

**ONE OF US**

"Pilot"

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COLD OPEN

INT. KATHY'S BEDROOM - DAY

KATHY CANTER (25, Caucasian, a real life American Girl Doll) lies in bed, already awake. She is giddy with excitement as she waits for her the alarm to go off... BEEP BEEP!

KATHY

Good morning, alarm clock!

BEGIN MONTAGE

-Kathy gets out of bed and slips on fuzzy pink slippers.

-Kathy sings a Christian rock song in the shower.

-Kathy flosses in front of the bathroom mirror.

-Kathy straightens her crucifix.

-Kathy lays out a matronly dress and a pink cardigan.

-Kathy counts strokes as she brushes her hair.

-Kathy pulls a tray of cookies out of the oven and breathes them in with satisfaction.

END MONTAGE

EXT. KATHY'S APARTMENT - DAY

Kathy opens the door to her white 2014 TOYOTA PRIUS. She waves to a NEIGHBOR.

KATHY

Good morning!

NEIGHBOR

(in Spanish with  
subtitles)

Who is that?

KATHY

(not understanding)

Thank you! You too!

INT. KATHY'S CAR - DAY

Kathy drives cheerfully as she listens to Carson Daly on the radio. On the rearview mirror hangs the photo of a Christian rock star. The autograph reads: "PETER."

Kathy switches the music to one of his songs and sings along as she pulls into:

EXT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY

In front of the cathedral, a block letter sign reads:

WELCOME TO SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH  
FRI 7PM - BINGO  
SAT 10AM - BIBLE STUDY  
SAT 1PM - SPANISH SERVICE  
SUN 10AM - REAL SERVICE

Kathy unlocks the door and hauls an ice chest behind her.

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Kathy scrambles to set up for bible study: she unfolds the table, lays out snacks, and sets up the chairs in a circle.

She steps to the back of the room and takes in all her hard work: the room is set perfectly. She wipes her sweat, lets out a sigh of accomplishment, and looks at her watch.

KATHY

With 2 hours to spare!

She stands alone in silence.

**END OF COLD OPEN**

ACT ONE

EXT. ECHO PARK - DAY

A VAGABOND awakes on the sidewalk and shields his eyes from a beam of light. A MYSTERIOUS MAN (30s, ethnically ambiguous, quiet with a commanding gravitas) emerges fully naked.

VAGABOND

I would ask 'how's it hanging,' but I can see it's perfectly symmetrical...

The Mysterious Man looks at the Vagabond's clothes and then down at his own naked body.

VAGABOND (CONT'D)

I think I have an extra pair of shorts.

The Vagabond searches through his things.

MYSTERIOUS MAN

Are you discomfited by my appearance? This is my first human body.

VAGABOND

I think you look great! But the people with the undercuts and messenger bags don't take kindly to naked dudes.

As the Vagabond looks back up, the Man is now wearing a bright pair of tighty-whities.

VAGABOND (CONT'D)

Whoa! You just found some fresh undies? What I wouldn't give for a fresh pair of Jockeys that haven't been farted in!

The Man produces a second pair and hands it to the Vagabond.

VAGABOND (CONT'D)

Dude! You're like a human Macy's catalogue! So what's your story?

MYSTERIOUS MAN

I am looking for a house of worship.

VAGABOND

Looking for some help? You can try Saint Cumberbatch Church. They're cool with letting you sit in the pews. But if you're ever hungry, you should check out the farmer's market!

MYSTERIOUS MAN

What kind of help do you need?

VAGABOND

(joking)

Got \$100?

The Man produces a \$100 bill.

VAGABOND (CONT'D)

W-what's the catch? You making a TikTok or something? What do you want from me?

MYSTERIOUS MAN

I want nothing from you. It is everyone that wants something from me. So tell me what it is you desire.

VAGABOND

What I really want... is to go home.

The Mysterious Man puts his hand on the Vagabond's shoulder.

MYSTERIOUS MAN

Then it is time for you to go home...

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY

Kathy walks around with a sign-in sheet.

OMAR JIMENEZ (19, Latino, a kind-hearted boy with heavy metal hair and comic book t-shirts) helps his grandmother, ROSA JIMENEZ (late 60s, Latina, an arrogant matriarch who only prays for others to get on her level), to her seat.

LARRY GRAFF (43, Caucasian, the kind of guy that thinks climate change is fake but Jerry Springer is real) helps himself to some cookies and punch.

The Mysterious Man walks in, now donning a white linen outfit. Kathy rushes to him with a welcoming smile.

KATHY

You look like a new face; are you here for bible study?

MYSTERIOUS MAN

I am told this is a house of worship.

KATHY

Yes, this is Saint Cumberbatch Church. Our group is non-denominational, so we welcome everyone! *Except pastafarians.*

KATHY (CONT'D)

*Not after the incident at the potluck.*  
I'm Kathy, the bible study leader!

Kathy extends her hand. The Man doesn't even look at it.

MYSTERIOUS MAN

I will join you. Shall I sit?

She guides the Man to the chairs.

KATHY

Help yourself to some snacks. We usually just have coffee and bagels. But today, I baked cookies because I'm expecting a **special guest**... but not more special than any of you!

Larry overhears this.

LARRY

"Special guest?" Face it, girly; **Peter** ain't coming to our bible study group!

Larry sips the punch, winces, and spits it back in the bowl.

LARRY (CONT'D)

Yuck! It's too cold!

ROSA

(in Spanish with subtitles)

Disgusting!

JESSY KIM (31, Korean, the popular girl from high school that you always wanted to impress, but never could) walks in making a front-facing camera video.

JESSY

(sweetly)

Checking in at Cumberbatch for bible study! Comment with your favorite verse!

Kathy waits patiently for Jessy to finish recording.

JESSY (CONT'D)

(dryly)

Do we really need to sign in every week? You can clearly see I'm here.

KATHY

I just figured this gives us a chance to catch up! How are you... bestie?

JESSY

(as she signs in)

Goood, thaaaanks. There. All caught up!

Jessy sits down next to Larry. He offers her a cookie. She ignores him and takes a photo of the Mysterious Man with the caption: #OldTestamentZaddy

OMAR

Are we gonna get started soon? Abuela has to leave by 12:30 for lunch.

KATHY

I want to give any stragglers a chance to show up. And maybe that straggler will sit next to me and eat my cookies and ask to brush my hair.

JESSY

Wait--you really think Peter, the number one Christian rock star still goes to bible study? That's SO precious, I want to bury you in a cave with a dragon.

Time slows down as PETER (27, Caucasian, the embodiment of Heaven on Earth, including the airbrushed aesthetic) glides in like an angel, complete with clouds and lights. Kathy is enraptured. He plays with his hair as he walks up to her.

PETER

(seductively)

Hope I'm in the right place for bible study. Ooh, is that a sign-in sheet? Good thing I brought my autograph pen; it's designed by astronauts and it writes on anything!

EXT. MAIN STREET IN CARIBOU, MAINE - DAY

The Vagabond is awoken again by the sunlight. He realizes it's very cold, but he's now wearing a jacket and sweatpants. A POLICE OFFICER approaches him.

POLICE OFFICER

Morning. What you are doing in Caribou?

VAGABOND

Caribou? I was just in Los Angeles!

POLICE OFFICER

And I was just in high school; the prime of my life! But here we are now. What's your name, fella?

VAGABOND

I'm Jeremy Chasen. I grew up here.

POLICE OFFICER

Okay, Jeremy Chasen, how did you end up asleep in the town square?

VAGABOND

... I have no idea.

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY

Everyone is seated in a circle: Kathy, Peter, Omar, Rosa, Larry, Jessy, and the Mysterious Man. Peter holds a plate of cookies and takes a sip of the backwashed punch. Omar gags.

KATHY

Good morning everyone. I see we have two new members joining our group today. How about we go around the circle and introduce ourselves? I'll go first.

Kathy looks directly at Peter.

KATHY (CONT'D)

My name is Kathy. I graduated from Azusa Pacific College last spring.

INT. KATHY'S KITCHEN - DAY [FANTASY]

Kathy is on the set of her own cooking show, wearing a graduation gown. She pulls a tray of cookies out of the oven.

KATHY (V.O.)

My senior year, we raised over \$5,000 for our Easter Bake Sale! You all are welcome to try my **best-selling cookie!**

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Kathy looks eagerly at Peter's untouched cookies.

KATHY

Anywho, I moved to LA after I graduated and started this bible study group to find a sense of community, a deeper connection to God, and *maybe a husband*.

Jessy stifles a giggle as she looks at an unsuspecting Peter.

OMAR

I'm Omar. I study art at ELAC.



EXT. VATICAN PALACE - DAY [FANTASY]

It's the 18th century and Omar is the Pope, kicking back in the Throne of Saint Peter and drinking from a chalice. A King approaches Omar, hands him a sack of gold, and they fist-bump conspiratorially.

OMAR (V.O.)

I don't really believe in the whole church thing anymore; organized religion is just a tool used by governments to control the people. But don't tell Abuela Rosa...

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Omar smiles at Rosa who did not understand what he said.

OMAR

After my mom died, Abuela took me in and forced me to go to church and translate for her at bible study. But it's cool 'cuz this place has air conditioning.

Larry eyes the air vents with doubt.

ROSA

(in Spanish with subtitles)

Hello, my name is Rosa.

EXT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY [FANTASY]

Rosa prepares to take a photograph of her family on the church steps. Everyone is dressed in baggy 90s fashion.

ROSA (V.O.)

(in Spanish with subtitles)

My family has been coming to Saint Cumberbatch Church for 25 years. Omar and I go to the Spanish service, but we come early for bible study...

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Rosa is now standing and speaks with conviction.

ROSA

(in Spanish with subtitles)

Because your generation is weak in faith and need to be reminded that Jesus is always watching... and so is the Devil!

Kathy, Larry, and Jessy stare blankly and nod politely.

OMAR

Abuela says 'she loves the sense of community of this group.'

PETER

(in Spanish with subtitles)

Nice to meet you, Rosa.

Rosa and Kathy look at each other, impressed.

LARRY

Back to the American-speaking portion of the meeting. Name's Larry and I'm...

INT. FACTORY - DAY [FANTASY]

There is a cheap, cardboard backdrop of a factory like the kind one would see on a daytime children's show. Larry smiles while holding an oversized cardboard wrench. An aluminum robot marches through and takes the wrench from Larry.

LARRY (V.O)

A factory worker, or at least I was before one of Jessy's egghead cousins built a robot to replace me. So I had to sell my great granddad's railroad bonds and retire early in San Marino.

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Larry pretends to wipe a tear.

LARRY

I tell ya, it don't feel right being outta the workforce! Anyway, I'm here to learn God's plan for my life.

Omar rolls his eyes.

JESSY

I'm @Jessy4Jesus. I'm a mother-first and an influencer-second.

INT. JESSY'S HOUSE - DAY [FANTASY]

Jessy films a front-facing video with her phone. There are two small children behind her who wave as they fade away.

JESSY

We were blessed with two kids: Chester was our miracle and Marilyn was our attempt to save the marriage.

JESSY (CONT'D)

Now my ex-husband gets them on weekends and I found that getting more involved at church makes time go by faster until I get to see my kids again.

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Jessy was vlogging in the real world as well.

JESSY

By the way, I always follow back because that's what Jesus would do.

Kathy checks her followers list.

PETER

Hello! It's a pleasure to meet you all. You may know me as "Peter: Christian music sensation," But I assure you, I'm just your average God-fearing man.

INT. PETER'S BEDROOM - NIGHT [FANTASY]

Peter kneels beside his bed which is decorated with silk sheets and neon lights. He prays to a comically large, golden bible.

PETER (V.O.)

I want to be the best lamb of God I can. That isn't always easy, which is why I think He put me in Kathy's way for a reason. You see, I met Kathy after one of my shows... *waiting at my car.*

Kathy invades the fantasy; her face is pressed up against Peter's window.

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Kathy eats up every word.

PETER

That's how I knew that God wanted me to join this group and *fortify my faith.* Hey, that's a good name for a song!

Kathy turns her attention to the Mysterious Man.

KATHY

Would you care to introduce yourself?

MYSTERIOUS MAN

You all know me already. Or at least you come here every week to claim that you do. Some of you pray for me to solve your problems. Others blame me for them. So I have decided to experience life as a human to see for myself if there is anyone worth helping.

Everyone looks confused. Kathy checks her sign-in sheet.

KATHY

I'm sorry, who are you?

MYSTERIOUS MAN

I am your Creator. Your Shepard. I am your **God**.

**END OF ACT ONE**

ACT TWO

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY

The group is on a break while the Mysterious Man (AKA GOD) sits alone in the circle.

Kathy and Larry are in the kitchenette. Kathy dumps the backwashed punch down the drain. Larry is fixated on God.

KATHY

I hope this doesn't scare Peter away. He might think we're all weirdos!

LARRY

I don't like this one bit! He just shows up here and calls himself "God?!" You think this is one of 'em *Punk'd* pranks?

KATHY

*Punk'd* was cancelled like 10 years ago.

LARRY

They brought it back in 2015 for BET.

KATHY

Did they really?!

LARRY

And again in 2020 for Quibi.

KATHY

Well now that's just excessive!

Rosa pulls Omar aside for a private conversation by the snack table.

ROSA

(in Spanish with subtitles)

How dare he pretend to be the Lord like that!? That man is crazy!

OMAR

(in Spanish with subtitles)

Maybe he is, but we can't turn our backs on someone with a mental illness. True Christians would try to help him.

ROSA

(in Spanish with subtitles)

A true Christian wouldn't call himself 'God!' That's a sin!

OMAR

(in Spanish with  
subtitles)

So what if he's a sinner? Does that mean  
he doesn't deserve our help?

Rosa hugs Omar and kisses his head.

ROSA

(in Spanish with  
subtitles)

I'm glad we're on the same page!

Peter and Jessy are on their phones by the door.

JESSY

Are you pretending to be on your phone?

PETER

Yep. Wanna talk about that God guy?

JESSY

Nope.

Kathy replaces the punch bowl on the snack table and ushers  
everyone back to their seat.

KATHY

(to the room)

The punch has been refilled! We can  
resume the meeting.

ROSA

(in Spanish with  
subtitles)

I'd like to ask that crazy man what he  
meant when he called himself "God."

LARRY

Actually Rosa, before we do that, I  
think we should ask the new guy what he  
meant when he called himself "God."

OMAR

They don't owe us an explanation; they  
can go by whatever name they want.  
What's your preferred pronoun, God?

JESSY

If we're picking new names, I wanna be  
Jessie with an "ie."

The group starts to bicker.

PETER

What do you make of this, Kathy?

The group looks at Kathy expectantly. Kathy is overwhelmed.

GOD

Kathy is overwhelmed. I will answer all your questions. Gender is a social construct created by humans, but I have assumed the form of what you would know as a man. If you were to perceive me in my true form, it would flood your mortal six senses and boil your brains.

JESSY

**Six** senses???

GOD

I also do not have a name. Although, humans have tried to give me one for millenia: God, Jehovah, Yahweh, Yeezus.

ROSA

!Ya, güey!

KATHY

Why are you here?

GOD

For 2000 years, billions of humans have yearned for my return, praying for me to solve their problems. I am here to cease the yearning.

LARRY

(sardonically)

Is that right, *God*? You wanna solve our problems? Well then where were you when coronavirus shut the country down?!

GOD

I am responsible for all life. From the majestic narwhal, down to the virus you call COVID-19. I do not interfere when a narwhal hunts a fish just like I do not interfere when a virus infects a human host... I **almost** interfered once when a narwhal accidentally pierced a fish with its tusk; he kept trying, but he just could NOT reach the fish.

OMAR

But hundreds of thousands of people died around the world... mostly the elderly, immunocompromised, and people of color.

GOD

Then the young, the abled, and the  
Albino people could have helped. That  
issue was not mine to solve.

God stops. For the first time, He shows an emotion. Concern.

GOD (CONT'D)

Apologies. Something is wrong with this  
human body. I know it to be "hunger" but  
this is the first time I have **felt** it.  
It is very distracting.

Peter rushes to God with his plate.

PETER

Have one of Kathy's cookies!

GOD

Thank you, Peter.

Jessy records God eating the cookie. Kathy smiles with pride.

GOD (CONT'D)

This will suffice. But you know, I did  
not design the human body to consume  
this much sugar at once.

Kathy looks devastated. Jessy posts the video and captions it  
"#OldTestamentZaddy Diet Gospel."

EXT. POLICE STATION - DAY

The Police Officer shares a cigarette with a JOURNALIST.

JOURNALIST

So this Jeremy Chasen claims that he was  
in LA this morning, told some naked guy  
he wanted to go home, and somehow  
teleported all the way to Caribou?

POLICE OFFICER

I know how it sounds, but his psych eval  
and blood tests came back clean. Except  
for HPV. Did you know one in five people  
have HPV?

JOURNALIST

How could that happen?

POLICE OFFICER

Most people don't ever show symptoms so  
they keep passing it along unknowingly!



JOURNALIST

No, I mean how could he travel 3000 miles in 20 minutes?

POLICE OFFICER

Oh that... maybe he got beamed?

JOURNALIST

Beamed?

POLICE OFFICER

You know, like a spaceship. "Beam me up, Scotty. ET go home. Get to the choppa!"

The Journalist takes out a cell phone.

JOURNALIST

Get me on the next flight to LA.

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY

Larry puts on his glasses and prods God on the chest.

LARRY

You don't feel like God to me.

OMAR

What is God supposed to feel like?

LARRY

Hard as steel. Green skin. At least metal claws coming out his hands.

OMAR

God's not part of the MCU!

LARRY

At least let me stab him to see if he has superhuman healing factor.

GOD

Would that hurt? I've never experienced pain before.

ROSA

(in Spanish with subtitles)

Enough games...

Rosa walks up to God, face-to-face. Jessy films the confrontation on her phone.

ROSA (CONT'D)

(in Spanish with  
subtitles)

If you're really the almighty lord, then  
tell us something about ourselves that  
nobody else would know.

JESSY

I wish Rosa came with Google translate.

GOD

This shall help us better understand  
each other.

With the wave of His hand, everyone becomes a polyglot.

ROSA

Who could understand you, crazy man!

JESSY

(in Spanish with  
subtitles)

Rosa, you're speaking English!

ROSA

And you're speaking Spanish!

LARRY

¡Ay Dios mío! I can understand Rosa AND  
Jessy!

(in Korean with subtitles)

It's a miracle!

GOD

Now, I will tell you all something that  
nobody else knows about you.

(To Kathy)

You are the only true believer here. But  
you are disappointed to learn that I am  
not some bearded man watching you from  
the heavens. I am the God that everyone  
warned you about; an unjust God.

(To Jessy)

You want to be an influencer to make up  
for losing influence over your family.

(To Omar)

Your faith in me died the same day as  
your mother.

(To Rosa)

You use religion to feel superior to  
others.

(To Larry)

You purposely say hurtful things hoping  
to reap the consequences. You seek my  
punishment to prove that I am real.

God turns to Peter.

PETER

Oh what, are you going to tell me that I can't make any genuine connections until I'm honest to everyone about being gay?

The groups turns to Kathy who is red with embarrassment.

GOD

Actually, I was going to say you are obsessed with fame because your father abandoned you. I do not care about your sexuality. I designed everyone to be pansexual; heterosexuality was a bug.

God turns to the rest of the room. They are all upset by what they heard and revealed to one another.

GOD (CONT'D)

I sense that you all no longer want me here. I shall go.

God vanishes from the room.

INT. FIRST-CLASS CABIN - DAY

The Journalist is seated next to CARSON DALY.

JOURNALIST

... so I figure if I ask around for any reports of men wearing magic underpants, maybe I can find out who this mysterious teleporting man is.

CARSON DALY

So this kid says he wants to go home and miraculously wakes up at home? Sounds like an act of God.

JOURNALIST

What do you mean?

CARSON DALY

An act of God. You know, like a prayer being answered. "*I just wanna go home.*" That's exactly how I feel whenever I'm at baggage claim.

JOURNALIST

(laughing)

Classic Carson Daly! You're the best! So what were you doing in Maine?

CARSON DALY

I own some property in the area. I actually own properties and businesses across the country.

JOURNALIST

No kidding! How did you get into that?

CARSON DALY

I don't like to talk about it, but I made A LOT of money from TRL. And once you get to a certain level, banks just don't cut it anymore.

JOURNALIST

Get outta town... how much?

CARSON DALY

Again, I don't like to talk about it. Just know that it's an obscenely high amount. So high that when people find out, they usually stop talking to me.

JOURNALIST

C'mon Carson, I'm a huge fan! TRL, Last Call, the Voice! I go way back!

CARSON DALY

Alright, I'll tell you.

Carson Daly whispers into the Journalist's ear. Her smile fades into disappointment and disgust. She picks up a magazine.

JOURNALIST

I just remembered that a my friend wrote an article in this month's issue of...

She checks the cover and it's an airline safety pamphlet.

JOURNALIST (CONT'D)

Emergency Exits Magazine... So I'm just gonna...

She buries her face. Carson Daly dies a little on the inside.

EXT. EAST LA FARMER'S MARKET - DAY

God reads the sign for the farmer's market. His stomach rumbles.

GOD

"If you're ever hungry, you should check out the farmer's market..."

God enters the market and admires the people squeezing fruits and sniffing homemade candles. The sun is harsh, so God produces a straw sunhat. An old lady walks by holding a big bag of kettle corn.

GOD (CONT'D)  
(inhales)  
What a tantalizing aroma...

God produces a bag of kettle corn. He samples a kernel.

GOD (CONT'D)  
Melted refined sugar and curdled cow's  
milk on steamed corn - that explains it.

God gives the bag of kettle corn to a child running by. He then observes a portly man eating a street hot dog. God produces a street hot dog. He takes a bite.

GOD (CONT'D)  
What an odd presentation for raccoon  
meat...

God sees the portly man spread mustard on his hot dog. God magically spreads mustard out of his fingertip and takes another bite. And then eats the entire hot dog.

GOD (CONT'D)  
(mouthful)  
This yellow sauce really helps the  
raccoon meat go down!

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY

Everyone is still stunned by God's profession.

OMAR  
I can't believe this... God **is** real! And  
He doesn't give a damn about us!

ROSA  
Watch your language!

OMAR  
A drunk driver took mom away from us and  
God did nothing! He's not going to care  
if I swear! Damn! Hell! Shit! Titicaca!

JESSY  
There are millions of people suffering:  
unable to pay for healthcare, getting  
evicted from their homes, being shot  
over a fender bender... do you know how  
many GoFundMes I have in my Linktree?

KATHY

Come on! We can't let this shake us. How reaffirming is it to know that God is real and He is watching us and--

LARRY

And He don't care! If you told me that God was here on Earth, I'd assume he was here to smite us for our sins... Well, He's here and we ain't smought!

KATHY

I know God wasn't what we expected... and He revealed everybody's deep, dark secrets... and our religion is just a big joke now... and *some of us* have to rethink who we're going to marry, have babies with, and be buried beside... but we can't give up on this group!

LARRY

What's the point? It's all a lie. You were supposed to lead us and you were wrong about so much; you were even wrong about Peter! I'm outta here.

Larry exits and Jessy, Rosa, and Omar follow him.

EXT. EAST LA FARMER'S MARKET - DAY

God sees an ICE CREAM VENDOR handing a waffle cone of ice cream to a little girl. She licks the ice cream and laughs. God produces a cone and takes a lick. Another emotion.

GOD

(gleeful)

Oh my me! This must be joy that I am feeling. I want to spread it all around!

God looks around at the other patrons.

GOD (CONT'D)

Everyone, this is the most wonderful thing I have ever **tasted**. Please, you all must try it!

God waves his hand and everyone magically has an ice cream cone in their hands. They're all confused, especially the Ice Cream Vendor.

GOD (CONT'D)

This ice cream is, as humans would say, *yummy-yummy in my tummy-tummy!*

The Ice Cream Vendor marches over to God.

ICE CREAM VENDOR

Hey! What the in the **hell** do you think you're doing?

GOD

This ice cream is not of Hell. This is far too cold and calorie-dense.

ICE CREAM VENDOR

Why are you handing out free ice cream to everyone?! You're taking away my customers!

GOD

It is a hot day and I wanted to share this refreshing treat with all these weary people.

ICE CREAM VENDOR

Well you just cost me \$200 bucks, asshole. Who's gonna pay for that?!

GOD

You seek money? I see. You do not have much, which is why you are so miserable.

The Ice Cream Vendor grabs God by the collar.

ICE CREAM VENDOR

You got a smart mouth, don't ya? How 'bout I shut it up?

GOD

You want to punch me... Perhaps I will learn how pain feels.

The Ice Cream Vendor punches God, knocking him over. God drools blood from a swollen lip.

ICE CREAM VENDOR

So how you like pain?!

GOD

OW! HOLY HELL! I did **NOT** like that!

The Ice Cream Vendor picks up God and punches him again.

**END OF ACT TWO**

ACT THREE

INT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY

Kathy packs up with quiet pride. Peter walks up to Kathy.

PETER

Are you okay?

KATHY

I'm just embarrassed. I guess I can tell you now: I had a big crush on you.

PETER

I know. Every Christian woman has a crush on me. That's why I'm number one.

KATHY

How about you? You just came out to God!

PETER

That's as out-of-the-closet as I can be! And I actually feel good about it. All my life, I was worried that God might hate me. But knowing that he couldn't care less, I feel... lighter.

KATHY

I'm glad! Jeremy said he felt the same way when he came out.

PETER

Who's Jeremy?

KATHY

My boyfriend in college. We dated for 3 years before he told me. I even thought he was gonna propose after graduation.

PETER

I guess you have a type!

KATHY

That's what Nathaniel said to me too!

PETER

Who's Nathaniel?

KATHY

My prom date. But he wasn't sure he was gay until the morning *after* prom.

PETER

Oh Kathy...



INT. OMAR'S CAR - DAY

Omar drives while Rosa glares at him accusingly.

ROSA

How long have been lying to me? How long have you been **pretending** to believe?!

OMAR

(hesitant)

After the accident, some kids at school made fun of me for being an orphan. So everyday, I would pray for something to happen: a teacher to overhear, a friend to stick up for me, for Hogwarts to send me an owl... But it kept happening, so I stopped praying.

ROSA

My little Omar, I know it hasn't been easy growing up without a mother. Still, you turned out to be good man; one that she would be proud of! And you did it without your faith. Maybe you don't need it as much as I do...

Omar looks at Rosa wistfully.

OMAR

I do have faith... in the goodness of people. You showed me that.

Omar hugs Rosa. She smiles proudly. Just then, they notice:

EXT. EAST LA FARMER'S MARKET - CONTINUOUS

A crowd surrounds God and the Ice Cream Vendor.

Omar and Rosa run up to find Larry holding the Ice Cream Vendor back as Jessy streams.

LARRY

Leave the guy alone, he's had enough.

ICE CREAM VENDOR

You know this jerk-off?

LARRY

I do. And trust me, you don't wanna mess with him!

ICE CREAM VENDOR

You want a piece of me too?

The Ice Cream Vendor swings at Larry. Just before his punch lands, God catches his arm.

GOD  
Okay, that's enough pain for one day.

ICE CREAM VENDOR  
I'll decide when you've had enough.

The Ice Cream Vendor pulls back for another punch, but lightning strikes him and he vanishes.

JESSY  
Oh. My. You. What just happened?!

GOD  
I smited him.

The crowd freaks out. One of them runs off in a panic and bumps into Carson Daly.

EXT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Kathy and Peter lock up. Kathy checks a notification on her phone and pulls up Jessie's live stream. They watch in horror as God starts smiting people from the violent mob.

JESSY (O.S.)  
Okay so I know this is going to sound bananas, but now Old Testament Zaddy is like zapping people and they're just **gone!** And people are really scared. But I think I just saw Carson Daly. So I don't know, it's been a so-so day.

PETER  
Oh no, this is bad. We need to go there and calm everybody down!

KATHY  
I'll drive!

Peter and Kathy get into:

INT. KATHY'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Kathy starts the engine.

KATHY  
I can't believe I'm in a car -- with Peter -- about to go help God... This is like a dream come true! One more thing!

Kathy goes in for a kiss. Peter stops her.

PETER

Kathy, what are you doing?!

KATHY

I don't know. Sorry! It felt like the right moment for that, didn't it?!

Kathy snatches the autographed photo of Peter off the mirror.

EXT. EAST LA FARMER'S MARKET - CONTINUOUS

The crowd has become a MOB. They throw lettuce, tomatoes, and bacon at God. Omar, Rosa, Larry, and Jessy have created a small barrier to block God from being hit. Everytime someone hits God, they get smited and disappear.

ROSA

Please stop!

MAN IN MOB

You tell that freak to stop!

ROSA

He's our lord. We can't ask him to stop!

WOMAN IN MOB

He's no God. He's the devil! He just made my brother disappear!

The woman tosses a bacon strip at God's face and she disappears after a bolt of lightning.

ROSA

God, please bring them back! Everyone is getting so angry.

GOD

Anger - is that what this emotion is? Or is it joy? Because it feels good to smite these sinners away.

OMAR

What sin did they commit?! "Thou shalt not be a jerk?"

On the periphery of the mob, Carson Daly conducts a radio broadcast over his phone.

CARSON DALY

Folks, if you're just tuning in, I am live on the scene here at the farmer's market. It is absolute bedlam...

INT. KATHY'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Kathy and Peter listen along from the car radio as she races to the farmer's market.

CARSON DALY (O.S.)

Bolts of lightning are striking people off the face of the earth. A mob has turned their attention on a man who calls himself God. If I didn't know any better, I'd say this was the rapture!

PETER

Is this it? The end of the world?

KATHY

Not if we can help it.

Kathy stops her Prius as close to the mob as possible.

EXT. EAST LA FARMER'S MARKET - CONTINUOUS

Kathy and Peter make their way through the crowd. Kathy checks on God while Peter addresses the mob.

PETER

Everyone please stop throwing sandwich ingredients! It's me, Peter: the chart-topping parishioner with the voice of an angel! I know it's hard to believe, but God is real and he is angry. So I need you all to calm down so we can de-escalate the situation. Alright?

The mob settles momentarily. Then, a big glob of mayonnaise hits Peter in the face and he collapses dramatically.

KATHY

God, are you alright?

GOD

I understand now, Kathy. There is a lot of suffering in the world; suffering that shall no longer unpunished!

God smites the person that threw mayonnaise at Peter.

KATHY

I don't know if smiting everyone is going to lessen the suffering.

GOD

Let them reap what they sow.

KATHY

Maybe you could forgive them? Or teach them a lesson WITHOUT, you know, dooming them to eternal damnation.

GOD

I told you, I am not a forgiving God. I am jealous and vengeful and honestly a little *miffed* right now.

KATHY

Then we should leave! Can you take us somewhere else? Somewhere safe?

GOD

I assure you, Kathy, I am very safe.

KATHY

(tearful)

But... these people aren't.

God stops time. Everything is silent and motionless except for God and Kathy. The world fades to white.

INT. WHITE VOID - CONTINUOUS

God and Kathy are alone in a white void.

KATHY

Ahh! What's going on? It's like a Forever 21 fitting room in here. Did I get smited? Am I dead?

God studies Kathy up and down carefully.

GOD

You cry. Why are you upset? Do you know these people?

KATHY

I mean, not really.

GOD

Yet you care so much about them. Why?

KATHY

Compassion.

GOD

Com...pas...sion?

KATHY

You don't know about compassion?

GOD

If it is an emotion, it's not one that I created. Do all humans feel compassion?

KATHY

Yes. Well, not always. You have to be shown compassion to feel it. It's like energy; it gets passed around.

GOD

(sighs)

I have learned so much about the human experience today. From up there, I see, hear, and feel everything all at once; it culminates into din and numbness. But down here, in one body, one set of eyes and ears, one heart... there is much more suffering than I expected.

KATHY

There is. And you can't make it go away overnight. You have to undo it one person at a time...

GOD

So many people blame me. They want me to fix everything. This must be guilt that I am feeling.

Kathy rubs God's back.

KATHY

Hey, don't be so hard on yourself. You created the whole world, but it's not all on you. People have to help each other. We just lose our way sometimes.

GOD

I think I understand now... compassion. What a uniquely human feeling! Perhaps there is hope for your world.

The white void fades back into:

EXT. EAST LA FARMER'S MARKET - CONTINUOUS

God unfreezes the world. With a swipe of His hand, everyone that was smited returns, including the Ice Cream Vendor. God speaks softly but everyone can hear him inside their heads.

GOD

Ages ago, I created the universe and filled it with life. And for eons, it prospered and flourished.

GOD (CONT'D)

My creations lived their lives and enjoyed my bounty. But now it seems we may have failed each other. Without my vigilance, guidance, and love, living in this world has become a painful ordeal. And now I see that you do not need punishment. You need to be healed.

God and the Bible Study Group teleport to:

EXT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - CONTINUOUS

Everyone is back in their seats. Larry is eating a BLT.

ROSA

We're back at the church!

JESSY

Why did you bring us back here?

OMAR

Yeah, is there even a point to church anymore?

GOD

You all helped me realize there is a lot more work to be done...

God produces a bible.

GOD (CONT'D)

With this. It is outdated and most of it was made up by just some guy 2000 years ago. I need you to help me rewrite it... You will be *my new disciples*.

Larry chokes on his sandwich.

**END OF ACT THREE**

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INT. KATHY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Kathy lies in bed, already awake. She has the restless eyes of someone who did not sleep the night before... BEEP BEEP!

KATHY  
I know, Alarm Clock...

BEGIN MONTAGE

- Kathy gets out of bed wearing soiled socks.
- Kathy yawns in the shower.
- Kathy flosses, staring into the distance.
- Kathy takes off her crucifix.
- Kathy lays out a t-shirt and jeans.
- Kathy puts her hair up in a ponytail.
- Kathy dumps a batch of burnt cookies into the trash.

END MONTAGE

EXT. KATHY'S APARTMENT - DAY

As Kathy walks to her car, she waves to her Neighbor.

KATHY  
(in Spanish with  
subtitles)  
Good morning.

NEIGHBOR  
(surprised, in Spanish  
with subtitles)  
Oh hi, good morning.

KATHY  
(in Spanish with  
subtitles)  
Have a nice day.

NEIGHBOR  
(in Spanish with  
subtitles)  
Thank you! You too!

Kathy gets into her Prius and drives off.

INT. KATHY'S CAR - DAY

Kathy listens to Peter's music, but switches to the radio.



CARSON DALY (O.S.)

Yesterday, I met a reporter, who spoke to a police officer, who found a man who woke up next to God. This man did not want power, fame, or fortune from God. This man didn't ask to be a bigger, stronger, or faster. This man simply asked to be shepherded home. And God obliged.

EXT. SAINT CUMBERBATCH'S CHURCH - DAY

We see a large outdoor sign with that reads:

SERVICES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
BINGO WILL PROCEED AS SCHEDULED

As Kathy exits her car, dozens of REPORTERS swarm her.

REPORTER 1

Kathy, how did you meet God?

REPORTER 2

How much money does Carson Daly make?

REPORTER 3

Are you the new messiah?

Kathy panics and runs back inside her car.

**END OF SHOW**