM That we're morons. (then) He also said those wreaths were probably made of Meadowsweet. 15

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DEAN

Wow. Amazing. What's Meadowsweet?

SAM

Pretty rare-- and pretty much the most powerful plant in Pagan lore.

DEAN

<u>Pagan</u> lore?

SAM

They used Meadowsweet in human sacrifices. It was like chum to their gods. The gods were drawn to it, snacked on the nearest human.

DEAN

So why the hell is somebody using it to make Christmas wreaths?

SAM

It's not as crazy as it sounds. Pretty much every Christmas tradition <u>is</u> Pagan.

DEAN

But... Christmas is Jesus's birthday.

SAM

Nah, Jesus was probably born in the fall. It was the Winter Solstice Festival that was co-opted by the Church, re-named Christmas. But the yule log, the tree, Santa's red suit... all remnants of Pagan worship.

DEAN

Jeez, Sam, why don't you just tell me the Easter Bunny's Jewish?

SAM

Actually, Easter Bunny's a Pagan fertility symbol.

DEAN

Debbie. <u>Downer</u>. (then) So... we dealing with a Pagan God here or what? "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 22. CONTINUED: (2) 16

> SAM Yep. Probably "Hold Nickar." God of the Winter Solstice.

DEAN

And all these Martha Stewart wannabes buying these fancy wreaths...

SAM They're pretty much hanging neon signs on their front doors saying, 'Come Kill Us', yeah. (then) And when you sacrifice to Hold Nickar, guess what he gives you in return?

DEAN Lapdances... hopefully?

SAM

Mild weather.

DEAN

Like no snow in the middle of December... in the middle of Michigan.

SAM

For instance.

And that pretty much settles it.

DEAN

We know how to kill it yet?

SAM

Bobby's working on it. But I found the one place in town that sells these wreaths.

DEAN

You think they're selling 'em on purpose? Feeding victims to this thing?

SAM Let's find out. "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 23.

17 INT. CRAFT STORE - DAY

If evil lurks here... it's hiding behind a reindeer tea cozy. This place is all CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS and DRIED FLOWERS. Sam and Dean enter. A no-nonsense man, MR. SILER, 40s, stands at the counter.

> MR. SILER Help you, boys?

DEAN Hope so. We were playing Jenga over at the Walshes the other night, and he hasn't shut up since about this Christmas wreath they had. (to Sam) Tell the man.

Sam has no choice but to play along. With a slow burn--

SAM It was yummy.

Mr. Siler eyes the boys for a beat.

MR. SILER

I sell a lot of wreaths, guys.

SAM

Yeah, but this one was really special. Green leaves, white buds. I think it's Meadowsweet...?

Mr. Siler gives Sam a long, deadpan look. Beat.

MR. SILER (dry as hell) Well. Aren't you a fussy one.

DEAN (stifles a grin) He is.

MR. SILER Anyway, I know the one you're talking about. We're all out.

Dean steps forward. A POINTED BEAT of SUSPICION here--

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> DEAN So I guess this Meadowsweet stuff's rare, pretty expensive. So why use it in the wreaths?

MR. SILER Beats me. I didn't make 'em.

Oh. Maybe this guy's innocent.

DEAN Oh. Then... who did?

MR. SILER Madge Carrigan. Local lady. Said the wreaths were so special, she'd give 'em to me for free.

The boys exchange looks. That's odd.

SAM She didn't charge you?

MR. SILER

Nope.

DEAN Did you sell them for free?

MR. SILER Hell, no. It's Christmas. People pay a buttload for this crap.

DEAN (takes a beat) That's the spirit.

INT. MOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Sam and Dean walk in the door.

DEAN So, whaddya think? Some woman giving away thousand dollar wreaths for free?

SAM I think it's suspicious, that's what I think.

As Sam moves past him to sit at the laptop, Dean decides to make another go. He puts on a smile.

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> DEAN Remember that one wreath Dad brought home?

SAM What, the one he stole? From the liquor store?

DEAN It was made of beer cans, it was sweet. (then, pointed) I'm sure if I looked hard enough, I could find one just like it ...

Sam finally wants to get to the bottom of this --

SAM

Dude. What's up with Alright. you?

DEAN

What?

SAM

Since when are you Bing Crosby, all of a sudden? Why do you wanna have Christmas so bad?

DEAN

Why are you so against it? Your childhood memories that traumatic?

SAM It has nothing to do with that.

DEAN

Then what?

SAM (evasive) Look ... I don't get it. You haven't brought up Christmas in years.

Dean struggles a beat before--

DEAN Yeah, but... this is my last year...

Sam takes a long beat. This is hard for him too.

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> SAM Exactly. (long beat) That's... that's why I can't do it.

DEAN What do you mean?

SAM I... I can't sit around, drinking egg nog with you, pretending nothing's wrong, knowing that by next Christmas you'll be dead. I just... I can't.

Dean gives his brother a long, emotional look. Sam doesn't know what else to say...

CLOSE ON SAM. As we--

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. MOTEL ROOM - CHRISTMAS EVE - 1991 - FLASHBACK (FB D1) 19

YOUNG SAM. Watches TV. Young Dean enters with BAG OF FOOD.

YOUNG SAM Thought you went out.

Young Dean tosses Young Sam some BEEF JERKY.

YOUNG DEAN Yeah. To get you dinner. (tossing him FUNIONS) Don't forget your vegetables.

Young Sam leaves the food untouched. Young Dean tears into his.

YOUNG SAM I know why you keep a gun under your pillow.

YOUNG DEAN No, you don't. And stay out of my stuff.

YOUNG SAM And I know why we lay salt down everywhere we go.

YOUNG DEAN No, you don't, Sam.

"A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 27. 19 CONTINUED: 19 Young Sam pulls SOMETHING out from behind his back. He drops it on the bedside table between them. It's DAD'S JOURNAL. YOUNG DEAN Where'd you get that? That's Dad's! He is gonna kick your ass for reading that! But Young Sam doesn't flinch. YOUNG SAM Are monsters real? YOUNG DEAN What? You're crazy. YOUNG SAM Tell me. A long moment follows. Young Dean sighs. The jig is up. YOUNG DEAN I swear if you ever tell Dad I told you any of this I will end you. YOUNG SAM Promise. YOUNG DEAN Okay. The first thing you have to know is, we have the coolest Dad in the world. (then) He's a superhero. Young Sam blinks, wavers between suspicion... and hope. YOUNG SAM He is? YOUNG DEAN Yeah. Monsters <u>are</u> real, Sam. Dad fights 'em. He's fighting 'em right now. YOUNG SAM (a beat) But Dad told me the monsters under my bed weren't real.

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> YOUNG DEAN That's 'cause he'd already checked under there. But they're real. Almost everything's real.

YOUNG SAM (a beat) Is Santa real?

YOUNG DEAN (simply)

No.

Young Sam takes a moment to process all that Dean has just dropped on him. It scares the hell out of him.

YOUNG SAM If monsters are real... they can get us. They can get me.

YOUNG DEAN No, Dad's not gonna let them get you.

YOUNG SAM But what if they get <u>him</u>!?

YOUNG DEAN They're not gonna get Dad. Dad's like the best.

But-- Dad's book says they got Mom.

That floors Dean for a sec. What to say to that?

YOUNG DEAN It's complicated, Sam.

YOUNG SAM But if they got Mom they can get Dad. And if they can get Dad, they can get us!

YOUNG DEAN It's not like that... Dad's fine. We're fine. Trust me.

But it's too late. Young Sam's mind swims with all the horrible things that could befall Dad... and them. His eyes well up with tears, he turns from Young Dean to hide it. "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 29. CONTINUED: (3) 19

> YOUNG DEAN Hey. You okay?

YOUNG SAM (fighting it) Yeah.

YOUNG DEAN You know Dad's okay, right? And he's gonna be here for Christmas. Just like he always is.

YOUNG SAM Uh huh. I just wanna go to sleep, okay?

Young Sam lays his head on his pillow, facing away from Dean. Tears stream down his cheeks. Young Dean feels awful for the terrible weight he's just loaded on Young Sam's shoulders.

> YOUNG DEAN (softly) It'll all be better when you wake up, Sam. You'll see. (a beat, with purpose) Promise.

Off the two brothers, one sobbing quietly, the other feeling like crap... both wondering just one thing: where's Dad?

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

20 EXT. CARRIGAN HOUSE - DAY - PRESENT (DAY 4)

Just the most-perfect little house you've ever seen. A MOTORIZED SANTA CLAUS on the front lawn waves blankly at passers-by. A hand-painted sign on the mailbox reads, "The Carrigans". Sam and Dean walk up the path to the front door.

DEAN

So, this is where Mrs. Wreath lives? Can't you just feel that evil Pagan vibe?

Sam KNOCKS on the front door. After a moment, the door opens to REVEAL MADGE CARRIGAN, 40s. Sweater-set, pearls... she's about as evil as skim milk. The only thing just a little bit off about her is the huge smile permanently glazed across her face.

MADGE

Yes?

Dean flashes his most-winning smile.

DEAN

Please tell me you're the Madge Carrigan who makes the Meadowsweet wreaths.

MADGE

Why, yes.

Dean shoots a triumphant look at Sam.

DEAN

Bingo.

SAM Ma'am, we were just admiring your wreaths in Mr. Siler's place the other day.

As Sam speaks, Dean casually peeks over Madge's shoulder into her living room. What he sees is disgustingly sweet: HUMMEL FIGURINES, BOUGHS OF HOLLY, SUGAR COOKIES, etc.

> MADGE You were? Isn't that Meadowsweet

just the finest smelling thing you've ever smelled?

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SAM

It is. Unfortunately, your wreaths sold out before we got a chance to buy one.

MADGE

Oh, fudge.

DEAN You wouldn't happen to have another one you could sell us, would you?

MADGE I'm afraid those were the only ones I had this season.

DEAN Tell me-- why'd you decide to make 'em with Meadowsweet?

MADGE Why, the smell, of course. [I don't think I've ever smelled anything finer.

Sam looks to Dean ... is something a little off here?

SAM Yeah... you mentioned that.

EDWARD (0.S.) What's going on, honey?

Madge's husband, EDWARD CARRIGAN, appears by her side. CARDIGAN SWEATER, WOOD PIPE. Except he's got that same unnatural smile.

> MADGE Just some nice boys asking about my wreaths, dear.

EDWARD Oh, the wreaths are fine. Fine wreaths.

Mr. Carrigan brandishes A TIN OF CHRISTMAS SWEETS.

EDWARD Peanut brittle?

Sam and Dean stand there, exchanging weird looks. Long beat. *

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SAM

We're good.

21 INT. MOTEL ROOM - DAY

Dean sits on his bed and sharpens a PILE OF EVERGREEN STAKES with a HUNTING KNIFE. Sam sits in front of his laptop.

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SAM

(re: computer) I knew it. Something was way off with those two.

DEAN What'd you find?

SAM

The Carrigans lived in Seattle last year-- where two abductions took place around Christmas. They moved here in January. (then)

And all that Christmas crap in their house? Those weren't boughs of holly. That was Vervain and Mint.

DEAN Pagan stuff?

SAM

Serious Pagan stuff.

DEAN

What? Ozzie and Harriet keeping the Pagan God under the plasticcovered couch?

SAM All I know is, we have to check them out. (re: the stakes) So Bobby's sure? Evergreen stakes will kill this thing?

Dean grips a STAKE with DEADLY MENACE.

DEAN

He's sure.
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22 INT. CARRIGAN HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - THAT NIGHT 22

The FRONT DOOR CLICKS, as a lock is picked... Sam and Dean slip into the house, holding the EVERGREEN STAKES. They move, stealth and silent, into--

23 INT. CARRIGAN HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

The room is dark. The Carrigans seem to be elsewhere.

Sam and Dean enter the room, look around. Sure enough, a PLASTIC COVERED SOFA. Dean pokes it with his finger.

DEAN See? Plastic.

They keep scouring the room... past the Hummel figurines, the row of decorative Princess Diana plates... and of course, the Christmas TREE... all done in that beautifully tacky, Middle America way...

When Sam finds something ... a DOOR against the wall ...

SAM Check it out.

CLOSE ON. The door is CLEARLY BOLTED, with a couple HEAVY DUTY LOCKS along the edge.

The boys exchange looks. Bolted doors are always suspicious.

Sam gets to work, quickly picking the basement door lock.

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INT. CARRIGAN HOUSE - HIDDEN BASEMENT - NIGHT

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Sam and Dean carefully descend the steps, taking in--

A dark, dank unfinished basement. Damp, dirt floors, unfinished walls, shadowy crevices leading who-knows-where... and BONES. HUMAN BONES. And not the bleached, sun-baked kind. Gristly, half-gnawed, blood-stained BONES.

Sam and Dean pick their way through the darkness, stakes raised, grimacing at the stench.

Sam takes out a small MAG-LITE, it lands on ... what is that?

Hanging on a hook... a RED, LEATHERY JACKET. As if skinned from an animal with a dull knife. Fur lined. It's red because it's stained with blood.

Sam touches it, wipes his hand.

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Then Dean swings his flashlight beam to--

A HUGE, LEATHERY SACK. The bottom of it wet with BLOOD. Bulging with... who knows? Dean approaches, carefully unlooses the drawstrings, looks inside... and immediately recoils. What he just saw, it's too gnarly for words.

Sam spots ANOTHER ONE. In a corner. He moves closer to inspect, reaches for the drawstrings when, suddenly, the SACK TWITCHES! Jump Scare! Sam stumbles back. Holy Shit!

In fact, he stumbles back-- right into MADGE CARRIGAN! He pivots, but she GRIPS him by the throat. Sam STRUGGLES, but she's impossibly strong!

DEAN

Sam!

Dean steps forward, but two HANDS GRAB him from behind--REVEAL Edward Carrigan-- who shoves Dean face first into a wall or pillar, knocking him out. We should wince. Ouch.

Madge gives Sam a disappointed look. Edward steps behind her.

MADGE Gosh, I wish you boys hadn't come down here.

Both Edward's and Madge's FACES TWIST into something UGLY and INHUMAN.

She BACKHANDS SAM-- a neck-snapper, something that would knock him COLD. On BRUTAL IMPACT, we--

BLACKOUT!

END OF ACT THREE

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ACT FOUR

25 INT. CARRIGAN HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT

Sam and Dean stir awake to the YULETIDE CROONINGS of BING CROSBY on the RADIO. They're bound to chairs and seated at a FARM TABLE in the Carrigan's kitchen.

The table is decorated with a mash-up of pagan ritual objects (ANIMAL JAWBONES, MISTLETOE, GARLANDS) and Christmas goodies (JELL-O MOLDS, CRANBERRY SLICES, PECAN PRALINES). In all, the whole tableau is a kind of PAGAN ALTAR.

As ANGRY WHISPERS SOUND from another room, Dean raises his head.

SAM You okay?

DEAN Yeah. I think.

SAM So. Guess it's Mr. and Mrs. God. Nice to know.

The WHISPERS STOP. FOOTSTEPS. And, suddenly, Madge and Edward (faces back to normal) loom over the boys. Madge wears PEARLS and a BLINKING RUDOLPH PIN. Edward wears a SNOWFLAKE SWEATER and sucks on his beloved PIPE. Both wear strained smiles.

MADGE

And here we thought you lazy bones were going to sleep straight through the fun stuff.

DEAN And miss all this? Nah. We're partiers.

EDWARD (to Madge) Isn't he a kick in the pants? (to Dean) You're <u>Hunters</u>.

DEAN And you're pagan gods. So whaddya say we call this a draw and go our separate ways? *

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EDWARD

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So you can bring back more Hunters and kill us? I don't think so.

SAM

Yeah, well, maybe you should have thought of that before you went snacking on people.

EDWARD Now, now, don't get all wet.

MADGE

Why, we used to take over a hundred tributes a year, and that's a fact! Now what do we take? Two? Three?

EDWARD Hardy Boys here make five.

MADGE Still. That's not so bad, is it?

DEAN You know, put it that way, you're the Cunninghams.

Edward picks up a mean-looking knife.

You, young man, should show some respect.

SAM Or what? You'll eat us?

EDWARD Not so fast. There's rituals to be followed first.

MADGE We're just <u>sticklers</u> for ritual.

EDWARD

And the whole she-bang kicks off with Meadowsweet.

DEAN Well, shucks, you're fresh outta wreaths. Guess we gotta call off the sacrifice.

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Don't be such a Gloomy Gus. Here.

Madge and Edward reveal STRANDS of Meadowsweet, which they drape around the boys' necks, like untied scarves, or Jewish tallits.

MADGE Don't they just look darling?

EDWARD Good enough to eat. (then) Alright. Step two--

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Edward CARVES a line across Sam's ARM. Catching the blood into a WOODEN BOWL. Sam SHOUTS in pain.

DEAN

Sammy! (to Edward) Leave him alone, you sonofabitch!

EDWARD

(to Madge)
You hear how they talk to us? To
Gods?
 (to Dean)
Listen here, mister. Back in the
day, we were worshipped by
millions...

DEAN

Yeah, well, times change--

EDWARD

You're right about that. Suddenly, this Jesus kid's the trendy new thing. Suddenly, our altars were burned. We were hunted like common monsters--

MADGE

But did we say peep? No, we did not. Two millennia, we've kept a low profile, we got jobs, a mortgage... we play bridge Tuesdays and Fridays, we-- what's the word dear?

EDWARD We assimilated. "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 38. CONTINUED: (3) 25

She takes the knife from her husband.

MADGE That's right. We assimilated. (cheery) We're just like everybody else!

DEAN Trust me, lady, you ain't blending in as smooth as you think.

She grabs Dean's arm.

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MADGE This might pinch a bit, dear.

She CARVES INTO DEAN'S ARM WITH THE KNIFE... making sure to catch the DRIPPING BLOOD in the same WOODEN BOWL.

DEAN Agghh! You bitch!

MADGE Now, now. Somebody owes a nickel to the swear jar.

Madge leans close to Dean's ear, like a mother quietly offering advice to a child.

MADGE You know what <u>I</u> say when I feel like swearing? Fudge.

DEAN I'll try to remember that.

Edward pulls a pair of WICKED-LOOKING PLIERS from his pocket.

EDWARD

You boys have no idea how lucky you are. Used to be, kids would line up a mile deep to be sitting where you are.

He starts to inspect Sam's fingers one by one ...

SAM (eyeing those pliers) Uh... what are you gonna do with those?

But Dean's busy. Madge takes hold of his other arm...

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DEAN

(to Madge, steely) Lady, I swear to my god you fudging touch me again and I will fudging kill you dead.

MADGE

Very good!

Madge CARVES INTO THIS ARM LIKE THE OTHER.

DEAN

Aaagh!

Edward RIPS SAM'S FINGERNAIL OFF with a savage yank.

SAM

Aaggh!

Edward studies the fingernail appreciatively before dropping it in the bowl.

MADGE What else, honey?

Edward counts to himself.

EDWARD

Fingernail, blood... sweet Peter on a popsicle stick! We almost forgot the tooth.

Dean and Sam look at each other... are you fucking kidding me? Madge takes the pliers, narrows her eyes at Dean.

Dean turns to Sam, they're both hurting bad.

DEAN (grim) Having a good Christmas?

Sam sort of weakly shrugs. Madge pins Dean's head down, sticks the pliers into his mouth... and clamps down on a molar when...

DING-DONG!

Madge and Edward freeze. Dean looks wildly toward the front door.

DEAN (mouth full of pliers) Sufbudy onna et that? "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 40. CONTINUED: (5) 25

Madge and Edward exchange looks. Maybe whoever it is will leave. But the DOORBELL RINGS again... DING-DONG!

26 INT./EXT. CARRIGAN HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

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The front door swings open to reveal the Carrigans, once again beaming sweetly with holiday joy.

MOLLY Merry Christmas!

REVEAL ON THEIR DOORSTEP, their neighbor, MOLLY JOHNSON. Wearing a REINDEER SWEATER. Proudly holding forth a FRUITCAKE.

> EDWARD Told you I smelled fruitcake!

MADGE You shouldn't have!

MOLLY Oh, bite your tongue! It's my pleasure.

EDWARD It looks sca-rumptious!

MOLLY Say, Neil and I were about to go caroling, care to join?

MADGE Oh, you know we would.

EDWARD It's just my back. Darn thing's giving me fits.

Molly juts out her lower lip like she feels his pain.

MOLLY Aw, that's a shame. Well, Merry Christmas.

MADGE And to you too, dear.

As Molly walks away...

MOLLY We'll see you tomorrow for bridge?

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EDWARD

With bells on!

The Carrigans shut the door. Alone in their living room, the smiles disappear. The Fruitcake is unceremoniously dropped onto a side table... THUNK. They turn to the kitchen... where were we?

27 INT. CARRIGAN HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

The Carrigans enter... but Sam and Dean are gone! All that remains are the goodies, a tangle of rope... and those damn sharp PLIERS, on top of the rope pile.

28 INT. CARRIGAN HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Sam and Dean frantically barricade the door to the kitchen... just as the Carrigans SLAM AGAINST IT from the other side... the door holds, but barely.

> DEAN Dude. What do we do?

SAM We need evergreen!

DEAN Stakes are gone, dude!

Sam looks around the room, searching for anything that could be useful... yes.

I think I just found us some more.

Dean follows Sam's look ... to THE CHRISTMAS TREE. Of course.

They slide a HEAVY DRESSER or COUCH or something in front of the POUNDING kitchen door.

They rush to the beautifully-decorated tree, start ripping off branches. Decimating the tree.

The KITCHEN DOOR. POUND. POUND. POUND. Straining AGAINST its HINGES.

Newly re-armed with crude BRANCHES (some ornaments still attached), Sam and Dean pivot back to the kitchen door. Ready for the onslaught.

The KITCHEN DOOR. POUND. POUND. POUND.

When suddenly... the DOOR STOPS. QUIET.

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Sam and Dean exchange wary looks. A beat. Then--

Edward CHARGES through a DOOR BEHIND the boys, DECKS Dean to the floor! OOF! Dean's BRANCH lands out of his grasp--

Madge follows, approaching Sam, slower, revenge in her eyes.

MADGE You little <u>thing</u>. I <u>loved</u> that tree...

She LUNGES! But Sam suddenly twists and swings the HEAVY BRANCH at her knees. She spills to the floor... Sam's on top of her... she grasps for his throat (enraged, violent... maybe 28 Days Later style, if it looks cool?) but he's already swinging his branch for the kill... UGH! Into her heart. She dies.

EDWARD

Madge!!

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He's still on top on Dean, but this gives Dean the distraction he needs... Dean REACHES for the BRANCH. Gets it, and SWINGS it across Edward's face like a BAT! CR-RACK!

Edward reels, ROLLING off Dean... Dean's over him in a heartbeat, SHOVING the BRANCH into Edward's CHEST! He dies.

The branch juts into the air over Edward's corpse. A SINGLE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT quivers at its tip. Jingle. Jingle.

Off the boys - bruised, bloody, panting... staring down at the dead gods. Then Sam says, exhausted--

SAM Merry Christmas.

BLACKOUT!

END OF ACT FOUR

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ACT FIVE

INT. MOTEL ROOM - CHRISTMAS EVE - 1991 - <u>FLASHBACK</u> (FB D1) 29 *

CLOSE ON: YOUNG SAM. He sleeps. A HAND touches his shoulder to wake him up. It's Young Dean.

> YOUNG DEAN Hey! Sam! Wake up!

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Young Sam sleepily rolls over. And suddenly, his eyes pop open. He bolts up in bed. The room is totally decked out for Christmas. A TREE. LIGHTS. PRESENTS.

> YOUNG DEAN Dad was here! Look what he brought!

YOUNG SAM Dad was here?

YOUNG DEAN Yeah! Look at this! We made a killing!

YOUNG SAM Why didn't he wake me up?

He tried to like a thousand times.

YOUNG SAM

He did?

YOUNG DEAN Did I tell you he would give us Christmas or what?

All these presents ... Young Sam can't really argue with that.

YOUNG DEAN Go on! Dive in!

Young Sam dives into the pile and greedily starts unwrapping a present. He stares at it in confusion.

YOUNG DEAN What is it?

YOUNG SAM Malibu Barbie. "A Very Super. Xmas" Prod. Draft - White 09/28/07 44. 29 CONTINUED: 29

YOUNG DEAN

(shrugs) Dad probably thinks you're a girl.

YOUNG SAM

Shut up.

YOUNG DEAN Open that one.

Young Sam opens it. It's a TWIRLING BATON COMPLETE WITH RAINBOW COLORED TASSELS. He's beginning to catch on to what's what here.

YOUNG SAM Dad never showed, did he?

YOUNG DEAN Yeah, he did. I swear.

YOUNG SAM Dean... where'd you get all this stuff?

After all these two have been through tonight, there's no point keeping up the lie.

YOUNG DEAN

(softly) Nice house up the block. But I swear I didn't know they were chick presents.

Sam nods. Looking down at the baton.

YOUNG DEAN Look, I'm sure Dad woulda been here if he could.

YOUNG SAM If he's alive.

YOUNG DEAN Don't say that. 'Course he's alive. He's Dad.

Young Sam nods. Then he gets an idea. A life-changing, * relationship-altering idea: he retrieves the PRESENT he wrapped for Dad... and hands it to Young Dean. Gives Dean a * small, appreciative smile. *

YOUNG SAM Here. Take this.

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> YOUNG DEAN No, no. It's for Dad.

YOUNG SAM (simply) Dad lied to me. I want you to have it.

YOUNG DEAN

You sure?

YOUNG SAM

I'm sure.

Young Dean opens the present. It's the AMULET NECKLACE. Draw this out a bit to emphasize the significance.

> YOUNG DEAN Thanks, Sam. I love it.

Young Dean begins to fasten the necklace around his neck ...

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. MOTEL ROOM - NIGHT (DAY 5)

CLOSE ON: Dean's AMULET NECKLACE.

As Dean swings open the door to the motel room, carrying a case of beer. And he stops, surprised. Because --

The room has been magically-transformed, Winchester-style, into a little slice of Christmas. A WOBBLY CHRISTMAS TREE stands in a corner, strung with GARLANDS OF MICROWAVE POPCORN and TWINKLE LIGHTS. AIR-FRESHENER ORNAMENTS. Sam shakes a plastic container of eggnog. Dean is amazed.

> SAM You get the beer?

DEAN What's this?

SAM What do you think it is? It's Christmas.

DEAN What changed your mind?

Sam doesn't want to say the real answer -- that he's granting * * his brother his dying wish-- so he only takes a quiet, evasive beat, before changing the subject --

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You like?

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> SAM (with a warm smile) Actually? Yeah.

Dean checks out what Sam got him. ZAGNUTS and a QUART OF MOTOR OIL.

DEAN Fuel for me, fuel for my baby. These are awesome.

SAM

Cool.

Sam is pleased that Dean is pleased. This being Dean's last Christmas and all.

Dean lifts a glass of eggnog for a toast.

DEAN Merry Christmas, Sam.

Sam holds his glass up too. There's so much more to say... but why spoil a good toast?

> SAM Merry Christmas.

They drain their cups. Dean pours some more. Sam fidgets, he wants to say <u>something</u>.

SAM

Hey, Dean...?

DEAN

Dean waits for Sam to say something else. Sam fumbles for the words. Really, where to begin? So he just smiles.

SAM Feel like watching the game?

DEAN

Sure.

Dean turns on the TV. As he sits back and both brothers * settle in...

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ANGLE. WE PULL BACK... OUTSIDE THE ROOM... SNOW FLURRIES BEGIN TO FALL... the cheap tree blinks in the window... the * television flickering... a true Winchester Family Christmas. *

FADE TO BLACK.

TO BE CONTINUED...