"A MERRY SCARY HOLIDAY CARD"

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FADE IN:

EXT. FULL MOON - NIGHT

Earth's natural satellite composed of deep craters and dark maria spots illuminates in the dark sky from high above.

EXT. STONE PATIO - MOMENTS LATER

An open outdoor living space composed of blue stone pavers is encapsulated by a protective RETAINING ROCK WALL. In the b.g. Pine trees decorated with CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

Centered in the middle of the patio is a circular FIRE PIT. CRACKLING sounds occur from the chemical combustion. Tiny YELLOW AMBERS drift upwards in the sky.

HOWLING WOLF sounds echo deep within the forest. Pine trees branches SHAKE back and forth from a gust of cold air.

FIRE PIT continues to burn.

BARE FEET elegantly decorated with RED and GREEN toe nail polish are placed directly on the granite FIRE PIT rim.

EXT. ADIRONDACK CHAIRS

Two wooden chairs butt the rim of the fire pit. The right chair is empty. The left chair is occupied by the red and green toes of a forty-old (40), beautiful, long blond haired woman named, GINNY FIELD.

Ginny dangles her RIGHT ARM over the side of the chair. She holds a CHAMPAGNE FLUTE GLASS. She brings the glass to her bright RUBY RED LIPS and takes a sip of the bubbly.

Ginny, dressed in a fluffy red bathrobe stands. She refills her GLASS from a CHAMPAGNE BOTTLE nearby.

EXT. HOT TUB

STEAM percolates in the cold, crisp air. Ginny stands in front of an open eight-seater hot tub. She sets her GLASS down in a cup holder.

She steps up on the entryway PLATFORM. She places a hairclip to hold her beautiful blond locks of hair in place.

Ginny disrobes. Her tone CALF MUSCLES are exposed.

EXT. ADIRONDACK CHAIRS

Ginny's BATHROBE lands on an empty wooden chair.

EXT./INT. HOT TUB - MOMENTS LATER

With her ARMS stretched out on the edges of the hot tub, Ginny slowly rests her head on the plush cushioned HEADREST.

In the b.g. HOWLING WOLF sounds echo a second time.

Ginny continues to relax.

She closes her EYES.

In the b.g. FOOTSTEPS. Someone approaches. The chilling, whispering sounds of CH, CH, CH, AH, AH, AH.

GINNY is startled. Concerned, she immediately opens her EYES and turns her head to the area of the cacophony.

EXT. STONE PATIO

Directly in front of the hot tub stands a villain named, JASON VOORHES, (JASON) from FRIDAY THE 13th. Dressed in a raggedy ripped jacket, Jason wears a vintage goaltenders HOCKEY MASK. He holds a MACHETE and slowly approaches.

JASON

(whispers)

Get, Get, Get, Out, Out-

EXT./INT. HOT TUB

Ginny RAGES. She gives Jason a death stare.

GINNY

Jason!

(beat)

I said -- no toys in the tub.

EXT. STONE PATIO

Like a child, Jason lowers his head in disappointment. He places the MACHETE in the back of his pants.

EXT./INT. HOT TUB

Ginny continues to dominate and berate Jason.

GINNY

This is what you're wearing for the Christmas photo?

Beat.

GINNY (CONT'D)

Jason? We missed sending out holiday cards last year.

(beat)

You know this is very important to me?

EXT. STONE PATIO

Jason stands emotionless.

GINNY (O.S.)

(sincere)

Jason...

EXT./INT. HOT TUB

Ginny displays her PUPPY EYES. Her mood abruptly changes.

GINNY

What? Guys night!

(beat)

The photographer is going to be here soon-

DOOR BELL RINGS.

Ginny is pissed.

GINNY (CONT'D)

Who's coming?

EXT. STONE PATIO - MOMENTS LATER

Villain #2, MICHAEL MYERS stands next to Jason.

Villain #3, FREDDY KRUEGER stands next to Michael.

Freddy Krueger intimately stares at Ginny.

FREDDY KRUEGER

How sweet -- fresh meat!

Freddy Krueger wraps his signature weapon, BLADED GLOVE, around his chest and extends the METAL FINGERS in excitement.

In Blue Man Group fashion, Jason slowly turns his head and looks at Michael Myers. Michael Myers slowly turns his head and looks at Freddy Krueger.

Freddy Krueger looks confused.

He looks back at his villainous friends.

FREDDY KRUEGER (CONT'D)

What? What'd I say?

Jason and Michael Myers continue to stare at Freddy Krueger.

Freddy Krueger lowers his BLADED GLOVE down by his side.

FREDDY KRUEGER (CONT'D)

(to Jason; apologetic)

Forgot you married one of your victims.

(beat)

Sorry, Ginny.

DOOR BELL RINGS a second time.

EXT./INT. HOT TUB

Ginny picks up her CHAMPAGNE GLASS.

GINNY

Now... who'd you invite?

Ginny looks up. She SCREAMS and drops her GLASS. It SHATTERS.

EXT. STONE PATIO

DONALD TRUMP (TRUMP), dressed in a classic dark business suit and RED TIE stands next to Freddy Krueger.

INT. HOT TUB

Ginny still SCREAMS. Hot tub water displays RED LIGHTS.

GINNY

Sorry Donald. I didn't mean to scream! But you startled me?

EXT. STONE PATIO

Trump tugs at his RED TIE with great bravado. He addresses Ginny's comment with HAND GESTURES.

TRUMP

Startled you? I seem to have that effect on 51.3% of the population.

INT. HOT TUB

Ginny raises her EYEBROWS at the political rhetoric. She quickly turns to Jason.

GINNY

Well, Jason? I see you want some quy time. Be a dear -- grab my bathrobe.

EXT. STONE PATIO

Ginny walks towards Jason. Jason places the BATHROBE over his wife's shoulders.

FREDDY KRUEGER

I need meat! Who's hungry-

GINNY

Jason? You don't have any holiday snacks for your guests?

Jason stands stoic.

GINNY (CONT'D)
Oh Jason. You're not a planner.

Only an executioner...

(gently touches Jason's

hockey mask)

...let me whip up some stuff from the kitchen.

Ginny and Jason share an intimate moment. She blows him an AIR KISS. Ginny turns and looks at Group.

GINNY (CONT'D)

Hot tub is all yours, boys.

Ginny walks towards the entrance of the house.

INT. HOUSE - LATER

A gourmet style country kitchen with Christmas ornaments displayed all around.

Ginny enters with her hair-clip out as her golden locks rest on her shoulders. She is dressed in a SECRET SANTA COSTUME and SANTA HAT.

Ginny approaches the kitchen counter. She turns on her AMAZON ALEXA. The song JINGLE BELL ROCK (1957) by Bobby Helms blares from the speakers.

Ginny joyfully prepares a tray of CHRISTMAS COOKIES.

She pours EGGNOG in to multiple coffee mugs.

She decorates the FOOD SERVING TRAY with CANDY CANES and other delicious treats.

Ginny picks up the tray. She smiles at her creation.

INT. HOT TUB - LATER

Jason, Michael Myers, Freddy Krueger and Trump sit on the backside seat of the hot tub, halfway submerged in water.

TRUMP

I must say Jason... this is a nice place you have here. Not as nice as Mar-a-Lago...
(casually looks around)
...but nice. Cold! But nice.

Beat.

TRUMP (CONT'D) How much are the taxes?

Jason bends forward in his seat. He slowly turns his head and looks down at Trump.

Jason, unknowingly SHRUGS his shoulders.

BIDEN (O.S.)

Sorry for being late-

JOE BIDEN (BIDEN) wears a grey business suit and a BLUE TIE. He sits in the main seat of the hot tub, directly across from the rest of Group.

Hot tub water displays BLUE LIGHTS.

BIDEN (CONT'D)

Is this seat taken?

Biden looks over at Group.

In simultaneous order, Jason holds his MACHETE. Michael Myers holds his CHEF'S KNIFE, Freddy Krueger holds his BLADED GLOVE and Trump holds a BALLPOINT PEN.

They all glare at Biden with great disdain.

BIDEN (CONT'D)

Oh come on!

(beat; SPLASHES water)
You guys didn't tell me it was
signature weapon night?

Trump CLICKS twice on his PUSH BUTTON BALLPOINT PEN.

GINNY (O.S.)

Oh boys?

They quickly lower their WEAPONS and submerge the tubby toys in the water for Ginny not to see.

EXT. STONE PATIO - MOMENTS LATER

Enter Ginny dressed in her Santa outfit and hat with a friendly and cheerful smile. She carries the FOOD SERVING TRAY and approaches the side of the hot tub, near Jason.

GINNY

Christmas cookies, anyone?

EXT./INT. HOT TUB

Biden immediately turns to face Ginny.

BIDEN

(excited)

Cookies?

GINNY

BIDEN

Oh. I'd been in your basement. (beat)

Working on my next campaign-

Trump is deeply intrigued.

He leans towards Biden, to hear more info.

GINNY

Oh? I see...

(places food on hot tub floatation tray)

...well? I hope you're all hungry.

Ginny pushes the FLOATATION TRAY in the water for Group.

Freddy Krueger immediately jumps in and uses his BLADED GLOVE to pick up a cookie. He is unsuccessful as BLADED GLOVE crumbles up the cookies. He leaves a big mess.

GINNY (CONT'D)

(displeased)

Freddy! You're making crumbs.

Freddy Krueger stops. He slowly looks up at Ginny.

GINNY (CONT'D)

You and Woofie left scratches on our dining room table last time. (beat)

Remember what we talked about?

FREDDY KRUEGER

Use my left hand?

Ginny nods and smiles.

FREDDY KRUEGER (CONT'D)

I'm sorry, Ginny-

TRUMP

(to Freddy Krueger)

You're disgusting!

Trump grabs the floating food tray.

TRUMP (CONT'D)

Give me those!

Trump hoards the food tray. He snarls at Freddy Krueger.

TRUMP (CONT'D)

Apologizing like that! What? Where you born in a convent-

BIDEN

(to Trump)

Will you shut-up, man?

Group that sits on the backside of the hot tub look very surprised by Biden's vigor.

BIDEN (CONT'D) Trump? It's the holidays.

Trump holds the food tray tightly. He looks back at Ginny. Ginny shakes her head in a disapproving fashion.

Trump extends his arm as he holds a CHRISTMAS COOKIE. He passes it over to Biden as a peace offering.

TRUMP

Here you go... 46.

BIDEN

(accepts cookie)

Thank you... 45.

Hot tub water displays PURPLE LIGHTS (red & blue combined).

HOWLING WOLF sounds echo a third time from the forest. DOORBELL RINGS. Ginny looks at Jason.

GINNY

Jason? That's the photographer! Our Christmas cards?

(whispers)

How much longer with the boys?

Jason looks over at Group. The men are speechless as they continue to EAT and DRINK from the food tray.

Jason faces Ginny. He shakes his head in question. DOORBELL RINGS again.

GINNY (CONT'D)

(hands Jason`a SANTÁ HAT)
You figure it out. I'll get the photographer.

EXT. STONE PATIO - LATER

PHOTOGRAPHER stands behind a tripod and digital camera.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Wow! This is an eclectic group? Good, bad, happy, sad, order, chaos. All in the name of forced family and friend gatherings. What the holidays are truly made of...

Photographer FOCUSES camera lens.

PHOTOGRAPHER (CONT'D)

Everyone? A count of three. One...

EXT./INT. HOT TUB

Directly across from the Photographer: Ginny stands on the outside of the HOT TUB with her arm around Jason. Jason wears a SANTA HAT comparable to Ginny's. She kisses his mask.

Trump and Biden sit in the middle with arms around each other. Freddy Krueger has TWO FINGERS as a peace sign. Michael Myers stands on the outside of the tub. He holds a lit PUMPKIN with X-mas carving on it with the Chef's knife pierced in it.

GROUP

Two, three! Happy Holidays...

WEREWOLF, named WOOFIE, darts in front of hot tub and photobombs the picture from the right side.

CAMERA FLASH. Ginny goes and confronts WOOFIE.

GINNY

Woofie! No photo bombs!

WEREWOLF

(exits)

Ruh-roh!

EXT. STONE PATIO

Photographer readjusts CAMERA.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Okay? Take two! Here's to the next election-

GROUP (O.S.)

Happy Holidays to all and good
night!

CAMERA FLASH and PHOTOGRAPH of Ginny, Jason, Trump, Biden, Freddy Krueger, Michael Myers, in the same position. Woofie photo bombs from the backside of the tub (jumps up high) with a caption of HAPPY HOLIDAYS for Ginny's greeting card.

FADE OUT.